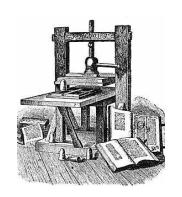
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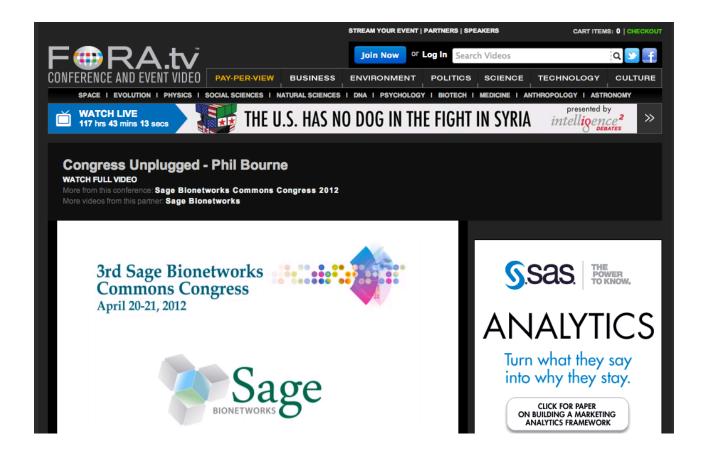
Where My Biased Perspective Comes From..

- Computational biologist interests in systems pharmacology, evolution, protein structure
- Developer of the RCSB PDB
- Founding Editor in Chief of PLOS Computational Biology
- Got interested in <u>scholarly communication</u>





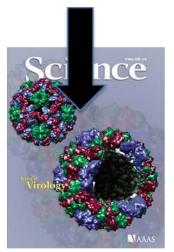
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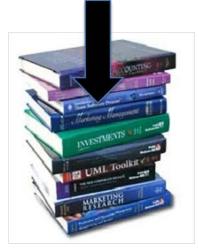


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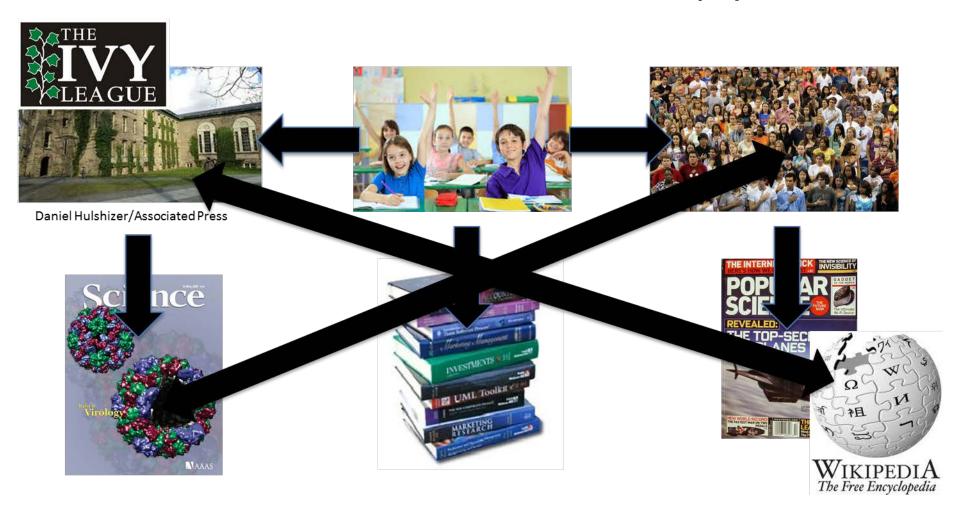








The Era of Open Has The *Potential* to Deinstitutionalize (2)



Most Academic Institutions Have Yet to Realize This

Funding Agencies Could Provide the Wake Up Call

Publishing is Also Being Deinstitutionalized

• Today:

- Approx 10,000 publishers
- Publishing approx 25,000 journals
- Which publish approx 1.5 million articles per year (almost 1 million of which appear in PubMed)

Witness the 'Open Access Mega Journal'

