Open Science and Open Data

Introduction, motivations and how to do it!





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Outline

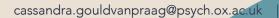
- The problems which open science (and open data) aim to address
- Solutions (practical and policy) to improve transparency
- Open by design: Preparing your project for data sharing



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The problems which open science (and open data) aim to address



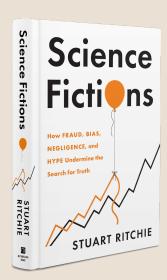


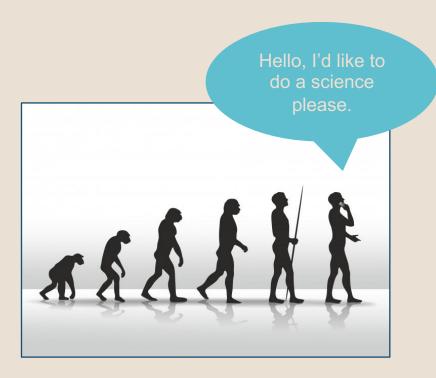


Research is done by humans

We experience and respond to:

- **Incentives**
- **Motivations**
- Bias
- Negligence
- Fraud

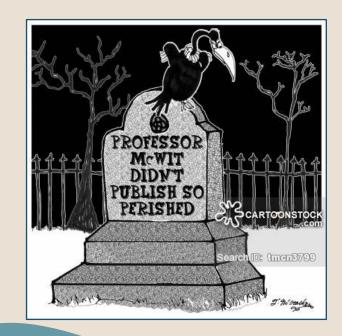






Incentive Structures

- Publish regularly
- Publish "exciting" results in a high impact journal
- Make sure your work is cited
- Replications are not exciting
- Null results are not exciting
- Tell a story which supports your hypothesis





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Publication bias

Randomized clinical trials with positive findings are nearly four times more likely to be submitted and published than trials with negative or null findings.

They are also published 2-3 years earlier than trials with negative findings and more likely to be published in English or in journals with higher impact factor.

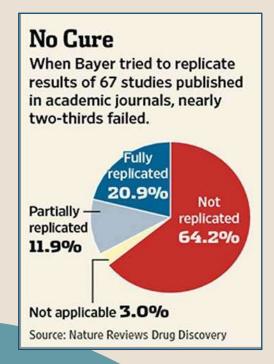






"The success rates for new development projects in Phase II trials have fallen from 28% to 18% in recent years, with insufficient efficacy being the most frequent reason for failure."

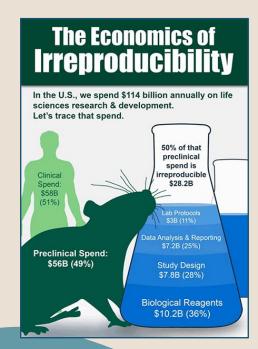
"...validation projects [...] have often resulted in disillusionment when key data could not be reproduced."



Prinz, F., et al. (2011). Nat Rev Drug Discovery

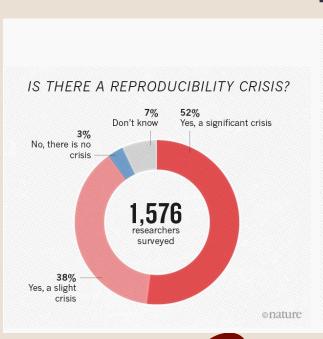


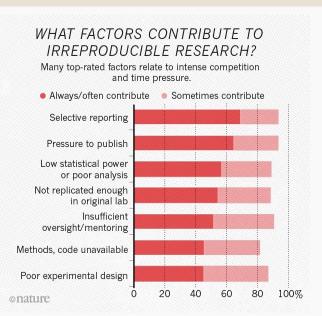
"By now, most scientists are familiar with the global and enormously expensive problem of irreproducible biomedical research."

