

Workflow and Provenance

(anything profound, and the cool slides, is from Bertram Ludäscher. Everything else is from Renear

What is data workflow?

Much of our work with data, especially in scientific applications, consists in *transforming one data set into another*

Data curation and data workflow

Data curation is concerned with transformations in *two* ways:

- managing and documenting transformations involved in data analytics

- performing transformation to realize data curation objectives.

 - (preservation, integration, format conversion, etc.)

Kinds of data transformations

Transformations where input and output datasets are **identical in propositional content**

transformation to a different data description language (or new version of a language)

transformation to a different serialization (or new version of a serialization)

Transformations where the input dataset **mathematically contains the output dataset**

transformation to a subset matching specific conditions
e.g. simple queries

transformation to a logically or mathematically entailed data of the same kind
e.g., summaries, statistics, visualizations

Transformations where the input dataset **scientifically contains in the output dataset**

transformation to scientifically entailed data of the same kind
here the resulting data set typically contains information different in kind
e.g., a data set about air pressure is transformed to a dataset about altitudes.

Example Bioinformatics Workflow:

Motif-Catcher

Marc Facciotti *et al.*
UC Davis Genome Center

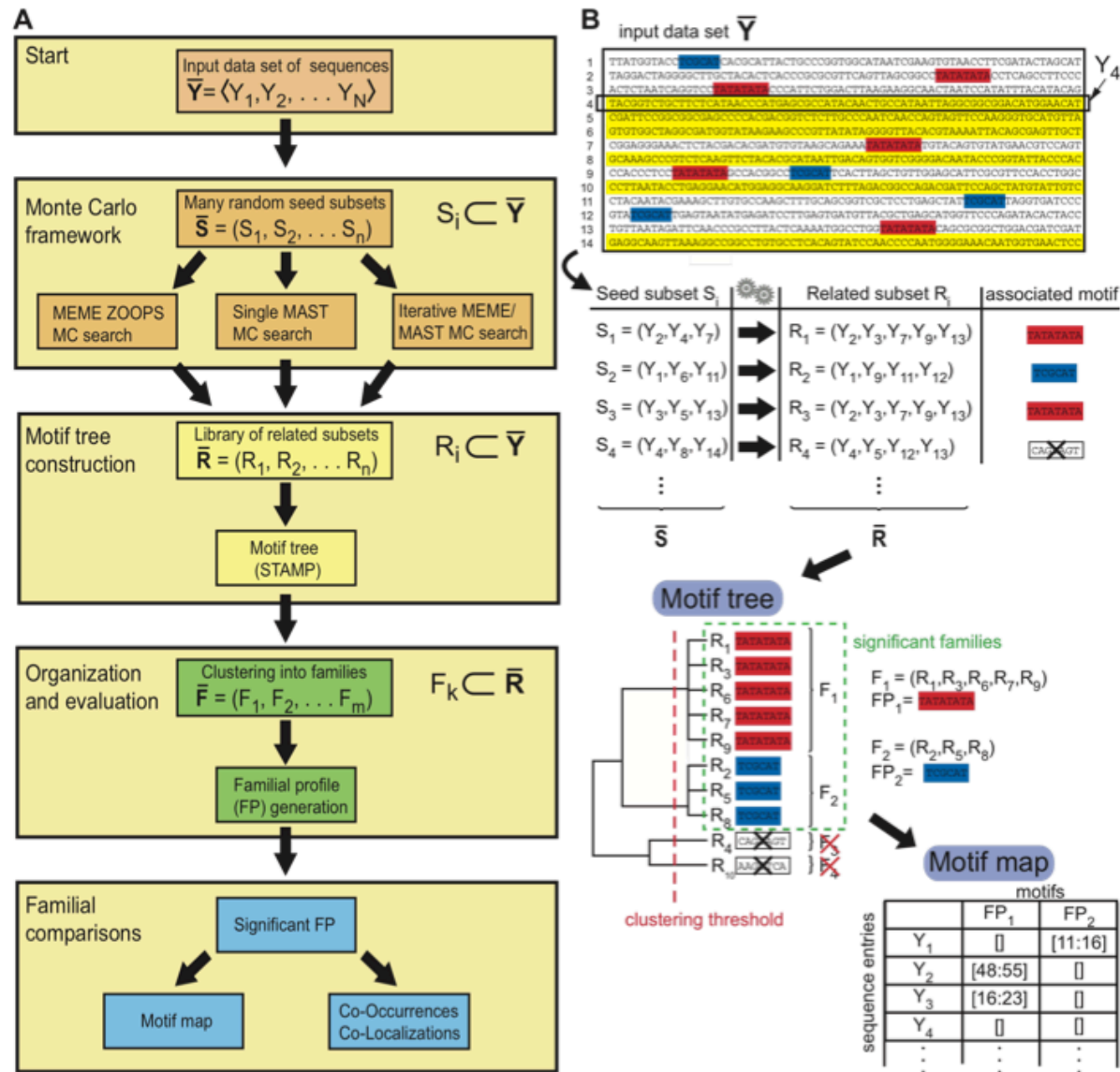
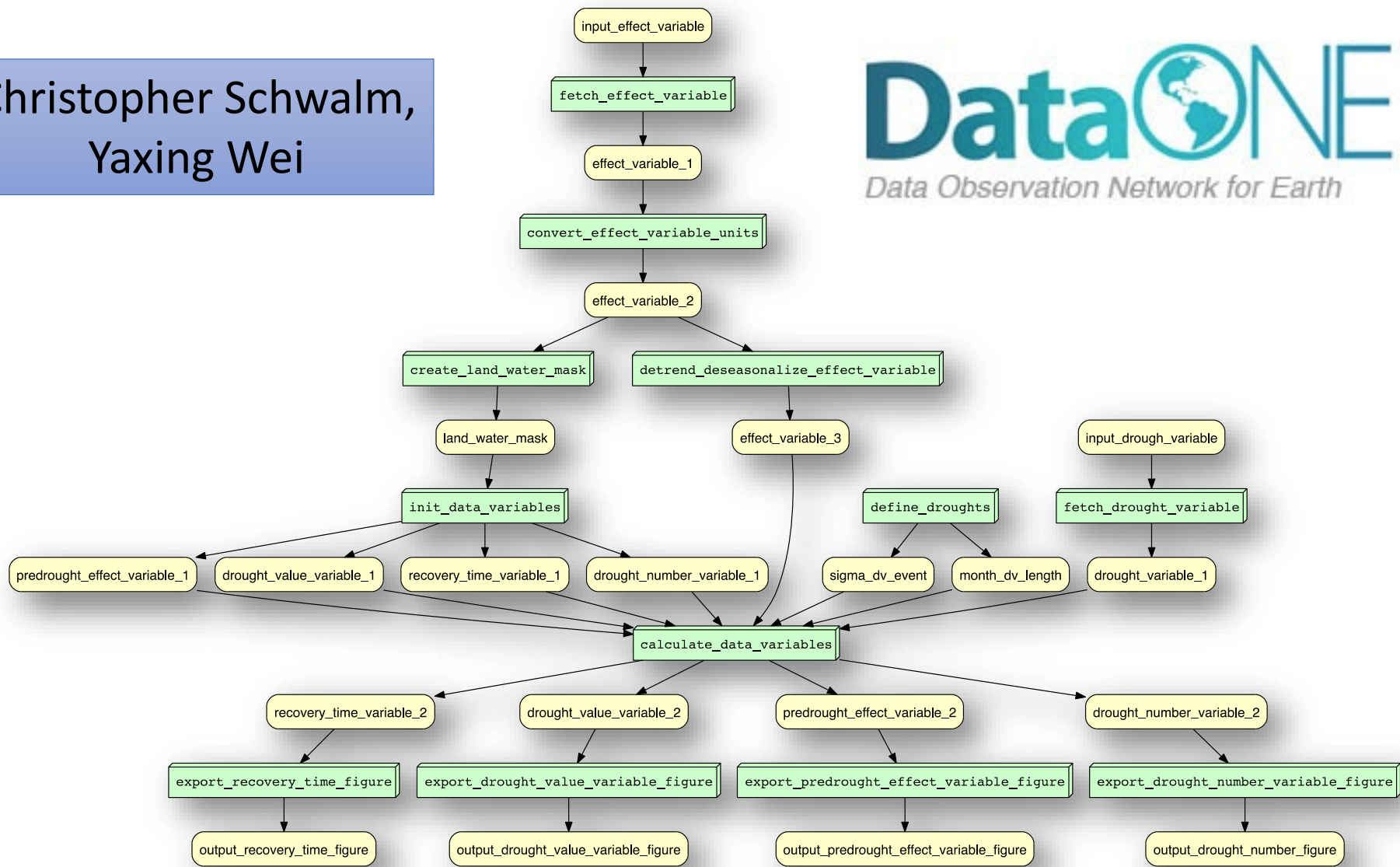


