benefits of open science

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We usually think we need open science to prevent bad things from happening

- While open science helps prevent some cases of fraud or low quality work being published, it is certainly not a panacea (cfr. peer review)
- Simultaneously, fraud is regularly detected:
 - in the absence of the source data
 - from papers published in closed access journals
 - without any of the code or metadata available

Instead, we should rather focus on the good that comes from open science

- Open science makes the work accessible to anyone
- Open science allows people to build much more efficiently on previous work
- Open science helps maximize the usefulness of each individual research effort
- Data tend to have a (much!) longer shelf life than interpretation
- Open science fosters creativity, and stimulates revolutionary research

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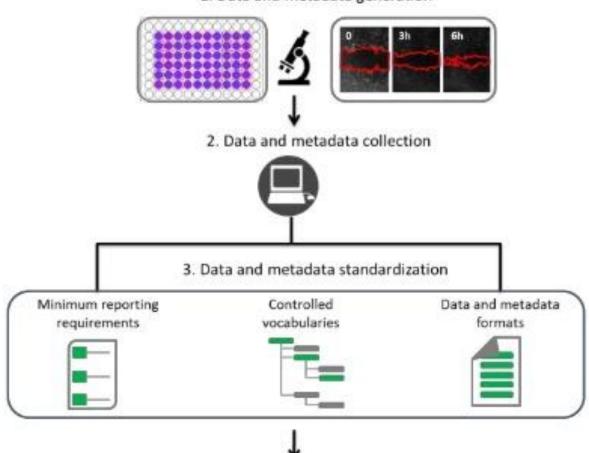
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We can share our data, our code, our protocols, and our interpretations

- The data that is obtained should be accompanied by the associated metadata
- The code that is written should be understandable, documented, and hosted at a reliable site
- The protocols should be provided clearly and in full
- The interpretations should be clearly linked to the data (full provenance)
- Everything should be licensed in a permissible way

