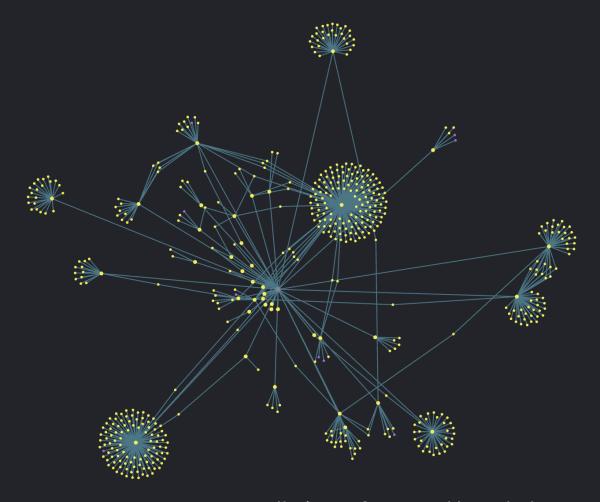
Personal &
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Systems

Infrastructure for Idea Management & Research Development

Brian Mathews | Carnegie Mellon CNI Fall Meeting 2024

## **HYPOTHESIS:**

the way we organize thoughts | ideas | notes | projects | tasks



constellations of personal knowledge

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systems for sense-making

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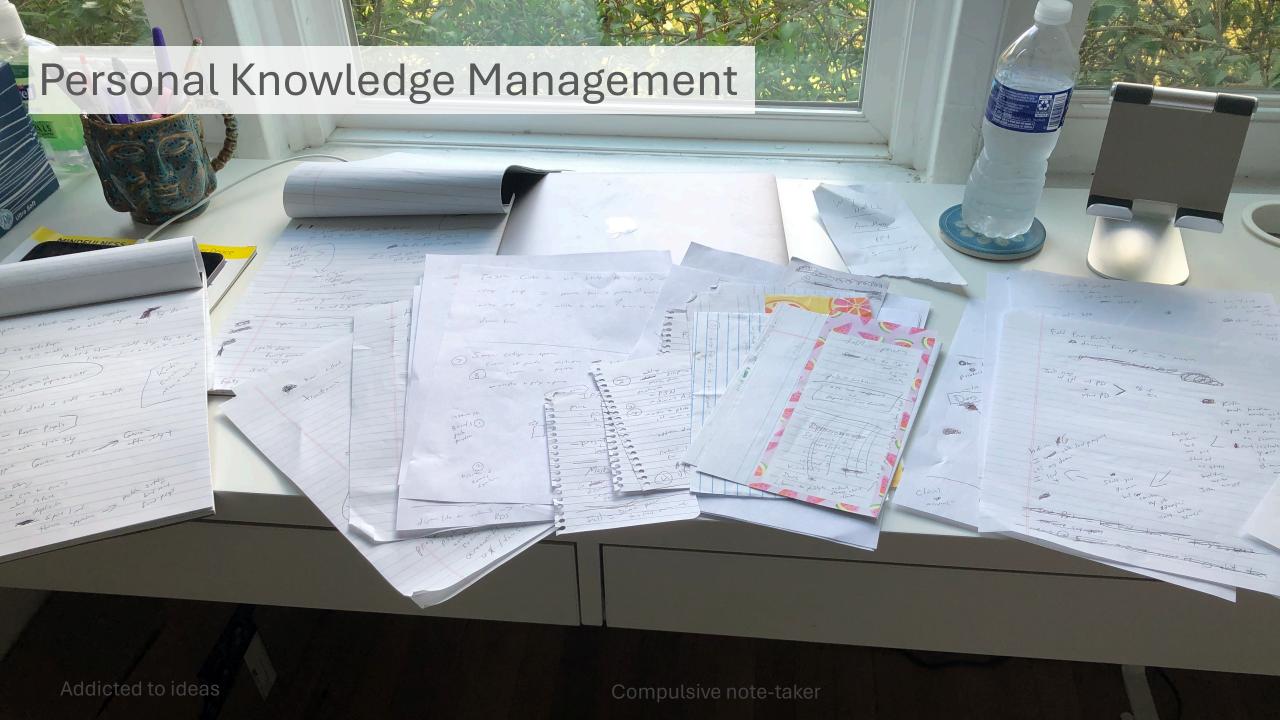
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and the way we *feel* about all this the structure | the aesthetic | the flow of it impacts how we take action



What if the way we manage our information reflects the way we manage our lives?



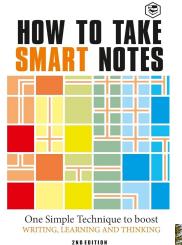


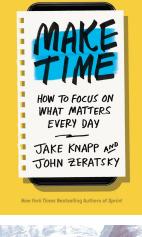
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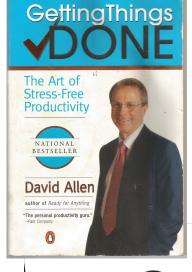
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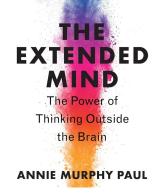
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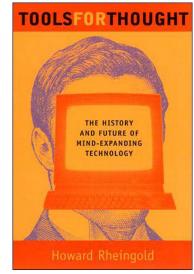














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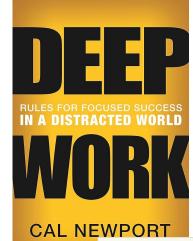
LAURA MAE MARTIN Google's Productivity Expert

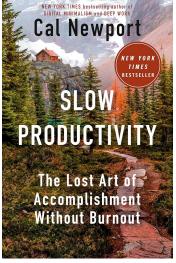
Four Thousand Weeks

Time Management for Mortals

Oliver Burkeman









The Disciplined Pursuit of Less

GREG MCKEOWN





\*parentina \*business \*school \*relationships

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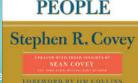
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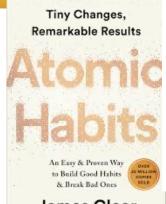
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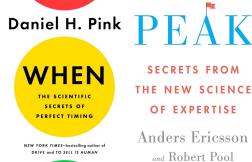






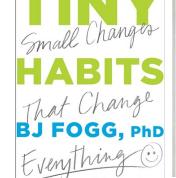
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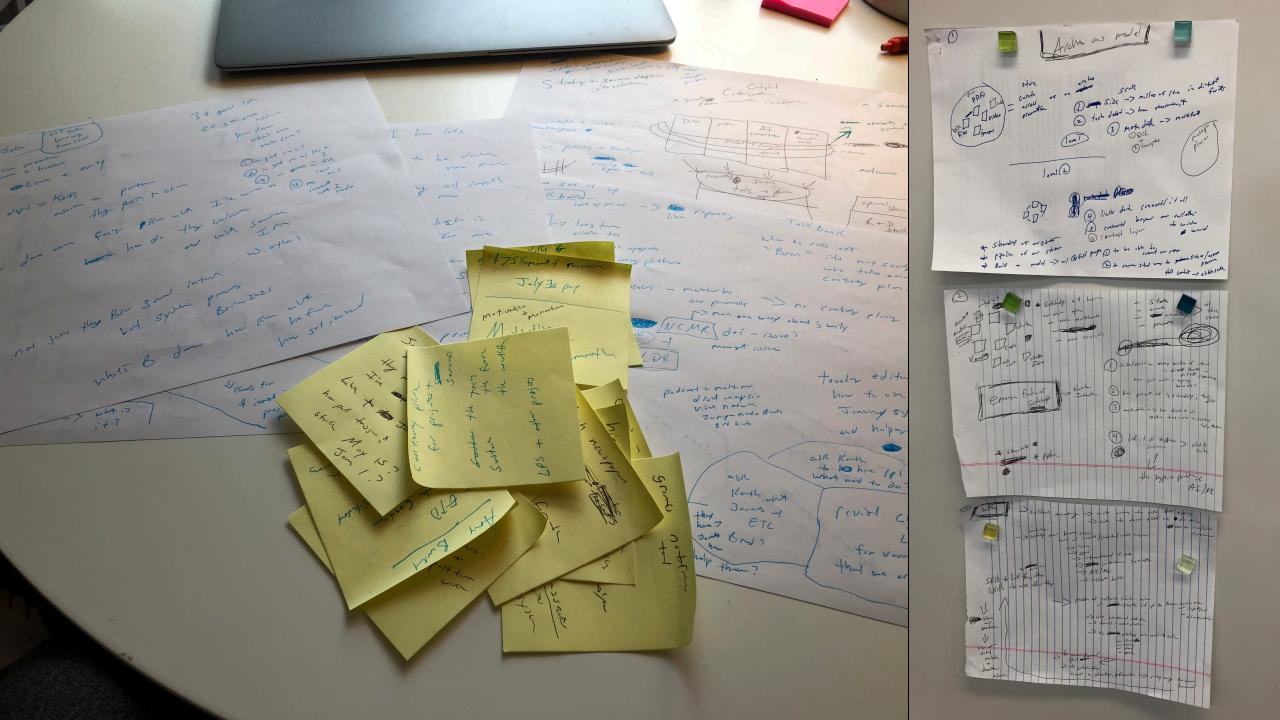


