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# Research data management and FAIR sharing: Why we need the big picture



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# On a personal note



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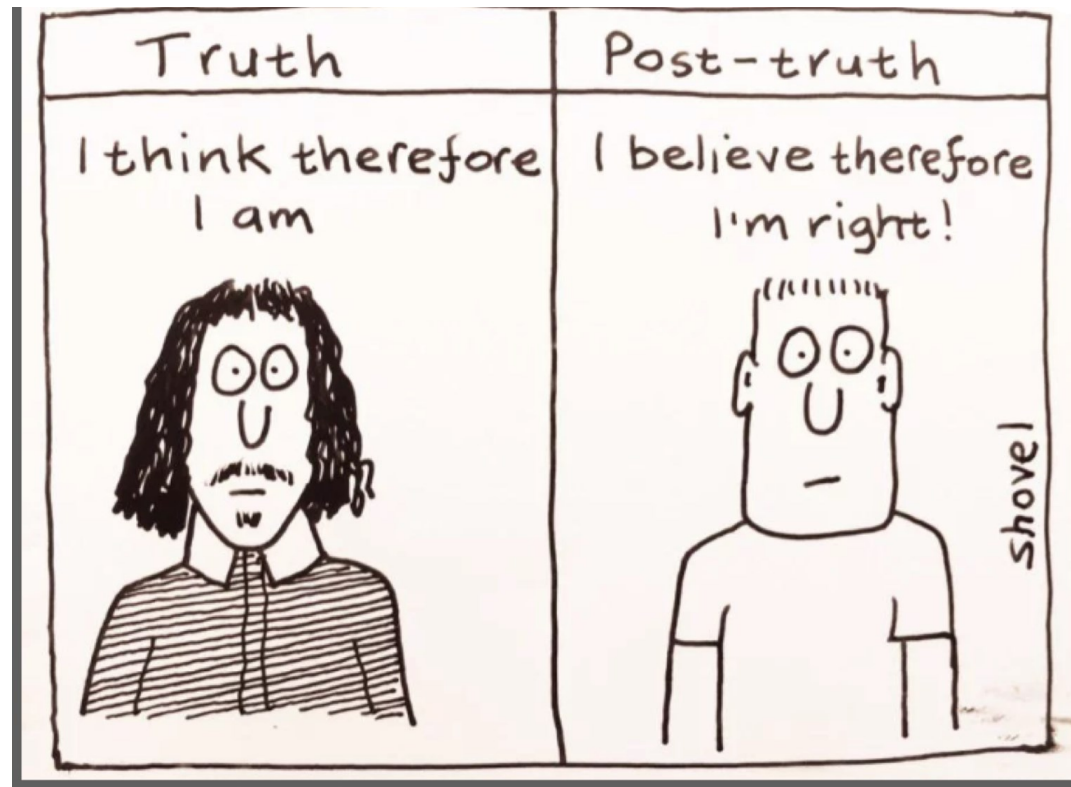


# Outline of my talk

- Open Science: Why should you care
- Research data management and FAIR data sharing
- Institutional good practice:  
TU Delft data stewardship
- Need for the picture: Potential for EOSC

# Open Science: Why should you care?

The credibility of science is under threat



Idea source: Dr. Danny Kingsley

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# Research reproducibility crisis

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## Why Most Published Research Findings Are False

