

# Using GIN-Tonic to structure and write research ~~Papers~~ Data

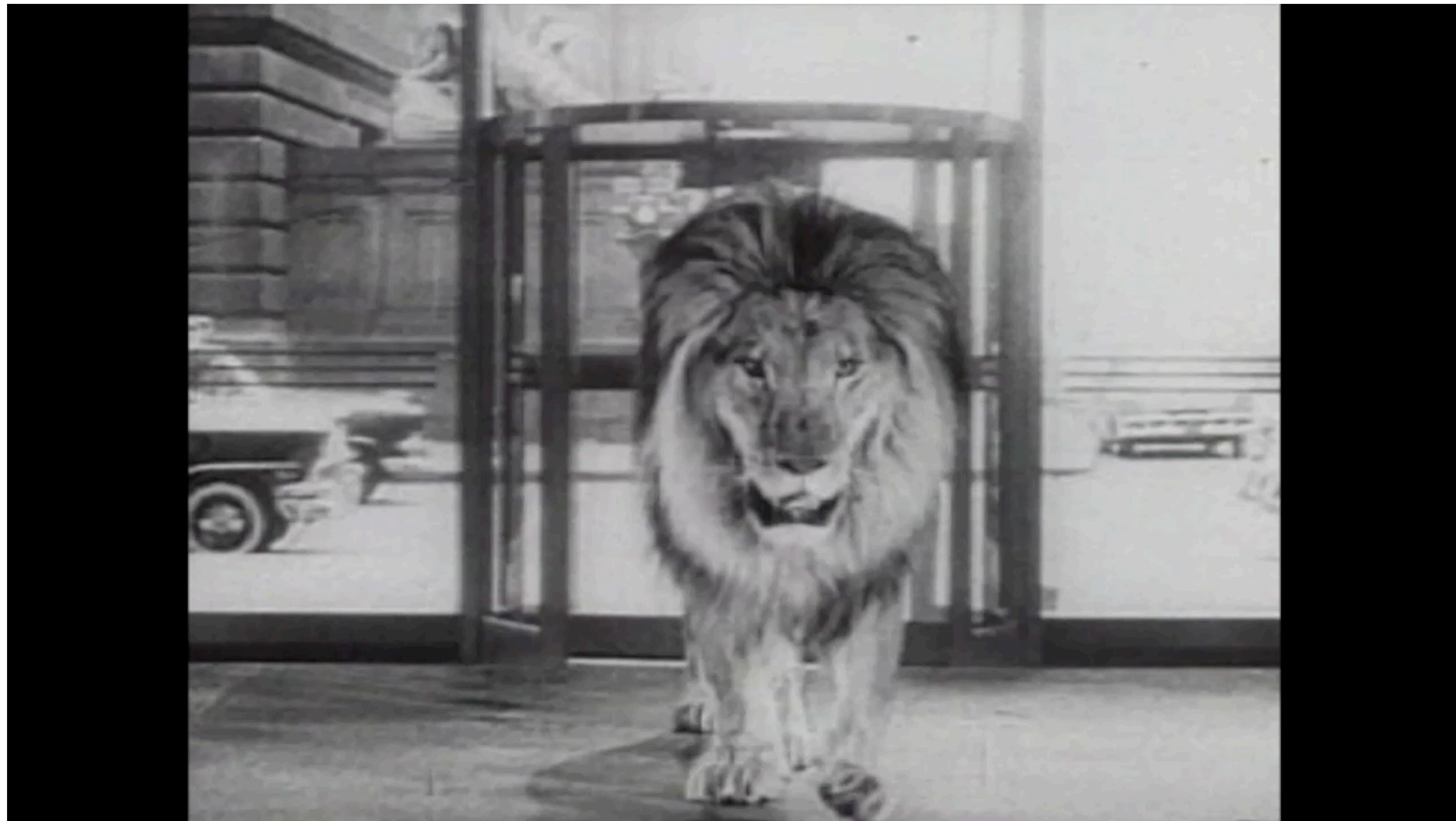
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A photograph of a gin tonic cocktail in a lowball glass, garnished with a lime wedge and a sprig of rosemary. The glass is rimmed with salt. The background is dark and out of focus.

<https://github.com/tonic-team>

# Content

- The GIN-Tonic concept:
  - How to write and organise data ?
  - The GIN-Tonic implementation
  - Summary: Data-, project- and lab- management
- Interactive playing around
- Feedback session



# **Write and organise data**

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reports, poster, presentation,  
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- ▶  06\_notebook

