

Open (and Big) Data – the next challenge

Beyond dead trees: are publishers the problem or solution?

Scott Edmunds

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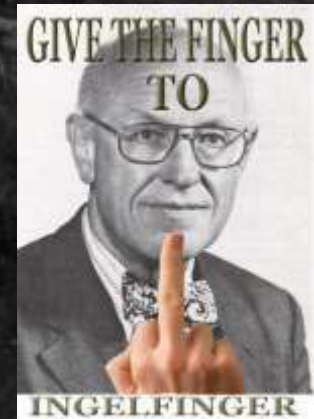
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The problems with publishing

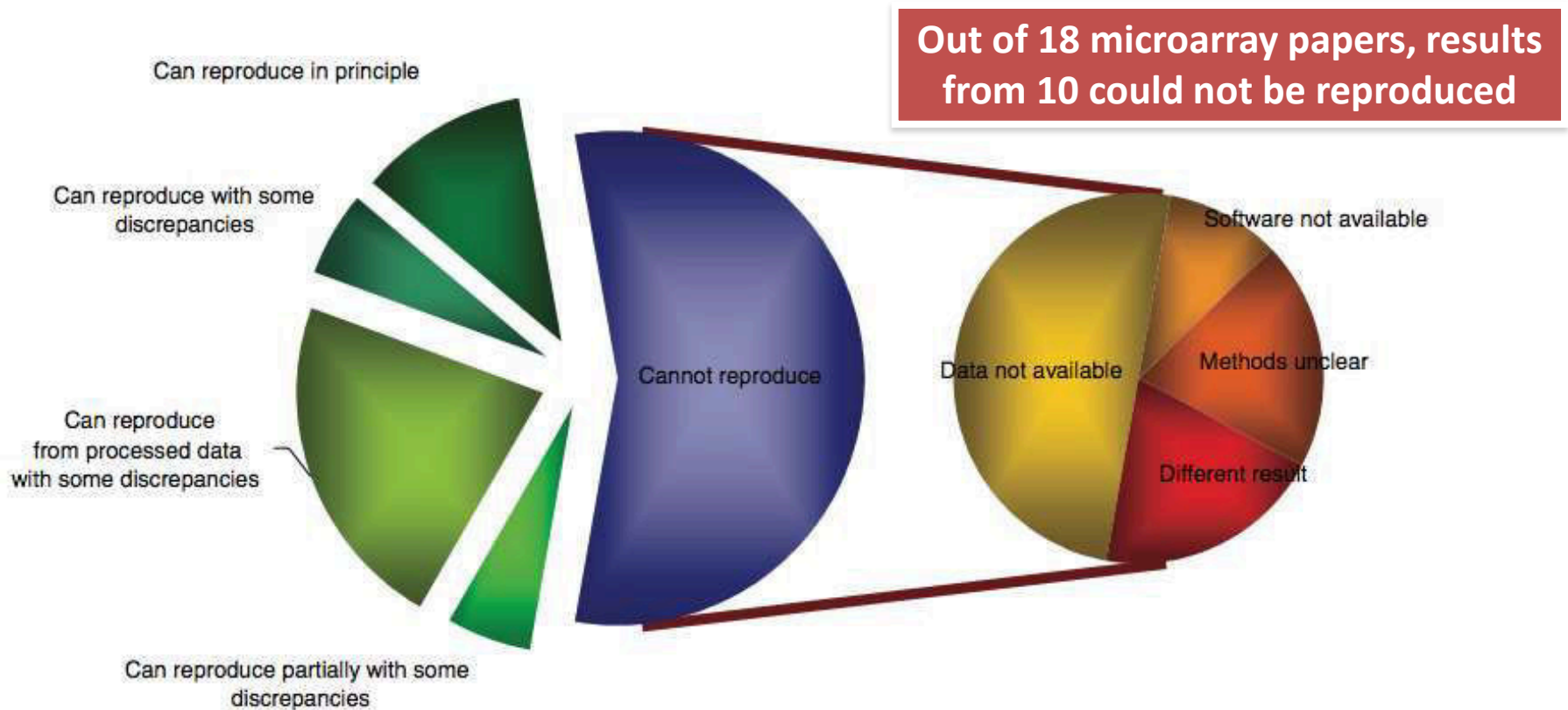
- Scholarly articles are merely advertisement of scholarship .
The actual scholarly artefacts, i.e. the data and computational methods, which support the scholarship, remain largely inaccessible --- *Jon B. Buckheit and David L. Donoho, WaveLab and reproducible research, 1995*
- Lack of transparency, lack of credit for anything other than “regular” dead tree publication.
- If there is interest in data, only to monetise & re-silo
- Traditional publishing policies and practices a hindrance

Things holding us back:

- Disincentives to share or communicate:
 - Ingelfinger*! Embargoes, anti preprint & early data release policies
 - Page/method/citation limits
- Disincentives to remix
 - Open source approaches = plagiarism?
- Disincentives to release more quickly/more granularly
 - “Salami Slicing”
- First 2 years of citation data the only currency
 - “Faddism” v long term use or reproducibility. Publication bias.



