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# Using Metrics to Determine Research Impact

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#### What is bibliometrics?

 Quantitative analysis of research publications based on citations

Online tracking







### Bibliometrics applications

- Review the literature in a discipline
- Map influential researchers in a field
- Measure research quality and impact
- Map collaboration between researchers
- Compare output of individuals, research centres, and institutions (ERA)
- Compare national publication



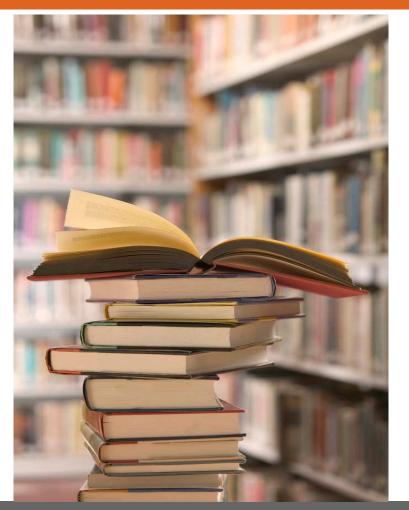


### Citation analysis - tools

Web of Science

Scopus

Publish or Perish







### Web of Science journal coverage

**Science Citation Index** 

~8,300

Social Science Citation Index

~4,500

Arts & Humanities Citation Index

~2,300







#### Types of Web of Science searches

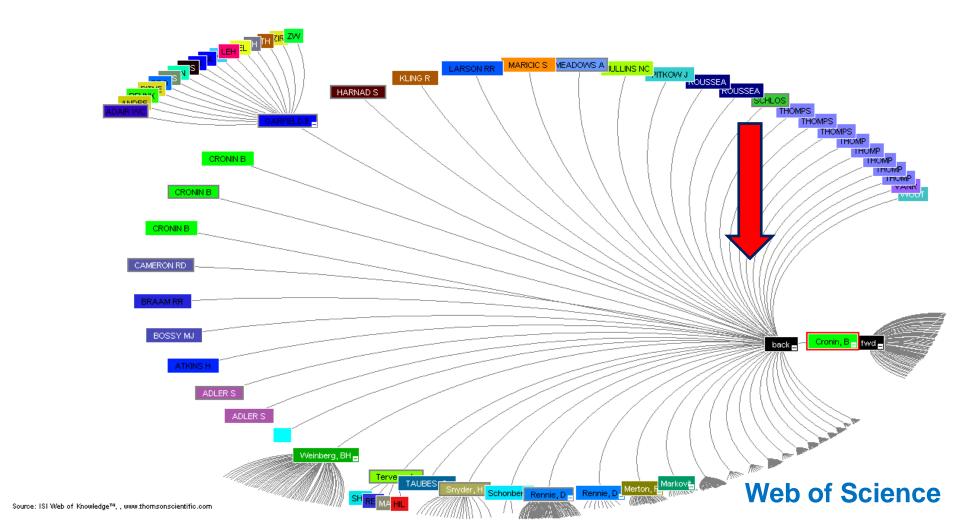
- Search (topic, author, publication)
- Author finder
- Cited reference search







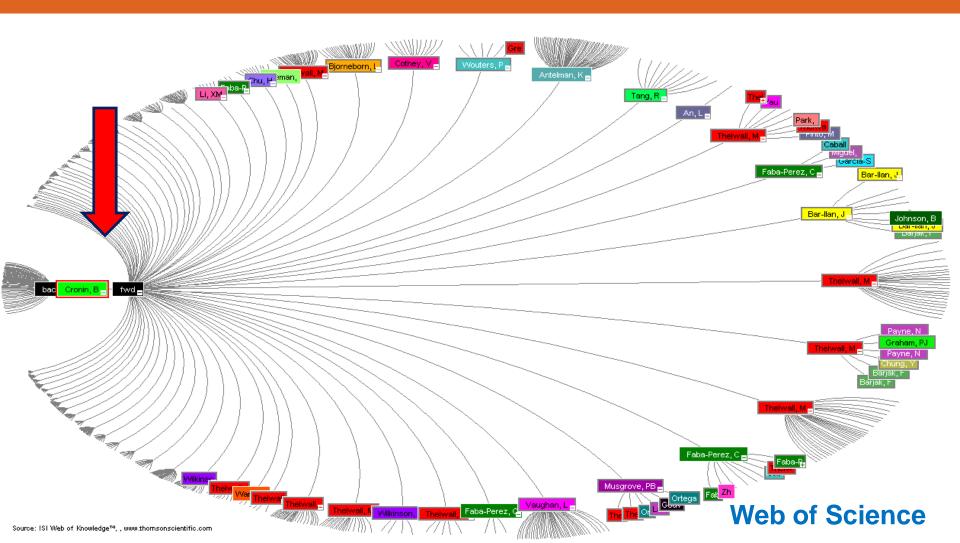
#### Researcher cites others ...







