The Scholarly Database and Its Utility for Scientometrics Research

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Medline	13,149,741	1965-2005	Yes	
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PNAS	16,167	1997-2002		Yes
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The Future: Science (Forecast) Maps Online

There is a need to

- Understand the inner workings of science in order to support scientific progress and innovation.
- To monitor and support science as an dynamic system that changes quantitatively and qualitatively over time.
- To bridge between industry and academia to support the development of ideas into products.
- To communicate the results of science and technology to anybody for educational purposes but also to justify expenditures.

Only high quality data will lead to high quality maps and insights. Hence, there is a need to harvest higher coverage (international and interdisciplinary) data, to clean data, and to interlink data types.

This can only be achieved in a collective effort similar to Wikipedia.

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- Needed is a 'marketplace' of scholarly data, algorithms, services, expertise, publications.
- > Maps of science can serve as a visual interface to these scholarly data types.
- Maps can be served in a Google Maps like fashion with wikipedia functionality, i.e., anybody can add data, comment on data, rate resources similar to Flickr or YouTube.

Incentive Design

- Many people will like to see themselves on the map providing incentives for them to help add and clean data.
- If funding agencies use these maps to see the impact of scholars as well as their work context then another major incentive is created.
- If industry uses these maps to enlist needed technologies and available funding opportunities then a 3rd incentive for being on the map is created.

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