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# Publishing *and Thriving* in the 21<sup>st</sup> c.

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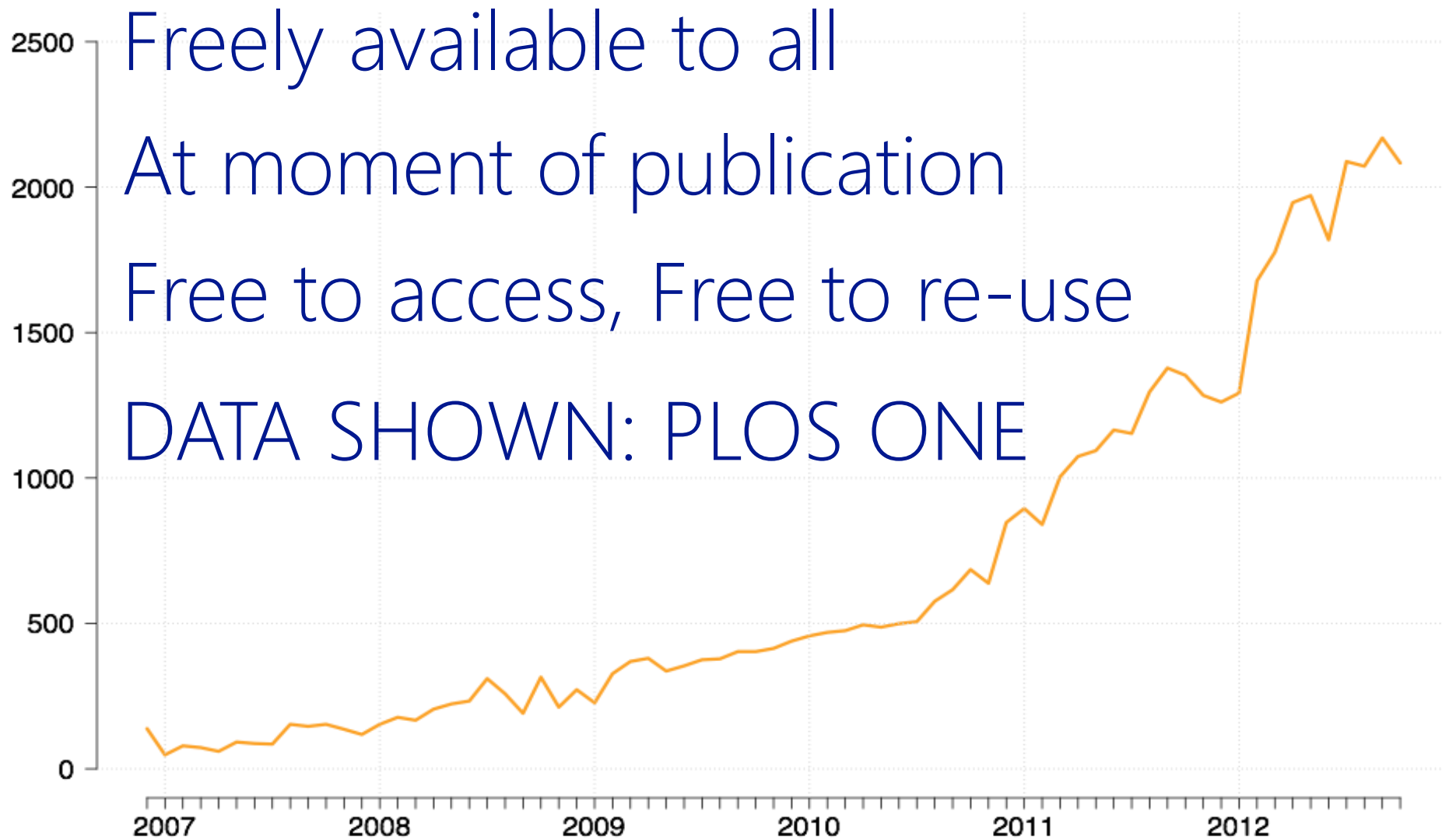


