Your handy dandy guide to generalisable research

	Same	Different
Data	Reproducible	Replicable
Code	Robust	Generalisable

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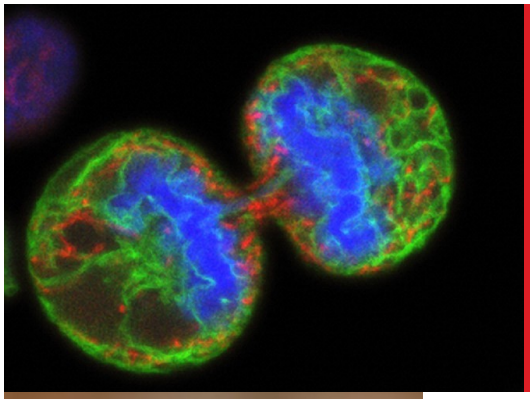
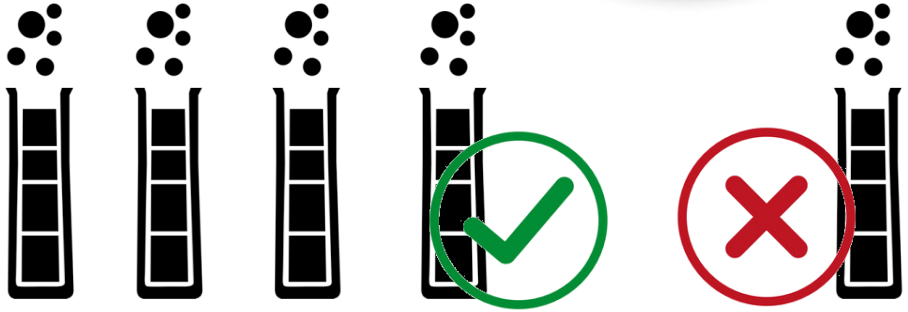


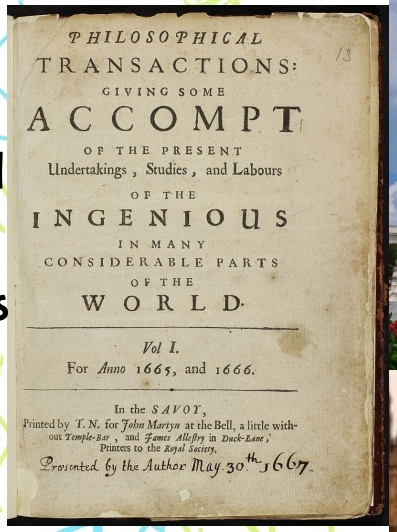
What is generalisable research?

And why do we need it?



The way academia works at the moment is that **scientists do lots and lots of work** and then **publish their work in journals** to share their findings with others.

Originally they were visited in person by other researchers...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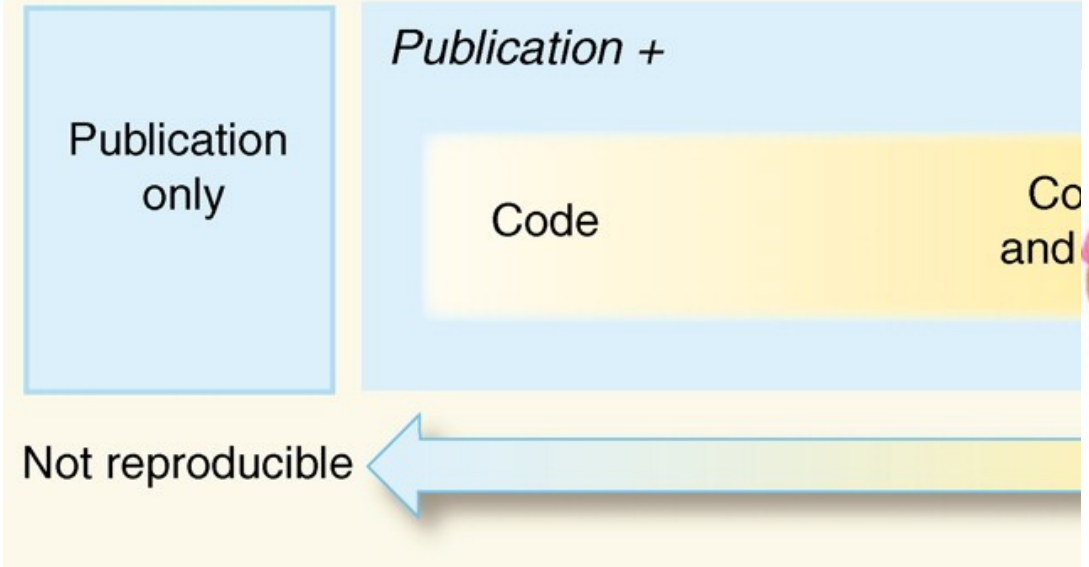
Vol I.
For Anno 1665, and 1666.

