

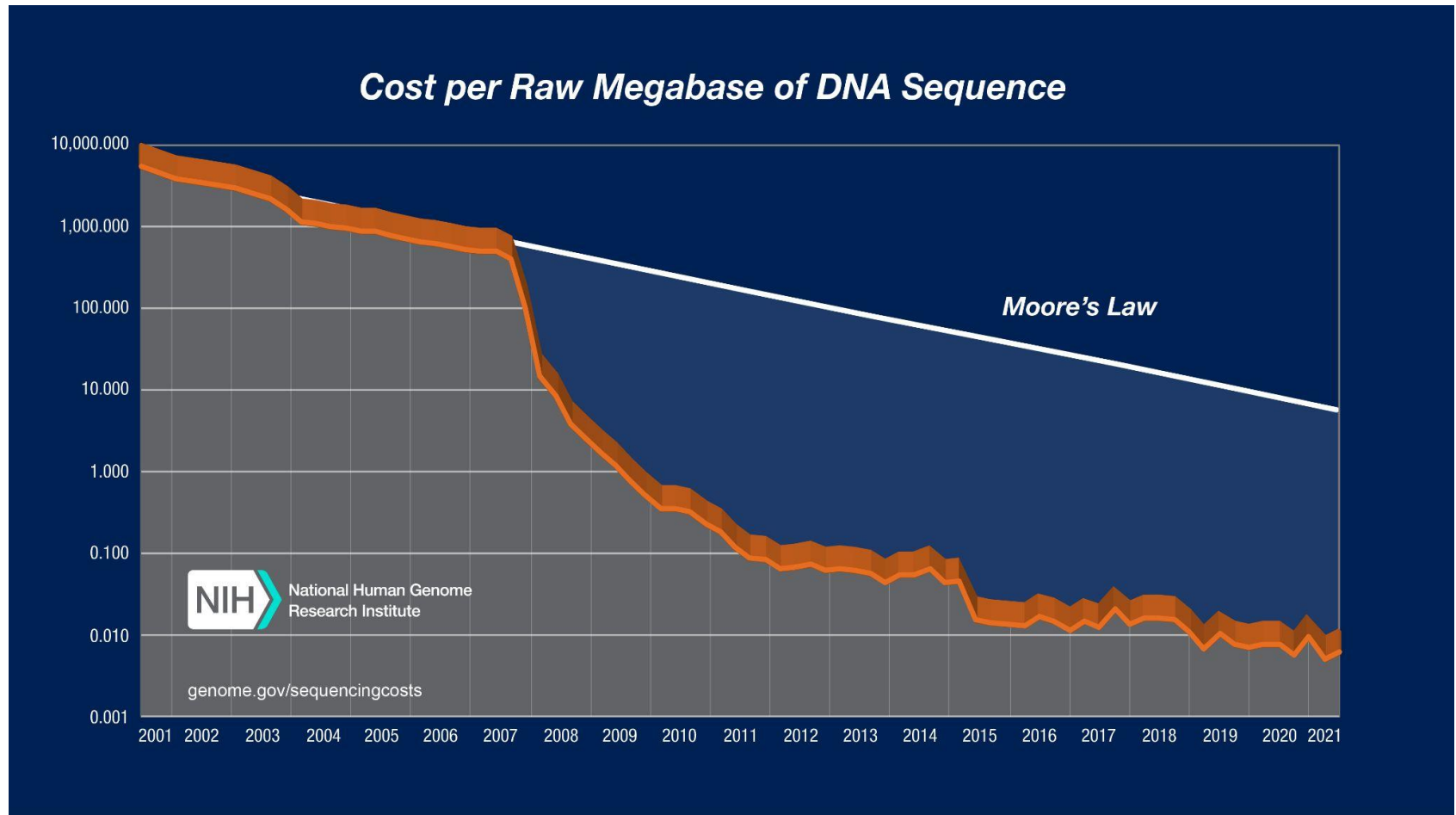
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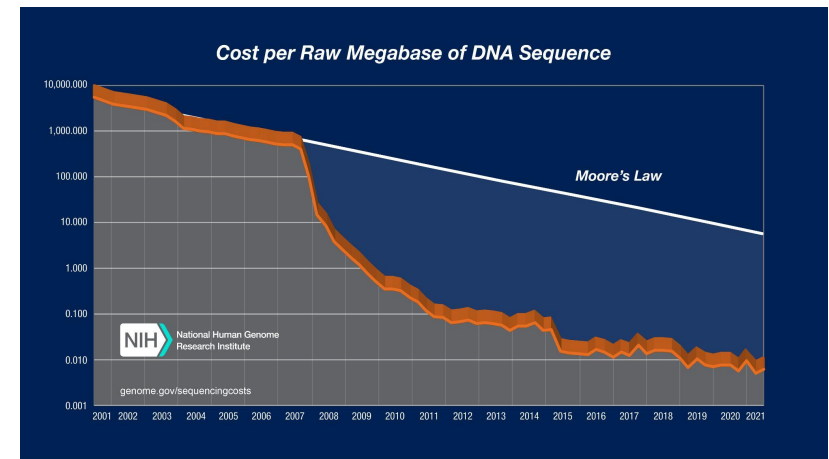
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# 'Big Data'



