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# Brain Science Mapping the Landscape of Brain and Neuroscience Research

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Criteria for success: The future of collaborative brain research  
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(Physics,  
Chemistry)



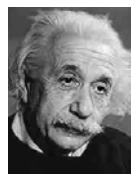
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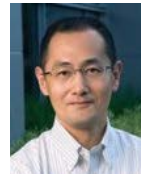
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(Medicine)



Albert  
Einstein  
(Physics)



Shinya  
Yamanaka  
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John C.  
Mather  
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Francoise  
Barre-Sinoussi  
(Medicine)



Craig C Mello  
(Medicine)



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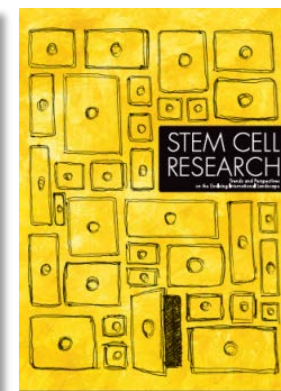
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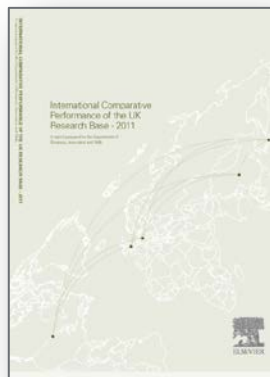
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## STEM in Africa, World Bank, 2014 Stem Cell Research, 2013



## International Comparative Performance of UK Research Base, UK (BIS), 2011 & 2013



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## Evidence informing collaboration practice

- Increasingly difficult to make scientific discoveries
- More people required to find new things
- Research increasingly done in teams, for virtually all fields
- Teams typically produce more highly cited research than individuals
  - Teams that are more diverse are even more highly impactful
  - Teams are more likely than solo authors to insert novel combinations of science into familiar knowledge domains; Papers of this type are twice as likely to be highly-cited works
  - More team science is done inter-institutionally
  - Virtual communities produce higher impact work
  - International collaboration shows a further boost in citation impact
  - **But**, dispersed teams have a high rate of failure
- Scientists who do not collaborate are less productive

# Project background

- The human brain is currently the focus of attention in both a scientific context and in the more mainstream media
- *The Human Brain Project* [EU]
- *BRAIN Initiative* [US]
- *Brain/MINDS (Brain Mapping by Integrated Neurotechnologies for Disease Studies)* [Japan]
- Input from a range of international organizations



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# Mapping the landscape of brain and neuroscience research

What is the **quantity** and **impact** of this domain's research?

Who **collaborates the most**, and **how impactful** are those collaborations?

What are the **disciplinary histories** of neuroscience researchers?

What are the **most popular and emerging** research topics?

What areas of research are **being funded**?

The countries that the report will focus on are the EU41, Canada, China, Japan and the US.



# Defining Brain and Neuroscience Research

Journal-based | Expert inputs | Fingerprinting

# Select relevant and specific BNR (brain and neuroscience research) concepts

TotFreq	MeSH Code	Name
1660	A06.688	Neurosecretory Systems
7128	A07.035	Blood-Brain Barrier
72	A07.037	Blood-Nerve Barrier
11299	A08	Nervous System
440	A09	Sense Organs
197	A13.564	Lateral Line System
450	A13.641	Mushroom Bodies
95	A13.686	Optic Lobe, Nonmammalian
342	C10.114	Autoimmune Diseases of the Nervous System
1125	C10.177	Autonomic Nervous System Diseases
4162	C10.314	Demyelinating Diseases
15816	C10.574	Neurodegenerative Diseases
1329	C10.720	Neurotoxicity Syndromes
1504	C10.803	Restless Legs Syndrome
8574	E02.037	Acoustic Stimulation
3266	E05.723	Physical Stimulation
2480	F02.463	Mental Processes
1911	F02.694	Psycholinguistics
14680	F02.808	Psychomotor Performance
215	F03.087	Delirium, Dementia, Amnestic, Cognitive Disorders
13725	F04.586	Psychiatric Status Rating Scales
4736	F04.824	Schizophrenic Psychology
566	G11.561	Nervous System Physiological Phenomena
18	G14.640	Ocular Physiological Processes

