



OpenAlex – a Gamechanger?

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Bibliometric Databases

Database	Vendor	Start	open	inclusive	GUI
Web of Science	Eugene Garfield ISI / Thomson Reuters / Clarivate	print 1964, magnetic tape 1966, web 1997	X	X	✓
Scopus	Elsevier	2004	X	X	✓
OpenCitations Corpus	OpenCitations	2010	✓	✓	X
Dimensions	DigitalScience	2018	(X)	✓	✓
OpenAlex	OurResearch	2022	✓	✓	✓

The Competence Network Bibliometrics Kompetenznetzwerk Bibliometrie (KB)



Competence network and data infrastructure for bibliometric research and application in Germany since 2008.

Data basis: proprietary solutions **Web of Science** and **Scopus**.

The network includes 23 partners, more than 200 published research works.

The current funding period (2022-2024) includes a pilot to move from closed to open data practices by integrating **OpenAlex** (KBOPENBIB).




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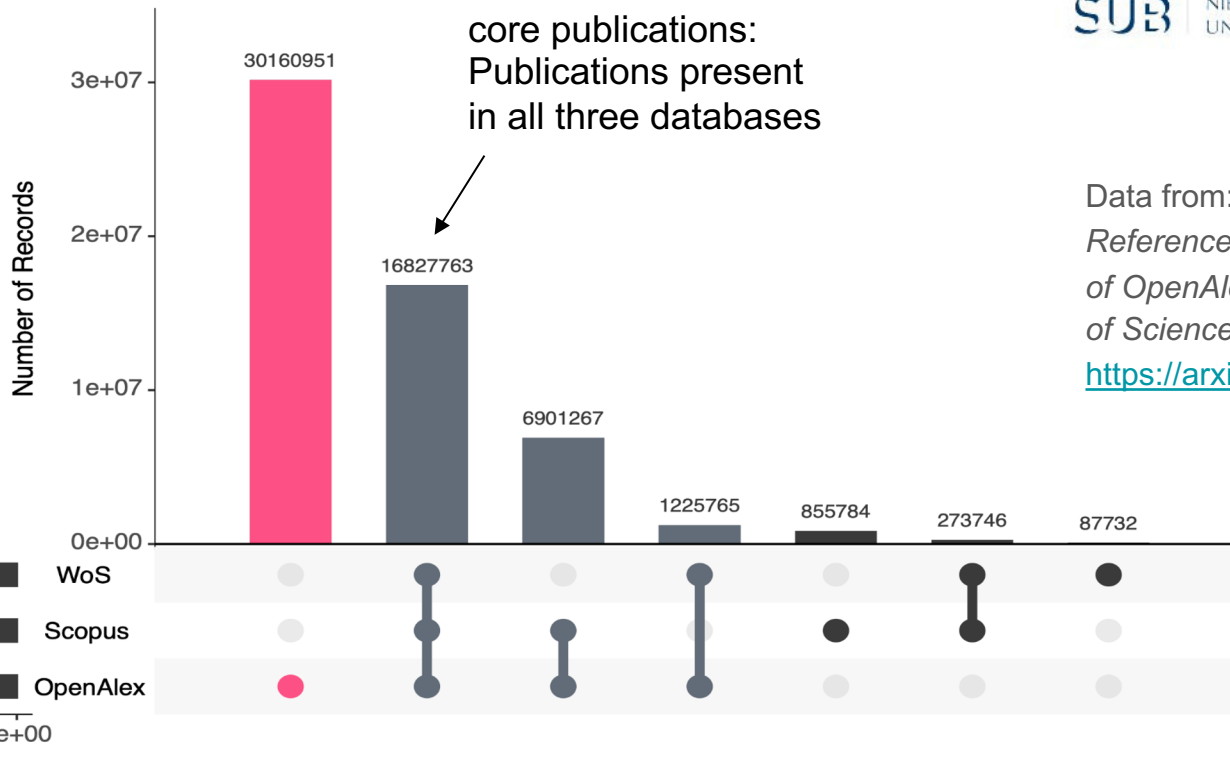
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Aims of KBOPENBIB

