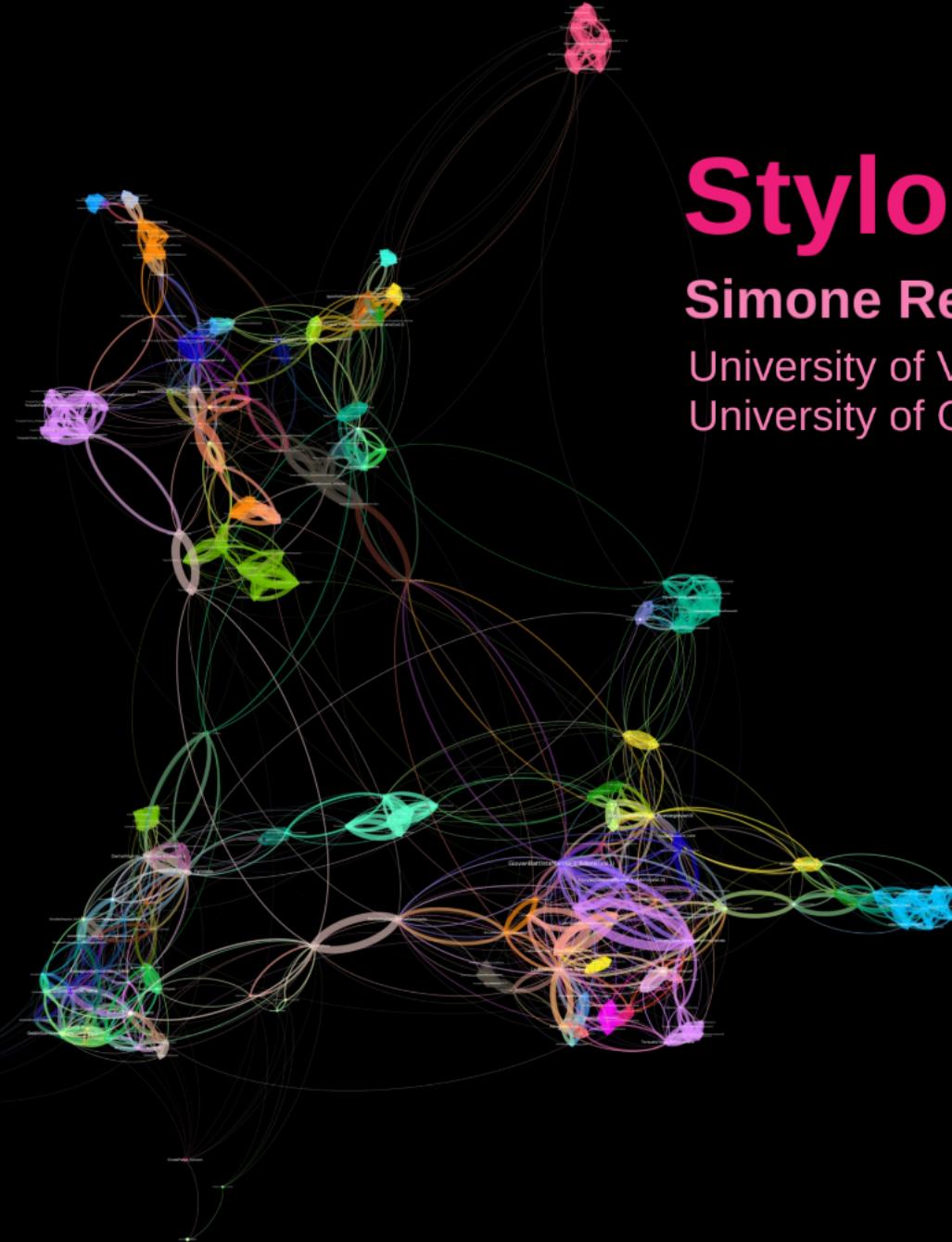


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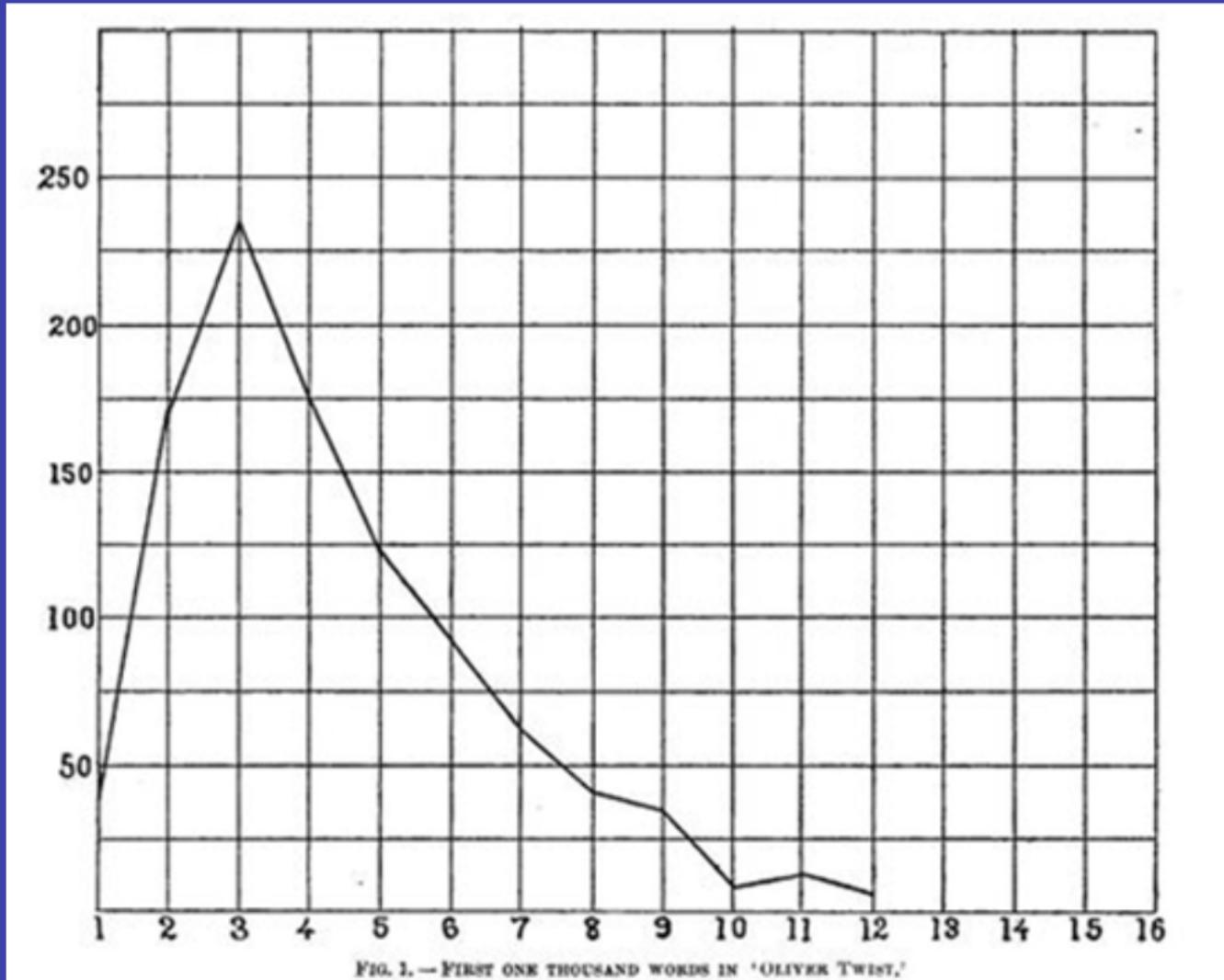
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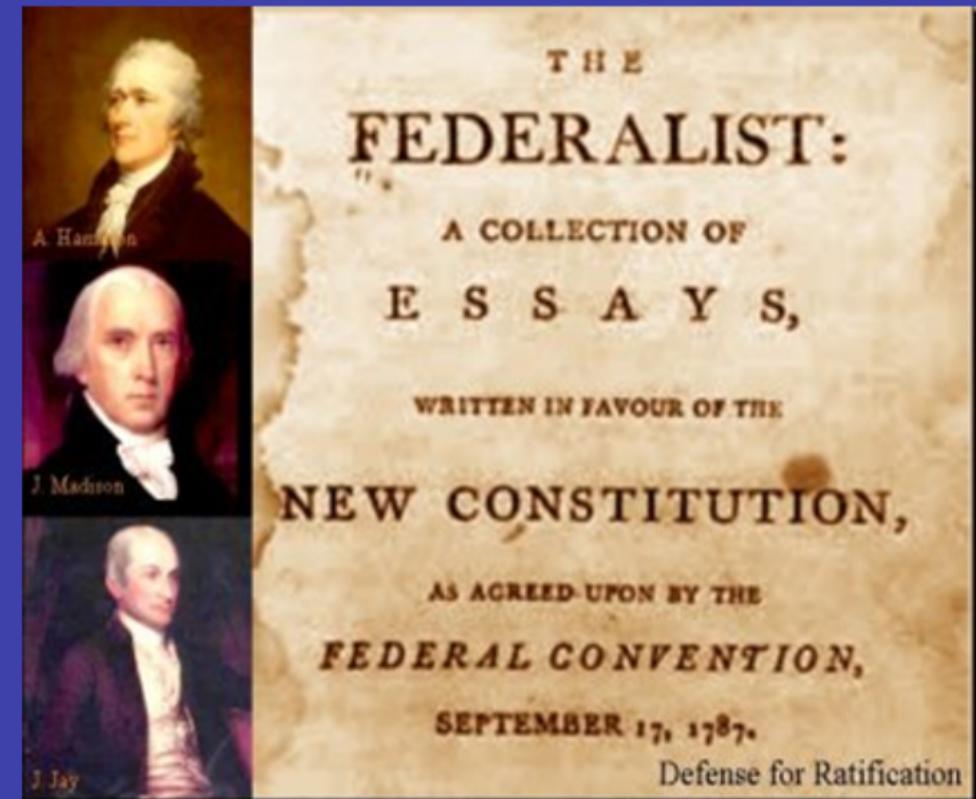


Mendenhall, T. C.  
(1887). "The  
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Composition". *Science*.  
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# A history of successes...

