

Metrics in Context

Towards A Data Specification for Scholarly Metrics



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Responsible Research Metrics



DORA (Declaration on Research Assessment)

"11. Be open and transparent by providing *data* and methods used to calculate all metrics."

Leiden Manifesto



"4. Keep *data collection* and *analytical processes* open, transparent and simple."

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Data sources for metrics



























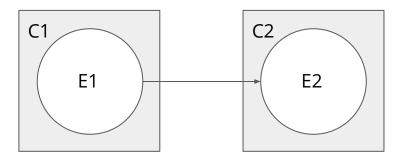




Citational events (and their contexts)

- References, in-text citations, data & software, ...
- Patents, policy documents, Wikipedia articles, ...
- Twitter, Facebook, Reddit, ...

A citation as an interdiscursive event¹, i.e., a discursive event that relates to another one.



Every *citational event* happens in a *context*. The context determines whether a particular data source traces a citational event or not.

¹Nakassis, C. V. (2013). Citation and citationality. Signs and Society, 1(1), 51-77.

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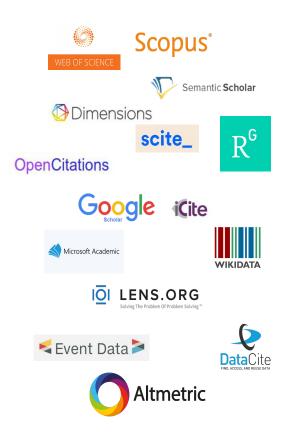
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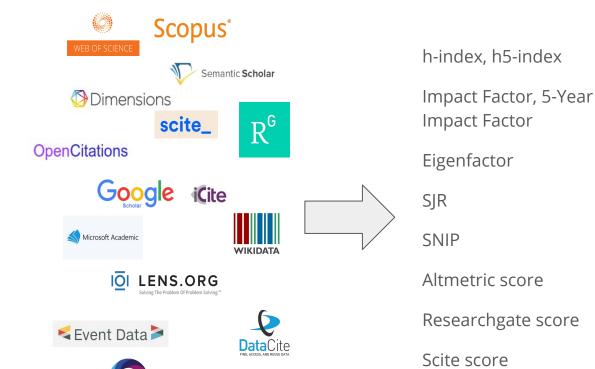
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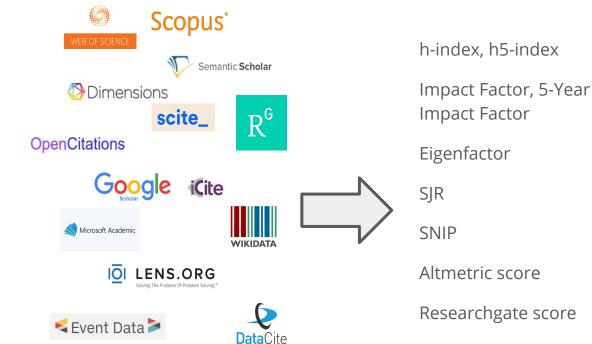
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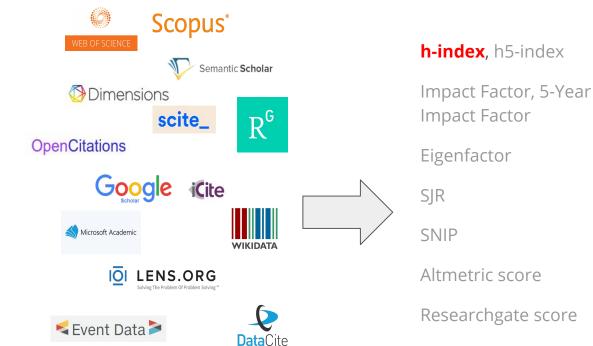
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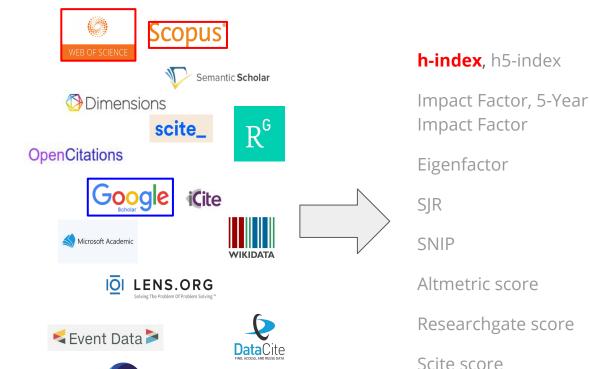
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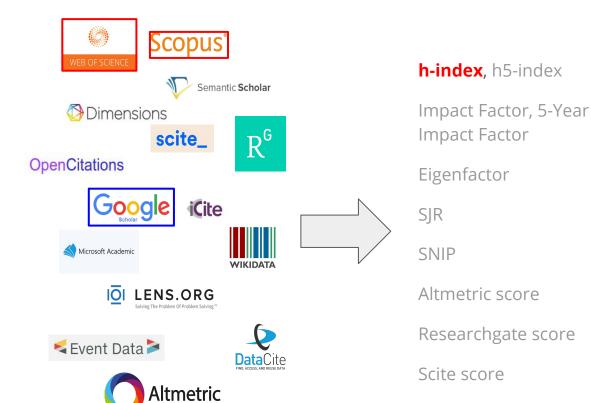
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If it's not from the *provenance* region in France, it's just fancy metadata...



(Not) creating yet another standard...



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A suite of data tools to describe and handle coherent datasets:

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- Scientometric and bibliometric research
- Research evaluation and other applications of scholarly metrics

A Data Package for Scholarly Metrics



... to "keep data collection and analytical processes open, transparent"

... to determine if scholarly metrics are commensurable

... to make the invisible parts of scholarly metrics visible

My Questions (help me)

- Existing data specifications and ontologies: PROV-O, FOAF, or Dublin Core. Experience with implementing or building on any of these?

- *Provenance of closed data sources*. Is there research on this topic? Any projects that have explored this area?