An excursus to Google Scholar
How deep does this search engine dig?

Background
- Launch November 2004, Beta
- Interesting approach: Autonomous Citation Indexing (ACI) and citation analysis
- Size, coverage and actuality are unknown

Study
Querying complete journals lists
- ISI Journals (10,684 titles)
- DOAJ Journals (1,423 titles)
- IZ / SOLIS Journals (324 titles)

Analyses
- Journal coverage
- Distribution of document types
- Webserver coverage
- Size estimation
- Recall test

Results
- Majority of journal title matches
- Bad Open Access coverage
- About 8,000,000 documents
- No actualization, no broad coverage of large servers
- Non scientific content

Conclusions
- A good prototype with some annoying characteristics
- No substitute for traditional databases
- Potential in ACI and citations analysis
- OA search engine and WoS alternative