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Just to let you know.

I am here to share, not to teach.

This is what I have been learning during the last years. What about you? I want to know.

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What is this presentation about?

- Scarcity of knowledge
- Open science as a way to cope with the scarcity of knowledge
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 - Open data
 - Open source
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- Post publication peer review and crazy projects

Scarcity of knowledge?

There is no scarcity of knowledge in the Internet era!

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Sure?

How often does this happen?

There is a new research opportunity. The area is not completely familiar.

Deadline is yesterday.

We dig out the literature

But..

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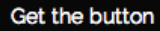
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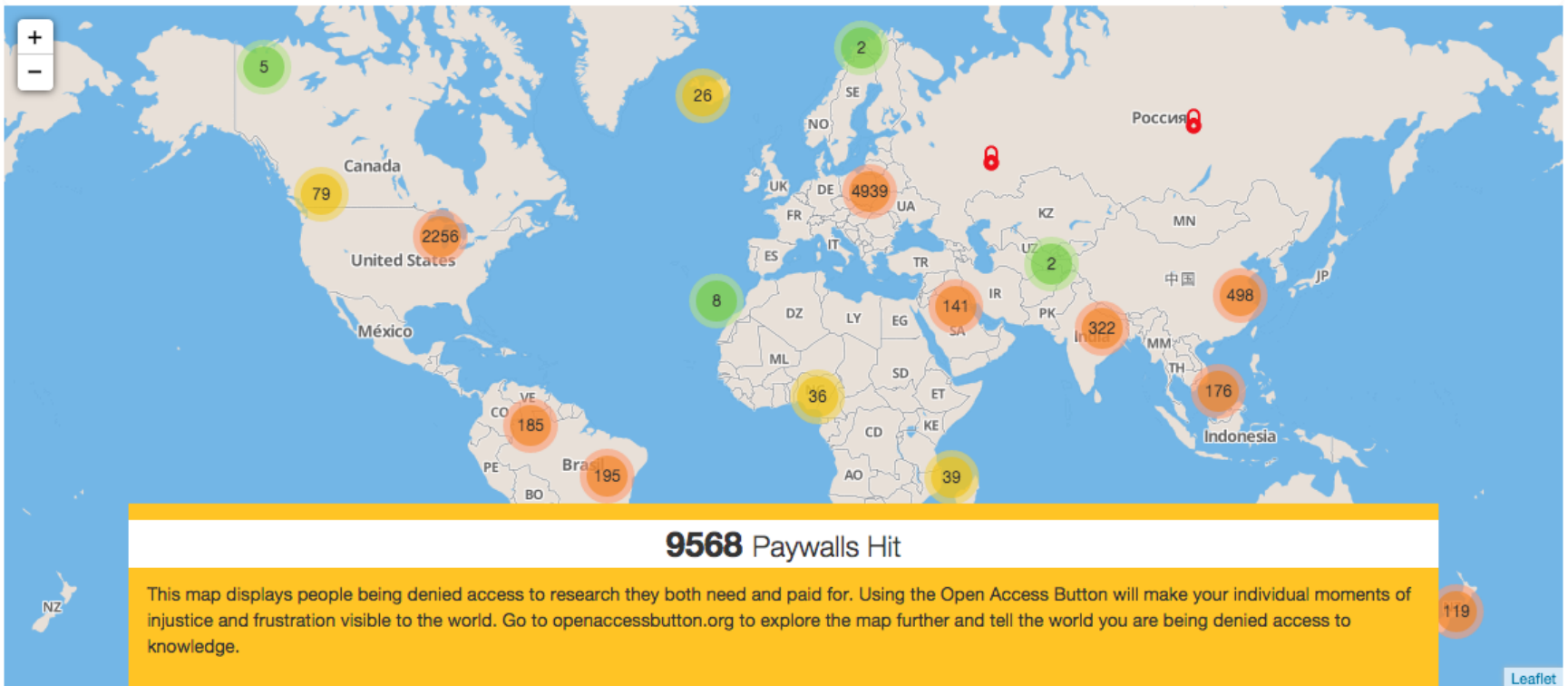
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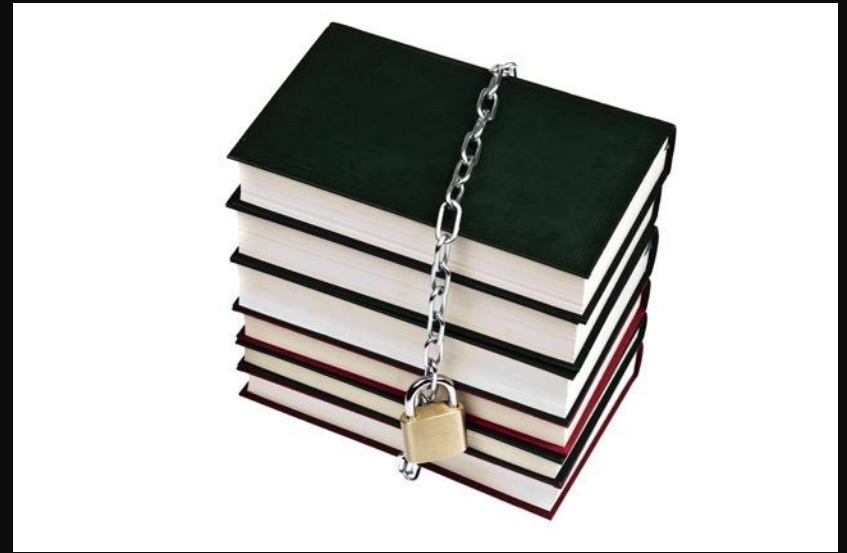
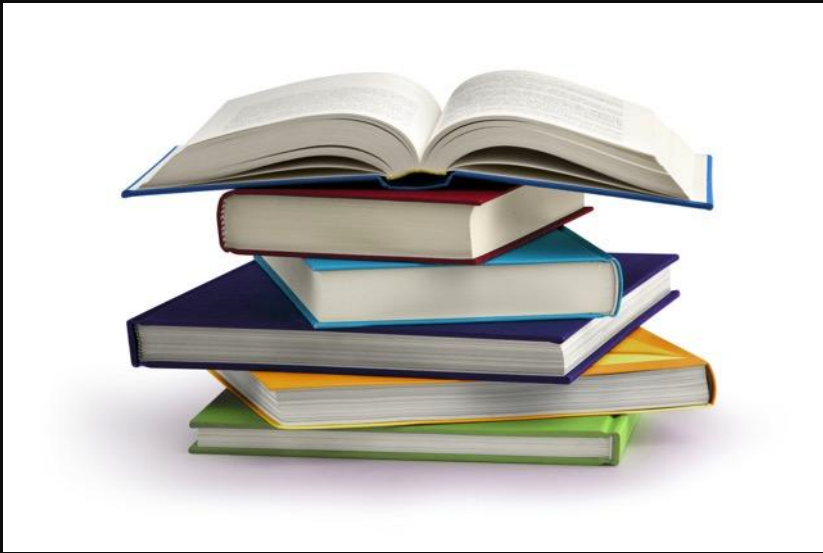
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Knowledge is not universal

It is a privilege



And everything in between

The costs of knowledge

- 20-40\$ / article
 - What if we need 5? 15? 20? Per paper?