# Reasons for growth of databases

- Data generation costs are dropping
  - Rapid sequencing technology development
  - Resolution of pictures is increasing
  - Robotics supports data acquisition
- Data storage capacities are increasing
- Potential of data reuse is recognized



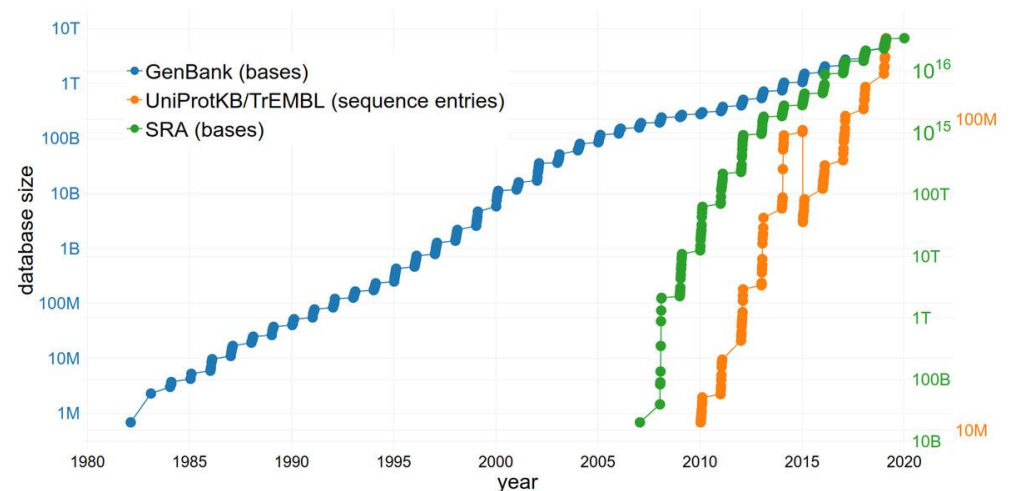
# What is Data Literacy?

# Data Literacy

- ‘Competency to handle data properly’
- ‘Read, understand, create, communicate data as information’ (wikipedia)

# Why is Data Literacy important?

- We live in a world of data: important for science, business, and society
- Objective: data informed decision making
- Sizes and complexity of data sets are increasing ('BigData')
- Data is accumulating over time



Sielemann et al., 2020: 10.7717/peerj.9954

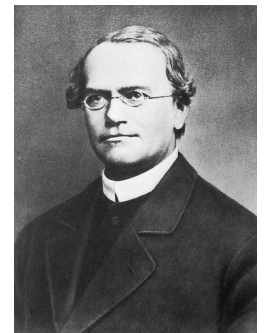
# Why is Data Literacy important for you?

- Data (interpretation) is valuable
- Data scientists are needed
- Combination of different fields is particularly powerful




# More definitions

- Data: collection of observations
  - 2020: 312 red flowers; 95 white flowers
  - 2021: 298 red flowers; 98 white flowers
- Knowledge: accumulation of facts and data
  - Ratio of red flowers to white flowers is 3:1
- Insights: grasping the underlying nature of knowledge; understanding general concepts
  - Flower color has a genetic basis
  - Red flower allele dominant over white flower allele



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### Apiaceae *FNS I* originated from *F3H* through tandem gene duplication

Boas Pucker, Massimo Iorizzo  
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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.

