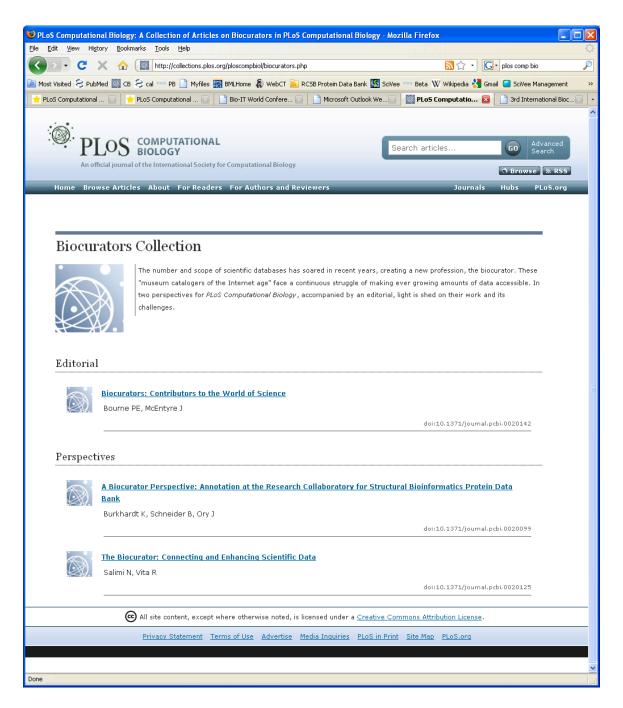
Changes in Scholarly Communication and the Potential Impact on Biocuration

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Some of What You Do – The Data Knowledge Cycle





Mostly "Value Added Curation"

The Cycle (You) Are Under Stress?



- PubMed contains 18,792,257 entries
- 50,000 papers indexed per month
- In Feb 2009:
 - 67,406,898 interactive searches were done
 - 92,216,786 entries were viewed



- 1078 databases reported in NAR 2008
- MetaBase

 http://biodatabase.org

 reports 2,651 entries
 edited 12,587 times

Data as of April 14, 2009

The Cycle Some Comparisons



- Journals have a pretty standardized interface
- Journals have a business model
- The quality is declining as numbers increase (?)
- Audience believes they are sustainable



- Efforts to make the interfaces different!
- Little attempt at a business model compared to the Web 2.0 world
- Not well sustained

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The Constituents are Changing



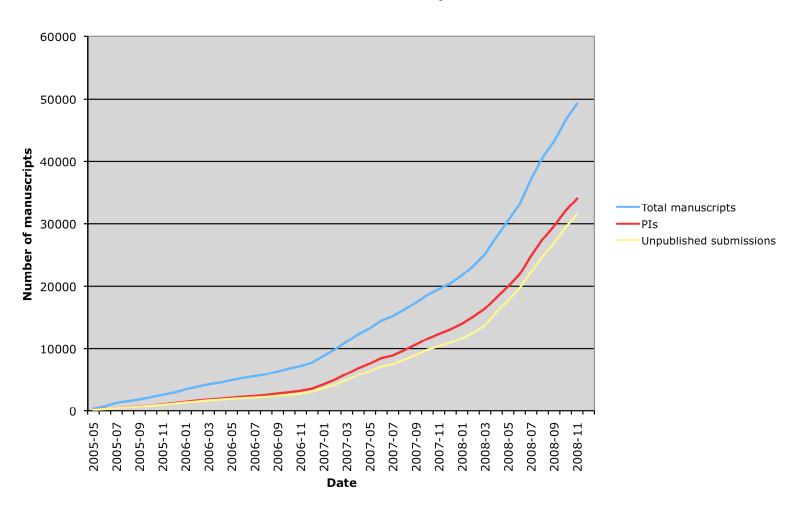
- New publishing models eg open access, self publishing
- Web 2.0 influence eg social networks
- Use of rich media
- The review process is failing



- Read and write eg
 Wikis
- New services eg restful

Growth of PubMed Central

PubMed Central Activity 2005-2008



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So change is afoot... Hold that thought...

At the same time think about the notion – is a biological database really that different from a biological journal?

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Scholarly Communication Group





- Can we improve the way science is disseminated and comprehended?
- Through openness can we increase the number of people interested in science?

