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# Ego networks and social geographies in Singapore

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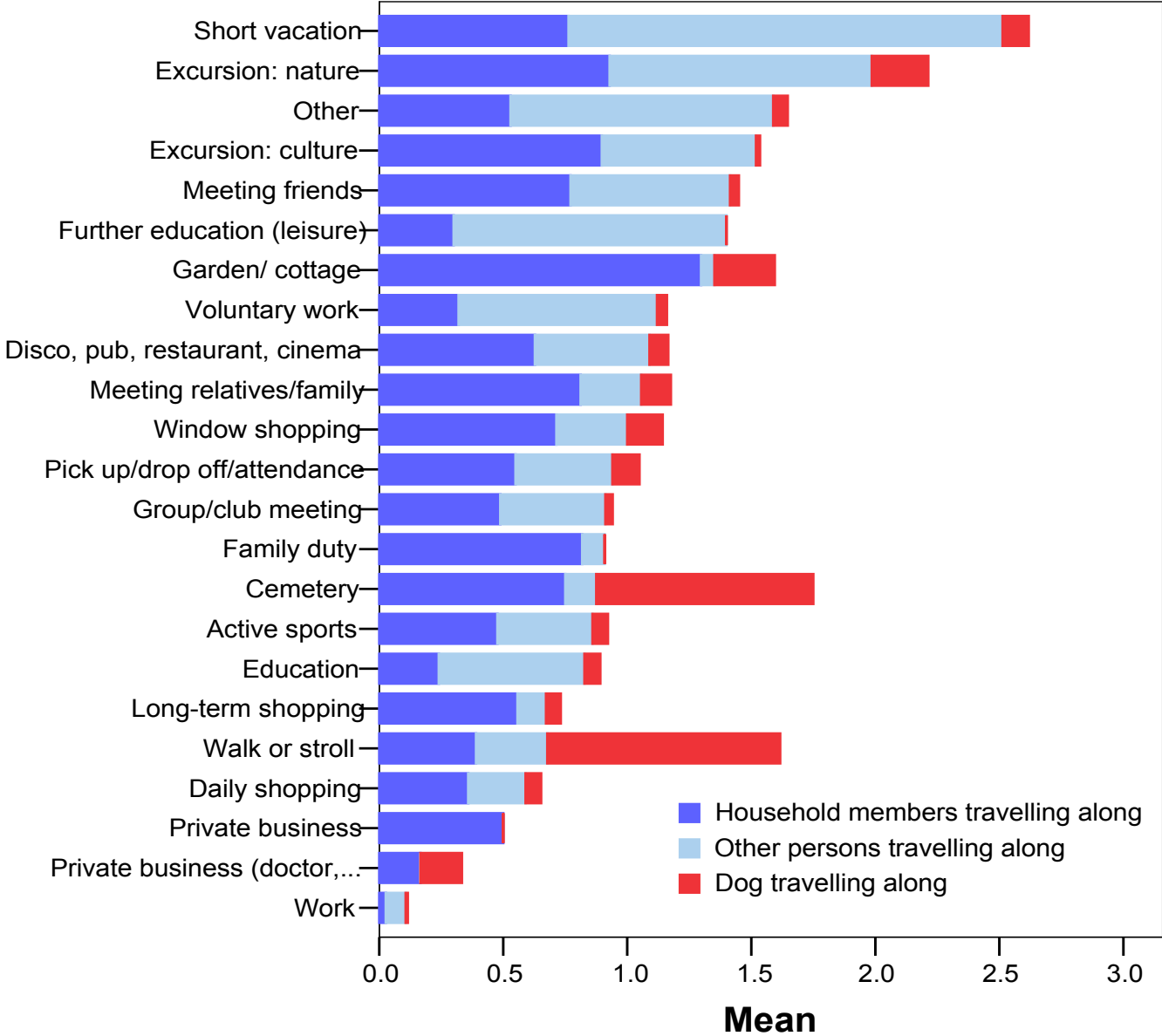
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# Why social networks in transport/spatial planning ?

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# Example: Number of accompanying travellers



## Example: Residential location choice in Kt. Zürich

Variable	Beta	t-Test
Rent/Income	-5.51	***
log(m2/head)	0.98	***
<b>Frequency weighted mean distance to friends</b>	<b>-8.16</b>	*
<b>Exponent (friends)</b>	<b>0.22</b>	**
Mean distance to work/school	-1.59	**
Exponent (distance to work)	0.37	**
Travel time to Bürkliplatz	0.02	**
log(transit accessibility) * "No car"	0.41	**
log(car accessibility) * "Car"	-0.30	**
Share of equally sized HH within 1 km	0.02	*
Population density within 1 km	0.01	**
Share of empty flats in municipality	-0.11	
N= 683, $\rho^2 = 0.2128$ ; * > 0.1; ** > 0.05; *** > 0.01		

# Travel and social networks

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# Benchmarking the current state

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- Numbers of contacts
- Distance distributions
- Geographies
- Frequency and mode of contact
  