- ✓ Provision of OpenAlex within the KB data infrastructure
- ✓ Coverage analyses: Comparing OpenAlex with Web of Science and Scopus
 - Items and References
 - Authors
 - Affiliations from German institutions
 - Document types
 - Funding
 - Journals and publishers
 - Open Access and full-texts
-  Curation with focus on German research landscape

Overlap of OpenAlex, Scopus and Web of Science

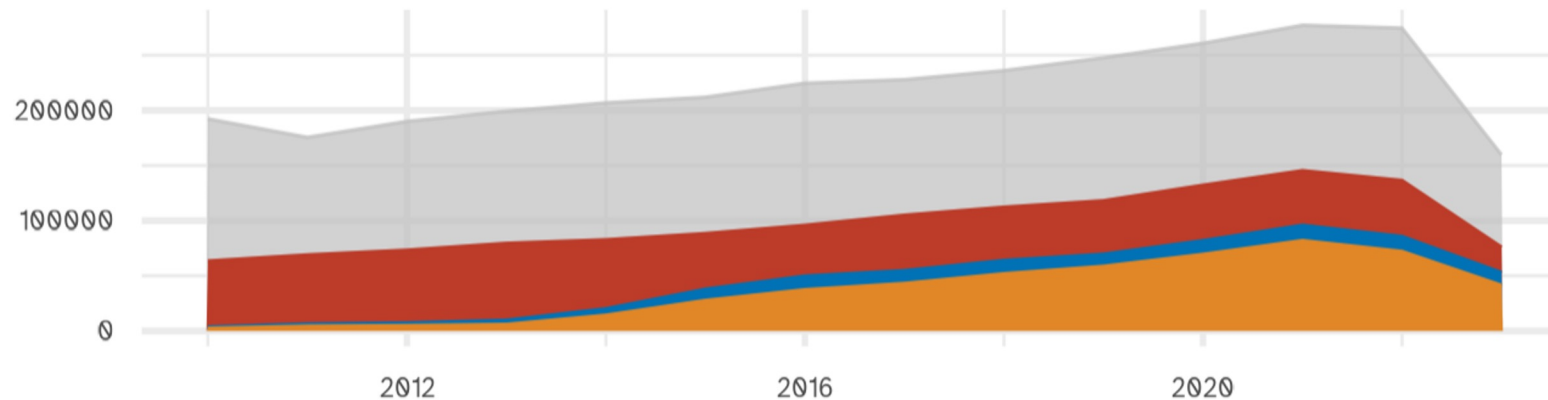


Data from: Culbert, et al. (2024)
*Reference Coverage Analysis
of OpenAlex compared to Web
of Science and Scopus.*

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2401.16359>

Coverage with respect to grant-supported articles

Deutsche Publikationen



Förderinformationen



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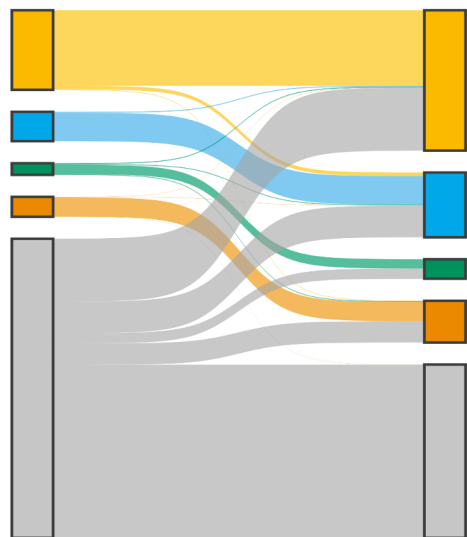


Crossref



OpenAlex

Improving open access status classification



before

after

OA Status



November snapshot available 187 views



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to OpenAlex users

Hi All,

The latest OpenAlex snapshot is available to download!

