



Sports Science Replication Centre

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Replication in Sports Science

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Background



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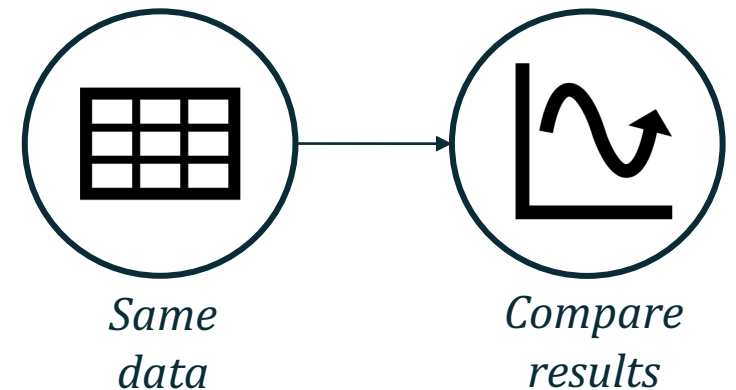
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What is replication?

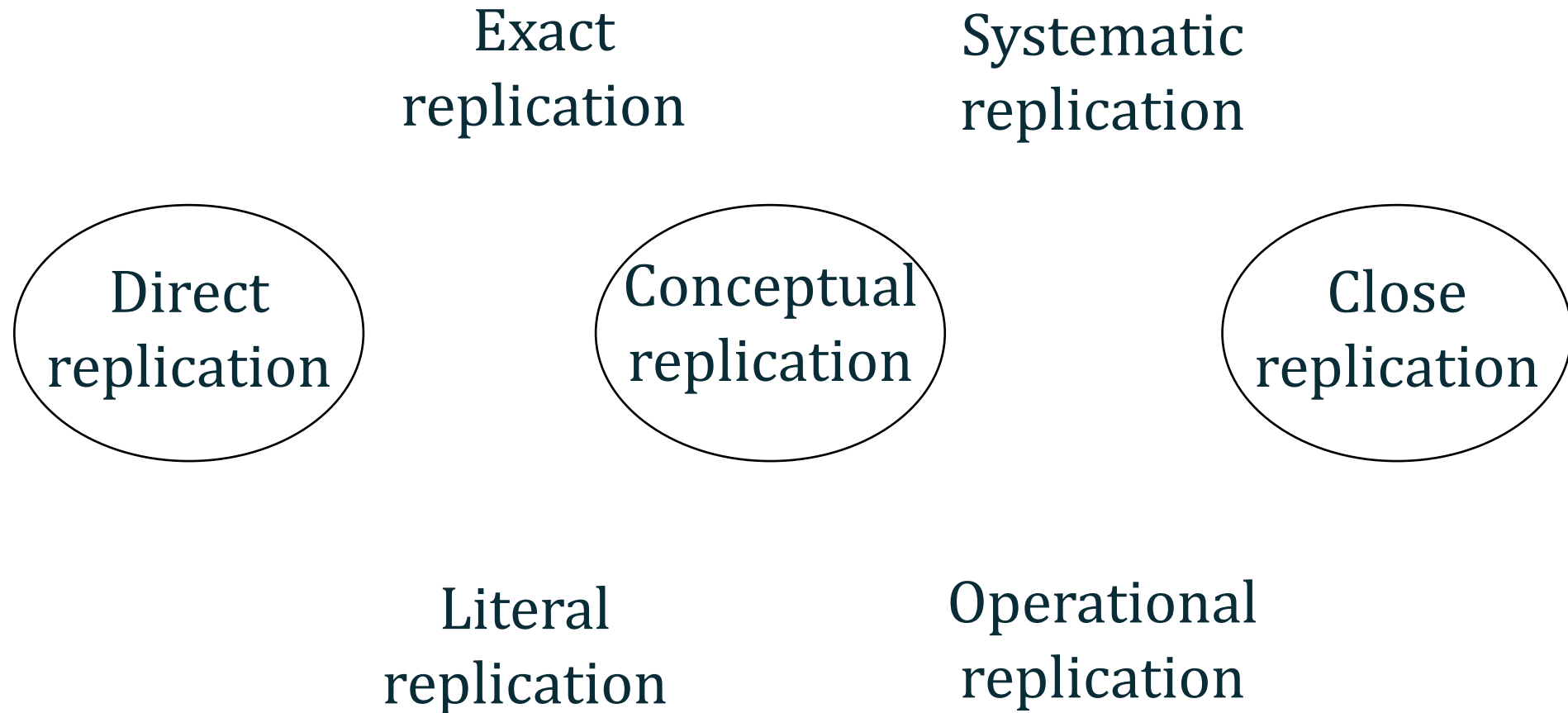
Replication is retesting a claim using the same analyses and new data (Nosek et al, 2020)



