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# Open science with large public datasets: Principles, practice and pitfalls

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# Outline

- Principles
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  - Where to find public data?
  - Public data and open science
- Pitfalls
  - Getting data
  - The data



# Principles

# Problem 1: many findings don't hold up

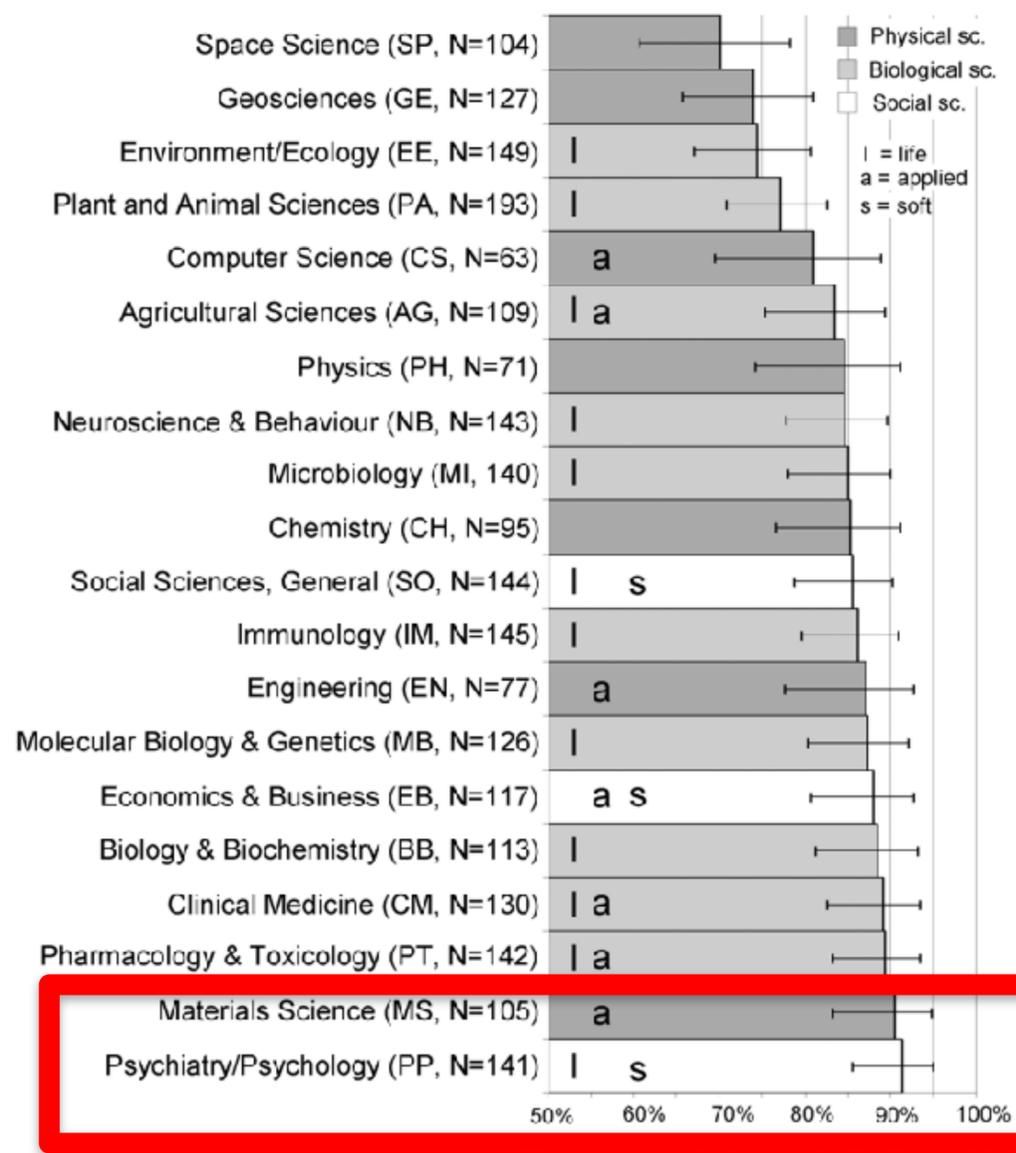
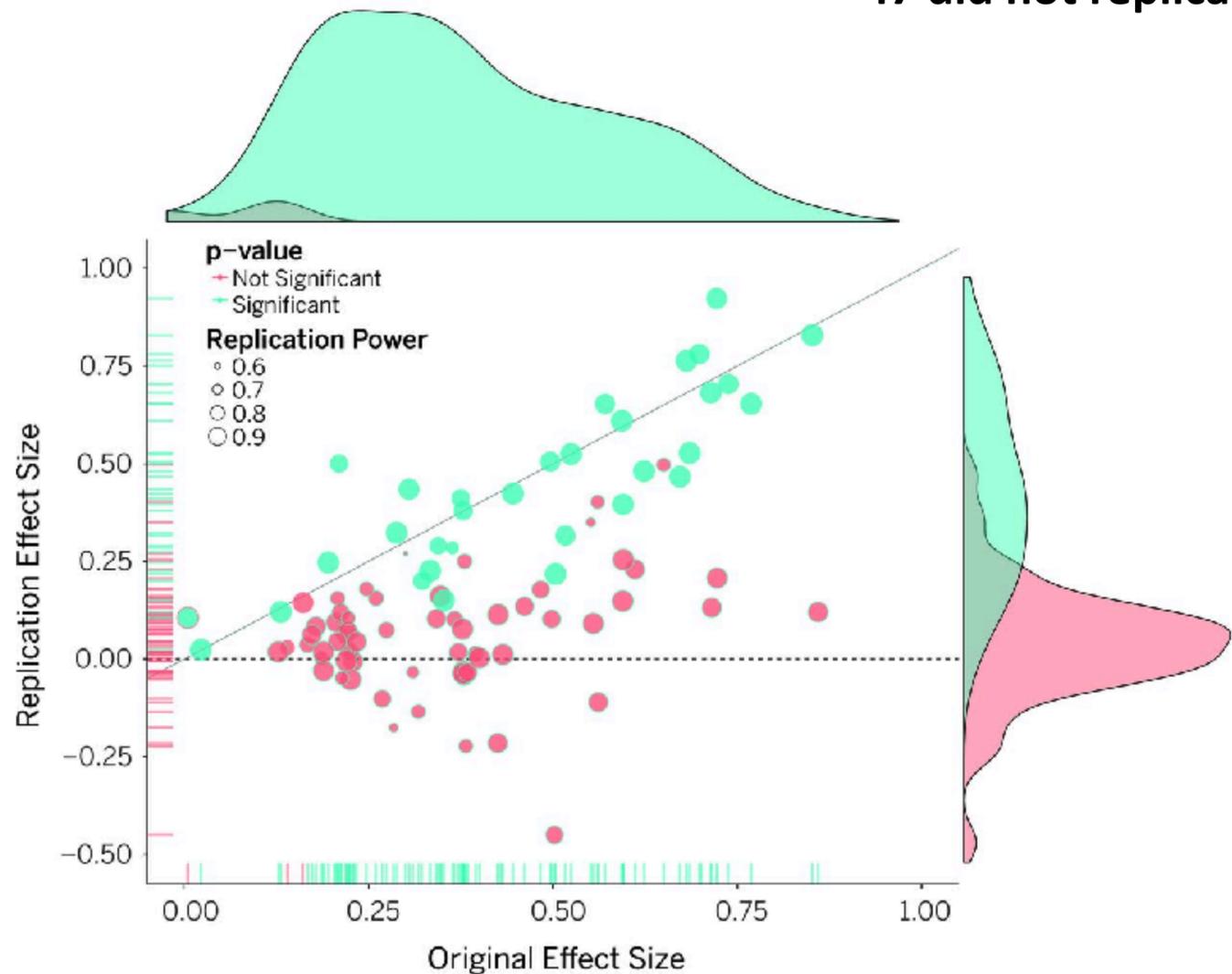
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## In cancer science, many "discoveries" don't hold up

NEW YORK | BY SHARON BEGLEY



53 landmark papers on cancer  
47 did not replicate



The first principle is that you must not fool yourself and you are the easiest person to fool.

