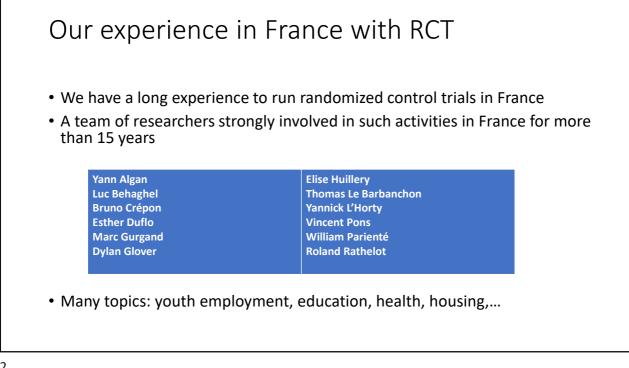
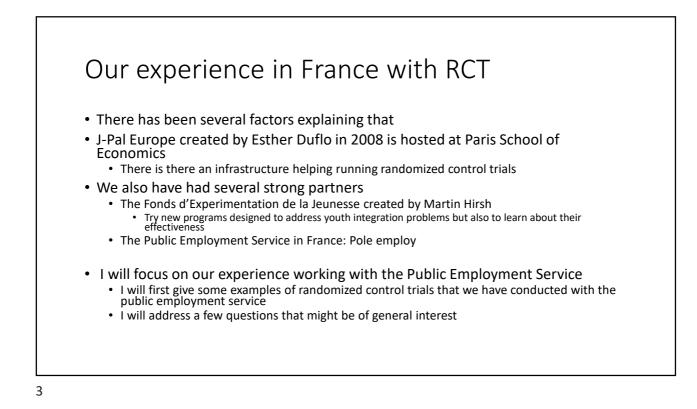
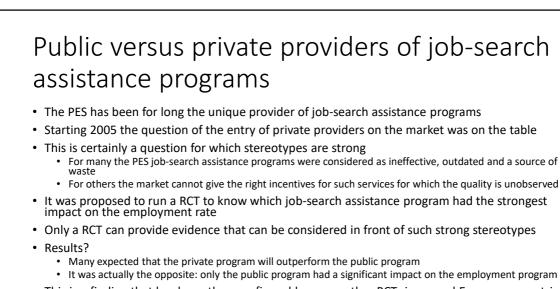
## Our experience in France running RCTs

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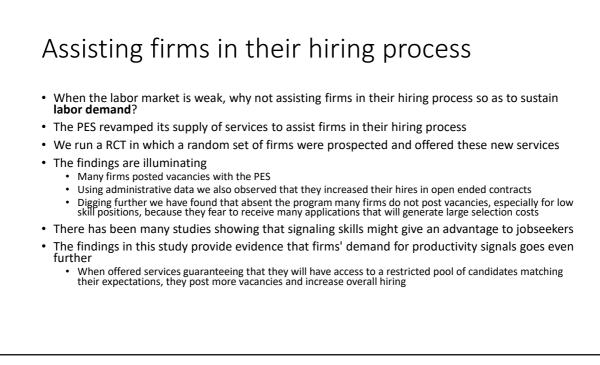


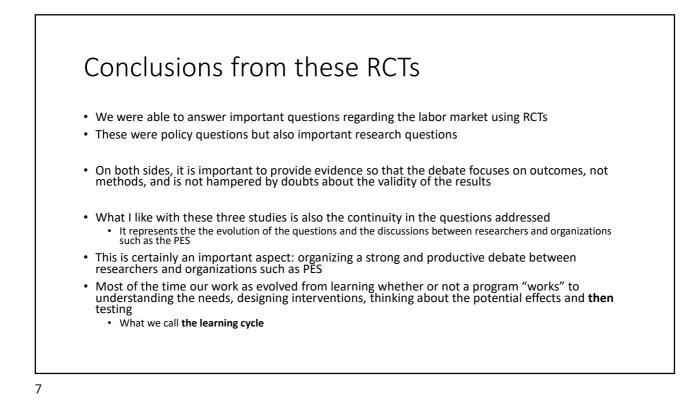


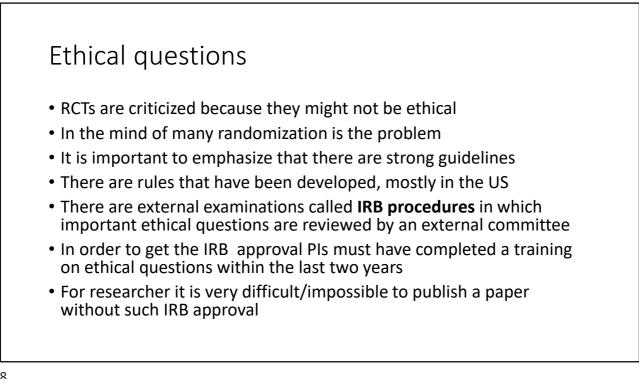
- This is a finding that has been then confirmed by many other RCTs in several European countries
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## Displacement effects Another question on the table was about displacement effects This is a very interesting research question: it has been around for long But also a policy question: It was actually asked to us by people from the Ministry of labor The issue is whether when you assist one jobseekers there are potential negative effect on other jobseekers who do not receive job-search assistance We designed a sophisticated RCT tailored to address this question We found that indeed when the labor market is weak (many jobseekers for a few vacancies) displacement effects offset almost completely the positive impact on participants There are obviously strong implications for the design of employment policies They do not appear as a way to solve the unemployment problem Rather a way to redistribute the unemployment burden









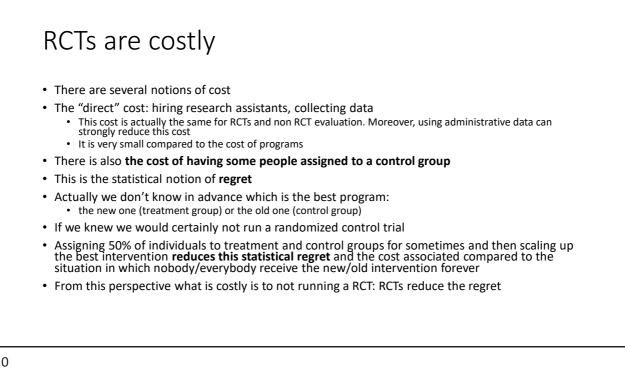
### Ethical questions

- Although randomization can be an issue in the IRB procedure, this is not by far the most important question
- The most important question is related to doing something new which effects are unknown with human subjects

 As with new medical treatments, a new program may carry some risk. What is needed is to identify potential harms, adjust the intervention so as to limit potential harms and then to fully inform individuals about these risks

- For example we wanted to run an experiment in which we communicate to a random set of jobseekers their probability to find a job within one year (estimated using ML algorithms):
  - the IRB committee asked us to adjust the treatment so that individuals with a very low probability cannot be harmed by a "bad news"
- Worth to recognize that to some extent any new program could be seen as potentially raising ethical questions even in the absence of a randomized control trial

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### This is what I wanted to share with you

Thank you!