

Citation Indexes and Bibliometrics

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The long story short



Early XXth century: quantitative library collection management

1945: Vannevar Bush in the essay "As we may think" proposes the memex (a collective memory machine to deal with information explosion)

1964: the Science Citation Index

1960s-70s: first studies in the sociology of science

1980s: proposals for using bibliometric data for evaluation





Eugene Garfield

Chemist turned linguist, information retrieval perspective.

Main goals: algorithmic historiography and tracking impact, building the memex (creator of the Science Citation Index).





Derek de Solla Price

Physicist turned historian of science, modelling perspective.

Main goals: find laws which can predict the accumulation of scientific knowledge and citation cycles/patterns.





Robert Merton

Sociologist, founding father of the sociology of science, sociological perspective.

Main goals: science as a social system, e.g. cumulative advantage (Matthew effect).



The three "missions" of modern bibliometrics:

- Access (information retrieval)
- Understanding
- Evaluation



Bibliometrics: the statistical analysis of written publications

Scientometrics: the measurement and analysis of science

Altmetrics: alternative (web) metrics (within scientometrics)

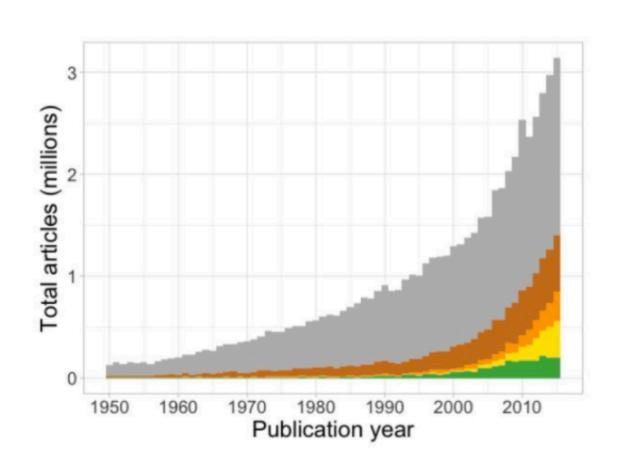
Informetrics: information measurement, more broadly



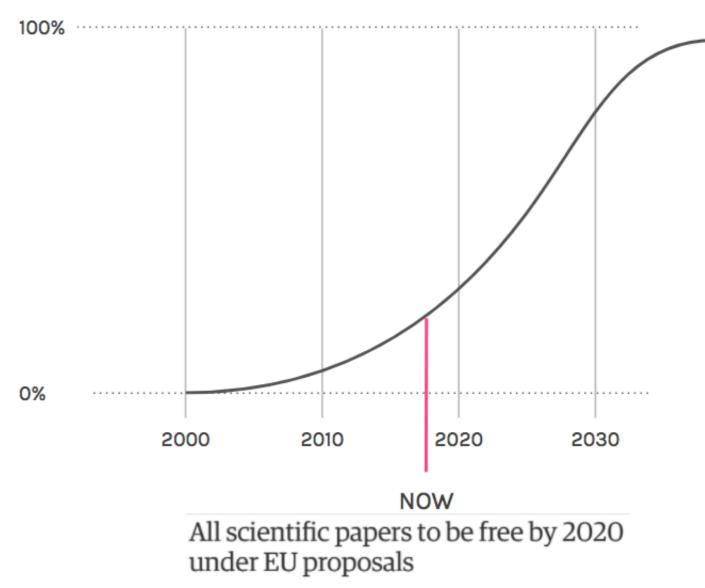
Trendy topics



Open Access



Source: Piwowar et al. "The State of OA: A large-scale analysis of the prevalence and impact of Open Access articles", preprint 2017.