The costs of knowledge

- 20-40\$ / article
- How much does knowledge cost?
 - Non-disclosure agreements between publishers and libraries [1]
 - Estimated revenue: \$5333 / article [2]
 - 100% to the publisher

[1] Richard Van Noorden, "Open access: The true cost of science publishing", Nature, vol. 495, no. 742, 2013

[2] Mike Taylor, "[What does it cost to publish a Gold Open Access article?](#)", the London School of Economics and Political Science blogs, 2012

The costs of knowledge

- 20-40\$ / article
- How much does knowledge cost?
- Who pays for this?
 - We (the general public)

Are we actually doing science?

- ▶ Lack in
 - Data availability
 - Software availability

Are we actually doing science?

- Lack in
 - Data availability
 - Software availability
- Reproducibility?
- Publishing null results?
- Science discussion forums?
- Speed of publishing process

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Open Science is the idea that scientific knowledge of all kinds should be shared publicly as early as is practical in the discovery process.

Interestingly,

“As a concept [...] the open is reactionary; it gains meaning largely through a consideration of what it is not.”

Tkacz, Nate: “[From open source to open government: A critique of open politics](#)”,
Ephemera, vol. 12, no. 4, pp. 386-405. 2012.

Should we open up science?

- Yes, because yes.

Should we open up science?

- Science is based upon openness
 - Reproducibility
 - Transparency
- But, science is dirty and closed
 - Taxpayers pay us for it
 - Taxpayers pay for seeing the results (?!)
 - Research funded by the public should be available to the public (ethical)
- Broader audience
 - Demonstrated citation gains

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Open access

Philosophy, principles

- The author(s) and right holder(s) of contributions grant(s) to all users a free, irrevocable, worldwide,
 - right of access to, and a license to
 - copy, use, distribute, transmit and display
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Gold open access

A publishing model

- The publisher grants right of accessing articles adhering to the previously stated principles of OA
 - Through licenses
- Often in Computer Science (CS), authors pay article processing charges
 - In other fields, more free-for-all OA journals than author-pays journals

Gold open access

A publishing model

▸ Advantages

- Everybody with an internet connection can read your article
- Broader readership
- Scientific knowledge spreads
- Everybody can exploit your work

Gold open access

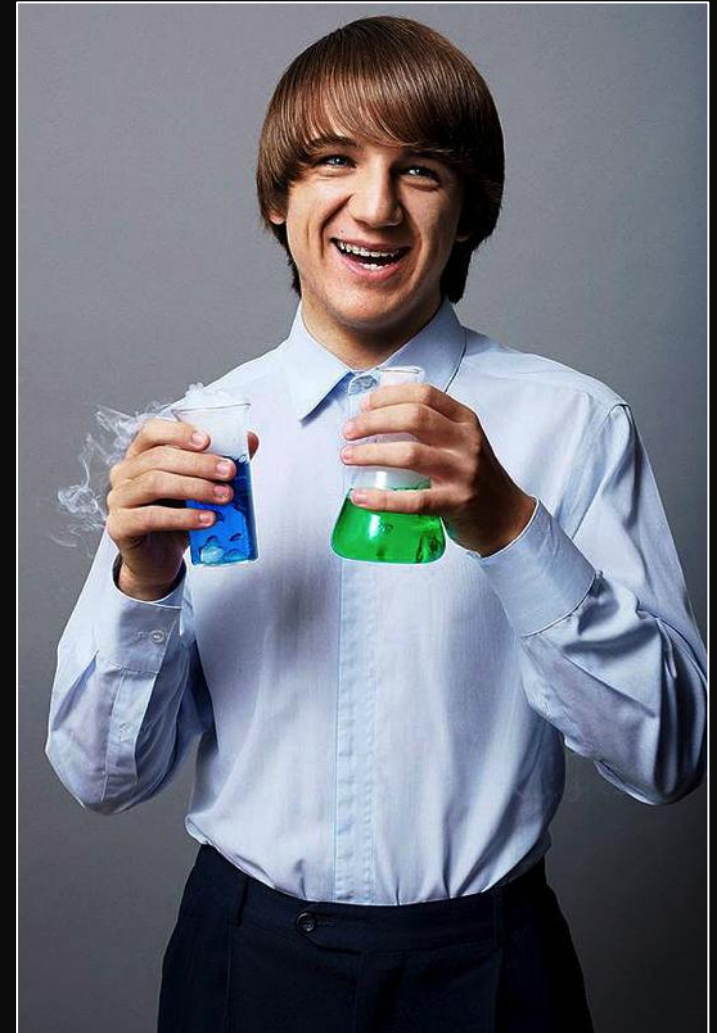
A publishing model

▸ Disadvantages

- Authors often pay upon acceptance of the article
 - From 99\$ to 3-4000\$
- Often, covered by research projects
- If no projects, often fee waivers
 - (guess who does not often offer them?)

Regarding exploiting work

- ▶ Jack Andraka, 15 (at the time)
- ▶ Invented a new way of diagnosing cancer
 - 186 faster, 400 times cheaper, 99% success rate with respect to previous tests [1]
- ▶ Some articles paid by mummy's credit card. Most of them where thankfully open access.
- ▶ How many Jack Andraka are we missing in CS and SE?



[1] Forbes, "[Wait, Did This 15-Year-Old From Maryland Just Change Cancer Treatment?](#)", 2012

Gold open access != low quality

- OA about free access and use of literature
 - Not about the quality of the articles
- Some publishers do not care about the quality, but about revenue
 - Many publishers and authors exploit the OA model (predatory)

Gold open access != low quality

- ▶ Issues happen w/ traditional publishers, too
 - [Springer and IEEE retracted 120 papers](#) in 2014 + about 500 papers per year
 - [Elsevier published 6 fake journals in medicine](#) and [makes readers pay for reusing its OA papers](#)
 - Traditional publishers have the highest OA fees
 - Elsevier 2400 USD + VAT, Springer 3000 USD + VAT

Gold open access != low quality

▸ How to prevent a scam?

- Just read some published papers
- Look at the journal website
- We published a [framework for systematic analysis of OA journals](#)

Gold open access in Software Engineering and Information Systems

A systematic framework and analysis

- ▶ Many journals out there
 - What is the situation for SE and IS?
- ▶ How to make sense of them?

Gold open access in Software Engineering and Information Systems

A systematic framework and analysis

- Framework for systematic analysis of OA journals and its application in SE and IS [1]
- 18 core attributes
 - bibliographic information
 - activity metrics
 - economics
 - accessibility
 - predatory issues

[1] D. Graziotin, X. Wang, P. Abrahamsson, "A framework for systematic analysis of open access journals and its application in software engineering and information systems", *Scientometrics*, Vol. 101, No. 3, pp. 1627-1656, 2014.

Gold open access in Software Engineering and Information Systems

A systematic framework and analysis

- 30 OA journals in SE and IS
 - Among 386 journals in CS
 - [DOAJ](#)-listed
- Between-group analysis
 - No publication fees vs. publication fees
- Within-group analysis
 - Publication fees

Gold open access in SE and IS

Some results

- ▶ Country of origin of the journals is not variegated.
 - 50 % of the journals have their publisher's country of origin either in the United States, India, or the United Kingdom.
- ▶ Only 53.3 % of the journals are printed on paper.

