# Towards a Strategy for Data Sciences at the University of Wisconsin

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# Goal: Robust infrastructure supporting collaborative team science

# **Biostatistics Model | Principles**

- Early and often
- Free to investigator
- Biostatistics faculty (including Scientists)
  - Co-l's [full partners]
  - Committed to training the next generation

# **Biostatistics Model | Implementation**

- TT faculty committed to team science [broad scientific oversight; many other responsibilities]
- Scientists (PhD) at both junior and senior levels [important middle ground]
- Researcher (MS) level staff [to get stuff done]

# **Biostatistics Model | Project Level**

# **Triangulation:**

- 1 PhD Data Scientist
  - + 1 MS Researcher
  - + 1 PI collaborator
- PI collaborator may also have senior mentor

#### Other areas of collaborative team science

What about **bioinformatics** 

clinical research informatics

massive database problems

distributed computing / storage problems?

#### Other areas of collaborative team science

Need a similar model for **each** of these areas of **data** science ... some of this already exists

### Training I PhD in Biomedical Data Science

- Best of statistical and computational traditions to advance biology and biomedical science
- Triangulation
  - Biostatistics [1-2 areas of emphasis]
  - Biomedical Informatics [1-2 areas of emphasis]
  - Domain area science and collaboration
- First class, Fall 2018 | Karl Broman, Director

# Linking Methods to Collaboration | Center for Predictive and Computational Phenotyping

Structure: about 12 units

- 5 collaborative **projects** requiring novel methods
- 4 methodological "labs" -- more general issues
- education and outreach
- ethics

Seek a balance between outward and inward facing

# Data Science Hub | Three Keys to Success

- Linking methods and collaboration
- Strong training environment
- Two levels of triage and concierge
  - From broad data science to key sub-area
  - Guidance within sub-area
  - Need senior and high-level people in these roles