

Linked data, contextualisation and connections to which end?

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Linked data and the future of information sharing

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- The term 'Linked Data' is not use in its purest technical form throughout this presentation
- 'Linked data' is used to describe the connections and relations which are of use to the end user, not the technical representation of the data (as triplets etc.)
- In essence, 'Linked' is seen from the angle of the consumer of the data, not from the engineer who builds and provides the data infrastructure





The future of linked data is bright and it will empower and simplify information sharing.

...getting on the top of the mountain is hard

... and jumping requires trust in the cape...

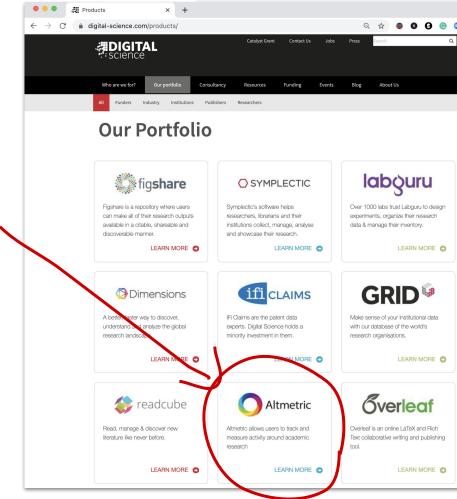
To translate this to our less risky reality:

- A lot of players are involved in establishing the linked aspect of the data
- The infrastructure in which is is provided to the beneficiary defines how much value can be derived from it



'Linking on to it'

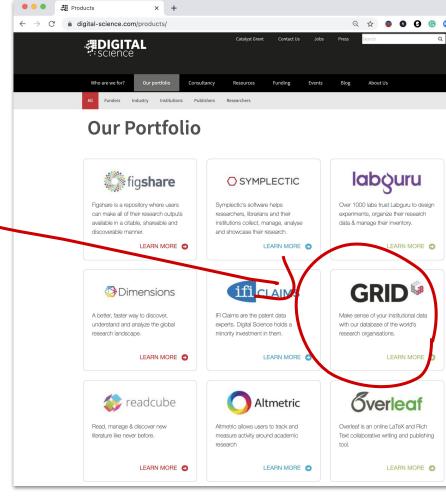
 E.g. Altmetric associates 16.7 million research outputs with 158.7 million mentions (on social media, news and blogs)





'Helping linking it'

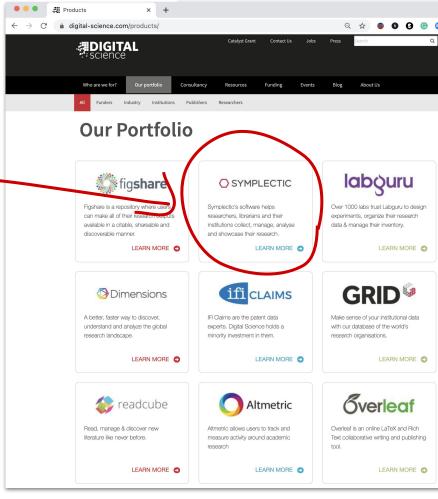
- GRID as persistent identifiers for research organisations
- Currently 99,609 institution records
- Dimensions API includes the matching capabilities to allow to resolve affiliation data
- Currently used as the basis for ROR
- https://grid.ac





'Making use of the linked data'

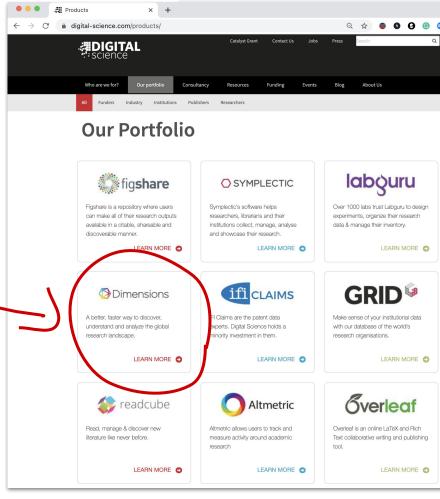
 Applications like Elements make use of linked data to support universities to plan and manage their research activities and outputs