(Richard Feynman)

# Problem 2: Type S and M errors

## Power failure: why small sample size undermines the reliability of neuroscience

Katherine S. Button<sup>1,2</sup>, John P. A. Ioannidis<sup>3</sup>, Jonathan Flint<sup>5</sup>, Emma S. J. Robinson<sup>6</sup> and

This is what "power = ( Get used to

‘Well if I found an effect small sample, then there be something there right

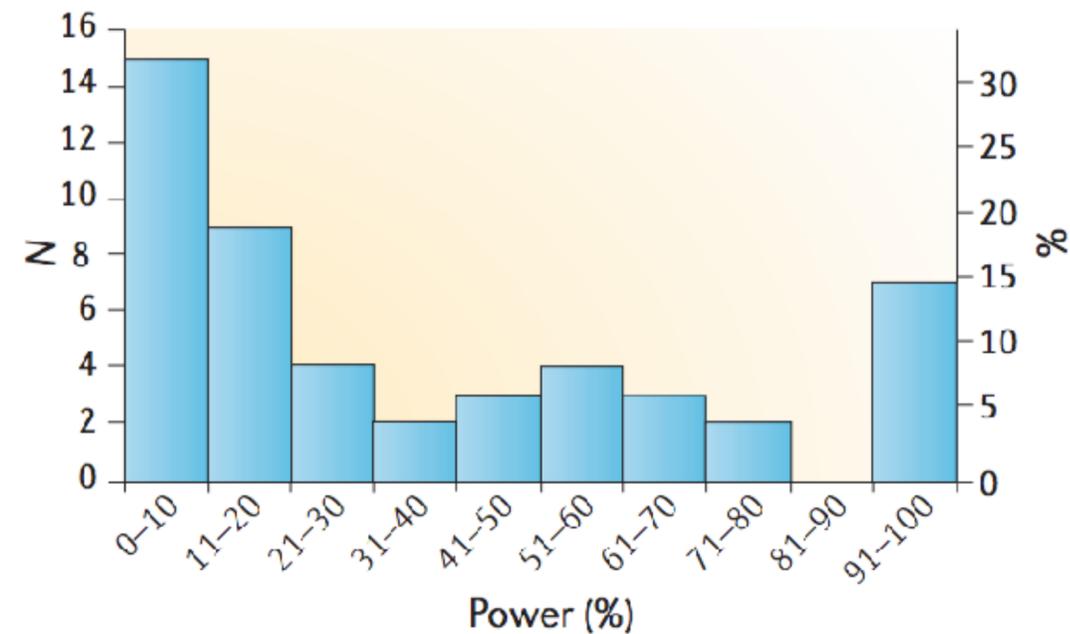
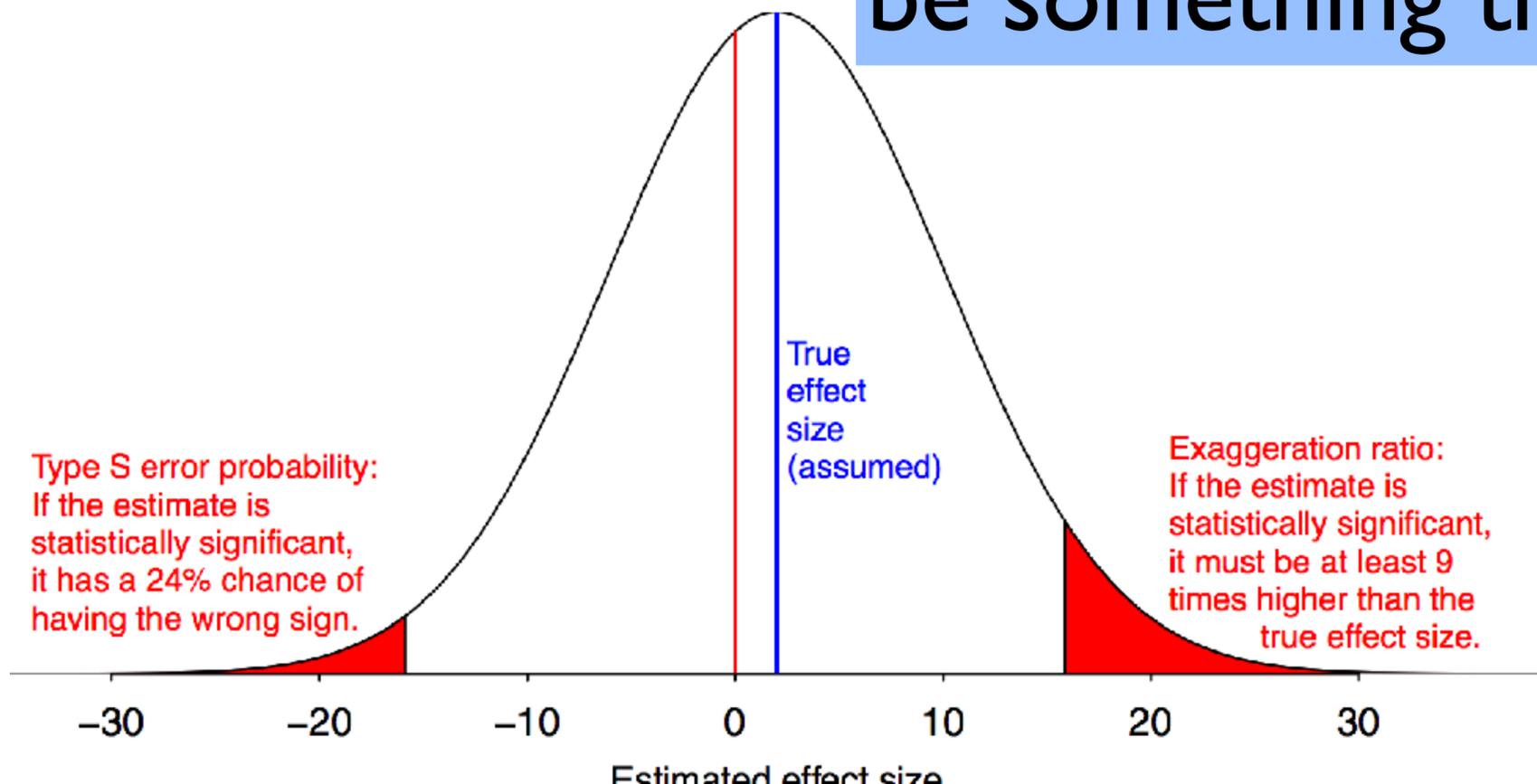


Figure 3 | **Median power of studies included in neuroscience meta-analyses.** The figure shows a histogram of median study power calculated for each of the  $n = 49$  meta-analyses included in our analysis, with the number of meta-analyses ( $N$ ) on the left axis and percent of meta-analyses (%) on the right axis. There is a clear bimodal distribution;  $n = 15$  (31%) of the meta-analyses comprised studies with median power of less than 11%,

