

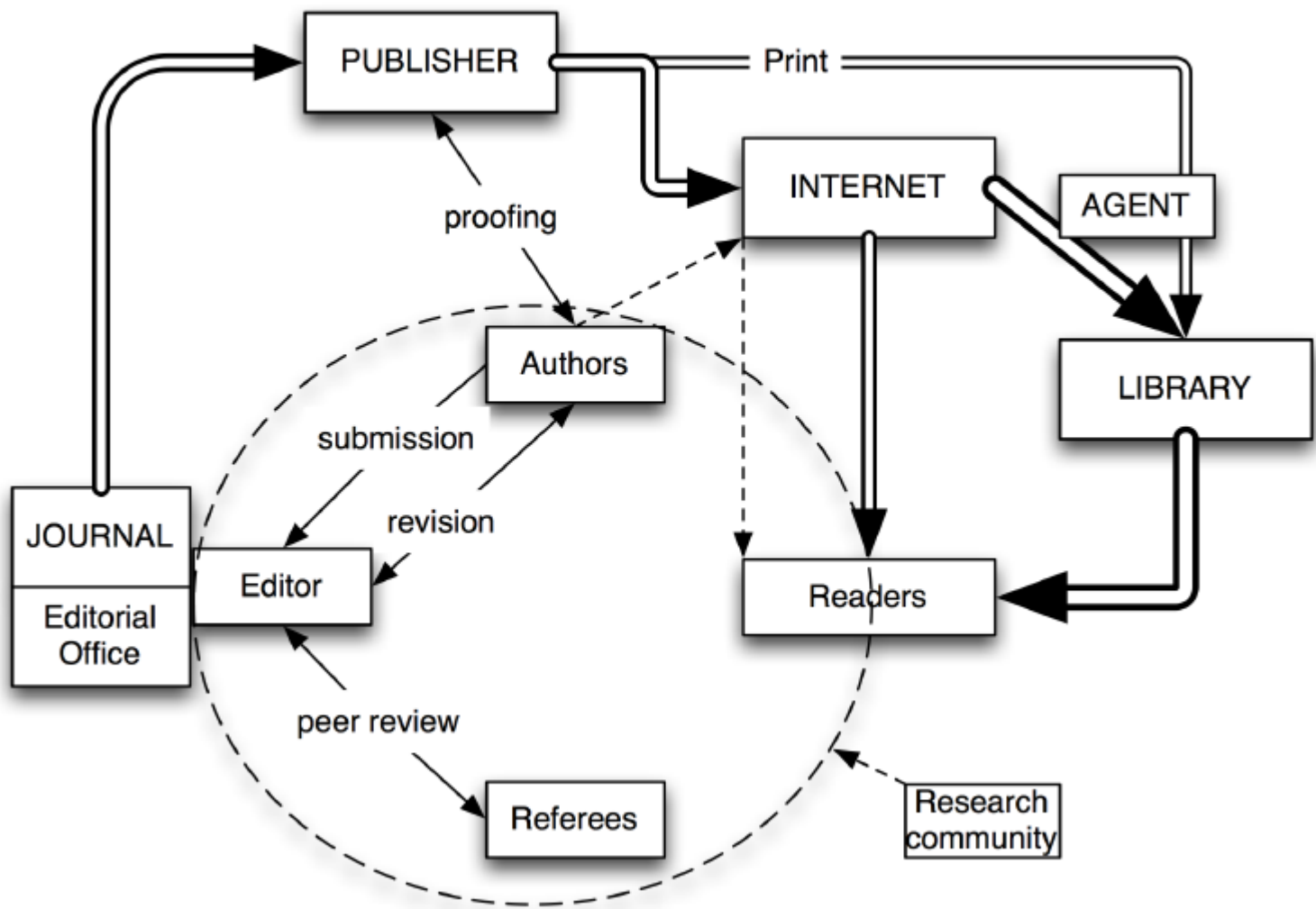
Open Access Journals: Quantity vs Quality

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Figure 3: The publishing cycle



