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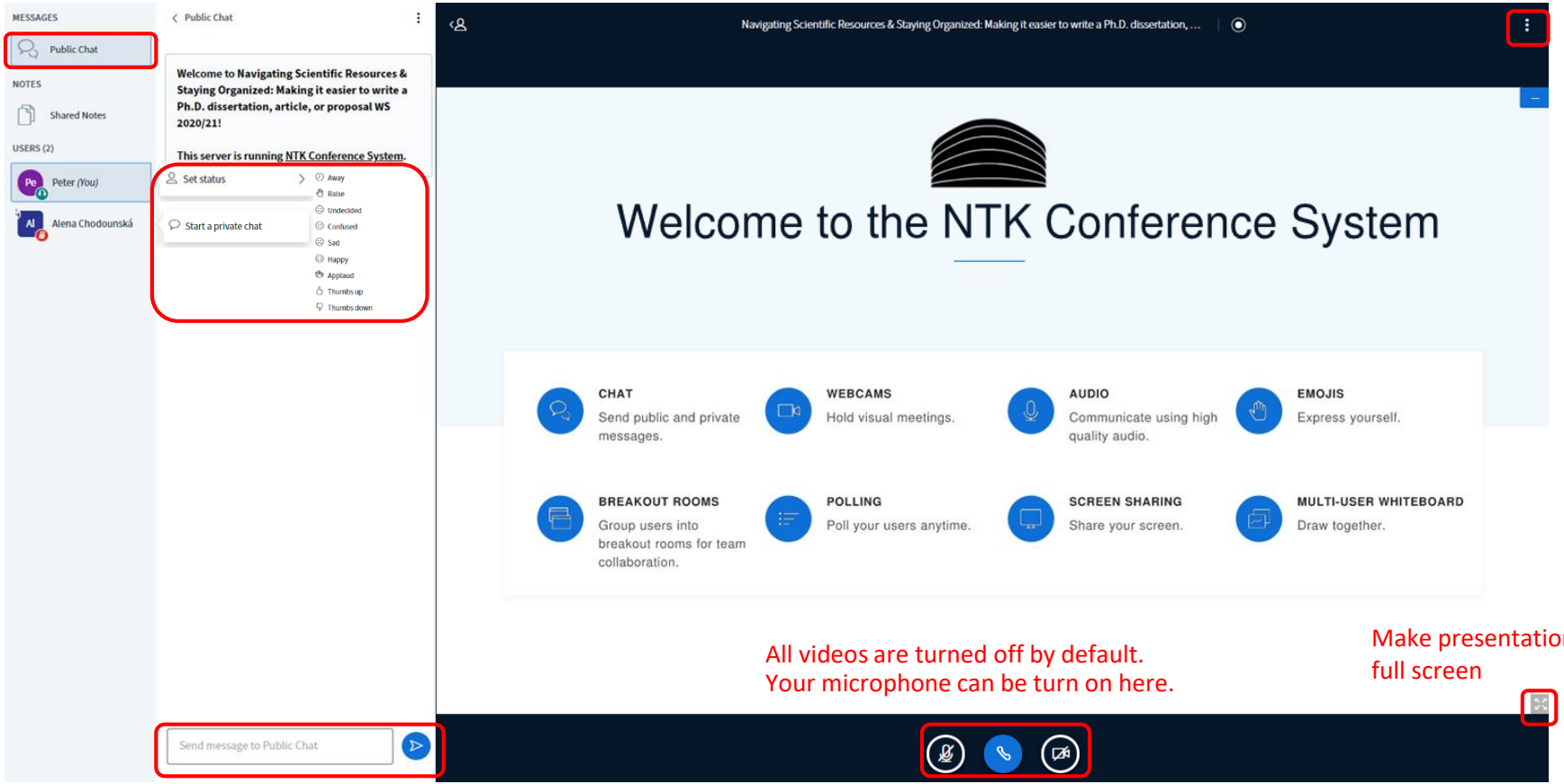

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Introduction to Web of Science & Scopus

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Which institution are you from?

A. Czech Technical University in Prague

B. University of Chemistry and Technology Prague

C. Czech University of Life Sciences Prague

D. Charles University

E. Other

Which citation database do you use the most often, if any?

A. Web of Science

B. Scopus

C. Google Scholar

D. Other (+ comment in chat)

E. None, that's why I'm here

Outline

1. Introduction to citation databases
2. Searching by topic
3. Searching for journals and journal metrics
4. Searching for authors and author metrics
5. Summary
6. Getting assistance

1. Introduction to citation databases

Evaluating research impact

*"Hopefully, your PhD research will make an **impact** by advancing knowledge in your field or by contributing to real-world applications."*[1]

The results of research are usually presented in form of scientific articles, proceedings, and books.

