

Women in Science, why they are so few...

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Who am I?

I study experimental quantum physics, using interaction between light and atoms.

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a cloud of laser-cooled trapped atomic ions :





Cracking the code:

Girls' and women's education in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM)



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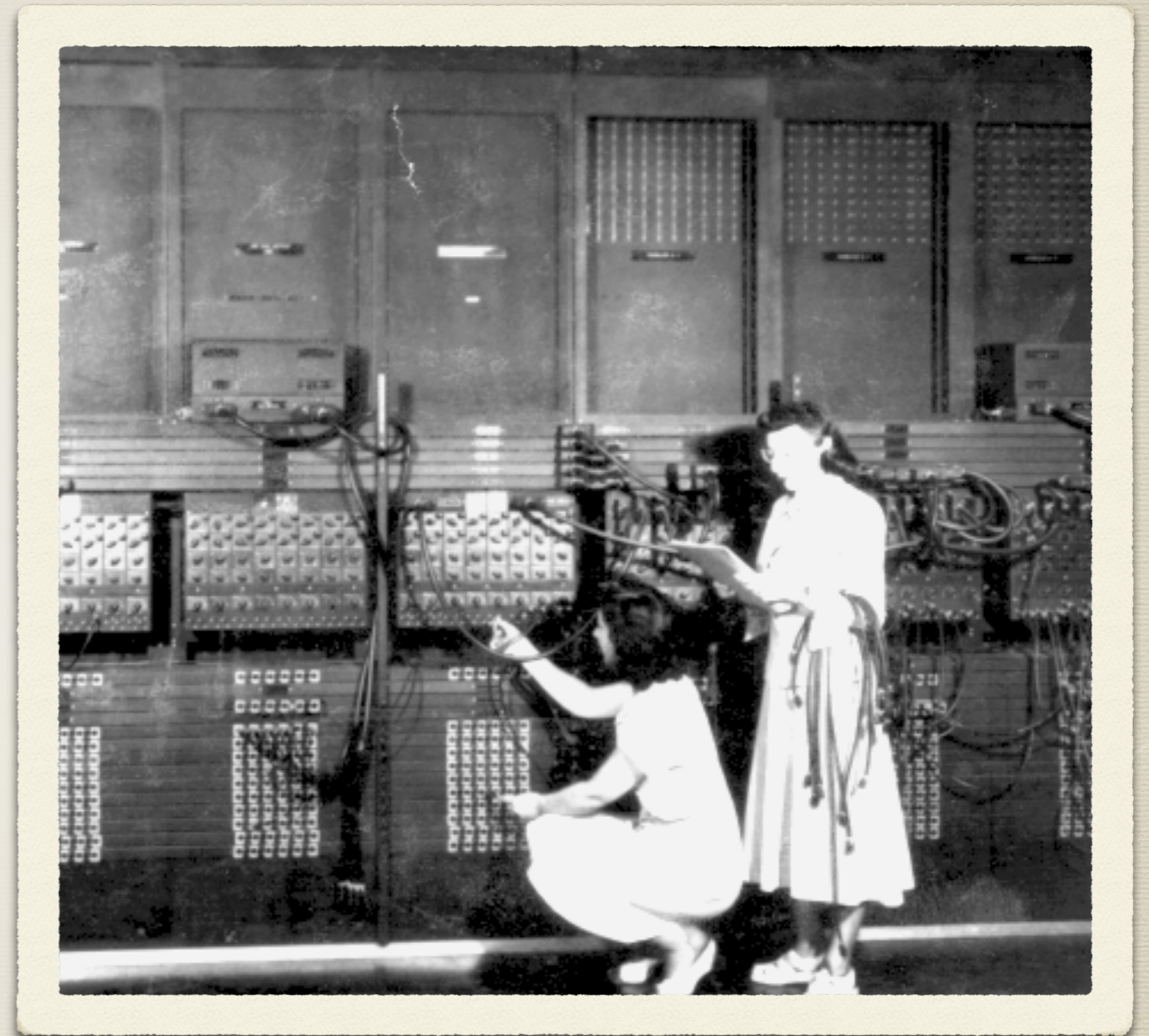
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first myth to
forget :

the situation of women
in science does not
improve by itself if we
only let time goes....



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The Gender-Equality Paradox in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Education



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Using an international database on adolescent achievement in science, mathematics, and reading ($N = 472,242$), we showed that girls performed similarly to or better than boys in science in two of every three countries, and in nearly all countries, more girls appeared capable of college-level STEM study than had enrolled....A mediation analysis suggested that life-quality pressures in less gender-equal countries promote girls' and women's engagement with STEM subjects.

Gender stereotypes can explain the gender-equality paradox

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The so-called “gender-equality paradox” is the fact that gender segregation across occupations is more pronounced in more egalitarian and more developed countries. Some scholars have explained this paradox by the existence of deeply rooted or intrinsic gender differences in preferences that materialize more easily in countries where economic constraints are more limited. In line with a strand of research in sociology, we show instead that it can be explained by cross-country differences in essentialist gender norms regarding math aptitudes and appropriate occupational choices. To this aim, we propose a measure of the prevalence and extent of internalization of the stereotype that “math is not for girls” at the country level. This is done using individual-level data on the math attitudes of 300,000 15-y-old female and male students in 64 countries. The stereotype associating math to men is stronger in more egalitarian and developed countries. It is also strongly associated with various measures of female underrepresentation in math-intensive fields and can therefore entirely explain the gender-equality paradox. We suggest that economic development and gender equality in rights go hand-in-hand with a reshaping rather than a suppression of gender norms, with the emergence of new and more horizontal forms of social differentiation across genders.

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Societal inequalities amplify gender gaps in math

Egalitarian countries cultivate high-performing girls

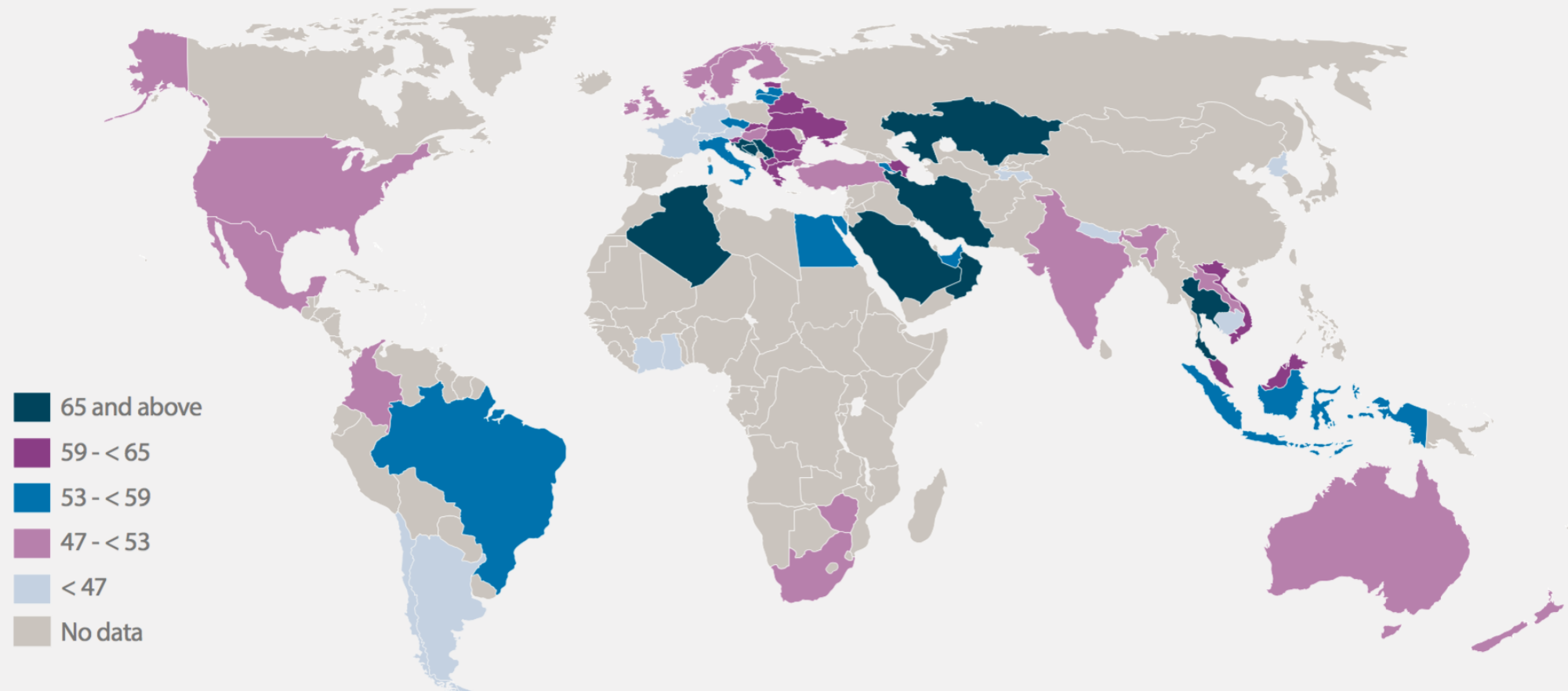
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We conclude that the relationship between the math gender performance gap and societal inequality is larger and more robust than other relationships already documented with more obvious country characteristics such as gender stratification or economic development.

A situation very different from place to place:

Figure 6: Percentage of female students enrolled in natural science, mathematics and statistics programmes in higher education in different parts of the world



Note: This map has a different scale to map below. They are not to be compared directly.
82 countries.

Data source: UIS 2015²⁵

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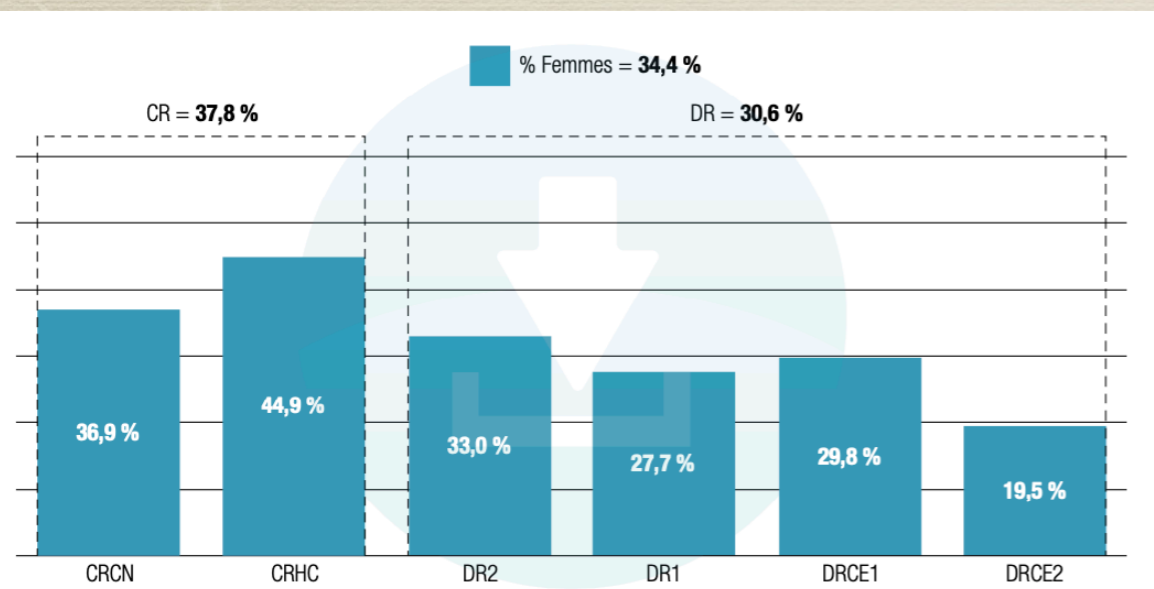


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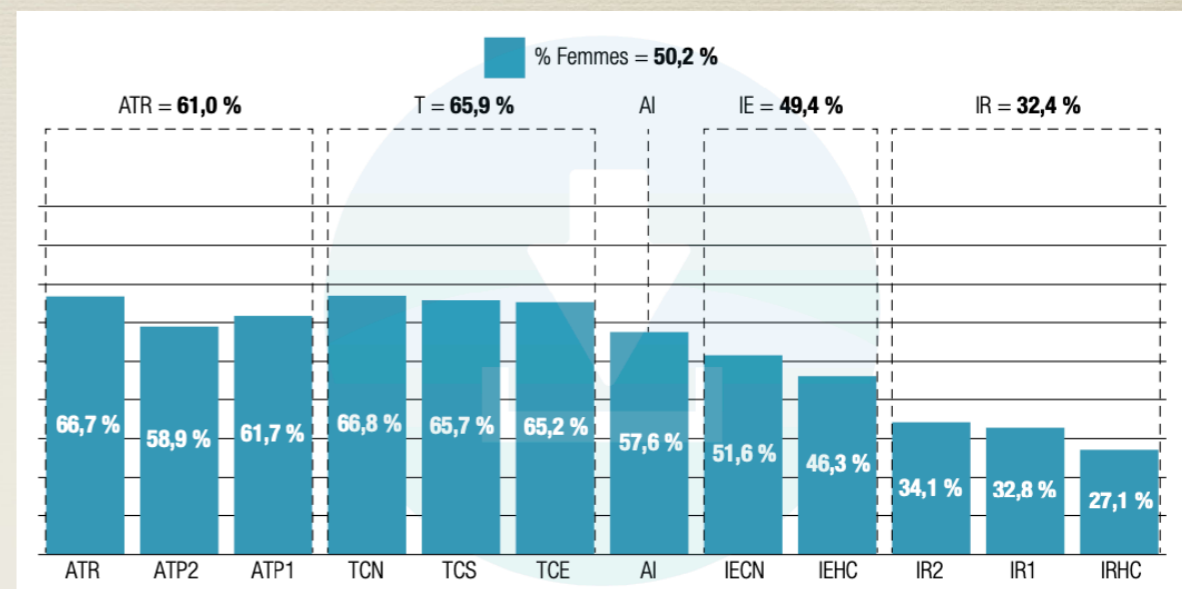


