

EAT LAB

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An Introduction to Network Analysis : Focus on Eating Disorders

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Outline

Network Theory

Understanding Network Models

Cross-sectional Network Model in R

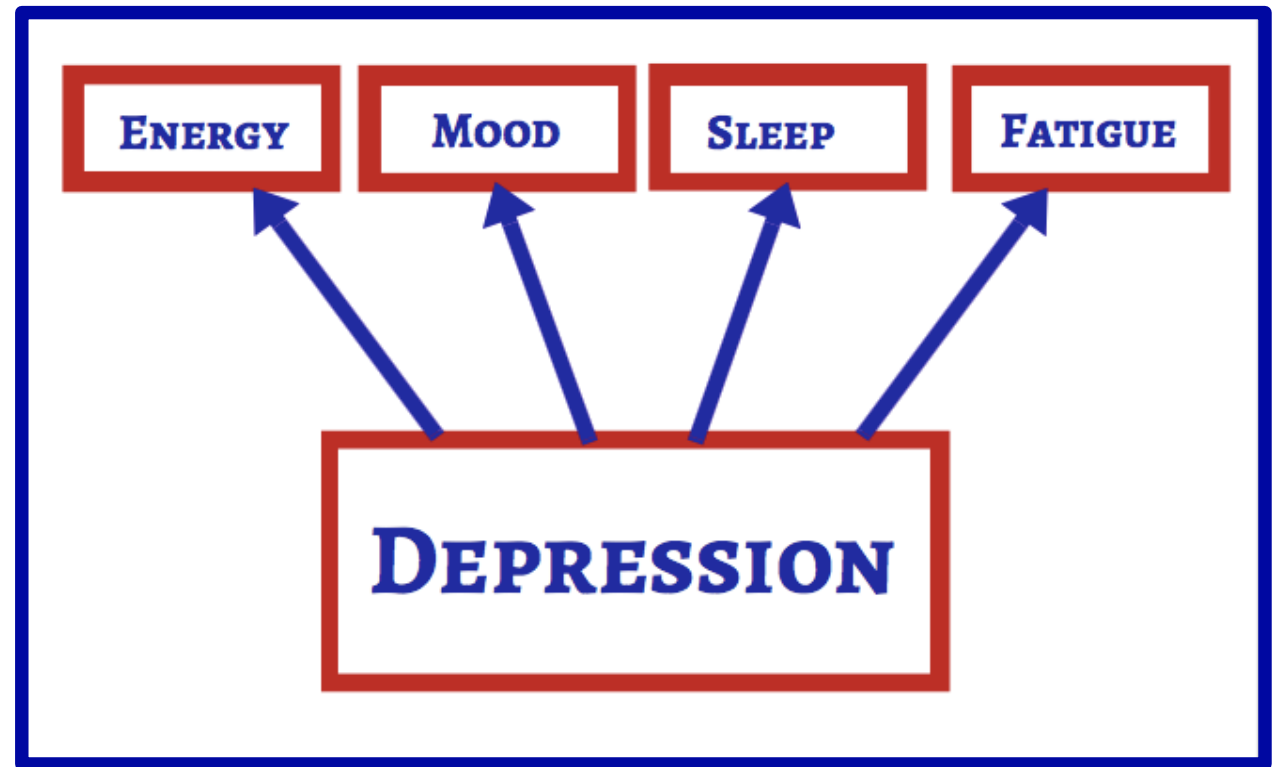
Other Applications of Network Analysis

Resources

Why Network Analysis?

Alternative to Latent Variable Theory

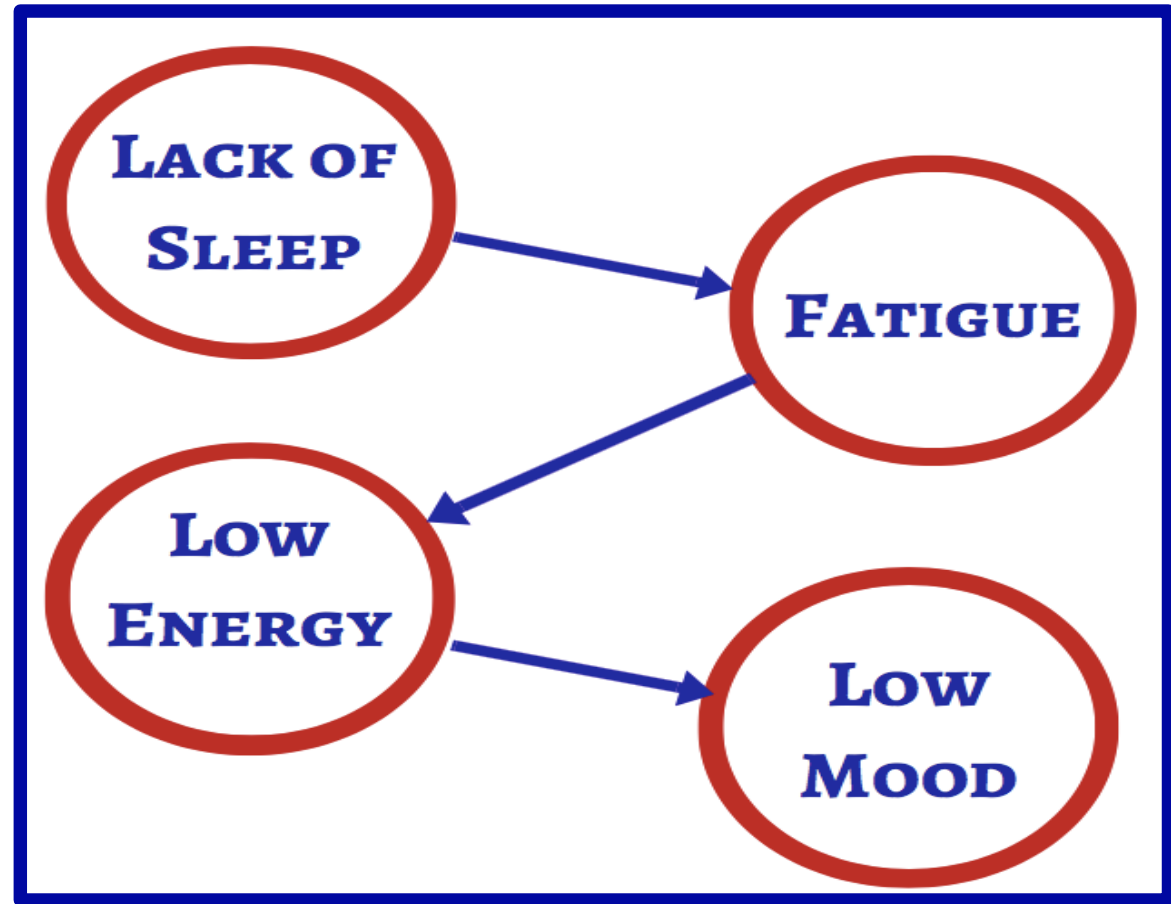
Traditional Disease Model: '*Depression*' is cause of all *Symptoms*



Borsboom & Cramer, 2013; Borsboom, 2017

Network Theory

Network Model of Disease: *Symptoms* are dynamical systems that cause *Depression*



Borsboom & Cramer, 2013; Borsboom, 2017

Why Network Analysis?

Symptoms as directly leading to one another

Takes into account unique relationships between symptoms

Targeted treatments based on symptoms

Creation of more refined theories

What Questions Can Network Analysis Answer

Testable:

- What are the most important symptoms in a network (disorder)?
- What symptoms connect two disorders (drive comorbidity)?
- How are symptoms uniquely related to one another?

Implications:

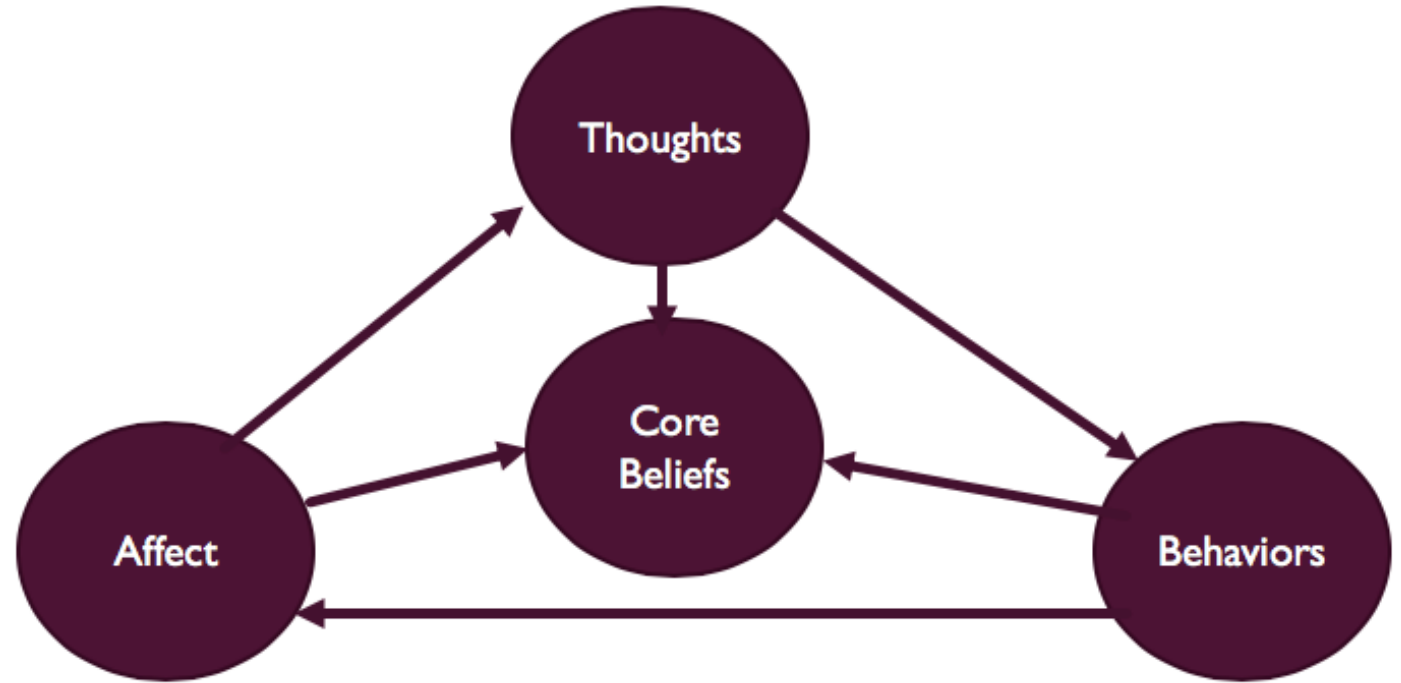
- How might symptom-level relationships inform theory/interventions?

Mapping onto Existing Theories

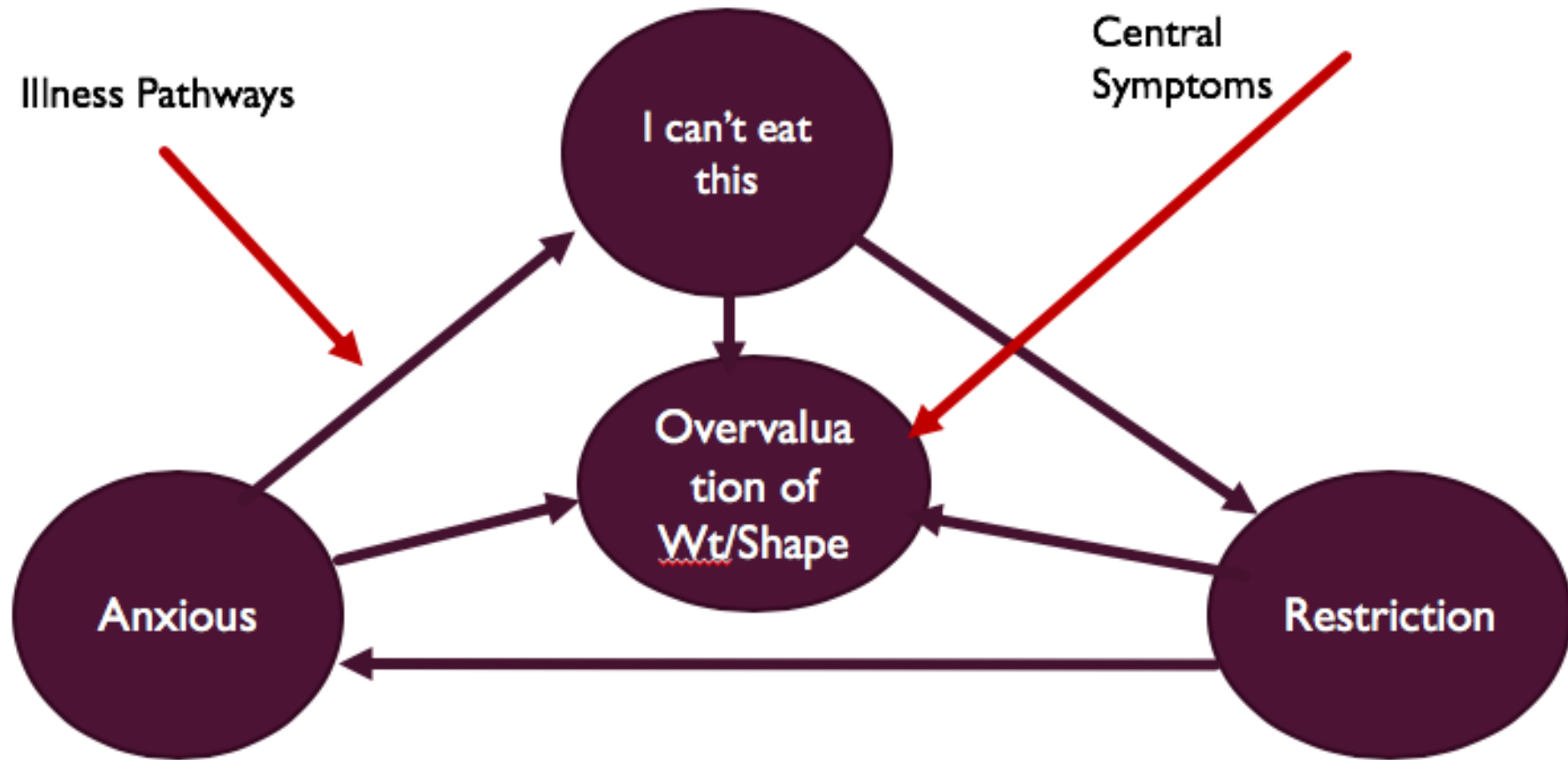
- Primary theory in EDs is CBT theory
- Most clinicians think about EDs as dynamical systems already

How do we conceptualize ED?

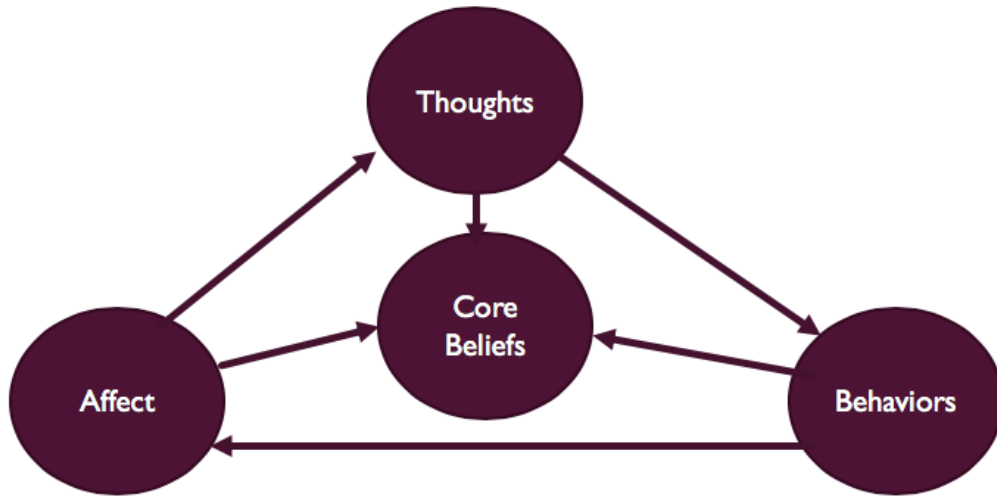
- Cognitive Behavioral Model



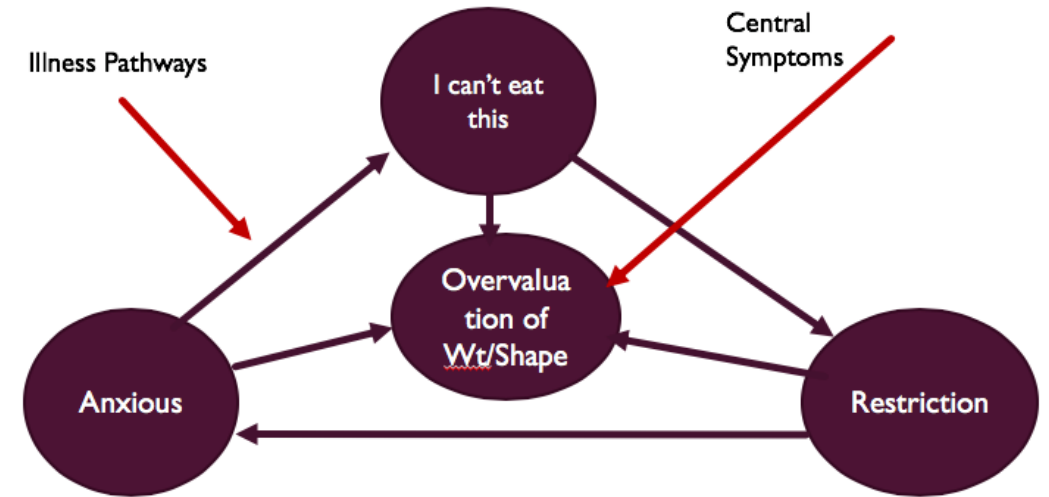
Network Analysis



CBT MODEL



NETWORK MODEL



Changing the Way
We Think About EDs?
Or Not?

- I would argue we have ALWAYS thought about EDs this way
 - But now we have methods we can use!

Cross-sectional Network Analyses



Focus today on cross-sectional networks

How do symptoms dynamically relate to other symptoms (but remember this is cross-sectional data!)

Many other applications though!!



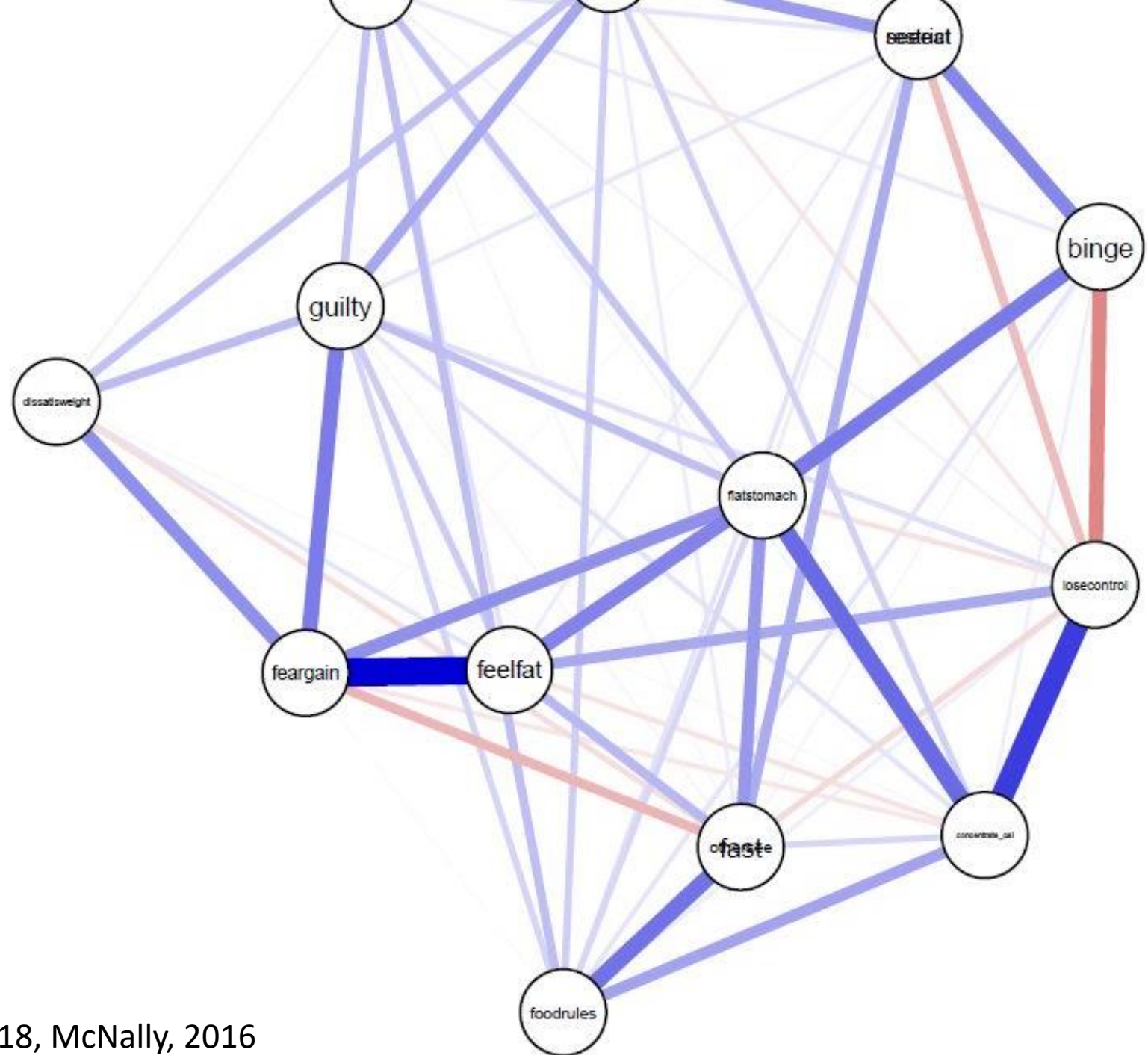
Central symptoms are theorized to drive the maximum number of other symptoms meaning...

Intervention points!