One of the (limited) ways of measuring the impact of a researcher in their field is the **number of citations** for papers published in **quality, peer-reviewed scientific** journals.

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1) PhD On Track. (n.d.). Citation impact. https://www.phdontrack.net/share-and-publish/citation-impact/

Scientific communication & quality control

- Submitted papers are evaluated via a **rigorous peer review process** in quality scientific journals.
- Citation databases include resources (usually journals) in them according to selection criteria (Scopus criteria, Web of Science criteria).
- Citation information is then analyzed within citation databases and **citation metrics** for journals, articles, and authors are calculated.
- **Web of Science** and **Scopus** citation databases are currently used in the Czech academic performance evaluation system.

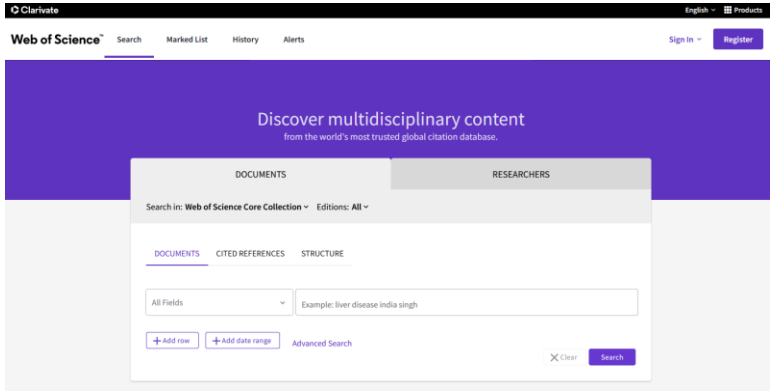
Citation metrics are important if you choose a career in academia, and they are also used to evaluate scientific institutions around the world.

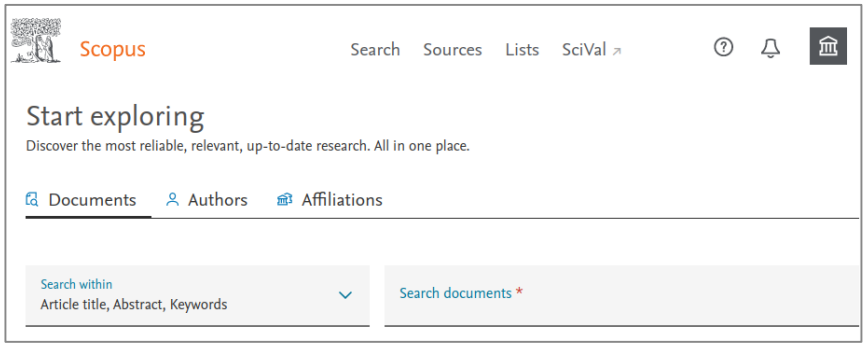
How can citation databases help you?

- In searching for reliable, peer-reviewed resources (better chances of avoiding low-quality/predatory journals)
- In checking journal metrics to make better decisions about where to publish (to build your academic reputation and get RIV points)
- In looking up author metrics (*h*-index counts) for proposals or one's own CV
- In identifying new trends and seminal articles in your field

Web of Science (WoS) and Scopus

- **Peer-reviewed scholarly literature:**
  - Journals, books, and conference proceedings
- **Content policy** and **selection criteria**:
  - **Evaluation of included literature** by standards, subject/content relevance, and impact
- **Citation information**:
  - Others who cite a work (times cited)
  - Views (usage count) and analysis
- Other citation metrics
- **No full texts, but links to full texts and abstracts**





How do you use citation databases? (if you use them)

A. Searching for peer-reviewed resources
B. Checking journal metrics (impact factor, citation scores)
C. Getting author metrics (*h*-index counts)
D. Other (+ comment in chat)
E. I don't, that's why I'm here

Comparison of Web of Science (WoS) and Scopus

Features	WoS	Scopus
Developer/Producer	Clarivate Analytics	Elsevier
Coverage	1900 to present	1970 to present (with references)
Author identifier	Assigned automatically and edited manually via Publons	Auto-generated Scopus Author ID
Alerts service	Yes	Yes
Export citations	Yes	Yes
Citation analysis	Yes	Yes
Main journal metrics	Journal Impact Factor	CiteScore
Author metrics	*h*-index	*h*-index

University of Michigan Library (2021). Comparing Citation Analysis Sources (UMICH)
Pranckutė, R. (2021). Web of Science (WoS) and Scopus: The Titans of Bibliographic Information in Today's Academic World. *Publications*, *9*(1), 12.

