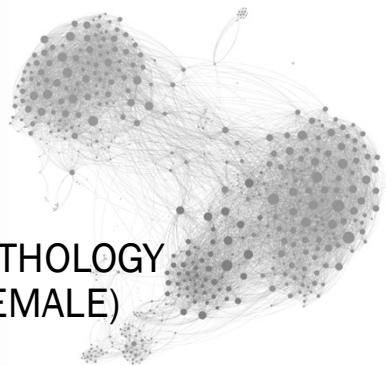


THE NETWORK APPROACH TO PSYCHOPATHOLOGY AN INSIGHTFUL WAY TO RESEARCH (FEMALE) SEXUAL DYSFUNCTION?



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Dys/Functioning
(sexually) is just as
complex.



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Dys/Functioning
(sexually) might be
more like flocking than
you think.



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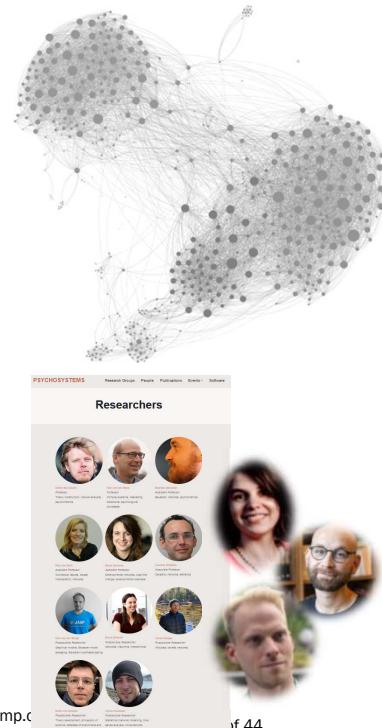
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Network Approach to FSD

- I – Theories of (Psychological) Dysfunction
- II – Networks
 - Theory
 - Methods and Applications
- III – (Female) Sexual Dysfunction
 - Empirical Examples
 - Future Avenues
- IV – Caveats
- V – Resources
- VI – Final Thoughts



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I: (PSYCHOLOGICAL) DYSFUNCTION

A Phenomenon to Describe, Predict, Explain, Control

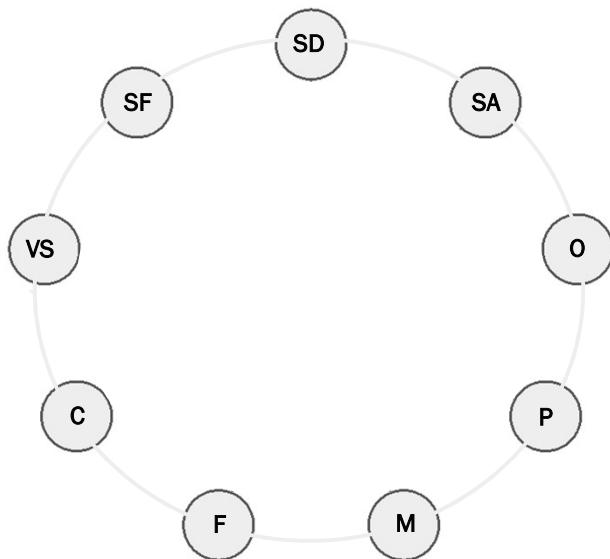
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Case

- 47-year-old, married woman.
- Breast cancer (3y ago): mastectomy, adjuvant chemotherapy.
- Loss sexual desire: no response when approached by husband; no arousal nor orgasm during masturbation.
- Experience of orgasm on vacation; since then “nothing”.
- Distress: wish to continue sexual activity – source of tension in relationship.

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Note: The discussed case was not diagnosed as FAIS by Kaplan and Owett since the patient showed T-concentration levels in the normal range. See the article for more examples.

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SD = Sexual Desire

SA = Sexual Arousal

O = Orgasm

SF = Sexual Fantasy

P = Pleasure

VS = Vasomotor Symptoms

C = Concentration

F = Fatigue

M = Mood

See also: Bachmann, G., Bancroft, J., Braunstein, G., Burger, H., Davis, S., Dennerstein, L., ... & Traish, A. (2002). Female androgen insufficiency: the Princeton consensus statement on definition, classification, and assessment. *Fertility and sterility, 77*(4), 660-665.

Misfortunes never come singly!

Why do signs and symptoms co-occur in people?

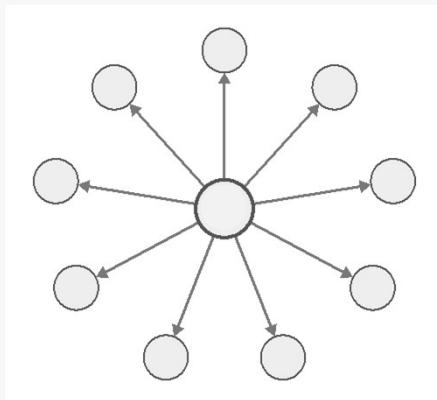


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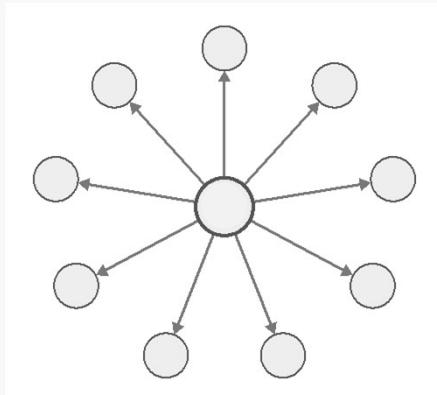
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Disease Model of Psycho(physio)pathology?

