AGING AND THE PRODUCTION OF HIGH-IMPACT AND TRANSFORMATIVE SCIENCE (HITS)

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• <u>Aim 1</u>

- Develop metrics and visualization tools to identify high impact and transformative science (HITScience),
- Identify the periods in which HITScience is produced,
- Document how these periods relate to the underlying features of fields, including researcher age.

Aim 2

- Document the nature of high-impact and transformative science relative to other work
- Study the inter-relationship between high-impact and transformative work

Outline

- Highlights of last six months' progress:
 - New definition of concept of field
 - HITS metrics for all of Medline, and some new HITS
 - Relating metrics to one another
 - Relating metrics to age of field
 - A new metric display tool (for vetting with domain experts; for research)
- Next steps

Metrics

Field Level

High Impact (but not necessarily transformative)

- Works highly cited
- Large number of articles, authors
- Increase in scientist flows into field

Transformative (and high impact)

- Reduction in backward citation ages
- Durable forward citations
- Works cited broadly
- New Concepts, especially new concepts mentioned frequently in future articles
- Obsolescence: reduction in mentions of/citations to concepts, articles, authors, important in past

Expanded to all of Medline

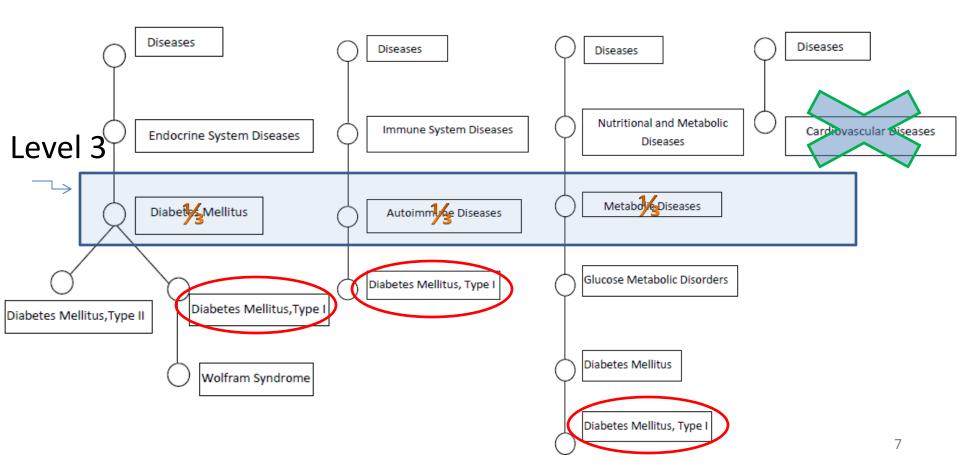
- Last report: As an initial step we used
 Neurodegenerative and Alzheimer's (NDA) as
 our platform for formulating measures
- Now all of Medline: Define fields, organize papers into fields and five year bins (1968-1972, 1973-1977, 1978-1982,...,2008-2012)
 - Then characterize each field-year bin by HITS measures

How we define an article's field

- Options: MeSH, journal subject categories, text.... We use MeSH
- MeSH issues
 - Multiple MeSH terms per article
 - One-to-many mapping of terms to tree locations
 - Not fully hierarchical

How we define an article's field

Example Article—MeSH terms: Diabetes
 Mellitus, Type 1; Cardiovascular Diseases



HITS in Medline

- First look at HITS
 - Do these measures make sense?
 - HITS measures "log residualized"—we log measures and take deviations from field and year means, because
 - Some measures are size dependent and size of subfields vary
 - End point of data affects our measures (e.g. forward citations are right censored)