The consequences: growing replication gap



Essay

Why Most Published Research Findings Are False

John P. A. Ioannidis

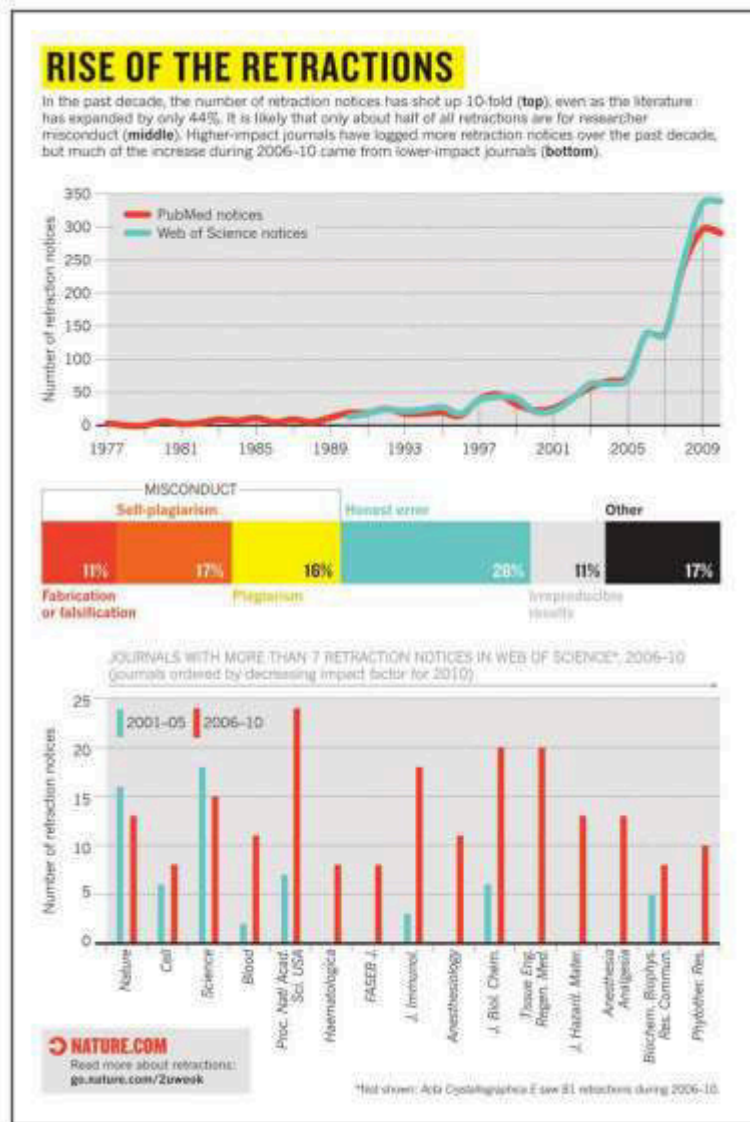


1. Ioannidis et al., (2009). Repeatability of published microarray gene expression analyses. *Nature Genetics* 41: 14
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Consequences: increasing number of retractions

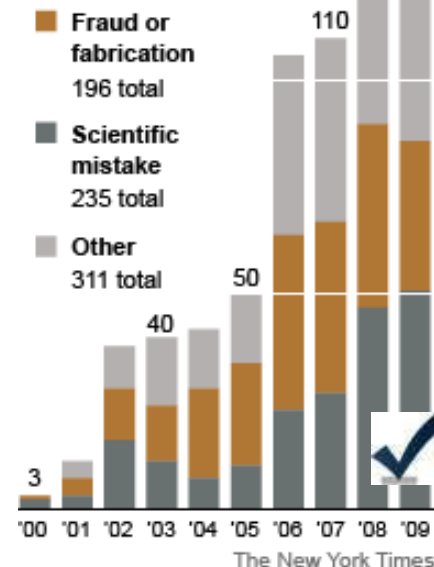
>15X increase in last decade

Strong correlation of “retraction index” with higher impact factor



Retractions On the Rise

A study of the PubMed database found that the number of articles retracted from scientific journals increased substantially between 2000 and 2009.



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RESEARCH ARTICLE

The New York Times

Global perceptions of Chinese Research

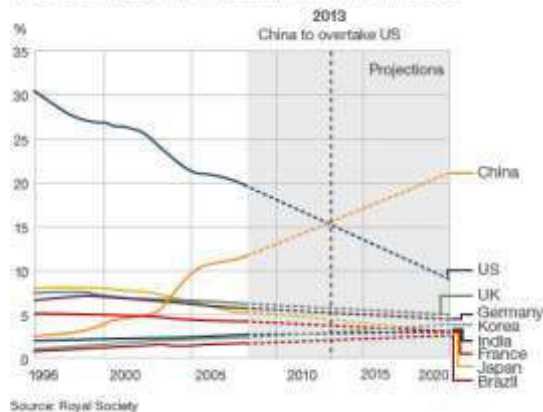
Million RMB rewards for high IF publications = ?



NewScientist

***“Faked
research is
endemic in
China”***

Projected growth in citations in scientific literature



China's Publication Bazaar

Science investigation has uncovered a smorgasbord of questionable practices including paying for author's slots on papers written by other scientists and buying papers from online brokers

nature 475, 267 (2011)
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**Focus on quality, not
just quantity**

China publishes huge amounts of scientific research. Now it must make more of it worth reading, says Changhui Peng.



Brawl in Beijing

Critics of Chinese researchers targeted in physical attacks.

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Fraud fighter: "Faked research is endemic in China"

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Shi-min Fang tells us how risking his life and libel writs to expose scientific misconduct in his native China has just won him the inaugural Maudsley prize

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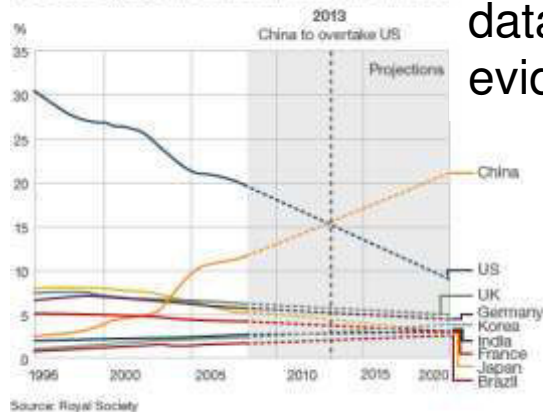
“Wide distribution of information is key to scientific progress, yet traditionally, Chinese scientists have not systematically released data or research findings, even after publication.”

“There have been widespread complaints from scientists inside and outside China about this lack of transparency.”

“Usually incomplete and unsystematic, [what little supporting data released] are of little value to researchers and there is evidence that this drives down a paper's citation numbers.”



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Issues not just in China...



Need:

- ...to publish protocols **BEFORE** analysis
- ...better access to supporting data
- ...more transparent & accountable review



PROTOCOL EXCHANGE | COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTED

Essential technical tips for STAP cell conversion culture from somatic cells

Haruko Obokata, Yoshiki Sasaki & Hitoshi Niwa

STAP Group RIKEN CDB

Protocol Exchange (2014) | doi:10.1038/protex.2014.008
Published online 5 March 2014

...to publish replication studies

Knoepfler Lab Stem Cell Blog

Building stem cell bridges

Nature Rejects Publication of Paper Reporting that STAP Does Not Work

Posted on **March 24, 2014**

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Transient acid treatment cannot induce neonatal somatic cells to become pluripotent stem cells [v1; ref status: indexed, <http://f1000r.es/3dqj>]

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New incentives/credit

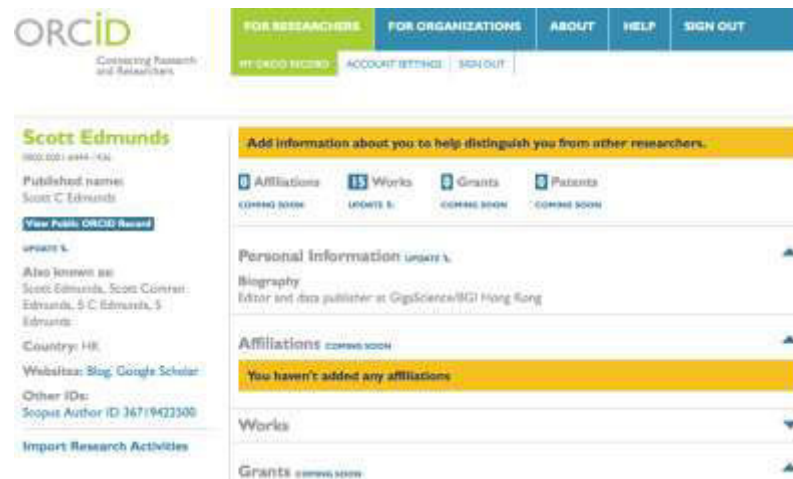
Credit where credit is overdue:

“One option would be to provide researchers who release data to public repositories with a means of accreditation.”