Why are (mental) health problems correlated?



Describe: DSM and ICD

Predict, Explain: Syndrome-level

Control: Diagnosis-Indication

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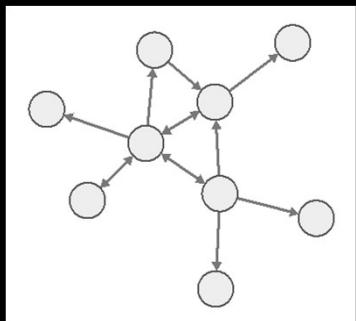
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II: NETWORKS

A: Theory B: Methods & Applications

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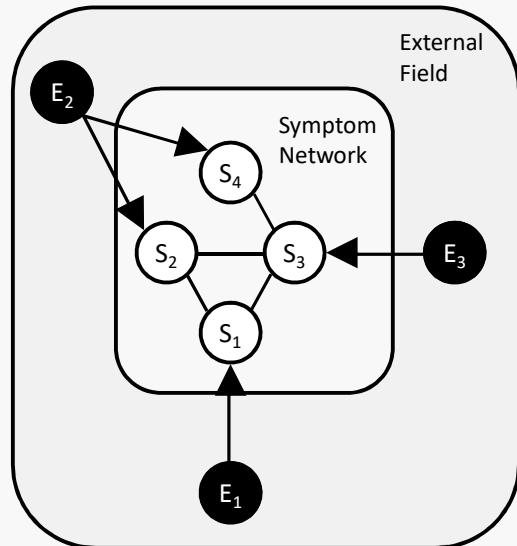
Network Perspective

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A Network Theory of Mental Disorders

Borsboom (2017)

- What are mental disorders?
 - *Which phenomena do they show?*
- How do they arise?
- How should they be treated?



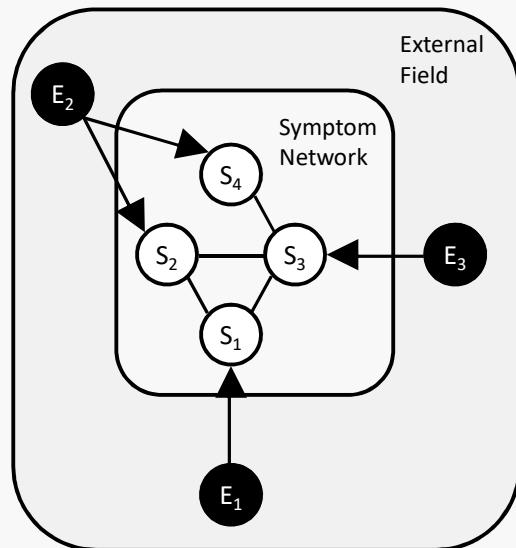
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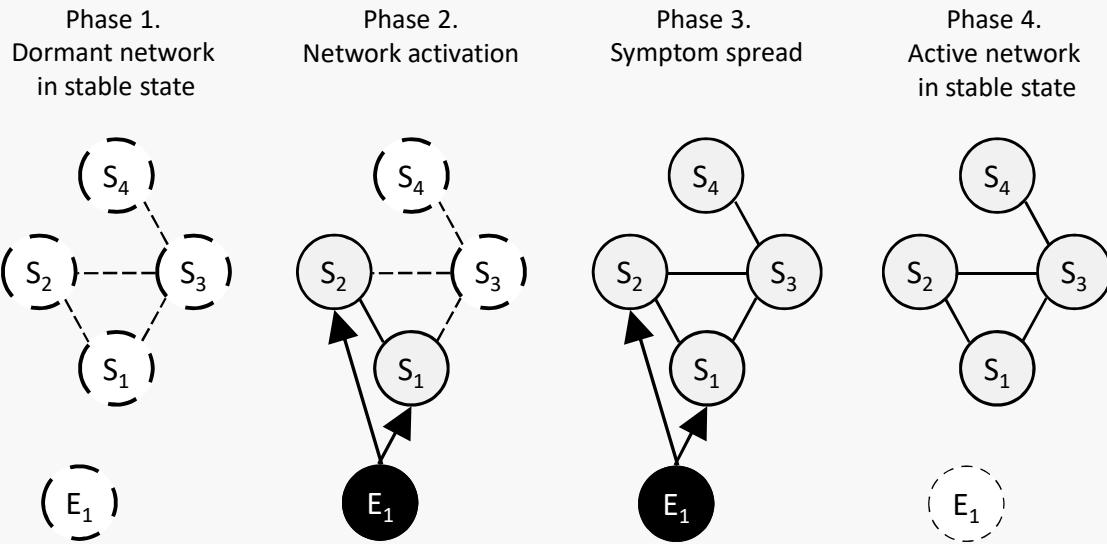
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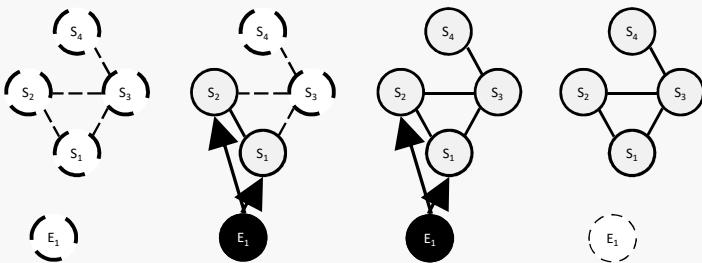
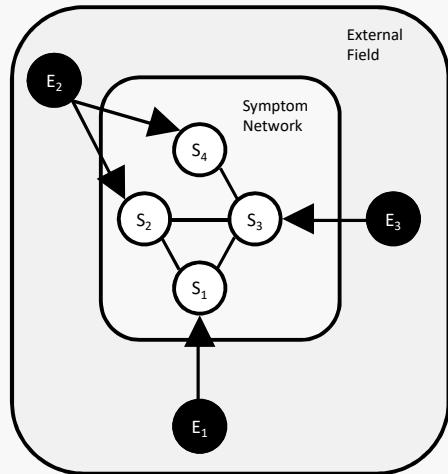
2. How do they arise?



