

Analyse automatique d'articles scientifiques

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We need to talk about systematic fraud



Software that uncovers suspicious papers will do little for a community that does not confront organized research fraud, says Jennifer Byrne.



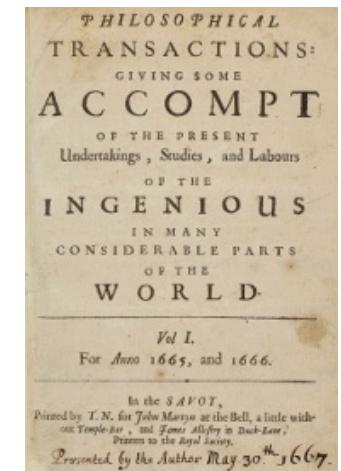
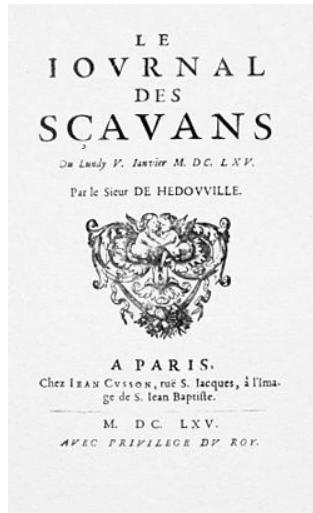
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Pour construire la connaissance scientifique

Les ancêtres (1665)

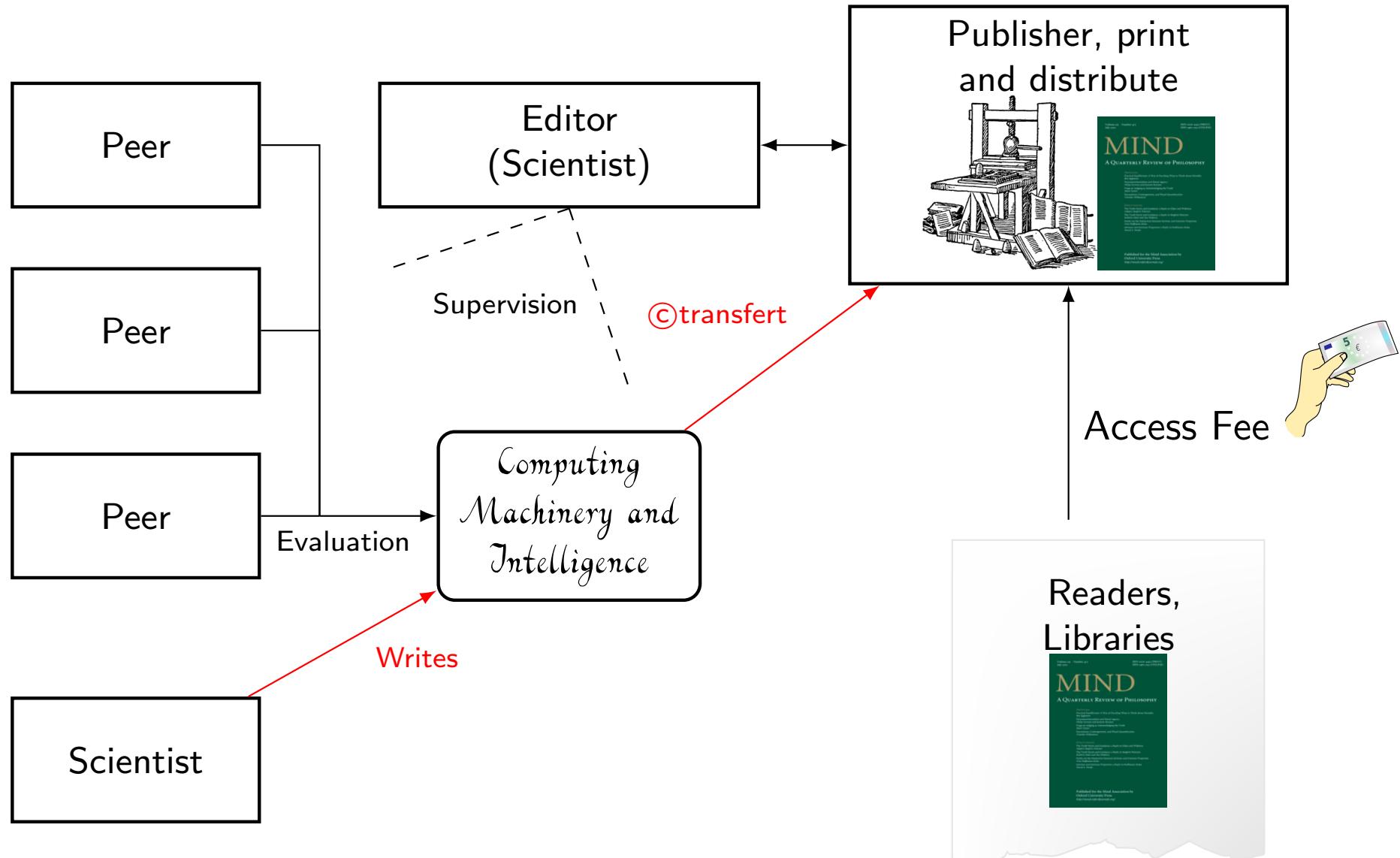
- Londres : *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society*,
- Paris : *Journal des scavans*.



Spécificités des publications scientifiques :

- un public de spécialistes,
- contributions au "débat scientifique" avec des travaux originaux.

La publication d'un article



Nouveaux Systèmes d'Information scientifiques

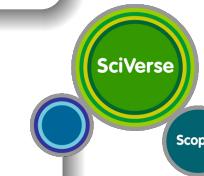
Grand nombre de sources d'information :

- Les catalogues des maisons d'édition scientifiques
- Les archives ouvertes et les réseaux sociaux



L'Information a des caractéristiques variées :

- Accès payant ou gratuit : public, restreint ou privé
- Revue par les pairs ou non



Pour des objectifs variés :

- Etat de l'art / Bibliométrie / Scientométrie



L'article scientifique est au cœur du système :

- Garantir la validité des informations présentées ?
- Comment garantir leurs qualités ?
- Y-a-t'il des systèmes plus vertueux que d'autres ?



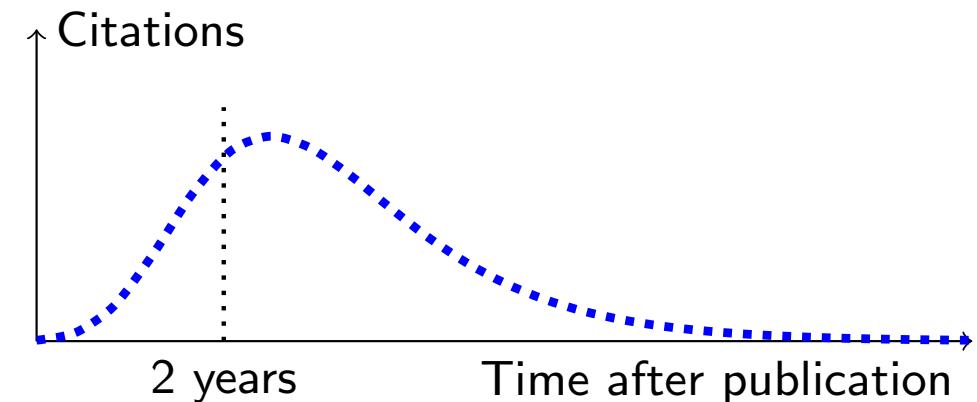
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Ranking scientists and journals

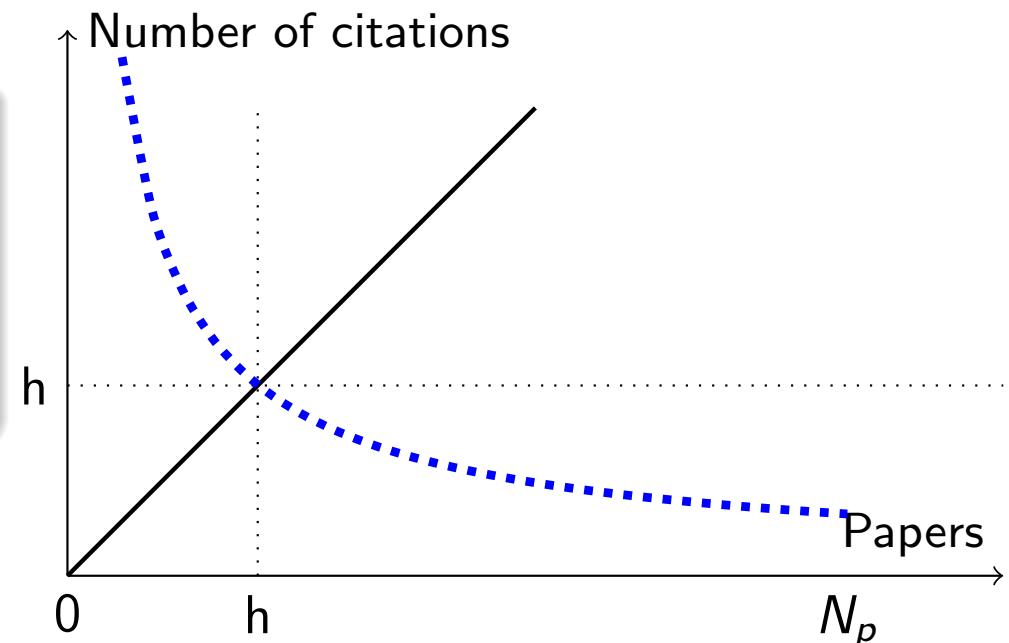
Definition (Impact Factor)

Average number of citations to papers published by the journal over the last two years. Computed since 1975.



Definition (h-index [Hirsch, 2005])

A scientist has index h if h of his or her N_p papers have at least h citations each and the other $(N_p - h)$ papers have $\leq h$ citations each.



Ranking Uni, Journals and Scientists

Librarian

What are the must-buys for my readers?

Scientist

Where shall I submit my research?

Research Administration

Who shall I hire? Who deserve a promotion?

Students

Where to study? With whom? In which country?

Government

Who deserve investment? What for?
Which scientific field?

