"ALTERNATIVE IMPACT METRICS:
UK FACULTY EVALUATION

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IMPACT?

EVIDENCE?
The 3 Vs of Big Data:
- Volume
  - Batch
  - Near-time
  - Real-time
  - Streams
- Structured
- Unstructured
- Semi-structured
- All the above
- Velocity
- Variety

Big Data in a Single Day Online:
- Enough information is consumed to fill 168 million DVDs
- 294 billion e-mails are sent
- 4.7 million minutes spent on Facebook
- 2 million blog posts are written
- Video uploaded to YouTube: 864,000 hours
- More iPhones are sold than babies born

CAUTION
THIS SIGN HAS
SHARP EDGES
DO NOT TOUCH THE EDGES OF THIS SIGN

ALSO, THE BRIDGE IS OUT AHEAD
ASSESSING RESEARCH IMPACT (AND USAGE)
"PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLE PUBLICATION IS THE PRIMARY MODE OF COMMUNICATION AND RECORD OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH."

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# OF EXPERT PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

AUTHOR ORDER

JOURNAL QUALITY* (TIER, SCOPE)

IMPACT FACTOR*

OUTSIDE EXPERT LETTERS
Figure 1: A journal’s impact factor is a good predictor of its five-year median of citations to primary research articles.

From
Beware the impact factor
Nature Methods 12, 80 (2013) - doi:10.1038/nmeth3360

The data and their fit (R² = 0.94) correspond to a sample of 106 journals launched before 2006. The five-year median values are of citations (as of 5 January 2013) to research papers (i.e. excluding review, news, article letters and other non-primary research articles) published in 2008–2010. The specific median values and slope of the fitted line depend on the citation time window (here 1 January 2008 to 5 January 2013); impact factor year and data source (Thomson Reuters Web of Science). Journals included in the sample span the physical and chemical sciences, the biological and medical sciences, the earth and environmental sciences, and engineering.

http://www.nature.com/nmat/journal/v12/n2/full/nmat3566.html
ALTMETRICS
IMPACT
OR
"EMPTY BUZZ"
ALTMETRICS

REPLACEMENT

OR

VALUE ADDED
ALTMETRICS

Impact

usage
downloads views

peer-review
expert opinion

citations

alt-metrics
storage links bookmarks conversations

http://altmetrics.org/manifesto/
MOVING BEYOND CITATION COUNTS

http://www.plumanalytics.com/index.html

http://www.altmetric.com/

ImpactStory.

http://impactstory.org/
Moving Beyond Citation Counts

Up to now this article has been mentioned 1209 times by 1050 sources.

Sources
- 8 Facebook users
- 22 science blogs
- 9 Google+ users
- 1 Q&A thread
- 2 Reddit threads
- 1007 tweeters

Saved to reference managers
- 17 CiteULike
- 36 Mendeley

http://www.altmetric.com/
Moving Beyond Citation Counts

• Meaningful Metrics
• Holistic View of Research Output
• 20 Different Types of Artifacts

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Overview: Plum Metrics

Plum is building the next generation of research metrics for scholarly research.

Metrics are captured and correlated at the group/collection level (e.g., lab, department, museum, journal, etc.)

We categorize metrics into 5 separate types: Usage, Captures, Mentions, Social Media, and Citations. Examples of each type are:

- **Usage** - Downloads, views, book holdings, ILL, document delivery
- **Captures** - Favorites, bookmarks, saves, readers, groups, watchers
- **Mentions** - blog posts, news stories, Wikipedia articles, comments, reviews
- **Social media** - Tweets, +1's, likes, shares, ratings
- **Citations** - PubMed, Scopus, patents

We gather metrics around what we call artifacts. Artifacts are more than just the journal articles that a researcher authors. Artifacts are any research output that is available online. We gather metrics about:

- articles
- blog posts
- book chapters
- books
- cases
- clinical trials
- conference papers
- datasets
- figures
- grants
- interviews
- letters
- media
- patents
- posters
- presentations
- source code
- theses/dissertations
- videos
- web pages

We aggregate artifact and author level metrics into a researcher graph.

http://www.plumanalytics.com/metrics.html
# Current List of Metrics

Below is a listing of the current type of metrics that Plum supports, and samples of providers where we harvest the data from. This list is growing fast / stay tuned.

**Metrics as of July 28, 2013**

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<th>Type</th>
<th>Metric</th>
<th>Example Source(s)</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<td>Abstract Views</td>
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<td>The number of times the abstract of an article has been viewed</td>
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<td>Clicks</td>
<td>bit.ly, Facebook</td>
<td>The number of clicks of a URL</td>
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<td>Collaborators</td>
<td>GitHub</td>
<td>The number of collaborators of an artifact</td>
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<td>Downloads</td>
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## CAPTURES

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<td>GitHub</td>
<td>The number of times a person or artifact has been followed</td>
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## MENTIONS

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<th>Mentions</th>
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# Social Media Metrics

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## Citations

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POTENTIAL ADVANTAGES: “MORE”

• MORE “Nuanced Understanding”
  ✤ (read, discussed, saved, recommended, AND cited)

• MORE “Timely Data”
  ✤ (evidence of impact in days instead of years)

• MORE “Artifacts”
  ✤ (datasets, software, blog posts, videos, slide decks, etc.)

• MORE “IMPACTS”
  ✤ (diverse audiences, practitioners, clinicians, educators, general public)

THE 3 A’S OF ALTMETRICS

Question 1 (Acceptance):
Will faculty, administrators, and professional colleagues accept altmetrics to assess research impact as it relates to tenure, promotion, and merit?

Question 2 (Artifacts):
Which specific artifacts should be used to assess research impact?

Question 3 (Adoption):
When, if at all, should the “adoption” occur?
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