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Findings - Research Data Management Responsibility

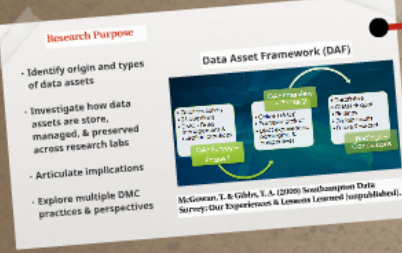
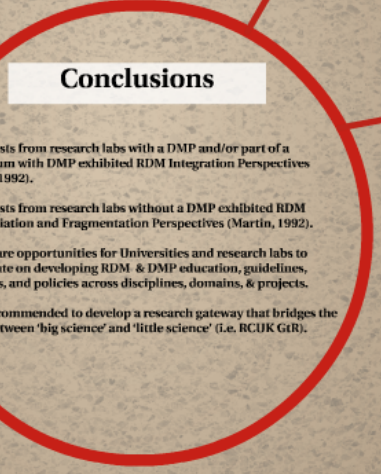
Do you have a research data management plan?

Findings - Barriers

What are the barriers to implementing an RDM plan?

Findings - Standards, Best Practices, and Guidelines

Do you use standards, best practices, and guidelines to manage your research data?



Research Goals

- Explore how data assets are stored, managed, and preserved across research labs
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Research Purpose

- Identify origin and types of data assets
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Data Asset Framework (DAF)



McGowan, T. & Gibbs, T. A. (2009) Southampton Data Survey: Our Experiences & Lessons Learned [unpublished].

Research Labs

1. Center for Advanced Power Systems
2. **Antarctic Marine Geology Research Facility**
3. **Center for Ocean-Atmospheric Prediction Studies**
4. Geophysical Fluid Dynamics
5. **Marine and Coastal Laboratory**
6. National High Magnetic Field Laboratory (NHMFL)
7. **National Science Foundation (NSF) EarthCube**

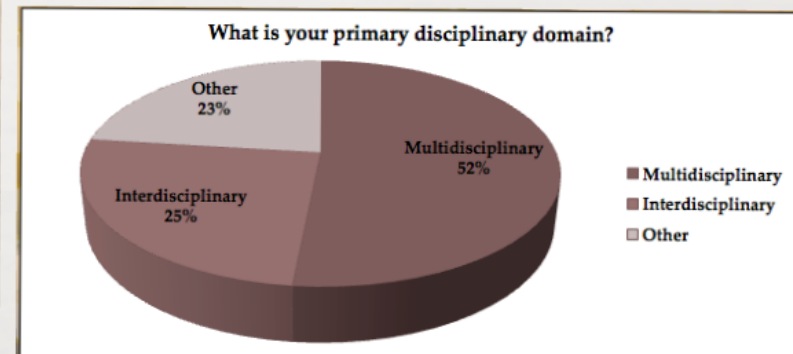
Role	Frequency	Percent	*Other
Senior Researcher	23	23%	IT Support
Principal Investigator	29	29%	Postdoctoral research associate
Research Assistant	26	26%	Research associate
Research Technician	3	3%	Operation project manager
Research Support	3	3%	Data management
Research Student	10	10%	Postdoctoral research associate
*Other	7	7%	Postdoc
Total	101	1.01	

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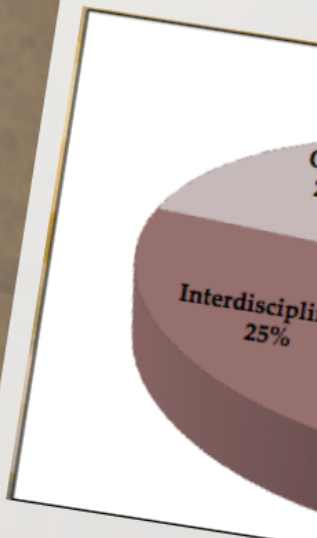