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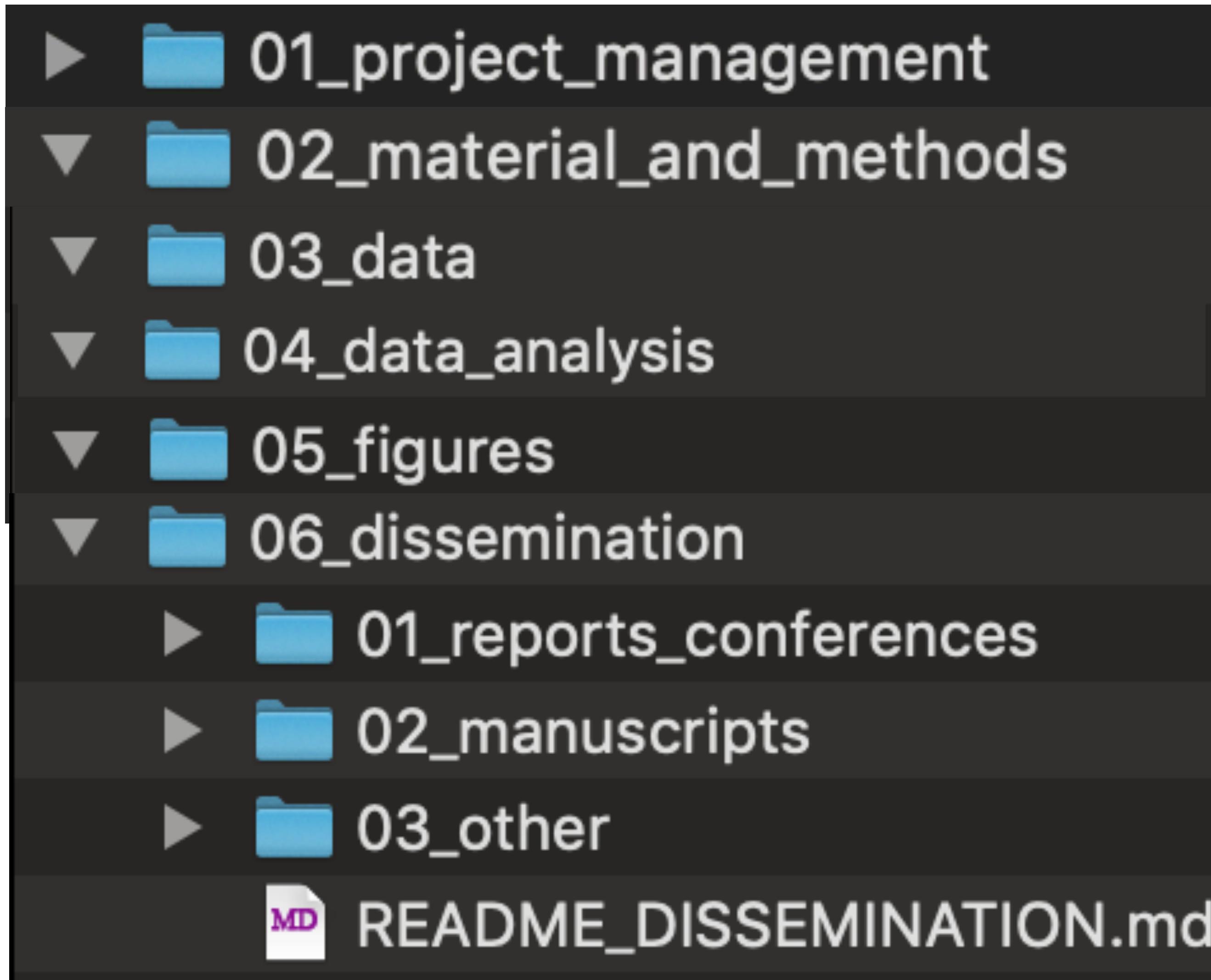
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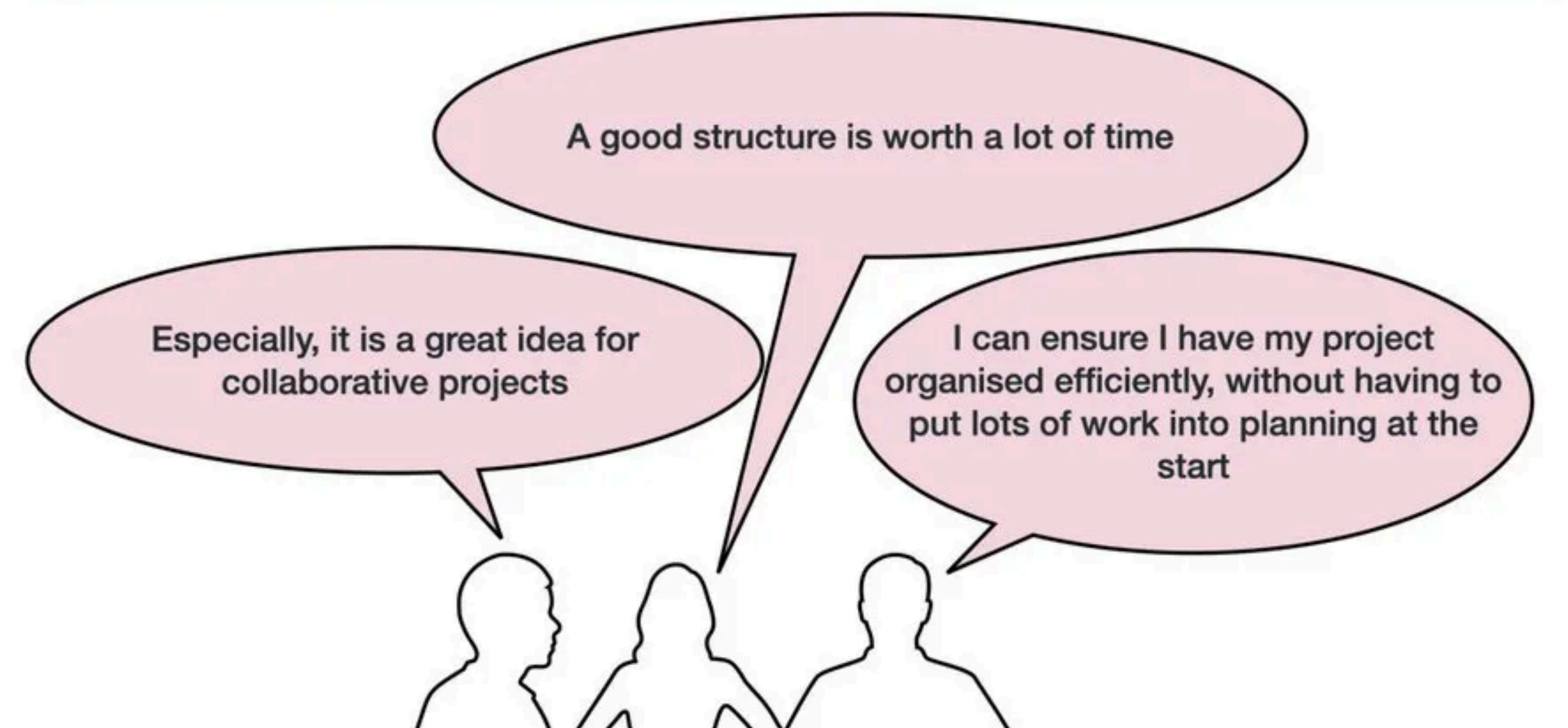
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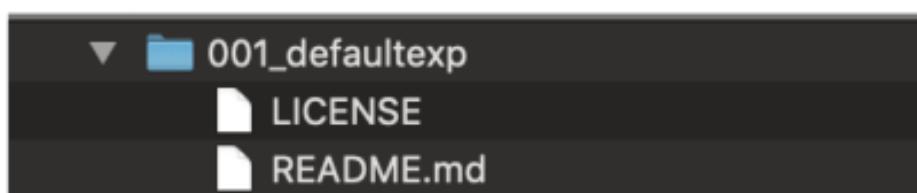
# History of team-tonic