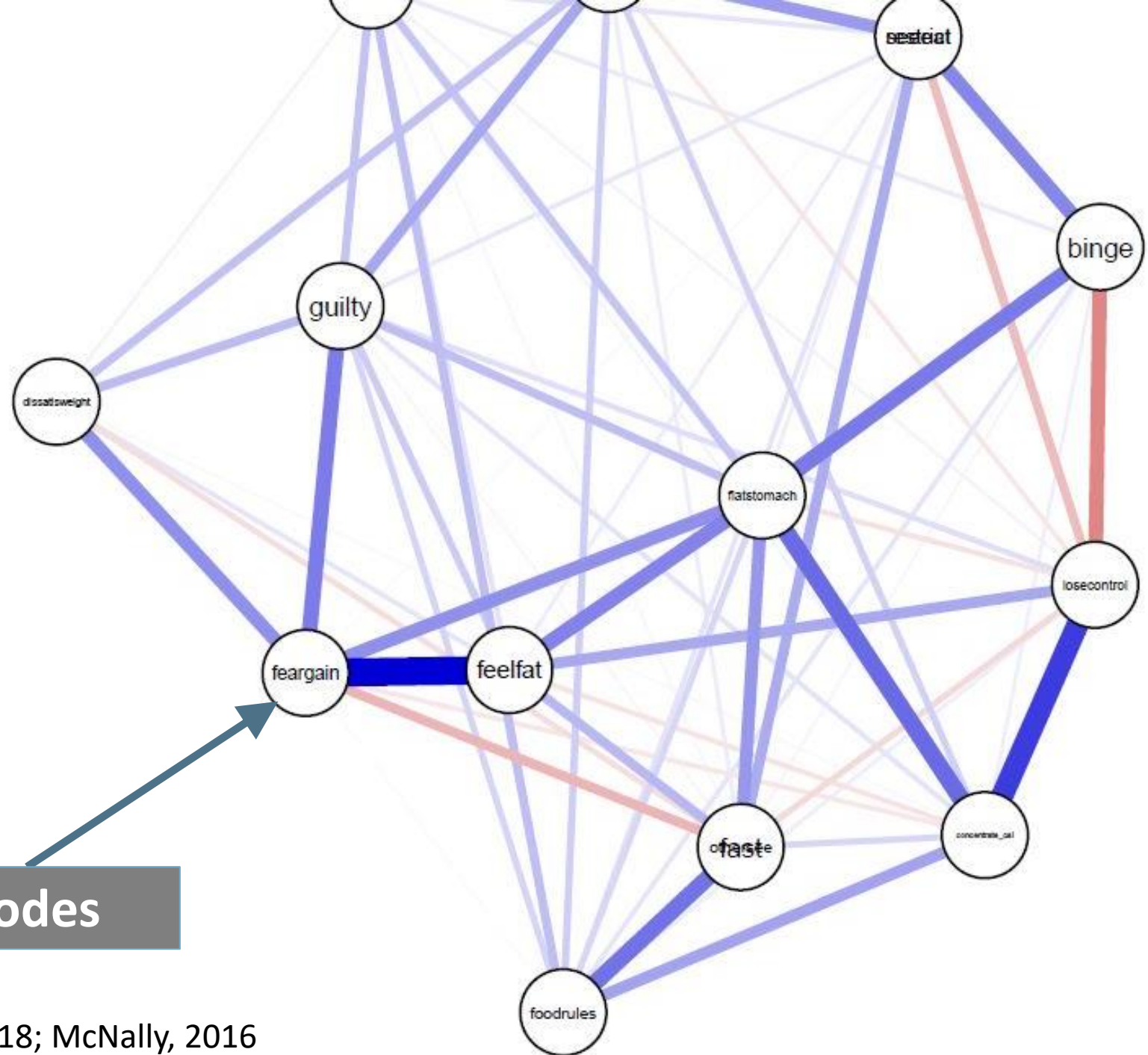


EDs are particularly well-suited for network analyses

Understanding (Partial) Network Models



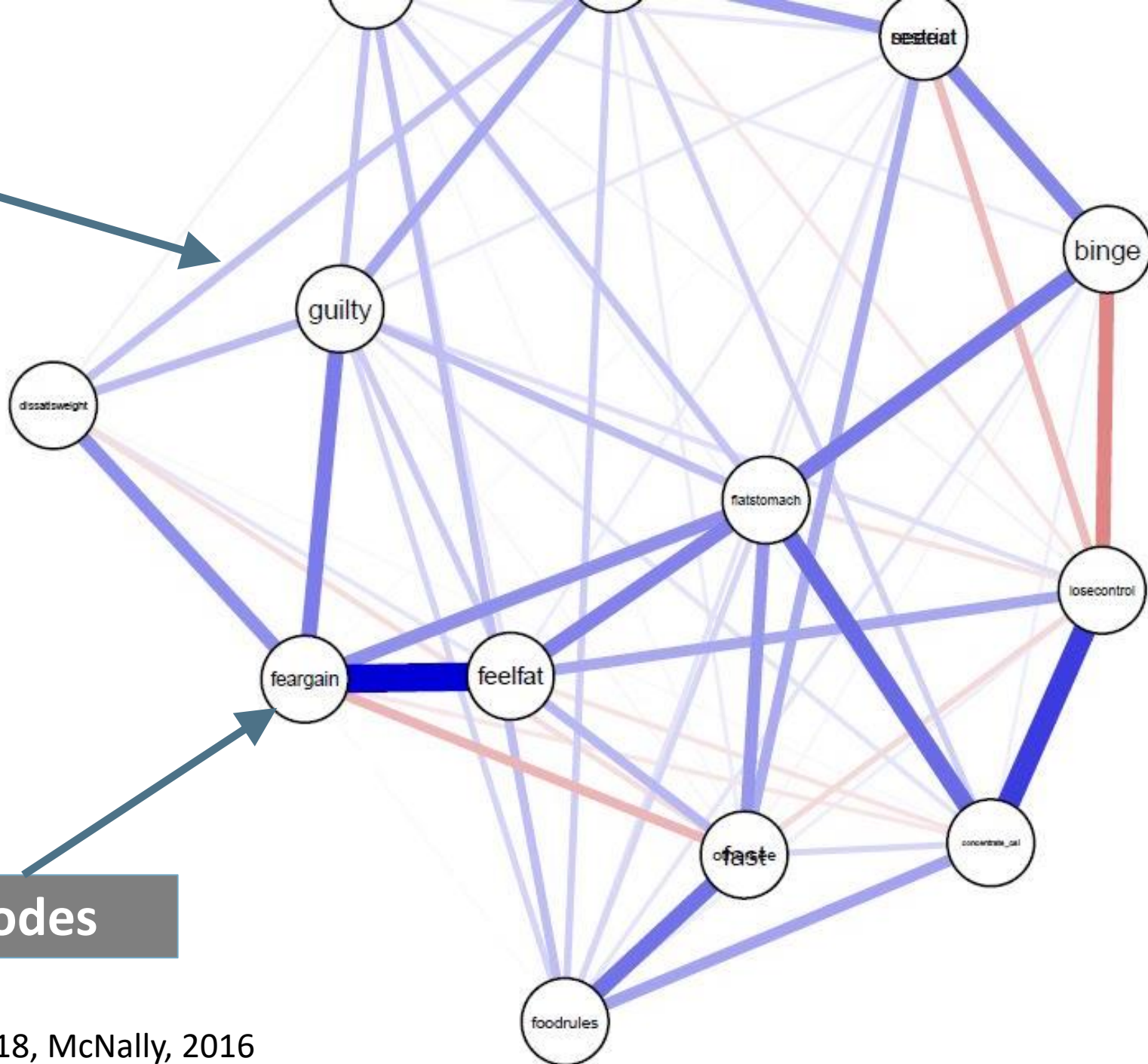
Understanding (Partial) Network Models



Associations = edges

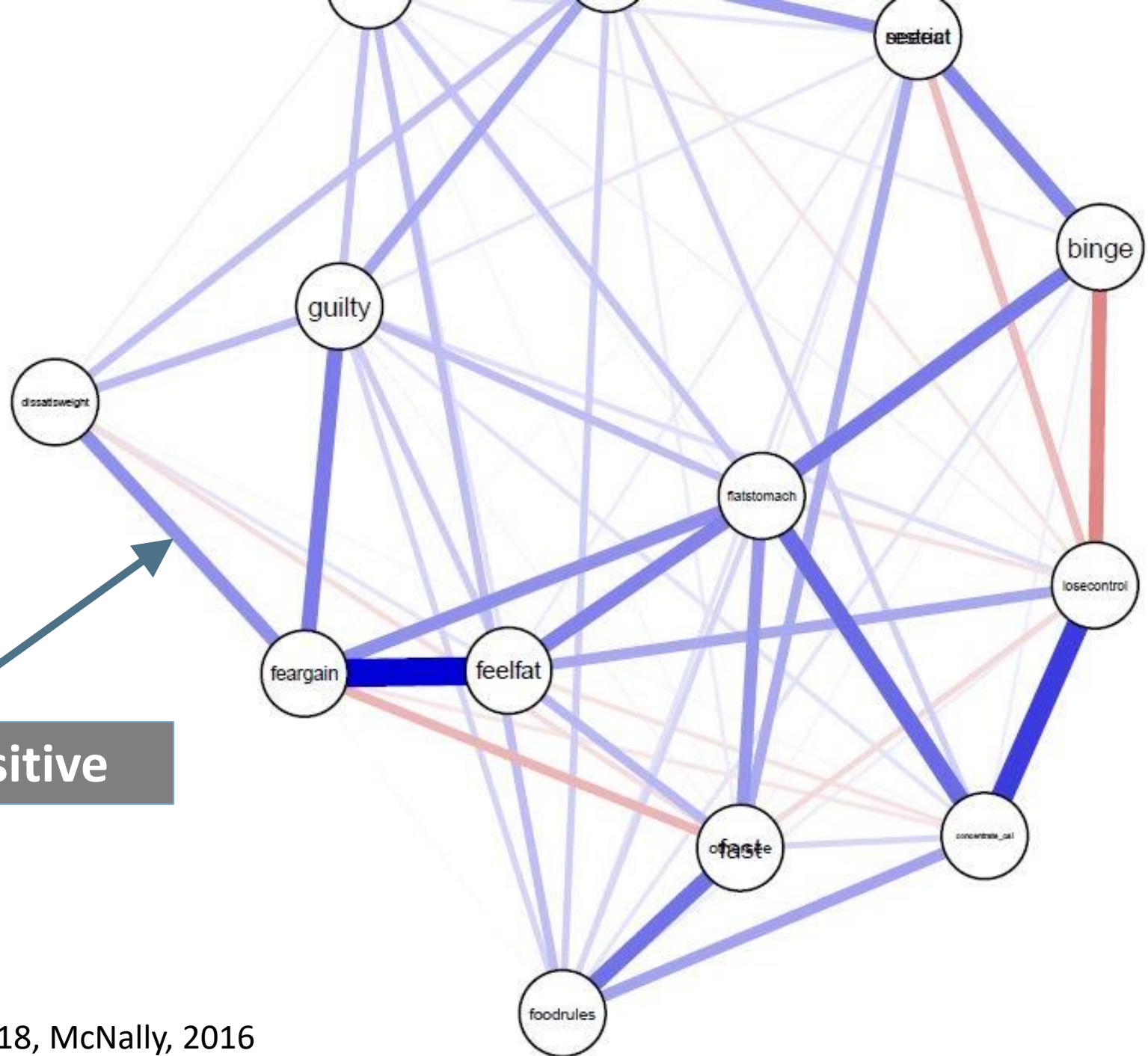
Understanding (Partial) Network Models

Symptoms = nodes



Understanding (Partial) Network Models

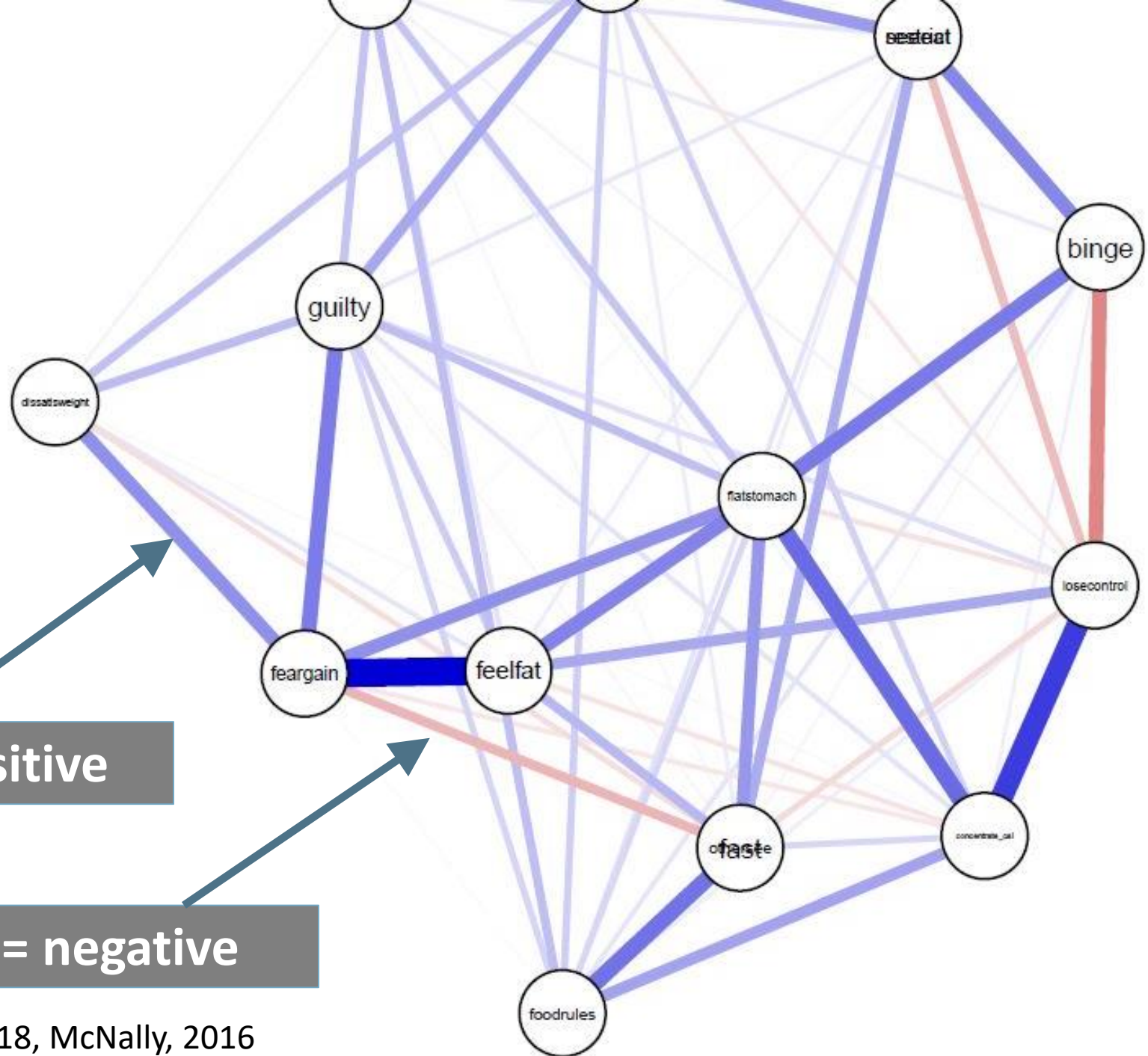
Blue (or green) edges = positive



Understanding (Partial) Network Models

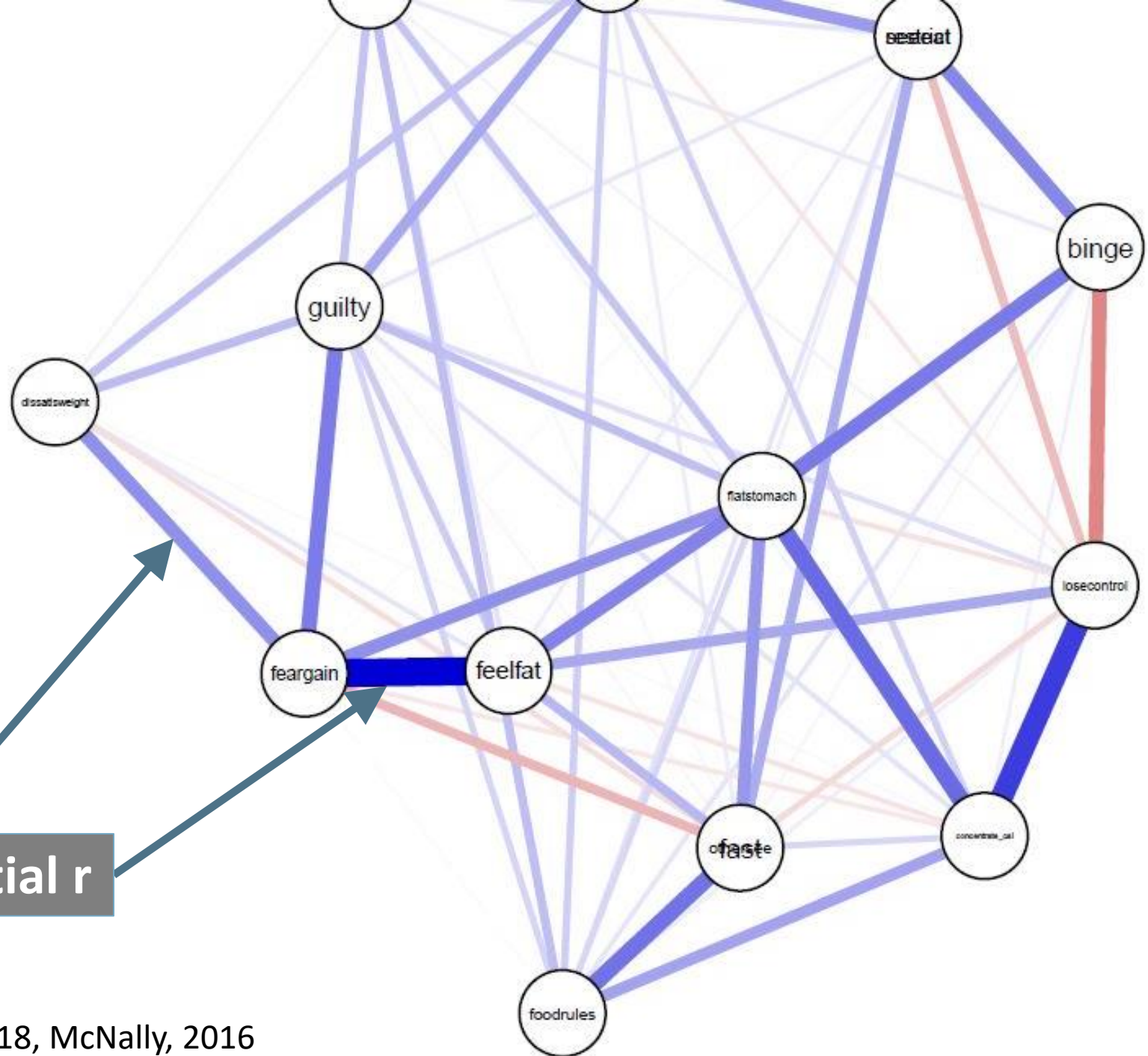
Blue (or green) edges = positive

Red edges = negative



Understanding (Partial) Network Models

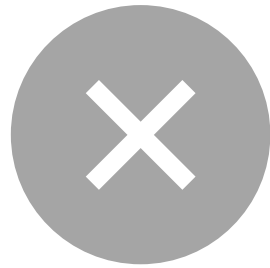
Thicker edges = larger partial r



Different Types of Network Models



ASSOCIATION



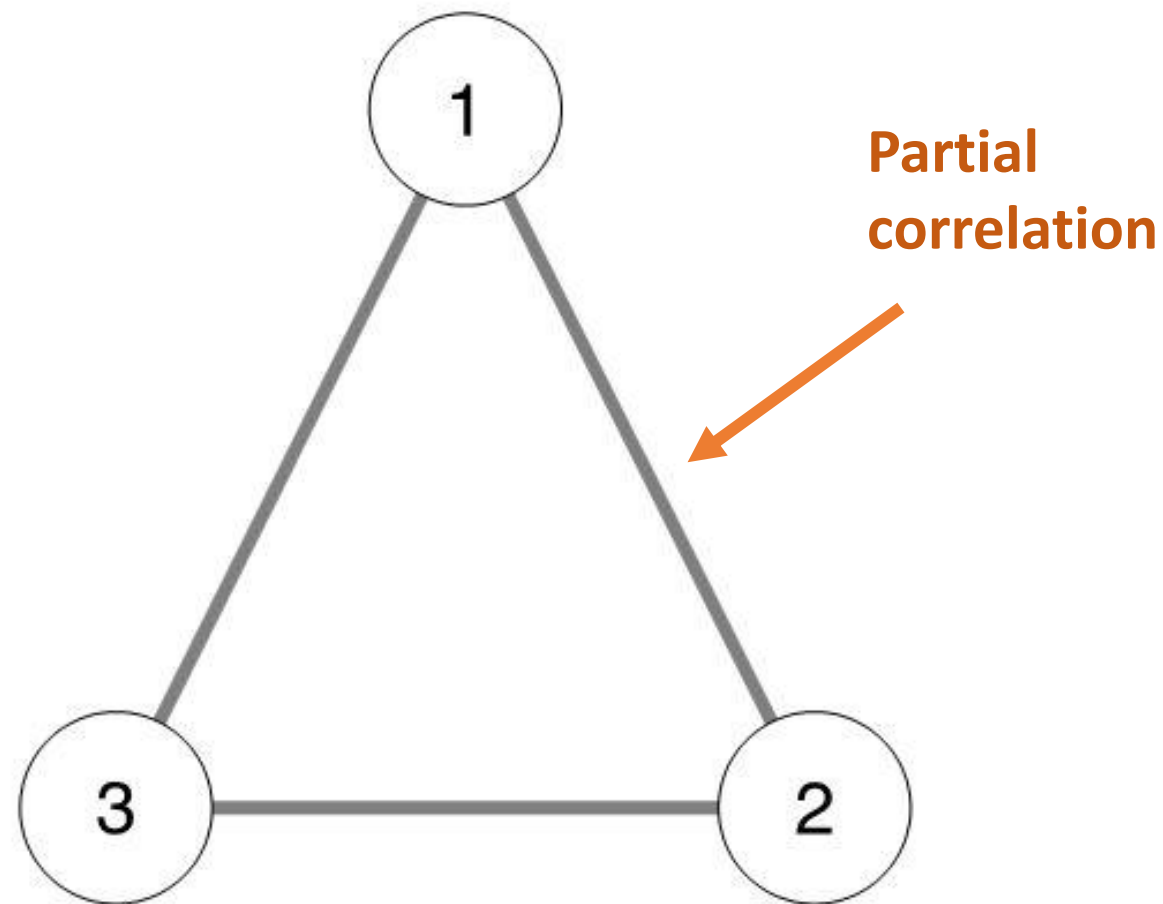
PARTIAL CORRELATION



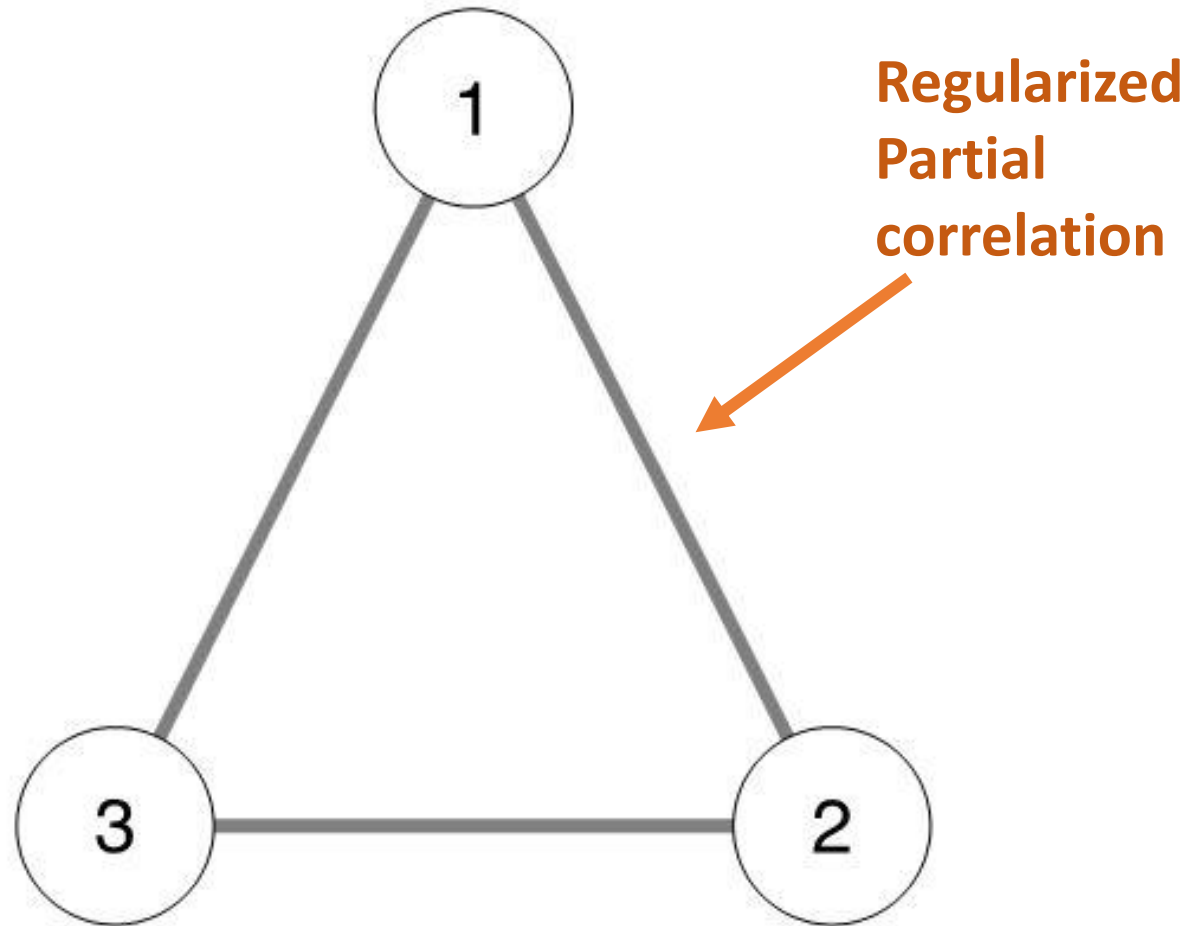
**REGULARIZED PARTIAL
CORRELATION**



Partial Correlation

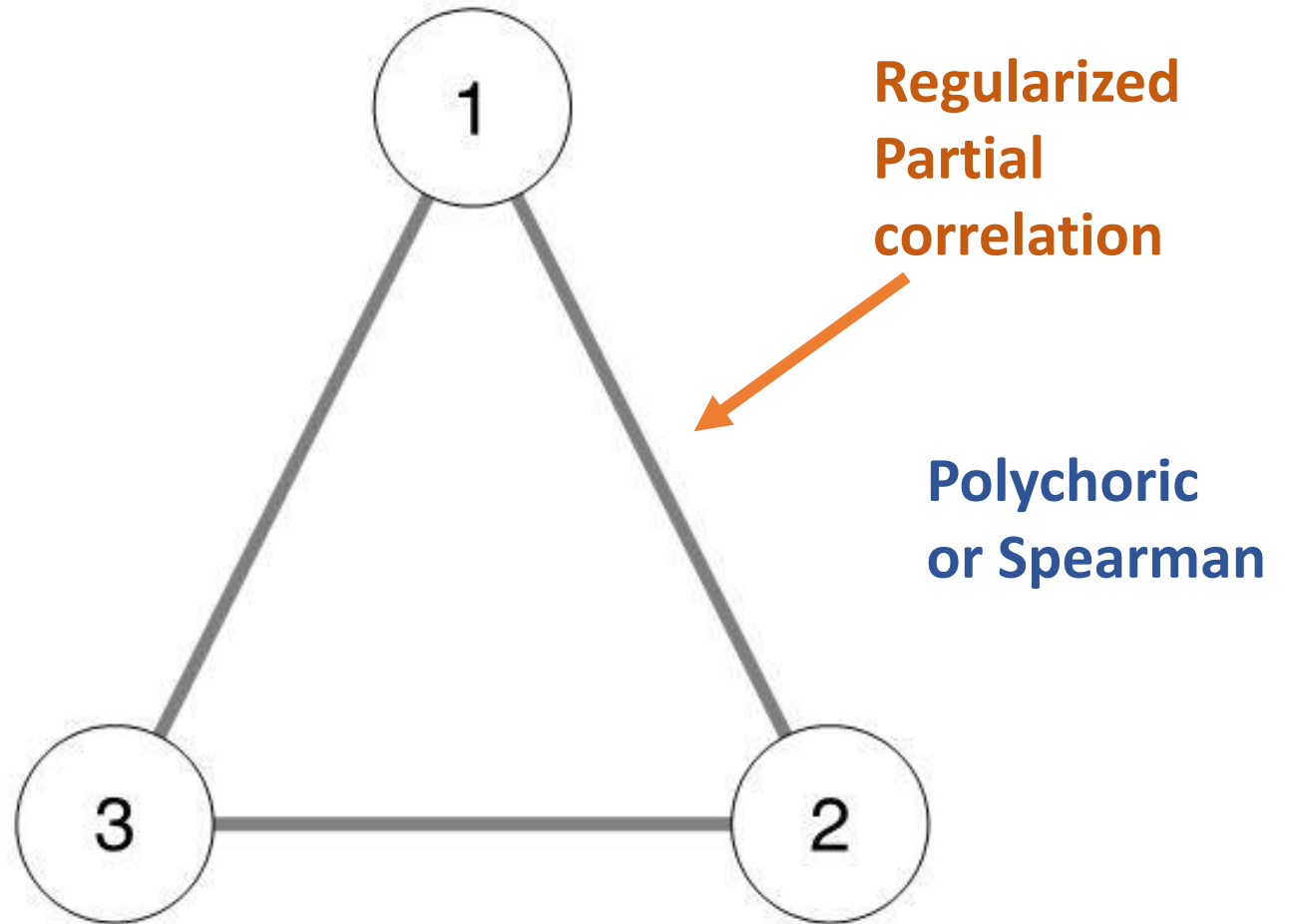


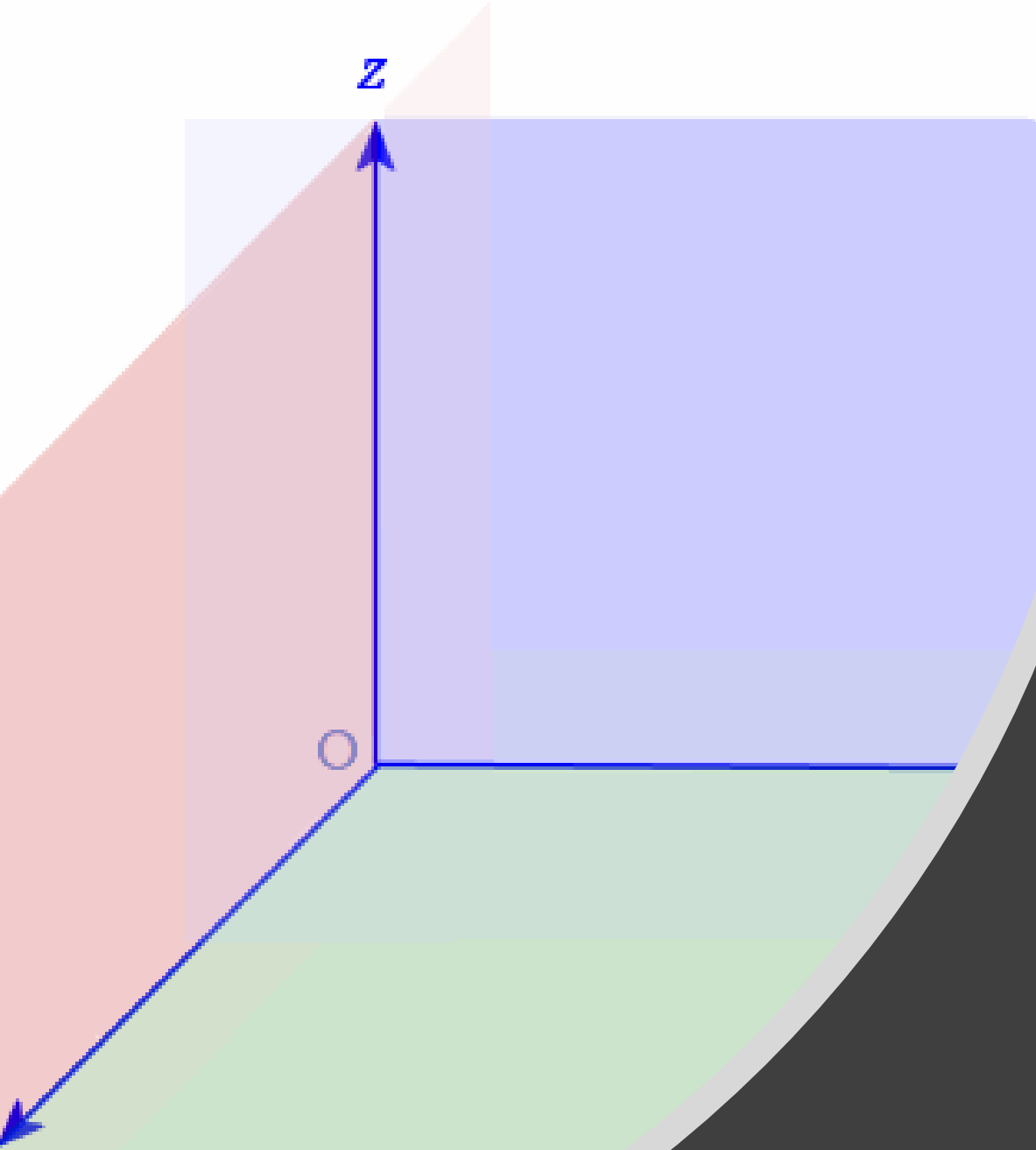
Glasso Networks



Friedman, Hastie, & Tibshirani, 2008

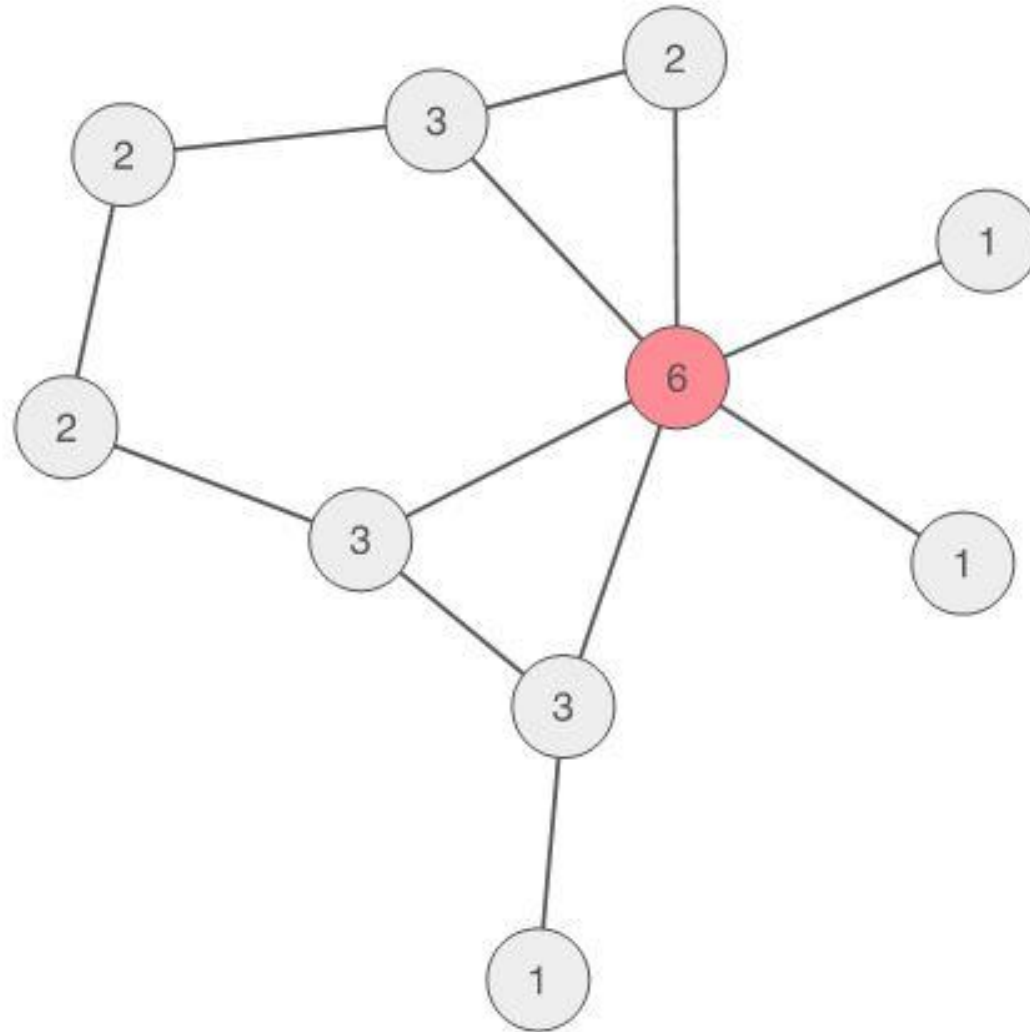
Glasso Networks





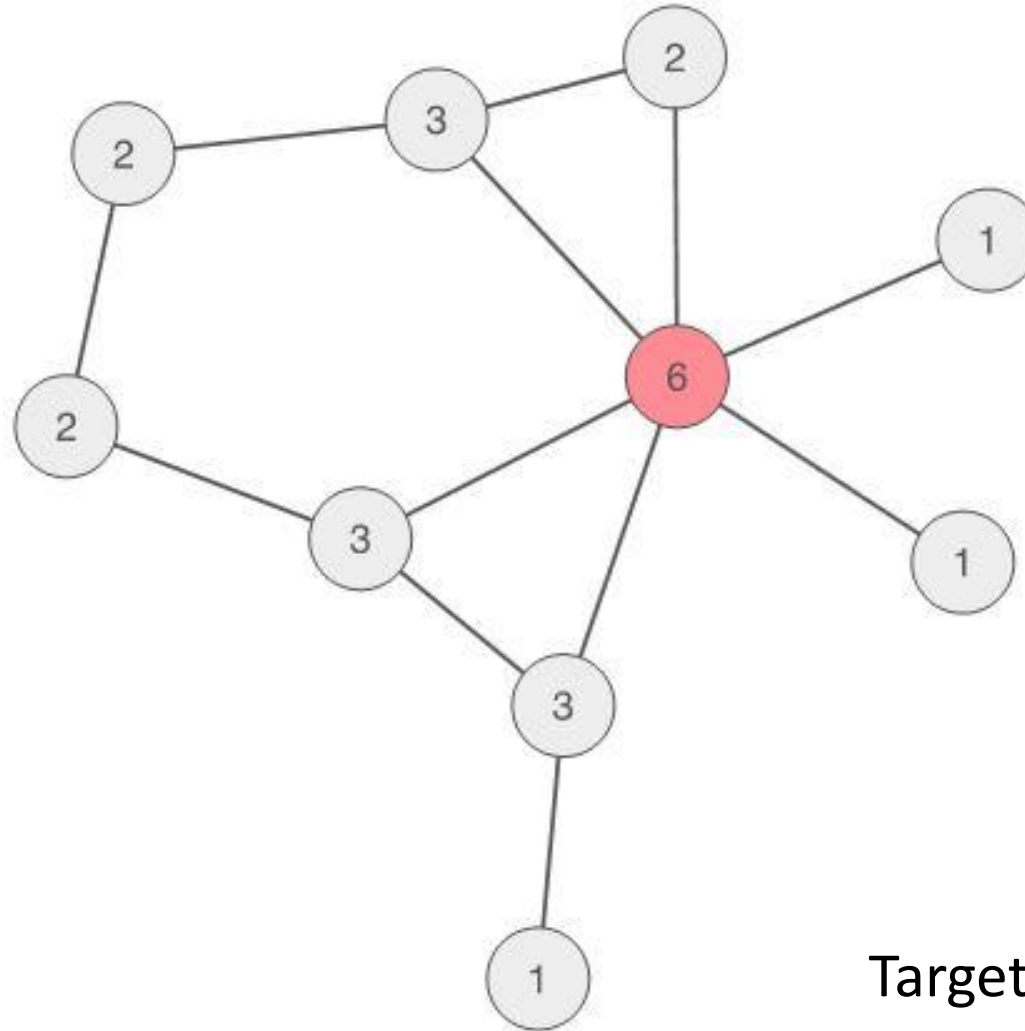
YOU CANNOT
INTERPRET
NETWORKS