Limitations/risks

- Metrics: learning about the different kinds of metrics may be confusing at first
- Delay in indexing (up to 6 months after publication)
- No full texts, but links to full texts (abstracts are available)
- Beware of potential biases
  - Uncritical acceptance of the assumptions, reasoning, conclusions of indexed papers
  - An overly negative attitude (“the paper is not good”) for papers with low numbers of citations or in journals not in WOS or Scopus
- Don’t rely only on citation databases: not enough for a comprehensive literature search; quality research can be found in other places as well

Access to WoS & Scopus

- Subscribed to via NTK and university libraries
- You have direct access within your university network (in your office or classrooms)
- For **off-campus access,** check with your library:
  - NTK, CTU, UCT & IOCB, Charles Univ., CZU

- The list of journals (including citation metrics) is open to all
  - Scopus sources
  - Web of Science Master Journal List (for access to impact factor information, registration is required)

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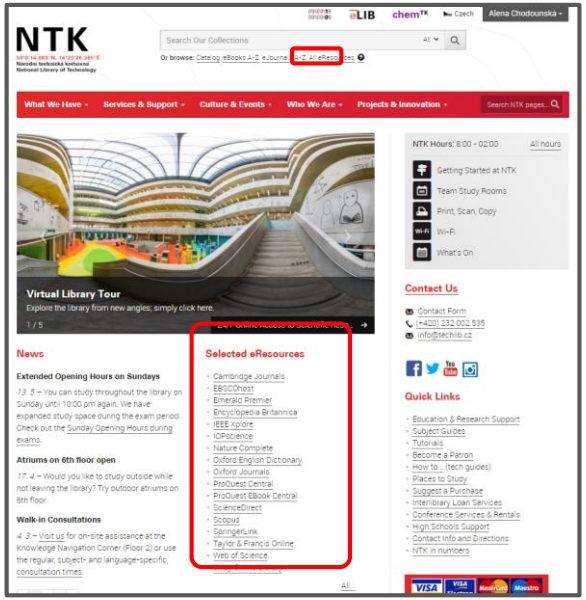

