

# Data-driven model learning in interconnected systems

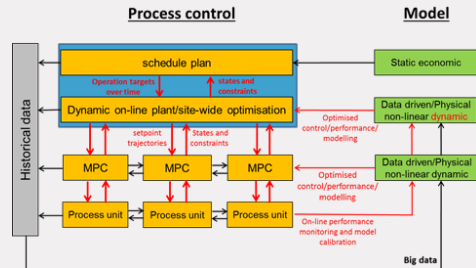
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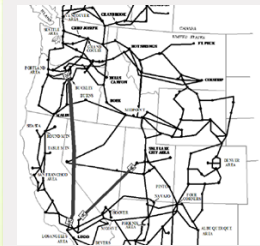
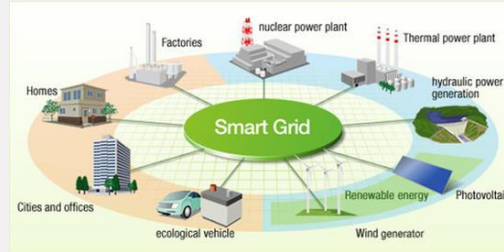
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# Introduction – dynamic networks

## Decentralized process control



## Smart power grid

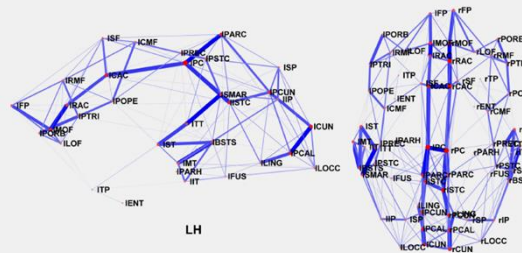


Pierre et al. (2012)

## Complex machines

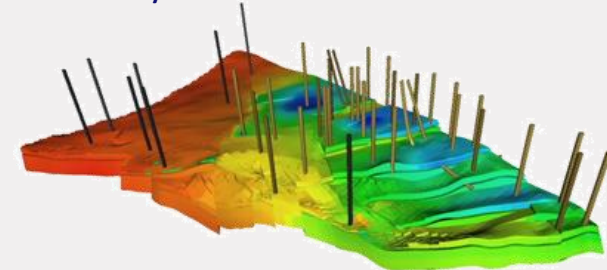


## Brain network



P. Hagmann et al. (2008)

## Hydrocarbon reservoirs



Mansoori (2014)

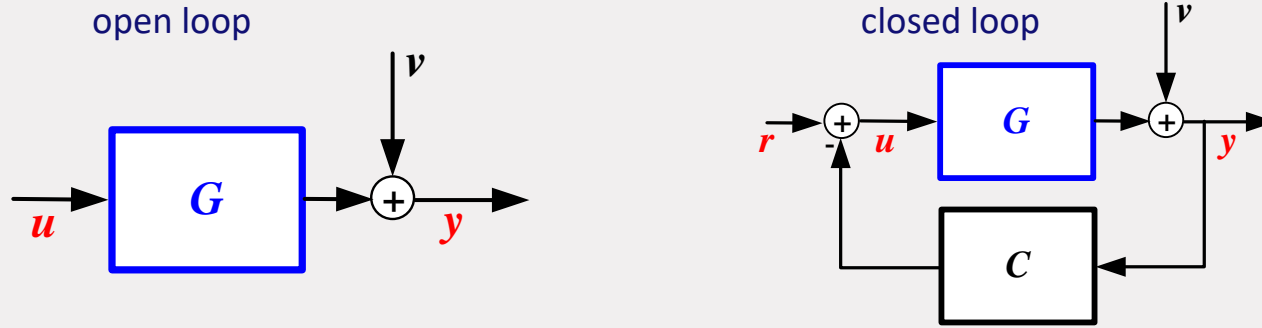
# Introduction

## Overall trend:

- (Large-scale) interconnected dynamic systems
- Distributed / multi-agent type monitoring, control and optimization problems, as well as diagnostics
- Data is “everywhere”, big data era, AI/machine learning tools
- Model-based operations require accurate/relevant models
- → **Learning models/actions from data** (including physical insights when available)

# Introduction

The classical (multivariable) data-driven modeling 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*.

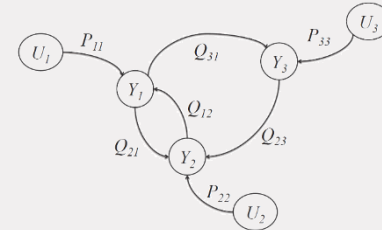
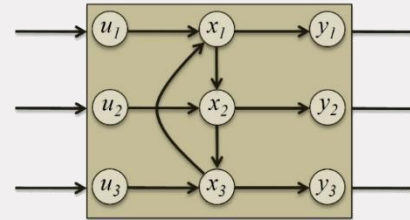
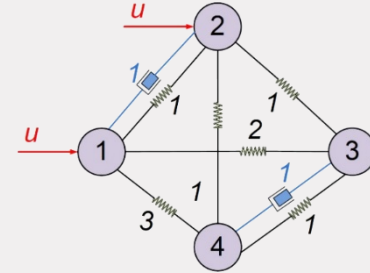
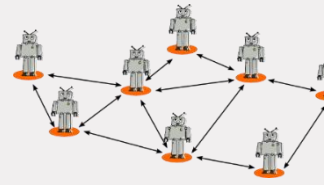
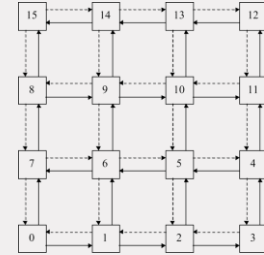
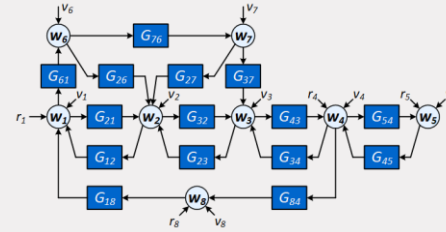
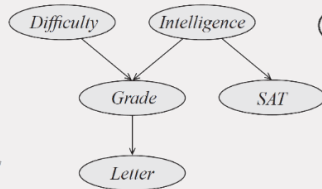
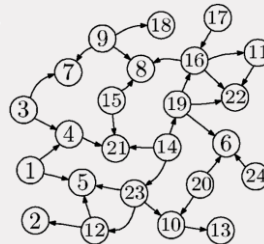
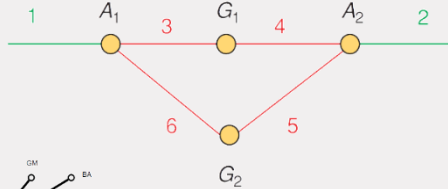
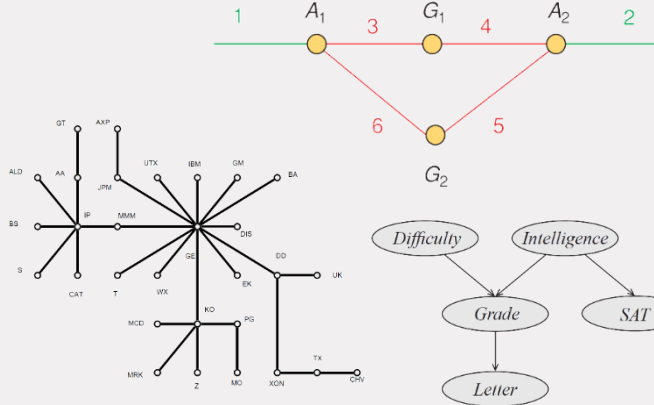
In interconnected systems (networks) the **structure / topology** becomes important to include