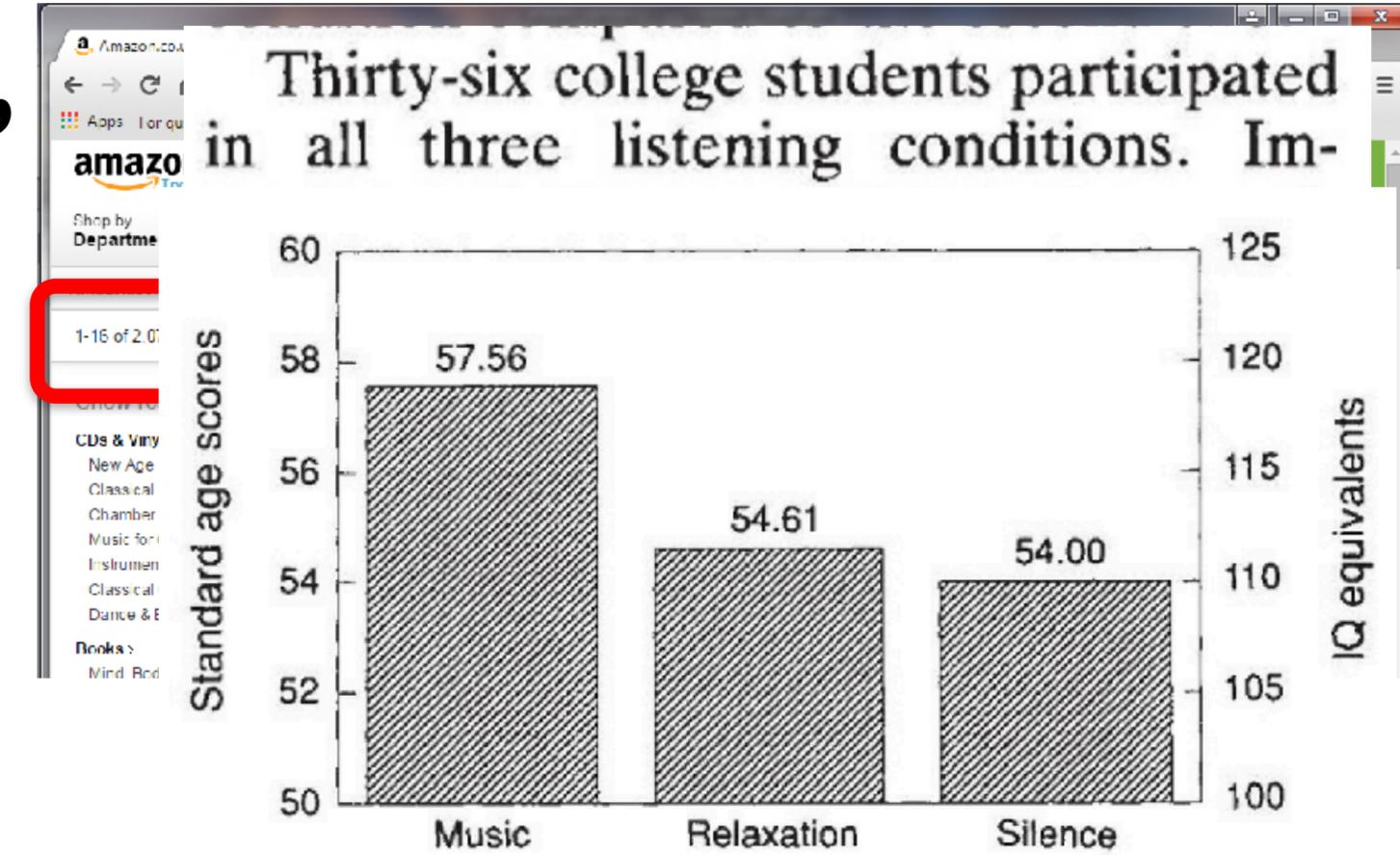
## Beyond Power Calculations: Assessing Type S (Sign) and Type M (Magnitude) Errors

Andrew Gelman<sup>1</sup> and John Carlin<sup>2,3</sup>

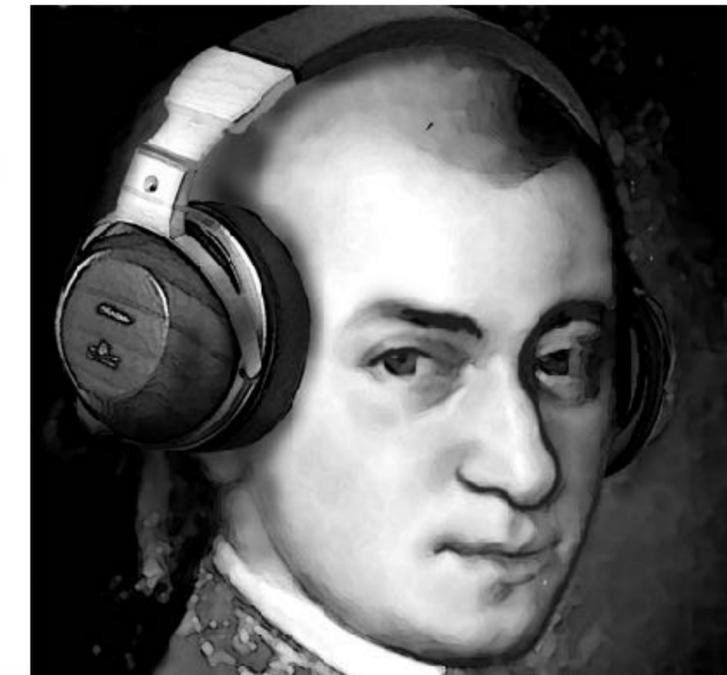
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# ‘But science is self-correcting’

- Listening to Mozart for 10 minutes leads to increase in spatial IQ of nine points (!)
- Statewide funding scheme in Georgia (Cromie, 1999)
- Trademark applications (Campbell, 1997)
- Except... It's not true
- Dozens of failed, high power replications
- Comprehensive Soldier Fitness
  - Positive psychology training program
  - Weak studies, criticism absent
  - US army invested 125 million dollars
  - No empirical effect (small negative)



Rauscher, F. H., Shaw, G. L., & Ky, K. N. (1993). Music and spatial task performance. *Nature*, (365), 611.



# ~~The Solution~~

## a, partial, incremental solution

- If suitable for your research questions:
- 1) Use large datasets (when possible)
- 2) Preregister (when possible)
- 3) Embed in other open science practices (as much as you can)

## Benefits

Large Cross-National Differences in Gene × Socioeconomic Status  
Interaction on Intelligence  
Elliot M. Tucker-Drob, Timothy C. Bates

- 1) It's (almost) free
- 2) More statistical power is always better
- 3) Improve generalizability (across samples, countries etc.)
- 4) You can integrate with many/all OS practices
- 5) Scientifically: Think of new questions (Do effects vary by country? Age?)

**Practice**

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THE GUARDIAN

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RADIO TIMES

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THE MAIL ON SUNDAY

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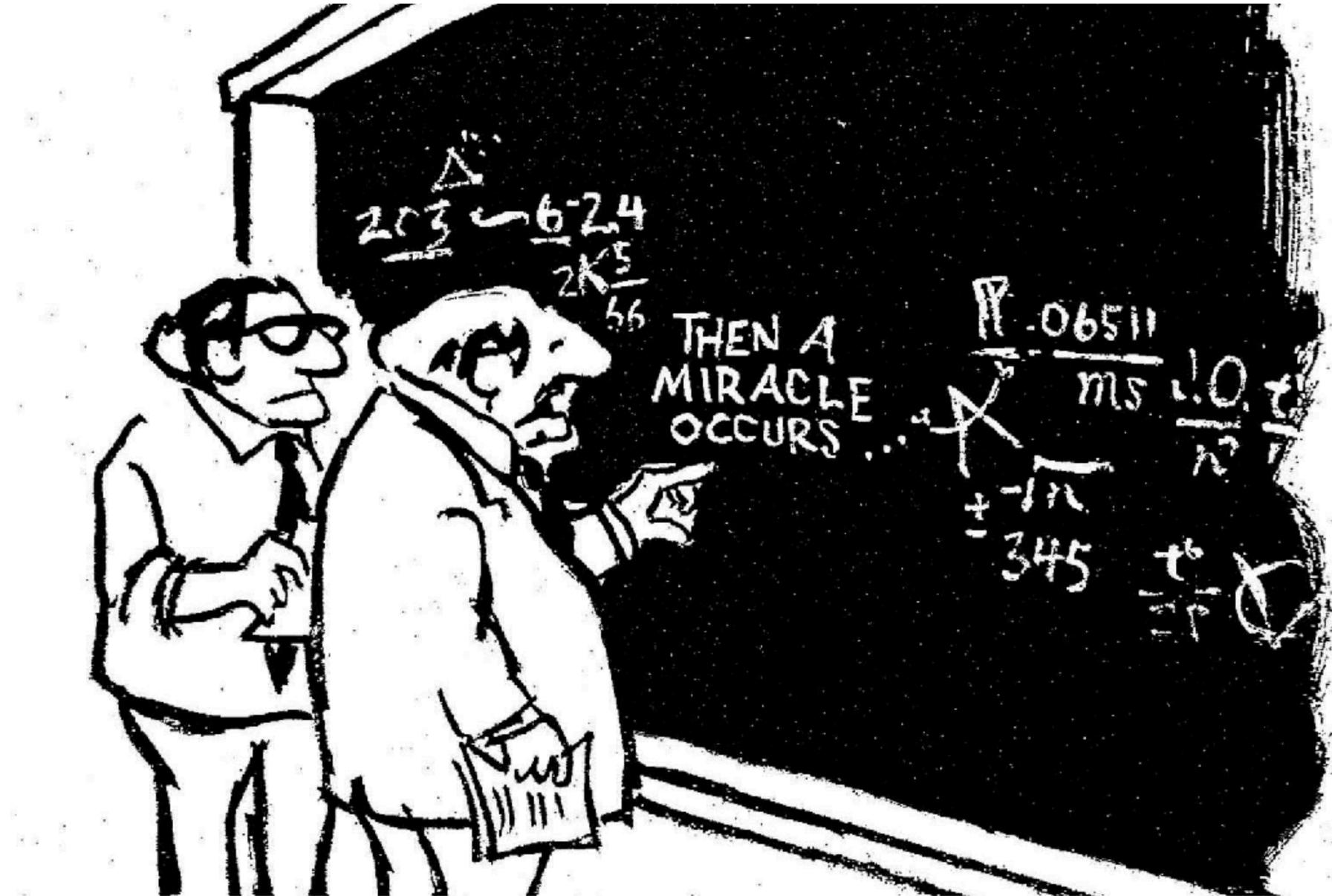
FROM J. K. ROWLING'S WIZARDING WORLD

