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# Exploring the Temporal Aspects of Software Architecture

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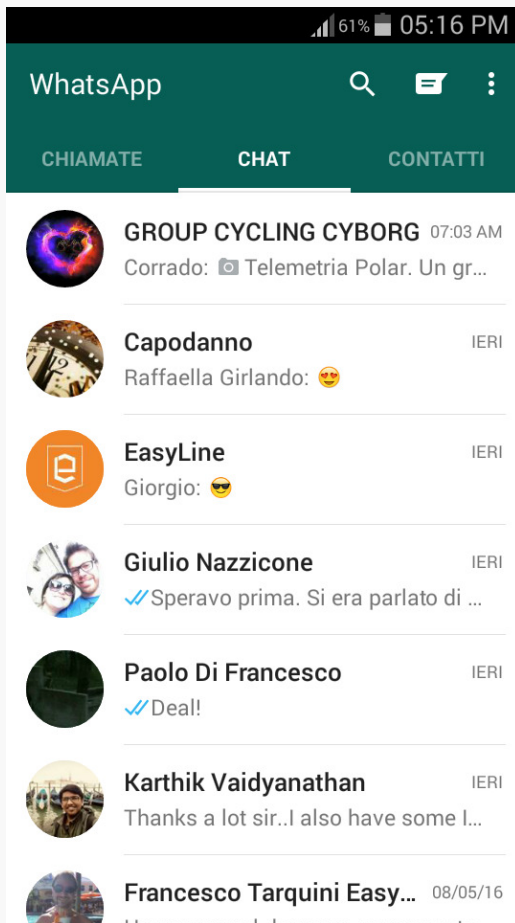
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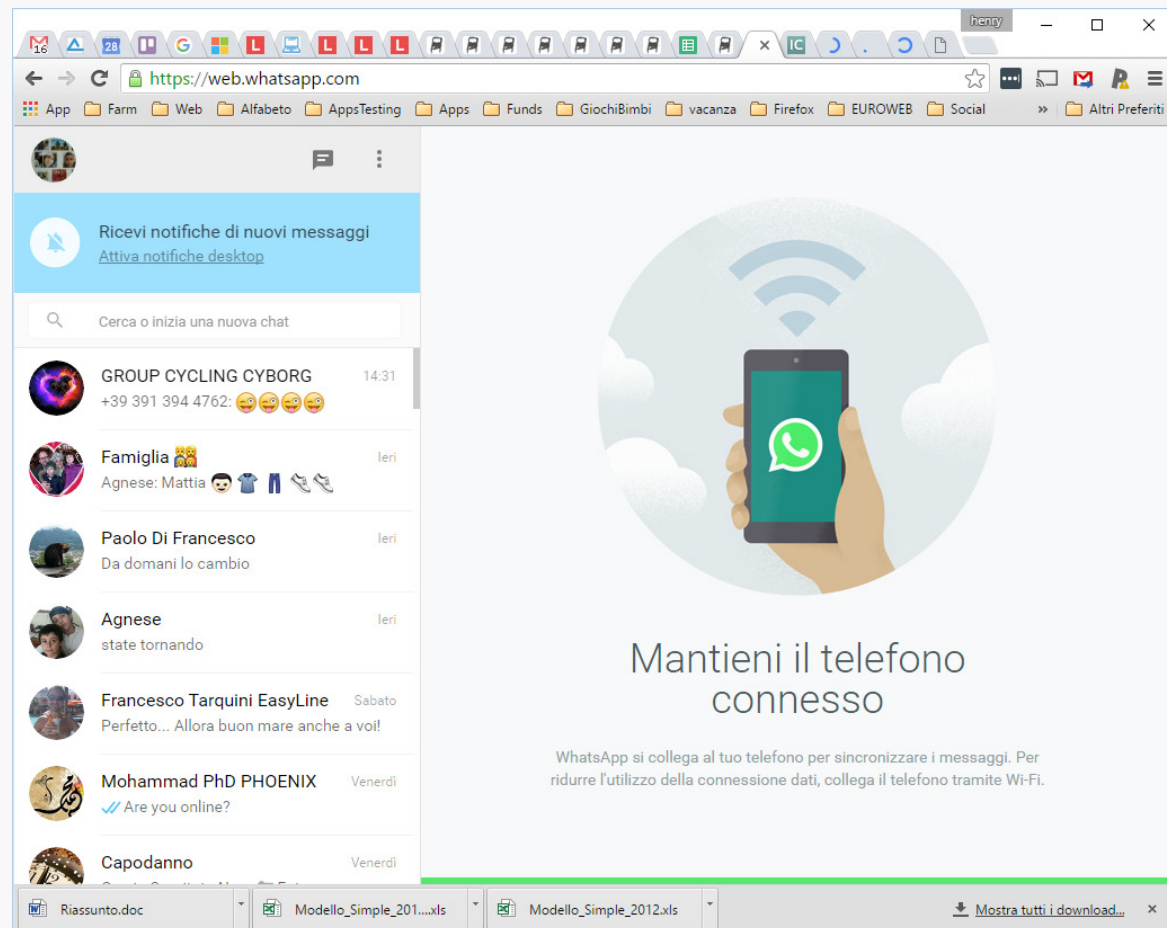




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«Store and forward»  
mechanism for  
message exchange

no long  
term storage



# Exploring the Temporal Aspects of Software Architecture

# WICSA&COMPARCH

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**APRIL 2016**

For WICSA 2016 the theme was **“Architecting in time”** – exploring the temporal aspects of software architecture.

**continuity, evolution and decay,**

the benefits, consequences and debt from **delaying decisions,**

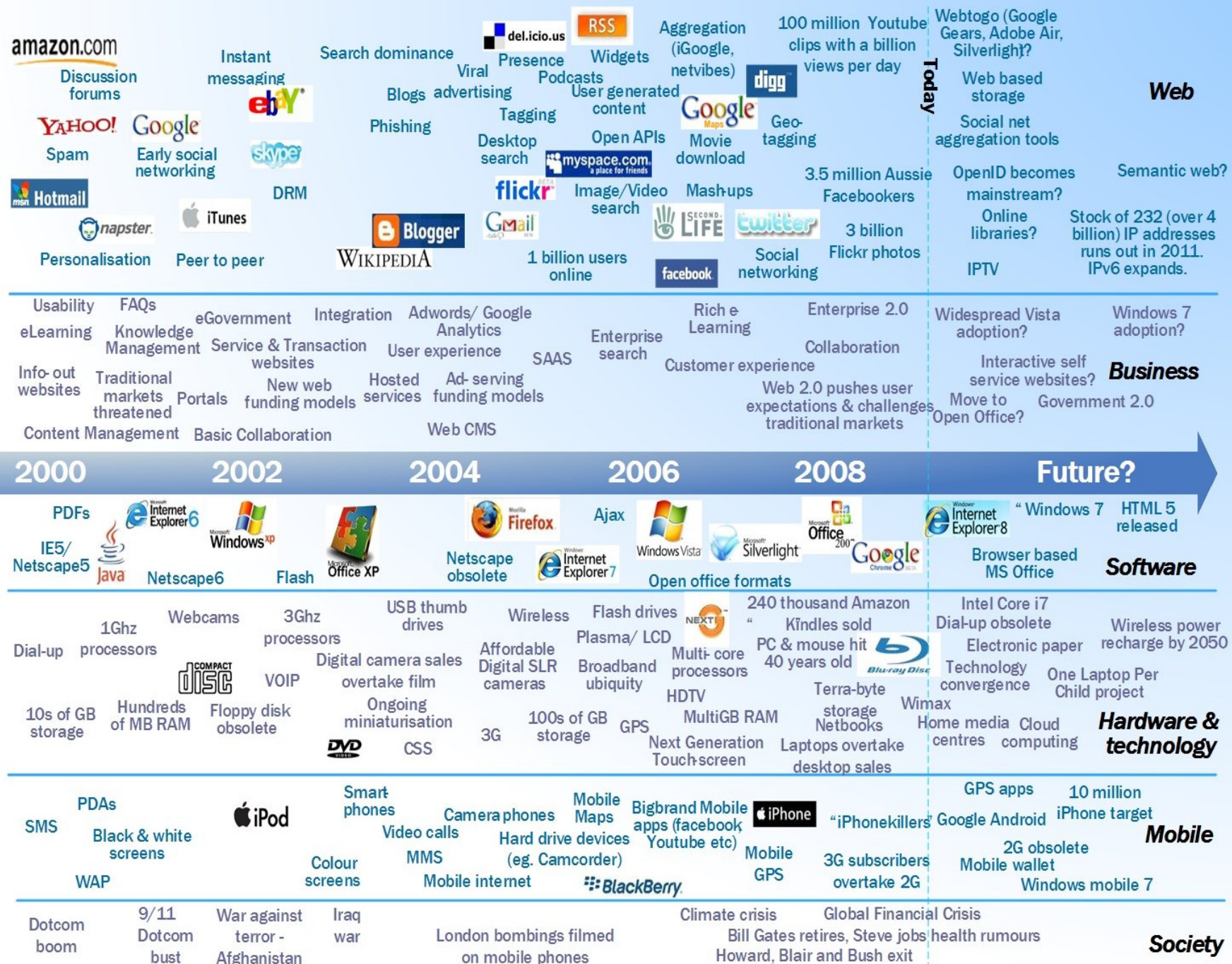
architecting practices and experiences in different software **development processes,** or the related collaborative design activities that fit into the **life cycles** of systems and applications.



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# Two main dimensions

This talk

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The software architecture field evolution over time

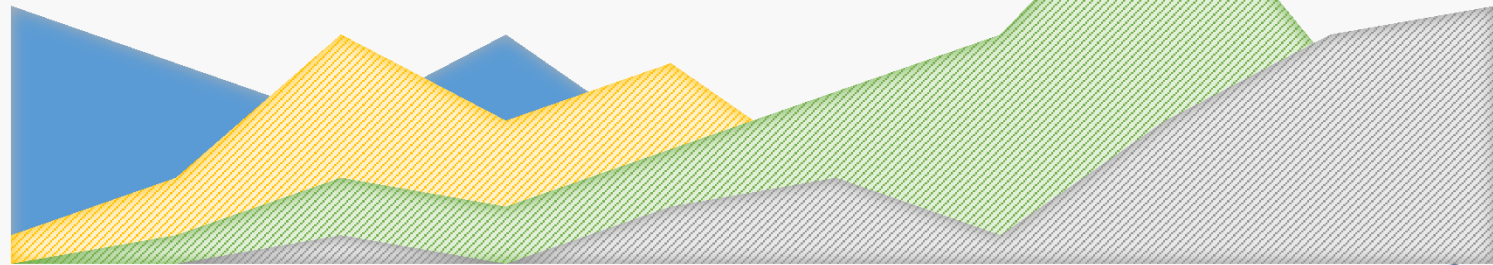
1992

today

2

Temporal aspects in software architecture design

■ Requirements ■ Architecture ■ Code ■ Operation



Architecting

? How the Software

Architecture field evolved  
over time?

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We could travel over time...



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... or, report information based on **our own knowledge**, pretending to know everything...



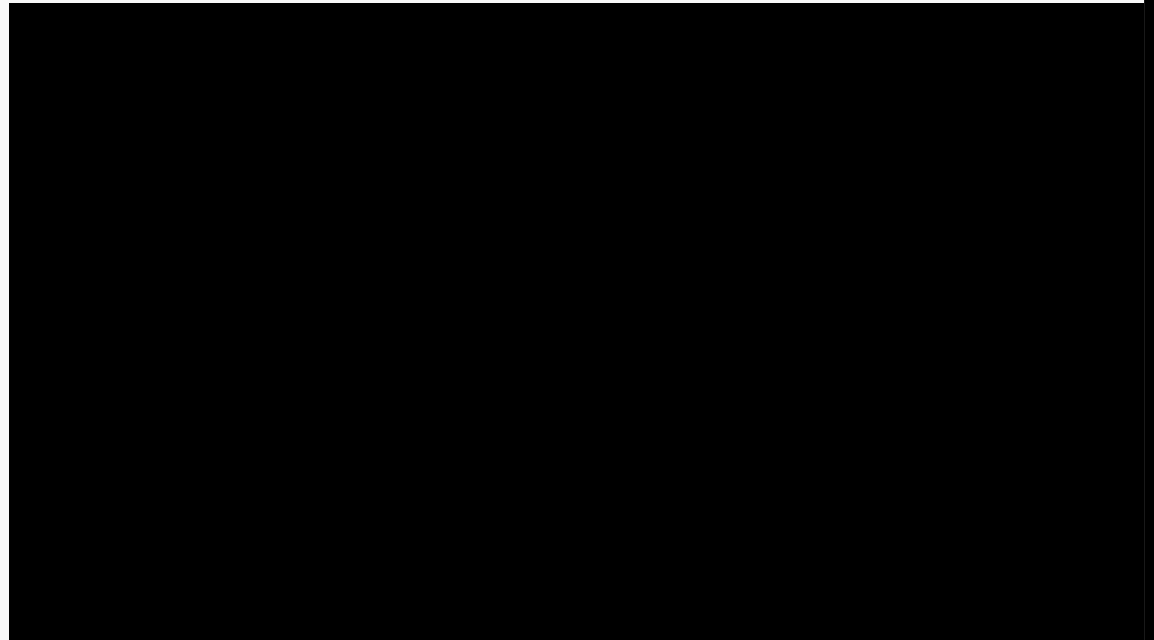
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... a more **systematic** way to look at it...

The **history artifacts and works** (decorations, wigs, scents) talk about the culture of that time.