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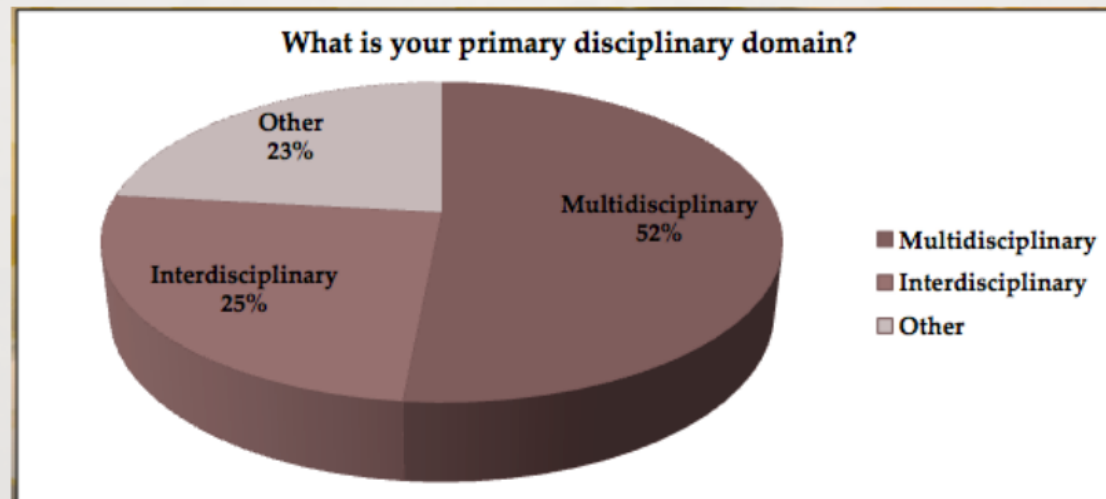


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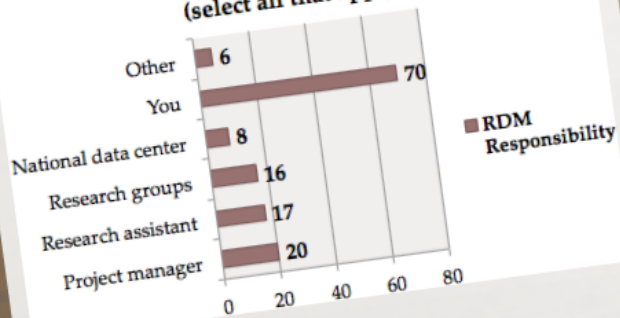
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Findings - Primary Data Types

- **78% (74) Experimental (scientific experiments and computational results)**
- **61% (58) Derived data (processing or combining 'raw' or other data)**
- **51% (48) Computer code (model & simulation code)**
- **44% (42) Observational (scientific phenomena at a specific time or location)**
- **27% (26) Reference (ex. gene sequences, chemical structures or literary texts)**
- **3% (3) do not hold any primary data**
- **2% (2) Other (videos, images, audio files; project funding, cost & budget analysis)**

Who is responsible for managing your research data (select all that apply)?