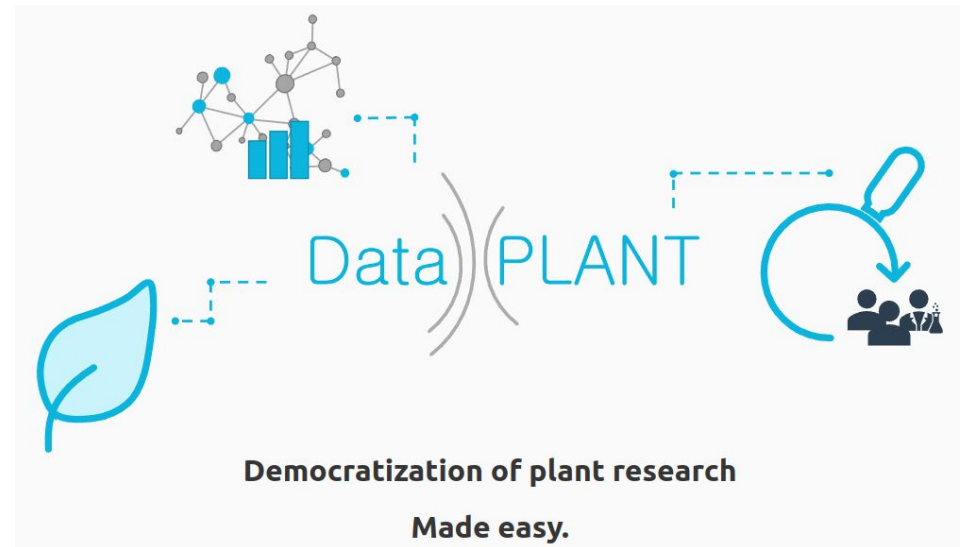
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# Data management

- Larger data sets require more efficient data management
- Data management plans required in project proposals
- Many services and organizations emerging (NFDI)



<https://nfdi4plants.de/>

# Data protection and data security

- Data protection is becoming a huge issue in the EU
- Avoid any personal data in your research data sets
- Data security is gaining relevance
- German universities are frequently attacked:
  - Gießen (2019): offline for weeks + 1.7 million direct costs
  - HHU Düsseldorf (2020): ransom attack on clinic
  - Bochum, Dresden, Freiburg, Berlin

# Electronic Laboratory Notebooks (ELN)

- Links between data sets and documentation
- Avoids repetitive documentation (copy&paste); version control
- Automatic search
- No issues with handwriting
- Quick and regular backups possible
- Accessible from everywhere
- Collaborative

# Technical solutions for electronic lab notebooks

- Simple wiki page
- Dedicated systems developed by research institutions
  - GABI-Kat LIMS
  - Chemotion
  - e!DAL
  - gitlab
- Commercial offers
  - Benchling
  - Dotmatic's
  - Signals Notebook (Perkin Elmer)
  - LabArchives

# Example: wiki









- Electronic lab notebook for collaborative learning
- iGEM wiki to document team projects
- Github wiki to document tools

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# \*\*Collection of papers about genome-wide MYB investigations\*\*

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Acanthaceae	<i>Avicennia marina</i>	white mangrove	185	1	[Pradhan <i>et al.</i>, 2021]( <a href="https://doi.org/10.3390/agronomy11010123">https://doi.org/10.3390/agronomy11010123</a> )	Genome Wide Identification and Analysis of the R2R3-MYB Transcription Factor Gene Family in the Mangrove <i>Avicennia marina</i>
Amorellaceae	<i>Amorella trichopoda</i>		56	52	[Du <i>et al.</i>, 2015]( <a href="https://doi.org/10.1038/srep11037">https://doi.org/10.1038/srep11037</a> )	The Evolutionary History of R2R3-MYB Proteins Across 50 Eukaryotes: New Insights Into Subfamily Classification and Expansion
Asteraceae	<i>Helianthus annuus</i>	sunflower			[Ahmad <i>et al.</i>, 2021]( <a href="https://doi.org/10.1016/j.sjbs.2021.06.009">https://doi.org/10.1016/j.sjbs.2021.06.009</a> )	Comparative genomic analysis of MYB transcription factors for cuticular wax biosynthesis and drought stress tolerance in <i>Helianthus annuus</i> L.
Bathycoccaceae	<i>Ostreococcus lucimarinus</i>		9	1	[Du <i>et al.</i>, 2013]( <a href="https://doi.org/10.1093/dnares/dst021">https://doi.org/10.1093/dnares/dst021</a> )	Genome-Wide Identification and Evolutionary and Expression Analyses of MYB-Related Genes in Land Plants
Bathycoccaceae	<i>Ostreococcus tauri</i>		12	1	[Du <i>et al.</i>, 2013]( <a href="https://doi.org/10.1093/dnares/dst021">https://doi.org/10.1093/dnares/dst021</a> )	Genome-Wide Identification and Evolutionary and Expression Analyses of MYB-Related Genes in Land Plants

