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From Publish-and-Read Deals to Diamond Open Access

*How library budgets can support
non-commercial publishing*

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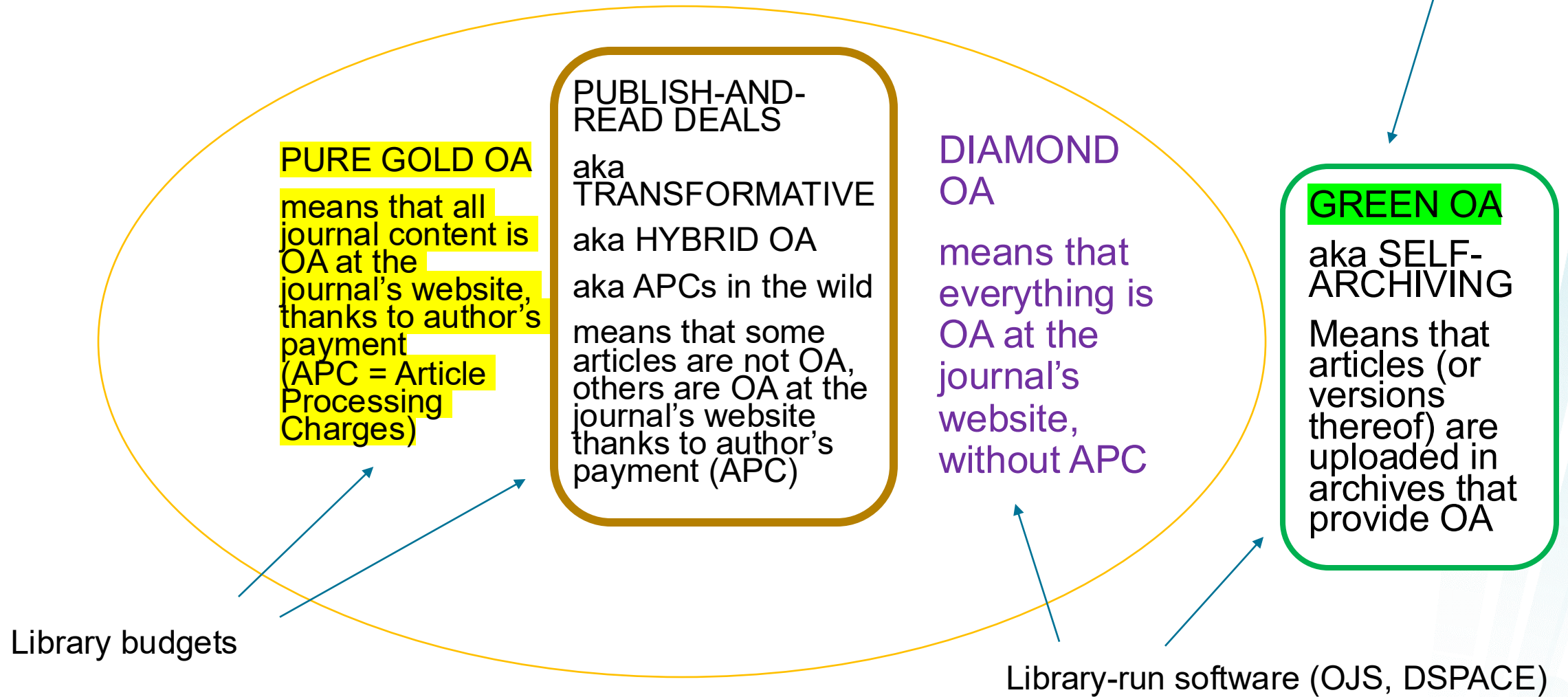
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Structure of this talk

- .1 Models of Open Access publishing
- .2 Plan S and Norwegian OA Policy
- .3 Getting our Diamond definition straight
- .4 How we fare in Norway (OA percentages)
- .5 How a library budget works (ex. UiT)
- .6 Inspiration from abroad (e.g. Berlin, Lorraine)
- .7 The 6 % = 6 % equation
- .8 Some take-aways from this conference

Models of Open Access publishing



What the EU wants, What the Norwegian Government wants...