# LARGE DATASETS

AND WHERE  
TO FIND THEM™

# Procedure

- 1) Find suitable data
- 2) Apply
- 3) Wait
- 4) (Wait some more)
- 5) Data!



# Open data types: Databases (cognitive neuro)

	Sample size	cost	age	data
Biobank	500.000	2000 £	43-73	everything
ABCD	10000	free	9-11	cognitive, neural, mental health
HCP	1000	<£1000	21-35	cognitive, neural, mental health
IMAGEN	2000	free	14-16	cognitive, behavioural, mental health, neural
PNC	800	free	11-17	cognitive, behavioural, neural
NKI Rockland	800	free	6-18	cognitive, behavioural, some neural

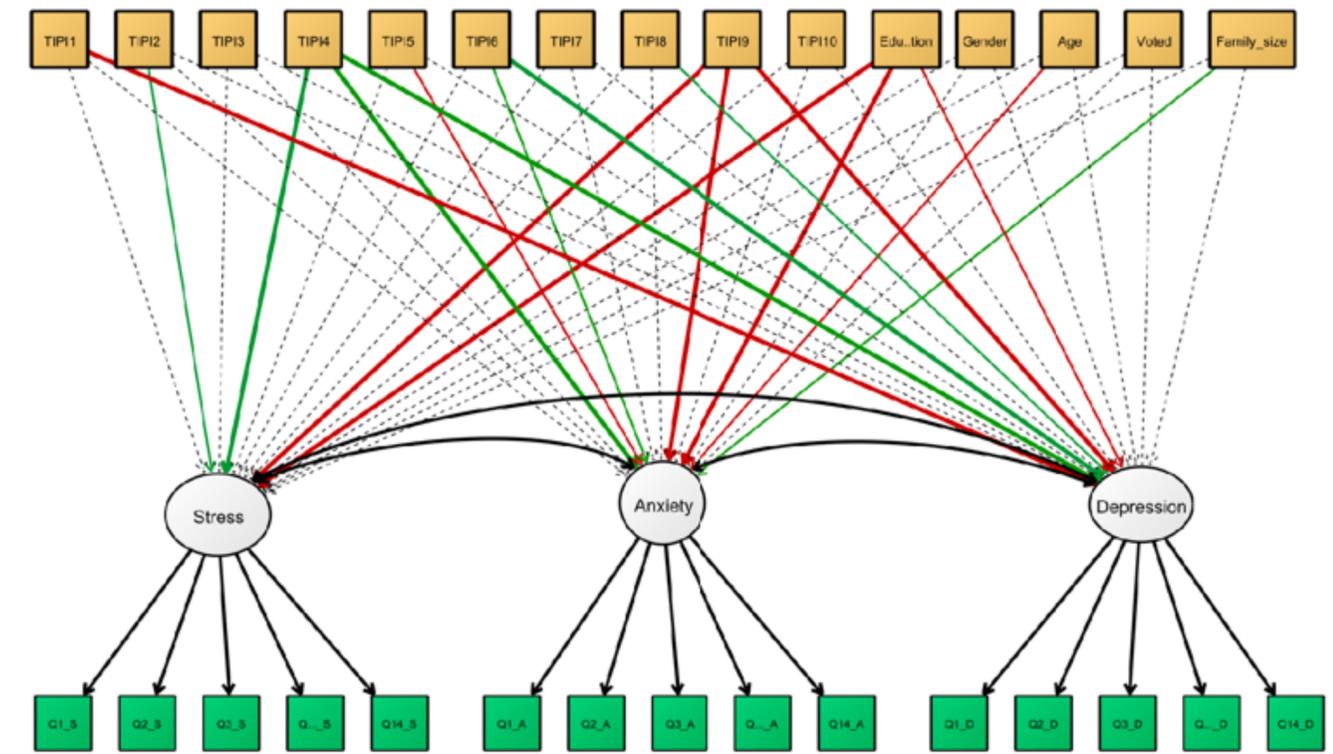


Reach out online/  
email people/  
Google data

OASIS, ADNI, HABS, ENIGMA, and many more

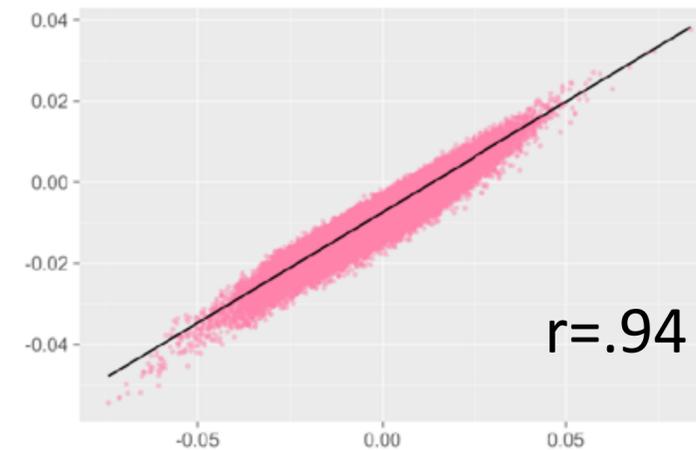
# Databases (behavioural)

- Openpsychometrics (free)
- e.g.: Stress, anxiety, depression (DASS)
- N=48.000 in 5 seconds
- Model fit excellently
- Covariates explained >50% (!) of the variance in depression/anxiety/stress

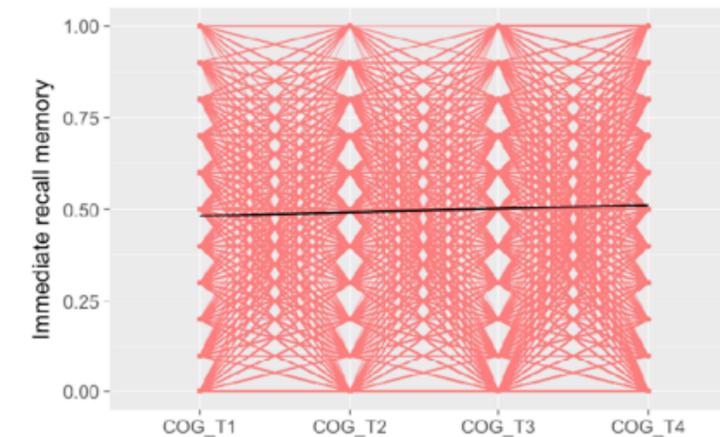
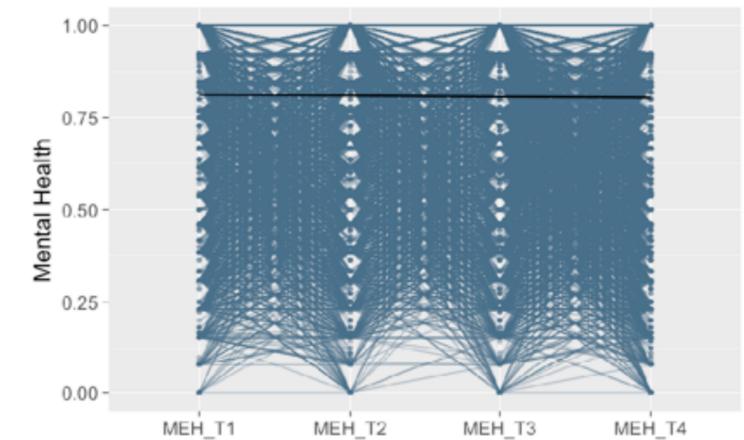