“An ability to search the literature for all online papers that used a particular data set would enable appropriate attribution for those who share. “

Nature Biotechnology **27**, 579 (2009)

- Data
 - Software
 - Review
 - Re-use...
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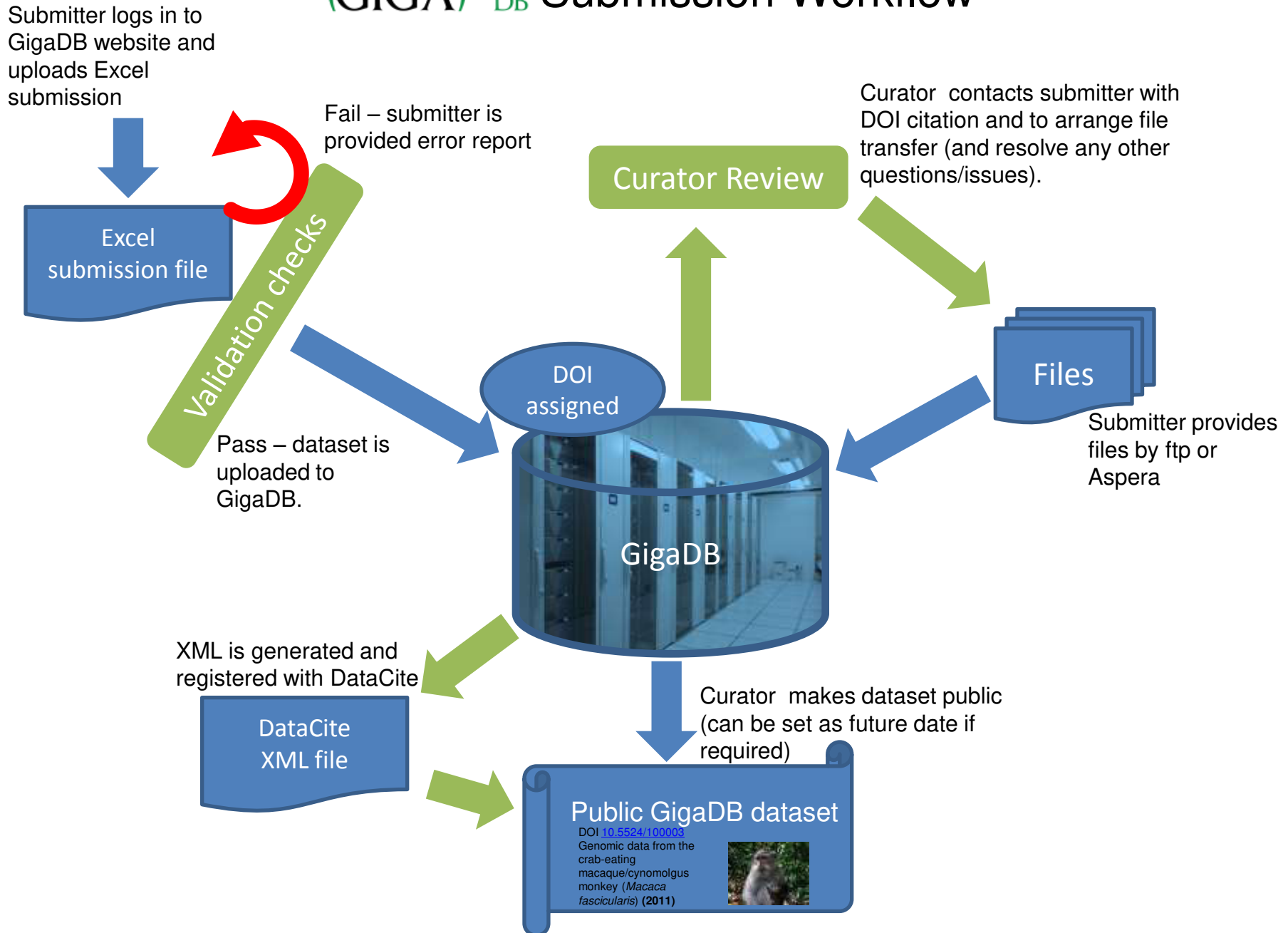
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Beneficiaries of this open data?



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Rice 3K project: 3,000 rice genomes, 13.4TB public data

3K RGP. *GigaScience* 2014, 3:7.
<http://www.giga-science.org/content/3/1/7>

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DATA NOTE

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The 3,000 rice genomes project

The 3,000 rice genomes project^{1,2,3*}

Abstract

Background: Rice, *Oryza sativa* L., is the staple food for half the world's population. By 2030, the production of rice must increase by at least 23% in order to keep up with global population growth and demand. Accelerated genetic gains in rice improvement are needed to mitigate the effects of climate change and loss of arable land, as well as to ensure a stable global food supply.

Findings: We resequenced a core collection of 3,000 rice accessions from 89 countries. All 3,000 genomes had an average sequencing depth of 74x, with average genome coverages and mapping rates of 94.0% and 92.3%, respectively. From our sequencing efforts, approximately 185 million single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) in rice were discovered when aligned to the reference genome of the temperate japonica variety, Nipponbare. Phylogenetic analyses based on SNP data confirmed differentiation of the *O. sativa* gene pool into 5 varietal groups – indica, aus/boro, basmati/fragrant, tropical japonica and temperate japonica.

Conclusions: Here, we report an international resequencing effort of 3,000 rice genomes. This data serves as a foundation for large-scale discovery of novel alleles for important rice phenotypes using various bioinformatics and/or genetic approaches. It also serves to understand the genomic diversity within *O. sativa* at a higher level of detail. With the release of the sequencing data, the project calls for the global rice community to take advantage of this data as a foundation for establishing a global, public rice genetic/genomic database and information platform for advancing rice breeding technology for future rice improvement.

Keywords: *Oryza sativa*, Genetic resources, Genome diversity, Sequence variants, Next generation sequencing

Data description

Purpose of data acquisition

For much of the world's poor, rice (*O. sativa* L.) is the cereal that provides the majority of daily calories in their staple diet. Rice is also known for its tremendous within-species genetic diversity and varietal group differentiation [1,2]. Rice productivity has more than doubled in recent decades, resulting primarily from the Green Revolution and continued breeding efforts since the 1960s. However, in order to meet the demands imposed by the projected increase in global population, the world's rice production has to increase by 25% or more by 2030 [3]. This increase has to be achieved under less

land, less water and under more severe environmental stresses due to climate change. Thus, accelerated genetic gains are needed in the next few decades to improve yield potential and stability, and grain quality of rice. This requires more complete knowledge of the genetic diversity in the *O. sativa* gene pool, associations of diverse alleles with important rice traits, and systematic exploitation of this rich genetic diversity by integrating knowledge-based tools into rice improvement using innovative breeding strategies [4-6].

