



# Data-driven modeling in linear dynamic networks

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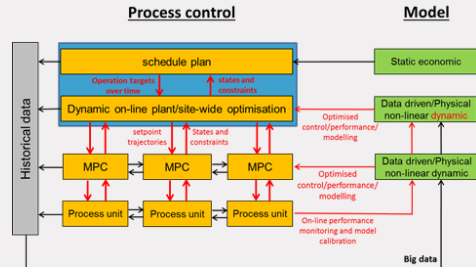


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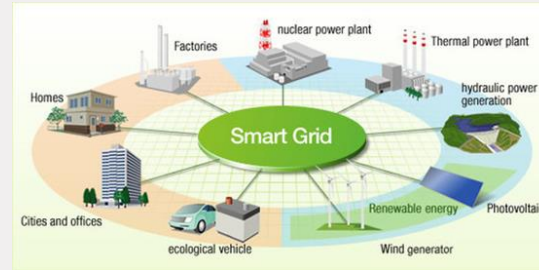


# Introduction – dynamic networks

## Decentralized process control



## Smart power grid



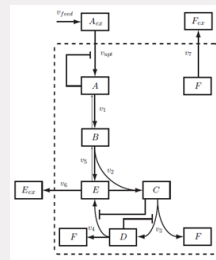
Pierre et al. (2012)

## Autonomous driving



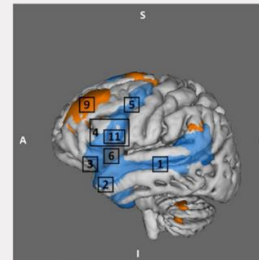
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## Metabolic network

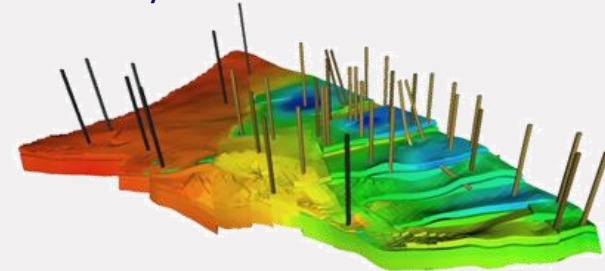


Hillen (2012)

## Brain network



## Hydrocarbon reservoirs



Mansoori (2014)

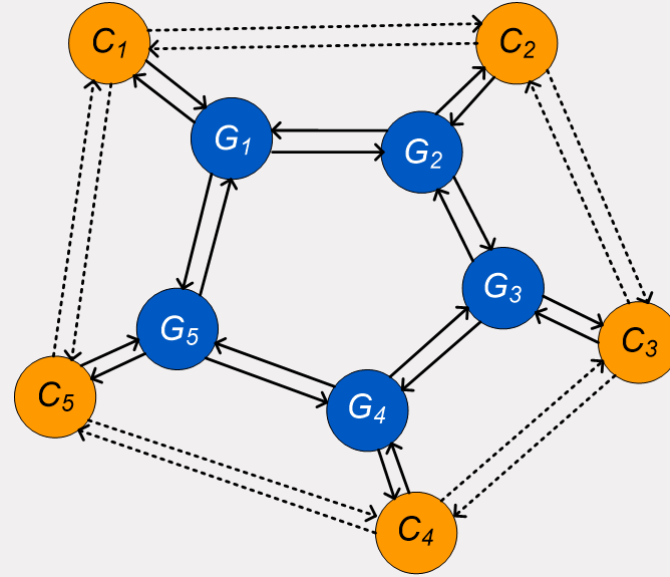
# Introduction

## Overall trend:

- (Large-scale) interconnected systems
- With hybrid dynamics (continuous / switching)
- Distributed / multi-agent type monitoring, control and optimization problems
- Data is “everywhere”, big data era
- Modelling problems will need to consider this

# Introduction

Distributed / multi-agent control:

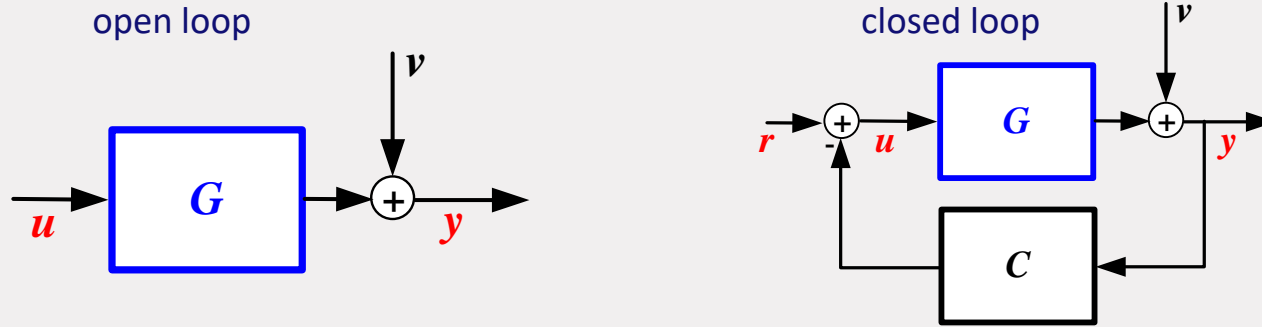


With both physical and communication links between systems  $G_i$  and controllers  $C_i$

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

# Introduction

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



Identify a plant model  $\hat{G}$  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.

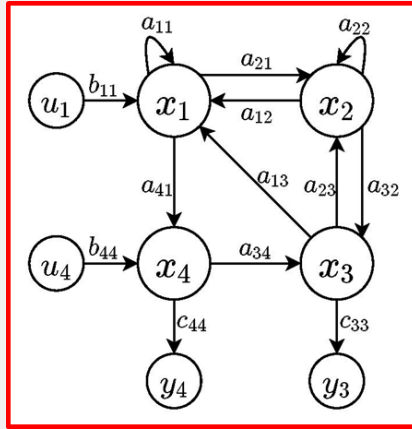
<sup>[1]</sup> Ljung (1999), Söderström and Stoica (1989), Pintelon and Schoukens (2012)

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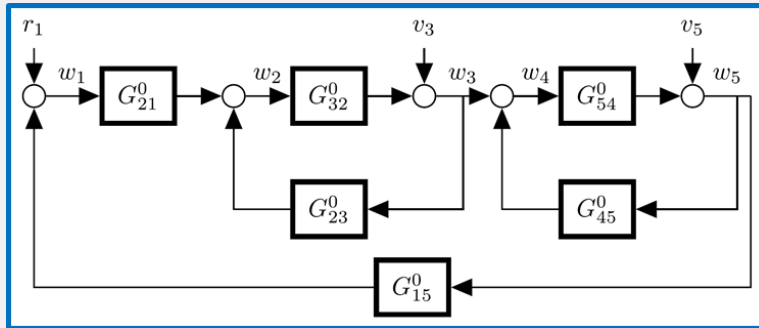
# Dynamic networks for data-driven modeling

# Dynamic networks



## State space representations

(Goncalves, Warnick, Sandberg, Yeung, Yuan, Scherpen,...)

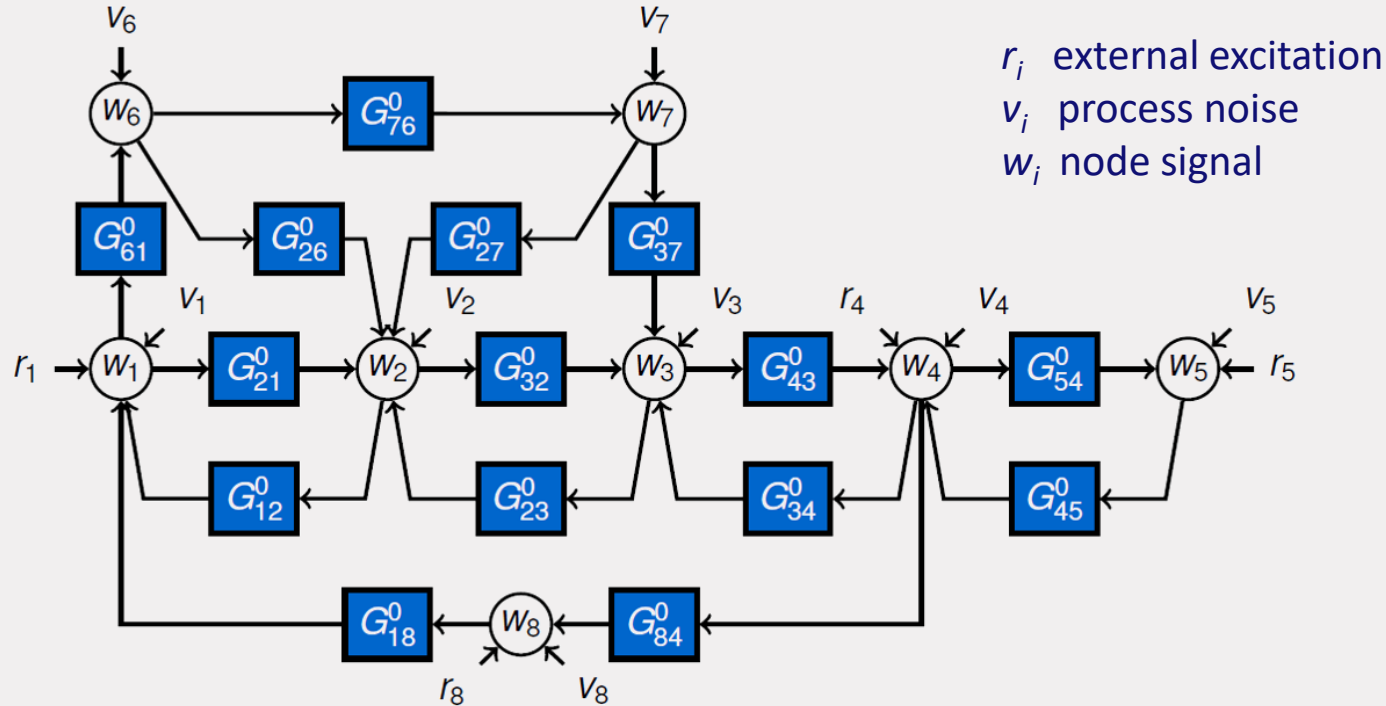


## Module representation

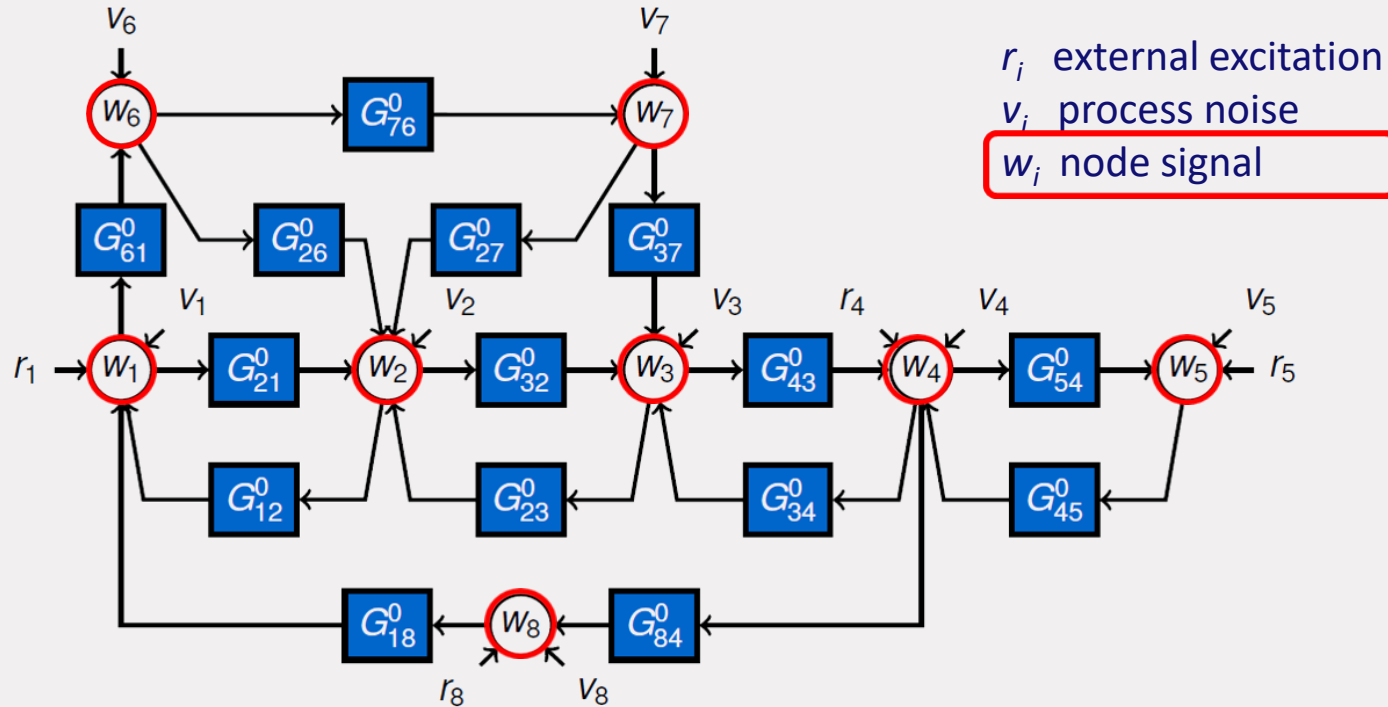
(VdH, Dankers, Gevers, Bazanella,...)



