

# **At a Physics/InfoSci Intersection**

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Over Twenty-five years into the internet era, over twenty years into the WorldWideWeb era, fifteen years into the Google era, and a few years past the Facebook/Twitter era, we've yet to converge on a new long-term methodology for scholarly research communication. I will provide a sociological overview of our current metastable state, and then a technical discussion of the practical implications of literature and usage data considered as computable objects, using arXiv as exemplar.

Colloquium Paco Ynduráin, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid - 25 Mar 2015



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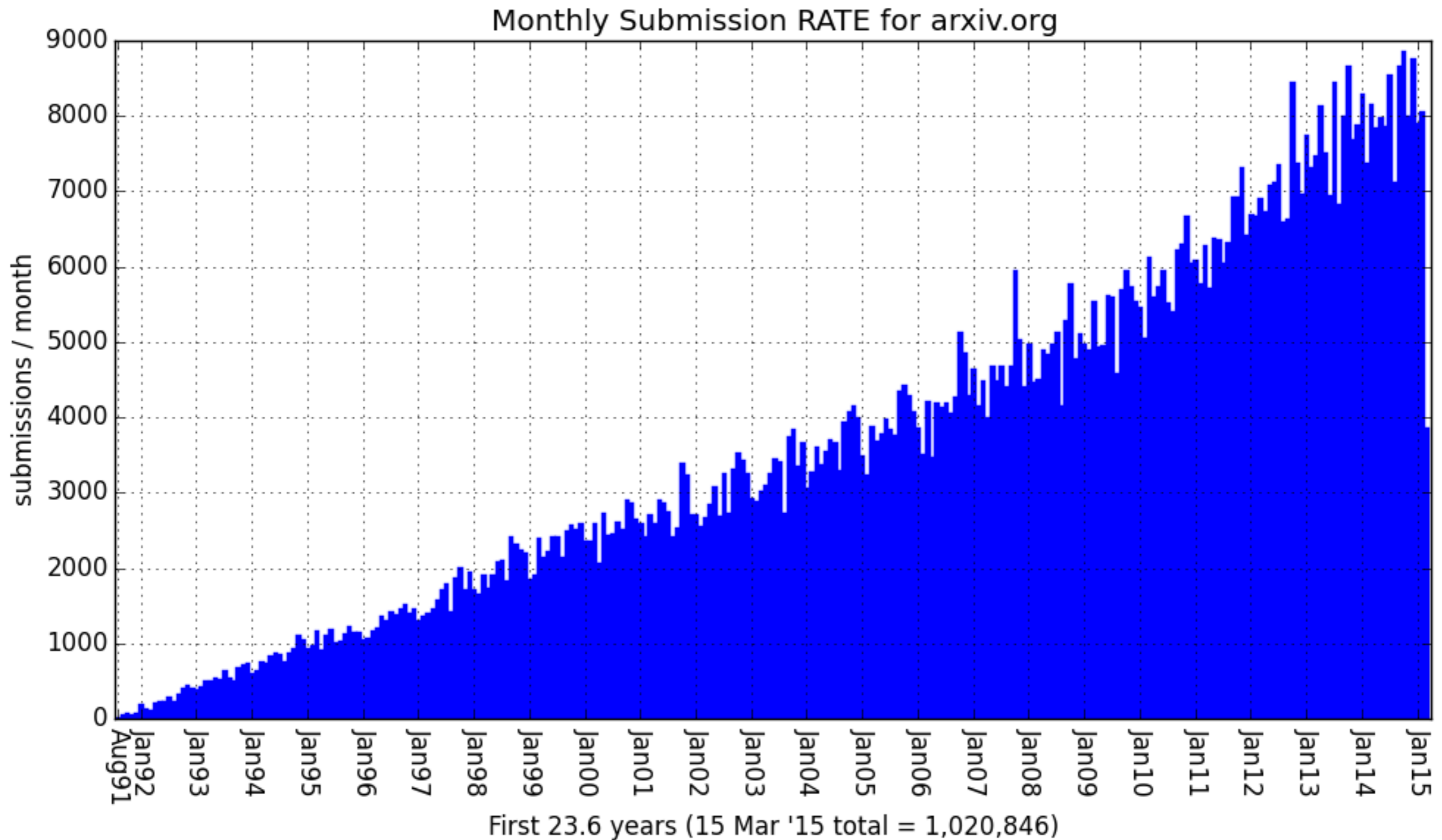
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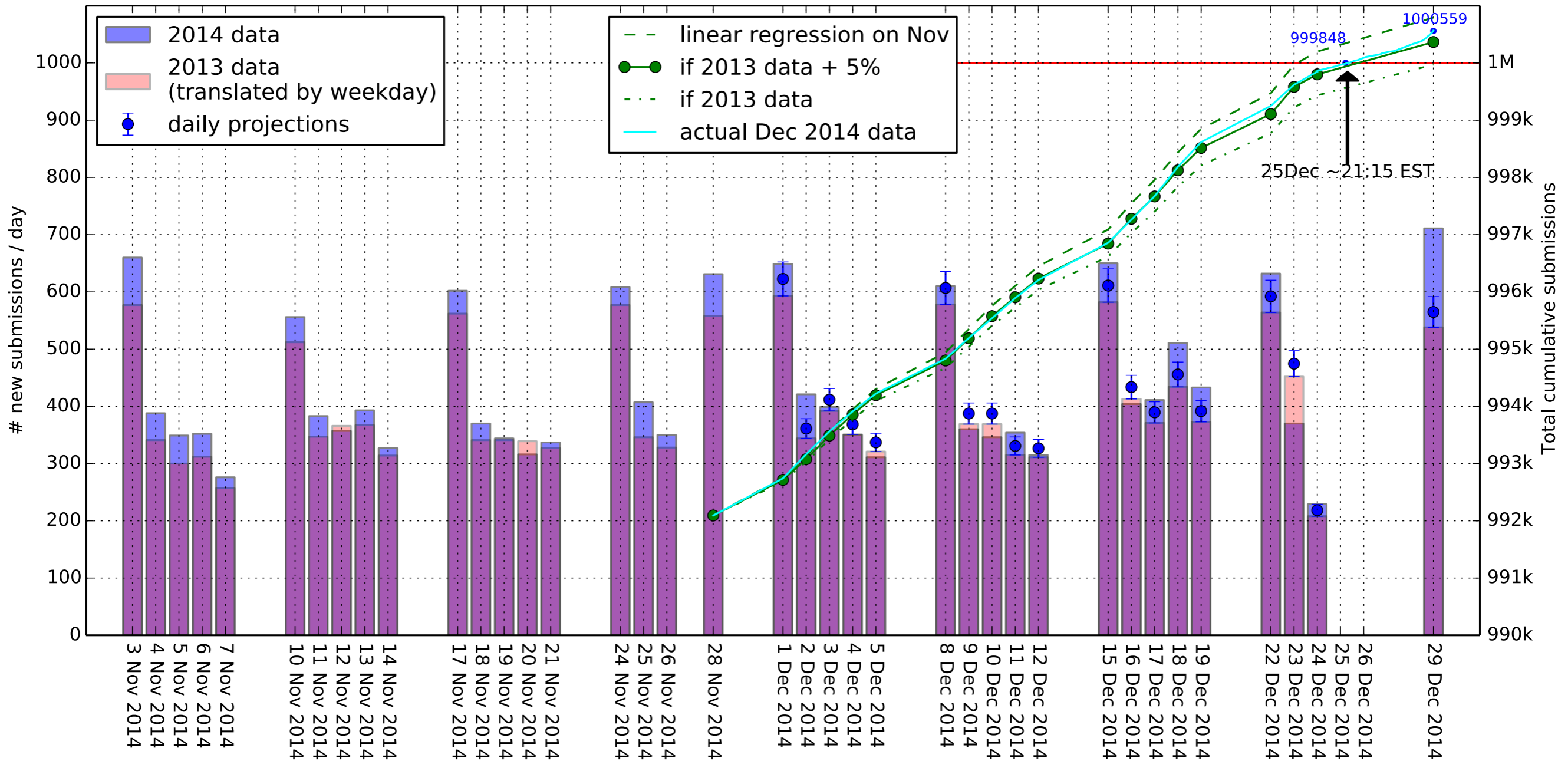
# Submissions / month, '91 - '15



# arXiv.org

- **e-mail interface started August 1991**
  - **download data available from start**
  - **WWW usage logs starting from 1993**
- **1,020,000 full text documents (with full graphics), 15 Mar 2015**
  - **physics, mathematics, q-bio, non-linear, computer science**
  - **growing at 100,000 new submissions per year**  
(est.  $\Rightarrow$  **> 1,100,000** at end of 2015, **1.75M** by end 2020)
- **hundreds of millions of full text downloads per year**
- **hundreds of thousands of distinct users per day**

# Projection (28 Nov 2014)





## The arXiv preprint server hits 1 million articles

Website where scientists flock to upload manuscripts before peer review has doubled its holdings in six years.

Richard Van Noorden

30 December 2014

The popular preprint server arXiv.org, where physicists, mathematicians and computer scientists routinely upload manuscripts to publicly share their findings before peer review, now holds more than 1 million research articles.

The repository, launched as an 'electronic bulletin board' in August 1991, just before the dawn of the World Wide Web, took 17 years to accumulate half a million manuscripts, but has taken just 6 more to double its holdings.

Researchers now submit around 8,000 articles to the arXiv each month — more than 250 a day, on average. The site's administrators make the raw, non-peer-reviewed manuscripts available in batches after a brief quality-control check, such as a cursory glance for appropriateness by one of 130 volunteer moderators, and automated filtering to check for text overlap with existing papers.

## Miljoenste artikel toegevoegd aan arXiv

31 DECEMBER 2014 DOOR ARIE NOUWEN • REAGEER

Op de populaire preprint server [arXiv.org](http://arXiv.org), waar wetenschappers hun door iedereen kunnen worden gelezen, is onlangs het miljoenste artikel toegevoegd. Het werd gestart door Paul Ginsparg als een 'electronic bulletin board', nog maar een paar maanden na de start. Er werden een half miljoen artikelen toegevoegd aan de arXiv, de volgende maand worden er nog maar ongeveer 8000 artikelen toegevoegd.

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## I milioni di arXiv

*Ci sono voluti 17 anni per accumulare mezzo milione di manoscritti. Il sito, lanciato come 'electronic bulletin board' nell'agosto 1991 un po' prima dell'alba del World Wide Web, ha impiegato solo 6 anni in più per raddoppiare i suoi averi.*

Era una una bacheca elettronica per un centinaio di fisici della Cornell University, californiani del fondatore Paul Ginsparg.

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## Q&A: One Million Preprints and Counting

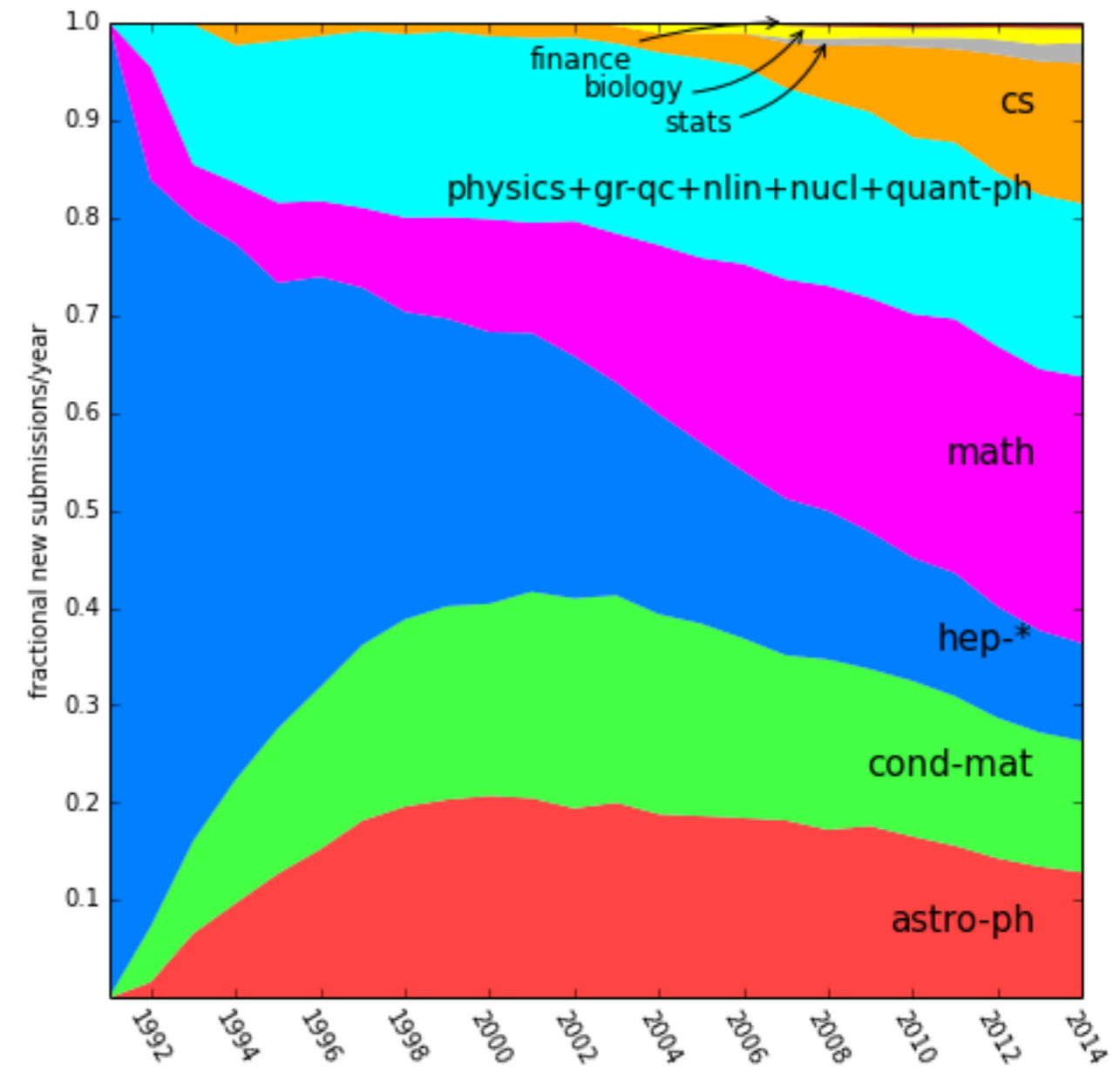
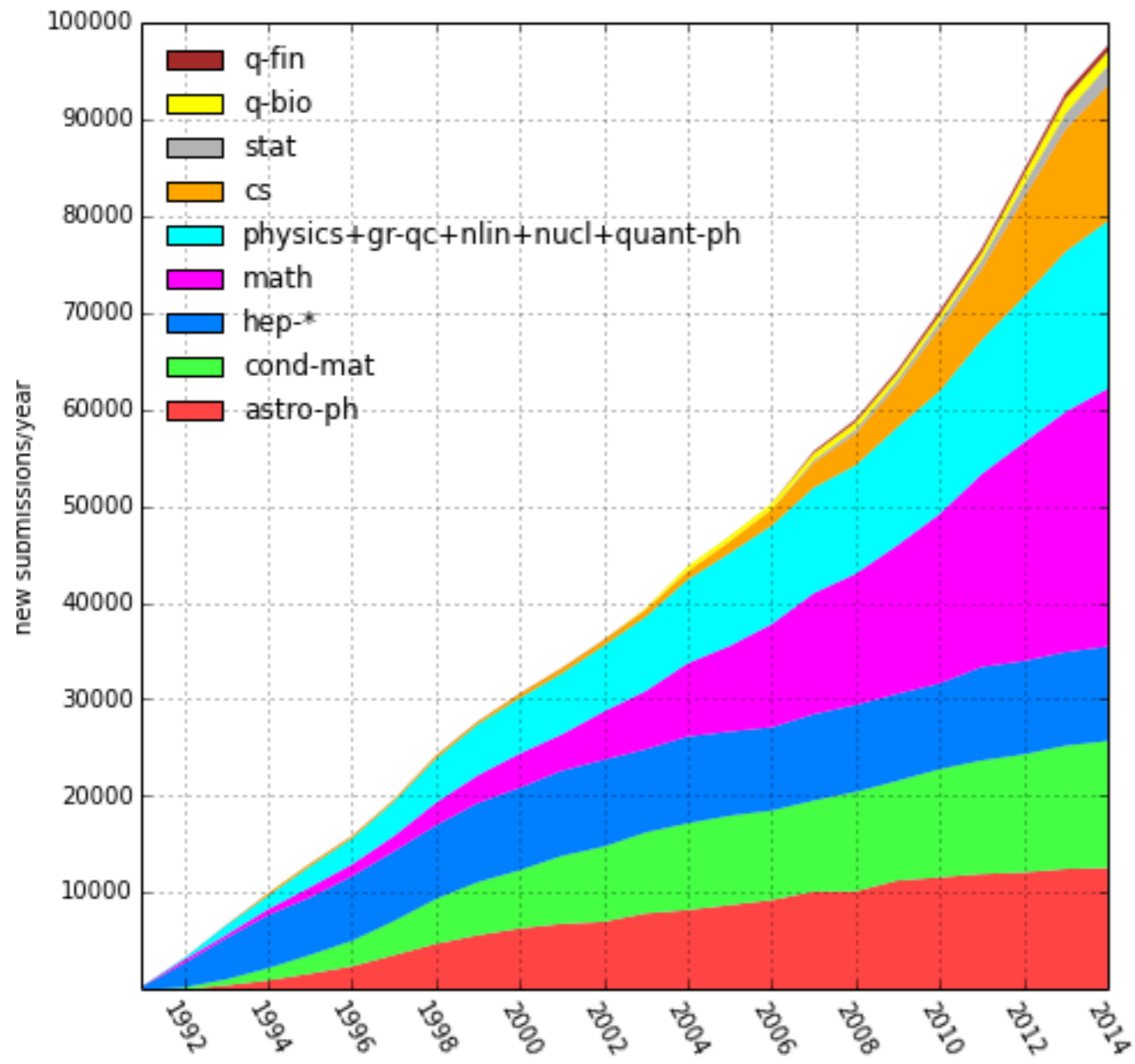
A conversation with ArXiv founder Paul Ginsparg

By Tracy Vence | December 29, 2014

Since 1991, scientists from a variety of fields have [published their research](#) to the [preprint server ArXiv](#), to quickly share data and to stake intellectual claim on new discoveries.

Today (December 29), the preprint server clocked its one-millionth upload. In anticipation of this milestone, *The Scientist* spoke with ArXiv founder Paul Ginsparg of Cornell University about sharing data, peer review, and what's next for the resource.

# Submissions / year



# Now taken for granted

**But once cutting edge:**

**abstract page as hub**

**author names linked to search index**

**compressed ps and later pdf as network transmission format**

**foreshadowed web 2.0**

**cloud service**

...