1. Very very large

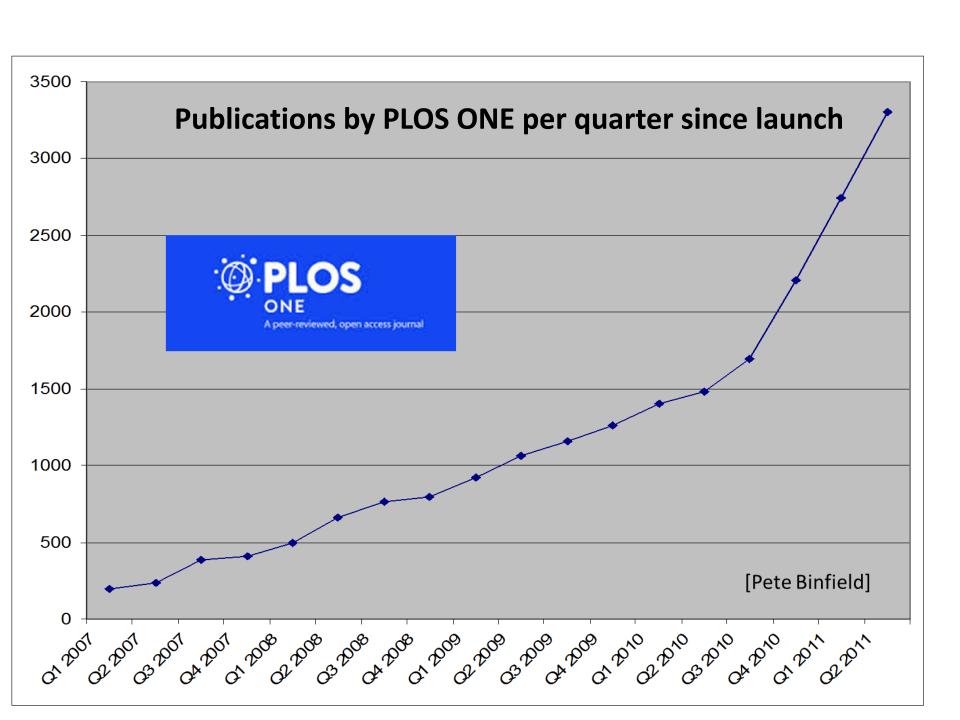
- Publishing thousands of articles per year
- and benefiting from economies of scale

2. Open Access

- Because no one will pay a subscription fee for a journal that large (and growing that fast)
- and using an OA Business Model where each article pays for its own costs

3. (Preferably) without any 'artificial' constraints on its ability to grow

For example, a desire to only publish 'high impact; papers



"Open Access Mega Journals"

One Name, Two Flavours

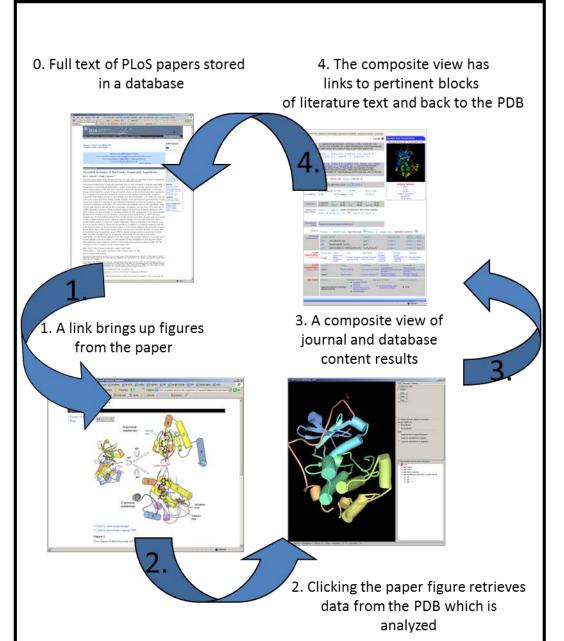
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 - SAGE Open
 - BMJ Open
 - Scientific Reports (Nature)
 - AIP Advances (Am Inst Physics)
 - G3 (Genetics Soc of America)
 - Biology Open (Company of Biologists)
- 'Pseudo-Clones' of PLoS ONE (probably selective)
 - Physical Review X (Am Physical Society)
 - Open Biology (Royal Society)
 - Cell Reports (Elsevier, Cell Press)

[Pete Binfield]

This Still Places the Research Article as the Central Focus of the Academic Enterprise...

