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## Estimating ERGMs with Missing Attribute Data - A Tutorial

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Estimating exponential random graph models (ERGMs) with missing data on nodal attributes (e.g., missing gender, age, ethnicity, ...) is currently not possible with the `ergm()` function of the `ergm` R-package, the most used software to estimate ERGMs. We have developed a new estimation of Bayesian ERGMs, implemented in the `bergmM()` function in the `Bergm` R-package, capable of estimating (Bayesian) ERGMs with missing nodal (and missing tie) data. The algorithm also provides, if desired, multiple imputation of the attributes (and tie-variables) to be used for additional analyses. In this presentation, we will explain the algorithm, its limitations and assumptions, as well as how to use it in practice.

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