- 3 authors (A. Hamilton, J. Madison, J. Jay)
- 85 articles and essays written in 1787-1788, under the pseudonym “Publius”
- frequency of 165 words (mainly functional)

	enough	while	whilst	upon
<b>Hamilton</b>	0.59	0.26	0	2.93
<b>Madison</b>	0	0	0.47	0.16
<b>Disputed texts</b>	0	0	0.34	0.08
<b>Co-authored texts</b>	0.18	0	0.36	0.36



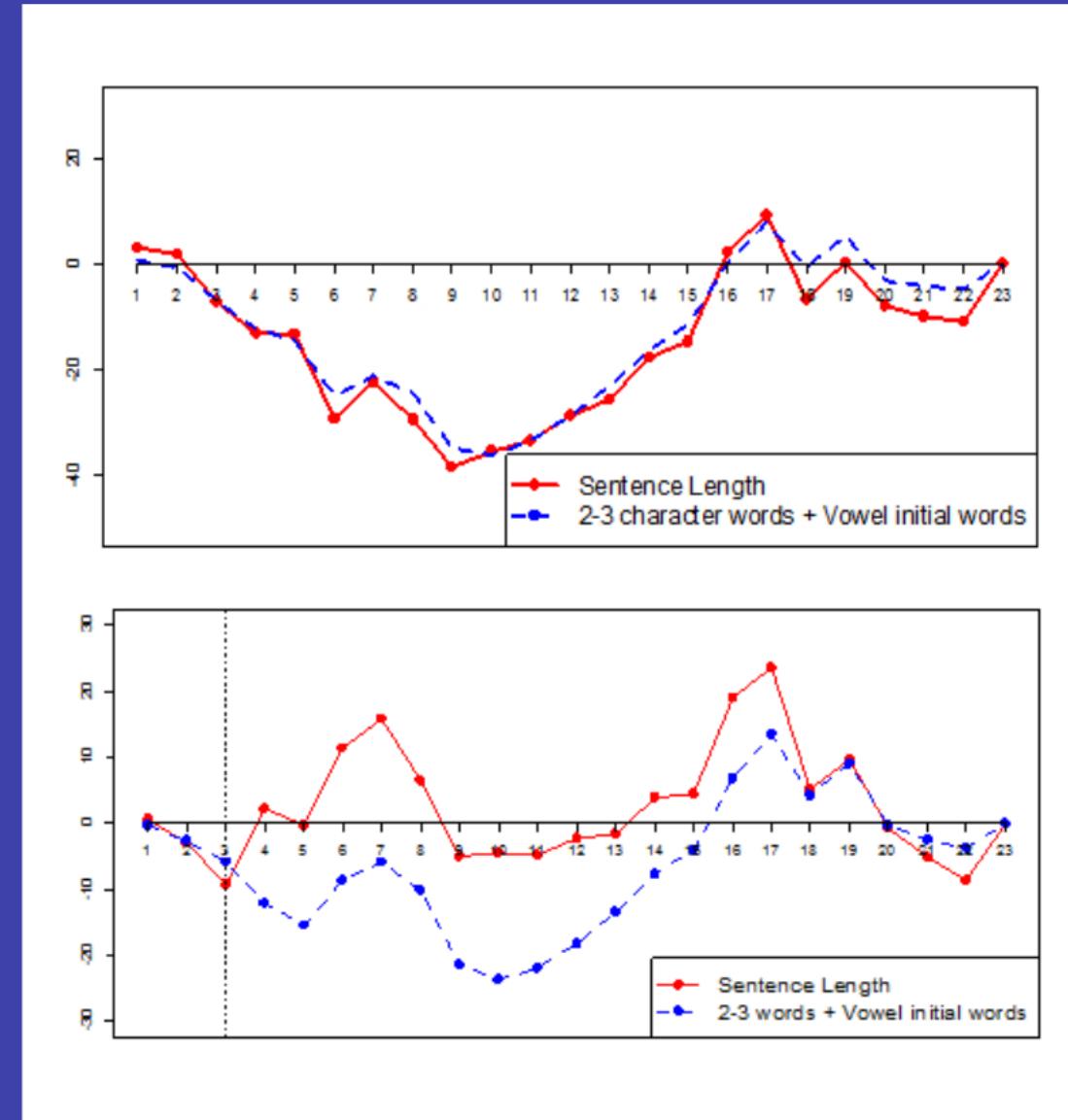
Mosteller & Wallace (1964)

# ....and Epic Failures

- Andrew Morton in the early '60 adapted Cumulative Sum – CUSUM or QSUM (a method which originally was used in the industrial quality control) to be used in texts.

- BBC live show (1993)

Documents of convicted criminals were attributed to ...  
the Secretary of State for Justice!!!



# The Revolution

## **'Delta': a Measure of Stylistic Difference and a Guide to Likely Authorship<sup>1</sup>**

**"Literary and Linguistic Computing"**  
**17, no. 3**  
**(2002): 267–87**

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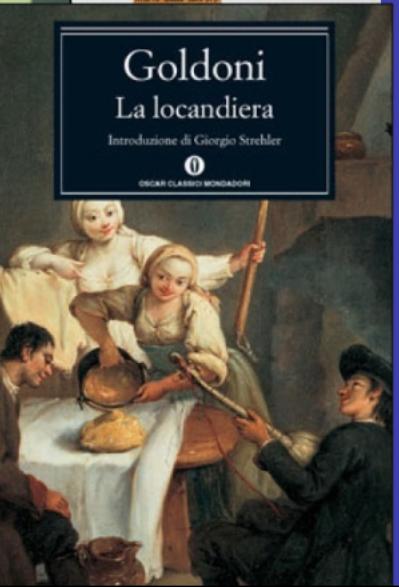
### **Abstract**

This paper is a companion to my 'Questions of authorship: attribution and beyond', in which I sketched a new way of using the relative frequencies of the very common words for comparing written texts and testing their likely authorship. The main emphasis of that paper was not on the new procedure but on the broader consequences of our increasing sophistication in making such comparisons and the increasing (although never absolute) reliability of our inferences about authorship. My present objects, accordingly, are to give a more complete account of the procedure itself; to report the outcome of an extensive set of trials; and to consider the strengths and limitations of the new procedure. The procedure offers a simple but comparatively accurate addition to our current methods of distinguishing the most likely author of texts exceeding about 1,500 words in length. It is of even greater value as a method of reducing the field of likely candidates for texts of as little as 100 words in length. Not unexpectedly, it



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# Delta Distance

dico verso più sì fatto  
 mano tutti una stessa aveva  
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$$\Delta_{(AB)} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left| \frac{A_i - \mu_i}{\sigma_i} - \frac{B_i - \mu_i}{\sigma_i} \right|$$

A	B	C	D	E	F
	AlessandroManzoni_Adelchi	AlessandroManzoni_IIContediCarmagnola	AlessandroManzoni_InniSacri	AlessandroManzoni_Odi	AlessandroManzoni_Poesiegio
2	AlessandroManzoni_Adelchi	0	0,481290655	0,666926925	0,738545533
3	AlessandroManzoni_IIContediCarmagnola	0,481290655	0	0,746348745	0,814261157
4	AlessandroManzoni_InniSacri	0,666926925	0,746348745	0	0,633663965
5	AlessandroManzoni_Odi	0,738545533	0,814261157	0,633663965	0,7338
6	AlessandroManzoni_Poesiegiovanili	0,568820863	0,654375023	0,634854567	0,7338
7	CarloGoldoni_GlInnamorati	0,980786338	0,936018177	1,013723738	1,101305203
8	CarloGoldoni_IICampiello	1,016924762	1,031300757	1,018625104	1,092680684
9	CarloGoldoni_IIServitorediduePadroni	0,94860233	0,9266662976	0,976288639	1,080804722
10	CarloGoldoni_IITeatrocomico	0,915941412	0,896367382	0,971870697	1,085346366
11	CarloGoldoni_IIVentaglio	1,011953514	1,00041649	1,074888328	1,131792245
12	CarloGoldoni_IRusteghi	1,089096895	1,124315967	1,047451935	1,1240649
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16	CarloGoldoni_LeBaruffechiozzotte	1,051753673	1,103993387	1,018834132	1,082447143
17	CarloGoldoni_LeFemminepuntigliose	0,940334542	0,938723973	1,008461186	1,076438004
18	CarloGoldoni_LeSmanieperlaVilleggiatura	1,023938091	0,964832878	1,056736183	1,148650567
19	CarloGoldoni_UnadelleultimeserediCarnovale	1,045847956	1,085480986	1,047945641	1,10681856
20	VittorioAlfieri_Agamennone	0,684514153	0,743793265	0,829452563	0,905939302
21	VittorioAlfieri_Antigone	0,73781244	0,801189414	0,824156384	0,91495815
22	VittorioAlfieri_Brustosecondo	0,675393312	0,675937144	0,830722082	0,910174086
23	VittorioAlfieri_Filippo	0,69672213	0,73856813	0,806194725	0,93419818
24	VittorioAlfieri_MariaStuarda	0,693145931	0,715015202	0,806081448	0,948928306
25	VittorioAlfieri_Merope	0,735463235	0,783055974	0,855979157	0,971583955
26	VittorioAlfieri_Mirra	0,76329317	0,819104452	0,864045202	0,9659327
27	VittorioAlfieri_Oreste	0,70530237	0,777981376	0,829335057	0,930970217
28	VittorioAlfieri_Ottavia	0,762895099	0,791949819	0,874379901	0,96265065
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# Dendograms

