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Webscraping science and science network data

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Theory *(15 mins)*

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Tutorial

Science data

Why webscrape science data?

- Science is an inherently social enterprise
 - “Science” == co-evolution of *social aspects* and *production*
 - Social dynamics == collaboration, topic choices, academic job placements
 - I.e., “humans” in science
 - Production dynamics == publication, innovation, grants, patents
 - I.e., “knowledge” in science

Science data

Studied through “science data”

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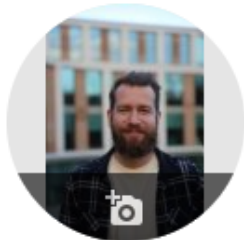
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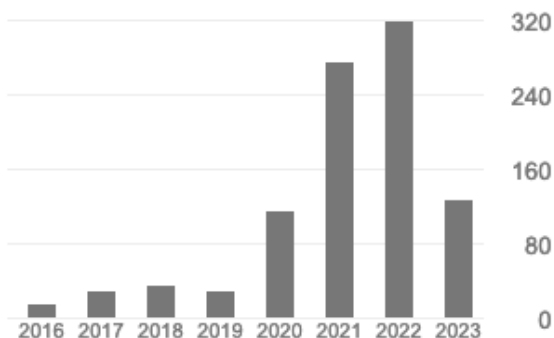
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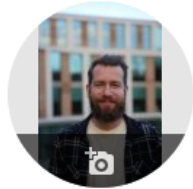
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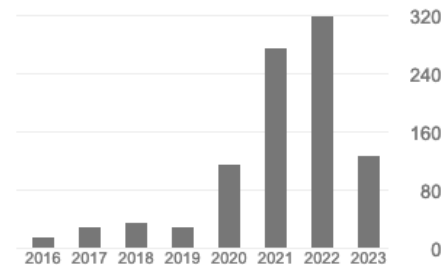
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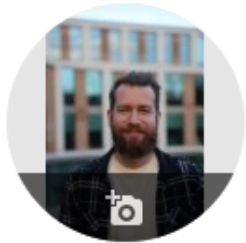
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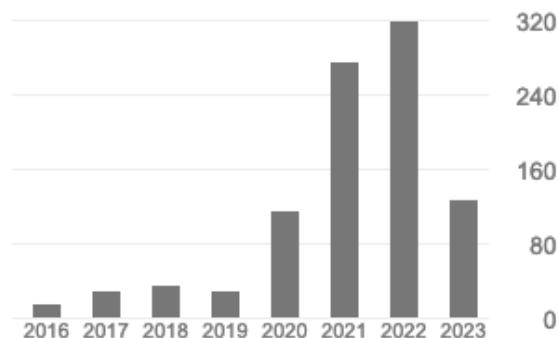
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