To date, a few studies on rice have been undertaken to discover allelic variants through next generation sequencing (NGS) [7-9]. Unfortunately, these studies have been unable to provide a complete picture of the total genetic diversity within the *O. sativa* gene pool, due to either the small sample size of sequenced accessions [7], or the low-coverage sequencing depth of the genomes [8,9]. Here, we report an international effort to extend significantly our understanding of the total genetic diversity within the *O. sativa* gene pool by re-sequencing 3,000 *O. sativa* genomes using Illumina-based NGS. Our

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The Rice 3000 Genomes Project Data.

The 3000 Rice Genomes Project (2014): The Rice 3000 Genomes Project Data. <http://data.giga-science.org/10.5554/00000001> [RIS](#) [PubMed](#) [Twitter](#)

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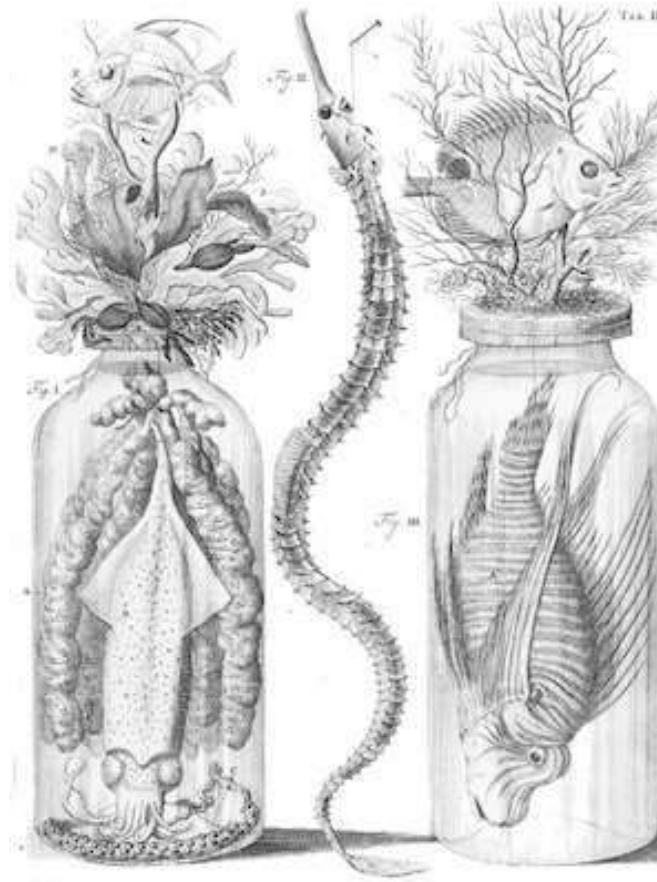
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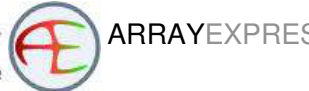
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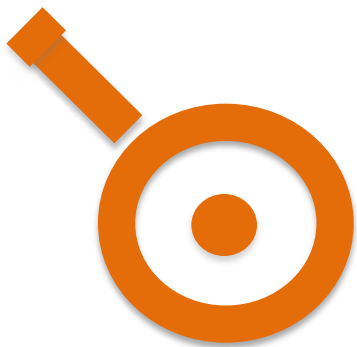
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Peering into peer-review at *GigaScience*

Scott C Edmunds

Abstract

Fostering and promoting more open and transparent science is one of the goals of *GigaScience*. One of the ways we have been doing this is by throwing light on the peer-review process and carrying out open peer-review as standard. In this editorial, we provide our rationale for undertaking this policy, give examples of our positive experiences to date, and encourage others to open up the normally opaque publication process.

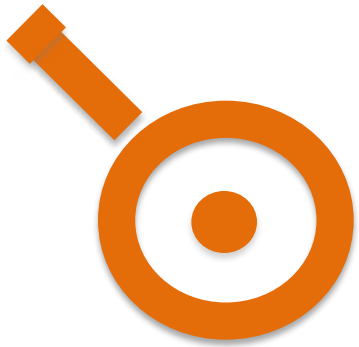


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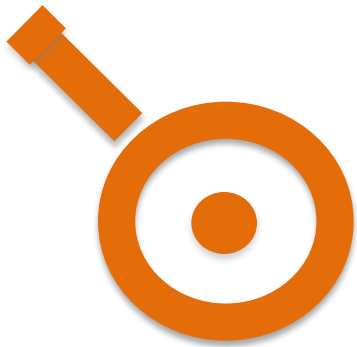
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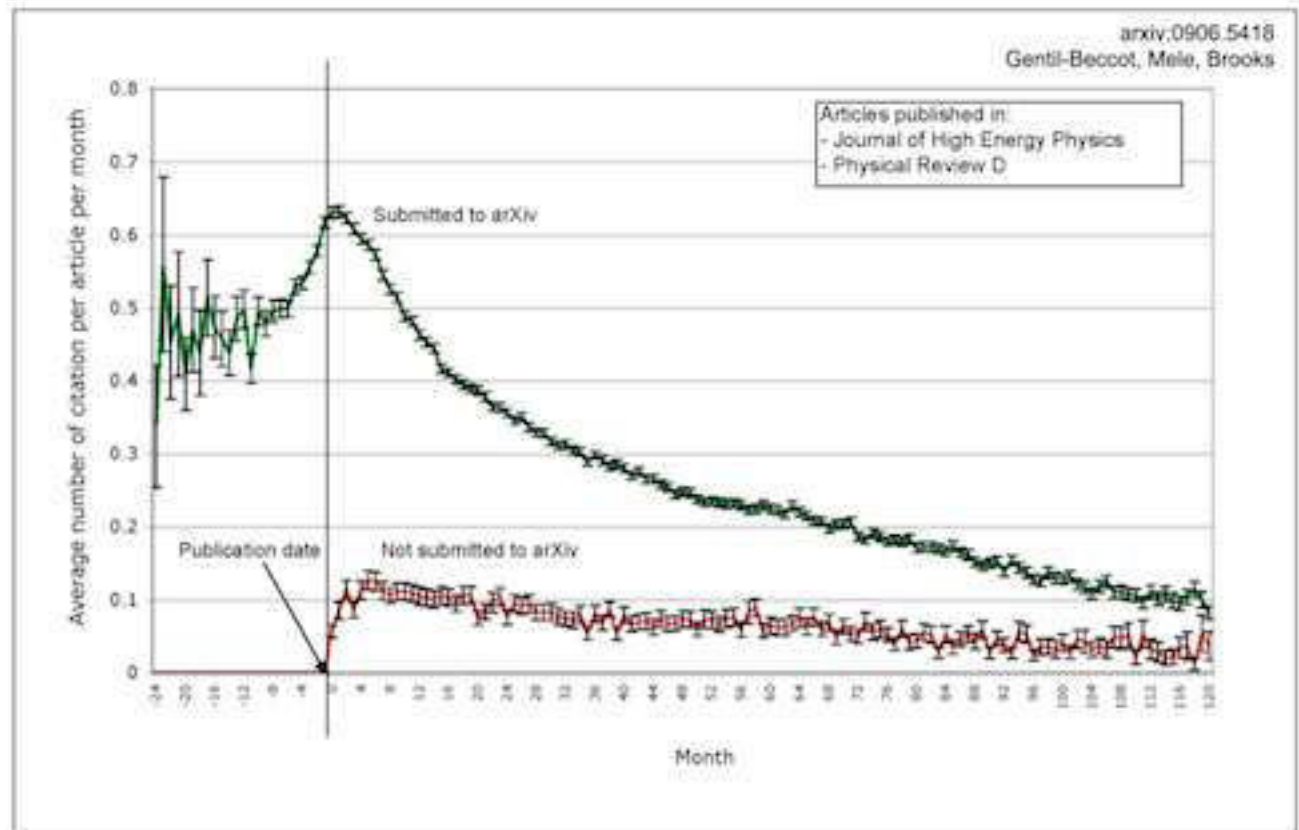


