

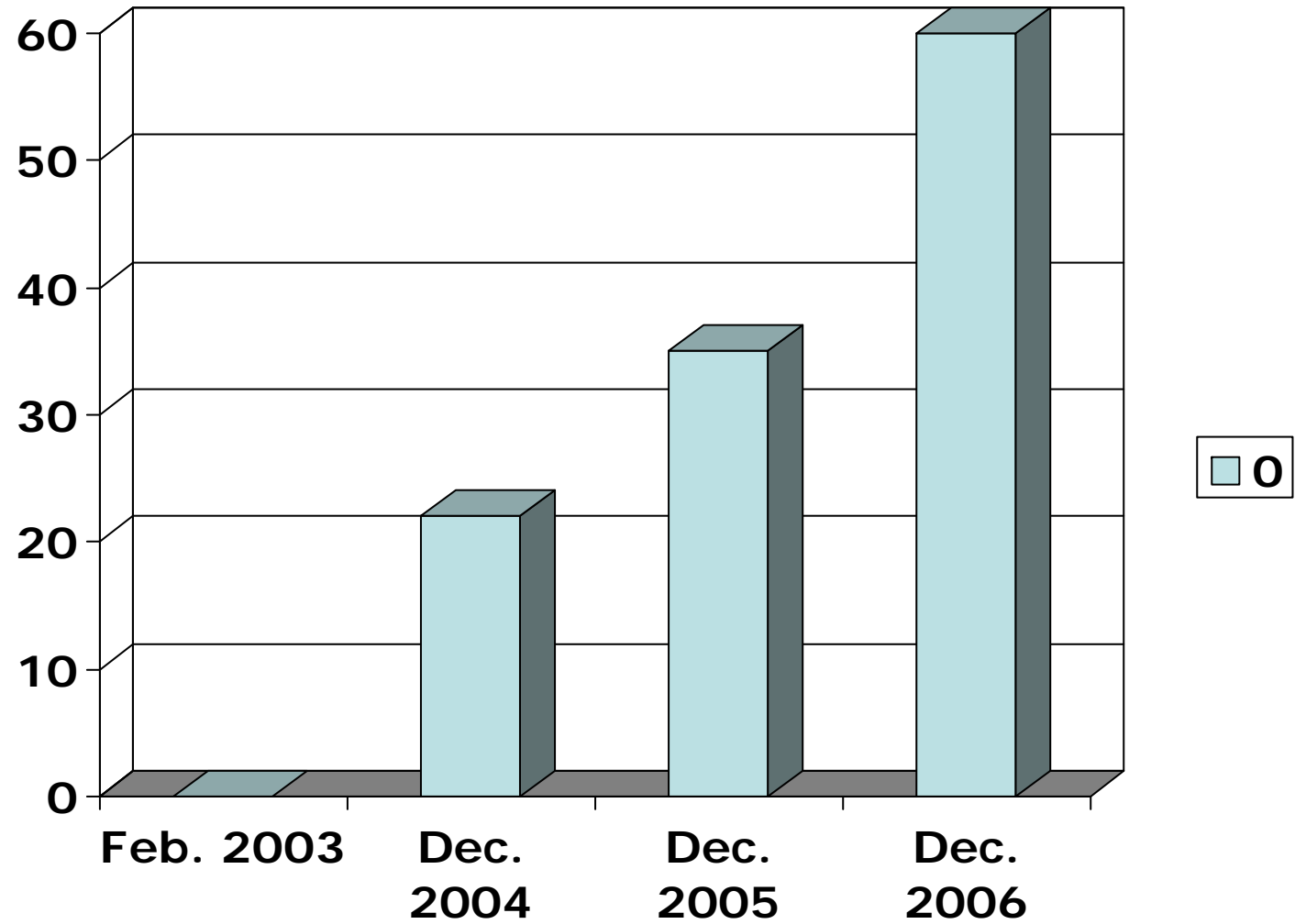


**Union catalogues for the UK: what do we want and how  
might we achieve it.**

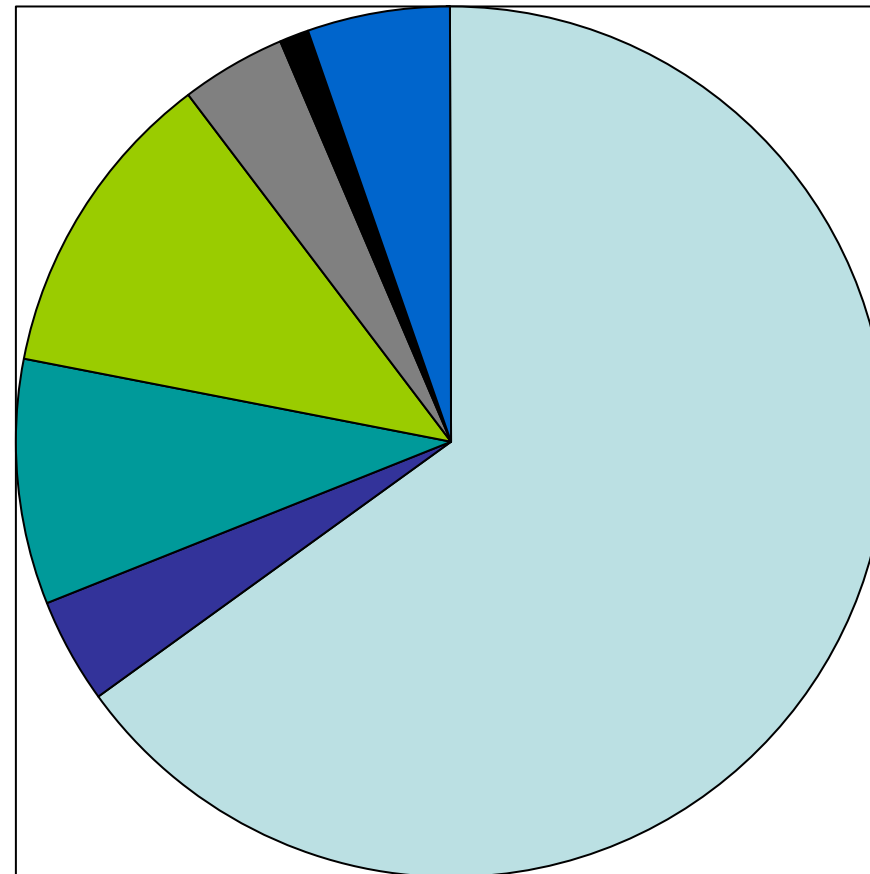
**Key issues from a SUNCAT perspective.**

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# Growth in Contributing Libraries