Gold open access in SE and IS

Some results

- ▶ Country of origin of the journals is not variegated.
- ▶ Only 53.3 % of the journals are printed on paper.
- ▶ Per year
 - Issued 4 times (mean, median)
 - Mean 61.8 articles published (standard deviation = 124, median 23)
- ▶ 20% of the journals publishes "as outliers"

Gold open access in SE and IS

Some results

- ▶ 47% require publication fees
- ▶ Article processing charges
 - Range: 45.00 to 800.00 USD
 - Average: 321.00 USD (standard deviation = 247.44)

Gold open access in SE and IS

Some results

- 76.7 % do not declare a digital preservation mechanism of the papers.
- In danger of disappearing if the journals lose their content.
- Preservation mechanisms costs are not that high

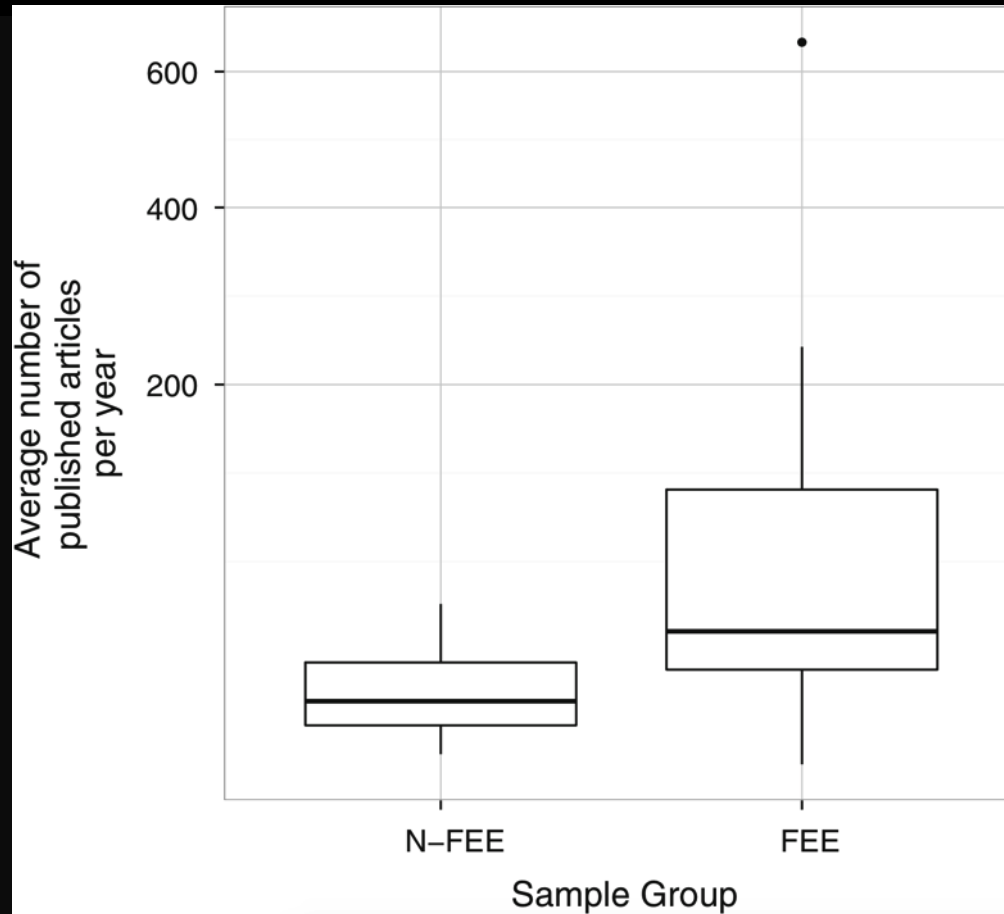
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Some results

- ▶ The journals declare, on the average, 13.8 indexing services
 - Only 8.1 could be verified on average
 - Journals asking for APC lie more

Gold open access in SE and IS

Journals asking for money publish more



D. Graziotin, X. Wang, P. Abrahamsson, "A framework for systematic analysis of open access journals and its application in software engineering and information systems", *Scientometrics*, Vol. 101, No. 3, pp. 1627-1656, 2014.

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Some results

- ▶ 13.3% of the journals are in [Beall's list of predatory publisher](#)
- ▶ 76.7% of the journals present predatory issues according to [Beall's criteria](#)
- ▶ Beall's list is not at all perfect
 - Beall is often biased against OA [1]
- ▶ The journals asking for the highest APC are not in the list

[1] J. Beall, "The Open-Access Movement is Not Really about Open Access", TripleC, vol. 11, no. 2, 2013.

Gold open access in SE and IS

So, where should I submit?

- The perfect journal in SE does not exist yet
- There are fair journals
 - [Advances in Software Engineering](#) (Hindawi)
 - [Computer Science and Information Systems](#) (Comsis Consortium)
 - [e-Informatica Software Engineering Journal](#) (Wroclaw University of Technology)

Gold open access in SE and IS

So, where should I submit?

- Megajournals
 - [PLOS ONE](#)
 - [SpringerPlus](#)
 - [SageOpen](#)
 - [IEEE Access](#) (only under CC-BY license)
- Other suggestions later

Green open access

A free-of-charges alternative to gold open access

Do feelings matter? On the correlation of affects and the self-assessed productivity in software engineering [arxiv.org \[PDF\]](#)

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Do feelings matter? On the correlation of affects and the self-assessed productivity in software engineering

[Daniel Graziotin](#), [Xiaofeng Wang](#), [Pekka Abrahamsson](#)

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Background: software engineering research (SE) lacks theory and methodologies for addressing human aspects in software development. Development tasks are undertaken through cognitive processing activities. Affects (emotions, moods, feelings) have a linkage to cognitive processing activities and the productivity of individuals. SE research needs to incorporate affect measurements to valorize human factors and to enhance management styles.

Objective: analyze the affects dimensions of valence, arousal, and dominance of software developers and their real-time correlation with their self-assessed productivity (sPR).

Method: repeated measurements design with 8 participants (4 students, 4 professionals), conveniently sampled and studied individually over 90 minutes of programming. The analysis was performed by fitting a linear mixed-effects (LME) model.

Results: valence and dominance are positively correlated with the sPR. The model was able to express about 38% of deviance from the sPR. Many lessons were learned when employing psychological measurements in SE and for fitting LME.

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 - Including major and minor revisions
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 - Not the nice-looking PDF you find from the publisher

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 - Copyright infringement
 - Surprised?

^{*}In CS, at least

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Self-archiving

- Self-archiving = green open access
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 - On a personal website (avoid if possible)
 - On an institutional repository
 - On a public, general repository

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- ▶ Slowly becoming mandated by nations and funding bodies (e.g., Horizon 2020)

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Where and how

- Personal website (including your university's)
 - avoid if possible!
 - only 34% URLs operational after 4-years [1]

[1] Wallace Koehler, "Web page change and persistence—A four-year longitudinal study", *Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology*, vol. 53, no. 2, 2001.

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Where and how

- Personal website (including your university's)
- Digitally preserved repository
 - arXiv
 - most famous, well funded, but disciplinary (CS included)
 - only for papers
 - figshare, zenodo
 - new, fresh, and cool
 - multidisciplinary
 - papers, datasets, posters, presentations, ...

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When to self-archive

- Many rules
- Usually, **postprint** (accepted version) **upon acceptance**
 - Maximizes value of the self-archived material.

