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# Requirements for Persistent Identifiers within the MPI-CBG

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# The Question

PIDs are currently used:

- for publications (ex: CrossRef)
- within archives and libraries
- as a tool for primary scientific data (World Data Center for Climate)
- in a variety of other ways

What benefits can PIDs bring to the types of data that the MPI-CBG generates?

- 1) MPI-CBG Data “Objects” and Examples
- 2) Current State of Data Handling and Software within the MPI-CBG
- 3) Benefits from PIDs and potential applications and questions

## Types of Data “Objects” Gathered

Microscopy Data - Fluorescent, Confocal, High-Throughput Screening, Electron Microscopy

Other Image Data - Protein Blots, Electrophoresis Gels, etc.

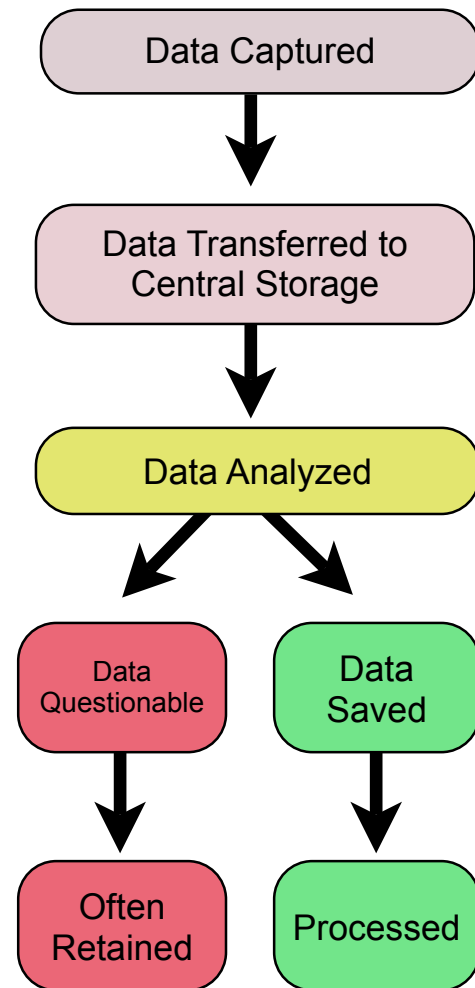
Sequence Data - DNA Sequencing Results

Mass Spec Data- Spectra and Numerical Data Files

Protocols and Methods

The MPI-CBG is heavily focused on microscopy and imaging which accounts for **95%** of our data by volume

# MPI-CBG Data Example



In most / many cases data captured is an image or movie as a result from an experiment

Structure is managed by the scientist or research group - file server space allocated by project

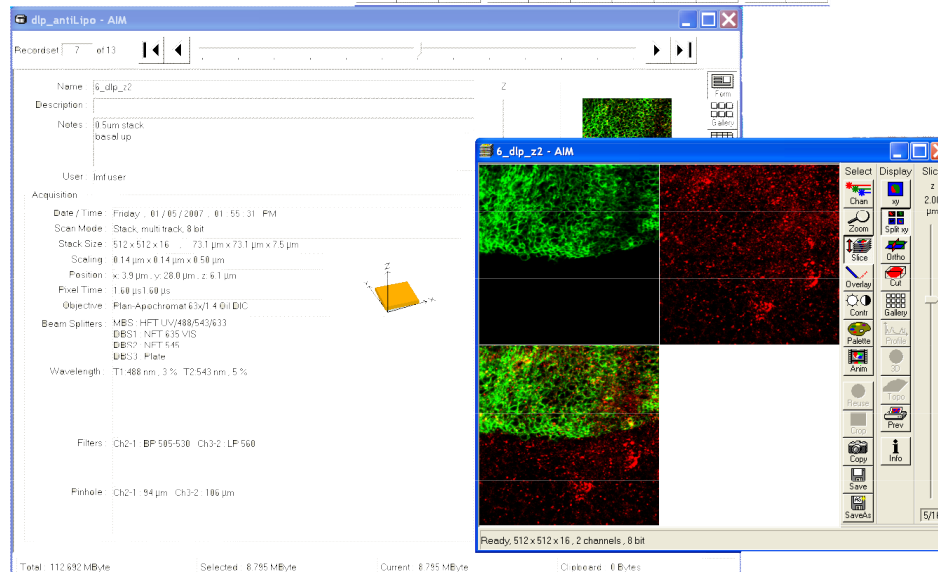
Data is analyzed and evaluated, often manually

After analysis the data is deemed to be valuable, a failure, or the results are indeterminate.