## Frequent Collocations and Authorial Style

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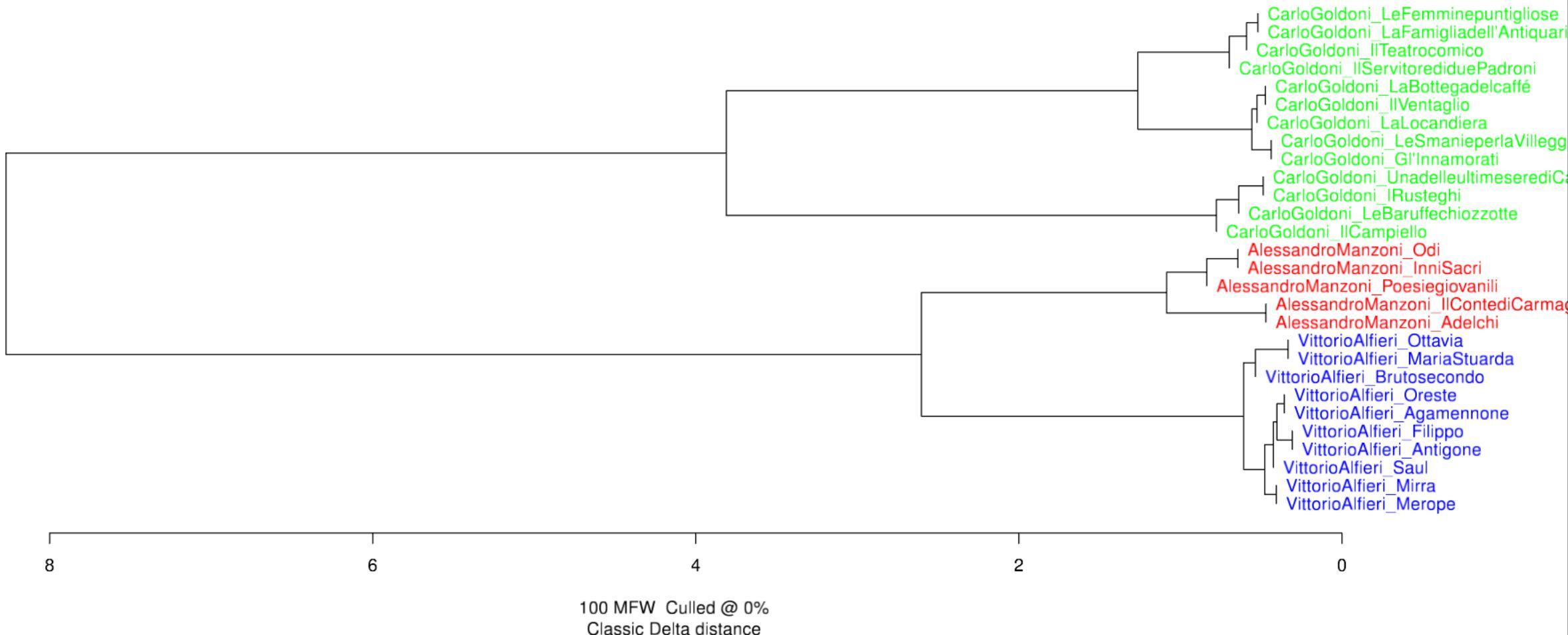
David L. Hoover

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### Abstract

This paper examines the effectiveness of multivariate analysis of the frequencies of frequent collocations in characterizing authorial style. Cluster analyses of collocations over various spans, types, and linkages are performed on groups of texts by known authors to determine how well the frequencies of those collocations correctly attribute the texts to their authors and distinguish them from texts by other authors. In each case the results are compared with those based on the frequencies of frequent words and the frequencies of frequent sequences of words. Cluster analyses based on frequent words and sequences ascribe many of the texts to their correct authors. However, analyses based on frequent collocations are more accurate for several groups of texts, sometimes producing more completely correct attributions than analyses based on either words or sequences and sometimes producing the only completely correct attributions. They also produce results for small groups of problematic novels and critical texts extracted from the larger corpora that are often superior to those based on

## Letteratura Italiana Cluster Analysis



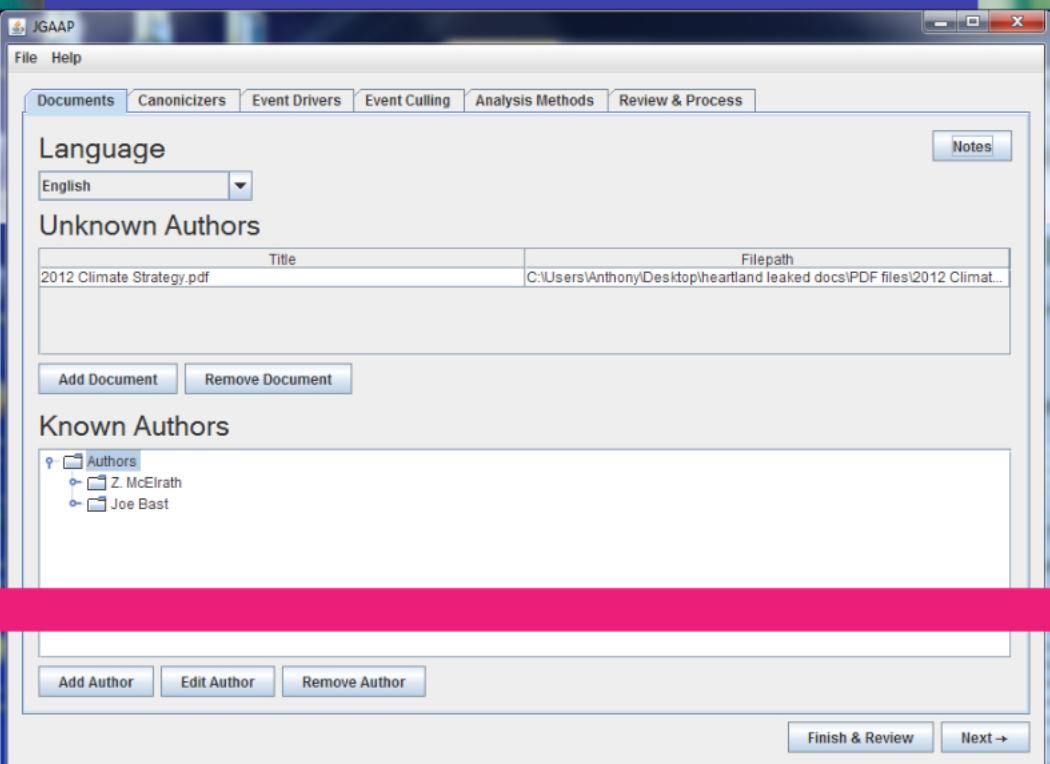
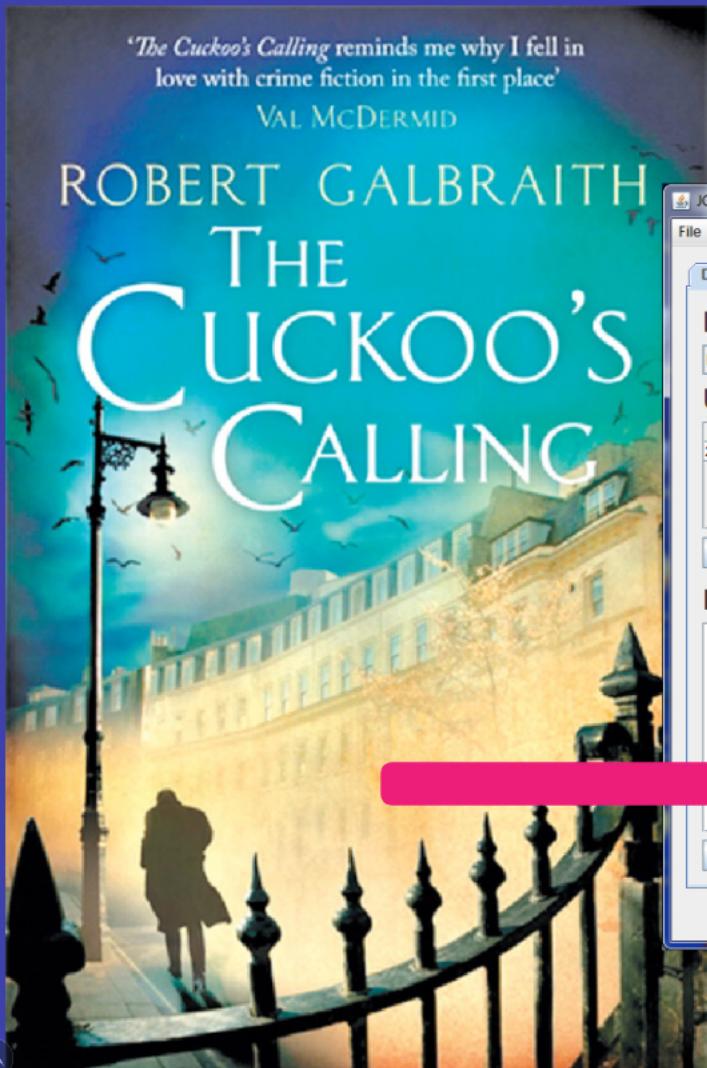
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Musil Project  
(in Verona)



# Juola vs. Rowling



# Musil Project (in Verona)

Die „Tiroler Soldaten-Zeitung“ soll den Tiroler Landesverteidigern die neuesten Nachrichten über die militärische Lage, ferner über einzelne militärische Begebenheiten auf den Kriegsschauplätzen sowie über sonstige Angelegenheiten, die das Interesse der Armee oder Einzelner berühren, vermitteln.

