

# Data-driven model learning in linear dynamic networks

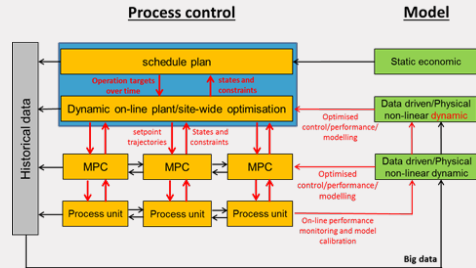
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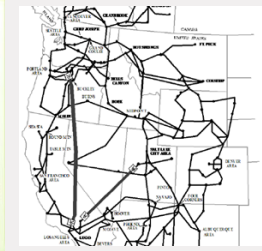
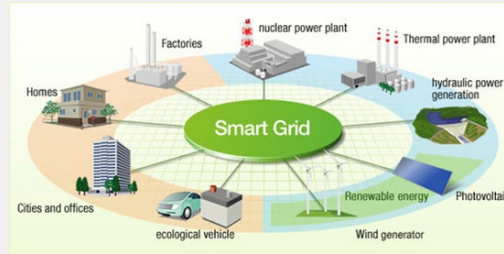
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# Introduction – dynamic networks

## Decentralized process control



## Smart power grid



Pierre et al. (2012)

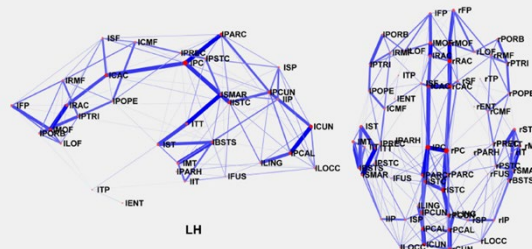


## Autonomous driving



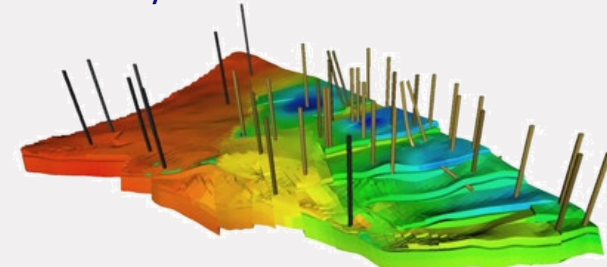
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## Brain network



P. Hagmann et al. (2008)

## Hydrocarbon reservoirs



Mansoori (2014)

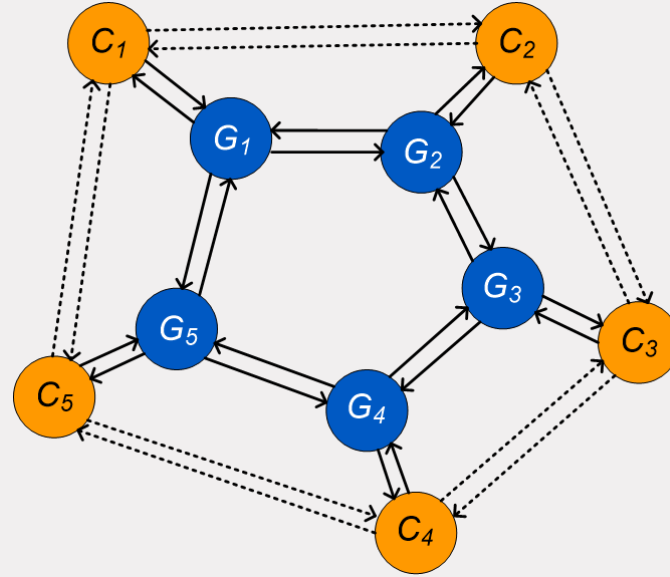
# Introduction

## Overall trend:

- (Large-scale) interconnected systems
- With hybrid dynamics
- Distributed / multi-agent type monitoring, control and optimization problems
- Data is “everywhere”, big data era
- Model-based operations require accurate/relevant models
- → **Learning models from data** (including physical insights when available)

# Introduction

Distributed / multi-agent control:

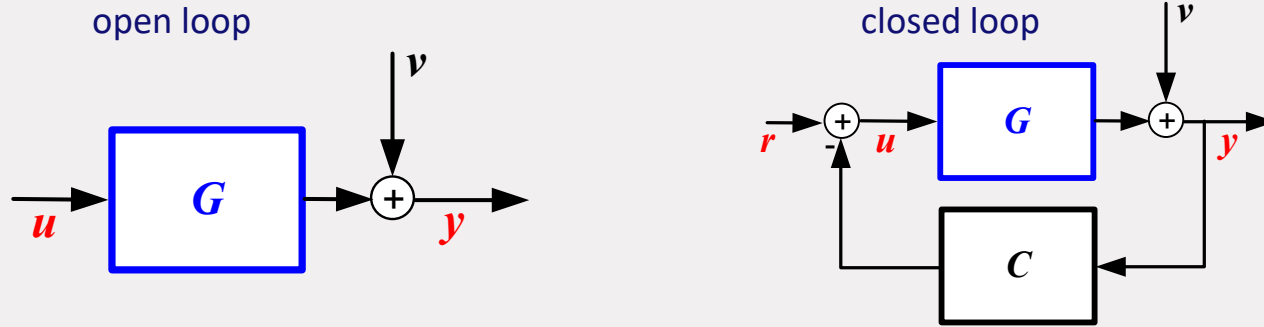


With both physical and communication links between systems  $G_i$  and controllers  $C_i$

How to address data-driven modelling problems in such a setting?

# Introduction

The classical (multivariable) identification problems<sup>[1]</sup>:



Identify a model of  $G$  on the basis of measured signals  $u, y$  (and possibly  $r$ ), focusing on *continuous LTI dynamics*.

We have to move from a simple and fixed configuration to deal with **structure** in the problem.

<sup>[1]</sup> Ljung (1999), Söderström and Stoica (1989), Pintelon and Schoukens (2012)



# Early contributors

**Topology detection:** Materassi, Innocenti, Salapaka, Yuan, Stan, Warnick, Goncalves, Sanandaji, Vincent, Wakin, Chiuso, Pillonetto  
exploring Granger causality, Bayesian networks, Wiener filters

Subspace algorithms for **spatially distributed systems** with identical modules (Fraanje, Verhaegen, Werner), or non-identical ones (Torres, van Wingerden, Verhaegen, Sarwar, Salapaka, Haber)

Here: focus on **structural aspects** in identification setups.

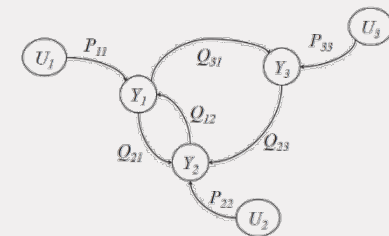
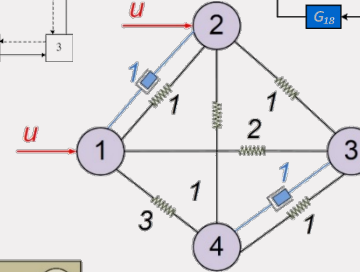
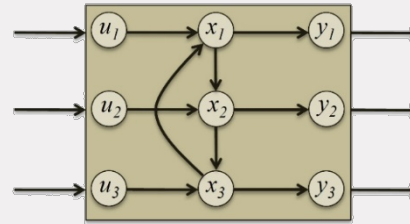
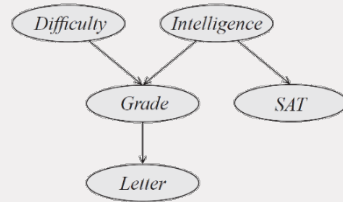
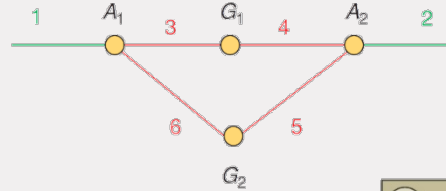
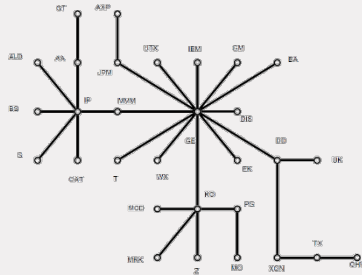
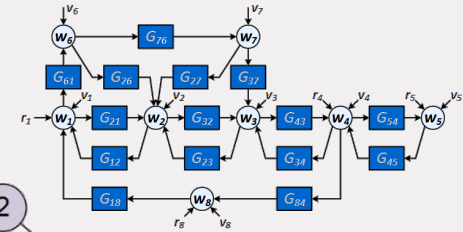
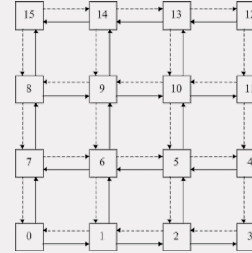
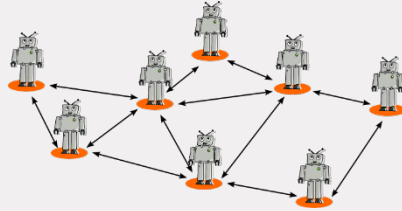
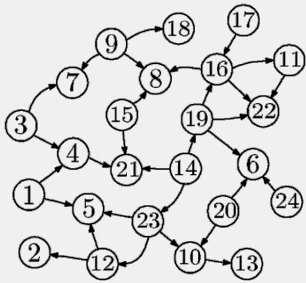
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# Dynamic networks for data-driven modeling



# Network models



D. Materassi and M.V. Salapaka (2012)

R.N. Mantegna (1999)

www.momo.cs.okayama-u.ac.jp

J.C. Willems (2007)

D. Koller and N. Friedman (2009)

E.A. Carara and F.G. Moraes (2008)

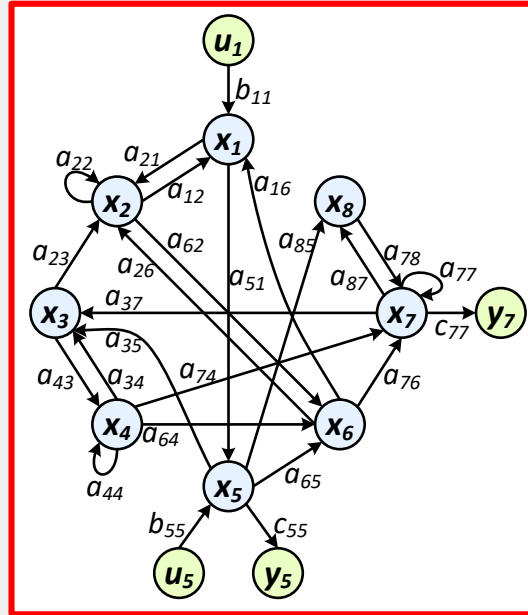
P.E. Paré et al (2013)

P.M.J. Van den Hof et al (2013)

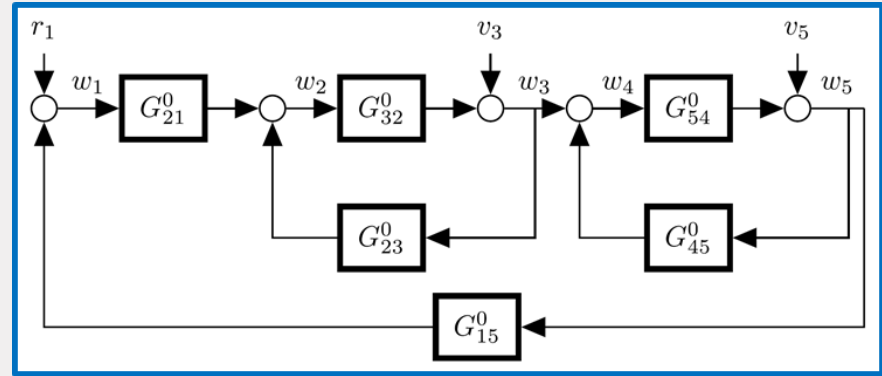
X.Cheng (2019)

E. Yeung et al (2010)

# Network models



State space representation [1]

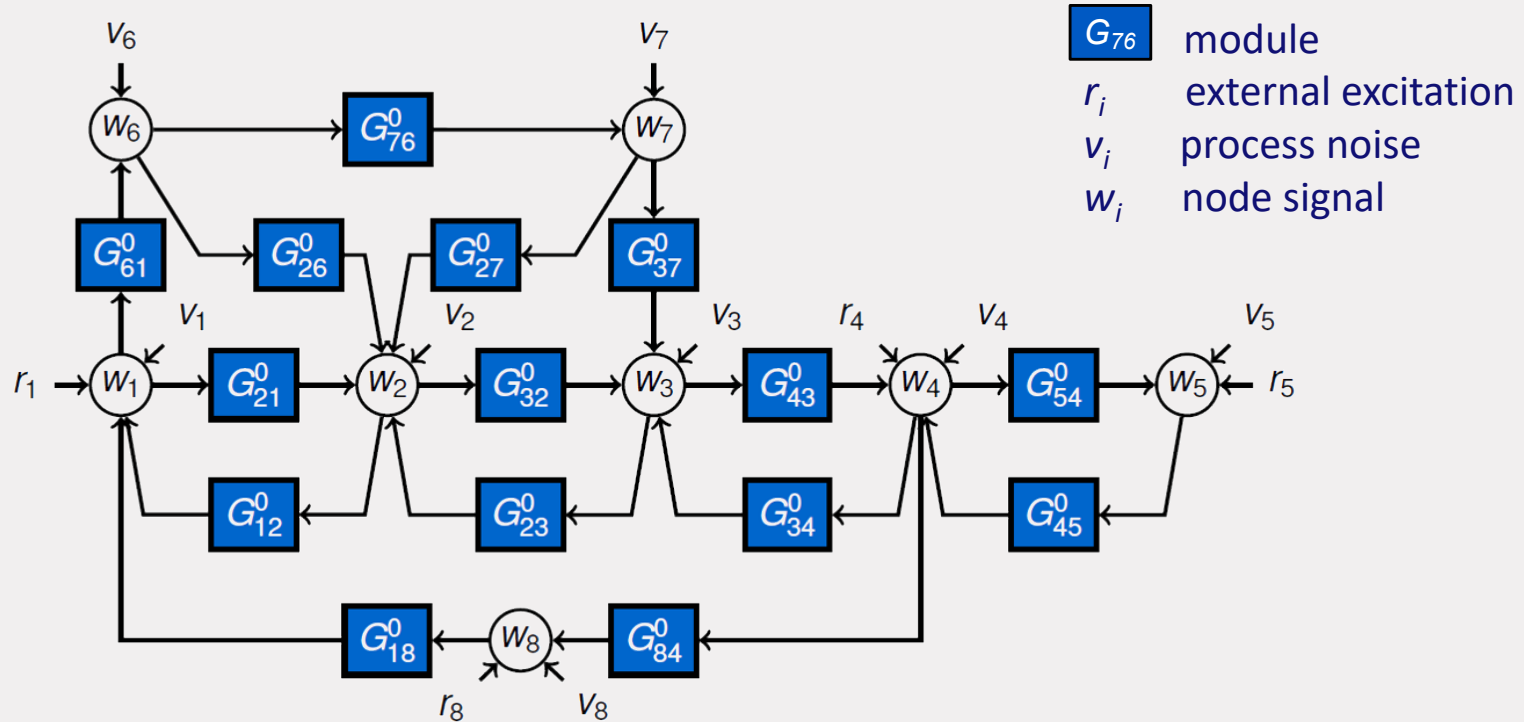


Module representation [2]

