



CWTS Leiden Ranking: An advanced bibliometric approach to university ranking

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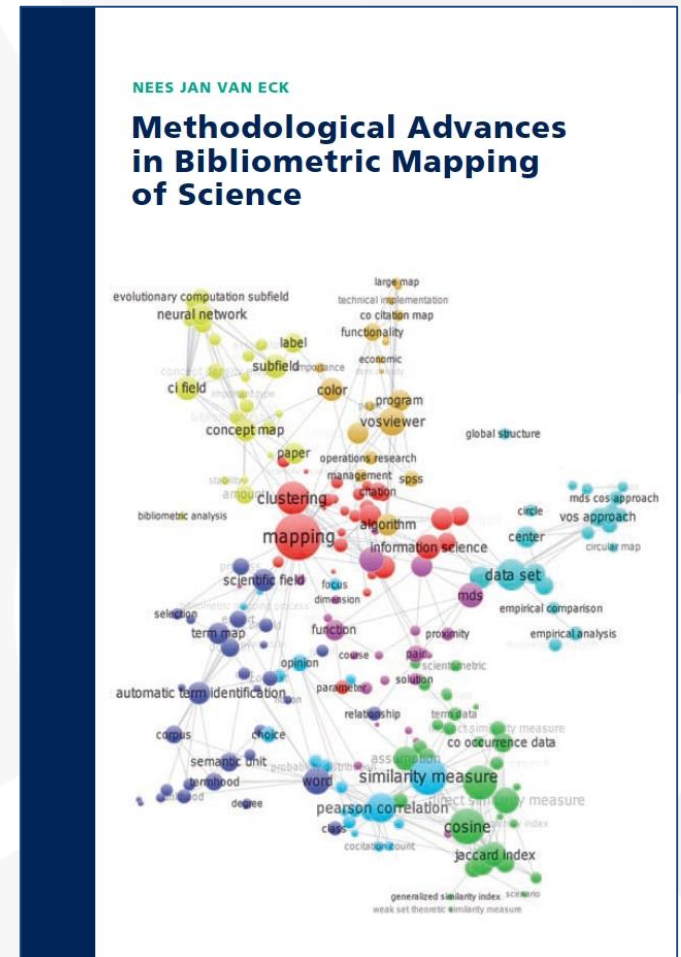
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 - Monitoring & evaluation
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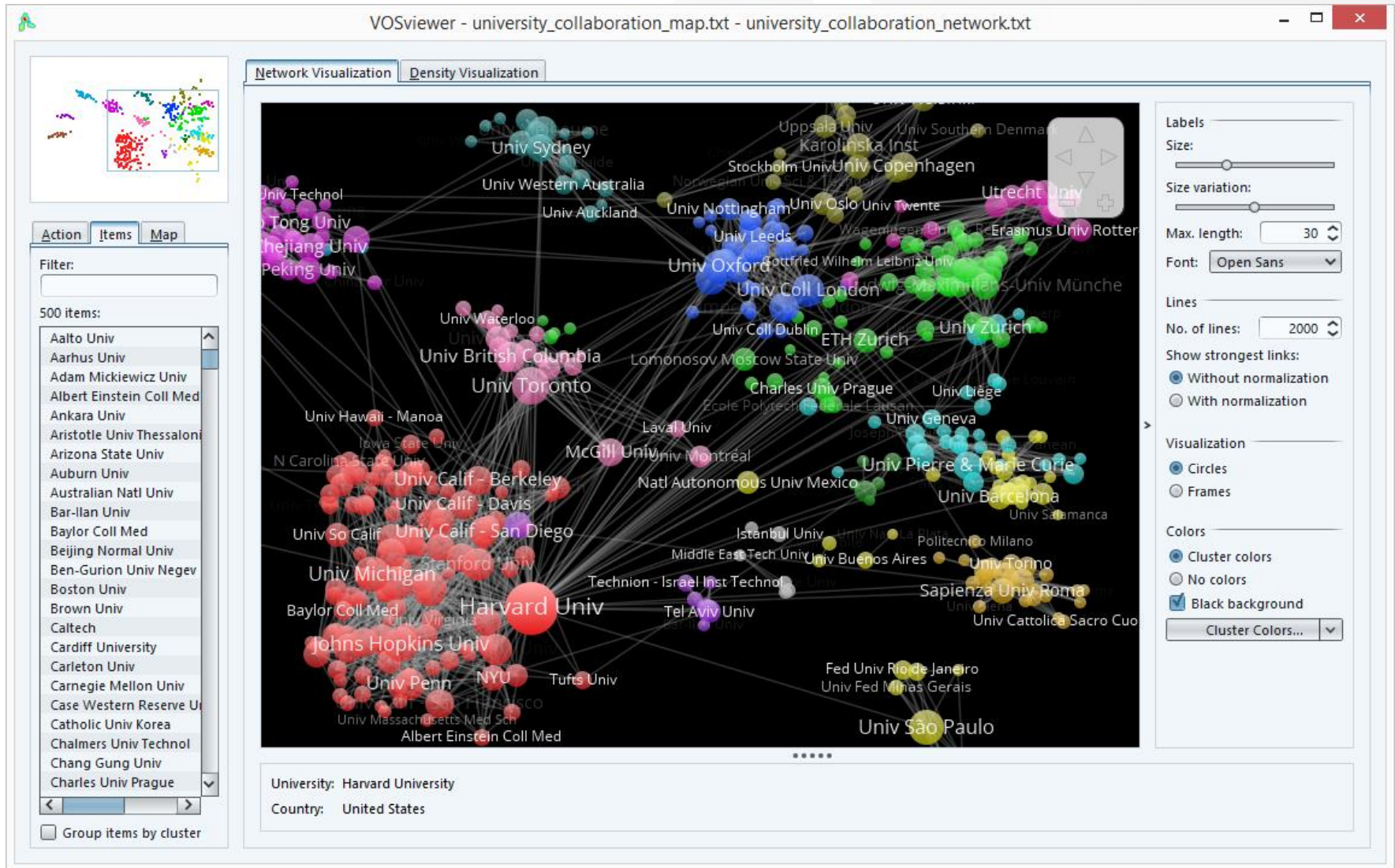