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When to self-archive

- ▶ Most journals accept submissions of already self-archived material (preprints)
 - Not many conferences!
 - Self-archive upon acceptance
- ▶ For your already published material, please self-archive the postprint (not the publisher PDF)

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When to self-archive

- ▶ Advantage

- It is completely free, sometimes time consuming

- ▶ Disadvantage

- Slightly less discoverability of the work
 - People have to know how to look for eprints

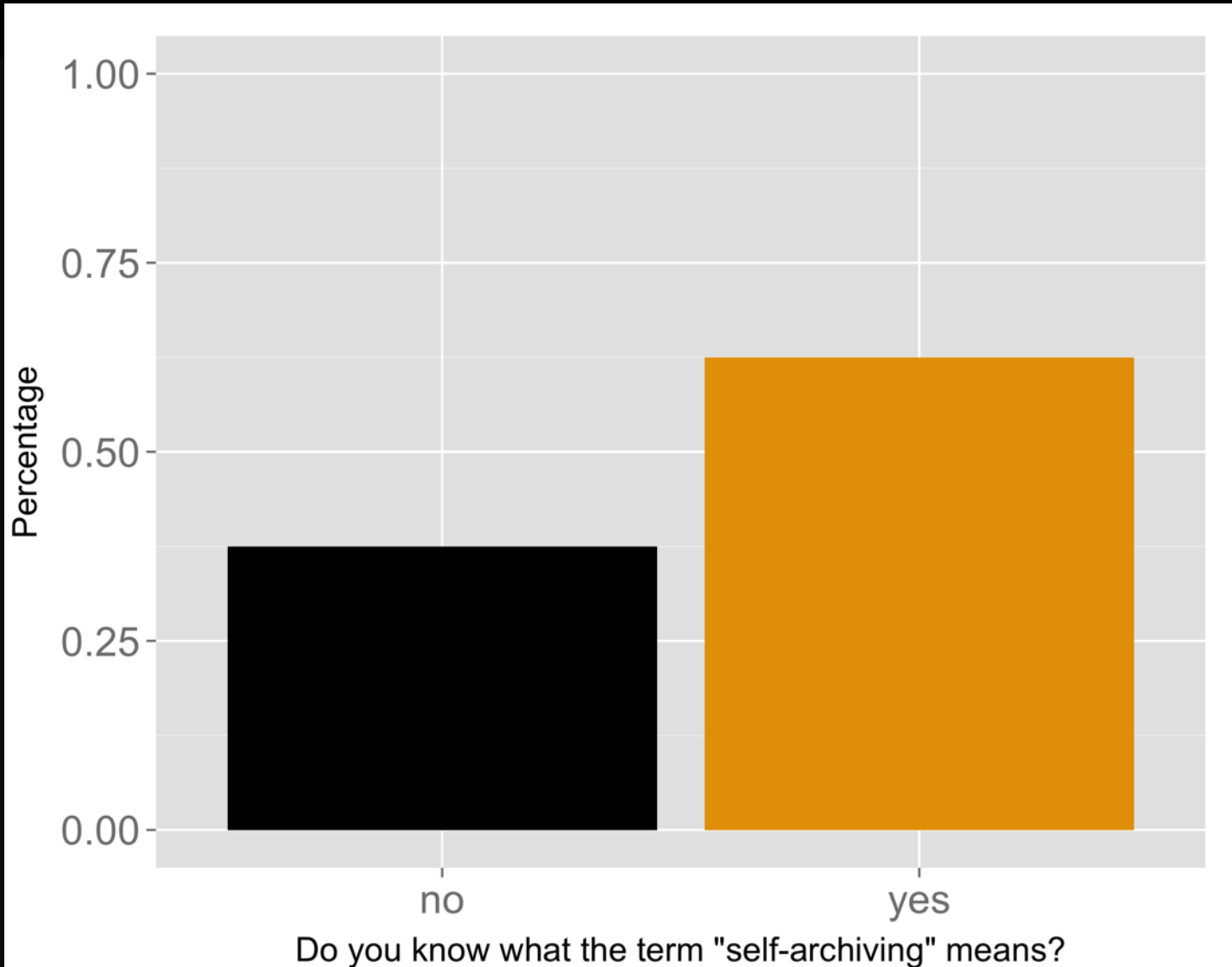
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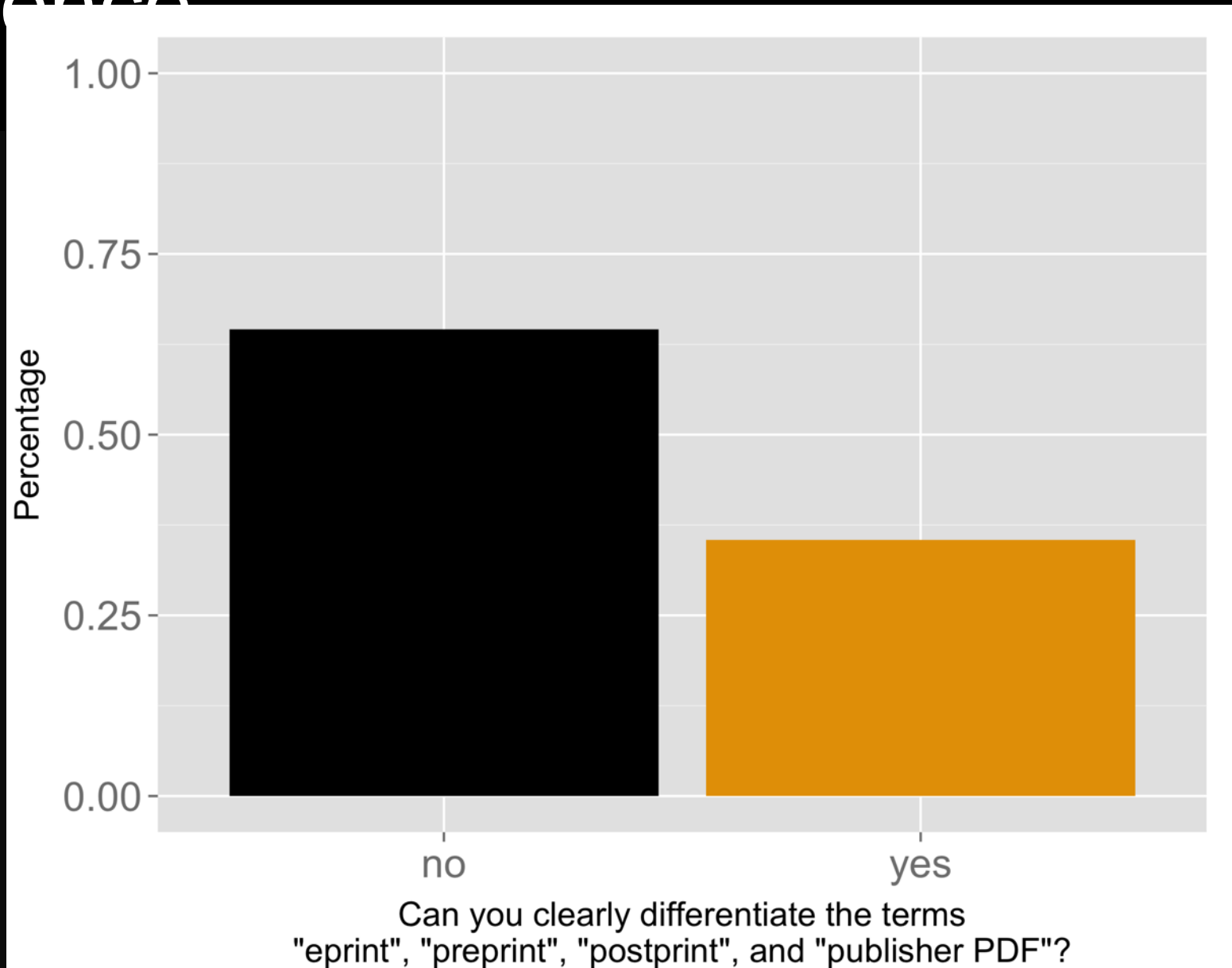
- ▶ Questionnaire administered to my faculty members (PhD students, researchers, professors) in 2013 regarding self-archiving [1]
- ▶ 49 participants (response rate = 72.8%)
- ▶ Quantitative and qualitative items on self-archiving
 - Knowledge
 - Practicing
 - Inhibitors