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# Notebook

2019-04-15 - 2019-04-21

Plasmids pTXB1 and BBa\_I746909 streaked out on agar plates

2019-04-22 - 2019-04-28

Chemical transformation


Overnight cultures to purify plasmid-DNA

Plasmid isolation

2019-04-29 - 2019-05-05

Generation of mCherry-fragments, gel extraction

2019-05-06 - 2019-05-12

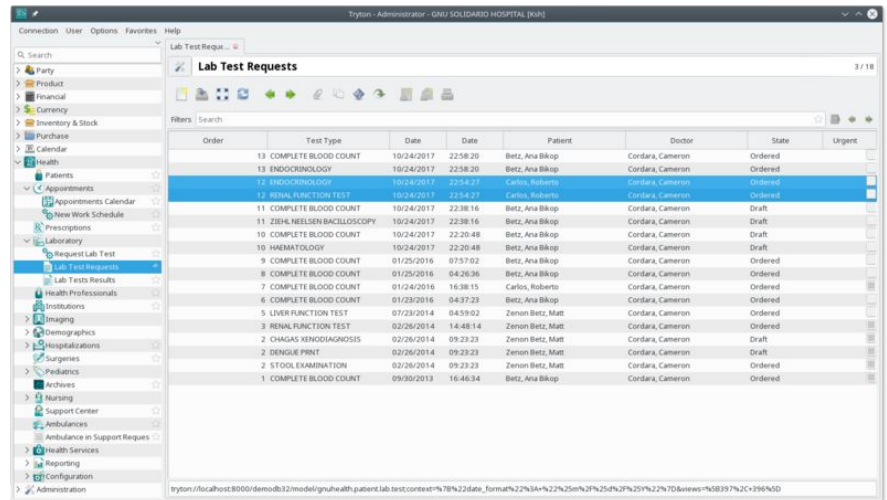
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<https://2019.igem.org/Team:Bielefeld-CeBiTec/Notebook>  
<https://github.com/bpucker/MybMonday/wiki>

# Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS)

- Workflows are represented and samples are tracked
- Information are linked between analysis
- Different levels of permissions/access
- Examples:
  - Handle a collection of T-DNA insertion lines (GABI-Kat)
  - Manage all samples submitted for sequencing
  - Manage all oligonucleotide orders



