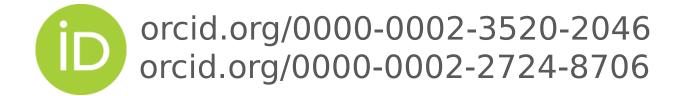
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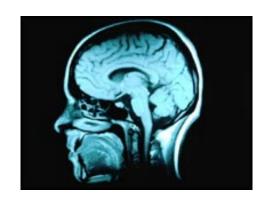
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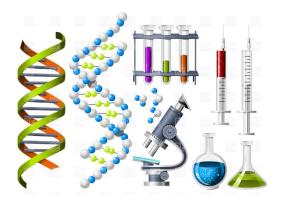
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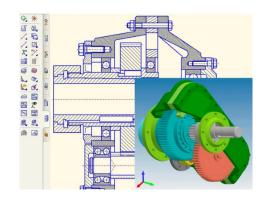


Outline

- What is 'data'?
- The evolution of data availability
- Where are we now?
- Some goals & aspirations for the future
- Questions & Answers



































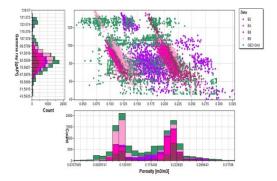






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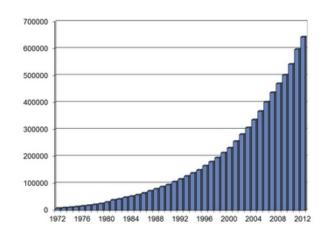
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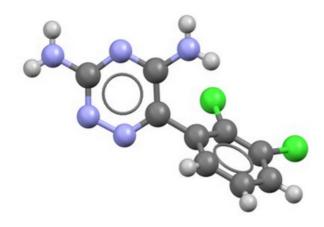
Centralised Data Centres

The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre, est. 1965

It maintains the Cambridge Structural Database **



Growth of the Cambridge Structural Database (CSD) since 1970.



Lamotrigine (EFEMUX01) - the 500,000th structure archived to the CSD

^{**} Not open data sensu stricto ... but I'll leave that to Peter Murray-Rust to explain

Data Sharing (by snail mail)

e.g. "The full profile listings are on **floppy disks** which are available upon request"

Fernholz *et al* (1989) A survey of measurements and measuring techniques in rapidly distorted compressible turbulent boundary layers.



Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA Vol. 86, p. 408, January 1989 Data Submission

1989

Submission of data to GenBank

CHRISTIAN BURKS AND LAURIE J. TOMLINSON

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In response to both the ever-increasing rate of del nucleotide sequences (1) and the growing tren journals to allow articles to appear that describe the of determining a sequence without explicitly prese sequence (1), GenBank* (2-5) and a number of the that publish nucleotide sequence data are working to promote the direct, timely submission of nucleotide data to GenBank. The policy being established PROCEEDINGS is described in the editorial on p. 407; will provide a brief summary, in the context of this

"The author will provide the accession number to the PROCEEDINGS [PNAS] office to be included in a footnote to the published paper."

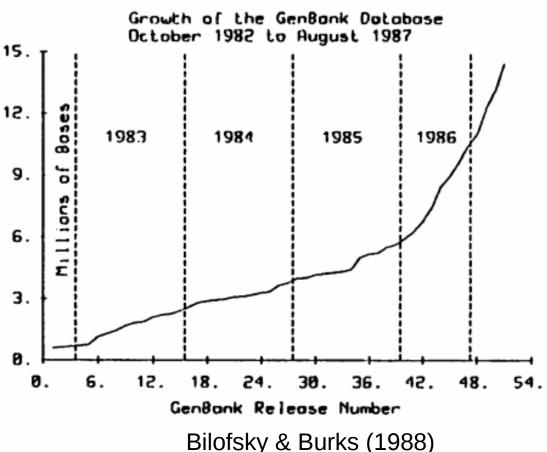


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Bilofsky & Burks (1988) Nucleic Acids Research v16 n5