New & more transparent peer-review: pre-prints



Haldane's Sieve

Discussing preprints in population and evolutionary genetics





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Real-time open-review = paper in arXiv + blogged reviews

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Feedback and analysis of the Assemblathon 2 pre-print

There has already been some discussion of the [pre-print](#) of the Assemblathon 2 manuscript. Although a pre-print is not the same thing as a peer-reviewed, accepted paper — I don't want us to get too ahead of ourselves! — I thought it useful to start collecting together some of the online commentaries:

- [Homologus blog post 1](#): highlights a few conclusions from the paper
- [Homologus blog post 2](#): delves into the results, and attempts to estimate some of the costs of genome assembly. Assemblathon co-author Sébastien Boisvert adds some useful comments.
- [Haldane's Sieve post](#): an invited blog post by lead author Keith Bradnam, that summarizes what the Assemblathons are all about by way of a pizza-themed analogy
- [Reevaluating Assembly Evaluations with Feature Response Curves: GAGE and Assemblathons](#): this is not a blog post, but a recently published paper that evaluates some of the Assemblathon 2 data
- [Thoughts on the Assemblathon 2 paper](#): by C. Titus Brown (a reviewer of the manuscript)
- [Homologus blog post 3](#): reactions to the previous post by C. Titus Brown
- [Assemblathon 2 review, round 1, parts thereof](#): a concise version of C. Titus Brown's formal manuscript review (minus the specific suggestions)
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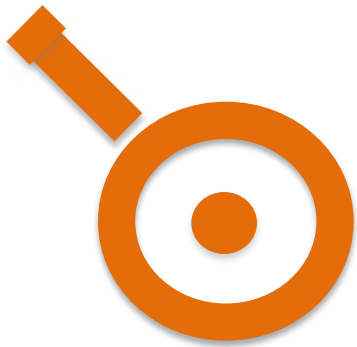
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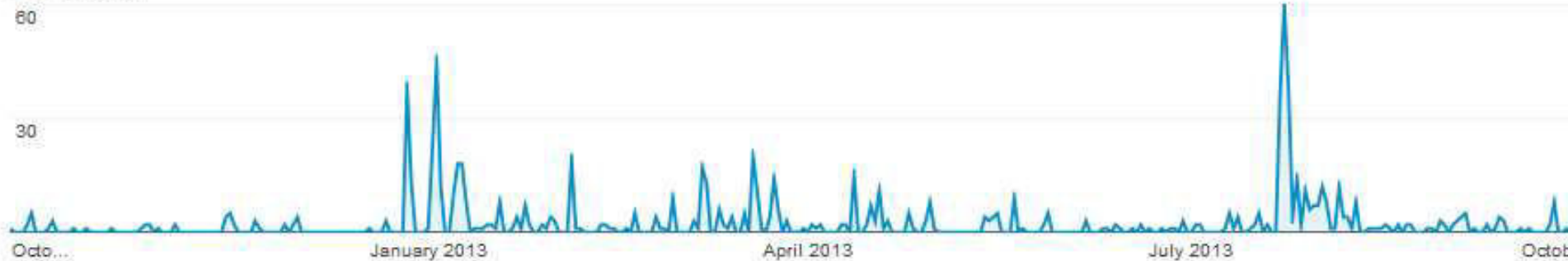


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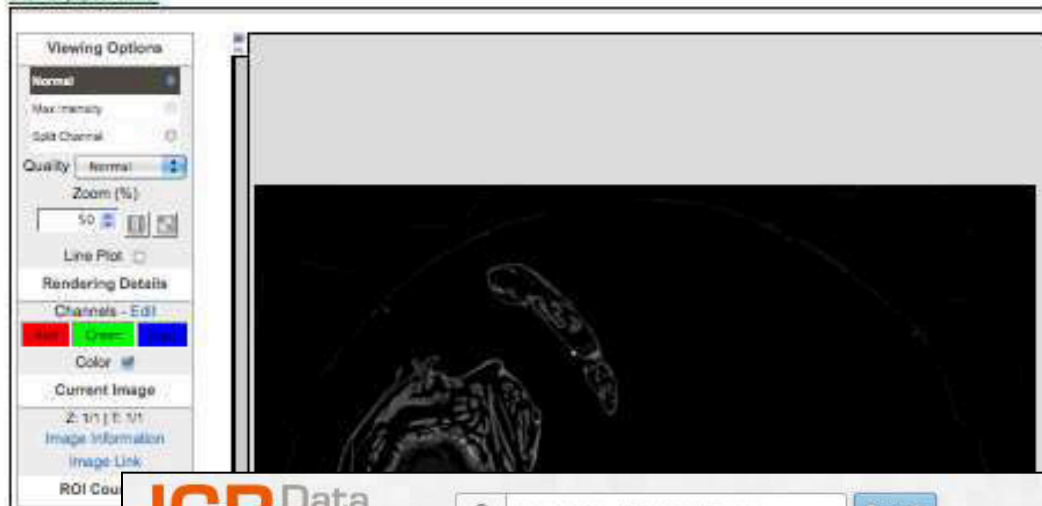
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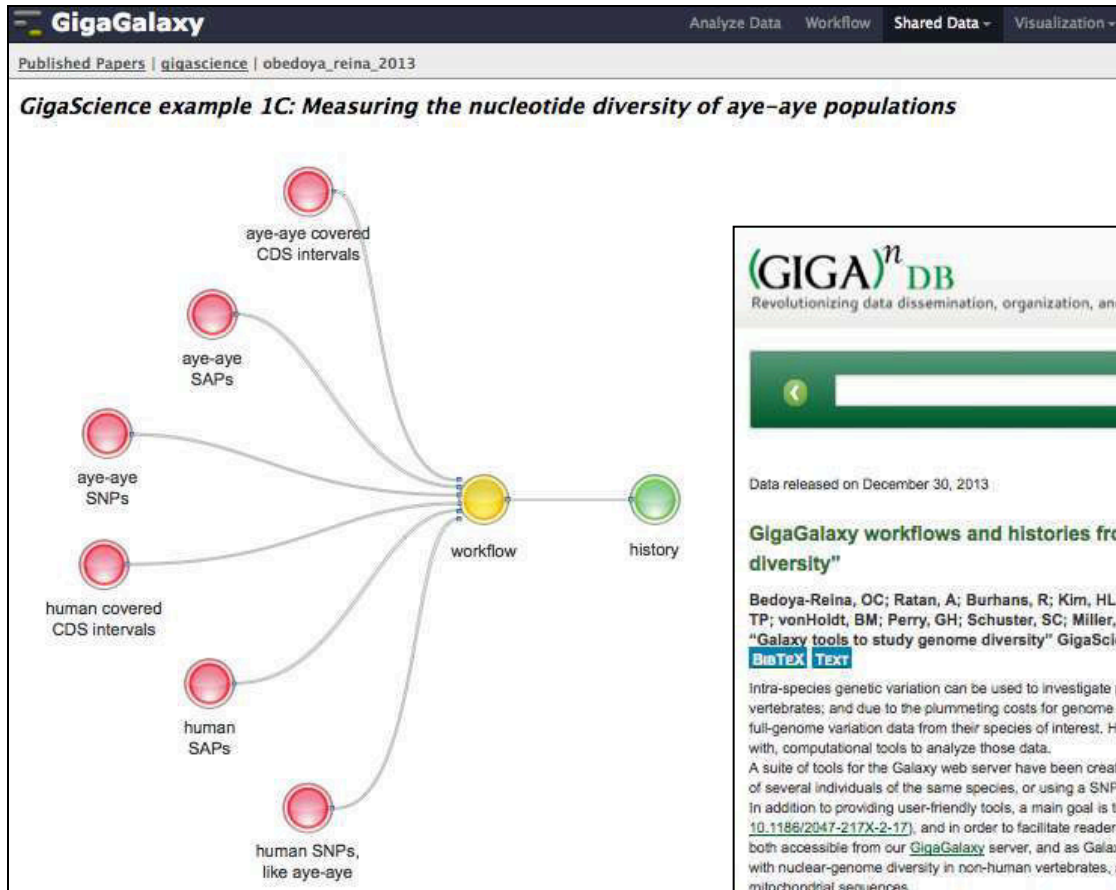
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GigaGalaxy workflows and histories from “Galaxy tools to study genome diversity”

