Information Literaacy ICI

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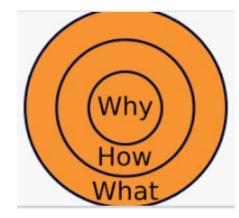


Why do a literature review?

Helps to develop an understanding of relevant previous research

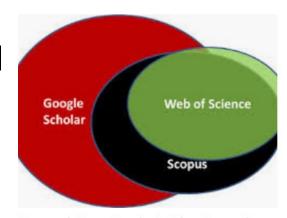
How to do a literature review?

- What are the databases I can use to search for relevant information
- What are the key resources on my topic (books, journals, reports)
- What research, methods and theory are there on my topic
- Who are the main researchers in my field
- What is the history, the chronological development of my topic



Bibliometric databases –what do they do?

- Give access to abstract and citation databases of peer-reviewed literature: scientific journals, books and conference proceedings
- Give citation data (h-index, journal impact factor...)



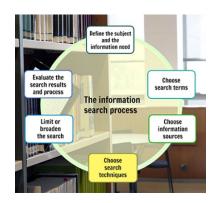
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- GoogleScholar freely accessible
- Scopus subscription based
- Web of Knowledge subscription based

....and more

- Search for an author or article
- Can see other articles by the same author or similar articles
- Can visualise author's collaborators and their work
- Export citation/article to Mendeley
- Set up alerts
- Save search

Searching Techniques



- Article databases, online library catalogues, and many popular search engines share several general searching techniques. Once you master these common searching techniques, you will save yourself time and find more relevant results.
- Scopus, Web of Science, Google Scholar

Keywords

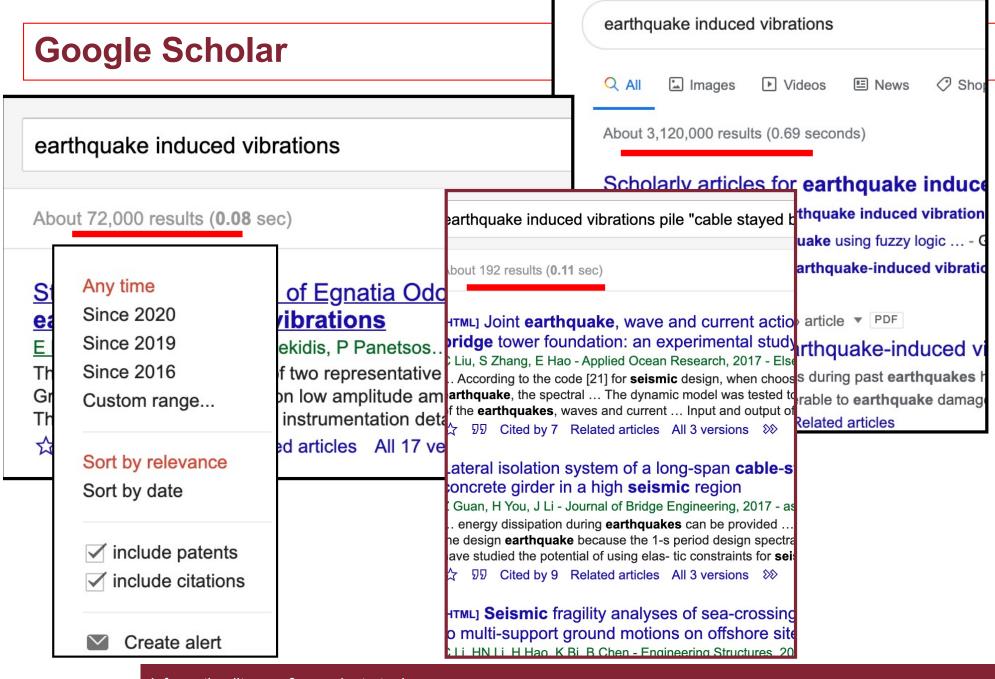
Key phrases



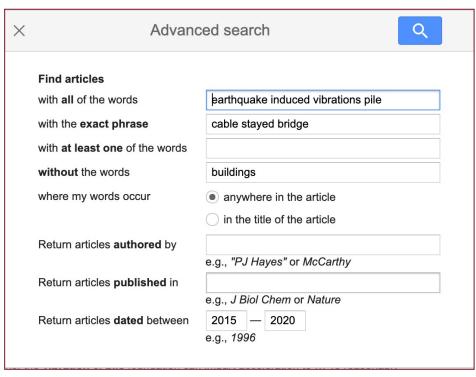
 Using keywords is a vital part of research and writing, because of the practice of retrieving information electronically: keywords act as the search term. Use keywords that are specific, and that reflect what is essential about your research.

Boolean operators: Combination / Phrase / Truncated / Wildcards

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cr7LscBEYC8
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r8Zei_azjX0
- Combination
 AND (to focus), OR (to broaden), NOT (to exclude)
- Phrase "MMMMMM"
- TruncateEngine*
- WildcardsCol?r Wom#n



From 3ml to 192 hits. How?