- 2019-04: I started to work for the CRC1315 in Berlin.
- 2019-09: Contact with other CRCs about collaboration, concomitantly with Neuro-NFDI initiative starts, CRC135 (Thorsten) and CRC1158 (Deepti) interested to collaborate, starting discussions about teaching/gitlab/standards/...
- 2020-01: using folder structure template, discussion with G-Node (GIN, Achilleas)
- 2020-03: CRC135 also working on a template. We decide to run a survey about which kind of template will be best and design a better one.
- 2021-01 Results of survey and new template “published” <https://genr.eu/wp/towards-a-standardized-research-folder-structure/>
- 2021-06 Template pushed to GitHub, documentation website started

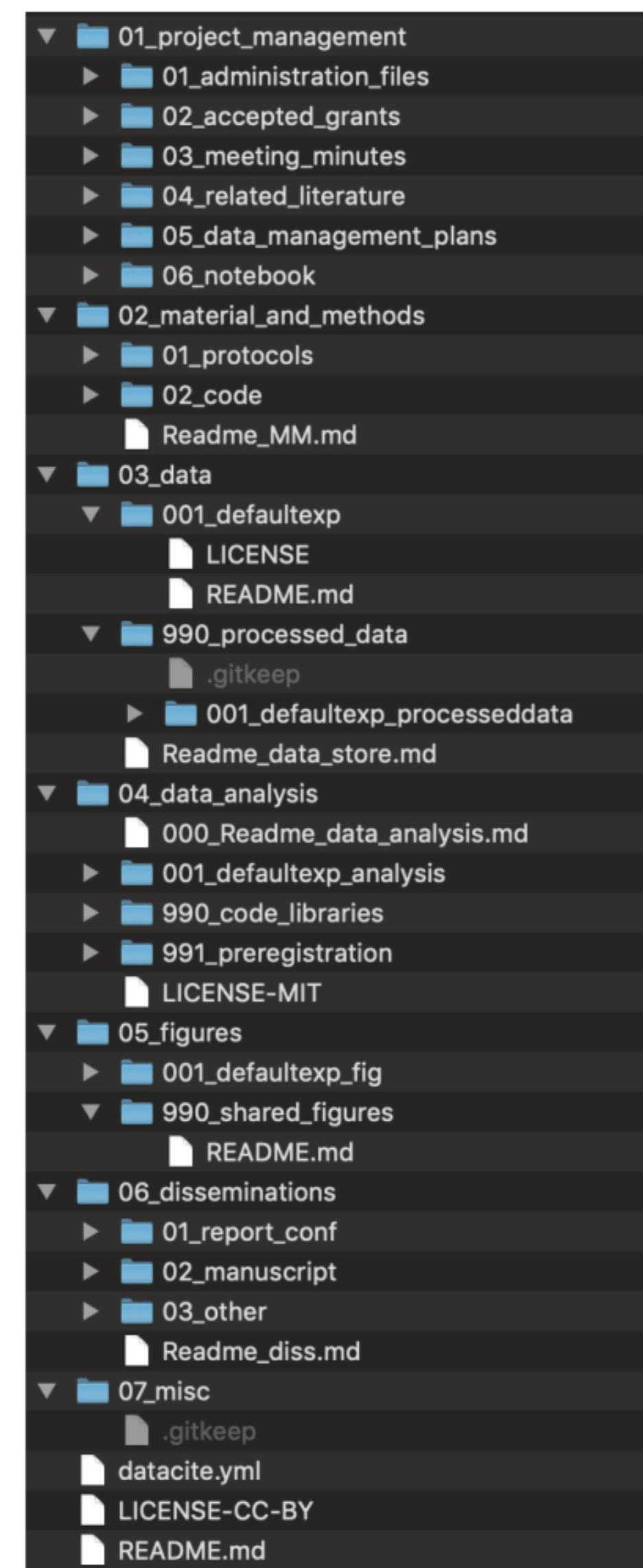


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add sub-folders for each experiment

