



synergies

## ***An Introduction...***

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Main goal:

Promote **exposure,**  
**access,** and **preservation**  
of Canadian research



# Goals:

- Ensure that Social Science and Humanities (SSH) research benefits from technological advances:
  - knowledge creation
  - knowledge mobilization



# Goals:

- Help SSH journals make the transition from print to electronic
- Aggregate with other Canadian journals
- Partner with similar projects globally
- Encourage open access policies



# How?

## 1. Create a national portal

- searchable
- fully accessible
- decentralized

## 2. Provide services to journals



# What?

## Social Sciences and Humanities Research:

- published articles
- pre-publication papers
- data sets
- presentations
- electronic monographs

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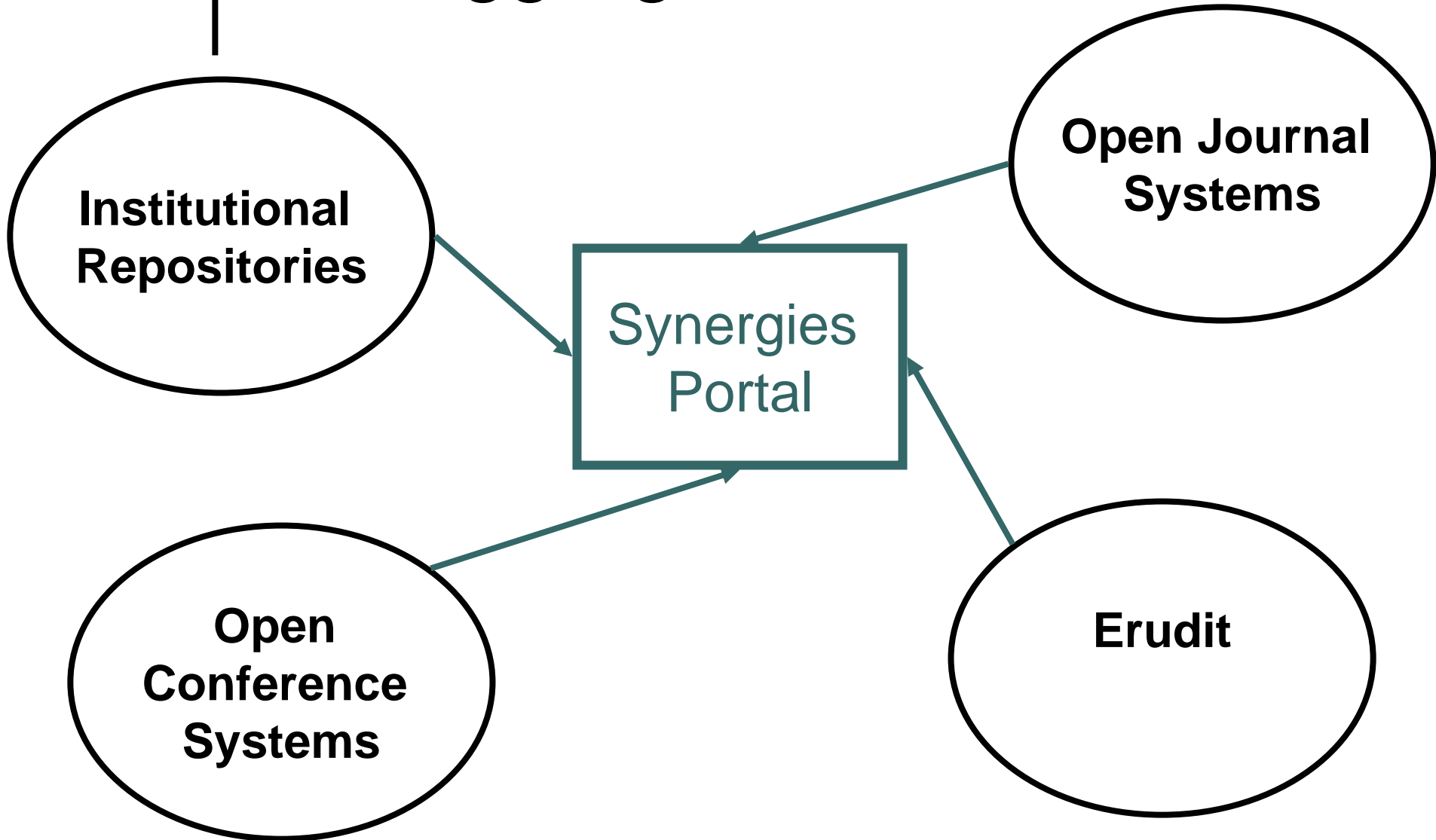
**Institutional  
Repositories**

**Open Journal  
Systems**

**Synergies  
Portal**

**Open  
Conference  
Systems**

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# Portal Features...

- Enriched media palette: colour, sound, moving images, multimedia
- Interactivity
- Broaden vision: navigational interfaces, automatic translation, intelligent search engines, etc.
- Enhanced bibliometrics and technometrics



# Who?

## WEST COAST

**Simon Fraser University**  
University of British Columbia  
University of Victoria

## PRAIRES

**University of Calgary**  
Athabasca University  
University of Winnipeg  
University of Saskatchewan

## QUEBEC

**Université de Montréal**  
Université du Québec à Montréal  
Université du Québec en Outaouais  
Université Laval

## ONTARIO

**University of Toronto**  
University of Guelph  
Windsor University  
York University

## ATLANTIC

**University of New Brunswick**  
Acadia University  
Dalhousie University  
Memorial University  
St. Francis Xavier University  
Mount Saint Vincent University



## Further Details

- 11.5 Million Canadian Foundation for Innovation grant
- 4 year project
- 5 lead institutions, 16 regional partners



# Synergies Challenges

- Content guidelines
- Author Rights/Open Access
- Software/Portal Development
- Economic Models
- Sustainability