## Data-driven modeling in linear dynamic networks

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## Introduction – dynamic networks

#### Decentralized process control



# Factories





#### **Autonomous driving**



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#### **Metabolic network**



Hillen (2012)

#### Hydrocarbon reservoirs



Mansoori (2014)



## Introduction

#### **Overall trend:**

- (a) The dynamic systems to be handled become (large-scale) interconnected systems of systems
- (b) With hybrid dynamics (continuous / switching)
- (c) The related monitoring, control and optimization problems become distributed, multi-agent type
- (d) Data is "everywhere", big data era
- (e) 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 fixed and known configuration to deal with and exploit *structure* in the problem.

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

- Introduction and motivation
- Dynamic networks for data-driven modeling
- Single module identification known topology
- Network identifiability
- Extensions
- Discussion

### Dynamic networks for data-driven modeling



## **Dynamic networks**



#### **State space representations**

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



#### **Module representation**

(Van den Hof, Dankers, Gevers, Bazanella,...)















#### **Assumptions:**

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

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



Many new identification questions can be formulated:

- Identification of a local module (known toplogy)
- Identification of the full network
- Topology estimation
- Sensor and excitation selection
- Fault detection

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- Experiment design
- Distributed identification

#### **Early literature**

- **Topology detection**: Materassi, Innocenti, Salapaka, Yuan, Stan, Warnick, Goncalves, Sanandaji, Vincent, Wakin, Chiuso, Pillonetto exploring Granger causality, Bayesian networks, Wiener filters
- Subspace algorithms for spatially distributed systems with identical modules (Fraanje, Verhaegen, Werner), or non-identical ones (Torres, van Wingerden, Verhaegen, Sarwar, Salapaka, Haber)

Here: focus on **prediction error methods** and concepts for identification in generally structured (linear) dynamic networks, including **non-measured disturbances**.

### 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?

#### **Options for identifying a module:**

• Identify the full MIMO system:

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

from measured r and w .

Global approach with "standard" tools

• Identify a local (set of) module(s) from a (sub)set of measured  $r_k$  and  $w_\ell$ 

Local approach with "new" tools and structural conditions







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





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### **Identification methods**

**4-input 1-output problem** to be addressed by a closed-loop identification method



Direct PE method

$$arepsilon(t, heta) = H(q, heta)^{-1}[w_2(t) - \sum_{k\in\mathcal{D}_2}G_{2k}(q, heta)w_k(t)]$$

ML properties Disturbances  $v_i$  uncorrelated over channels Excitation through all signals

2-stage/projection/IV (indirect) method

$$\varepsilon(t,\theta) = H(q,\theta)^{-1} [w_2(t) - \sum_{k \in \mathcal{D}_2} G_{2k}(q,\theta) w_k^{\mathcal{R}}(t)]$$

Consistency; no need for noise models; **no ML** Excitation through external excitation signals only



#### **Network immersion**<sup>[1]</sup>

- 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).

### Immersion





### **Immersion**



### Immersion



• A.G. Dankers, P.M.J. Van den Hof, A.G. Dankers, X. Bombois and P.S.C. Heuberger, IEEE Trans. Automatic Control, 61, 937-952, 2016.



#### parallel paths, and loops around the output



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#### $V_6$ $V_7$ $G_{76}^{0}$ $W_7$ $W_6$ $G_{61}^{0}$ $G_{26}^{0}$ $G_{37}^{0}$ $G_{27}^{0}$ $V_3$ $V_5$ 14 $V_4$ $r_5$ $V_1$ $V_2$ $G_{32}^{0}$ $G_{43}^{0}$ $G_{54}^{0}$ $G_2^0$ **W**5 W⊿ W<sub>2</sub> $r_1$ $G_{34}^{0}$ $G_{45}^{0}$ $G_{23}^{0}$ $G_{12}^{0}$ $G_{84}^{0}$ $G_{18}^{0}$ ₩8× $r_8$ $V_8$

#### parallel paths, and loops around the output



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>



**Conclusion:** 

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



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
Back to the (classical) closed-loop problem:

**Direct identification** of  $G_{21}^0$  can be consistent provided that  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  are uncorrelated

In case of correlation between  $v_1$  and  $v_2$ : joint prediction of  $w_1$  and  $w_2$  leads to ML results,

$$\begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_1(t,\theta) \\ \varepsilon_2(t,\theta) \end{bmatrix} = H(q,\theta)^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} w_1(t) - G_{12}(q,\theta)w_2(t) \\ w_2(t) - G_{21}(q,\theta)w_1(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

Joint estimation of  $G_{21}^0$  and  $G_{12}^0$ : Joint–direct method <sup>[1,2]</sup>

#### related to the classical joint-io method [3,4]

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•  $w_7$  (not measured) now acts as a disturbance

• For minimum variance: MISO direct method loses consistency if there are confounding variables

• This requires:



and no path from  $w_7$  to an input



[1] A.G. Dankers, P.M.J. Van den Hof, D. Materassi and H.H.M. Weerts, *Proc. IFAC World Congress*, 2017.



