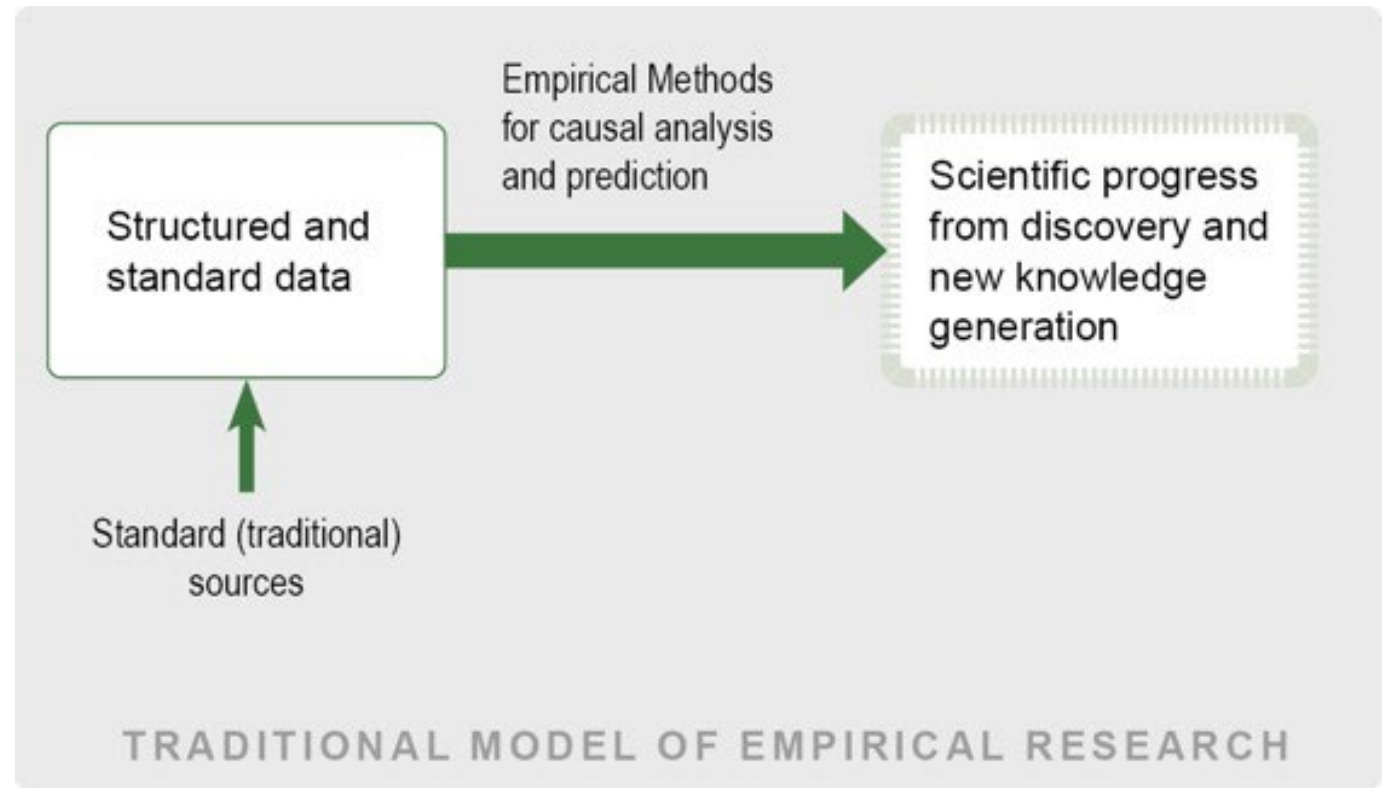


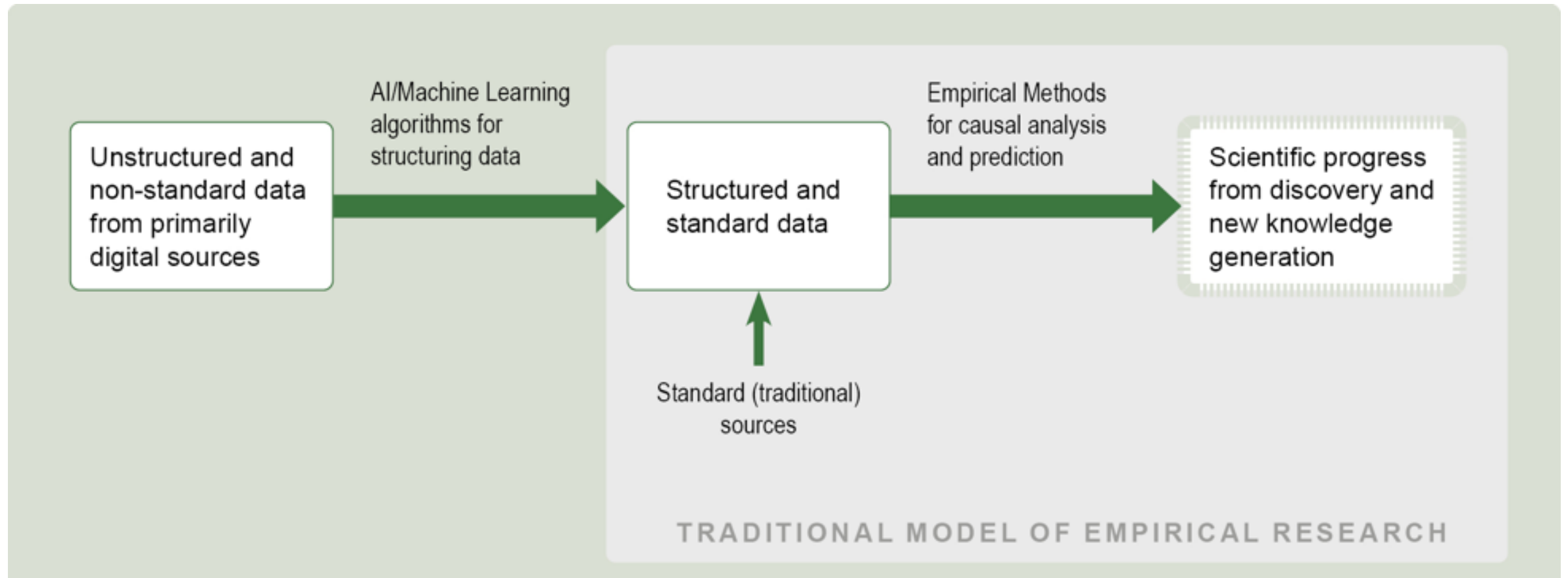
# New Measurements in New Data Infrastructures.

The long road from vision to practice.

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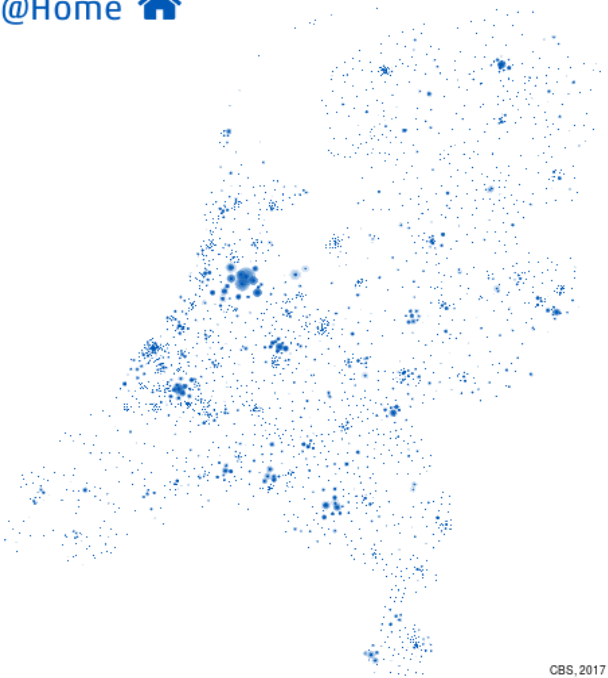




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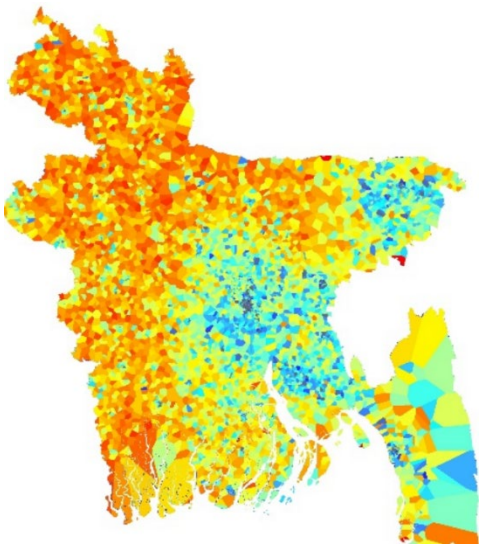
## Sustainable Communities

@Home 



Source: <https://www.cbs.nl/en-gb/our-services/innovation/project/towards-motives-behind-mobility>

