

**GENEVA
GRADUATE
INSTITUTE**

INSTITUT DE HAUTES
ÉTUDES INTERNATIONALES
ET DU DÉVELOPPEMENT
GRADUATE INSTITUTE
OF INTERNATIONAL AND
DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

SAOMs

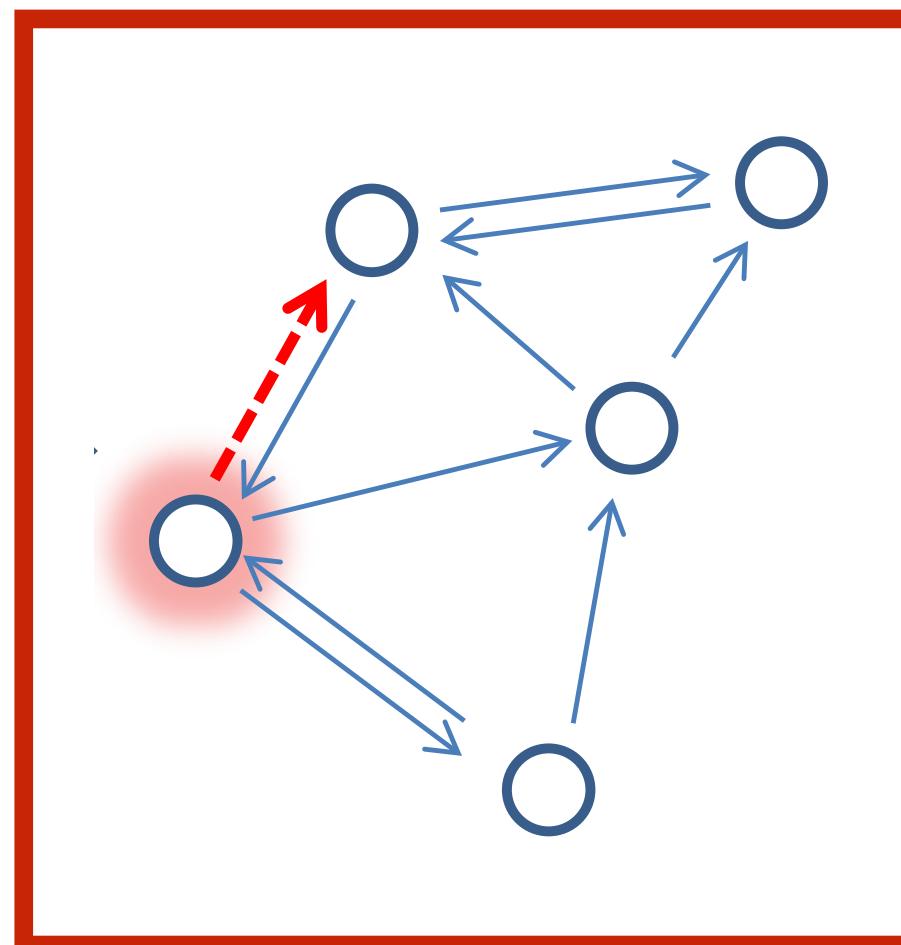
James Hollway

Feedback on midterms

- Generally very well done
- Reminder: choice of centrality measure should be well motivated
- Reminder: transitivity for undirected networks is just closed triangles
- Reminder: which community detection algorithm produces highest modularity and/or most interpretable/sensible results
- Reminder: nodes in structural holes are called brokers; ties linking communities are called bridges
- Surprising not to see more positional and/or topological analysis...

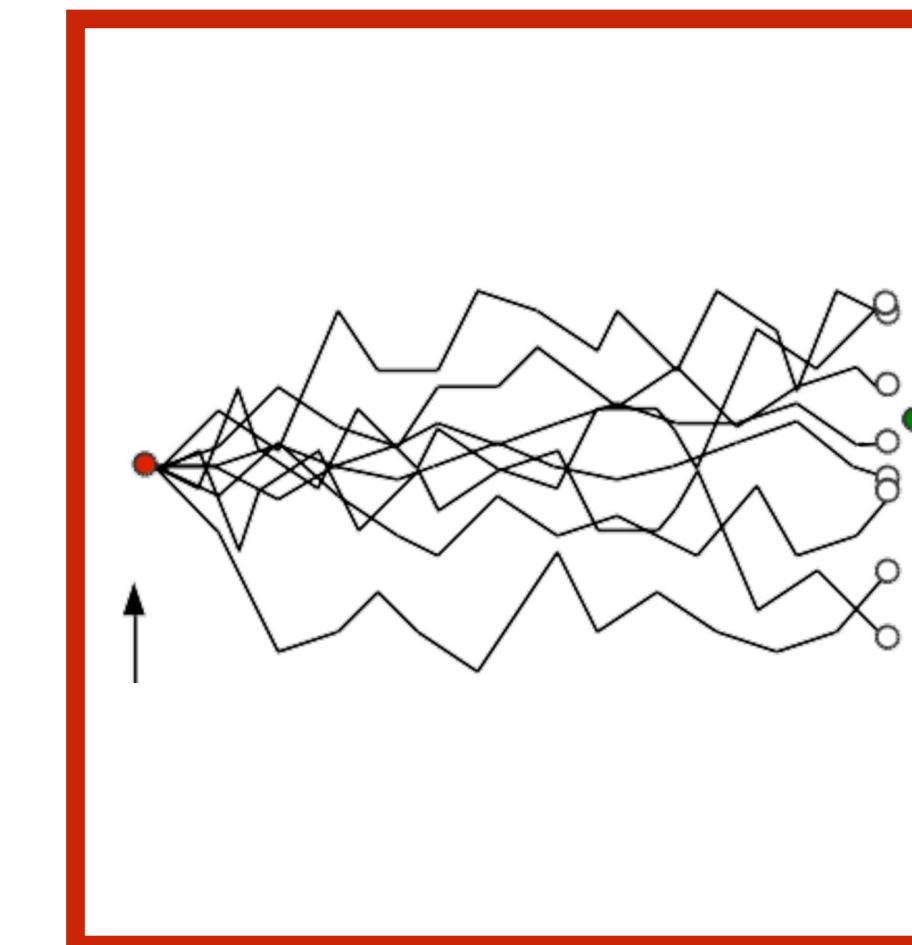
SAOM

Model



Actor vs tie models

Estimation



MOM vs MLE

Influence

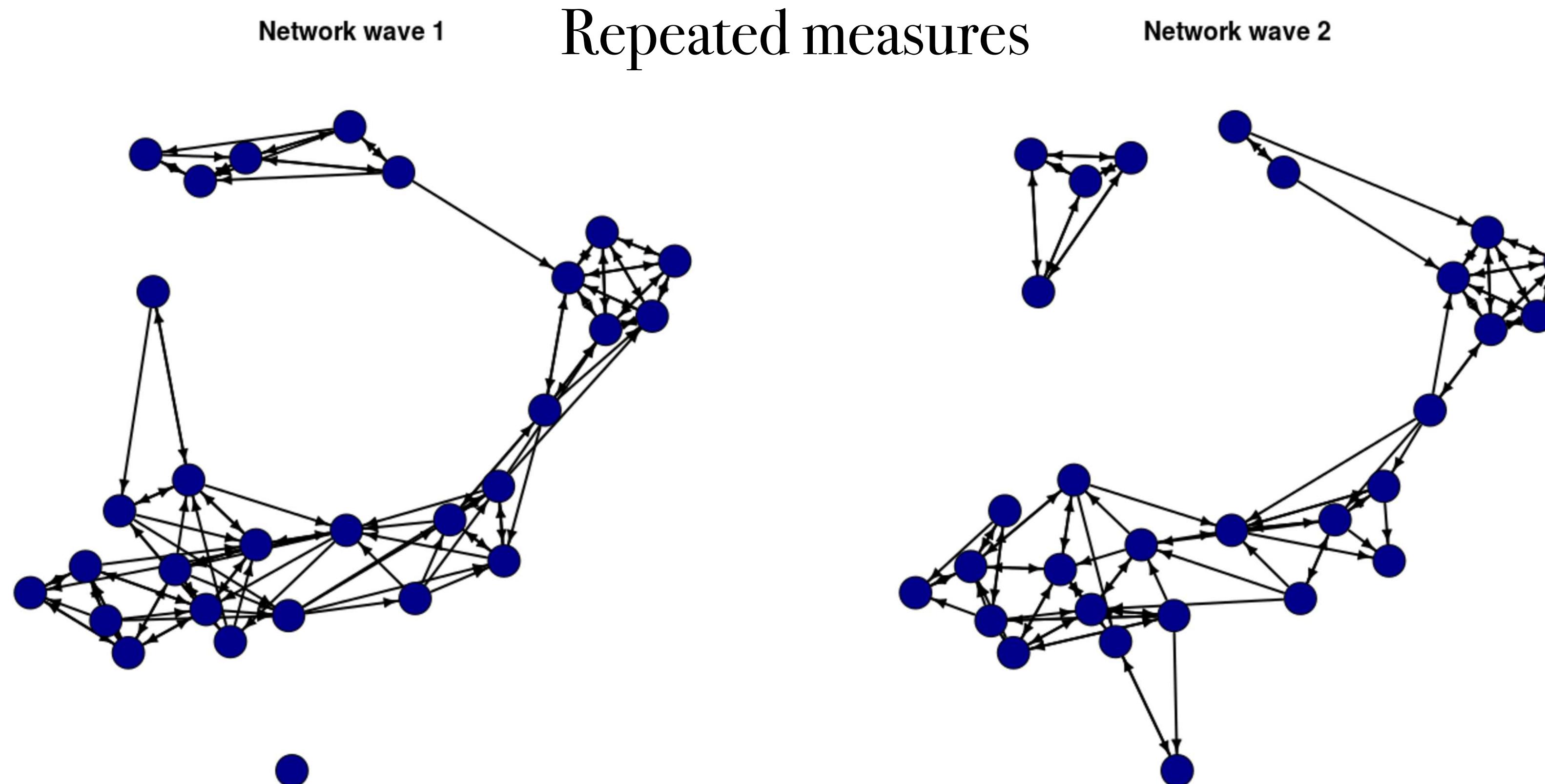


Selection vs Influence

Why Network *Dynamics*

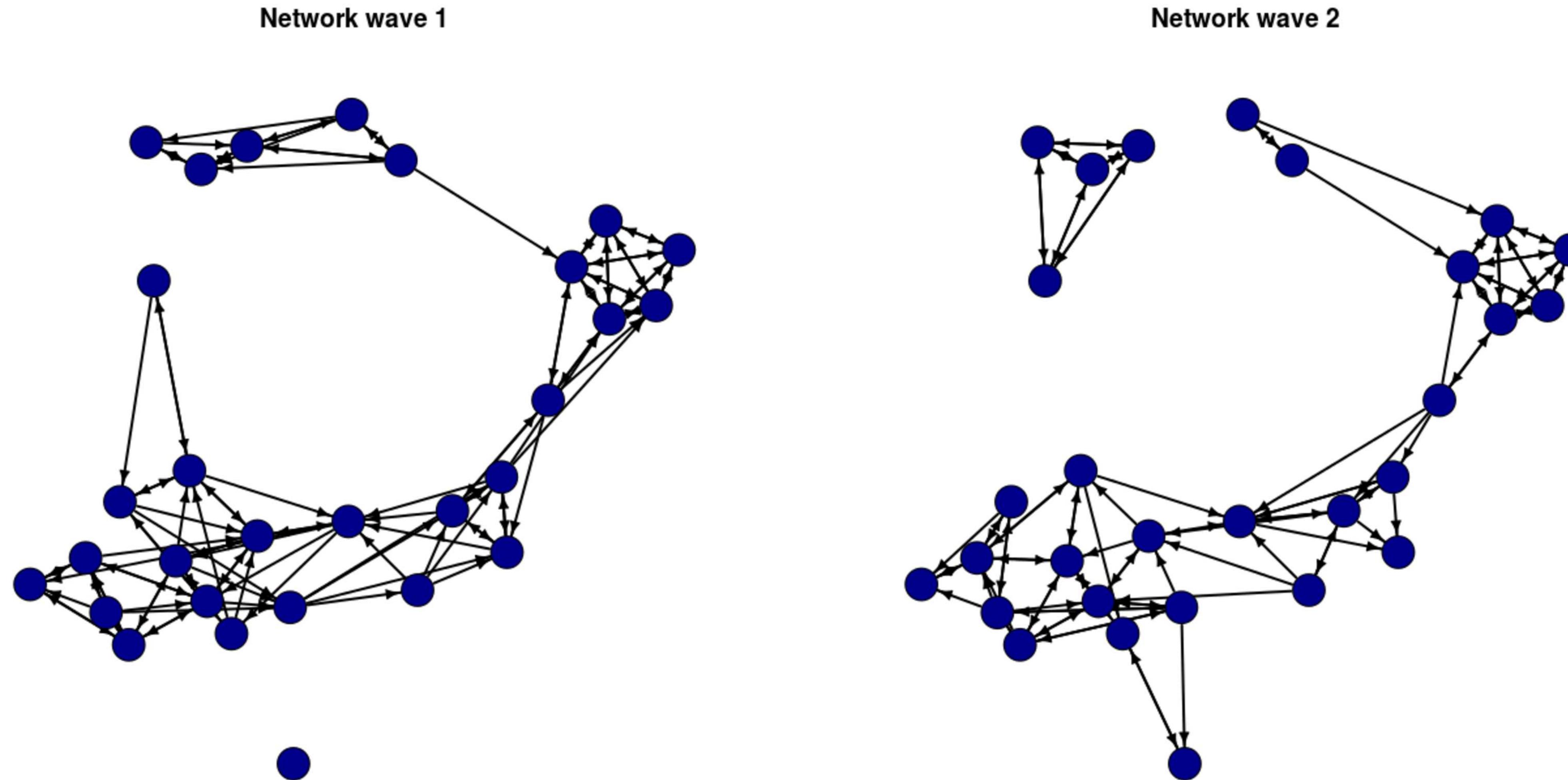
- Because we want to know *why* there are associations
 - Say, why are depressed people more likely to have depressed friends (Schaefer et al 2012)
- *Competing explanations* tend to involve *dynamic* mechanisms:
 - because depressed adolescents prefer depressed friends
 - because they are avoided by non-depressed people
 - because they withdraw from friendly interactions which destroys all other friendships
 - because depression is contagious along friendships

Typical data: panel

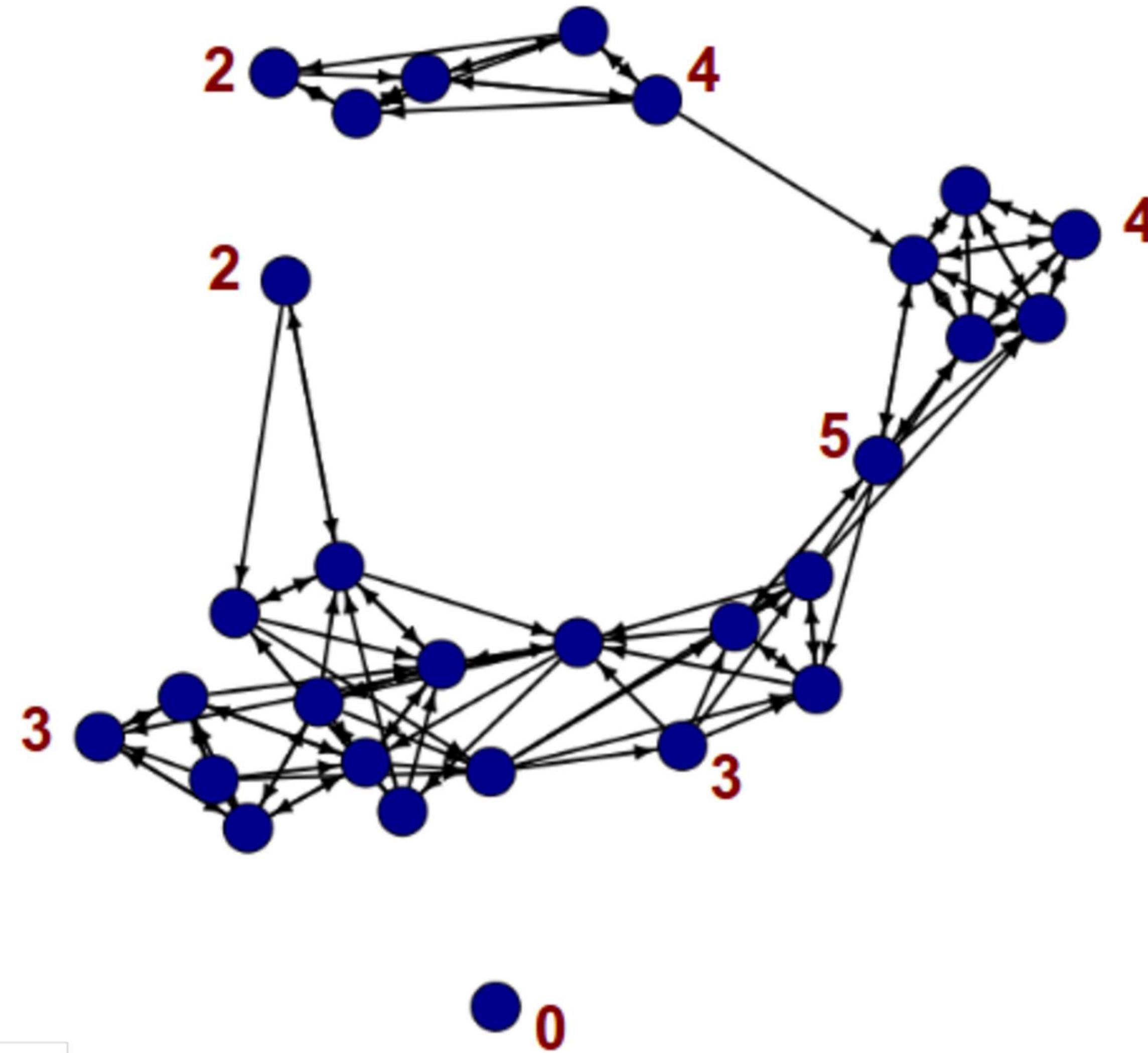


1. Same group of actors (some **composition change** allowed)
2. Same relational variable (**states** not **events**)
3. Some, but not too much change

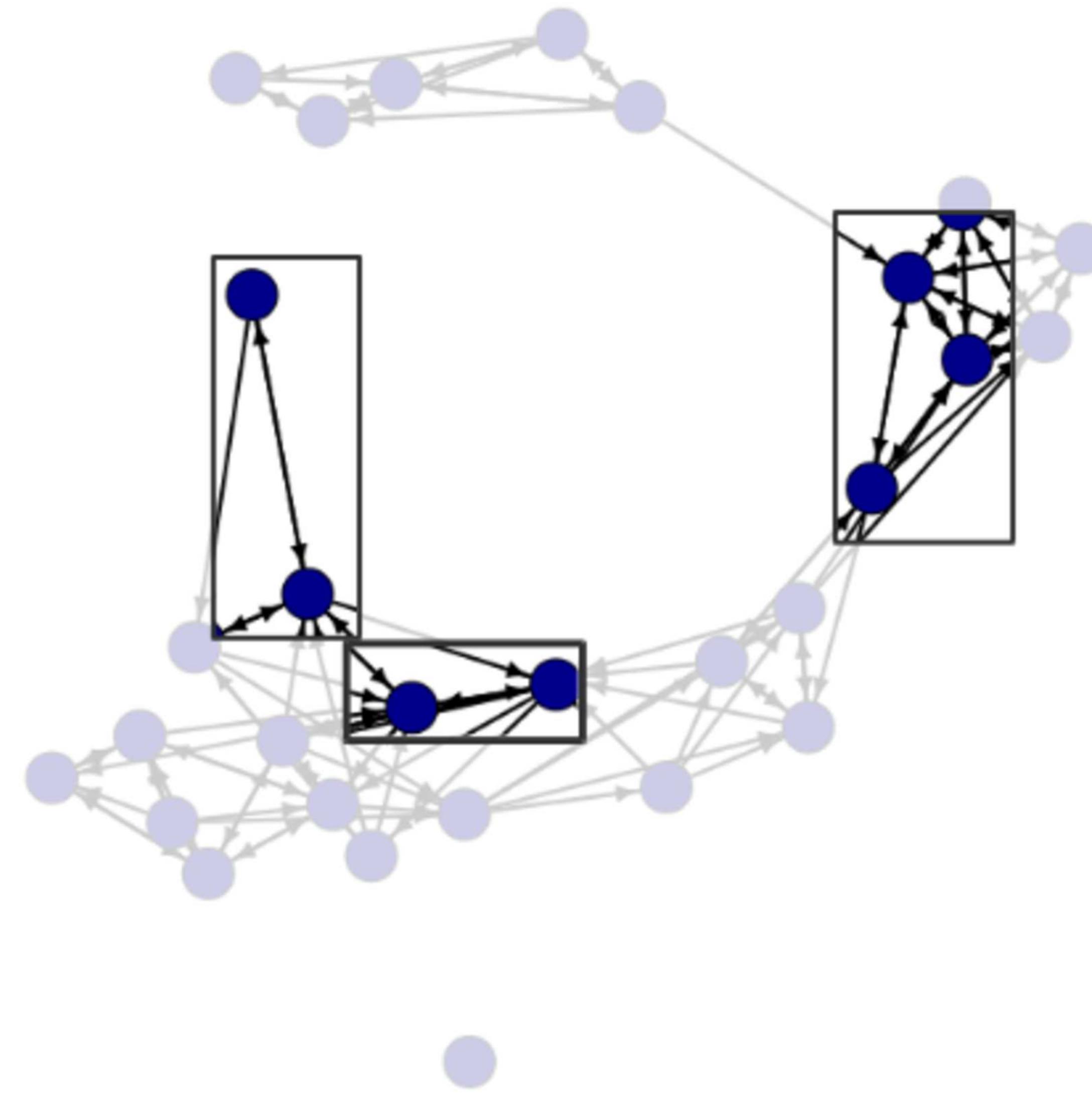
Which forces shape this social network's evolution?



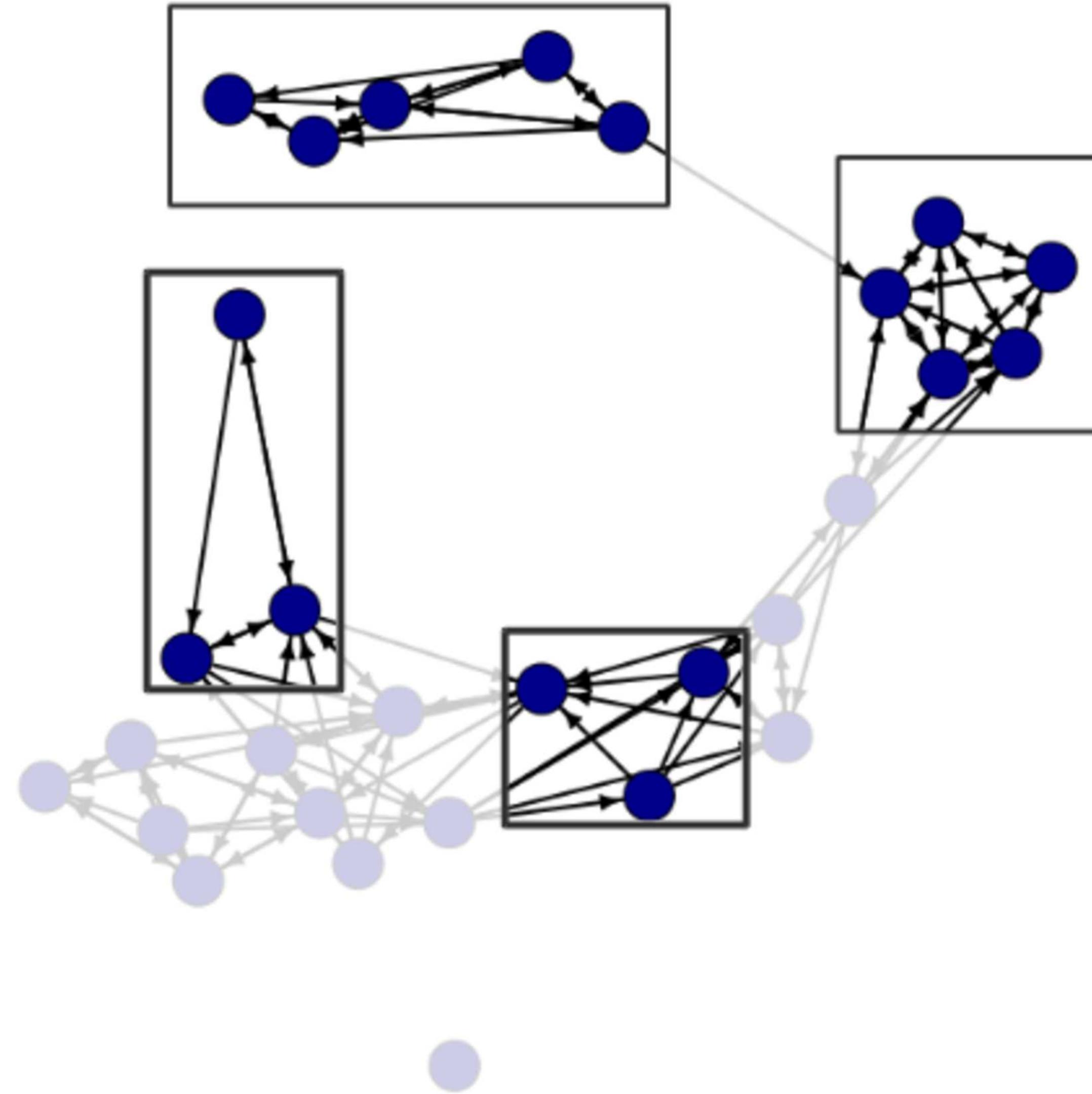
Social network ties are costly



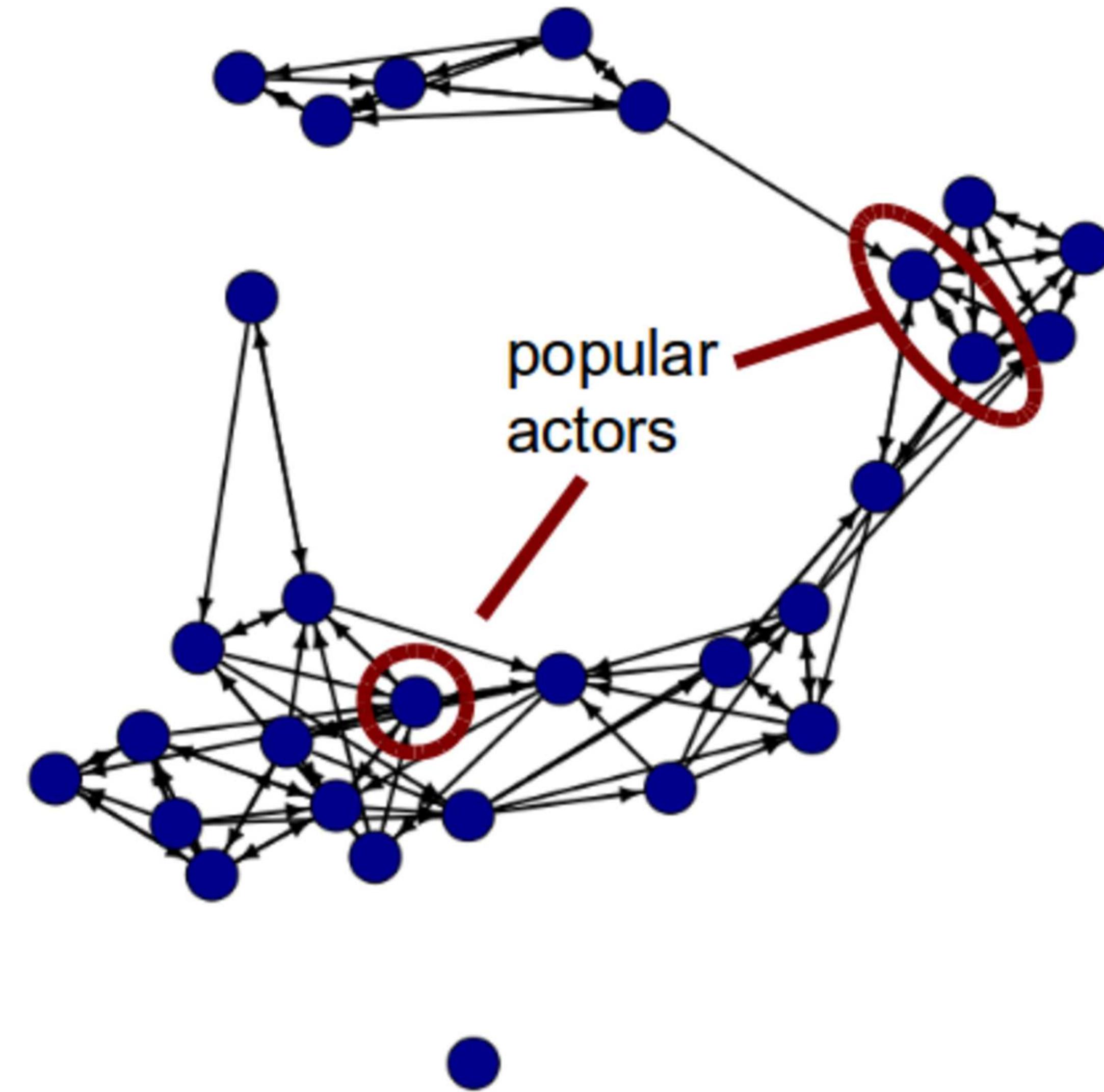
Individuals form and maintain reciprocal ties



Transitivity leads to clustering

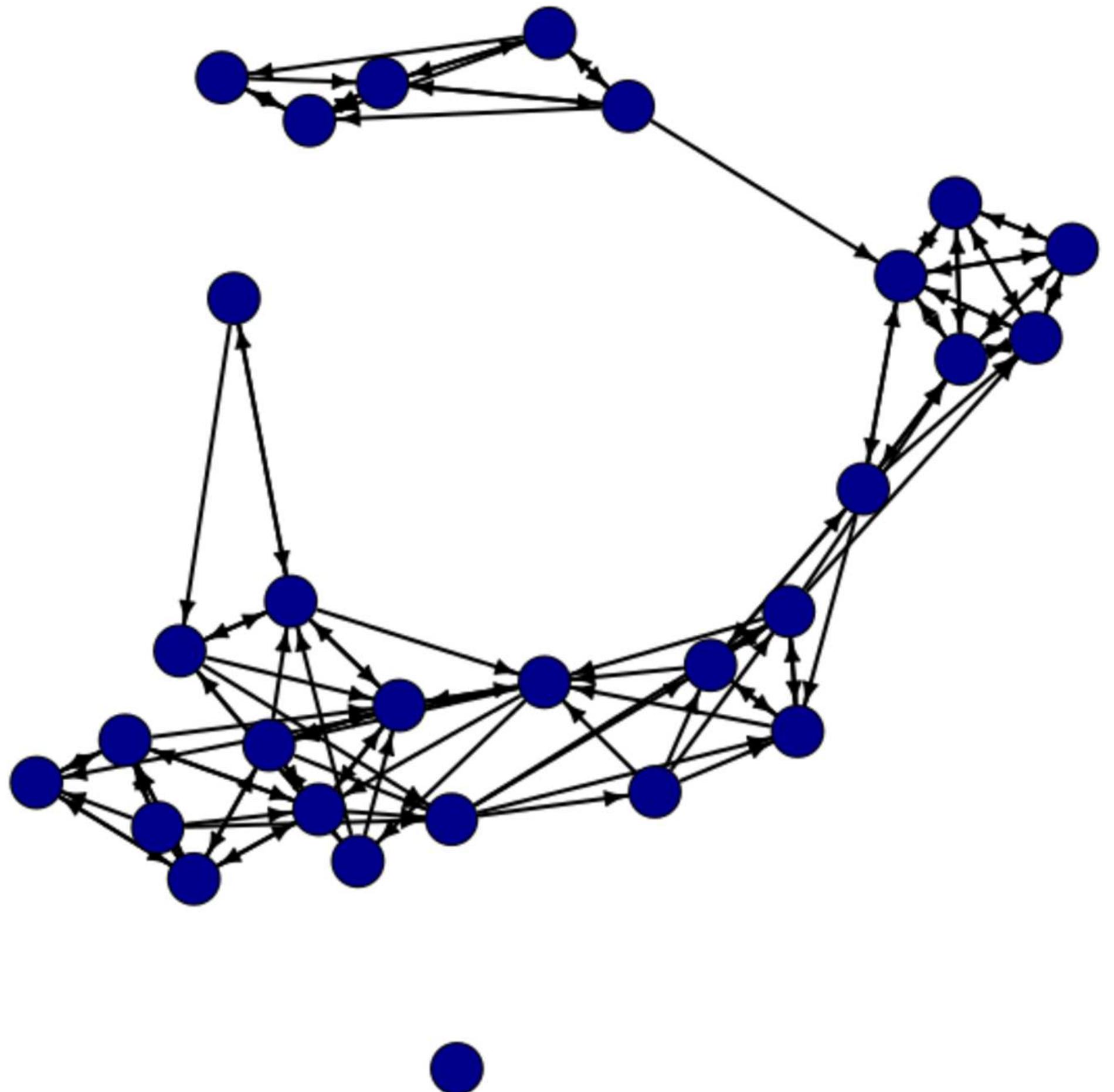


Status hierarchy shapes friendship networks

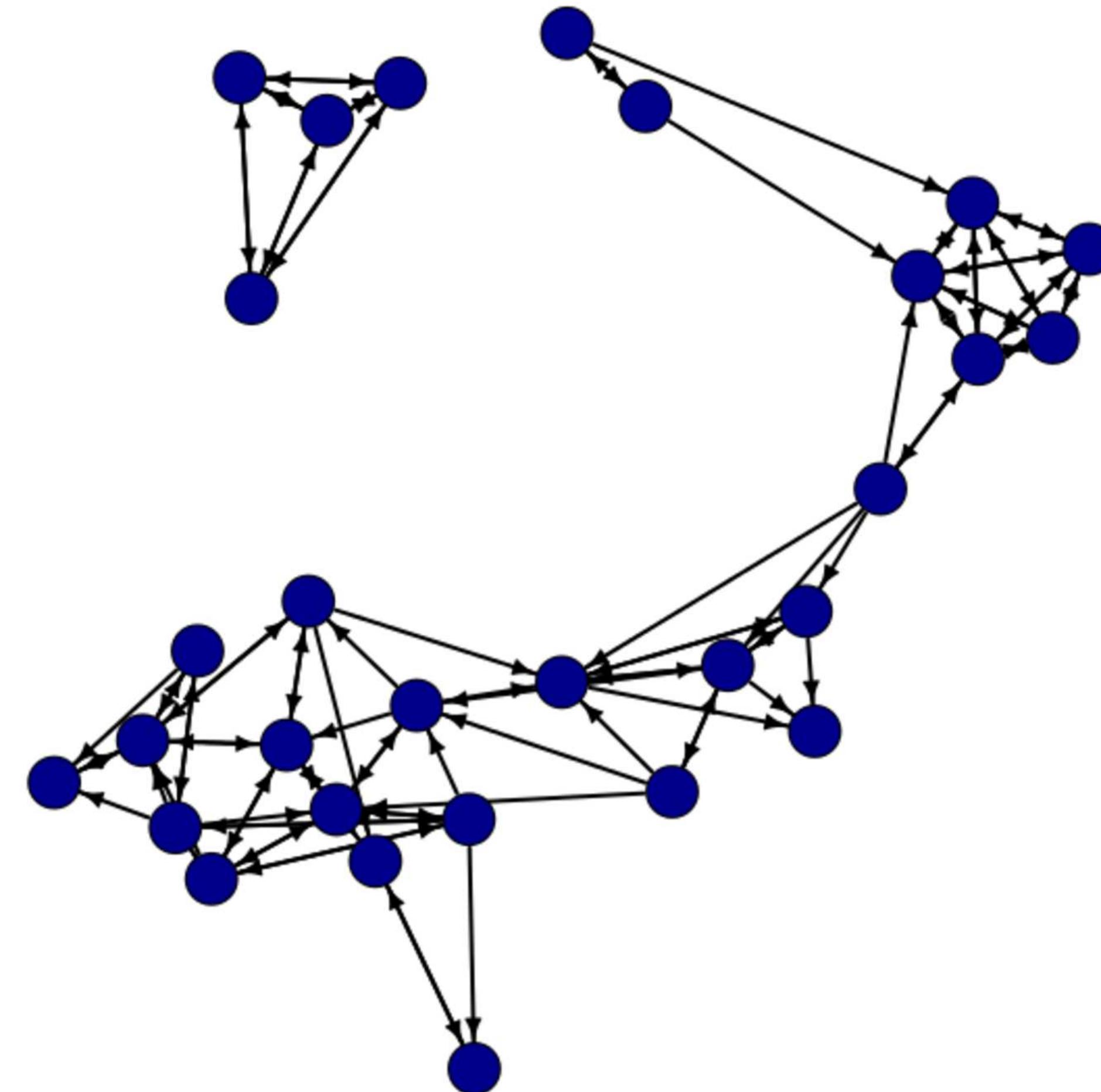


What else?