VISUALLY

Centrality Indices



Most “important”
symptom

Maintaining symptom?



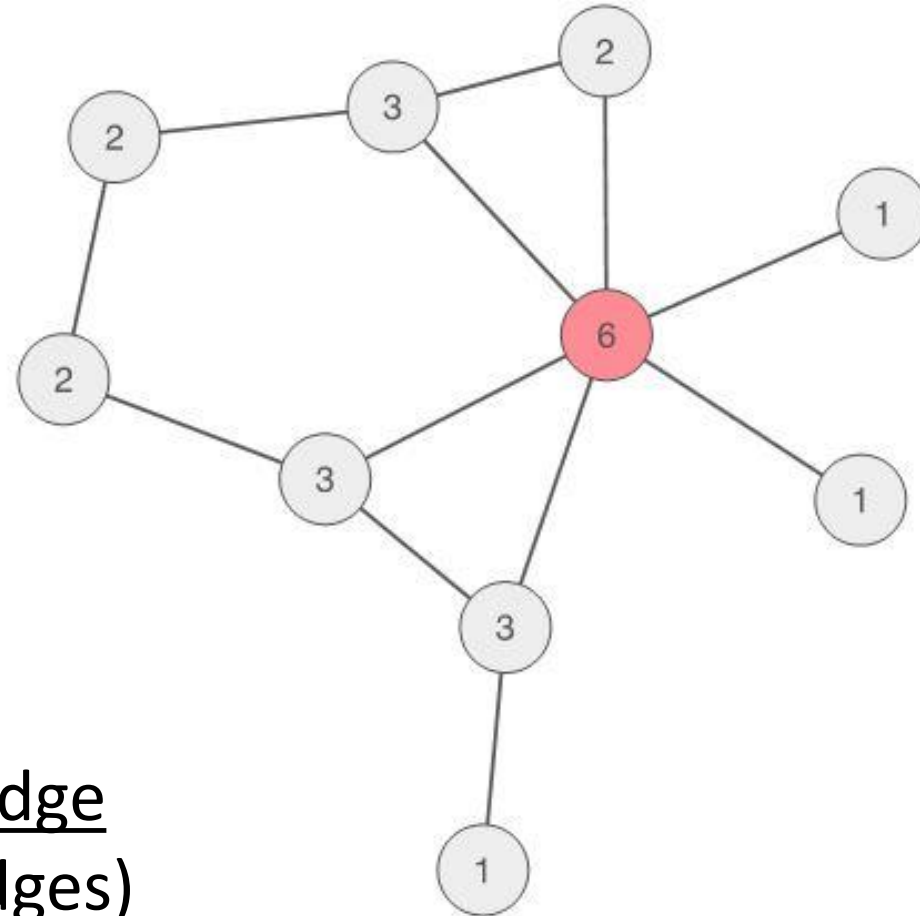
Target for
intervention?

Centrality
Indices

1) **Strength** = the sum of the absolute edge weights between a focal node and all other nodes to which it is connected in the network.



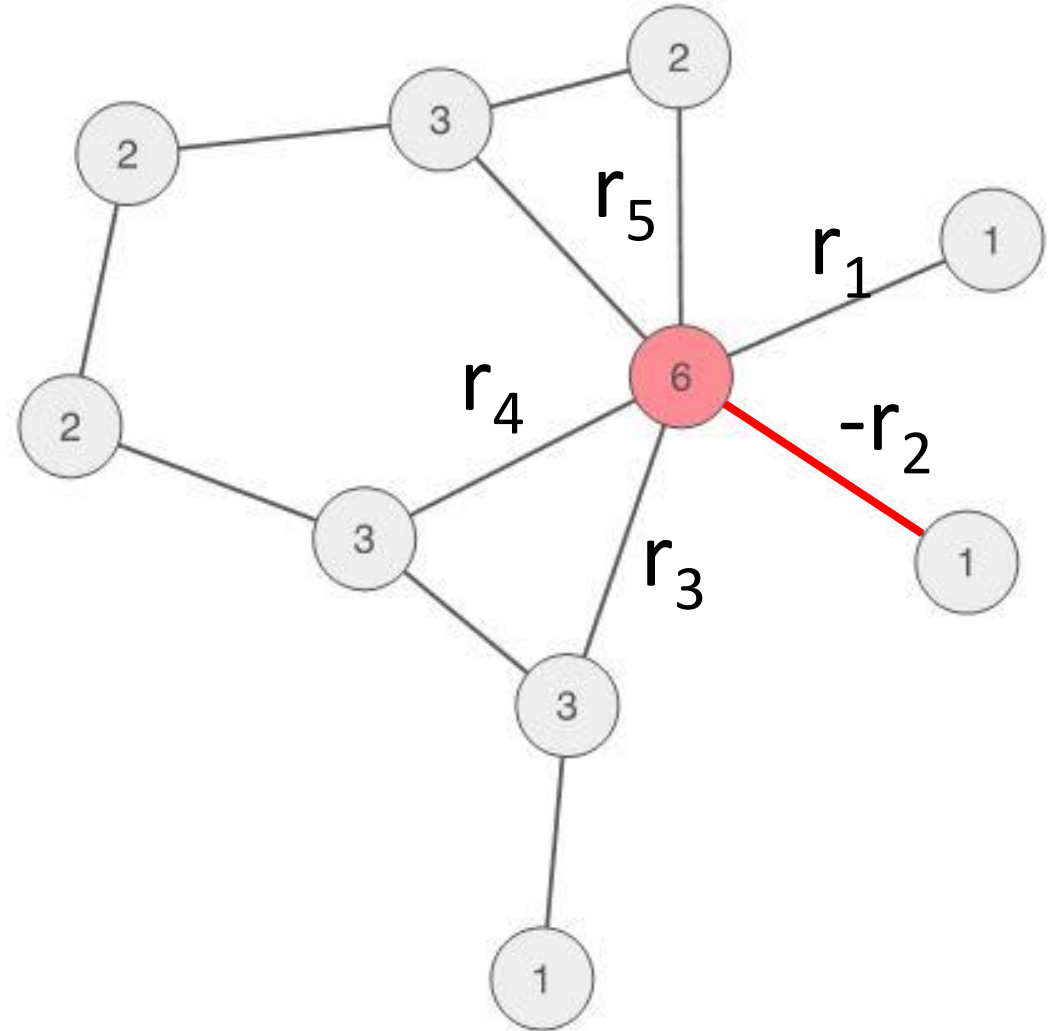
2) **Expected Influence** = sum of edge weights (accounts for negative edges)



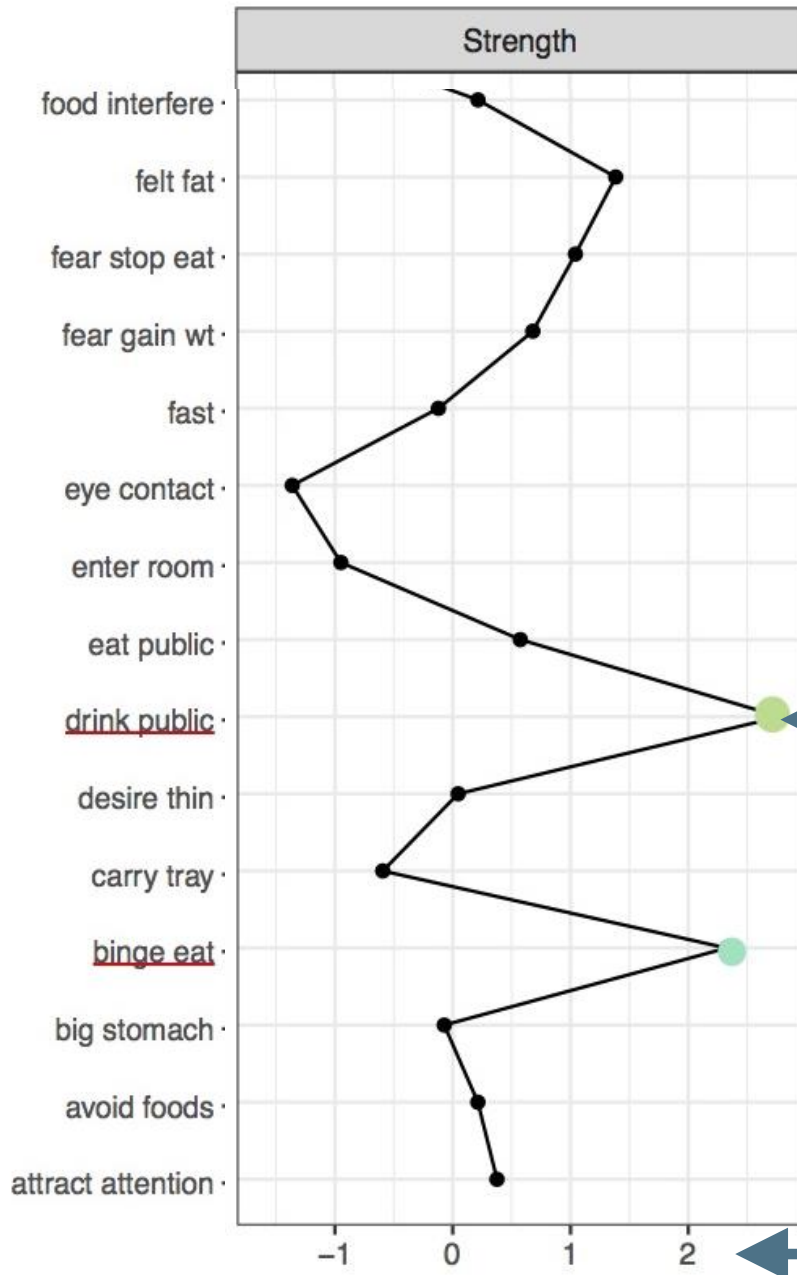
Calculating Centrality

$$\text{Strength centrality} = |r_1| + |-r_2| + |r_3| + |r_4| + |r_5|$$

$$\text{Expected influence} = r_1 + (-r_2) + r_3 + r_4 + r_5$$



Understanding Centrality Graphs

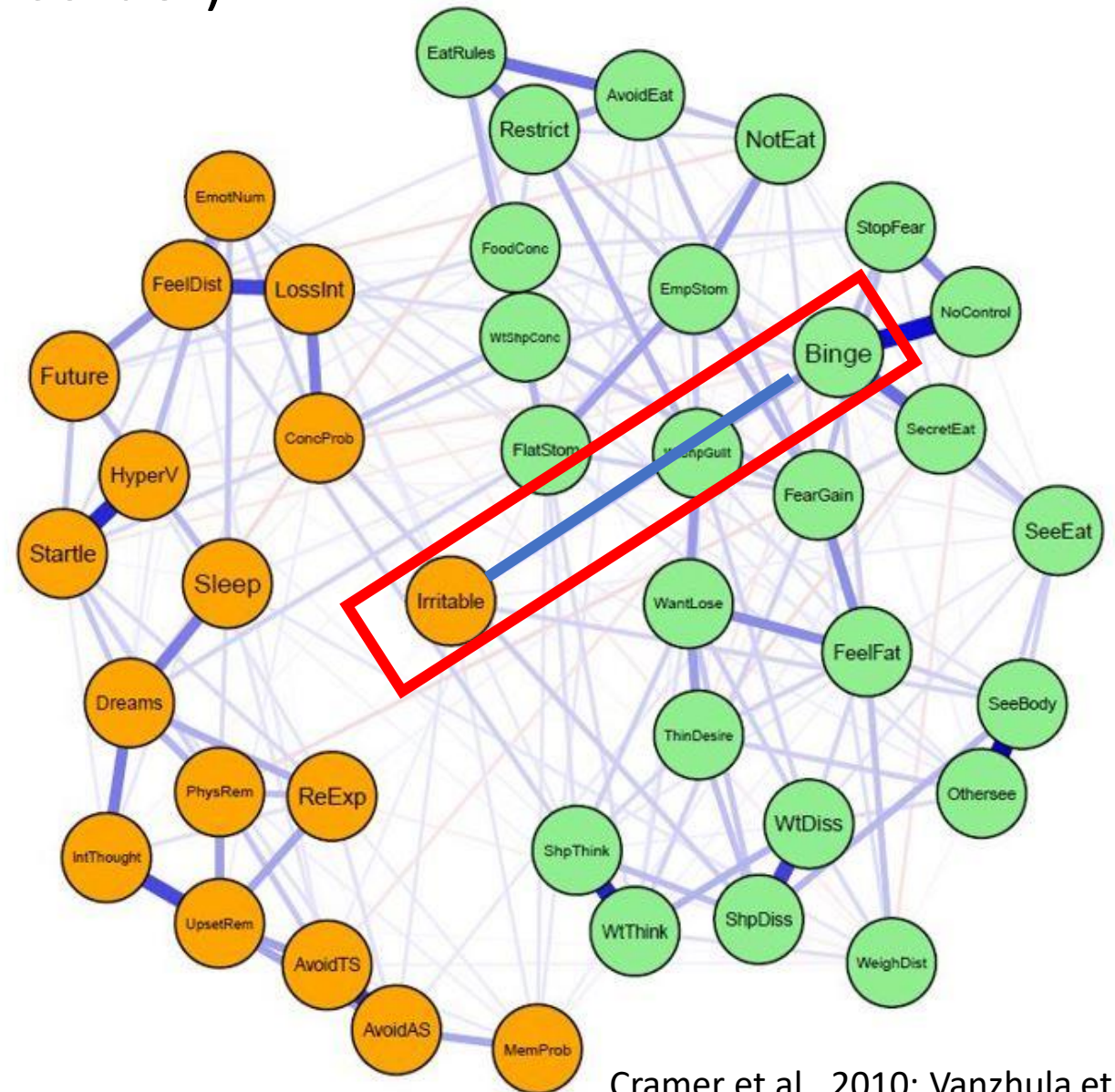


Higher centrality =
more important

X-axis = z-scores

Bridge Symptoms:
May Explain How
Comorbidity is
Maintained

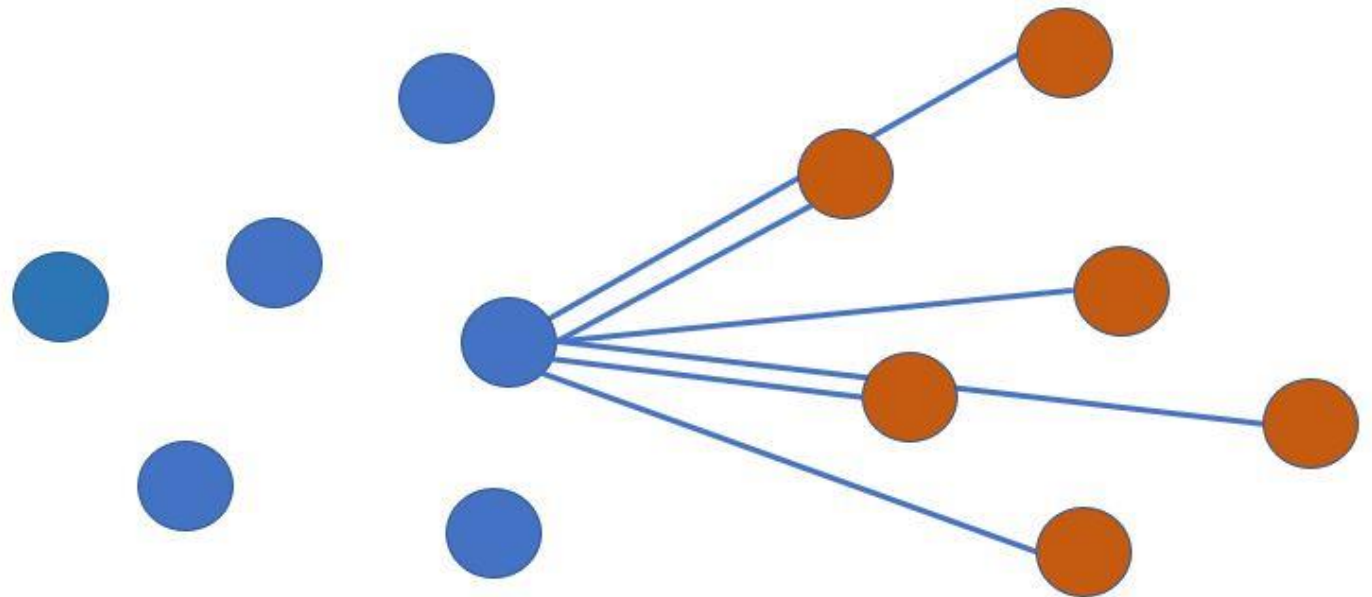
Bridge: Irritability (PTSD) – Binge (Eating Disorder)



Bridge Symptoms: May Explain How Comorbidity is Maintained

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Bridge Symptom – Which symptom in one cluster (ex: eating disorder symptoms) is most strongly connected to all symptoms in a different cluster (ex: all PTSD symptoms)?



