

# Teaching in STEM Disciplines: Open Source Methods

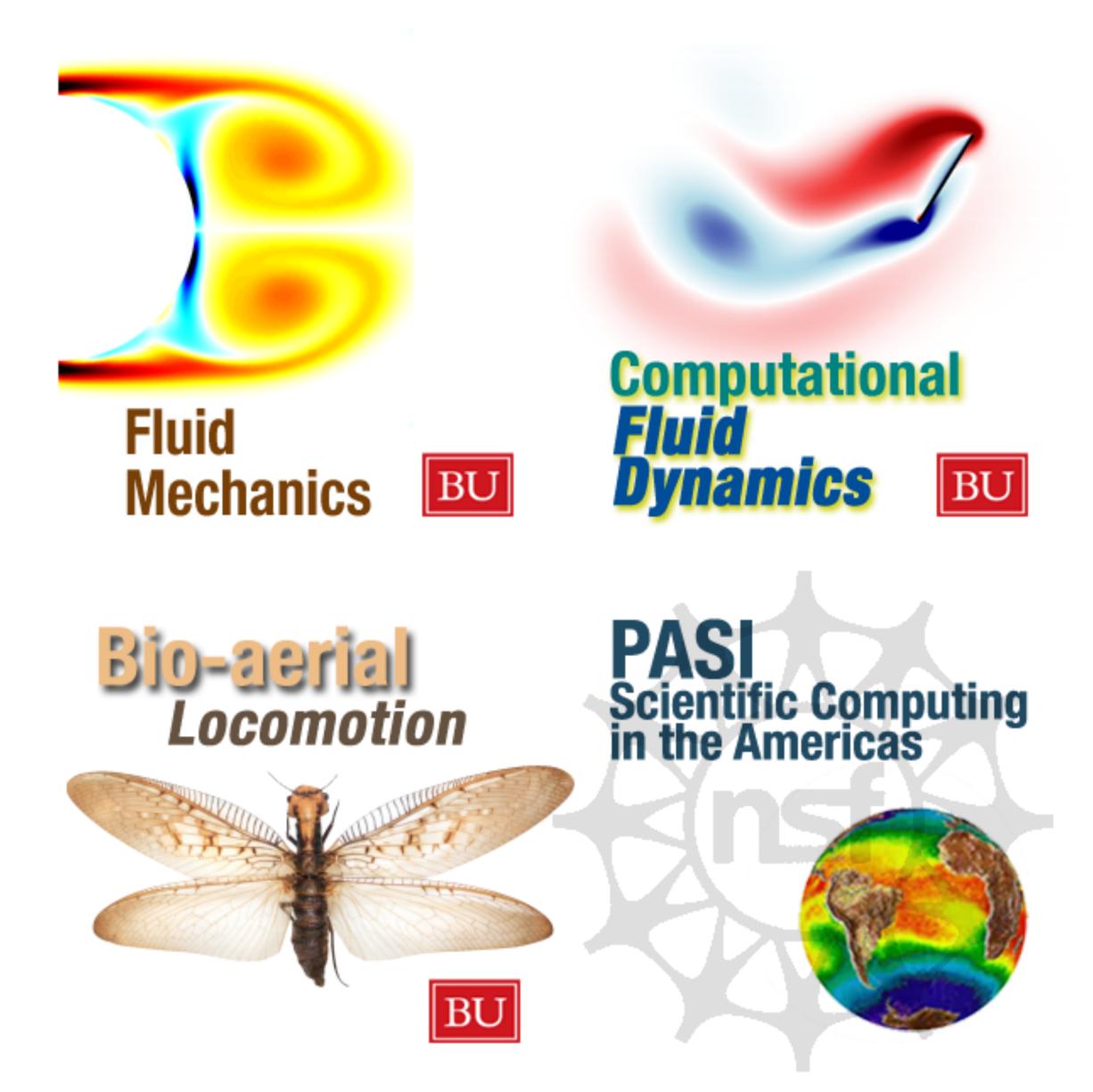


# Main messages

- Open Ed movement was inspired by free & open source software (FOSS).
- ▶ Most visible are OCW and OER efforts.
- Key features missed: open development, networked collaboration, community, value-based framework...

