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# Expectation Maximization and Ensemble Structure Learning in the Presence of Latent Variables

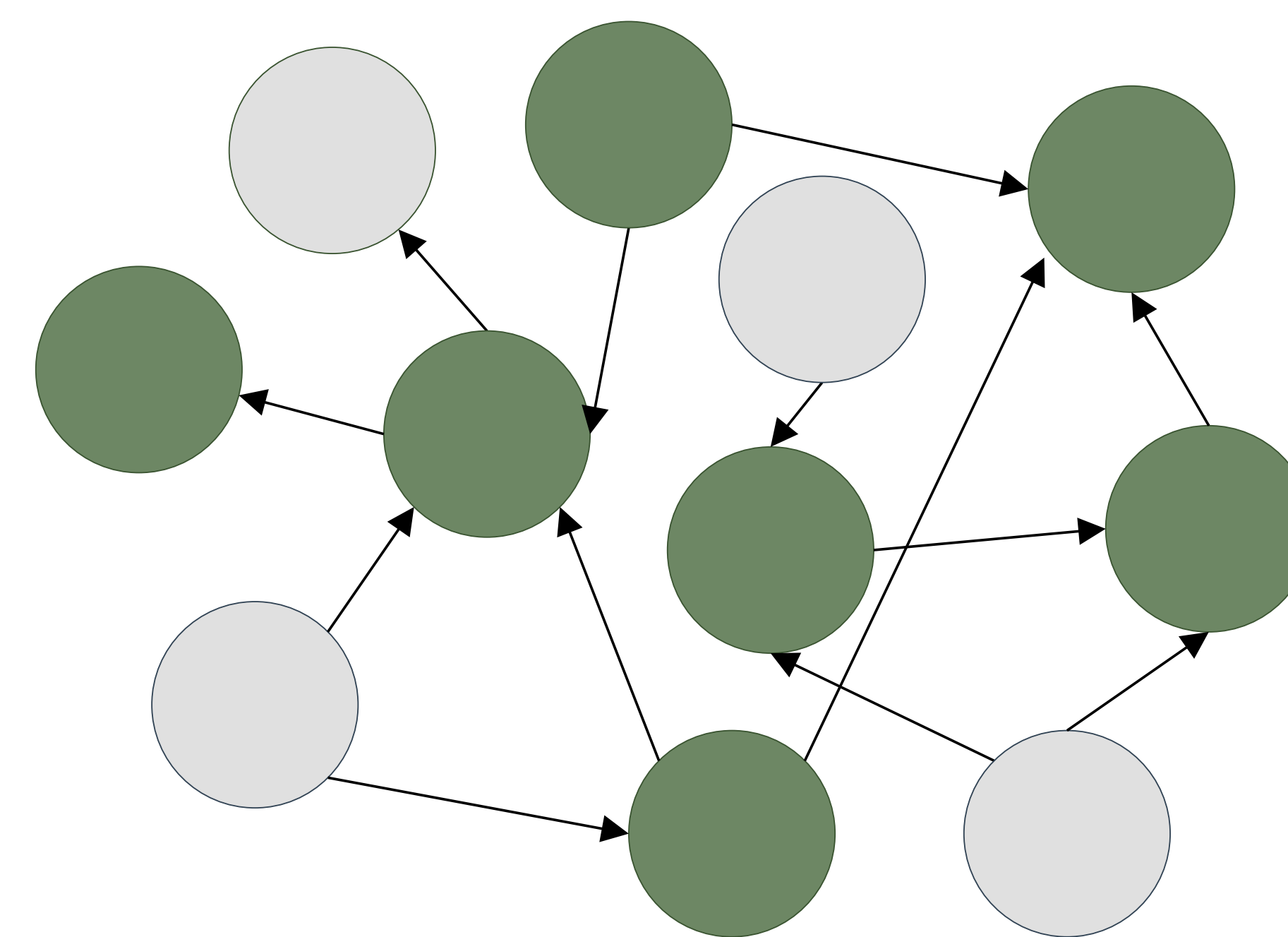
**USE CASE:** The Identification and Progression Tracking of Alzheimer's Disease