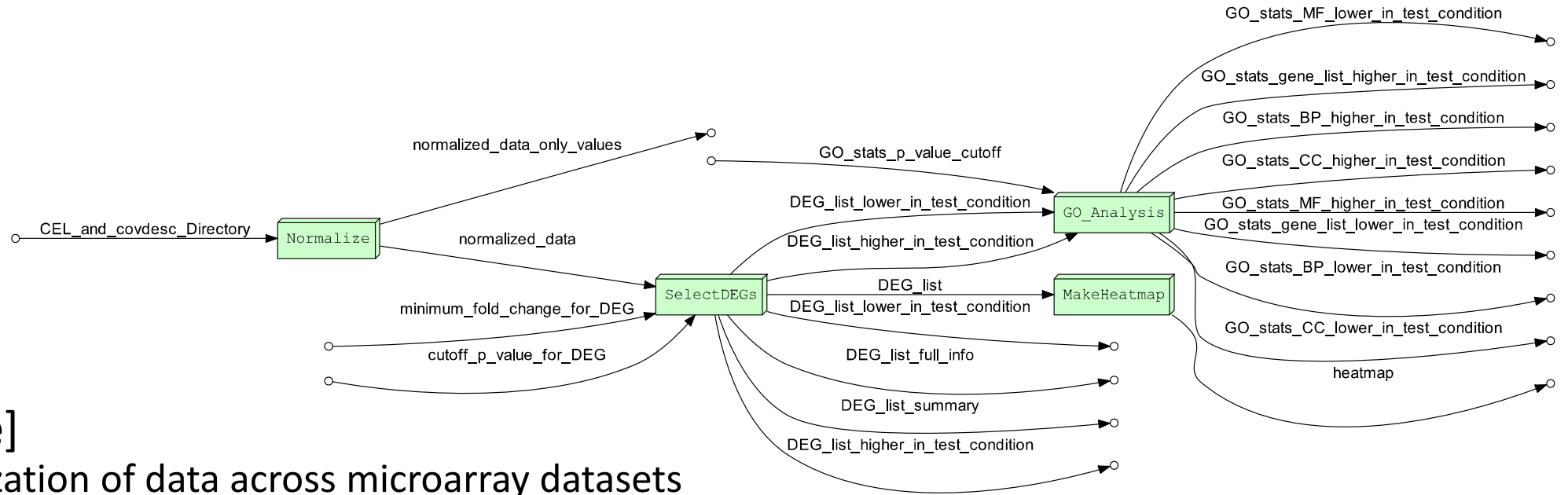
Figure 1: Concept of Monte-Carlo based detection and interpretation of motifs.
A) Abstract description of MotifCatcher process. B) Examples illustrating the process with sample data.

Multi-Scale Synthesis and Terrestrial Model Intercomparison Project (MsTMIP)

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Gene Expression Microarray Data Analysis



- **[Normalize]**
 - Normalization of data across microarray datasets
- **[SelectDEGs]**
 - Selection of differentially expressed genes between conditions
- **[GO Analysis]**
 - determination of gene ontology statistics for the resulting datasets
- **[MakeHeatmap]**
 - creation of a heatmap of the differentially expressed genes.

Why is workflow important

Thoughtfully designed organized workflows support:

- Efficiency

- Reliability

- Modifiability

- Reuse

- Reproducibility

Computational provenance

The heart of computational provenance:

What data was used?

What calculations were performed?

and also: “What in the world exactly happened just now?!”

Why is provenance important?

Access to provenance information supports

- understanding

- reliability

- reproducibility

- trust

- attribution and credit

- discovery and reuse of data, tools, and algorithms

Prospective vs Retrospective provenance (Ludaescher)