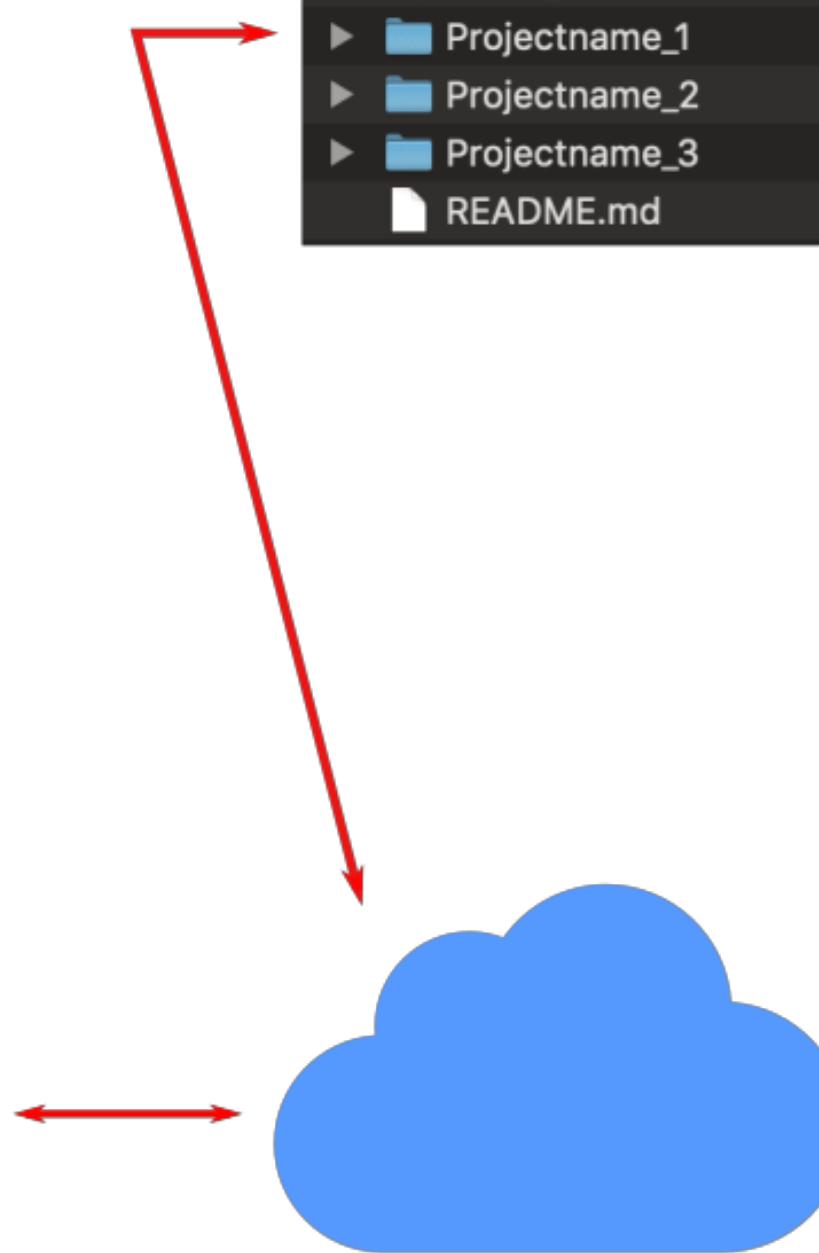
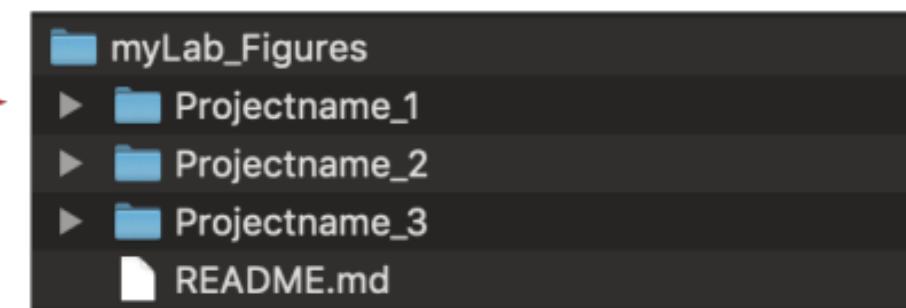