#### About me

- Sharing OER via
- iTunes U, YouTube, TED-Ed
- GitHub
- self-hosted Open edX site
- Disseminating via
- Twitter & self-hosted blog



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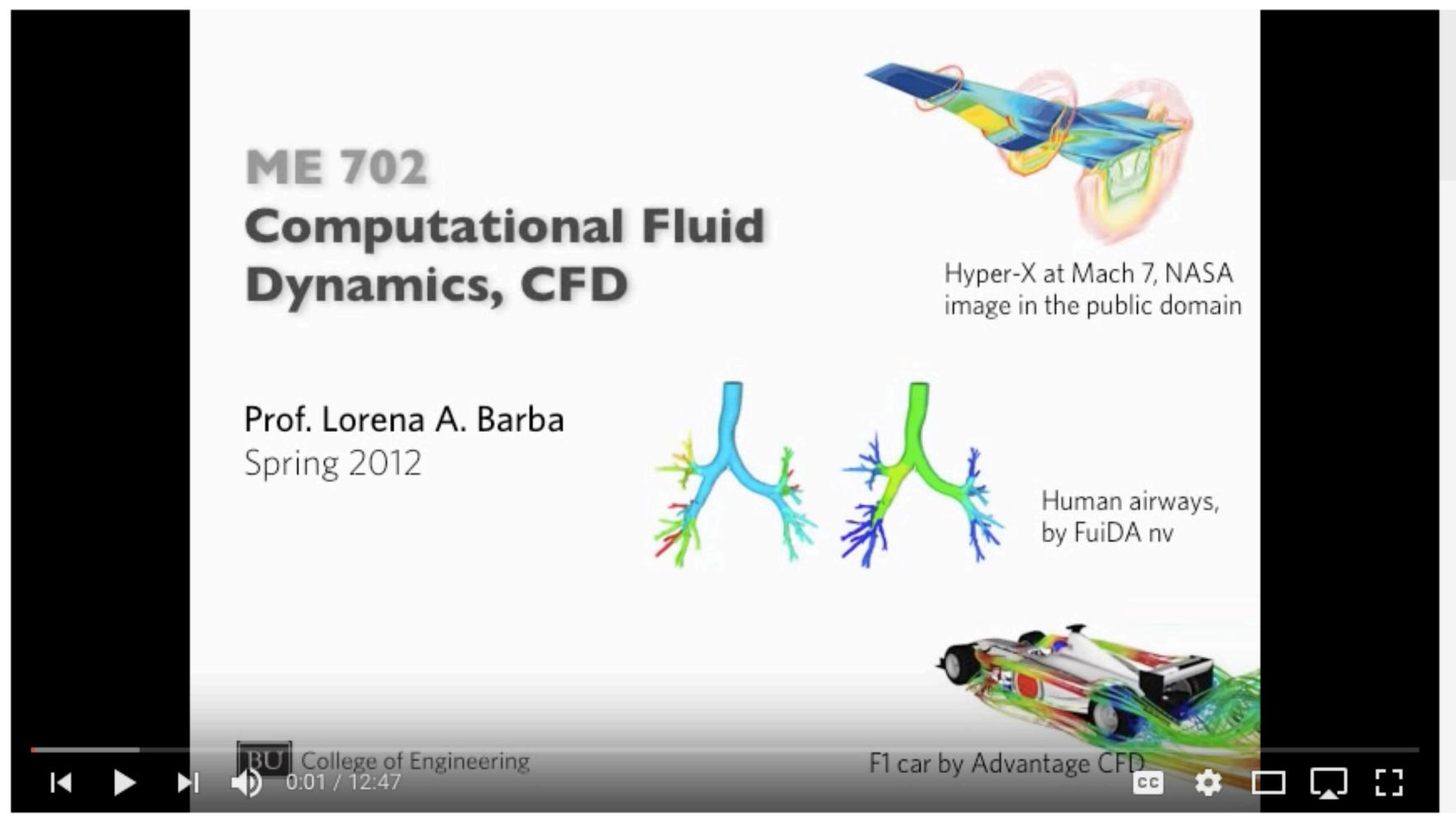
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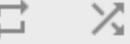






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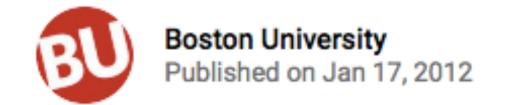