Reproducible research

Jon Claerbout, Jon Buckheit & David Donoho, 1995

WaveLab and Reproducible Research

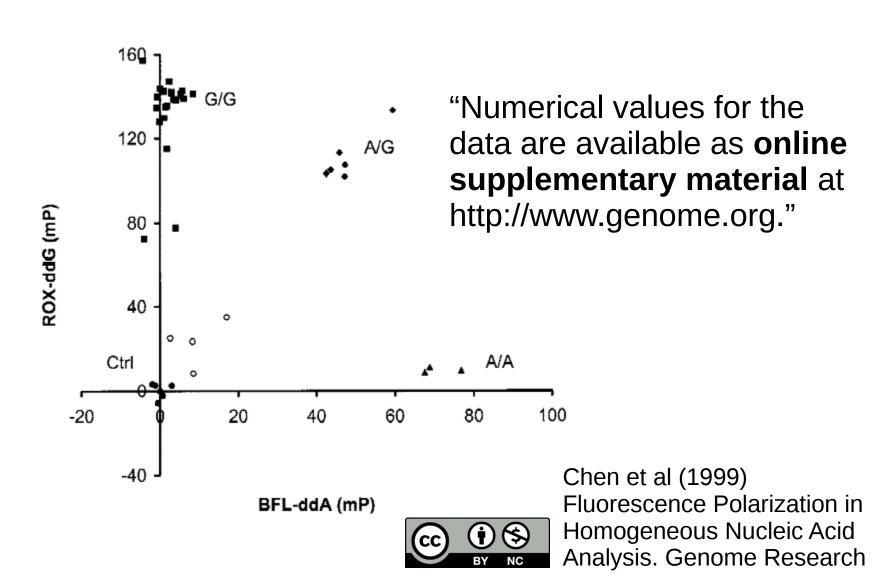
Jonathan B. Buckheit and David L. Donoho

Stanford University, Stanford CA 94305, USA

Abstract

WaveLab is a library of Matlab routines for wavelet analysis, wavelet-packet analysis, cosine-packet analysis and matching pursuit. The library is available free of charge over the Internet. Versions are provided for Macintosh, UNIX and Windows machines.

Supplementary Data (Online)



Not all databases succeed. Build it, and they may not come...

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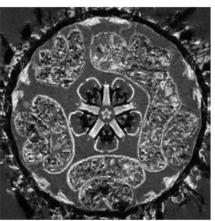
MRI scans of whole sea urchin specimens.

Ziegler, A; Faber, C; Mueller, S; Nagelmann, N; Schröder, L (2014): MRI scans of whole sea urchin specimens. GigaScience Database. http://dx.doi.org/10.5524/100124 RIS BIBTEX TEXT

Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) is routinely used in human diagnostics, but can also be applied to study the internal anatomy of zoological specimens. Here, we present 141 MRI scans from 98 representative extant sea urchin species. The scanned specimens were whole sub-adult or adult individuals ranging in size from 5 to 43 mm. The specimens were almost entirely obtained from museum collections. Some of the samples were collected and fixed more than 135 years ago, while others were collected a few months prior to scanning. The detailed MRI acquisition and reconstruction parameters can be found in the metadata files deposited together with the raw image data. In addition, image stacks in tagged image file format (TIFF, .tif) were generated for each scan. Potential uses of the dataset include morphometric and volumetric analyses or comparative studies of internal organs.

For convenience users can choose to down load all 141 datasets in a single TAR archive file called 141_MRI_scans.tgz (39GB) from the FTP server.