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3. How should they be treated?



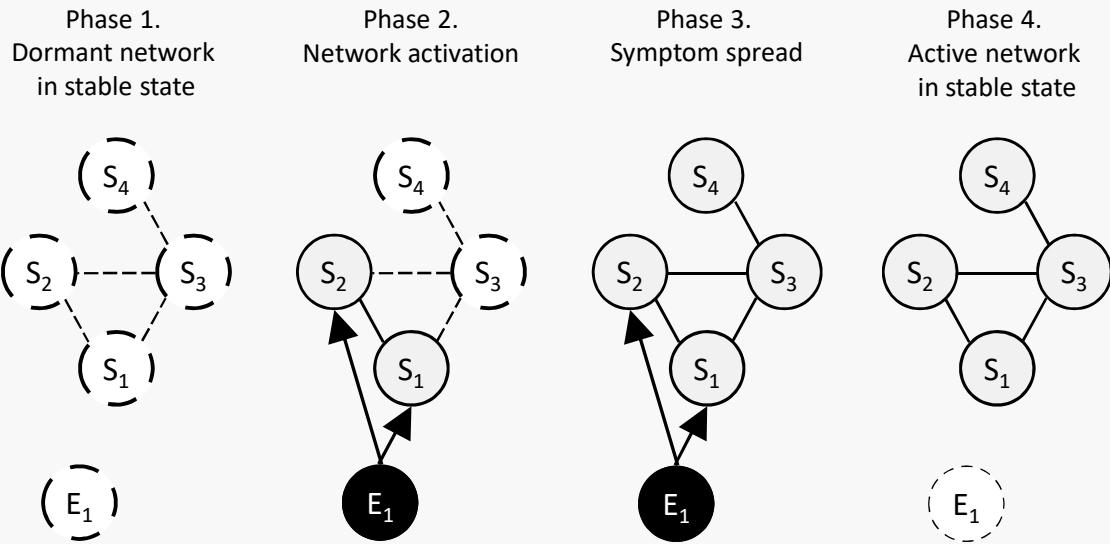
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Phenomenon: Etiology & Treatment Trajectories

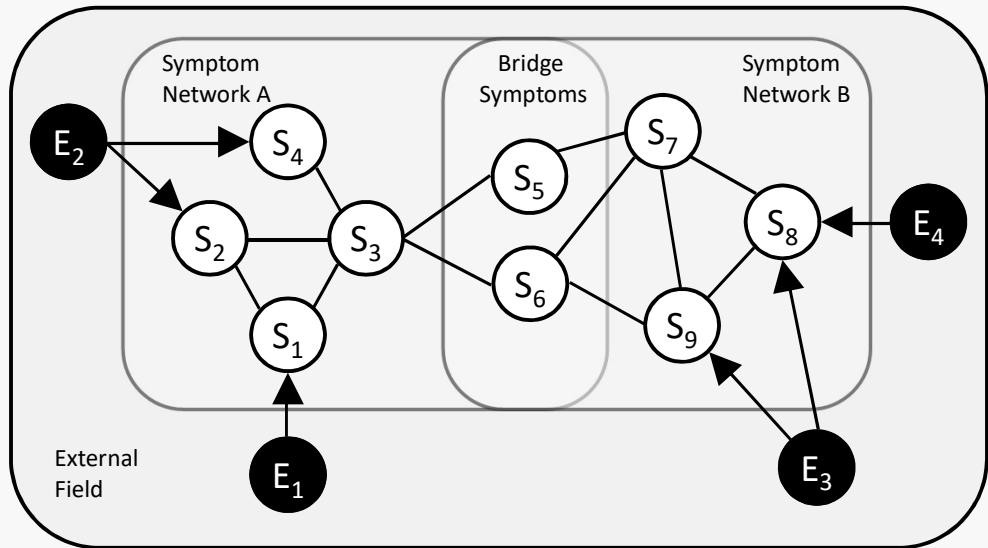


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Phenomenon: Comorbidity



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Borsboom (2017)