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



# Network models

- scalable, describing the physics
- dynamic elements with cause-effect
- handling feedback loops (cycles)
- combining physical and cyber components
- centered around measured signals
- allow disturbances and probing signals



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

[www.momo.cs.okayama-u.ac.jp](http://www.momo.cs.okayama-u.ac.jp)  
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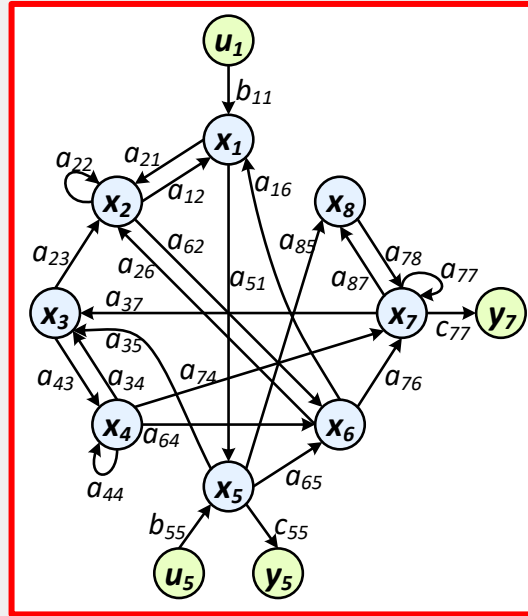
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# Network models



State space representation

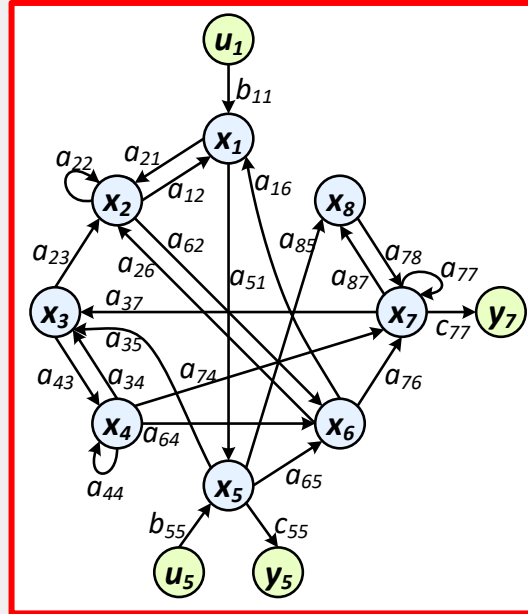
$$\begin{aligned}x(k+1) &= Ax(k) + Bu(k) \\ y(k) &= Cx(k) + Du(k)\end{aligned}$$

- States as **nodes** in a (directed) graph
- State transitions (1 step in time) reflected by  $a_{ij}$
- Transitions are encoded in links
- Ultimate break-down of system structure
- Actuation ( $u$ ) and sensing ( $y$ ) reflected by separate links

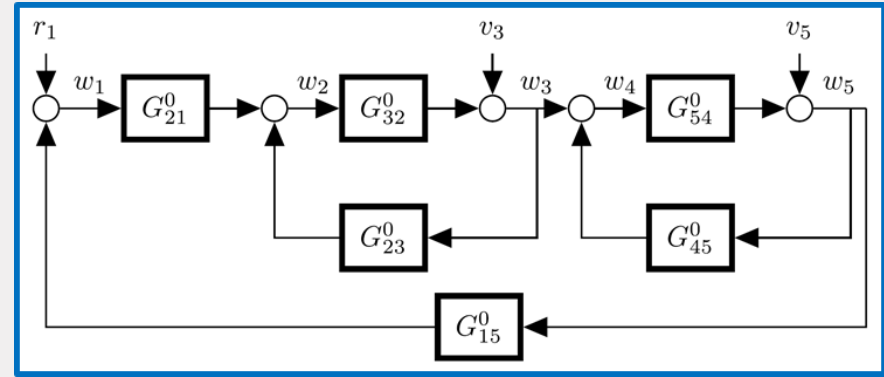
For data-driven modeling problems:

- Lump unmeasured states in dynamic **modules**

# Network models



State space representation [1]

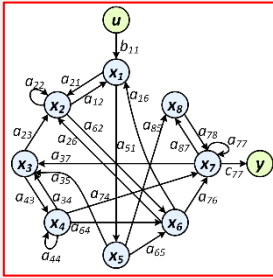


Module representation [2]

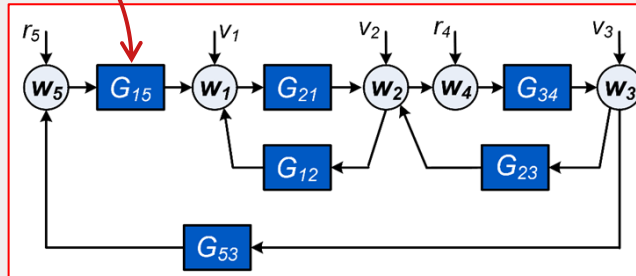
[1] Goncalves, Warnick, Sandberg, Yeung, Yuan, Scherpen,...

