

# Conducting **open & reproducible** (human) social neuroscience aka: practical things I wish I knew 6 years ago

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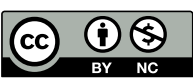
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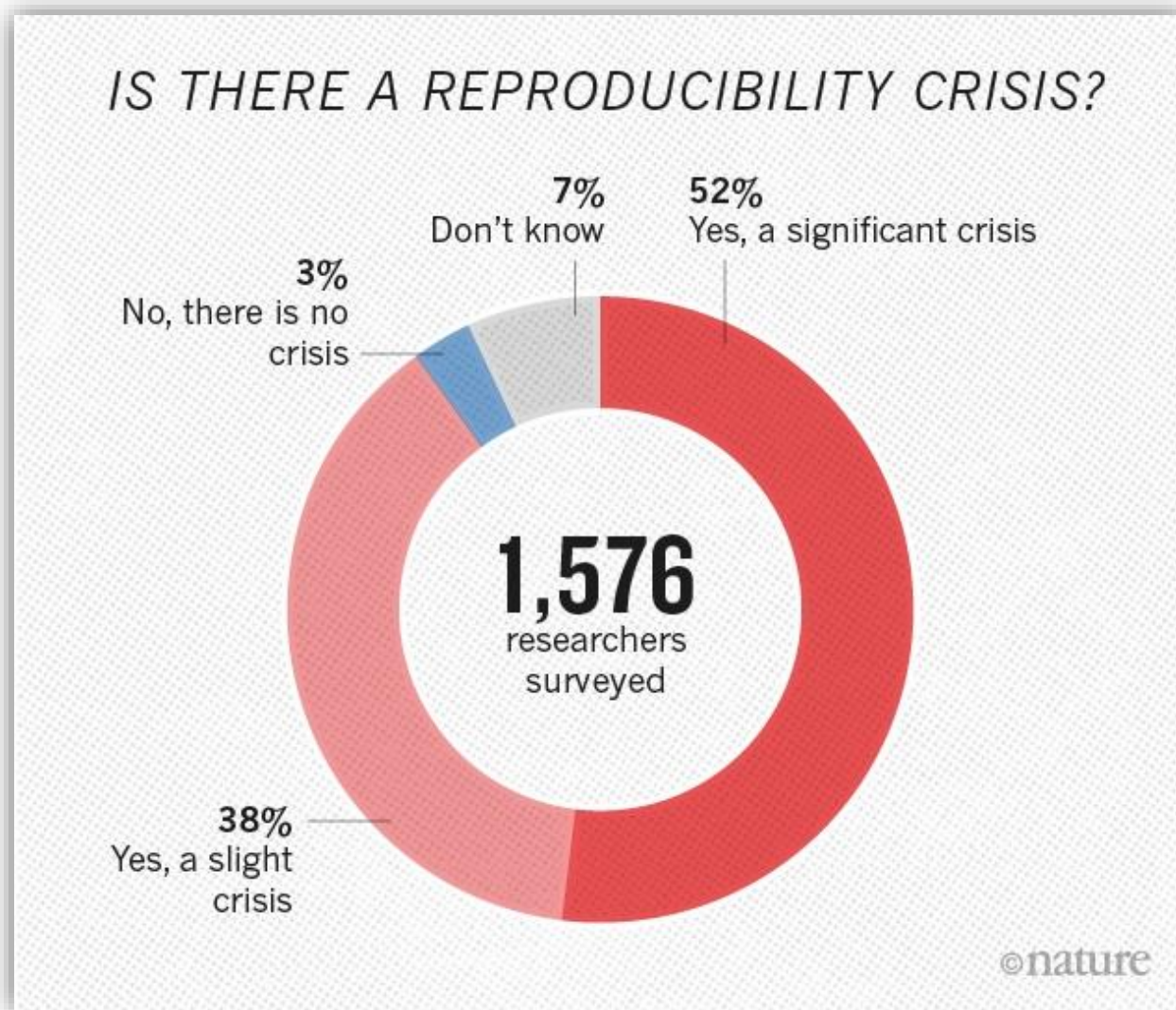
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# let's talk about incentives



okay, there is a reproducibility crises

solution: **Open Science!**

But, research largely relies on “self-correction”, so?

# let's talk about incentives

More can be done ...

when **evaluating/hiring** new people

## Faculty Positions in Neuroscience **EPFL**

The Ecole polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL) invites applications for **two faculty positions** at the Tenure Track Assistant Professor level in the **Brain Mind Institute of the School of Life Sciences**. We seek candidates committed to research in the broad fields of neuroscience, neuroengineering and neurotechnology with interest in brain (dys)function, neurodegeneration, regeneration, stem cells and organoids studied from molecular, genetic, cellular, neural circuit, systems, imaging, computational and/or behavioral perspectives.