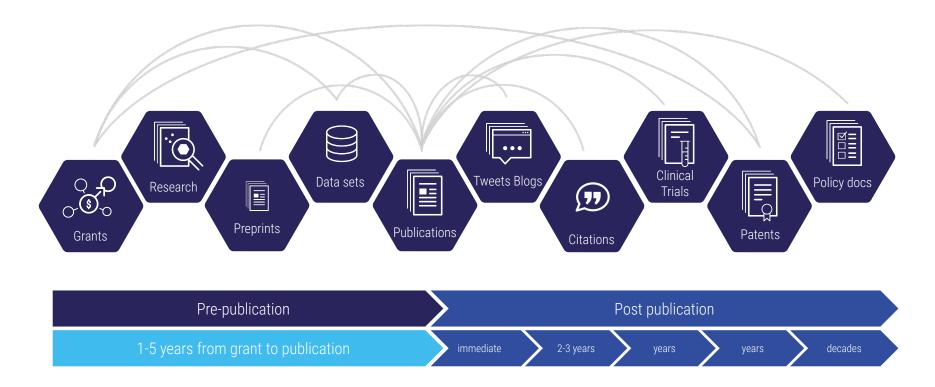
'Aggregating and linking it'

 with Dimensions where we are aggregating, curating and linking the largest research information dataset currently available



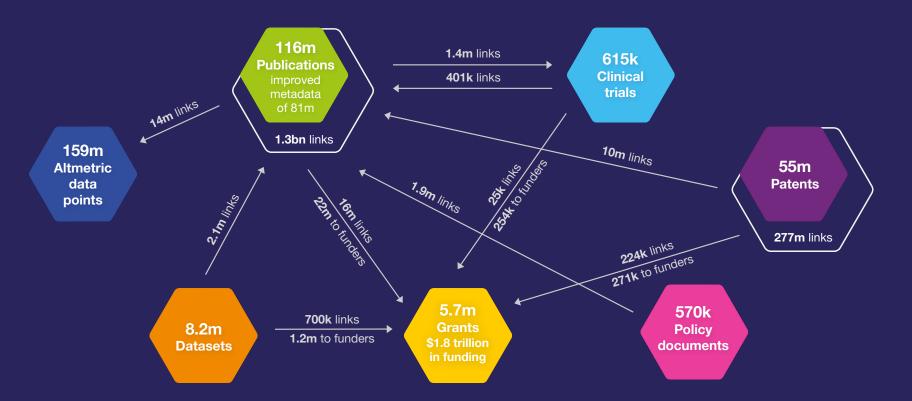


A much broader information landscape is available!