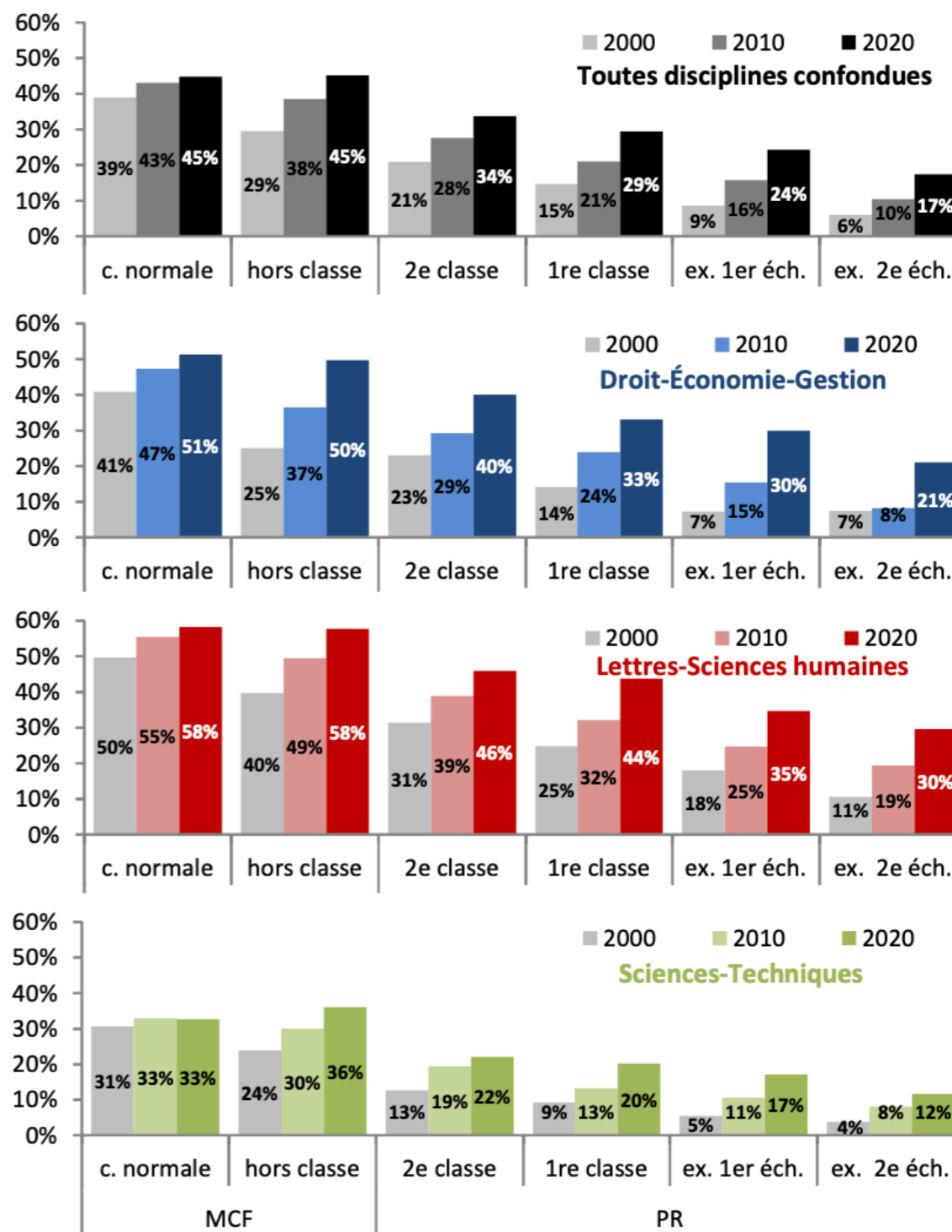
Fig. 7 – Part des ingénieures et techniciennes par corps et grade

Tabl. 33 – Chercheurs et chercheuses permanents selon la section d'évaluation et le grade / corps

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1	18	16,7 %	90	16,7 %	119	27,7 %	227	22,5 %	20	25,0 %	195	24,6 %	215	24,7 %	338	104	442	23,5 %	48,4	28,3 %
2	11	9,1 %	58	12,1 %	58	13,8 %	127	12,6 %	9	0,0 %	99	10,1 %	108	9,3 %	209	26	235	11,1 %	48,9	31,5 %
3	10	10,0 %	54	22,2 %	71	15,5 %	135	17,8 %	11	18,2 %	131	17,6 %	142	17,6 %	228	49	277	17,7 %	48,8	30,7 %
4	11	0,0 %	48	18,8 %	82	24,4 %	141	20,6 %	14	7,1 %	135	17,0 %	149	16,1 %	237	53	290	18,3 %	49,0	31,7 %
5	10	20,0 %	49	24,5 %	87	20,7 %	146	21,9 %	14	21,4 %	120	34,2 %	134	32,8 %	204	76	280	27,1 %	49,4	31,1 %
6	6	33,3 %	43	18,6 %	79	21,5 %	128	21,1 %	13	15,4 %	155	17,4 %	168	17,3 %	240	56	296	18,9 %	45,2	19,6 %
7	7	14,3 %	49	16,3 %	76	21,1 %	132	18,9 %	15	40,0 %	136	20,6 %	151	22,5 %	224	59	283	20,8 %	46,3	24,0 %
8	13	15,4 %	57	19,3 %	101	18,8 %	171	18,7 %	19	36,8 %	179	19,6 %	198	21,2 %	295	74	369	20,1 %	48,3	26,3 %
9	5	20,0 %	42	11,9 %	56	19,6 %	103	16,5 %	9	0,0 %	105	24,8 %	114	22,8 %	174	43	217	19,8 %	48,4	30,9 %
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② Proportion de femmes universitaires selon le grade en 2000, 2010 et 2020

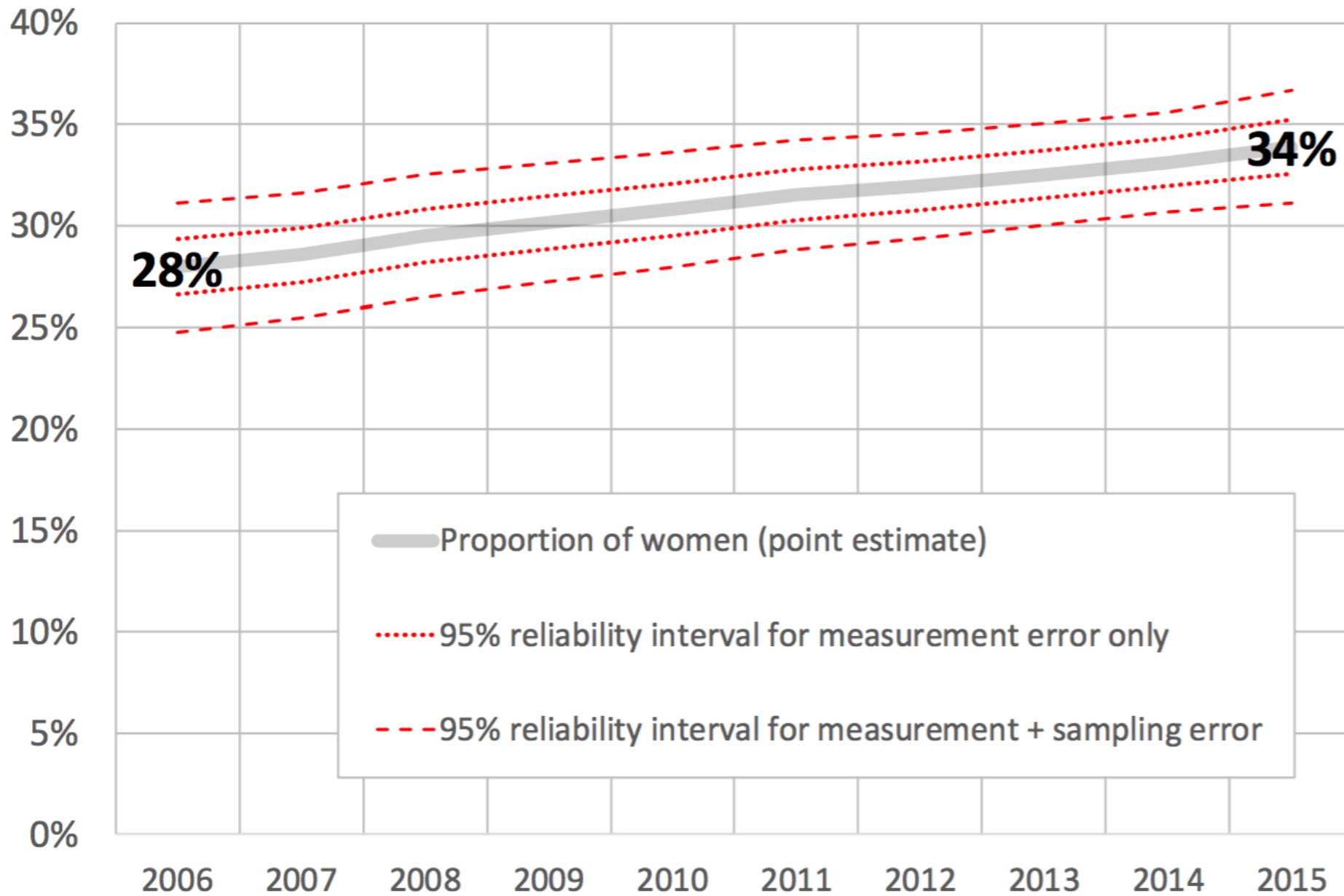


Note de lecture : en 2020, 51 % des MCF de classe normale relevant du Droit-Economie-Gestion sont des femmes.