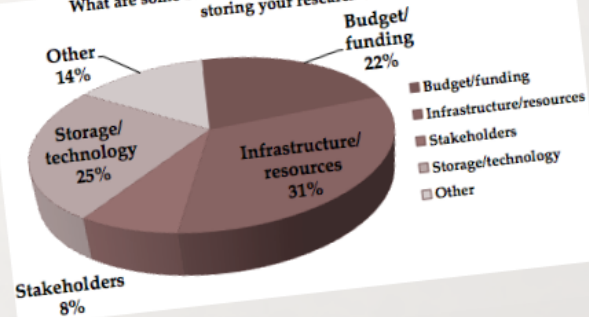
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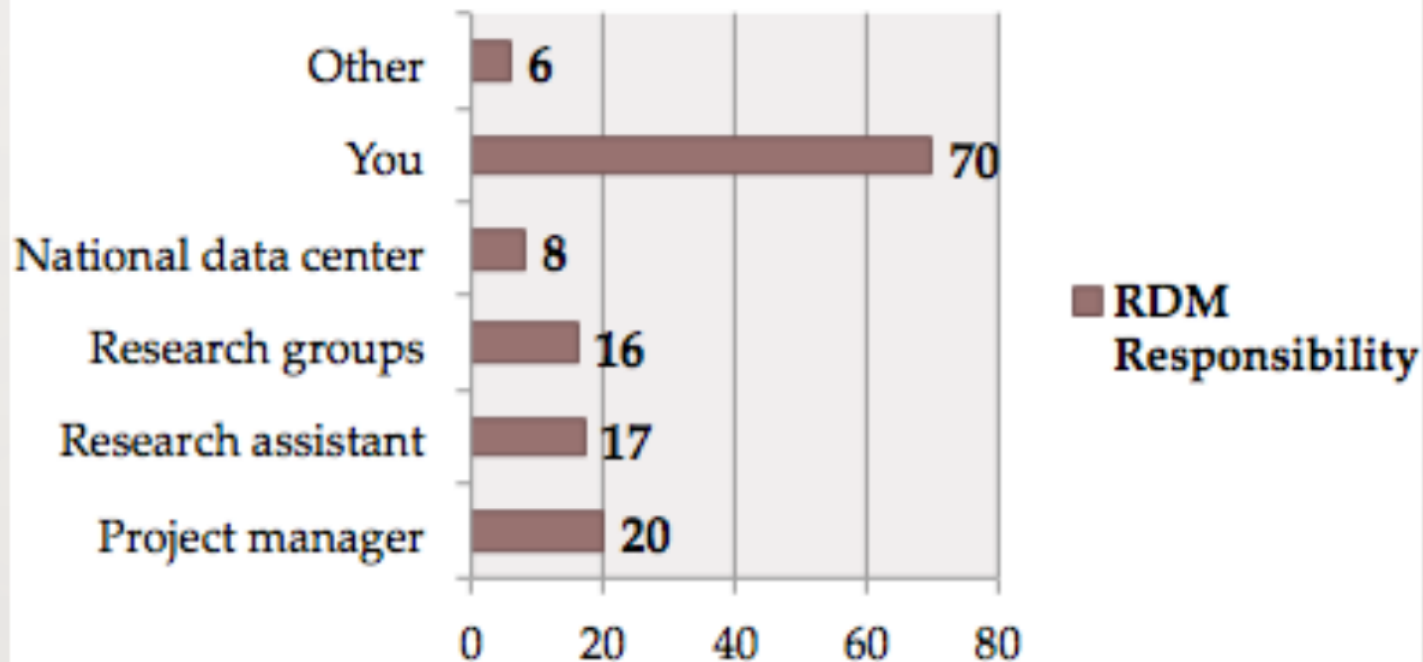
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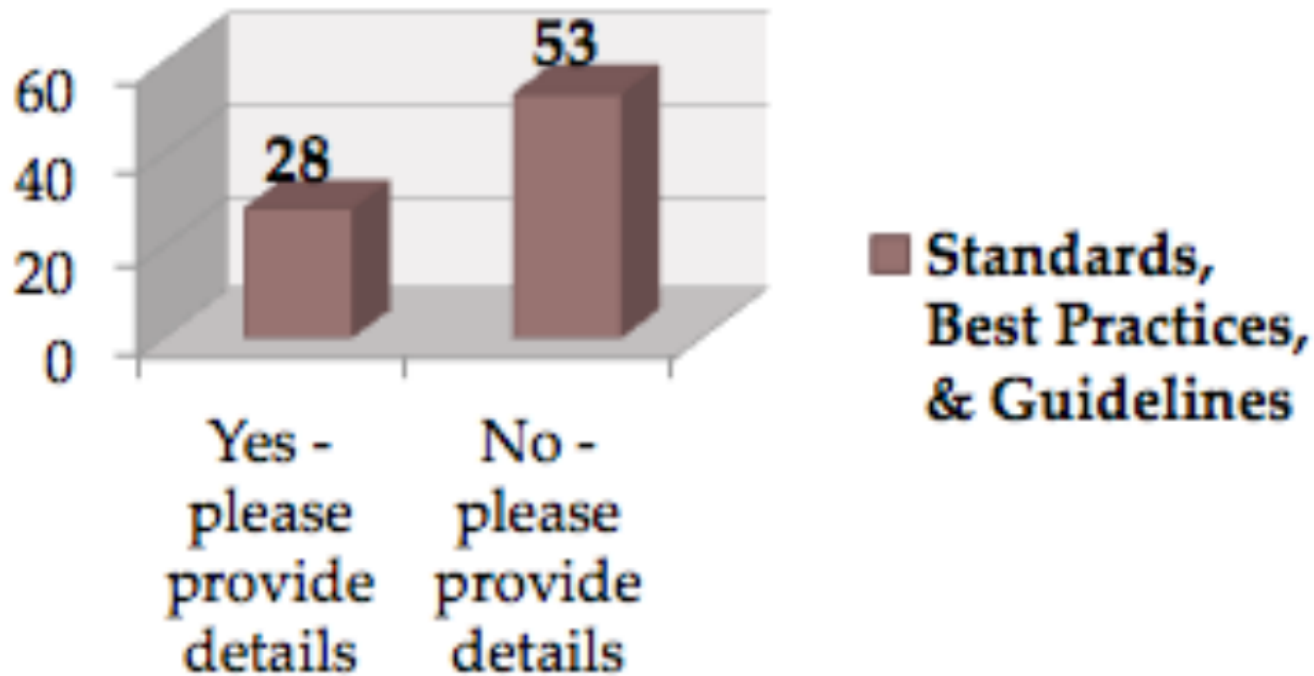
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**Findings - Research Data
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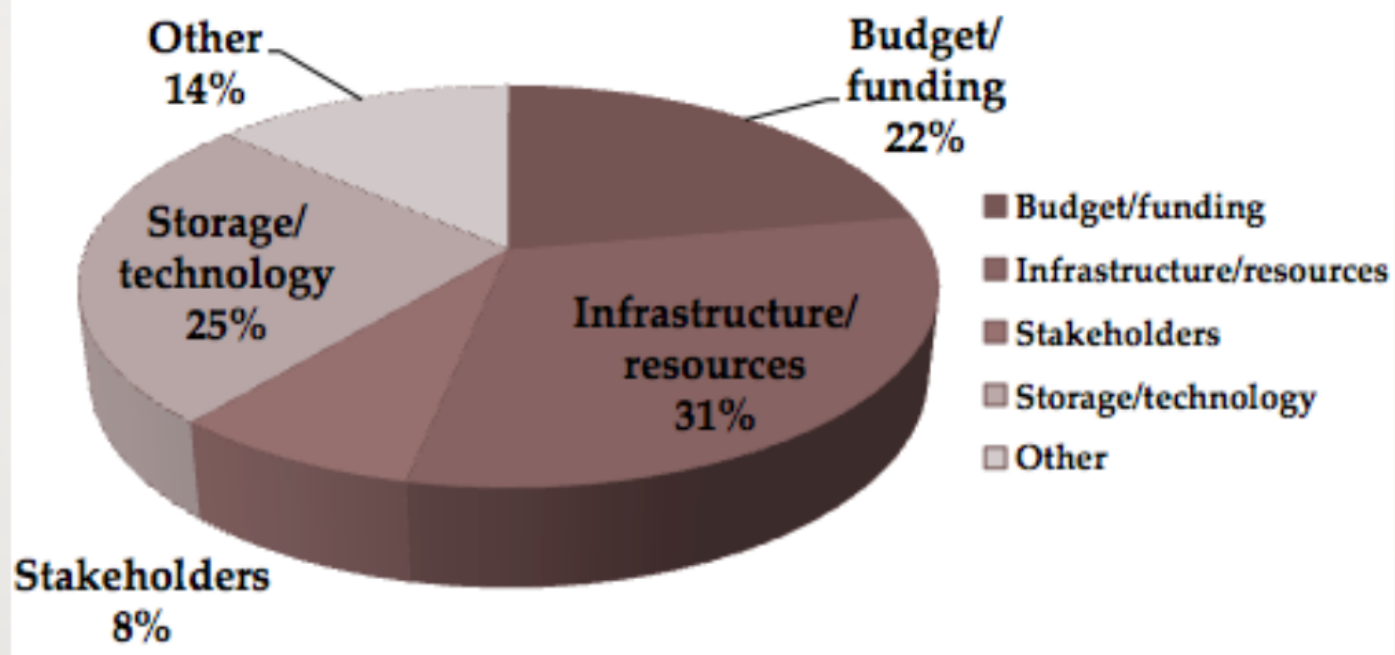
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Research Implications