- “Productivity”
- Levels of local anomie
- Levels of local trust
- Level of place attachment

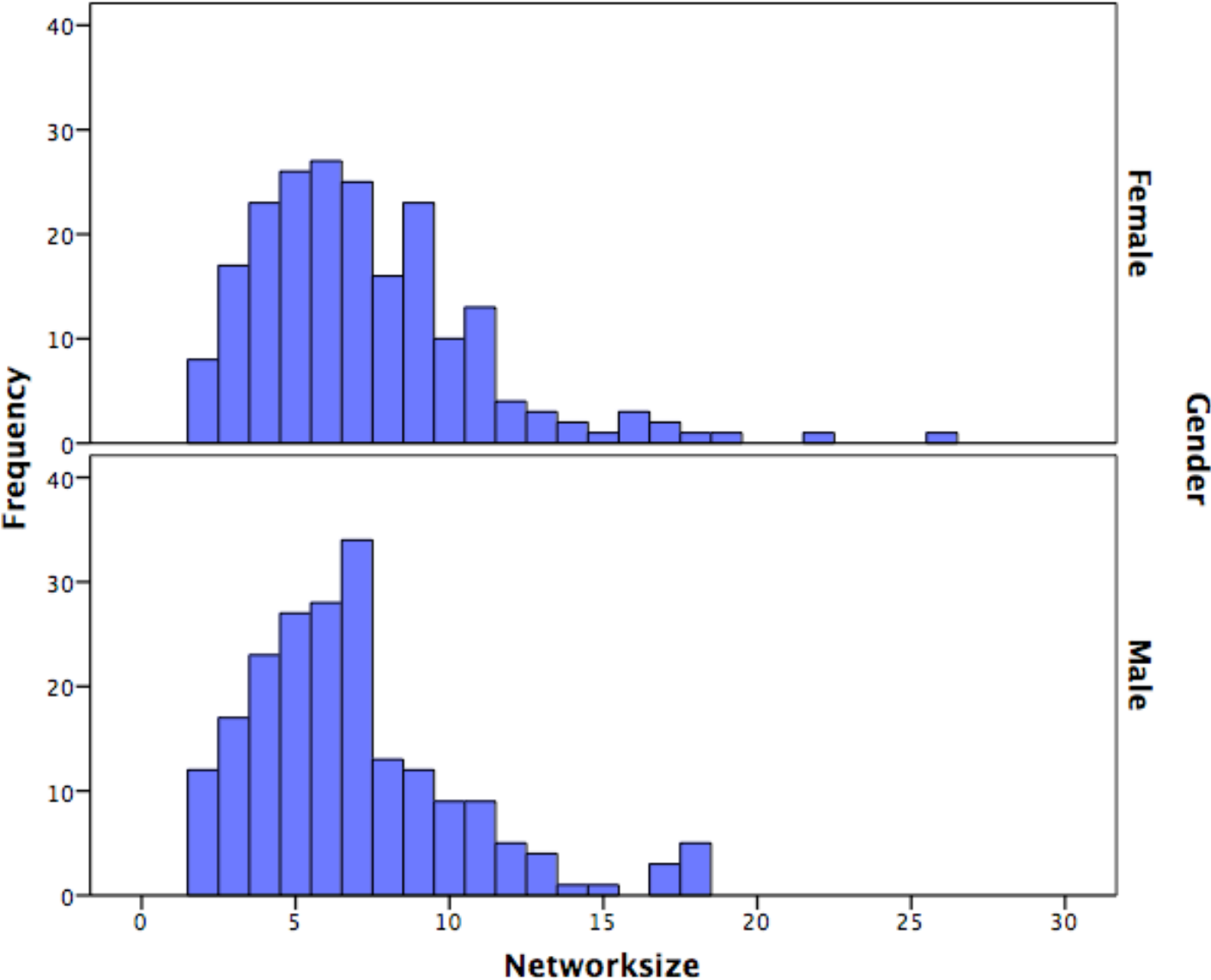
# Social network survey: Singapore

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- Tan, Chua: 410 egos (recruited by telephone, incentive offered)
- Hall-based supervised CASI on a tablet computer
- 11 different prompts for contacts
- Map-support address capture
- Residential and mobility biographies
- Emphasis on social capital questions