Network Comparison Test

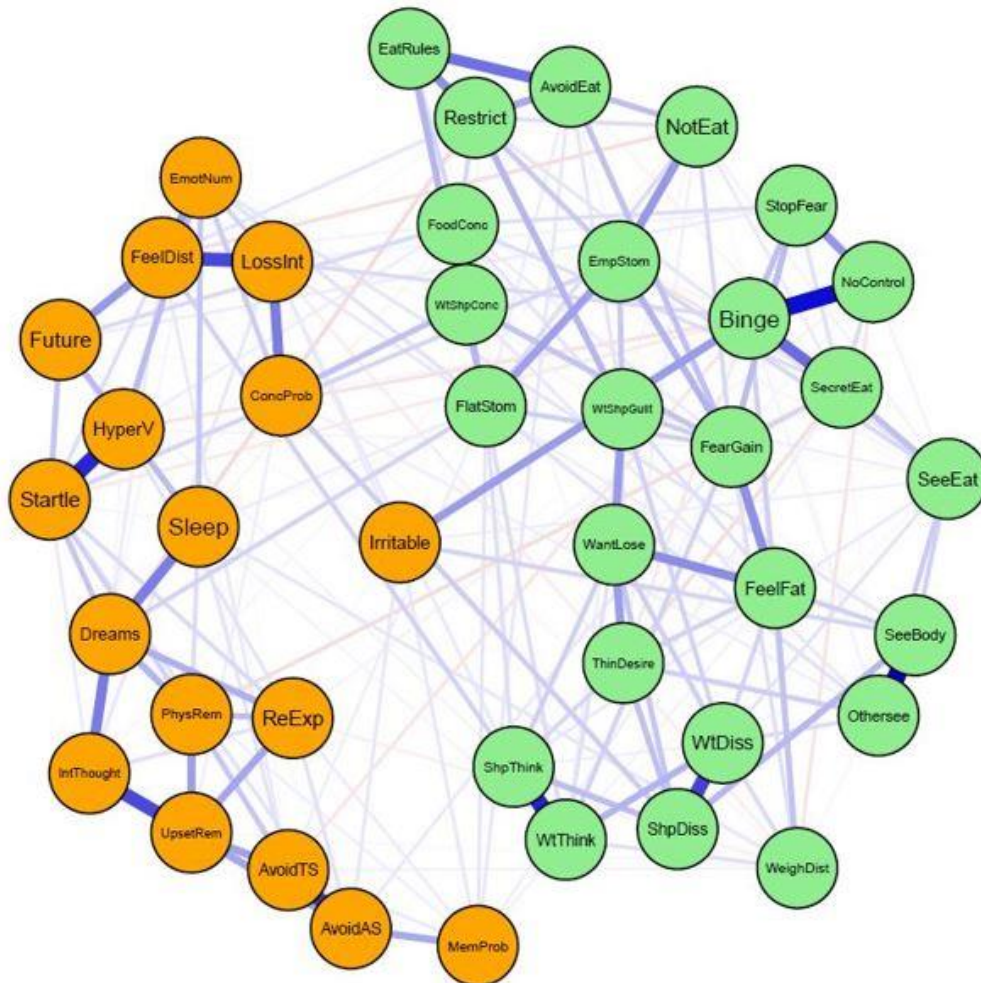
Network Structure Invariance: Is the way the nodes within the network are connected differs across samples?

Specific Edge Invariance: Are the edges between 2 specific symptoms different between the two networks?

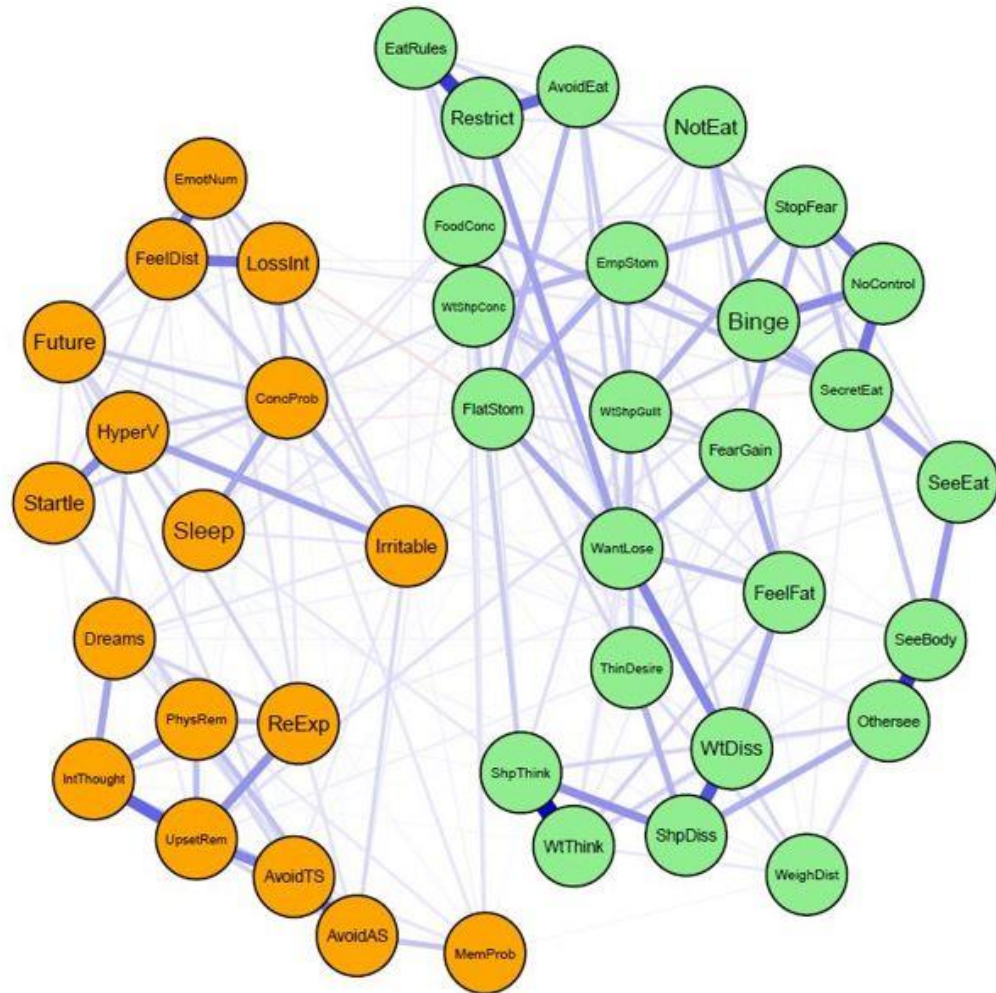
Global Strength Invariance: Is the sum of the strengths of all edges in the network (i.e., network density) differs across samples

Network Comparison Test

Clinical Network



Non-clinical Network



Compare Networks Pre- Post Treatment

Psychological Medicine

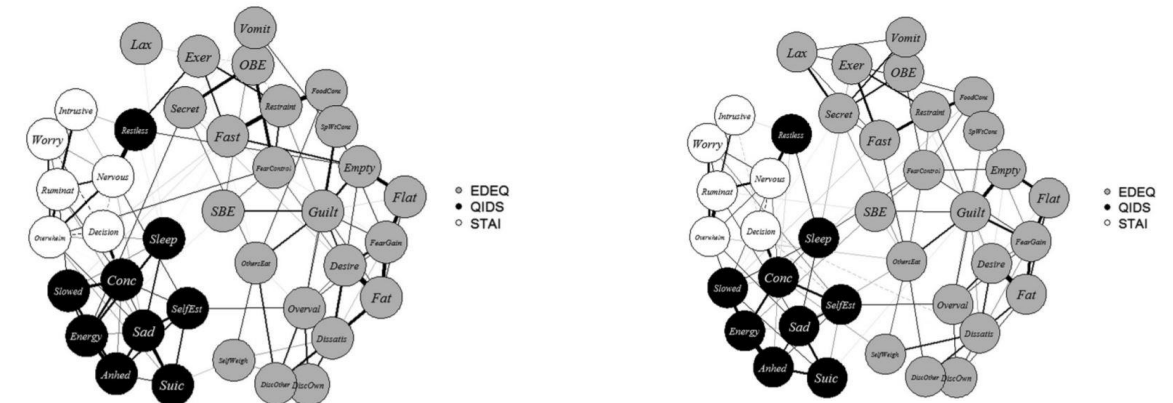
cambridge.org/psm

Original Article

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A comparative network analysis of eating disorder psychopathology and co-occurring depression and anxiety symptoms before and after treatment

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Item Selection Consideration

Network model = what you put in it

Similar symptoms => artificially inflated centrality (e.g., judge self based on shape/weight)

Factor structure

Variable type (count items in EDEQ require mgm)

Item Selection Methods



THEORETICAL

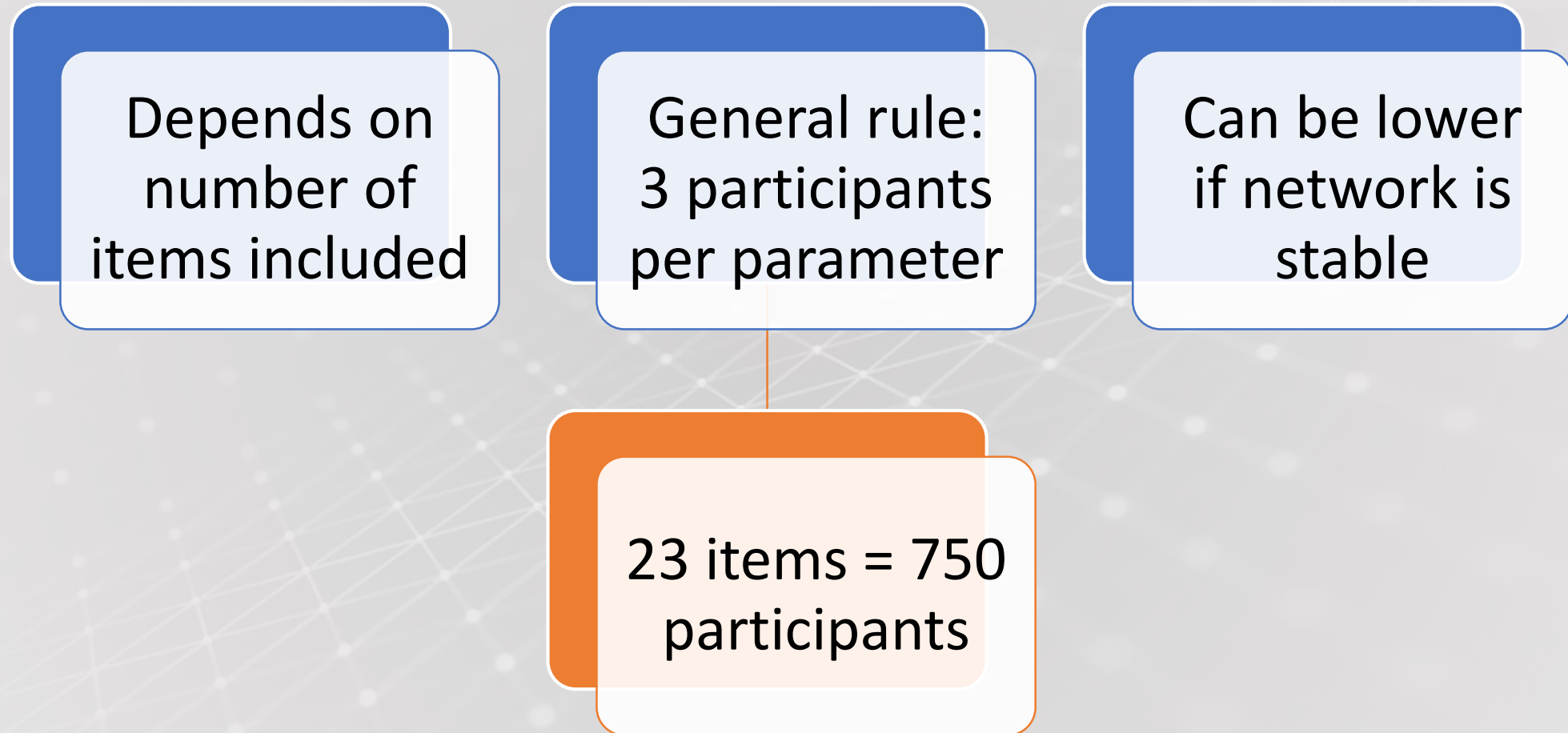
STATISTICAL
(GOLDBRICKER)

COMBINATION

Jones, 2017

Levinson et al. (2018). Social anxiety and eating disorder comorbidity and underlying Vulnerabilities.

2. Sample size



Assumptions?

No “official” assumptions

Multicollinearity

Several items measuring the same thing (“sad” and “blue”)

Skewed data (i.e., ceiling effect)

Missing Data



Excluded listwise during analysis



Can impute if desired

Network Stability



Accuracy of network model



Model fit: Will not interpret model with poor fit

How is Stability Tested?

bootnet()

- Bootstrapping to create confidence intervals
- Dropping cases from dataset and estimating correlation between parameters in new and original dataset

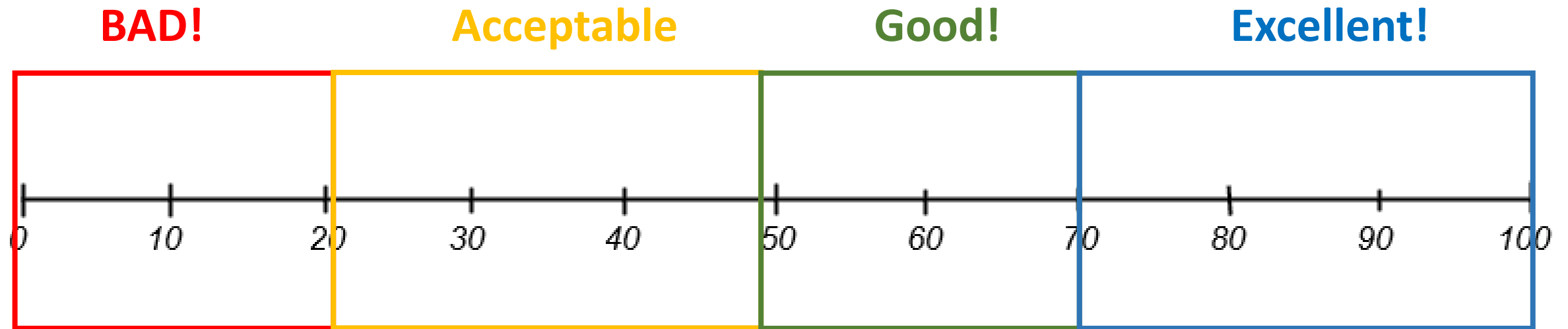
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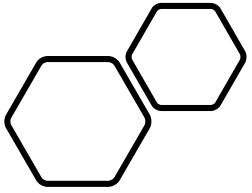
Estimating psychological networks and their accuracy: A tutorial paper

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Coefficients



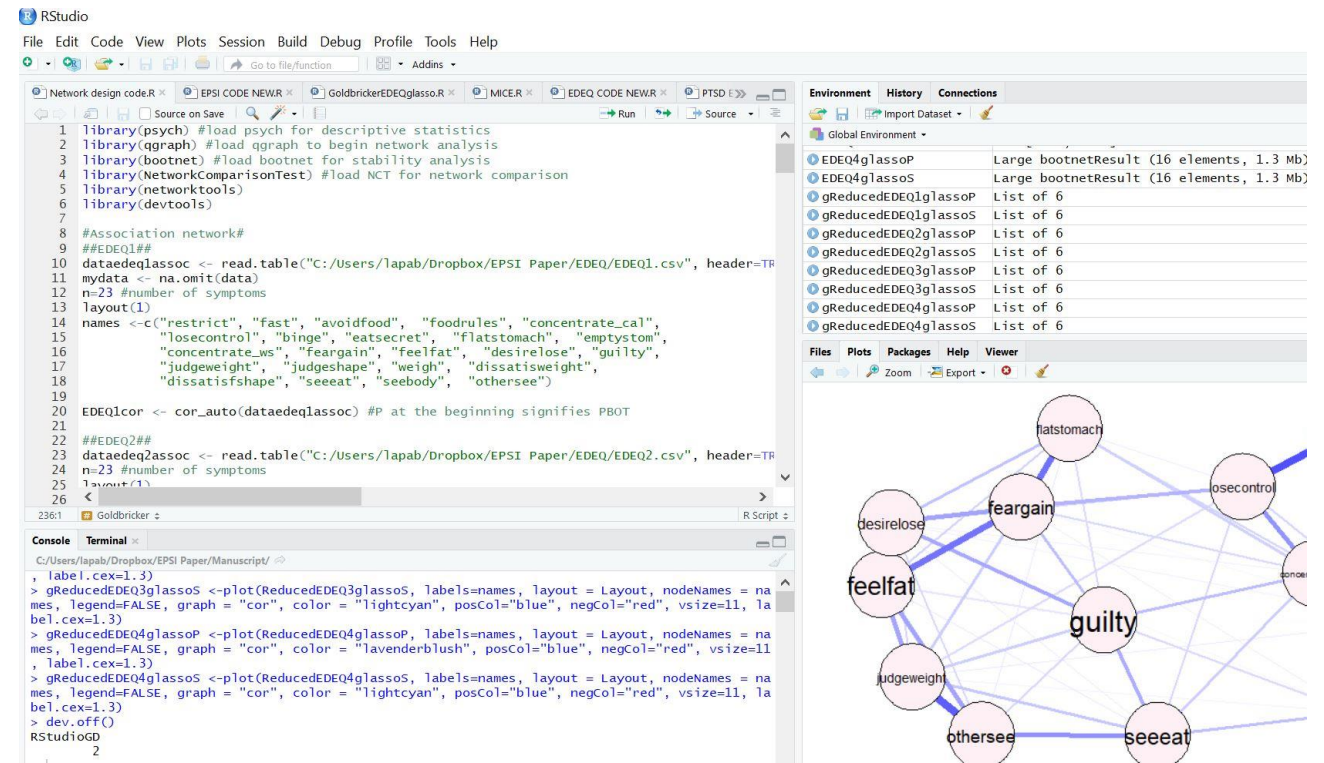
Data Analysis Demonstration

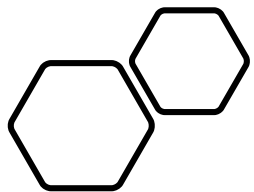


Network Estimation and Stability

RStudio

Open source and enterprise-ready
professional software for R





Preparing Data

| | |
|------|-----------------------------|
| Name | Name variables |
| Save | Save as .csv |
| Code | Code all missing data as NA |

| | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I | J |
|----|----------|------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|-------------|-------|-----------|-------------|--------------|
| 1 | restrict | fast | avoidfood | foodrules | concentrate_cal | losecontrol | binge | eatsecret | flatstomach | emptystomach |
| 2 | 4 | 0.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 5.00 | 4.00 |
| 3 | 2 | 2.00 | 0.00 | 3.00 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 0.00 | 6.00 | 5.00 |
| 4 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| 5 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2.00 | 3.00 | 1.00 | 2.00 | 3.00 | 3.00 | 0.00 |
| 6 | 3 | 0.00 | 6.00 | 6.00 | 1.00 | 2.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| 7 | 1 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| 8 | 3 | 1.00 | 4.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 5.00 | 5.00 | 1.00 | 6.00 | 5.00 |
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| 10 | 6 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 6.00 | 6.00 | 6.00 | 5.00 | 0.00 | 6.00 | 6.00 |
| 11 | 1 | 0.00 | 6.00 | 6.00 | 1.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 6.00 | 6.00 |
| 12 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| 13 | 5 | 0.00 | 5.00 | 5.00 | 6.00 | 6.00 | 1.00 | 2.00 | 3.00 | 4.00 |
| 14 | 6 | 0.00 | 6.00 | 6.00 | 4.00 | 6.00 | 3.00 | 0.00 | 6.00 | 6.00 |
| 15 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| 16 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 0.00 |
| 17 | 6 | 1.00 | 6.00 | 6.00 | 6.00 | 3.00 | 2.00 | 2.00 | 6.00 | 6.00 |
| 18 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| 19 | 6 | 0.00 | 6.00 | 4.00 | 5.00 | 4.00 | 1.00 | 0.00 | 6.00 | 5.00 |

Orientation to R

- Packages
 - Functions
 - Arguments
- Objects
 - `<-` symbol is used to assign object a name

Package: bootnet

Function: estimateNetwork

Arguments

| | |
|-------------------------|---|
| <code>data</code> | A data frame or matrix containing the raw data. Must be numeric, integer or ordered factors. |
| <code>nBoots</code> | Number of bootstraps |
| <code>default</code> | A string indicating the method to use. See documentation at estimateNetwork . |
| <code>type</code> | The kind of bootstrap method to use. |
| <code>nCores</code> | Number of cores to use in computing results. Set to 1 to not use parallel computing. |
| <code>statistics</code> | Vector indicating which statistics to store. Can contain "edge", "strength", "closeness", "betweenness", "length" and "distance". By default, length and distance are not stored. |
| <code>model</code> | The modeling framework to use. Automatically detects if data is binary or not. |
| <code>fun</code> | A custom estimation function, when no default set is used. This must be a function that takes the data as input (first argument) and returns either a weights matrix or a list containing the elements "graph" for the weights matrix, "intercepts" for the intercepts (optional) and "results" for the full estimation results (optional). |

Function (object, details for how function will work...)

