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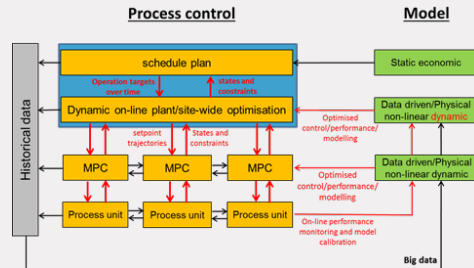
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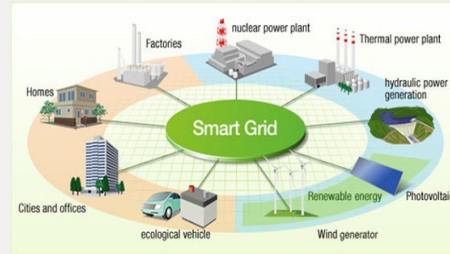
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# Introduction – dynamic networks

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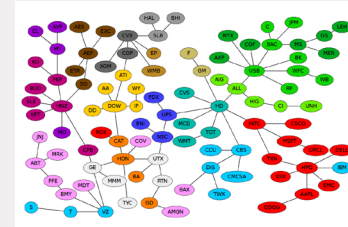


## Smart power grid



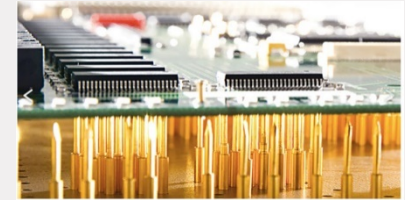
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## Stock market



Materassi and Innocenti, 2010

## PCB testing



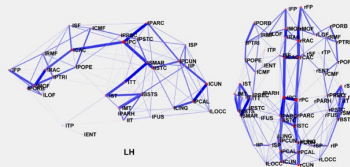
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## Autonomous driving



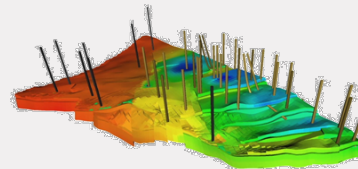
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## Brain network



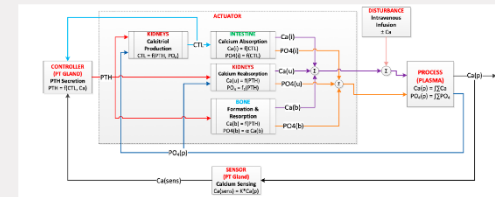
P. Hagmann et al. (2008)

## Hydrocarbon reservoirs



Mansoori (2014)

## Physiological models



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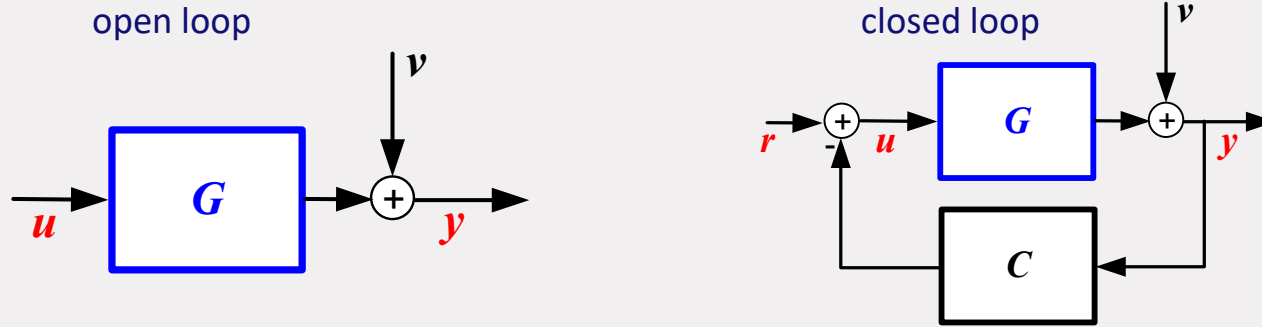
# Introduction

## Overall trend:

- Systems become more and more **interconnected** and large scale
- The scope of system's control and optimization becomes wider  
From components/units to **systems-of-systems**
- Modeling, monitoring, control and optimization actions become **distributed**
- **Data** is playing an increasing role in monitoring, decision making, control of (highly autonomous) smart systems (machine learning, AI)
- → **Learning models/actions from data** (including physical insights when available)

# Introduction

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



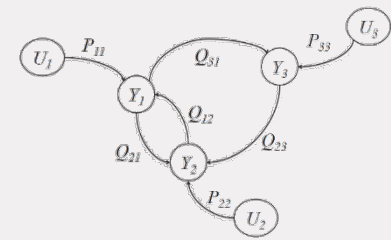
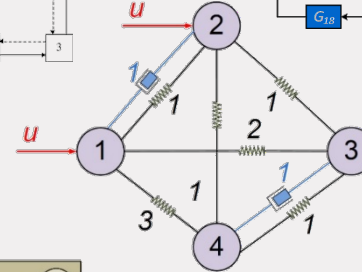
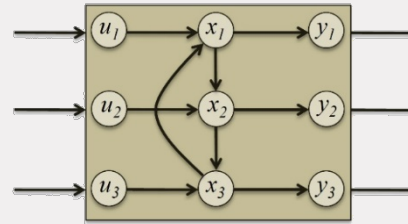
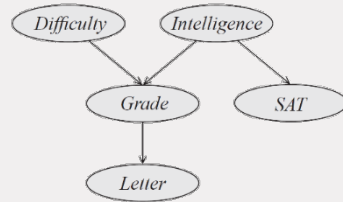
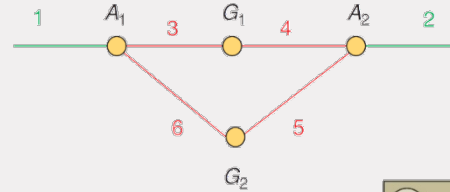
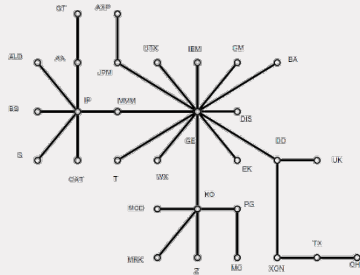
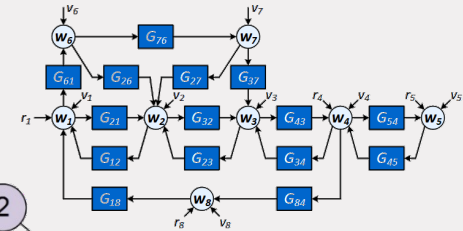
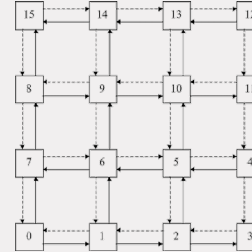
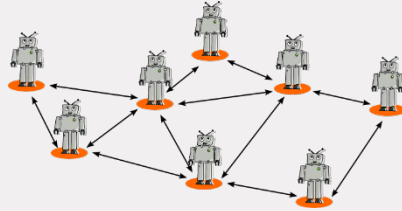
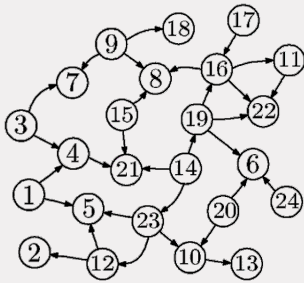
Identify a model of  $G$  on the basis of measured signals  $u, y$  (and possibly  $r$ ), focusing on *continuous LTI dynamics*.