Commitment to open science and data dissemination will be positively valued.

when **funding** new research



### Our policy

1. We expect our researchers to maximise the availability of research data, software and materials with as few restrictions as possible. As a minimum, the data underpinning research papers should be made available to other researchers at the time of



### Open (FAIR) data

Open Science

Data management  
Data management section

Besides publications also research data that emerges from NWO-funded research should be as accessible and reusable as possible. The idea behind open science is 'Open as possible, closed if necessary.' Due



### NIH Data Sharing Policy and Implementation Guidance

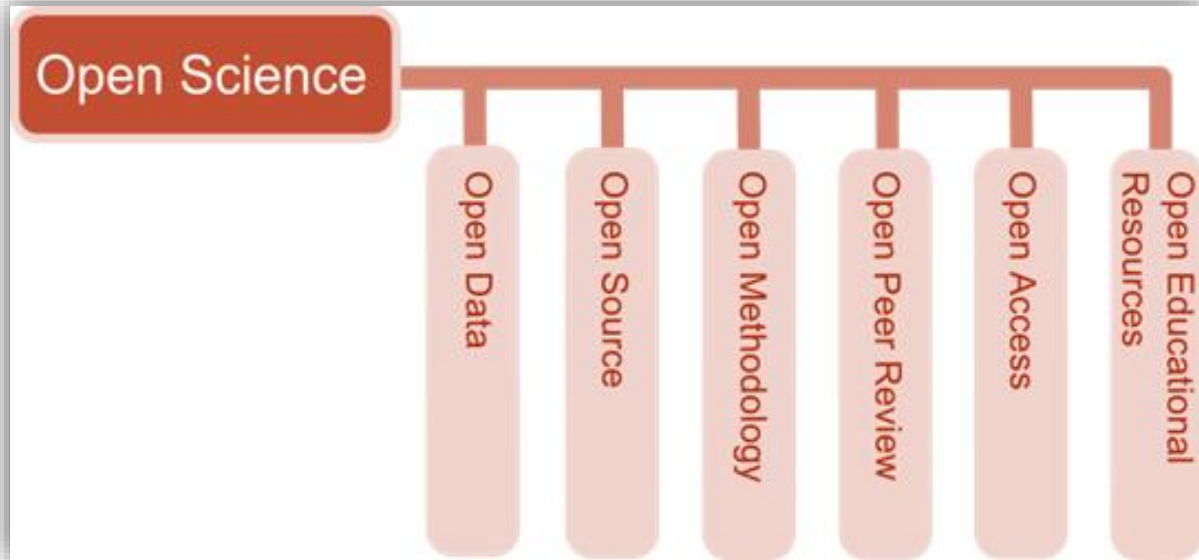
This guidance provides the National Institutes of Health (NIH) policy statement on data sharing and additional information on the implementation of this policy.

**NEWS:** New NIH Policy on Data Management and Sharing (effective January 25, 2023)

NIH has issued a new *Final NIH Policy for Data Management and Sharing*, which will require NIH funded researchers to prospectively submit a plan outlining how the new policy will come into effect and replace the 2003 NIH Data Sharing Policy currently in effect.

To help the research community prepare for implementation of the new policy, NIH also provides the following supplemental information: *Elements of an NIH Data Sharing*, and *Selecting a Repository for Data Resulting from NIH-Supported Research*. Visit the page on [public access and open science](#) to learn more.

# What is Open Science?



From our survey:

- Reproducibility
- Pre-registration
- Preprints
- Data Sharing
- Resource/code sharing
- Open access



# Reproducibility: Reporting clarity

During the taster session on the first day, we assessed participants' active motor threshold for the left motor cortex 'hotspot', which is the scalp location where TMS evoked the largest MEP amplitude. The active motor threshold was defined as the minimum stimulation intensity sufficient to produce a **motor-evoked potential (MEP)** in the contralateral small hand muscle, i.e., **right first dorsal interosseous (FDI)**, in **at least 50% of trials**, when the participants exerted a constant pressure between the index finger and the thumb (**20% of maximum force**) (Rossini et al., 1994). Electromyographic (EMG) activity in right FDI was recorded with bipolar surface Ag-AgCl electrode montages. Responses were **bandpass filtered between 10 and 1000 Hz**, with additional 50 Hz notch filtering, sampled at 5000 Hz, and recorded using a CED 1902 amplifier, a CEDmicro1401 Mk.II A/D converter, and PC running Spike2 (Cambridge Electronic Design).

on a latex cap fixed on the head. For cTBS, bursts of 3 stimuli at 50 Hz were repeated with a frequency of 5 Hz for 40 seconds, resulting in a total of 600 pulses. Stimulation intensity was set to 80% of the active motor threshold. Motor threshold corresponded to the lowest TMS pulse intensity required to elicit a **motor-evoked potential larger than 200  $\mu$ V from the contralateral first dorsal interosseous muscle on more than 5 out of 10 trials** while the participant maintained a contraction of **about 20% maximum force** [45]. The implemented cTBS protocol has been reported to reduce the excitability of the stimulated brain region for up to 60 minutes, though