Prospective

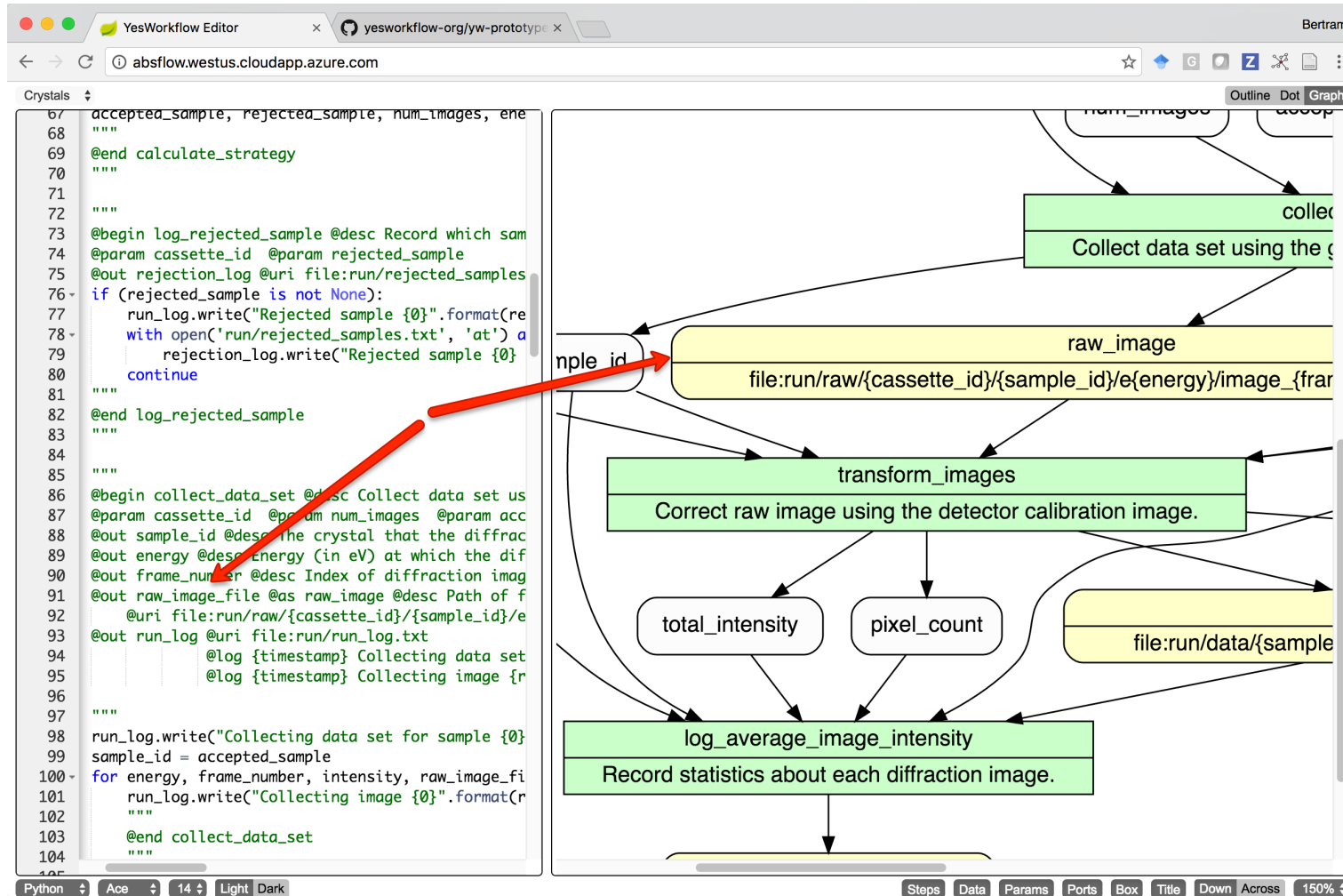
a specification the workflow scenario

Retrospective

generated data on the execution of the workflow scenario

Scripts are (or can be) workflow!!

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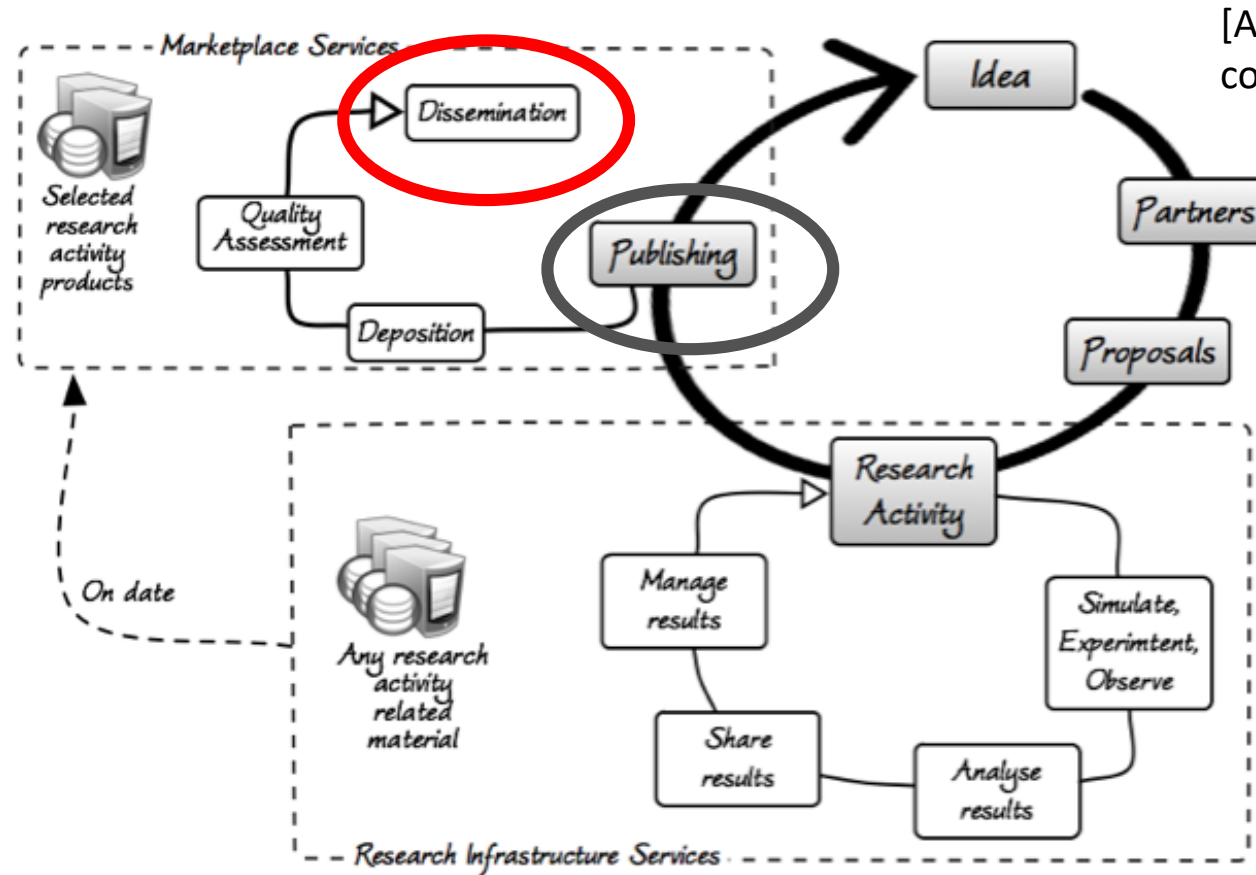
At least remember this

don't just sit there typing at the command line,
write a script, and document it

[for crying out loud]

