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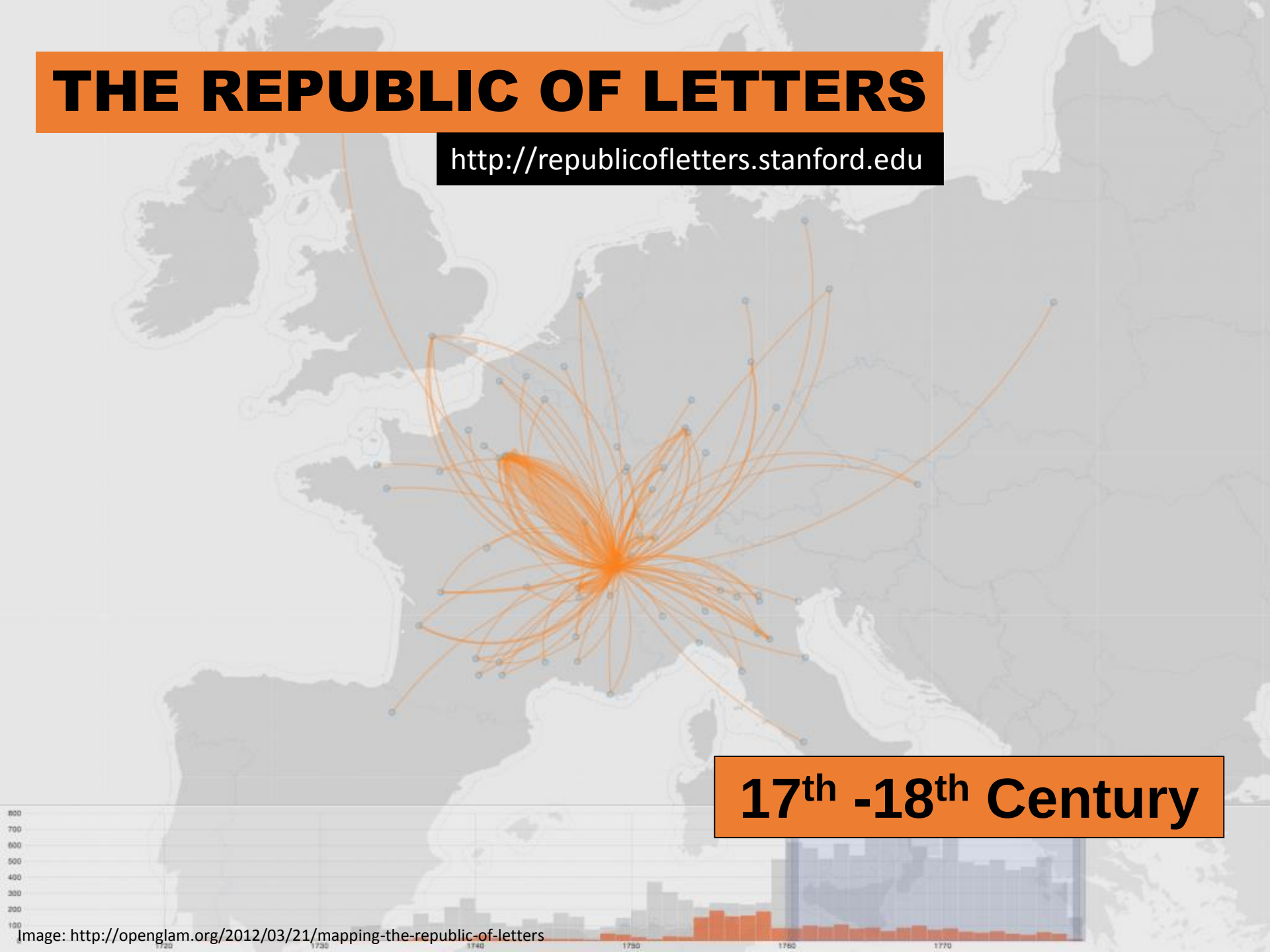

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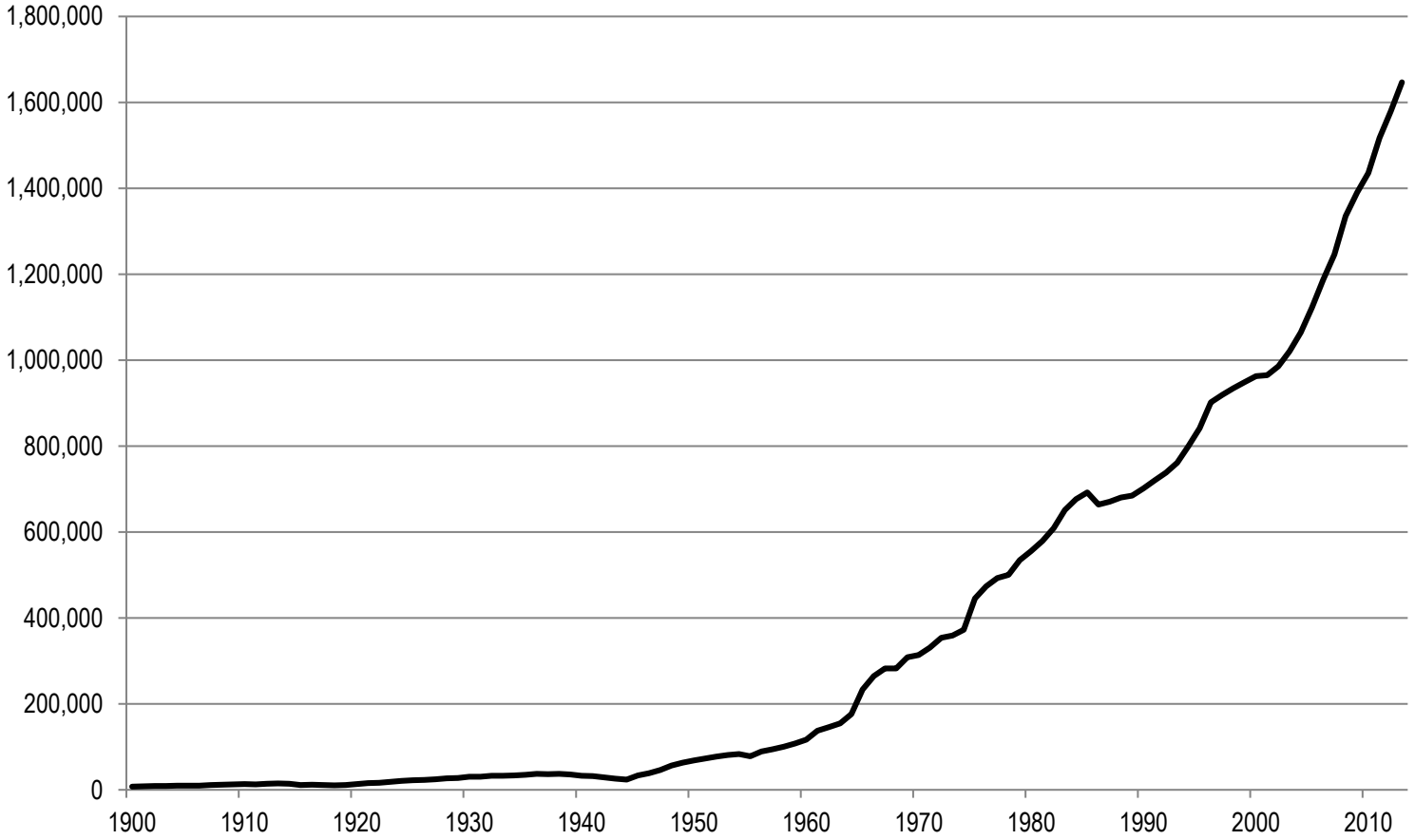