- Freely and easily available
- N=111.000 (!) in 60 minutes
- 6 waves

Decline in mental health



Decline in memory



**What about other Open Science practices?**

# Pre-registration

# CONFIRMATORY RESEARCH FTW

Journal of Personality and Social Psychology  
2011, Vol. 100, No. 3, 407-425

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0022-3514/11/\$12.00 DOI: 10.1037/a0021524

## Feeling the Future: Experimental Evidence for Anomalous Retroactive Influences on Cognition and Affect

Daryl J. Bem  
Cornell University



## An Agenda for Purely Confirmatory Research

Eric-Jan Wagenmakers, Ruud Wetzels, Denny Borsboom, Han L. J. van der Maas, Rogier A. Kievit

First Published November 7, 2012 | Research Article | Check for updates  
<https://doi.org/10.1177/1745691612463078>

woensdag 8 juni 2011

### Confirmatory Research Part 2

After our first blog has been deleted, here the second one.

We are planning on replicating Daryl Bem's first experiment from his paper *Feeling the Future* (2011). Since the major critique on Bem was that he used exploratory research and sold it as confirmatory research, we are going to make a point by publicly announcing our methods before we start testing and therefore ruling out the possibility of changing our opinion according to the data.

Testing is supposed to start today, 08.06.2011. Before the first person is going to be tested our methods will be posted online. Stay tuned :)

donderdag 9 juni 2011

### We Start Testing

Finally we can start testing. The following link contains our detailed descriptions of our planned procedure and analyses.

The PDF can be found [here](#)



Preregistration of our study was suboptimal. The key document was posted on Eric-Jan Wagenmakers's website and a purpose-made blog, and therefore the file would have been easy to alter, remove, or ignore.<sup>12</sup> With the online resources of the current day, however, the

# Open science and secondary data analysis

- Preregistration for secondary data: definitely worthwhile
- Emerging best practices
- Useful tool: 'aspredicted'
- Ideal: Shown access later than preregistration
- Our lab:
  - Currently 8 (imperfectly) preregistered studies on existing data



Preregistration of Secondary Data Analysis Template.docx (Version: 1)



**Modeling the determinants of age-related changes in fluid intelligence (#1139)**

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**Individual differences in fluid ability (#7195)**

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**1) Have any data been collected for this study already?**  
It's complicated. We have already collected some data but explain in Question 8 why readers may consider this a valid pre-registration nevertheless.

# Secondary data analysis and data sharing



- Point to the data
- Share part of/derived the data
- Share synthetic data
- Share the actual data

sufficient power to detect any non-trivial effect(s) and enables sensitive model comparisons (Hertzog et al., 2008). All analyses reported below can be reproduced or modified using scripts made available in the supplementary materials, namely Kievit\_etal\_biobank\_dataprep.R (data preparation; Supplementary File 1); Kievit\_etal\_biobank\_analysis.R (analysis and plots; Supplementary File 2); Kievitetal\_GFGMM1.inp (growth mixture models in Mplus; Supplementary File 3). To acquire the raw data, one can register and apply through the central [biobank portal](#).

For our second empirical example, we attempted to answer this question using a large ( $N = 27,835$ ) publicly available data set containing answers to the Depression Anxiety Stress Scales (DASS; Lovibond & Lovibond, 1995). This data set was collected from an online sample and is freely available at [https://openpsychometrics.org/\\_rawdata/](https://openpsychometrics.org/_rawdata/). The 42-item

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CamCANCardio_Script_CovMat.R	Add files via upload	7 months ago
README.md	Update README.md	7 months ago

README.md

### Cam-CAN\_Cardio\_White\_Matter\_Health

Covariance matrix and R lavaan script accompanying the paper:

Fuhrmann, D., Nesbitt, D., Shafto, M., Rowe, J., Price, D., Gadie, A., Cam-CAN & Kievit, R. A. (2018). Strong and specific associations between cardiovascular risk factors and brain white matter microstructure- and macrostructure in healthy aging. *Neurobiology of Aging*, doi: 10.1016/j.neurobiolaging.2018.10.005

- Example MIMIC Analysis

- schmamcandat2017-03-16.csv
- synthetic\_regsem\_mimic.R

### A Practical Guide to Variable Selection in Structural Equation Modeling by Using Regularized Multiple-Indicators, Multiple-Causes Models

Ross Jacobucci, Andreas M. Brandmaier, Rogier A. Kievit

### Mutualistic Coupling Between Vocabulary and Reasoning Supports Cognitive Development During Late Adolescence and Early Adulthood

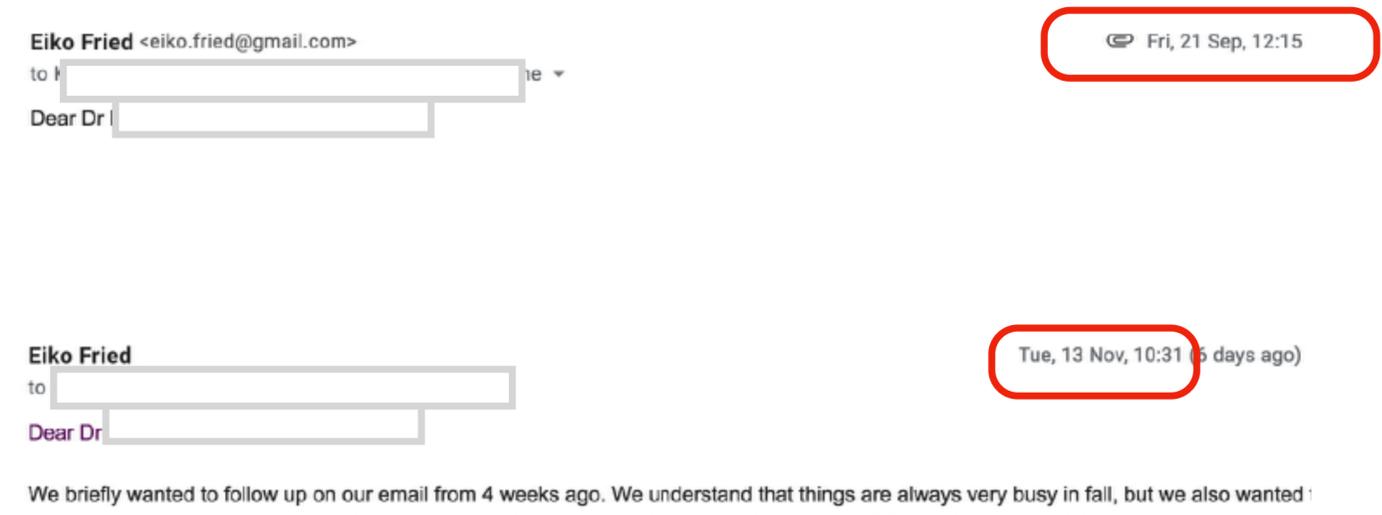
Rogier A. Kievit, Ulman Lindenberger, Ian M. Goodyer, more... [Show all authors](#)