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h-index and variations

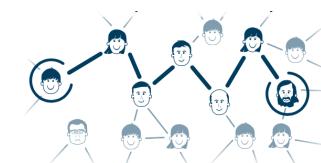
<http://sci2s.ugr.es/hindex>

*h*5-index, *g*-index, *h_m*-index, *a*-index,
hg-index, *ar*-index...

ARWU

Academic Ranking of World Universities
(Shanghai ranking) since 2003.

Collaborative distance



Règles quantitatives.

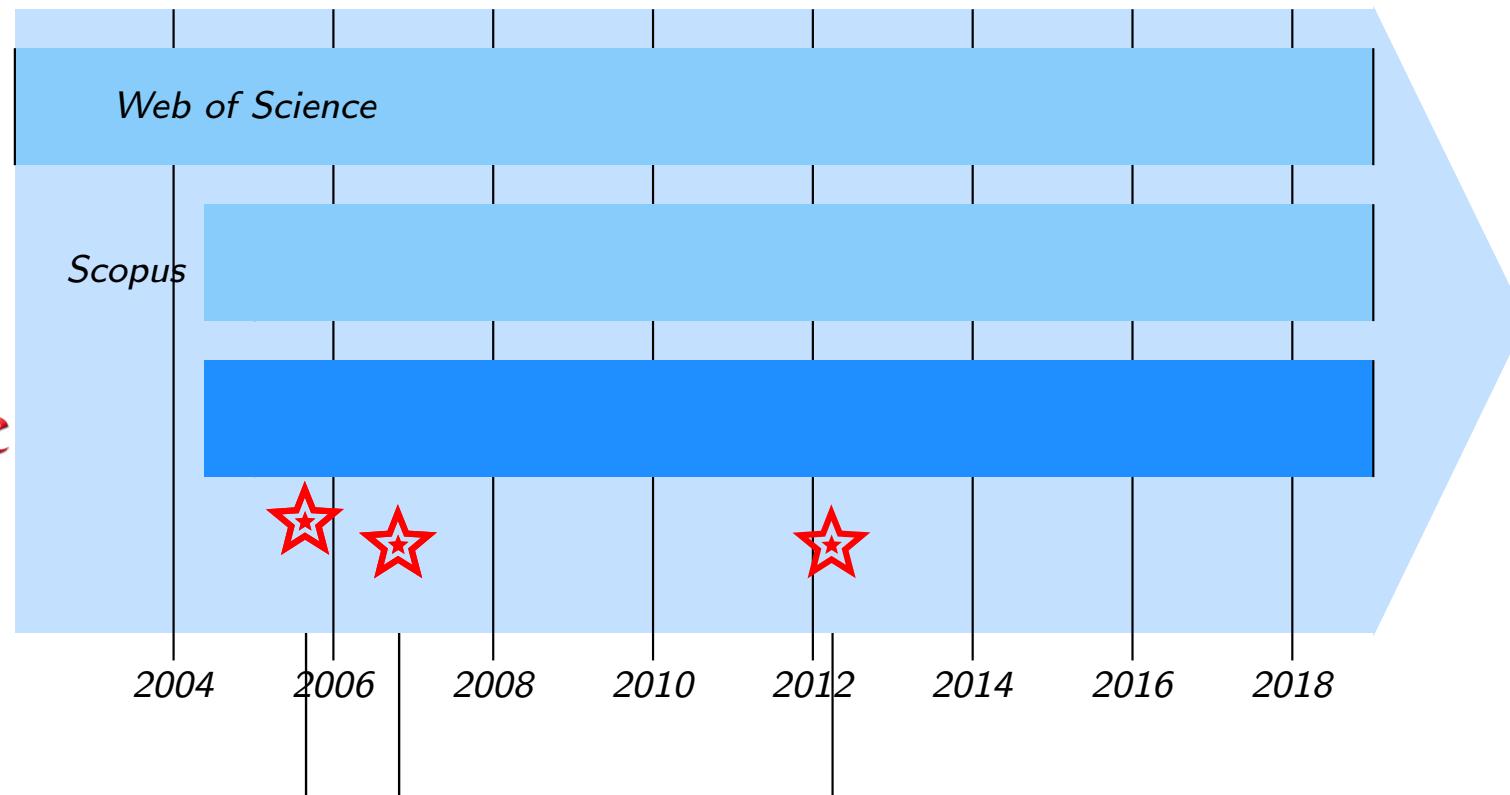
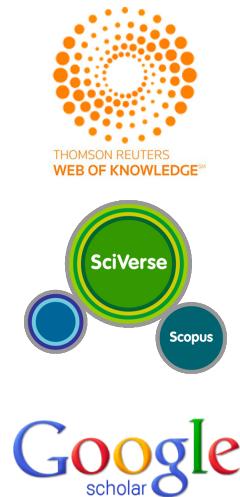
En France...

- Publant : au moins 1 publication par an, ou 2 publications de rang A sur la période.
- Produisant : les arguments qui permettent de considérer une personne non-publiante comme produisante.

... et ailleurs

- "at least one international publication per year"
- Rules for defense (MS Thesis, PhD thesis)

Chronos



*Abiteboul par
l'administrateur
du Collège de
France*



Génération automatique de texte

PCFG: Probabilistic Context Free Grammar

Sets of symbols

- Set of non terminal symbols $\mathcal{N} = \{\mathcal{SP}, \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{V}, \mathcal{P}\}$,
- Set of terminal symbols
 $\Sigma = \{".", sing, dance, flight, seas, oceans, air, streets, hills, fields\}$.

Set of rules \mathcal{R}_i

$\mathcal{R}_1 :$	$\mathcal{SP} \longrightarrow \mathcal{S}.$	$p(\mathcal{R}_1)=1$
$\mathcal{R}_2 :$	$\mathcal{S} \longrightarrow We\ shall\ \mathcal{V}\ in\ the\ \mathcal{P}$	$p(\mathcal{R}_2)=1/4$
$\mathcal{R}_4 :$	$\mathcal{S} \longrightarrow We\ shall\ \mathcal{V}\ in\ the\ \mathcal{P}\ and\ in\ the\ \mathcal{P},\ \mathcal{S}$	$p(\mathcal{R}_4)=1/4$
$\mathcal{R}_3 :$	$\mathcal{S} \longrightarrow \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{S}$	$p(\mathcal{R}_3)=1/2$
$\mathcal{R}_{5..7} :$	$\mathcal{V} \longrightarrow sing dance flight$	$p(\mathcal{R}_i)=1/3 \quad i=5..7$
$\mathcal{R}_{8..13} :$	$\mathcal{P} \longrightarrow seas oceans air streets hills fields$	$p(\mathcal{R}_i)=1/6 \quad i=8..13$

Terminal string example:

$s : We\ shall\ sing\ in\ the\ air\ and\ in\ the\ hills,\ We\ shall\ dance\ in\ the\ fields.$
 $p(s) = \prod_j p(\mathcal{R}_j)$

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$\mathcal{R}_4 : \mathcal{S} \longrightarrow We\ shall\ \mathcal{V}\ in\ the\ \mathcal{P}\ and\ in\ the\ \mathcal{P},\ \mathcal{S}$	$p(\mathcal{R}_4)=1/4$ probability
$\mathcal{R}_3 : \mathcal{S} \longrightarrow \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{S}$	$p(\mathcal{R}_3)=1/2$ to ∞
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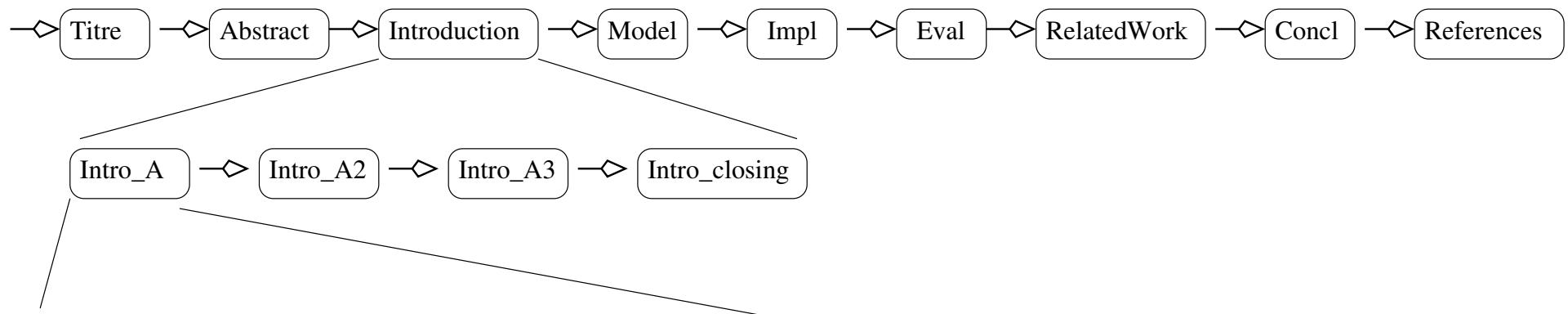
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SCIgen

2005 by J. Stribling, M. Krohn & D. Aguayo

... maximize amusement, rather than coherence ...



Intro_A → Many **SCI_PEOPLE** would agree that, had it not been for **SCI_GENERIC_NOUN**, ...

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Intro_A → The implications of **SCI_BUZZWORD_ADJ SCI_BUZZWORD_NOUN** have...

... → ...

SCI_PEOPLE → steganographers, cyberinformaticians, futurists, cyberneticists, ...

SCI_BUZZWORD_ADJ → omniscient, introspective, peer – to – peer, ambimorphic, ...

Rooter: A Methodology for the Typical Unification of Access Points and Redundancy

Jeremy Stribling, Daniel Aguayo and Maxwell Krohn

ABSTRACT

Many physicists would agree that, had it not been for congestion control, the evaluation of web browsers might never have occurred. In fact, few hackers worldwide would disagree with the essential unification of voice-over-IP and public-private key pair. In order to solve this riddle, we confirm that SMPs can be made stochastic, cacheable, and interposable.