Imaging



39 Gigabytes (GB) of MRI scans

(GIGA)ⁿ
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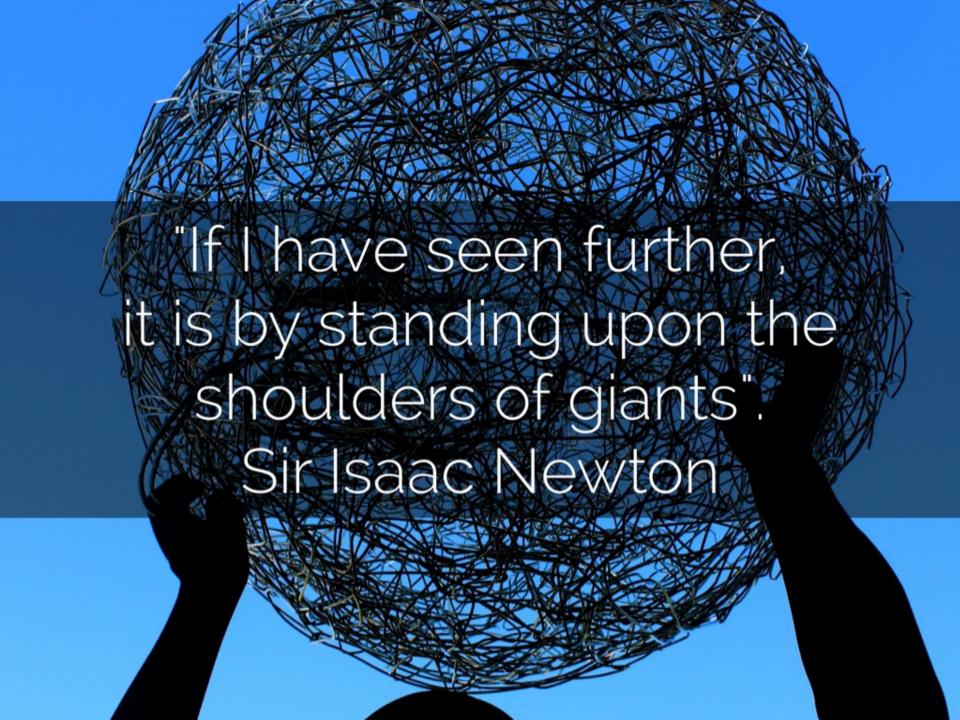
Why care about data?

Data is absolutely fundamental to most research

Science without data isn't science *



^{*}Entirely theoretical, data-free contributions to science are possible, but rare



By sharing data we can see further

Data (& code) are the building blocks of science

Shared, re-used data allow us to more rigorously test hypotheses; "to see further"

...and to do it all more quickly and easily.



What exactly is open data?

Open means anyone can freely access, use, modify, and share for any purpose (subject, at most, to requirements that preserve provenance and openness)

From http://opendefinition.org/, see http://opendefinition.org/od/ for more detail

Legally, what is open data?

There are a great many open knowledge definition (OKD) conformant licences, including:



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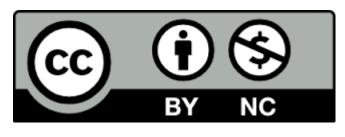


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NC -- You "may not use this work for commercial purposes".

Work under this licence cannot be used for *any* purpose, therefore it is *not* open. Can have significant, often unexpected negative impact on potential re-use.

ND -- "No Derivative Works". Work under this licence cannot be adapted if it is re-used. Not very helpful for research!

NC & **ND** – An extremely restrictive re-use licence, neither commercial purposes nor adaptations are allowed.

Non-open licencing causes real problems for research & education

The Creative Commons non-commercial (-NC) restriction is poorly defined in most jurisdictions, and even more poorly understood by many of its users.

"non-commercial" != "non-profit"

- A) Non-commercial actually excludes many **teaching purposes**: In the UK, university students typically pay expensive tuition fees to attend. Thus **university teaching is often a commercial activity**, -NC restricted materials cannot be used to teach students in these circumstances.
- B) Licence incompatibility NC licences are not compatible with licences used on major collaboration platforms like Wikipedia or Wikimedia Commons
- C) **Non-commercial organizations** (e.g. Deutschlandradio) have been successfully sued for re-using CC BY-NC content without permission.

http://zookeys.pensoft.net/articles.php?id=3036

Real problems of non-open data: GBIF & biodiversity data



Desmet, P. (2013) Showing you this map of aggregated bullfrog occurrences would be illegal http://peterdesmet.com/posts/illegal-bullfrogs.html

Open data in scholarship, and beyond

The open data movement is much broader than just academia/research

It's been successful & popular in areas like open *government* data:

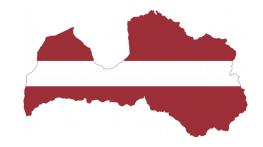
For **transparency**, detecting & discouraging corruption

For **releasing social & commercial value** (governments co already, why not make wider use of it, at little or no extra cos

For **participatory governance** – citizens can be more informed, a "read/write" society

Each of these has clear parallels with open research data: transparency & fraud detection, extra value through research data re-use, participatory citizen science





