

Open Data Driving Scholarly Communications in 2020

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## My Perspective is Drawn from Being:

- A data producer
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- Suspicious of institutional repositories
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- Opinionated about the future

Apologies in advance for the life sciences perspective

## This Lecture will Try and Present All Aspects of this Perspective

#### **But First:**

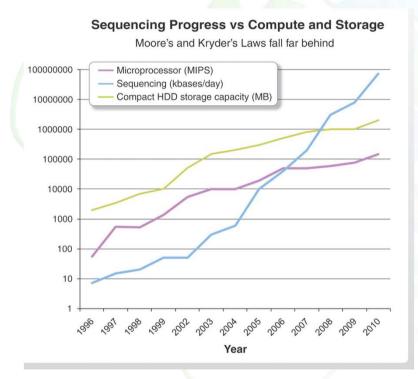
Why Open Data Are Important -

The Story of Meredith

Meredith got data the old fashioned way – she did not discover it in a broad and deep search she read the papers and bugged the authors

Imagine what she could do if data were instantly discoverable, the value quantified in some way and more simply used

## Some Thoughts as a Data Producer

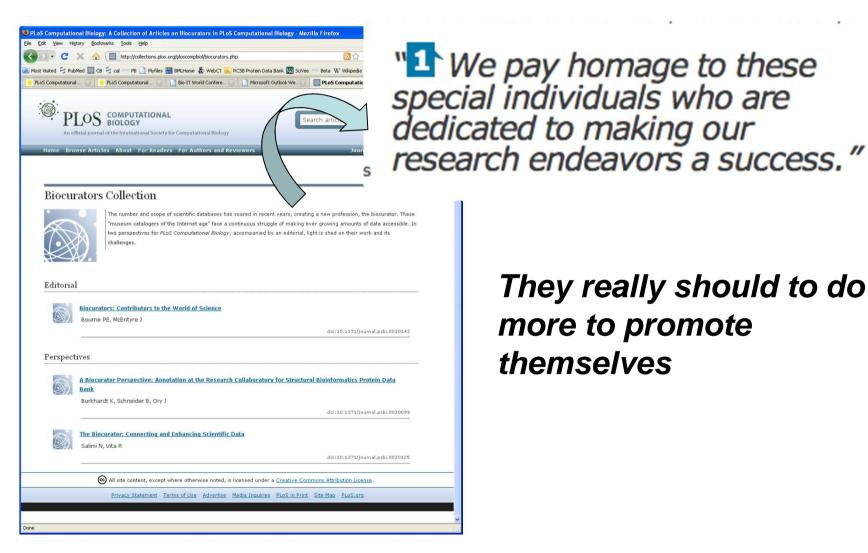


On the Future of Genomic Data Science 11 February 2011:

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- Its scary
- Its time to consider cost vs benefit
- Reductionism is not a dirty word
- We need to do more with the long tail

