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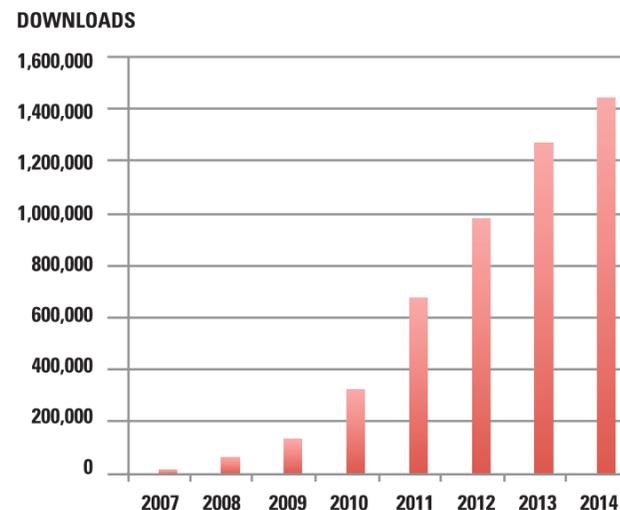
—Memorandum from the Office of Science and Technology Policy, 2013

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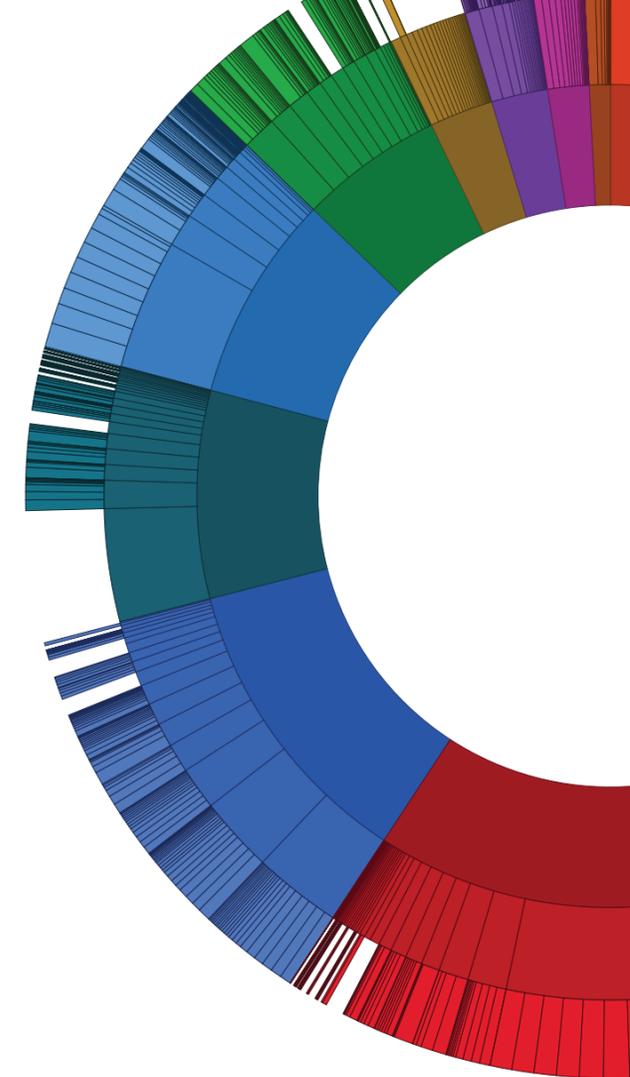
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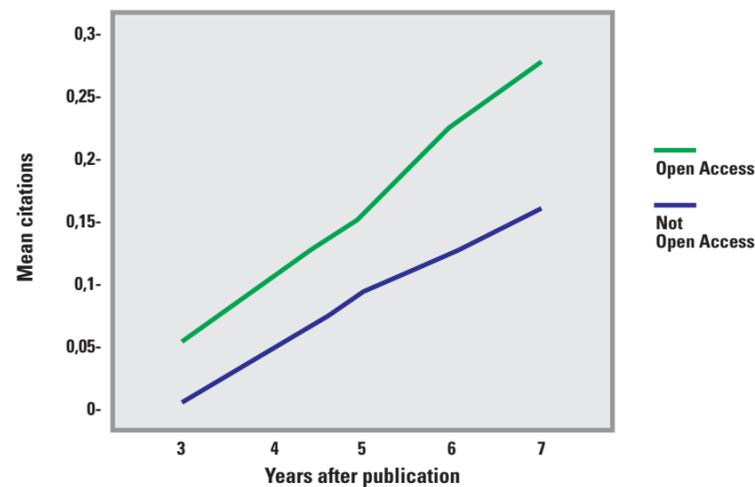
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Charles Schweik

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—Charles Schweik,
Associate Professor, Department of
Environmental Conservation and Center
for Public Policy and Administration

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ENDNOTES

- ¹ Vines et al (2014). <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.cub.2013.11.014>.
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—Mari Casteñada,
Associate Professor & Director of
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In the social sciences and humanities, a recent study³ indicated that open access did not harm publishing opportunities. The STEM fields have shown great success in open and hybrid access publications, and this has had real impact on research sharing and scholarship.