

THE SPATIAL DYNAMICS OF SCIENCE

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Studying the dynamics of science

- A rather old question in philosophy, sociology and history of science
- A rather new question in geography :

S. Shapin, D. Livingstone → the *spatial turn* in STS and *history of science*

With three approaches:

- The « spatial scientometrics » trend (Frenken et al. 2009)
- The qualitative and historical trend mainly developed in the UK (Besse, 2010)
- A third pathway combining social studies of science and spatial scientometrics (Grossetti, Milard et Maisonobe, 2015)

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- **urban (clusters of publishing localities)**

Research questions

1. How is the world system of science evolving (national contexts, regions of the world, interurban connections) ?
2. How does a speciality can emerge and develop at the world level with connections being activated between all the places that are involved in it ?

The world system of science expansion

- Continuous growth of research activities and publications
- A proliferation of sites of activity (Shofer & Meyer, 2005)
- An increase in the number of higher education personnel (UNESCO, 2010)
 - **A re-balancing of the global scientific output over the last thirty years at the country and at the city level** (Grossetti et al., 2014)
- **What about the structure of the world network of collaboration ?**
- Is the globalization of scientific production activities accompanied by a blurring of national contexts to the benefit of global collaborative networks or on the contrary do national and macro-regional areas still have a structuring effect on the distribution of scientific cooperation ?

Data and method

- In 2013, more than 10 000 revues and about 2 millions of publications indexed in the Web of Science (SCI Exp, SSCI, AHCI)
1. **GEOCODING** : Almost 98% of all WoS publications (articles, reviews, letters) have been geocoded (1999-2014) = 19 millions publications
 2. **CLUSTERING** : After the geocoding, the publication data are clustered by urban areas
 3. **COUNTING** : Whole normalized counting (Gauffriau et al., 2008)

Ekert et al., 2013; Jégou, 2014; Grossetti et al., 2014; Maisonobe et al., 2016

Should I go by bus? The liberalization of the long-distance bus industry in France

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Abstract

The opening up of the French long-distance bus industry is one of the outcomes of the Loi **Macron**. In this study, we build a unique data set of several representative bus routes and show that the effects of the liberalization have been encouraging in terms of fares, new entry, higher frequency, and higher quality. First, with regard to international routes that used to be under cabotage, we find that relaxing quantitative restrictions has led to the expected results on the Lyon-Torino and Paris-London routes. Second, with regard to domestic routes newly created from the Loi **Macron**, mostly all procompetitive expected variations in the variables have been observed, except for fares. Indeed, we show that bus operators used an initial aggressive pricing strategy to induce demand for the new services and then increased fares once customers became accustomed with the service.

Keywords

Author Keywords: Transportation services; Deregulation; Bus industry; Loi **Macron**; Intermodal competition; France

KeyWords Plus: DEREGULATION; MARKET

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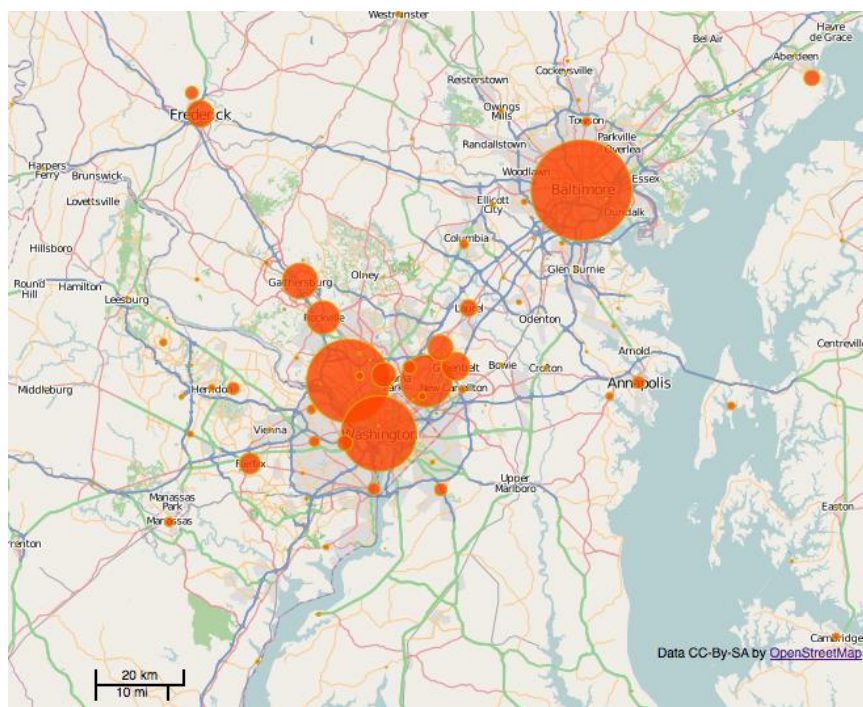
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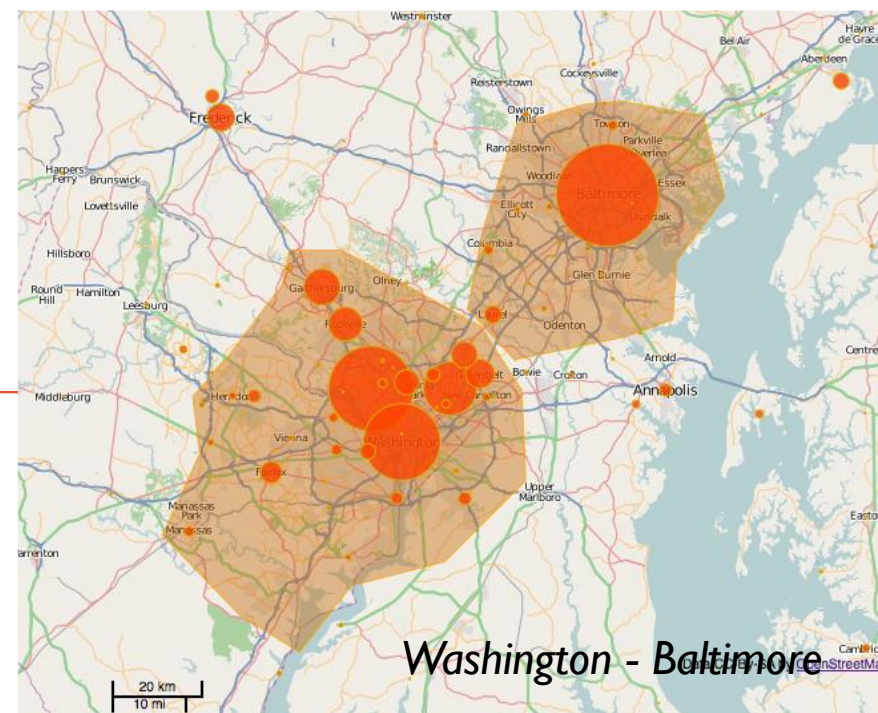
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**Localising the municipalities
from which researchers are
signing their publications**



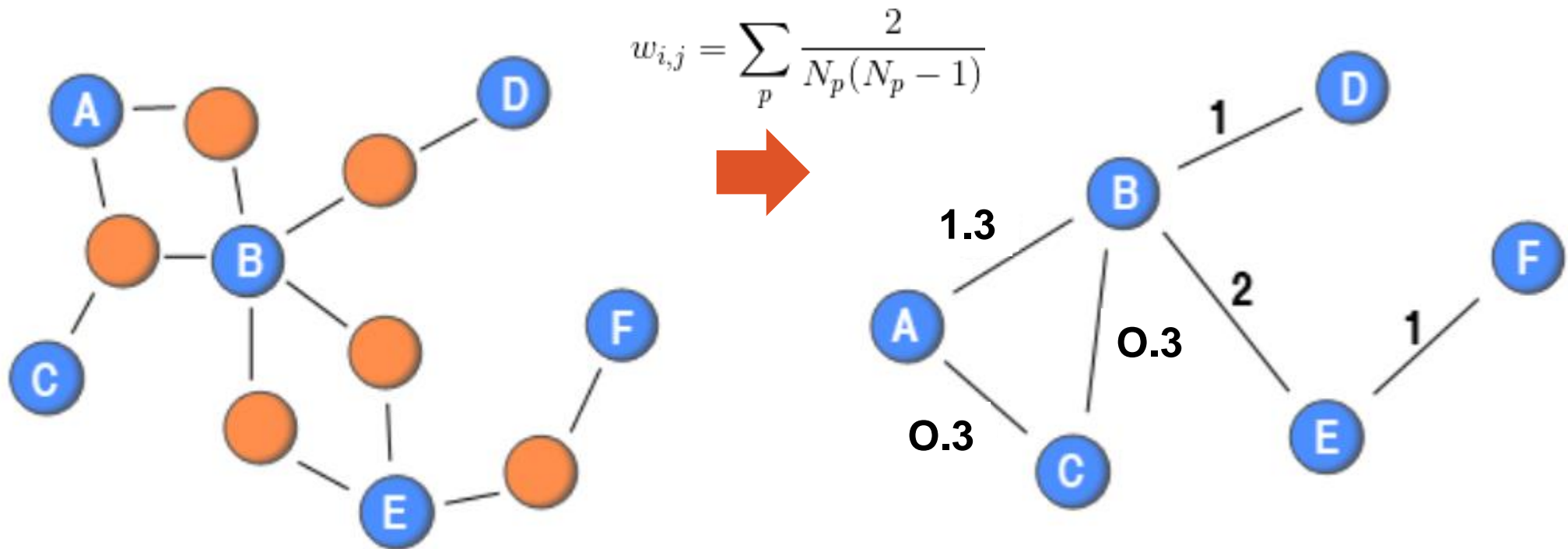
**Building urban areas' perimeters using
the distribution of population density**



