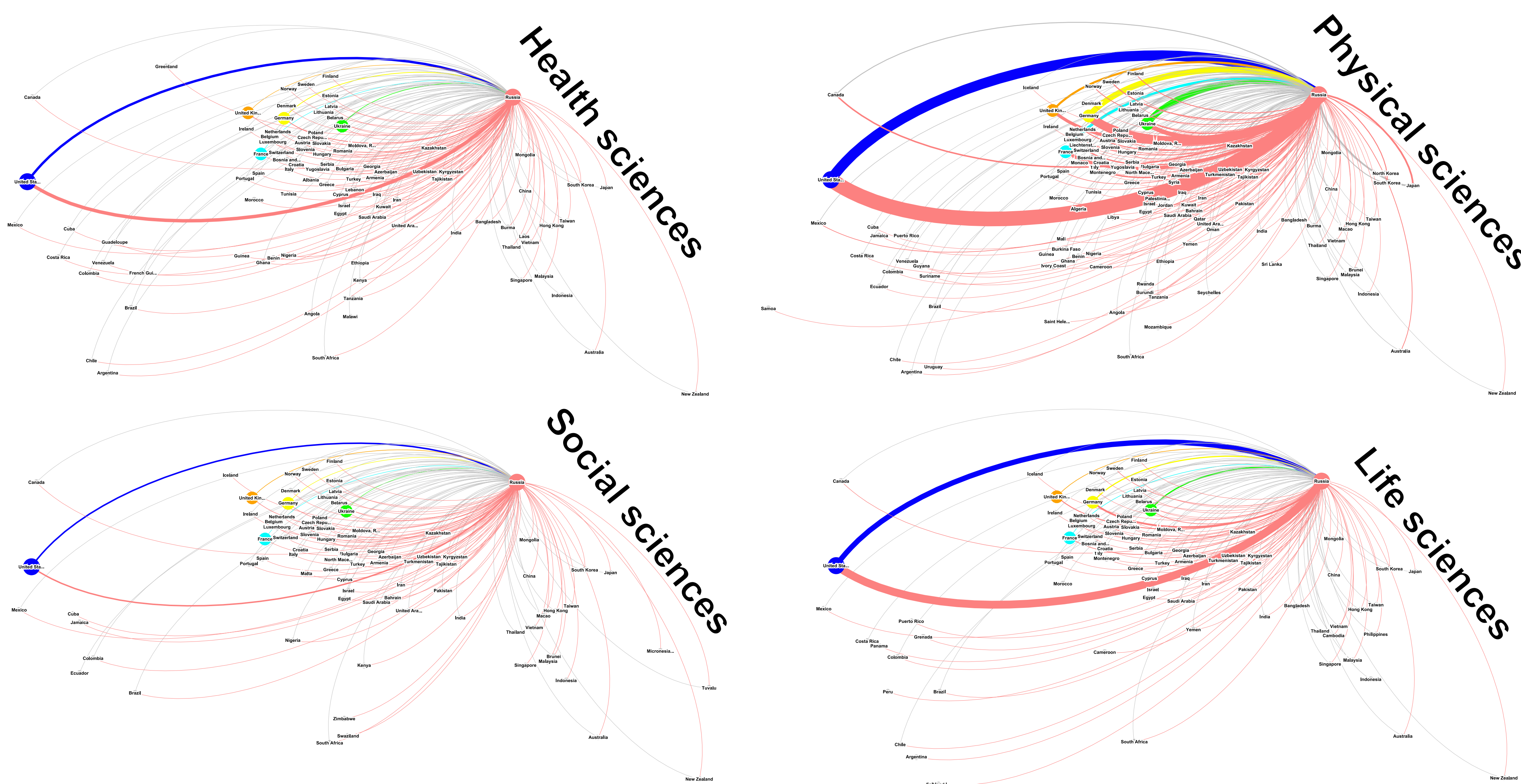


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Brain Drain and Brain Gain in Russia: How does migration in academia impact fields of scholarship in a country?



Materials

Scopus publications over 1996-2020: Affiliation addresses and research subjects of 2 million publications from 659,000 researchers who have had ties to Russia at some point.

Method

1) Data pre-processing:

Resolving data quality issues (missing values, author ambiguity) using machine learning methods.