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“ ... the fact that we have the set of basic symptoms, and also understand many of the relations between them, means that we already have a quite reasonable working model of what disorders are and how they work. If so, our current lack of understanding of mental disorders may not have resulted from limited observational capacities, noisy measurement instruments, or inadequate data, as is typically supposed. Instead, we may have simply lacked a theoretical framework to organize the available empirical facts.” (p. 11)

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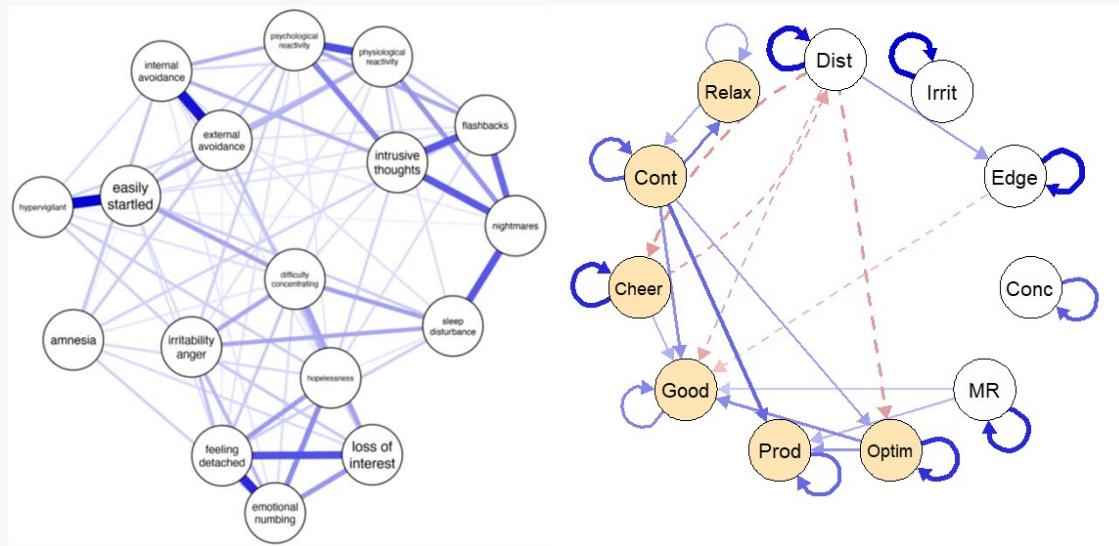
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Description, Prediction, Explanation, Control

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1. Description



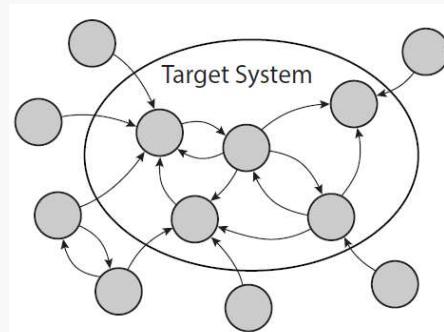
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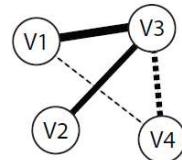
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Intermezzo: Network Estimation



