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Topic Search

- o Steps before searching
- o Boolean search (Scopus, Web of Science, swisscovery, ...)
- o Refine & evaluate your results

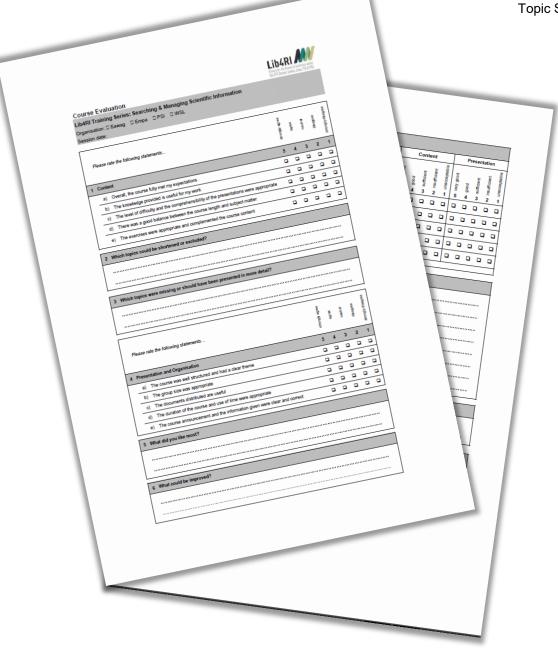
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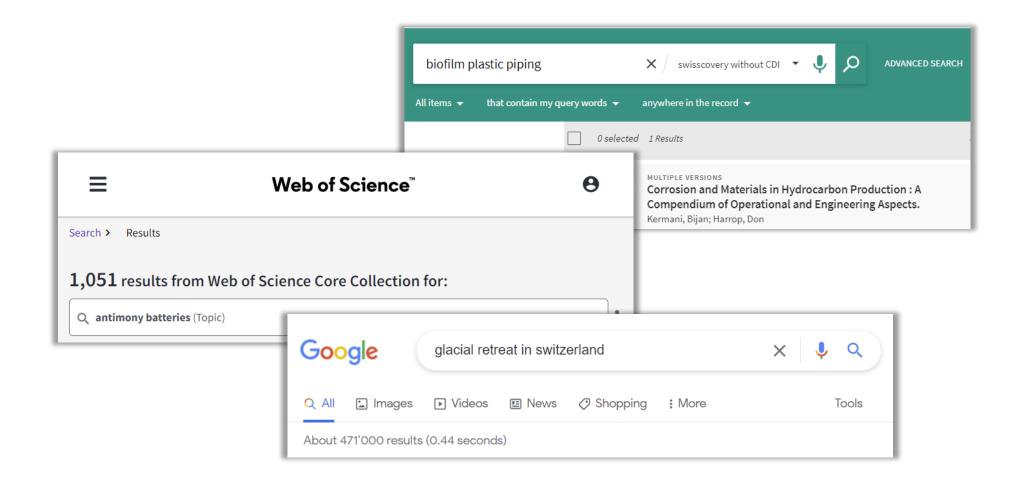
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«Some search in order to find; and some find in order to end the effort of searching.» (Elazar Benyouëtz)





Retreat of Glaciers in Switzerland

Topic search Thematic search



Foto: Versuchsanstalt für Wasserbau, Hydrologie und Glaziologie (VAW) at ETH Zurich



Topic Search



Before searching – analyse your topic

How extensive should your search be?

Do you need everything about your topic or simply the documents providing an overview?

Tip: combine your search terms with «overview», «introduction», «survey», «review», ... or use corresponding filters (if available)

O Which material do you need?

Books, PhD theses, articles,

- → different document types often require diverse search tools.
- Which time period should be covered?
 Since when could there be publications on the topic?
 Which period is covered by the search tools?



Before searching – analyse your topic

- Orientation / definition of the terms
 - Reference works (encyclopaedias, dictionaries, etc.)
 - Manuals
 - Wikipedia
 - Some key papers/books you already have
- Comprehensive searches with current issues
 - Articles, conference proceedings, reports
 - Books
 - Standards, guidelines and patents (depending on the research topic; advanced level)
- Historical searches
 - Bibliographies
 - Card index
 - Archives



Before searching – analyse your topic

Analysis of the central terms of the topic

Define core concepts:

- Include synonyms, beware of homonyms
- Define super- and subordinate terms
- Check related terms
- Translate the search terms (if necessary)

Tip: Start from a few seminal papers and/or relevant reference works and follow an iterative search strategy

Note:

- Spelling BE and AE (covered by Scopus & WoS)
- Previous or other spellings
- Ambiguous and uncommon abbreviations
- Singular and plural forms (covered by Scopus & WoS)







Truncation, placeholders and wildcards

Electronic search tools generally seek character strings, not meanings.

→ Grammatical and spelling variations are often not taken into account

Truncation via placeholders and wildcards facilitate the search, e.g.:

- \$ Represents zero or one character (WoS)
- → Topic search: colo\$r, finds color and colour
- ? Represents any one character (Scopus, WoS)
- → Author search: Ma?er, finds Maier and Mayer
- Represents zero or more trailing, leading or enclosed characters (Scopus, WoS and many more, but NOT Google)
- → econom* finds: economy, economist, economic, economically

Note: Too much truncation might lead to unwanted results. Note: Check, what symbols you can use in which database.

Important: <u>WoS</u> and <u>Scopus</u> include lemmatisation, word stemming and spelling variations. These are automatically turned off when using truncations (often still better)



Phrase search

Search for documents with words in a sequence (phrase)

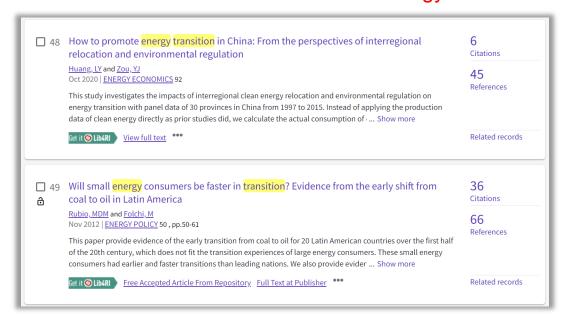
→ Phrase search: in "quotation marks"

Web of Science search for energy transition:

Web of Science search for "energy transition":

370,229 hits

7,396 hits



Without the quotes, the space in between energy transition is interpreted as a logical AND neglecting order and location of the search terms

Important: WoS turns off lemmatisation and word stemming for words in quotes; Scopus, however, does NOT (unless truncation is in place)

Tip: Also works with swisscovery, Google and many more





Classify your research topic into concepts





| Concept 1 | Concept 2 | Concept 3 |
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| retreat | glaciers | Switzerland |



Boolean operators (logical operators from set theory)

OR any one of the search terms must occur to be retrieved. Hits contain at least one of the terms.