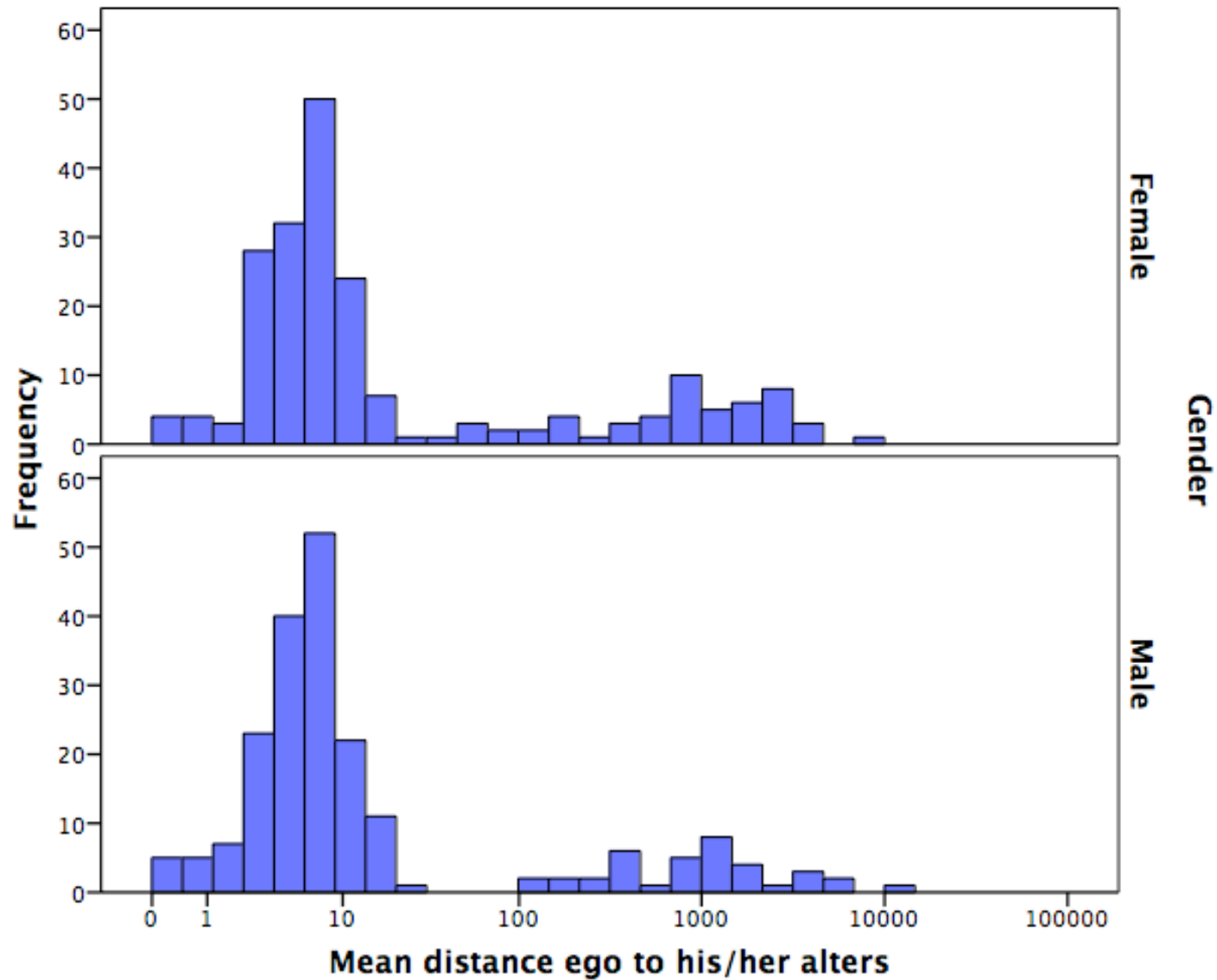


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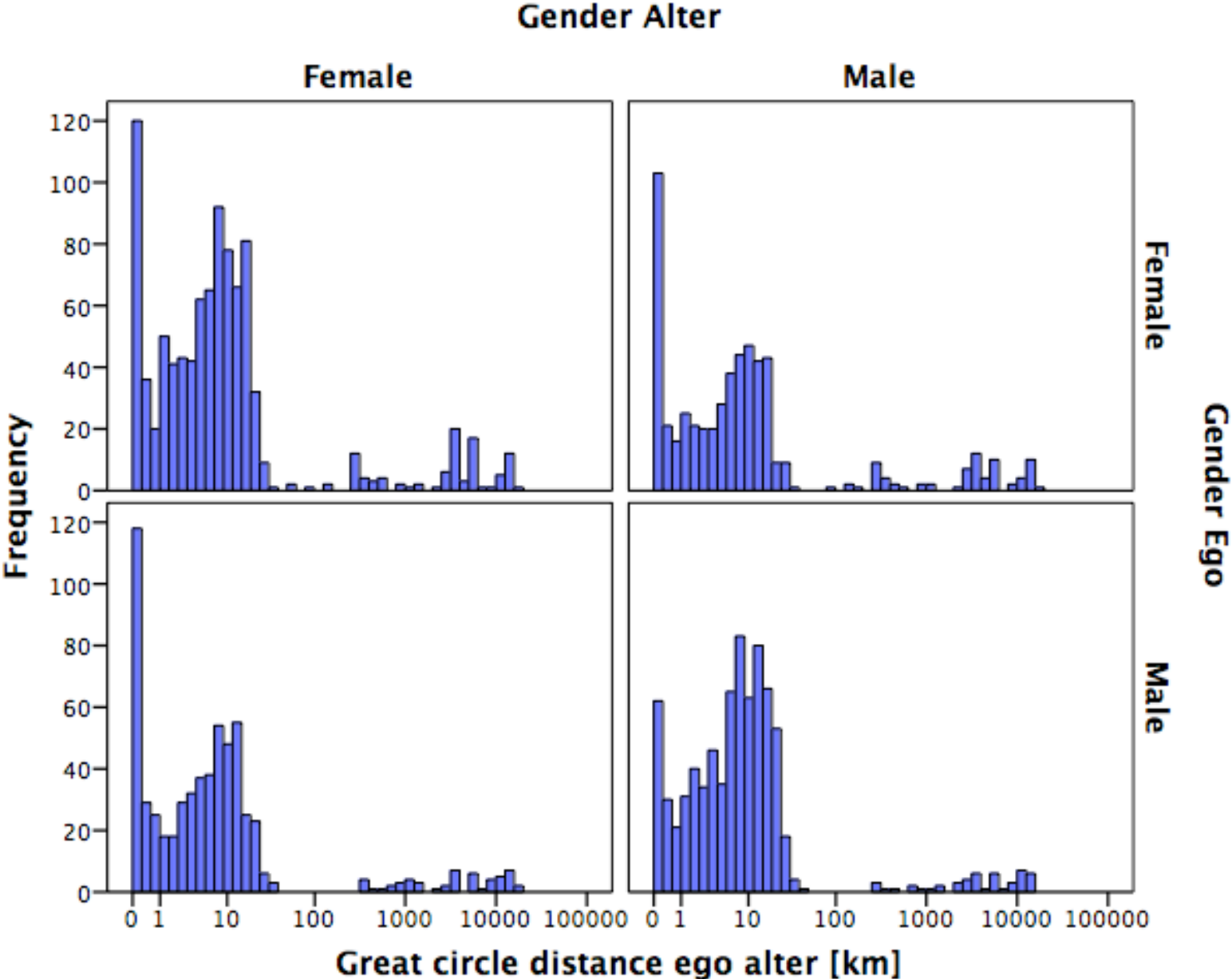


# Mean great circle distances