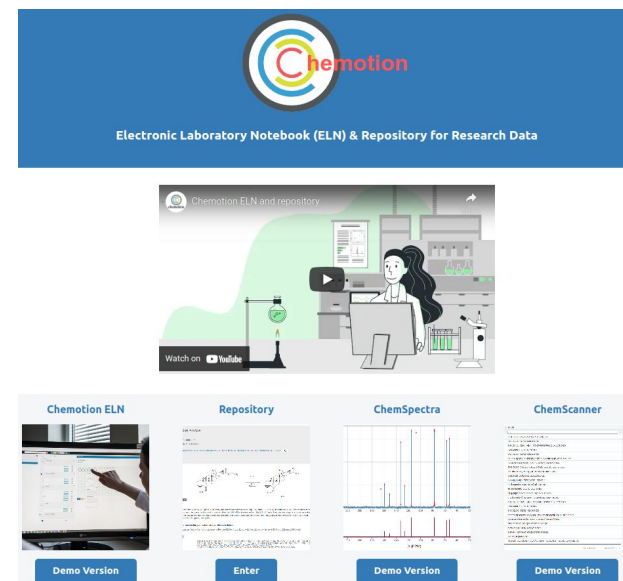
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8	COMPLETE BLOOD COUNT	01/25/2016	04:26:36	Betz, Ana Bikop	Cordara, Cameron	Ordered	
7	COMPLETE BLOOD COUNT	01/24/2016	16:38:15	Carlos, Roberto	Cordara, Cameron	Ordered	
6	COMPLETE BLOOD COUNT	01/23/2016	04:37:23	Betz, Ana Bikop	Cordara, Cameron	Ordered	
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2	GENEAL PRINT	02/26/2014	09:23:23	Zenon Betz, Matt	Cordara, Cameron	Draft	
2	STOOL EXAMINATION	02/26/2014	09:23:23	Zenon Betz, Matt	Cordara, Cameron	Ordered	
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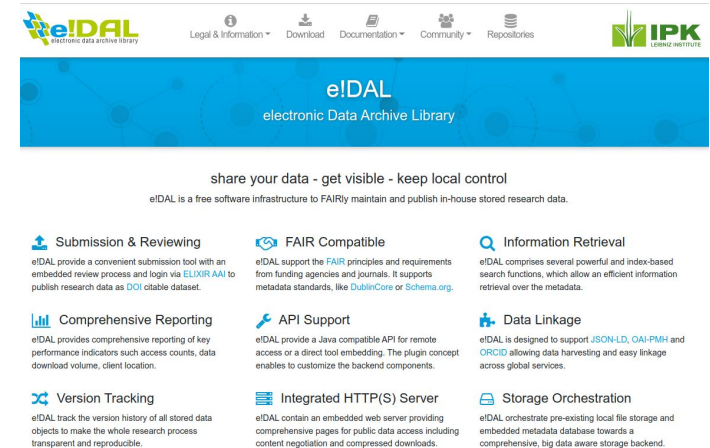
# Example: Chemotion

- Research data management tool for chemists
- Electronic Laboratory Notebook (ELN)
- Repository for research data (easy transfer from ELN)
- DOIs are assigned to datasets and protocols



# Example: e!DAL

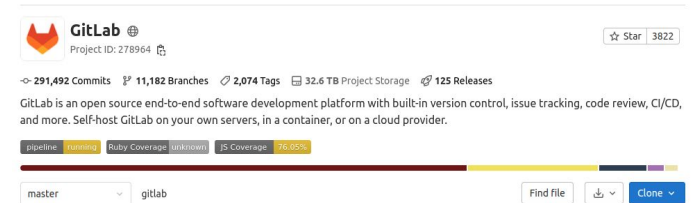
- Maintained at IPK; supported by de.NBI
- DOIs are assigned to submitted data sets
- Reporting about access statistics
- Version tracking
- FAIR compatible and data linkage



<https://edal.ipk-gatersleben.de/>

# Example: gitlab

- Free version control solution
- Can be used for software development, but also suitable as ELN
- GITZ offers a central service at TUBS:  
<https://doku.rz.tu-bs.de/doku.php?id=server:gitlab>
- Non-commercial alternative to github



<https://gitlab.com/gitlab-org/gitlab>

## Gitlab

Es existiert eine zentrale Gitlab Installation für die Nutzung durch alle TU Mitarbeitenden und Studierenden, erreichbar unter der URL [git.rz.tu-bs.de](https://git.rz.tu-bs.de).

- Zentrales Gitlab der TU Braunschweig
- Gitlab User Documentation

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# Example: Benchling

- Cloud-based platform for biotechnology
- Templates for documentations
- Convenient to use
- Compatible with various platforms
- Suitable for certified processes

# Lab 4.0: digital lab for higher efficiency

- Connection of lab and analysis processes
- Data from different instruments are synchronized through a cloud
  - Values and pictures are directly inserted into the lab book
- Automation of processes (robotics)
  - Pipetting robot for large scale sample processing
  - Automatic phenotyping facilities
- Samples are labeled with barcodes
  - Barcodes and scanning avoid human errors
  - Can also prevent fraud

# Summary: data is everywhere

- Size of data sets is growing
- More sophisticated data collection methods
- Databases enable dissemination/reuse
- Electronic documentation
- Digitalization makes processes more efficient

# Course challenge

# What causes the color difference?





# Previous knowledge?

- Are there previous reports of similar observations? (internet search)
- Are there publications about possible explanations? (literature search)
- Are there data sets that could be helpful for a study? (re-use)



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http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2164/13/1



RESEARCH ARTICLE

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**Comprehensive transcriptome analysis reveals novel genes involved in cardiac glycoside biosynthesis and miRNAs associated with secondary metabolism and stress response in *Digitalis purpurea***