Source : MESRI DGRH A



Proportion of women is increasing at world level





Proportion of women varies by field

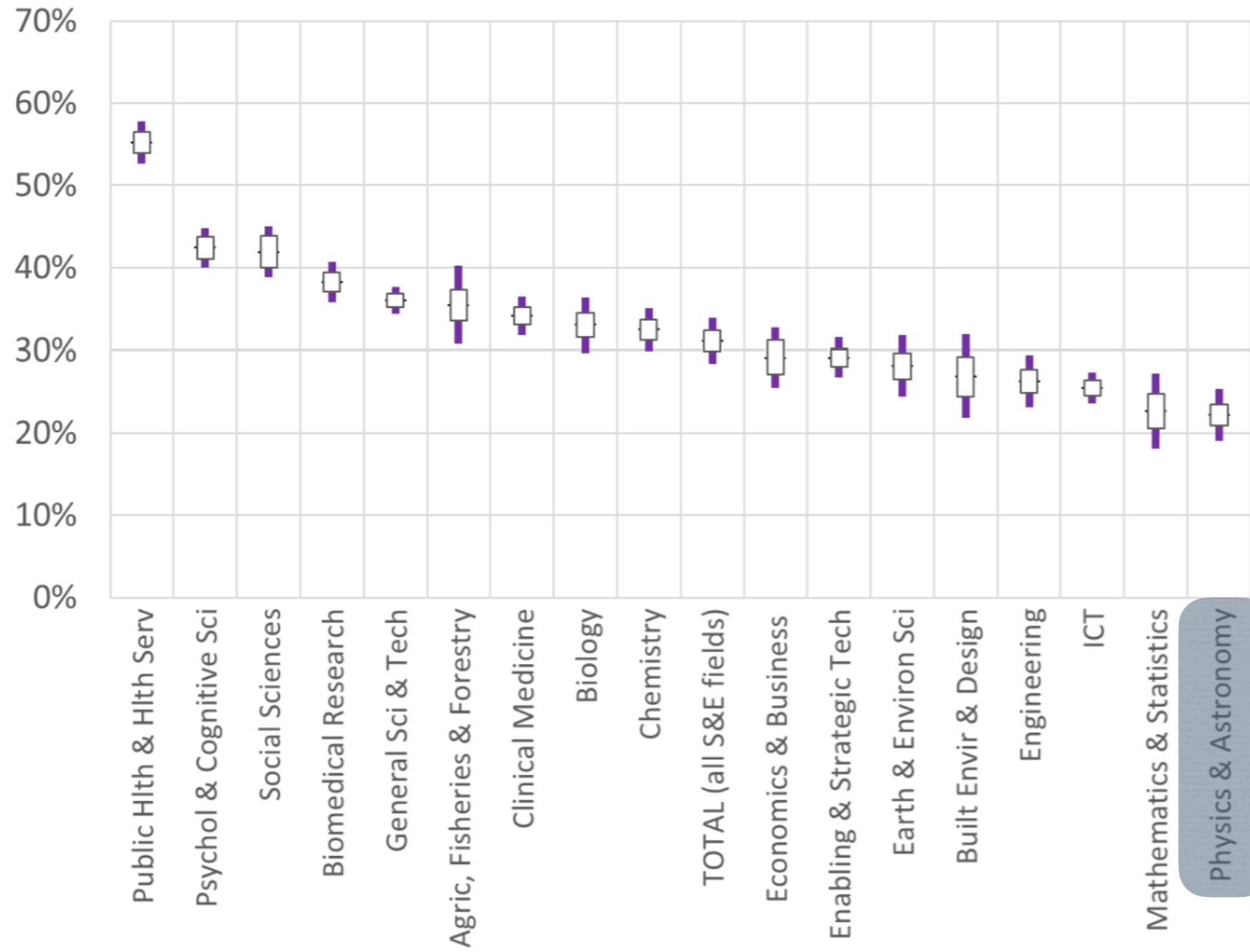
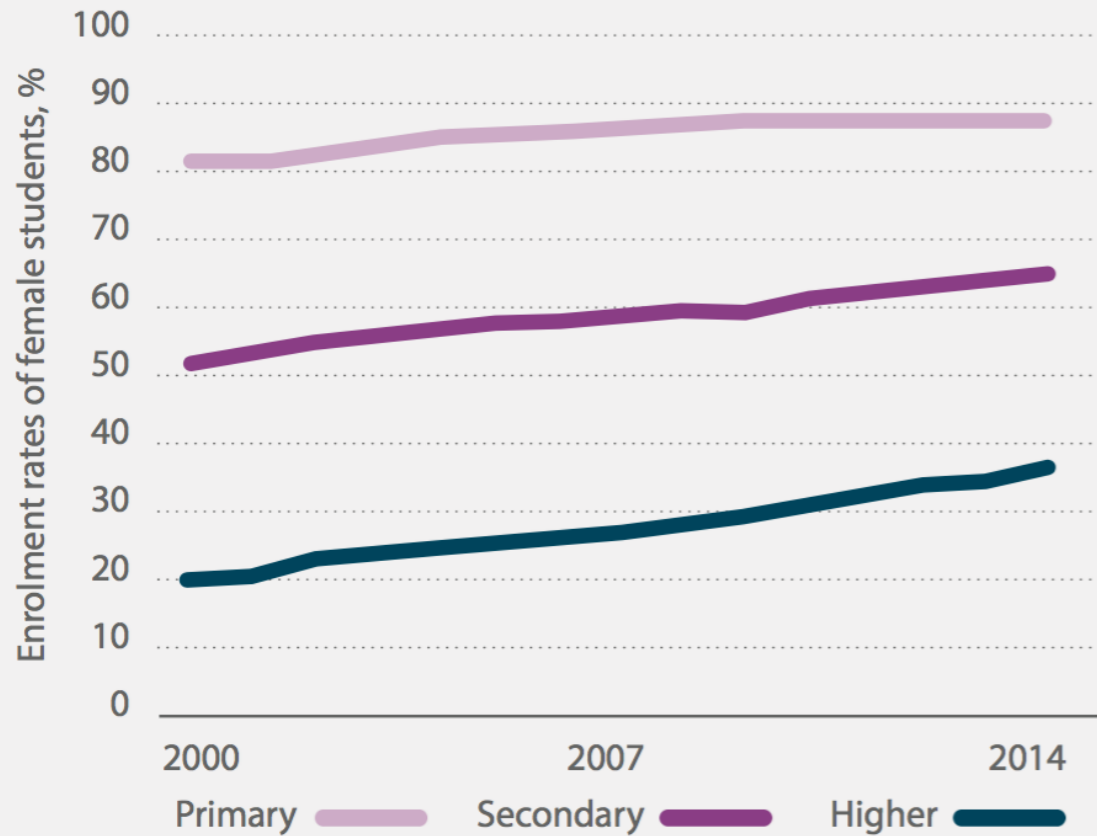


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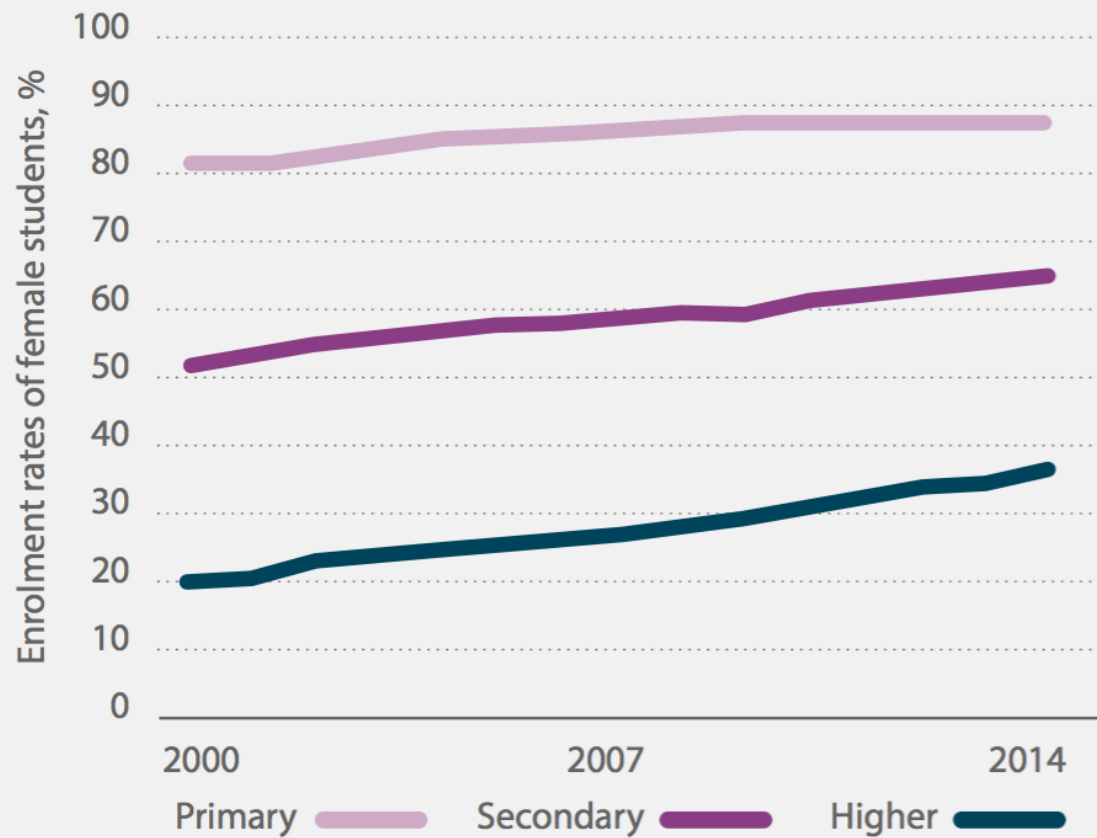


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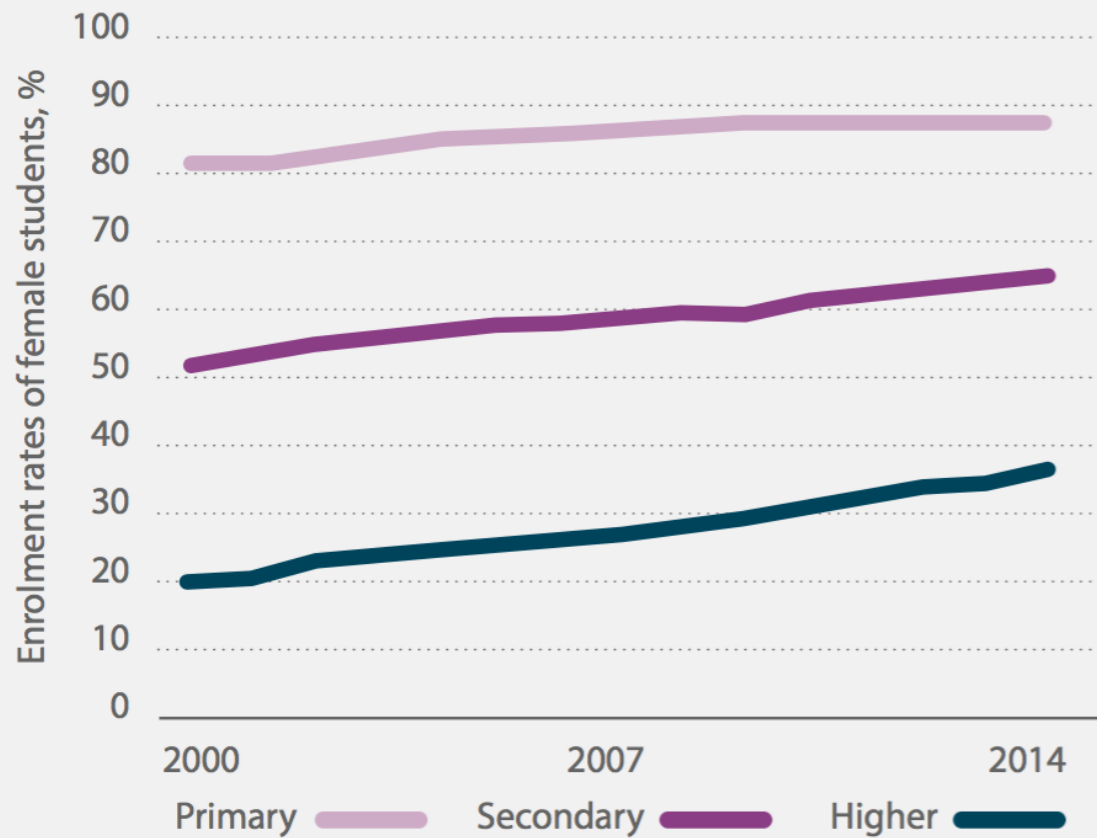