Reproducibility is retesting a claim using the same analyses and same data (Nosek et al, 2020)



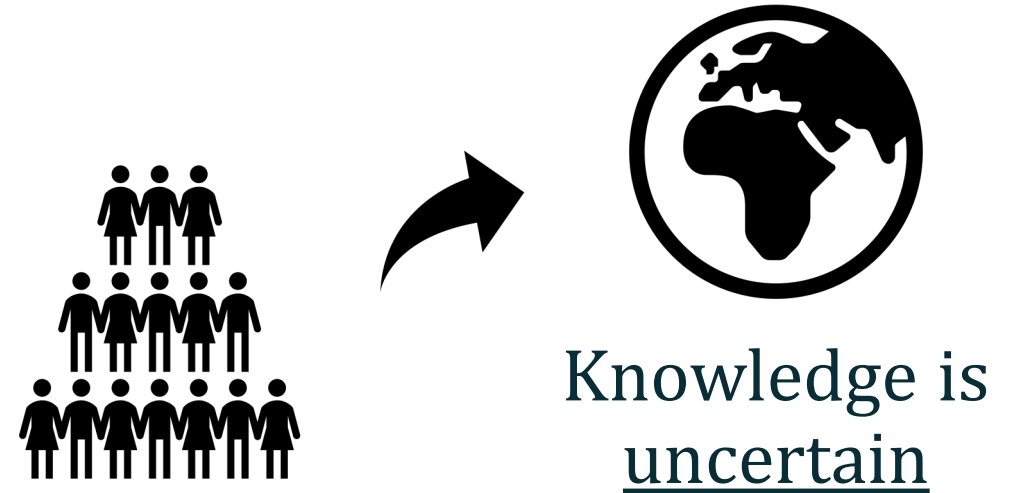
Types of replication



Why replicate?

Rigorous science is the
*“theoretical or
experimental approaches
undertaken in a way that
enhances confidence in
the veracity of their
findings”*

(Casadevall and Fang, 2016, p1)



Purpose:

- Increase confidence in findings
- Reaffirm findings
- Update boundaries on external validity
- Identify type 1 errors

The problem with Sports Science



Focus on novel or
exciting effects



Questionable
research practices



Invested interests



Low statistical
power & small
sample sizes



Lack of
transparency

Change is coming



Strengthening the Practice of Exercise and Sport-Science Research

in International Journal of Sports Physiology and Performance


Israel Halperin, Andrew D. Vigotsky, Carl Foster, and David B. Pyne

View Less —

Moving Sport and Exercise Science Forward: A Call for the Adoption of More Transparent Research Practices

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Education review

Call to increase statistical collaboration in sports science, sport and exercise medicine and sports physiotherapy 

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- STORK
- Registered Reports
- Preregistration
- Data sharing