Bio Wu, Ying Li, Huihui Yan, Yimin Mai, Hongmei Luo, Lichai Yuan, Shilin Chen and Shurui Lu\*

## Abstract

**Background:** *Digitalis purpurea* is an important ornamental and medicinal plant. There is considerable interest in studying its transcriptome.  
**Results:** Through high-throughput 454 sequencing and subsequent assembly, we obtained 23532 genes, of which 1836 include conserved proteins. We determined 181 genes to be candidates involved in cardiac glycoside biosynthesis. It could be grouped into 10 families, of which 29 were identified for the first time in *D. purpurea*. We identified 260 miRNAs for specific miRNAs candidates, an emerging class of regulators, using a computational miRNA identification pipeline and 13 miRNAs-producing sequences based on sequence conservation and hairpin structure-forming capability. Twenty-five protein-coding sequences were predicted to be targets of these miRNAs. Among the miRNA candidates, only 122 could be grouped into 140 families with at least two members in a family. The majority of *D. purpurea* miRNAs were species-specific, and many of them showed tissue-specific expression and responded to cold and dehydration stresses. We identified 417 protein-coding genes with regions significantly homologous to complementary to 35 miRNAs. It includes five genes involved in secondary metabolism. A positive correlation was found in gene expression between protein-coding genes and the homologous miRNAs in response to cold and dehydration stresses, while the correlation was negative when protein-coding genes and miRNAs were complementary to each other.  
**Conclusions:** Through comprehensive transcriptome analysis, we not only identified 26 novel gene families potentially involved in the biosynthesis of cardiac glycosides but also characterized a large number of miRNAs. Our results suggest the importance of miRNAs in secondary metabolism and stress response in *D. purpurea*.

## Background

*Digitalis purpurea* L. (common foxglove, purple foxglove or lady's glove) is an herbaceous biennial flowering plant species. It is native to Europe and has been widely introduced into other parts of the world. Now, this plant becomes naturalized in many countries, such as China, Canada, USA, and New Zealand [1]. *D. purpurea* is toxic, it has a high medical value in the therapy of congestive heart failure, particularly atherosclerosis for over 200 years [2]. Many patients benefited from the use of this plant and its extracts. The most active compounds of *D. purpurea* are cardiac glycosides (cardenolides), which are a group of cardiac active agents with the ability to stabilize the flower color varies from purple to pink, red, white or yellow. Because of the showy flowers, *D. purpurea* has an ornamental value and is cultivated world widely. However, this plant is highly poisonous to humans and may be fatal if ingested, so it is suggested to be handled from the table [2,3]. Although *D. purpurea* is toxic, it has a high medical value in the therapy of congestive heart failure, particularly atherosclerosis for over 200 years [2]. Many patients benefited from the use of this plant and its extracts. The most active compounds of *D. purpurea* are cardiac glycosides (cardenolides), which are a group of cardiac active agents with the ability to stabilize

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# Hypotheses

- Research should be driven by hypothesis (hypothesis testing)
- Hypothesis must be specific and falsifiable
- Proofing hypothesis right is not possible
- Rejecting a hypothesis if possible based on contradicting evidence
- Different hypothesis must not be mutually exclusive

# Example: hypotheses

- pH value of the soil is responsible for the color
- Presence of metal ions in the soil is responsible
- Genetic factors determines the color
- Pollination status determines the color
- Plants belong to different species

# What do we need to test a hypothesis?

- Example: genetic factor determines the color difference
- Genome sequence (long read sequencing & assembly)
- Structural annotation of the genome sequence (gene prediction)
- Functional annotation of the genes (function prediction)
- Data sets to compare white and red flowering plants (read mapping & variant calling)
- Analysis of gene activity (RNA-seq, data re-use)