Short bio

- MSc in computer science
- PhD research on bibliometric network visualization
- Researcher at CWTS (since 2009) focusing on:
 - Bibliometric network analysis
 - Bibliometric indicators of research performance



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CWTS Leiden Ranking 2014

Select field and region/country

Field: All sciences

Region: All regions

Country: All countries

Select indicators

Type of indicators: Impact

Indicator used for ranking: PP(top 10%)

Minimum number of publications: 100 500 1000 5000 10000

Advanced parameters

Calculate size-independent indicators

Show stability intervals

Calculate impact indicators using fractional counting

Rank	University	Country	P	PP(top 10%)	Stability interval
1	Rockefeller Univ	USA	1033	29.1%	
2	MIT	USA	9149	25.2%	
3	Harvard Univ	USA	29693	23.0%	
4	Univ Calif - Berkeley	USA	11384	22.5%	
5	Stanford Univ	USA	13399	22.3%	
6	Caltech	USA	5072	22.2%	
7	Princeton Univ	USA	5017	21.9%	
8	Univ Calif - Santa Barbara	USA	4246	21.2%	
9	Univ Calif - San Francisco	USA	9990	20.2%	
10	Yale Univ	USA	9775	20.0%	
11	Rice Univ	USA	2324	19.2%	
12	Univ Calif - Santa Cruz	USA	1945	18.9%	
13	Northwestern Univ	USA	9306	18.8%	
14	Univ Calif - San Diego	USA	11300	18.7%	
15	Univ Colorado - Boulder	USA	4893	18.6%	
16	Univ Texas - Southwestern Med Ctr	USA	4059	18.4%	

