

# Networks in Early Medieval Narratives: Female Presence in Cliques

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## Research Question

How important are women in medieval narratives?

Do women appear in cliques?

## Methods

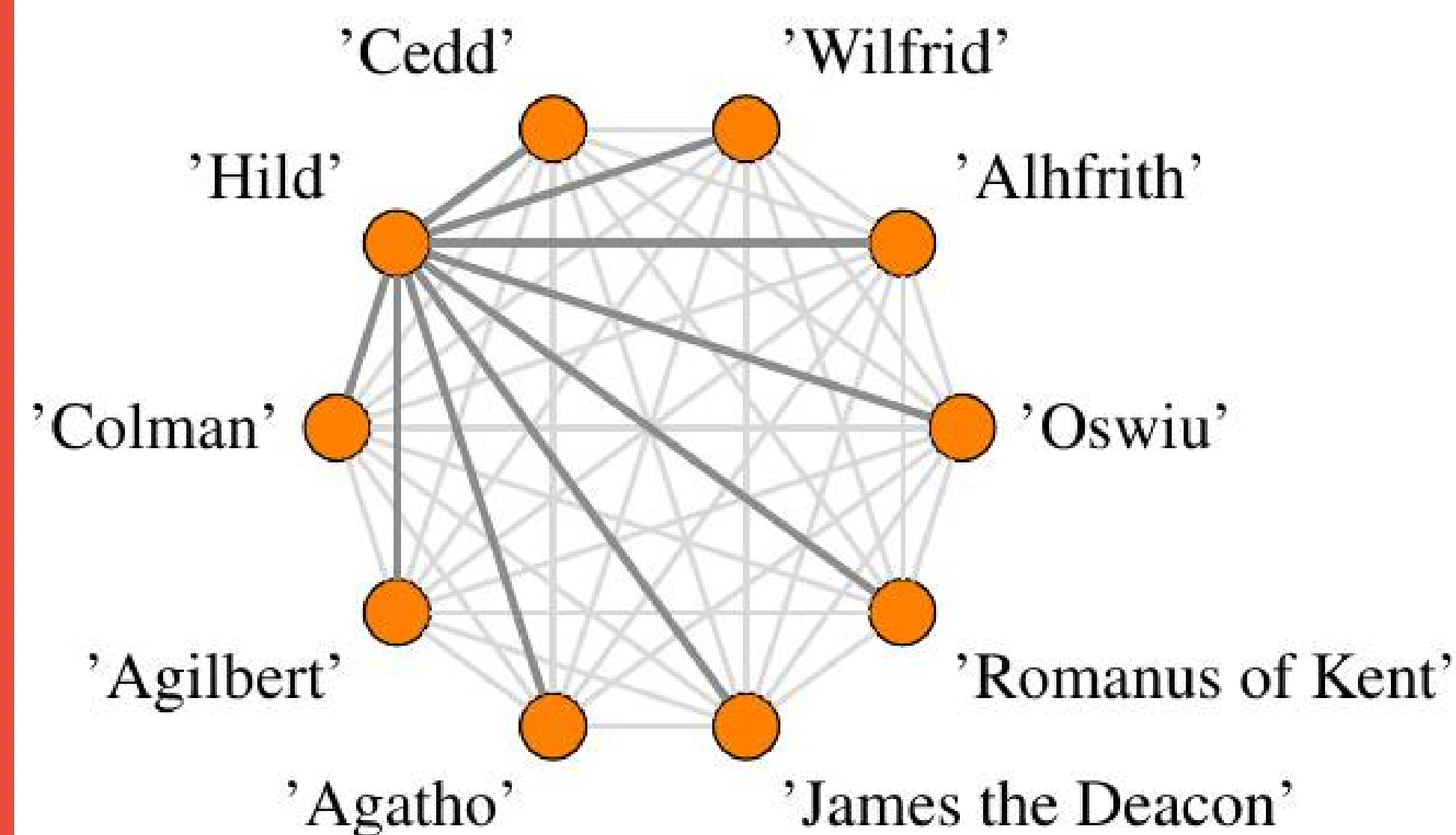
Edges represent interactions categorised as hostile, friendly, kinship, etc.

Clique is computed

## Data

### Early medieval texts

Bede's Ecclesiastical History of the English People, Eusebius' Ecclesiastical History, Stephen's Life of Wilfrid, Baudonivia's Life of Radegund, and Venantius Fortunatus' Life of Radegund



Clique in Bede's Ecclesiastical History (Hild being the female actor)

## Findings

Women make less than 20% of nodes but do appear in cliques thus stressing their roles in these narratives

Clique sizes: from 4 (Radegund) to 10 (Bede's History of...)