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Intra-species genetic variation can be used to investigate population structure, selection, and gene flow in non-model vertebrates; and due to the plummeting costs for genome sequencing, it is now possible for small labs to obtain full-genome variation data from their species of interest. However, those labs may not have easy access to, and familiarity with, computational tools to analyze those data.

A suite of tools for the Galaxy web server have been created aimed at handling nucleotide and amino-acid polymorphisms discovered by full-genome sequencing of several individuals of the same species, or using a SNP genotyping microarray.

In addition to providing user-friendly tools, a main goal is to make published analyses reproducible. These tools are presented in a GigaScience publication (doi: [10.1186/2047-217X-2-17](https://doi.org/10.1186/2047-217X-2-17)), and in order to facilitate readers to repeat and recreate the examples given in the paper, we present here the pipelines and histories, both accessible from our [GigaGalaxy](#) server, and as Galaxy XML files available to download. The five workflows included relate to examples in the paper dealing with nuclear-genome diversity in non-human vertebrates, and also illustrate the application of the tools to fungal genomes, human biomedical data, and mitochondrial sequences.

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SOAPdenovo2: an empirically improved memory-efficient short-read *de novo* assembler

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Abstract

Background: There is a rapidly increasing amount of *de novo* genome assembly using next-generation sequencing (NGS) short reads; however, several big challenges remain to be overcome in order for this to be efficient and accurate. SOAPdenovo has been successfully applied to assemble many published genomes, but it still needs improvement in continuity, accuracy and coverage, especially in repeat regions.

Findings: To overcome these challenges, we have developed its successor, SOAPdenovo2, which has the advantage of a new algorithm design that reduces memory consumption in graph construction, resolves more repeat regions in contig assembly, increases coverage and length in scaffold construction, improves gap closing, and optimizes for large genome.

Conclusions: Benchmark using the Assemblathon1 and GAGE datasets showed that SOAPdenovo2 greatly surpasses its predecessor SOAPdenovo and is competitive to other assemblers on both assembly length and accuracy. We also provide an updated assembly version of the 2008 Asian (YH) genome using SOAPdenovo2. Here, the contig and scaffold N50 of the YH genome were ~20.9 kbp and ~22 Mbp, respectively, which is 3-fold and 50-fold longer than the first published version. The genome coverage increased from 81.16% to 93.91%, and memory consumption was ~2/3 lower during the point of largest memory consumption.

Keywords: Genome, Assembly, Contig, Scaffold, Error correction, Gap-filling

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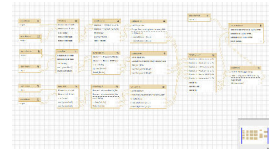
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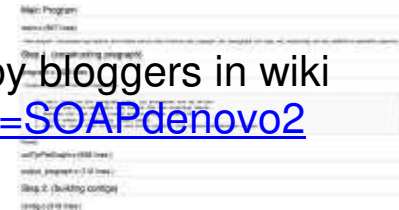


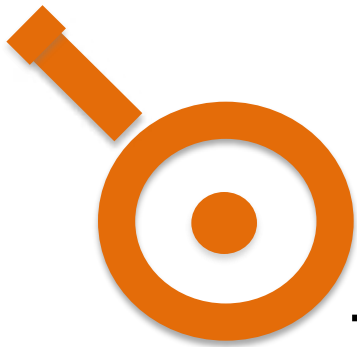
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Enabled code to being picked apart by bloggers in wiki
<http://homolog.us/wiki/index.php?title=SOAPdenovo2>





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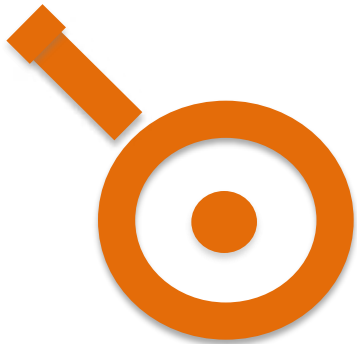
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Main Program

main.c (557 lines)

- Main program. It processes input options, and invokes various other functions (call_pregraph, call_heavygraph, call_align, call_map2contig, and call_scaffold) to assemble a genome.