Any open data exchange ecosystem requires standardization

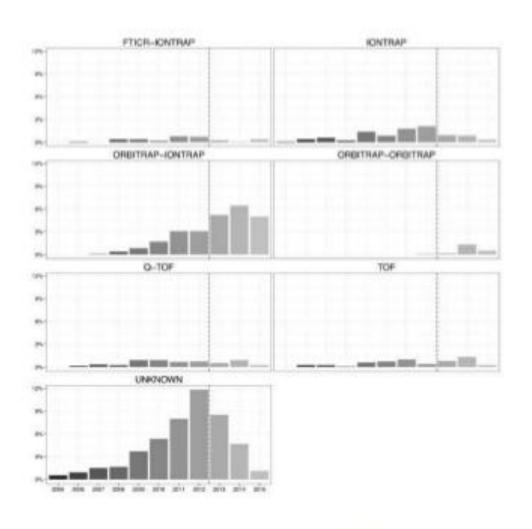
1. Data and metadata generation

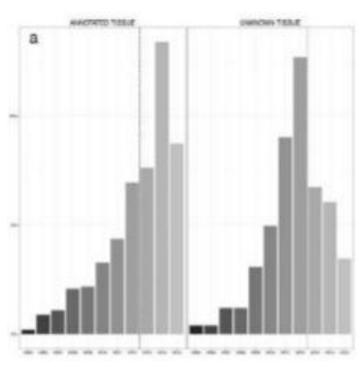


4. Submission to data repository

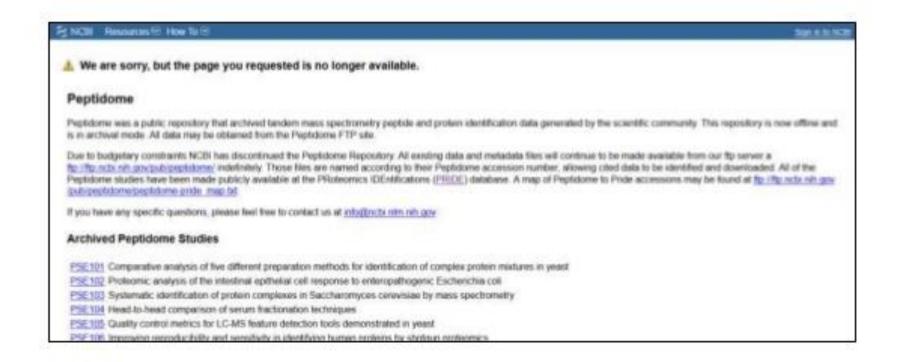


Metadata is often problematic, as it requires a bit of additional effort

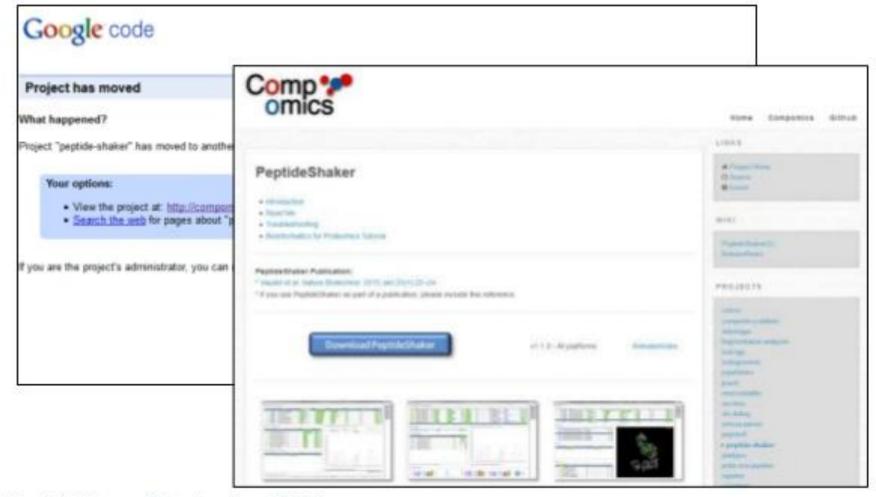




Sharing information effectively is not that easy – if you want to do it right!



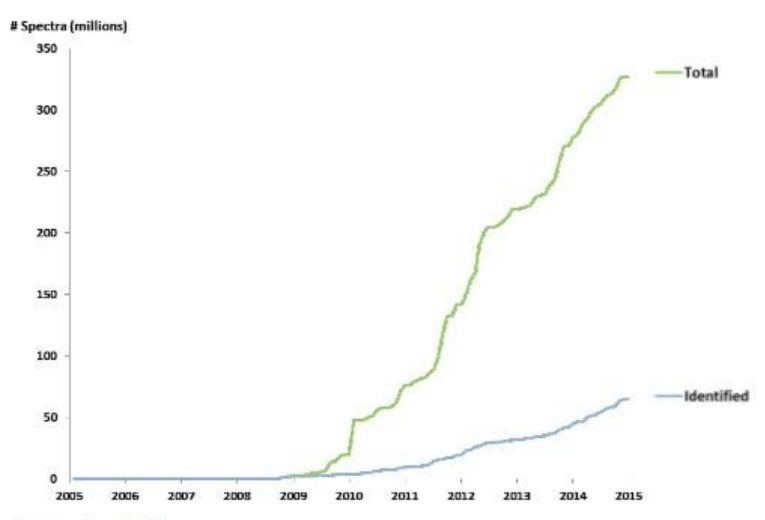
And as responsible caretaker of your stuff, you sometimes need to take action as well



