



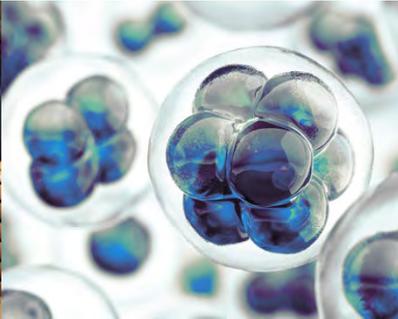
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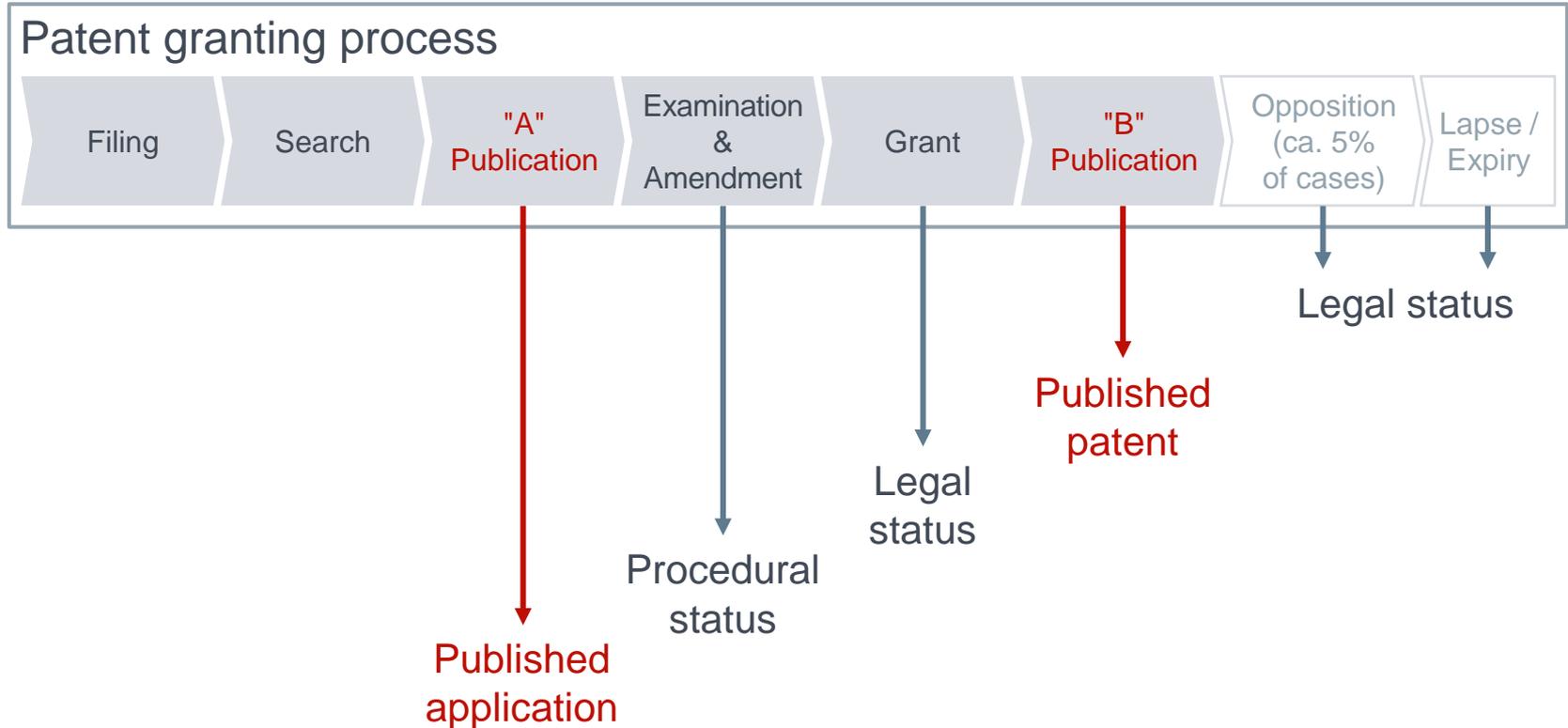
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Starting point

- Most large companies and institutions are **global players**
- **Steeply increasing volume of technical and economic information**
 - posing a major challenge
- Reduced product development time (& shorter product life cycle)
- Increasing importance of technology for competitive advantage
- More and more **difficult to keep abreast** of what is happening
 - how to generate business intelligence for strategic decisions?
 - how to identify changes based on patent knowledge?