## Reporting guidelines for main study types

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[See all 485 reporting guidelines](#)

# Reproducibility: Statistics

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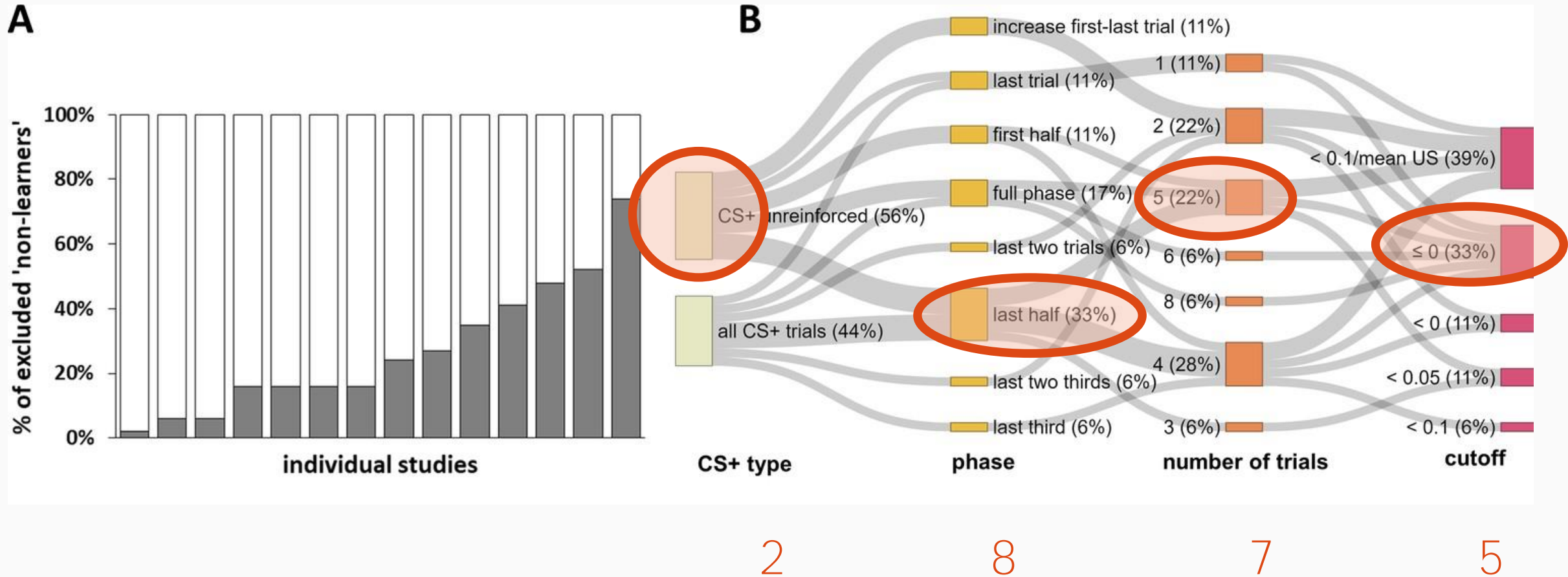
## Ten common statistical mistakes to watch out for when writing or reviewing a manuscript

**Abstract** Inspired by broader efforts to make the conclusions of scientific research more robust, we have compiled a list of some of the most common statistical mistakes that appear in the scientific literature. The mistakes have their origins in ineffective experimental designs, inappropriate analyses and/or flawed reasoning. We provide advice on how authors, reviewers and readers can identify and resolve these mistakes and, we hope, avoid them in the future.

**TAMAR R MAKIN\* AND JEAN-JACQUES ORBAN DE XIVRY**

<https://elifesciences.org/articles/48175>

# Pre-registration



$$\rightarrow 2*8*7*5 = 560!!!$$

# Pre-registration

what to pre-reg?  
research question  
hypotheses  
analyses plan  
etc.

**prior to experiment!**

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A fMRI pre-registration template