## No Poverty



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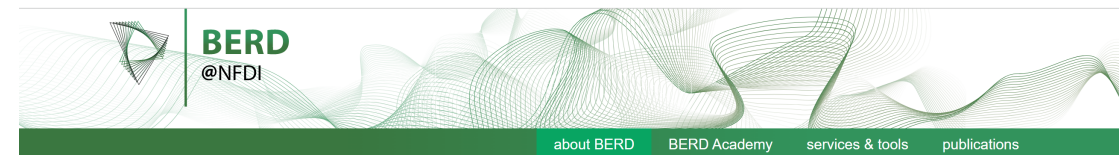
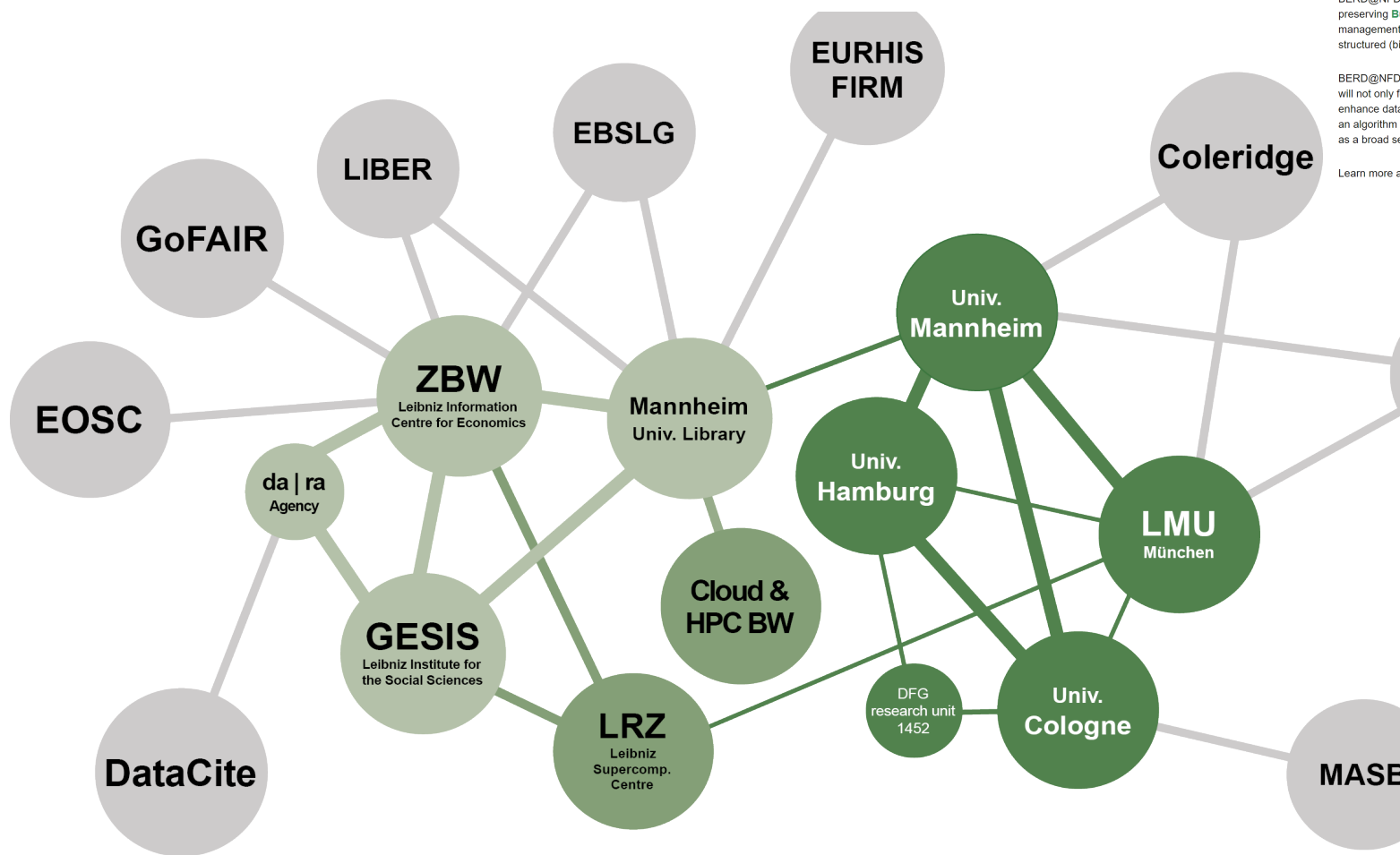
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## Decent Work and Economic Growth