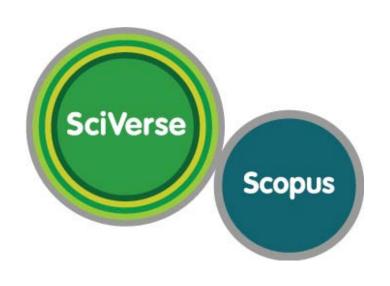
# Researcher is cited by others...





### Scopus

- Citation database
- Subject coverage
  - -Scientific
  - -Technical
  - -Medical
  - -Social sciences
  - -Arts & Humanities







### Types of Scopus searches

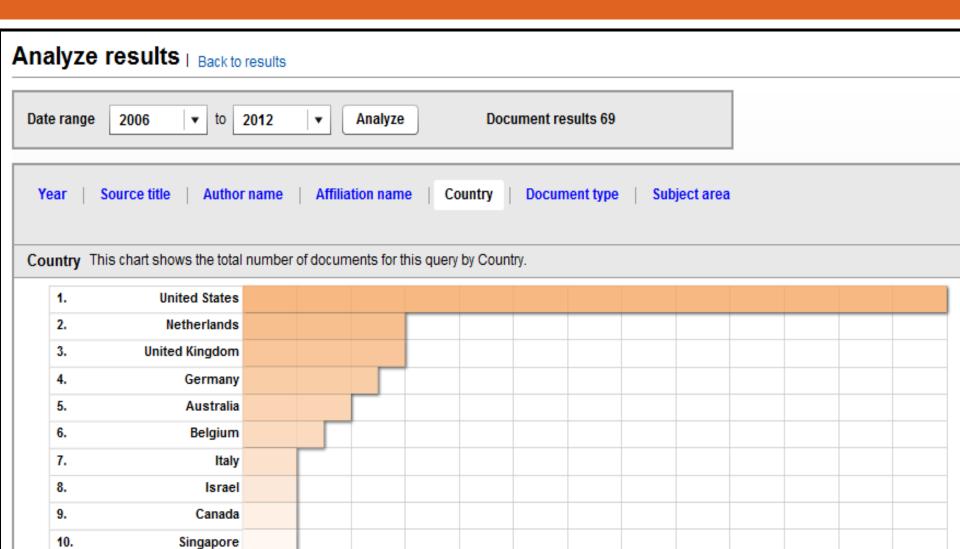
- Document search
- Author search
- Affiliation search
- Advanced search







