

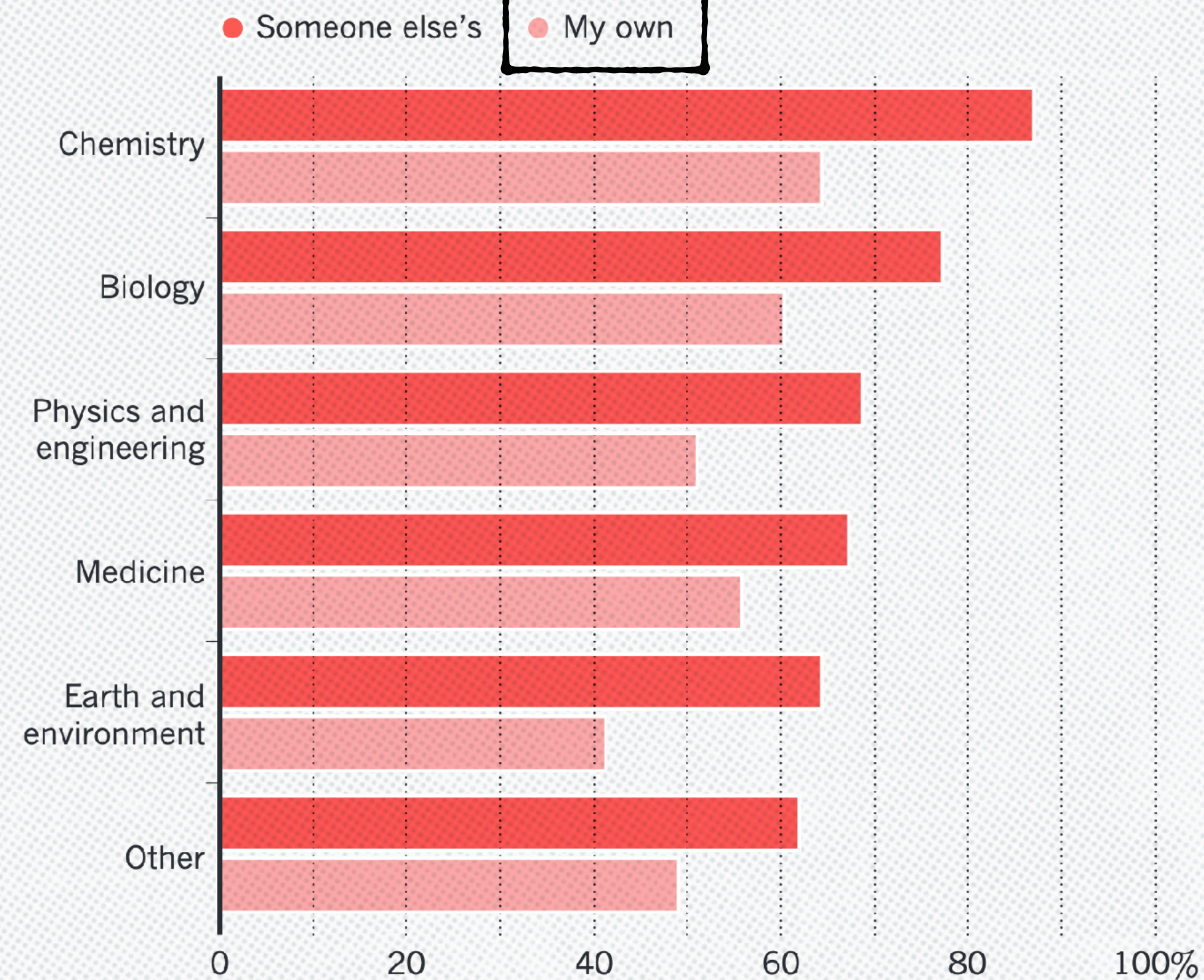
"Is there a reproducibility crisis?"

A Nature survey

(1576 researchers, 2016)

