

R Markdown: The Bigger Picture

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Amgen 2012



Amgen 2012: could reproduce
only **6** of **53** landmark results

75% - 90%

of preclinical results cannot
be reproduced (estimate)

Begley CG, Ioannidis JP (2015) Reproducibility in Science: improving
the standard for basic and preclinical research.
Circ Res 116: 116–126. pmid:25552691

**\$28
billion
£ 22B € 24B**
Costs to biomedical
industry per year, US



Freedman LP, Cockburn IM, Simcoe TS (2015) The Economics of Reproducibility in Preclinical Research. PLoS Biol 13(6): e1002165.
<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pbio.1002165>

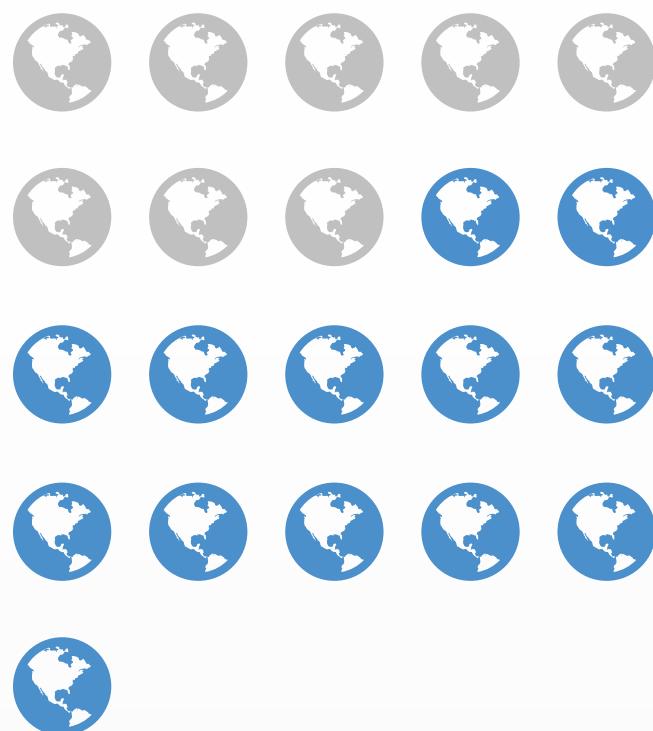


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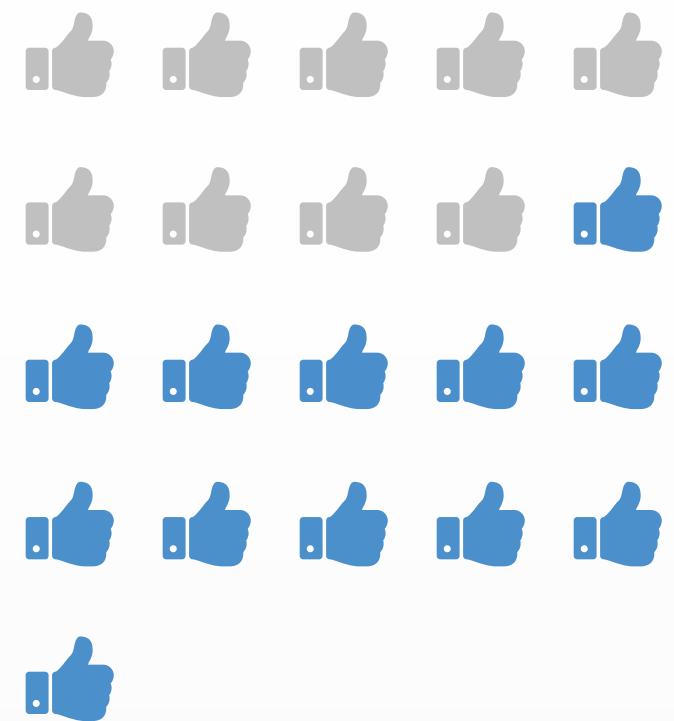
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Coin Tosses

that were heads



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Why Do So Many Studies Fail to
Replicate?

- The New York Times, May 2016

Challenges
in irreproducible research

- Nature, July 2018

Scientists' Elusive Goal:
Reproducing Study Results

- The Wall Street Journal, Dec 2011

It is time to stop using the term "statistical significance" in its entirety.

Nor should variants such as "significantly different," " $p < 0.05$ " and "nonsignificant" survive.

- The American Statistical Association , March 2019

THE AMERICAN STATISTICIAN

A PUBLICATION OF THE AMERICAN STATISTICAL ASSOCIATION

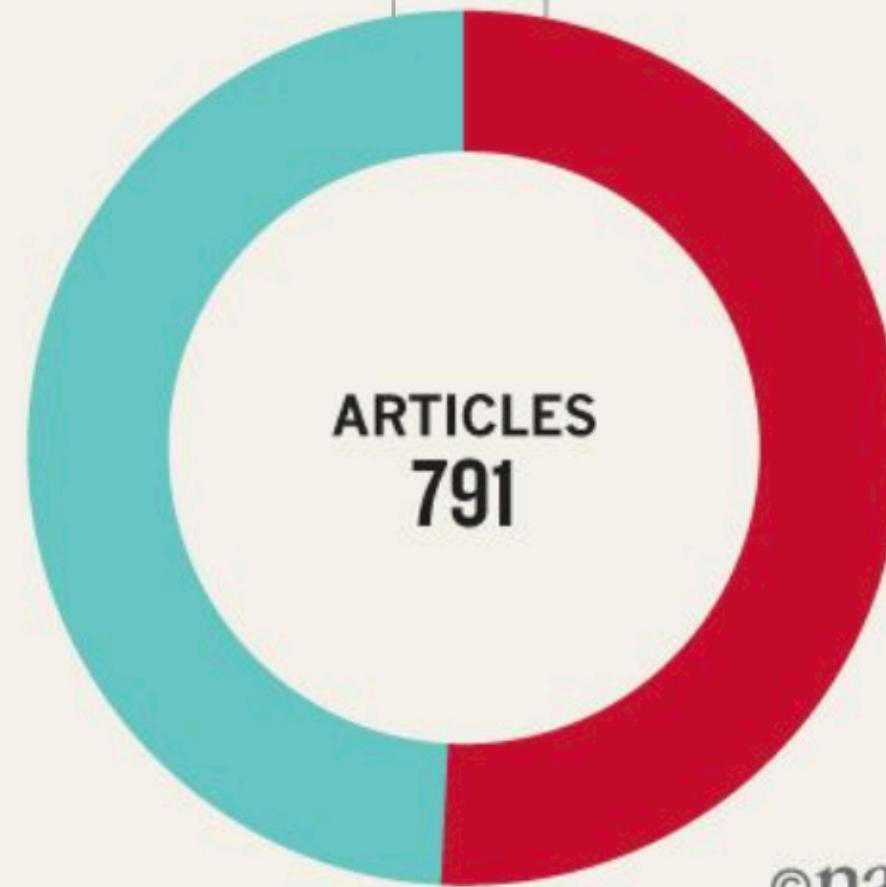


WRONG INTERPRETATIONS

An analysis of 791 articles across 5 journals* found that around half mistakenly assume non-significance means no effect.

Appropriately interpreted
49%

Wrongly interpreted
51%



*Data taken from: P. Schatz et al.
Arch. Clin. Neuropsychol. **20**,
1053–1059 (2005); F. Fidler et al.
Conserv. Biol. **20**, 1539–1544
(2006); R. Hoekstra et al. *Psychon. Bull. Rev.* **13**, 1033–1037 (2006);
F. Bernardi et al. *Eur. Sociol. Rev.*
33, 1–15 (2017).