It is often unclear for quite some time after capture if the data has meaning or value.

# What does the data look like?

## Primary Data



In Zeiss LSM file  
format (Zeiss Meta  
Imaging System)

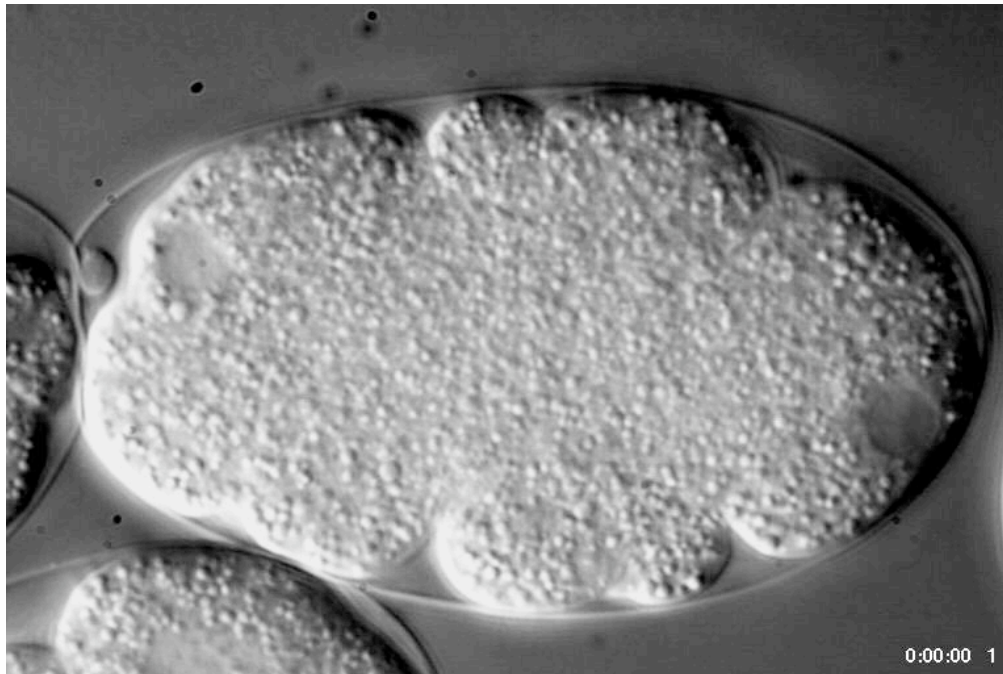
Readable using the  
Zeiss software or an  
ImageJ Plugin

This image is of larval  
tissue of a fruit fly and  
shows the expression  
of the Dally protein in  
green and lipoprotein  
in red.

Dally is  
overexpressed.

# What does the data look like?

## Primary Data



C. Elegans Division - Hyman Lab

Captured using normal  
contrast microscopy

Uncompressed movie  
format

No metadata encoded  
with file on capture,  
but was manually  
added

The movie shows the  
merging of the egg  
and sperm cells and  
the first divisions of a  
C. Elegans embryo

