Laboratory notebook, computational document, reproducible article
Emacs/Org-mode: One ring to rule them all?

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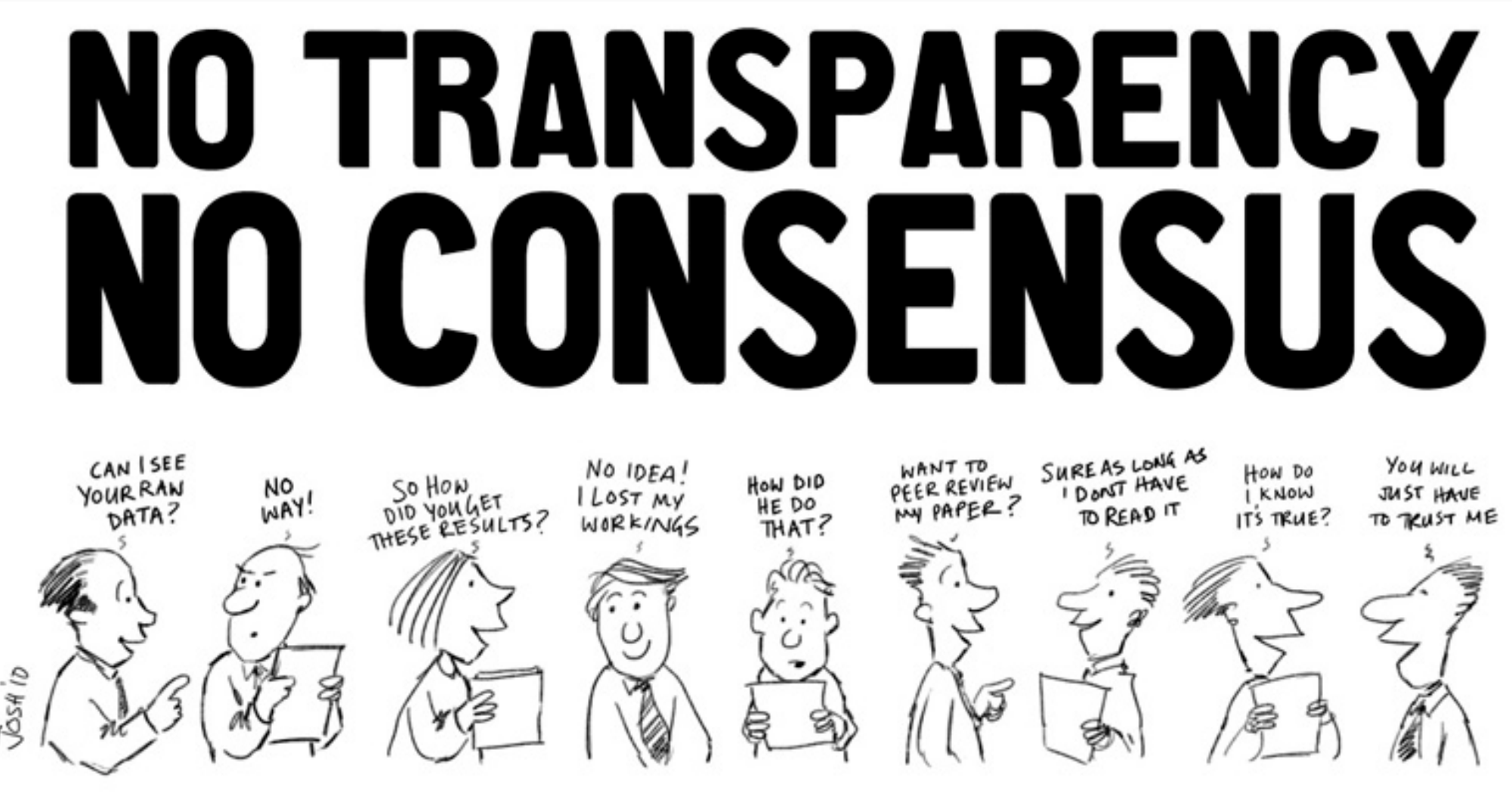
MaiMosine, GRICAD, SARI network, June 2023

Scientific Consensus



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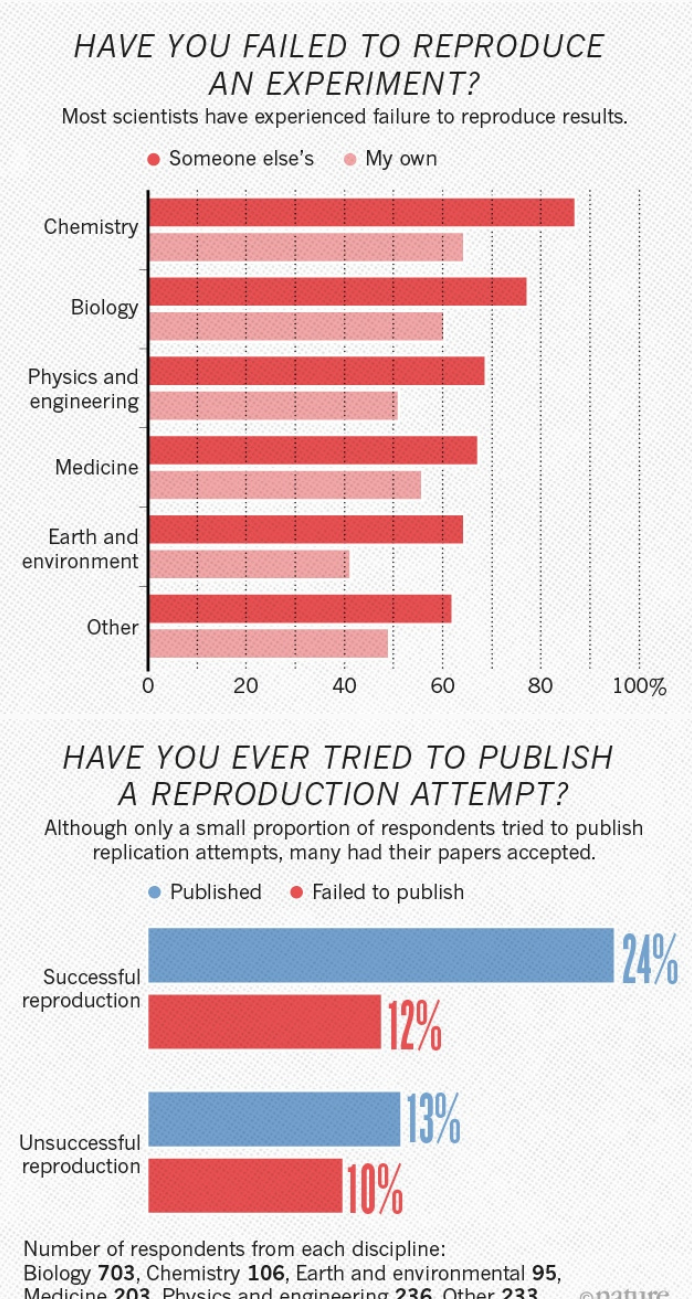

1,500 scientists lift the lid on reproducibility, Nature, May 2016

Social causes

- Fraud, conflict of interest (pharmaceutic, ...)
- No incentive to reproduce/check our own work (afap), nor the work of others (big results!), nor to allow others to check (competition)
- Peer review does not scale: 1M+ articles per year!
- Emerging practices: DORA/Plan S/COARA, DMP and FAIR data, artefact evaluation, reproducibility badges, reproducibility challenges, open reviews, ...