They are not only historical relic, but they speak about that time



Val Parks: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LMJh1WTkxws>

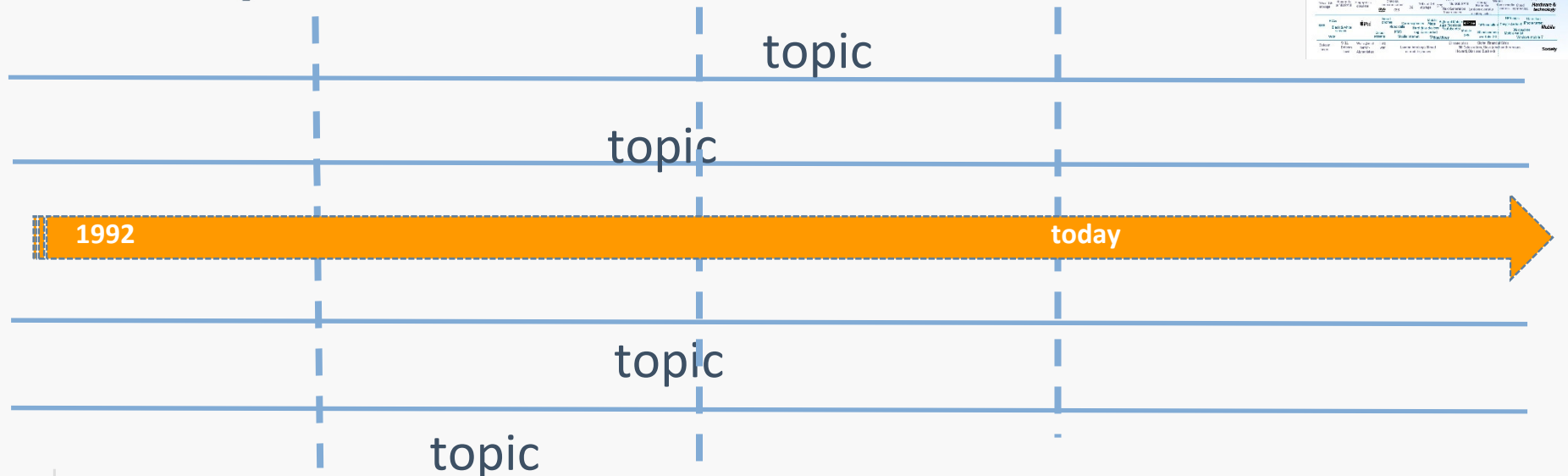




# Goal

? How the Software Architecture field **evolved over time**?

## Output



The study (specifically)  
conducted for this  
speech

# ?How to travel over time?

**Mixed method** used for this study:

- ① Topics extraction:
  - Personal knowledge + Seminal papers
- ② Data mining
  - From the WICSA, CBSE, ECSA, and QoSA conferences
  - From 1999 to 2016
- ③ Reasoning on the results



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# 1 Topics extraction (by experience)

20 years of experience  
in the field

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WICSA 2016 PC co-chair

ICSA steering committee  
member

PC of WICSA, CBSE,  
ECSA (ICSE, FSE, ASE)

Member of the IFIP WG  
2.10 on Software  
Architecture

Design  
Decisions

Assessment

Style

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CPS

Agile

SA Description

ADLs

Views

SPL  
architectures

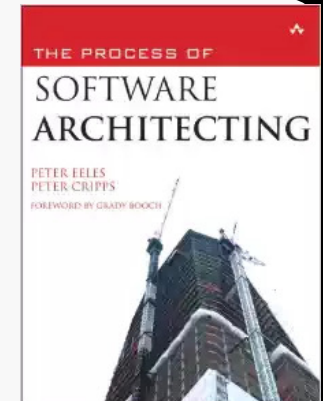
DevOps



# Topics extraction (by reference papers)

1992-1994 seminal

FOSE 2000 & 2014



ACM SIGSOFT SOFTWARE ENGINEERING NOTES vol 17 no 4 Oct 1992 Page 40

## Foundations for the Study of Software Architecture

Dewayne E. Perry

Alexander L. Wolf

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University of Colorado  
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alw@cs.colorado.edu

© 1989,1991,1992 Dewayne E. Perry and Alexander L. Wolf

### An Introduction to Software Architecture

David Garlan and Mary Shaw  
January 1994

CMU-CS-94-166

School of Computer Science  
Carnegie Mellon University

Also published as "An Introduction to Software Architecture and Knowledge Engineering"

Also appears:

## The Past, Present, and Future of Software Architecture

**Philippe Kruchten**, University of British Columbia

**Henk Obbink**, Philips Research Europe

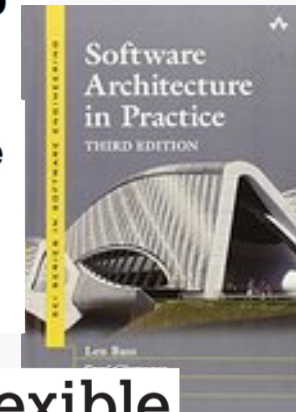
**Judith Stafford**, Tufts University

## Software Architecture: a Roadmap

### Software Architecture: A Travelogue

David Garlan

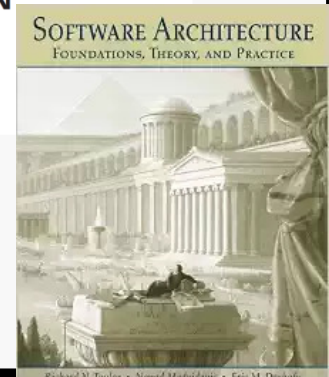
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## Lightweight and Flexible Emerging Trends in Software Architecture from the SATURN Conferences

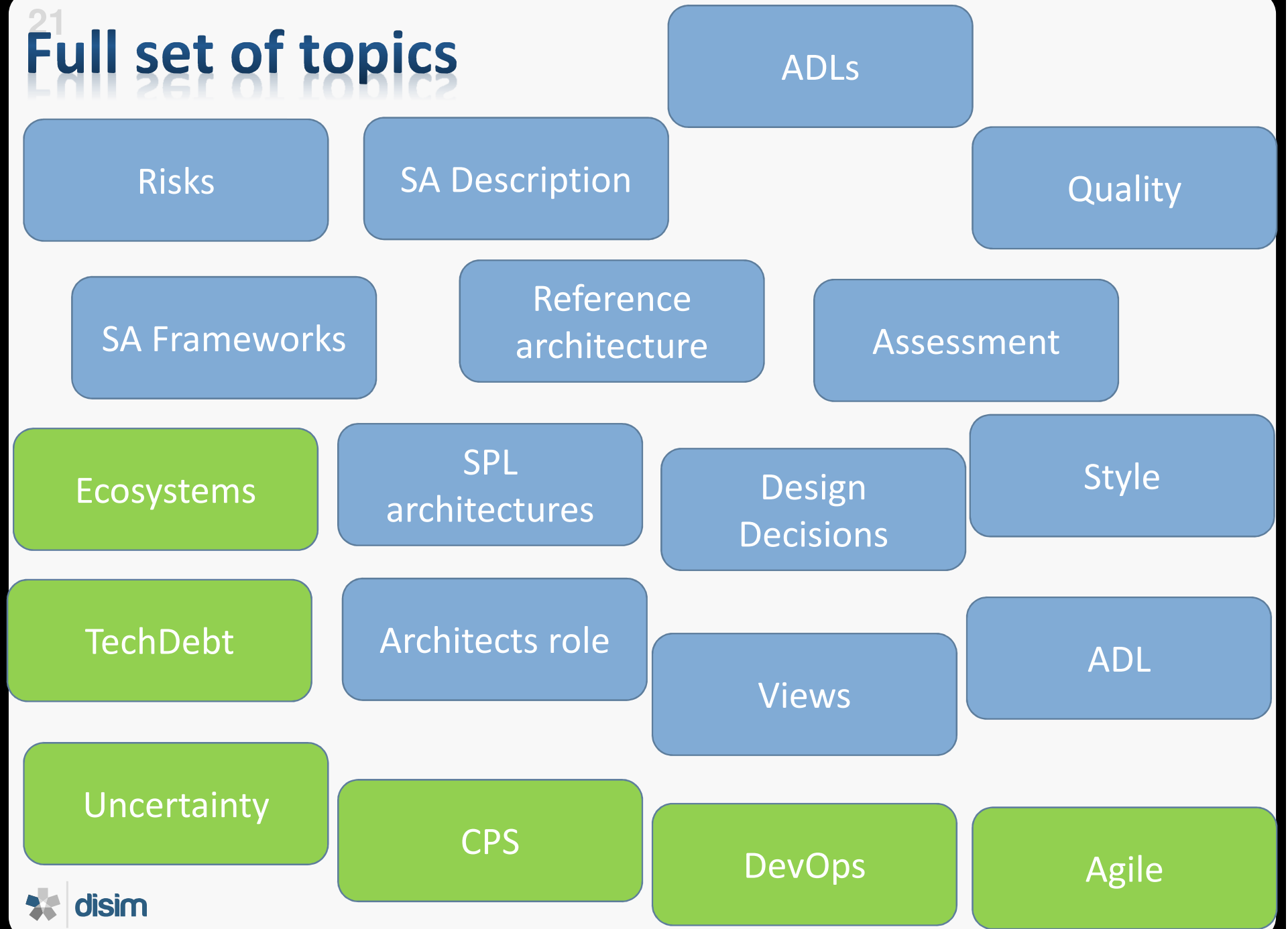
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IEEE SW



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# Full set of topics



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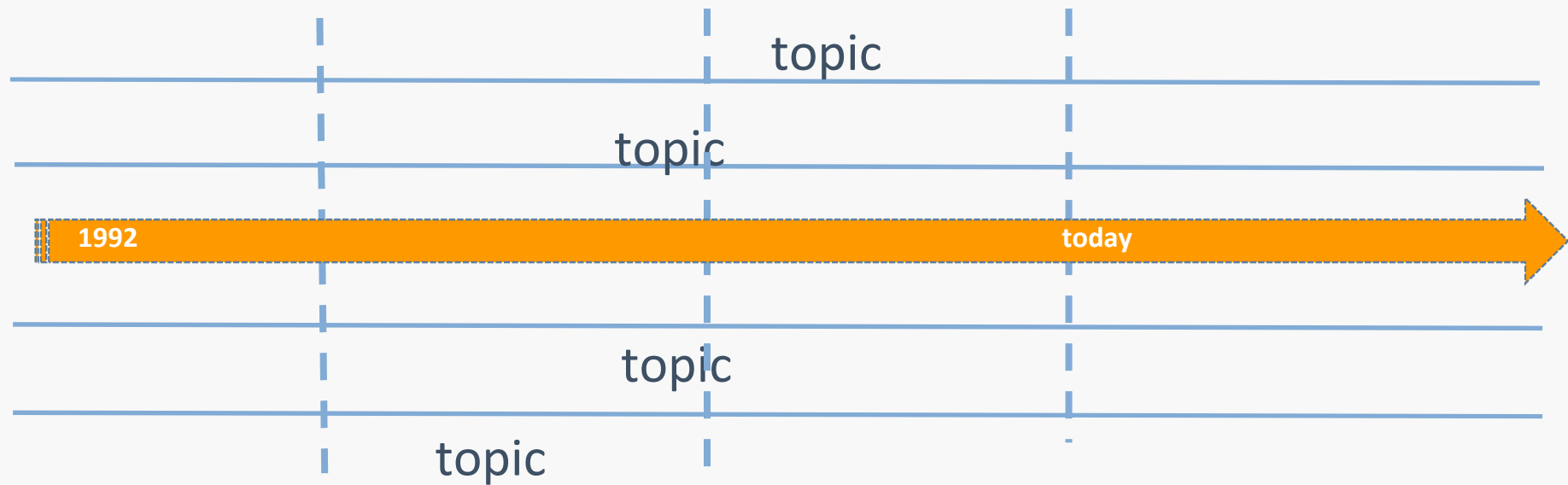
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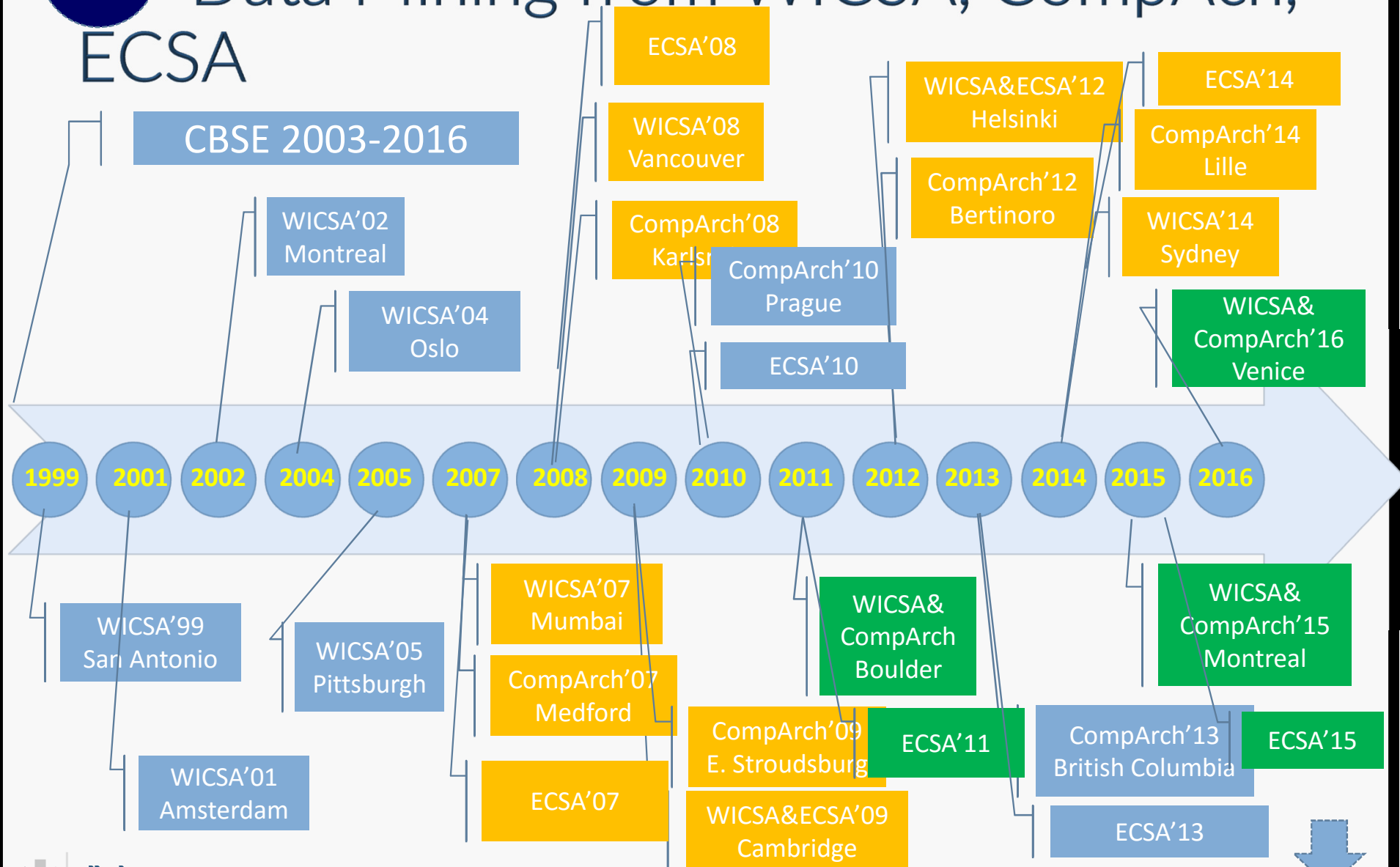
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# Data Mining from WICSA, CompArch, ECSA



