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what will we talk about?

- Challenges for Subject Repositories
- Subject Repository Landscape
- Recommendations and Discussion

CHALLENGES

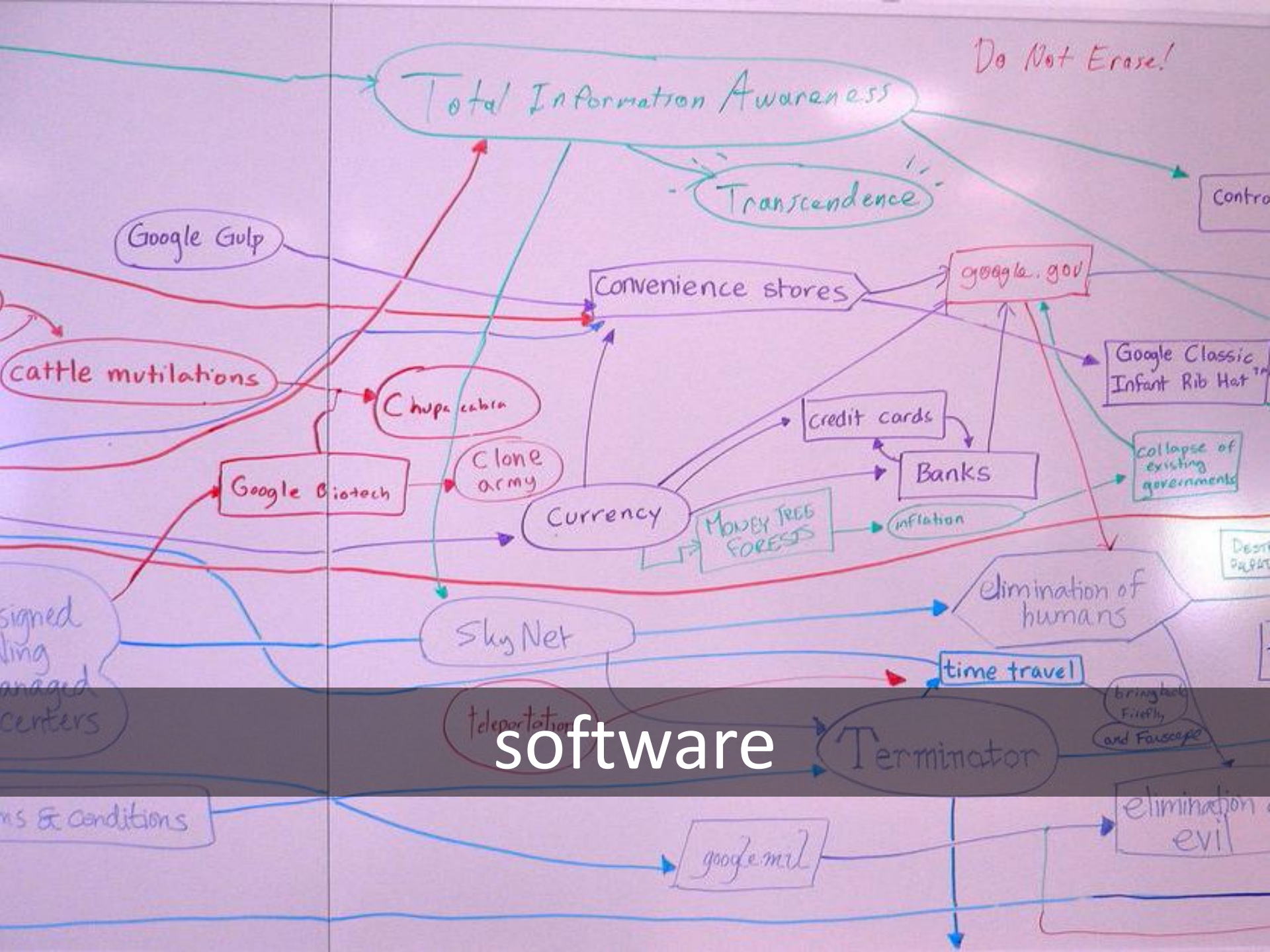




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lack of library literature