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In the case considered in Ex. 13.1, we have therefore

$$\frac{18! \cdot 12! \cdot 17! \cdot 13!}{30!} \left\{ \frac{1}{12! \cdot 3! \cdot 10! \cdot 15!}, \frac{1}{2! \cdot 11! \cdot 16!}, \frac{1}{11! \cdot 12! \cdot 17!} \right\}$$

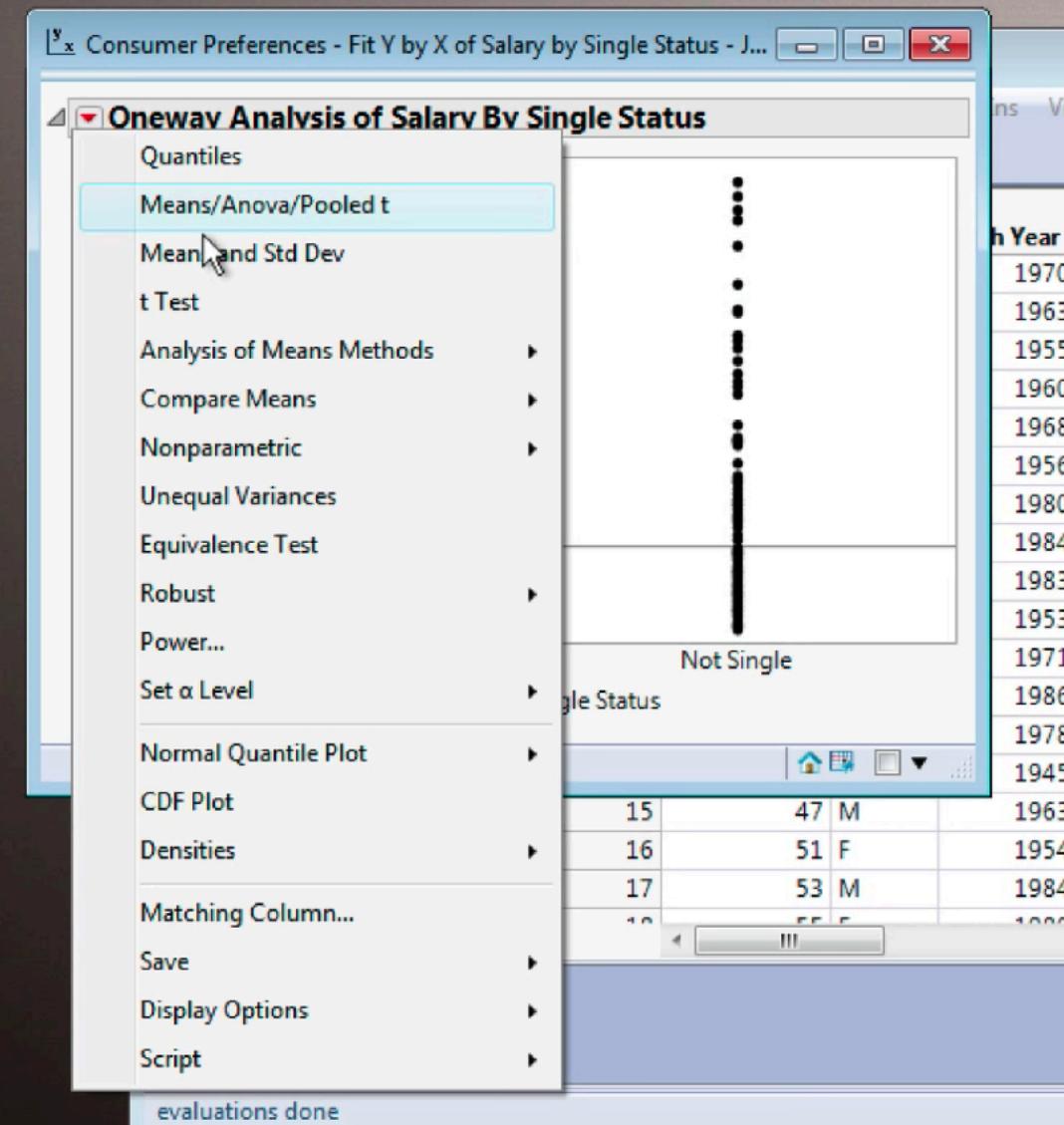
for the probabilities of the set of frequencies observed, and the two possible more extreme sets of frequencies which might have been observed. Without any assumption or approximation, therefore, the table observed may be judged significantly to contradict the hypothesis of proportionality if

$$\frac{18! \cdot 13!}{30!} (2992 + 102 + 1)$$

is a small quantity. This amounts to $619/1330665$, or about 1 in 2150, showing that if the hypothesis of proportionality were true, observations of the kind recorded would be highly exceptional.

21.03. In its primary purpose of the comparison of a series of observed frequencies with those expected on the hypothesis to be tested, the χ^2 test is an approximate one, though validly applicable in an immense range of important cases. For other tests where the observations are measurements, instead of frequencies, it provides exact tests of significance. Of these the two most important are:—

- (i.) its use to test whether a sample from a normal distribution confirms or contradicts the variance which this distribution is expected on theoretical grounds to have, and



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You can't
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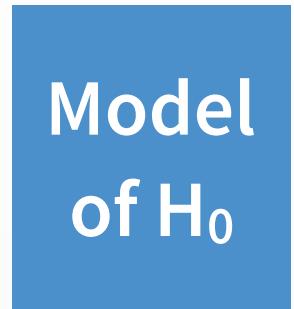
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Thoughtful,
Open and
Modest.

Plus 80 suggestions
from 28 authors

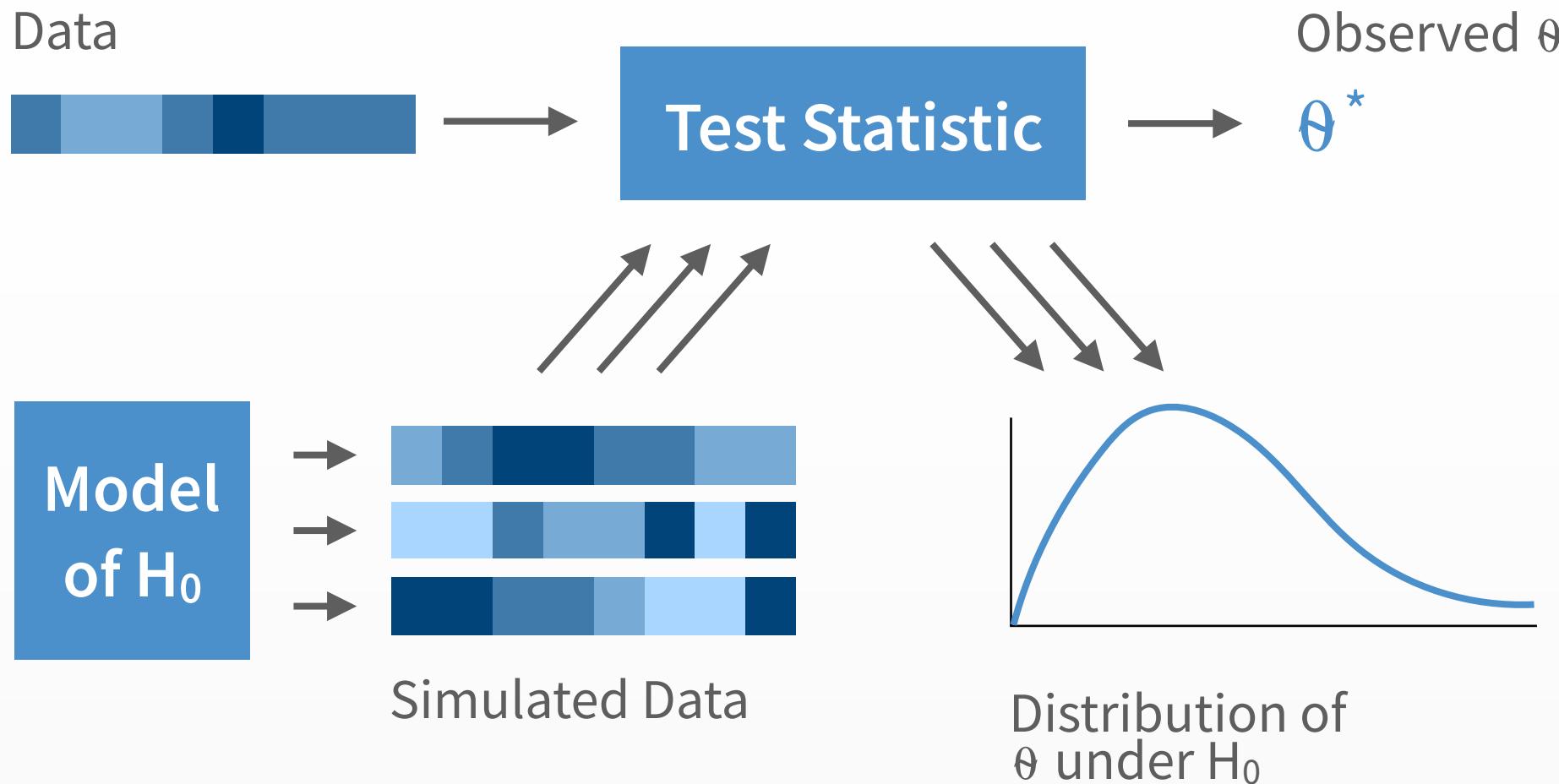
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Tests