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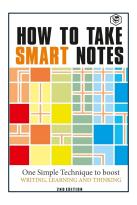


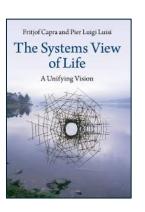


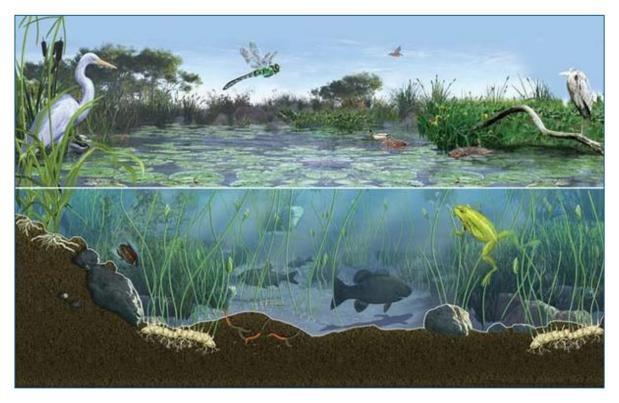












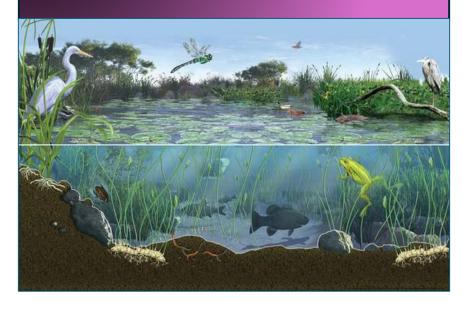
a fluid approach that could respond to changing conditions

- Ecosystem
- Adaptive
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- Not just taking notes -- creating an interconnected network

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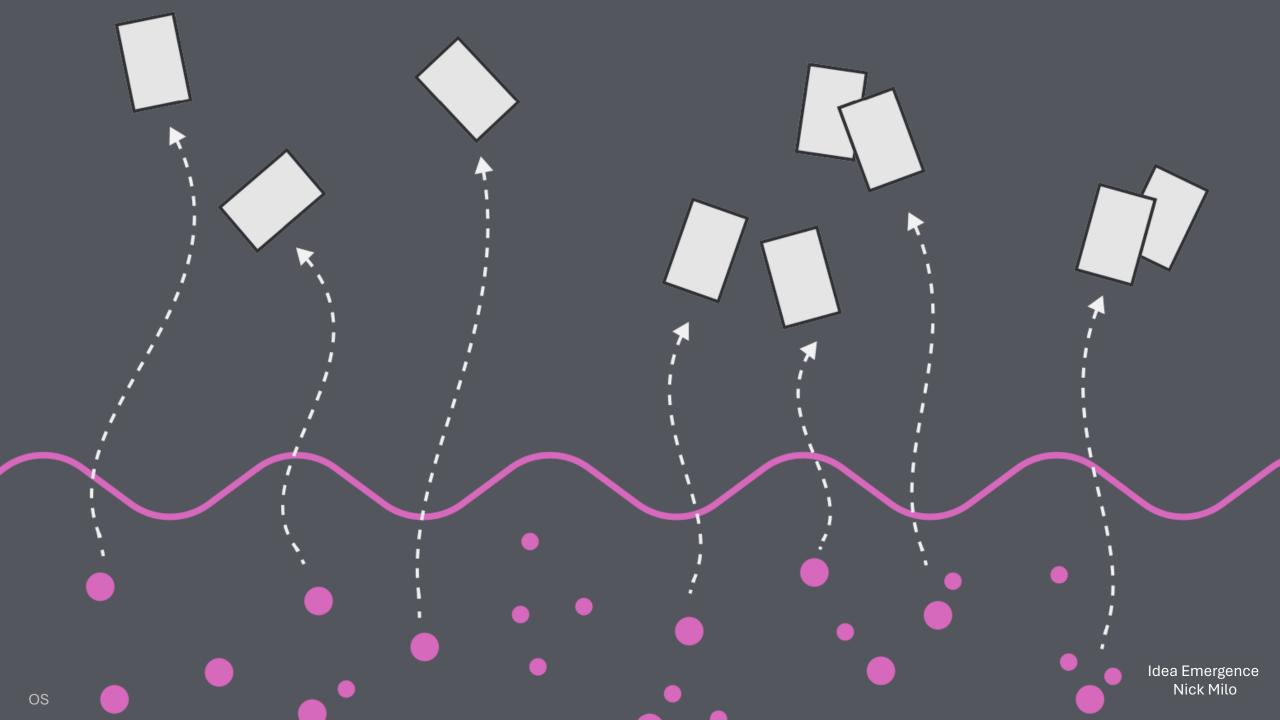


open-source, customizable, note-taking environment with dynamic linking & knowledge mapping



## **Outputs**

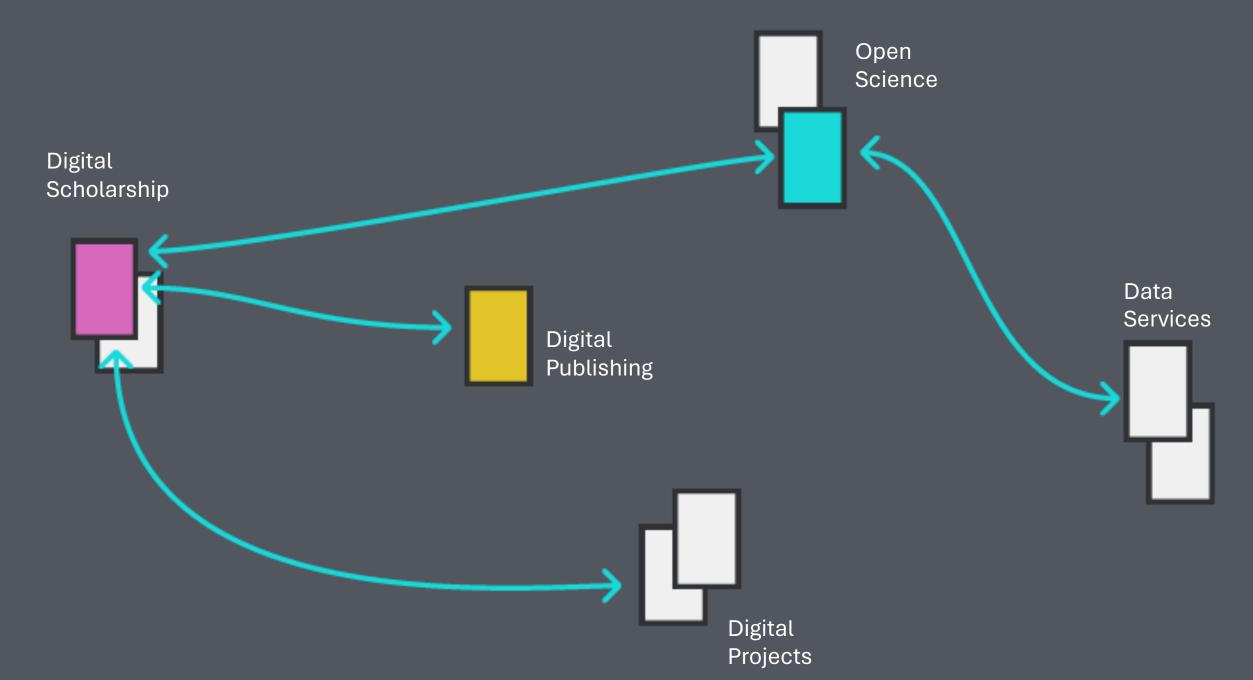
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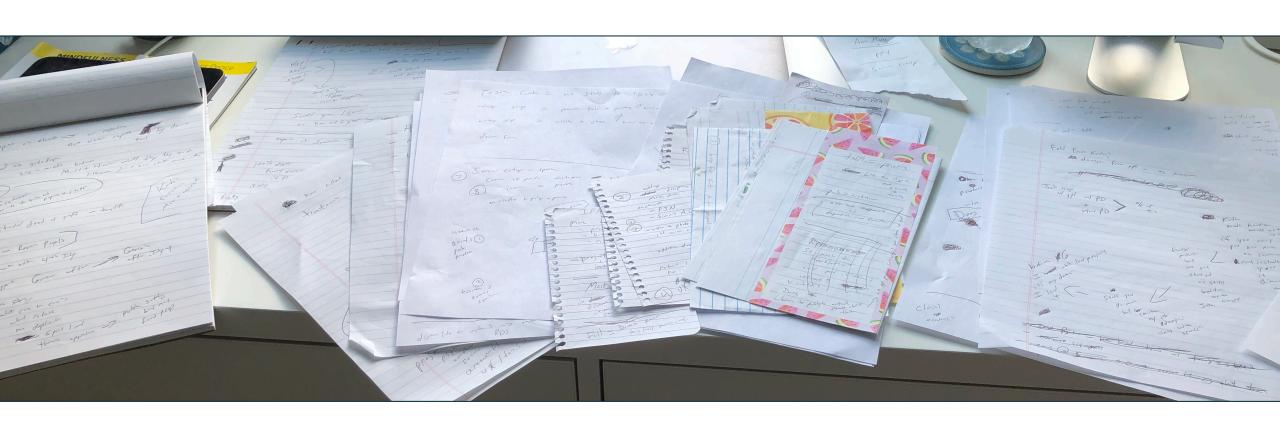
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(convergence)