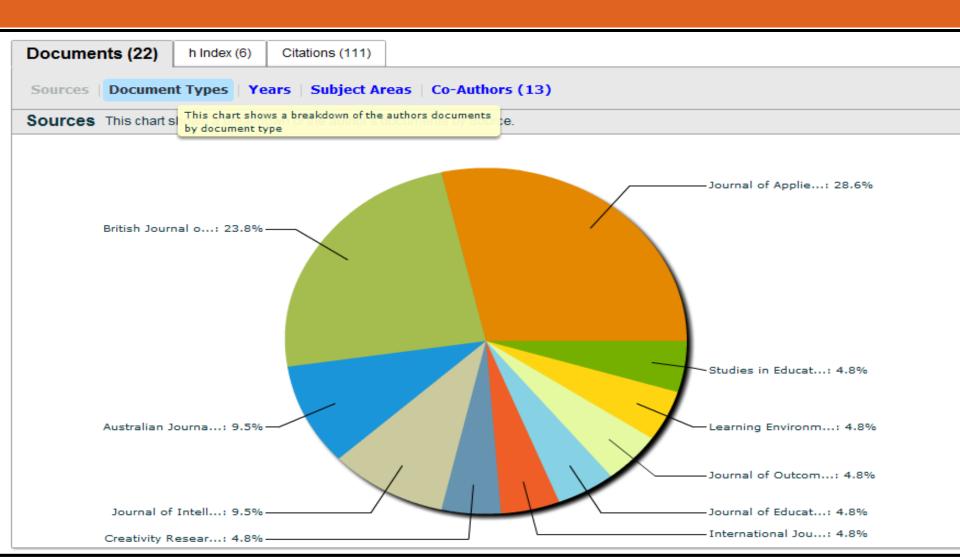
### Scopus – Analyse results tool







### Scopus – author evaluator tool

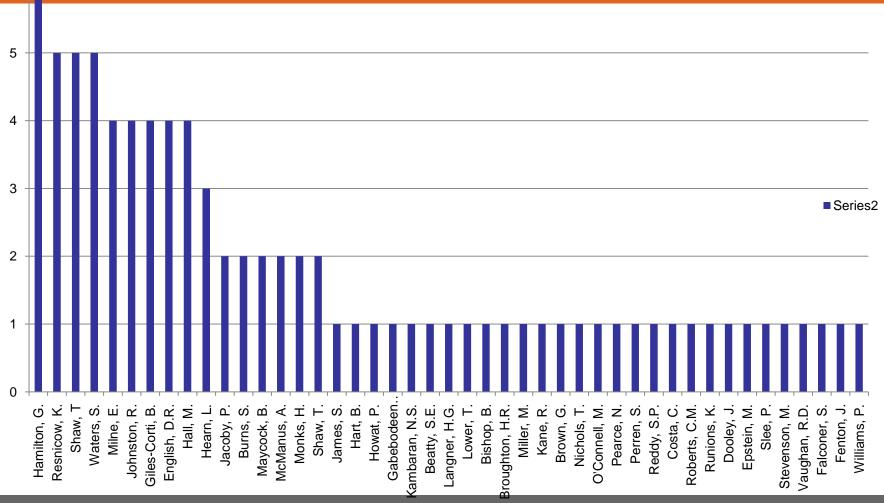


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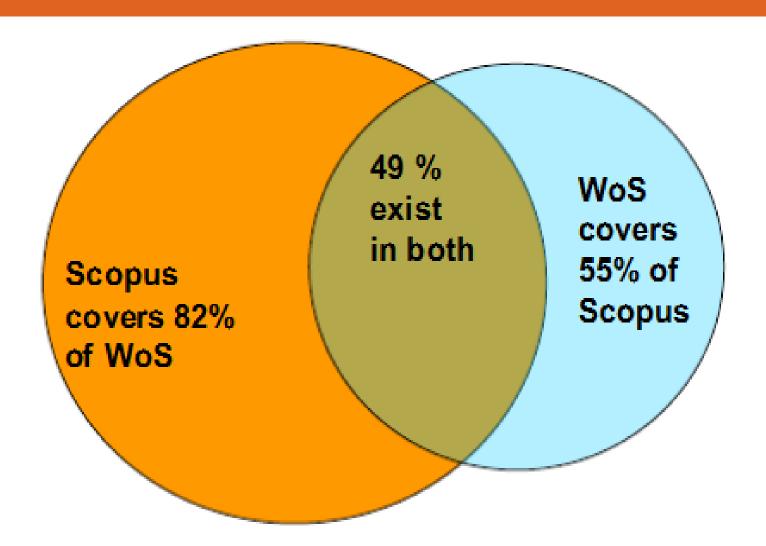








### Scopus Web of Science overlap







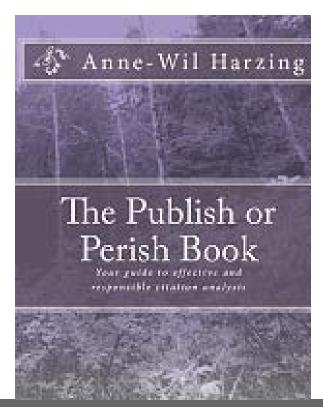
#### Publish or Perish (Google Scholar)