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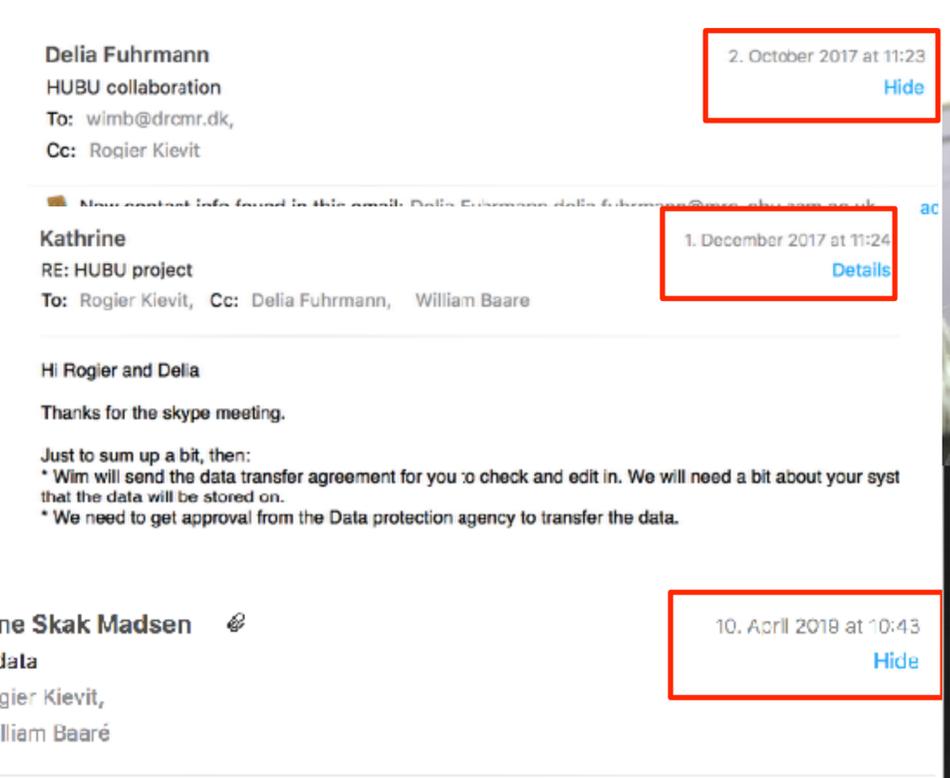
- NSPN mutualism
- OSF Storage (United States)
  - Cognitivedata.Rdata
  - NSPNAnalysis.R

# Pitfalls

- 1) Getting the data
- 2) The data



Hjernens  
Udvikling hos  
Børn og Unge



- 1) Time
- 2) Effort
- 3) Requirements



- Anyone who shares an office with you has to sign an NDA
- The computer cannot be on if anybody who has NOT signed the NDA is in the same room
- The computer with the data cannot be connected to the internet or the CBU network
- You have to enter a password every time you load the data

36 emails...  
10 phone calls...  
3 months....  
to get a single signature.

**Rogier A. Kievit** (MRC Cognition and Brain Sciences Unit, University of Cambridge)

*Open science with large public datasets: Principles, practice and pitfalls*

Open Science practices are crucial for the robustness, replicability and accountability of scientific findings. However, proposals and tools for Open Science, especially in psychology, have largely focused on relatively simple experimental behavioural paradigms with convenience samples. In this talk, I will discuss how to integrate Open Science best practices for secondary data analysis including the use of large public datasets. This brings with it a set of unique challenges, but also opportunities. I will focus on the value of preregistration, data access and sharing, the importance of good coding practices viewed and what to do when things go terribly wrong.

# biobank<sup>uk</sup>

## Imaging study

- Funded by Wellcome/MRC/DOH and many more
- Goals:
  - Scan 100.000
  - Phenotype/Genotype 500.000
- Strengths
  - Cognitive, lifestyle, biological sampling
  - (mental) health data: Both integrated with NHS and tailored measures
  - Total: (tens of) thousands of variables
  - *Open resource*

# What does it look like?

biobank.ctsuo.ac.uk/crystal/

Apps | Inbox (2) - rogiarki... | Google Scholar | Google Calendar

## biobank.uk

### Browse by Primary Category

Category

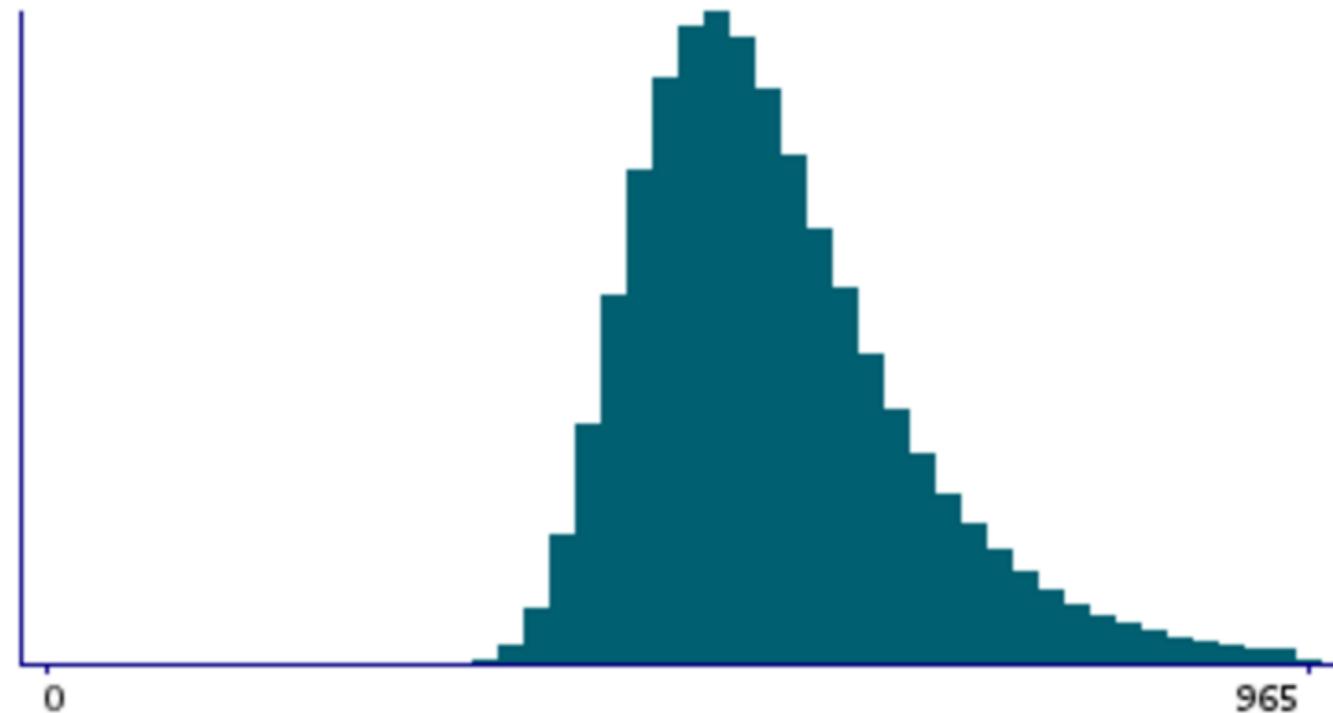
- + Population characteristics
- + UK Biobank Assessment
- + Biological samples
- + Genomics
- + Online follow-up
- + Additional exposures
- + Health-related outcomes
- + Returned datasets

Summary generated 4 February 2020

**Data** | **3 Instances** | **Notes** | **4 Categories** | **2 Related Data-Fields**

528,669 items of data are available, covering 496,895 participants.  
Defined-instances run from 0 to 2, labelled using Instancing 2.  
Units of measurement are milliseconds.

