

In future work, we plan to investigate how our formal super-pattern representations can be used in practice to let researchers themselves, who are not necessarily knowledge representation experts, publish their own scientific claims. Furthermore, it will be interesting to investigate how advanced reasoning can be applied, considering that super-pattern formalizations use higher-order logic with its theoretical and practical problems around efficiency and decidability. In any case, any kind of reasoning with partial results or incomplete heuristics would constitute a huge advance compared to what we can currently do in terms of reasoning on scientific knowledge. We can then imagine countless novel applications, such as overarching aggregations, finding supporting or conflicting claims, answering high-level questions, making visualization of scientific knowledge, and much more. In summary, it would allow us to harness computers in a more effective way to increase our understanding of scientific discoveries and thereby amplify their impact.

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