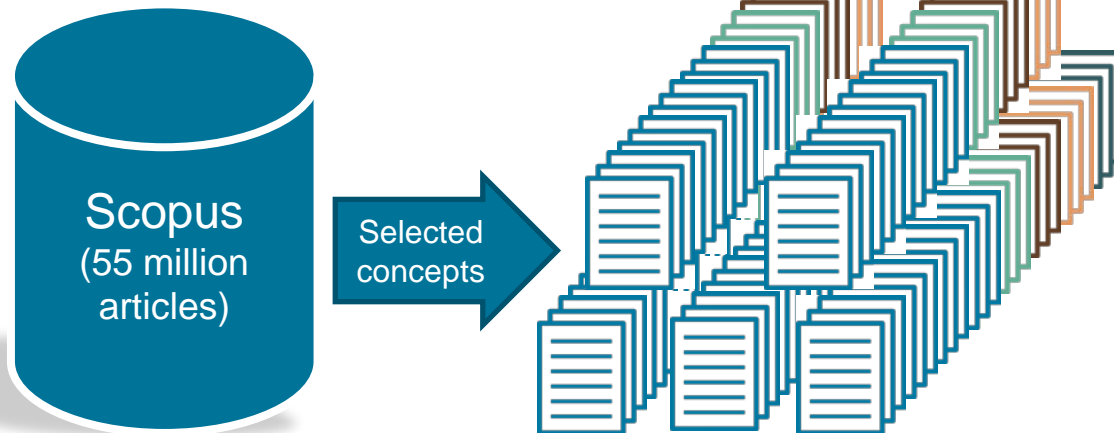
1200+ concepts  
2400+ descendants

From all concepts, only those that are relevant and specific enough to the field are included.

Feedback from experts were incorporated:

- European Commission
- FENS
- HBP
- NIH/NIMH
- RIKEN BSI



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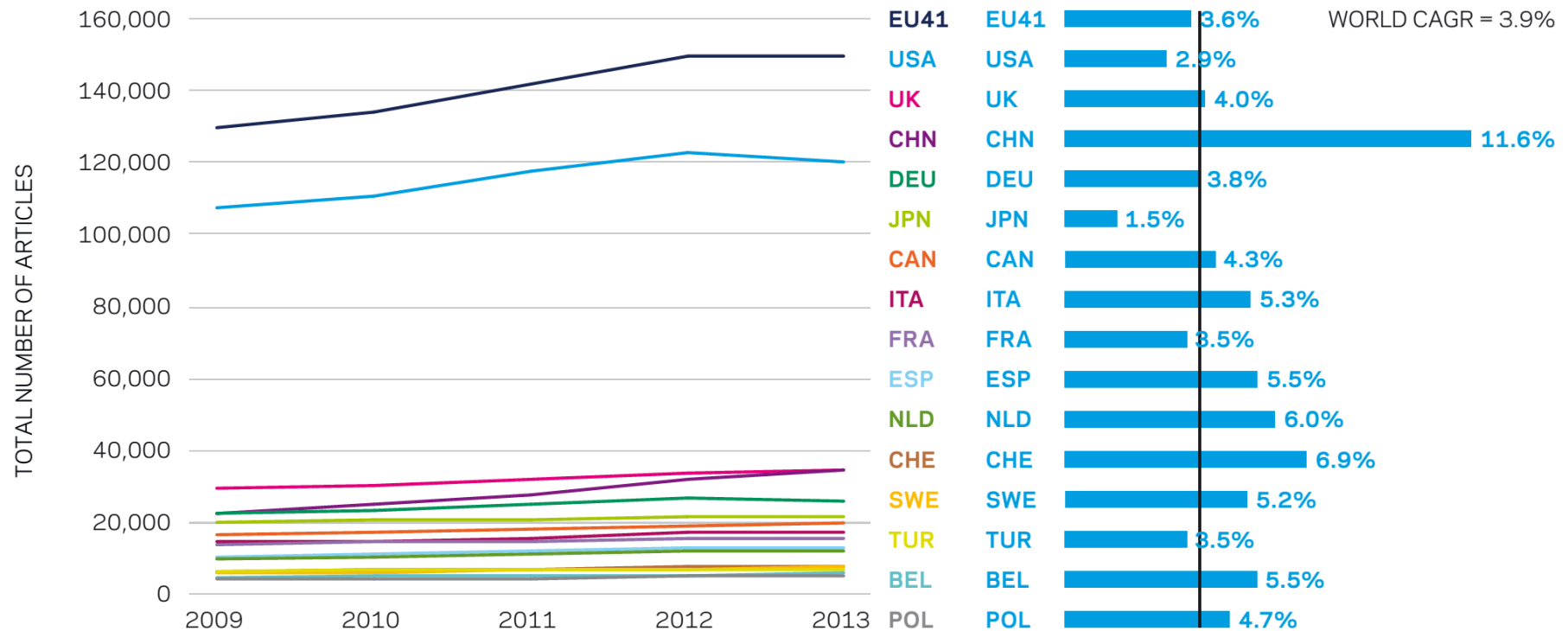
1.79 Million articles (2009-2013) included for analysis (~16% of world output)

**Figure 1.3** — Word cloud of concepts from the selected document set where the selection rate was 100%, meaning that no relevant documents that contained these concepts were excluded. Size of each concept is weighted by the number of occurrences in the selected document set. Source: Scopus.