Norwegian Government (2017)

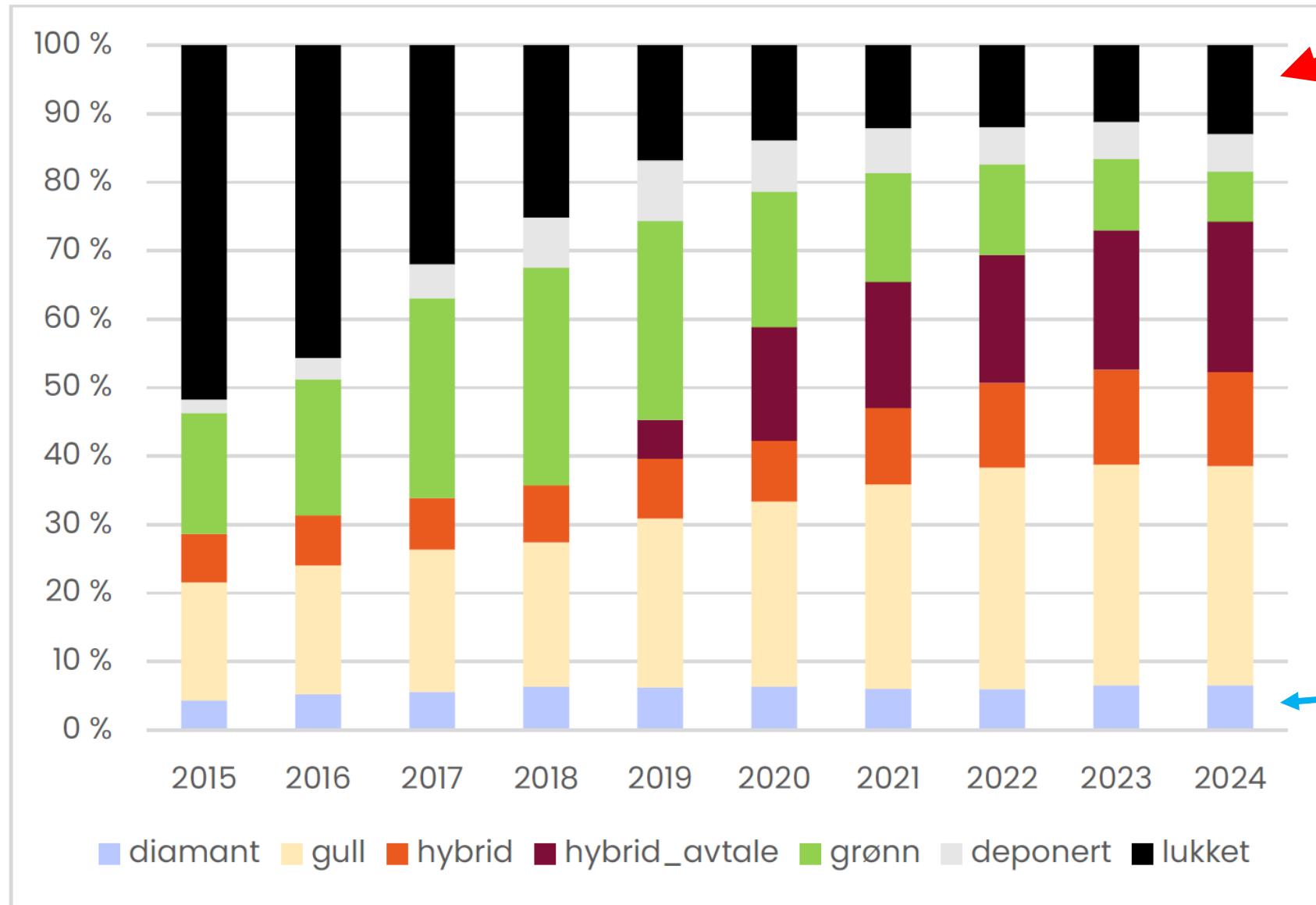
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Plan S / cOAlition S \approx EU (2018)

All research articles written by authors with funding from a cOAlition S funder *must* be Open Access

Transformative deals are only allowed until ... 2022(?)

Figur 14.4 Åpen publisering i UH-sektoren 2015–2024. Andel av alle publikasjoner

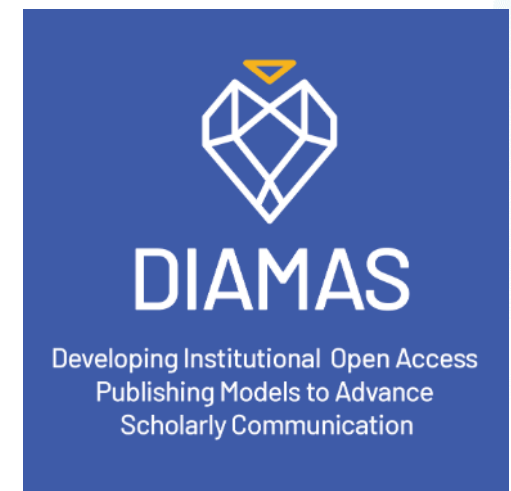


**Tilstands-
rapport for
høyere ut-
danning**
(May 2025)

ca. 6 %

DIAMOND OA definition, more specific

- Free to the reader, free for the author = diamond [traditional definition]
- nowadays, more refined (see the DIAMAS Project):
- Free to the reader, free for the author *and* **owned and led by scholars**
- specified in:
- *DIAMOND OPEN ACCESS STANDARD (DOAS)*



What the EU wants, What the Norwegian Government wants in terms of DIAMOND

Norwegian Government (2024)

«... make diamond journals more competitive»

«... a movement towards more academic ownership of publishing outlets.»

