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Here, we show some preliminary results in a new framework that we are developing to analyse research in a wider context. Rather than limit our view of publications outputs to “number of outputs” or “times cited” we have attempted to quantify “connectedness”. This approach raises many questions: Do researchers prefer to work with colleagues who are physically close to them? Do stronger research institutions collaborate with each other in preference? Are the most successful institutions (by standard measures) also the most collaborative institutions?