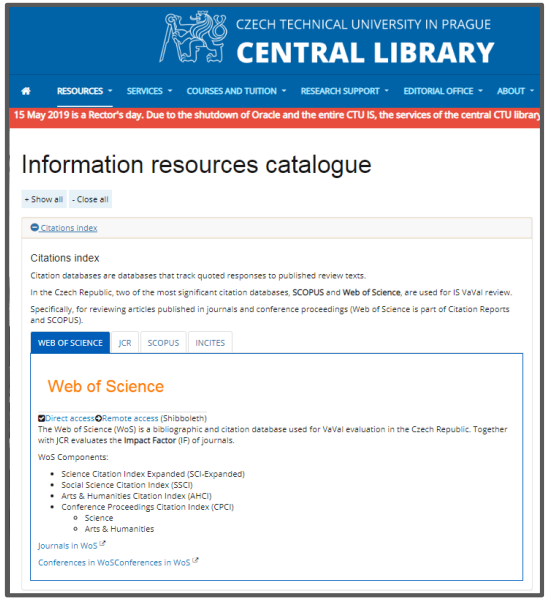

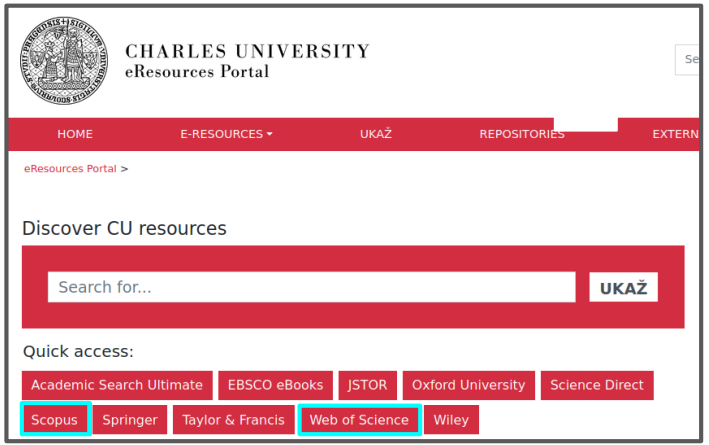

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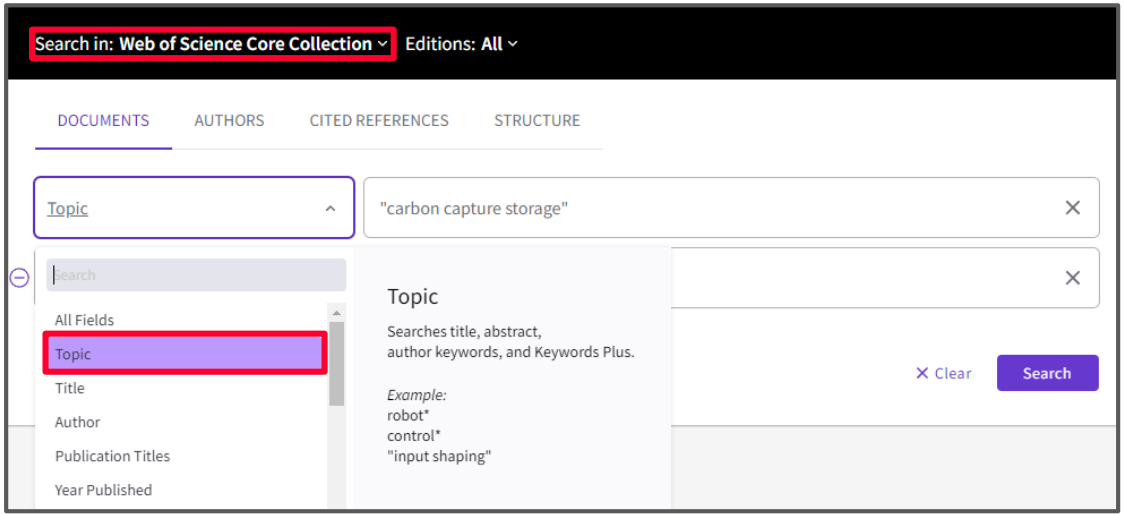
2. Searching by topic in citation databases

Finding scholarly literature

CASE STUDY #1: I need to find high quality sources for my dissertation about technologies for **carbon capture and utilization**



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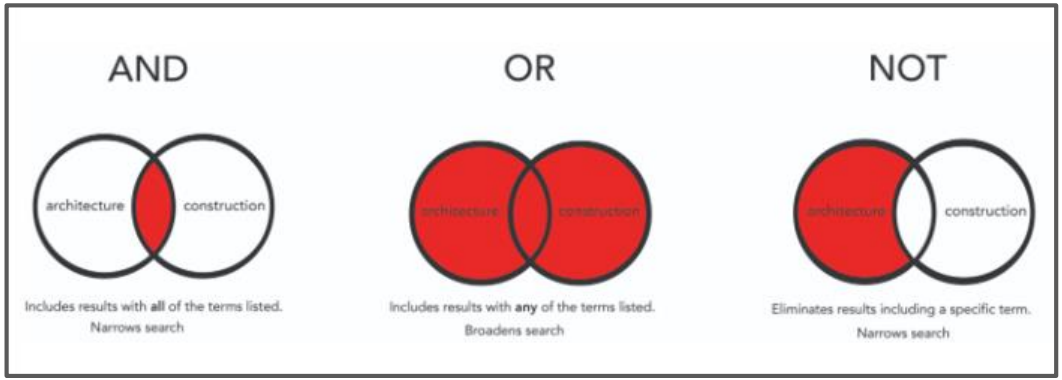
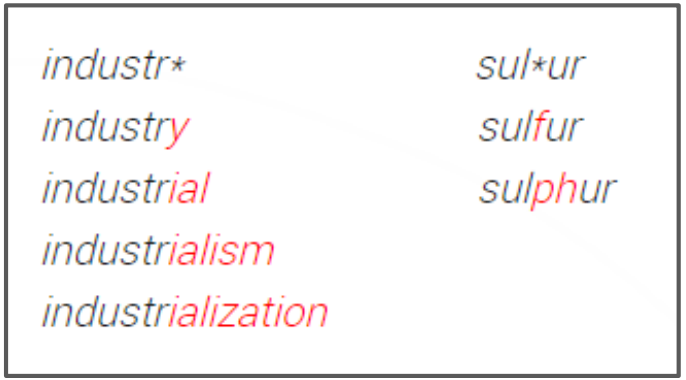




See more database searching tips: https://libguides.mit.edu/c.php?g=175963&p=1158594

Personal accounts

Creating personal accounts enables you to:

- **Save** your search history and lists of documents
- **Create alerts** for each search

3. Searching for journals

What are journal metrics?

- Measurements of quality/impact of a journal

- They assist in quantifying the importance of a journal

Journal metrics

Web of Science Journal Citation Reports:

- Journal Impact Factor

Scopus sources:

- CiteScore

Impact factor (WoS)

"The impact factor is a measure of the frequency with which the 'average article' in a journal has been cited in a particular year or period."

