

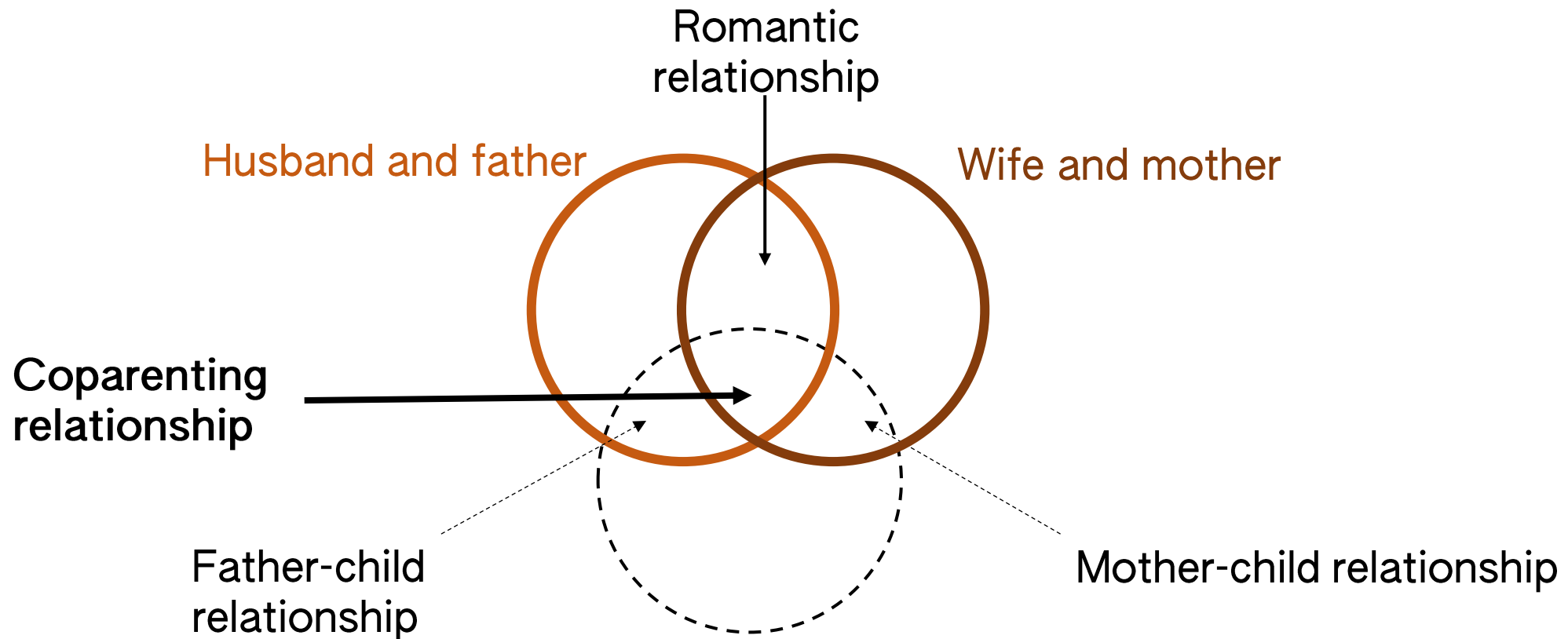


The trajectory of coparenting over
adolescent's transition out of high school:
Considering socioeconomic stressors of
coparenting

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Coparenting

Ways in which adults, jointly responsible for the care and upbringing of a child, interact with each other in their parenting roles and coordinate (or fail to) their parenting (Feinberg, 2003)



Coparenting & adolescence

- Focus on transition to parenthood and young children
- What about adolescence ?
 - Key moment - new challenges
 - More triangulation and less cooperation (Margolin et al., 2001)
 - Decrease in coparenting support (e.g., Riina & Feinberg, 2018)

➔ Coparenting through a transition period



Coparenting & stressors

- Stressors impacts negatively the coparenting quality (Feinberg, 2003)
 - Individual level
 - Family level
 - e.g., Parental stress
 - Extrafamilial level
 - e.g., Financial strain,
Stressing situations (e.g., Lucassen et al., 2021)