## Data mining... in numbers

What: 4 conferences, 42 editions, 1999-2016,  
811 articles analysed

How: topics search

- Search of topics and synonyms in
  - Title
  - Keyword
  - Abstract



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If Title contains the keyword,  
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respect to the keyword

If Keyword/abstract contains  
the keyword, ...

If synonym contains the  
keyword, ...

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# Tests

This approximation formula has been tested on:

- 50 papers
- Two topics:
  - Ecosystems
  - Design Decisions

## Disclaimer...

The results presented here are preliminary and partial, with respect to the...

*25 Years of Software Architecture:  
impact on the Software discipline*



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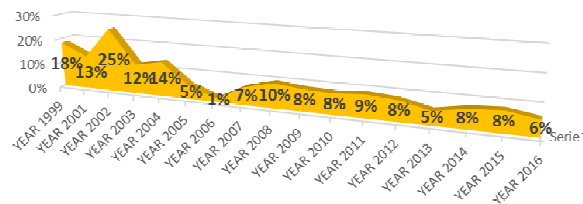
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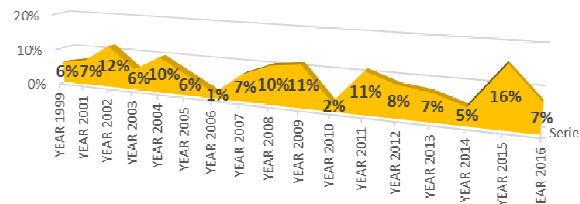
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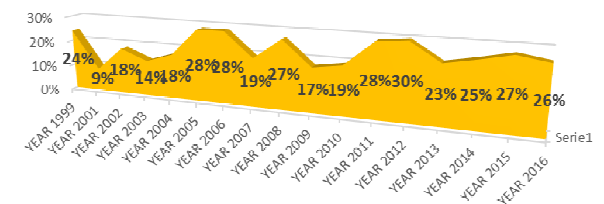
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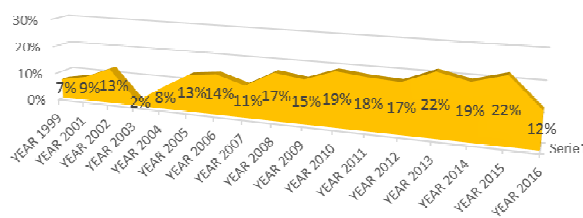
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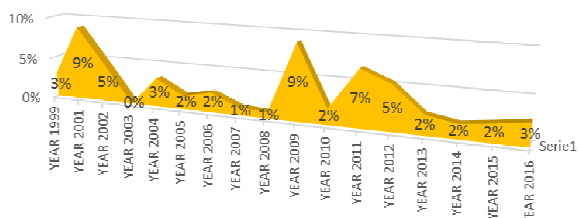
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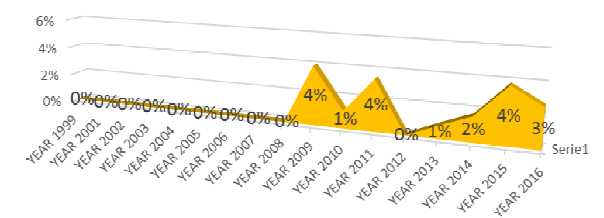
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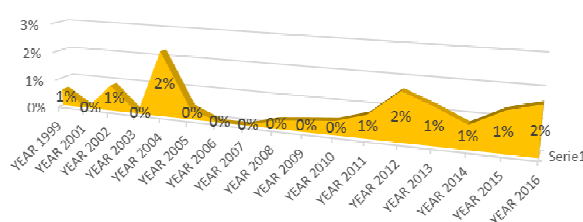
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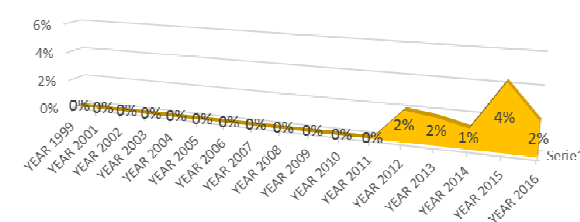
Agility: % of papers



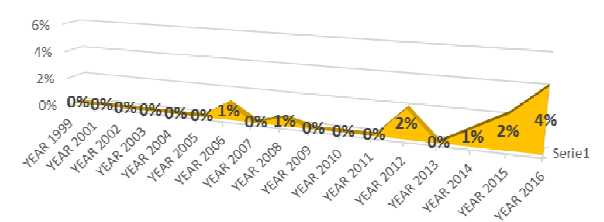
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Technical Debt: % of papers



CPS: % of papers



# Disclaimer

Topics Granularity (look at the trend!)

«Only» four (domain-specific) conferences

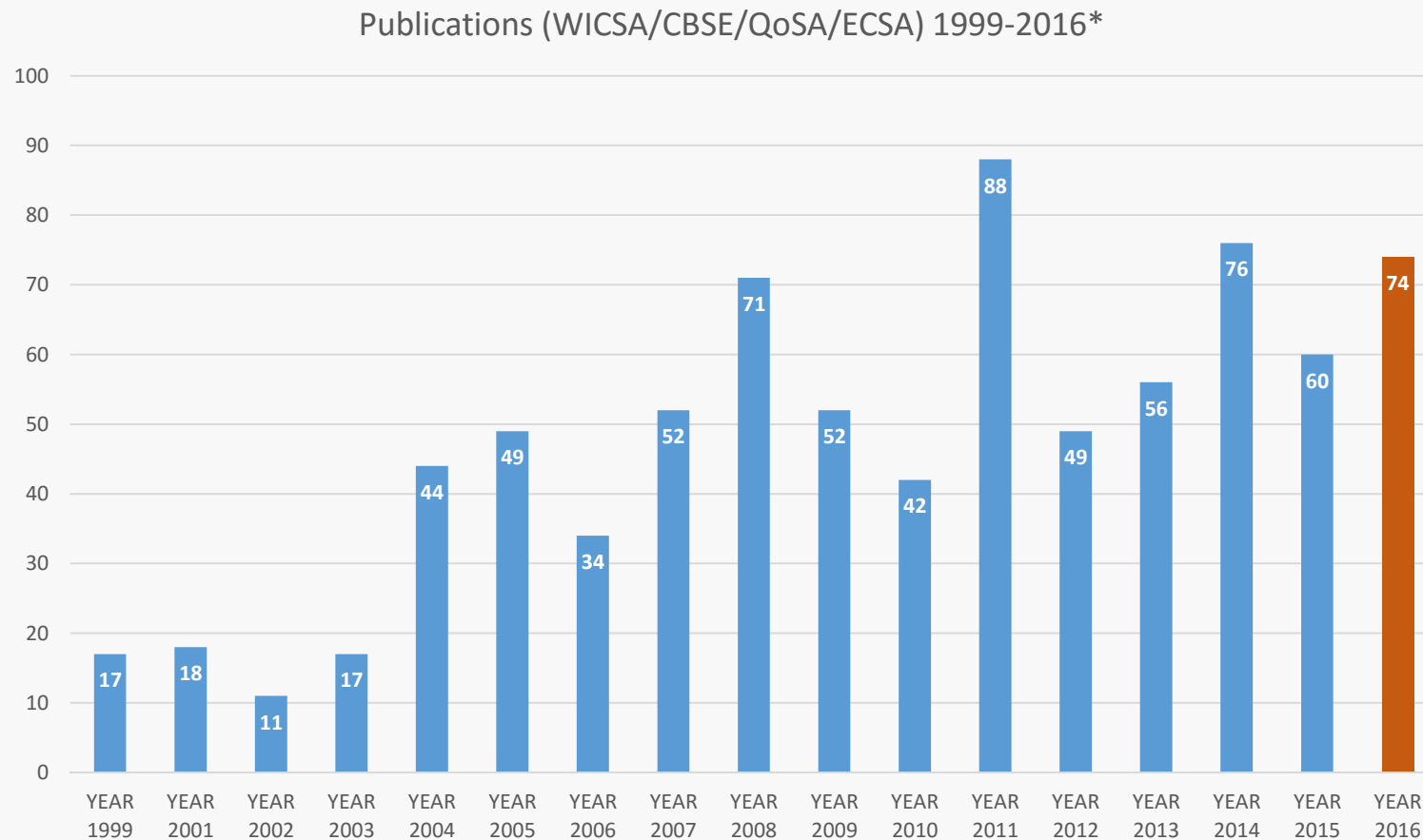
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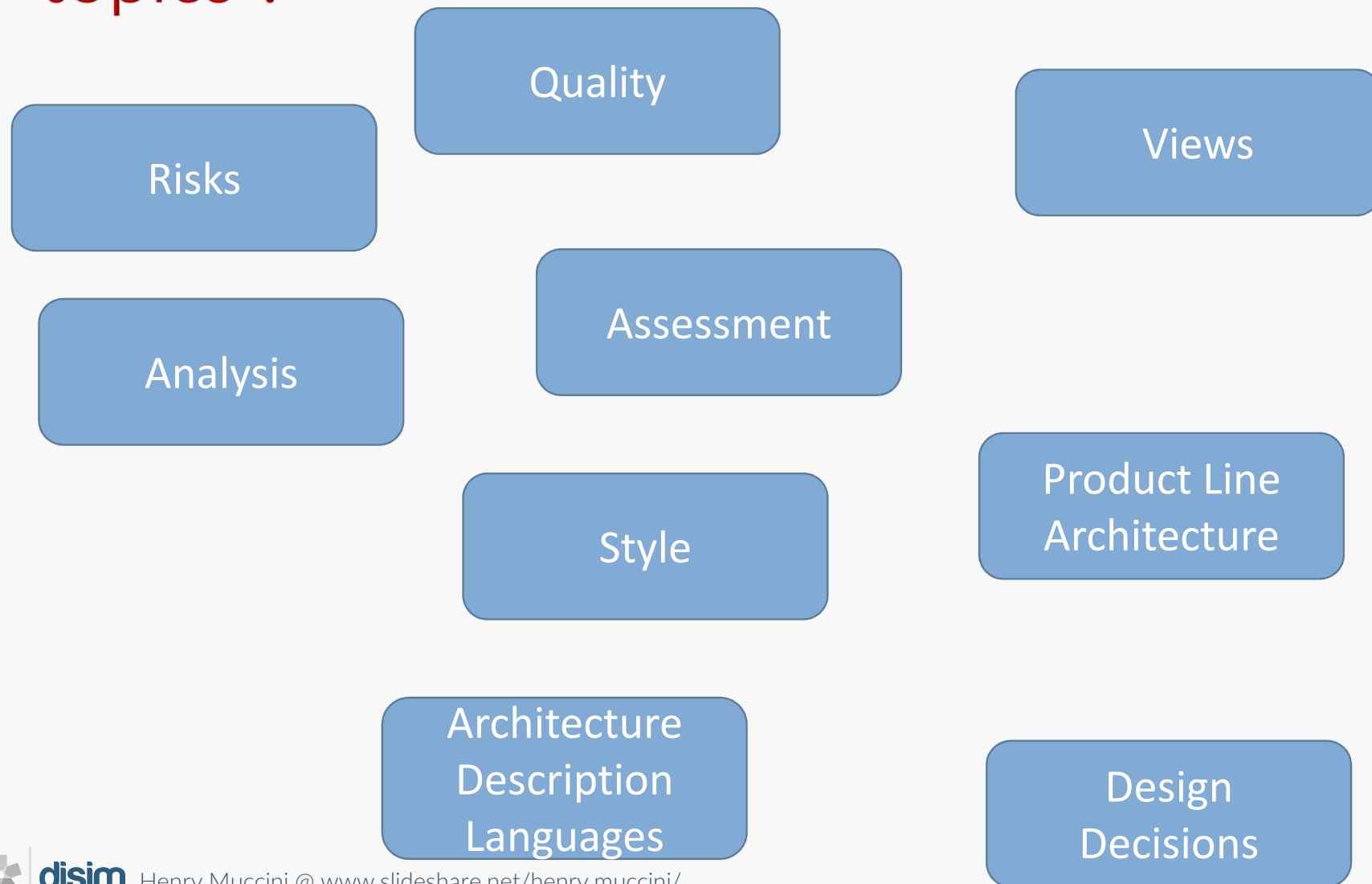