Example:

Upload.object(object)

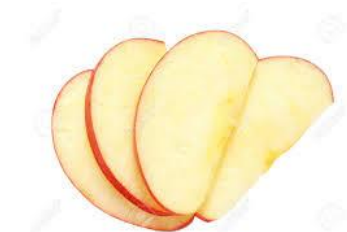


Cut (object, pieces = 4, removeseeds=TRUE)



CutApple <- Cut (object, pieces = 4, removeseeds=TRUE)

Display (CutApple)



Packages

bootnet – Run all basic network analyses

qgraph – Visualize the network

networktools – Bridge symptoms, Goldbricker

NetworkComparisonTest – Compare networks

Find documentation online <https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages>

Current Sample

$N = 823$

Individuals with eating disorder diagnosis

Mean age = 23.07 (9.69)

#load required packages


```
library(bootnet)
```

```
library(networktools)
```

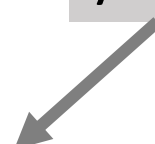
```
library(NetworkComparisonTest)
```

```
library(qgraph)
```

Assign datafile to
object



File directory on
your computer



#Load data

```
Irinadata <- read.table("C:/Users/lapab/Dropbox/EAT Lab/AED  
Webinar/clinicaldata.csv", header=TRUE, sep=";", na = "NA")
```

#check data

```
summary(Irinadata)
```

Object
name for
vector of
variable
names

#Assign names to nodes

```
mynames <- c("restrict", "fast", "avoidfood", "foodrules",  
"concentrate_cal", "losecontrol", "binge", "eatsecret", "flatstomach",  
"emptystom", "concentrate_ws", "feargain", "feelfat", "desirelose",  
"guilty", "judgeweight", "judgeshape", "weigh", "dissatisweight",  
"dissatisfshape", "seeeat", "seebody", "othersee")
```

Object name
for our network

#Estimate network using default methods

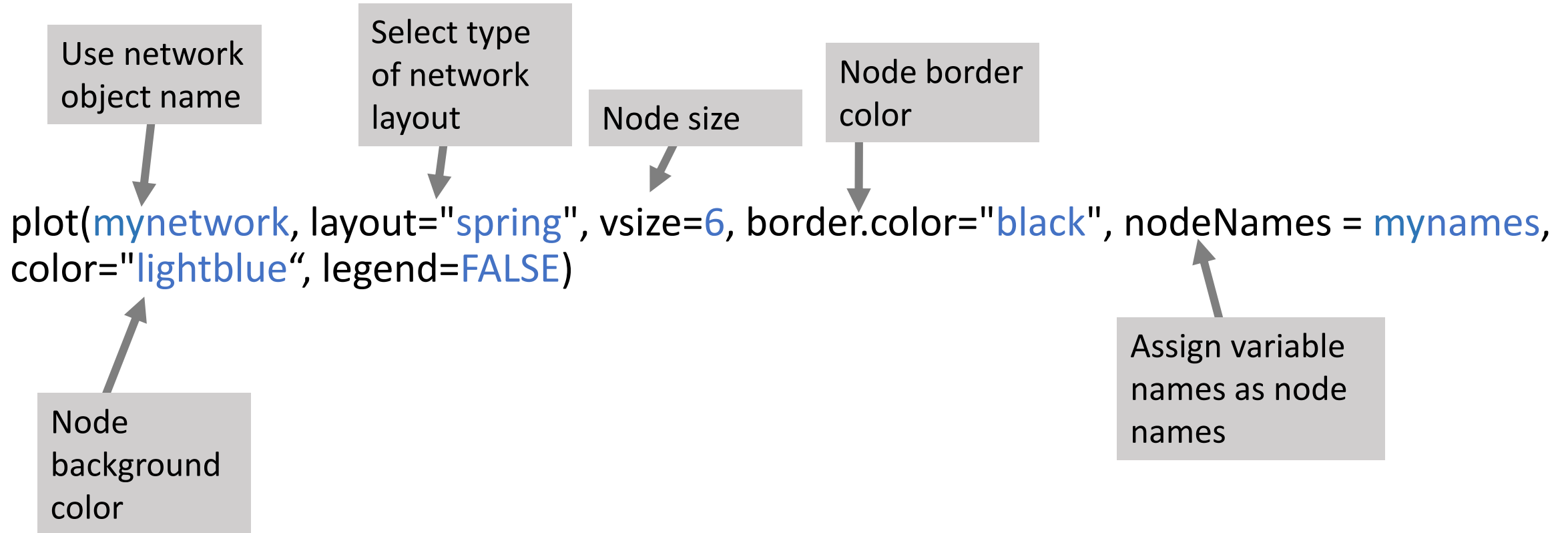
```
mynetwork <- estimateNetwork(lrinadata, default="EBICglasso")
```

Use the name of the object
you assigned to your datafile

#Use Spearman correlation

```
mynetwork <- estimateNetwork(lrinadata, default="EBICglasso",  
corMethod = "cor", corArgs = list(method = "spearman", use =  
"pairwise.complete.obs"))
```

#Plot network



See *qgraph* package documentation for more customization options

#set directory for where to save file

```
setwd("C:/Users/lapab/Dropbox/EAT Lab/AED Webinar")
```

#Save plot as pdf

```
pdf("MyNetwork.pdf")
```


```
myplot <- plot(mynetwork, layout="spring", vsize=6, border.color="black",  
nodeNames = names, color="lightblue", legend=FALSE)
```

```
dev.off()
```

Name for pdf



Assign
name
"plot1" to
our graph




#Create centrality plot (will show strength centrality)

```
pdf("MyCentrality.pdf",width=4)
```

```
c1 <- centralityPlot(myplot)
```

```
dev.off()
```



Use plot
object name

#Expected influence plot

```
pdf("MyExpectedInfluence.pdf", width=4)
```


```
c2 <- centralityPlot(myplot, include = "ExpectedInfluence")
```

```
dev.off()
```


#Save centrality values

```
CentralityTable <- centralityTable(mynetwork)
```

```
write.csv(CentralityTable, "MyCentralityTable.csv")
```

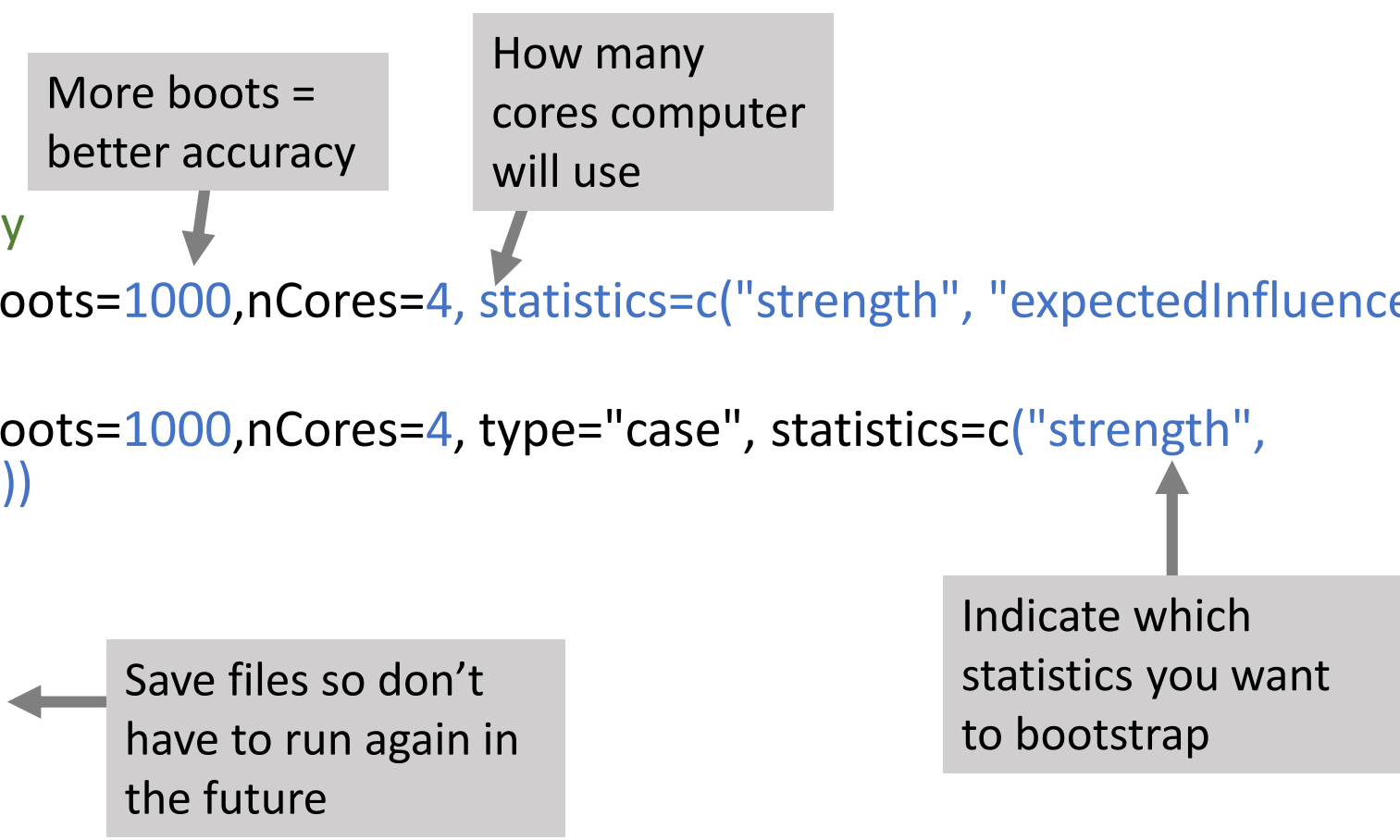


Use network
object name



Name the file where centrality
values will be saved

More boots =
better accuracy



How many
cores computer
will use

#Estimating Network Stability

```
b1 <- bootnet(mynetwork, boots=1000, nCores=4, statistics=c("strength", "expectedInfluence", "edge"))
```

```
b2 <- bootnet(mynetwork, boots=1000, nCores=4, type="case", statistics=c("strength", "expectedInfluence", "edge"))
```

#Save bootstrapped files

```
save(b1, file = "b1.Rdata")
```

```
save(b2, file = "b2.Rdata")
```

Save files so don't
have to run again in
the future

Indicate which
statistics you want
to bootstrap

#load bootstrapped files after they have been previously saved

```
setwd("C:/Users/lapab/Dropbox/EAT Lab/AED Webinar")
```

```
load("b1.Rdata")
```

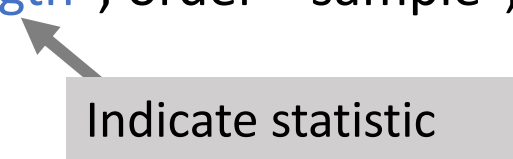
```
load("b2.Rdata")
```

```
#Get centrality stability coefficient  
corStability(b2)
```

```
#Save edge stability graph  
pdf("EdgeStability.pdf")  
plot(b1, labels = FALSE, order = "sample")  
dev.off()
```

```
#Save centrality stability graph  
pdf("CentrStability.pdf")  
plot(b2)  
dev.off()
```

```
# Strength Centrality diff test  
pdf("CentraityDifference.pdf")  
plot(b1, "strength", order="sample",  
labels=TRUE)  
dev.off()
```

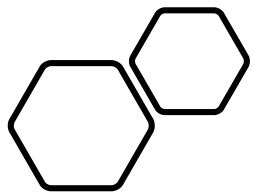


```
# EI diff test  
pdf("EIDifference.pdf")  
plot(b1, "expectedInfluence", order="sample",  
labels=TRUE)  
dev.off()
```

```
#Edge weights diff test  
pdf("EdgeDifftest.pdf")  
plot(b1, "edge", plot = "difference",  
onlyNonZero = TRUE, order = "sample")  
dev.off()
```

Interpreting Results



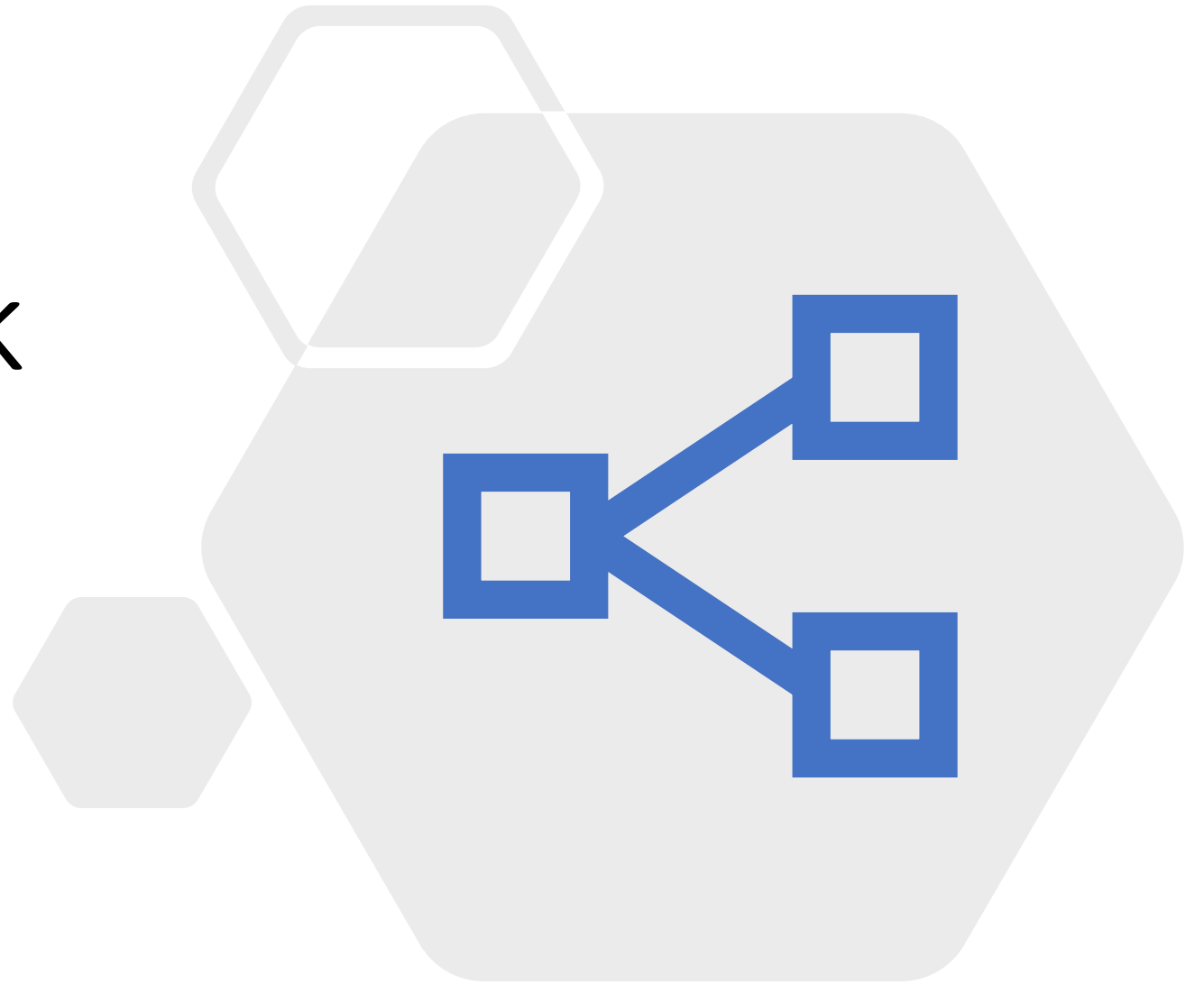


Two Types of Stability

**Stability of edge
weights**

**Stability of
centrality
indices**

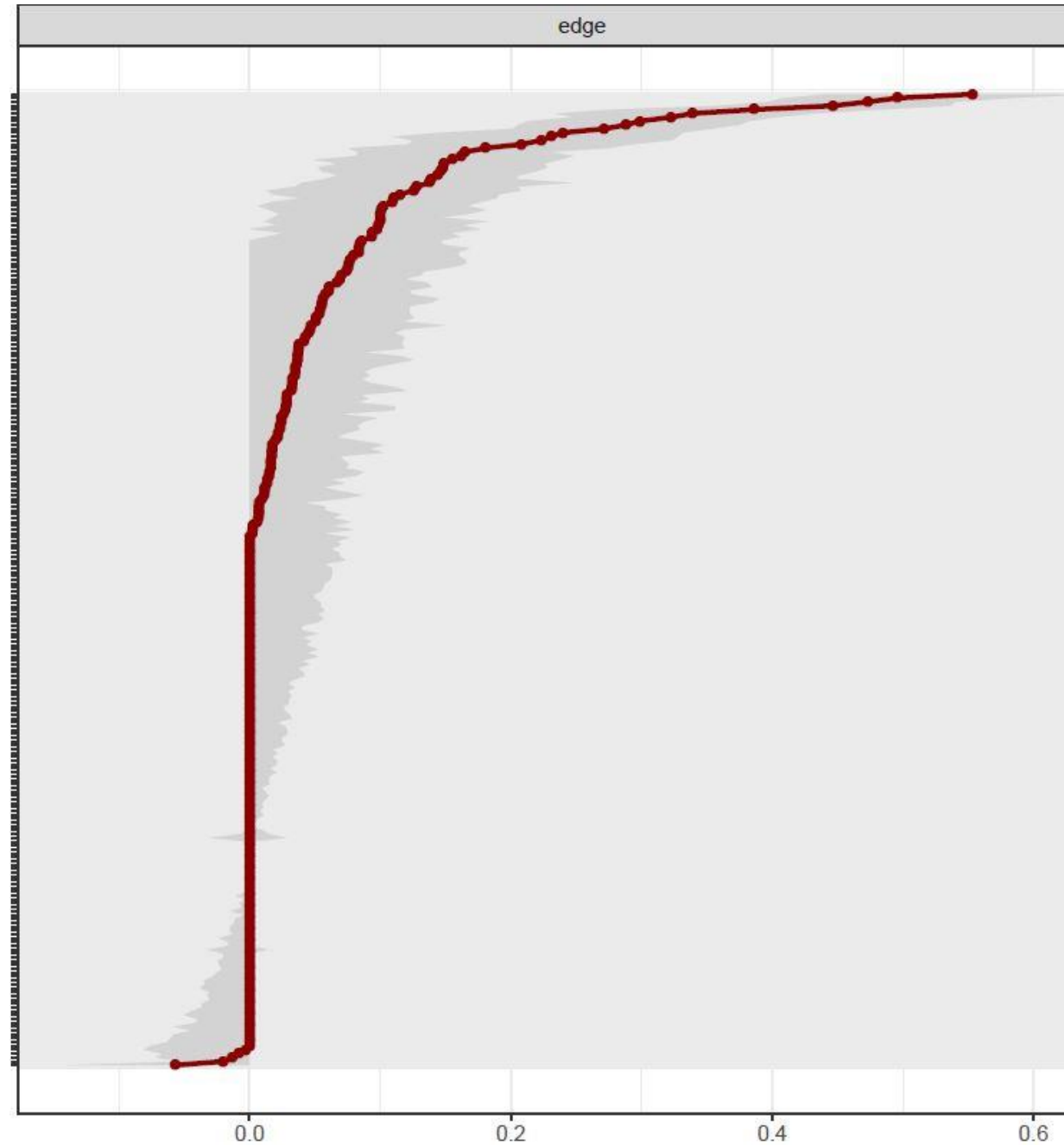
Is the network
stable?



Edge Stability Graph

Edge Stability
Coefficient = .75

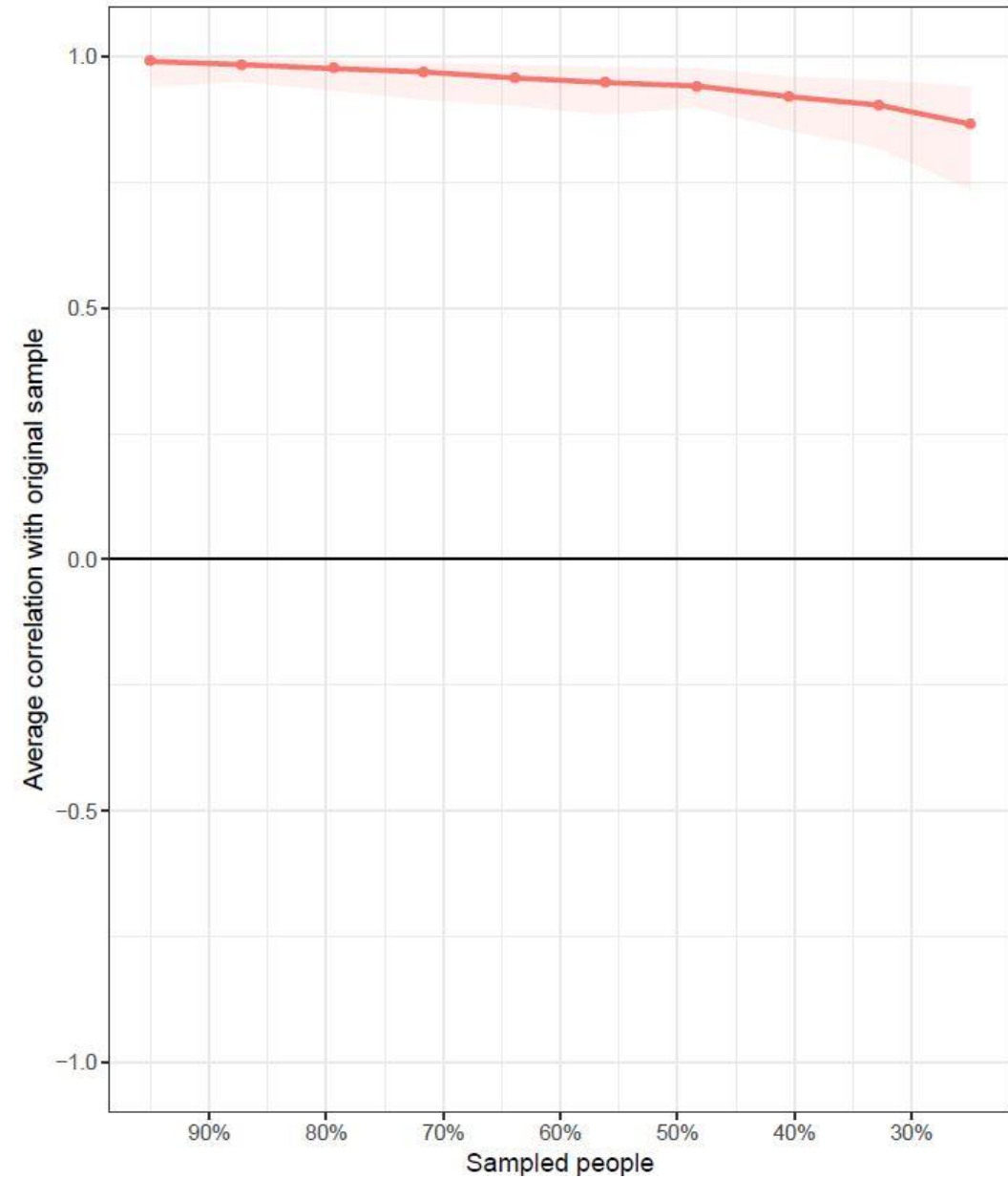
`corStability()`



Strength Centrality Stability Graph

Strength Centrality
Stability Coefficient =
.59

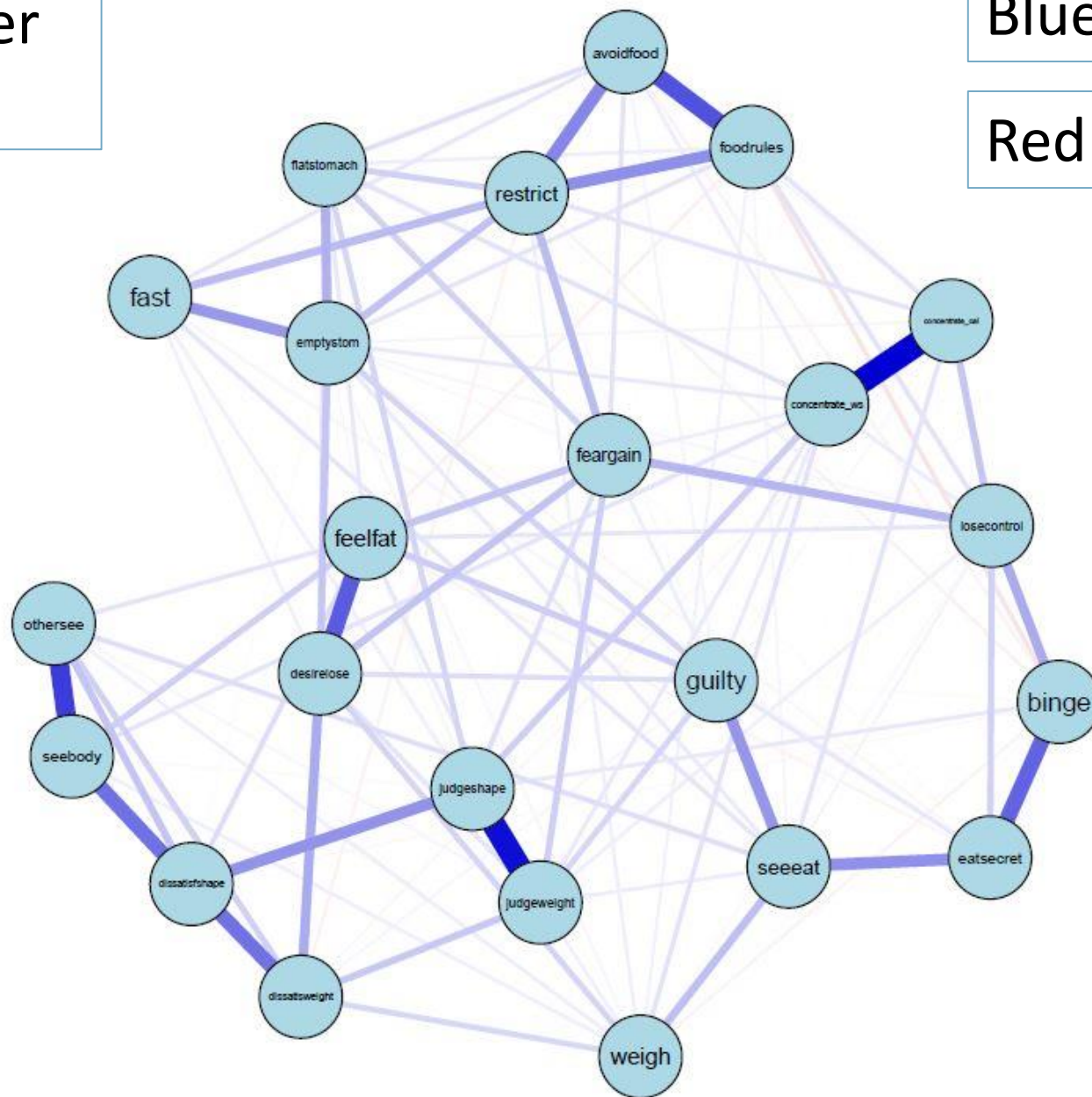
```
corStability()
```



Thick line = stronger correlation

Blue edges = positive

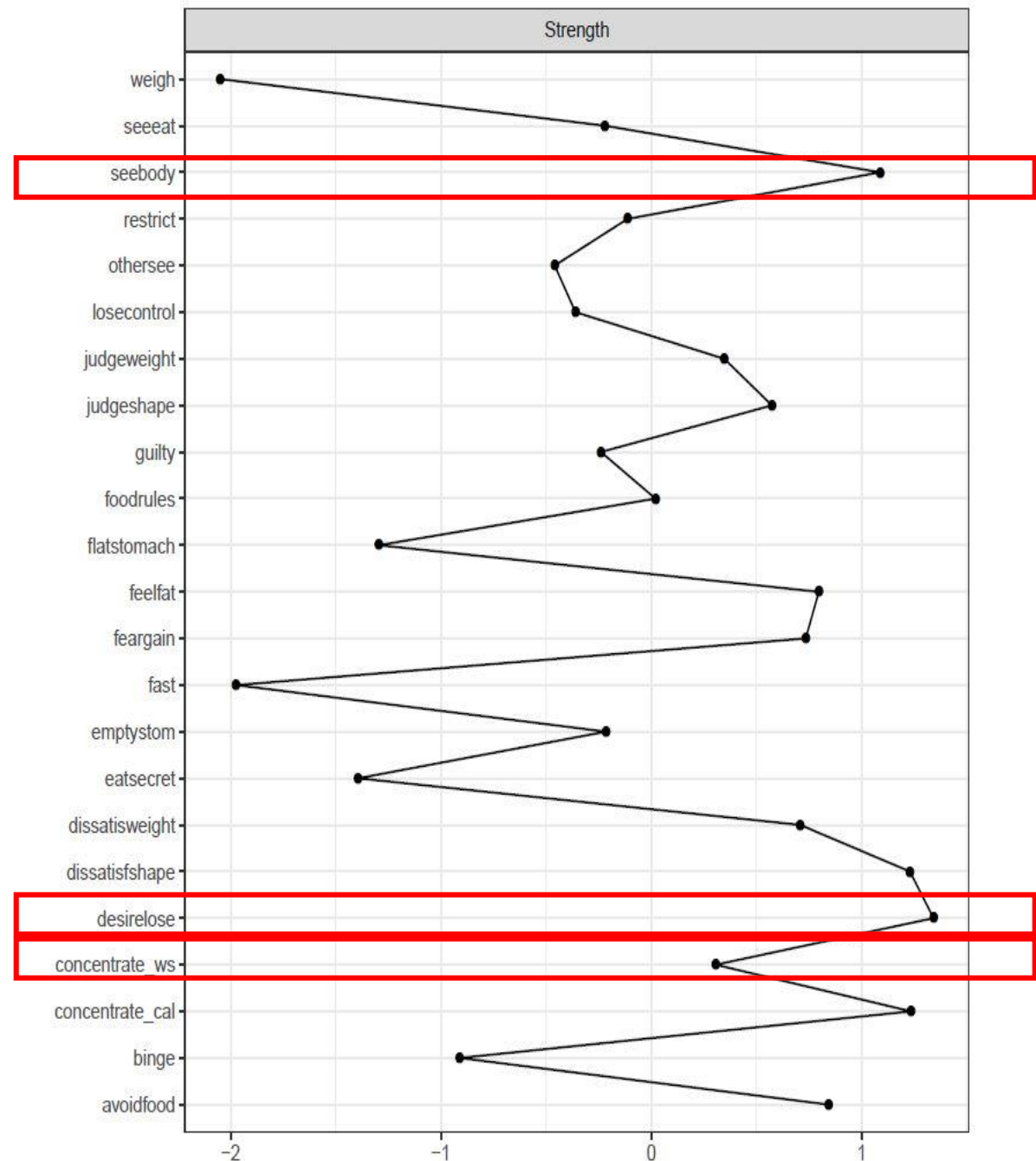
Red edges = negative



Strength Centrality and Expected Influence

Desire to lose weight
Trouble concentrating
Distress seeing your body

centralityPlot()



