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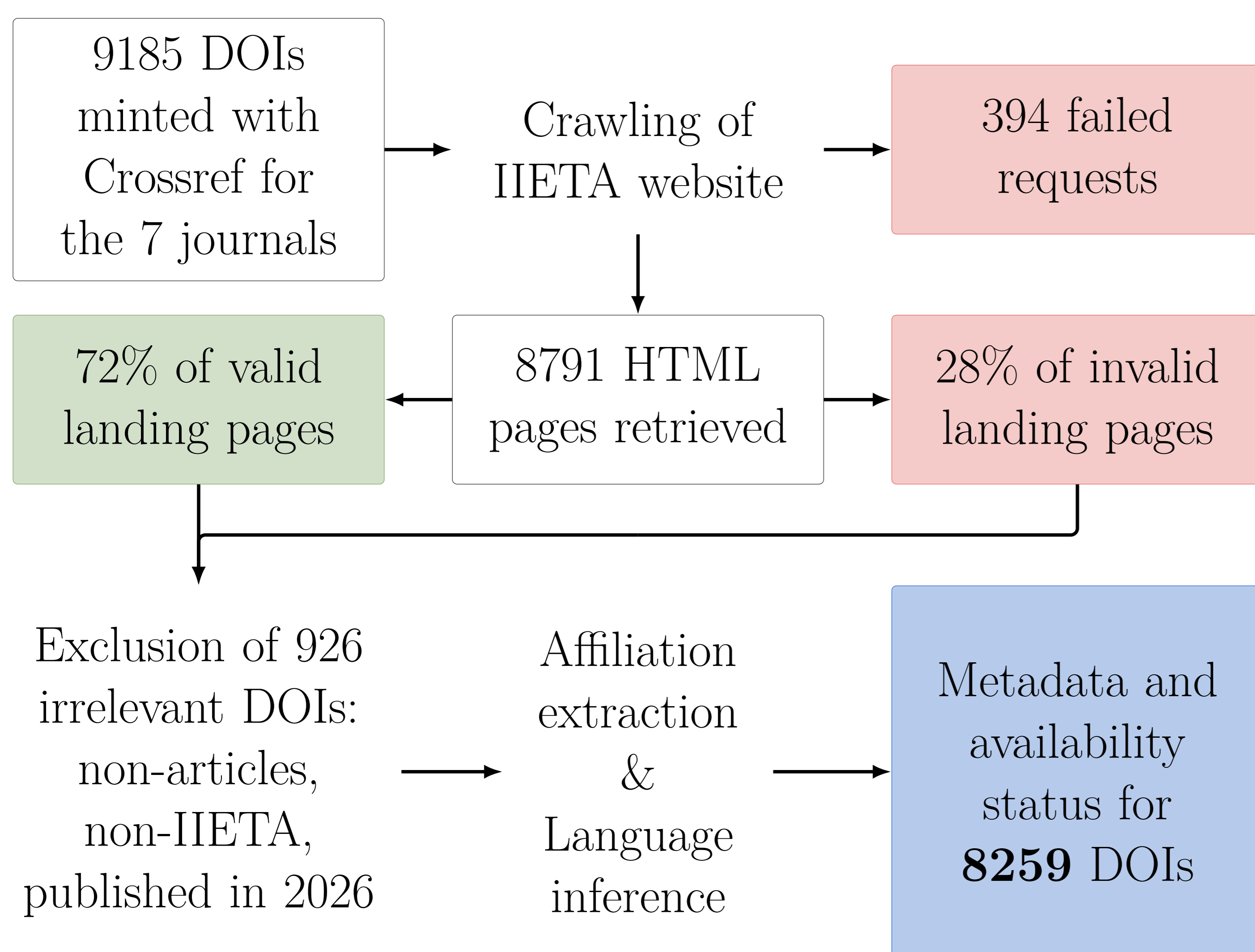
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CONTEXT

- Lavoisier: scientific publisher based in France since 1947.
- 2018: **7 French journals** sold to Canadian publisher *International Information and Engineering Technology Association* (IETA).

