



# Italian opinion on Twitter about measles vaccination

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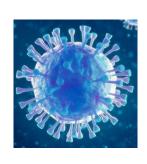
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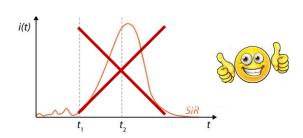


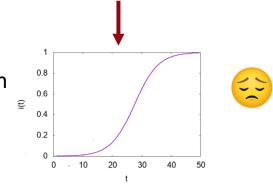


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Whole life immunity





VACCINE HESITANCY ←

Not vaccinated children

- Fear about side effects
- Belief that children's immune system too immature
- Fake-news about vaccine-induced autism

2017

5000 measles cases

Lorenzin decree



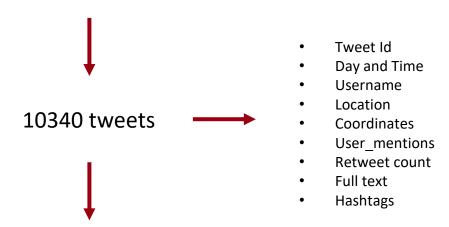


863838208798412803 Sun May 14 19:27:32 +0000 2017 724648551561728000 Valdagno, Veneto

- From May to December 2017
- 2 times per month 2 200 tweets per month

0 RT @mcocucci: Vaccinazioni e morbillo: oltre 2...

- Queries with Italian words/hashtags
- 28 combinations of words/hashtags:
   vaccine-related + measles-related



#### 6279 geolocalized tweets

tweet_id	created_at	username	location	coordinates	user_mentions	retweetcount	full_text	hashtags

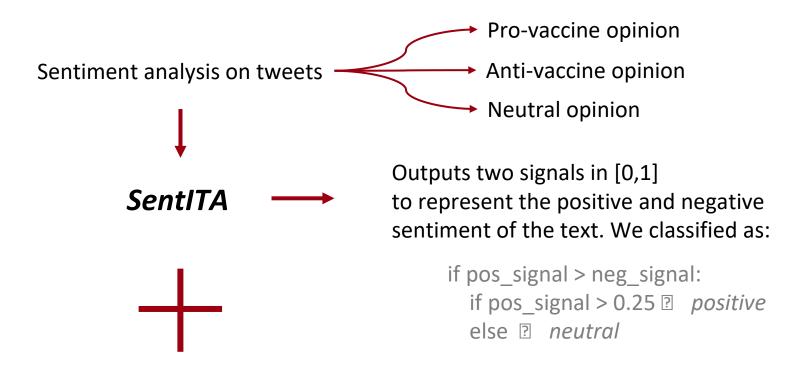
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### 3. Sentiment Analysis



Opinion-related words during the queries to Twitter API

PRO-WORDS	NEG-WORDS		
Provax	Antivax		
Freevax	Novax		
IoVaccino	noobbligovaccinale		
	libertàdiscelta		





Map cities' name into the corresponding regions' name using a dictionary with 100 cities



The overall opinion of the each region was computed as:

$$\frac{\#pro - \#con}{\#pro + \#con + \#neutral}$$

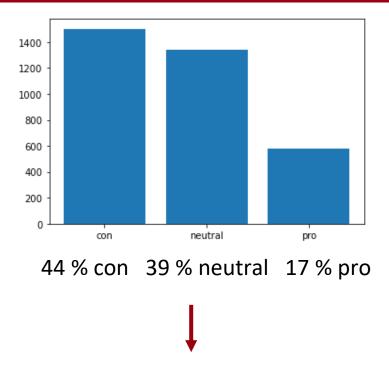


Python library to assign coordinates to each region

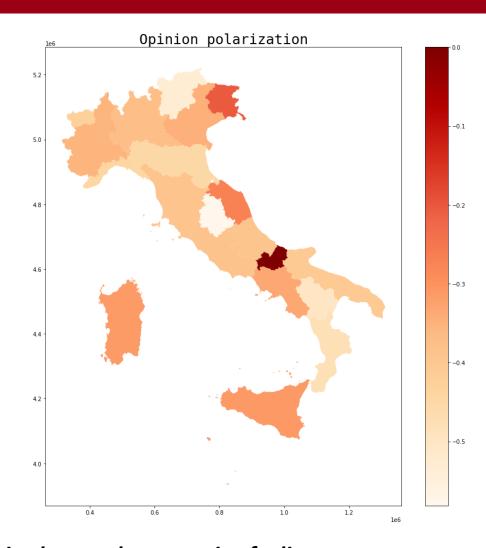
location	count	lat	lon	pro	con	neutral	Opinion
lazio	724	44.525696	11.039437	48	327	349	-0.385359
Iombardia	523	37.587794	14.155048	48	242	233	-0.370937
toscana	514	37.587794	14.155048	61	261	192	-0.389105
sicilia	441	43.458654	11.138920	54	191	196	-0.310658
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abruzzo	23	37.587794	14.155048	1	10	12	-0.391304
valled'aosta	7	41.980804	12.766231	0	3	4	-0.428571
basilicata	2	40.860672	14.843984	0	1	1	-0.500000
molise	1	45.647666	11.866525	0	0	1	0.000000



