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Causal realism invites us to say that things **have the causal power** to affect other things.

The weird thing is that most physical and natural scientists think about causation in a realist way, but in the social sciences we tell ourselves not to because it isn't scientific (!).