

Data Sharing and Transparency in Policy and Practice at NIH

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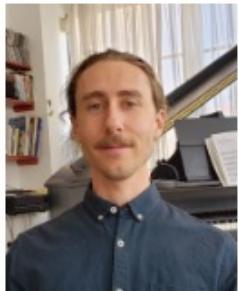


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Roadmap

- Who am I? (who I'm not)
- History of Data Sharing
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What is the NIH?



- 27 different institutes and centers
- \$47 billion USD in 2024
 - ~ 85% = Extramural grants
 - ~ 15% = Intramural Research Program (IRP)
 - Intramural ≠ 
- National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) Intramural Research Program (IRP)
 - ~ 40 research groups
 - ~ 12 research support groups
 - One of which: Data Science and Sharing Team (DSST)

My Team



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Data Scientist



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Data Scientist



Mia Zwally
Post-bac Trainee



Arshitha Basavaraj
Data Engineer



Jessica Dafflon
Data Scientist



Interested in working with us? Reach out! http://bit.ly/adamt_osrp

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Adoption of Open Science is Happening

NEWS | 16 February 2022 | Correction [16 February 2022](#)

nature

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Nature, Feb 2022 [DOI:10.1038/d41586-022-00402-1](#)



Science, Jan 2023 [DOI:10.1126/science.adg8142](#)

Recent Progress in Data Sharing

NEWS | 16 February 2022 | Correction [16 February 2022](#)

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Are we there yet?

READY, SET, SHARE!

As funders roll out new requirements for making data freely available, researchers weigh costs and benefits *By Jocelyn Kaiser and Jeffrey Brainard*

History of Data Sharing in the US

FINAL NIH STATEMENT ON SHARING RESEARCH DATA

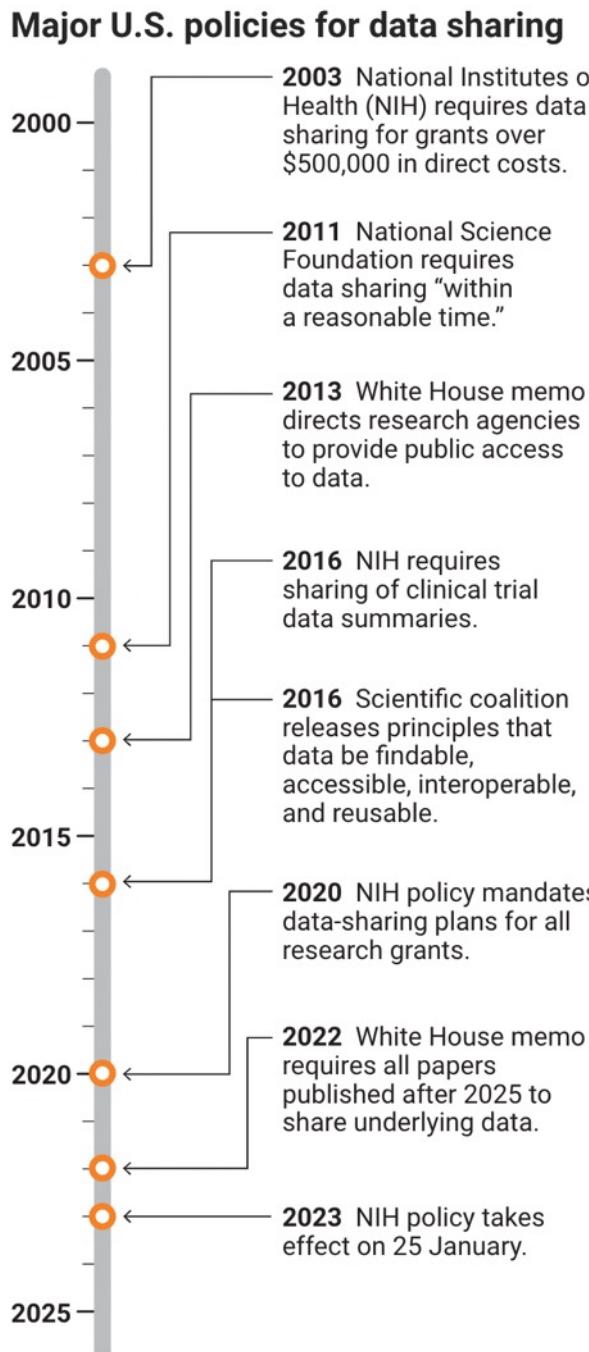
RELEASE DATE: February 26, 2003

NOTICE: NOT-OD-03-032

National Institutes of Health ((NIH))

As part of NIH's long-standing policy to share and make available to the public the results and accomplishments of the activities that it funds, NIH announced and invited comments on a draft statement about the sharing of final research data on March 1, 2002. Since that time,

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-03-032.html>

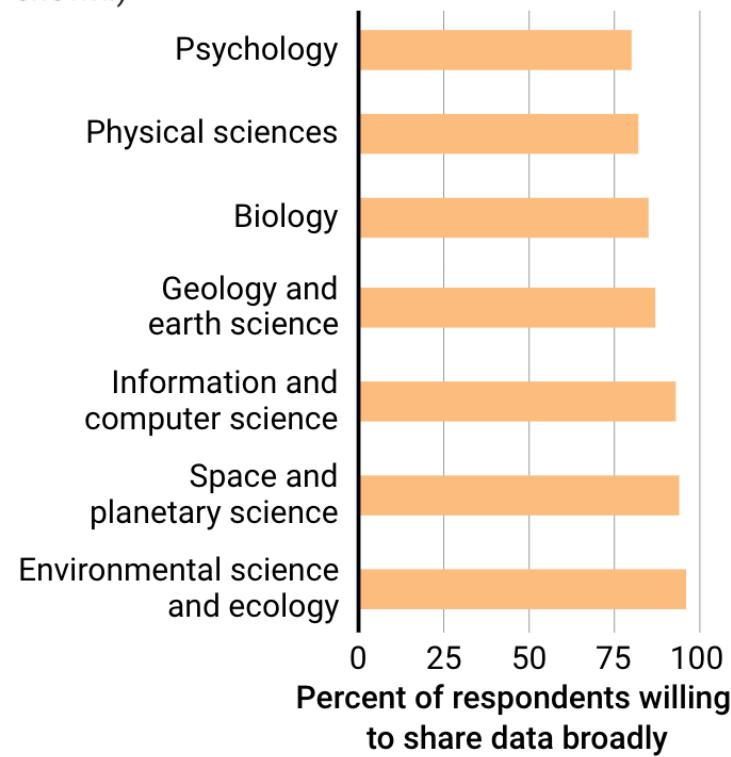


Data Sharing Attitudes

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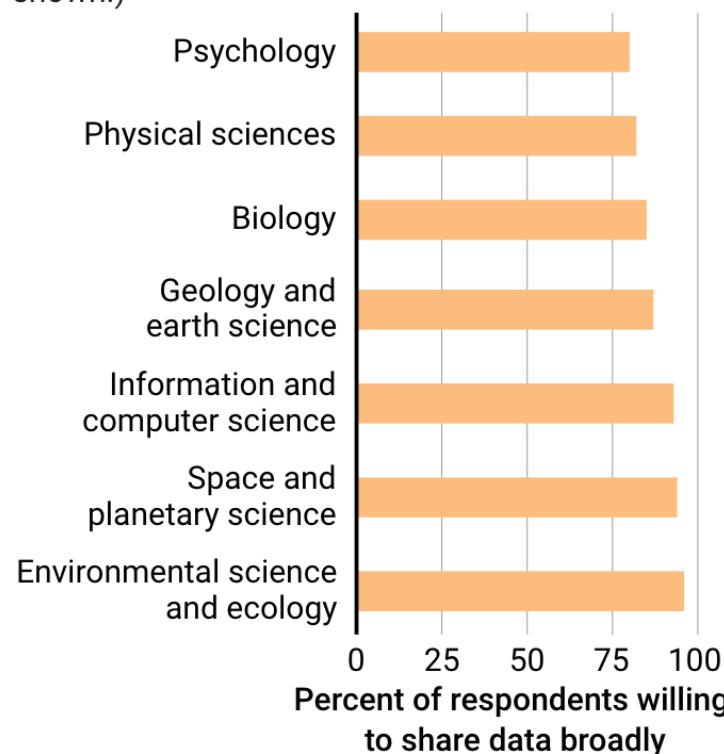


Data Sharing Attitudes vs Practice

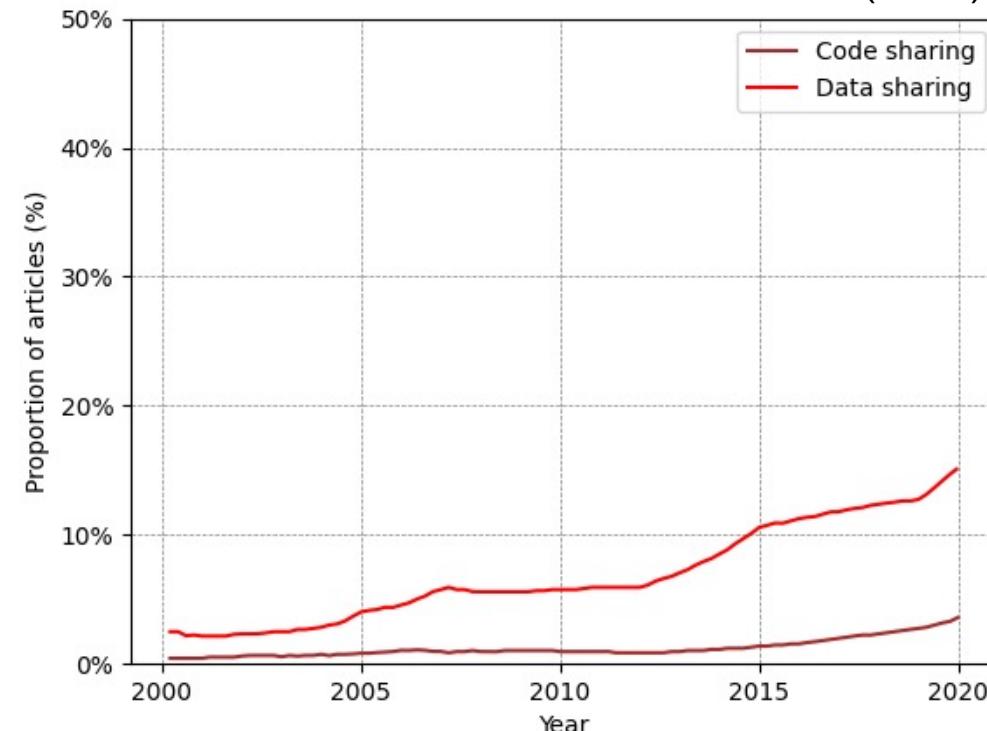
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2.75M Publications in PubMed Central (PMC)