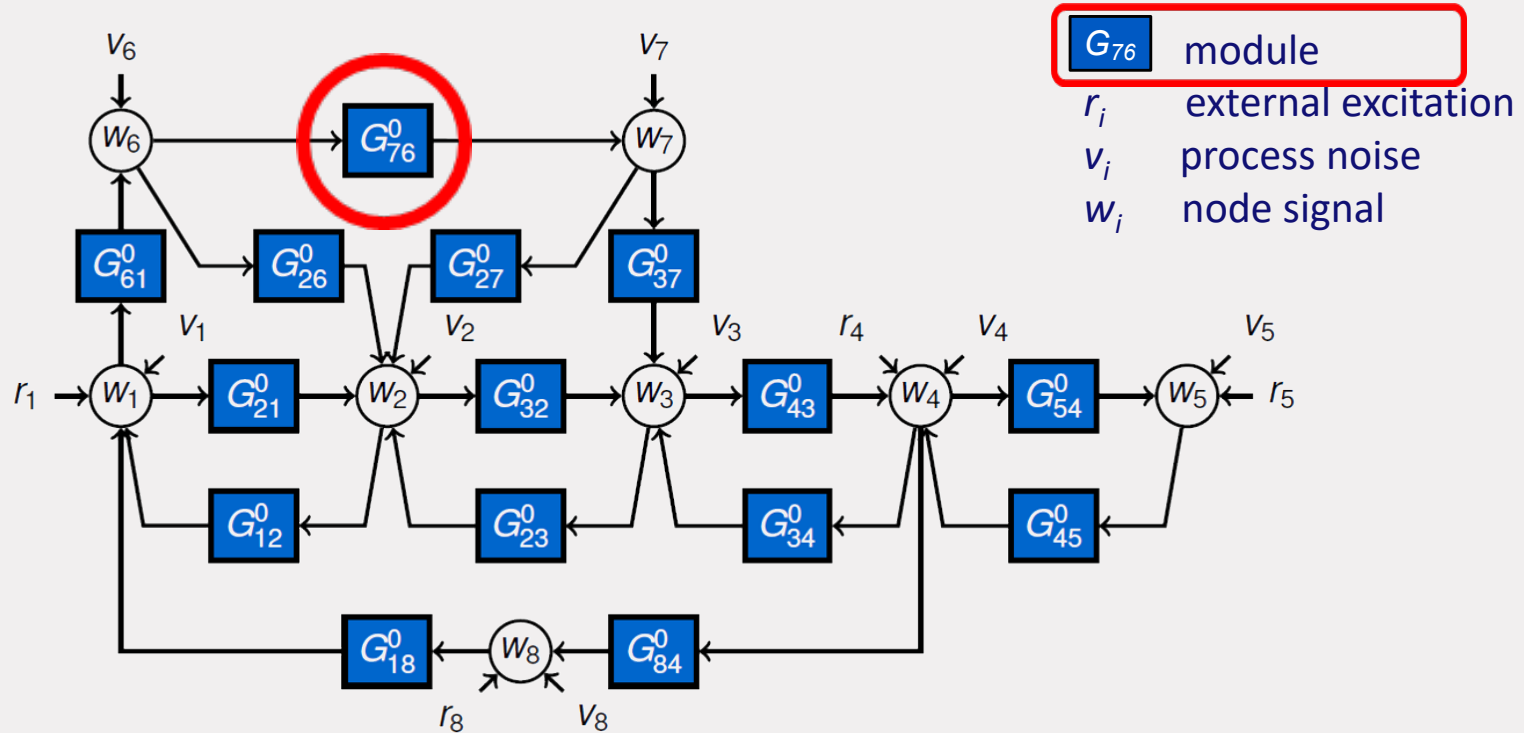
[1] Goncalves, Warnick, Sandberg, Yeung, Yuan, Scherpen,...

[2] VdH, Dankers, Goncalves, Warnick, Gevers, Bazanella, Hendrickx, Materassi, Weerts,...

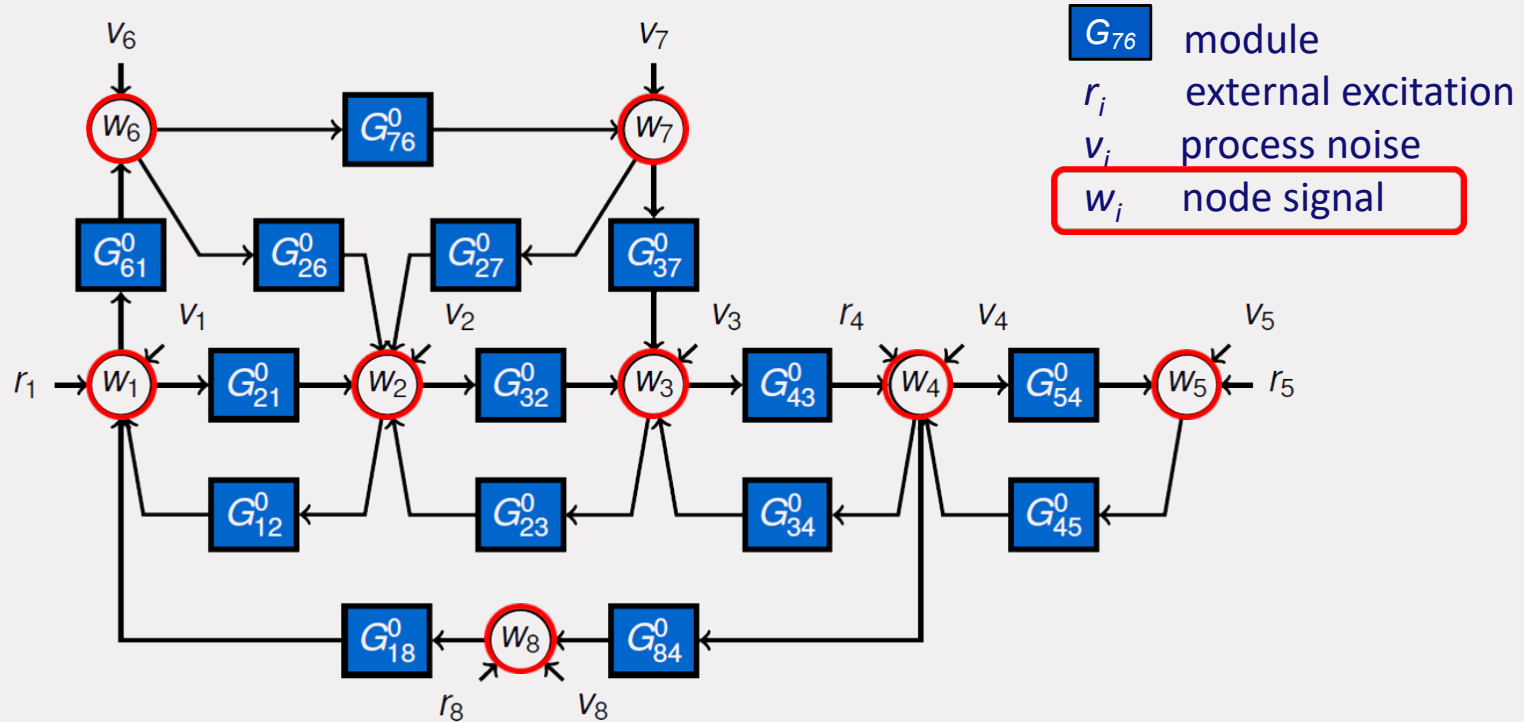
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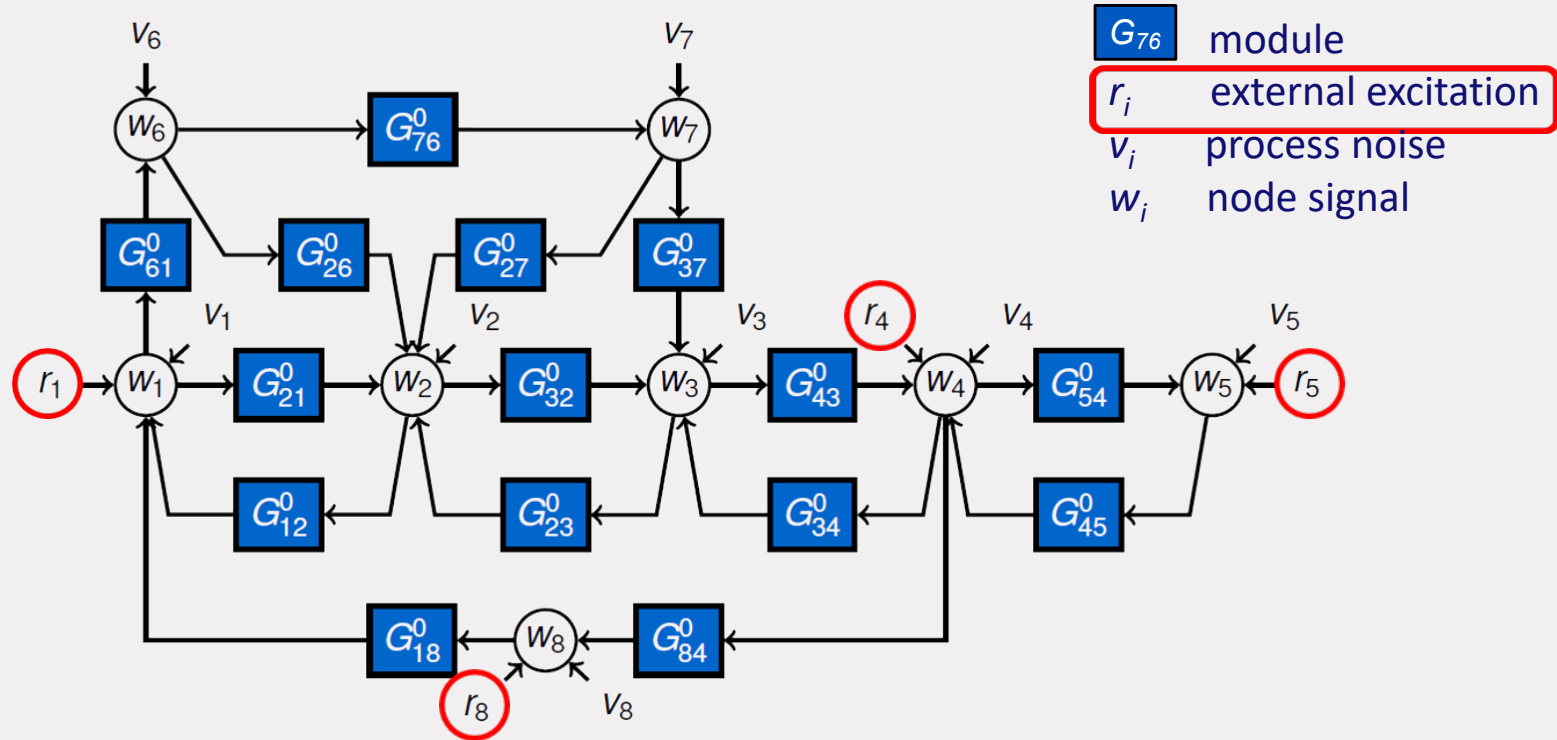
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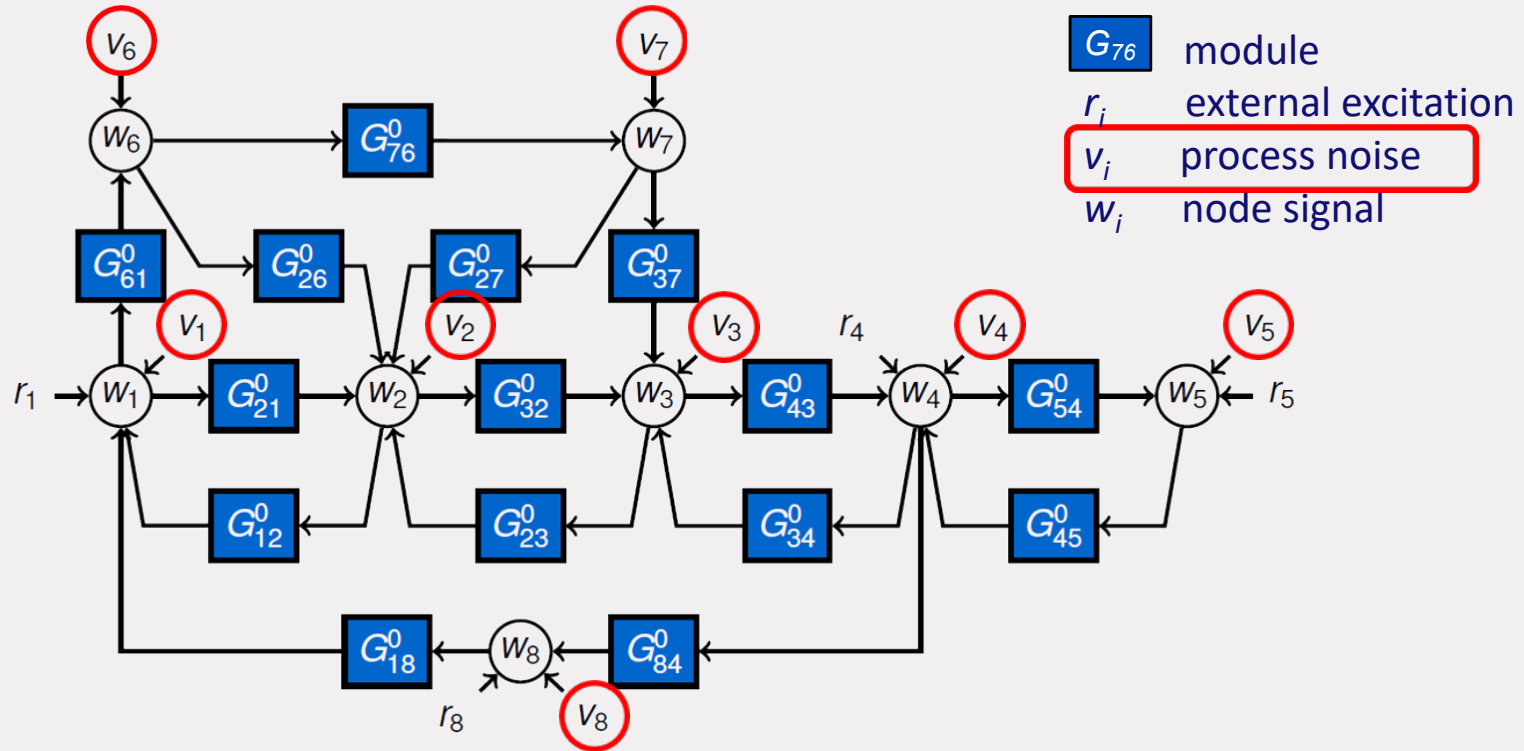
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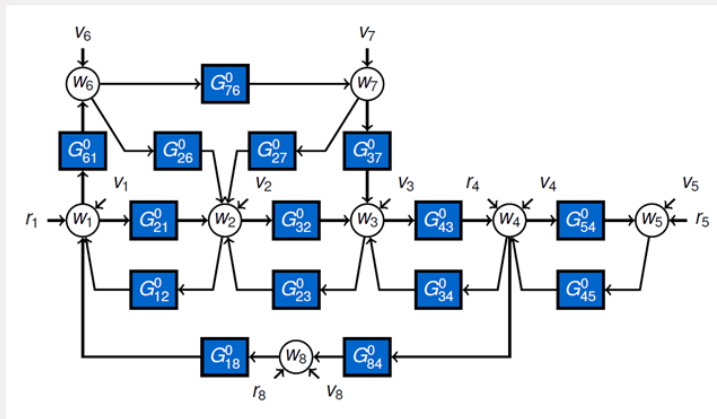