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# Context



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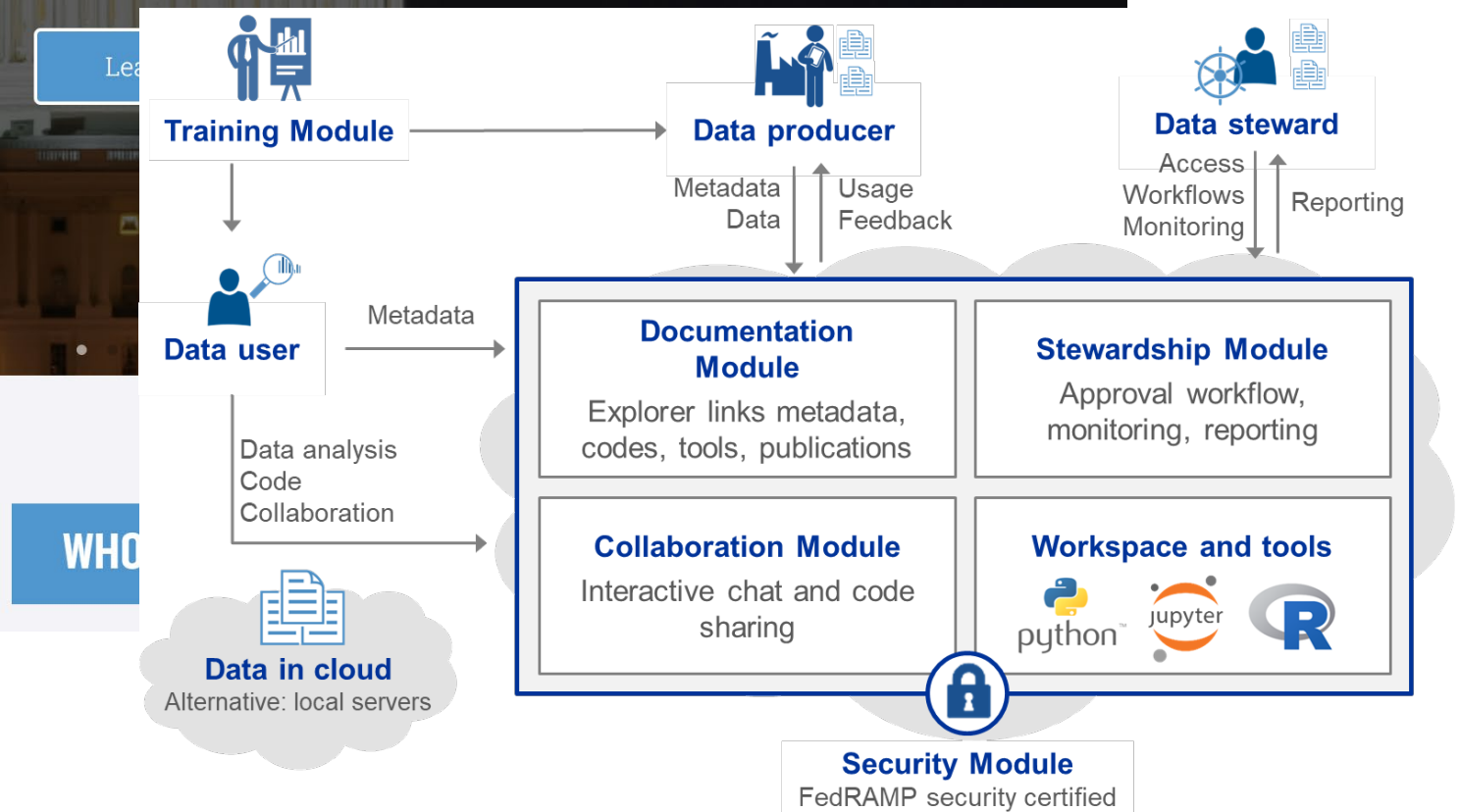