«The main challenge, when the diamond model is concerned, is financing.»

«It must become easier for journals to get long-term financing and [thereby] liberate themselves from the publishers.»

[my translations, from *Strategi for norsk vitenskapelig publisering etter 2024*]

European Council (2023)

«HIGHLIGHTS the importance of not-for-profit, scholarly open access publishing models that do not charge fees to authors or readers ...»

«STRESSES the importance of supporting the development of such models led by public research organisations»

[from the *Council conclusions on high-quality, transparent, open, trustworthy and equitable scholarly publishing*, approved 23 May 2023]



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«We should rather spend money on publishing models that are democratically led by the research communities themselves than make the shareholders of the publishing giants another few billions richer.»



Nyheter

Debatt

Student

Nytt om folk



DEBATT • PER PIPPIN ASPAAS

Elsevier-avtalen i et globalt lys

Vi bør heller bruke penger på publiseringsløsninger som er demokratisk styrt av forskersamfunnene selv enn å gjøre forlagsgigantenes aksjeeiere enda noen milliarder rikere.



LSE Impact Blog

A platform for understanding and increasing the impact of academic research

«The time for a diamond open access fund is now.»

Per Pippin
Aspaas

July 17th, 2023

To make academic publishing scholar-
led, we need a Norwegian-style dugnad!

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Marcel Wrzesinski (ed., 2023)



Diamond journals need money in order to survive (type-setting, language proofing, travel costs for editorial meetings, etc.)

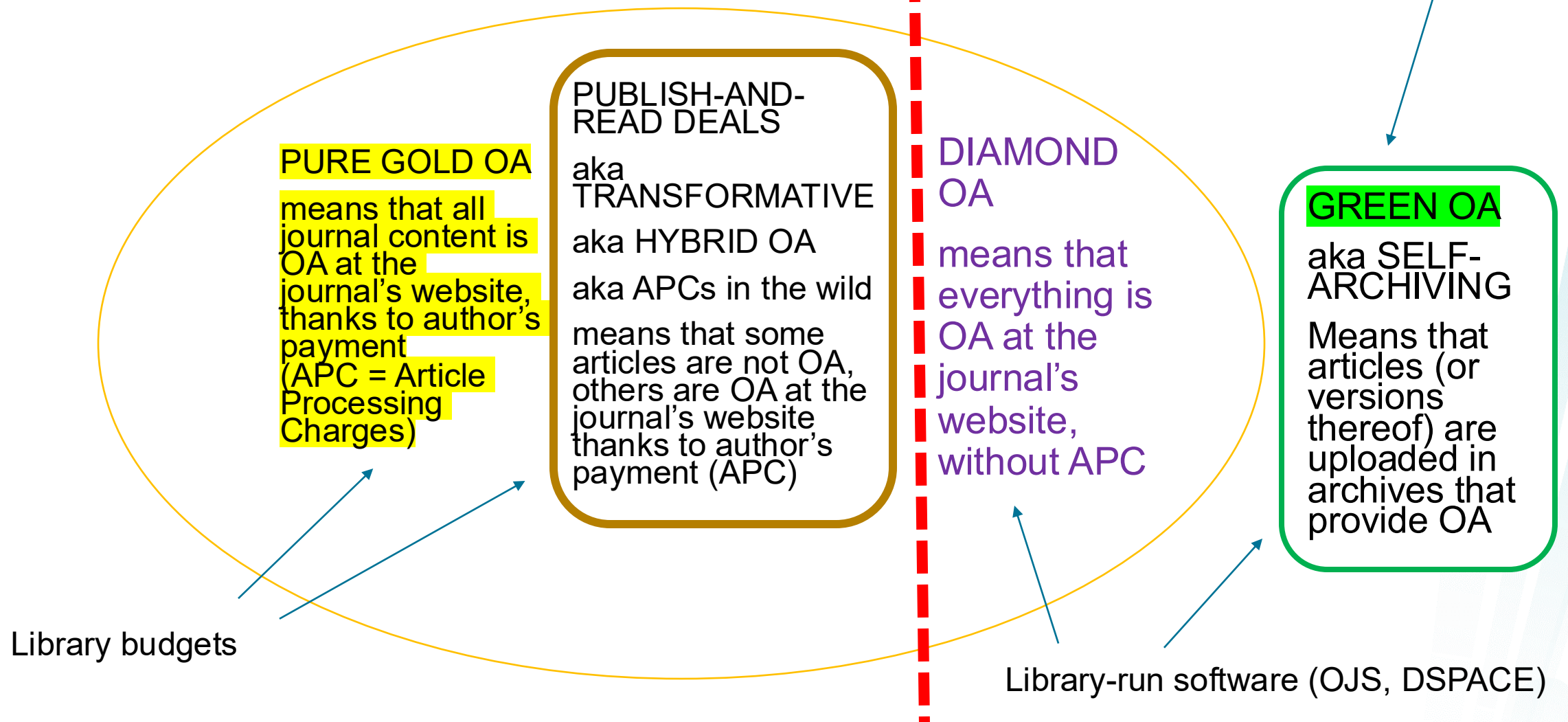
[my paraphrase]