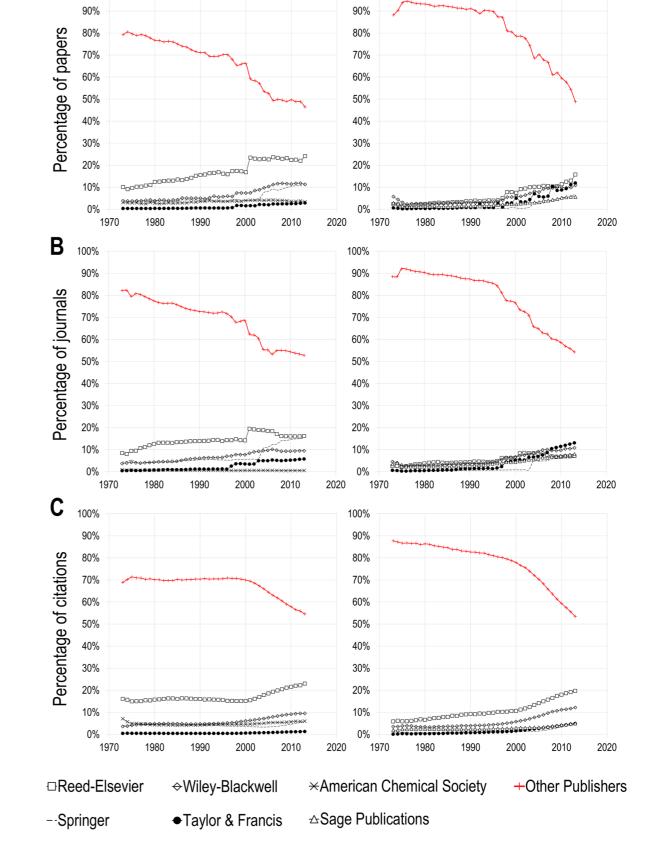
Source: The Guardian 2016

Part of broader open science and data movement



The oligopoly of science publishing

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Social Sciences and Humanities

Natural and Medical Sciences

Larivière, Vincent, Stefanie Haustein, and Philippe Mongeon. 2015. "The Oligopoly of Academic Publishers in the Digital Era." Edited by Wolfgang Glanzel. *PLOS ONE* 10 (6): e0127502.

doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0127502.





Oversimplification

- Publications = productivity
- Citations = impact

Uninformed use and misuse

- Impact factor
- h-index

Adverse effects

- "Salami" publishing
- Honorary authorship
- Self-citations
- Citation cartels







Citation Indexes



From publications to citation indexes



Dopo la ritirata di Pipino l'imperatore di Costantinopoli inviò ad Aquisgrana, presso Carlo Magno, il legato Arsafio, il quale nell'812 stipulò un trattato col sovrano franco. In esso fu stabilito il riconoscimento a Carlo della dignità imperiale (ma non di imperatore dei "romani") da parte del basileus, in cam-

 GIOVANNI DIACONO, Istoria Veneticorum, a cura di L.A. Berto in Cronache, a cura di L.A. Berto e G. Fedalto, in Corpus Scriptorum Ecclesiae Aquileiensis, XII/
 Roma 2003, pp. 72-74.

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 XXVII (1983), pp. 107-129 Negli Annales. Eginardo attribuisce, invece, la vittoria ai franchi.

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Big players



Free access, higher coverage, lower quality, barebone interface, most used

High paywall, better quality data, lower coverage

Cf. How researchers keep up with the literature: http://www.sciencemag.org/careers/2016/11/how-keep-scientific-literature





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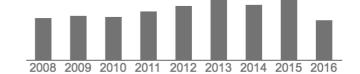


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Uber einen die Erzeugung und Verwandlung des Lichtes betreffenden heurischen Gesichtpunkt A Einstein Ann. Phys. 17, 132-148	7927 *	1905
On the movement of small particles suspended in stationary liquids required by the molecular-kinetic theory of heat A Einstein Annalen der Physik 17, 549-560	6089 *	1905
Zur Elektrodynamik bewegter Körper A Einstein	4590 *	
Investigations on the Theory of the Brownian Movement A Einstein Dover publications	3889	1956
Eine neue bestimmung der moleküldimensionen A Einstein Annalen der Physik 324 (2), 289-306	3471	1906