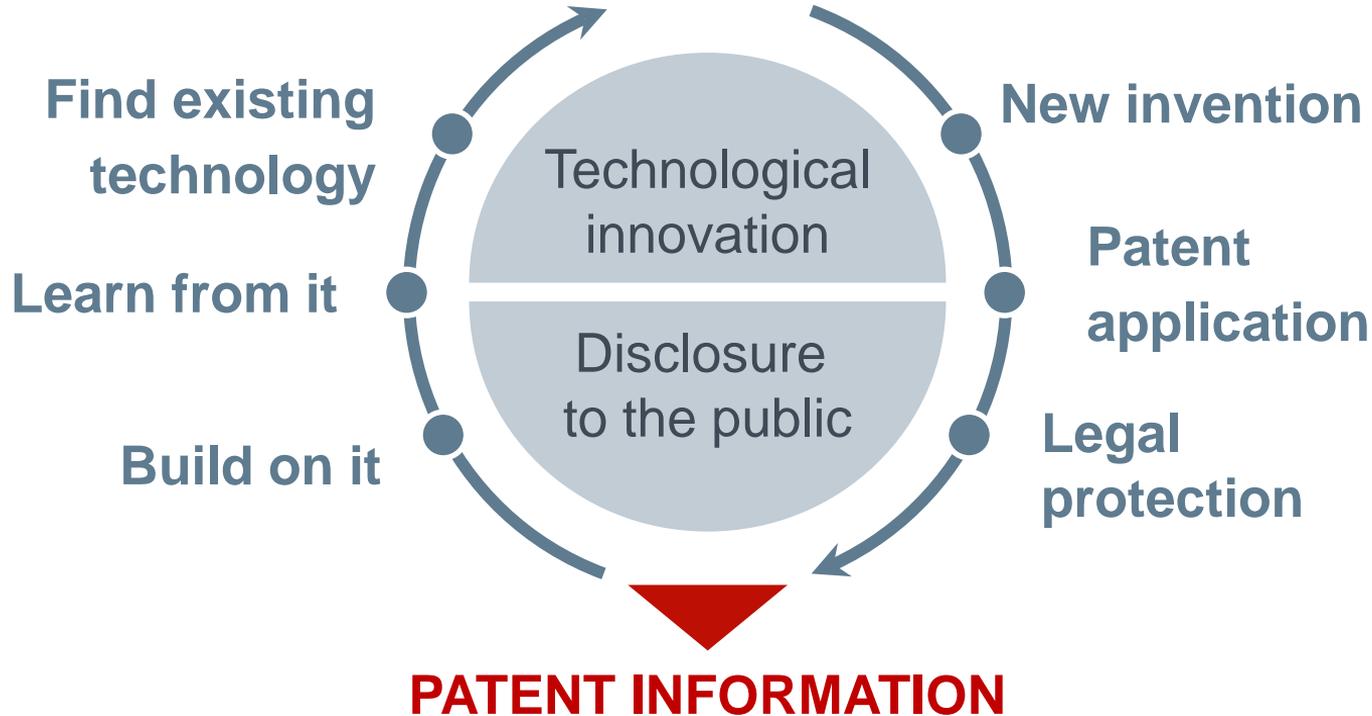
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The patent deal



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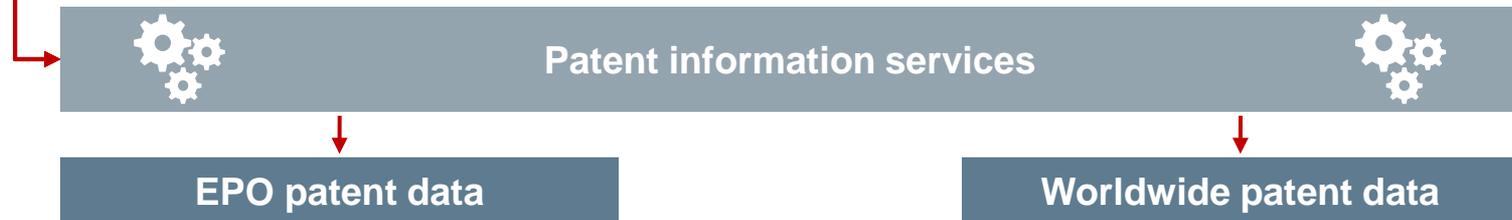


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Seven good reasons to use patent information

1. Avoid duplication of R&D expenditure
2. Find out what technology already exists and build on it



**Technical
information**



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3. Check where an invention is protected (and where it is not)
 4. Avoid infringing other people's patent rights



**Legal
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5. Keep track of what others are doing
 6. Identify new partners, e.g. for licensing
 7. Spot trends in technology or the market



