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# **Trends in Computer Science Research**

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# Introduction

## 20 TECH TRENDS FOR 2013

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**HUMAN-COMPUTER INTERACTION GETS MORE HUMANISTIC**

MARK ROLSTON  
CHIEF CREATIVE OFFICER, AUSTIN

**WE LOSE CONTROL OF OUR CARS**

KATIE DILL  
CREATIVE DIRECTOR, SAN FRANCISCO

Our cars are becoming ever more automated. They are parallel parking themselves, monitoring our speed while in cruise control, and now

**GET MORE PHYSICAL**

MATTEO PENZO  
TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR, MILAN

In 2013, the combination of 20-nanometer processors (ARM, Intel, and Apple are planning launches for Q2/Q3) and 4G Networks becoming available in most countries will alter how we use our smart phones.

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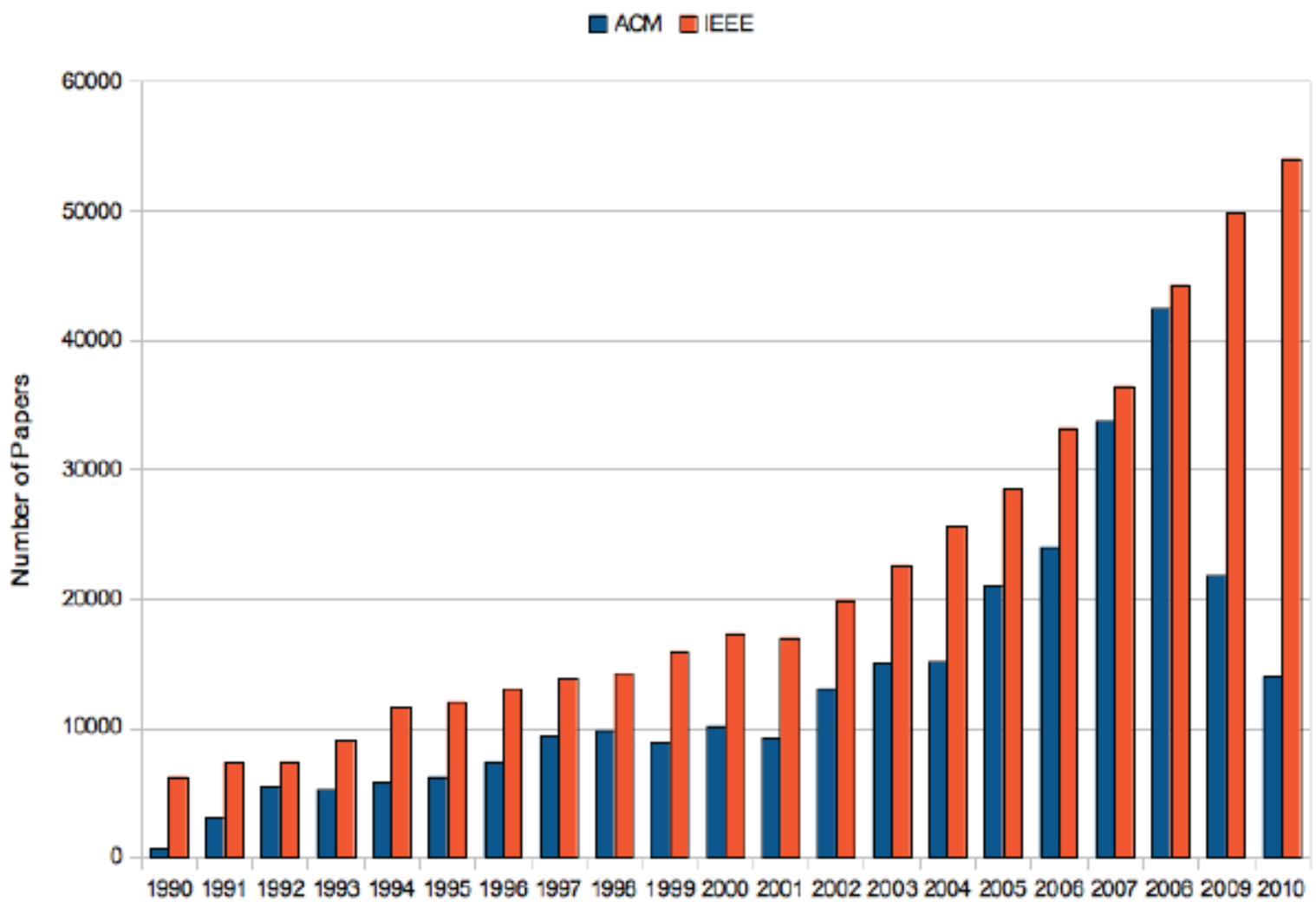
## Datasets: Collected from 1990 - 2010