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

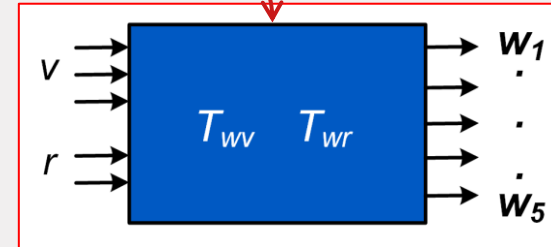
# Dynamic network models - zooming



Increasing level of detail

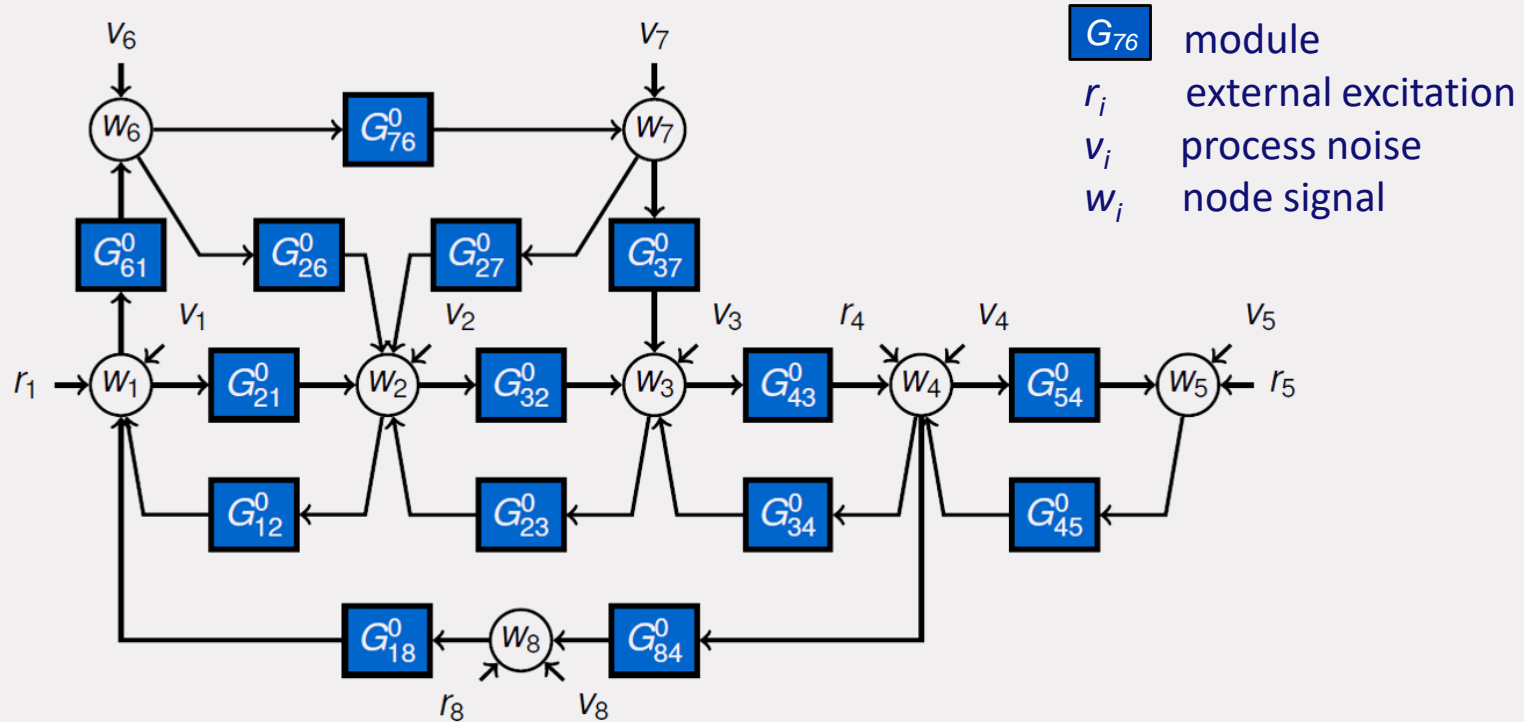


Decreasing structural information

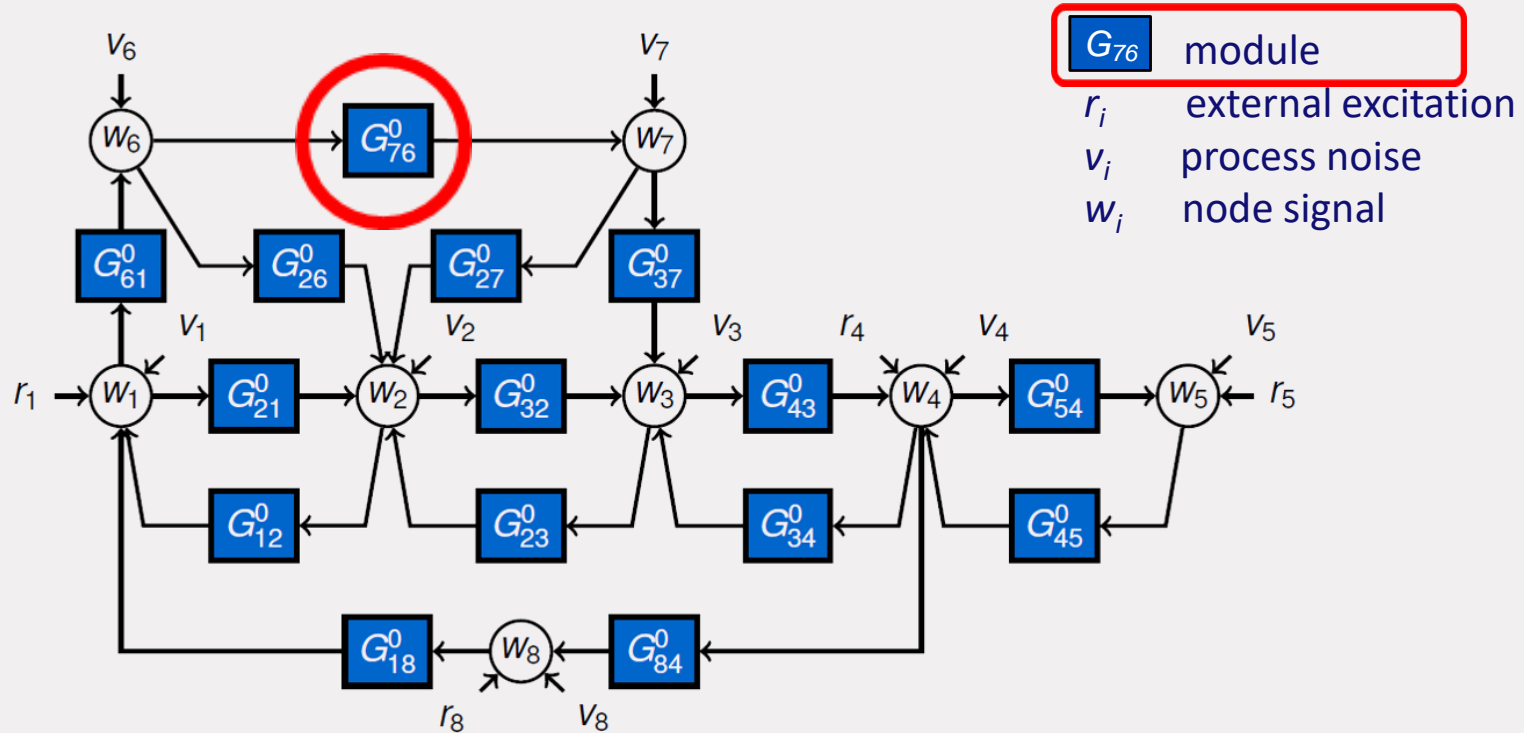