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)



# Network models



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

R.N. Mantegna (1999)

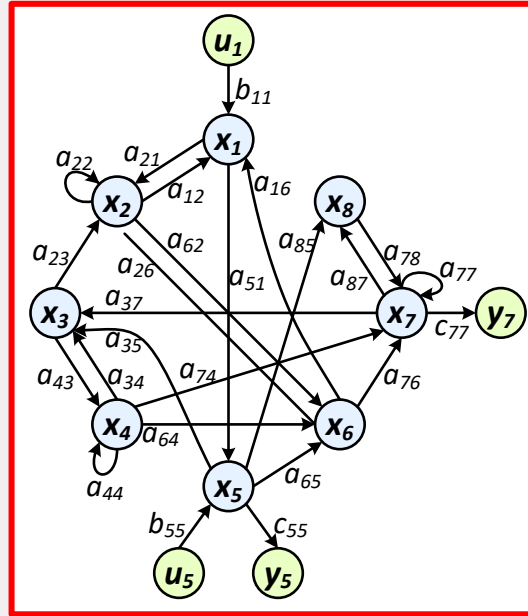
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J.C. Willems (2007)  
D. Koller and N. Friedman (2009)

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X.Cheng (2019)

E. Yeung et al (2010)

# Network models



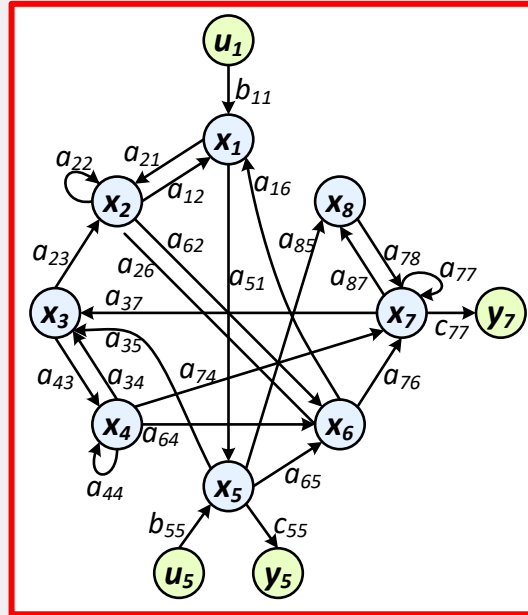
State space representation

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

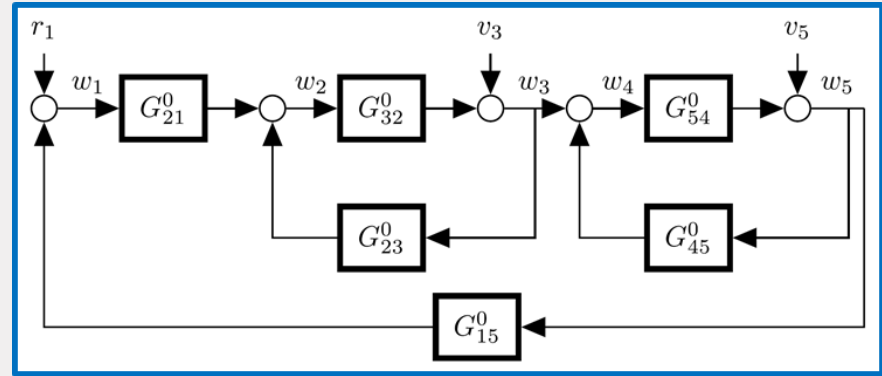
- States as **nodes** in a (directed graph)
- State transitions (1 step in time) reflected by  $a_{ij}$
- Transitions are encoded in **links**
- Effect of transitions are summed in the nodes
- Self loops are allowed
- Actuation ( $u$ ) and sensing ( $y$ ) reflected by separate links



# Network models



State space representation [1]



Module representation [2]

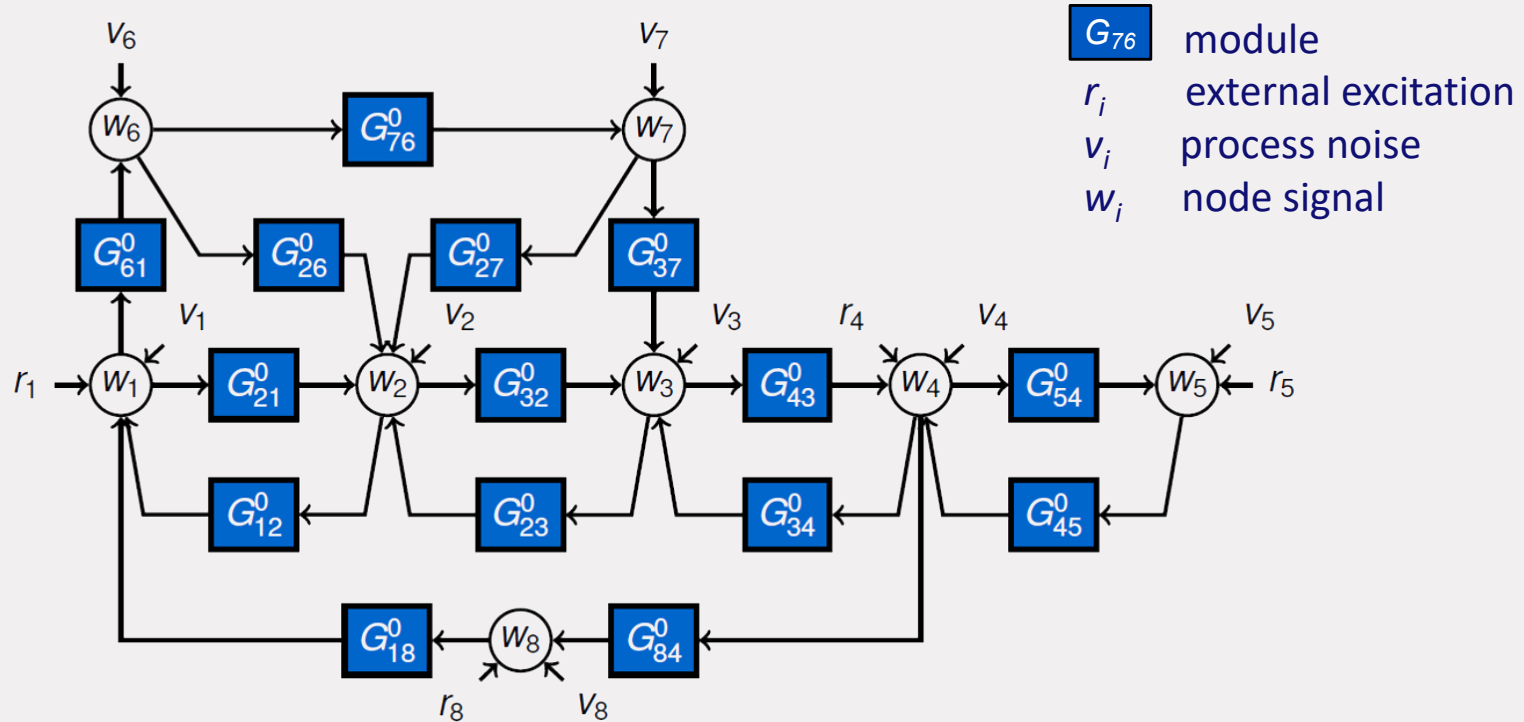
Compare e.g. classical signal flow graphs [3]