„Für Gott, Kaiser und Vaterland!“

# Tiroler Soldaten-Zeitung

Das Reinerträge ist einem Missionszweck zu Gunsten verwundeter Tiroler Landesverteidiger gewidmet

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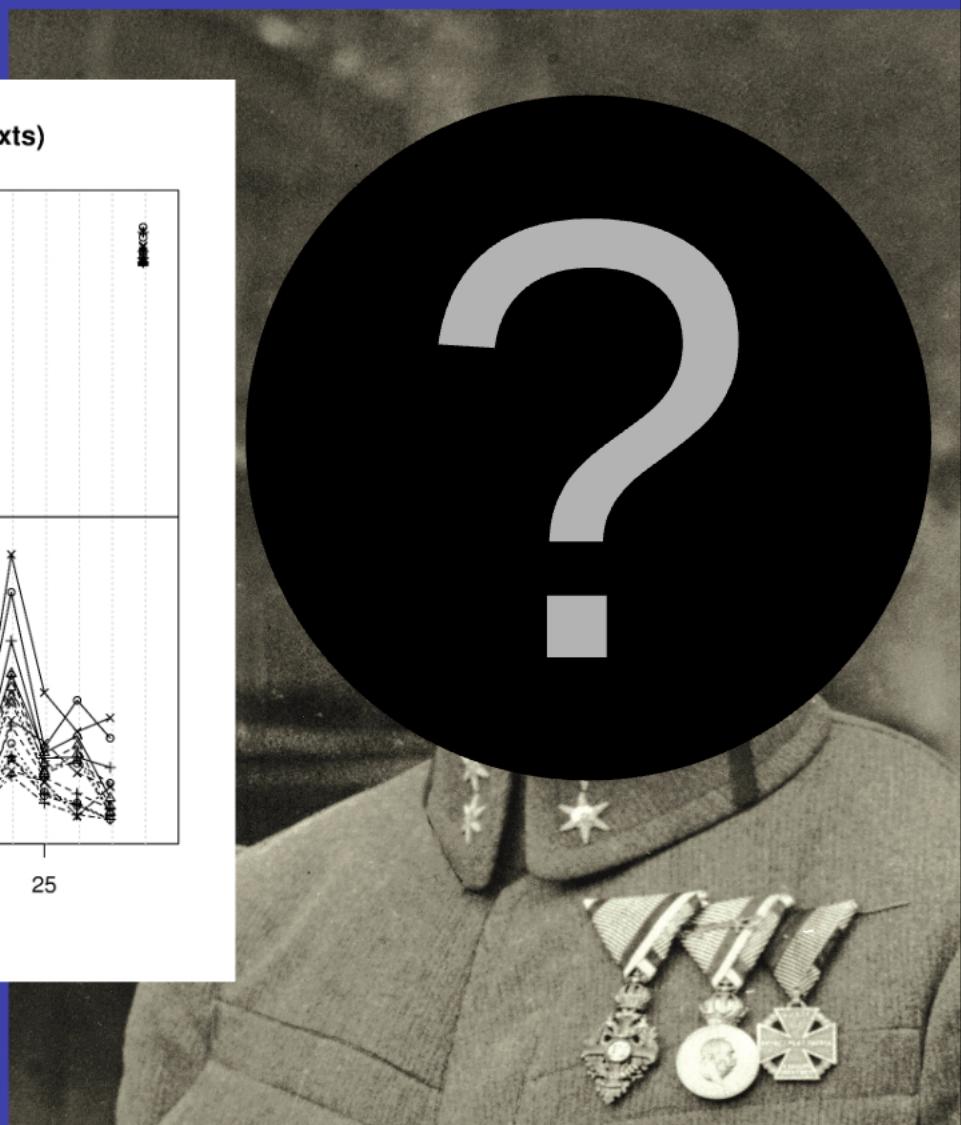
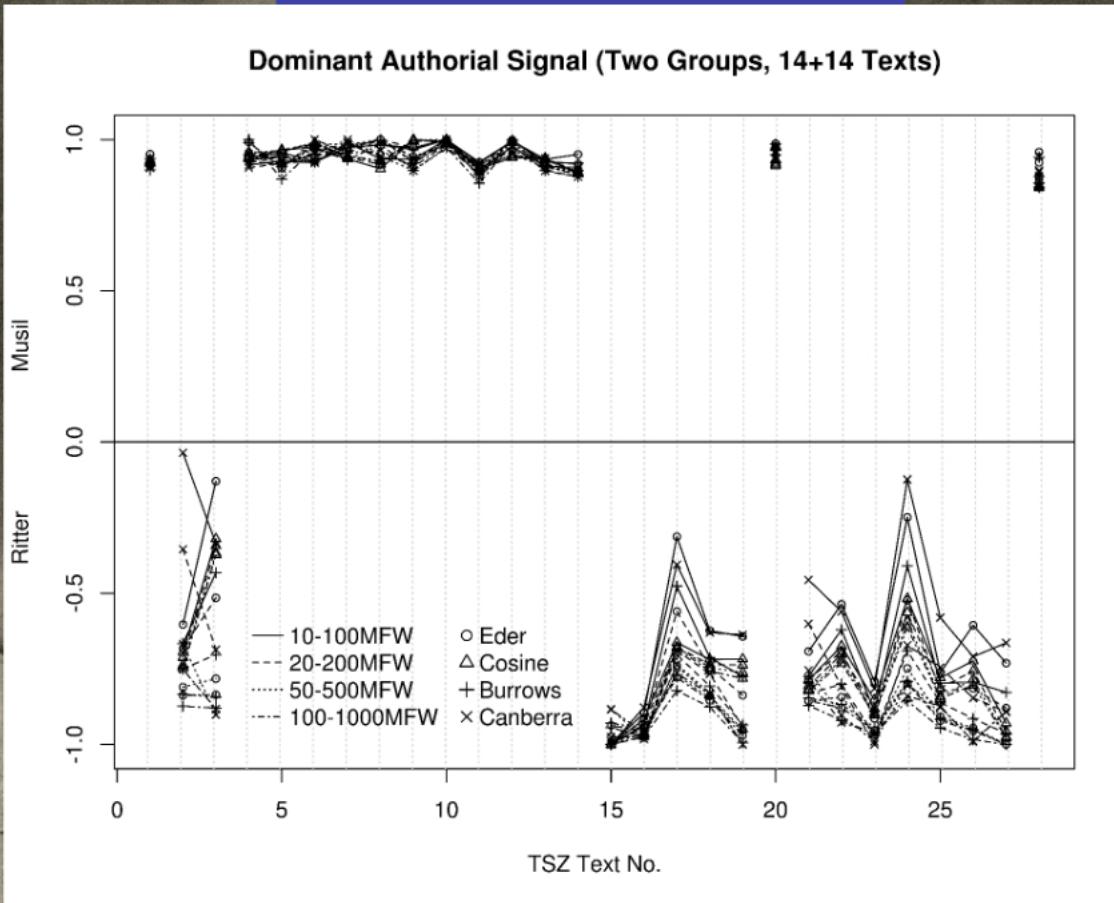
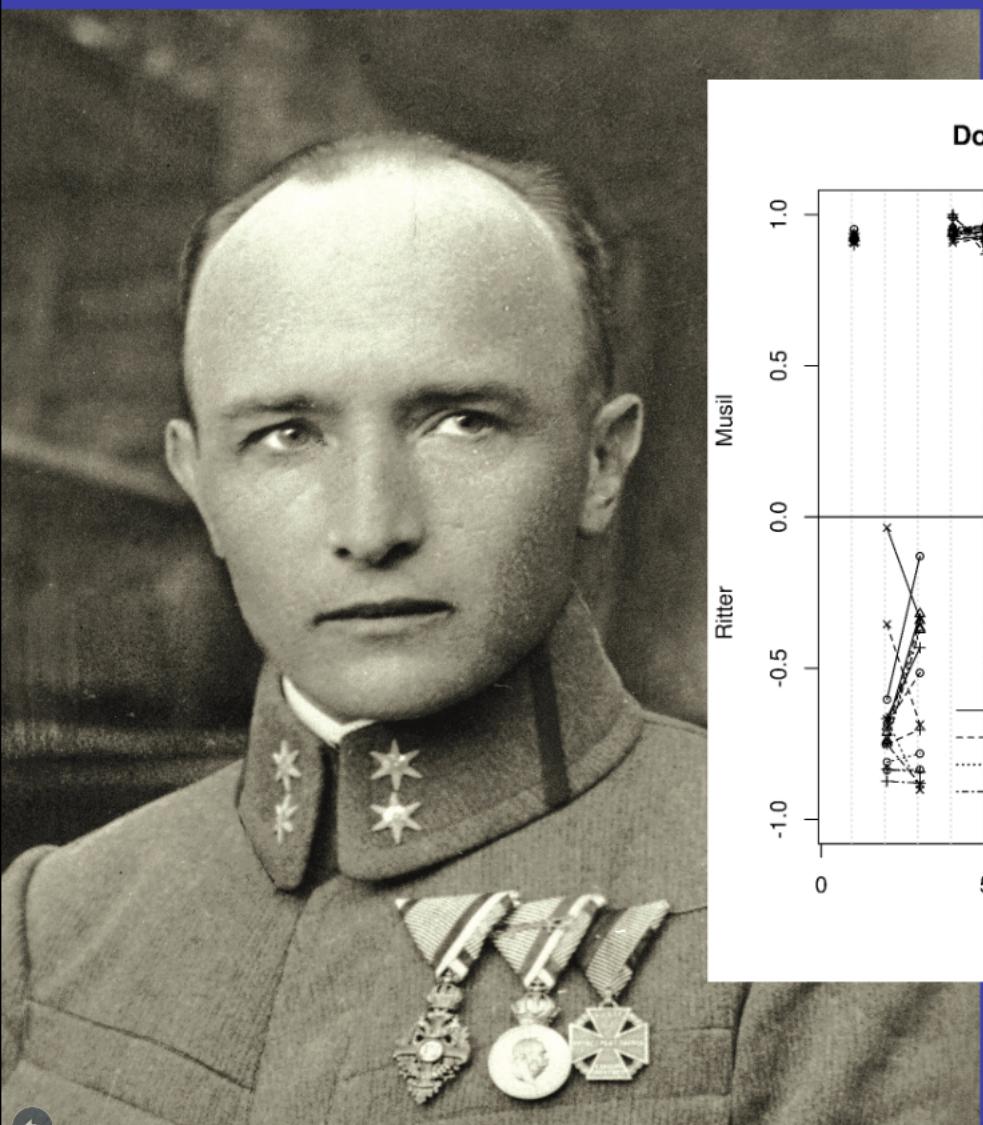
## Soldaten, Kameraden!