## Project level



## Laboratory level:

mirror sub-folders in other structures



# **The Tech: GIN, tonic, scripts**

# Git-submodule magic

## On my computer

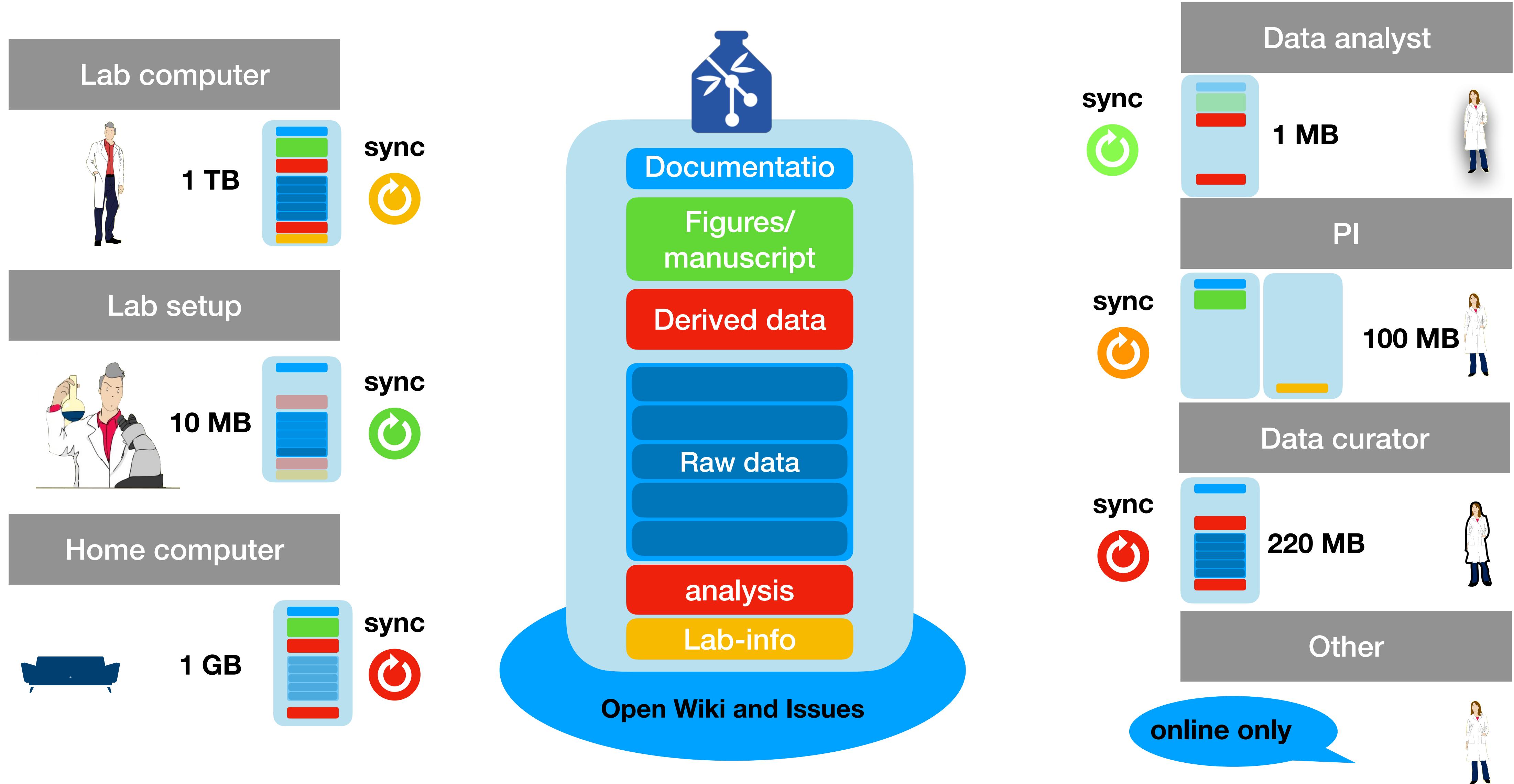
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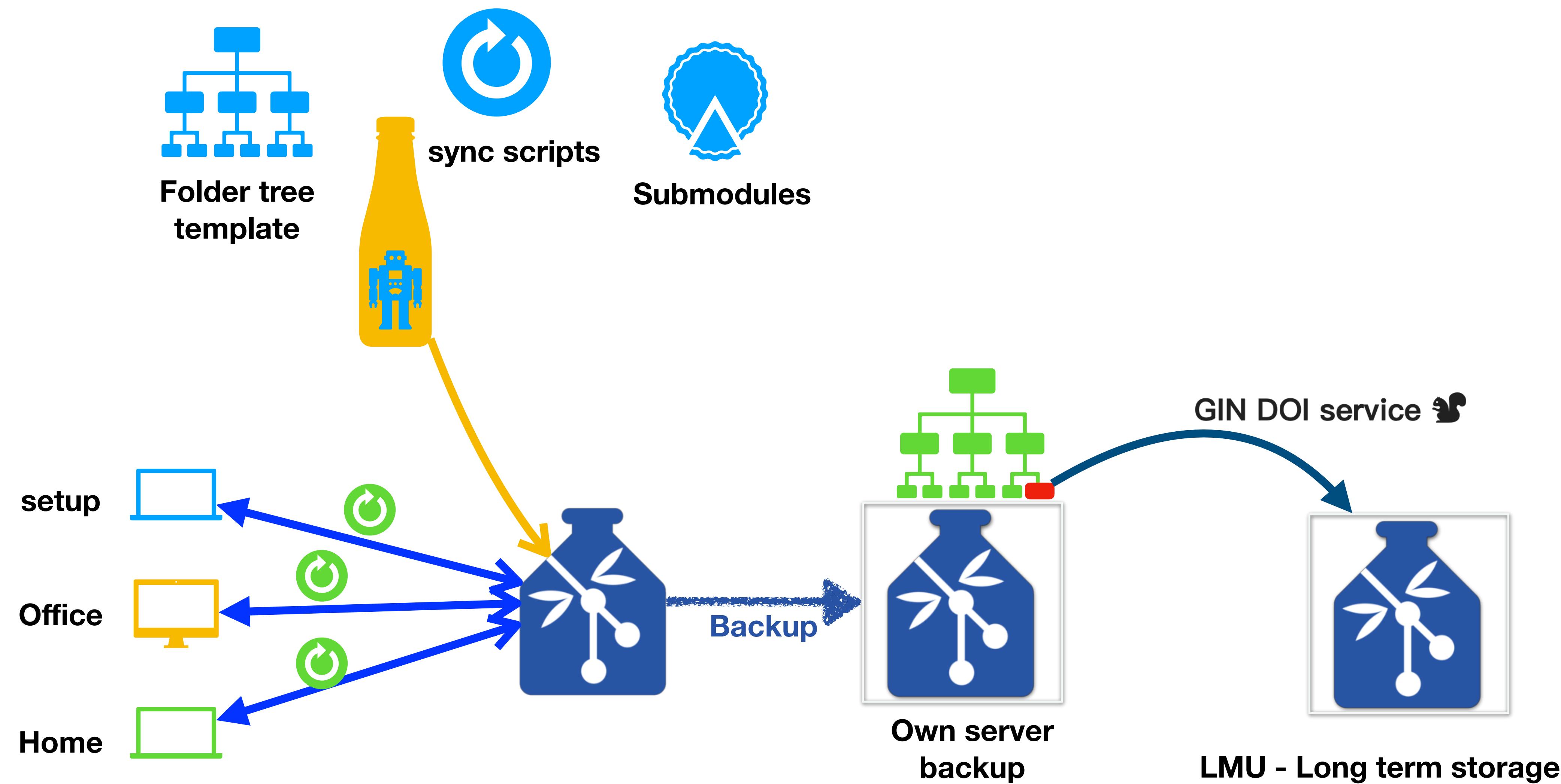
## On GIN (browser)

📄 90_sharedfolder @ 06c90...	68cf92366a	gin commit from MacBook-Pro-4	1 minute ago
📄 91_larkumlab_commons @ ...	68cf92366a	gin commit from MacBook-Pro-4	1 minute ago

Shared with the lab

# GIN-Tonic





Registered with: [re3data.org](https://re3data.org)

Recommended by:

## tonic: add experiment (planned)

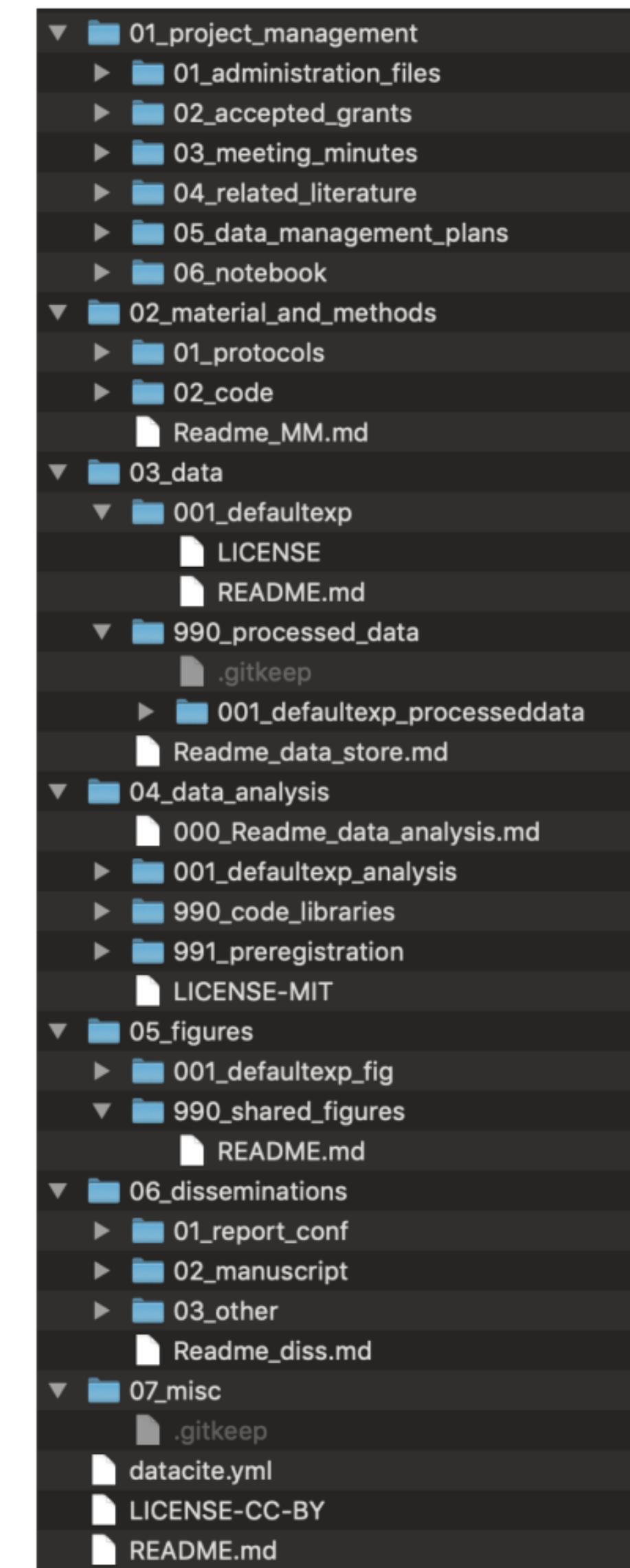
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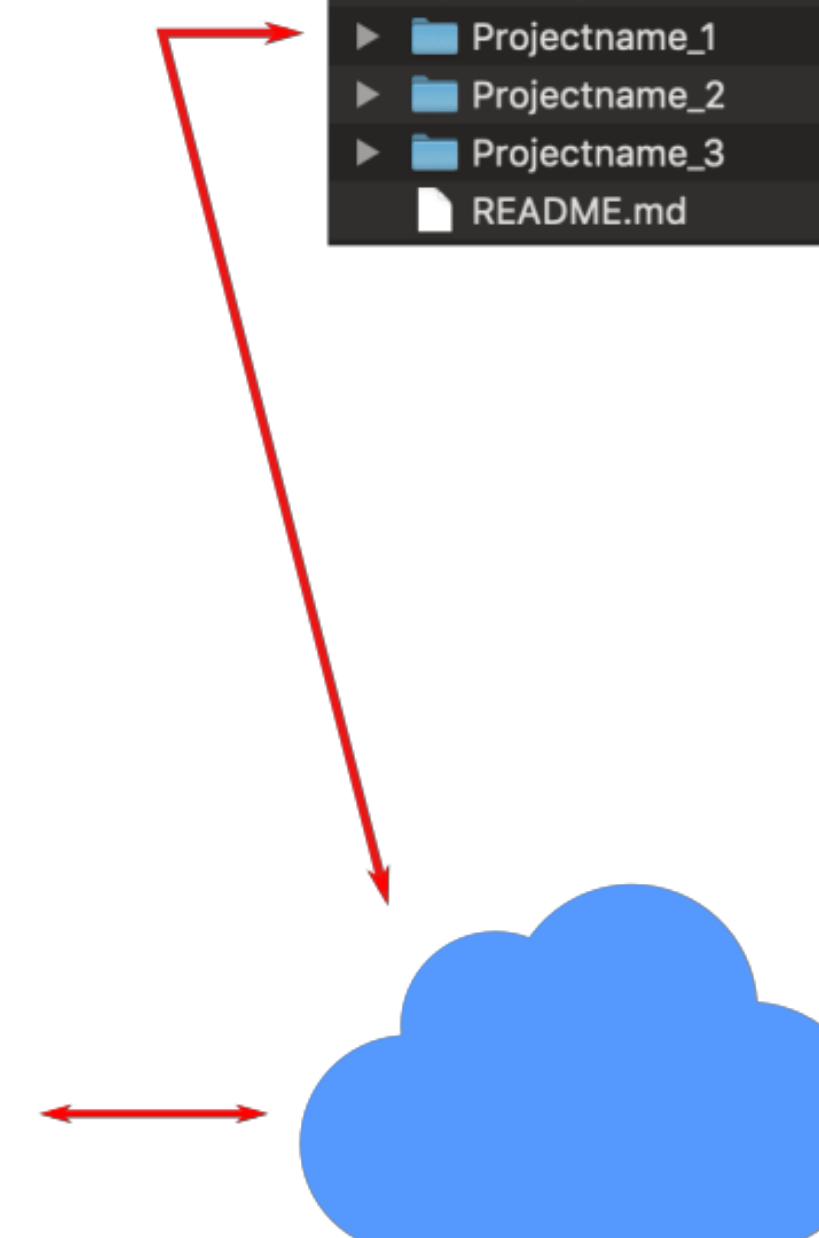
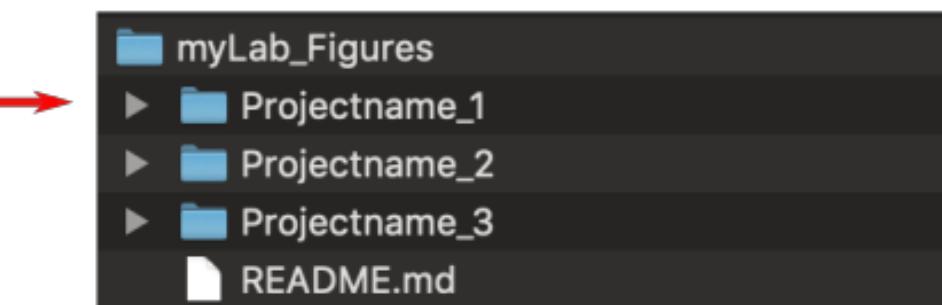
## tonic: create repo (in dev)

