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What are the advantages of re-use?

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- Cost-effective
- Immediately available
- Extremely large datasets

Challenges with data re-use?

- Lacking metadata
- Unknown details/issues
- Mislabeling possible
- Not perfectly matching needs
- Technology outdated

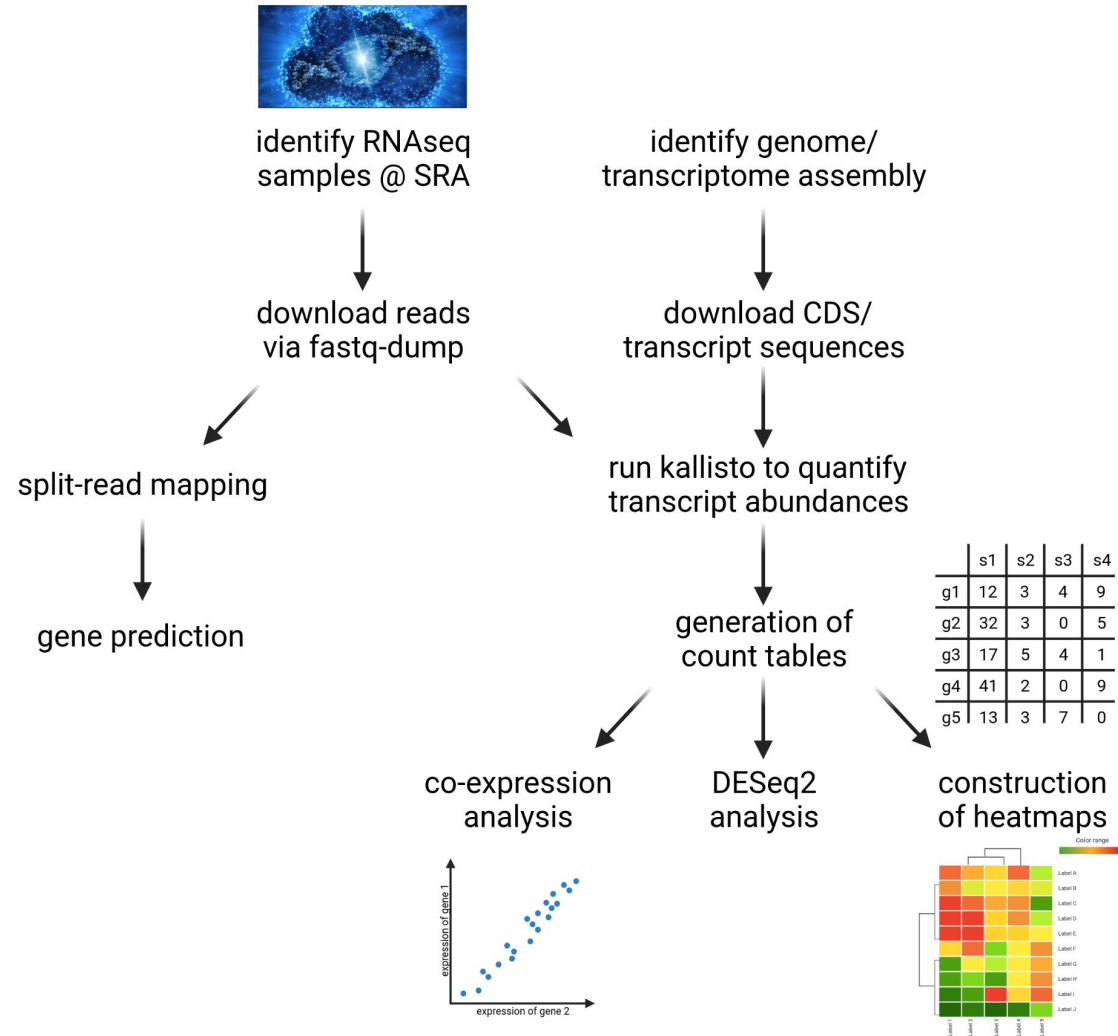
Find gene expression data sets

- SRA read selector
- Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO) search
- Publications: data availability statements & supplementary tables

How to retrieve data?