- A. Good DMC practices stimulate organized research data management awareness;**
- B. Organized research data management awareness allows stakeholders, institutions, and users to increase ROI;**
- C. Data management education exposure across multiple disciplines and departments raise data management cognition.**

Practical Implications

1. Adherence to best practices, standards, and guidelines foster cogent data policies, promote good DMC practice, and enable new research built on accessible & existing data;

2. Data standards improve departmental and institutional level data management accountability;

3. Good data policies support funding agencies data management plan requirements.

Social Implications

- Proper data lifecycle management increases data access, discovery, use/reuse;

- Metadata standards provide the origin, nature of research data, and extend the usefulness of data to science, research, and education;

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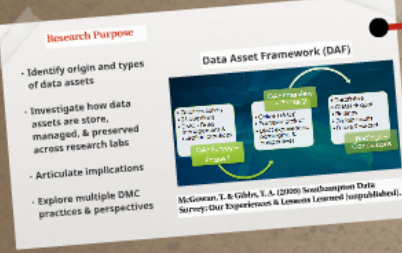
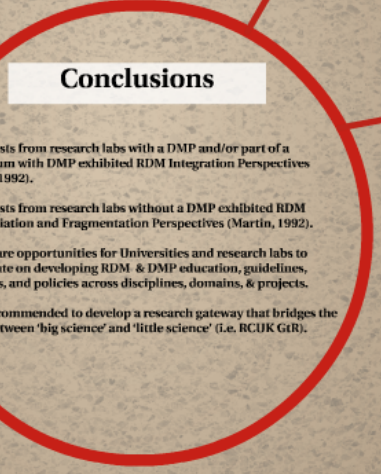
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Impact of Publications

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Best Practices

Proper data lifecycle management and metadata data assets, discovery, and reuse.

Metadata standards provide the structure of research data, and control of the lifecycle of data in various research, and education.

The success and future use of data often relies on the metadata being generated to study, describe, and be shared within research. Thus creating best practice descriptive research.

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