**a spatial bibliometrics method to study science
at the world scale and at the urban area resolution level**

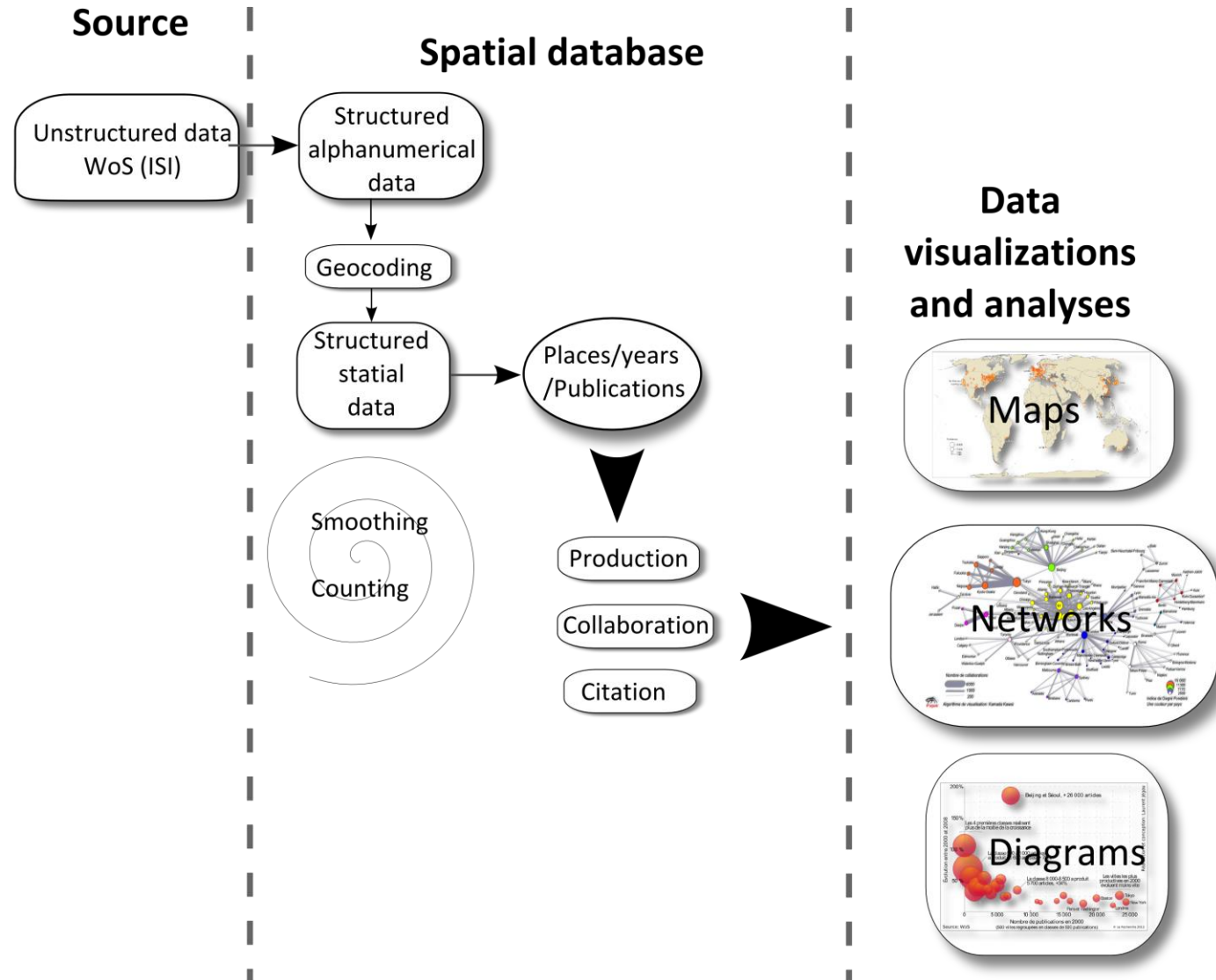
Normalizing the link values

The sum of the links equals the total nb of co-publications in the corpus



$$1.3 + 0.3 + 0.3 + 2 + 1 + 1 = 6$$

The process of treating spatialized bibliometric information



Geographic structure of world science production

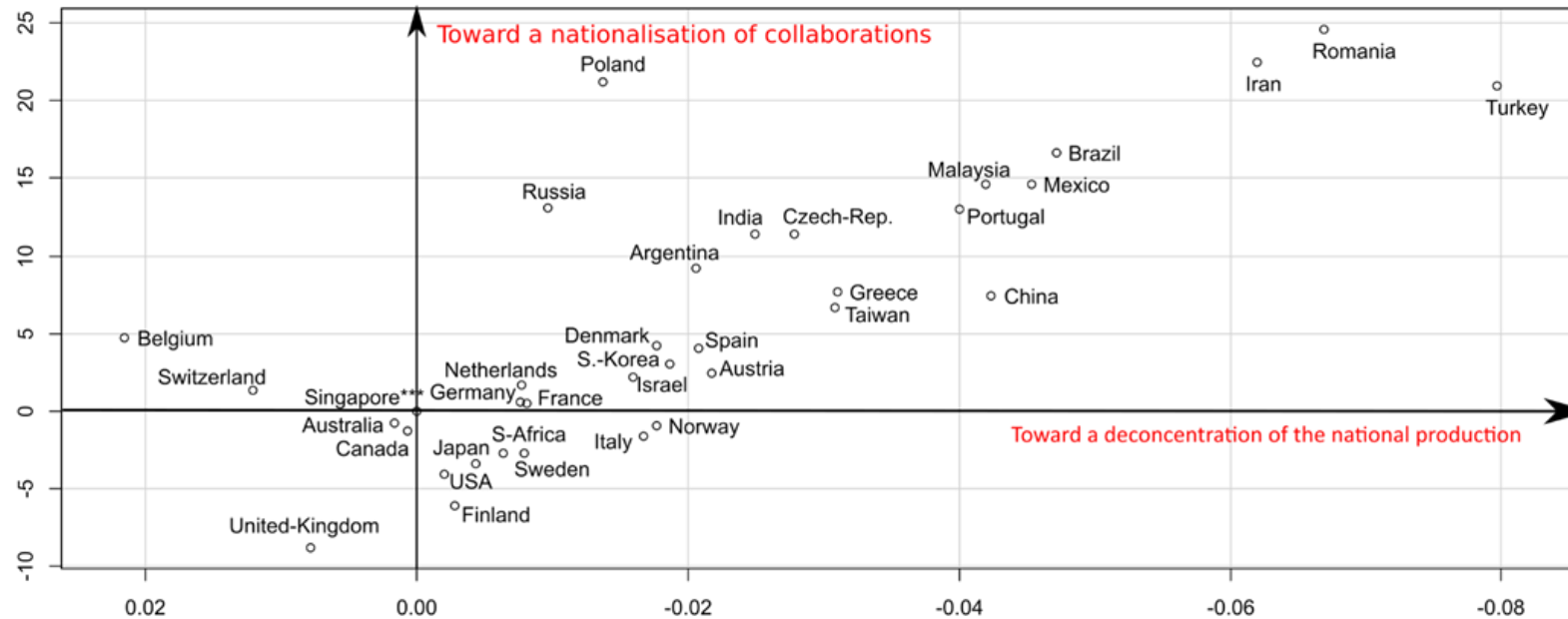
Proportion of scientific publications (articles, reviews and reports) attributed to ...	2000*	2007*	2013*
one agglomeration and one address	51.3	46.2	38.7
one agglomeration and several addresses	17.9	18.7	20.4
several agglomerations in the same country	15.5	17.7	20
several agglomérations, several countries	15.2	17.3	21
Total (%)	100	100	100
<i>Total number of articles, reviews and reports</i>	<i>753 377</i>	<i>1 098 161</i>	<i>1 467 464</i>

Source: WoS.

Note: * Full undivided counting, three-year moving average.

Correlation between the evolution of the Gini index** applied to the national production and the national share of collaborations
(The 36 countries that published the most in 2013* in the SCI Expanded)

Evolution of the national share of collaborations between 2000* and 2013*



Evolution of the disparity index** applied to the national production by urban areas

*three-year moving average, whole normalized counting.

Source: SCI Expanded (articles, reviews and letters)

**The Gini index ranging from 0 to 1 measures discrepancy within a static distribution, in other words here, the discrepancy between urban areas's national share of scientific production