The Sports Science Replication Centre



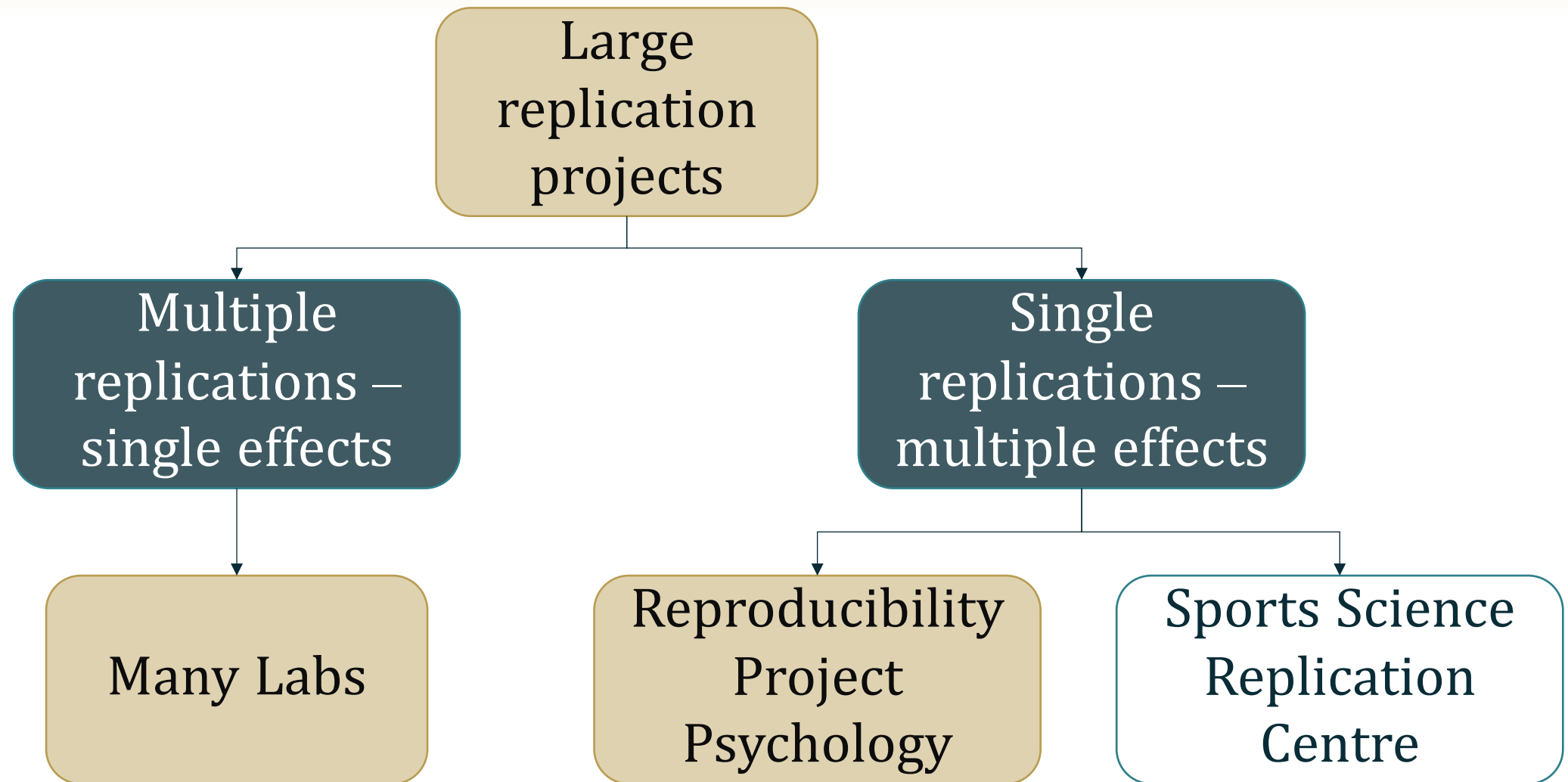
Aim

- Evaluate the replicability of sports science research

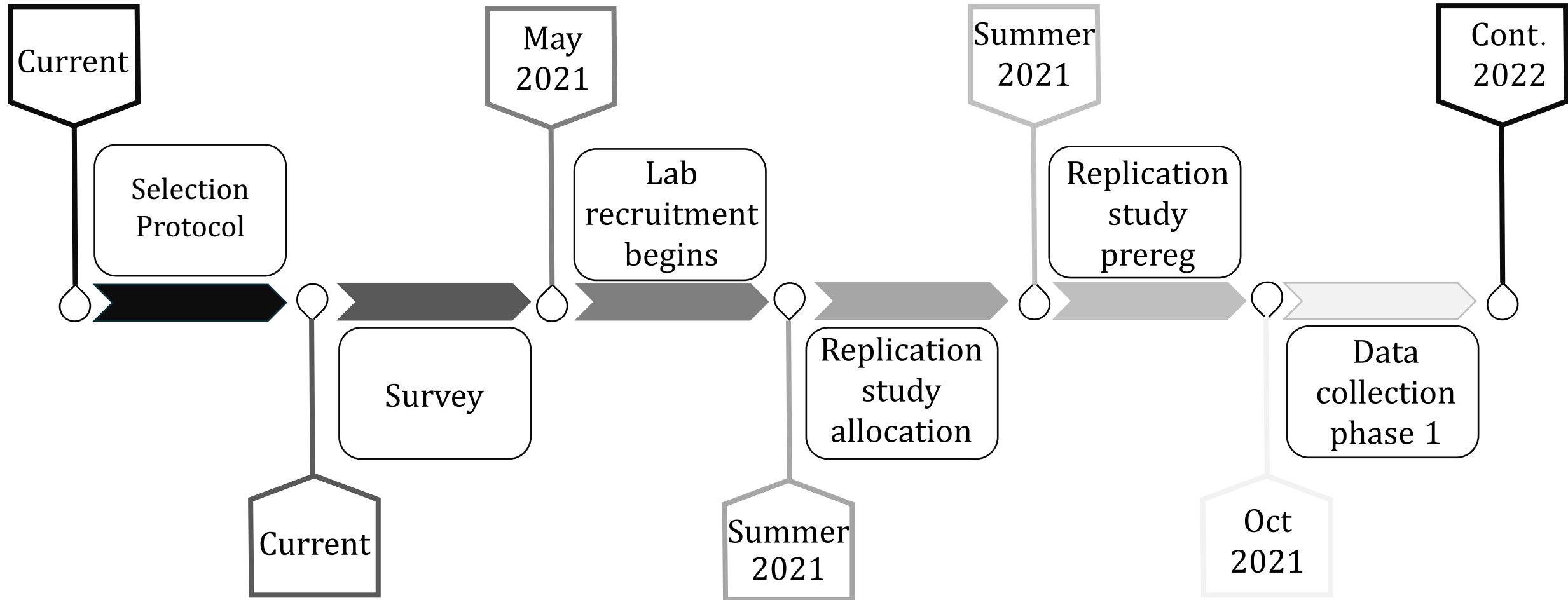
Objectives

- Establish a collaborative lab network worldwide
- Undertake replication trials of different effects
- Report replication outcomes using meta-analytic procedures
- Present an initial overview of the replicability of sports science research

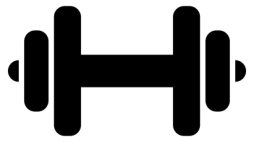
Large replication projects



Timeline (short term)



Lab recruitment



Who?

Sports and exercise
science researchers



Where?

Worldwide!

Suggestions for conducting a replication study:

Conduct it
yourself

Undergrad
project

Research
internship

Postgrad
project

Why become involved?



1. Contribute towards the first *collaborative* replication project in sports and exercise science
2. Lead the way towards *open science* in the field
3. All *methods and analysis* are *preplanned* by the team leader
4. Write up and *final analysis* *will be completed* by the team leader
5. Each lab will receive a study that is *feasible* to conduct
6. Each author who makes a substantial contribution will receive *authorship*

Selection Protocol



Year of publication
and journal ranking



- Previous 5 years
- Q1 journals



Research disciplines



- Applied sport and
exercise science

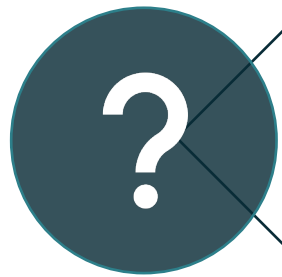
Selection Protocol



Study types



- Experimental studies
 - Effect of IV on DV
- Means, effect size and confidence intervals