John P. A. Ioannidis

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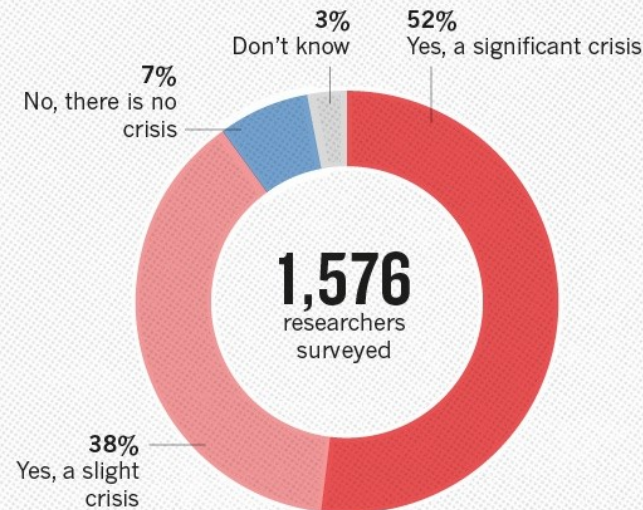
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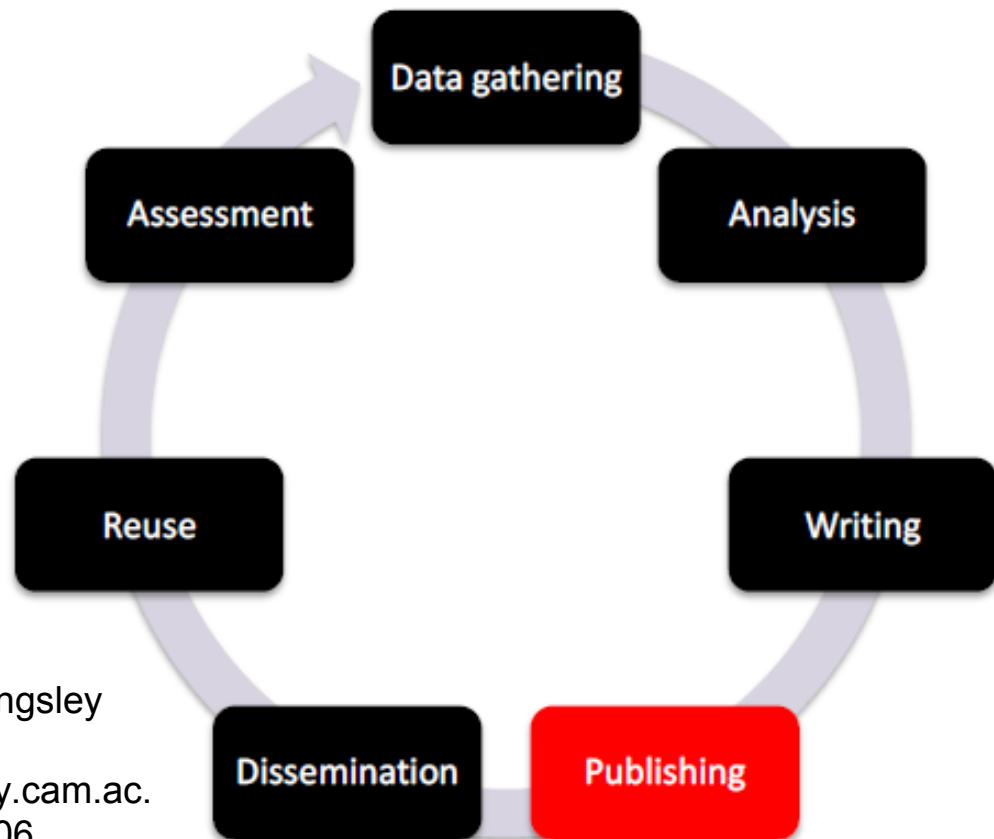
### IS THERE A REPRODUCIBILITY CRISIS?



Nature 533, 452–454 (26 May 2016)  
doi:10.1038/533452a

# How did we get there

The only thing that counts in academia is **publication** of novel results in **high impact journals**



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# Pressure to publish positive results...

- Design the study
- Collect data
- Analyze data as prespecified
- Oops!  $P > 0.05$ ?
  - *Torture data until it confesses*
- Then, and only then... write the manuscript



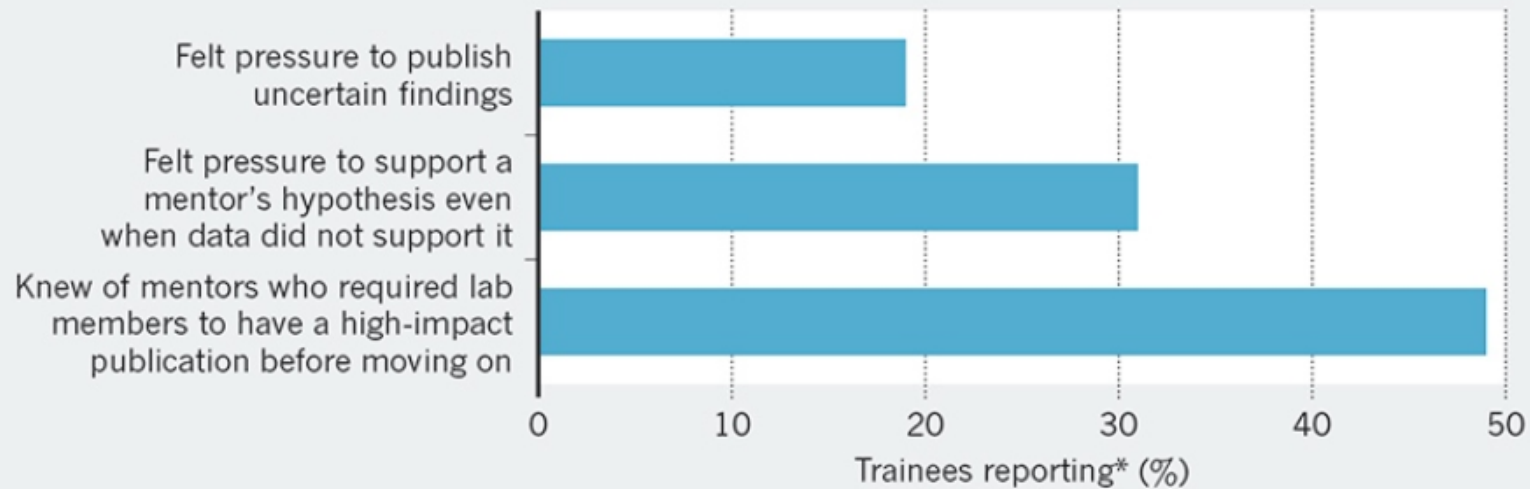
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Turner, Erick (2016):  
<https://doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.3381379.v1>