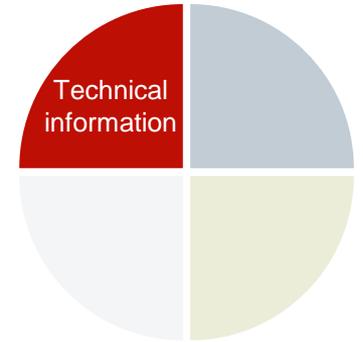
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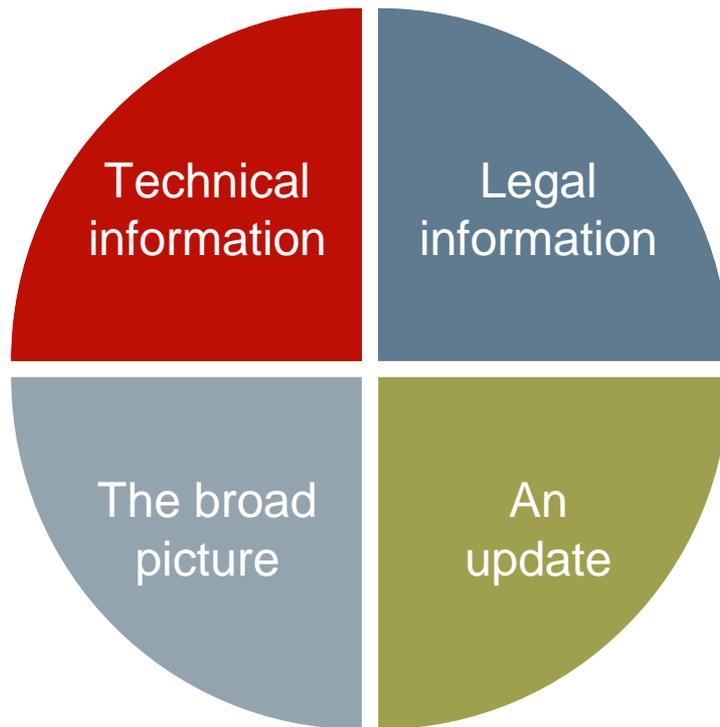
- Search **methodology**
- **List of documents** destroying the novelty and/or showing the lack of inventive step
- **Databases and tools** are needed
- Full text where possible
- Can be a zero-hit search
- No guarantee of completeness, unless the same invention is found (efforts/budget to be agreed)



From patent data to patent knowledge

Examples:

- What are emerging technological trends?
- How do the patent portfolios of my competition look like?
- What are the newest developments protected by my competitors?
- Which patents were opposed?
- Which patents are in force?



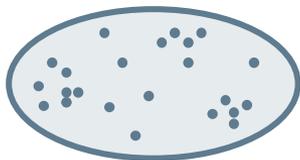
Patent statistics

- Used for **big results sets**
- Approach very different from traditional types of patent searches
- Patent statistics does not aim at identifying and analysing individual patent documents
- **Statistical approach**
 - bibliographical data and relationship between inventions in the focus of the statistical analysis
 - creating basic set of patent documents
 - define criteria for statistical analysis, e.g. examining chronological development, aggregating according to country of residence

Patent statistics: Procedure

Basic search

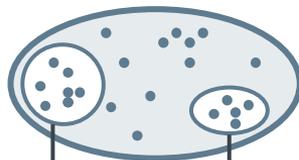
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Statistical analysis

$$q_{ijt} = AL_{ijt}^{\alpha} K_{ijt}^{\beta}$$

Period	(1)	(2)	ln(q _{ijt})
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Intercept	0.74*** (0.022)	10.337*** (1.823)	12.2
Other_stock _{ijt}	0.23*** (0.059)	9.5892*** (1.388)	5.1
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Group 2

