Multi-dimensional research assessment and SciVal; a very brief overview







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Agenda for today's discussion

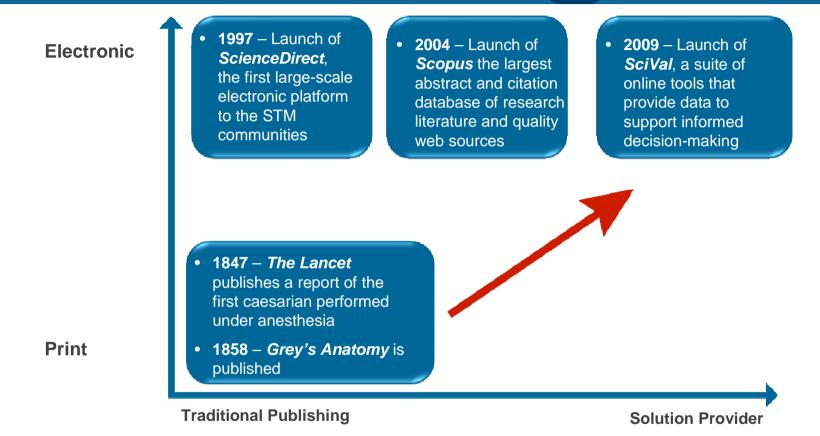


- Introduction
- •Short reference to the multi-dimensional assessment matrix
- Elsevier's solutions mapped
- Examples



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What do we hear around the globe?





Research Assessment

- "an attempt to measure the return on investment in scientific-scholarly research"
- evaluation of research quality and measurements of research inputs, outputs and impacts
- embraces both qualitative and quantitative methodologies

The future of research assessment exercises lies in the intelligent combination of metrics and peer review



Multi dimensional Research Assessment Matrix (Part) Sci Val

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Department	Increase multi-discipl. research	Innovation and social benefit	Actual citation impact	Invitations for conferences
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important to upfront determine who, why, and what to assess



MDRAM - examples



Individual
Hiring/promotion
Productivity & impact



Publications in international journals;

Actual citation impact



PhD date, place, supervisor; Invitations for conferences

Institution
Increase multi-discipl.
Research
Productivity & impact



% Papers in multi-disciplinary fields;
Co-authorships from different discipl



Inter-discipl. teaching programs;
Funding from multi-disc. res. programs



Positioning SciVal products



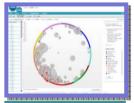
Unit of assessment	Purpose	Aspect	SciVal Product
Research group	Improve performance; Allocate resources	Productivity/ impact	Strata
Department; institution	Improve performance; Allocate resources;	Research infrastructure and potential	Experts Funding
Institution	Stimulate multi- disciplinary research; Improve performance;	Social benefits; sustainability; Prod./impact	Spotlight
Group, Dept, Institution	Improve performance & regional engagemt; Allocate resources;	Productivity/ impact; social impact; infrastr.	Custom Analytics







Identify specific expertise
Enable collaboration
Match with funding opports



assess research strengths collaboration potential determine what to fund compare to other institutes



Trends analyses
Benchmarking



SciVerse® Scopus – underlying data source for SciVal





- The largest abstract and citation database of research information
- 18,000+ active titles from more than 5,000 international publishers including coverage of:
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 - Social Sciences
 - Arts and Humanities
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Assess research-strength at country level

in this specific example, multi-disciplinary research strength

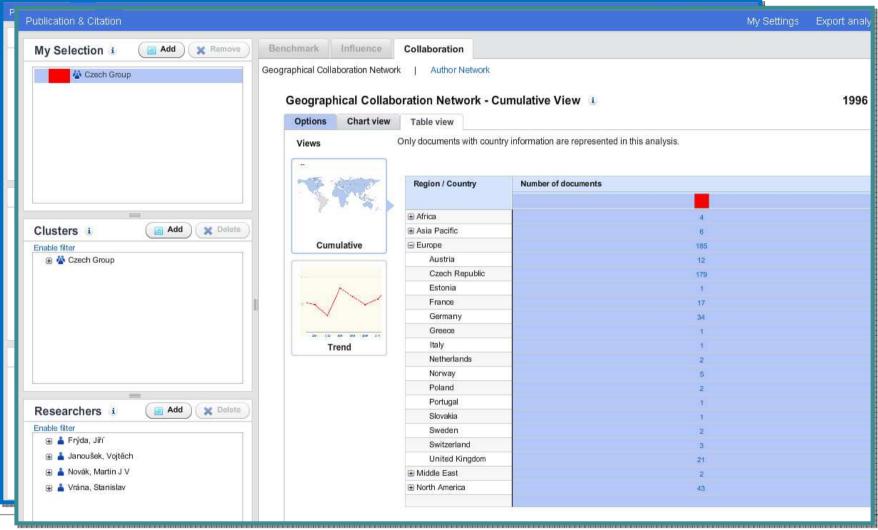


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Charles University		1.0.					12 📲
Masaryk University	DC #2	Kizek R.; Adam V.;		2,803 🔺	334 🔺		
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Assess research groups on different criteria and specific reference fields







Assess specific expertise





Access accurate, comprehensive author profiles of researchers, including publication lists, Grant, patent and CV data integrated to provide a more comprehensive picture of an institution's research expertise.