# Brain Research Overview

Research Output, Citation Impact, Growth, Usage

# Research output highest in the US, while growth is highest in China

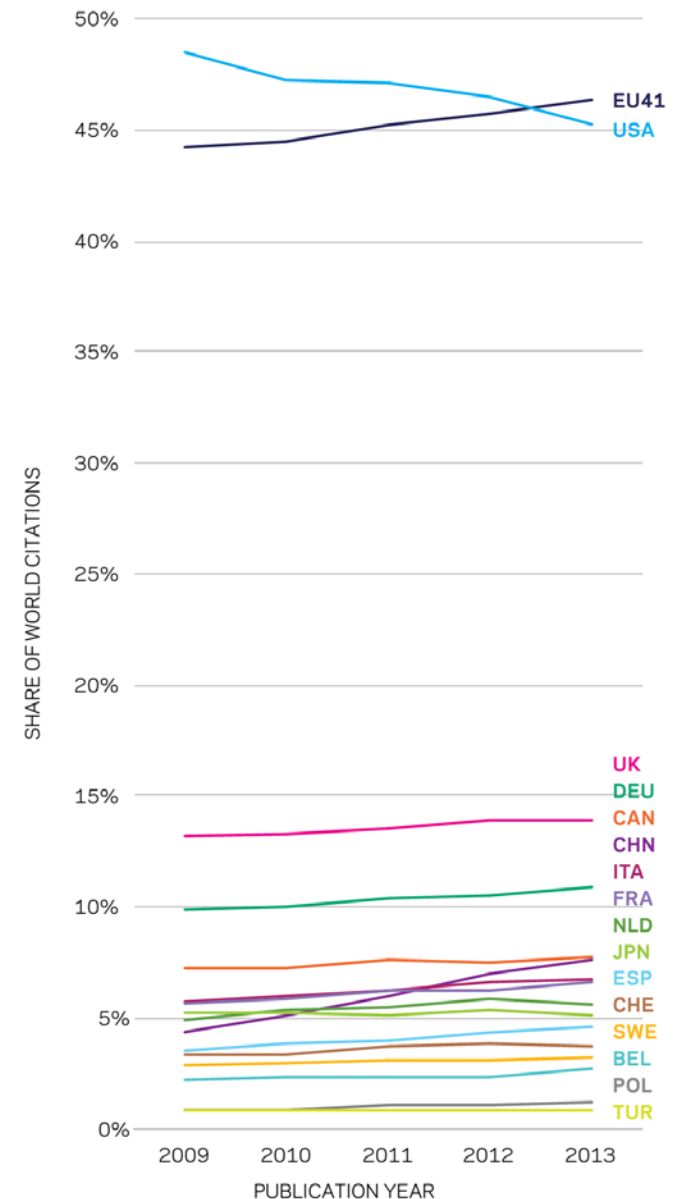


**Figure 1.4** — Overall number of articles and compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of articles for comparator countries, 2009-2013. Source: Scopus.

## Research from major European countries and the US receive the highest share of world citations

...but China's citation share has grown the most.