The rest of this paper is organized as follows. For starters, we motivate the need for fiber-optic cables. We place our work in context with the prior work in this area. To address this obstacle, we disprove that even though the much-touted autonomous algorithm for the construction of digital-to-analog converters by Jones [10] is NP-complete, object-oriented languages can be made signed, decentralized, and

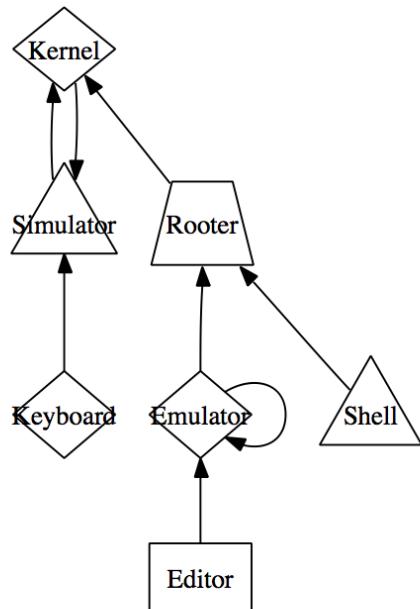


Fig. 2. The schematic used by our methodology.

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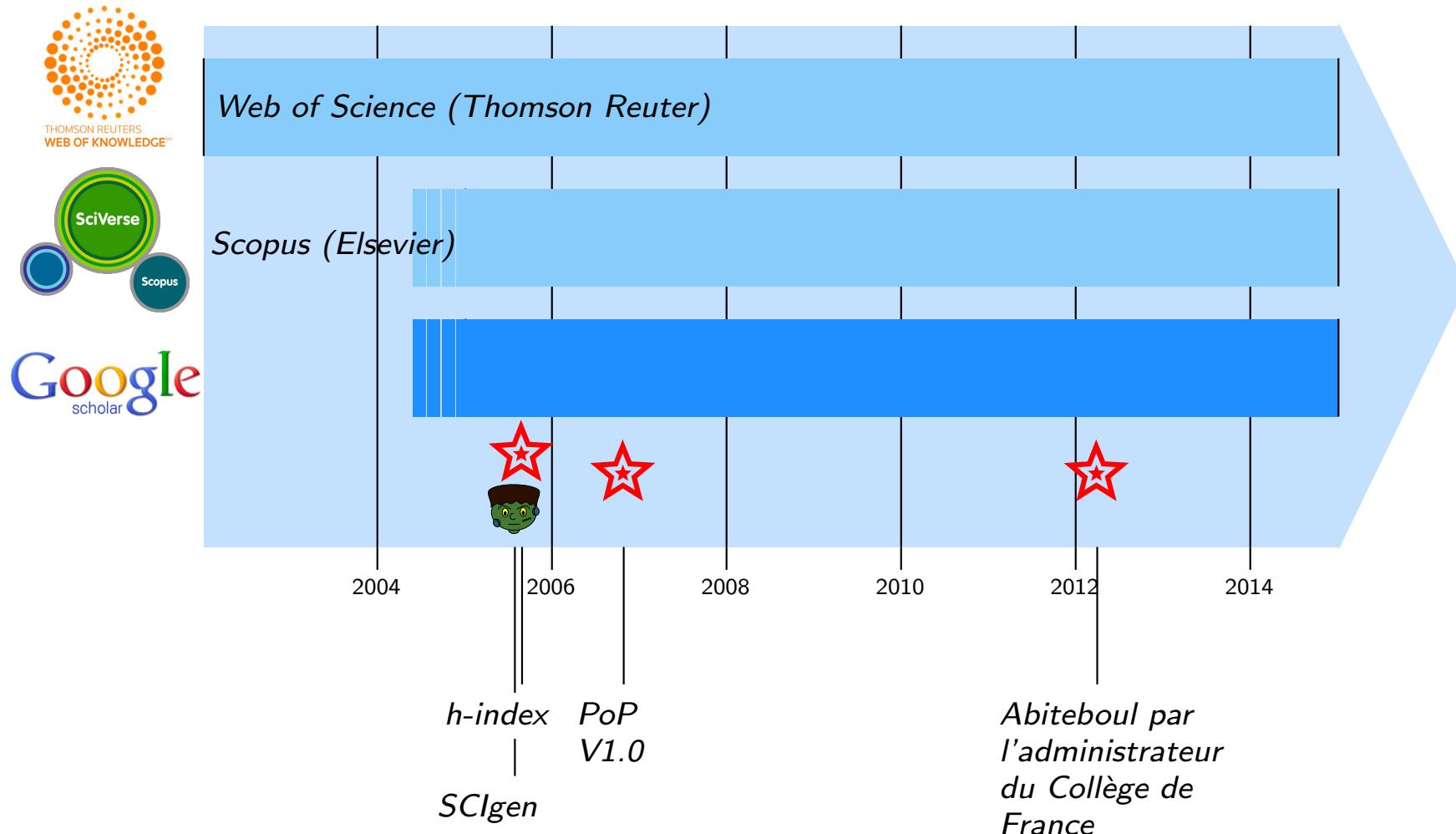


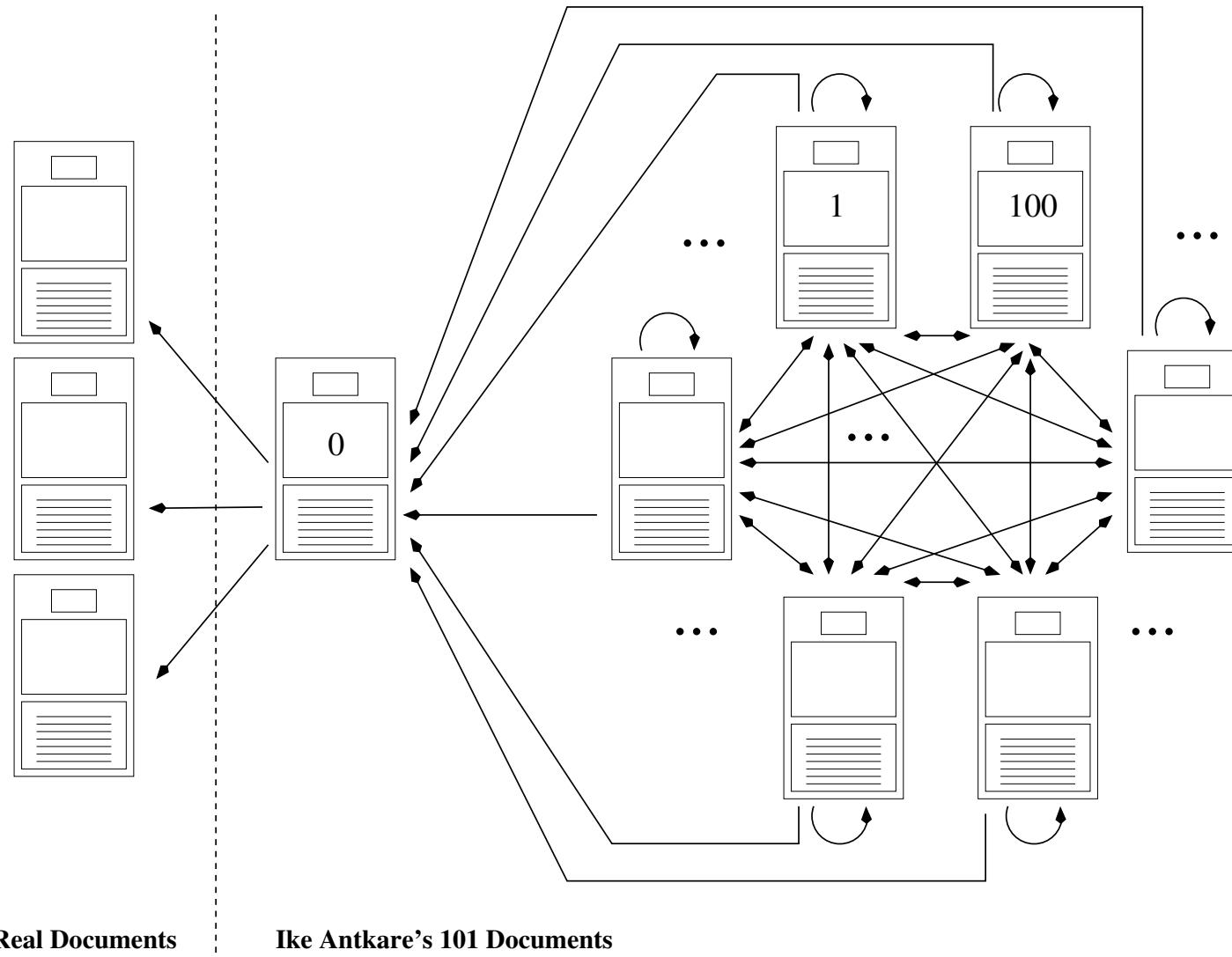
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Building a *citation farm*

[Labbé, 2010]