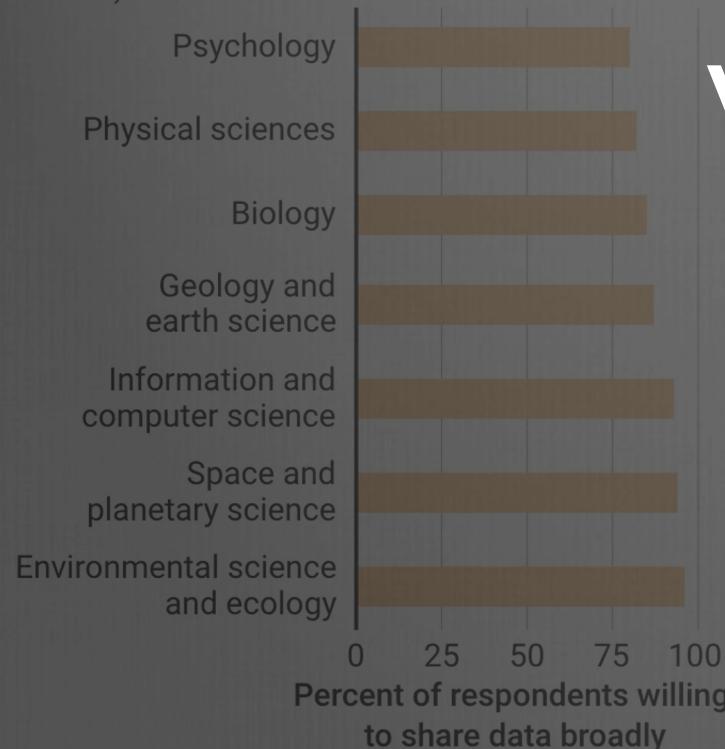
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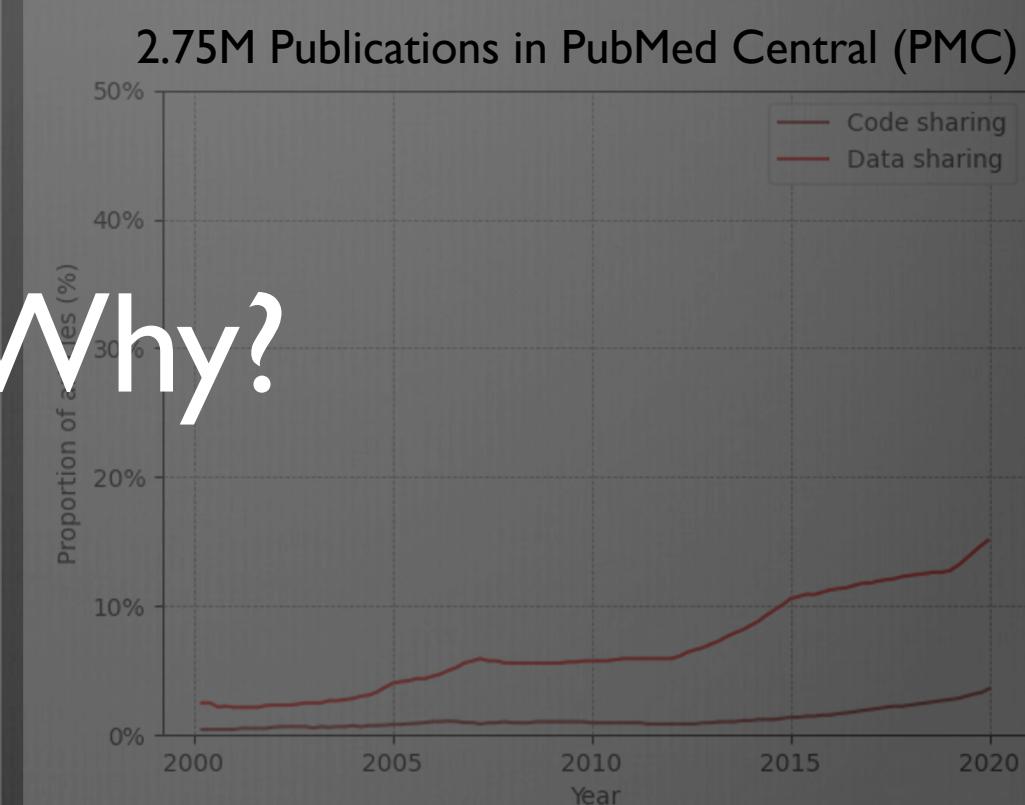
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Why?



Adoption of Option Science is a "Cultural Change"



Vs.



Today

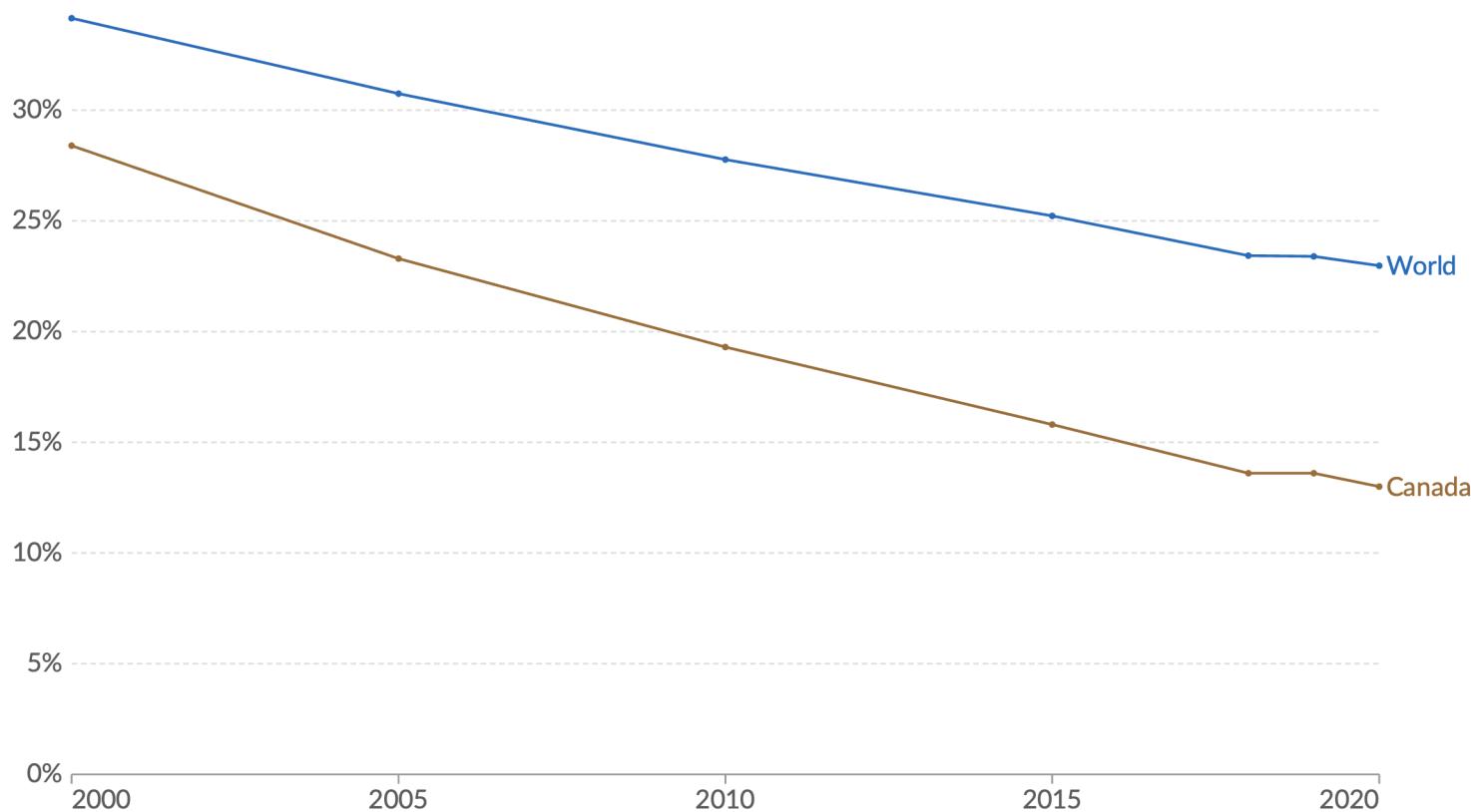
1940s

Cultural change can be slow

Share of adults who smoke, 2000 to 2020

Our World
in Data

Share of people aged 15 and older who smoke any tobacco product on a daily or non-daily basis. It excludes smokeless tobacco use. Smoking is a risk factor¹ for chronic complications, including cancers, cardiovascular disease², and premature death.