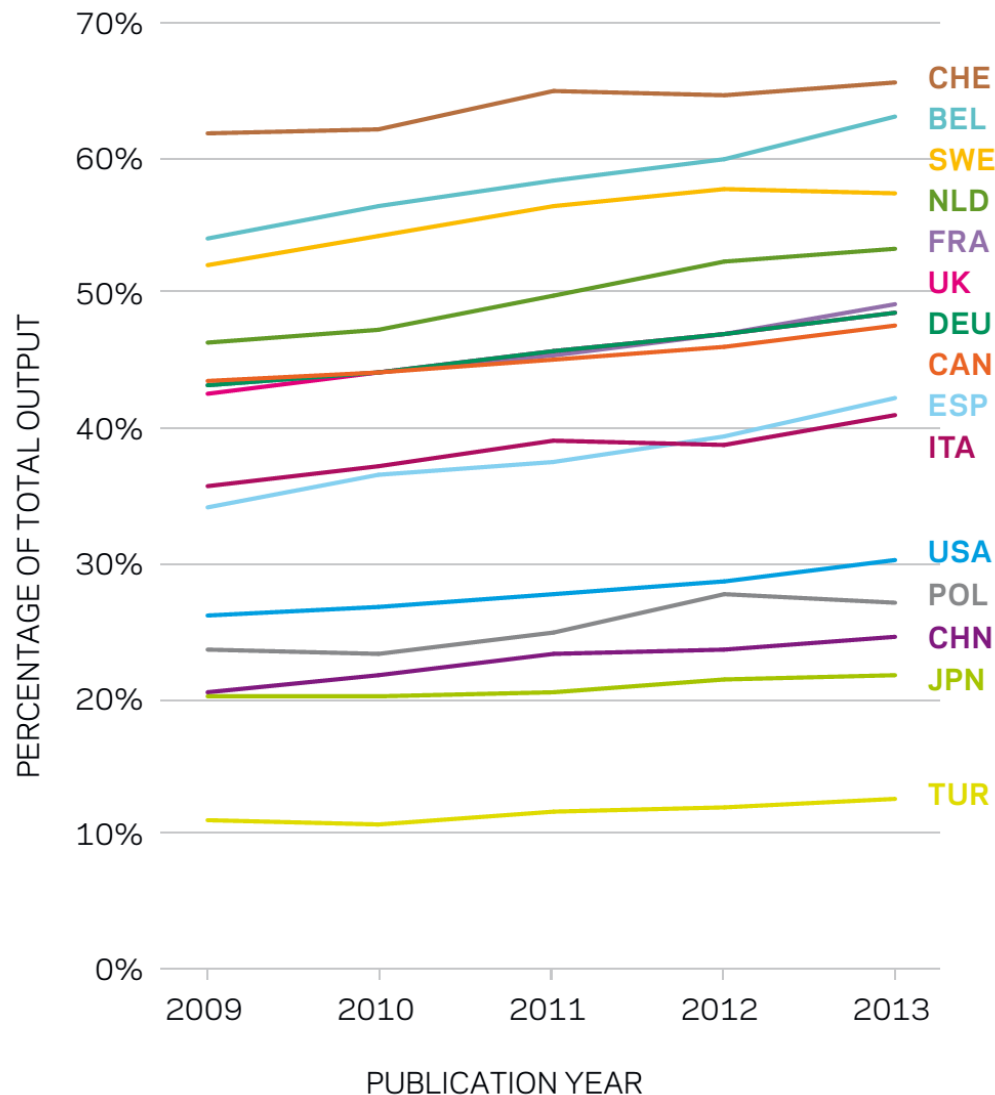
As a research area, brain and neuroscience articles have a FWCI of 1.14 in 2013, meaning authors publishing in BNR are cited 14% more than the world average.



**Figure 1.8** — World citation share across comparator countries, 2009–2013. Source: Scopus.

# Collaboration & Cross-Disciplinary Mobility

# All countries are increasing international collaboration

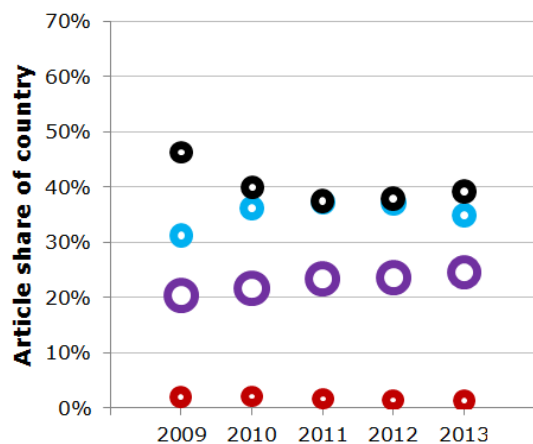


**Figure 2.1** — Level of international collaboration for comparator countries, in terms of percentage of internationally collaborated articles in brain and neuroscience research, 2009–2013. Source: Scopus.