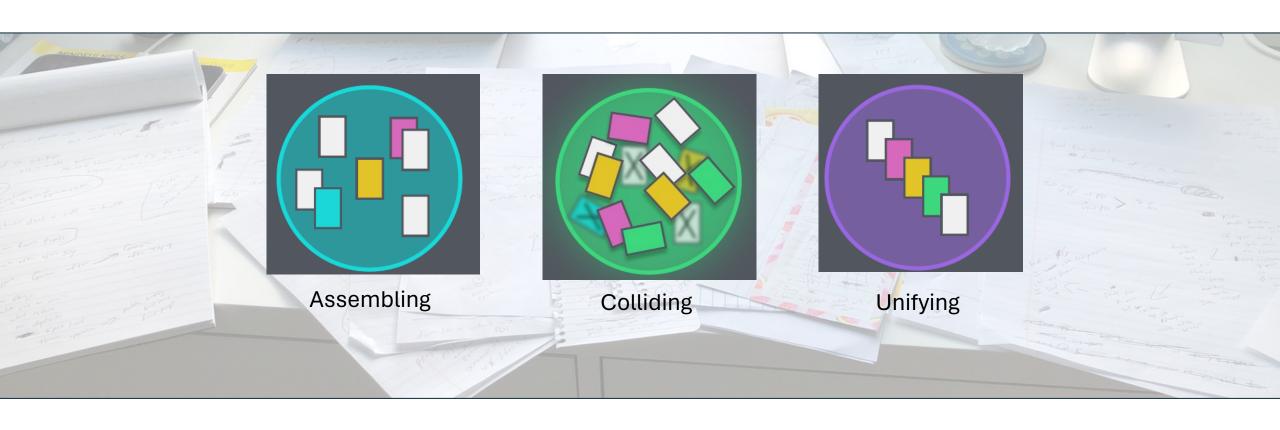


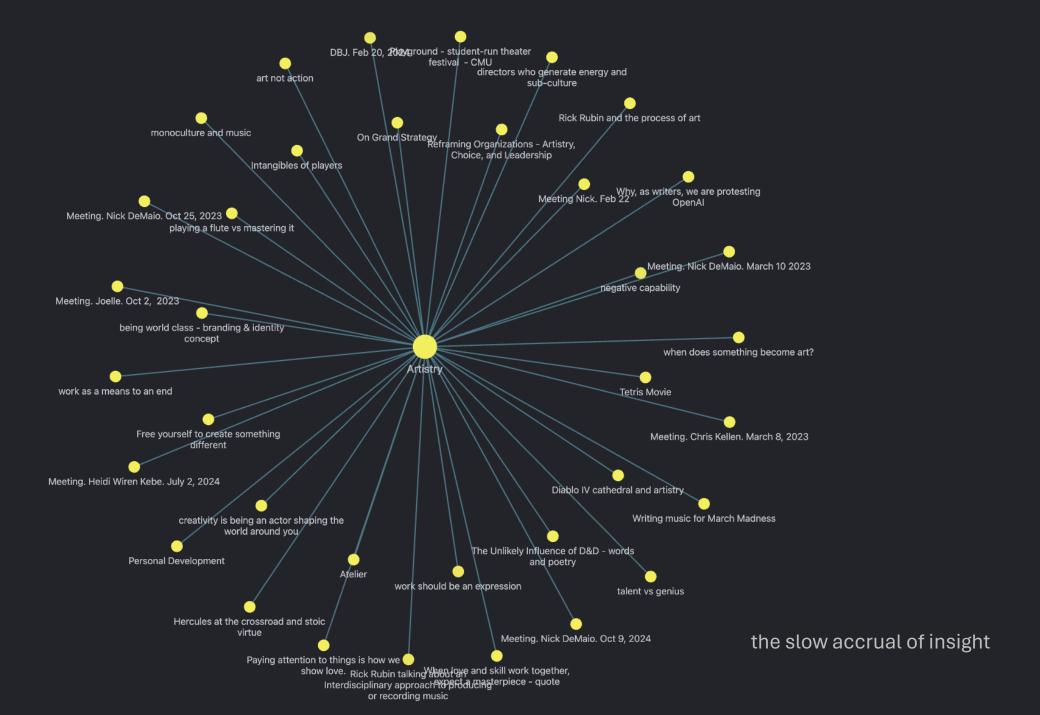


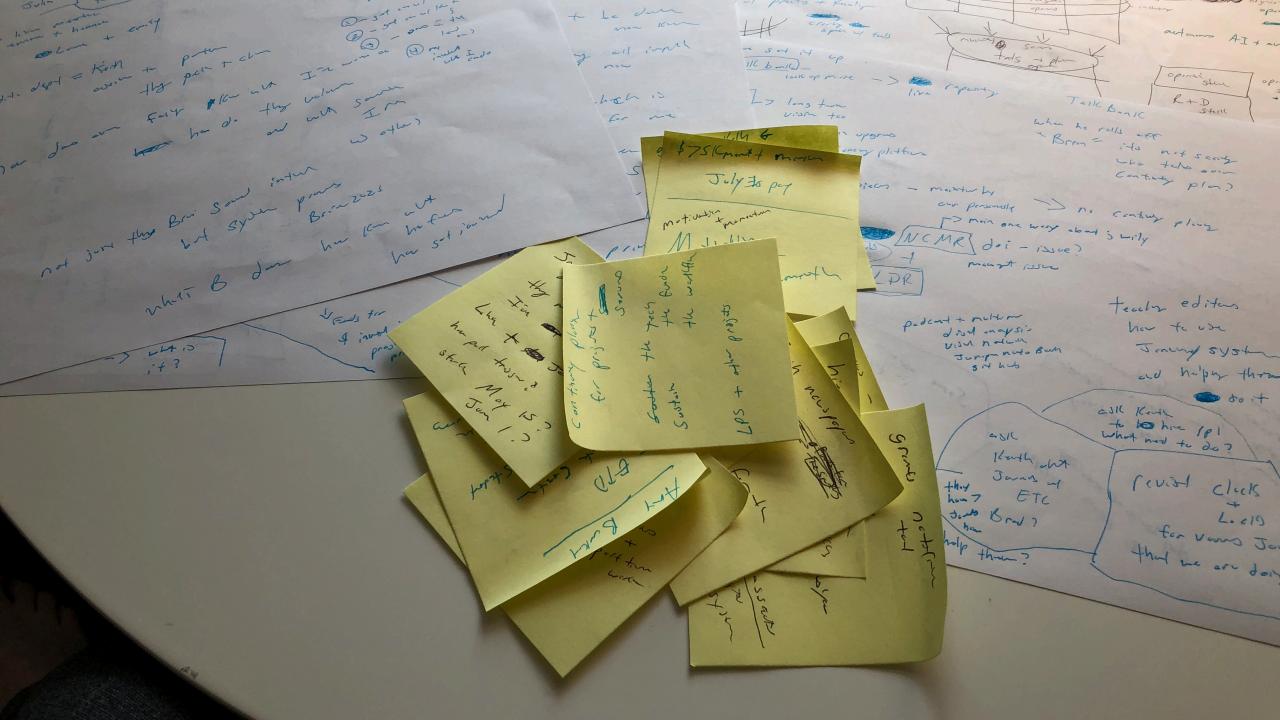
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# Ecosystem as Facilitator