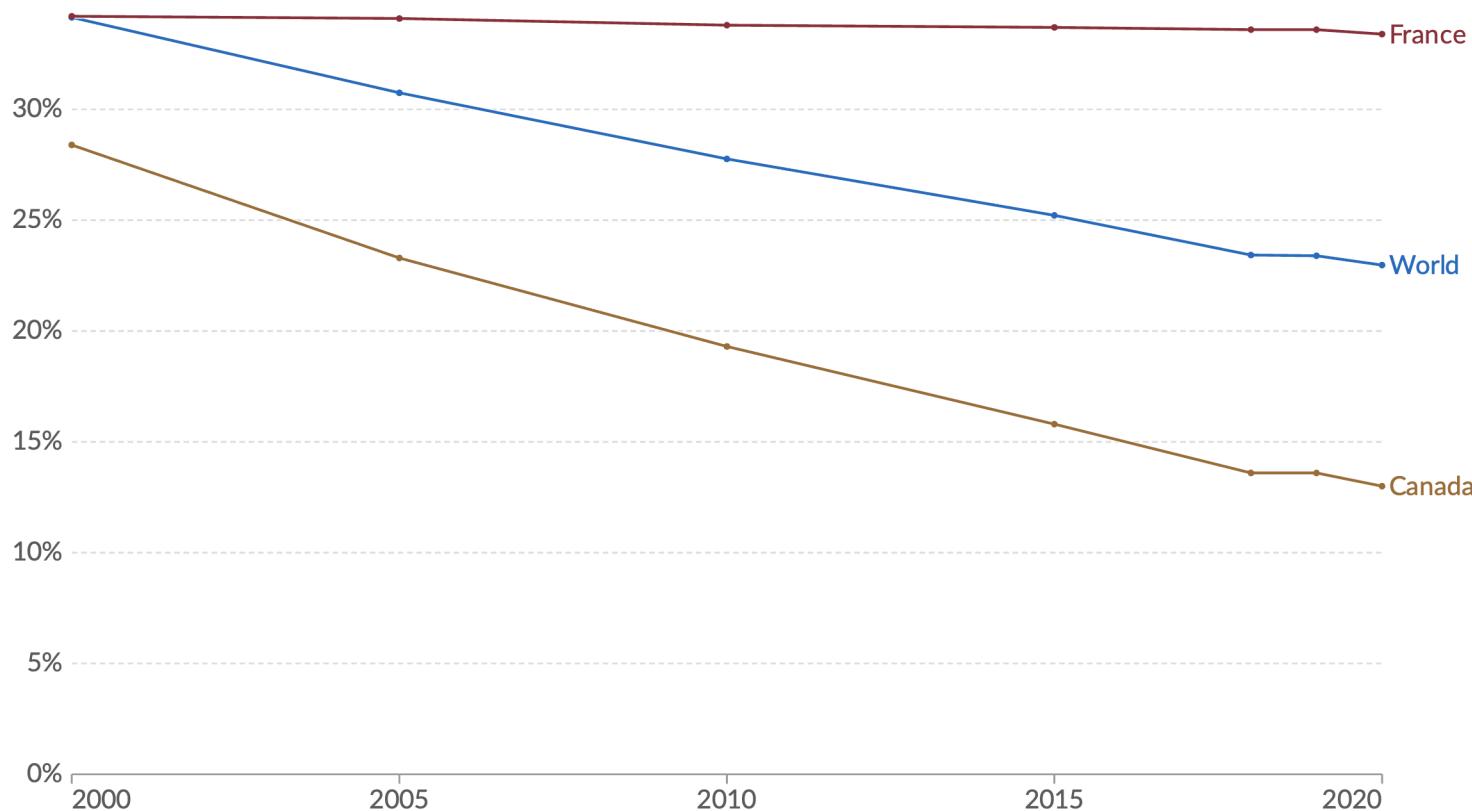


Cultural change is variable

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Achieving cultural change is common societal challenge



Vaccinations



Seat Belts



Reducing Carbon Emissions

The Challenge of Cultural Change

- Changing culture (any culture) is notoriously difficult, especially in the presence of intense competition
- The existing culture in academia is self-reinforcing
- Behavioral economics research offers effective strategies in achieving cultural change

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Insights from Behavioral Economics

- "There is a large body of evidence on what influences behaviour, and we do not attempt to reflect all its complexity and nuances here."

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Insights from Behavioral Economics

“We have found that policy makers and practitioners find it useful to have a simple, memorable framework to think about effective behavioural approaches.”

Easy
Attactive
Social
Timely

EAST

Four simple ways to apply behavioural insights

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EAST Framework

- **E**asy - Using defaults, simple messaging, decrease burden
- **A**ttactive - Garner attention, incentives
- **S**ocial - Peer awareness, commitments
- **T**imely - Prompt when most receptive, encourage planning

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- **Easy** – Data standards and repositories need to be simple and easy to use

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Long-Awaited Decision on DNA Database

Molecular biologists can look forward to having access to a national DNA database now that NIH has at last awarded a \$3-million contract

Lewin (Aug. 1982), [10.1126/science.7100925](https://doi.org/10.1126/science.7100925)



The first Data Repositories

- "600,000 nucleotides already logged at Heidelberg (they are freely available on magnetic tape)"
- How did they get there?

The First Data Repositories

- Simple data format
- Both human and machine readable
- Similar to the format still used today

EMBL

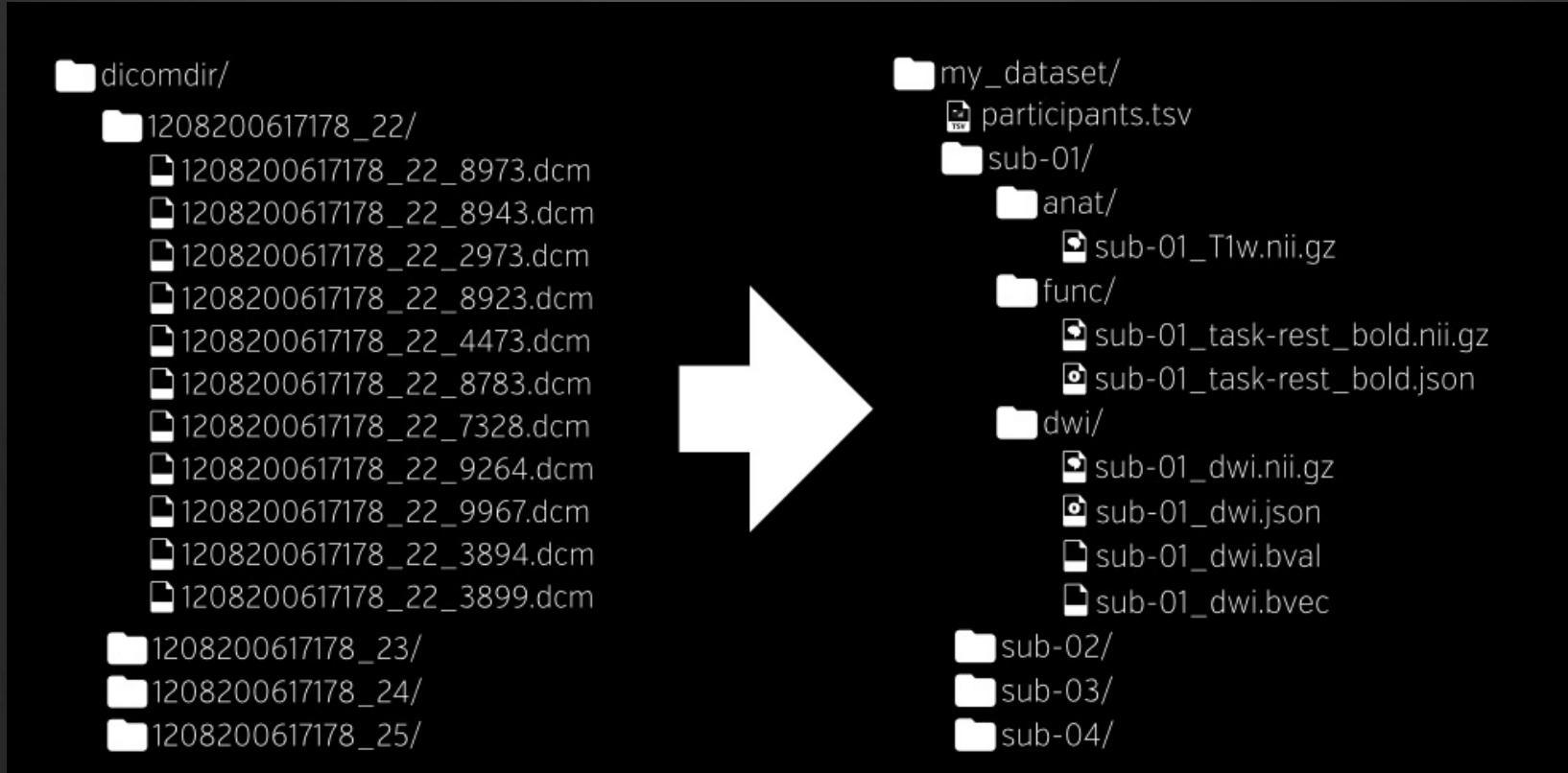
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XX
DT 82.01.01 (first entry)
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DE cell line MOPC41.
XX
KW differentiated gene; immunoglobulin.
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CC Mus musculus (house mouse, souris domestique, Hausmaus)
OC Eukaryota; Metazoa; Chordata; Vertebrata; Tetrapoda;
OC Mammalia; Eutheria; Rodentia.
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RT "Functional and non-functional joining in immunoglobulin light
RT chain genes of a mouse myeloma";
RL Nature 287:603-607(1980).
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FT CDS       303      >350     second exon (variable part)
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 - 4.5 Billion records (Apr 2024)

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/genbank/samplerecord/>

Brain Imaging Data Structure (BIDS)

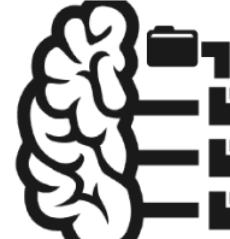


Brain Imaging Data Structure (BIDS)

- Simple data format
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- Automated curation

bids-standard/bids-validator

Validator for the Brain Imaging Data Structure



70 Contributors 18 Used by 177 Stars 107 Forks



Low-cost repositories: OpenNeuro & OpenNeuroPET

OpenNEURO

SEARCH SUPPORT FAQ Sign In

A free and open platform for validating and sharing BIDS compliant [MRI](#), [PET](#), [MEG](#), [EEG](#), [IEEG](#), [ASL](#), [ECoG](#), and [NIRS](#) data.