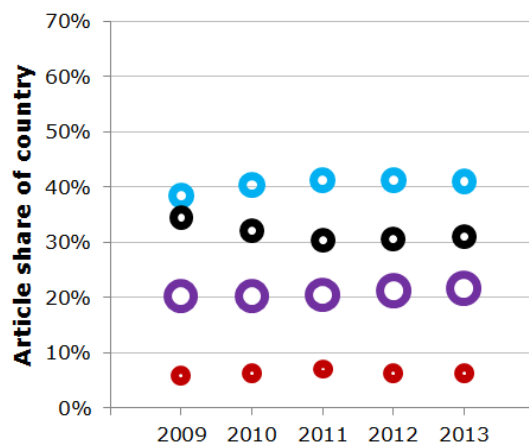


# International collaborations have the highest FWCI

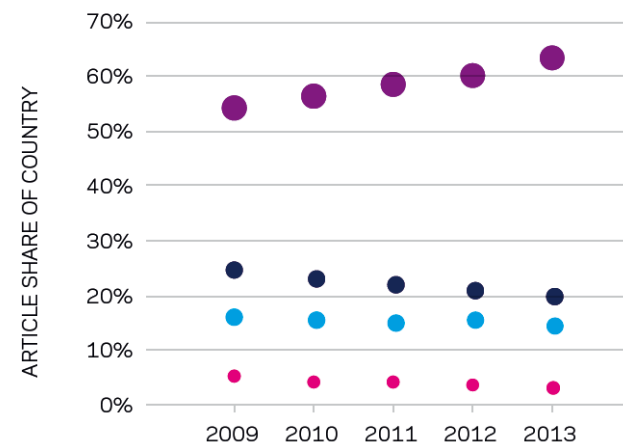
## China



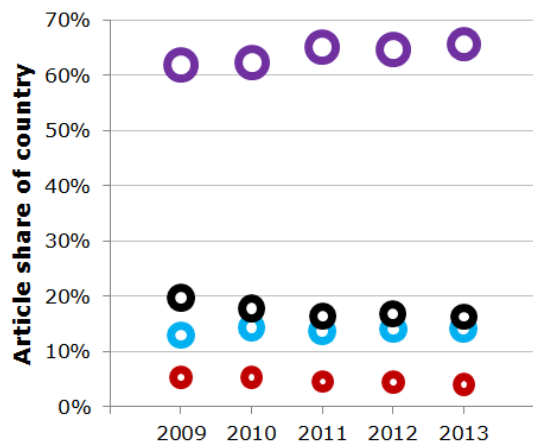
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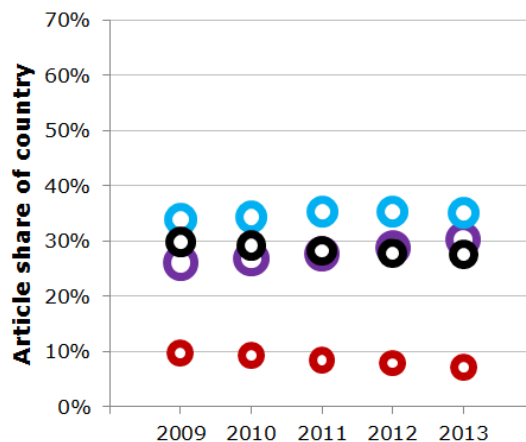
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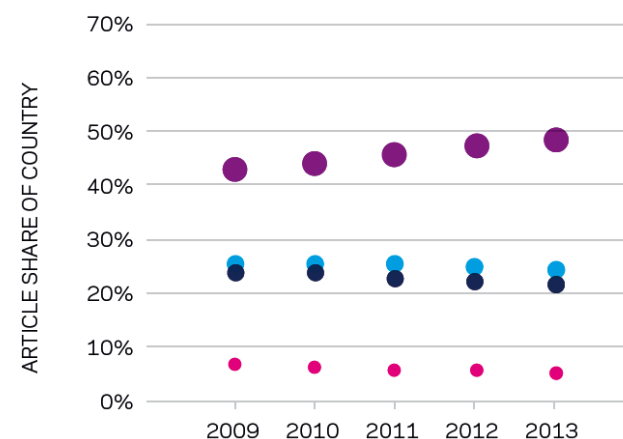
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## United States