Methodological/technical causes

- The many biases (apophenia, confirmation, hindsight, experimenter, ...): bad designs
- Selective reporting, weak analysis (statistics, data manipulation mistakes, computational errors)
- Lack of information, code/raw data unavailable

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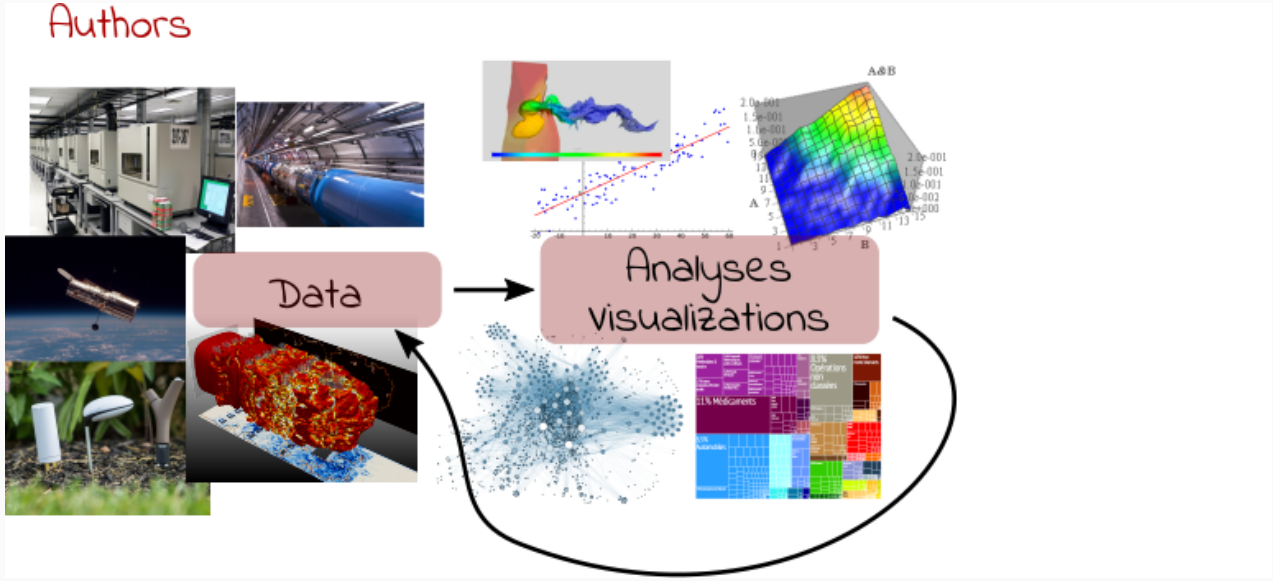

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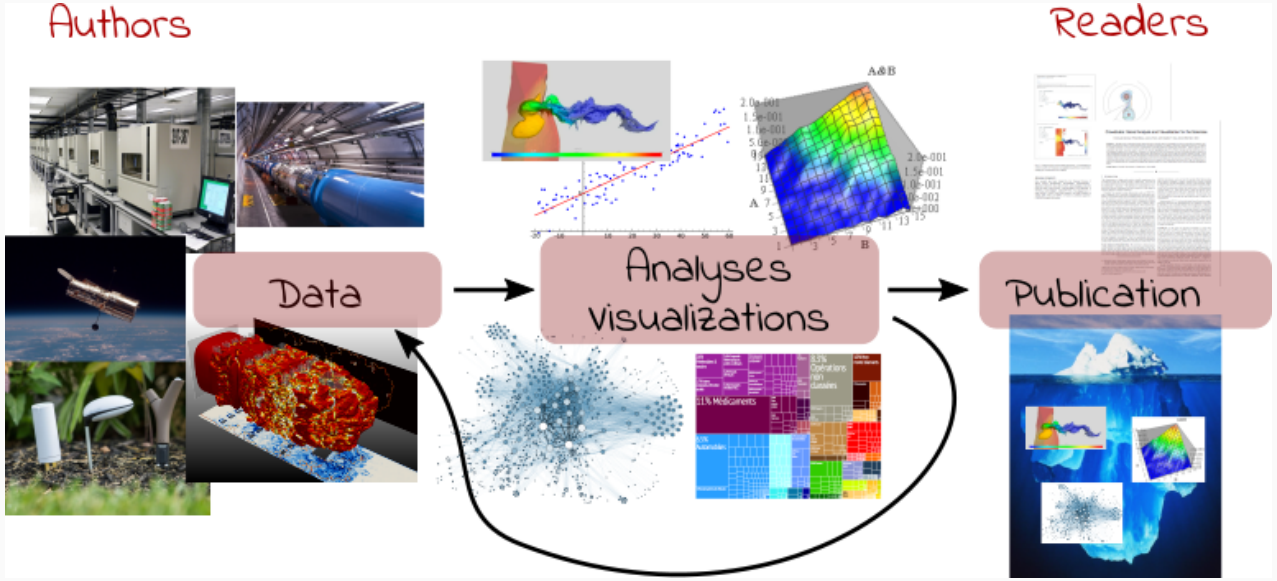

Reproducible Research = Bridging the Gap by working Transparently

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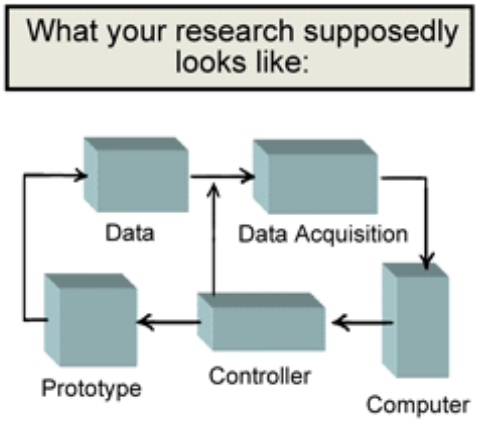

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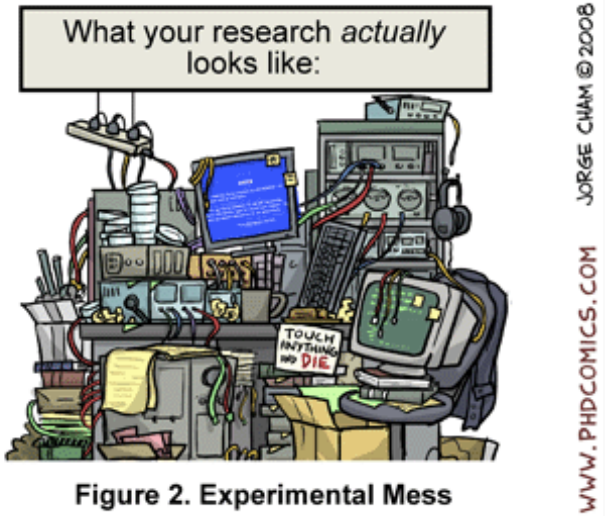

