

# Data-driven modeling in linear dynamic networks

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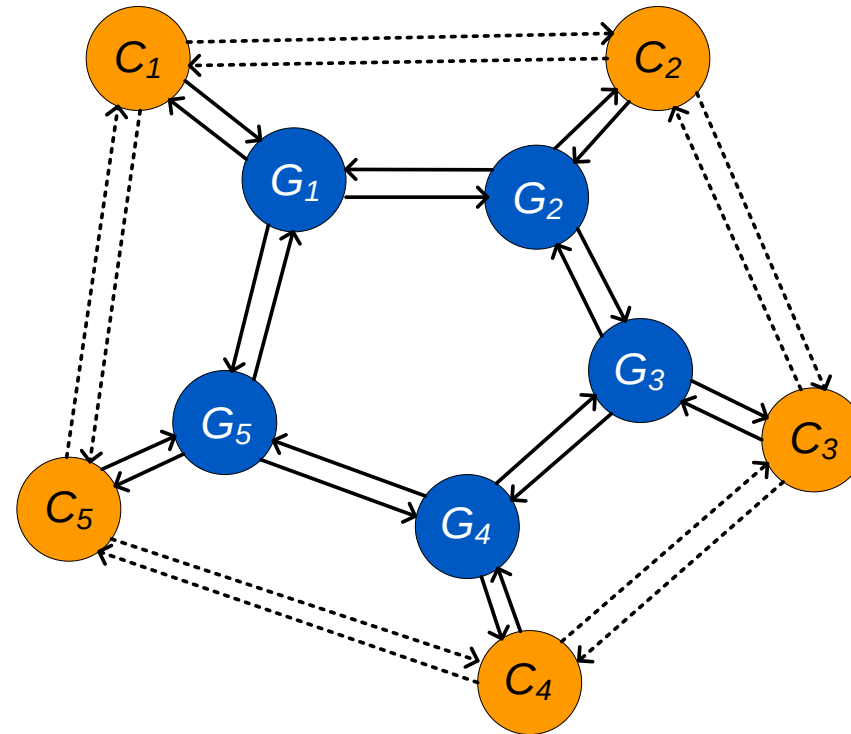
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## Overall trend:

- (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

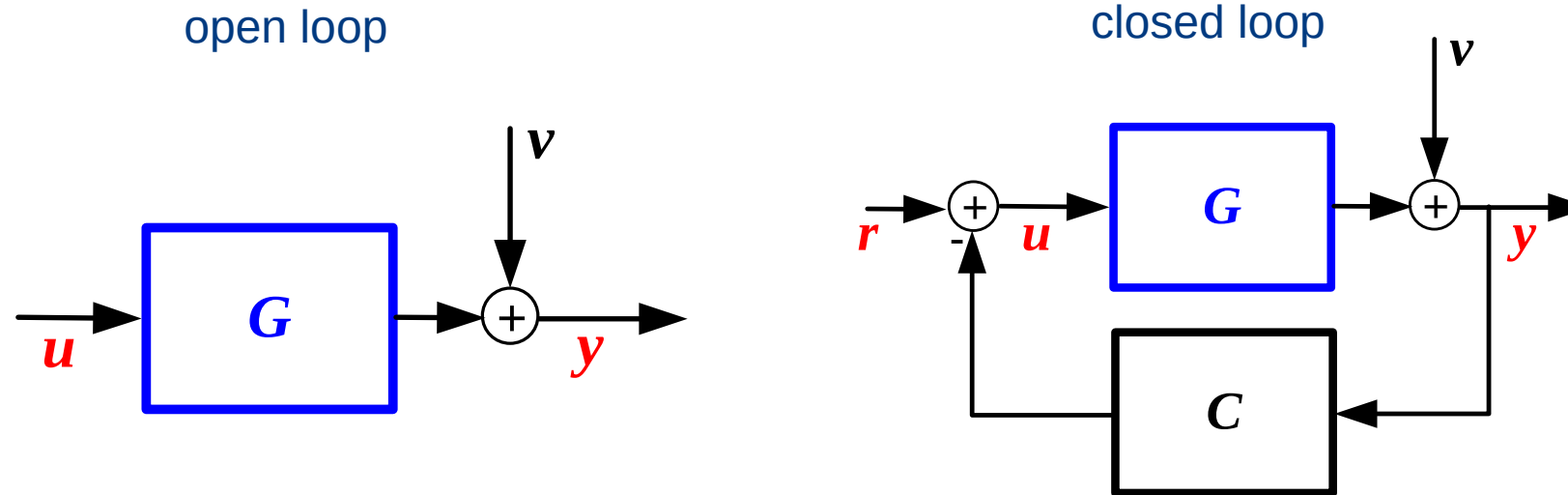
Distributed / multi-agent control:



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?

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

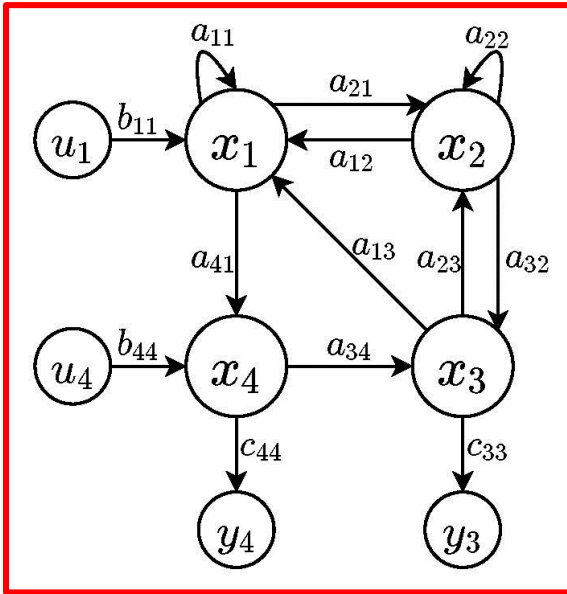


Identify a plant model  $\hat{G}$  on the basis of measured signals  $u$ ,  $y$  (and possibly  $r$ ), focusing on *continuous LTI dynamics*.

We have to move from a fixed and known configuration to deal with and exploit **structure** in the problem.

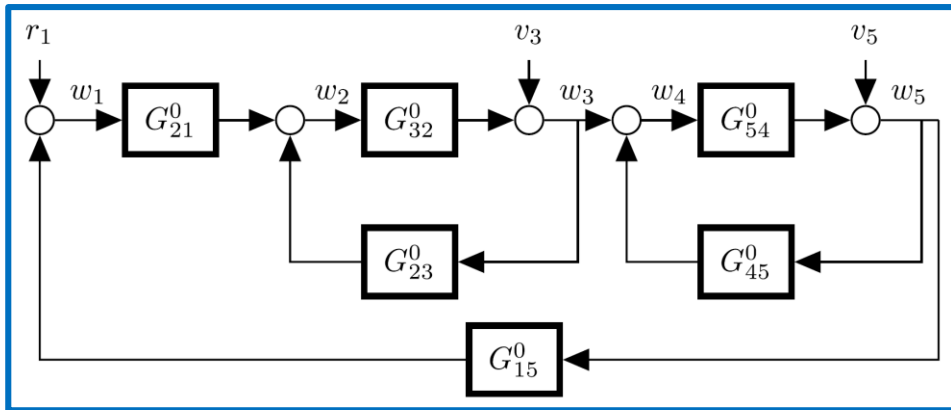
- Introduction and motivation
- How to model a dynamic network?
- Single module identification – known topology
- Network identifiability
- Extensions
- Discussion