CWTS Leiden Ranking

- Provides bibliometric indicators of:
 - Scientific impact
 - Scientific collaboration
- Calculated based on Web of Science data
- Includes the 750 largest universities worldwide in terms of Web of Science publication output

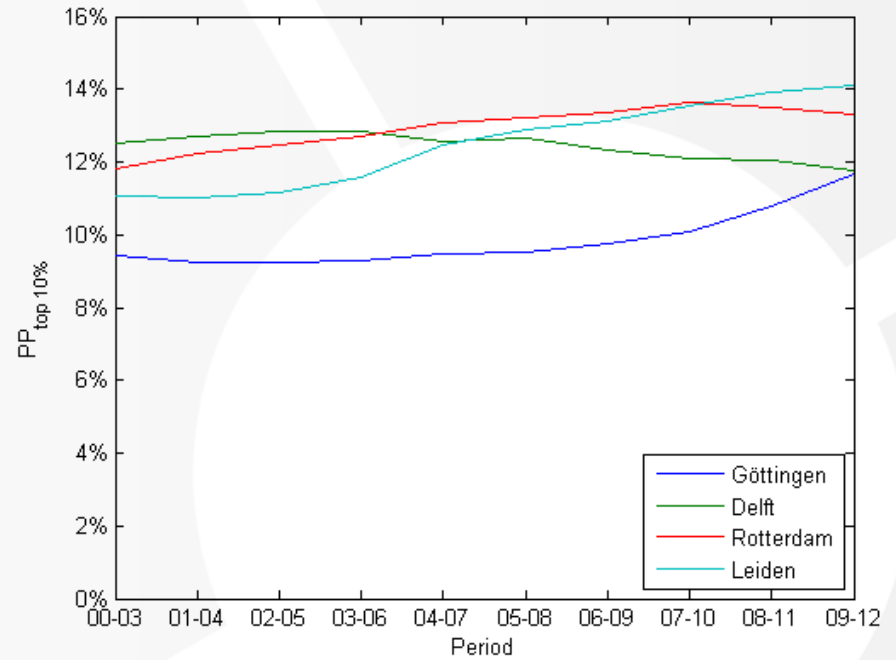
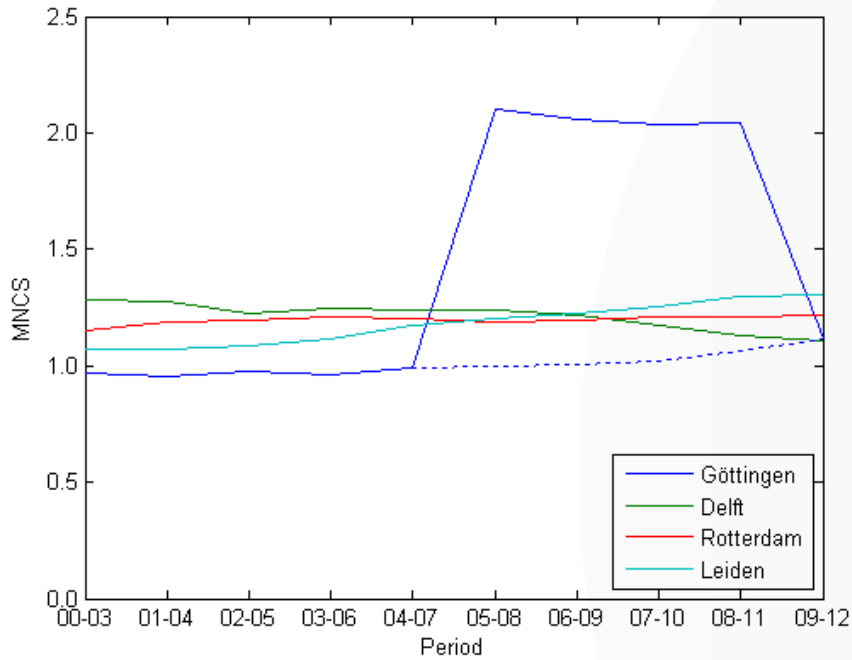
Differences with other university rankings