*“In many laboratories, the incentives to be first can be stronger than the incentives to be right.”*

## PRESSURED FINDINGS

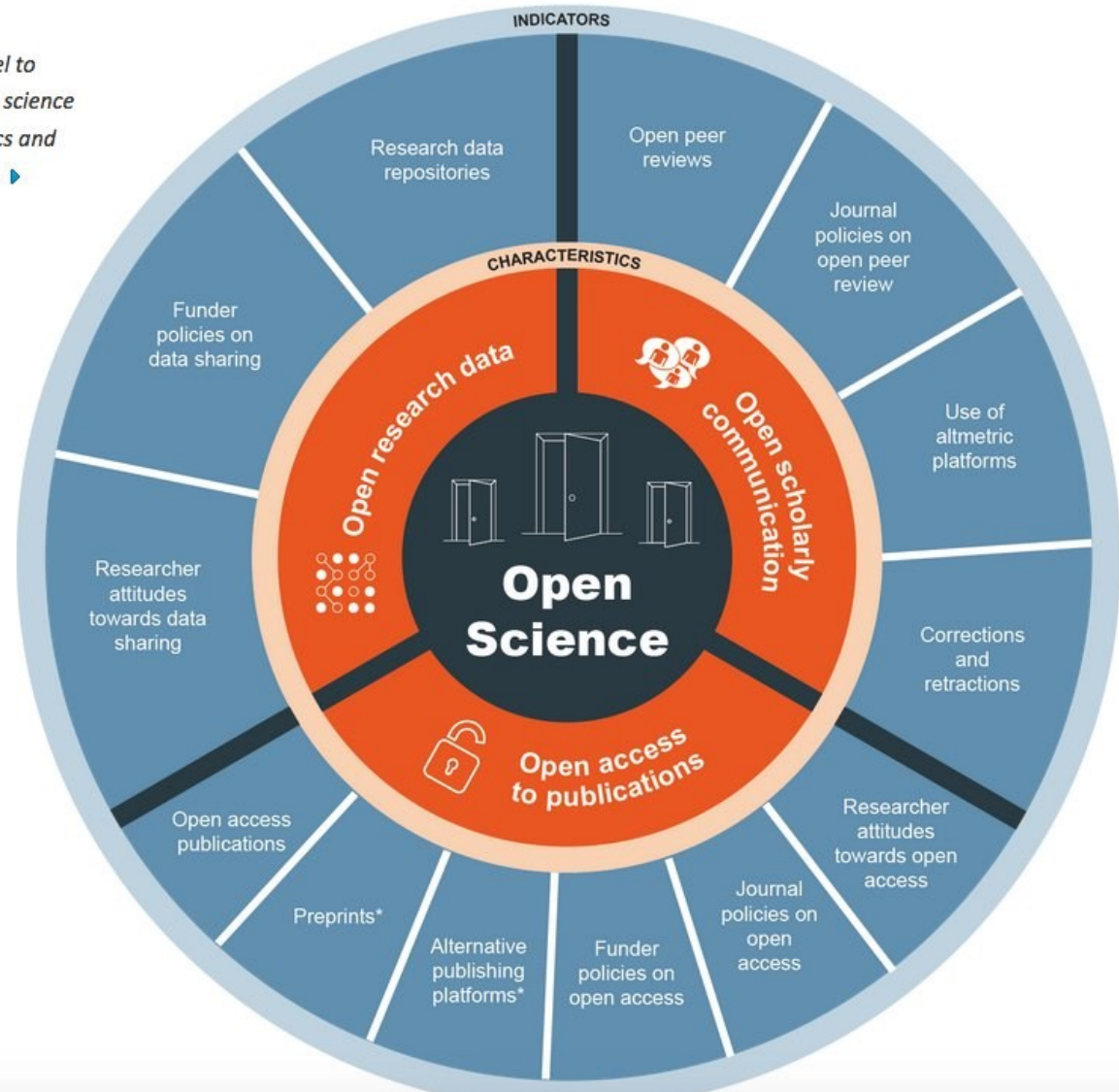
A survey of US biomedical trainees suggests that the push to publish spurs unreliable results.



\*Online survey of ~140 trainees at the MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas.