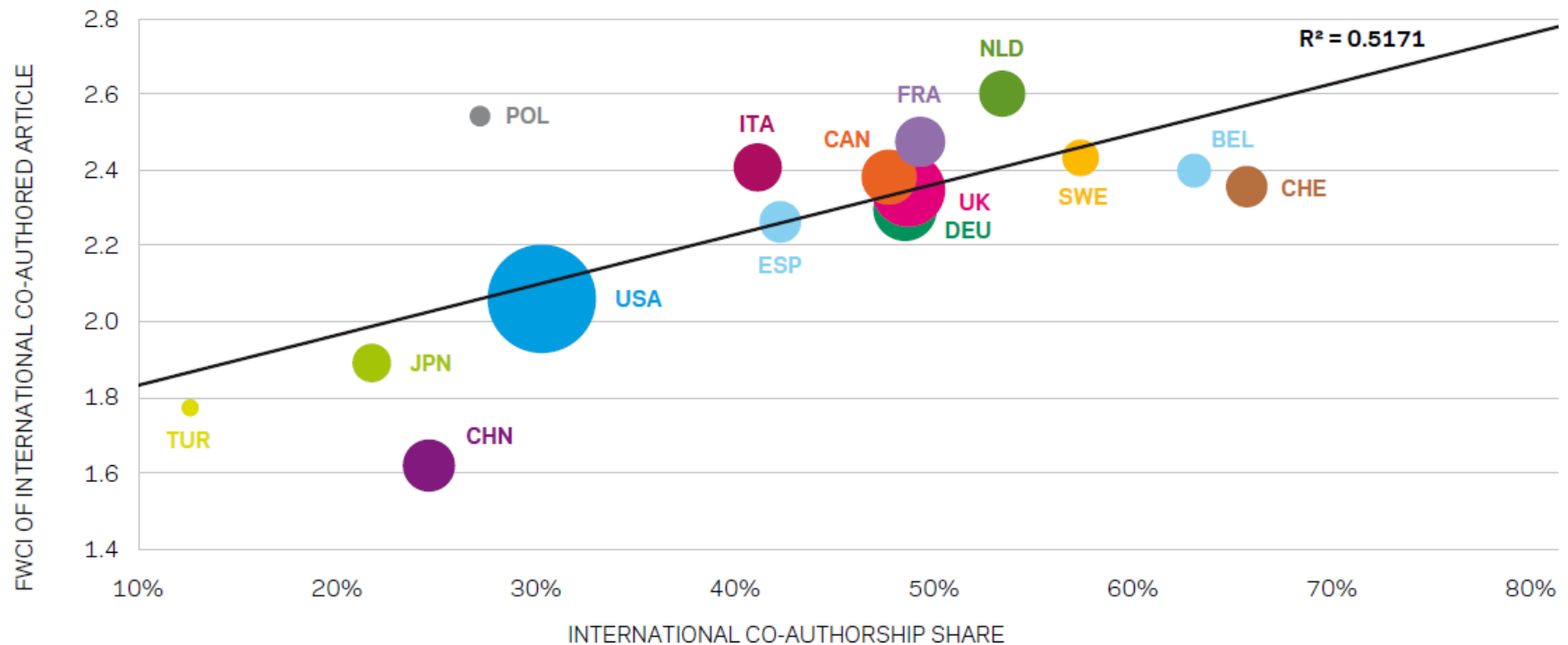
## GERMANY



● International ● National ● Institutional ● Single Author

*Bubble size is proportional to field-weighted citation impact (FWCI).*

## International collaborations have the highest FWCI



**Figure 2.3** — Correlation between international co-authorship share and FWCI of internationally co-authored articles in brain and neuroscience research for comparator countries, 2013. Size of circles is proportional to the number of international co-authored brain and neuroscience articles of the comparator country. The  $R^2$  value (or coefficient of determination<sup>71</sup>) of linear regression is 0.5171, indicating that when we assume a simple linear model between international co-authorship share and the corresponding FWCI of international co-authored articles of a comparator country, the model accounts for 51.71% of the variance, suggesting a relationship between these two factors. Source: Scopus.