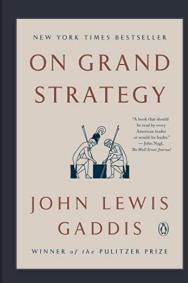
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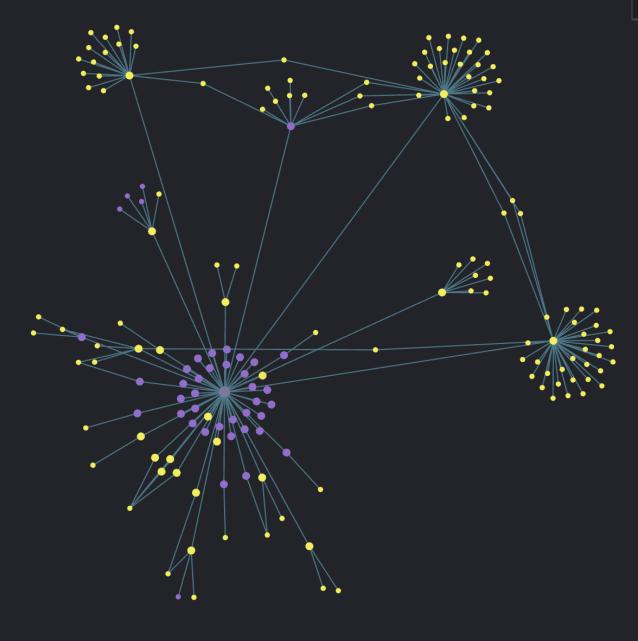
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neighborhoods & intersections of thought



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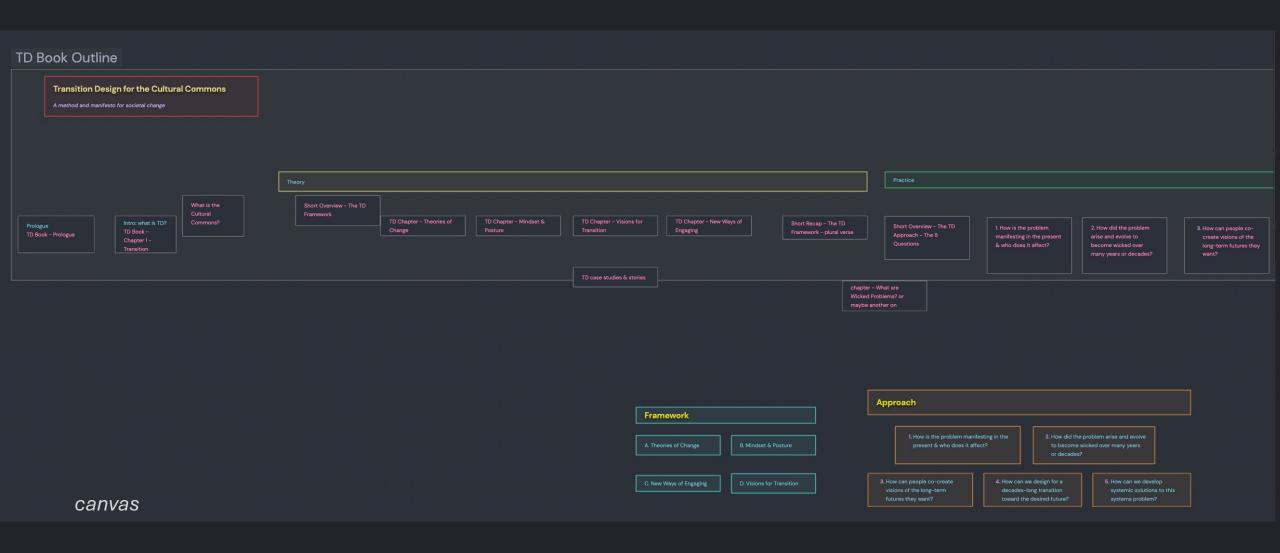
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interfaces & entry points

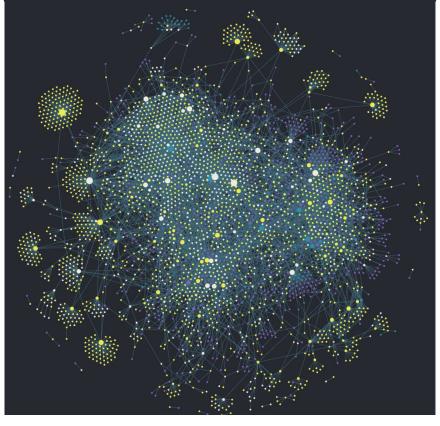
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## **Knowledge Ecosystem**





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Blending of engineering processes & an ecosystem – but not just Obsidian

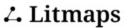
Assembling

Colliding

Unifying



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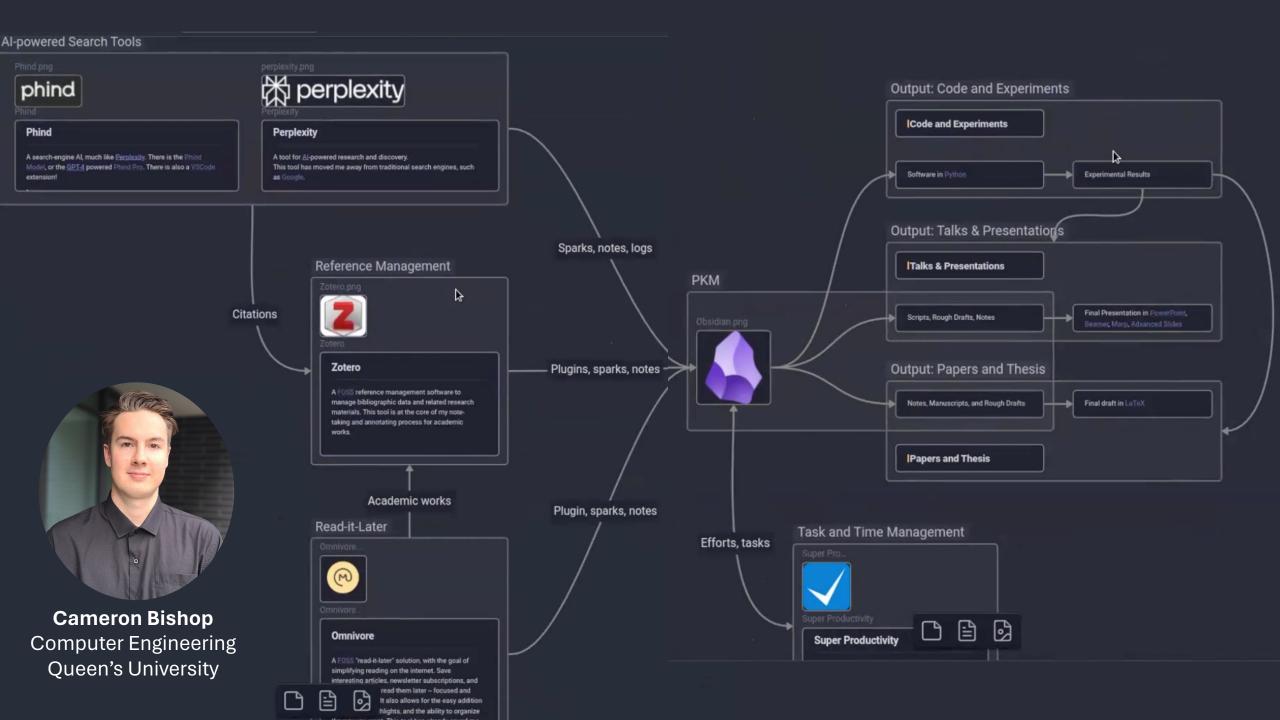