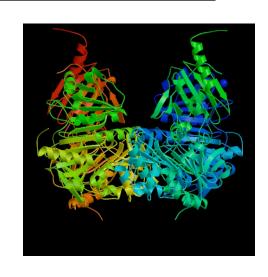
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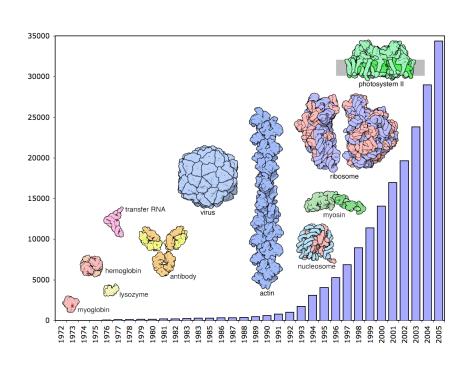
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http://www.wwpdb.org/



The World Wide Protein Data Bank



http://www.wwpdb.org

- The single worldwide repository for data on the structure of biological macromolecules
- Vital for drug discovery and the life sciences
- Over 30 years old
- Free to all

A Note in Passing

- Structural biologists have been fervent about making the data associated with their studies freely available
- For the most part they do not think the same way about the literature (knowledge) associated with the data – they hand it over without a second thought
- This latter point is true of scientists in general

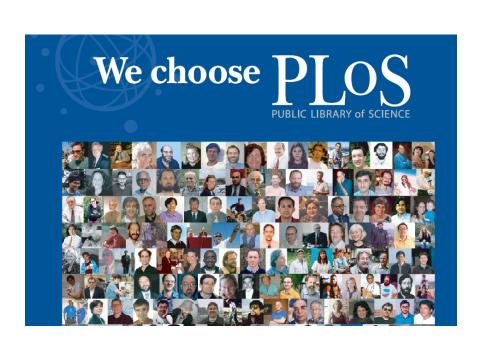
The World Wide Protein Data Bank



- Paper not published unless data are deposited – strong data to literature correspondence
- Highly structured data conforming to an extensive ontology
- DOI's assigned to every structure

http://www.wwpdb.org

The PLoS Corpus



- Established in 2000
- Identified as a high quality publications (PLoS Biology impact factor 14.7)
- Currently 8 journals with healthy growth
- Open Access free to all

The PLoS/PMC Corpus – Under the Hood

 Conforms well/partially to the NLM DTD – little markup of content

PMC – some PDFs!

 The lack of conformance will come back to haunt us!





Similar Processes Lead to Similar Resources

Author Submission via the Web



Syntax Checking



Review by Scientists & Editors



Corrections by Author



Publish - Web Accessible

Depositor Submission via the Web



Syntax Checking



Review by Annotators



Corrections by Depositor



Release - Web Accessible

So the processes are not that dissimilar it is the final product that is perceived so differently

Even that might be changing slowly?

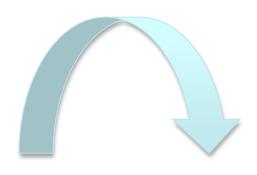
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We are seeing a gray area emerging between what was traditionally literature and what was traditionally databases

Examples of the Gray Area







- More data and rich media are being provided as supplemental information
- Software deposition is being encouraged

 All that you do in adding literature annotations to databases

Facilitators of Change

(and very useful tools for you)

Embedding semantic data during manuscript authoring

Creates an improved interface between databases and the literature

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Get the authors involved

Authors are the absolute experts on the content

More effective distribution of labor

Add metadata before the article enters the publishing process

Word 2007 Add-in for authors

- Allows authors to add metadata as they write, before they submit the manuscript
- Authors are assisted by automated term recognition
 - OBO ontologies
 - Database IDs
- Metadata are embedded directly into the manuscript document via XML tags, OOXML format
 - Open
 - Machine-readable
- Open source, Microsoft Public License

Add-in Capabilities

- Inline Recognition, Highlighting, and Mark-up of Informative Terms
 - A recognized term will have a dotted, purple underline
 - Hovering generates a Smart Tag above the term
 - add mark-up for this term
 - ignore this term
 - view the term in the ontology browser
 - If a recognized term appears in more than one ontology, all instances of that term will be listed
 - Hovering over a marked-up term
 - option to apply mark-up to all recognized instances of term
 - stop recognizing a term