Communication

Scientific communication is how data gets noticed



[After all, if the results of analyzing data are not communicated, then what's the point of it all?]

Scientific and technical communication is a critical part of the data lifecycle, with effects flowing both ways:

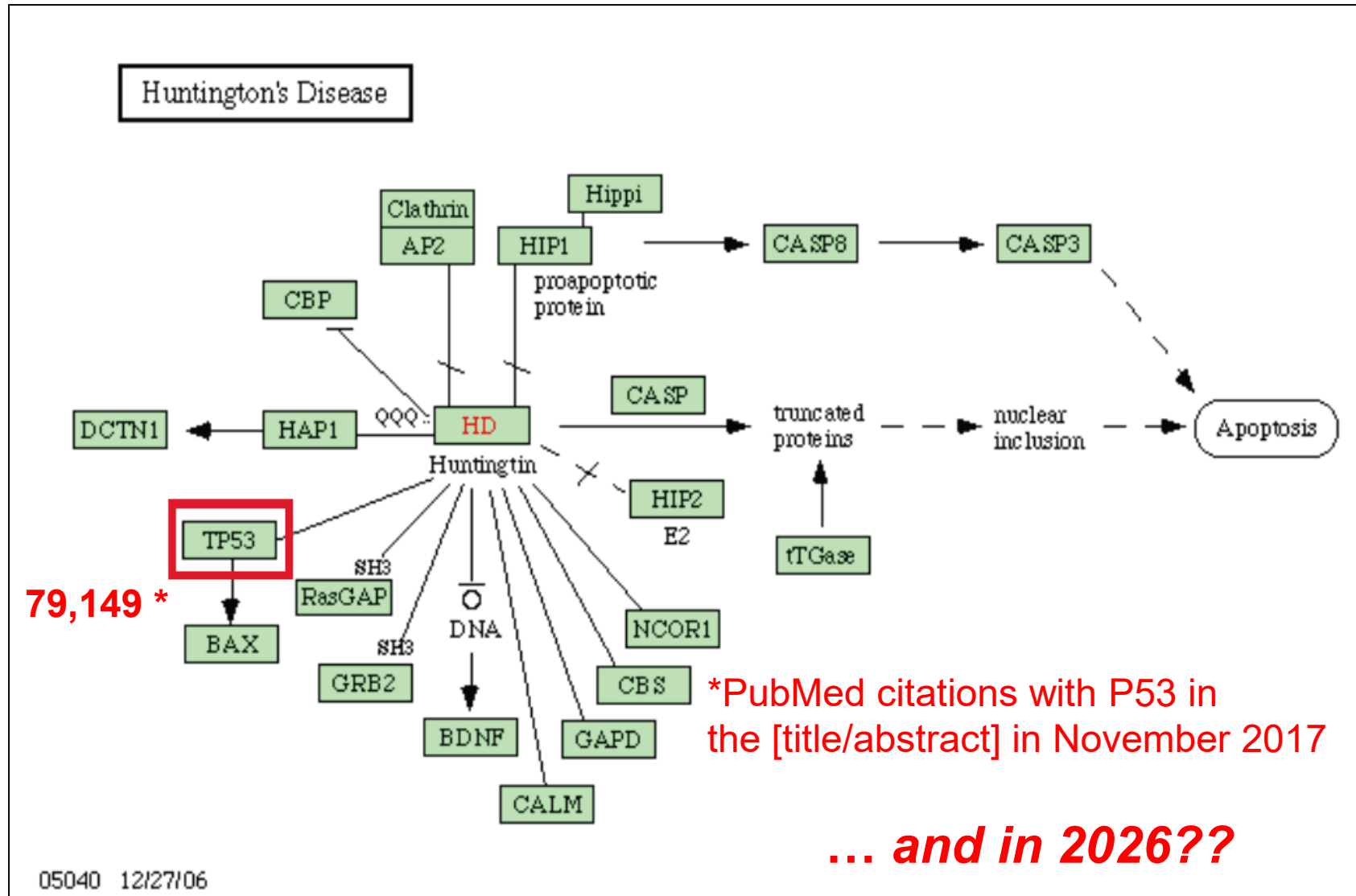
- from the research process,
- and back into the research process.