Data Model



Data

V1	V2	V3	V4
1.58	3.00	2.47	4.01
2.83	6.13	4.89	2.33
4.82	3.46	6.73	5.44
0.64	5.72	3.91	2.54
5.11	4.49	2.27	4.03

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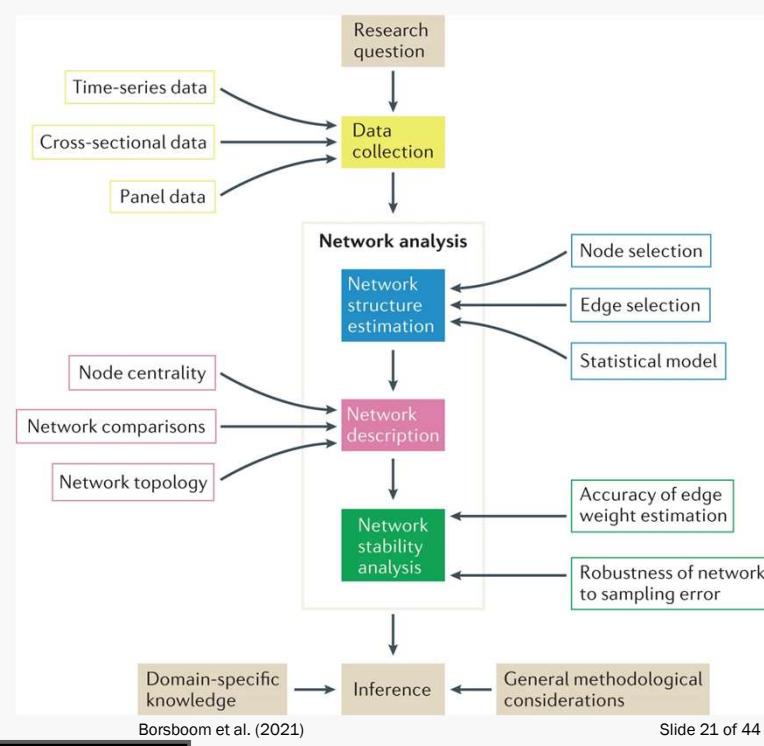
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Data	Cross-sectional data (N = large, T = 1)	Panel data (N >> T)	Time-series data (N ≥ 1, T = large)
Structure	<p>Variables $x_1 \ x_2 \ x_3 \ ... \ x_p$</p> <p>Individuals i_1 i_2 \vdots i_n</p>	<p>Variables $x_1 \ x_2 \ x_3 \ ... \ x_p$</p> <p>Individuals i_1 i_2 \vdots i_n</p> <p>Time points $t_1 \ t_2 \ t_3 \ ... \ t_s$</p>	<p>Variables $x_1 \ x_2 \ x_3 \ ... \ x_p$</p> <p>Individuals i_1 i_2 \vdots i_n</p> <p>Time points $t_1 \ t_2 \ t_3 \ ... \ t_s$</p> <p>$N = 1$</p> <p>$N > 1$</p>
Statistical procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Ising model * Gaussian graphical model * Mixed graphical model 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Multilevel graphical vector autoregression 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * (Multilevel) Graphical vector autoregression
Resulting networks	<p>Individual differences network</p>	<p>Temporal</p> <p>Contemporaneous</p> <p>Between-person</p> <p>Borsboom et al. (2021)</p>	<p>Temporal</p> <p>Contemporaneous</p>

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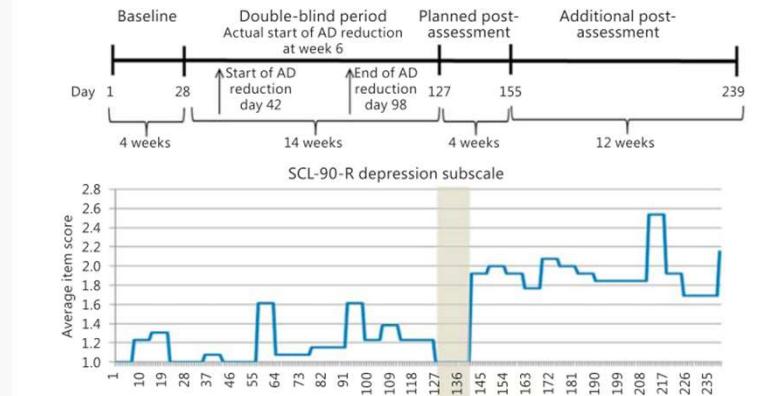
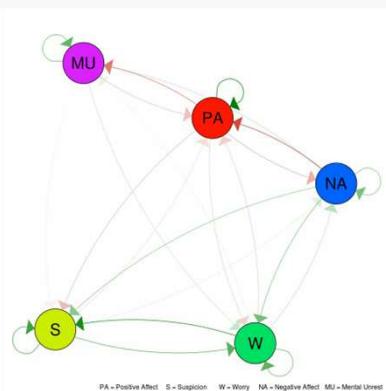
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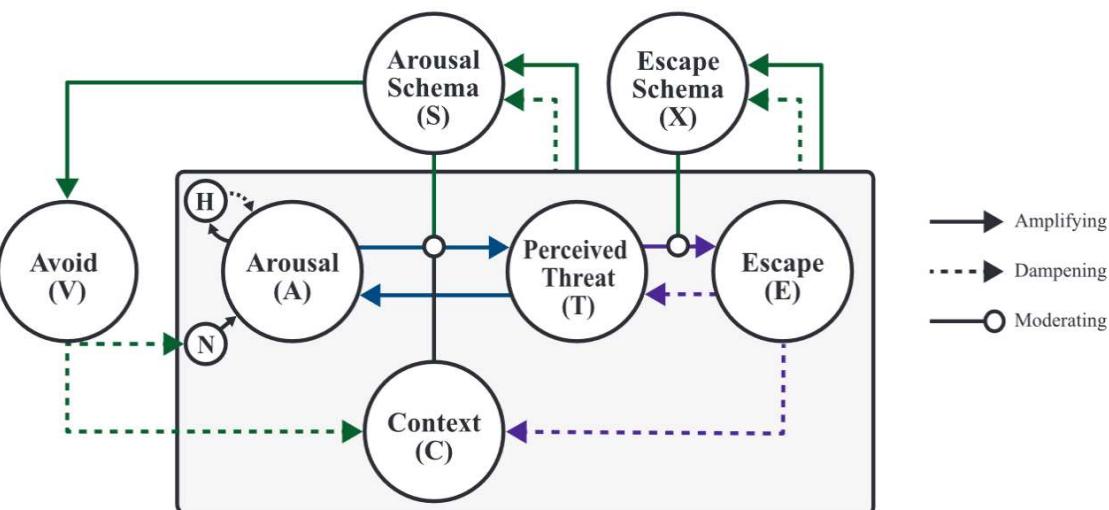
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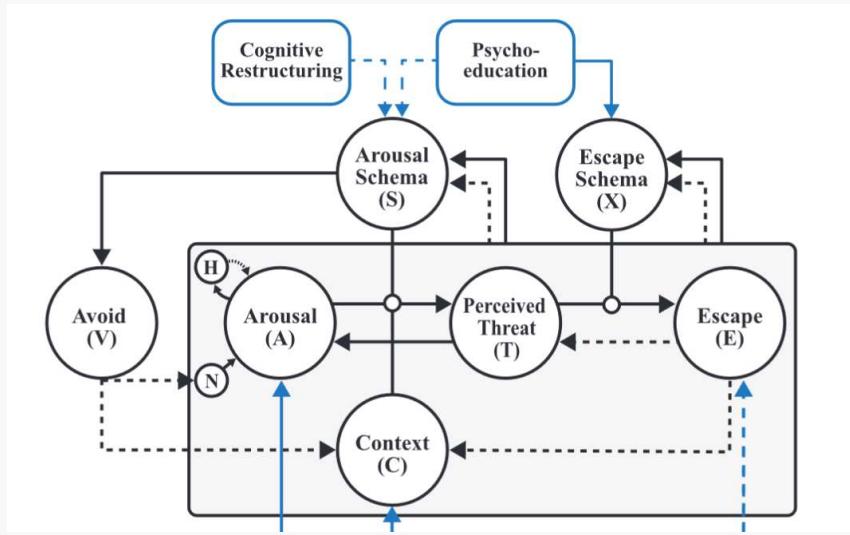