Italien, das durch mehr als ein Menschenalter hindurch im „Dreibunde“ reich und kräftig geworden, hat uns schamlos verraten und menschlicherisch überfallen, es hat die Treue gebrochen, die es uns im Bündnisvertrage zugesagt. Se. Majestät unser erhabener Kaiser und Herr hat, um seinen Völkern diesen neuen Krieg zu ersparen, Konzessionen gemacht, wie sie solche der kühnste Irredentist nicht hätte träumen lassen. Aber die Italiener wollen durchaus den Krieg. Sie wollen kriegerische Vorzeichen holen, wollen nie gewagt. Ihr Vorgehen ist daher nicht nur treulos und heimtückisch, sondern auch feige. Mit kalter Ruhe und Entschlossenheit stehen wir diesem ellen Treiben gegenüber. Wir vertrauen auf unseren Herrgott, auf unser Recht und auf uns selbst, wir vertrauen auf Tirol, dem ruhmreichen Lande Andreas Höfers, das so oft schon seine Feinde mit blutigen Köpfen hinausgeworfen. Unerstötterlich wie die Berge dieses herrlichen Landes werden wir im Vereine mit unserem kampferprobten, tapferen deutschen Verbündeten

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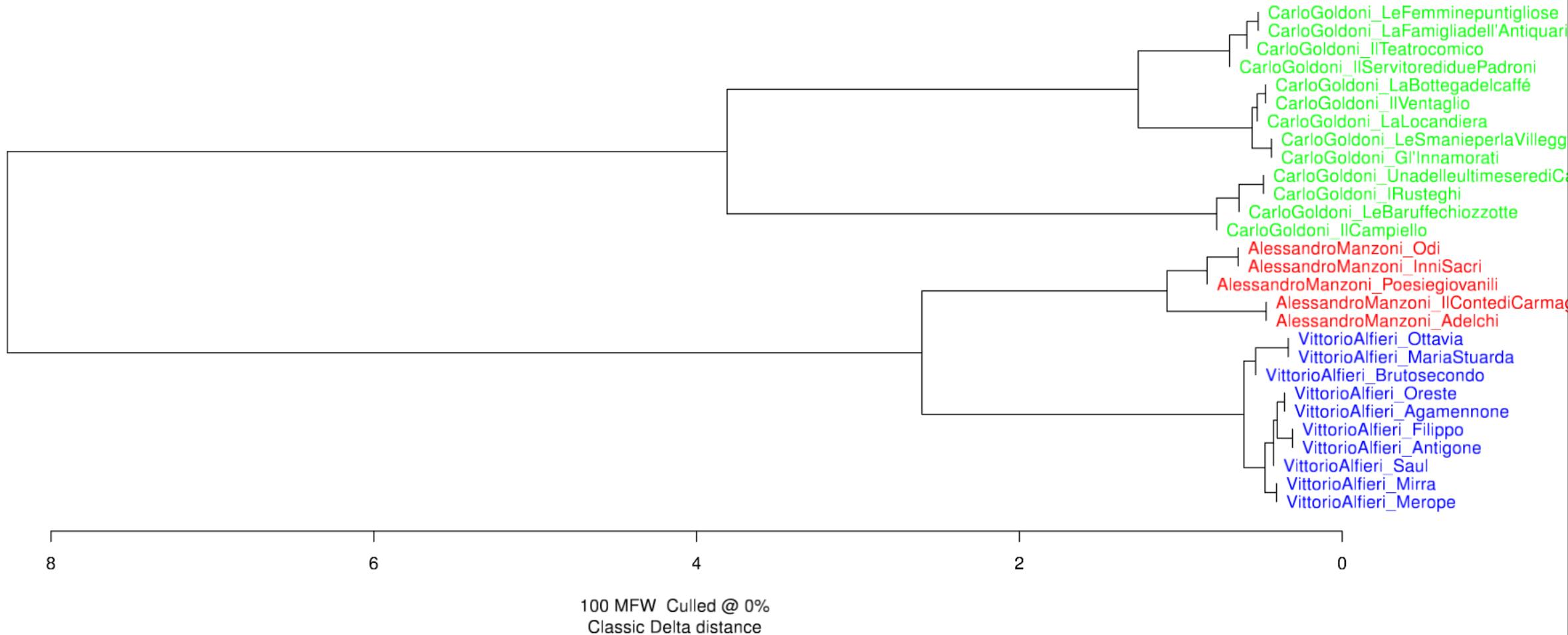
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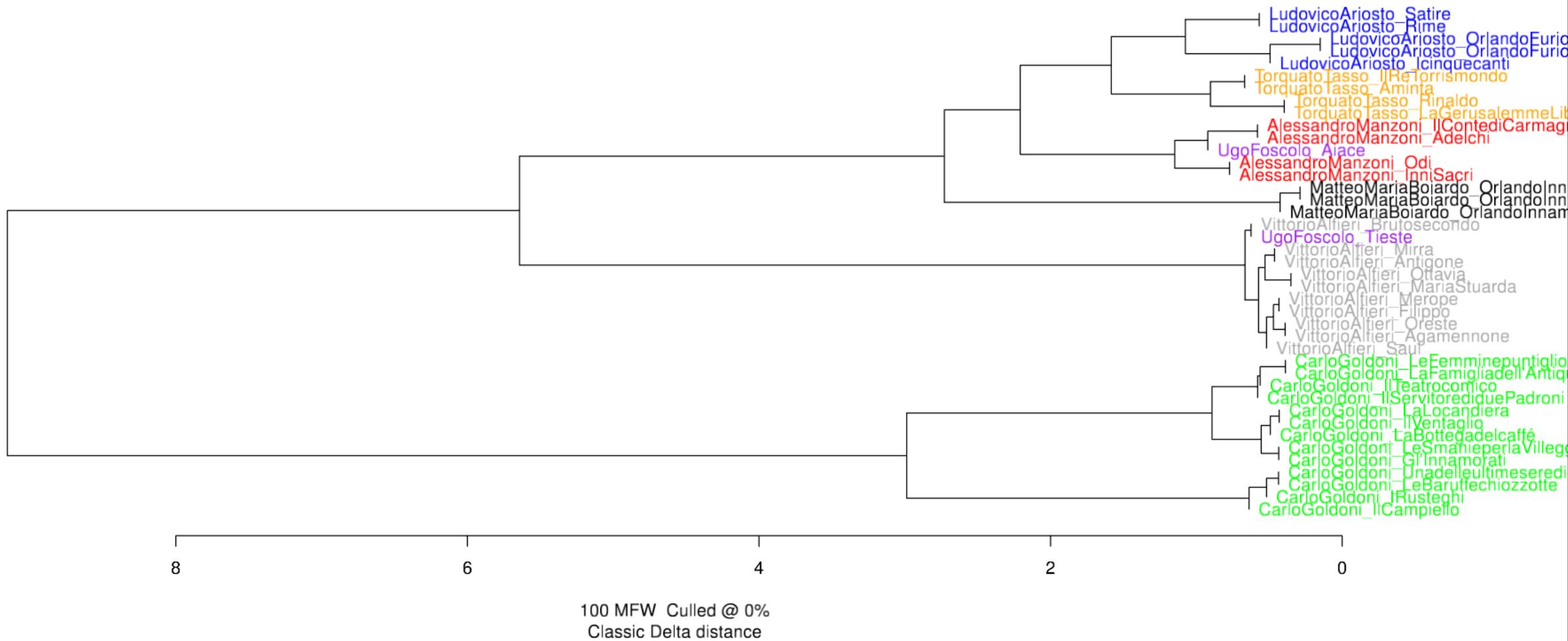
# Network Analysis

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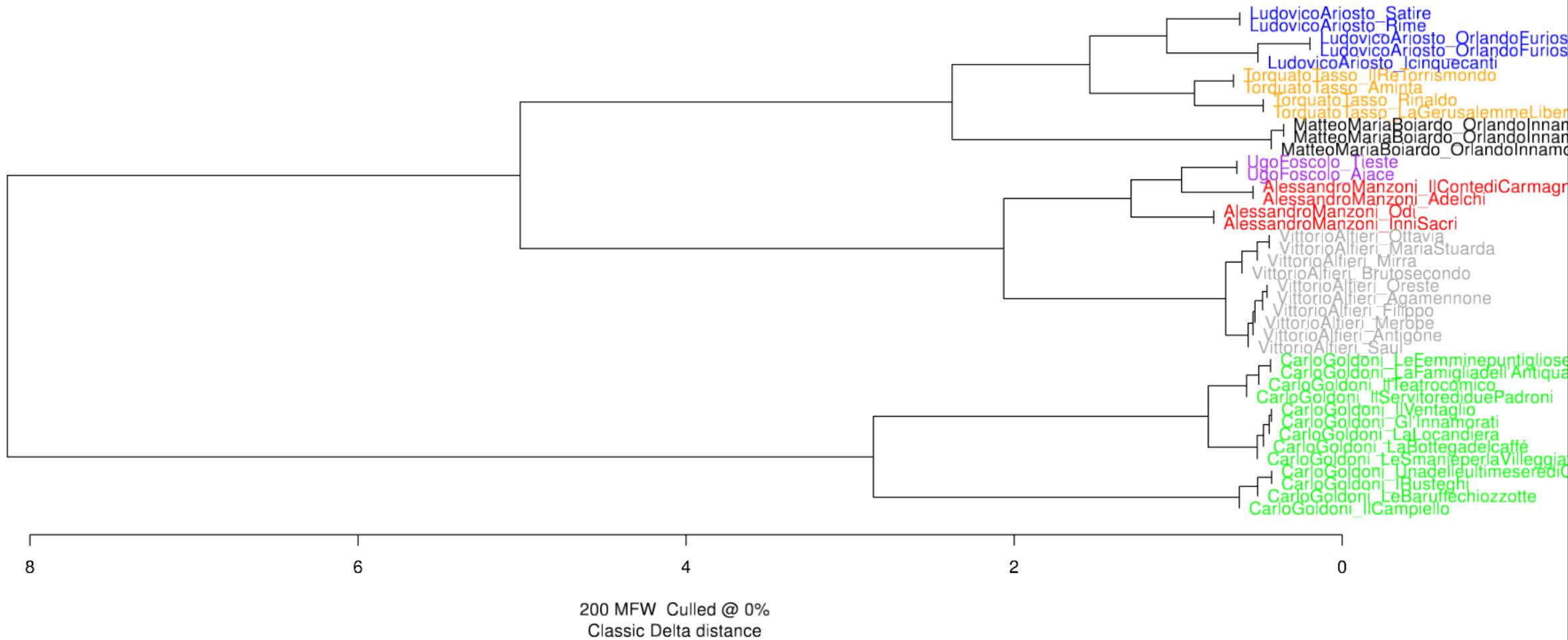