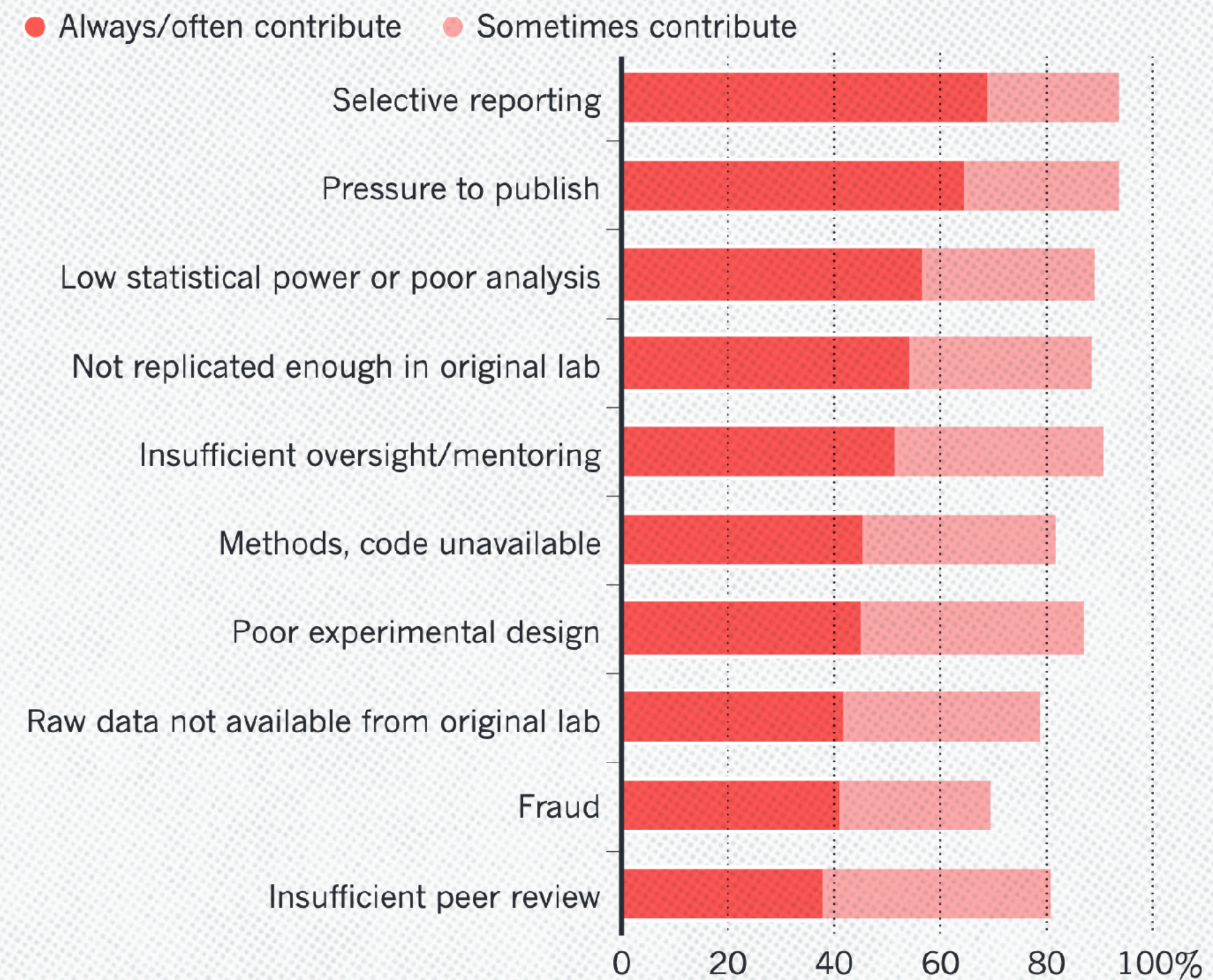
HAVE YOU FAILED TO REPRODUCE AN EXPERIMENT?

Most scientists have experienced failure to reproduce results.



WHAT FACTORS CONTRIBUTE TO IRREPRODUCIBLE RESEARCH?

Many top-rated factors relate to intense competition and time pressure.