*"The impact factor of a journal is calculated by dividing the number of current year citations to the source items published in that journal during the **previous two years**."*[1]

$$\mathrm{IF}_{2017} = \frac{\mathrm{Citations}_{2016} + \mathrm{Citations}_{2015}}{\mathrm{Publications}_{2016} + \mathrm{Publications}_{2015}} = \frac{32389 + 41701}{880 + 902} = 41.577$$

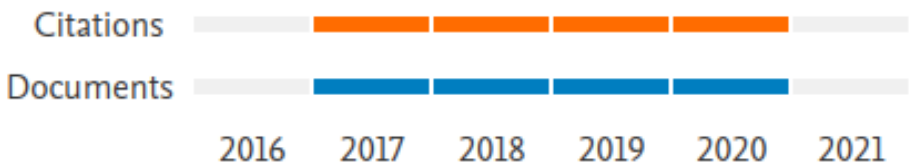
Image source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Impact_factor

1) Garfield E. (1994, June 20), The Impact Factor. Originally published in the *Current Contents*, Available also at: https://clarivate.com/webofsciencegroup/essays/impact-factor/

CiteScore (Scopus)

CiteScore 2020 methodology

CiteScore 2020 counts the citations received in 2017-2020 to articles, reviews, conference papers, book chapters and data papers published in 2017-2020, and divides this by the number of publications published in 2017-2020.



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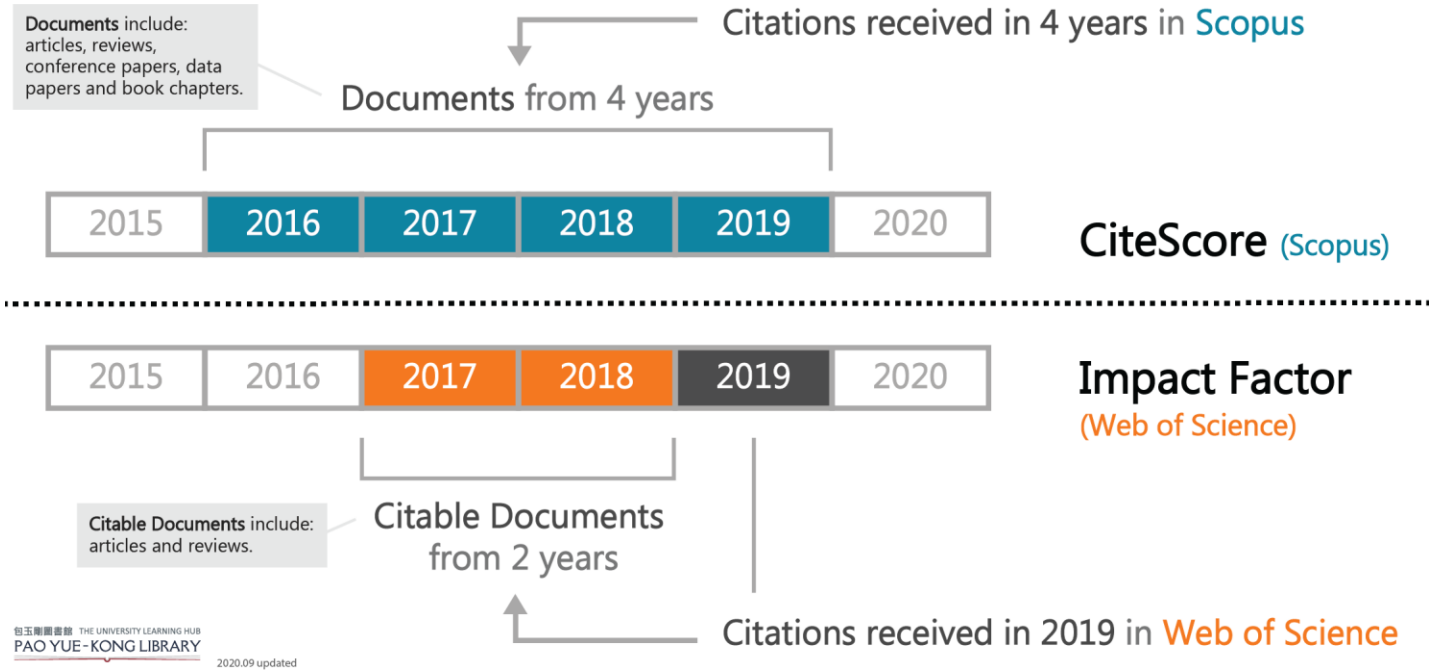
CiteScore (Scopus) vs. Impact factor (WoS)