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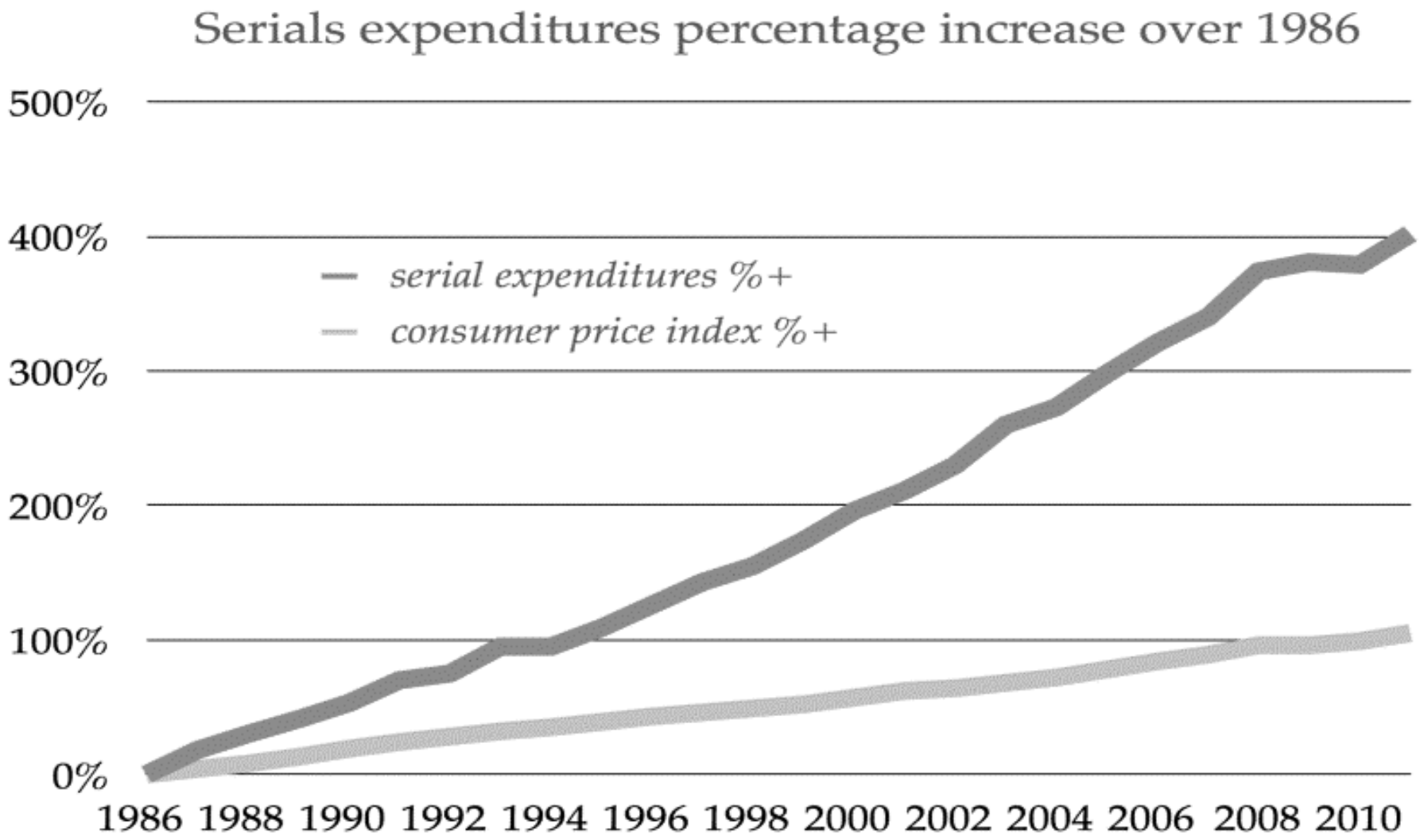

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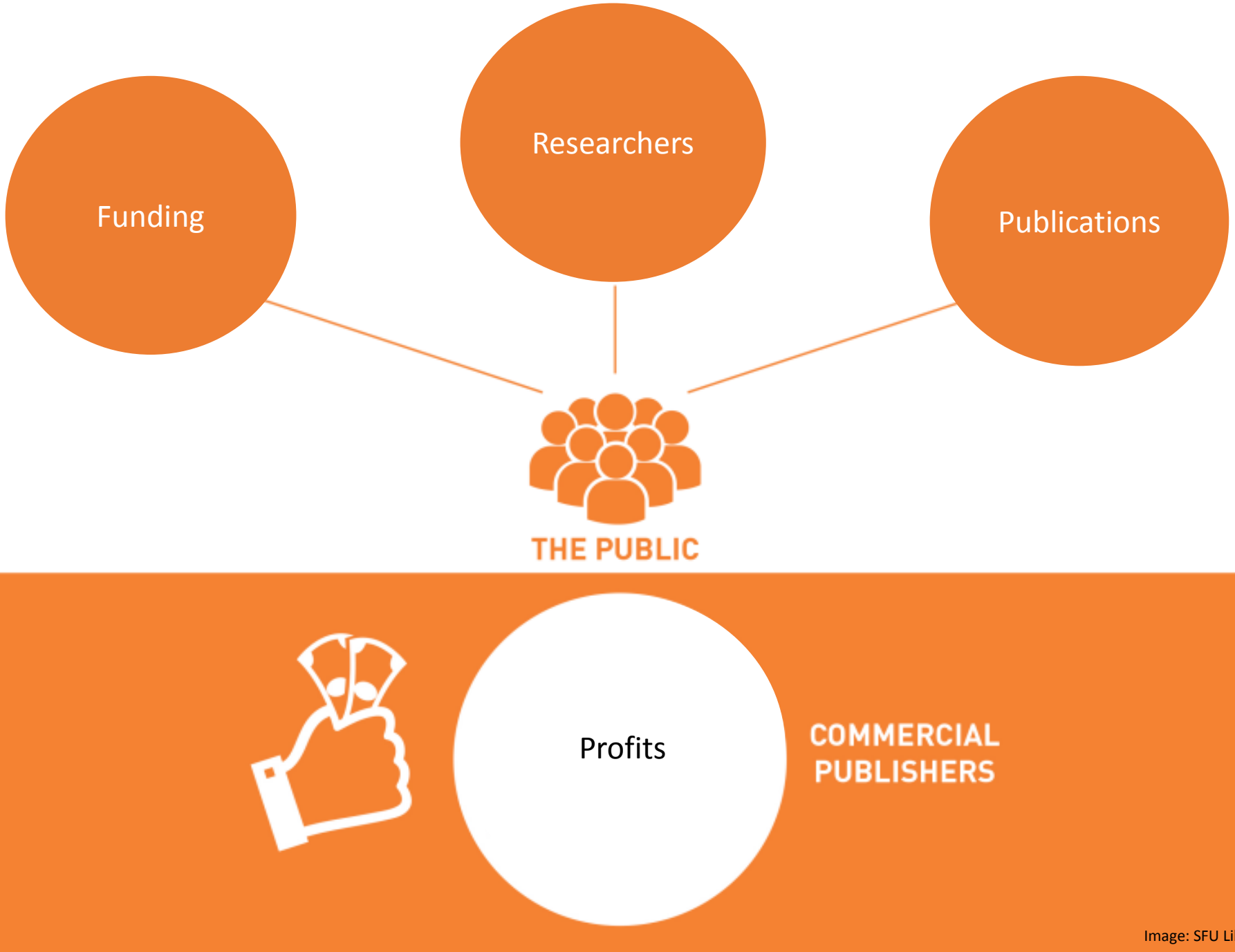