Step 1. (constructing pregraph)

pregraph.c (229 lines)

- Constructs pregraph. From BGI's description -

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The main function for pregraph step. its processes are as below:
1. Builds the kmer hash sets and remove the low coverage kmers.
2. Removes the tips which length are no greater than 2*K.
3. Builds edges by combining linear kmers.
4. Maps the reads back to edges and build preArcs (the connection between edges).
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Related:

cutTipPreGraph.c (639 lines)

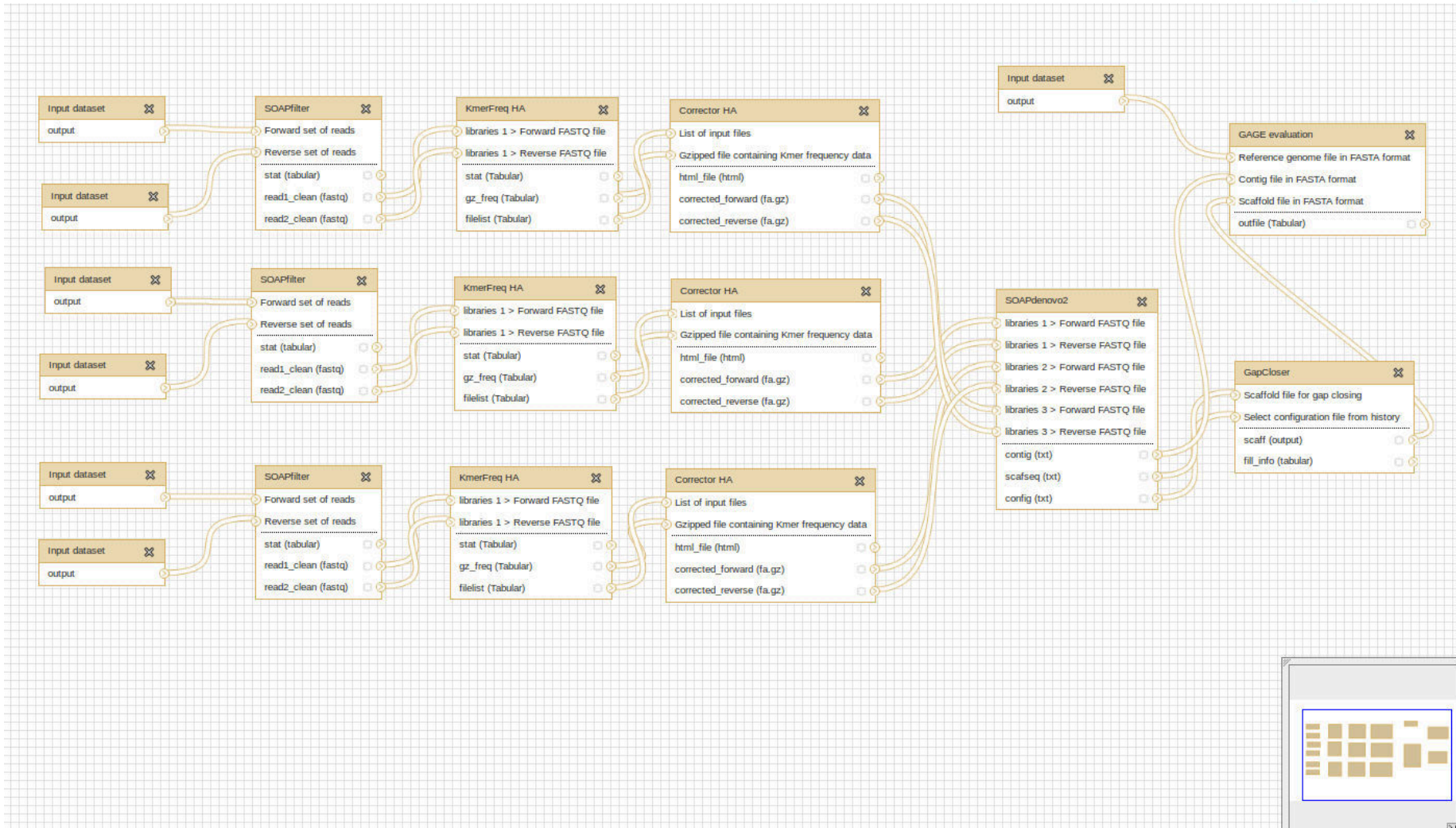
output_pregraph.c (112 lines)

Step 2. (building contigs)

SOAPdenov2 wiki: <http://homolog.us/wiki1/index.php?title=SOAPdenovo2>

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Implemented entire workflow in our Galaxy server, inc.:

- 3 pre-processing steps
- 4 SOAPdenovo modules
- 1 post processing steps
- Evaluation and visualization tools



Also will be available to download by >36K Galaxy users in



SOAPdenovo2 *S. aureus* pipeline



Table 2 Assemblies of *S. aureus* and *R. sphaeroides*

Species	Version	Contigs				Scaffolds			
		Number	N50 (kb)	Errors	N50 corrected(kb)	Number	N50 (kb)	Errors	N50 corrected (kb)
<i>S. aureus</i>	SOAPdenovo1	79	148.6	156	23	49	342	0	342
	SOAPdenovo2	80	98.6	25	71.5	38	1,086	2	1,078
	ALLPATHS-LG*	37	149.7	13	117.6	10	1,477	1	1,093
<i>R. sphaeroides</i>	SOAPdenovo1	2,242	3.5	392	2.8	956	105	18	70
	SOAPdenovo2	721	18	106	14.1	333	2,549	4	2,540
	ALLPATHS-LG*	190	41.9	31	36.7	32	3,191	0	3,310