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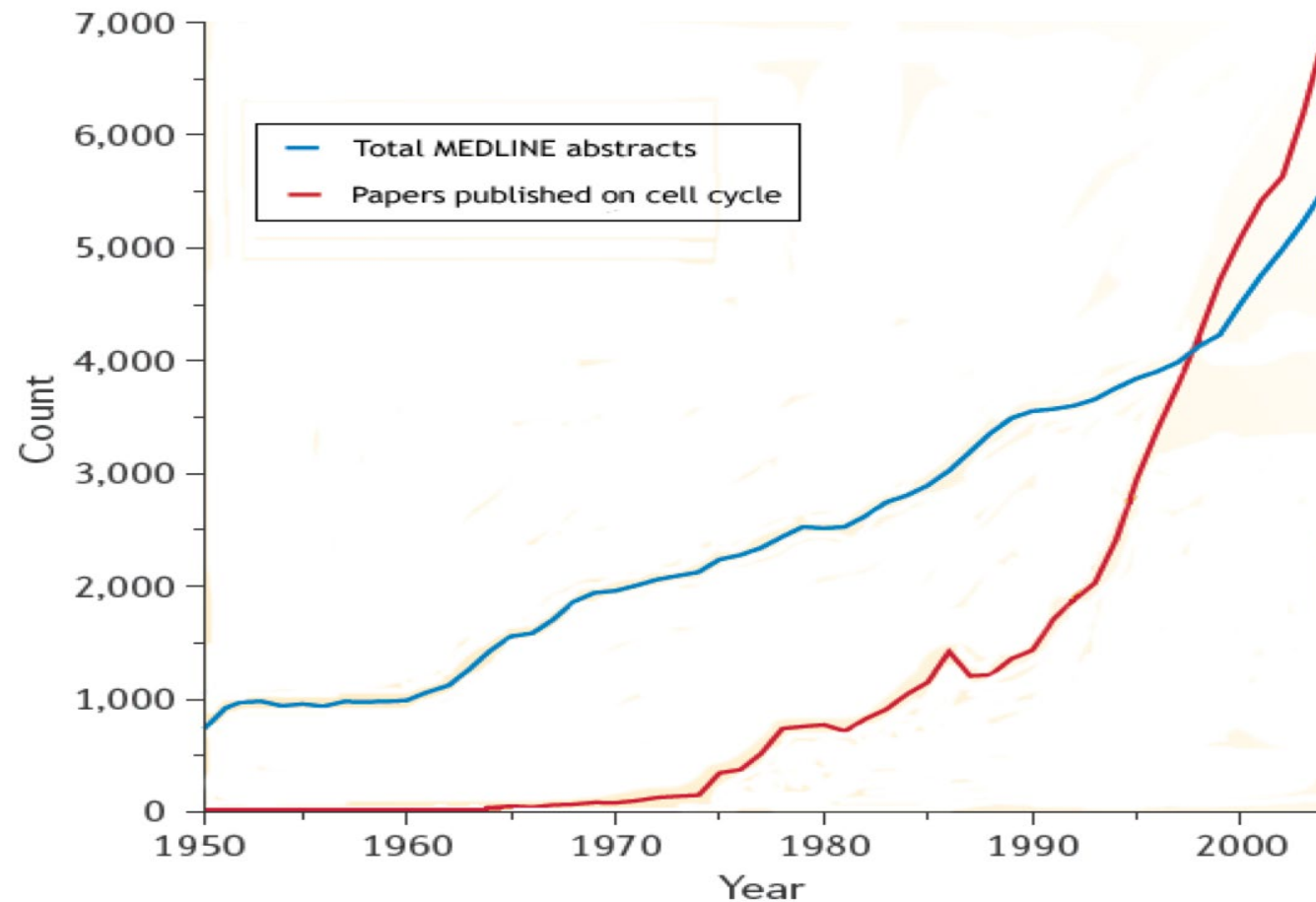
But scientific and technical publishing is in crisis

a problem caused by data
and that can be addressed with data
as we'll see in the next video