Maybe the Article is Only One View

Paper as Portal



- 1. User clicks on thumbnail
- Metadata and a webservices call provide a renderable image that can be annotated
- Selecting a features provides a database/literature mashup
- 4. That leads to new papers

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Given This Disruption It is Worth Thinking About... (1)



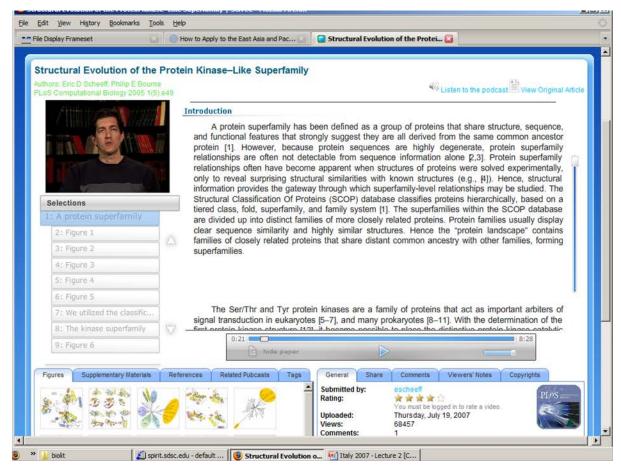
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MOOCs As Research



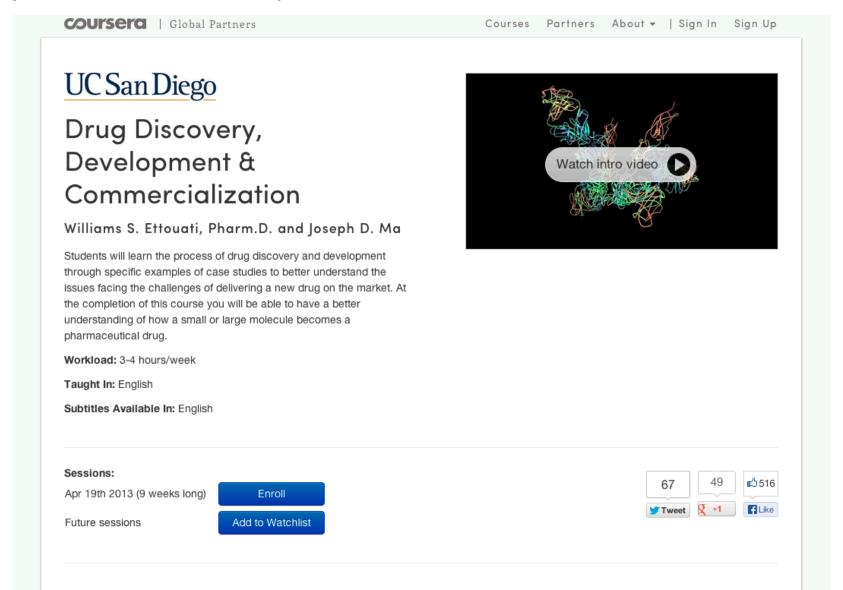
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https://www.coursera.org/course/drugdiscovery Spontaneous Groups Formed from All Over the World





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Attitudes are Changing

datasets data collections algorithms configurations tools and apps codes workflows scripts code libraries services, system software infrastructure, compilers hardware

"An article about computational science in a scientific publication is not the scholarship itself, it is merely advertising of the scholarship. The actual scholarship is the complete software development environment, [the complete data] and the complete set of instructions which generated the figures."

David Donoho, "Wavelab and Reproducible Research," 1995

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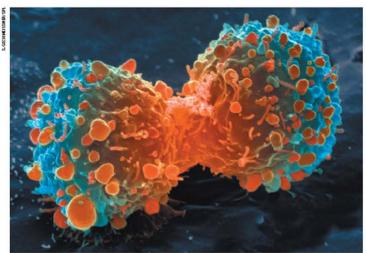
Morin et al Shining Light into Black Boxes cience 13 April 2012: 336(6078) 159-160

Ince et al The case for open computer programs, Nature 482, 2012

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lost letter tracked using
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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.

Ifforts 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

trials in oncology have the highest failure rate compared with other therapeutic areas. Given the high unner 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

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

Many factors are responsible for the h failure rate, notwithstanding the inh ently difficult nature of this disease. C tainly, the limitations of preclinical to

47/53 "landmark" publications could not be replicated Begley, Ellis Nature, 483, 2012]

Must try harder

Too many sloppy mistakes are creeping into scientific papers. Lab heads must look more rigorously at the data - and at themselves.

Error prone

Biologists must realize the pitfalls of work on massive amounts of data.