Built-in Knowledge of Ontologies and Databases

- Add-in provides a list of biomedical ontologies to download
- and a list of databases for ID recognition (GenBank/RefSeq, UniProt, Protein Data Bank)
- A user may also supply a URL to download other ontologies (soon)

Ontology Browser

 allows a user to select an ontology and then navigate through it to view terms and their relationships

Custom Metadata

- Ontologies do not contain all usages of a concept
- Add-in allows user to assign custom metadata
- Human Disease Ontology term: Leukemia, T-Cell, HTLV-II-Associated
- Synonym: Atypical hairy cell leukemia (disorder)
- Actual use in literature:
 - hairy cell leukemia
 - hairy-cell leukemia
 - hairy T cell leukemia
 - T cell hairy leukemia

Synonym mapping, disambiguation

- Inclusion of an additional set of synonyms for a term that reflect its use in natural language
 - Automated finding of synonyms in extant literature
 - Gather synonyms from term-mapping databases
- Incorporate a more sophisticated term recognition approach into the add-in

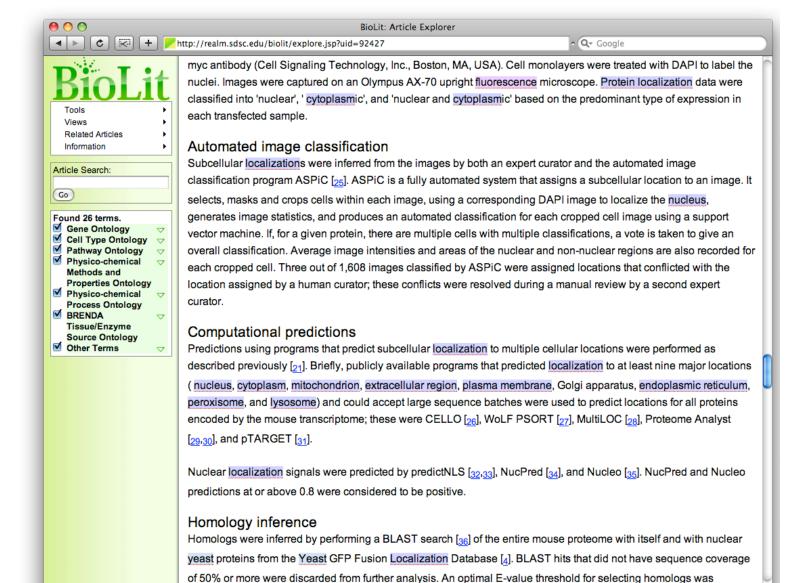
Challenges

- Author use
 - Familiarity with ontologies, terms
 - Agreement between co-authors
- End-use of semantically enriched manuscript
 - Combine with NLM XML standard
 - Article Authoring Add-in

Author Use

IF one or more publishers fast tracked a paper that had semantic markup I would argue it would catch on in no time

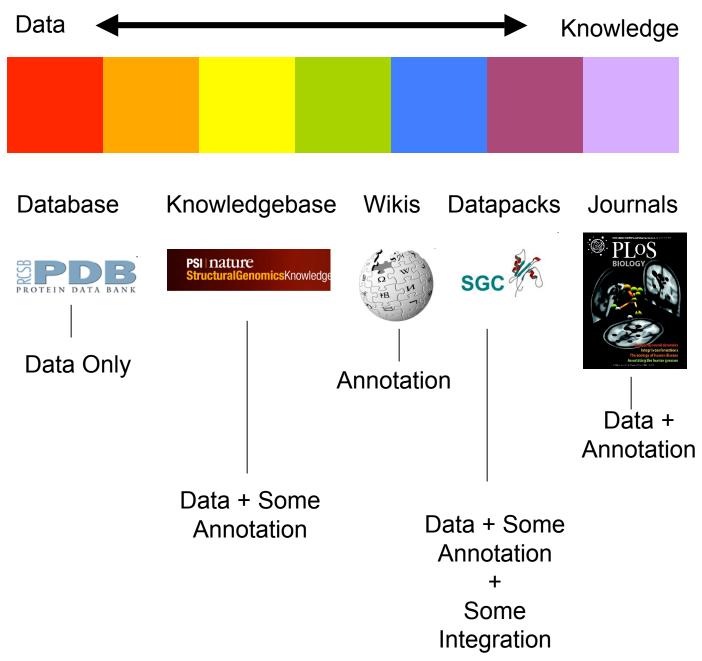
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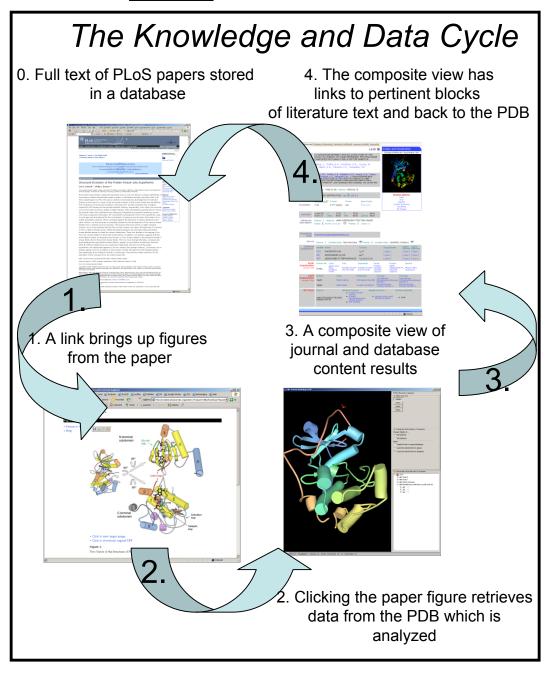
With such semantic tagging of the literature consider how it might be integrated with databases and vice-versa