# Dynamic networks for data-driven modeling



## State space representations

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

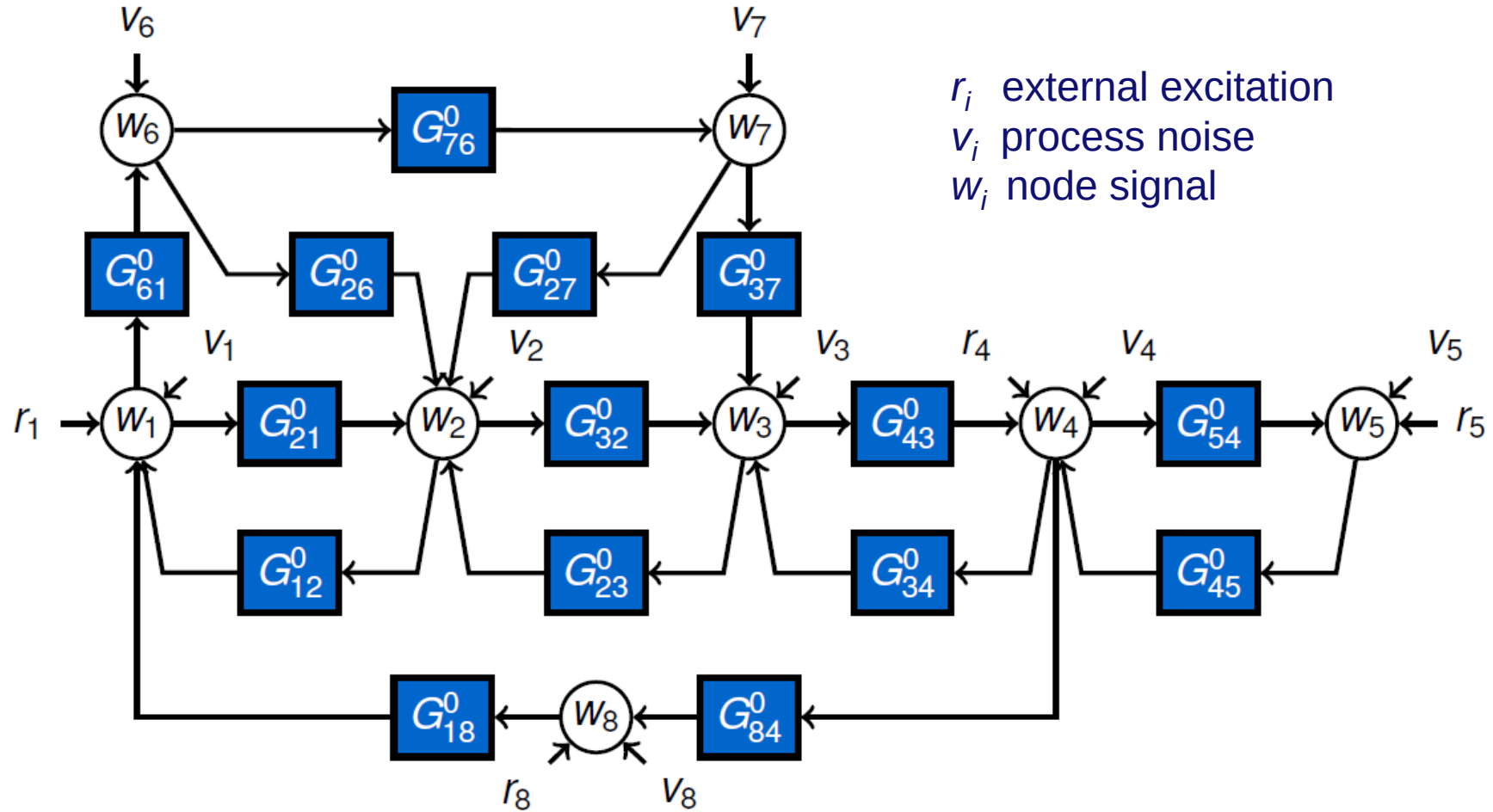


## Module representation

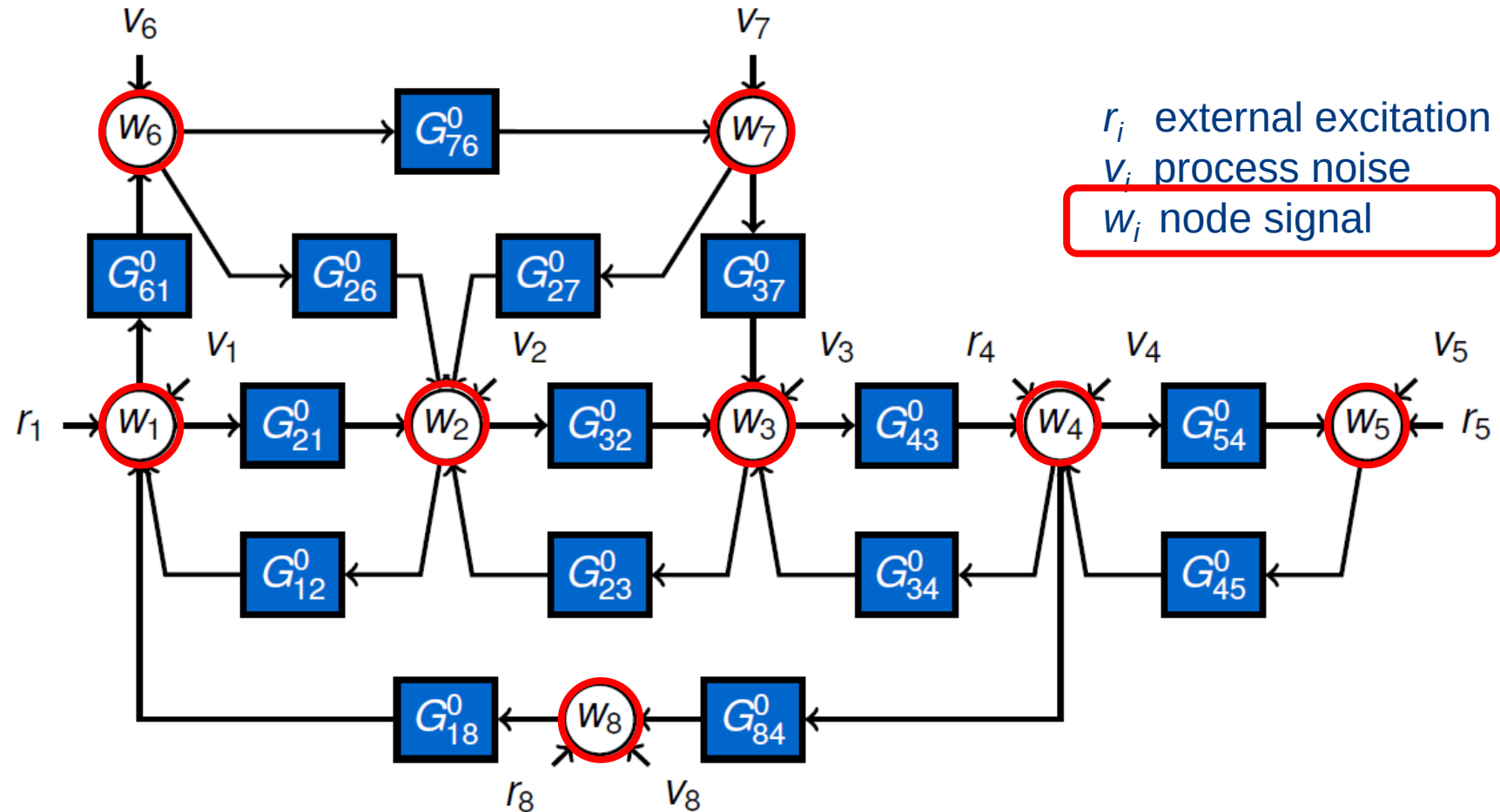
(Van den Hof, Dankers, Gevers, Bazanella,...)



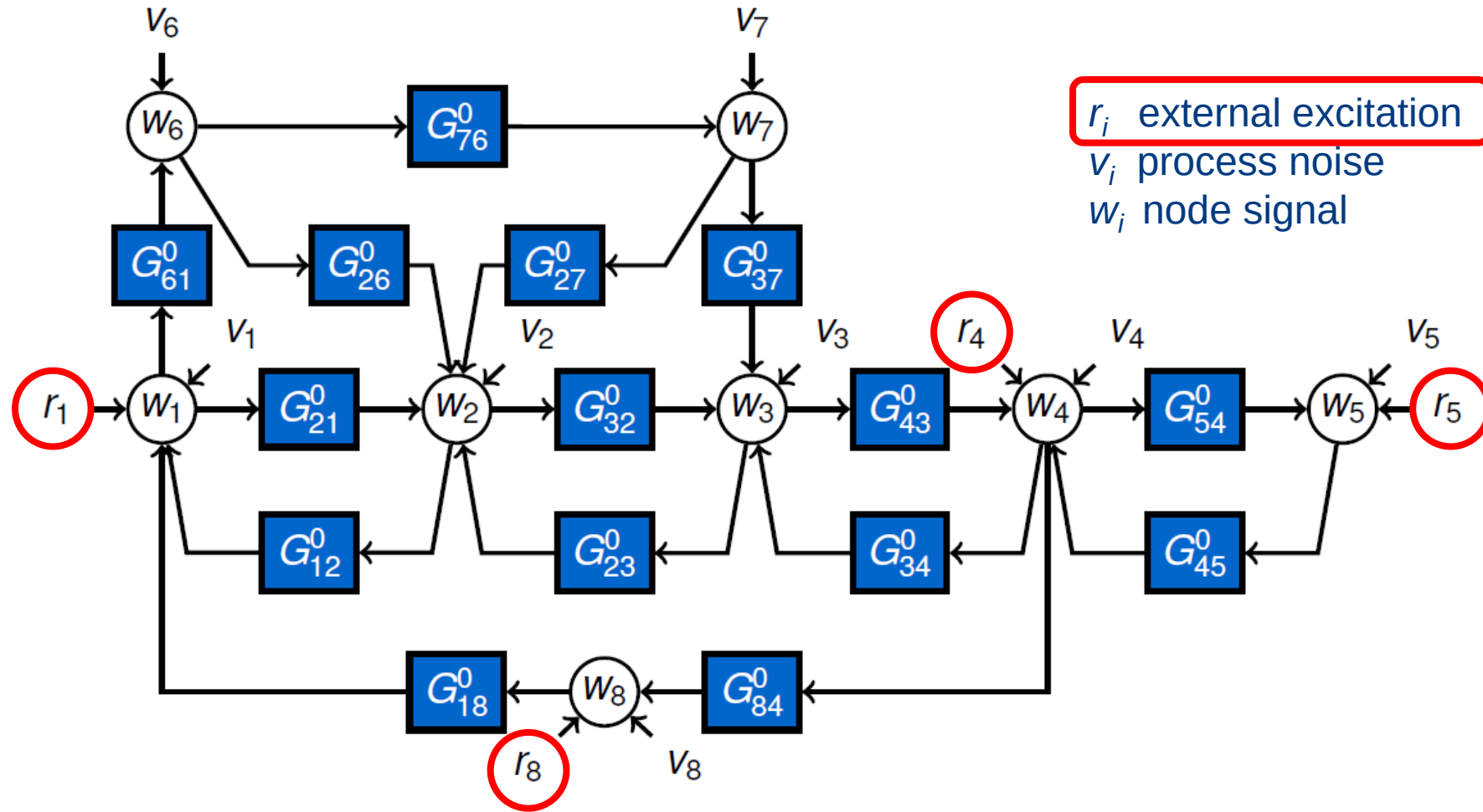
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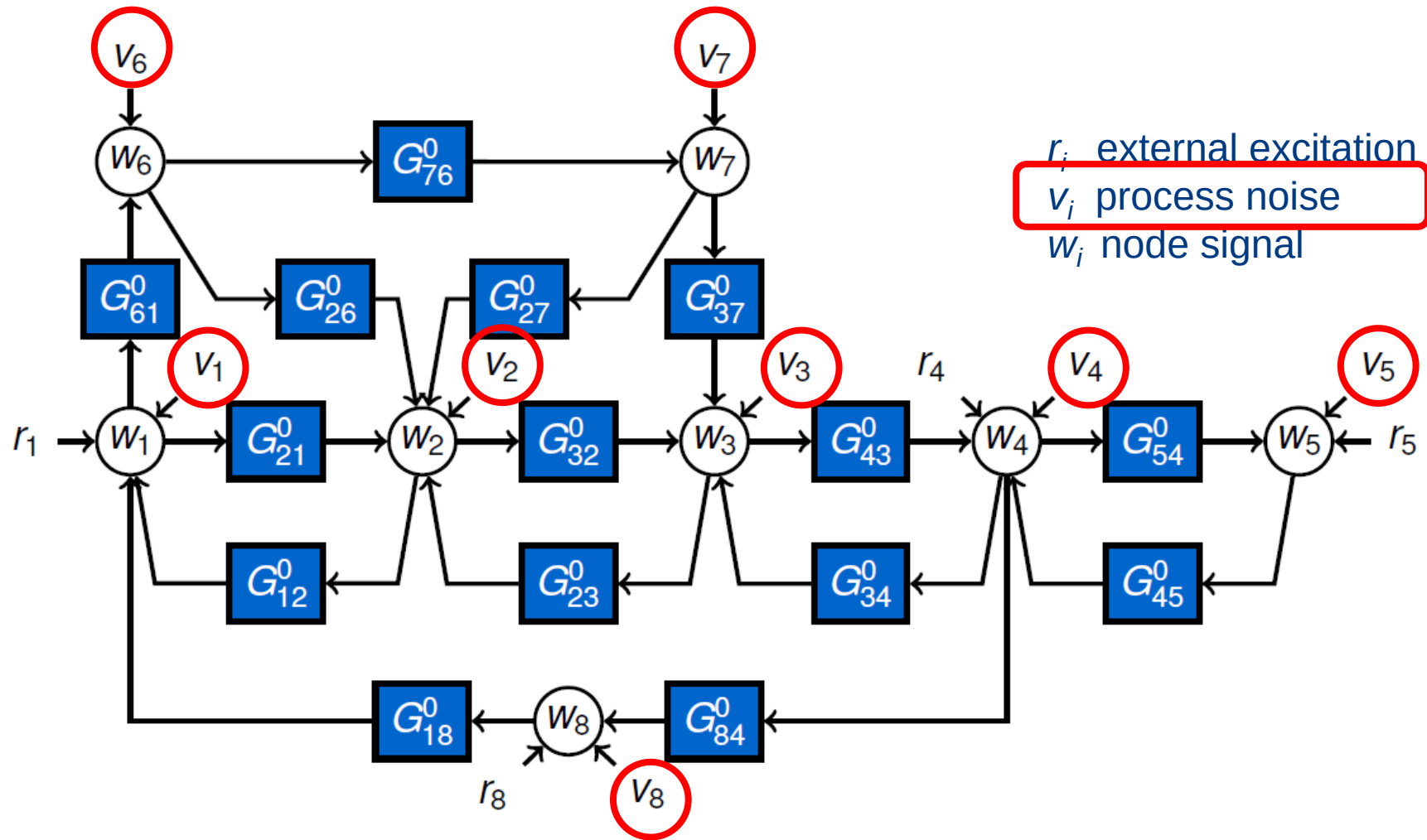
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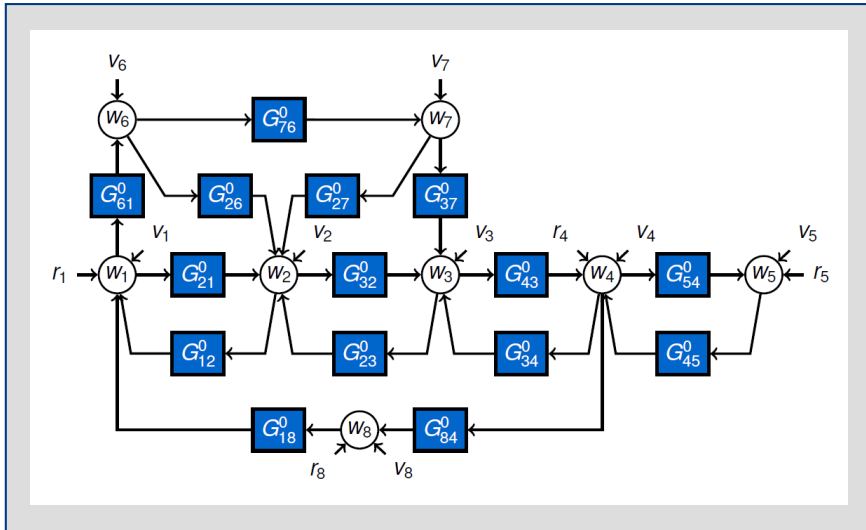


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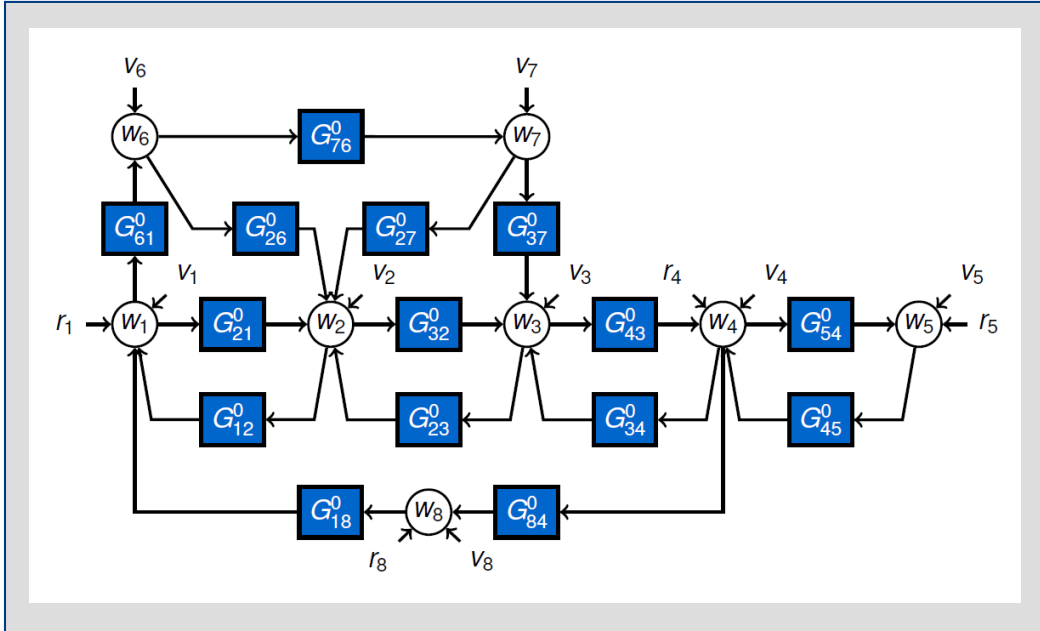


## Assumptions:

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

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

$$w = G^0 w + R^0 r + v \quad \implies \quad w = (I - G^0)^{-1} (R^0 r + v)$$



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
- .....