- Preprocessed data sets (count tables @ GEO)
- Cloud solutions (Galaxy)
- Fastq-dump

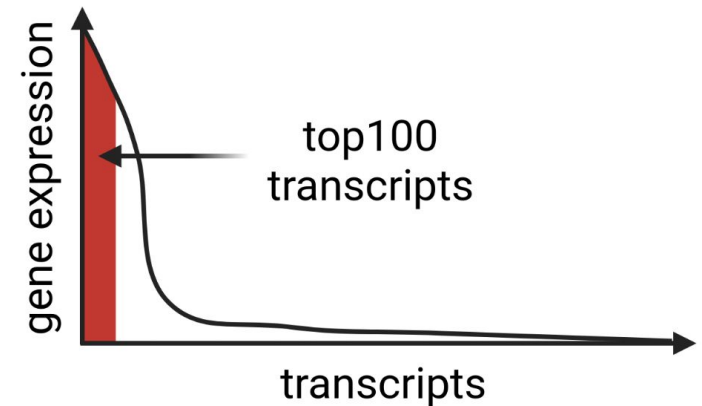
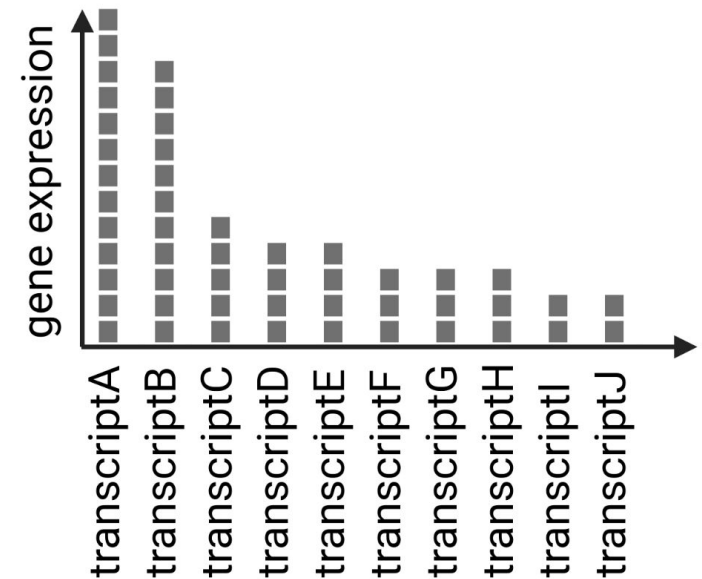
Workflow



How to check RNA-seq data sets?

RNA-seq quality control

- Percentage of reads mapped to individual mRNA sequences
- Distribution of abundance across transcripts
 - Substantial coverage of top100 transcripts
- Metadata assessment / marker gene check
 - Highly expressed marker genes like RuBisCO



How to analyze the distribution of species?

GBIF

- Sources have heterogeneous quality
- Extensive filtering required
- What types of issues can be expected?


GBIF

- Coordinates located in the sea
- Coordinates located in zoos/botanical gardens
- Coordinates located at the center of grids/in capitals
- Entries of fossils / too old entries
- Entries containing likely typos

How to cite data sets?

Digital Object Identifier (DOI)

- DOI = Digital Object Identifier
- Unique and short way to point to a publication or a data set
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Apiaceae *FNS I* originated from *F3H* through tandem gene duplication

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Abstract

Background Flavonoids are specialized metabolites with numerous biological functions in stress response and reproduction of plants. Flavones are one subgroup that is produced by the flavone synthase (FNS). Two distinct enzyme families evolved that can catalyze the biosynthesis of flavones. While the membrane-bound FNS II is widely distributed in seed plants, one lineage of soluble FNS I appeared to be unique to Apiaceae species.

Results We show through phylogenetic and comparative genomic analyses that Apiaceae *FNS I* evolved through tandem gene duplication of flavanone 3-hydroxylase (*F3H*) followed by neofunctionalization. Currently available datasets suggest that this event happened within the Apiaceae in a common ancestor of *Daucus carota* and *Apium graveolens*. The results also support previous findings that *FNS I* in the Apiaceae evolved independent of *FNS I* in other plant species.