*Standardized
centrality
estimates
(mean=0,
SD=1)*

centralityTable()

| | A | B | C | D | E | F |
|----|----|---------|----|-----------------|----------|--------------|
| 49 | 48 | graph 1 | NA | fast | Strength | -1.973543967 |
| 50 | 49 | graph 1 | NA | avoidfood | Strength | 0.843065311 |
| 51 | 50 | graph 1 | NA | foodrules | Strength | 0.020264902 |
| 52 | 51 | graph 1 | NA | concentrate_cal | Strength | 1.235562168 |
| 53 | 52 | graph 1 | NA | losecontrol | Strength | -0.36003555 |
| 54 | 53 | graph 1 | NA | binge | Strength | -0.910418605 |
| 55 | 54 | graph 1 | NA | eatsecret | Strength | -1.393247749 |
| 56 | 55 | graph 1 | NA | flatstomach | Strength | -1.295289337 |
| 57 | 56 | graph 1 | NA | emptystom | Strength | -0.214487277 |
| 58 | 57 | graph 1 | NA | concentrate_ws | Strength | 0.306833409 |
| 59 | 58 | graph 1 | NA | feargain | Strength | 0.734370795 |
| 60 | 59 | graph 1 | NA | feelfat | Strength | 0.797059986 |
| 61 | 60 | graph 1 | NA | desirelose | Strength | 1.342398507 |
| 62 | 61 | graph 1 | NA | guilty | Strength | -0.239070017 |
| 63 | 62 | graph 1 | NA | judgeweight | Strength | 0.347159576 |
| 64 | 63 | graph 1 | NA | judgeshape | Strength | 0.574164883 |
| 65 | 64 | graph 1 | NA | weigh | Strength | -2.048551141 |
| 66 | 65 | graph 1 | NA | dissatisweight | Strength | 0.707996772 |

Strength Centrality

Desire to lose weight

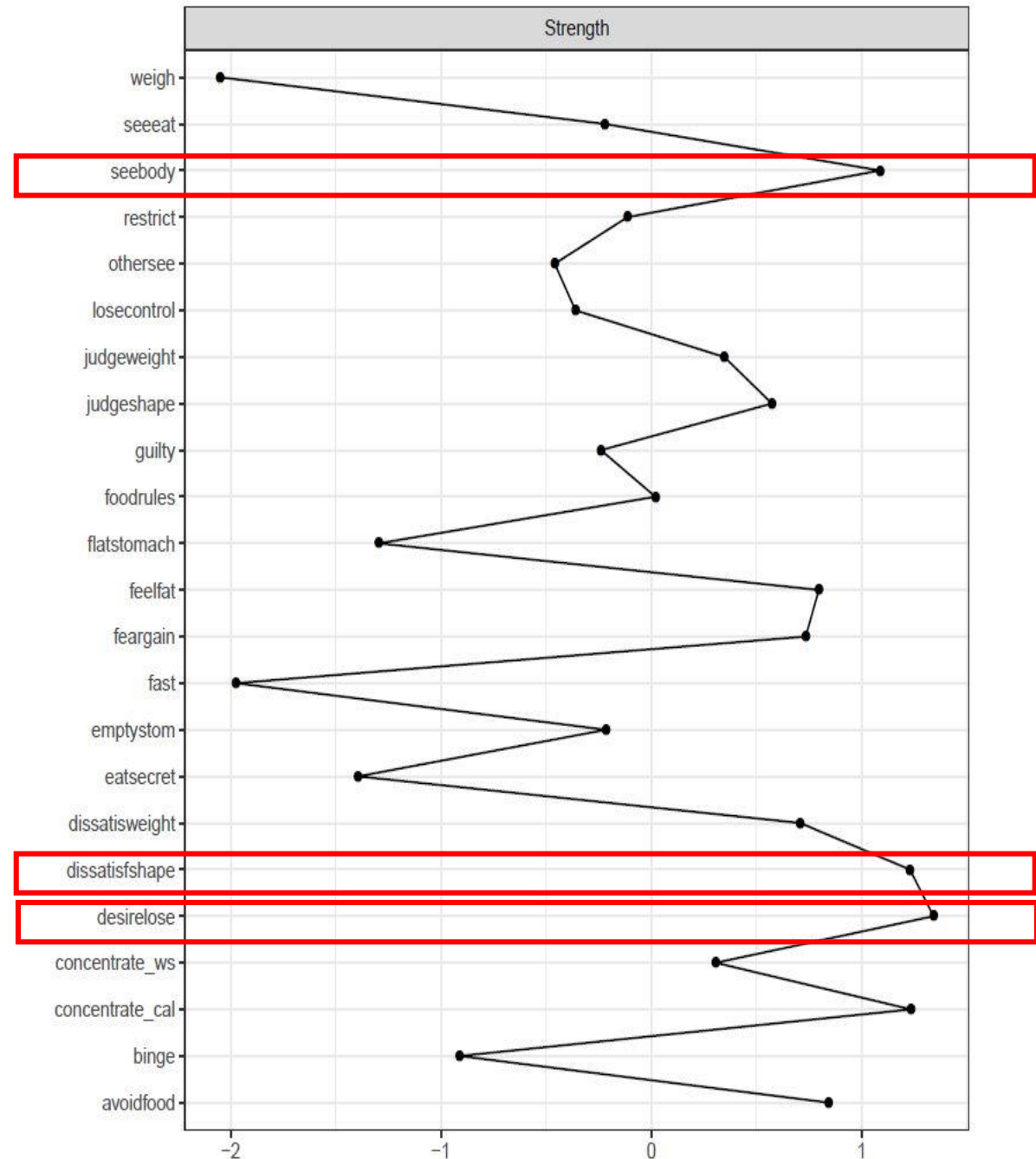
SC = 1.34

Trouble concentrating

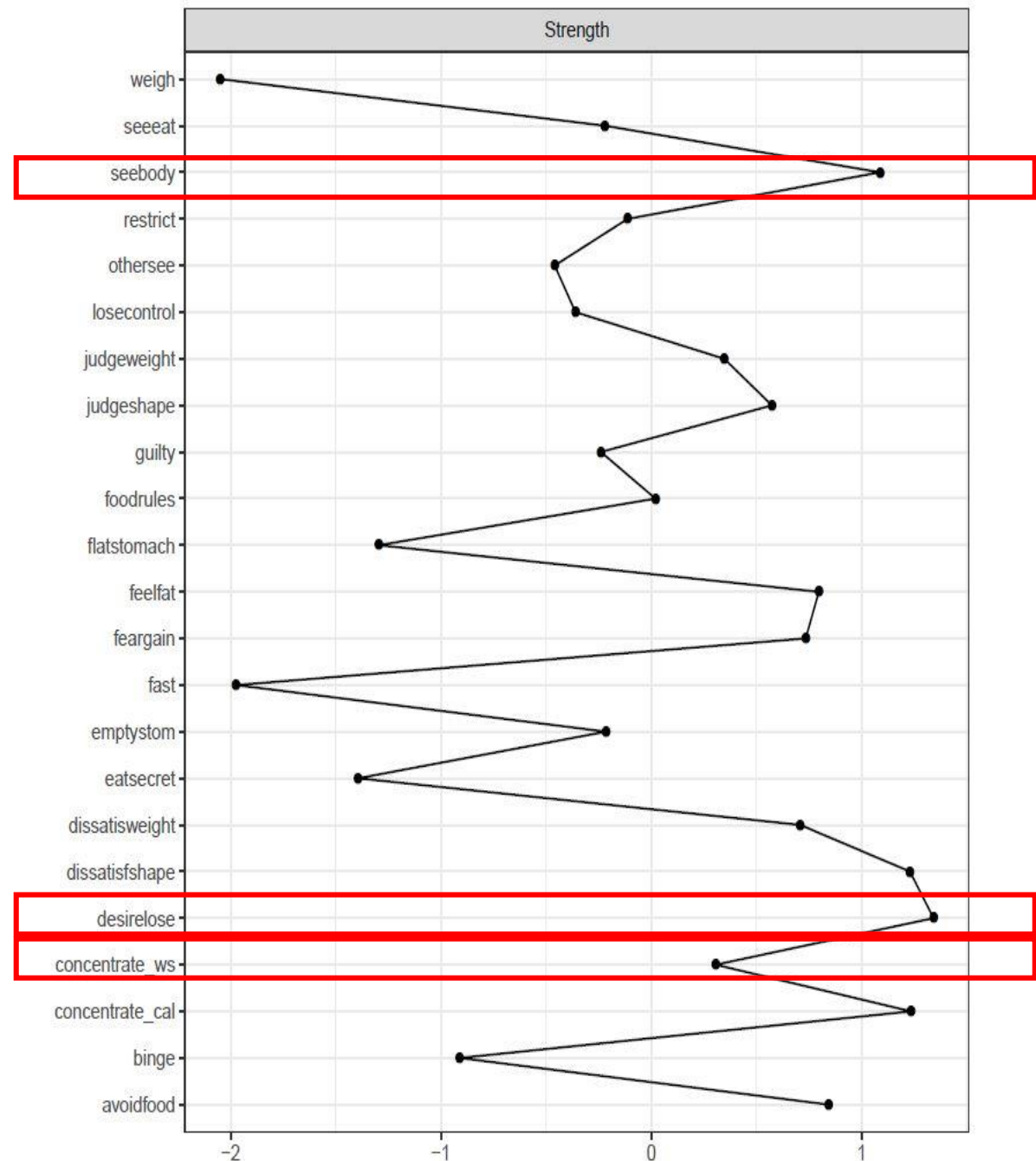
SC = 1.23

Distress seeing your body

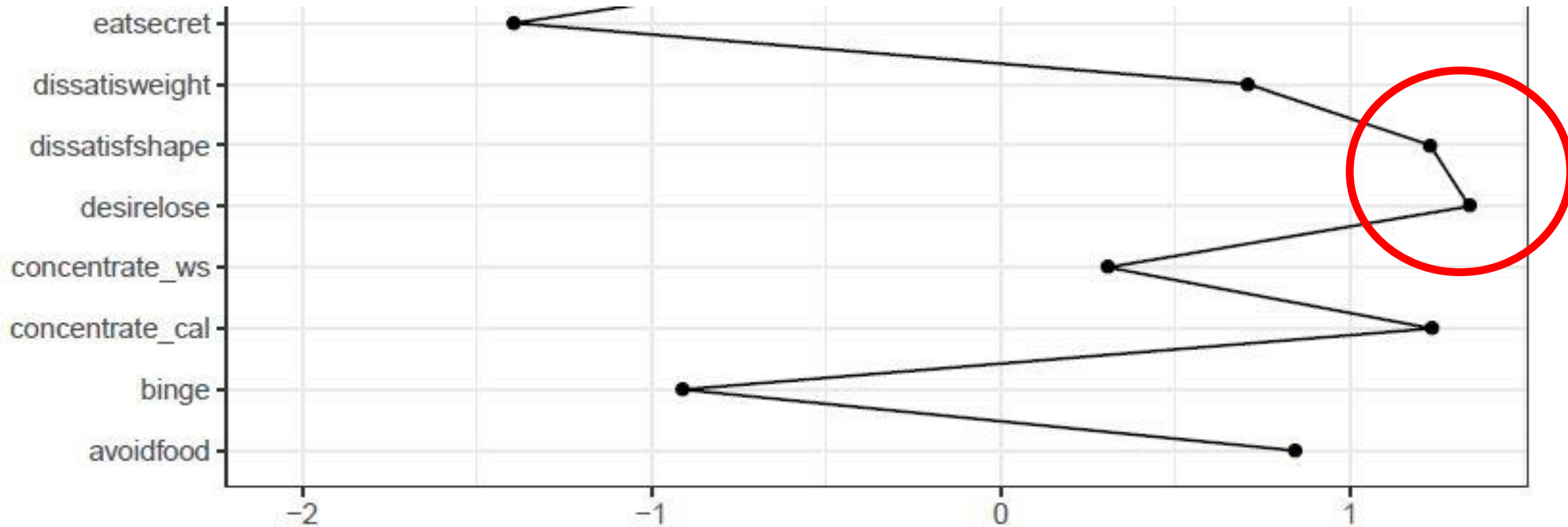
SC = 1.09



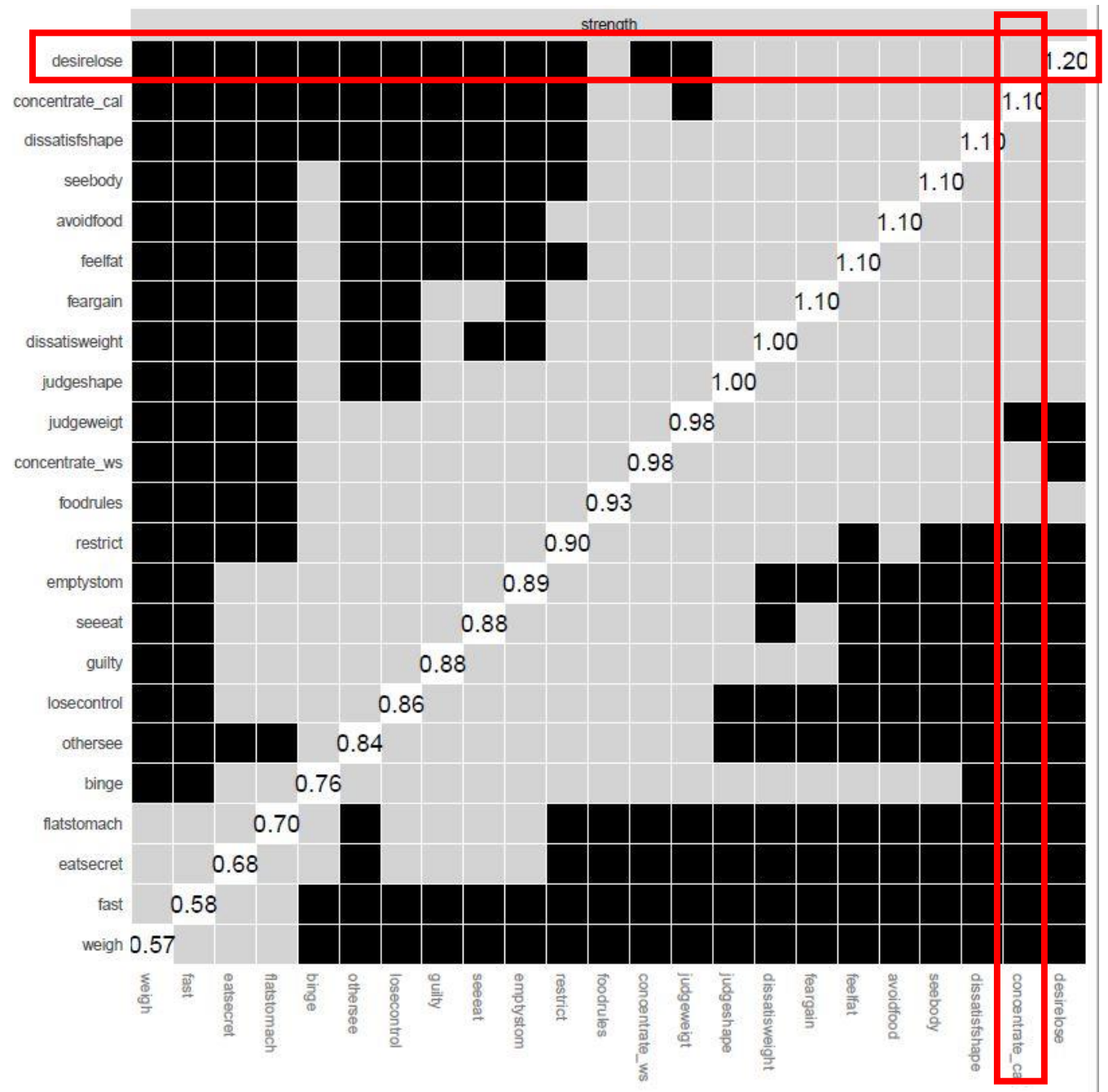
Just because a symptom is more central does not mean it is substantially more central!



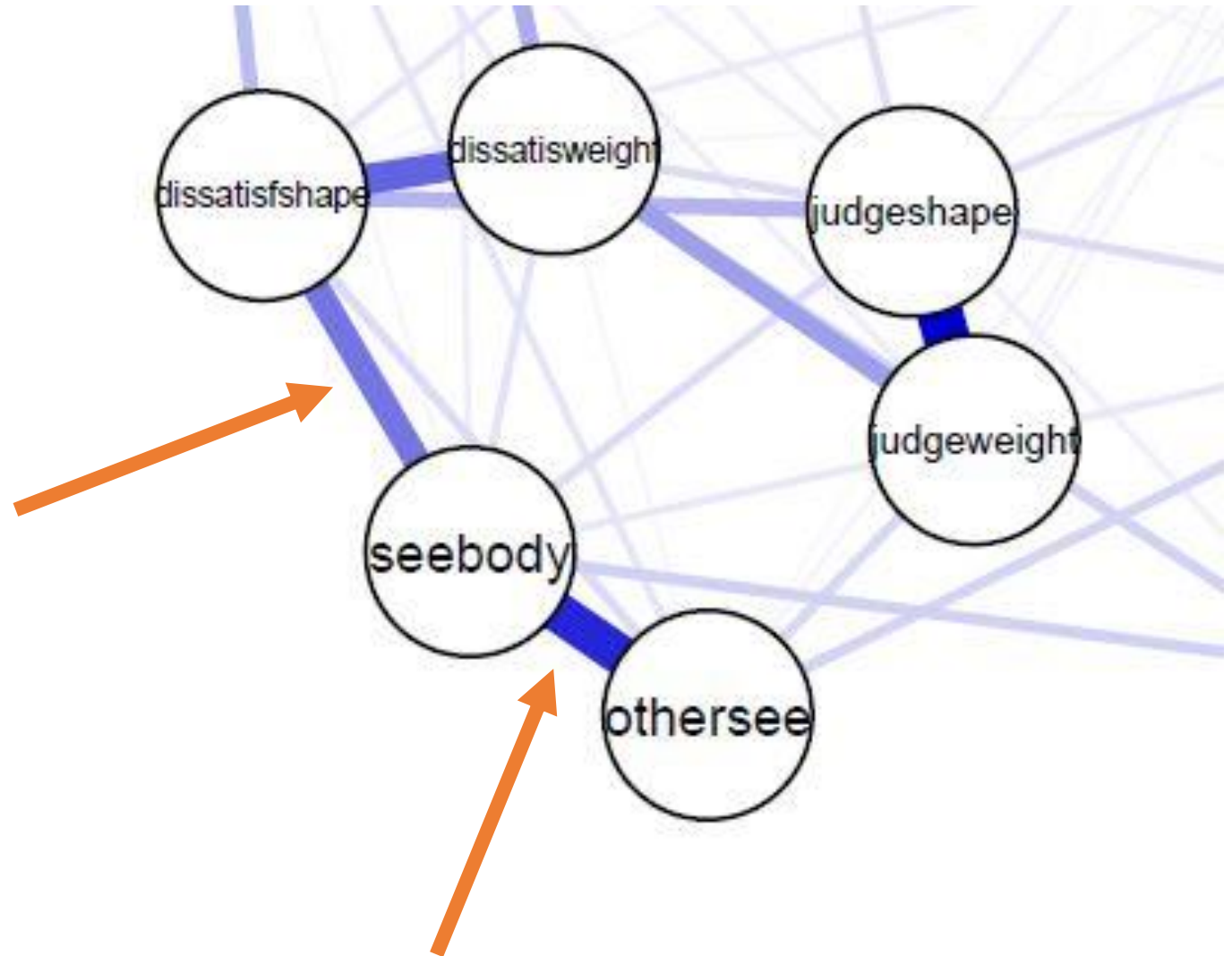
Centrality Stability: Is one node significantly more central than another?



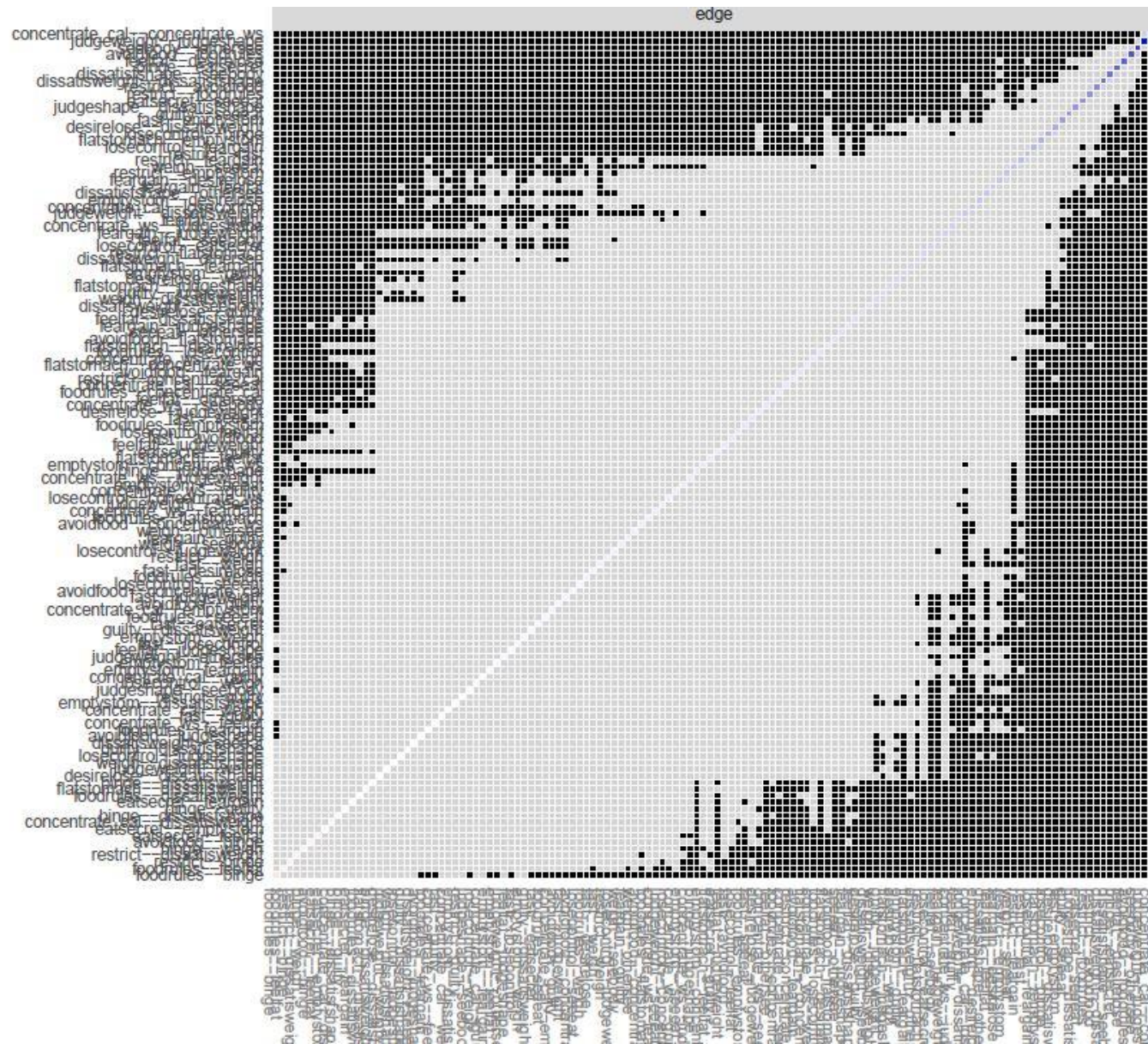
Centrality Difference Test

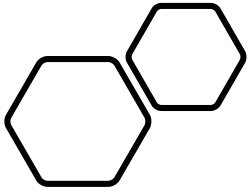


Edge Stability: Are these 2 edges significantly different from each other?



