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Deposit in Local IR v. Deposit in ResearchGate

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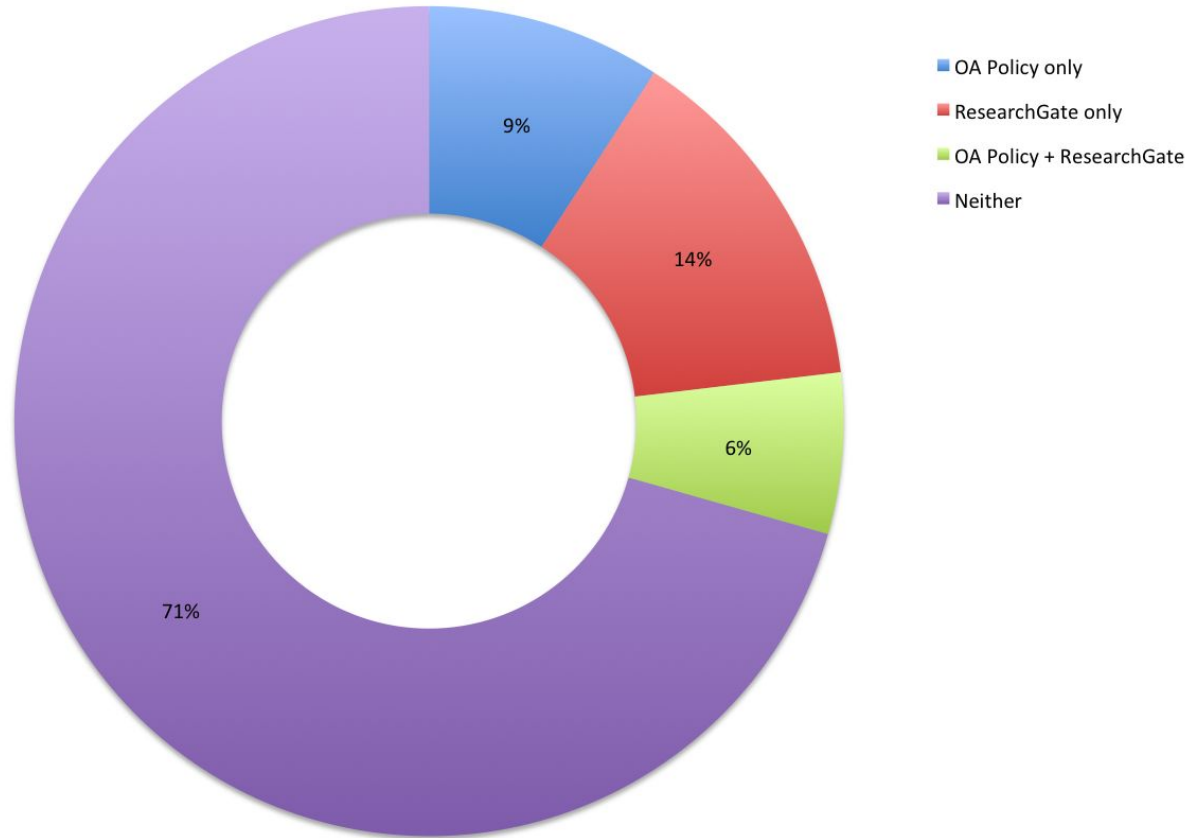
Participation: OA policy vs. ResearchGate

Population study results

	OA Policy	ResearchGate
Full-time URI faculty who contributed full-texts (articles \geq 2013)	15.4%	20.3%