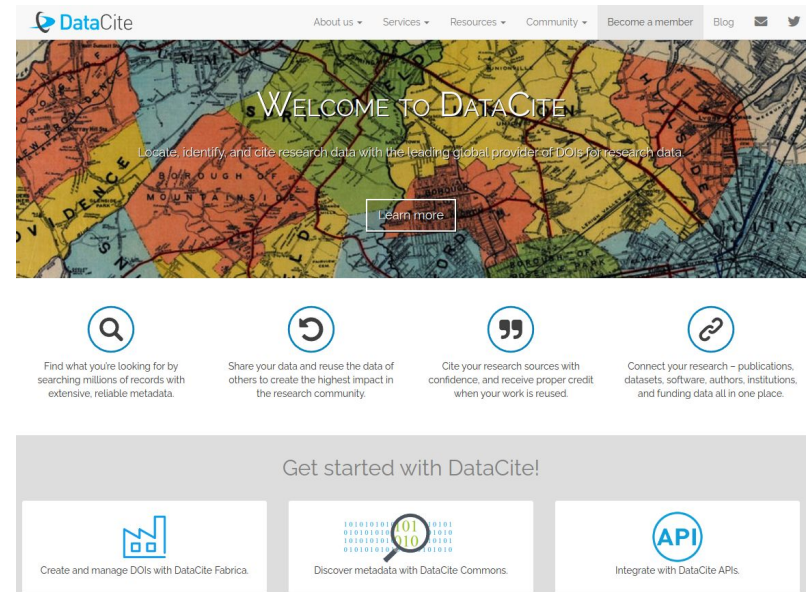
Conclusion We validated a long standing hypothesis about the evolution of Apiaceae *FNS I* and predicted the phylogenetic position of this event. Our results explain how an Apiaceae-specific *FNS I* lineage evolved and confirm independence from other *FNS I* lineages reported in non-Apiaceae species.

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DataCite

- Central service for generation and management of DOIs for research data sets
- Enable connection and reuse of data sets



Managing references

- Entries about publications / data sets are stored in a local database
- Convenient citation when writing manuscripts
- Support for comments and key words assigned to entries
- Examples:
 - Zotero: free
 - Mendeley: free, but belongs to Elsevier
 - Citavi: commercial, but campus license
 - EndNote: commercial

Data reuse examples

Benchmarking of NOVOPlasty

- Public sequence read data sets are used for plastome assemblies
- Data sets can be selected based on specific criteria
- Pure bioinformatics groups can work with real data sets
- No costs for generation of data sets

Benchmarking SANPolyA

- SANPolyA detects Poly(A) signals through deep learning
- Comparison of SANPolyA results against results of other tools
- Freely available output of tools is required for systematic comparison

Pangenome of hexaploid bread wheat

- Pangenome = combination of all genomes of a species
- Integration of public data sets to identify presence/absence of genes in wheat cultivars
- Power of pangenomes increases with number of analyzed

Single plant GWAS + bulk segregant analysis

- spGWAS = single plant genome-wide association studies
- Bulk segregant analysis = comparisons of plant groups with contrasting phenotypes
- Comparison of different approaches to identify genetic basis of a trait (plant height)
- Evaluation of findings against previous reports

Co-expression gene network analysis

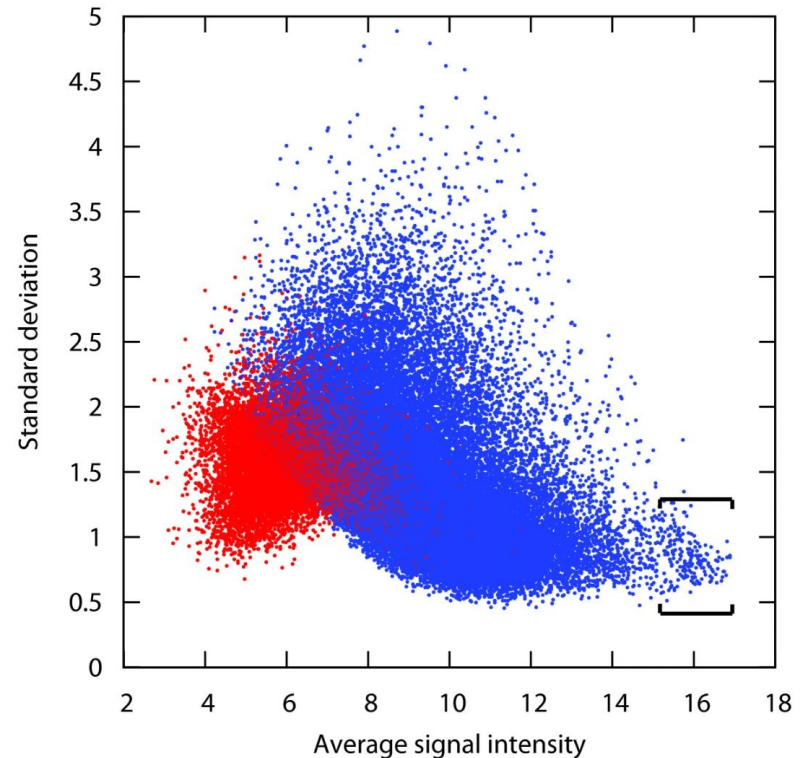
- Genes belonging to the same pathway show similar expression patterns
- Bamboo genome sequence was integrated with RNA-seq data sets
- Identification of co-expression modules associated with development