The Future is Open Science Podcast 33 - Erfolgreiches Scholar-led Publizieren

Models of Open Access publishing

Rights Retention



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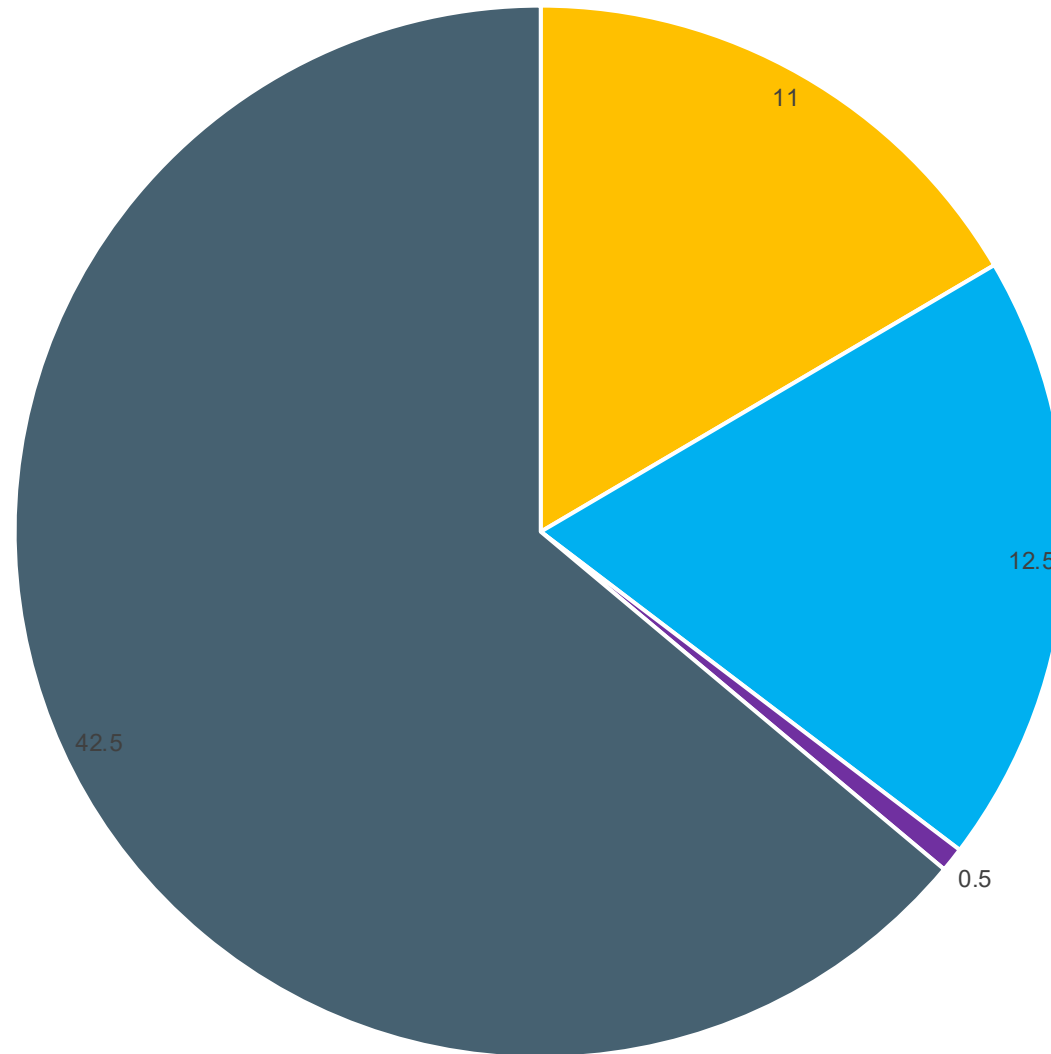
UiT's literature acquisition budget

Annual budget ca. **66,5 mill NOK**

11 mill for APCs (“gold journals”)

25 mill for Publish-and-Read deals (“hybrid journals”, ca. 12,5 for Publish, 12,5 for Read)