513 Public Datasets 16,497 Participants

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BIDS DataLad NIH & Stanford



Robert Innis



Melanie Ganz



Gitte Knudsen



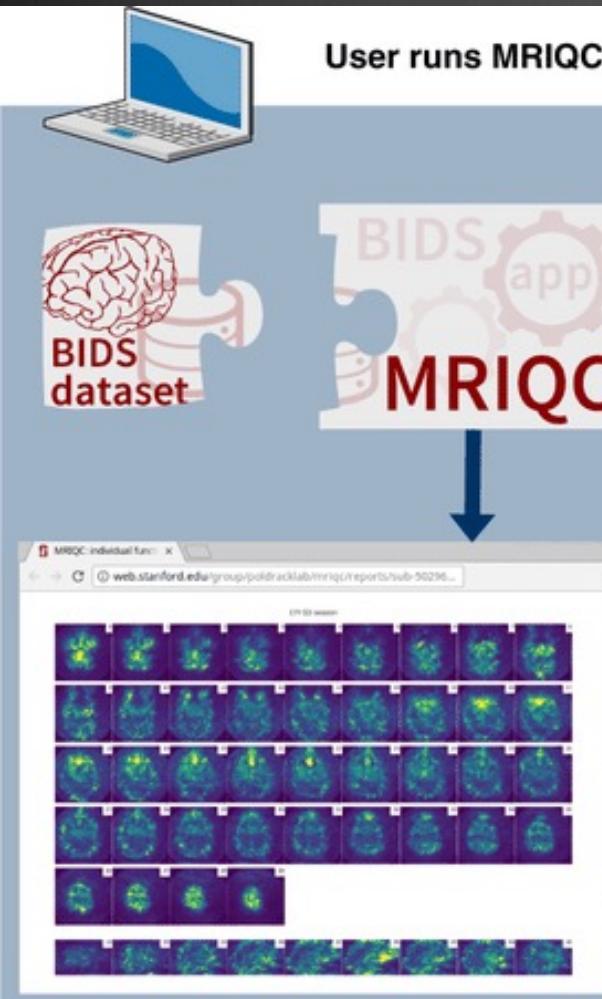
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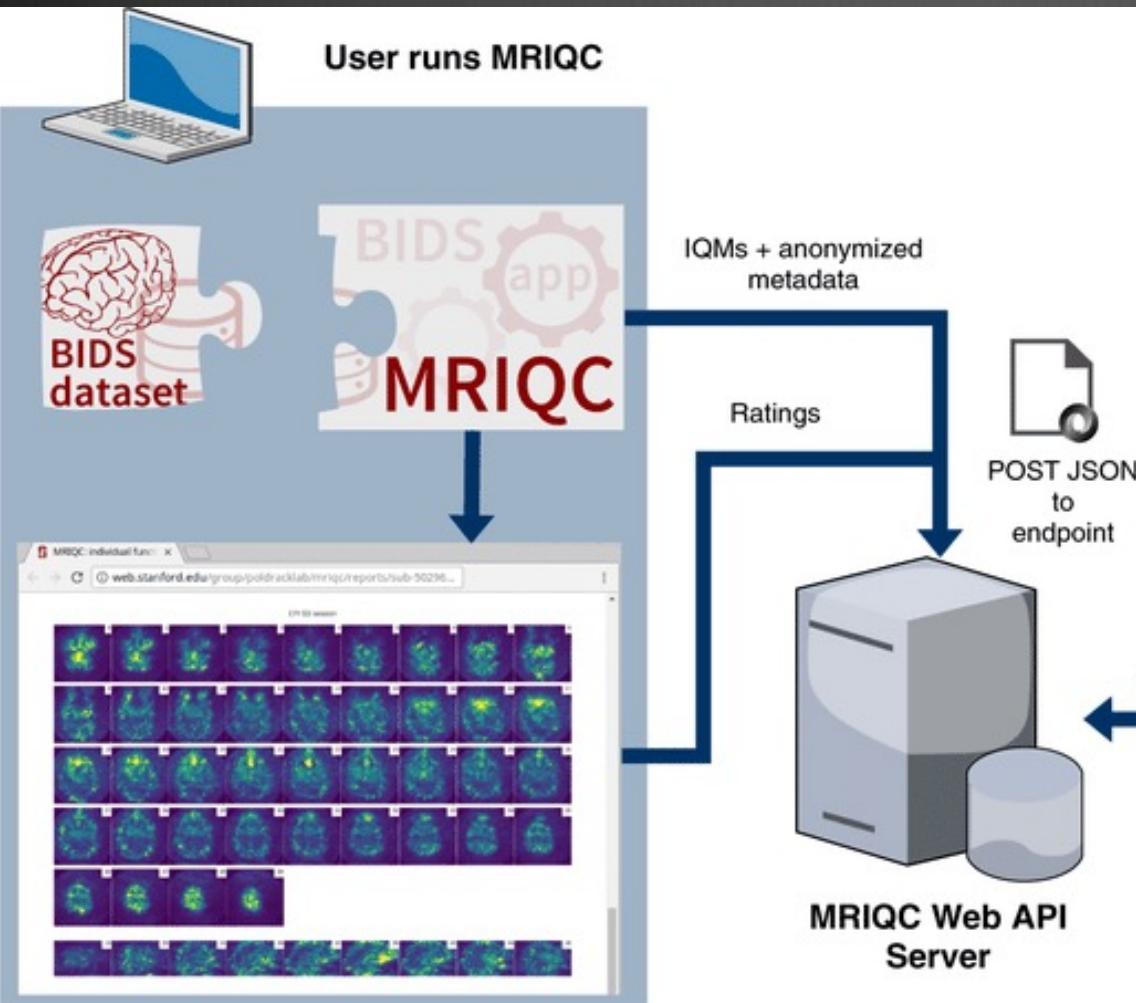
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<https://openneuropet.github.io/>

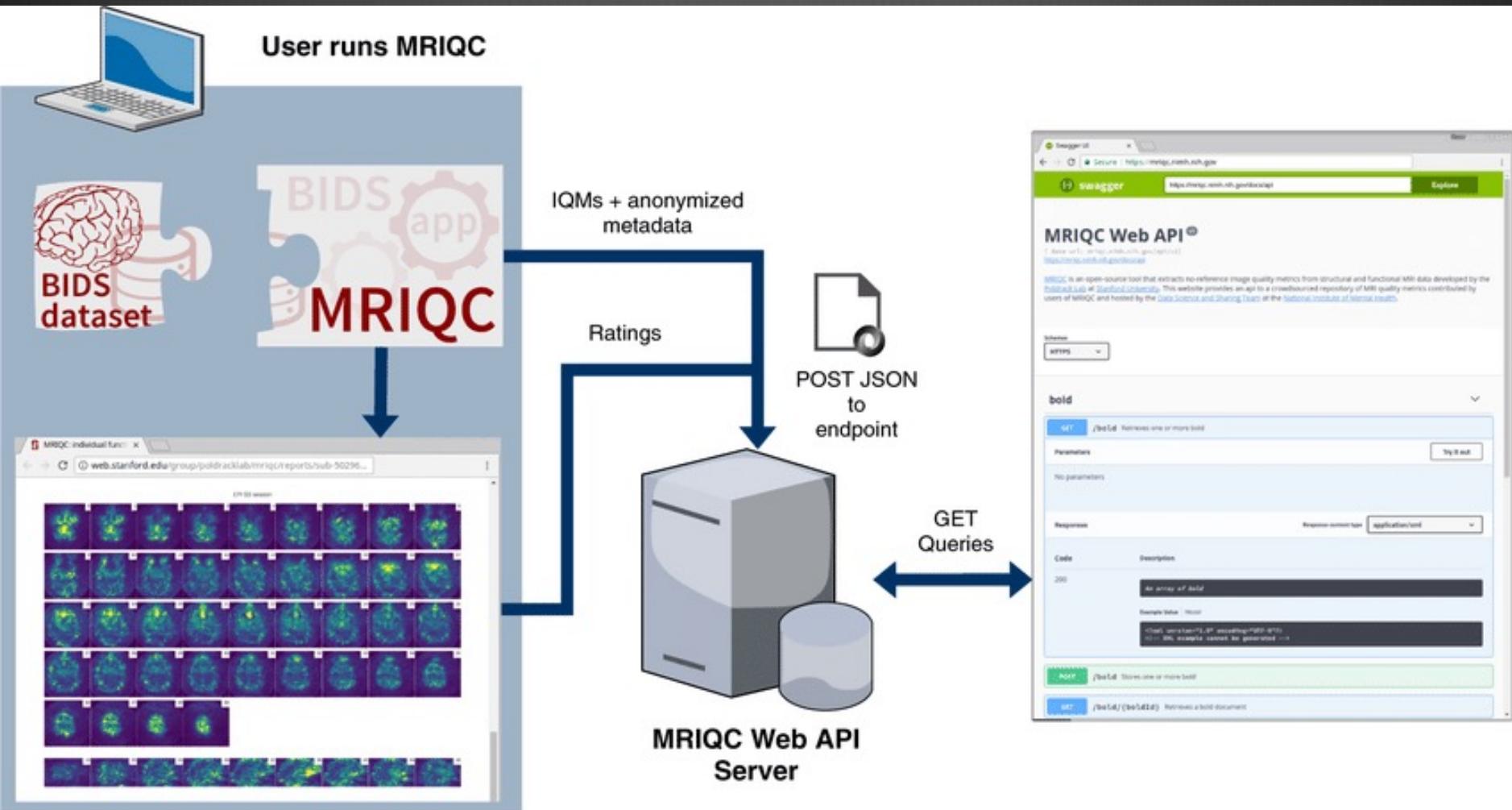
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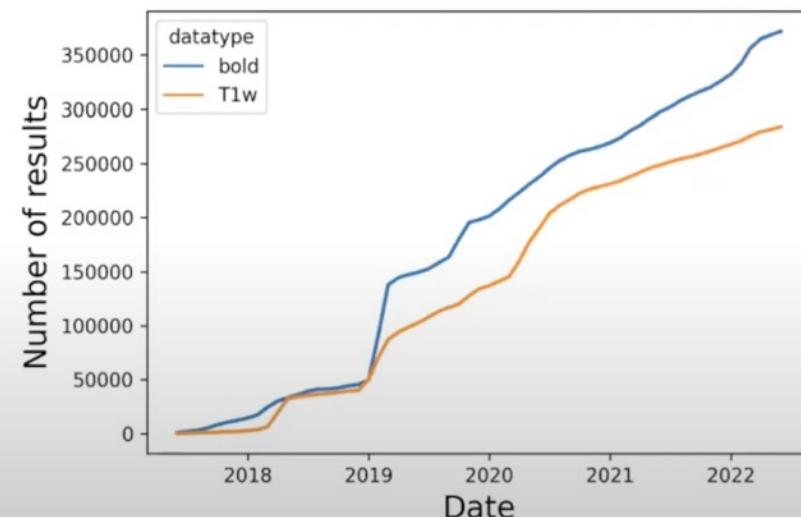
Automating QC: MRIQC

Stanford University

MRIQC Web API

- Crowdsourced database of MR QC metrics
- QC metrics from ~375K unique BOLD scans and ~280K T1w scans
- Publicly available:
 - <https://mriqc.nimh.nih.gov/>