The State of Open Data in Latvia: 2014

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Abstract. This paper examines the state of Open Data in Latvia at the middle of 2014. The study is divided into two parts: (i) a survey of open data situation and (ii) an overview of available open data sets. The first part examines the general open data climate in Latvia according to the guidelines of the OKFN Open Data Index making the results comparable to those of other

arXiv:1406.5052v2



Open (government) Data http://global.census.okfn.org/



Culture professionals network

The arts and culture sector must think about data ... but differently

From exhibition directories to museum floorplans, data can augment the audience experience and offers new approaches to solving problems



http://www.theguardian.com/culture-professionals-network/culture-professionals-blog/2014/mar/28/arts-culture-sector-data-impact

Open data in scholarship, and beyond

Similarly, and with some overlap to open research data, there's the open GLAM movement

(GLAM = Galleries, Libraries, Archives & Museums)

In this case, their data is typically collections metadata but also digital images of their collections



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DATA

ABOUT

Explore and download the Natural History Museum's research and collections data.

3.5M

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contributors

Search the Natural History Museum Specimen Collection

2,834,363 of the Museum's 80 million specimens are now available online.





1,173,882



622,677
Botany



391,811 Mineralogy



364,109 Palaeontology



281,884 Entomology

Technical aspects of open data

So, you understand the imporance of licensing... What next?

How best can we make our data openly available?

Where should I upload to?

What format(s) should I make the data available in?

HOW STANDARDS PROLIFERATE: (SEE: A/C CHARGERS, CHARACTER ENCODINGS, INSTANT MESSAGING, ETC.)

SITUATION: THERE ARE 14 COMPETING STANDARDS.



500N; SITUATION: THERE ARE 15 COMPETING STANDARDS.

Adhere to existing standards!

Take note of community standards:

e.g. the Bermuda Principles for sharing DNA seq. data

- Automatic release of sequence assemblies larger than 1 kb (preferably within 24 hours).
- Immediate publication of finished annotated sequences.
- Aim to make the entire sequence freely available in the public domain



If there are no formally agreed community standards, canvas the community to create/formalise a standard

- e.g. Best Practices for Data Sharing in Phylogenetic Research (2014) PLOS Currents Tree of Life
- e.g. The 1st Open Economics International Workshop (Cambridge, 2013) bringing together academic economists from around the world to discuss data sharing in economics research.



If there are multiple, competing file formats:

Opt for file formats based on open standards

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Open_standard

e.g.













Avoid proprietary formats

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Proprietary_format

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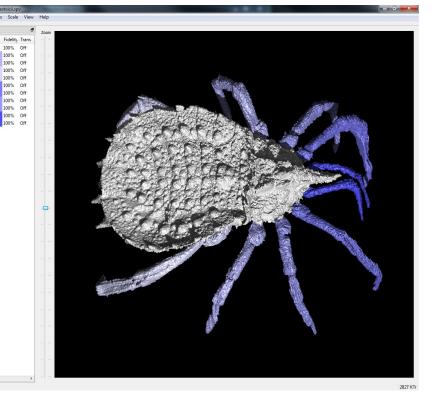


A real example: recent creation of a new data standard for exchange of 3-dimensional reconstruction of objects from tomographic imaging data

SPIERS software + VAXML data standard

Sutton et al (2012) SPIERS and VAXML: A software toolkit for tomographic visualisation and a format for virtual specimen interchange.

Palaeontologia Electronica



Where to upload open data?













A Database of Phylogenetic Knowledge



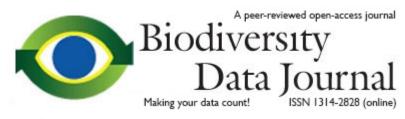






Genbank, SRA, 1000's more!

