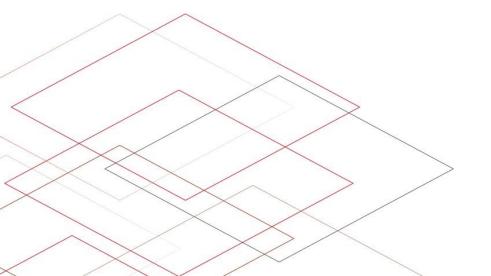


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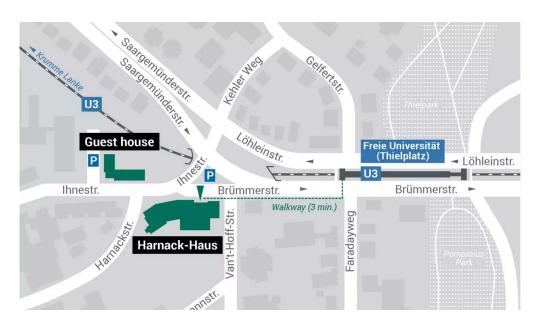




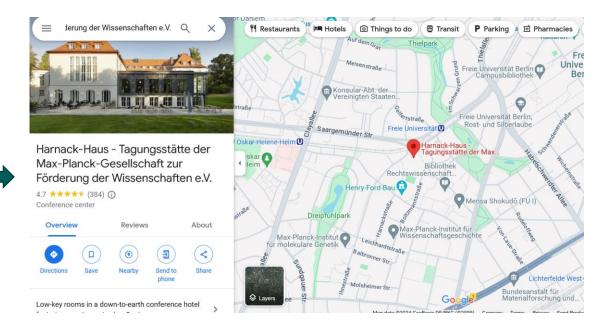
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- Digitalization in 21st century
- Problems of document centric information flows
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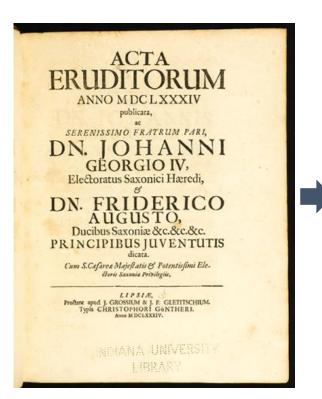


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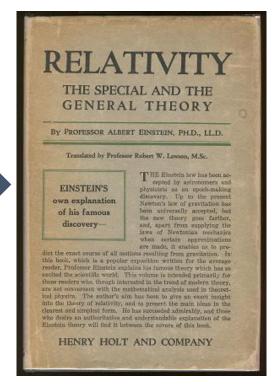
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#### A Relational Model of Data for Large Shared Data Banks

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Future users of large data banks must be protected from having to know how the data is organized in the machine (the internal representation). A prompting service which supplies such information is not a satisfactory solution. Activities of users at terminals and most application programs should remain unaffected when the internal representation of data is changed and even when some aspects of the external representation are changed. Changes in data representation will often be eeded as a result of changes in query, update, and report

traffic and natural growth in the types of stored information. Existing noninferential, formatted data systems provide users with tree-structured files or slightly more general network models of the data. In Section 1. inadequaries of these models are discussed. A model based on n-ary relations, a normal form for data base relations, and the concept of a universal data sublanguage are introduced. In Section 2, certain operations on relations (other than logical inference) are discussed

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Finally, the relational view permits a clearer evaluation of the scope and logical limitations of present formatted data systems, and also the relative merits (from a logical standpoint) of competing representations of data within a single system. Examples of this clearer perspective are cited in various parts of this paper. Implementations of systems to support the relational model are not discussed