# Democratizing our Data: A Challenge to Invest in Data and Evidence-based Policy

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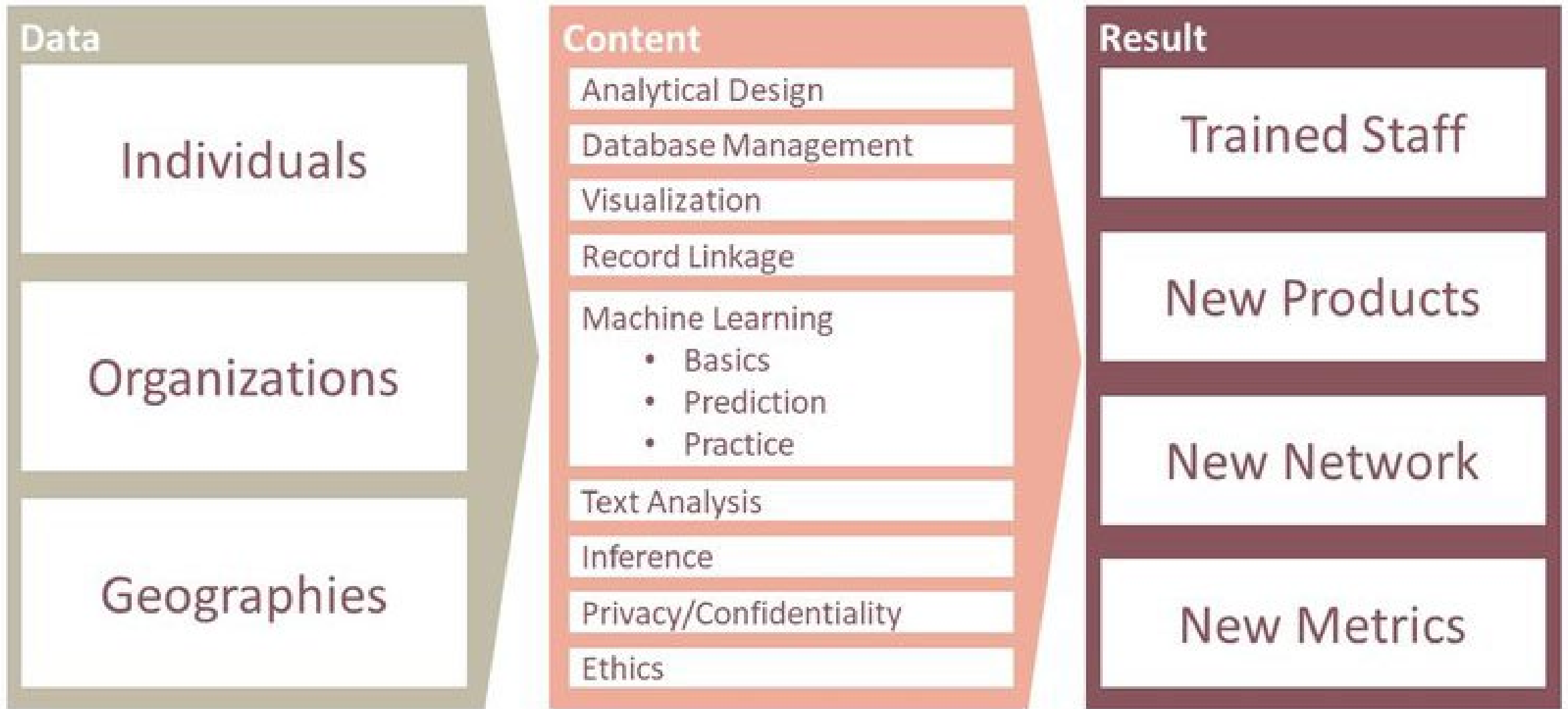
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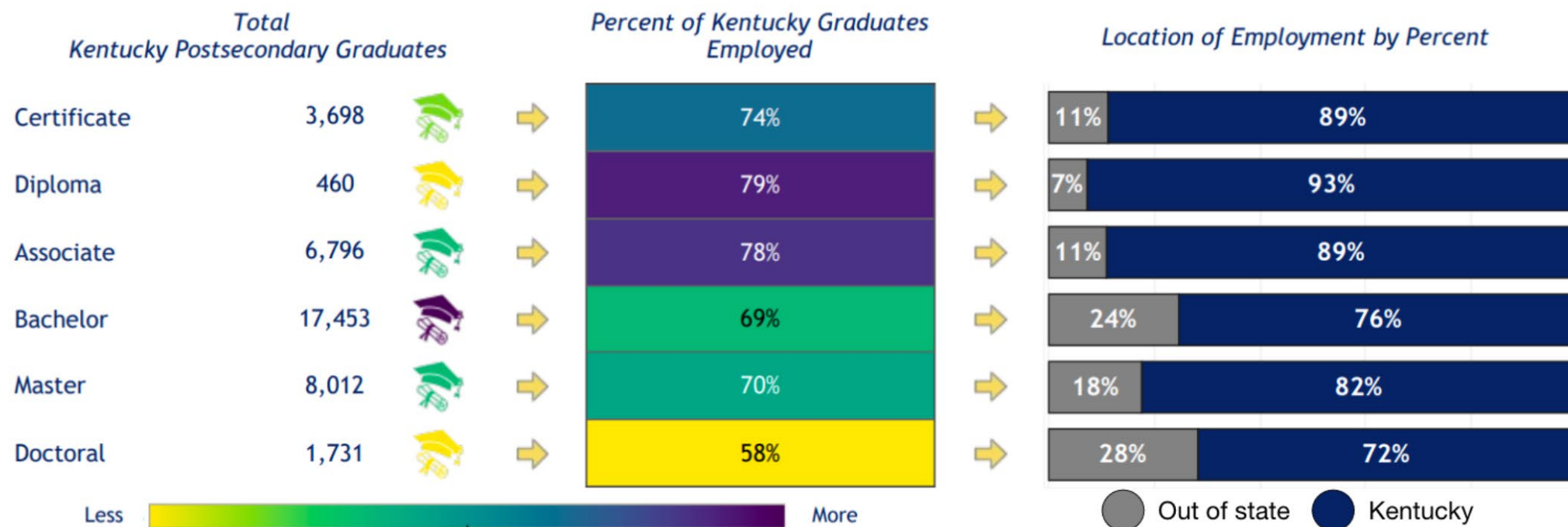


