Tracking a Good Article: who else has used this work?

In Web of Science (WoS), it is possible to find records of articles which post-date a useful article and cite (refer to) it. Moreover, unlike other databases which do this, the useful article does not have to have a record in the database. CITED REFERENCE SEARCH searches the reference lists of articles with a WoS citation index record.

Login to Web of Knowledge
Drop down the menu beside “Basic Search” and choose “Cited Reference Search”.

For this example, try finding work which has cited:

Born, M and Oppenheimer, R (1927) *Quantum theory of the molecules*, Annalen der Physik (Berlin) 84, 457-484

Enter the search terms requested. Not all the boxes need to be filled for a search to work.

Tip: It is best practice to use the name of a paper’s first author. If a second author’s name is used, variants (incorrectly cited references) will not be found and you will miss finding relevant papers but which mis-cite your reference.

Use the asterisk against the author name and do not miss any variants.

Select the journal abbreviation list link and copy and paste the abbreviation you need to get a more specific set of results.
Select the Search button to retrieve a list of the possible works you are investigating.

Note: Essays and whitepapers from Thomson Reuters but putting various research evaluation methods, including Journal Impact Factors, into context: http://wokinfo.com/essays/

Try the search again but without entering the journal title to see differences in the results.
Check the boxes to the left of the references you want to trace.

Note: Sometimes articles are cited incorrectly by authors or added incorrectly to a database.

Select all versions, called “cited reference variants”, in a results’ list which you think could be the article you are tracking. Page numbers slightly wrong, volume number missing…

Note: The number of articles citing a work listed, is given in the “Citing Articles**” column.

Tips:
- Hover over a “View Record” link in the “View Record” column to see a particular citation’s title.
- Limit by language or document type from the options at the bottom of the page but only if it’s useful to limit the results you get in this way.

Select the “Finish Search” button.
Alternatively, find the article’s database record and select Times Cited for links for records of articles which correctly cite your article and which are recorded in Web of Science Core Collection.

Select number link beside “Cited References:” to see the references Born & Oppenheimer cite.
Select the link under “All Times Cited Counts” to find the reference cited by articles in other databases Web of Science holds.

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