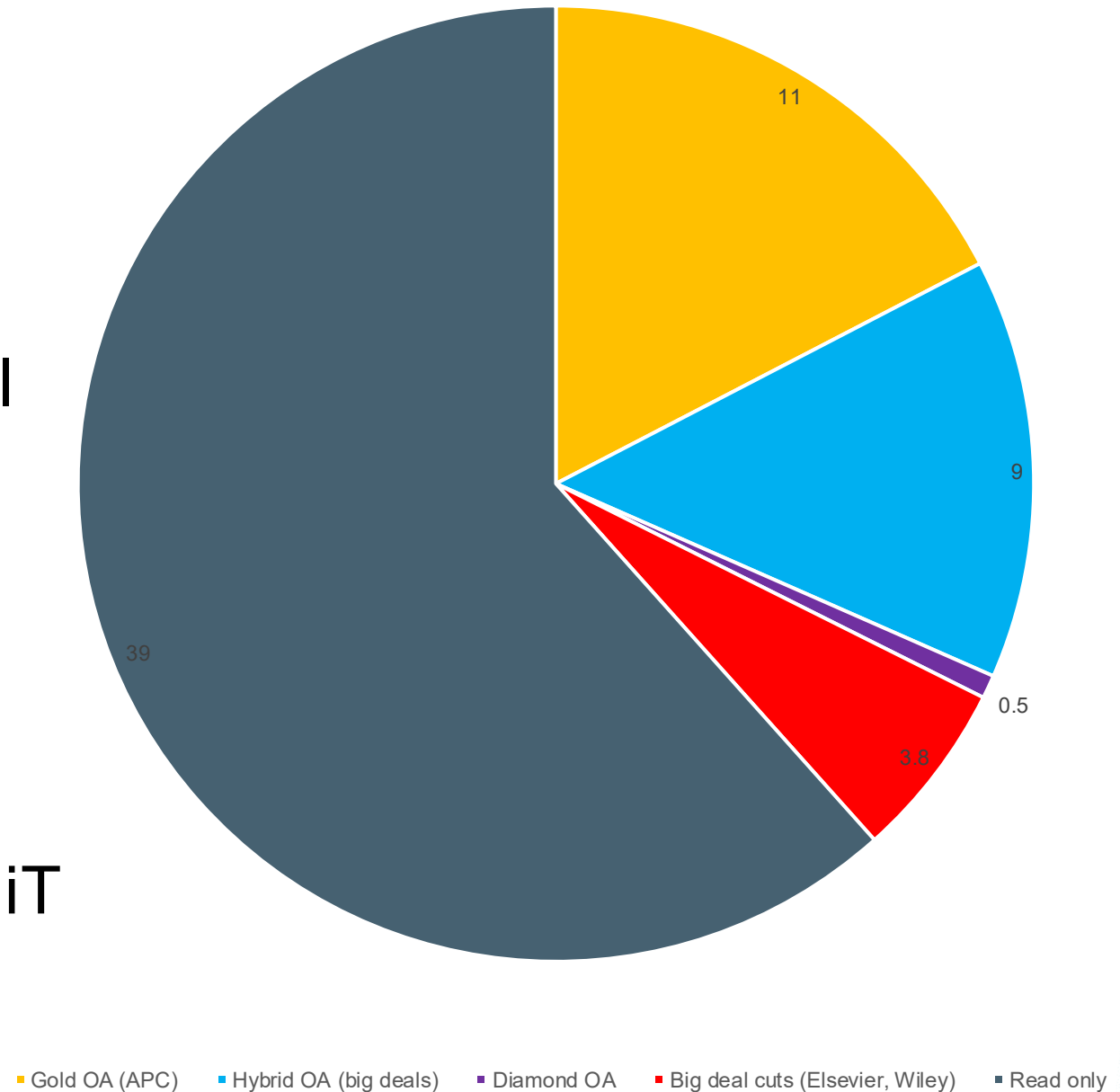
0,5 mill for non-profit infrastructures (mostly, Diamond OA)



■ Gold OA (APC) ■ Hybrid OA (big deals) ■ Diamond OA ■ Read only

A window of opportunity!

- The Publish-and-Read deal with Elsevier: 25 % cost reduction
- No deal whatsoever with Wiley
- = **3,8 mill NOK** saved for UiT



No. 59 (2025): The Lorraine Model



In 2017, the University of Lorraine cancelled its subscription to Springer and in 2023, it cancelled its deal with Wiley. The money saved has been channeled into an Open Science Fund which supports open research infrastructures, training and support programmes for open research, and diamond open access publishing. With additional financing from regional research institutes and the national ministry, its annual budget currently amounts to approximately 500,000 Euros. A broad representative committee has been set up to decide on the use of the fund. In this episode, the Vice-President for Open Research and the Head of Research Support at the Library of the Université de Lorraine explain the Lorraine Model.

First published online: March 31, 2025.

SUPPORT TO THE LORRAINE SITE DIAMOND JOURNALS - 2025

The Université de Lorraine has been supporting diamond journals since 2020 as part of [NFOS](#) calls for projects. In 2024, it set up a [fund to support diamond journals on the Lorraine site](#). In 2025, it will extend its support to diamond journals in which researchers from the site publish, as well as to prize-winning journals from the three-year [KOALA](#) funding program coordinated by the German National Library of Science and Technology. In 2025, €50,000 will be earmarked for funding diamond reviews.