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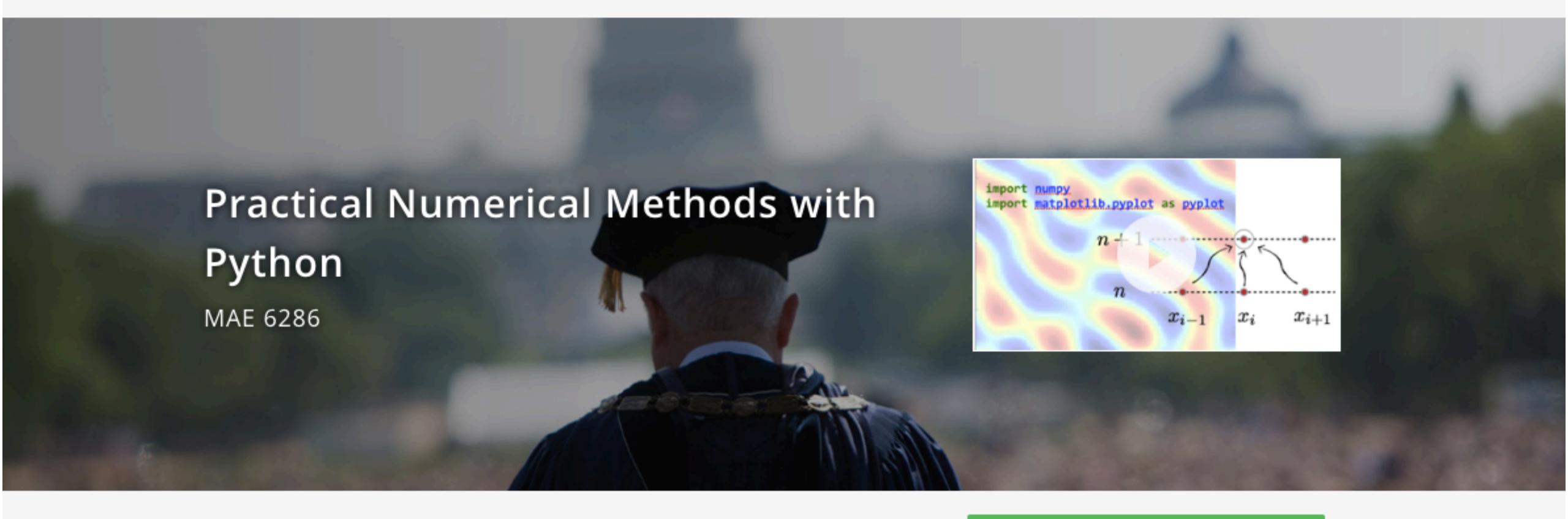






https://openedx.seas.gwu.edu





Start Date: Sep 1, 2017 Duration: 15 weeks

Price: Free

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#### Course Description

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# History of OER

- ▶ 1994: "learning object" —idea that digital materials can be made to be *reused*.
- ▶ 1998: "open content" —idea that principles of FOSS could be applied to content.
- 2001 founding of Creative Commons
   —MIT OpenCourseWare launched.

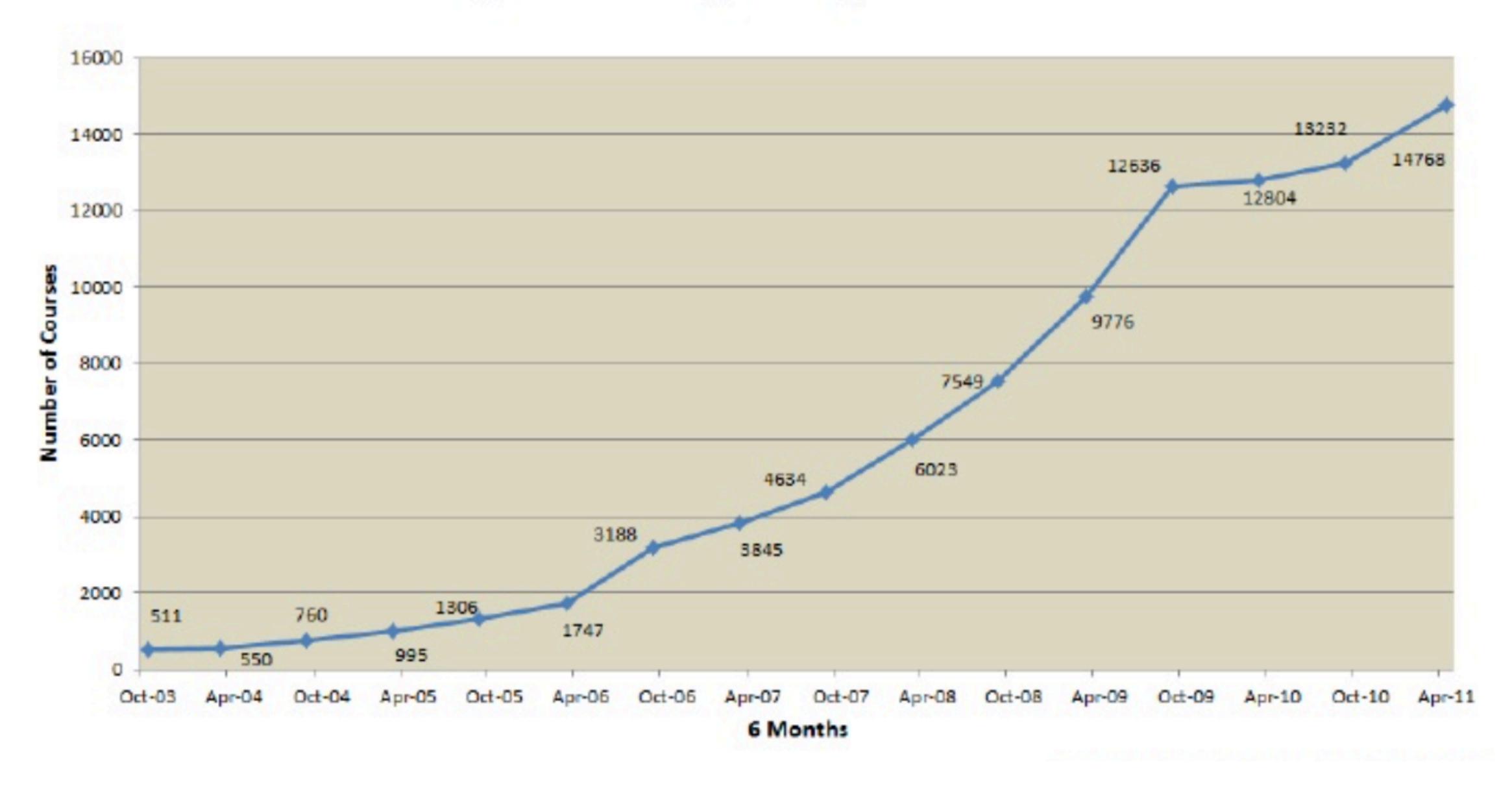
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# History of OER