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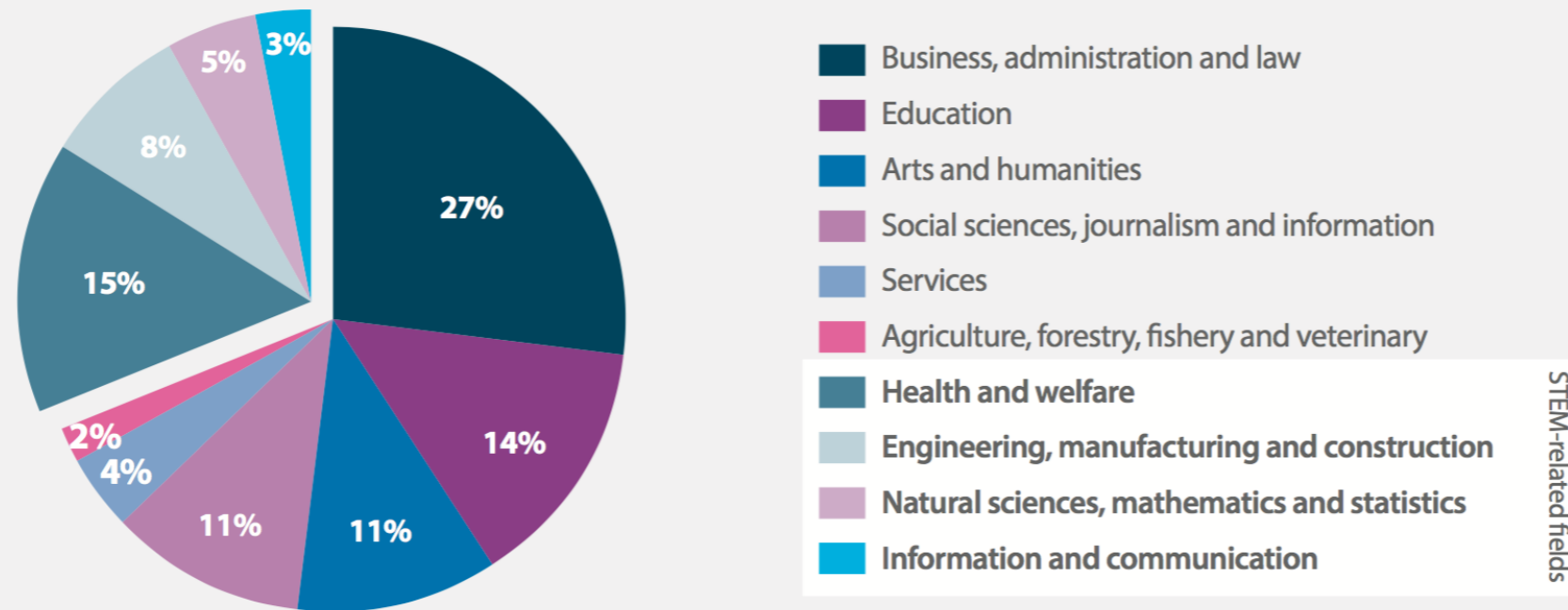
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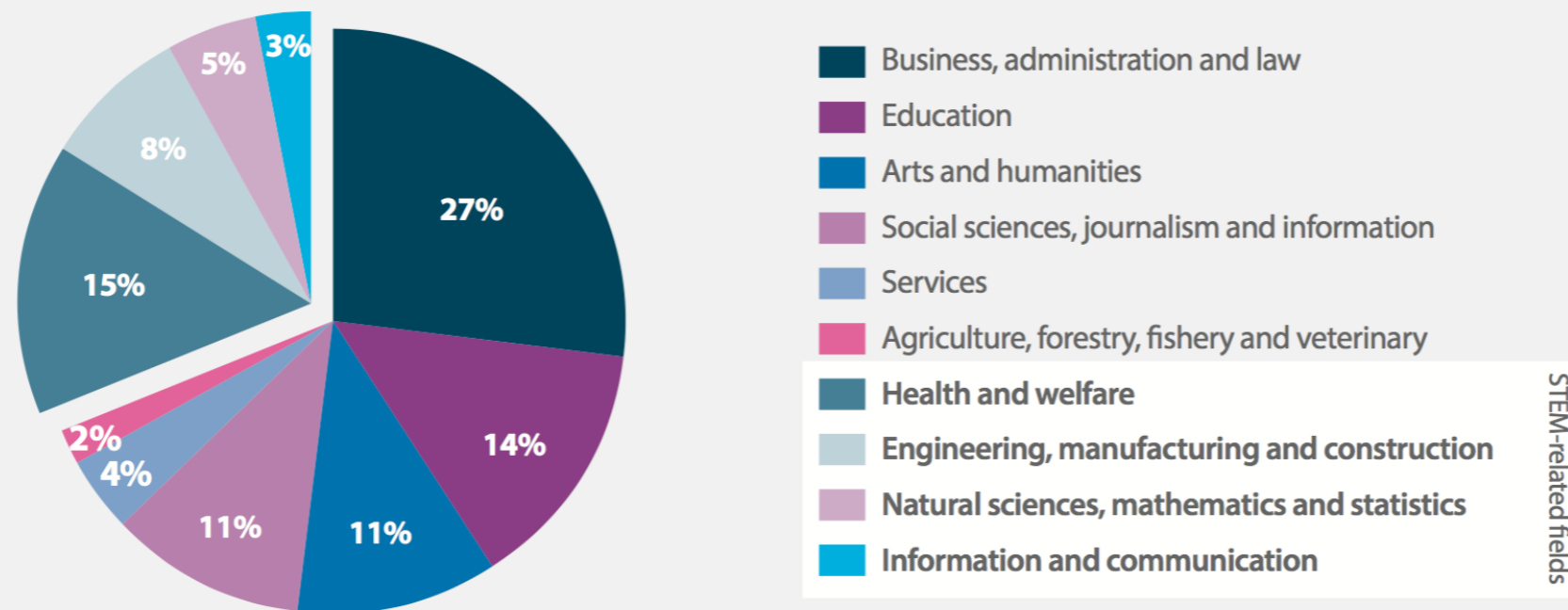
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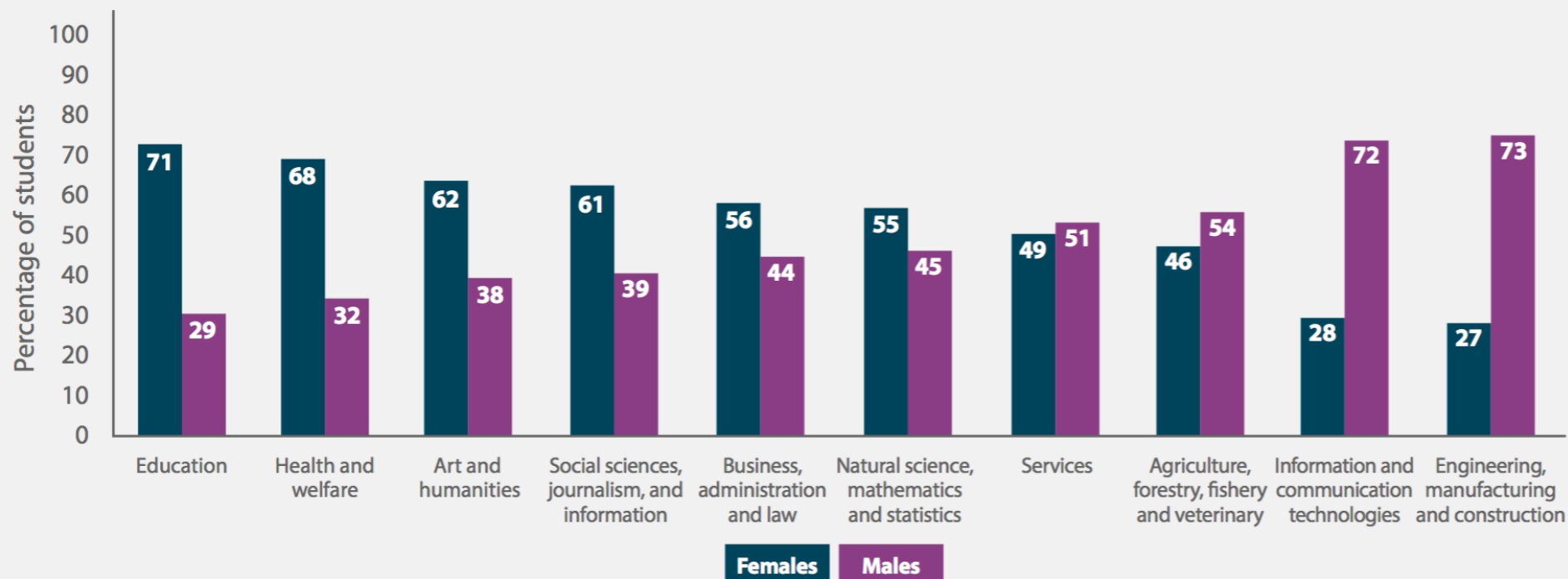
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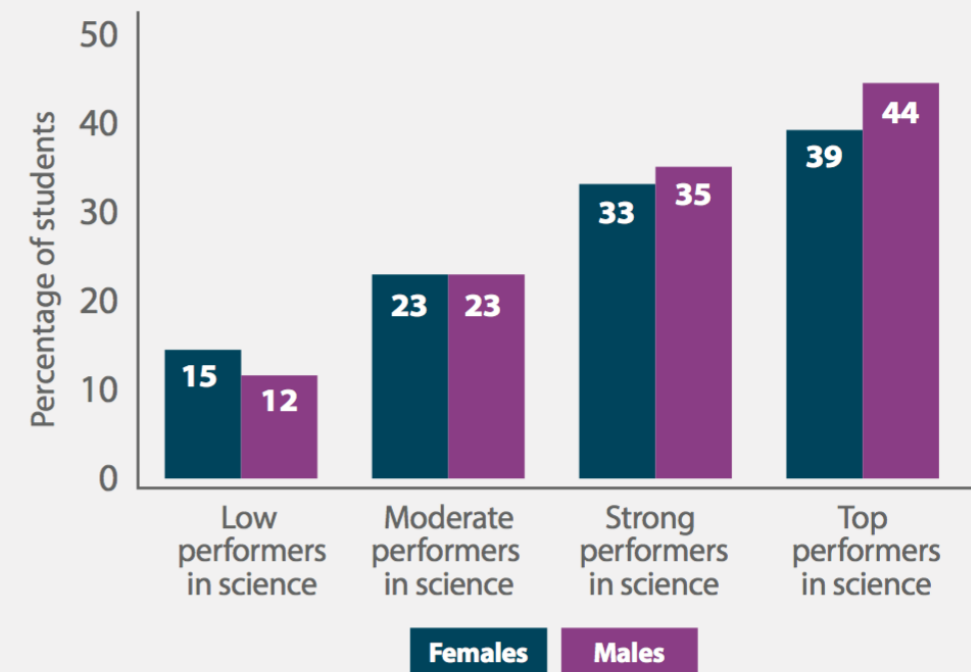
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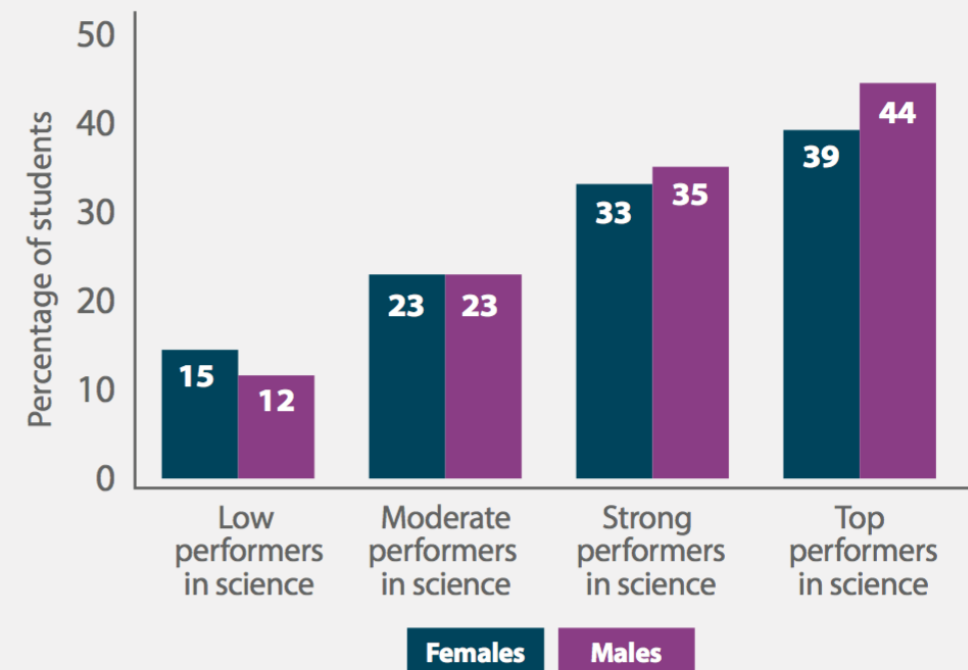
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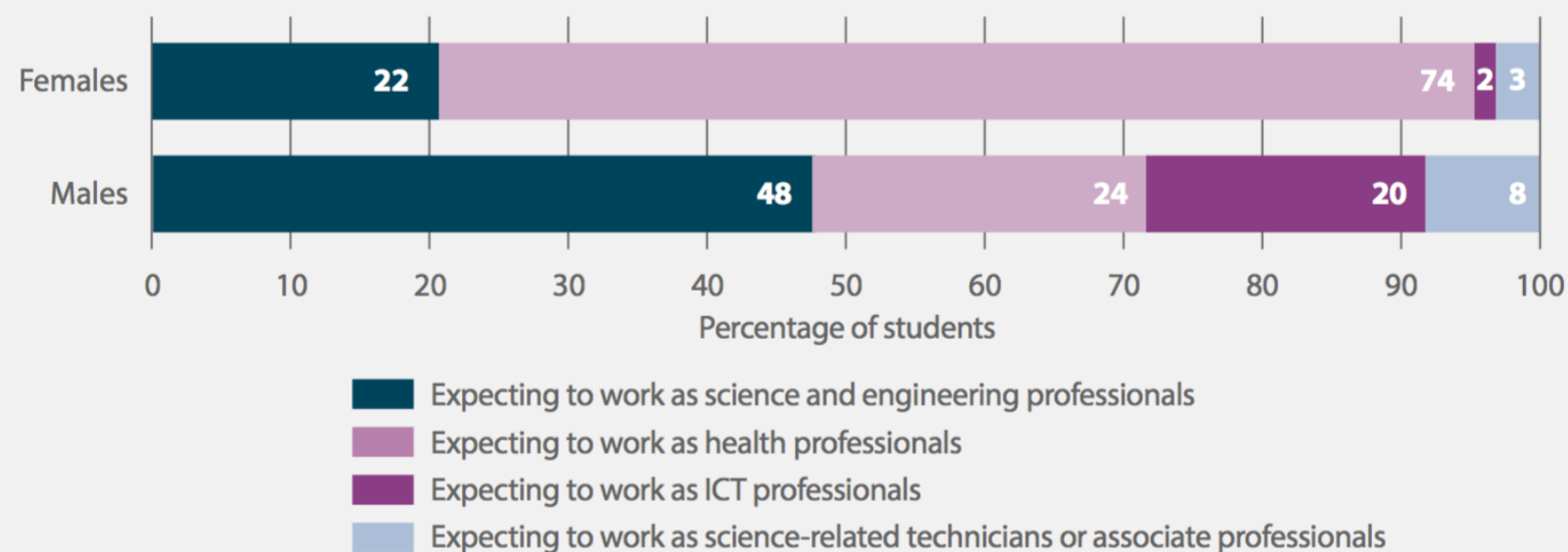


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Figure 10: Student expectations on science careers, by sub-field of study, out of those who choose science careers, 15-year-olds



