

Data-driven model learning in interconnected systems

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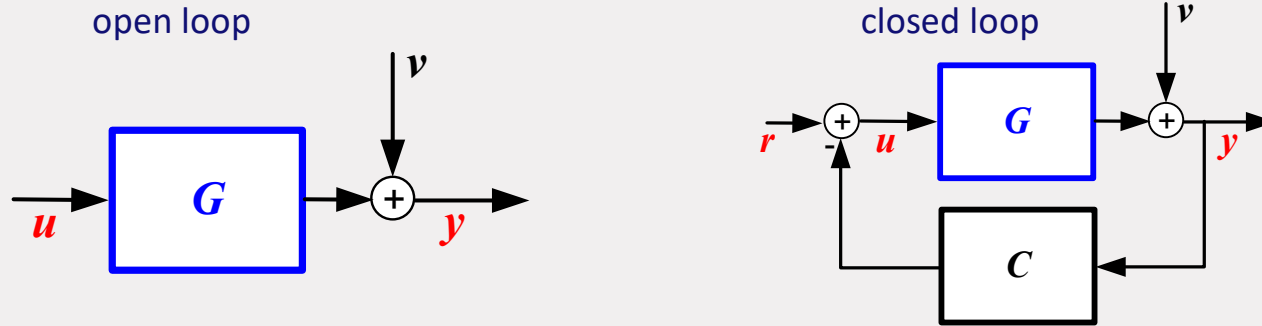
The diagram illustrates a Smart Grid system. At the center is a green oval labeled "Smart Grid". Radiating from this central hub are ten lines, each connecting to a different energy source or consumer. Clockwise from the top, these are: a nuclear power plant (red and grey), a thermal power plant (grey with red smokestacks), hydraulic power generation (a dam with water), photovoltaic (solar panels), a wind generator (three wind turbines), renewable energy (a green field with solar panels), an ecological vehicle (a car and a battery), cities and offices (a city skyline), homes (a house and a building), and factories (two industrial buildings). The entire system is set against a background of a green and yellow grid.



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Introduction

The classical (multivariable) data-driven modeling problems^[1]:



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

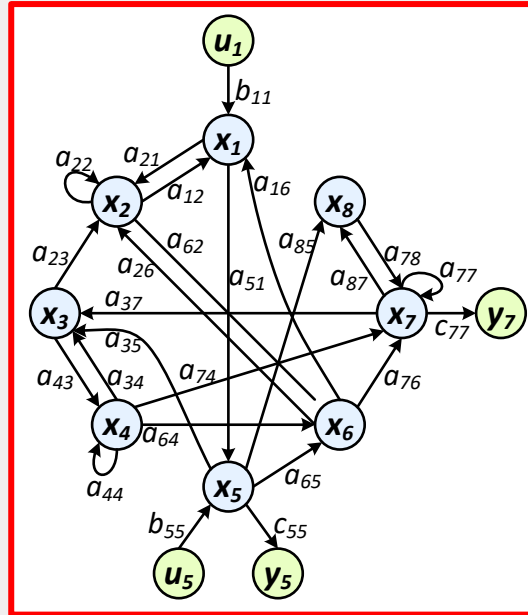
In interconnected systems (networks) the **structure / topology** becomes important to include

^[1] Ljung (1999), Söderström and Stoica (1989), Pintelon and Schoukens (2012)

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Network models



State space representation

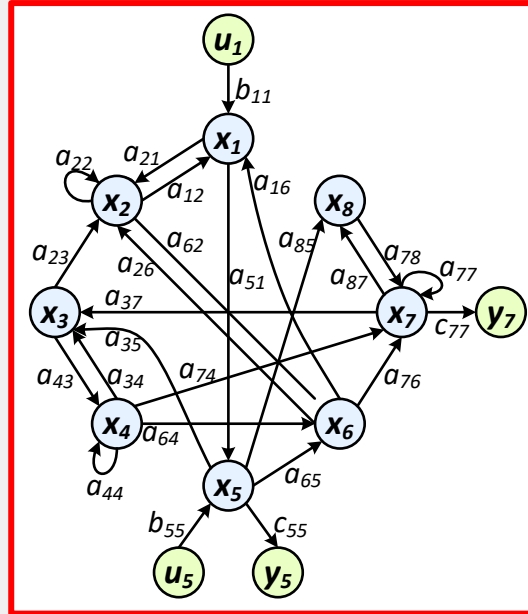
$$\begin{aligned}x(k+1) &= Ax(k) + Bu(k) \\ y(k) &= Cx(k) + Du(k)\end{aligned}$$

- 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

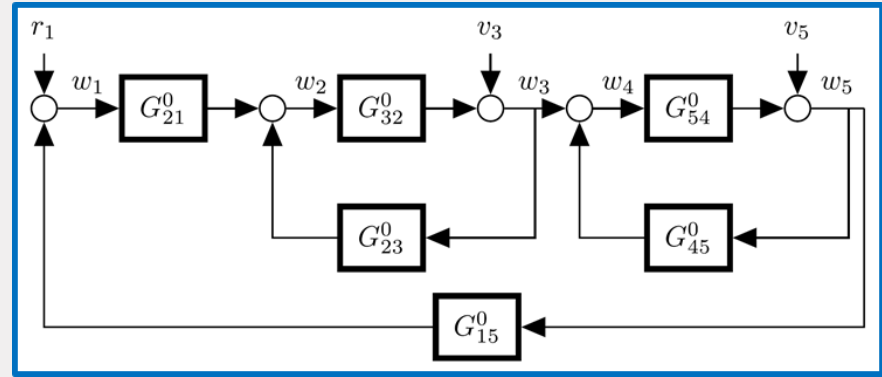
For data-driven modeling problems:

- Lump unmeasured states in dynamic **modules**

Network models



State space representation [1]

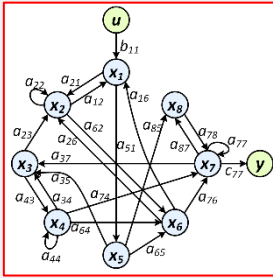


Module representation [2]

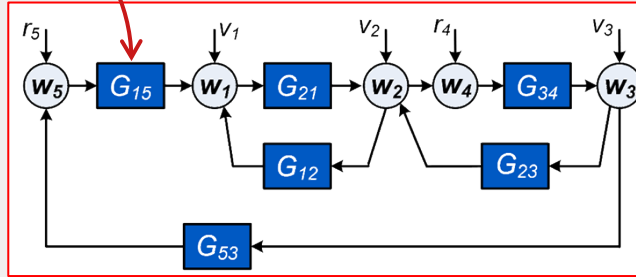
[1] Goncalves, Warnick, Sandberg, Yeung, Yuan, Scherpen,...