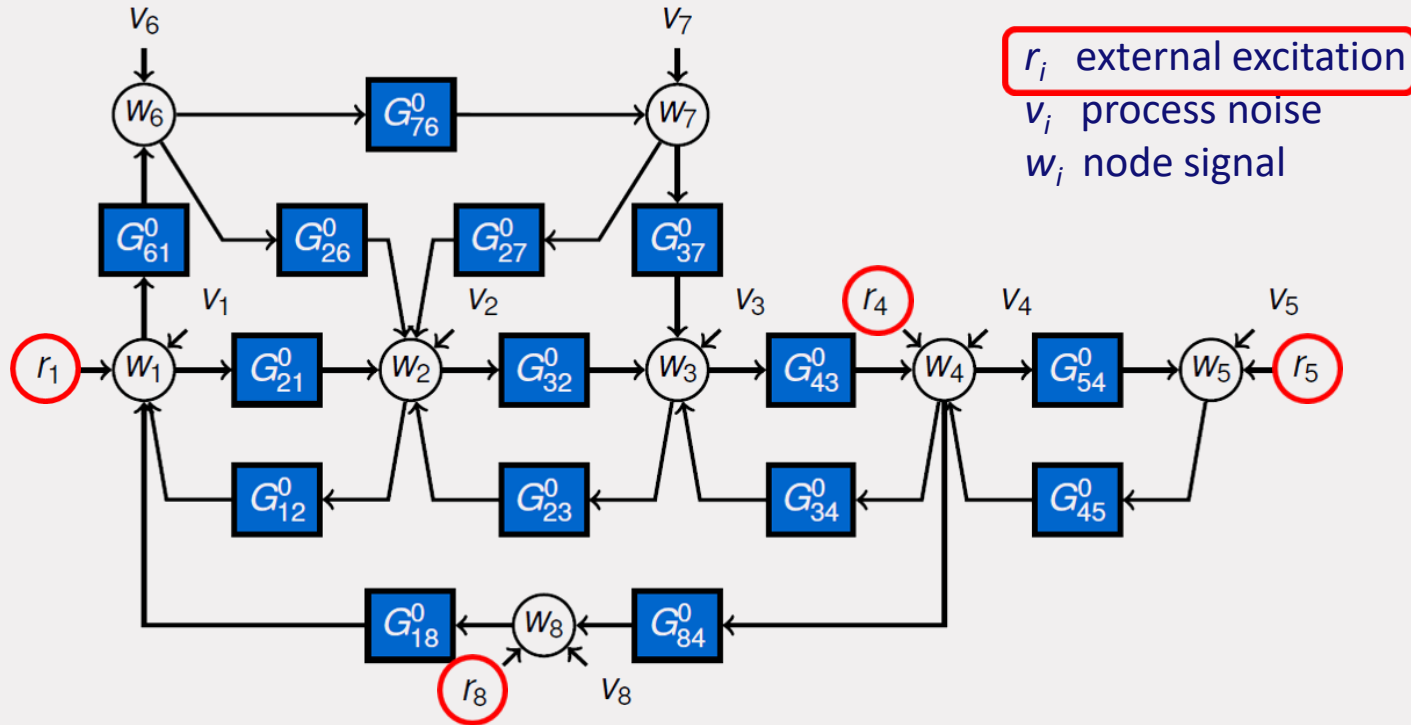
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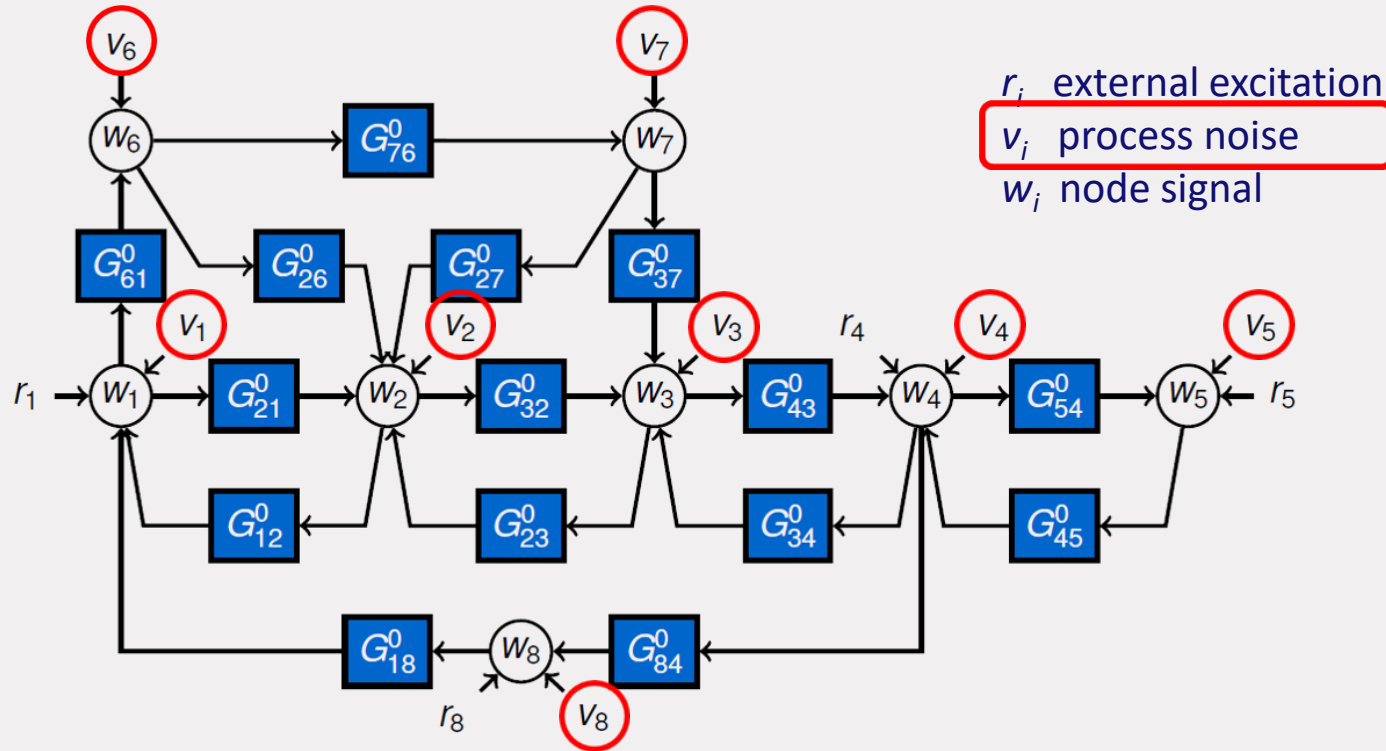
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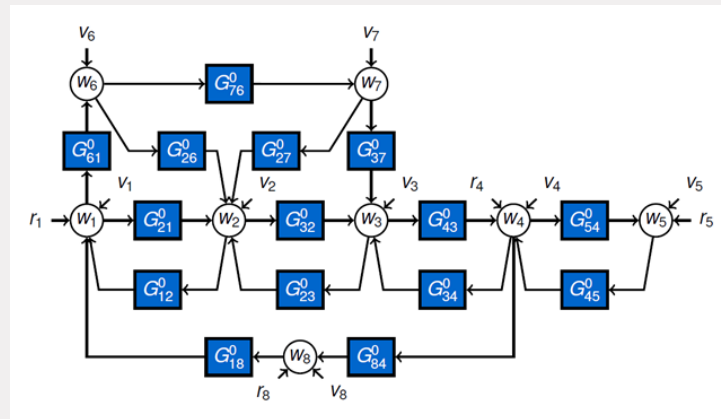
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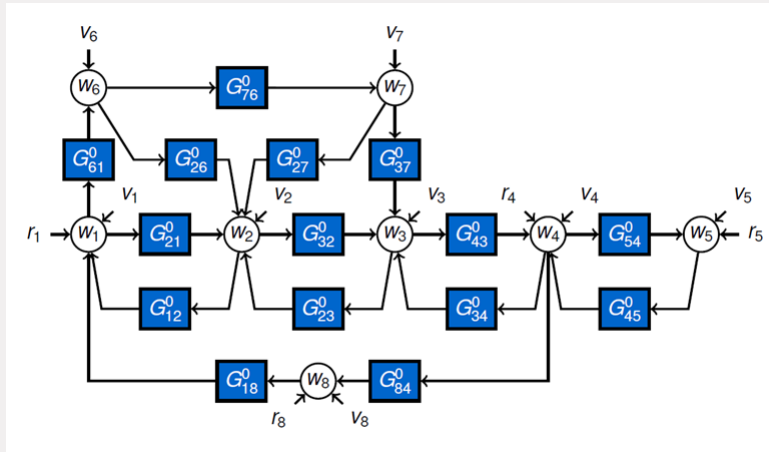
## Assumptions:

- Total of  $L$  nodes
- Network is well-posed and stable
- Modules are dynamic, 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



Many new identification questions can be formulated:

- Identification of a local module (known topology)
- Identification of the full network
- Topology estimation
- Sensor and excitation selection
- Fault detection
- Experiment design
- User prior knowledge of modules
- Scalable algorithms

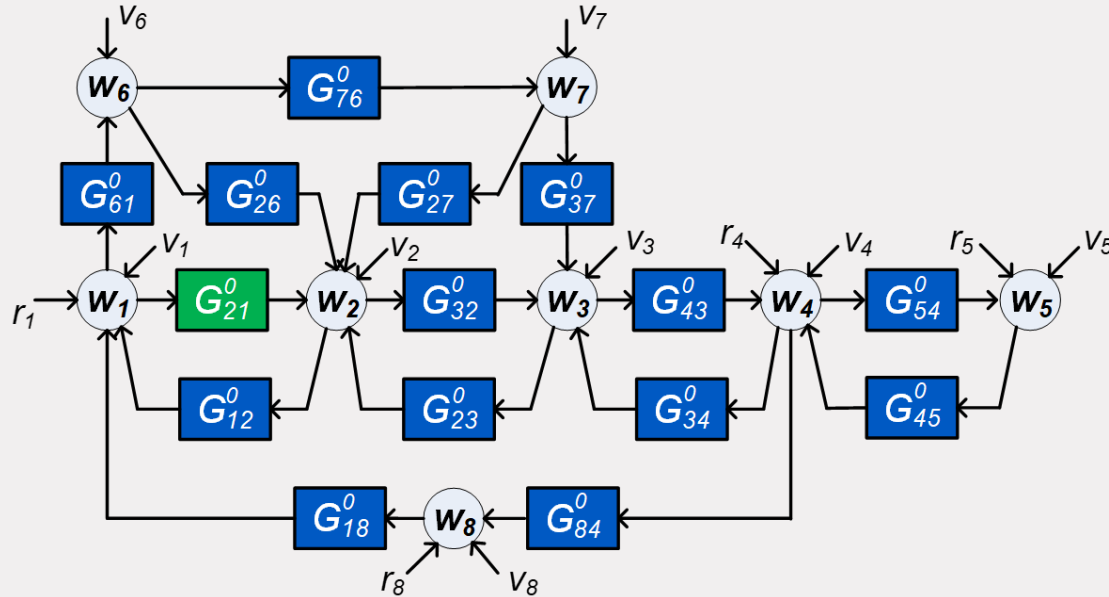
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# Single module identification - known topology