ANNALES DE L'EST

History journal published by the Association des Historiens de l'Est. It is applying to the Open U Journals platform to make the transition to digital distribution. Back issues will be published on Persée.

- **Language:** French
- **UL support:** 5 400 €, winner of the National Fund for Open Science's call for projects 3

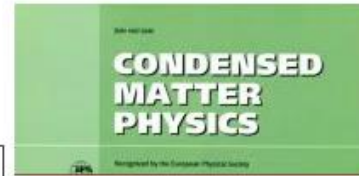
CULTURE
& MUSÉES

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CULTURE & MUSÉES

The journal publishes research on cultural audiences, institutions and mediation in the field of museums and heritage. It is co-published by Éditions Universitaires d'Avignon and UGA Éditions, and distributed via OpenEdition.

- **Language:** French
- **UL support:** 2 000 €, winner of the UL diamond journal funding program




CONDENSED MATTER PHYSICS

Founded in 1993 by the Institute for Condensed Matter Physics of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, it publishes on statistical mechanics, thermodynamics of equilibrium and non-equilibrium processes, and relativistic mechanics of interacting particle systems.

- **Language:** English
- **UL support:** 2 000 €, support for diamond journals favored by authors on the Lorraine site



<https://hdl.handle.net/11250/5320990>

 Arbeidsnotat 2025

Forslag om opprettelse av et program for støtte til diamant åpen tilgang ved UiT

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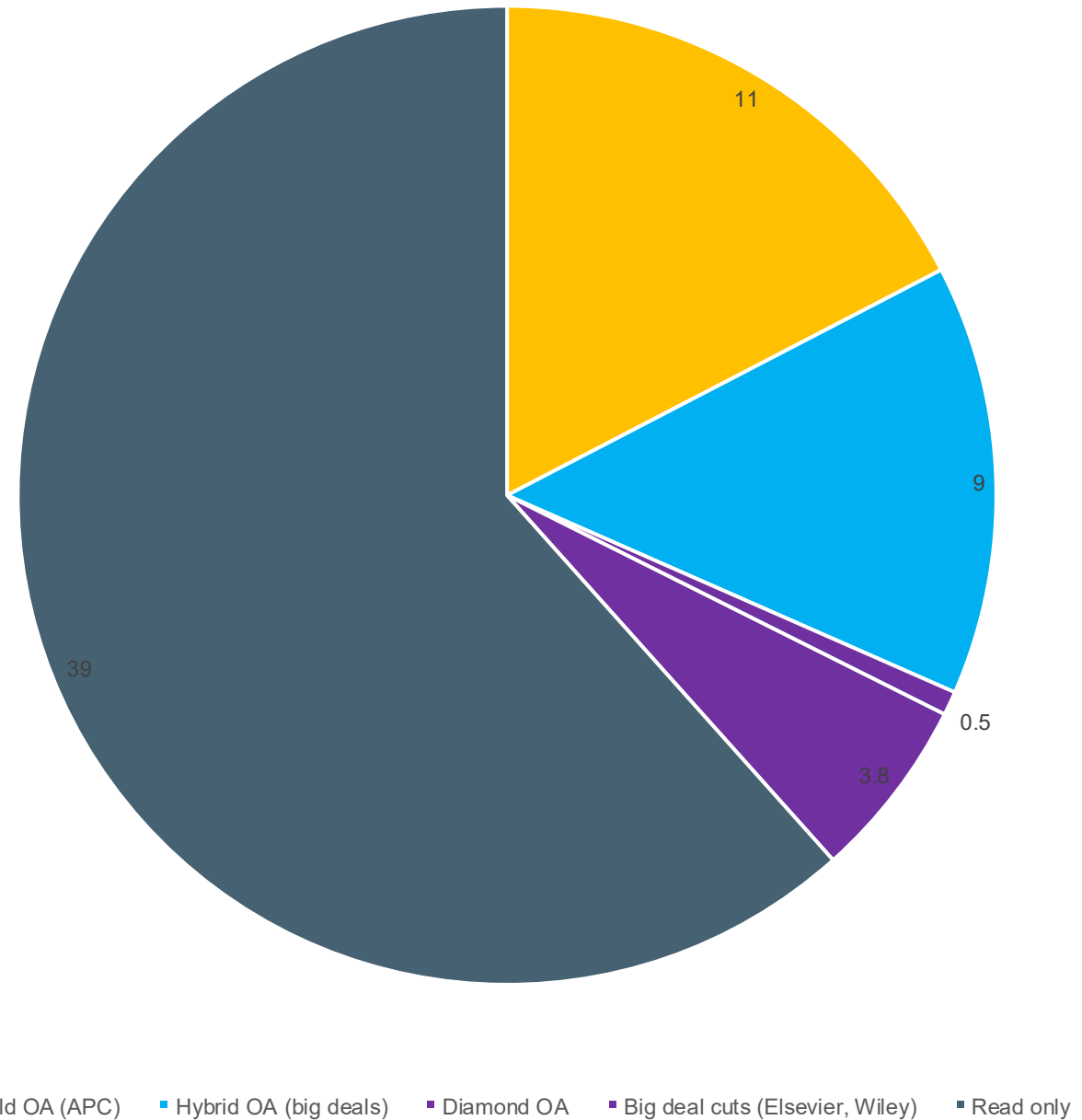
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Proposal for a *Diamond Open Access support programme at UiT*