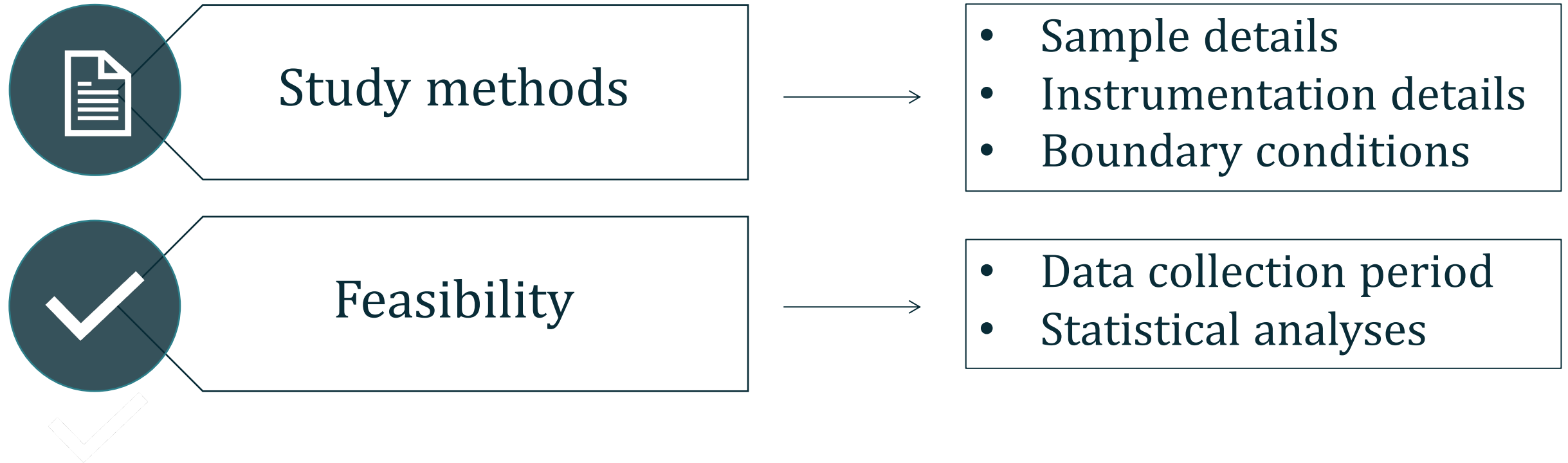


Research question
and key variable

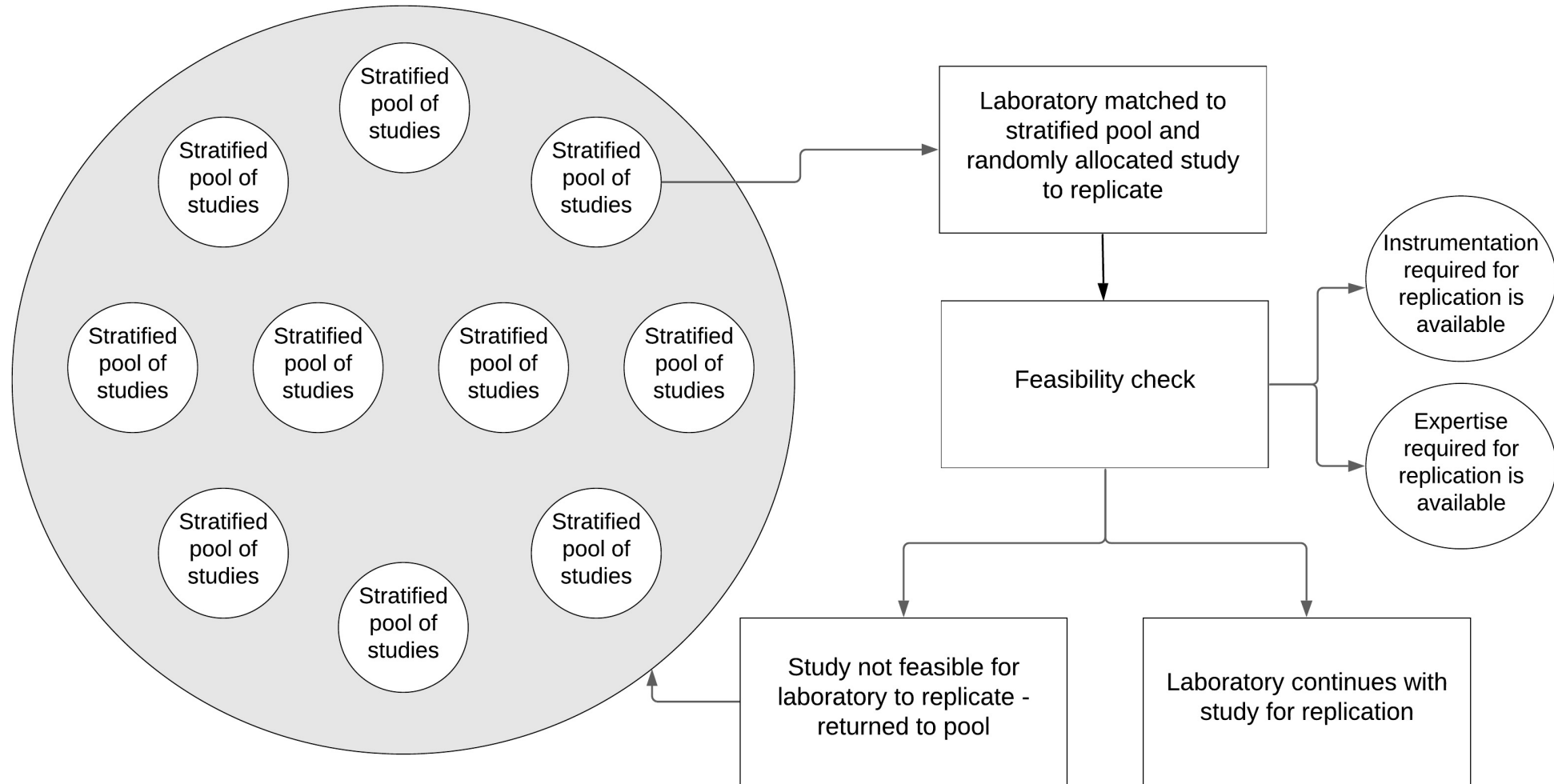


- One dependent variable
- Stated in first hypothesis or abstract

Selection Protocol



Allocation to lab



Conducting the replication

Statistical Power

- High powered replication studies (95%)
- Correction for publication bias
- Correction for effect size uncertainty
- Anderson and Kelley's R package "BUCSS" (2017)

1 Local ethics approval

2 Data sharing agreement

3 Follow sample guidelines

4 Follow procedural guidelines

5 Collect data

6 Send raw data back

Assessing the outcomes

Multiple inferential strategy

1. Replication effect size is statistically significant
2. Same direction as original effect size
3. Original effect size falls into 95% confidence interval of replication effect size

Descriptive information

1. Normalized differences in the magnitude of the effect sizes
