



### Visualising Structural Barriers to Interdisciplinary Learning



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## Interdicipinarity distances and diversity?

**Electronic Engineering** 







**Computer Engineering** 









**Psychology** 

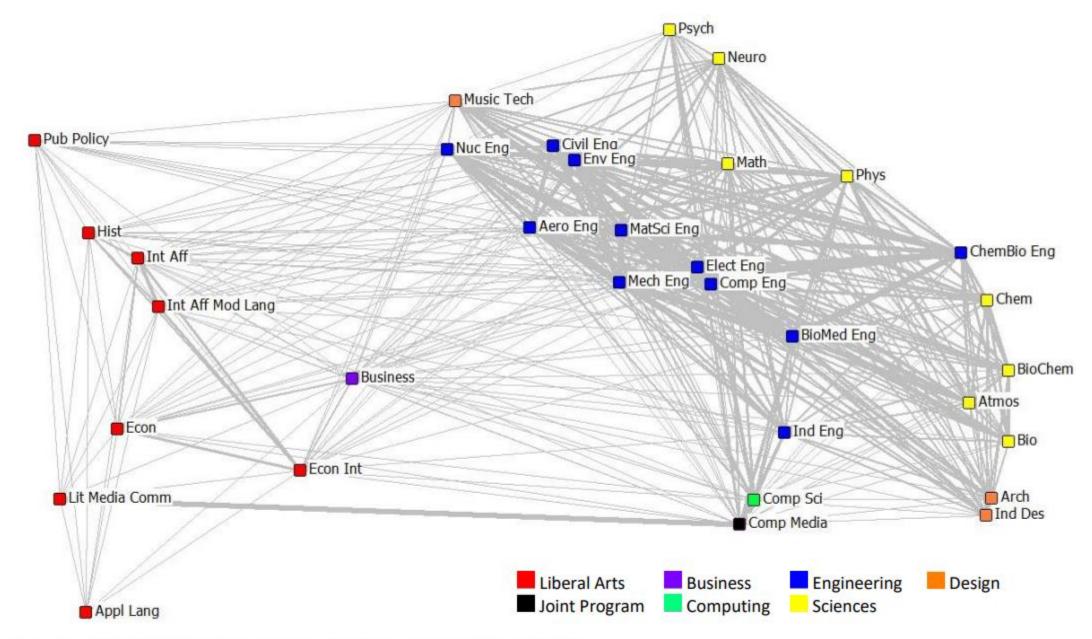
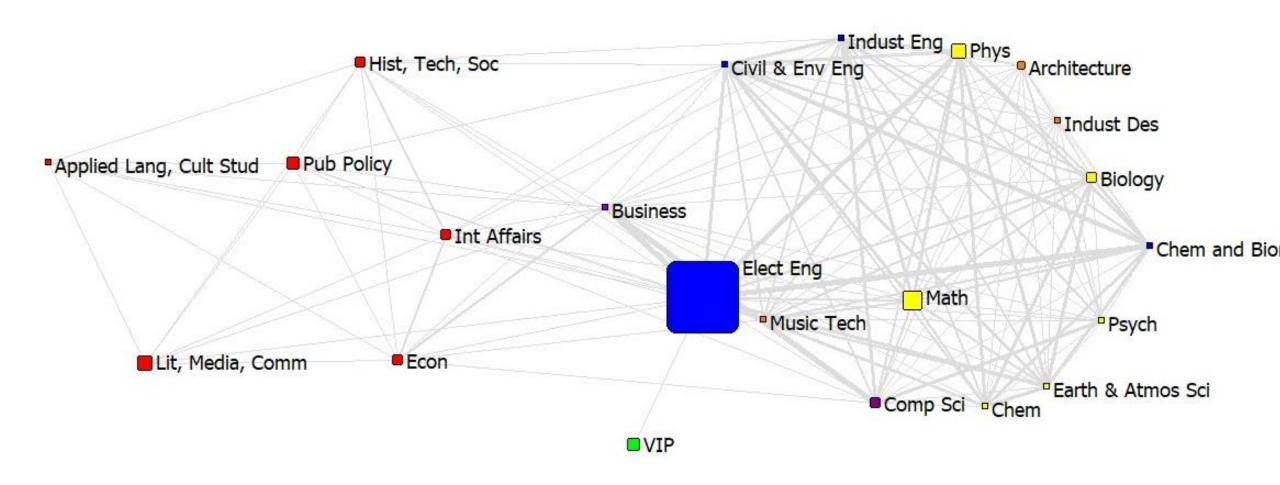
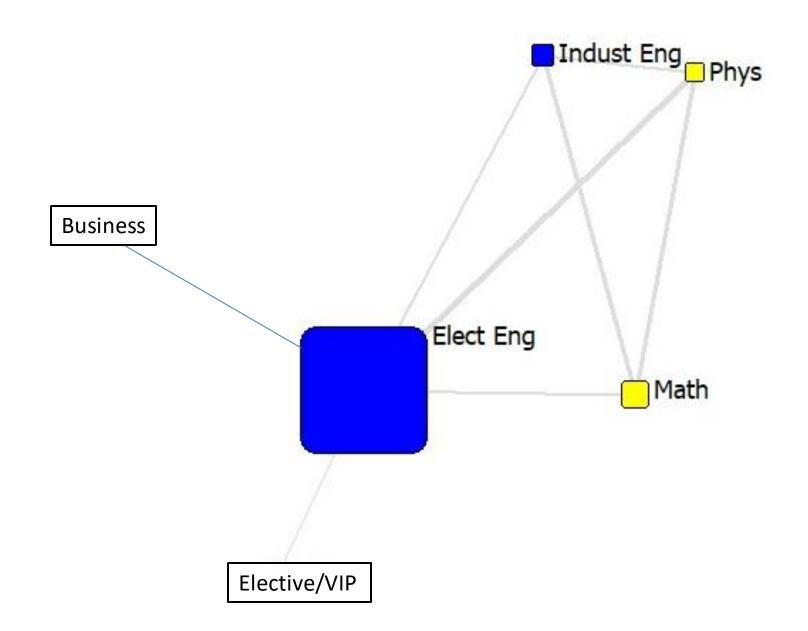