# Open Science, RDM & FAIR data can be a solution

Use the wheel to explore open science characteristics and indicators. ▶▶

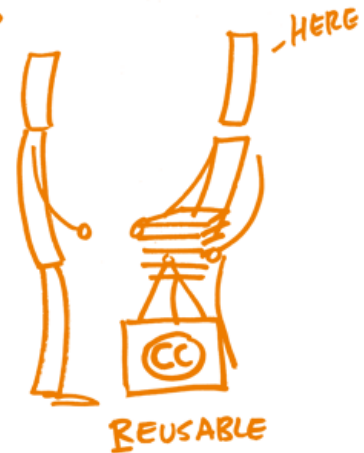
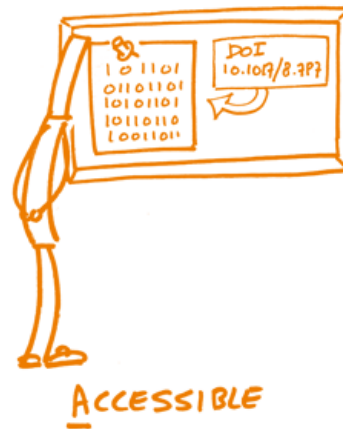


# Have you ever thought?

- What if someone asks you for data supporting your publication?
- What if someone asks you for data supporting your publication, 5 year after publication?
- What if the request comes 10 years later?

# Findable Accessible Interoperable Reusable

## FAIR DATA PRINCIPLES



Hochstenbach, P. (2018). *Open Research Data Material - FAIR data principles*. [image] Available at: <https://hochstenbach.wordpress.com/> [Accessed 26 Apr. 2018].

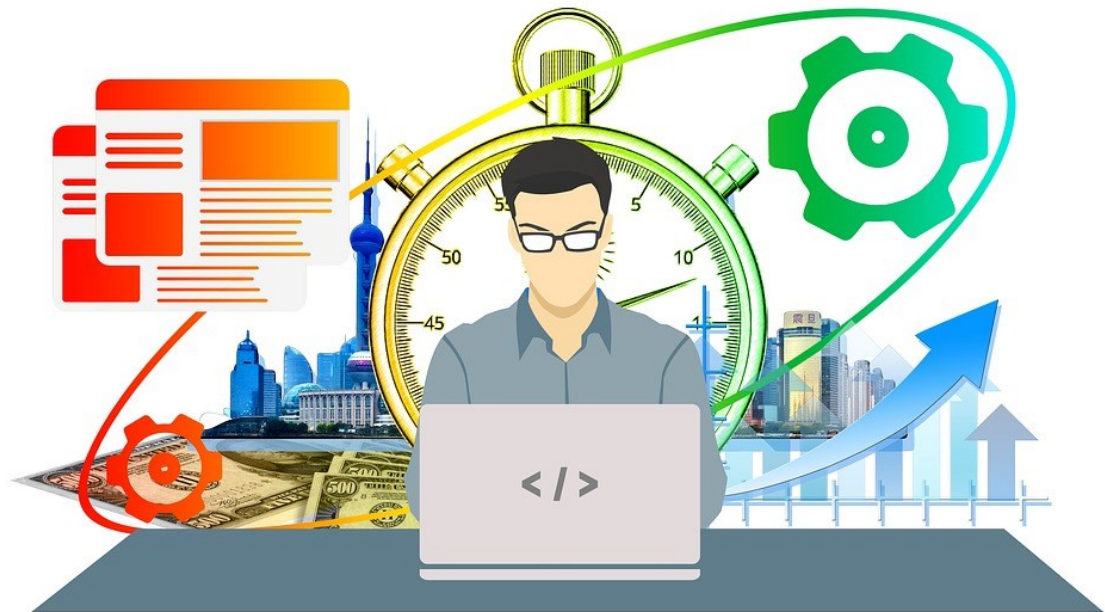
# Good data management is a prerequisite to open science

It's not easy, and researchers need support!