SCIENTIFIC DATA



What Works

- Easy - Simple data standards
- Social &
- Attractive - Identify & reward sharing

Identify and Reward Sharing

- To create incentives, funders and institution need metrics
- Text mining tools exist to identify data sharing reported in publications
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~25,000 Unique
Pubs 2019-2023

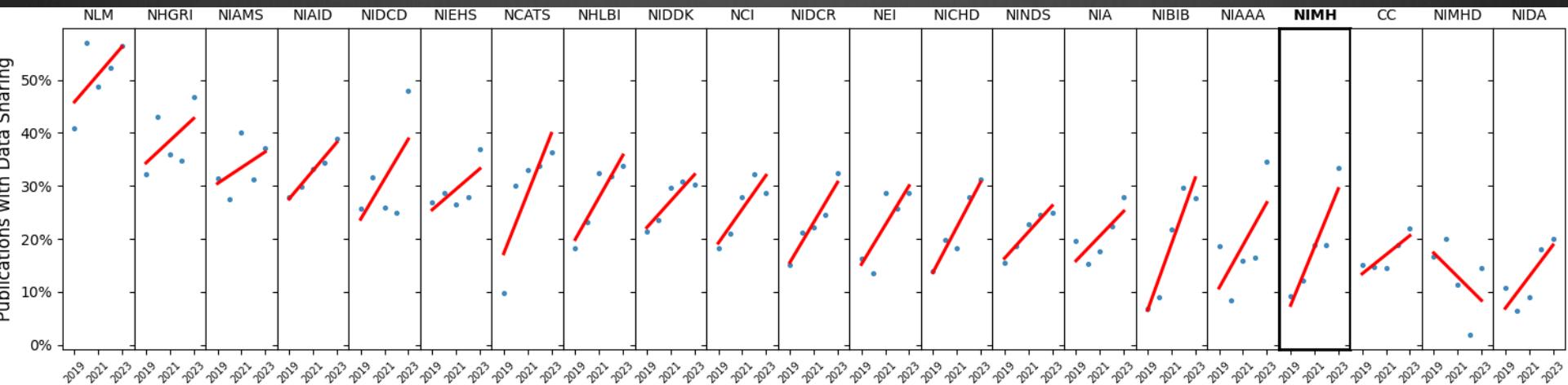


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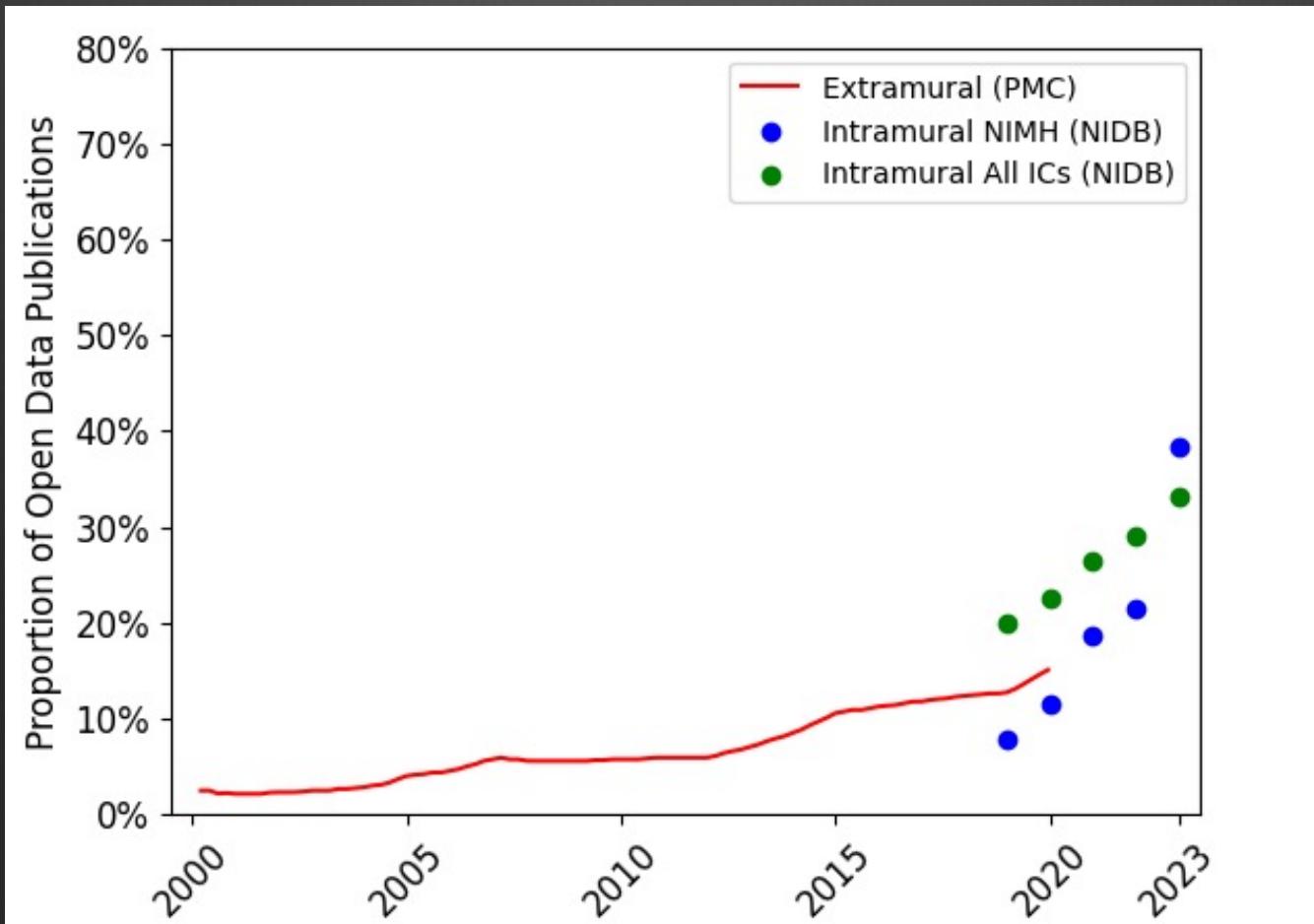
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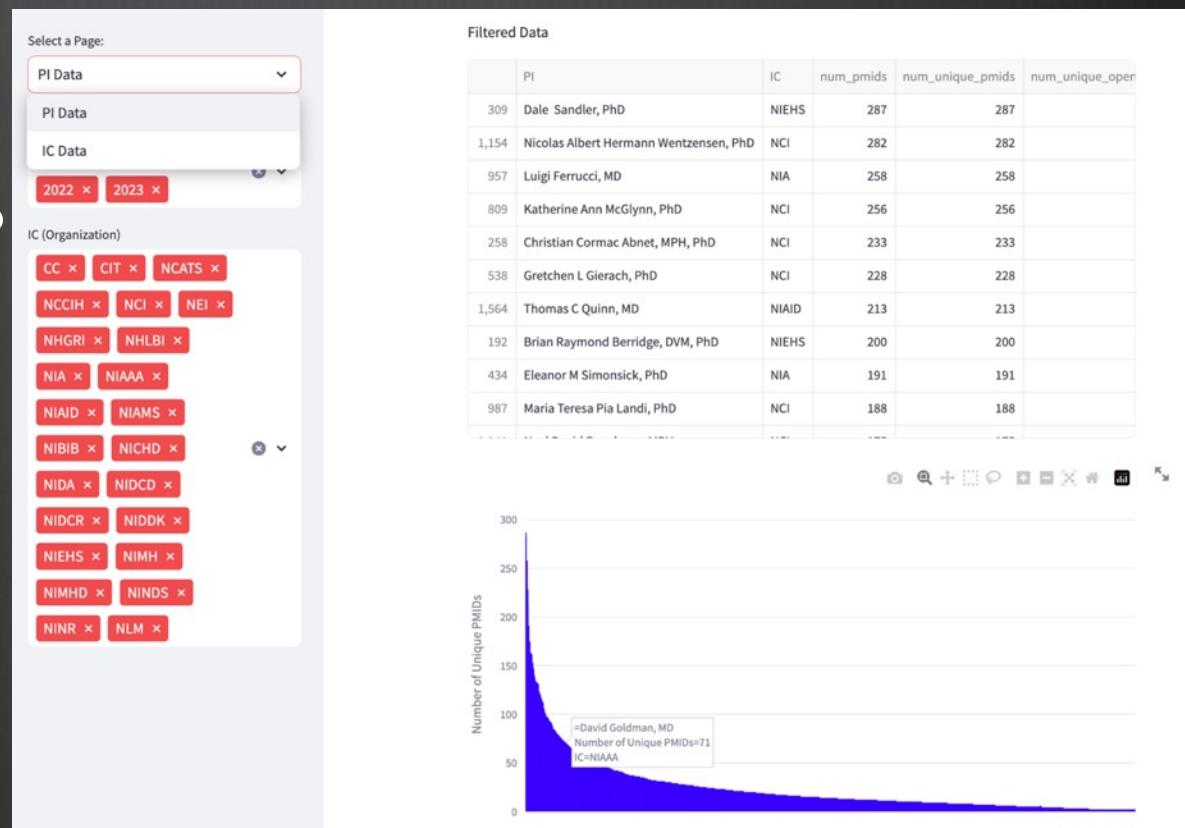
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The IRP ShareStats Dashboard

- Allows NIH intramural leadership to quickly identify and reward investigators who have strong records of data sharing



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 - Manuscript Clearance
 - New trainees

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What Doesn't Work

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**AN ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPACT OF THE
NCI CANCER BIOMEDICAL INFORMATICS GRID (caBIG®)**

**Report of the Board of Scientific Advisors
Ad Hoc Working Group**

<https://deainfo.nci.nih.gov/advisory/bsa/archive/bsa0311/caBIGfinalReport.pdf>

March 2011

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- Contrast with the EMBL Sequence Library

“[the] manager of the Heidelberg library, is "still talking" to NIH, and wishes to cooperate with any system that NIH may set up. But EMBL was under pressure from European scientists to start now, before sequence data were irretrievably lost. EMBL is not attempting to become the sole manager of world sequence data.”