Processing results

- further analyses/ processing
- visualisation
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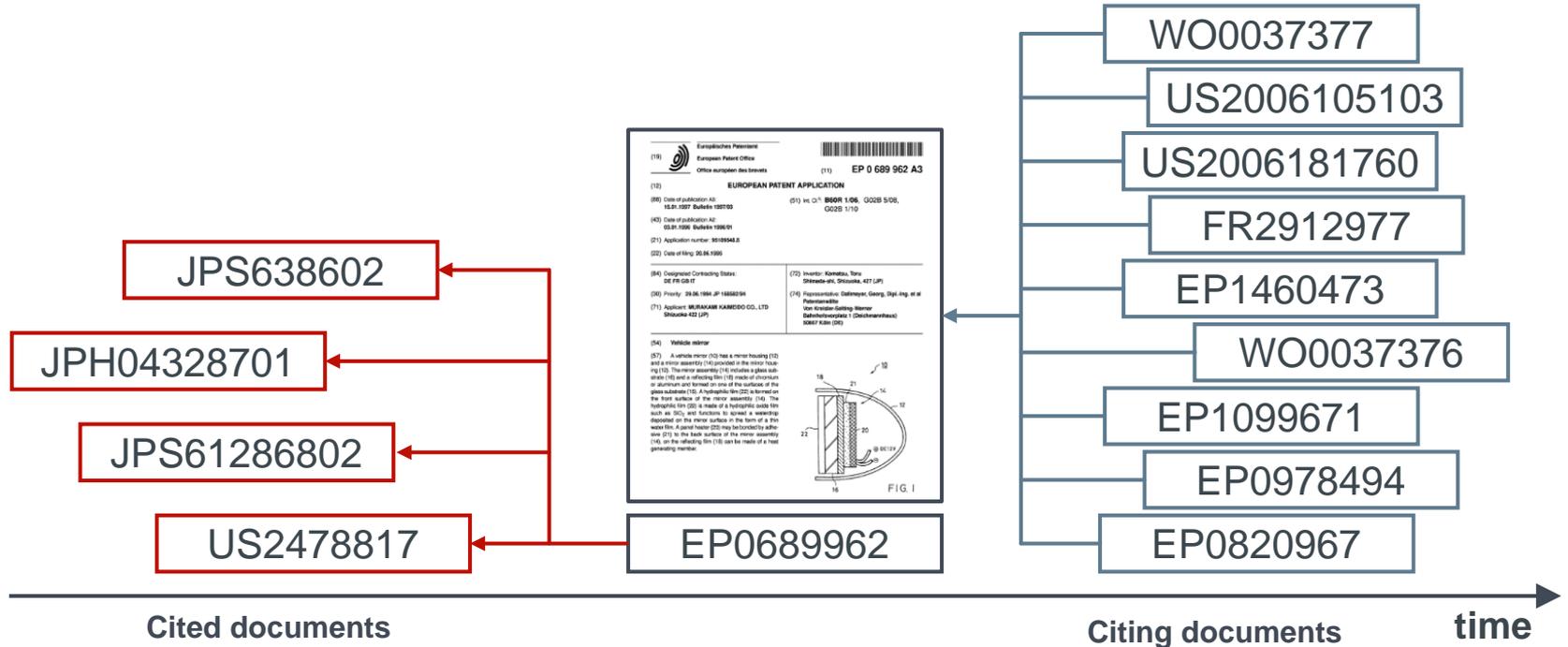
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- Cover a single invention
- Identical* technical content
- Corresponding texts in other languages
- Overview on the geographical coverage

*or very similar

Backward and Forward citations

Backward citations:
earlier documents

Forward citations:
later documents



Patent classification systems

The **IPC** has a hierarchical structure:

Sections	A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H
Classes	e.g. A47
Sub-classes	e.g. A47J
Groups	e.g. A47J37
Sub-groups	e.g. A47J37/08

CPC e.g. A47J37/0821

Cooking; Apparatus for making beverages

A47J 37/00 Baking; Roasting; Grilling; Frying (bakers' ovens, non-domestic baking apparatus or equipment **A21B**; domestic stoves or ranges **F24B**, **F24C**)

A47J 37/06 • Roasters; Grills; Sandwich grills

A47J 37/08 •• Bread-toasters (electric heating elements **H05B**)

A47J 37/0814 ••• [with automatic bread ejection or timing means] (**A47J 37/0857** takes precedence)

A47J 37/0821 •••• [with mechanical clockwork timers]