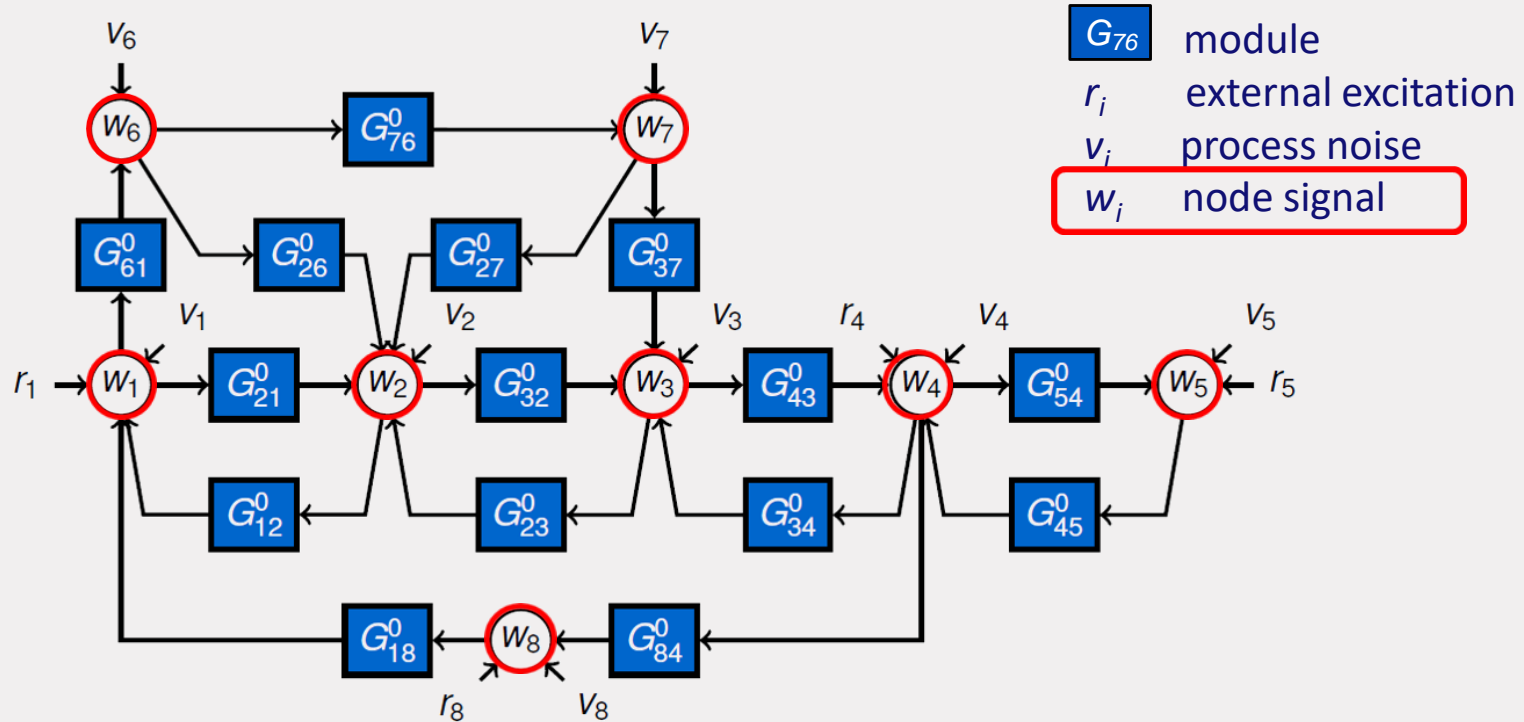
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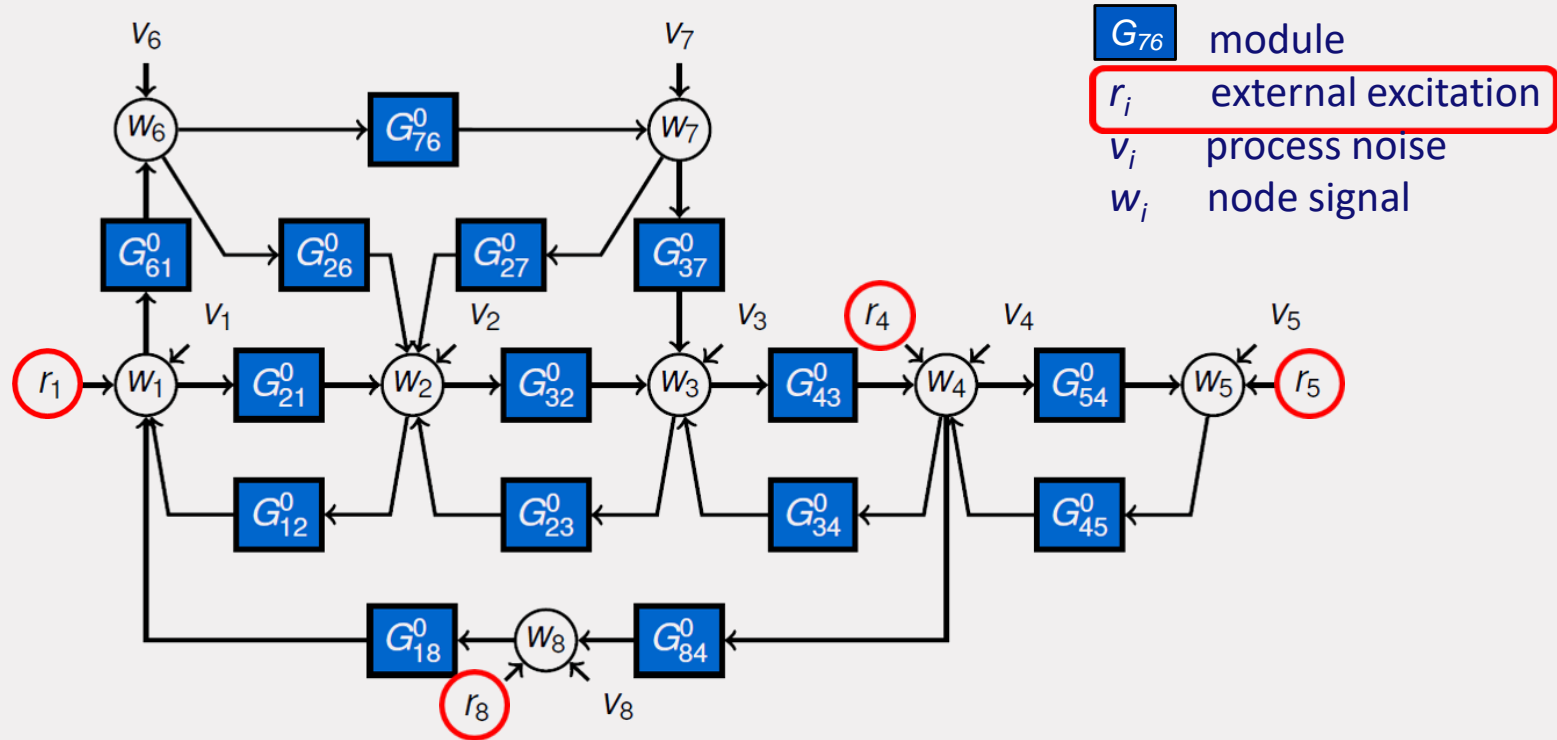
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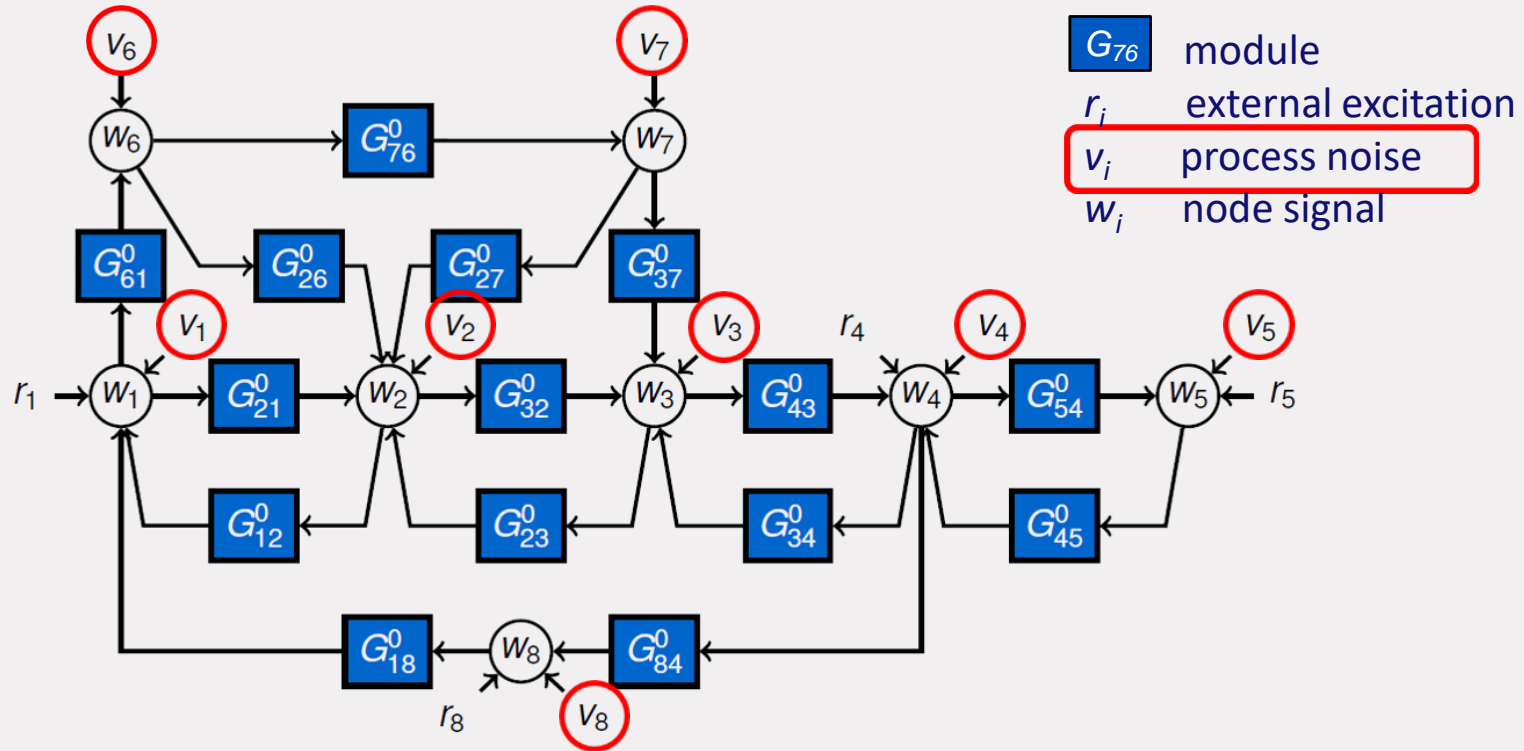
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## Basic building block:

$$w_j(t) = \sum_{k \in \mathcal{N}_j} G_{jk}^0(q) w_k(t) + r_j(t) + v_j(t)$$

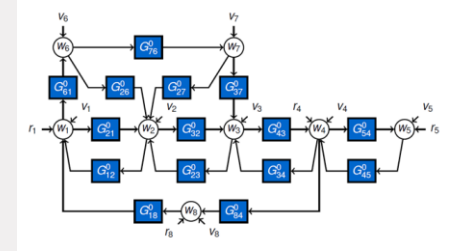
$w_j$ : node signal

$r_j$ : external excitation signal

$v_j$ : (unmeasured) disturbance, stationary stochastic process

$G_{jk}^0$ : module, rational proper transfer function,  $\mathcal{N}_j \subset \{\mathbb{Z} \cap [1, L] \setminus \{j\}\}$

$q$ : shift operator,  $q^{-1}w(t) = w(t-1)$



**Node signals:**  $w_1, \dots, w_L$

Interconnection structure / topology of the network is encoded in  $\mathcal{N}_j$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, L$



# Dynamic network setup

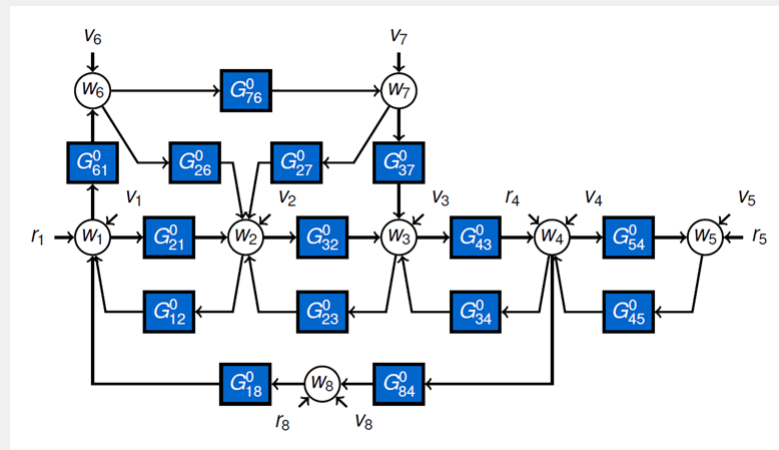
Collecting all equations:

$$\begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ \vdots \\ w_L \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & G_{12}^0 & \cdots & G_{1L}^0 \\ G_{21}^0 & 0 & \cdots & G_{2L}^0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ G_{L1}^0 & G_{L2}^0 & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{Network matrix } G^0(q)} \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ \vdots \\ w_L \end{bmatrix} + R^0 \begin{bmatrix} r_1 \\ r_2 \\ \vdots \\ r_K \end{bmatrix} + H^0 \begin{bmatrix} e_1 \\ e_2 \\ \vdots \\ e_p \end{bmatrix}$$

$$w(t) = G^0(q)w(t) + \underbrace{R^0(q)r(t)}_{u(t)} + v(t); \quad v(t) = H^0(q)e(t); \quad \text{cov}(e) = \Lambda$$

- Typically  $R^0$  is just a (static) selection matrix, indicating which nodes have an excitation signal.
- The topology of the network is encoded in the structure (non-zero entries) of  $G^0$ .
- $r$  and  $e$  are called **external signals**.