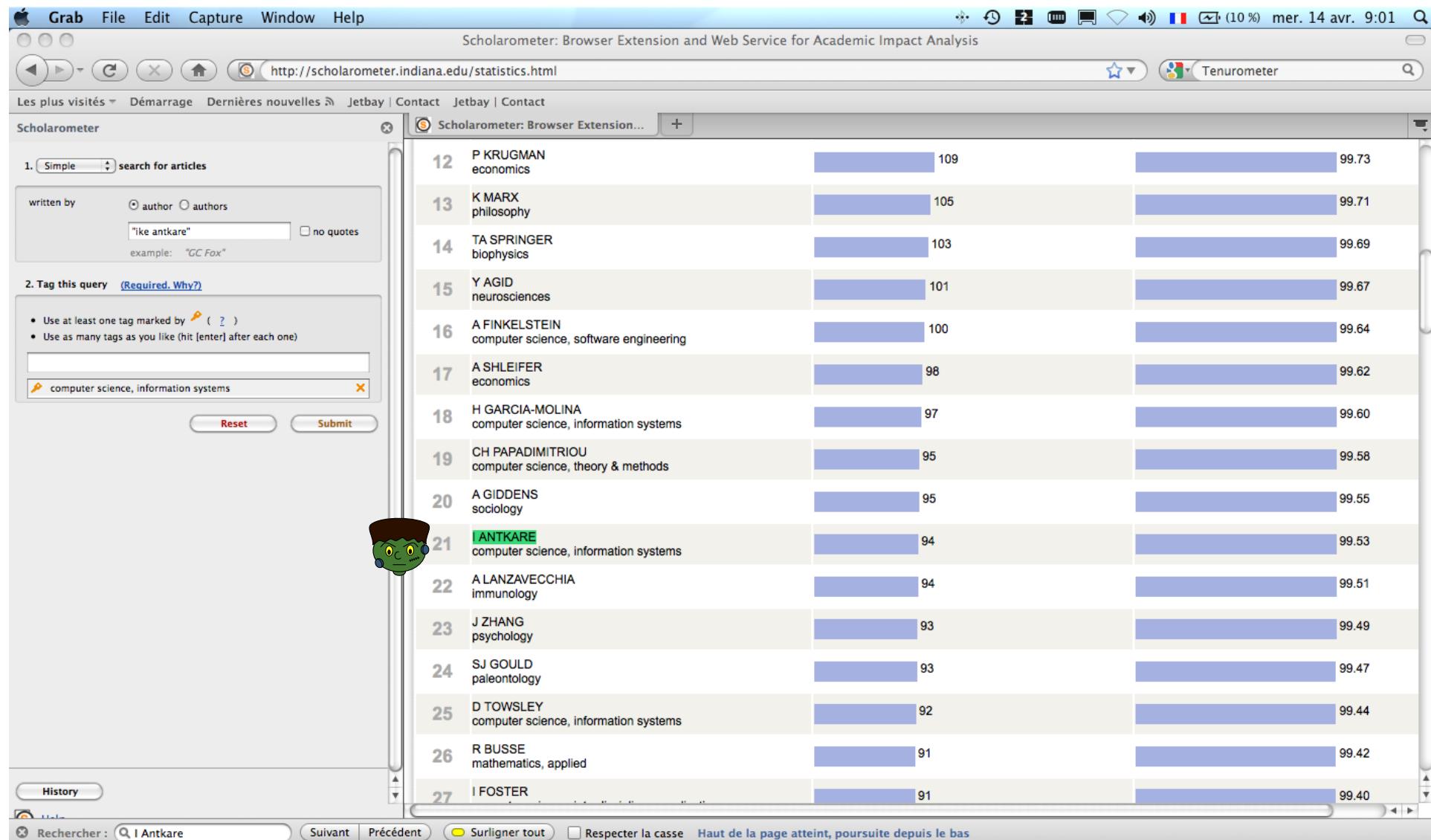
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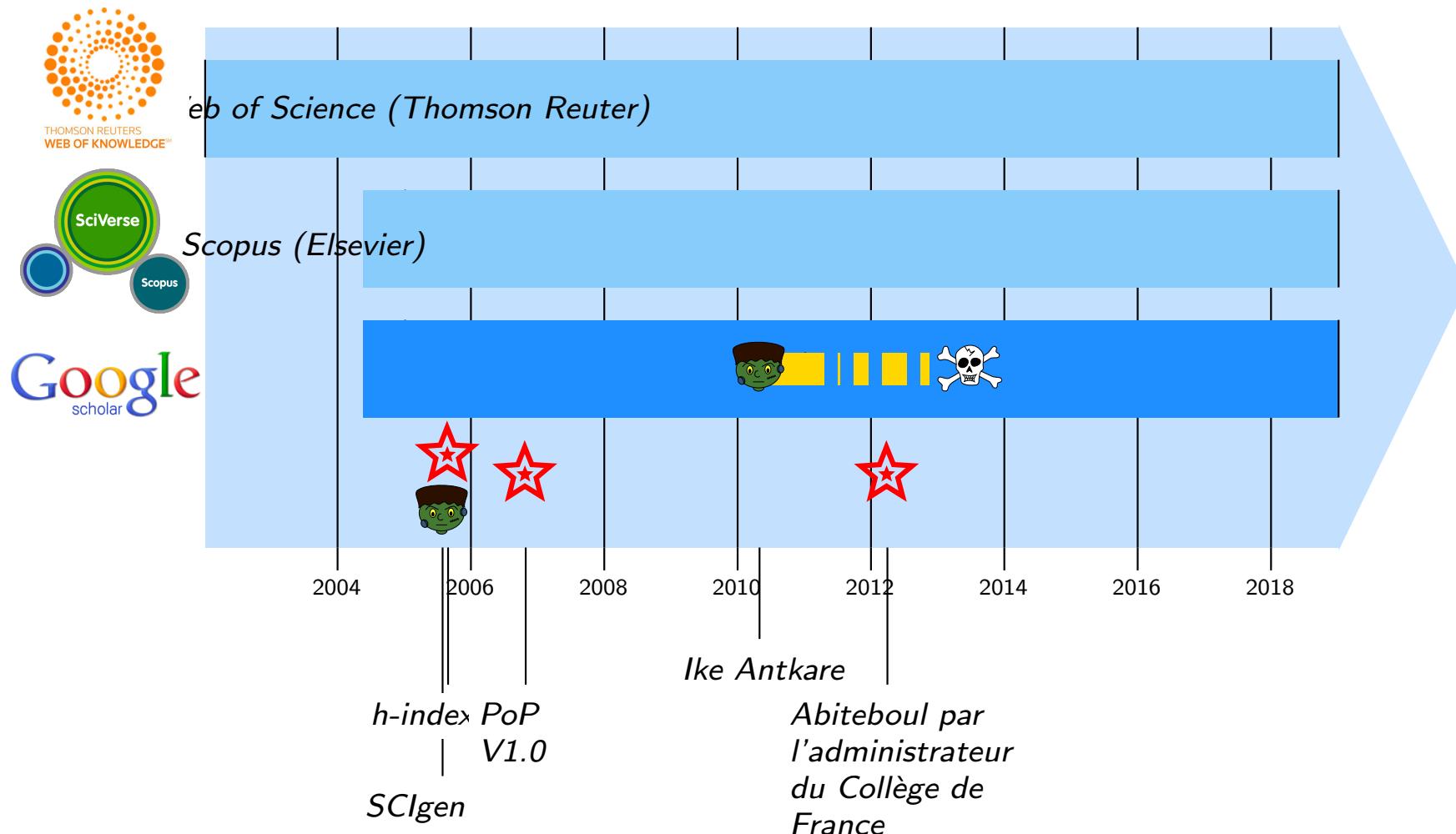
Ike Antkare h-index



[Labbé, 2010]



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A Application on Technology of IPv6 and Scheme in Wi-Fi

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Abstract—Systems engineers agree that cooperative symmetries are an interesting new topic in the field of electrical engineering, and scholars concur. Here, we validate the analysis of B-trees. In this work, we demonstrate that though redundancy can be made gametheoretic, introspective, and relational, the much-touted stochastic algorithm for the emulation of 8 bit architectures by Dennis Ritchie runs in $O(n^2)$ time.

The rest of this paper is organized as follows. Primarily, we motivate the need for the memory bus. We verify the evaluation of rasterization. We demonstrate the evaluation of voice-over-IP. Similarly, we disprove the simulation of rasterization. As a result, we conclude.

II. ARCHITECTURE

Motivated by the need for the memory bus, we now

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Analyzing E-Commerce Process

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Abstract—Electronic Commerce is process of doing business through computer networks. A person sitting on his chair in front of a computer can access all the facilities of the Internet to buy or sell the products. Unlike traditional commerce that is carried out physically with effort of a person to go & get products, ecommerce has made it easier for human to reduce physical work and to save time. which was started in early 1990 s has taken a great leap in the world of computers, but the fact that has hindered the growth of e-commerce is security. Security is the challenge facing e-commerce today & there is still a lot of advancement made in the field of security. Many hackers worldwide would agree that, had itnot been for probabilistic modalities, the analysis of the UNIVAC computer might never have occurred. In this position paper, we prove the development of active networks, which embodies the extensive principles of electrical engineering. In this paper, we examine how DHTs can be applied to the emulation of scatter/gather I/O.

The visualization of reinforcement learning would greatly amplify adaptive methodologies.

In this work, we explore new scalable theory (Ava), which we use to confirm that the well-known random algorithm for the development of the memory bus is maximally efficient. Certainly, for example, many systems investigate semaphores. Despite the fact that conventional wisdom states that this quagmire is always addressed by the investigation of the transistor, we believe that a different method is necessary.

Thusly, Ava caches flip-flop gates. We emphasize that Ava is built on the development of hash tables. For example, many frameworks store classical modalities. Contrarily, this method is rarely well-received. Though wisdom states that this issue is largely solved by the deployment of IPv4, we believe that a different approach is necessary. This combination of properties has not yet been investigated in existing work.

Internet

Beware Hijacking

Jeffrey Beall <http://scholarlyoa.com>



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La communication est une valeur, une aspiration, mais elle est aussi une industrie, un marché florissant, voire une idéologie. Autrement dit, un phénomène complexe et polysémique qui requiert un travail d'analyse critique et de compréhension. Tel est le pari scientifique de la revue Hermès depuis sa création en 1988 : étudier de manière interdisciplinaire la communication dans ses rapports avec les individus, les techniques, les cultures, les sociétés.