# Disseminate findings and data

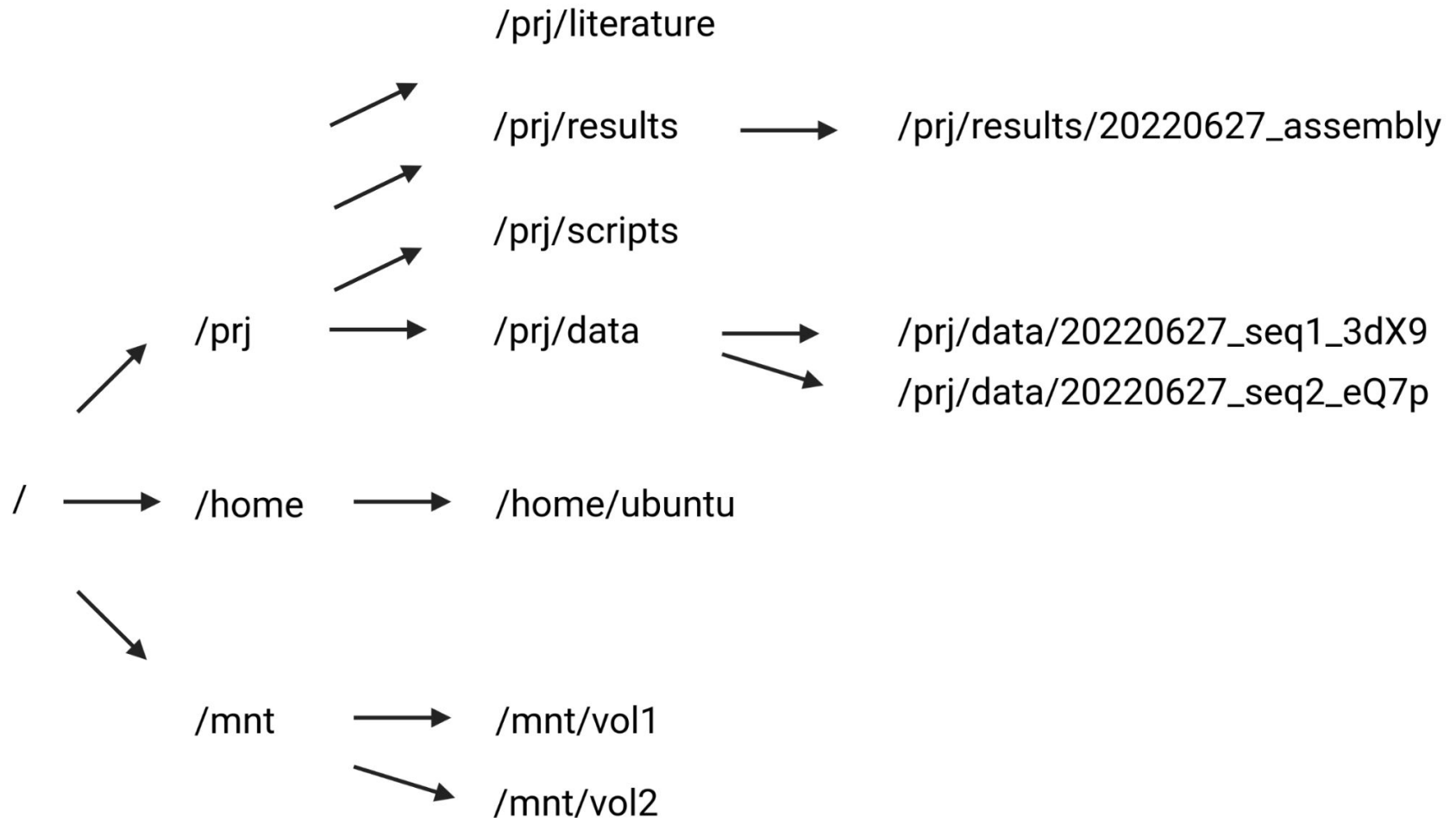
- Submit data sets to appropriate repository
- Share documentation and scripts developed for analyses
- Share findings through talks, posters, or publications

# Data management tipps

# How to structure your data?

- Document every step (e.g. in a README)
  - Origin of data sets; versions of tools, parameters of analyses
- Keep raw data sets separated from scripts and results
- Sort data by project
- Structure analysis related data sets/results by date

# Example: Linux file system





# Naming files

- File names should be informative
- Never use 'new' or 'final'; use version numbers instead
- Use date as file name prefix (e.g. 2022-06-27 or 20220627)
- Never use spaces in file or folder names (underscore or minus as replacement)
- Include your initials as suffix in collaborative projects

# Documentation

- Document as much as possible
- Others must be able to repeat your experiments/analyses
- Document dates of data acquisition and processing
- Document all steps of data processing
- Document versions and parameters of applied tools

# de.NBI cloud

- Virtual machine (VM) for data analysis
- Accounts are required for access (ORCID or TUBS SSO for login)
- Addition to project required for access
- User create pair of private and public keys for authentication