'Data paper' journals



open archaeology data



SCIENTIFIC DATA





data



F1000Research

AN OPEN SCIENCE JOURNAL FOR LIFE SCIENTISTS

Journal of open psychology data

open health data

http://www.mdpi.com/journal/data/about

Intelligent data papers allow databases to automatically pull-in your data



Biodiversity Data Journal 2: e1076 (26 Mar 2014) doi: 10.3897/BDJ.2.e1076





Taxonomic paper

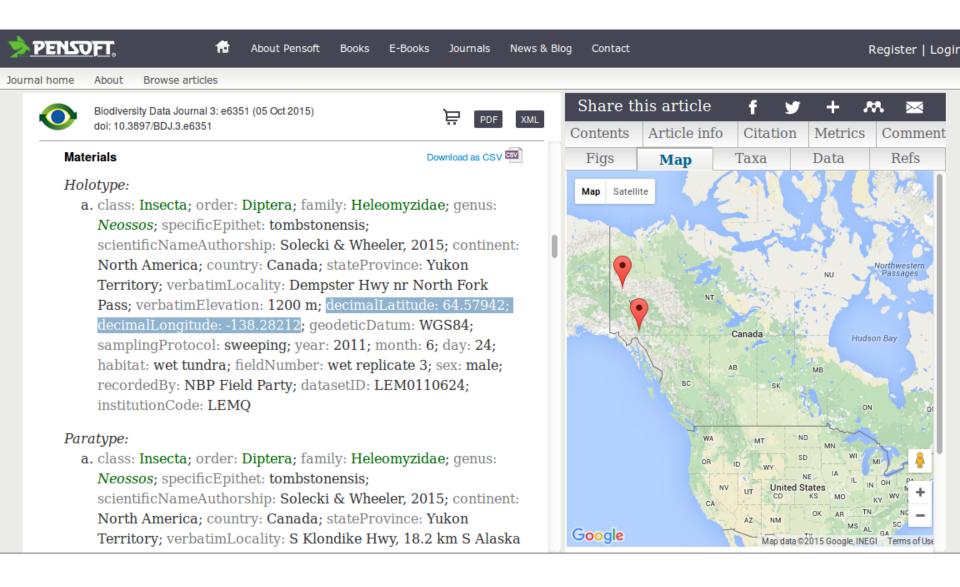
Dispatch from the field: ecology of ground-webbuilding spiders with description of a new species (Araneae, Symphytognathidae)

▼ Jeremy A. Miller, Menno Schilthuizen, Jennie Lilliendahl Burmester, Lot van der Graaf, Vincent Merckx, Merlijn Jocqué, Paul Joseph Antonius Kessler, Tom Maurice Fayle, Thijmen Breeschoten, Regi Broeren, Roderick Bouman, Wan-Ji Chua, Frida Feijen, Tanita Fermont, Kevin Groen, Marvin Groen, Nicolaas Johannes Cornelis Kil, Henrica Allegonda de Laat, Michelangelo Sergio Moerland, Carole Moncoquet, Elisa Panjang, Amelia Joyce Philip, Rebecca Roca-Eriksen, Bastiaan Rooduijn, Marit van Santen, Violet Swakman, Meaghan N. Evans, Luke J. Evans, Kieran Love, Sarah H Joscelyne, Anya Victoria Tober, Hannah F. Wilson, Laurentius N. Ambu, Benoit Goossens

Many publishers (e.g. Pensoft) intelligently markup data papers so that the data can be automatically ingested into appropriate db's on the day of publication!







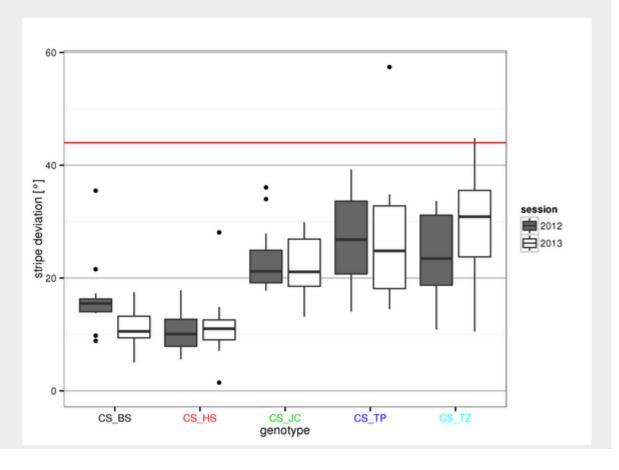
Source: BiodiversityDataJournal.com

Figure 3. The different sub-strains show a large spectrum of values for the stripe deviation parameter.