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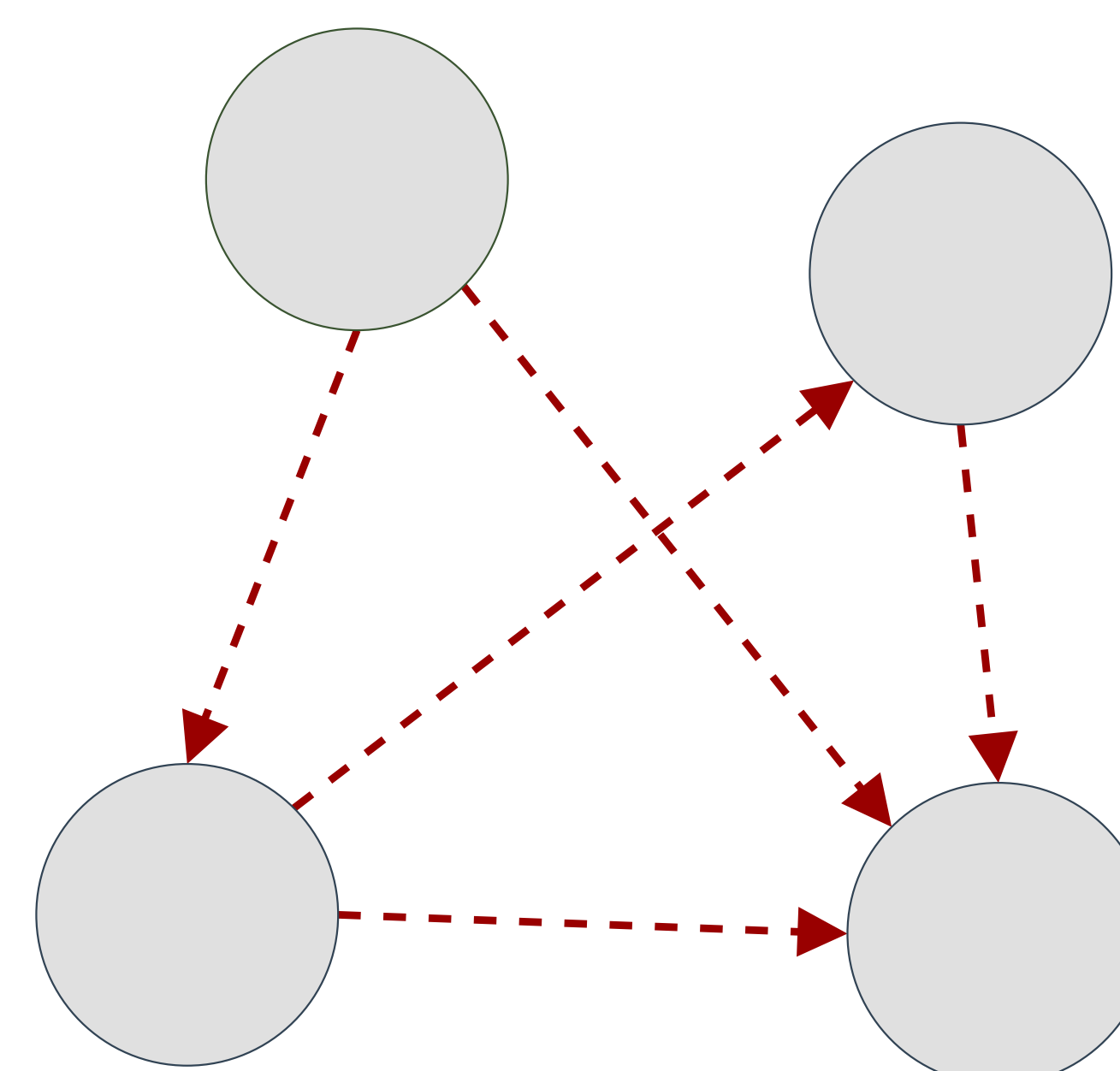
We want to handle missing or unmeasurable data and uncover the underlying distributional mechanisms that influence observed phenomena. Thus enhancing the interpretability of complex systems, for better informed decision-making and advancing domain-specific knowledge.