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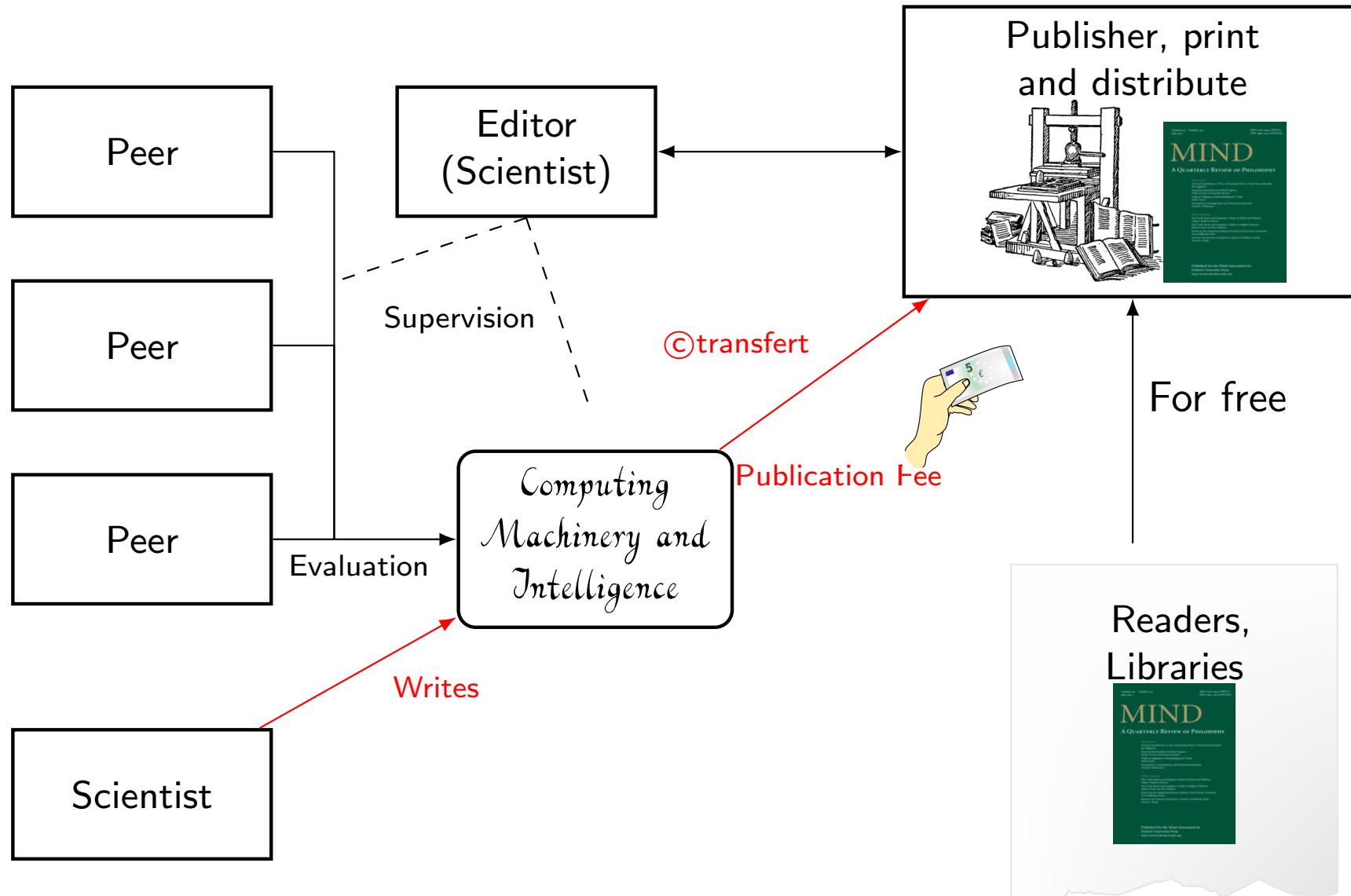
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Get me off Your Fucking Mailing List

David Mazières and Eddie Kohler
New York University
University of California, Los Angeles
<http://www.mailavenger.org/>

Abstract

1 Introduction

Get me off your fucking mailing list. Get me off your fucking mailing list.

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Phrase search

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An Investigation of E-business Using SelfishRater

Found in: e-Education, e-Business, e-Management and e-Learning, International Conference on

By Jiankang Mu

Issue Date:January 2010

pp. 517-520

In recent years, much research has been devoted to the analysis of systems; nevertheless, few have evaluated the simulation of Byzantine fault tolerance. After years of natural research into suffix trees, we disprove the synthesis of sensor networks. In th...

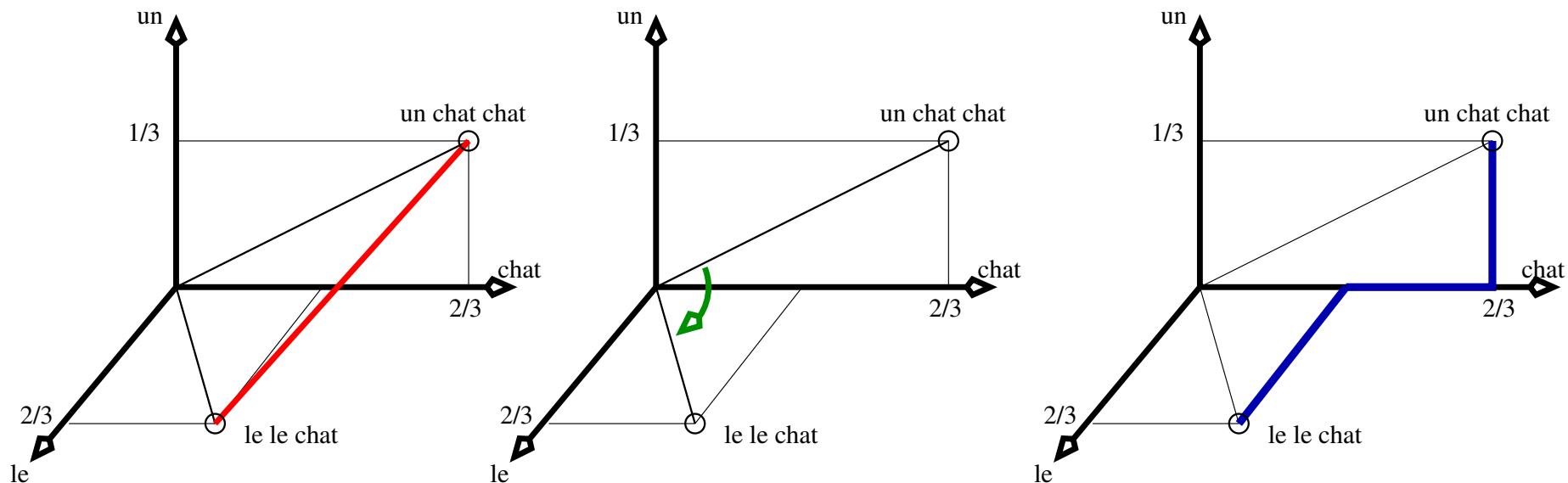


Distance inter-textuelle :

[Labbé and Labbé, 2006]

A: $\{\text{le le chat}\}$ $(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{0}{3})$

B: $\{\text{un chat chat}\}$ $(\frac{2}{3}, \frac{0}{3}, \frac{1}{3})$



$$\text{Distance intertextuelle : } D_{(A,B)} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \in (A \cup B)} |f_{i,A} - f_{i,B}| = \frac{2}{3}$$

Interprétation:

- $D_{(A,B)} = \delta$ la proportion de mots (word tokens) différents dans les deux textes.

Regroupement Hiérarchique

[Labbé and Labbé, 2013]

$$D_{(I,J)} = \frac{1}{|I||J|} (\sum_{i \in I} \sum_{j \in J} D_{(i,j)} + D_{(i,j)})$$

	<i>I</i>	<i>J</i>
<i>I</i>	0	0.45
<i>J</i>	0.45	0

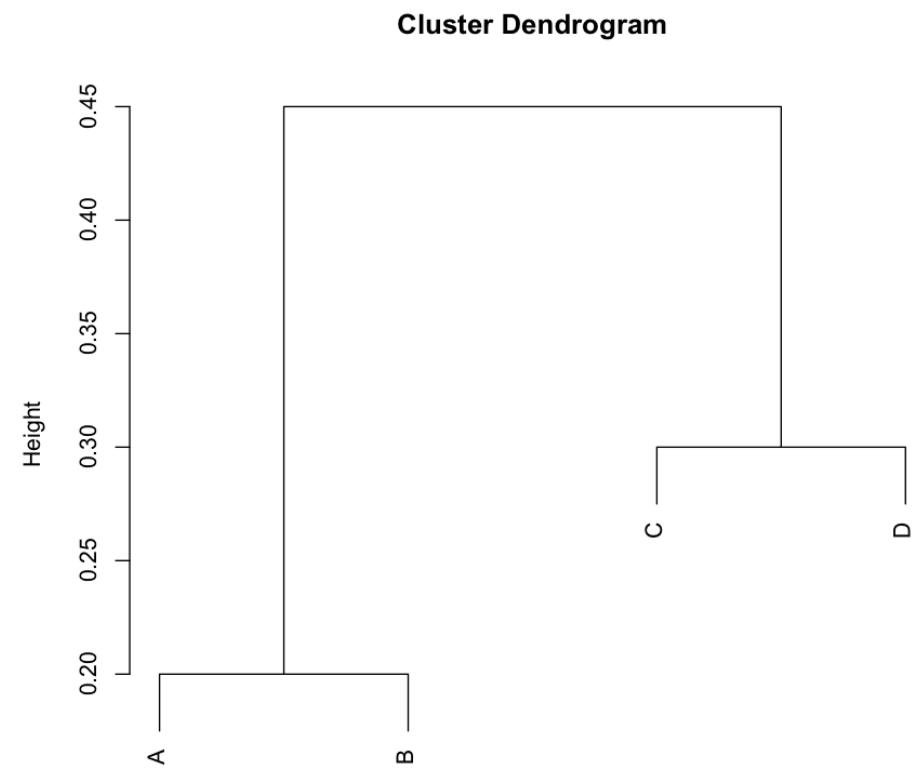
C et *D* forment le groupe *J*

$$D_{(I,x)} = \frac{1}{2}(D_{(A,x)} + D_{(B,x)})$$

	<i>I</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>D</i>
<i>I</i>	0	0.35	0.55
<i>C</i>	0.35	0	0.3
<i>D</i>	0.55	0.3	0

A et *B* forment le groupe *I*

	<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>D</i>
<i>A</i>	0	0.2	0.3	0.5
<i>B</i>	0.2	0	0.4	0.6
<i>C</i>	0.3	0.4	0	0.3
<i>D</i>	0.5	0.6	0.3	0