[1] Daniel Graziotin, "Green open access in computer science – an exploratory study on author-based self-archiving awareness, practice, and inhibitors", ScienceOpen Research, vol. 1, no. 1, 2014. DOI: [10.14293/A2199-1006.01.SOR-COMPSCI.LZQ19.v1](https://doi.org/10.14293/A2199-1006.01.SOR-COMPSCI.LZQ19.v1)

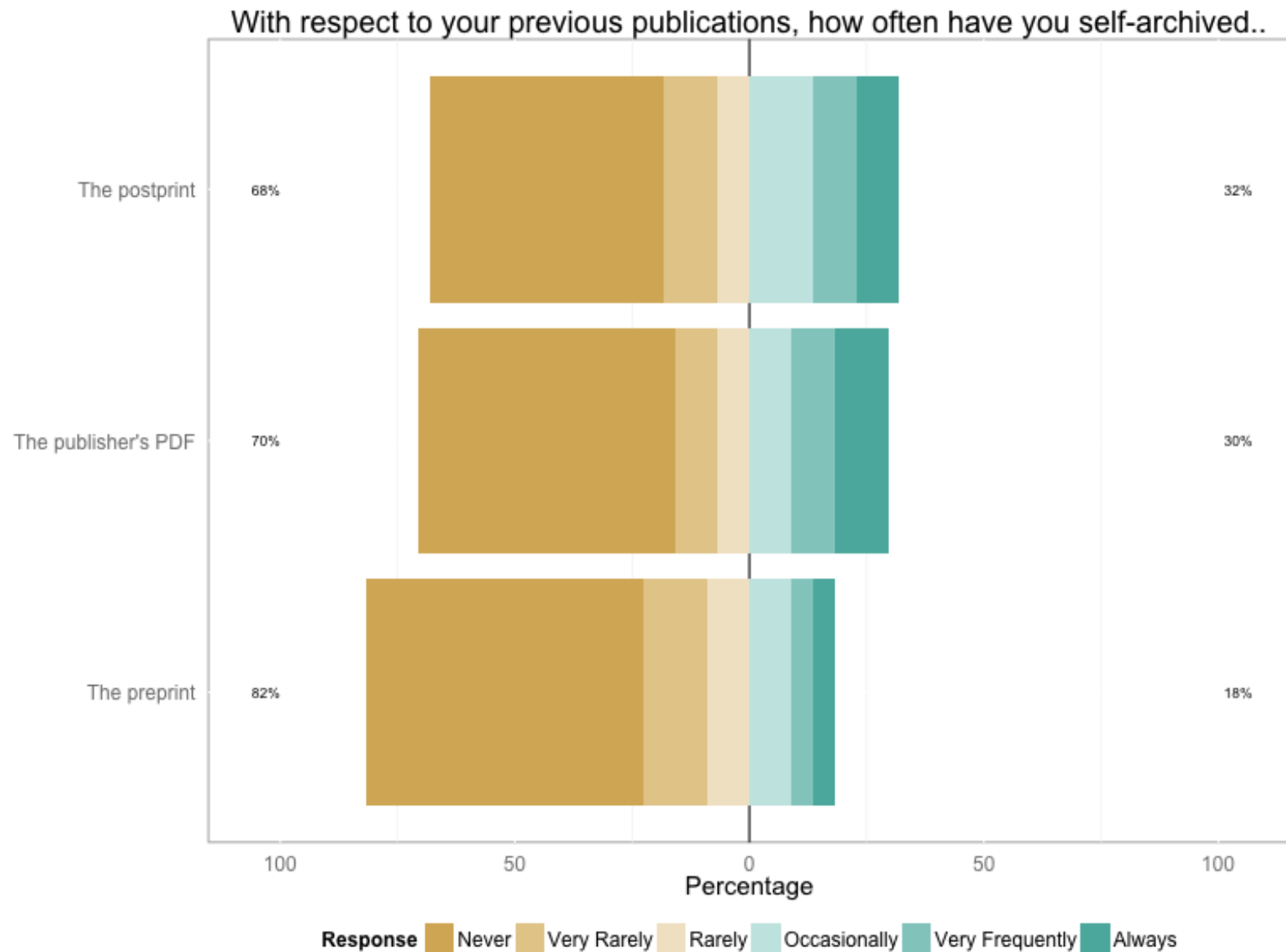
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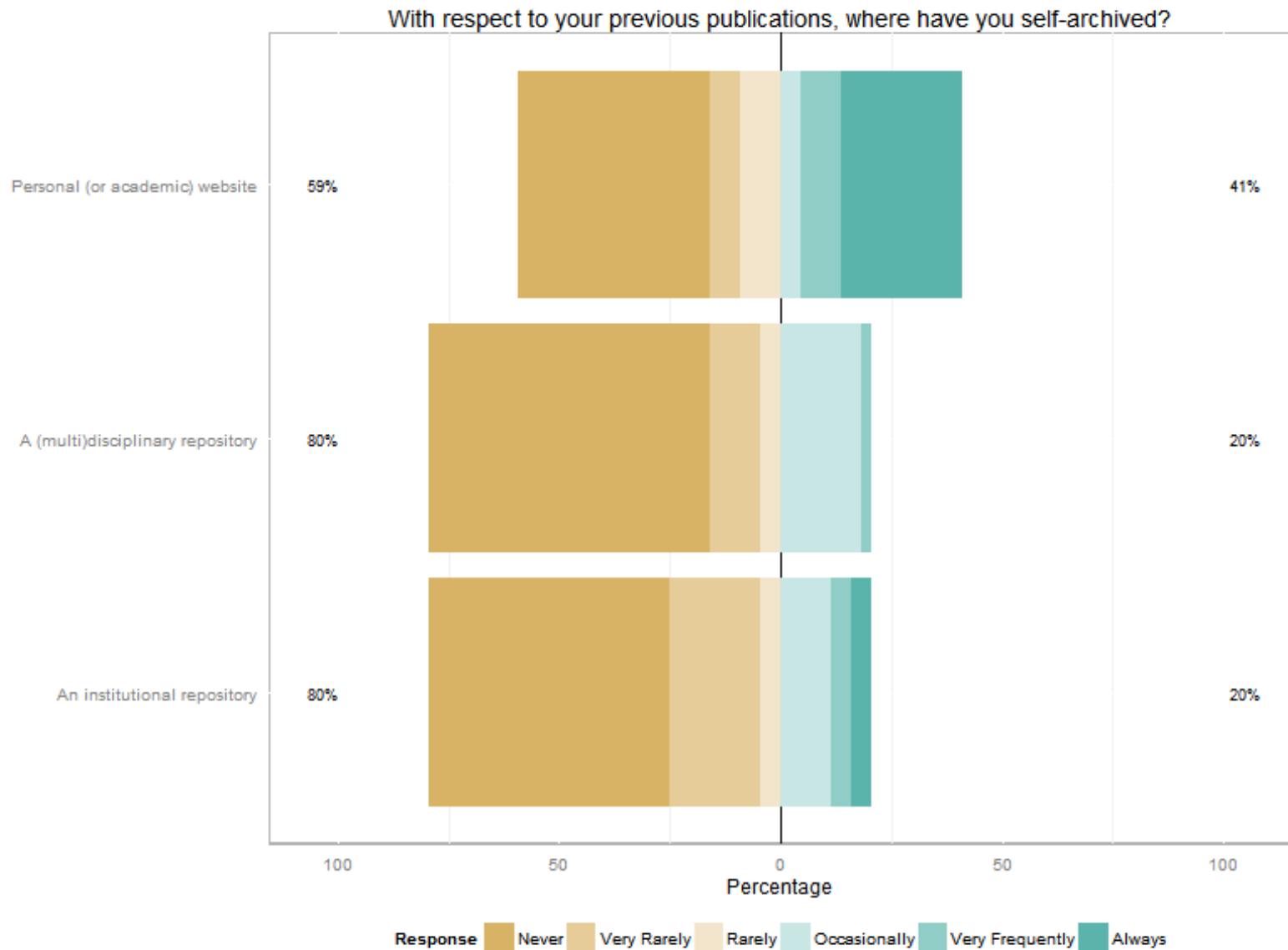
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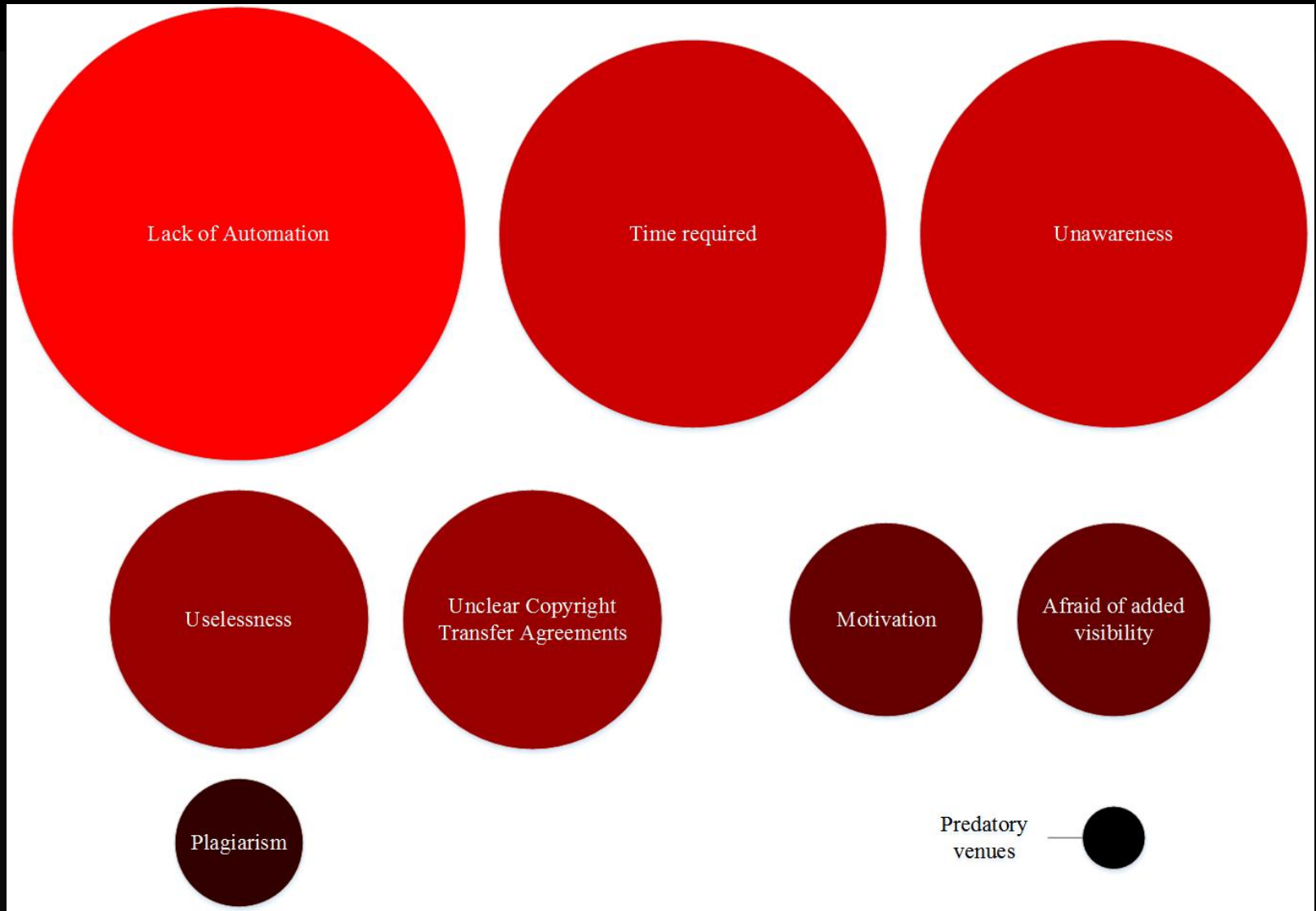
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What prevents you to self-archive?