First let us consider where we stand today



The Data – Knowledge Spectrum

BioLit: Tools for New Modes of Scientific Dissemination

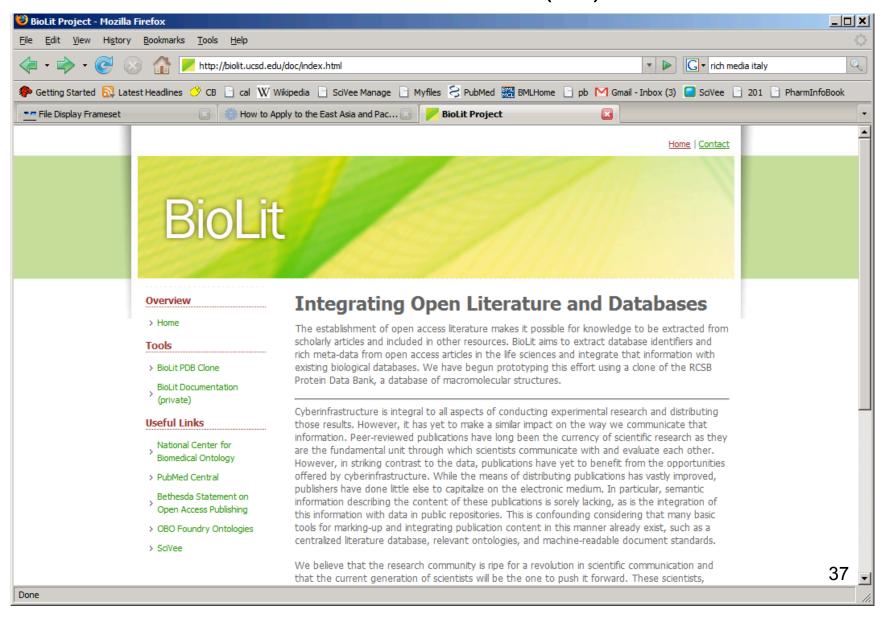


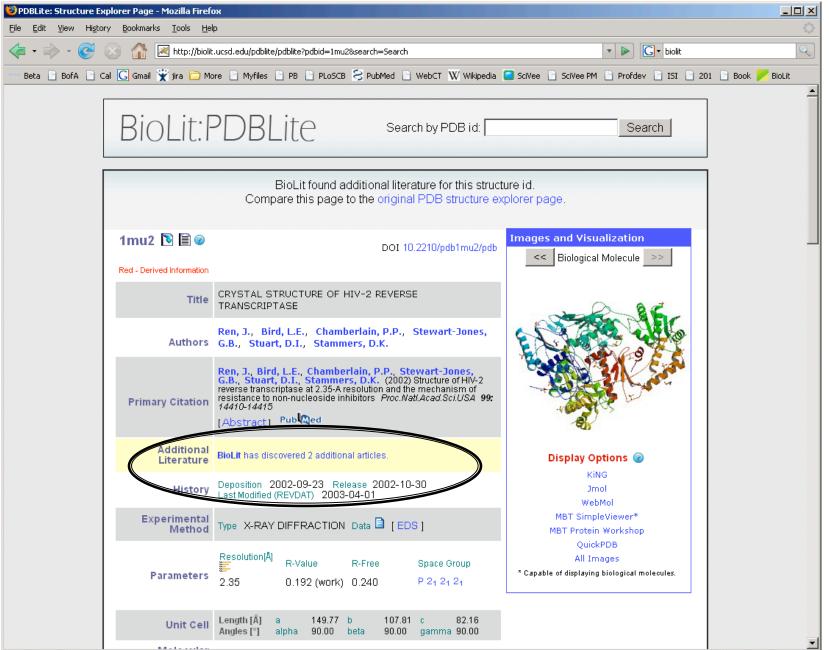
- Biolit integrates
 biological literature
 and biological
 databases and
 includes:
 - A database of journal text
 - Authoring tools to facilitate database storage of journal text
 - Tools to make static tables and figures interactive