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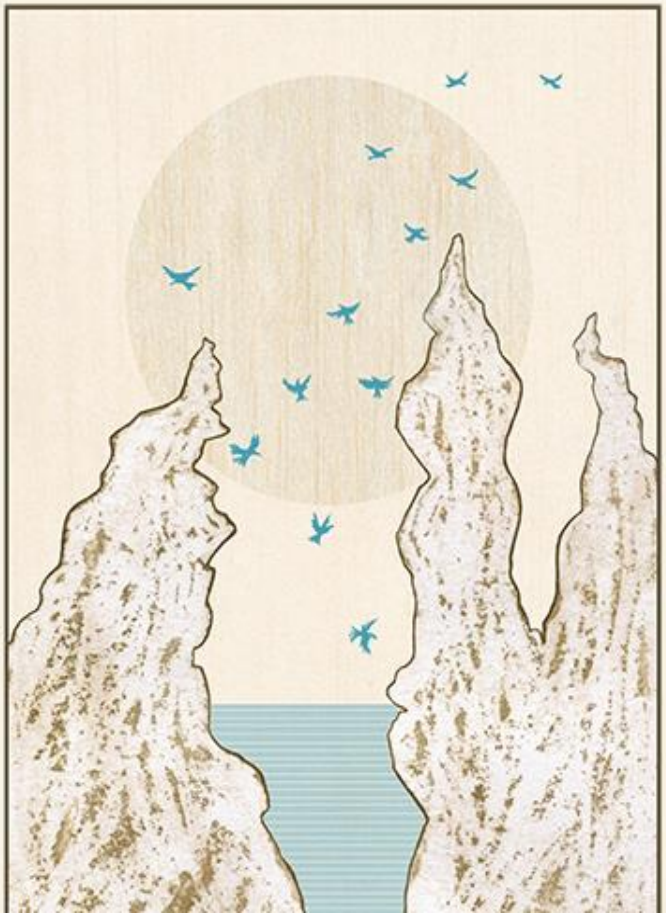

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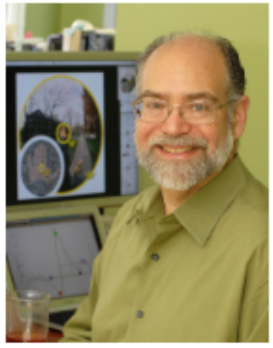

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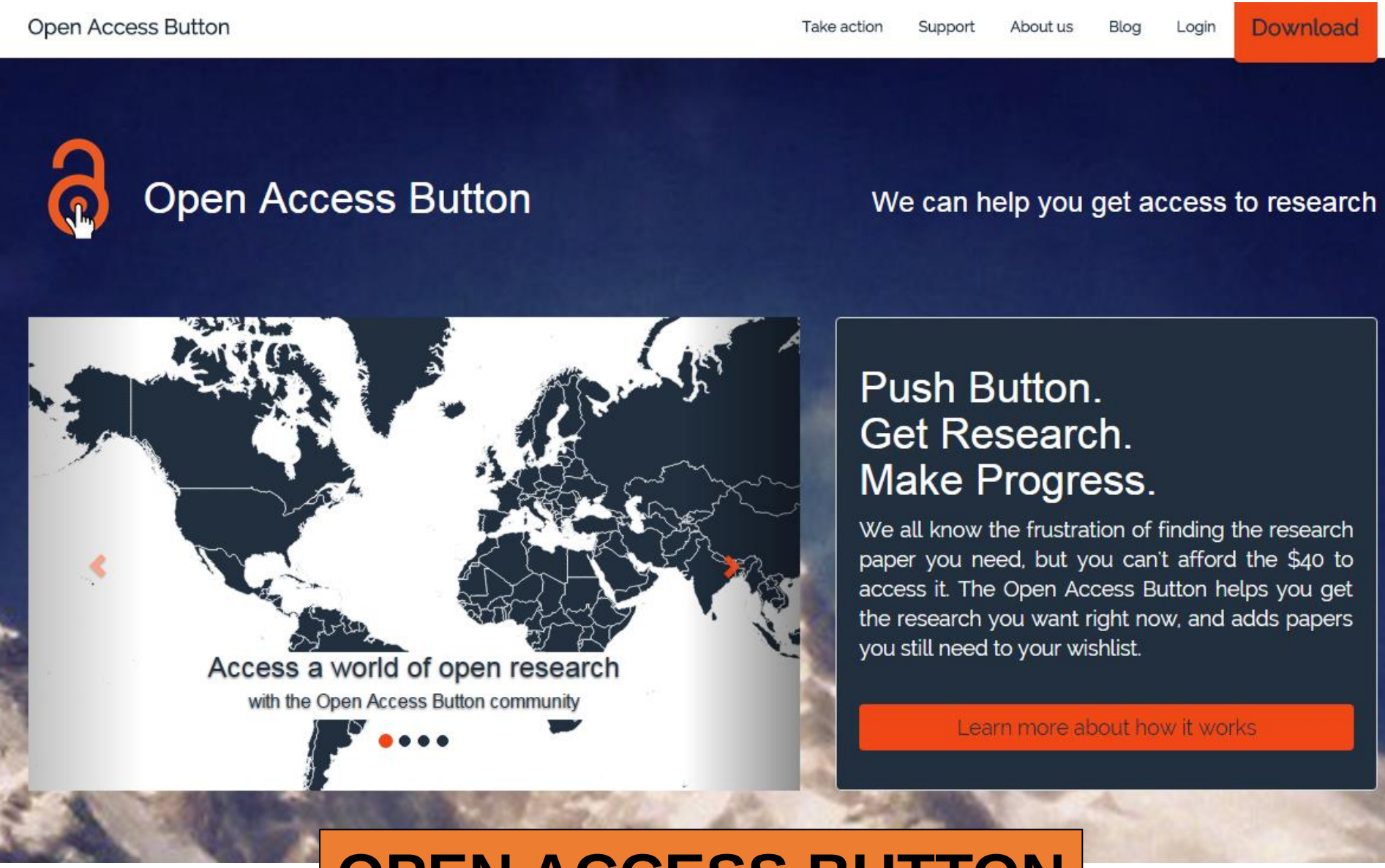