Result
Trained Staff
New Products
New Network
New Metrics

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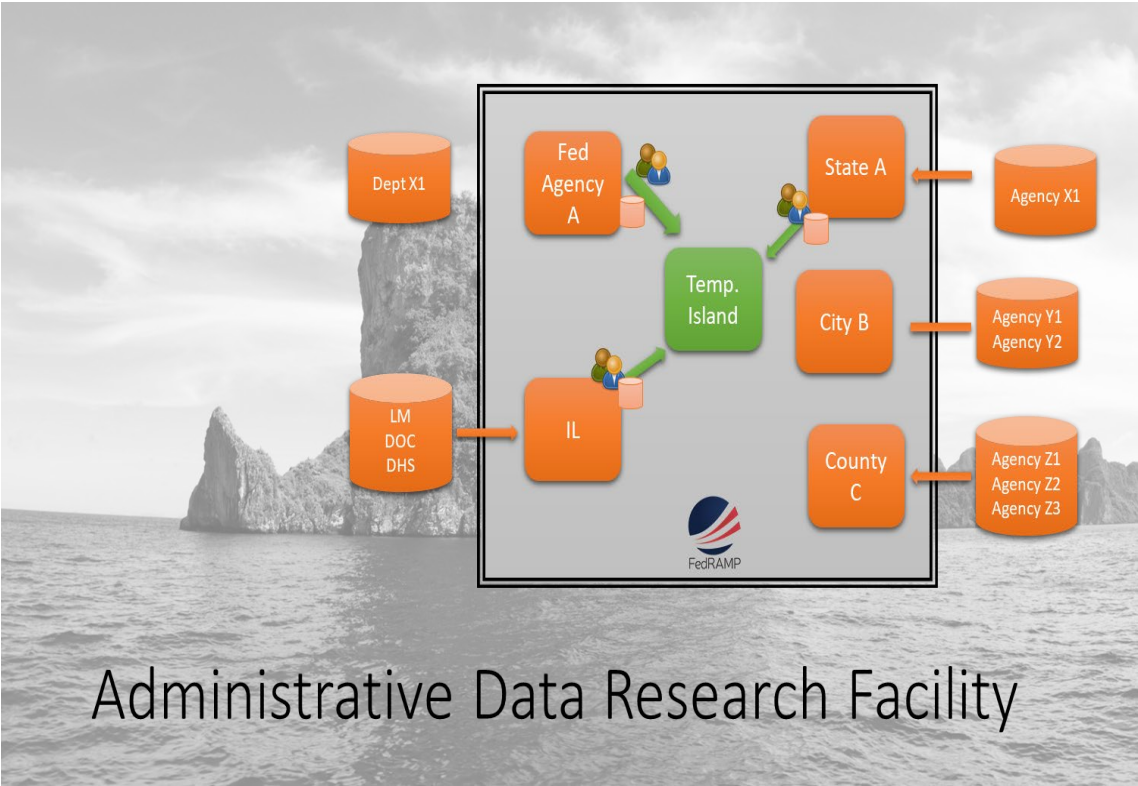


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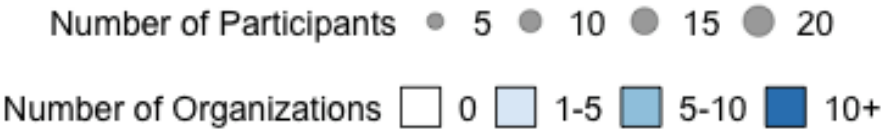
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# Expansion

Quarter: 2016-Q4  
Total Organizations: 0  
Total Participants: 0



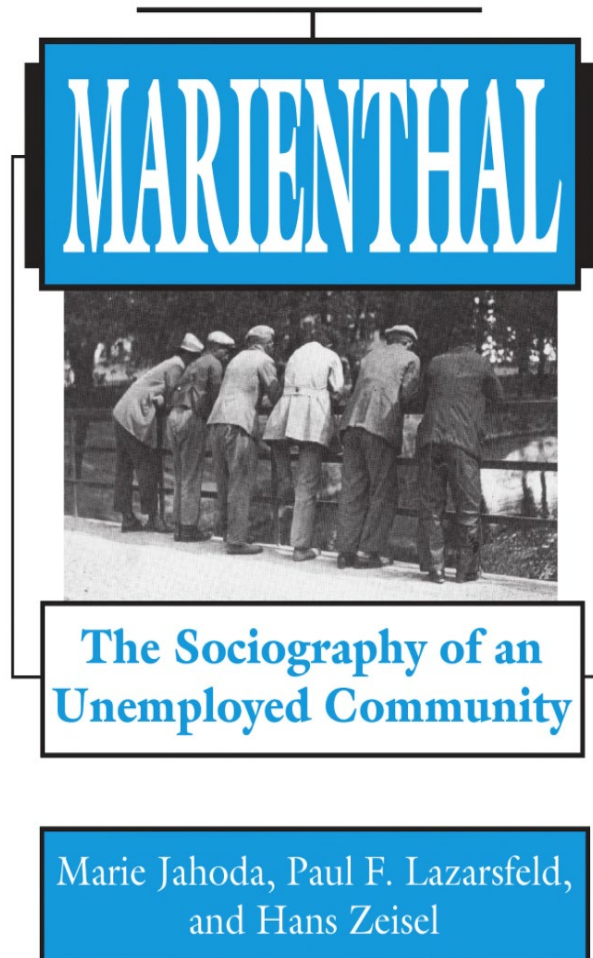
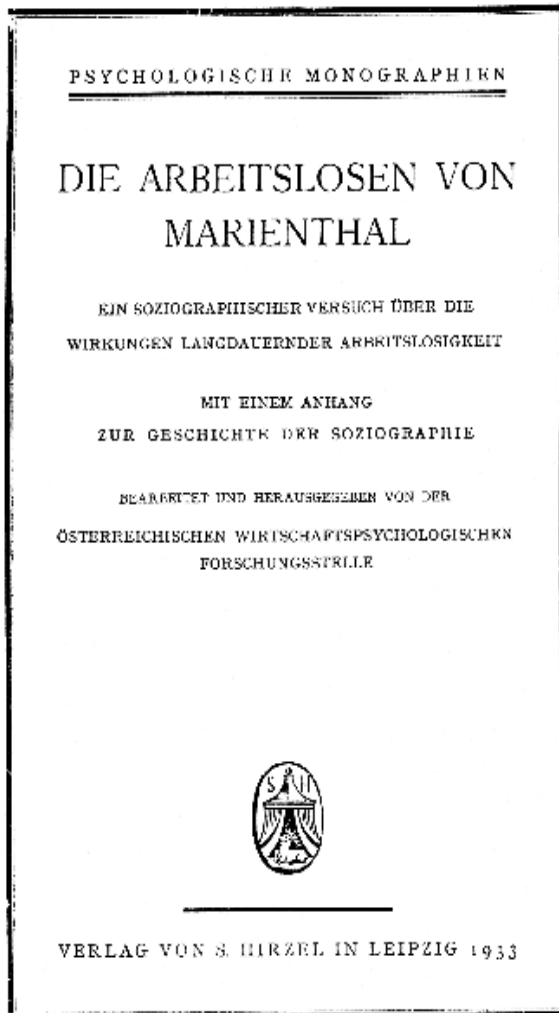
Administrative Data Research Facility