Citation analysis of

Google Scholar data

Software download

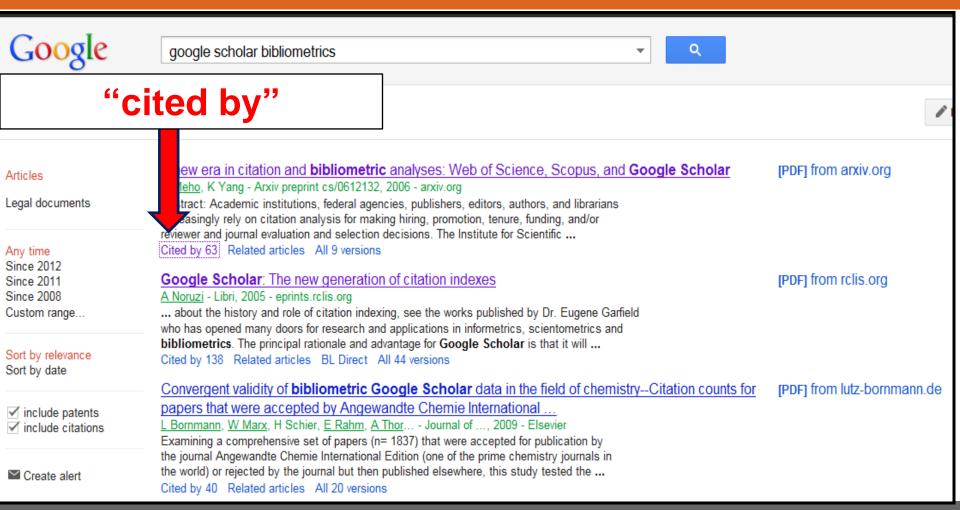
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## Google Scholar







### Why use Publish or Perish?

- Better than using Google Scholar on its own
- Broad multidisciplinary coverage
- Includes results across many major databases
- Better for social sciences, arts and humanities
- Produces research performance metrics
- Download results to Excel



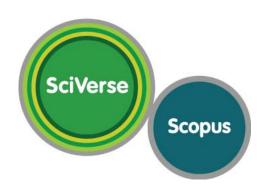


#### Which database to use?

Scopus



Publish or Perish













#### Journal metrics, measuring journal impact

- Journal Citation Reports (JCR)
  - Science Edition
  - Social Sciences Edition
- Impact factors
- Highly cited journals in a discipline
- Leading journals in a discipline
- Discipline specific





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#### JCR impact factors in Nanotechnology

#### ISI Web of Knowledge™

Journal Citation Reports®

e.g. in Nanoscience and Nanotechnology ...



Journals from: subject categories NANOSCIENCE & NANOTECHNOLOGY 🛱 VIEW CATEGORY SUMMARY LIST

Impact Factor SORT AGAIN Sorted by:

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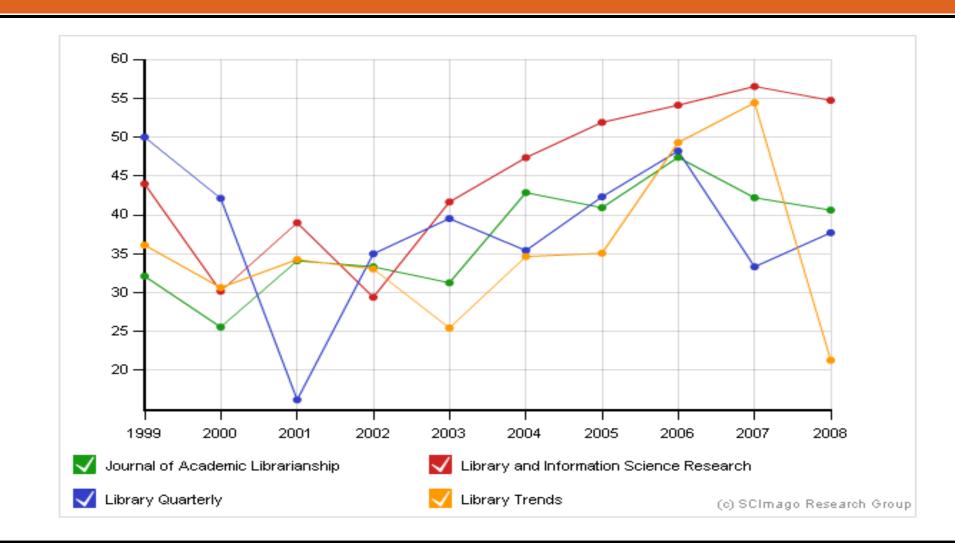
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### Comparing journals on Scopus





### Future developments...







#### Altmetrics to determine research impact

- Altmetrics manifesto
- New ways to measure impact
- New metrics based on analysing the social web
- Scholarship is changing
- Scholars use the Web: blogs, Twitter, social media





#### Altmetrics new tools – Web 2.0

- Reference managers
- Mendeley, Zotero

Social media

Blogs, Twitter

Social bookmarking

Delicious











#### Bibliometrics — handle with care!

- Disciplinary differences
- Citation impact vs Impact of research
- Assumption that
  - Cited articles have been read/used
- But we also have
  - Time-lag
  - Self citing
  - Diplomatic citing/non-citing



### Any questions?