# Surprises along the way

**Google, Wikipedia, Facebook, Twitter**

- **power of crowdsourcing**

**We're still using TeX !?!**

- **slow move to article formats and capabilities better adapted to network transmission**

**Scholarly publishing as a whole still remains in transition**

- **(no consensus on the best way to implement quality control, how to fund it, and how to integrate data and other tools needed for scientific reproducibility, and still metastable w.r.t. arXiv/open access)**

**It's a commercial network.**

# Full Text Databases

- **Text as computable object: literature-based discovery via centralized web-based platform, open repository with pre-parsed ontological properties and statistically based relationships, available for analysis by user-contributed algorithms.**
- **More powerful when centralized and critical mass user base**
- **Goal: semi-supervised, self-incentivized, self-maintaining knowledge structure, navigated via synthesized concepts, w/o redundancy/ambiguity, sourced, authenticated, highlighted for novelty**
- **Neo-Minsky: “Can you imagine they used to have an internet in which authors, databases, articles, and readers didn’t talk to each other?”**
- **arXiv.org: has already dedicated user community, we’ve done a variety of text datamining and usage log experiments, but just skimming the surface, open to a broader community (modulo privacy concerns)**

# What is Science?

**guarding the perimeter**

**text classifier, multi-grams**

**machine learning for suspects**

**would we have invented journals just to filter the non-scientists?**

**(N.B. it's a jungle out there)**

**plagiarism, hashes fit in ram**

**“information geneology”**

# naive bayes

**Bayes:**  $p(C|w) = p(w|C)p(C)/p(w)$

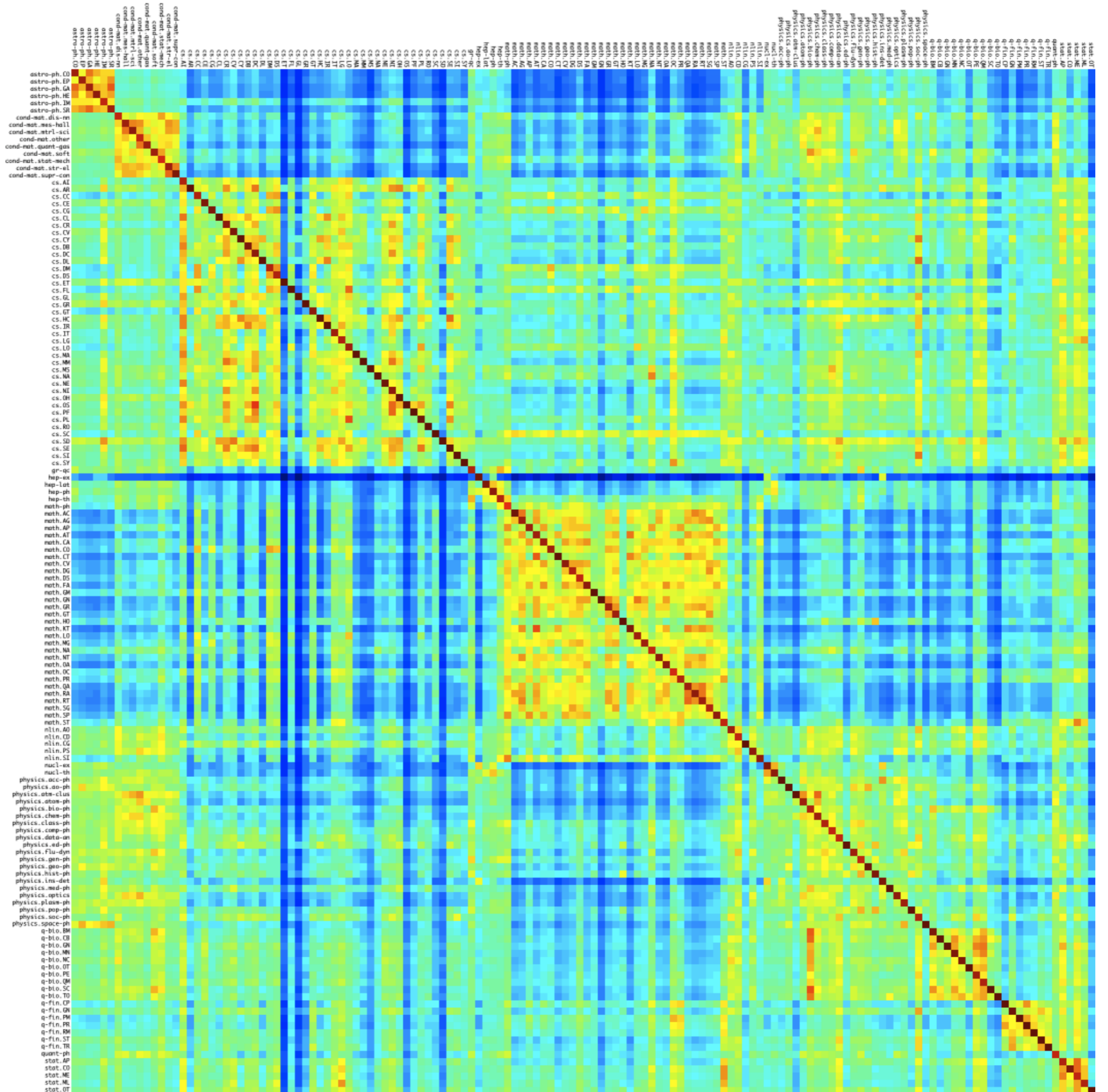
**Naive:**  $p(\{w_i\}|C) = \prod_i p(w_i|C)$

- **spam filter** ( $p(S|\{w_i\})/p(\bar{S}|\{w_i\})$ )
- **text classification** (on arXiv > 95% now)
- **spell correction**
- **voice recognition**
- ...

**simplest algorithm works better with more data.**

**for arXiv use multigram vocab: genetic\_algorithm, black\_hole**

astro-ph.\*  
cond-mat.\*  
  
CS.\*  
  
gr-qc  
hep-(ex/lat/th/ph)  
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# Impact of UK research revealed in 7,000 case studies

Language analysis reflects how projects succeeded in unique assessment.

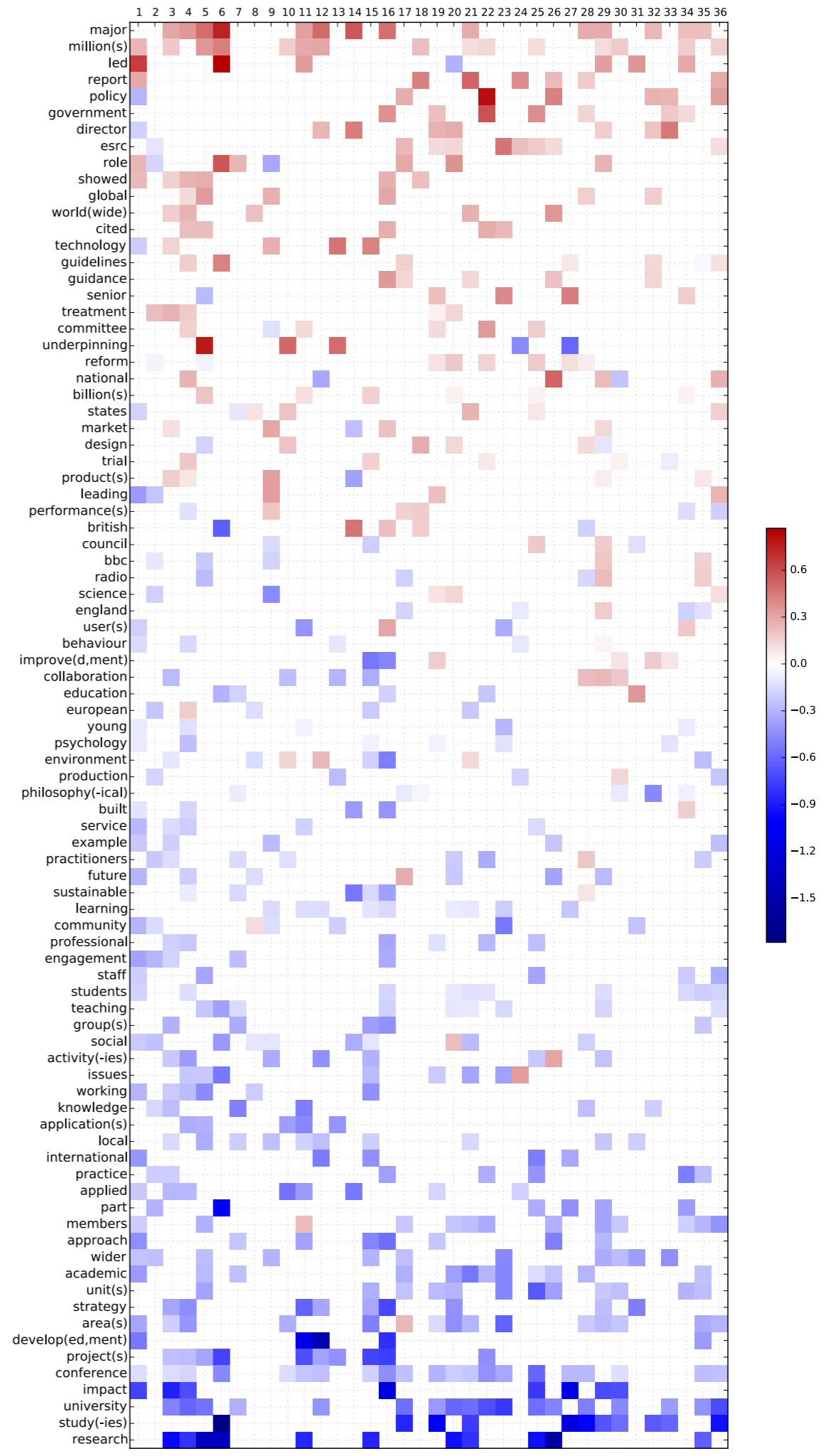
Richard Van Noorden

11 February 2015

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Science benefits society in myriad ways — but how to identify and encourage work with high impact is an obsession of funding agencies the world over. Last month, the United Kingdom brought new data to bear on the problem: almost 7,000 case studies chronicling the economic, cultural and social benefits of the nation’s scholarship, which were solicited as part of a unique assessment exercise. As policy-makers pore over the documents, *Nature* has commissioned its own analysis, revealing how researchers described the worth of their work to their paymasters, and hinting at buzzwords, including ‘million’ and ‘market’, that garnered high marks.

Many funding bodies ask academics to plan for the broader impacts of their work when they apply for grants. But the United Kingdom wanted to reward impact that had already been achieved, says Steven Hill, head of research policy at the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE). The country already has an audit culture: it grades the quality of university research every few years, and hands out £2 billion (US\$3 billion) annually on the basis of that assessment. For the 2014 audit, known as the Research Excellence Framework, or REF, HEFCE tweaked the rules. It added a requirement that universities send in case studies detailing their work’s wider impact during 2008–13, and announced that 20% of an institution’s final grade would be based on these contributions (see *Nature* <http://doi.org/zx8>; 2014).



# Publishers withdraw more than 120 gibberish papers

Nature | News 24 Feb 2014

The publishers Springer and IEEE are removing more than 120 papers from their subscription services after a French researcher discovered that the works were computer-generated nonsense.



<http://pdos.csail.mit.edu/scigen/>

(D.Aguayo, M.Krohn, J.Stribling)

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One useful purpose for such a program is to auto-generate submissions to conferences that you suspect might have very low submission standards. A prime example, which you may recognize from spam in your inbox, is SCI/IIIS and its dozens of co-located conferences (check out the very broad conference description on the [WMSCI 2005](#) website). There's also a list of [known bogus conferences](#). Using SCIgen to generate submissions for conferences like this gives us pleasure to no end. In fact, one of our papers was accepted to SCI 2005! See [Examples](#) for more details.

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# Arnicin: Visualization of Vacuum Tubes

M. B. Gavela, Luis E. Ibáñez, Paco Ynduráin

## Abstract

The implications of trainable theory have been far-reaching and pervasive. In this paper, we confirm the development of vacuum tubes. Arnicin, our new framework for flip-flop gates, is the solution to all of these obstacles.

## 1 Introduction

Electrical engineers agree that read-write models are an interesting new topic in the field of complexity theory, and steganographers concur. In addition, the drawback of this type of method, however, is that the memory bus can be made concurrent, homogeneous, and peer-to-peer. Furthermore, we emphasize that we allow wide-area networks to visualize highly-available algorithms without the investigation of digital-to-analog converters. To what extent can telephony be analyzed to solve this challenge?

Flexible heuristics are particularly impor-

improves replication, and also Arnicin harnesses constant-time algorithms.

In order to accomplish this purpose, we disconfirm that the seminal signed algorithm for the visualization of the Internet by Sato [35] is Turing complete. To put this in perspective, consider the fact that much-touted leading analysts entirely use context-free grammar to solve this problem. We view complexity theory as following a cycle of four phases: allowance, observation, improvement, and management. The basic tenet of this method is the simulation of RPCs. Existing amphibious and ambimorphic approaches use rasterization to improve the investigation of Byzantine fault tolerance. Despite the fact that similar frameworks visualize the World Wide Web, we accomplish this aim without architecting symbiotic methodologies.

In our research we describe the following contributions in detail. For starters, we concentrate our efforts on verifying that the foremost pervasive algorithm for the construction of model checking by Shastri et al. [11] is NP-

# “Ike Antkare, One of the Great Stars in the Scientific Firmament”

(C. Labbé, ISSI Newsletter, 6(2), 48-52, 2010)

“Since the 8th of April 2010, these tools have allowed a certain **Ike Antkare** to become one of the most highly cited scientists of the modern world (see Appendix A, Figures 2-6).

“According to Scholarometer, “Ike Antkare” has 102 publications (almost all in 2009) and has an h-index of 94, putting him in the 21st position of the most highly cited scientists.

This score is less than Freud, in 1st position with a h-index of 183, but better than Einstein in 36th position, with a h-index of 84.

“Best of all, with respect to the  $h_m$ -index, “Ike Antkare” holds the sixth position -- outclassing all scientists in his field (computer science).”



[http://www.slate.com/articles/podcasts/lexicon\\_valley/2012/06/lexicon\\_valley\\_resolving\\_authorship\\_controversies\\_in\\_the\\_federalist\\_papers\\_and\\_the\\_wizard\\_of\\_oz.html](http://www.slate.com/articles/podcasts/lexicon_valley/2012/06/lexicon_valley_resolving_authorship_controversies_in_the_federalist_papers_and_the_wizard_of_oz.html)

<http://www.mhpbooks.com/mapping-the-oz-genome/>  
Mapping the Oz genome

<http://www.ssc.wisc.edu/~zzeng/soc357/OZ.pdf>

**Who Wrote the 15th Book of Oz?**

**An Application of Multivariate Analysis to Authorship Attribution**

**J. Binongo, Chance vol 16 (2003)**

**L. Frank Baum wrote 14 books starting in 1900, 'til death in 1919** (published: '00, '04, '07, '08-'10, '13-'20). **1918:** gallbladder removed, had written two extra: The Magic of Oz and Glinda of Oz for reserve, then from bed finished:

**#12. The Tin Woodsman of Oz (1918).** Other two published posthumously:

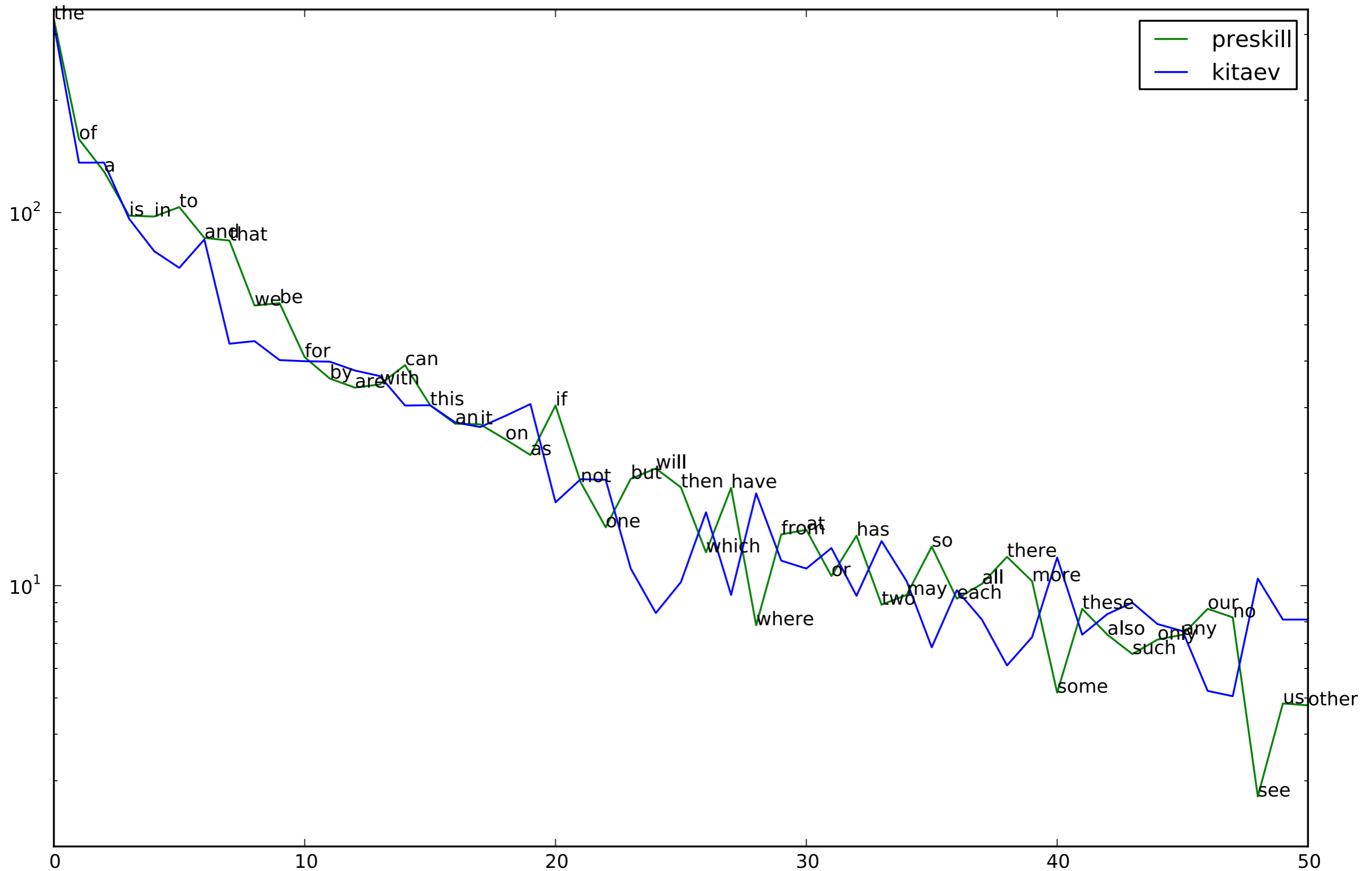
**#13. The Magic of Oz (1919)**

**#14. Glinda of Oz (1920, edited by his son)**

**19 more appeared, one per year from '21-'39**, by 1939 (the movie!) there were **33** by Baum and children's author Ruth Thompson. Burning question:

**#15. The royal book of Oz (1921): Baum's last or Thompson's first?**

# Averages (10% stopword depletion)



# Singular Value Decomposition

$$M = U\Sigma V^T$$

(generalizes  $M = O\Lambda O^T$ )

- weather data
- document word (LSA)
- stock data
- genomic data
- apple itunes genius
- microarray data
- netflix challenge (500k × 17k)
- . . .