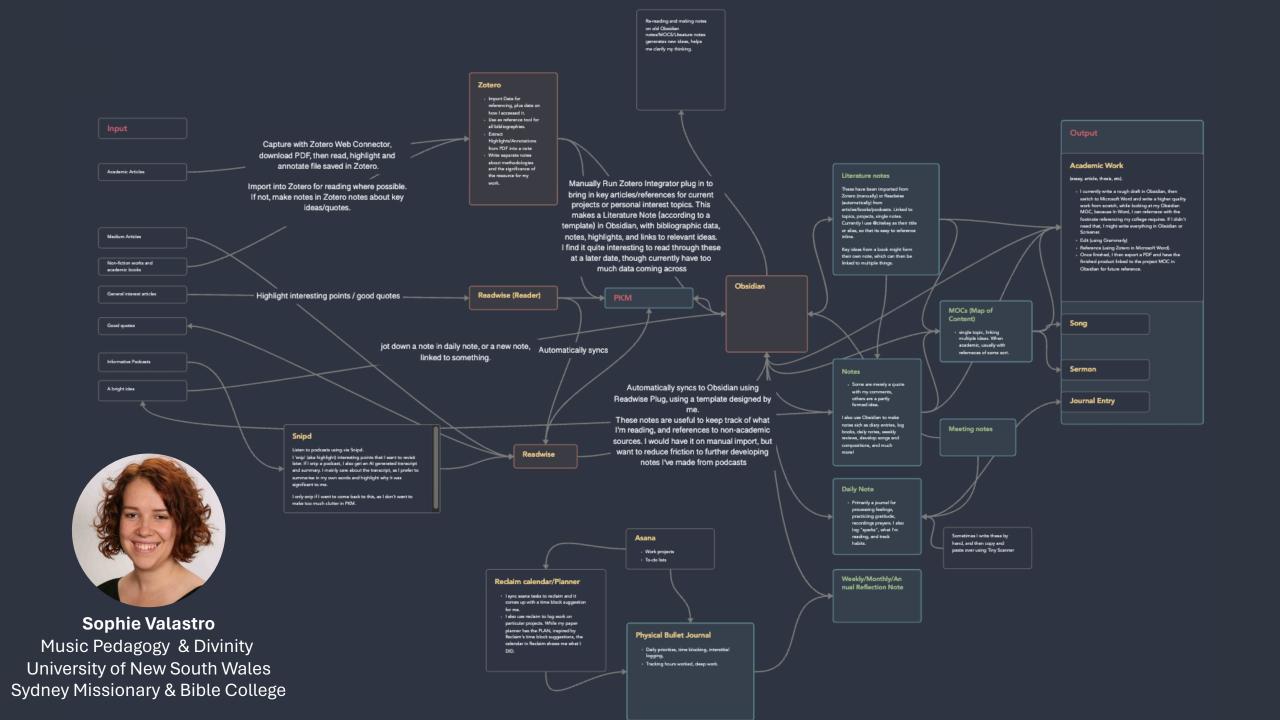


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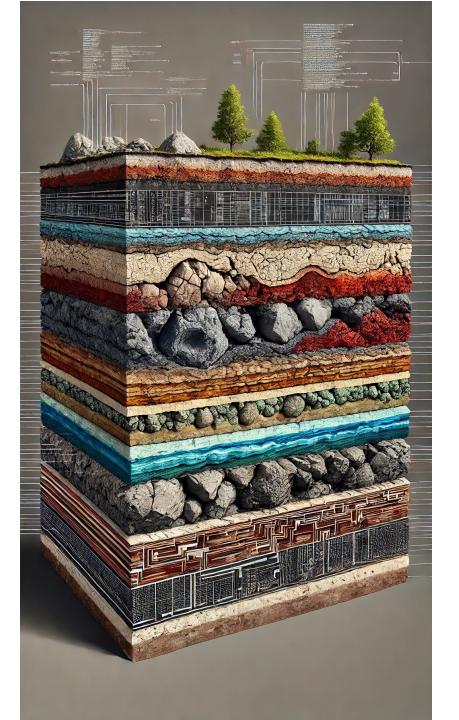
a constellation of integrated tools



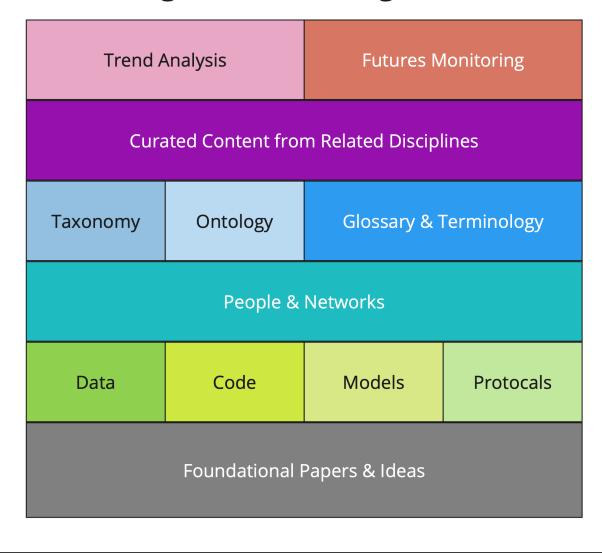


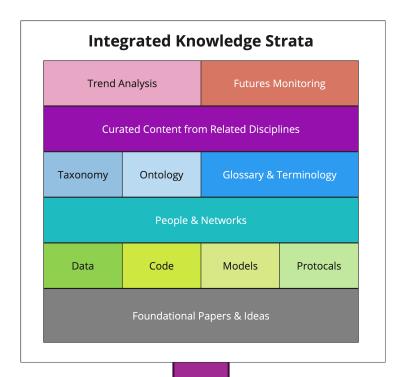


- Defining Problems: Refining interdisciplinary questions to focus efforts effectively.
- **Exploring Fields:** Discovering, navigating, and synthesizing methods and insights across domains.
- F Language Barriers: Bridging gaps in terminology, concepts, and perspectives across disciplines.
- Disconnected Workflows: Integrating fragmented tools and workflows.
- **Updating Knowledge:** Keeping literature reviews consistent and up-to-date.
- **Sustaining Knowledge:** Building systems to preserve and grow lab knowledge over time.



## **Integrated Knowledge Strata**

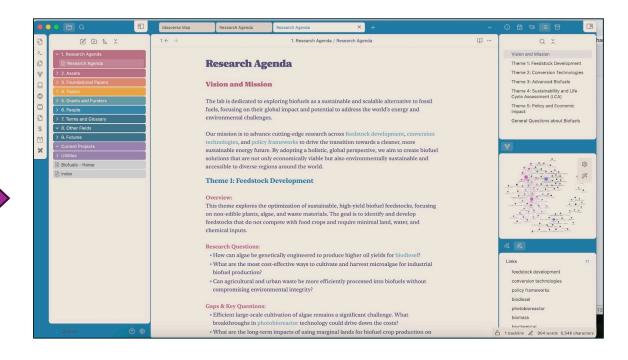




Presented at a Team Science Conference



- Develop a prototype
- Is it useful?
- What resonates?
- What's missing?
- What new ideas does it spark?





Biofuels - Home

### **Biofuels - Home**

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#### Welcome to the Biofuels Lab.

This platform is designed to centralize, organize, and share critical information to support our research planning and development. The following sections provide access to key resources that enhance collaboration, drive ideas forward, and keep our team aligned.

#### Research Agenda

A clear outline of our lab's priorities, ongoing projects, and strategic goals for advancing biofuel research.

#### Foundational Papers

A collection of essential readings that provide the core scientific foundation for our research

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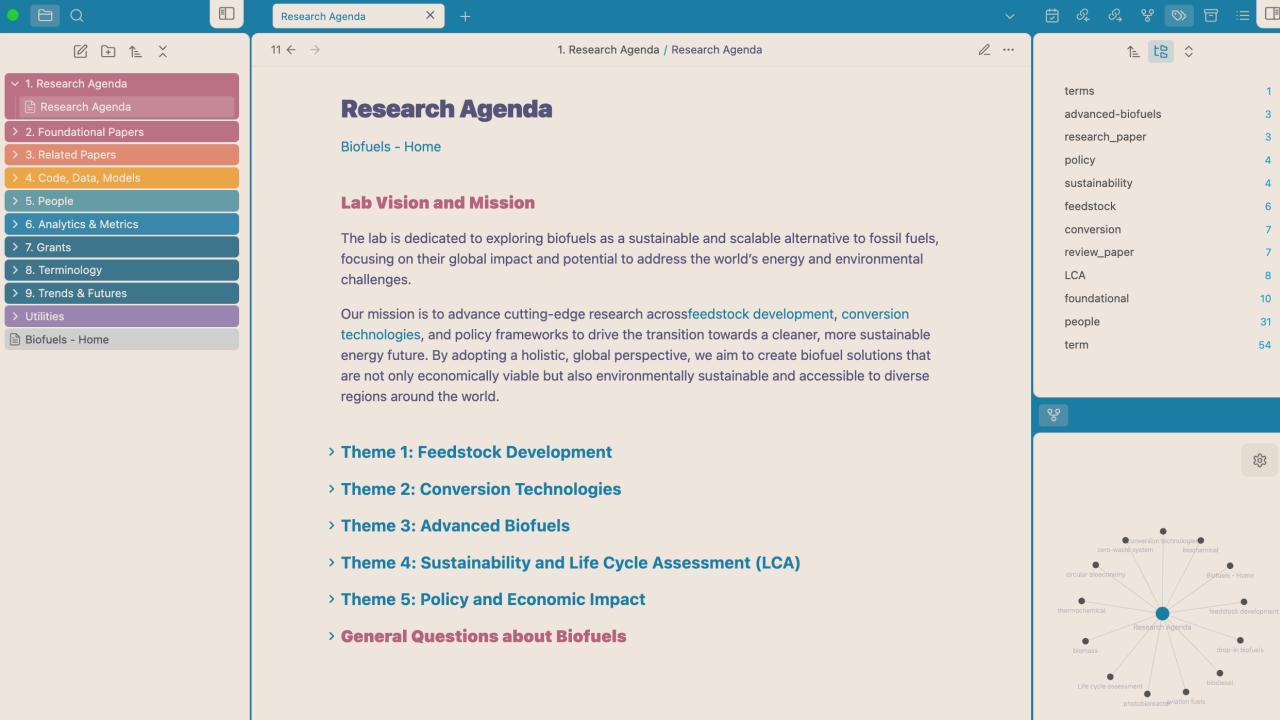
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## **Theme 2: Conversion Technologies**

#### Overview:

This research area focuses on the processes used to convert biomass into biofuels, including both biochemical (e.g., fermentation) and thermochemical (e.g., gasification) methods. The aim is to increase the efficiency and scalability of these technologies.