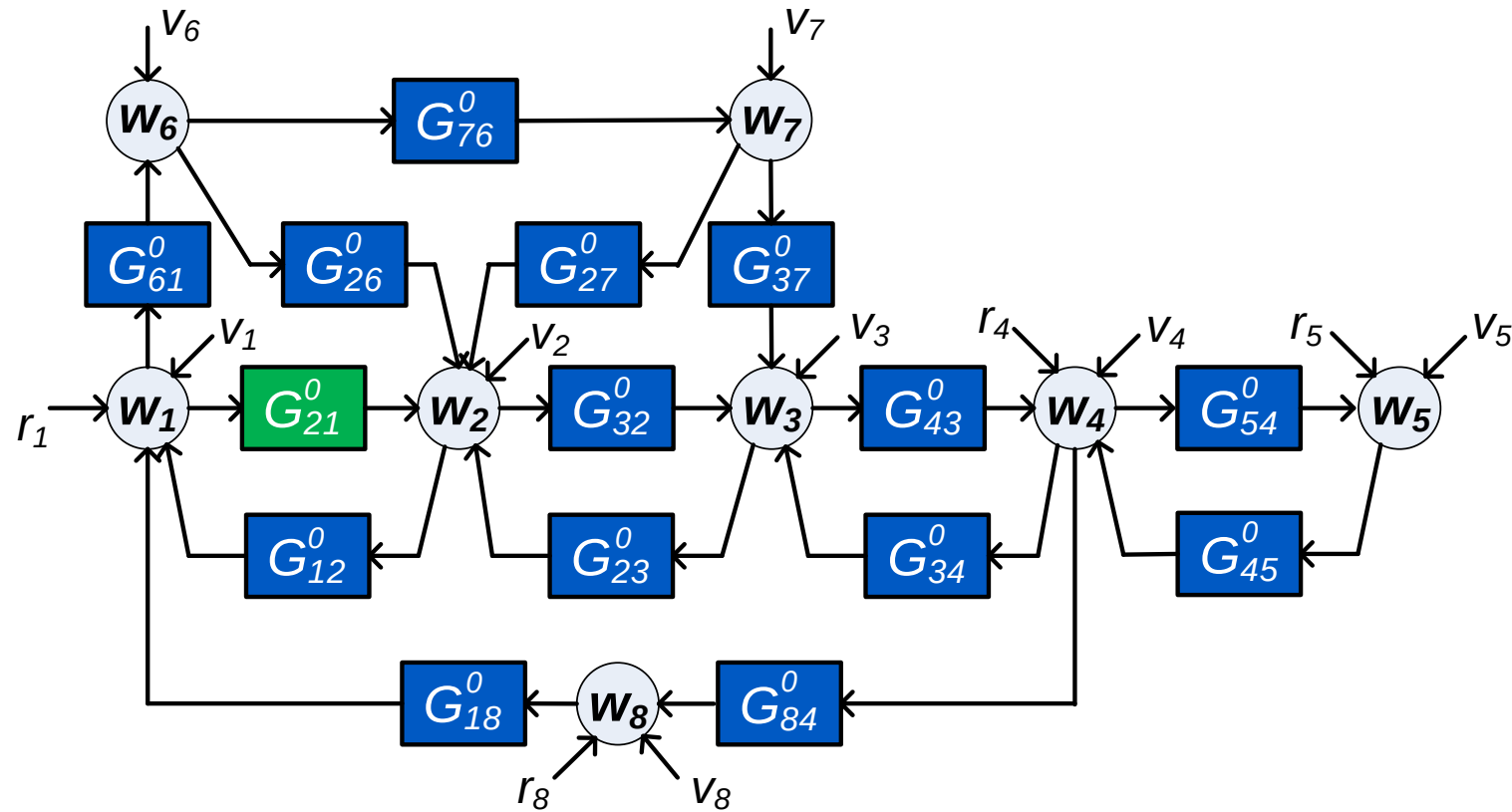
## Early literature

- **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





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**:

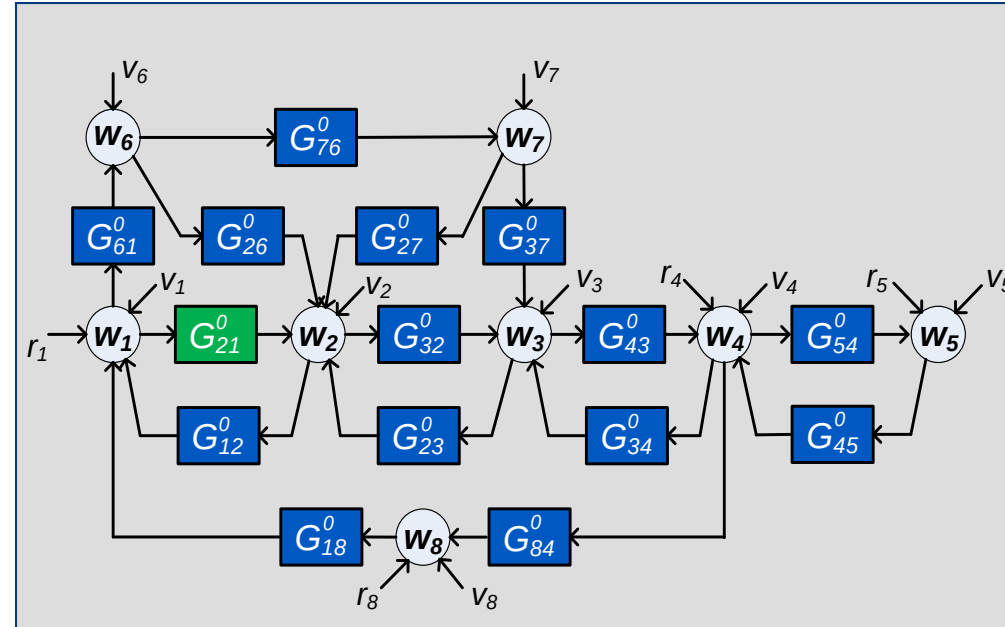
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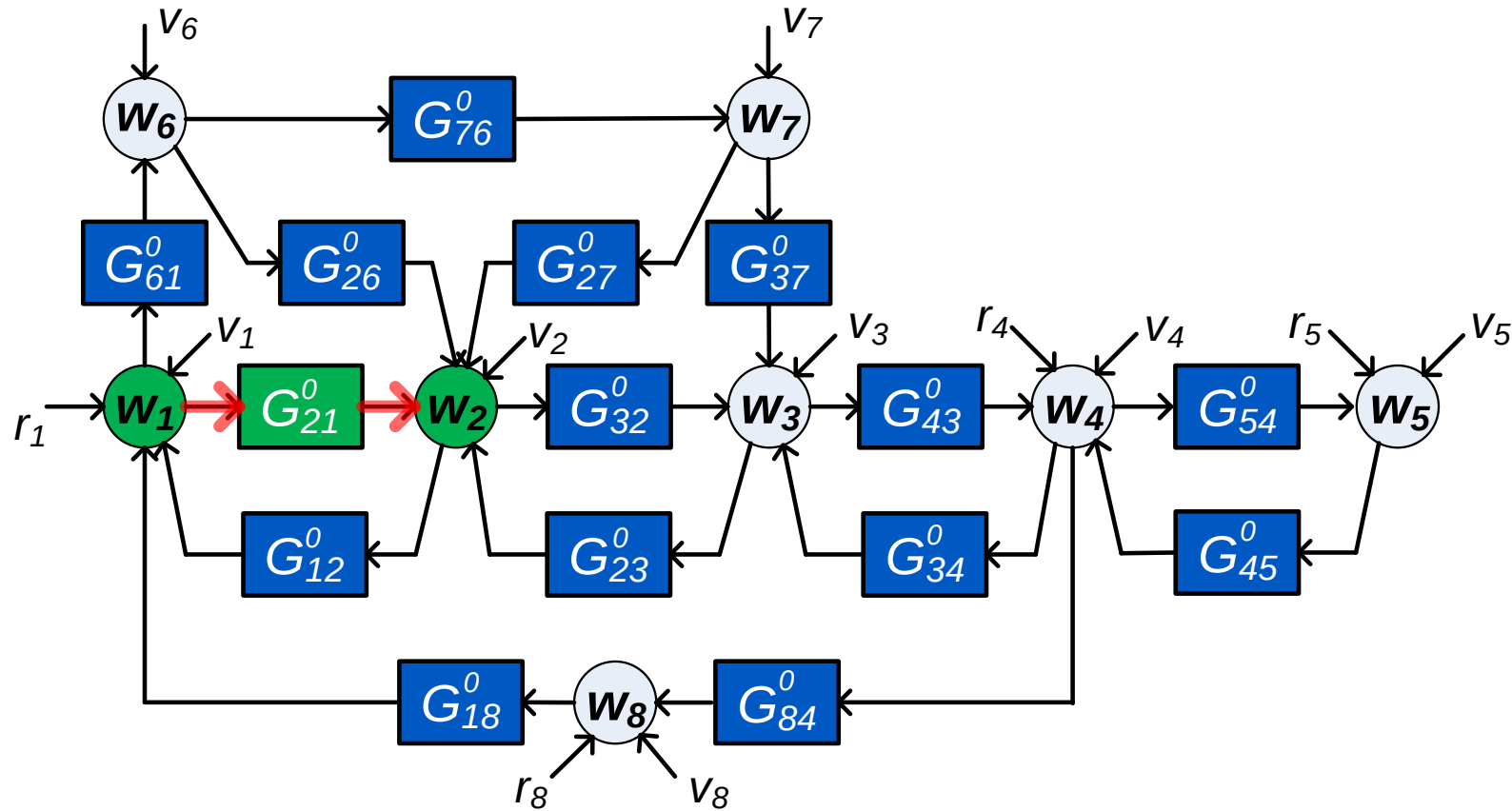
from measured  $r$  and  $w$ .