In the SAVOY,
Printed by T. N. for John Martyn at the Bell, a little without Temple-Bar, and James Allestry in Duck-Lane, Printers to the Royal Society.
Presented by the Author May 30th 1667

But nowadays its very difficult to know **exactly** what people did! It isn't standard to share data or detailed instructions!

need generalisable research to make useful policies, and **doctors** need it to know how best to treat you!



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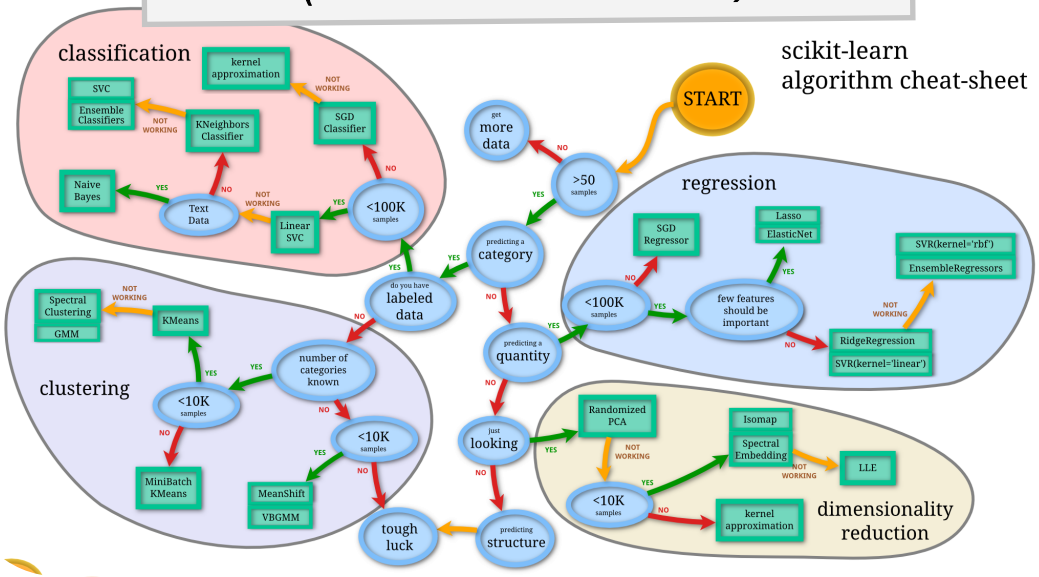
Research is ROBUST if you conclude

the same answer even when you

use different analysis techniques

(on the same data set)



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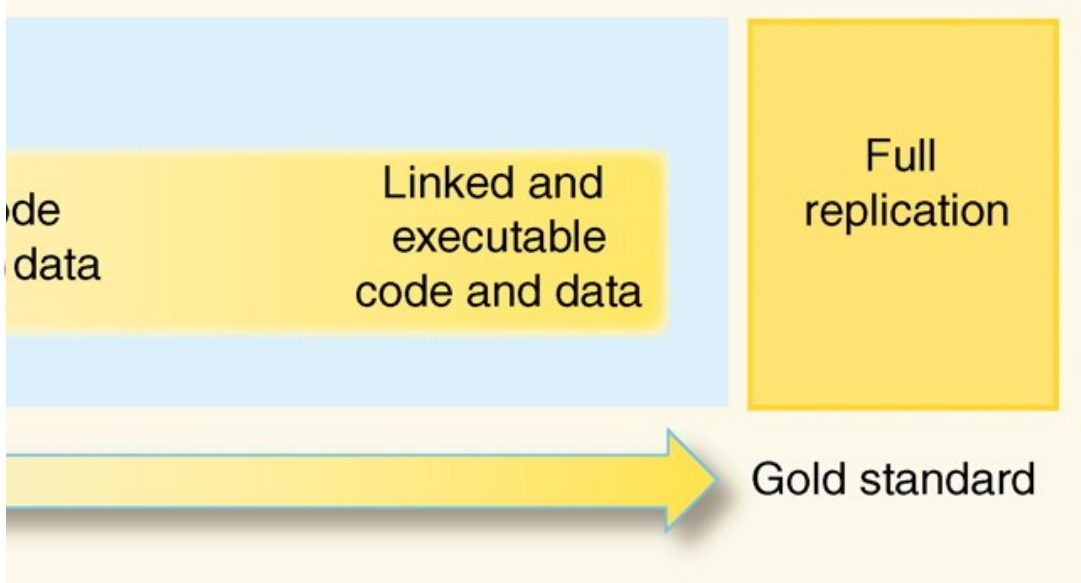
Research is REPRODUCIBLE if independent scientists can get exactly the same results when you give them your data