# PLOS: Public Library of Science

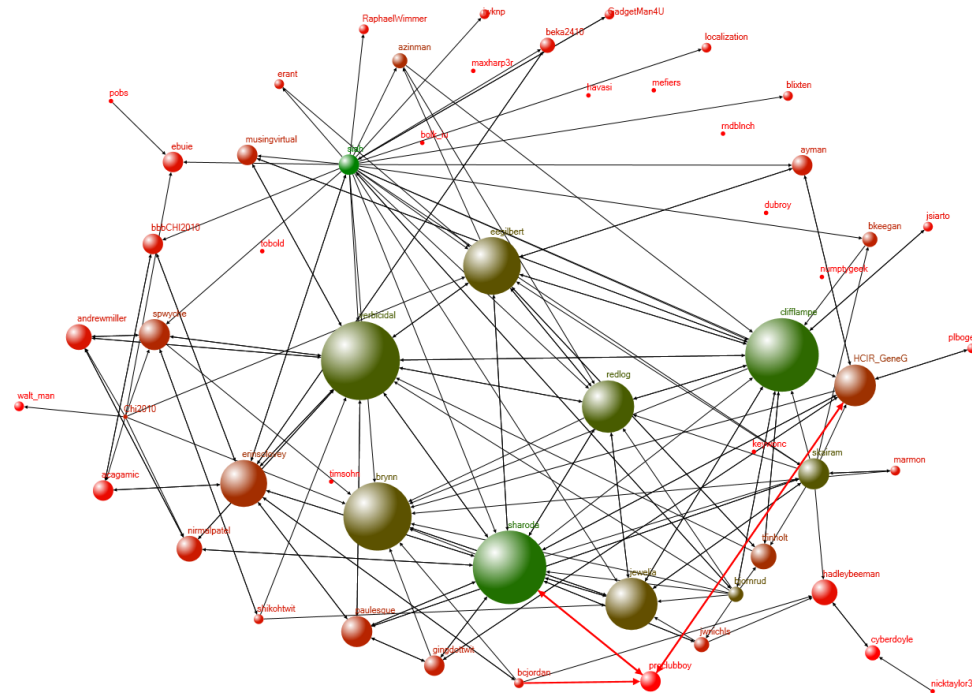
- Founded in 2003 as an open access publisher
- Seven journals today in life sciences and biomedical science
- Published ~80k articles to date
- PLOS ONE is the largest journal in the world
- Mission: transform scholarly communications



# PLOS Publication Growth Rate



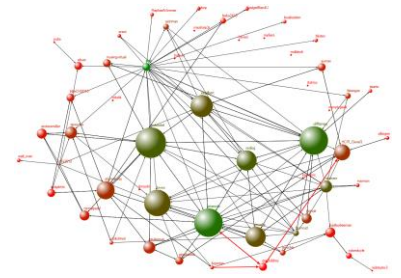
# Networked-enabled research is premised on the capacity for connectivity



See Cameron Neylon's Feb 6, 2012 blog post on "network-enabled research"  
<http://cameronneylon.net/blog/network-enabled-research/>.



# Our Strategy



Optimize network-enabled research by building infrastructure that supports more efficient transactions

How have we done this?

- Pioneered open access publishing model
- Redefined publication criteria
- Inaugurated new framework for research assessment



# Research Assessment

How do you measure research?

*Journal-level metrics have failed us*

Impact =  
Use & Reach



# Use & Reach

Researchers work within a diverse ecosystem of channels to comment on, share, & critique research:

- article access,
- scholarly and nonscholarly citations,
- blog and news coverage,
- social network sharing
- research community conversations