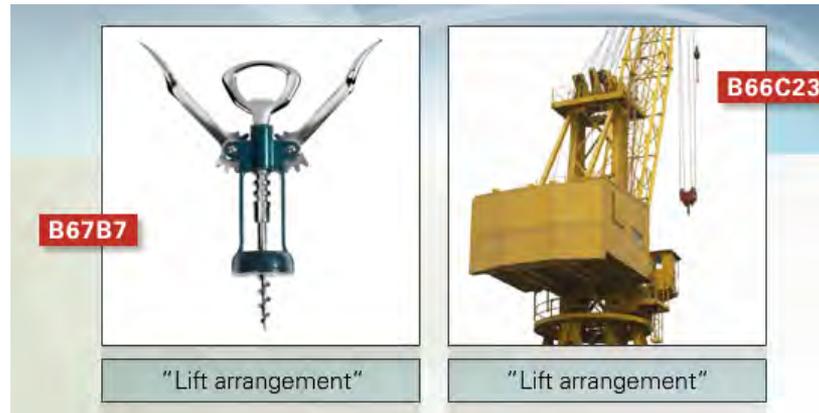
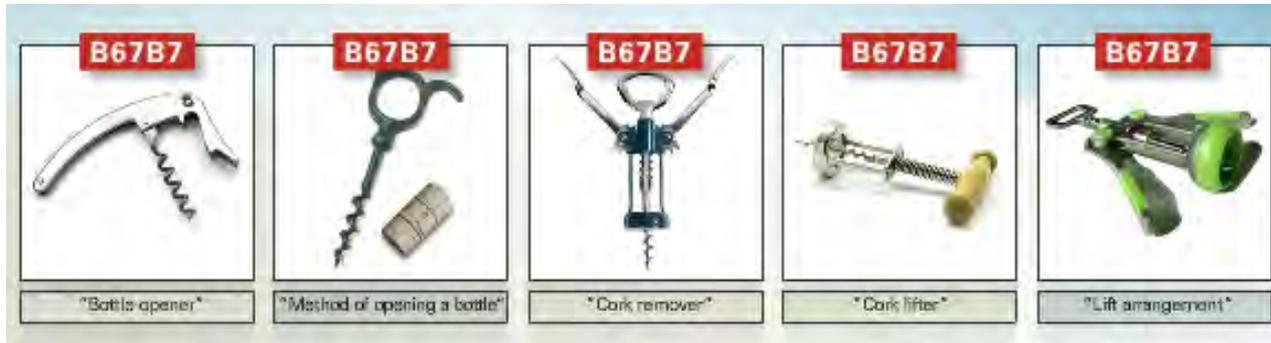
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... or search by **keyword** or **classification symbol**

Detecting early trends is finding hidden patterns



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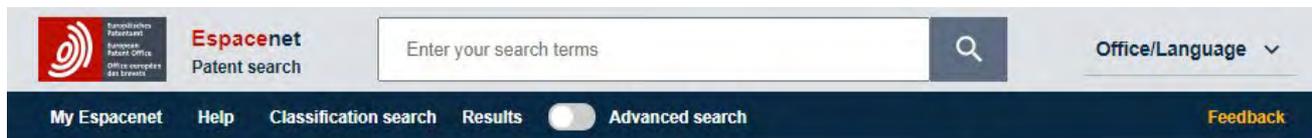
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Kary Mullis' invention: Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)

US4683202 Process for amplifying nucleic acid sequences

United States Patent [19]

Mullis

[11] Patent Number: **4,683,202**

[45] Date of Patent: * **Jul. 28, 1987**

[54] **PROCESS FOR AMPLIFYING NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES**

[75] Inventor: **Kary B. Mullis**, Kensington, Calif.

[73] Assignee: **Cetus Corporation**, Emeryville, Calif.

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[21] Appl. No.: **791,308**

[22] Filed: **Oct. 25, 1985**

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[58] Field of Search 435/91, 172.3, 317; 536/27, 28, 29; 935/17, 18

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[57] ABSTRACT

The present invention is directed to a process for amplifying any desired specific nucleic acid sequence contained in a nucleic acid or mixture thereof. The process comprises treating separate complementary strands of the nucleic acid with a molar excess of two oligonucleotide primers, and extending the primers to form complementary primer extension products which act as templates for synthesizing the desired nucleic acid sequence. The steps of the reaction may be carried out stepwise or simultaneously and can be repeated as often as desired.