Lisa's problem



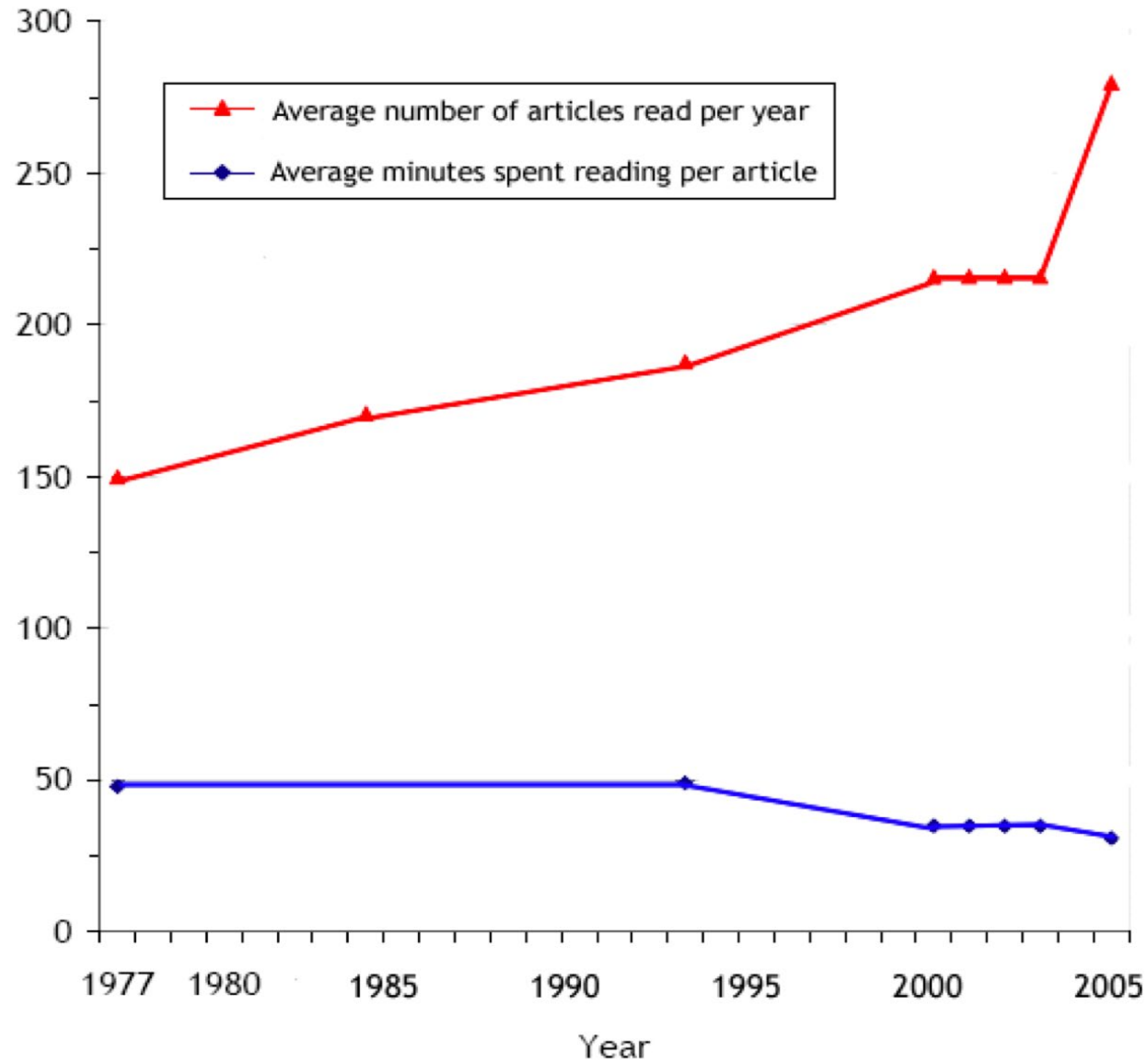
Are you kidding me???



[Axis is $\times 10^{-2}$ for total Medline abstracts]

Adapted from Jensen, Saric, & Bork; *Nature* (2006).

Faster, faster, faster, more more more



Tenopir et al. 1977-2005

Responses to the problem

One response: *text mining* [instead of L2R/T2B *reading*]
 information extraction
 “undiscovered public knowledge”
 and hypothesis generation
 (Swanson and Smalheiser)

Another response: *tools for strategic reading*

Necessary data standards are now, finally, in place to support reading tools

Character encoding interoperability

Unicode/UTF-xx

[Adoption: nearly total]

Data structure serialization interoperability

XML, JSON

[Adoption: nearly total]

Syntactic interoperability

i.e. RDF(S), OWL

[Adoption: underway]

Semantic interoperability

RDF/OWL ontologies; linked data.

[Adoption: substantial]

Document markup meta-languages

XML

[Adoption: nearly total]

Document markup languages

e.g., NLM/DTD, XHTML, TEI, DocBook, DITA

[Adoption: widely adopted]

Metaphysical interoperability

“upper” ontologies

[Adoption: (hard to say)]

Domain ontologies and terminologies

hundreds

[Adoption: steady improvements]

Search Interface

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Categories ?

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response to stimulus (GO)

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Categories/Ontology

Term	Variants
response to stimulus	Response to stimulus, response to stimuluses, Response to stimulus
physiological response to stimulus	Physiological response to stimulus, physiological response to stimuli
response to external stimulus	Response to external stimulus, response to external stimuluses, Response to external stimuli
response to environmental stimulus	Response to environmental stimulus, response to environmental stimuluses, Response to environmental stimuli
response to stress	Response to stress, response to stresses, Response to stresses
response to endogenous stimulus	Response to endogenous stimulus, response to endogenous stimuluses, Response to endogenous stimuli

Textpresso for Neuroscience

perception of stimulus	Perception of stimulus, perception of stimuluses, Perception of stimuli
stimulus detection	Stimulus detection, stimulus detections, Stimulus detections
stimulus sensing	Stimulus sensing, stimulus sensings, Stimulus sensings

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Nature Genetics. **36** (7): 664.