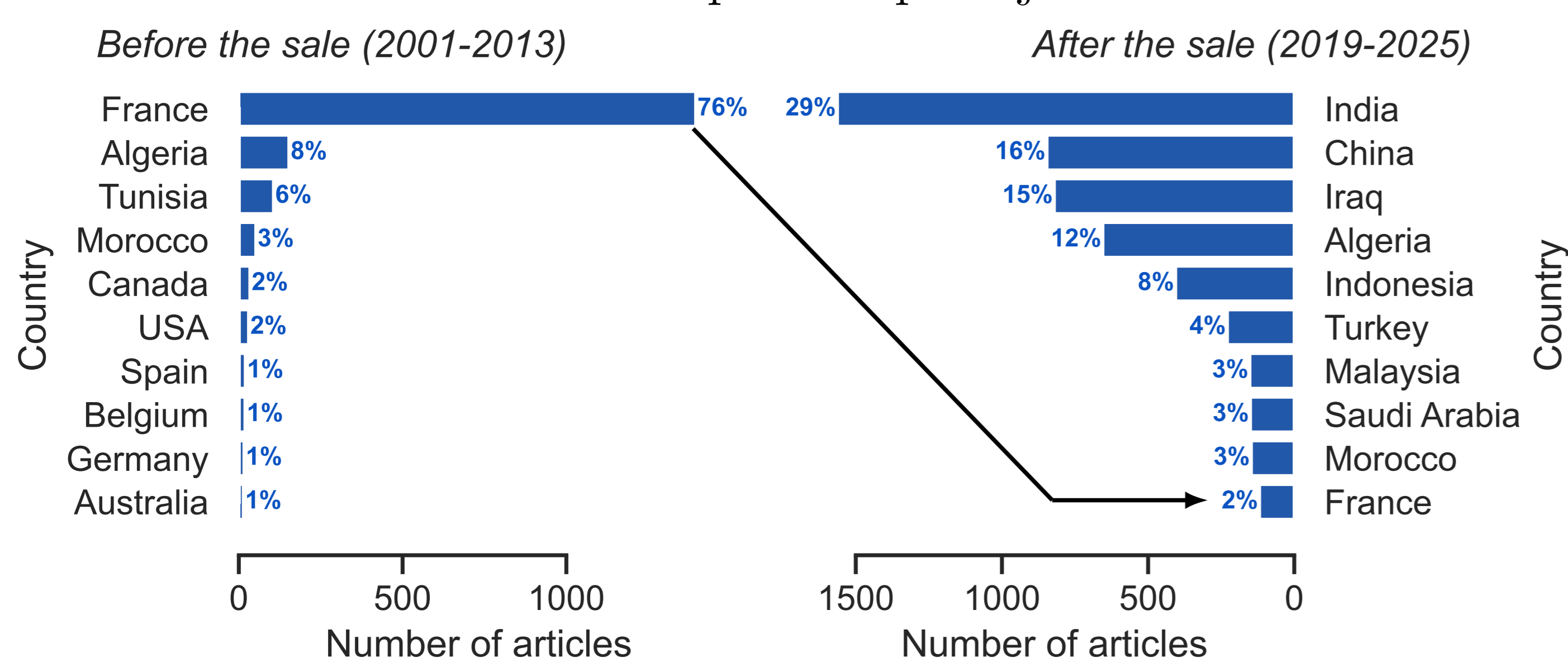
→ Impact of this transfer on the journals' authors?
→ French scientific heritage properly preserved by IETA?

DATA & METHOD



CHANGE IN AUTHOR COUNTRIES

Stark contrast in affiliations pre- vs post-journal transfers:



Language used in articles confirms this drastic shift:

- Pre-2018: 82% of articles in French.
- Post-2018: 99% of articles in English.