- 2002: "open educational resources" coined
   UNESCO Forum.
- Others join the OCW movement: Rice, JHU, Tufts, CMU, USU...
- ▶ 2005: The OpenCourseWare Consortium
- ▶ 2007: OECD "Giving Knowledge for Free..."

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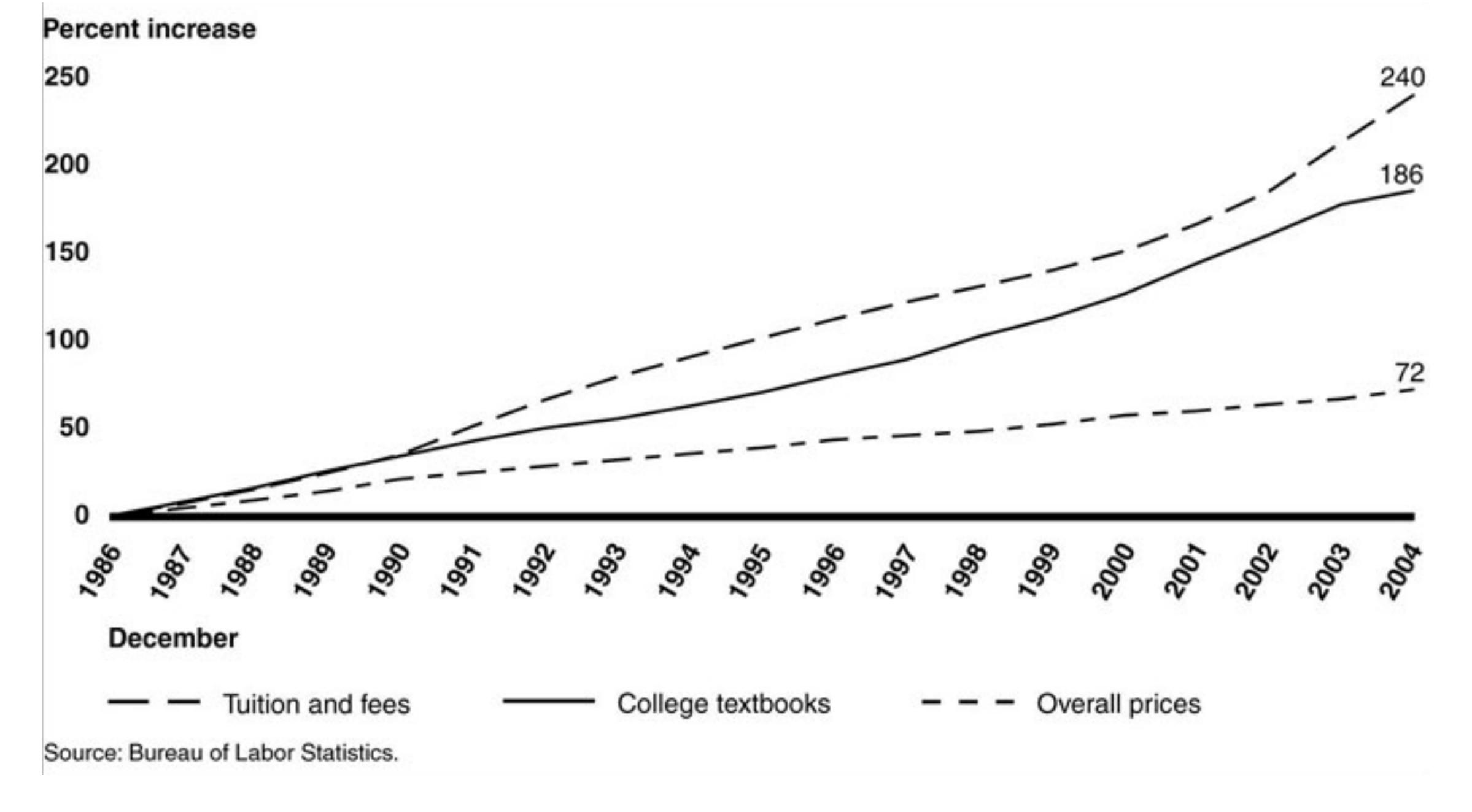
#### Number of original courses reported by OCW Consortium members