2. Included and excluded studies as per selection protocol
3. Original author response rates

Reporting the outcome

Successful replication



Failure to replicate



Original effect is false

Replication is false

Methods differed

Error

What this project is not

A personal attack on
researchers in the
field



The final evaluation of
replicability

Statistically
significant &
non-
significant
effects

Published &
non-
published
research

Future

Focus on specific
sub-disciplines

Popular effects

Self-replications

Personal
interests

Highly cited
effects

Conceptual
replications

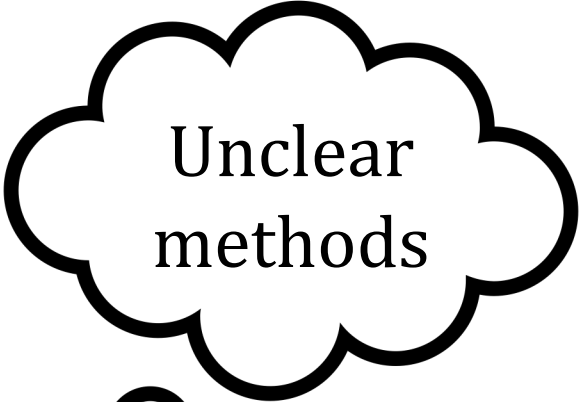
Considerations and barriers



Response
rates



Poor
reporting of
results



Unclear
methods



Funding

Conclusion

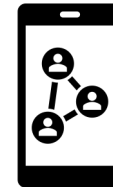


Help us – volunteer labs needed!

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Thank you!



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