Lessons learned from automated screening

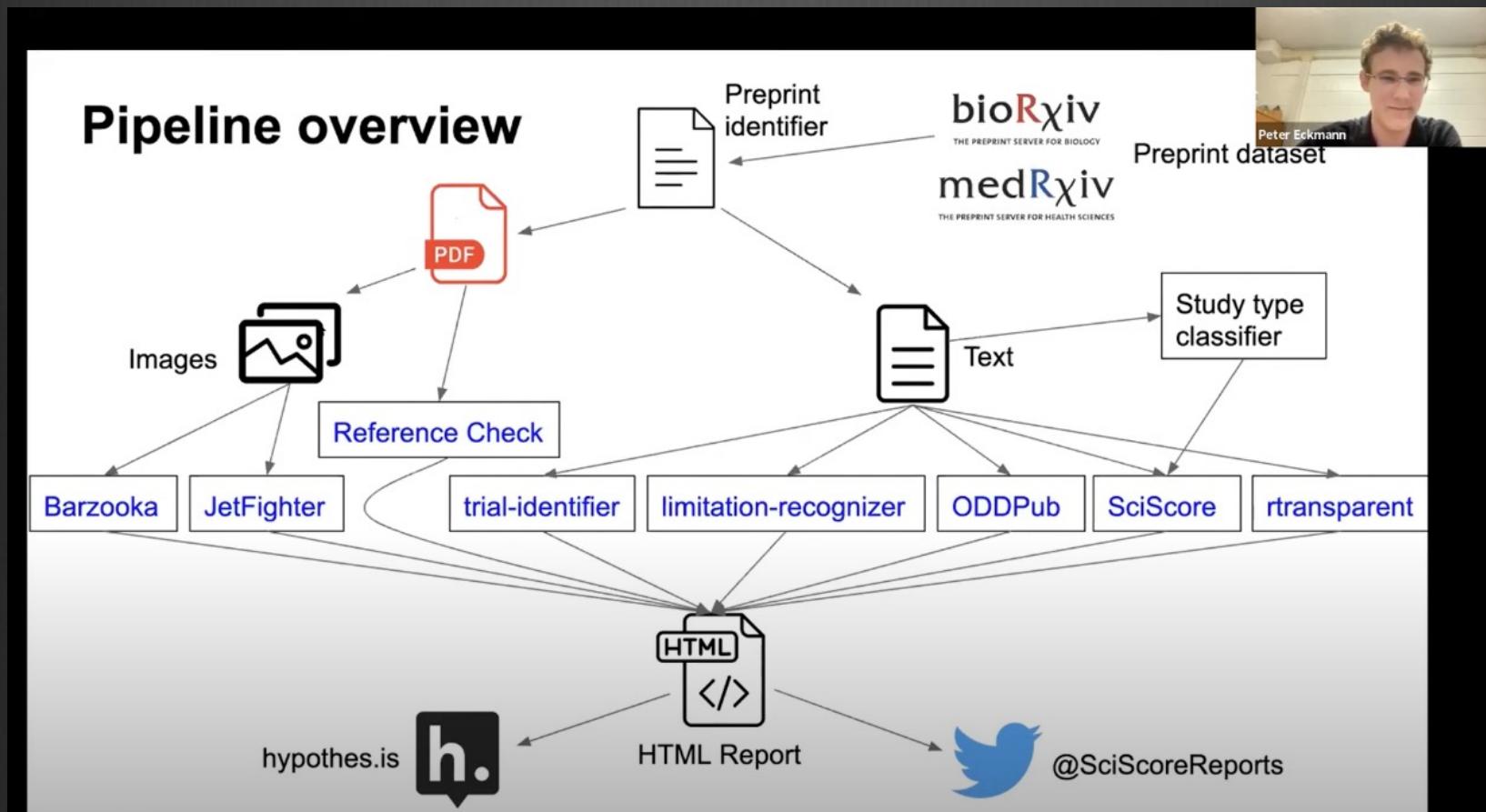
ScreenIT: Can we use automated screening tools to improve reporting in scientific papers?

Anita Bandrowski, Peter Eckmann, Colby Vorland, Tracey Weissgerber
Moderator: Halil Kilicoglu <https://youtu.be/581NkRV4mbA>



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- I can't believe you dare to read my paper
 - using some stupid bot!



Lessons learned from automated screening

- Most authors are acting in good faith
- All automated tools will make errors
- Many authors will want to correct the manuscript or the tool's error
- Potential to create ill will

<https://youtu.be/581NkRV4mbA>





Open Science
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How open is my science?

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Director

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National Institute of Mental Health



June 13, 4 pm

Jeanne Timmins Amphitheatre,
the Neuro
(or join on Zoom)

Snacks and coffee provided

Register here →



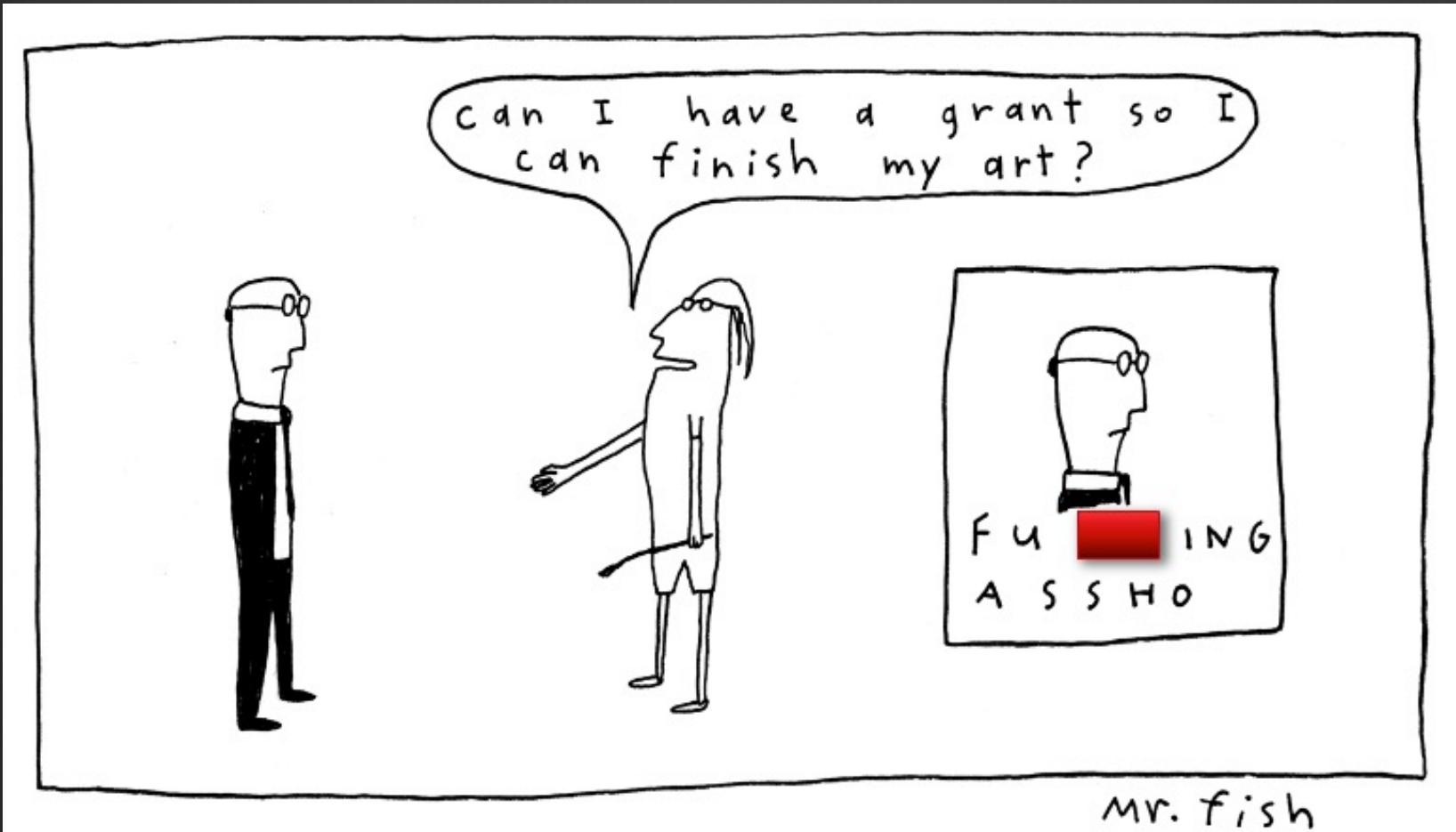
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<https://www.mcgill.ca/neuro/channels/event/open-science-office-hours-how-open-my-science-357449>

Lessons Learned ≠ Didn't Work

- caBIG ultimately led to smaller successful programs
- ScreenIT was entirely successful
- Both were open and transparent with “Lessons Learned”

The projects we'll never hear about



Support Mr. Fish! <https://clowncrack.com/about/>

What Doesn't Work

- Top-down approaches lacking community involvement ~~Easy, Social~~
- Naming & shaming ~~Attractive~~
 - (Especially if you are shaming your institution or funder)

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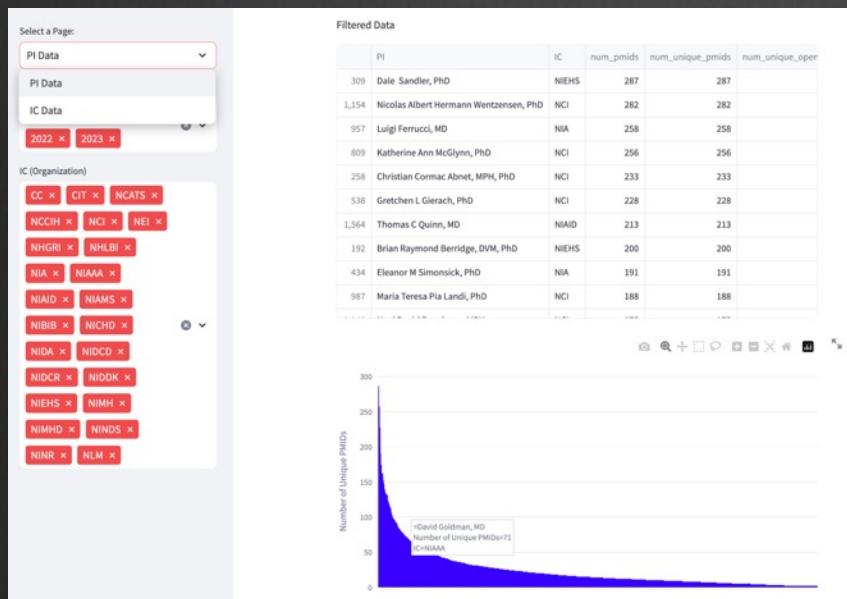
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~10% error rate, equally balanced between false positive and false negative

Improving Open Science Metrics

- LLM-based metrics
 - Improved accuracy
 - Extracting more specific details from text

Measuring Data Sharing



Large Language Models to parse data sharing statements

EM densities and protein models have been deposited in the Electron Microscopy Data Bank and Protein Data Bank for the NaCT-citrate (EMD-22457, 7JSK) and NaCT-PF2 (EMD-22456, 7JSJ) complexes.