OpenCourseWare for EuroSakai Conference, Willem van Valkenburg on SlideShare (2011).

# Recurring topics in OER

- reducing cost of textbooks for students
- increasing access (for worldwide learners)
- copyright and licenses
- altruism & public good



Annual Increase in College Textbook Prices, College Tuition and Fees, and Overall Price Inflation, 1986–2004 (US Government Accountability Office).

### "A crisis of access"

- ▶ 800% rise in textbook costs over 30 years
- ▶ \$1,200 average spend per student/year
- ▶ \$4.3 billion earnings in higher-ed materials for publishers

# Little change in status quo

- 3,000 faculty surveyed on 2016
- ▶ 58% faculty not aware of OER
- ▶ 5.3% of courses using open textbooks

### Barriers

- ▶ 49% "not enough resources for my subject"
- ▶ 48% "too hard to find what I need"
- ▶ 45% "no comprehensive catalog"

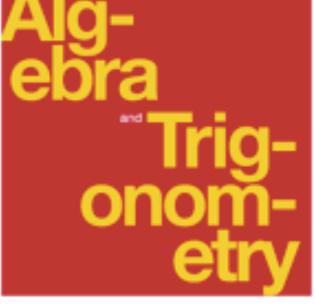
### What did 0ER miss from F0SS?

- developing in the open
- collaborating/contributing
- community around OS projects
- culture & value-based framework

# FOSS: developing in the open

- The OER narrative is often about: creation vs. adoption, author vs. user
- MIT OCW was never open for contributions.
- Rice's Connexions *intended* to be open for contributions, but this feature faded...

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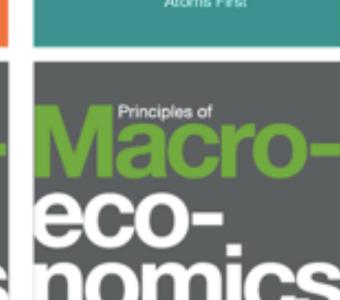
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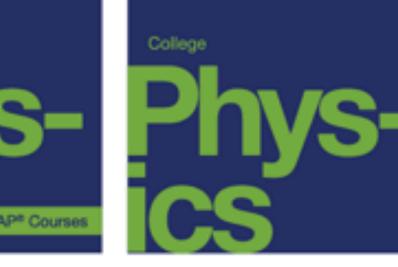
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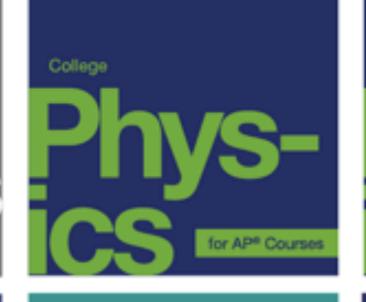
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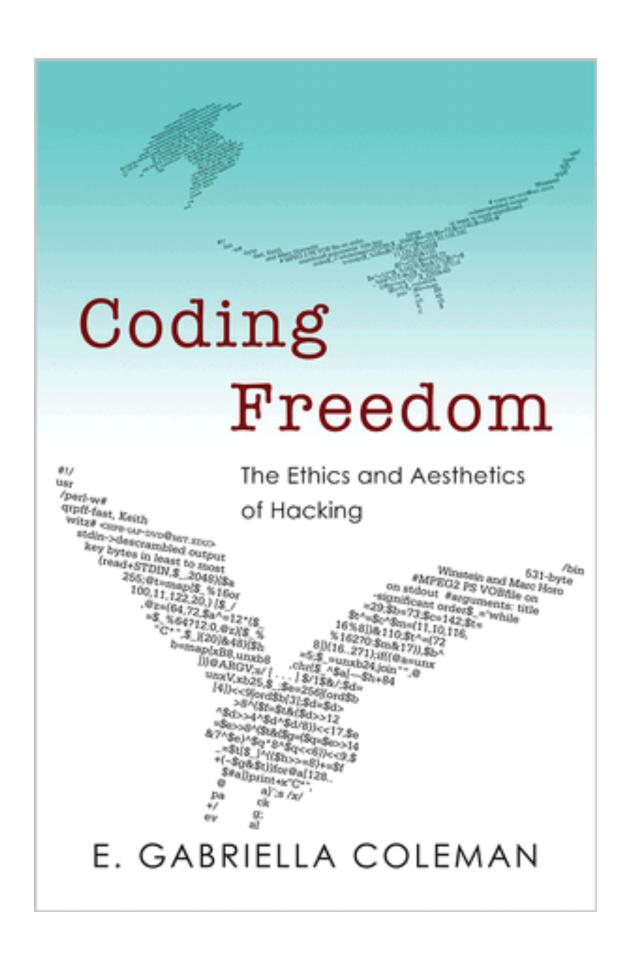
### We create huge amounts of OER, but there is very little reuse...