Global approach with “standard” tools

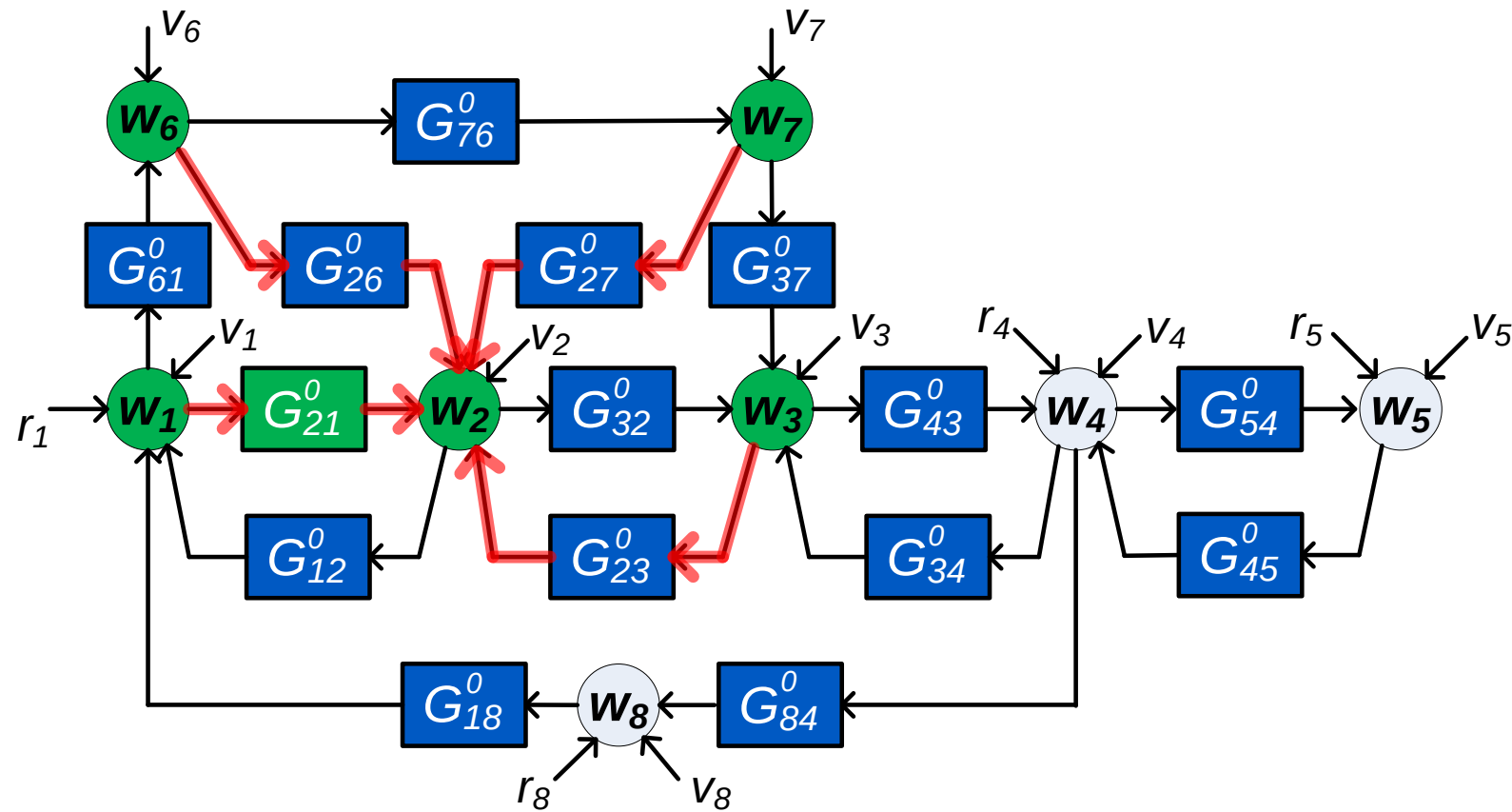
- Identify a **local** (set of) **module(s)** from a (sub)set of measured  $r_k$  and  $w_\ell$

Local approach with “new” tools and structural conditions





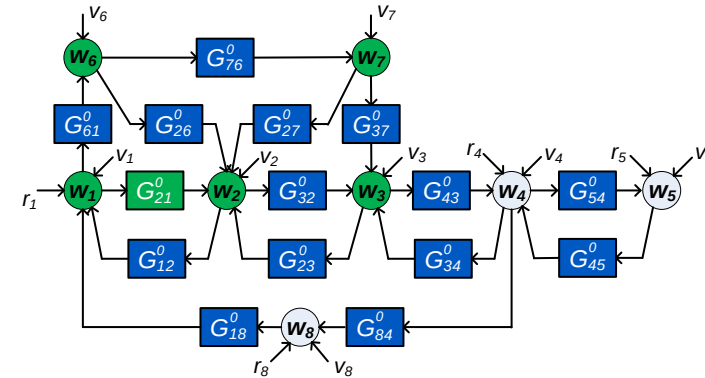
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## 4-input 1-output problem

to be addressed by a closed-loop identification method



- **Direct PE method**

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

**ML** properties

Disturbances  $v_i$  uncorrelated over channels

Excitation through all signals

- **2-stage/projection/IV (indirect) method**

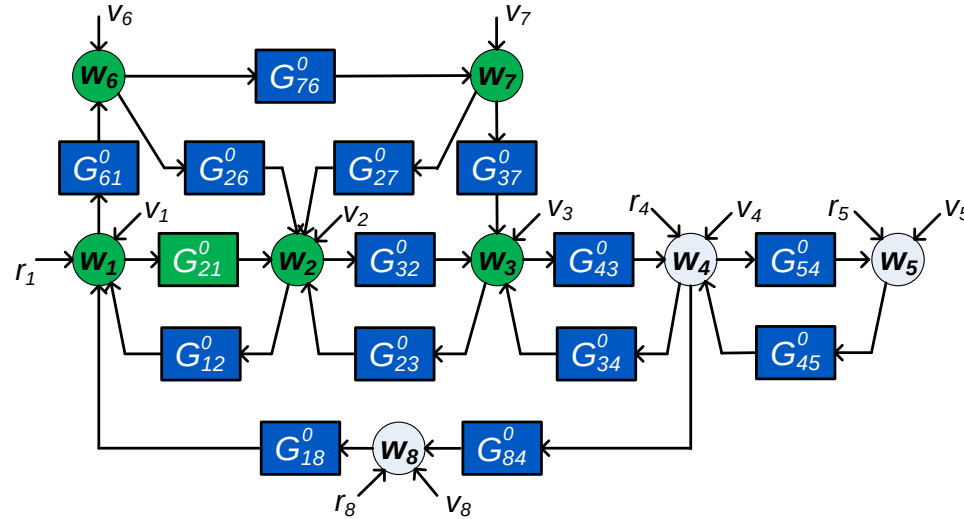
$$\varepsilon(t, \theta) = H(q, \theta)^{-1} [w_2(t) - \sum_{k \in \mathcal{D}_2} G_{2k}(q, \theta) w_k^{\mathcal{R}}(t)]$$

Consistency; no need for noise models; **no ML**

Excitation through external excitation signals only

4 input nodes to be measured:

Can we do with less?

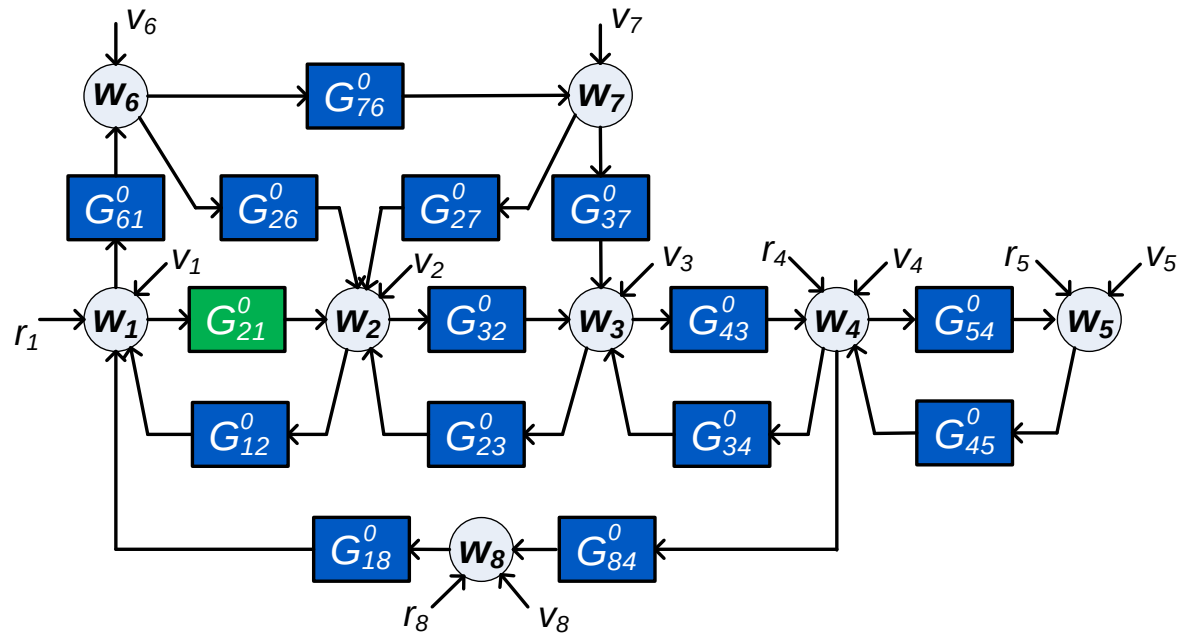


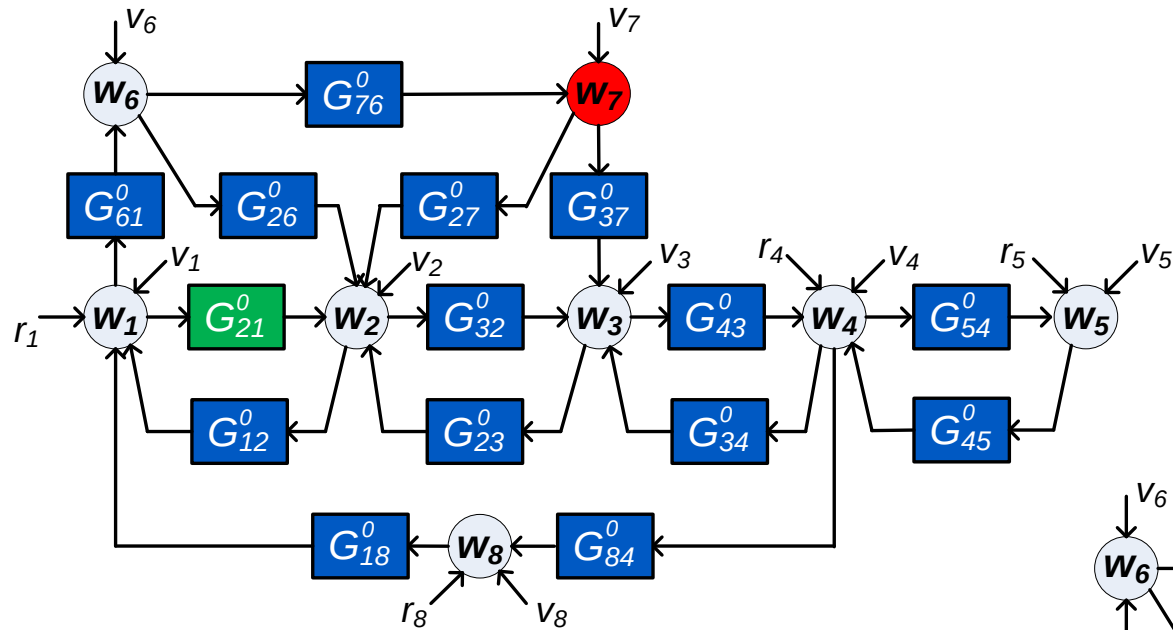
## Network immersion [1]

- 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).

[1] A. Dankers. PhD Thesis, 2014.

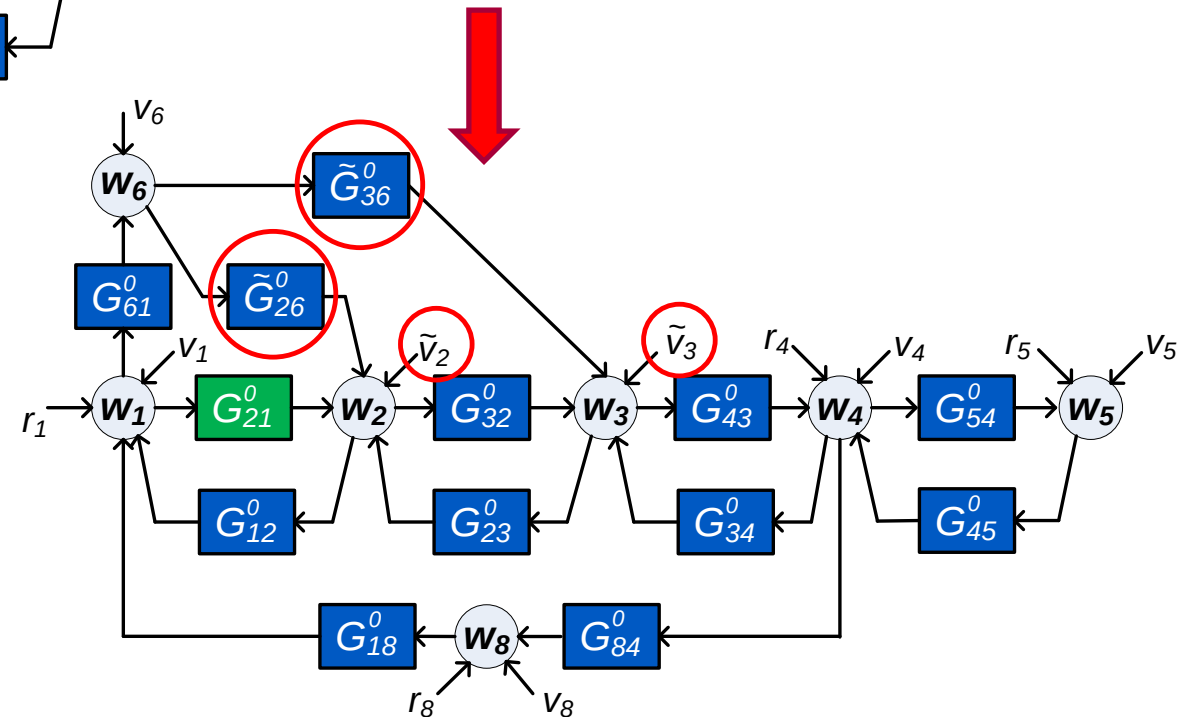
[2] F. Dörfler and F. Bullo, *IEEE Trans. Circuits and Systems I* (2013)