Paper DOI	Data Types	Shared Data	Data Repository	Unique ID	Repository URL	Metadata Accessible
10.1038/s41586-021-03230-x	Cryo-EM image processing and model building	TRUE	Electoscopic Data Bank (EMDB)	EMD-22456	https://www.ebi.ac.uk/emdb/	TRUE
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10.1038/s41586-021-03230-x	Protein structure determination, Biochemical assay results, Thermostability assay results	TRUE	Protein Data Bank (PDB)	7JSJ	https://www.rcsb.org/	TRUE
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Many Open Science Rubrics require judgement

- FAIR (Wilkinson et al, 2016)

ID	Questions from https://www.go-fair.org/fair-principles/
F1	(Meta)data are assigned a globally unique and persistent identifier
F2	Data are described with rich metadata (defined by R1 below)
F3	Metadata clearly and explicitly include the identifier of the data they describe
F4	(Meta)data are registered or indexed in a searchable resource
A1	(Meta)data are retrievable by their identifier using a standardised communications protocol
A1-1	The protocol is open, free, and universally implementable
A1-2	The protocol allows for an authentication and authorisation procedure, where necessary
A2	Metadata are accessible, even when the data are no longer available
I1	(Meta)data use a formal, accessible, shared, and broadly applicable language for knowledge representation
I2	(Meta)data use vocabularies that follow FAIR principles
I3	(Meta)data include qualified references to other (meta)data
R1	(Meta)data are richly described with a plurality of accurate and relevant attributes
R1-1	(Meta)data are released with a clear and accessible data usage license
R1-2	(Meta)data are associated with detailed provenance
R1-3	(Meta)data meet domain-relevant community standards

Many Open Science Rubrics require judgement

- FAIR (Wilkinson et al., 2016)
- Delphi Consensus (Cobey et al., 2023)

Rank	Practice	Unit of analysis
1	whether clinical trials were registered before they started recruitment	Paper, protocol
2	whether study data were shared openly at the time of publication	paper
3	published open access (time delay?)	paper
4	whether study code was shared openly at the time of publication	paper
5	whether systematic reviews have been registered.	paper
6	were registered clinical trials were reported in the registry within 1 year of study completion	paper
7	whether there was a statement about study materials sharing with publications	paper
8	whether study reporting guideline checklists were used	paper
9	citations to data.	dataset
10	trial results in a manuscript-style publication (peer reviewed or preprint).	paper
11	the number of preprints.	Institution
12	systematic review results in a manuscript-style publication (peer reviewed or preprint).	Systematic review

LLMs can answer Nuanced Open Science Question Today

Link to Shared Data  

- Online Participants' data:
<https://osf.io/km69z>
- Mobile App Participants' data:
<https://doi.org/10.5061/dryad.prr4xgxkk>

Does the dataset include detailed provenance?

Yes, the dataset includes detailed provenance as the data analysis software, data from participants, and code used in the study are all available on public platforms.

Does the metadata meet domain-relevant community standards?

Yes, the metadata meets domain-relevant community standards as it provides detailed information on data and code availability, uses recognized repositories and platforms for sharing, and includes a clear data availability statement along with a declaration of no competing interests.



But are the answers accurate?

Validation requires Manual Labelling

Mining the neuroimaging literature.

pubget



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build passing codecov 100% pubget on GitHub



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labelbuddy



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 - More nuanced evaluations
- Make metrics uniform and more accessible

Similar Efforts

- Riedel et al., 2020 (OddPub)
 - ~ 11,000 pubs from the Charité – U. Berlin
- Serghiou et al., 2021 (rTransparent)
 - ~ 2.75M pubs from PubMed Central Open Access
- Menke et al., 2022 (SciScore Rigor Transparency Index)
 - ~2.15M pubs from PubMed Central Open Access
- Piękniewska et al., 2023 (SciCrunch, RRIDs)
 - ~1.3M pubs PubMed Central Open Access

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- However, aggregate information on reported data sharing is not easily accessible to funders and policy makers

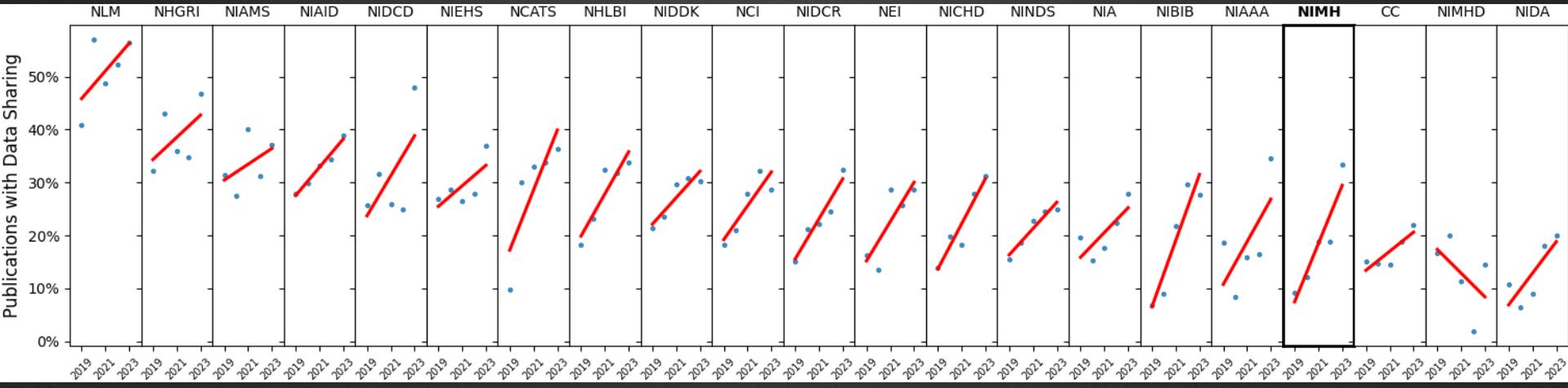


~25,000 Unique Pubs
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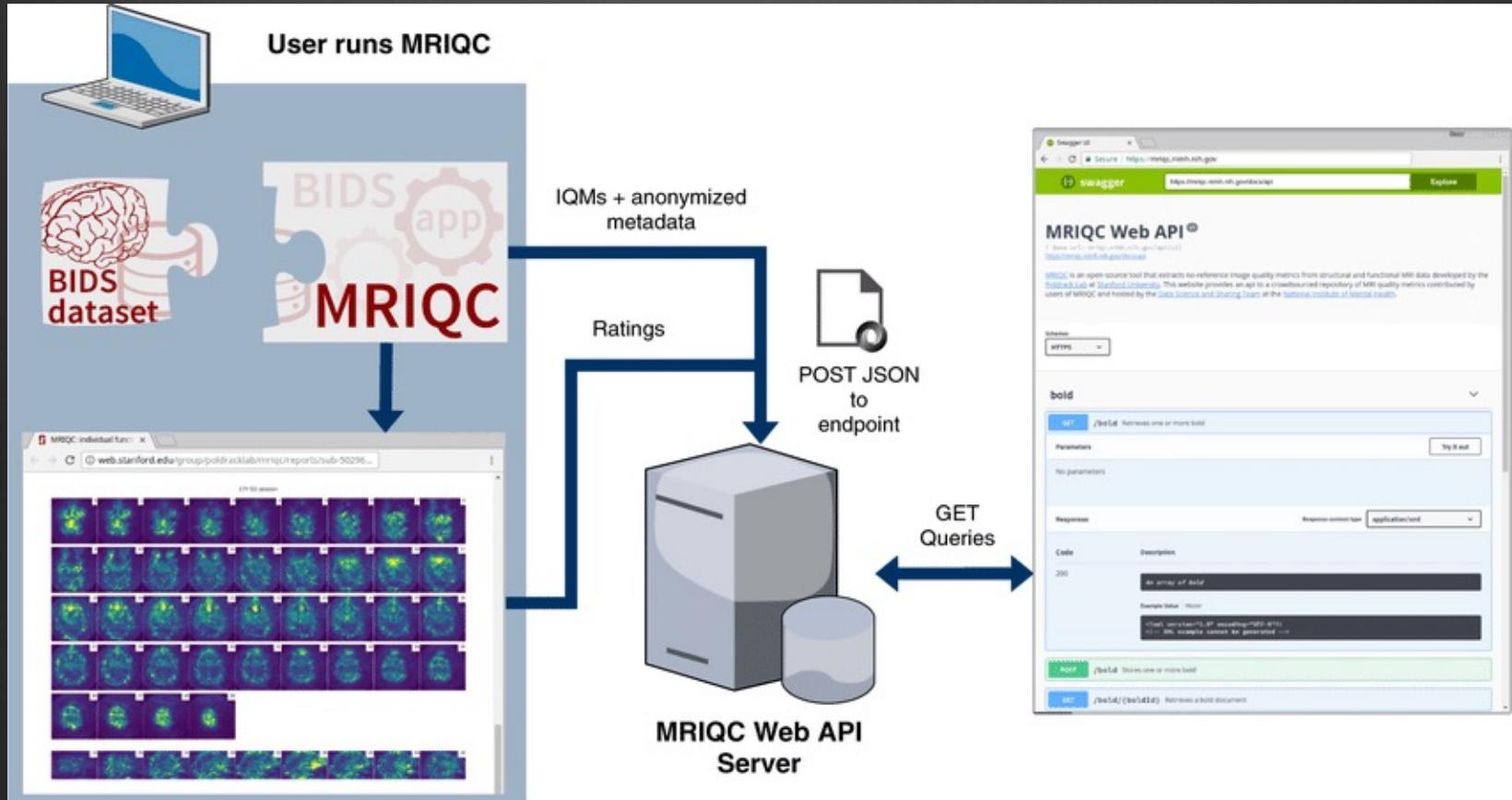


Open Data Detection in Publications (ODDPub)

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A tool modelled on previous success



Open Science Metrics DB

The screenshot shows a GitHub repository page for 'osm_cli' owned by 'nimh-dsst'. The repository is public. At the top, there are links for Code, Issues (3), Pull requests, Zenhub, Actions, Projects, Wiki, Security, and Insights. Below the header, the repository name 'osm_cli' is displayed along with its status as 'Public'. A navigation bar includes 'main' (selected), '1 Branch', '0 Tags', 'Go to file', 'Add file', and 'Code'. The main content area displays a list of commits from user 'agt24':

Commit	Description	Time
add xml outputs from sciencebeam-parser container	a7e4549 · last week	6 Commits
example_pdf_inputs	add link to spec and example input PDF	last week
xmls_sciencebeam	add xml outputs from sciencebeam-parser container	last week
LICENSE	Initial commit	last week
README.md	Initial commit	last week
draft_of_specification_2024-05-06.md	Update draft_of_specification_2024-05-06.md	last week

Below the commits, there are links for 'README' and 'CC0-1.0 license'. The 'README' section contains the following text:

OpenSciMetrics

OpenSciMetrics (OSM) applies NLP and LLM-based metrics and indicators related to transparency, data sharing, rigor, and open science on biomedical publications.