Google Scholar

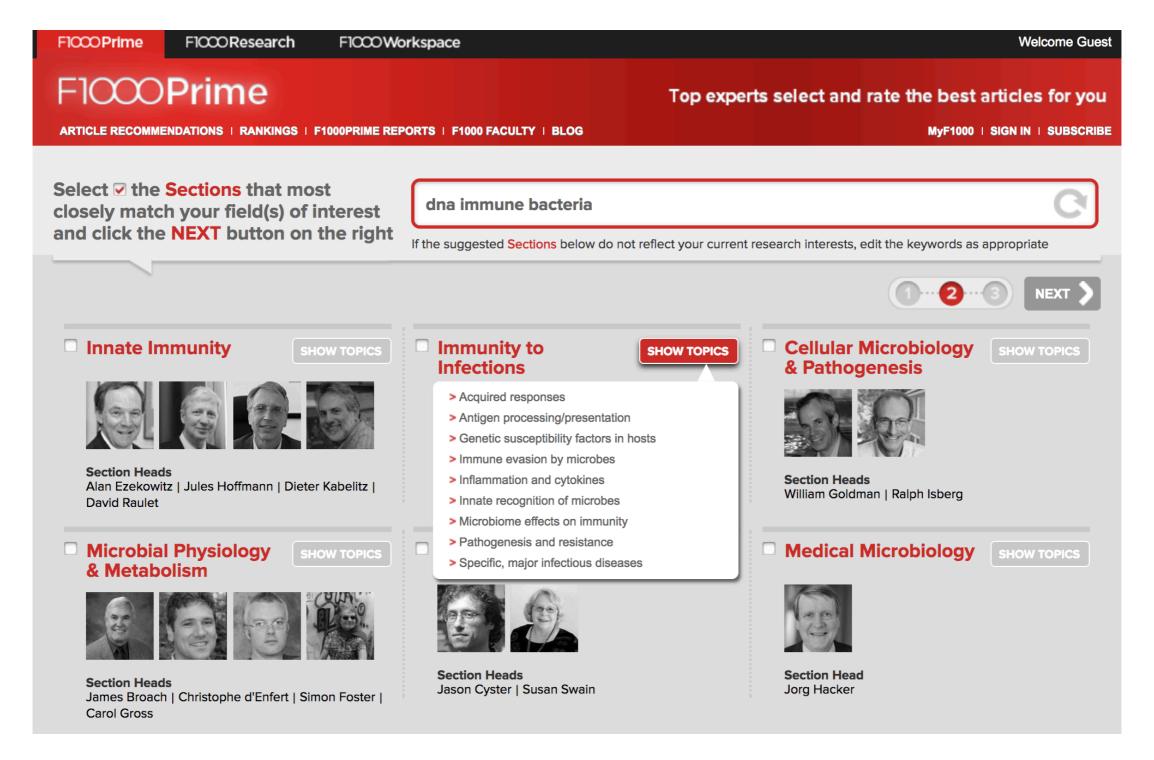
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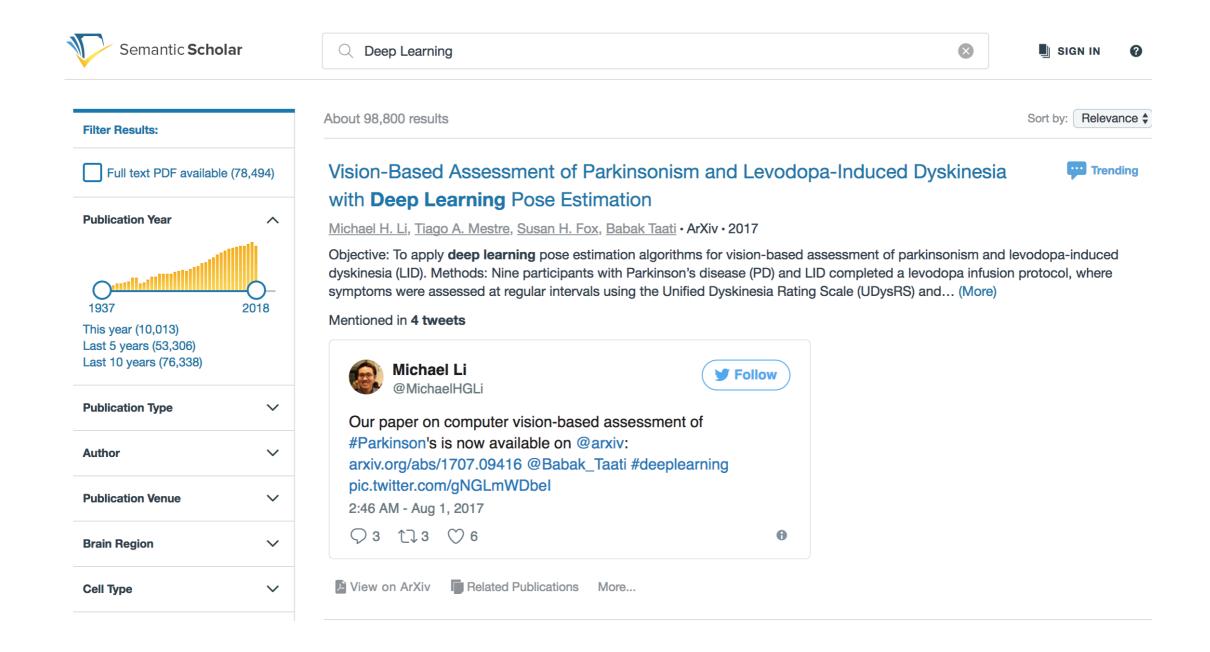
Domain specific indexes: F1000



Mainly on PubMed, manually curated



Domain specific indexes: Semantic Scholar



Mainly on arXiv and for computer science, some AI components



Preprint repositories: arXiv



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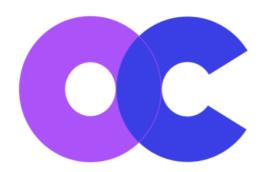


Open indexes

Initiative for Open Citations

The Initiative for Open Citations I40C is a collaboration between scholarly publishers, researchers, and other interested parties to promote the unrestricted availability of scholarly citation data.