- No aggregation of different dimensions of university performance (research, teaching, etc.) into a single overall performance indicator
- Exclusive focus on measuring universities' scientific performance
- No dependence on survey data or data provided by universities
- Advanced bibliometric methodology

Advanced bibliometric methodology

- Percentile-based indicators to properly deal with highly skewed citation distributions
- Exclusion of non-core publications
- Normalization for differences between fields in citation and collaboration practices:
 - Field definitions based on an algorithmically constructed publication-level classification system of science
 - Fractional counting of co-authored publications

Average-based vs. percentile-based indicators



Average-based vs. percentile-based indicators

A short history of SHELX

By: Sheldrick, GM (Sheldrick, George M.)^[1]

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Abstract

An account is given of the development of the SHELX system of computer programs from SHELX-76 to the present day. In addition to identifying useful innovations that have come into general use through their implementation in SHELX, a critical analysis is presented of the less-successful features, missed opportunities and desirable improvements for future releases of the software. An attempt is made to understand how a program originally designed for photographic intensity data, punched cards and computers over 10000 times slower than an average modern personal computer has managed to survive for so long. SHELXL is the most widely used program for small-molecule refinement and SHELXS and SHELXD are often employed for structure solution despite the availability of objectively superior programs. SHELXL also finds a niche for the refinement of macromolecules against high-resolution or twinned data; SHELXPRO acts as an interface for macromolecular applications. SHELXC, SHELXD and SHELXE are proving useful for the experimental phasing of macromolecules, especially because they are fast and robust and so are often employed in pipelines for high-throughput phasing. This paper could serve as a general literature citation when one or more of the open-source SHELX programs (and the Bruker AXS version SHELXTL) are employed in the course of a crystal-structure determination.

Keywords

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Citation Network

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60 Cited References

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All Times Cited Counts

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2,103 in BIOSIS Citation Index