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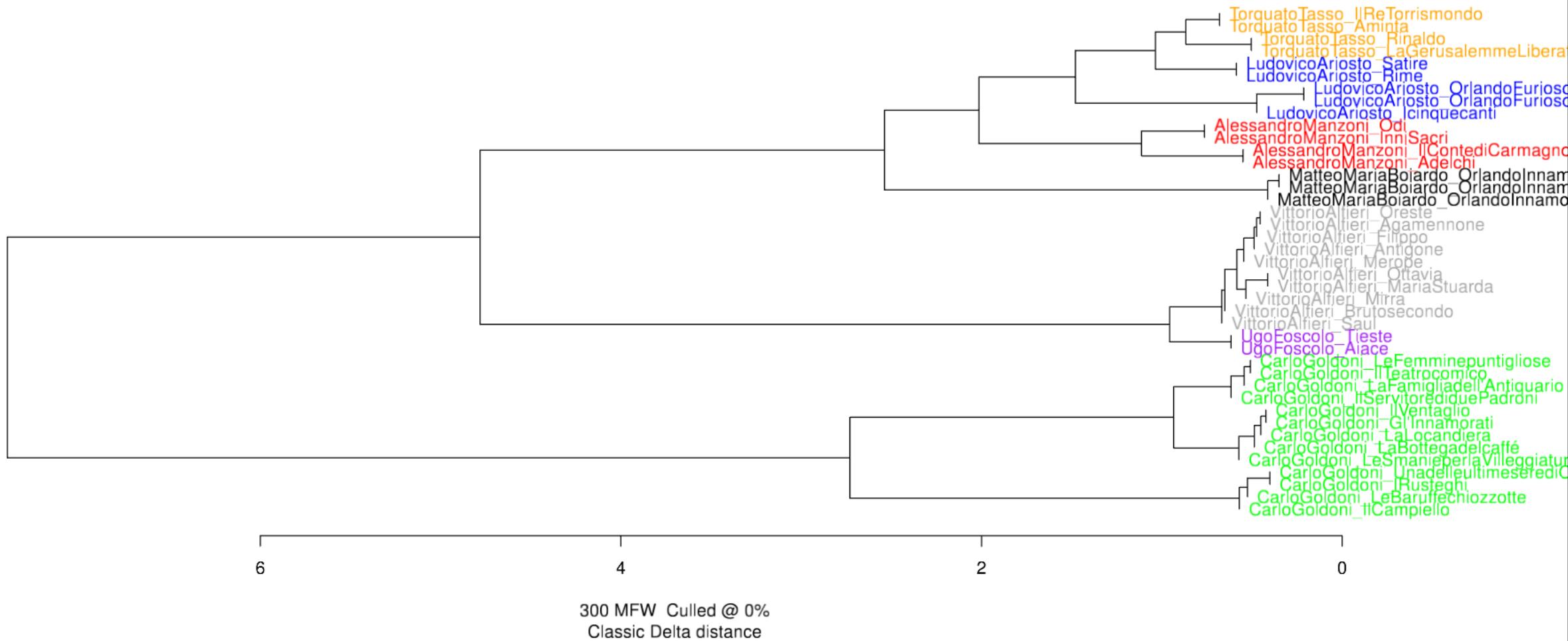




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# Stylometry with R: A Package for Computational Text Analysis

by Maciej Eder, Jan Rybicki and Mike Kestemont

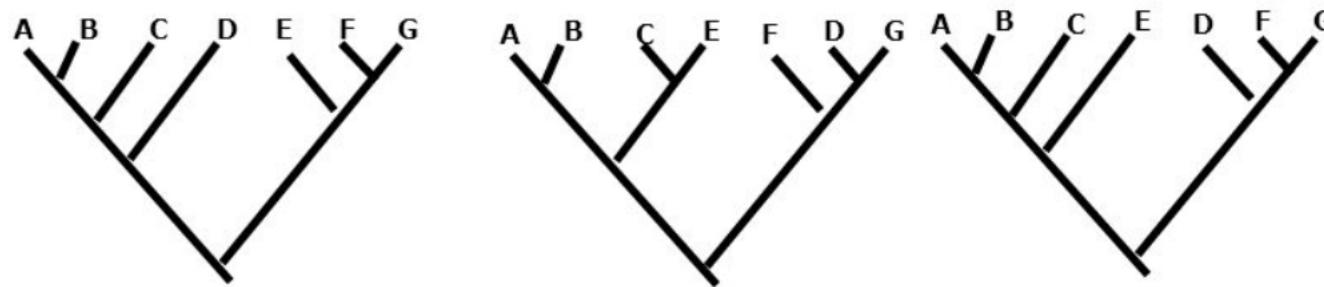
**Abstract** This software paper describes ‘Stylometry with R’ (`stylo`), a flexible R package for the high-level analysis of writing style in stylometry. Stylometry (computational stylistics) is concerned with the quantitative study of writing style, e.g. authorship verification, an application which has considerable potential in forensic contexts, as well as historical research. In this paper we introduce the possibilities of `stylo` for computational text analysis, via a number of dummy case studies from English and French literature. We demonstrate how the package is particularly useful in the exploratory statistical analysis of texts, e.g. with respect to authorial writing style. Because `stylo` provides an attractive graphical user interface for high-level exploratory analyses, it is especially suited for an audience of novices, without programming skills (e.g. from the Digital Humanities). More experienced users can benefit from our implementation of a series of standard pipelines for text processing, as well as a number of similarity metrics.

## Introduction

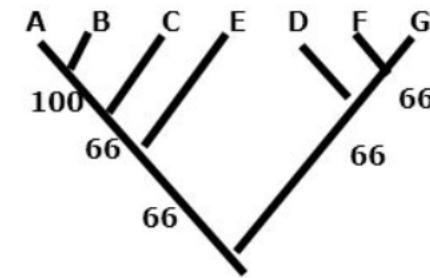
Authorship is a topic which continues to attract considerable attention with the larger public. This claim is well illustrated by a number of high-profile case studies that have recently made headlines across the popular media, such as the attribution of a pseudonymously published work to acclaimed