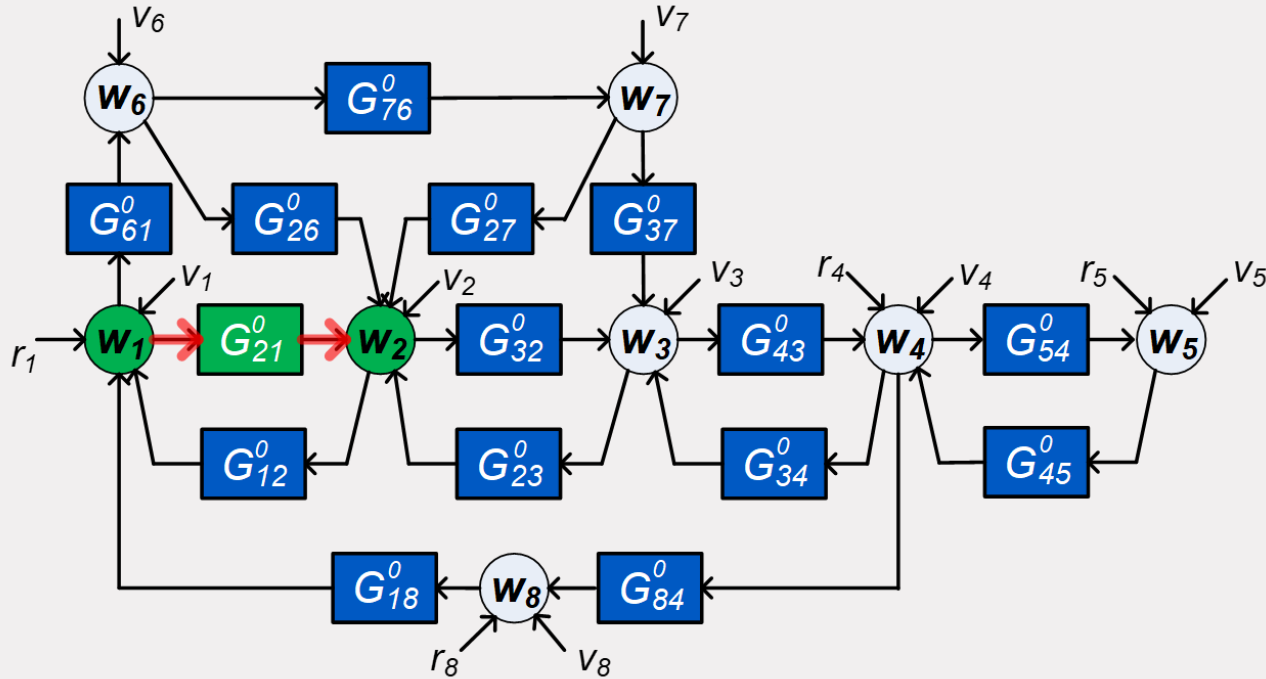
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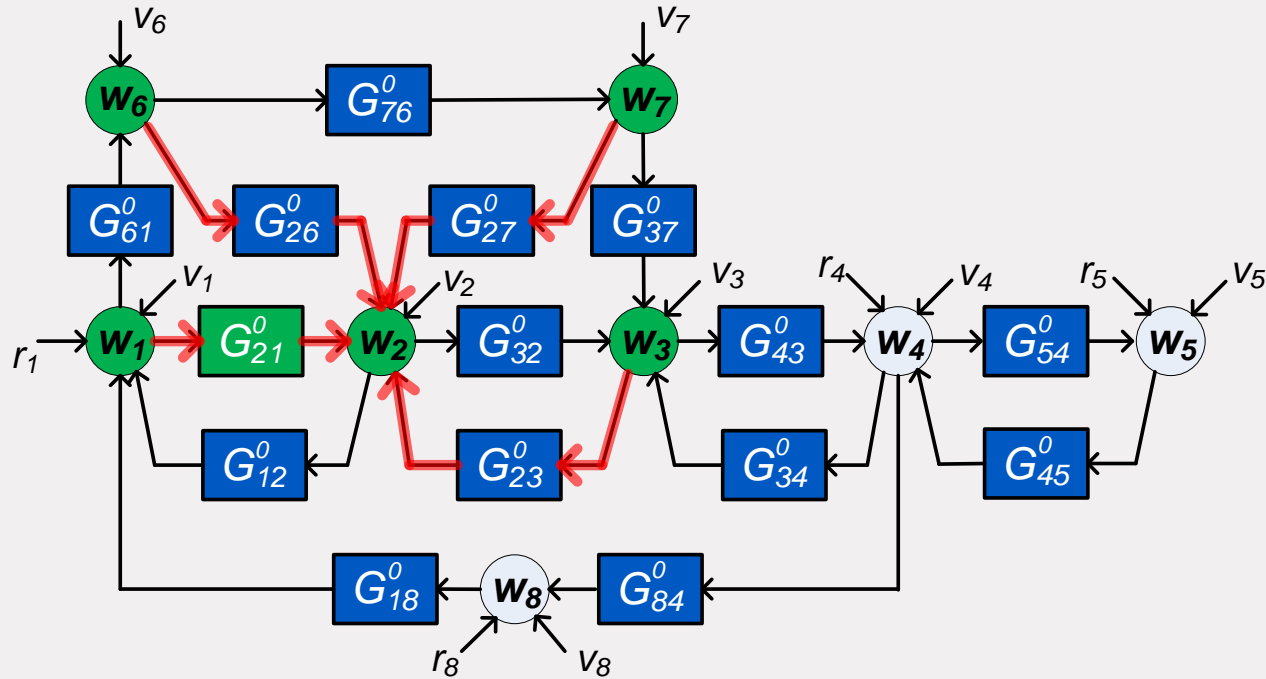
For a network with known topology:

- Identify  $G_{21}^0$  on the basis of measured signals
- Which signals to measure? Preference for local measurements

# Single module identification



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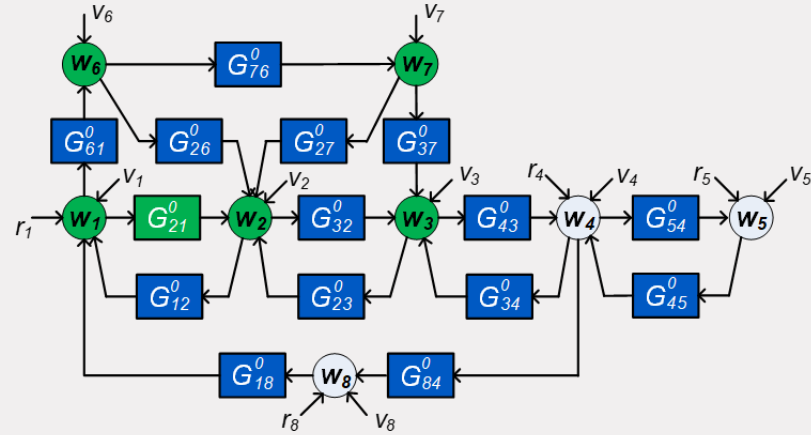


Identifying  $G_{21}^0$  is part of a 4-input, 1-output problem

# Single module identification

4 input nodes to be measured:

Can we do with less?



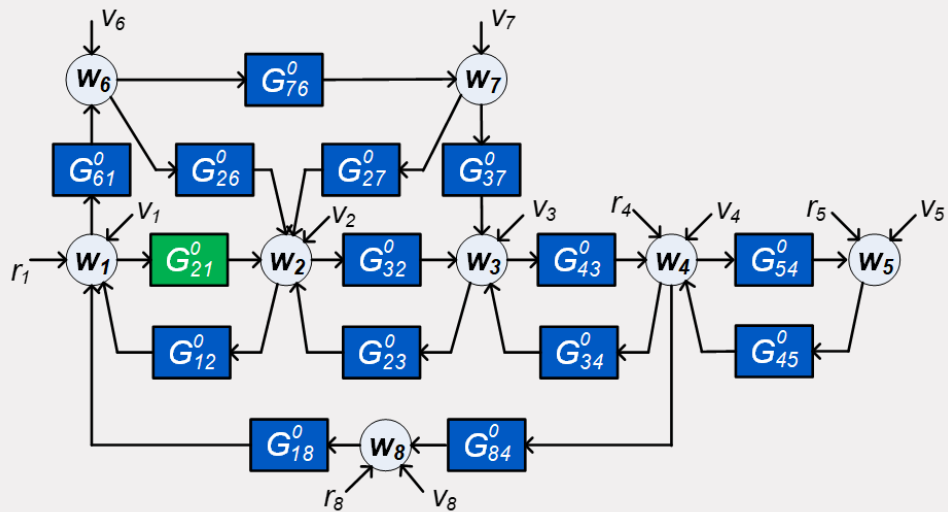
## Network immersion [1]

- An **immersed network** is constructed by removing node signals, but leaving the remaining node signals **invariant**
- Modules and disturbance signals are adapted
- Abstraction through variable elimination (Kron reduction<sup>[2]</sup> in network theory).

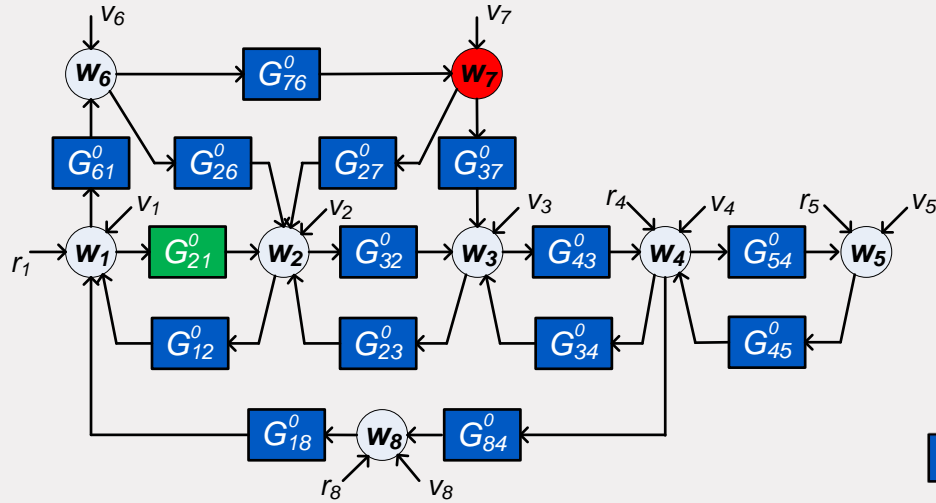
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# Immersion

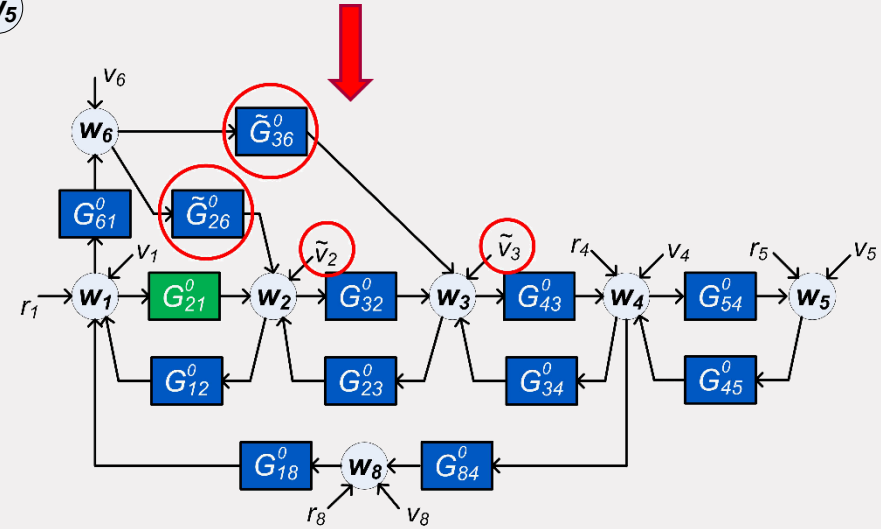


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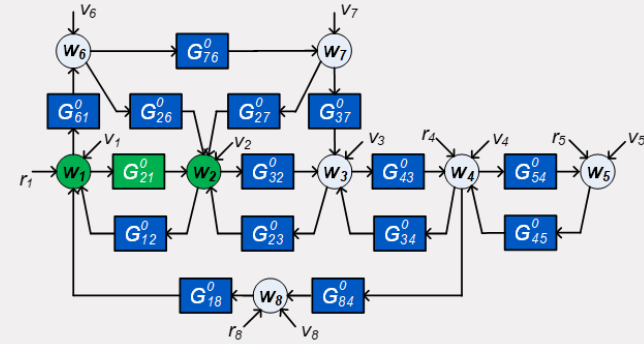
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Immersing  $w_7$