148 in Chinese Science Citation Database

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26 in SciELO Citation Index

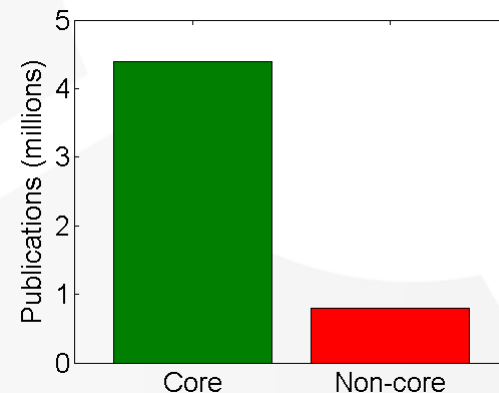
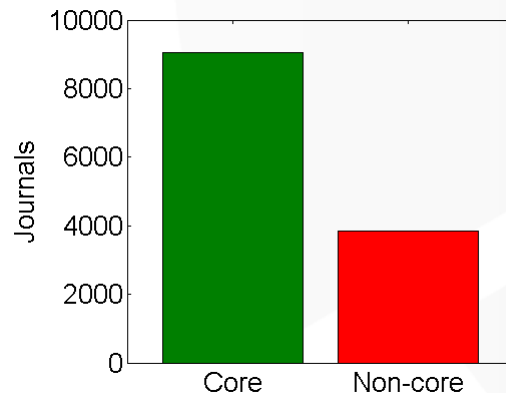
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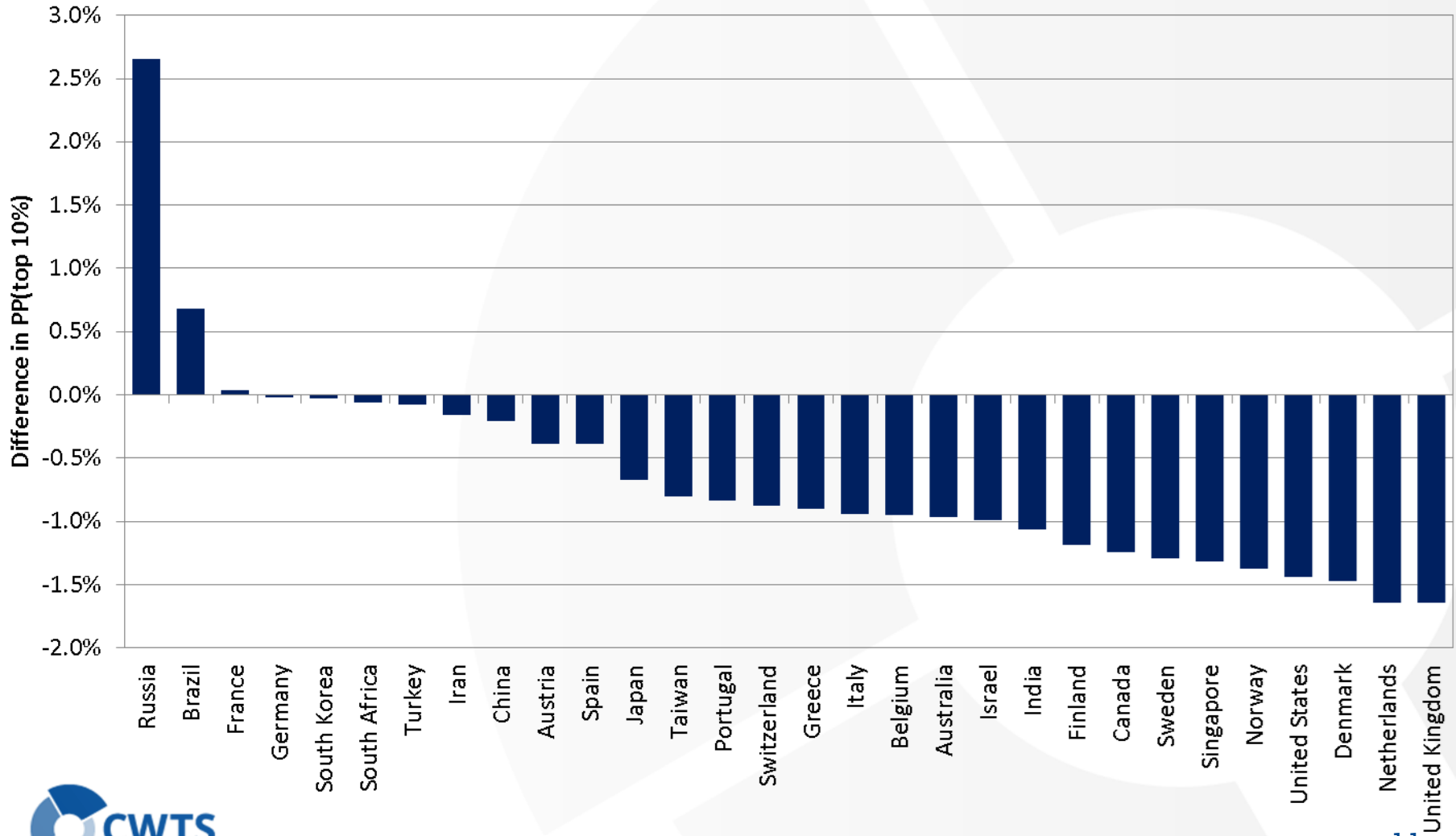
Exclusion of non-core publications

Non-core publications are excluded:

- Non-English publications
- Publications in national scientific journals, trade journals, and popular magazines
- Publications in fields with a low citation density
- Retracted publications