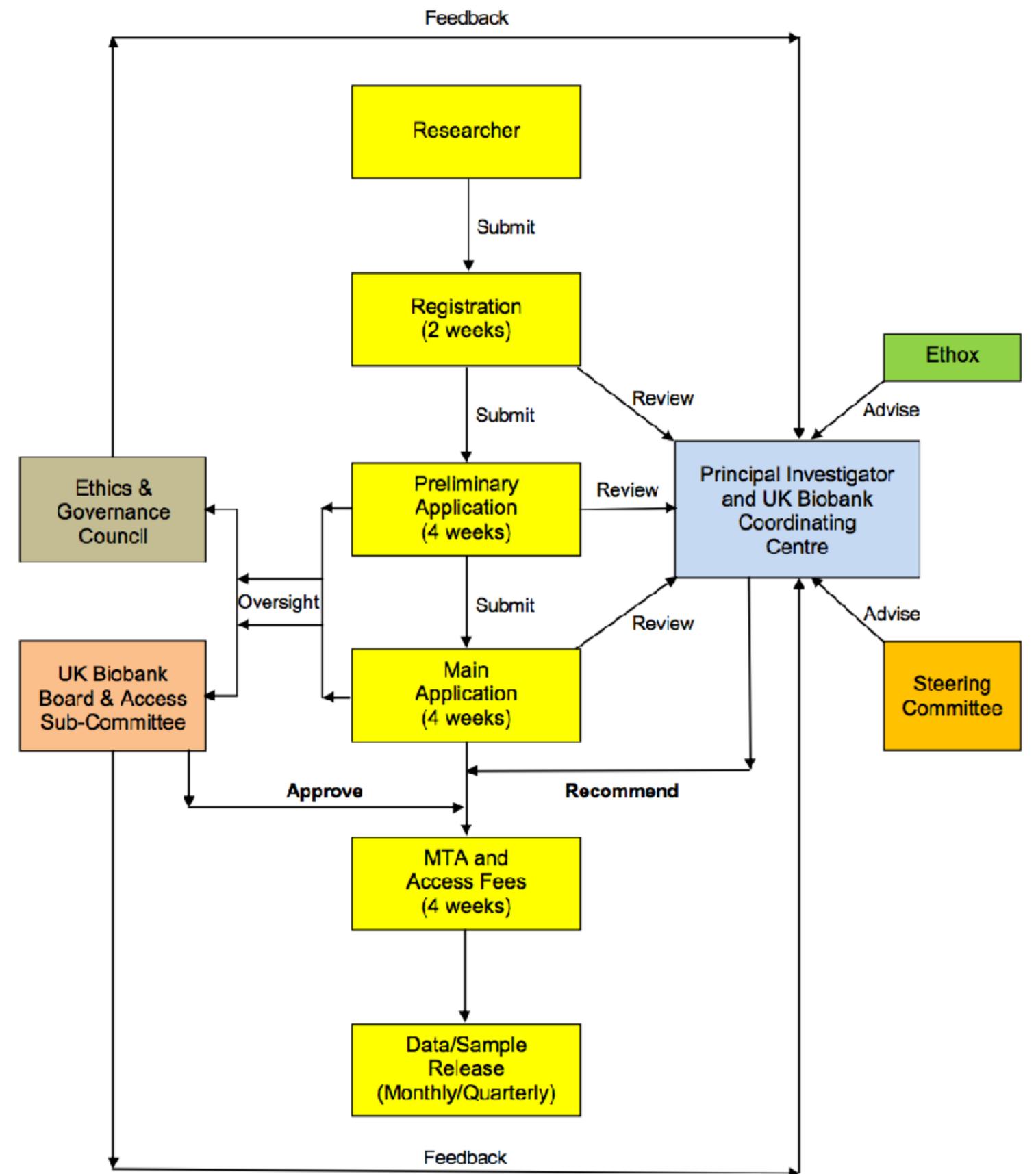
Maximum	2000
Decile 9	703
Decile 8	633
Decile 7	594
Decile 6	563
Median	539
Decile 4	516
Decile 3	493
Decile 2	469
Decile 1	441
Minimum	63



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# How does it work?

- It works. Very well.
- Competent professionals who understand the data and your project
- Feedback on proposal
- Approx 1-2 months start to finish
- Total cost: ~£2500 (can be more for 'bulk data')



Stages in the application and review process (with the indicative timelines in parentheses); the roles of the different parties are described in Section C11

# Our experiences



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- Even specific plans are not specific until you write them down (and even then they're not)
- Complex models may fail to converge - Impossible to preregister every 'if then'
- The data/results:
  - Not 3 waves
  - Not fluid reasoning
  - Self-paced
  - Ceiling/Floor effects
  - Items (too) memorable
  - ***no significant slope variance in N=160.000***

Which number is the largest?

Select from:

- 642
- 308
- 987
- 714
- 253
- Do not know
- Prefer not to answer

## Me preregistering



## Me now



# 'what to do when things go terribly wrong'

- 1) Deviate from preregistration when needed (and be transparent)
- OS practices to the rescue
- 2) Write-athon
- aka 'shut up and write'
- Rules:
  - 1) Shut up
  - 2) Write

177 matrices of all tasks and white matter tracts modelled. We modelled raw scores for  $g$  and  
 178 working memory tasks, as preregistered. Raw scores on processing speed tasks were  
 179 transformed. This step was not preregistered, but found necessary to achieve model  
 180 convergence to ensure interpretability of scores. First, we inverted response time scores

age-differences in the relationships between these factors. In addition, non-preregistered, analyses we also used SEM Trees to investigate potential age-differences in the relationship between white matter and cognitive endophenotypes by inspecting paths that were

RESEARCH ARTICLE

**REVISED** The neural determinants of age-related changes in fluid intelligence: a pre-registered, longitudinal analysis in UK Biobank [version 2; peer review: 3 approved]

Rogier A. Kievit, Delia Fuhrmann, Gesa Sophia Borgeest\*, Ivan L. Simpson\*



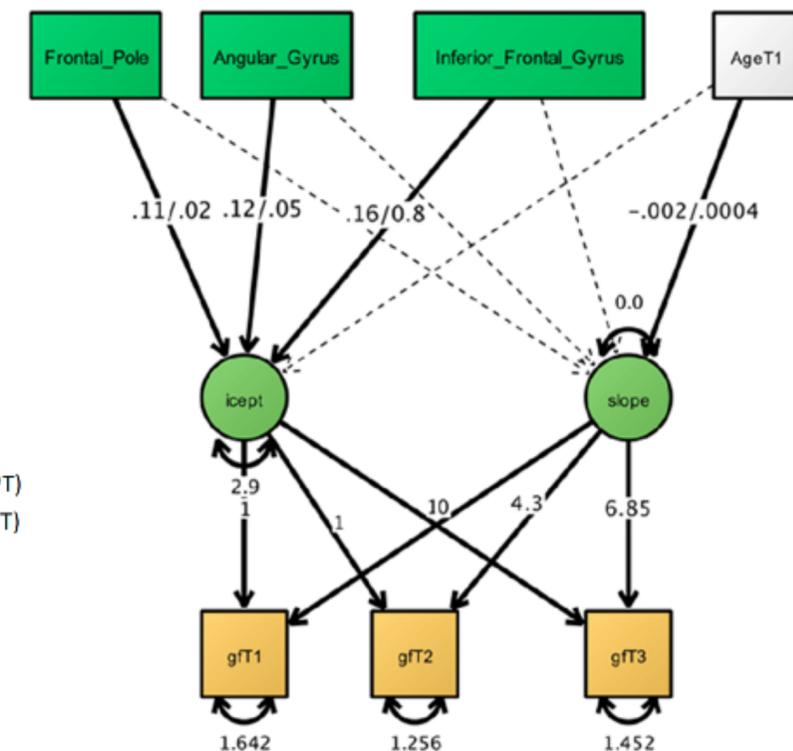
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**Where does all this data come from?**



### Data Papers

A New Set of Three-Dimensional Shapes for Investigating Mental Rotation Processes: Validation Data and Stimulus Set

Authors: [Giorgio Ganis](#), [Rogier Andrew Kievit](#) ✉

4543 views

1719 downloads

Dear Dr. Kievit:

Although we do not know yet whether our conference submission will be accepted, we greatly appreciated getting to use the mental rotation images you and G. Ganis prepared and then published in 2015.

Hello Prof. Ganis.