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

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

The case for open computer programs

Six red flags for suspect work

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

Know when your numbers are significant [Carole Goble]

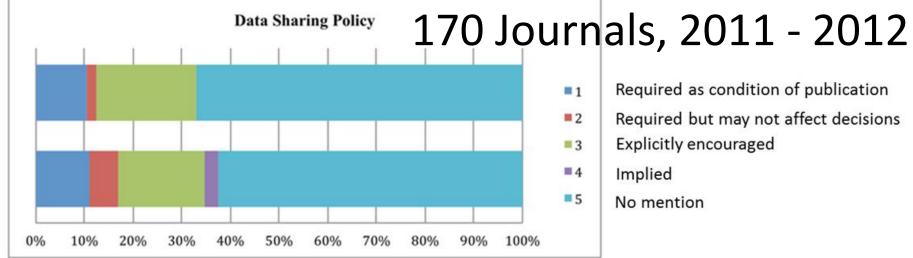
lists 50 papers randomly selected from 378 manuscripts published in 2011 that use the Burrows–Wheeler Aligner¹⁵ for mapping Illumina reads. Most papers (31) provide neither a version nor the parameters used, and neither do they provide the exact version of the genomic reference sequence. From the remaining 19 publications, only four studies provide settings, eight studies list the version, and only seven studies list all necessary details. More than half of the studies (26 out of 50) do not provide access to the primary data sets. In two cases, authors provided links to their own websites, where data were deposited; however, in both cases, links were broken.

Nekrutenko & Taylor, Next-generation sequencing data interpretation: enhancing, reproducibility and accessibility, Nature Genetics 13 (2012)

59% of papers in the 50 highest-IF journals comply with (often weak) data sharing rules.

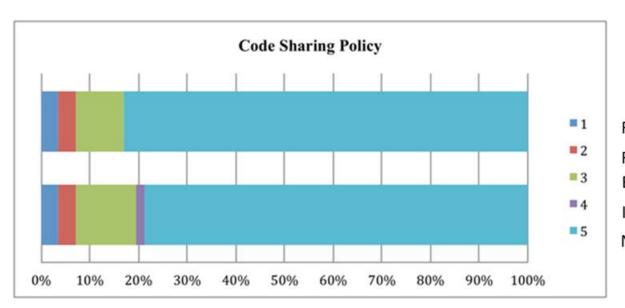
Alsheikh-Ali et al Public Availability of Published Research Data in High-Impact Journals. PLoS ONE 6(9) 2011

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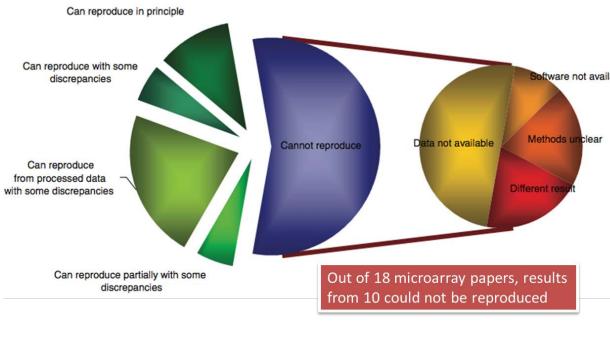
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Flaws Are Becoming More **Obvious**

More retractions:

>15X increase in last decade

At current % > by 2045 as many papers published as retracted

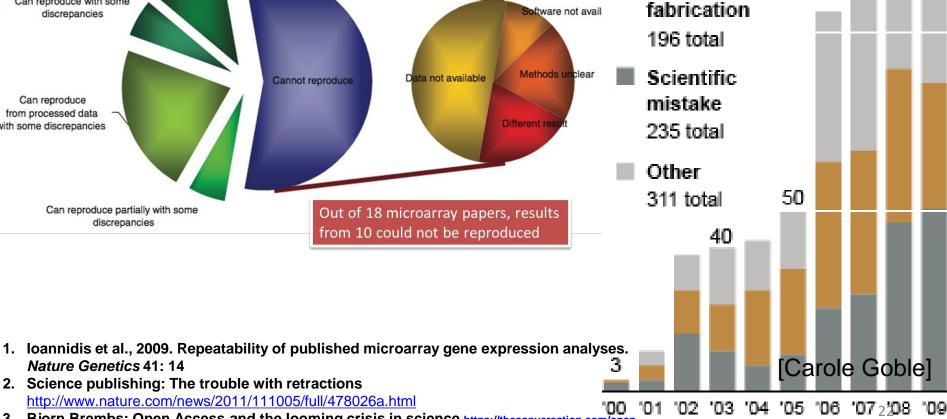


A study of the PubMed database found that the number of articles retracted from scientific journals increased substantially between 2000 and 2009.