- ACM Dataset: ACM Digital Library
- IEEE Dataset: IEEE Xplore Digital Library
- NSF Dataset: Publicly available awarded grants from [www.nsf.gov](http://www.nsf.gov)

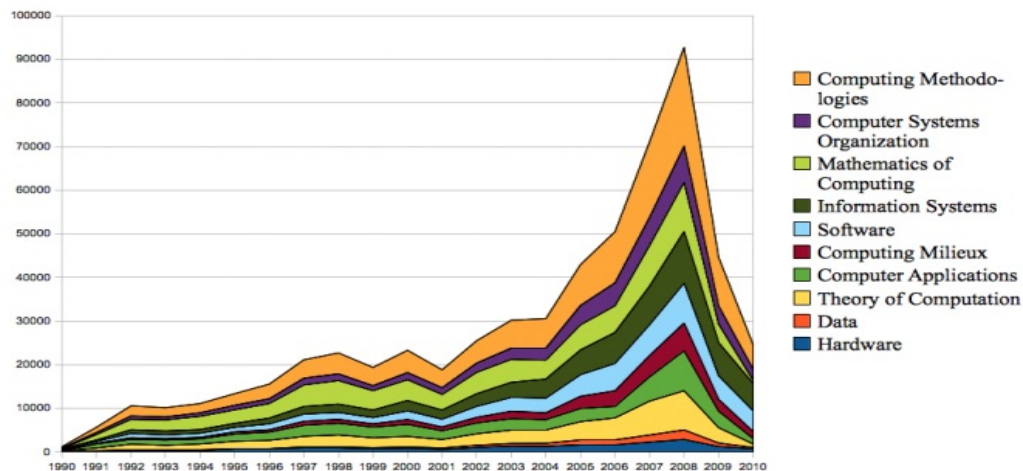


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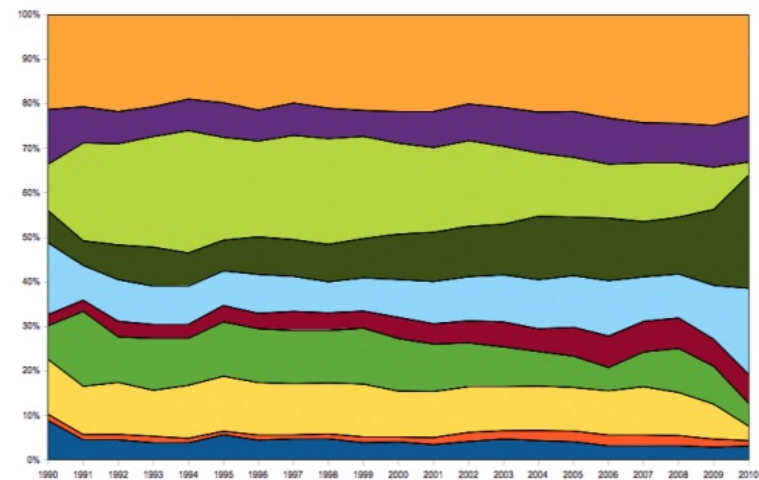