approved by the Library Board 23 September 2025

What to do with >4 mill. NOK?

3,8 mill NOK saved
+ 0,5 mill NOK already spent
= **4,3 mill NOK** for Diamond



UiT's Diamond OA support programme

1st pillar

double our donations to international diamond platforms and other scholar-led infrastructure **c. 1,0 mill. NOK/year**

2nd pillar

upgrading UiT's own publishing platform for diamond journals, Septentrio Academic Publishing **c. 0,5 mill. NOK/year**

involvement of scholars

3rd pillar

handing out stipends to support editorial work in UiT-affiliated diamond journals **c. 1,0 mill. NOK/year**

4th pillar

finance flipping of 2–3 international, UiT-affiliated journals that are not (yet) diamond **c. 2,0 mill. NOK/year**

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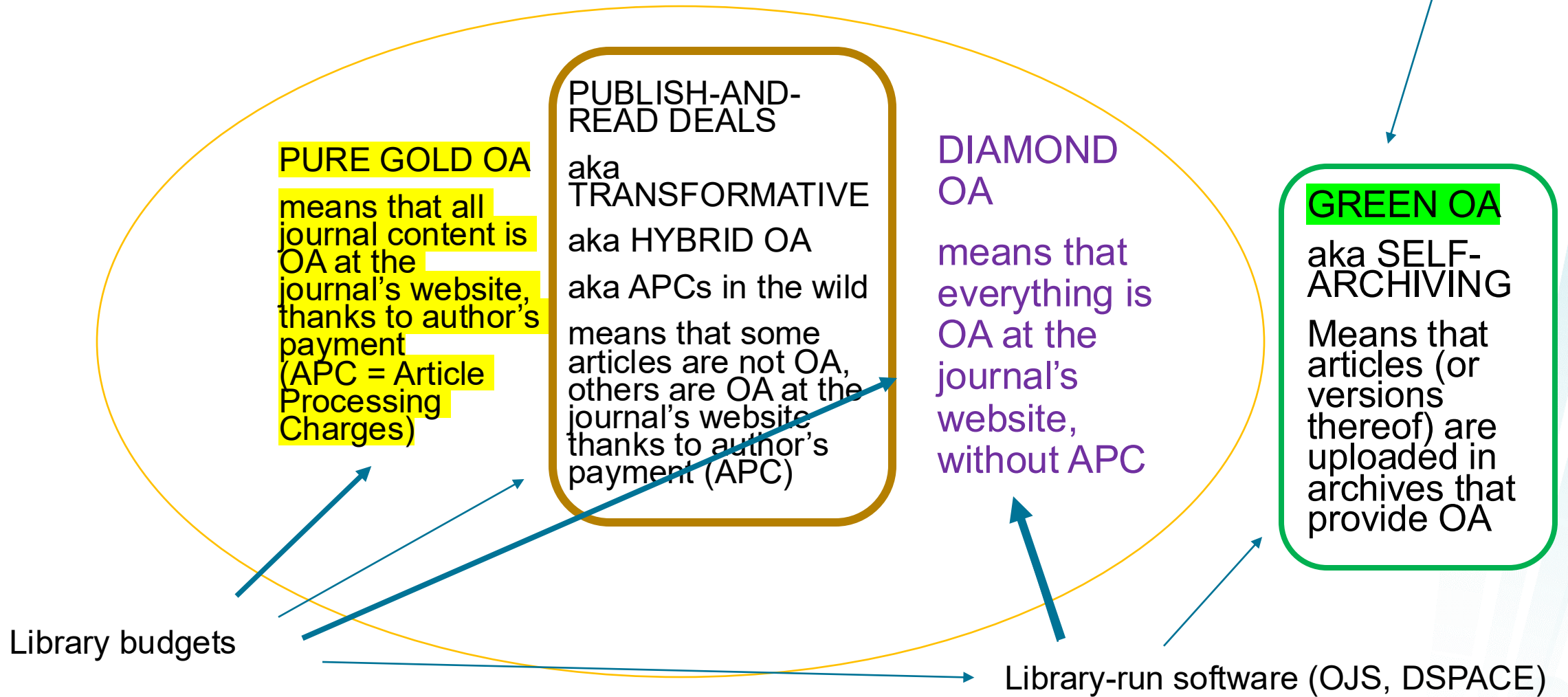