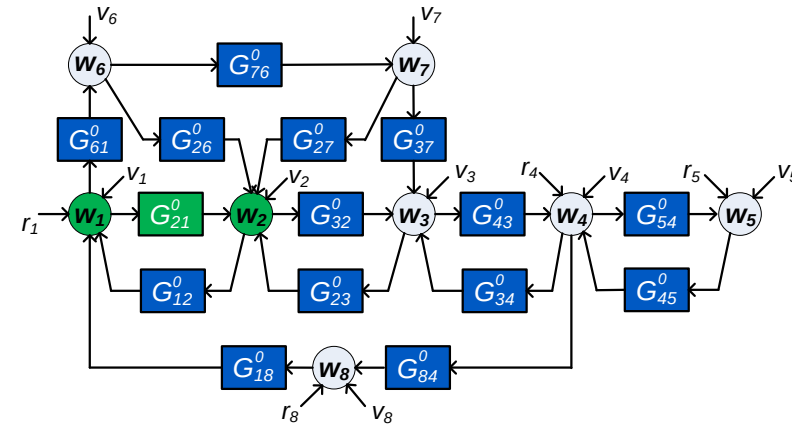
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Immersing  $w_7$





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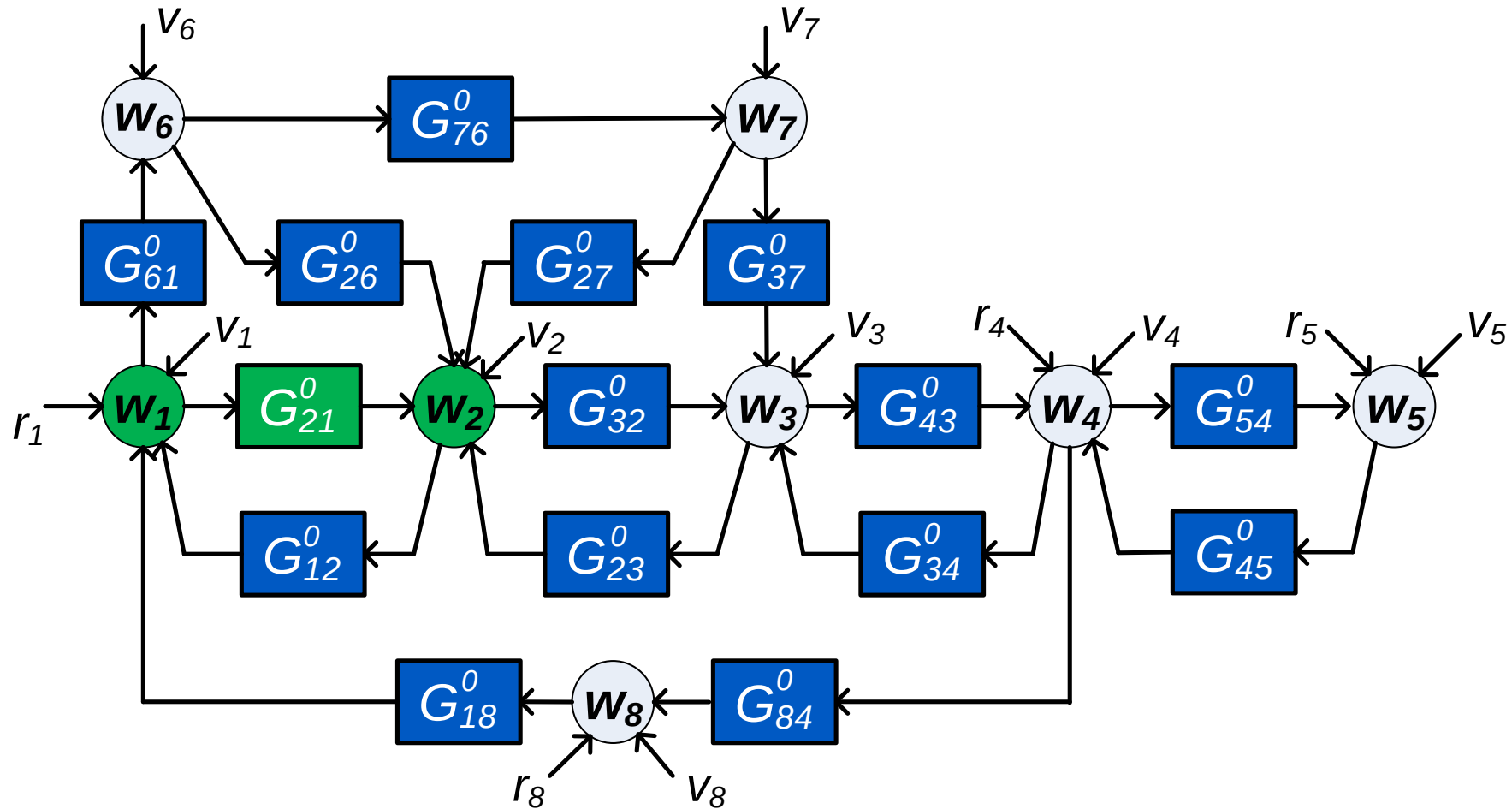
## Proposition

Consider an immersed network where  $w_1$  and  $w_2$  are retained.

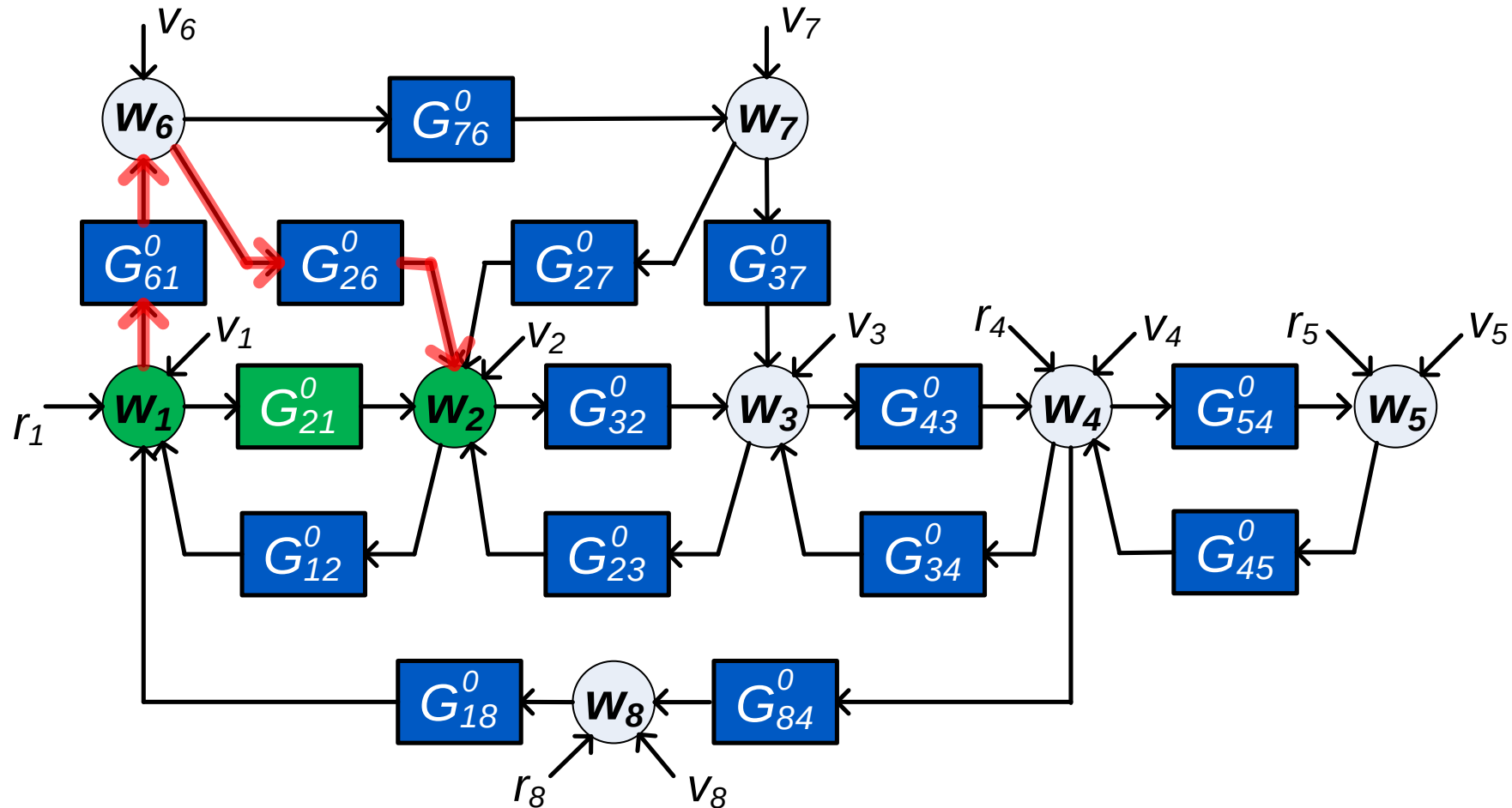
Then  $\check{G}_{21}^0 = G_{21}^0$  if

- Every path  $w_1 \rightarrow w_2$  other than the one through  $G_{21}^0$  goes through a node that is retained. (parallel paths)
- Every path  $w_2 \rightarrow w_2$  goes through a node that is retained. (loops around the output)