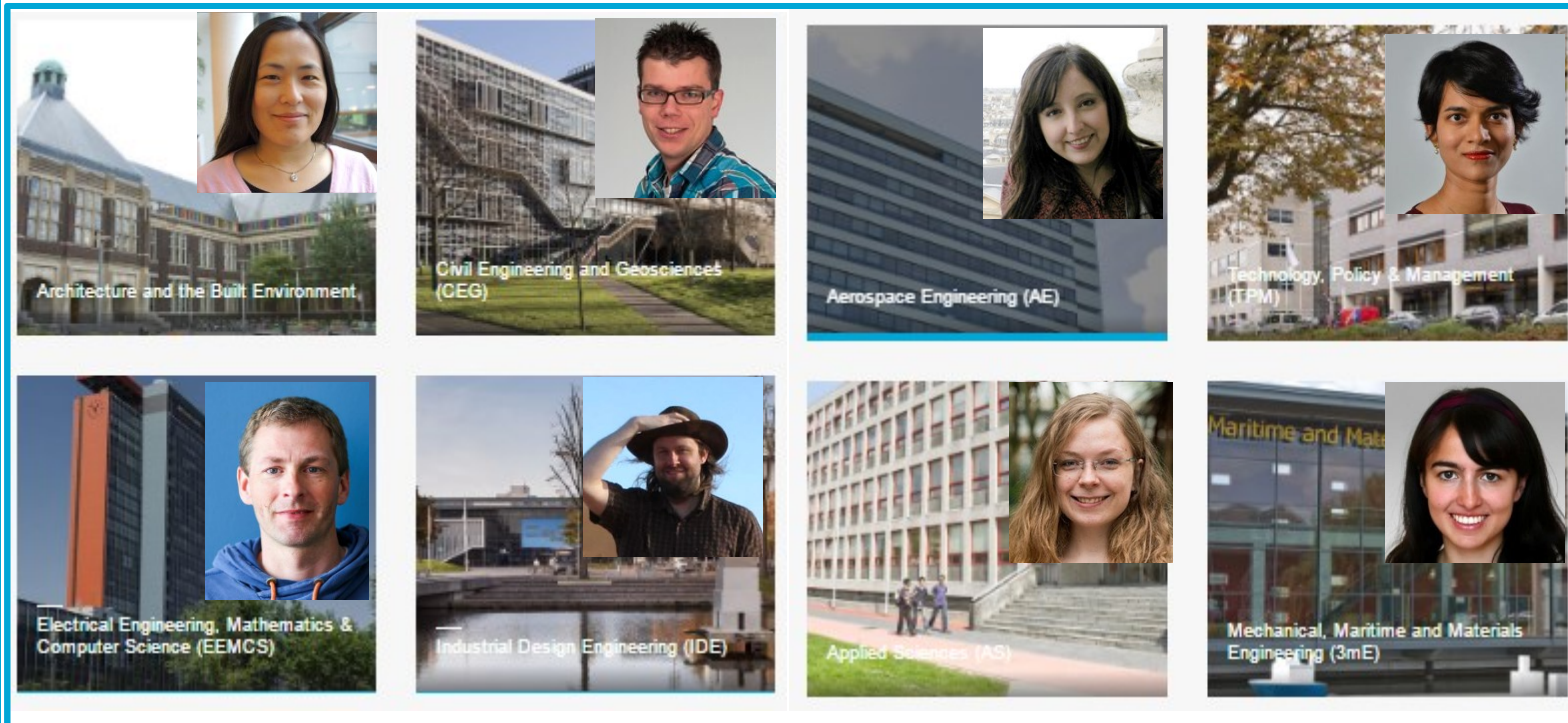
# Data Stewardship at TU Delft

Aim: to develop mature practices for research data management across the campus.



# For support to be relevant, it needs to be discipline-specific

We appointed a dedicated Data Steward at every faculty: all have a PhD (or equivalent)



Training in data management provided:

<https://openworking.wordpress.com/2017/09/18/training-for-data-stewards/>

# Who are the data stewards?



- First contact points for any data questions
- Advocacy and training
- Research is central
- Consultants, not police!



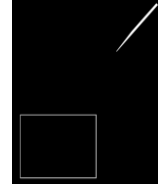
# Data Stewardship at TU Delft

Secure data storage, data sharing, citation, impact

For data management in grant proposals

Advice and templates

Request workshops, information sessions



Advice

Archiving

Costs

Compliance

Data Management Plans

Tools

Training

4TU.Centre for Research Data or disciplinary repositories

With funders' and journals' policies

For data and software management

# Raising awareness on archiving solutions: 4TU.Centre for Research Data

- Consortium of three technical universities:
  - TU Delft, TU Eindhoven and Twente University, Wageningen university (not a full member)
  - But open to everyone
- Certified and trusted research data repository
- Datasets preserved for at least 15 years
- Each Dataset is assigned a DOI
  - Over 7,500 datasets
- Data Refinement Fund: €5,000 / dataset†



# Community building: Data champions

Community of researchers actively engaged with open/FAIR science



# Data champions: Grassroots advocacy

## Our Data Champions



### [Yilin Huang](#)

Assistant Professor  
Faculty of Technology, Policy and Management  
Department: Multi-Actor Systems

**Areas of expertise:**  
Data analysis, modelling, simulation

+ Contact information

+ Motivation



### [Frans van der Meer](#)

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+ Contact information

+ Motivation



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+ Contact information

+ Motivation



### [Thomas Abeel](#)

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+ Contact information

+ Motivation



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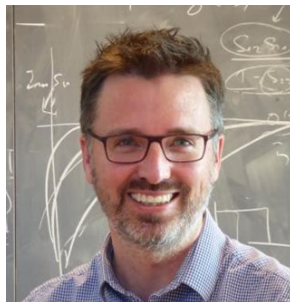
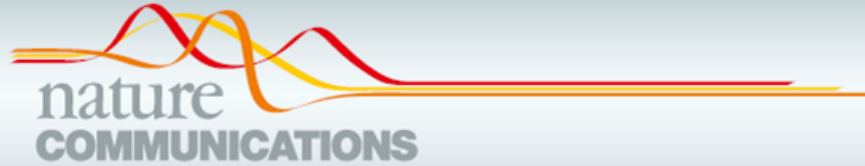