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

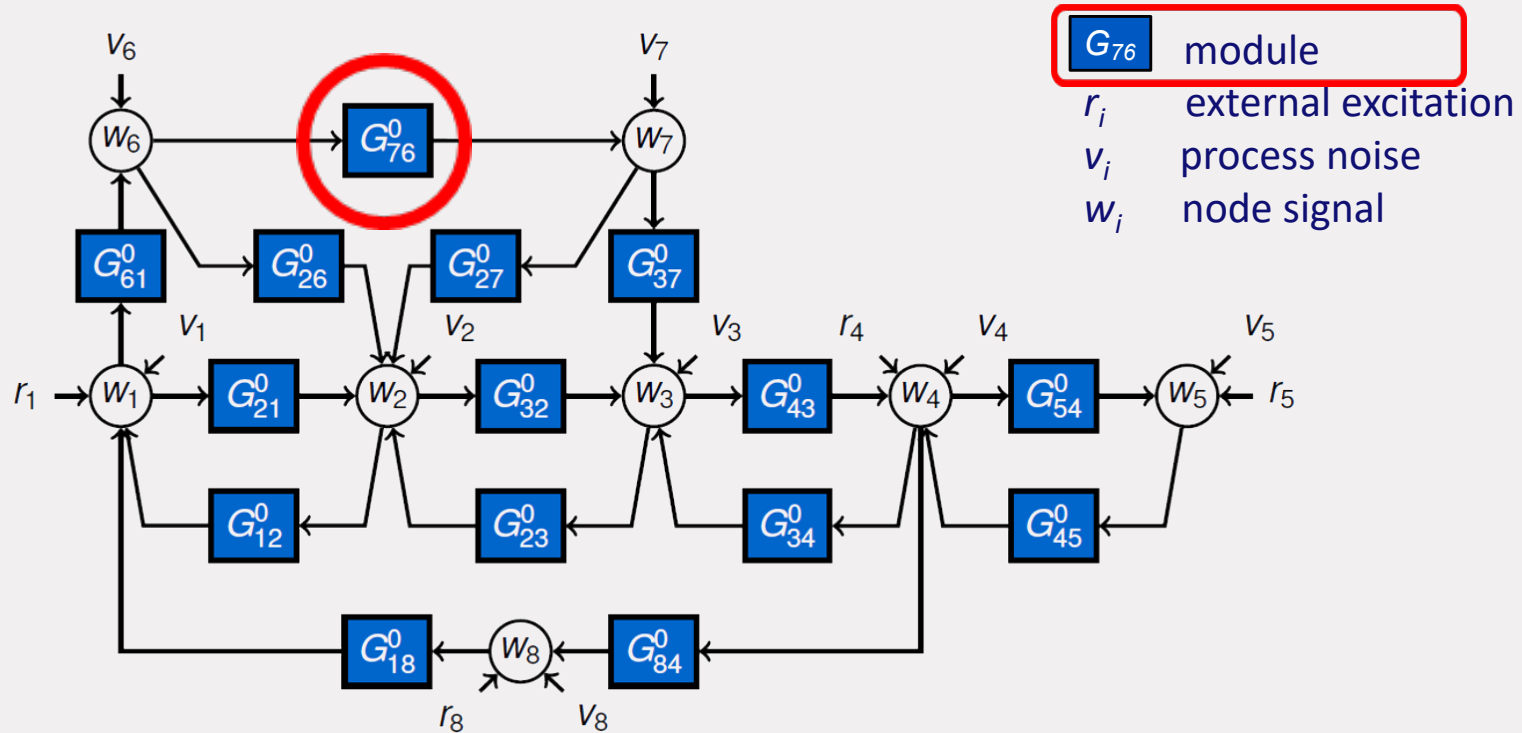
[2] VdH, Dankers, Goncalves, Warnick, Gevers, Bazanella, Hendrickx, Materassi, Weerts,...

[3] S.J. Mason, 1953, 1955.