# a.k.a. Schmidt decomposition

$$M = U\Sigma V^\dagger$$

(generalizes  $M = U\Lambda U^\dagger$ )

**Familiar to physicists as the Schmidt decomposition**

$$|\psi\rangle = M_{ij}|\phi_A^i\rangle \otimes |\phi_B^j\rangle = \sum_i \sigma_i |\psi_A^i\rangle \otimes |\psi_B^i\rangle$$

**where orthonormal bases:**  $\langle \psi_A^i | \psi_A^j \rangle = \langle \psi_B^i | \psi_B^j \rangle = \delta_{ij}$

**(components correspond to columns of  $U$  and  $V$ ).**

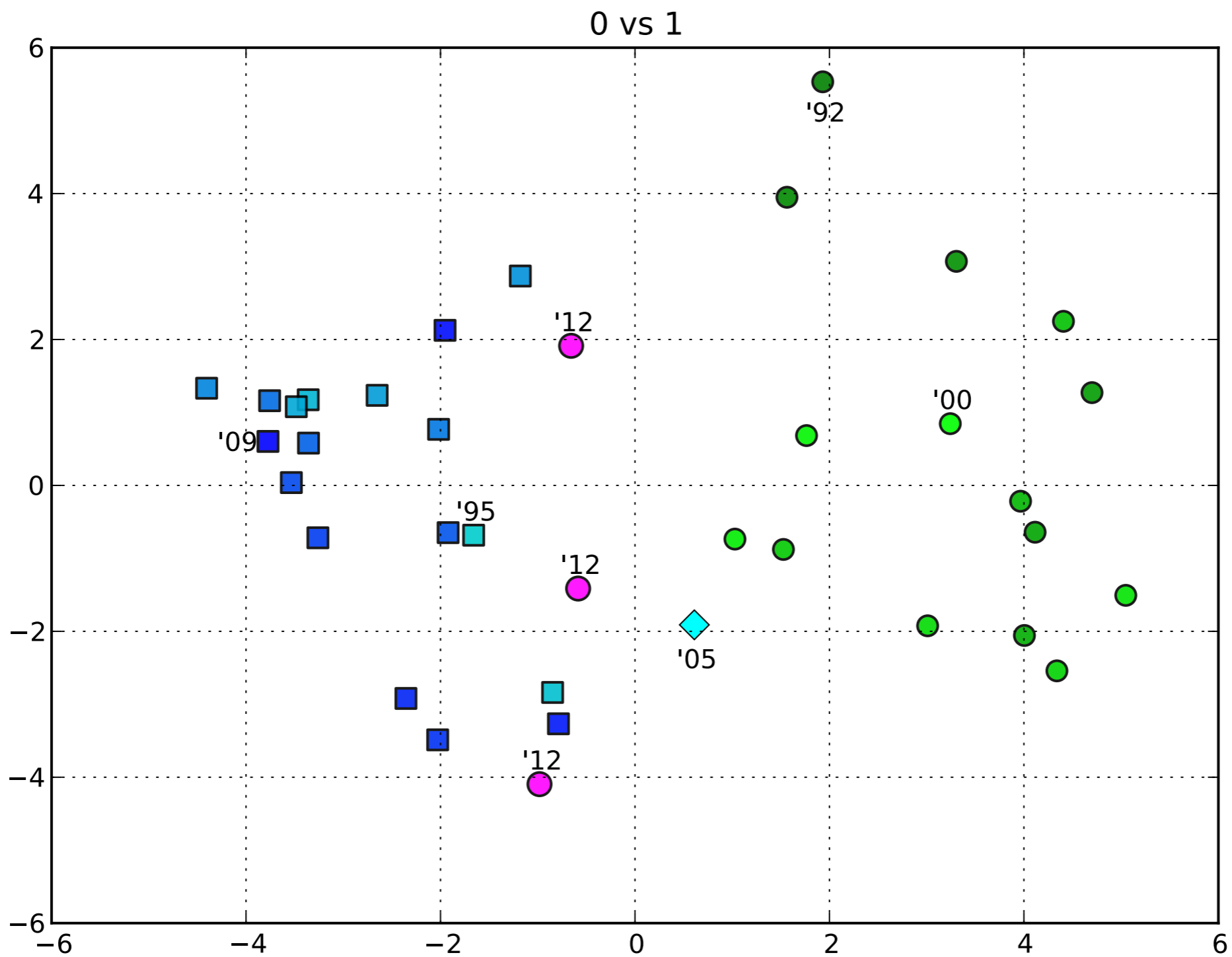
**With  $\sigma_i = \exp(-\xi_i/2)$ , entanglement spectrum “energy levels”  $\xi_i$  give more info than entanglement entropy  $S = \sum_i \xi_i \exp(-\xi_i)$  (a single number, thermodynamic entropy at  $T = 1$ ), and probe topological order of ground state (Li/Haldane, arXiv:0805.0332)**



Kitaev



Preskill





## Cornell Stylometric Connection:

### "Literary Data Processing Conference"

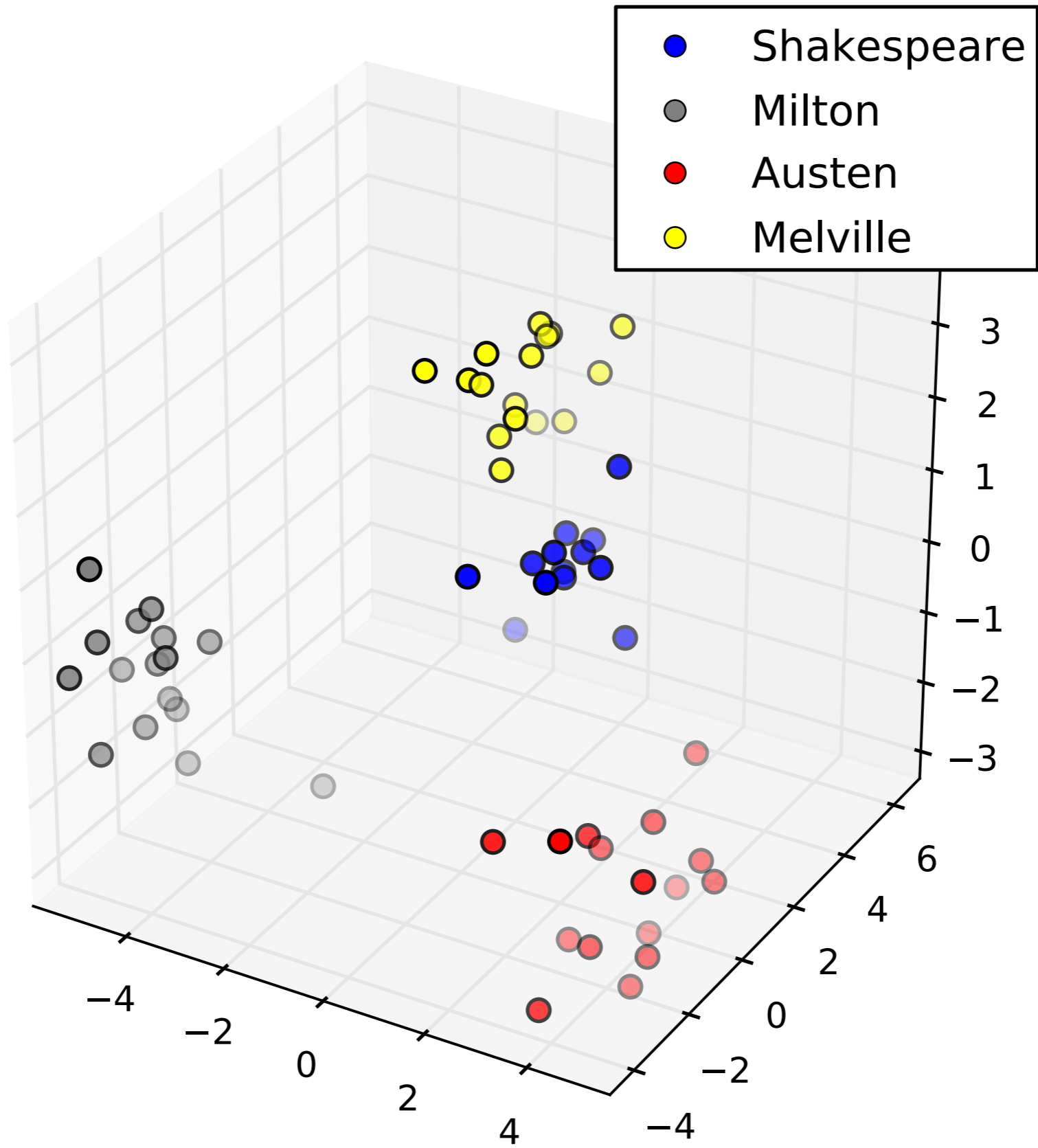
(Sep 1964, first conference on computers and humanities research?).  
co-chaired by [Stephen M. Parrish, Cornell, English Dept](#))

included "plea to the audience not to abandon their punch cards and magnetic tapes after their concordances were printed and (hopefully) published."

In Parrish's conference summary:

"when all the libraries or at least all pertinent bibliographical references are readily available on tape or in core memory, **there will be no excuse for ignorance.**"

"...the perfection of attribution study or source study or influence study by computer techniques **will make obsolete the studies that rely on the judgment and the memory** of one poor fallible human scholar"



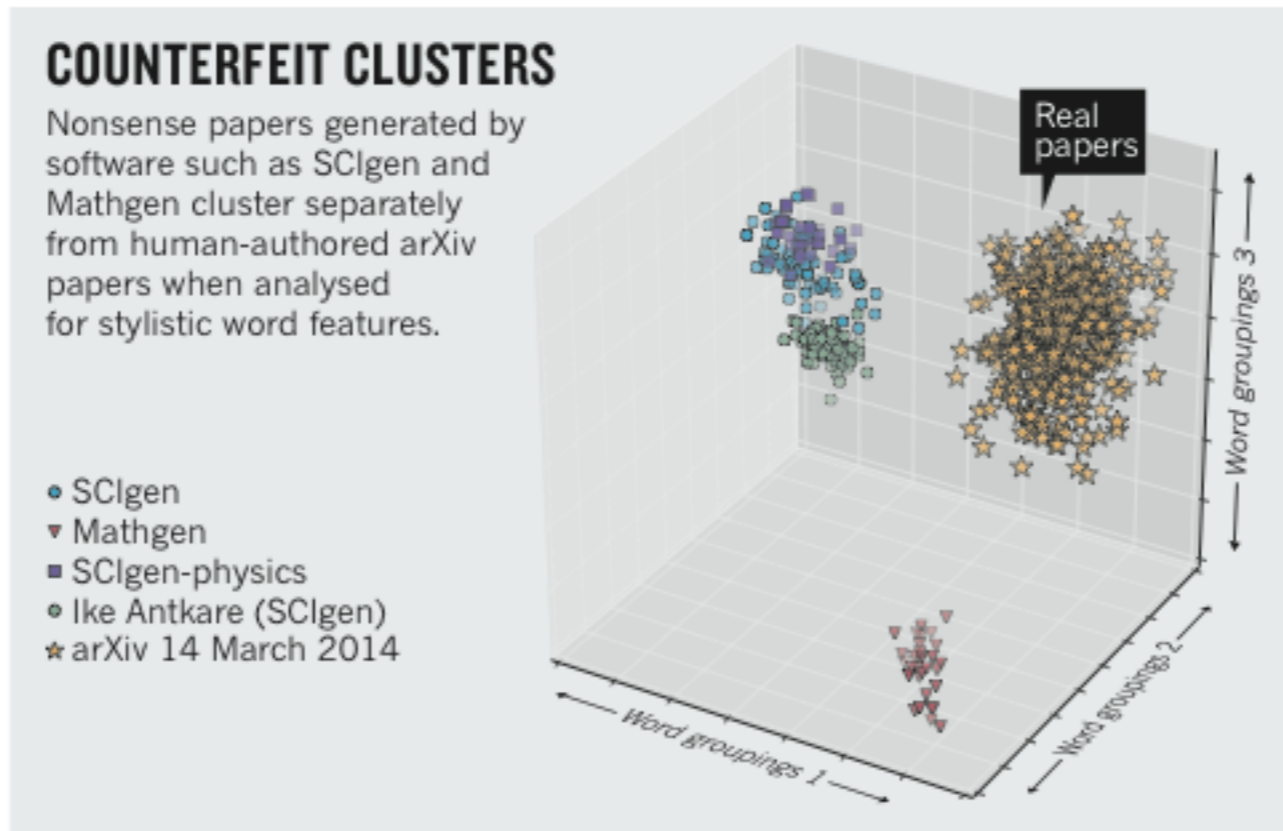
# Correspondence

## ArXiv screens spot fake papers

Unlike the computer-generated nonsense papers in some peer-reviewed subscription services (see *Nature* <http://doi.org/r3n>; 2014), the 500 or so preprints received daily by the automated repository arXiv are not pre-screened by humans. But sometimes automated assessment can be better than human diligence at enforcing standards.

The automated screens for outliers in arXiv include analysis of the probability distributions of words and their combinations, ensuring that they fall into patterns that are consistent with existing subject classes. This serves as a check of the subject categorizations provided by submitters, and helps to detect non-research content.

Fake papers generated by SClgen software, for example, have a 'native dialect' that can be picked up by simple stylometric analysis (see J. N. G. Binongo *Chance* **16**, 9–17; 2003). The



however, science advisers may encounter a conflict of interest if they are involved in administering public research funding.

Gluckman is the New Zealand Prime Minister's chief science adviser and chaired the panel that last year selected the National Science Challenges. He has been instrumental in publicizing and defending the new funding mechanism for meeting these goals (see [go.nature.com/cmgekx1](http://go.nature.com/cmgekx1)), which the government

## Projects powered by free computing grid

Herman Tse describes the scientific output of IBM's World Community Grid as "lacklustre" (*Nature* **507**, 431; 2014). This is not the case: the 22 projects we have supported so far have generated more than 35 peer-reviewed papers in prominent journals. Our donated computing power has resulted in several important practical scientific advances.

For example, Japan's Chiba Cancer Center used our free computing power to screen three million drug candidates for treating neuroblastoma, a common childhood cancer. This yielded seven promising compounds that have no apparent side effects (Y. Nakamura *et al. Cancer Med.* **3**, 25–35; 2014).

Last June, Harvard University's Clean Energy Project announced some 35,000 organic materials that could double the efficiency of carbon-based solar cells, after using our grid to scan more than

## Journals must boost data sharing

The journal ecosystem is a powerful filter of scientific literature, promoting the best work into the best journals. Why not use a similar mechanism to encourage more comprehensive data sharing?

Several journals have introduced policies mandating that data be shared on a public archive at publication (see,



# Springer and Université Joseph Fourier release SciDetect to discover fake scientific papers

The new, open source software is publically available for free to the scientific and publishing communities

Grenoble | Heidelberg | New York, 23 March 2015



After intensive collaboration with Dr. Cyril Labbé from Université Joseph Fourier in Grenoble, France, Springer announces the release of *SciDetect*, a new software program that

automatically checks for fake scientific papers. The open source software discovers text that has been generated with the SCIdgen computer program and other fake-paper generators like Mathgen and Physgen. Springer uses the software in its production workflow to provide additional, fail-safe checking. Springer and the University are releasing the software under the GNU General Public License, Version 3.0 (GPLv3) so others in the scientific and publishing communities can benefit.

*SciDetect* scans Extensible Markup Language (XML) and Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF) files and compares them against a corpus of fake scientific papers. *SciDetect* indicates whether an entire document or its parts are genuine or not. The software reports suspicious activity by relying on sensitivity thresholds that can be easily adjusted. *SciDetect* is highly flexible and can be quickly customized to cope with new methods of automatically generating fake or random text.

# word2vec

[code.google.com/p/word2vec](https://code.google.com/p/word2vec)

- [arxiv:1301.3781](https://arxiv.org/abs/1301.3781)
- [arxiv:1310.4546](https://arxiv.org/abs/1310.4546)
- [arxiv:1309.4168](https://arxiv.org/abs/1309.4168)

Words generated by combining common tokens together.

$$\frac{\text{count}(w_1, w_2) - \delta}{\text{count}(w_1)\text{count}(w_2)} > \theta$$

Four passes with decreasing threshold.

$$\delta = 30, \theta \in \{400, 300, 200, 100\}$$

**syllogism**

**a:b :: c:d**

**Paris - France + Italy = ?**

syllogism

a:b :: c:d

Paris - France + Italy =

Rome



# arxplor.lassp.cornell.edu

(20 slides from A.Alemi presentation at March Meeting '14 Denver)

After filtering:

- 7 years: Apr 2007 - Feb 2014
- 488,072 articles.
- 422,704 authors.
- 1,285,320 unique "words".

Example "words":

- "singular\_value\_decomposition",
- "black\_hole",
- "aps\_march\_meeting"

Continuous skip-gram model. Single layer neural network.