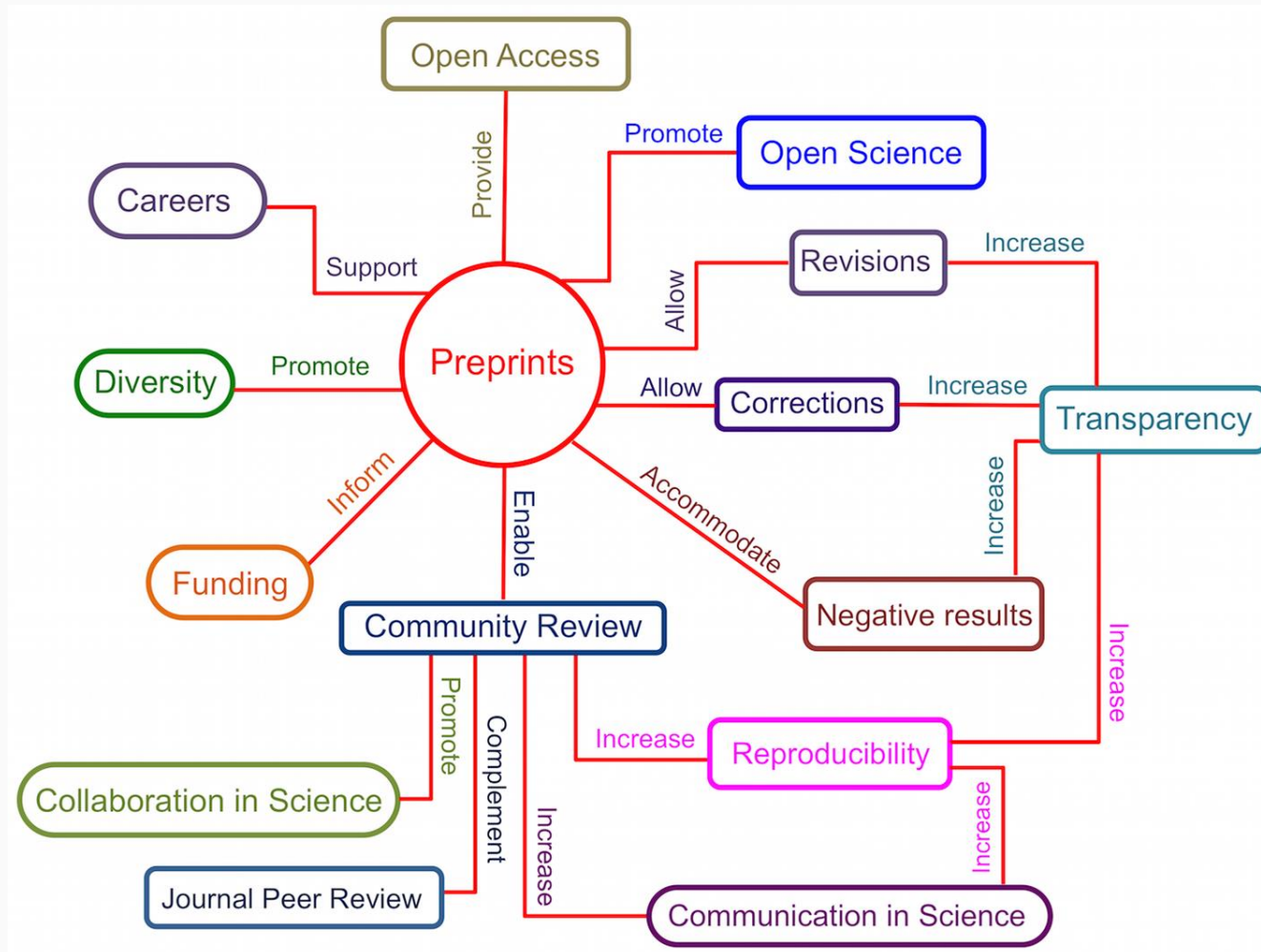
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# Data sharing

## Selfish scientists' reasons for data sharing

### **Time required**

(but small compared to  
overall time  
for project?)

### **People will try and undermine me**

(although trust typically  
goes *up* when sharing data)

### **People will nag me with questions**

## Reasons not to share

### **Stability/reuse of code**

(by your future self/your lab)

**Broader impact** than  
publication alone can achieve

**Increased trust/citations** (especially if  
data/task is citable separately)

### **Greater care**

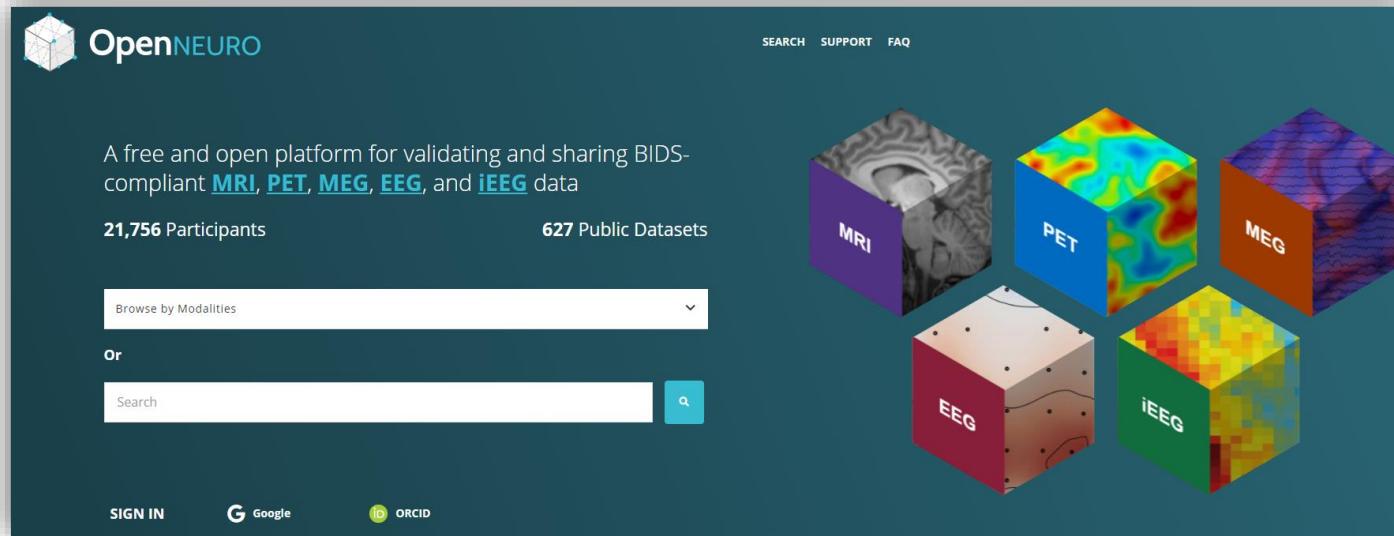
May become  
**mandatory** for grant panels  
(already for some journals)