## OVERALL VIEW ON RESULTS

# Overall View on Results: # of publications per year



# Overall View on Results: Most published topics ?



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# Overall View on Results: Most published topics (1/3)

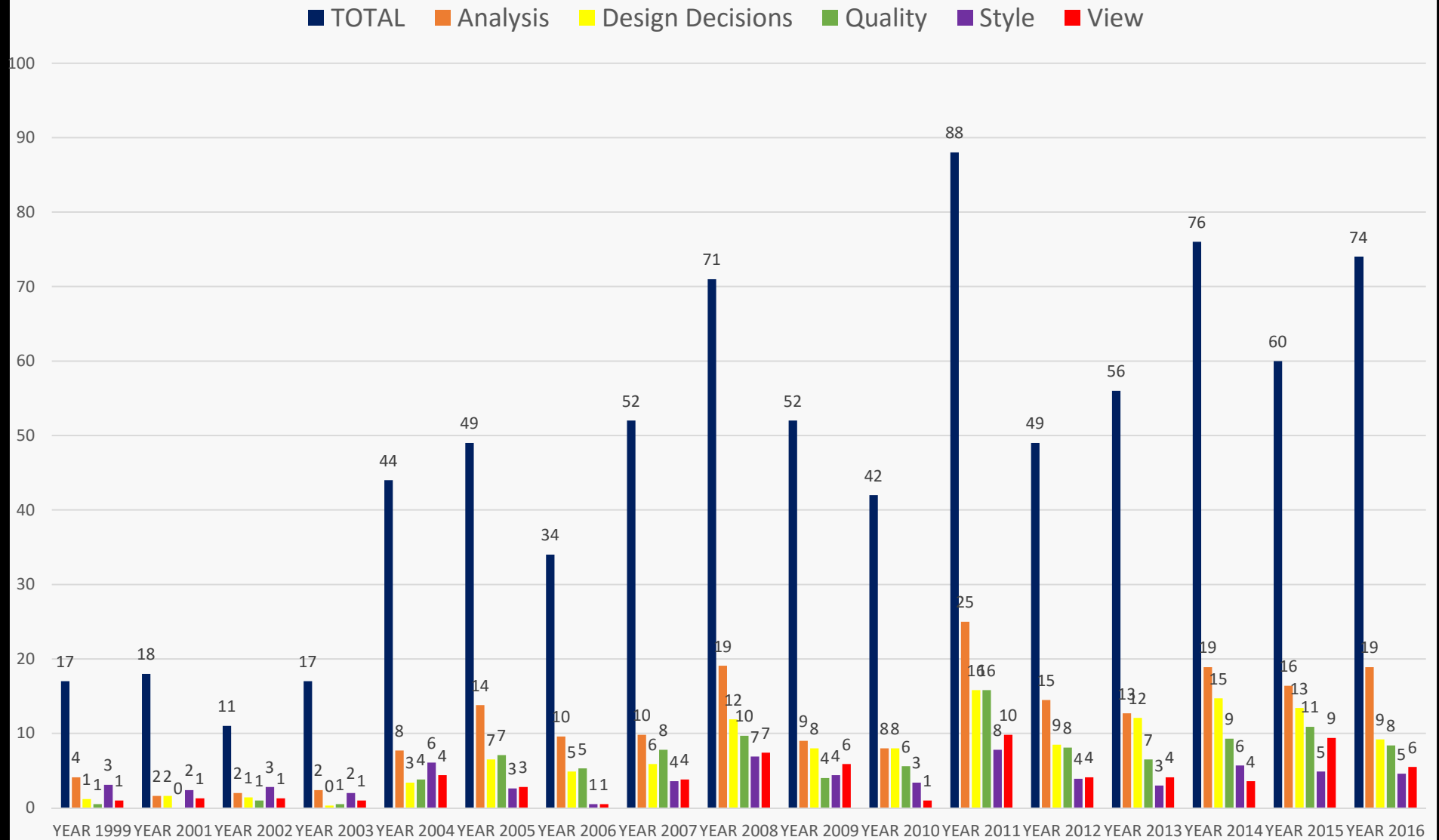
Top five:

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  - Performance (96)
  - Security (27)
  - Consistency (24)
2. Design Decisions (127)
3. Quality (104)
4. Style (68)
5. Views (67)

(TOT=811 papers)

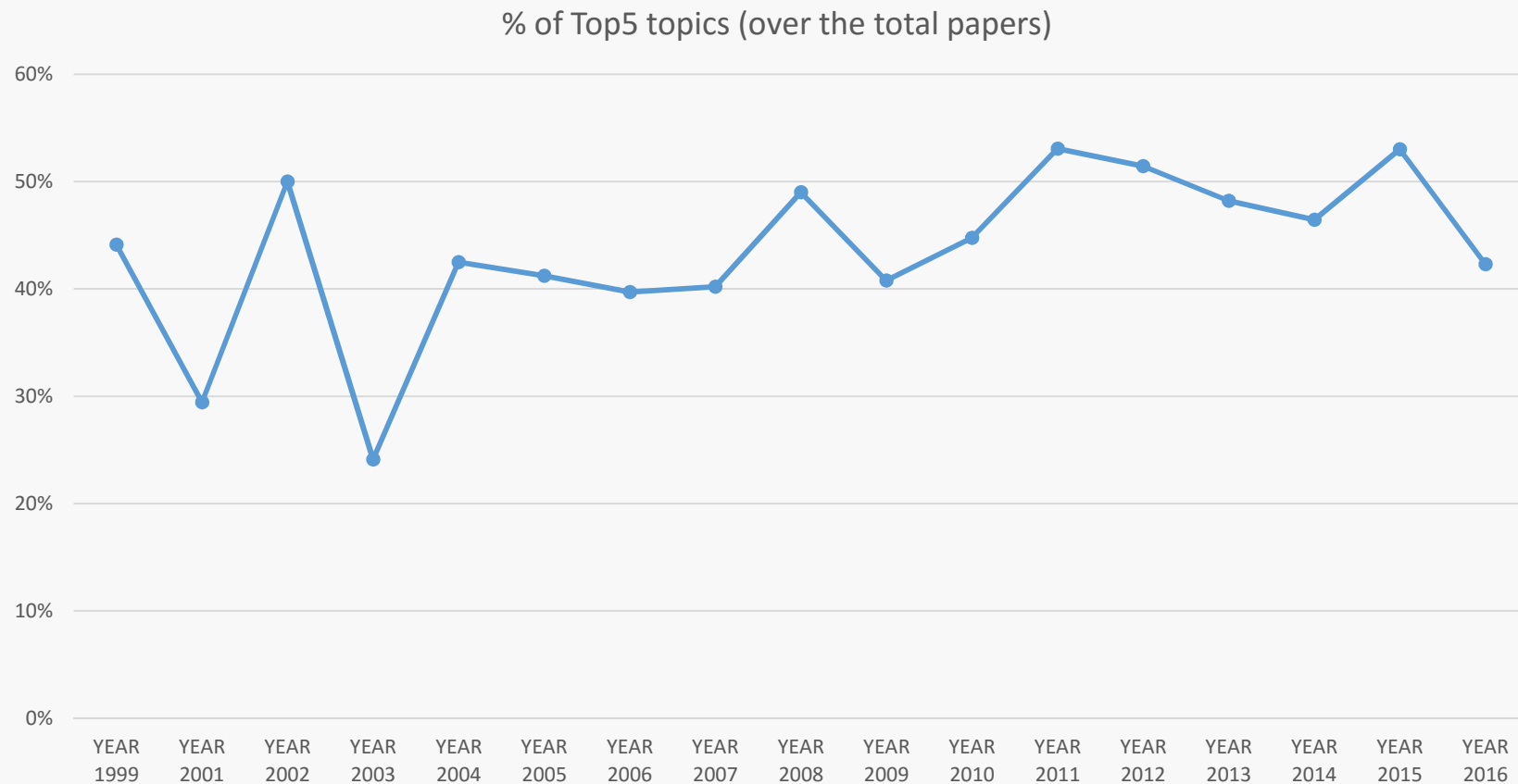


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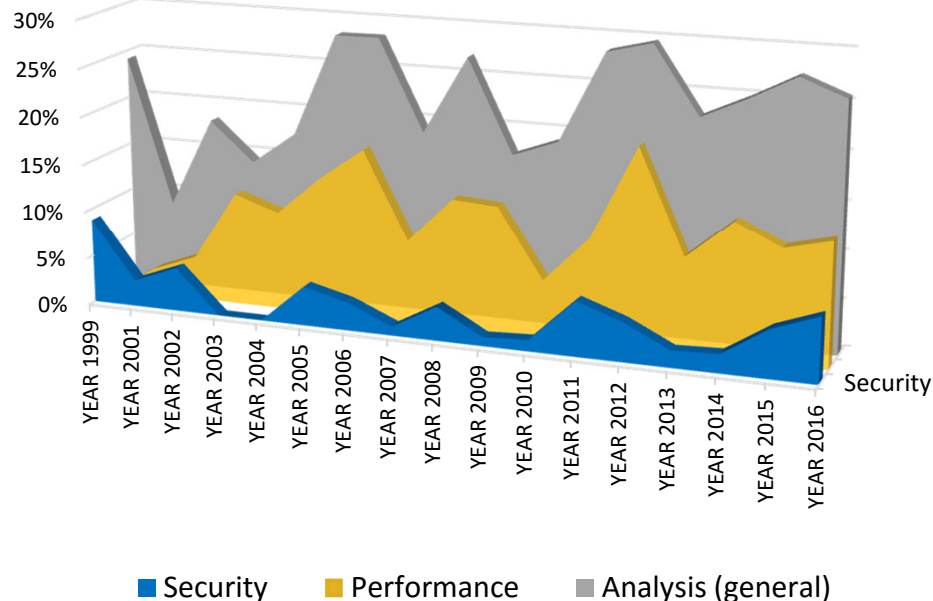


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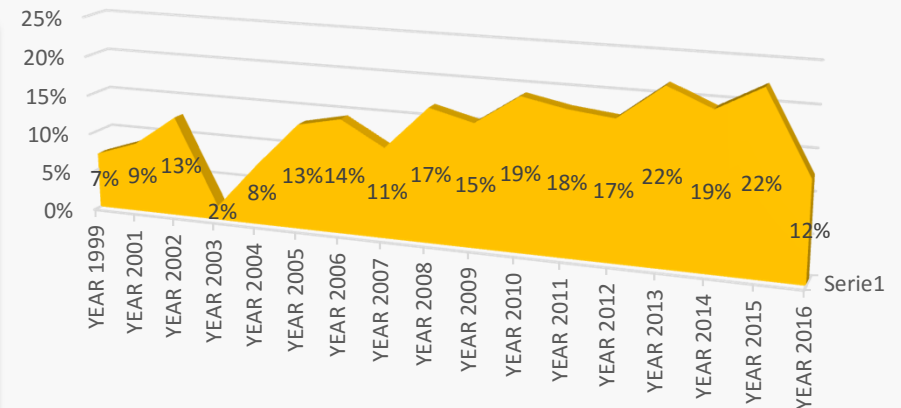