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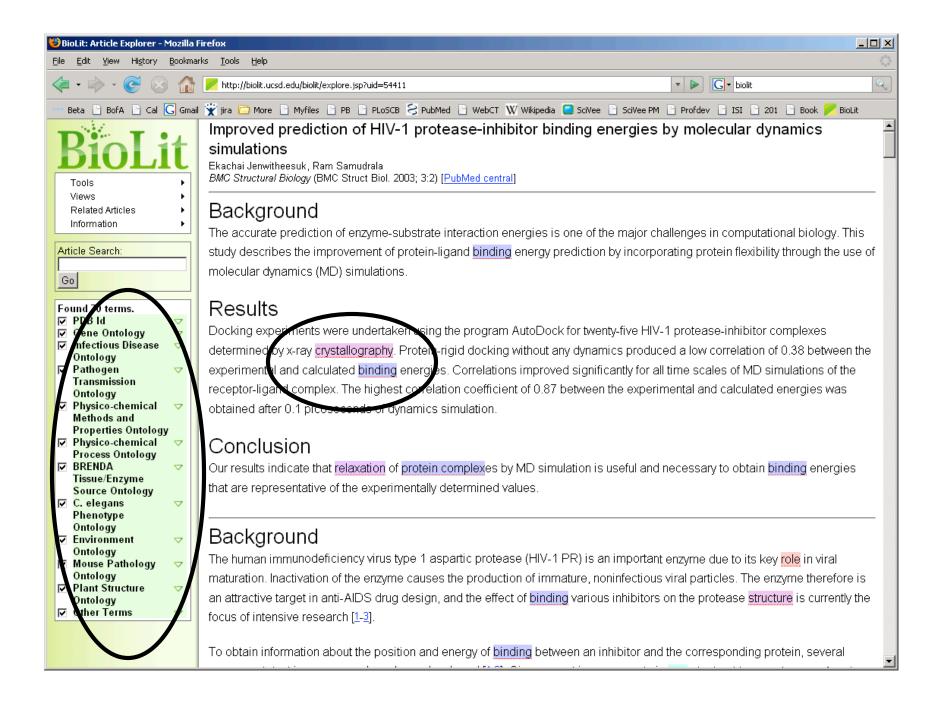
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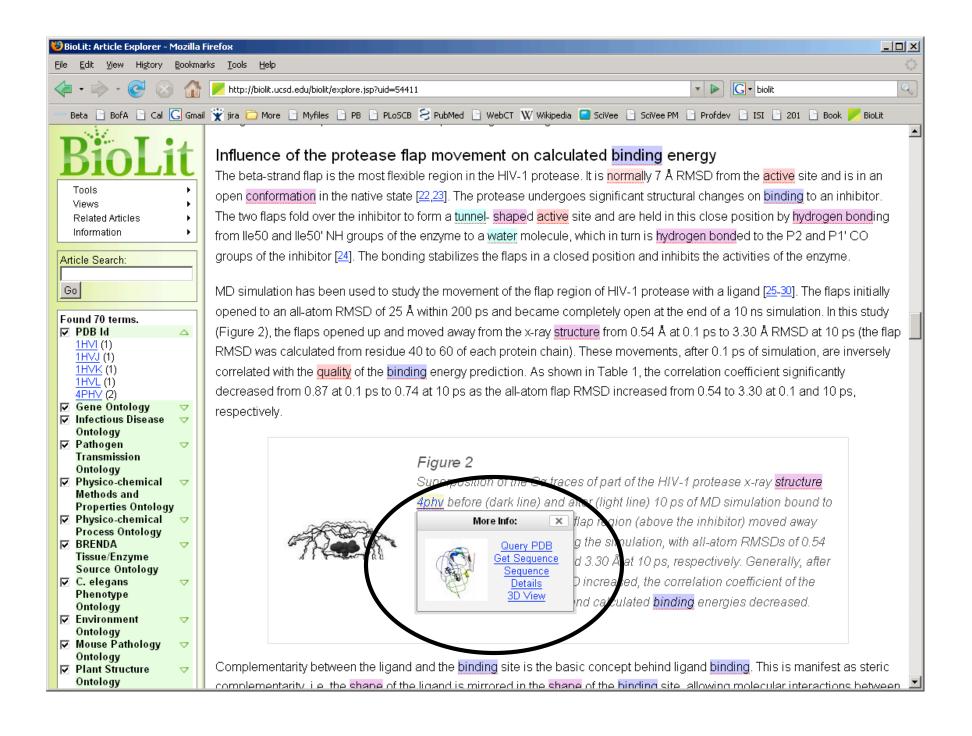