Most 15 year-old girls intending to pursue science careers expect to work as health professionals.
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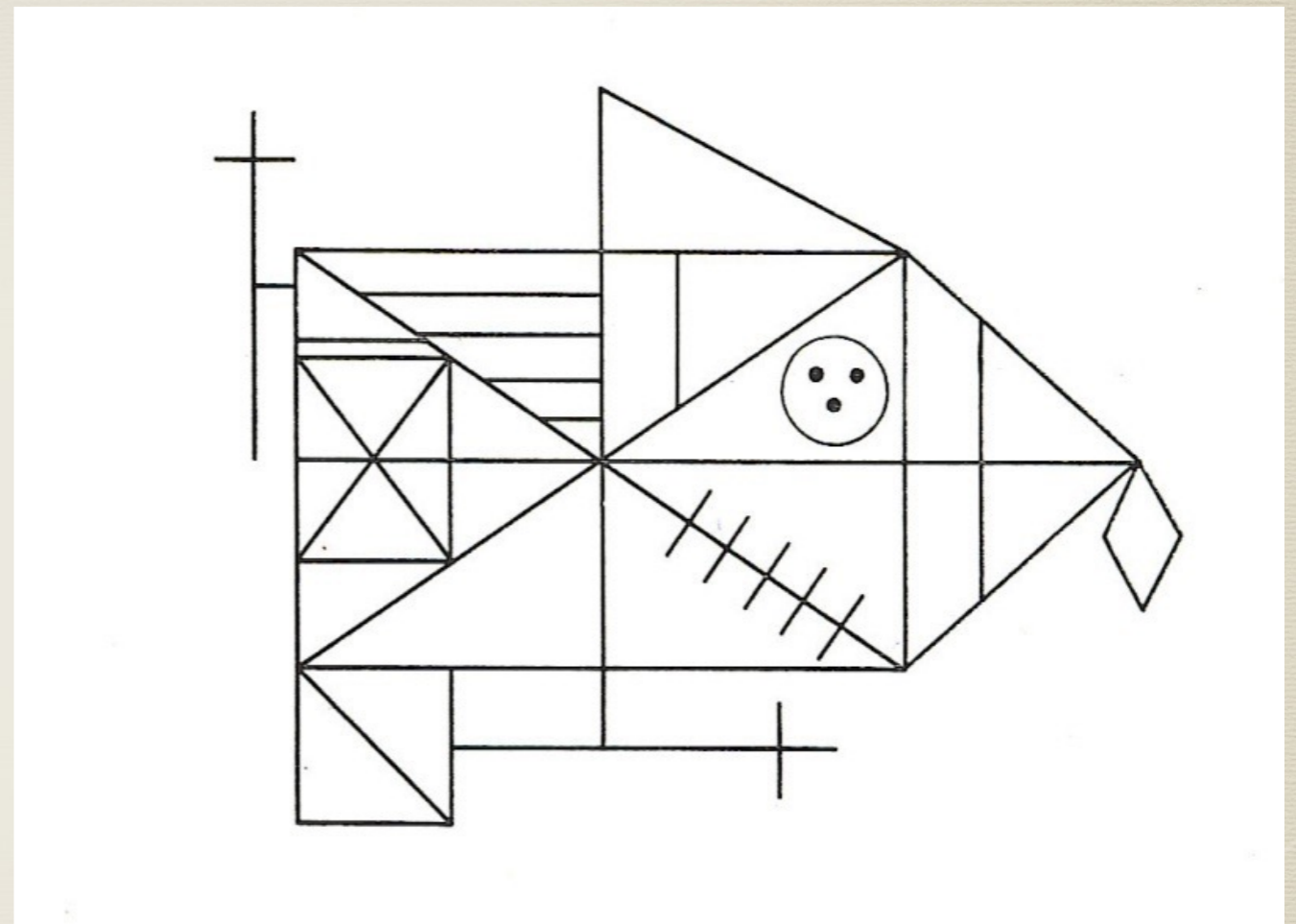
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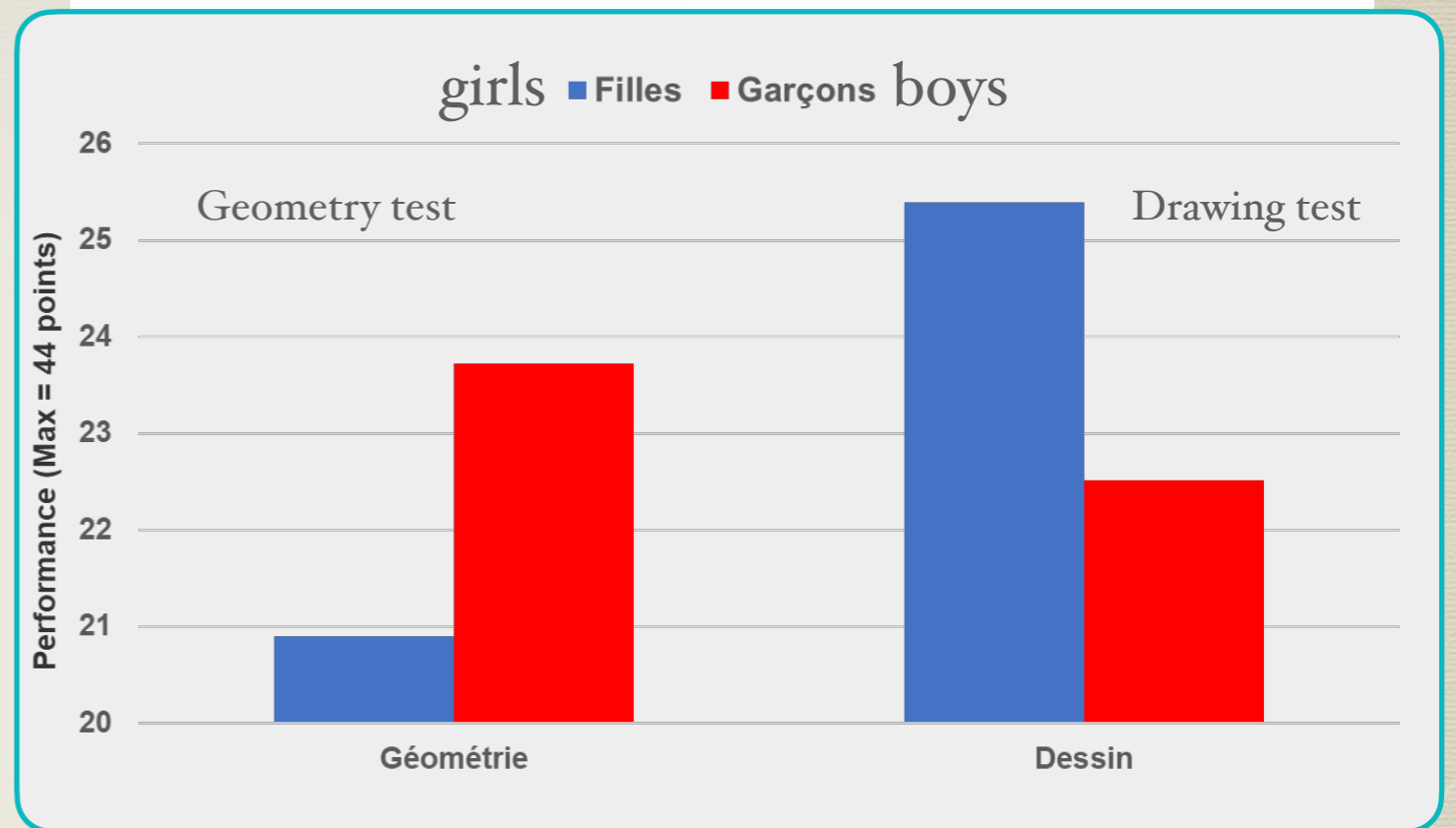


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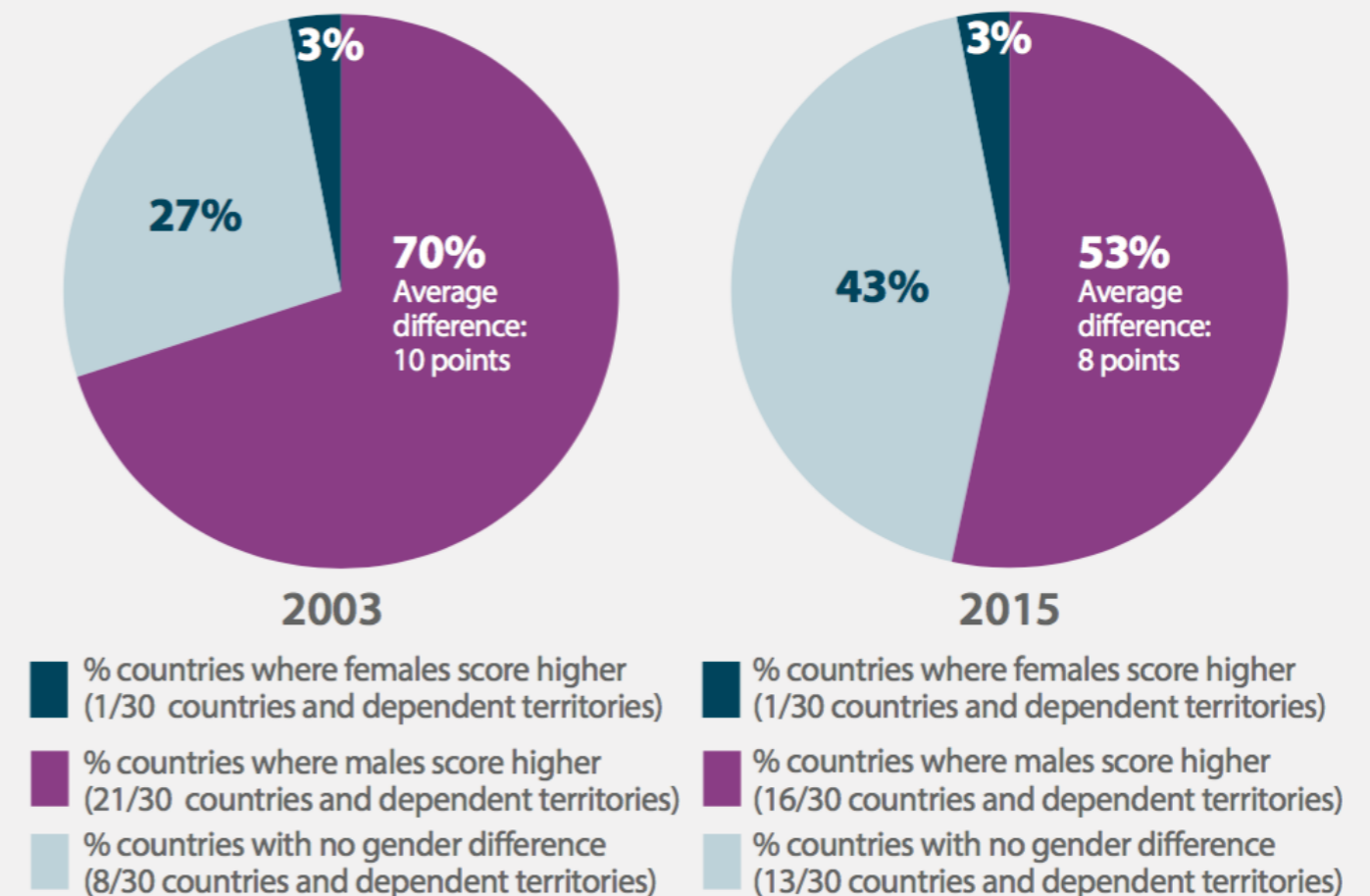
Common stereotypes associate high-level intellectual ability (brilliance, genius, etc.) with men more than women. These stereotypes discourage women's pursuit of many prestigious careers; that is, women are underrepresented in fields whose members cherish brilliance (such as physics and philosophy). Here we show that these stereotypes are endorsed by, and influence the interests of, children as young as 6. Specifically, 6-year-old girls are less likely than boys to believe that members of their gender are "really, really smart." Also at age 6, girls begin to avoid activities said to be for children who are "really, really smart." These findings suggest that gendered notions of brilliance are acquired early and have an immediate effect on children's interests.

Bian *et al.*, *Science* **355**, 389–391 (2017) 27 January 2017

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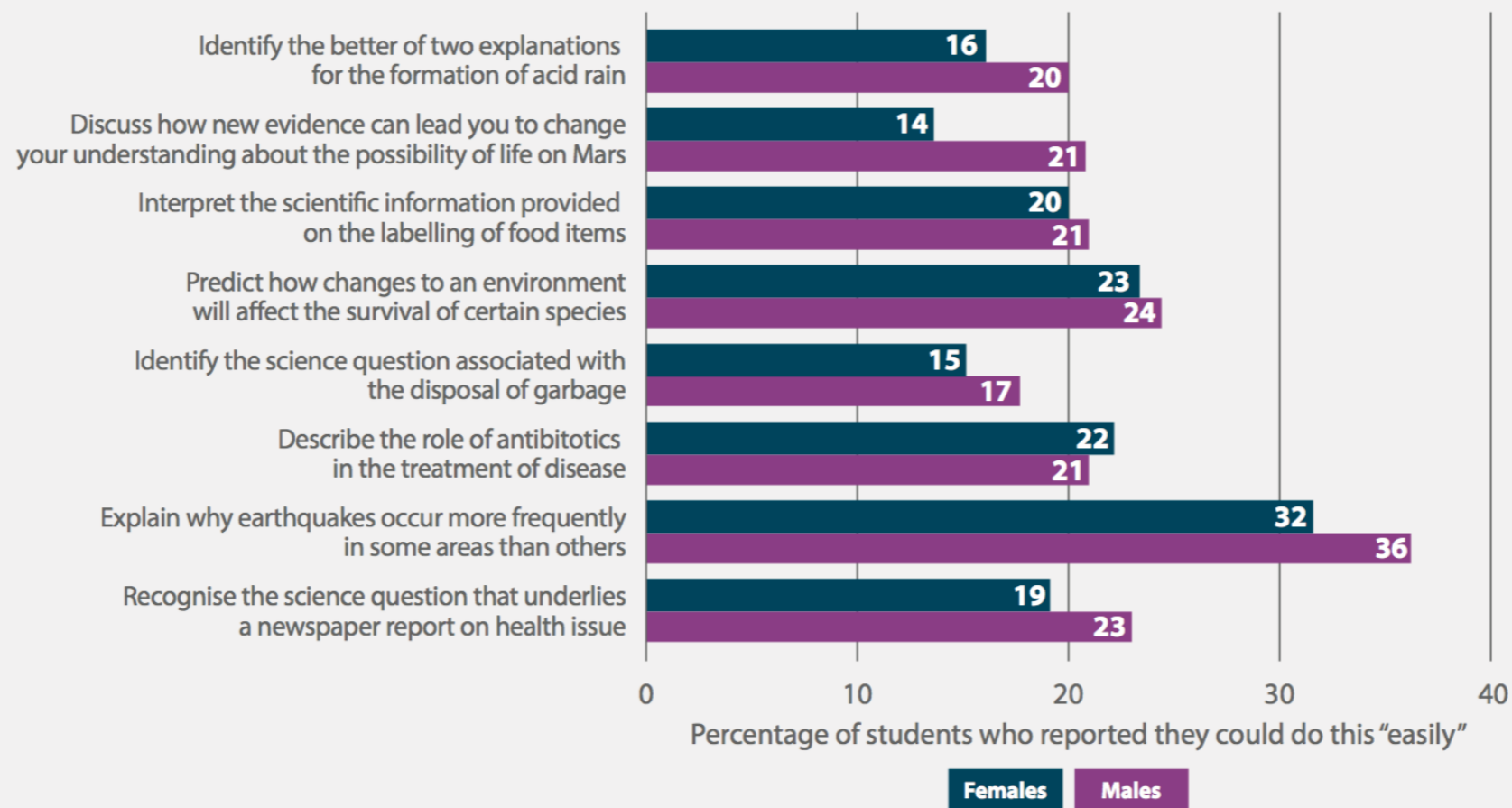
Figure 34: 12-year trends in mathematics achievement, 15-year-olds



Note: Average score difference is calculated as average achievement score points of boys minus that of girls. Score differentials are not available when girls outperform boys. Countries and dependent territories for which trend data are available: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Czechia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Rep. of Korea, Latvia, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, and the United States.