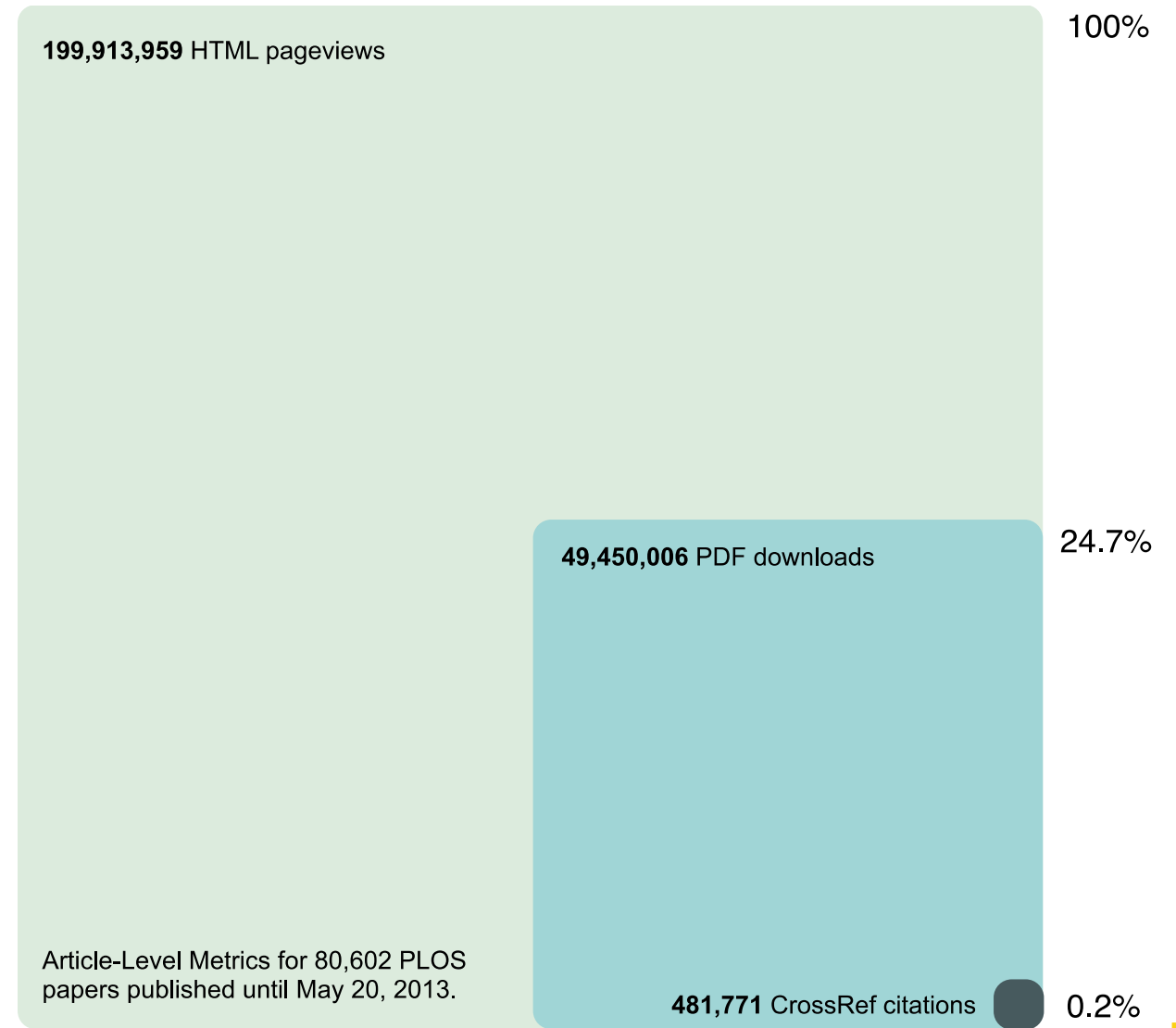


# Article-Level Metrics (ALM)

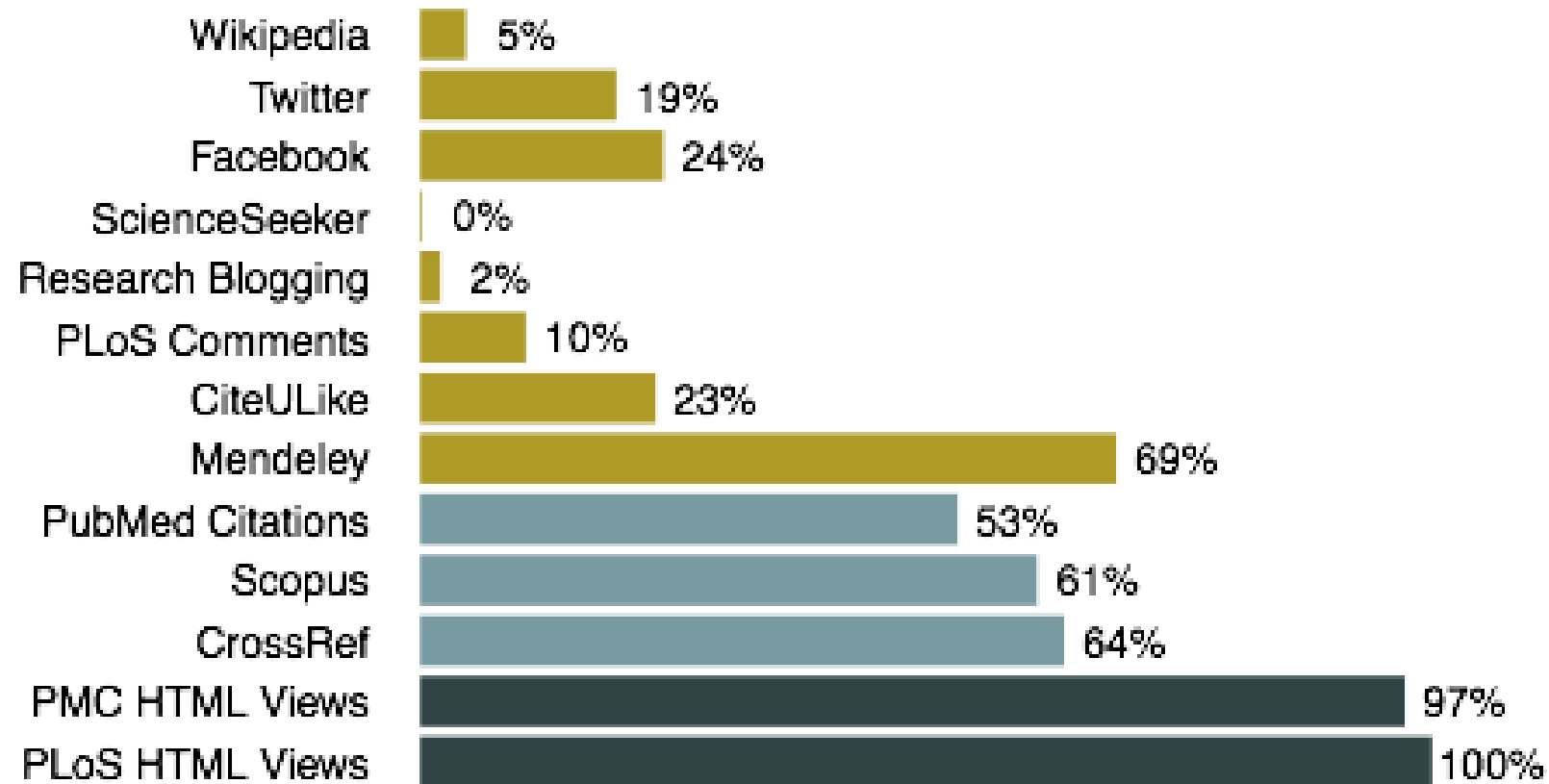
Article-Level Metrics captures the online engagement of researchers in the community and measures it in a transparent and comprehensive manner.