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

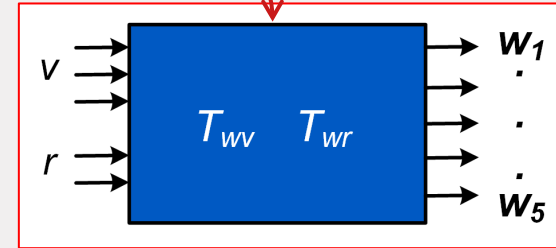
Dynamic network models - zooming



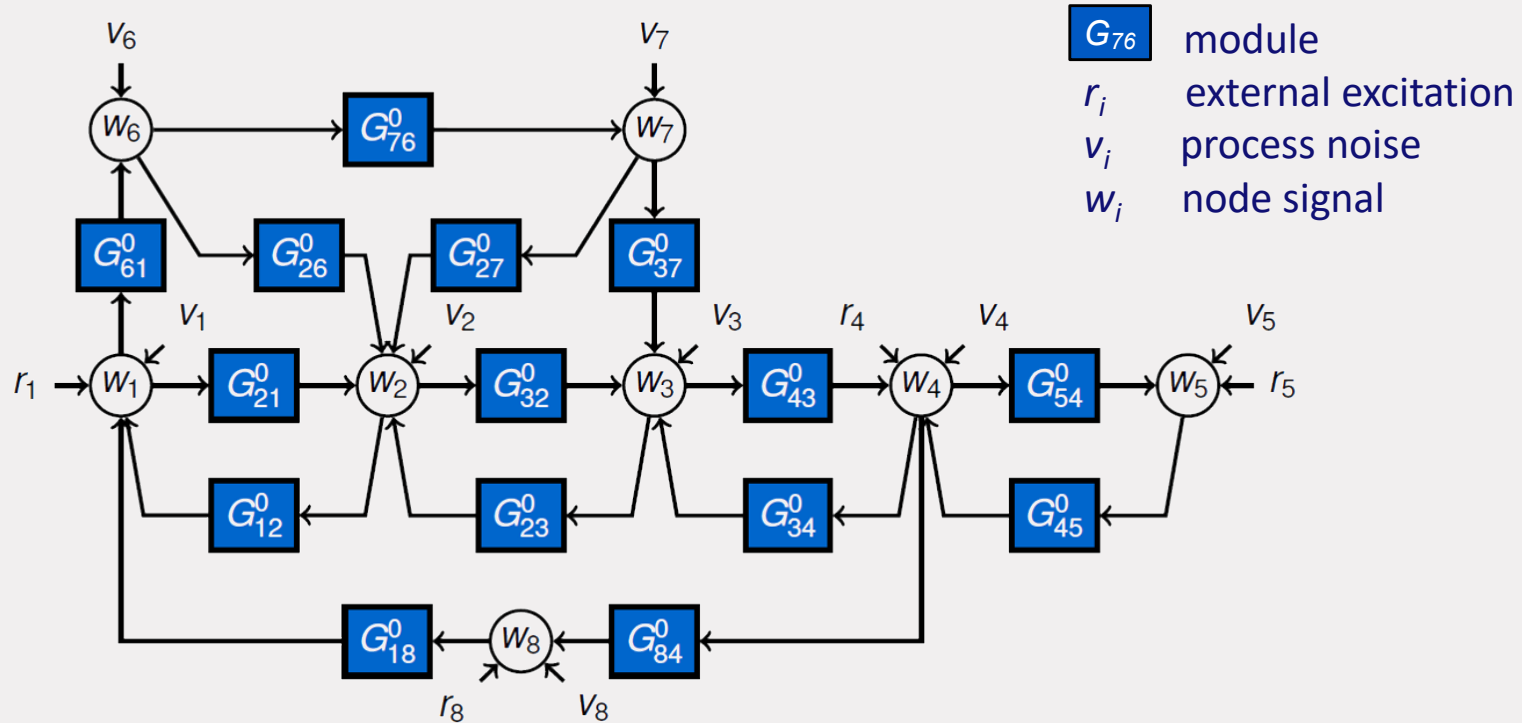
Increasing level of detail



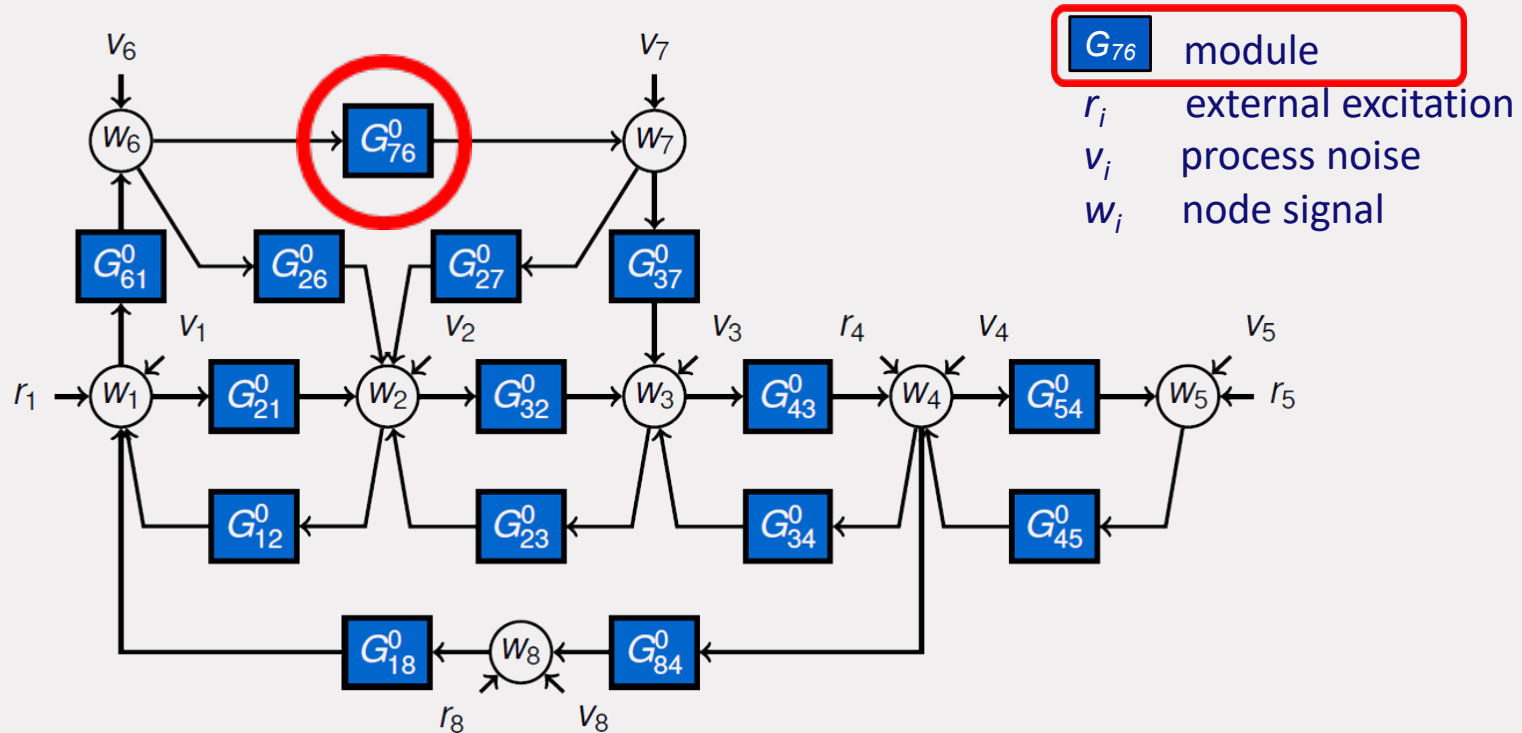
Decreasing structural information



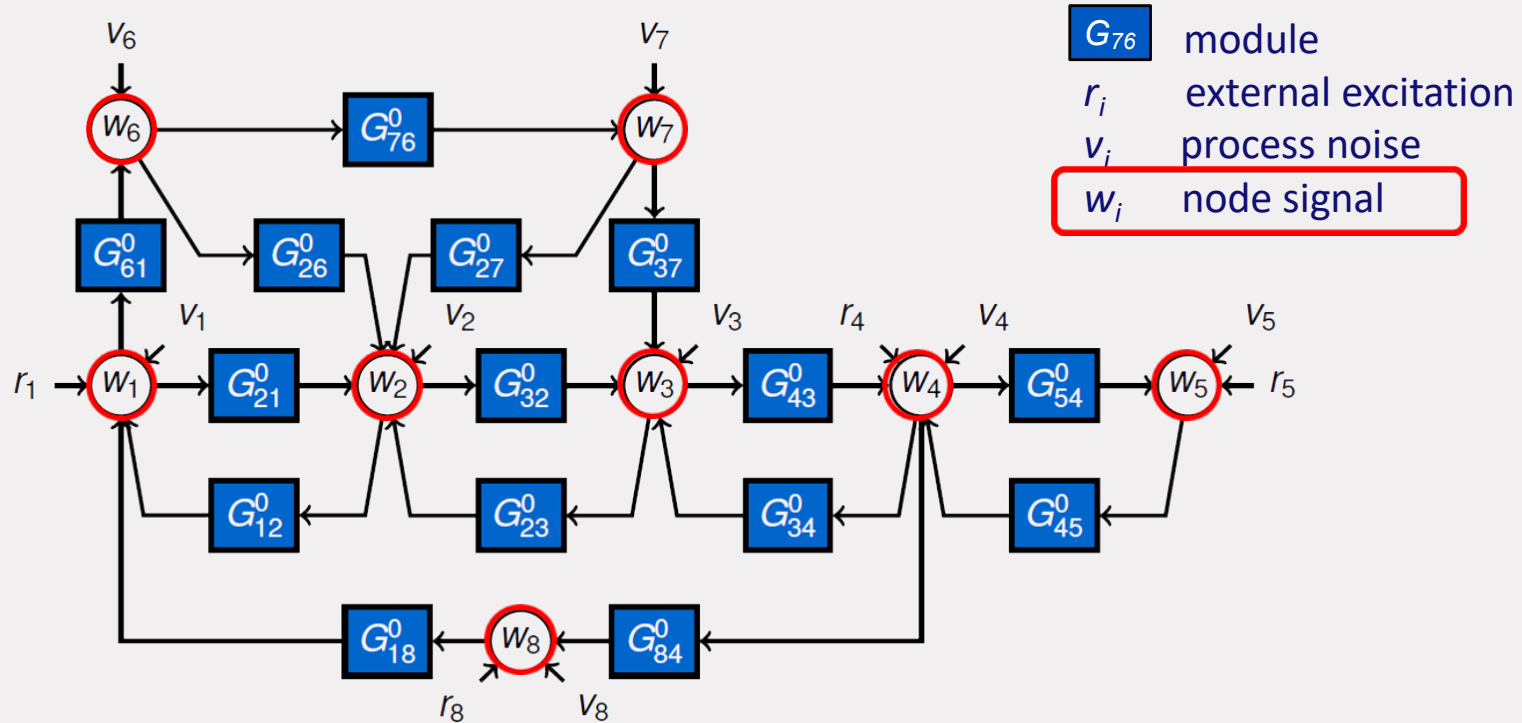
Dynamic network setup



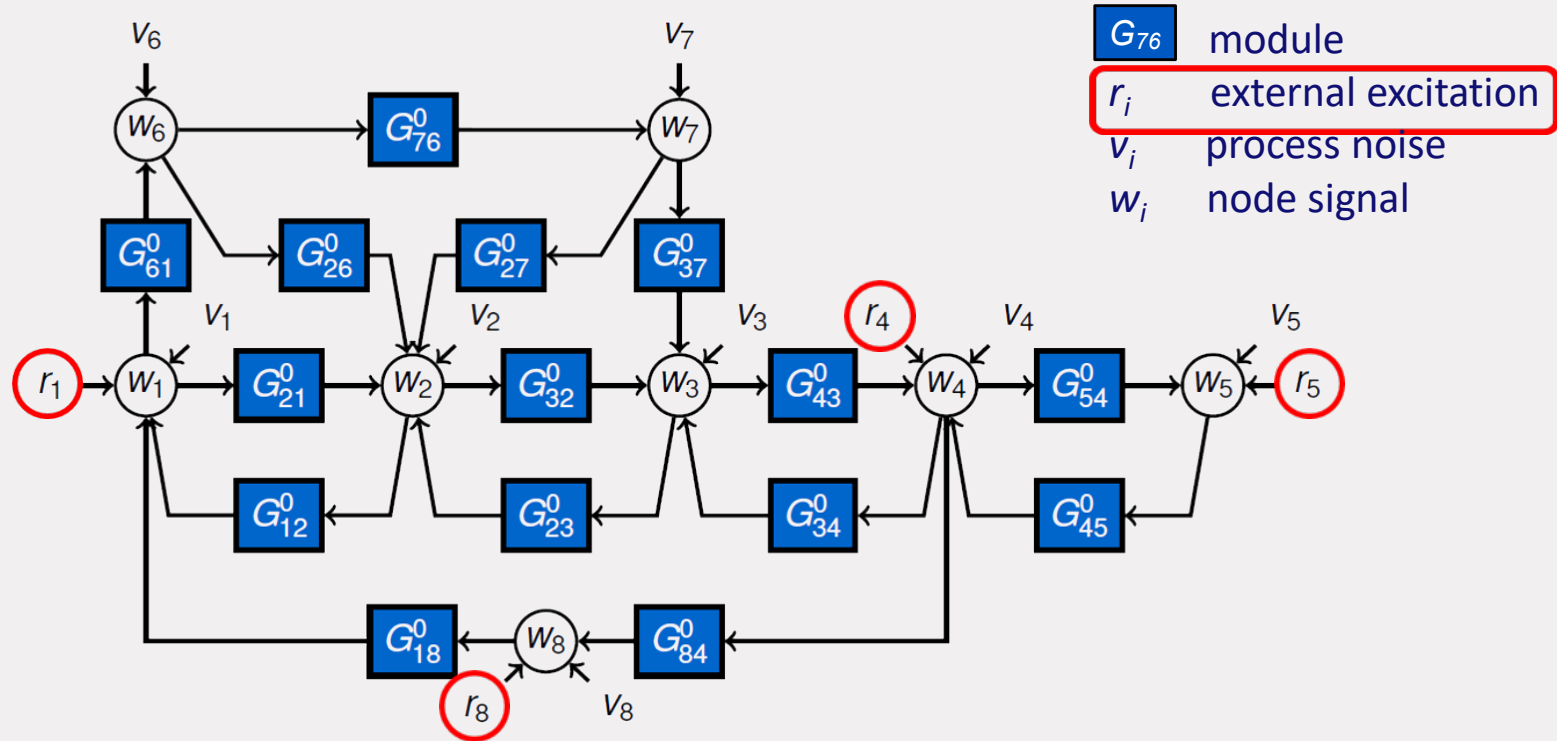
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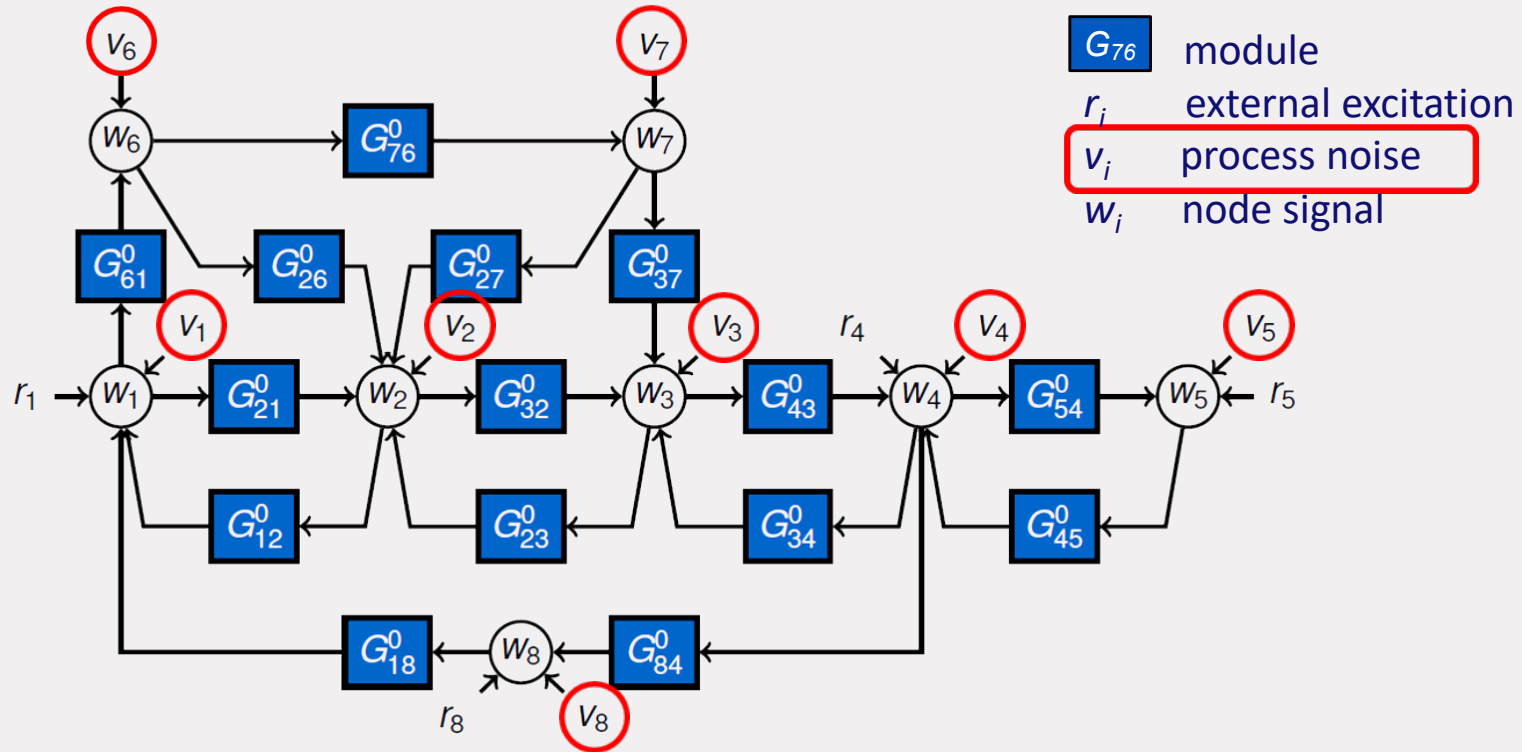
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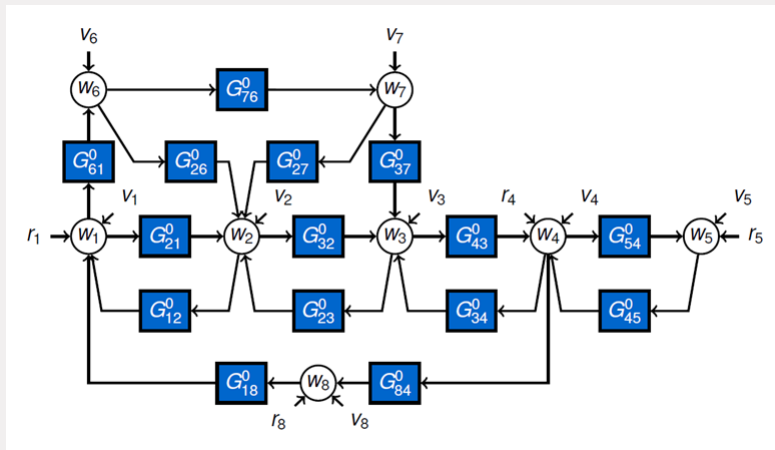
Collecting all equations:

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

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

- 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



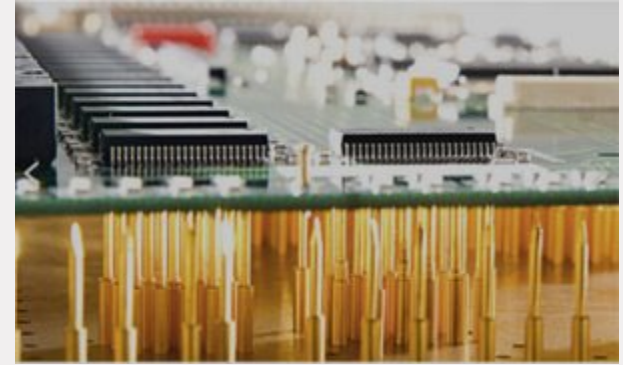
Measured time series:

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

Many challenging data-driven modeling and diagnostics challenges appear

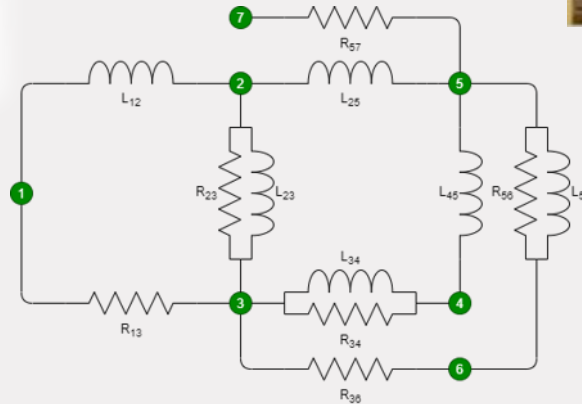
- Identification of a local module (known topology)
- Identification of the full network
- Topology estimation
- Identifiability
- Sensor and excitation allocation
- Diagnostics and fault detection
- User prior knowledge of modules
- Distributed identification
- Scalable algorithms

Application: Printed Circuit Board (PCB) Testing

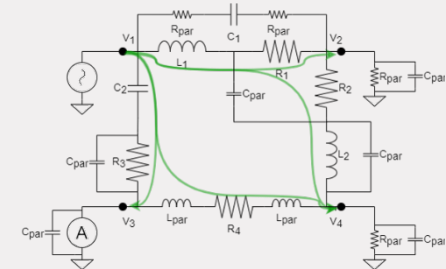


Detection of

- component failures
- parasitic effects

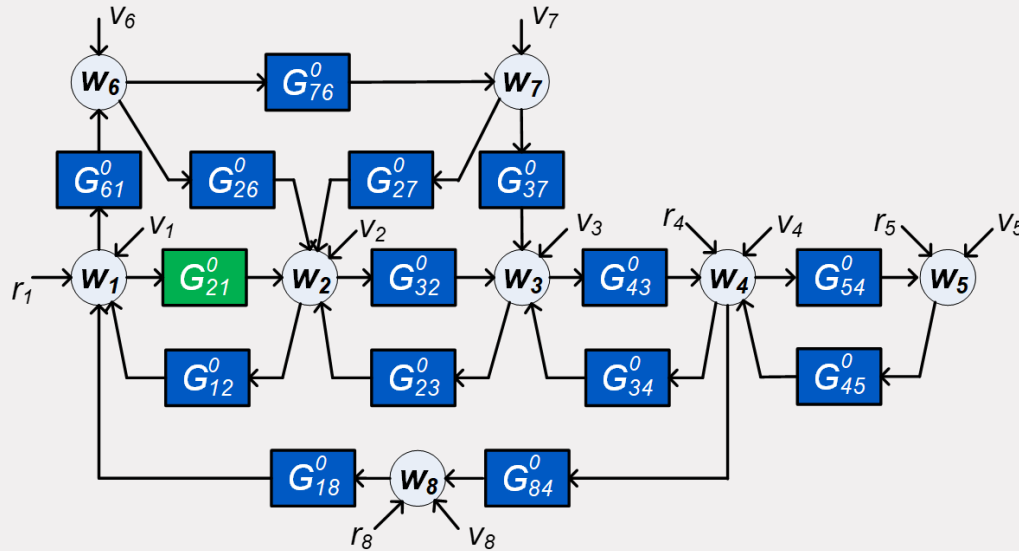


Source: Altium



Single module identification

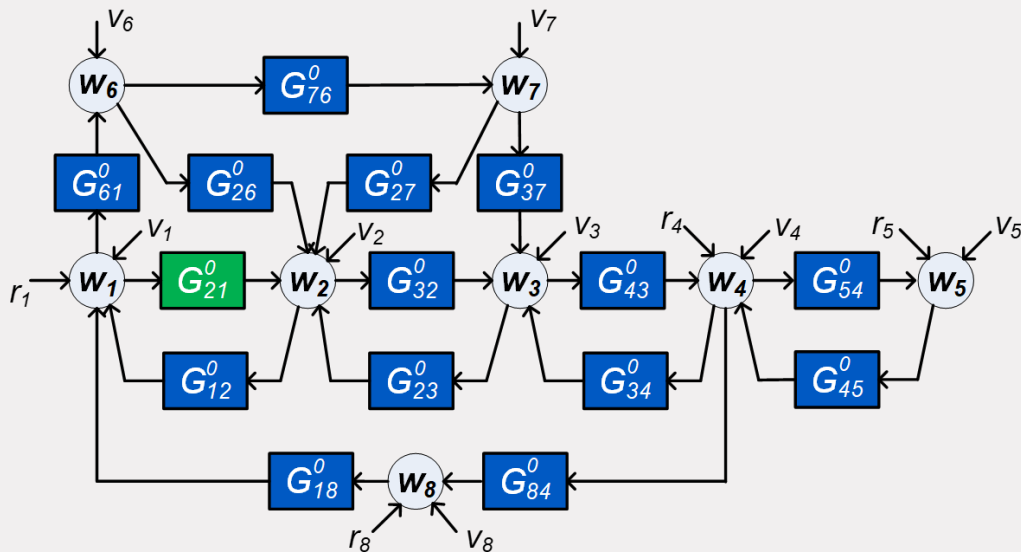
Single module identification



For a network with
known topology:

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

Single module identification



Different types of methods:

Indirect methods:

- Rely on mappings $r \rightarrow w$ and on sufficient excitation signals r

Direct methods:

- Rely on mappings $w \rightarrow w$ and use excitation from both r and v signals

Single module identification

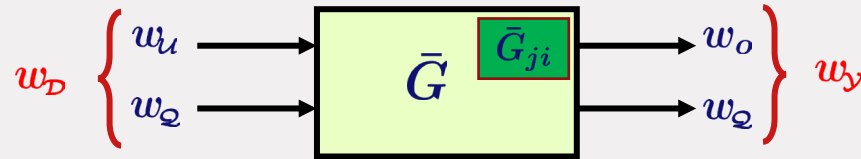
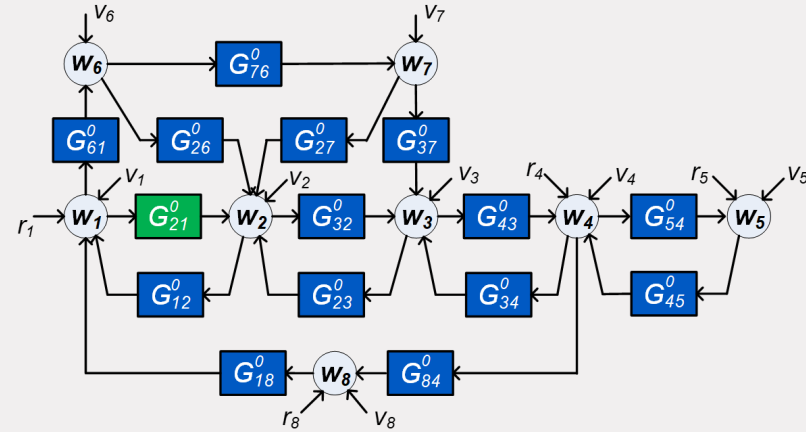
Local direct method:

(consistency and minimum variance properties)

Select a subnetwork:

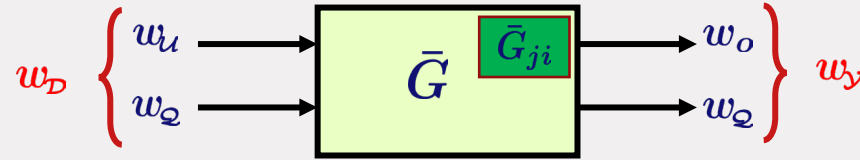
- Predicted outputs: w_y
- Predictor inputs: w_D

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



Note: same node signals can appear in input and output

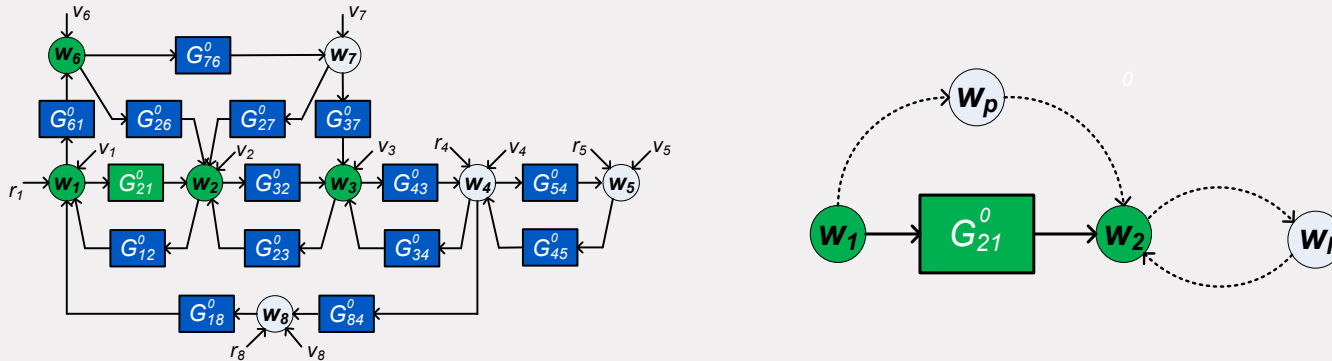
Single module identification



Conditions for arriving at an accurate (consistent) model:

1. Module invariance: $\bar{G}_{ji} = G_{ji}^0$ when removing discarded nodes (immersion)
2. Handling of confounding variables
3. Data-informativity
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^[2]

Alternative graph-based formulation in terms of disconnecting sets in [3]

[1] Dankers et al., TAC 2016
[3] Shi et al., Automatica 2022

[2] Generalizations available in Linder&Enqvist (2017), Weerts et al, (2020)

Single module identification - confounding variables

Confounding variable ^{[1][2]}:

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

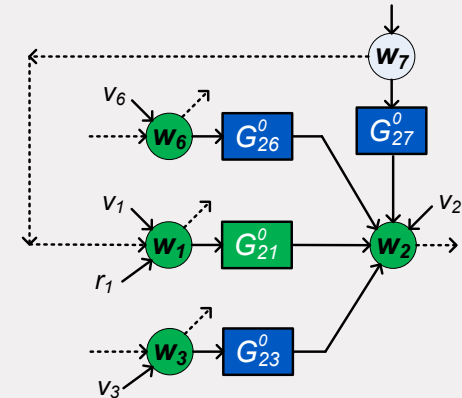
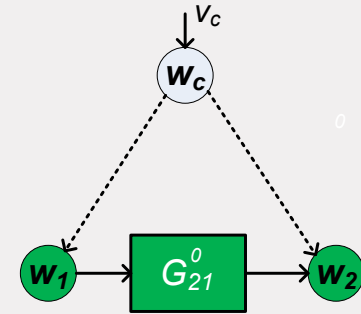
In networks they can appear in two different ways:

Direct:

- If disturbances on inputs and outputs are correlated.

Indirect:

- If non-measured in-neighbors of an output affect signals in the inputs.

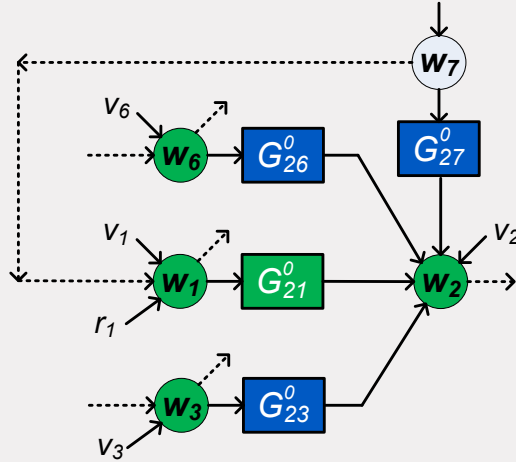


[1] J. Pearl, *Stat. Surveys*, 3, 96-146, 2009

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

Confounding variables

- **Direct** confounding variables



e.g., v_1 is correlated with v_2

In identification we know how to handle correlated disturbances: we model them!

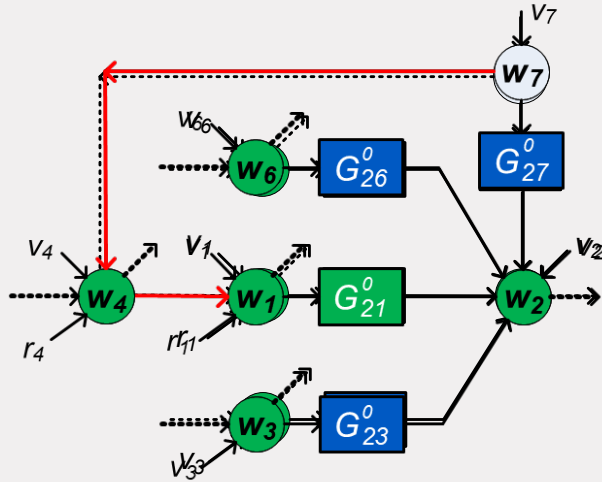
Solution:

Include w_1 as output and use a multivariate noise model

$$w_{\mathcal{D}} = \{w_1, w_3, w_6\} \quad w_{\mathcal{Y}} = \{\textcolor{red}{w}_1, w_2\}$$

Confounding variables

- **Indirect** confounding variable:



Non-measurable w_7 is a confounding variable

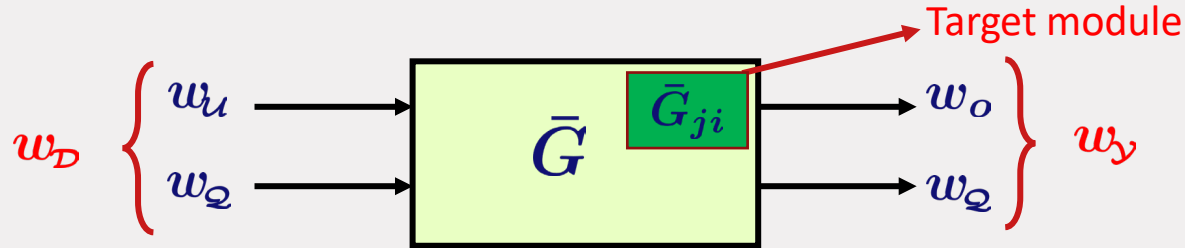
Two possible solutions:

1. Include w_4 \Rightarrow add predictor input
 $w_D = \{w_1, w_3, w_4, w_6\}$ $w_y = \{w_2\}$
2. Predict w_1 too \Rightarrow add predictor output
 $w_D = \{w_1, w_3, w_6\}$ $w_y = \{w_1, w_2\}$

- There are degrees of freedom in choosing the predictor model

Direct method

General setup:

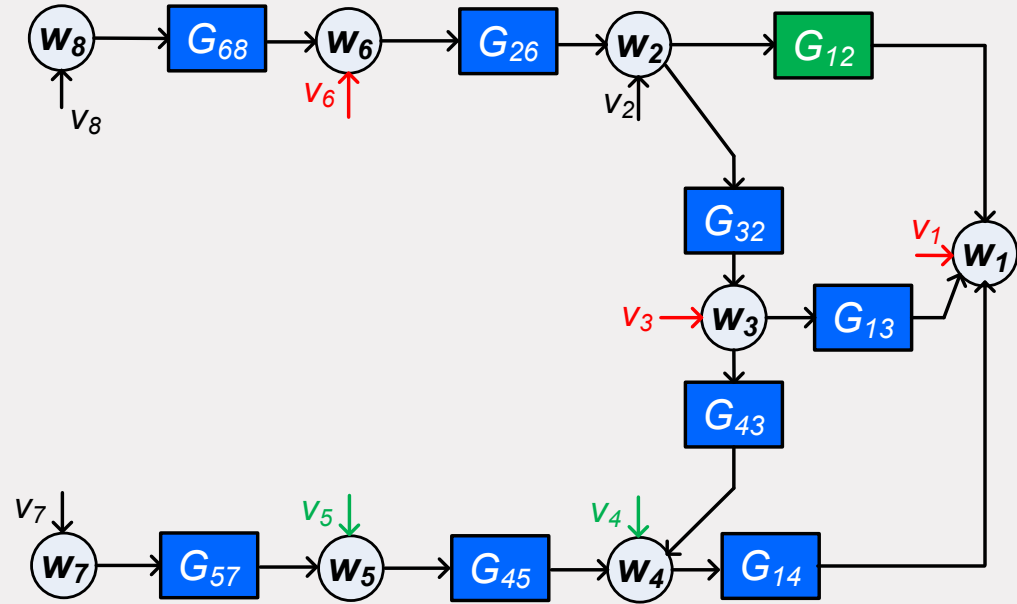


Different algorithms for arriving at predictor models:

- Full input case: include all in-neighbors of w_y
- Minimum node signals case : maximize number of outputs
- User selection case : dedicated choice based on measurable nodes

Different strategies – direct method

- Full input case
- User selection case
- Minimum measurements case



Network with v_1 correlated with v_3 and v_6 .
 v_4 correlated with v_5 .