### **Research Questions:**

- How can enzymatic hydrolysis be optimized to convert lignocellulosic biomass into ethanol more efficiently?
- What are the comparative advantages of pyrolysis versus gasification in converting algae into biofuels?
- Can microbial fermentation processes be enhanced to reduce by-products and increase biofuel yields?

### Gaps & Key Questions:

- Current conversion processes are energy-intensive. How can energy inputs be reduced to make biofuel production carbon-neutral?
- What role can catalyst development play in increasing the efficiency of thermochemical conversion processes?

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- 4. Code, Data, Models / Data / Data

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advanced-biofuels research\_paper

terms





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### Data

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#### **Overview**

The Data section outlines critical datasets, including experimental results and real-world observations related to biofuel production and performance. This repository allows for detailed analysis, comparison, and validation, supporting evidence-based insights and informed decision-making in biofuel development.

#### **Data sets**

#### Data Set - Circular Bioeconomy Dataset

Abstract: This dataset contains lifecycle analysis (LCA) data for various bio-based production systems within the circular bioeconomy framework. It tracks the environmental impact, resource inputs, and recycling efficiencies for biofuel, bioplastic, and biomaterial processes.

#### ■ Data Set - Fischer-Tropsch Synthesis Process Performance Data

Abstract: This dataset contains experimental results for the catalytic performance of Fischer-Tropsch synthesis under varying temperature and pressure conditions. It focuses on CO conversion rates, chain growth probability, and catalyst selectivity.

#### Data Set - Transesterification Process Data

Abstract: This dataset includes reaction rates, conversion efficiency, and by-product formation for biodiesel production through transesterification, using various vegetable oils and catalysts under different temperature conditions.

#### Data Set - Biofuel Feedstock Growth and Yield Data

Abstract: Comprehensive dataset on the growth rates, biomass yields, and oil content of various biofuel feedstocks, including algae, jatropha, and switchgrass. It tracks growth conditions, soil types, and climate factors.



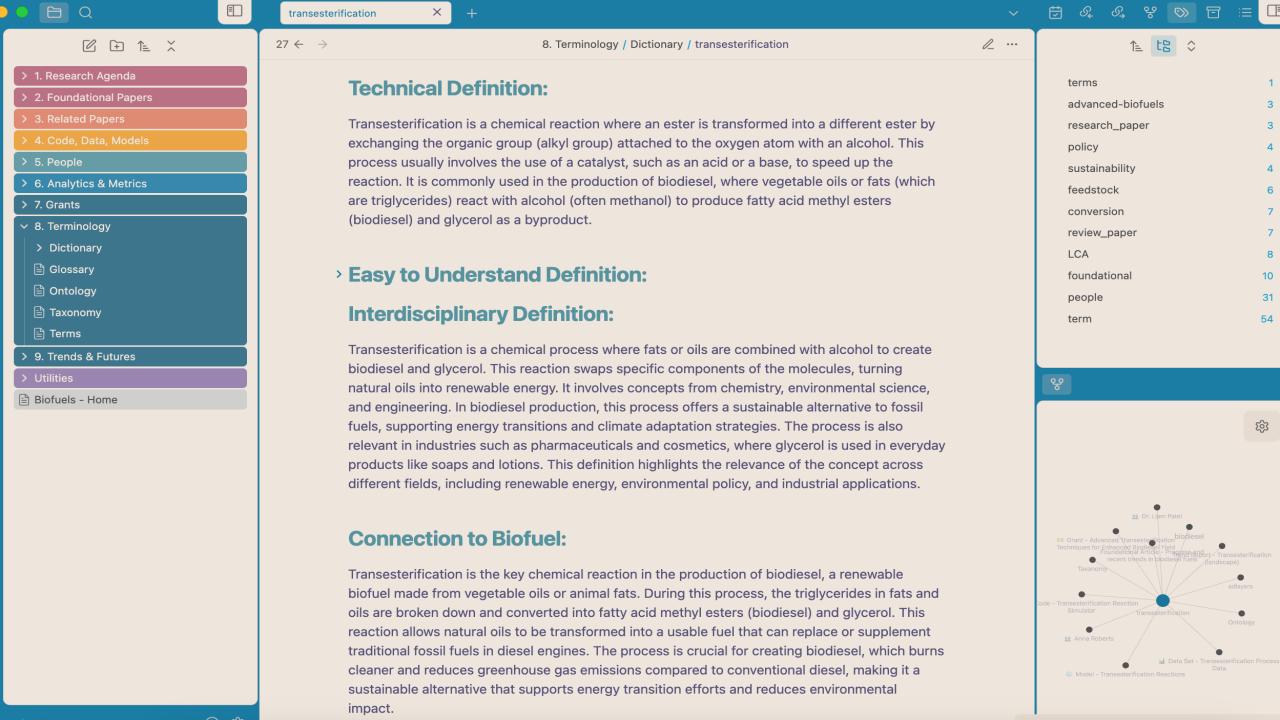
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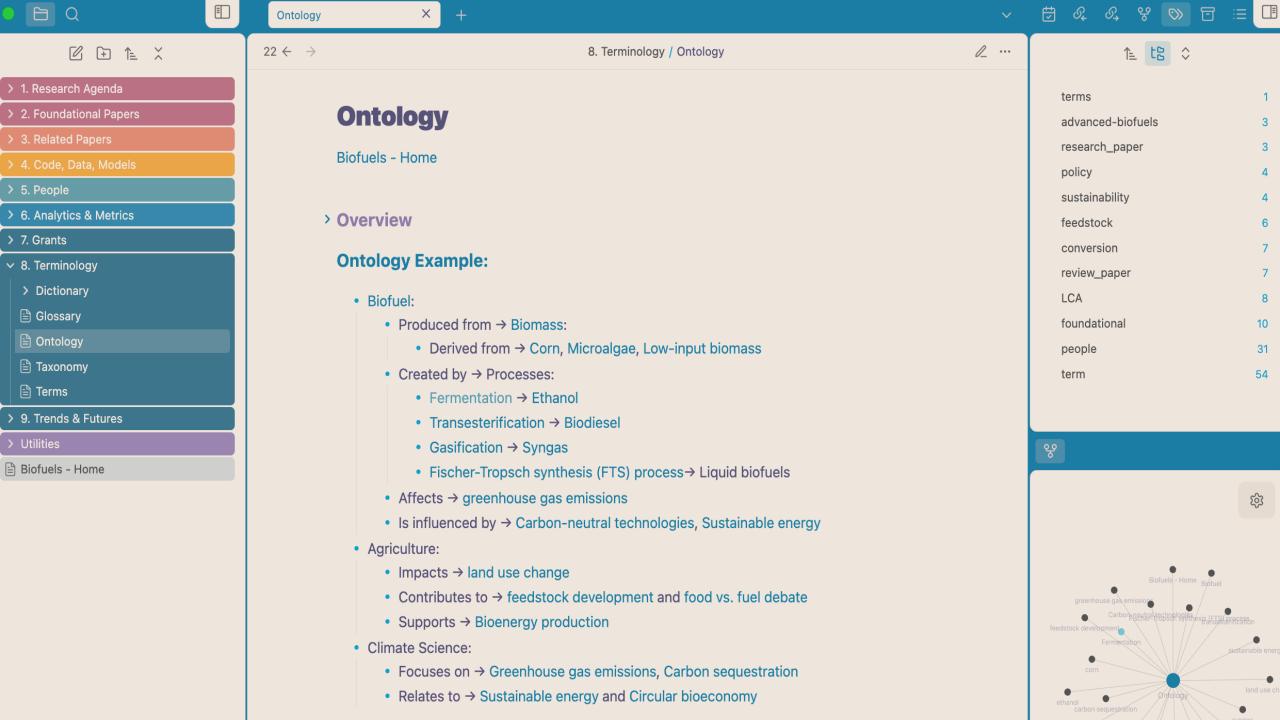
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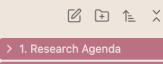
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- Keywords: gas-to-liquid, Catalysis, CO activation, synthetic fuels
- Access: Restricted (available upon request)
- Version: 3.1 (Released September 2022)
- Associated Publications: Fischer-Tropsch synthesis.pdf
- License: Internal use only
- Collaborators/Creators: Advanced Fuels Research Group
- Use Cases/Applications: Suitable for researchers focused on optimizing FTS catalysts and improving fuel yield.
- Data Size: 120 MB (Excel format)
- Related Resources: FTS catalyst simulation models