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# Effects of Unemployment?



Source: Archives for the History of Sociology in Austria (Graz), »Marienthal« Virtual Archives



Kreuter, Haas, Keusch, Bähr, Trappmann. 2018. "Collecting survey and smartphone sensor data with an app: Opportunities and challenges around privacy and informed consent." Social Science Computer Review



# Panel + Administrative Data as Frame

Sample of households with at least one welfare benefit recipient (at reference date)

Refreshed annually

Surveyed annually

Random household sample of resident population

Refreshed annually

Surveyed annually



**Meldung zur Sozialversicherung**

Personalauswahl

versicherungsnummer  Personalnummer (freiwillige Angabe)

Name  Vorsatz  Zusatz  Titel

Vorname

Straße und Hausnummer (Anschrift nur bei Anmeldung und Anschriftenänderung)

(Land)  Postleitzahl  Wohnort

Grund der Abgabe  Entgelt in Gleitzone  Namensänderung ☐

**Beschäftigungszeit**

von  bis  Betriebsnummer des Arbeitgebers  Personengruppe

Mehrfachbeschäftigung ☐ Betriebsstätte Ost ☐ West ☐

Beitragsgruppen KV  RV  ALV  PV  Angaben zur Tätigkeit  Aktuelle Staatsangehörigkeit

Beitragspflichtiges Bruttoarbeitsentgelt (in DM ohne Pfennige / Euro ohne Cent)  DM ☐ Euro ☐ Statuskennzeichen

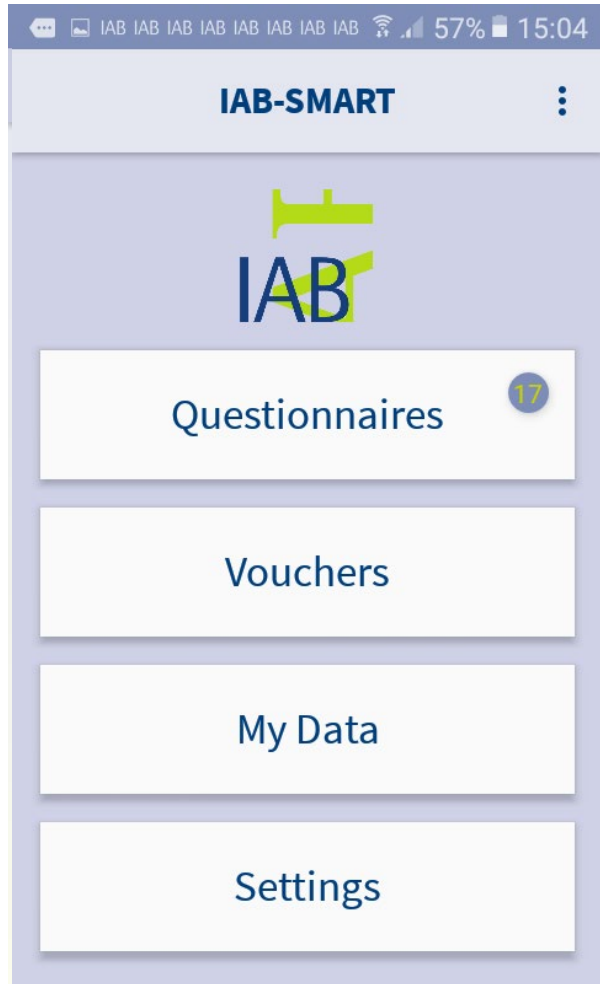
**Wenn keine Versicherungsnummer angegeben werden kann:**