# What does the data look like?

## Primary Data



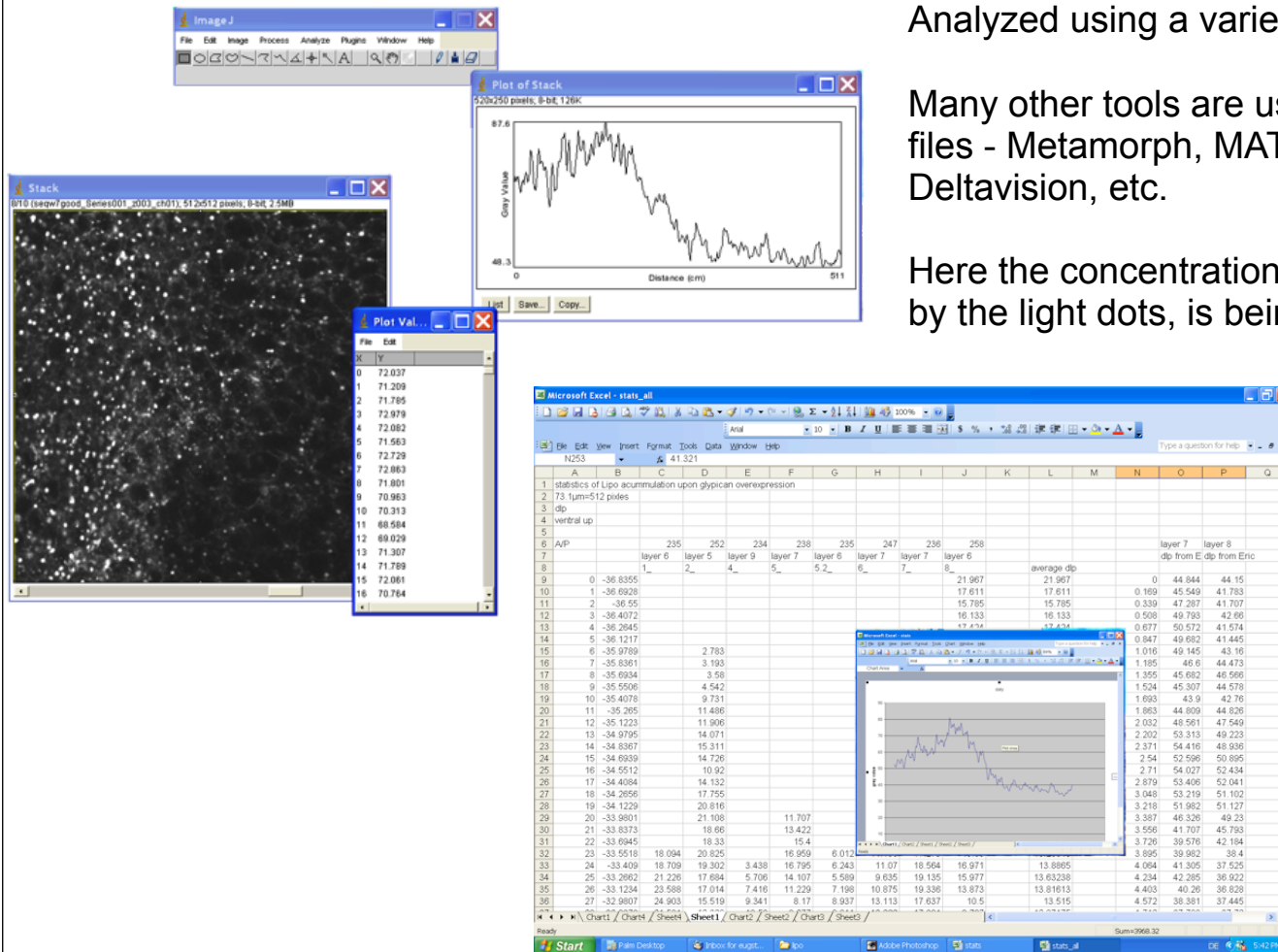
This movie shows the failure pattern when gene H04J21.3 was knocked down.