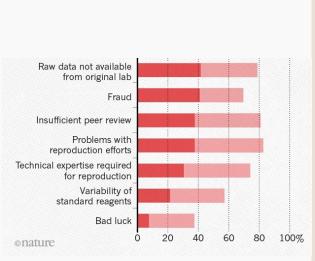


"Irreproducibility: A \$28B Year Problem with some Tangible Solutions" (2015). Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology News



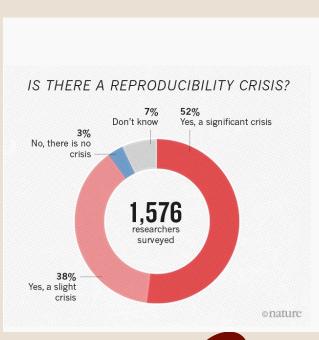


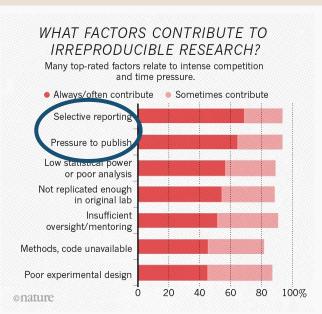




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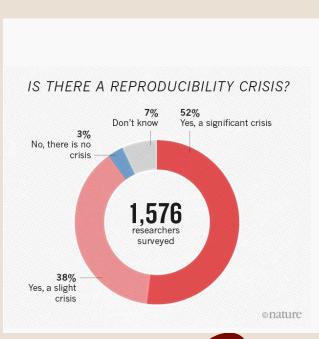


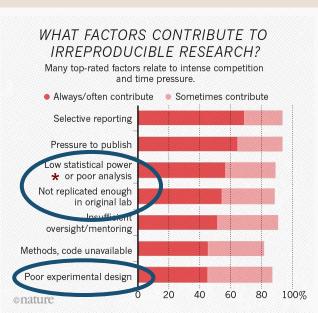


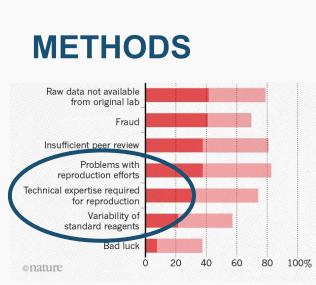


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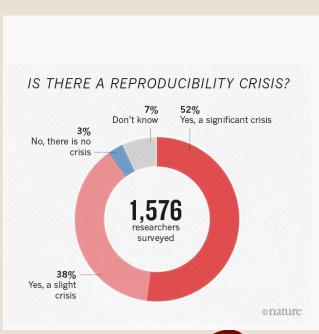


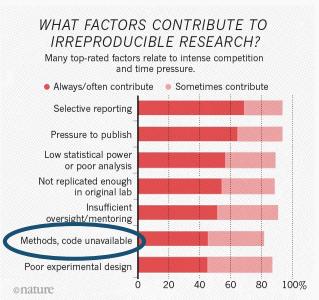


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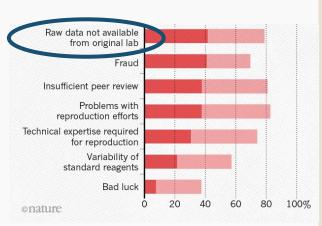
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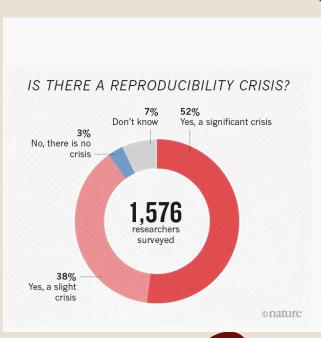


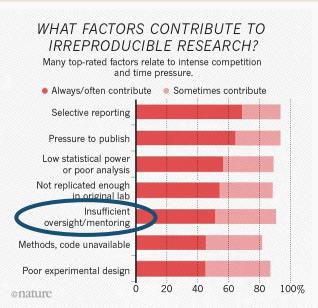
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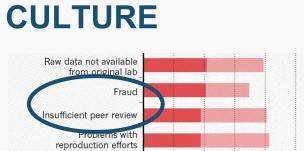