Network wave 1

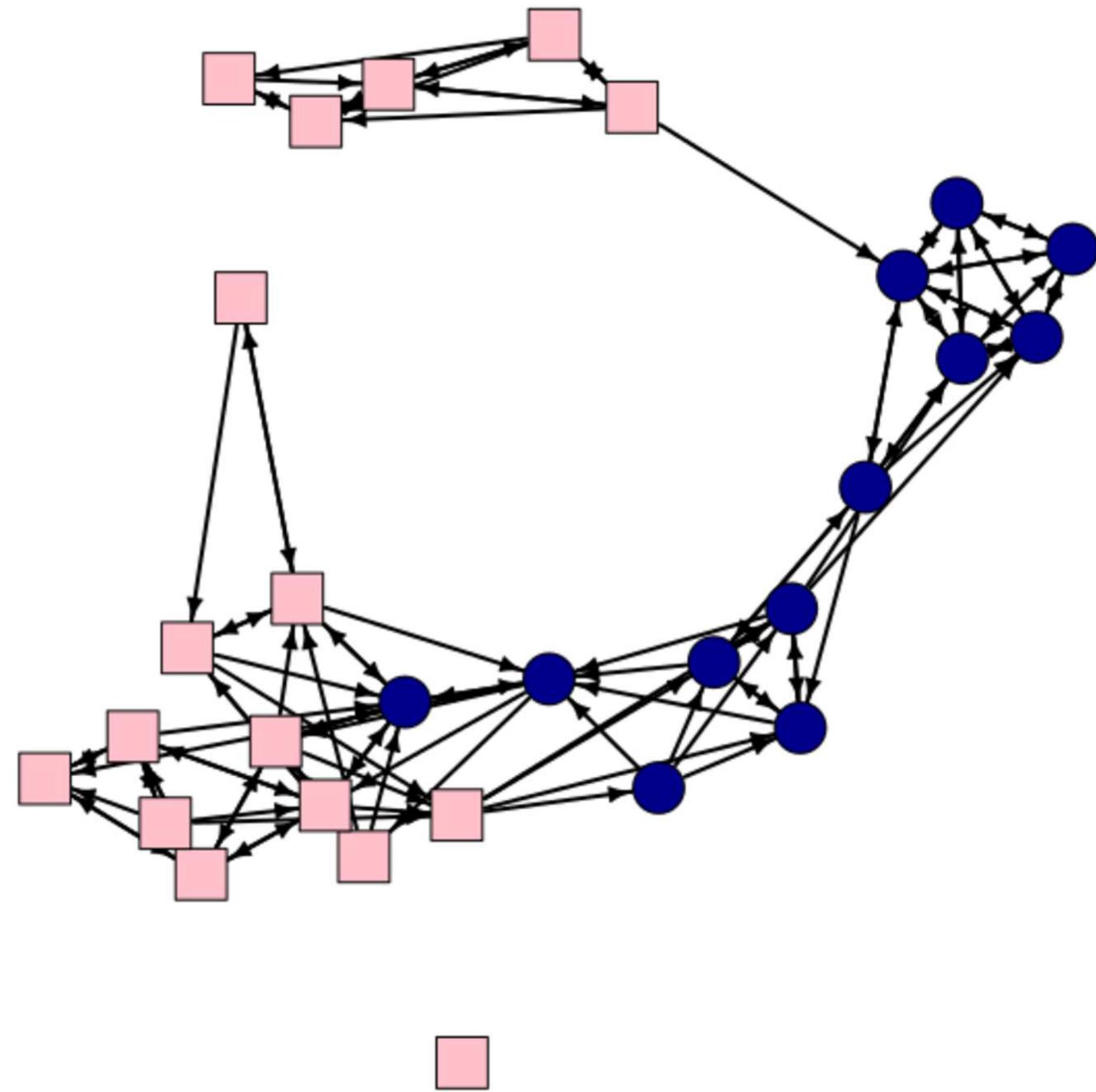


Network wave 2

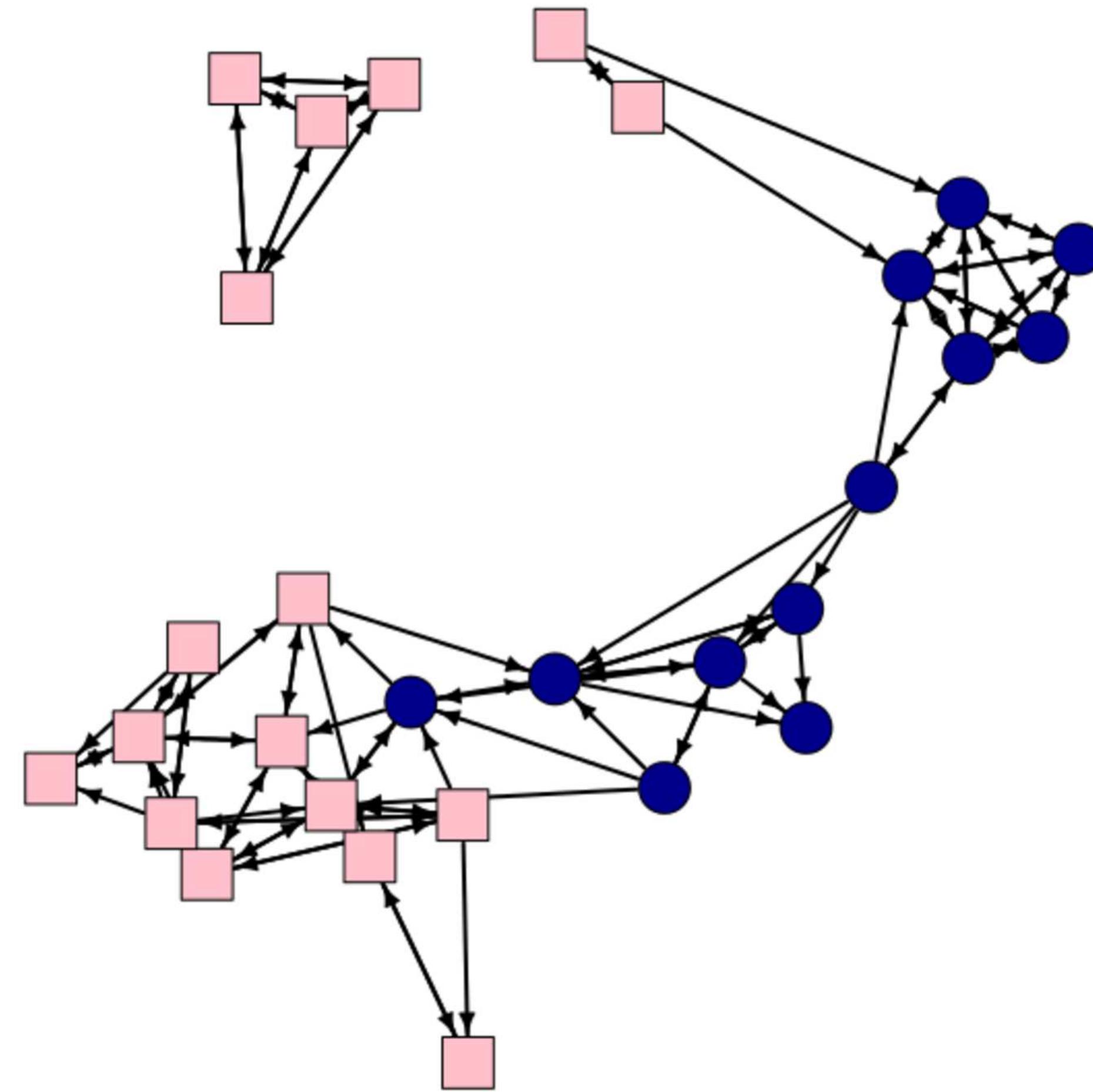


Gender homophily?

Network wave 1

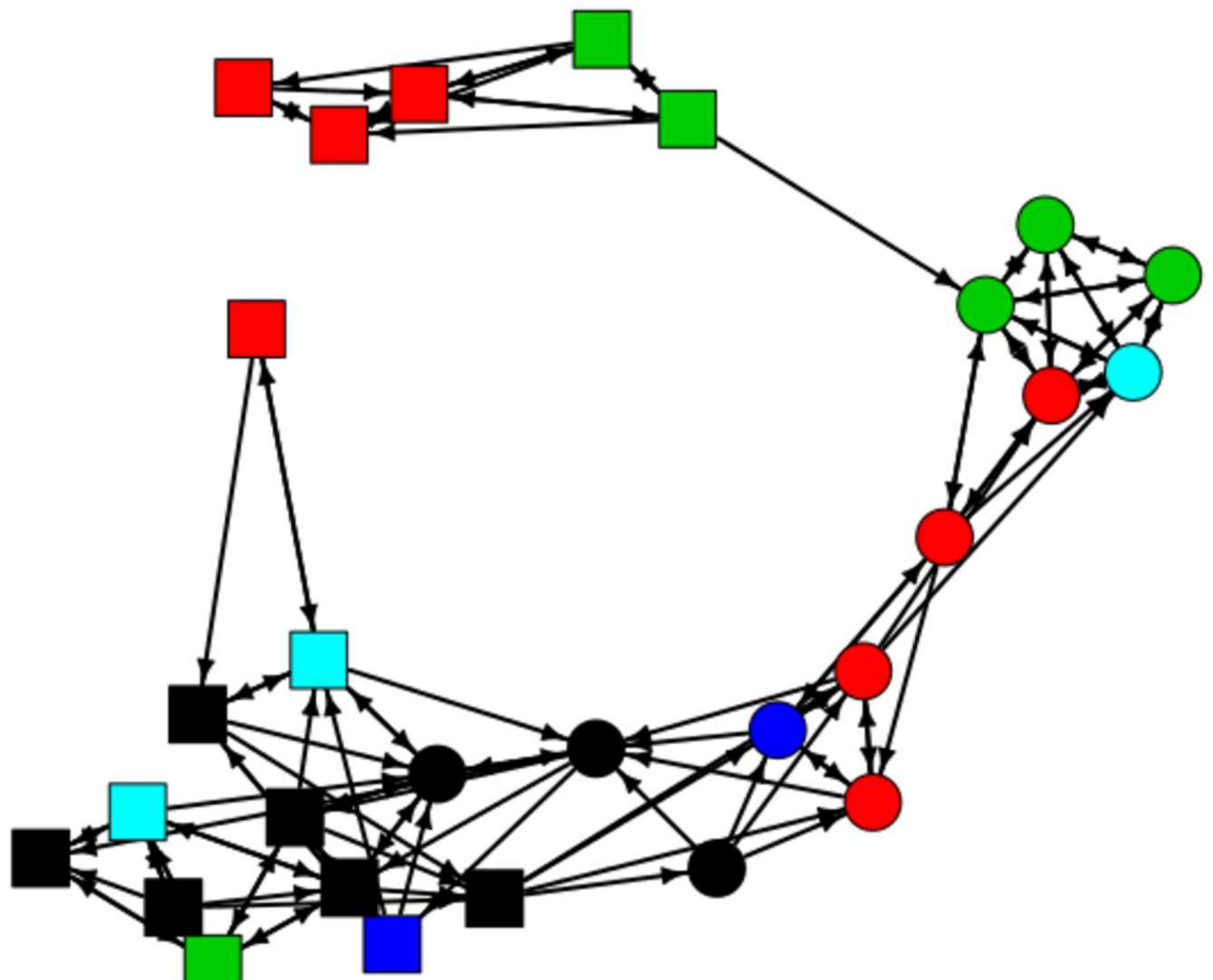


Network wave 2

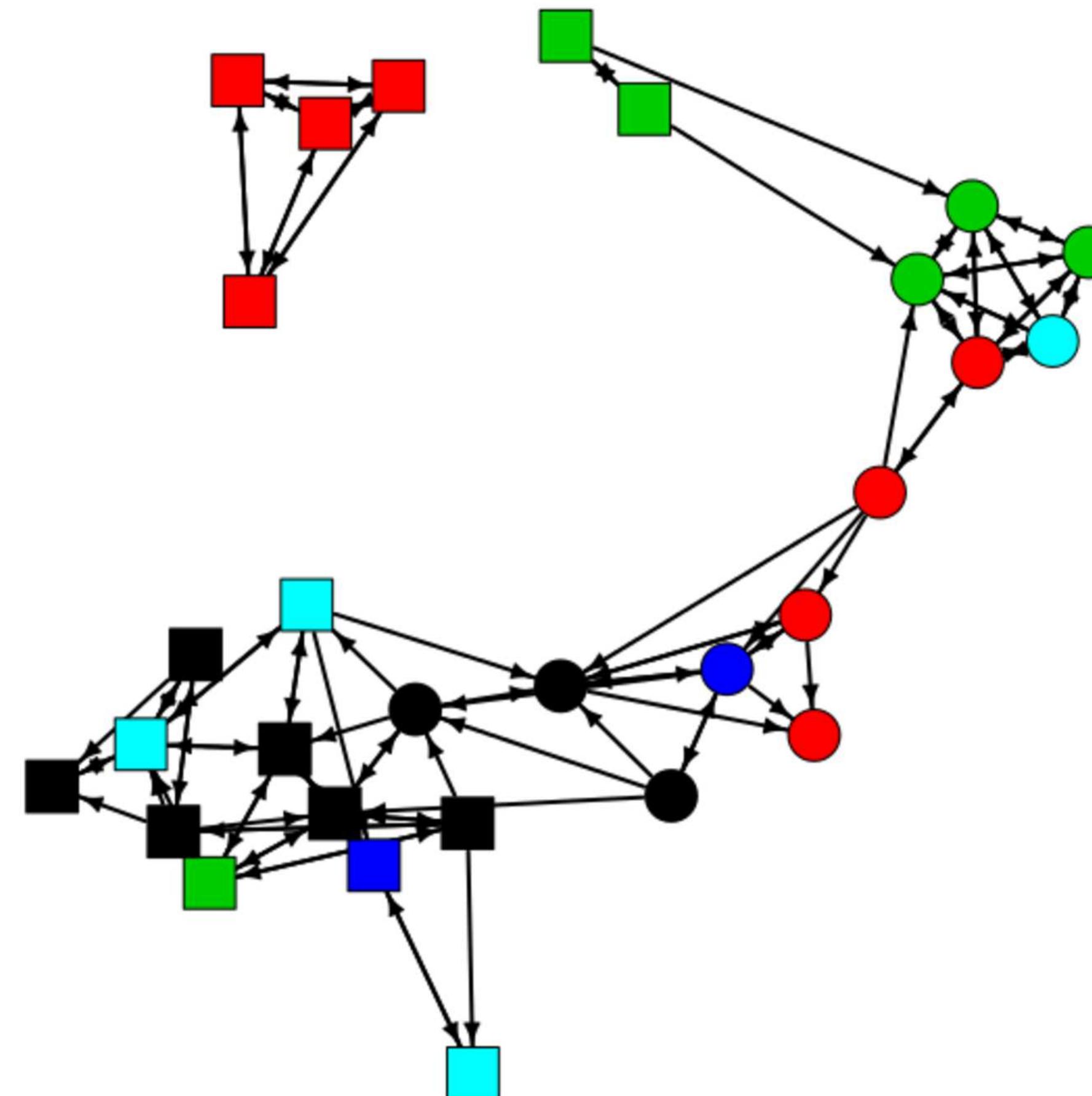


Ethnic homophily?

Network wave 1



Network wave 2

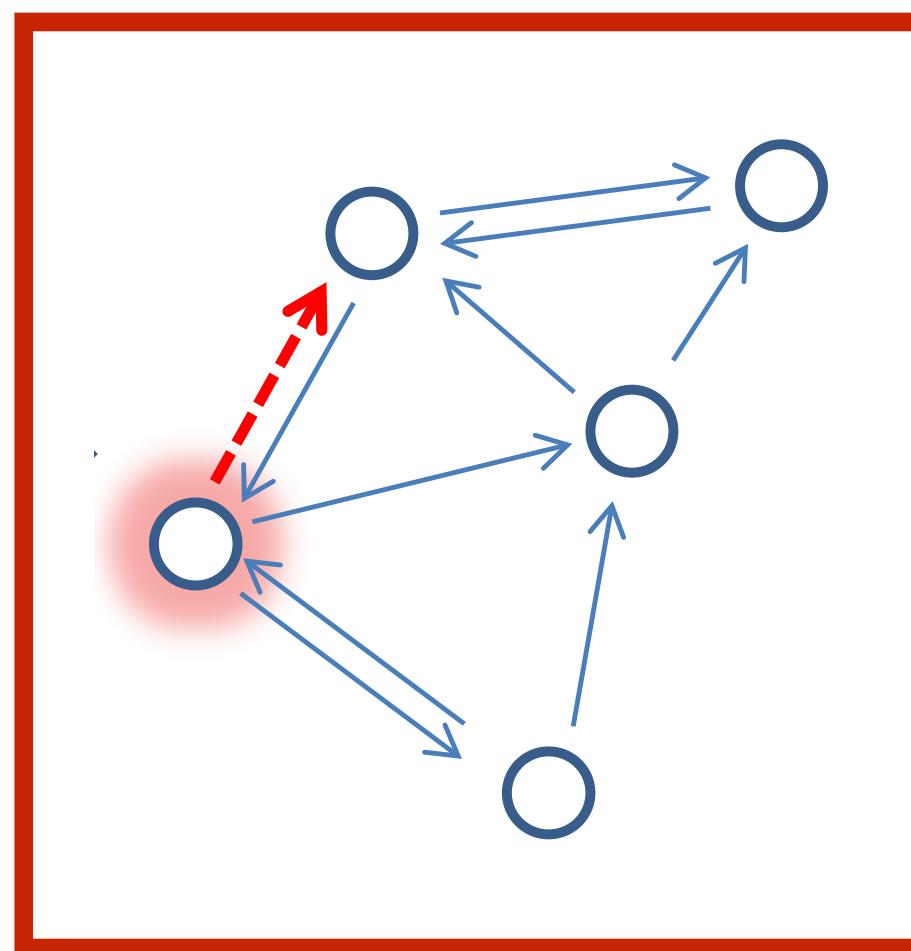


Modelling thoughts

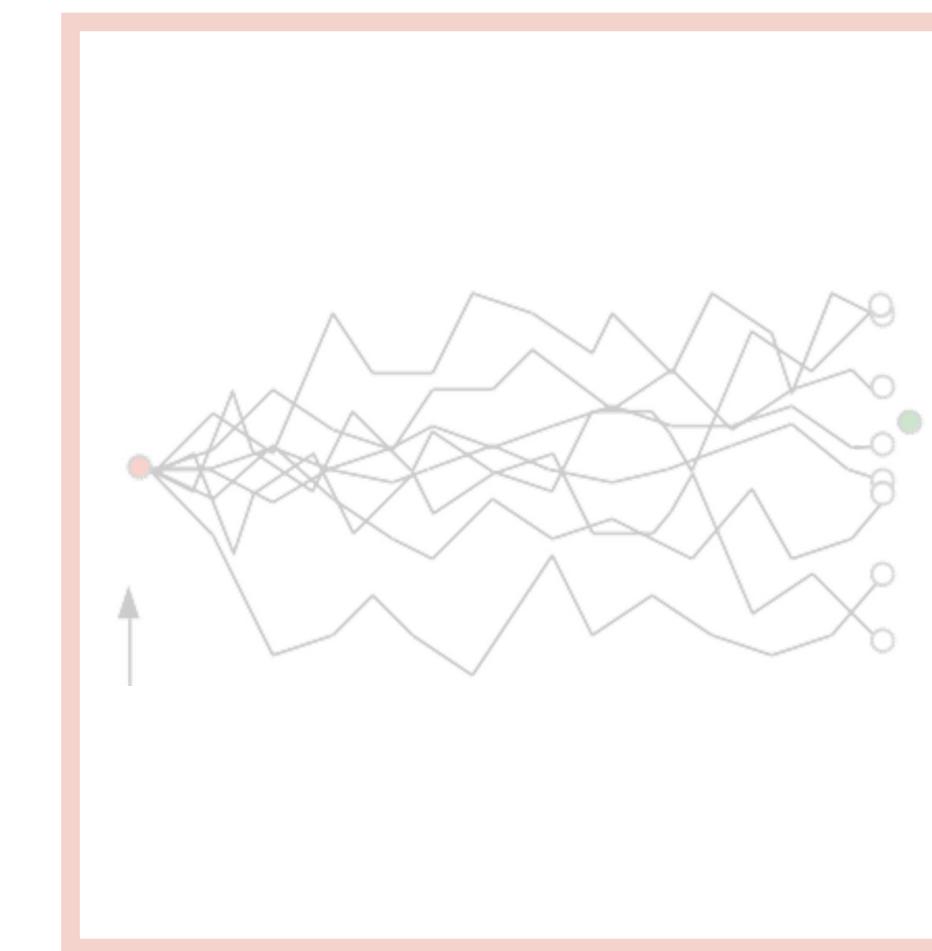
- A **statistical approach** is necessary to control for alternative explanations
- A **complete network approach** is necessary because selection can only be studied when the complete pool of candidates is known
- A **longitudinal approach** is necessary to link antecedents with consequences
- A (weak: see Udehn 2002) **methodologically individualist approach** is useful for bringing the model close to theory

SAOM

Model



Estimation



Influence

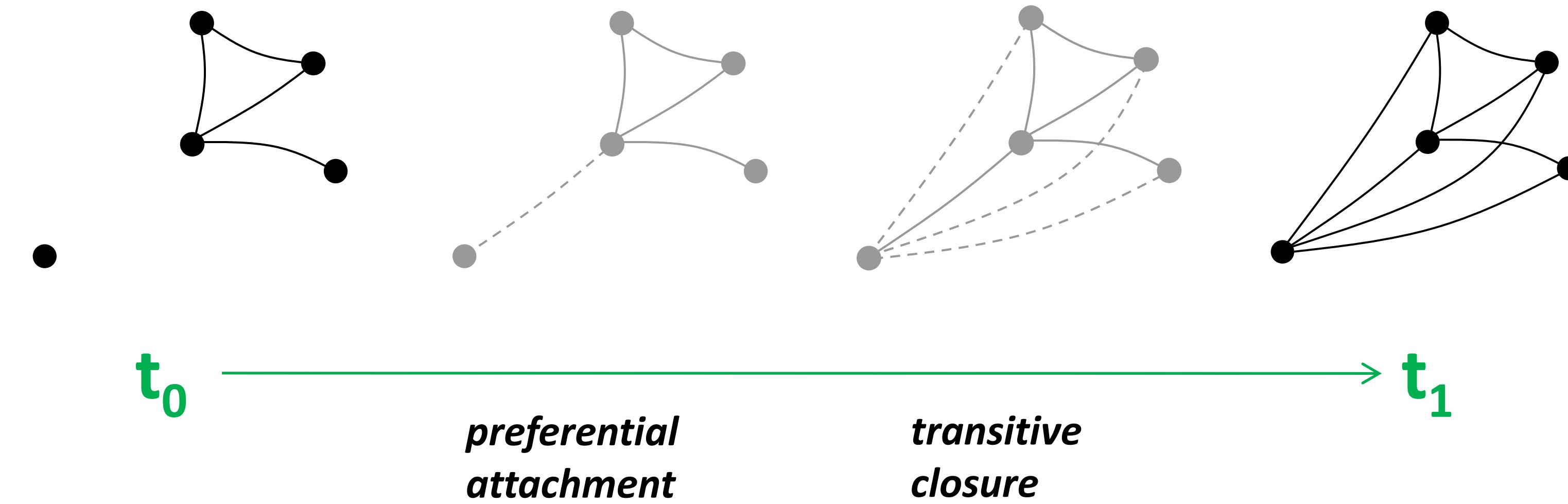


SAOMs are not ERGMs

- SAOMs are a **continuous-time** network model
 - They model change in social networks in continuous-time using empirical panel data with SIENA (Simulation Investigation for Empirical Network Analysis)
 - See Block et al 2018
- SAOMs are an **actor-oriented** network model
 - They model change as a function of individuals' choices about whom they want to relate to and how they want to behave
 - See Block et al 2019

Why Continuous-Time?

- Because complex patterns emerge from simple(r) mechanisms

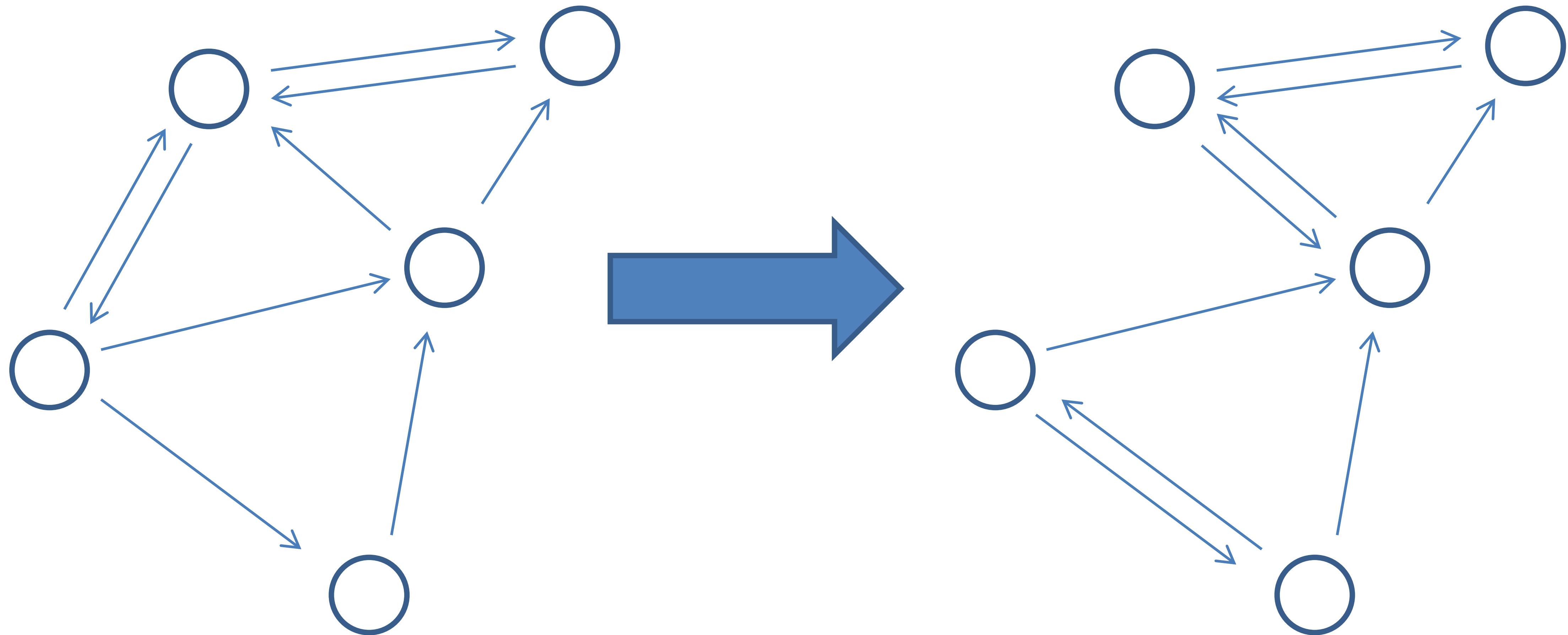


- New ties may be realisation-contingent on other new ties.
- Cannot easily model compound emergence in discrete-time.

Why Actor-Oriented?