This pattern was interpreted by eye and was classified as a "Spindle Assembly" problem



# What does the data look like?

## Analysis of Data



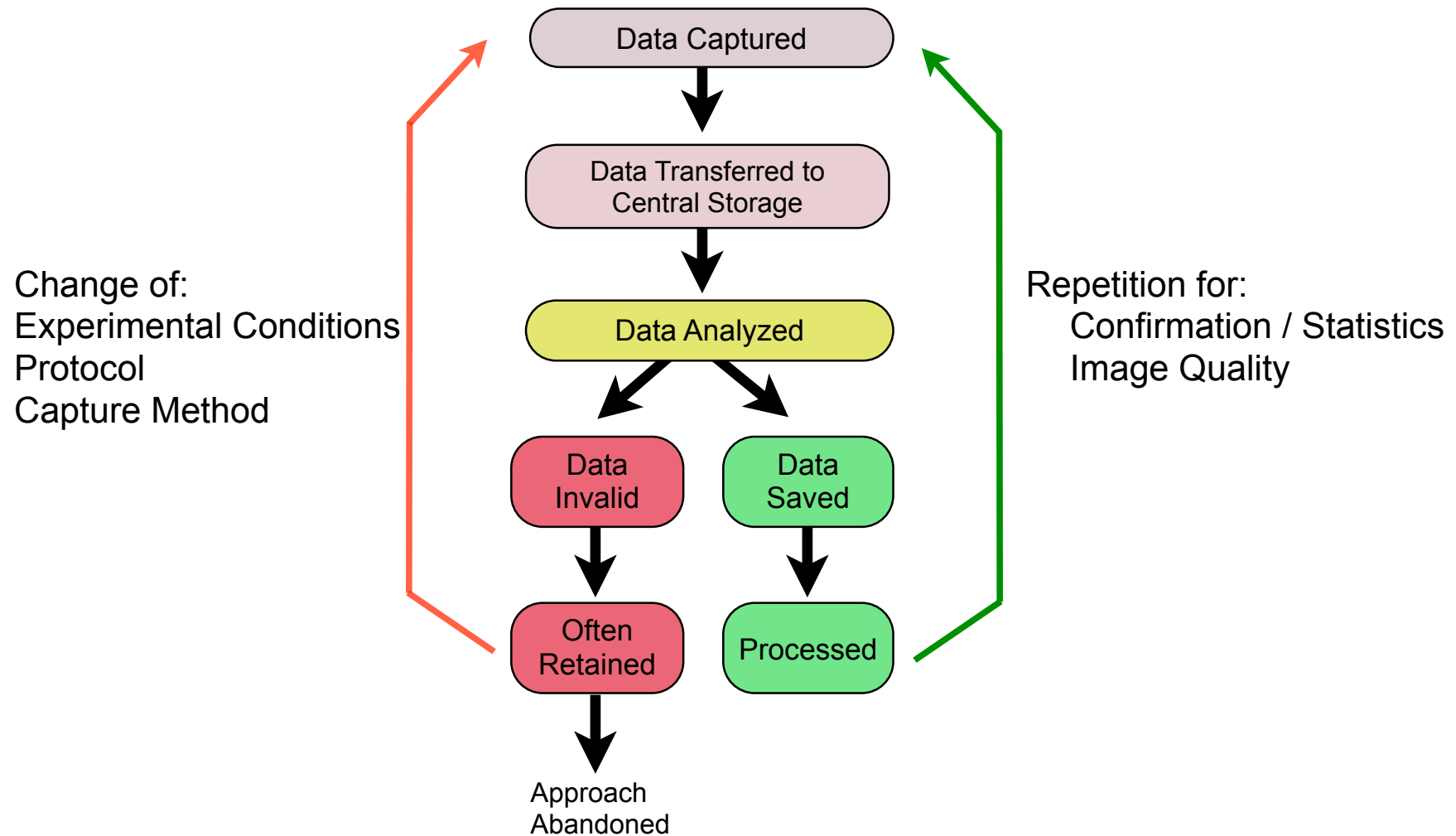
Analyzed using a variety of tools - Example ImageJ

Many other tools are used and generate a variety of files - Metamorph, MATLAB, Huygens, Definiens, Deltavision, etc.

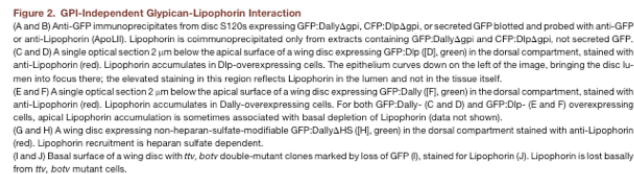
Here the concentration of lipoprotein, as indicated by the light dots, is being examined and plotted.