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## Assumptions:

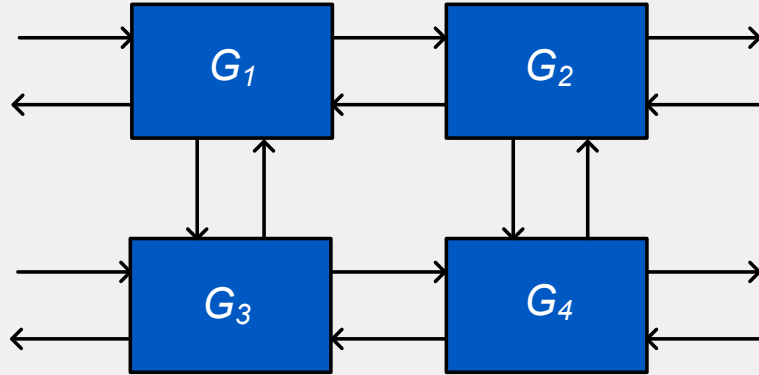
- Total of  $L$  nodes
- Network is well-posed and stable
- Modules are dynamic LTI, may be unstable
- Disturbances are stationary stochastic and can be correlated

$$\begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ \vdots \\ w_L \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & G_{12}^0 & \cdots & G_{1L}^0 \\ G_{21}^0 & 0 & \cdots & G_{2L}^0 \\ \vdots & \cdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ G_{L1}^0 & G_{L2}^0 & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{G^0(q)} \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ \vdots \\ w_L \end{bmatrix} + R^0 \begin{bmatrix} r_1 \\ r_2 \\ \vdots \\ r_K \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_L \end{bmatrix}$$

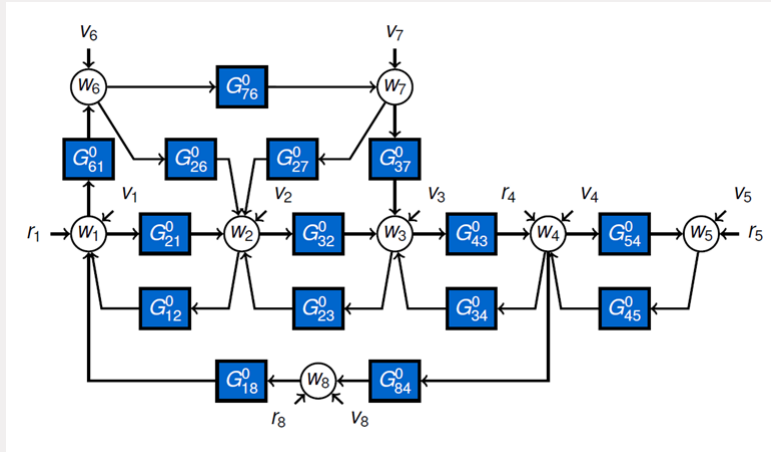
$$w(t) = G^0(q)w(t) + R^0(q)r(t) + v(t)$$

# Dynamic network setup

Setup covers the situation of bilaterally coupled (physical) systems:



# Dynamic network setup

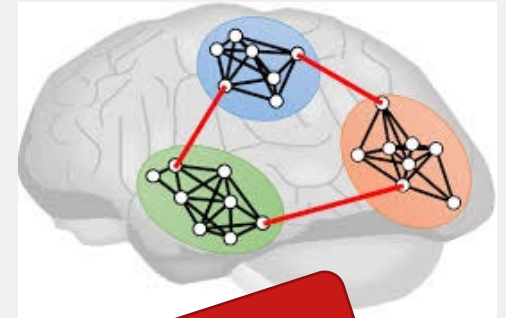
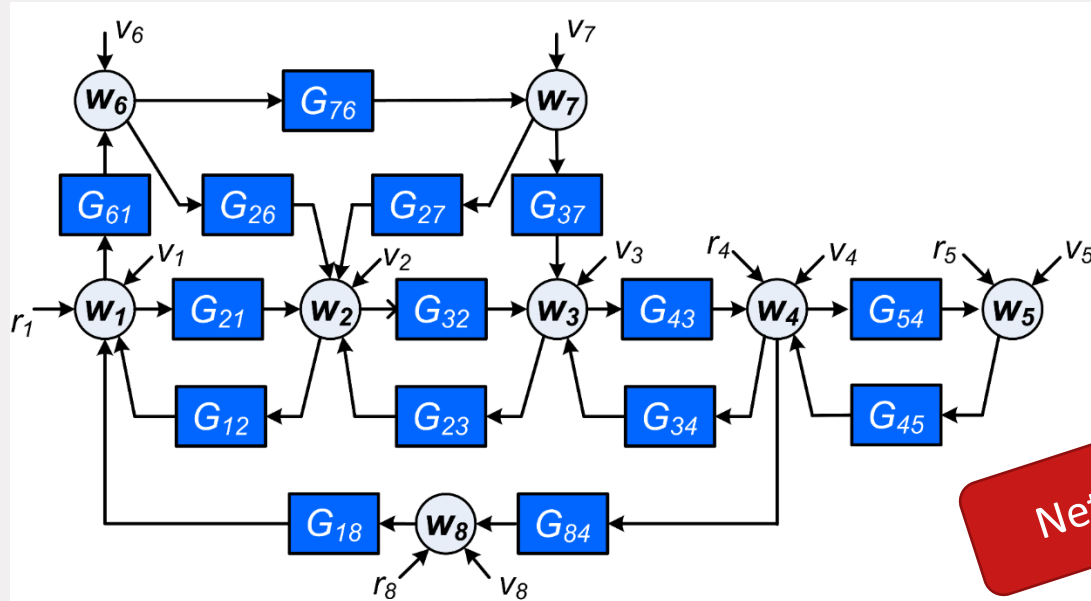


Many new data-driven modeling questions can be formulated

Measured time series:

$$\{w_i(t)\}_{i=1,\dots,L}; \quad \{r_j(t)\}_{j=1,\dots,K}$$

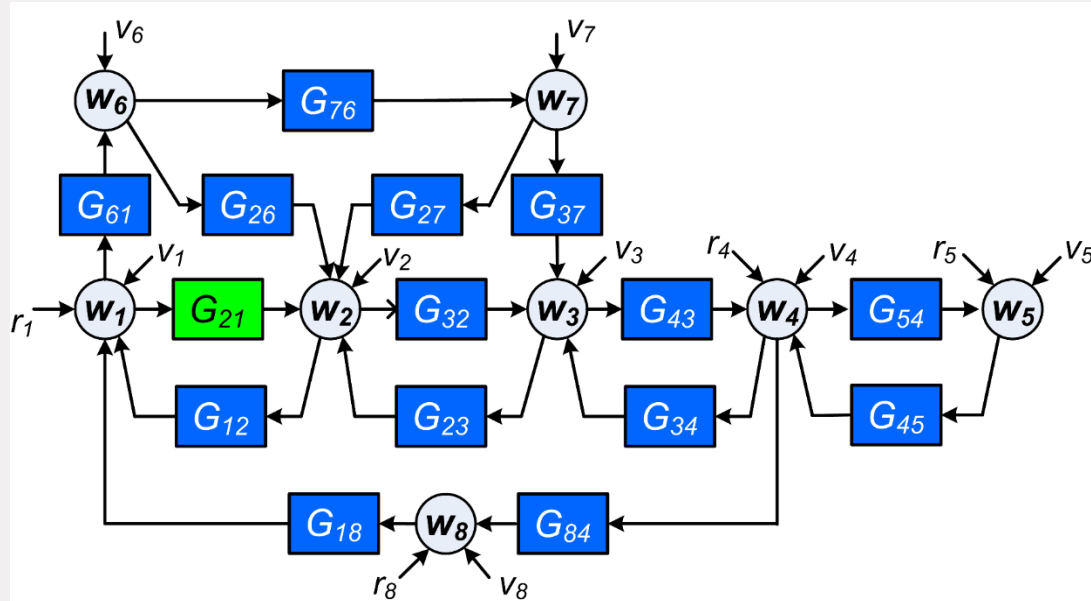
# Model learning problems



Network identifiability

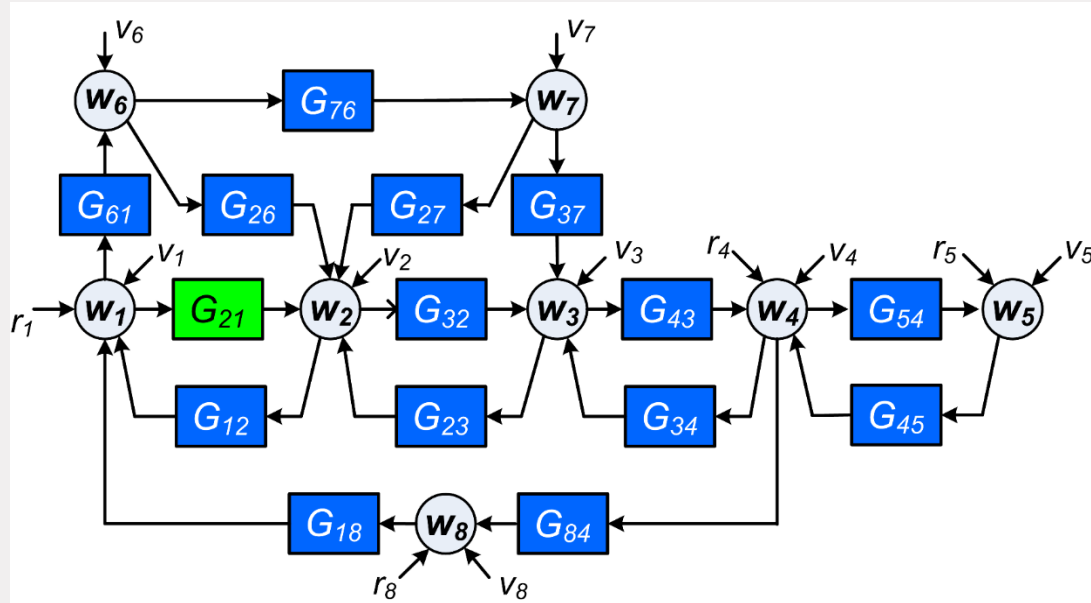
Under which conditions can we estimate the topology and/or dynamics of the full network?

# Model learning problems



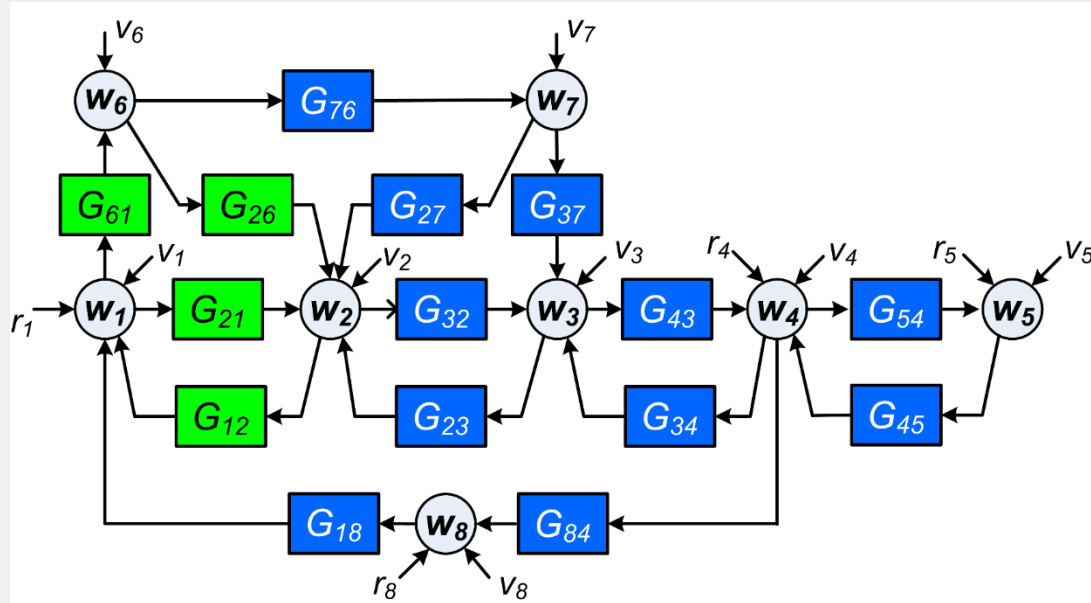
How/when can we learn a local module from data  
(with known/unknown network topology)? Which signals to measure?

# Model learning problems



Where to optimally locate sensors and actuators?