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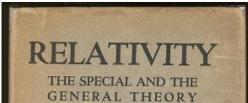
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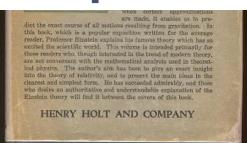
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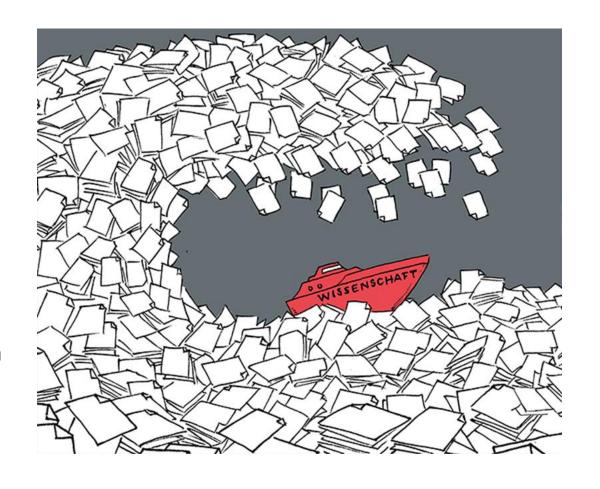
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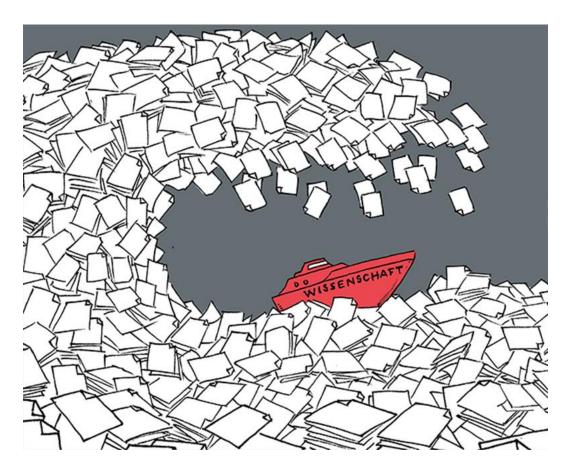
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- ~ 2.5 Mio new publications per year
- Globally ~ \$1.7 trillion spent on research
- Researchers lack overview, even in small fields
- Loss of knowledge
- Answering questions is like looking for a needle in the haystack



## Further challenges of document-centered information flows

- Reproducibility Crisis
- Monopolization of commercial actors
- Deficiency of Peer-Review
- Predatory Publishing



#### An example – CRISPR



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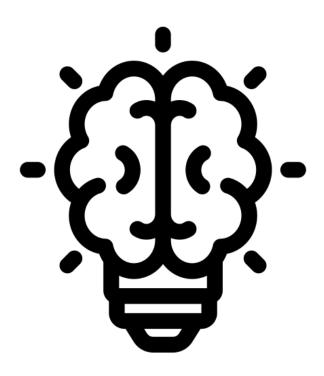
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**CRISPR**, the disruptor

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- Who applied CRISPR to butterflies?
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"The lightbulb was **not** invented by improving the candle." **Oren Harari** 

Digitalization is **more** than just Digitization! Current and future scientific challenges can not be tackled with an outdated communication system.

Digitalize Knowledge, Not Documents!

### Knowledge Graphs are widely used in industry...



Why not use them for (open) science as well?