## Method

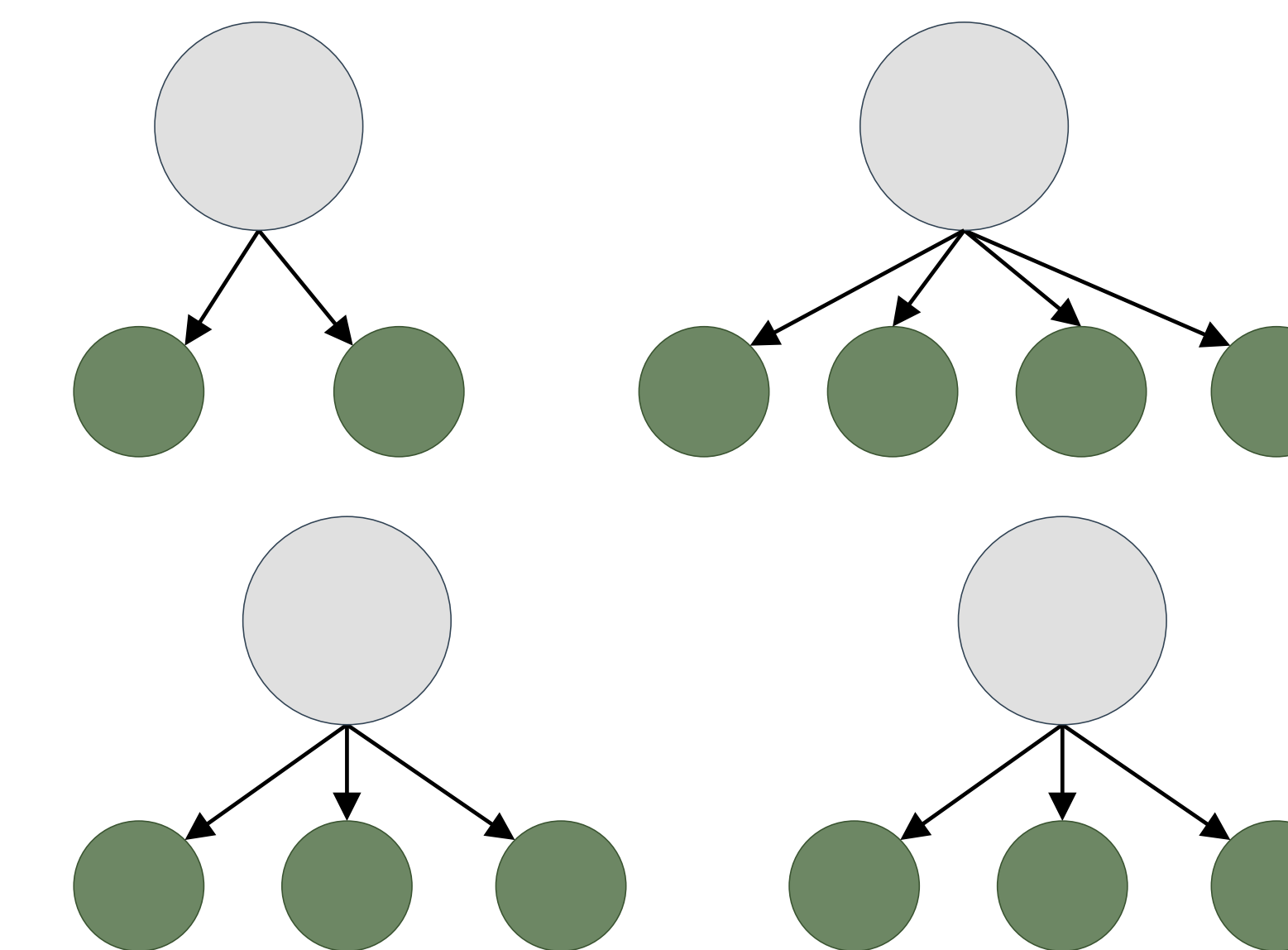
Proposed underlying true distribution  $\mathbf{M}^*$  as a static Bayesian Network