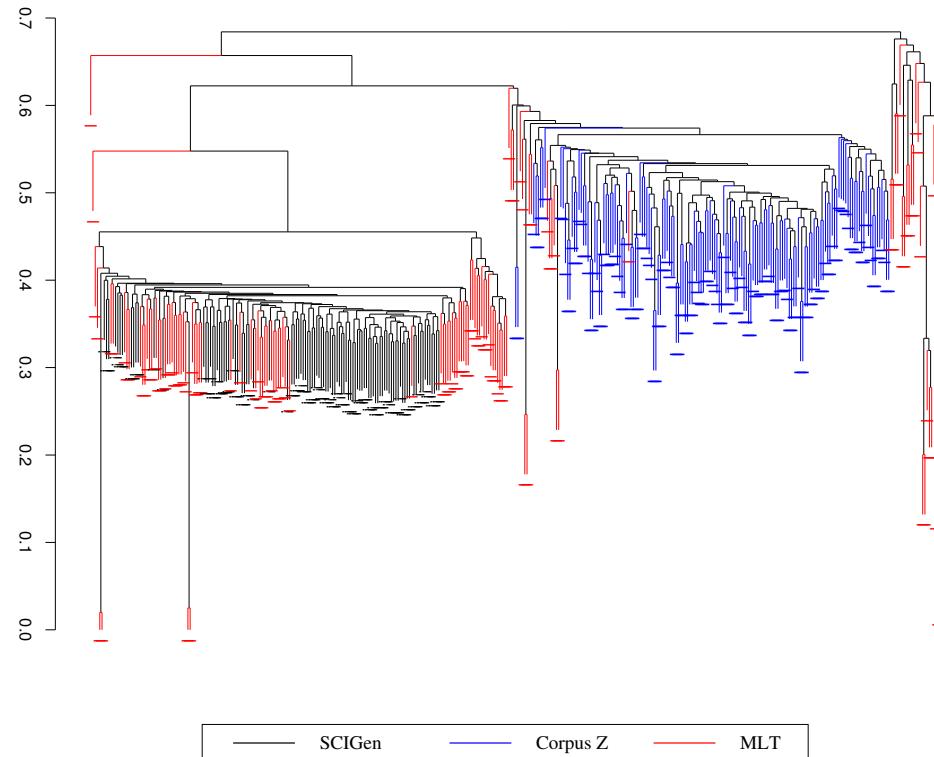
Détection automatique

[Labbé and Labbé, 2013]

Distance inter-textuelle :

$\Delta_{(a,b)} = \delta$ proportion de mots (tokens) différents dans les deux textes.

Hierarchical Clustering



Soit

- t un texte à tester.
- $\delta_t^{Fake} = \min_{f \in SCIGen} \Delta_{(t,f)}$

Si ($\delta_t^{Fake} < \delta_{Seuil}$) Alors

Une génération SCIGen doit être considérée,
(risque $< 10^{-5}$).

Sinon

Une origine non-SCIGen doit être considérée.

SCIGen papers and its clones

SSME: Int. Conf. on Services Science, Management and Engineering. 2009.

- IEEEXplorer, indexed in Scopus and WoK
- 150 papers, 4 SCIGen and 1 duplicate.
- Official acceptance rate : 28%

SCIGen inside (publishers)

- 120 IEEE (retracted or deleted),
- 16 Springer (retracted),
- 1 Elsevier (accepted-unpublished)

SCIGen inside (social networks)

- <http://www.researchgate.net>
- <http://scholar.harvard.edu>
- <http://www.academia.edu>

Other generators

- Mathgen (<http://thatsmathematics.com/mathgen/>)
- The Postmodernism Generator (<http://www.elsewhere.org/pomo/>)
- scigen-physics (<https://bitbucket.org/birkenfeld/scigen-physics>)
- Auto. SBIR Grant Proposal Generator (<http://www.nadovich.com/chris/randprop/>)

Dans la presse internationale scientifique et grand public (2014)

nature

Publishers withdraw more than 120 gibberish papers

THE AUSTRALIAN

Fraudulent scientific papers published then withdrawn

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How computer-generated fake papers are flooding academia

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Ike Antkare, le grand scientifique qui n'existe pas

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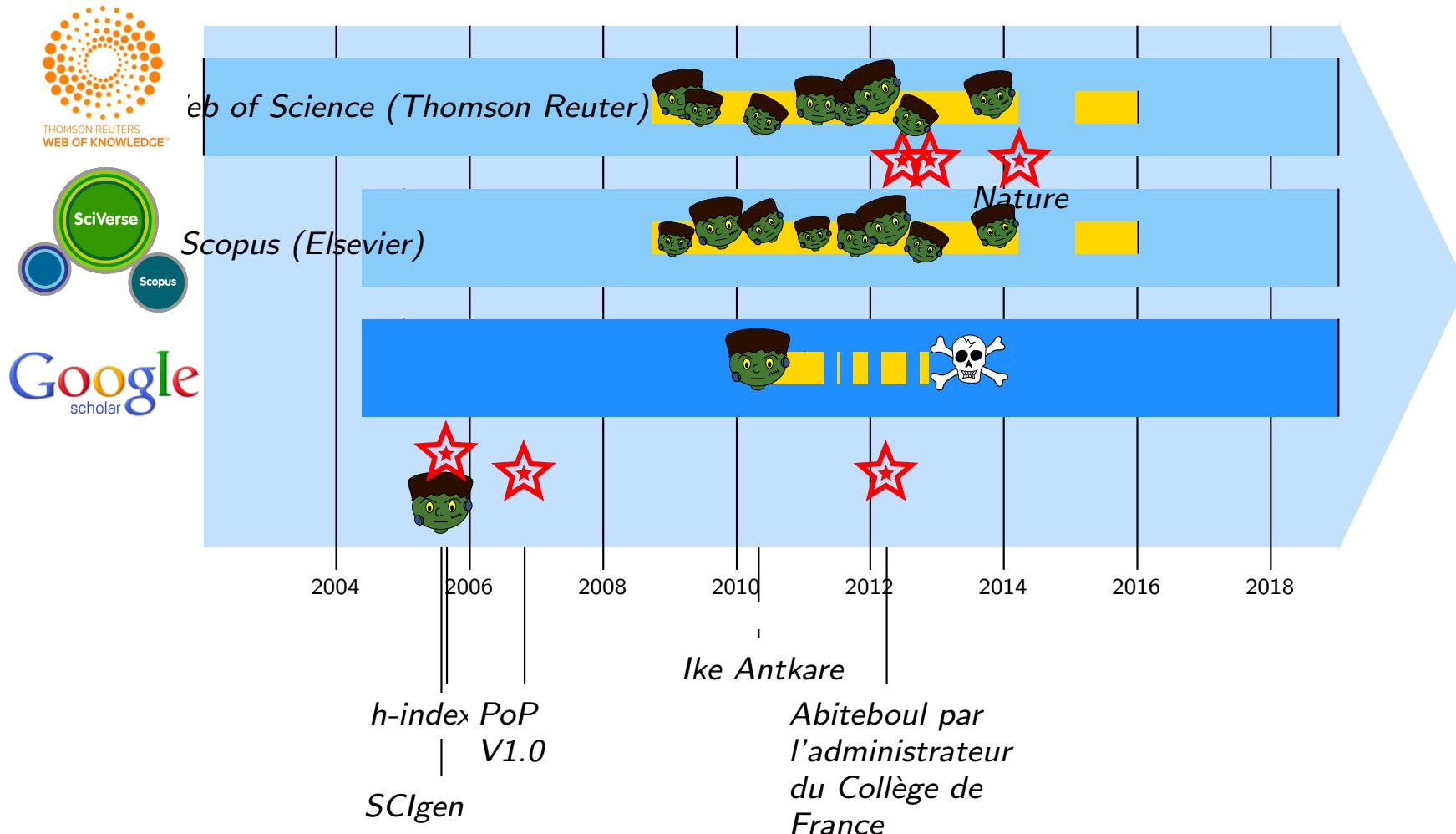
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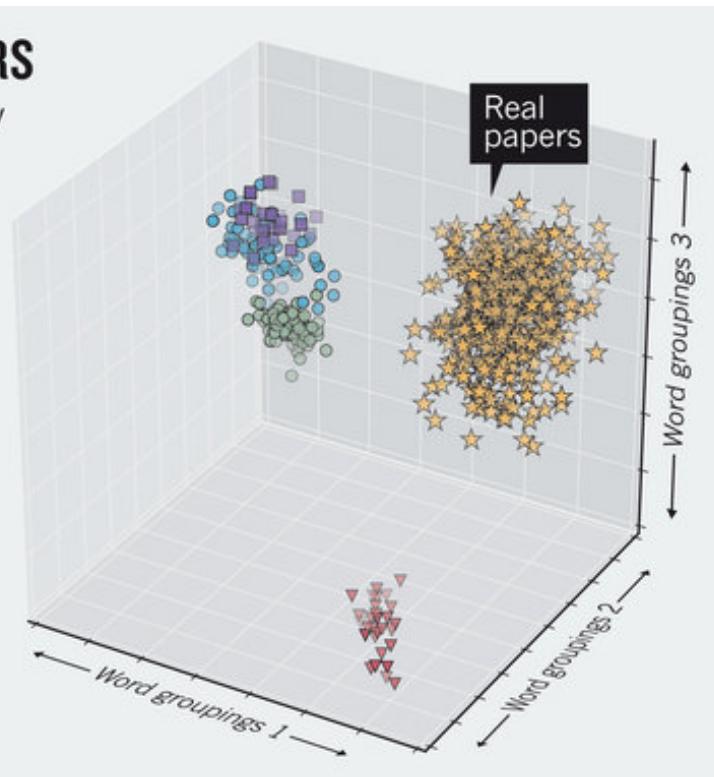
No SCIGen paper in arXiv (Computer Science)

Automated screening: ArXiv screens spot fake papers

COUNTERFEIT CLUSTERS

Nonsense papers generated by software such as SCIGen and Mathgen cluster separately from human-authored arXiv papers when analysed for stylistic word features.