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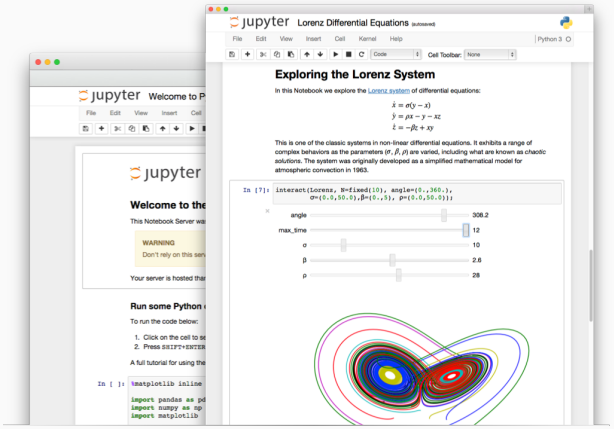

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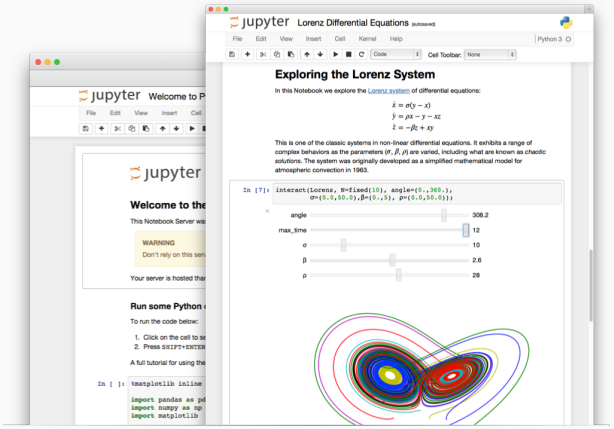

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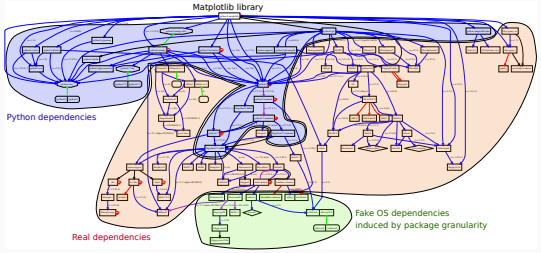

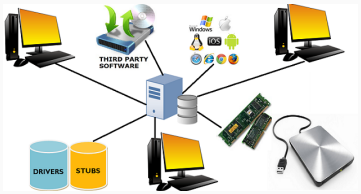

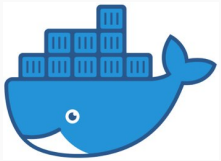

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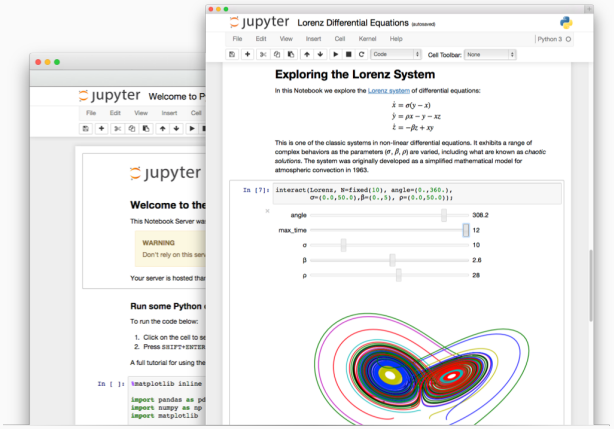

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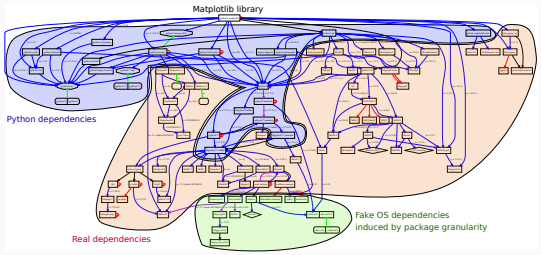

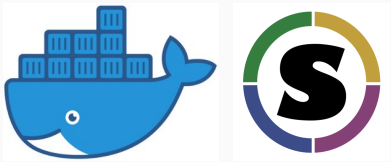

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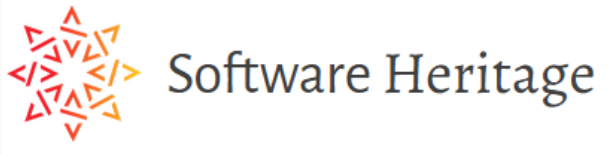

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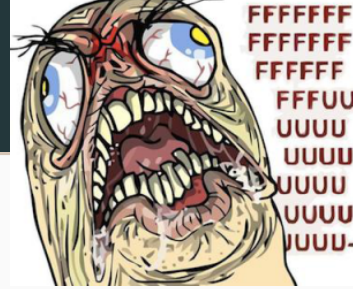

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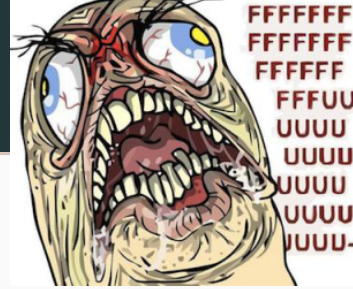

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- That can't be true, I'm sure they removed some points
- Why is this graph in logscale? How would it look like otherwise? I'm not even sure of what this value means. If only I could access the generation script

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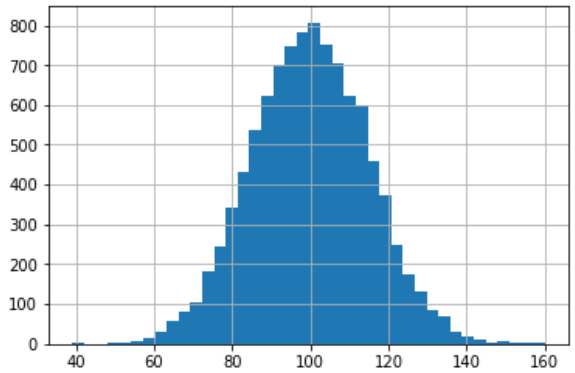

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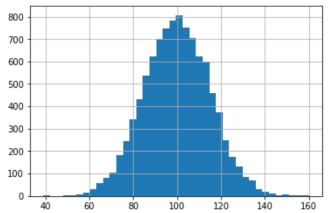

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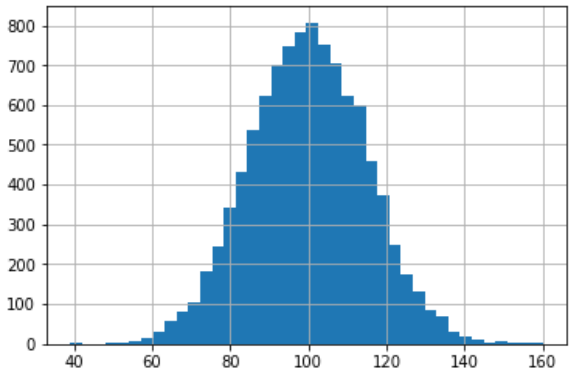

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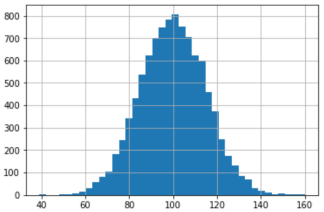