# Types of Library



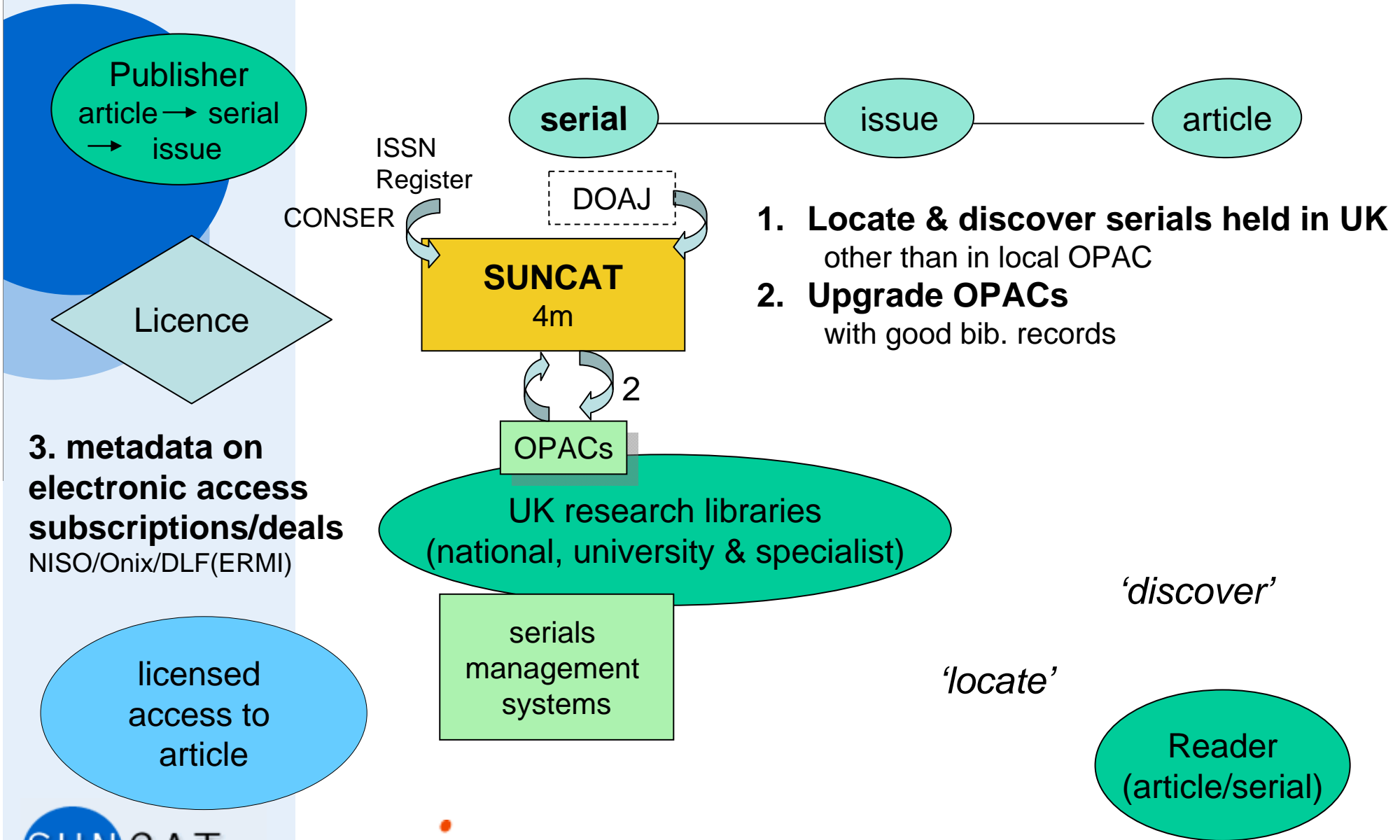
- Higher Education
- National
- Museums, Galleries, Gardens
- Learned societies and professional bodies
- Research Councils and institutes
- Public libraries
- Other

# Key issues

- Fulfilling a key role in scholarly communication
- Data Quality
- Visibility
- Establishing links to access services

# Scholarly Communication

(JISC/RSLP establishes SUNCAT as UK serials union catalogue)



1. **Locate & discover serials held in UK** other than in local OPAC
2. **Upgrade OPACs** with good bib. records

3. **metadata on electronic access subscriptions/deals**  
NISO/Onix/DLF(ERMI)

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# Data quality

*“A **particular problem** when considering the bringing together of serials records into a union catalogue **is their variable quality**. In many libraries, there has until recently been no tradition of creating or obtaining quality serials records, perhaps because these records were not as easily obtainable as for monographs but also because a simple finding list for serials was probably sufficient, given reliance on the services of the BLDSC”.*

*“Testing of serials union catalogues revealed **not so much differences** between physical and virtual architectures, **as the dubious quality of much of the underlying data** from local catalogues, including both the bibliographic record and the volume/year holdings information”.*

**Feasibility study for a National Union Catalogue.**

Final Report 25<sup>th</sup> April 2001

# Data quality

- COVERAGE
  - Number of libraries
  - Location of libraries
  - Type of libraries
  - Open Access Journals
  - Other union catalogues
- DUPLICATION
- CURRENCY – present
  - Updates submitted regularly
- CURRENCY – future?
  - SFX/OpenURL to local records
  - Onix for Serials from PAMS
  - Harvesting from OPACs

# USERS' REQUIREMENTS

For researchers, librarians and other professionals involved with serials ...