# Most of top 15 form core of global network

## Country size

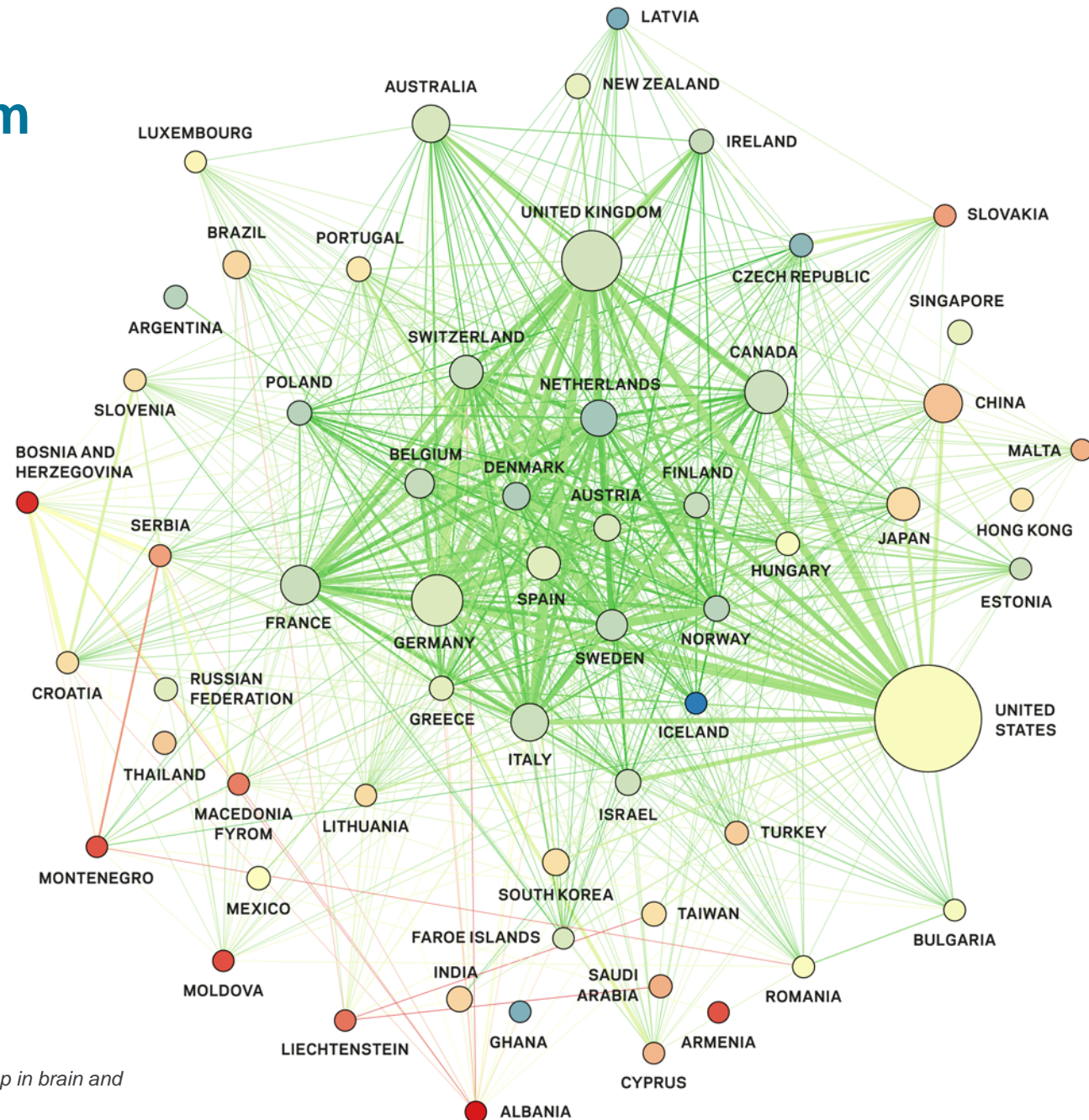
Overall international co-authored output for each country.

## Country color

Field-weighted citation impact of the overall international co-authored output for each country.