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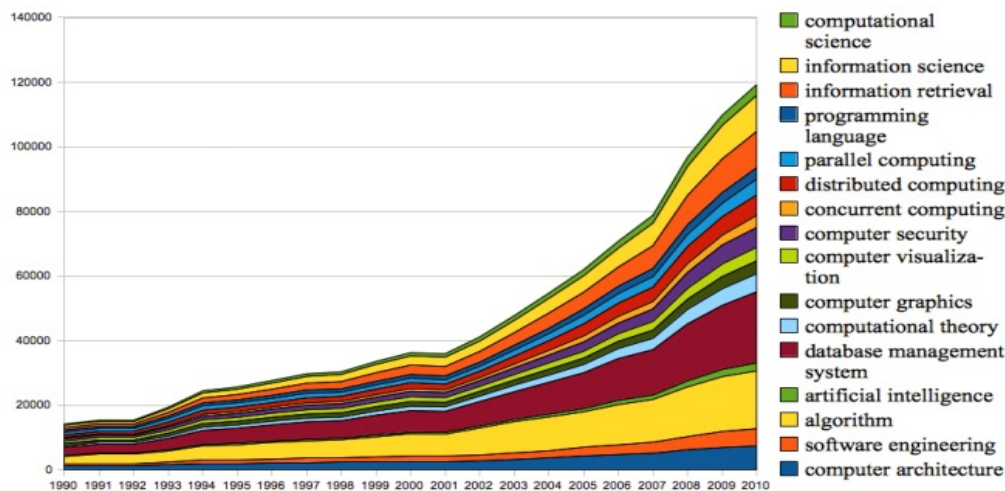
# Landscapes of Computer Science research



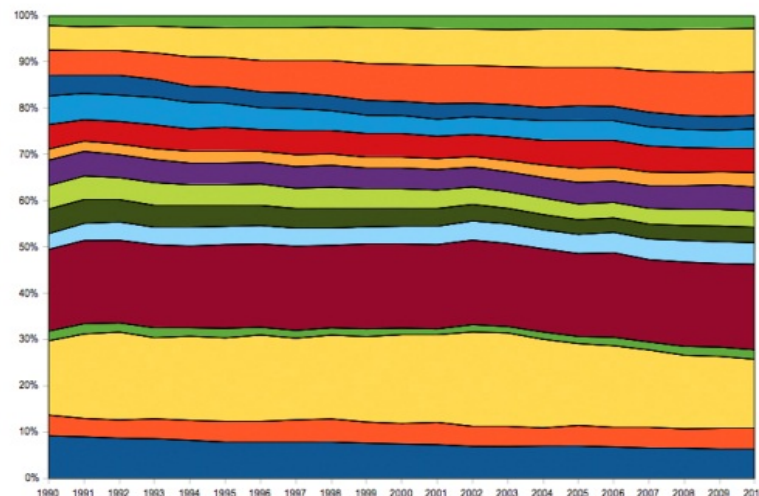
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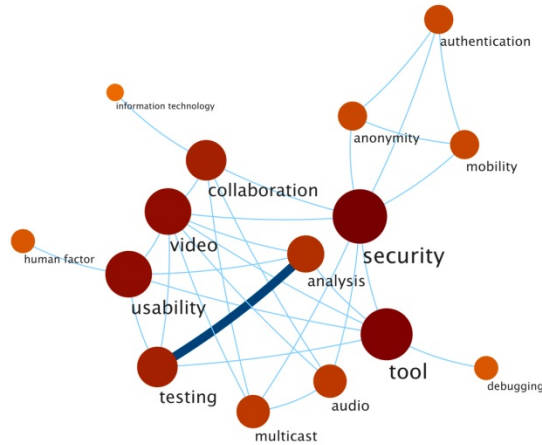