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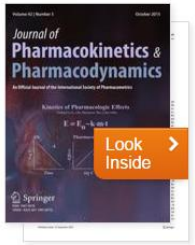

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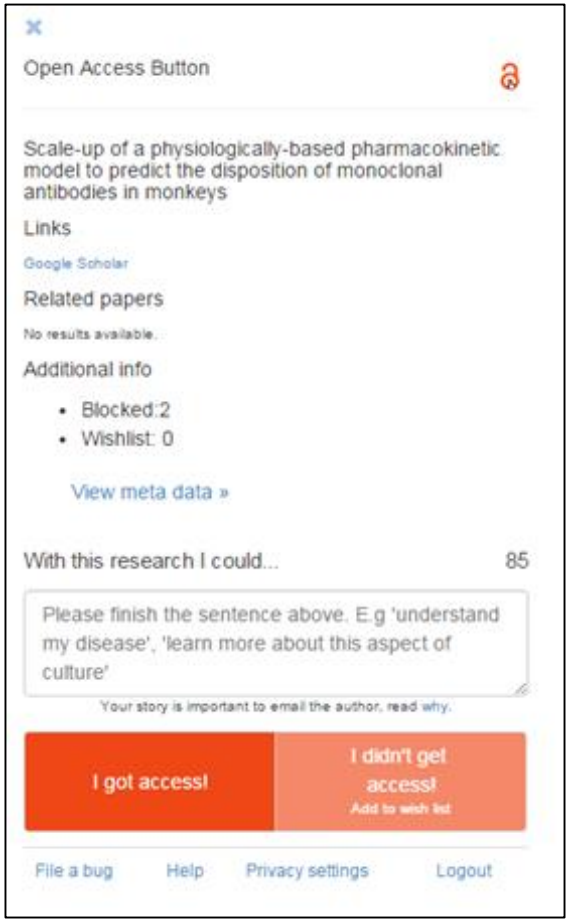
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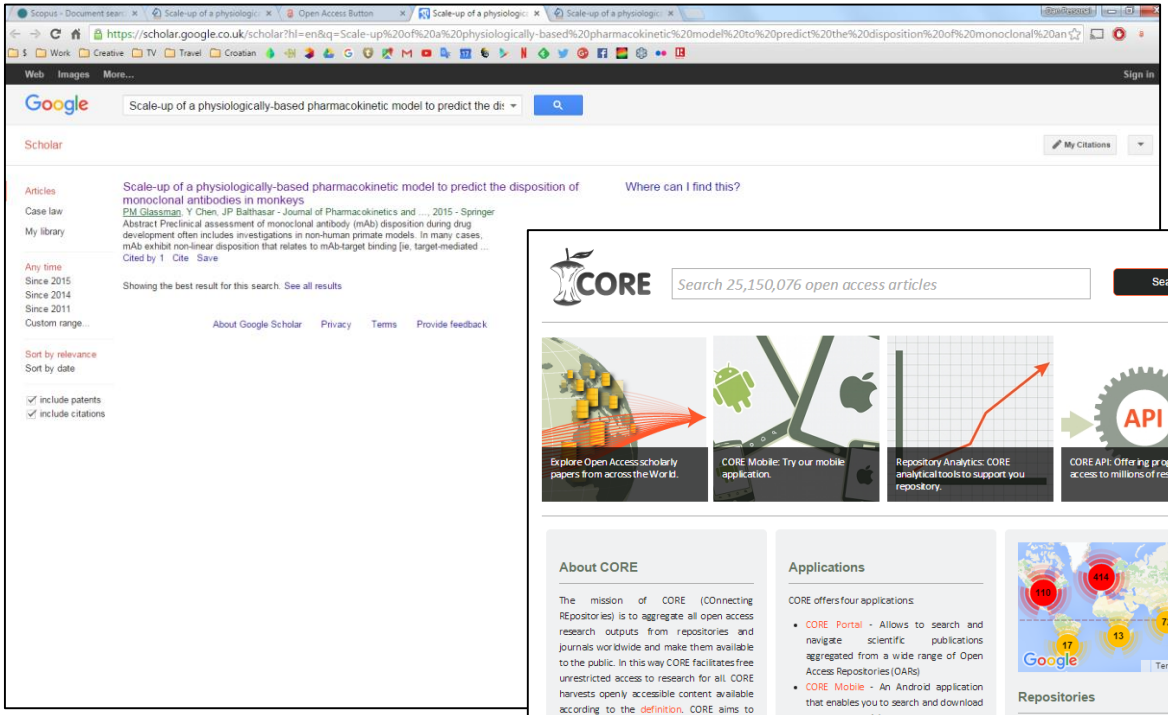
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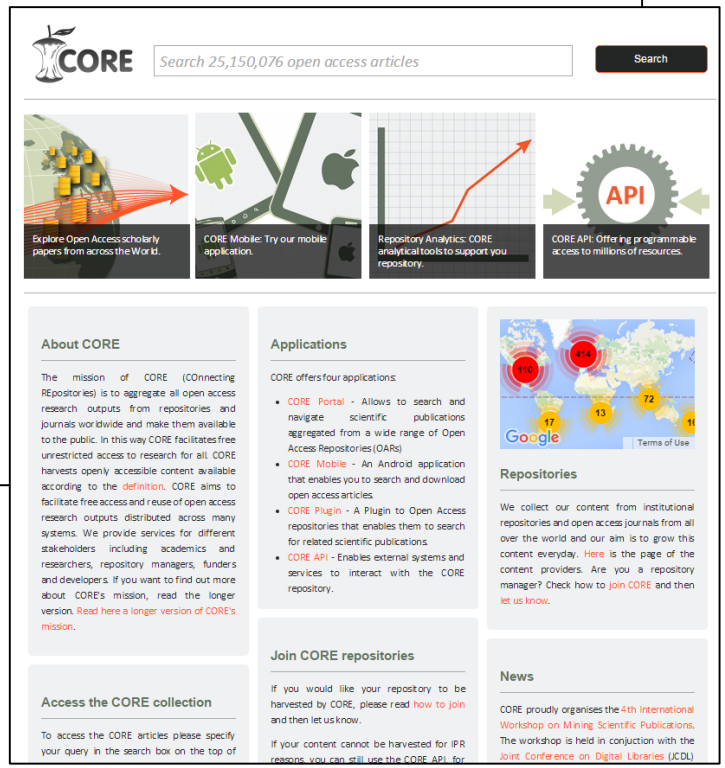
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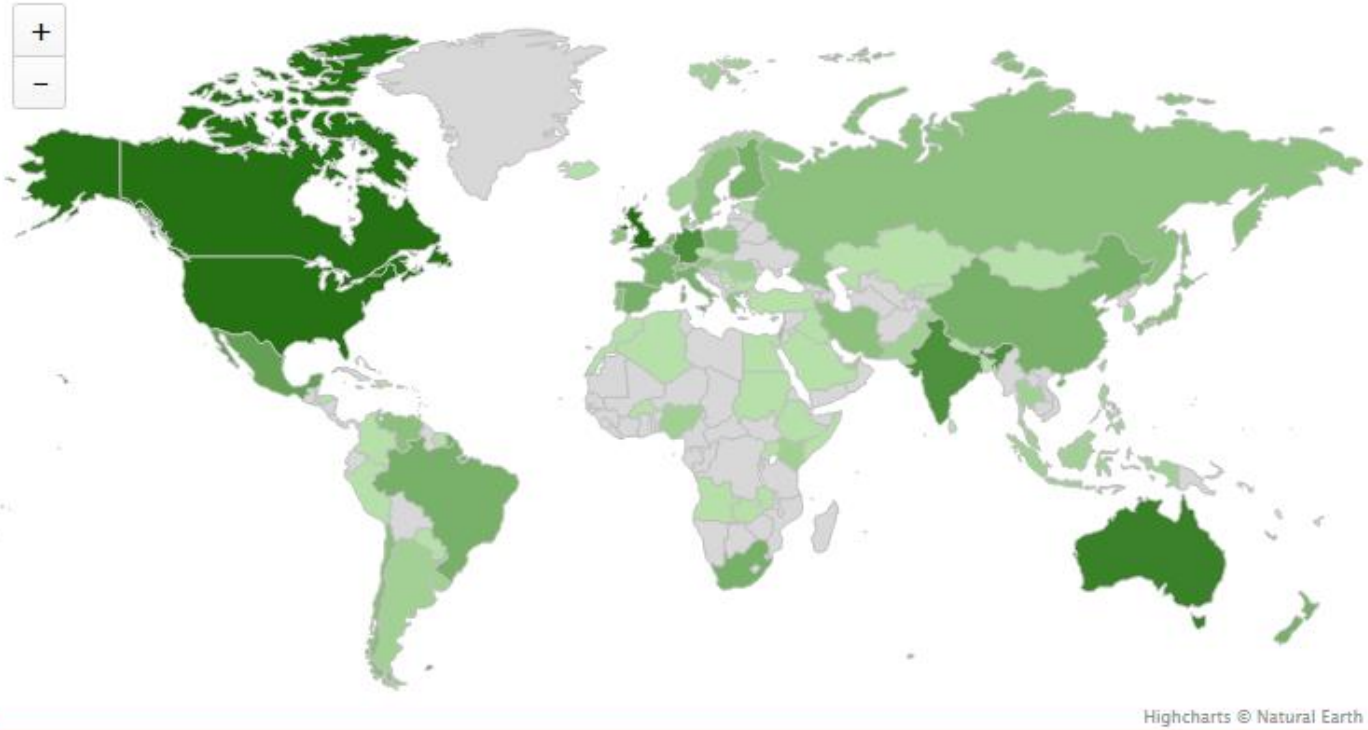