#### Solutions while restricting to MISO models:

- (a) Including the node  $w_7$  as additional input, or
- (a) Block the paths from  $w_7$  to inputs/ outputs by measured nodes, to be used as additional inputs.





#### **Solutions:**

(b) Block the paths from  $w_7$  to input  $w_1$  by measuring node  $w_4$  to be used as additional inputs.

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

# **Summary single module identification**

- Single module identification in a network with known topology
- Methods for **consistent** and **minimum variance** module estimation
- Excitation through excitation signals only or through all external signals
- For direct method / ML results: treatment of confounding variables / correlated disturbances
- A priori known modules can be accounted for





Question: Can the dynamics/topology of a network be *uniquely determined* from measured signals  $w_i, r_i$ ?

**Required**: 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: 
$$w = G^0 w + R^0 r + H^0 e$$
  $cov(e) = \Lambda^0$ , rank  $p$   
 $w = (I - G^0)^{-1} [R^0 r + H^0 e]$   $dim(r) = K$ 

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:

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

represents prior knowledge on the network models:

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

 $w = (I - G^0)^{-1} [R^0 r + H^0 e]$ Denote:  $w = T^0_{wr} r + \bar{v}$  $ar{v} = T^0_{we} e$  $\Phi^0_{ar{v}} = T^0_{we} (e^{i\omega}) \Lambda^0 T^0_{we} (e^{i\omega})^*$ 

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

#### How to define identifiability?

Clasically: • Property of a model set

• Unique mapping between **parameters** and models

#### In the **network** situation:

- Property of a model set
- Unique mapping between **models** and **identified objects**

 $w=T^0_{wr}r+ar{v}$ 

Objects identified from data:  $T^0_{wr}, \ \Phi^0_{ar v}$ 

Denote the parametrized objects:

$$egin{array}{rll} T_{wr}(q, heta)&=&(I-G(q, heta))^{-1}R(q, heta)\ \Phi_{ar v}(\omega, heta)&=&(I-G( heta))^{-1}H( heta)\Lambda( heta)H( heta)^*(I-G( heta))^{-*} \end{array}$$

#### Definition

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

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

 $\mathcal{M}$  is network identifiable if this holds for all models  $M_0 \in \mathcal{M}$ 

Let  $K + p \geq L$ 

# independent external signals  $\geq$  # nodes

Proposition (full excitation case) (based on Goncalves & Warnick, 2008)

 $\mathcal{M}$  is network identifiable at  $M_0 = M(\theta_0)$  if there exists a nonsingular and rational Q(q) such that

 $egin{bmatrix} R(q, heta) & H(q, heta) \end{bmatrix} oldsymbol{Q}(q)$ 

has a **leading diagonal matrix**, that is full rank for all  $\{\theta \in \Theta \mid T(q, \theta) = T(q, \theta_0)\}$ .

Note:  $G(q, \theta)$  can be fully unknown (no prior knowledge on topology)



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

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

 $G(\theta)$  fully parametrized

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We can not arrive at a diagonal structure in  $egin{bmatrix} H( heta) & R( heta) \end{bmatrix}$ 

#### **Observations:**

- a) A simple test can be performed to check the condition
- b) The condition is typically fulfilled if each node  $w_j$  is excited by an independent external signal (either an  $r_j$  or a  $v_j$ )

### c) The result is rather **conservative**:

- 1. Restricted to  $\begin{bmatrix} R(q, \theta) & H(q, \theta) \end{bmatrix}$  having full row rank
- 2. No account of prior knowledge in  $G(q, \theta)$

#### Theorem 3 – identifiability for general model sets

- If:
- a) Each unknown entry in  $M(\theta)$  covers the set of all proper rational transfer functions
- b) All unknown entries in  $M(\theta)$  are parametrized independently

Then  $\mathcal{M}$  is network identifiable at  $M_0 = M(\theta_0)$  if and only if