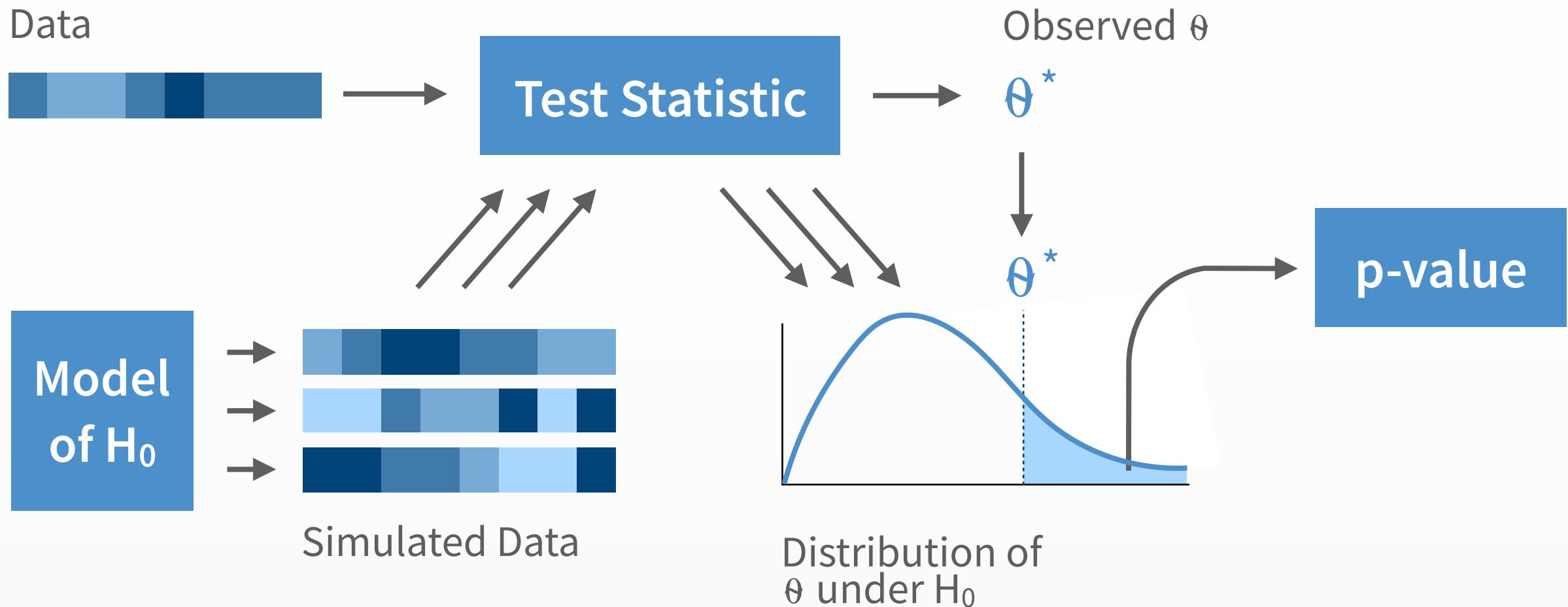
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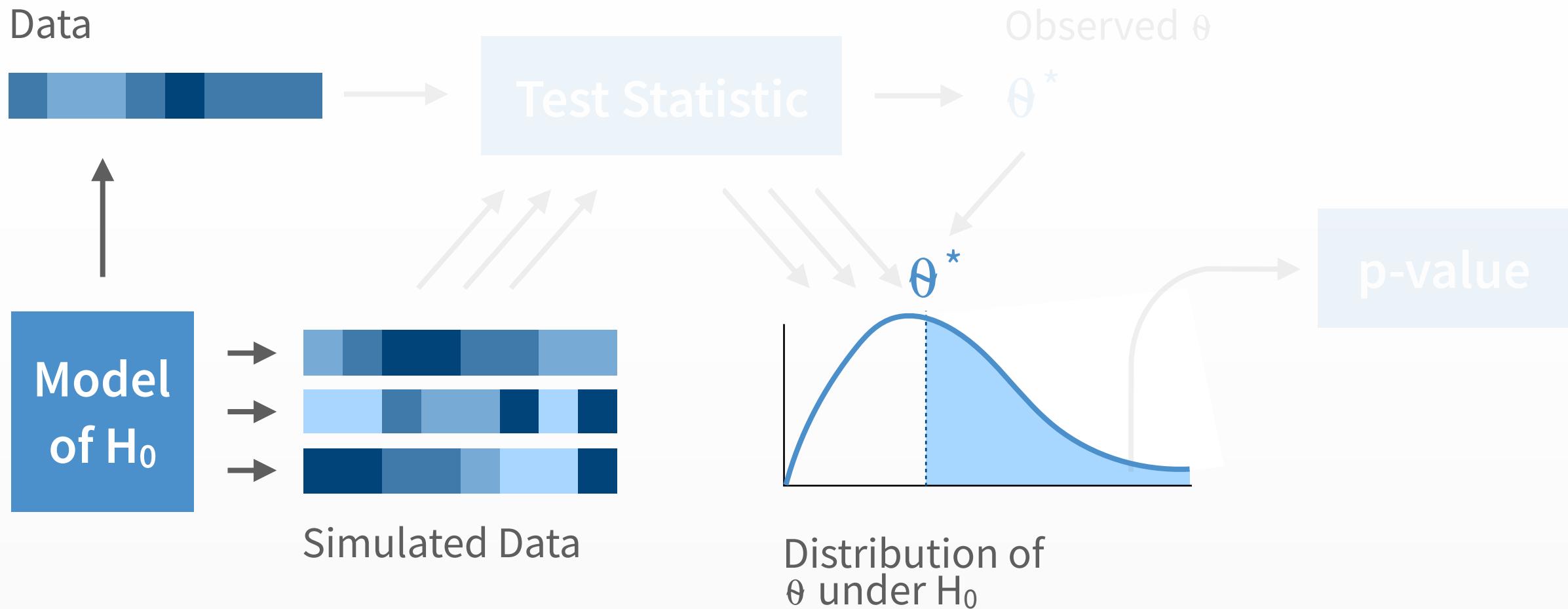
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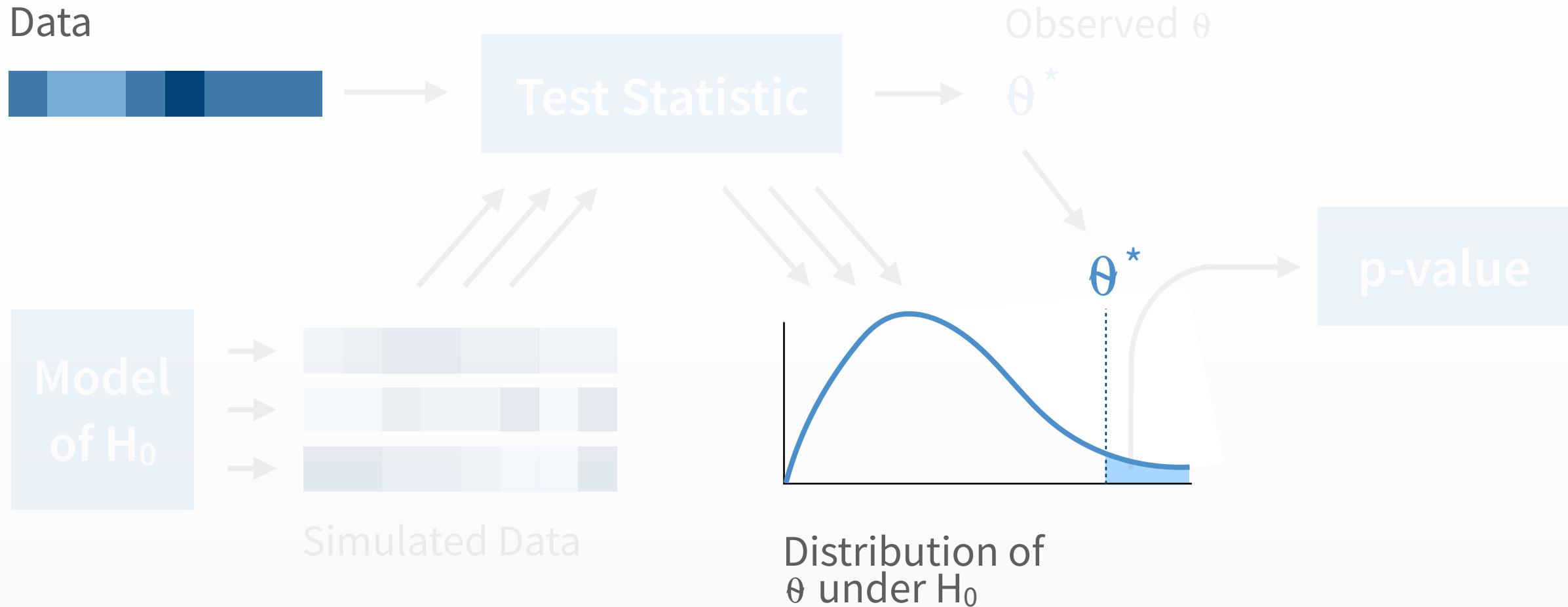
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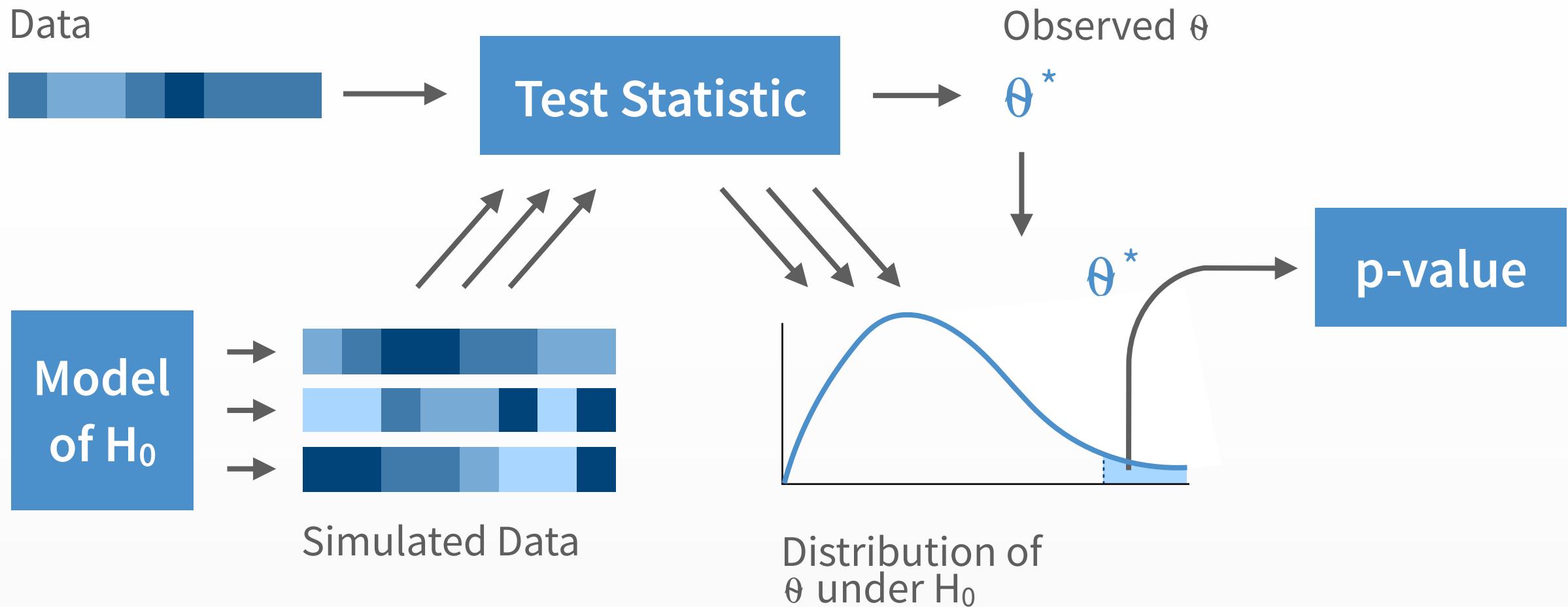
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Francis Bacon