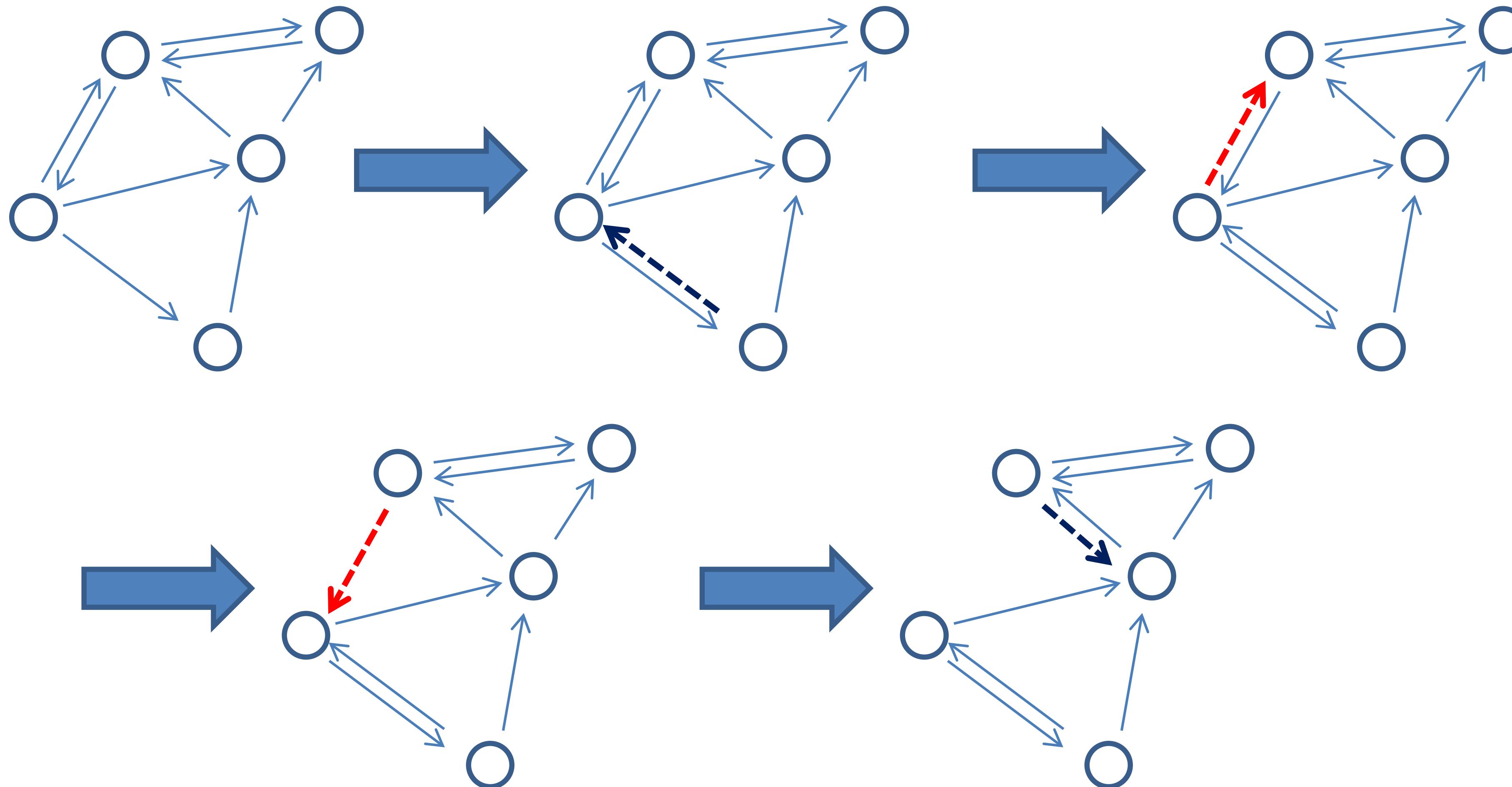
- All social network change is brought about by individual or collective **agents** that decide to send or drop a tie (homophily, withdrawal, avoidance, etc)
- As the actor is the **locus of control**, we should model the tie changes from its perspective

Intuition

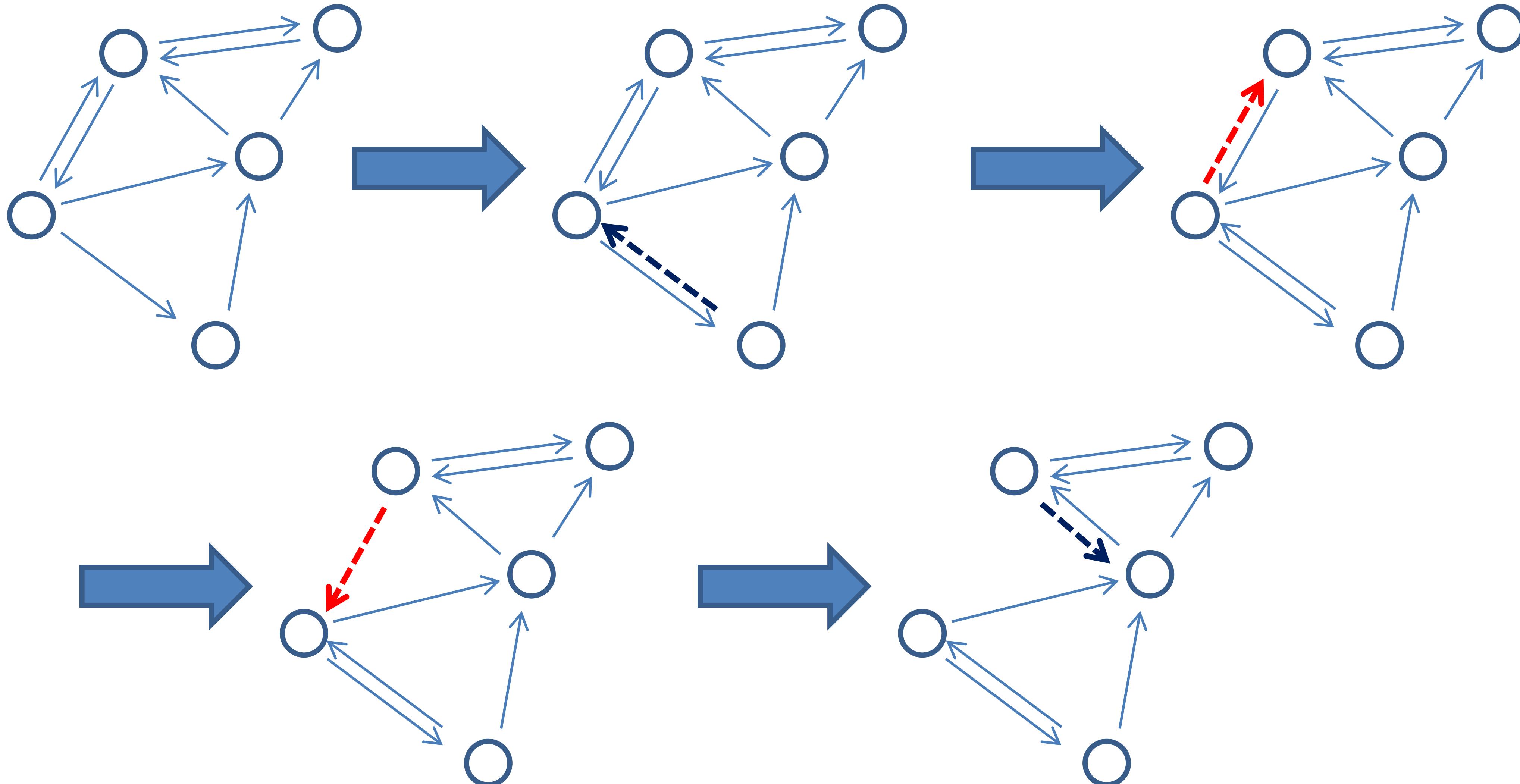


Continuous-Time

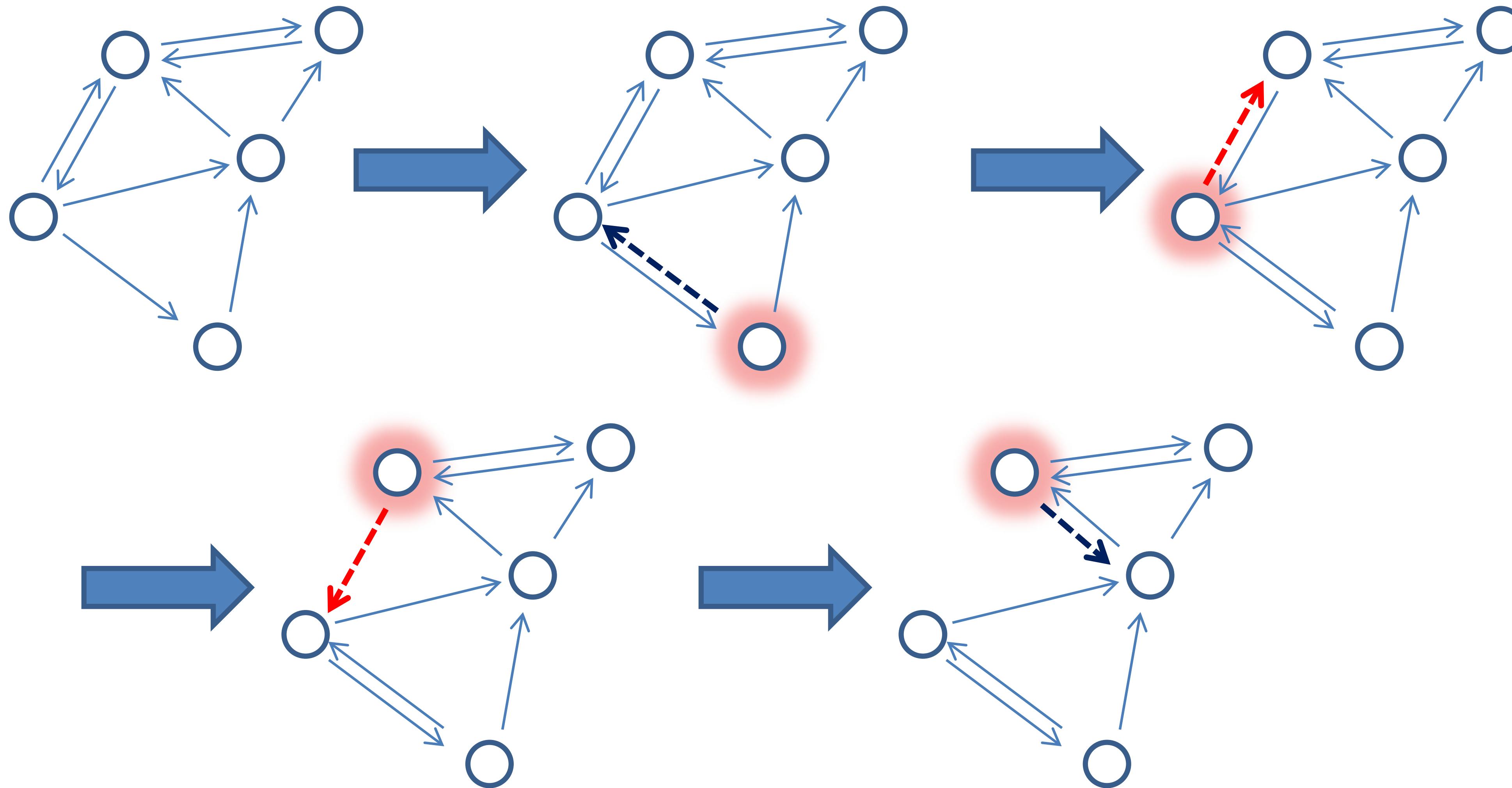
This is one potential path how the network develops from t_1 to t_2



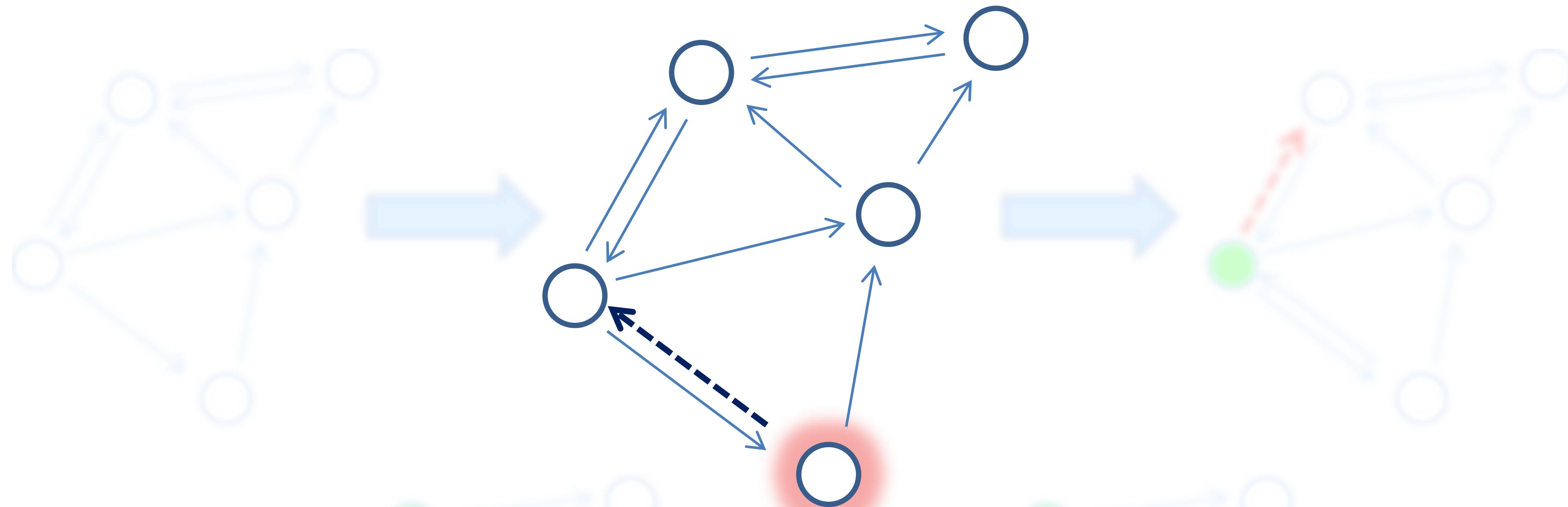
Mini-Step



Actor-Oriented

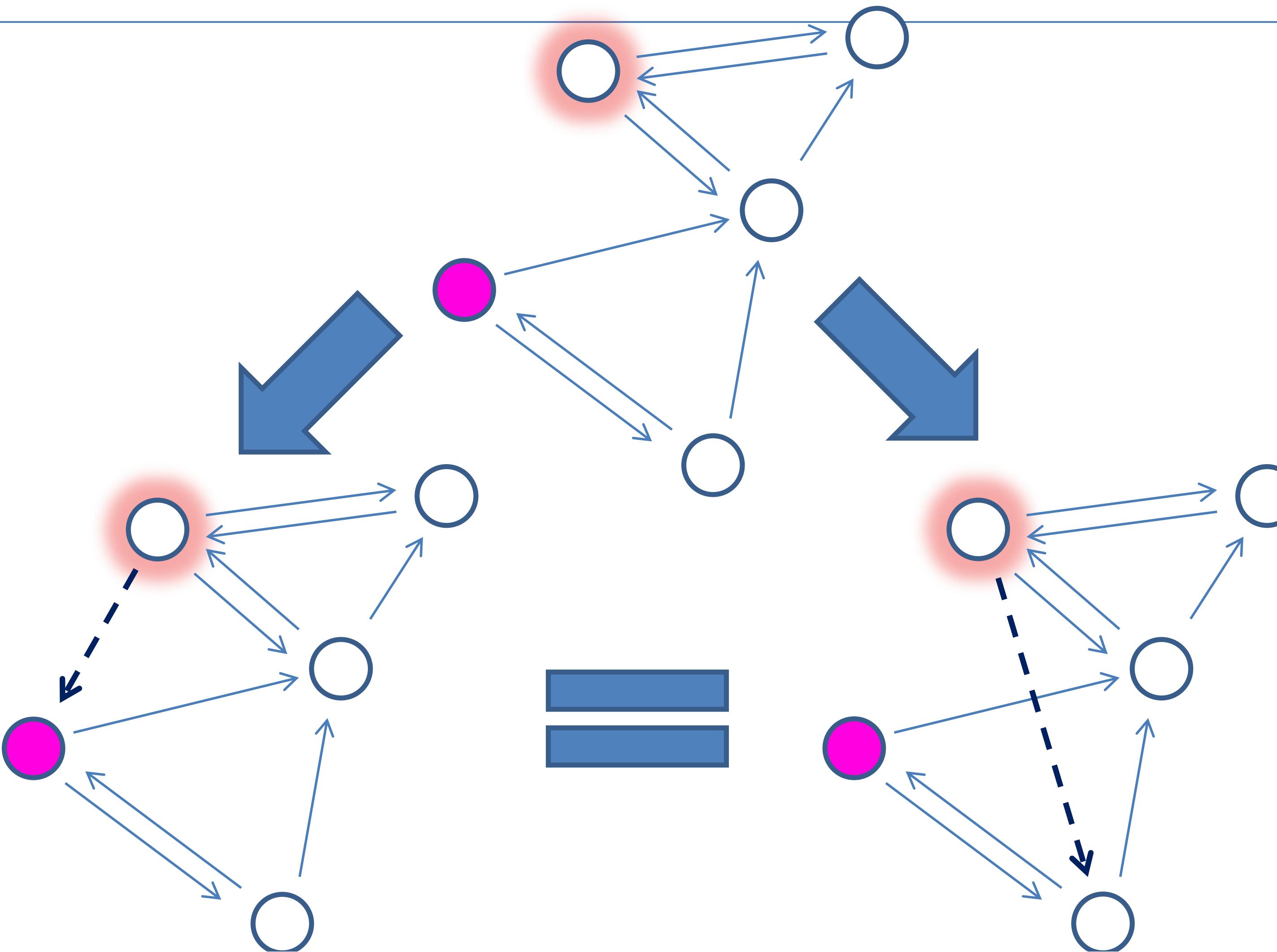


Actor-Oriented

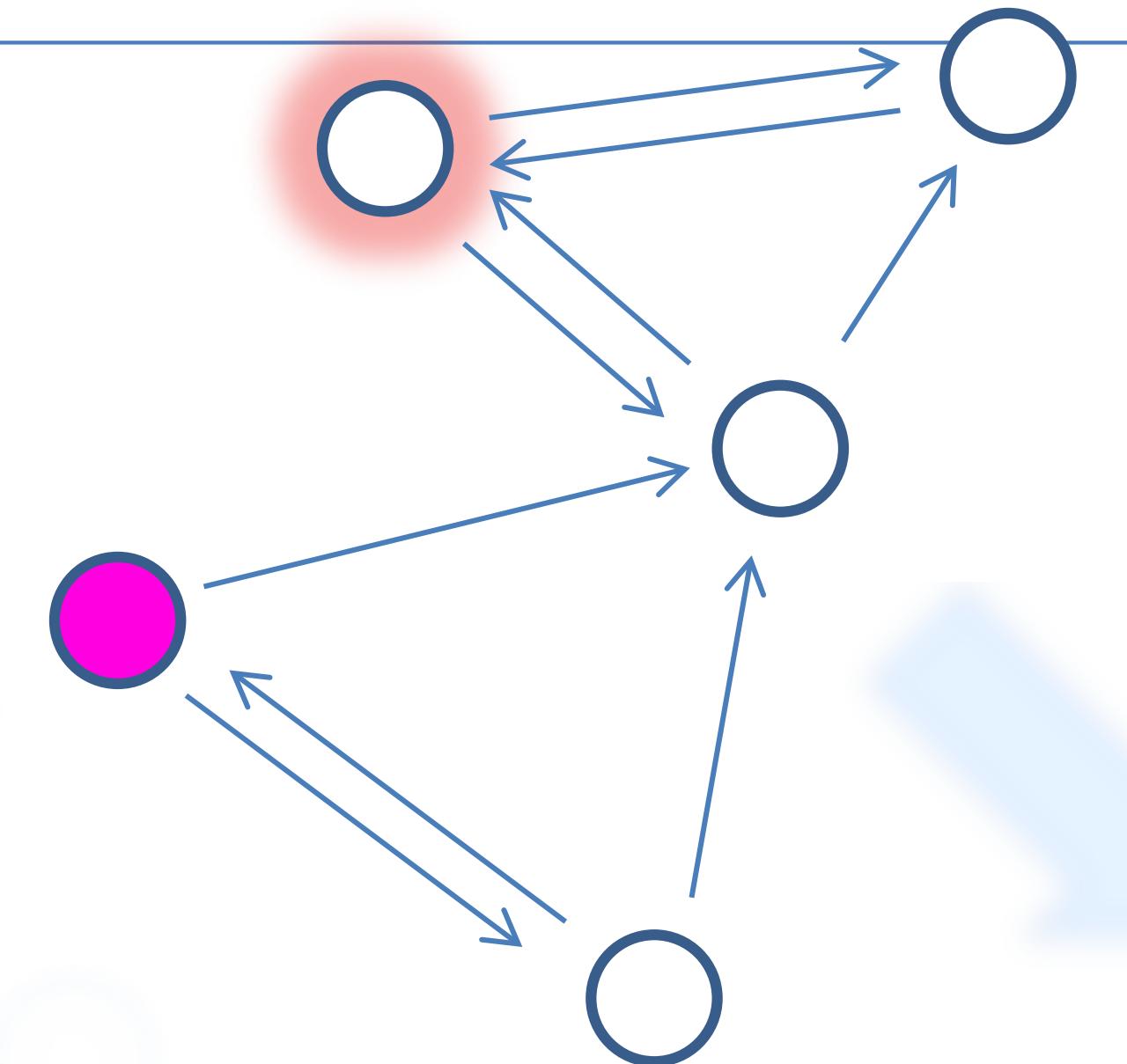


The glowing actor **DECIDES** what tie change is most appealing.

Markov Assumption

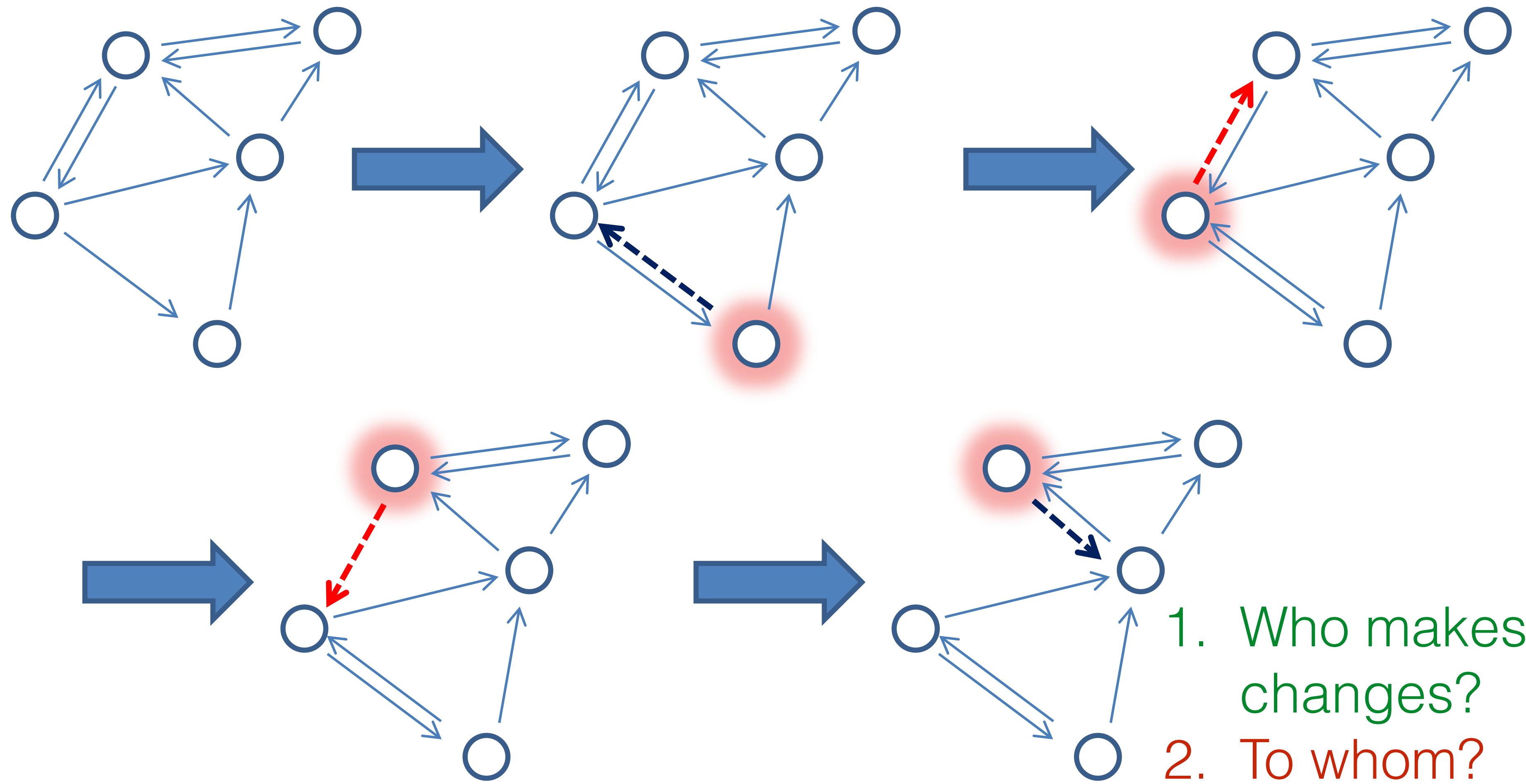


Markov Assumption



The glowing actor does not
remember the betrayal by
the pink actor

Two Processes in Each Ministep



the
**Secret
Sauce**

F1

F2

The Two Functions

- Who gets a choice?

- This is the first part of the ministep
- A person (*ego* or the *focal actor*) is chosen to consider a change

Rate Function

$$\lambda_i(x) = \exp\left(\sum_k \rho_k r_{ik}(x)\right)$$

- Who/what do they choose?

- Once an ego is chosen, we model which change she makes from her point of view
- In the case of a network tie, the candidates are people (*alters*)

Evaluation Function

$$f_i(x) = \sum_k \beta_k s_{ik}(x)$$

The Rate Function

$$\lambda_i(x) = \exp\left(\sum_k \rho_k r_{ik}(x)\right)$$

- Models how much change there is between $t1$ and $t2$
 - Higher rates mean there is more change
 - More ministeps are necessary to provide actors with more opportunities to make more changes
 - This can mean more ministeps than changes
 - Some actors, although given the opportunity to make a tie change, may decide they are actually satisfied
 - Some actors may revert earlier tie changes once their local neighbourhood changes again as a result of others' choices

The Rate Function

$$\lambda_i(x) = \exp \left(\sum_k \rho_k r_{ik}(x) \right)$$

- Models how many opportunities each actor receives in a time period (between waves)
 - Statistics $r_{ik}(x)$ of i 's neighbourhood in x are weighted by parameters ρ_k
 - These weights express whether actors in those configurations correlate with more ($\rho_k > 0$) or less ($\rho_k < 0$) change
 - ((Technically, $\lambda_i(x)$ is part of a (non-homogenous) Poisson process))
 - Current studies typically assume a **periodwise constant rate**

The Evaluation Function

$$f_i(x) = \sum_k \beta_k s_{ik}(x)$$

- Models the attractiveness of different network states x to actor i reachable within one step of the current network
 - Statistics $s_{ik}(x)$ of i 's neighbourhood in x are weighted by parameters β_k
 - These weights express whether such configurations are desired ($\beta_k > 0$) or avoided ($\beta_k < 0$)

The Evaluation Function

$$f_i(x) = \sum_k \beta_k s_{ik}(x)$$

- Models actors' choices
 - A value is calculated for each potential alter
 - The model: The alter that increases the evaluation function most is chosen
 - The estimation: Ties must have increased an evaluation function
- ((Technically, $f_i(x)$ is part of a multinomial logit model for discrete, probabilistic choice))
- This is where the action is. It helps us answer whether we prefer happy friends or avoid depressed people

Statistics and Effects

- By finding out how effects are weighted (the parameters), we can answer our research questions
- Each effect (“IV”) has an effect statistic which defines it
 - Are smokers popular?
 - Alter attribute effect:
 - Do students ethnically segregate?
 - Homophily effect:
 - They can depend on network configurations (i.e. the position of j in the network), or attributes (i.e. a characteristic of j or whether it is the same as i), or both

$$s_i(x) = \sum_j x_{ij} v_j$$

$$s_i(x) = \sum_j x_{ij} I\{v_i = v_j\}$$

Covariates

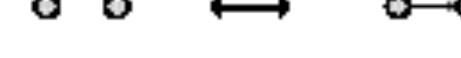
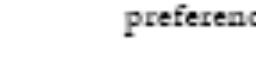
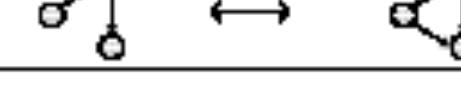
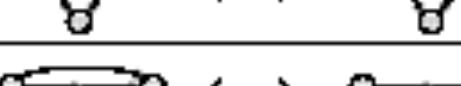
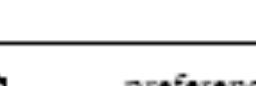
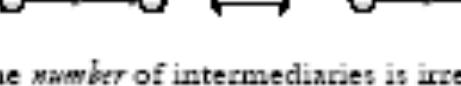
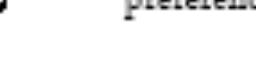
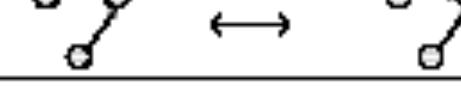
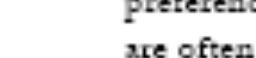
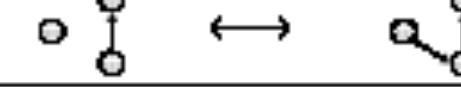
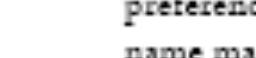
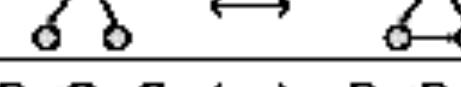
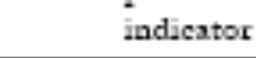
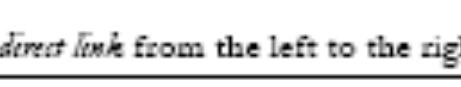
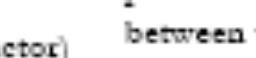
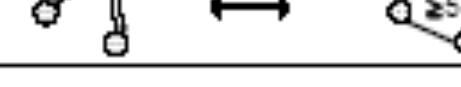
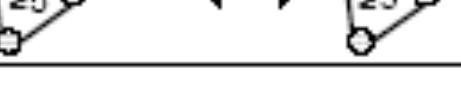
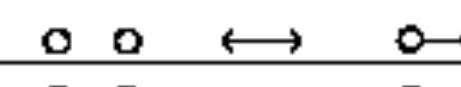
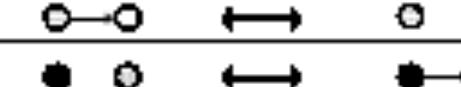
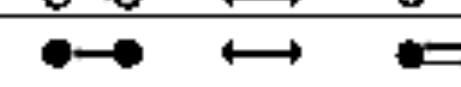
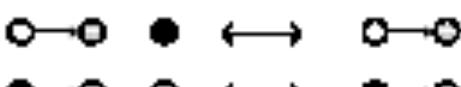
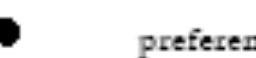
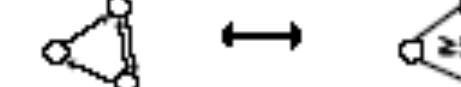
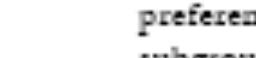
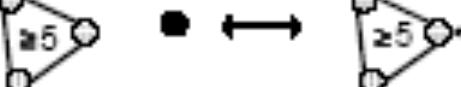
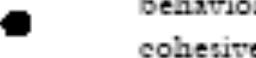
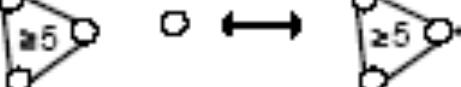
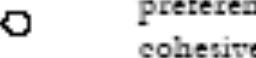
- Some effects rely on exogenous information
- There are four types:

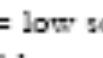
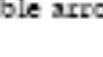
Covariates	Monadic	Dyadic
Constant	coCovar	coDyadCovar
Changing	varCovar	varDyadCovar

- For each type, multiple effects can be specified

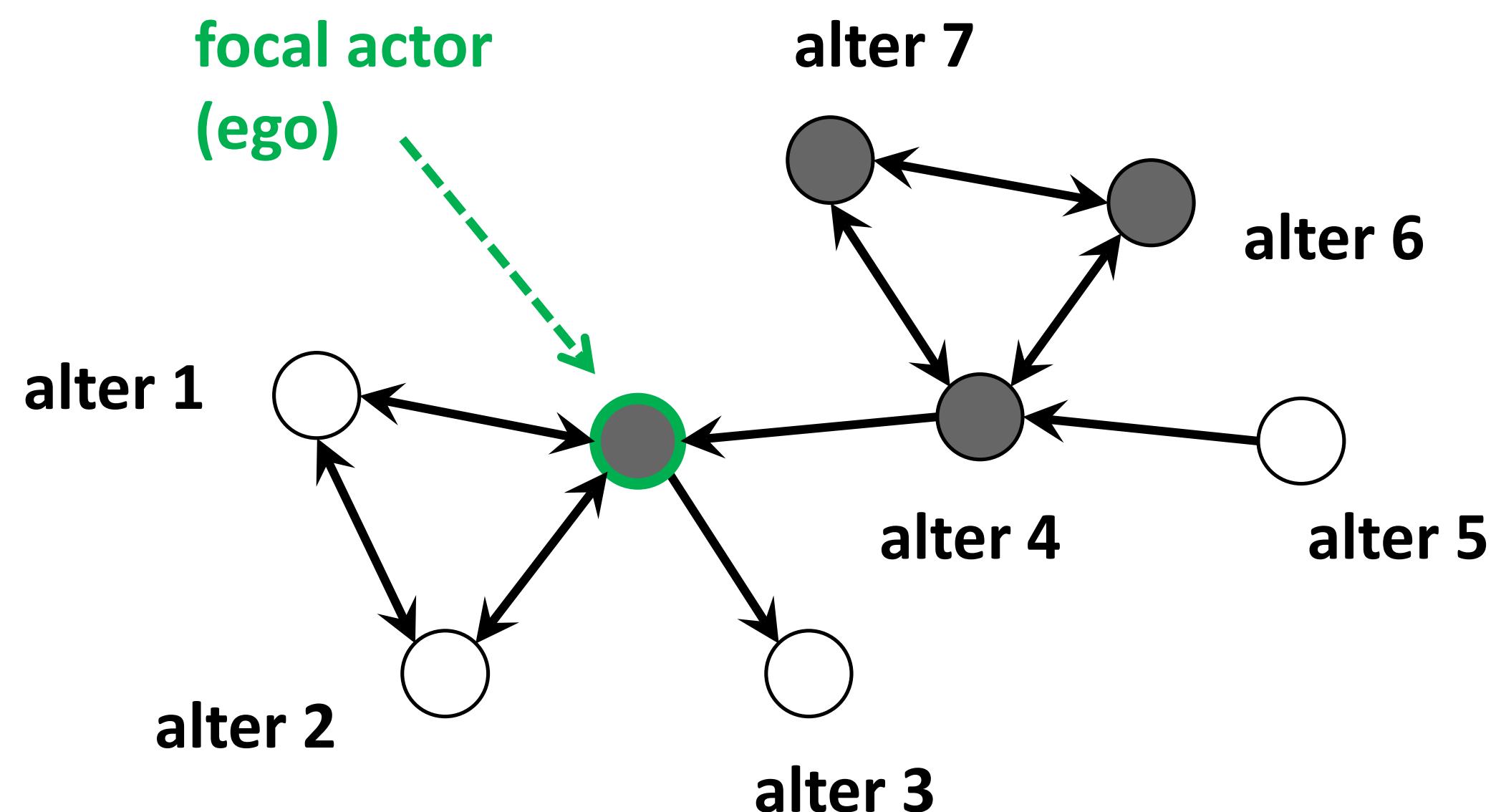
Myriad Effects

TABLE 2
SELECTION OF POSSIBLE EFFECTS FOR MODELING NETWORK EVOLUTION

effect	network statistic	effective transitions in network*	verbal description
1. outdegree	x_{ij}	 	preference for ties to arbitrary others
2. reciprocity	$x_{ij}x_{ji}$	 	preference for reciprocated ties
3. transitive triplets	$x_{ij}\sum_h x_{ih}x_{jh}$	 	preference for being friend of the friends' friends
4. balance	$x_{ij} \text{strsim}_{ij}$	 	preference for ties to structurally similar others
5. actors at distance two	$\begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \text{between}(h;ij) = 1 \text{ for some } h \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$	 	preference for keeping others at social distance two (the number of intermediaries is irrelevant)
6. popularity alter	$x_{ij}\sum_h x_{jh}$	 	preference for attaching to popular others, i.e., others who are often named as friend ('preferential attachment')
7. activity alter	$x_{ij}\sum_h x_{jh}$	 	preference for attaching to active others, i.e., others who name many friends
8. 3-cycles	$x_{ij}\sum_h x_{jh}x_{hi}$	 	preference for forming relationship cycles (negative indicator for hierarchical relations)
9. betweenness	$\sum_h \text{between}(i;hj)$	 	preference for being in an intermediary position between unrelated others (no direct link from the left to the right actor)
10. dense triads	$\sum_h \text{group}(ijh)$	 	preference for being part of cohesive subgroups
11. peripheral	$\sum_{hk} \text{peripheral}(i;jhk)$	 	preference for unilaterally attaching to cohesive subgroups
12. similarity	$x_{ij} \text{sim}_{ij}$	 	preference for ties to similar others (selection)
13. behavior alter	$x_{ij}z_j$	 	main effect of alter's behavior on tie preference
14. behavior ego	$x_{ij}z_i$	 	main effect of ego's behavior on tie preference
15. similarity \times reciprocity	$x_{ij}x_{ji} \text{sim}_{ij}$	 	preference for reciprocated ties to similar others
16. between dissimilar alters	$\sum_h (1 - \text{sim}_{jh}) \text{between}(i;jh)$	 	preference for being in an intermediary position between unrelated, dissimilar others (brokerage potential)
17. similarity \times dense triads	$\sum_h \text{group}(ijh)(\text{sim}_{ij} + \text{sim}_{jh})$	 	preference for being part of behaviorally similar cohesive subgroups
18. behavior \times peripheral	$z_i \sum_{hk} \text{peripheral}(i;jhk)$	 	behavior-specific preference for unilaterally attaching to cohesive subgroups
19. similarity \times peripheral	$\sum_{hk} (\text{peripheral}(i;jhk) \times (\text{sim}_{ij} + \text{sim}_{jh} + \text{sim}_{ik}))$	 	preference for unilaterally attaching to behaviorally similar cohesive subgroups