# Overall View on Results: Most published topics (2/3)

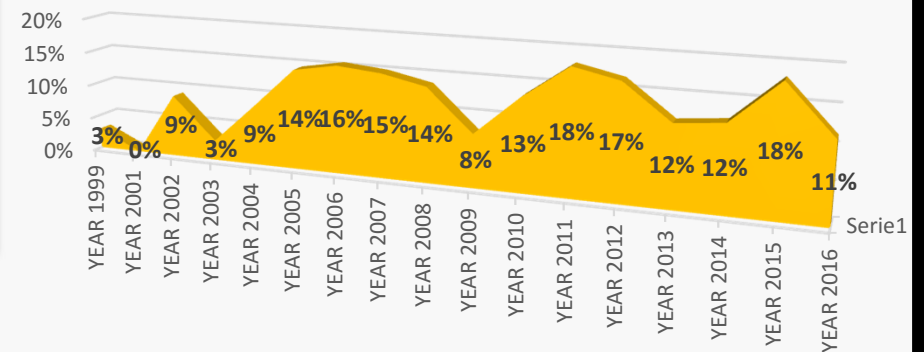
## Security vs Performance vs Analysis



## Design Decisions: % of papers

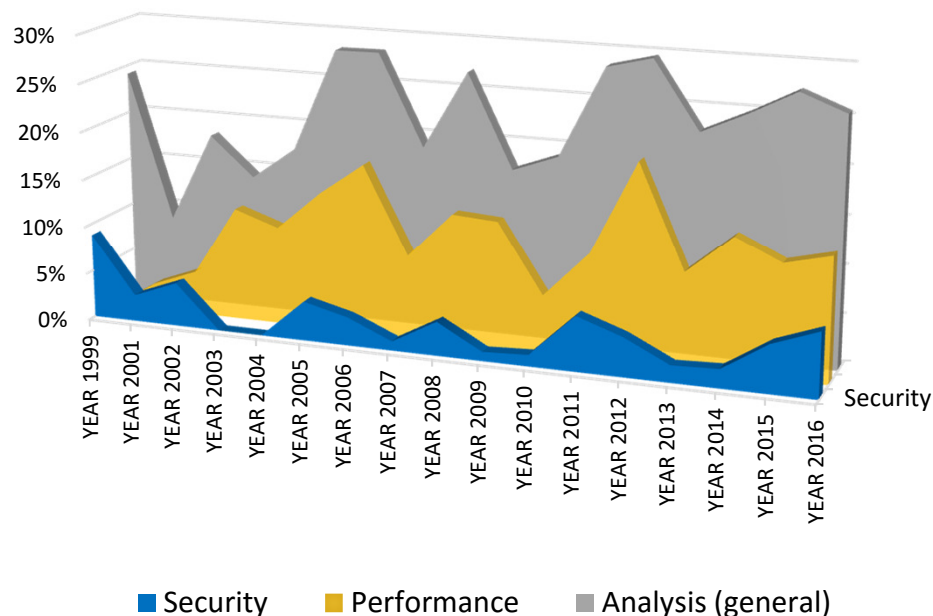


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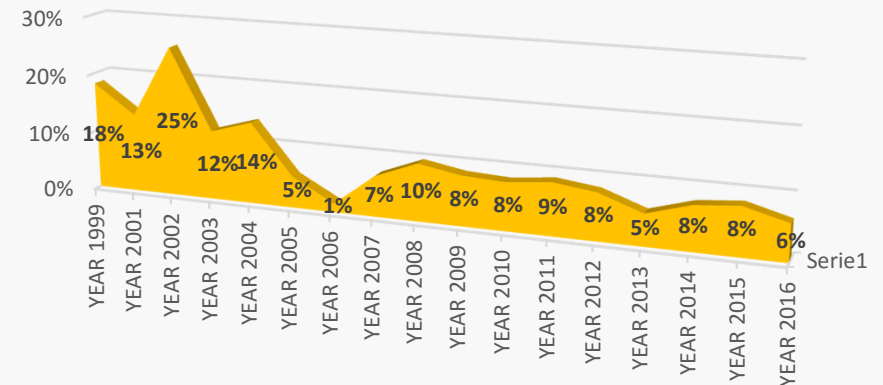


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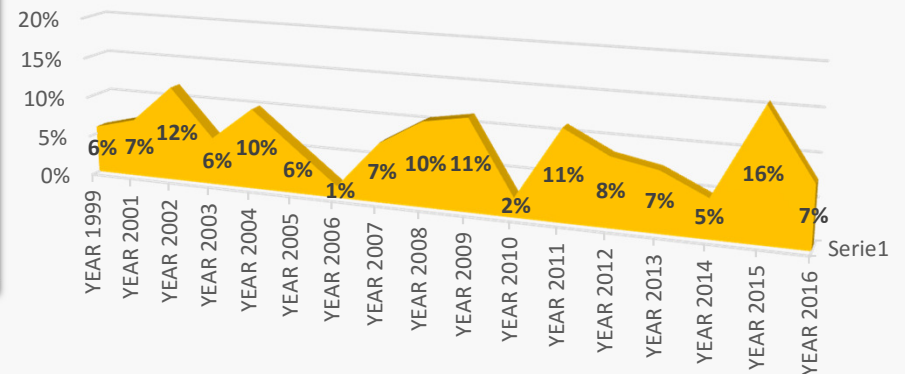
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Style: % of papers

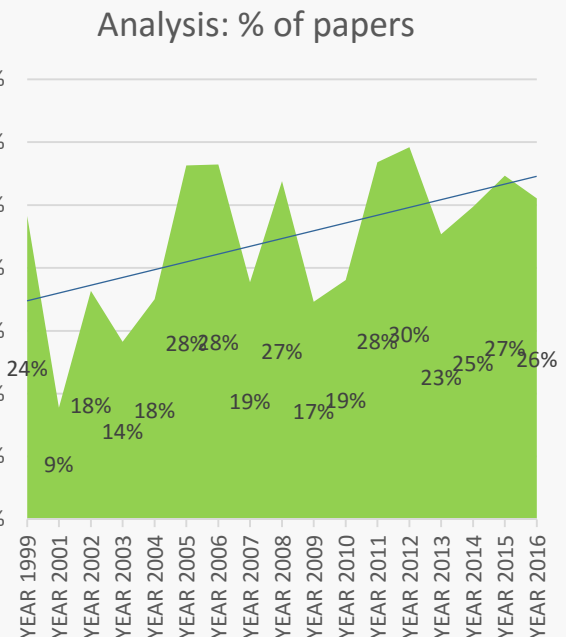
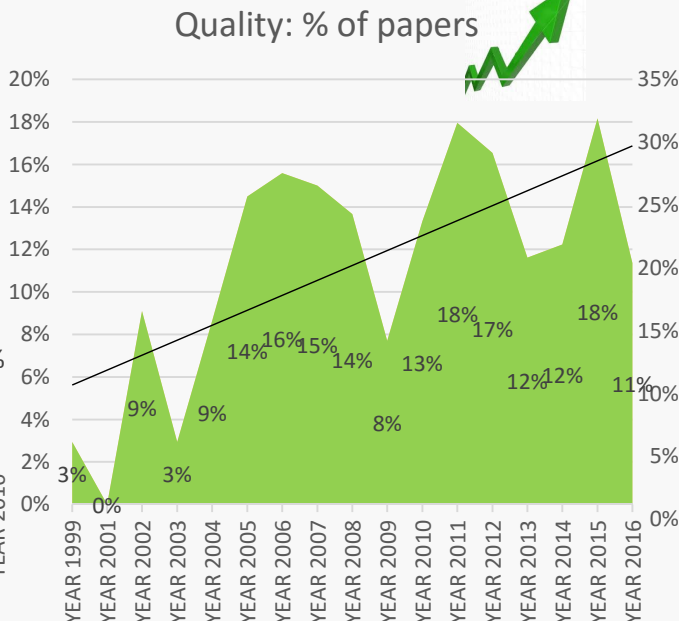
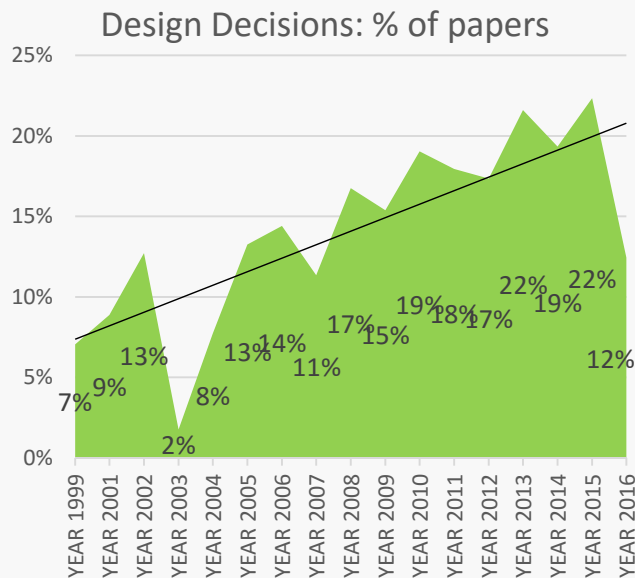
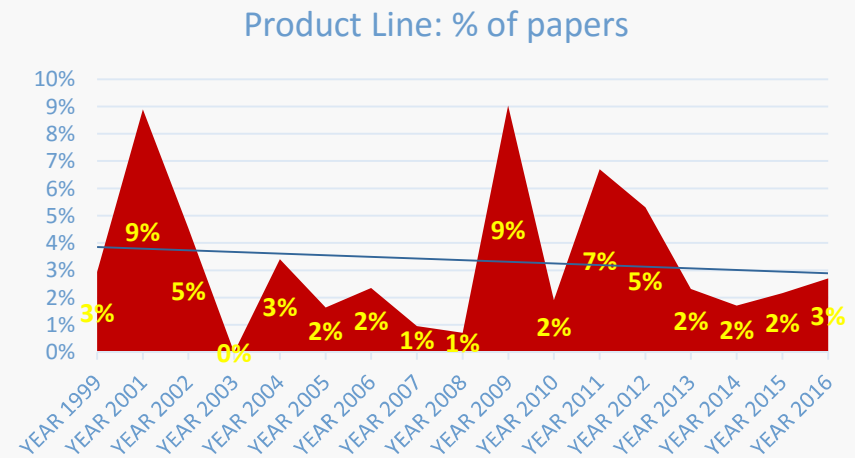
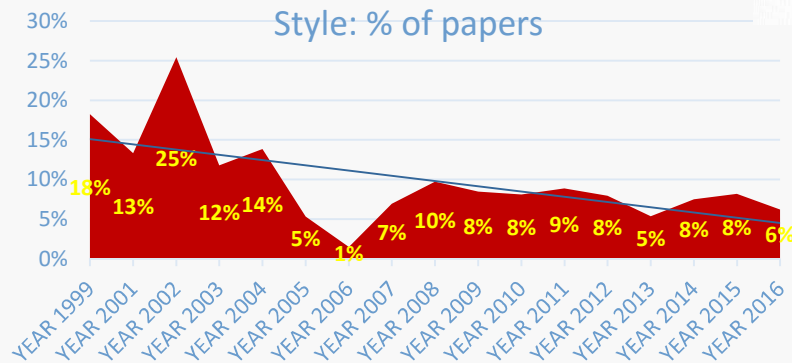


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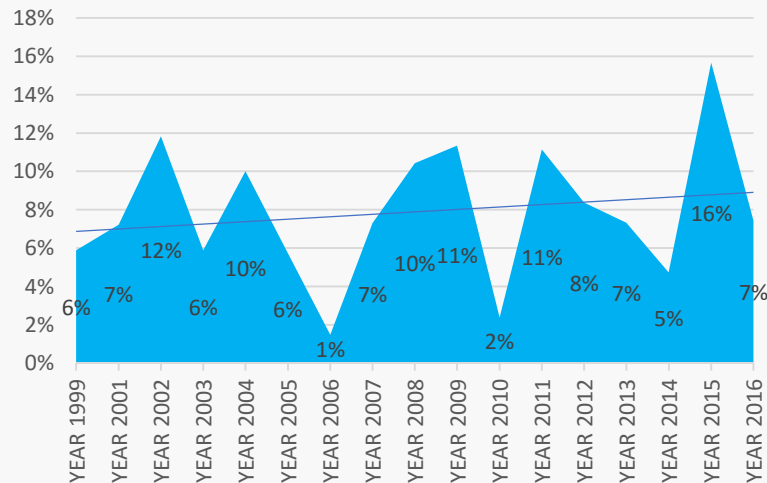
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# Overall View on Results: Trends 1999-2016 (down-up)