Science = observation + induction



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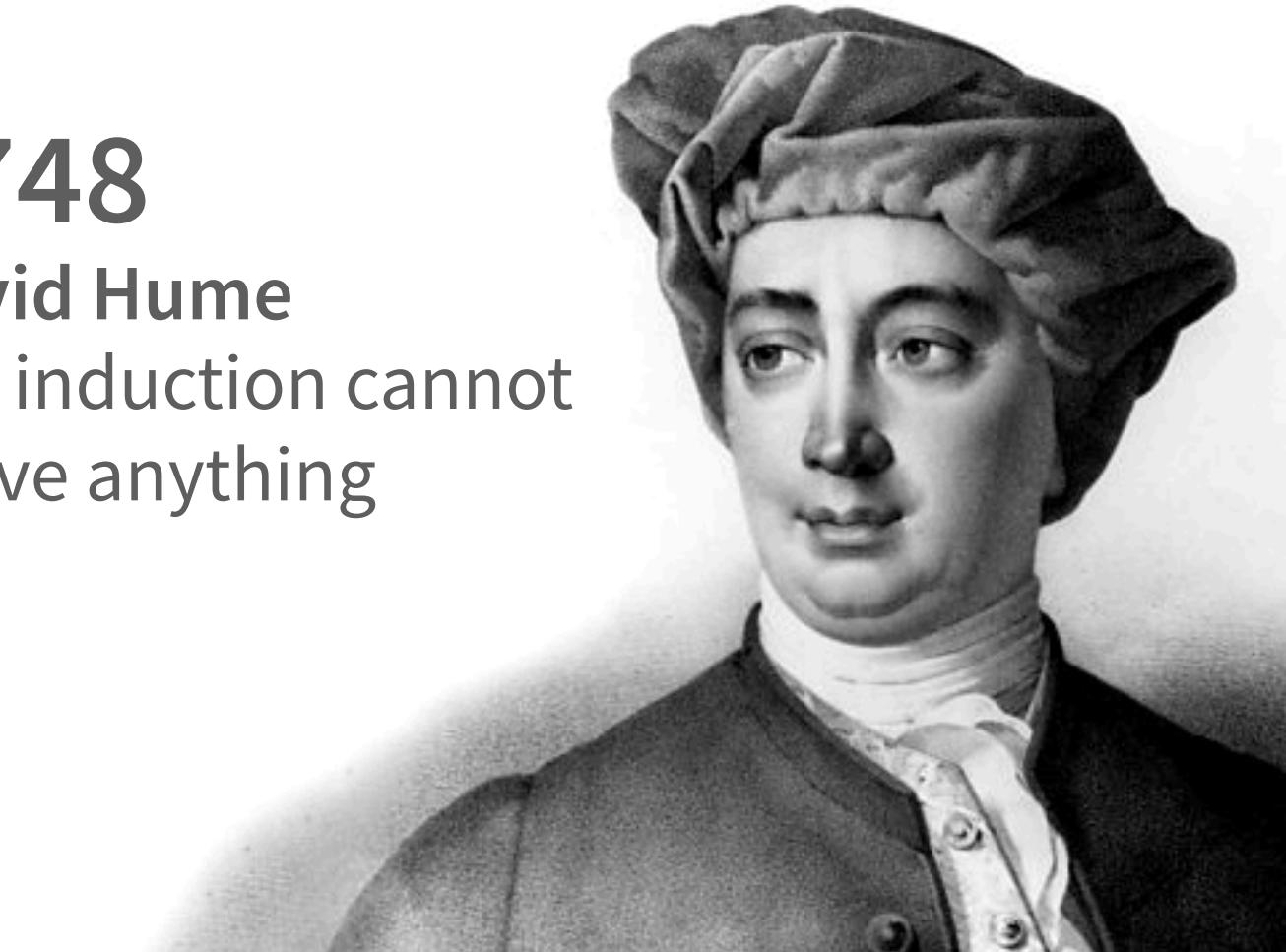


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David Hume

But induction cannot
prove anything



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1800's?
If you can't prove, disprove.