Note: SciVal Experts is customized for the institution. Sample screens from other organizations provided. Source: SciVal Experts (April 2011), University of Michigan, Johns Hopkins University

Some examples of Collaborations with Government organisations



 To provide support to the research evaluation exercise process: ARC (Australia),

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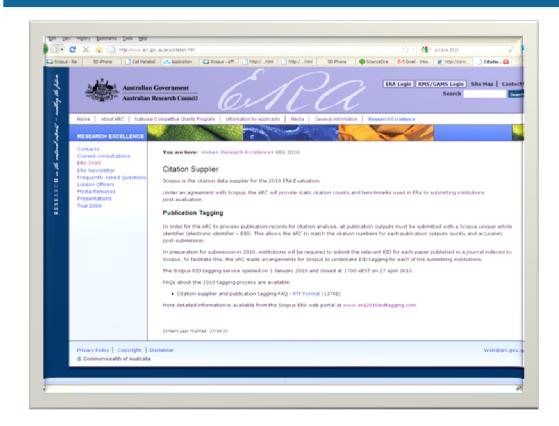






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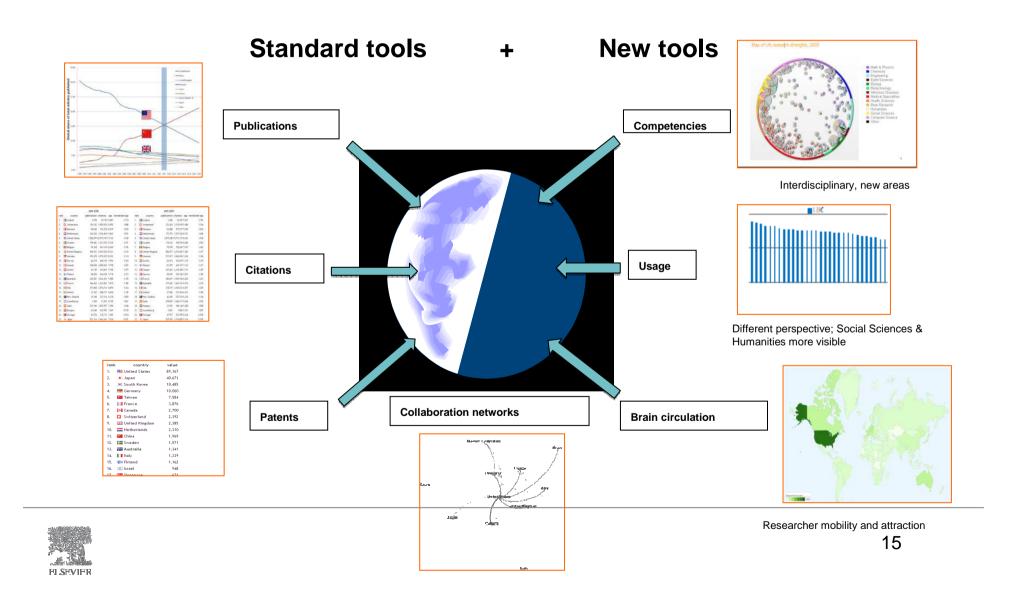
Assessment of research quality within Australia's higher education institutions using a combination of indicators and expert review by committees comprising experienced, internationally-recognized experts.

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Take away points



- √ The future of research assessment exercises lies in the intelligent combination of metrics and peer review
- ✓ Which metrics to use depends on the specific purpose of the evaluation, assessment, or analyses being considered
- ✓ Information providers are increasingly considered to be valuable partners that can contribute essential data, services and (customised) solutions
- ✓ We at Elsevier are keen to collaborate with academic institutions, funding agencies, and governments around the world to provide insights that meaningful contribute to high-quality research assessment, - evaluation, and - planning exercises.





Thank you





Annex



- Institutional and field delimitations
- Case studies



Top down versus bottom up approaches: institution and subject field "delimitation"



Select an institution's papers using author affiliations (incl. verification)



Categorize articles into research fields



Calculate indicators



Compare with benchmarks

BOTTOM UP

Compile a list of researchers



Compile a list of publications per researcher (incl. verification)



Aggregate researchers into groups, departments, fields, etc.



Calculate indicators; compare with benchmarks

Positioning SciVal products



Institutional delimitation	Semantic/field delimitation	SCIVAL product or service
Top-down	Top-down	Custom Analytics
Top-down	Bottom-up	Spotlight
Bottom-up	Top-down	Strata
Bottom-up	Bottom-up	Custom Analytics; Research Profiler



Making investment choices A case study: Tohoku University (Japan)





- The Tohoku University
 management team decided
 to create a special funding
 budget to allocate to
 selected research groups
- The challenge objectively distribute funds to stimulate research activity

Download the case study



Building a global network to fight cancer A case study: MD Anderson Cancer Center





- The VP of Global Academic Programs at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center wanted to create a network among researchers at MD Anderson and its 23 sister institutions around the world to help achieve its mission "Making Cancer History"
- The challenge enabling researchers and administrators to easily identify experts across institutions and facilitate opportunities to collaborate

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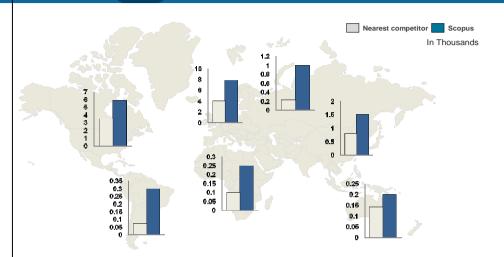
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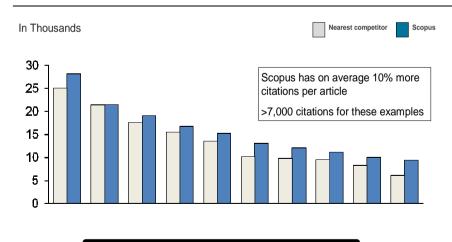
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- Academic contribution to the field
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