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Lars Bjørnshauge set up the Directory of Open Access Journals in 2003.

PUBLISHING

Open-access website gets tough

Leading directory tightens listing criteria to weed out rogue journals.

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When Lars Bjørnshauge founded a website to index open-access journals in 2003, just 300 titles made the list. But over the next decade, the open-access publishing market exploded, and Bjørnshauge's Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) along with it. Today the DOAJ comprises almost 10,000 journals — and its main problem is not finding new publications to include, but keeping the dodgy operators out.

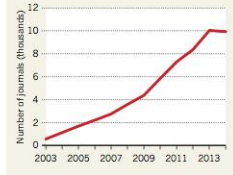
Now, following criticism of its quality-control checks, the website is asking all of the journals in its directory to reapply on the basis of stricter criteria. It hopes the move will weed out 'predatory journals': those that profess to publish research openly, often charging fees, but that are either outright scams or do not provide the services a scientist would expect, such as a minimal standard of peer review or permanent archiving. "We all know there has been a lot of fuss about questionable publishers," says Bjørnshauge.

The reapplication process will also create one of the largest 'whitelists' of acceptable open-access journals, helping the DOAJ to become a more useful tool for funders, librarians and researchers who want to look up information on a publication or import its metadata into their catalogues. Those journals meeting the highest criteria — expected to be about 10–15% of the total — will also be given a 'seal' of best practice.

The DOAJ, which receives around 600,000 page views a month, according to Bjørnshauge, is already supposed to be filtered for quality. But a study by Walt Crawford, a retired library systems analyst in Livermore, California, last month (see go.nature.com/z524co) found that the DOAJ currently includes some 900 titles that are mentioned in a blacklist of 9,200 potential predatory journals compiled by librarian Jeffrey Beall at the University of Colorado Denver (see *Nature* **495,** 433–435; 2013). In addition, journalist John Bohannon last year proved that at least 73 journals in the DOAJ were suspect; in a sting operation, he sent them an obviously flawed paper which they then accepted for publication (J. Bohannon *Science* **342,** 60–65; 2013). The DOAJ removed the journals from its index.

STUNTED GROWTH

The Directory of Open Access Journals grew rapidly — until it began culling low-quality publications last year.



The DOAJ had the idea of introducing stricter standards a few years ago, says Alma Swan, co-founder of the non-profit company IS4OA, which now operates the DOAJ (previously it was hosted by Lund University in Sweden). "We need to show which journals come up to a minimum standard of quality," she says.

Since May, would-be new members have had to fill in a tougher entry form containing more than 50 questions, which will now form the basis of the reapplication criteria. They include requests for information on a journal's digital archiving policy, its editorial board and its content licensing. "I suspect about 10% of journals on the list will not be able to pass the reapplication," says Bjørnshauge.

Paul Peters, the chief strategy officer at open-access publishers Hindawi, headquartered in Cairo, believes that the new criteria will be "incredibly important". "Scholarly researchers need a way to determine whether a given journal is adhering to best practice, and I believe that the DOAJ can provide a trusted and scalable mechanism for doing so," he says.

It is not clear whether the DOAJ's whitelist will become the pre-emiment index of trustworthy open-access journals. Beall says that the directory's credibility has already been hurt and that its new approach is "too little, too late". He is also not sure how the DOAJ will spot when a publisher is lying about its services. Moreover, Beall points out, many researchers and universities will instead judge a journal's quality by whether it is indexed in major citation databases, such as Elsevier's Scopus index, rather than looking at the DOAJ's list.