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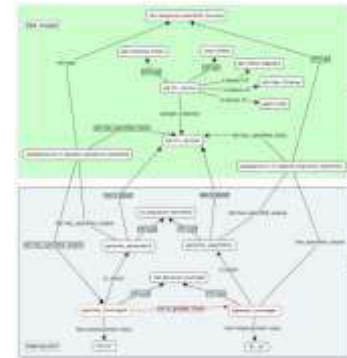
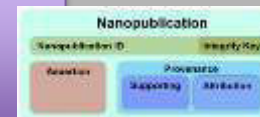
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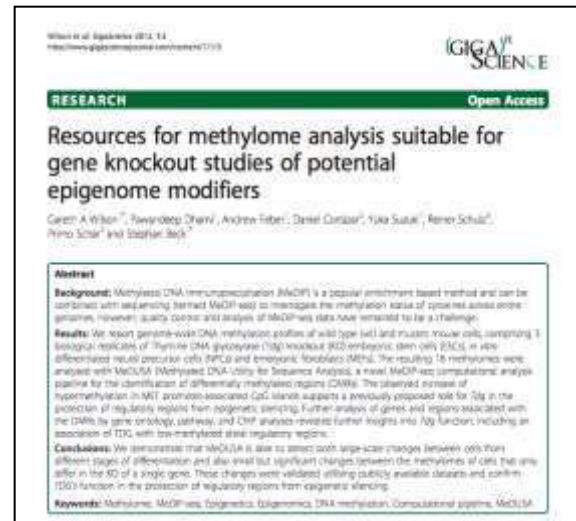
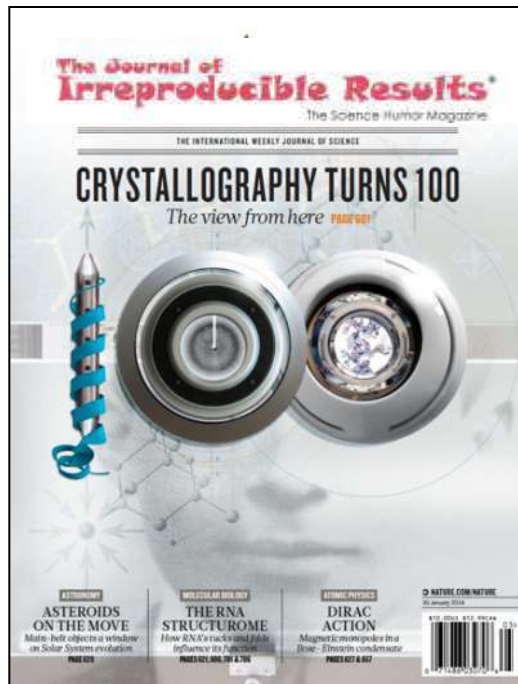
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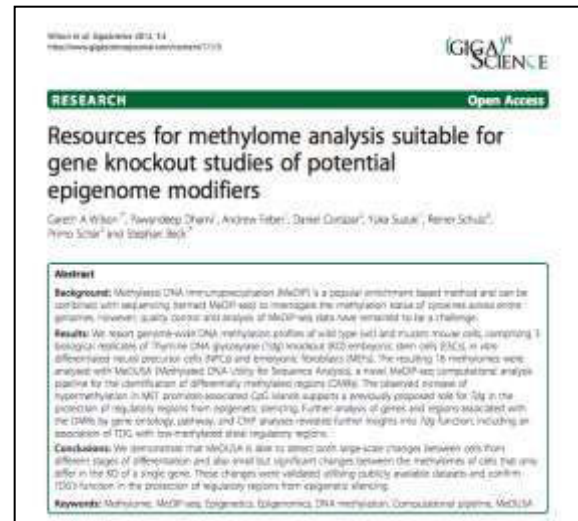
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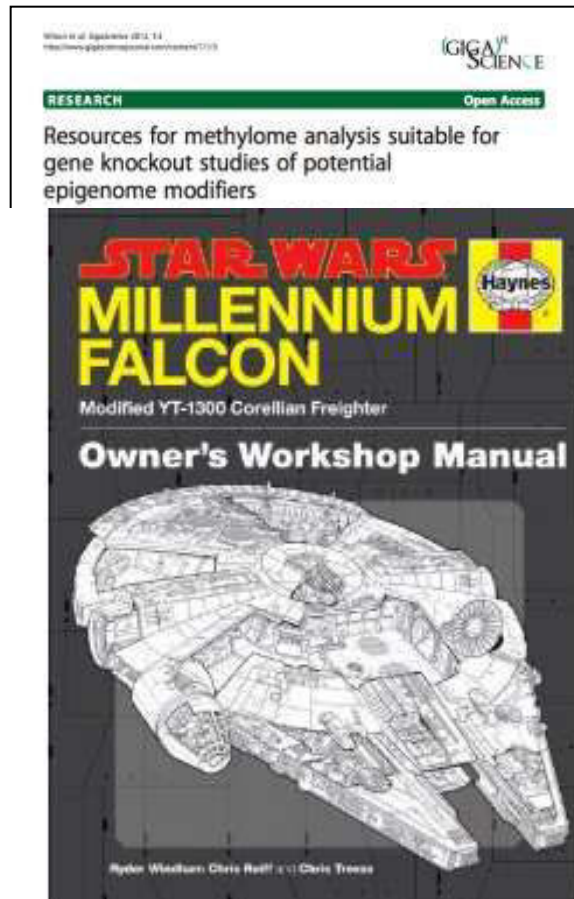
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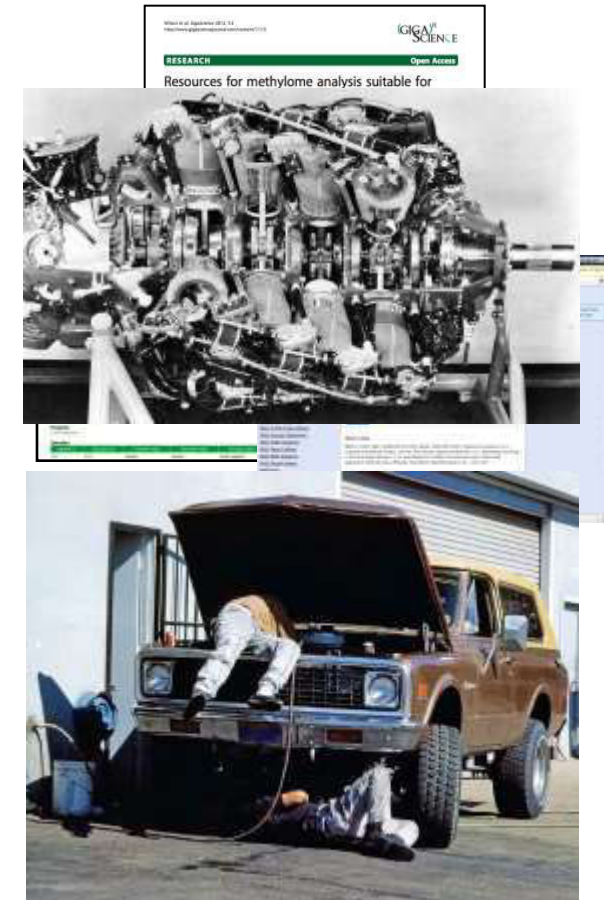
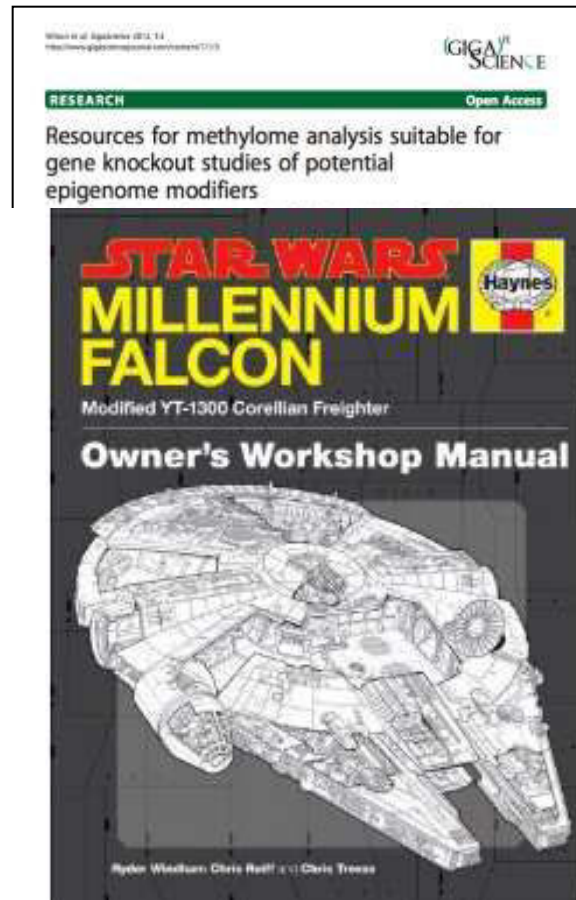
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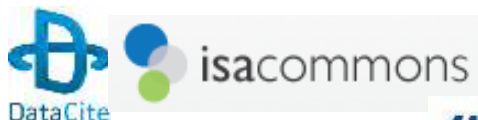
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