### **Knowledge Representation in Graphs**

#### From papers...





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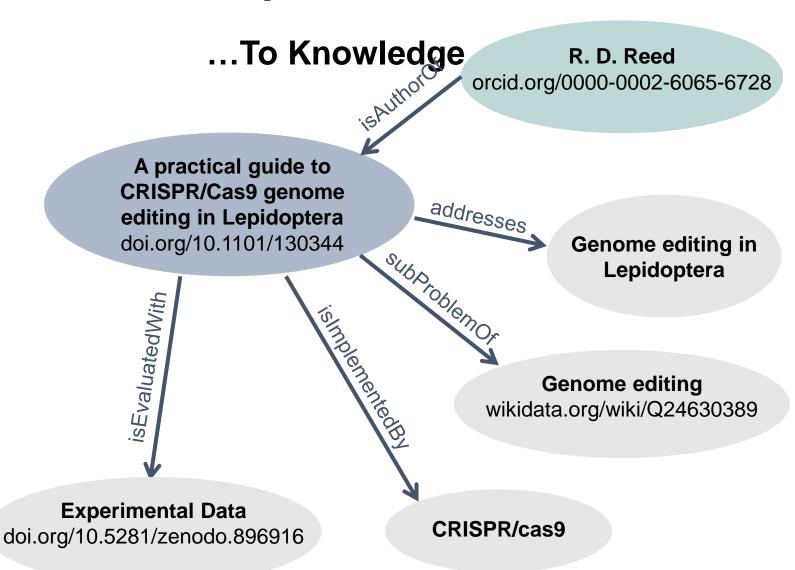
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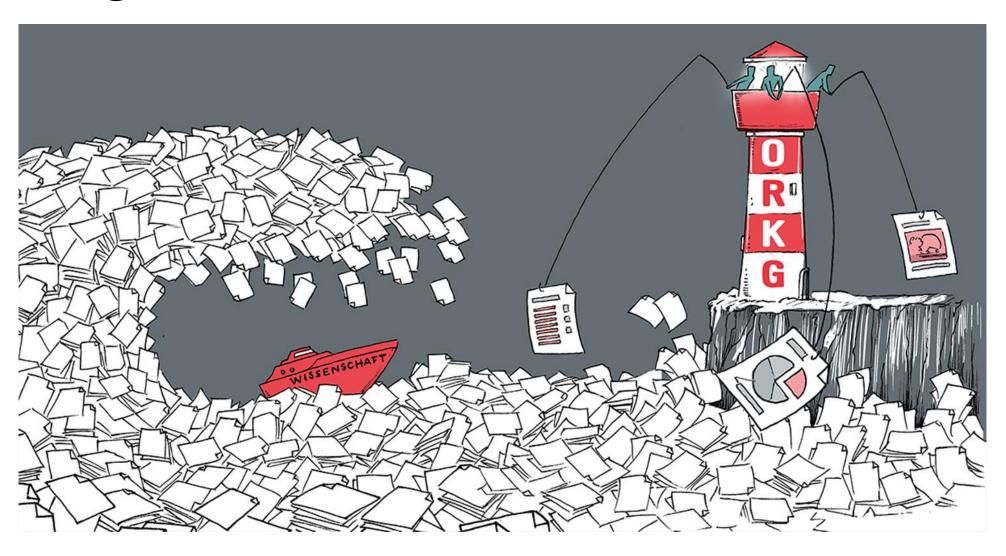


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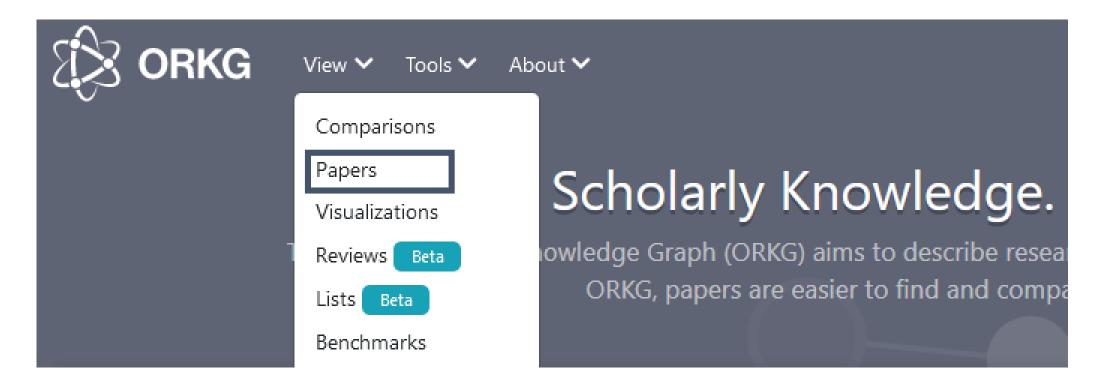
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### **ORKG: Lighthouse in the Publication Flood**



#### Features of the ORKG



ORKG papers describe scholarly articles in a structured and semantic manner.