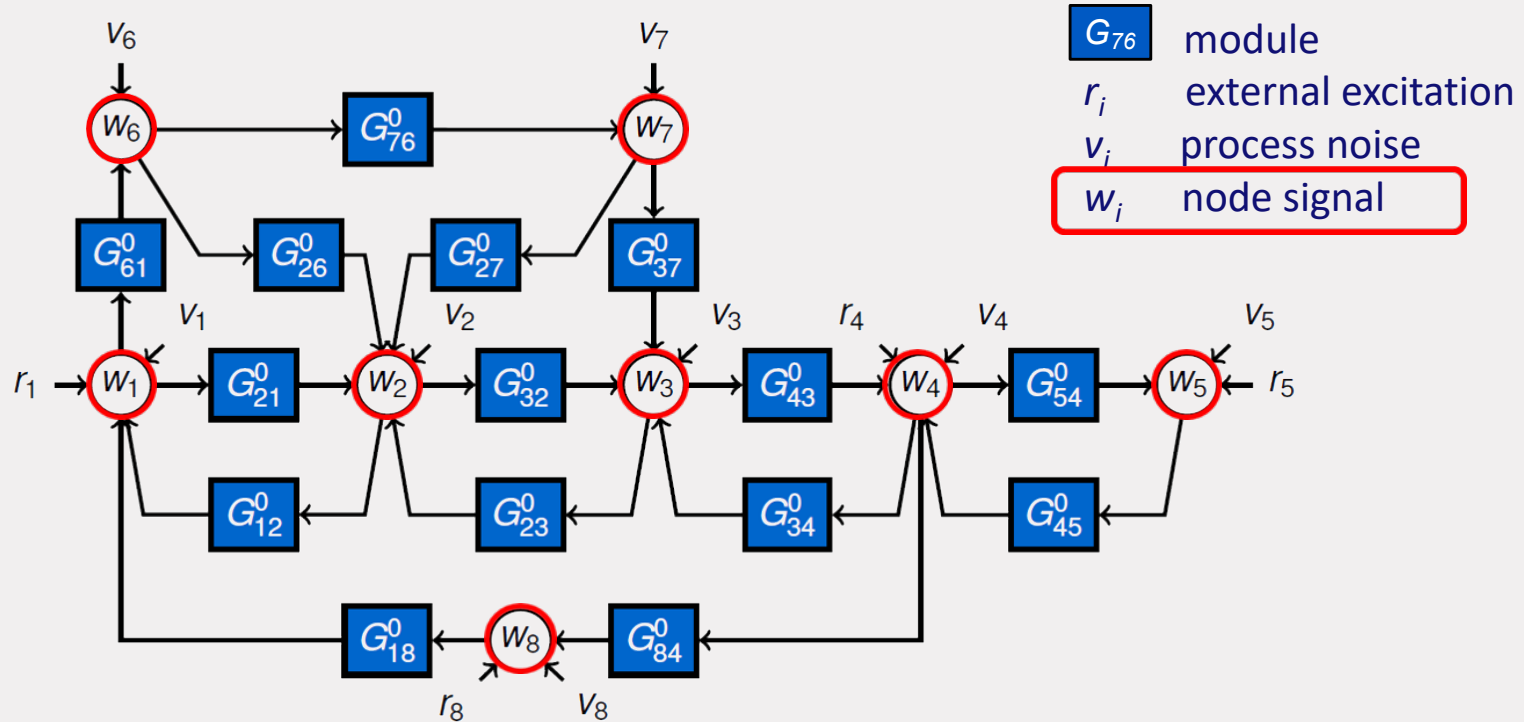
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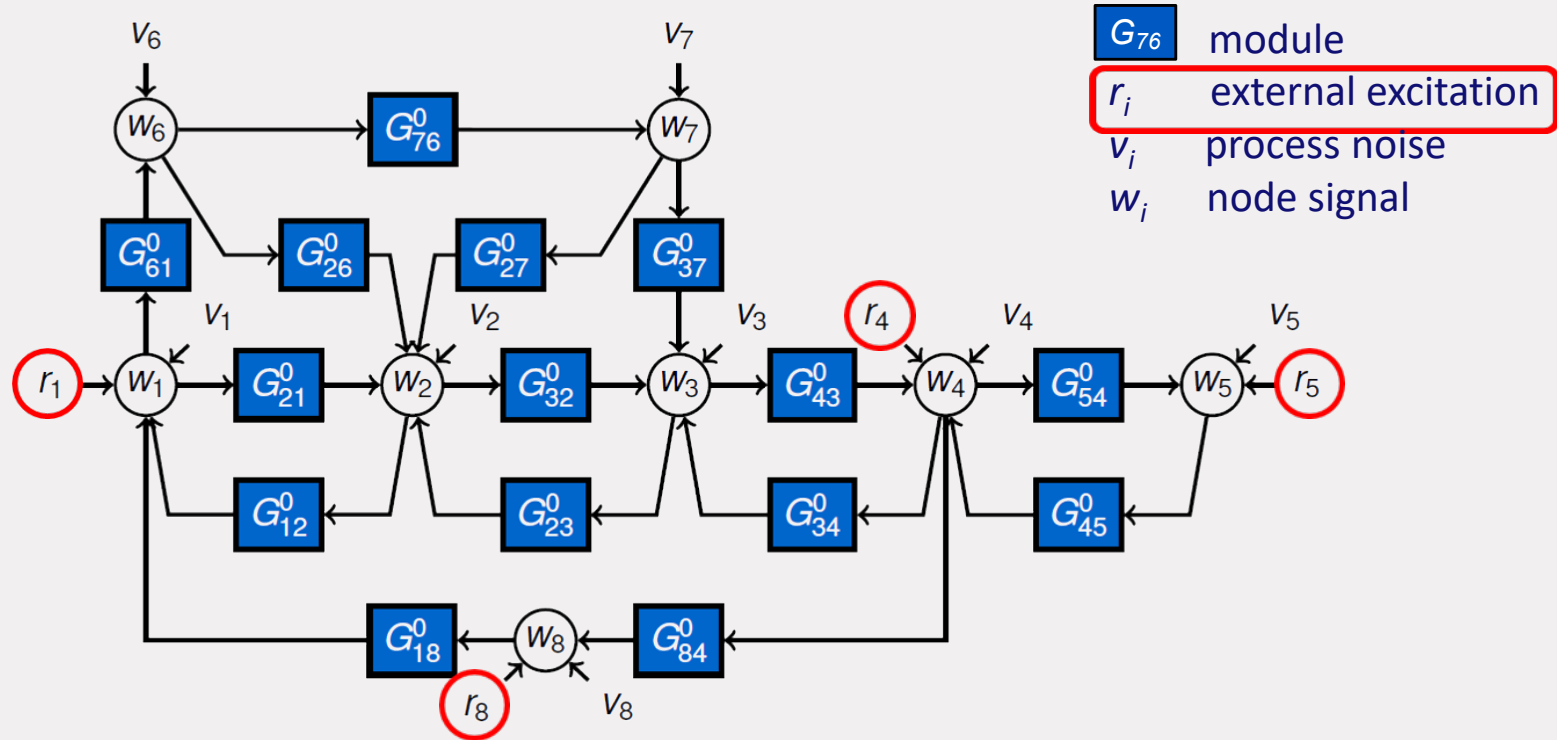