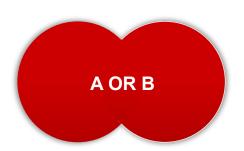
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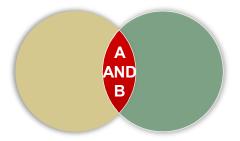
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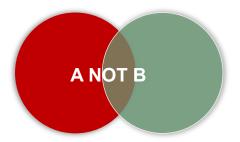
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NOT excludes records that contain a given search term after the NOT-operator.

→ Number of results decreases









Combine concepts

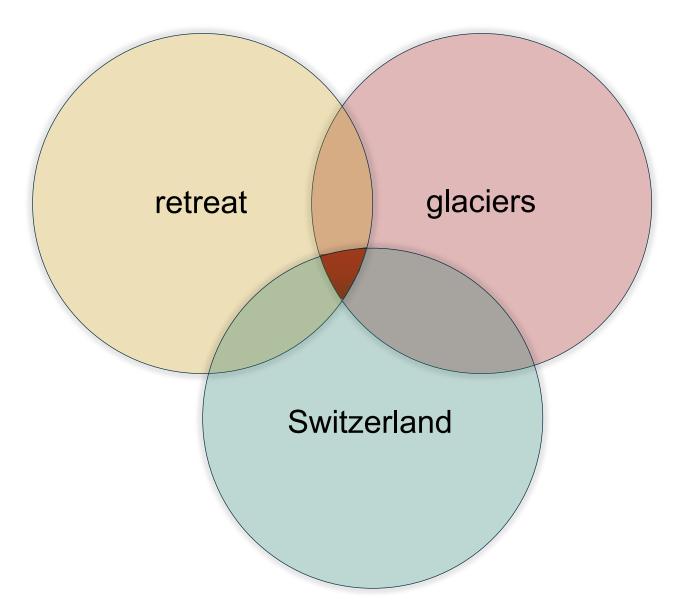
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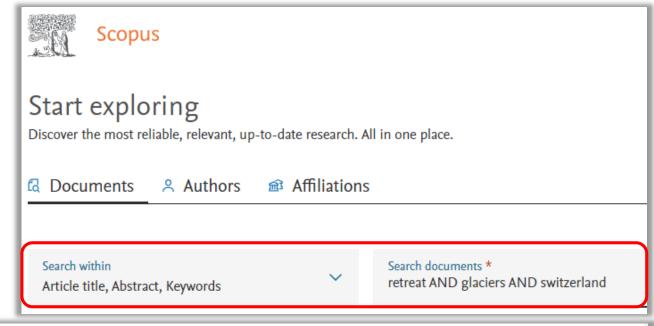


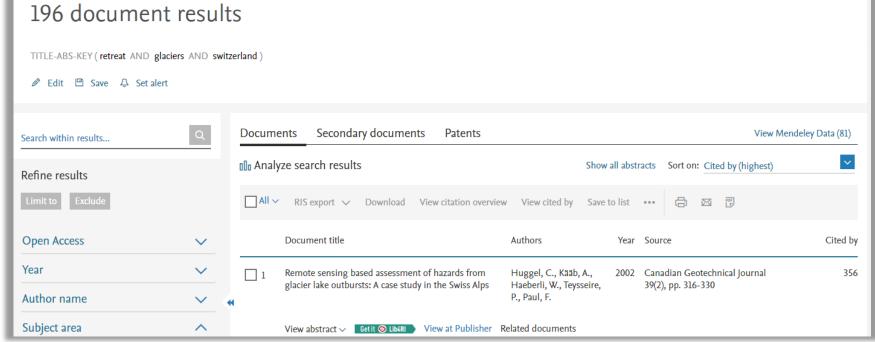


Search in Scopus

www.scopus.com

A rather quick and dirty first topic search







Find synonyms and related concepts



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Find synonyms and related concepts



| Concept 1 | Concept 2 | Concept 3 |
|---------------|--------------|-----------------|
| retreat | glaciers | Switzerland |
| withdrawal | ice field | Swiss |
| shrinkage | icefield | |
| loss | ice cap | (European alps) |
| disappearance | icecap | (Europe) |
| ablation | ice mass | |
| deglaciation | | |
| calving | (permafrost) | |
| melting | | |
| sublimation | | |
| precipitation | | |



Truncated and phrased concept list



| Concept 1 | Concept 2 | Concept 3 |
|------------|--------------|-------------|
| retreat* | glaci* | Switzerland |
| withdr* | "ice field*" | Swiss |
| shrink* | icefield* | |
| los* | "ice cap*" | |
| disappear* | "icecap*" | |
| ablat* | "ice mass*" | |
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| precipit* | | |



Combine concepts (and their synonyms)

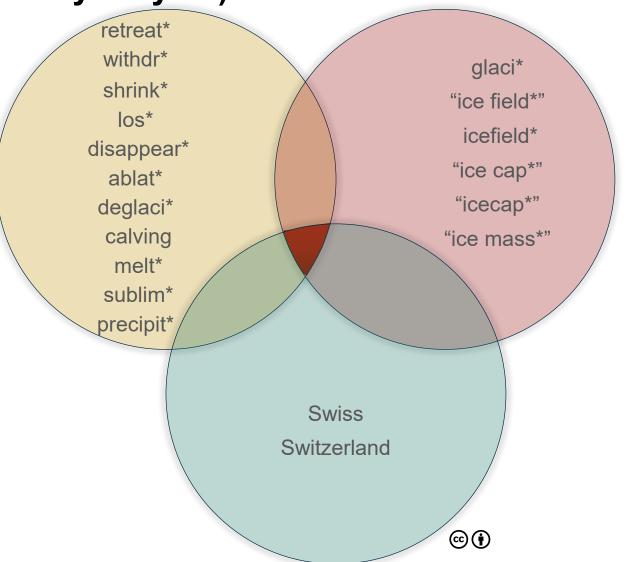
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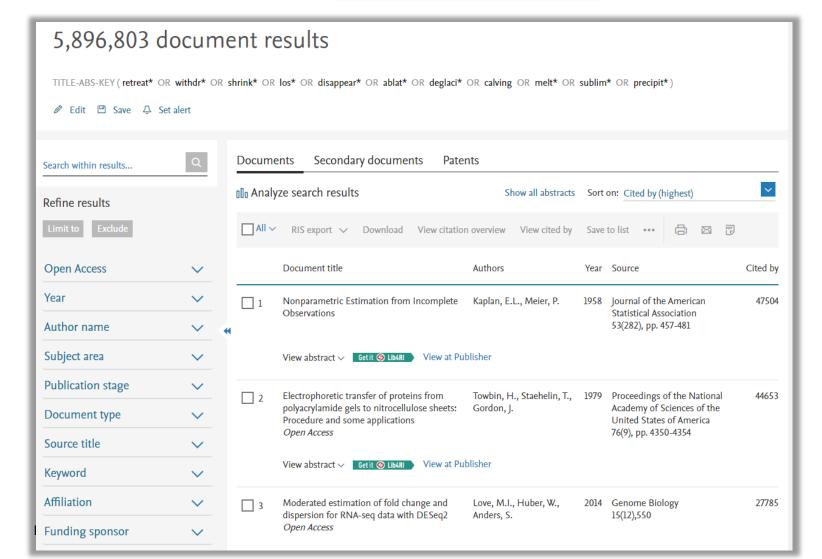
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AND

(Switzerland OR ...)