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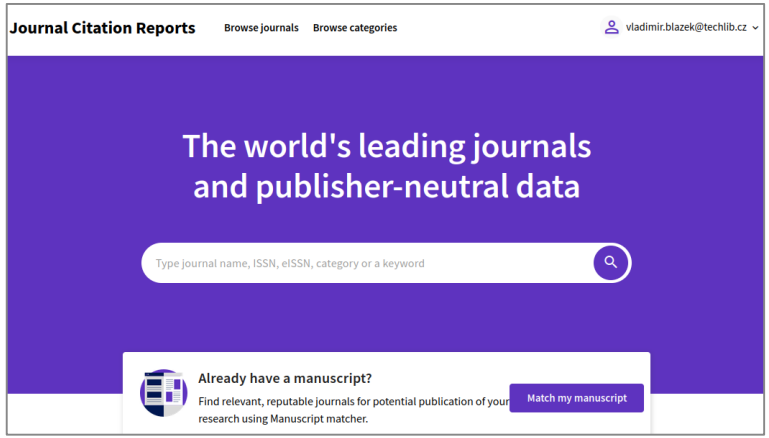
Checking impact factor/CiteScore

CASE STUDY #2: I need to check the quality and reliability of the ***Journal of Modern Power Systems and Clean Energy***

- **Journal Citation Reports** for WoS impact factor
- **Sources** for Scopus CiteScore



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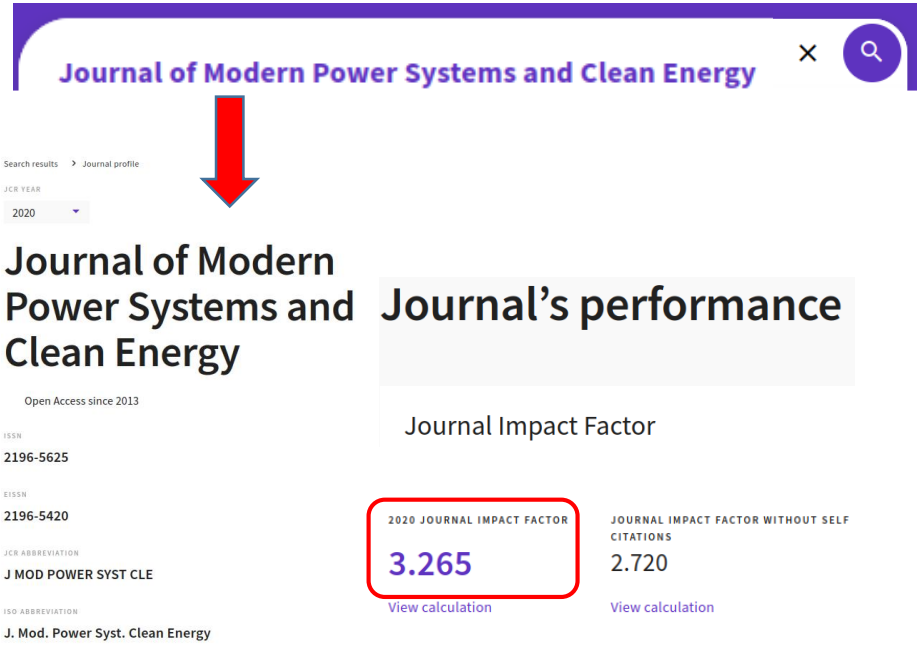

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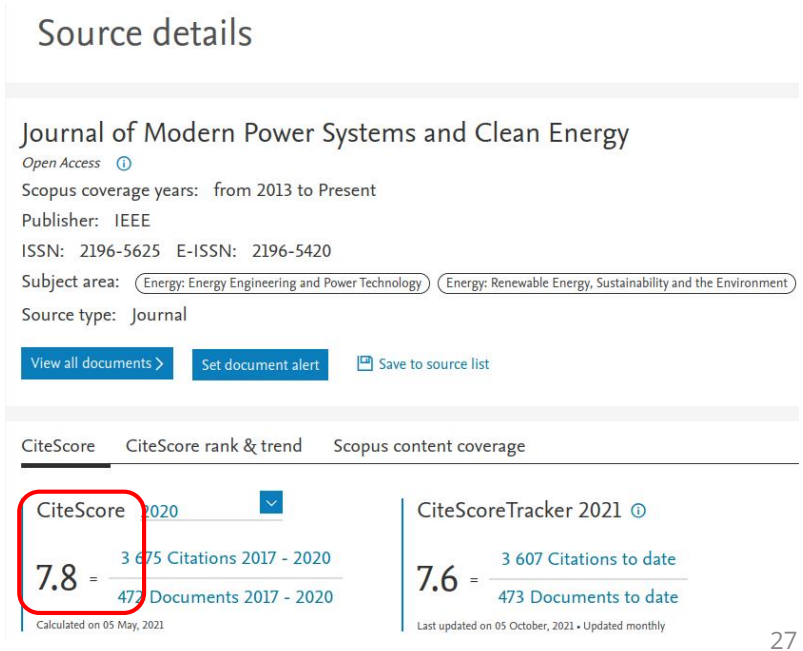
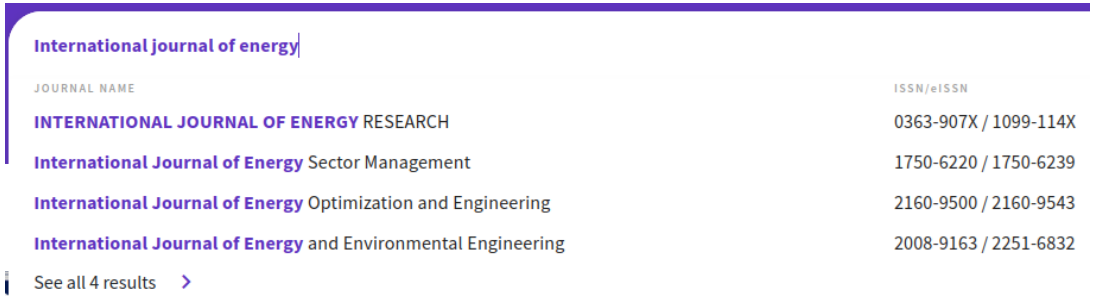