Validity of our HITS metrics

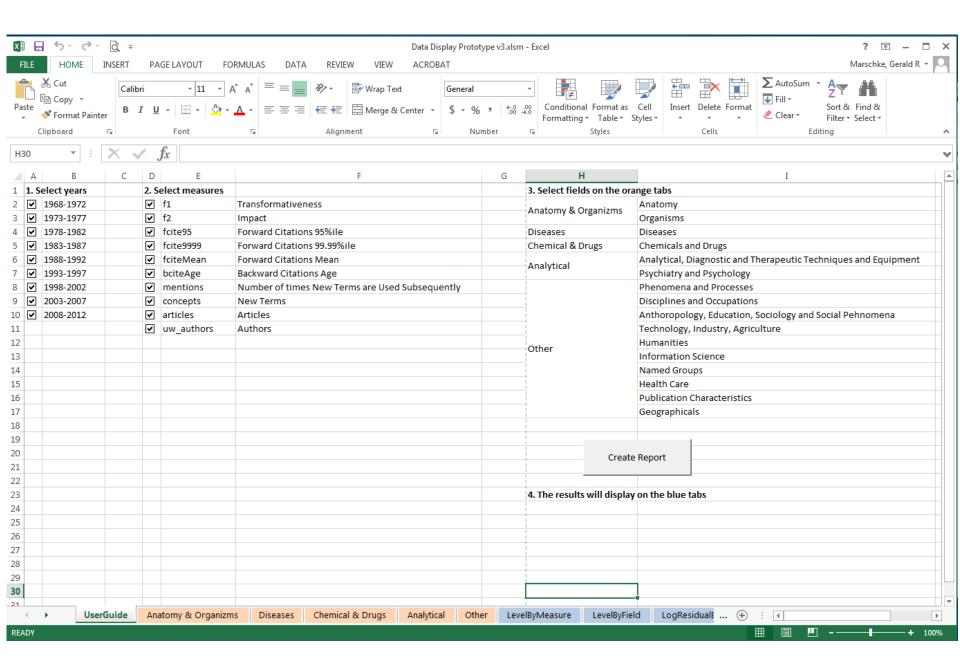
- Alternative HITS metrics should be positively correlated and they mostly are
 - Forward citation-based measures are strongly positively correlated with each other
 - Forward citation-based, text-based, size-based measures are positively correlated
 - Some surprises: In field-year bins with many forward citations, citations peter out relatively quickly (forward citations negatively correlated with forward citation age)