Full input case

We include all in-neighbors of the predicted outputs as predictor inputs

Maximum use of information in signals

$$w_D = \{2, 3, 4\} \quad w_y = \{1\}$$

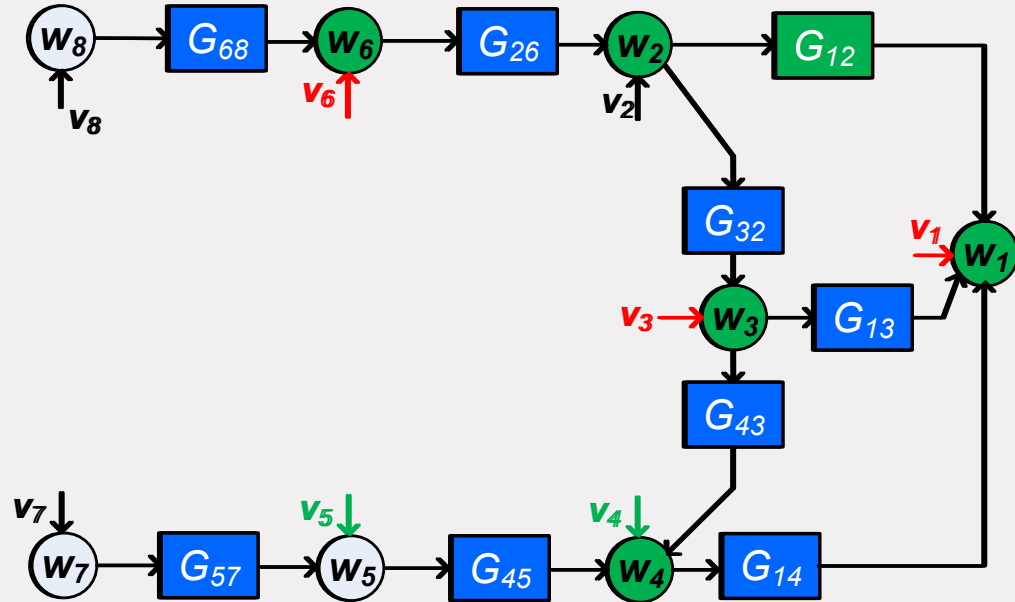
Handling direct confounding variable:

$$w_D = \{2, 3, 4\} \quad w_y = \{1, 3\}$$

Handling indirect confounding variable:

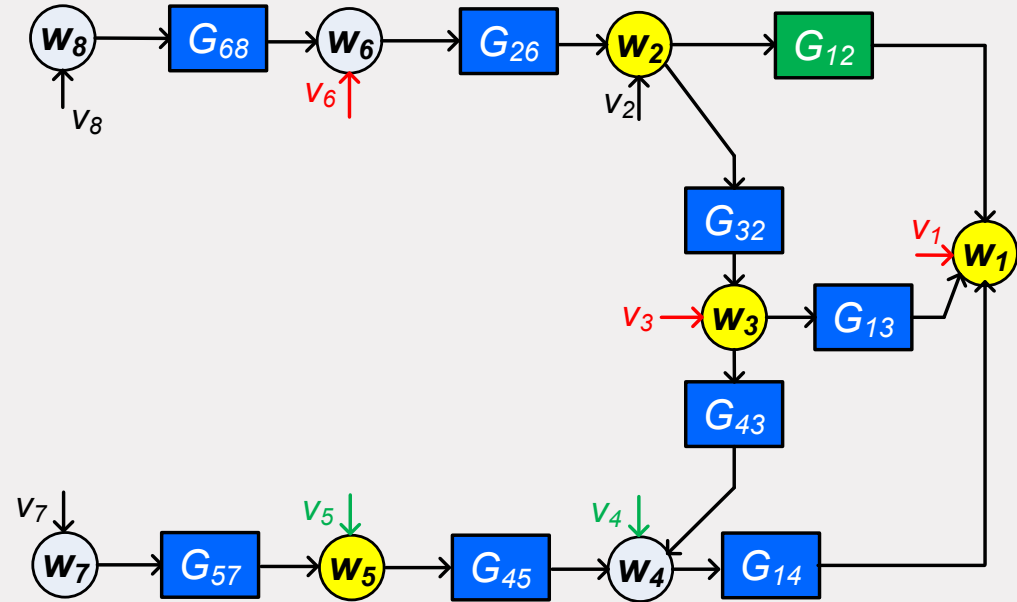
$$w_D = \{2, 3, 4, 6\} \quad w_y = \{1, 3\}$$

Direct identification $w_D \rightarrow w_y$



User selection case

- The user does not have access to all node signals
- Four node signals can be measured
- Parallel path and loop condition is satisfied
- Start with:
 $w_D = \{2, 3\}$ $w_y = \{1\}$



User selection case

$$w_D = \{2, 3\} \quad w_y = \{1\}$$

Handling direct confounding variable:

$$w_D = \{2, 3\} \quad w_y = \{1, 3\}$$

Indirect confounding variables:

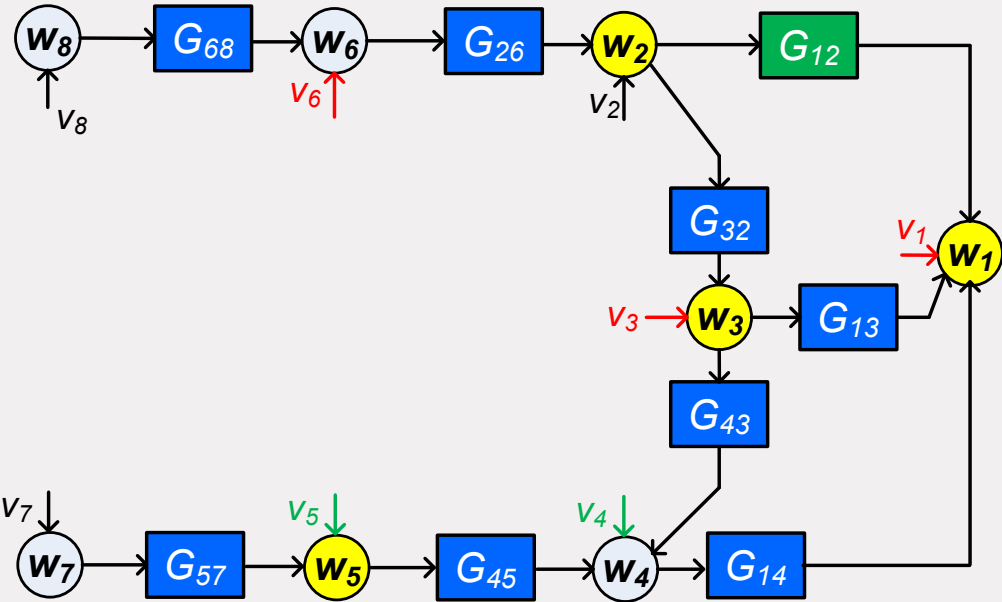
(v_4, v_5) :

$$w_D = \{2, 3, 5\} \quad w_y = \{1, 3, 5\}$$

v_6 :

$$w_D = \{2, 3, 5\} \quad w_y = \{1, 2, 3, 5\}$$

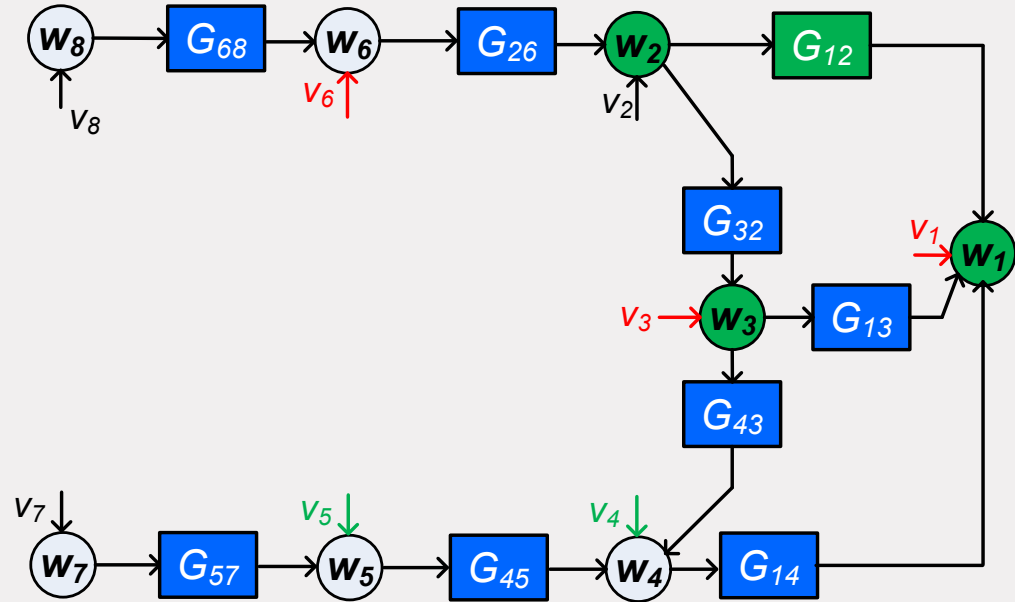
Direct identification $w_D \rightarrow w_y$



Minimum measurements case

- Select signals to satisfy the parallel path and loop condition
- Handle all confounding variables by including signals in output

$$w_D = \{2, 3\} \quad w_y = \{1, 2, 3\}$$



Direct identification $w_D \rightarrow w_y$

Different strategies for same network and target module

Same network with different identification setups that lead to **consistent estimate of the target module** with **Maximum likelihood properties** based on the strategy used.

Full input case	User selection case	Minimum measurements case
$\begin{bmatrix} w_2 \\ w_3 \\ w_4 \\ w_6 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_3 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} w_2 \\ w_3 \\ w_5 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ w_3 \\ w_5 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} w_2 \\ w_3 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ w_3 \end{bmatrix}$

Data informativity conditions: $\dim(r) \geq \dim(w_{\mathcal{Q}})$ (see later)

Single module identification

Serious **degrees of freedom** in selecting the predictor model to satisfy the first two conditions:

1. Module invariance – PPL test
2. Handling confounding variables

While presuming that data-informativity can always be satisfied by adding sufficient # of r-signals.

WRONG!

Single module identification – data-informativity

Predictor model equation:

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

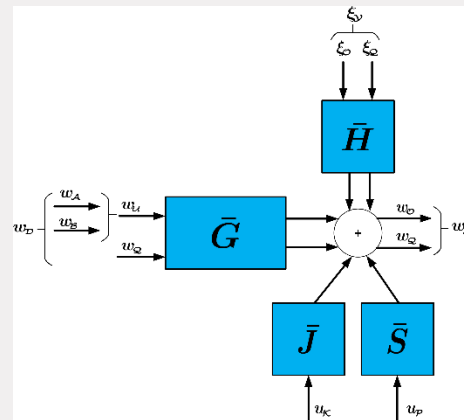
Typical data-informativity condition:

κ 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

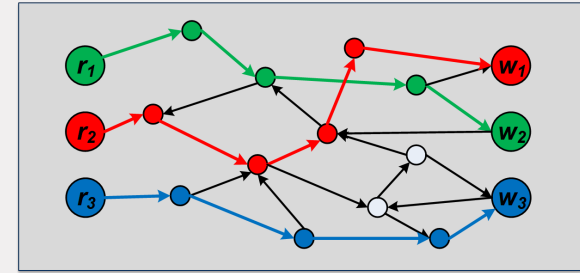


Rank-based condition can generically be satisfied based on a graph-based condition

Data informativity (path-based condition)

A signal $y(t) = F(q)x(t)$ with x persistently exciting, is persistently exciting iff F has **full row rank**.