The release notes are:

RELEASE 2023-11-21

- improved affiliation matching for over 2 million works
- added keywords to works
- added cited_by_percentile_year to works
- removed 3.9 million authors with 0 works (merged into deleted profile)
- improved oa status classification, converting 2.1 million closed works to open access statuses (ongoing - credit: https://subugoe.github.io/scholcomm_analytics/posts/oalex_oa_status/)

We need to add cited_by_percentile_year to the docs and will do that soon. Enjoy!

Thanks,
Casey

Publisher disambiguation (2010-2022)

	Distinct publishers in core publications
WoS	3,478
Scopus	3,699
OpenAlex	2,008

core publications: Publications present in each of the databases (16.8 Mio.)

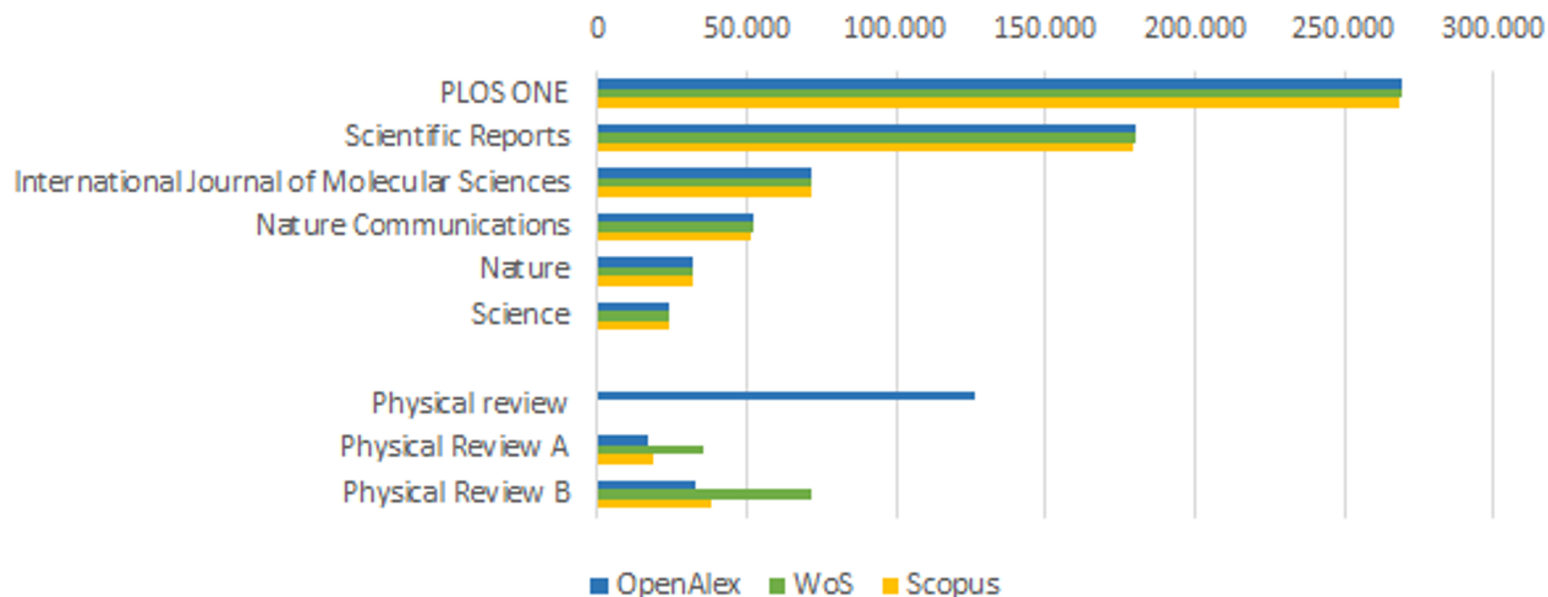
Publisher disambiguation (2010-2022)

	Distinct publishers in core publications	Wiley & Imprints	Elsevier & Imprints	Springer Nature & Imprints
WoS	3,478	26	45	51
Scopus	3,699	30	42	66
OpenAlex	2,008	4	2	8

core publications: Publications present in each of the databases (16.8 Mio.)