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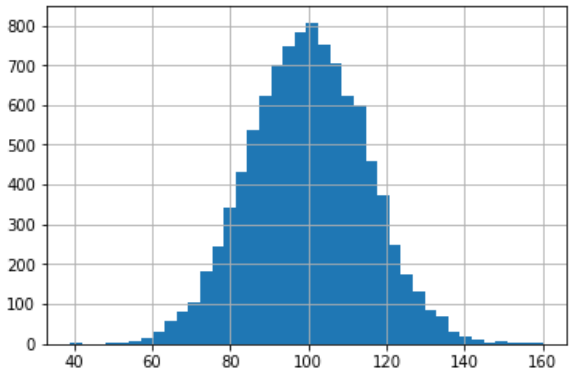

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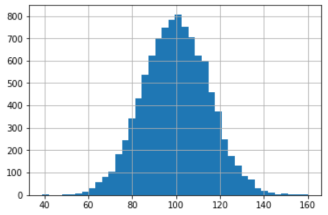

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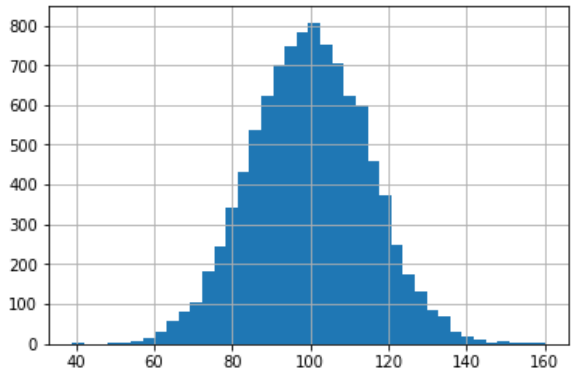

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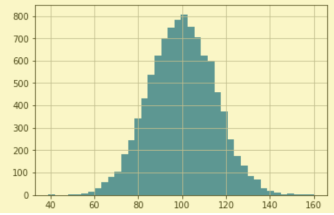

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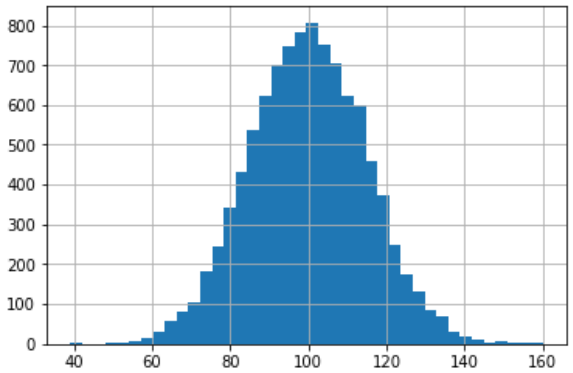

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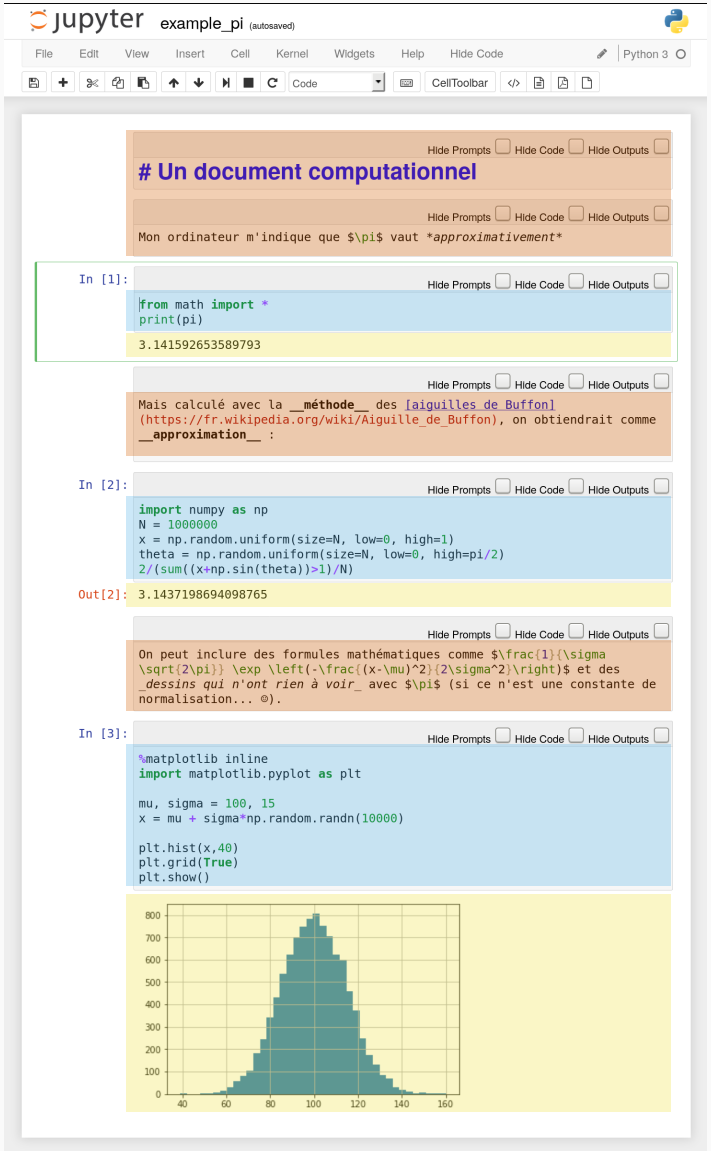

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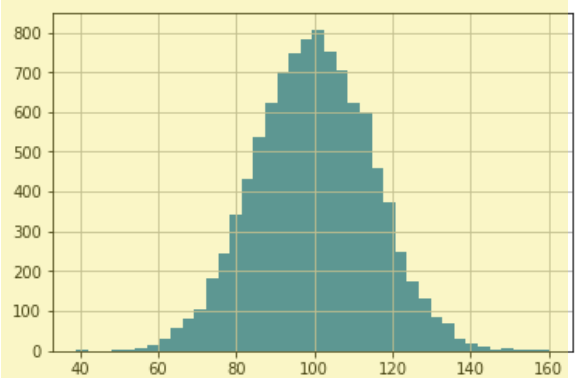

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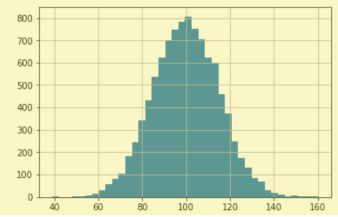

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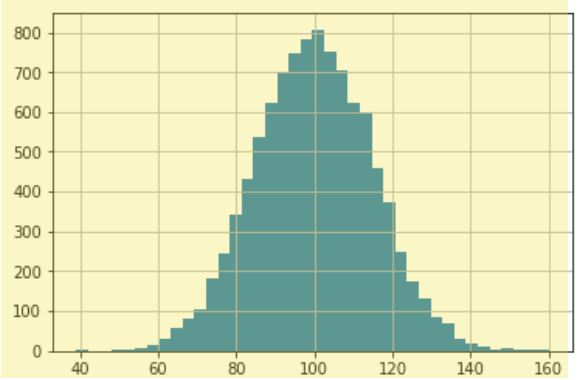