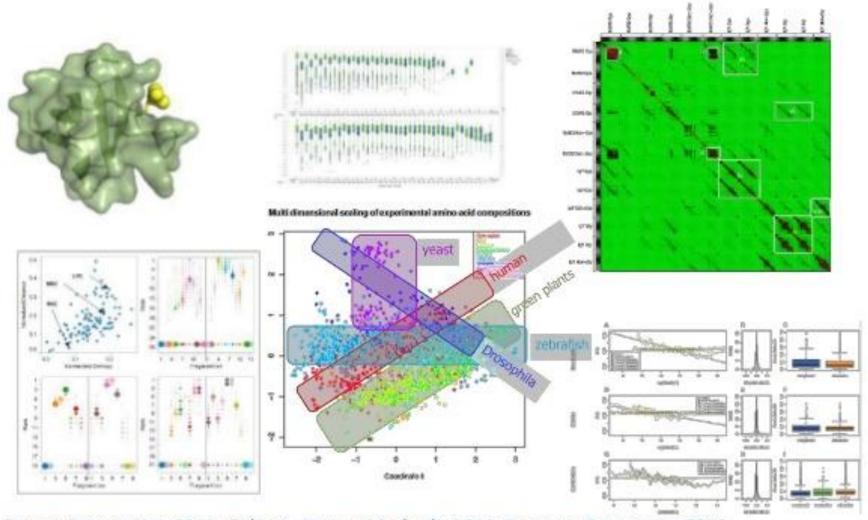
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A large amount of post-consumer MS data is collected in public databases such as PRIDE



My group published a lot of data re-use, mostly orthogonal, always cross-experiment

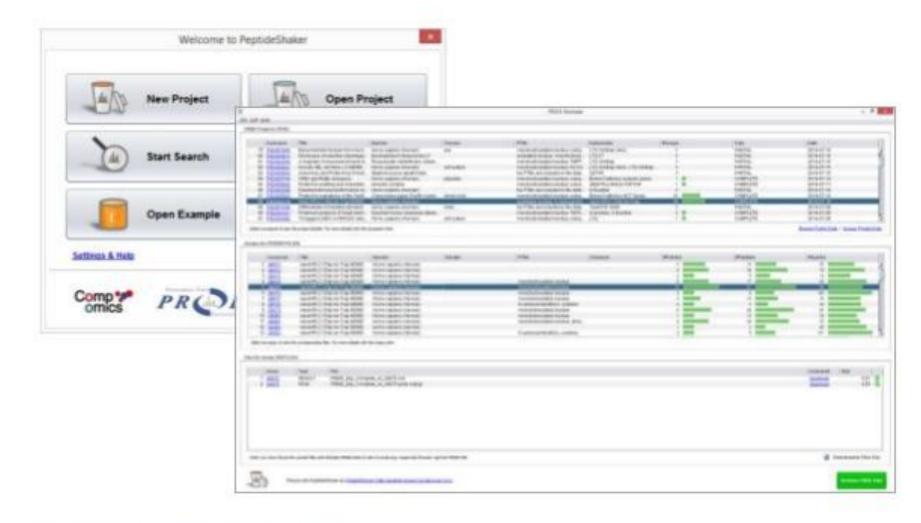


Foster, Proteomics, 2011; Colaert, Nature Methods, 2011; Barsnes, Proteomics 2011, Vandermarliere, Proteomics 2013; Degroeve, Bioinformatics 2013

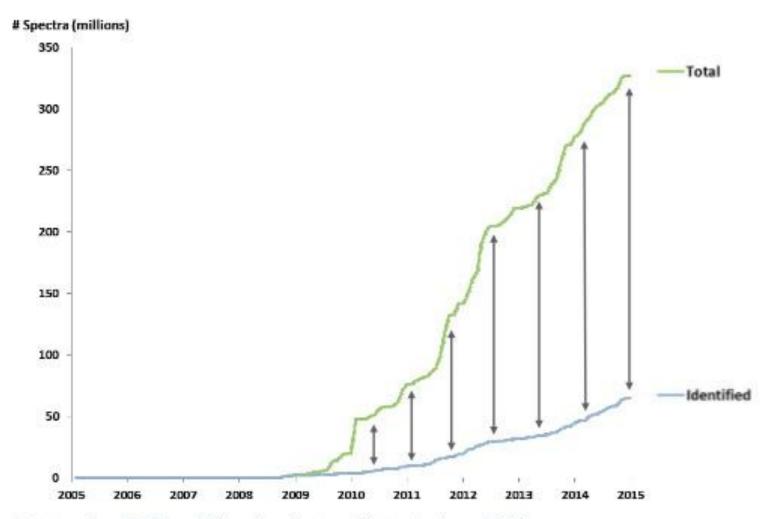
Many mass spectrometry data identification algorithms are free and open source