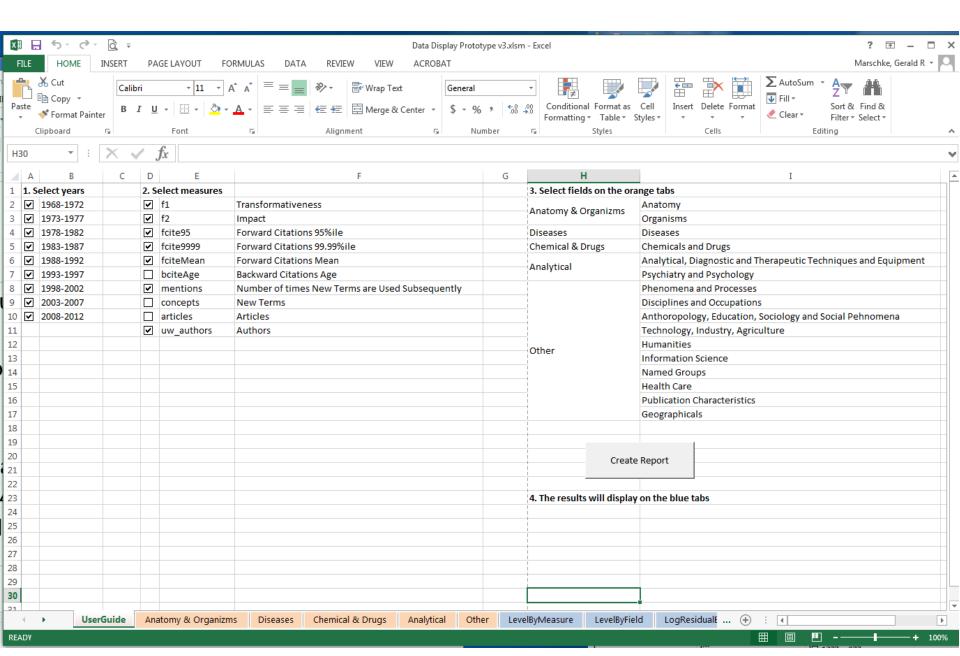
Correlation of HITS and Age Measures

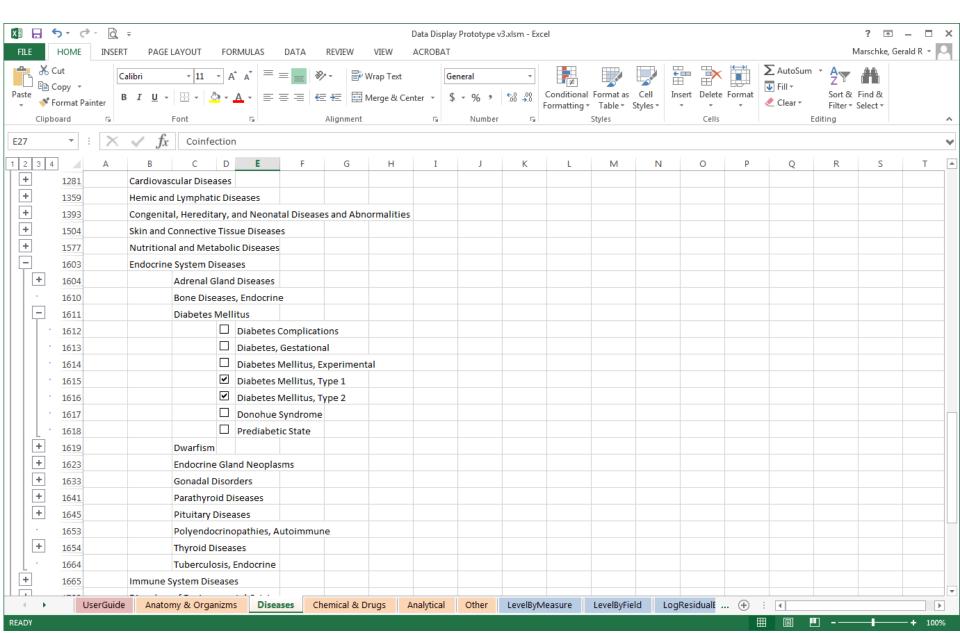
- Overall, field age-based measures negatively correlated with citations, text measures, and entry (the entry correlation is partially mechanical)
- Ages of entrants positively correlated with citations and text measures