Retractions

On the Rise

Fraud or



- Nature Genetics 41: 14 2. Science publishing: The trouble with retractions
 - http://www.nature.com/news/2011/111005/full/478026a.html
- 3. Bjorn Brembs: Open Access and the looming crisis in science https://theconversation.com/openaccess-and-the-looming-crisis-in-science-14950

The New York Times

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Unfortunately the Metrics of Success Remain...



[Carole Goble]

This makes no sense when you ask yourself the question: What is more valuable a dataset used and cited by 100 scientists or a paper you wrote that only you cite?

Case in point...

Title / Author	Cited by	Year
The protein data bank HM Berman, J Westbrook, Z Feng, G Gilliland, TN Bhat, H Weissig, IN Nucleic acids research 28 (1), 235-242	16287	2000

What can you do today to change the situation?



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Portals



http://www.3dvcell.org/

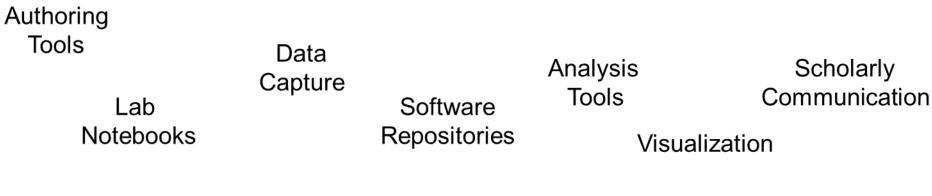


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IDEAS - HYPOTHESES - EXPERIMENTS - DATA - ANALYSIS - COMPREHENSION - DISSEMINATION

Discipline-Based Metadata Standards Commercial &

Git-like Resources By Discipline **Community Portals**

Data Journals

New Reward Systems



Public Tools

Training
Institutional Repositories
Commercial Repositories



We Need Innovative Contributions to the Research Lifecycle (2)













Scholarly Communication

Visualization

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Pressure Your Institutions to Play a Greater Role

- We need institutional data/knowledge sharing plans
- We need digital universities
- We need data/information scientists to be better recognized by institutions – its not all about papers – this implies new metrics

A View from the Digital University

Jane scores well in parts of her advanced on-line biology class. Professors who undertake research in the areas where Jane did well are automatically notified of her potential based on a computer analysis of her scores and background interests and Professor Smith interviews her and offers her a research internship for the summer. Over the summer, as she enters details of her experiments related to understanding a widespread neurodegenerative disease in an on-line laboratory notebook, the underlying computer system automatically puts Jane into contact with another student, Jack, in a different department whose notebook reveals he is working on using bacteria for purposes of toxic waste cleanup. Why the connection? It turns out the same gene, which they both reference a number of times in their notes, is linked to two very different disciplines – mental health and the environment. In the analog university they would never have discovered each other, but at the Digital University pooled knowledge can lead to a distinct advantage. The collaboration later results in a patent filing and triggers a notification to a number of biotech companies who might be interested in licensing the technology. A company licenses the technology and hires Jane and Jack to continue working on the project. Professor Smith hires another student using the revenue from the license and this in turn leads to a large federal grant. The students get good jobs, further research is supported and societal benefit arises from the technology. A hypothetical example for why the Digital University makes sense.

Committee on Academic Promotions

- What Counts
 - Money
 - Grants
 - Papers
 - Teaching
 - Service

- What Does Not
 - Sharing data
 - Sharing software
 - Open access
 - Collaboration
 - Patents
 - Startups

Ten Simple Rules for Getting Ahead as a Computational Biologist in Academia 2011 *PLOS Comp Biol* 7(1) e1002001

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What Do We Need to Do to Get There? An App+ Store?

- The App model
 - Think of it operating on a content base rather than a mobile device
 - Simple and consistent user interface
 - Needs to pass some quality control
 - Has a reward
- The App+ Model
 - Apps interoperate through a generic workflow interface

Summary

Disruption is occurring

 As bioinformaticians we have the skill set to leverage change and make a difference

• Go for it

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Questions?