Bjørnshauge says that a small cohort of some 30 voluntary associate editors — mainly librarians and PhD students — will check the information submitted in reapplications with the publishers, and there will be a second layer of checks from managing editors. He also finds it "extremely questionable to run blacklists of open-access publishers", as Beall has done. (Crawford's study found that Beall's apparently voluminous list includes many journals that are empty, dormant or publish fewer than 20 articles each year, suggesting that the problem is not as bad as Beall says.)

But will any kind of whitelist help vulnerable researchers to avoid publishing in substandard journals? Beall doesn't think so. "There's no evidence that the whitelist approach has been helpful in encouraging researchers not to become victims of scams," he says. "Bad open-access publishers are still growing like crazy." ■

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The reapplications are coming in fast. BioMed Central just submitted 220 in one go! Great work BMC.

We recently sent out a first reminder to 4680 accounts. Did you get yours? If not, let me know and add doaj.org to your email address book / your domain safelist.

Guidance on submitting your reapplications can be found here. If you have more than 11 journals in DOAJ, the process is slightly different. Get in touch and I will guide you through.

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*Open*DOAR is an authoritative directory of academic open access repositories. Each *Open*DOAR repository has been visited by project staff to check the information that is recorded here. This in-depth approach does not rely on automated analysis and gives a quality-controlled list of repositories.

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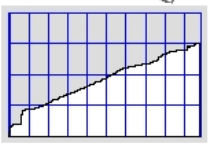

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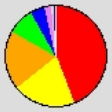

Repositories by Continent

As well as providing a simple repository list, *Open*DOAR lets you search for repositories or search repository contents. Additionally, we provide tools and support to both repository administrators and service providers in sharing best practice and improving the quality of the repository infrastructure. Further explanation of these features is given in a project document Beyond the list.

The current directory lists repositories and allows breakdown and selection by a variety of criteria - see the Find page - which can also be viewed as statistical charts. The underlying database has been designed from the ground up to include in-depth information on each repository that can be used for search, analysis, or underpinning services like text-mining. The *Open*DOAR service is being developed incrementally, developing the current service as new features are introduced. A list of Upgrades and Additions is available.

Developments will be of use both to users wishing to find original research papers and for service providers like search engines or alert services which need easy-to-use tools for developing tailored search services to suit specific user communities.

*Open*DOAR is one of the SHERPA Services including RoMEO and JULIET, run by the Centre for Research Communcations (CRC). Current development work is currently funded by JISC, with contributions from the CRC host organisation, the University of Nottingham.

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*Open*DOAR has also been identified as a key resource for the Open Access community (K.B.Oliver & R.Swain, 2006 - PDF) and identified as the leader in repository directories in a study by Johns Hopkins University. *Open*DOAR was one of the services which contributed to SHERPA being awarded the 2007 SPARC Europe Award for Outstanding Achievements in Scholarly Communications.

More information on the project is available on this site through the About page.

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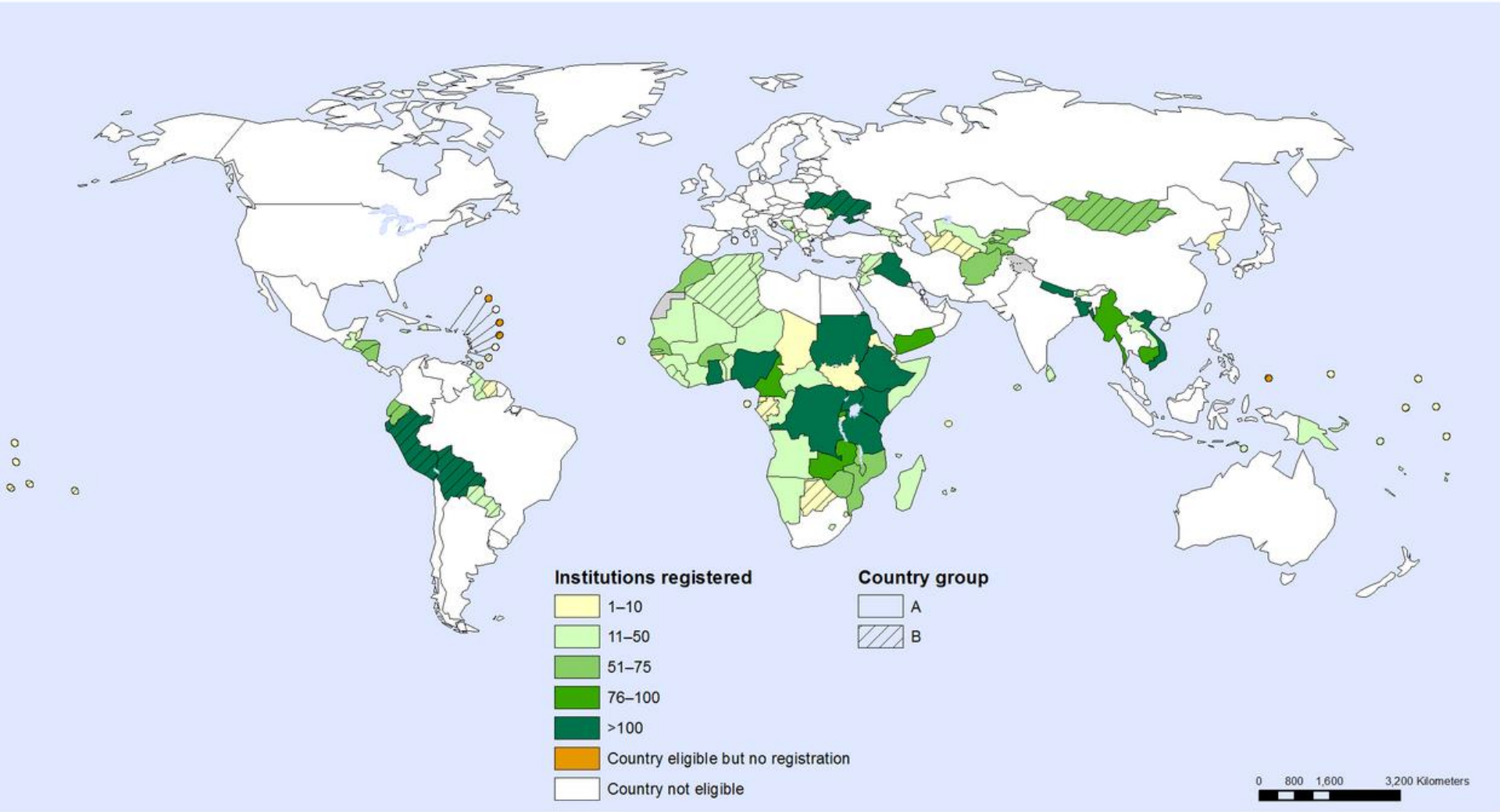

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BREAKING

SCIENCE "PIRATE" ATTACKS ELSEVIER'S COPYRIGHT MONOPOLY IN COURT

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In a lawsuit filed by Elsevier, one of the largest academic publishers, the operator of Sci-Hub.org is facing millions of dollars in damages. This week she submitted her first reply to the court, scolding the publisher for exploiting researchers and blocking access to knowledge.