### [Scott Cunningham](#)

Associate Professor  
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Department: Multi-Actor Systems

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# Front Runners: Data Champions





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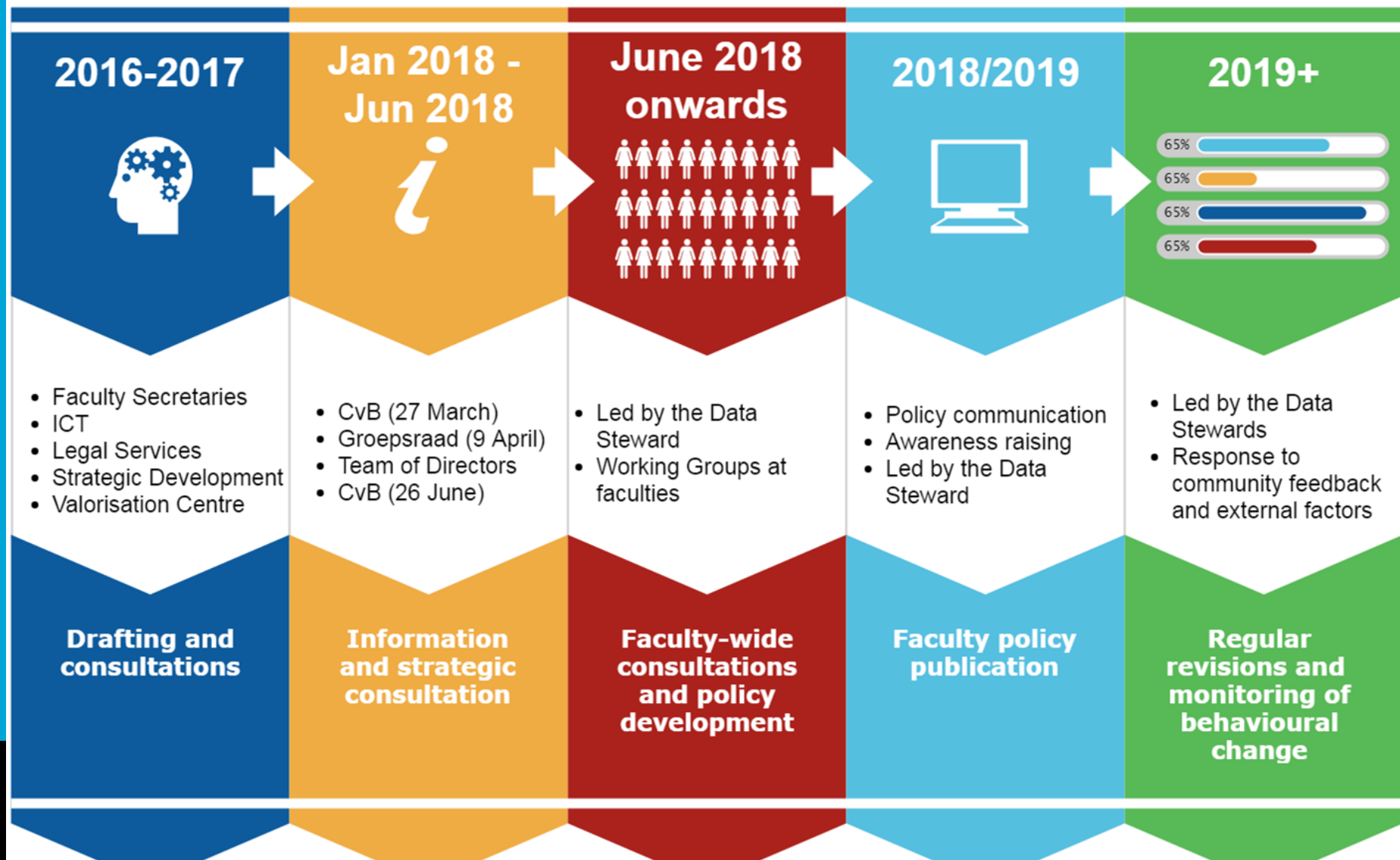
## A ballistic graphene superconducting microwave circuit

Felix E. Schmidt <sup>1</sup>, Mark D. Jenkins<sup>1</sup>, Kenji Watanabe <sup>2</sup>, Takashi Taniguchi<sup>2</sup> & Gary A. Steele<sup>1</sup>