# Conventional measures are a part of the puzzle...



# A broader view of research engagement



Proportion of articles covered by source  
Metrics for 77,385 PLOS articles. Data collected April 11, 2013



# ALMs: greater granularity, more dimensionality

## Usage

PLOS Journals  
(HTML, PDF,  
XML)

PubMed Central  
(HTML, PDF)

## Citations

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## Altmetrics

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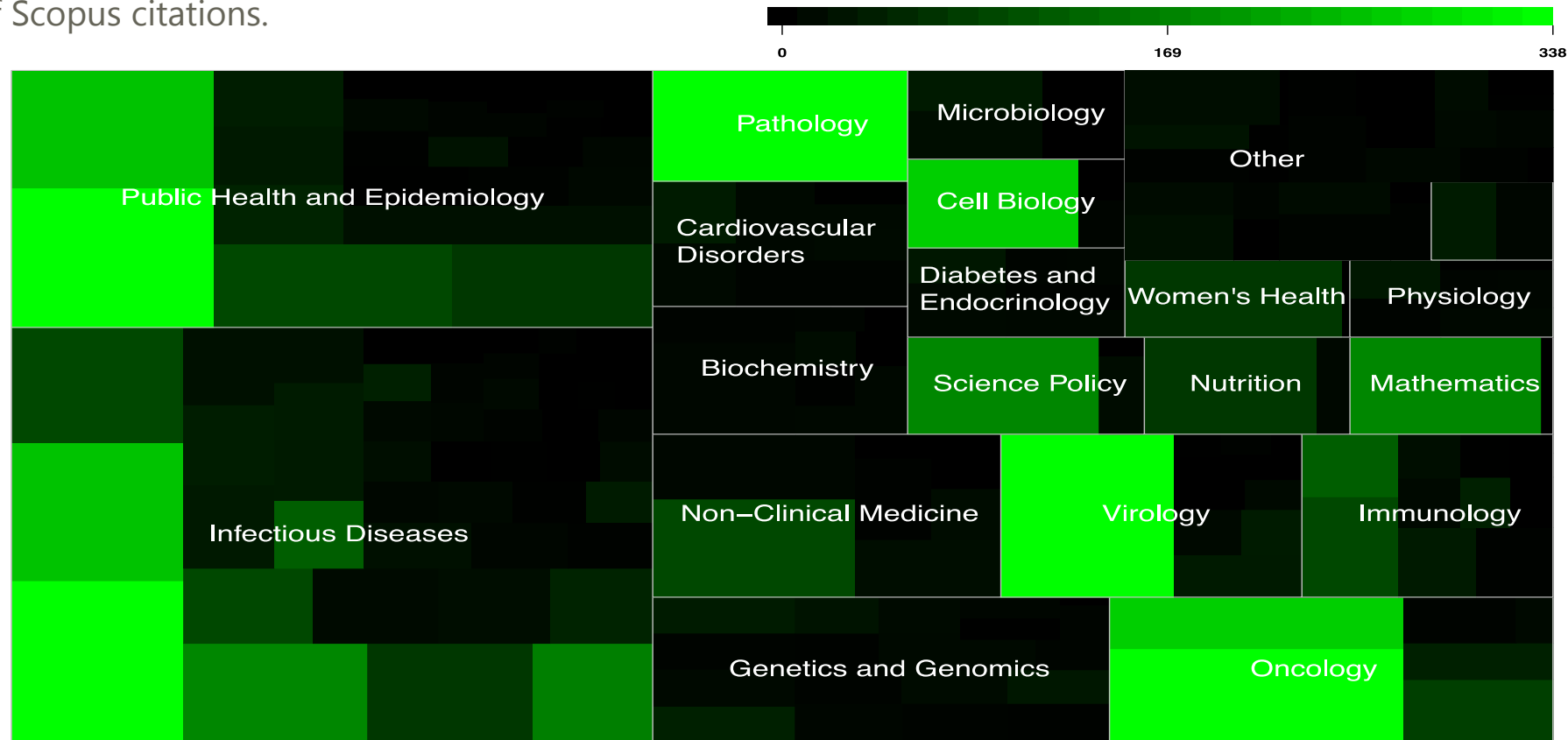
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# ALMs reveal *what* articles are used

## PLOS articles funded by Doris Duke Foundation

Rectangle size correlates with total views (HTML and PDF) from PLOS website. Color intensity correlates with number of Scopus citations.