## 5. Results of the first analysis



- Affected from the tool used for the sentiment analysis
- Depend on the threshold (set to 0.25)



The opinion in each region is polarized towards a negative feeling about measles vaccine



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	2	16giugno	3	0	0	1.000000						
	3	18luglio	18	0	0	1.000000				$v_{2}$		
	4	18novembre	2	1	0	0.666667				- 2		9

We decided to create a bipartite with users and hashtags as nodes sets



**BIPARTITE**: 1528 nodes, avg. degree 4.5

**USER**: 1049 nodes, avg. degree 575.2

**HASHTAG**: 479 nodes, avg. degree 65.2

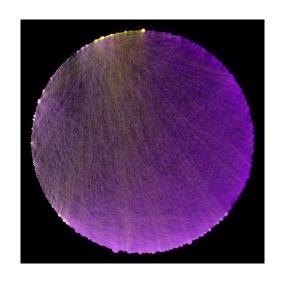
#### filtering:

users with weights < 2 hashtags with weights < 1

**USER**: 397 nodes, avg. degree 53.2 **HASHTAG**: 206 nodes, avg. degree 22.4



	density	connected	diameter	avg. path length	gamma
user net.	0.12	no	4	2.05	7.6
hashtag net.	0.11	no	4	1.94	2.75



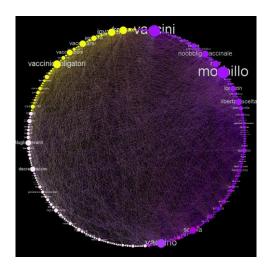
- 397 nodes
- 387 belonging to the giant component
- 54 average degree
- Only 5.53 % positive opinion
- Hubs present mainly in negative opinion group
- Average path length 2.04  $\longrightarrow$   $\ln(\ln(N)) = 1.8$
- 6 communities

#### Legend:

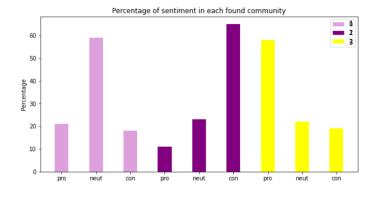
- Users with a positive opinion
- Users with a negative opinion
- Users with a neutral opinion







- 206 nodes
- 204 belonging to the giant component
- 22 average degree
- 18 % positive
- 3 communities

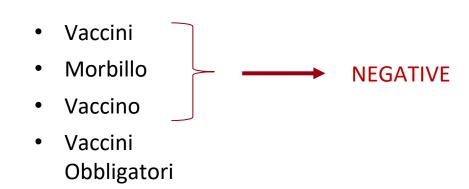




#### Communication?

	To comm 1	To comm 2	To comm 3
comm 1	79.0	8.0	13.0
comm 2	38.0	46.0	16.0
comm 3	37.0	19.0	44.0

#### **HUBS**:





- Limited dataset



- Sentiment analysis
- Amount of tweets per regions
- Network with few nodes

	location	pro	con	neutral
0	piemonte	33	112	79
1	valled'aosta	0	3	4
2	Iombardia	48	242	233

- Bigger and well-proportioned dataset
- Training a network in a customized dataset
- Extract more information on opinions between and with regions
- Compare different periods
- Compare opinion with medical data

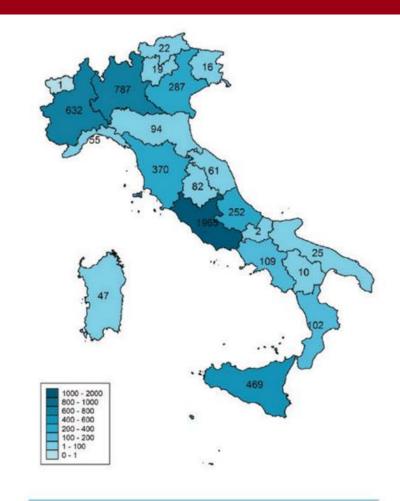


Figura 2. Distribuzione dei casi di morbillo segnalati per Regione. Italia 2017 (N = 5.407).

**Taken from**: L'epidemia di morbillo in Italia nel 2017.

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