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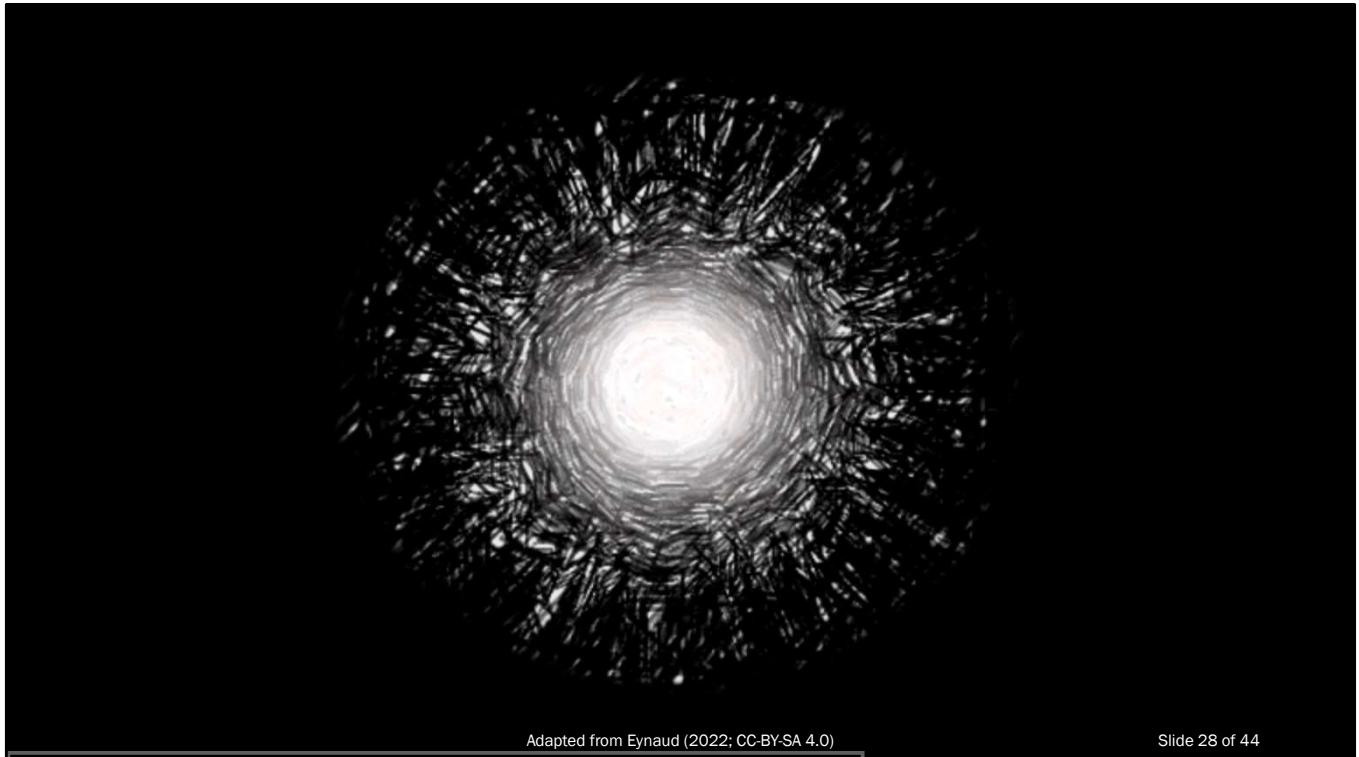
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III: (FEMALE) SEXUAL DYSFUNCTION