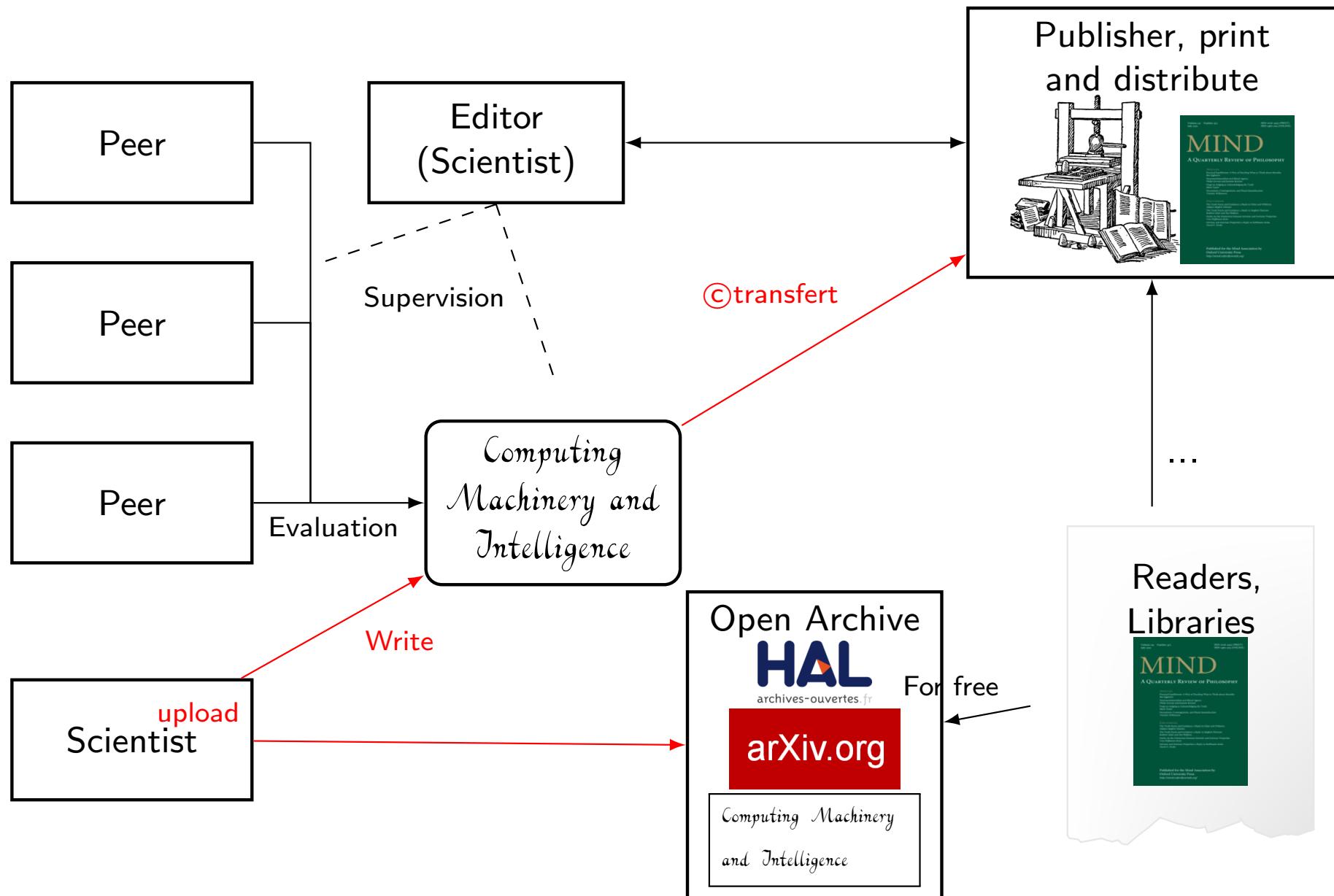
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- LibGen



- Sci-Hub (Alexandra Elbakyan)



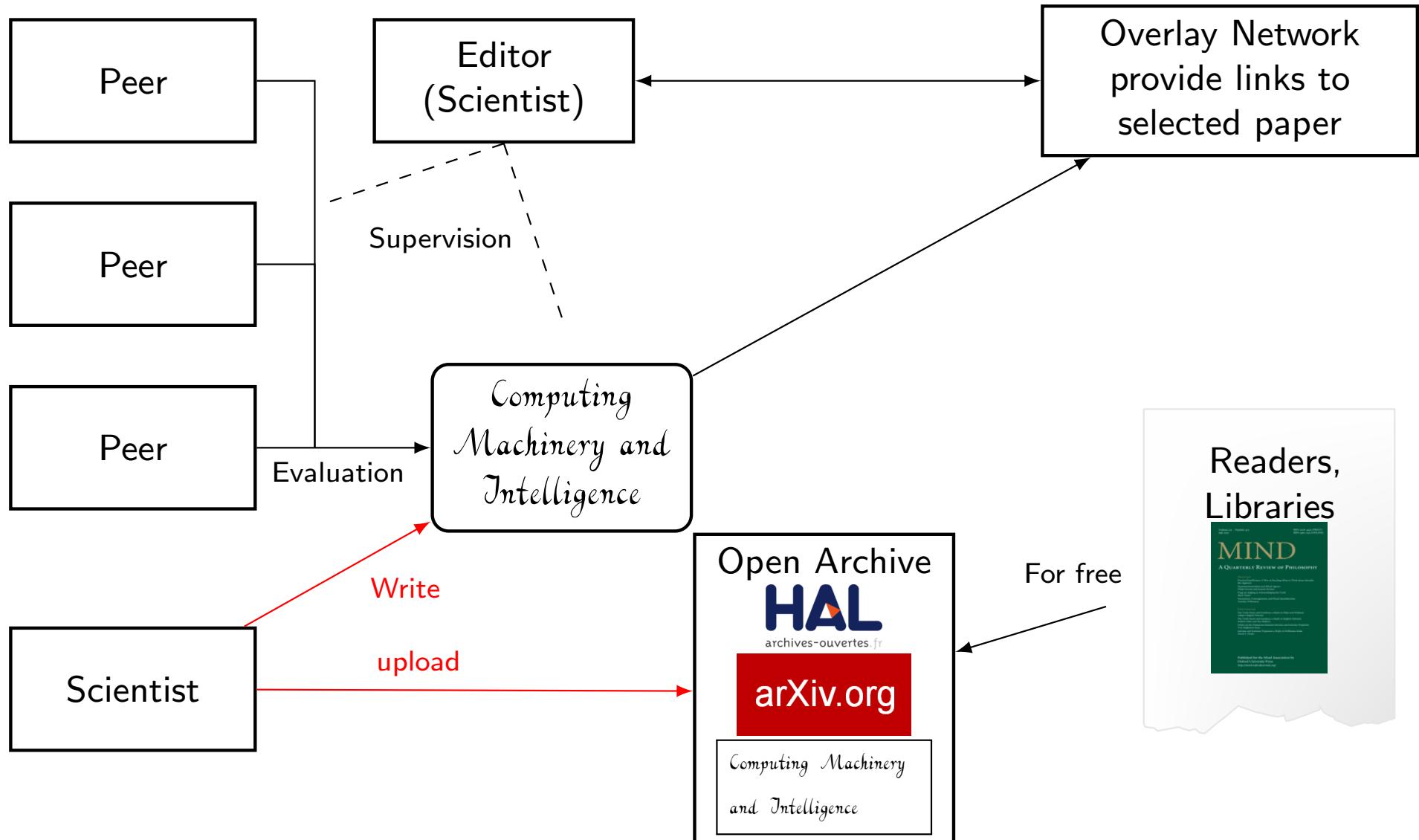
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Data from: Who's downloading pirated papers? Everyone.

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Overlay Journal : les épi-journaux [épisciences.org](#)



Springer-Nature funded SciDetect: <http://scidetect.forge.imag.fr>

SciDetect



SciDetect is a collaboration between Springer-Verlag GmbH and Université Joseph Fourier.

Press release, march 2015

"The open source software discovers text that has been generated with the SCIGen computer program and other fake-paper generators like Mathgen and Physgen."

"SciDetect is highly flexible and can be quickly customized to cope with new methods of automatically generating fake or random text"

Do not cop with other problems

- Peer review rings
- Paper mills
- Black market and authorship selling

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Automatic detection of questionable research papers

[Byrne and Labb  , 2017b, Byrne and Labb  , 2017a]

Scientific ethics

- Plagiarism, auto-plagiarism, content reuse...
- $N - \text{grams}$ signature (hashing functions).

Non-sense detection

- Paper generator (SCIgen, physic-gen, MathGen...)
- Authorship detection (inter-textual distance).

Need to detect questionable scientific results

- Fabrications (making up data or results)
 - Falsification (manipulating data or results)
 - False or unsupported affirmations
 - Genuine errors
- } \Rightarrow
- Error spreading
 - Wrong belief
 - Research irreproducibility

Starting point : striking similarities, obvious errors

Jennifer Byrne:

- First reported *TPD52L2* (20 years ago)
- 5 Publications with obvious errors!

5 Publications from China:

- Single gene knockdown experiments.
- Human cancer cell lines.

Conclusions highlight potential therapy

- ...*TPD52L2*... novel therapeutic target for glioma treatment.
- ...*TPD52L2*... novel clues for oral squamous cell carcinoma therapy.
- ...*TPD52L2*... therapeutic approach for the treatment of breast cancer.
- ...*TPD52L2* is indispensable in gastric cancer proliferation.
- ...*TPD52L2* could be a novel therapeutic target for human liver cancer.