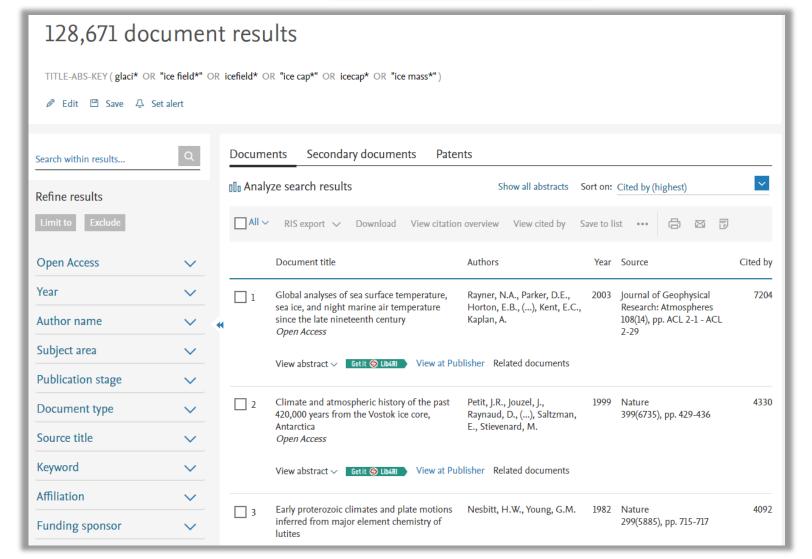


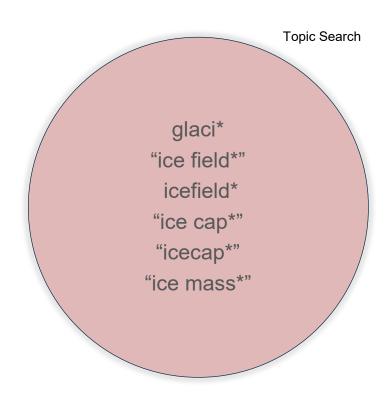


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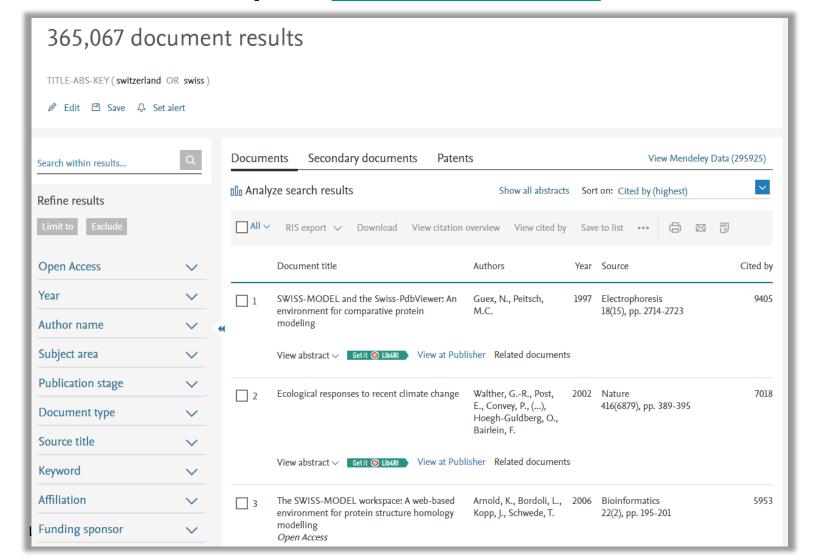


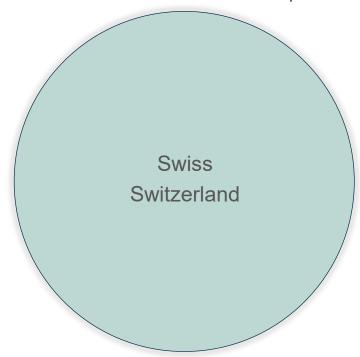








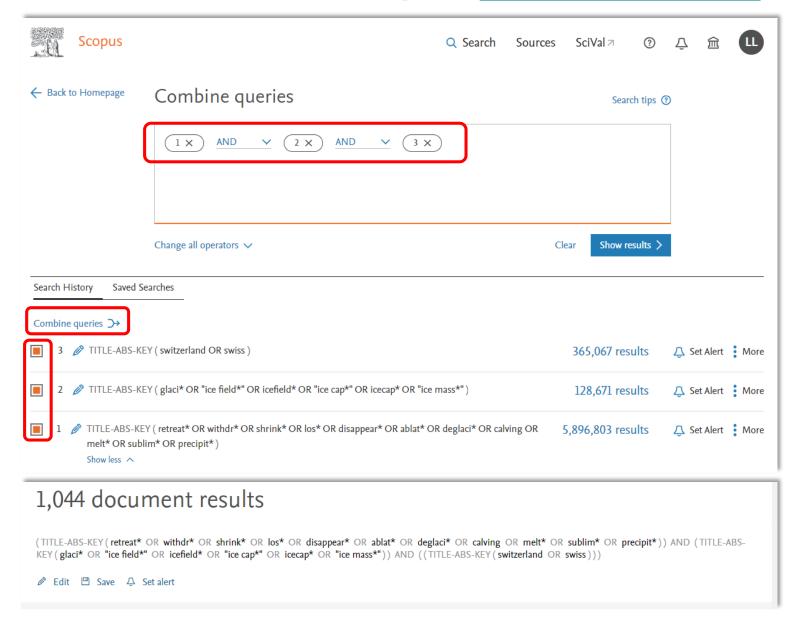


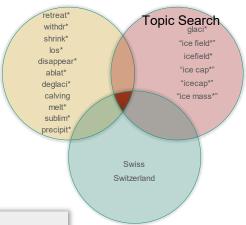


This seems to be a lot just on Switzerland. We'll see about this later.









Let's combine them via the search history

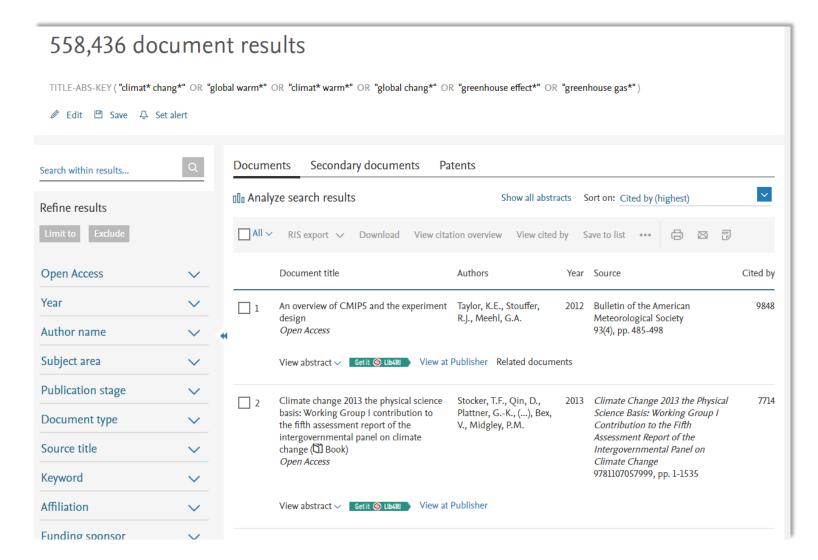
Quite a few hits

Maybe relate them to climate change?