### Structured description of scholarly outputs



#### Real-Time PCR Threshold Cycle Cutoffs Help To Identify Agents Causing Acute Childhood Diarrhea in Zanzibar

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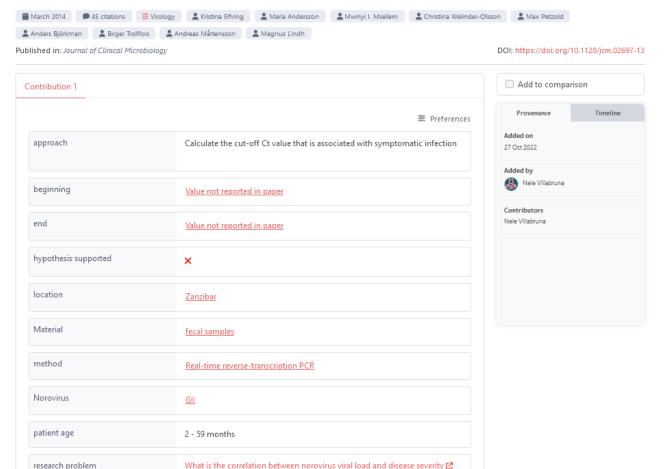
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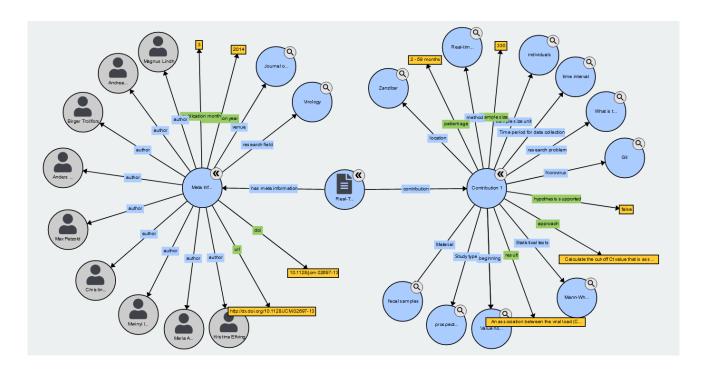
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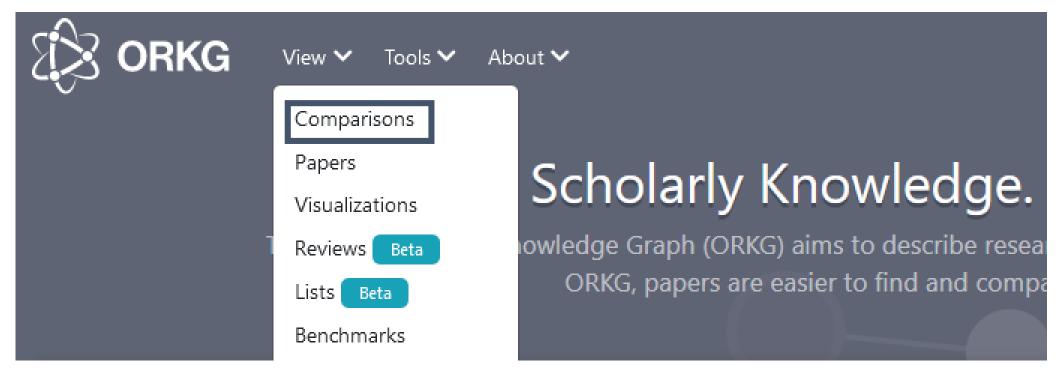
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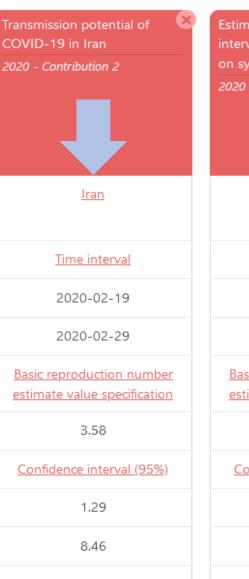
Scholarly contributions become **machine-actionable** and **FAIR**.