*"Typically, library services are only seen by the audience which makes its way into the library Web presence and finds what they are looking for.*

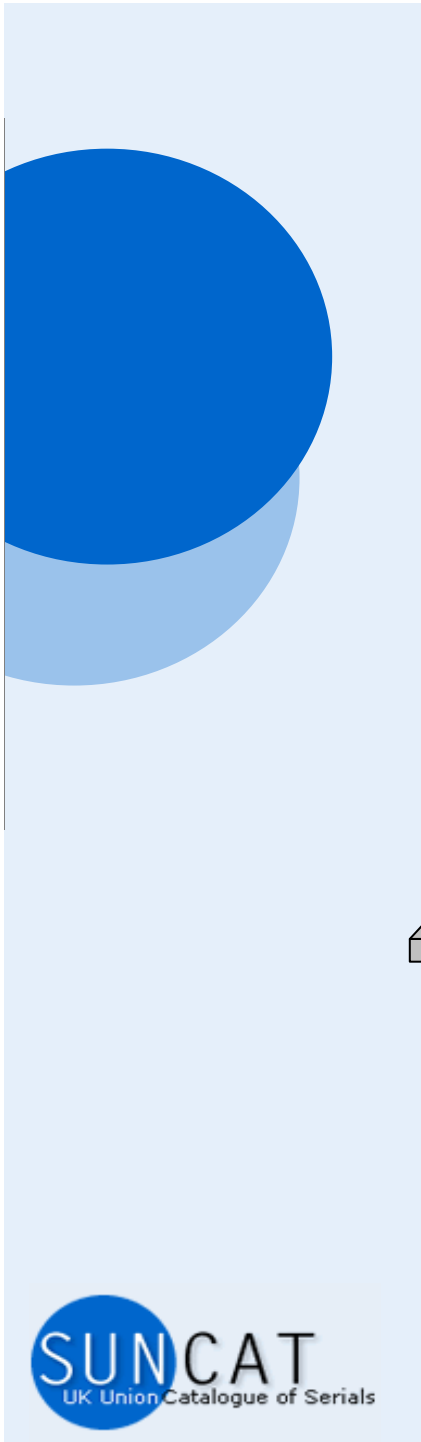
*"The resources are not visible to the many other people who may find them valuable".*

Lorcan Dempsey. The (Digital) Library Environment: Ten Years after.