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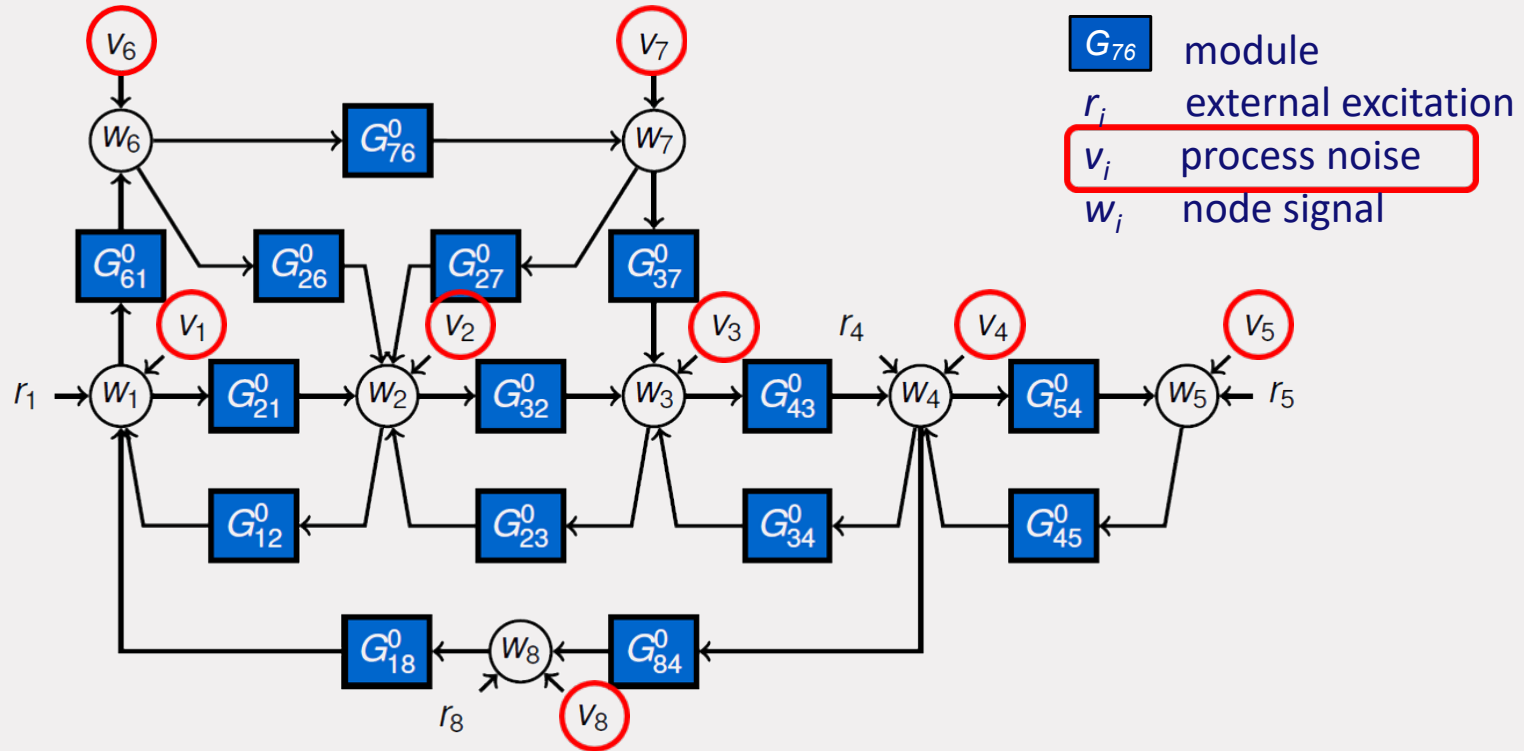




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## Basic building block:

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

$w_j$ : node signal

$r_j$  : external excitation signal

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

$G_{jk}^0$ : module, rational proper transfer function

**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:

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

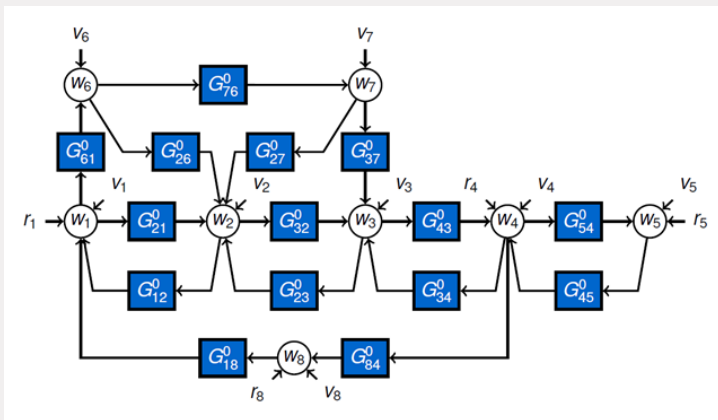
$$w(t) = G^0(q)w(t) + R^0(q)r(t) + v(t); \quad v(t) = H^0(q)e(t); \quad \text{cov}(e) = \Lambda$$

- 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

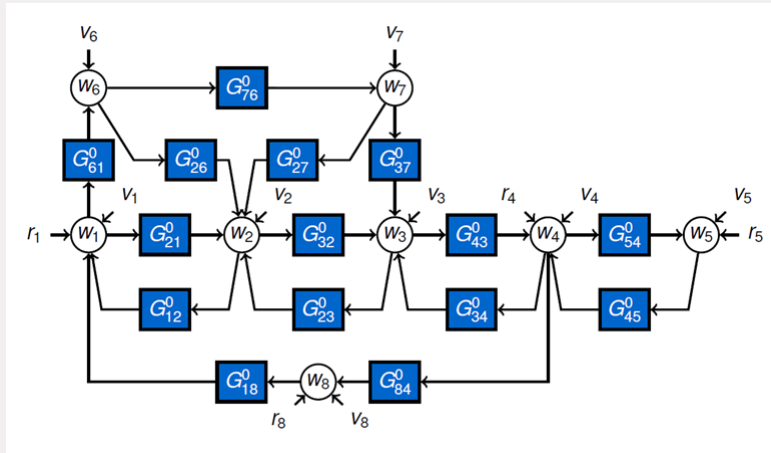
$$w = G^0 w + R^0 r + H^0 e$$



## Assumptions:

- Total of  $L$  nodes, no self-loops
- Network is well-posed and stable, i.e.  $(I - G^0)^{-1}$  exists and is stable
- Modules are dynamic, LTI, proper, may be unstable
- Disturbances can be correlated:  $H^0$  not necessarily diagonal