Fig. 4. Disciplinary Distance by the Combined Scale

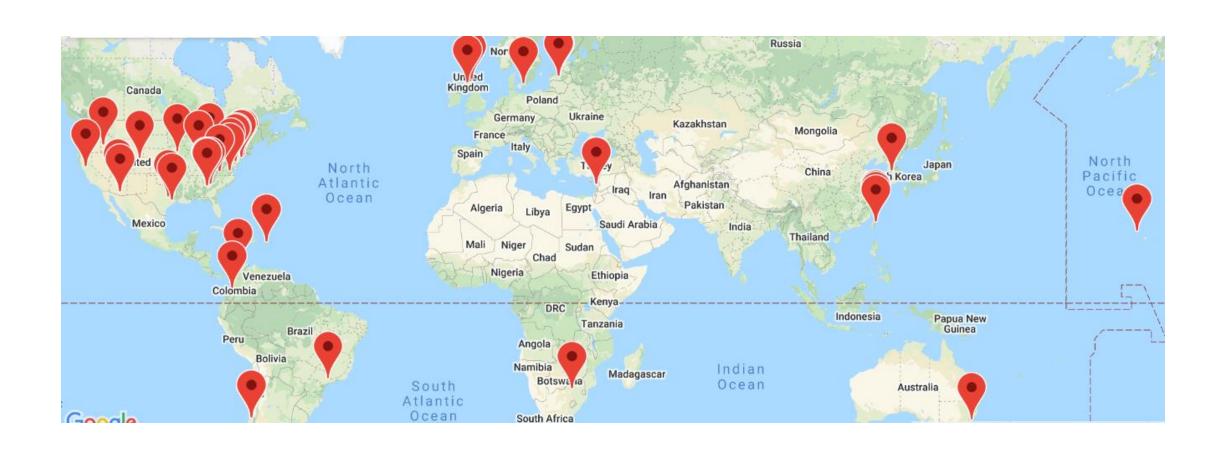
# **Electrical Engineering USA**



# Electrical Engineering UK



## VIP (Vertically Integrated Projects) Consortium



### 49 Consortium Institutions

#### **South America**

Universidad de Chile Universidad del Norte Universidad ICESI Universidad Mayor Universidade Estadual de Campinas

#### **Europe**

Malmö University
Riga Technical University
Rīga Stradiņš University
University of Bath
University of St. Andrews
University of Strathclyde
University of Galway

#### <u>Asia</u>

Inha University
National Dong Hwa University
National Taiwan University

#### **Middle East & North Africa**

American University of Beirut Lebanese American University The American University in Cairo

#### **United States**

Arizona State University **Boise State University** Colorado State University **Drexel University** Georgia College and State Univ. Georgia Institute of Technology Georgia Southern University Georgia State University **Howard University** Iowa State University Kennesaw State University Morehouse College NYU Tandon School of Engineering Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico