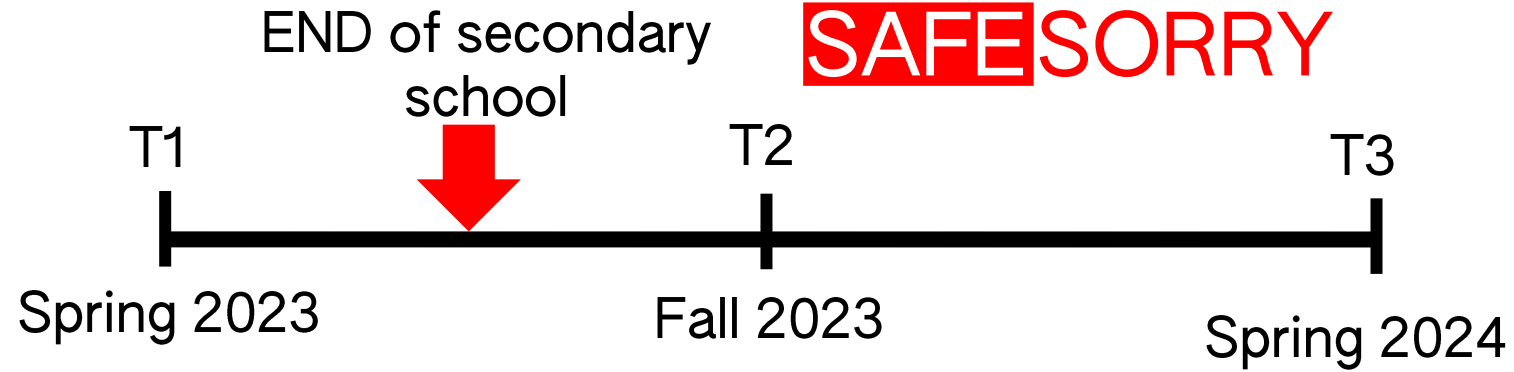
Objectives



- 1) Coparenting over a family transition
 - Coparenting support and conflict
- 2) Impact of socio-economic stressors
 - Perceived pressure to be perfect
 - Financial scarcity

Sample

Longitudinal study



N= 478 parents (60% mothers) of adolescents (56.4% girls)

49 (4.6) years old
86% working (>1/3 part-time)



51 (5.6) years old
89% working (1/10 part-time)

74% married or cohabiting (17% separated/divorced)
17,6% below poverty threshold
2 children

Measures

Coparenting

support

(Konold & Abidin, 2001; 7 items; $\alpha = 0.93-0.95$)

The other parent and I make a good team

conflict

(Stright & Bales, 2003; 6 items; $\alpha = 0.87-0.92$)

My partner competes with me for our child's attention.

Perceived pressure to be a perfect parent

(Meeussen & Van Laar, 2018; 3 items; $\alpha = 0.82-0.90$)

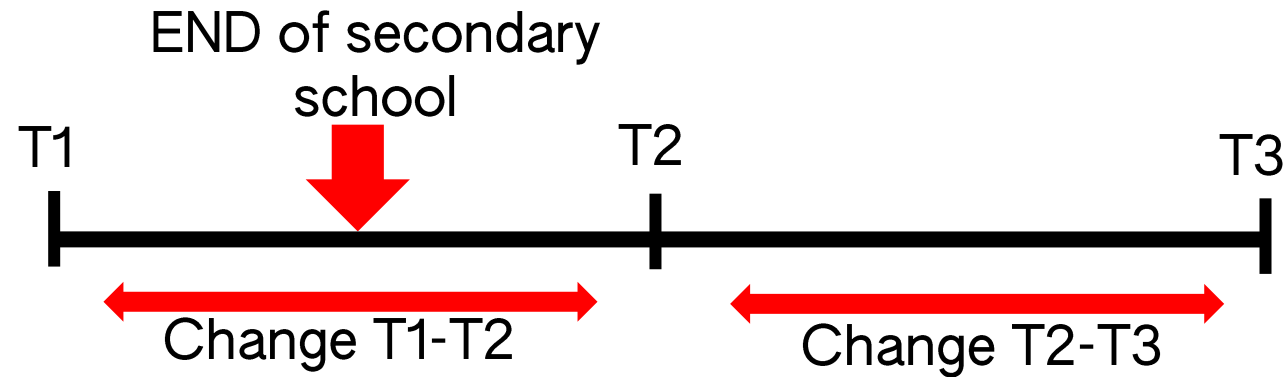
The bar to be a good parent seems placed very high.