Are they all relevant?







"climat* chang*"
"global warm*"
"climat* warm*"
"global chang*"
"greenhouse effect*"
"greenhouse gas*"

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(retreat* OR withdr* OR ...)

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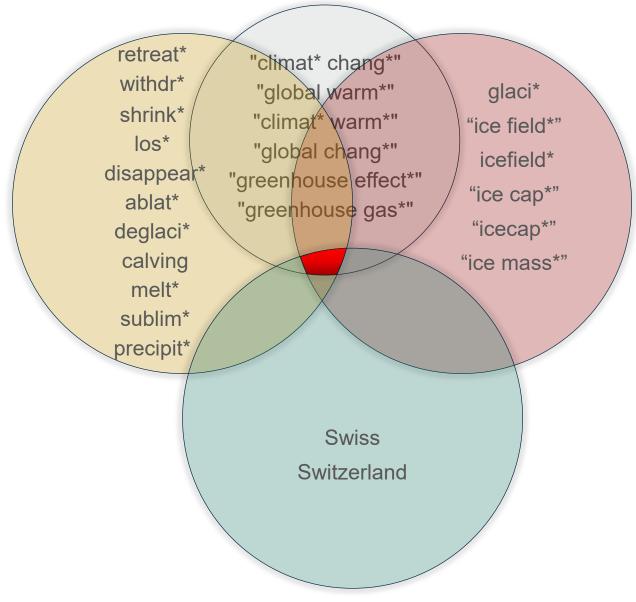
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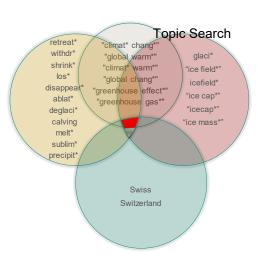
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Let's combine them all via the search history



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Ok. This is something to work on.



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Perspectives on the future of ice nucleation research: Research needs and Unanswered questions identified from two international workshops

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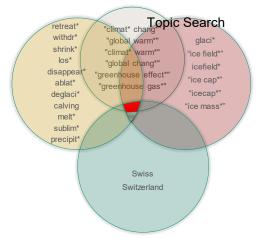
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Abstract

There has been increasing interest in ice nucleation research in the last decade. To identify important gaps in our knowledge of ice nucleation processes and their impacts, two international workshops on ice nucleation were held in Vienna, Austria in 2015 and 2016. Experts from these workshops identified the following research needs: (1) uncovering the molecular identity of active sites for ice nucleation; (2) the importance of modeling for the understanding of heterogeneous ice nucleation; (3) identifying and quantifying contributions of biological ice nuclei from natural and managed environments; (4) examining the role of aging in ice nuclei; (5) conducting targeted sampling campaigns in clouds; and (6) designing lab and field experiments to increase our understanding of the role of ice-nucleating particles in the atmosphere. Interdisciplinary teams of scientists should work together to establish and maintain a common, unified language for ice nucleation research. A number of commercial applications benefit from ice nucleation research, including the production of artificial snow, the freezing and preservation of water-containing food products, and the potential modulation of weather. Additional work is needed to increase our understanding of ice nucleation processes and potential impacts on precipitation, water availability, climate change, crop health, and feedback cycles. 2017 by the authors, Licensee MDPI, Basel, Switzerland.

Author keywords

Aging; Cloud glaciation; Crystal; Ice nucleation; IN; INM; INP; Nucleation sites; Precipitation; Water

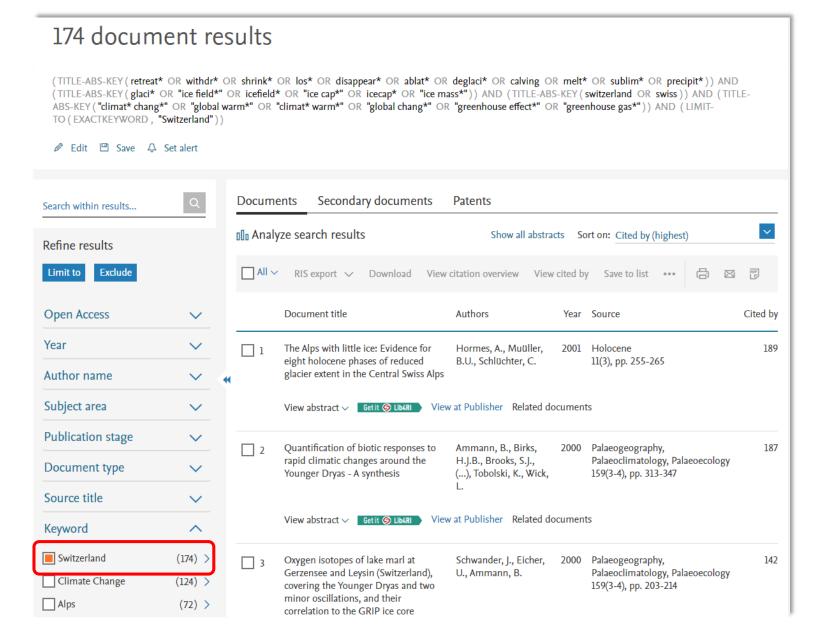


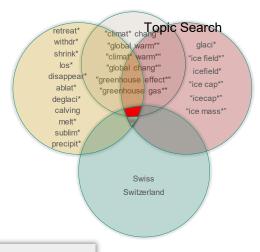
Let's see about relevance

Oops. This one is not about Swiss glaciers.