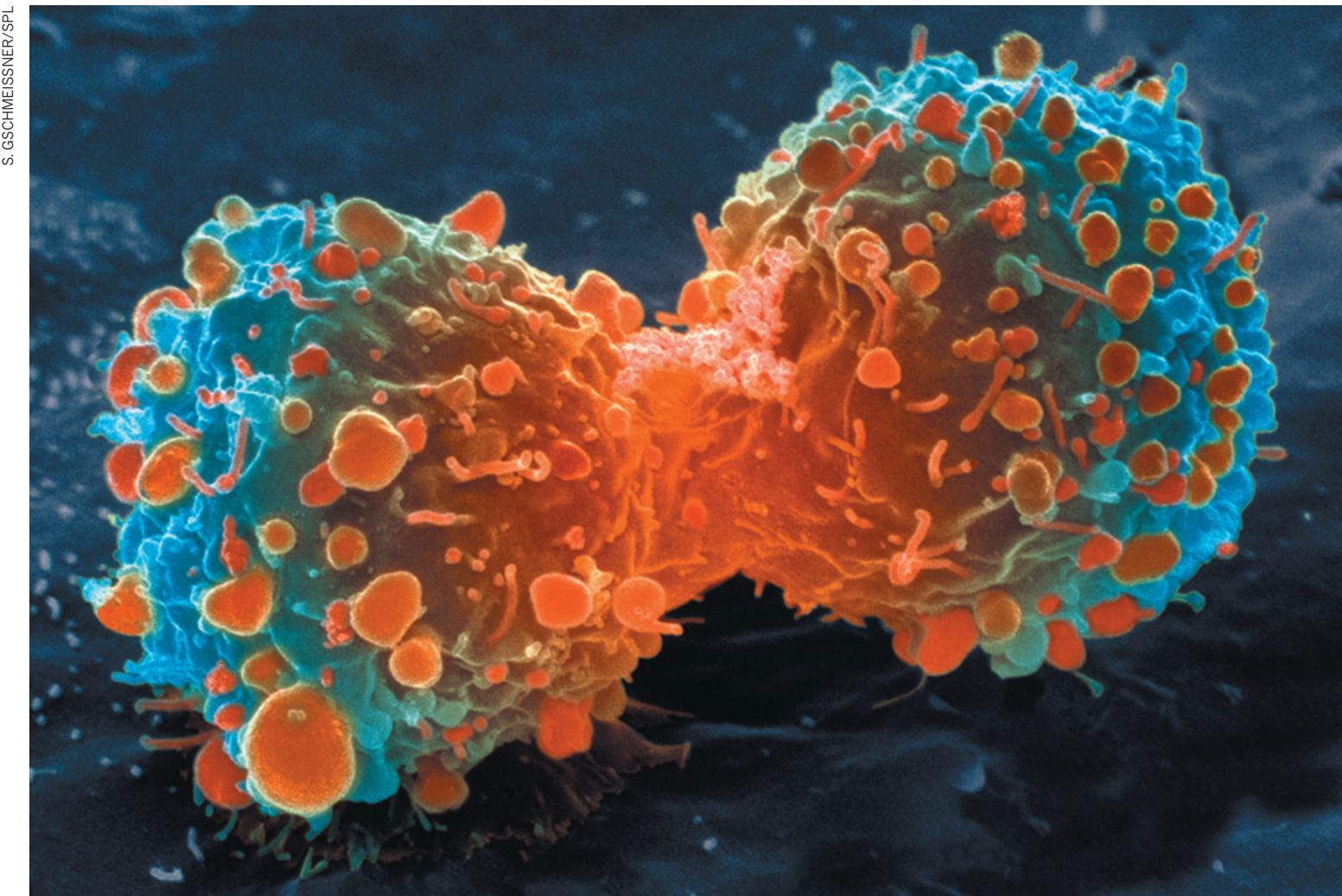
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Many landmark findings in preclinical oncology research are not reproducible, in part because of inadequate cell lines and animal models.

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 in human cancers have led to a better understanding of molecular drivers of this complex set of diseases. Although we in the cancer field hoped that this would lead to more effective drugs, historically, our ability to translate cancer research to clinical success has been remarkably low¹. Sadly, clinical

trials in oncology have the highest failure rate compared with other therapeutic areas. Given the high unmet need in oncology, it is understandable that barriers to clinical development may be lower than for other disease areas, and a larger number of drugs with suboptimal preclinical validation will enter oncology trials. However, this low success rate is not sustainable or acceptable, and

investigators must reassess their approach to translating discovery research into greater clinical success and impact.

Many factors are responsible for the high failure rate, notwithstanding the inherently difficult nature of this disease. Certainly, the limitations of preclinical tools such as inadequate cancer-cell-line and mouse models² make it difficult for even ►

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

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

The case for open computer programs

Must try harder

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

Six red flags for suspect work

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

Error prone

Biologists must realize the pitfalls of massive amount of data

Know when your numbers are significant

- Nekrutenko & Taylor, Nature Genetics (2012)
- Alsheikh-Ali et al. PLoS ONE (2011)
- Begley & Ellis Nature (2012)

"The Excel error that changed history

Coy, Bloomberg, 2013



Harvard University economists C. Reinhart and K. Rogoff have acknowledged making a spreadsheet calculation mistake in a 2010 research paper which has been widely cited to justify budget-cutting. But the authors stand by their conclusion that higher government debt is associated with slower economic growth.

Reinhart and Rogoff's work showed average real economic growth slows (a 0.1% decline) when a country's debt rises to more than 90% of gross domestic product (GDP) – and this 90% figure was employed repeatedly in political arguments over high-profile austerity measures. When that error was corrected, the 0.1% decline data became a 2.2% average increase in economic growth.