### Data availability

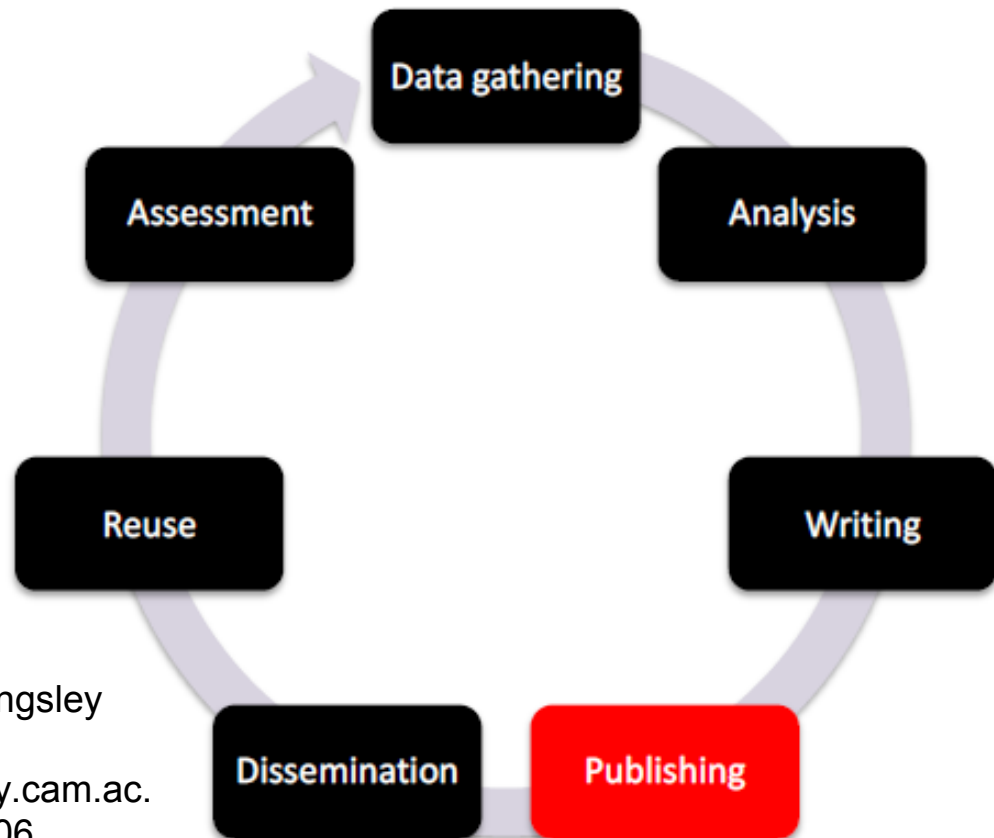
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# Data stewards lead RDM policy development



# These institutional efforts are great but...

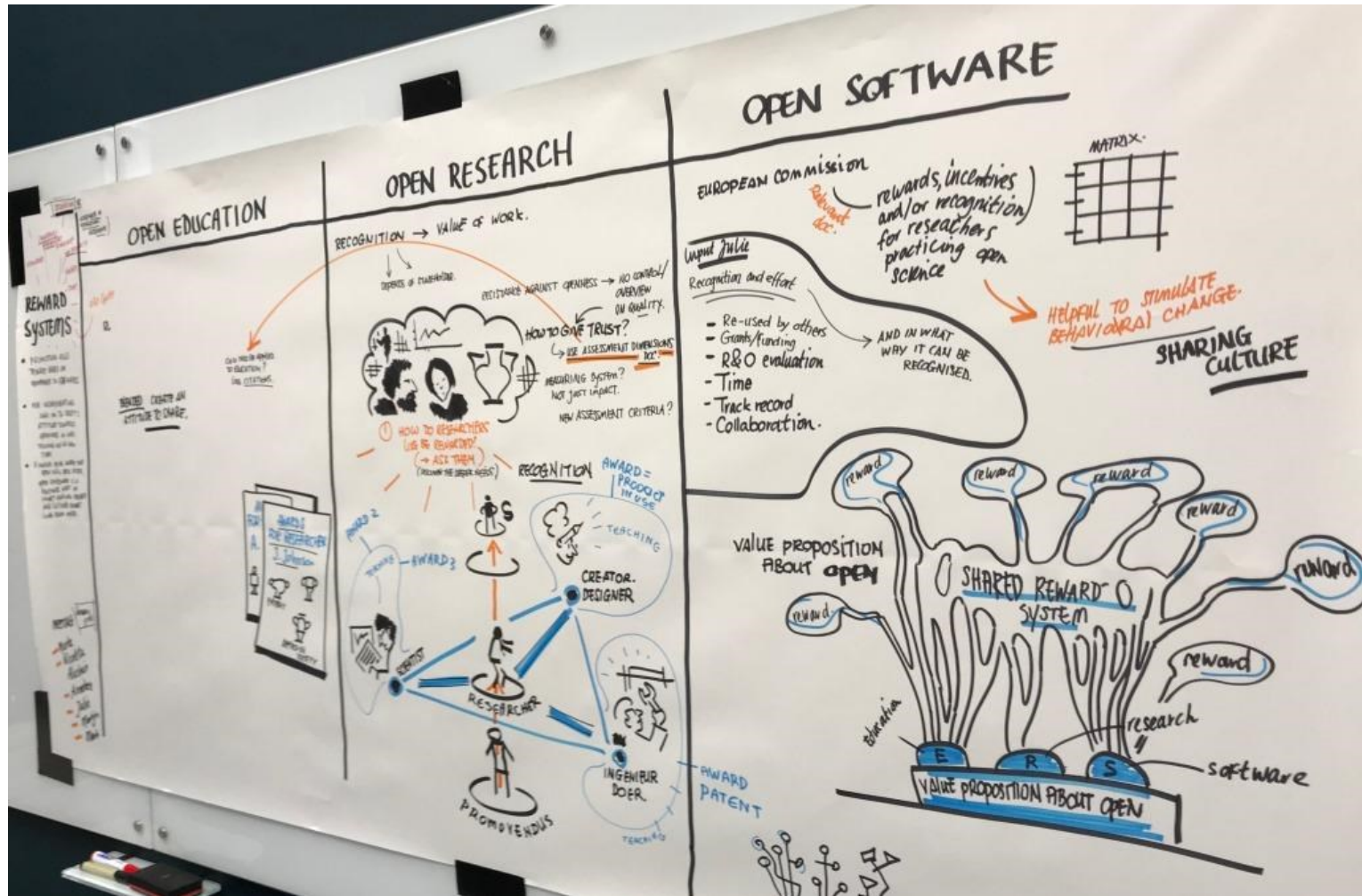
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# Rewarding researchers for quality (reproducible) research