# Data-driven modeling

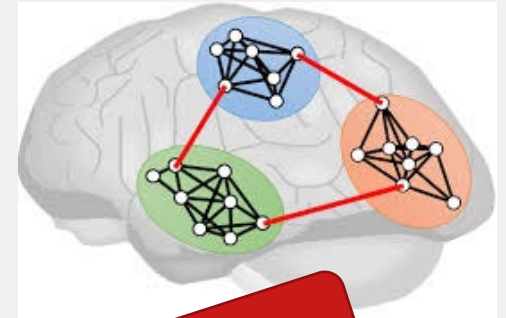
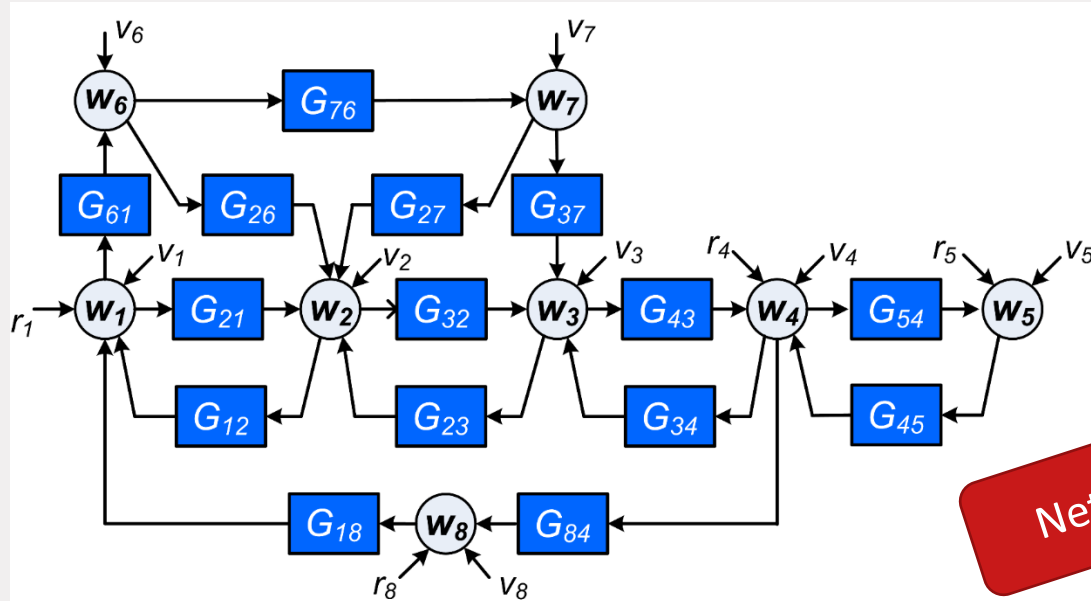


Many new data-driven modeling questions can be formulated

Measured time series:

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

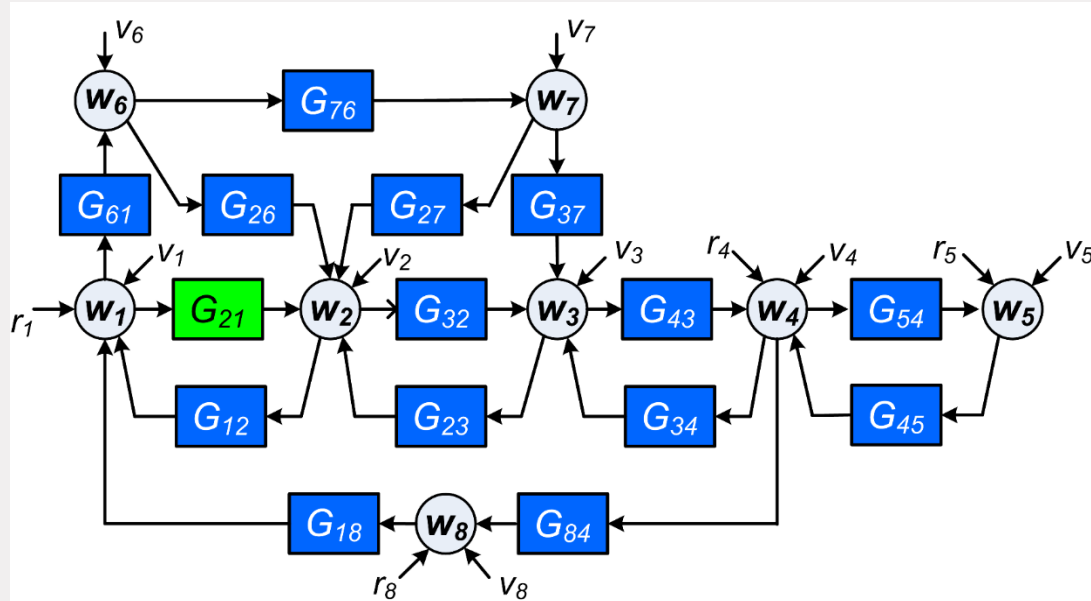
# Model learning problems



Network identifiability

Under which conditions can we estimate from  $(w, r)$  the topology and/or dynamics of the full network?

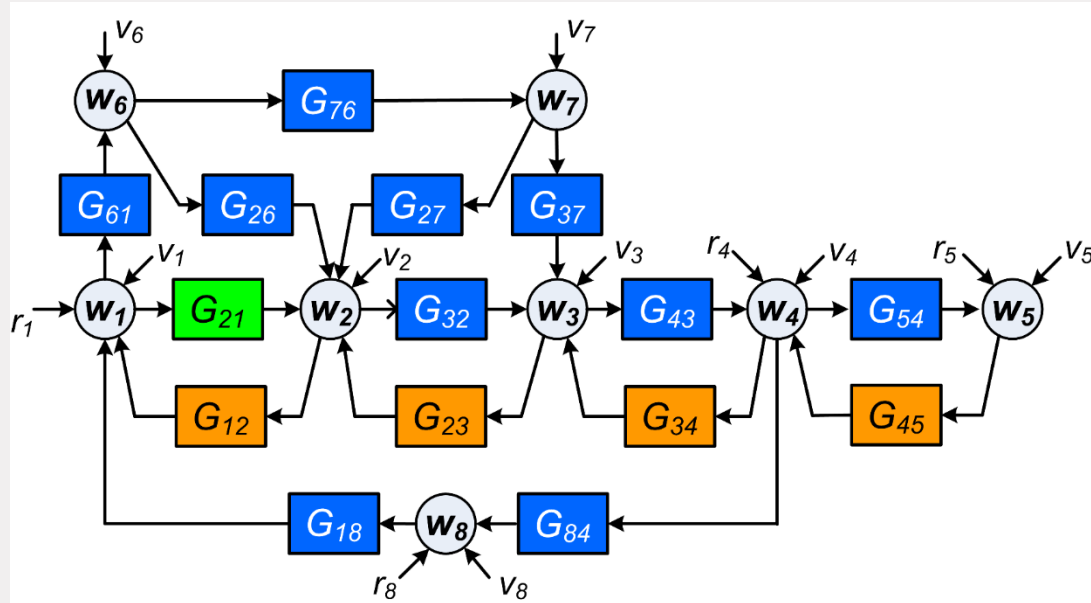
# Model learning problems



How/when can we learn a local module from data  
(with known/unknown network topology) ? Where to sense / actuate?