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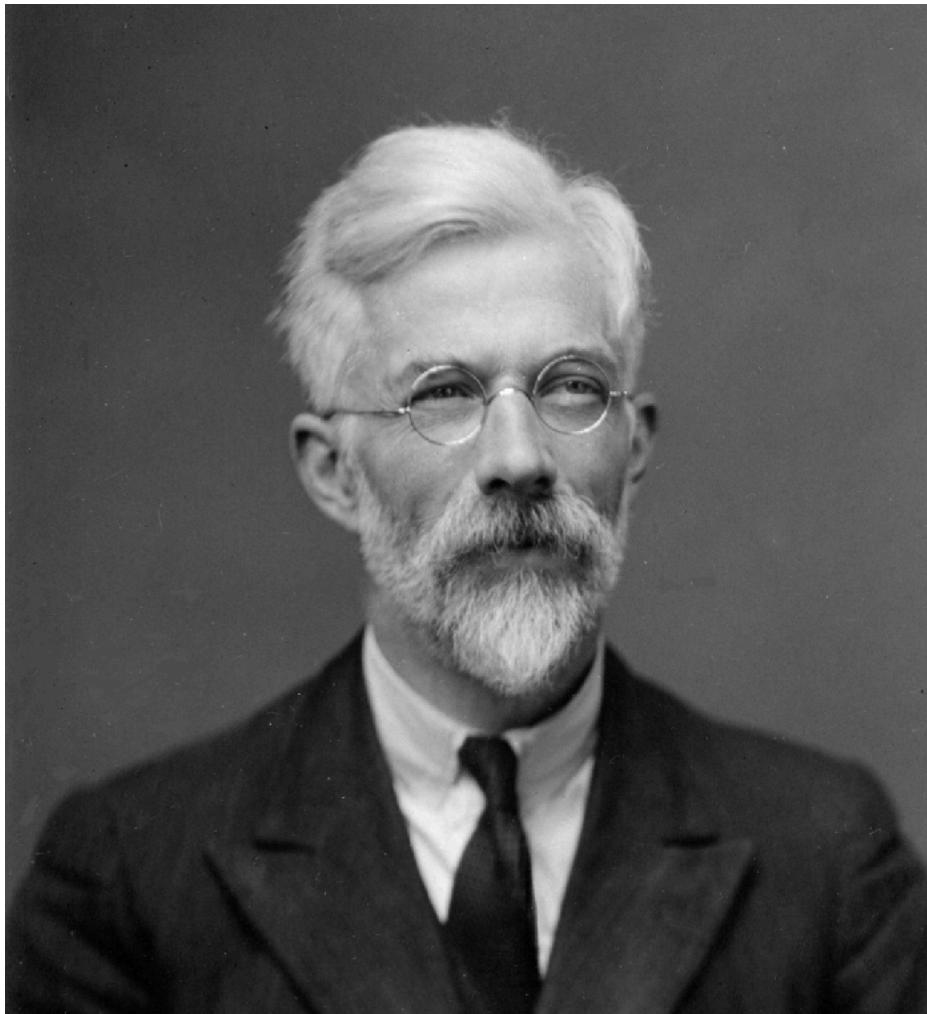
1900's

Probabilities imply that you
can not disprove either.

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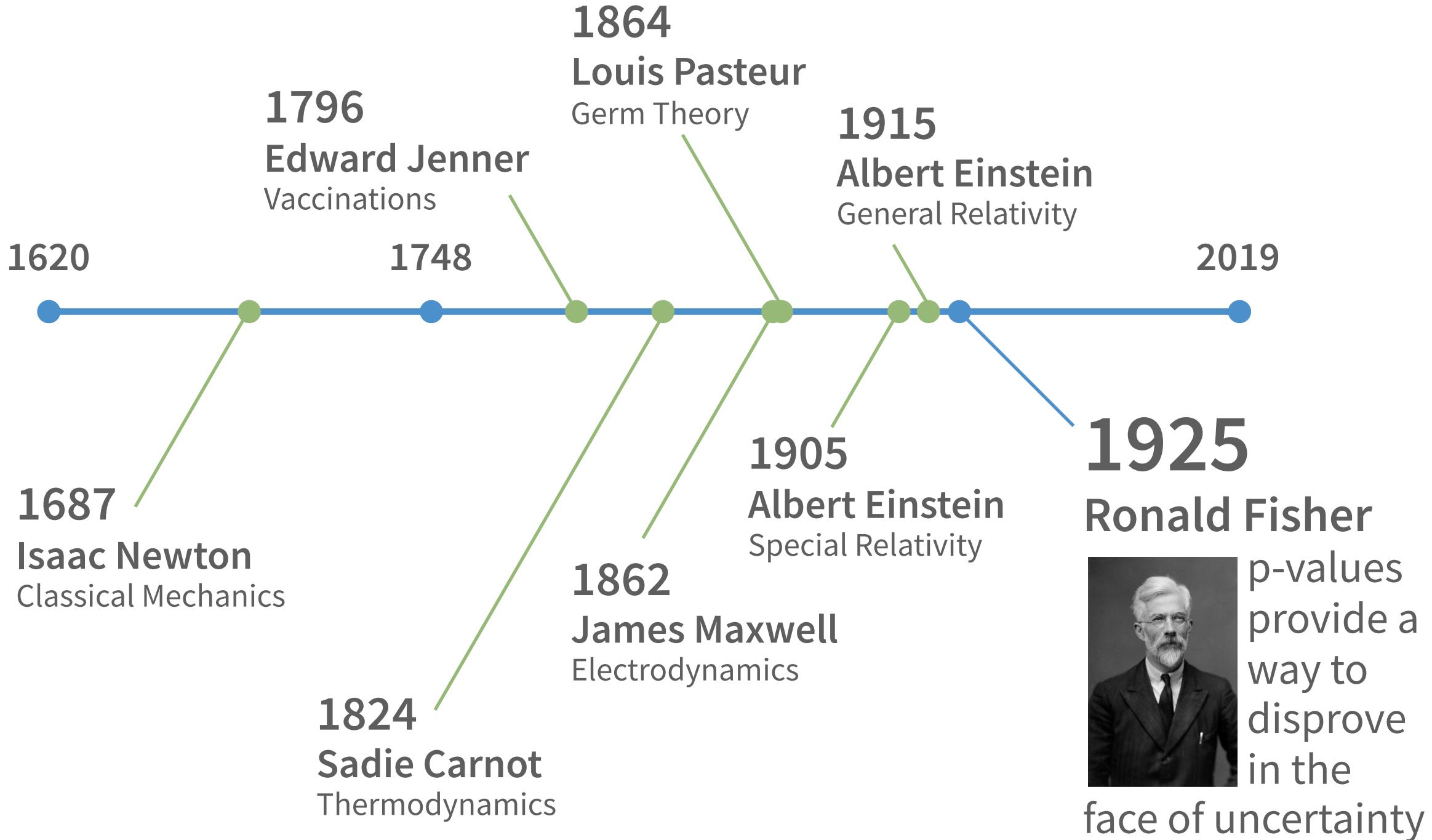
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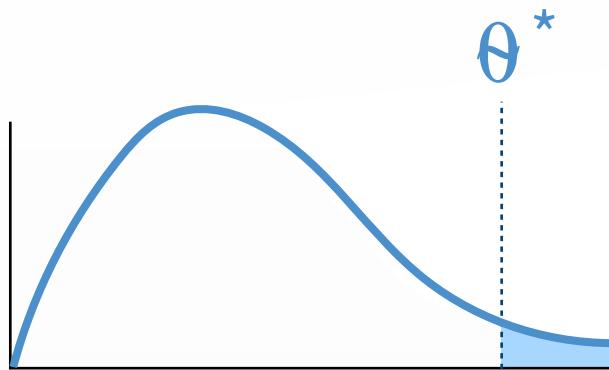
1925

Ronald Fisher

If you cannot disprove,
make a reasonable guess



Where do you draw the line?



Distribution of
 θ under H_0

The file drawer problem



Conducted

Published

Bias



P-Values

sample variation

Sample



Population



Adapted from Levy DG, Norris D. Methods and Guidelines for Integrity in Multivariate Analysis of Real World (Observational) Data. Unpublished Manuscript.

where $q = 1 - p$. The probability that in a sample of $(c+d)$ trials it will occur c times is

$$\frac{(c+d)!}{c! d!} p^c q^d.$$

So that the probability of the observed frequencies a, b, c , and d in a 2×2 table is the product

$$\frac{(a+b)! (c+d)!}{a! b! c! d!} p^a q^b p^c q^d,$$

and this in general must be unknown if p is unknown. The unknown factor involving p and q will, however, be the same for all tables having the same marginal frequencies $a+c, b+d, a+b, c+d$, so that among possible sets of observations having the same marginal frequencies, the probabilities are in proportion to

$$\frac{1}{a! b! c! d!}$$

whatever may be the value of p , or, in other words, for all populations in which the four frequencies are in proportion.

Now the sum of the quantities $1/a! b! c! d!$ for all samples having the same margins is found to be

$$\frac{n!}{(a+b)! (c+d)! (a+c)! (b+d)!}$$

where $n = a+b+c+d$; so that, given the marginal frequencies, the probability of any observed set of entries is

$$\frac{(a+b)! (c+d)! (a+c)! (b+d)!}{n!} \cdot \frac{1}{a! b! c! d!}$$



Fisher, R. A. (1925). Statistical methods for research workers. Edinburgh: Oliver and Boyd.