***Singapour is a city state with only one urban area

1. Linear Regression: Multiple R-squared (r^2): 0,62

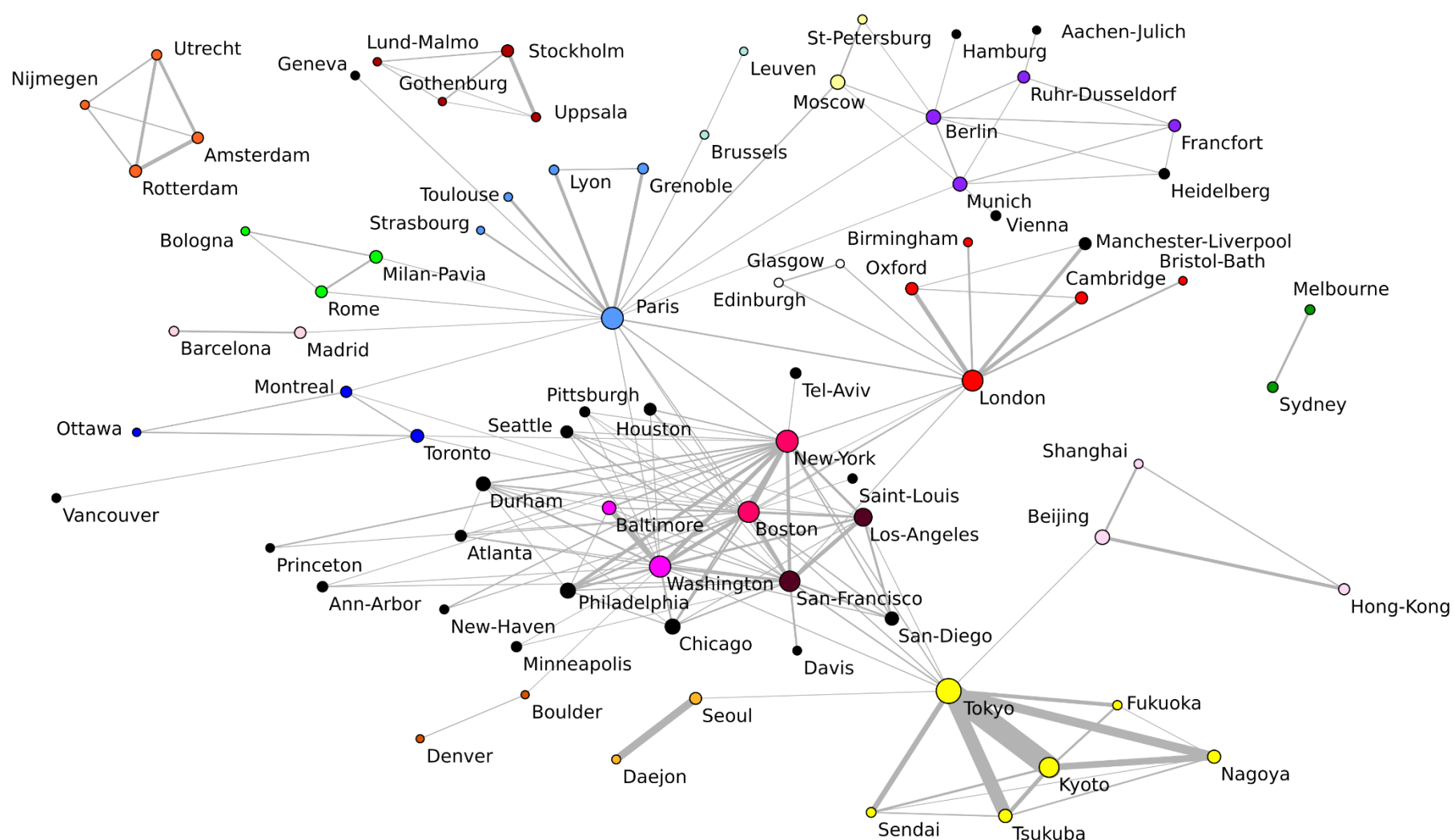
p-value: 1.05e-08

2. Pearson Correlation Coefficient: -0,79

p-value = 1.045e-08

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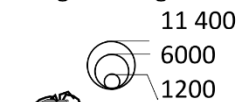
World network of interurban scientific collaborations in 2000*



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Co-authorship volume

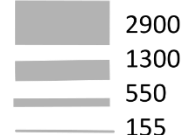
Weighted degree



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*Whole Normalized Counting, moving average (3 years)

Lines values



Thresholds:

Scientific collaborations lines superior to 60 coauthorships in 2000*

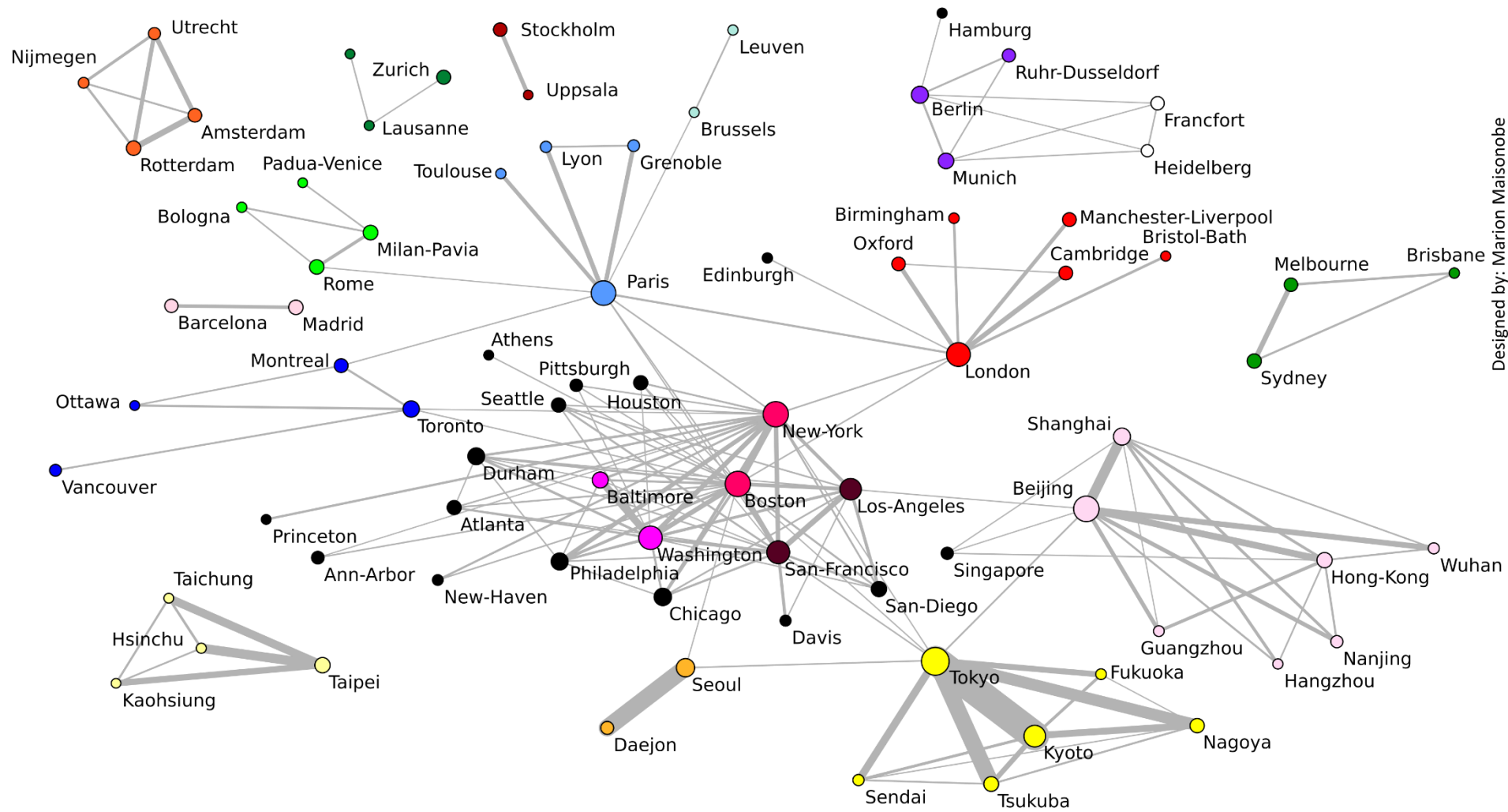
Scientific agglomerations with a weighted degree value upper than 1000 in 2000*

Colored groups are islands (islands, taille min 2/max 45): islands are group of nodes more connected to each others than with neighboring nodes

Layout algorithm: Kamada Kawai applied on the network structure in 2013*

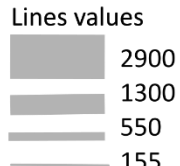
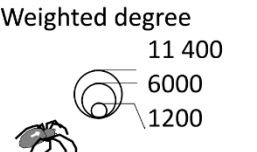
Source: SCIEp (articles, reviews, letters)

World network of interurban scientific collaborations in 2007*



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Co-authorship volume



Thresholds:

Scientific collaborations lines superior to 95 coauthorships in 2007*
 Scientific agglomerations with a weighted degree value upper than 1470 in 2007*

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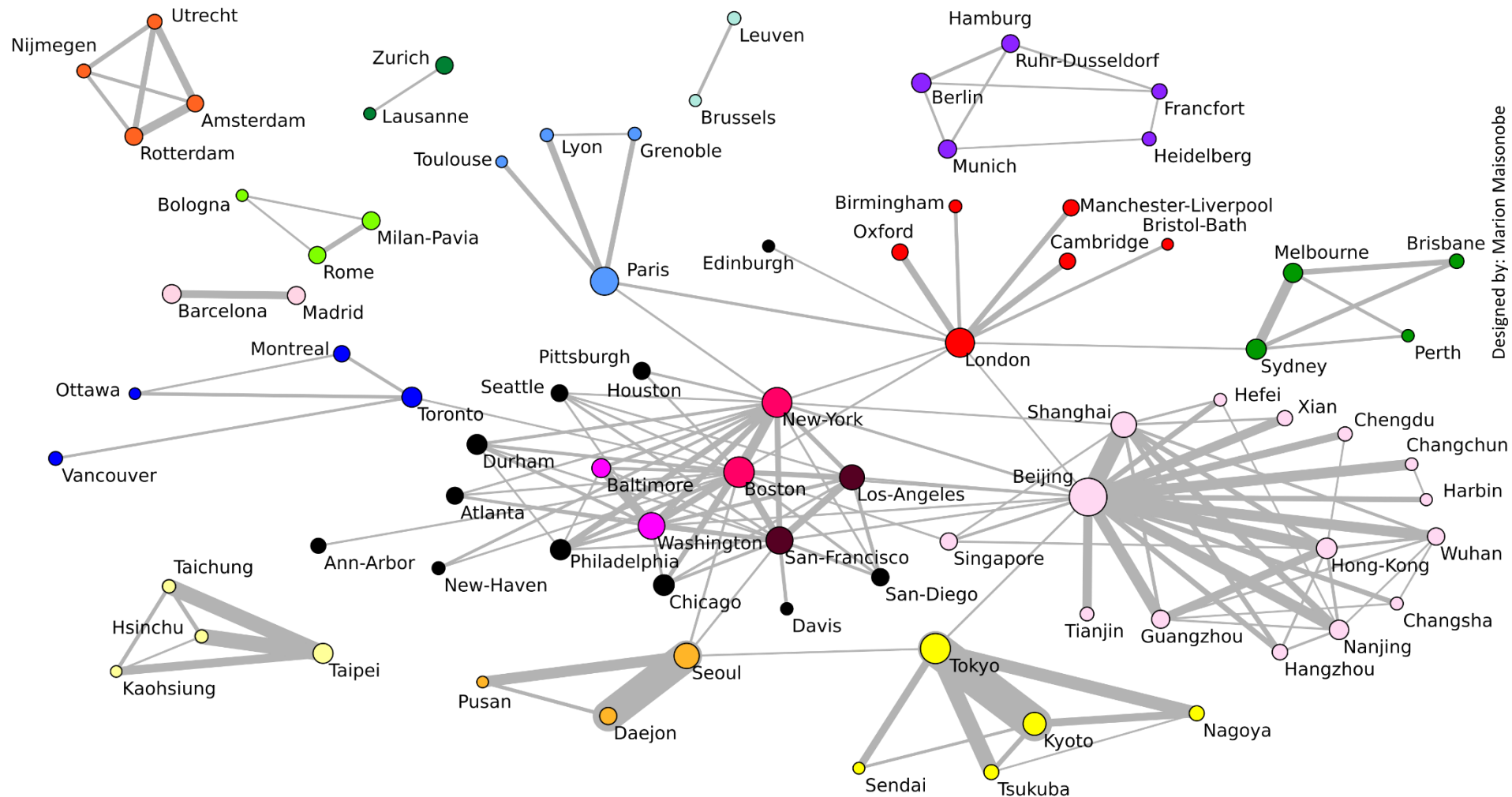
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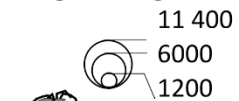
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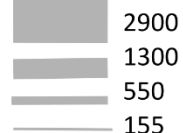
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Lines values