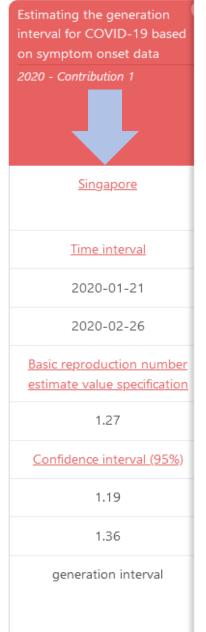
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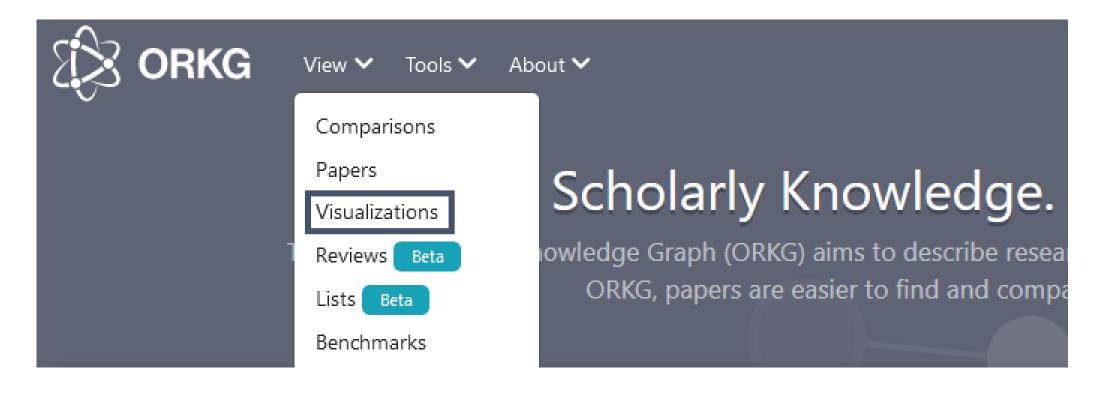
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- · Comparison contains: Contributions, Properties, Resources, Literals.