I wanted to make you a question about the test you used in the paper 'A New Set of Th Dimensional Shapes for Investigating Mental Rotation Processes'. I would like to use the test for a research I am conducting; is it free to use? Does it have any copyright I shou be aware of?

In advance,



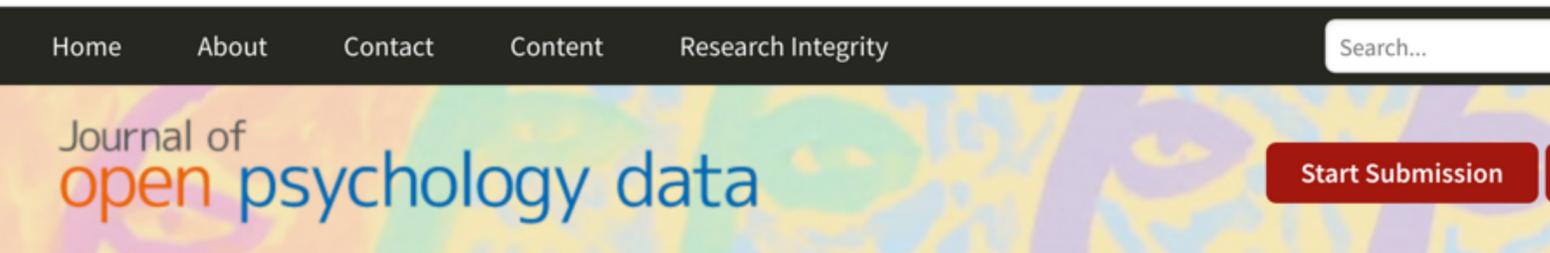
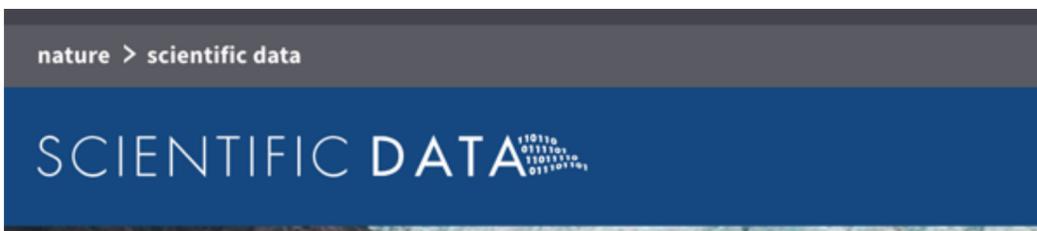
[Francis Tuerlinckx](#) · 3 years ago

We have used these data in our psychology statistics course to learn the students linear regression. This was really helpful so we'd like to thank the authors.

25 citations



[View Datasets](#)



**ELIGIBILITY & APPLICATION**

*How to apply for an award.*

# Cam-CAN data portal

- Managed access
- 550 downloads



**RESEARCH DATA - OPEN BY DEFAULT**

**FAIR DATA!**

- Accessible
- Findable
- Interoperable
- Re-usable

**HORIZON 2020 GRANTEES ARE REQUIRED**

take measures to ensure open access to the data underlying their scientific publications

provide open access to any other research data of their choice

Horizon 2020 grantees are encouraged to also share datasets beyond publication

 **CamCAN Data Use Agreement**

I request access to data collected by the Cambridge Centre for Ageing Neuroscience (CamCAN) for the purpose of scientific investigation, teaching or the planning of clinical research studies and agree to the following terms:

1. I will receive access to de-identified data and will not attempt to establish the identity of, or attempt to contact, any of the CamCAN participants.
2. I will not further disclose these data beyond the uses outlined in this agreement.
3. I will use the data only for the purposes of non-commercial, ethical research or teaching specified in this application and to seek the approval of CamCAN (via the CamCAN Administrator) for any other proposed use.
4. I will require anyone on my team who utilizes these data, or anyone with whom I share these data, to comply with this data use agreement.
5. I will respond promptly and accurately to requests to update this information.
6. I will comply with any rules and regulations imposed by my institution and its institutional review board in requesting these data.
7. I understand that it is my responsibility to check data for errors, and that CamCAN is not responsible for the consequences of unreported errors in the data. I also agree to make any such errors known to CamCAN as soon as possible.
8. I understand that CamCAN cannot guarantee exclusive use of these data or police potential overlaps of interest with other researchers.
9. I agree to make any publications that arise from use of CamCAN data open-access. Any derived data and processing scripts used to produce those derived data will also be made available on a suitable open-access data repository.
10. I will acknowledge the CamCAN project as a source of data and include language similar to the following:  
"Data collection and sharing for this project was provided by the Cambridge Centre for Ageing and Neuroscience (CamCAN). CamCAN funding was provided by the UK Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (grant number BB/H008217/1), together with support from the UK Medical Research Council and University of Cambridge, UK."
11. I will include language similar to the following in the methods section of my manuscript in order to accurately acknowledge data gathering by the

# Summary I

- Secondary data increasingly rich, usable and important avenue for fundamental science
- Plenty of practical challenges, but:
- Improves power, precision, generalisation and replication
- Golden age for reproducible science and theory driven model testing



# Summary 2

- 1) You don't have to do everything (OS) all the time (or pledge allegiance, sacrifice small animals etc.)
- 2) It doesn't have to (and it won't) be perfect
- 3) Start (today) with small steps and find your place
  - Preregister a study
  - Validate your findings with an open dataset
  - post your (synthetic) dataset online
  - Start a reproducibiliTea journal club
  - post a preprint
- Become a research symbiont
  - Contribute to, and benefit from, improved science

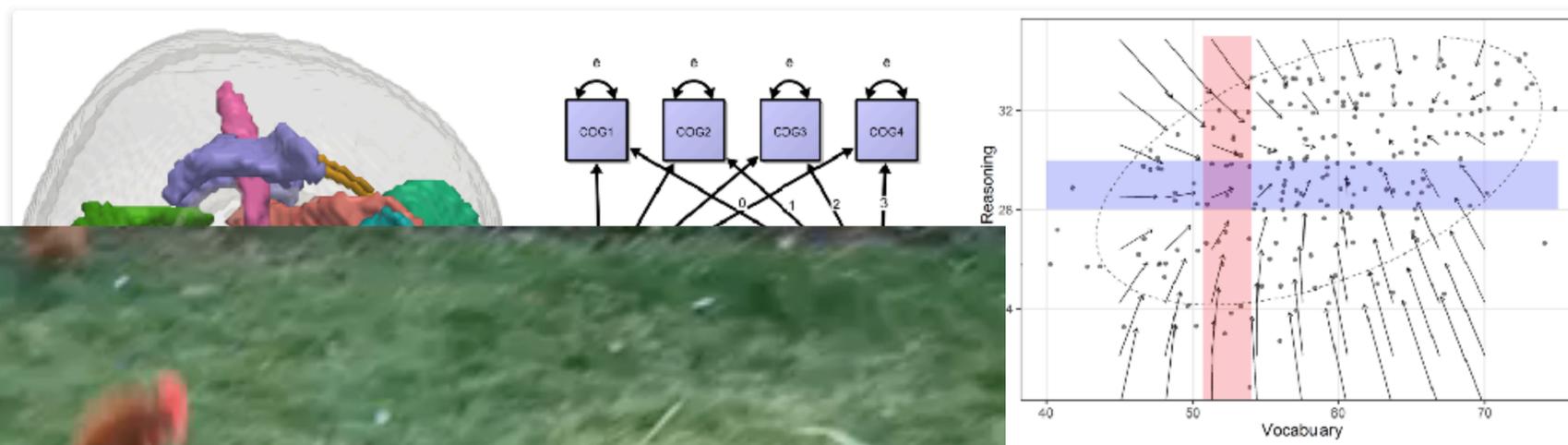


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lab members  
& mascots

### Lifespan Cognitive Dynamics Lab

Brains, Psychology and Psychometrics

- LCD LAB
- PEOPLE
- RESEARCH INTERESTS
- PUBLICATIONS
- OPEN SCIENCE AND RESOURCES
- JOINING THE LAB



# Questions?



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