21 Claims, 12 Drawing Figures

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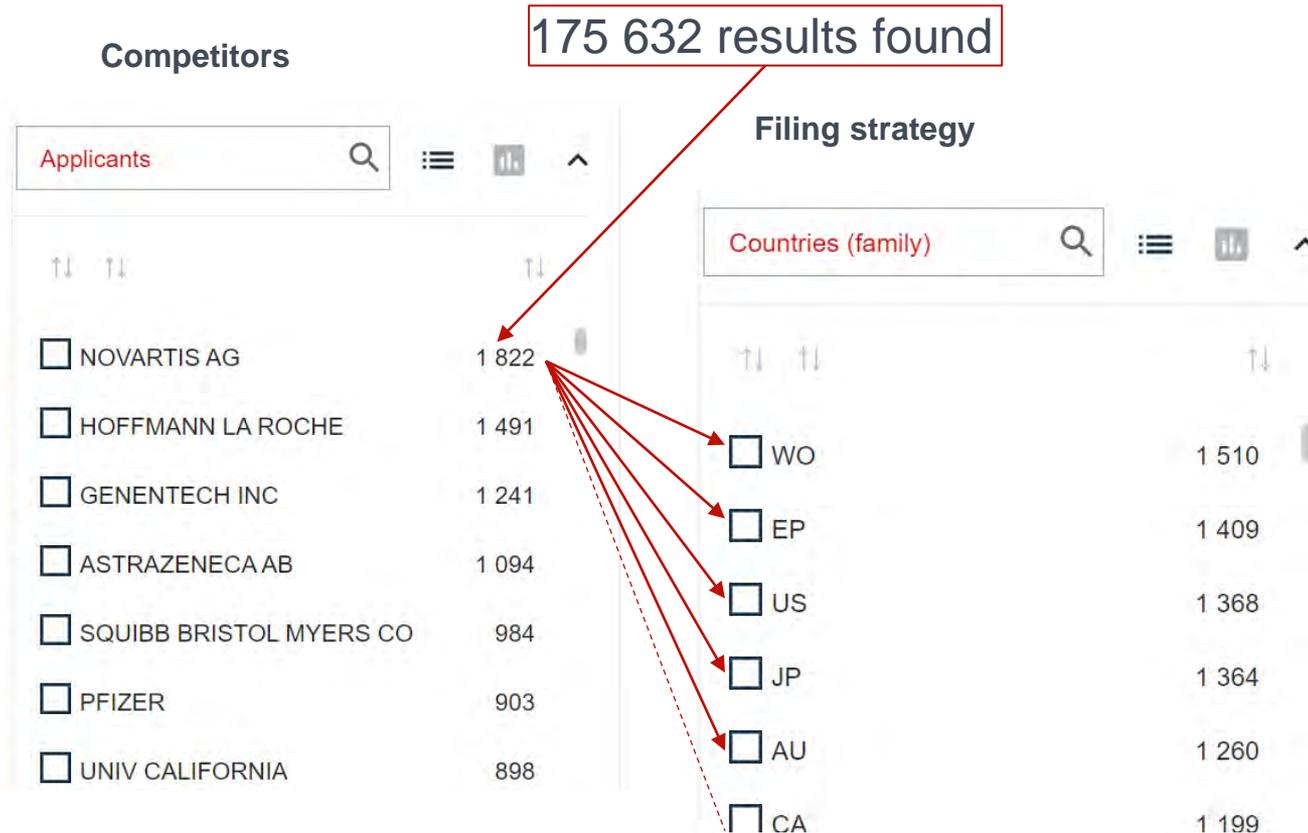
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A61P	SPECIFIC THERAPEUTIC ACTIVITY OF CHEMICAL COMPOUNDS OR MEDICINAL PREPARATIONS	S D I
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Filters – Identify co-applicants

Example: Fujitsu

The screenshot shows the Espacenet patent search interface. At the top, the search query is 'cl=H01S'. The navigation bar includes 'My Espacenet', 'Help', 'Classification search', 'Results', 'Advanced search', 'Filters', and 'Popup tips'. The breadcrumb trail is 'Home > Results > JP2020194092A'. The query language is set to 'en'. The filters section shows 'Applicants: FUJITSU LTD x AND NIPPON TELEGRAPH & TELEPHONE OR UNIV TOKYO OR PHOTONICS ELECTRONICS TECHNOLOGY RES ASS x'. The search results show '107 results found'. On the left, a list of applicants is shown with checkboxes and counts: FUJITSU LTD (107), NIPPON TELEGRAPH & TELEPHONE (60), UNIV TOKYO (32), PHOTONICS ELECTRONICS TECHNOLOGY RES ASS (15), NIPPON ELECTRIC CO (12), ARAKAWA YASUHIKO (4), and HATORI NOBUAKI (3). The main results area shows the first result: '1. WAVELENGTH MULTIPLEX/DEMULTIPL... JP2020194092A • 2020-12-03 • FUJITSU LTD'. The earliest priority is 2019-05-28 and the earliest publication is 20... The abstract describes a wavelength multiplexer/demultiplexer. The second result is '2. OPTICAL DEVICE AND METHOD OF MA... US2020132951A1 • 2020-04-30 • FUJITSU LT...'. The earliest priority is 2018-10-24 and the earliest publication is 20... The abstract describes an optical device. The right sidebar shows the patent details for 'JP2020194092A WAVELENGTH MULTIPLEX/DEMULTIPLER, OPTICAL TRANSMITTER, AND OPTICAL RECEIVER'. It includes a 'Global Dossier' section with 'Applicants' (FUJITSU LTD; PHOTONICS ELECTRONICS TECHNOLOGY RES ASS +), 'Inventors' (CHUNG SEUK HWAN +), 'Classifications' (IPC: G02B6/12; G02B6/126; G02F1/025; H01S5/022; H01S5/40;), 'Priorities' (JP2019099669A-2019-05-28), 'Application' (JP2019099669A-2019-05-28), and 'Publication' (JP2020194092A-2020-12-03).