# What does the data look like?

## Experimental Repeats



Here the concentrations of several proteins are being shown side by side.



# Complications

## Contents

- 1 Live imaging of somitogenesis
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  - ♦ 1.3 Materials
- 2 Methods and Results - staining
  - ♦ 2.1 Good nuclear, cell cortex and GFP images in fixed transgenic embryos
  - ♦ 2.2 A bright green cell outline throughout the embryo from Bodipy-FL-ceramide
  - ♦ 2.3 A bright red cell outline, with patchy distribution, from membrane bound mRFP
  - ♦ 2.4 Possible improvements
- 3 Methods and Results - mounting

## Live imaging of somitogenesis

Andy Oates Internal protocol paper, MPI-CBG, 3/5/2008

## Background

To analyse somitogenesis, we need to be able to follow gene expression and cell movements at high resolution and with great sensitivity during real time development.

## Aims

1. To develop vital stains to see cell outlines.
2. To immobilize embryos so that they can grow correctly but present the appropriate tissue for imaging.
3. To establish scanning settings on the Zeiss UV and 405 LSMs for fixed and live embryos.
4. To determine whether the K54 and Histone3-GFP transgenic lines are suitable to observe cyclic gene expression and cell movements, respectively.

Protocols change, sometimes with every repetition

A proper (and complete) description must be bound to each data set or the data is uninterpretable

# Screening Data

## Automation of Data Generation:

- Simplifies protocol data as one protocol is used for each sample
- Produces millions of image and analysis results



Image courtesy of Tecan Group Ltd.

- Data collection is automated
- Analysis may be automated

## Screening Example - Genome Wide Screen

### Data Capture

19.1 TB of Image Data (tiff), over 2,000,000 images

### Analysis

Thousands of computer hours were used to generate numerical analysis

### Interpretation

Much of the data still human interpreted based on the numerical analysis

**Analysis is only as good as the image processing tools used**

**Human interpretation is based on current knowledge and limited by human perception.**



# Data Summary

## Experimental Data

Generated by a specific protocol

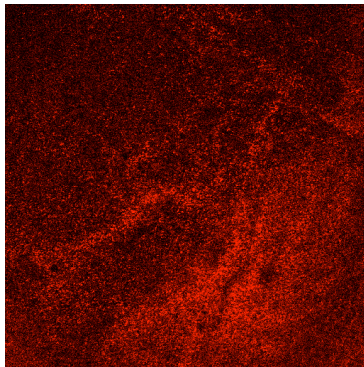
Meant to answer a single question

May not have additional information

Generally is image or movie data

Analysis generates numerical data

Almost always repeated, sometimes with protocol changes



Lipoprotein Distribution - Eaton Lab

## Screening Data

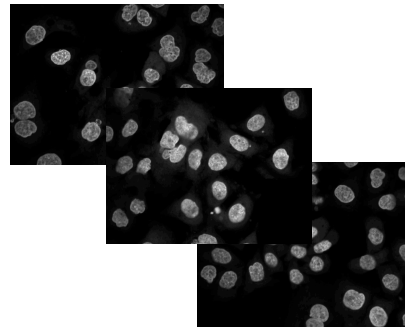
Before going to screening the protocol must be locked

Experimentation is automated

Analysis is computationally intensive

Still usually requires human interpretation

Is likely to be useful for future reanalysis



GWS Imaging - Zerial Lab

## Protocols and Methods

A protocol is linked to an experiment, or to a screen

The format of the protocols kept varies highly

Experimental data is only meaningful in combination with the protocol

Protocols themselves have value as they teach methods to scientists

Dissection and fixation of wing **imaginal** discs from GFP-expressing third **instar** larvae

**Reagents**  
Phosphate buffered saline (PBS)  
PBS + 4% **paraformaldehyde** (from a fresh 20% stock)  
20% **paraformaldehyde** in PBS  
glucose 1 g dry pin in 5 ml PBS  
add 50  $\mu$ l 2M NaOH  
incubate at 65 degrees C until dissolved  
pH to 7.0 using pH paper and 1M HCL  
**ProLong** **Antifade** mounting medium from Molecular Probes  
Thaw the mounting medium, but keep it at 4 degrees - otherwise it will solidify.  
Squeeze 1ml of mounting medium into the provided tube of **antifade**.  
Pipette up and down to dissolve (always keeping cold)  
Spin for 1 minute in an **epson** centrifuge to get rid of bubbles.