# Consensus Trees

## Majority rule consensus

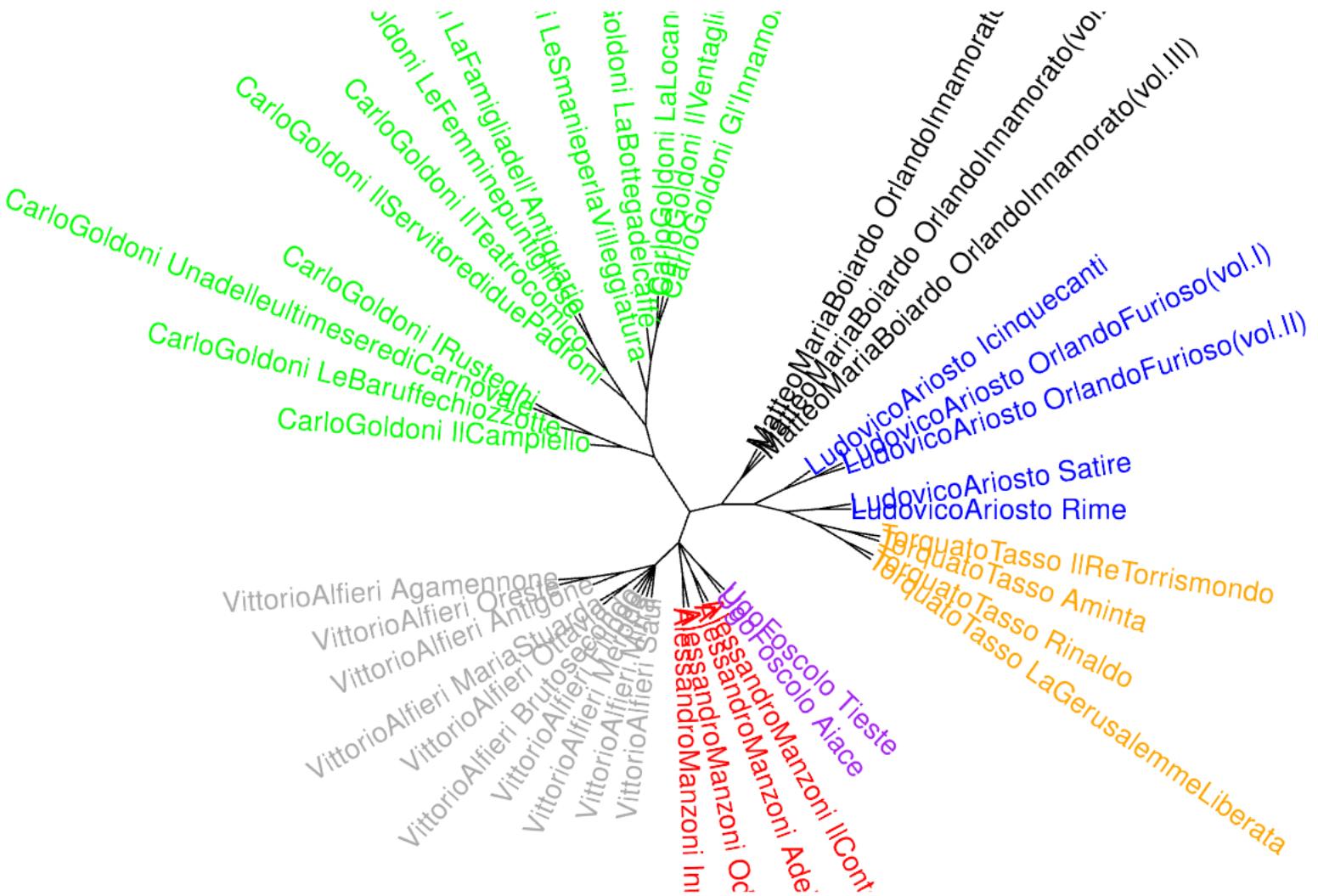


Numbers indicate frequency of  
clades in the fundamental trees



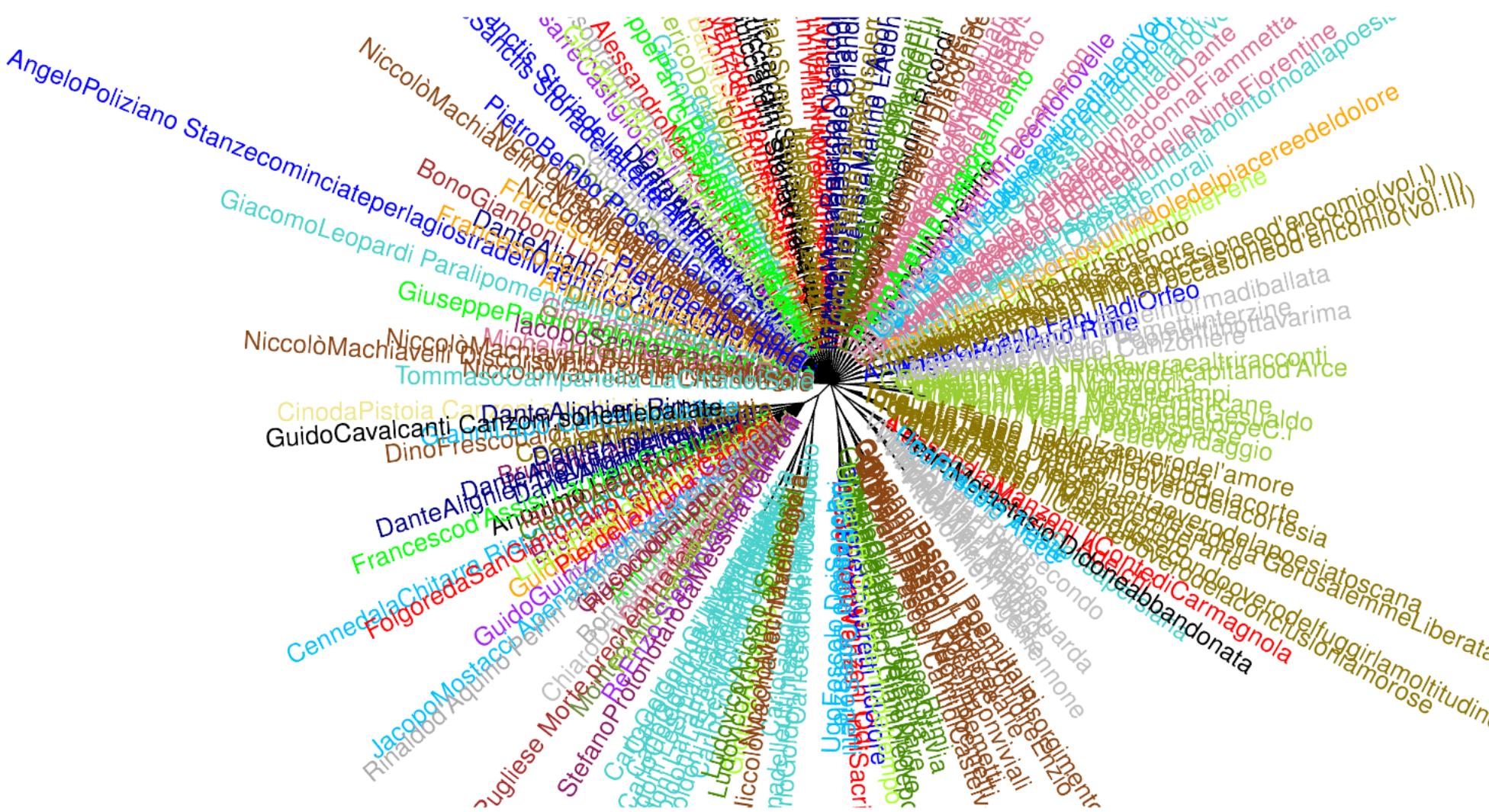
**MAJORITY-RULE CONSENSUS TREE**

## Letteratura Italiana Bootstrap Consensus Tree



100–1000 MFW Culled @ 0%  
Classic Delta distance Consensus 0.5

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## Visualization in stylometry: Cluster analysis using networks

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### Abstract

The aim of this article is to discuss reliability issues of a few visual techniques used in stylometry, and to introduce a new method that enhances the explanatory power of visualization with a procedure of validation inspired by advanced statistical methods. A promising way of extending cluster analysis dendrograms with a self-validating procedure involves producing numerous particular ‘snapshots’, or dendrograms produced using different input parameters, and combining them all into the form of a consensus tree. Significantly better results, however, can be obtained using a new visualization technique, which combines the idea of nearest neighborhood derived from cluster analysis, the idea of hammering out a clustering consensus from bootstrap consensus trees, with the idea of mapping textual similarities onto a form of a network. Additionally, network analysis seems to be a good solution for large data sets.

### 1 Introduction

Most of the computational methods used in stylometry have been originally introduced to solve authorship attribution problems. This fact had an

algorithms, suitable for classification tasks, derived mostly from the field of biometrics, nuclear physics, or software engineering, that could be easily adopted to authorship attribution. They include naïve Bayes classification, support vector machines

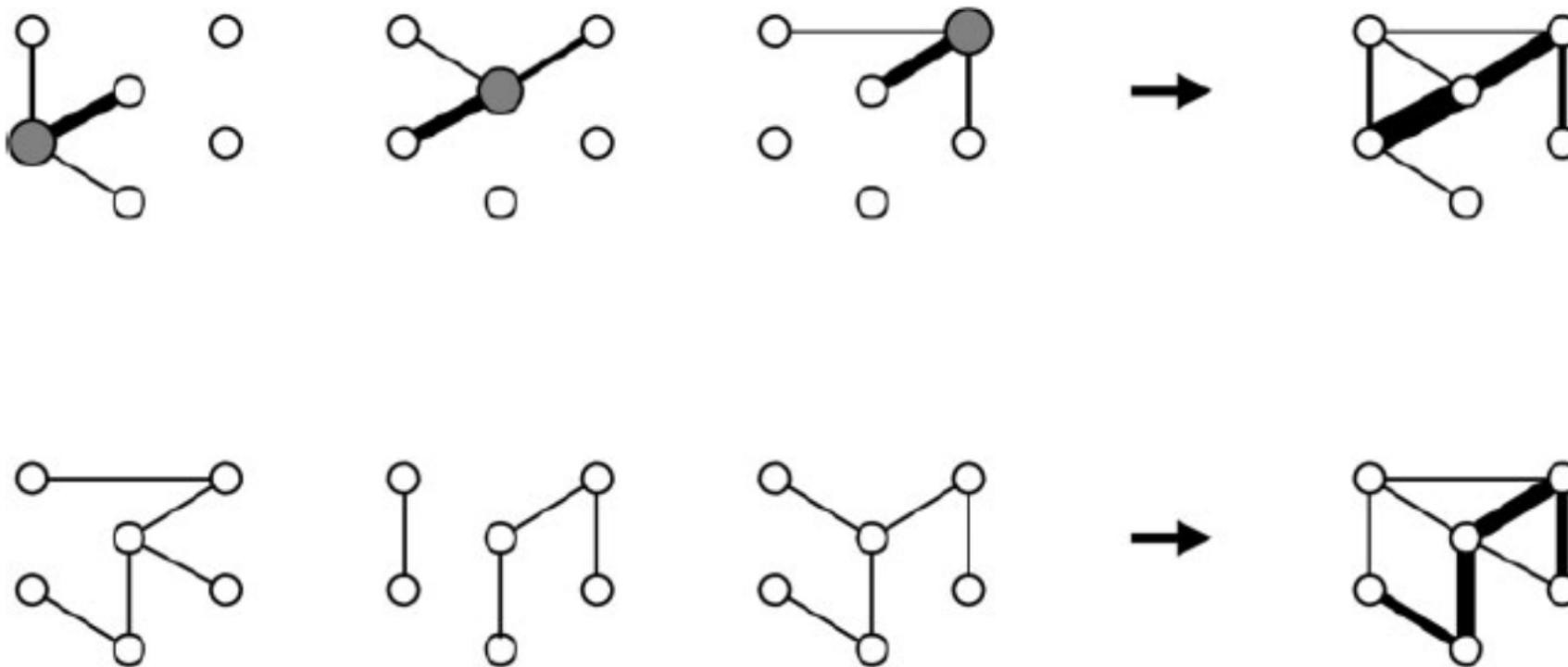
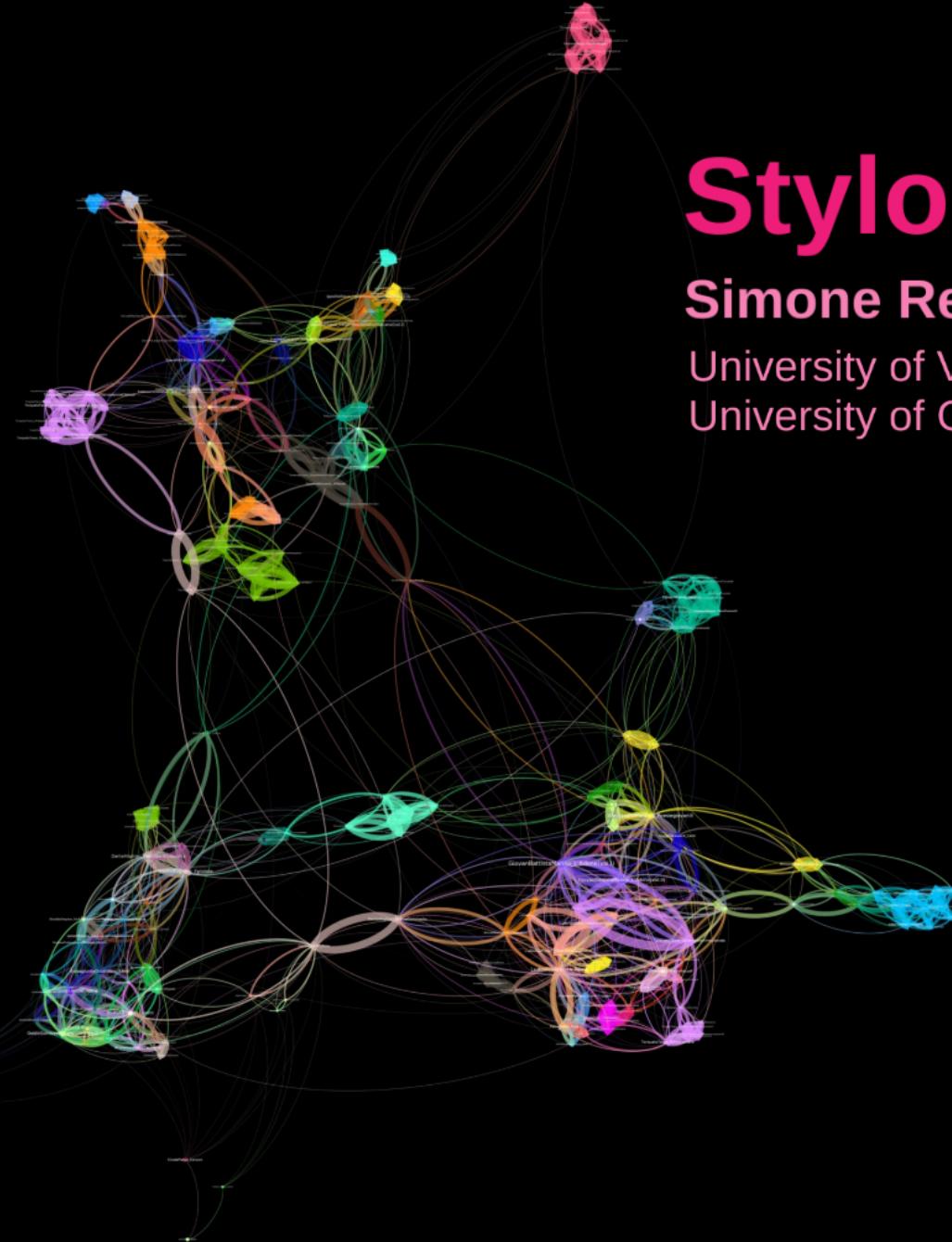