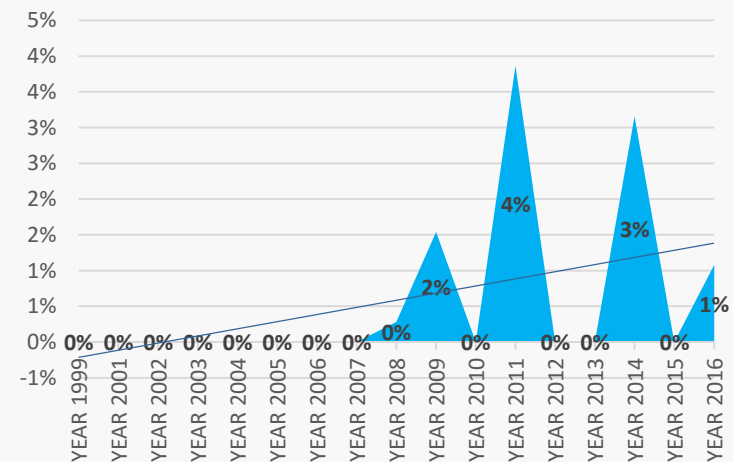


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View: % of papers

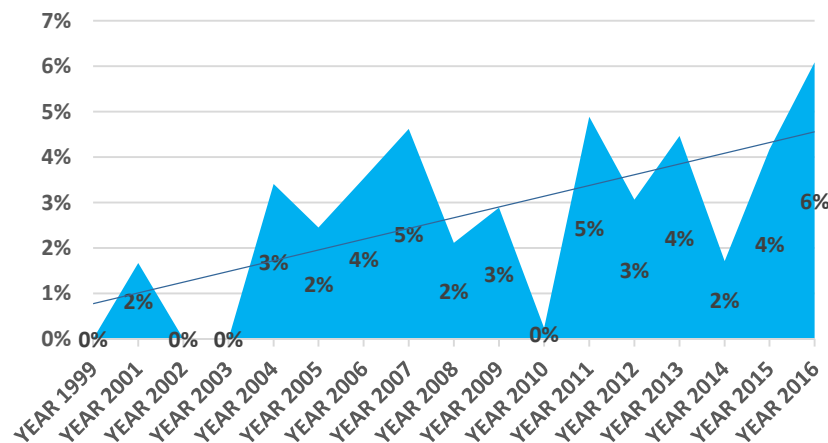


ReferenceArchitecture: % of papers



Reference Architecture  
{much less than expected}

Cost Estimation: % of papers



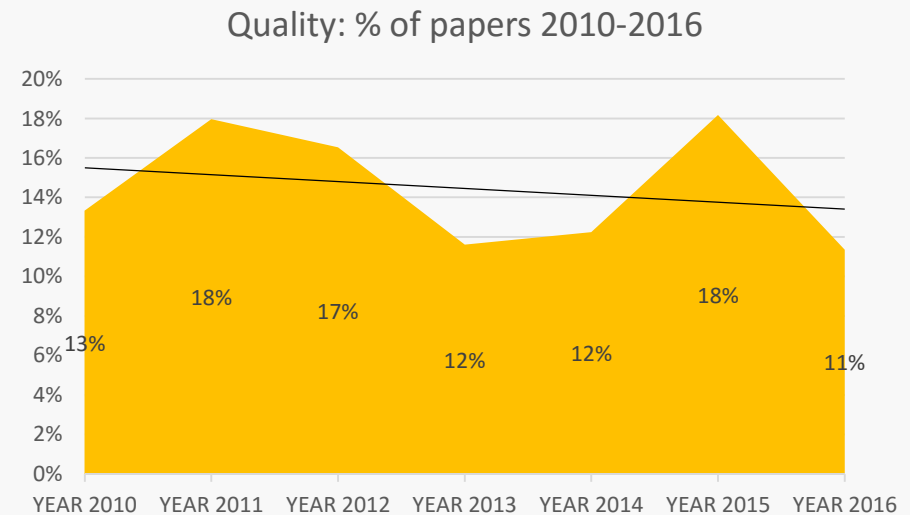
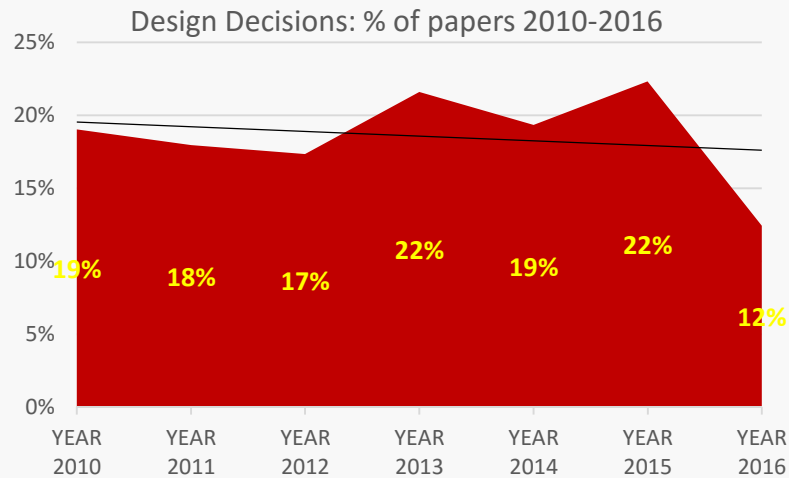
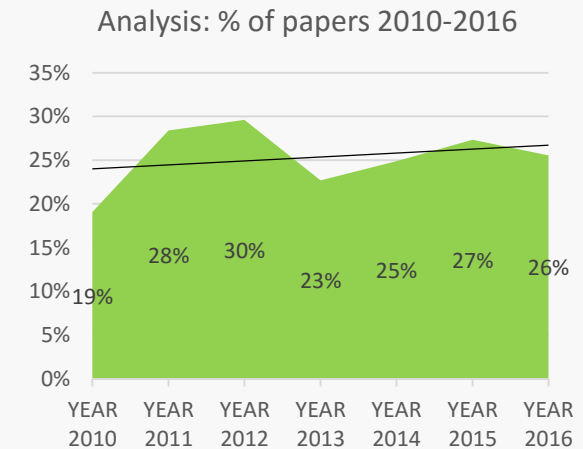
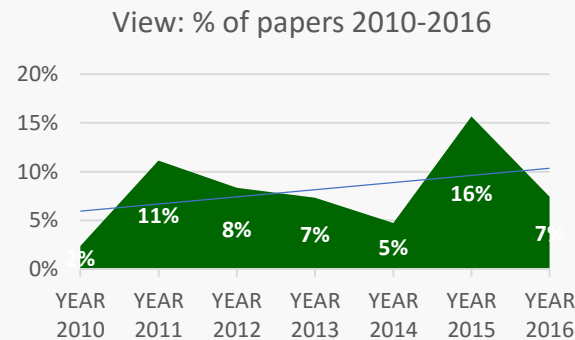
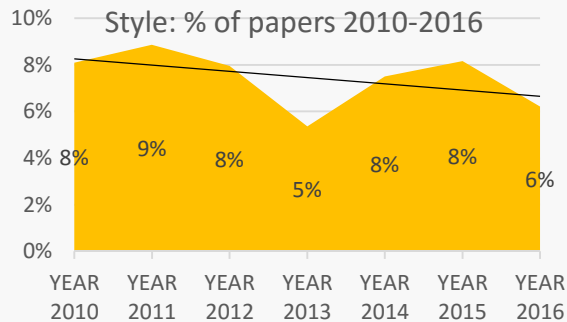
Cost estimation  
{pick 6% in 2016}



# Overall View on Results: Trends 1999-2016 (emerging)

- Agile [0% -> 3%] {emerging since 2009}
- DevOps [0,5% -2%] {emerging since 2011}
- Tech Debt [0% - 2%] {emerging since 2012}
- CPS [0% - 2%] {emerging since 2012} (pick 4% in 2016)
- Ecosystems [0% -2%] {emerging since 2012} (pick 5% in 2016)
- Risk [0% -> 3%] (non null since 2005)

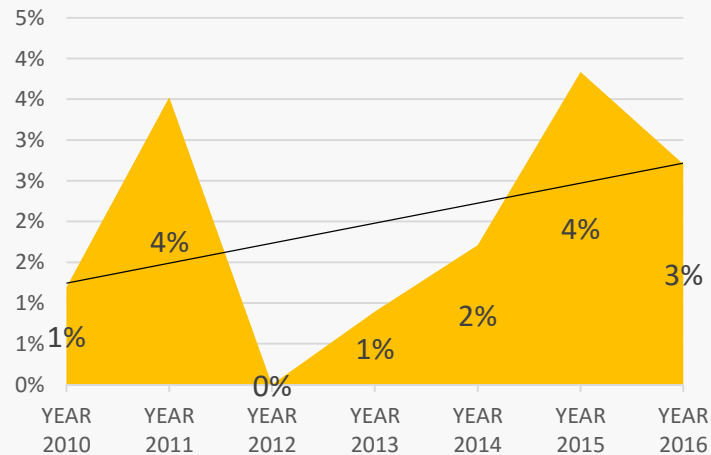
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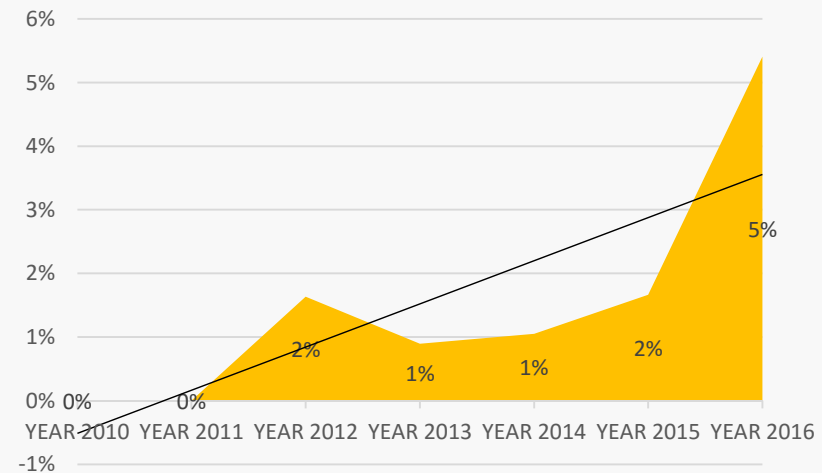
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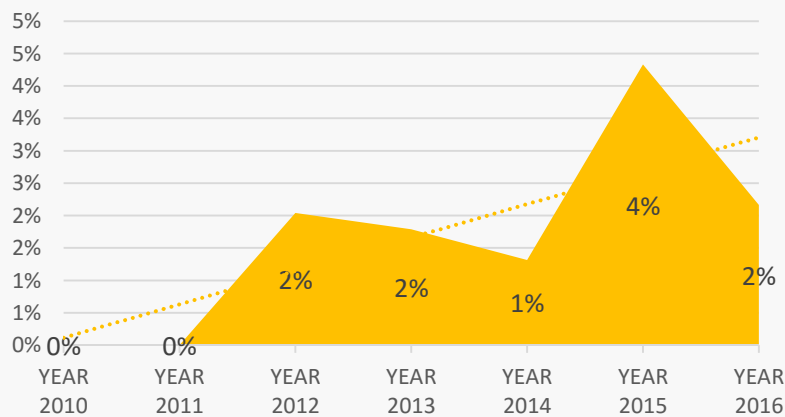
Agility: % of papers 2010-2016



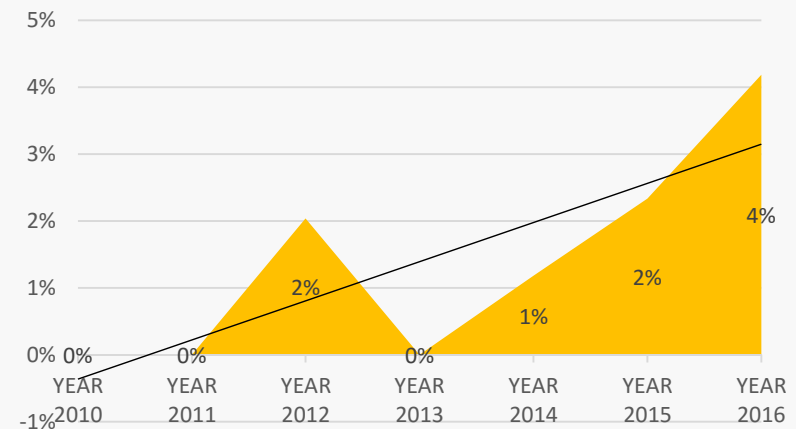
EcoSys: % of papers 2010-2016



Technical Debt: % of papers 2010-2016



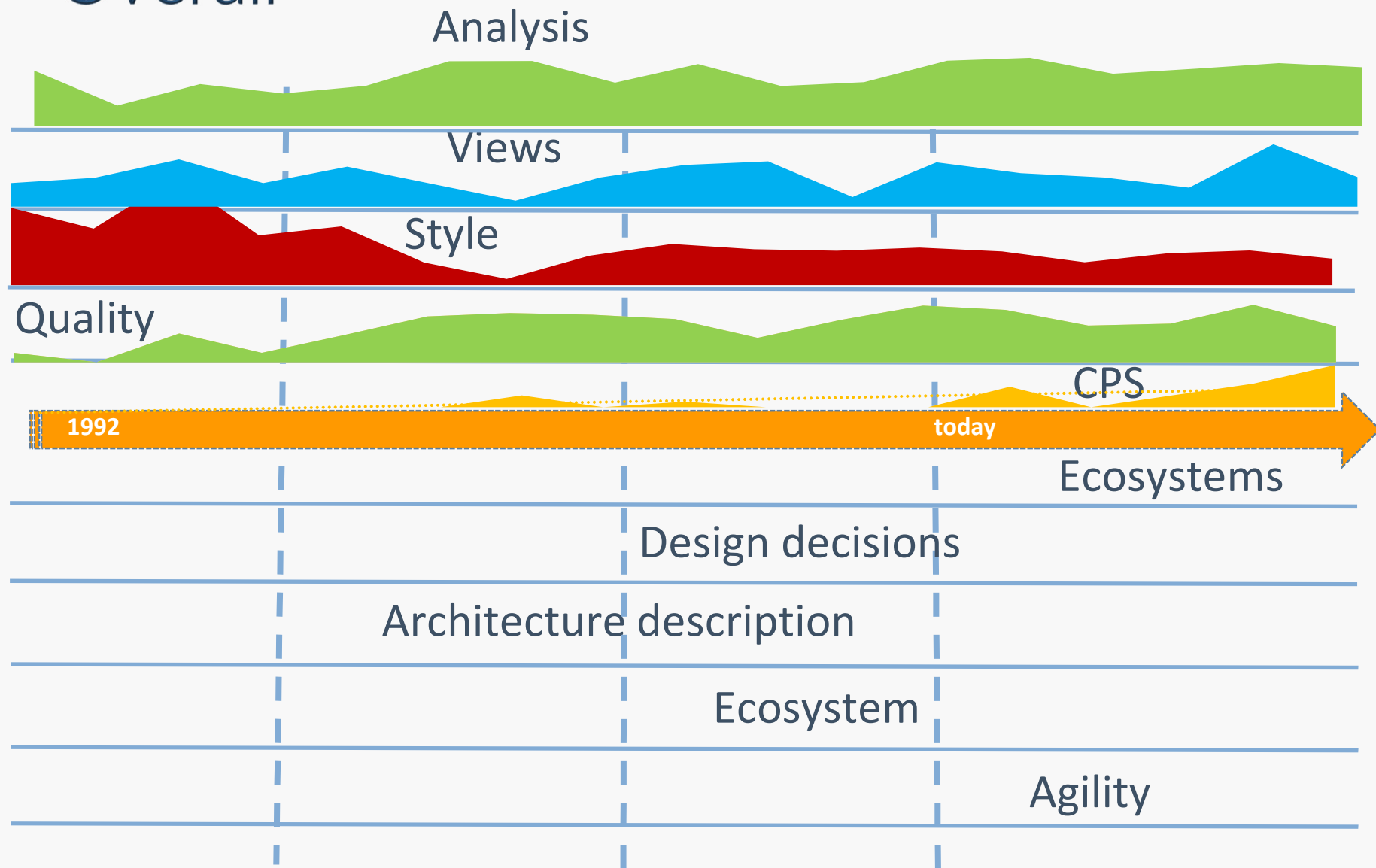
CPS: % of papers 2010-2016



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# Overall



? How the Software Architecture  
field evolved over time?