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Open Data

- ▶ Science is built on data: its collection, analysis, publication, reanalysis, critique, and reuse.
 - Often not present
 - Otherwise, behind paywall

Open Data

- Science is built on data: its collection, analysis, publication, reanalysis, critique, and reuse.
- Data provides evidence for scientific knowledge
 - Foundation of progress

Open Data

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- Data provides evidence for scientific knowledge
- The more data is openly available, the greater the transparency and reproducibility

Open Data

How to free data

- ▶ Not with the paper in traditional journals
 - Might become part of publisher's copyright (!!!)
 - Behind paywall
 - Hinders scientific progress
- ▶ Make it public
 - Not on your website (like w/ postprints)
 - On data repositories like figshare and zenodo

Open Data

Figshare and Zenodo

- ▶ figshare.com* and zenodo.org are online digital repositories for
 - Datasets
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Figshare and Zenodo

- ▶ figshare.com and zenodo.org
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Open Data

Figshare and Zenodo

- ▶ figshare.com and zenodo.org
 - Digitally preserved
 - Figshare: CLOCKSS, zenodo: CERN
 - figshare for profit, zenodo not-for profit
 - Both free, but have costs above certain file limits
 - I have never hit them

Open Source

- For many fields (including SE), the software for research plays the same role as data
- Software needed for reproducibility, too

Open Source

- For many fields (including SE), the software for research plays the same role as data
- Software needed for reproducibility, too
- Omitting software from research articles is the same deficiency of omitting data
- Open source your software for research

Open Source

Three ways of open software for research

- ▶ [Github](#) repository
 - Preserved, but volatile
 - Useful but not really citable

But now, something cooler

Firefox

- 1 Install [the browser extension](#).



- 2 While viewing a GitHub repository, press the "Get a DOI" button.

Other web browsers

- 1 Drag this button to your browser's bookmarks toolbar:



- 2 In a GitHub repository, press your "Get a DOI" button.

Open Source

Three ways of open software for research

- Github + figshare + [Code as a research object](#) (Mozilla)
 - Code on github
 - Persistent snapshots on figshare
 - Preserved, non-volatile
 - Citable (via DOI)

But now, something even cooler

SOFTWARE METAPAPER

Feature Usage Explorer: Usage Monitoring and Visualization Tool in HTML5 Based Applications

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Feature Usage Explorer is a JavaScript library, which automatically detects features in HTML5 based applications and monitors their usage. The collected information can be visualized in a Feature Usage Diagram, which is automatically generated from an input json file.