**Tools**  
Number 5 forceps  
3 cm plastic tissue culture dishes  
dissecting microscope with light from below  
glass microscope slides  
double stick tape

Staining Protocol - Eaton Lab

## Data Summary

Data within the MPI-CBG is captured and organized in many ways.

Before we can present primary data to the world we must improve our own internal data handling.

Data within the building must be consistent, uniquely identified, and associated with the metadata.

If PIDs are ready for us, are we ready for them?



## Current Efforts

Improvement of internal standards

Professionalization of software development for data management (including internal metadata and identifiers)

Data management migrating out of individual non-standard efforts towards standards-compliant systems provided by a central software development group

Formation of an image processing and analysis facility to provide central know-how and tools

## Current Efforts

Specific “display” database systems provide access to information for a given screen or publication when this is considered necessary

Data management systems are being created to assist with information flow and experiment management

Protocols are currently managed by wiki, in a simple database system, or manually, depending on group. Plans exist to standardize format, structure, and location of these protocols.



Administrator Menu

User Menu

Gene Scores

15E1.2

Oligo Details

Gene Profile

Numb. Ves. (Channel 1) Mask = TRUE	4.13793
Total Intens. (Channel 1) Mask = TRUE	-0.67582
Integ. Ves. Intens. (Channel 1) Mask = TRUE	0.383962
Mean Area (Channel 1) Weighed=TRUE WeighingFunc=GetVolume CalcType = Mean	-2.73381
Mean Area (Channel 1) Weighed=TRUE WeighingFunc=GetMeanIntensity CalcType = Mean	-2.84289
Mean Area (Channel 1) Weighed=FALSE CalcType = Median	-3.09261
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Administrator Main Search Import

Antibody DNA Construct siRNA GMO Oligo Protocol Chemical Consumables Supplier

### List Protocol

17 items found, displaying 1 to 15 [First/Prev] 1, 2 [Next/Last]

* Name	* File	* Comment	* Bacteria Transformation	* Submitted By
BrdU staining	BrdU – Labelling.doc		false	haffner
Collagen volumes table	Collagen_mix_volumes.xls	To prepare smaller amounts of 1.5 mg/ml collagen for slice culture.	false	mora
esiRNA preparation	esiRNA.doc		false	marzesco
grids for microinjection (Warner Instruments)		0.5x0.5cm and 1x1cm grids, nylon threads. These grids are usually suitable to hold slices during electrophysiology recordings.	false	taverna
grids for microinjection (workshop)		1cm x1cm grids, nylon threads These grids are used to hold slices during microinjection. These grids can accomodate 250-300micron-thick slices.	false	taverna
IF staining (Yoichi's protocol)	Immunostaining (YK).doc		false	haffner
Immunofluorescence protocol_AMM	immunofluorescence.doc		false	marzesco
In utero electroporation	in utero EP.pdf	from Tetsuichiro Saito web page.	false	marzesco
Mowiol	MOWIOL.doc		false	haffner
Nissl staining (cresyl violet)	Cresyl_violet_protocol.doc	Nissl staining for sections on glass slides	false	pulvers
Paraffin embedding and deparaffinization	Protocol for paraffin embedding and deparaffinization.doc		false	fietz
Sequencing facility primer list	Primer_List.pdf	Sequencing primers provided by sequencing facility	false	pulvers
Slice Culture Medium	Slice Culture Medium.doc		false	taverna
staining with boiling	staining with boiling.doc	e.g.Pax6,Tbr1,Tbr2	false	haffner
staining with boiling and HCL-treatment	staining with boiling and HCL.doc	e.g.Pax6,Tbr2,Tbr1,BrdU,GFP	false	haffner

Export options: CSV | Excel | XML | PDF

Add Protocol



[Administrator Menu](#) [Technician Menu](#) [User Menu](#)

[Kits](#) [Primers](#) [Templates](#) [All Sequencing Plates](#) [Uncompleted Sequencing Plates](#) [Unassigned Order Entries](#)

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# PID Questions

The questions then become-

What role can and should PIDs play in our environment as we move towards internal standardization?