Data source: PISA 2003 -2015 (OECD countries)¹⁷

Figure 37: Percentage of students who reported that 'they could easily do' certain tasks in science, 15-year-olds



Girls have lower self-efficacy in science than boys, except in health-related topics.
70 countries and dependent territories.

Data source: PISA 2015 (OECD countries)¹⁷

PISA 2015 confirmed that girls have lower self-efficacy in science and mathematics than boys, a difference that has remained largely unchanged since 2006. Gender differences in science self-efficacy in boys' favour were particularly large in Denmark, France, Germany, Iceland and Sweden. Girls who assimilate gender stereotypes have lower levels of self-efficacy and confidence in their ability than boys.

Figure 36: Ecological framework of factors influencing girls' and women's participation, achievement and progression in STEM studies

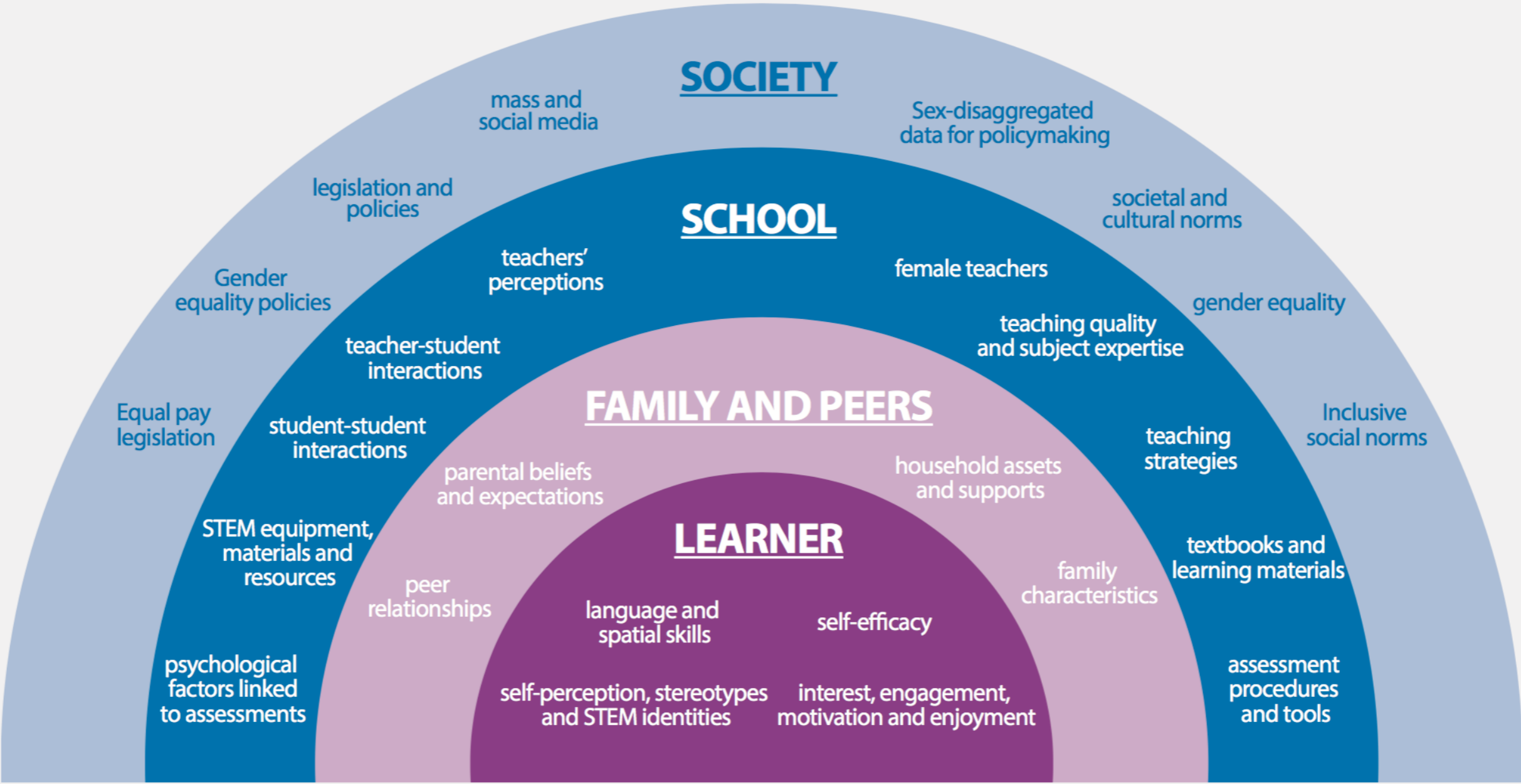


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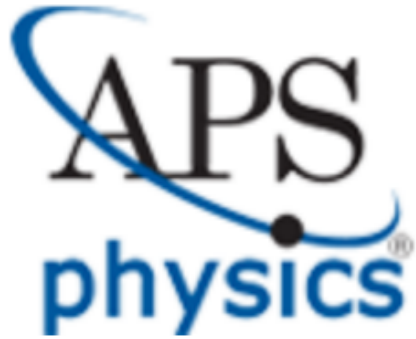


what may help a girl to go for science?

- * importance of role model to look at science like a place open to women also. They can be teachers, professors, scientists invited by media...
- * being supported by teachers from primary school to university
- * having parents who does not have lower expectations of girls' ability in mathematics and who does not place less value in girls' participation in science and mathematics. Parents with traditional expectations of gender roles reinforce gendered behaviours and attitudes in children and can reinforce negative stereotypes about gender and ability in STEM.
- * being convinced that it will offer good conditions for living.

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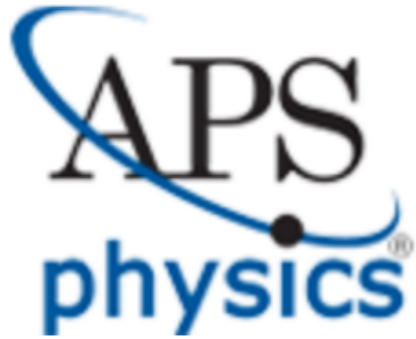
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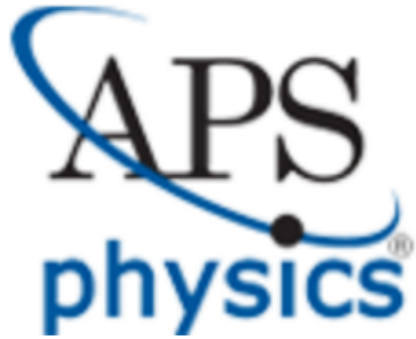


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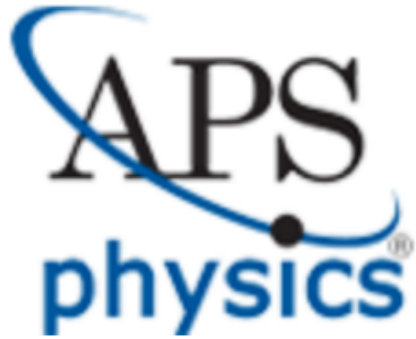
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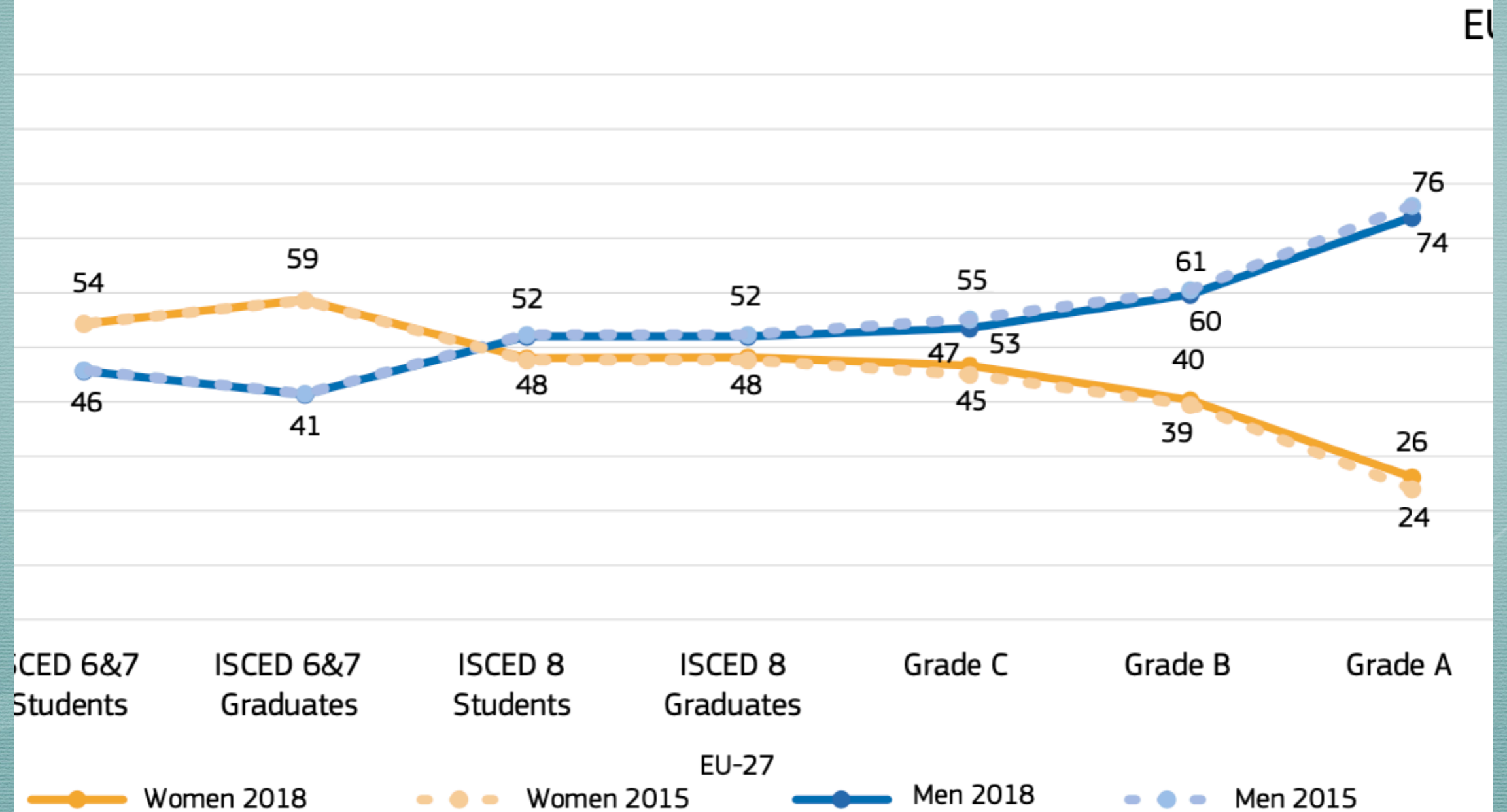