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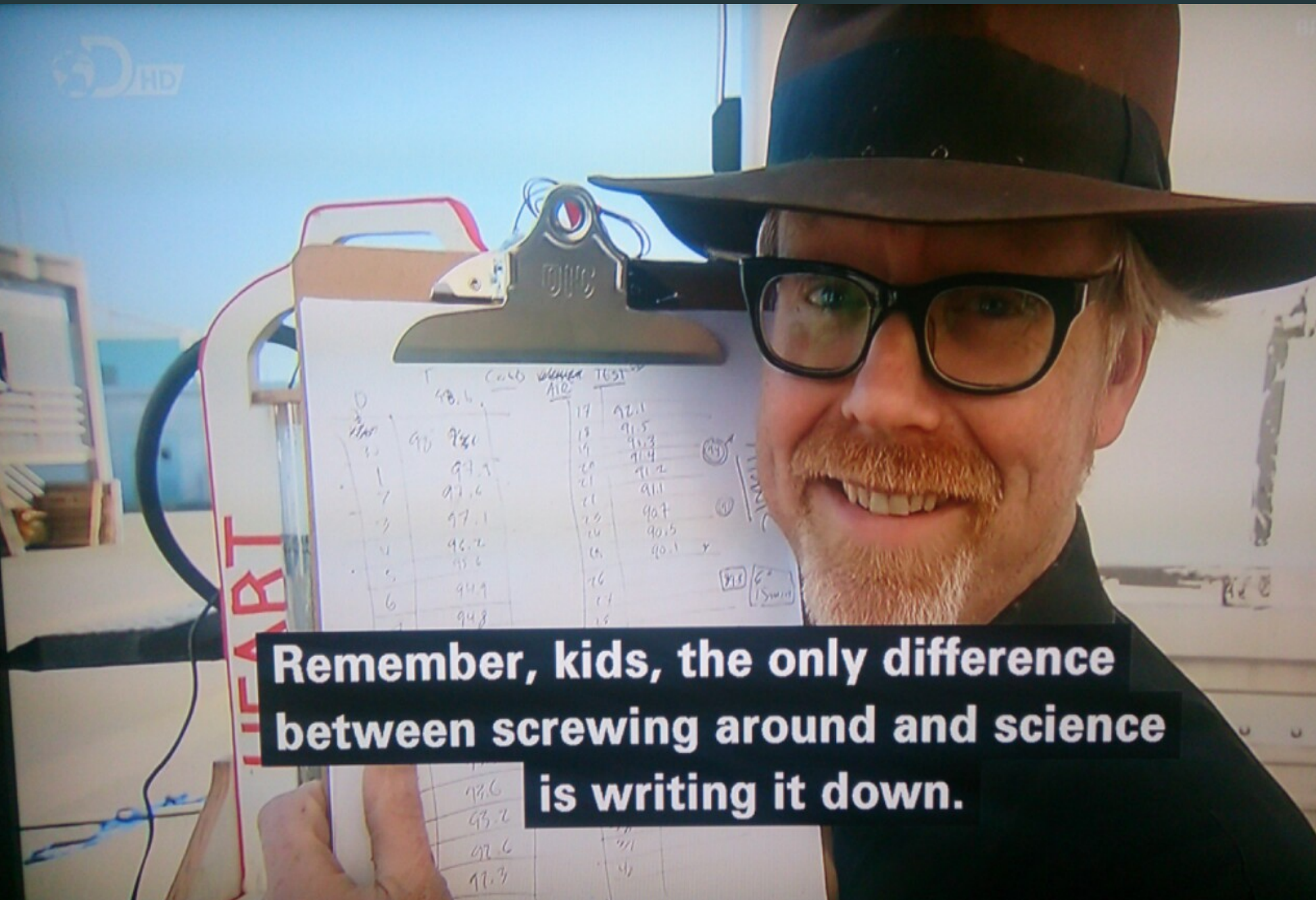

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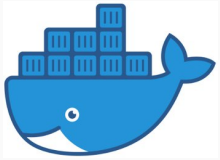

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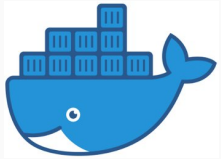

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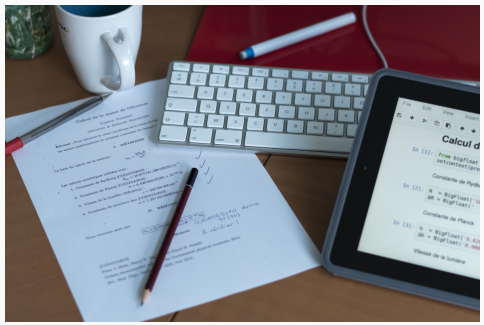

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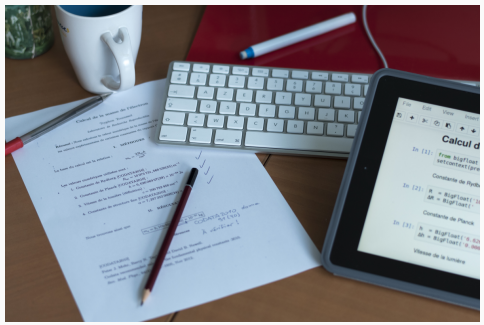

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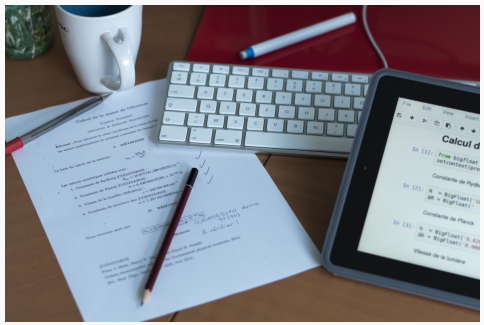

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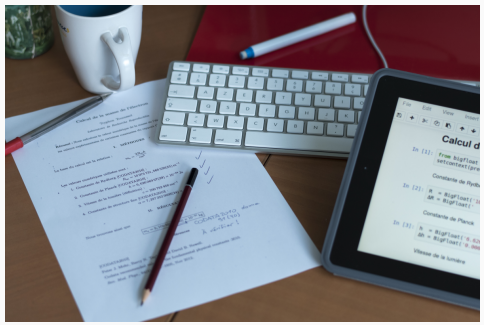

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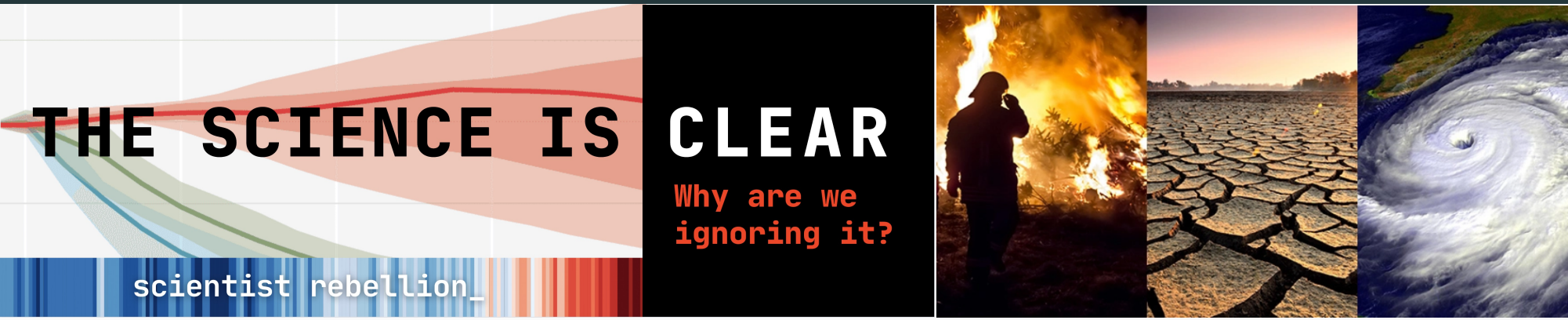