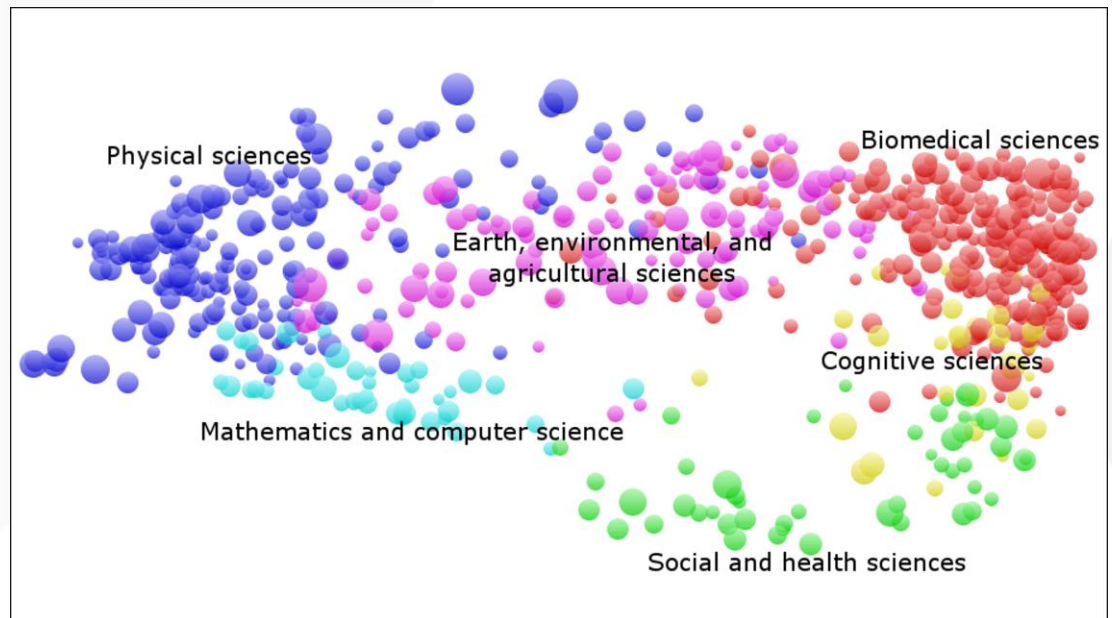


Exclusion of non-core publications and the effect on PP(top 10%)