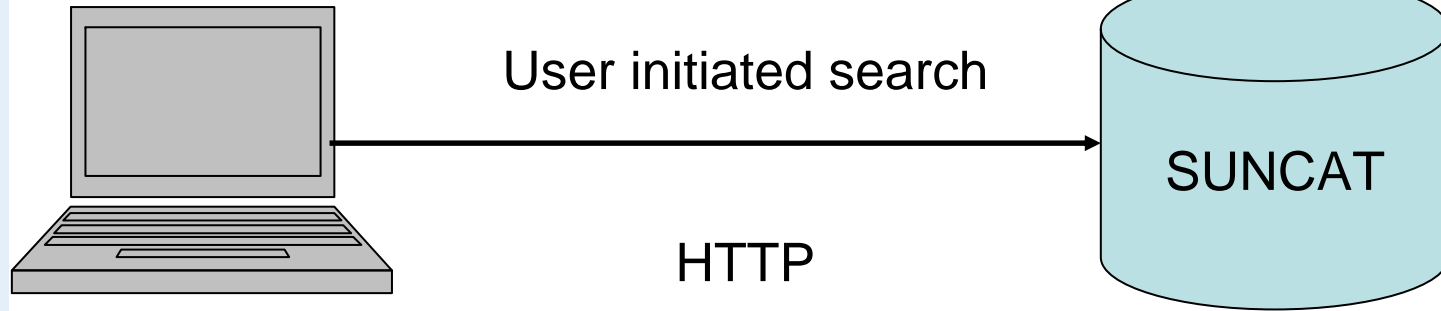
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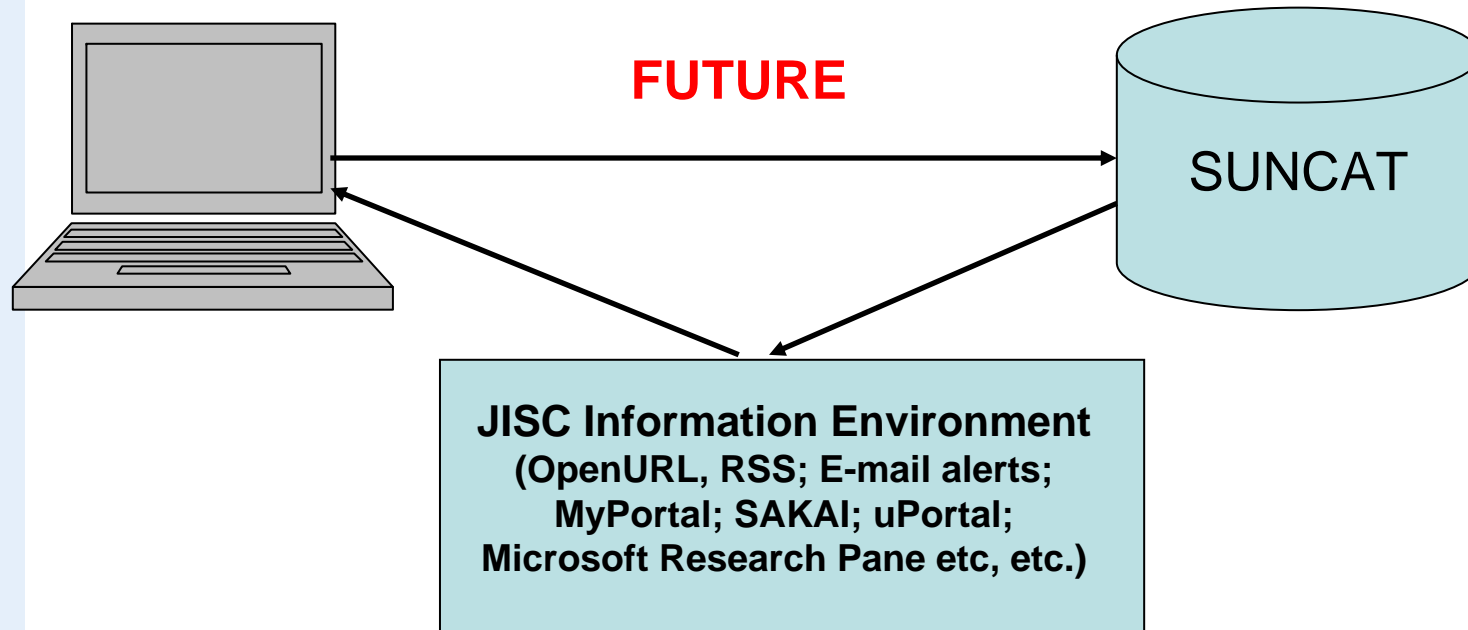
- Site Maps for Search engines
- RSS feeds



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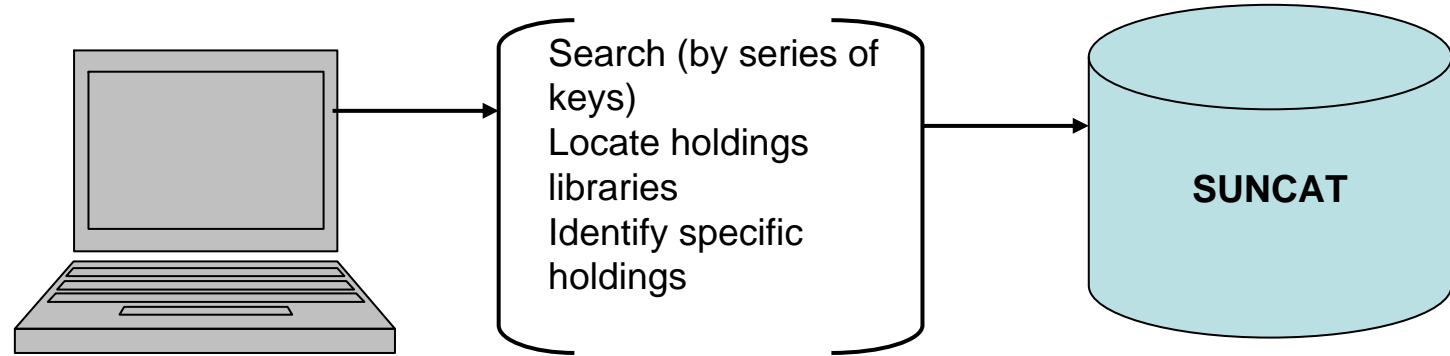


## FUTURE



# Links to Access Services

## SEARCH & DISCOVER



## REQUEST & DELIVER