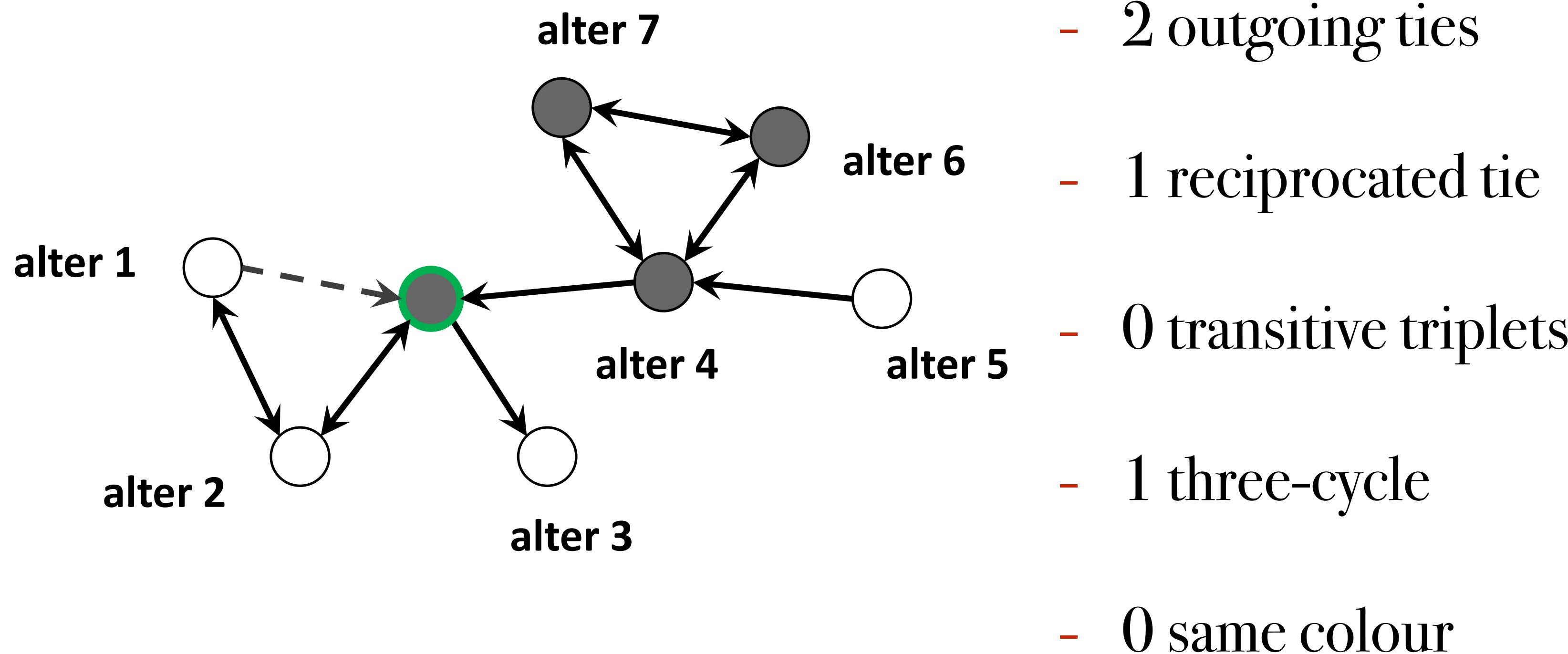
* In the *effective transitions* illustrations, it is assumed that the behavioral dependent variable is dichotomous and centered at zero; the color coding is  = low score (negative),  = high score (positive),  = arbitrary score. The tie x_{ij} from actor i to actor j is the one that changes in the transition indicated by the double arrow. Illustrations are not exhaustive.

Example of an actor's decision

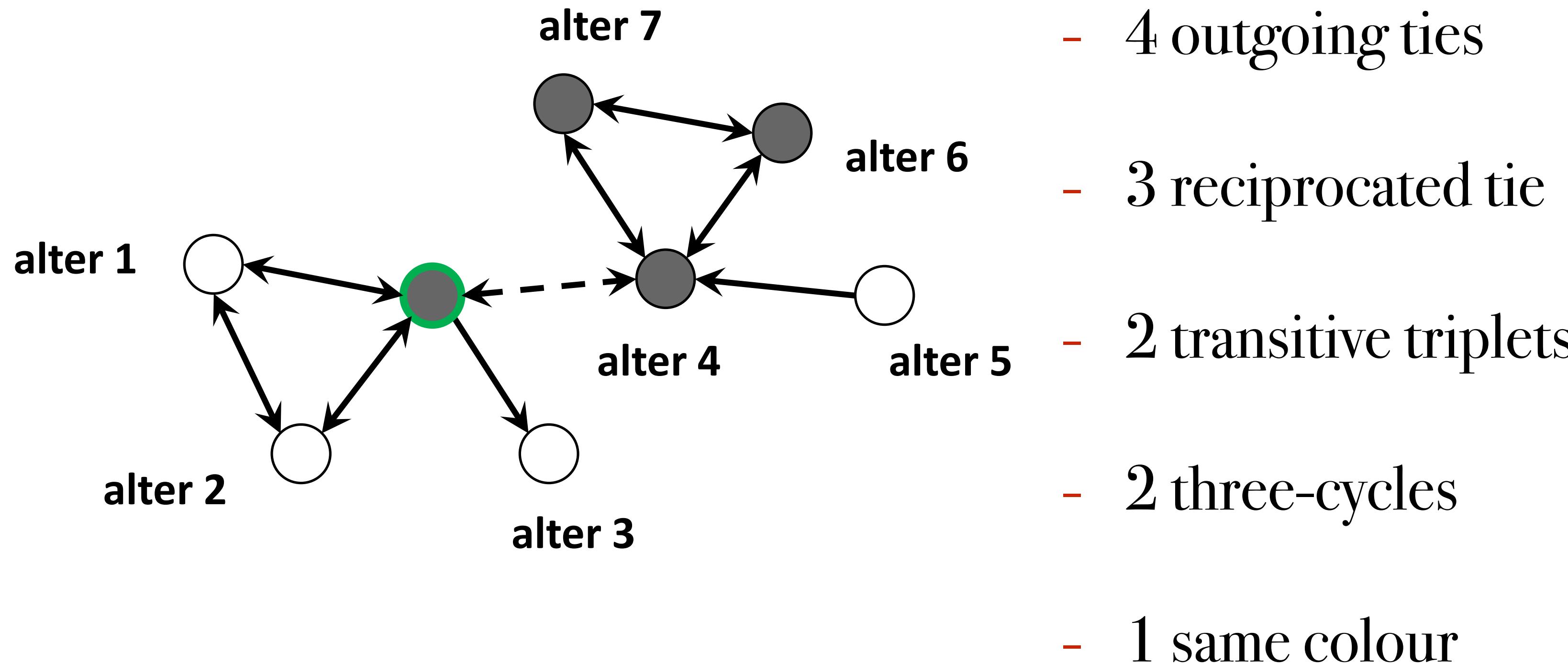


- Options
 - drop tie to 1
 - drop tie to 2
 - drop tie to 3
 - create tie to 4
 - create tie to 5
 - create tie to 6
 - create tie to 7
 - keep status quo

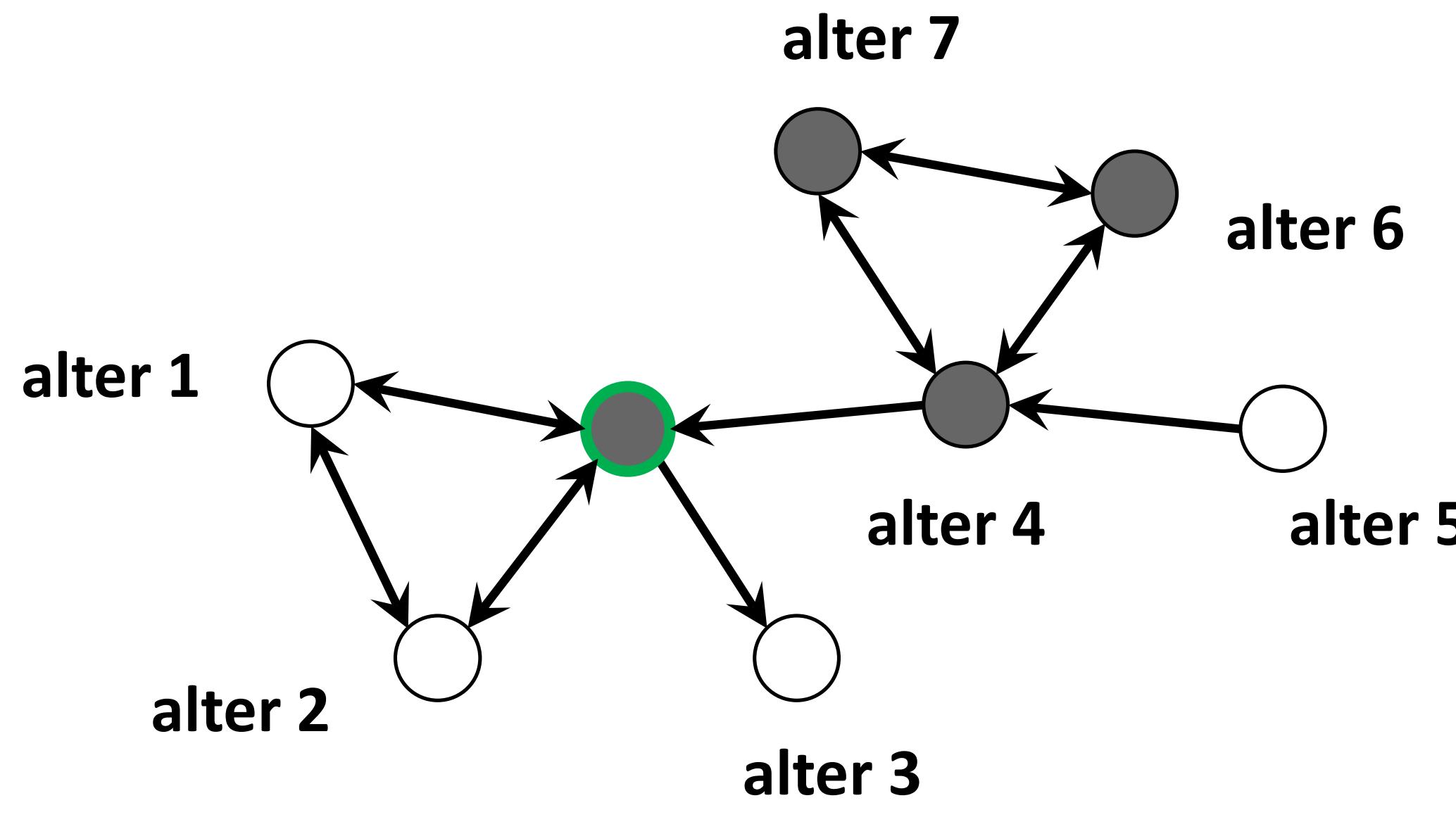
Statistics for dropping tie to 1



Statistics for creating tie to 4



Statistics for status quo

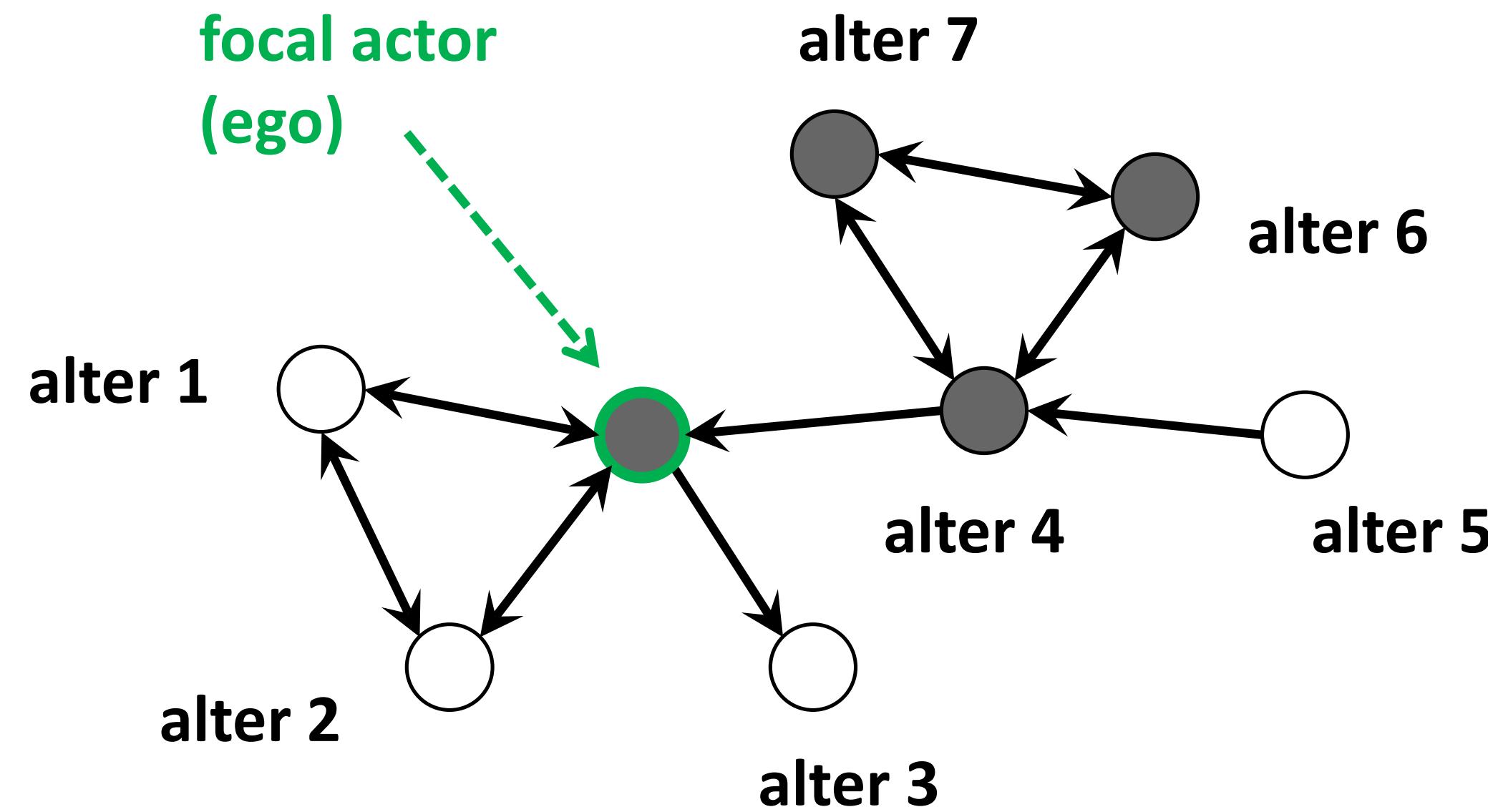


- 3 outgoing ties
- 2 reciprocated tie
- 2 transitive triplets
- 2 three-cycles

These calculations are done
for all possible choices

- 0 same colour

Statistics for all options



	#degree	#mutual	#trans	#3cycles	#same col.
Drop 1	2	1	0	1	0
Drop 2	2	1	0	1	0
Drop 3	2	2	2	2	0
Create 4	4	3	2	2	1
Create 5	4	2	2	3	0
Create 6	4	2	2	3	1
Create 7	4	2	2	3	1
Status quo	3	2	2	2	0

Evaluating the options

$$f_i(x) = \sum_k \beta_k s_{ik}(x)$$

				#degree	#mutual	#trans	#3cycles	#same col.
$f_i(\text{drop1})$			β_{degree}	-2.6	Drop 1	2	1	0
$f_i(\text{drop2})$					Drop 2	2	1	0
$f_i(\text{drop3})$			β_{mutual}	1.8	Drop 3	2	2	2
$f_i(\text{create4})$		=	β_{trans}	0.4	Create 4	4	3	2
$f_i(\text{create5})$					Create 5	4	2	2
$f_i(\text{create6})$			β_{3cycles}	-0.7	Create 6	4	2	3
$f_i(\text{create7})$					Create 7	4	2	3
$f_i(\text{statusquo})$			β_{same}	0.8	Status quo	3	2	2

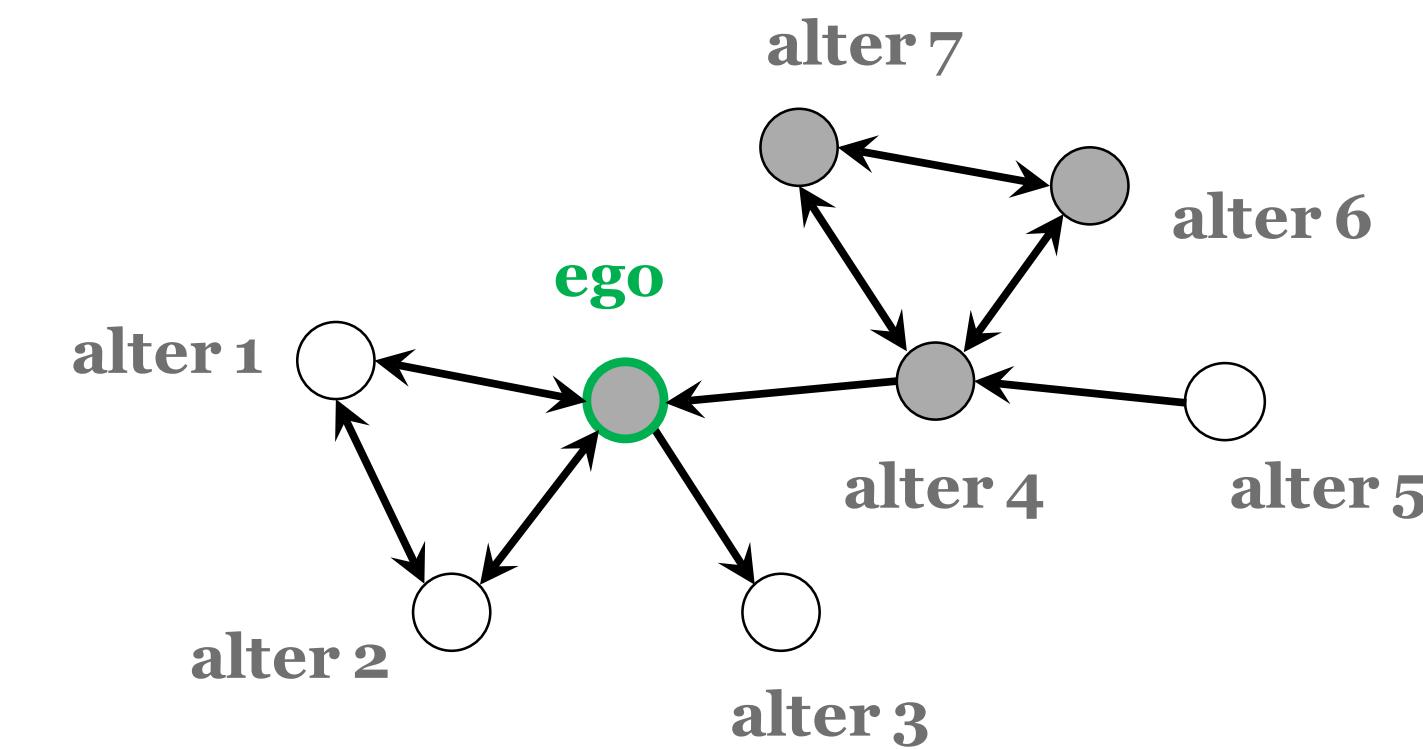
Transforming to probabilities

Using underlying multinomial:

$$p_{i \sim j}(x, \beta) = \frac{\exp(f(x^{i \sim j}, \beta))}{\sum_{k=1}^n \exp(f(x^{i \sim j}, \beta))}$$

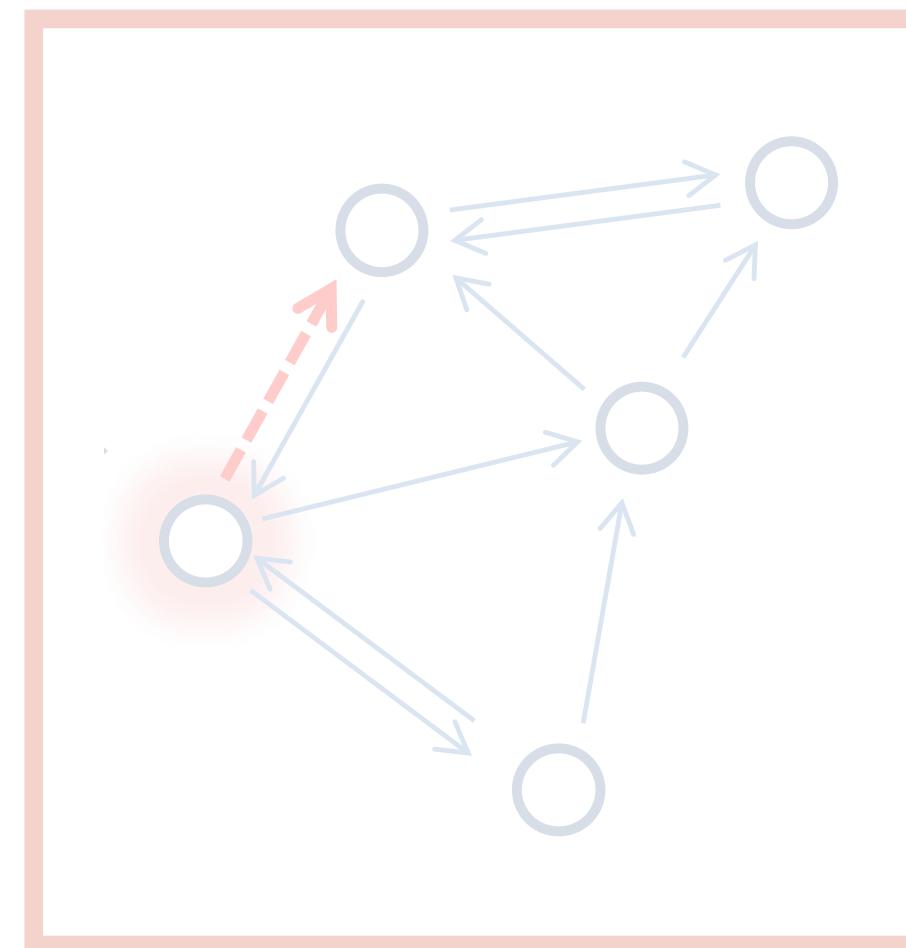
	Evaluation	Exponent.	Prob.
Drop 1	-4.1	0.017	10%
Drop 2	-4.1	0.017	10%
Drop 3	-2.2	0.111	68%
Create 4	-4.8	0.008	5%
Create 5	-8.1	0.000	0%
Create 6	-7.3	0.001	1%
Create 7	-7.3	0.001	1%
Status quo	-4.8	0.008	5%

Dropping tie to alter 3
is the most likely
choice for ego

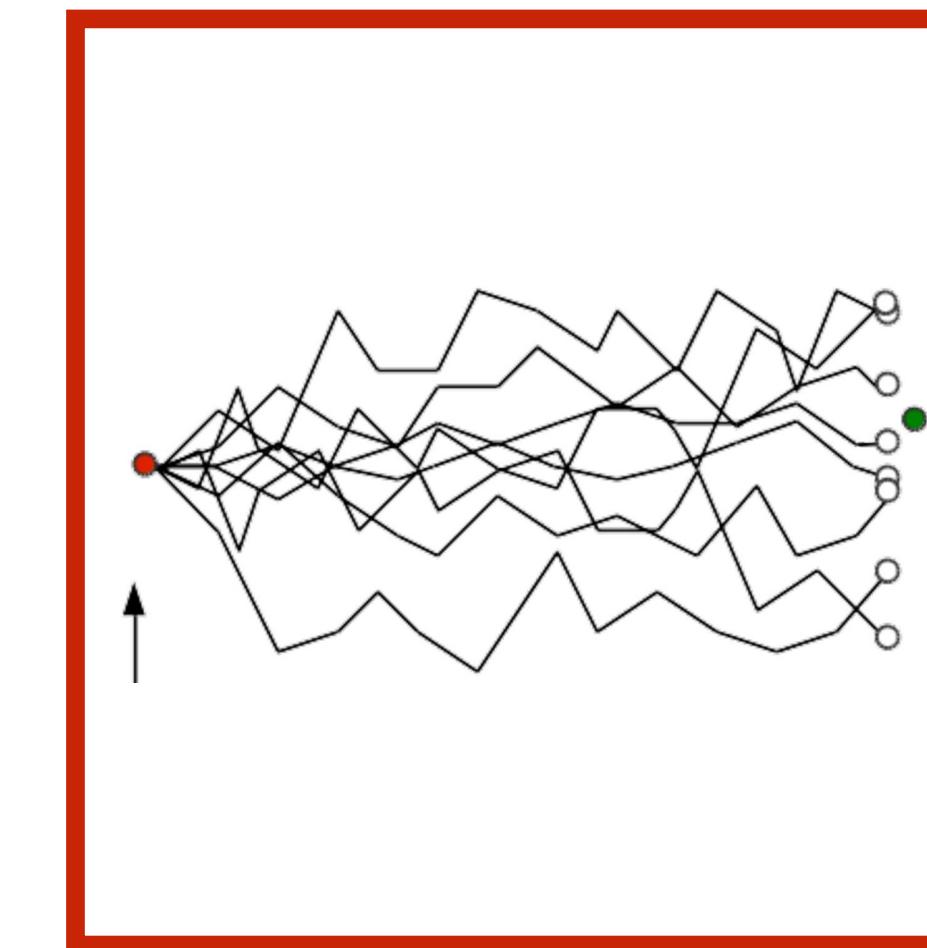


SAOM

Model



Estimation



Influence

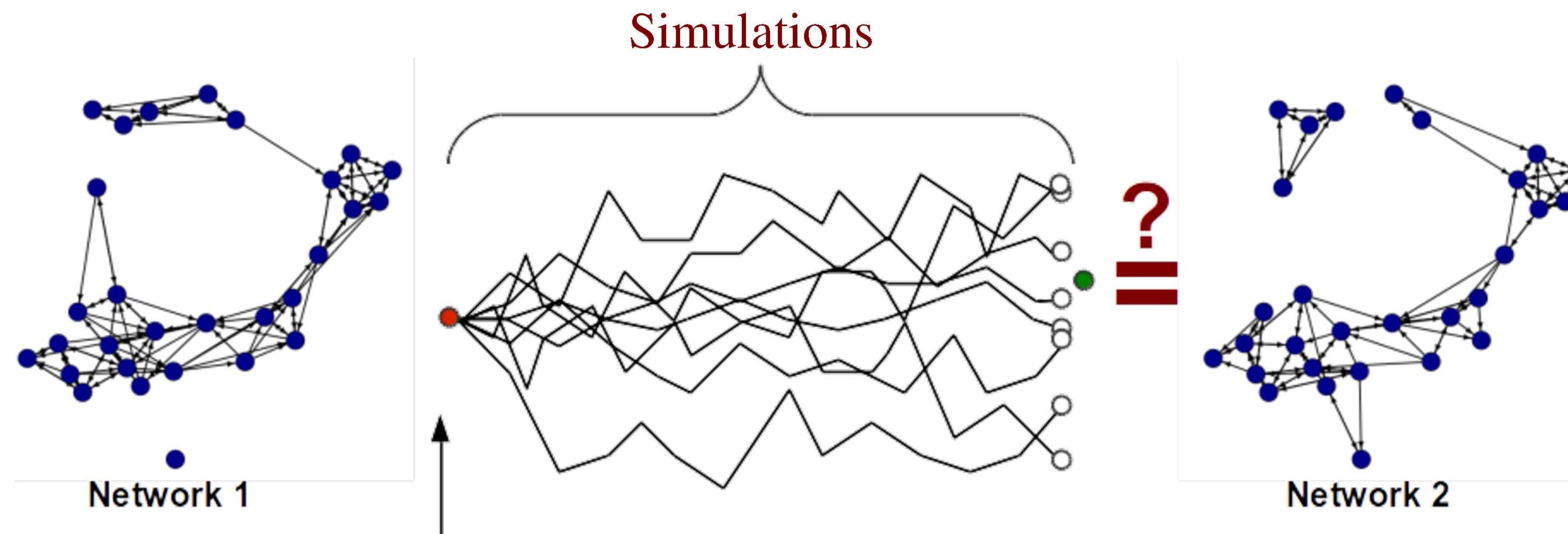


Estimation

- So we now have a well-defined probability model, from which we can simulate networks using defined parameters (β)
- But what we usually want to do is *estimate* parameters from *observed* data!
- We do this using **RSiena** (“SIENA” = Simulation Investigation for Empirical Network Analysis)



SIENA estimates SAOMs through simulations



adjust parameters **no**

yes

The parameters are "good" descriptors of
the social processes shaping network 2

Three Estimation Methods

- **Method of Moments (MoM)**
 - Take the network at the first time point and simulate a certain number of mini-steps with some initial β values
 - Compare the simulated networks to the observed network at the second time point
 - According to the differences between observed and simulated networks, we update the β values
 - Rinse and repeat until the simulated networks “closely” resemble the observed one
- **Maximum Likelihood (ML)**
 - Actually connects two observations by chains of ministeps and estimates parameters from these chains
- **Bayesian (Bayes)**
 - For multilevel analysis of networks and enthusiasts

Estimation Results

- While the model is more complicated, RSiena spits out a table at the end, the second part of which can be interpreted like that of a multinomial regression
- Each parameter estimate has a standard error
- If the t -ratio ($= \beta/se$) ≥ 2 , then we can say that we can reject the null hypothesis of there being no effect

	Model 1	Model 3
<i>Rate function friendship</i>		
Rate of change $t_1 \rightarrow t_2$	7,54 (0,97)	10,87 (2,63)
Rate of change $t_2 \rightarrow t_3$	2,73 (0,45)	3,04 (0,52)
Rate of change $t_3 \rightarrow t_4$	3,29 (0,49)	3,80 (0,65)
<i>Objective function friendship</i>		
Outdegree	-1,92 (0,17) ***	-2,19 (0,16) ***
Reciprocity	—	0,84 (0,17) ***
Transitive triplets	—	0,18 (0,03) ***
primary school friendship	0,54 (0,21) *	0,40 (0,20) *
Male alter	0,30 (0,18)	0,05 (0,17)
Male ego	<i>strongly biased</i>	0,11 (0,19)
Same sex	1,70 (0,18) ***	0,93 (0,18) ***

Model Specification

- Researchers usually come with *theory* or at least *hypotheses*
- SAOMs are not for exploration
- Beware spuriousness...
 - Attribute vs centrality (popularity)
 - Homophily vs cohesion (reciprocity, transitivity)

	Model 1	Model 3
<i>Rate function friendship</i>		
Rate of change $t_1 \rightarrow t_2$	7,54 (0,97)	10,87 (2,63)
Rate of change $t_2 \rightarrow t_3$	2,73 (0,45)	3,04 (0,52)
Rate of change $t_3 \rightarrow t_4$	3,29 (0,49)	3,80 (0,65)
<i>Objective function friendship</i>		
Outdegree	-1,92 (0,17) ***	-2,19 (0,16) ***
Reciprocity	—	0,84 (0,17) ***
Transitive triplets	—	0,18 (0,03) ***
primary school friendship	0,54 (0,21) *	0,40 (0,20) *
Male alter	0,30 (0,18)	0,05 (0,17)
Male ego	<i>strongly biased</i>	0,11 (0,19)
Same sex	1,70 (0,18) ***	0,93 (0,18) ***

Parameter Interpretation

- Estimated parameters need to be interpreted as within ministeps
- So we interpret the parameters as: when a chosen ego i is faced with a decision to form a tie to either of two alters, j_1 or j_2 , that differ only on one statistic value, then the odds ratio is as follows:

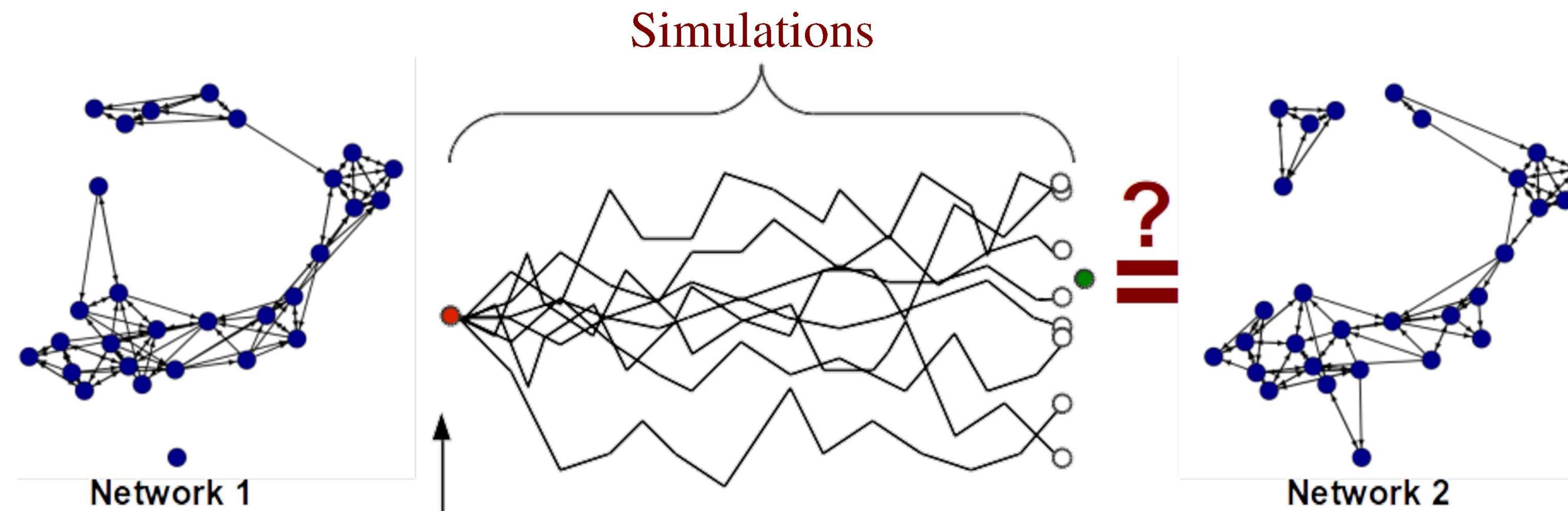
$$\frac{p_{i \sim j_1}}{p_{i \sim j_2}} = \frac{\exp(f(x^{i \sim j_1}, \beta))}{\exp(f(x^{i \sim j_2}, \beta))} = \frac{\exp(\beta s_{j_1})}{\exp(\beta s_{j_2})}$$

- So, say i can send a tie to j_1 or j_2 , which only differ in that j_1 sends a tie to i and j_2 does not, then given a reciprocity parameter of 2, $\exp(2 \times 1) / \exp(2 \times 0) = 7.39$
- i is 7.39 times more likely to send a tie to j_1 than j_2

Diagnostics



But what does “good” mean?



adjust parameters **no** Are the simulated networks
similar to network 2?

yes
The parameters are "good" descriptors of
the social processes shaping network 2

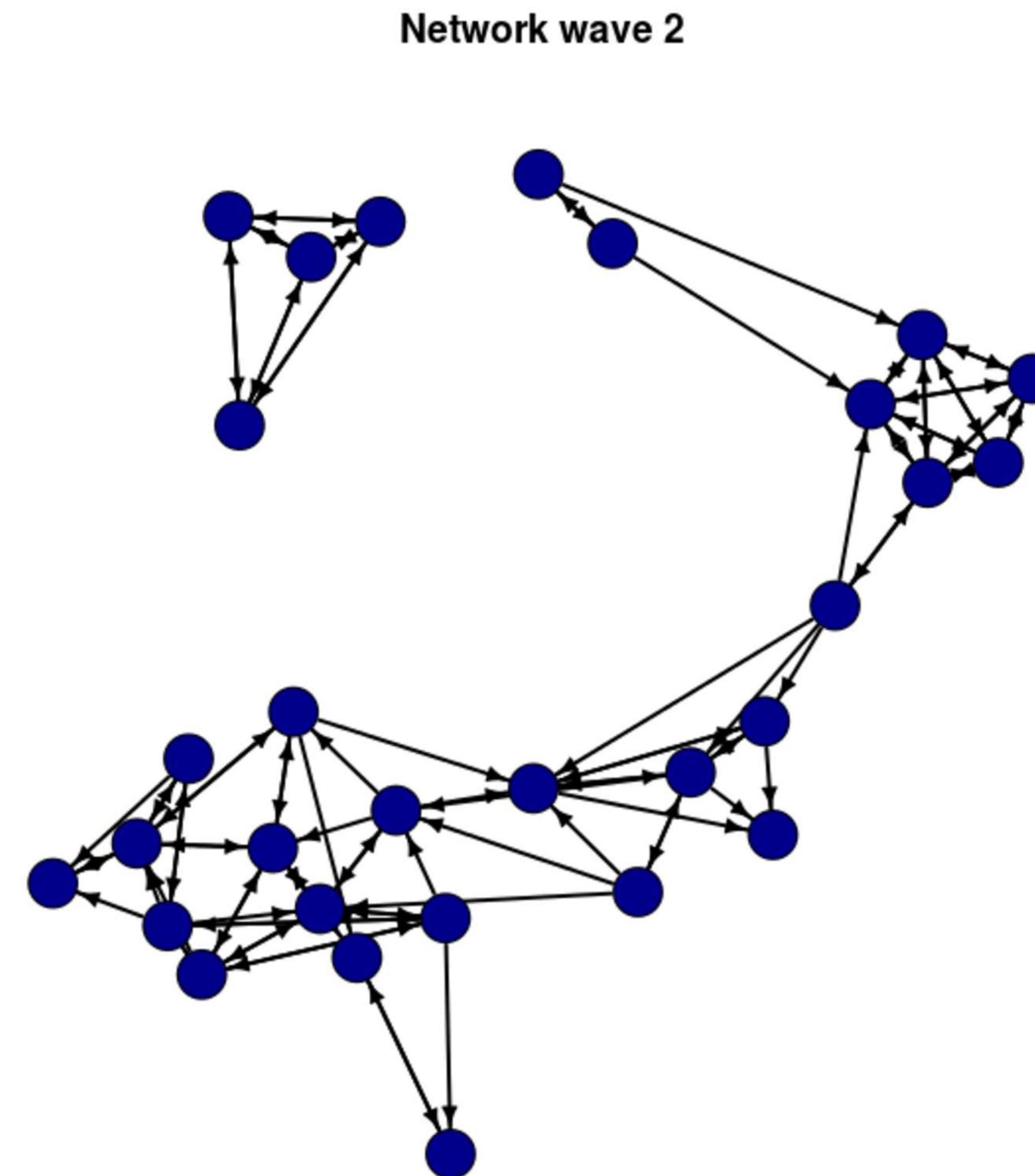
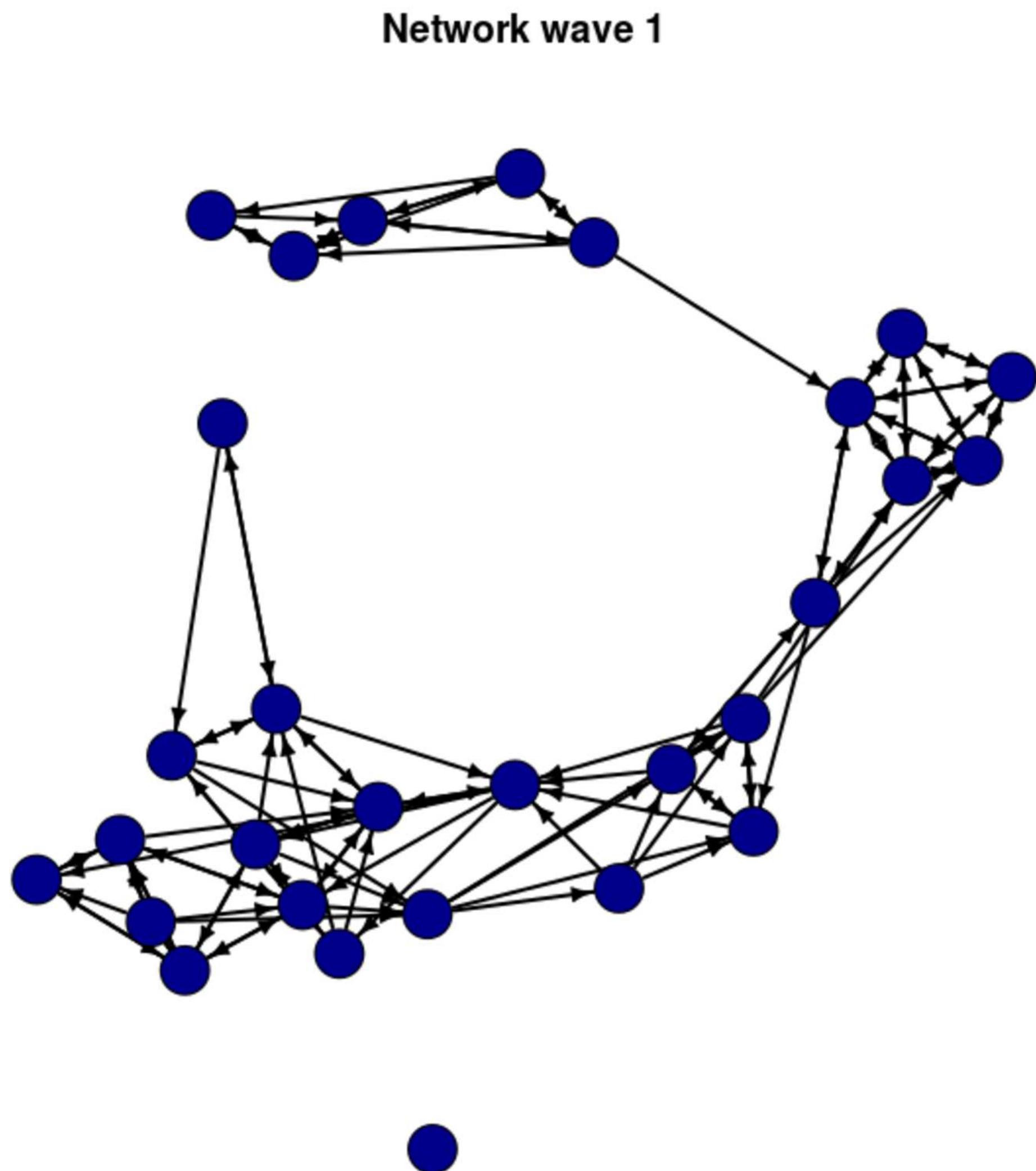
Target statistics Z are listed in the SIENA output file

Observed values of target statistics are

1.	Number of ties	99.0000
2.	Number of reciprocated ties	72.0000
3.	Number of transitive triplets	164.0000
4.	3-cycles	47.0000
5.	Sum of squared indegrees	403.0000
6.	Same values on coo.coCovar	47.0000
7.	Sum of indegrees x gender.coCovar	-5.0345
8.	Sum of outdegrees x gender.coCovar	-4.0345
9.	Same values on gender.coCovar	90.0000

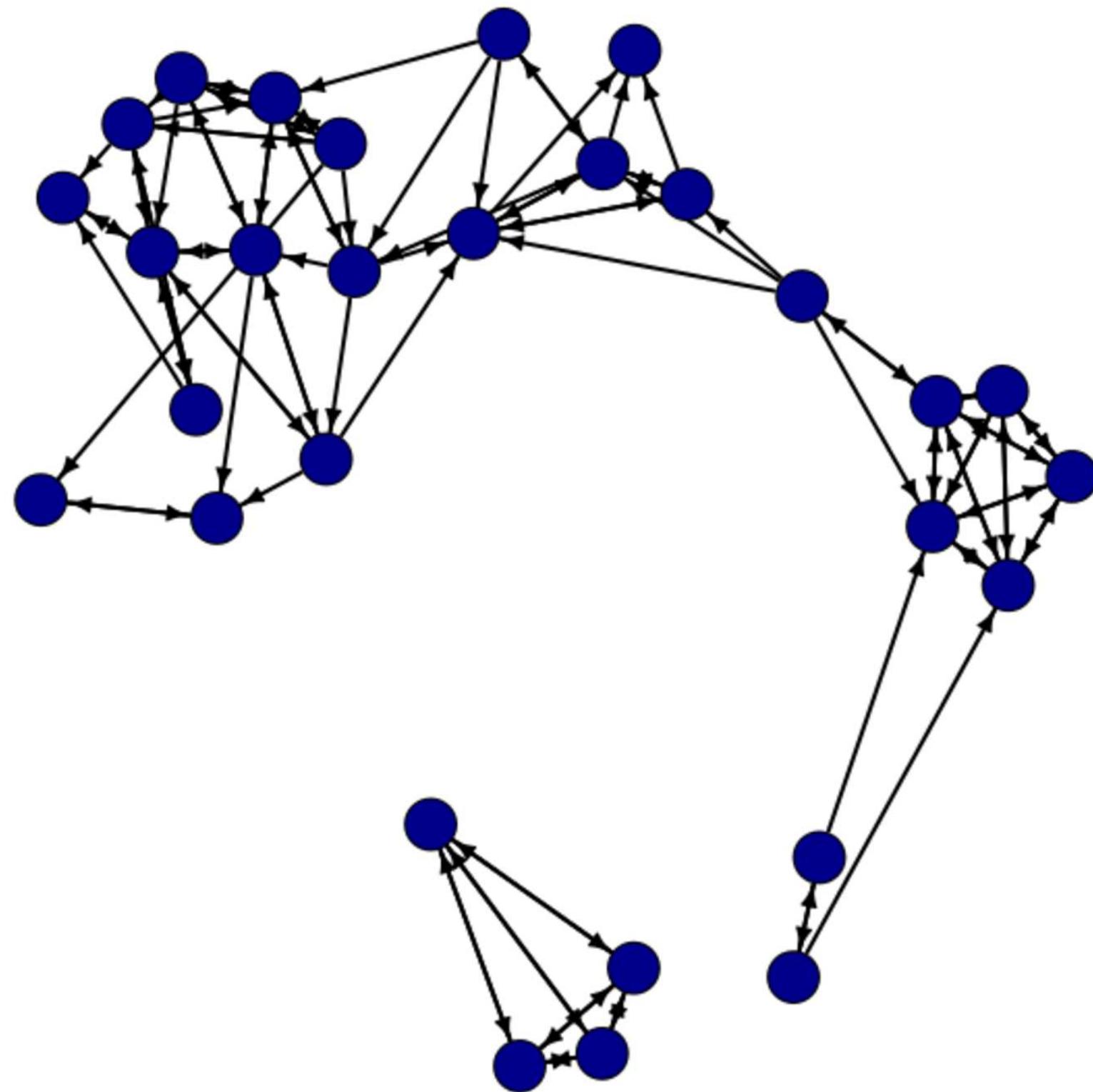
- MoM aims at creating networks that have statistics close to the ones above
 - More formally, parameters $\theta = \{\varrho, \beta\}$ that generate networks for which $E_\theta = \{Z\}$ and are stable have converged
- But do these simulated networks resemble other, non-modelled macro features of the network such as the degree distribution, the triad census, etc? (i.e. goodness of fit)

So, which forces shape this social network's evolution?

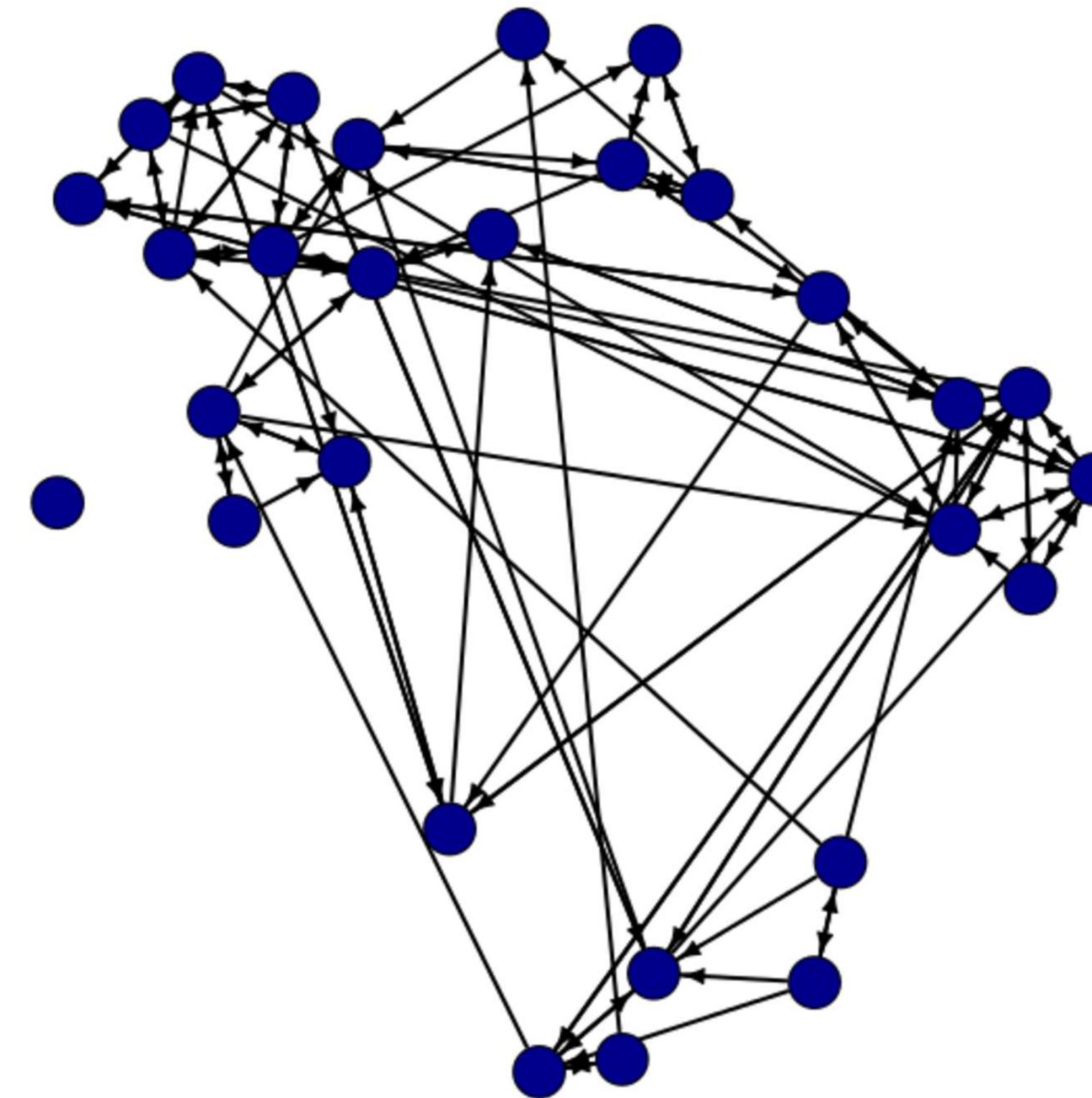


Degree + Reciprocity

Network wave 2



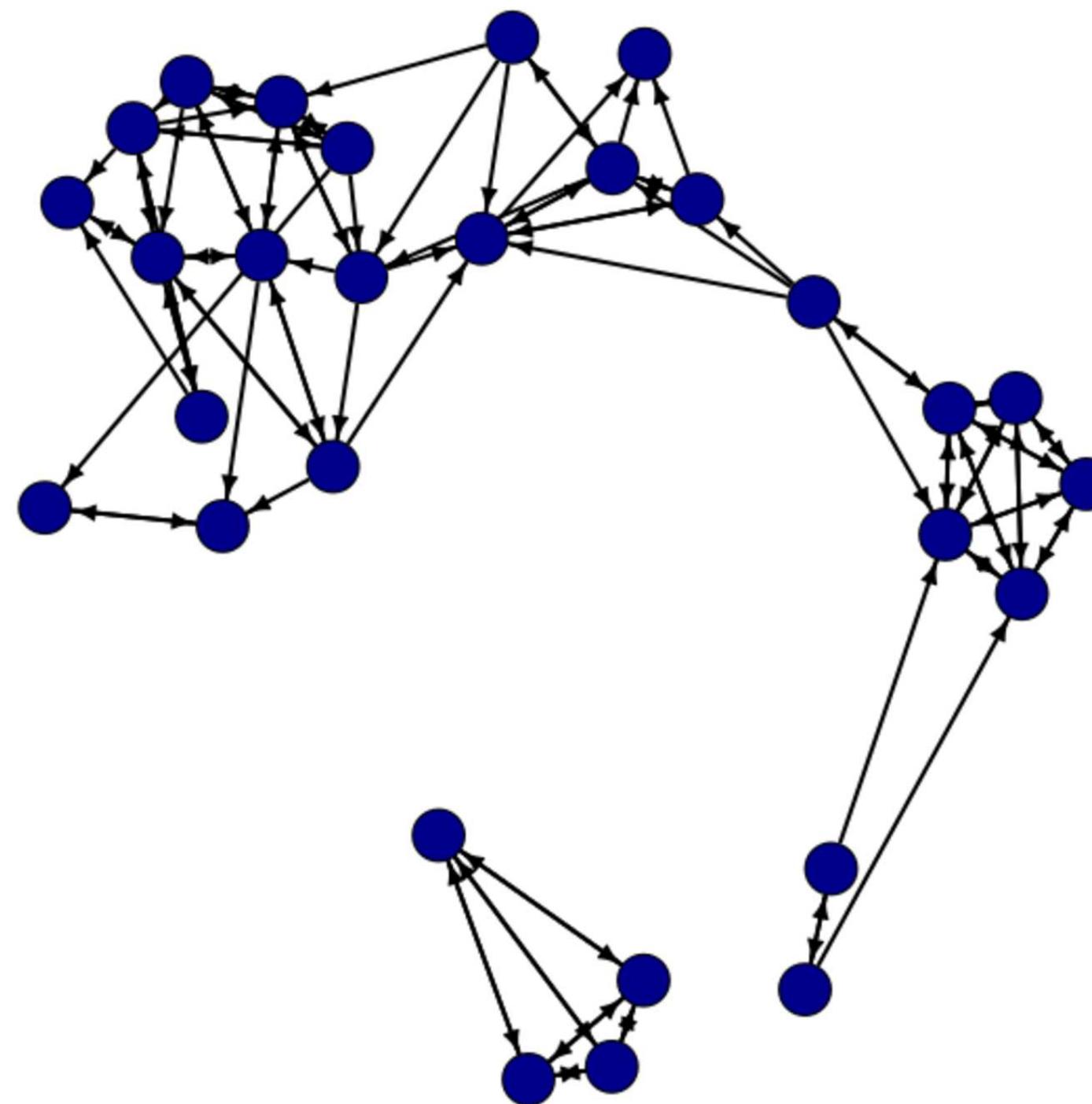
Simulated network



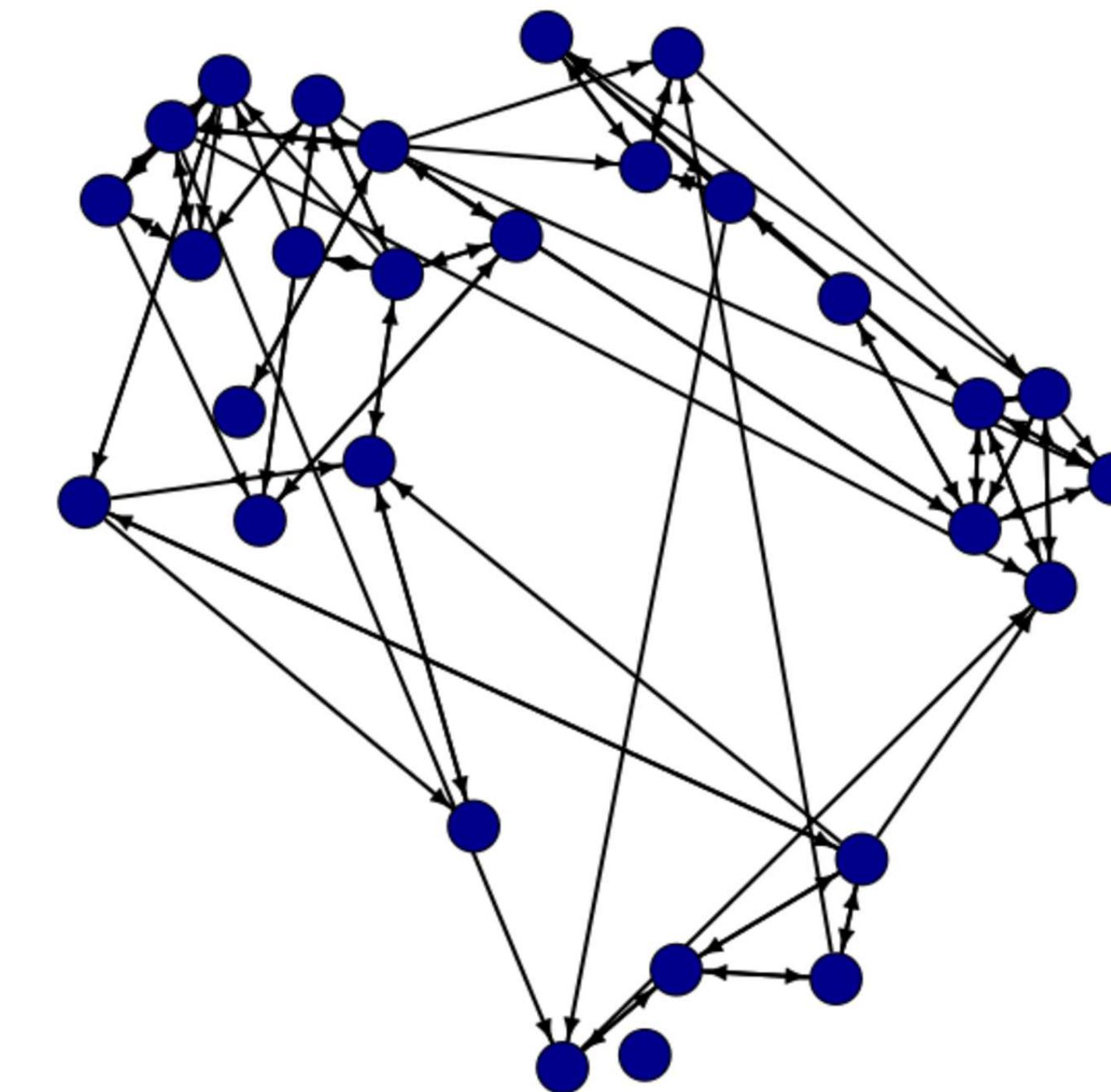
- While the model has converged and the two parameters are highly significant, the model does not represent groups very well...

+ Transitivity and 3-Cycles

Network wave 2

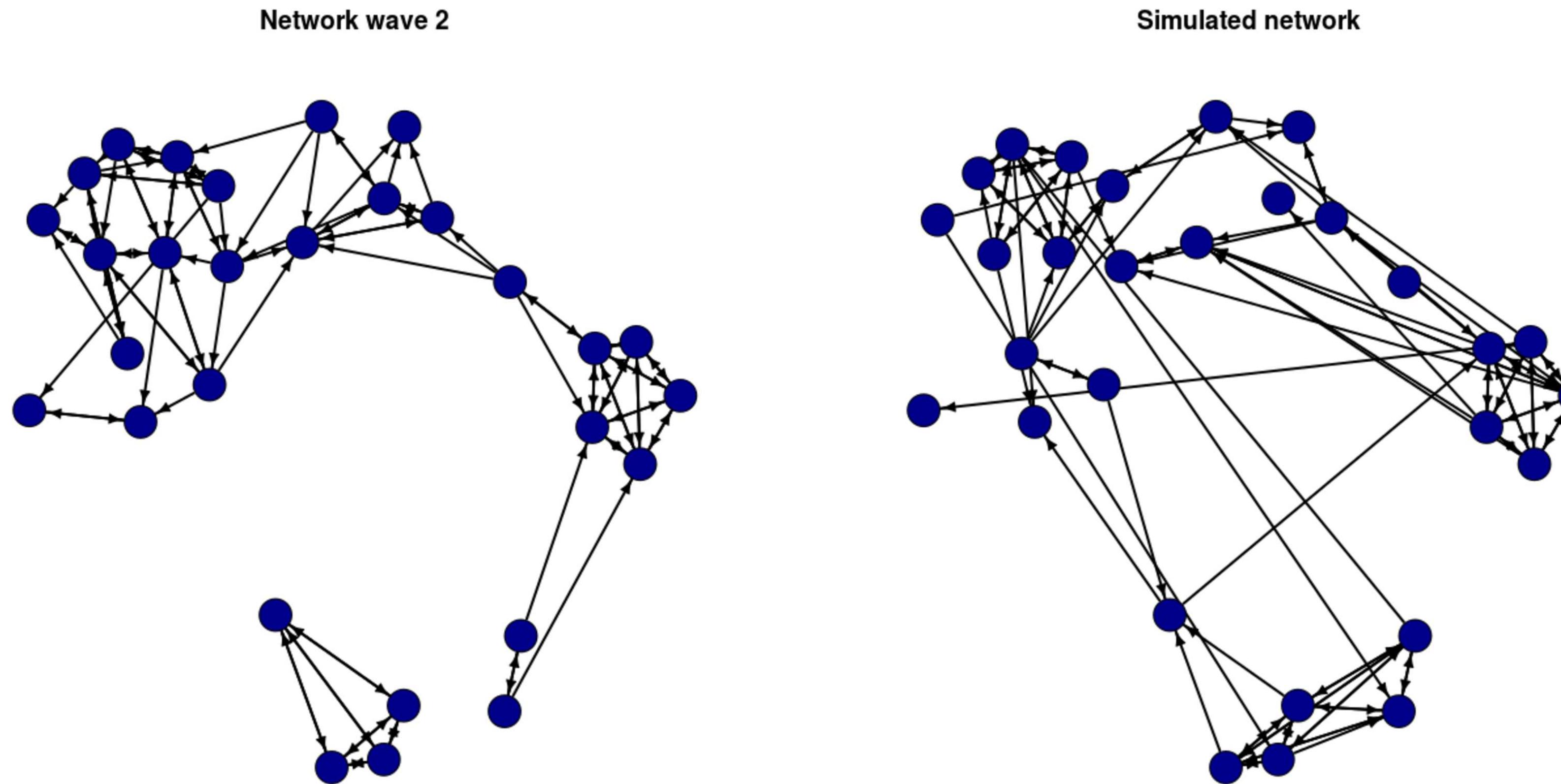


Simulated network



- Group boundaries are clearer but there are still too many connections between groups