- Each row of  $[G(\theta) \ H(\theta) \ R(\theta)]$  has at most K+p parametrized entries
- For each row *i* the transfer matrix  $\check{T}_i(q, \theta_0)$  has full row rank, with  $\check{T}_i(q, \theta_0)$ :  $[v_3 \ v_4 \ r_1 \ r_2]$





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

$$G(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & G_{12}(\theta) & 0 & 0 & G_{15}(\theta) \\ G_{21}(\theta) & 0 & G_{23}(\theta) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & G_{34}(\theta) & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & G_{53}(\theta) & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \qquad [H \ R] = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} H_{11}(\theta) & H_{12}(\theta) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ H_{21}(\theta) & H_{22}(\theta) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & H_{3}(\theta) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{K+n=5}$$

#### **First condition:**

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





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Verifying the rank condition for  $\check{T}_1(q, \theta_0)$ :



i = 1: Evaluate the rank of the transfer matrix

$$egin{bmatrix} v_3 \ r_4 \ r_5 \end{bmatrix} o egin{bmatrix} w_2 \ w_5 \end{bmatrix}$$



**Theorem** (Van der Woude, 1991; Hendrickx et al. 2017; Weerts et al., 2018)

The **generic rank** of a transfer function matrix between inputs r and nodes w is equal to the maximum number of **vertex-disjoint paths** between the sets of inputs and outputs.

A (path-based) check on the topology of the network can decide whether the conditions for identifiability are satisfied generically.



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Generic rank = 3



Verifying the rank condition for  $\check{T}_1(q, \theta_0)$ :



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# unknown modules  $G_{ik}(q, \theta) \leq$  # external signals uncorrelated with  $v_i$ 

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# **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:**

- 1. Relation back to state space structures, (Hayden, Yuan, Goncalves, TAC 2017)
- 2. When topology is known and every node is excited, which nodes need to be measured for unique identification of a **particular module** on the basis of  $T_{wr}^0$ ? (Hendrickx, Gevers & Bazanella, CDC 2017, ArXiv 2018)
- When all nodes are measured, what are conditions for identifiability of a particular module in a network model set? (Weerts, Van den Hof, Dankers, CDC 2018)

# Extensions

### **Reduced rank noise**



$$\begin{bmatrix} v_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ v_L(t) \end{bmatrix} = H^0(q) \begin{bmatrix} e_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ e_p(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

**Question:** How to identify (parts of) a dynamic network, when the process noise is of reduced rank (*p* < *L*)?

Typically considered in dynamic factor models<sup>[1]</sup>

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[1] M. Deistler, W. Scherrer and B.D.O. Anderson, 2015

# **Reduced rank noise**

Typical: multi-output situation

Weighted LS criterion:

$$\hat{ heta}_N^{WLS} = rg\min_{ heta \in \Theta} rac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^N arepsilon^T(t, heta) \; Q \; arepsilon(t, heta) \qquad Q > 0$$

**Properties:** 

- Consistent estimate under regularity conditions,
- But for minimum variance an optimal Q has to be chosen

Typical choice, leading to minimum variance estimator:

$$Q = [cov(\check{e})]^{-1} = (\check{\Lambda}^0)^{-1}$$

but in our situation  $\check{\Lambda}^0$  is singular

## **Reduced rank noise**

**Solution:** Parametrize dependencies in innovation process, and include them as constraints:

Identification criterion becomes a constrained quadratic problem with ML properties for Gaussian noise.

Reformulation of Cramer-Rao bound

Some parameters can be estimated variance-free.



# **Sensor noise**

#### Identification of a single module under the influence of sensor noise:



- Typical tough problem in open-loop identification (errors-in-variables)
- In dynamic networks this may become *more simple* due to the presence of multiple (correlated) node signals



## **Sensor noise**



#### **Solution strategies:**

- Apply a correlation (IV) approach to mitigate the effect of sensor noise
   → choosing instrument signals (based on topology)
- 2. Combine:
  - 1. a correlation (IV) technique to mitigate sensor noise, and
  - 2. BJ noise models for addressing process noise.
## **Discussion**

- **Dynamic network identification:** intriguing research topic with many open questions
- The (centralized) LTI framework is only just the beginning
- From classical PE methods to regularized (kernel-based) approaches (Everitt, Bottegal, Hjalmarsson, 2018; Ramaswamy et al, CDC 2018)
- Further move towards data-aspects related to distributed identification and control
- Algorithmic aspects for large-scale data handling
- Move towards including nonlinear dynamics (M. Schoukens, SYSID2018)

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