# Dynamic network setup



Measured time series:

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

Many challenging data-driven modeling and diagnostics challenges appear

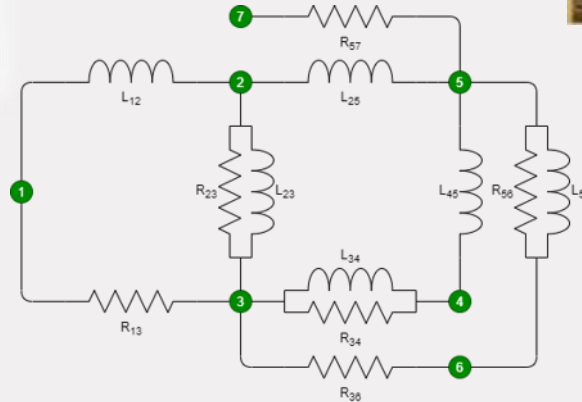
- Identification of a local module (known topology)
- Identification of the full network
- Topology estimation
- Identifiability
- Sensor and excitation allocation
- Diagnostics and fault detection
- User prior knowledge of modules
- Distributed identification
- Scalable algorithms

# Application: Printed Circuit Board (PCB) Testing

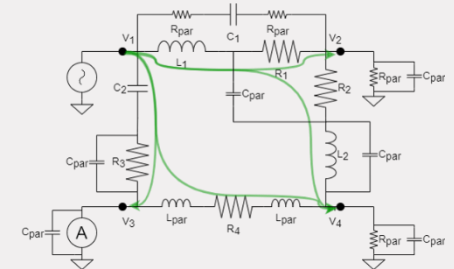


Detection of

- component failures
- parasitic effects

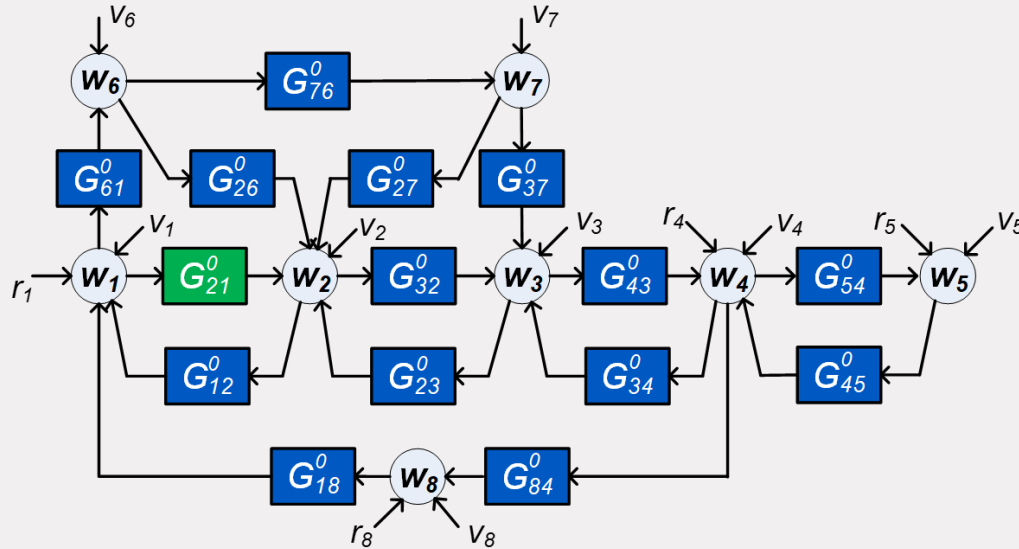


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# Single module identification

# 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

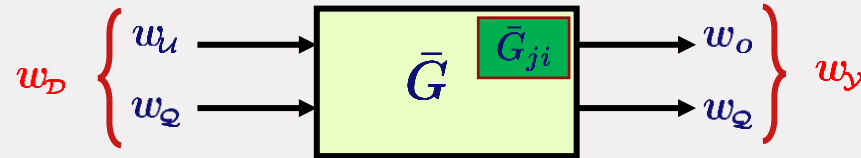
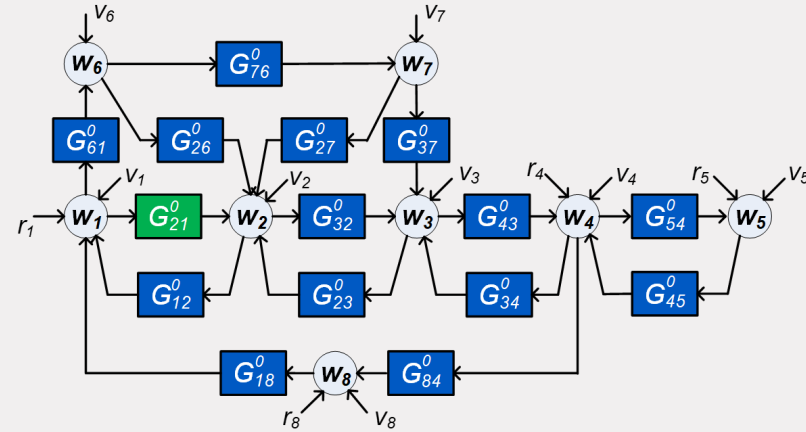
## Local direct method:

(consistency and minimum variance properties)

## Select a subnetwork:

- Predicted outputs:  $w_y$
- Predictor inputs:  $w_D$

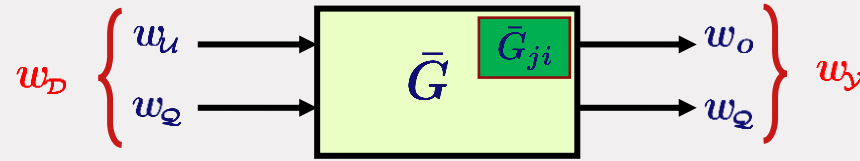
such that prediction error minimization leads to an accurate estimate of  $G_{21}^0$