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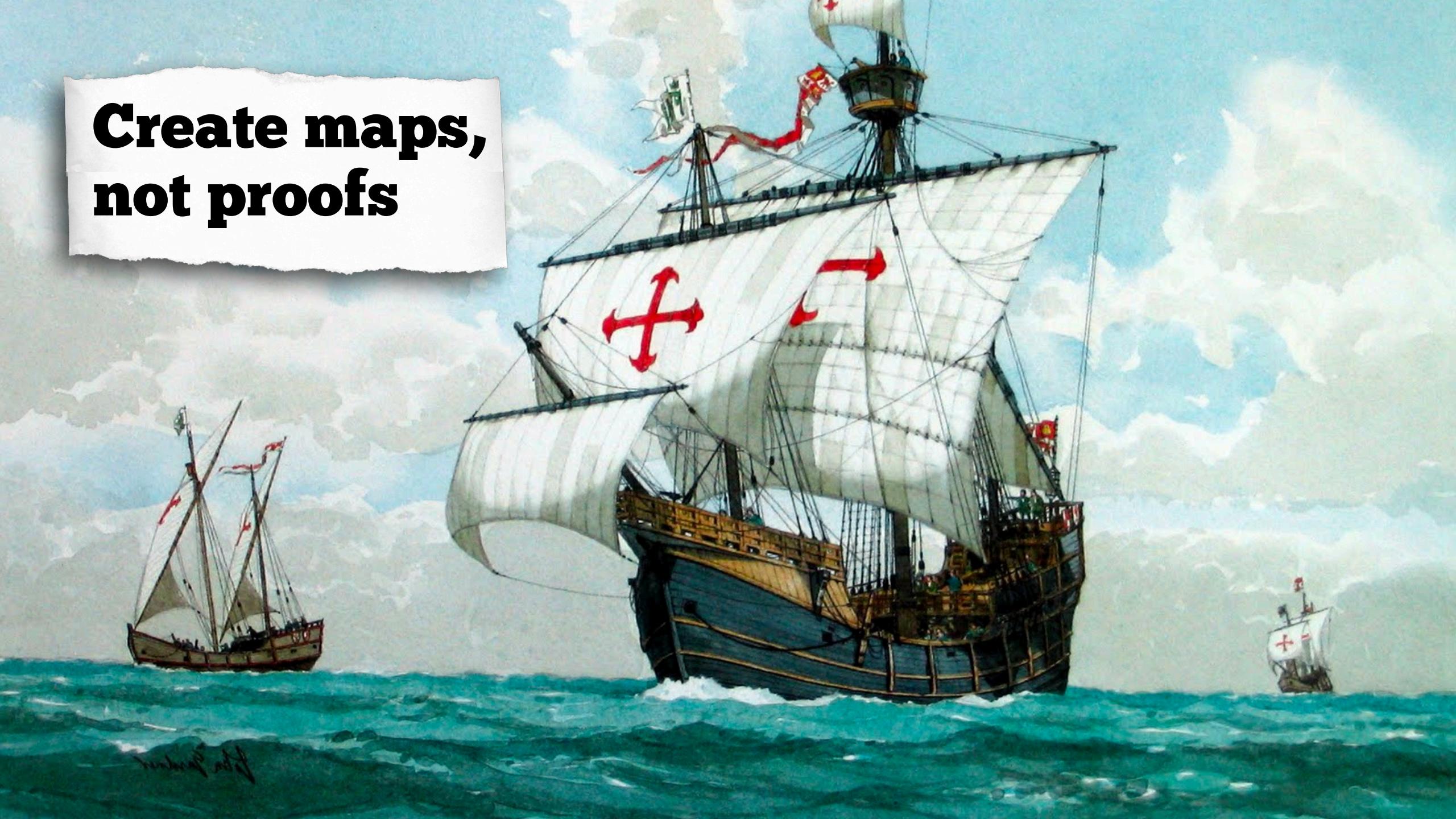
prove



We created a cargo cult
by confusing science
with math.

Now we must undo it.

**Create maps,
not proofs**



Pop Quiz

What does **IMRAD** refer to? Poll your neighbors.



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Introduction

What hypothesis was tested and why?

Methods

How was the study done?

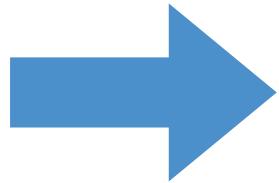
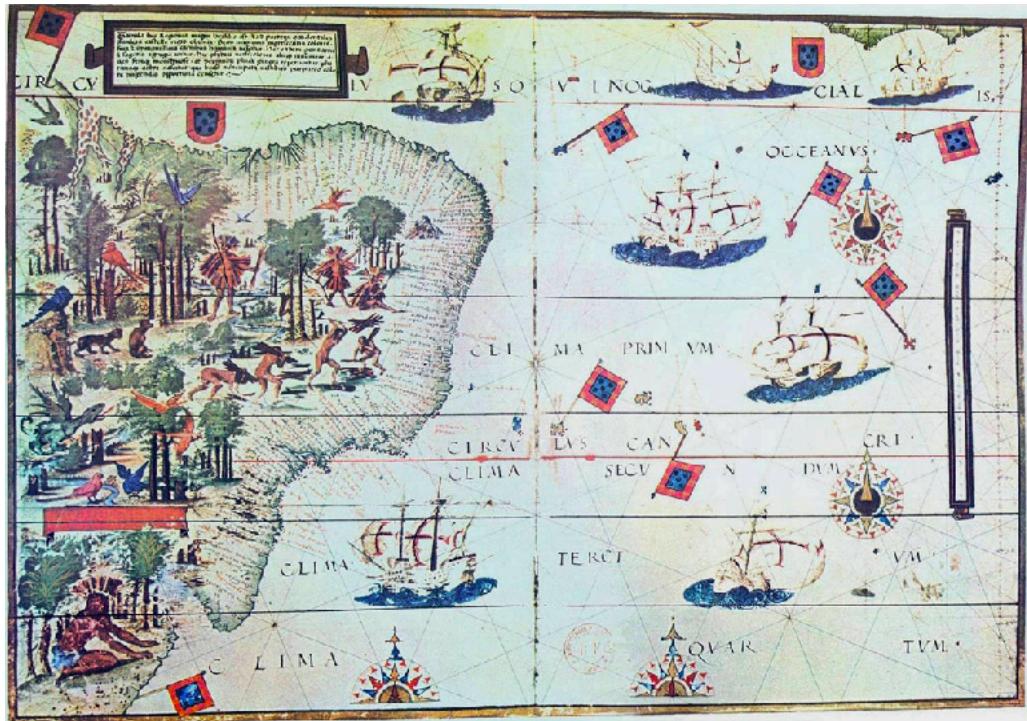
Results

What answer was discovered?