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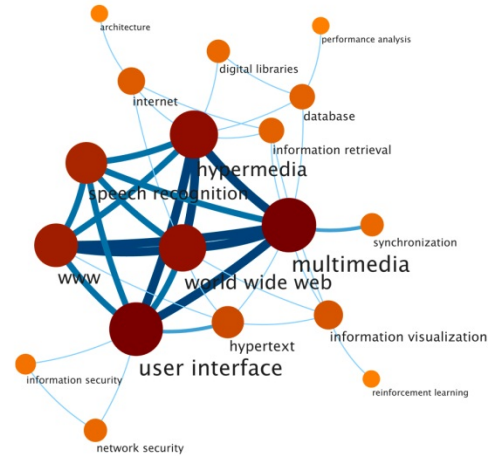


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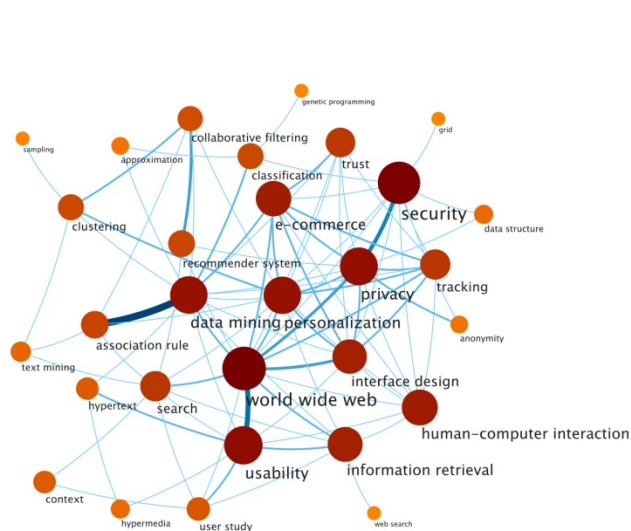
# Networks of Computer Science Research