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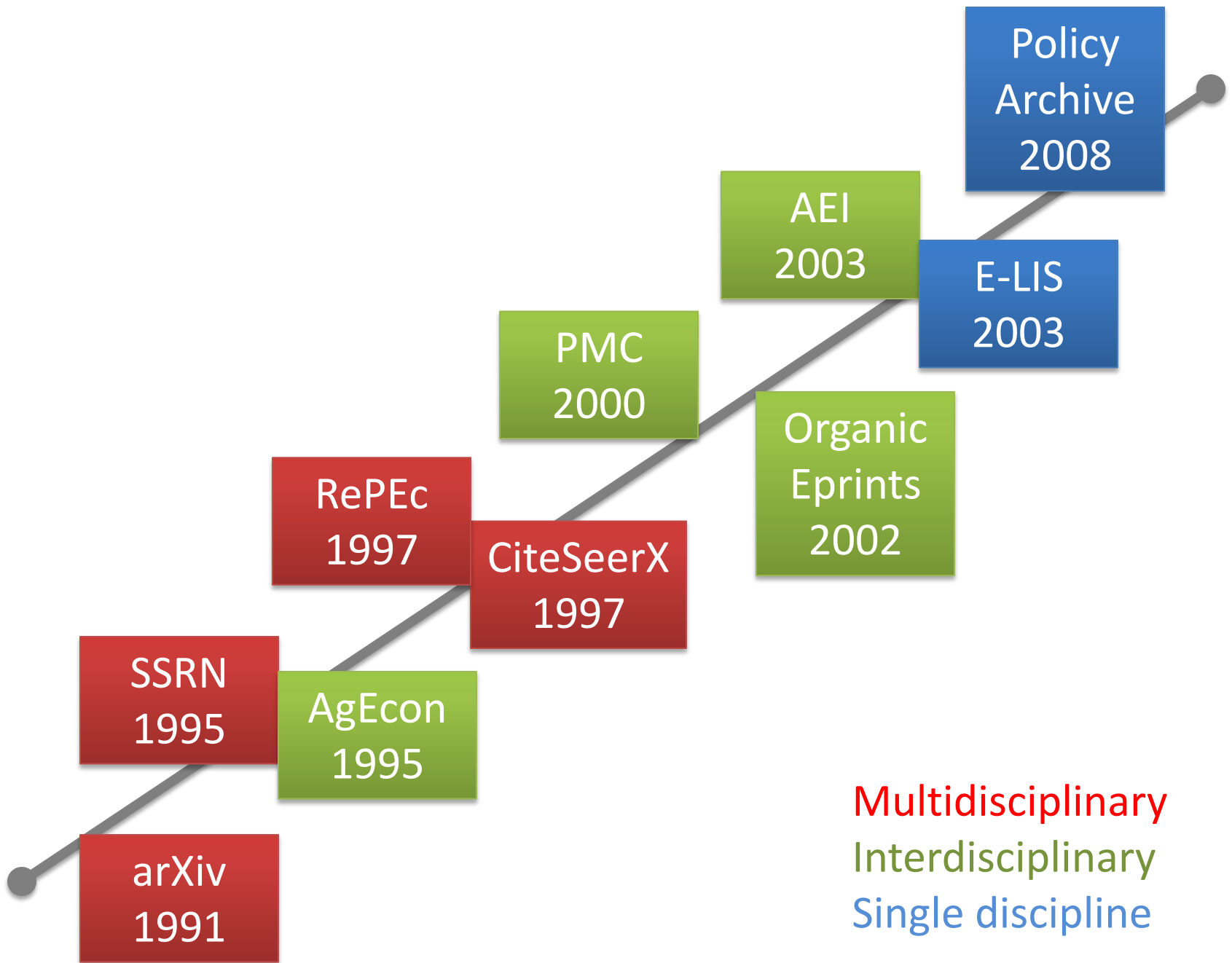
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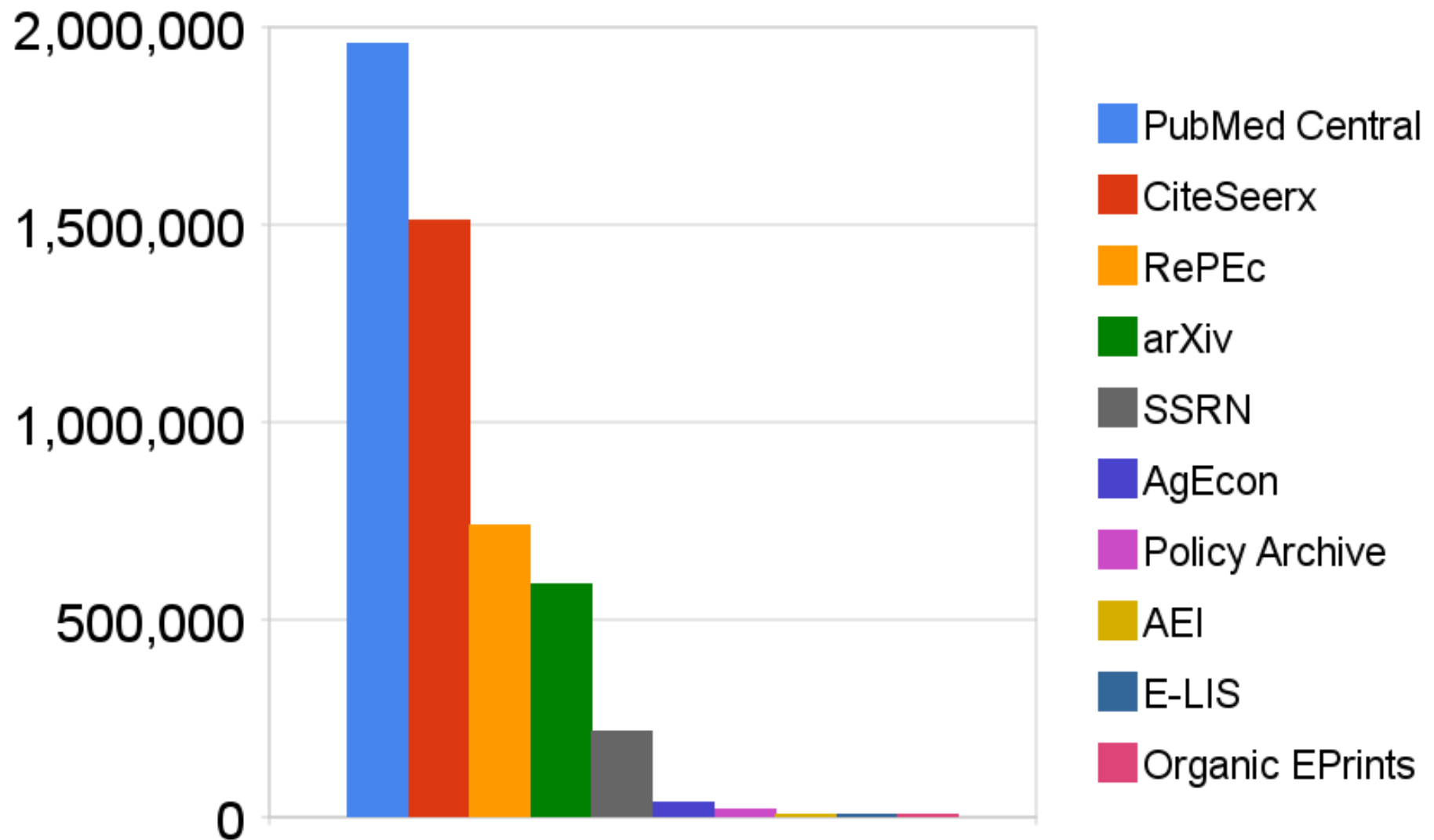
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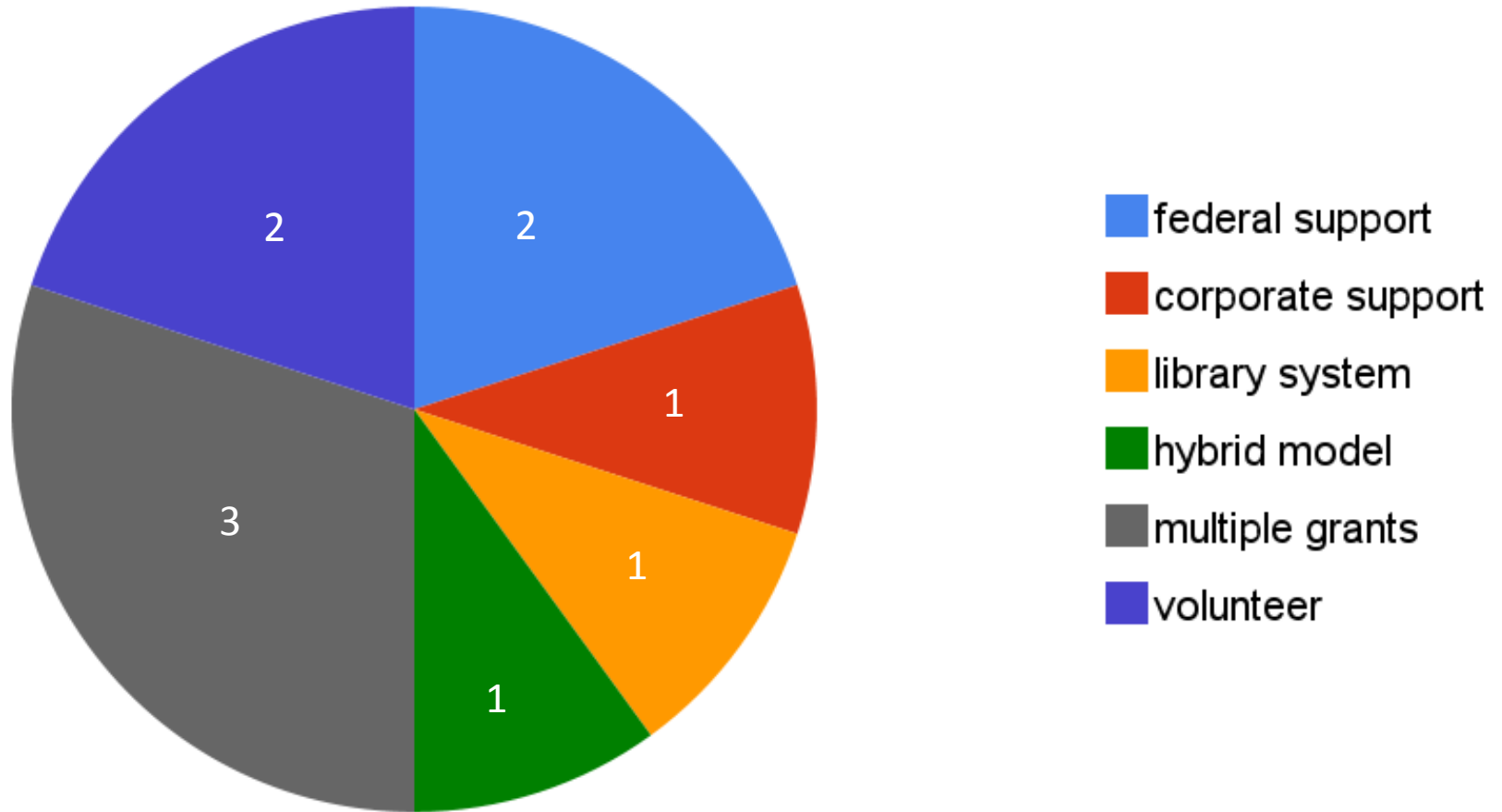