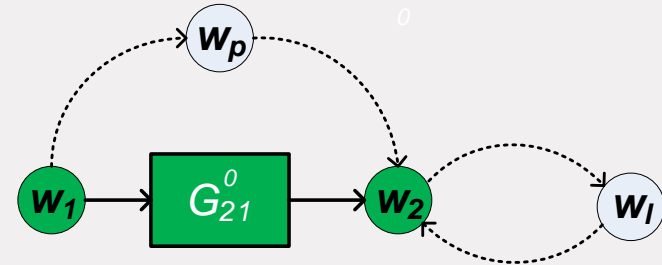
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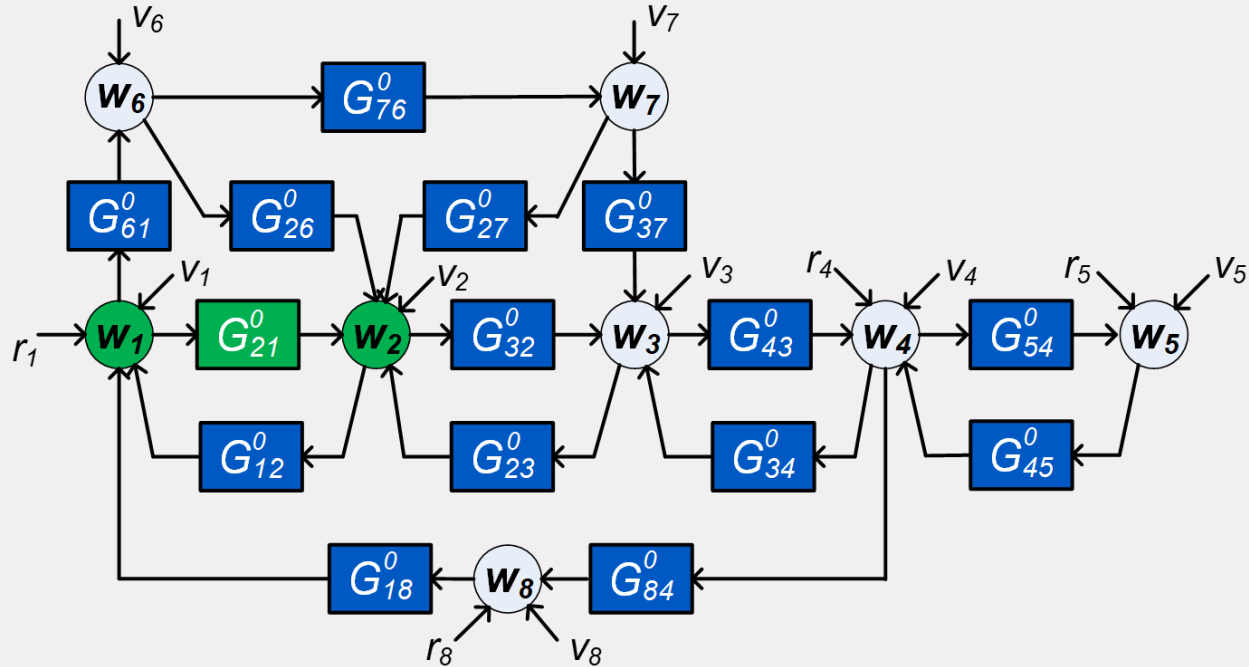
Parallel paths and loops around the output

There should be no **parallel paths** and **loops around the output** that run through removed nodes only



# Single module identification

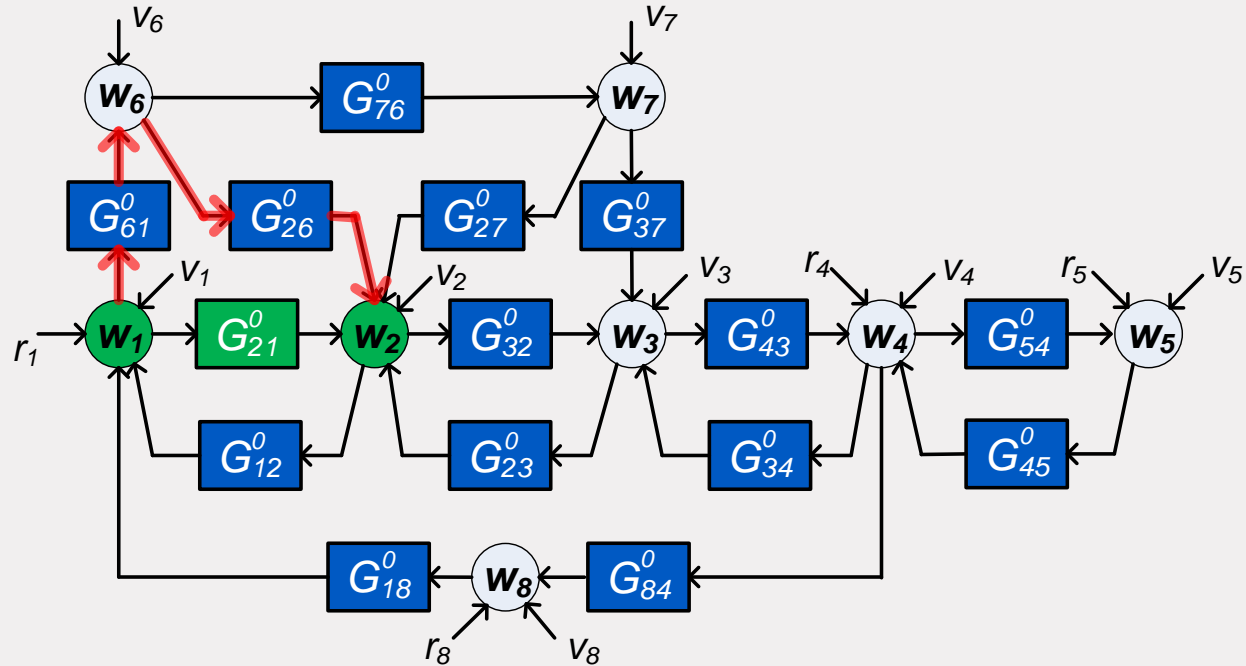
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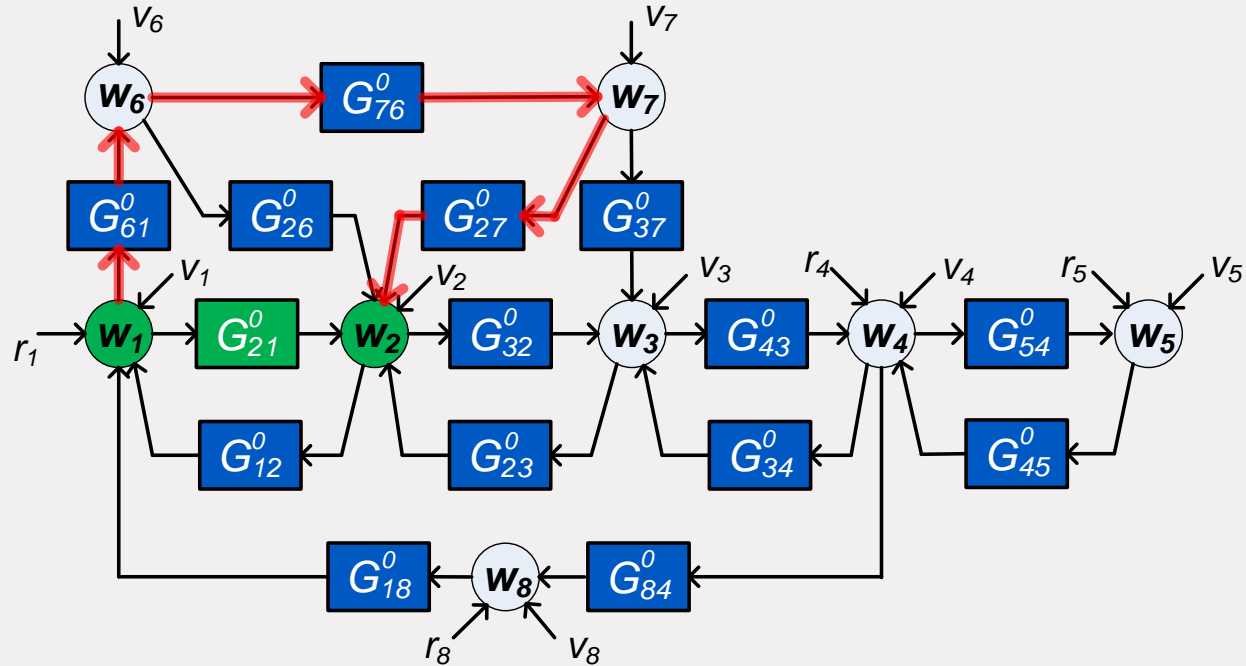
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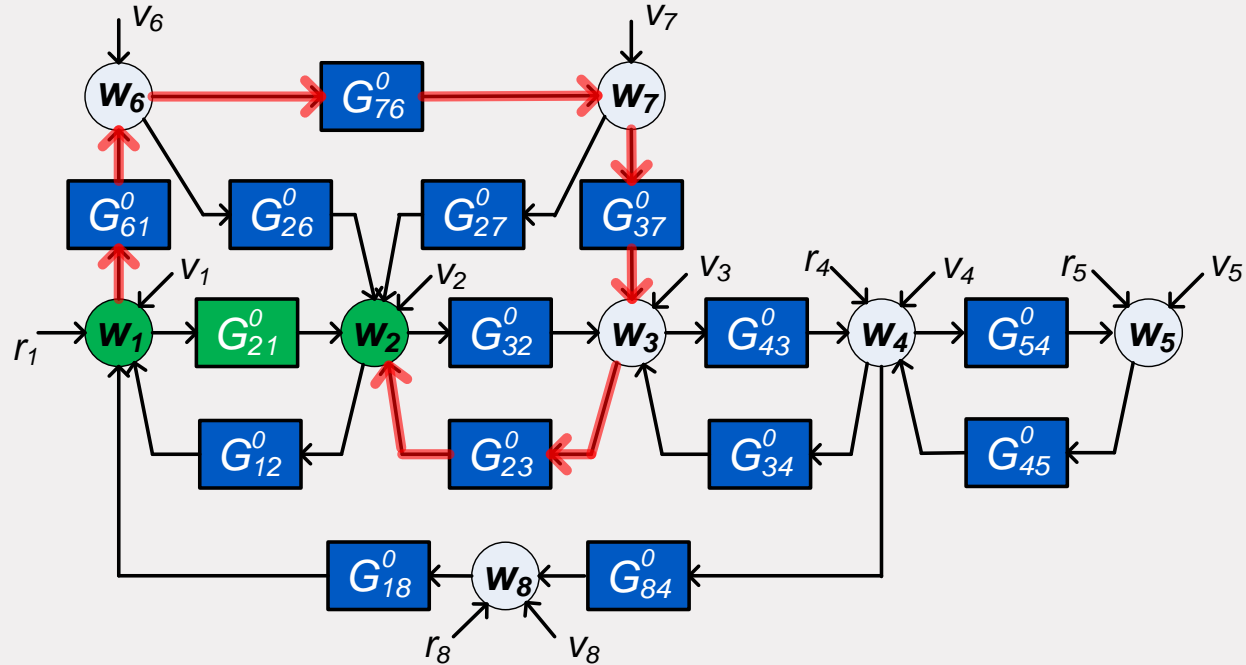
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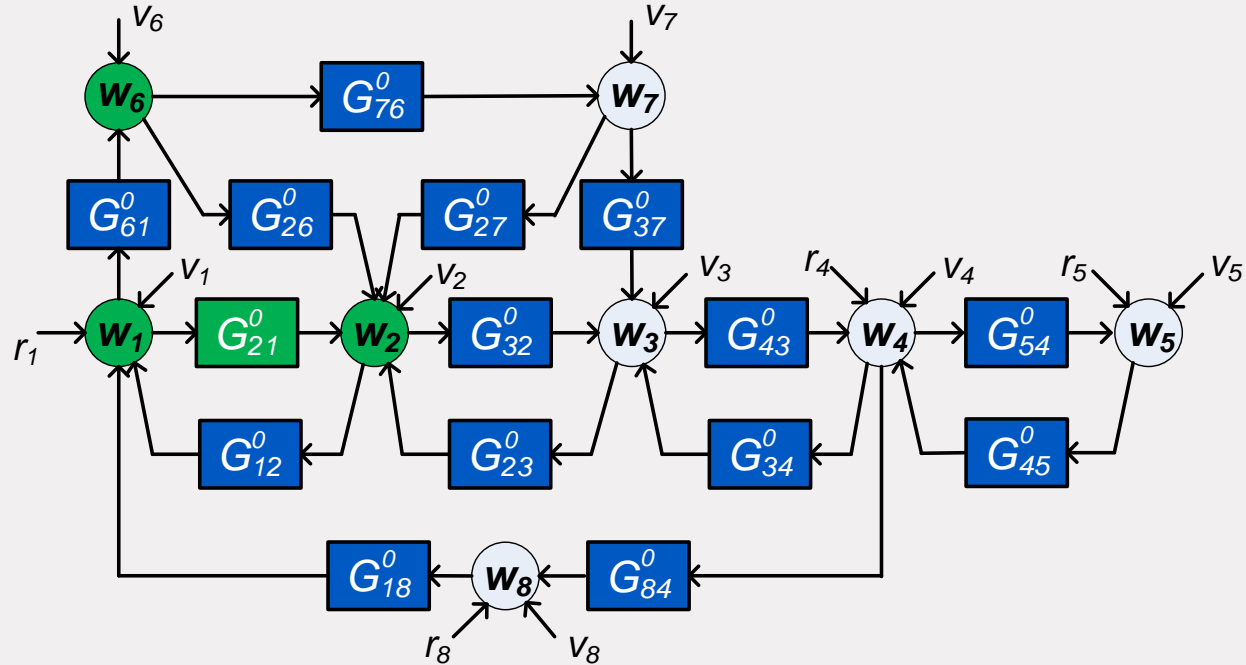
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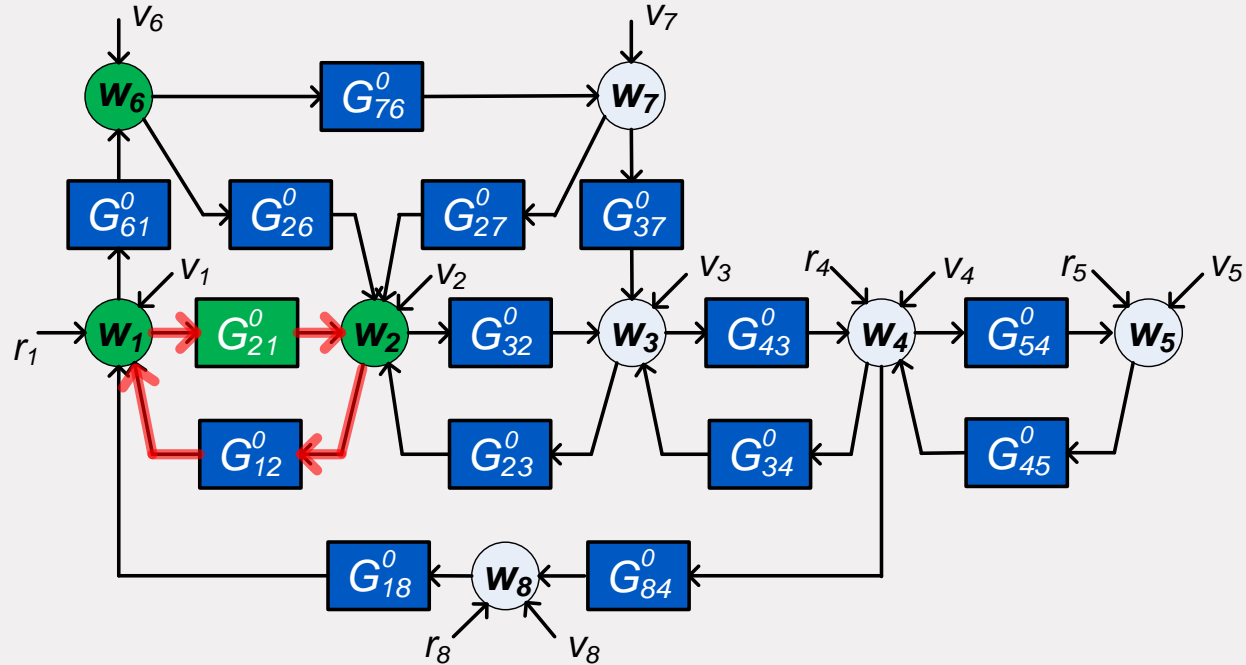
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Choose  $w_6$  as an additional input (to be retained)