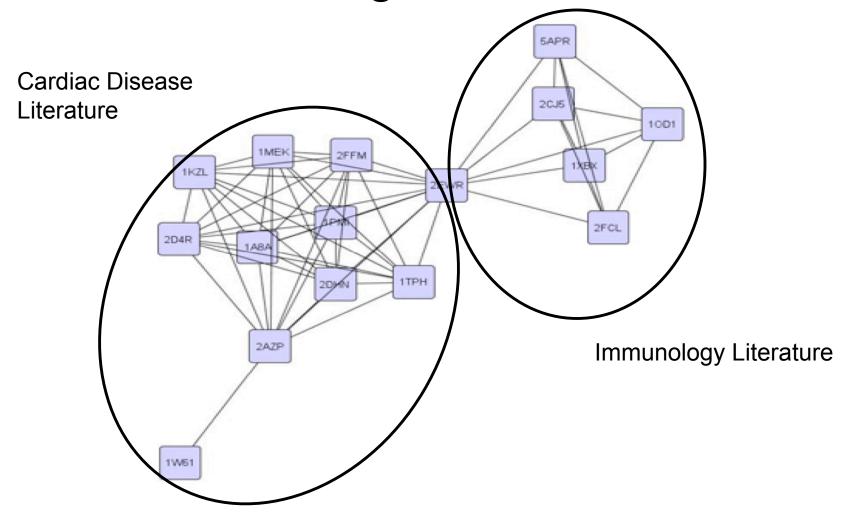
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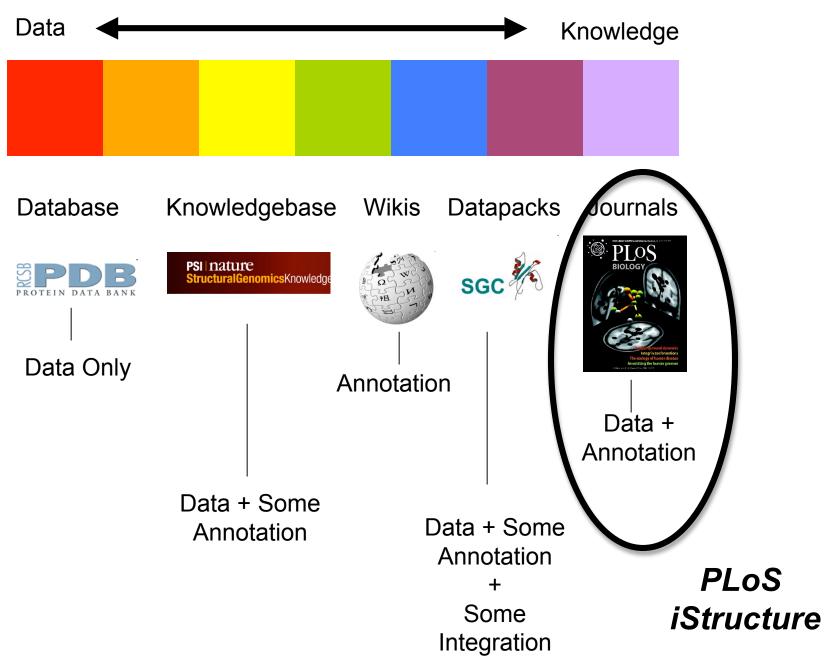


Data Clustering via the Literature



We can take this integration of literature and database content a step further...