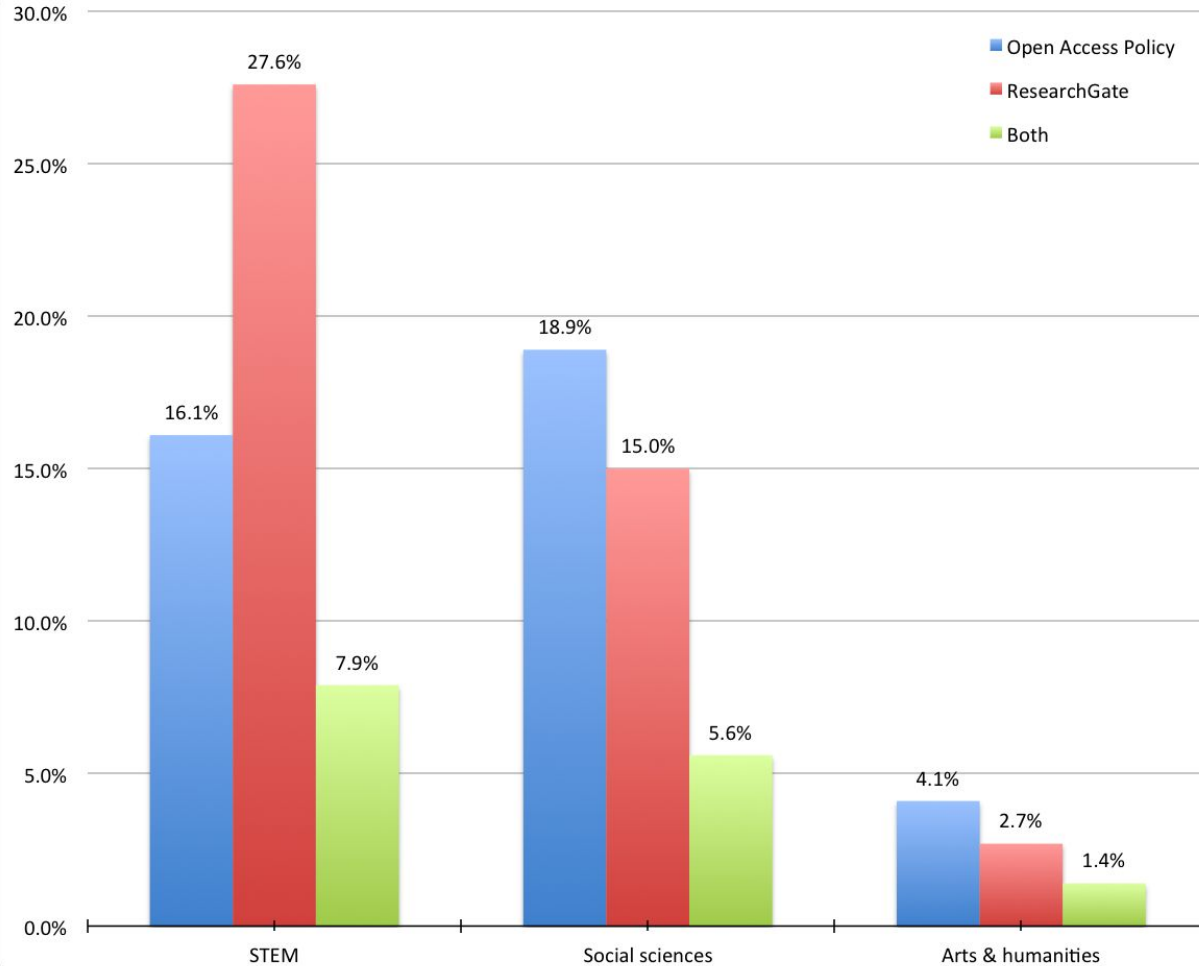
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Percent of faculty in population study contributing full-texts of articles to the URI OA Policy, RG (articles published after March 2013), both, and neither (n=558)