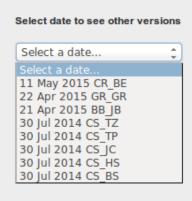


For every movement of the fly, the angle between its direction and the direction toward the stripes was calculated. The median of these angles was calculated for each fly, representing a quantification of stripe fixation by the fly. The value of each sub-strain in each session is depicted in boxplots: for each group, we represent the median, 25–75% quantiles and the total spread of the values (excluding outliers) as line, box and whiskers, respectively. The version of this figure on the *F1000Research* website is interactive; readers can define the type of whiskers displayed as either Tukey whiskers (1.5 x IQR from 1st/3rd quartile; **A**) or the 10th–90th percentiles (**B**). The text color code used for the genotypes is analogous to that used in Figure 2. The red horizontal line corresponds to the median value for random walks: 44°. Sample size is 11–12 for each boxplot. No statistical analysis was performed.

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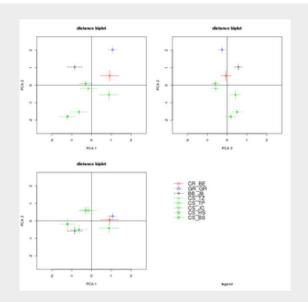


Figure 4. Updating principal component analysis of Canton S strains.

Results from the PCA obtained using the same analysis as for Figure 2, but with data uploaded from different laboratories. The version of this figure on the F1000Research site is 'living'; it will automatically re-plot as and when new data for other Canton S strains are submitted, and users can visualize previous versions of this figure. The conclusions of this article only relate to the data available at the time of publication. The prefixes in the key are the initials of the data contributor (except CS_ strains, which were tested by Julien Colomb); full names and affiliations can be found in the figure legend of the article on the F1000Research site. The suffixes denote the initials of the principal investigators from where each sub-strain was sourced. The BB_JB (Jose Botella) strain was ordered from the Bloomington stock center (stock #1) approx. seven years ago. BB_JB falls within the range of variability seen so

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Access to data in social sciences

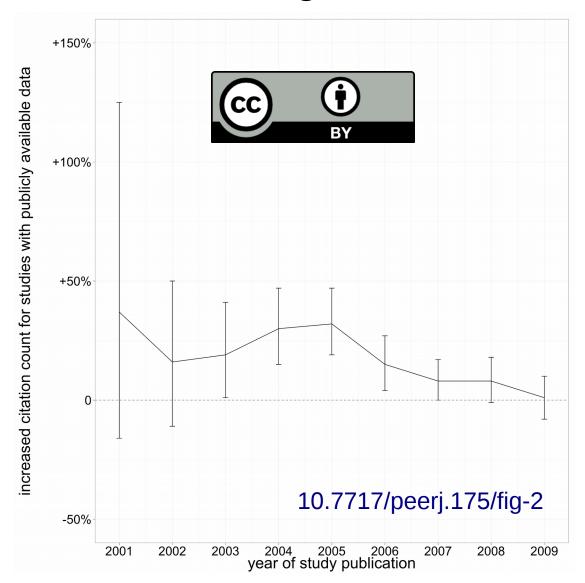
- UK Data Service:
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 - Example of <u>metadata record</u>
 - Other <u>open data providers</u>
- European Union Open Data Portal

Access to data (sources) in arts & humanities

- Many sources online, for example:
 - Visual data Wikimedia Commons (<u>Yorck project</u>)
 - Dance data The Archive of Siobhan Davies Dance
- Registry of research data repositories
- Article in The Guardian

Jisc Digital Media tools - http://www.jiscdigitalmedia.ac.uk/

Data sharing benefits authors & re-users



Piwowar HA, Vision TJ. (2013) Data reuse and the open data citation advantage. **PeerJ** 1:e175

> "...open data citation benefit for this sample to be 9%"

relative to papers providing no public data, for gene expression microarray data

See also previous work by Piwowar: 10.1371/journal.pone.0000308

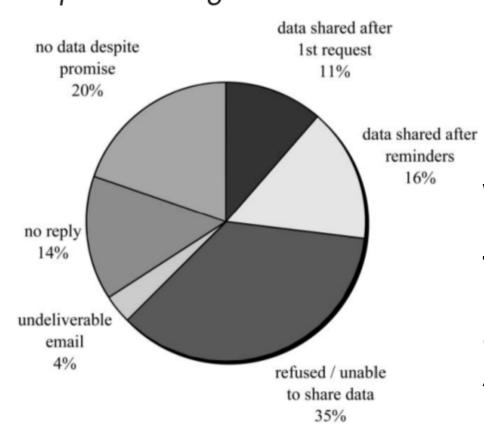
Those who share data, do better science

Wicherts, J. M., Bakker, M. & Molenaar, D. (2011)
Willingness to share research data is related to the strength of the evidence and the quality of reporting of statistical results. PLoS ONE 6, e26828+ URL http://dx.doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0026828

The authors examined psychological papers for the quality of statistical reporting & asked the authors of those papers for the full data underlying the reported results. Generally, those who shared, had more statistically robust, reproducible results.