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> Dictionary

**⊟** Glossary

(a) Ontology

Taxonomy

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Terms

- Code Biodiesel Plant Efficiency Optimizer
- Code Transesterification Reaction Simulator
- **11** Anna Roberts

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- 11 Dr. Liam Patel
- Model Biodiesel Production Efficiency
- M Grant Advanced Transesterification Techniques for Enhanced Biodiesel Yield

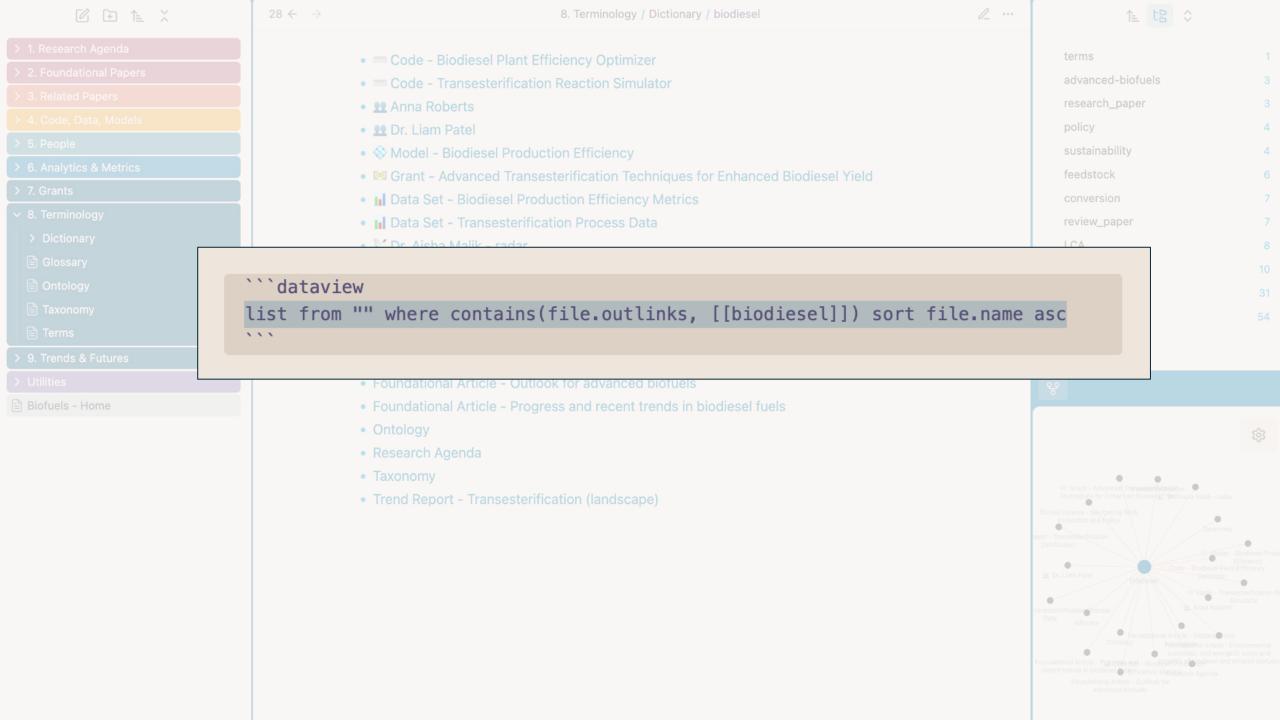
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- Biofuel Futures Navigating Tech Innovation and Policy
- Foundational Article Biodiesel from microalgae
- Foundational Article Environmental, economic, and energetic costs and benefits of biodiesel and ethanol biofuels
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- Foundational Article Progress and recent trends in biodiesel fuels
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## Collaborative Knowledge Management

Discovery & Visualization

Citation Management Knowledge Management

Writing

Presentations & Design

Moving from ad hoc to intentionality..

## Collaborative Knowledge Management

integrated + flexible + adaptive architecture

## Litmaps

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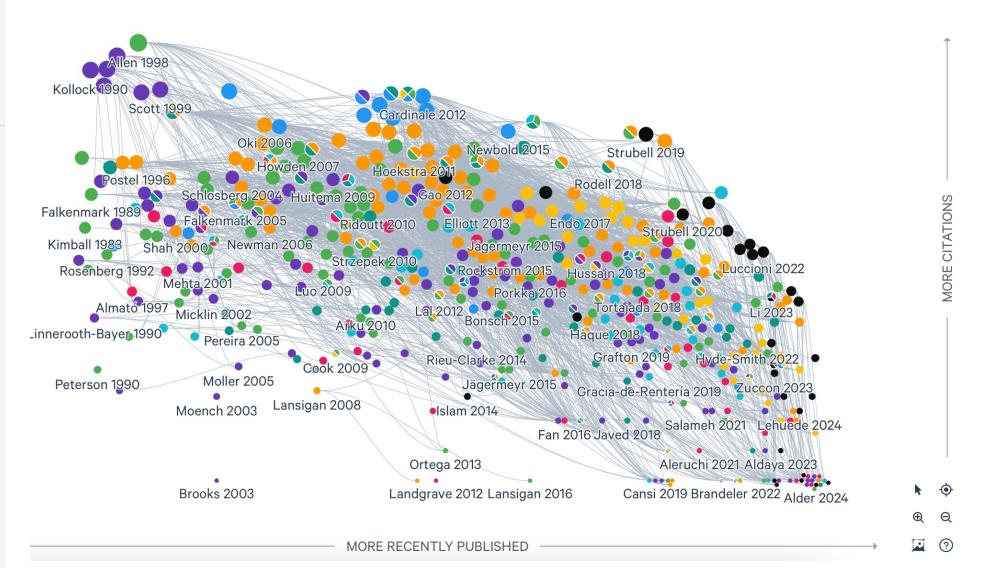


**Team Communication** 

## **L** Litmaps

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- Water-Energy-Food Nexus
- Access to Clean Water
- Water Rights & Governance
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   Demand & Pollution
- Urban & Residential
   Water Demand
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- Hydrological Impacts

#### A collection of 603 articles connected to water scarcity

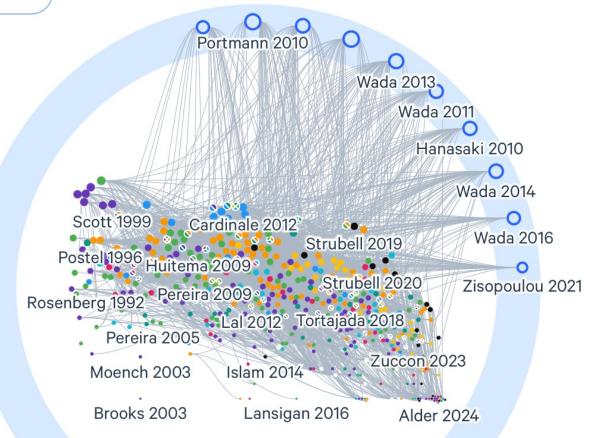


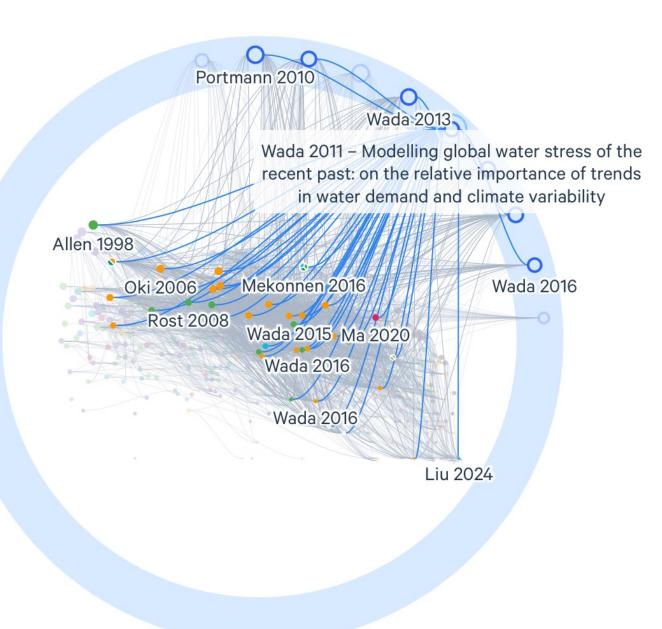
#### **Explore Related Articles**



∀ Filter by Date, Keyword, Journal, and more...