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Welcome to the OpenCitations homepage!



Movement towards free access

Different alternatives for large-scale open repositories



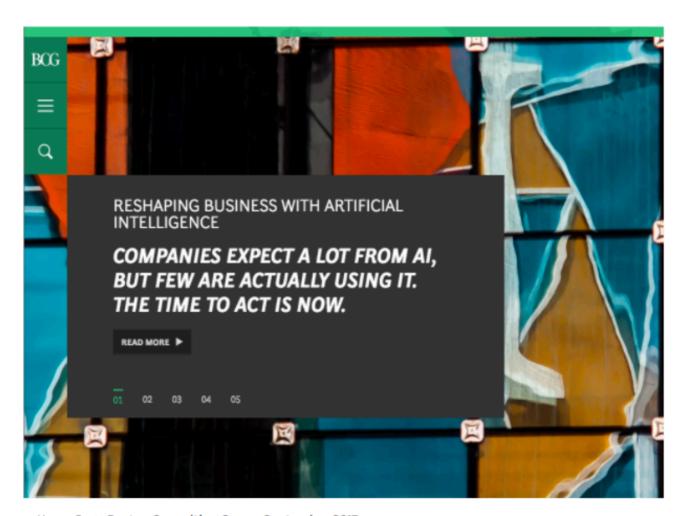
Artificial Intelligence

Microsoft, Google and Baidu team up with Paul Allen's Al2 on Open Academic Search

Source: www.geekwire.com, June 2017



Science AAAS, 7th July 2017



Home Page Boston Consulting Group, September 2017



The humanities and social sciences

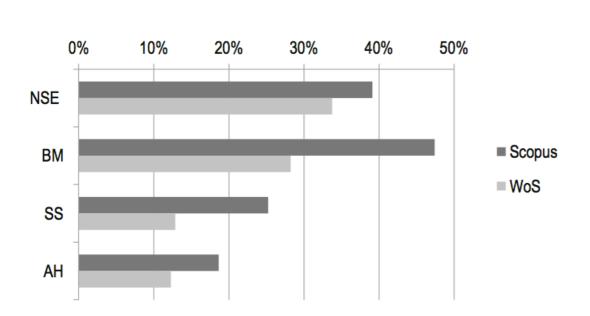


Fig. 1 Proportion of Ulrich academic journals indexed in Web of Science and Scopus

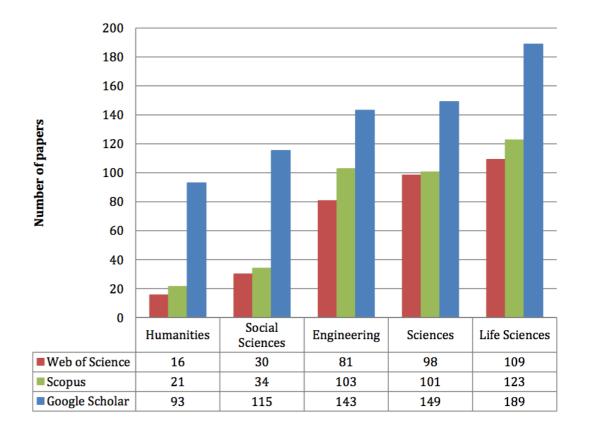


Fig. 3 Average number of papers per academic across five disciplines and three databases, July 2015

Harzing, Anne-Wil, and Satu Alakangas. 2016. "Google Scholar, Scopus and the Web of Science: A Longitudinal and Cross-Disciplinary Comparison." Scientometrics 106 (2): 787–804. doi:10.1007/s11192-015-1798-9. Mongeon, Philippe, and Adèle Paul-Hus. 2016. "The Journal Coverage of Web of Science and Scopus: A Comparative

Analysis." Scientometrics 106 (1): 213–28. doi:10.1007/s11192-015-1765-5.