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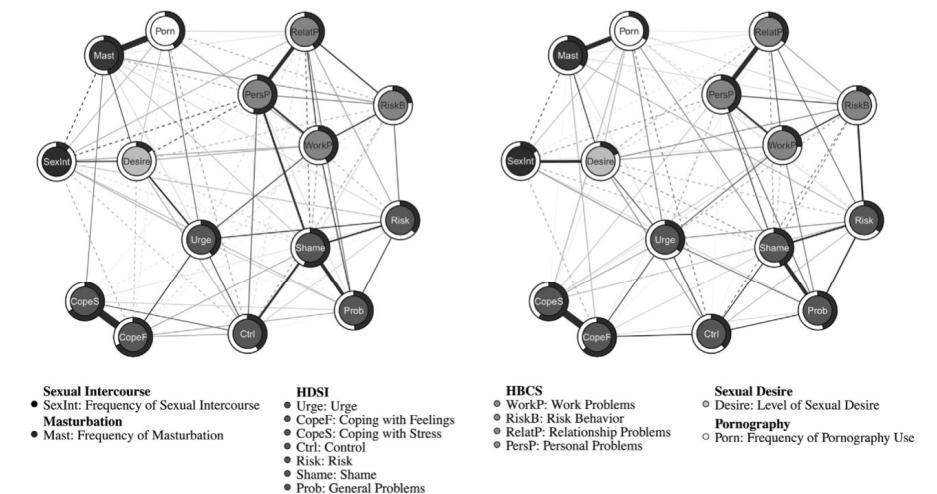


Figure 1. Hypersexuality network topology (average layout visualization). Men's network is presented on the left and women's network on the right. Solid edges indicate positive and dashed edges indicate negative relationships. HBCS = Hypersexual Behavioral Consequences Scale; HDSI = Hypersexual Disorder Screening Inventory.

Werner et al. (2018)

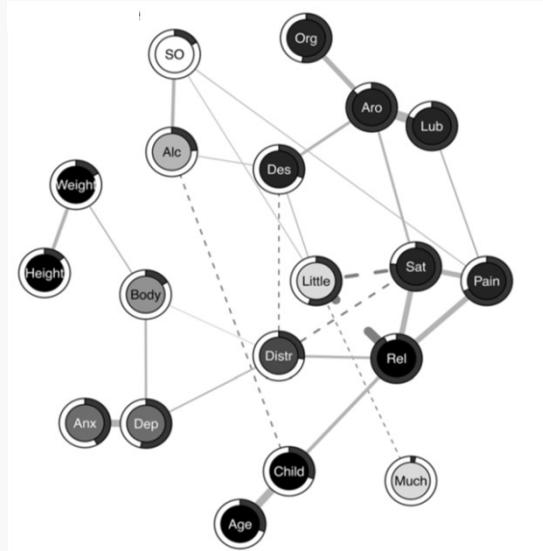
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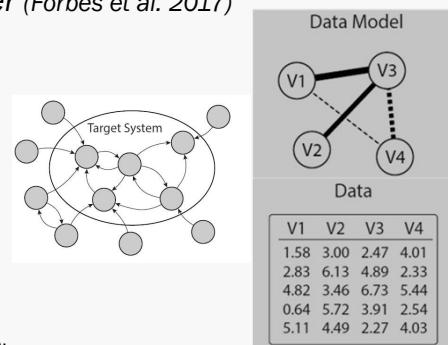
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The Network(s) of FSD



SIGMUND FREUD

- Are we limited by the same theoretical assumptions?
 - *Female Sexual Arousal/Interest Disorder*
 - *Genito-Pelvic Pain Disorder* (Forbes et al. 2017)
- What is our target system?
(cp. Monteleone & Cascino, 2021)



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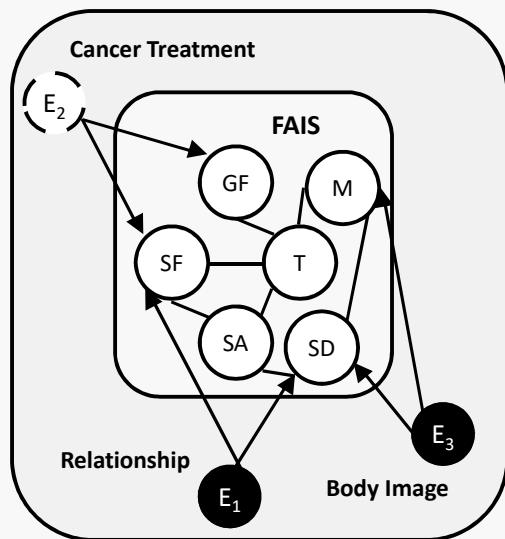
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Case

- 47-year-old, married woman.
- Breast cancer (3y ago): mastectomy, adjuvant chemotherapy.
- Loss sexual desire: no response when approached by husband; no arousal nor orgasm during masturbation.
- Experience of orgasm on vacation; since then, “nothing”.
- Distress: wish to continue sexual activity – source of tension in relationship.

