Finding your way/papers in scientific libraries

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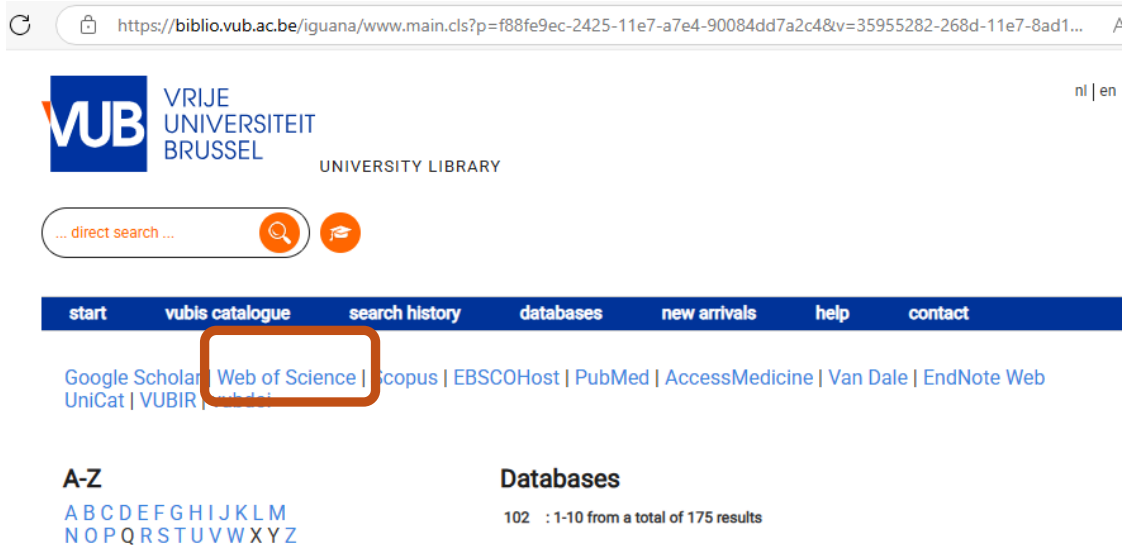
Access to libraries

- University libraries are subscribed to different journals and publishers → ‘free’ access to papers
- Bruface students can access both ULB and VUB libraries
- ULB: https://bib.ulb.be/
- VUB: https://biblio.vub.ac.be/

Access to web of science

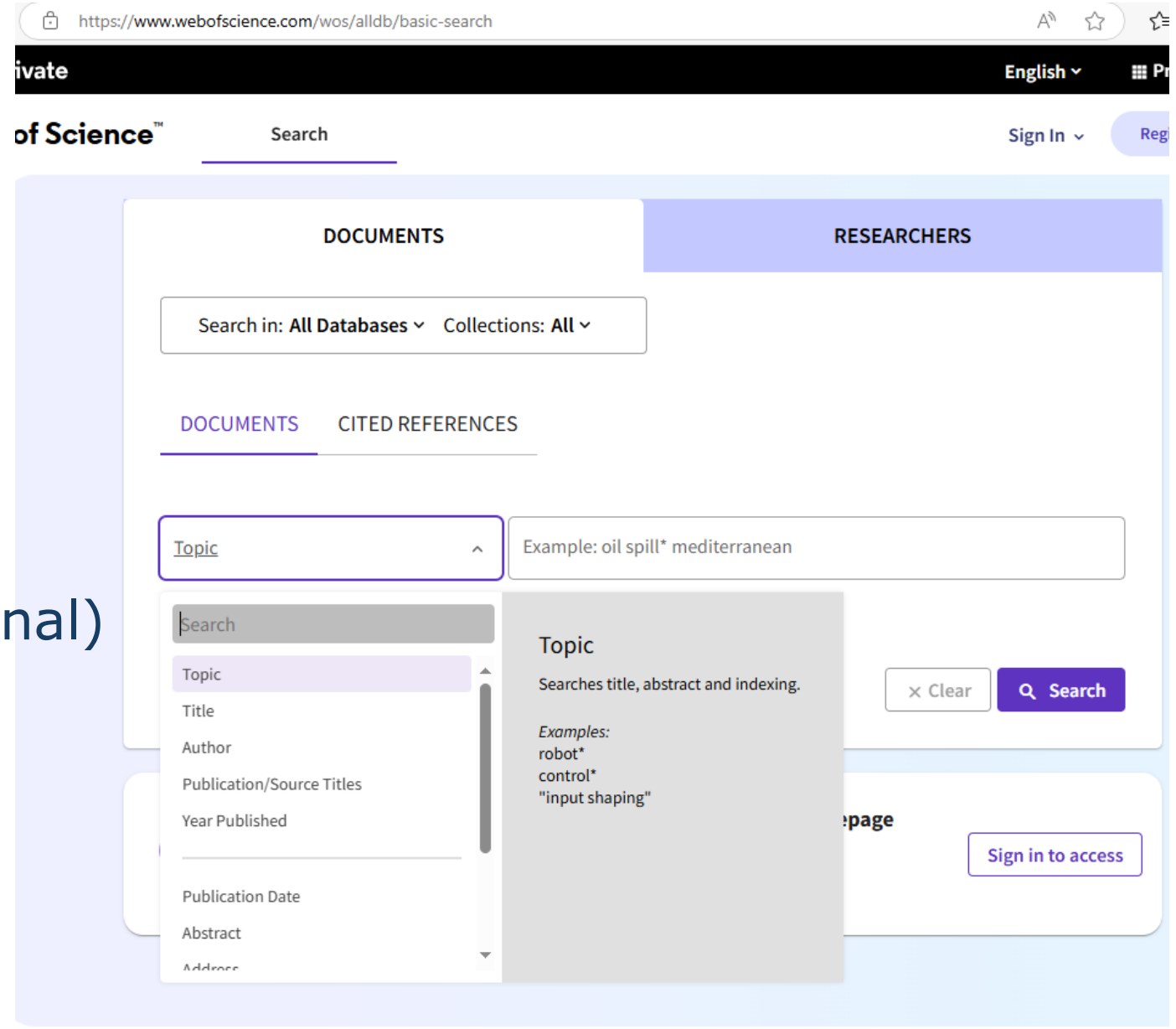
- https://biblio.vub.ac.be/
- Databases:

- Web of science:



Search on..

- Topic
  but also:
- Author
- Address
- Publication (name of journal)
- …



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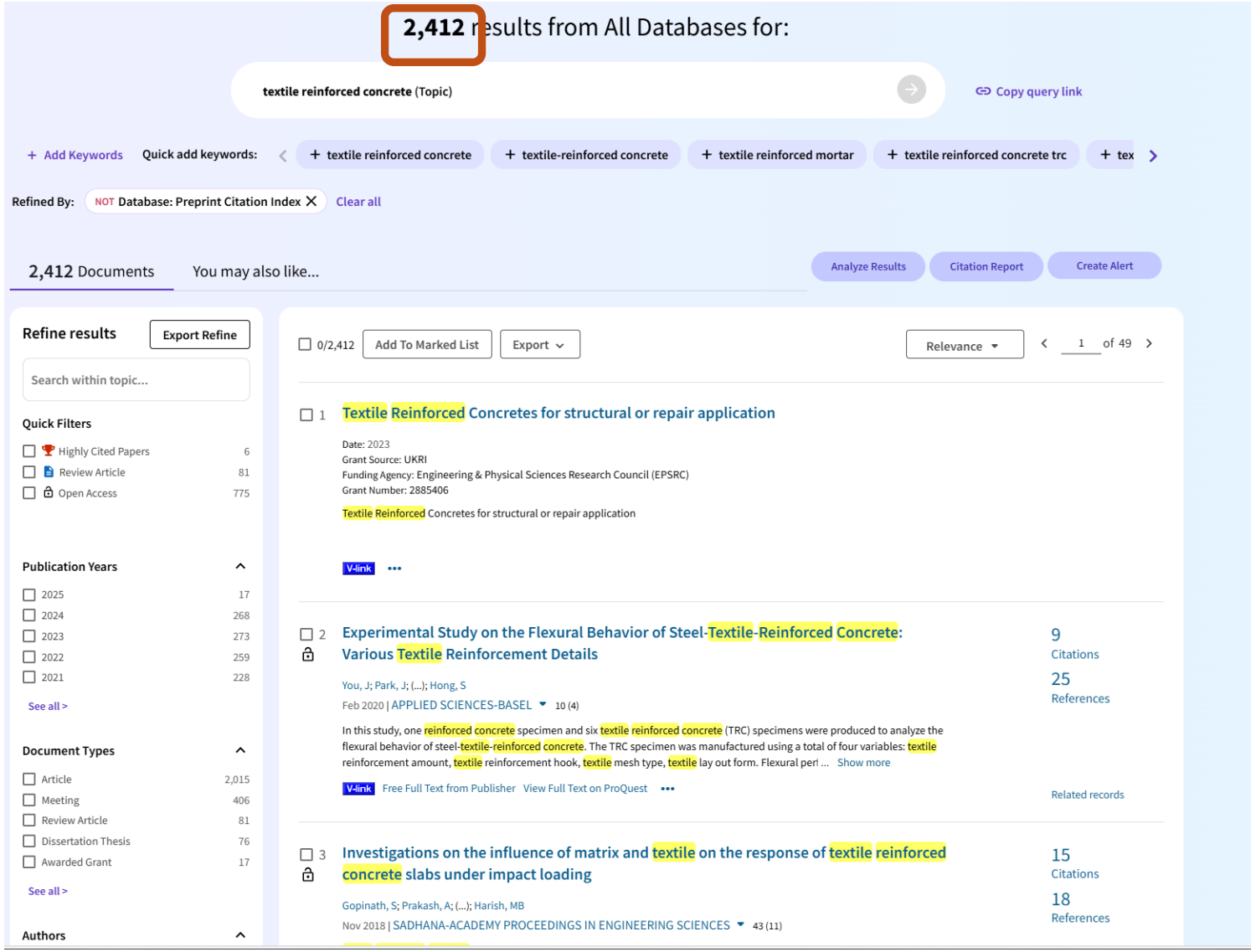
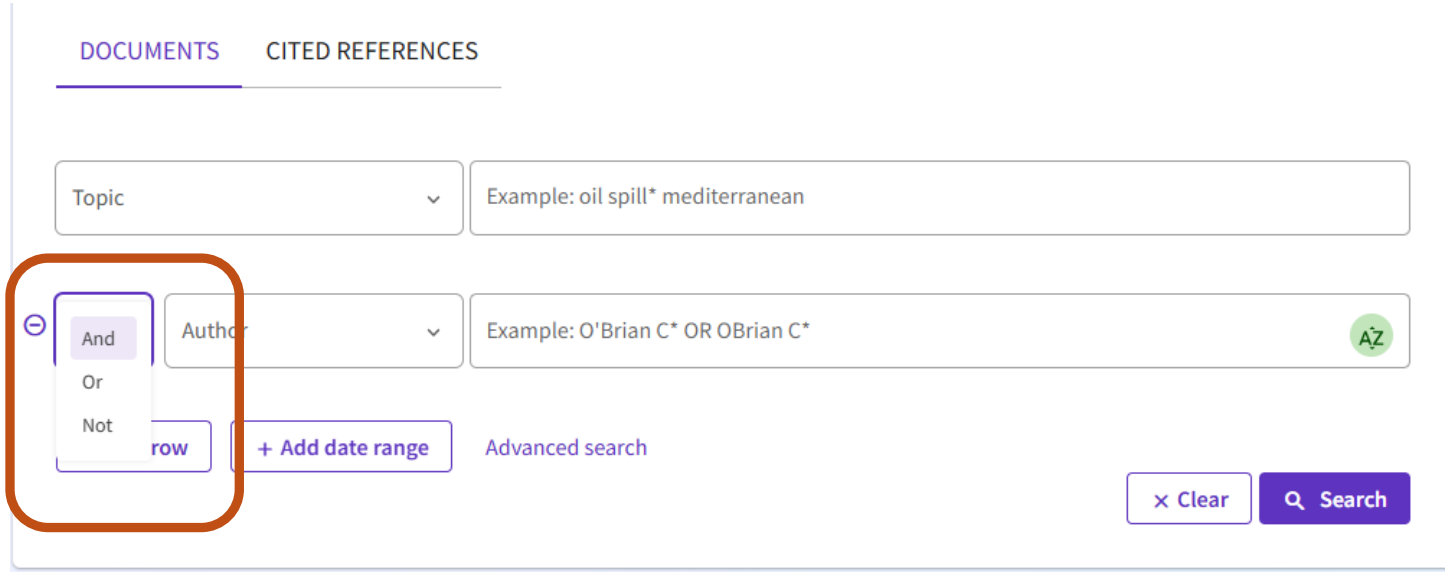


- A general topic will yield a huge list of publications

Search on..

- Multiple items: ‘add row’
- Use ‘AND’ , ‘OR’



‘OR’:
e.g. equivalent terms
Different terminology for the same topic/materials/…

(free) access

- V-link
- Full text at publisher

Tips for exploring among the mass

- Start from a set of key publications, which closely represent topic
- Use the list of references, they can direct you to other valuable papers on the same topic
- Look also at research groups with expertise, not only topics (ask your supervisor)

≠ exhaustive search !

= fast basis for (part of) the state of the art