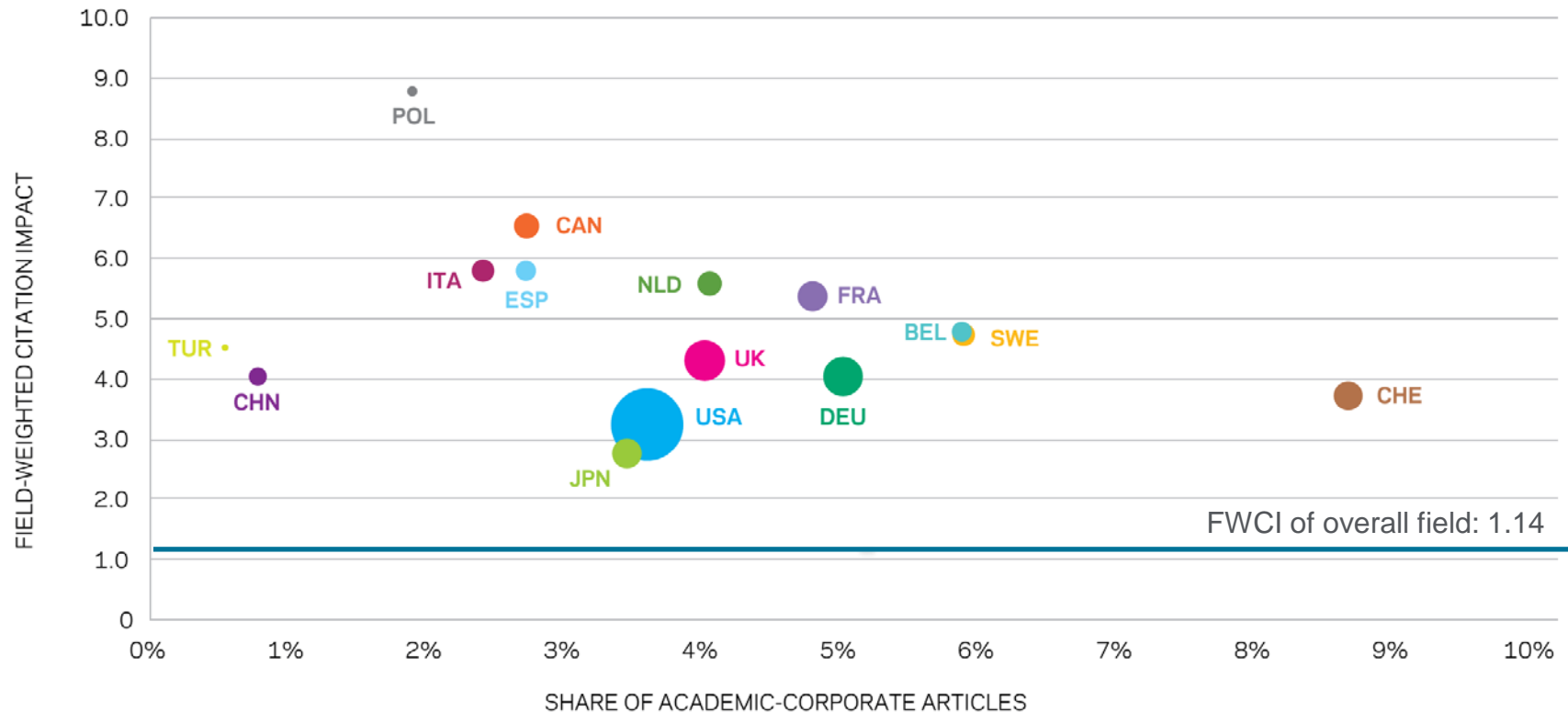
## Line color

Field-weighted citation impact of the co-authored articles between each country pair.



**Figure 2.5** — International collaboration network map in brain and neuroscience research, 2009–2013.

# Academia and industry don't collaborate often, but the results are highly impactful



**Figure 2.6** — Field-weighted citation impact (FWCI) against the share of academic-corporate articles in brain and neuroscience research for comparator countries, 2013. Size of circles is proportional to the number of brain and neuroscience cross-sector articles of the comparator country. Source: Scopus.

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### OUTFLOWS

# 18.5%

of the active brain and neuroscience researchers (about 319,000 researchers) moved from publishing in BNR to non-BNR for at least two years without returning.

*FWCI of this group: 1.55*  
*Relative Age: 1.26*  
*Relative Productivity: 0.99*

### INFLOWS

# 16.3%

of the active brain and neuroscience researchers (about 281,000 researchers) moved from publishing in a non-BNR area to BNR for at least two years.

*FWCI of this group: 1.59*  
*Relative Age: 1.23*  
*Relative Productivity: 1.03*

### SINGLE-DISCIPLINE

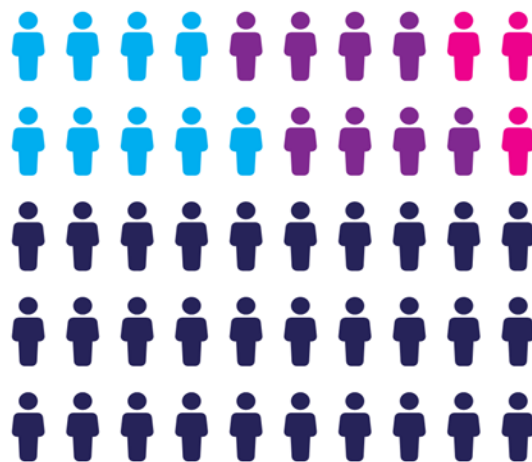
# 5.8%

of the active brain and neuroscience researchers (about 99,000 researchers) did not publish outside of brain and neuroscience research.

*FWCI of this group: 1.55*  
*Relative Age: 0.73*  
*Relative Productivity: 0.60*

# 1.73M

From 1996 onwards, there were 1.73 million active brain and neuroscience researchers.



### MULTIDISCIPLINARY

# 59.5%

of the active brain and neuroscience researchers (about 1 million researchers) published across disciplines for less than two years at a time. Below are the top 20 disciplines in which they publish.

*FWCI of this group: 1.48*  
*Relative Age: 0.88*  
*Relative Productivity: 1.02*



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