

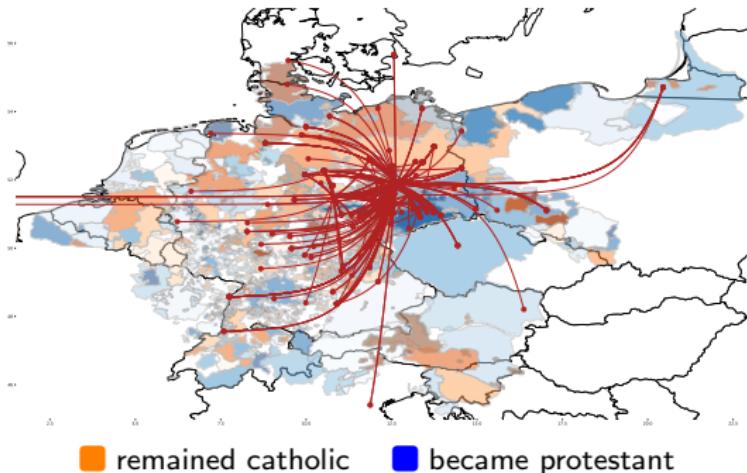


Letter network to test theory

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Letter correspondence network to test theory



- 16th century Europe: territorial states
- Reformation: Protestantism vs Catholicism
- Data: my own semi-automated compilation
- Why did some territories become Protestant?
- How to test existing theories on data?
- Test **theory of confessionalisation¹**
 - Quantify 7 factors (predictors)
 - E.g., transfer of 'top-theologians' from **letter correspondence network**
 - Logistic Regression: test predictors' effect on switch to Protestantism
- **Odds ratios:** x times more likely to switch
 - Having university: 1.52
 - For each day Melanchthon (famous) visited: 1.30
 - For each day Salzmann (unknown) visited: 1.27

Take home

Unknown reformer was as important as famous one.
Analysis points at neglected persons of Reformation.

1 Stievermann, Dieter (1996):
Evangelische Territorien im Konfessionalisierungsprozess.