GitStart



Code as a Service

Assign tickets, get ***high-quality production code*** powered by AI agents and our developer community.

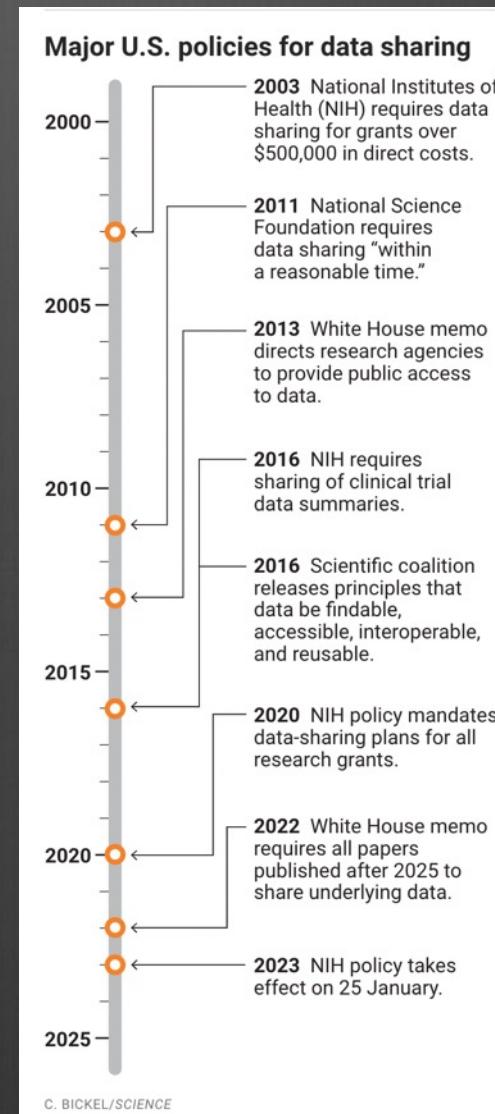
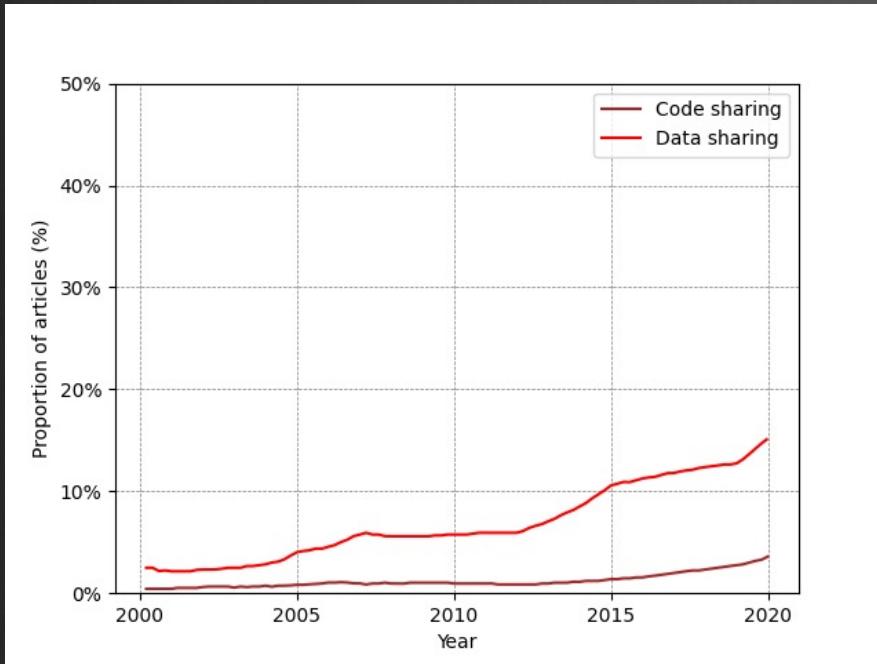
Improving Open Science

- LLM-based metrics
 - Improved accuracy
 - Extracting more specific details from pubs
 - More nuanced evaluations
- Make metrics uniformly available and more accessible: Open Science Metrics DB

Roadmap

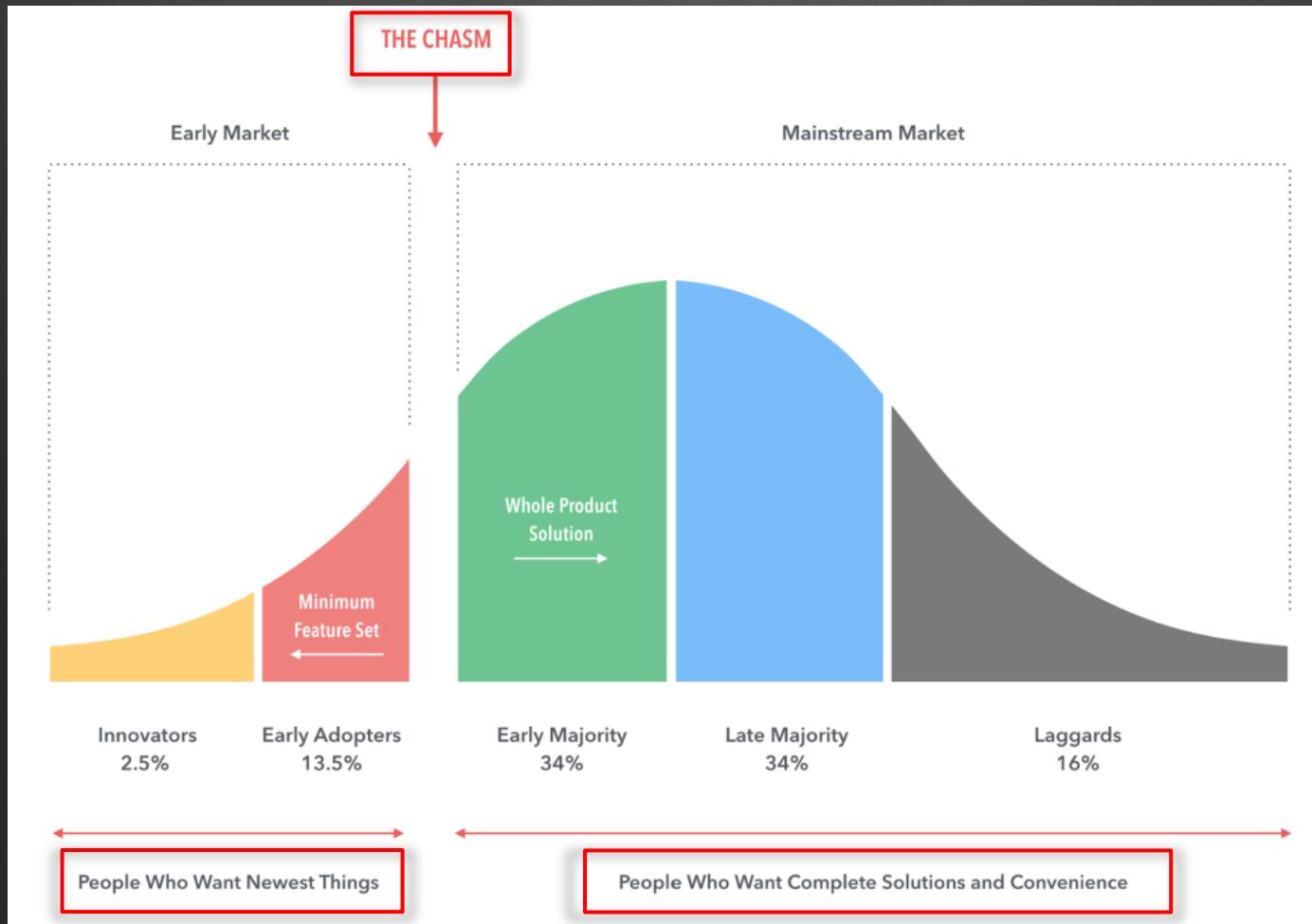
- Who am I? (who I'm not)
- History of Data Sharing
- What can we learn from behavioral economics?
- How can we foster Cultural Change?
 - What works
 - What doesn't
 - What's next (Opportunities)
 - Don't lose hope

Don't lose hope!



Don't lose hope!

- Technology Adoption Life Cycle



Don't lose hope

- Technology Adoption Life Cycle
- Antidotes to cynicism creep in academia
 - Focus on the progress
 - Tune in: The revolution *is* televised!
(or at least tweeted)
 - Teach!



Eiko Fried

Antidotes to cynicism creep in academia

 Eiko  March 4, 2024  30 Comments

<https://eiko-fried.com/antidotes-to-cynicism-creep/>

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Take Homes

- Adoption of data sharing and other open science practices is happening, but slowly
- We can accelerate adoption by applying principles of behavioral economics to foster cultural change
- Improving access aggregated to diverse open science metrics will help expand incentives
- I want to talk to you! (esp. trainees)



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