"Information wants to be free" is a commonly used phrase in copyright debates. While it may not apply universally, in the academic world it's certainly relevant.

Information and knowledge are the cornerstones of science. Yet, most top research is locked up behind expensive paywalls.

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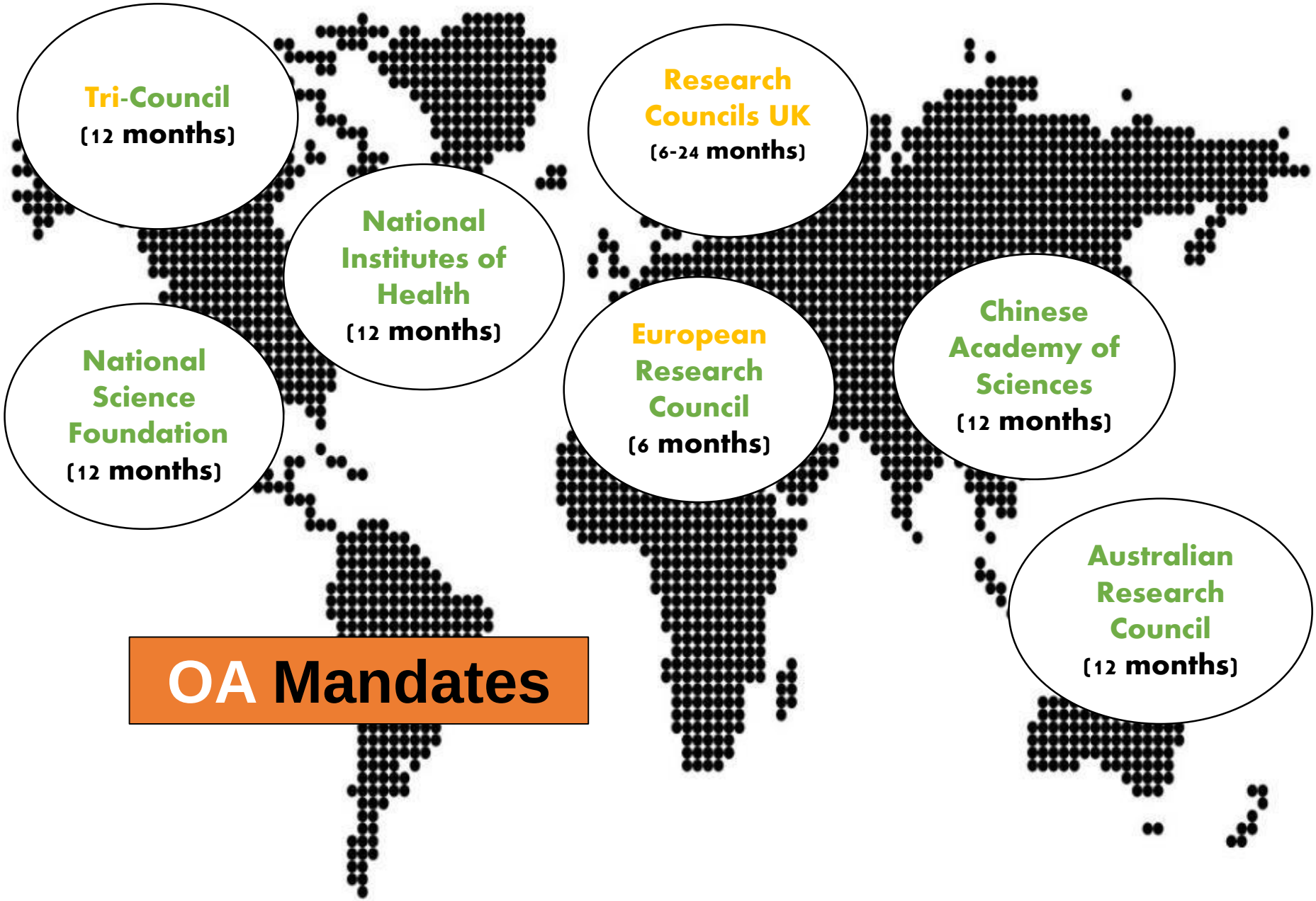

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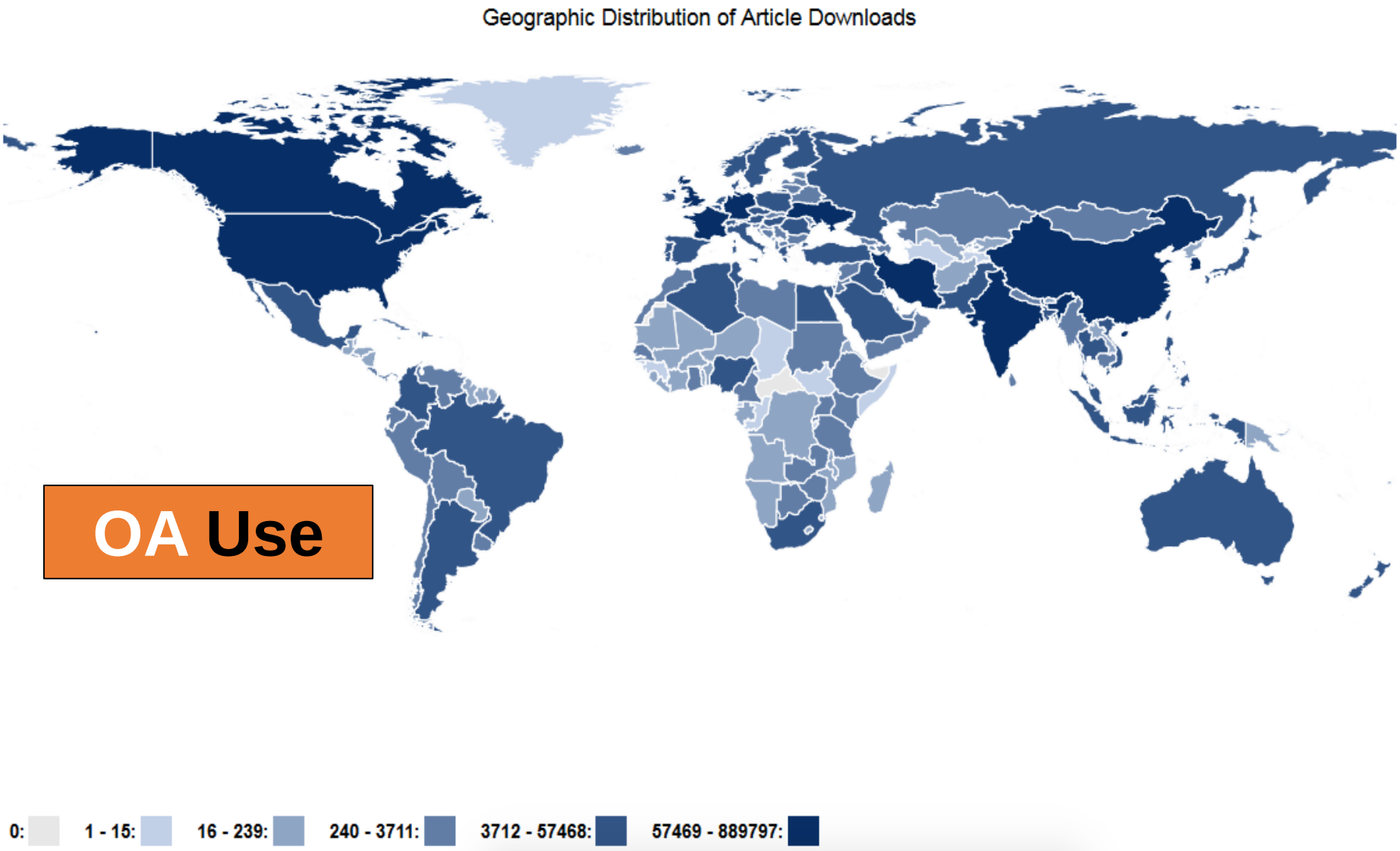