Financial Scarcity

(Hilbert et al., 2021; 6 items; $\alpha = 0.89-0.93$)

I am often not able to pay my bills on time.

Latent Change Models



- 2 steps:

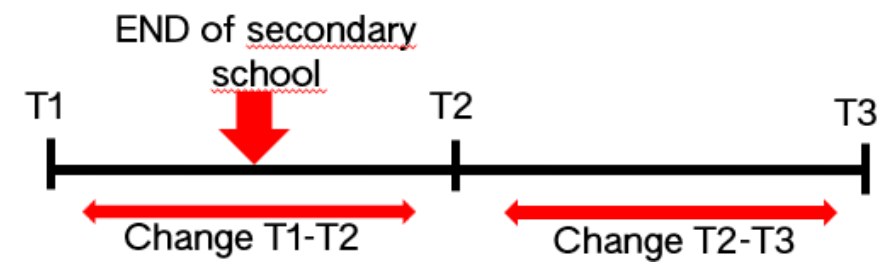
- 1) Univariate models
- 2) Multivariate models:

Coparenting support
Coparenting conflict

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Pressure to be a perfect parent
Financial scarcity

Univariate models



		Level	Change T1-T2	Change T2-T3
		Mean (SE)	Mean ¹ (SE)	Mean ¹ (SE)
Coparenting				
Support	Mothers	3.89*** (0.07)	-0.01 (0.04)	-0.09** (0.03)
	Fathers	4.21*** (0.08)	0.02 (0.05)	-0.11* (0.04)
Conflict	Mothers	1.73*** (0.05)	0.00 (0.04)	0.10** (0.04)
	Fathers	1.75*** (0.07)	-0.05 (0.05)	-0.01 (0.05)

- Coparenting worsens
- Decrease in support and increase in conflict (for mothers)
- Variances were significant for all estimates

Conclusion (1)

- **Decrease** in coparenting **support** 1 year after the transition
- For mothers also **increase** in coparenting **conflict**
- ➔ Challenge of finding a new balance within the coparenting relationship
- ➔ Potentially different views about their parental role over time





Level coparenting support

Change T1-T2 coparenting support

Change T2-T3 coparenting support

Level pressure to be perfect

Change T1-T2 pressure to be perfect

Change T2-T3 pressure to be perfect

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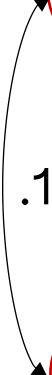
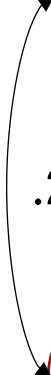
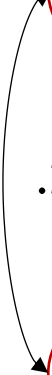
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Level coparenting conflict

Change T1-T2 coparenting conflict

Change T2-T3 coparenting conflict

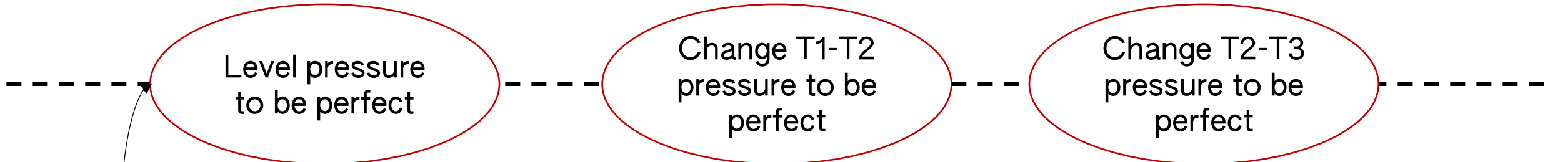




Level
coparenting
support

Change T1-T2
coparenting
support

Change T2-T3
coparenting
support



Level pressure
to be perfect

Change T1-T2
pressure to be
perfect

Change T2-T3
pressure to be
perfect

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A curved arrow starts from the 'Level coparenting conflict' node and points to the 'Level pressure to be perfect' node. The text '.24**' is placed next to the arrow.