### Some Thoughts in Supporting Curation



They really should to do more to promote themselves

http://collections.plos.org/ploscompbiol/biocurators.php

Data Curation – The Process Can be



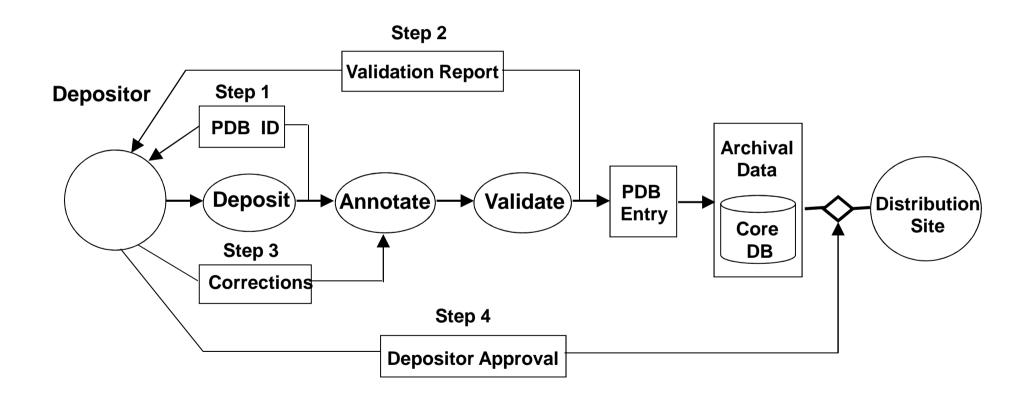




- Need new synergies between data and publication
- We will come back to this

#### The PDB Annotation/Validation Workflow

- Depositors do not necessarily respect the system
- Things can be too perfect



## Some Happy Thoughts as a Database Provider – The PDB

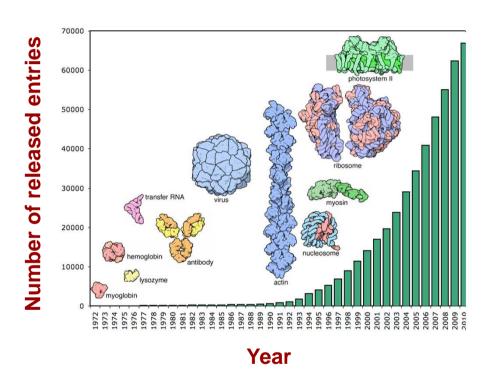


Database Provision

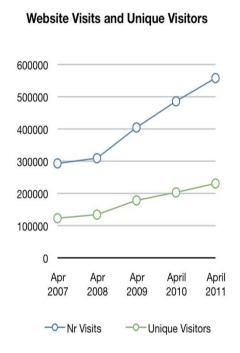
- Just had PDB40
- The single community owned worldwide repository containing structures of publically accessible biological macromolecules
- A resource distributing worldwide the equivalent to ¼ the National Library of Congress each month
- A bicoastal resource
- 1TB
- Kids love it

7th Int. Data Curation Conference Bristol UK Dec. 7, 2011

## Some Happy Thoughts as a Database Provider



We manage to handle Increased volume and complexity at a lesser cost



Usage increases and the community broadens

Increasingly these define future funding, could it be the H-factor mistake for data?

### Some History as a Data Provider

- About 25% of our budget has been spent on data remediation
- Support for the copy of record
- Our ontology/data model has been a critical component of our workflow and data accuracy
- Until recently the same data model was too complex to facilitate wide adoption by others that use our data

### Some History as a Data Provider

- Our data are such that we can retain redundant copies
- Data objects are discreet and we assign DOIs, but they are not used in the literature
- Constantly striving to have the user distinguish raw from derived data
- All data are not created equal but the user thinks so however hard we try

## Some Not so Happy Thoughts as a Database Provider

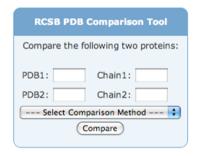
 Data are stove piped – Broad questions are difficult to answer

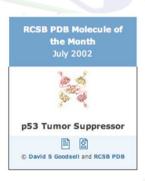
- Our data logs offer the means to recommend data – we do not for reasons of privacy
- Fraud may have occurred

### Trends Today as a Database Provider

- User base continues to broaden
- Constant demand for better performance (damn Google)
- Use of Web services (SOAP and now RESTful) are increasing
- The uptake on the use of widgets has been slower than I hoped

# Semantic Tagging & Widgets are a Powerful Tool to Integrate Data and Knowledge of that Data, But as Yet Not Used Much









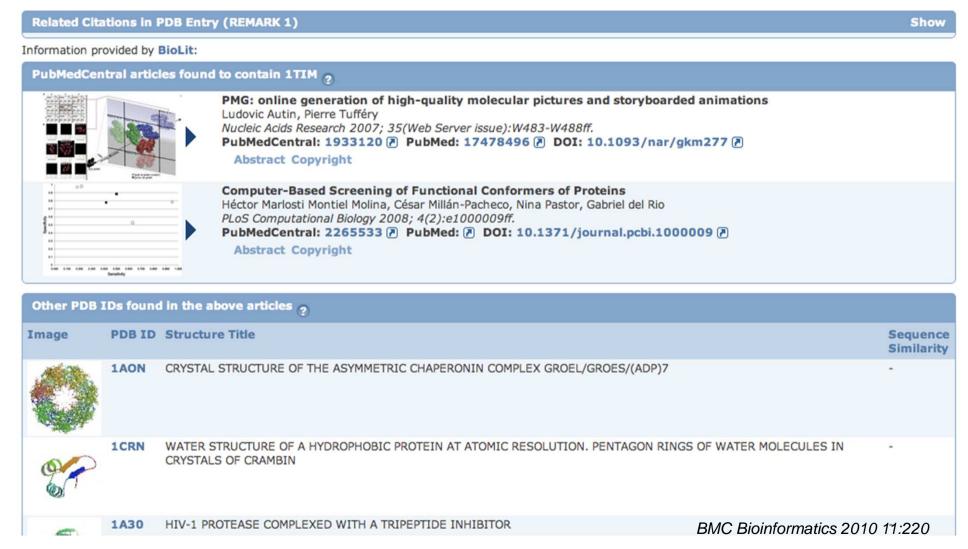
Will Widgets and Semantic Tagging Change Computational Biology? *PLoS Comp. Biol. 6(2) e1000673* 

## Trends Today as a Database Provider

- Users are hankering after additional annotations of the data – working on database-literature integration
- Mobile use is increasing
- Web 2.0 services are in demand