This condition can be verified in a generic sense, by considering the **generic rank** of F [1],[2]



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

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

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

Equivalently:

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

[1] Van der Woude, 1991

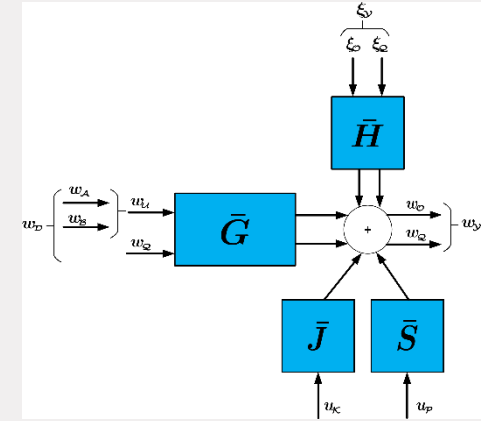
[2] Hendrickx, Gevers & Bazanella, CDC 2017, TAC 2019.

[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



$$w_y(t) = \bar{G}(q, \theta)w_D(t) + \bar{H}(q, \theta)\xi_S(t) + \bar{J}(q, \theta)u_K(t) + \bar{S}u_P(t)$$

- For every node in $w_{\mathcal{Q}}$ we need a u -excitation
- More expensive experiments with growing # outputs
- A node $w_{\mathcal{Q}}$ whose excitation appears in u_K can never be sufficiently excited

Data informativity (path-based condition)

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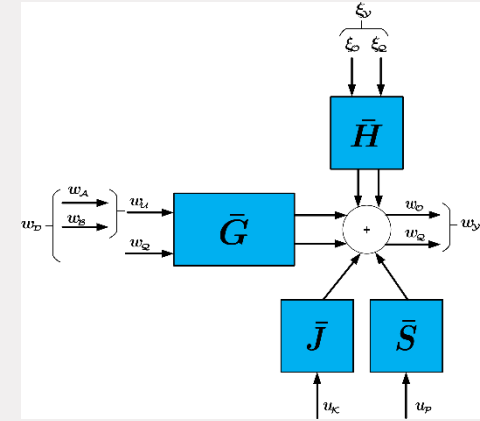
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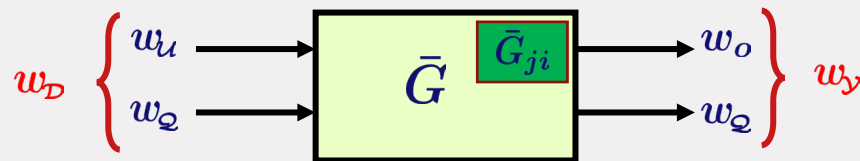
Additional condition for a node $w_{\mathcal{Q}}$ to be effectively “excitable”:

Every loop around a node in $w_{\mathcal{Q}}$ should be blocked by a node in $w_{\mathcal{D}}$.

This additional graph-based condition needs to be integrated in the predictor model algorithm



Single module identification



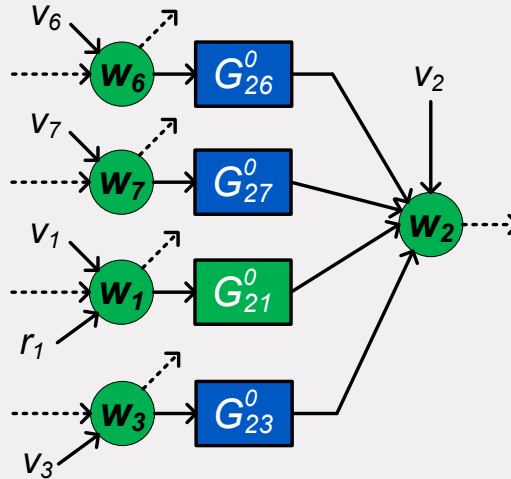
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Path-based conditions on the network graph

Single module identification

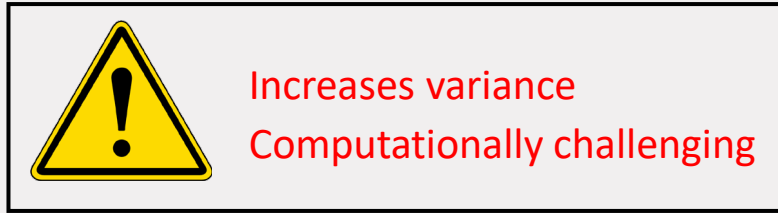
Typical solution:



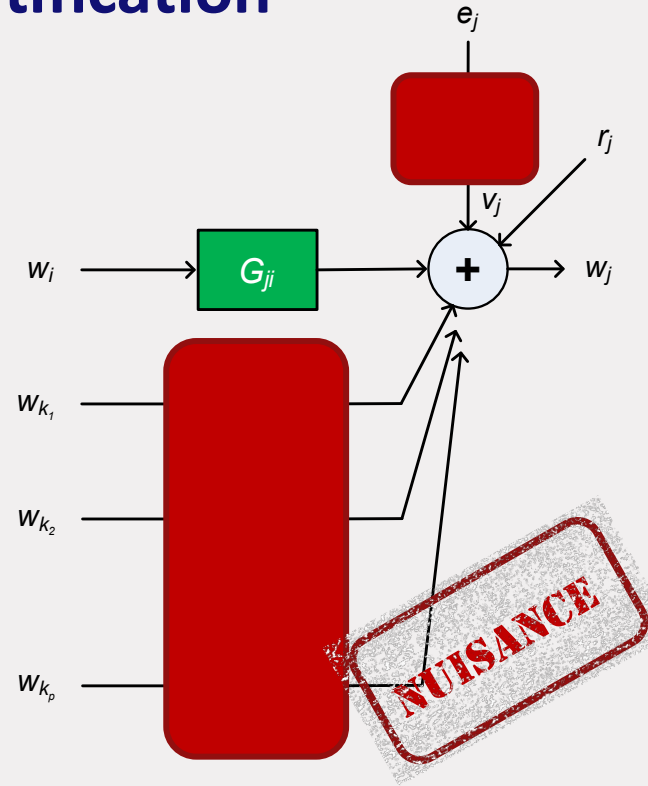
- MISO (sometimes MIMO) estimation problem
- to be solved by your favorite estimation algorithm

Machine learning in local module identification

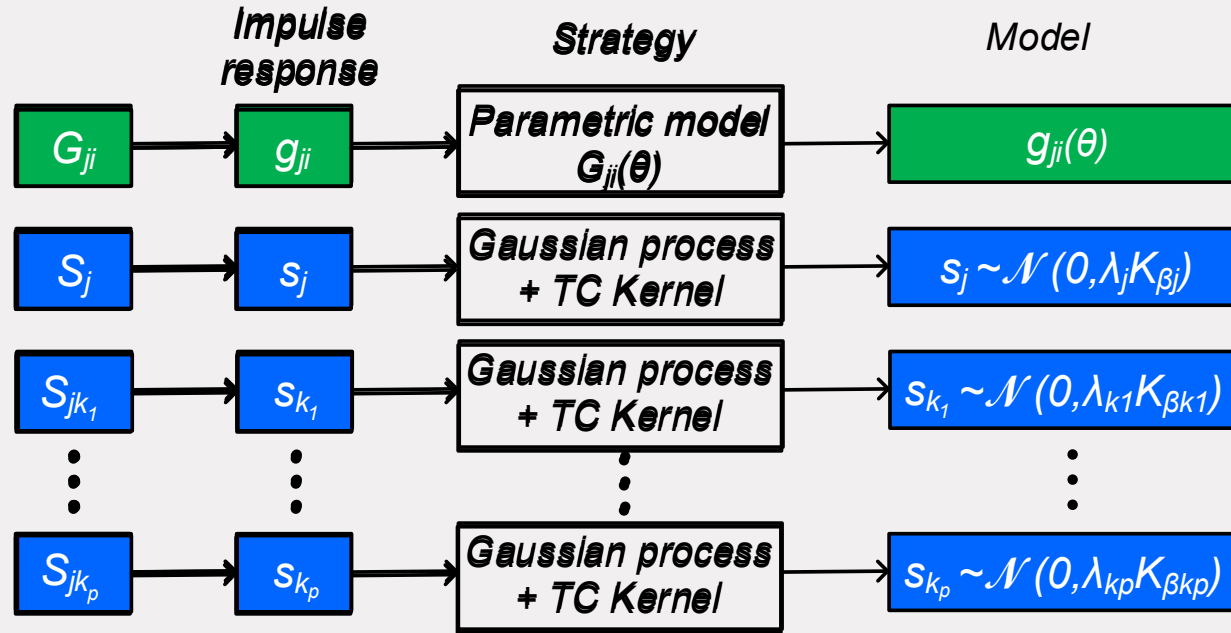
- MISO identification with all modules parameterized
- Brings in two major problems :
 - ▶ Large number of parameters to estimate
 - ▶ Model order selection step for each module (CV, AIC, BIC)
- For 5 modules, combinations = 244,140,625



- 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: $\hat{\eta} = \underset{\eta}{\operatorname{argmax}} p(w_j; \eta)$

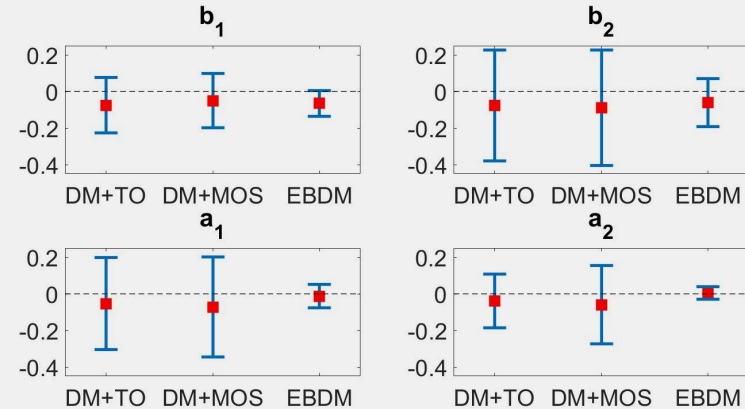
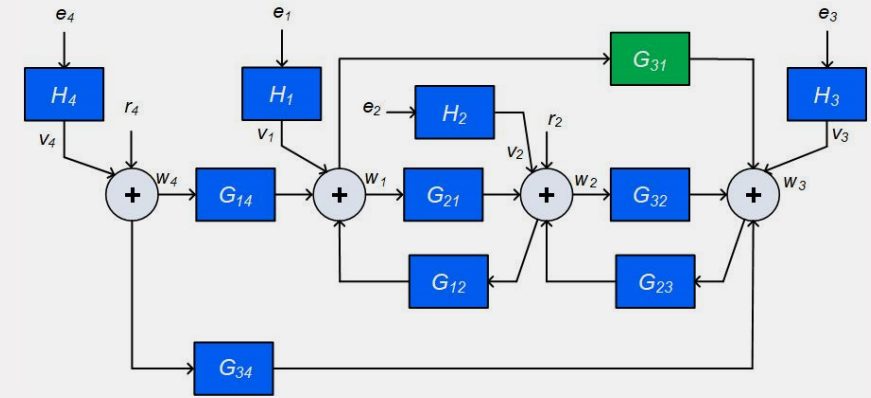
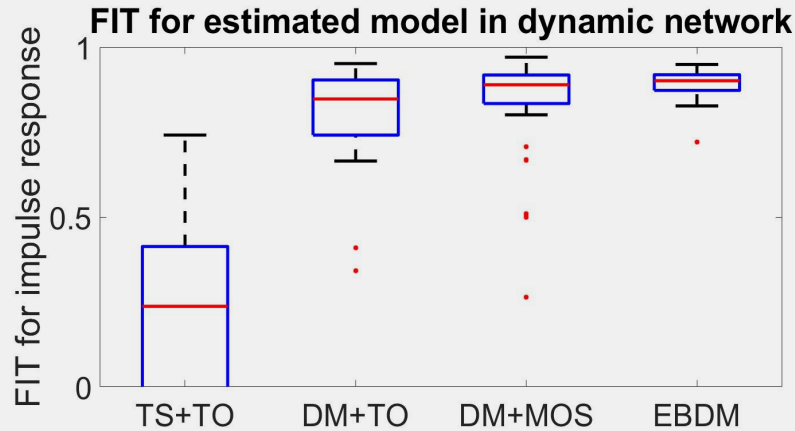
$$\eta := [\theta \quad \lambda_j \quad \lambda_{k_1} \quad \dots \quad \lambda_{k_p} \quad \beta_j \quad \beta_{k_1} \quad \dots \quad \beta_{k_p} \quad \sigma_j^2]^\top$$

[1] Everitt et al., *Automatica* 2017.