Integration of GWAS and co-expression analysis

- GWAS allows the identification of genomic regions associated with a trait
- Co-expression analysis can help to identify individual genes in these regions
- RNA-seq data sets of most species are available for free

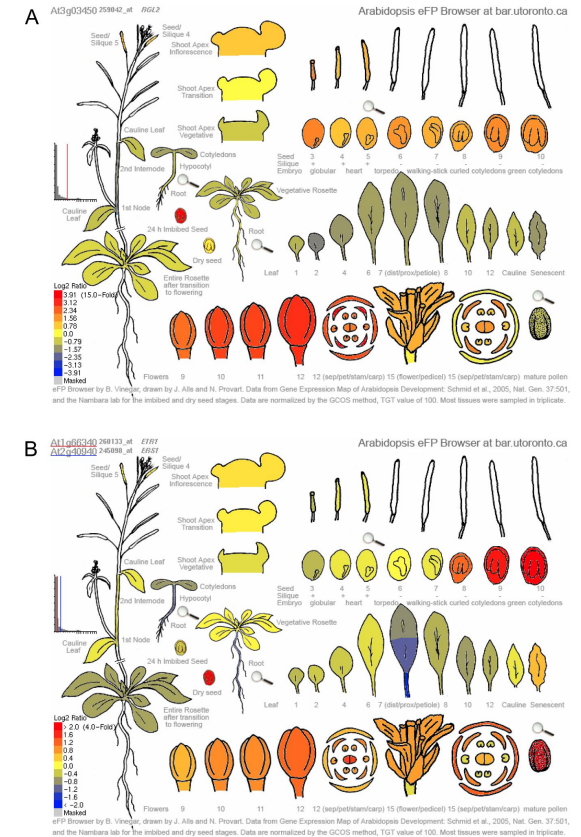
Identification of RT-qPCR reference genes

- RNA-seq data sets can be analyzed to identify constantly expressed genes
- Reference genes with constant expression across samples is crucial for RT-qPCRs
- Reference genes can be specific for certain conditions/tissues



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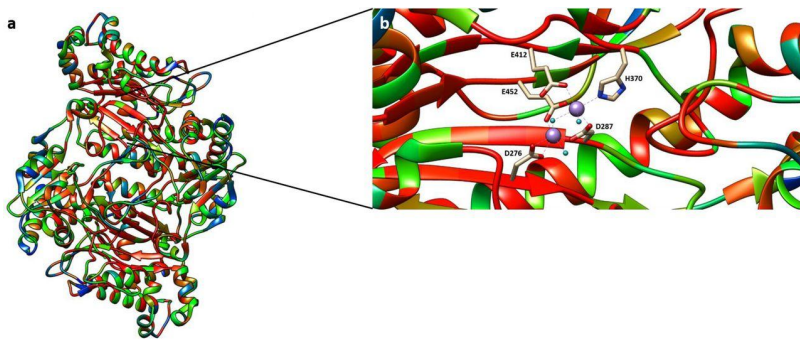
- Integration of existing microarray datasets
- Option to integrate other large scale datasets
- Basis for hypothesis generation
- Visualization of gene expression in many different plant tissues/conditions



Winter et al., 2007: 10.1371/journal.pone.0000718

Identification of conserved amino acid residues

- Identification of orthologous sequences in hundreds of species
- Comparison of sequences to identify highly conserved amino acid residues
- 3D modeling based on known structures of homologs

