

ISSUES IN INTERDISCIPLINARY COLLABORATION

- 1) Unknown collaborators?
- 2) Stereotyping of disciplines and groups
- 3) Disciplinary and other cultural differences
- 4) Power dynamics

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2) Stereotyping of Disciplines and Groups

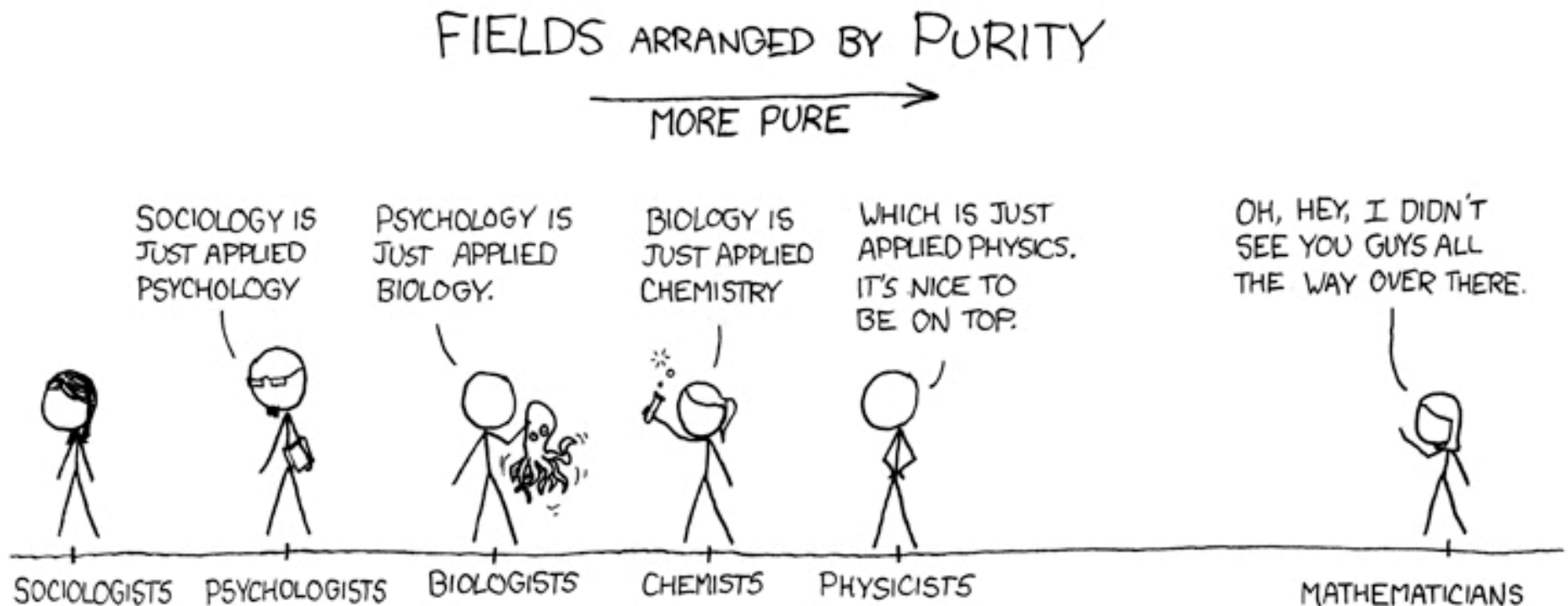
We perceive in-group heterogeneity but out-group homogeneity

Psychology = therapy & mental health?

3) Disciplinary & Cultural Differences

- **Methodological:** Tendency to assume disciplinary methodology is the best approach
- **Interpersonal:** Approaches to collaboration, feedback, student involvement, timing of work
- **Professional:** Presentation, publication, knowledge translation outlets
- **Cultural:** Attitudes, practices, etc.

4) Power Dynamics between Disciplines and Sectors (e.g., university and partner)



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