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Symbol	Name	Synonyms
SNF1	AMP-activated serine/threonine protein kinase found in a complex containing Snf4p and members of the Sip1p/Sip2p/Gal83p family; required for transcription of glucose-repressed genes,...	Carbon catabolite derepressing protein kinase, CAT1, CCR1, D8035.20, GLC2, HAF3, PAS14, YDR477W

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We show that **SNF4** binds to the **SNF1** regulatory domain in low **glucose**, whereas in high **glucose** the regulatory domain binds to the kinase domain of **SNF1** itself. [1996] [High impact journal.](#)

We first show that the fraction of cellular **Snf4** protein that is **complexed** with **Snf1** is reduced in a sip1 delta sip2 delta gal83 delta triple mutant. [1997]

This **gene activation** depended on the previously identified derepression genes **CAT1** (**SNF1**) (encoding a protein kinase) and **CAT3** (**SNF4**) (probably encoding a subunit of Cat1p [**Snf1** p]). [1995] [Add this sentence to your gene model.](#)

The **SNF4** -beta-galactosidase protein **coimmunoprecipitated** with the **SNF1** protein kinase, thus providing evidence for the physical association of the two proteins. [1989]

Increased **SNF1** **gene dosage** partially compensates for a mutation in **SNF4** , and the **SNF4** **function** is required for maximal **SNF1** protein kinase

[MeSH-Term - Click for options...](#)

We have here addressed the role of the **Snf4** **SNF1** protein kinase in response to **glucose** availability in **Saccharomyces** cerevisiae. [2008]

Regulation of **Snf1** kinase. Activation requires **Snf1** subunit. [2001]

[Hyperlink - This term has been predicted to be a gene: SNF4 - "Protein kinase activator found in a complex containing Snf1p and members of..." \(Saccharomyces cerevisiae\)](#)

[Evidence from large-scale screens for interactions between SNF1 and... - SNF4 \(from: TAP & HMS & IntAct\)](#)

[210 by an upstream kinase as well as a distinct step](#)

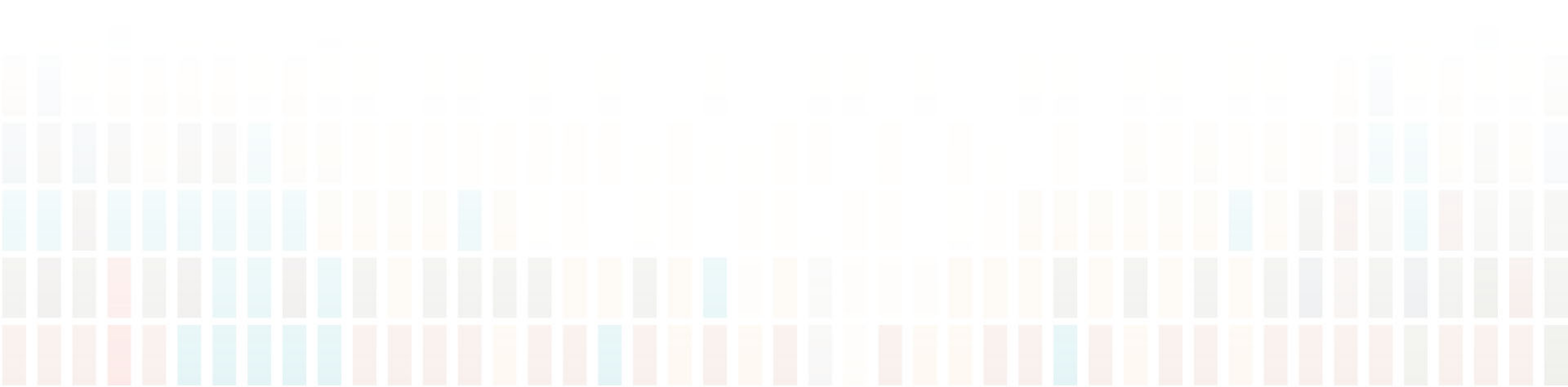
[Yeast Snf1-D1 is a prototype of activating kinase subunits of conserved Snf1 \(AMPK-related protein kinases\) \(Snf1\) controlling glucose and stress](#)

Muller HM, Kenny EE, Sternberg PW
 "Textpresso: an ontology-based
 information retrieval and extraction
 system for biological literature"
PLoS Biol. 2004 Nov;2(11)..

Data Mining?

We wouldn't have to mine the data if we didn't bury in the first place.

Barend Mons, "Which gene did you mean?" *BMC Bioinformatics* (2005)



And finally. . .

Automate like you are going to live forever
Document like you are going to die tomorrow

— *Michael Sperberg-McQueen*

and for fun. . .

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=66oNv_DJuPc