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WHAT REALLY MATTERS

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The title is clickbait as nobody really knows what is really relevant in science although some people still think that a few failed postdocs at NSC (Nature, Science, Cell) are the ultimate judges here.

Google also did not know in the 1990ies when they invented the pagerank with the now famous words “The prototype with a full text and hyperlink database of at least 24 million pages is available at http://google.stanford.edu”.

https://twitter.com/methode/status/1781357974578995315

Everybody since then believed in the authoritative power of links but according to Roger Montti they are no more relevant as at a recent conference in Bulgaria Google’s Gary Illyes confirmed that links have lost their importance. And maybe even Google at all?

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