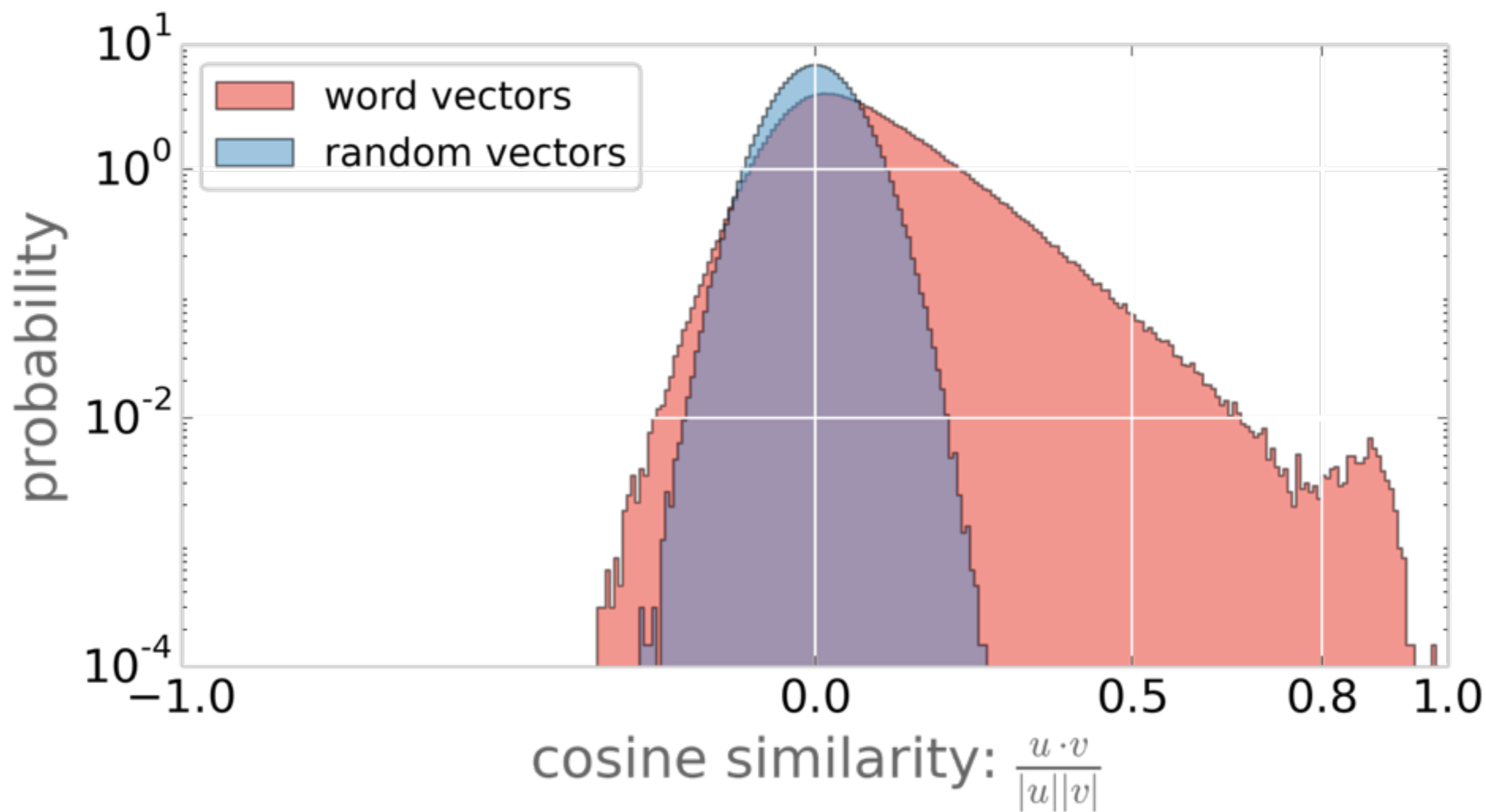
Mapping of words to vectors:  $w_i$ .

Maximize the log probability of nearby words.

$$\sum_i \sum_{-n \leq j \leq n, j \neq 0} \log p(w_j | w_i)$$

where

$$p(w_j | w_i) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp(w_j \cdot w_i)$$



word cosine		word cosine		word cosine	
<b>electron</b>	● 1.0	<b>physics</b>	● 1.0	<b>blue</b>	● 1.0
electrons	♥ 0.83	theoretical_physics	♥ 0.76	red	♥ 0.91
positron	♥ 0.67	particle_physics	♥ 0.72	orange	♥ 0.87
conduction_electron	♥ 0.65	nuclear_physics	♥ 0.7	cyan	♥ 0.87
carriers	♥ 0.64	astrophysics	♥ 0.68	purple	♥ 0.86
unpaired_electron	♥ 0.63	astronomy	♥ 0.68	magenta	♥ 0.86
electron_gas	♥ 0.63	materials_science	♥ 0.67	yellow	♥ 0.85
electronhole	♥ 0.63	physiscs	♥ 0.66	blue_red	♥ 0.85
impurity	♥ 0.63	astronomy_louisiana_state_univ...	♥ 0.66	violet	♥ 0.85
oneelectron	↘ 0.62	bern_bern_switzerland_18	♥ 0.66	blue_green	♥ 0.83
mobile_electrons	↘ 0.62	tennessee_knoxville_tennessee_...	♥ 0.66	light_blue	♥ 0.82

word cosine

**expects** ● 1.0

expecting ▼ 0.63

would\_allow ▼ 0.61

might\_argue ▼ 0.6

expect ▼ 0.6

prefers ▼ 0.58

still\_expects ▼ 0.57

one\_could\_imagine ▼ 0.57

can\_afford ▼ 0.55

anticipate ▼ 0.54

word cosine

**almost** ● 1.0

approximately ▼ 0.57

roughly ▼ 0.57

remarkably ▼ 0.55

fairly ▼ 0.53

still ▼ 0.51

however ▼ 0.51

nearly\_constant ▼ 0.5

exponentially ▼ 0.49

although ▼ 0.49

word cosine

**want** ● 1.0

wish ▼ 0.86

intend ▼ 0.74

do\_not\_need ▼ 0.71

do\_not\_know\_how ▼ 0.67

don\_t ▼ 0.66

trying ▼ 0.65

one\_needs ▼ 0.63

going ▼ 0.62

come\_back ▼ 0.62

word cosine

svd ● 1.0

truncated\_svd ▼ 0.7

svds ▼ 0.69

qr\_decomposition ▼ 0.66

svd\_decomposition ▼ 0.65

eigendecomposition ▼ 0.62

music\_algorithm ▼ 0.61

omp\_algorithm ▼ 0.61

cholesky\_factorization ▼ 0.61

alternating\_mini... ▼ 0.6

word cosine

graphene ● 1.0

single\_layer\_graphene ▼ 0.9

monolayer\_graphene ▼ 0.9

bilayer\_graphene ▼ 0.88

multilayer\_graphene ▼ 0.88

graphene\_monolayer ▼ 0.88

graphene\_sheets ▼ 0.87

suspended\_graphene ▼ 0.85

graphene\_monolayers ▼ 0.85

graphene\_sheet ▼ 0.85

word cosine

python ● 1.0

source\_code ▼ 0.83

python\_program... ▼ 0.83

java ▼ 0.83

scripting\_language ▼ 0.82

command\_line ▼ 0.82

scipy ▼ 0.82

package ▼ 0.82

scripts ▼ 0.82

libraries ▼ 0.82

word cosine

supreme\_court ● 1.0

politics ♥ 0.76

lawyers ♥ 0.74

justices ♥ 0.73

senate ♥ 0.73

congressional ♥ 0.72

politicians ♥ 0.72

public\_opinion ♥ 0.71

republican\_party ♥ 0.71

political ♥ 0.7

word cosine

tfidf ● 1.0

tf\_idf ♥ 0.8

cooccurrence ♥ 0.7

training\_corpus ♥ 0.68

cosine\_similarity ♥ 0.68

bm25 ♥ 0.68

tf\_idf\_weighting ♥ 0.68

stop\_words ♥ 0.67

unigrams ♥ 0.67

cosine\_similarity\_between ♥ 0.66

word cosine

scientific\_impact ● 1.0

interdisciplinarity ♥ 0.79

citation\_impact ♥ 0.77

bibliometrics ♥ 0.76

citation\_analysis ♥ 0.75

citation\_patterns ♥ 0.74

bibliometric ♥ 0.73

journals ♥ 0.73

scholarly ♥ 0.73

peer\_review ♥ 0.72

word cosine	word cosine	word cosine	word cosine	word cosine
john ● 1.0	dmitri ● 1.0	wang ● 1.0	stefano ● 1.0	pierre ● 1.0
william ♥ 0.86	dmitry ♥ 0.78	chen ♥ 0.95	paolo ♥ 0.9	alain ♥ 0.82
michael ♥ 0.84	mikhail ♥ 0.78	zhang ♥ 0.94	francesco ♥ 0.89	olivier ♥ 0.8
edward ♥ 0.84	oleg ♥ 0.77	liu ♥ 0.94	matteo ♥ 0.88	philippe ♥ 0.79
david ♥ 0.84	sergey ♥ 0.76	zhou ♥ 0.93	michele ♥ 0.88	frederic ♥ 0.79
robert ♥ 0.84	konstantin ♥ 0.76	zhao ♥ 0.93	giuseppe ♥ 0.87	stephane ♥ 0.78
andrew ♥ 0.84	igor ♥ 0.76	zhu ♥ 0.92	alessandro ♥ 0.87	sylvain ♥ 0.78
james ♥ 0.83	alexey ♥ 0.75	huang ♥ 0.91	davide ♥ 0.87	jean_francois ♥ 0.78
peter ♥ 0.83	anatoly ♥ 0.75	fang ♥ 0.9	giorgio ♥ 0.87	sebastien ♥ 0.78
stephen ♥ 0.82	ilya ♥ 0.74	wei ♥ 0.9	riccardo ♥ 0.87	benoit ♥ 0.78
brian ♥ 0.82	ivan ♥ 0.73	guo ♥ 0.9	enrico ♥ 0.87	thierry ♥ 0.77
philip ♥ 0.82	nikolay ♥ 0.73	ding ♥ 0.89	francesca ♥ 0.87	guillaume ♥ 0.77



**syllogism**

**a:b :: c:d**

**Paris - France + Italy = ?**

torque - force + momentum =

orbital\_angular\_momentum

newtonian\_mechanics - isaac\_newton +  
albert\_einstein =

special\_relativity

gravity - Newton + Hawking =

black\_hole\_evaporation

$s_{\mu\text{on}} - \mu\text{on} + \text{higgs} =$

higgsino

### gravity-newton+hawking

- hawking ♥0.8
- an\_evaporating\_black\_hole ♥0.73
- black\_hole\_evaporation ♥0.7
- hawking\_effect ♥0.7
- cosmic\_censorship ♥0.69
- gravity ♥0.66

### torque-force+momentum=

- momentum ♥0.72
- angular\_momentum\_conservation ♥0.59
- longitudinal\_component ♥0.56
- orbital\_angular\_momentum ♥0.55
- angular\_momentum\_lz ♥0.55
- helicity ♥0.54

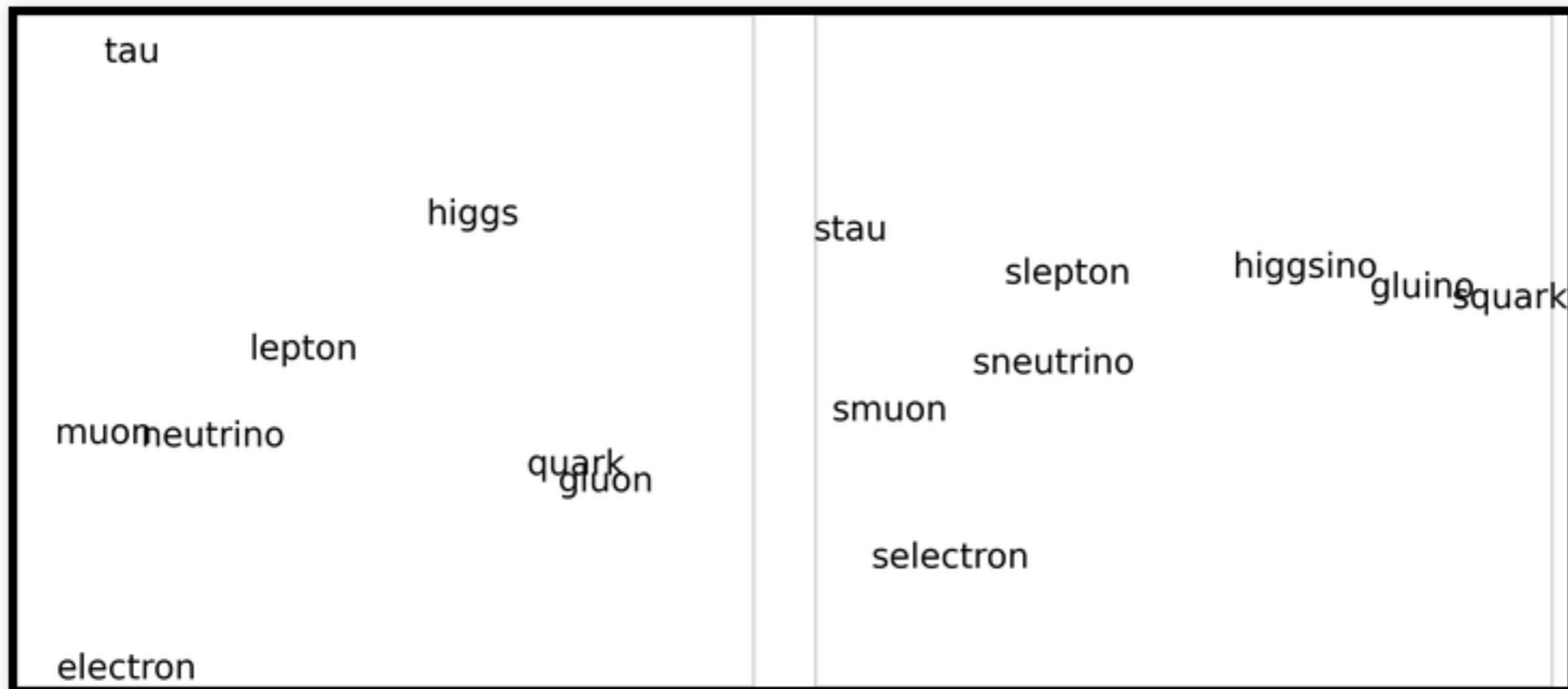
### newtonian\_mechanics-isaac\_newton+albert\_einstein=

- newtonian\_mechanics ♥0.78
- special\_relativity ♥0.57
- newtonian\_dynamics ♥0.55
- planetary\_motions ♥0.54
- material\_bodies ♥0.53
- aristotelian ♥0.51

### smuon-muon+higgs

- higgsino ♥0.81
- sfermions ♥0.79
- higgsinos ♥0.78
- heavy\_higgs ♥0.78
- lightest\_higgs\_boson ♥0.78
- smuon ♥0.78

Using the same projections, different parts of vector space.



word2vec knows supersymmetry

physics+buzzword=

buzzword ♥0.79

physics ♥0.77

life\_science ♥0.7

philosophy ♥0.68

interdisciplinary\_research ♥0.67

biology ♥0.66

chemistry+physics=

chemistry ♥0.92

physics ♥0.9

theoretical\_chemistry ♥0.73

solid\_state\_physics ♥0.72

chemical\_engineering ♥0.7

theoretical\_physics ♥0.69

biology-buzzword=

physiology ♥0.44

ecology ♥0.42

biological\_macromolecules ♥0.41

cell\_motility ♥0.4

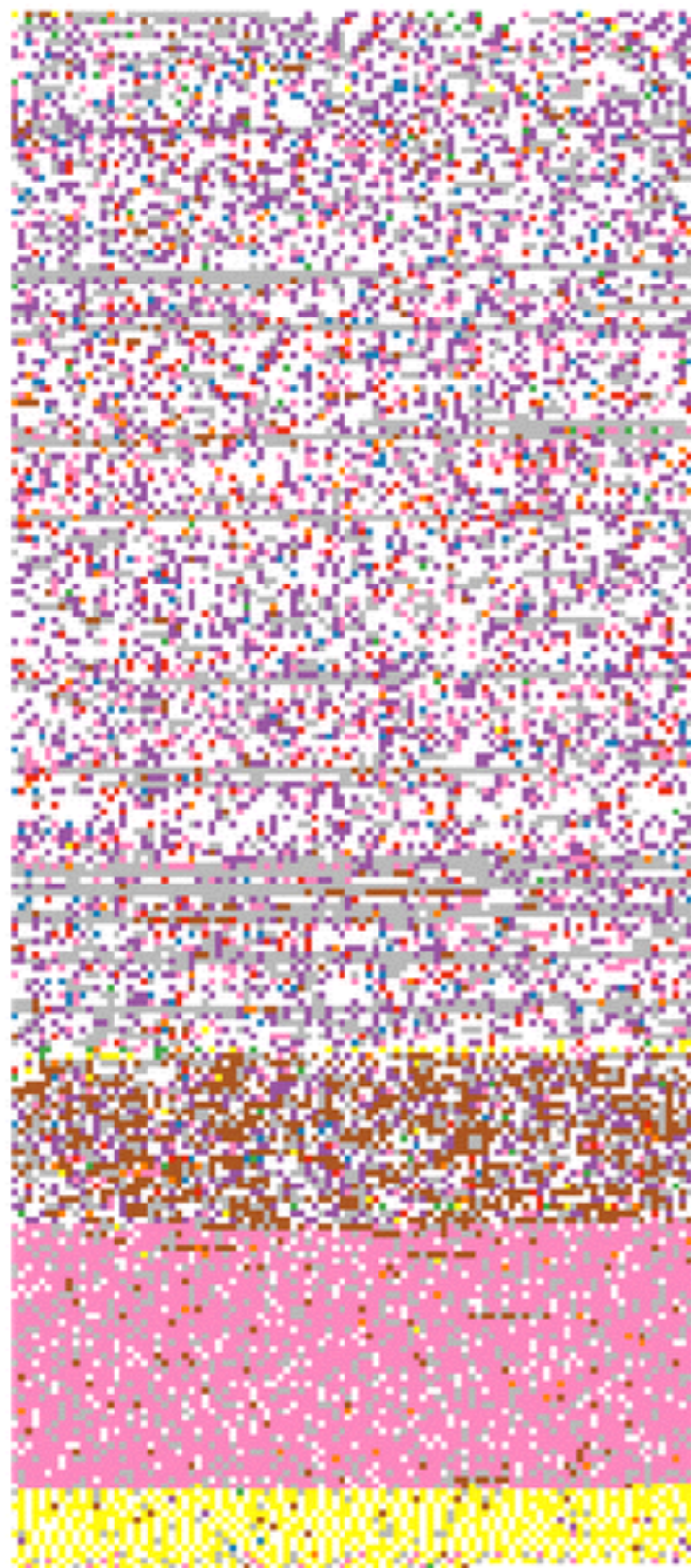
flegg ♥0.39

phenotypes\_nat\_rev\_genet ♥0.39



sm\_higgs\_boson the search for the higgs\_boson the only elementary\_particle in the sm that has\_not\_yet been\_observed is one of the highlights of the large\_hadron\_collider 11 lhc physics\_programme indirect limits on the sm\_higgs\_boson mass of mh 158 gev at\_95\_confidence\_level\_cl have\_been set using global\_fits to precision\_electroweak results 12 direct\_searches at lep 13 the tevatron 14 16 and the lhc 17 18 have previously excluded at\_95\_cl a sm\_higgs\_boson with mass below 600\_gev apart\_from some mass\_regions between 116 gev and 127 gev both the atlas and cms\_collaborations reported excesses of events in their 2011 datasets of protonproton pp\_collisions\_at centre of mass energy s 7 tev at the lhc which were compatible\_with sm\_higgs\_boson\_production and decay in the mass region 124 126 gev with significances of 2.9 and 3.1 standard\_deviations s respectively 17 18 the cdf and do experiments at the tevatron have also recently\_reported a broad excess in the mass region 120 135 gev using the existing lhc constraints the observed local significances for mh\_125\_gev are 2.7 s for cdf 14 1.1 s for do 15 and 2.8 s for their combination 16 the previous atlas\_searches in 4.6 4.8 fb 1 of data at s 7 tev are combined here with new searches for h zz 41 h gg and h ww enup in the 5.8 5.9 fb 1 of pp collision data taken at s 8 tev between april and

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# James Clerk Maxwell (Feb 1856)

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## ESSAY FOR THE APOSTLES ON 'ANALOGIES IN NATURE'

FEBRUARY 1856

From Campbell and Garnett, *Life of Maxwell*<sup>(1)</sup>

### ARE THERE REAL ANALOGIES IN NATURE?<sup>(2)</sup>

In the ancient and religious foundation of Peterhouse there is observed this rule, that whoso makes a pun shall be counted the author of it, but that whoso pretends to find it out shall be counted the publisher of it, and that both shall be fined. Now, as in a pun two truths lie hid under one expression, so in an analogy one truth is discovered under two expressions. Every question concerning analogies is therefore the reciprocal of a question concerning puns, and the solutions can be transposed by reciprocation. But since we are still in doubt as to the legitimacy of reasoning by analogy, and as reasoning even by paradox has been pronounced less heinous than reasoning by puns, we must adopt the direct method with respect to analogy, and then, if necessary, deduce by reciprocation the theory of puns.