+ Gender Homophily

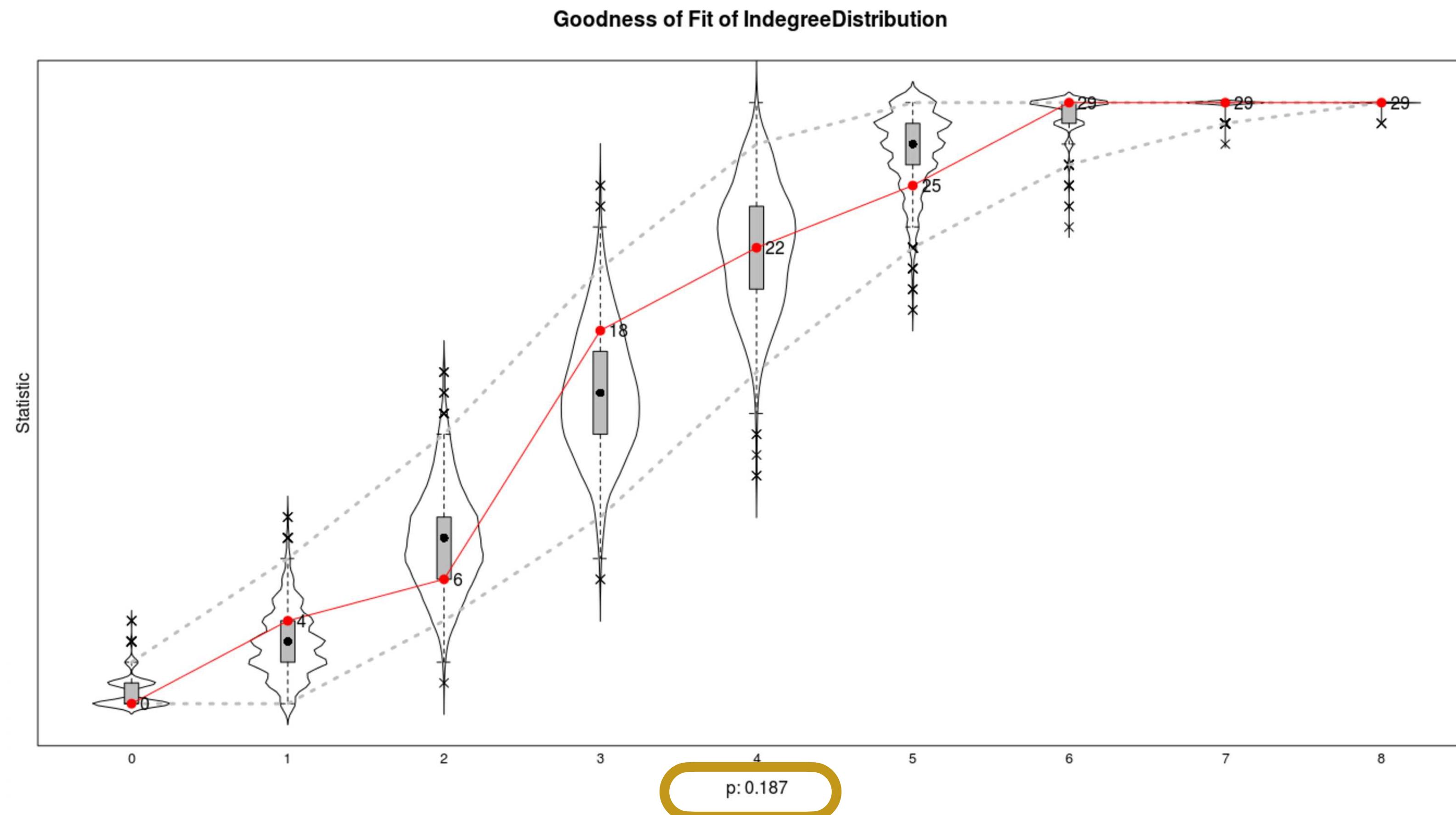


- Fewer links between groups of different gender but still many between-group ties within a gender
- One could try further structural and attribute-related effects

sienaGOF() does this comparison more systematically

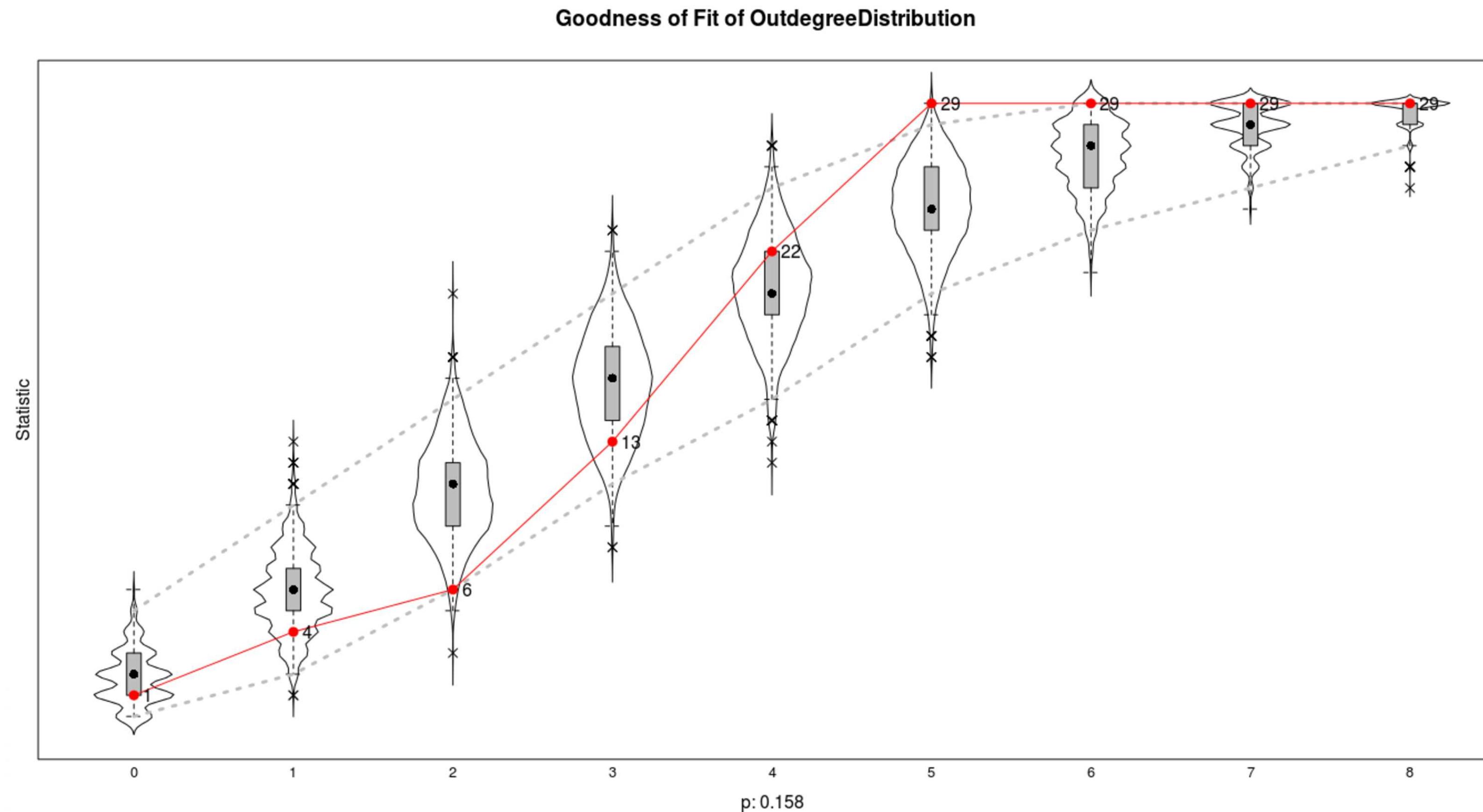
- sienaGOF() tests particular macro features of the simulated social networks and compares them to the empirically observed networks
 - Degree distribution
 - Geodesic distances
 - Triad census
- sienaGOF() takes all simulated networks into account, as opposed to the visual inspection, where we only looked at one

Indegree GOF

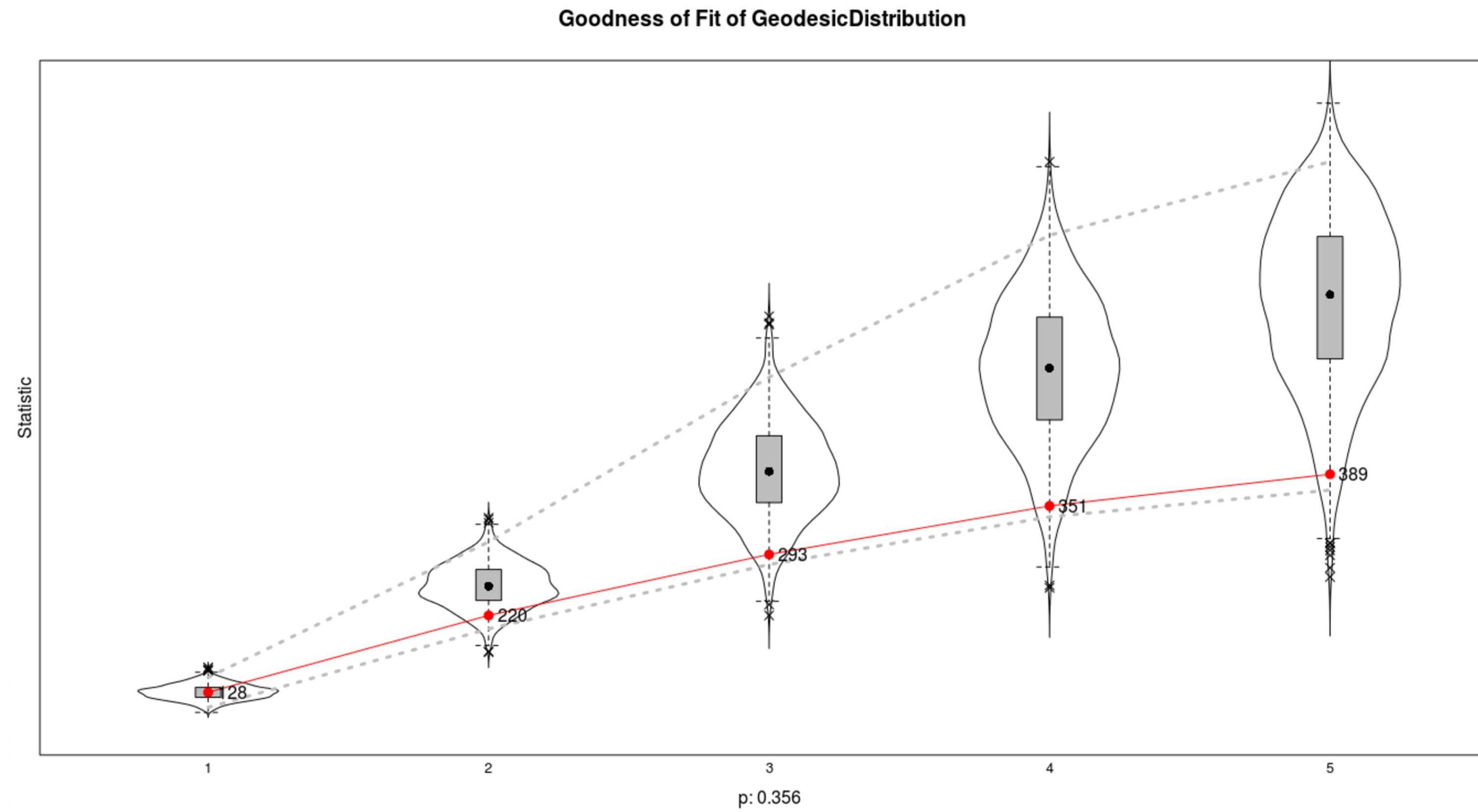


p-value *over* .05 suggests reasonable fit

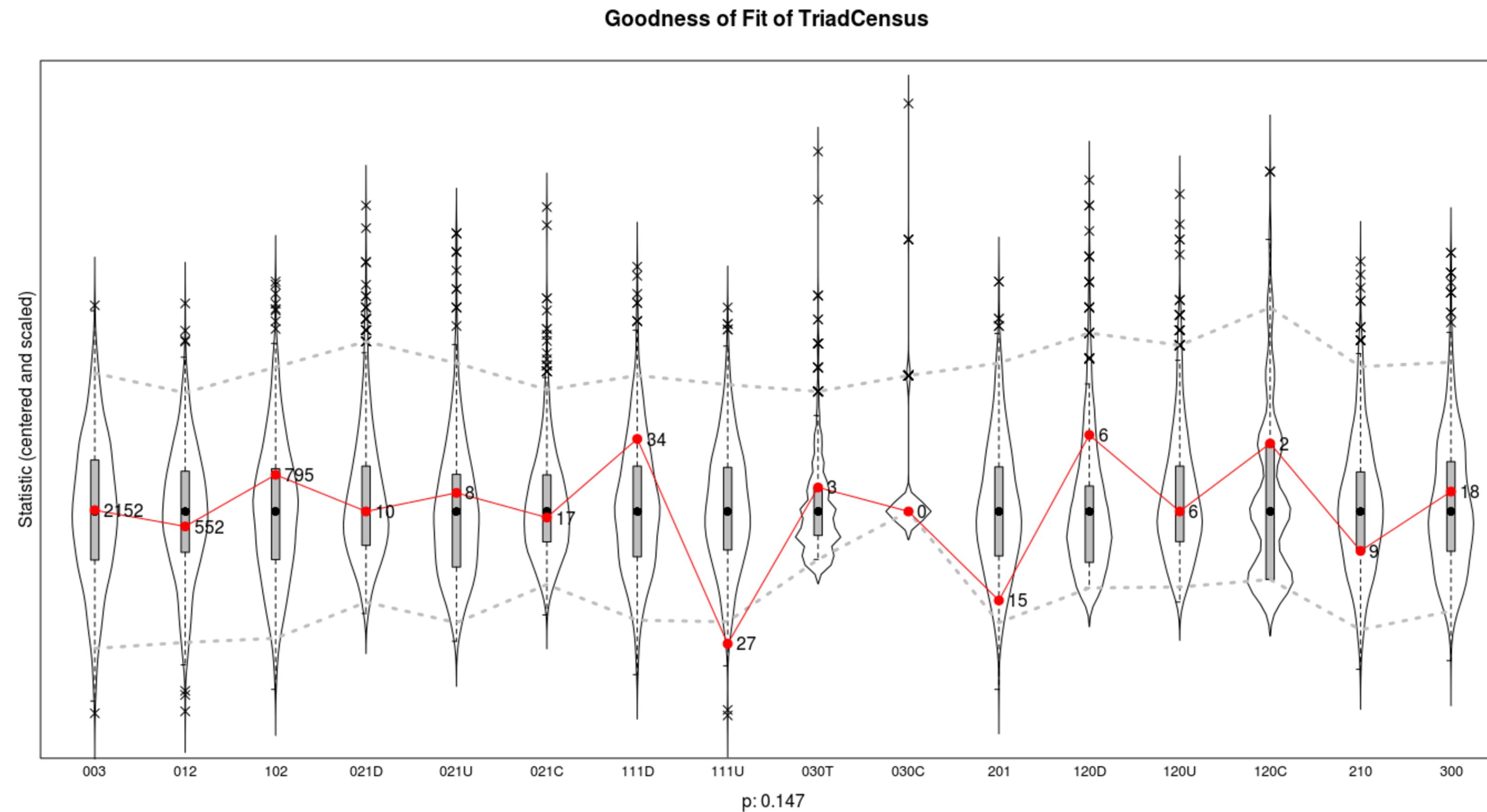
Outdegree GOF



Geodesic GOF



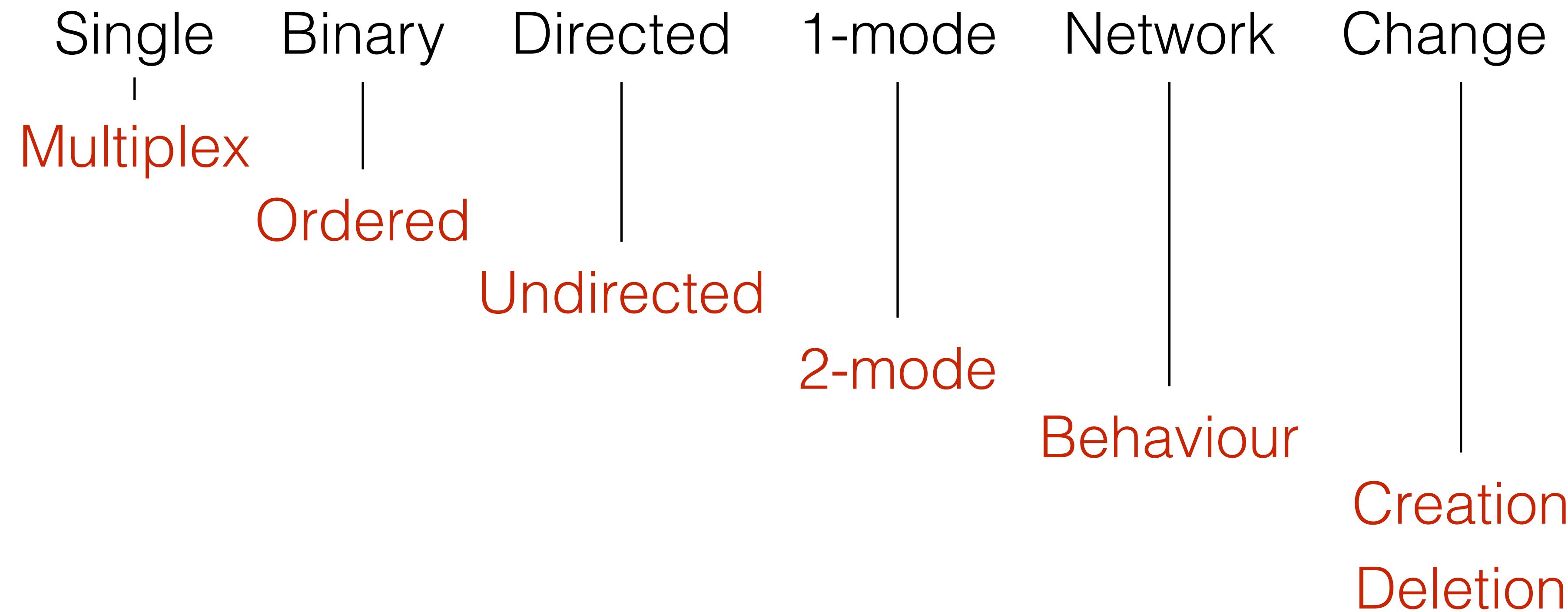
Triad census GOF



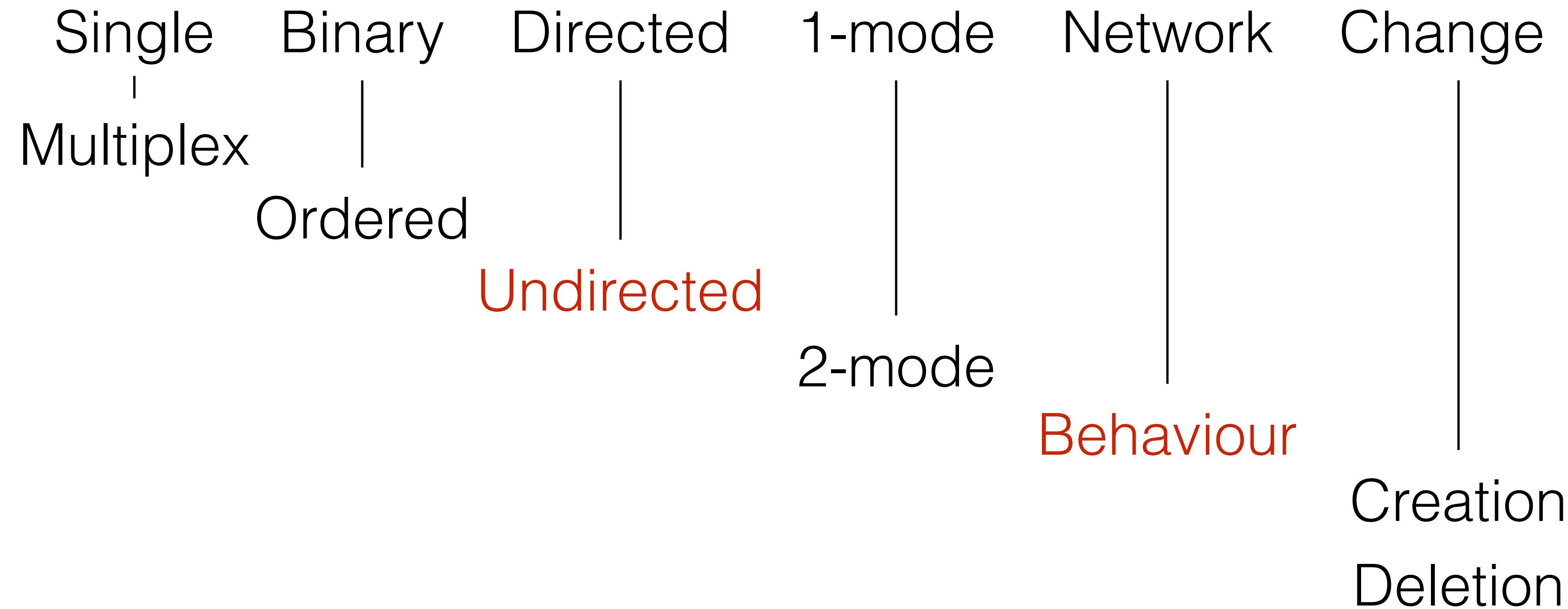
Standard Model

Single Binary Directed 1-mode Network Change

Model Extensions

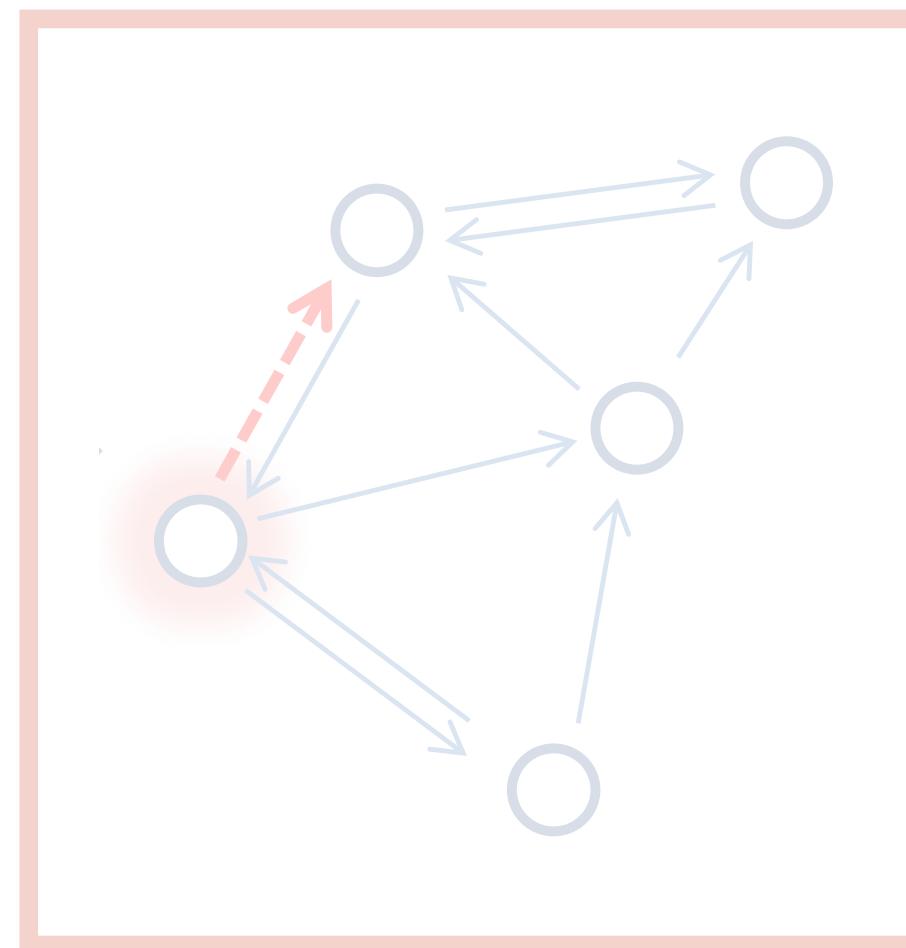


Model Extensions

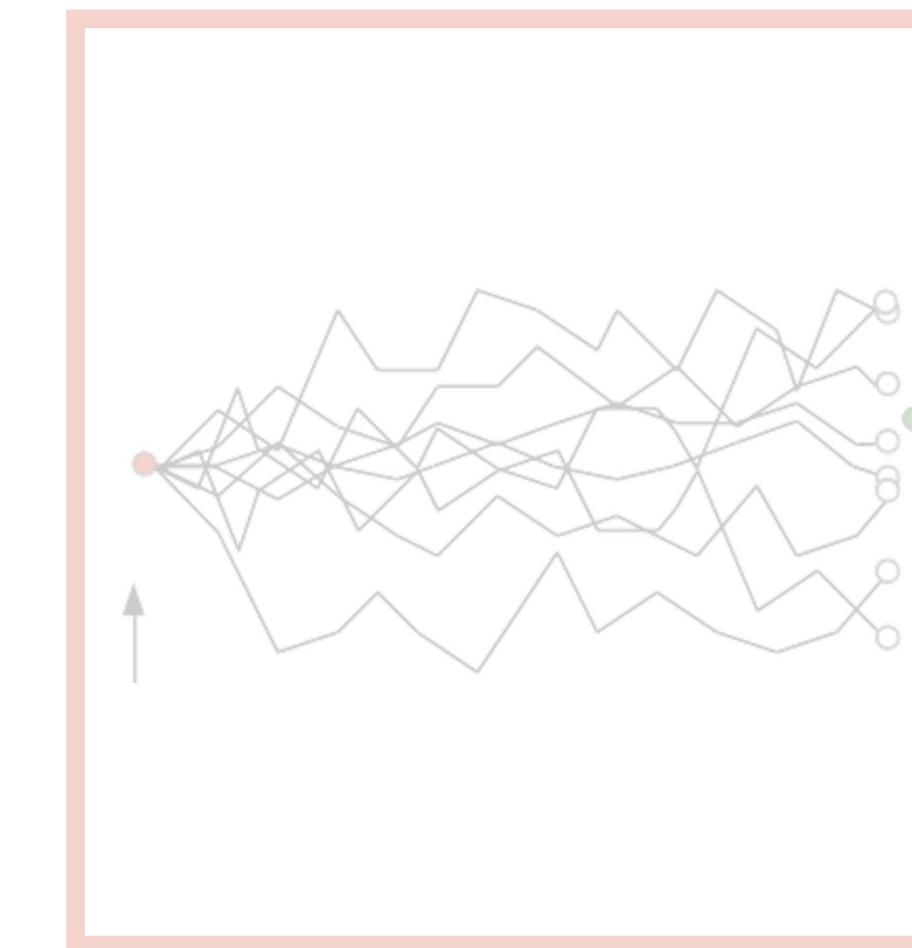


SAOM

Model



Estimation



Influence



A wide-angle photograph of a large, light-colored stone arch bridge spanning a river. Several young men are captured in mid-air, performing backflips or jumps off the bridge's edge into the water below. A large crowd of spectators stands on the bridge's walkway and the surrounding stone walls, watching the activity. In the background, a hillside town with colorful buildings and a minaret is visible under a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds.

A mother's view
of social
influence:
“if your friend
jumped off a
bridge, would
you?”

An example from my childhood friend Zak...

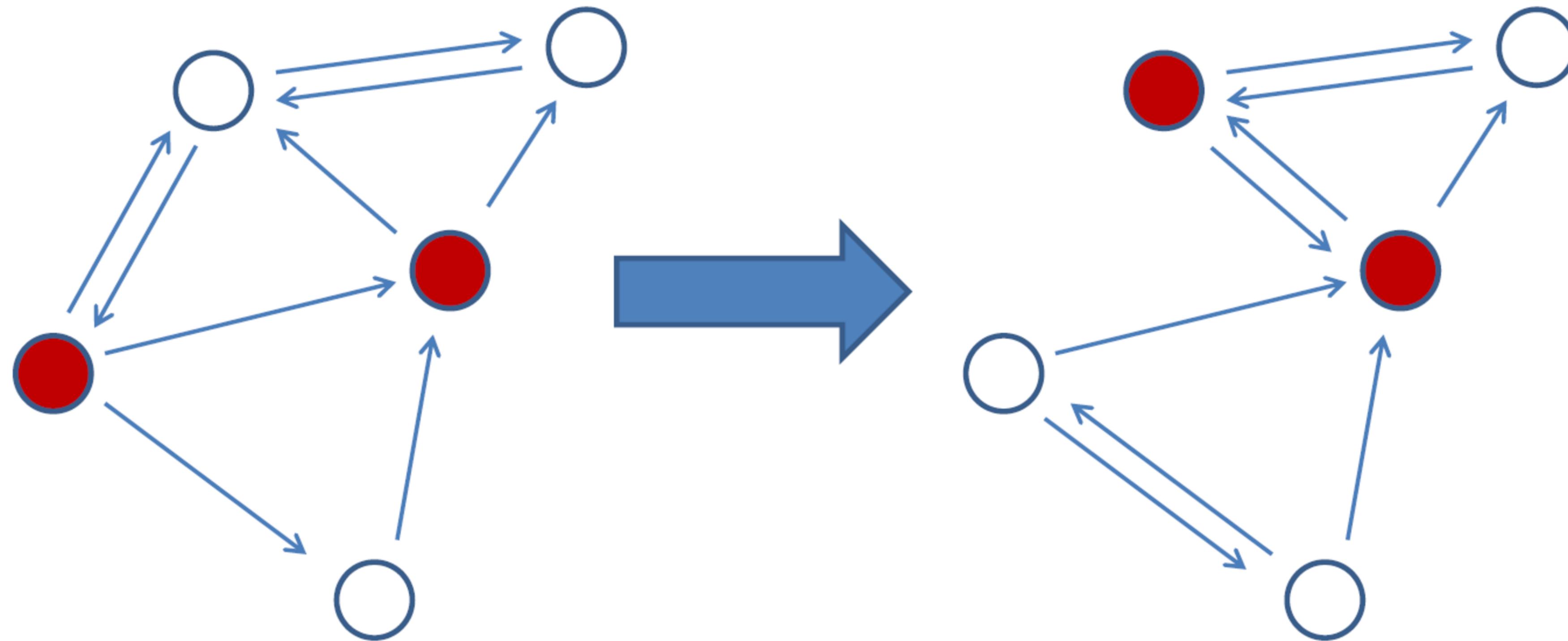
Selection

- Manifest homophily: Zak and I are friends because we both jump off bridges
- Secondary homophily, observable: Zak and I are friends because we are in the same travelling and thrill-seeking club
- Latent homophily, unobservable: Zak and I both like going on rollercoasters
- Common external causation: Zak and I are on the Stari Most on 9 November 1993 and jumping is safer than staying on a bridge that is being destroyed by Croat forces

Influence

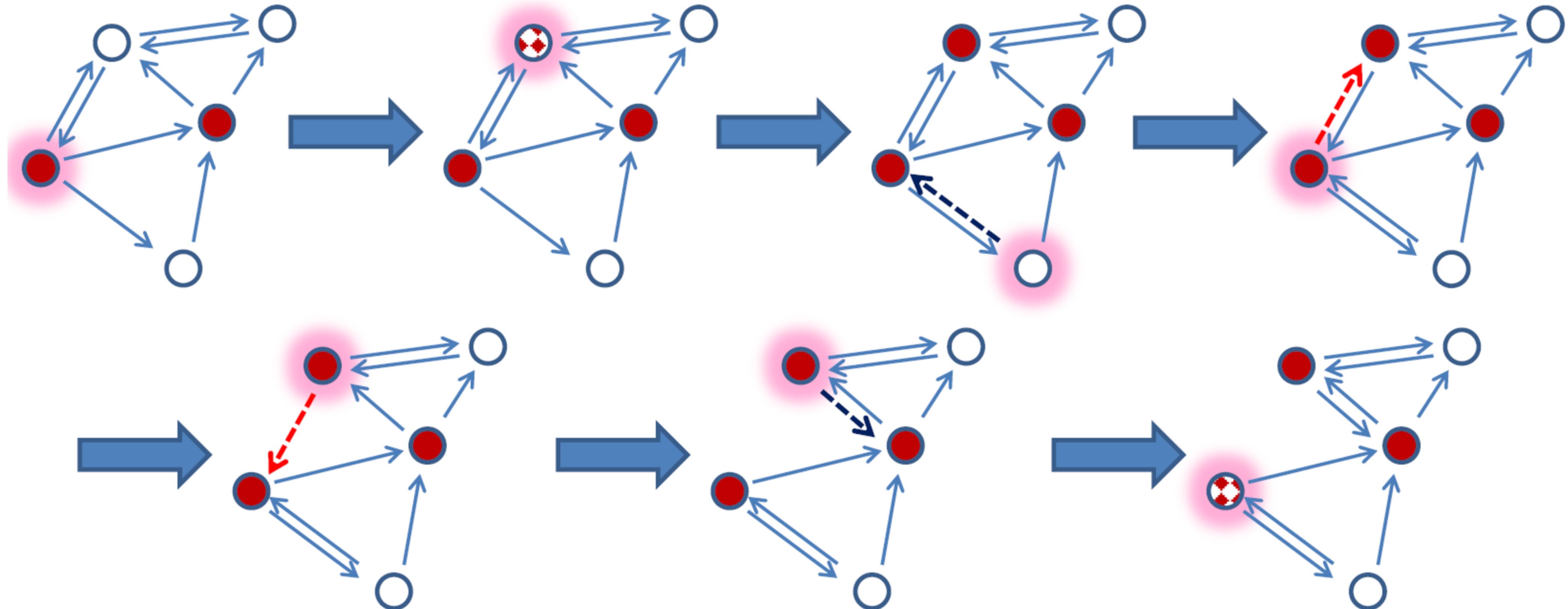
- Biological contagion: Zak infected me with a virus that makes people jump off bridges
- Social influence: Zak inspired me

Networks and behaviour may change simultaneously



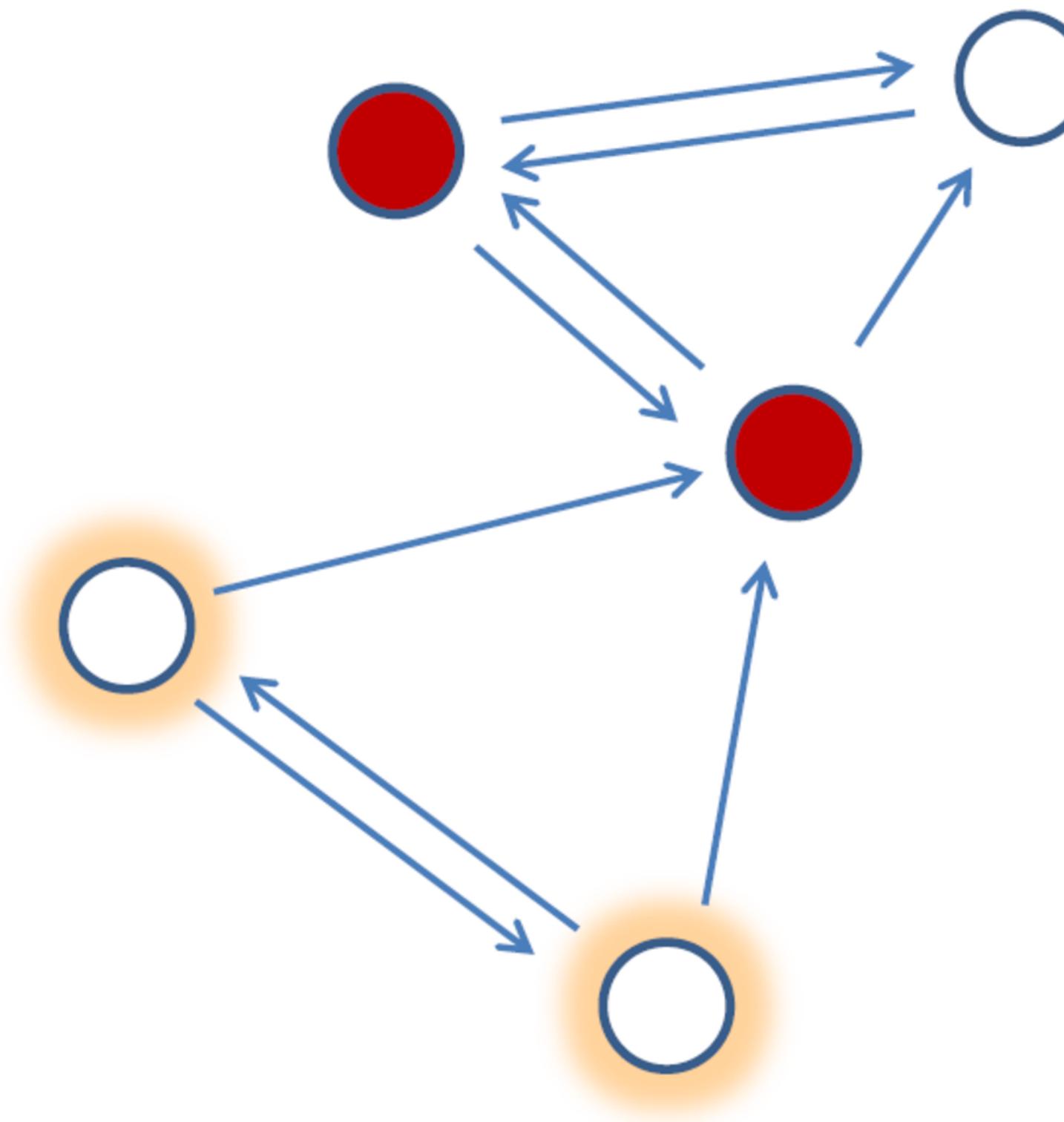
- Still two discrete observations
- Still assume continuous process of change, but now interpolates network-tie changes with behavioural changes