Questions de Vocabulaire

• 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 detail
→ Goal: document how data has been produced

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Redo

Reproduce

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Report

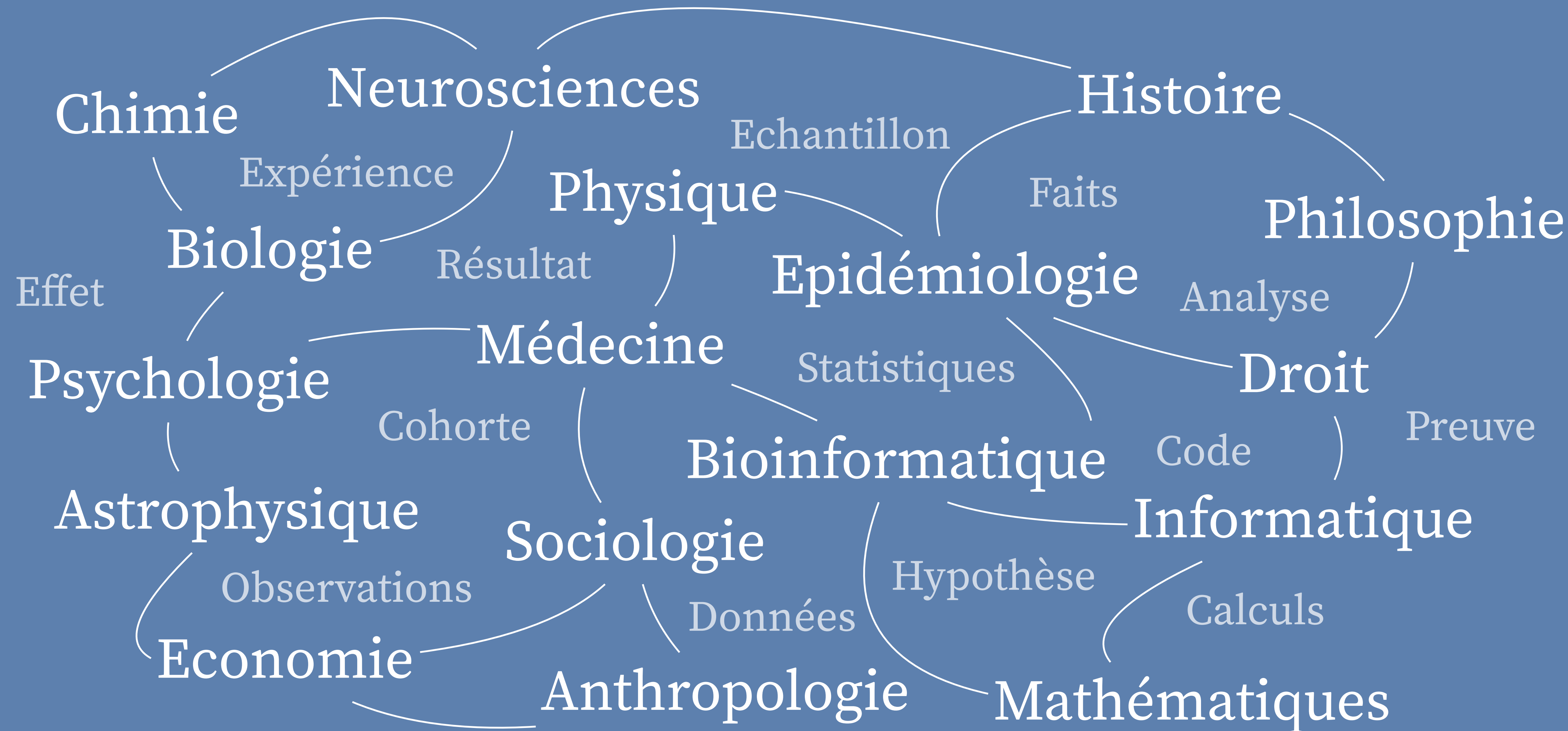
Repeat
Same experiment
Same laboratory

Replicate
Same experiment
Different laboratory

Reproduce
Same experiment
Different setup

Reuse
Same experiment
Different use

Questions de Pratiques



Questions d'Education

MOOC

*Recherche reproductible : principes méthodologiques
pour une science transparente*

ReproducibiliTea

Journal club for Open Science

ReproHackathon

Série de hackathons pour la reproductibilité
Une action MaDICS ReproVirtuFlow

Vers une recherche reproductible

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Ten Years Reproducibility Challenge

Would you dare to run the code from your past self?

Recherche Reproductible

Etat des lieux

Un nombre croissant de chercheurs s'intéresse à la problématique de la reproductibilité, dont la définition même peut grandement varier d'une discipline à une autre (observationnelle, expérimentale, statistique, computationnelle, etc). Or, nous avons rarement l'occasion de poser un regard inter-disciplinaire sur nos approches et définitions respectives. Ce workshop se veut donc un lieu d'échanges et d'information pour dresser un premier état des lieux de la reproductibilité en France.

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