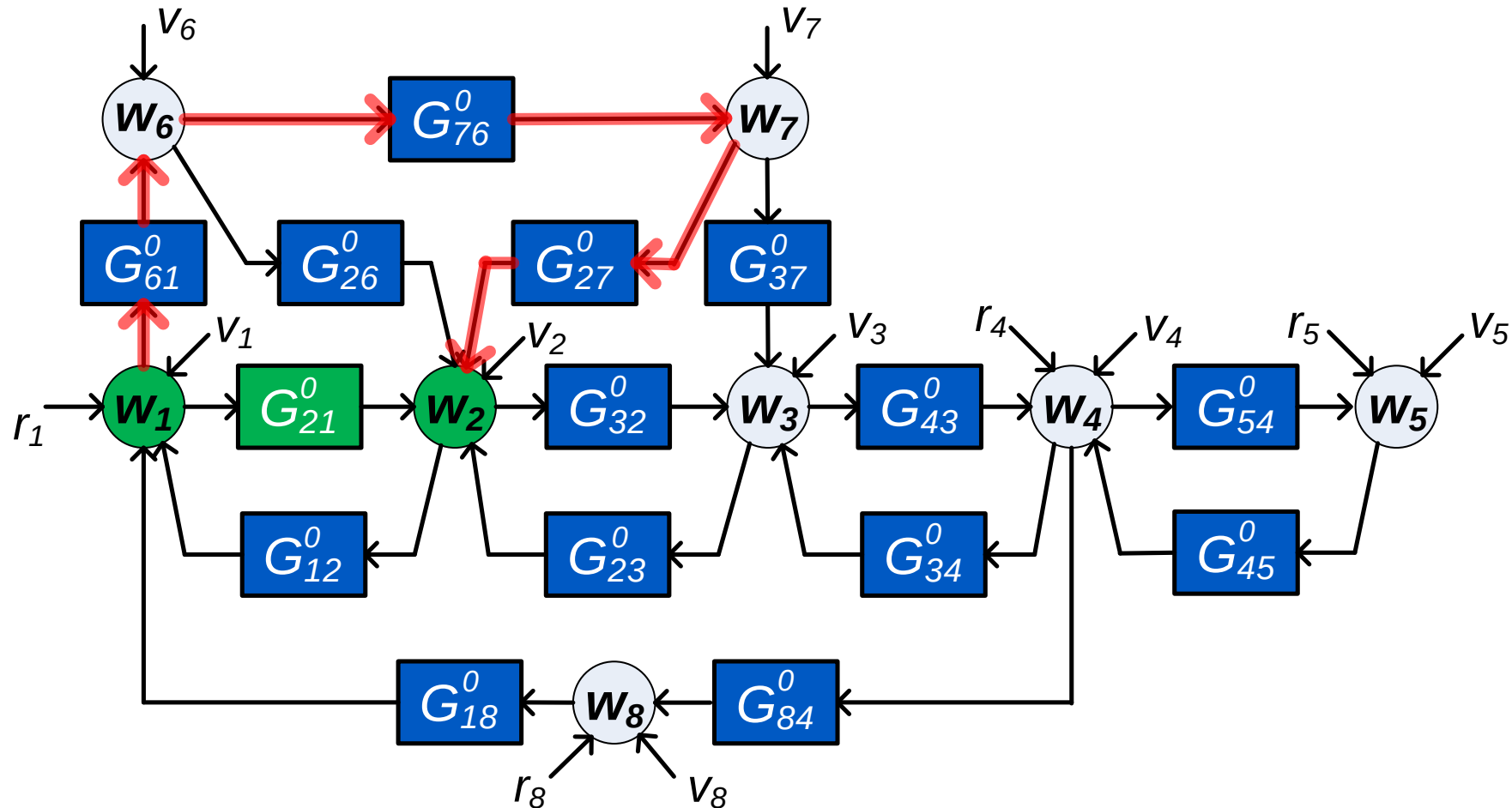
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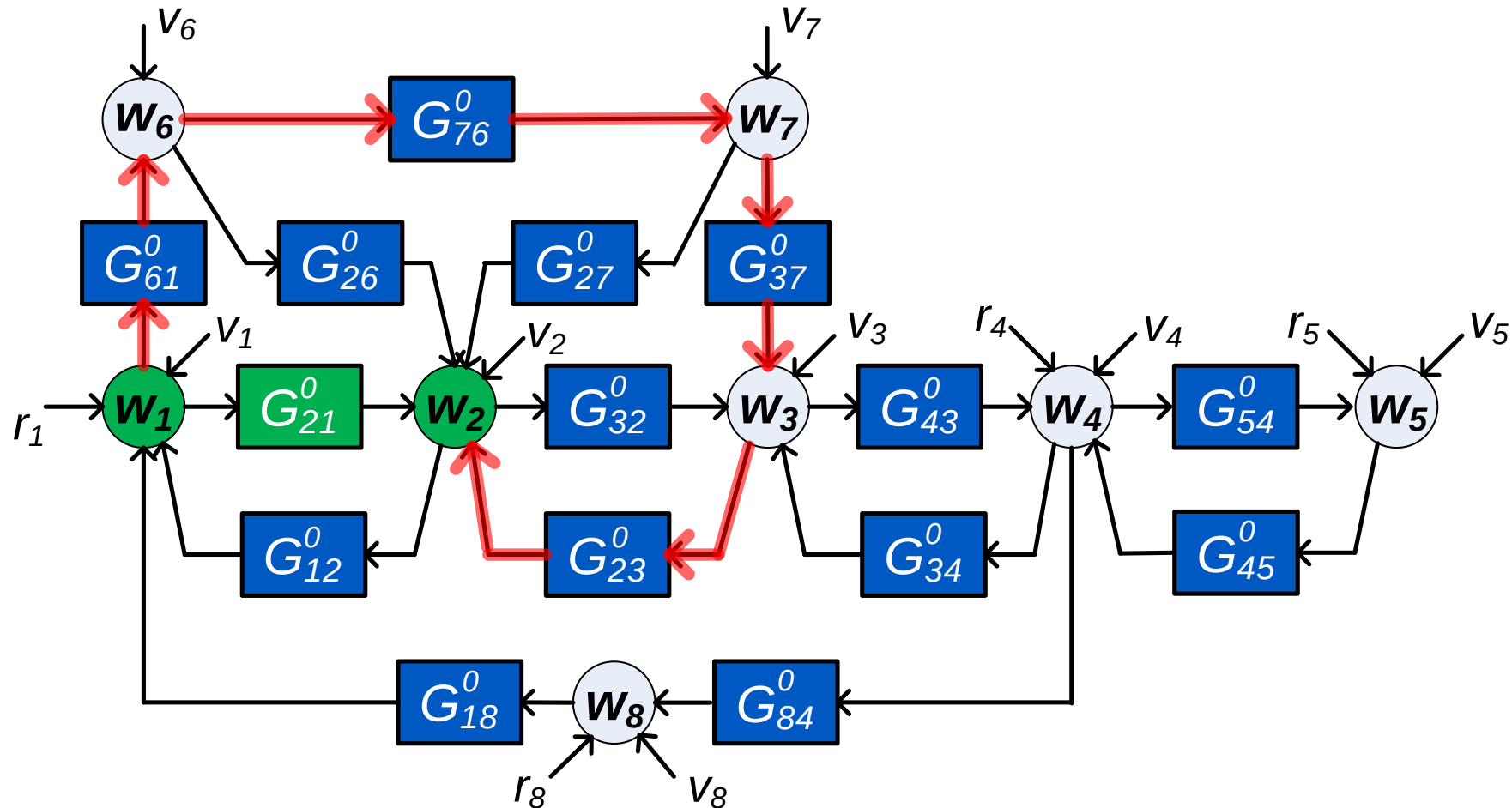
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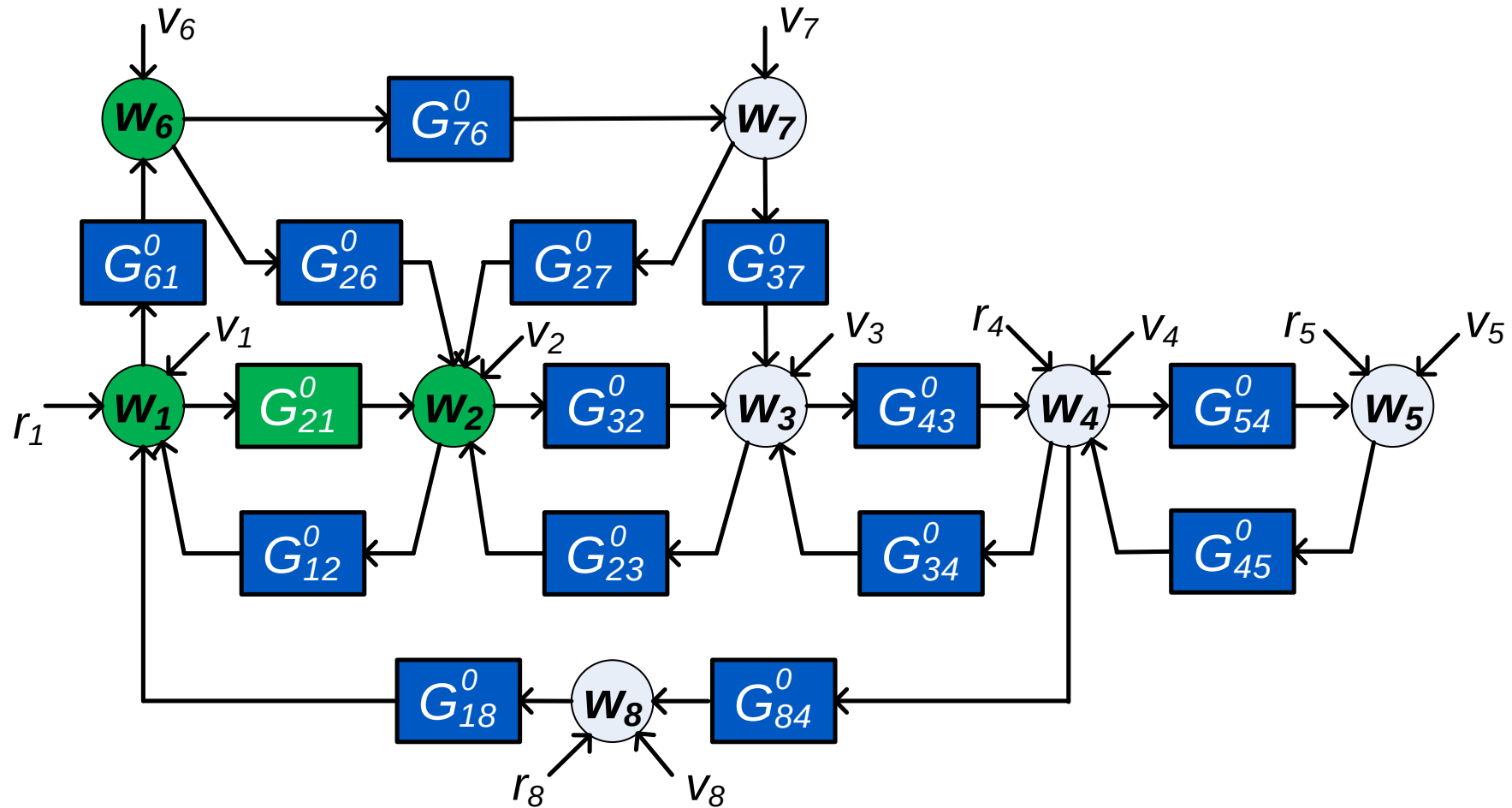
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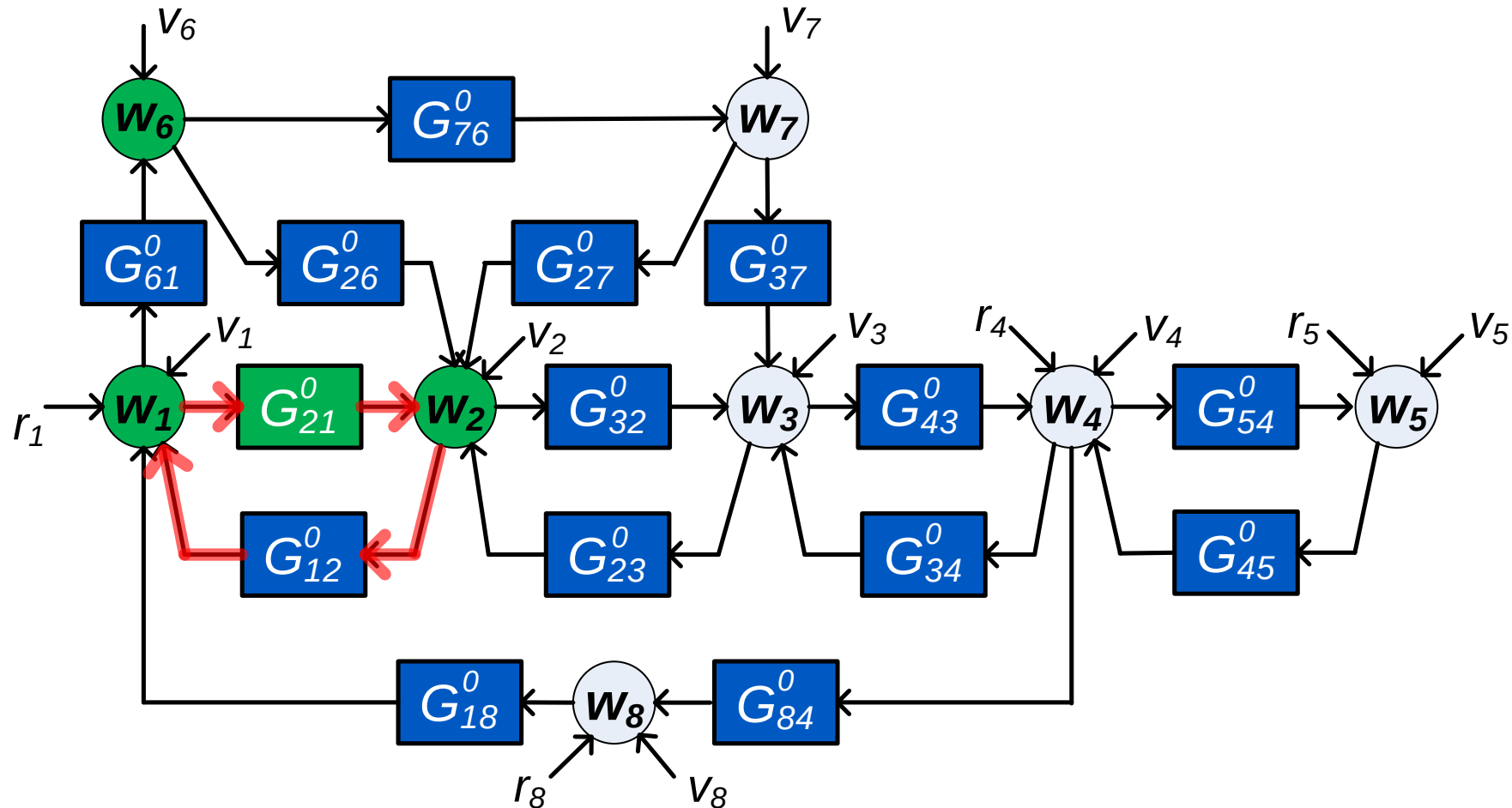
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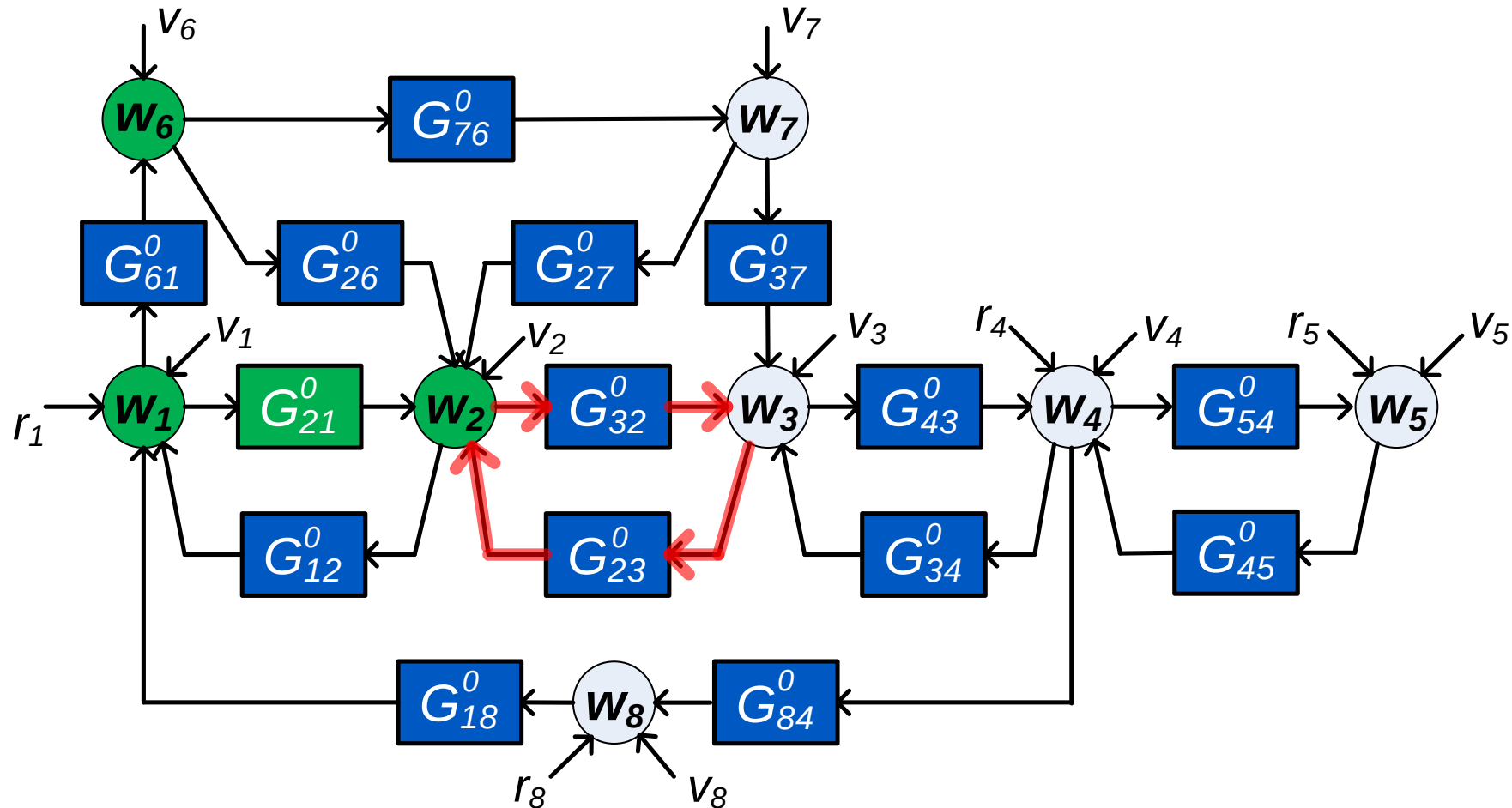
Choose  $w_6$  as an additional input (to be retained)