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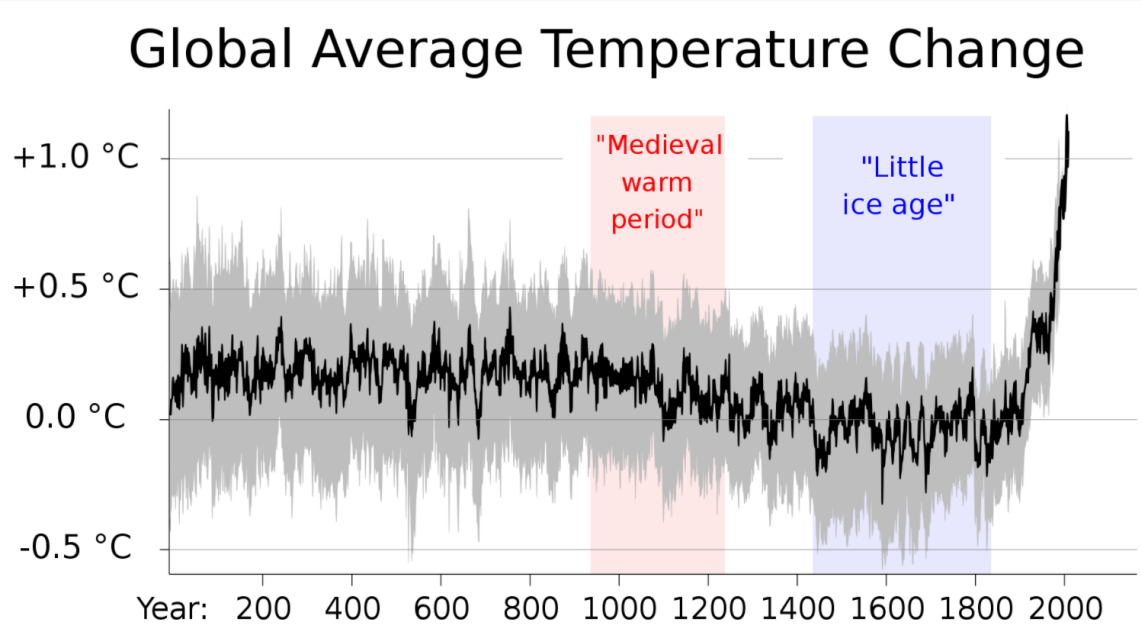

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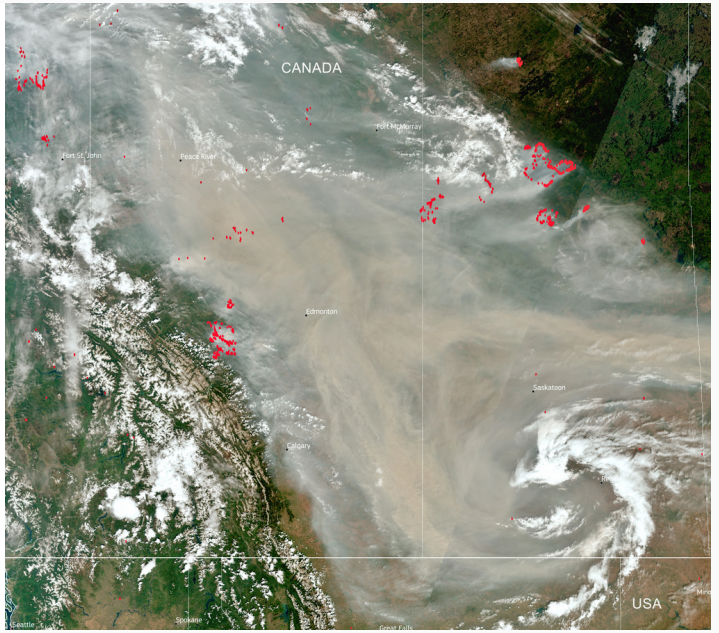

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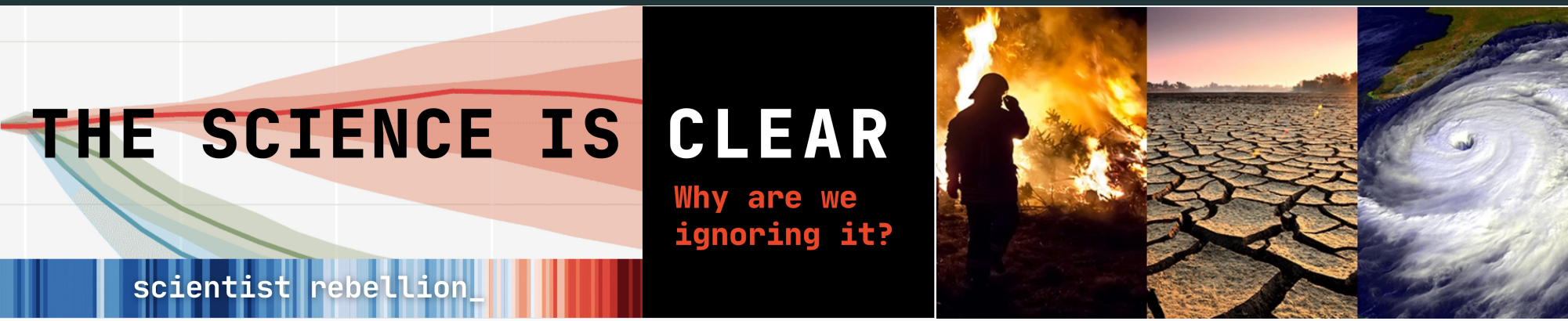

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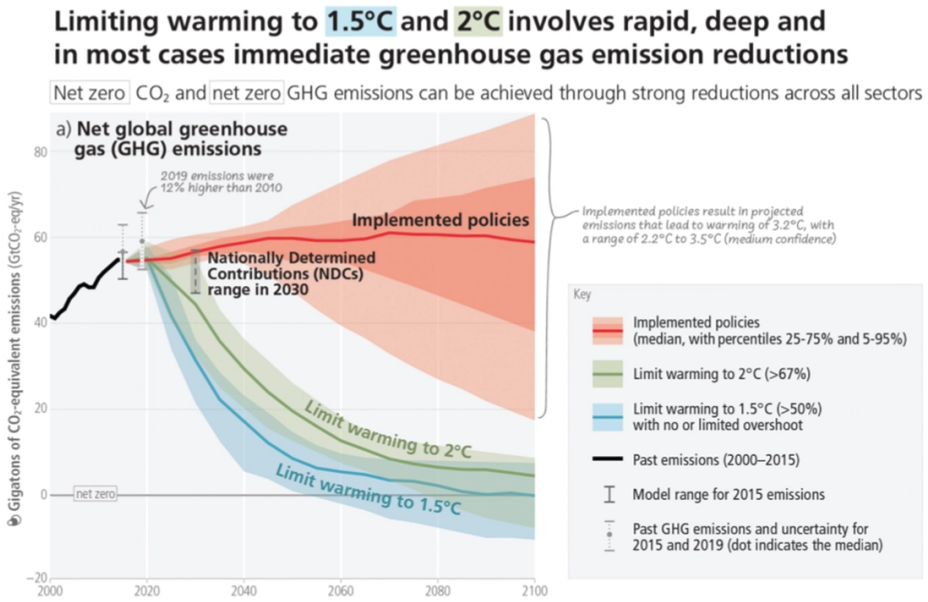