Thresholds:

Scientific collaborations lines superior to 154 coauthorships in 2013*

Scientific agglomerations with a weighted degree value upper than 1148 in 2013*

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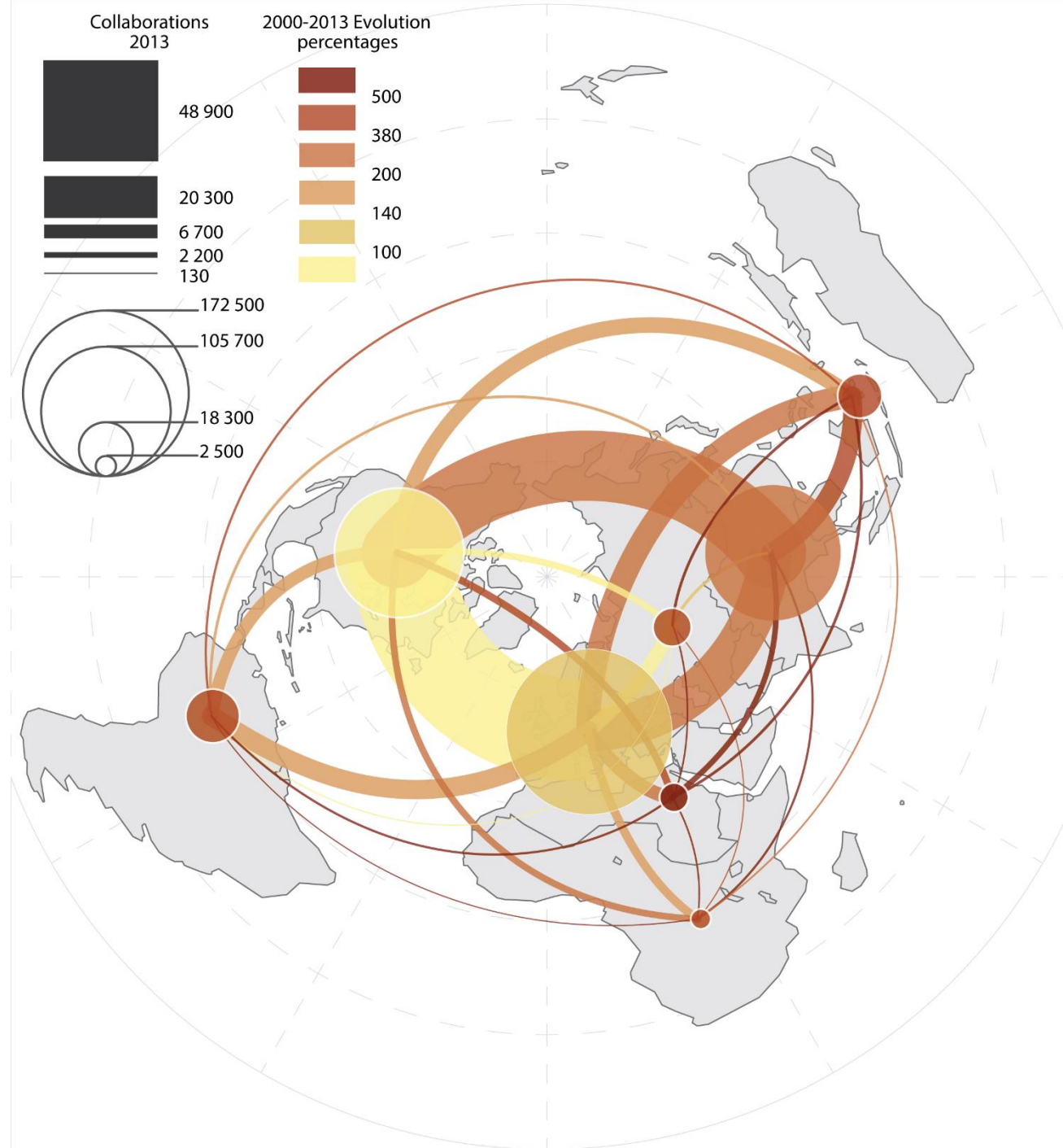
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Trends in the development of collaborative structures according to major world regions

Europe	2000*	2007*	2013*		Russian world	2000*	2007*	2013*	
Intranational Links (%)	43.0	44.1	44.3	↗	Intranational Links (%)	29.0	41.6	56.5	↗
Intra-Europe Links (%)	33.0	32.3	31.5	↘	Intra-Russian world Links(%)	3.4	3.0	2.6	↘
Links with ROW** (%)	24.1	23.6	24.2		Links with RoW ** (%)	67.7	55.4	40.9	↘
	100	100	100			100	100	100	
<i>Number of publications</i>	<i>102614</i>	<i>156549</i>	<i>227732</i>		<i>Number of publications</i>	<i>5574</i>	<i>8249</i>	<i>15797</i>	
North America	2000*	2007*	2013*		Oceanic world	2000*	2007*	2013*	
Intranational Links (%)	66.1	64.9	61.9	↘	Intranational Links (%)	36.1	34.6	35.6	
Intra-N.-Am Links (%)	5.3	5.4	4.9		Intra-Oceanic Links (%)	7.5	8.0	8.6	↗
Links with RoW** (%)	28.6	29.7	33.2	↗	Links with RoW ** (%)	56.4	57.3	55.9	
	100	100	100			100	100	100	
<i>Number of publications</i>	<i>77738</i>	<i>116079</i>	<i>158381</i>		<i>Number of publications</i>	<i>7223</i>	<i>14120</i>	<i>28454</i>	
Asiatic world	2000*	2007*	2013*		Arab world	2000*	2007*	2013*	
Intranational Links (%)	70.1	71.3	71.0	↗	Intranational Links (%)	19.6	24.7	22.5	↗
Intra-Asian Links (%)	5.5	6.4	5.5		Intra-Arab world Links (%)	9.6	11.4	20.5	↗
Links with RoW ** (%)	24.4	22.3	23.5	↘	Links with RoW ** (%)	70.8	63.8	57.0	↘
	100	100	100			100	100	100	
<i>Number of publications</i>	<i>38224</i>	<i>80890</i>	<i>149438</i>		<i>Number of publications</i>	<i>1730</i>	<i>3903</i>	<i>12243</i>	
Latin America	2000*	2007*	2013*		Sub-saharan Africa	2000*	2007*	2013*	
Intranational Links (%)	43.3	56.0	60.8	↗	Intranational Links (%)	25.6	28.1	28.1	↗
Intra-Lat-Am Links (%)	8.5	7.1	6.3	↘	Intra-Sub-s Africa Links (%)	6.6	9.3	10.6	↗
Links with RoW ** (%)	48.2	36.9	32.9	↘	Links with RoW ** (%)	67.8	62.5	61.3	↘
	100	100	100			100	100	100	
<i>Number of publications</i>	<i>6866</i>	<i>15124</i>	<i>27364</i>		<i>Number of publications</i>	<i>1760</i>	<i>3546</i>	<i>6614</i>	

Source: SCI Expanded (articles, reviews, letters)

Note : *Fractional whole number counting (WNC), three-year moving average. **ROW = Rest of World.