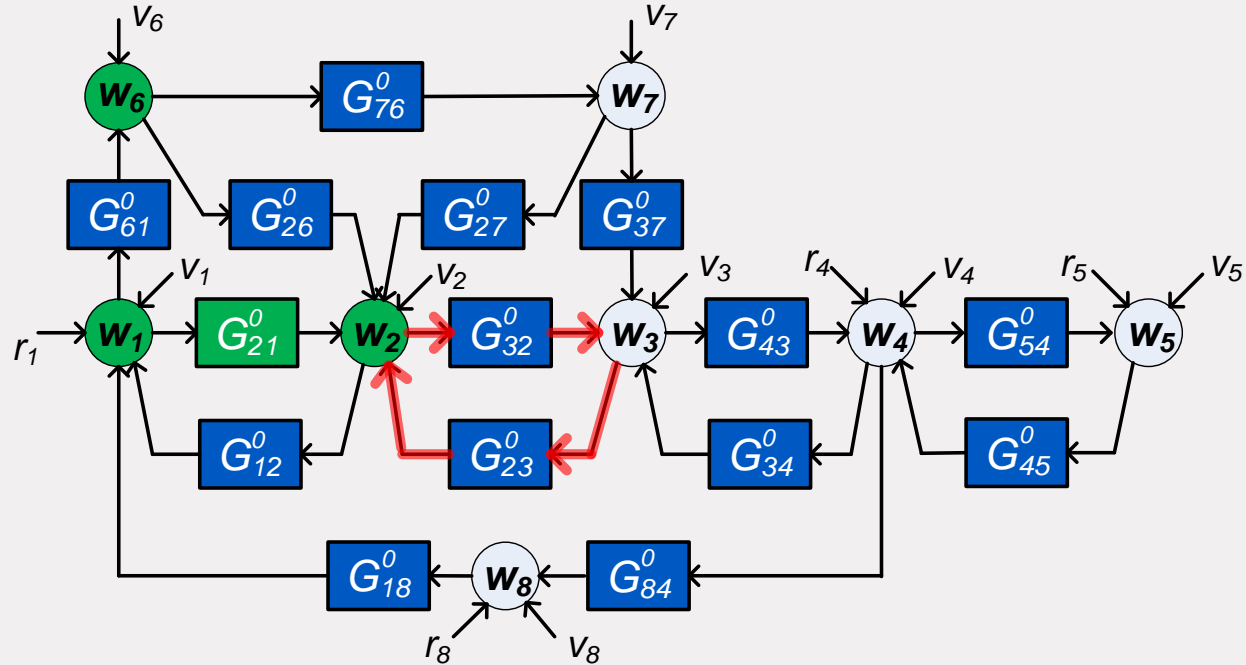
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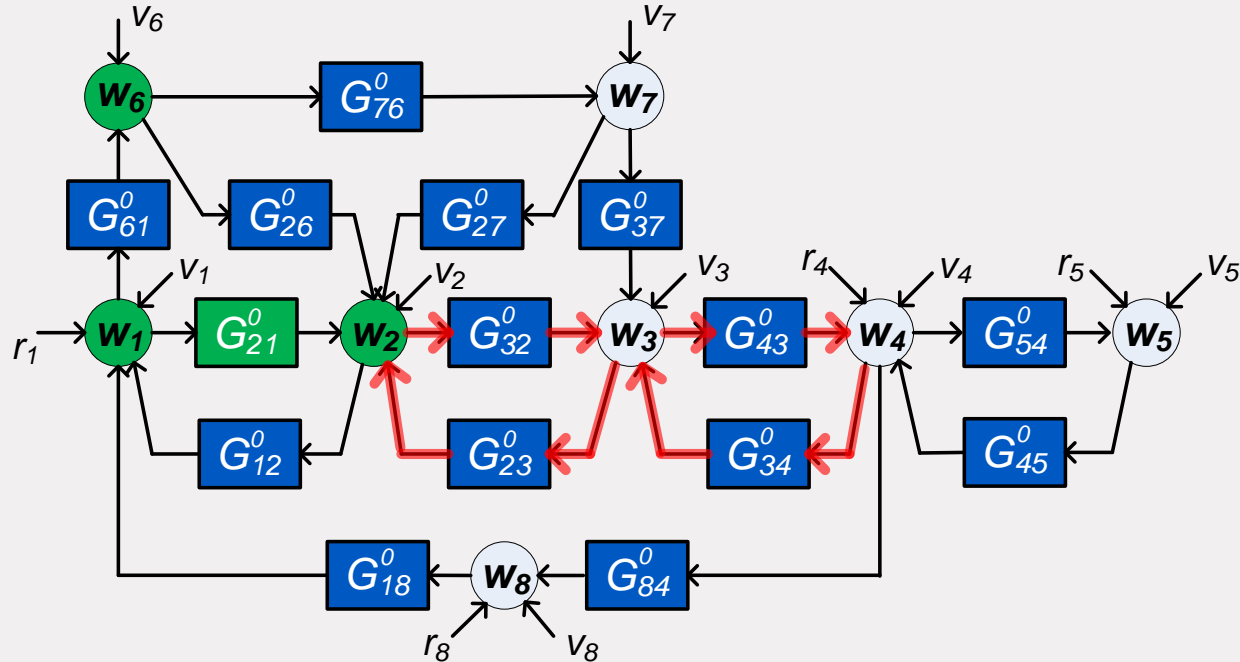
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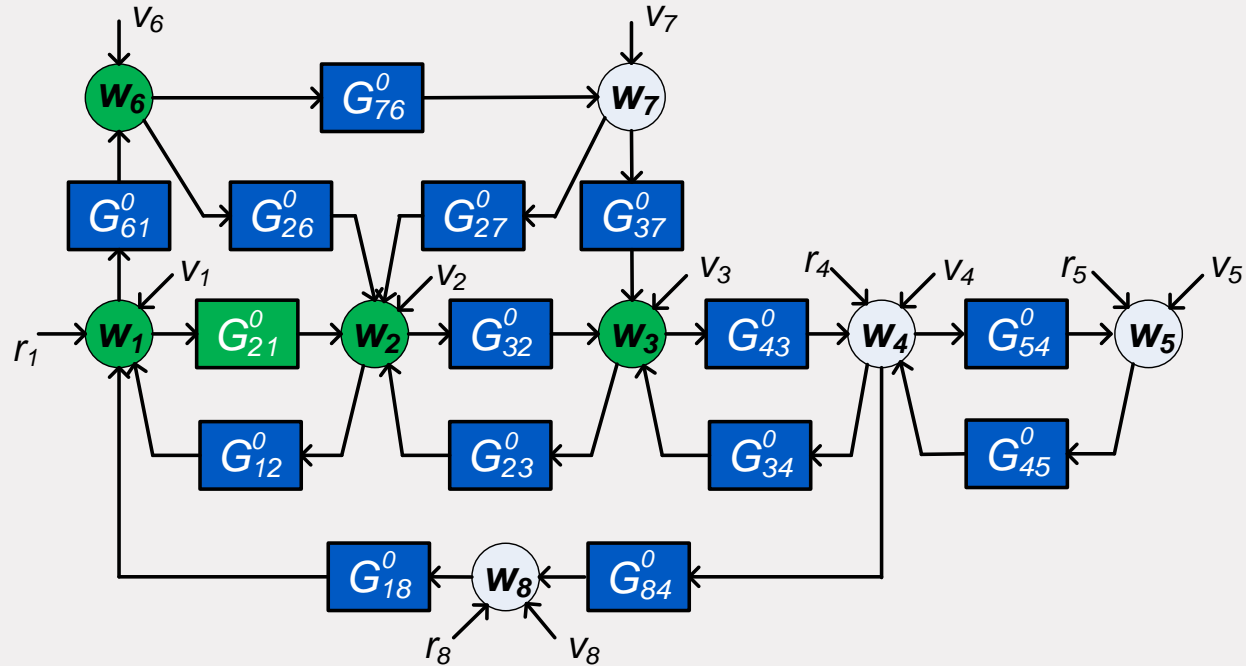
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Choose  $w_3$  as an additional input, to be retained