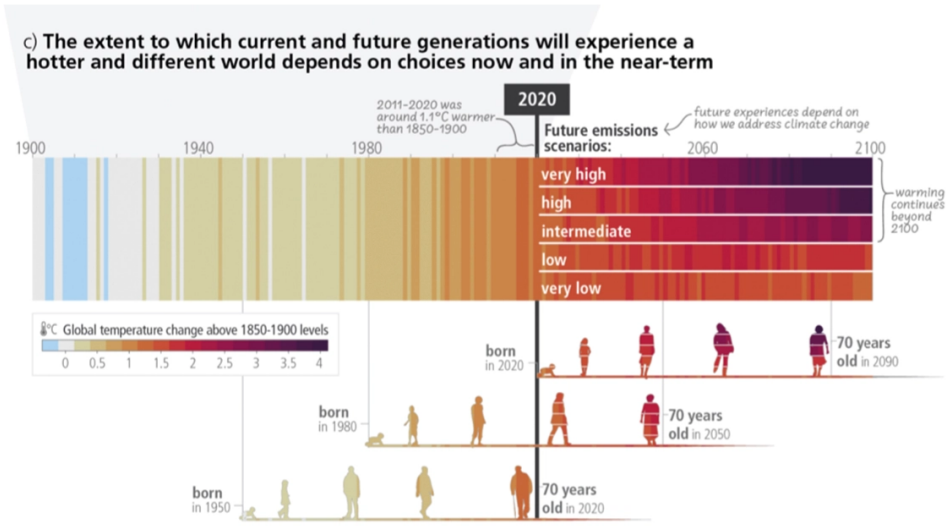

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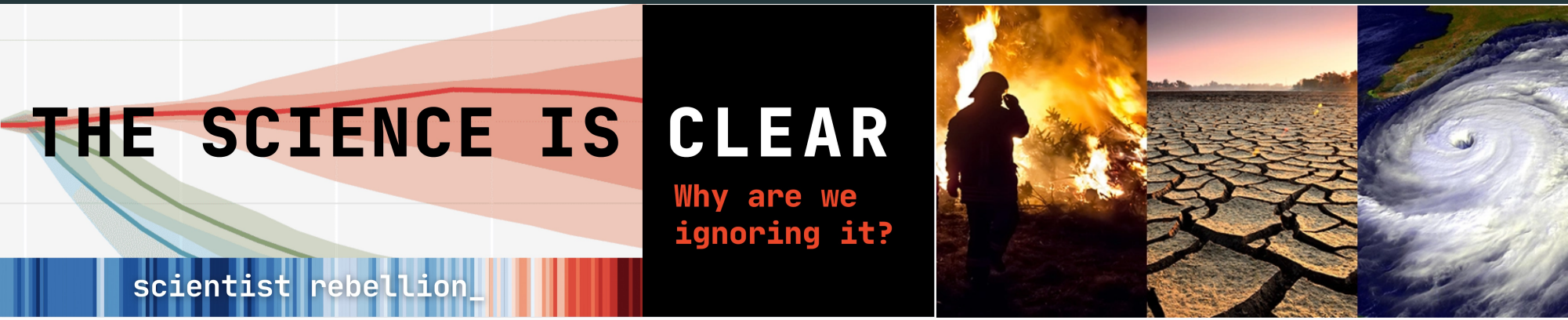

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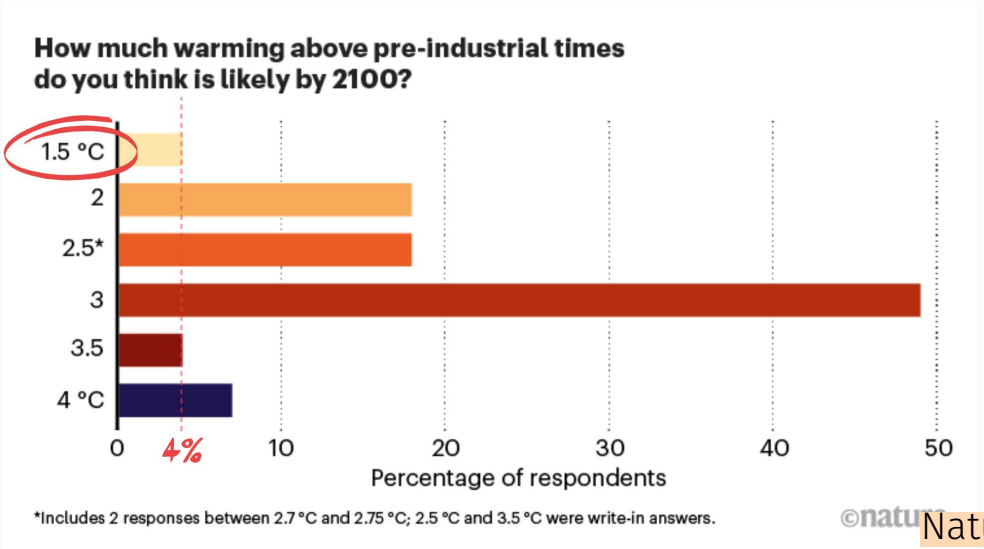

Nature survey, Nov. 2021

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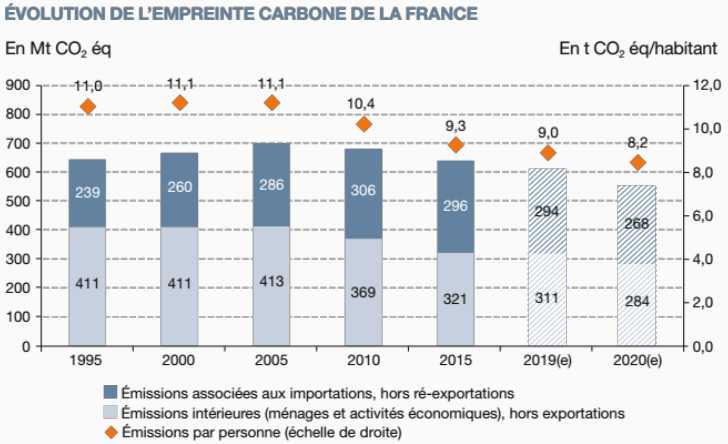

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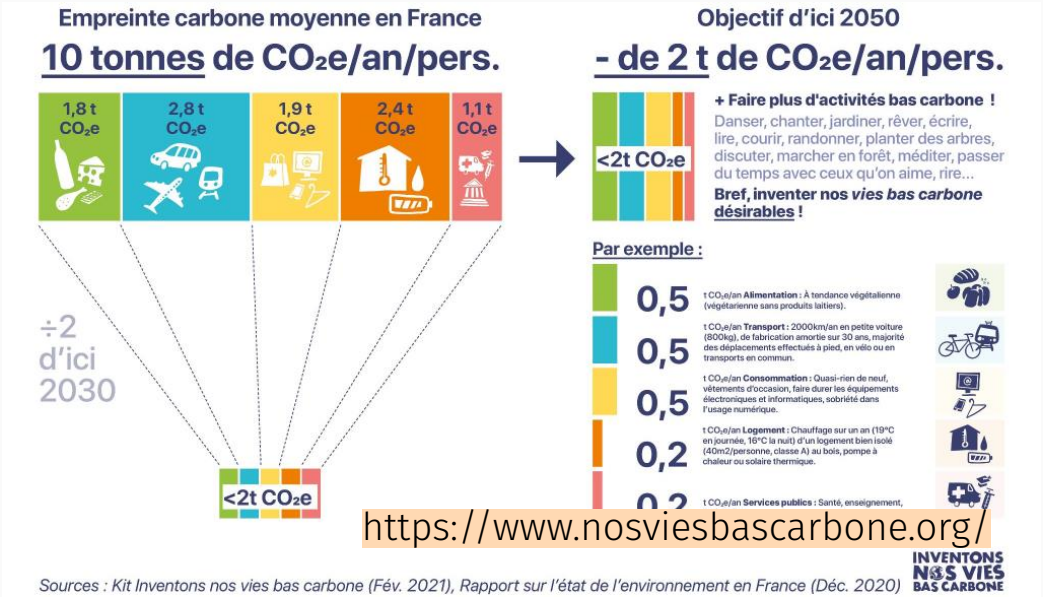