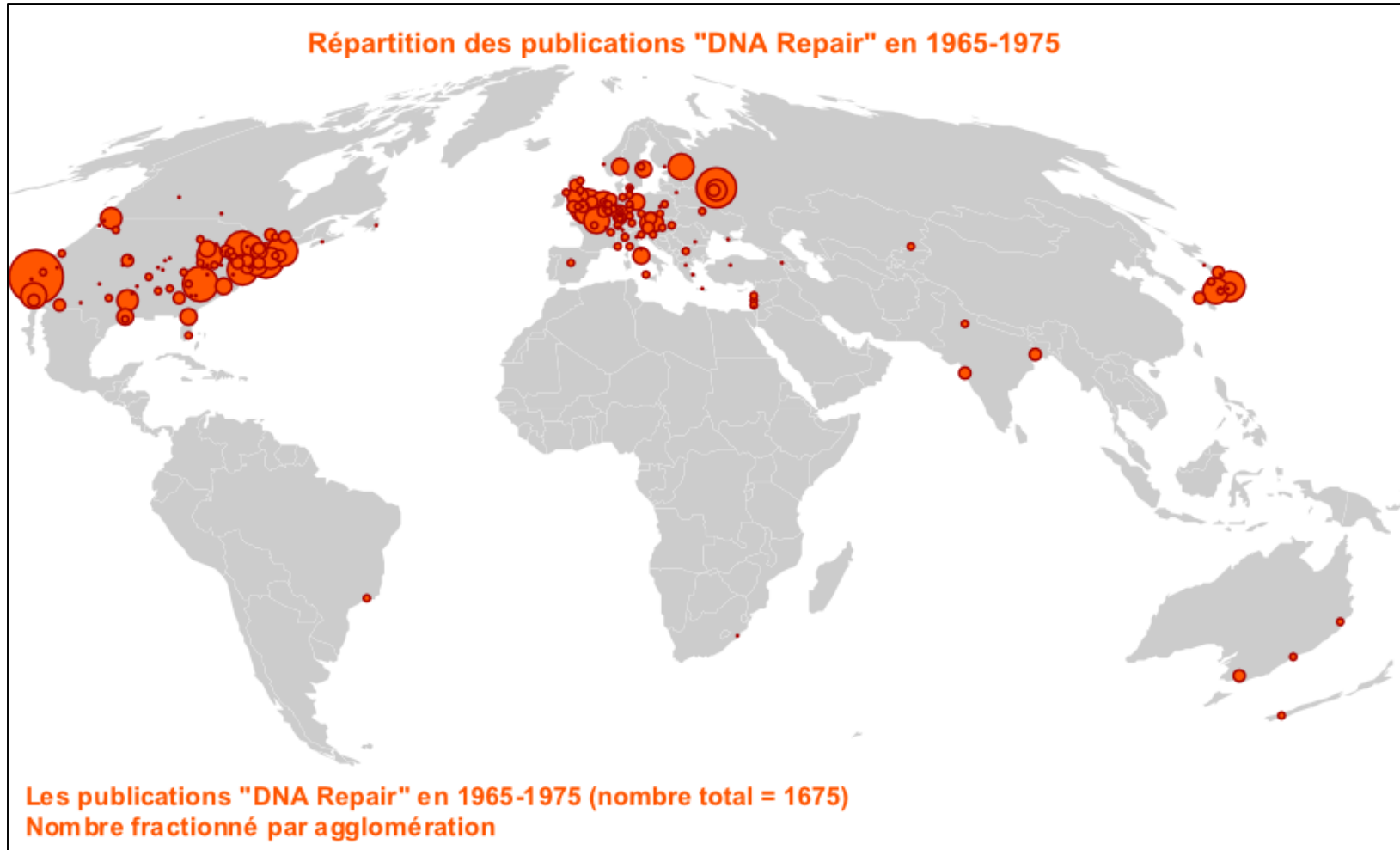
Main results

- An increasingly multi-centric structure of scientific collaboration (Glänzel et al, 2008; Henneman et al, 2012; Maisonobe et al, 2016)
- Overall growth of all types of collaborations to the detriment of single author articles
- An higher growth of intra-national collaborations in countries where the deconcentration process of the production have been the most intensive between 2000 and 2013
- The integration of China into the world network + the importance of intra-national links in the structuration and the growth of the world network
- Higher growth of macro-regional collaborations inside the Arab World and inside the Sub-saharian area
- Higher growth of collaborations between the macro-regional areas that are the most peripheric (South-South cooperation)

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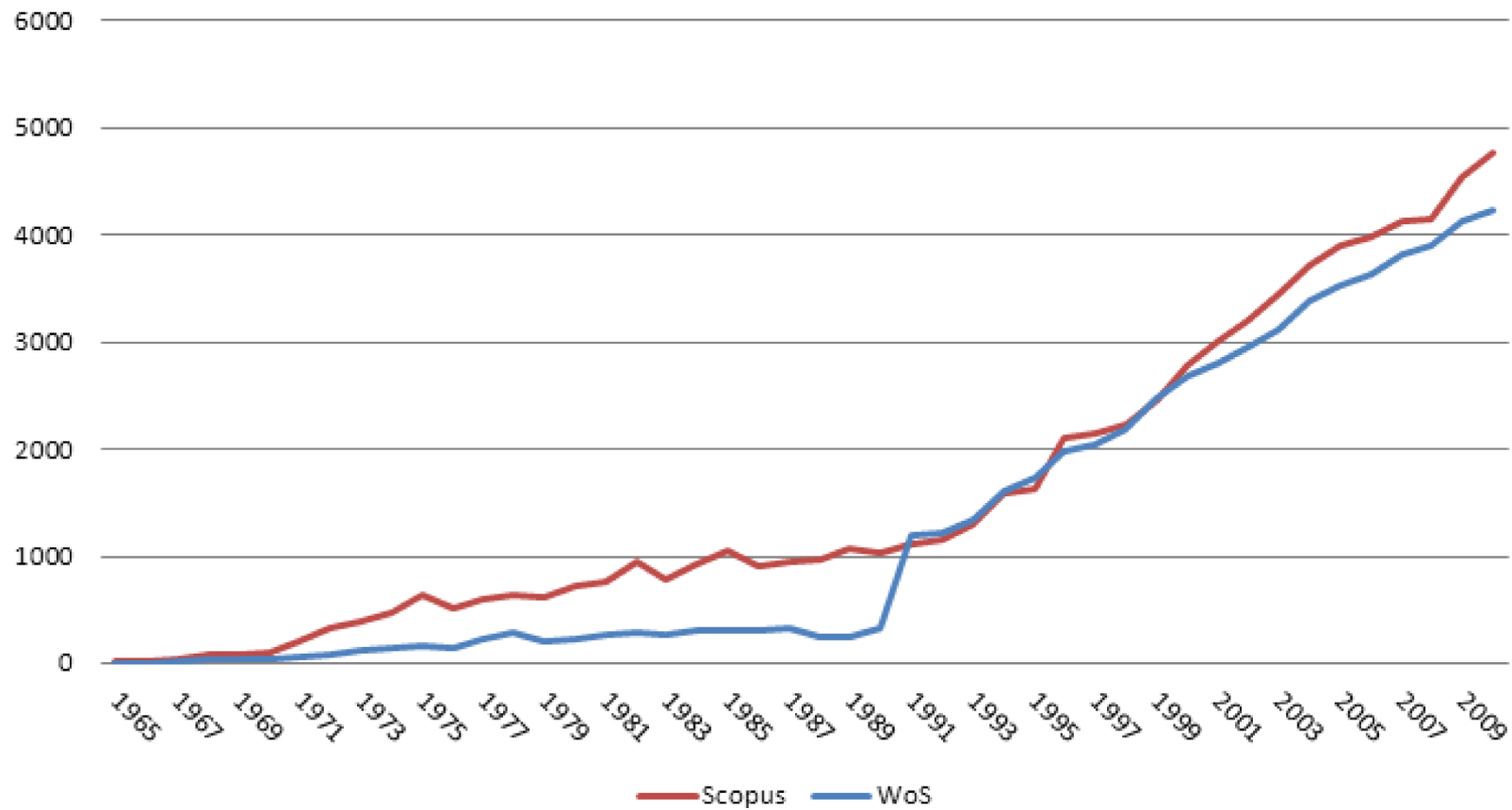
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The spatial emergence of DNA Repair studies

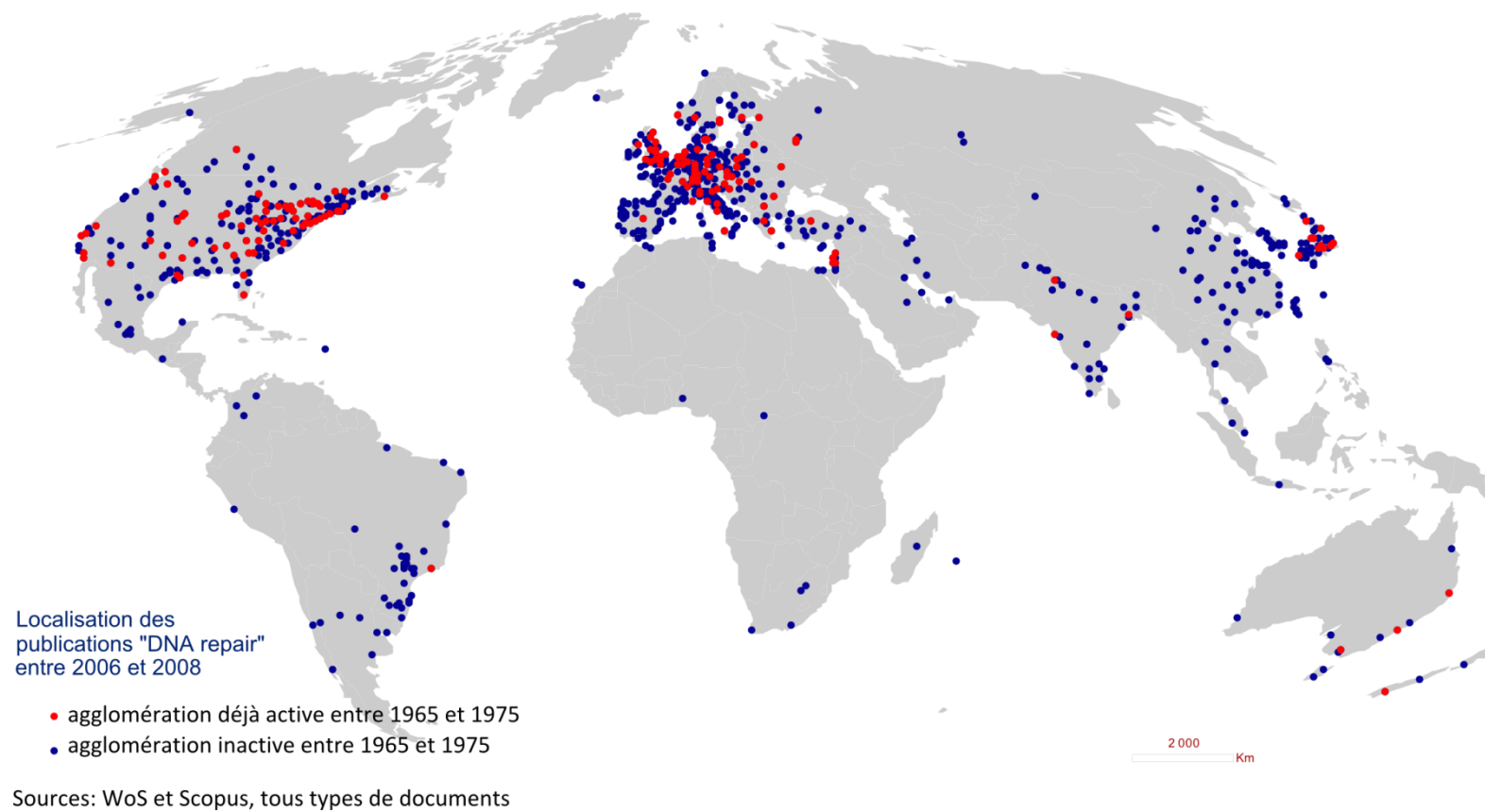
Number of DNA Repair publications per year



Two bibliographic databases:

the Web of Science (Thomson Reuters) and Scopus (Elsevier)

The spatial diffusion of the DNA Repair community



**A geographic spread from three sources:
USA, Europe, Japan (the Triad)**

Following pioneers trajectories

Authors having signed at least 10 « DNA Repair » publications between 1965-1975

Smith, K.C.