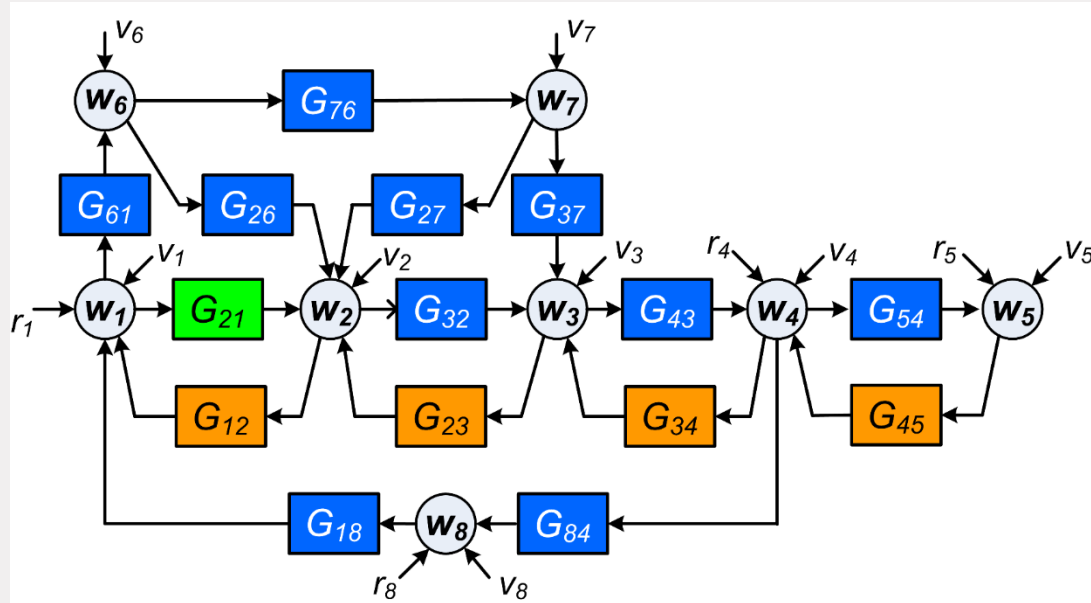
# Model learning problems



Same questions for a subnetwork

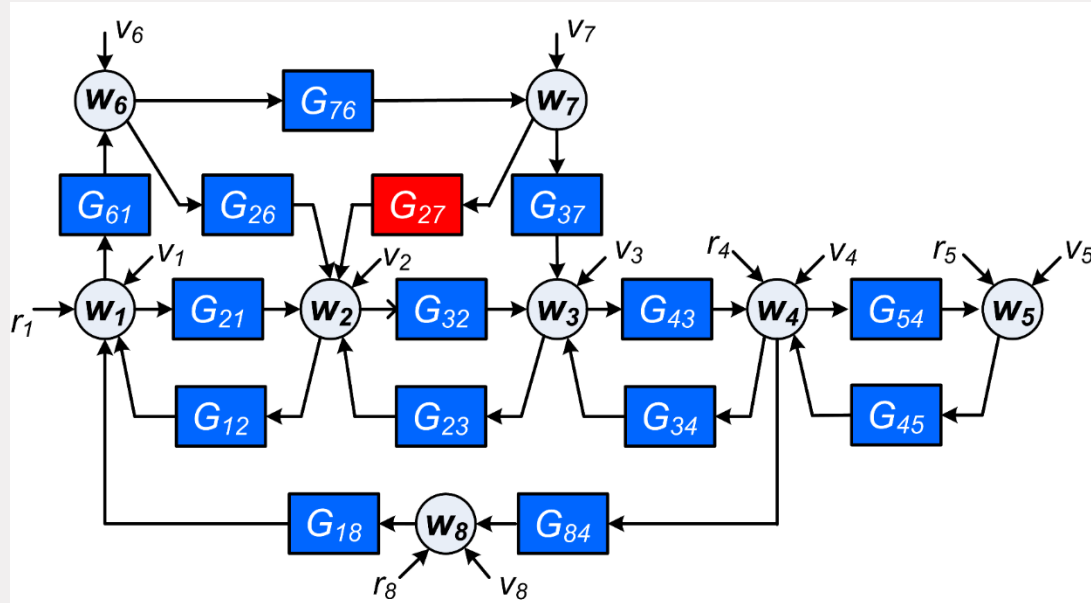


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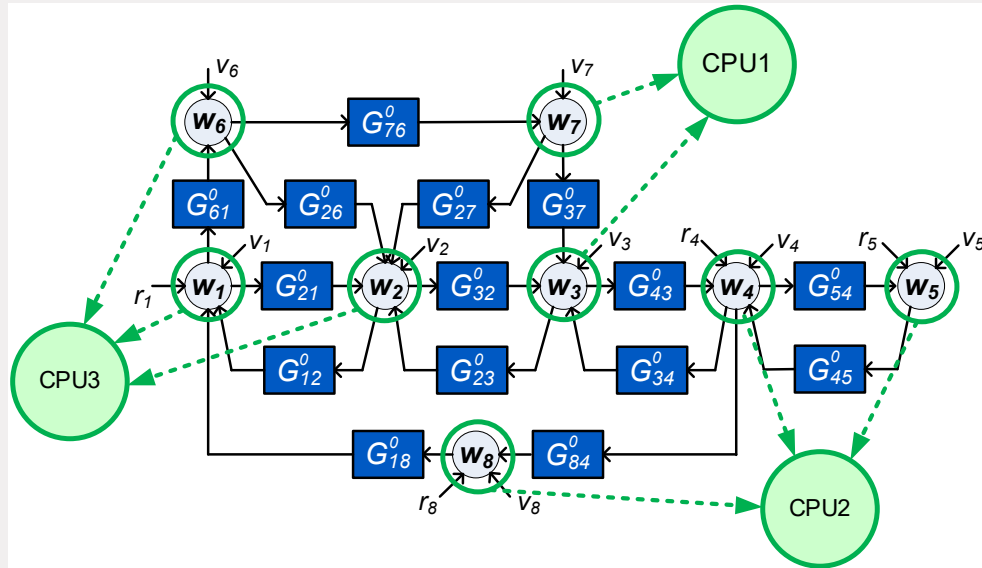
How can we benefit from known modules?

# Model learning problems



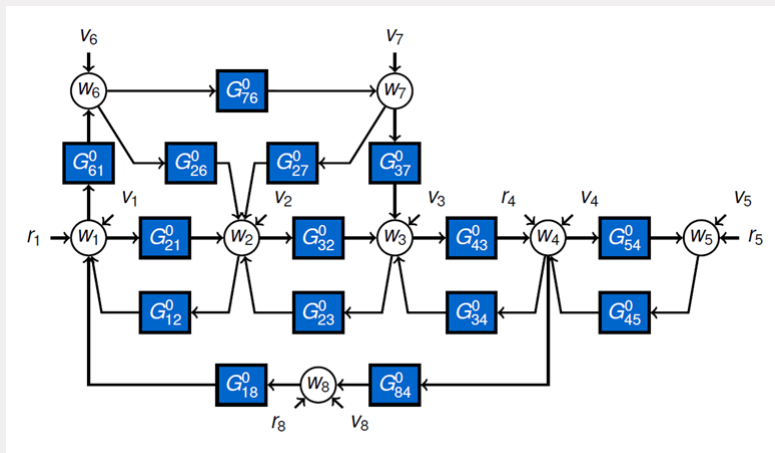
Fault detection and diagnosis; detect/handle nonlinear elements

# Model learning problems



Can we distribute the computations?

# Dynamic network setup



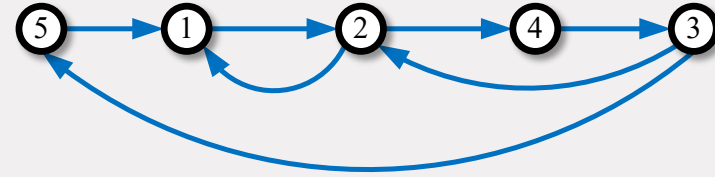
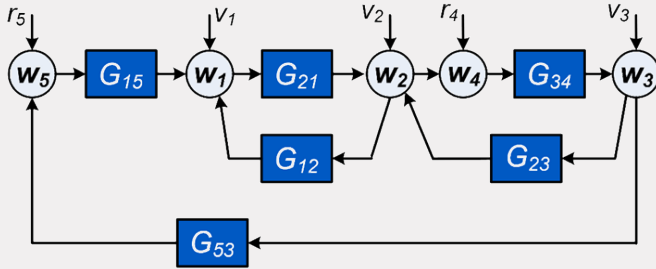
Measured time series:

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Many new data-driven modeling questions can be formulated

- Identification of a local module (known topology)
- Identification of the full network
- Topology estimation
- Identifiability
- Sensor and excitation allocation
- Fault detection
- User prior knowledge of modules
- Distributed identification
- **Scalable algorithms**

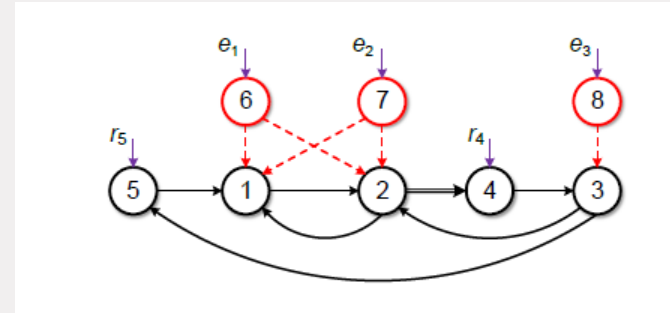
# Dynamic network setup - graph



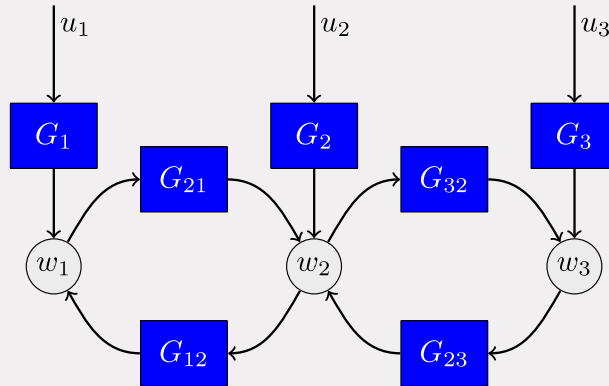
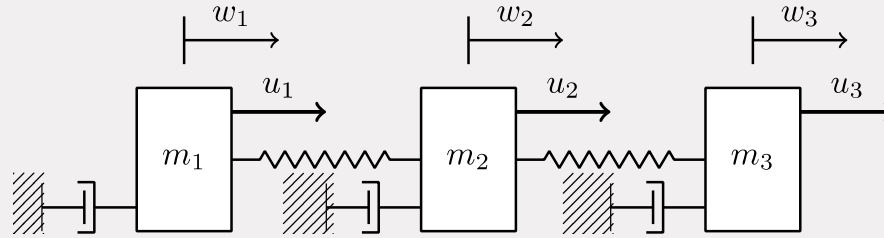
Nodes are vertices; modules/links are edges

**Extended graph:**

including the external signals  
and disturbance correlations

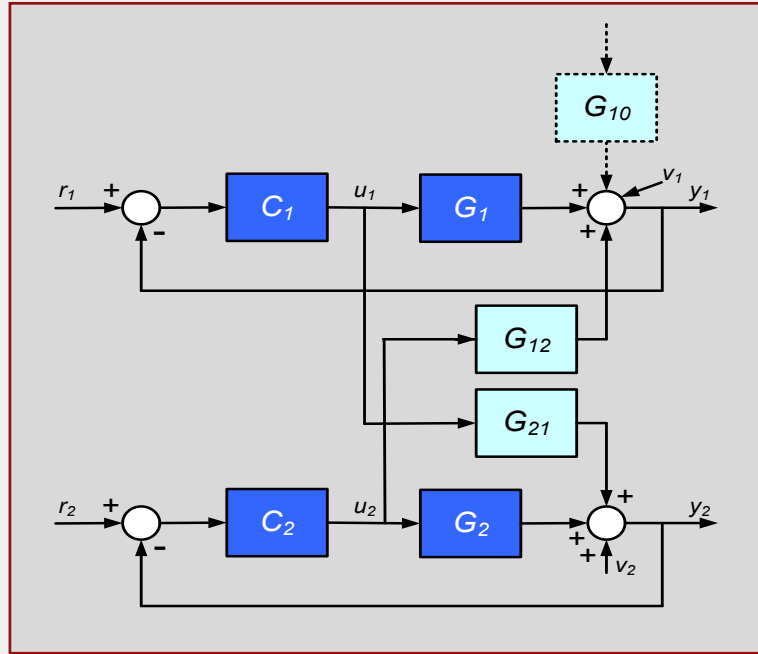


# Application: Networks of (damped) oscillators



- Power systems, vehicle platoons, thermal building dynamics, ...
- Spatially distributed
- Bilaterally coupled
- No central coordination  $\Rightarrow$  local identification problems

# Single module identification - Example



## Decentralized MPC

2 interconnected MPC loops

Target:

Identify interaction dynamics

$$G_{21}, G_{12}$$

Addressed by Gudi & Rawlings (2006)  
for the situation  $G_{12} = 0$  (no cycles)

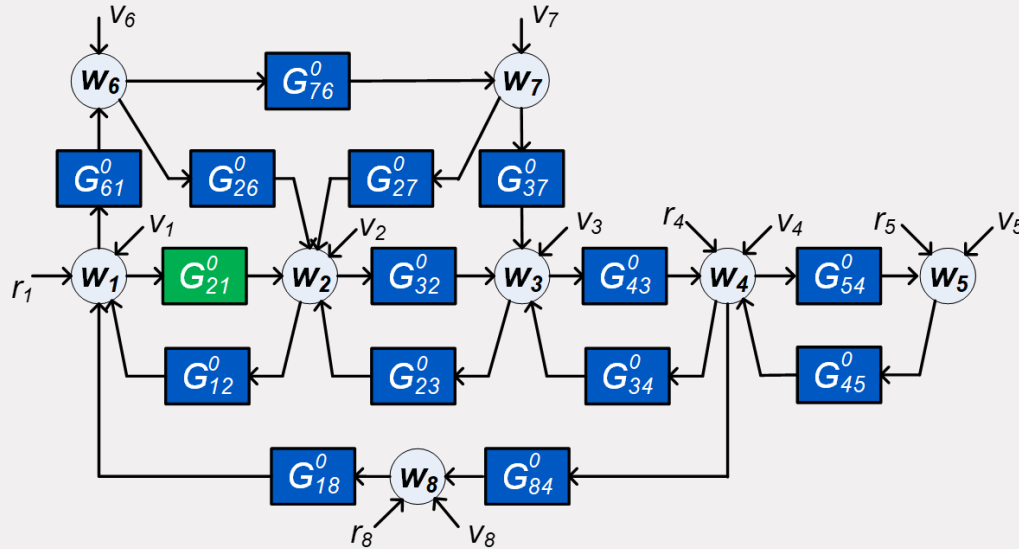


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# Single module identification