"Email the author for data" - doesnt work

Figure 1.
Percentages of Empirical Articles'
Corresponding Authors in Different
Response Categories



A well-known problem, which I myself have also faced many times!!!

Many legacy journals unfortunately still pretend that "email the author" is still acceptable.

Wicherts JM, Borsboom D, Kats J, Molenaar D (2006) The poor availability of psychological research data for reanalysis. American Psychologist 61: 726–728 link

Best practice open data is time consuming (but still worth the extra effort!)

Emilio M. Bruna recently provided an estimate of the amount of time it took him to prepare & upload open data related to publication to figshare & dryad.

Providing open-source code was the most time consuming part (25.5 hours), and Open Access publication the most expensive (\$600).

http://brunalab.org/blog/2014/09/04/the-opportunity-cost-of-my-openscience-was-35-hours-690/

Not all data should be open!

Obviously, there are some types of data which should NOT be made mandatorily *open* e.g. sensitive medical data

However, with informed consent, if patients really want to, they should be allowed to publish their own medical data

Ethical / legal considerations

- Duty to protect participants, guarantee their confidentiality and inform about data use
- Informed consent forms on data collection
 AND how data will be stored and shared
- Consent forms should not restrict data sharing and reuse unnecessarily
- Don't collect sensitive data unnecessarily

Data anonymisation for sharing

- Direct and indirect identifiers
- Quantitative data
 - Remove identifiers; Aggregate or reduce the precision of variables; Generalise the meaning of a detailed text variable;
 Anonymise relation, geo-referenced data
- Qualitative data
 - Time consuming, even harder for audio-visual data
 - Use pseudonyms, replacement terms, vaguer descriptors or systems of coding
- UK Data Service guide and ICO guide on Anonymisation

But with informed consent, sharing sensitive health data can have good outcomes



http://blog.ted.com/2013/06/14/why-i-opensourced-cures-for-my-cancer-sa lvatore-iaconesi-at-tedglobal-2013/

Other exceptions to the open default

Sensitive species conservation data e.g. exact geocoordinates of home range

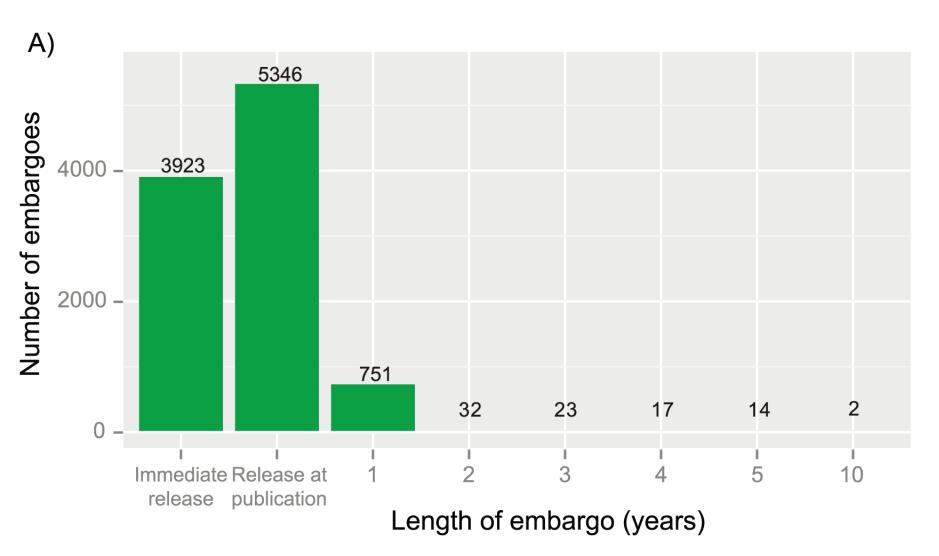


Certain species of wild orchids, cacti & carnivorous plants are highly endangered by illegal harvesting.

Publishing the exact geolocation data of the remaining populations of commercially-desirable, endangered species is really dumb thing to do.