Journal disambiguation

Number of documents for a selection of the top journals of the core publications in OpenAlex, WoS, and Scopus 2010-2022



Affiliation disambiguation


	Web of Science	Scopus	OpenAlex
Distinct address strings	2,269,047	3,449,043	3,955,516
Matching addresses	85.6 %	84.7%	89.9 %
Distinct address-item-combinations	7,393,265	6,973,092	7,495,858
Matching addresses	93.2 %	88.5 %	89.5 %

Taubert (2024): OpenAlex im Kompetenznetzwerk Bibliometrie
<https://bi coll.ub.uni-bielefeld.de/index.php/kwi/article/view/1149/1161>

Author-name disambiguation

<https://openalex.org>


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- Engineering 1
- Environmental Sciences 1
- Management 1
- Respiratory System 1

Subject areas

Social Sciences • Computer Science • Engineering • Arts and Humanities • Business, Management and Accounting • Medicine • Biochemistry, Genetics and Molecular Biology • Environmental Science

Works

- Volatile organic compounds in the exhaled breath of young patients with cystic fibrosis
2006 · Michael Barker, Meike Hengst, et al. · *European respiratory journal/The European respiratory journal*
Cited by 153 PDF
- Creation of journal-based publication profiles of scientific institutions – A methodology for the interdisciplinary comparison of scientific research based on the J-factor
2009 · Rafael Ball, Bernhard Mittermaier, et al. · *Scientometrics*
Cited by 19 PDF
- Double Dipping in Hybrid Open Access – Chimera or Reality?
2015 · Bernhard Mittermaier · *ScienceOpen research*
Cited by 10 PDF
- Open Access Monitor Germany: Best Practice in Providing Metrics for Analysis and Decision-Making
2022 · Irene Barbers, Franziska Stanzel, et al. · *Serials review*
Cited by 4 PDF
- Data-Driven Transition: Joint Reporting of Subscription Expenditure and

Stats

110 results

type	count
article	95
book-chapter	10
preprint	2
dataset	1
paratext	1

institution	count
Helmholtz Association of German Research Centres	15
Forschungszentrum Jülich	15
RWTH Aachen University	3
University of Stuttgart	2
GSI Helmholtz Centre for Heavy Ion Research	1

topic	count
Role of Literature in Museum Exhibitions	49
Name Authority Control in Bibliographic Repositories	6
Estimating Vehicle Fuel Consumption and Emissions	5
Business Management in Information Age	4
Atmospheric Aerosols and their Impacts	2

open access

11,8%
13 works

year

WoS: 8 documents, 5 Open Access
Scopus: 8 documents, 6 Open Access

Conclusions

- OurResearch has developed an alternative to proprietary bibliometric databases in an astonishingly short time.
- OurResearch is very responsive to development contributions from the community.
- OpenAlex will remain permanently open (“Principles of Open Scholarly Infrastructures” (POSI), CC-0 license)
- A comparison with the established databases shows that there is still a need for development in some areas. Nevertheless, OpenAlex is already being used productively, e.g. by Sorbonne and CNRS (France), in the Leiden Open Ranking (The Netherlands), and in the German and Swiss Open Access Monitor.

Outlook for Competence Network Bibliometrics

Until end of 2024

 Open Data release covering German research

Until end of 2025

 Improved automatic data curation routines

Starting from 2026

 Selective licensing: One proprietary database + OpenAlex (and friends)

Starting from 2029

 Fully Open Data: Presumably only OpenAlex



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