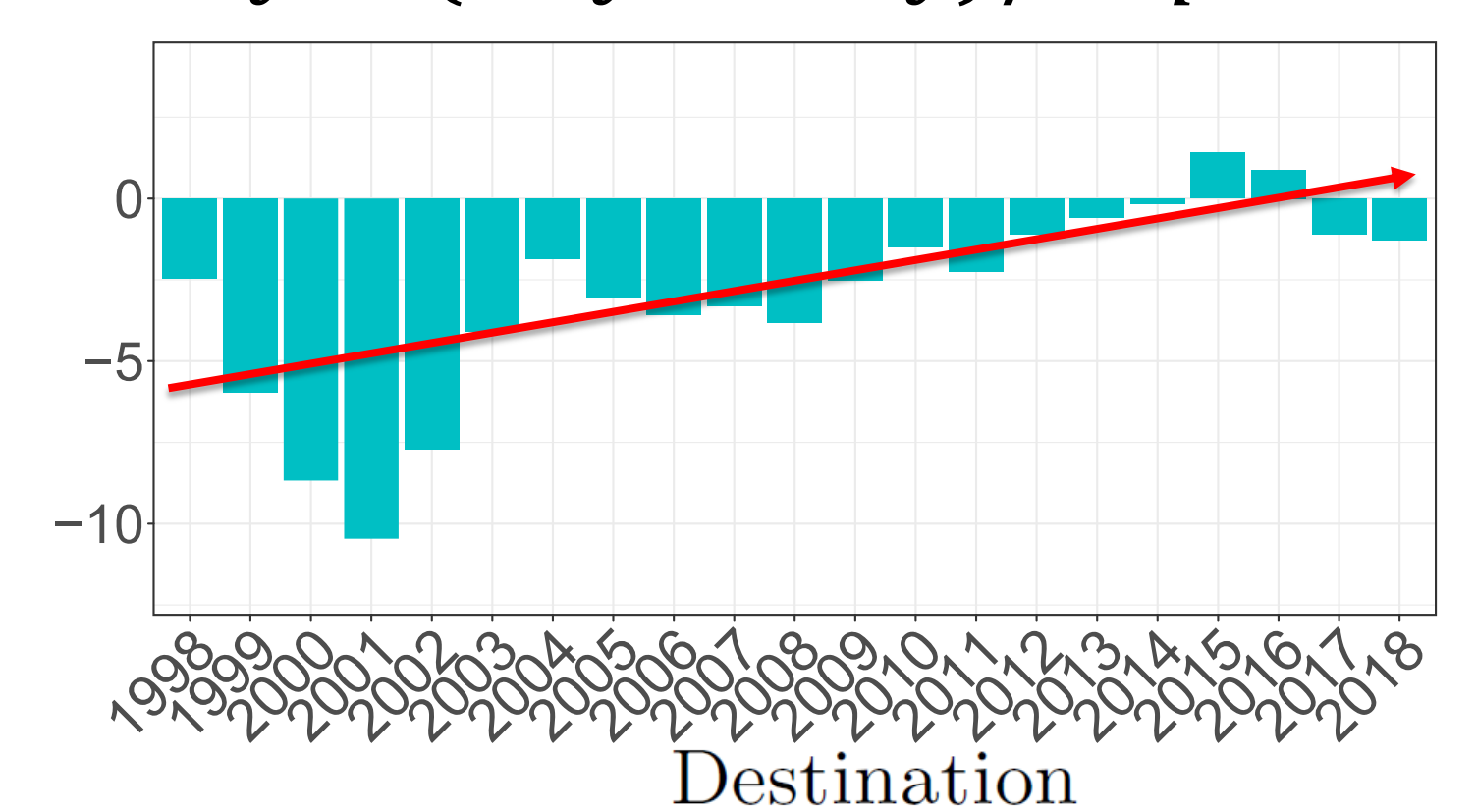
2) Detecting migration events:

Each change of mode affiliation country i to country j is recorded as a directed edge (i, j) in a network.