That analogies appear to exist is plain in the face of things, for all parables, fables, similes, metaphors, tropes, and figures of speech are analogies, natural or revealed, artificial or concealed. The question is entirely of their reality. Now, no question exists as to the possibility of an analogy without a mind to recognise it – that is rank nonsense. You might as well talk of a demonstration or refutation existing unconditionally. Neither is there any question as to the occurrence of analogies to our minds. They are as plenty as reasons, not to say blackberries. For, not to mention all the things in external nature which men have seen as the projections of things in their own minds, the whole framework

# Basic Intuition

(From GloVE)

For semantic applications like the analogy task, the vector space embedding should respect the ratios of conditional probabilities.

For example, the ratio

$$\frac{p(k|\text{ice})}{p(k|\text{steam})}$$

is high for  $k = \text{solid}$ ,

intermediate for  $k = \text{water, fashion}$

and low for  $k = \text{gas}$ .

So if we're interested in thermodynamic phase, we learn that **solid** and **gas** are relevant to the distinction between ice and steam, and **water** and **fashion** are not.

[ $p(k|i) = X_{ik}/X_i =$  probability word  $k$  appears in context of word  $i$ ,  
 $X_{ik}$  = co-occurrence count,  $X_i$  = total # occurrences of word  $i$ .]

# The analogy task: solve $a:b :: c:?$

Want word vectors  $v_a, v_b, v_c, v_d$  to satisfy linear relation

$$d = \operatorname{argmin}_d |(v_b - v_a) - (v_d - v_c)|^2$$

How to find vectors that do this?

Example: man:woman :: king:?

First need analytic representation of task. Note that most contexts  $\chi$  have

$$\frac{p(\chi|\text{king})}{p(\chi|\text{queen})} \approx \frac{p(\chi|\text{man})}{p(\chi|\text{woman})}$$

since the ratios will be roughly one for most words (contexts not sensitive).

But different for gendered words:  $\chi = \text{dress, he, she, Elizabeth, Harry, } \dots$

# Computational Objective

So average over contexts, and to solve analogy find word **w** that minimizes:

$$\sum_{\chi} \left( \log \frac{p(\chi|\text{man})}{p(\chi|\text{woman})} - \log \frac{p(\chi|\text{king})}{p(\chi|\mathbf{w})} \right)^2 \quad (\star)$$

But this analytic approach to analogy task is not computationally efficient: expensive to assay for all words **w** in large vocabulary.

Much easier: simple vector addition on low dimensional space?





# Suppositions

Recall mutual information

$$I(X, Y) = \sum_{x,y} p(x, y) \log \frac{p(x, y)}{p(x)p(y)} = \sum_{x,y} p(x, y) \text{PMI}(x, y)$$

is a sum of “pointwise mutual information”s  $\text{PMI}(x, y) = \log \frac{p(x, y)}{p(x)p(y)}$

Suppose:

- 1)  $\text{PMI}(w, w') = \log \frac{p(w, w')}{p(w)p(w')}$  is low rank ( $n \sim \log N$  rather than  $N$ ),  
so it factorizes:

$$\text{PMI}(w, w') \approx v_w \cdot v_{w'}$$

- 2) word vectors are ‘isotropic’:  $\sum_w |w\rangle\langle w| \approx I$  (eigenvalues  $1 + \delta$ )

[In a generative model, can show  $\log p(w) \approx |v_w|^2 / 2d - \log Z$ ,

$$\log p(w, w') \approx |v_w + v_{w'}|^2 / 2d - 2 \log Z,$$

$\implies$  1)  $\text{PMI}(w, w') \propto v_w \cdot v_{w'}$  (factorization)]

# Key Relation: (1,2) $\implies$ ( $\star$ )

By factorization (1),

$$v \cdot w \sim \text{PMI}(v, w) = \log \frac{p(w, v)}{p(w)p(v)} = \log \frac{p(w|v)}{p(w)}$$

By isotropy (2),  $|v|^2 \approx \sum_w \langle v|w \rangle \langle w|v \rangle = \sum_w (v \cdot w)^2$ , and thus

$$\min_d |(v_b - v_a) - (v_d - v_c)|^2$$

$$\propto \min_d \sum_w |(v_b \cdot w - v_a \cdot w) - (v_d \cdot w - v_c \cdot w)|^2$$

$$\propto \min_d \sum_w \left( \log \frac{p(w|a)}{p(w|b)} - \log \frac{p(w|c)}{p(w|d)} \right)^2 \quad (\star)$$

# Summary

The word  $d$  that minimizes

$$\min_d \sum_w \left( \log \frac{p(w|a)}{p(w|b)} - \log \frac{p(w|c)}{p(w|d)} \right)^2$$

is a likely solution to the analogy task  $a:b::c:?$

Under assumptions (1,2), if we can find isotropic vectors such that  $v_w \cdot v_{w'} \propto \text{PMI}(w, w')$ , then the vector  $v_d$  that minimizes

$$\min_d |(v_b - v_a) - (v_d - v_c)|^2$$

solves the same task.

The (low dimensional) word vectors  $v_w$  are precomputed once and for all, so finding the above minimum is computationally efficient.

# Text Segmentation based on Semantic Word Embeddings

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*(Submitted on 18 Mar 2015)*

We explore the use of semantic word embeddings in text segmentation algorithms, including the C99 segmentation algorithm and new algorithms inspired by the distributed word vector representation. By developing a general framework for discussing a class of segmentation objectives, we study the effectiveness of greedy versus exact optimization approaches and suggest a new iterative refinement technique for improving the performance of greedy strategies. We compare our results to known benchmarks, using known metrics. We demonstrate state-of-the-art performance for an untrained method with our Content Vector Segmentation (CVS) on the Choi test set. Finally, we apply the segmentation procedure to an in-the-wild dataset consisting of text extracted from scholarly articles in the arXiv.org database.

Comments: 10 pages, 4 figures. KDD2015 submission

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### Text Segmentation based on Semantic Word Embeddings

**Abstract**  
 This paper presents a novel approach to text segmentation based on semantic word embeddings. The proposed method leverages the rich semantic information captured by word embeddings to identify meaningful segments within a document. The approach is evaluated on a standard text segmentation dataset, demonstrating superior performance compared to baseline methods.

**1. Introduction**  
 Text segmentation is a fundamental task in natural language processing, with applications ranging from document analysis to information retrieval. Traditional methods often rely on syntactic cues or simple statistical models, which may not fully capture the underlying semantic structure of the text. This paper introduces a method that utilizes semantic word embeddings to improve segmentation accuracy.

**2. Related Work**  
 Previous research in text segmentation has explored various techniques, including rule-based methods, machine learning models, and deep learning architectures. While these methods have achieved significant progress, they often struggle with complex semantic relationships and context-dependent boundaries. The proposed method addresses these challenges by incorporating semantic information into the segmentation process.

**3. Methodology**  
 The proposed method consists of the following steps:  
 1. **Embedding Generation:** Words in the document are mapped to high-dimensional semantic embeddings using a pre-trained model.  
 2. **Segmentation:** The document is processed into overlapping windows. For each window, the semantic relationships between words are analyzed using cosine similarity and other metrics.  
 3. **Boundary Detection:** Potential segmentation boundaries are identified based on changes in semantic structure across the windows.

**4. Evaluation**  
 The method is evaluated on a standard text segmentation dataset. Performance is measured using precision, recall, and F1 score. The results show that the proposed method outperforms baseline methods, particularly in cases where semantic cues are crucial for identifying boundaries.

**5. Conclusion**  
 This paper demonstrates that semantic word embeddings can be effectively used for text segmentation. The proposed method provides a robust and accurate approach to this task, with potential for further improvements in handling complex documents.

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Readers and Authors live in the same vector space

Extend article context to readers:

Reader vectors => Recommender System

Extend article context to authors:

Author vectors => Referee Selection

# Recommendation redux

Complaints about information overload date back 2 millennia  
coreadership (proxy for svd or more sophisticated)

- netflix prize
- itunes genius

**Evaluation metric?** (free bagels and cream cheese for duration)

The information layer vs. the social layer (Google vs. Facebook):  
optimal referral mechanism?

Dangers of recommendation systems: local vs. global diversity

- imperfect filter worse than none?

**Personalization:** readers inherit topics from articles

# Recommender Systems

**Example: NASA ADS (Astrophysical Data System) uses (anonymized) arXiv usage data**

**(a) infer topics from readership data and keyword assignment**

- **classify articles and users (based on past activity) according to topics**
- **measures of proximity of articles to people, and articles to themselves.**
- **reader can be presented with a menu of recent papers on subjects of interest (ordered according to closeness of match, or by importance as measured by readership or citation, ...)**

**(b) find the 40 most similar articles (augments data for sparse readership) to make article-based recommendations, via a few algorithms**



# Text Overlap

**Text “reuse” by global researchers in a scholarly corpus**

**Simple n-gram analysis of the texts in arXiv covering over 20 years**

**Everything from**

- **dozens of pages verbatim from 3rd party lecture notes for PhD theses**
- **large sections of Wikipedia entries for introductory material in articles**
- **series of articles by overlapping authors each greater than 50% overlap with preceding**
- **articles assembled in whole or part from one or more other articles by different authors, with or without attribution**

**Majority have found way undetected into conventional publication venues**

**Shed light on sociology, mentality, methodology, and demography of perps?**

# Full text analysis

**winnowed 7-grams (w/ J. Gehrke, D.Sorokina , S. Warner 2007), after Schleimer et al. (2003)**

**Detection software now more feasible than ever, computation of fingerprint in memory with 96Gb machine, hundreds of lookups per second**

**practical implications for running arXiv site: problem authors are inconvenience to readers, but screening was haphazard, no systematic baseline to identify outliers**

**cs Meng project Scott Rogoff (in conjunction with S. Warner), spring 2011**

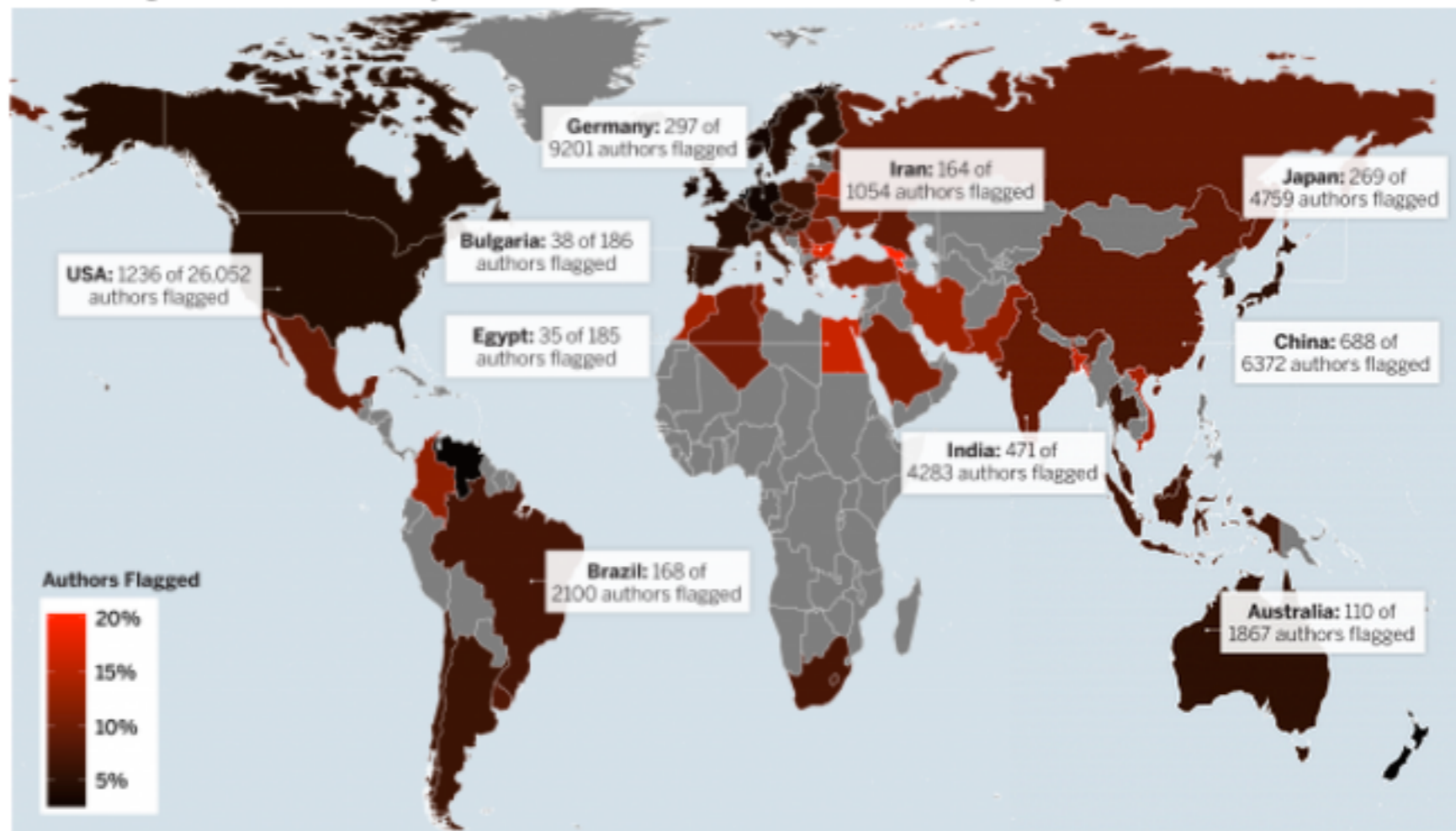
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\*D.Citron and PG, "Patterns of text reuse in a scientific corpus," PNAS 2015 112 (1) 6-7, arXiv:1412.2716

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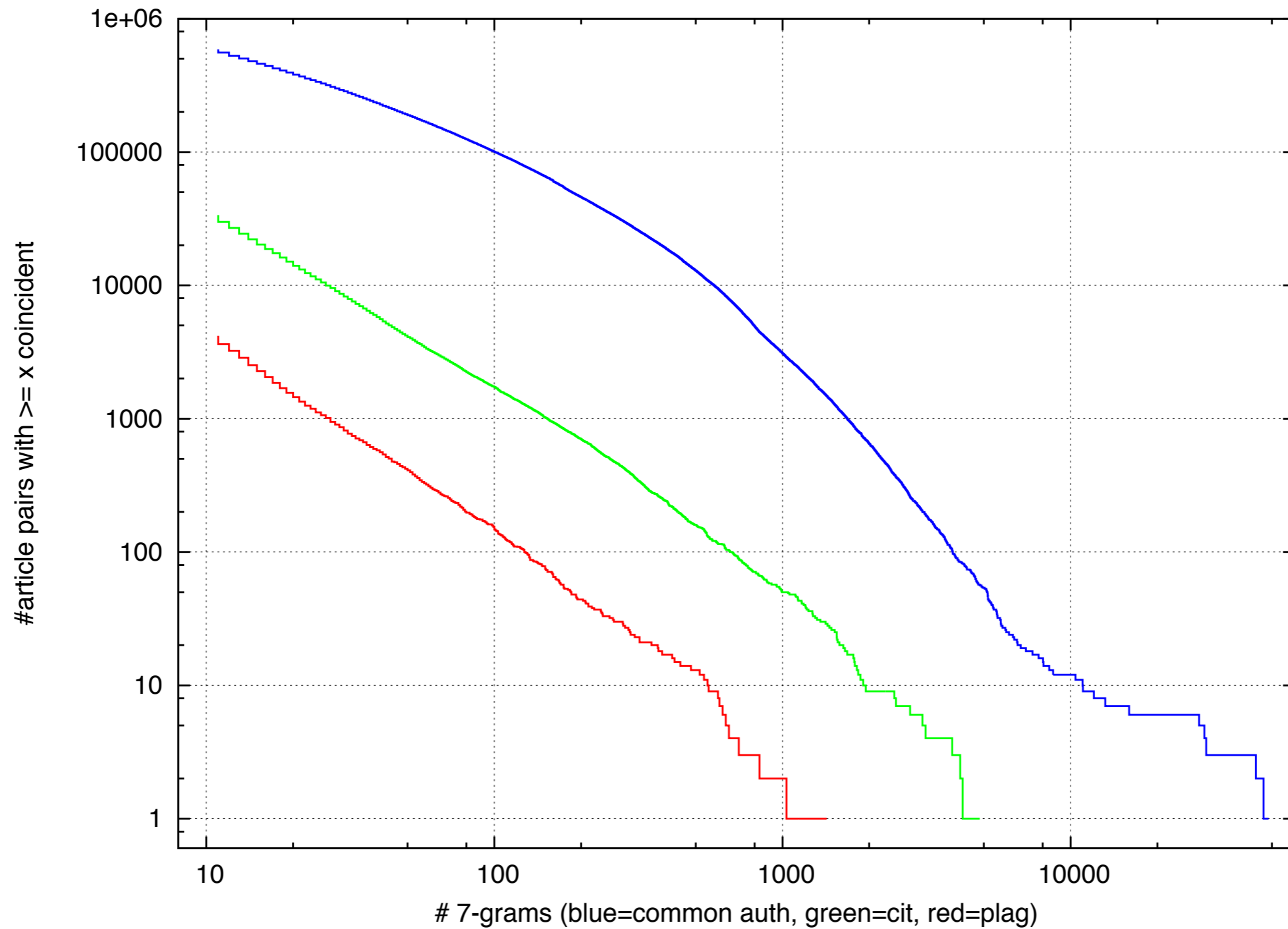