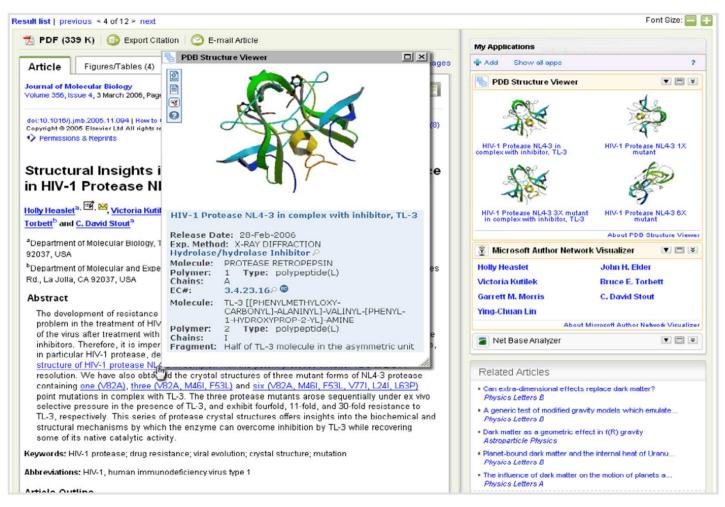
#### Example of Interoperability: The Database View

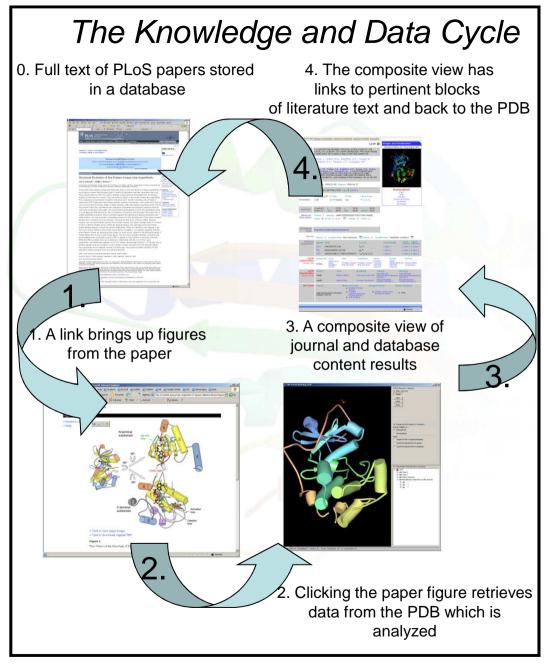
www.rcsb.org/pdb/explore/literature.do?structureId=1TIM



#### Example of Interoperability – The Literature View

#### **App Integration in Science Direct**





## Literature IntegrationThe Dream

- 1. User clicks on content
- 2. Metadata and webservices to data provide an *interactive* view that can be annotated
- 3. Selecting features provides a data/knowledge mashup
- 4. Analysis leads to new PLGONTENT 2 Locaniant and PLGONTENT 2 Locania

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### Perspective as a Data User

Its great we are thinking more about data, but...

- Data repositories are broken
- There is a "high noon" effect
- NCBI has been a wonderful model to date...

## Data/Institutional Repositories

- Build it and they will come fails most of the time
- Institutional repository is an oxymoron
- NCBI works because:
  - It is an act of the US congress
  - It has strong leadership
  - It has a monopoly on the literature
  - It has IT thought out over many years

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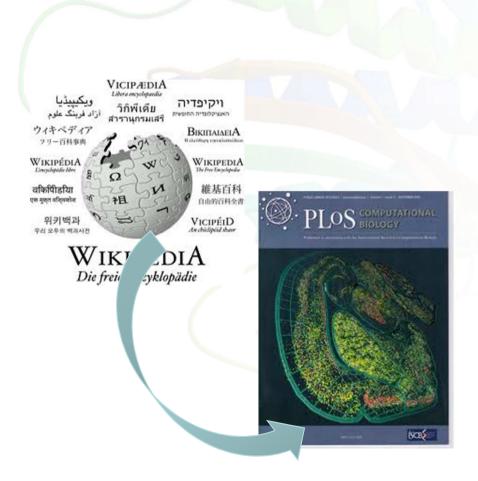
## Data/Institutional Repositories

- "High Noon" Effect
  - Publishers make knowledge in very difficult, but at least knowledge out, albeit limited is consistent, intuitive and easy to use
  - Data repositories make data in and data out very difficult –
     they strive to be different when in fact users want them to be
     the same

#### **Data and Journals**

- That journals are thinking about data is good
- Dryad etc. are welcome but a stop gap measure
- Fully functional data journals will not occur without a change to the reward system
- Data papers can help shift the reward system
- Are PLoS Topic Pages a sign?

# Interim Solution: Use the Traditional Reward System The Wikipedia Experiment – Topic Pages



- Identify areas of Wikipedia that relate to the journal that are missing of stubs
- Develop a Wikipedia page in the sandbox
- Have a Topic Page Editor Review the page
- Publish the copy of record with associated rewards
- Release the living version into Wikipedia

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### What Do I Want by 2020 or Earlier?

Answer biological questions not just retrieve data

 Understand all there is to know about the availability and quality of a unit of biological data

 Operate on data in a way that is simpler, more productive, and reproducible

## What Do We Need to Do to Get There? A Data Registry?

- Individual repositories register their metadata which includes access statistics, commentary etc. – DataCite is a beginning
- Identify identical data objects and their respective metadata for comparative analysis
- Funders support registration
- Publishers support registration

## 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

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