Use the family filter to identify not protected markets

The screenshot shows the Espacenet patent search interface. At the top, the search bar contains 'pn=US'. Below the search bar, there are navigation tabs: 'My Espacenet', 'Help', 'Classification search', 'Results', 'Advanced search', 'Filters', and 'Pop up tips'. The 'Results' tab is active. On the right side of the navigation bar, there are links for 'Report data error' and 'Feedback', and a dropdown for 'Office/Language'.

The main content area shows the search results for 'pn=US'. The query language is set to 'en / de / fr'. The filters are 'Countries (family): EP' and 'Clear'. The 'Family' filter is selected, and the 'Publication' filter is also selected. The search results show 9 885 522 results found. The results are sorted by 'Relevance' and are displayed in 'Text only' view. The first result is '1. NON-CONTACT IC CARD AND METHOD OF USING THE SAME' with patent number 'US5220158A' and priority date '1990-09-19'. The second result is '2. Digital information supply and management system' with patent number 'US6141685A' and priority date '2000-10-31'.

On the right side of the interface, there is a sidebar for the selected patent 'US6141685A'. It shows the title 'Digital information supply and management system', the available offices 'Available in', and the option to 'Patent Translate'. Below this, there is a section for 'Bibliographic data' which includes the published as information: 'Published as JPH1091689A; US6141685A'.

Country	Count
US	9 885 522
JP	1 193 260
WO	825 372
DE	770 414
CN	704 471

Identify markets that are not protected

- Analysis of the covered countries in a patent family allows to identify protected and not protected markets

Caution

- Make sure you also check regional applications (EPO, PCT)
- This is not a freedom to operate (FTO) search (other IP rights might still be in the way)
- Excluding countries in the search statement does not work

Do not use the search to identify not protected markets

 **Espacenet**
Patent search

pn= US not pn= EP × 

My Espacenet **Help** **Classification search** **Results** **Tooltips**

Home > Results > **US2008145685A1**

11465094 results found, 16036439 publications

List view: Text only List content: All Sort by: Ranking

1. Lump Object and Method of Producing the Same
US2008145685A1 • HOEI SHOKAI CO LTD [JP]
Earliest priority: 2005-02-07 • Earliest publication: 2006-...
[Object] To provide a lump object which is easily handled and for

☆ **US2008145685A1** Lump Object Producing the Same

Also published as Patent T

- JPWO2006082...
- EP1847625A1
- EP1847625A4 [ASUO [JP] SHOKAI CO LTD

Statistic overview with Espacenet

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Quiz 1: Searching with classification symbols in general ...

- A: improves the precision of the search (less noise)
- B: improves the recall of the search (less missed documents)
- C: finds documents in foreign languages
- D: all of the above

Quiz 2: What will result in higher numbers?

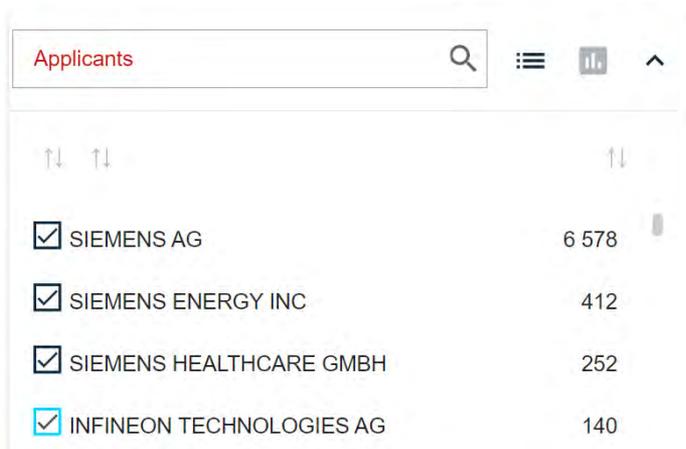
- A: Counting patent families
- B: Counting patent applications
- C: A and B are always the same
- D: Cannot be determined

Quiz 3: What are advantages of Espacenet's filter system compared to using the search?

- A: The filter system will create statistics
- B: Classification symbols do not need to be searched separately
- C: Applicant and inventor networks can be explored
- D: All of the above

Quiz 4: How can I combine the results of two or more applicants in Espacenet?