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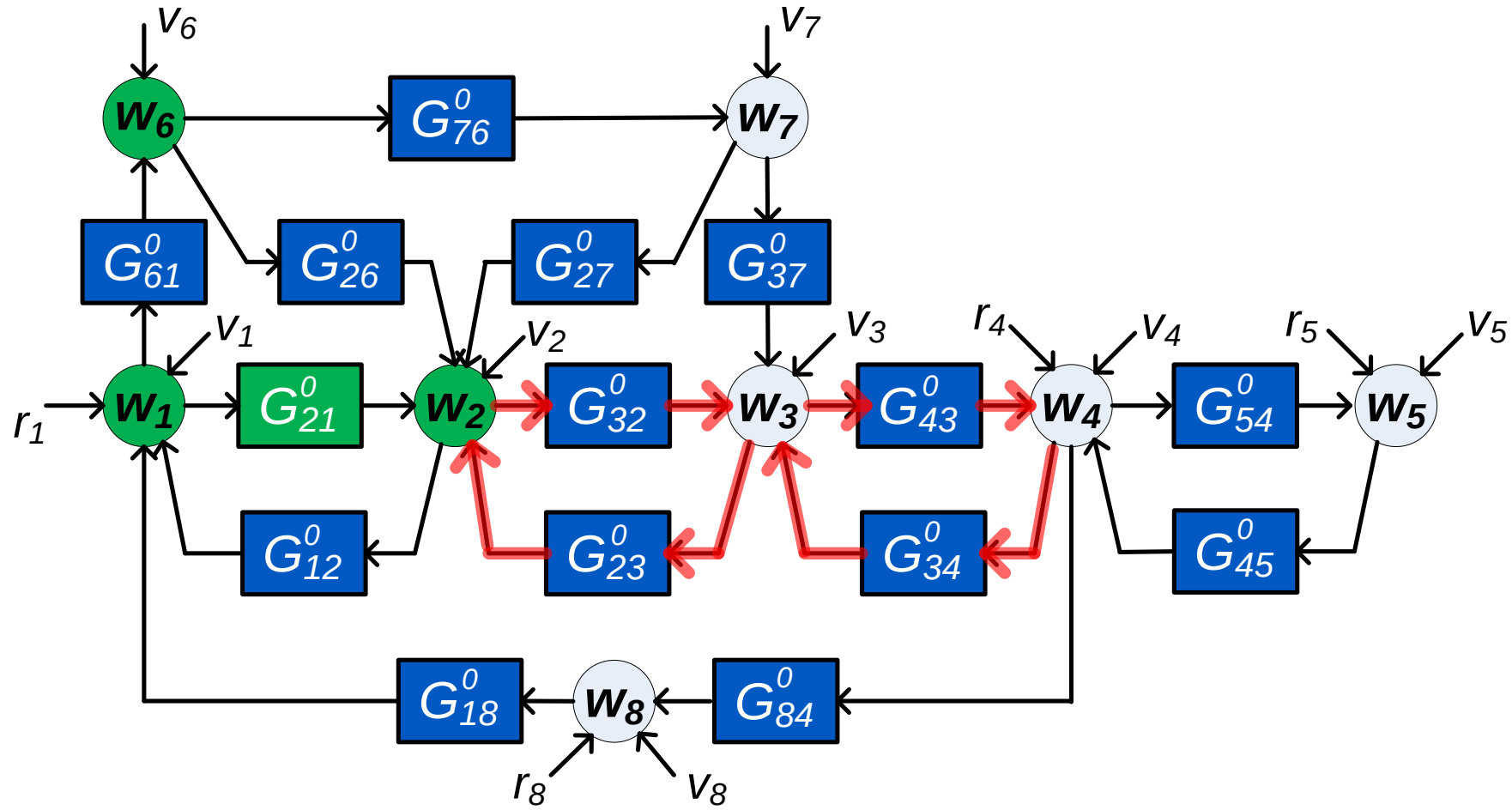


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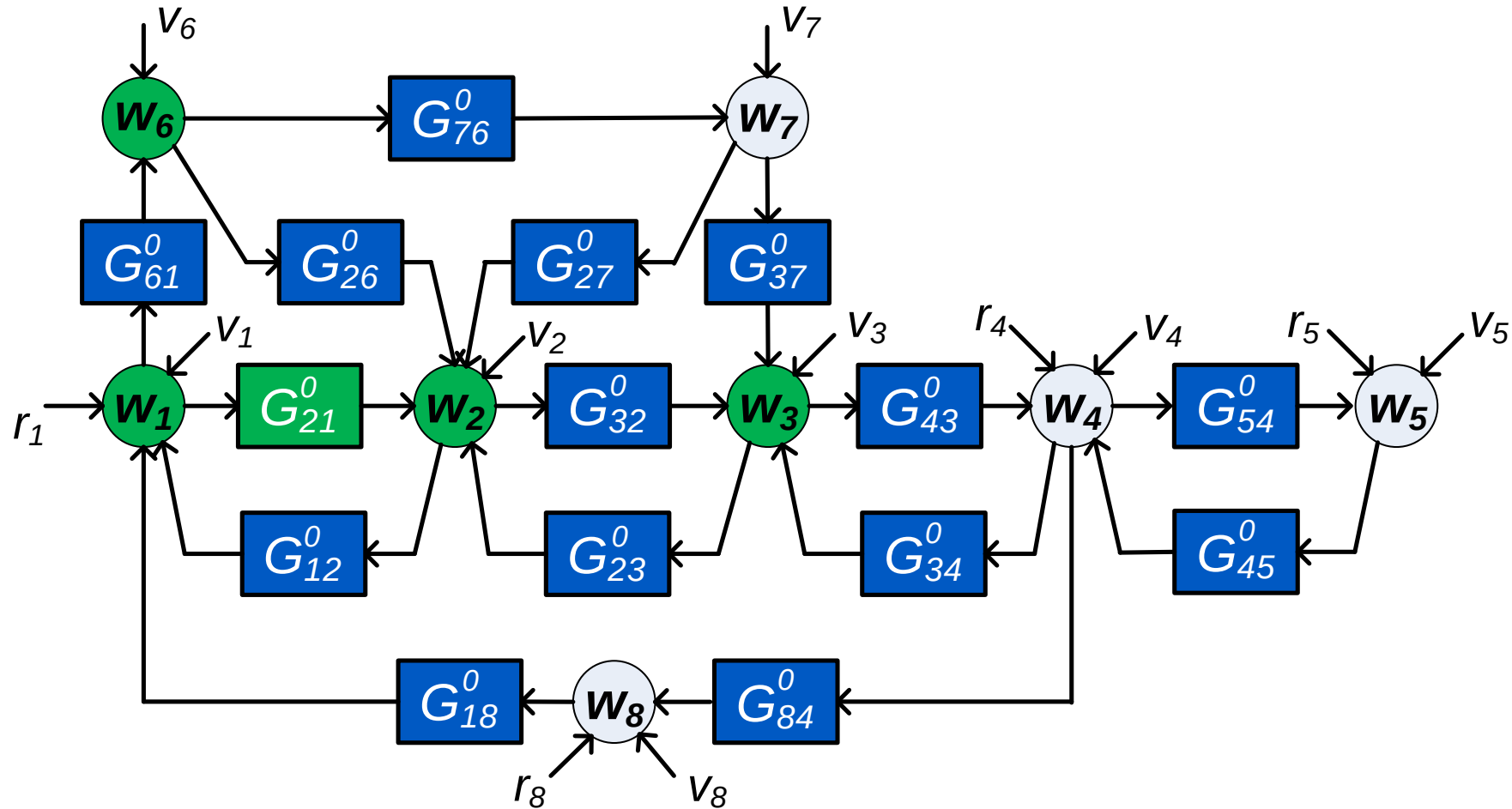




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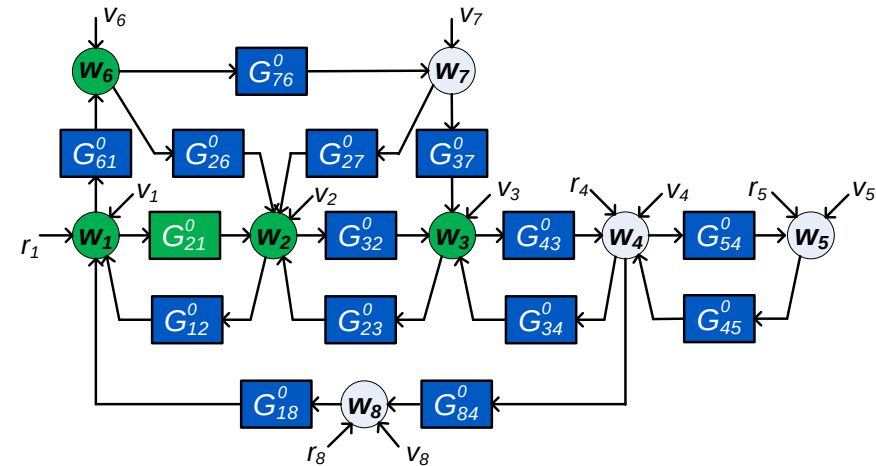