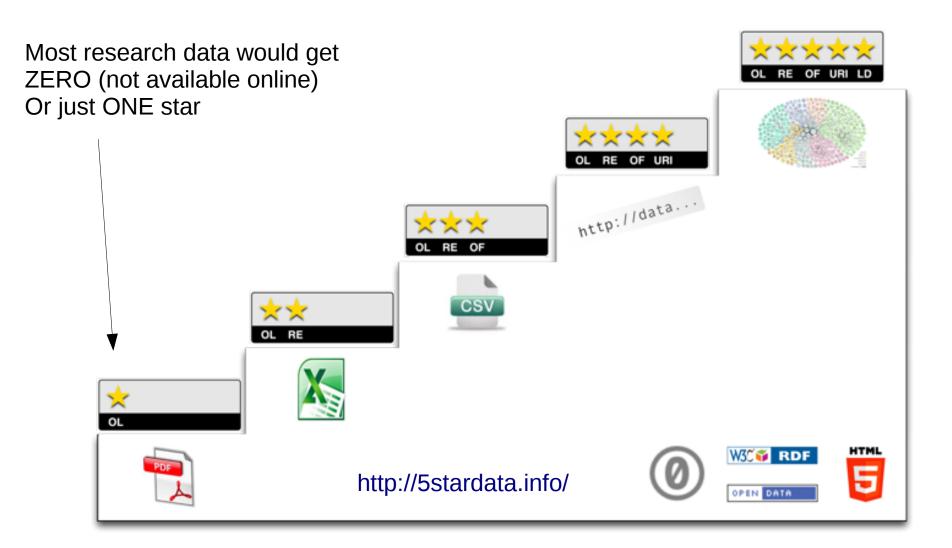
Such data is typically held privately in databases (not publicly available).

When to open data?

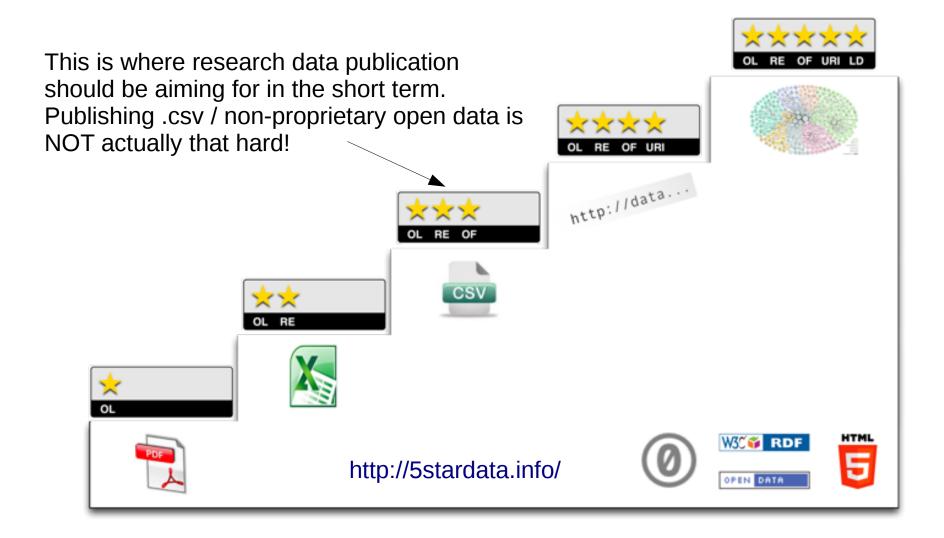


Source: 10.1371/journal.pbio.1001779

The 5 stars of open data



3-star open research data is achievable



Open Access & Open Data have similar goals

80% of research is publicly funded

e.g. maximising the return on investment, provided to research by taxpayers and charities

Further Reading



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Further reading on data in arts, humanities & social sciences

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- OA journals
 - Digital Humanities Quarterly http://www.digitalhumanities.org/dhq/
 - Journal of Digital Humanities http://journalofdigitalhumanities.org/
- Digital Humanities Data Curation http://guide.dhcuration.org/
- Kaptur project (research data in visual arts)
 http://www.vads.ac.uk/kaptur/
- Working with digital media Jisc Digital Media <u>http://www.jiscdigitalmedia.ac.uk/</u>



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