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# REFLECTIONS

looking at the near future from the past

1992

today



## Where we are today...

application domains: CPS, IoT, Smart mobile systems

type of (concern): Self-Adaptive, autonomous, dynamic, uncertain

process: DevOps & Agile

style: micro services

analysis: security, resilience

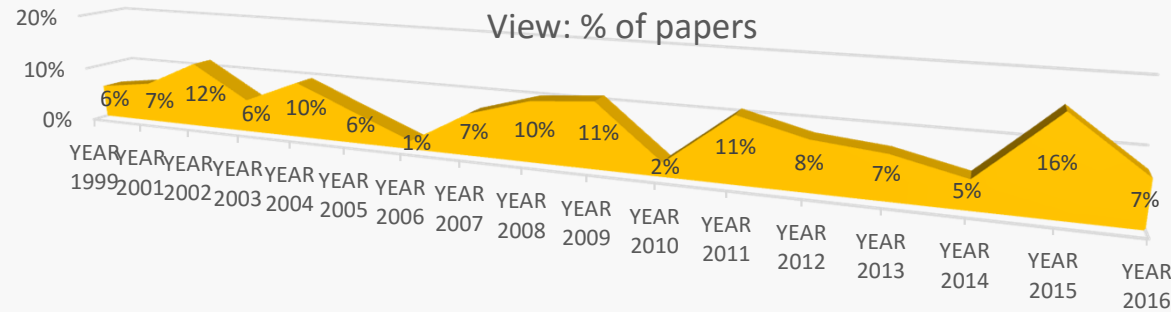
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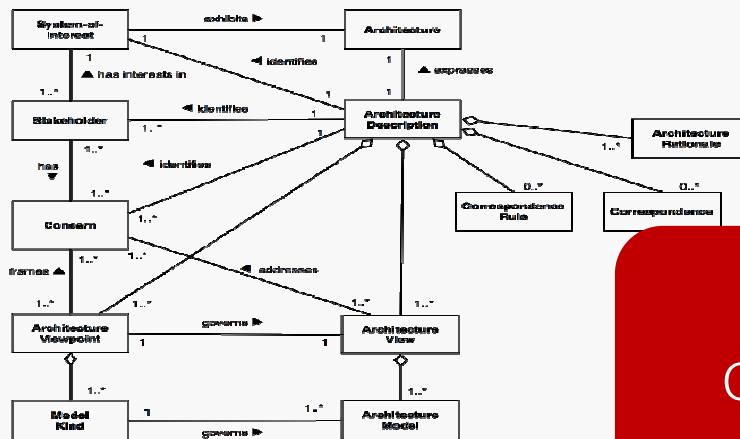


## Multi-View Boom!

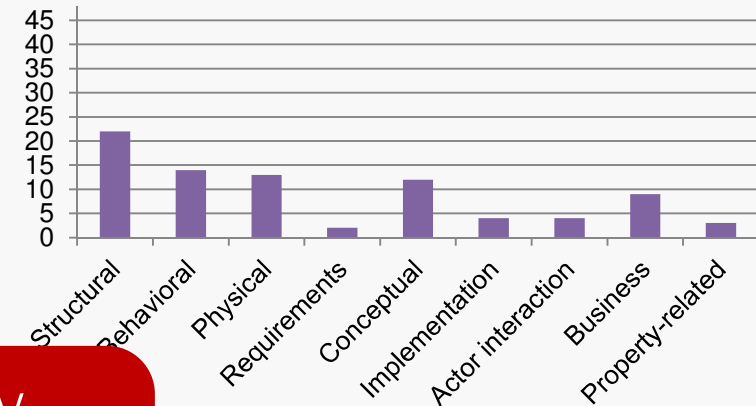
An industrial practice, being  
consolidated over 15 years!  
But still...

# Multi-View & Multi-stakeholder

IEEE Std 1471 (2000) ->  
ISO/IEC/IEEE 42010:2011



Type of views

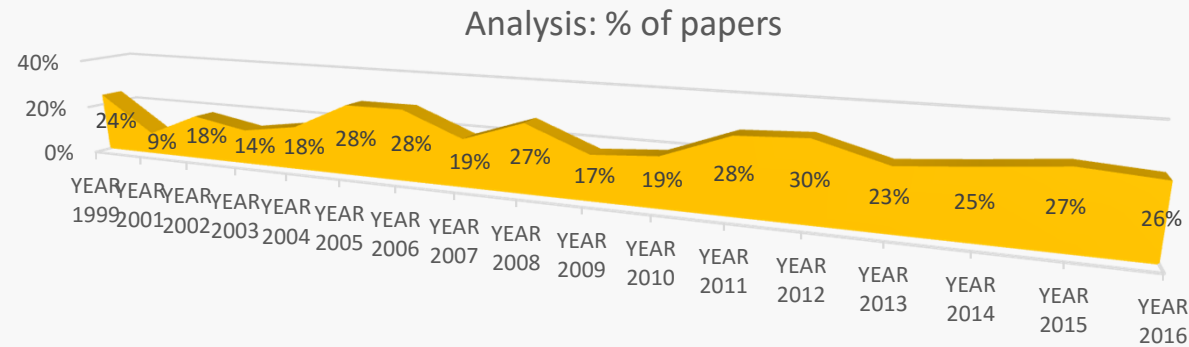


Multi-view  
consistency:  
missing feature

Using multiple views has  
become standard practice in  
industry!! [TSE2013]

- 85% uses multiple views

	Useful in past projects							Useful for future projects						
	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	No exp.	Blank	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	Don't know	Blank
Support for multiple architectural views	2	2	4	11	18	2	9	1	0	4	5	27	1	10



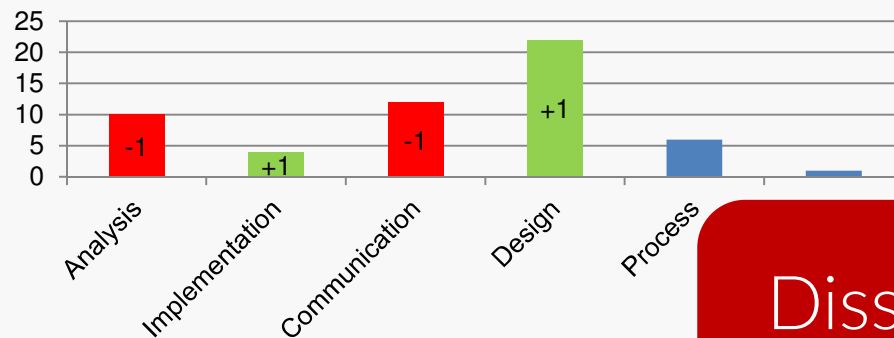
## Practitioners' need for SA-based Analysis

Analysis is a big need... and  
practiced... but practitioners are  
quite unhappy!



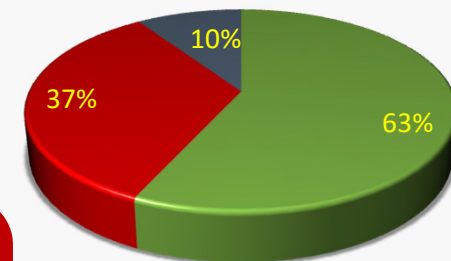
# Practitioners' needs for Analysis [TSE2013]

Architectural Languages: Type of needs



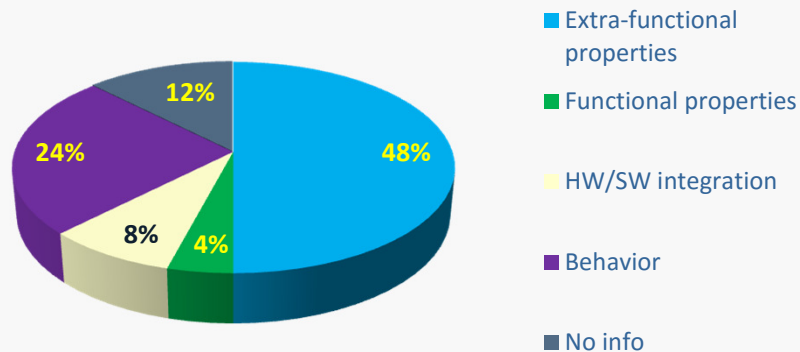
Need for analysis

yes no blank

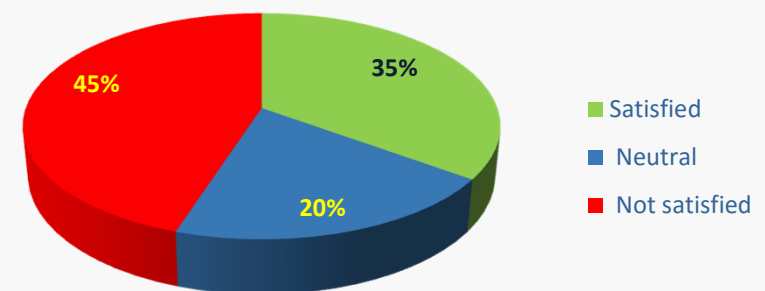


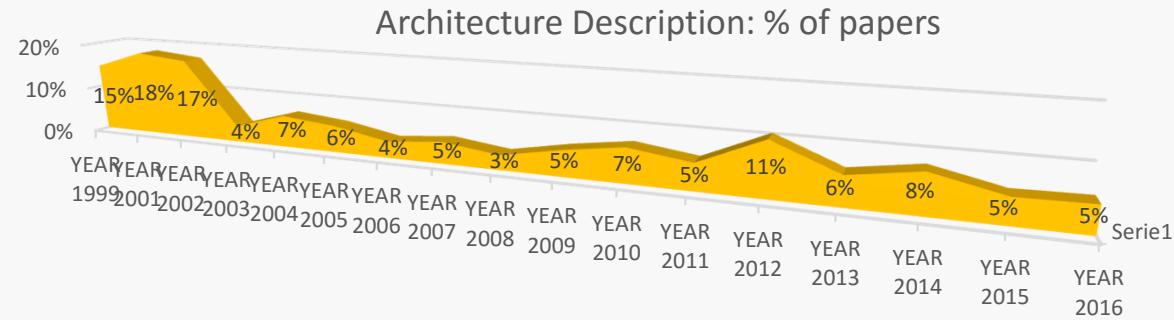
Dissatisfaction with ALs

Kind of analyzed properties



Level of satisfaction





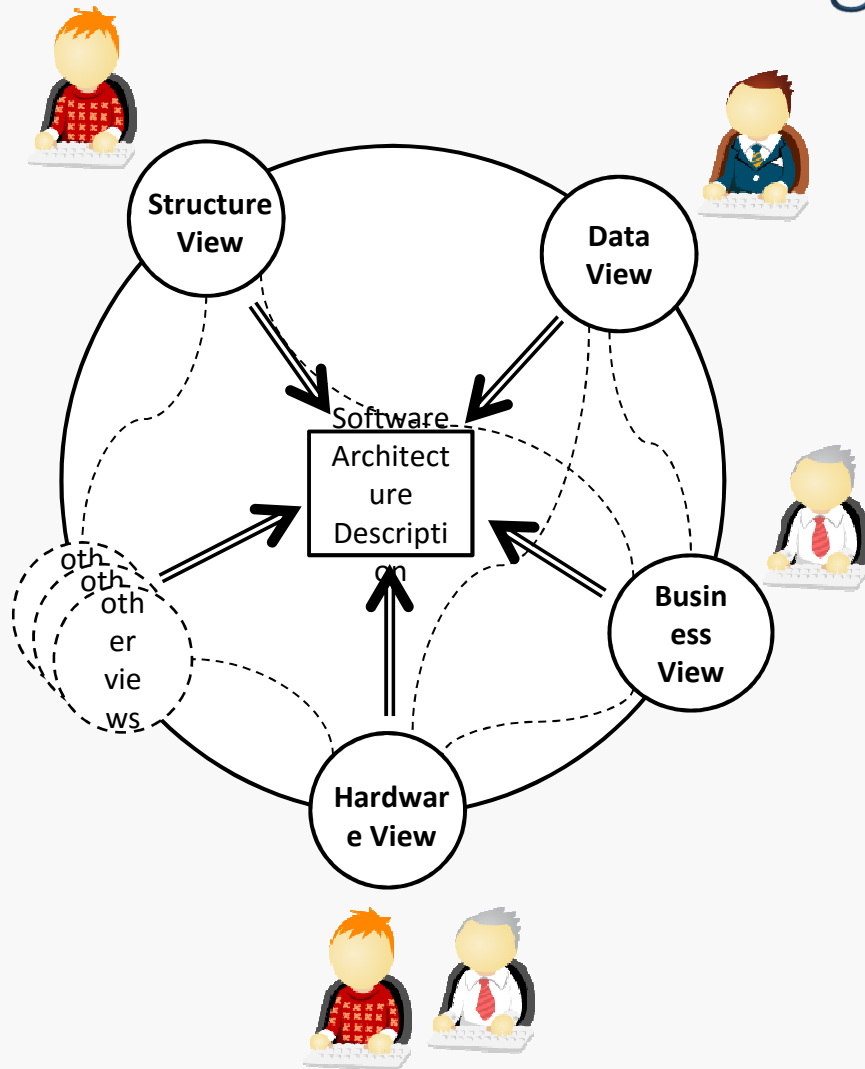
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Architecting = Group Decision  
Making and Collaborative  
Architectural Design