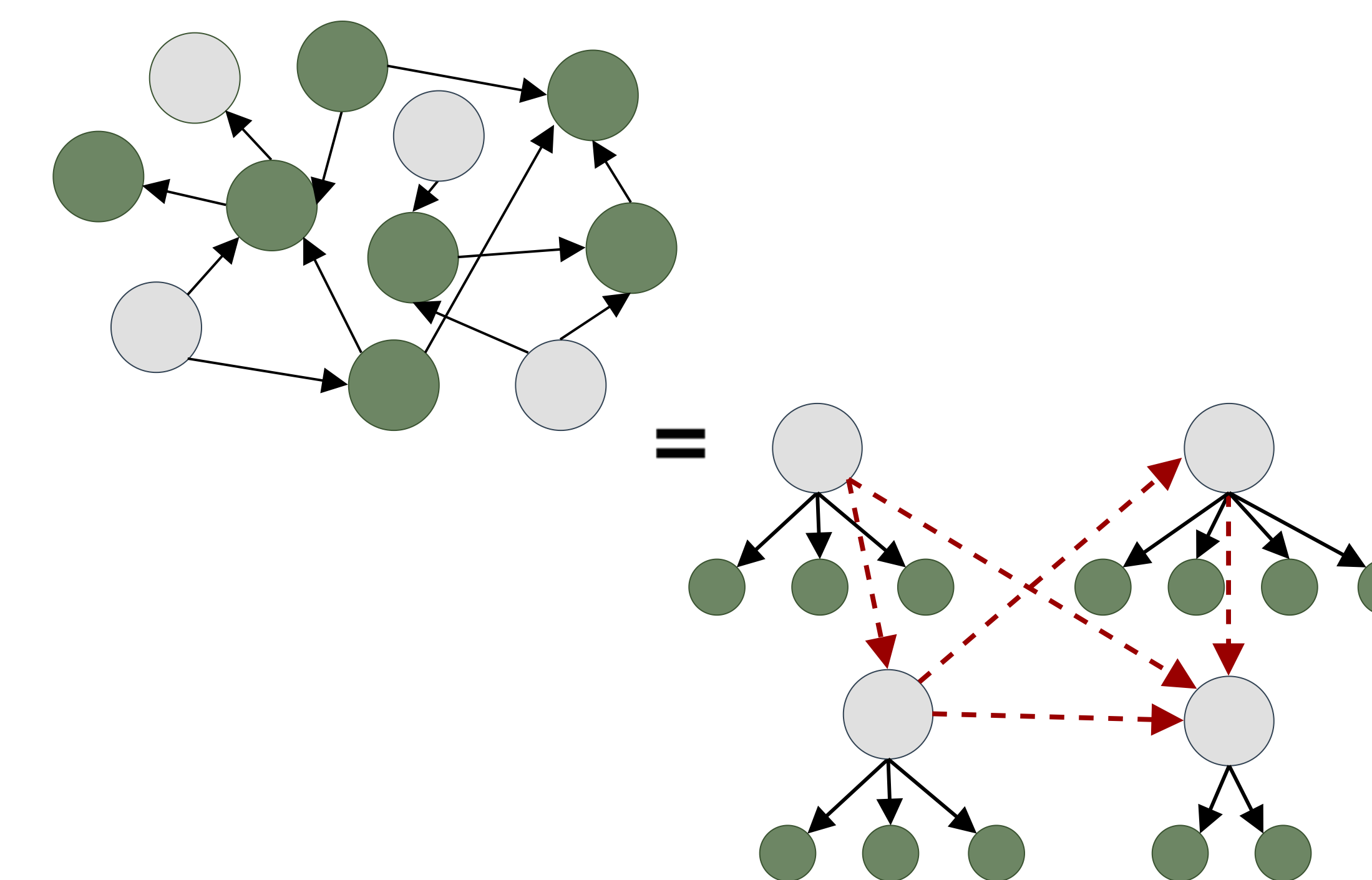
We learn the structure  $\mathbf{M}$  between latent variables and estimate the parameters



Latent variables are **relearned** from the **observable data** using EM Clustering



We then compare the learned structure  $\mathbf{M}$  against  $\mathbf{M}^*$  using KL Divergence



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