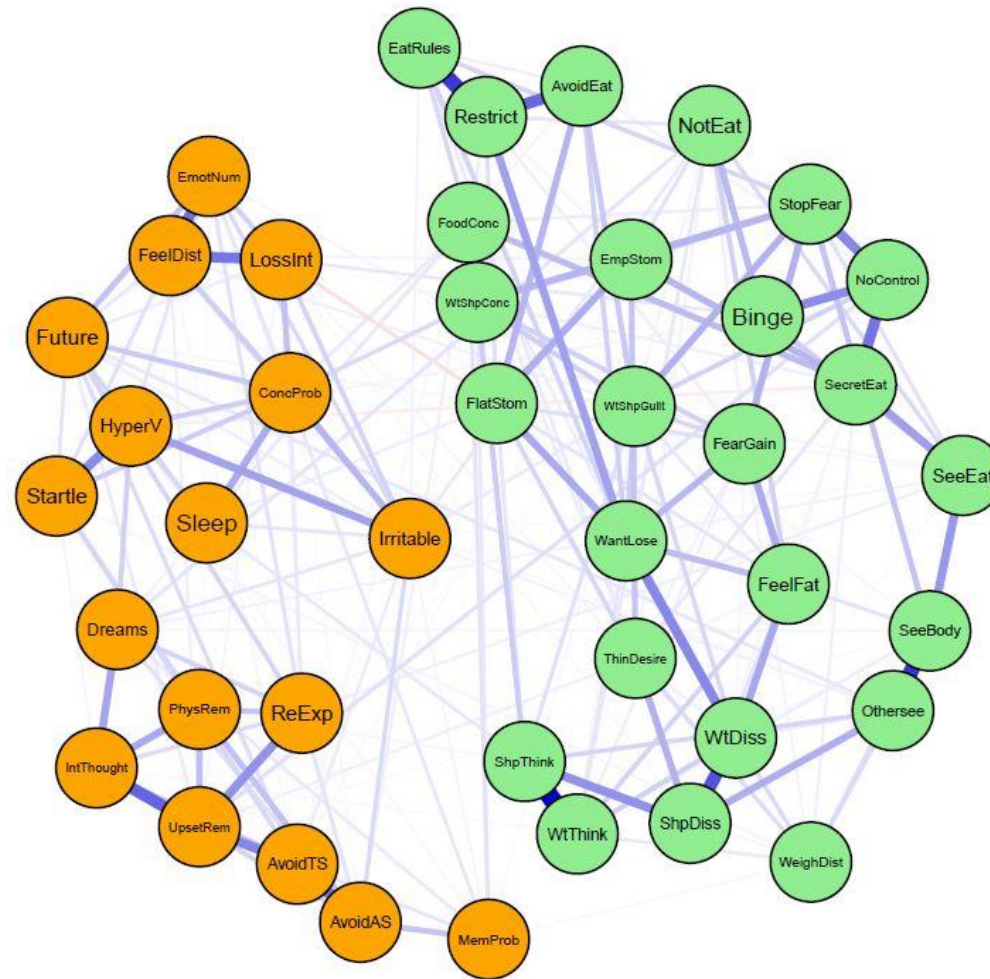
Edge Difference Test





Bridge Symptoms

Bridge Symptoms





Repeat same steps to estimate and plot network

```
Irinadata <- read.table("C:/Users/lapab/Dropbox/EAT Lab/AED  
Webinar/bridgedata.csv", header=TRUE, sep=";", na = "NA")  
mynames <- c("Restrict", "NotEat",  
"AvoidEat", "EatRules", "FoodConc", "StopFear",  
"NoControl", "Binge", "SecretEat", "FlatStom", "EmpStom", "WtShpConc", "F  
earGain", "FeelFat", "WantLose", "WtShpGuilt", "WtThink", "ShpThink",  
"WeighDist", "WtDiss", "ShpDiss", "ThinDesire", "SeeEat", "SeeBody",  
"Othersee", "IntThought", "Dreams", "ReExp", "UpsetRem", "PhysRem",  
"AvoidTS", "AvoidAS", "MemProb", "LossInt", "FeelDist", "EmotNum",  
"Future", "Sleep", "Irritable", "ConcProb", "HyperV", "Startle")
```



Repeat same steps to estimate and plot network

Assign items to groups: 1-25 are ED symptoms and 26-42 are PTSD symptoms

```
mygroups=list("ED"=c(1:25),"PTSD"=c(26:42))  
mynetwork <- estimateNetwork(Irinadata, default="EBICglasso")  
myplot <- plot(mynetwork, layout="spring", vsize=6, border.color="black",  
groups=mygroups, labels=mynames, color=c('#a8e6cf', '#dcedc1'))
```

#Constructing a partial correlation matrix

```
myedges <- getWmat(mynetwork)  
write.csv(myedges, "MyNetworkEdges.csv")
```

Plot each group different color

Assign a number to each variable.
Here all 25 ED items are "1"
(community 1) and all 16 PTSD
items are "2" (community 2)

#Estimate bridge values for each node

bridge(myplot, communities=c('1','1','1','1','1','1','1','1','1','1',
'1','1','1','1','1','1','1','1','1','1',
'1','1','1','1','1','2','2','2','2','2','2','2',
'2','2','2','2','2','2','2','2','2','2'), useCommunities = "all",
directed = NULL, nodes = NULL)

Use plot object
from plotting
the network

Indicate which communities
you want to use. Can specify
"1" and "2" if you have 3:
useCommunities = c('1','3')

Console

Terminal x

C:/Users/lapab/Dropbox/EAT Lab/AED Webinar/

\$ Bridge Strength

| | | | | | | |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Restrict | NotEat | AvoidEat | EatRules | FoodConc | StopFear | NoControl |
| 0.034406833 | 0.114433726 | 0.029641985 | 0.025339958 | 0.166498850 | 0.000000000 | 0.063491910 |
| Binge | SecretEat | FlatStom | EmpStom | WtShpConc | FearGain | FeelFat |
| 0.071644327 | 0.041930735 | 0.096341047 | 0.041894741 | 0.135800298 | 0.011983521 | 0.000000000 |
| WantLose | WtShpGuilt | WtThink | ShpThink | WeighDist | WtDiss | ShpDiss |
| 0.004297049 | 0.101002803 | 0.015363852 | 0.064056605 | 0.057808318 | 0.000000000 | 0.017486016 |
| ThinDesire | SeeEat | SeeBody | Othersee | IntThought | Dreams | ReExp |
| 0.033850572 | 0.087339393 | 0.029993123 | 0.090367593 | 0.015363852 | 0.127559683 | 0.031207371 |
| UpsetRem | PhysRem | AvoidTS | AvoidAS | MemProb | LossInt | FeelDist |
| 0.112103141 | 0.021093648 | 0.039841420 | 0.034988957 | 0.136110140 | 0.140793351 | 0.055497607 |
| EmotNum | Future | Sleep | Irritable | ConcProb | HyperV | Startle |
| 0.039905411 | 0.080862032 | 0.127361351 | 0.149479505 | 0.120931138 | 0.078225517 | 0.023649129 |

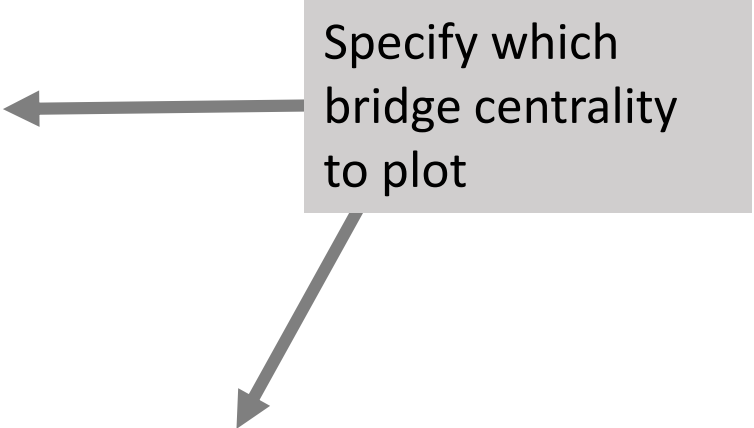
#Name our bridge object

```
mybridge<- bridge(myplot, communities=c('1','1','1','1','1','1','1','1','1','1',  
    '1','1','1','1','1','1','1','1','1','1',  
    '1','1','1','1','1','2','2','2','2','2','2','2',  
    '2','2','2','2','2','2','2','2','2','2'), useCommunities = "all", directed = NULL,  
nodes = NULL)
```

#Create bridge graph

```
pdf("bridgecentrality.pdf", width=4)  
plot(mybridge, include = "Bridge Strength")  
dev.off()
```

Specify which
bridge centrality
to plot



#Create bridge expected influence graph

```
pdf("bridgeEI.pdf", width=4)  
plot(mybridge, include = "Bridge Expected Influence (1-step)", width=4)  
dev.off()
```

Same as b2 in earlier example

#Bridge stability part 1

```
caseDroppingBoot <- bootnet(network2, boots=1000, type="case",  
    statistics=c("bridgeStrength", "bridgeExpectedInfluence"),  
    communities=groups)
```

#get stability coefficients

```
corStability(caseDroppingBoot)
```

Specify object for communities

Specify which centrality to bootstrap

#Plot centrality stability

```
plot(caseDroppingBoot, statistics=" bridgeStrength ")
```

```
plot(caseDroppingBoot, statistics="bridgeExpectedInfluence")
```

b1

#Bridge stability part 2; centrality difference

```
nonParametricBoot <- bootnet(network2, boots=1000, type="nonparametric",  
    statistics=c("bridgeStrength", "bridgeExpectedInfluence"), communities=groups)
```

#Plot centrality difference

```
plot(nonParametricBoot, statistics="bridgeExpectedInfluence", plot="difference")
```

```
plot(nonParametricBoot, statistics="bridgeStrength", plot="difference")
```

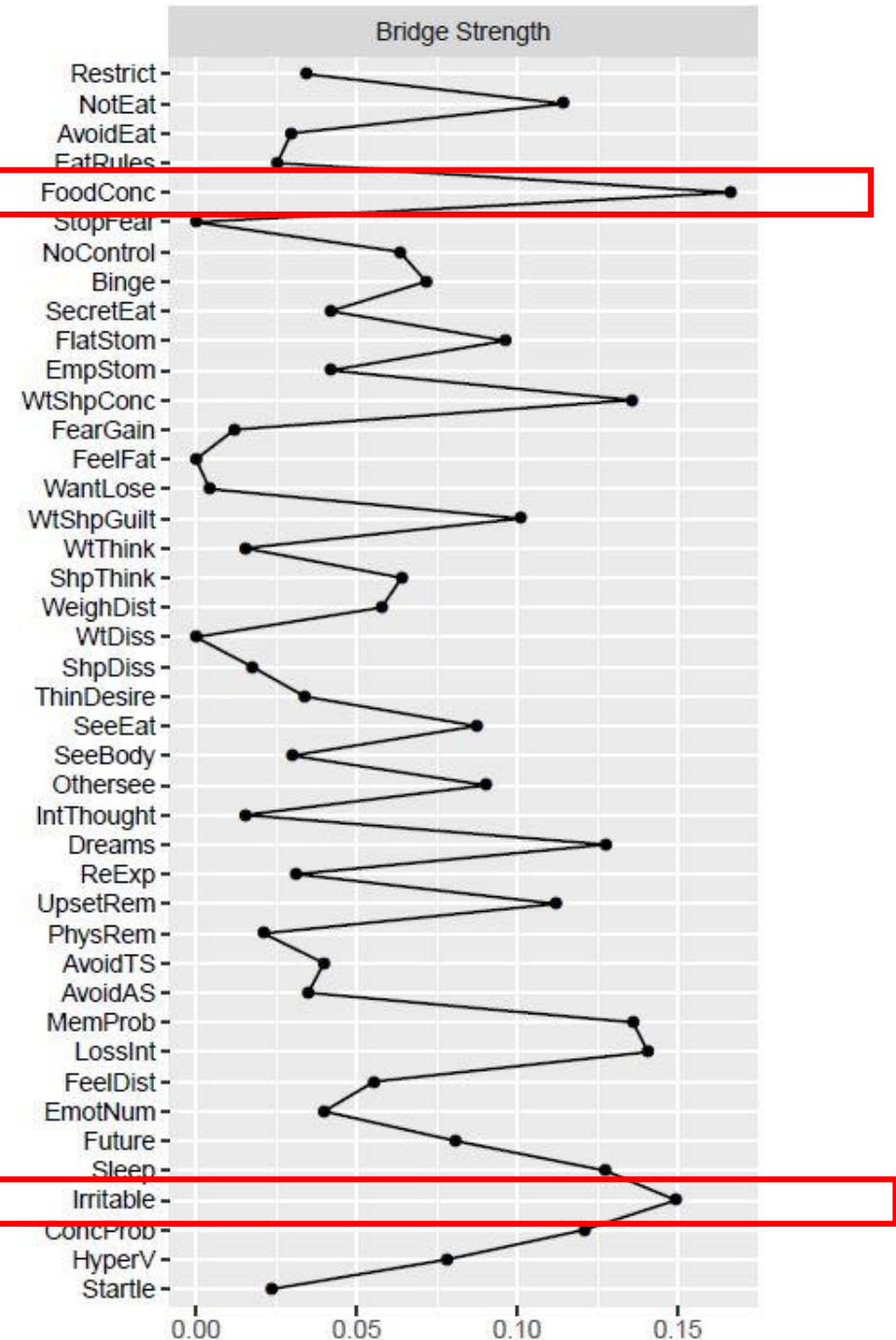
Interpreting Results



Bridge Strength

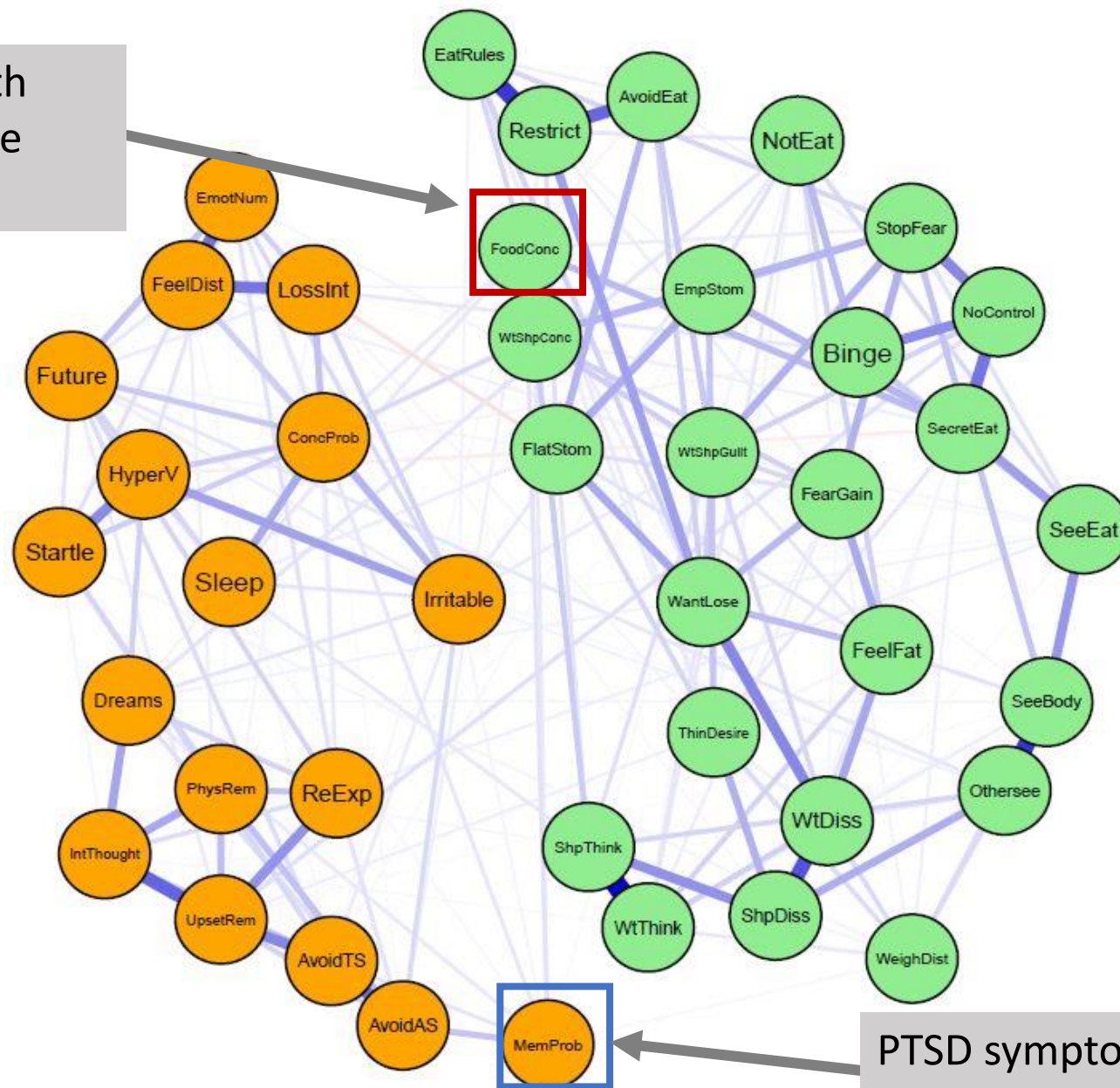
- 1) Identify symptom with the highest bridge centrality
- 2) Use partial correlation matrix to identify which symptom in the other community it is most strongly connected to
- 3) Repeat for symptoms with second highest centrality

Difficulty concentrating (ED) most strongly connected to memory problems (PTSD; part $r = .07$)



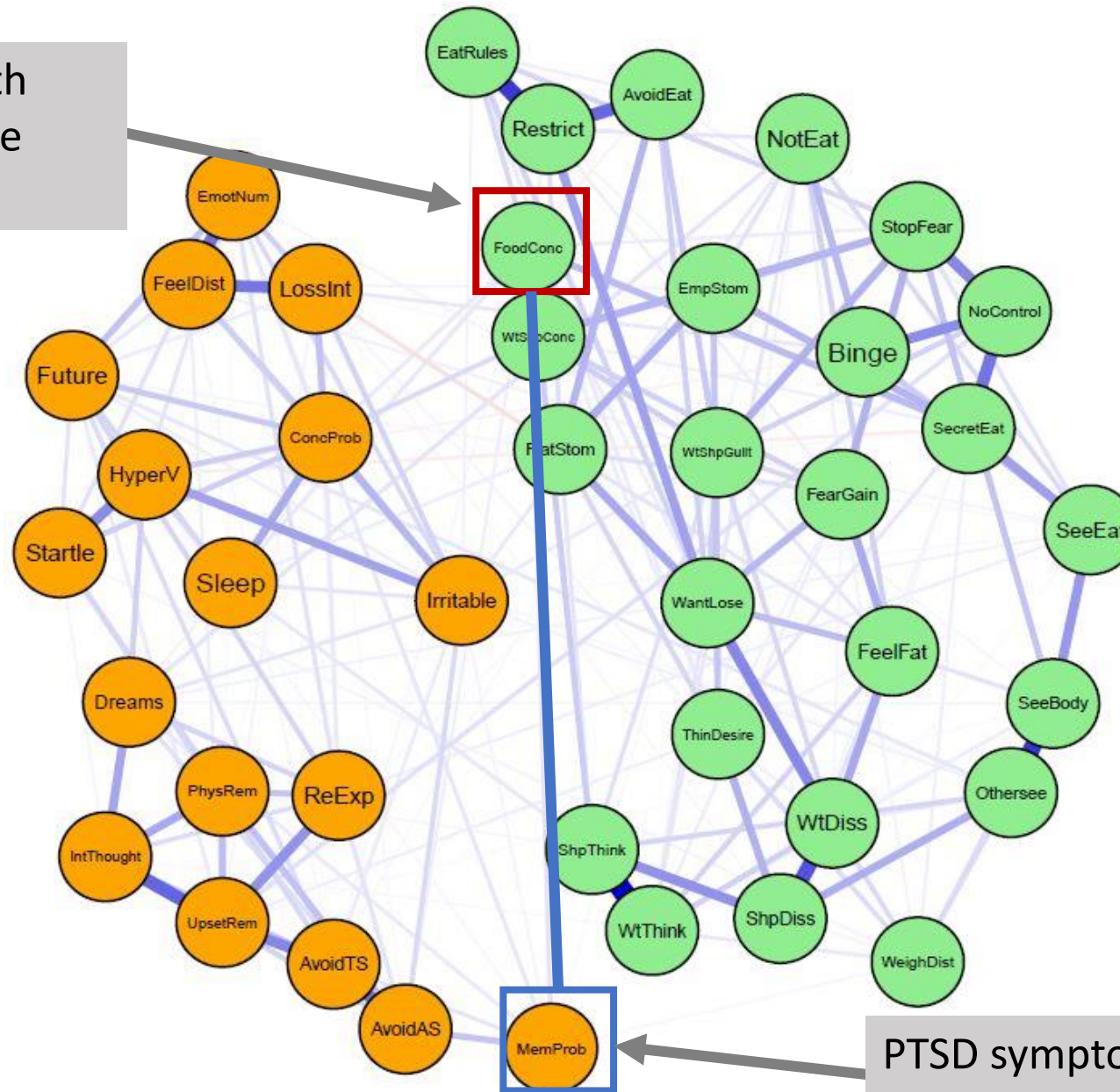
| | A | B | C | D | E | F | G |
|----|------------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| 1 | | restrict | fast | avoidfood | foodrules | concentra | losecontro |
| 2 | restrict | 0 | 0.154258 | 0.272495 | 0.251625 | 0.061362 | 0 |
| 3 | fast | 0.154258 | 0 | 0.051601 | 0 | 0 | 0.017253 |
| 4 | avoidfood | 0.272495 | 0.051601 | 0 | 0.392235 | 0.02276 | 0 |
| 5 | foodrules | 0.251625 | 0 | 0.392235 | 0 | 0.06021 | 0.064213 |
| 6 | concentra | 0.061362 | 0 | 0.02276 | 0.06021 | 0 | 0.129091 |
| 7 | losecontro | 0 | 0.017253 | 0 | 0.064213 | 0.129091 | 0 |
| 8 | binge | -0.02888 | 0 | -0.02582 | -0.05917 | 0 | 0.188568 |
| 9 | eatsecret | 0 | 0.019884 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.103656 |
| 10 | flatstomac | 0.103356 | 0 | 0.070113 | 0.038618 | 0 | 0 |
| 11 | emptystor | 0.140415 | 0.232303 | 0 | 0.056884 | 0.021821 | 0 |
| 12 | concentra | 0 | 0 | 0.037542 | 0 | 0.575426 | 0.041004 |
| 13 | feargain | 0.151819 | 0 | 0.063171 | 0.004237 | 0 | 0.165792 |
| 14 | feelfat | 0 | 0 | 0 | -0.03086 | 0 | 0.055409 |
| 15 | desirelose | 0 | 0.031579 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Symptom with
highest bridge
strength

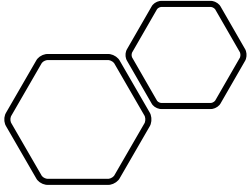


PTSD symptom its most
strongly connected to

Symptom with
highest bridge
strength



PTSD symptom its most
strongly connected to



Network Comparison Test

NCT

1. Are the edges between the same nodes different?
2. If yes, which edges are different?
3. Are sums of all edges (global strength) different between networks?

[illegible]

#Load data

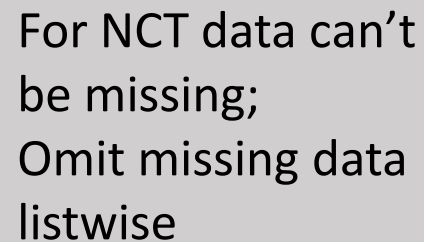
```
Irinadata1 <- read.table("C:/Users/lapab/Dropbox/EAT Lab/AED  
Webinar/clinicaldata.csv", header=TRUE, sep=";", na = "NA")
```

```
Irinadata2 <- read.table("C:/Users/lapab/Dropbox/EAT Lab/AED  
Webinar/nonclinicaldata.csv", header=TRUE, sep=";", na = "NA")
```

#Omit missing data

```
newdata1 <- na.omit(Irinadata1)
```

```
newdata2 <- na.omit(Irinadata2)
```



For NCT data can't
be missing;
Omit missing data
listwise

#Estimate networks

```
mynetwork1 <- estimateNetwork(newdata1, default="EBICglasso")
```

```
mynetwork2 <- estimateNetwork(newdata2, default="EBICglasso")
```

Can instead use datafile names;
using network objects will
capture all network settings

```
graph TD; A[Can instead use datafile names; using network objects will capture all network settings] --> B[MyNCT <- NCT(mynetwork1, mynetwork2, it=1000, weighted = TRUE, test.edges = FALSE, edges='ALL')]; B --> C[summary(MyNCT)]; C --> D[Display results]; E[Number of iterations; 1000 is best] --> B; F[At first, set to FALSE; If Network invariance is significant, then change to TRUE to test specific edges] --> B;
```

#Run NCT

```
MyNCT <- NCT(mynetwork1, mynetwork2, it=1000, weighted = TRUE, test.edges = FALSE,  
edges='ALL')
```

#Get results

```
summary(MyNCT)
```

Number of
iterations; 1000 is
best

Display results

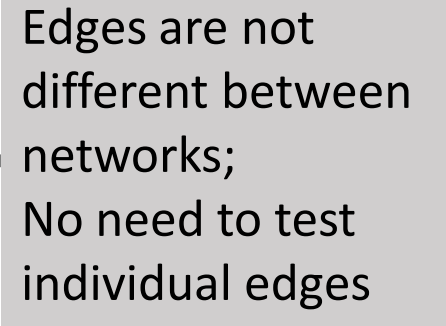
At first, set to
FALSE; If Network
invariance is
significant, then
change to TRUE to
test specific edges

Results

NETWORK INVARIANCE TEST

Test statistic M: 0.2651459

p-value 0.28



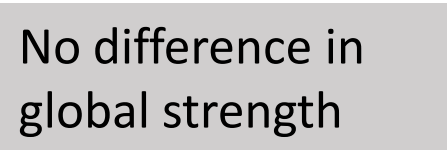
Edges are not
different between
networks;
No need to test
individual edges

GLOBAL STRENGTH INVARIANCE TEST

Global strength per group: 12.77505 12.91559

Test statistic S: 0.140536

p-value 0.94



No difference in
global strength

Results

- The network had excellent stability (edge stability coefficient = .75; strength centrality stability coefficient = .59). As seen in Figure 1, the following nodes with the highest strength centrality were identified: Desire to lose weight (strength coefficient [SC] = 1.34), trouble concentrating (SC = 1.23), and distress from seeing your body (SC = 1.09).