SAOM allows discrete changes on both levels



- Changes are actor-oriented: individuals decide to change their outgoing ties *and* their behaviour
- Two Poisson processes determine time intervals between subsequent changes in each dependent variable

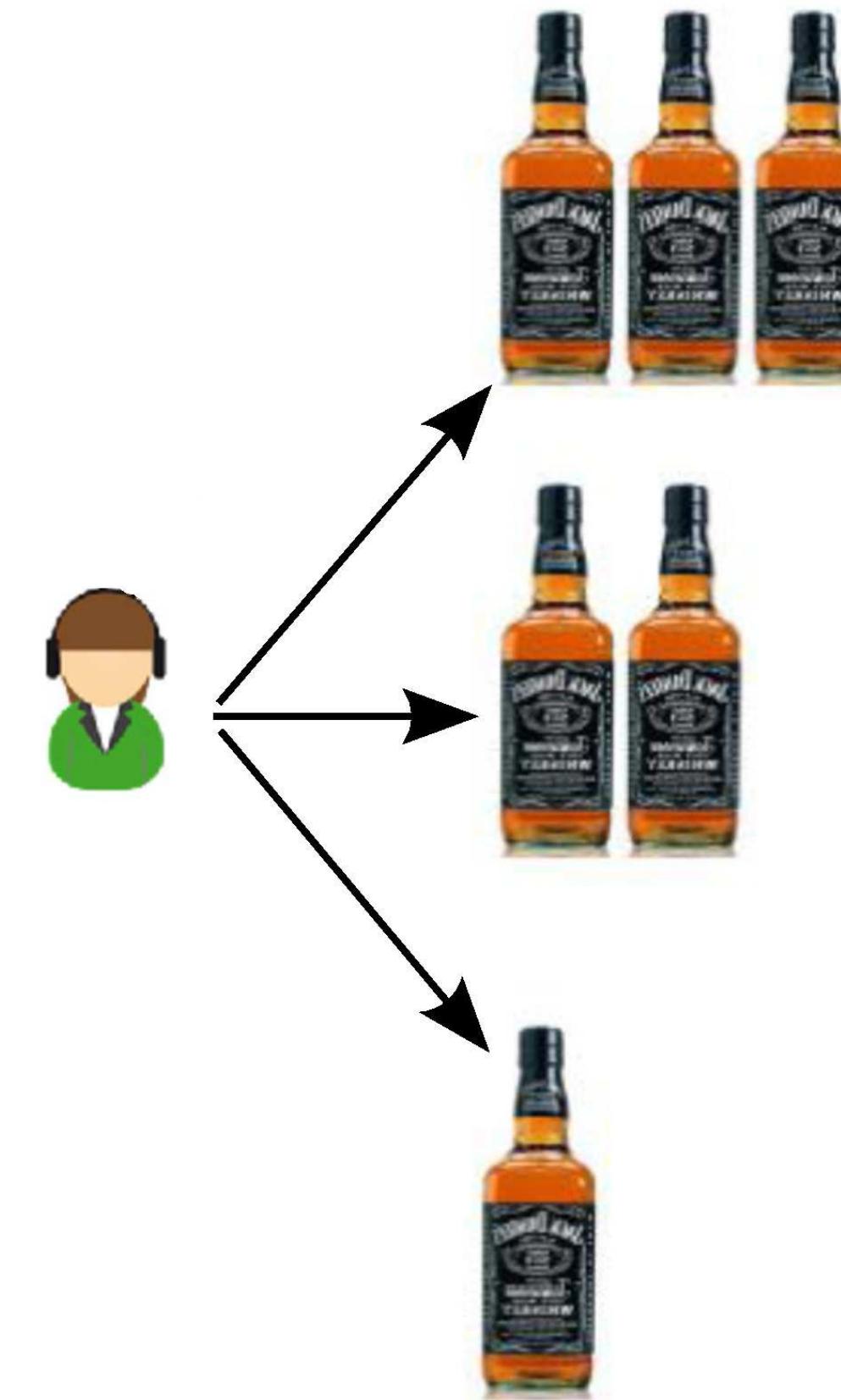
Process Markovian (and thus myopic)



- Both highlighted individuals have the same probability to change their behaviour.
- If social influence is present, they might have an increased likelihood to become red.

Behaviour change is discrete

- Once individuals reconsider their behaviour, they can increase, decrease, or maintain it
- Actual choice modelled with a multinomial probability (up, down, stay)
- This means successive opportunities are required for large-scale behavioural changes
- Model is very similar to network change model



Individuals evaluate their behaviour

- The objective function:

$$f^{\text{beh}}(i, x, z, \beta) = \sum_k \beta_k s_{ki}^{\text{beh}}(x, z)$$

- The focal actor is i
- x represents the current network (potentially also other networks and covariates)
- Vector β weights general preferences (social forces)...
- ...that are operationalised with effect statistics s_{ki}
- The objective function can take any real value

Four example structural effects

Linear tendency: z_i

Quadratic tendency: z_i^2

Dependence on other covariates: $z_i v_i$

Pouularity-related effect: $z_i \sum_j x_{ji} = z_i x_{+i}$

Av. similarity with friends: $x_{+i} \sum_j x_{ij} (\text{sim}_{ij}^z - \hat{\text{sim}}^z)$

Individuals choose their behaviour level

- Probability of maintain (as compared to increasing or reducing the behaviour level by one) is given by the multinomial probability:

$$P(z_i \rightarrow z^{i\pm}; x, z, \beta) = \frac{\exp(f^{\text{beh}}(i, x, z, \beta))}{\sum_{\phi \in \{+, \pm, -\}} \exp(f^{\text{beh}}(i, x, z^{i\phi}, \beta))}$$

- z^{i-}/z^{i+} equal z except for actor i having decreased/increased her behaviour by one; $z^{i\pm} = z$
- If z_i has its minimum/maximum value, a further decrease/increase is not possible and the corresponding term in the probability is zero

SAOMmary

- Network (and behaviour) change is observed across repeated measures
- The discrete change is decomposed into continuous-time ministeps and modelled from an actor-oriented perspective
 - The frequency of these ministeps and which actors are offered an opportunity to change their ties/behaviour is modelled by the rate function
 - What happens during these ministeps/opportunities is modelled by an evaluation function, and the effects included here tend to be most related to research questions
- The Method of Moments estimation procedure seeks to find stable parameter values that simulate networks that match the target statistics of the effects included and are stable (convergence) and also replicate salient macro-structural features (goodness-of-fit)

The Bestiary of Statistical Network Models



Theory

Data

**Cross-Sectional
/Panel Data**

(T)ERGMs

SAOMs

**Time-Stamped
Data**

REMs

DyNAMs

Tie-Oriented

Actor-Oriented

(T)ERGMs

SAOMs

REMs

DyNAMs

Tie-Oriented

Actor-Oriented

**Cross-Sectional
/Panel Data**

(T)ERGMs

SAOMs

**Time-Stamped
Data**

REMs

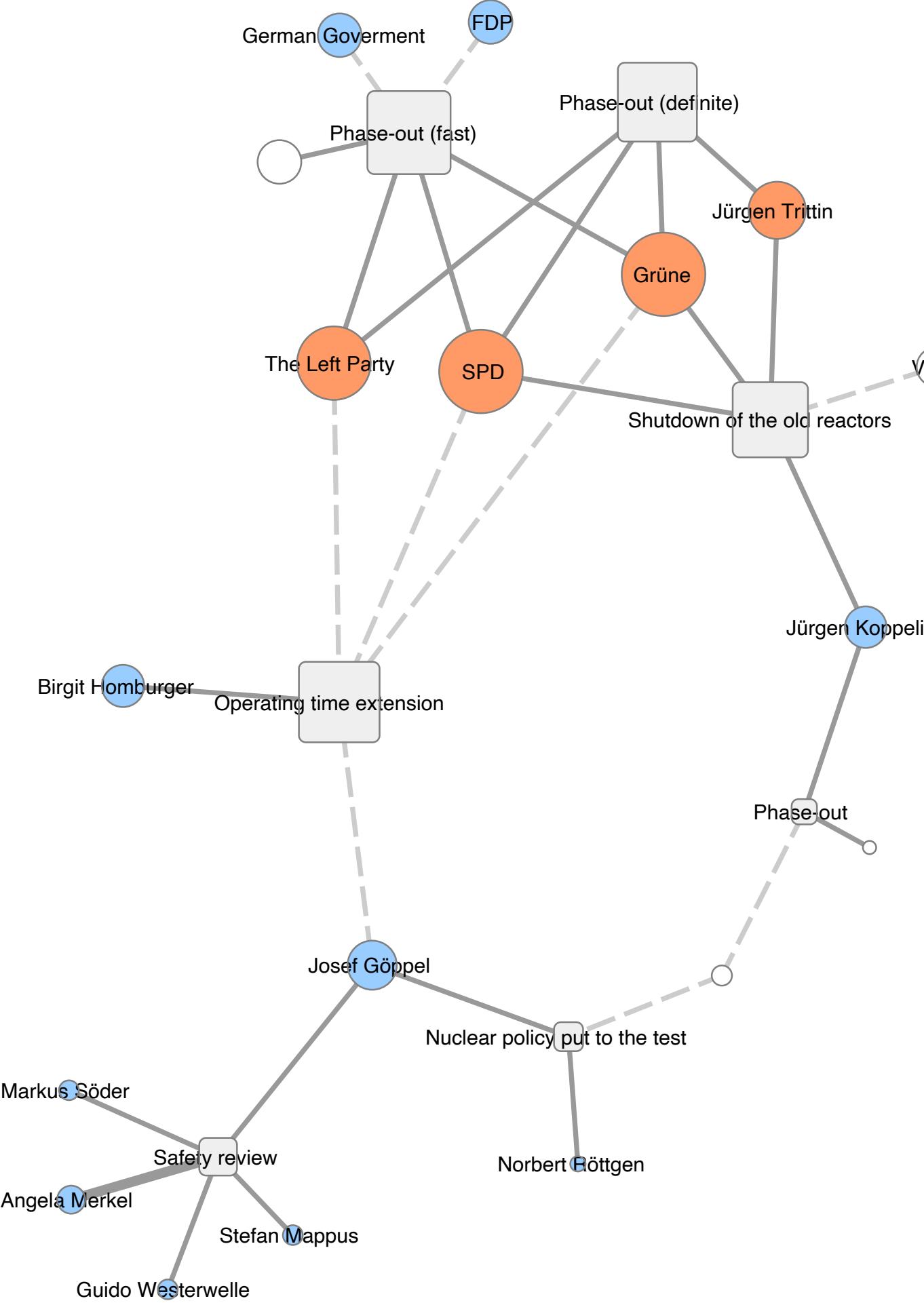
DyNAMs

Advantages

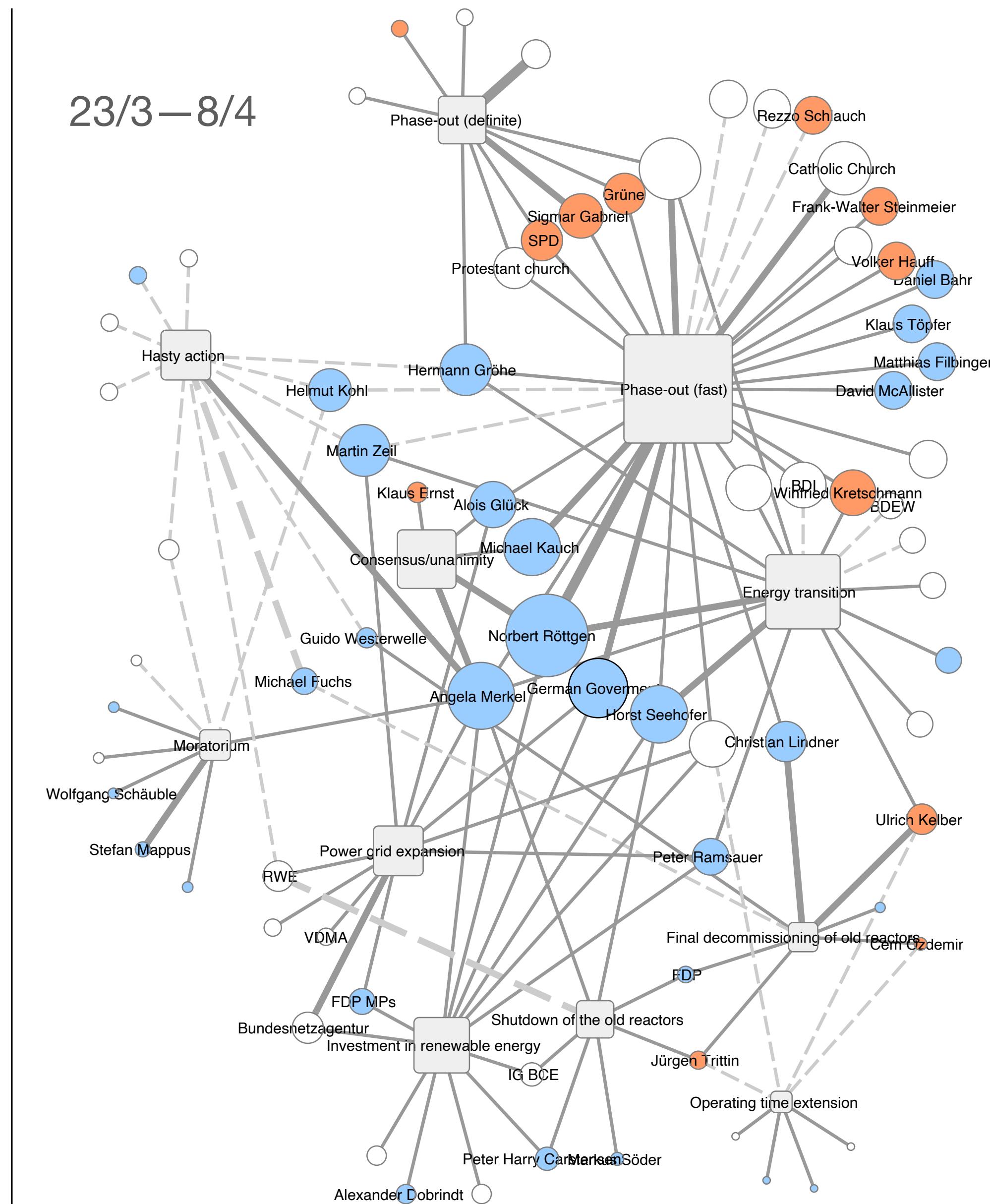


- More Precision
 - on sequential inference than panel-based (T)ERGMs or SAOMs where the data is time-stamped
 - on choice inference than tie-based models like REMs because actors' choices separated from opportunity into two functions

11/3–13/3

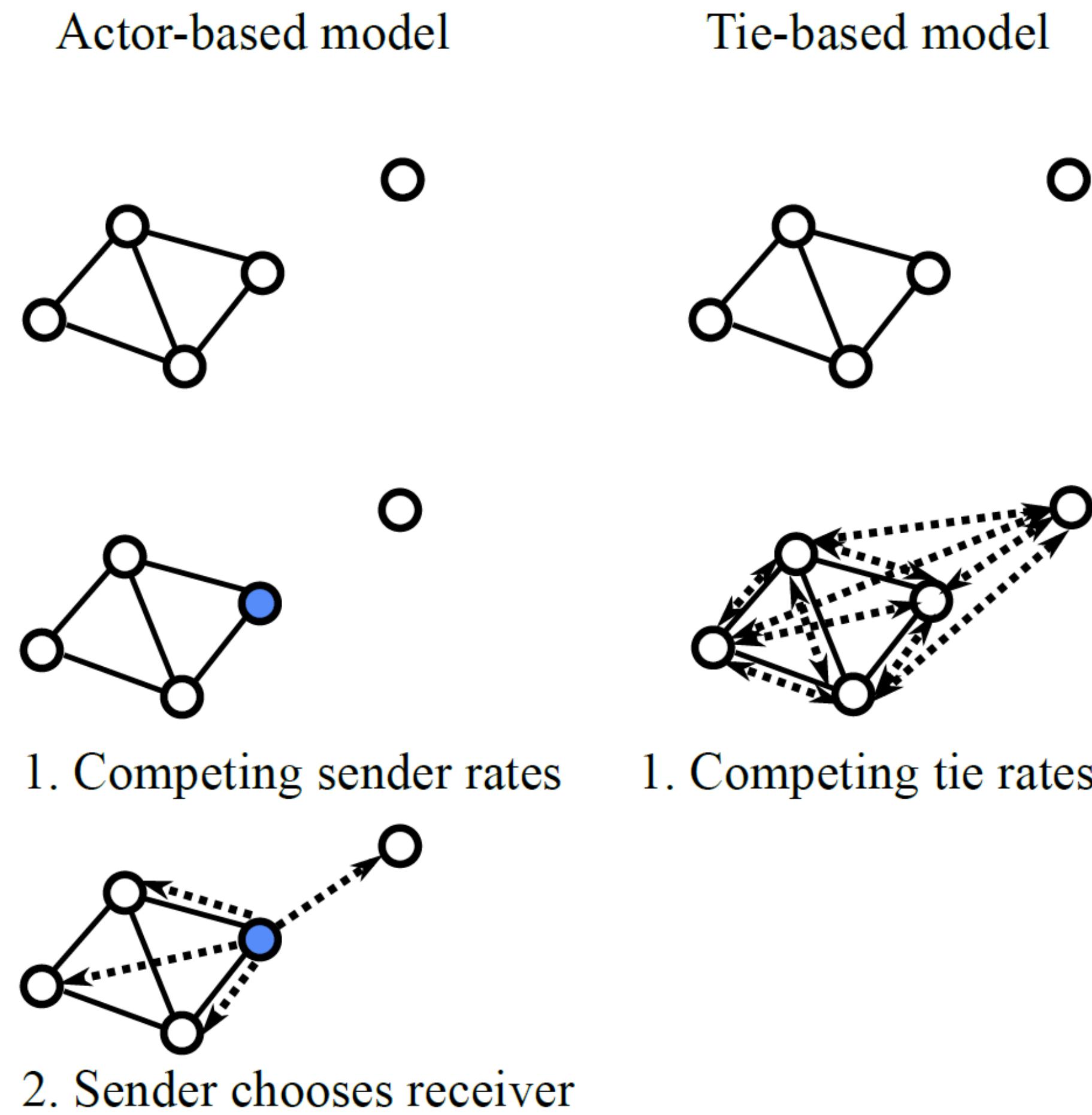


23/3–8/4



Modelling from actor- or tie-oriented perspective

DyNAM
“Increase in
waiting times”
“Increase in relative
probability”



REM
(Butts, 2008)

Both “increase in
waiting times” and
“relative probability”

REM/DyNAM Comparison

- Comparing the rates

$$\lambda_{ij}^{\text{Actor}}(x, \theta, \beta, s, t, A) = \overbrace{\exp(\theta^T s(x, i))}^{\text{step 1: actor rate}} \overbrace{\frac{\exp(\beta^T t(x, i, j))}{\sum_{k \in A} \exp(\beta^T t(x, i, k))}}^{\text{step 2: receiver choice}}$$

$$\lambda_{ij}^{\text{Tie}}(x, \gamma, u, A) = \exp(\gamma^T u(x, i, j))$$

- Conditional probability given actor i active next

$$P_{i \rightarrow j}^{\text{Tie}}(x, \gamma, A | i \text{ active}) = \frac{\exp(\gamma^T u(x, i, j))}{\sum_{k \in A \setminus \{i\}} \exp(\gamma^T u(x, i, k))}$$

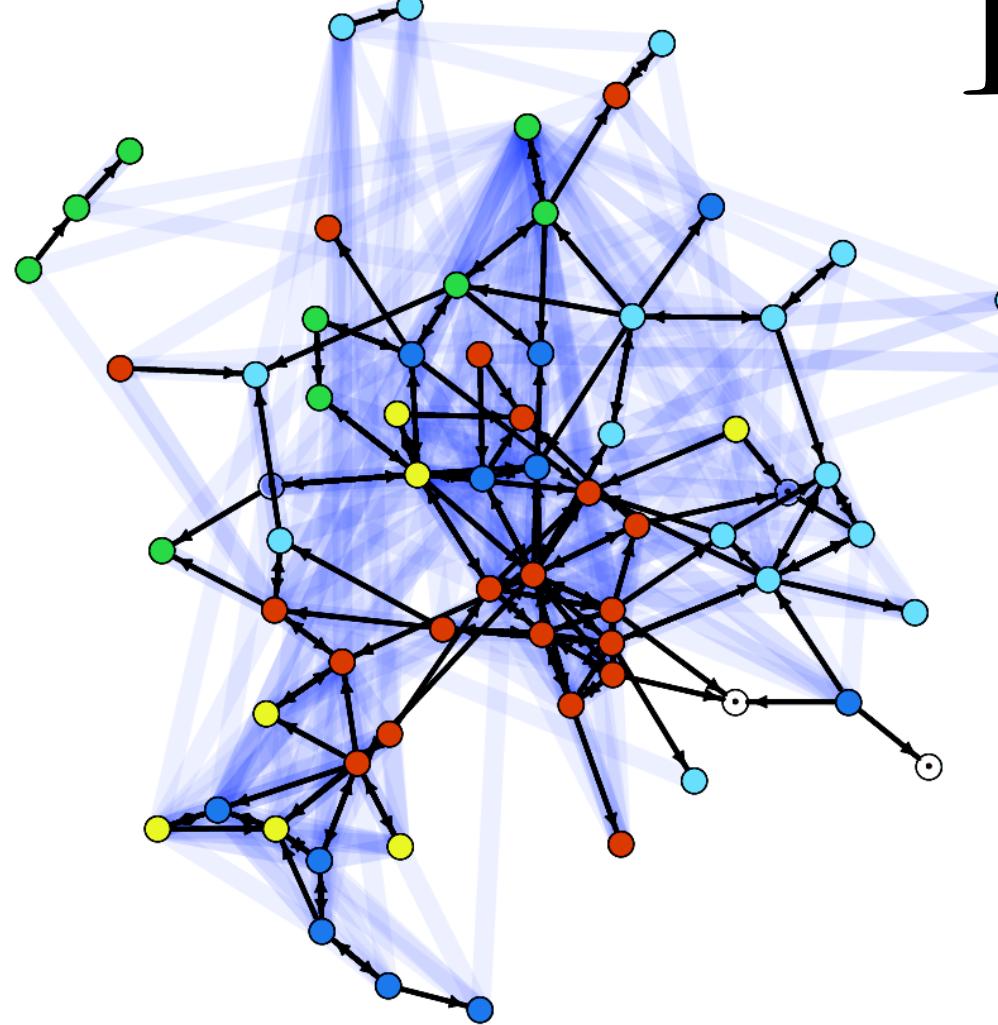
$$P_{i \rightarrow j}^{\text{Actor}}(x, \beta, A | i \text{ active}) = \frac{\exp(\beta^T t(x, i, j))}{\sum_{k \in A \setminus \{i\}} \exp(\beta^T t(x, i, k))}$$

- Probability actor i active next

$$P_i^{\text{Actor}}(x, \theta, s, A) = \frac{\exp(\theta^T s(x, i))}{\sum_{k \in A} \exp(\theta^T s(x, k))}$$

$$P_i^{\text{Tie}}(x, \gamma, u, A) = \frac{\sum_{j \in A} \exp(\gamma^T u(x, i, j))}{\sum_{k, l \in A} \exp(\gamma^T u(x, k, l))}$$

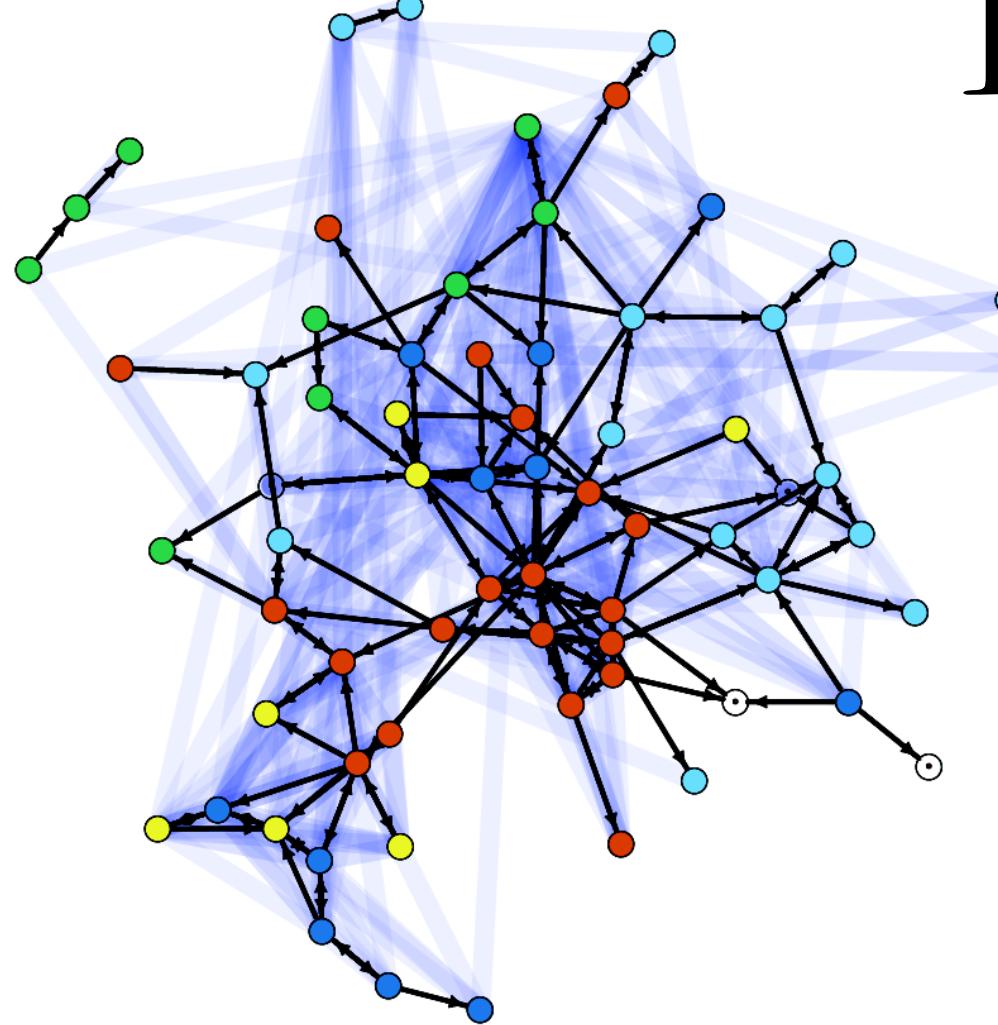
The interpretation of parameters differs between models



#	Effects	DyNAM sender rate			DyNAM receiver choice			REM tie rate		
		$\hat{\theta}$	s.e.	***	$\hat{\beta}$	s.e.	***	$\hat{\gamma}$	s.e.	***
1	intercept	-13.74	0.05	***				-14.78	0.14	***
2	egoX recentCallsSent	0.59	0.04	***				0.55	0.03	***
3	egoX recentCallsReceived	0.53	0.05	***				-0.27	0.05	***
4	outdegreeX friendship	0.03	0.00	***				-0.04	0.01	***
5	outdegreeX callNetwork	0.26	0.01	***				-0.03	0.02	
6	outdegree callNetwork				-4.09	0.16	***	-4.97	0.13	***
7	outdegree callNetworkPastHour				-2.06	0.19	***	0.79	0.11	***
8	reciprocity callNetwork				0.24	0.14		0.38	0.11	***
9	reciprocity callNetworkPastHour				4.01	0.32	***	4.67	0.13	***
10	inPop callNetwork				-0.10	0.05	*	0.01	0.03	
11	inPop friendship				-0.17	0.02	***	-0.06	0.01	***
12	transitivity callNetwork				0.30	0.12	*	-0.16	0.07	*
13	transitivity friendship				0.02	0.04		0.14	0.02	***
14	sameX floor				-0.24	0.12	*	-0.98	0.08	***
15	sameX gradeType				0.13	0.12		-0.17	0.08	*
16	X friendship				2.07	0.18	***	1.52	0.12	***

Log Likelihood (sub model)	-14165.94	-1319.38	-14800.81
Log Likelihood (interval)		-15485.32	-14800.81
Log Likelihood (sequence)		-4987.42	-4513.31
CPU time (seconds)	18.11		2111.69

The interpretation of parameters differs between models



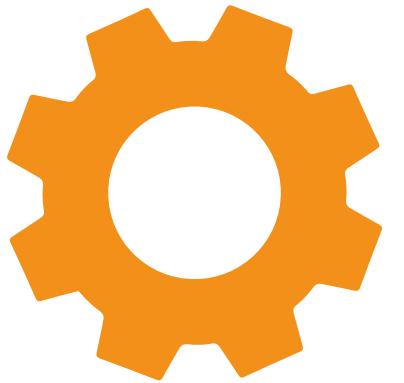
#	Effects	DyNAM sender rate		DyNAM receiver choice		REM tie rate			
		$\hat{\theta}$	s.e.	$\hat{\beta}$	s.e.	$\hat{\gamma}$	s.e.		
1	intercept	-13.74	0.05	***		-14.78	0.14	***	
2	egoX recentCallsSent	0.59	0.04	***		0.55	0.03	***	
3	egoX recentCallsReceived	0.53	0.05	***		-0.27	0.05	***	
4	outdegreeX friendship	0.03	0.00	***		-0.04	0.01	***	
5	outdegreeX callNetwork	0.26	0.01	***		-0.03	0.02		
6	outdegree callNetwork			-4.09	0.16	***	-4.97	0.13	***
7	outdegree callNetworkPastHour			-2.06	0.19	***	0.79	0.11	***
8	reciprocity callNetwork			0.24	0.14		0.38	0.11	***
9	reciprocity callNetworkPastHour			4.01	0.32	***	4.67	0.13	***
10	inPop callNetwork			-0.10	0.05	*	0.01	0.03	
11	inPop friendship			-0.17	0.02	***	-0.06	0.01	***
12	transitivity callNetwork			0.30	0.12	*	-0.16	0.07	*
13	transitivity friendship			0.02	0.04		0.14	0.02	***
14	sameX floor			-0.24	0.12	*	-0.98	0.08	***
15	sameX gradeType			0.13	0.12		-0.17	0.08	*
16	X friendship			2.07	0.18	***	1.52	0.12	***
Log Likelihood (sub model)		-14165.94		-1319.38		-14800.81			
Log Likelihood (interval)		-15485.32		-14800.81					
Log Likelihood (sequence)		-4987.42		-4513.31					
CPU time (seconds)		18.11		2111.69					