Our PeptideShaker tool provides direct access to all public data in PRIDE

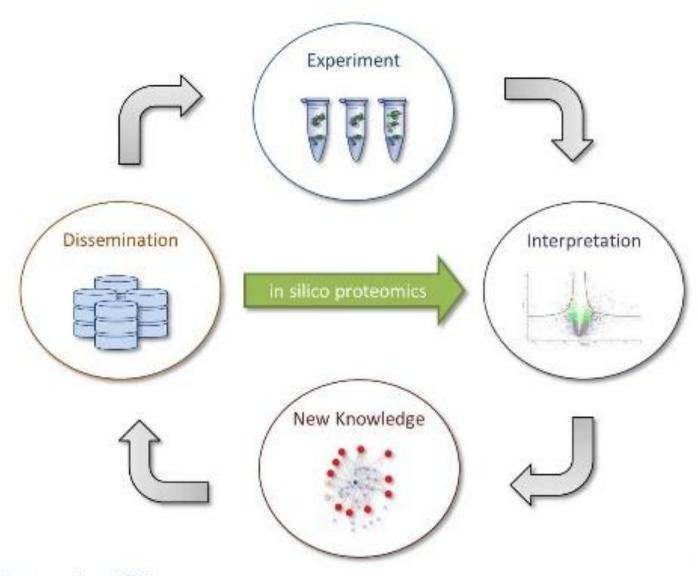


About 75% of MS based proteomics data currently remains unknown

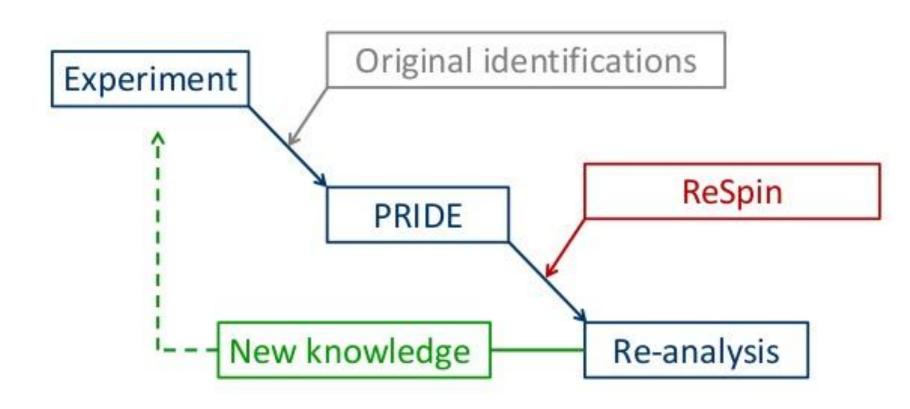


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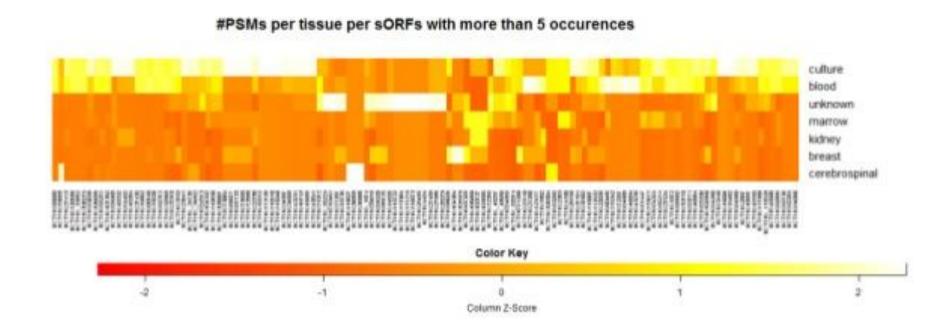
These unknown data bristle with opportunity