Other Useful Packages

Networktools

- Expected Influence: *expectedInf()*
- Bridge symptoms: *bridge()*
- Identify redundant items: *goldbricker()*

Jones, 2017

NetworkComparisonTest

- Compare 2 networks: *nct()*

van Borkulo, 2018

MGM

- Network with dichotomous and count variables: *mgm()*

Haslbeck & Waldrop, 2017

Other Useful Packages

mIVAR

- Longitudinal group-level modeling

Epskamp, Deserno, & Briggmann, 2017

graphicalVAR

- Longitudinal single-person modeling

Epskamp, 2017

psychometrics

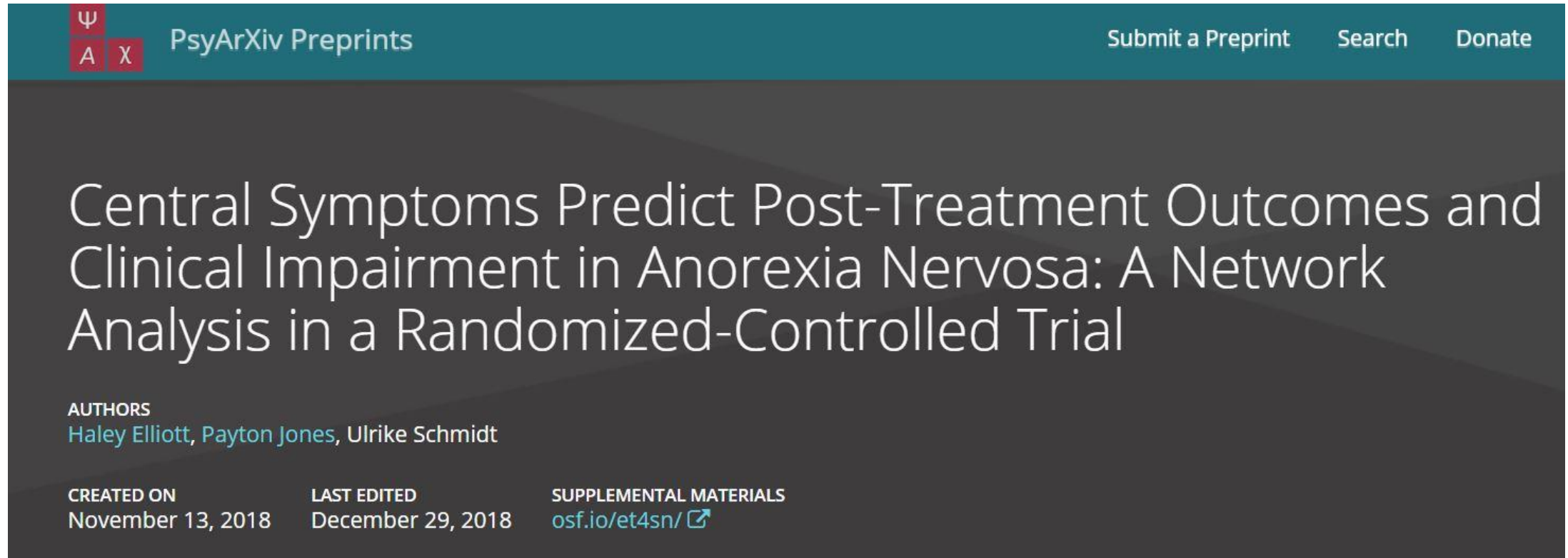
- Latent network models
(combination of latent and network models)

Epskamp, 2018



What Else Can You Do?

Do Central Symptoms Predict Outcomes?

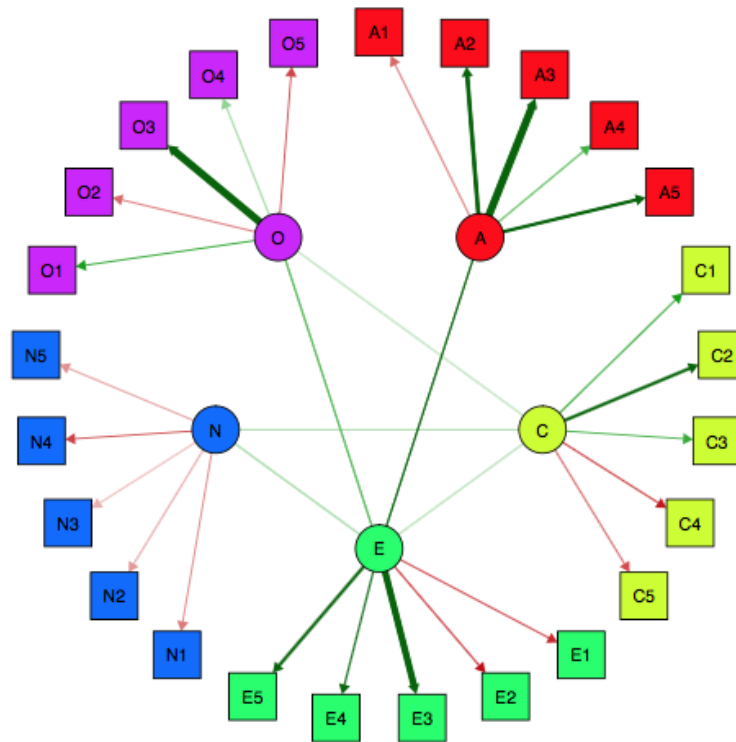
A screenshot of a PsyArXiv Preprint page. The header is teal with the PsyArXiv logo (a red square with a white Greek letter Psi, a white 'A', and a white 'X') on the left, and the text 'PsyArXiv Preprints' in white. On the right side of the header are three links: 'Submit a Preprint', 'Search', and 'Donate'. The main content area has a dark grey background. The title 'Central Symptoms Predict Post-Treatment Outcomes and Clinical Impairment in Anorexia Nervosa: A Network Analysis in a Randomized-Controlled Trial' is written in large white text. Below the title, the word 'AUTHORS' is in small white capital letters, followed by the names 'Haley Elliott, Payton Jones, Ulrike Schmidt' in white. At the bottom, there are three sections: 'CREATED ON' with the date 'November 13, 2018', 'LAST EDITED' with the date 'December 29, 2018', and 'SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS' with the link 'osf.io/et4sn/' and a blue square icon with a white arrow pointing up and to the right.

Haslbeck & Waldrop, 2018; Olatunji, Levinson, & Calebs, 2018

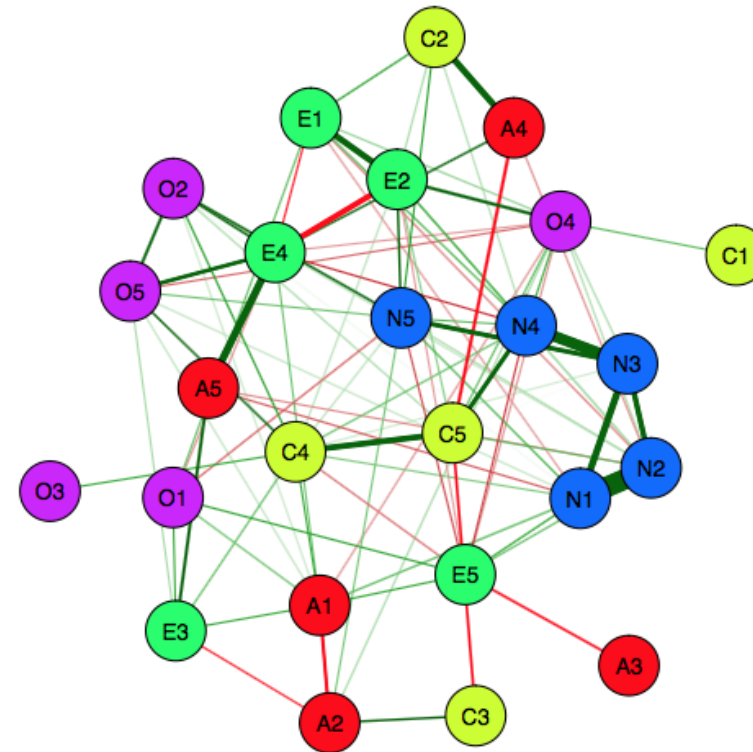
Latent Network Model

psychometrics

Factor structure & latent network

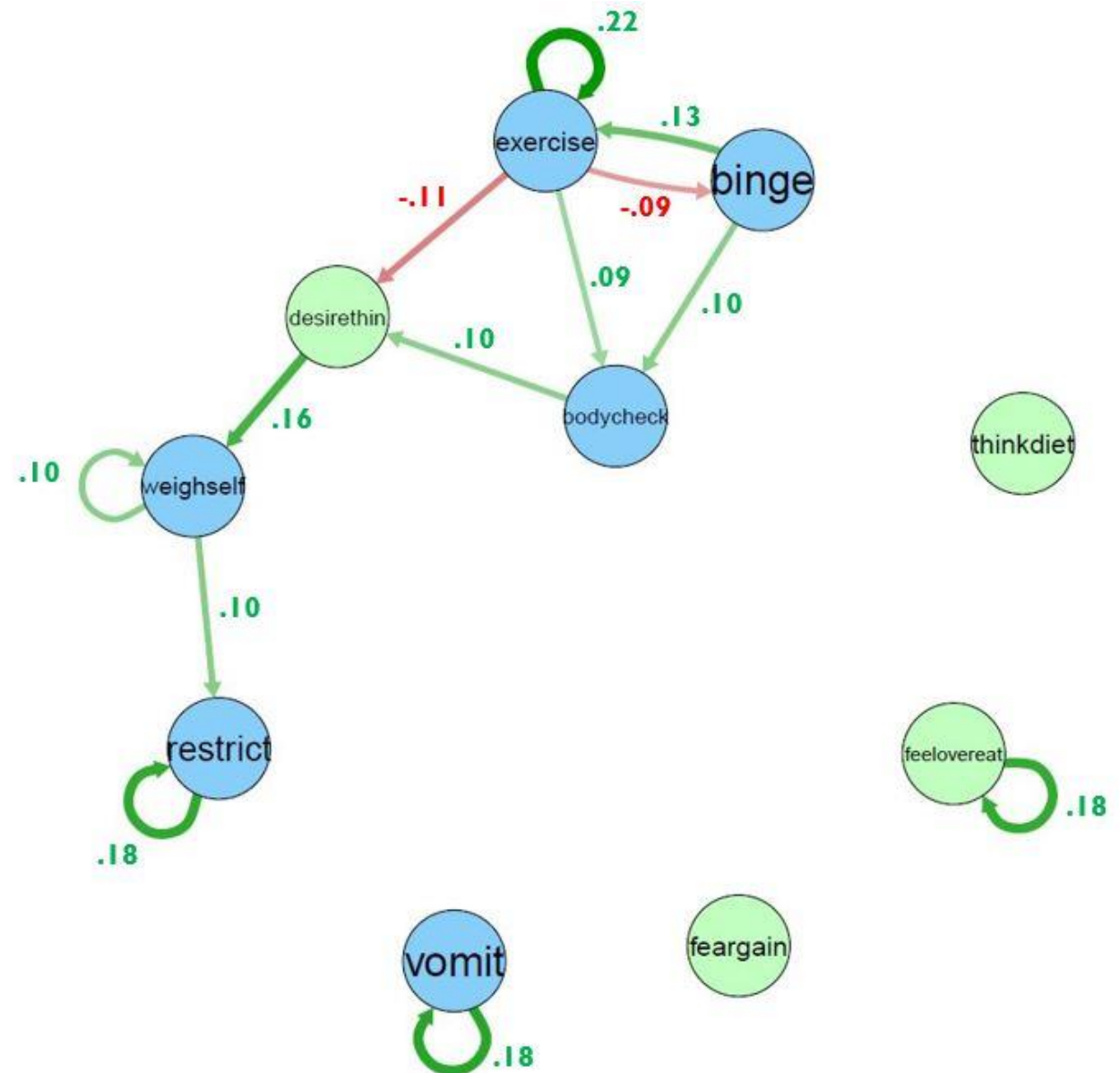


Residual network



Temporal Group Networks

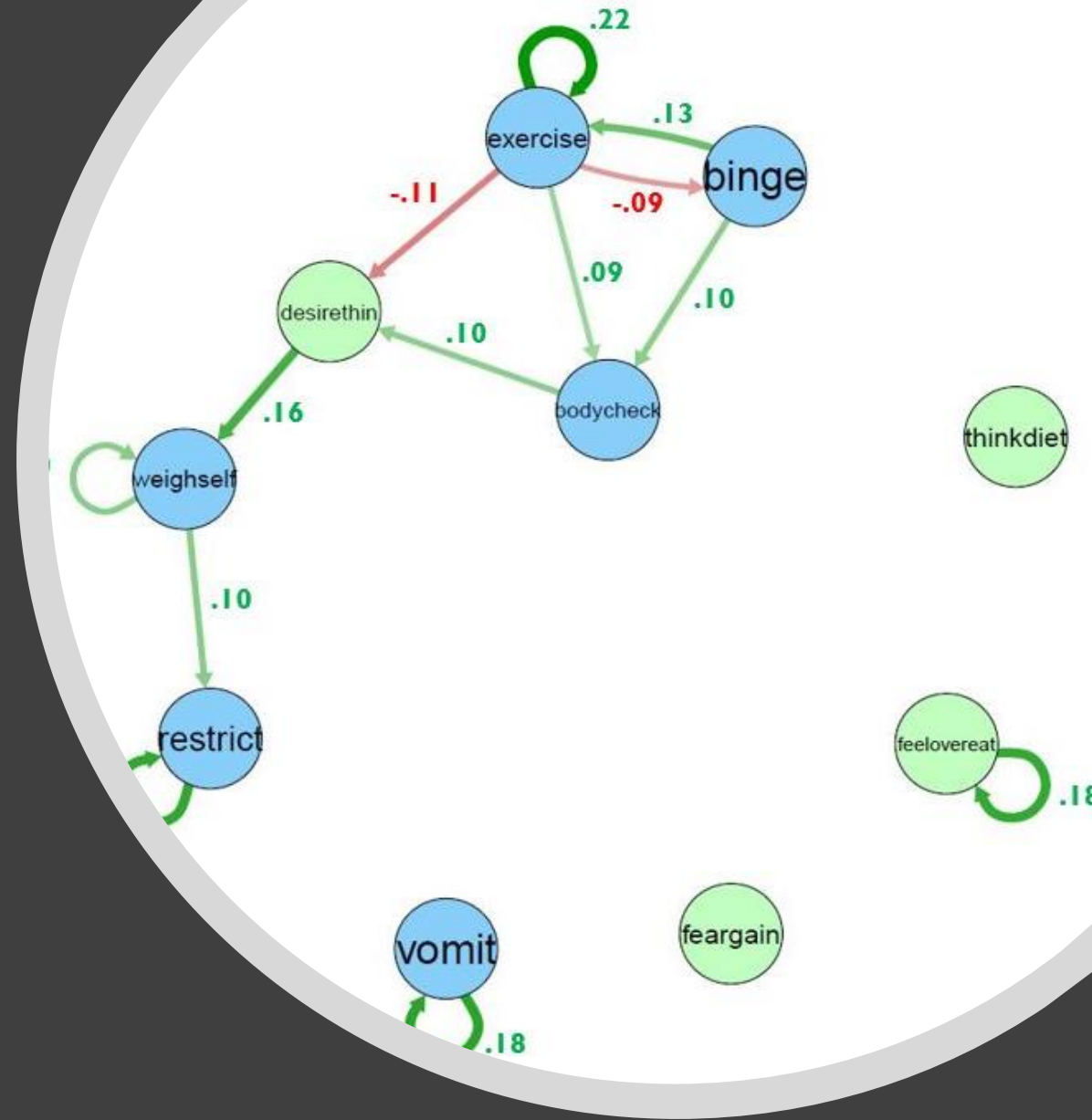
*m*IVAR



Epskamp et al., 2018

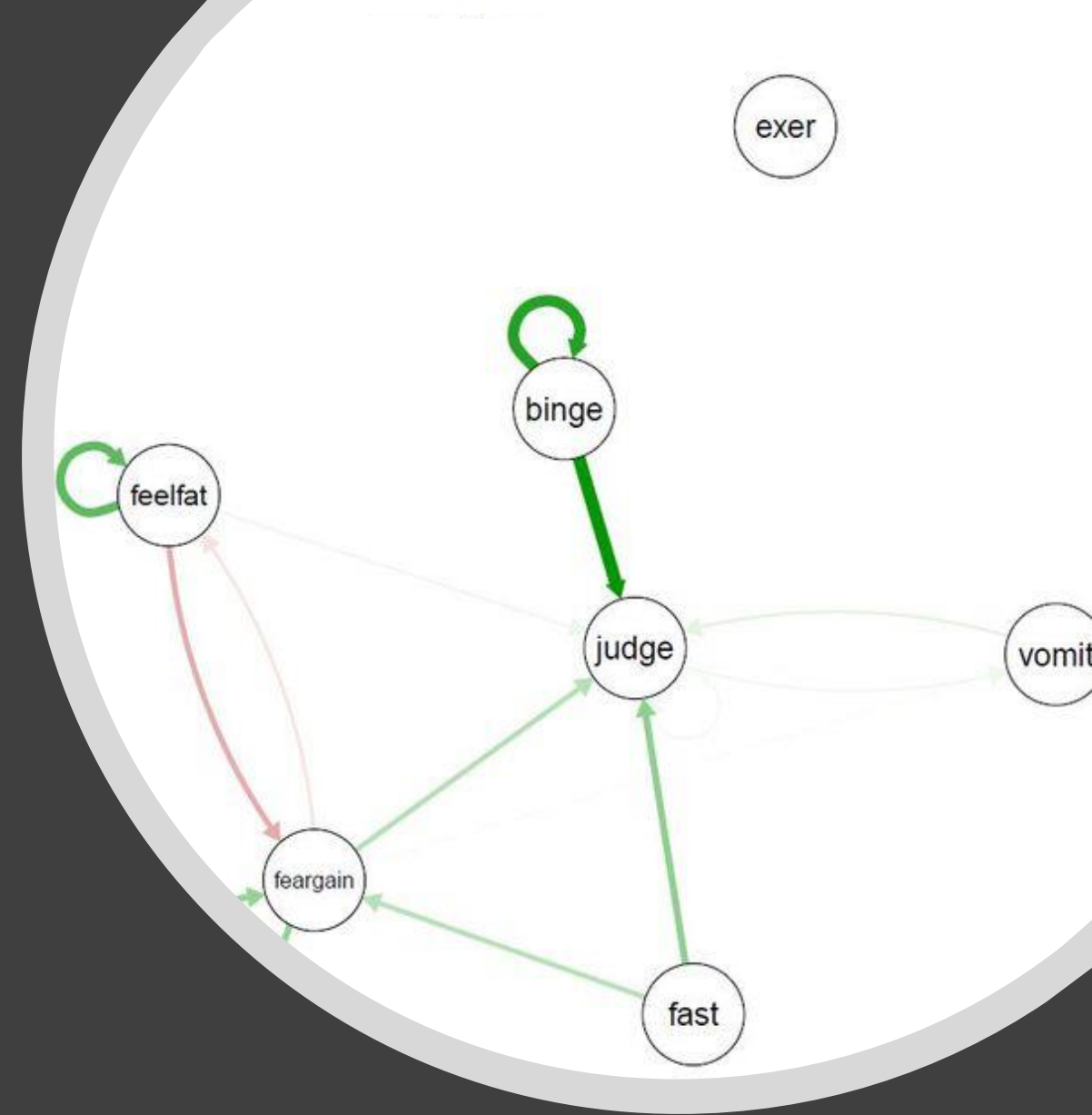
Temporal Group Networks

- How symptoms predict each other over time
- $N = 62$
- Ecological Momentary Assessment
- 48 Observations
 - 4 per day, 12 days

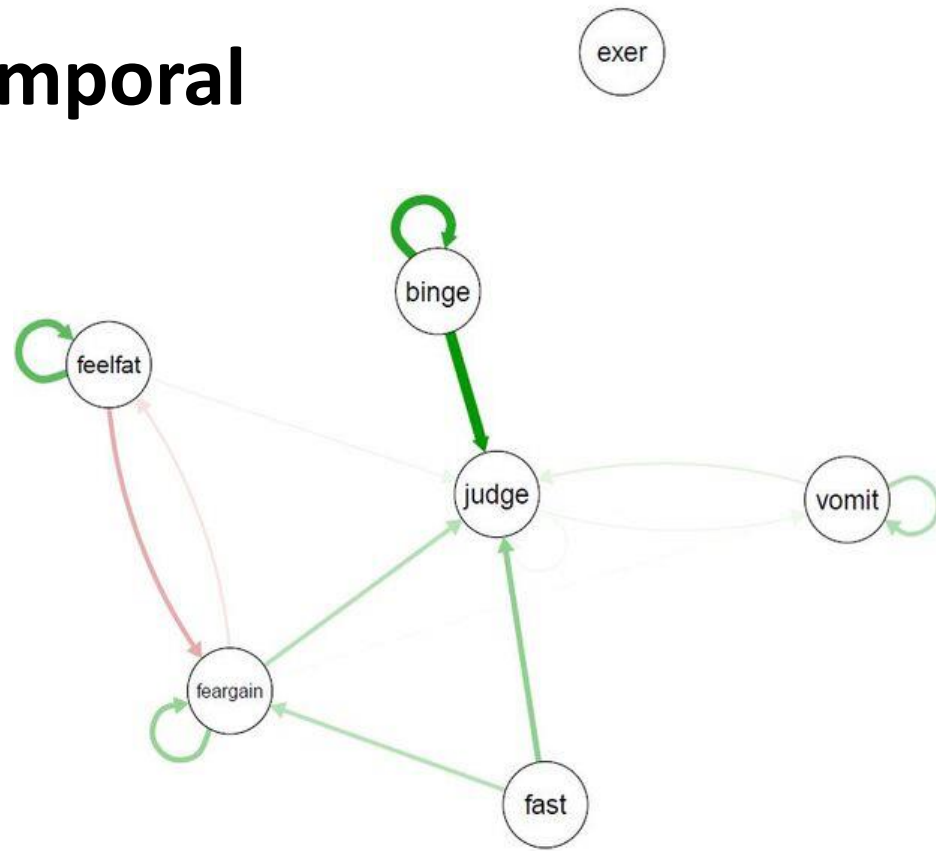


Individual Networks

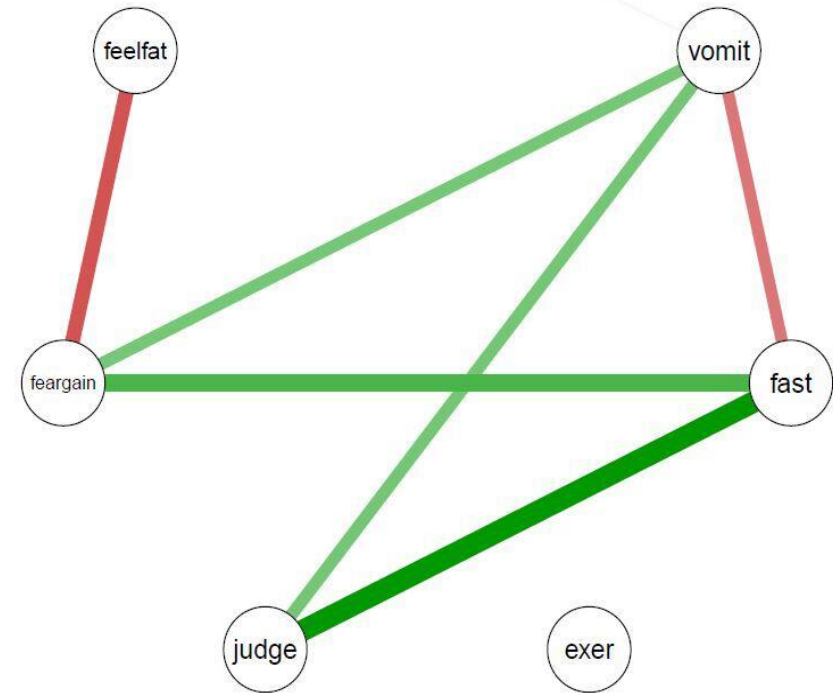
- $N = 1$
- Ecological Momentary Assessment data
- 48 observations (4 times per day for 12 days)
- Individualized treatment!



Temporal



Contemporaneous



Individual Networks

graphicalVAR

Temporal

How symptoms predict each other over time (4 hours)

Contemporaneous

How symptoms are associated at the same time point while accounting for temporal relationships

Individual Networks

graphicalVAR

Other Uses

- Experimental manipulations
- Comparisons across treatment
- Task-based measures
- Pre-post treatment change
- Many more!

Resources: R Code

- Journal articles on network analysis
 - R code in supplemental materials
- Rdocumentation
<https://www.rdocumentation.org/>
- Cran R packages <https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/>
 - Change often!
- Developer's platform <https://github.com/>
 - Can ask code-related questions

Resources: New Developments

- Online Facebook community <https://www.facebook.com/groups/PsychologicalDynamics/?ref=bookmarks>
 - Can ask theory-related questions and stay updated on news
- Articles, blogs, presentations <https://psych-networks.com/>
- Websites of the developers <http://sachaepskamp.com/>; <https://eiko-fried.com/>
- PsychSystems Research Lab in Amsterdam <http://psychosystems.org/people>

Resources: Training

- Summer school in Amsterdam
<http://psychosystems.org/NetworkSchool>
 - 1 week
- Statistics workshops in US
<http://reifmanintrostats.blogspot.com/>
 - Few hours to a few days
- Network Analysis workshop through Curran & Bauer at UNC-Chapel Hill
<https://curranbauer.org/training/network/>
 - Five days

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