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Solutions (practical and policy) to improve transparency

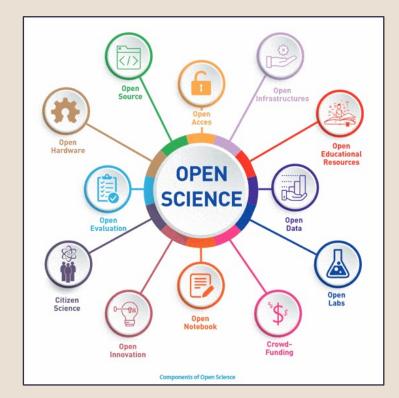




Practical: Open Science

"System of practices for ensuring transparency and reproducibility of research findings."

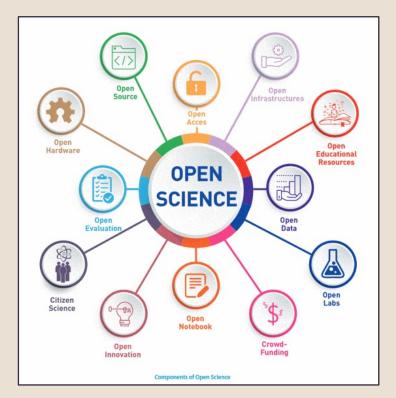
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Practical: Open Science

- 1. Publish (share) all your research outputs
- 2. Make them Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Reusable (FAIR)





Policy: Assessment reform



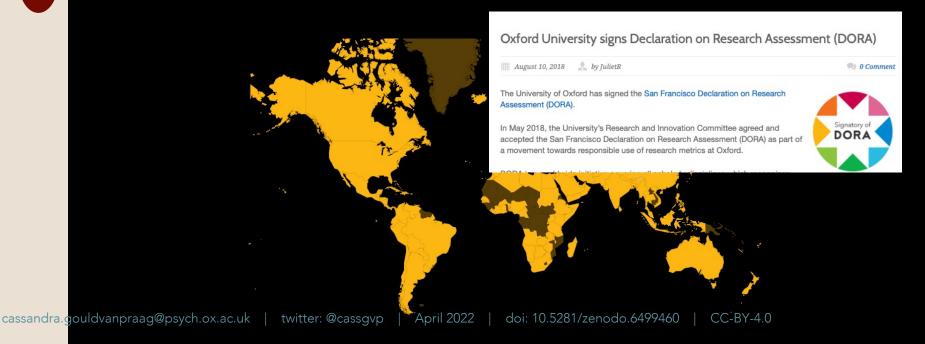
"Eliminate the use of journal-based metrics (e.g. Journal Impact Factors, Hindex), in funding, appointment, and promotion considerations."

"Assess research on its own merits rather than on the basis of the journal in which the research is published."



Policy: Assessment reform

20,973 individuals and organizations in 153 countries have signed DORA to date.





Policy: Funder mandates



"We were the first research funder to introduce a mandatory open access policy."

"Our policy and guidance on data, software and materials management and sharing sets out what we expect of our researchers."

"We encourage research outputs to be shared in line with the FAIR principles (findable, accessible, interoperable and reusable)."



Policy: Funder mandates



"UKRI is [...] taking a leading and coordinating role in overseeing the development of open research data policies, infrastructure and services"

"UKRI aims to achieve open research data that is 'findable', accessible, interoperable and re-useable (FAIR)"





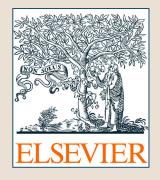
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"The NIHR strongly supports the sharing of data in the most appropriate way."



Policy: Publisher mandates

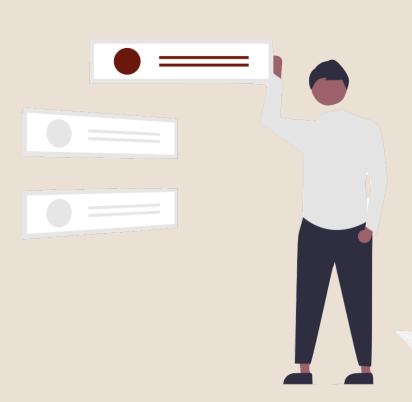


"Research data should be made available free of charge to all researchers wherever possible and with minimal reuse restrictions."