**Note:** same node signals can appear in input and output



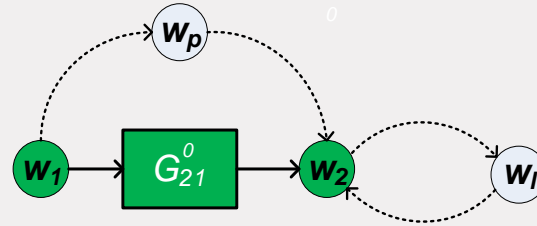
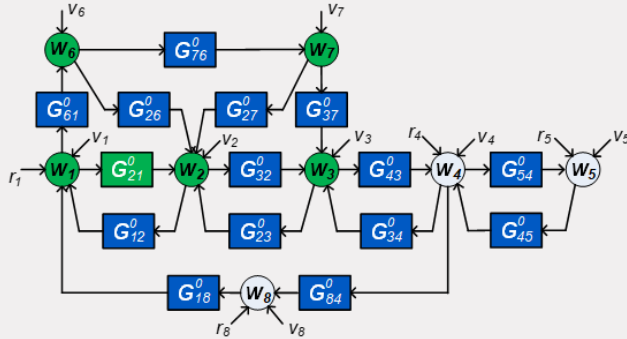
# Single module identification



## Conditions for arriving at an accurate model:

1. Module invariance:  $\bar{G}_{ji} = G_{ji}^0$
2. Handling of confounding variables
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4. *Technical condition on presence of delays*

# Single module identification - module invariance



A sufficient condition for module invariance:

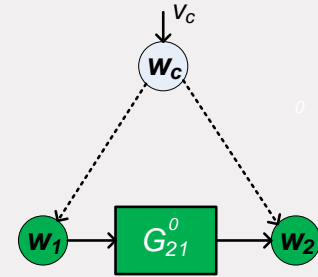
All **parallel paths**, and **loops around the output**,  
should be "blocked" by a measured node that is present in  $w_D$

All other signals can be removed/immersed from the network

# Single module identification – confounding variables

## Confounding variable<sup>[1][2]</sup>:

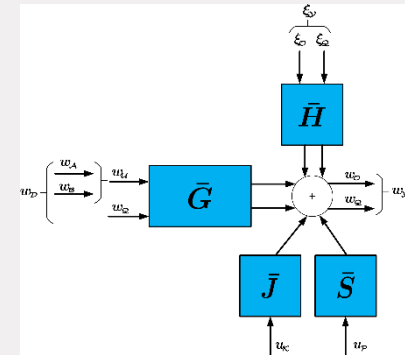
Unmeasured signal that has (unmeasured paths) to both the input and output of an estimation problem.



In networks they can appear in two different ways:

- If  $v$  disturbances on inputs and outputs are correlated
- If non-measured in-neighbors of  $w_y$  affect signals in  $w_D$

Can be addressed by **adding inputs/outputs** to the predictor model<sup>[3]</sup>



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

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

[3] K.R. Ramaswamy et al., *IEEE-TAC*, 2021.

# Single module identification – data-informativity

Predictor model equation:

$$w_y(t) = \bar{G}(q, \theta) w_D(t) + \bar{H}(q, \theta) \xi_y(t) + \bar{J}(q, \theta) u_\kappa(t) + \bar{S} u_p(t)$$

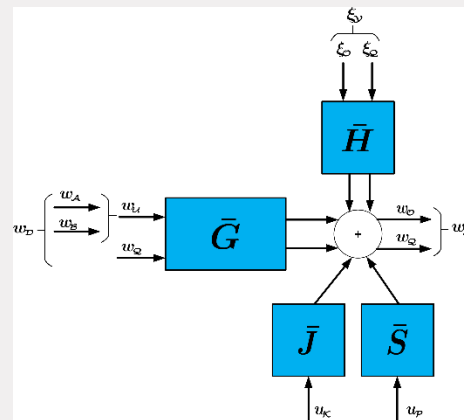
Typical data-informativity condition:

$\kappa$  persistently exciting

$$\Phi_\kappa(\omega) > 0 \text{ for almost all } \omega$$

$$\kappa(t) := \begin{bmatrix} w_D(t) \\ \xi_y(t) \\ u_\kappa(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

inputs of the predictor model

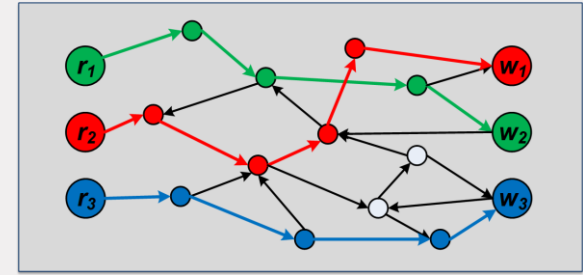


Rank-based condition can generically be satisfied based on a graph-based condition

# Data informativity (path-based condition)

This condition can be verified in a generic sense, by considering the **generic rank** of the mapping from external signals to  $\kappa$  <sup>[1],[2]</sup>

linking to the maximum number of **vertex disjoint paths** between inputs and outputs



$$b_{\mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{W}} = 3$$

$\kappa$  persistently exciting holds **generically** if there are **vertex disjoint paths** between external signals  $\{u, e\}$  and  $\kappa = \begin{bmatrix} w_D \\ \xi \\ u_K \end{bmatrix}$

Equivalently:

$\dim(w_D)$  vertex disjoint paths between  $\{u, e\} \setminus \{\xi, u_K\}$  and  $w_D$

[1] Van der Woude, 1991

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

[3] VdH et al., CDC 2020.

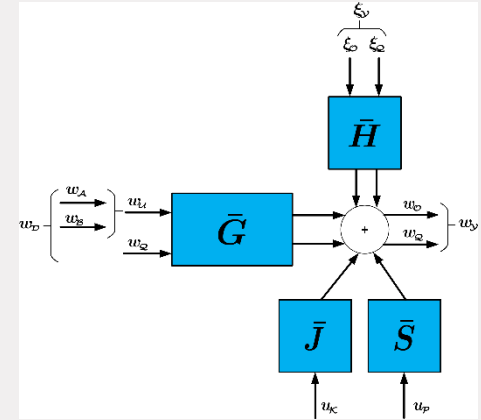
# Data informativity (path-based condition)

Specific result for networks with **full rank disturbances**:

Every node signal in  $w_{\mathcal{Q}}$  requires an excitation in  $u_{\mathcal{P}}$  having a 1-transfer to  $w_y$