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Switzerland







So, we could limit the search to the keyword Switzerland

... but this would likely miss quite a few





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Search tips ②

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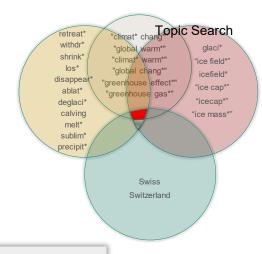
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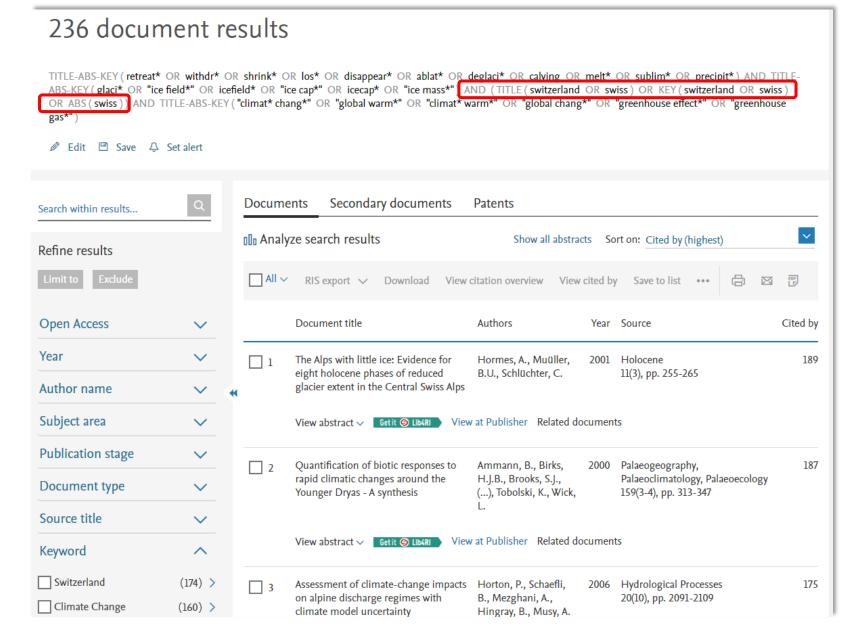
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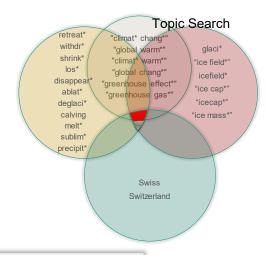


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... and search individually the TITLE, KEY and ABS fields but leave out Switzerland for the ABS search



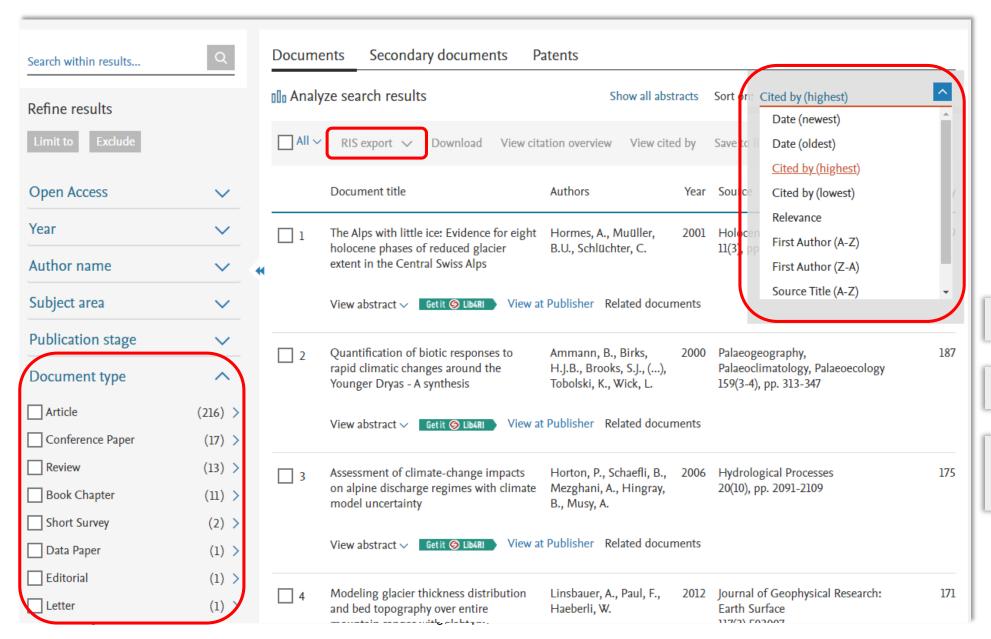


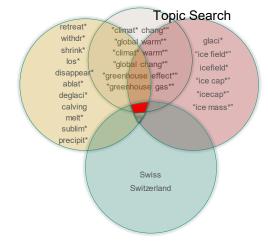


... there are of course some missing that genuinely have Switzerland in the abstract

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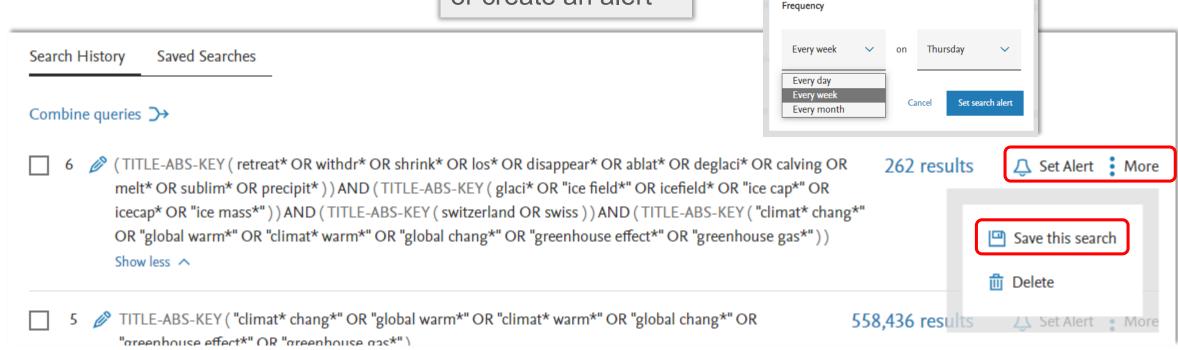
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Search in Scopus www.scopus.com

... provided you have a (free) account with Scopus you can save your search or create an alert