Obvious errors: example

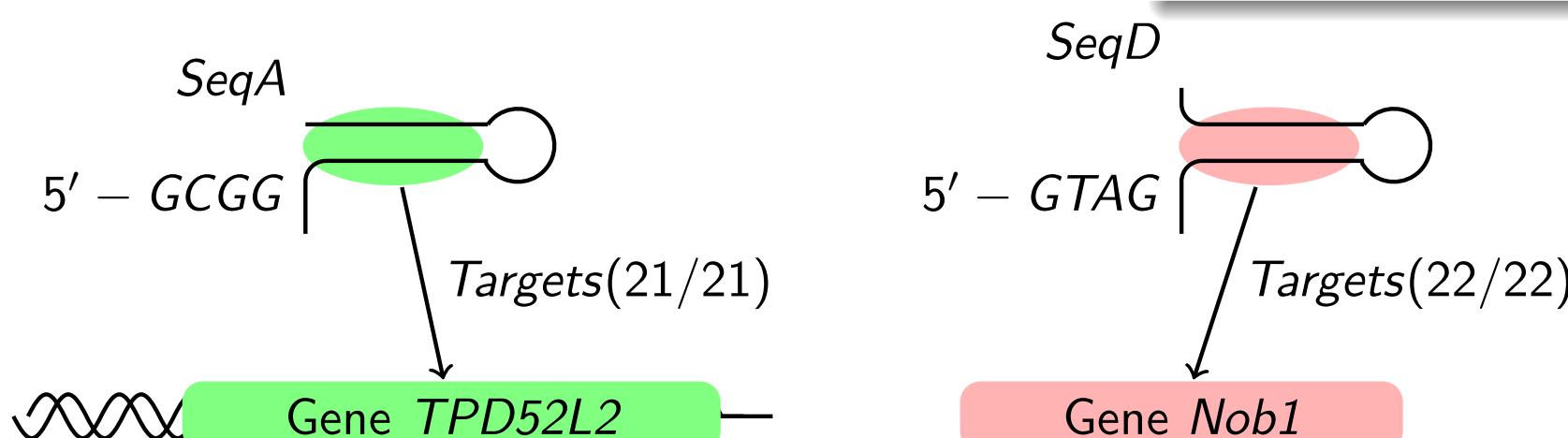
PMID : 25262828

Materials and methods

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Fact-Check using *blastn* (NCBI)

```
Query= SeqA (evalue = 10)
Length=54
Sequences producing significant alignments:
... ... ...
> .... Homo sapiens tumor protein D52
like 2 (TPD52L2), ...
Length=2230
...
Query 1      GCGGAGGGTTTGAAAGAATAT 21
          ||||||| | | | | | | | | |
Sbjct 894     GCGGAGGGTTTGAAAGAATAT 914
...
Query 28     ATATTCTTCAAACCCCTCCGC 48
          ||||||| | | | | | | | |
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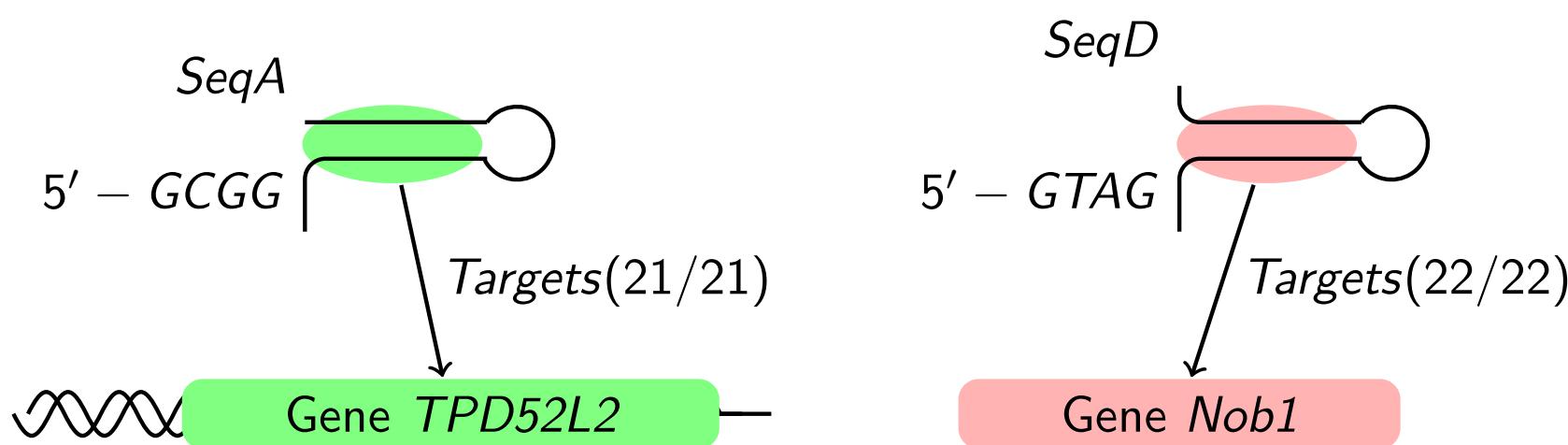
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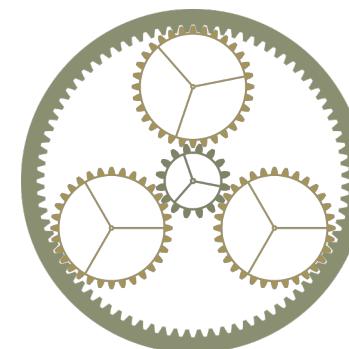
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Sequences producing significant alignment
...
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protein 1 homolog (NOB1)...
Length=1775
...
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Sbjct 1505   GCCAAGGAAGTGCAATTGCATA 1526
          | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
...
Query 37     TATGCAATTGCACTTCCTTGG 57
          | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
Sbjct 1526   TATGCAATTGCACTTCCTTGG 1506
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Seek & Blastn at a glance

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(1) Facts extraction:
Named entity recognition, extract nucleotide and status...



Facts to check

Status	DNA Seq
...	...
Targeting	GCG...TTT
Non-Targ.	CTA...AAT
...	...

(2) Blastn call
software gives
the hit list

Hit lists (Blastn results)

hit list	DNA Seq
...	...
TPD52L2, ...	GCG...TTT
NOB1, ...	CTA...AAT
...	...

Checked Facts

Status	DNA Seq
Targ.	GCG...TTT
Non-Targ.	CTA...AAT
...	...

(3) Comparison

Ambiguïtés : polysémie, homonymie, structurale,...

- Le président a le **pouvoir** de faire taire l'**avocat**.
- Je ne vais pas **pouvoir** manger l'**avocat**.
- L'**été** à l'**est** a été très beau et l'**est** toujours.

- Je **suis** le secrétaire.
- Je vais à la grange et la **ferme**.

- Il **poursuit** la jeune fille à vélo.
- Il a vu un **homme** avec un télescope.
- Tous les participants prendront un bus.

Seek & Blastn

Related works

- Detection of statistically flawed paper
- Fake news detection

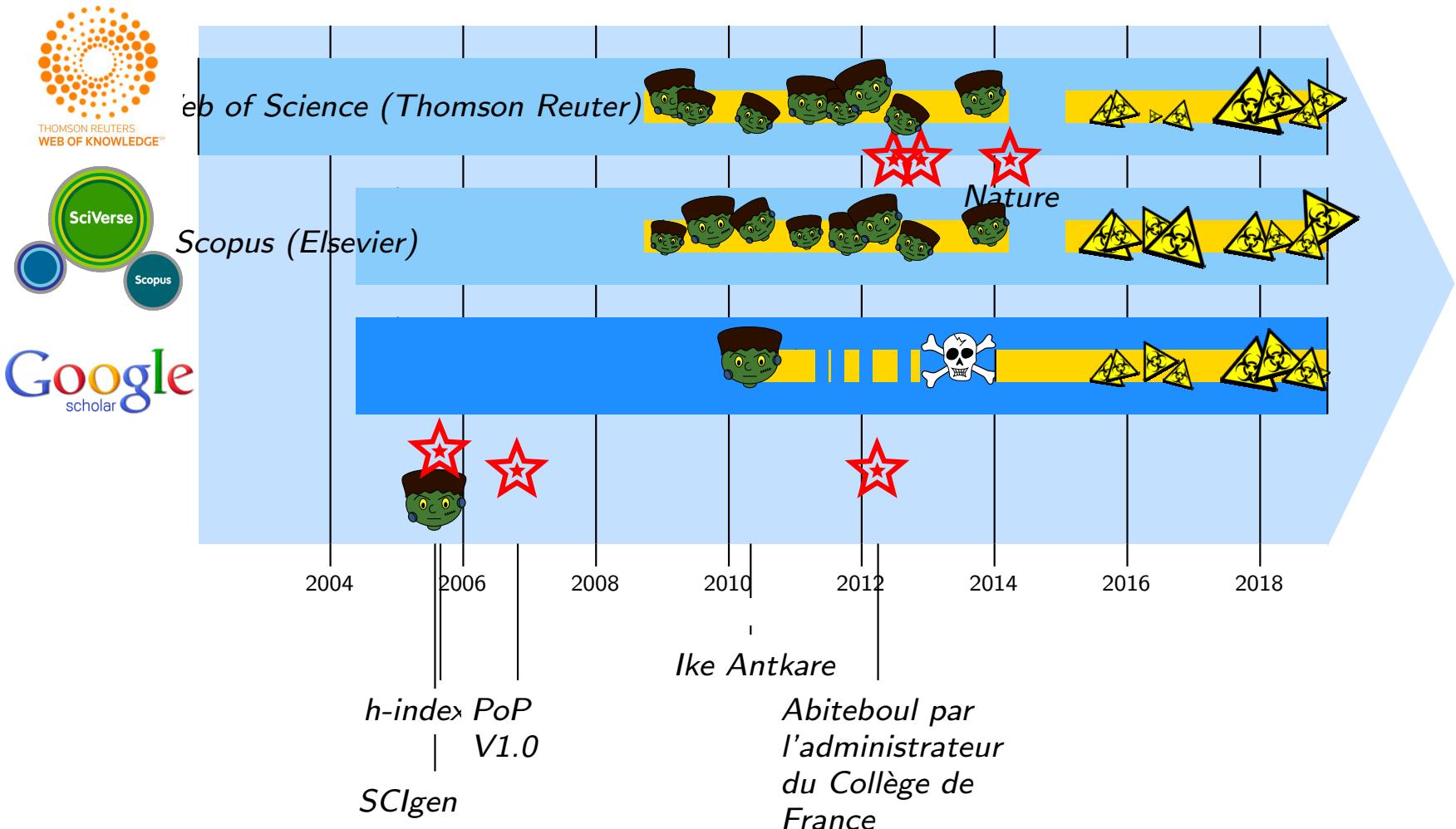
Seek & Blastn perspectives

- Online tool : <http://scigendetection.imag.fr/TPD52>
- Avoid false positive, more in-deep analysis of sentences.

Retractions, Errors corrections

- Retractions (≈ 18), Expression of concern (≈ 11), ≈ 45 to be treated
- Citation analysis (to be done)

Chronos



Conclusion and Future/Ongoing works

Publication procedures, models and habits

- Why fake papers were accepted, published and ... sold.
- Traditional publisher *vs* open access.
- Knowledge diffusion: better and less... or as much as possible.

Blind management rules...

- ... are an incitation to malpractices: slicing, plagiarism, faked data, ...

Automatic detection of new generators

- Hand written PCFG : find dense cluster inside a population.
- Study other kind of generator (language model).

In the web today

- Automatic knowledge extraction/detection/generation.
- How to separate the wheat from the chaff... and scale up !

Thanks



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