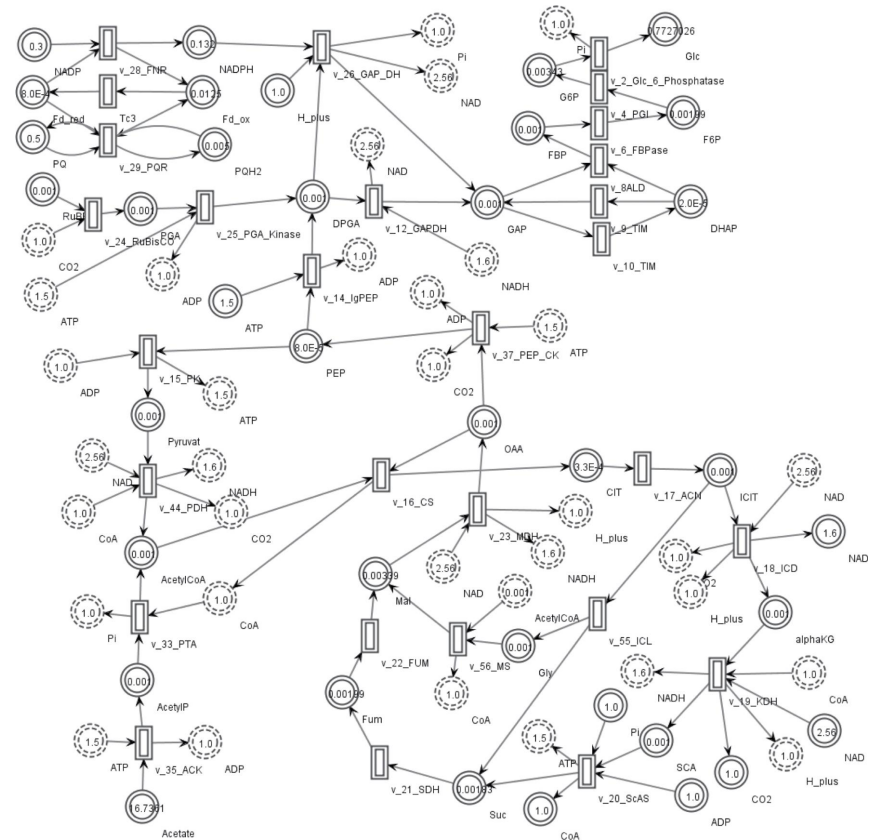


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Schilbert et al., 2018: 10.1101/423475

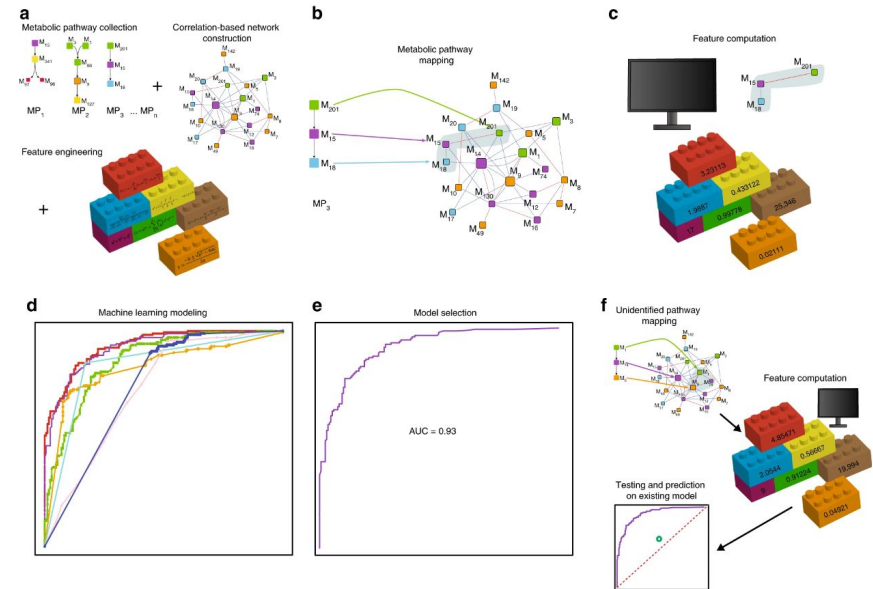
VANESA: enzyme properties for model

- Pathway structure taken from KEGG
- Integration of enzymatic properties (K_M , V_{max}) from BRENDA
- Freely accessible metabolic modeling solution