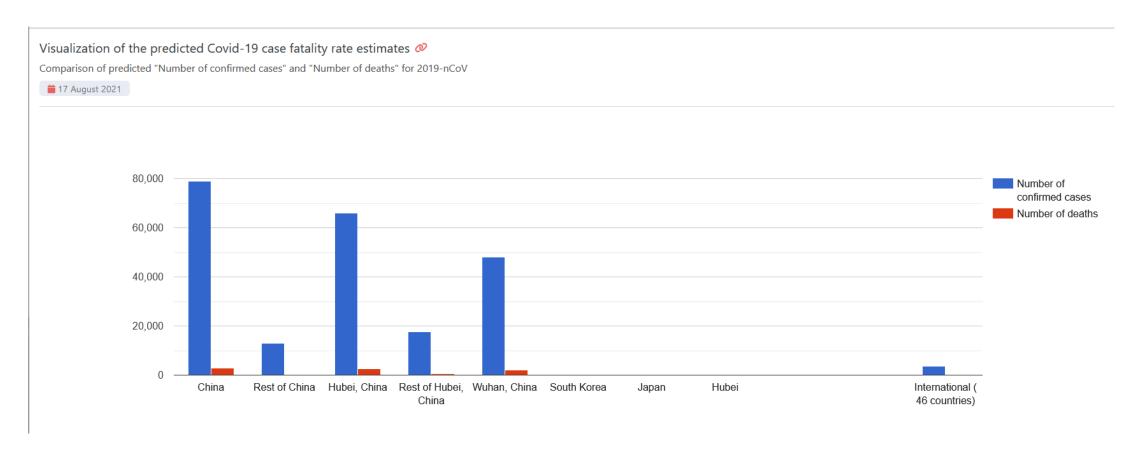


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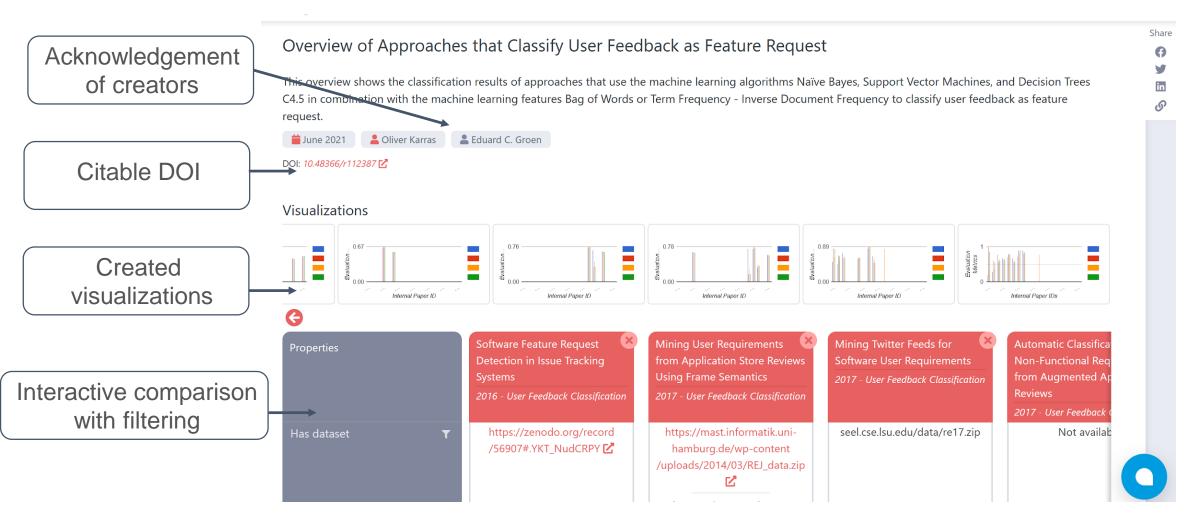
ORKG visualizations are generated from ORKG comparisons.

### Visualization of emerging data and trends in the ORKG



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### Publishing State-of-the-Art comparisons



https://orkg.org/comparison/R112387/

#### Overview of the ORKG workflow

#### Workflow for structured literature reviews using the ORKG **ORKG Templates ORKG Visualizations** Reusable structures for Graphic representations of tabular representing knowledge data from comparisons **ORKG Lists ORKG Papers ORKG Comparisons ORKG Reviews** Compose lists of related literature Semantic representation of the Tabular overviews of Dynamic community-maintained organized by topic knowledge from papers related literature literature review Update when new literature becomes available

### **Current Status of the System**

- > 28,000 described papers
- > 6400 research problems
- > 1400 comparisons
- > 350 visualizations
- > 1600 users



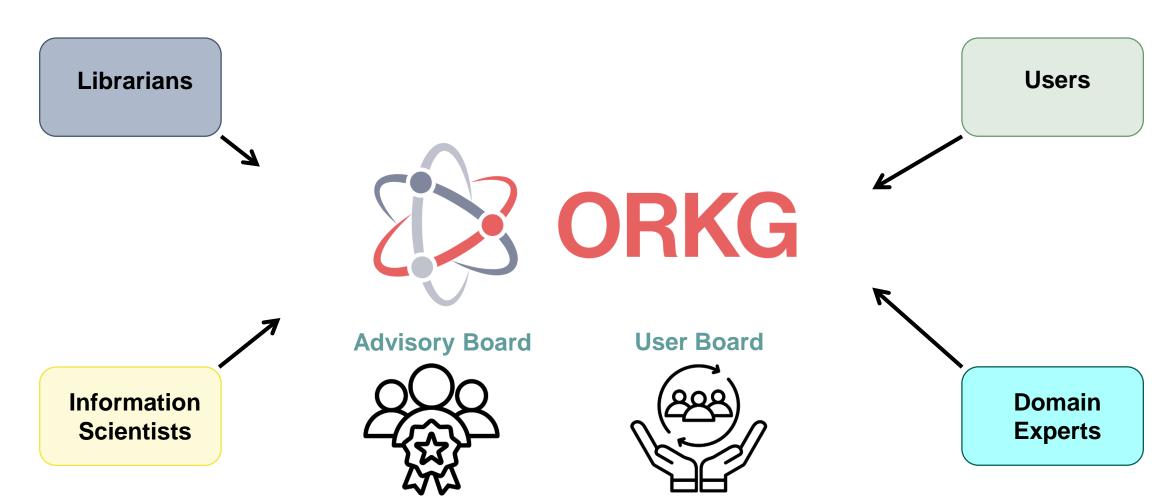
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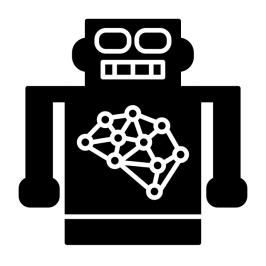
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### Human-in-the-loop curation model of the ORKG