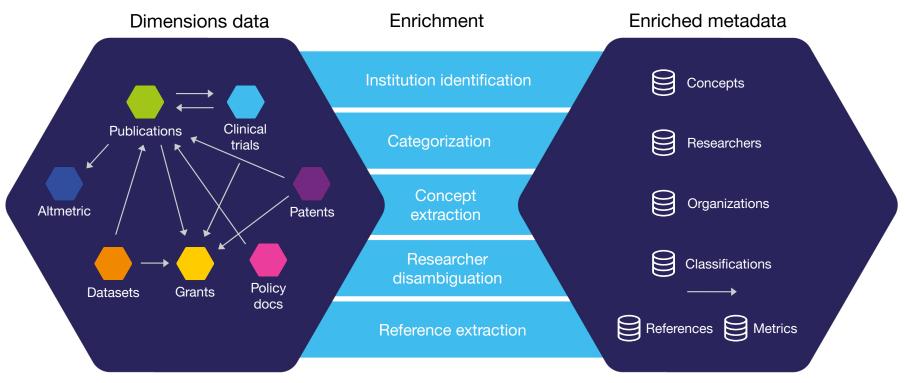


... and how that looks in Dimensions





Harmonised and curated data - see results without having to align the data first







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POLICY DOCUMENTS 568.871

Persistent Systemic Inflammation is Associated with Poor Clinical Outcomes in COPD: A Novel PLoS ONE 7(5) e37483 - May 2012 https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0037483 . Add to ORCID Alvar Agustí - Thorax Institute, Hospital Clinic, Institut d'investigacions Biomédiques August Pi i Surver (IDIBAPS). University of Barcelona and Centro de investigación et red de enfermedades respiratorias (CIBERES), Barcelona, Spain; Fundación Investigación Sanitaria Illes Balears (FISIB), Palma de Mallorca, Spain Stephen I. Rennard - University of Nebraska Medical Center **Dublication matrice** BACKGROUND: Because chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) is a heterogeneous condition, the identification of specific clinical phenotypes is key to developing more effective therapies. To explore if the persistence of systemic inflammation is associated with poor clinical outcomes in COPD we assessed patients recruited to the 99 504 Total citations 94 Recent citations well-characterized ECLIPSE cohort (NCT00292552), METHODS AND FINDINGS: Six inflammatory biomarkers in peripheral blood (white blood cells (WBC) count and CRP, IL-6, IL-8, fibrinogen and TNF-q levels) were quantified in 1,755 COPD patients, 297 smokers with normal spirometry and 202 non-smoker controls that were followed-up 115 Field Citation Ratio 19 Relative Citation Ratio Bloos (1) Policy documents (1) Authors thank all participants for their willingness to contribute to this study and all field-personnel for their commitment and quality of their work. Principal investigators and centers participating in eclipse (NCT00292552, SC0104960) Bulgaria: Y Ivanov, Pleven; K Kostov, Sofia. Canada: J Bourbeau, Montreal; M Fitzgerald, Vancouver; P Patents (6) Hemández, Halifax, K Kilian, Hamilton, R Levy, Vancouver, F Maltais, Montreal; D O'Donnell, Kingston. Czech Republic: J Krepelka, Praha. Denmark: J Vestbo, Hvidovre. The Mendeley (256 Netherlands: E Wouters, Horn, New Zealand; D Quinn, Wellington, Norway: P Bakke, Bergen, Slovenia; M Kosnik, Golnik, Spain; A Agusti, Jaume Sauleda, Palma de Document history 2012-05-18 Published online Supplemental data 2012 Dublished print Persistent Systemic Inflammation is Associated with Poor Clinical Outcomes in COPD: A Novel Phenotype Funded By Showing 1/15: Figure_S1.tif United States Department of Veterans Affairs 100% Research Categories 90% p<0.001 80% 1102 Cardiorespiratory Medicine and Haematolog 70% Research, Condition, and Disease Categorization 60% p<0.001 **1** p<0.001 50% 2 Clinical Research 40% Health Category (HRCS) **4** 30% 20% Research Activity Codes (HRCS) 2.1 Biological and endogenous factor 10% 2% 2% 0% 0% COPD (n=1755) Smokers (n=297) Non smokers (n=202) Clinical Medicine and Science Health Research Area: figshare ₹ Download 1/15 < > =

Example of publication detail record in Dimensions

- Largest amount of links realised by indexing of 81M full-text records with noun phrase detection
- E.g. the detected noun phrase "stable chronic obstructive pulmonary disease patients" links 825 publications, 1 grant and 6 clinical trials and 6 policy documents together



Associated datasets show all

Mean (SD), median [IQR], or proportion of the main characteristics of the three groups of participants at baseline

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Comparison of baseline demographics, clinical, physiological and imaging characteristics of COPD patients with none or two (or more) biomarker levels in the upper quartile of the COPD distribution both at baseline and at one year follow-up

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Summary of logistic regression for persistent systemic inflammation (defined as in upper quartile at both visits for at least 2 biomarkers)

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- Disambiguated authors (taking ORCID ID into account)
- Affiliations/organisations resolved to GRID
- Citation count, derived indicators
- Altmetric indicators and score
- Document history linking preprints and publication dates
- Links to supporting funders through acknowledgement section mining

Different machine learning based classification systems based on the content of the article

MeSH terms for article

Cross-Sectional Studies; Fibrinogen; Humans Interleukin-6: Interleukin-8: Leukocyte Cou