between ego and its alters

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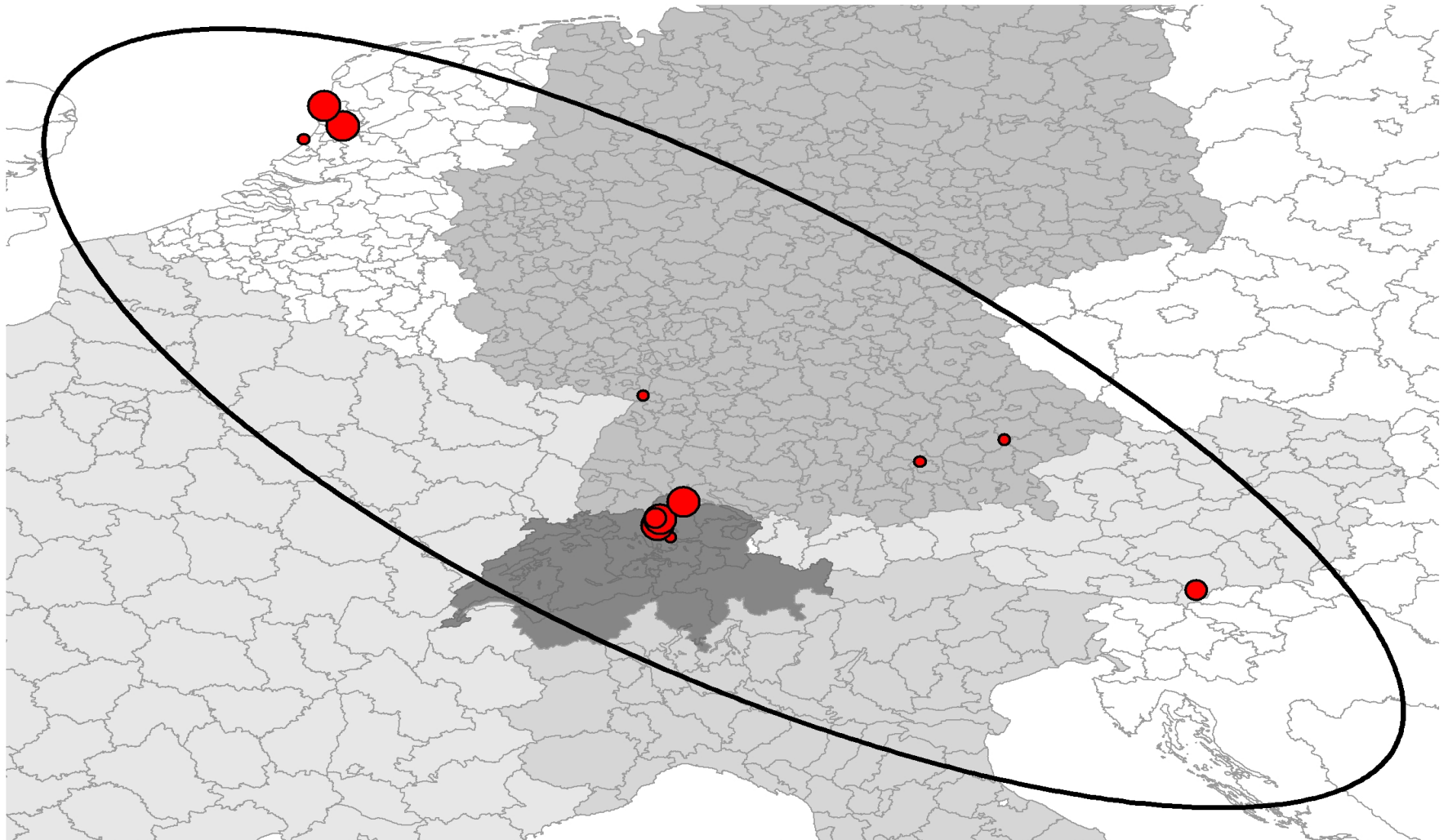
# Great circle distances between ego and alter diads