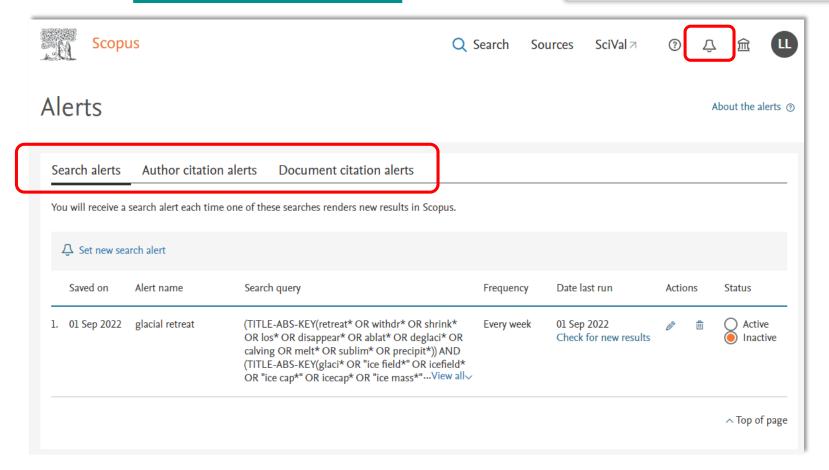


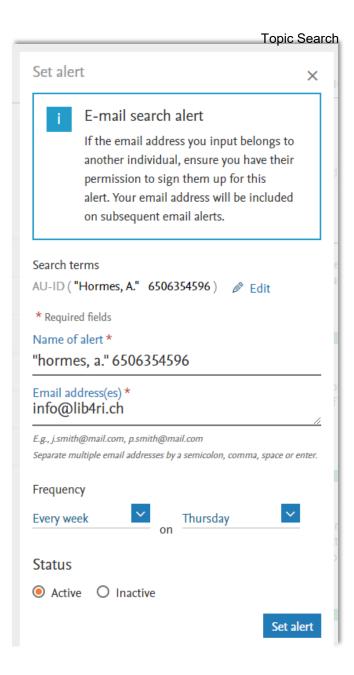


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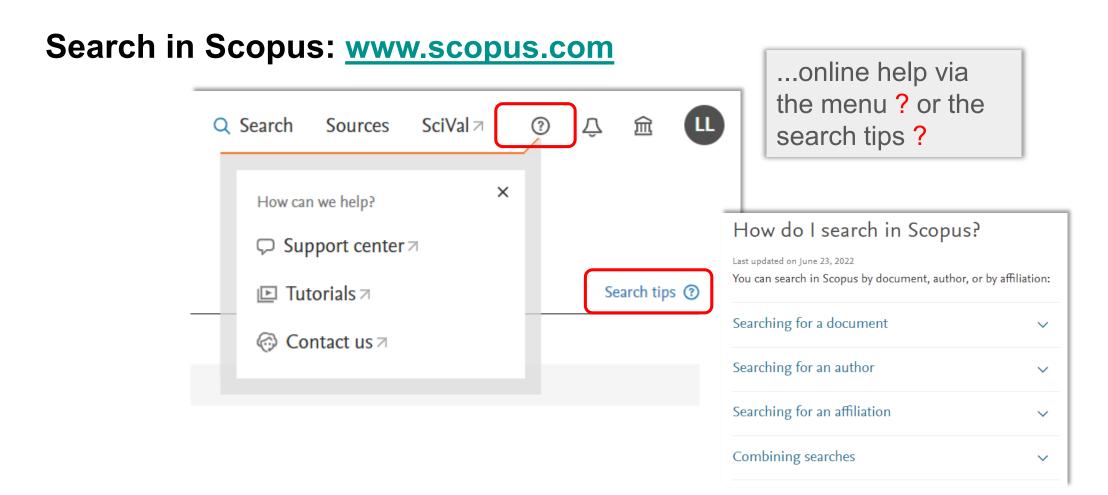
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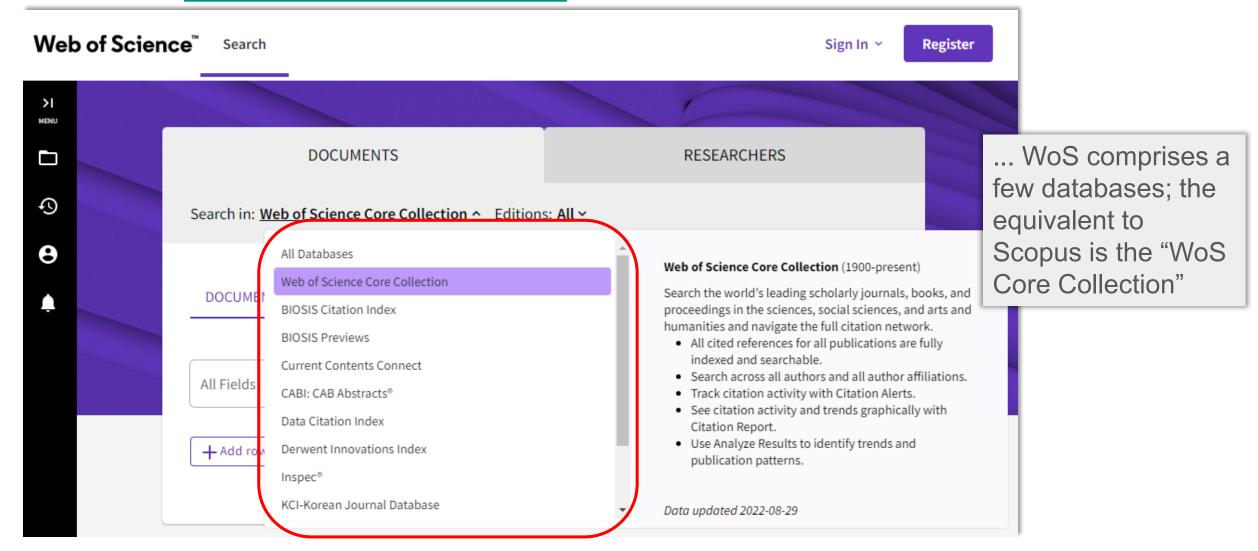


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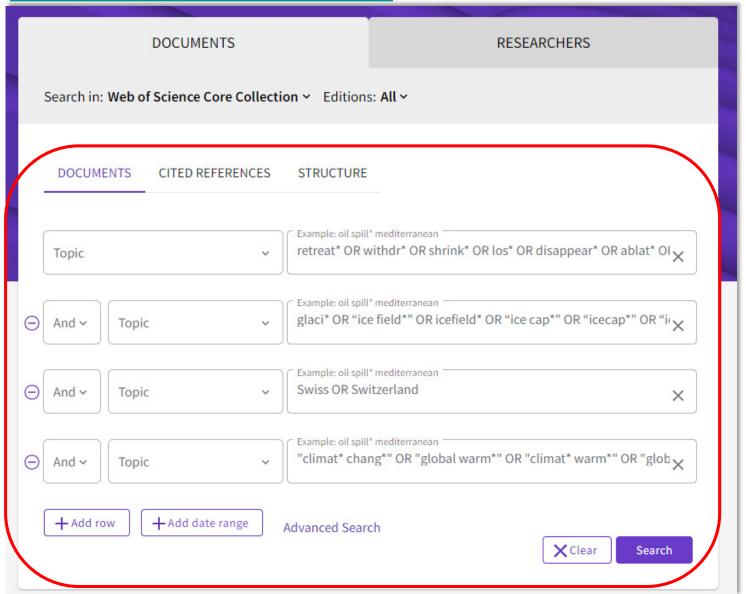
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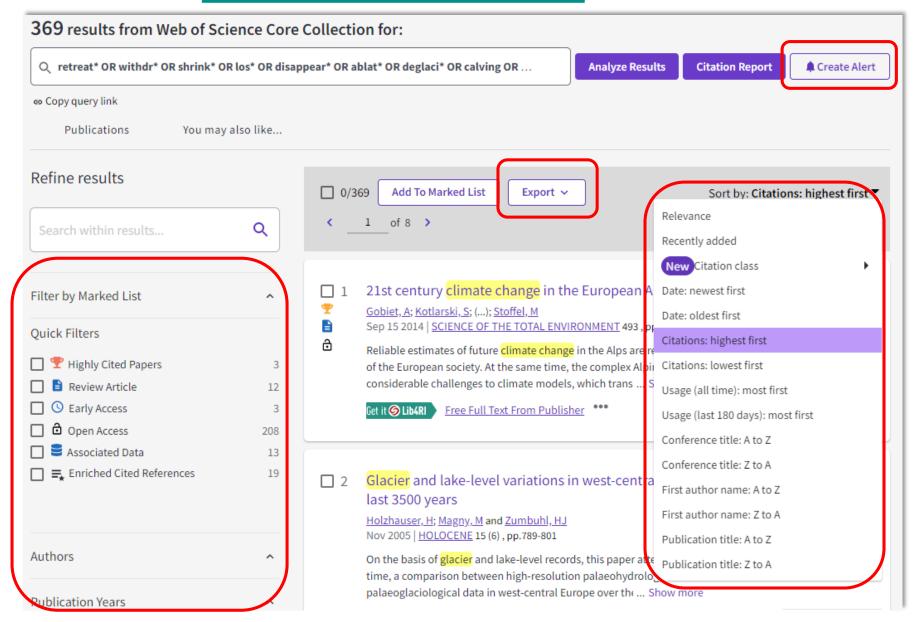