— Stephen Downes, VI International Seminar of the UNESCO chair in e-Learning (June2010)



Openness is about the possibilities of communicating with other people. It's not about *stuff*, what you do with stuff. It's about what you do with each other

— Stephen Downes, 2017



Open-Source Software projects build institutions that have very strong ethical **commitments**...

- (1) freedom of access
- (2) transparency
- (3) governance



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### Commitment-based culture of collaboration



I'm reviewing this PR.



Project contribution policy: "Log an issue for any question or problem."

# Why Open Education?

Pedagogy of openness—open teaching & learning practices actively promote rich networks, lively communities, and fertile connections.

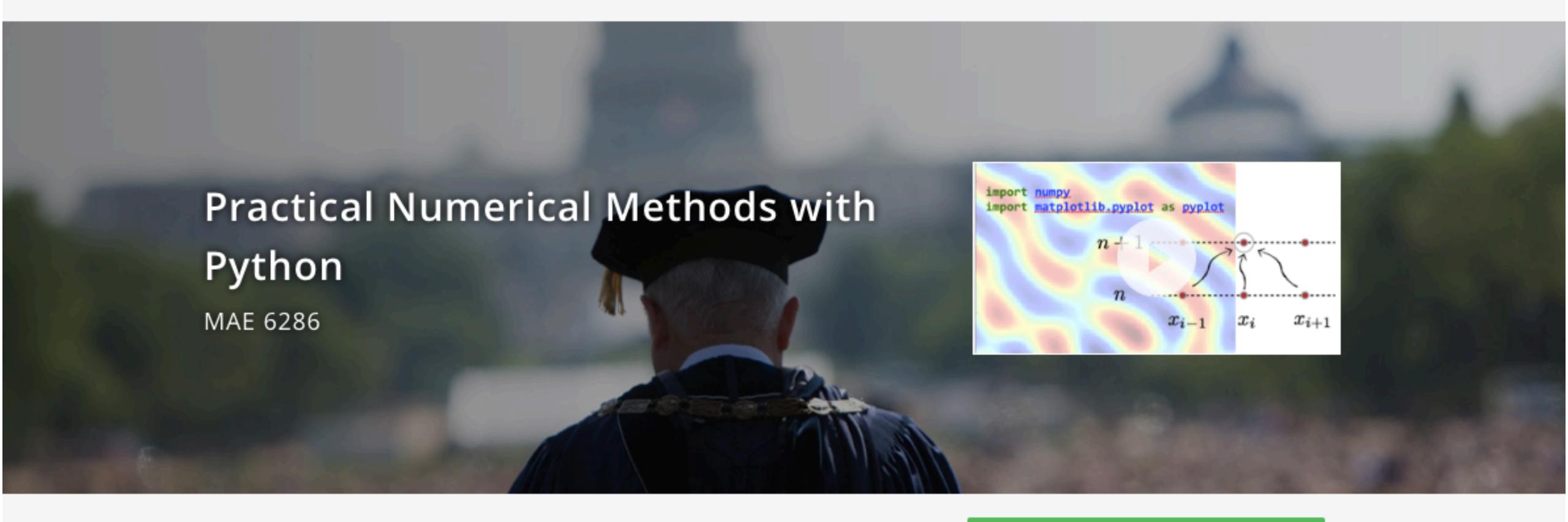
### Openness

...serves a pedagogical purpose: learning is richer by open sharing.