Enable researchers to achieve "community best practices in the sharing and archiving of research data. We also aim to facilitate compliance with research funder and institution requirements to share data."





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Open by design: Preparing your project for data sharing







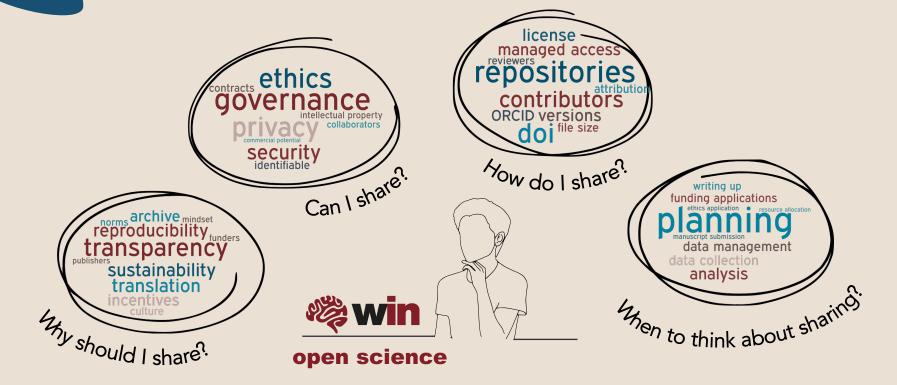
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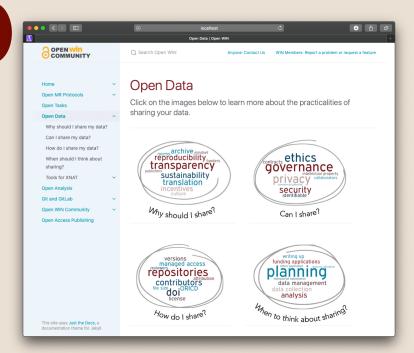
Incorporate sharing into your planning

- What is easy for you to achieve now?
- What is your stretch goal?
- What complications are specific to your work?