* Abstract at PubMed * Full text at PMC

Related datasets with preview of data

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Publication references - 44 show all Systems medicine and integrated care to combat chronic noncommunicable diseases Jean Bousquet, Josep M Anto, Peter J Sterk, Ian M Adoock, Kian Fan Chung, Josep Roca, Alvar Agusti, Chris Brightling, Anne Cambon-Thomsen, Alfredo Cesario, Sonia Abdelhak, Shylianos E Antonarak. 2011, Genome Medicine - Article Cristions 155 Movetic 17 J. View PDF III., Add to Library Identification and prospective validation of clinically relevant chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) subtypes Judith Garcia-Aymerich, Federico P Gómez, Marta Benet, Eva Farrero, Xavier Basagaña, Ángel Gayete, Carles Paré, Xavier Freixa, Jaume Ferret, Antoni Ferrer, Josep Roca, Juan B Gáldiz, Jaume Saufeda, Crations 234 Novetic 1 7 Open Appeas Network medicine: a network-based approach to human disease Albert-László Barabási, Natali Gulbahce, Joseph Loscalzo Cristions 2.6k Abjectic 71 S View PDF Supporting grants - 2 show all Sorted by: Start Date Funding amount (USD), Funding period University of Edinburgh/MRC Centre for Inflammation Research 2011 - 2017 Medical Research Council to John Iredale 4,712,147 Pathobiology of alpha-1-antitrypsin deficency and the serpinopathies Medical Research Council to David Arthur Lomas Clinical trial references - 1 Show all Sorted by: Date Trial period A Multicentre 3 Year Longitudinal Prospective Study to Identify Novel Endpoints and Compare These With Forced Expiratory Volume in 1 Second (FEV1) for Their Ability to Measure and Predict COPD Severity and Its Progression Over Time GlaxoSmithKline (United Kingdom) Publication citations - 504 show all Chronic lung diseases: prospects for regeneration and repair. Peter J Rames Gary P Anderson Malin Fanerás Maria G Relvisi 2021, European Respiratory Review - Article Abovesic 15 [2] Open Access \$24 Add to Library Combination of Systemic Inflammatory Biomarkers in Assessment of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease: Diagnostic Performance and Identification of Iva Hlapčić, Daniela Belamarić, Martina Bosnar, Domagoi Kifer, Andrea Vukić Dugac, Lada Rumora 2020, Diagnostics - Article Above 1 View PDF 15, Add to Library Association of Plasma Heat Shock Protein 70 with Disease Severity, Smoking and Lung Function of Patients with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Iva Hlapčić, Andrea Hulina-Tomašković, Marija Grdić Rajković, Sanja Popović-Grle, Andrea Vukić Dugac, Lada Rumora Orations 1 View POF P+ Add to Library Patent citations - 6 show all Anti-TNF-alpha/CXCL10 Double-Targeting Antibody and Use Thereof Seoul National University Hospital - KANG HEUN-SOO, PARK SO-HYUN, SONG YEONG WOOK, SHIN KI CHUL, LEE EUN YOUNG, LEE EUN BONG, PARK YOUNG WOO, PARK BUM-CHAN, LEE DONG HEE, KI... Application US-20160108118-A1 - Published 2016-04-21 Filed 2014-05-22 Priority 2013-05-22 Family: 11 99 5 Anti-TNF-q/CXCL10 double-targeting antibody and use thereof Seoul National University Hospital - KANG HEUN-SOQ, PARK SO-HYUN, SONG YEONG WOOK, SHIN KI CHUL, LEE EUN YOUNG, LEE EUN BONG, PARK YOUNG WOO, PARK BUM-CHAN, LEE DONG HEE, KI... Grant US-10087248-82 - Published 2018-10-02 Granted 2018-10-02 Priority 2013-05-22 Family: 11

• Cited publications with indicators

Supporting grants linked to the publication

References to clinical trials

• Citing publications

Citing patents

• Related Policy Documents

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease in over 16s; diagnosis and management; E: Predicting and preventing exacerbations

Policy document citations - 1 Show all

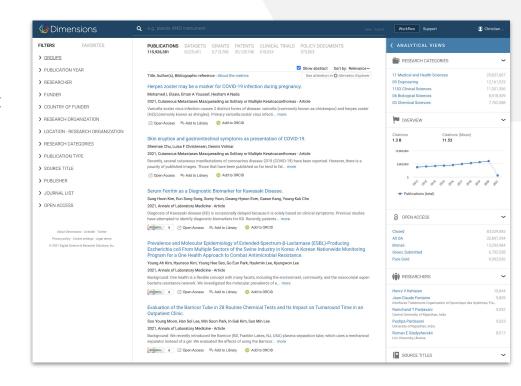
2018, National Institute for Health and Care Excellence

But how to serve the linked data up to users with different use cases, different levels of technical skills?



Discovery use case - the easy to use web application

- Linked information is an incremental value, not a game changer
- Needs to be provided as additional context
- Relies on the user to 'connect the dots'
- But no context and data in silos is not acceptable anymore!
- Dimensions with 116M publications and datasets and all the context on a record level is openly available





Easy access to all the links - Dimensions on Google BigQuery

- Access to the linked data matters
- Ability and skills to work with the raw data have increased tremendously with new technology advancing!
- With Dimensions, the underlying data is available together with the computing infrastructure - start within seconds!
- No new skills required, use SQL to explore the links or standard BI tools
- ... and add your own linked data into the analysis!