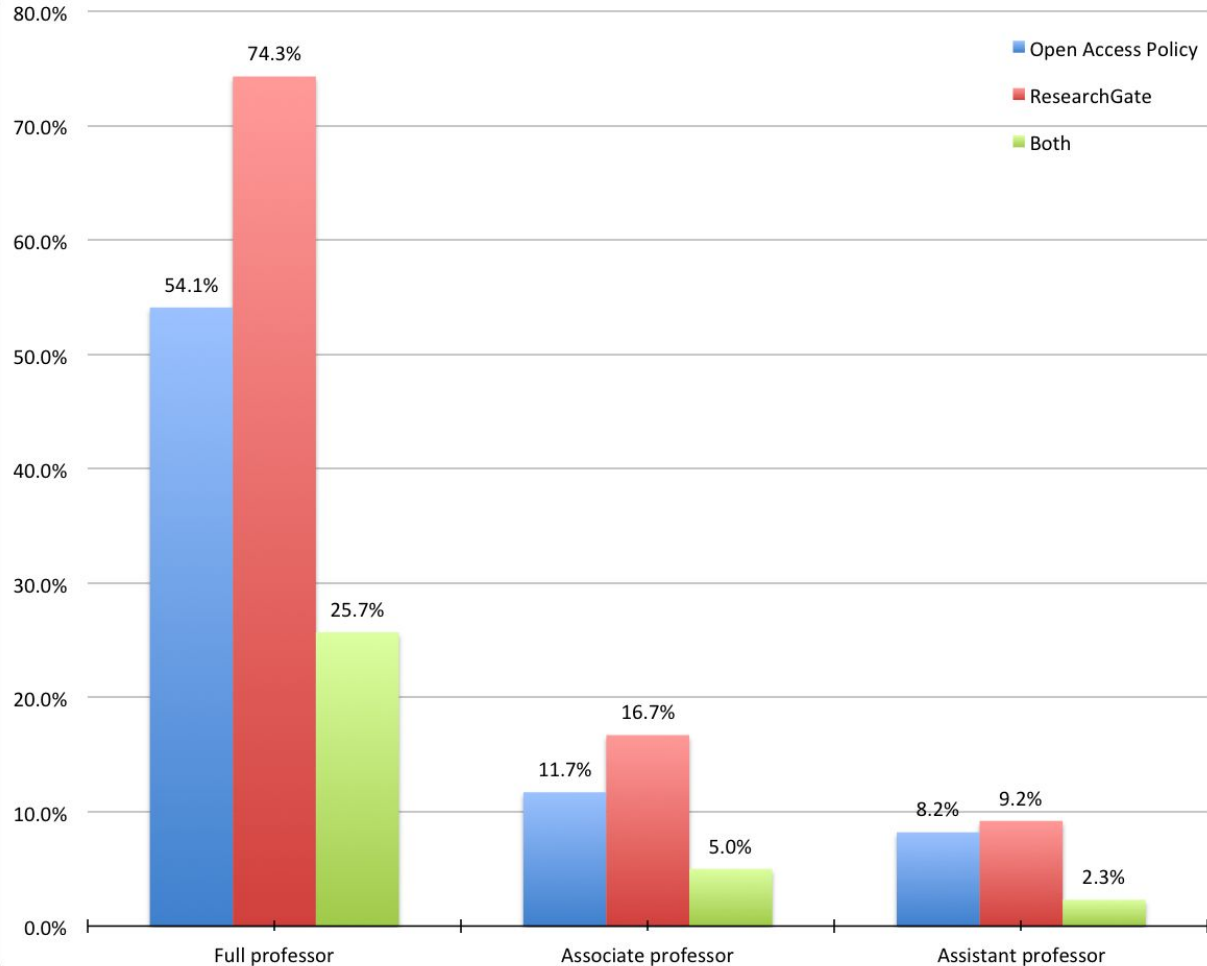
Population study results

Percent of faculty in population study contributing full-texts of articles to the URI OA Policy, RG (articles published after March 2013), and both, by broad discipline (n=558)



Population study results

Percent of faculty in population study contributing full-texts of articles to the URI OA Policy, RG (articles published after March 2013), and both, by rank (n=558)



Authors think ResearchGate offers more benefits:

	DigitalCommons@URI	ResearchGate
Connected with other researchers	8.8%	63.6%
Shared my work more broadly	60.3%	80.0%
Increased the visibility and impact of my work	52.9%	78.2%
Tracked statistics on downloads of my work	36.8%	56.4%
Archived my work for the long term	17.7%	n/a
Other (please specify)	22.1%	9.1%

Benefits of having articles available in DigitalCommons@URI (n=68) and ResearchGate (n=55)

Authors dislike sharing manuscript versions:

- Preference for final published version of record
- Not wanting multiple versions of same work available
- Not wanting version with potential errors and typos to be publicly available
- Manuscript often messy => potentially misunderstandings by readers
- Manuscript does not share pagination of final version => difficult to cite
- Not having ready access to accepted manuscript version, especially when not corresponding author
- Time and effort to reassemble manuscript, e.g. reintegrating figures and tables into text

Authors are confused about copyright:

	Open Access Policy	ResearchGate
Legal under copyright law	50.4%	21.4%
Violates the copyright of the publisher	8.4%	17.5%
Not sure	41.2%	61.1%

Opinion of legality of complying with the OA Policy (n=131) and posting article full-texts on ResearchGate (n=126)

Statistical analysis:

- Faculty who had provided articles to ResearchGate were more likely by 17% to have participated in the Open Access Policy than faculty who had not provided articles to ResearchGate (5% level of significance).
- Faculty who had participated in the Open Access Policy were more likely by 15.5% to have contributed full-texts to ResearchGate than faculty who had not participated in the Open Access Policy (5% level of significance).

Conclusions:

- URI faculty who posted articles to RG *more* likely to have complied with OA Policy, not *less*.
- Only a minority of faculty are sharing their work through either service.

=> Academic networks not a threat to OA.

=> We need to recruit more faculty to share their work in general.

Conclusions:

- Strong preference for sharing publisher PDF; aversion to sharing author manuscript versions.
 - => Education and outreach to authors around options for legally sharing articles is needed.
 - => Green OA through IRs will remain an activity of a minority of authors?
 - => Supports efforts to hasten the transition to Gold OA publishing system.