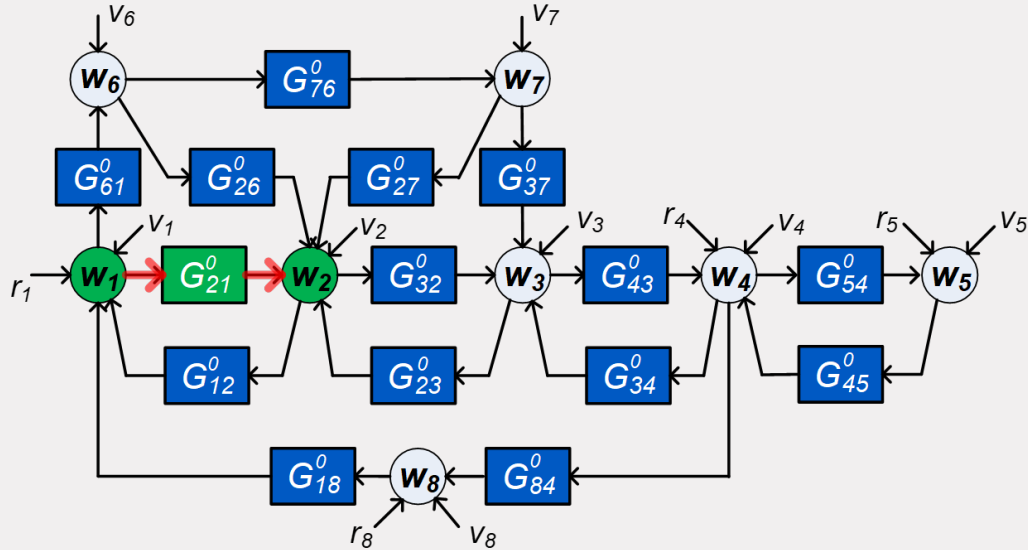
# Single module identification



For a network with known topology:

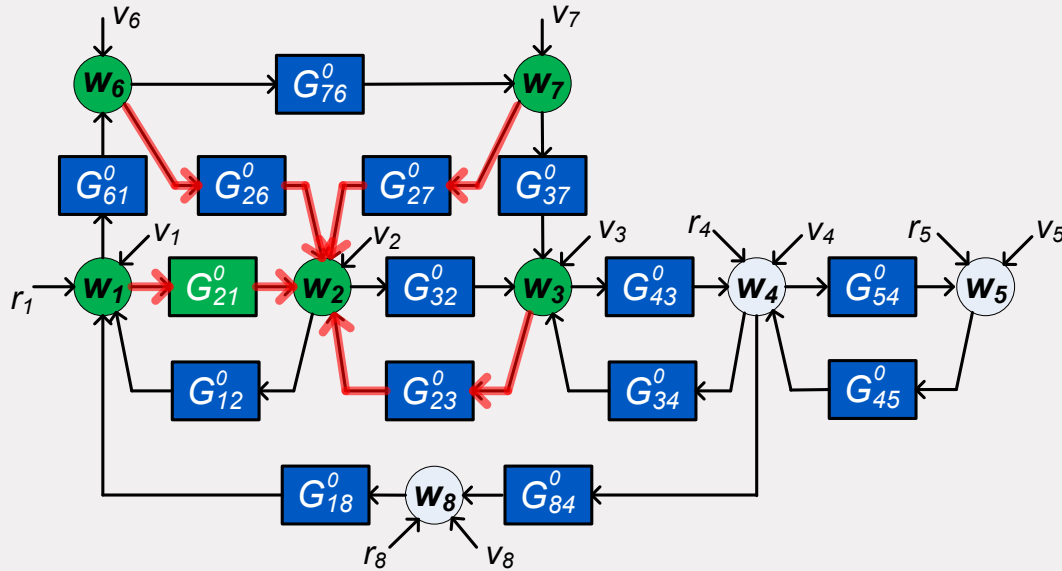
- Identify  $G^0_{21}$  on the basis of measured signals
- Which signals to measure? Preference for local measurements
- When is there enough excitation / data informativity?

# Single module identification



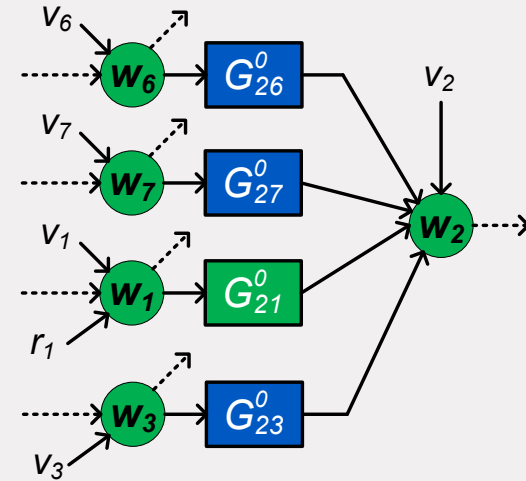
Naïve approach: identify based on  $w_1$  and  $w_2$  : in general does not work.

# Single module identification



If noises  $v_k$  are correlated it may even be part of a MIMO problem

Identifying  $G_{21}^0$  is part of a 4-input, 1-output problem



# Single module identification

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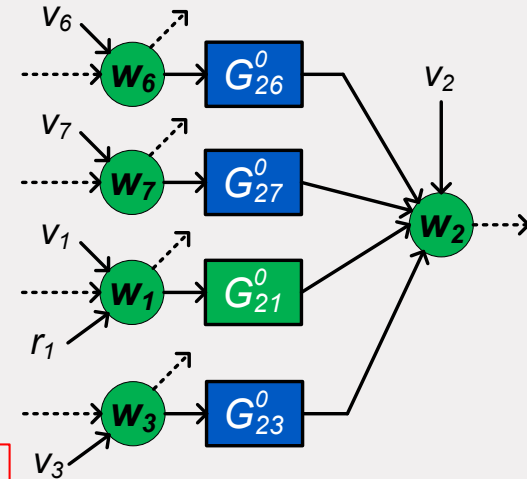
**Input signals will be correlated:**  
similar as in a closed-loop situation

What is required for  
**identifiability / data informativity?**

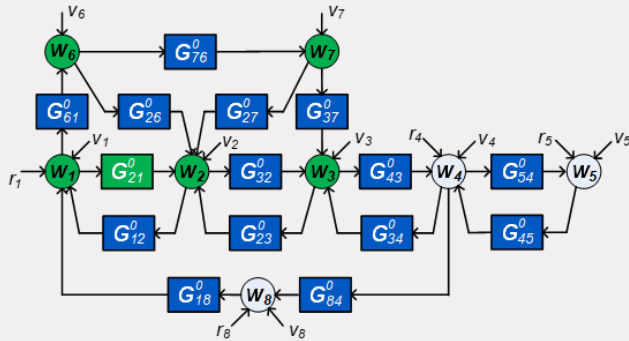


Ability to distinguish between models  
independent of id-method

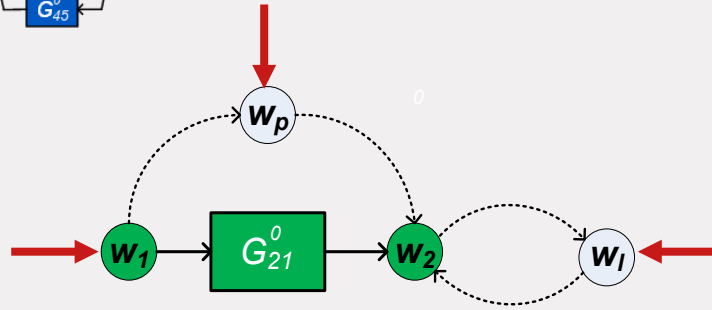
Information content of signals  
dependent on id-method



# Single module identification

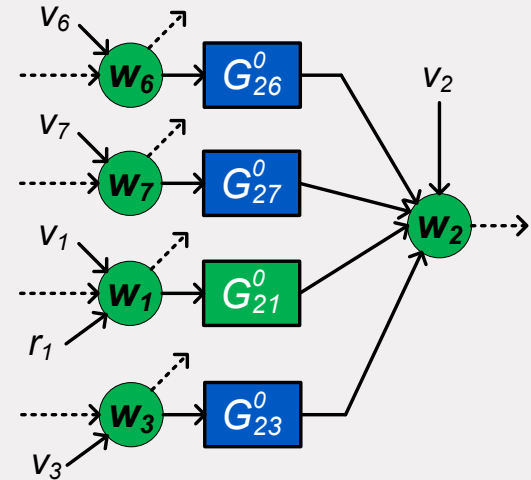


Generic identifiability:



All **parallel paths**, and **loops around the output**, plus input  $w_1$  should have an independent external signal  $r$  or  $v$

Identifying  $G_{21}^0$  is part of a 4-input, 1-output problem



[1] Weerts et al., Automatica 2018, CDC 2018

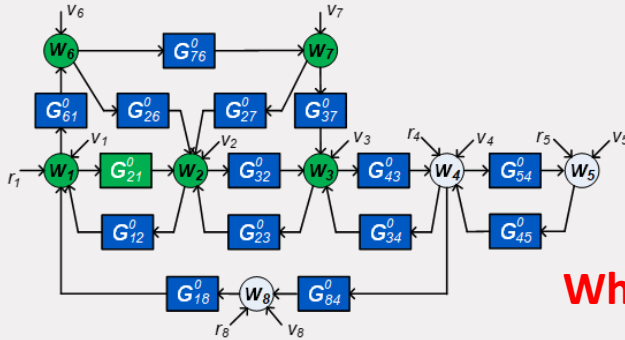
[2] Bazanella et al. CDC2017; Hendrickx et al., IEEE-TAC, 2019.

[3] Dankers et al., TAC 2016

[4] Shi et al., IFAC 2020 submitted.



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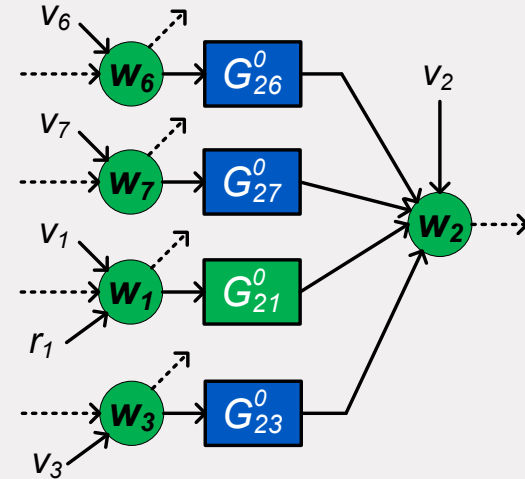


Which node signals to measure?

Dependent on

- $v$  signals uncorrelated or not
- Excitation conditions satisfied through  $r$ - and/or  $v$ -signals

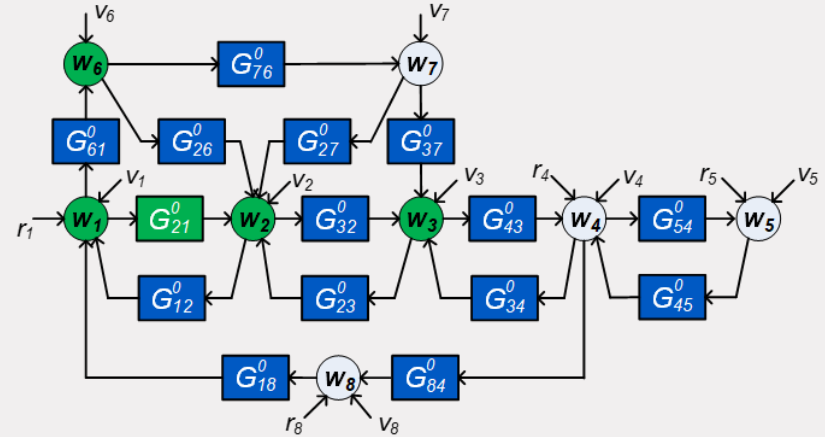
- Typical solution:
- One additional measured signal for each parallel path/loop
  - Additional signals if excitation is through  $v$  signals
  - Variation in available algorithms / options



# Single module identification

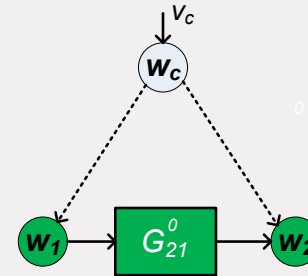
one signal per parallel path/loop:

With a 3-input, 1 output model we can consistently identify  $G_{21}^0$



When excitation is through disturbance signals  $v$ :

- dealing with **confounding variables**,<sup>[1][2]</sup> i.e. correlated disturbances on inputs and outputs
- can be addressed by adding inputs/outputs to the estimation problem<sup>[3]</sup>



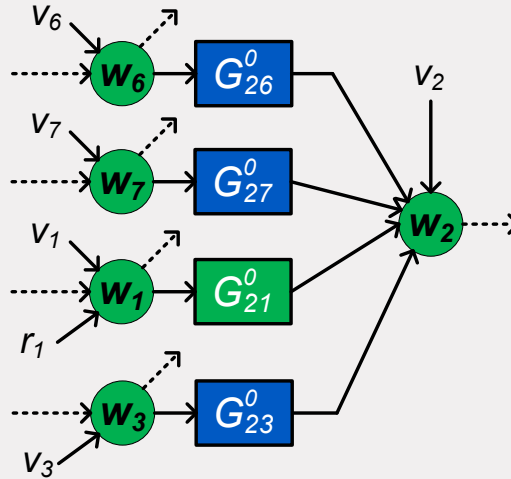
[1] J. Pearl, *Stat. Surveys*, 3, 96-146, 2009

[2] A.G. Dankers et al., *Proc. IFAC World Congress*, 2017.