Reproducible research should be the **bare minimum** requirement! Without the data and the code (if you used any) you're only publishing **a nice story.**



Blindsight is when people who can't consciously see can accurately guess what's around them.

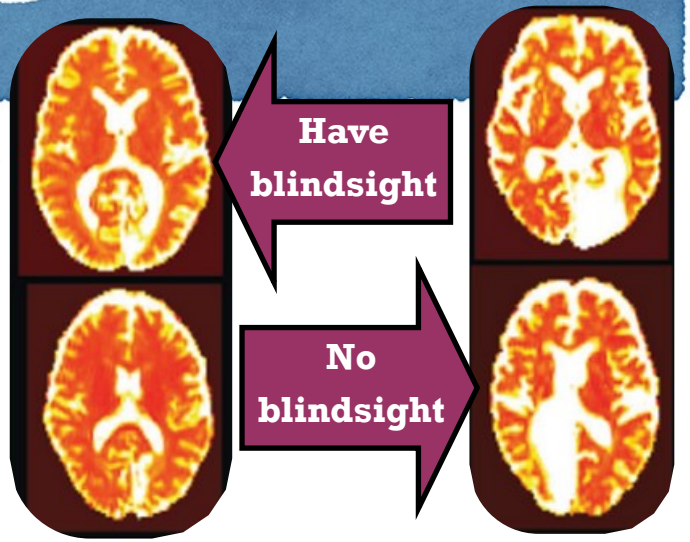
Some blind people can even walk around avoiding obstacles. (Even though when you ask them they say they don't know what's there!)

The original authors found evidence for blindsight...

...but recently other scientists didn't replicate

But knowing these conflicts means we **can refine our understanding**.

Maybe it depends on what type of brain damage the patients have!?



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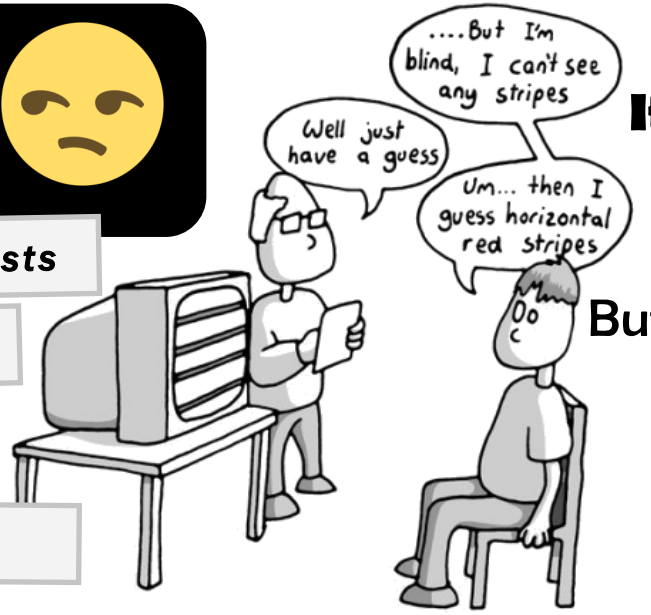
Research is REPLICABLE if other scientists (or you!) conclude the same message when the follow your exact analysis but using an independent data set



It's ok if we don't replicate everything! It doesn't mean anyone is lying.

But it is important to know if the finding only works for the original data.

Otherwise we can't begin to **generalise** the finding.