**Project level**

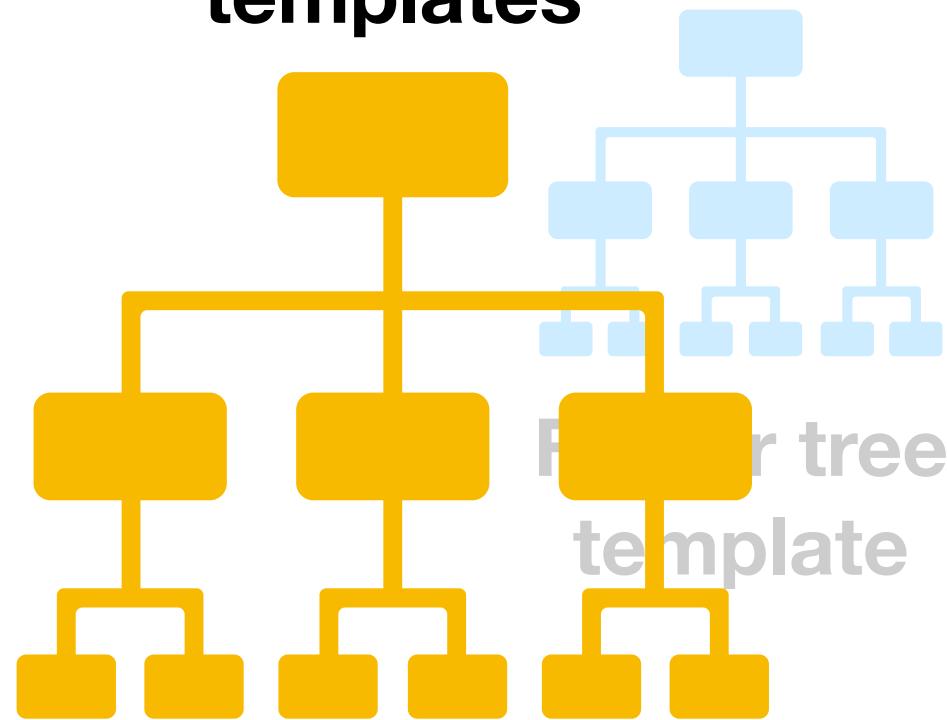


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## Research-oriented templates

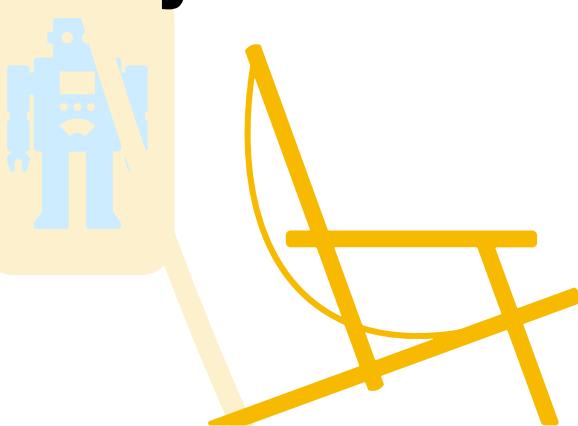


sync scripts



Submodule

## Easy administration



## Easy publication



setup

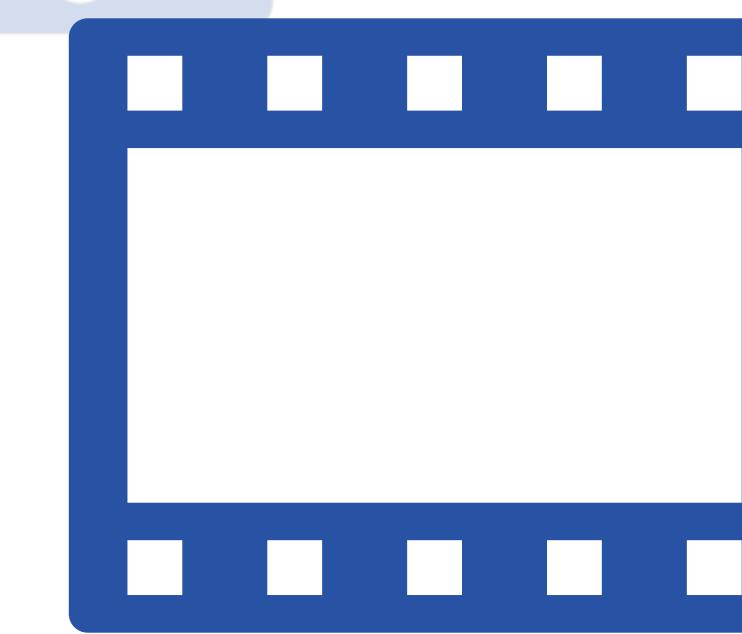
## Easy synchronisation



Office



Home



Via git-annex

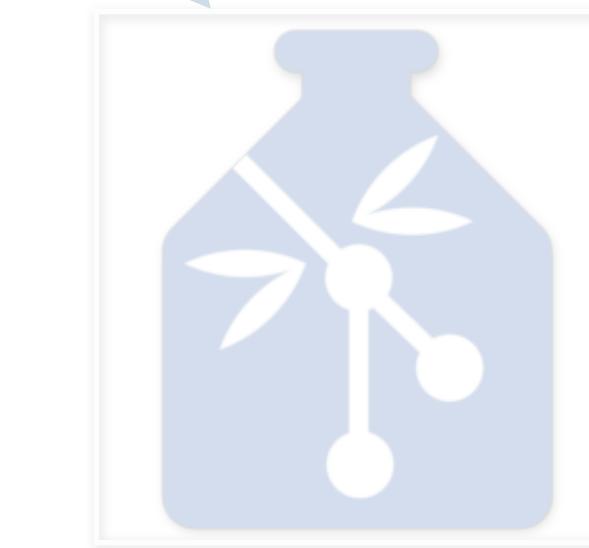


Backup



Own server  
backup

GIN DOI service



LMU - Long term storage

Registered with: [re3data.org](http://doi.org/10.17616/R3SX9N)

Recommended by:

# GIN-TONIC



- Binging vigour into the G-node INfrastructure :

More functionalities

Simplified administration

# Open Infrastructure

- Open source: GIN (MIT license) based on gogs, tonic is go code (BSD 3-Clause License), install via docker.
- Maintained by G-node