Journal Publishing Business Models

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- **Subscription-based model (Traditional model)**
- Reader-side subscription fees
- Print & Online
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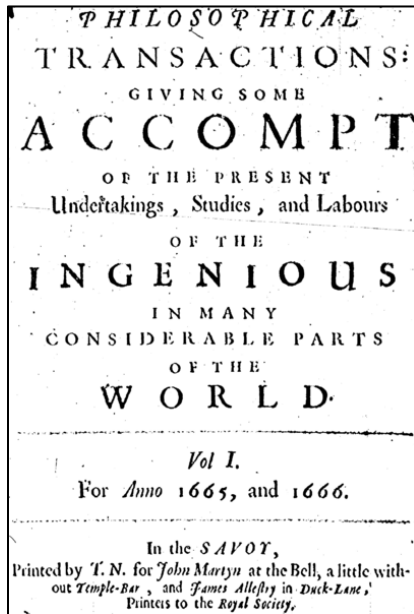
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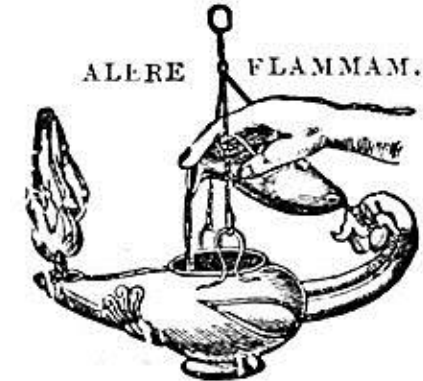
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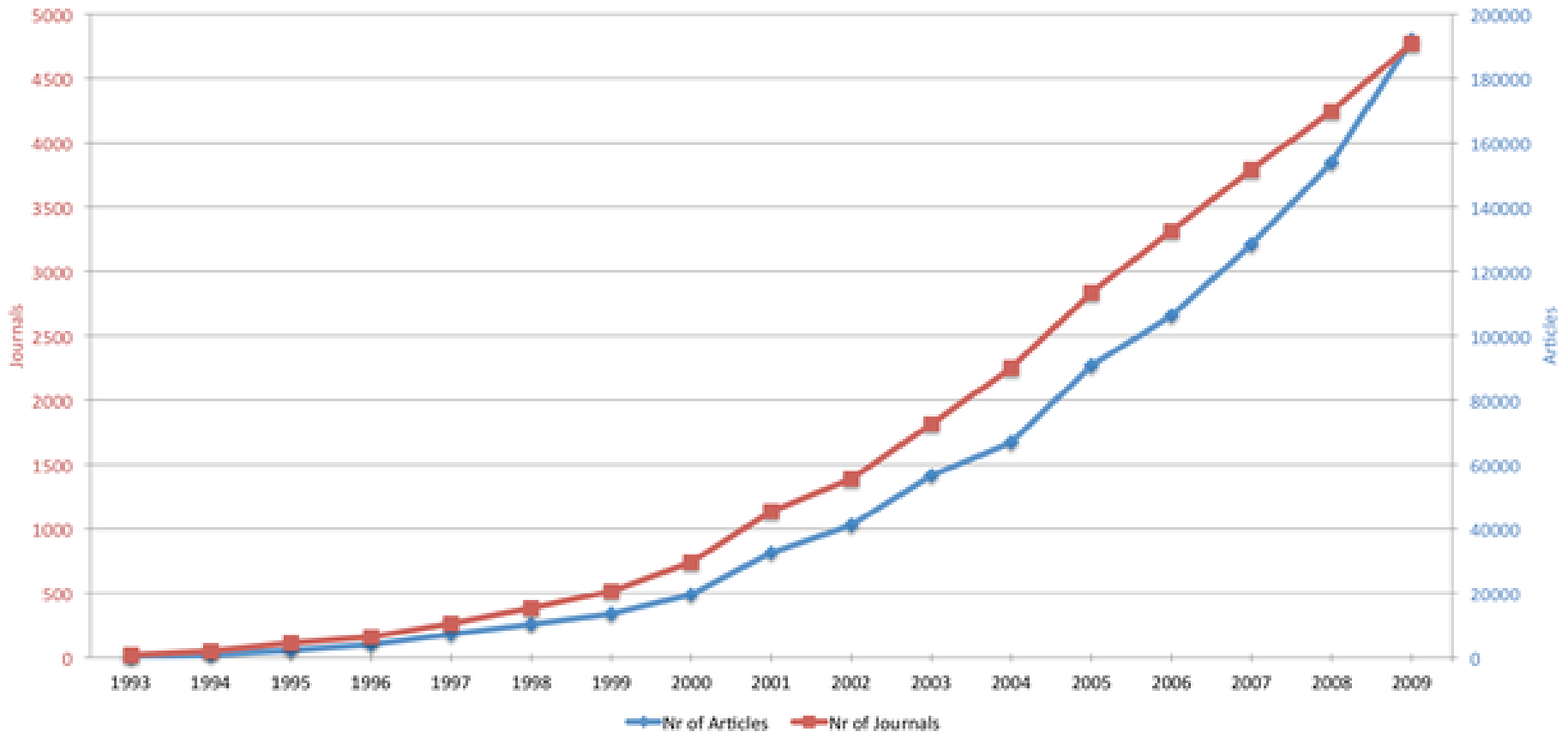


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The development of open access publishing 1993–2009.



Laakso M, Welling P, Bukvova H, Nyman L, et al. (2011) The Development of Open Access Journal Publishing from 1993 to 2009. PLoS ONE 6(6): e20961. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0020961

OA Policies from Research Funders



- **UK's Research Councils Policy** (RCUK) supports both 'Gold' and 'Green' routes to Open Access
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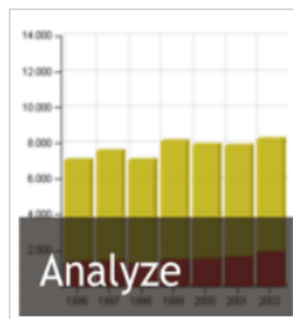
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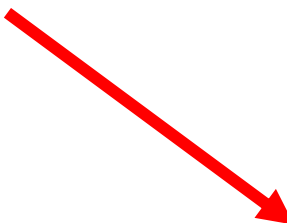
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But scholars also noted they felt there were certain reasons to avoid open-access journals. When asked, 29 percent said they had not published in such journals and gave these reasons:

Conclusion :

- Journal publishing business models in the internet era has shifted from **traditional (subscription-based)** to **open access (author-side payment)** model.
- **In term of quantity**, scientific publishing has been accelerating and moving to open access with a rapid growth rate.
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