... Topic searches can be performed in a analogous way. "Topic" includes the same fields "Title", "Abstract" and "Keywords"



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... Most refine/filter and sort options are also available

... Export to reference management software as well

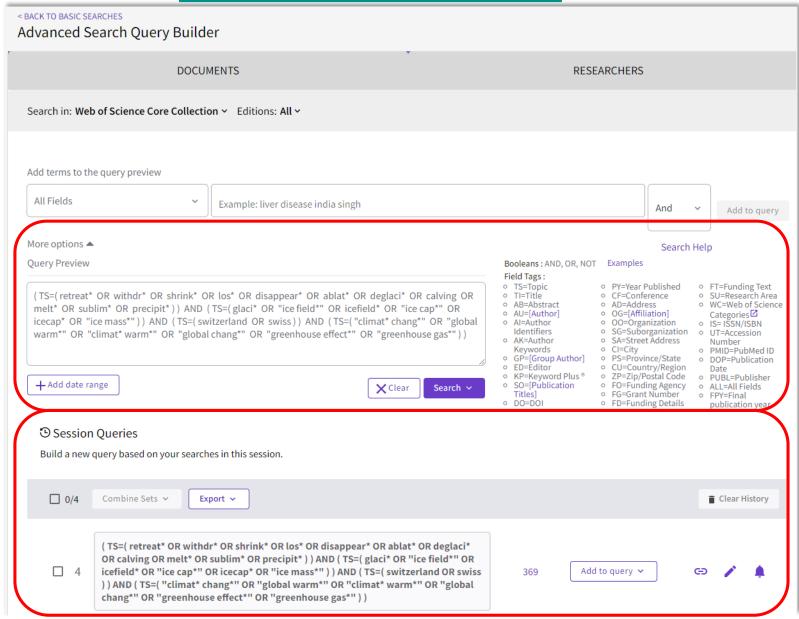
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... WoS also has an advanced search builder

... and a search history





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Halving of Swiss glacier volume since 1931 observed from terrestrial image photogrammetry

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Abstract

The monitoring of glaciers in Switzerland has a long tradition, yet glacier changes during the 20th century are only known through sparse observations. Here, we estimate a halving of Swiss glacier volumes between 1931 and 2016 by mapping historical glacier elevation changes at high resolution. Our analysis relies on a terrestrial image archive known as TerrA, which covers about 86 % of the Swiss glacierised area with 21 703 images acquired during the period 1916-1947 (with a median date of 1931). We developed a semi-automated workflow to generate digital elevation models (DEMs) from these images, resulting in a 45 % total glacier coverage. Using the geodetic method, we estimate a Swisswide glacier mass balance of -0.52 +/- 0.09 m w.e. a(-1) between 1931 and 2016. This equates to a 51.5 +/- 8.0 % loss in glacier volume. We find that low-elevation, high-debriscover, and gently sloping glacier termini are conducive to particularly high mass losses. In addition to these glacier-specific, quasi-centennial elevation changes, we present a new inventory of glacier outlines with known timestamps and complete attributes from around 1931. The fragmented spatial coverage and temporal heterogeneity of the TerrA archive are the largest sources of uncertainty in our glacier-specific estimates, reaching up to 0.50 m w.e. a(-1). We suggest that the high-resolution mapping of historical surface elevations could also unlock great potential for research fields other than glaciology.

Keywords

Keywords Plus: SEA-LEVEL RISE; MULTITEMPORAL AERIAL IMAGES; MASS-BALANCE; SWEDEN 1959-99; ALPS; STORGLACIAREN; SENSITIVITY; REANALYSIS; ELEVATION; AREA

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... unfortunately, due to the introduction of the 4th concept ("climate change") a very recent relevant publication "got lost" as none of the synonyms has been mentioned in the topic fields (just in the full text).

... so, "working" towards one's personal threshold using additional constraints (e.g. 300 vs 1000 hits) can come at a cost.





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... WoS Training Material

> WoS Core Collection

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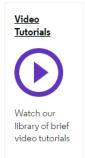
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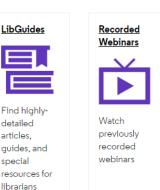


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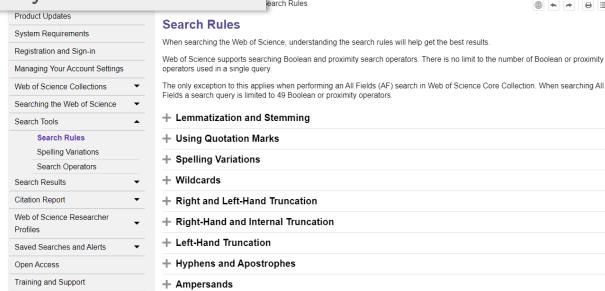


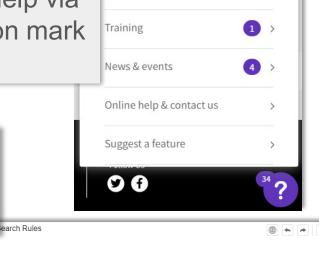




... Online help via the question mark in WoS

... Or via "Search Help" in the Advanced Search **Query Builder**





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The only exception to this applies when performing an All Fields (AF) search in Web of Science Core Collection. When searching All Fields a search query is limited to 49 Boolean or proximity operators.