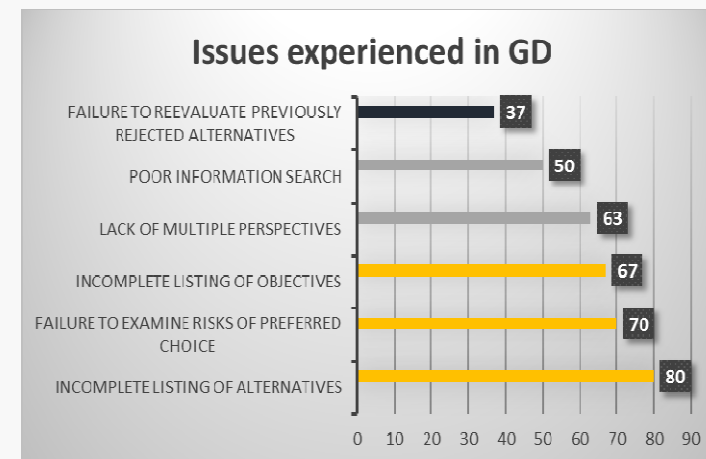




# Collaborative Design

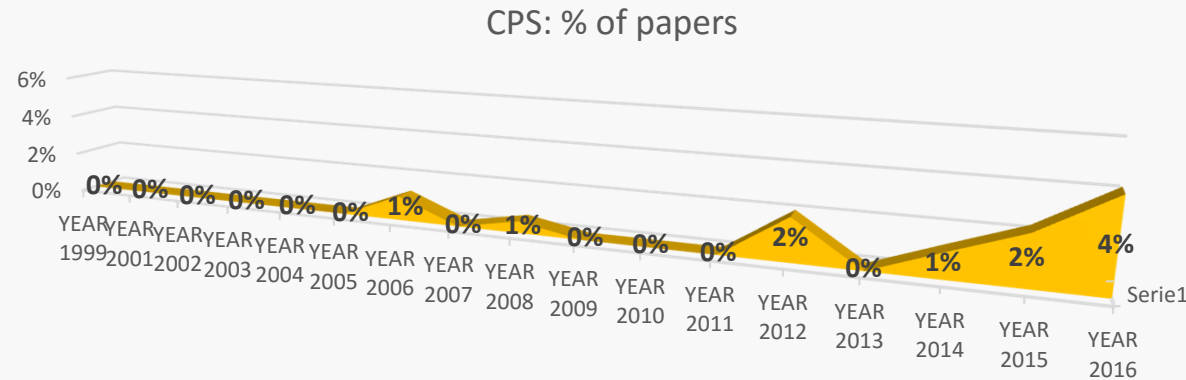


- 5-10 people involved in decision making
  - 21 different macro-roles represented [WICSA2014]



## Need:

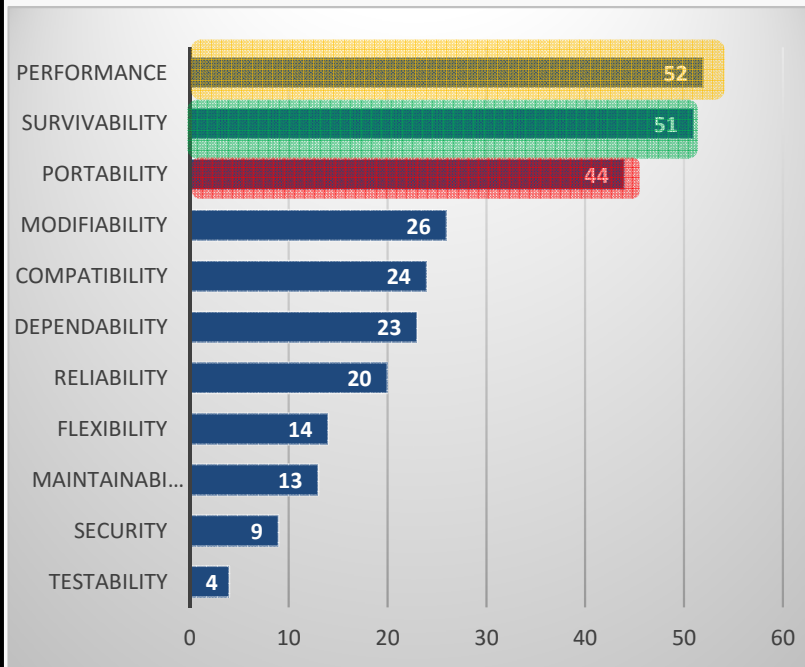
- Collaborative (group) decision making
- Collaborative Design



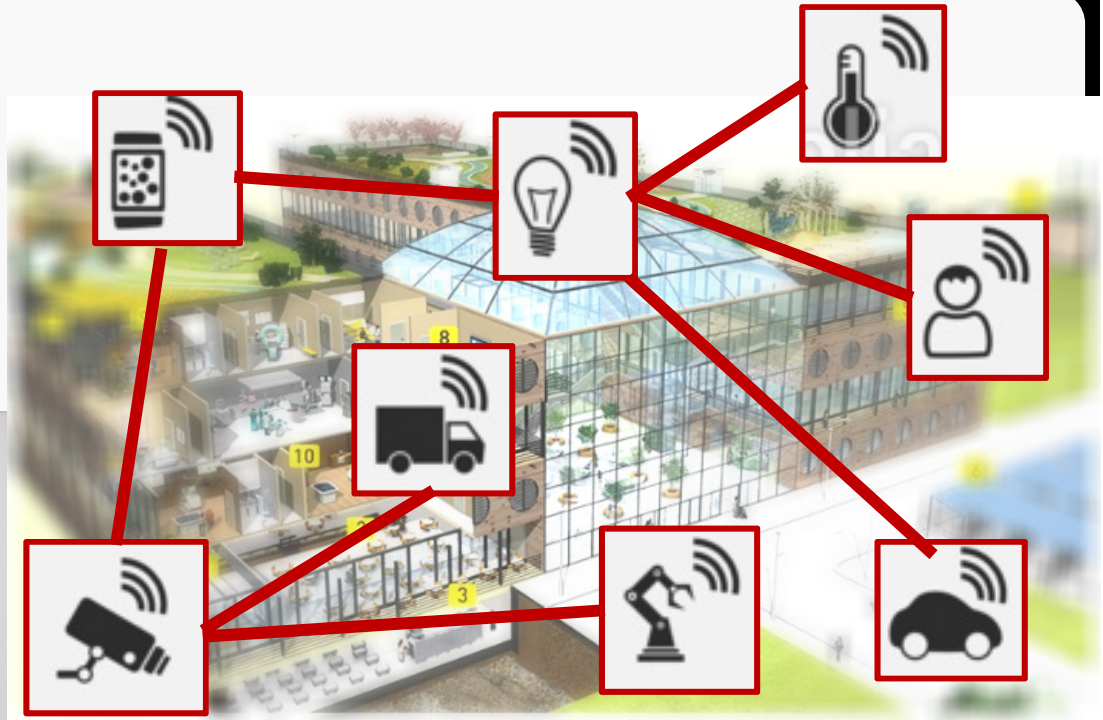
# CPS, IoT, Smart Systems: From Software to System Architecture

New views, new challenges

# CPS, IoT, SmartS

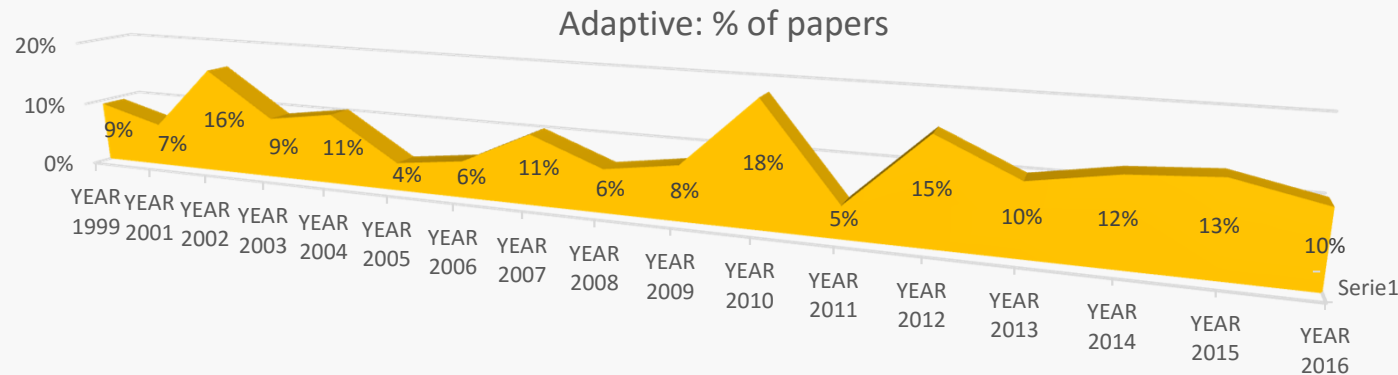


[SANCS2015]



## Need:

- Sensors and Actuators
- New Modelling Languages
- Control theory
- Physical components



From dependable to resilient systems in the era of self-Adaptive and Autonomous architectures

Self-Adaptive applications shall self-fix themselves?

# Concluding

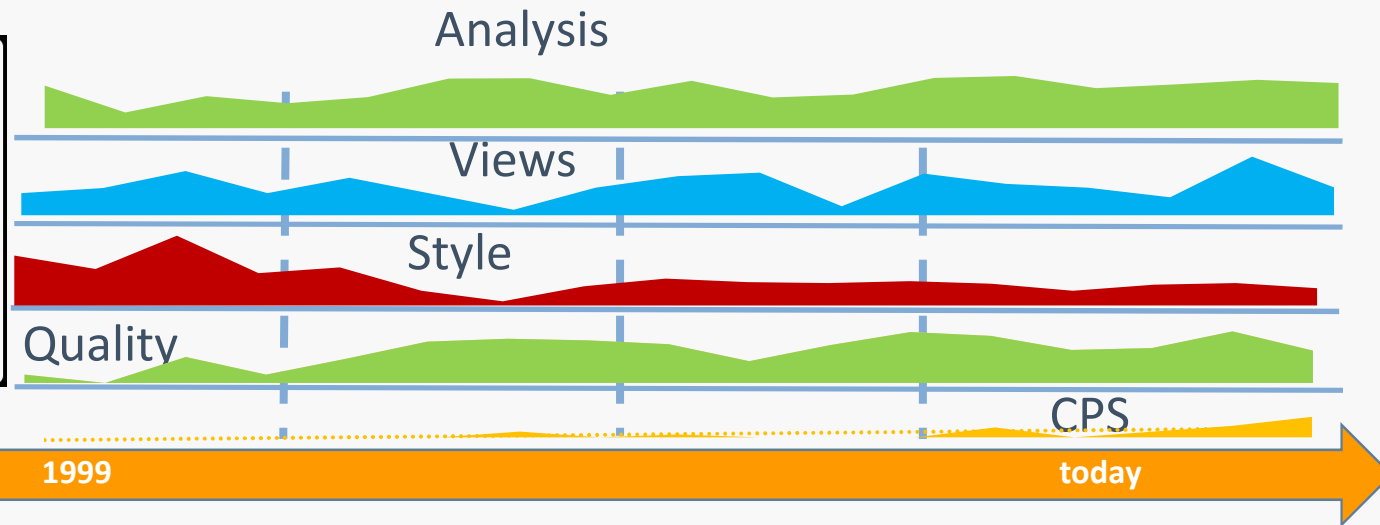
## 2 Data mining... in numbers

What: 4 conferences, 42 editions, 1999-2016,  
811 articles analysed

How: topics search

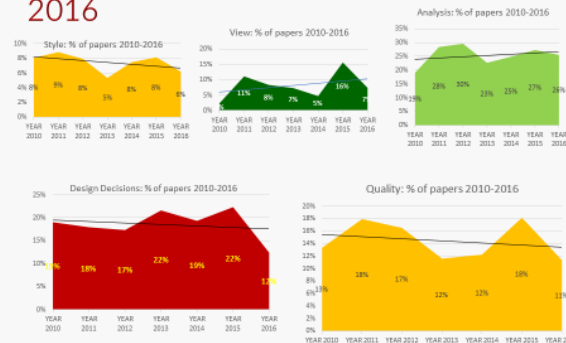
- Search of topics and synonyms in
  - Title
  - Keyword
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## Overall View on Results: Trends 2010-2016



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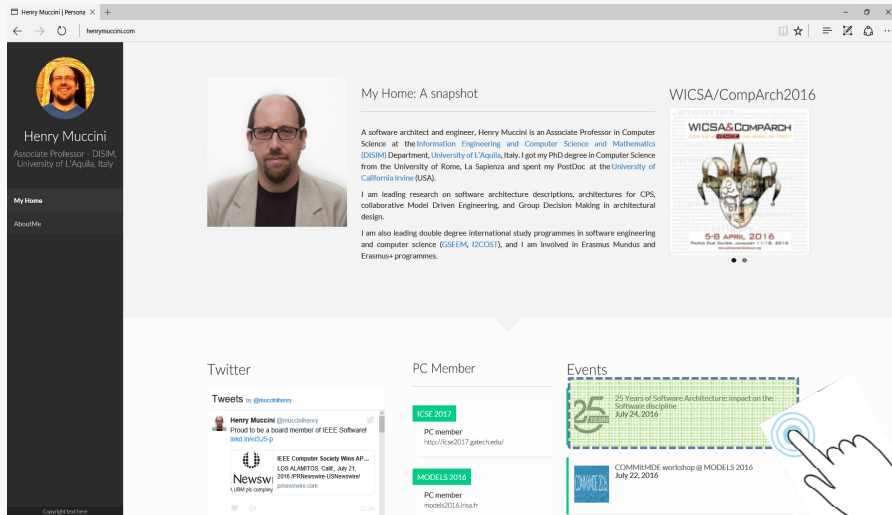
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