### **Free cash**

(if you pre-register)

## Reasons to share

# Data sharing: neuroimaging



## Validation Using BIDS

The [Brain Imaging Data Structure](https://bids.neuroimaging.io/) (BIDS) is an emerging standard for the organization of neuroimaging data.

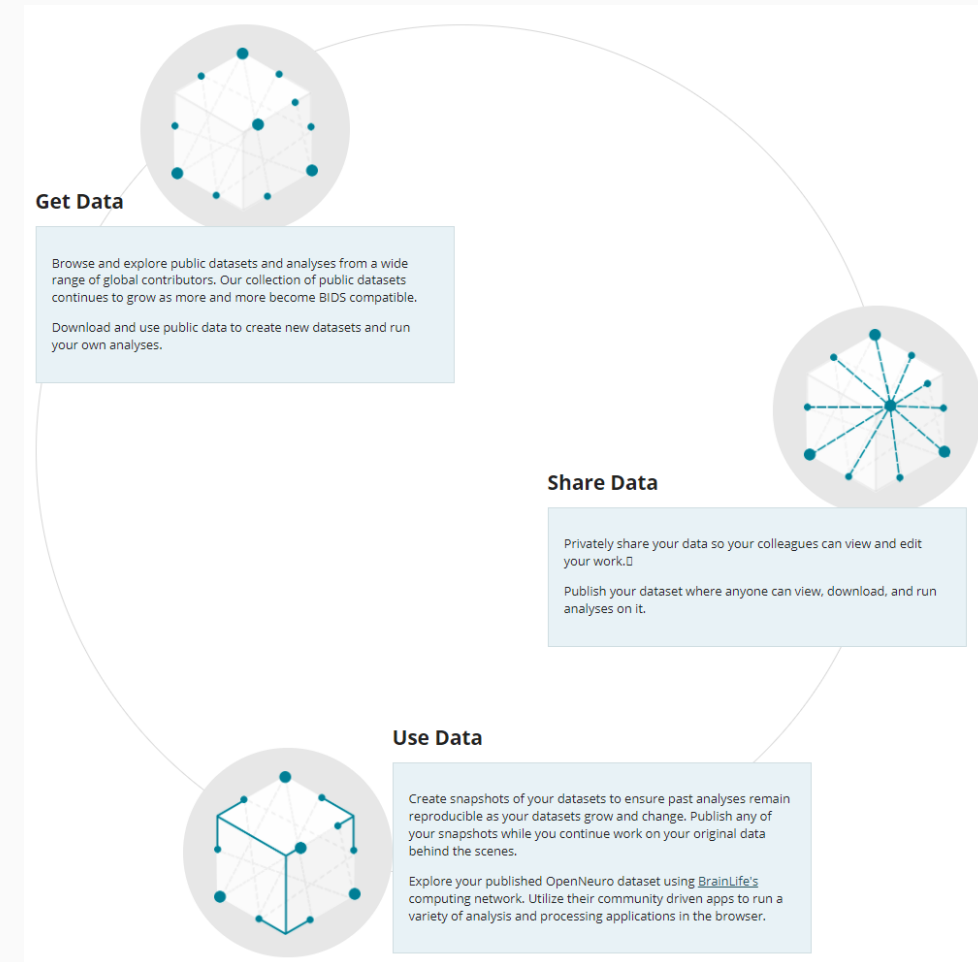
Want to contribute to BIDS?  
Visit the [Google discussion group](https://bids.neuroimaging.io/) to contribute.



## OpenNeuro Runs on DataLad

Want to access OpenNeuro datasets with DataLad? Visit the [dataset collection on GitHub](https://openneuro.org/dataset-collection).

