



# Forming Federal Communities

—Building Research Collaboration Networks—

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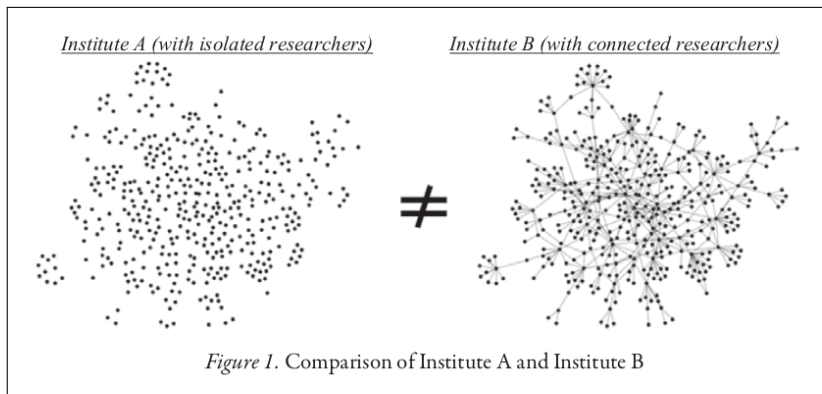
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- Importance of research collaboration networks → knowledge cross-fertilization | enhancement of productivity
- Capacity building → Individual | Organizational | Inter-Organizational/Federal

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- Relevance of SNTs relevant to research management
- Can SNTs help promote research collaboration?
- relational approach | emphasis purely on properties of relations

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- Longterm Goal
  - Upon positive evaluation → other Helmholtz-Centers | Federal Level

# Discussion Round

- Join me on the Whiteboard