[3] PVdH et al, CDC 2019

# Single module identification

Typical solution:



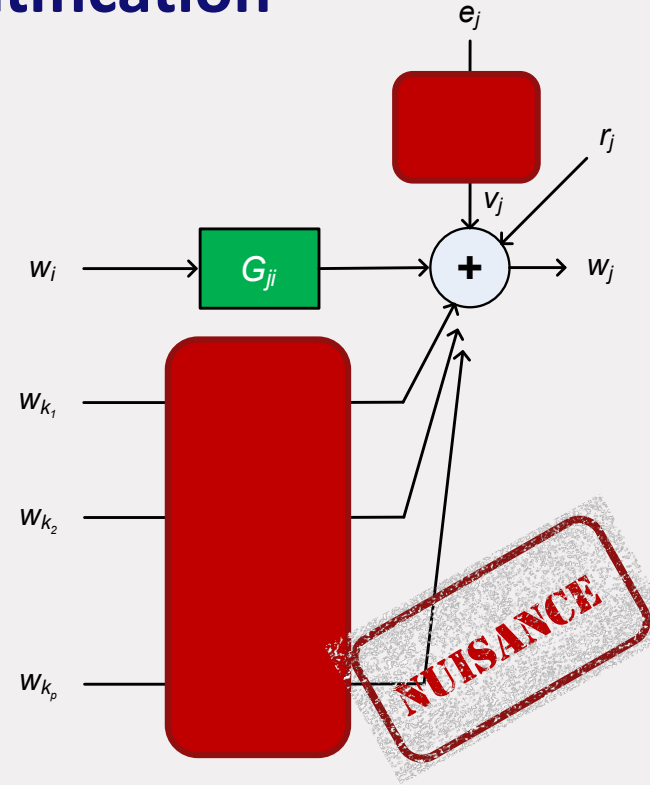
- MISO (sometimes MIMO) estimation problem
- to be solved by any (closed-loop) identification algorithm, e.g. direct/indirect method

# Machine learning in local module identification

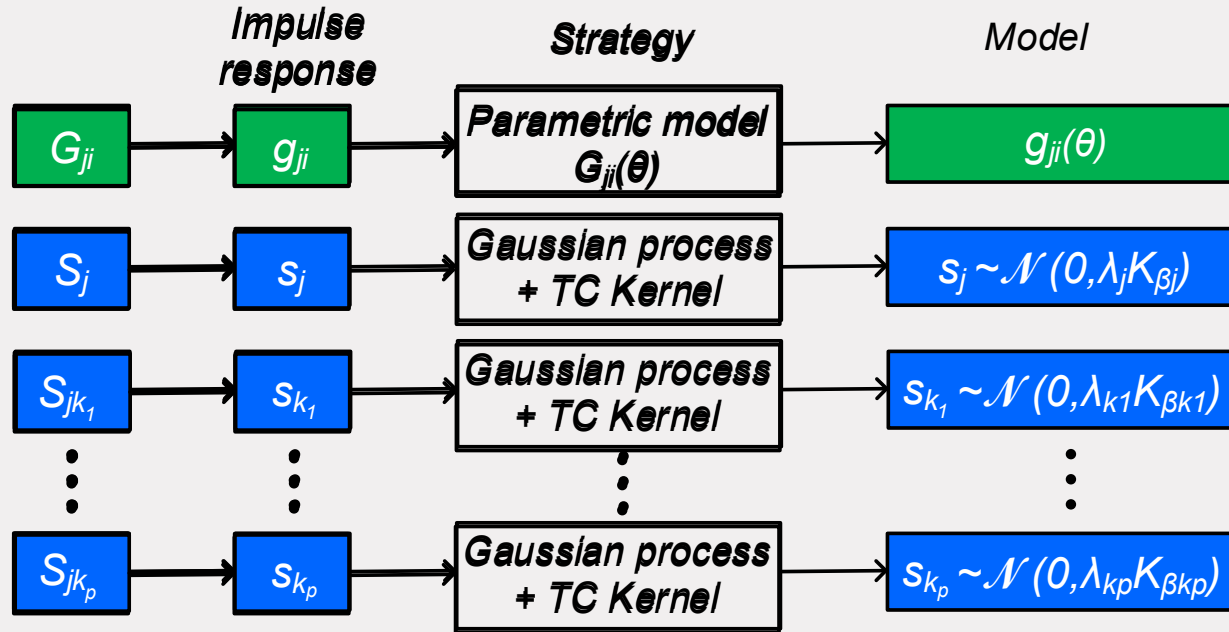
- MISO identification with all modules parameterized
- Brings in two major problems :
  - ▶ Large number of parameters to estimate
  - ▶ Model order selection step for each module (CV, AIC, BIC)
- For 5 modules, combinations = 244,140,625



- We need only the target module. No **NUISANCE**!



# Machine learning in local module identification



- smaller no. of parameters
- simpler model order selection step
- scalable to large dynamic networks
- simpler optimization problems to estimate parameters

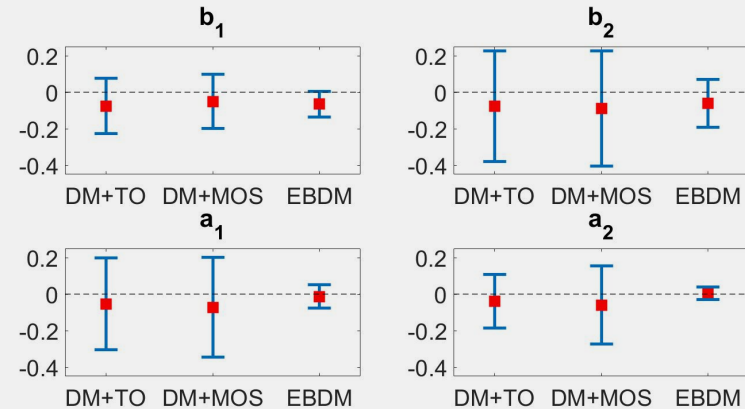
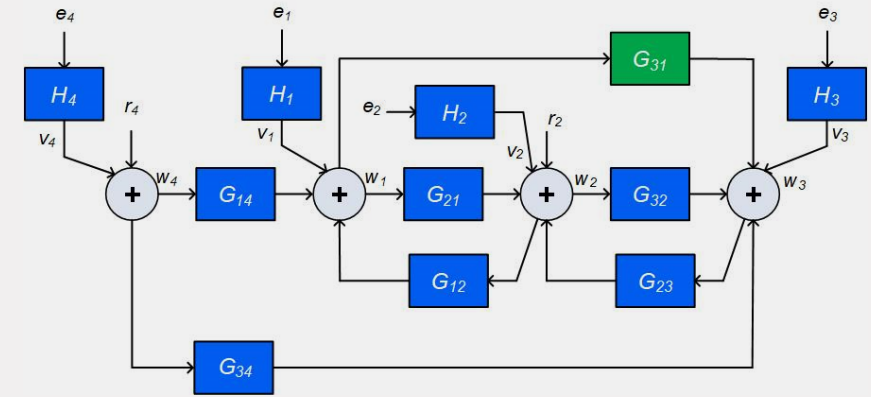
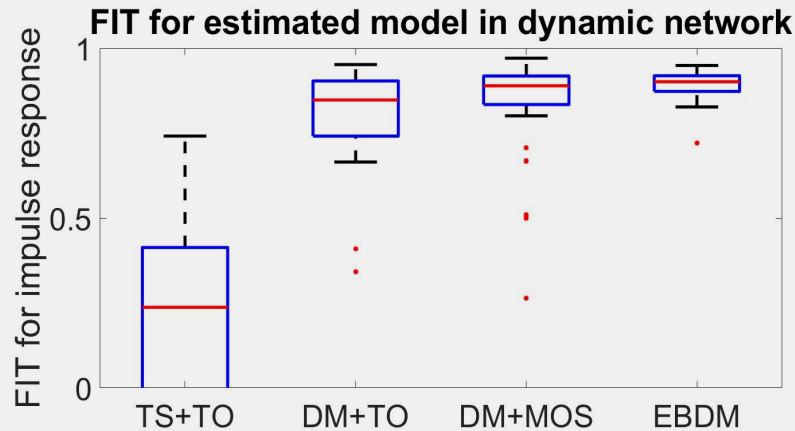


Maximize marginal likelihood of output data:  $\hat{\eta} = \underset{\eta}{\operatorname{argmax}} p(w_j; \eta)$

$$\eta := [\theta \quad \lambda_j \quad \lambda_{k_1} \quad \dots \quad \lambda_{k_p} \quad \beta_j \quad \beta_{k_1} \quad \dots \quad \beta_{k_p} \quad \sigma_j^2]^\top$$

# Numerical simulation

- Identify  $G_{31}$  given data
- 50 independent MC simulation
- Data = 500



# Summary single module identification

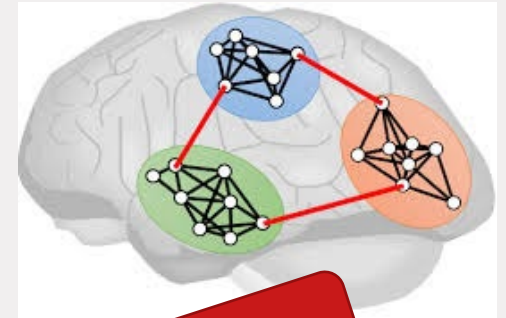
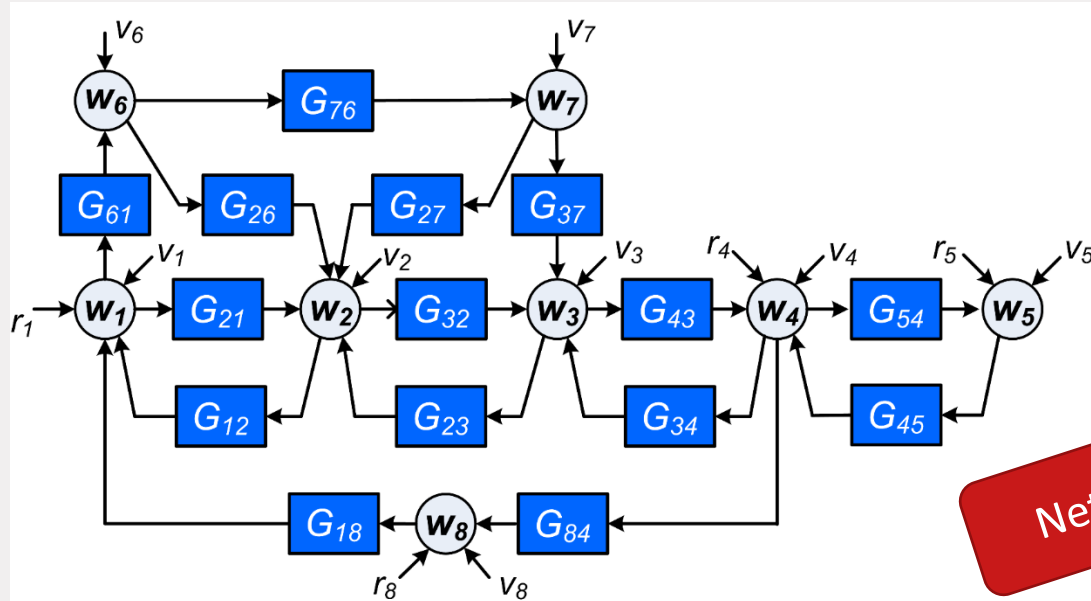
- Path-based conditions for **network identifiability** (where to excite?)
- Graph tools for checking conditions
- Degrees of freedom in selection of measured signals – sensor selection
- Methods for **consistent** and **minimum variance** module estimation, and effective (scalable) algorithms
- A priori known modules can be accounted for

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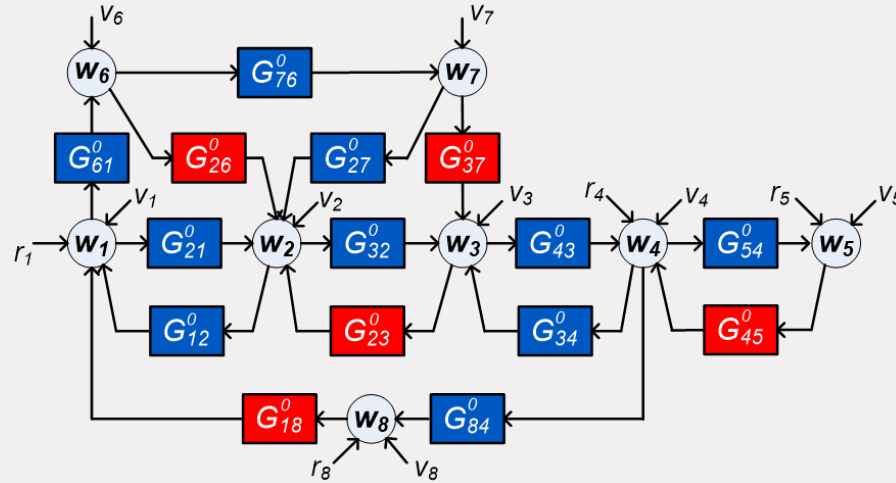
# Full network identification



Network identifiability

Under which conditions can we estimate the topology and/or dynamics of the full network?

# Network identifiability



blue = unknown  
red = known

**Question:** Can different dynamic networks be *distinguished* from each other from measured signals  $w, r$ ?

# Network identifiability

The identifiability problem:

The network **model**:

$$w(t) = G(q)w(t) + R(q)r(t) + \underbrace{H(q)e(t)}_{v(t)}$$

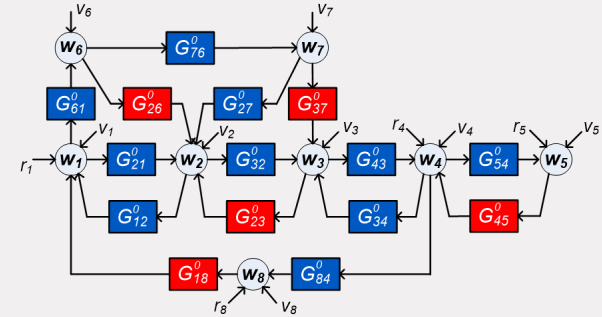
can be transformed with any rational  $P(q)$  :

$$P(q)w(t) = P(q)\{G(q)w(t) + R(q)r(t) + H(q)e(t)\}$$

to an **equivalent model**:

$$w(t) = \tilde{G}(q)w(t) + \tilde{R}(q)r(t) + \tilde{H}(q)e(t)$$

➡ **Nonuniqueness**, unless there are structural constraints on  $G, R, H$ .



[1] Weerts, Linder et al., Automatica, 2019, provis. accepted.

[2] Bottegal et al., SYSID 2017

# Network identifiability

Consider a **network model set**:

$$\mathcal{M} = \{(G(\theta), R(\theta), H(\theta))\}_{\theta \in \Theta}$$

representing structural constraints on the considered models:

- modules that are fixed and/or zero (topology)
- locations of excitation signals
- disturbance correlation

**Generic identifiability** of  $\mathcal{M}$  :

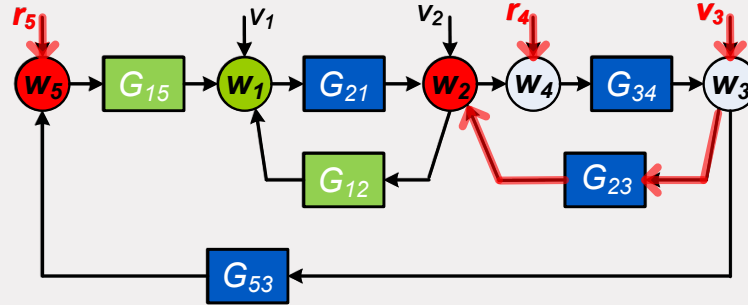
- There do not exist distinct equivalent models
- for almost all models in the set.

[1] Weerts et al., SYSID2015; Weerts et al., Automatica, March 2018;

[2] Bazanella, CDC2017; Hendrickx et al., IEEE-TAC, 2019.

# Example 5-node network

Conditions for identifiability  $\longrightarrow$  rank conditions on transfer function



Full row rank of

$$\begin{bmatrix} v_3 \\ r_4 \\ r_5 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} w_2 \\ w_5 \end{bmatrix}$$

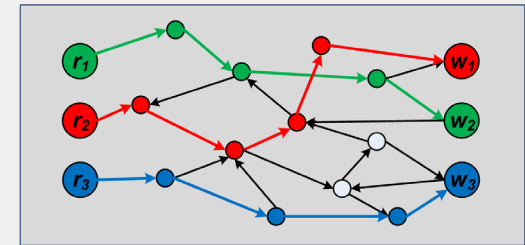
For the **generic case**, the rank can be calculated by a graph-based condition<sup>[1],[2]</sup>:

Generic rank = number of vertex-disjoint paths

2 vertex-disjoint paths  $\rightarrow$  full row rank 2



The rank condition has to be checked for all nodes.