A data management solution built on [Git](https://git-scm.com/) and [Git-annex](https://git-annex.branchable.com/). Read more about [DataLad](https://datalad.org/)



# Data sharing: others

CRCNS - Collaborative Research in Computational Neuroscience - Data sharing

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Welcome to the CRCNS data sharing website

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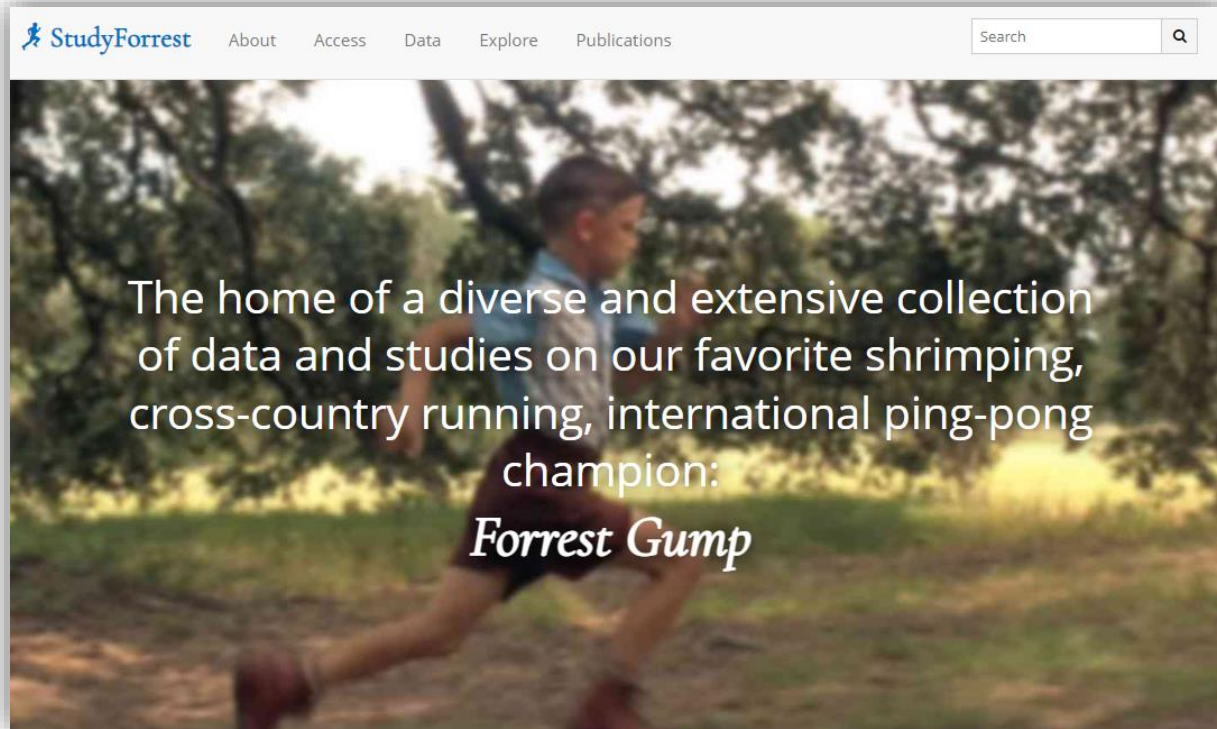
<https://zenodo.org/>



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# Data sharing: open dataset



This project centers around the use of **the movie Forrest Gump**, which provides complex sensory input that is both reproducible and is also richly laden with real-life-like content and contexts.

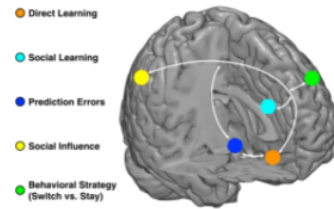
Since its initial release, the *StudyForrest* dataset has grown and been extended substantially, and now encompasses many **hours of fMRI scans**, structural brain scans, **eye-tracking** data, and extensive **annotations** of the movie. Explore the [Data Page](#) to more closely examine the data we have available.

<https://www.studyforrest.org/>

# Resource/code sharing

## SIT

repo size 226 MB languages 3 DOI 10.1126/sciadv.abb4159  
last commit august 2020  
@lei\_zhang\_lz 2.5k @SysNeuroHamburg 657 @ScanUnit 1.5k



Code and data for the **social influence task (SIT)**, accompanying the paper:

Zhang, L. & Gläscher, J. (2020). A brain network supporting social influences in human decision-making. *Science Advances*, 6, eabb4159.

DOI: 10.1126/sciadv.abb4159.

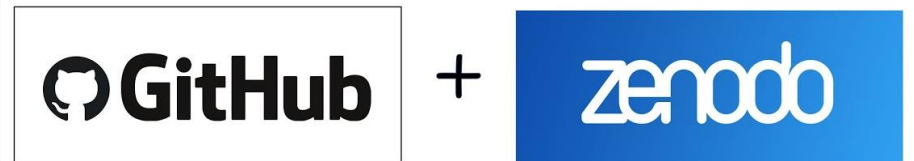
### Outreach:

- A 1.4-min #SciComm video in lay English is available on [YouTube](#) and [bilibili](#).
- A 1-hour talk on this paper is available on [YouTube](#) and [bilibili](#). The slides deck is available [here](#).
- Part of the **experimental setup** was previously covered by a European television channel [Arte Xenius](#) (in [German](#) and [French](#)).
- A [Twitter thread](#) is compiled to summarize the main findings; see here for an [unroll version](#).
- Media coverage** (selection): [COSMOS](#), [UNIVIE](#), [UKE](#) (German), [APA.at](#) (German), [EurekAlert](#), [ScienceDaily](#), [medicalxpress](#), [SingularityHub](#).