Article Usage and Citations by Subject Category



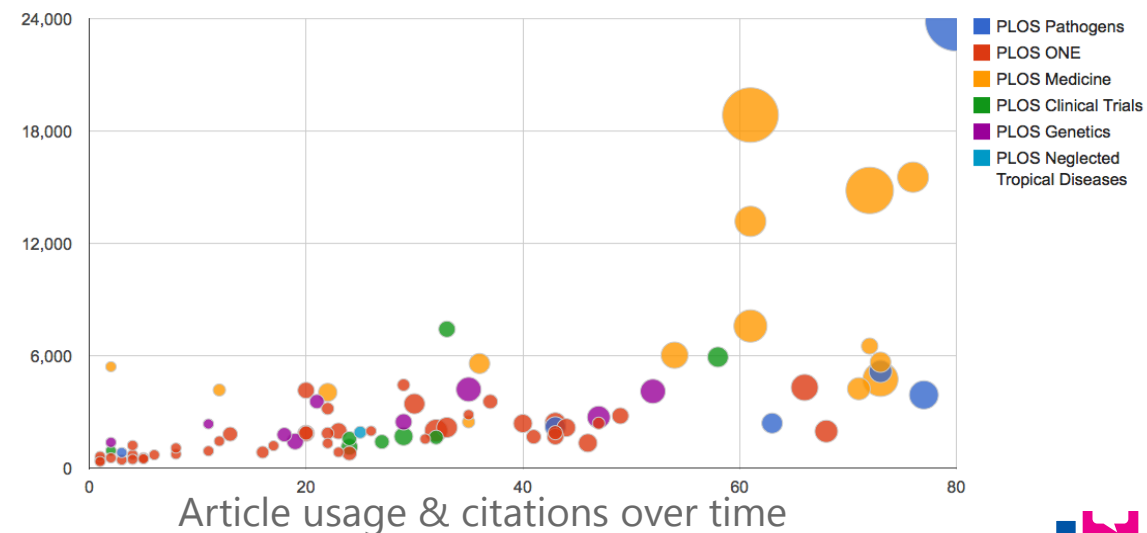
# ALMs reveal *where* articles are used

## Alzheimer's Association funded PLOS

Geolocation of 410 authors for 84 articles



ALMs reveal *how & when*  
they are used

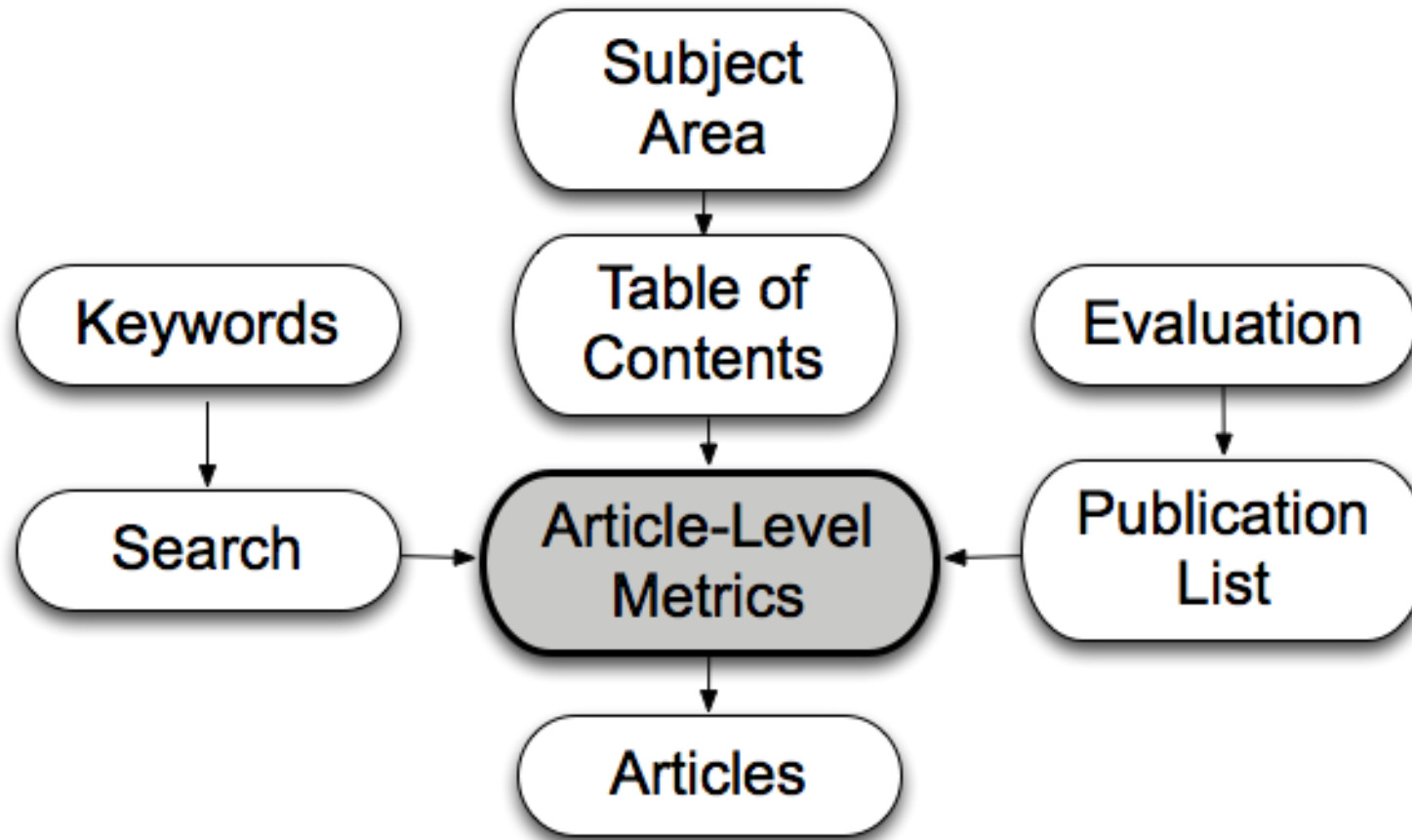


# Benefits:

- Diverse and efficient measurement
- Increased diversity without losing traditional value
- Accelerated measurement response
- Easier to own and manage
- Flexibly accommodates varied uses



# ALMs & research discovery





# ALMs at work:

- article signposts
- search result listings
- sorting search results
- related content author listings
- RSS feeds
- [article recommendations]
- [researcher profiles]
- [editor assignments]

## Viewed

Total Article Views	HTML Page Views	PDF Downloads	XML Downloads	Totals
<b>118,523</b>	<b>72,082</b>	<b>31,292</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>103,871</b>
<small>Nov 28, 2009 (publication date) through May 7, 2012*</small>	<b>5,918</b>	<b>6,734</b>	<b>n.a.</b>	<b>14,652</b>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>37,026</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>118,623</b>

46.71% of article views led to PDF downloads



## BETA

Compare average usage for articles published in 2006 in the subject area:

Microbiology

Show reference set

\*Although we update our data on a daily basis, there may be a 48-hour delay before the most recent numbers are available. PDF data is posted on a monthly basis and will be made available once received.

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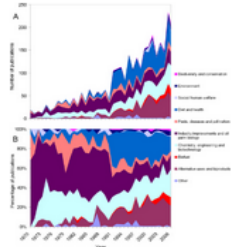
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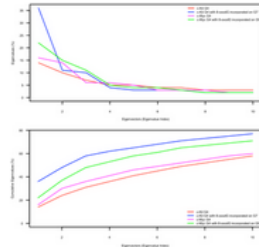


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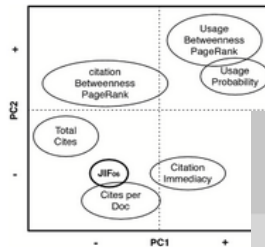