Cleaver, J.E.

Bridges, B.A.

Stich, H.F.

Setlow, R.B.

Painter, R.B.

Altmann, H.

Hanawalt, P.C.

Fox, M.

Lieberman, M.W.

Zasukhina, G.D.

Gaziev, A.I.

Skavronskaya, A.G.

Witkin, E.M.

Eberl, R.

Kondo, S.

Regan, J.D.

Roberts, J.J.

Setlow, J.K.

Trosko, J.E.

Wu, R.

Bootsma, D.

Cerutti, P.A.

Dubinina, N.P.

Elkind, M.M.

Harm, W.

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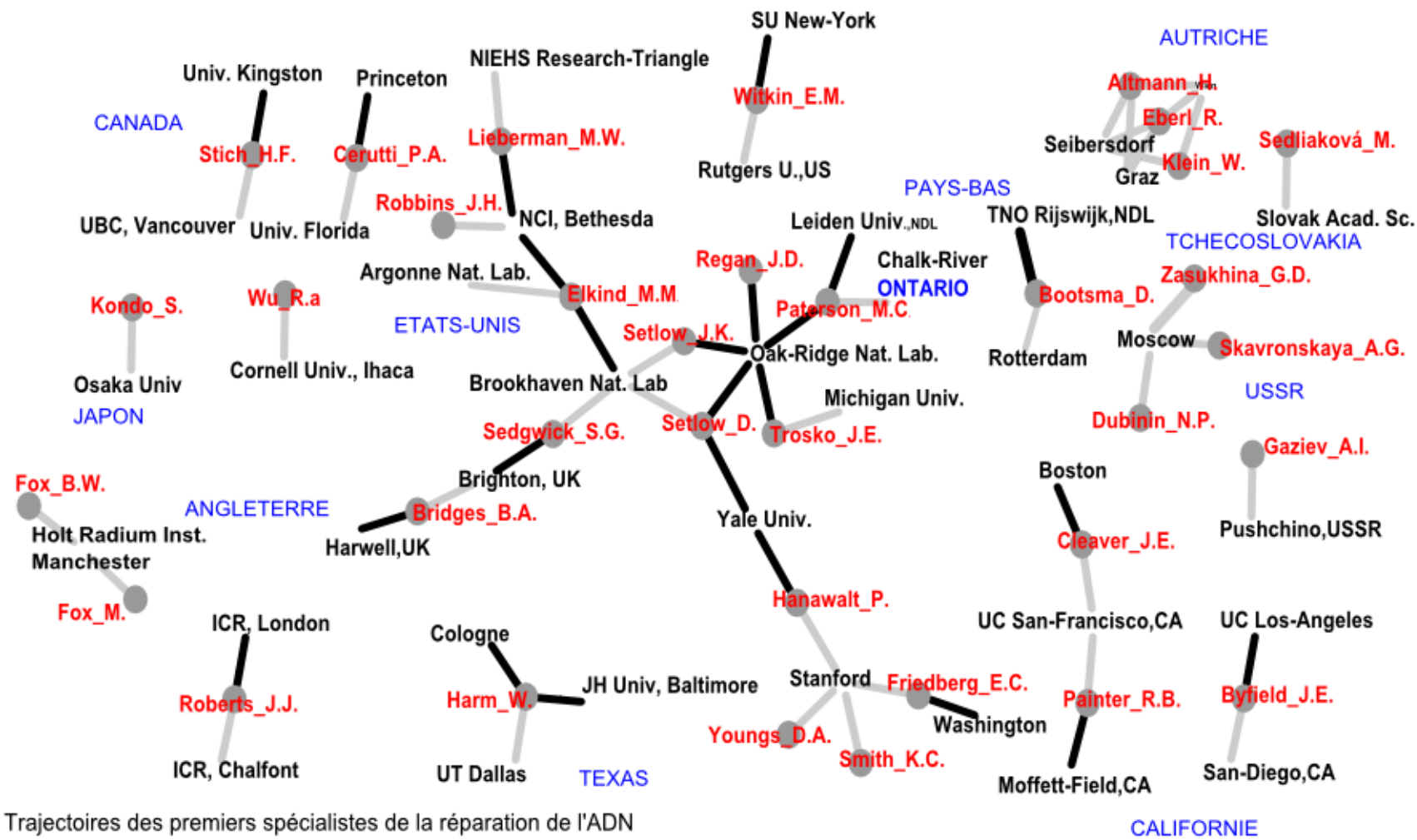
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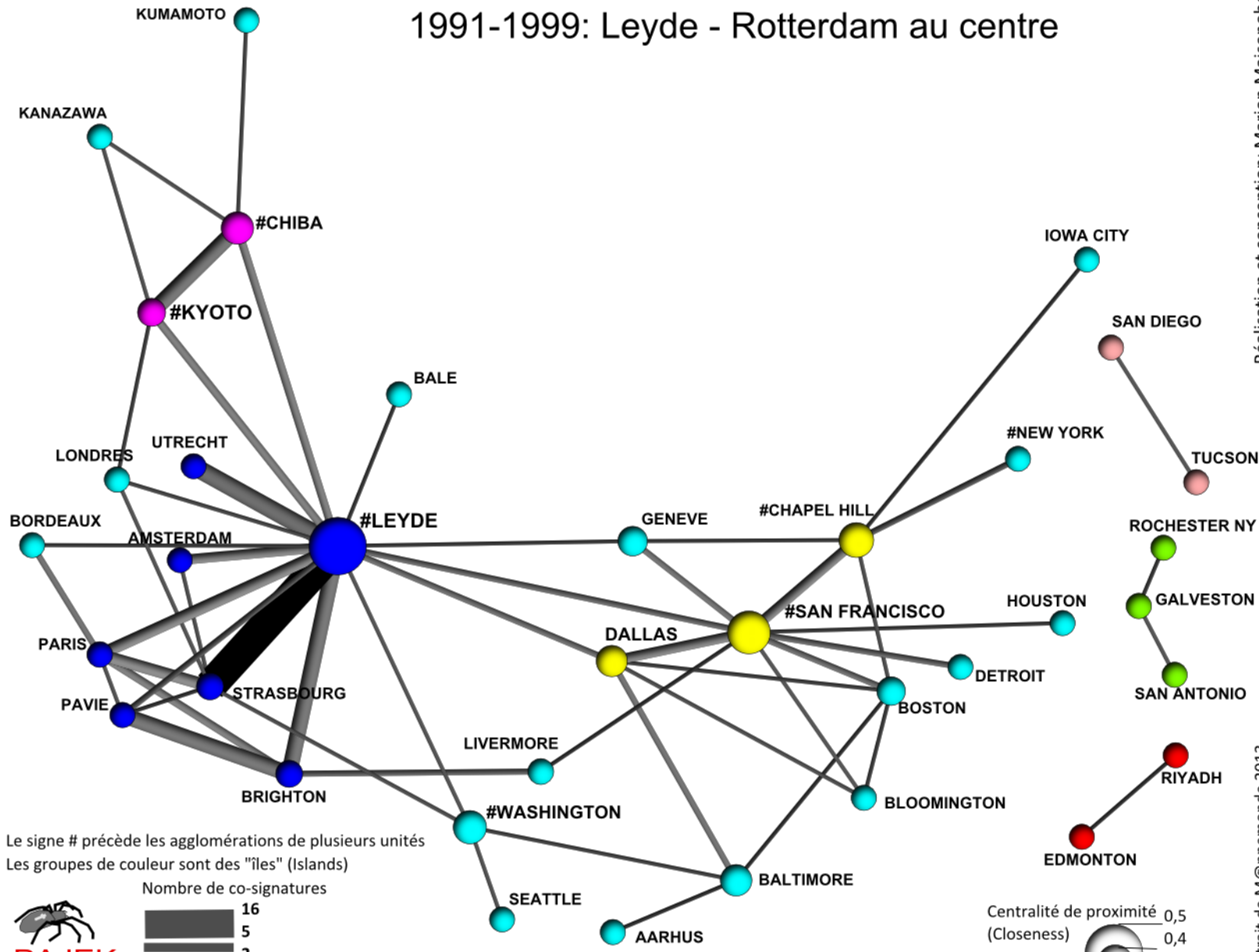
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Conception et réalisation: Marion Maisonneuve