#### Coordination

...in the model of open-source culture, to create value together, fostering innovation & leadership.





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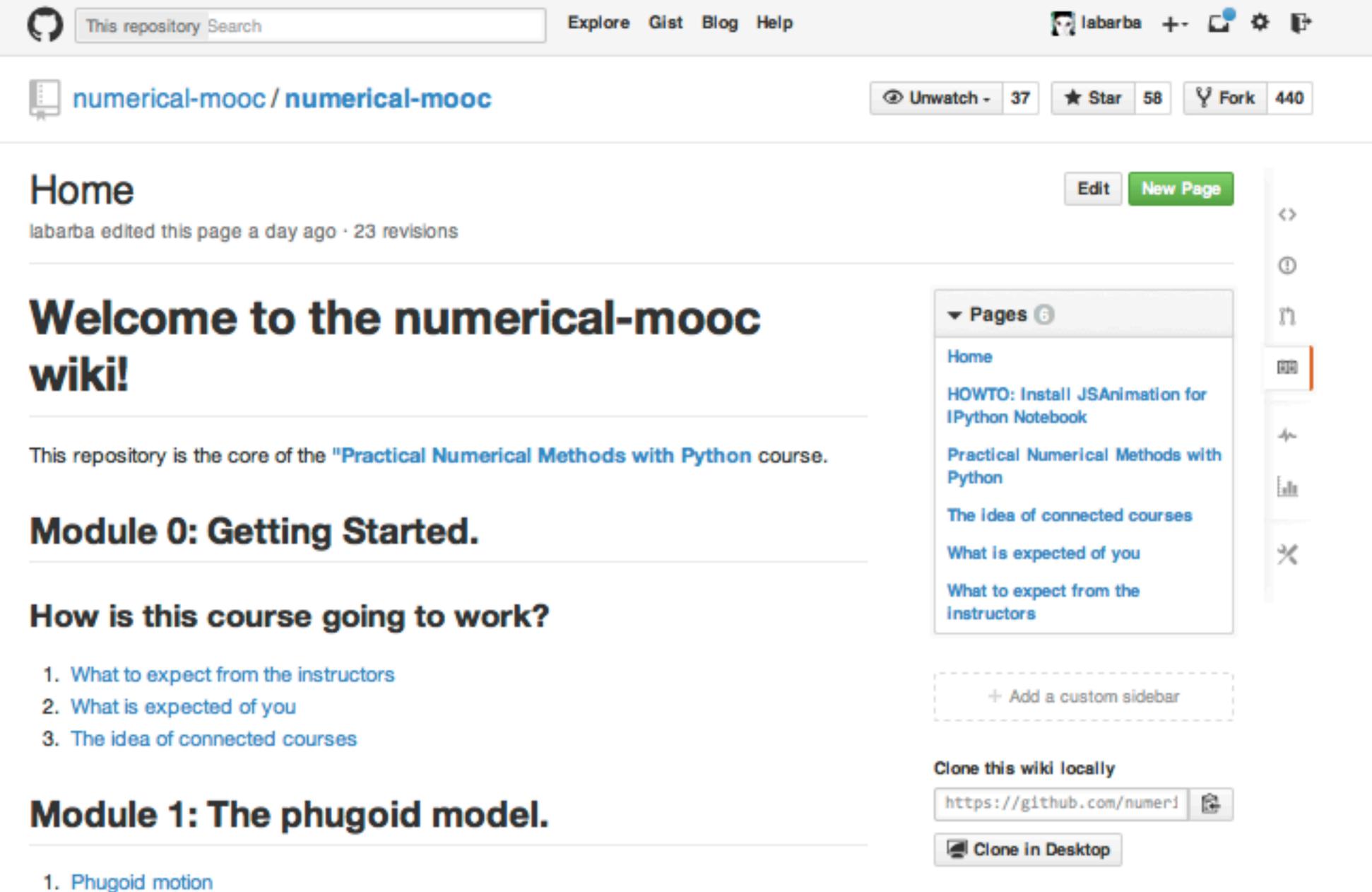
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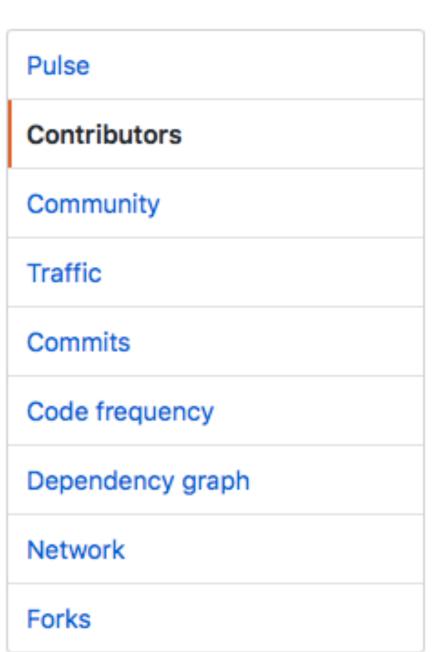
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#### 2. Phugoid oscillation