CASE STUDY #3: I need to check the quality and reliability of the *International Journal of Energy Engineering*



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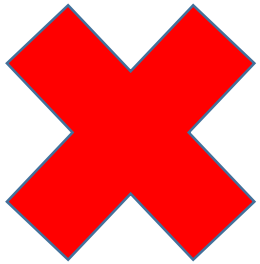

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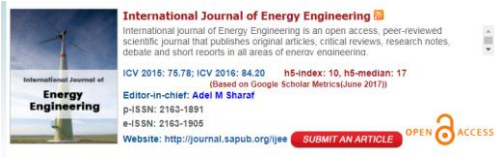

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Scopus Sources:	**NO**
Beall's archive:	**YES**

International Journal of Energy Research

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WoS JCR:	**YES** (2017-IF 3.009)
Scopus Sources:	**YES** (2017-CS 2.72)
Beall's archive:	**NO**

Tracking a specific journal

- Be careful: one word or one letter can make a great difference
- Ulrichsweb: check journal details and ISSNs
- Beall's archive of potential predatory publishers and journals
  - Beware! The original list has not been updated since 2016
  - There are successors to Jeffrey Beall, but they prefer to remain anonymous

4. Searching for authors & *h*-index counts

Why use author identifiers?

- Names are sometimes confusing; there are different ways to write/transliterate them
- Names are not unique
- People can change their names

- Author identifiers give you the ability to reliably distinguish two authors with the same name or to track one author across multiple databases

Author identifiers

Features	ResearcherID (still Publons)	Scopus Author Identifier	ORCID (Open Researcher & Contributor ID)
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- Link all papers published under different variants of your name
- Distinguish papers written by other authors with the same name
- Create your author profiles

h-index

"The h-index is based on a list of publications ranked in descending order by the Times Cited. The value of h is equal to the number of papers (N) in the list that have N or more citations. (...)

A researcher (or a set of papers) has an h-index of N if he/she has published N papers that have N or more citations each. The h-index is based on Times Cited data from the database. It will not include citations from non-indexed resources." [1]

Paper	Number of citations	
Paper 1	101	h = 7
Paper 2	86	
Paper 3	77	
Paper 4	56	
Paper 5	16	
Paper 6	12	
Paper 7	8	
Paper 8	4	
Paper 9	4	
Paper 10	1	

Image source: https://toptipbio.com/h-index-how-to-calculate-yours/

1) Clarivate Analytics (2019, February 5), *Web of Science: h-index information*. Available at: https://support.clarivate.com/ScientificandAcademicResearch/s/article/Web-of-Science-h-index-information?language=en_US

h-index: potential traps

- The source or records for analysis:
  - Web of Science **vs.** Scopus **vs.** Google Scholar
- The number and accuracy of records in a dataset:
  - Basic search **vs.** ORCID search **vs.** author profile
- Exclude self-citations of selected author **vs.** exclude self-citations of all co-authors

Tracking an author in WoS

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CASE STUDY #4:
I want to find papers by **Prof. Tomáš Polcar** (and check his *h*-index)

Google Scholar metrics

Milan Jirásek

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Fracture Failure Plasticity Damage Creep