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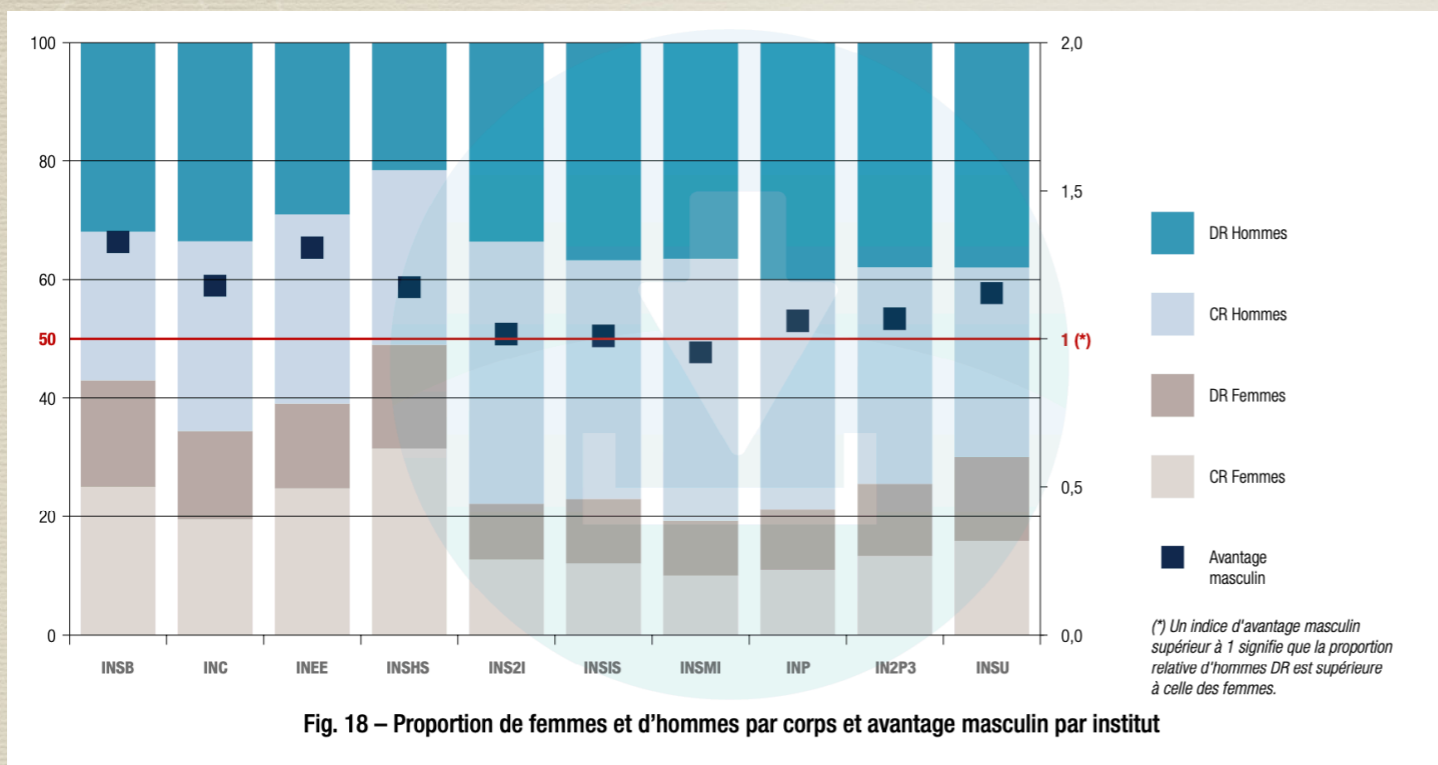
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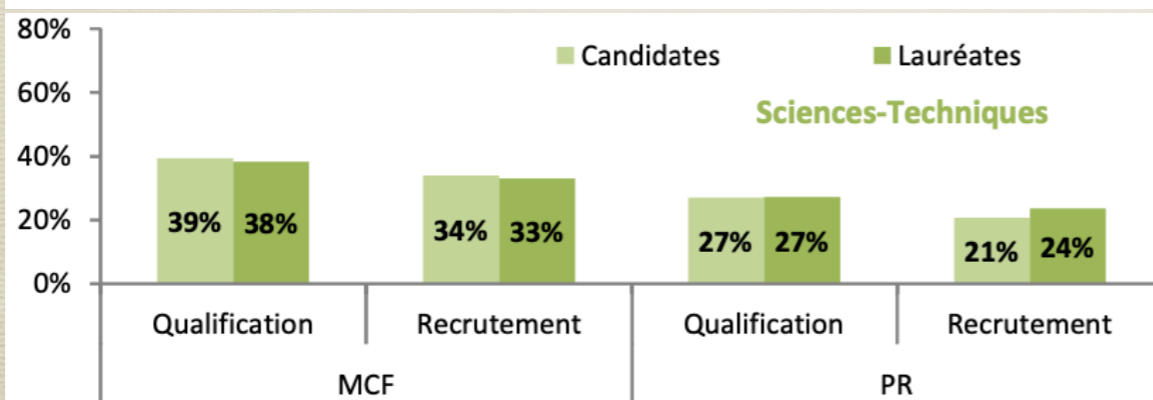
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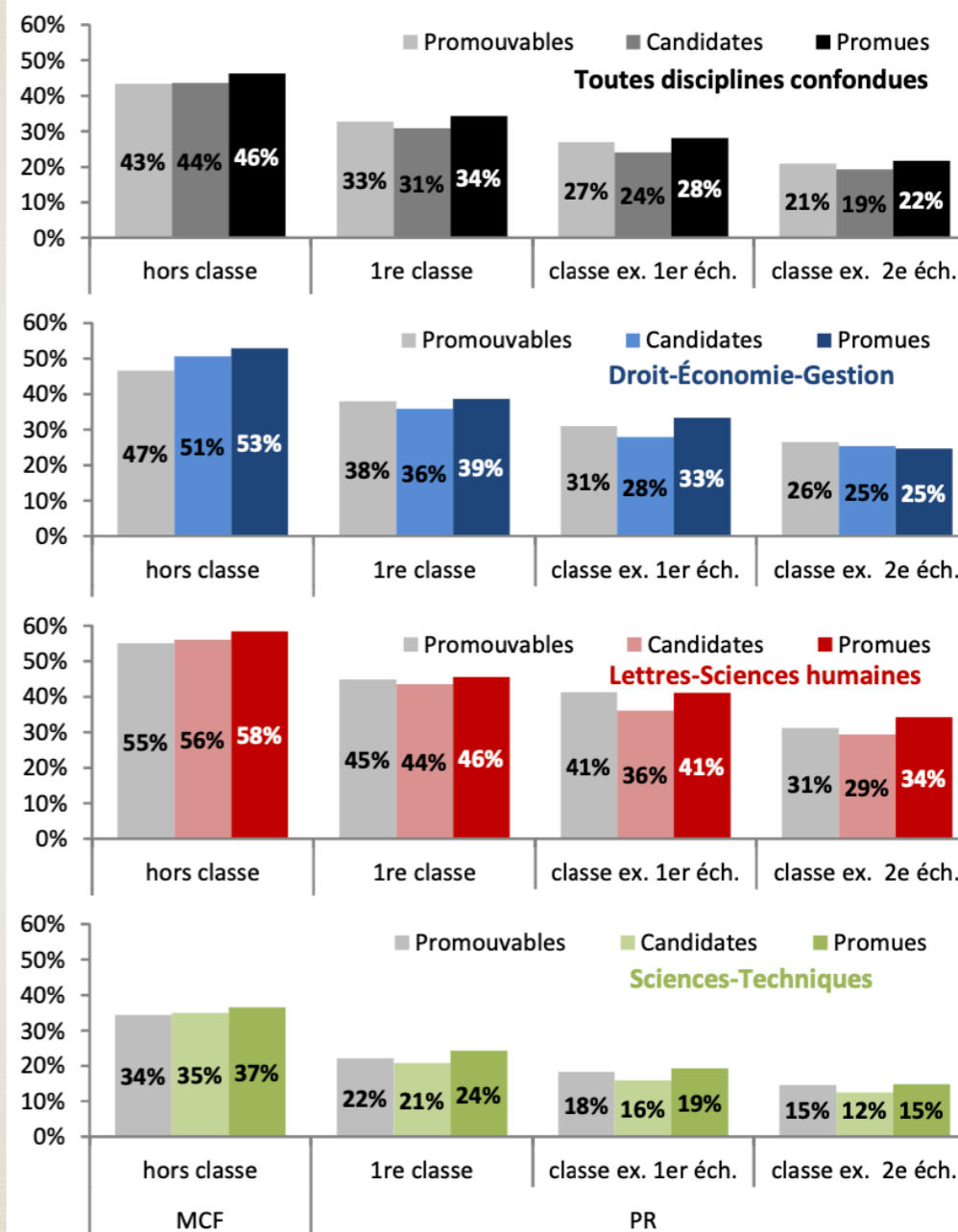
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Note de lecture : en 2016-2020, 47 % des promouvables à la hors classe des MCF en Droit-Economie-Gestion sont des femmes ; 51 % des candidats et 53 % des promues à ce grade sont des femmes.
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Committees with implicit biases promote fewer women when they do not believe gender bias exists

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Whether gender bias contributes to women's under-representation in scientific fields is still controversial. Past research is limited by relying on explicit questionnaire ratings in mock-hiring scenarios, thereby ignoring the potential role of implicit gender bias in the real world. We examine the interactive effect of explicit and implicit gender biases on promotion decisions made by scientific evaluation committees representing the whole scientific spectrum in the course of an annual nationwide competition for elite research positions. Findings reveal that committees with strong implicit gender biases promoted fewer women at year 2 (when committees were not reminded of the study) relative to year 1 (when the study was announced) if those committees did not explicitly believe that external barriers hold women back. When committees believed that women face external barriers, implicit biases did not predict selecting more men over women. This finding highlights the importance of educating evaluative committees about gender biases.

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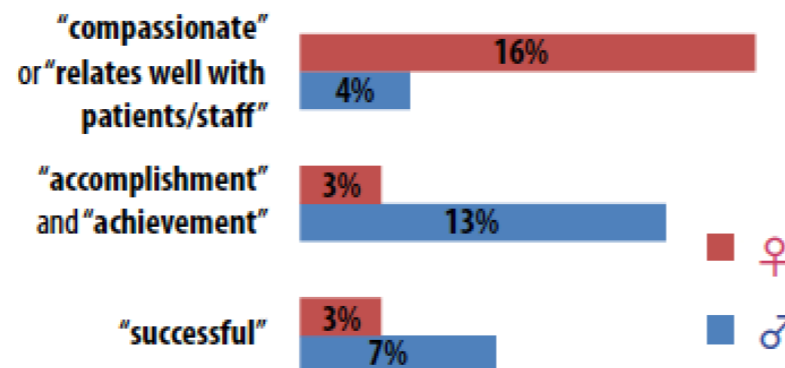
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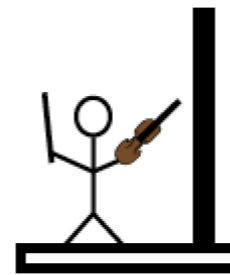
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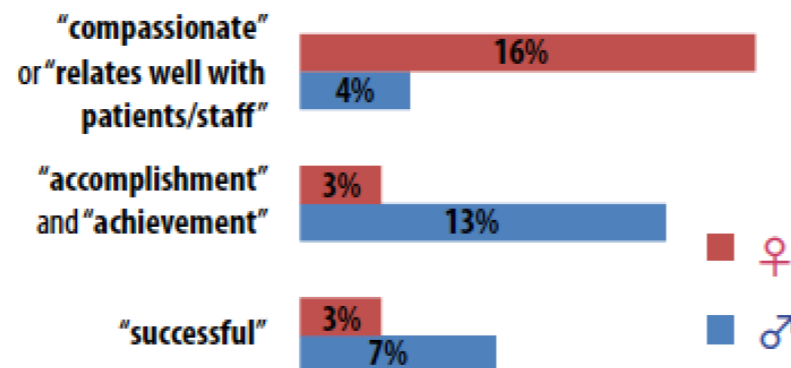
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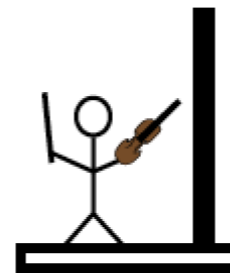
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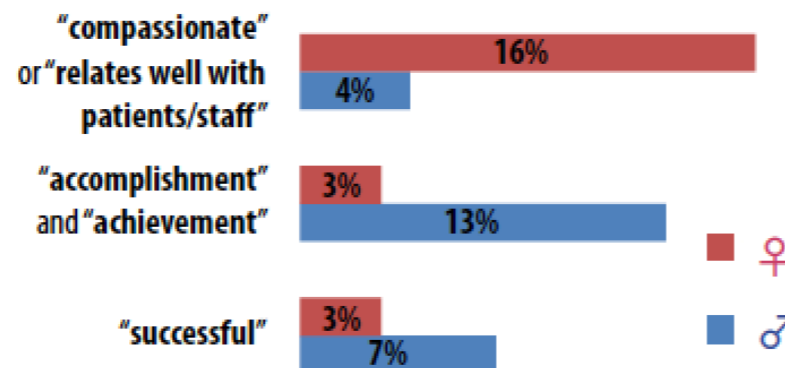
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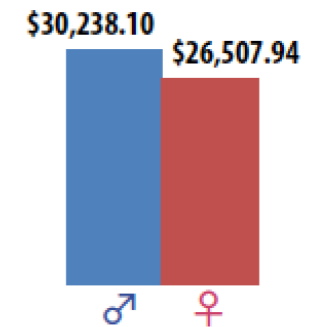
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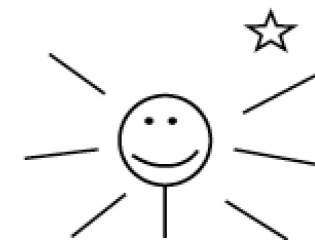
US science professors were asked to evaluate a CV for a **lab manager**:²



The male candidate was offered a **higher salary**...



... more **mentorship**



... and was rated more "**competent**" and "**hireable**."