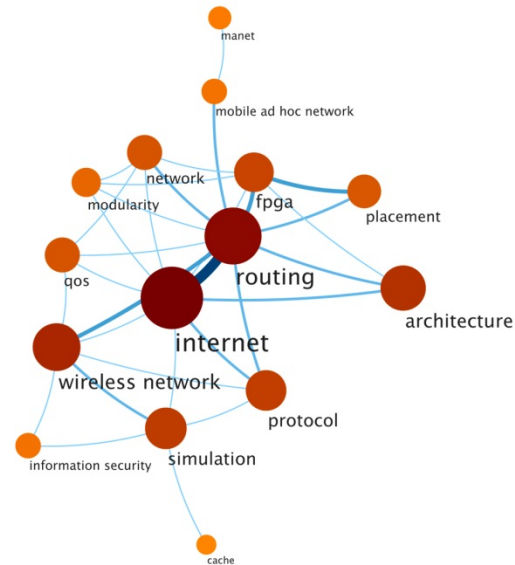
(a) Security Cluster: 1995



(b) Multimedia Cluster: 1995

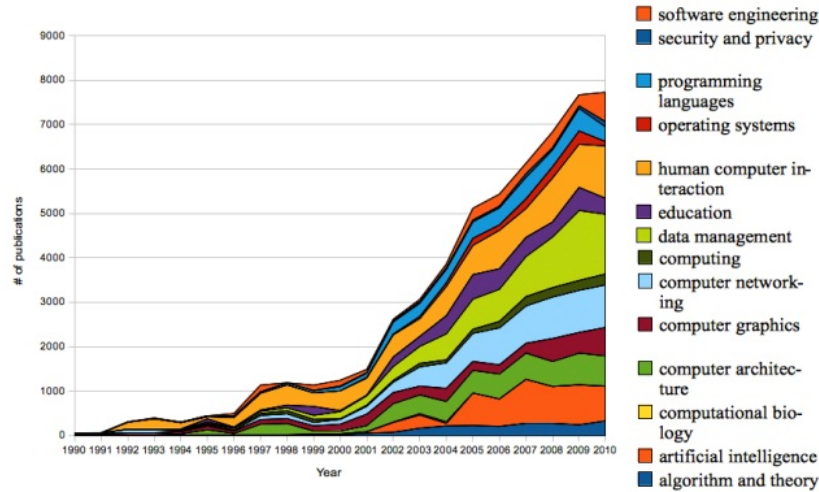


(c) World Wide Web Cluster: 2001

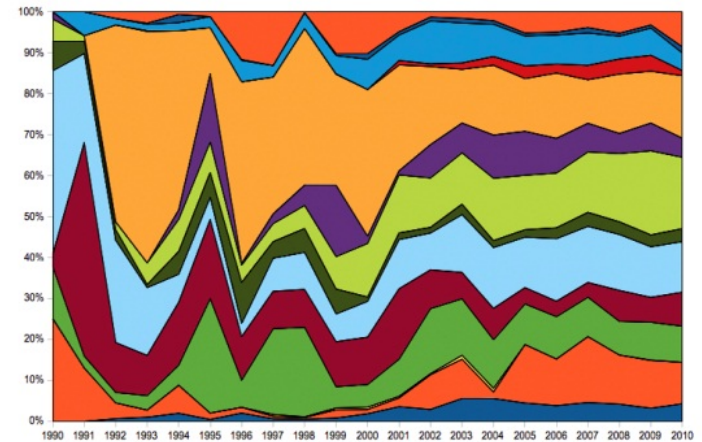


(d) Internet Cluster: 2001

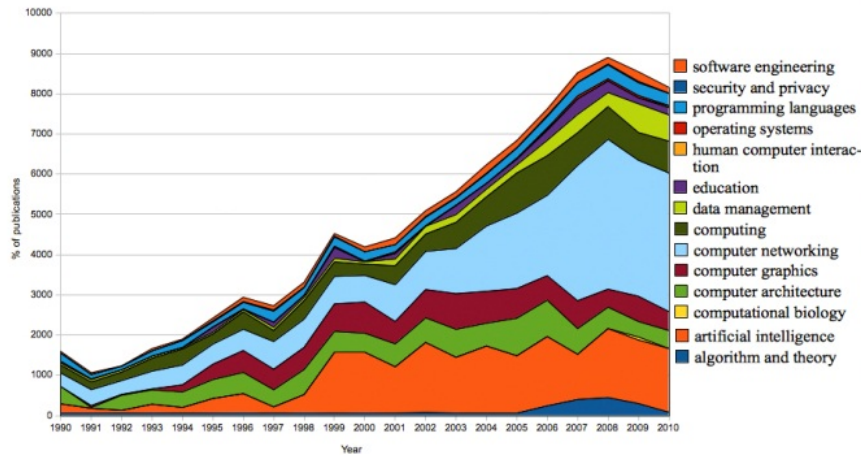




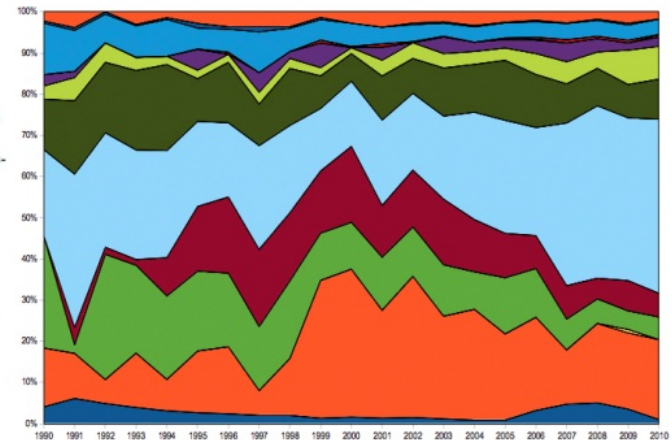
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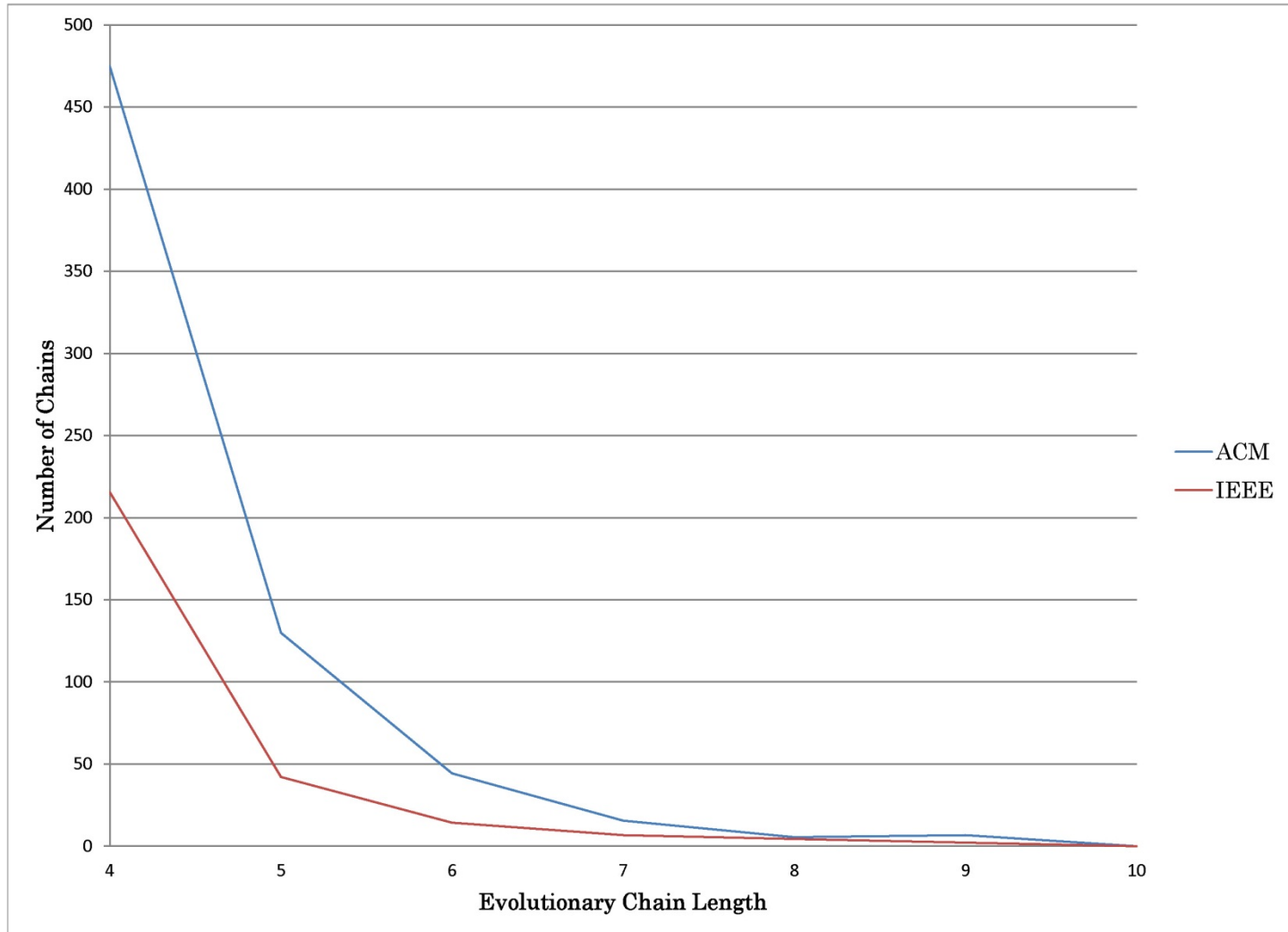


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# Communities of CS researchers





# Key Findings

- CS continues to experience continuous and fundamental transformation.
- **CS research teams are short-lived and small-sized 4-6 researchers, half of which leaves in four years.**
- A typical scientist's research focus changes in a 10-year cycle and often includes a once-in-a-career dramatic shift, likely in response to evolving technology creating new CS fields.
- A burst of new keywords in grants precedes their burst in publications; less than 1/3 of new keywords burst in publications first, reflecting the importance of funding for success of new CS fields.