Fig. 6. Two algorithms of mapping textual relations: establishing weighted links to a nearest neighbor and two runners-up (top); producing a consensus network (bottom).

# Stylometry

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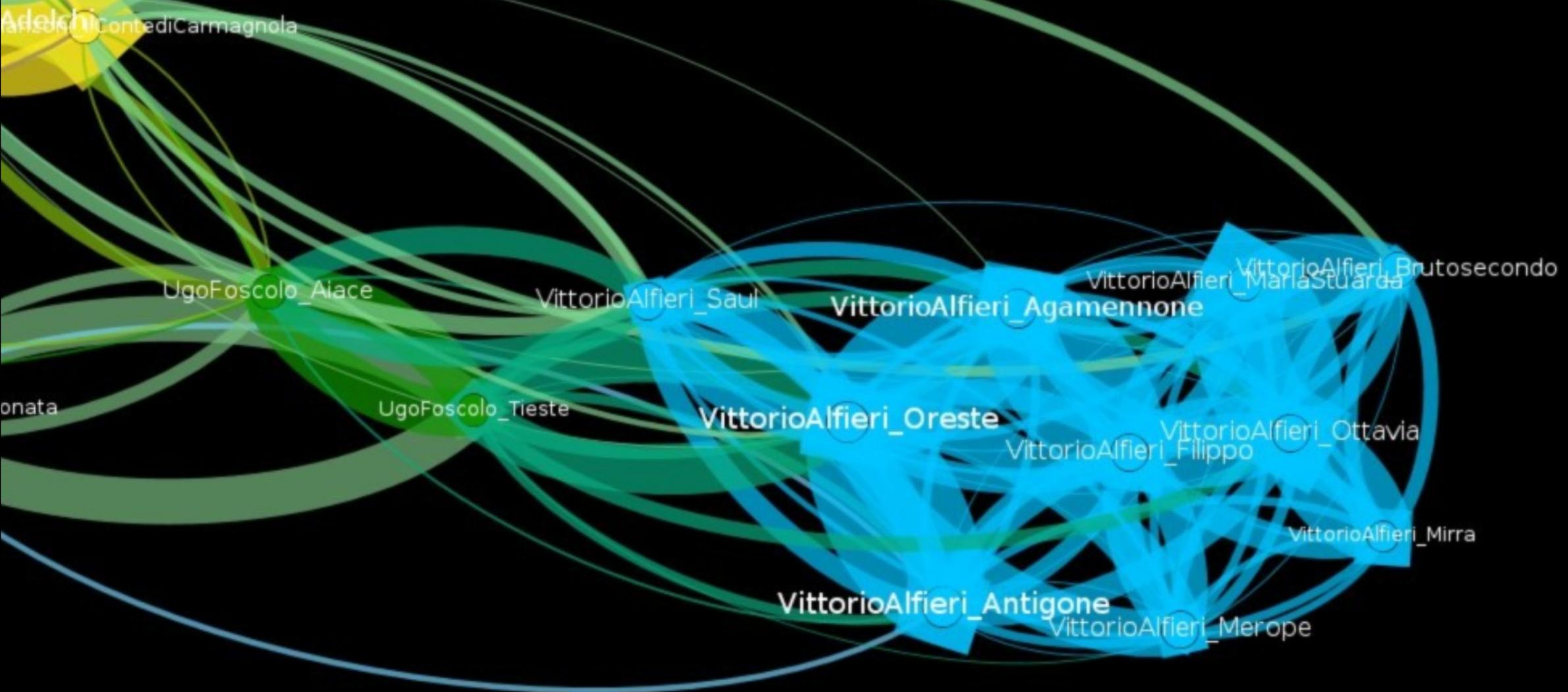


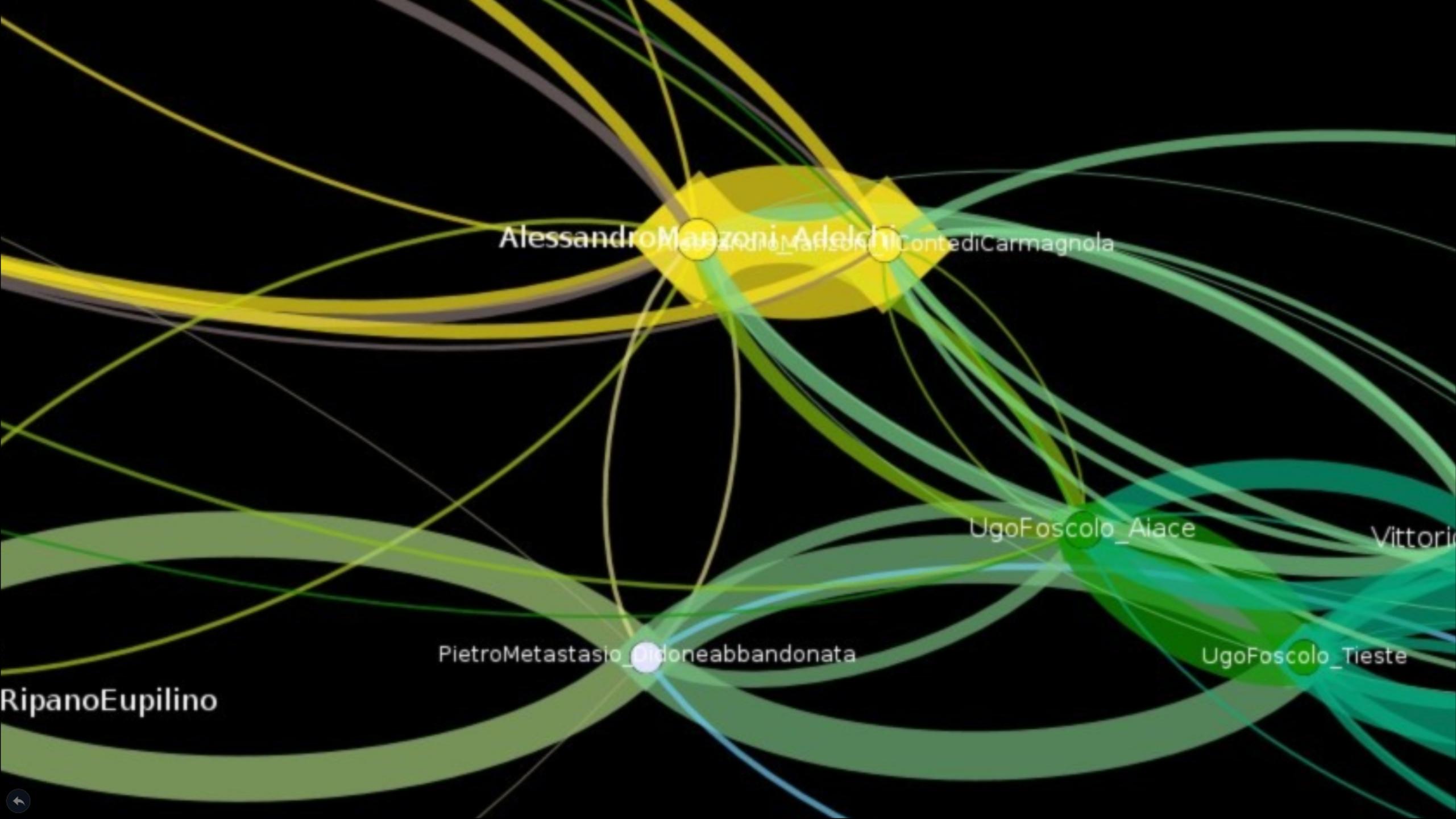
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