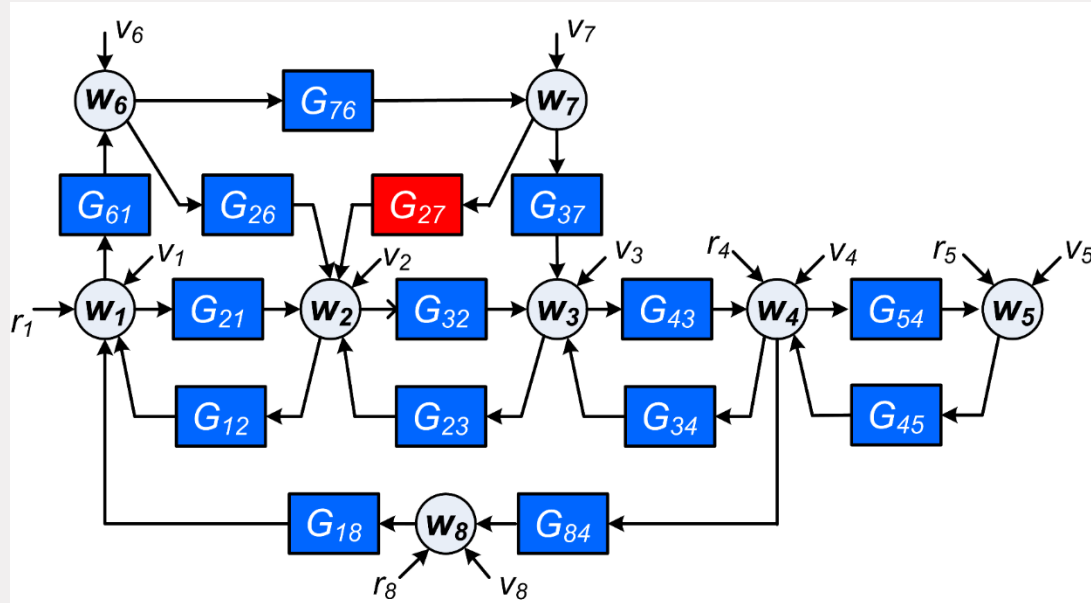


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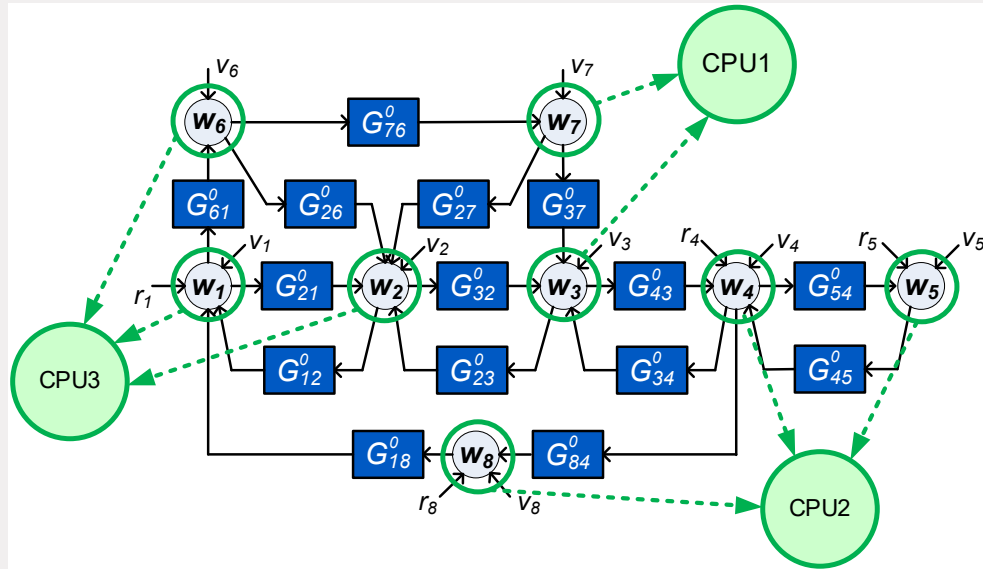
How can we benefit from a priori known modules?

# Model learning problems



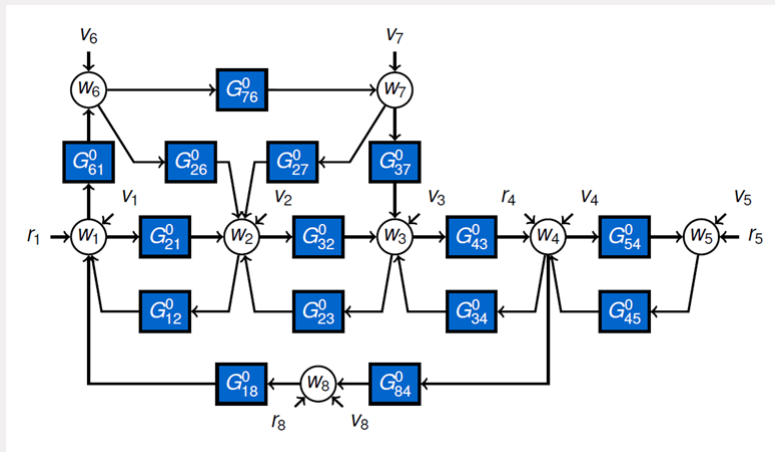
Fault detection and diagnosis; detect/handle nonlinear elements

# Model learning problems



## Can we distribute the computations?

# Dynamic network setup



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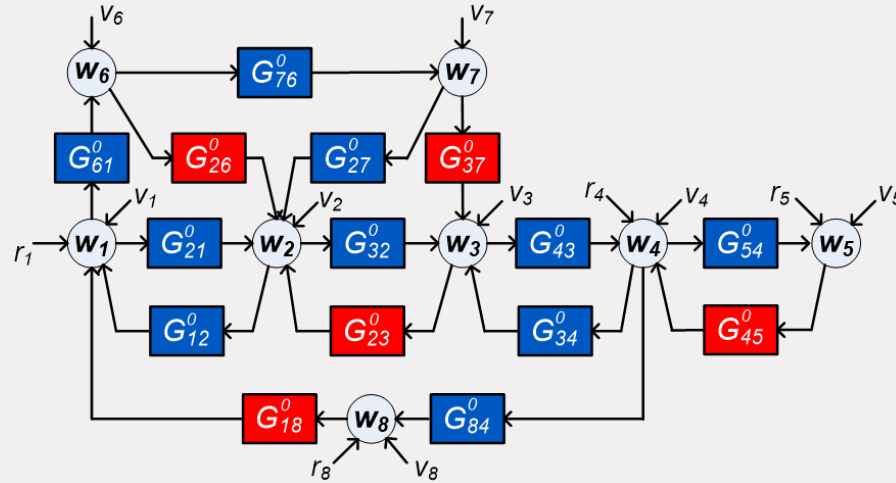
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- Identification of a local module (known topology)
- Identification of the full network
- Topology estimation
- Identifiability
- Sensor and excitation allocation
- Fault detection
- User prior knowledge of modules
- Distributed identification
- **Scalable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