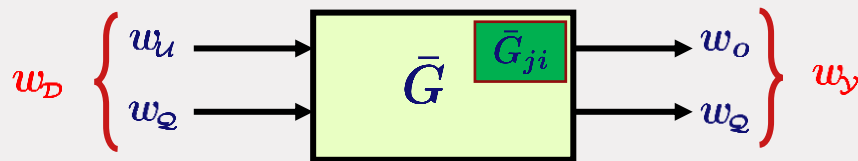
$$w_y(t) = \bar{G}(q, \theta)w_{\mathcal{D}}(t) + \bar{H}(q, \theta)\xi_{\mathcal{V}}(t) + \bar{J}(q, \theta)u_{\mathcal{K}}(t) + \bar{S}u_{\mathcal{P}}(t)$$

- For every node in  $w_{\mathcal{Q}}$  we need a  $u$ -excitation
- More expensive experiments with growing # outputs





# Single module identification

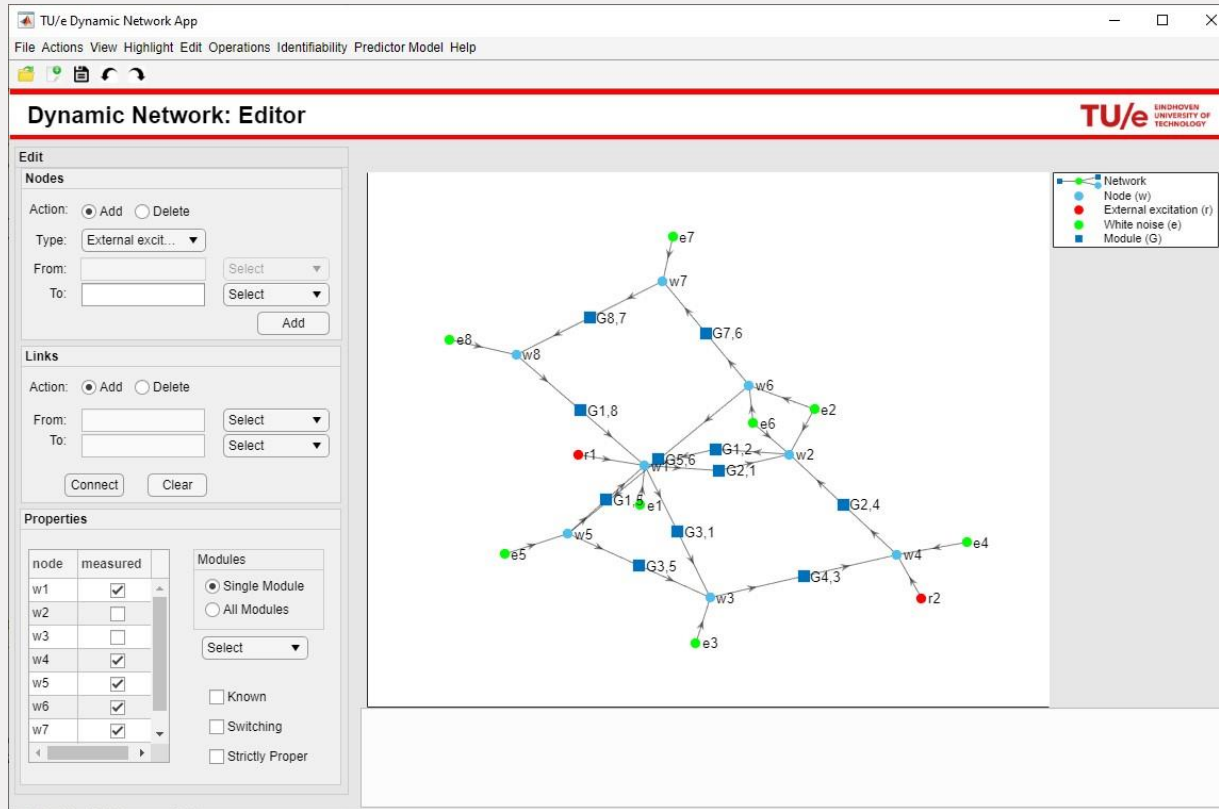


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**Path-based conditions on the network graph**

# Algorithms implemented in SYSDYNET Toolbox

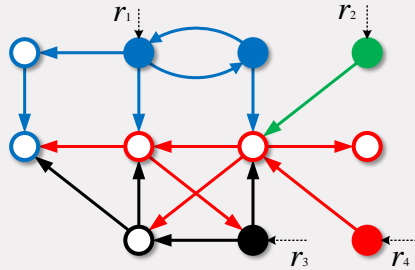


# Summary single module identification

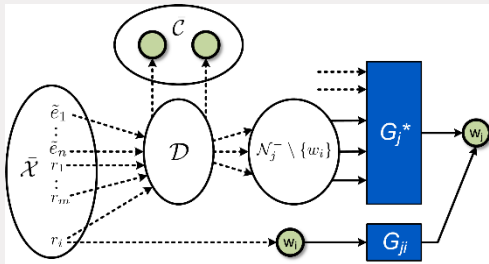
- Path-based conditions that the predictor model should satisfy
- Different algorithms for synthesizing predictor model
- Degrees of freedom in sensor / actuator placement
- Methods for **consistent** and **minimum variance** module estimation, and effective (scalable) algorithms

# Related topics...

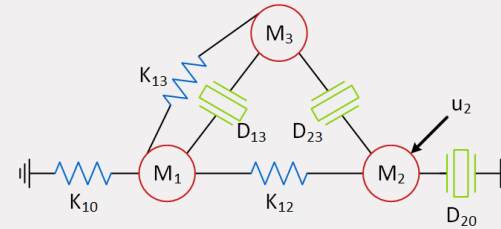
- Excitation allocation for full network identifiability



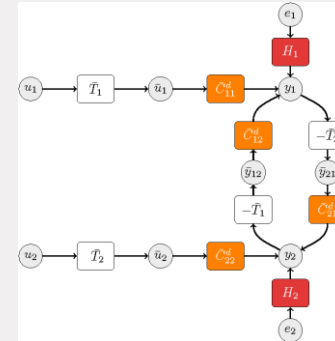
- Subnetwork identifiability



- Diffusively coupled networks

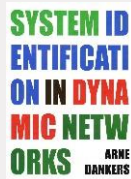


- Distributed controller identification

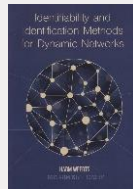


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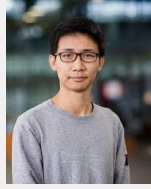
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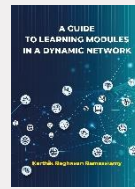
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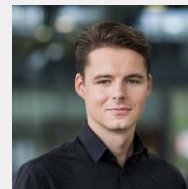
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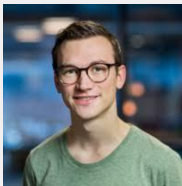
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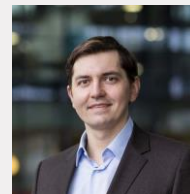
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