The catch? Other than the names at the top, the CVs were **identical**.²

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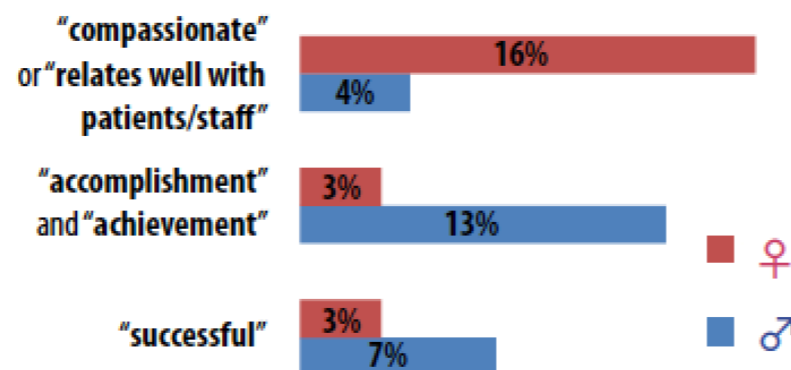
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These biases may not be intentional but their impact is severe. The effects of unconscious bias will not be overcome by maintaining our current efforts to recruit and retain more women.²

To reduce unconscious bias in hiring, committees and individuals need to be educated about its existence and effects in academia and industry.

Online tools such as the Harvard Implicit Association Test can help identify an individual's unconscious biases. Sharing research and becoming aware of your organisation's hiring tendencies can also help reduce unconscious discrimination.

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Implicit bias in academia:
A challenge to the meritocratic
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And what to do about it

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Charter for Gender Fairness at Conferences



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project JUNO rewards physics departments, schools, institutes... that can demonstrate they have taken action to address gender equality in physics and to encourage better practice for all staff.



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gathers every year Women in Physics group and committee of many national scientific organisations (47 countries were represented in 2017 in Birmingham)

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What does **Gender** have to do with **Science** – and **Physics** in particular?

Tomas Brage
Professor and Director of Education in Physics
Lund university, Sweden

- 4 of 14 women avoid being alone with some people at their work.
- 5 of 14 women have some experience of sexual harassment at work.
- 5 of 14 have experiences of sexual harassment at conferences.

*Lundborg and Schönning, investigation of PhD-students
situation at the Physics Department, Uppsala 2006*



What can you do?

- * Create a safe and inclusive learning environment. This concerns professors and advisers but also male students.
- * Promote positive representation of women in STEM.
- * Young Women in Science, be proud of what you already achieved and accept to be a role-model for girls you meet : go back to your (junior) high-school and let them know that if you made it, it is possible!
- * Young WiS, look for a mentor for yourself.
- * M-WiS, Challenge discriminatory social and cultural norms and practices
- * Group leaders, promote and facilitate collaboration and partnerships among men and women in science.
- * Group leaders, take care of supporting the young women of your group as much as the young men.

Let's meet in 10 years and have
a look at the improvements...

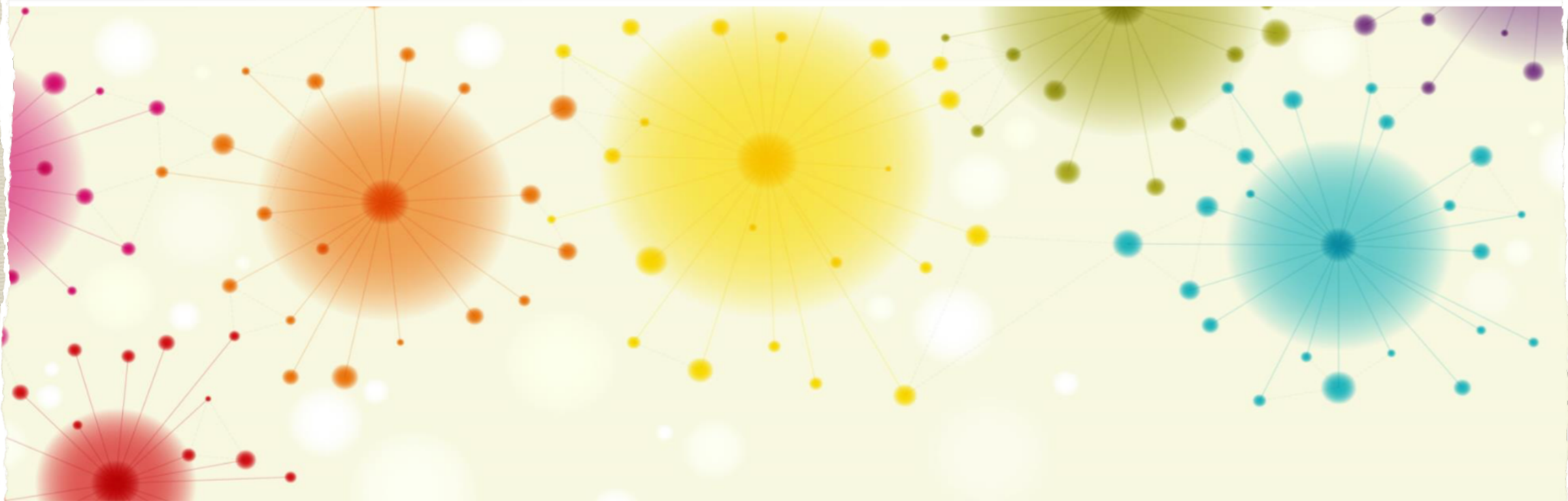
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Collaboration between men and women in science

A bibliometric analysis of scientific activity by gender and
co-authorship between men and women



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- * this is one of the demonstrated cause for the glass ceiling effect, together with preferential attachment and the existence of a minority.
- * demonstrated by Claire Mathieu and colleagues, (CNRS, ENS computer science)
- * they also demonstrated that if one of these three criteria is absent, the glass ceiling is broken!



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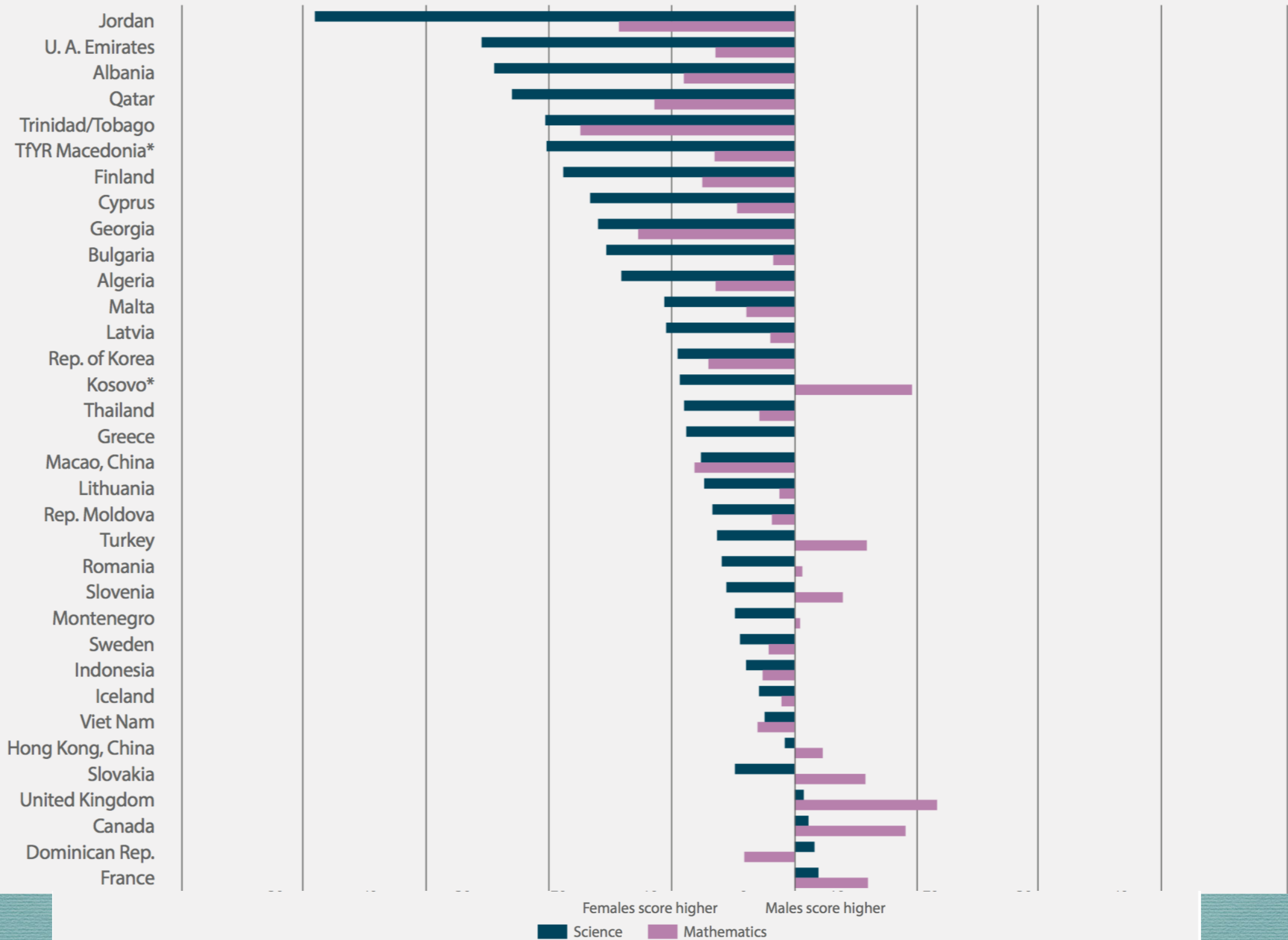
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Tenure Track Faculty Member, Atmospheric and Climate Physics

The Department of Physics and Engineering Physics, University of Saskatchewan, is actively seeking applications from **qualified female candidates** for a full-time tenure-track faculty position in Atmospheric and Climate Physics at the rank of Assistant Professor commencing 1 July 2019. The search process will be guided by the strong commitment of the University of Saskatchewan, College of Arts and Science, and Department of Physics and Engineering Physics to academic excellence and employment equity.

The successful candidate would conduct atmospheric and climate physics research with a focus on

Figure 19: Distribution of score difference in science and mathematics achievement among 15-year-old girls and boys



Boys outperform girls in about 60% of countries in both science and mathematics, 15-year-olds.

*Note: References to Kosovo shall be understood to be in the context of the UN Security Council resolution 1244 (1999). B-S-J-G (China): Beijing-Shanghai-Jiangsu-Guangdong (China).

70 countries and dependent territories: TfYR Macedonia refers to The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. CABA (Argentina) stands for Ciudad Autonoma de Buenos Aires (Buenos Aires, Argentina)

Data source: PISA 2015¹⁷



Females score higher Males score higher

■ Science ■ Mathematics



Australia

In Australia, Women Hold Fewer Senior Faculty Positions Than Men¹

In 2016, Australian women held fewer academic positions than men at the senior lecturer level and above, but more than half of all lecturer and below-lecturer positions.²

- Women held 44.7% of Senior Lecturer faculty positions and just 31.7% of Above Senior Lecturer faculty positions.³
- Women held 53.2% of Lecturer faculty positions and 53.3% of Below Lecturer faculty positions.⁴

Canada

Women's Representation Among Faculty Is on the Rise in Canada⁵

Women were 40.2% of full-time academic teaching staff at Canadian universities in 2016-2017, an increase from 37.6% in 2010-2011.⁶

Men Professors Earn More Than Women Professors on Average⁷

In 2014, women full-time permanent university professors in Canada earned an average of \$90,123.⁸

- This is 86.4% of what male university professors earned.⁹

Women Academics in the UK Are Paid Less Than Men¹⁵

In 2015-2016, women on academic contracts earned, on average, 12% less than their male counterparts in the United Kingdom.¹⁶

India

Slightly More Than a Quarter of Professors in Indian Academia Are Women¹⁷

In 2015-2016, Indian women held 25.8% of Professor and equivalent faculty positions, 34.8% of Reader and Associate Professor faculty positions, and 39.3% of Lecturer/Assistant Professor faculty positions.¹⁸

Japan

Parity Has Been Reached at Junior Colleges, but Universities Lag Behind¹⁹

In 2016, women represented over half (52.2%) of full-time junior college teachers in Japan, **but just 23.7% of full-time university teachers.**²⁰



United States

Women Are Less Likely Than Men to Achieve Tenure²¹

While women held nearly half (48.9%) of all tenure-track positions in 2015, they held just 38.4% of tenured positions.²²

Women were more likely to be found in lower-ranking academic positions.²³

- While women represent over half (51.5%) of Assistant Professors and are near parity (44.9%) among Associate Professors, **they accounted for less than a third (32.4%) of Professors in 2015.**²⁴
- Women held over half (57.0%) of all instructor positions, among the lowest ranking positions in academia.²⁵
- 22.1% of women faculty are in non-tenure-track positions, compared to 16.8% of men faculty.²⁶

Women of Color Are Underrepresented in Academia²⁷

Asian women held 4.9% of tenure-track positions and 3.0% of tenured positions.

Black women held 3.6% of tenure-track positions and 2.3% of tenured positions.

Latinas held 2.7% of tenure-track positions and 2.4% of tenured positions.

Mothers in Academia Often Face a “Baby Penalty”²⁸

In the sciences, married women with children are 35% less likely than married men with children to attain tenure-track positions after completing their PhDs.²⁹

Men Outearn Women at All Faculty Levels³⁰

At all categories of institutions, full professors who are women earned on average \$98,524 a year compared to \$104,493 for their male colleagues in 2016-2017. That’s 94.3% of what men earned.³¹

More Women Are Becoming College Presidents, but Progress Remains Slow³²

From 1986 to 2016 the number of women college and university presidents jumped from 10% to 30%, a 200% increase.³³