# Identifiability

# Network identifiability



blue = unknown  
red = known

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

**OR:** If different networks in our model set generate the same  $w$  for a given  $r$  then we have lack of network identifiability

# Network identifiability

The identifiability problem:

The network **model**:

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

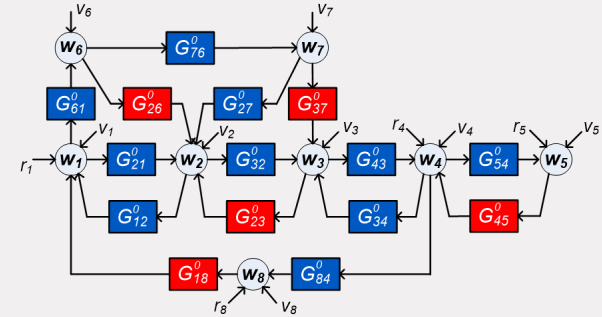
can be transformed with any rational  $P(q)$  :

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

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, 2020.

[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

When are network models **equivalent** in this set?

If they provide the same  $T_{wr} := (I - G)^{-1}R$ , and

$$\Phi_{\tilde{v}} := (I - G)^{-1}HH^*(I - G)^{-*}$$

with  $w(t) = T_{wr}(q)r(t) + \tilde{v}(t)$

# Network identifiability

## Definition Network identifiability<sup>[1]</sup>

For a network model set  $\mathcal{M}$ , consider a model  $M(\theta_0) \in \mathcal{M}$  and the implication

$$M(\theta_0) \sim M(\theta_1) \implies M(\theta_0) = M(\theta_1),$$

for all  $M(\theta_1) \in \mathcal{M}$

Then  $\mathcal{M}$  is

- **globally identifiable** from  $(w, r)$  at  $M(\theta_0)$  if the implication holds for  $M(\theta_0)$ ;
- **globally identifiable** from  $(w, r)$  if it holds for all  $M(\theta_0) \in \mathcal{M}$ ;
- **generically identifiable**<sup>[2]</sup> from  $(w, r)$  if it holds for almost all  $M(\theta_0) \in \mathcal{M}$ ;

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

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

## Second network identifiability result

### Sufficient condition for network identifiability<sup>[1]</sup> – general case

Consider model set  $\mathcal{M}$ , and define for each  $j \in [1, L]$ :

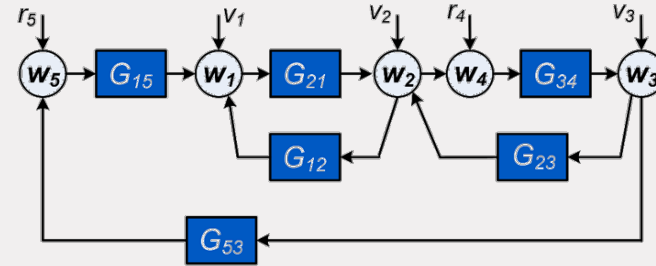
$\check{T}_j :=$  the transfer function from

- all external signals  $(r, e)$  that do not enter  $w_j$  through a parametrized module, to
- all node signals  $w$  that map to  $w_j$  through a parametrized module.

Then  $\mathcal{M}$  is **globally network identifiable** from  $(r, w)$  if for all  $j \in [1, L]$ :

$\check{T}_j$  is full row rank for all  $\theta \in \Theta$ .

## Example 5-node network



Consider the model set determined by:

$$G(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & G_{12}(\theta) & 0 & 0 & G_{15}(\theta) \\ G_{21}(\theta) & 0 & G_{23}(\theta) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & G_{34}(\theta) & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & G_{53}(\theta) & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

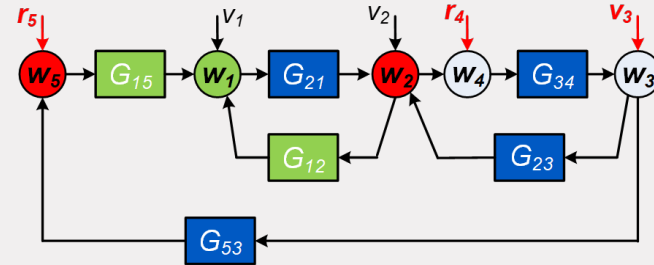
$$[H \ R] = \begin{bmatrix} H_{11}(\theta) & H_{12}(\theta) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ H_{21}(\theta) & H_{22}(\theta) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & H_3(\theta) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



## Example 5-node network (continued)

Rank condition:

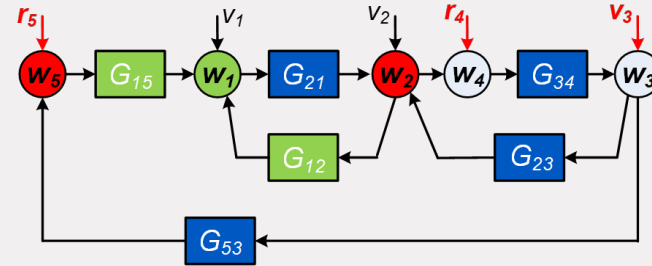
evaluation of  $\check{T}_j$  for  $j = 1$ :



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$$\check{T}_1 : \begin{bmatrix} v_3 \\ r_4 \\ r_5 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} w_2 \\ w_5 \end{bmatrix} \text{ has to have full row rank } \forall \theta \in \Theta$$

## Example 5-node network (continued)



### Issues:

- Such a rank test is not easy to apply
- and needs to be done for every  $j = 1, \dots, L$

**Generic identifiability** provides more attractive and constructive conditions

(see next presentation by Xiaodong Cheng)

# Summary network modeling

- Introduced an estimation-oriented way for modelling dynamic networks
- Extended transfer function approach approach to include structure (topology)
- This raises an abundance of new data-driven modeling questions
- Introduced the concept of network identifiability

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