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	Median	Mean
<b>Singapore</b>	<b>6.5 km</b>	510 km
Switzerland (Snowball)	<b>8.9 km</b>	106 km.
Zurich	<b>9 km</b>	287 km.
Toronto	<b>11.2 km</b>	1036 km.
Eindhoven	<b>10 km</b>	153 km.
Concepcion	<b>4.9 km</b>	223 km.

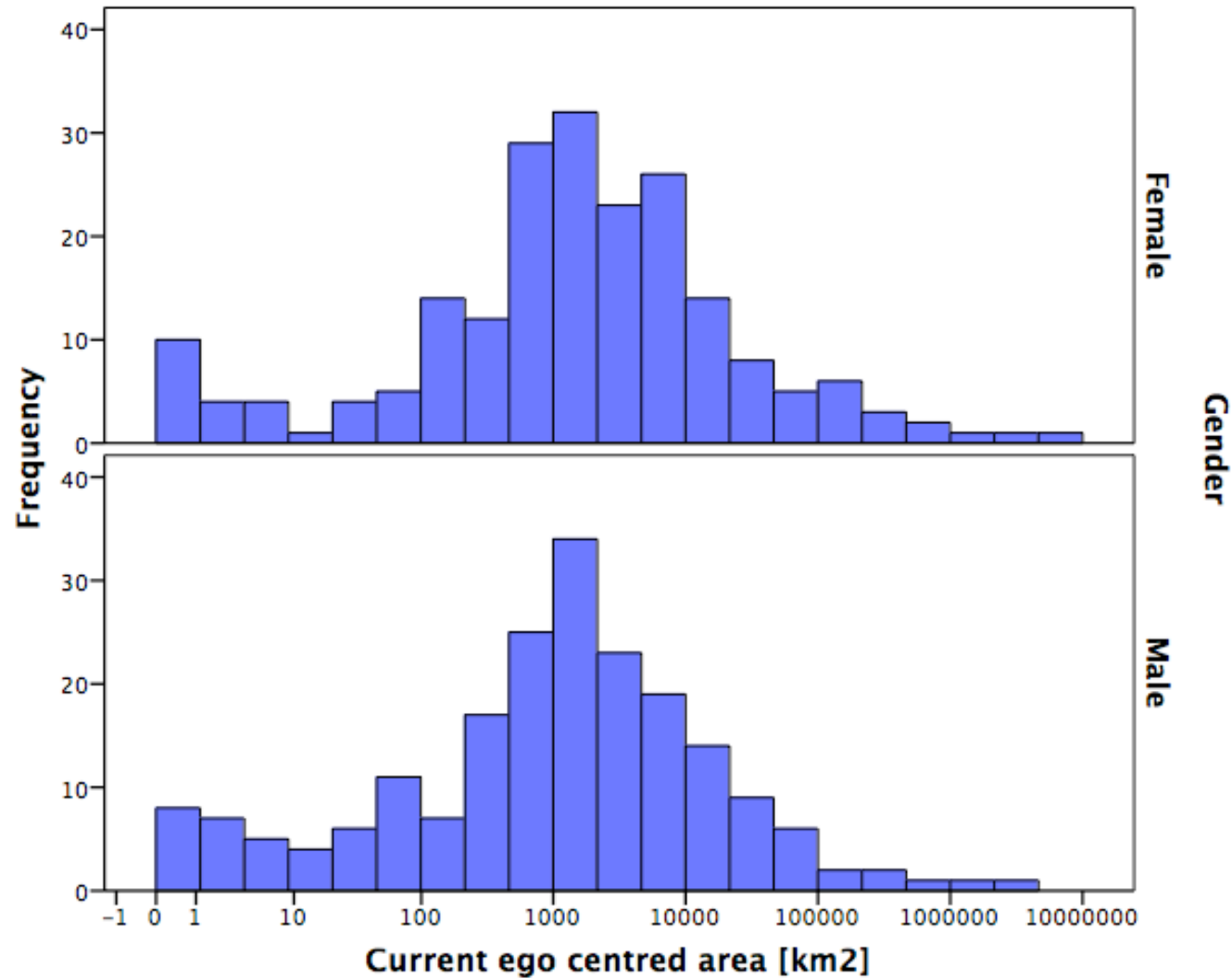
# Example of a social network geography

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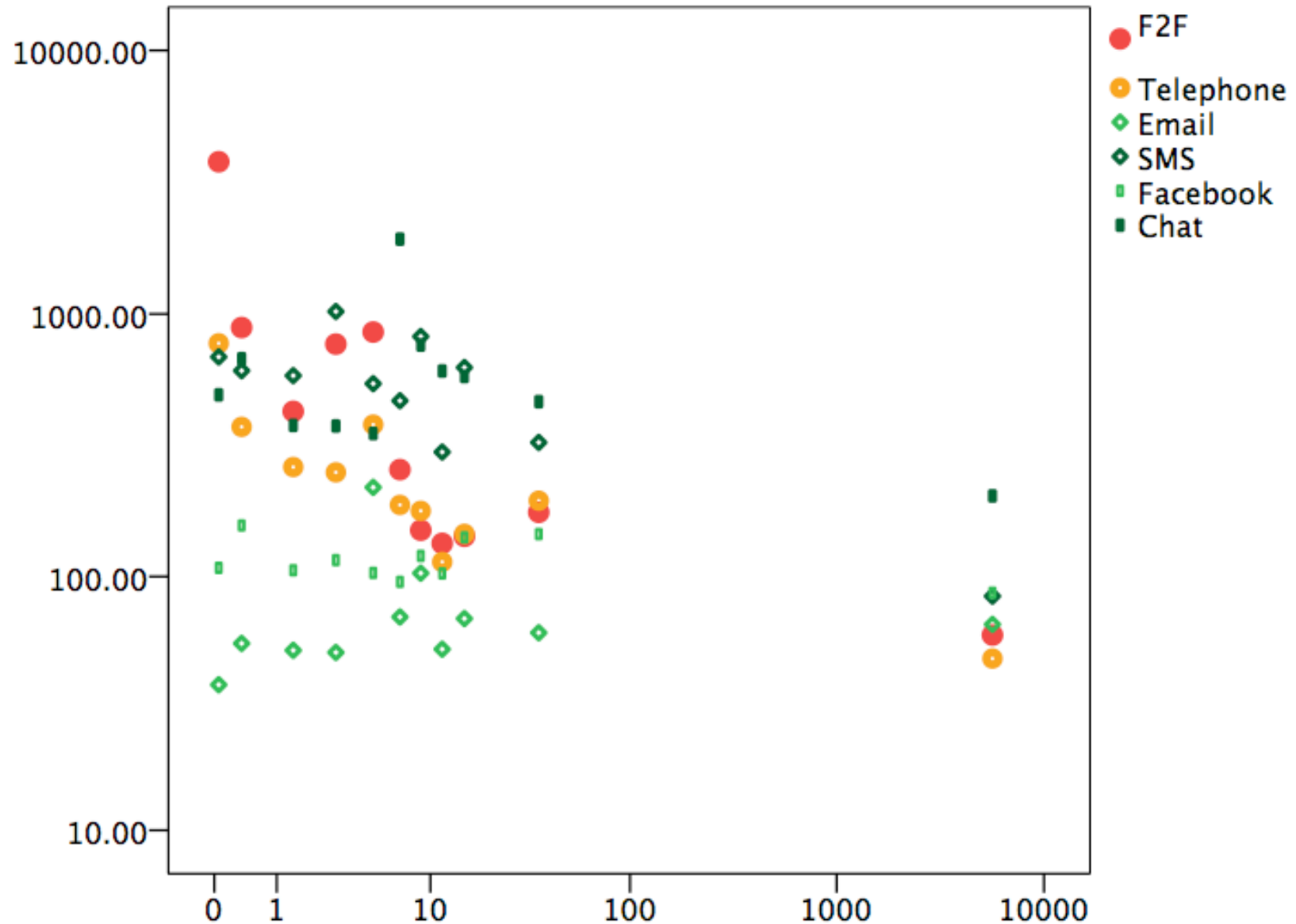