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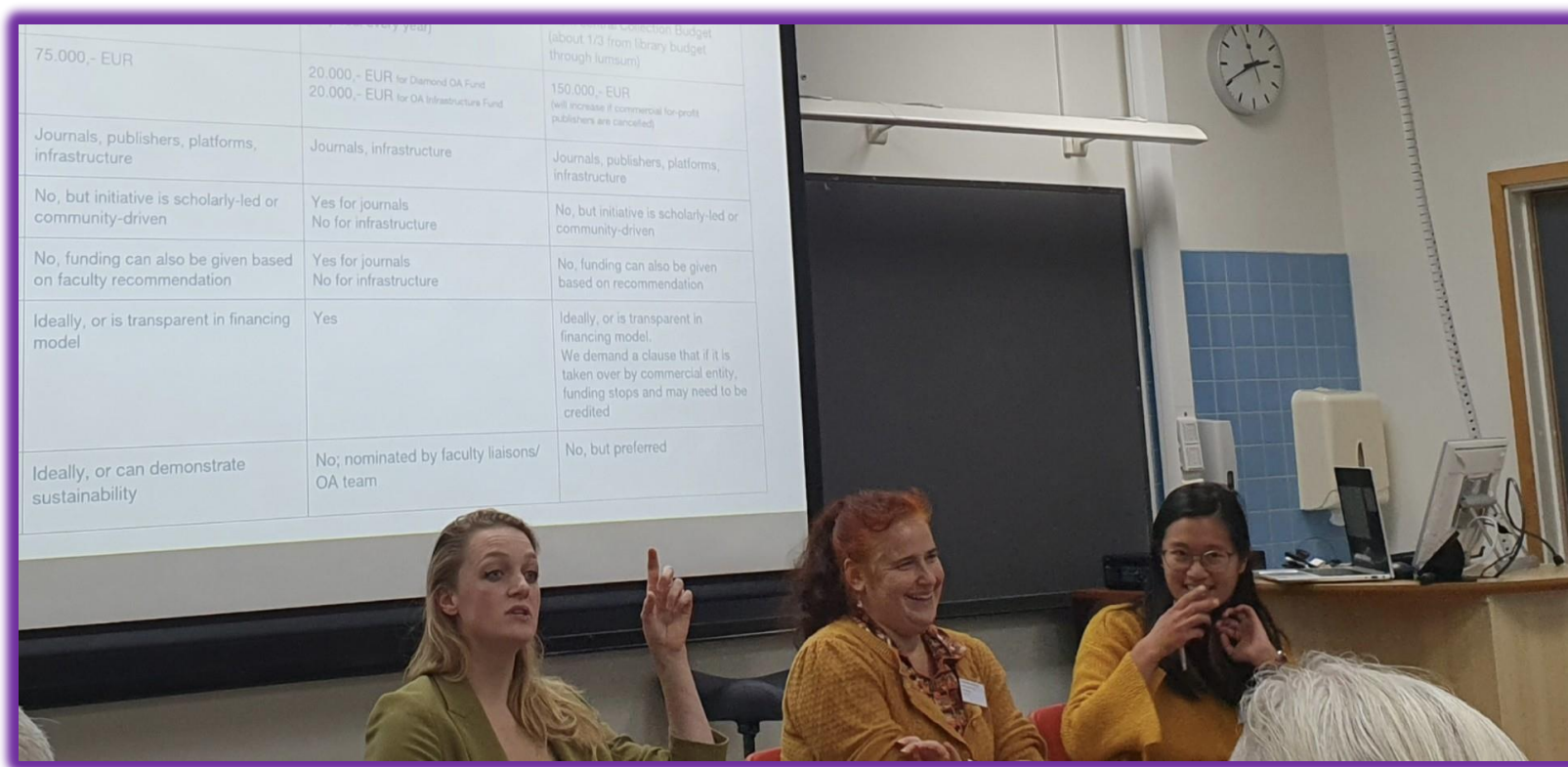
My take on this

True, but ...

A library- / infrastructure- / platform-centric type of
publishing literacy risks becoming too one-sided;
we need to see the flip-side of the coin



2nd take-away from this conference



“Invoice illiteracy is widespread among researchers”
[my paraphrase]

3rd take-away from this conference

“There’s NOT enough money in the system”

My take on this

True, but ...



“The road must be trod, but it will be very hard. And neither strength nor wisdom will carry us far upon it. This quest may be attempted by the weak with as much hope as the strong. Yet such is oft the course of deeds that move the wheels of the world: small hands do them because they must, while the eyes of the great are elsewhere.”

The Fellowship of the Ring, J.R.R. Tolkien (1954)