#### Africa & Australia

University of New South Wales University of Pretoria Strathmore University

Purdue University
Rice University
Stony Brook University
Texas A&M University
The Cooper Union
University of Arizona
University of California Davis
University of Delaware
University of Georgia
University of Hawaii
University of Michigan
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Tech







Inclusive Transitions through Early Years & Beyond









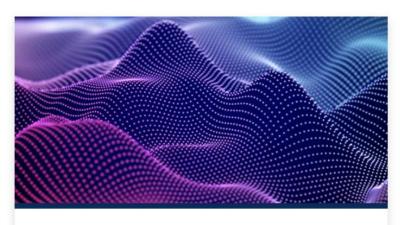
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4 QUALITY EDUCATION

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STEM Education and Public Engagement

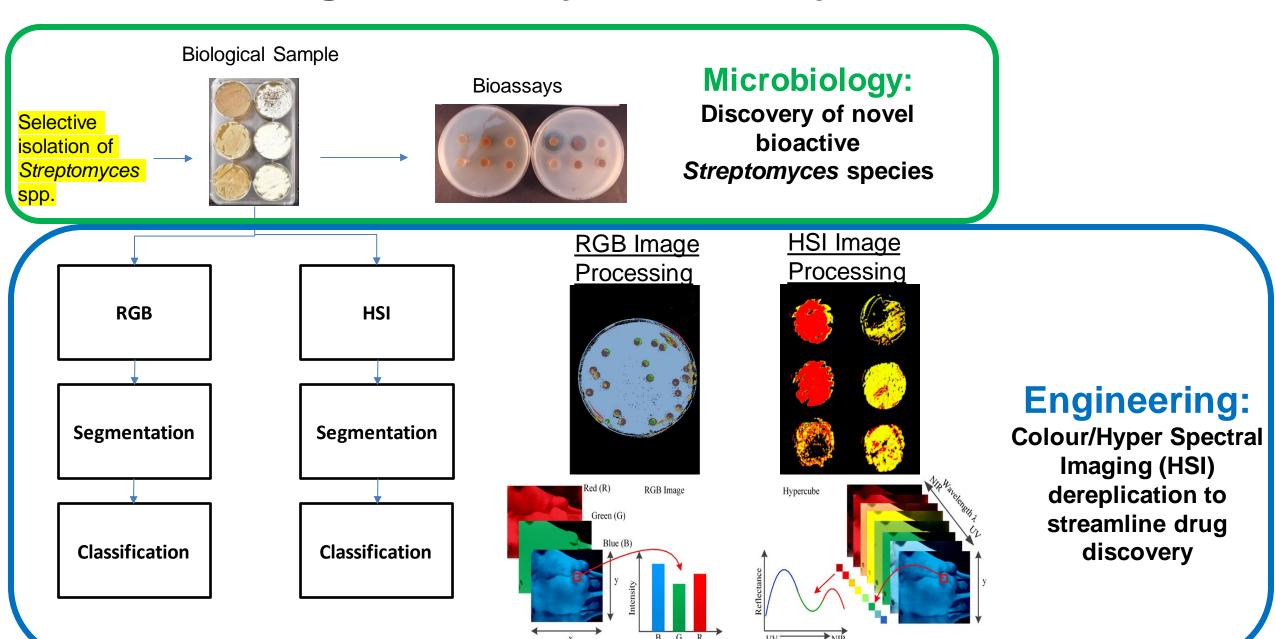


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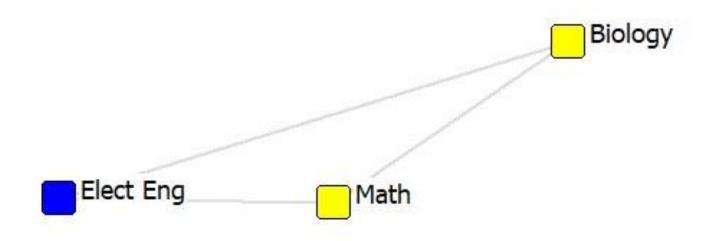