Geburtsname  Vorsatz  Zusatz  Geburtsort

Geburtsdatum  Geschlecht männlich ☐ weiblich ☐

# Data from Smart Phone Sensors

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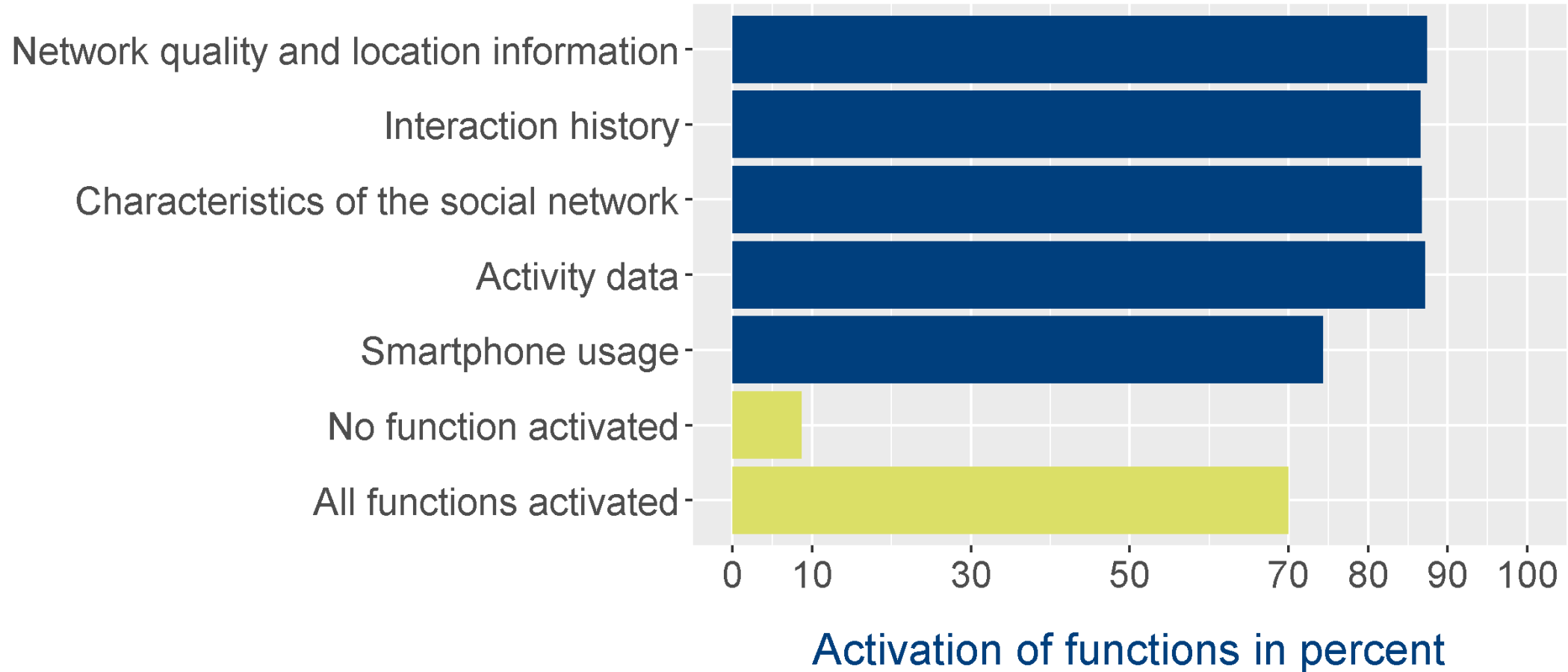


- Network quality and location information (every half hour)
- Interaction history
- Characteristics of the social network
- Activity data (every two minutes)
- Smartphone usage



# Great Uptake

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# STANDARDIZED | NON-STANDARDIZED SOURCES



Data for Social Sciences

## STRUCTURED DATA

### Characteristics:

- ▣ e.g. survey data, administrative data
- ≡ high standardization
- ≡ homogeneity of sources and formats
- ✓ standardized collecting, managing and analyzing
- ✓ standardized tools and methods
- ✓ sufficient computing and storage capacity
- ✗ no interconnected data infrastructure
- ✗ open legal and ethical issues

## UNSTRUCTURED DATA

### Characteristics:

- ▣ e.g. text, video, audio
- ≡ low standardization
- ≡ heterogeneity of sources and formats
- ✗ no standardized collecting, managing and analyzing
- ✗ no standardized tools and methods
- ✗ no sufficient computing and storage capacity
- ✗ no developed data infrastructure
- ✗ open legal and ethical issues

# **Lessons Learned**

**3. Data Science is a “Team Sport” ... and needs to be treated as such.**

## DOMAIN EXPERT

User, analyst, or leaders with deep subject matter expertise related to the data, its appropriate use, and its limitations

## SYS ADMIN

Team member responsible for defining and maintaining a computation infrastructure that enables large scale computation



## METHODOLOGIST

Team member with experience applying formal research methods, including survey methodology and statistics

## COMPUTER SCIENTIST

Technically skilled team member with education in computer programming and data processing technology

# Work in Teams



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