Better: Machine-actionability AND human-actionability!



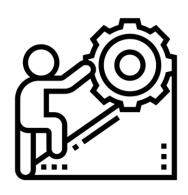




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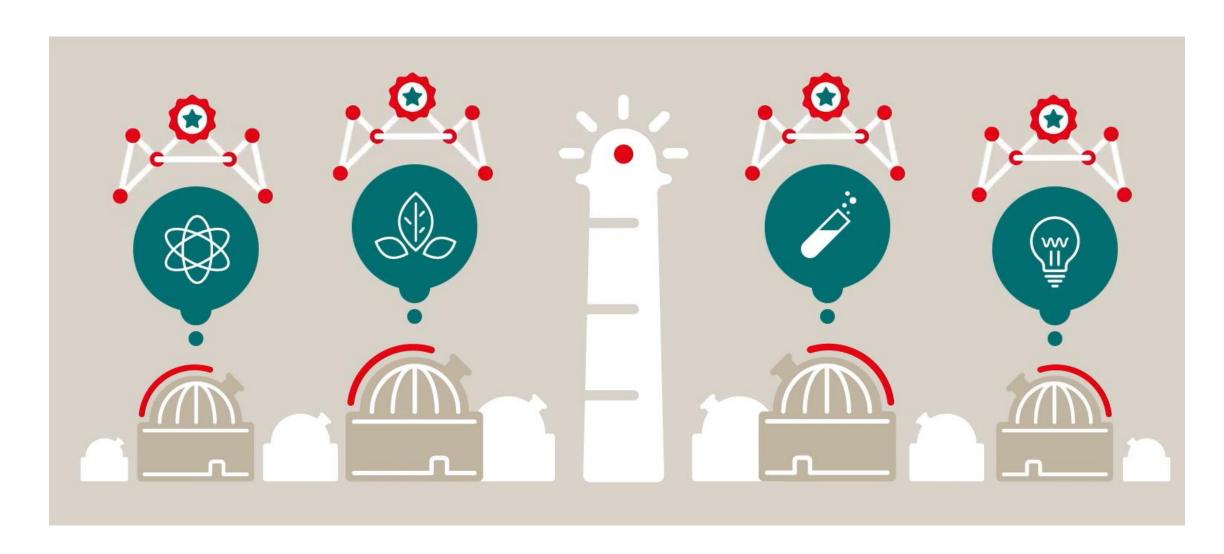
Domain Experts

Semantic Experts

### **ORKG** comparisons to support Peer-review



### Observatories: discipline specific knowledge graph



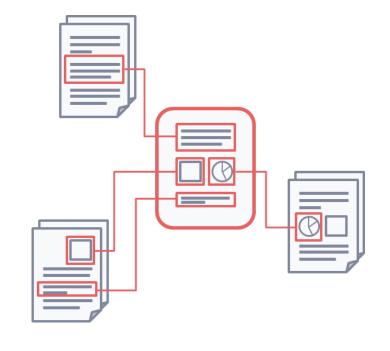
### Scholarly Knowledge: Structured, FAIR, Comparable



Rethink scholarly communication: Scholarly work can be realized as expressions other than an article



Make knowledge human and machine actionable





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