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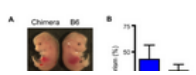
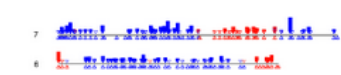
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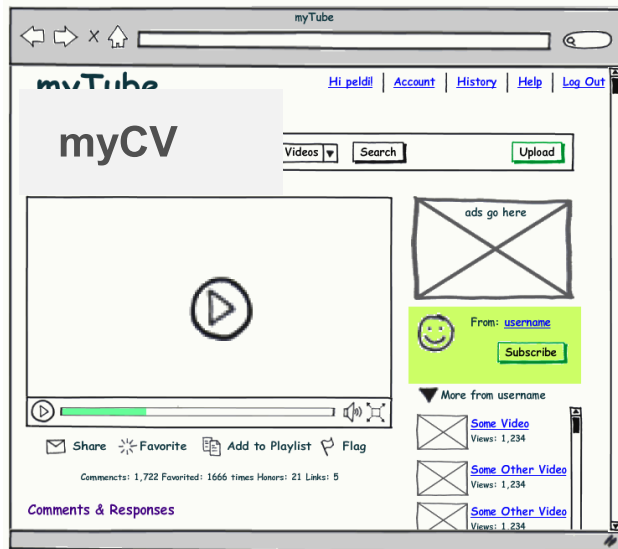
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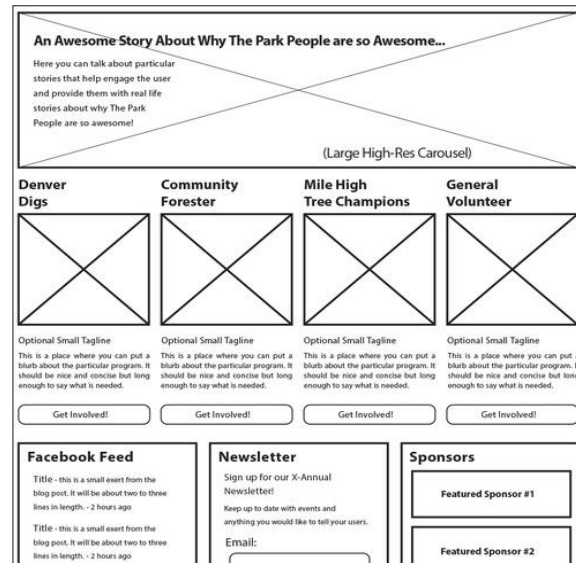
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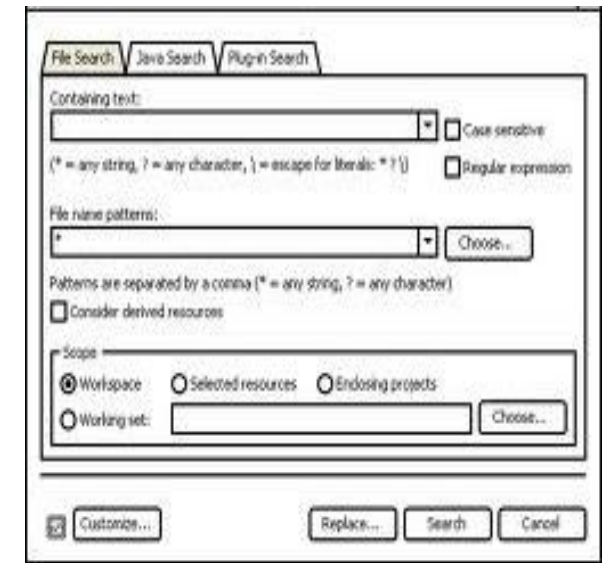
# On the horizon...



Researcher CV



Tenure Portfolio



Funding Application



# Next steps for ALMs

- Coordination & standardization between data aggregators
- Breakthrough technologies to measure the current “unmeasurables” (downstream impact)
- Data validation and anti-gaming mechanisms
- New services
- More bibliometric research



# Publish & ~~Perish?~~ Thrive!

- More channels to share your research
- Open access movement reaching tipping point
- Broader diversity of research objects formally recognized (for credit)
- Greater alignment of incentive structures with researcher workflows to encourage sharing
- Power of digital tools to find, mine, use, & reuse content
- Creative experiments in peer review & story telling, &tc...



# Access is Critical Keep it Open

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