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Self-Archiving with Ease in an Institutional Repository: Microinteractions and the User Experience

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Abstract

Details matter, especially when they can influence whether or not users engage with a new digital initiative that relies heavily on their support. During the recent development of MacEwan University's institutional repository, the librarians leading the project wanted to ensure the site would offer users an easy and effective way to deposit their works, in turn helping to ensure the repository's long-term viability. The following paper discusses their approach to user-testing, applying Dan Saffer's framework of microinteractions to h
repository's self-archiving functionality. It outlines the steps taken to t
shedding light on how others may apply the concept of microinteractio
the overall user experience that it delivers.

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AUTO-ARCHIVER AVEC FACILITÉ DANS UNE ARCHIVE INSTITUTIONNELLE : MICROINTERACTIONS ET EXPÉRIENCE UTILISATEUR

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Résumé

Chaque détail compte, particulièrement quand il peut influencer l'investissement des usagers envers une nouvelle initiative numérique qui se base beaucoup sur leur soutien. L'Université MacEwan (Edmonton, Canada) a récemment lancé son archive institutionnelle (Ro@M), les bibliothécaires qui menaient le projet ont souhaité s'assurer que le site offrait un moyen facile et efficace de déposer des documents et ainsi assurer la viabilité de l'application sur le long terme. Cet article présente leur approche des tests d'utilisabilité en mettant en pratique le cadre des microinteractions de Dan Saffer. Il souligne les étapes suivies pour les tests et précise la procédure d'auto-archivage, mettant en lumière comment d'autres peuvent appliquer le concept de microinteractions pour mieux comprendre l'utilité et l'expérience utilisateur prodiguées par un site web.

Introduction

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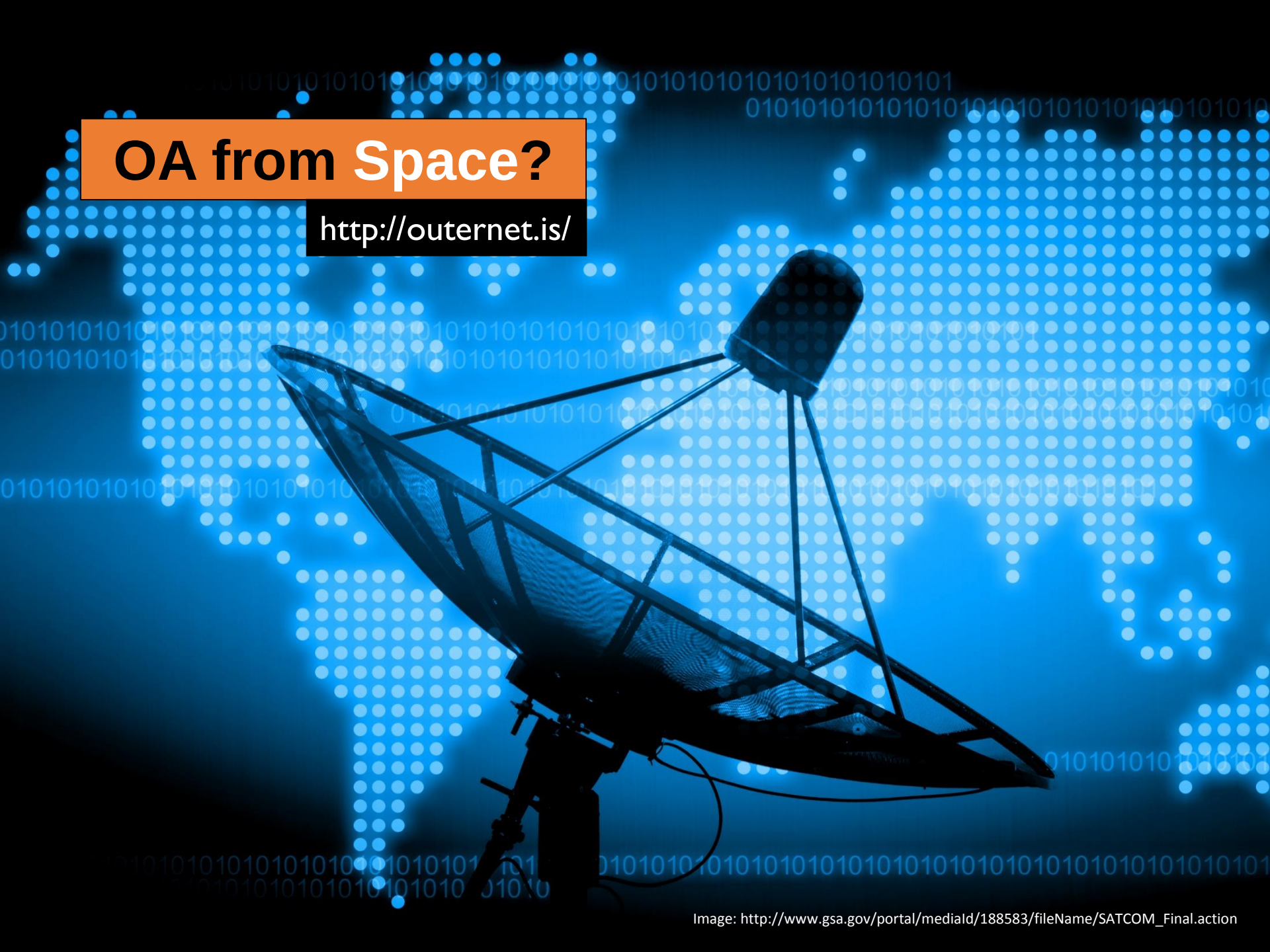

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