MASS RESIGNATIONS

- 2019-03: *RIA* [1]
- 2019-06: *TS*
- 2019-09: *ISI* [3]
- 2026-01: *RCMA* [3]

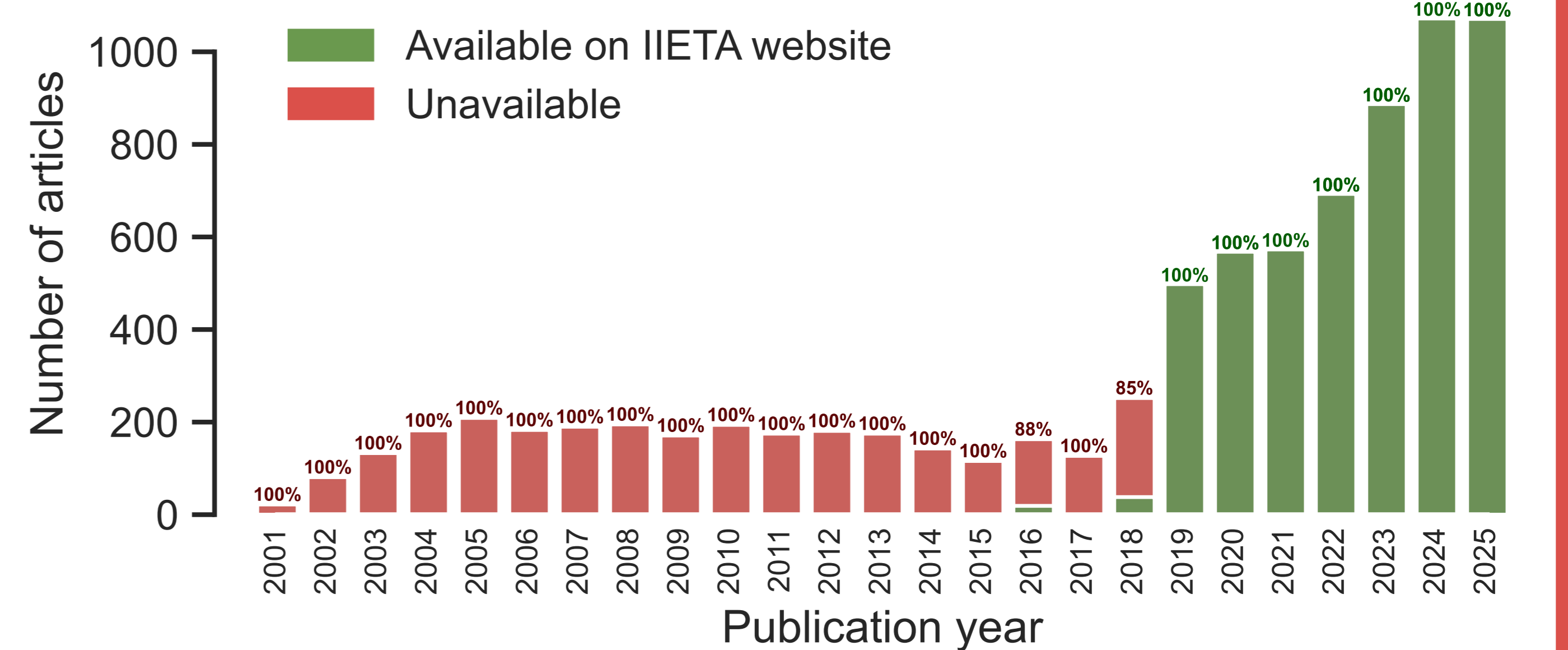
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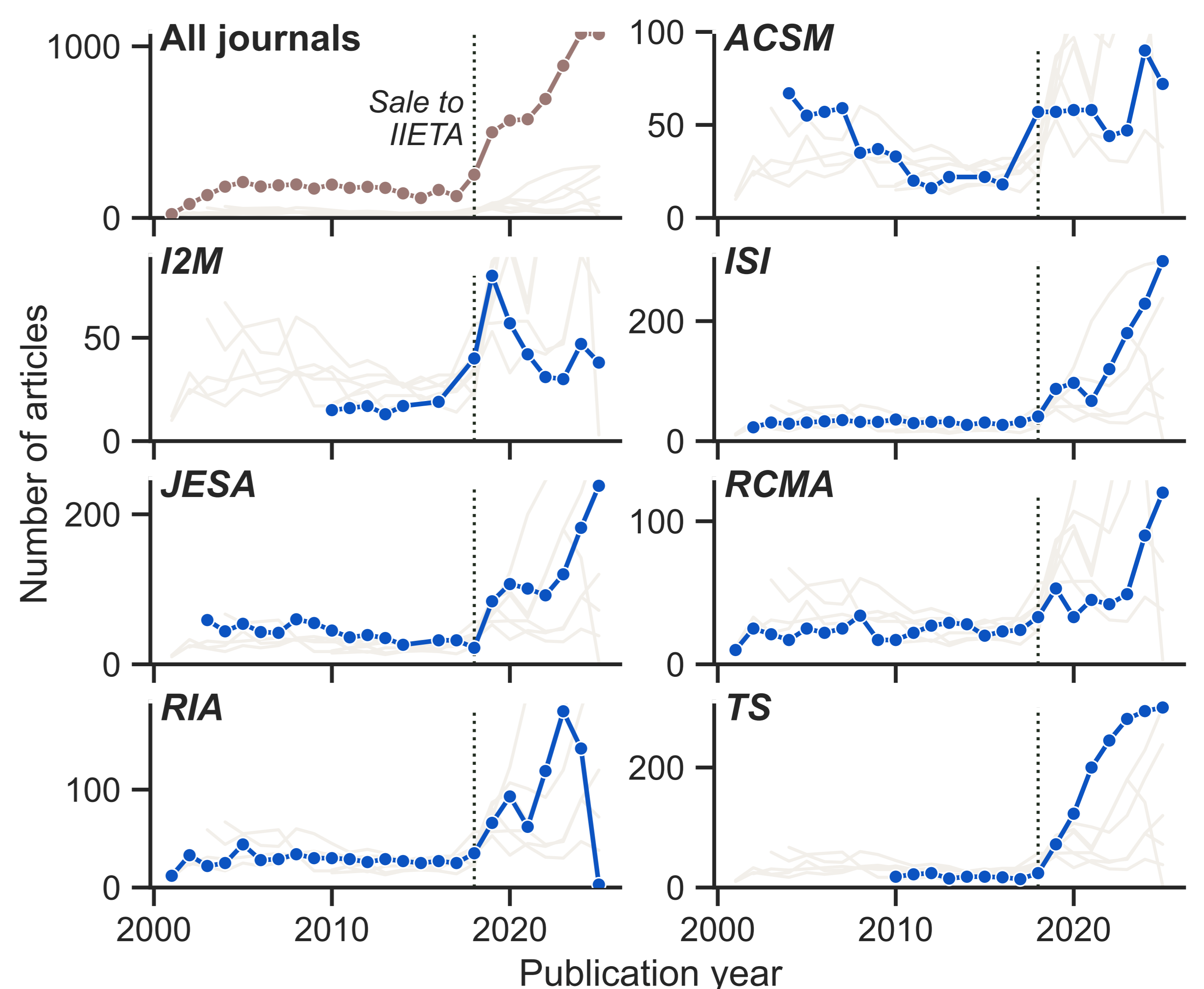
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NOWHERE TO BE FOUND: 34% 🤖

Barely no article published before 2018 available at IETA.org



SURGE IN PUBLICATION VOLUMES



CONCLUSIONS

- Preservation of the scientific heritage: Vital!
- Journal snatchers: Concerning commercial practice [2].
- Transfer of the 7 journals → Clear negative impact on French scientific communities.

TBD: Assess the worldwide prevalence of journals snatchers [2].

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