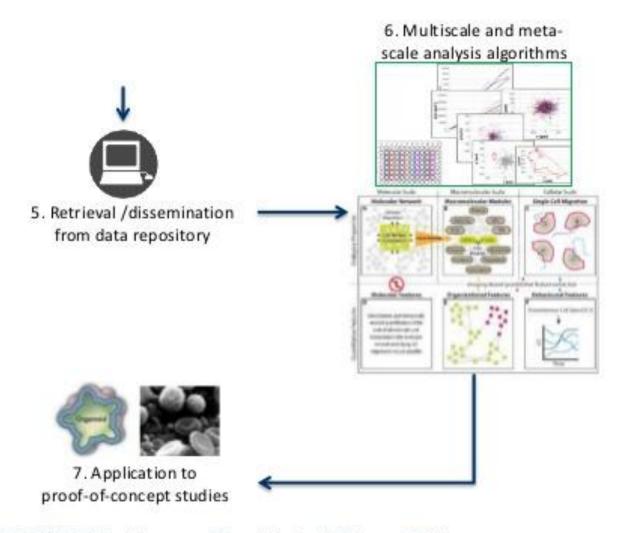
We built the ReSpin pipeline to enable fast re-processing of proteomics data in new ways



This reprocessing allowed us to detect small ORFs across all public human MS data



Importantly, deposited data are not the end; an ecosystem enables re-use as well!



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A sociologist's take on our efforts towards (orthogonal) data reuse

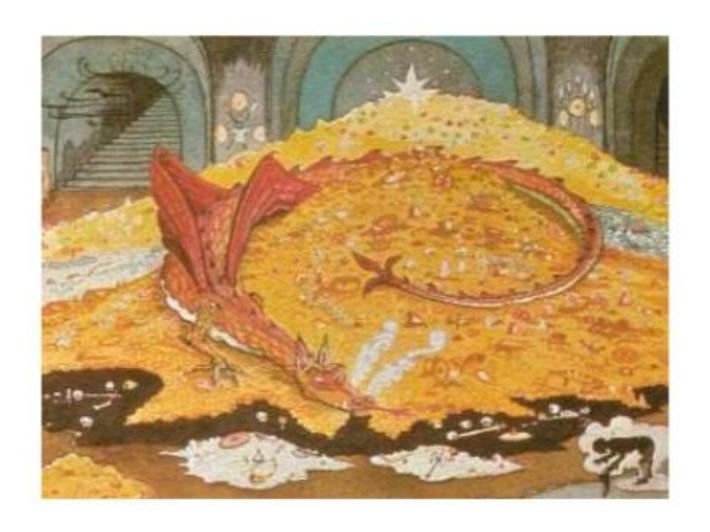
"This desire to reactivate data is widespread, and Klie et al. are not alone in wanting to show that 'far from being places where data goes to die' (Klie et al., 2007: 190), such data collections can be mined for valuable information that could not be obtained in any other way."

"In attempting to reactivate sedimented data in order to enable its re-use, their first step was ..."

"... they are experiments in seeing, in furnishing ways of seeing how data on proteins could become re-usable, could be reactivated as collective property rather than the by-product of publication."

And now think about open science, and imagine the opportunities

- What could you do with open science? What could you study? What could you learn?
- What opportunities would present themselves, if...
 - All data (in your field) were available online
 - All algorithms (in your field) were available online
 - All publications (in your field) were open access
- Most of these opportunities are not little steps forward; instead they promise to be revolutionary!



J.R.R. Tolkien, A Conversation with Smaug







































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