**data-, project, lab-  
management**



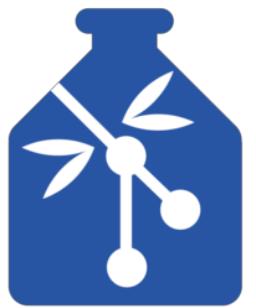
SFB 1315

Mechanisms and Disturbances in Memory  
Consolidation: From synapses to systems

# SFB1315 research data center

portal to our GIN-Tonic instance

*data management, backup, sharing and publication.*



- **Backup**
- **issues / Pull request**
- **“organisation” and data sharing**



## DATA management

Data backup and synchronisation across devices  
Data available for collaboration and curation



## PROJECT management

Use a standardised research folder structure  
Use issues and wiki to organize the work



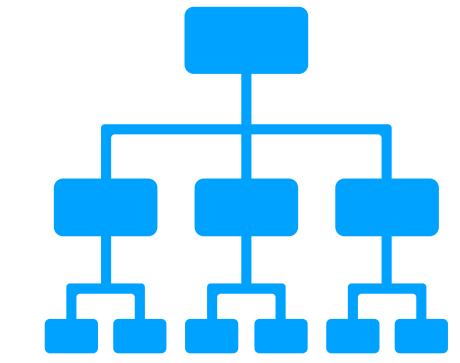
## LAB management

Automatic sharing of some subfolders in the lab.  
Use repos and wiki to share information in the lab.



## A pioneering approach !

Your feedback is important.  
New developments in the pipeline.



- **project files organised**
- **one organisation for all project**
- **common folder for whole lab**



Data curation:  
access data

create data folder templates

[https://  
gindata.biologie.  
hu-berlin.de/](https://gindata.biologie.hu-berlin.de/)

# Collaboration tools

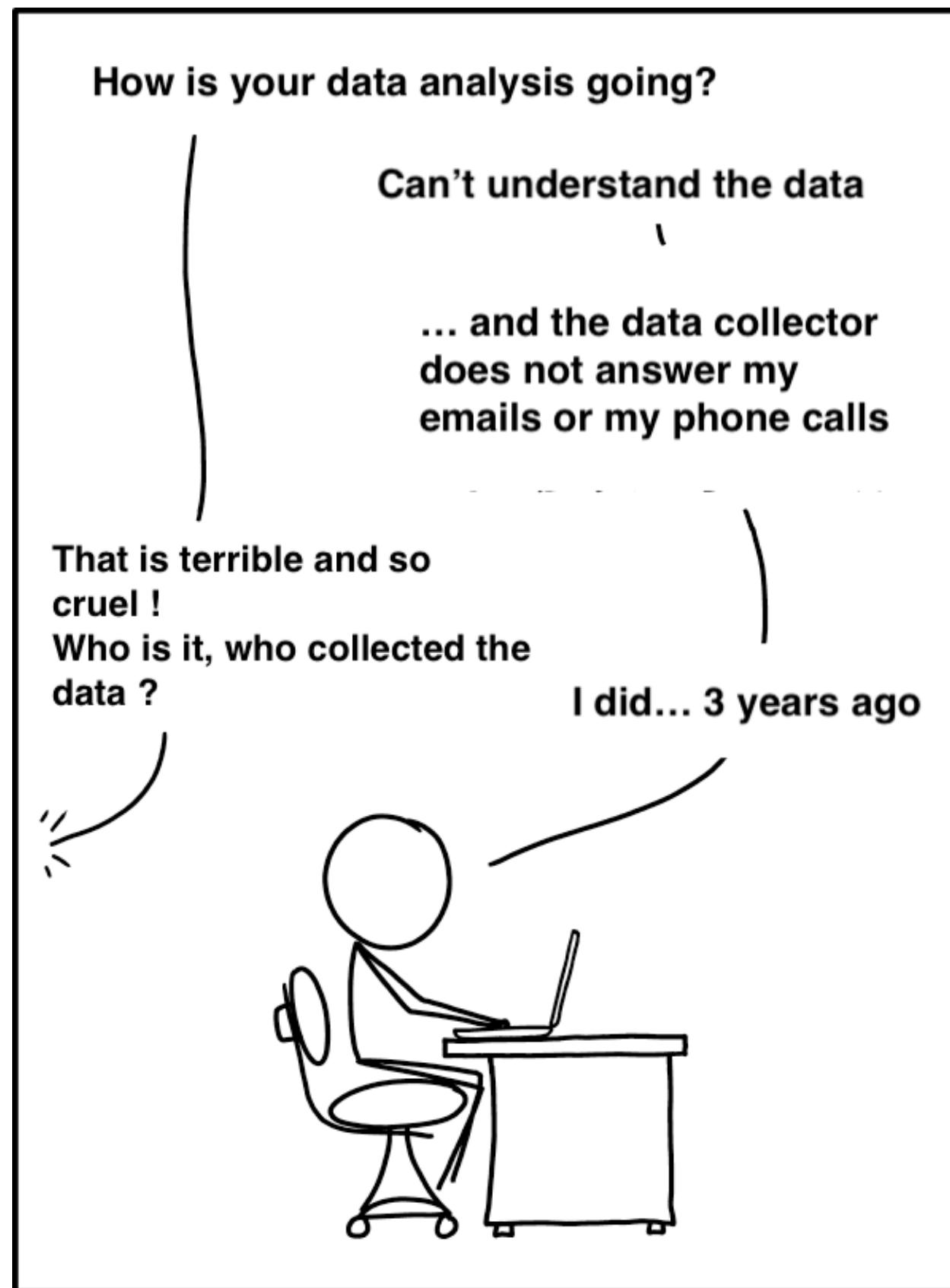
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- #6 https://neuromatch.io conference presentation  
opened 4 weeks ago by julien colomb
- #5 discussion after survey results  
opened 1 month ago by julien colomb
- #4 survey data analysis  
opened 1 month ago by julien colomb
- #3 presentation needs feedback feedback/help needed presentation  
opened 1 month ago by julien colomb

Each issue card includes a comment count (5 or 8) and a reply icon.

example

[https://gin.g-node.org/larkumlab/larkumlab\\_commons](https://gin.g-node.org/larkumlab/larkumlab_commons)



Your first collaborators  
are your future selves,  
be nice to them !

your future self, by Julien Colomb, CC-BY-NC, derived from .NORM Normal File Format, CC-BY-NC, by Randall Munroe



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