[2] K.R. Ramaswamy et al., *Automatica*, 2021.

Numerical simulation

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

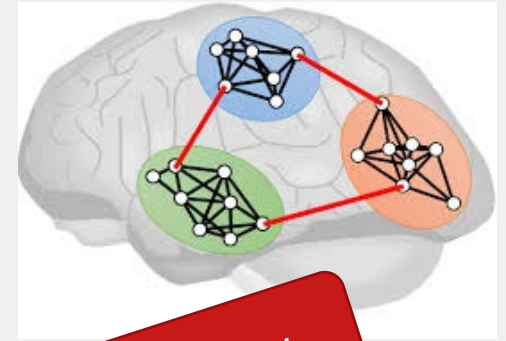
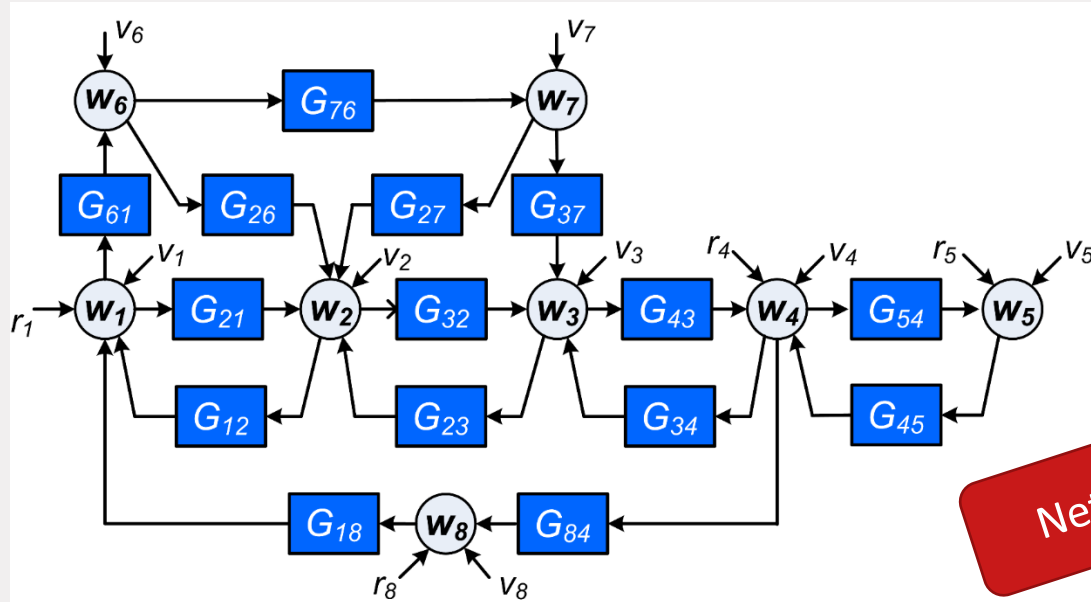


Summary single module identification

- 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

Generic network identifiability

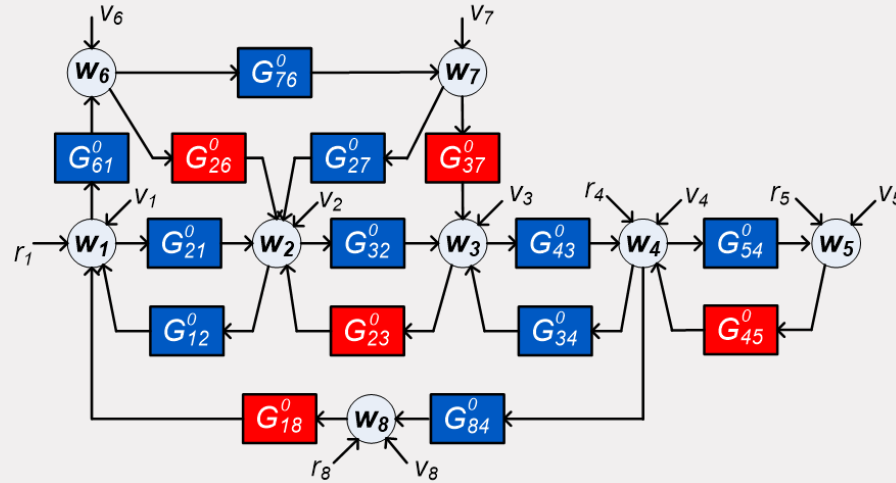
Full network identification



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**:

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

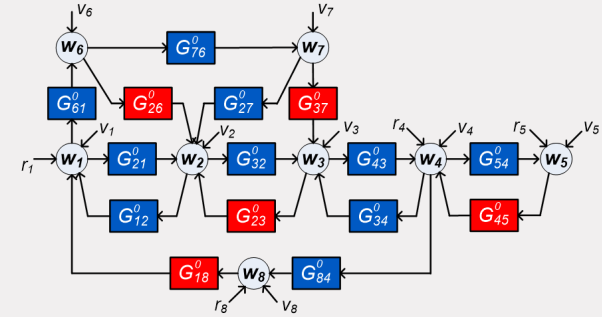
can be transformed with any rational $P(q)$:

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

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.

[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} :

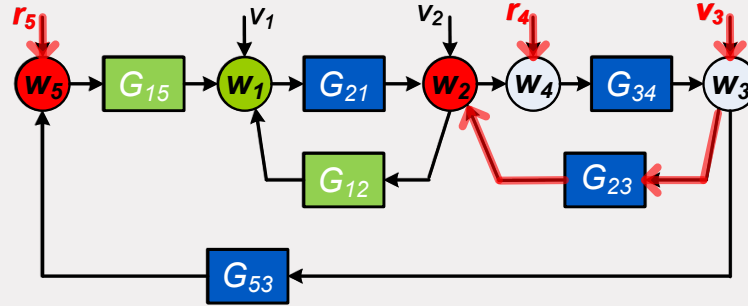
- There do not exist distinct equivalent models (generating the same data)
- for almost all models in the set.

[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

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

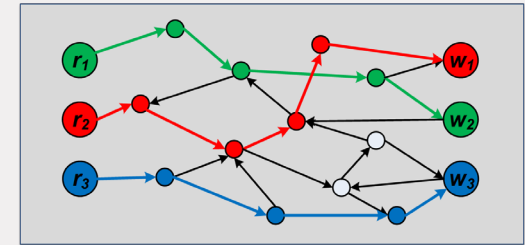
For the **generic case**, the rank can be calculated by a graph-based condition^{[1],[2]}:

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

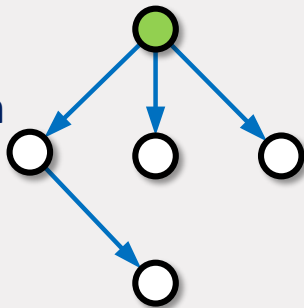
Synthesis solution for network identifiability

Allocating external signals for **generic identifiability**:

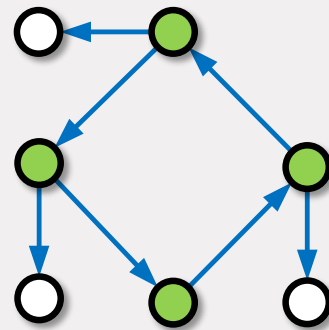
1. Cover the graph of the network model set by a set of **disjoint pseudo-trees**

Pseudo-trees:

Tree with root in green



Cycle with outgoing trees;
Any node in cycle is root

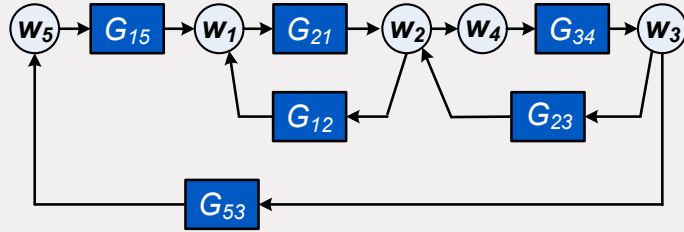


Edges are **disjoint** and all out-neighbours of a node are in the same pseudo-tree

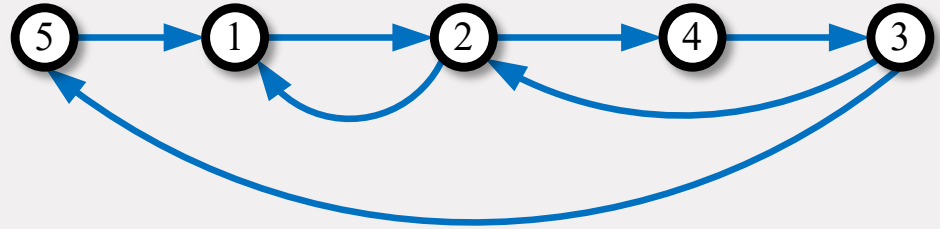
2. Assign an independent external signal (r or e) at a root of each pseudo-tree.

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

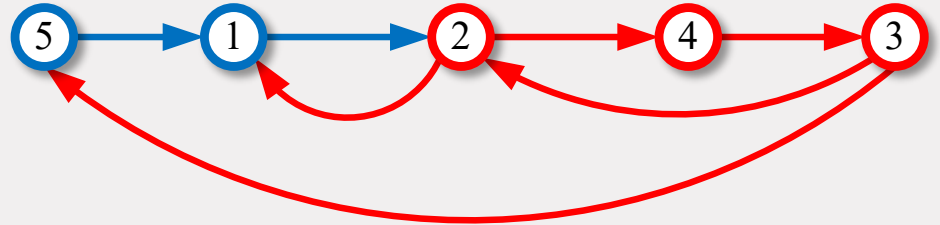
Where to allocate external excitations for network identifiability?