What role should they play in our distribution of data to a wider audience?

## PID Questions

- **Granularity** - At what level should a dataset be given a PID?
- **Timing** - When in the data life cycle should a dataset be given a PID? What do you do with multiple versions?
- **Access** - Should data at preliminary stages be accessible to the world or even to other internal groups? What should be done to address data privacy concerns, and data privacy requirements that vary over time?
- **Data Lockdown** - After a PID is assigned, how much can the data be changed?
- **Metadata** - What information should be associated with our PIDs, and are these schemas already existing or do we have to invent them?

# Internal Search Tool



Scientist Commits Data

Scientist controls timing of original release

Internal Search System

Initially released internally  
Data is tagged with metadata

Results must be published  
or the group must explicitly  
release the data to the world

External Search System

Data goes to external search  
and publication system

Data is tagged with a PID (DOI?)

Internal metadata should already  
conform to standard





## Data Search

Search All

- All
- Analyzed Data
- Primary Data
- Protocols
- Publications

### Publications (2)

Title	Authors	Date of Pub	
<a href="#">Lipoprotein-heparan sulfate interactions in the Hh pathway.</a>	<a href="#">Eugster C</a> , <a href="#">Panáková D</a> , <a href="#">Mahmoud A</a> , <a href="#">Eaton S</a> .	July, 2007	<a href="#">View Detail</a>
<a href="#">Lipoprotein particles are required for Hedgehog and Wingless signalling</a>	<a href="#">Panakova, Daniela</a> ; <a href="#">Sprong, Hein</a> ; <a href="#">Marois, Eric</a> ; <a href="#">Thiele, Christoph</a> ; <a href="#">Eaton, Suzanne</a>	June, 2005	<a href="#">View Detail</a>

### Analyzed Data Sets (5)

Title	Description	Format	Date Analyzed	
<a href="#">QI_25-5-2007-Anti_Lipo</a>	Quantification of fluorescence intensity of <a href="#">Lipophorin</a>	XLS File	15-6-2007	<a href="#">View Detail</a>
<a href="#">CL-27-7-2007-Anti_Lipo_Hh_Ptc</a>	Co-localization of <a href="#">Lipophorin</a> , Hedgehog, and Patched with Image J	XLS File	12-8-2007	<a href="#">View Detail</a>