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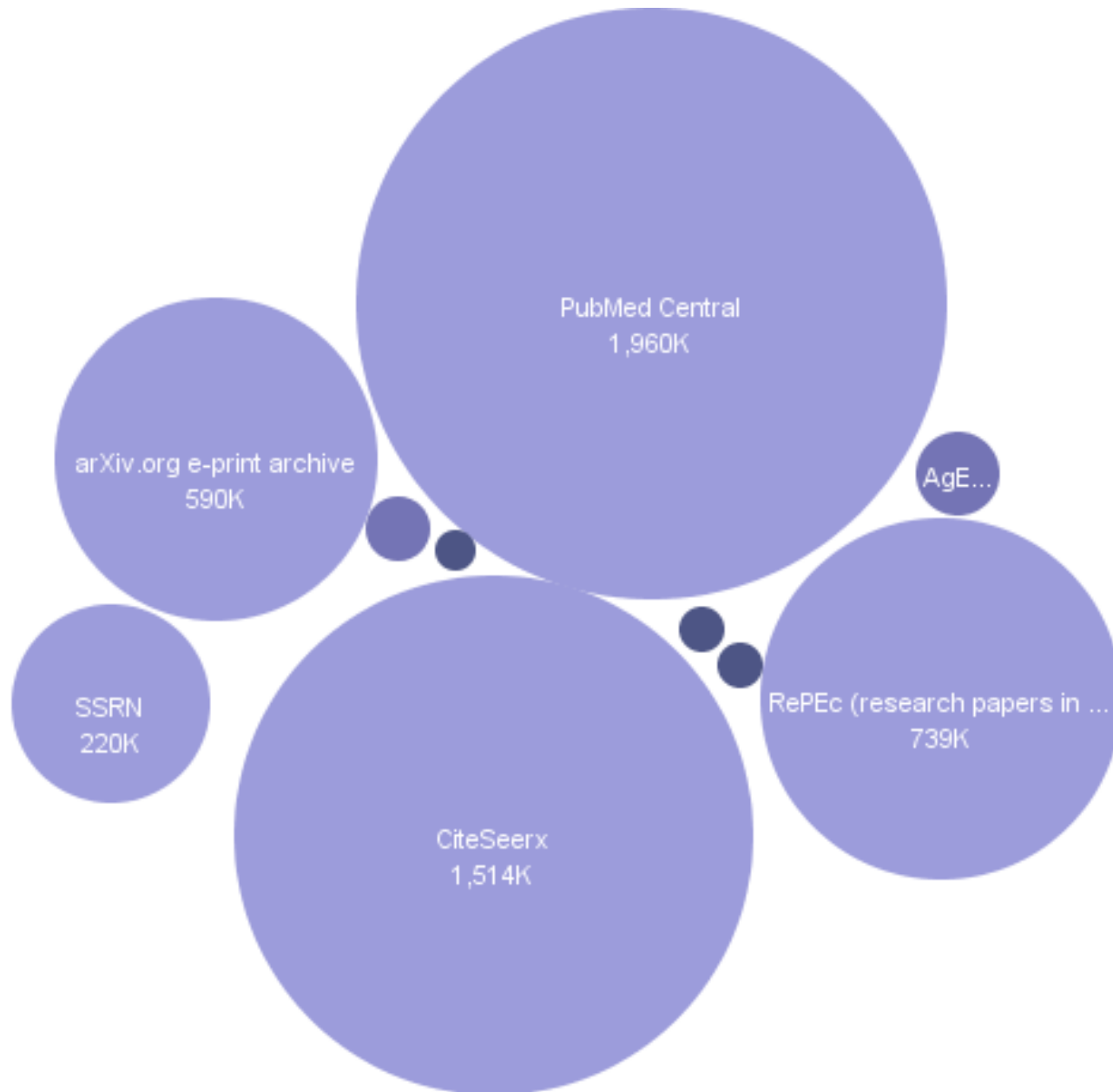
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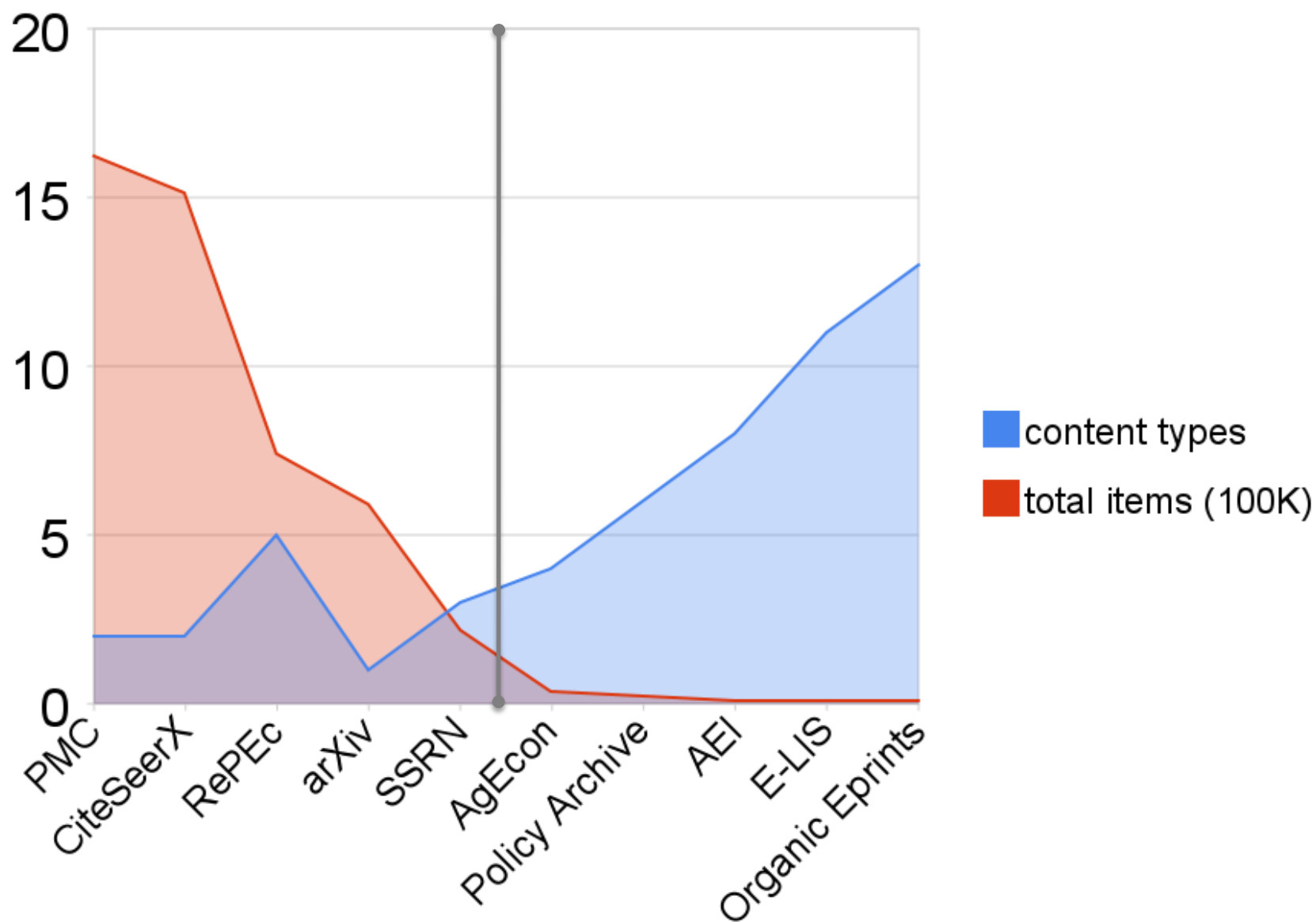
repository size and software



content type and repositories



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the rest



some approaches

- Communication with PIs/teams
- Iterative scoping and design
- Metadata first
- Local technical control
- Emphasizing a funder relationship

summary of issues

- Subject repositories are heterogeneous
- Diverse community needs and cultures
- Lack of consistent terminology
- Lack of recognition in authoritative resources
- Lack of literature

The background of the slide is a photograph of a formal garden. It features a dense, green hedge maze with a central circular path. At the end of this path is a small, black metal cage or structure. The overall scene is lush and green, with the hedges forming a complex pattern of paths and dead ends.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. More literature
2. Standard language
3. Community of SR managers, librarians, and administrators
4. Instruments for evaluation
5. Guidelines/best practices

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