TITLE	CITED BY	YEAR
Nonlocal integral formulations of plasticity and damage: survey of progress ZP Bažant, M Jirásek Journal of engineering mechanics 128 (11), 1119-1149	1362	2002
Inelastic Analysis of Structures M Jirasek, ZP Bazant Wiley	1029	2002
Comparative study on finite elements with embedded discontinuities M Jirásek Computer methods in applied mechanics and engineering 188 (1-3), 307-330	582	2000
Damage-plastic model for concrete failure P Grassl, M Jirásek International journal of solids and structures 43 (22-23), 7166-7196	571	2006
Nonlocal models for damage and fracture: comparison of approaches M Jirasek International Journal of Solids and Structures 35 (31-32), 4133-4145	469	1998
Comparison of integral-type nonlocal plasticity models for strain-softening materials M Jirásek, S Rolshoven International journal of engineering science 41 (13-14), 1553-1602	278	2003
Meso-scale approach to modelling the fracture process zone of concrete subjected to uniaxial tension P Grassl, M Jirásek International Journal of Solids and Structures 47 (7-8), 957-968	249	2010

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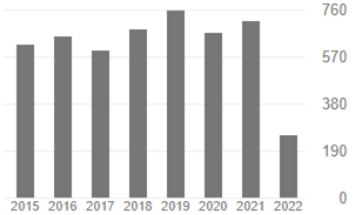
i10-index	82	56



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2 articles not available
5 articles available

Based on funding mandates

Co-authors

5. Summary

What you learned today:

- What citation databases are and how you can use them to support my research activities
- How you can identify seminal and/or review articles in my field quickly and easily
- How you can get PDFs and stay organized while working with citation databases
- Evaluating what journals are important in my field
- How you can find various journal metrics (e.g. Impact factor and CiteScore)
- What an h-index is, how you can find mine/that of others, and what an h-index is used for

Summary of advantages

- **Contain high-quality, peer-reviewed articles**
- You can use the number of citations to identify seminal articles
- Searching for authors and evaluating them
- Searching for journals and their metrics
- Creating alerts to track new trends

Keep in mind

- **Access to full texts** can be problematic
- To make your research more comprehensive, also **use other search tools** (e.g., Google Scholar, an academic library discovery system)
- **Delay** in indexing sometimes (up to 6 months after publication for some journals)

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6. Getting assistance

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Definitions, annotations, and links to high-quality open educational resources in English useful in guiding students towards excellence. [Read more...]

Competencies are grouped into four areas, with subsections:

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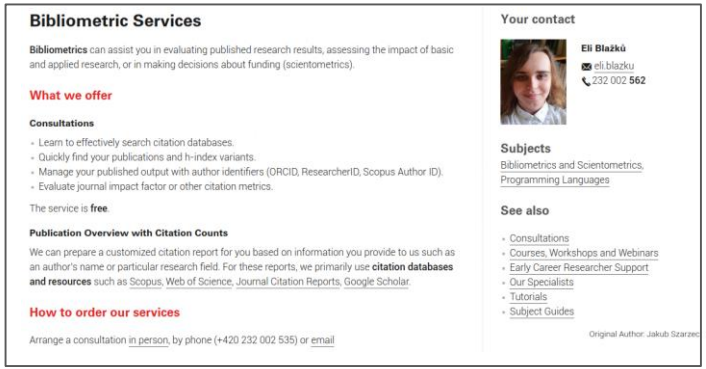

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Bibliometrics can assist you in evaluating published research results, assessing the impact of basic and applied research, or in making decisions about funding (scientometrics).

What we offer

Consultations

- Learn to effectively search citation databases.
- Quickly find your publications and h-index variants.
- Manage your published output with author identifiers (ORCID, ResearcherID, Scopus Author ID).
- Evaluate journal impact factor or other citation metrics.

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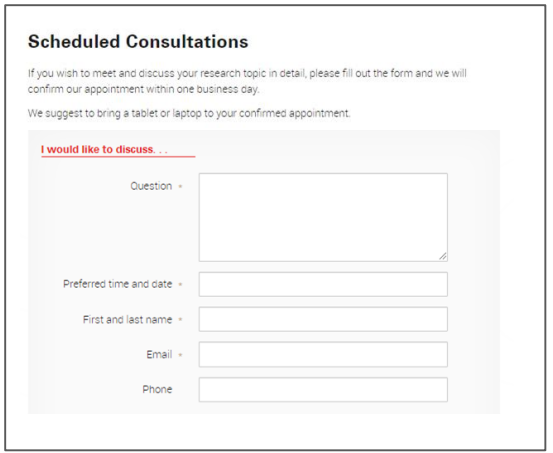

Scheduled Consultations

If you wish to meet and discuss your research topic in detail, please fill out the form and we will confirm our appointment within one business day.

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Questions?