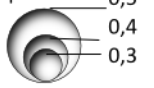
1991-1999: Leyde - Rotterdam au centre



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 Nombre de co-signatures

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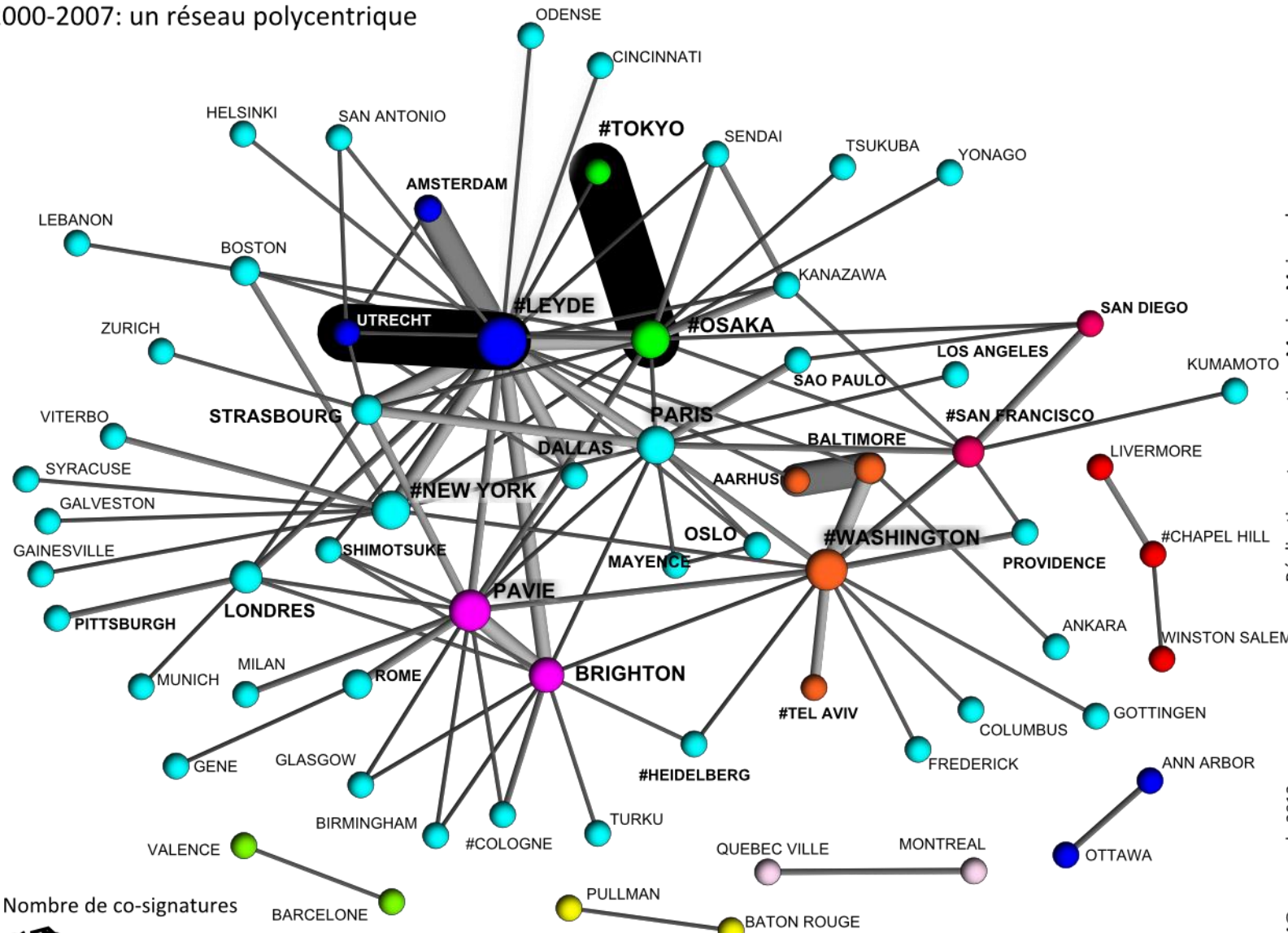
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Centralité de proximité (Closeness)


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Extrait de M@ppemonde 2013

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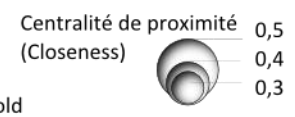


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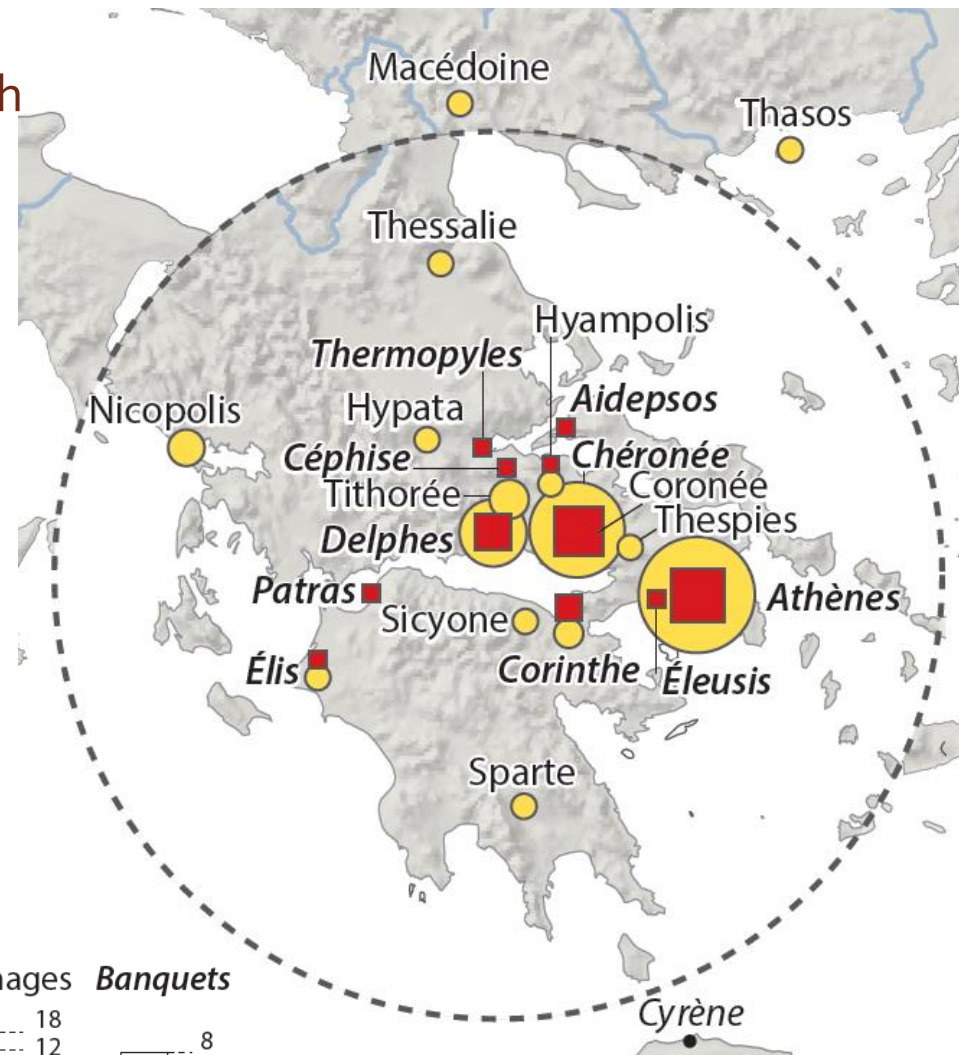
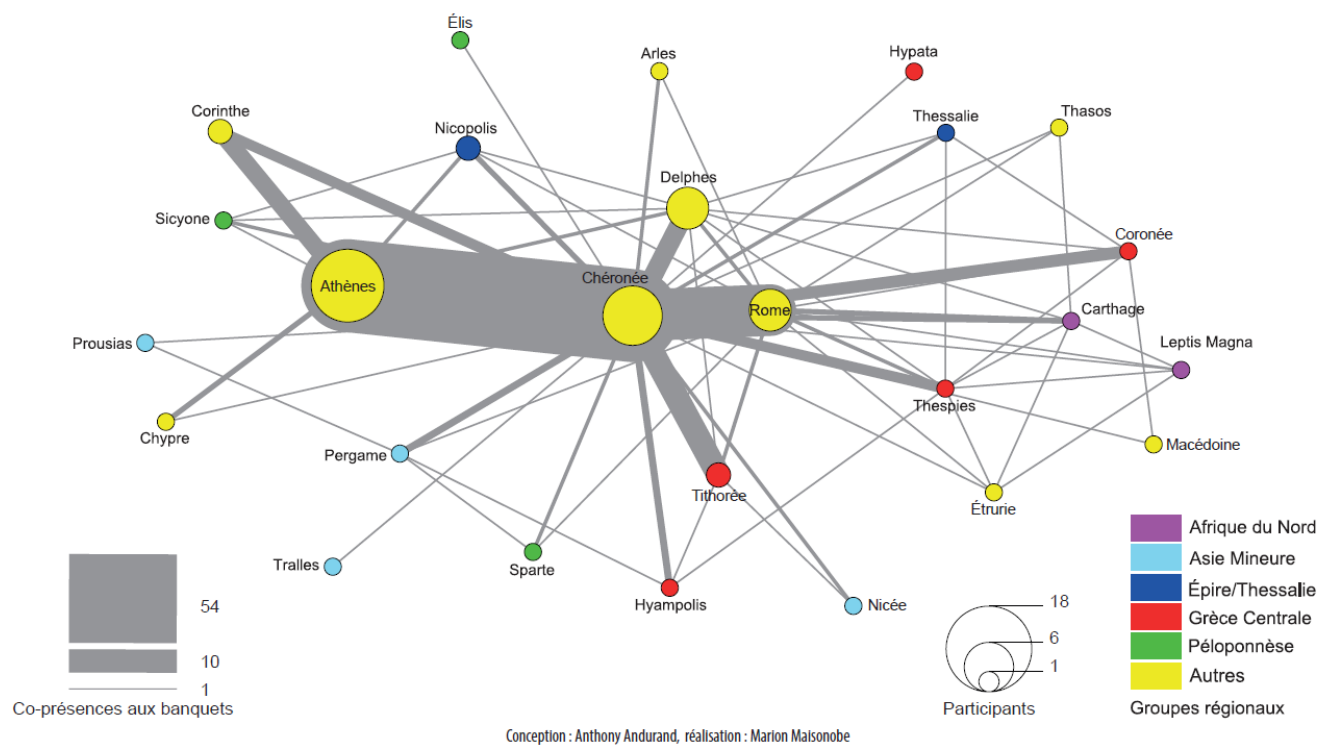
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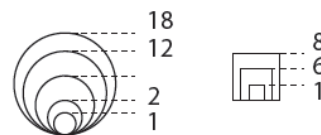
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- The evolution of material and documentary evidence available through time and the combination of two visualization tools: the map and the network which works for each period
- **See the example of Plutarch's *Table Talks***
- And the example of the contemporary scientific production indexed in the *Web of Science*