- 3. Full phugoid model
- 4. Bonus! Second-order and multi-step methods

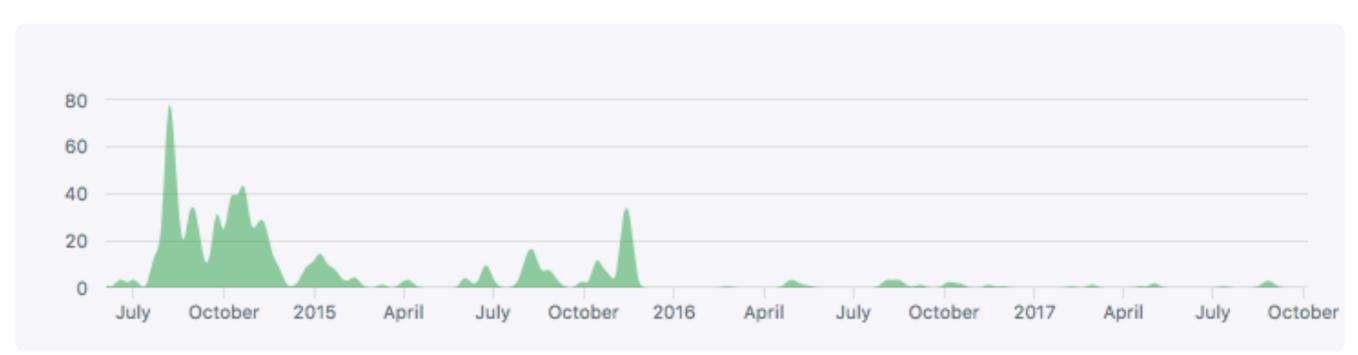
#### #numericalmooc



#### Jun 22, 2014 - Oct 24, 2017

Contributions: Commits ▼

Contributions to master, excluding merge commits





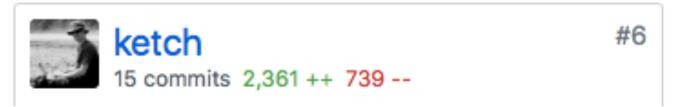






GitHub reports that the repository has 21 contributors. The main ones are myself and my co-author student, of course, but other instructors have made contributions...





# A new genre of OER



A set of open-source tools for interactive and exploratory computing.

# Computable content

Educational content made powerfully interactive via compute engines in the learning platform

# The course of the future — and the technology behind it

Jupyter Notebooks powering Berkeley's data science curriculum

http://data.berkeley.edu/news/coursefuture

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By Andrew Odewahn. May 7, 2015

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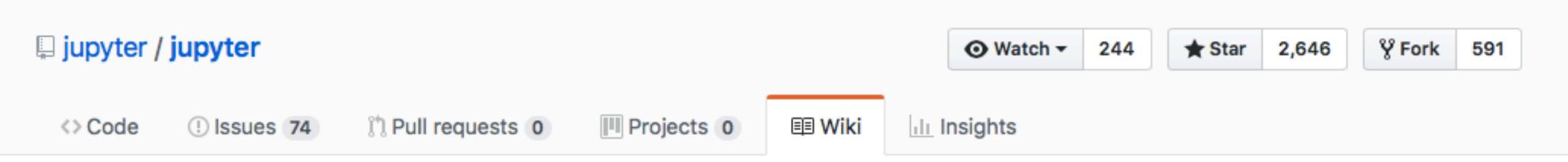
Data visualization with Seaborn

### Demo:

http://go.gwu.edu/engcomp2lesson4



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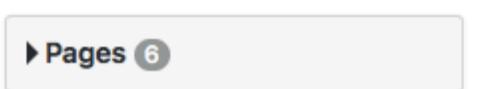
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Note that Matt Davis has conveniently written a set of bookmarklets and extensions to make it a one-click affair to load a Notebook URL into your browser of choice, directly opening into nbyiewer.

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