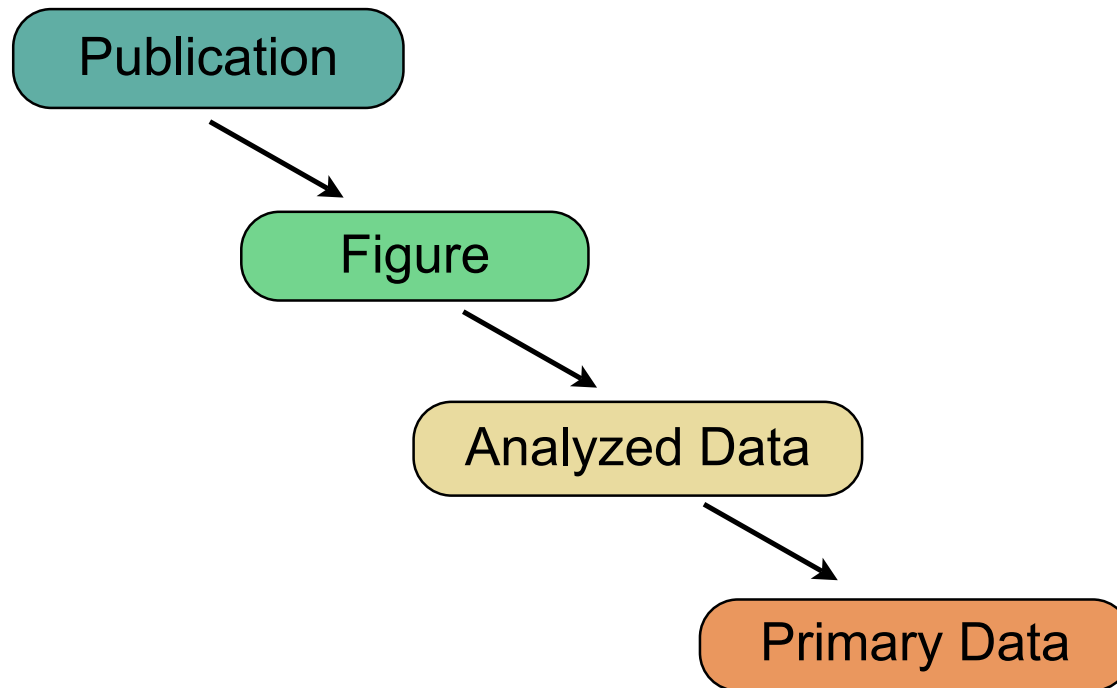
### Primary Data Sets (15)

Title	Description	Format	Date Captured	
<a href="#">25-5-2007-Anti_Lipo</a>	<a href="#">Overexpression</a> of Dally, Dally Like, Dally Delta HS stained for Anti <a href="#">Lipophorin</a>	LSM Database	25-5-2007	<a href="#">View Detail</a>
<a href="#">27-7-2007-Anti_Lipo_Hh_Ptc</a>	<a href="#">Overexpression</a> of Dally, Dally Delta GPI, stained for Anti <a href="#">Lipophorin</a> , Hedgehog, and Patched	LSM Database	27-7-2007	<a href="#">View Detail</a>

### Protocols (3)

Title	Description	Format	Date Finalized	
<a href="#">Co-immunoprecipitation of Lipoprotein Particles</a>	Protocol for the <a href="#">Co-immunoprecipitation</a> of Lipoprotein Particles	PDF	20-11-2006	<a href="#">View Detail</a>
<a href="#">Fluorescent Labeling of Lipoprotein Particles</a>	Protocol for the Fluorescent <a href="#">Labelling</a> of Lipoprotein Particles	PDF	15-6-2006	<a href="#">View Detail</a>

## Publication Drill-Down



A scientist reading a publication has access to the primary data and can verify the correctness of the publication

# Archiving and Data Loss

Scientist arrives at the MPI-CBG  
(Student, Post-Doc)



Scientist gets project space  
uses it to store data



Scientist leaves, transfers some  
data and knowledge to the group



Project space is closed  
Data is transferred to tape



All significant data is stored but  
is practically “unrecoverable”

# Conclusion

## Benefits

Screening Data has the potential for future data mining to yield significant gain

Linking analyzed and primary data to publications allows greater transparency and validation of scientific work

Successful metadata binding to experimental data prevents data loss, allows greater reuse, and easier automated data mining

PIDs allow easier reuse of data at a later point, greater compatibility/interoperability with other systems and potentially other organizations with related data.

## Difficulties

It is difficult to determine at what granularity and when to assign PIDs. This for us will require significant work on data organization structure.

We have only light experience with PIDs as a concept in-house at the moment.

Any system requiring the addition of metadata to primary research results must be extraordinarily easy to use or the research scientist won't use it

Resources and funding within the MPI-CBG for such projects is difficult to obtain as the software facility and development resources are stretched with existing load.

# Conclusion

The MPI-CBG is currently solidifying its internal data structures.

Until these structures are solid, its difficult to expand to greater world release of digital data through PIDs

The concept of PIDs and the associated metadata seems to have potential benefits for they types of data the MPI-CBG handles

The MPI-CBG will revisit the concept of PIDs as it's software development progresses and appreciate feedback from the community.

Its likely there are tools and resources available that we are unaware of

Thanks!

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