Level
coparenting
conflict

Change T1-T2
coparenting
conflict

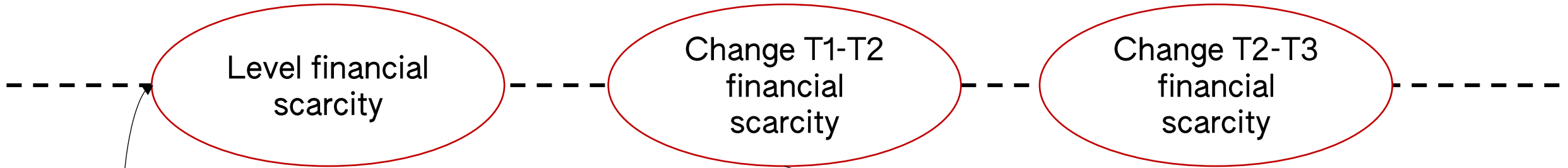
Change T2-T3
coparenting
conflict



Level
coparenting
support

Change T1-T2
coparenting
support

Change T2-T3
coparenting
support



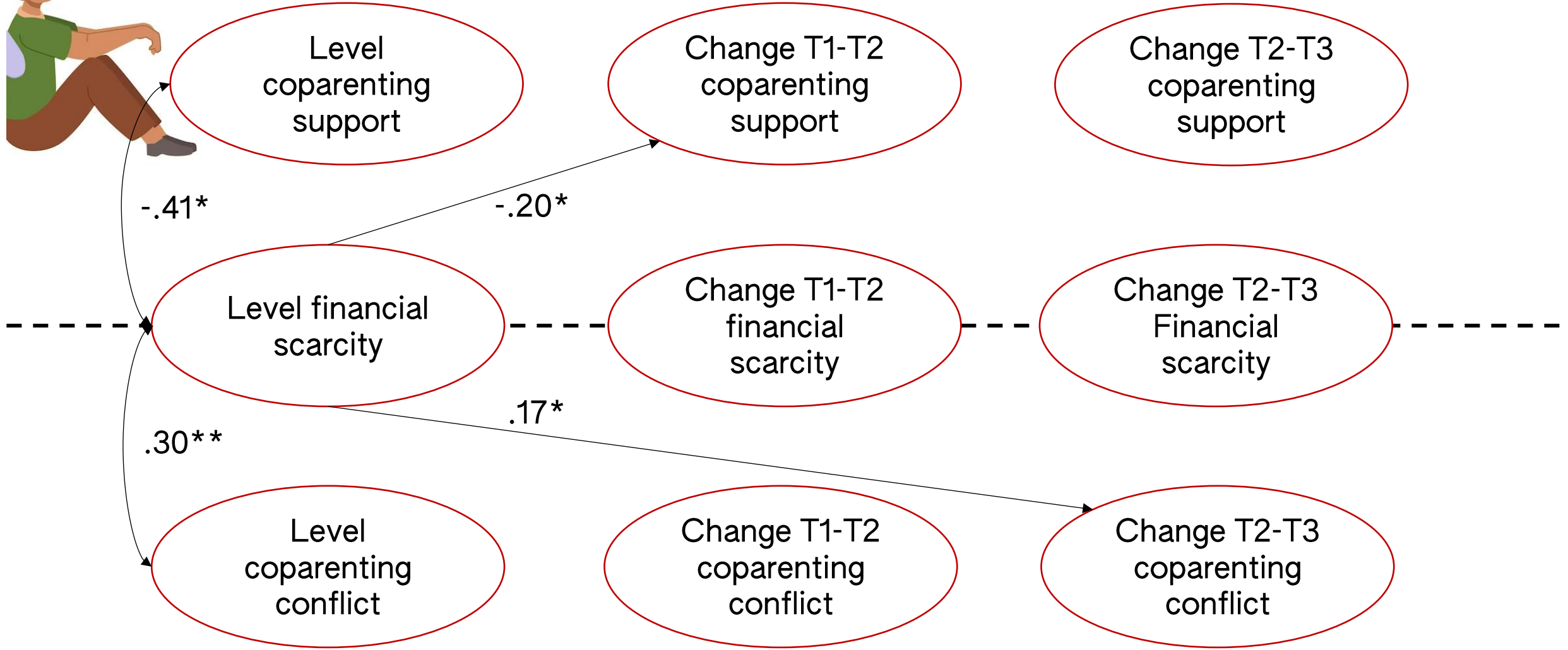
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Level
coparenting
conflict

Change T1-T2
coparenting
conflict

Change T2-T3
coparenting
conflict

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Conclusion (2)

- Complex multivariate dynamics
 - For **mothers**, **pressure to be perfect** strongly correlates with coparenting conflict over time
 - For **fathers**, **financial scarcity** predicted both support and conflict

Better understand how coparenting evolves over time

Include stressors that may explain why some families struggle more than others

Thank you for your attention!

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