Why doing reproducible research?

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Reproducibility: good for you, good for everyone

Automation (good code) saves time



My rule of thumb: every analysis you do on a dataset will have to be redone 10–15 times before publication. Plan accordingly. #Rstats

Code = fully traceable, reproducible analysis



Code advantages:

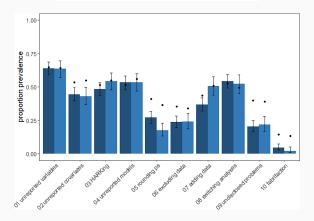
- Easier writing
- · Easier, deeper review
- · Reusable

Transparency prevents bad practices

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Questionable research practices in ecology and evolution

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p-hacking, HARKing, data fabrication...

Transparency avoids unnecessary disputes

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The war over supercooled water

How a hidden coding error fueled a seven-year dispute between two of condensed matter's top theorists.

Ashley C. Smart

Over the next seven years, the perplexing discrepancy would ignite a bitter conflict, with junior scientists caught in the crossfire. At stake were not only the reputations of the two groups but also a peculiar theory that sought to explain some of water's deepest and most enduring mysteries. Earlier this year, the dispute was finally settled. And as it turns out, the entire ordeal was the result of botched code.

Transparency brings better science



I'm co-author on a study currently published only as a publicly available discussion paper. My code was on GitHub.

A colleague read the paper, thought the results looked weird, checked my code, found a bug and emailed me about it

This is how science should work. #openscience

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Many journals (and funders) value/require reproducibility

As a condition for publication in ESA journals, all underlying data and statistical code pertinent to the results presented in the publication must be made available in a permanent, publicly accessible data archive or repository, with rare exceptions (see



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'Papers with exemplary data and code archiving are more valuable for future research and [...] will be given higher priority for publication'

(Molecular Ecology)

Higher impact: cites, reuse, reputation

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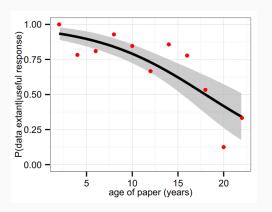
The citation advantage of linking publications to research data

Giovanni Colavizza o 1.2, lain Hrynaszkiewicz o 3.4, Isla Staden 1.5, Kirstie Whitaker o 1.6, Barbara McGillivray 1.6*

Colavizza et al 2020

Let's stop losing data & code

The Availability of Research Data Declines Rapidly with Article Age

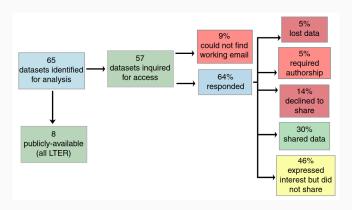


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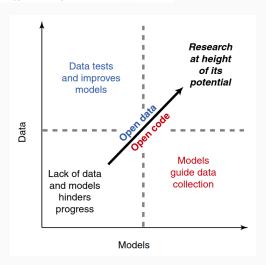
Wolkovich et al 2012

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Reproducible workflows facilitate collaboration

and make everyone happier