The localization of characters, banquets, and the copresence links to the banquets described by Plutarch



Personnages Banquets



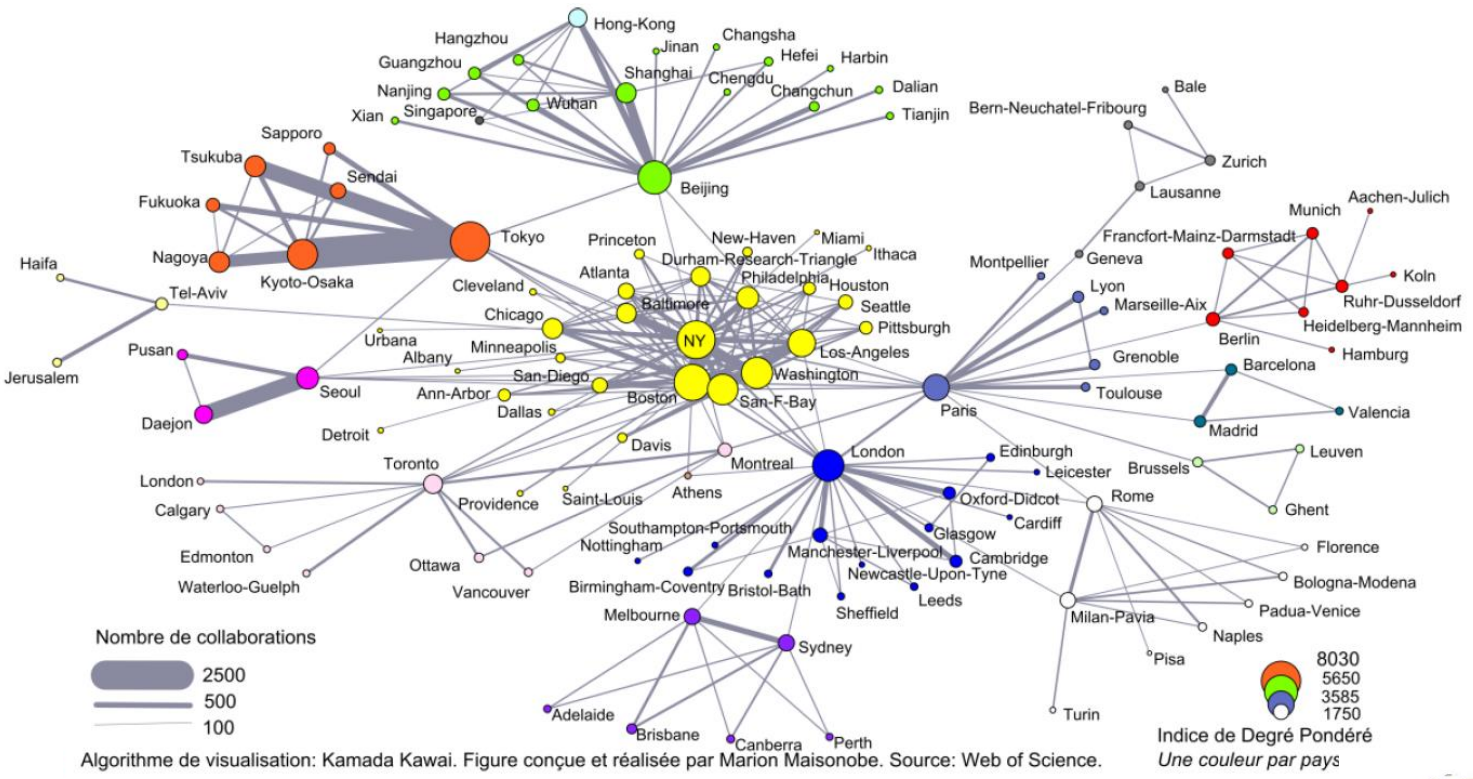
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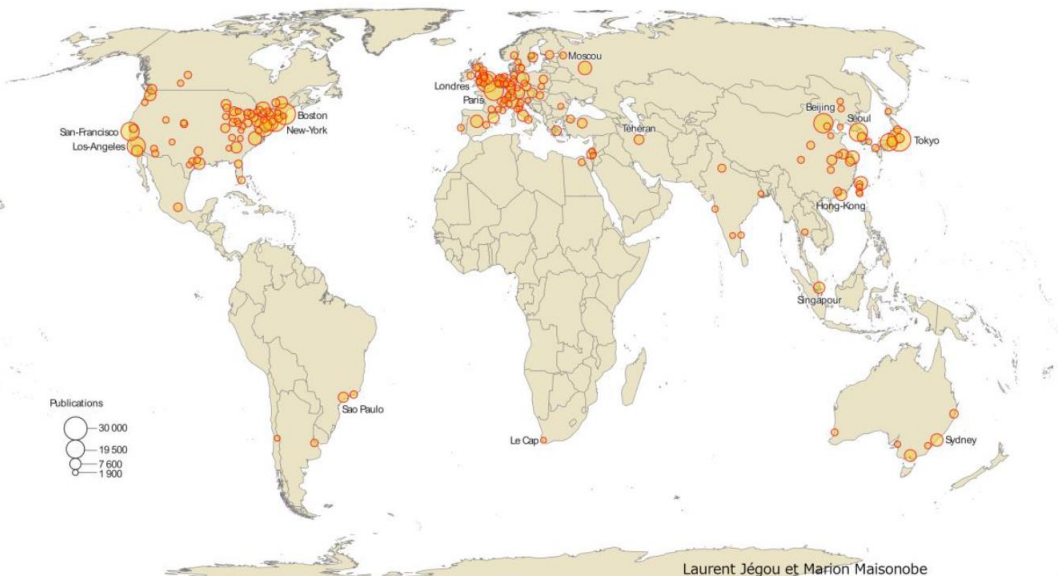
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Main Component of the worldwide network of collaborations scientists between cities in 2007



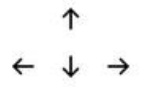
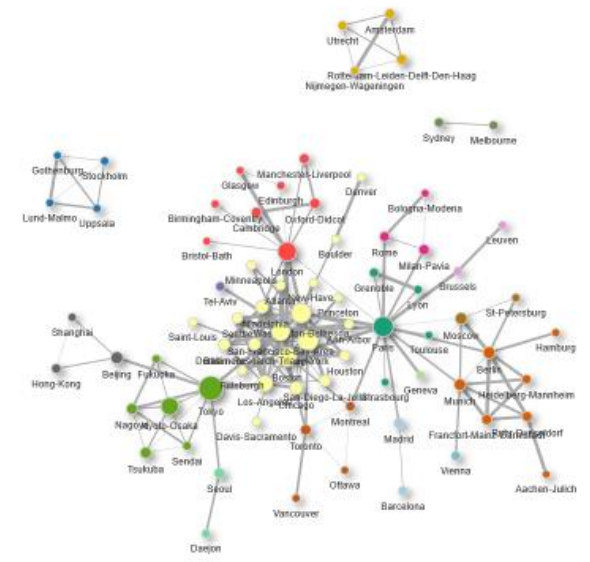
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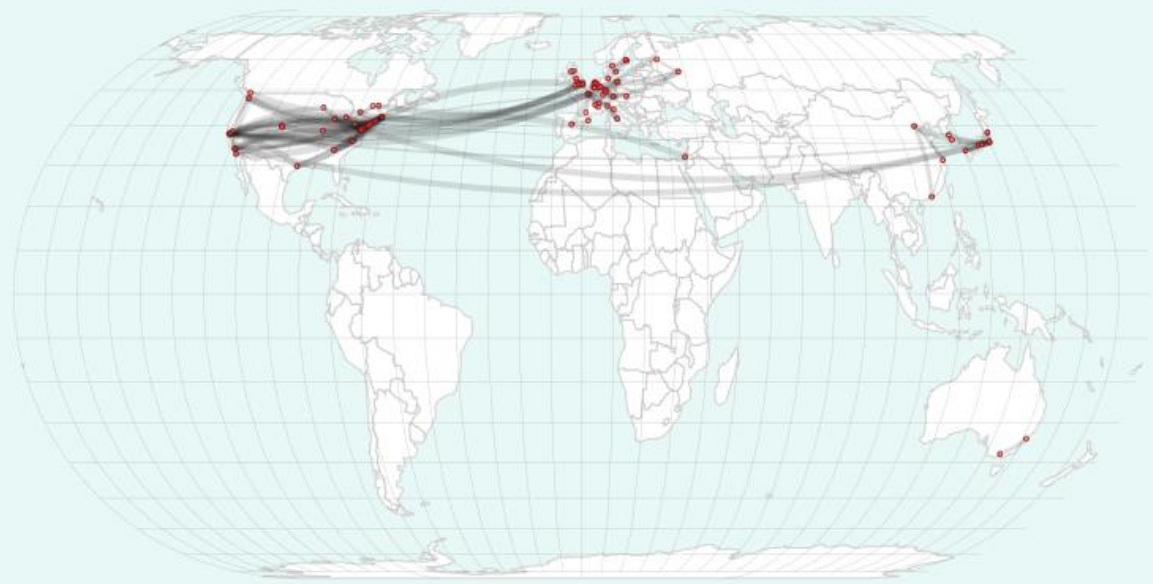
Visualization of networks dynamics

- We propose a new web platform which combines the functions of two JavaScript librairies (Vis.js + D3). The functions of Vis.js are also available via the R package « VisNetwork ».
- We want to apply this methodology to scientific collaboration and citation networks between cities and countries through time
- We consider the option of creating an R packkage → allowing to integrate these two types of visual outputs on an interactive basis, for instance in a « flexdashboard »

- Aachen-Julich
- Australia



Projection : Type de carte : Flux Publications · Année :



Perspectives and conclusion

MACRO

- Comparing the evolution of cooperation network by disciplines
- Studying the evolution of citation networks between cities

MICRO

- Studying the inter-regional level: the case of an inter-regional network in green chemistry (INCREASE) in the West of France
- Studying the evolution of the field of urban modelling in the big data context and the entrance of new actors in the field (data scientists)

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