- Refine your search
- Importance of key words



Exercise

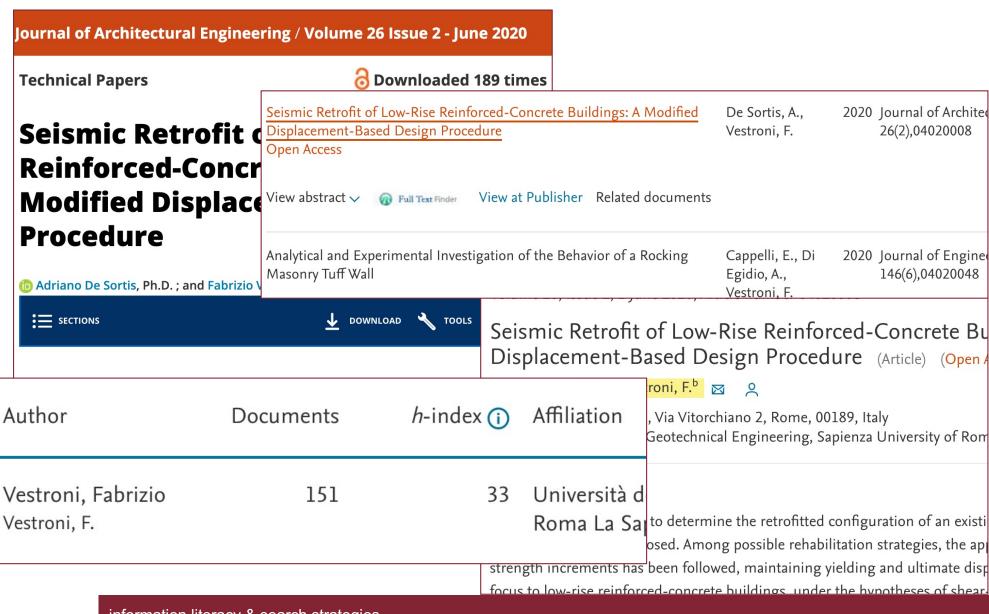
- Cable-stayed bridges
- Cable-stayed bridges -long
- Cable-stayed and girder



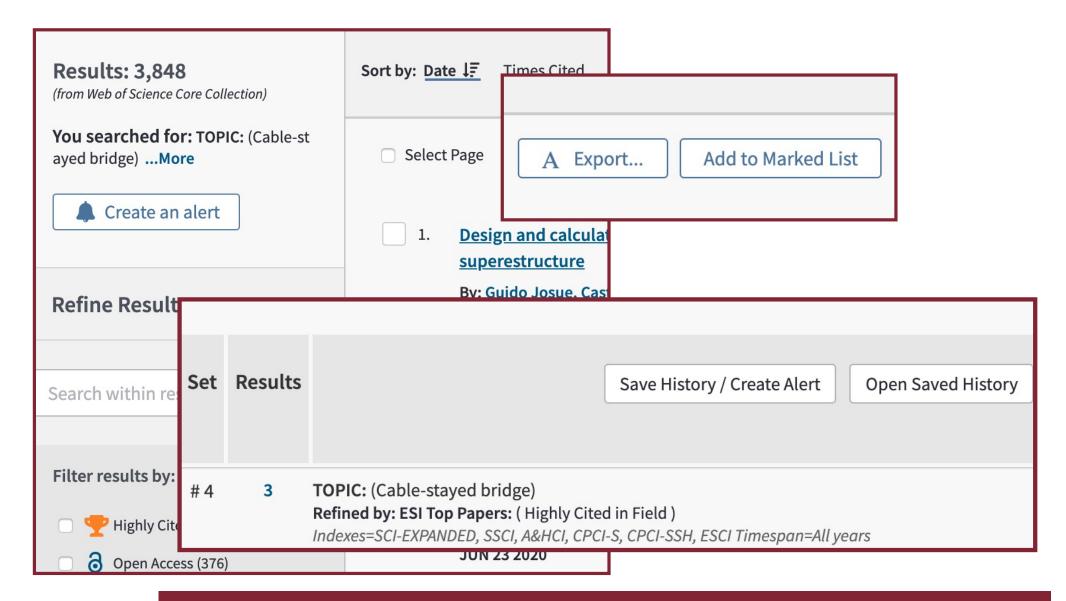
Exercise – search in google scholar

- Choose keyword
- Open Full Text
- Create Alert
- Number of citations for your supervisor

SCOPUS....author search



Web of Science



Other metrics

 Twitter, Facebook, Pinterest, Google+ Tumblr..., science blogs, many mainstream media outlets (including the NY Times, The Guardian, non-English language publications like Die Zeit & Le Monde and special interest publications like Scientific American, New Scientist) and reference managers (including

Mendeley)



Exercise

Web of Science

Find h-index for the head of your department or Corso di Laurea

Scopus / WOS

Find h-index for Giuseppe Rega

Scopus

Set up alert/rss for my supervisor or another author

Find most recent article in your field

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