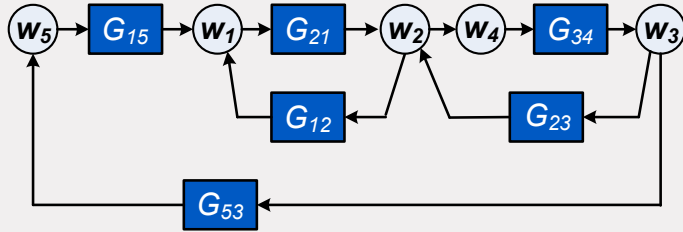
All indicated modules are parametrized



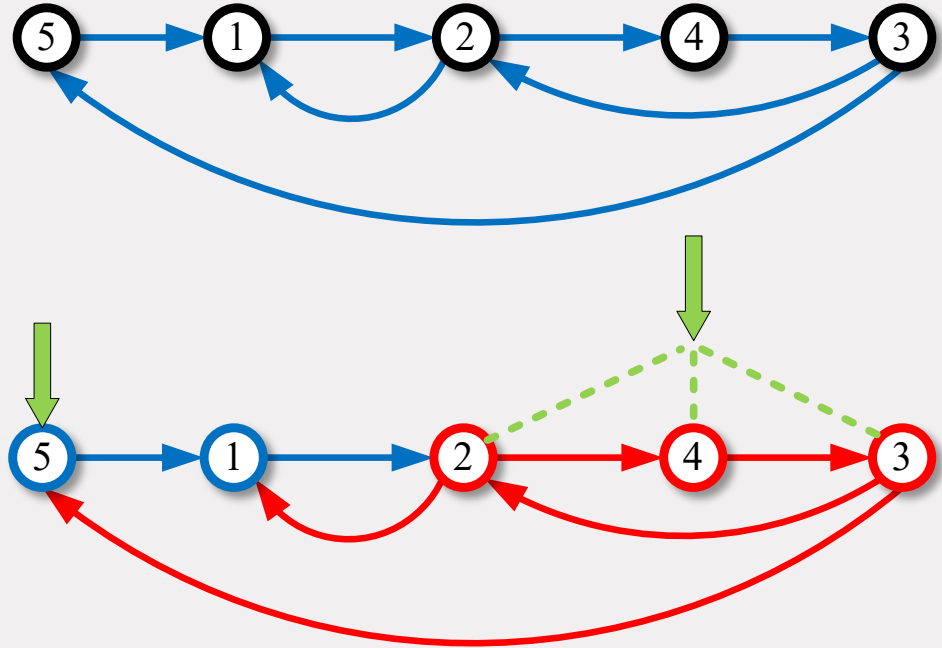
Two disjoint pseudo-trees



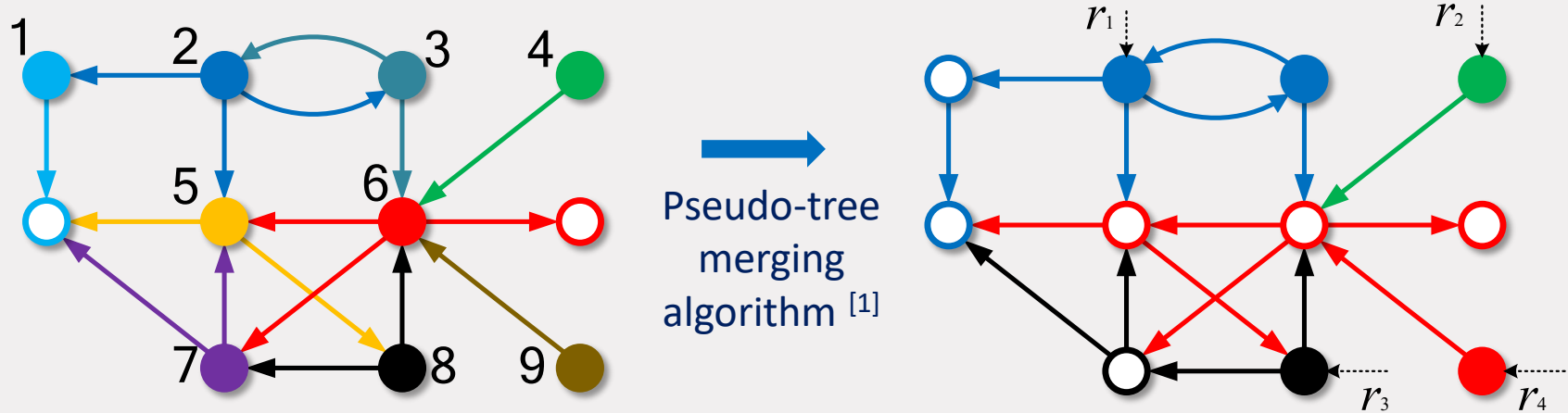
Where to allocate external excitations for network identifiability?



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

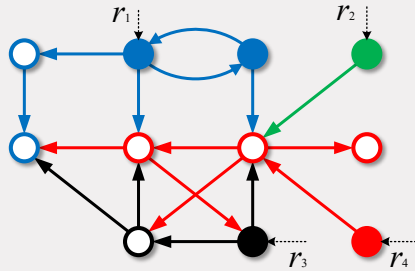
Extensions:

- Situations where not all node signals are measured ^[1]

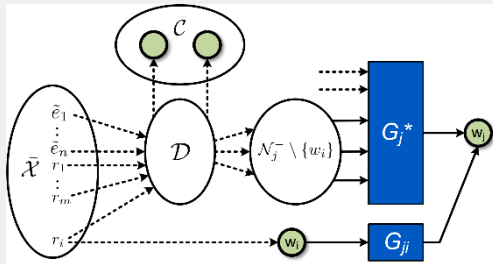
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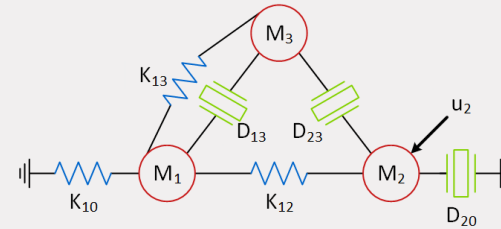
- Excitation allocation for full network identifiability^[1]



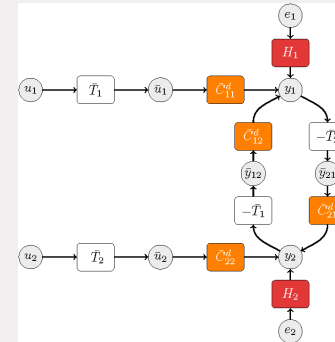
- Subnetwork identifiability^[3]



- Diffusively coupled networks^[2]



- Distributed controller identification^[4]



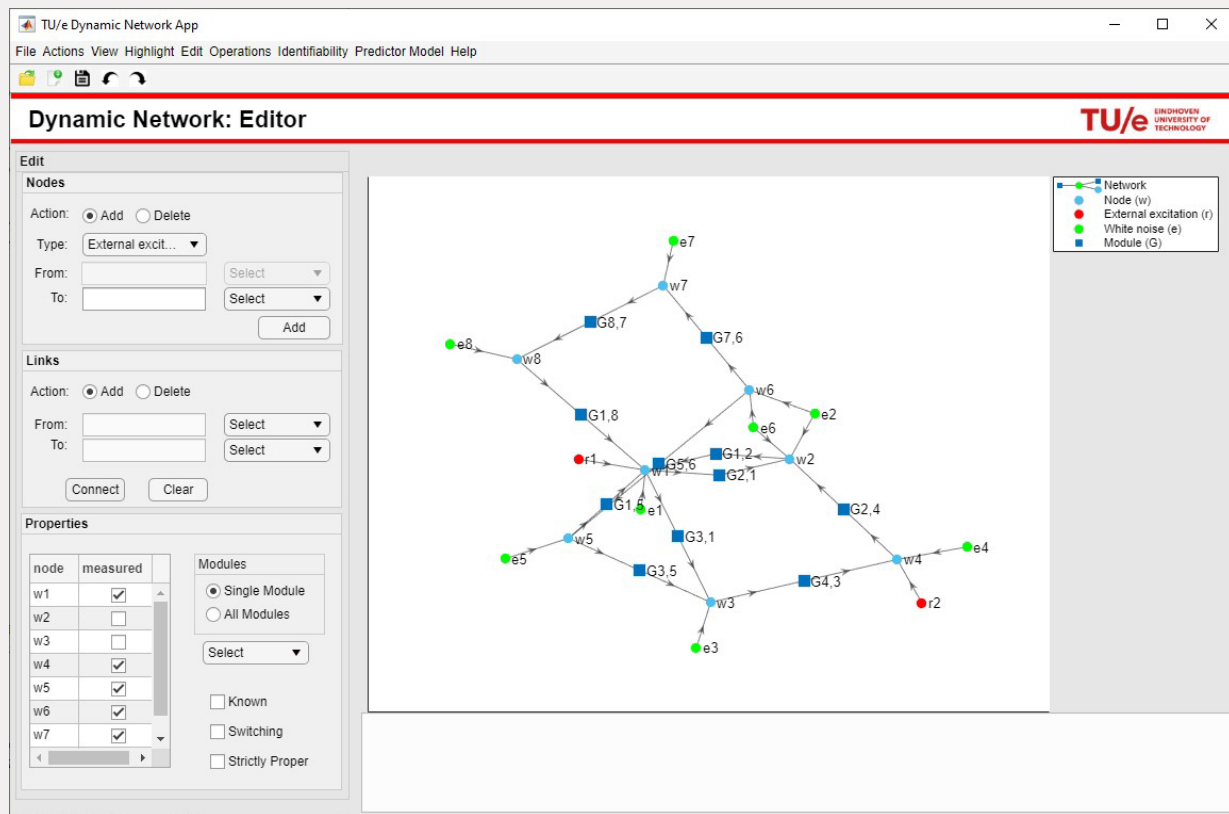
[1] Cheng et al., IEEE-TAC, February 2022.

[3] Shi et al., IEEE-TAC, January 2023.

[2] Kivits et al., IEEE- TAC, June 2023.

[4] Steentjes, PhD thesis, June 2022.

Algorithms implemented in SYSDYNET Toolbox



Structural analysis and operations on dynamic networks

- Edit and manipulate
- Assign properties to nodes and modules
- Immersion of nodes, PPL test
- Generic identifiability analysis and synthesis
- Predictor model selection for single module ID

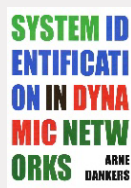
to be complemented with

- estimation algorithms for single module and full network ID;
- topology estimation

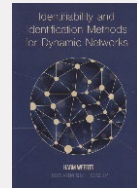
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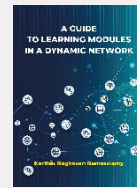
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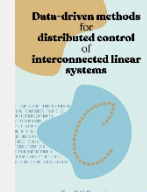
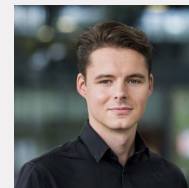
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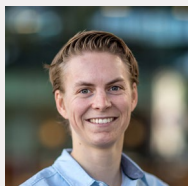
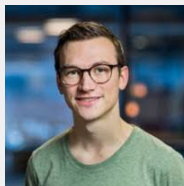
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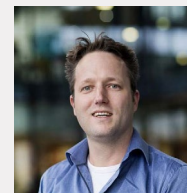
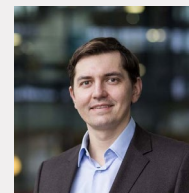
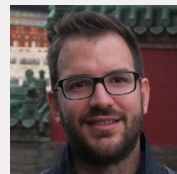
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