How are these results calculated?







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Articles with a high citation count generally have had a more significant impact on their field.

#### **Ref Count**

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#### **Publication Date**

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#### Momentum

This helps identify impactful younger articles which may still be accruing citations.

#### How does "Momentum" work?

Bias



#### Map Connectivity

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MORE CITATIONS (A<del>GE-ADJUSTED</del>

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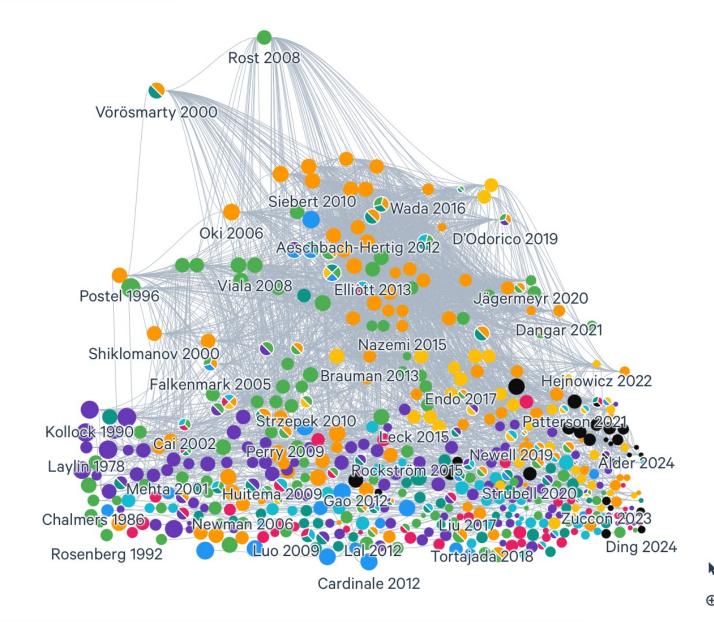
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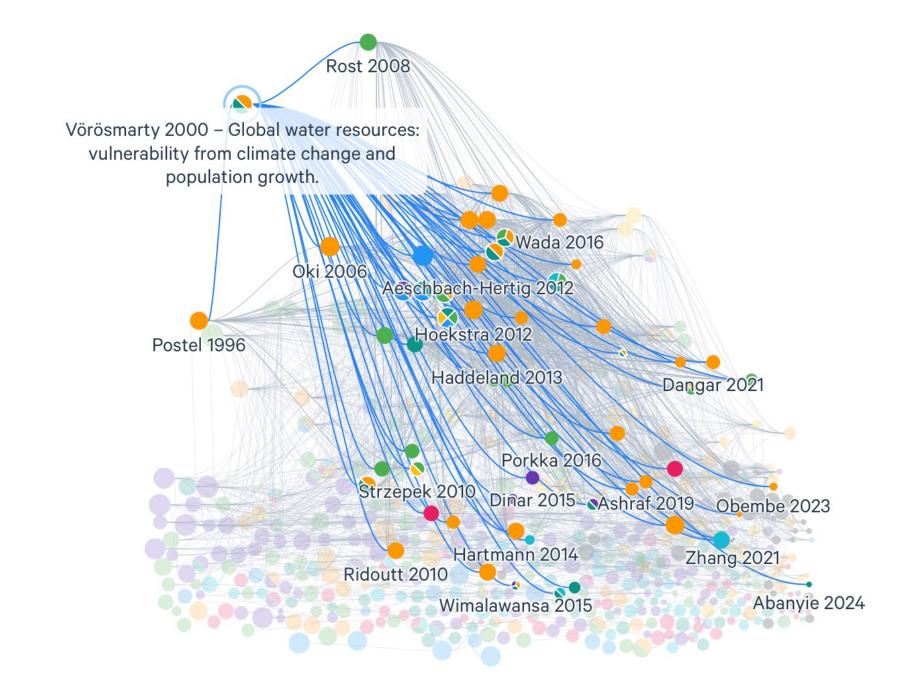




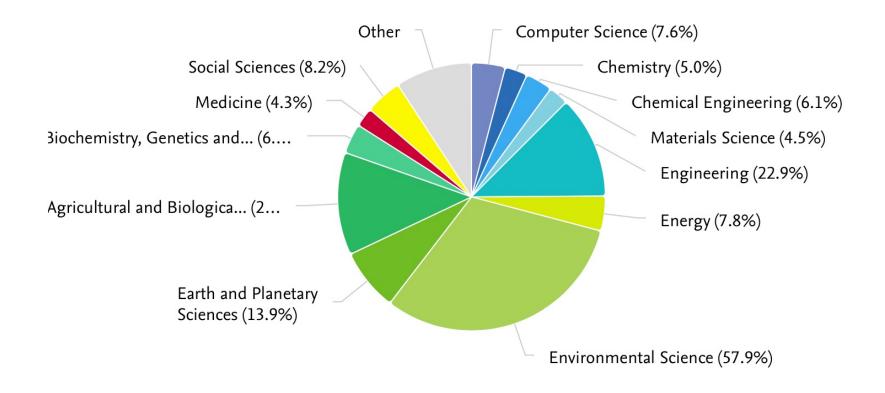


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#### Water Pollution





Multidimensional | Interdisciplinary | Global



- Atmospheric Sciences
- Climatology
- Computer Science and Data Analytics
- Disaster Risk Management
- Earth System Science
- Ecology
- Economics
- Engineering
- Environmental Science
- Geography
- Geology
- Geophysics
- Glaciology
- Hydrology
- Oceanography
- Public Policy
- Remote Sensing and Geoinformatics
- Renewable Energy
- Sociology

## **Knowledge Management Ecosystems**

as-a-service?

- Colleagues
- Students
- Staff
- Researchers

- Labs
- Centers
- Groups
- Teams

- Themes
- SDGs
- Grand Challenges
- Global Problems

**Individuals** 

Collaborative

Helping people organize, connect, and activate the information, workflows, and priorities that matter most to them.

## Next Steps?

#### **Spring 2025**

#### Test the prototype



#### **Summer 2025**

Incorporate feedback, documentation, youtube



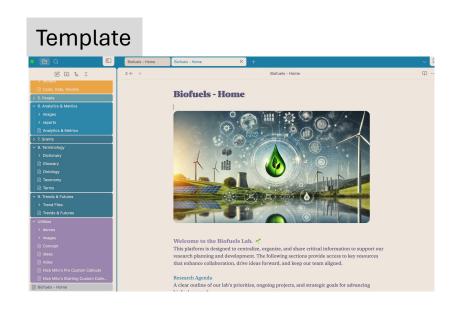
Sharing again at Team Science conference in July

(late) Fall 2025

Template 1.0 Released



Whether people use my template or not, I see it as a starting point. My goal is to spark thoughtful consideration of information practices.





I'm using this...

## To talk with people this.

(and then figure out a scalable service model)

### Knowledge as an Ecosystem

It thrives when it's nurtured— growing, evolving, and creating new possibilities.

## **Knowledge in Context**

Layering and connecting information reveals hidden insights.

## Knowledge as a Mirror

How we organize our information reveals the patterns in how we think.

## **Knowledge & Action**

The practices & systems we create shape the actions we can take.

#### What if...

we approach note-taking with intention and creativity?

Not just tasks to complete but as pathways to possibilities.

#### What if...

we are not just managing information but designing it to nurture potential?

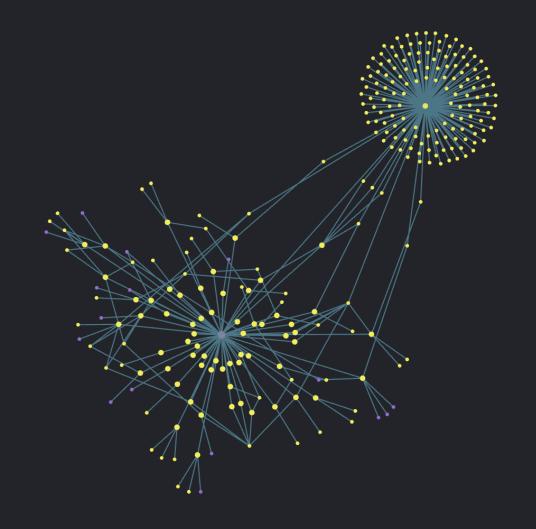
### What happens...

when we allow our notes and ideas to accrue, collide, and evolve together?



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