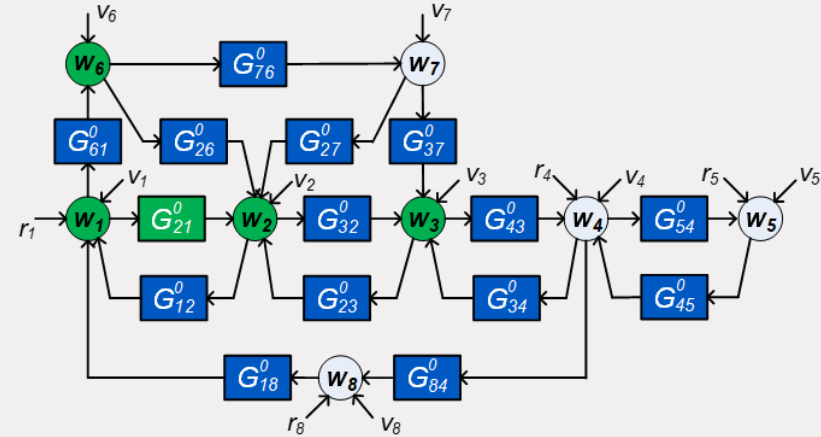




# Single module identification

## Conclusion:

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



The immersion reasoning is *sufficient* but not *necessary* to arrive at a consistent estimate, see e.g. Linder and Enqvist <sup>[1]</sup>, Bazanella et al. <sup>[2]</sup>, Ramaswamy et al. <sup>[3]</sup>

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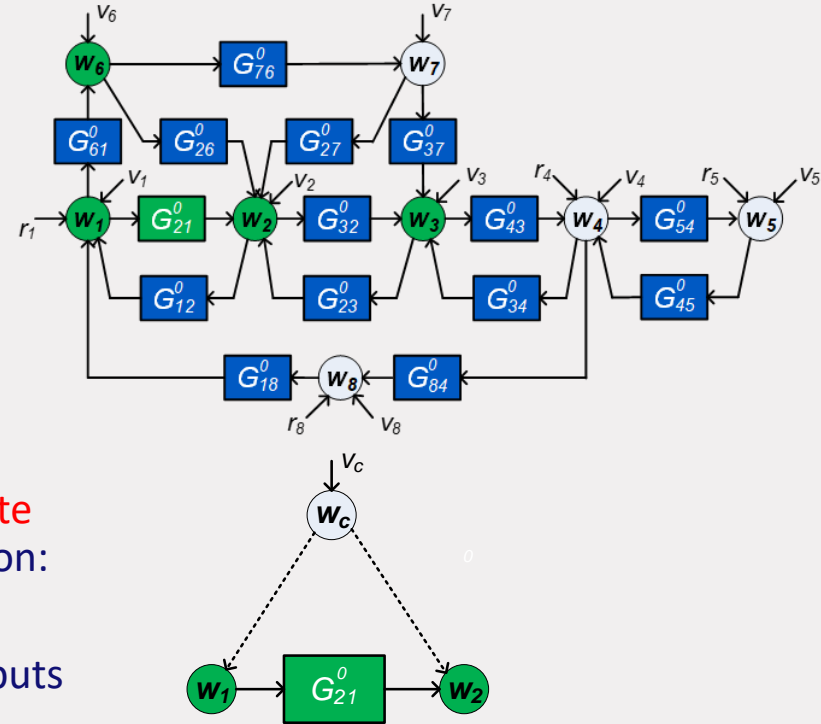
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For a consistent and **minimum variance estimate** (direct method) there is one additional condition:

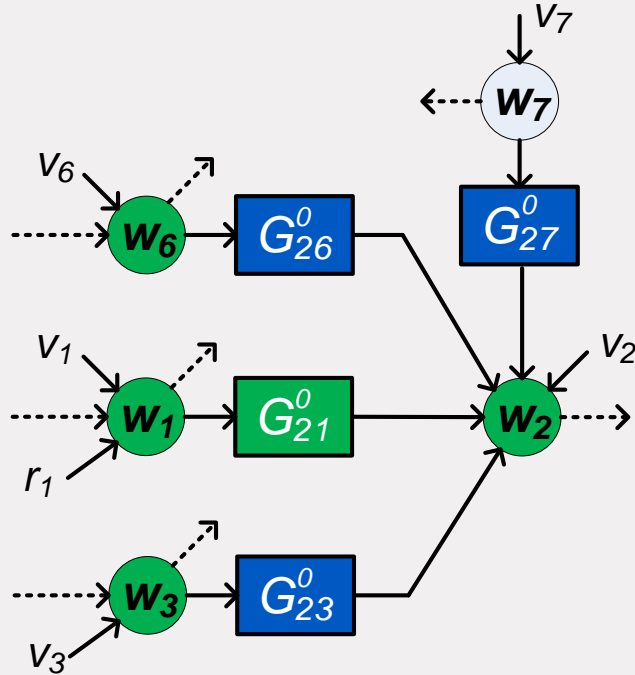
- absence of **confounding variables**,<sup>[1][2]</sup> i.e. correlated disturbances on inputs and outputs



<sup>[1]</sup> J. Pearl, *Stat. Surveys*, 3, 96-146, 2009

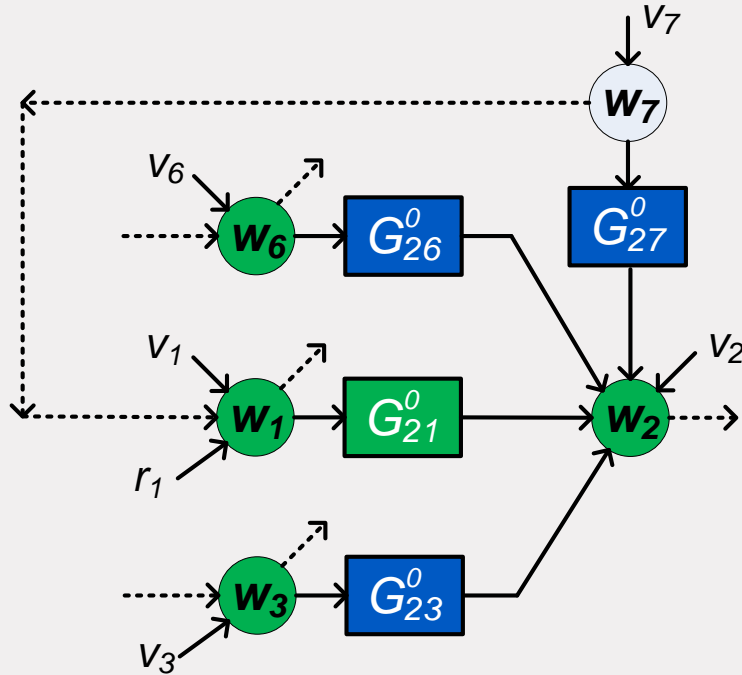
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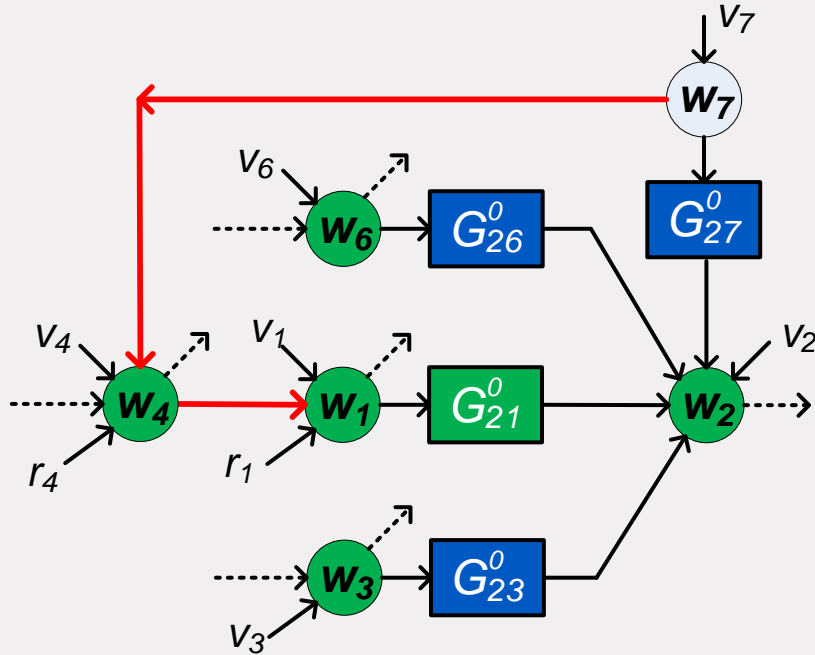
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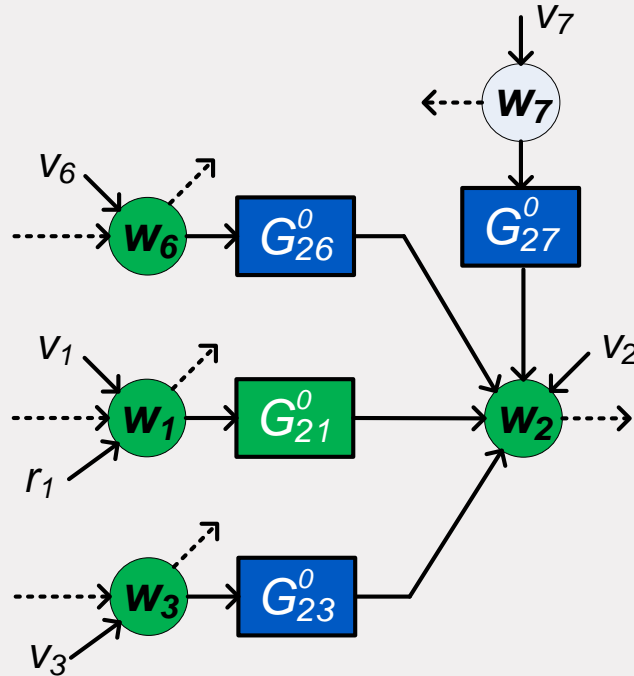
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- Can be solved by measuring  $w_7$  and including it as input
- Or blocking the paths from  $w_7$  to inputs/outputs by measured nodes, to be used as additional inputs.

Relation with d-separation in graphs  
(Materassi & Salapaka)

# Confounding variables in the MISO case



Can we always address confounding variables in this way?

**No**

If  $v_2$  and  $v_1$  are correlated then:

A MIMO approach with predicted outputs  $w_2$  and  $w_1$  can solve the problem

# Summary single module identification

- Methods for **consistent** and **minimum variance** module estimation
- For direct method / ML results: treatment of confounding variables / correlated disturbances
- Graph tools for checking conditions
- Degrees of freedom in selection of measured signals – sensor selection
- A priori known modules can be accounted for

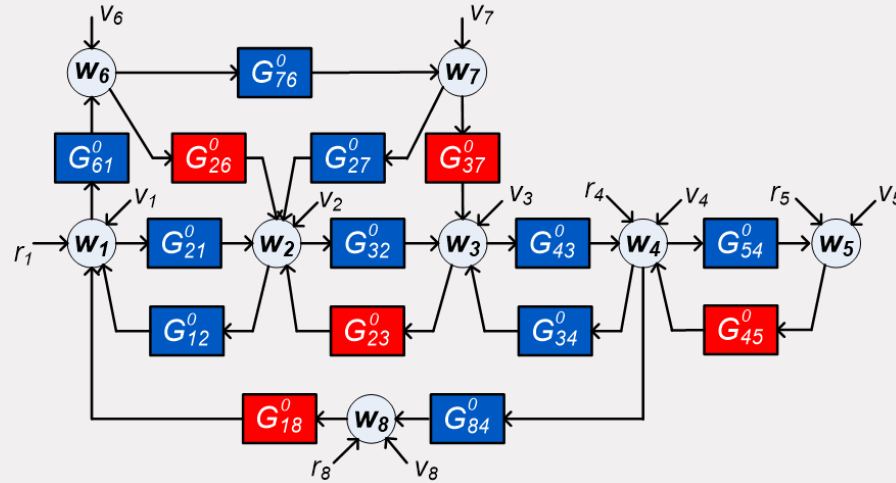
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# Network Identifiability

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blue = unknown  
red = known

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

Starting assumption: all signals  $w_i, r_i$  that are present are measured.