Enter *PLoS iStructure*An interactive journal



The Data – Knowledge Spectrum

Enter PLoS iStructure ...

- Authoring starts with a PDB file
- Annotated molecular views are added the associated metadata defining those views is stored with the publication
- Other data types can be validated and added through semantic association
- Rich media can be added through embedding
- The resultant publication is peer reviewed and may be published

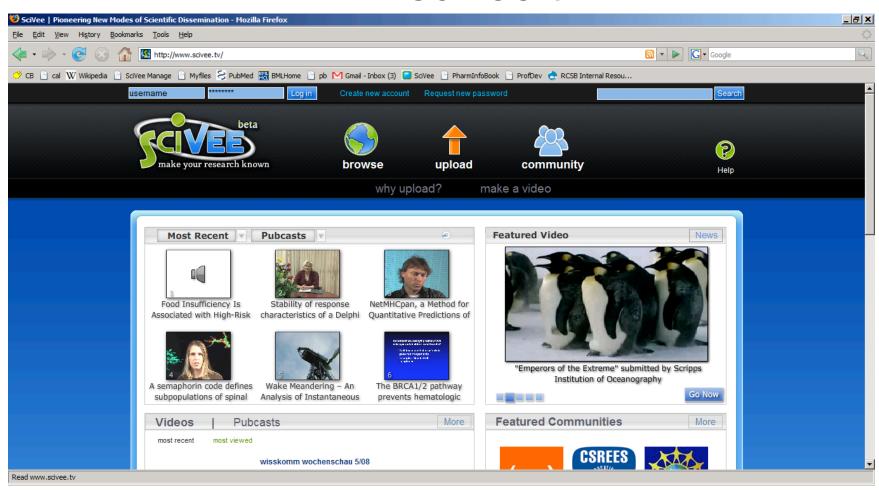
Enter PLoS iStructure

- The "reader" has new opportunities for comprehension and analysis
- The journal is an interface to to apply the knowledge found in the paper immediately and seamlessly eg each table is a spreadsheet
- Comparative analysis can be performed directly from the paper

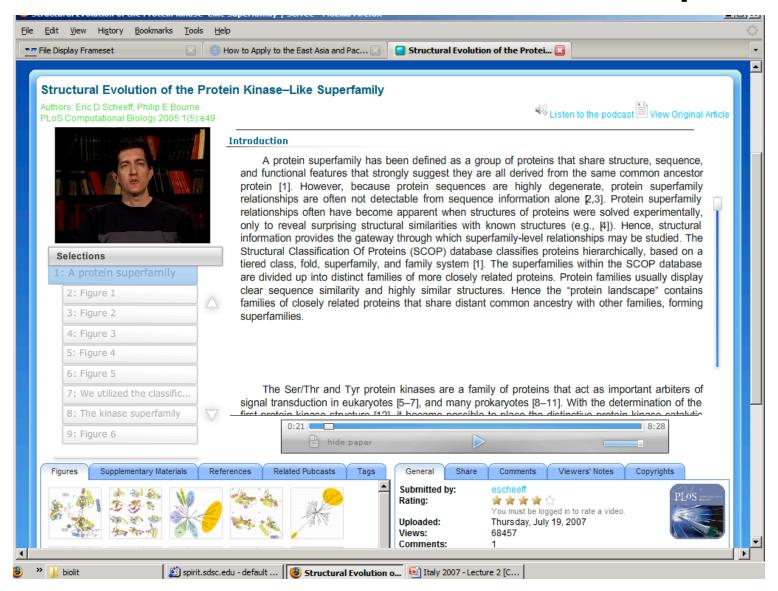
Even a more interactive journal can benefit from rich media types

Video can bring so much to the learning experience

Notion of traditional publications being associated with podcasts and video www.scivee.tv



Pubcast – Video Integrated with the Full Text of the Paper





The opposite view is to embed a SciVee video in a published paper

Provides multiple entry points to that paper and may impact downloads and perhaps citations

In Five Years if There Were More Journals Like iStructure How Would it Impact Curation?

Certainly it would change the way curation is done. However...

 There is no escapaing the value that a human as a third party can add value to the final product – the product is different is all

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