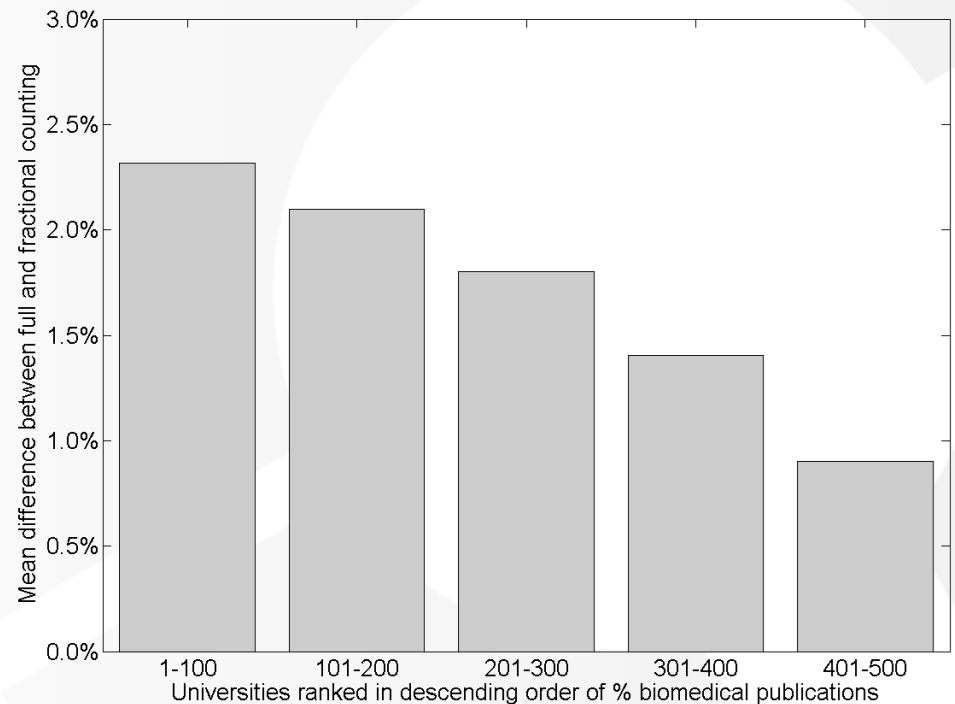
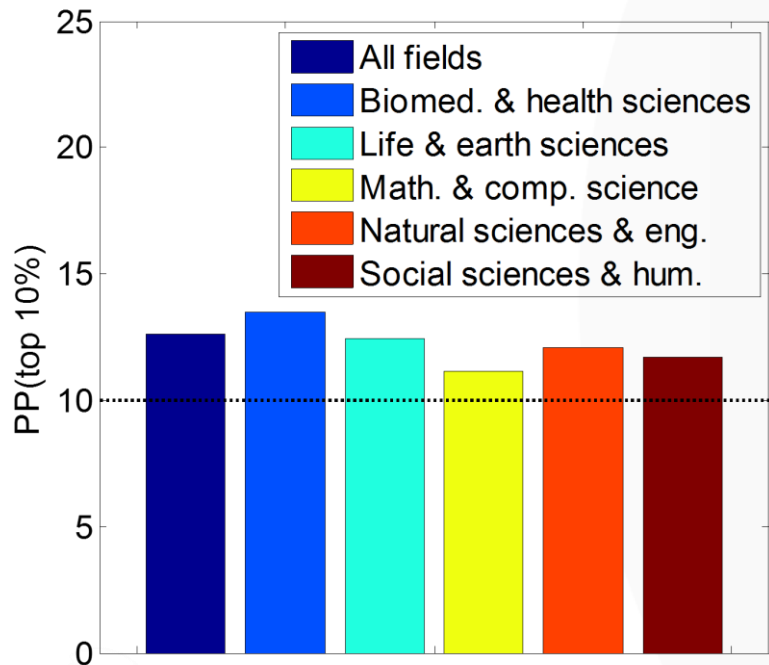
Publication-level classification system of science

- Fields are defined at the level of individual publications rather than journals
- Publications are clustered into ~800 fields based on citation relations
- Smart local moving community detection algorithm



Full vs. fractional counting

Full counting is biased in favor of fields with a lot of collaboration and a strong citation advantage for collaborative publications



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Bachelor graduation rate	Masters graduation rate	Graduating on time (bachelors)	Graduating on time (masters)	Citation rate	Research publications (size-normalised)	External research income	Co-publications with industrial partners	Income from private sources	Patents awarded (size-normalised)	Publications cited in patents

A-Z	Top scores											
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★ U Siegen	DE	●	●	●	●	●	●	-	●	-	●	●
★ MIT	US	-	-	-	-	●	●	-	●	-	●	●
★ Princeton U	US	-	-	-	-	●	●	-	●	-	●	●
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★ U California Berkeley	US	-	-	-	-	●	●	-	●	-	-	●
★ Stanford U	US	-	-	-	-	●	●	-	●	-	●	●
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★ Caltech	US	-	-	-	-	●	●	-	●	-	●	●
★ Harvard U	US	-	-	-	-	●	●	-	●	-	●	●

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Some conclusions

- There is no such thing as ‘overall university performance’; do not mix up different dimensions of university performance
- Use an appropriate bibliometric methodology:
 - Use percentile-based indicators, not average-based indicators
 - Do not blindly follow the selection of journals made by database producers; exclude non-scientific journals and journals with a national focus
 - Use fractional counting, not full counting