[1] Van der Woude, 1991

[2] Hendrickx, Gevers & Bazanella, CDC 2017, TAC 2019

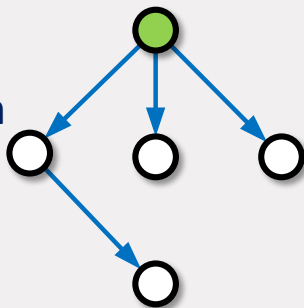
# Synthesis solution for network identifiability

Allocating external signals for **generic identifiability**:

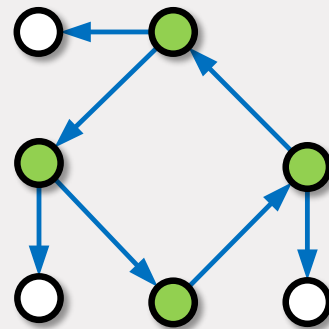
1. Cover the graph of the network model set by a set of **disjoint pseudo-trees**

Pseudo-trees:

Tree with root in green



Cycle with outgoing trees;  
Any node in cycle is root

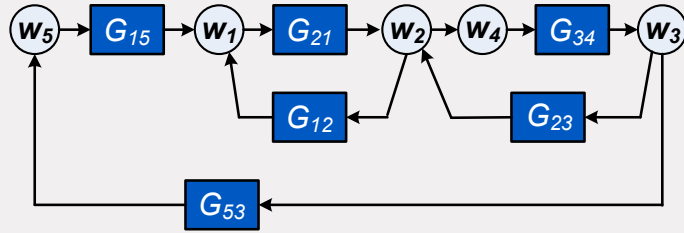


Edges are **disjoint** and all out-neighbours of a node are in the same pseudo-tree

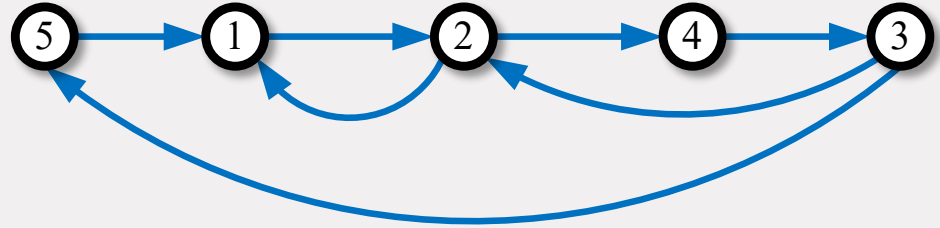
2. Assign an independent external signal (  $r$  or  $e$  ) at a root of each pseudo-tree.

This guarantees **generic identifiability** of the model set.

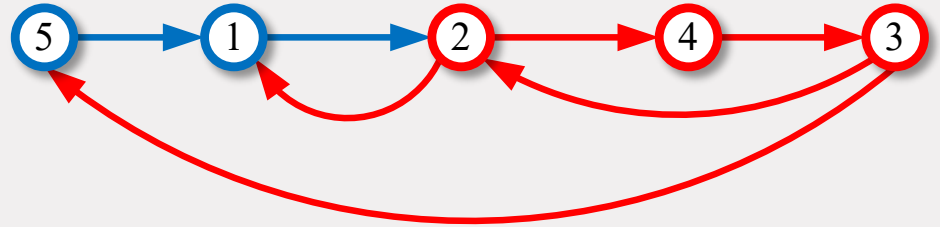
# Where to allocate external excitations for network identifiability?



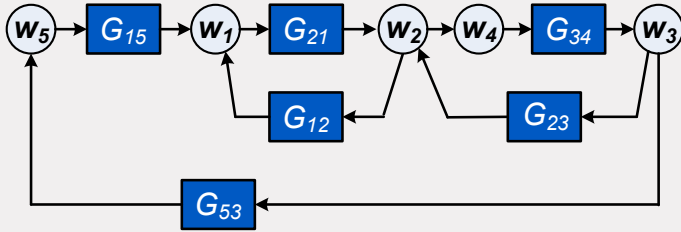
All indicated modules are parametrized



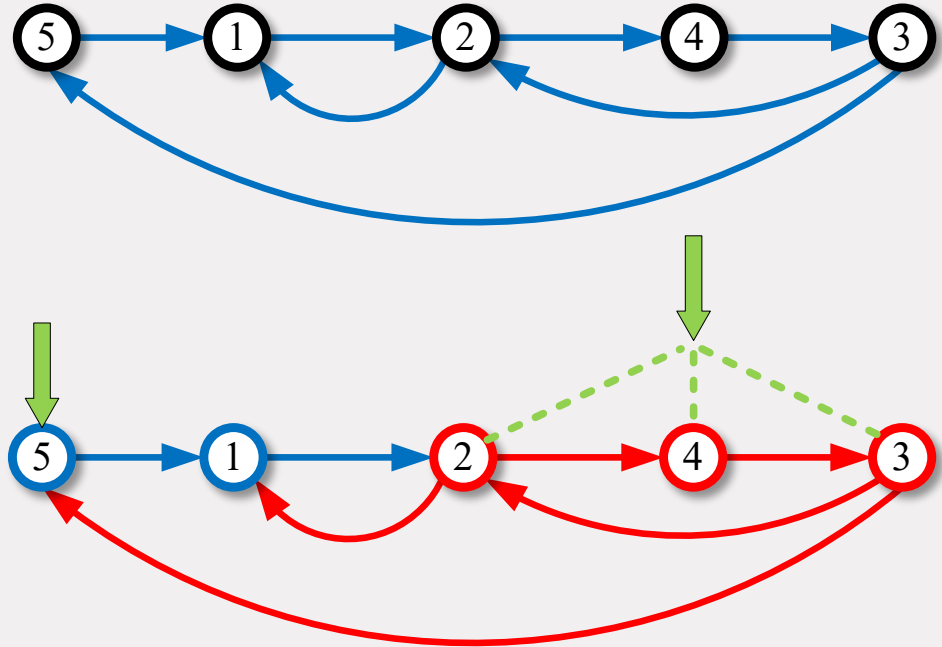
Two disjoint pseudo-trees



# Where to allocate external excitations for network identifiability?

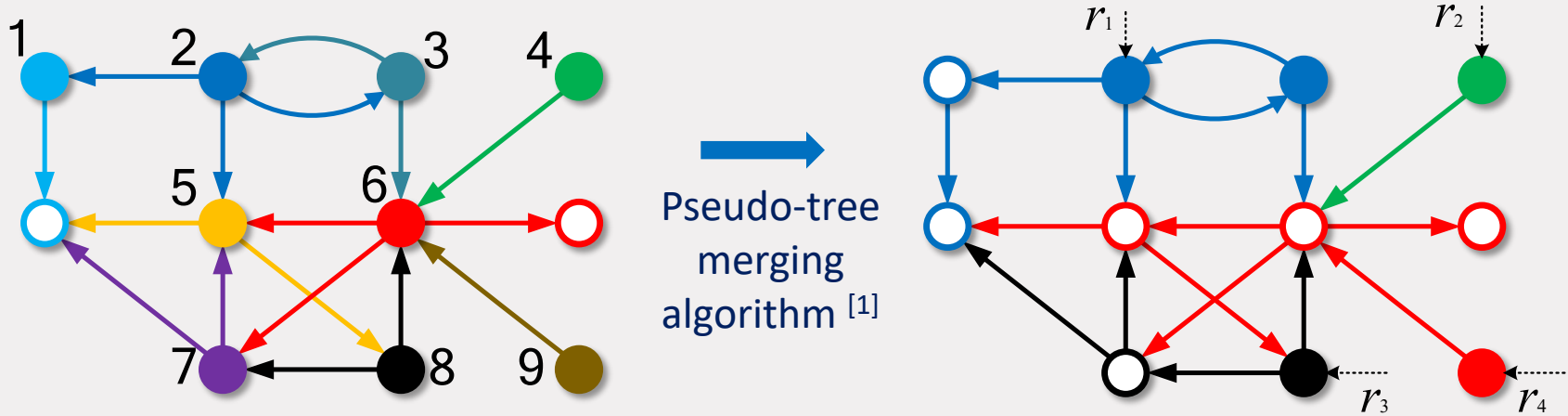


Two independent excitations  
guarantee  
generic network identifiability





# Where to allocate external excitations for network identifiability?



- Nodes are signals  $w$  and external signals  $(r, e)$  that are input to parametrized link
- Known (nonparametrized) links do not need to be covered

# Summary identifiability of full network

Identifiability of network model sets is determined by

- Presence and location of external signals, and
  - Correlation of disturbances
  - Topology of parametrized modules
- Graphic-based tool for synthesizing allocation of external signals

## Extensions:

- Situations where not all node signals are measured <sup>[1]</sup>

[1] Bazanella, CDC 2019.

# Algorithms for identification of full network

(Prediction error) identification methods will typically lead to large-scale **non-convex** optimization problems

**Convex relaxation** algorithms are being developed<sup>[1]</sup> as well as machine learning tools

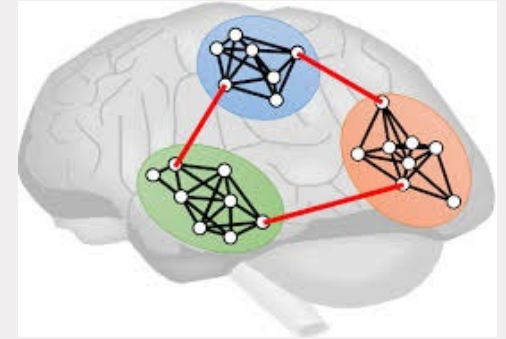
[1] Weerts, Galrinho et al., SYSID 2018

# Topology identification

- Topology resulting from full dynamic model
- Alternative: non-parametric models (Wiener filters <sup>[1]</sup>) or kernel-based approaches <sup>[2][3]</sup>
- modeling module dynamics by Gaussian processes, kernel with 2 parameters for each dynamic module
- Optimizing likelihood of the data as function of parameters and topology:

$$p(\{w(t)\}_{t=1}^N | \theta, \mathcal{G})$$

- Forward-backward search over topologies + empirical Bayes (EM) for parameters

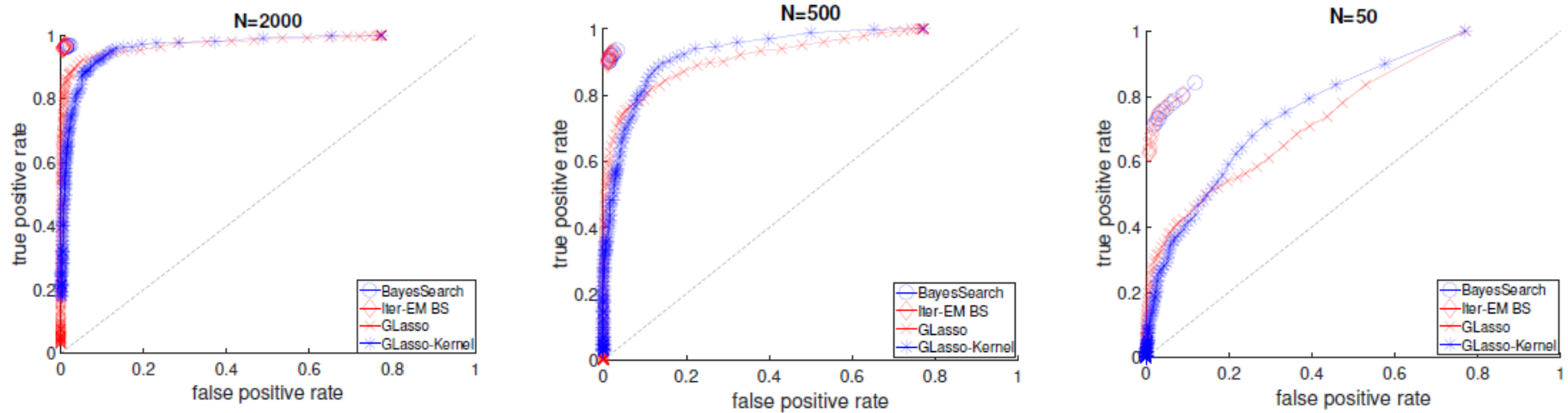


[1] Materassi & Innocenti, TAC 2010.

[2] Chiuso & Pillonetto, Automatica, 2012.

[3] Shi, Bottegal, PVdH, ECC 2019

# Topology identification



50 MC realizations of network with 6 nodes.

# Neurodynamic effect of listening to Mozart music

Identifying changes in network connections in the brain, after intensely listening for one week

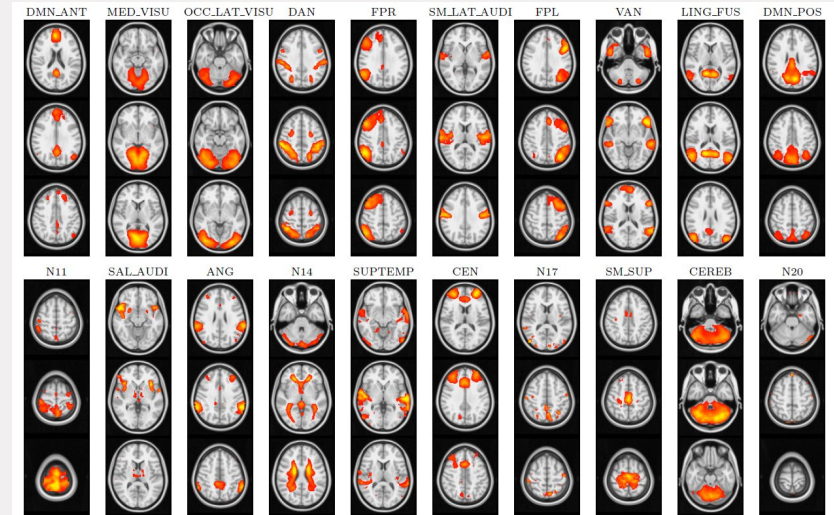
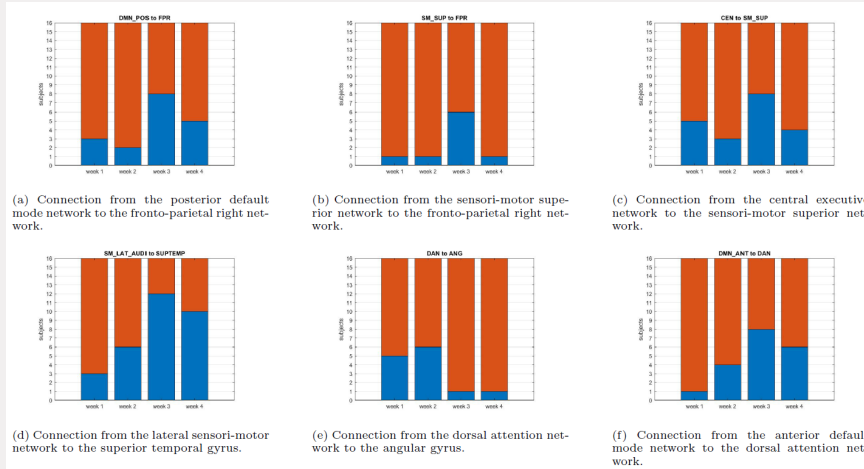


Figure 3: Spatial maps of the 20 active brain networks found through the ICA decomposition. Each image consists of 3 relevant horizontal slices of the brain, where the spatial map is indicated by the red color scale.