# We cannot do this alone

## Need for international collaboration



# European Open Science Cloud: Can we tap into this opportunity?



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## European Open Science Cloud (EOSC)

This is a cloud for research data in Europe. Background, policy information, events and publications related to the EOSC

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/openscience/index.cfm?pg=open-science-cloud#>

# TU Delft endorsed EOSC principles and declared actions

NOVEMBER 15, 2017

## Declaration of Actions for Euro Open Science Cloud

Declaration of Actions from TU Delft Library and 4TU.ResearchData for European Open Science Cloud

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# Recent efforts: Open science skills



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**Time for open science skills to count in academic careers!**

by 4TU.Centre for Research Data in association with EOSCPilot

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# Open science skills workshop

- 26 Sep 2018 in Delft with EOSCpilot
- Researchers at various levels: PhD students, post-docs, tenure trackers and professors together with librarians, support staff, policy makers
- Hands-on workshop to identify the key open science science at various career levels

## It's time for open science skills to count in academic careers (Part 1: Talks)

**Authors:** Shalini Kurapati, Marta Teperek, Maria Cruz, Angus Whyte

*Disclaimer: In the spirit of openness and transparency, we would like to share that Shalini Kurapati wrote parts of this blog post based on the zenodo record of the presentations even though she wasn't present during the event. Her account was verified by the remaining authors who were present.*

To read Part 2 of this blog post follow this [link](#).

## Open Science is not always easy – skills are urgently needed

Open science is becoming a ubiquitous and recurring theme in the current academic environment. Researchers are increasingly expected to publicly share their research outputs (data, code, models etc.) as well as their publications. This often requires considerable effort from researchers to manage and curate their research outputs to make them shareable.



<https://openworking.wordpress.com/2018/12/03/its-time-for-open-science-skills-to-count-in-academic-careers-part-1-talks/>

# Open Science skills workshop: Main takeaways

- Need for **proper infrastructure** and **policy support** from institutions
- **Recognition** is the main drivers for both scientific and non-scientific staff to pursue open science
- Outputs will be applied in EOSCpilot to help its Skills Framework
- And most importantly: everyone can contribute to changing cultures and daily practices.



**Maria J. Cruz**

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Following



**#openskills18 @kevingashley**: It's possible to change the academic rewards system. It's possible for PhD students. It's possible for senior researchers. And it's possible for institutions.

4:41 PM - 26 Sep 2018

# Taking open science forward, together.

- Sharing case studies, good practice, expertise and infrastructure
- Advertisement of EOSC resources and services available to the research community
- Providing suggestions and community feedback to EOSC



# Summary

- The importance of open science, RDM and FAIR sharing in today's world
- Experiences from TU Delft data stewardship project
- Institutional efforts are great but researchers need to be rewarded everywhere
- The need for collaboration and coordinated effort: The EOSC opportunity



# And finally..

“Not everything that can be counted counts.

Not everything that counts can be counted.”

— **William Bruce Cameron**

**Questions/ Comments?**

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