More details:

- 1. WikiCite
- 2. Open Citations
- 3. Linked Books (indexation in the humanities)

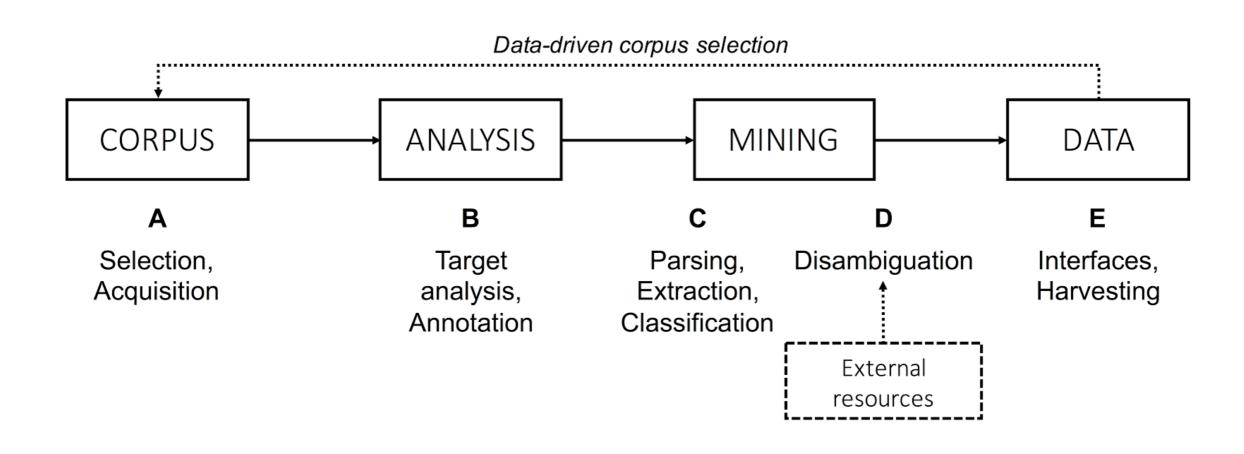


https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/WikiCite

Open Citations

http://opencitations.net/

Swiss FNS project 2015-18 Index the literature on the history of Venice Now ~2500 books, ~500 journal issues



Citation indexes

Take home:

- Necessity for researches
- Many players, many unknowns
- Some clear trends with the digital turn: open access, preprints, open citations
- Openness and inclusiveness still long-term goals



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Thank you!

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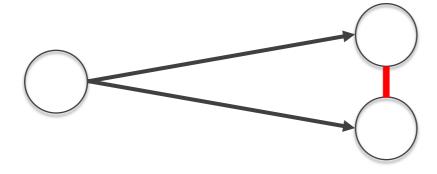


Citation networks

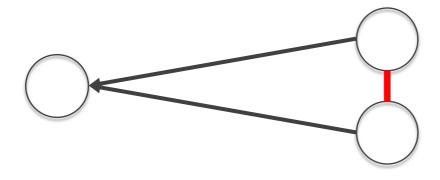
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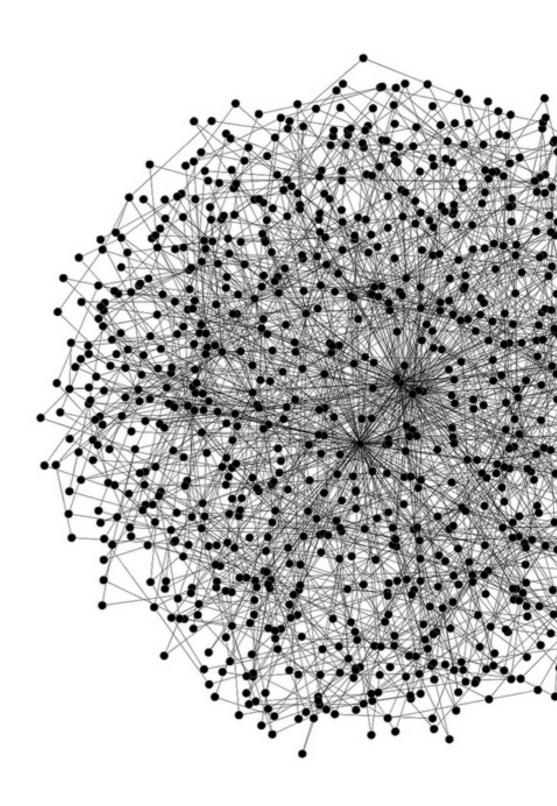


Co-citation network



Bibliographic coupling network







Citation network analysis

Local structure:

- 1. Who is the most/least cited degree centrality
- 1. Communities modularity maximization (Louvain)

Global structure:

- 1. Who is a global broker betweenness centrality
- 1. How dense is the network? network density and diameter

Dynamic structure: How does all change over time?



A bibliometric analysis with Gephi

https://github.com/Giovanni1085/core_literature_his torians_venice

https://gephi.org

https://raw.githubusercontent.com/Giovanni1085/core_literature_historians_venice/master/dataset/graphs/bibc_1.graphml