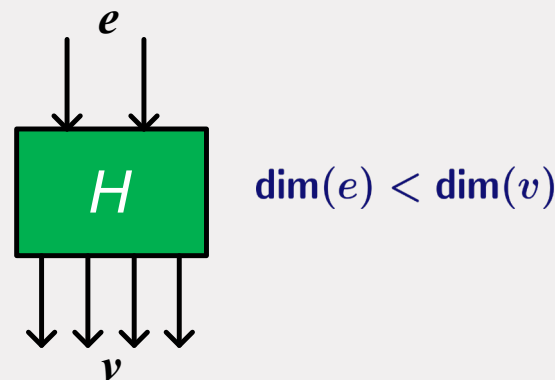
# Algorithms for identification of full network

Particular feature for larger networks:

Modeling disturbances as a **reduced rank process**:  
(cf dynamic factor analysis<sup>[1]</sup>)

Consequences for **estimation**<sup>[3]</sup>:

- Optimization becomes a **constrained quadratic problem** with ML properties for Gaussian noise
- Reworked Cramer Rao lower bound
- Some parameters can be estimated variance free → **regularization effect**



[1] Deistler et al., EJC, 2010.

[2] Zorzi and Chiuso, Automatica 2017.

[3] Weerts et al., Automatica dec 2018.

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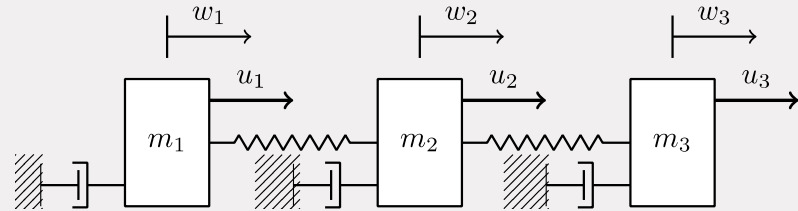
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- How to model a dynamic network?
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- Global network identification
- **Physical networks**
- Extensions - Discussion



# Physical networks

# Back to the basics of physical interconnections

In connecting physical systems, there is often no predetermined direction of information <sup>[1]</sup>



**Example:** resistor / spring connection in electrical / mechanical system:



Resistor

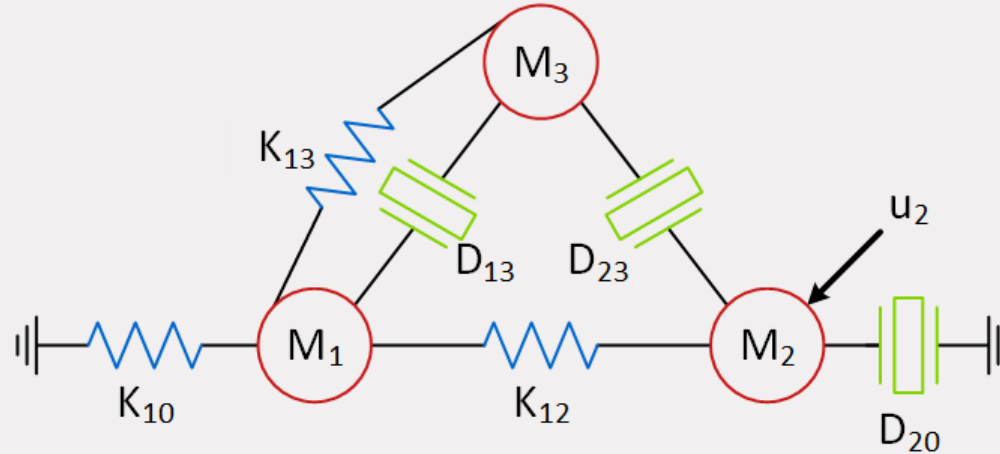
$$I = \frac{1}{R} (V_1 - V_2)$$

Spring

$$F = K(x_1 - x_2)$$

Difference of node signals drives the interaction: **diffusive coupling**

# Diffusively coupled physical network

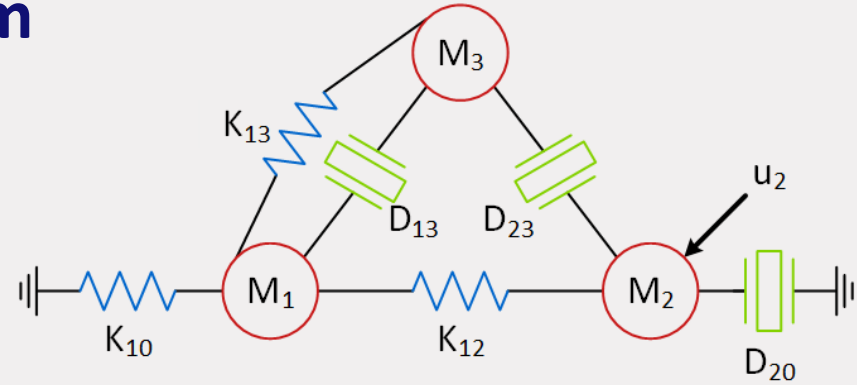


Equation for node  $j$ :

$$M_j \ddot{w}_j(t) + D_{j0} \dot{w}_j(t) + \sum_{k \neq j} D_{jk} (\dot{w}_j(t) - \dot{w}_k(t)) + K_{j0} w_j(t) + \sum_{k \neq j} K_{jk} (w_j(t) - w_k(t)) = u_j(t),$$

# Mass-spring-damper system

- Masses  $M_j$
- Springs  $K_{jk}$
- Dampers  $D_{jk}$
- Input  $u_j$



$$\begin{aligned}
 & \begin{bmatrix} M_1 & & \\ & M_2 & \\ & & M_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{w}_1 \\ \ddot{w}_2 \\ \ddot{w}_3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & & \\ & D_{20} & \\ & & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{w}_1 \\ \dot{w}_2 \\ \dot{w}_3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} K_{10} & & \\ & 0 & \\ & & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ w_3 \end{bmatrix} \\
 & + \begin{bmatrix} D_{13} & 0 & -D_{13} \\ 0 & D_{23} & -D_{23} \\ -D_{13} & -D_{23} & D_{13} + D_{23} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{w}_1 \\ \dot{w}_2 \\ \dot{w}_3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} K_{12} + K_{13} & -K_{12} & -K_{13} \\ -K_{12} & K_{12} & 0 \\ -K_{13} & 0 & K_{13} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ w_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ u_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\left[ \underbrace{A(p)}_{\text{diagonal}} + \underbrace{B(p)}_{\text{Laplacian}} \right] w(t) = u(t) \quad A(p), B(p) \text{ polynomial} \quad p = \frac{d}{dt}$$

# Mass-spring-damper system

$$\left[ \underbrace{A(p)}_{\text{diagonal}} + \underbrace{B(p)}_{\text{Laplacian}} \right] w(t) = u(t) \quad A(p), B(p) \text{ polynomial}$$

$$\left[ \underbrace{Q(p)}_{\text{diagonal}} - \underbrace{P(p)}_{\text{hollow \& symmetric}} \right] w(t) = u(t)$$

This fully fits in the earlier **module** representation:

$$w(t) = Gw(t) + \underbrace{Rr(t) + He(t)}_{Q^{-1}(p)u(t)}$$

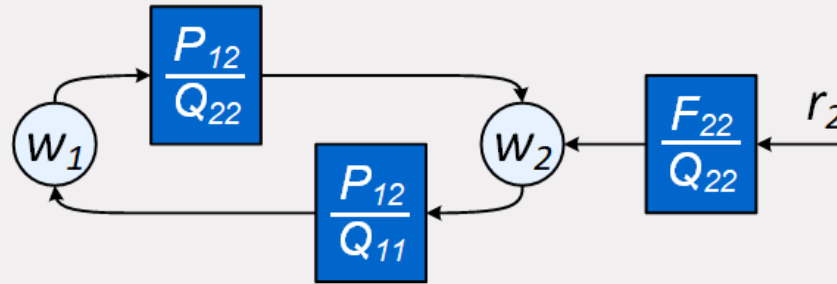
with the additional condition that:

$$G(p) = Q(p)^{-1}P(p) \quad Q(p), P(p) \text{ polynomial}$$

$P(p)$  symmetric,  $Q(p)$  diagonal

# Module representation

Consequences for node interactions:



- Node interactions come in pairs of modules
- Where numerators are the same

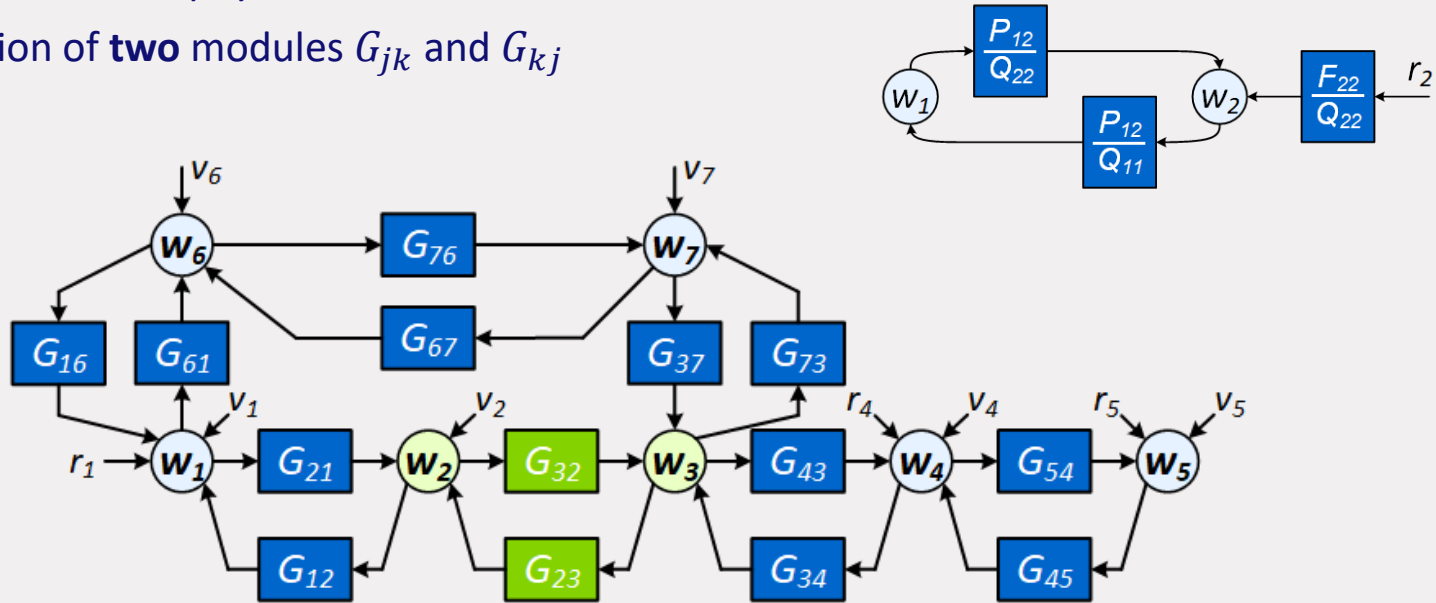
Framework for network identification remains the same

- Symmetry can simply be incorporated in identification

# Local network identification

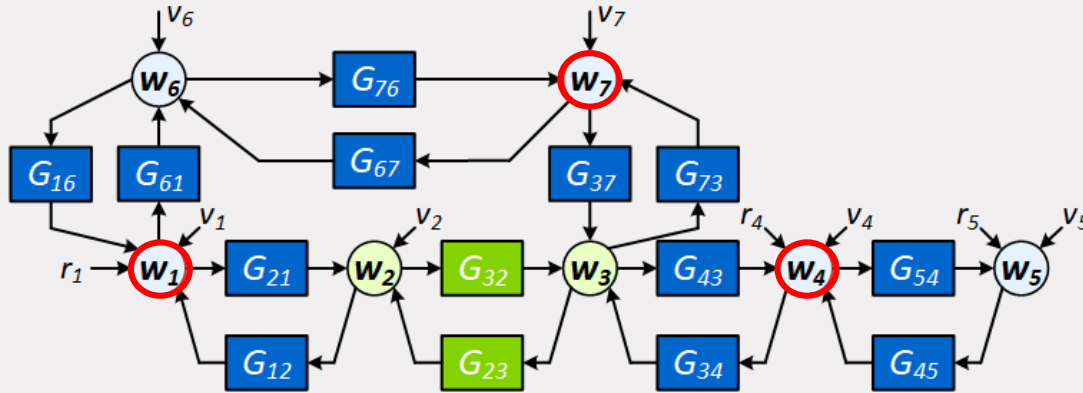
Identification of **one** physical interconnection

Identification of **two** modules  $G_{jk}$  and  $G_{kj}$



# Immersion conditions

For simultaneously identifying two modules in one interconnection:



The parallel path and loops-around-the-output condition, now simplifies to:

Measuring/exciting all neighbouring nodes of  $w_2$  and  $w_3$  leads to a solution



# Summary physical networks

- Physical networks fit within the module framework (special case)
  - no restriction to second order equations
- Earlier identification framework can be utilized
- Local identification is well-addressed (and stays really local)
- Framework is fit for representing **cyber-physical systems**  
(combining physical bi-directional links, and cyber uni-directional links).

# Extensions - Discussion

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- **Including sensor noise** <sup>[1]</sup>
  - Errors-in-variables problems can be more easily handled in a network setting
- **Distributed estimation (MISO models)** <sup>[2]</sup>
  - Communication constraints between different agents
  - Recursive (distributed) estimator converges to global optimizer (more slowly)
- **Experiment design** <sup>[3],[4]</sup>
  - design of least costly experiments

[1] Dankers et al., Automatica, 2015.

[2] Steentjes et al., IFAC-NECSYS, 2018.

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[4] Morelli, Bombois et al., ECC 2019;

# Summary

- **Dynamic network modeling:**  
intriguing research topic with many open questions
- The (centralized) LTI framework is only just the beginning
- Further move towards data-aspects related to distributed control
- and large-scale aspects
- and bring it to real-life applications

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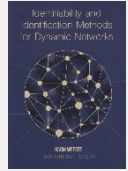
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