Currently, the users of Feature Usage Explorer have to design their own tool in order to generate the json file from collected usage information. This option remains viable when using the library in order not to constraint the user's choice of preferred data storage.

Feature Usage Explorer can be reused in any HTML5 based applications where an understanding of how users interact with the system is required (i.e. user experience and usability studies, human computer interaction field, or requirement prioritization area).

Open Source

Three ways of open software for research

- Github + figshare + software paper ([Journal of Open Research Software](#))*
 - Code on github
 - Persistent snapshots on figshare
 - Preserved, non-volatile
 - Citable (via DOI)
 - Peer reviewed (proper journal article)

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Open Source

The Journal of Open Research Software (JORS)

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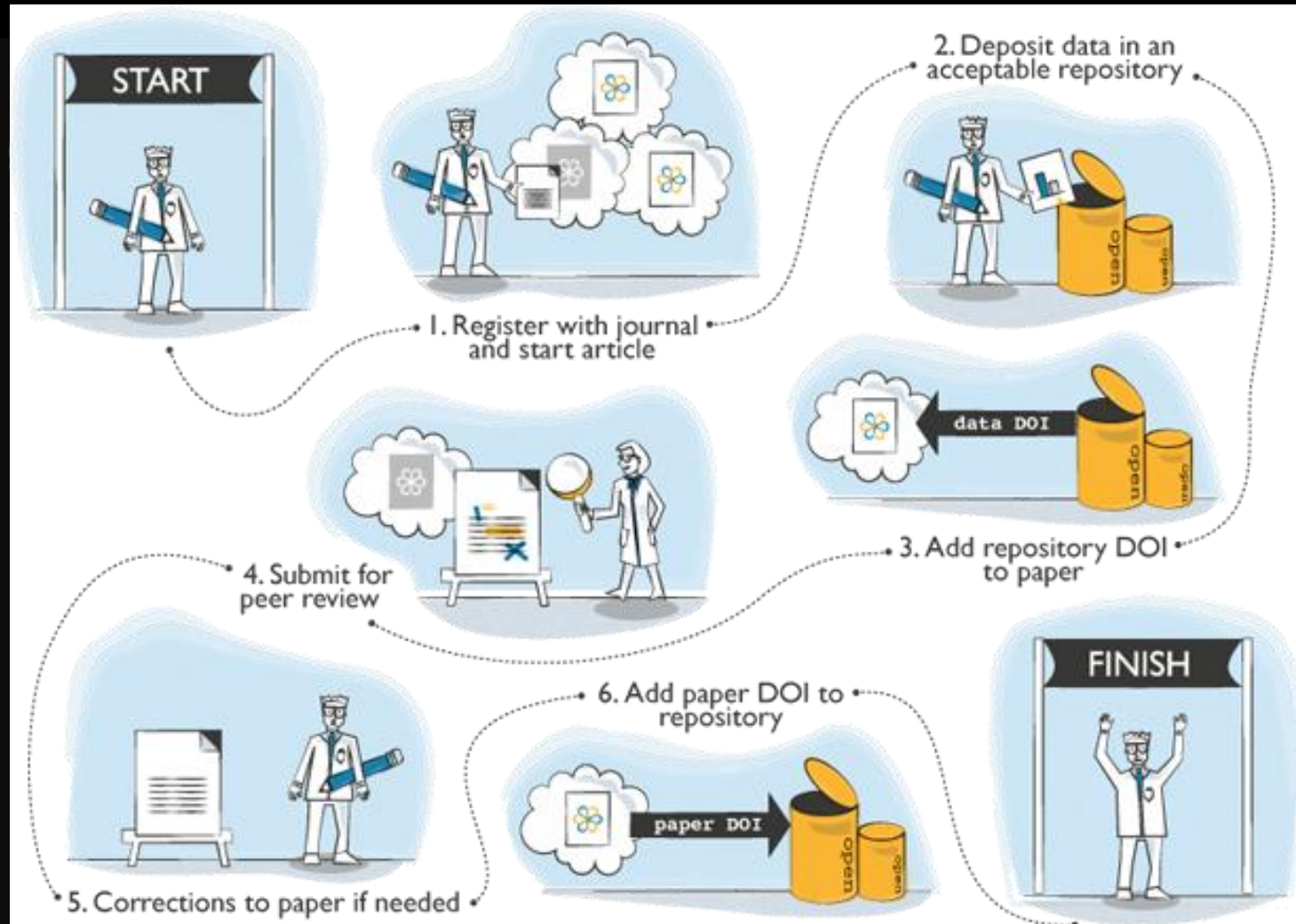
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JORS submission process



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- JORS little dirty secret**
 - We do not want to reject papers
 - Just follow the peer review criteria
 - ...and make the software truly open source and free

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- Beginning to be well-indexed
 - Other important indexes are under negotiation or implementation
- Digitally preserved
 - LOCKKS and CLOCKKS

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- Cheap
 - 100 GBP article processing charges
 - Fee waivers are available for those who cannot pay

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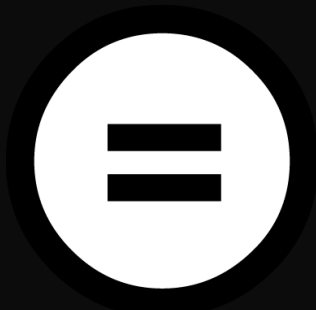
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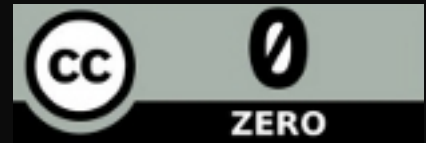
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Post publication peer review

- Traditional peer review is broken
 - Heard often
- Often driven by human and social issues
- Very slow process
- Might take more than 1 year from submission to publication

Post publication peer review

- ▶ Many models arising

- [f1000Research](#), [ScienceOpen Research](#)
 - First publish, then review. Eventually, indexing
- [PeerJ](#)
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Daniel Cristofari*



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My experience

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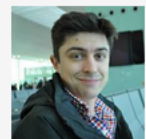
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This is an interesting article as it describes a new journal that is of potential benefit to the software research community and the scientific community as a whole. It is also interesting in that it is a type of article that is very rarely written (i.e. a review of a journal by an author of the journal). I suspect there are not many journal reviews written as most journals will not publish criticisms about themselves and others will likely not (openly) criticize other journals. Should reviews by authors of journals ever

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The author describes in this paper his experience with JORS.

The article is clear, well written and very interesting. The author manages to describe in details the publication phase and advantages of this type of journal. Perhaps the author focuses a bit too much on his personal experience, and doesn't report any statistics about the achievement of the journal so far (e.g. number of paper published, authors' comments...).

Overall, the work is well done.

Some questions for the author:

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Several questions arise while browsing an unknown, yet promising journal website. How will the editorial process work? Will the submission be acknowledged as received? How long will peer review be? Will the process be beneficial for the manuscript? Will the reviews be fair? The academic research centers are overrun by terrifying publication-related experiences from colleagues. Arguably, the instant access to reviews of journals written by authors would answer those questions.