+ Using Quotation Marks + Spelling Variations

+ Right-Hand and Internal Truncation

+ Hyphens and Apostrophes

+ Ampersands

+ Using Formulas For Searching

+ Guidelines for Searching Names

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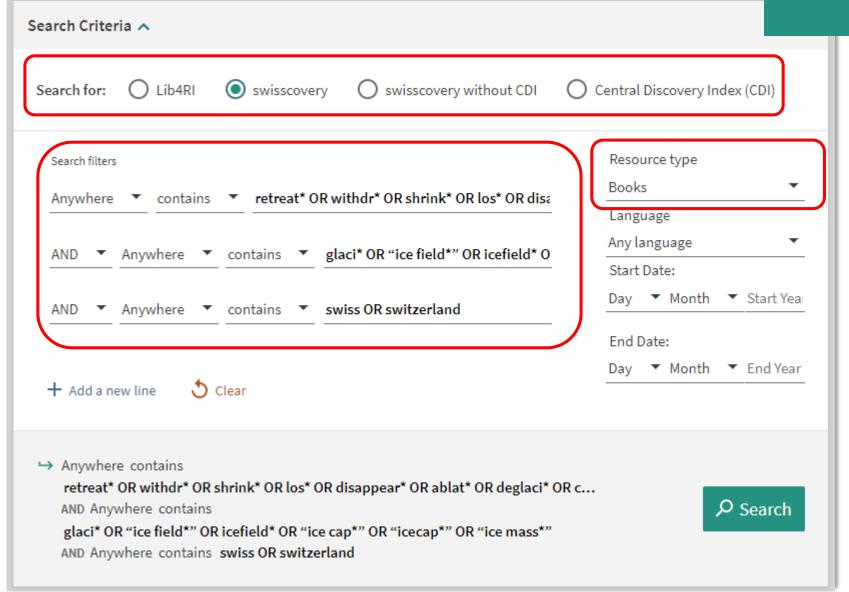
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| Subject areas | multidisciplinary | multidisciplinary |
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| Contents – Books | >126,000 books (via WoS Core Collection) | >249,000 non-serial books, >63,300 book series titles |
| Contents – Conferences | >226,000 conferences (via WoS Core Collection) >70.1 M cited conference papers | >140,000 conferences, >10.9 M conference papers |
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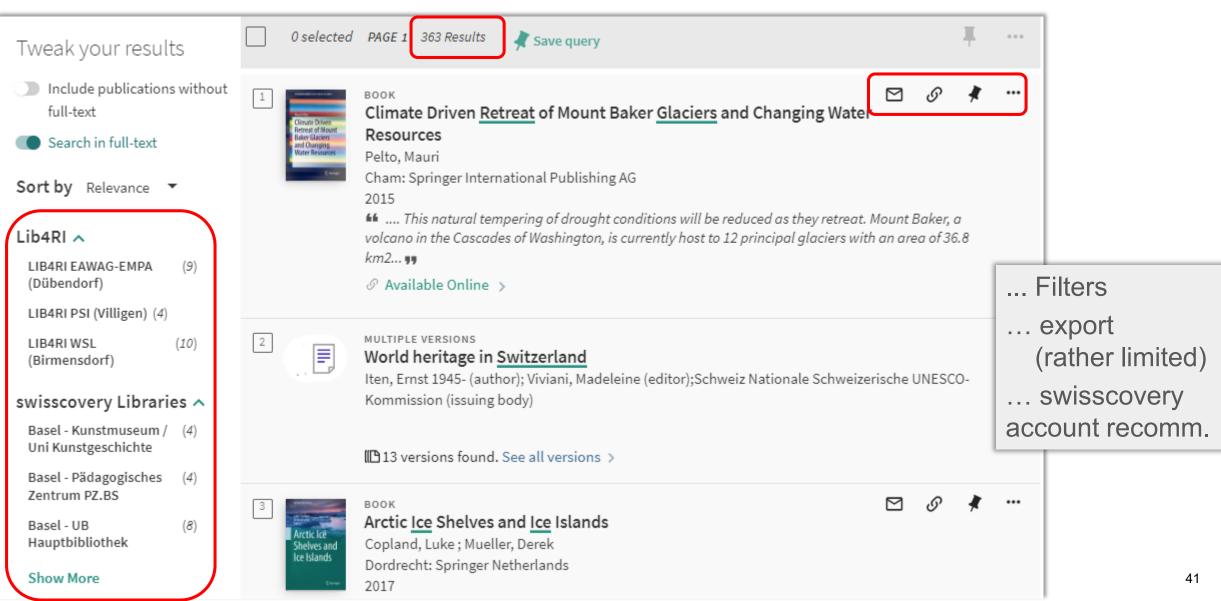
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Evaluation of the results

Too few results

- Search for possible sources of error (Typing errors, wildcards, quotes...)
- View the relevant hits → restart the search with other synonyms
- Widen the subject, lessen the number of concepts
- Verify the search instruments

Too many results

- Narrow the search by: number of citations, publication year, reviews
- Narrow the subject, increase the number of concepts (cautiously)
- Exclude non relevant hits (NOT, Filter)
- Verify the search instruments



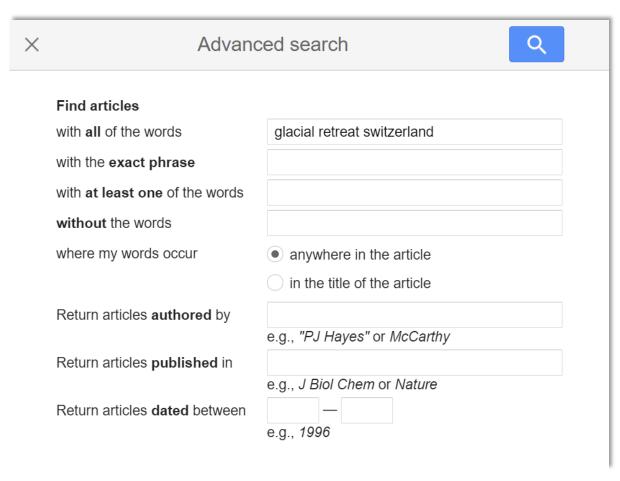
Other bibliometric Databases

- Web of Science (some special, some multidisciplinary)
- Central Discovery Index (multidisciplinary)
- Cabi (Biology, Medicine, Food Science)
- Pubmed (Biology, Medicine)
- Scifinder-n (Chemistry)
- Google Scholar





A few words to Google Scholar



Operators (list not comprehensive)

+, AND: AND operator (space works as well)

"": phrase search ("climate change")

I, OR: OR operator

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intext: text search (intext:glaciers)

intitle: title search (intitle:glaciers)

allintitle: title search (allintitle:glaciers retreat swiss)

author: author search (glaciers author:Hormes)

source: Quelle ("glacial retreat" source:education)

* replaces a whole word ("swiss * retreat")

AROUND(#): proximity (swiss AROUND(5) glaciers)

(): brackets don't exist; i.e. Boolean combinations are

rather limited



A few words to Google Scholar

Pros

- Easy, quick and free
- Automatic word-stemming, lemmatisation, synonyms
- Finds articles, theses, books, abstracts from academic publishers, professional societies, online repositories, universities and other web sites
- Source for "grey" literature, e.g. governmental and institutional reports

Cons

- Typically many hits (even from within full texts)
- Few filters, poor export facilities (even when logged into Google)
- o Reproducible systematic topic searches are virtually impossible due to
 - Synonyms, word-stemming, lemmatisation are a black box
 - restricted use of Booleans (no brackets)
 - bubble Effect (search results may depend on user/IP address)



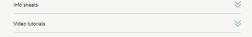
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