This repository contains:

```
root
├── data # Preprocessed behavioral data & fMRI BOLD time series data
│   ├── behavioral
│   └── fMRI
├── code # Matlab, R, & Stan code to run analyses and produce figures
│   ├── behavioral
│   ├── fMRI
│   └── stanmodel
```

Zhang & Gläscher, 2020, *Science Advances* <https://github.com/lei-zhang/SIT>



= Citable Code

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SlqK\\_TA52e4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SlqK_TA52e4)

# Resource/code sharing: software

## hBayesDM

repo status **Active** build **error** CRAN **1.1.1 – 2021-05-03** downloads **42K**  
DOI **10.1162/CPSY\_a\_00002**

hBayesDM (hierarchical Bayesian modeling of Decision-Making tasks) is a user-friendly package that offers hierarchical Bayesian analysis of various computational models on an array of decision-making tasks. hBayesDM uses [Stan](#) for Bayesian inference.

Now, hBayesDM supports both [R](#) and [Python](#)!



[Ahn, Haines, Zhang, 2017, Computational Psychiatry](#)

## HyPyP 🐍 ≈ 🐍

The Hyperscanning Python Pipeline

pypi **v0.3.0b4** build **passing** License **BSD 3-Clause** chat **Mattermost**

⚠️ This software is in beta and thus should be considered with caution. While we have done our best to test all the functionalities, there is no guarantee that the pipeline is entirely bug-free.

📄 See our [paper](#) for more explanation and our plan for upcoming functionalities (aka Roadmap).

💛 If you want to help you can submit bugs and suggestions of enhancements in our Github [Issues section](#).

👤 For the motivated contributors, you can even help directly in the development of HyPyP. You will need to install [Poetry](#) (see section below).

[Ayrolles et al., 2021, SCAN](#)

code style **black** Python package **passing** pypi package **2.2.0.3** downloads **293k** downloads/month **5k** Star **2.5k**

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# DeepLabCut™

a software package for animal pose estimation

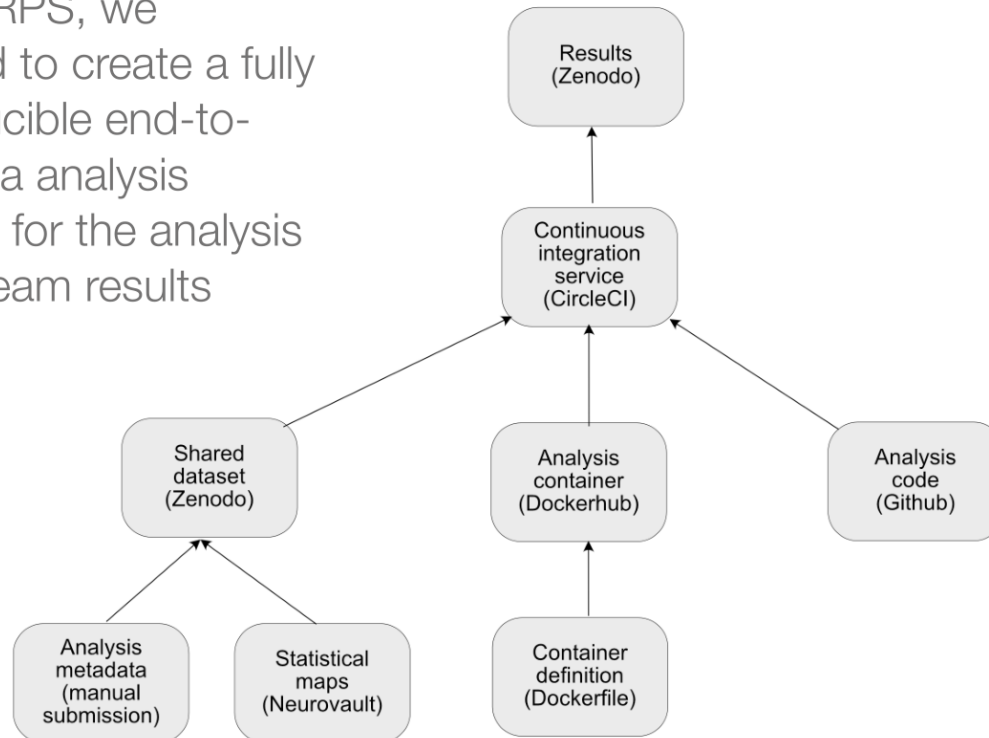
[www.deeplabcut.org](http://www.deeplabcut.org)