## **Drug Discovery Team Project**



Wavelength λ

## **Drug Discovery**

















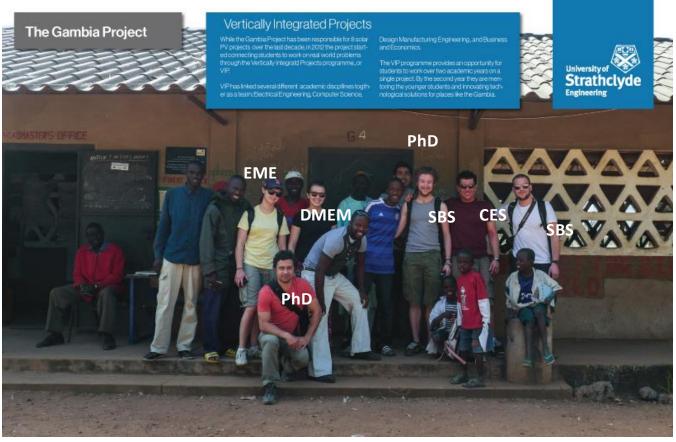






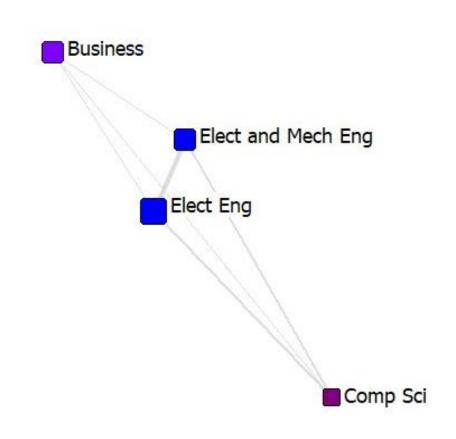






**Bold, Ambitious, Innovative and Collaborative** 

## **Energy for Development**



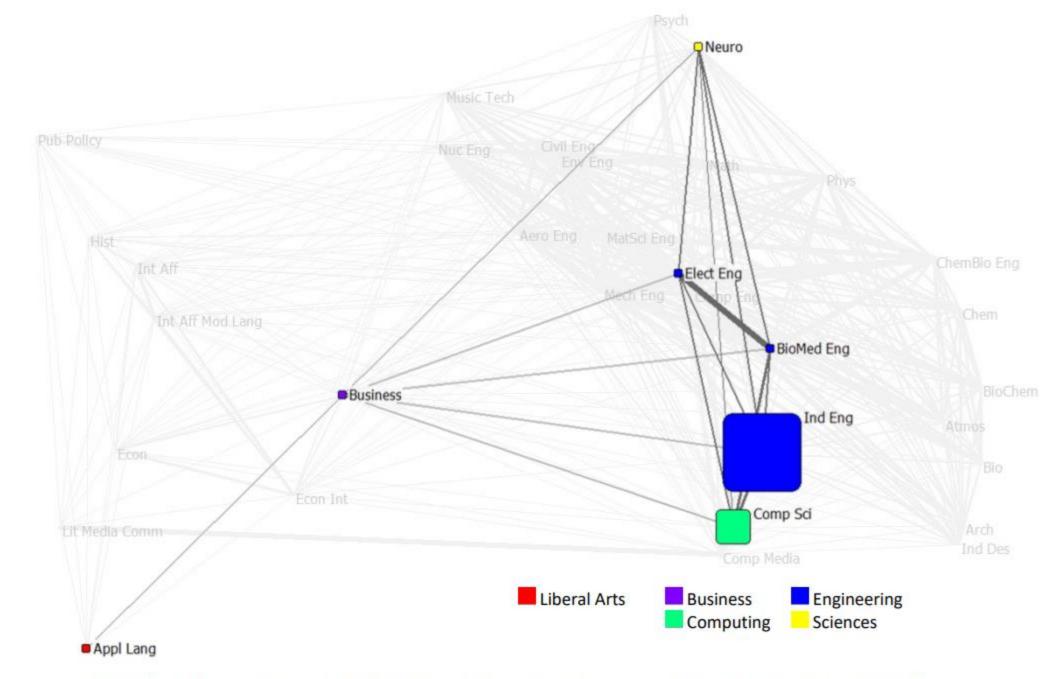


Fig. 6. Health Informatics on FHIR: 18 students, 7 majors, Diversity Index of 0.30