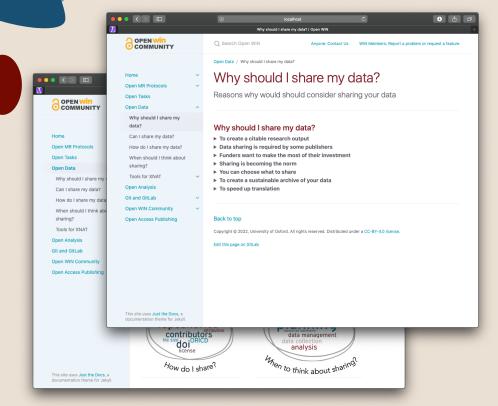




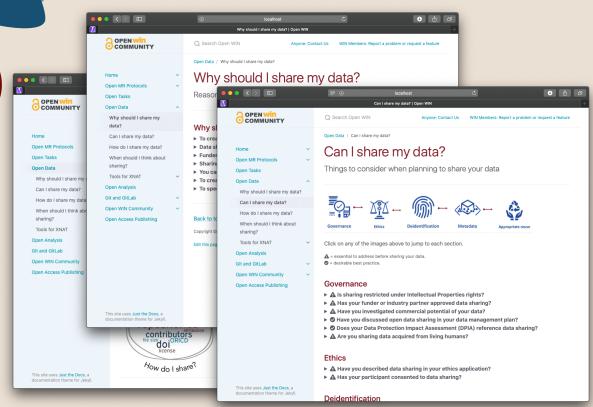




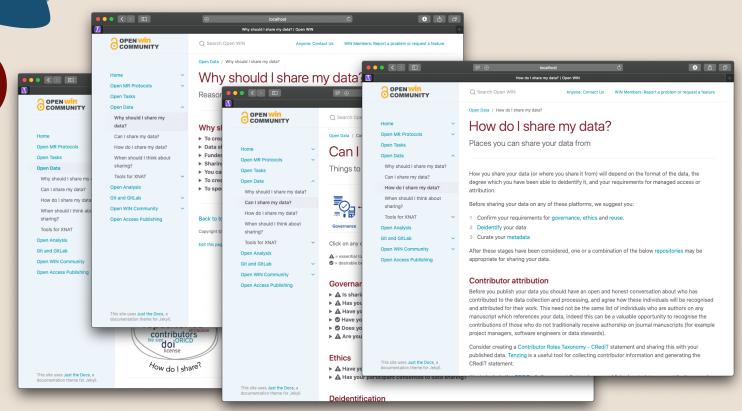




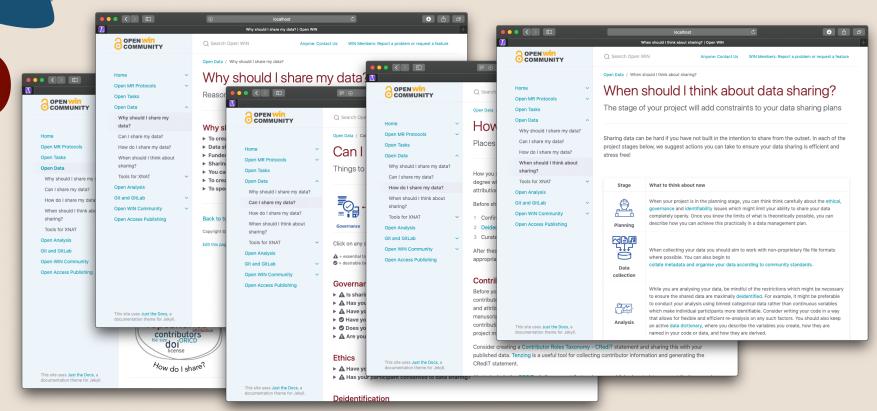














Conclusions

- "Closed" science is susceptible to human biases and error
- Publishing research outputs improves transparency and reproducibility
- Decision framework for designing open projects: Why, Can, How, When



- 1. When do you need a contract to share data?
- 2. Is it legal to share data through publications?
- 3. What types of data can I share?
- 4. What platforms exist for sharing?
- 5. How much control do we have about what is shared, to whom, and when?



1. When do you need a contract to share data?

- When it isn't anonymous, otherwise it is GDPR Personal Data
- Anything in participant space is unique to the individual and *potentially* identifiable
- If anonymous but you want to restrict reuse with specific requirements (e.g. Authorship)





1. When do you need a contract to share data?

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- 1. When do you need a contract to share data?
- WIN Data Usage Agreements (DUA) will:
 - Explicitly inhibit re-identification
 - Give you authorship control
 - Give you "downstream" sharing control
 - Impose funder specific requirements (e.g. Acknowledgements)



- 2. Is it legal to share data through publications?
- Yes, when:
 - 1. The data are anonymous, AND/OR
 - 2. You are confident that you have the right license in place, have arranged a contract, or when using one of WINs Data Usage Agreements



3. What types of data can I share?

- 1. Raw (with correct contract / licence)
- 2. Maximally de-identified (with correct contract / licence)
- 3. Anonymised participant level
- 4. Derived participant level
- 5. Values used to generate your figures!



4. What platforms exist for sharing?





- All data types, anonymous only, any CC license, embargo, reviewer only links, doi
- All data types, anonymous only, any CC license, embargo, reviewer only links, doi + doi versions



4. What platforms exist for sharing?



MR data only, anonymous (statistical maps), CC-0 only



MR, MEG, EEG, PET, anonymised only (normalised space), CC-0 only, requires BIDS



4. What platforms exist for sharing?



Any data and DUAs can be created. Long process for ethical and privacy review.



Non-human, post mortem, "conditions of use" specified by the researcher



- 5. How much control do we have about what is shared, to whom, and when?
- Legally, as much as you want if/when you specify the terms.



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