The conundrum of scientific collaboration in a competitive science: individual motivations and social contexts

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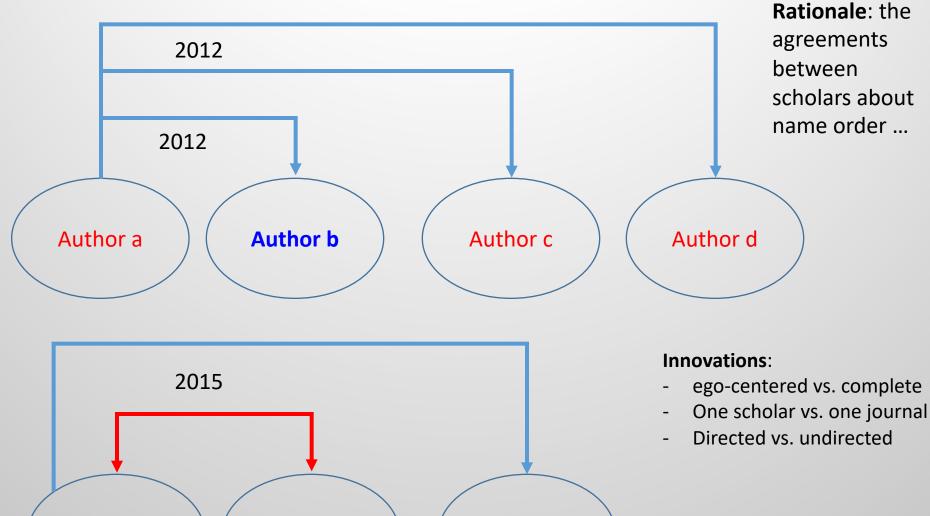
Adjacency lists based on papers' author names

Paper 1: author a, author b, author c, author d (2012) ..., ...

Paper 2: author b, author a, author d (2015) ..., ...

Author a

Author b

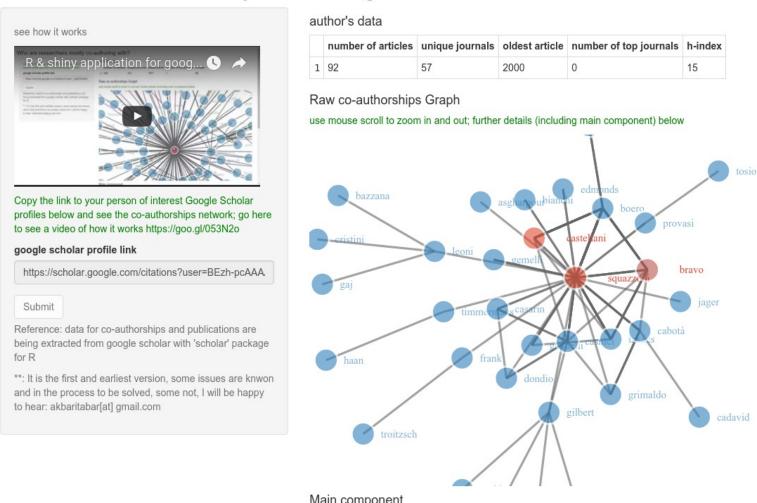


Author d

Ego = author b

A shiny web application of R function developed for data crawl

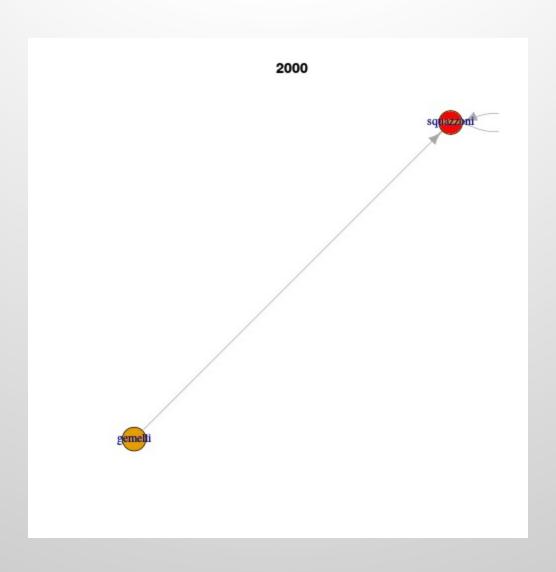
Who are researchers mostly co-authoring with?



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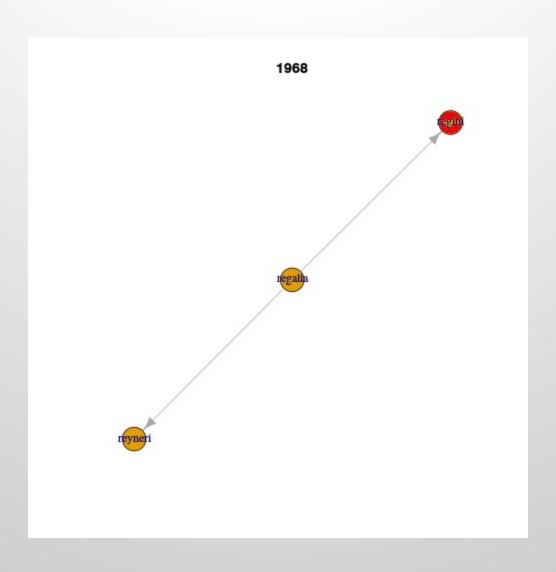
Trend of changes in co-authorships

(middle aged, associate professor, 2000 – 2015)



Trend of changes in co-authorships

(aged, full professor, 1968 – 2015)



Introduction to my turtles;)

- ca -> ca
- Create-turtles Scholars
- Create-Links collaboration (co-authorships, co-citation, shared keywords, personal networks)
- Scholars-own:
 - Tenure or not
 - Gender
 - Age
 - ethnicity
 - Field (sociology, anthropology, demography, ABM ...)
 - Status and value homophily
 - · Organizational foci
 - Means-ends rationalization

Empirical and policy implications

- I hope to understand the individual strategies in scientific collaborations;
 efficient strategies to suggest to others
- I hope to find ways to decrease the expenses in economy of science like university and research expenses through suggesting more fruitful strategies of collaboration
- How institutes can improve research initiatives and motivate scholars
- Where to publish, to get more noticed and build better collaborations in future
- Students, where to apply, where to affiliate, who to work with (personality and strategies); (online laboratory, give your past, know your future)
- Is it the university and department that matters, or individual initiative ...
- Maybe better evaluation indexes for universities, departments, fields ...