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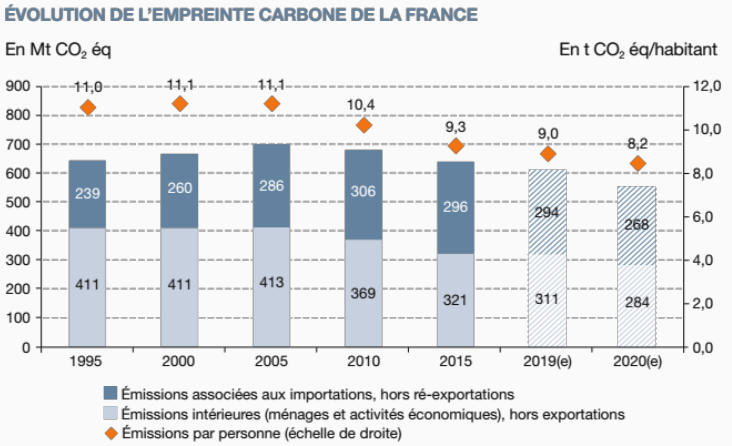

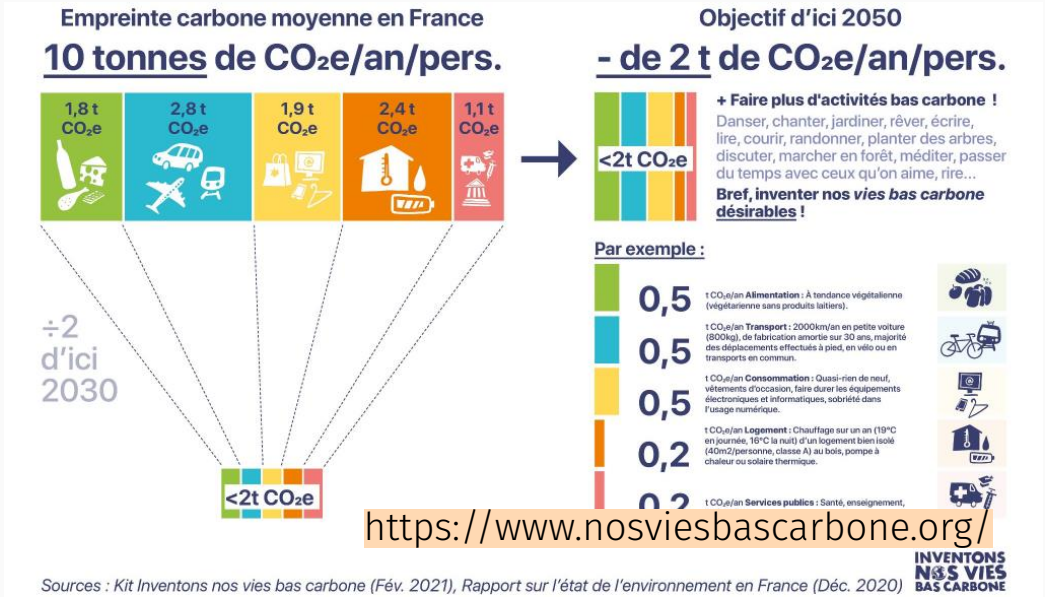

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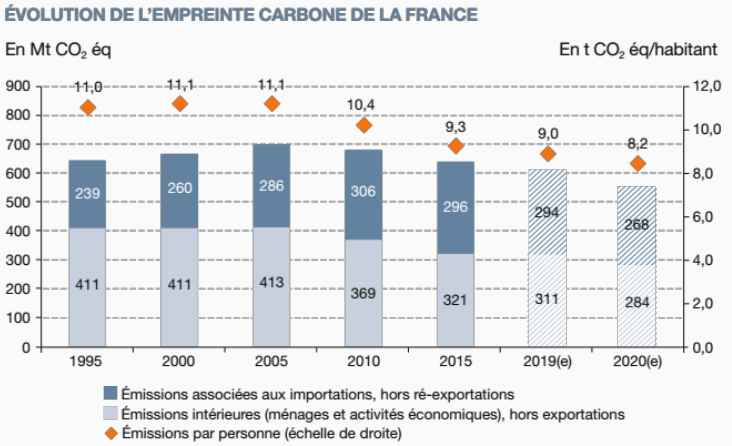

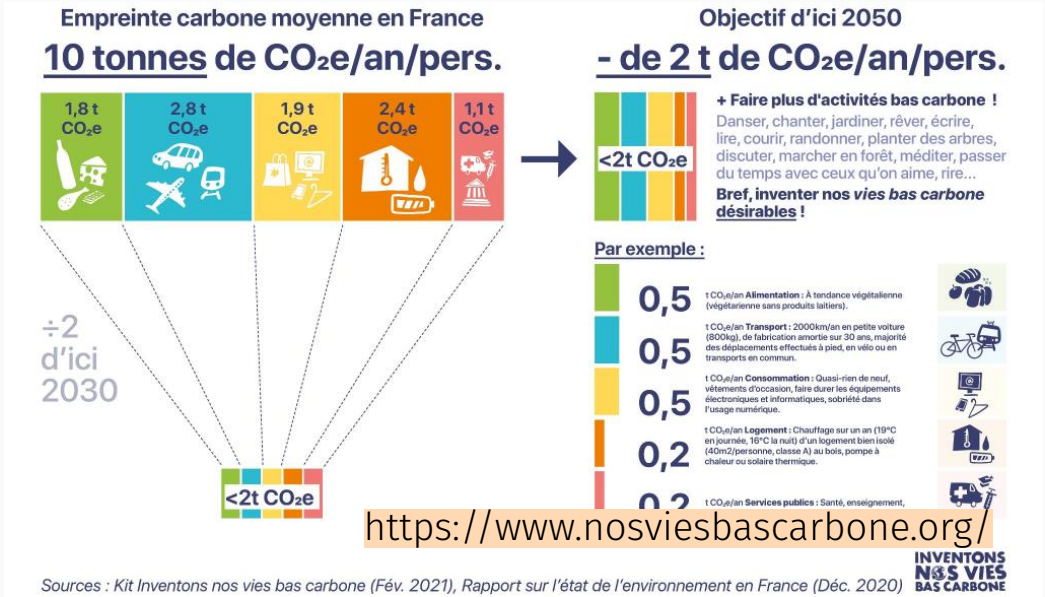

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