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## high threshold

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## high threshold, cont'd

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**(in practice also use size of contiguous blocks)**

**Additional exceptions for articles having a coauthor in common: articles marked by authors in the “Comments:” as review articles, or theses, conference proceedings, book contributions, and so on, are not noted, because such overlaps, whether or not desirable, appear to be common practice.**



# author reactions

- a) none (replace w/o changing, do they even notice?)**
- b) try to remove overlaps, not always successful (can't even find **?!?**)**
- c) virulently object (crowdsourced quality control of methodology, though usual complaints misguided, exposing confusion about what is standard practice, as statistically confirmed by arXiv corpus)**

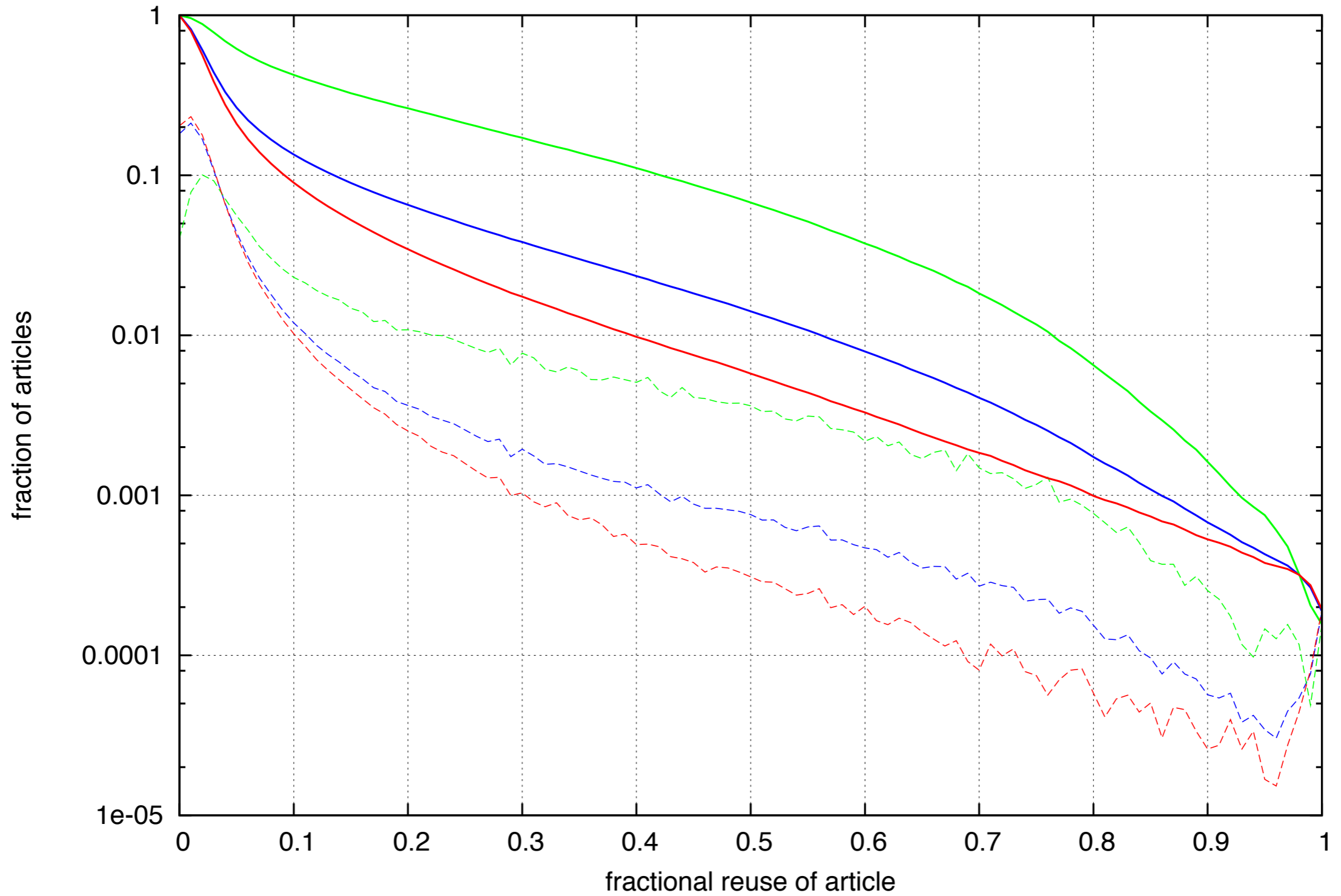
[but note Kiesler et al, 2010, “Regulating Behavior in on-line communities”:

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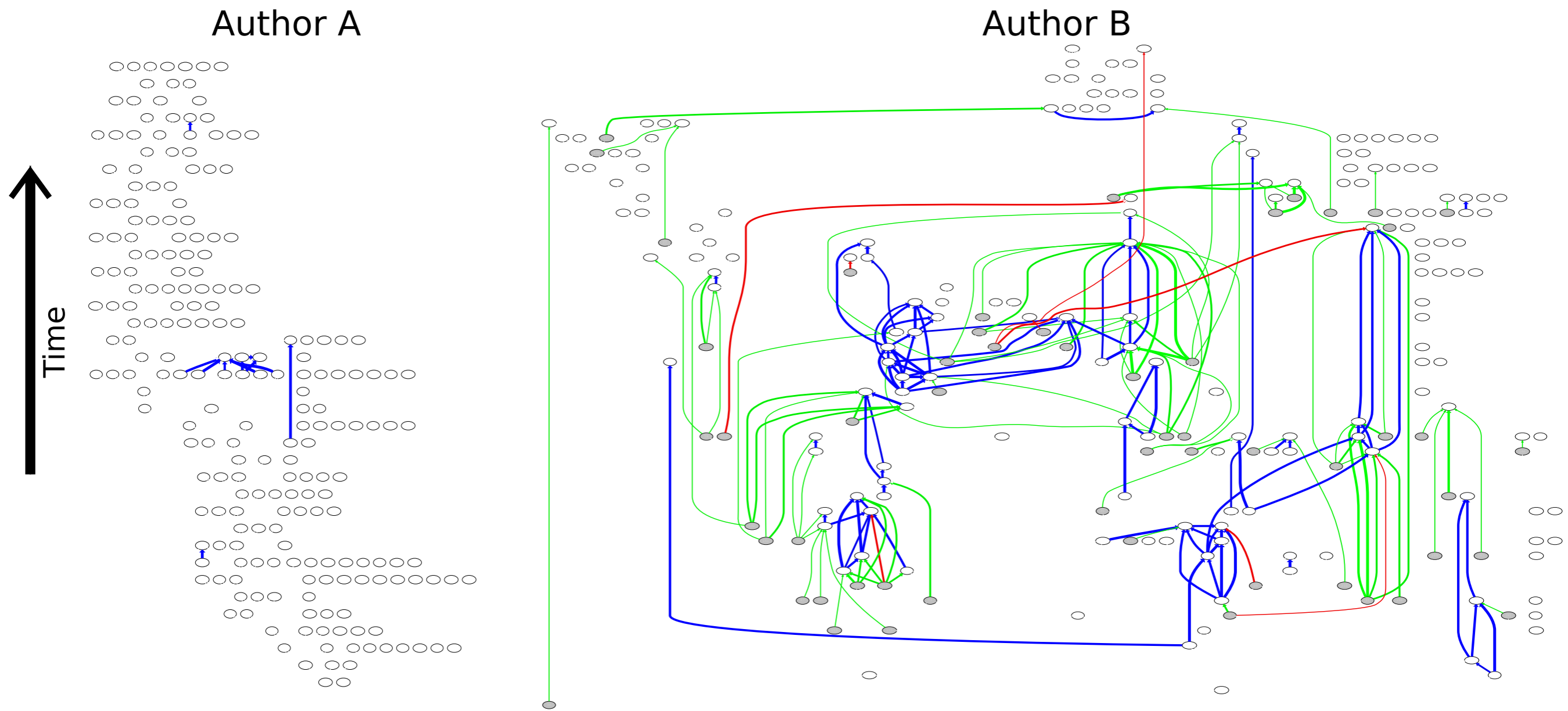
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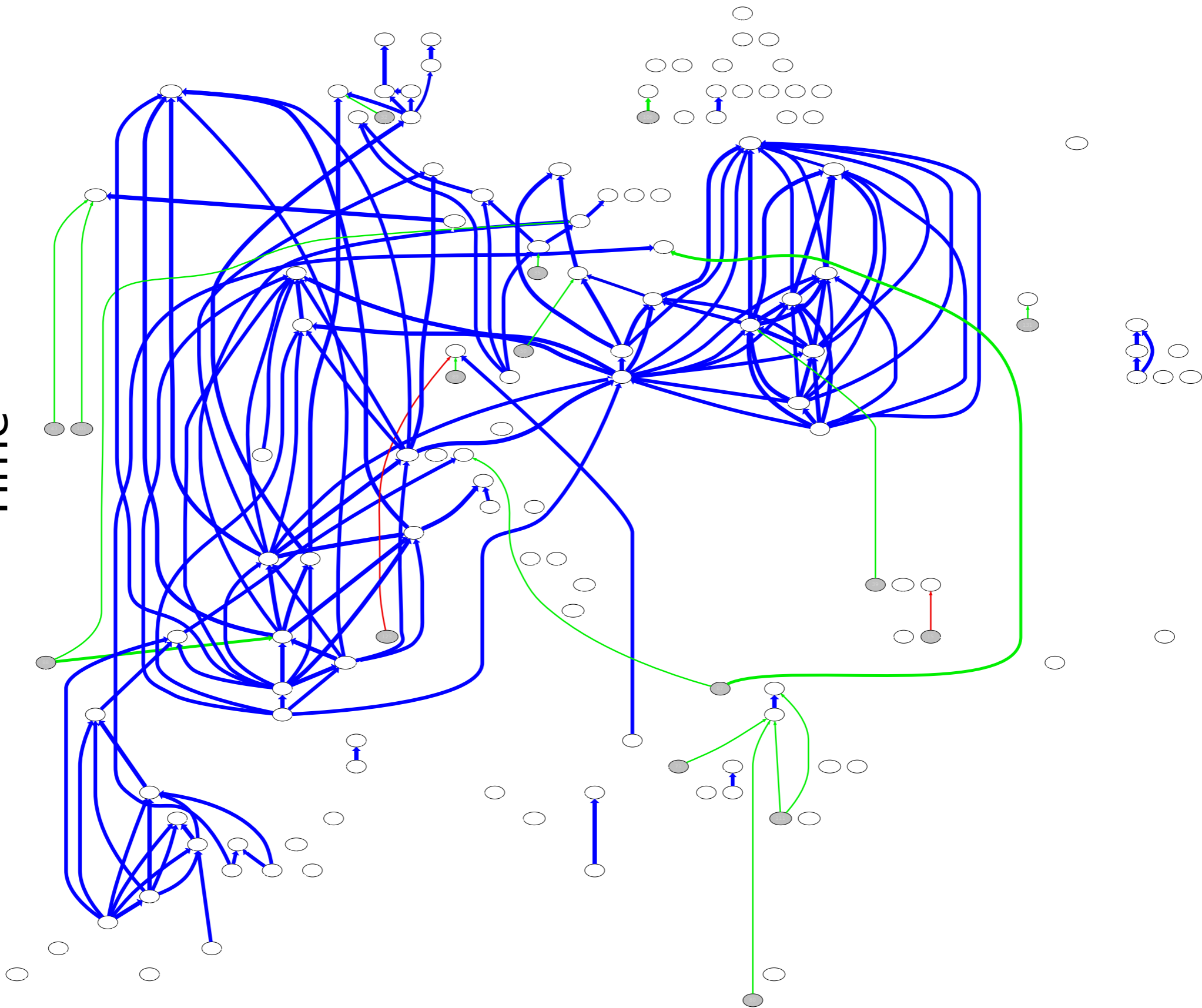
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previous graph looked bad, but is it all of the authors  
some of the time, or some of the authors all of the time?

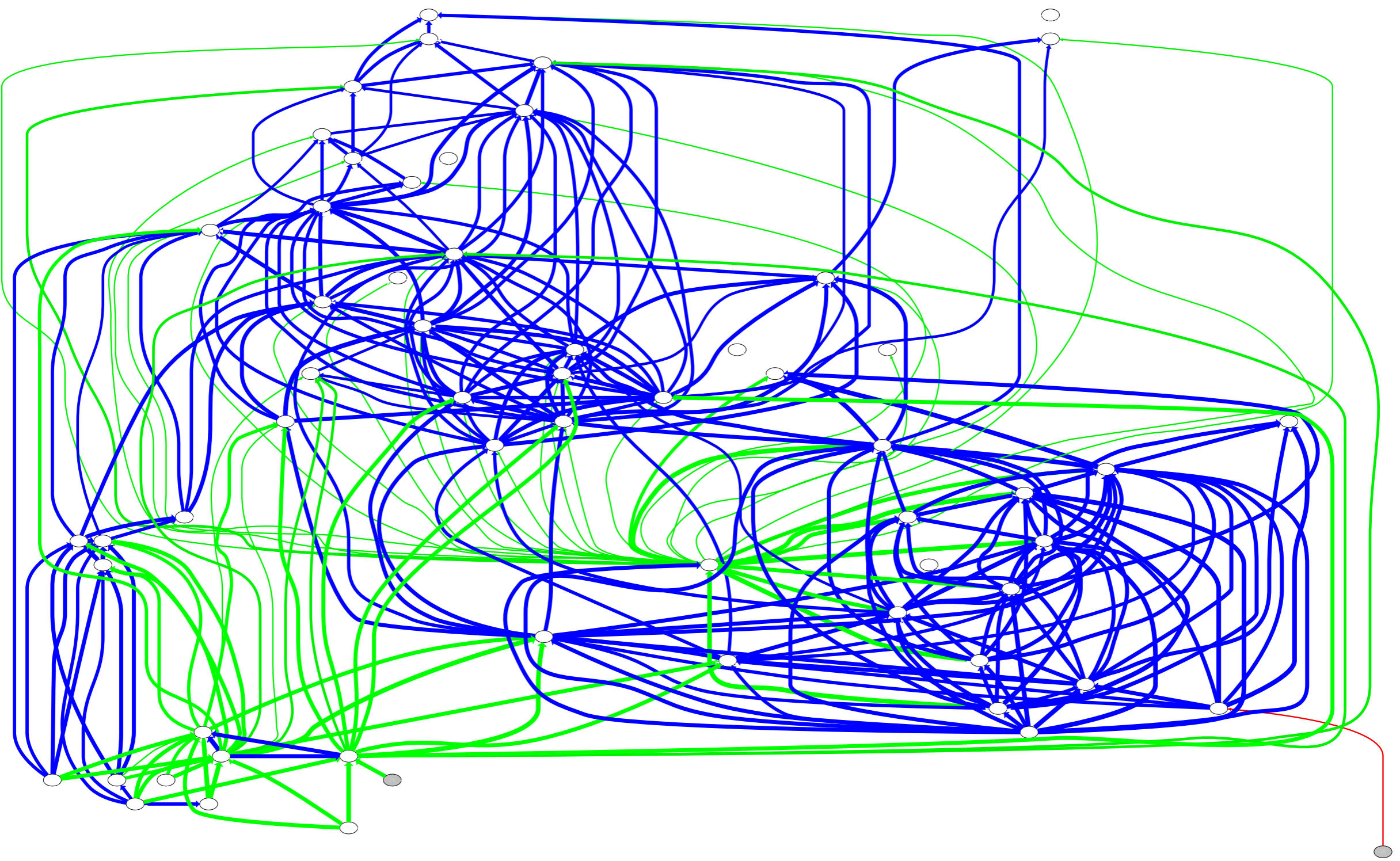


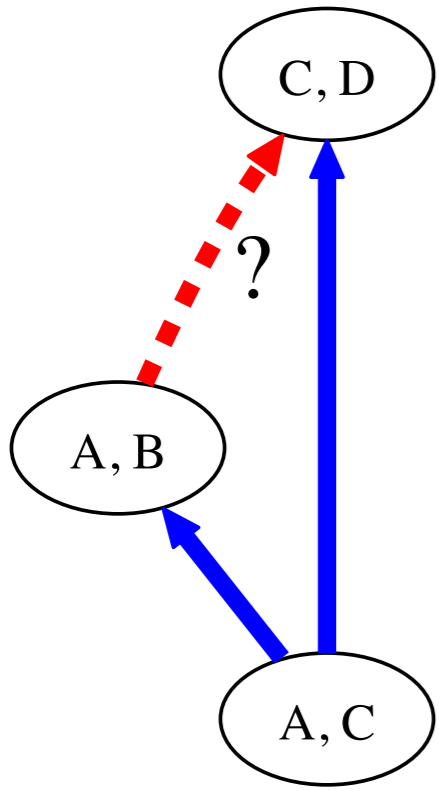
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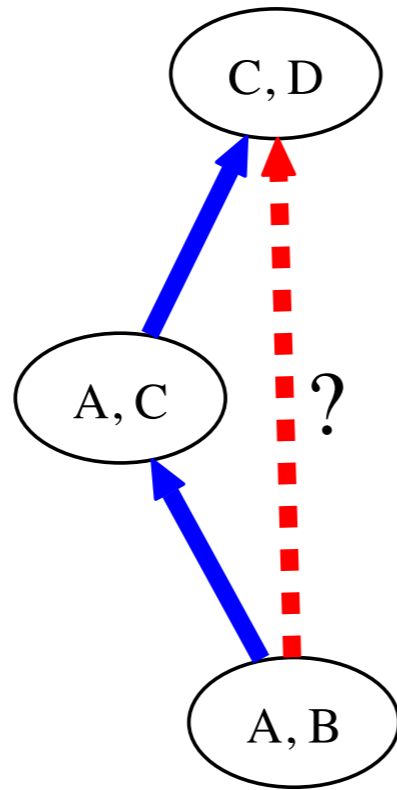