# Network identifiability

**Network:**  $w = G^0 w + R^0 r + H^0 e$        $\text{cov}(e) = \Lambda^0, \text{ rank } p$   
 $\dim(r) = K$

The network is defined by:  $(G^0, R^0, H^0, \Lambda^0)$

a network model is denoted by:  $M = (G, R, H, \Lambda)$

and a **network model set** by:

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

represents **prior knowledge** on the network models:

- topology
- disturbance correlation
- known modules
- the signals used for identification

# Network identifiability

$$w = (I - G^0)^{-1}[R^0 r + H^0 e]$$

Denote:  $w = T_{wr}^0 r + \bar{v}$

Objects that are uniquely identified from data  $r, w : T_{wr}^0, \Phi_{\bar{v}}^0$

## Definition

A network model set  $\mathcal{M}$  is **network identifiable** from  $(w, r)$  at  $M_0 = M(\theta_0)$  if for all models  $M(\theta_1) \in \mathcal{M}$ :

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} T_{wr}(q, \theta_1) = T_{wr}(q, \theta_0) \\ \Phi_{\bar{v}}(\omega, \theta_1) = \Phi_{\bar{v}}(\omega, \theta_0) \end{array} \right\} \implies M(\theta_1) = M(\theta_0)$$

# Network identifiability

## Theorem – identifiability for general model sets

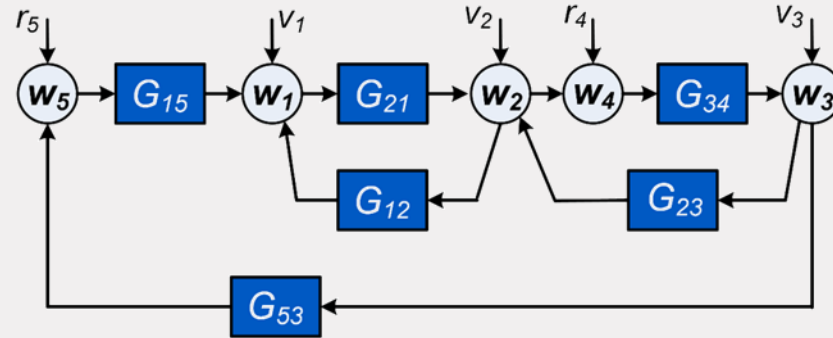
For each node signal  $w_j$ , let  $\mathcal{P}_j$  be the set of in-neighbours of  $w_j$  that map to  $w_j$  through a parametrized module.

Then, under fairly general conditions,

$\mathcal{M}$  is **network identifiable** from  $(w, r)$  at  $M_0 = M(\theta_0)$  if and only if for all  $j$  :

- Each row of  $[G(\theta) \ H(\theta) \ R(\theta)]$  has at most  $K + p$  parametrized entries
- The transfer matrix from external inputs  $(r, e)$  that are non-parametrized in  $w_j$  to  $\mathcal{P}_j$  has full row rank.

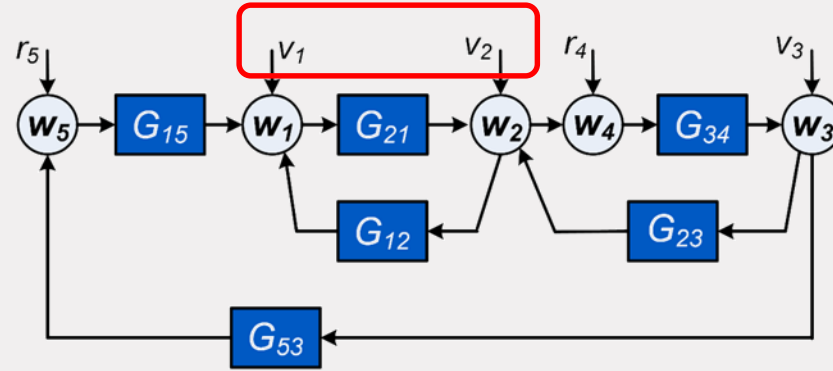
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There are noise-free nodes, and  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  are expected to be correlated

$$\mathcal{M} \text{ with } H(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} H_{11}(\theta) & H_{12}(\theta) & 0 \\ H_{21}(\theta) & H_{22}(\theta) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & H_{33}(\theta) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, R = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

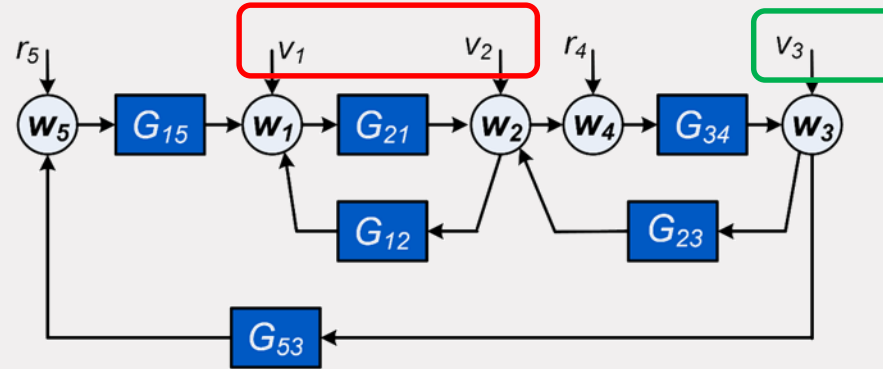
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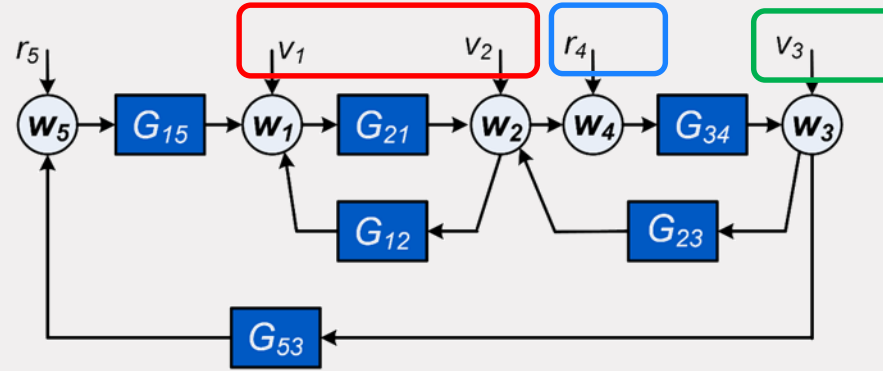


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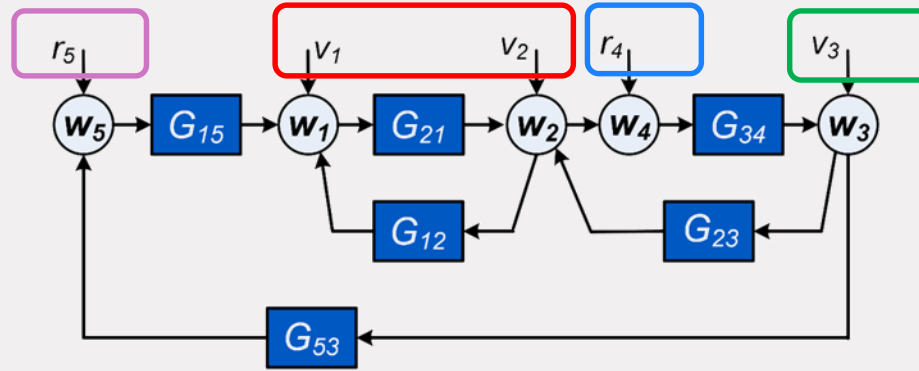
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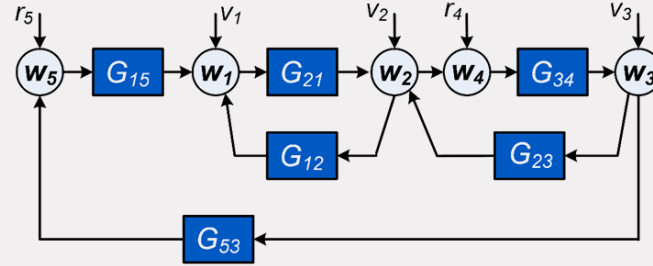
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If we restrict the structure of  $G(\theta)$ :

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

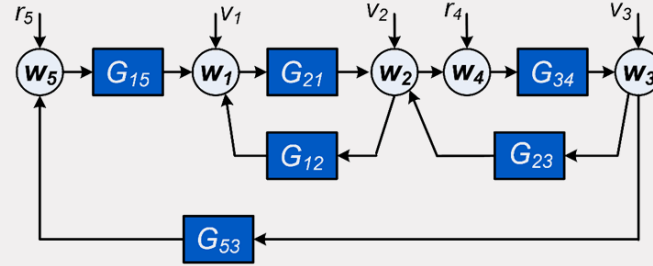
$$[H \ R] = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} H_{11}(\theta) & H_{12}(\theta) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ H_{21}(\theta) & H_{22}(\theta) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & H_3(\theta) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{K+p=5}$$

**First condition:**

Number of parametrized entries in each row  $< K+p = 5$



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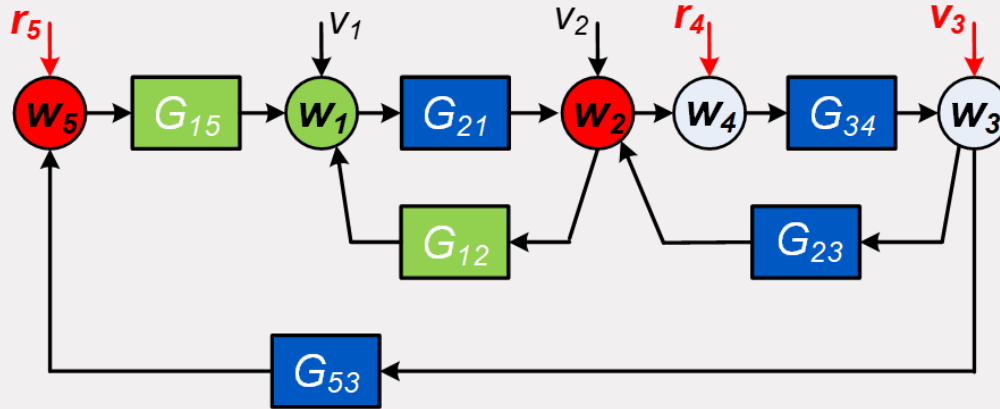


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**Rank condition:**  
 Row 1: Full row rank of transfer:  $\begin{bmatrix} v_3 \\ r_4 \\ r_5 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} w_2 \\ w_5 \end{bmatrix}$

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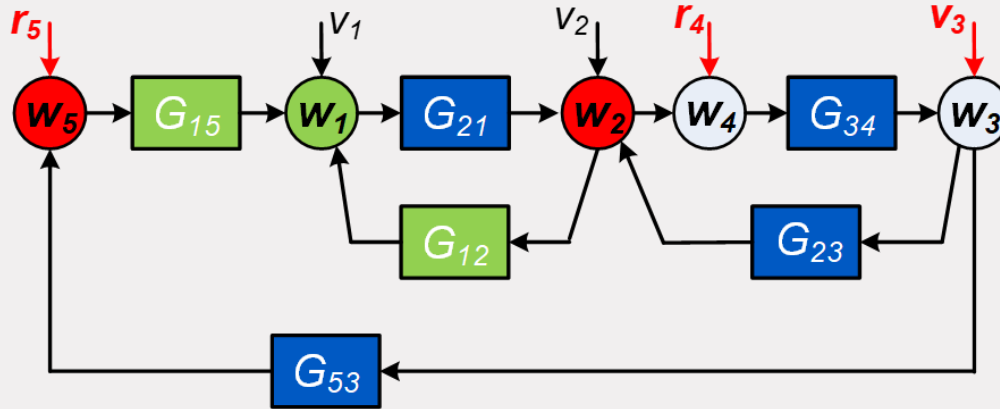
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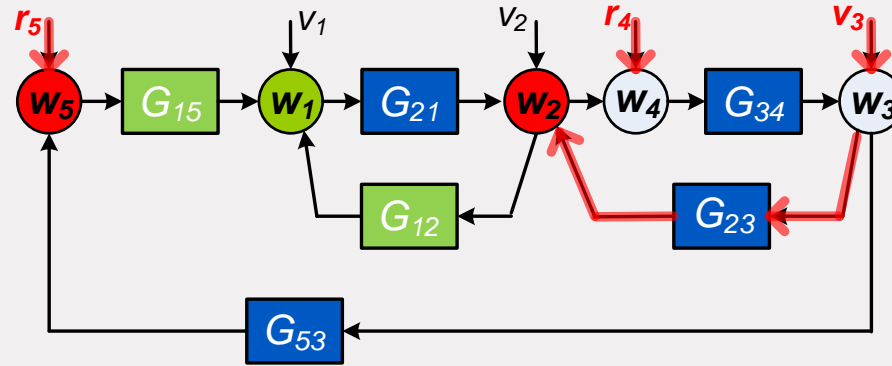
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For the generic case, the rank can be calculated by a graph-based condition<sup>[1],[2],[3]</sup>:

Generic rank = number of vertex-disjoint paths

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



[1] Van der Woude, 1991

[2] Hendrickx, Gevers & Bazanella, CDC 2017

[3] Weerts et al., CDC 2018

# Summary identifiability

Identifiability of network model sets is determined by

- Presence and location of external signals, and
- Correlation of disturbances
- Prior knowledge on modules

## So far:

- All node signals assumed to be measured
- Fully applicable to the situation  $p < L$  (i.e. reduced-rank noise)
- Identifiability of the full network model – conditions per row/output node
- Extensions towards identifiability of a single module <sup>[1],[2]</sup>

[1] Hendrickx, Gevers & Bazanella, CDC 2017, IEEE-TAC 2019

[2] Weerts et al., CDC 2018



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# Diffusively coupled 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

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

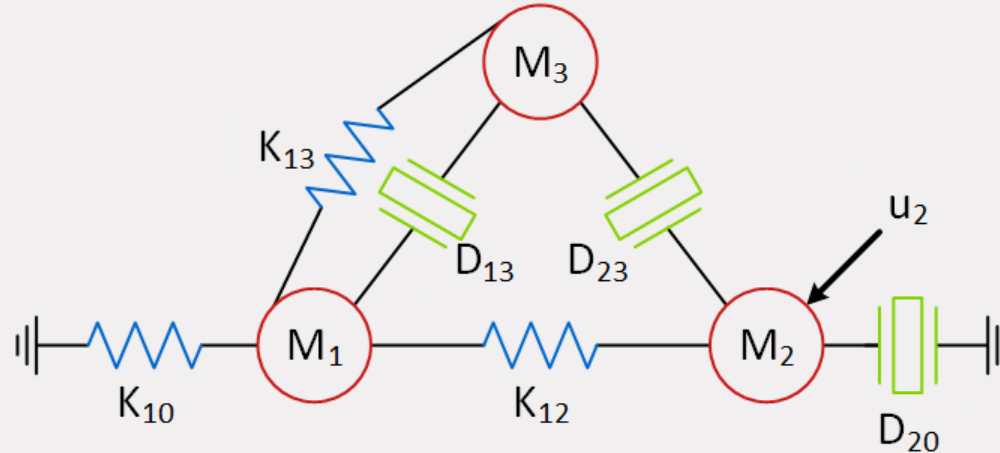
Spring

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

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

[1] J.C. Willems (1997,2010)

# Diffusively coupled physical network

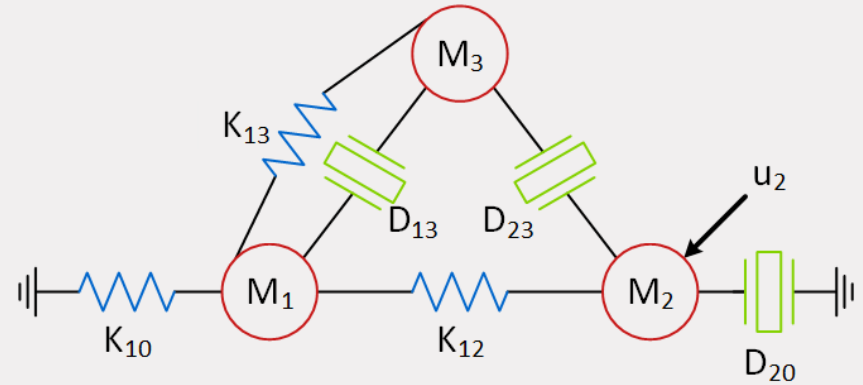


Equation for node  $j$ :

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

# Mass-spring-damper system

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



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

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

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

$$Q_{11} = M_1 p^2 + D_{13} p + (K_{10} + K_{12} + K_{13})$$

$$Q_{22} = M_2 p^2 + (D_{20} + D_{23}) p + K_{12}$$

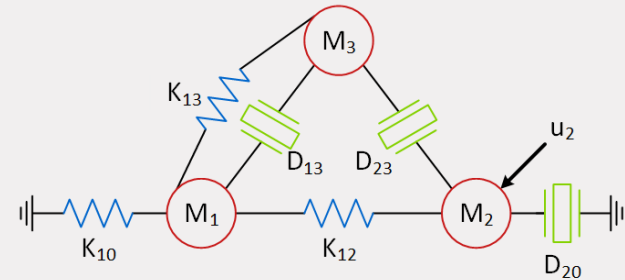
$$Q_{33} = M_3 p^2 + (D_{13} + D_{23}) p + K_{13}$$

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & K_{12} & D_{13} p + K_{13} \\ K_{12} & 0 & D_{23} p \\ D_{13} p + K_{13} & D_{23} p & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$Q_{jj}$  : elements related to node  $w_j$  :

$P_{ji} = P_{ij}$  :

elements related to interconnection



# Module representation

$$\left[ \underbrace{Q(p)}_{\text{diagonal}} - \underbrace{P(p)}_{\text{hollow}} \right] w(t) = Fr(t) + C(p)e(t)$$

$$w(t) = Q^{-1}Pw(t) + Q^{-1}Fr(t) + Q^{-1}C(p)e(t)$$

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

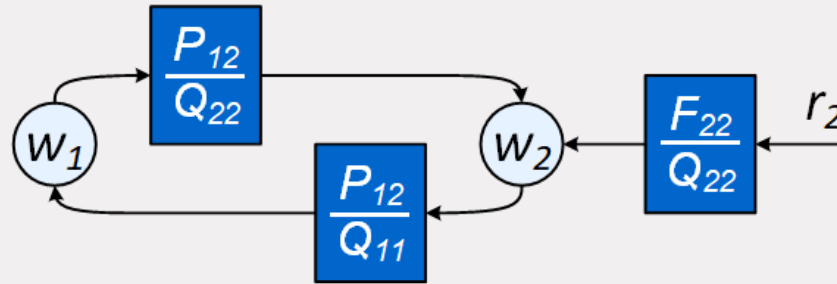
$$w(t) = Gw(t) + Rr(t) + He(t)$$

with the additional condition that:

$$G(p) = Q(p)^{-1}P(p) \quad \begin{array}{l} Q(p), P(p) \text{ polynomial} \\ P(p) \text{ symmetric, } Q(p) \text{ diagonal} \end{array}$$

# 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

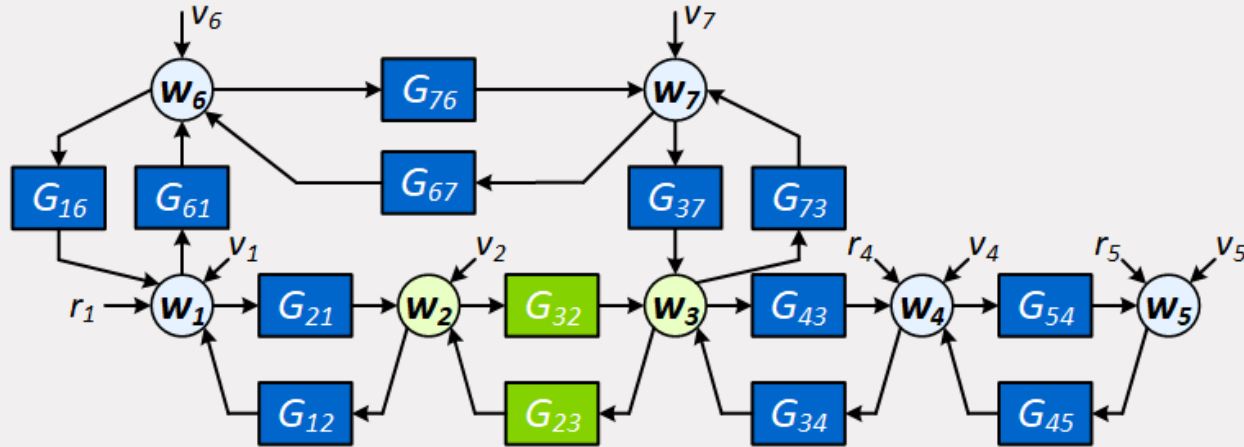
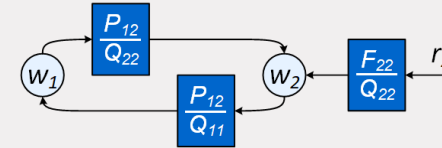


# Local network identification

Identification of **one** physical interconnection

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

$$G_{jk} = Q_{jj}^{-1} P_{jk} \text{ and } G_{kj} = Q_{kk}^{-1} P_{kj} \text{ with } P_{jk} = P_{jk}$$

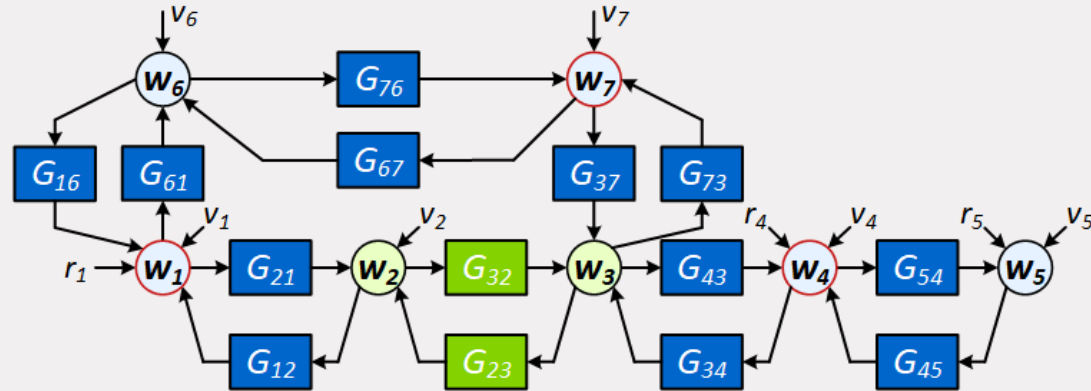


# Immersion conditions

For simultaneously identifying two modules in one interconnection:

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

All neighbouring nodes of  $w_2$  and  $w_3$  need to be retained/measured.



# Summary diffusively coupled physical networks

- Physical networks fit within the module framework (special case)
  - no restriction to second order equations
- Identification algorithms and identifiability analysis can be utilized
- Local identification is well-addressed (and stays really local)
- Framework is fit for representing **cyber-physical systems**

# Extensions - Discussion

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- **Identification algorithms to deal with reduced rank noise** <sup>[1]</sup>
  - number of disturbance terms is larger than number of white sources
  - Optimal identification criterion becomes a **constrained quadratic problem** with ML properties for Gaussian noise
  - Reworked Cramer Rao lower bound
  - Some parameters can be estimated variance free
- **Including sensor noise** <sup>[2]</sup>
  - Errors-in-variables problems can be more easily handled in a network setting

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

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

# Extensions - Discussion

- **Machine learning tools for estimating large scale models** <sup>[1,2]</sup>
  - Choosing correctly parametrized model sets for all modules is impractical
  - Use of Gaussian process priors for kernel-based estimation of models
- **From centralized to distributed estimation (MISO models)** <sup>[3]</sup>
  - Communication constraints between different agents
  - Recursive (distributed) estimator converges to global optimizer (more slowly)

[1] Everitt et al., Automatica, 2018.

[2] Ramaswamy et al., CDC 2018.

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

# Discussion

- **Dynamic network identification:**  
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

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