# Size of network geometries centered ego's address

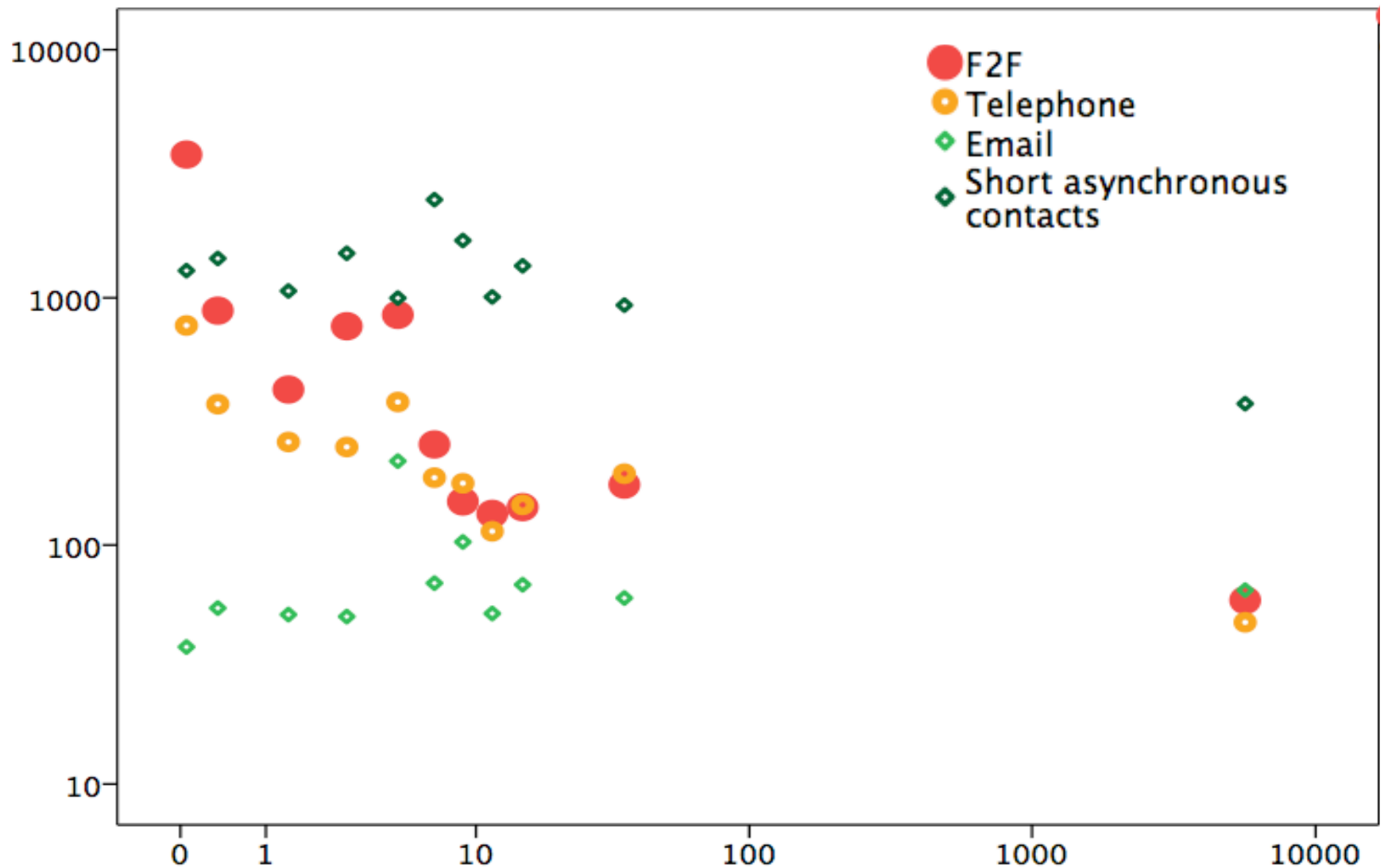
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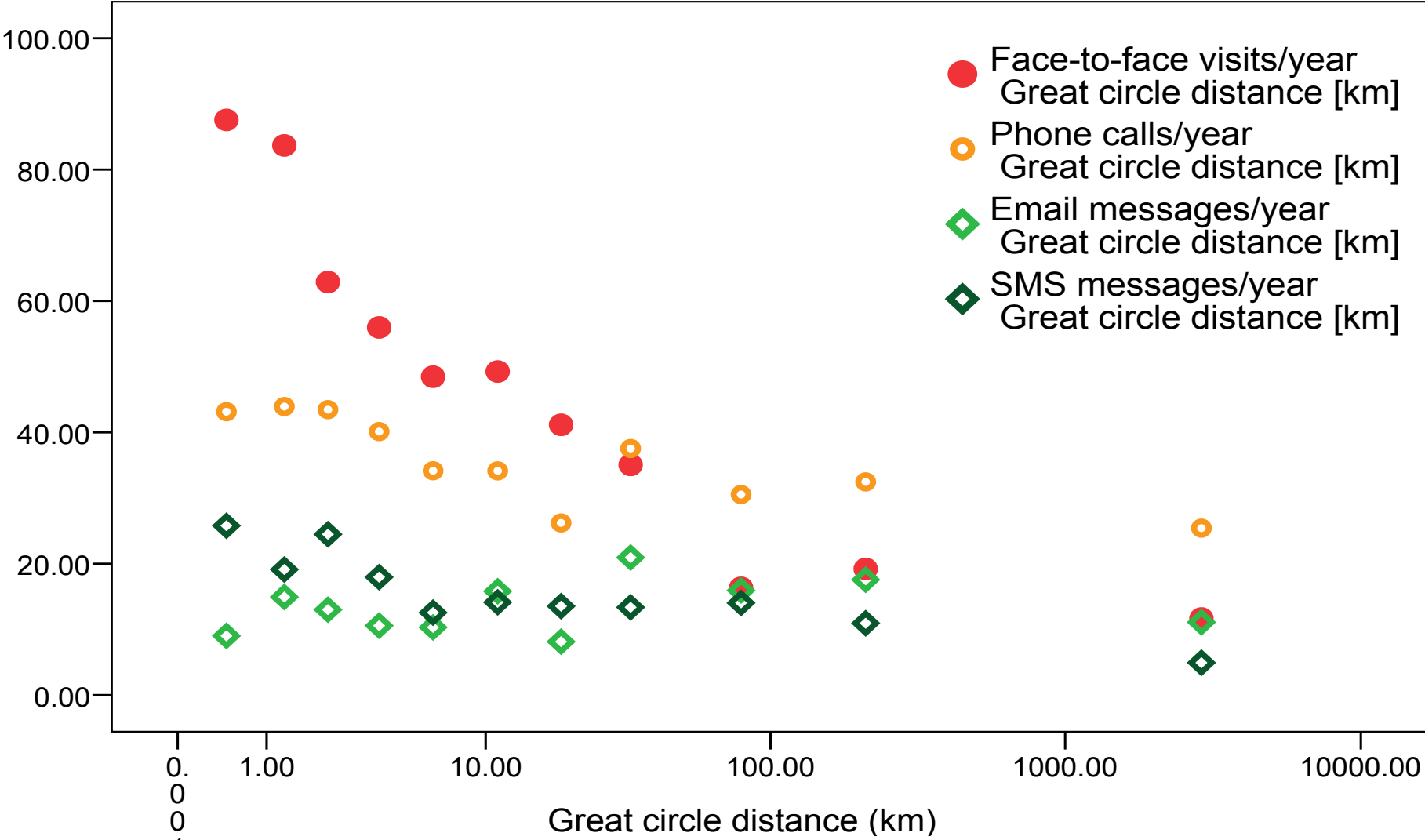