And Discussion

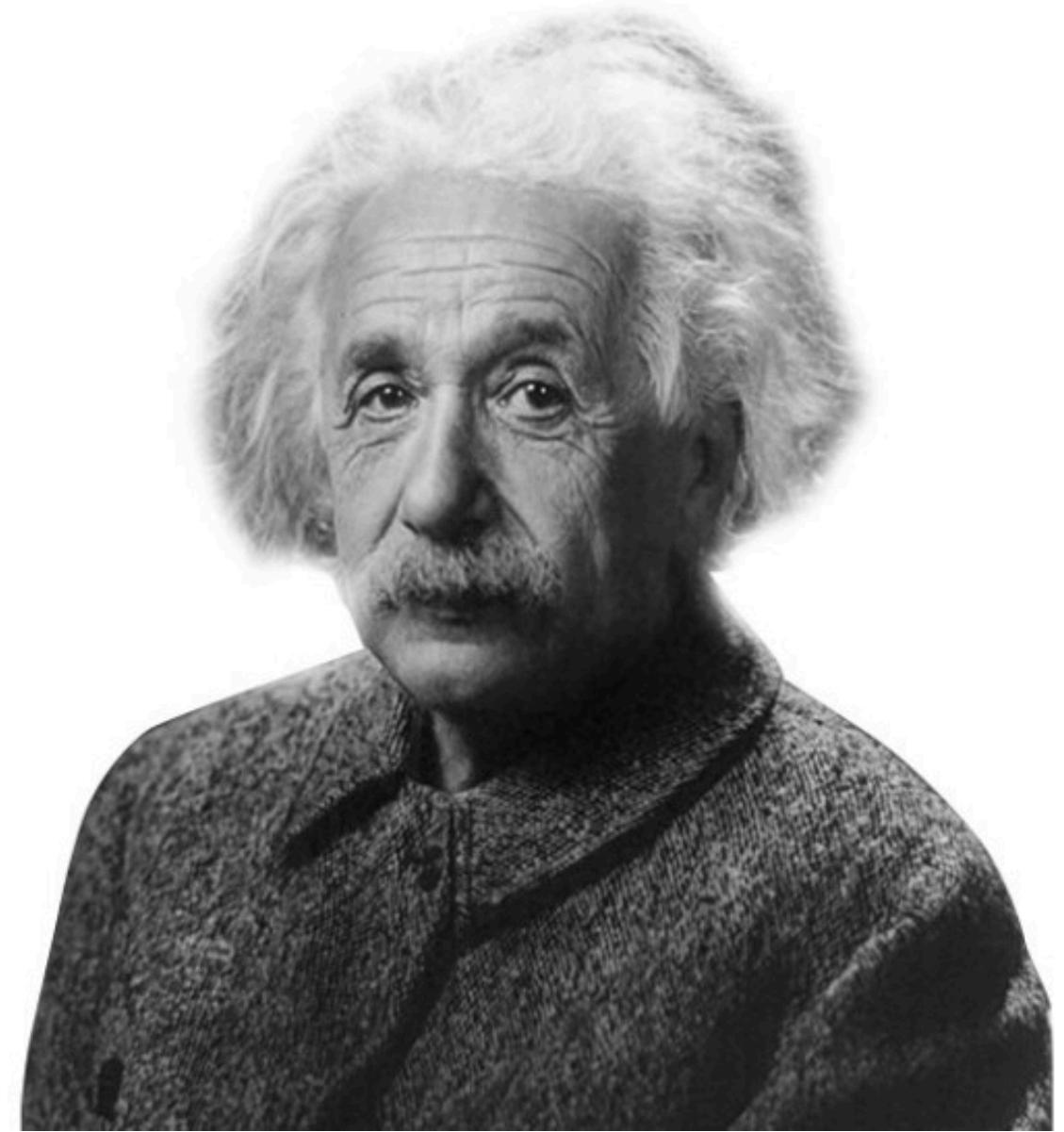
What does the answer imply?

Maps yield models



Maps yield models

$$E = mc^2$$



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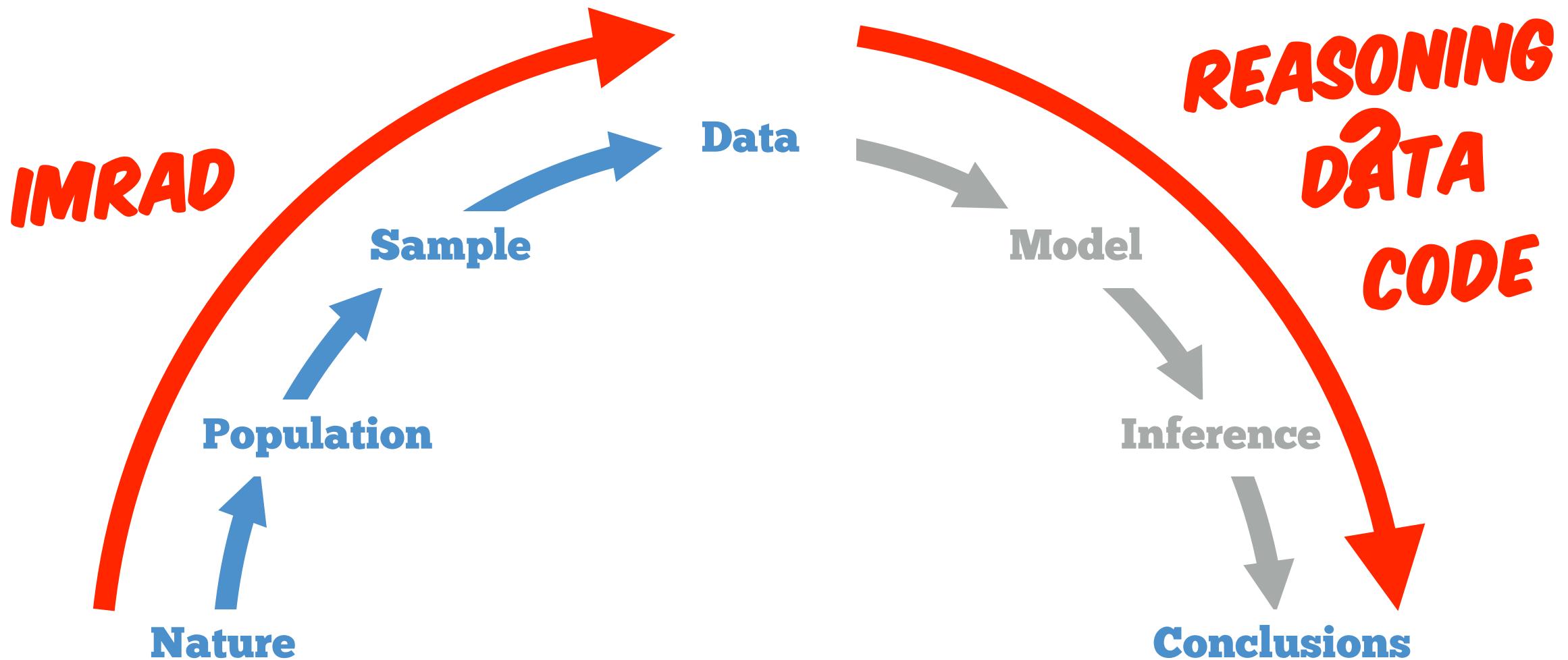
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"R is a free software package available at www.r-project.org/ I used R for the [redacted] models....I used Matlab for the geometry."

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A photograph of a person from behind, standing on a cliff edge with their arms raised in a celebratory or triumphant pose. They are looking out over a bright blue ocean and a small, green, tree-covered island. The sky is clear and blue. A white, torn-paper-style box is overlaid on the lower half of the image, containing the text.

**R Markdown is an
authoring format
for data science**





— 750mL?





Dublin - Google Sheets

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Dublin

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bottle

	A	B	C	D	E
1	bottle	amount			
2	1	748.7			
3	2	746.4			
4	3	750.1			
5	4	751.9			
6	5	747.6			
7	6	748.8			
8	7	748.6			
9	8	752.2			
10	9	749.9			
11	10	745.9			
12	11	747.1			
13	12	748.3			
14	13	750.4			
15		749.6			
16		746			
17		750.5			
18		750.5			
19		750.1			
20		743.9			
21		750.6			

R Markdown Demo 1

One more thing

**Reproducibility
is an opportunity**

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Re: Bottle Machine

Does our bottle machine fill each bottle with 750 mL of beer (on average)?

Data

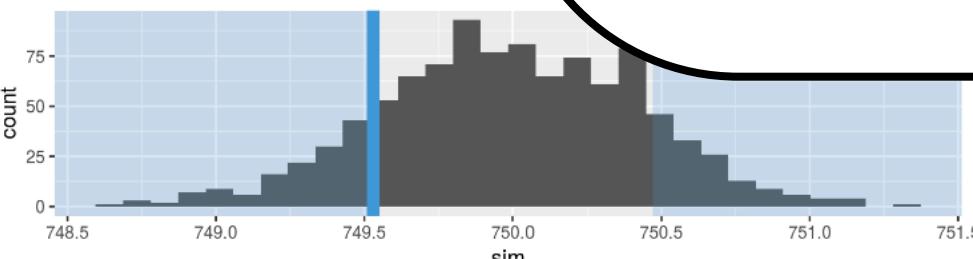
I selected 50 bottles at random from the Dublin factory, which contained the following amounts of beer (ml):