Inference of metabolic pathways from metabolite data

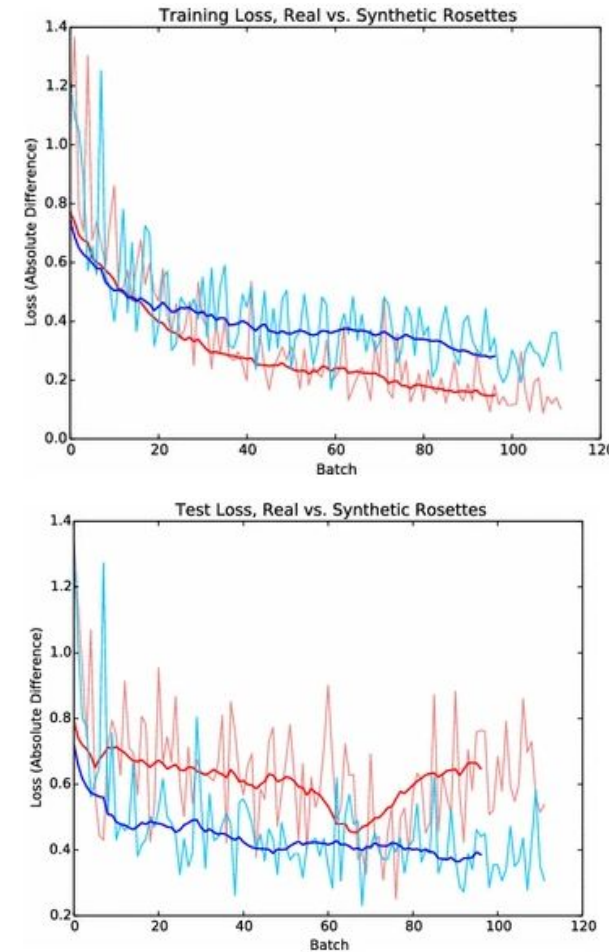
- Correlation-based inference of metabolic pathways from metabolite data sets
- Machine learning was deployed
- Identification of the most important features



Combined correlation-based network analysis and machine learning workflow. The workflow of the current study: **a** Metabolic pathways were gathered from existing repositories. In parallel, correlation-based networks of metabolites were constructed for the tissue of the organism of interest (here, the tomato pericarp). In addition, a vector of features was engineered based on network properties. **b** Metabolic pathways with partial to full coverage in the correlation networks were mapped to the networks. Each pathway was considered as a single instance. Training and test sets were proposed based on the existence of the pathways in the tomato. **c** A set of features was computed for each instance in the training set (for the current study 148 * 3 networks = 444 features in total). **d** The training set was used to generate different ML models. **e** The model that generated the best performance measures (the AUC) was selected. The ML model was validated *in silico* using cross-validation. **f** Test set instances were mapped onto the networks with subsequent feature computation. The proposed ML model was used to predict the potential existence of unidentified pathways in the tomato pericarp.

Leaf counting

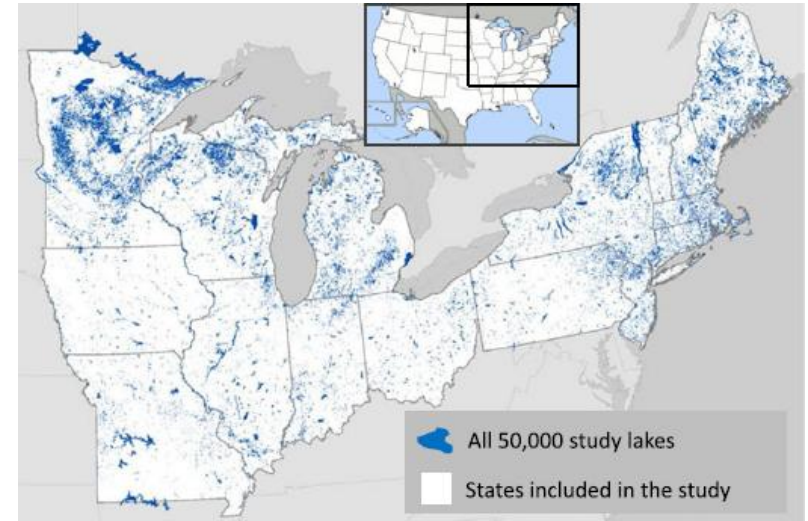
- Automatic leaf counting in rosette plants
- Deep convolutional neural networks require large and diverse data sets for optimization
- Synthetic plants are proposed as an alternative



Ubbens, et al., 2018: 10.1186/s13007-018-0273-z

LAGOS: Ecology database

- LAGOS = LAke multi-scaled GeOSpatial and temporal database
- Combination of site-based ecosystem datasets with national geospatial datasets
- Best practice example for lake related data sets covering about 50,000 lakes
- 100 individual datasets about water quality



Time for questions!

Questions

1. What are the advantages/disadvantages of reuse?
2. How can you assess the quality of RNA-seq data sets?
3. How to filter GBIF data sets?
4. How can you cite data sets?
5. Which studies used existing data sets to gain novel insights?