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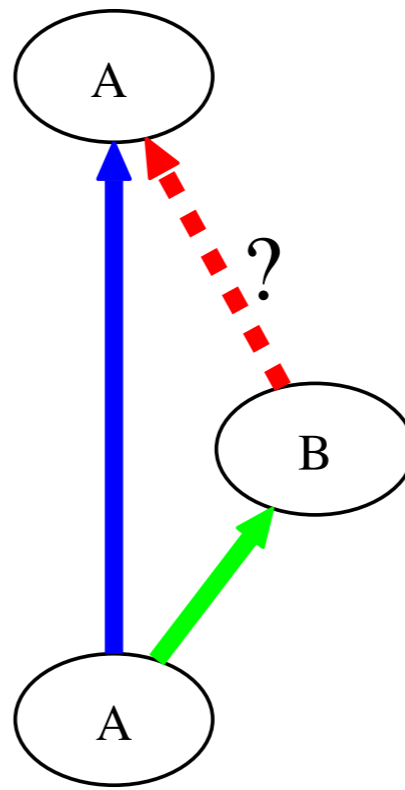




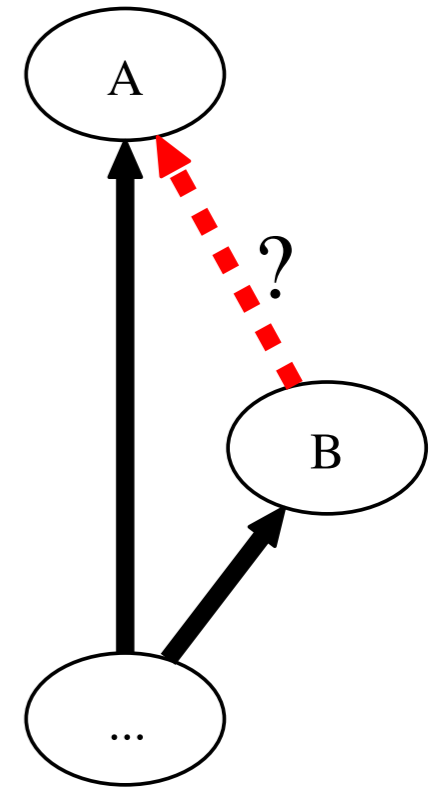
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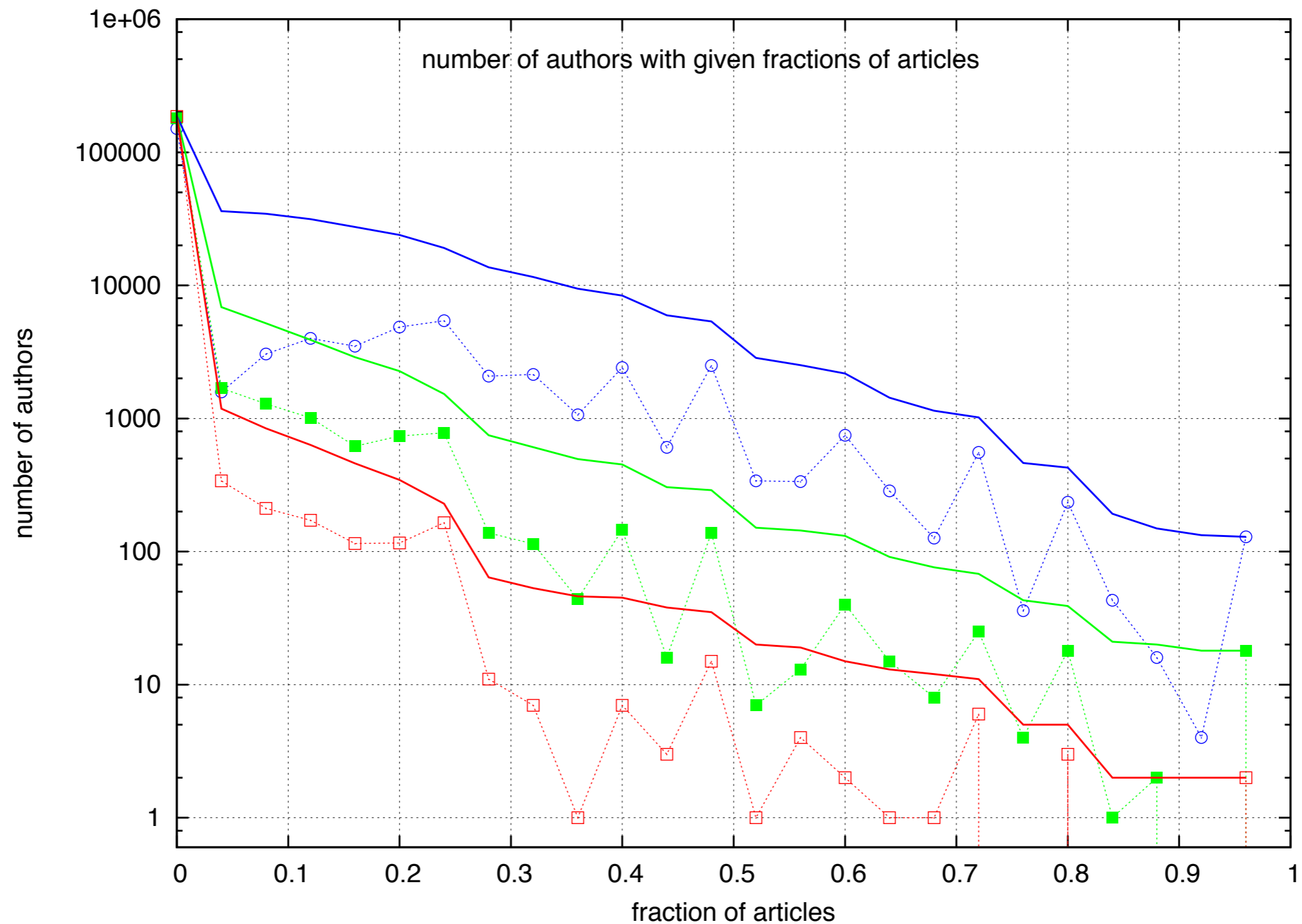


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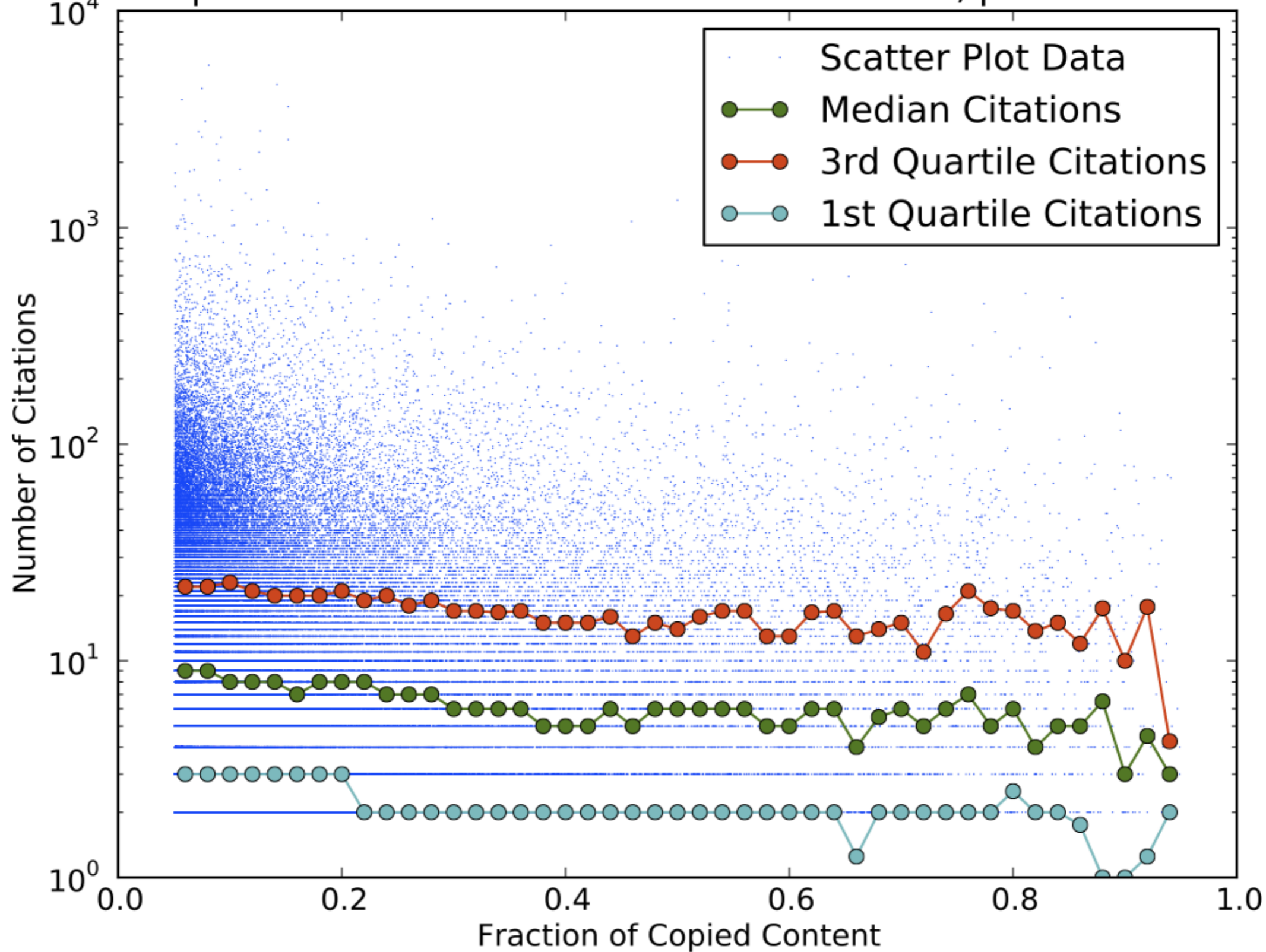




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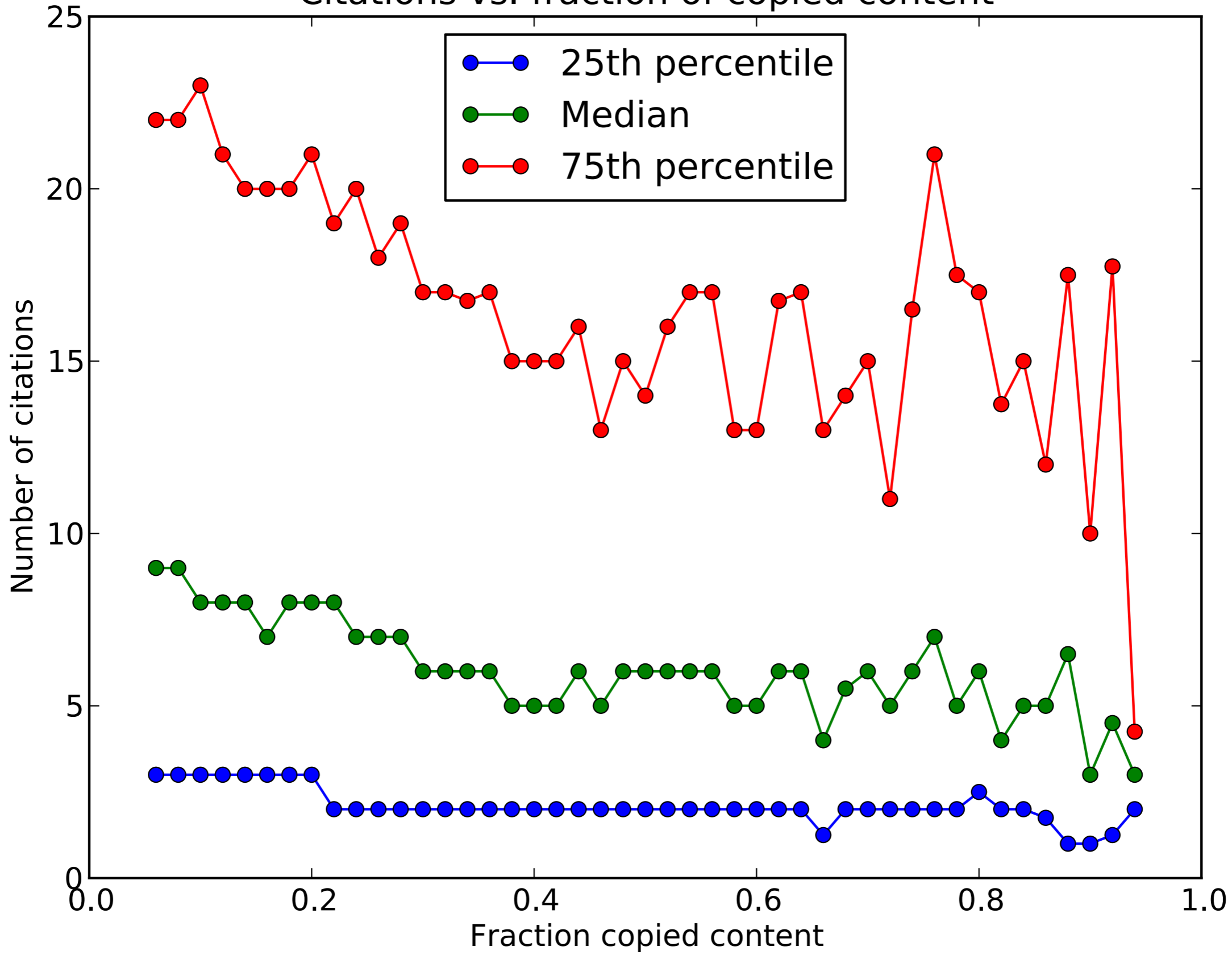
a quality flag?

Spearman Correlation Coefficient:  $r = -.739$ ,  $p = 6.76e-9$



citations vs. fraction of copied content (blue). median citations vs. fraction of copied content in green, negative correlation (116,490 pre 2011 articles, self-citations removed)

Citations vs. fraction of copied content



(median and upper/lower quartiles)

# Underlying sociology?

**non-native speakers of English**

**(exacerbated by the ease of text reuse in the electronic format? but also easier to detect)**

**perhaps not willful fraudulence but different (deficient?) educational systems**

**an act of magic to produce a new idea? of course articles are produced by weaving together texts from existing sources (as was done by mentors)**

# In summary

- **it's easy, out there, no one has really looked (except for turnitin, moss.stanford.edu , ...)**
- **text overlap not plagiarism (though there are a few instances of duplicate articles by different authors, thoroughly inexplicable)**
- **not the most creative authors**
- **an educational issue re common practice (systematic reuse ok for review articles, as opposed to lecture notes or conf proc?)**
- **(or perhaps that's changing, e.g. wikipedia comment "not necessary to cite dynamically produced content")**
- **uncited reuse rare (question of training, cite but include blocks of text)**
- **lessons for how we train undergrads in modern networked world?**
- **still aren't many comprehensive OA corpora available, but can be done on some? (nature, science, phys rev, pubmedcentral)**

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("Signals are physical quantities that **change as a function of** time, space, or **some other independent** variable.")

Spectrum conflict management,..., and the (thus far incomplete) Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI) all **alleviate** on **ferreting** the **propinquity** of radio signals of **concealed** frequency, power, and modulation.

... all **rely** on **detecting** the **presence** of radio signals of **unknown** frequency, power, and modulation."

or

"**escalates** the rate at which sampled signals can **purl** through the processor"

"**increases** the rate at which sampled signals can **flow** through the processor".

(later two taken from intro of 2001 thesis at Monterey Naval Postgraduate School:  
Charles T. Dorcey, "FFT-based spectrum analysis using a Digital Signal Processor.")

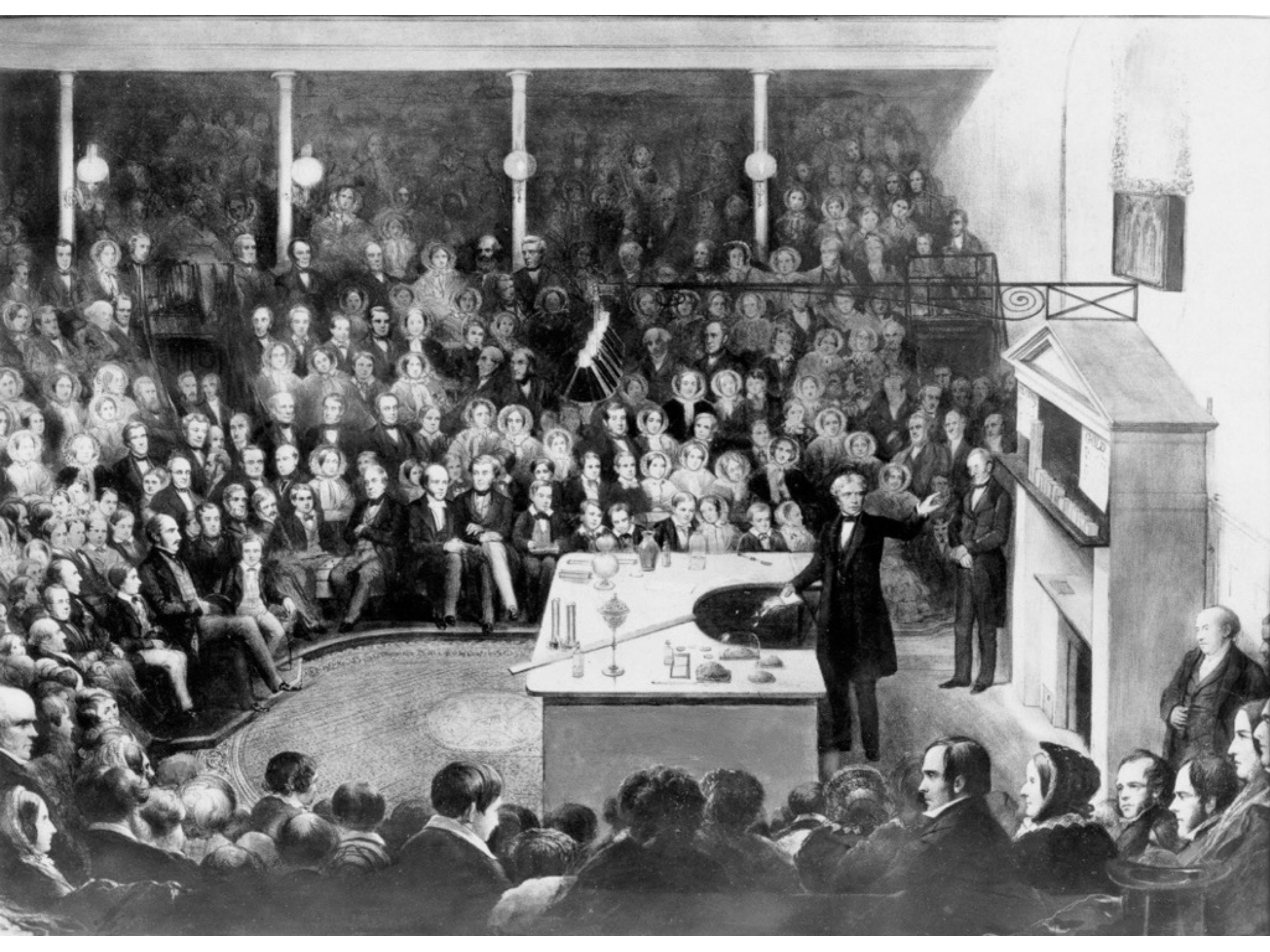
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Spectrum analyzer is a device used to [**examine** -> **anatomize**] the spectral composition of electric, acoustic or optical waveform [7]. It is a wideband and [**very** -> **eminent**] sensitive receiver. It works on the [**principle** -> **ethic**] of super heterodyne receiver which [**converts** -> **transmogrifies**] higher frequencies to measurable quantities. Received frequency spectrum is [**slowly** -> **apathetically**] swept through a range of preselected frequencies converting the selected frequency to a measurable and [**displaying** -> **unveiling**] on the CRT. These are [**capable** -> **adept**] in measuring the frequency response of power levels as low as -120dbm.