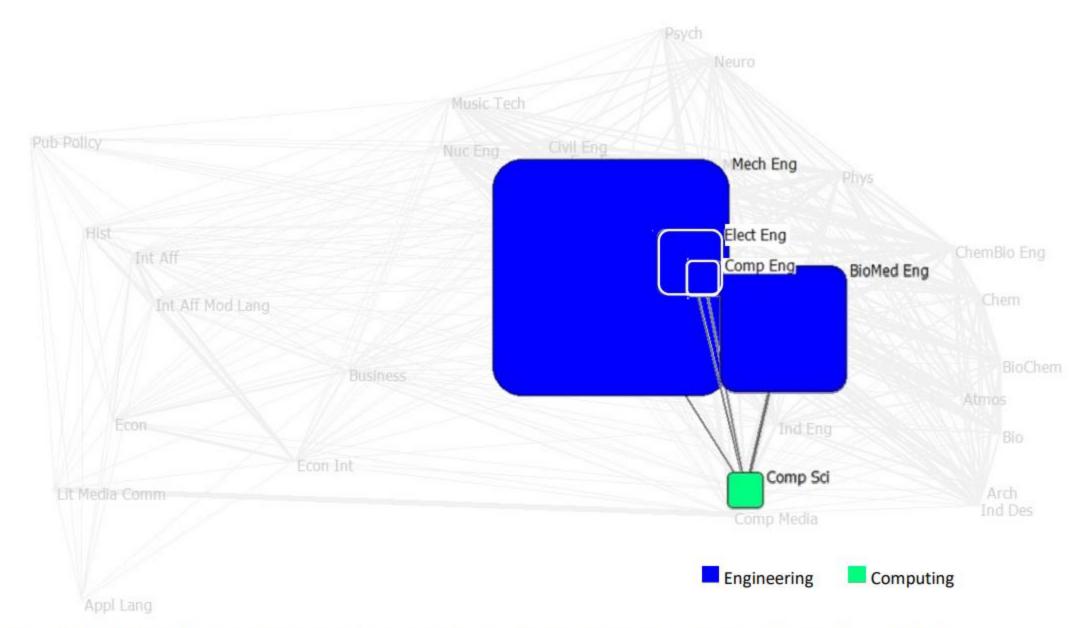


Fig. 7. Robotic Human Augmentation: 55 students, 5 majors, Diversity Index of 0.18

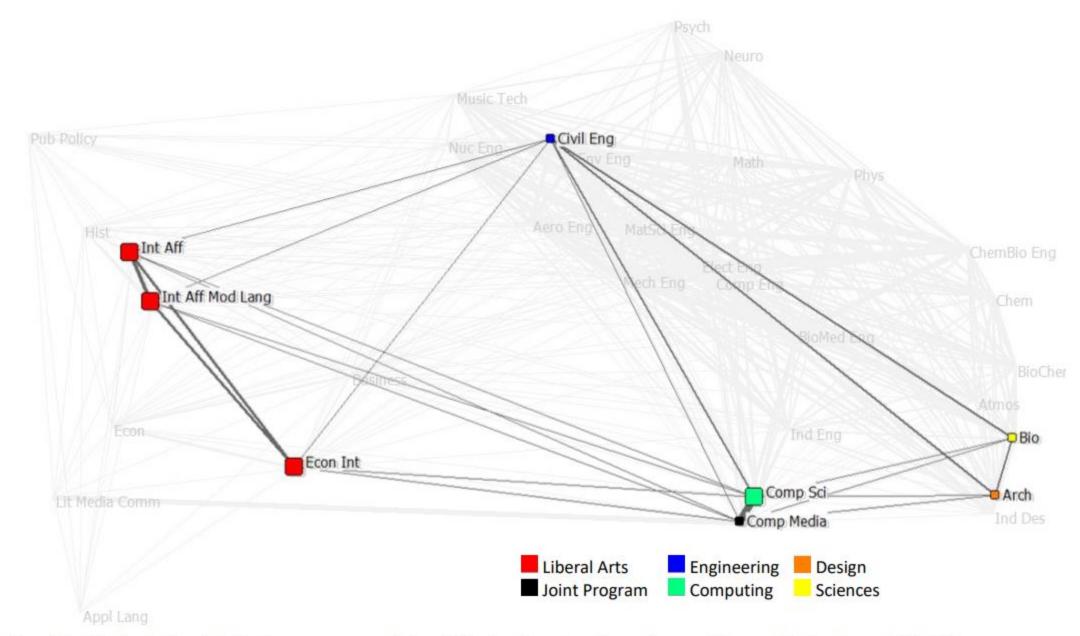


Fig. 8. Global Social Entrepreneurship: 12 students, 8 majors, Diversity Index of 0.40

## Summary

Propose a mechanism for visualising and quantifying interdisciplinarity

Compare equivalent courses in US and UK

- US courses are much more diverse
- UK processes are not geared to accommodating such diversity
- Not surprising in UK we have issues implementing highly interdisciplinary programs

Also compared Vertically integrated project teams