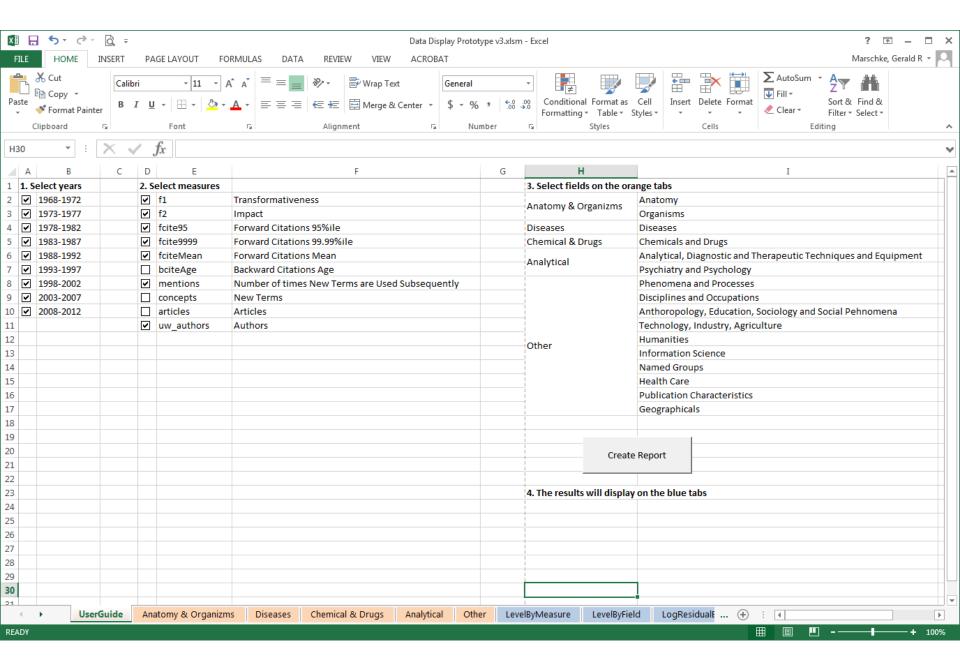
Metric Display Tool

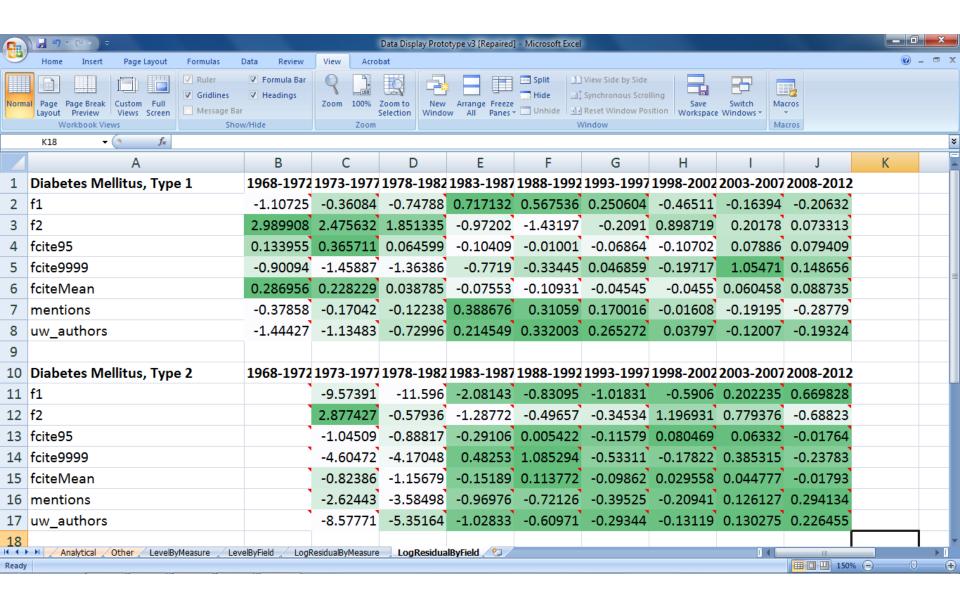
- We will use it to solicit expert feedback on our metrics
- Practitioners can select their field and the metrics.
- The tool will display a heat map representation of the ups and downs over the last 45 years in the field selected, according to the metrics selected.

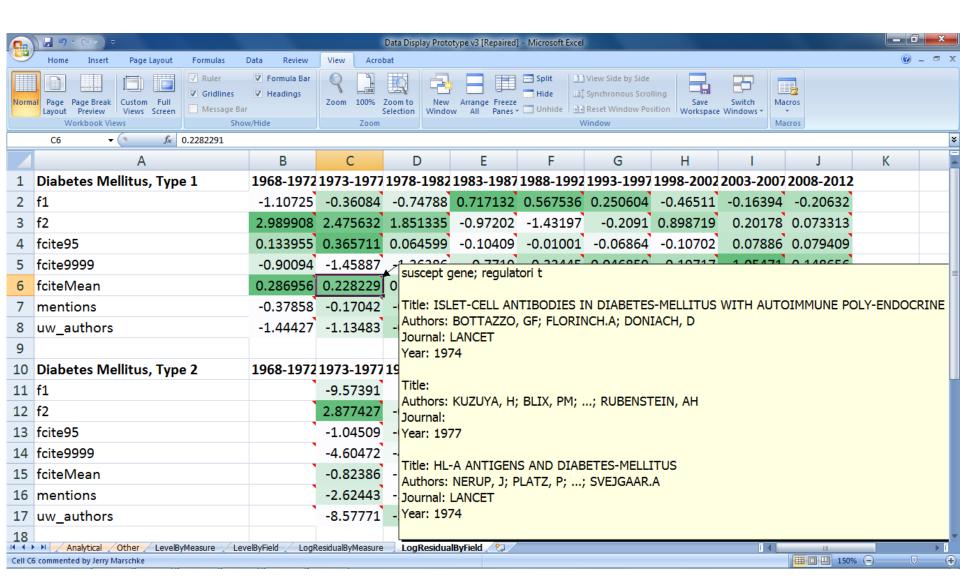












Next steps

- Vetting ideas for measures (Survey Monkey-WoS emails; Conferences; NIH Study Section scores)
- We are now wrapping up article-level measures of scientific impact/transformativeness and age (team age, age of oldest collaborator, etc)
- Publications:
 - We're close to having the field-level measures we said we would produce
 - Submit 1-2 articles to general science journals
 - Article-based measures for article based analysis