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## [23] 752.5 751.6 748.1 751.8 744.6 751.0 751.1  
## [34] 748.6 744.7 750.6 748.9 753.2 747.8 749.5  
## [45] 749.4 754.4 750.7 750.3 745.9 747.1
```

The mean amount is 749.53.

Reasoning

The amounts of beer in our bottles should be normally distributed. I used a simulation to calculate the sample means of 1000 samples of size 50.



I've plotted the distribution of the simulated means above. The blue line shows our observed sample mean. Notice that 27.4% of simulations produced a sample mean as extreme as ours ($p\text{-value} = 0.274$). In other words, our observations are in accordance with our belief.

Conclusion

We do not have evidence that the bottle machine is malfunctioning.

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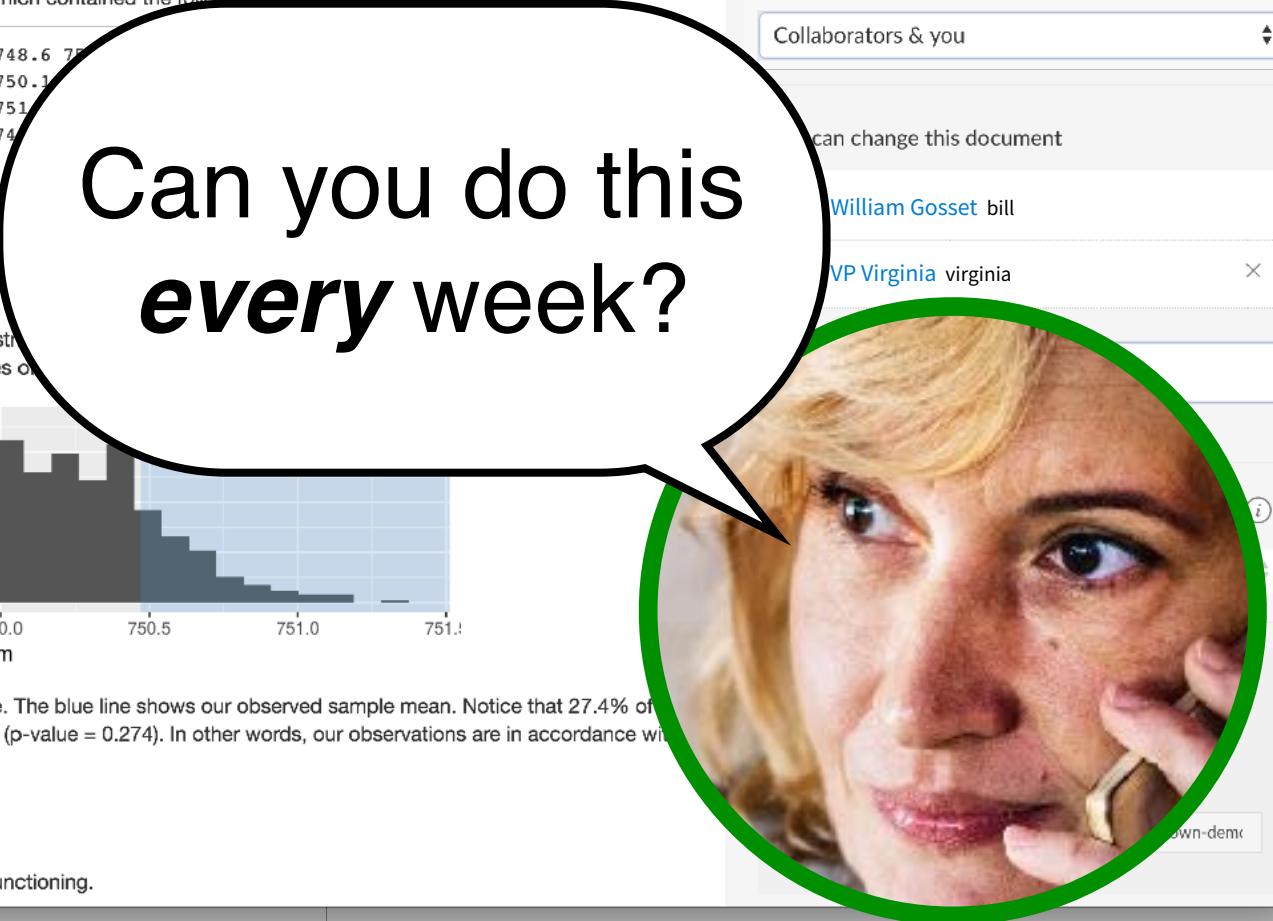
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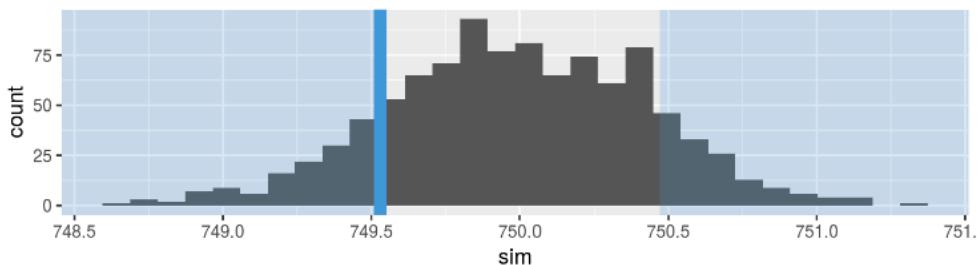
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## [1] 749.53
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## [3] 750.7 753.7 749.4 752.1 747.9  
## [4] 746.0 748.4 754.2 750.6 749.9  
## [5] 749.5
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Reasoning

The amounts of beer in our bottles should be normally distributed with a mean of 750 mL and a standard deviation of 3 mL. Let's use simulation to calculate the sample means of 1000 samples of size 50 generated from such a distribution.



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Schedule output for default

Start date & time

Fri Sep 07 2018 12:39:20 GMT-0500

Schedule type

Weekly

Run every 1 week.

Run every... Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

Publish output after it is generated

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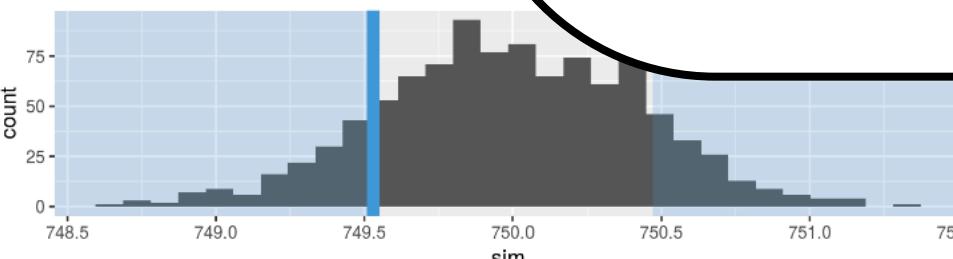
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WG bill

Can you do this for the *London* factory?



R Markdown Demo 2

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Re: Bottle Mac | Re: Bottle Machine

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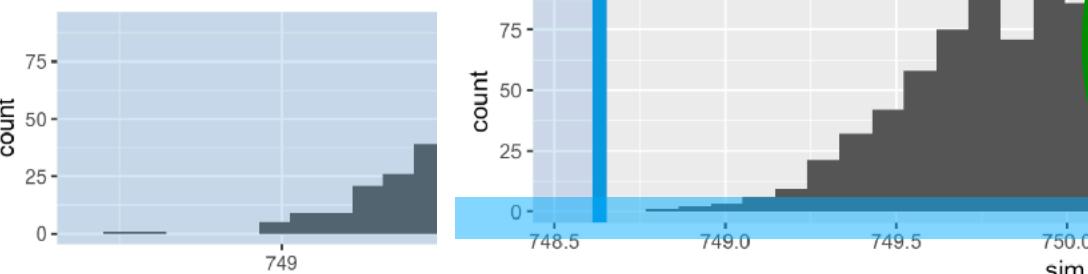
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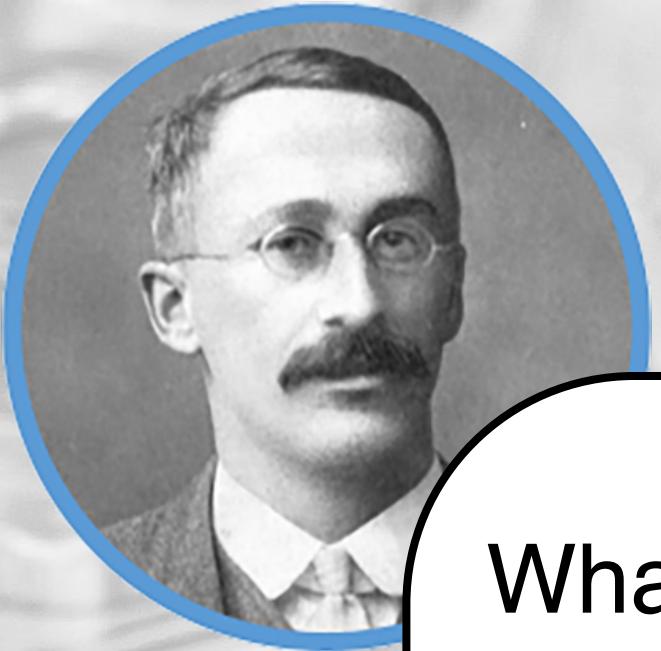


**Reproducibility
is an opportunity**

schedule

parameterize

automate



What should we do
with the leftover beer?



Thank You