Advantages



- **More Precision**

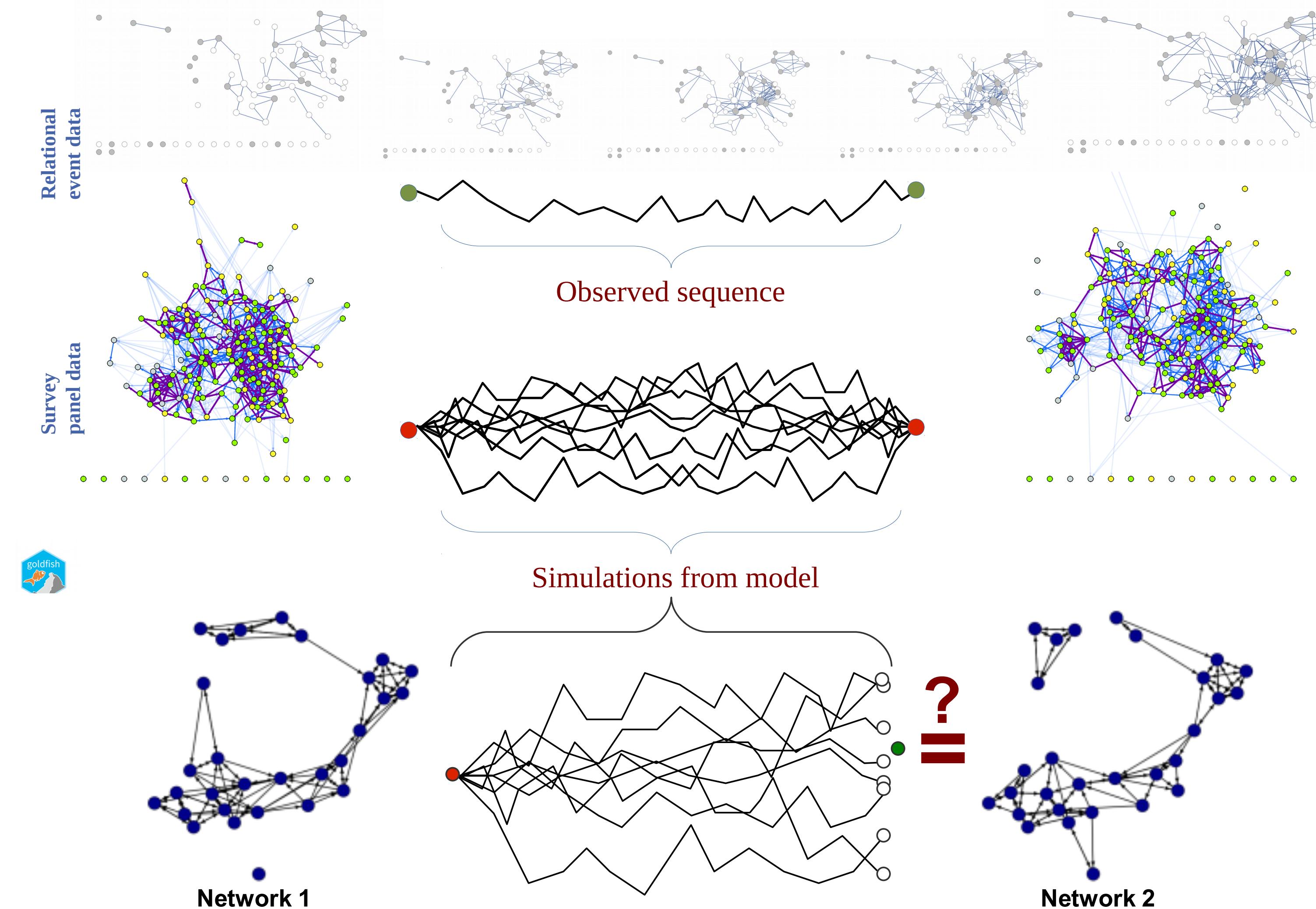
- on sequential inference than panel-based (T)ERGMs or SAOMs where the data is time-stamped
- on choice inference than tie-based models like REMs because actors' choices separated from opportunity into two functions



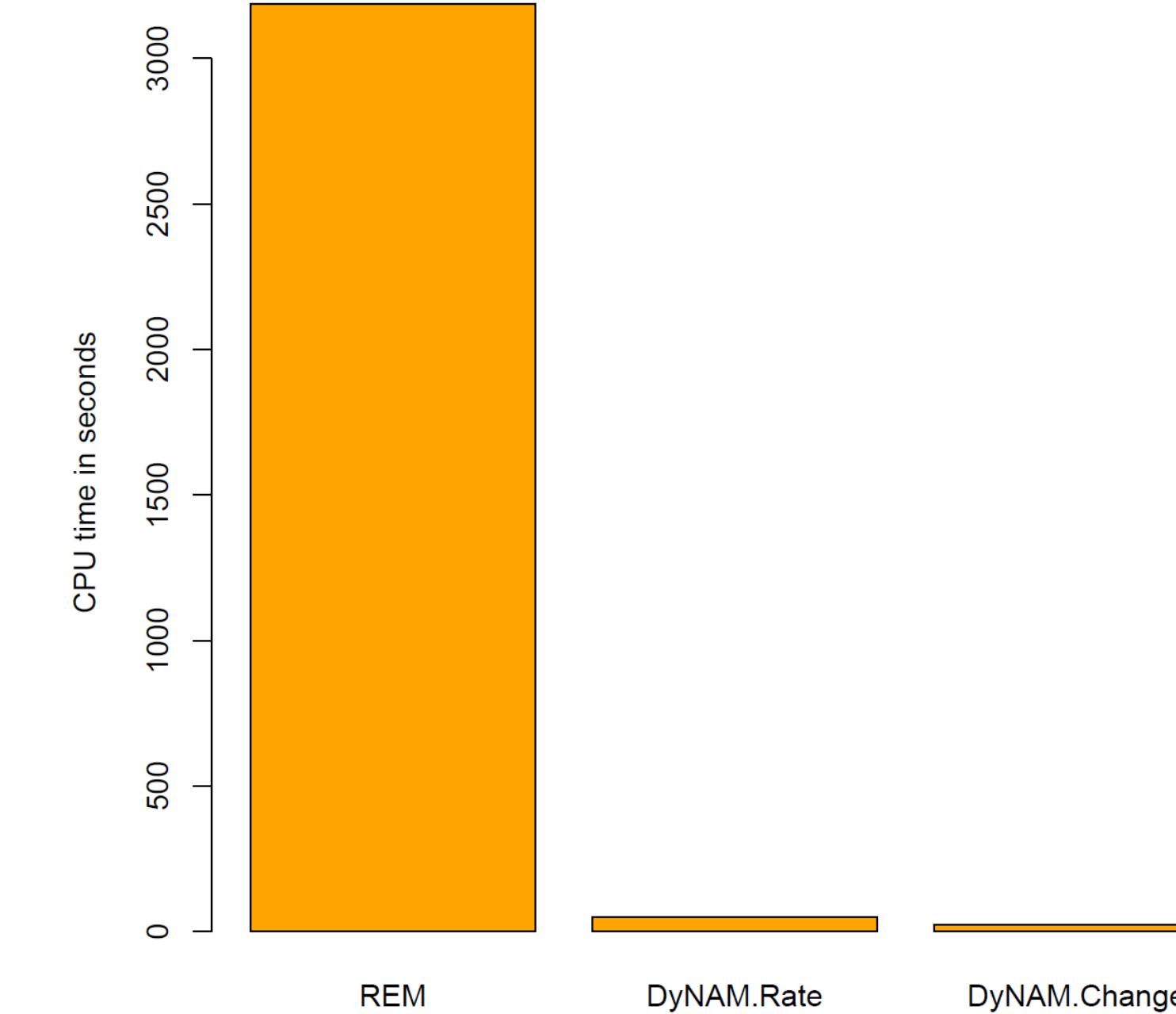
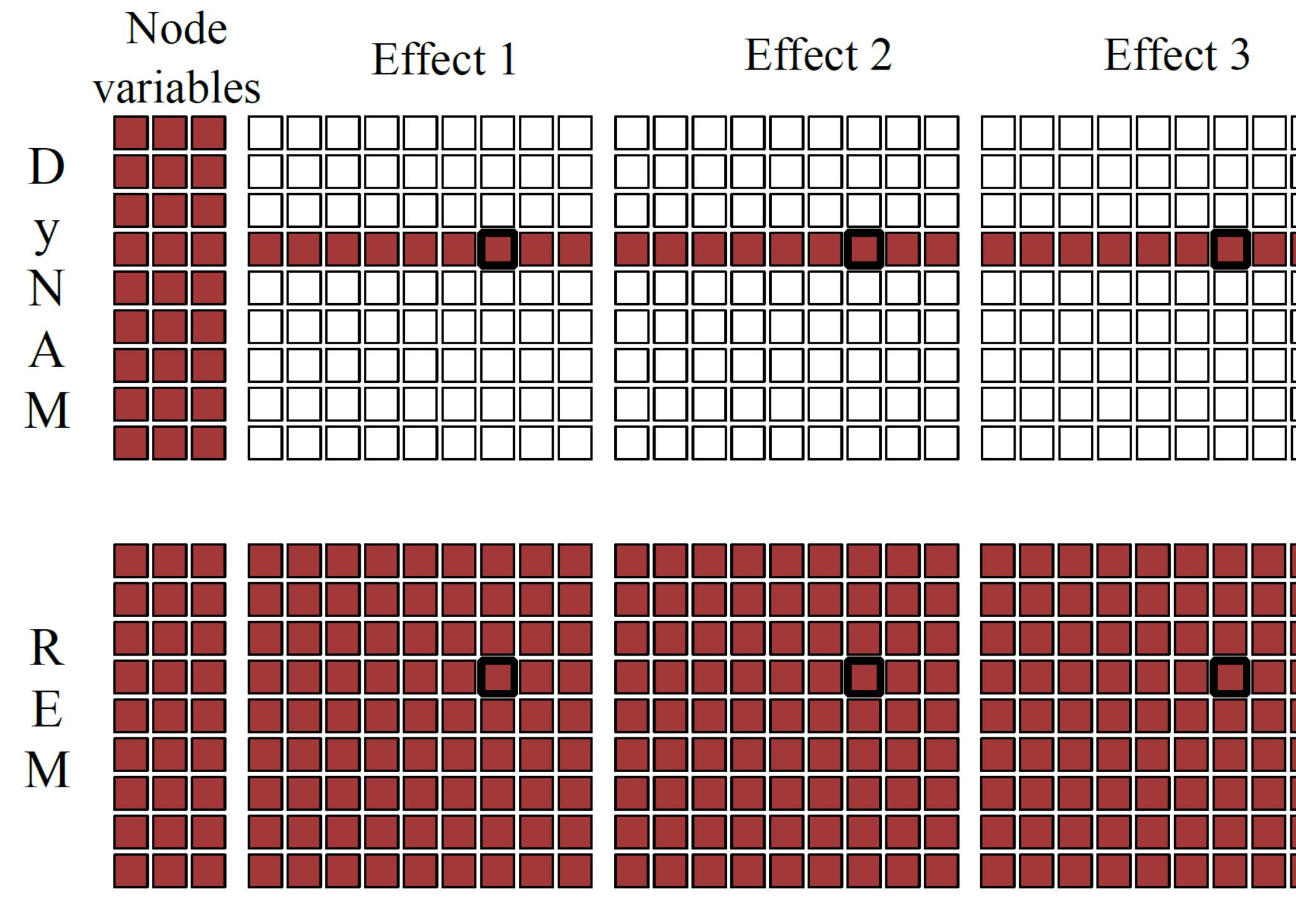
- **Better Performance**

- than (T)ERGMs or SAOMs because does not rely on simulations for estimation
- than REMs because two sub-models means a lower order of computational complexity

SAOMs and DyNAMs



Models use a different amount of information

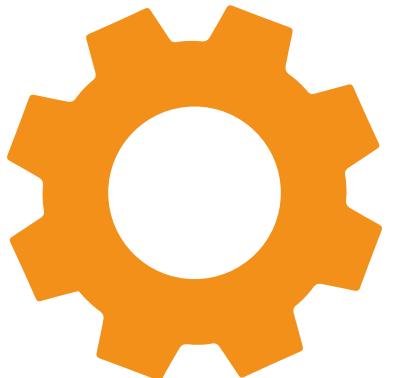


Advantages



- More Precision

- on sequential inference than panel-based (T)ERGMs or SAOMs where the data is time-stamped
- on choice inference than tie-based models like REMs because actors' choices separated from opportunity into two functions



- Better Performance

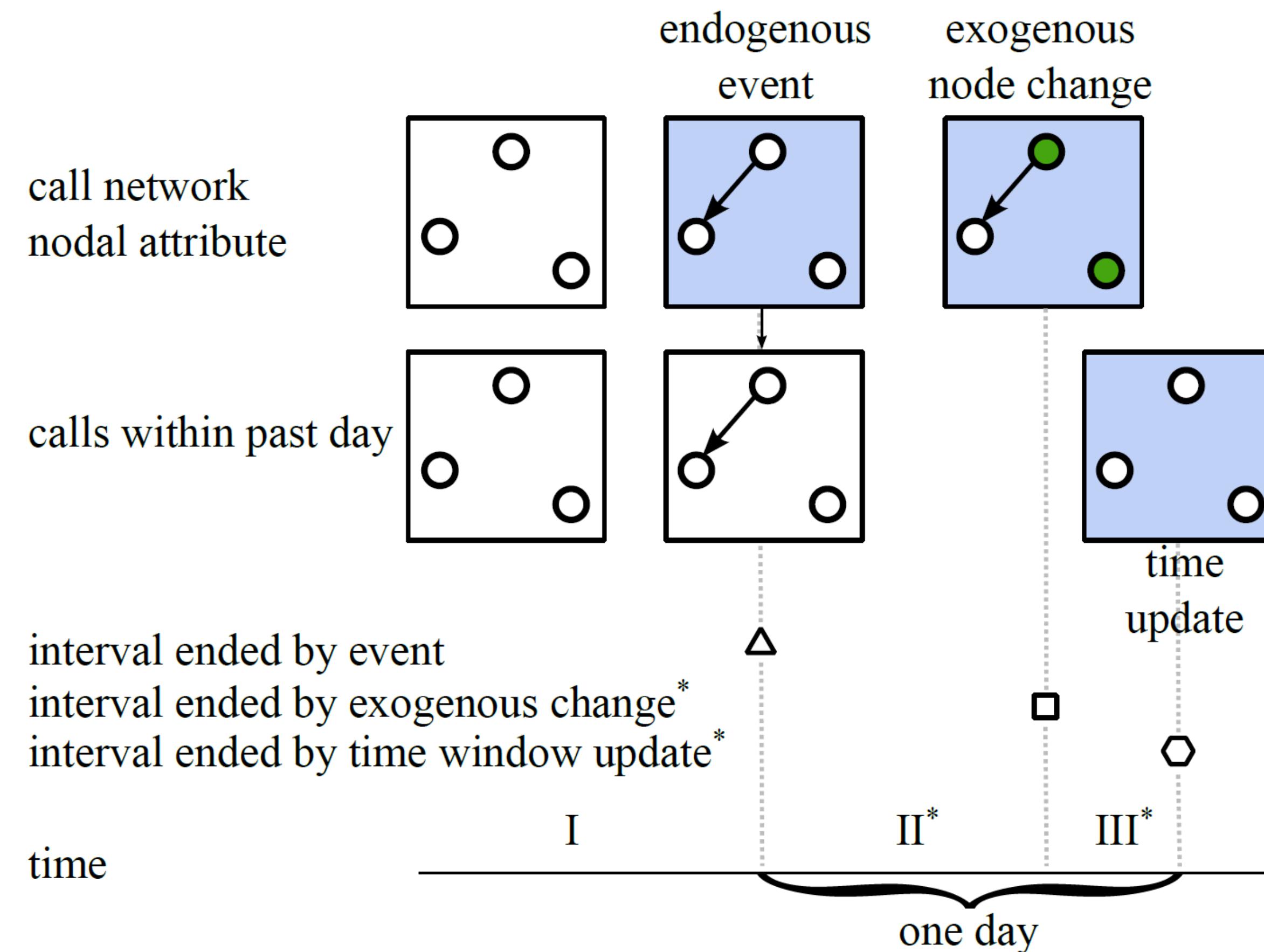
- than (T)ERGMs or SAOMs because does not rely on simulations for estimation
- than REMs because two sub-models means a lower order of computational complexity



- Additional Properties

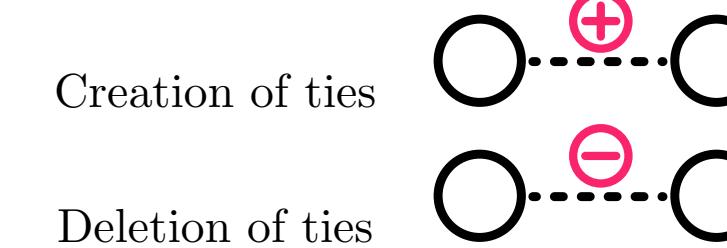
- time: windowed and global temporal effects
- weights: binary/multiple and weighted effects

Time windows

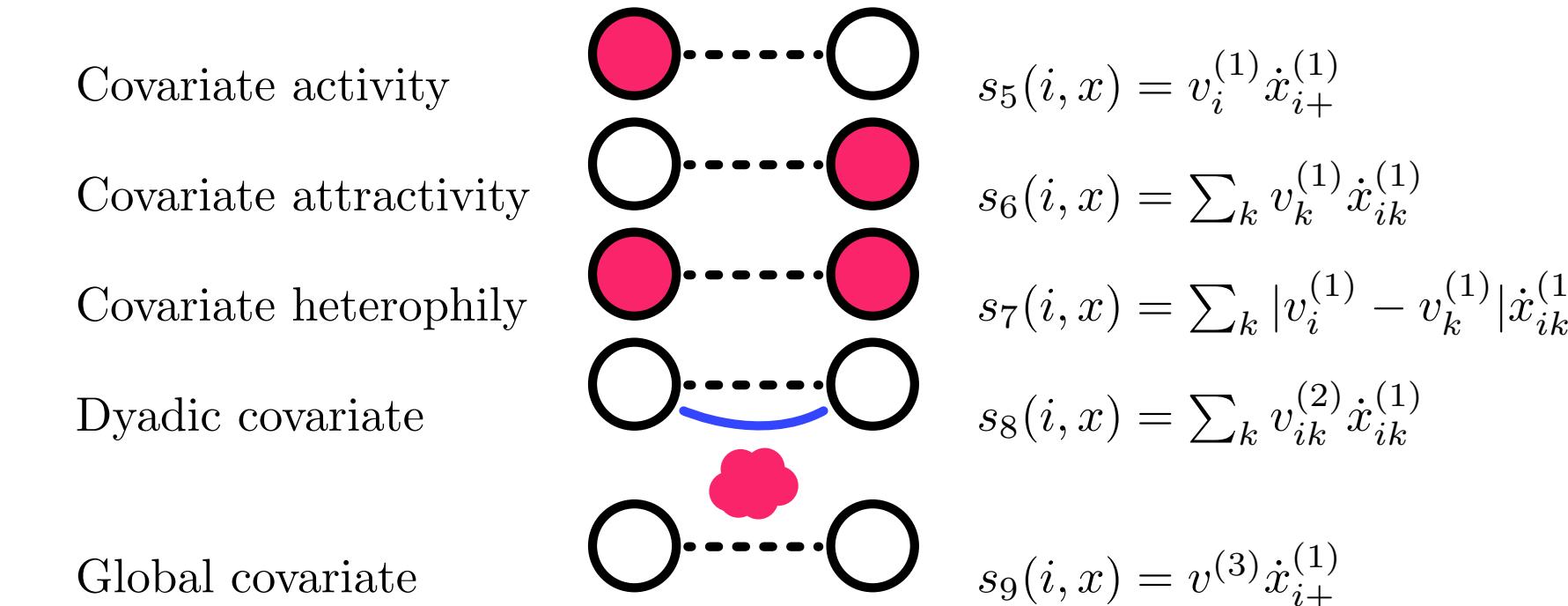
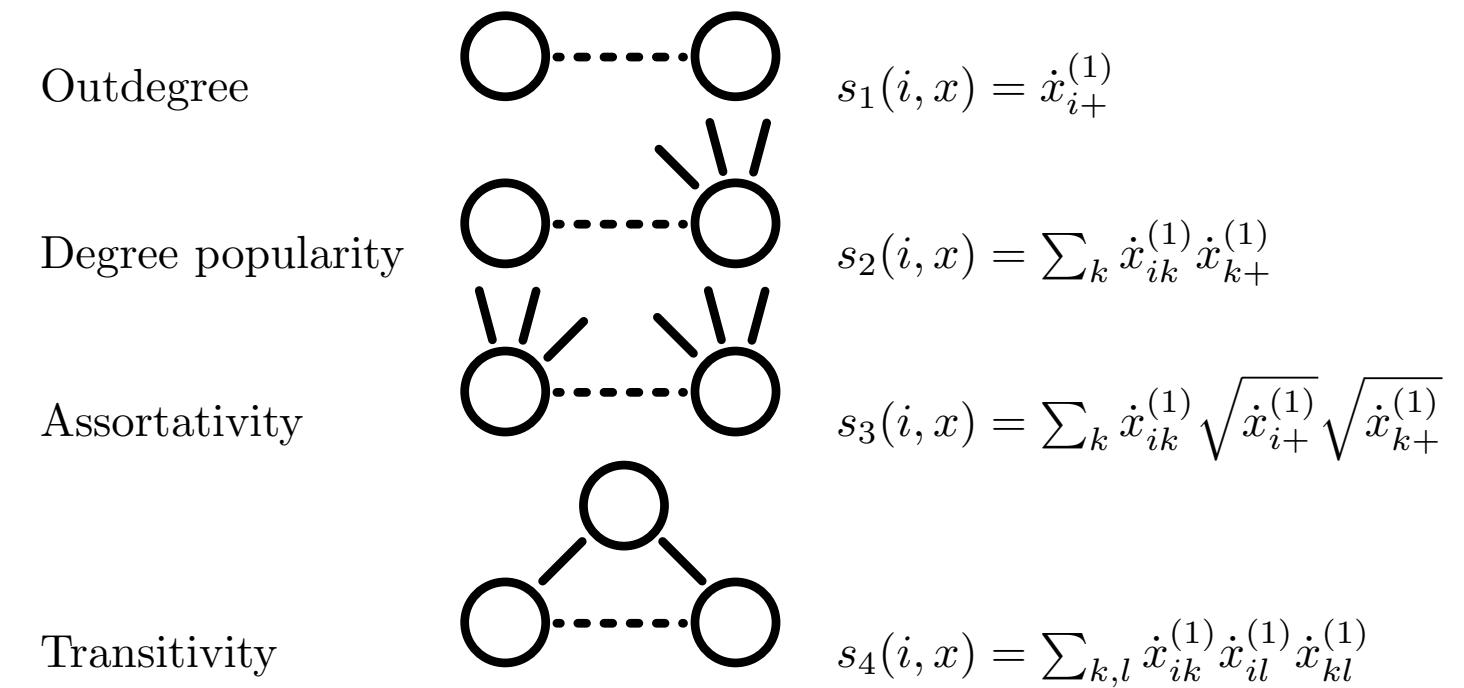


Effects Smörgåsbord

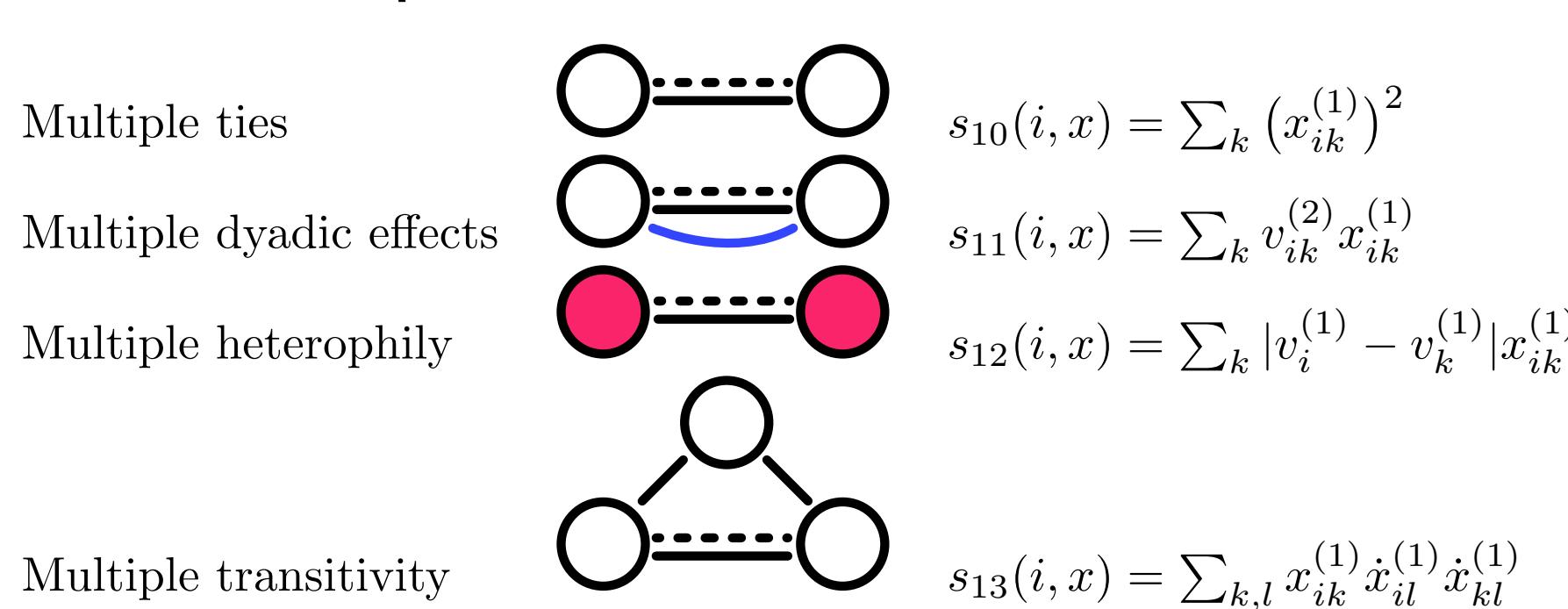
Signed



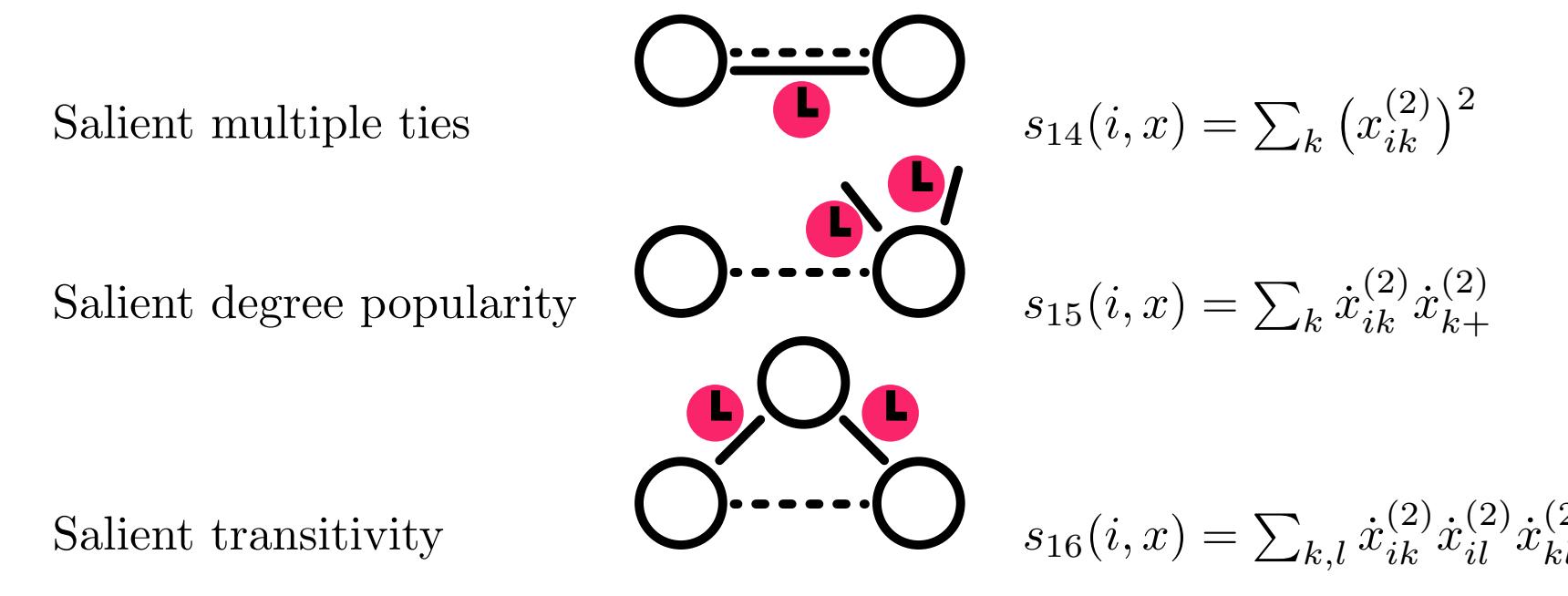
Generic



Multiple



Windowed

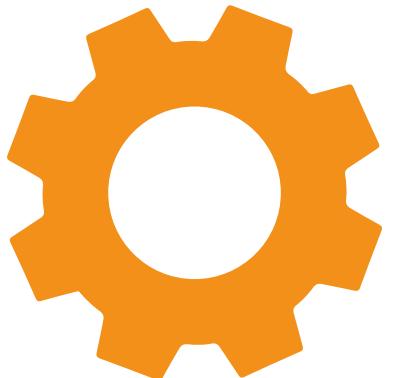


Advantages



- More Precision

- on sequential inference than panel-based (T)ERGMs or SAOMs where the data is time-stamped
- on choice inference than tie-based models like REMs because actors' choices separated from opportunity into two functions



- Better Performance

- than (T)ERGMs or SAOMs because does not rely on simulations for estimation
- than REMs because two sub-models means a lower order of computational complexity

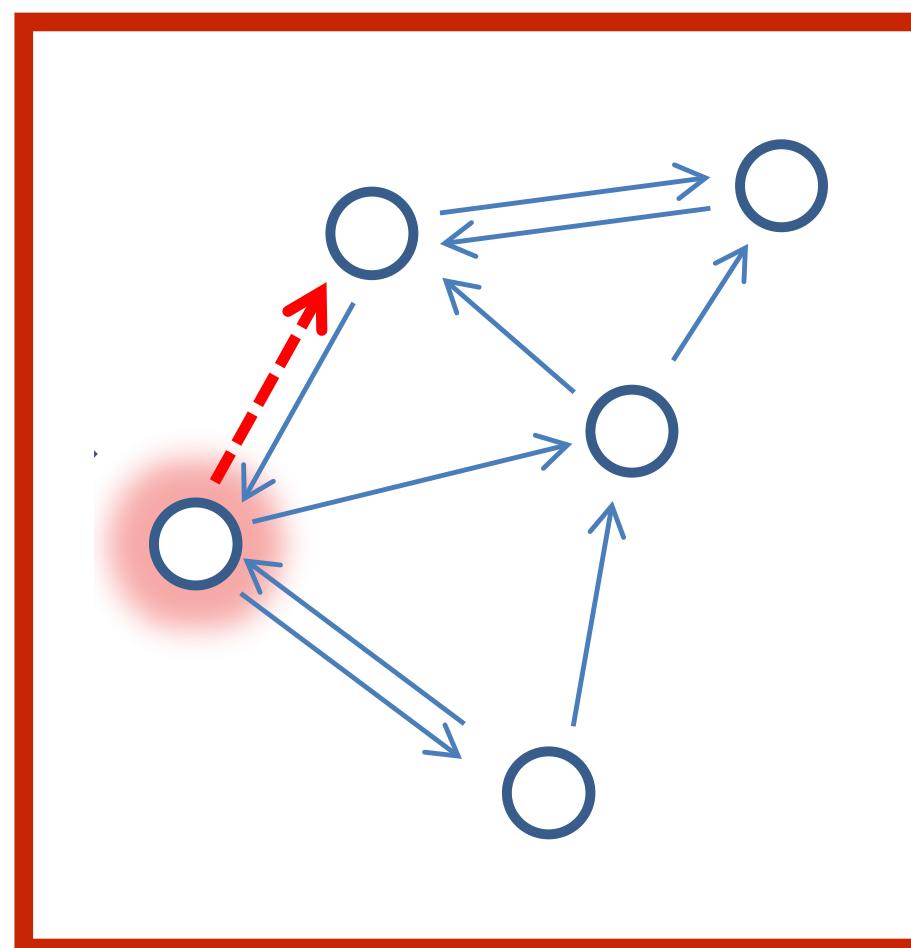


- Additional Properties

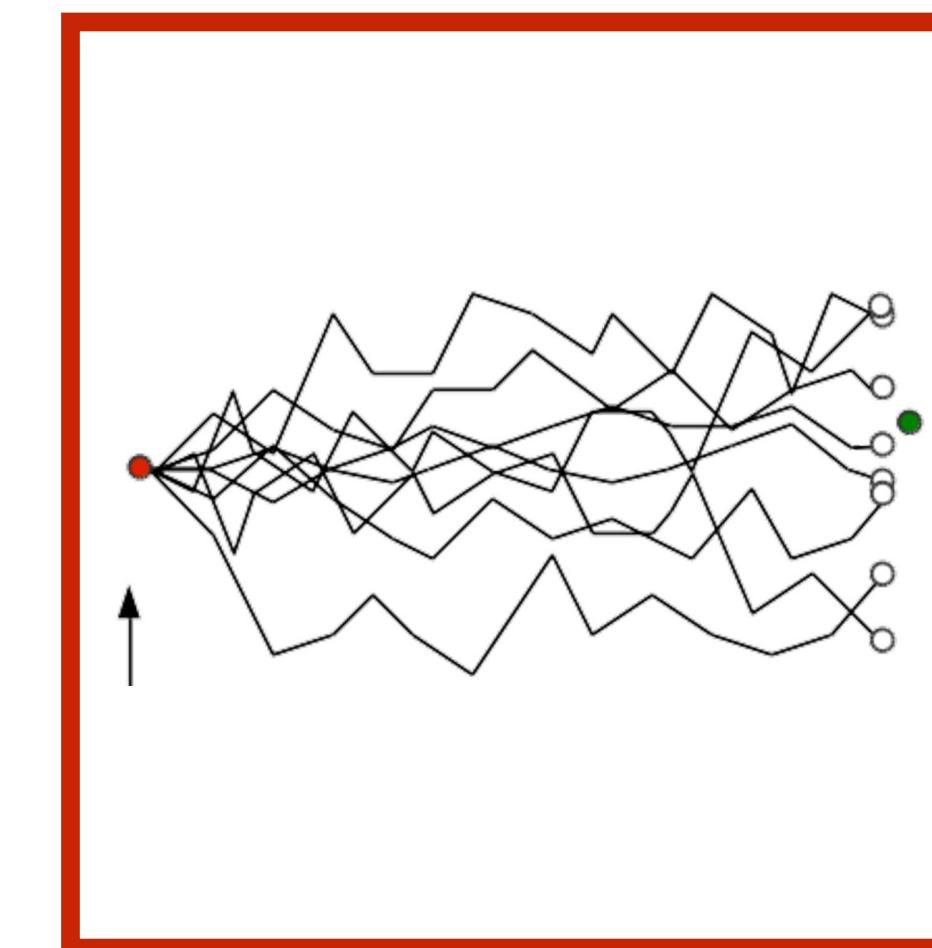
- time: windowed and global temporal effects
- weights: binary/multiple and weighted effects

SAOM

Model



Estimation



Influence