Kaplan & Owett (1993, p. 17); Figure: Adapted from Borsboom (2017)



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Note: The discussed case was not diagnosed as FAIS by Kaplan and Owett since the patient showed T-concentration levels in the normal range. See the article for more examples.

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Network represents a sketch for the purposes of this example rather than a full valid model:

GF = Gonadal Function

T = Testosterone

SA = Sexual Arousal

SF = Sexual Frequency

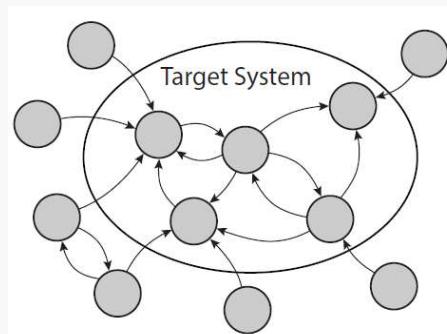
SD = Sexual Desire

M = Mood

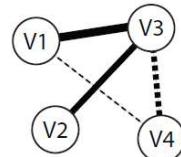
IV: CAVEATS

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Caveat I: Garbage in – Garbage Out



Data Model



Data

V1	V2	V3	V4
1.58	3.00	2.47	4.01
2.83	6.13	4.89	2.33
4.82	3.46	6.73	5.44
0.64	5.72	3.91	2.54
5.11	4.49	2.27	4.03

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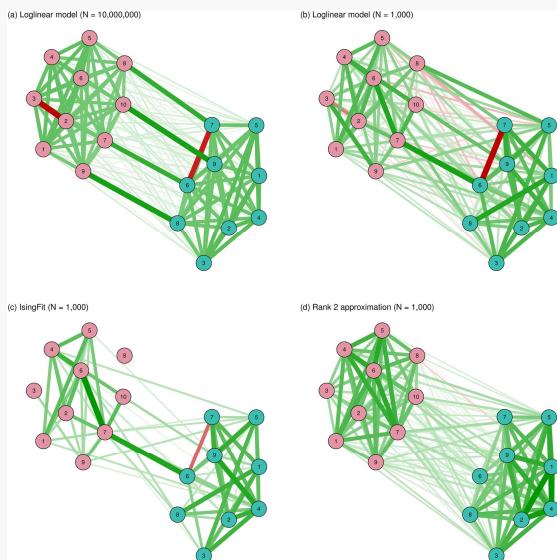
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Caveat II: Modeling



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Caveat III: Modeling

	Feedback Loops	Asymmetric Relationships	Different Time Scales	Higher-order Interactions	Multiple Stable States
VAR Model		✓	✓	✗	✗
GGM		✓*	✗	✗	✗
Ising Model		✓	✗	✗	✗

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Caveat IV: Math, Stats and Code



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V: RESOURCES

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Tutorials & Overviews

- Book: “Network Psychometrics with R: A Guide for Behavioral and Social Scientists” (Isvoranu et al., 2022)
- Tutorial collection:
 - Eiko Fried’s network website
 - YouTube Channel of Sacha Epskamp
- Workshops:
 - Psychosystems website
 - Eiko Fried’s website
- Overviews: Contreras et al. (2019), Robinaugh et al. (2020), & Fried & Cramer (2017)
- For critiques and commentary: Neal et al. (2022) & Borsboom et al. (2022)
- Example words of caution: Dablander & Hinne (2019)

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Websites

The screenshot shows a blog post titled "R tutorial: how to identify communities of items in networks" by Eiko Fried. It includes two network graphs, a link to a Facebook group, and a section on cross-sectional Facebook time-series analysis.

<http://psych-networks.com>

The screenshot shows a "Software" section on the psychosystems.org website, featuring a list of stable R packages used in network research.

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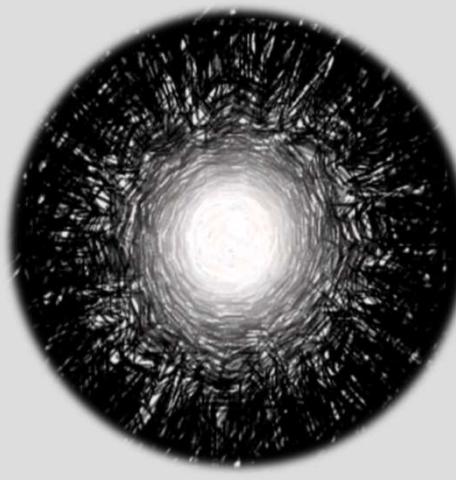
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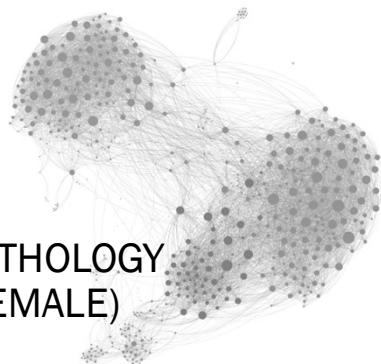
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