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THE JOURNAL OF OPEN RESEARCH SOFTWARE

The *Journal of Open Research Software* (JORS) is a recent proposal by Ubiquity Press. It is a *gold* open access journal as defined by Harnad et al. (2008), meaning that all the published articles are forever free to be accessed, displayed, and distributed without barriers. The journal defines itself as one, which "features peer reviewed software papers describing research software with high reuse

Recent trends in agile processes and software engineering research - XP 2014 conference report

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This report summarizes the presentations and discussions on the research activities presented at XP 2014, the 15th International Conference on Agile Processes in Software Engineering and Extreme Programming, which was held May 26-30, 2014 in Rome, Italy. XP conferences are major supporters of the agile vision of software developers, the related multidisciplinary research, and bridging industrial practitioners with academia. XP 2014 continued this trend, hosting research papers divided in the topics of agile development, agile challenges and contracting, lessons learned and agile maturity, how to evolve software engineering teaching, methods and metrics, testing and beyond, and lean development.

INTRODUCTION

The 15th International Conference on Agile Processes in Software Engineering and Extreme Programming (XP 2014) was held May 26-30, 2013 in Rome, Italy. The conference is a forum dedicated to the exchange of research, experience, and ideas related to agile software development among academics and practitioners. This year's conference has been rich in terms of content, with six sessions running in parallel throughout the whole week. The tracks hosted several practitioner workshops, academic workshops, tutorials, demo sessions, keynotes, open space sessions, lightning talks, an executive and managers tracks, a PhD symposium, and two co-located scientific workshops.

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 - Both peer reviewed
 - There are several open letters, opinion pieces, and research articles.

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- Cheap
 - Currently free, will transition to about 25\$ per paper
- Indexed in Google Scholar
 - ProQuest should be next
 - Other service (e.g., Scopus) will be added
- Digital preservation under consideration
- Provides Altmetrics
- But, young
 - Sometimes little issues
 - Great development team

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▸ Future development

- Publishing, reviewing, and archival of blog posts by scientists
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- Suggesting reviewers

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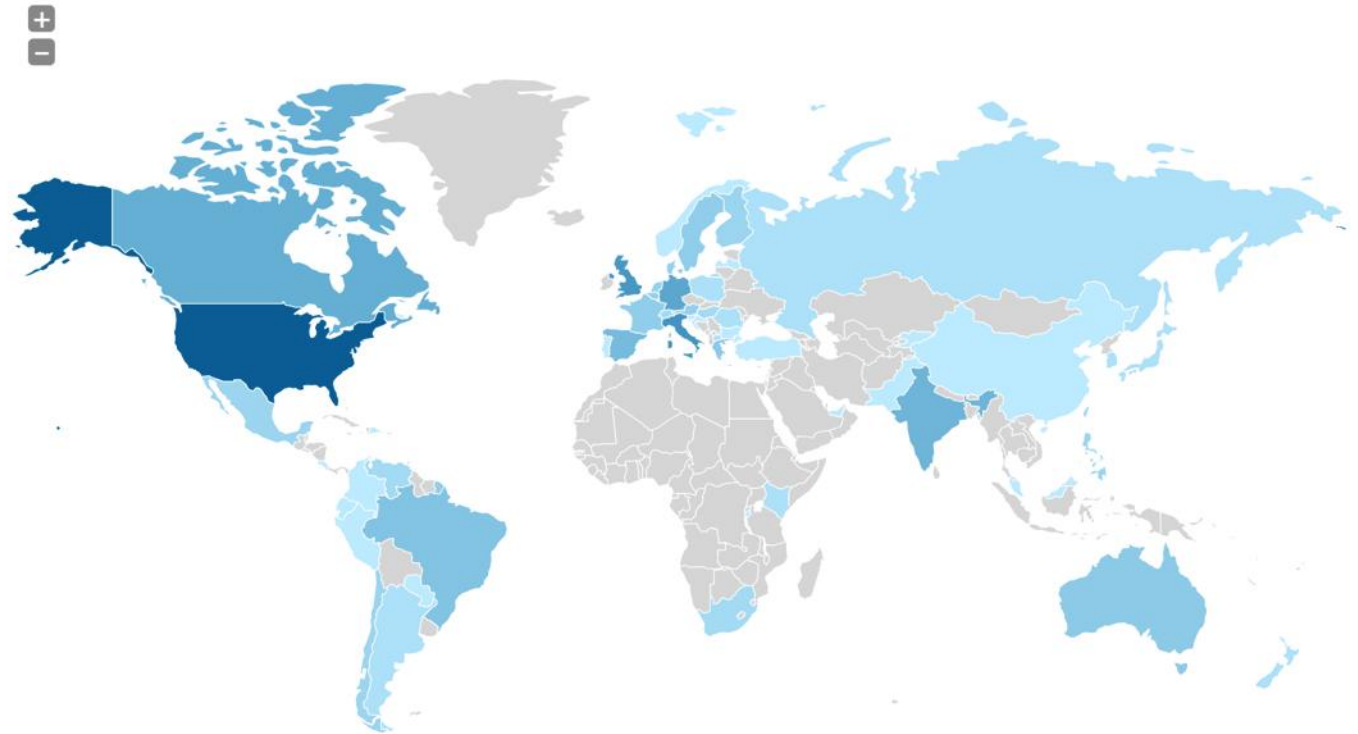
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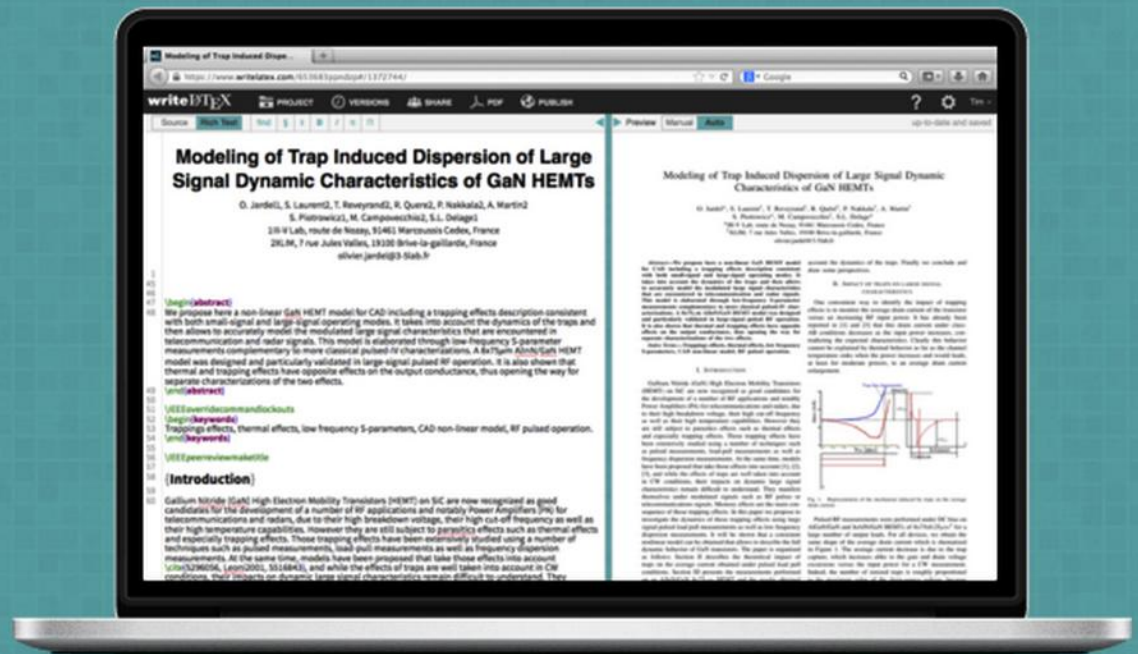
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