3) Net Migration Rate:

NMR_t is calculated based on the difference between immigrant (IM) and emigrant (EM) scholars in year t :

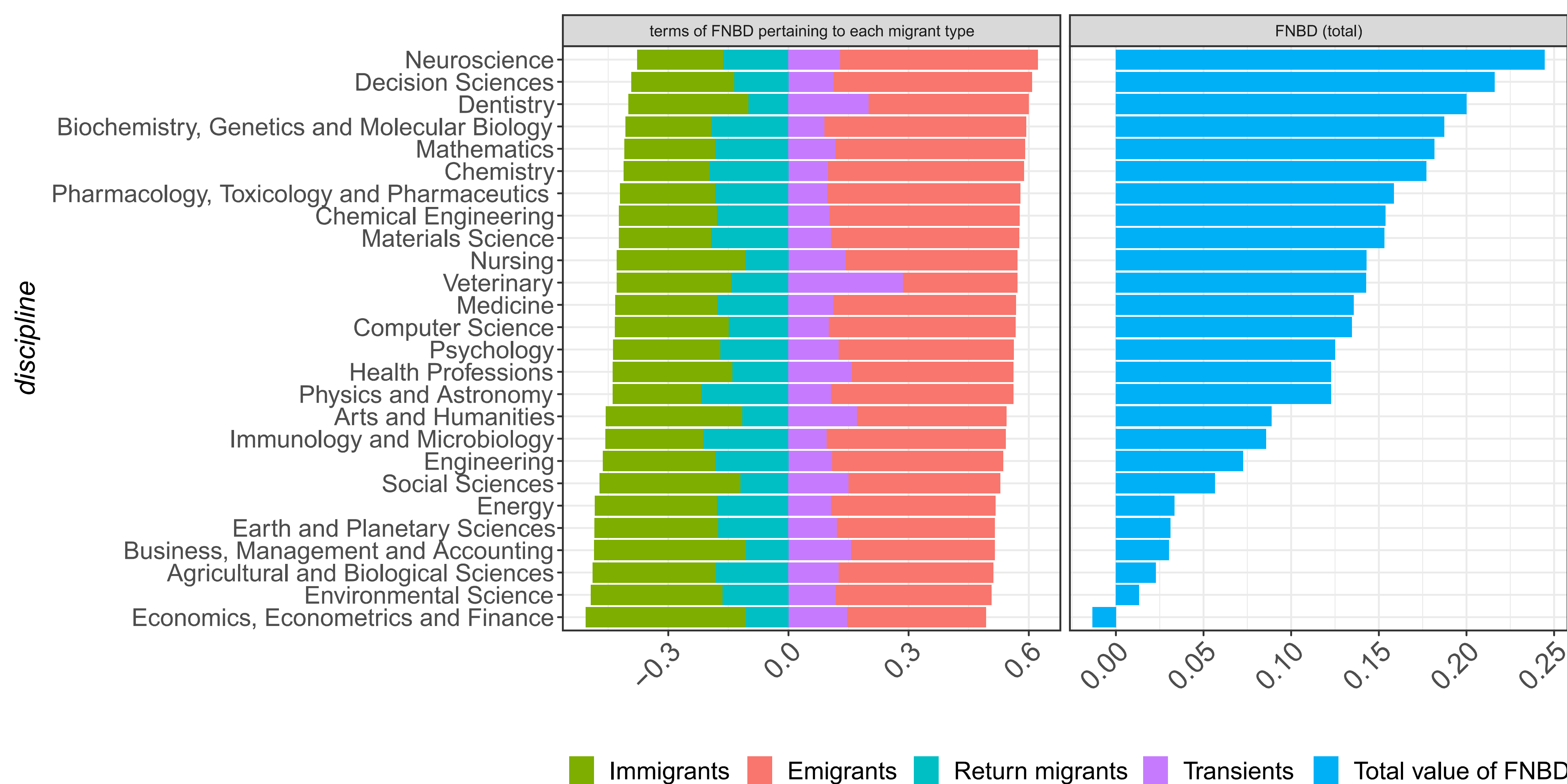
$$NMR_t = (IM_t - EM_t) / Population_t$$



Origin	Russia	Not Russia
Russia	Return migrants	Emigrants
Not Russia	Immigrants	Transients

4) Field-based Net Brain Drain:

$FNBD$ is calculated based on the normalized populations of **immigrants**, **return-migrants** (-1), **emigrants**, and **transients** (+1) for each of the 26 fields of scholarship.



discipline

■ Immigrants ■ Emigrants ■ Return migrants ■ Transients ■ Total value of FNBD



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