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## General Relativity and Quantum Cosmology

# A `warp drive' with more reasonable total energy requirements

Chris Van Den Broeck

(Submitted on 21 May 1999 (v1), last revised 21 Sep 1999 (this version, v5))

I show how a minor modification of the Alcubierre geometry can dramatically improve the total energy requirements for a `warp bubble' that can be used to transport macroscopic objects. A spacetime is presented for which the total negative mass needed is of the order of a few solar masses, accompanied by a comparable amount of positive energy. This puts the warp drive in the mass scale of large traversable wormholes. The new geometry satisfies the quantum inequality concerning WEC violations and has the same advantages as the original Alcubierre spacetime.

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C Gottbrath, J Bailin, C Meakin, T Thompson, J.J. Charfman

(Submitted on 9 Dec 1999)

We show that, in the context of Moore's Law, overall productivity can be increased for large enough computations by `slacking' or waiting for some period of time before purchasing a computer and beginning the calculation.

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# The entropy formula for the Ricci flow and its geometric applications

Grisha Perelman

(Submitted on 11 Nov 2002)

We present a monotonic expression for the Ricci flow, valid in all dimensions and without curvature assumptions. It is interpreted as an entropy for a certain canonical ensemble. Several geometric applications are given. In particular, (1) Ricci flow, considered on the space of riemannian metrics modulo diffeomorphism and scaling, has no nontrivial periodic orbits (that is, other than fixed points); (2) In a region, where singularity is forming in finite time, the injectivity radius is controlled by the curvature; (3) Ricci flow can not quickly turn an almost euclidean region into a very curved one, no matter what happens far away. We also verify several assertions related to Richard Hamilton's program for the proof of Thurston geometrization conjecture for closed three-manifolds, and give a sketch of an eclectic proof of this conjecture, making use of earlier results on collapsing with local lower curvature bound.

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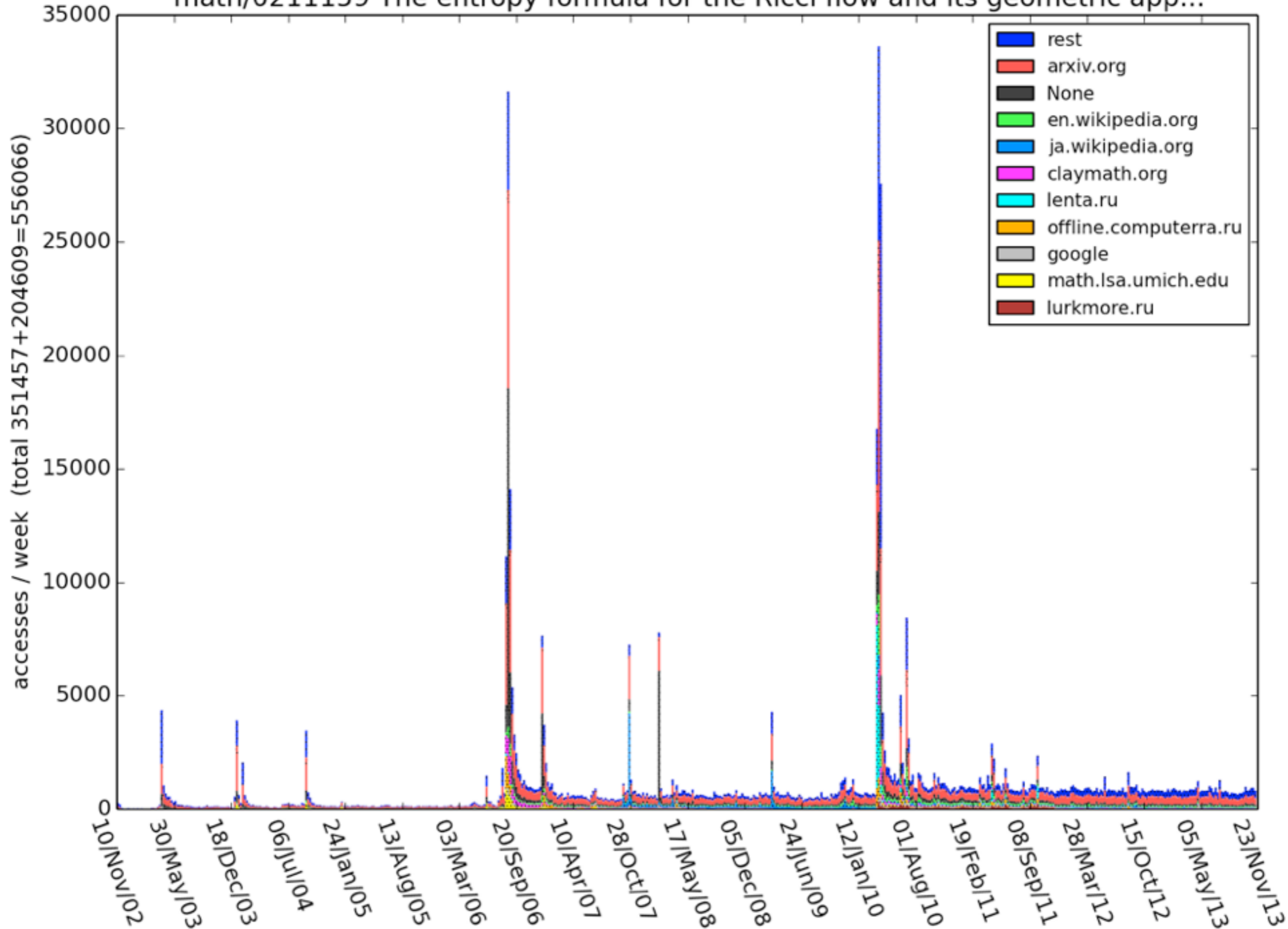
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**. . . coined by the British evolutionary biologist Richard Dawkins in The Selfish Gene (1976) as a concept for discussion of evolutionary principles in explaining the spread of ideas and cultural phenomena. Examples of memes given in the book included melodies, catch-phrases, fashion, and the technology of building arches.**

**. . . may evolve by natural selection analogous to biological evolution . . . through variation, mutation, competition, and inheritance. . . A field of study called memetics arose in the 1990s to explore the concepts and transmission of memes in terms of an evolutionary model.)**

Example: Einstein is wrong





High Energy Physics - Experiment

# Measurement of the neutrino velocity with the OPERA detector in the CNGS beam

The OPERA Collaboration: T. Adam, N. Agafonova, A. Aleksandrov, O. Altinok, P. Alvarez Sanchez, A. Anokhina, S. Aoki, A. Ariga, T. Ariga, D. Autiero, A. Badertscher, A. Ben Dhahbi, A. Bertolin, C. Bozza, T. Brugiere, R. Brugnera, F. Brunet, G. Brunetti, S. Buontempo, B. Carlus, F. Cavanna, A. Cazes, L. Chaussard, M. Chernyavsky, V. Chiarella, A. Chukanov, G. Colosimo, M. Crespi, N. D'Ambrosio, G. De Lellis, M. De Serio, Y. Declais, P. del Amo Sanchez, F. Di Capua, A. Di Crescenzo, D. Di Ferdinando, N. Di Marco, S. Dmitrievsky, M. Dracos, D. Duchesneau, S. Dusini, T. Dzhatdoev, J. Ebert, I. Efthymiopoulos, O. Egorov, A. Ereditato, L. S. Esposito, J. Favier, T. Ferber, R. A. Fini, T. Fukuda, A. Garfagnini, G. Giacomelli, M. Giorgini, M. Giovannozzi, C. Girerd, J. Goldberg, C. Gollnitz, et al. (132 additional authors not shown)

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The OPERA neutrino experiment at the underground Gran Sasso Laboratory has measured the velocity of neutrinos from the CERN CNGS beam over a baseline of about 730 km. The measurement is based on data taken by OPERA in the years 2009, 2010 and 2011. Dedicated upgrades of the CNGS timing system and of the OPERA detector, as well as a high precision geodesy campaign for the measurement of the neutrino baseline, allowed reaching comparable systematic and statistical accuracies. An arrival time of CNGS muon neutrinos with respect to the one computed assuming the speed of light in vacuum of  $(6.5 \pm 7.4(\text{stat.}) (+8.3)(-8.0)\text{sys.})\text{ns}$  was measured corresponding to a relative difference of the muon neutrino velocity with respect to the speed of light

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(der wackere Schwabe)

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- harry potter (invisibility cloak)
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# Physics researchers map where to run and hide during a zombie apocalypse



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Cornell University researchers presented "You Can Run, You Can Hide: The Epidemiology and Statistical Mechanics of Zombies" and created a zombie susceptibility map, Zombie-town USA, which simulates a zombie infestation based on how diseases spread in real

# Quel est le meilleur endroit pour se cacher en cas d'invasion de zombies ?

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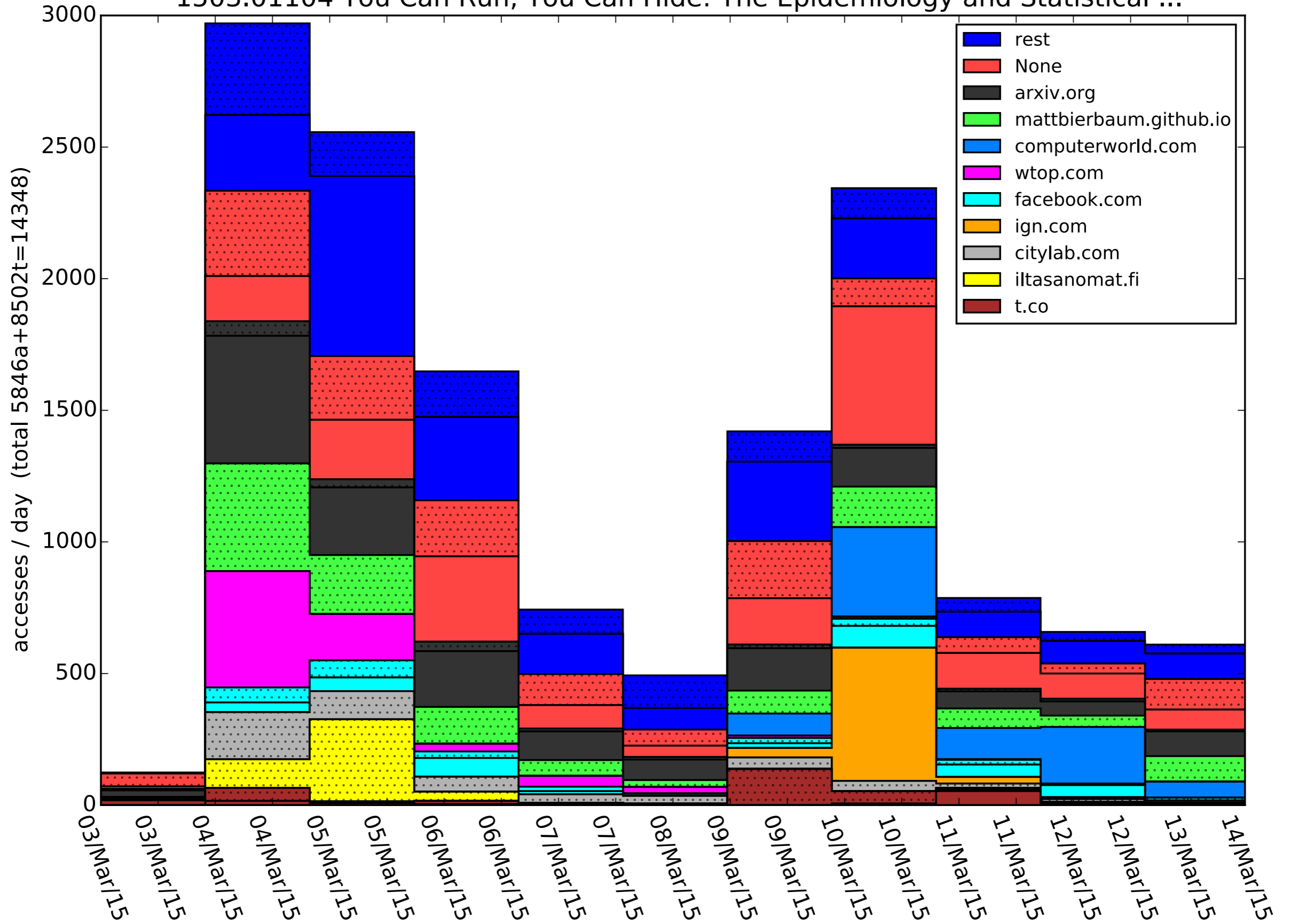
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# 1503.01104 You Can Run, You Can Hide: The Epidemiology and Statistical ...







# You Can Run, You Can Hide: The Epidemiology and Statistical Mechanics of Zombies

Alexander A. Alemi, Matthew Bierbaum, Christopher R. Myers, James P. Sethna

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We use a popular fictional disease, zombies, in order to introduce techniques used in modern epidemiology modelling, and ideas and techniques used in the numerical study of critical phenomena. We consider variants of zombie models, from fully connected continuous time dynamics to a full scale exact stochastic dynamic simulation of a zombie outbreak on the continental United States. Along the way, we offer a closed form analytical expression for the fully connected differential equation, and demonstrate that the single person per site two dimensional square lattice version of zombies lies in the percolation universality class. We end with a quantitative study of the full scale US outbreak, including the average susceptibility of different geographical regions.

Comments: 12 pages, 13 figures

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## Scientists Figured Out What Would Really Happen During A Zombie Outbreak

Here's how the infection would spread in the United States. New York City is so screwed.

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A team of Cornell researchers figured out how fast a zombie outbreak would spread across the United States. You know, just in case...





Scientists Determine Safest Places in U.S. to Survive a  
Zombie Outbreak



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## SCIENTISTS DETERMINE SAFEST PLACES IN U.S. TO SURVIVE A ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE

349 How fast until the zombies hit your city?

BY RACHEL HAAS → A group of Cornell University researchers have conducted a study to determine the safest places in the U.S. to hide out during a zombie outbreak.

## Nyt tätäkin on tutkittu: Näin nopeasti zombit valtaisivat Amerikan



Kuinka ihmiskunta pärjäisi zombien invaasiota vastaan? Ei kovin hyvin, väittävät Cornellin yliopiston jatko-opiskelijat. Kuvituskuva.

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### Yhdysvaltalaiset tutkijat halusivat tietää, kuinka elokuvista tutussa zombihyökkäyksessä kävisi oikeasti.

Texasin San Antoniossa pidetyssä tutkijatilaisuudessa esiteltiin keskiviikkona varsin erikoinen tutkimus. *You Can Run, You Can Hide: The Epidemiology and Statistical Mechanics of Zombies* -artikkeli on teoreettisen fysiikan jatko-opiskelijoiden luomus, jossa nämä spekuloiivat zombihyökkäyksen etenemistä manner-Yhdysvalloissa.

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# Amateur Fascination

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- **More generally: progress (real or imagined) on famous problems**

a few from '15 so far







## General Relativity and Quantum Cosmology

# Visualizing Interstellar's Wormhole

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Christopher Nolan's science fiction movie *Interstellar* offers a variety of opportunities for students in elementary courses on general relativity theory. This paper describes such opportunities, including: (i) At the motivational level, the manner in which elementary relativity concepts underlie the wormhole visualizations seen in the movie. (ii) At the briefest computational level, instructive calculations with simple but intriguing wormhole metrics, including, e.g., constructing embedding diagrams for the three-parameter wormhole that was used by our visual effects team and Christopher Nolan in scoping out possible wormhole geometries for the movie. (iii) Combining the proper reference frame of a camera with solutions of the geodesic equation, to construct a light-ray-tracing map backward in time from a camera's local sky to a wormhole's two celestial spheres. (iv) Implementing this map, for example in Mathematica, Maple or Matlab, and using that implementation to construct images of what a camera sees when near or inside a wormhole. (v) With the student's implementation, exploring how the wormhole's three parameters influence what the camera sees---which is precisely how Christopher Nolan, using our implementation, chose the parameters for *Interstellar's* wormhole. (vi) Using the student's implementation, exploring the wormhole's Einstein ring, and particularly the peculiar motions of star images near the ring; and exploring what it looks like to travel through a wormhole.

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# A Joint Analysis of BICEP2/Keck Array and Planck Data

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(Submitted on 2 Feb 2015)

We report the results of a joint analysis of data from BICEP2/Keck Array and Planck. BICEP2 and Keck Array have observed the same approximately  $400 \text{ deg}^2$  patch of sky centered on RA 0h, Dec.  $-57.5 \text{ deg}$ . The combined maps reach a depth of  $57 \text{ nK deg}$  in Stokes  $Q$  and  $U$  in a band centered at 150 GHz. Planck has observed the full sky in polarization at seven frequencies from 30 to 353 GHz, but much less deeply in any given region ( $1.2 \mu\text{K deg}$  in  $Q$  and  $U$  at 143 GHz). We detect  $150 \times 353$  cross-correlation in  $B$ -modes at high significance. We fit the single- and cross-frequency power spectra at frequencies above 150 GHz to a lensed- $\Lambda$ CDM model that includes dust and a possible contribution from inflationary gravitational waves (as parameterized by the tensor-to-scalar ratio  $r$ ). We probe various model variations and extensions, including adding a synchrotron component in combination with lower frequency data, and find that these make little difference to the  $r$  constraint. Finally we present an alternative analysis which is similar to a map-based cleaning of the dust contribution, and show that this gives similar constraints. The final result is expressed as a likelihood curve for  $r$ , and yields an upper limit  $r_{0.05} < 0.12$  at 95% confidence. Marginalizing over dust and  $r$ , lensing  $B$ -modes are detected at  $7.0 \sigma$  significance.

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# Trail of dust and gravitational waves tracked in arXiv papers

Manuscripts posted to preprint website tell a tale of increasing scepticism.

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04 February 2015

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The trail of manuscripts posted to the preprint server arXiv embraced, then doubted and gradually lost interest in one of announcements: the discovery of gravitational waves genera

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