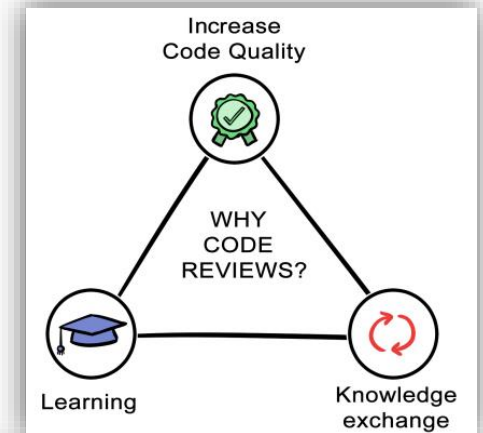
[Mathis et al., 2018, Nature Neuroscience](#)

# Resource/code sharing: code review

For NARPS, we decided to create a fully reproducible end-to-end data analysis pipeline for the analysis of the team results



slide from Russ Poldrack



**Hannah Sheahan** @hannahsheahan · Jun 24

My first pull request was approved at DeepMind today 🥳 but seriously code review is so amazing for learning. Why does no one in academia do it?

💬 106

🔄 207

❤️ 3.2K



**Tom Wallis**  
@tsawallis

Replying to @hannahsheahan

After returning to academia from industry, I had the exact same thought. My group will be doing code review! It's insane that we spend hours refining paragraphs in a manuscript, but often only the student has seen the code that produced the results!

11:22 AM · Jun 25, 2021 · Twitter Web App

# Open Access



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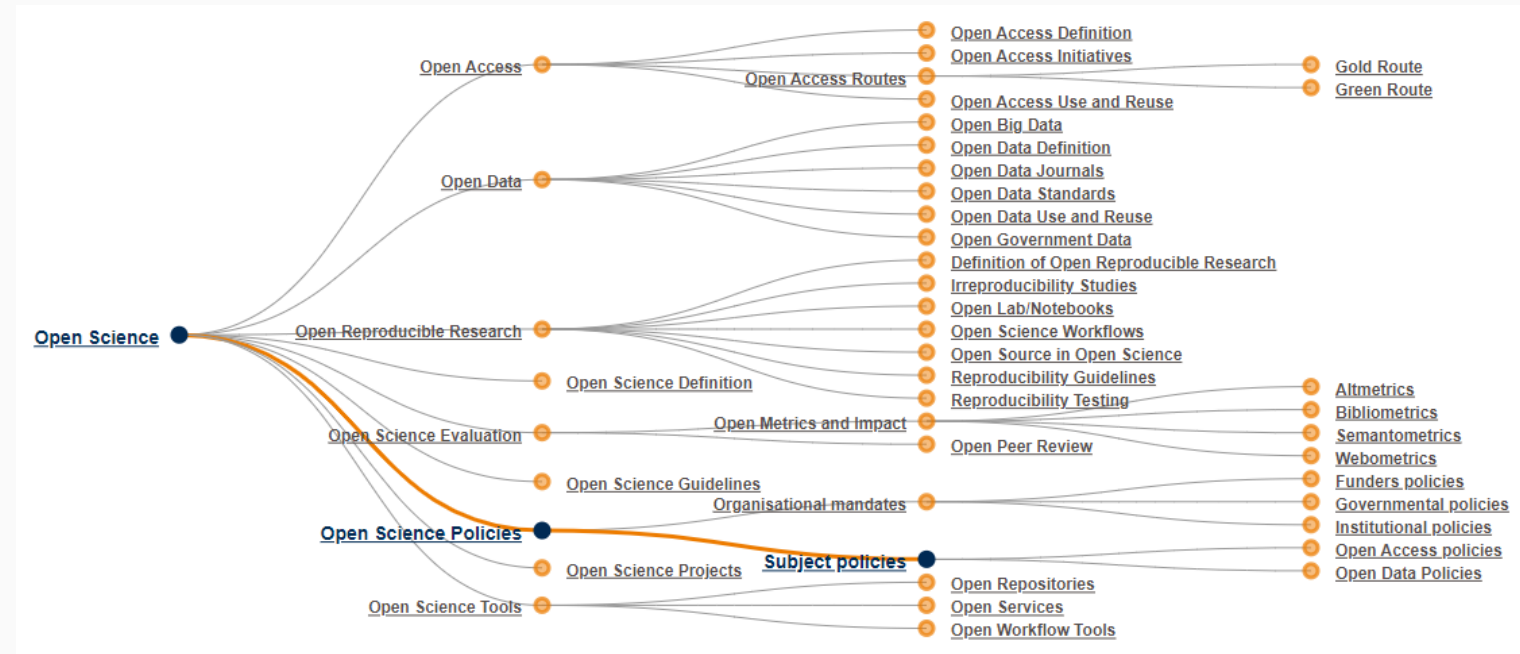
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