# Interactions by mode and distance between homes (SG) (2)





# Interactions by mode and distance between homes (CH)



# A first model: Size of social geography

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## A first model: Size of social geography (1)

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<i>Personal attributes</i>	Current ego area (logged)	Historical ego area (logged)	Alter area (logged)
Female	0.5 <sup>*</sup>	0.21	0.3
Malay	0.32	0.04	0.92 <sup>*</sup>
Indian	0.44	-0.22	0.81 <sup>*</sup>
Others	0.76	0.14	1.31
Singapore PR (versus citizen)	1.03 <sup>*</sup>	1.34 <sup>***</sup>	1.3 <sup>*</sup>
Education (in years)	-0.02	0.02	-0.08
Private housing (versus public housing)	-0.33	0.1	0.5
Monthly household earnings	0.00	0.00	0.00
Number of overseas trips in the past year	0.01	0.01	0.01
Access to a car	0.17	-0.08	0.64 <sup>*</sup>

## A first model: Size of social geography (2)

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<i>Biography</i>	Current ego area (logged)	Historical ego area (logged)	Alter area (logged)
Age (in years)	0.16*	0.12*	0.16*
Age squared	-0.00*	-0.00*	-0.00*
Number of addresses	0.08	0.17**	-0.11
Number of schools	0.02	-0.1	0.14
Number of companies	-0.01	0.02	0.02
Number of organizations	0.11	0.1	0.23*

## A first model: Size of social geography (3)

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<i>Network attributes</i>	Current ego area (logged)	Historical ego area (logged)	Alter area (logged)
Size of the network	0.12 <sup>***</sup>	.05 <sup>*</sup>	0.24 <sup>***</sup>
Proportion of non-kin in the network	1.91 <sup>***</sup>	1.83 <sup>***</sup>	2.62 <sup>***</sup>
Mean education level of the network	0.21 <sup>***</sup>	0	0.15 <sup>*</sup>
Sex diversity in the network	-0.21	0.26	0.66
Nationality diversity in the network	-0.24	.54 <sup>*</sup>	0.2
Ethnic diversity in the network	-0.21	-0.08	0.52
Constant	-5.02	-1.47	-6.79
R-squared	0.27	0.29	0.31
N	370	379	362

# Outlook

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# What needs to be done?

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- The comparison of the name generators between studies
- Placement of name generators (i.e. comparison between name interpreters during the survey and at the end of the survey)
- Factors influencing social network geographies (i.e. the influence of age, gender, nationality, residential mobility and voluntary association participation rather than network capital)
- Spatially spread social network geography rich in social capital (i.e. strong positive association between spatial distance and well-educated network members/ rich diversity of different nationality groups/ non-kin)
- Spatial Inequalities as Social Inequalities (i.e. if reaching out entails reaching resources, it follows that spatial inequality entails social inequality)

## Questions ?

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