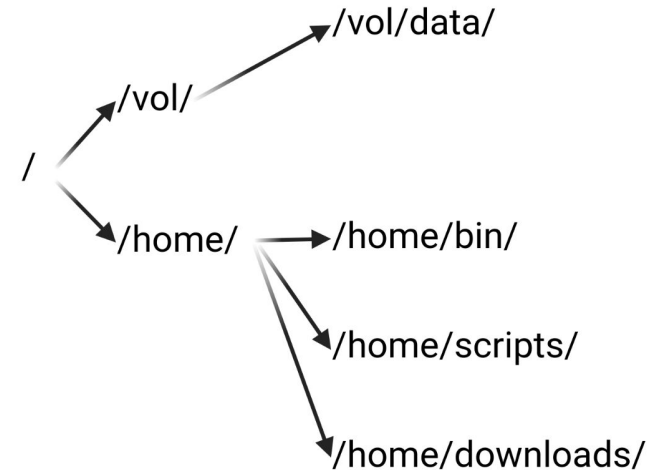
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# Transferring files

- Filezilla: graphical user interface for file transfer protocols
  - <https://filezilla-project.org/>
- Scp (secure copy): command line file transfer method
- Wget: command line file transfer method
  - [https://ftp.gnu.org/old-gnu/Manuals/wget-1.8.1/html\\_mono/wget.html](https://ftp.gnu.org/old-gnu/Manuals/wget-1.8.1/html_mono/wget.html)
- Rsync: sophisticated file transfer method that avoids redundant transfers
  - <https://wiki.ubuntuusers.de/rsync/>

# Linux system structure

- Linux (Ubuntu) is operation system of choice for bioinformatics
- Hierarchical structure of directory ('/' is basis)
- Separation of tool installation and data sets
- File naming conventions:
  - Never use spaces in file or directory names
  - Include dates in file names (year-month-day)
- Indicating commands with prefix '\$'



# Permissions

- Files can have different permissions:
  - Read (r)
  - Write (w)
  - Execute (x)
- Users have full permissions to edit their own files
- Downloaded files are usually not executable without adjustment
- `chmod XXX <FILE_NAME> ...` can be run to change file permissions

# Linux introduction (1)

Connection to virtual machine (VM):

```
$ ssh -i /path/to/private_key ubuntu@123.133.7.49 -p 1234  
(base) ubuntu@agilezuse-10552:~$
```

‘\$’ is used to indicate that following text needs to go into terminal

‘#’ indicates comment (should not be transferred into terminal)

Frequent issues:

- 1) Path to private key file not correct
- 2) Private key file too public

# Linux introduction (2)

- Moving through the folder structure:
  - `$ cd /full/path/to/folder` #change into specific folder
  - `$ cd subfolder` #change into subfolder
  - `$ cd ..` #change into parent directory
- Checking content of a folder:
  - `$ ls` #shows content of current folder
  - `$ ls -lh` #shows more details
  - `-l` triggers display of additional details
  - `-h` human readable
  - `-a` show also hidden files



# Running Python scripts

- Run script or open argument infos:
  - `$ python <SCRIPT_NAME>`
- Run script with arguments:
  - `$ python <SCRIPT_NAME> --argument1_name <ARGUMENT1> --argument2_name <ARGUMENT2>`
- Scripts show help message if started with insufficient arguments

```
python3 ./KIPes3.py --baits ./flavonoid_baits/ --positions  
./flavonoid_residues/ --out ./ --subject ./croton_red.fasta --seqtype pep --scoreratio 0.3 --simcut  
40.0 --minsim 0.4 --minres 0.0 --minreg 0.0 --possibilities 3 --cpus 1
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# Running other tools

- Show help message:
  - `$ <NAME_OF_TOOL>`
  - `$ <NAME_OF_TOOL> -h`
  - `$ <NAME_OF_TOOL> -- help`
- Providing arguments is different for each tool:
- Most tools show help message if provided with insufficient/wrong arguments

# Time for questions!

# Questions

1. What do you know about the growth of (sequence) databases?
2. What is Data Literacy?
3. Why is Data Literacy important?
4. Which properties has a hypothesis?
5. What are important considerations when naming files?
6. What needs to be documented?
7. What are advantages of an ELN?
8. What is LIMS?
9. What characterizes lab 4.0?