2,212,574,878 of the most basic relations

- Only taking into account:
 - Person/researcher

 - Citing relationship 0
 - Affiliation/organisation 0
- Funded by 0
- None of the classification or indexing related
- None of the relations which could be derived using
- relations included
- ontologies mining the fulltext

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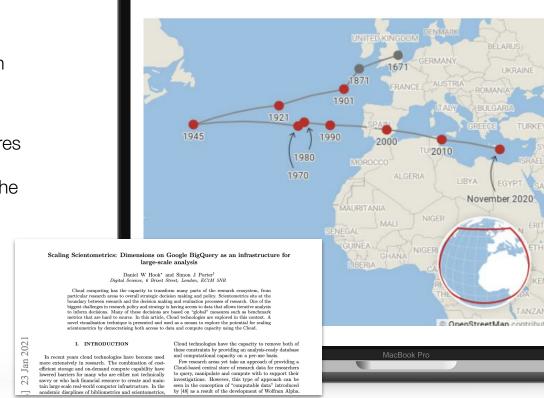


A few example use cases



Research use case - the centre mass of research shifting through the centuries

- Motion of the centre of mass of research production from 1671 to present day.
- The centre of mass calculation is unweighted by citations or other measures and is based solely on the outputs of papers by institutions that appear in the GRID database
- https://arxiv.org/pdf/2101.09567.pdf





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COVID-19 research - centre of mass movement in recent months

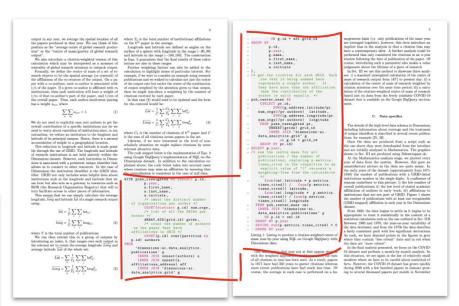
- Centre of mass for COVID-19 related research activities from January 2020 to Nov 2020
- The direction 'East to West' will most likely be reversed in the coming 24 months
- On a more serious note, this shows that a linked research information infrastructure allows 'realtime bibliometrics'





Accessibility of linked data matters to many matters!

The analysis were tapping into more than 1.4 billion relations - and only took a 30 seconds on a dataset with 116 million records

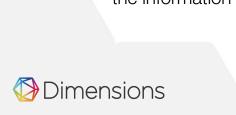


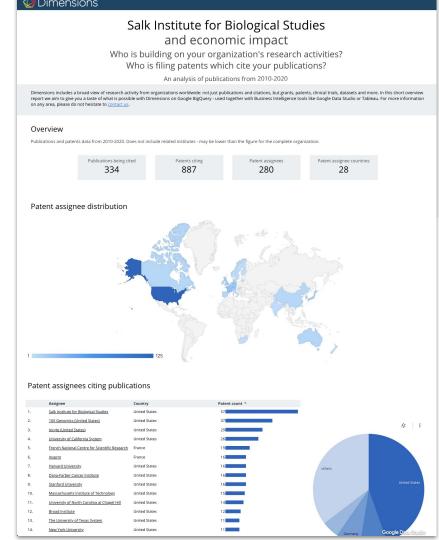
Can be replicated within seconds by everyone - without technical barriers, without tedious data preparation!



Economic impact based on patent citation analysis

- One of the links established: which publications are cited by patents
- If the publications of one organisation are taking into account, the organisation can quickly see which companies and other institutions are 'standing on their shoulders'
- Without 'ready-made' links, this is out of reach for most organisations
- With a linked data infrastructure, it takes seconds
 - As a simple SQL query
 - ... or even as a dashboard summarising all the information





Supporting the publishing workflow - possible with a ready to go linked research information resource

Manuscript processing	Review process	Post publication
Context for authors via ORCID or name matching	Identify reviewers based semantic matching	Monitor reception and indicators (citations, altmetrics)
Context for research topic at host institutions	Provide conflicts of interest for potential review candidates (co-author and institutional	Build up dynamically fueled author network
Funded grants and funders for APC eligibility	affiliation)	Monitor preprint activity of your authors
Journals with semantically similar publications		Monitor funding of your authors

All possible with a few persistent identifiers and linked data - e.g. provided as Dimensions on Google BigQuery!



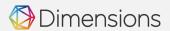
Creating real 'Linked Data' is possible...

- ... but more a question of copyrights and interests!
- Digital Science realized for Springer Nature a Linked Data graph with appr. 2 billion triples using Dimensions as the basis



- ... and while we cannot provide with Dimensions a Linked (Open)
 Data set in the pure technical sense (yet)
- ... the team is focusing on providing a versatile linked data 'cape' which suits many, which is safe and is easy to wear!
- ... to make linked data speak so that we can understand the complex processes better and facilitate information sharing!





Thank you!

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