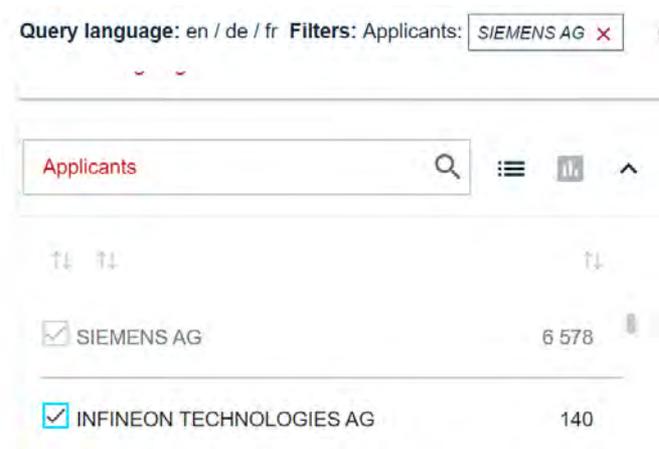
A: Simultaneous selection



The screenshot shows the Espacenet search results interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "Applicants" and a search icon. Below the search bar, there are four rows of results, each with a checked checkbox, the applicant name, and the number of results. The results are:

Applicant	Number of Results
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SIEMENS AG	6 578
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SIEMENS ENERGY INC	412
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SIEMENS HEALTHCARE GMBH	252
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INFINEON TECHNOLOGIES AG	140

B: Consecutive selection



The screenshot shows the Espacenet search results interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "Applicants" and a search icon. Below the search bar, there is a filter bar that says "Query language: en / de / fr Filters: Applicants: SIEMENS AG X". Below the filter bar, there are two rows of results, each with a checked checkbox, the applicant name, and the number of results. The results are:

Applicant	Number of Results
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SIEMENS AG	6 578
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INFINEON TECHNOLOGIES AG	140

C: Both A and B will have the same effect

D: This cannot be done in Espacenet

Quiz 5: How can I identify co-inventors in Espacenet?

A: Consecutive selection



The screenshot shows the Espacenet search interface. The search term 'PCR' is entered in the search box. The navigation bar includes 'My Espacenet', 'Help', 'Classification search', and 'Results'. The 'Results' tab is active, and the 'Advanced search' toggle is turned on. The search results show 'Query language: en / de / fr' and 'Filters: Inventors: XIE YI X AND MAO YUMIN X'.

B: Simultaneous selection



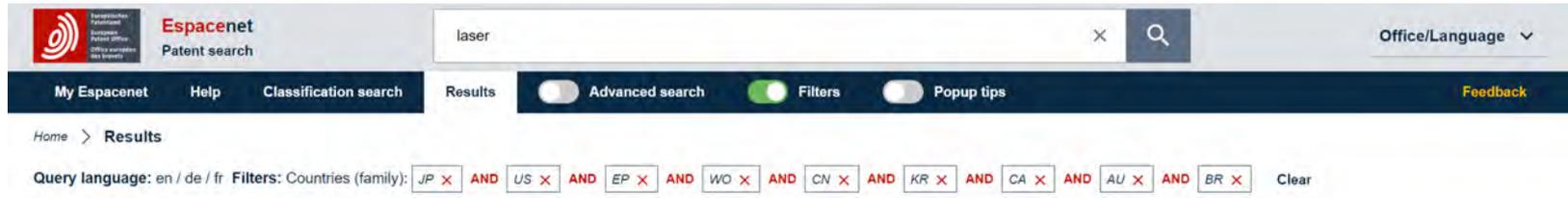
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C: Both A and B will have the same effect

D: This cannot be done in Espacenet

Quiz 6: Which search can be used to identify inventions with a large patent family?

A: Consecutive selection



The screenshot shows the Espacenet search interface. The search term is 'laser'. The 'Filters' section is expanded to show 'Countries (family)' with a list of country codes: JP, US, EP, WO, CN, KR, CA, AU, and BR. Each code is in a box with an 'X' icon, and they are separated by 'AND' operators. The 'Query language' is set to 'en / de / fr'. The 'Advanced search' toggle is off, 'Filters' is on, and 'Popup tips' is off.

B: Simultaneous selection



The screenshot shows the Espacenet search interface. The search term is 'laser'. The 'Filters' section is expanded to show 'Countries (family)' with a list of country codes: JP, CN, US, WO, EP, KR, DE, TW, and CA. Each code is in a box with an 'X' icon, and they are separated by 'OR' operators. The 'Query language' is set to 'en / de / fr'. The 'Advanced search' toggle is off, 'Filters' is on, and 'Popup tips' is off.

C: Both A and B

D: Neither A nor B

Quiz 7: Which search can be used to identify inventions that have not been filed at the EPO?

A:



The screenshot shows the Espacenet search results page for the query 'laser'. The search results are displayed in a table format. The 'Publication' filter is selected, as indicated by the red box around the 'Publication' toggle switch. The search results are filtered to show only publications that have not been filed at the EPO.

B:



The screenshot shows the Espacenet search results page for the query 'laser'. The search results are displayed in a table format. The 'Publication' filter is deselected, as indicated by the red box around the 'Publication' toggle switch. The search results are filtered to show only publications that have been filed at the EPO.

C: Both A and B

D: Neither A nor B

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