Choose  $w_3$  as an additional input, to be retained



## Conclusion:

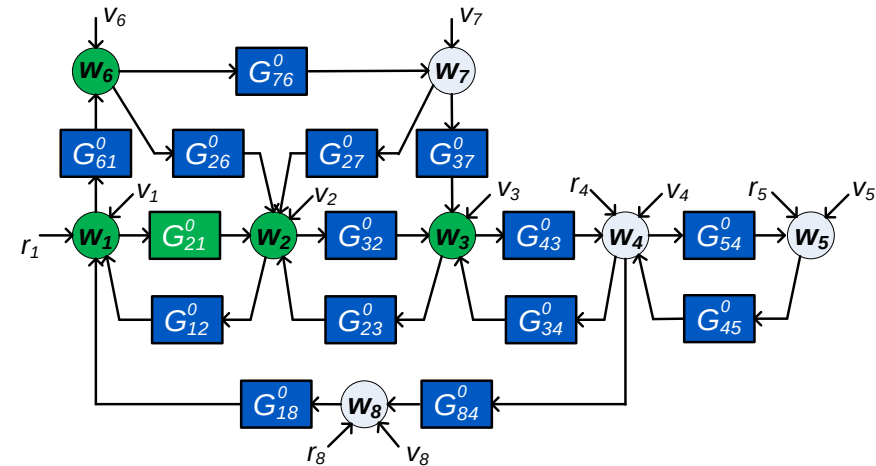
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The immersion reasoning is *sufficient* but not *necessary* to arrive at a consistent estimate, see e.g. Linder and Enqvist<sup>[1]</sup>

## Conclusion:

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

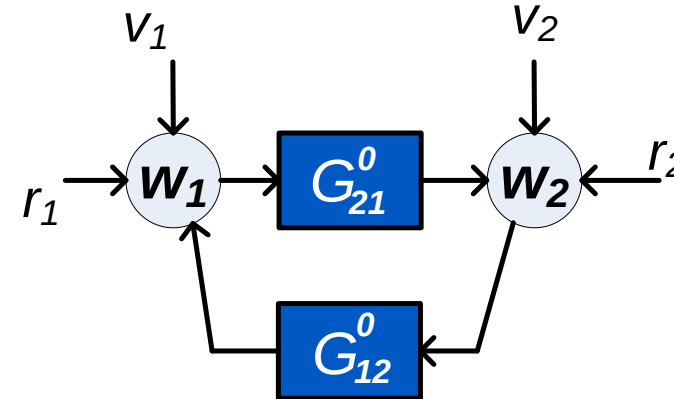


For a consistent and minimum variance estimate (direct method) there is one additional condition:

- 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,

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

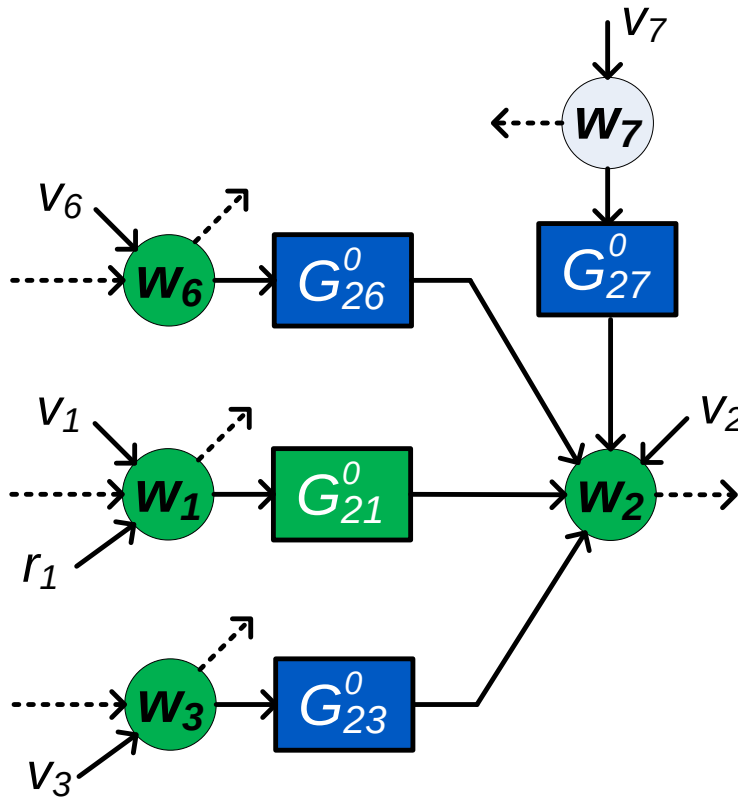
Joint estimation of  $G_{21}^0$  and  $G_{12}^0$ : Joint-direct method <sup>[1,2]</sup>

related to the classical joint-io method <sup>[3,4]</sup>

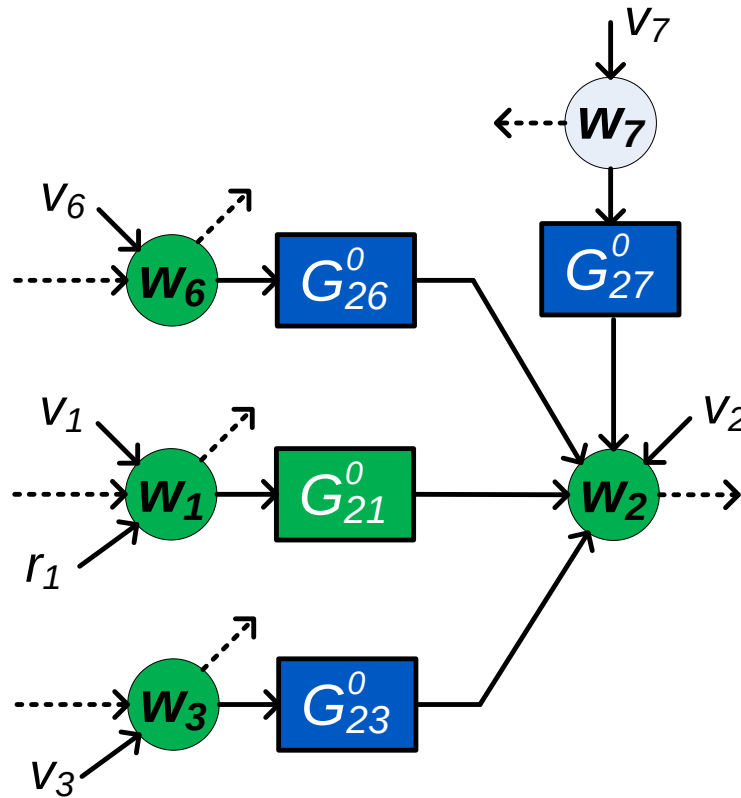
[1] P.M.J. Van den Hof, A.G. Dankers, H.H.M. Weerts, *Proc. 56<sup>th</sup> IEEE CDC*, 2017; [2] H.H.M. Weerts et al., *Automatica*, 2018, to appear.

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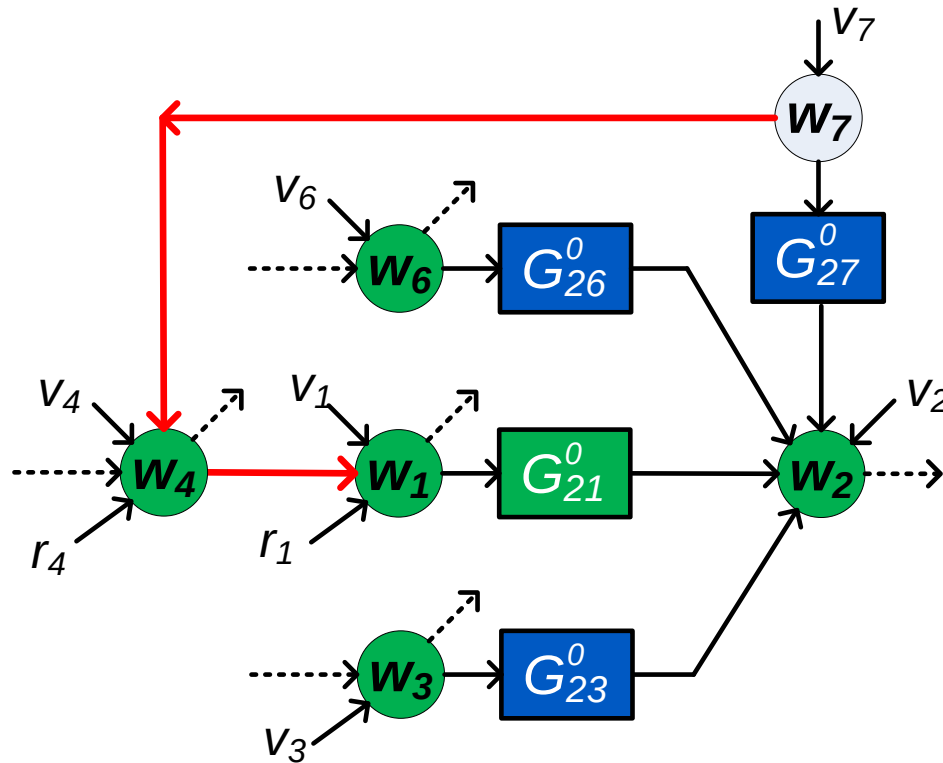


- $w_7$  (not measured) now acts as a disturbance
- For **minimum variance**: **MISO direct method** loses consistency if there are confounding variables
- This requires:
 
$$\begin{bmatrix} v_2 \\ v_7 \end{bmatrix} \text{ uncorrelated with } \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_3 \\ v_6 \end{bmatrix}$$
 and no path from  $w_7$  to an input



## 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.

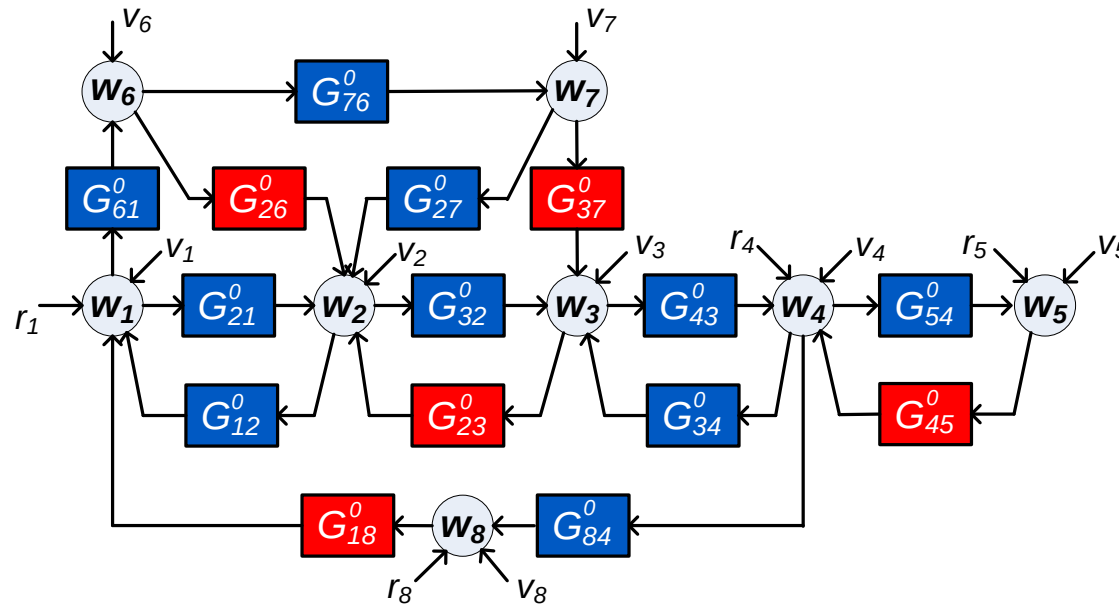
Relation with d-separation in graphs  
(Materassi & Salapaka)



- 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

# Network Identifiability

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blue = unknown  
red = known

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\bar{v} = T_{we}^0 e$$

$$\Phi_{\bar{v}}^0 = T_{we}^0 (e^{i\omega}) \Lambda^0 T_{we}^0 (e^{i\omega})^*$$

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

## How to define identifiability?

- Classically:
- 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**

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

Objects identified from data:  $T_{wr}^0, \Phi_{\bar{v}}^0$

Denote the parametrized objects:

$$T_{wr}(q, \theta) = (I - G(q, \theta))^{-1} R(q, \theta)$$

$$\Phi_{\bar{v}}(\omega, \theta) = (I - G(\theta))^{-1} H(\theta) \Lambda(\theta) H(\theta)^* (I - G(\theta))^{-*}$$

## Definition

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

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

$\mathcal{M}$  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)

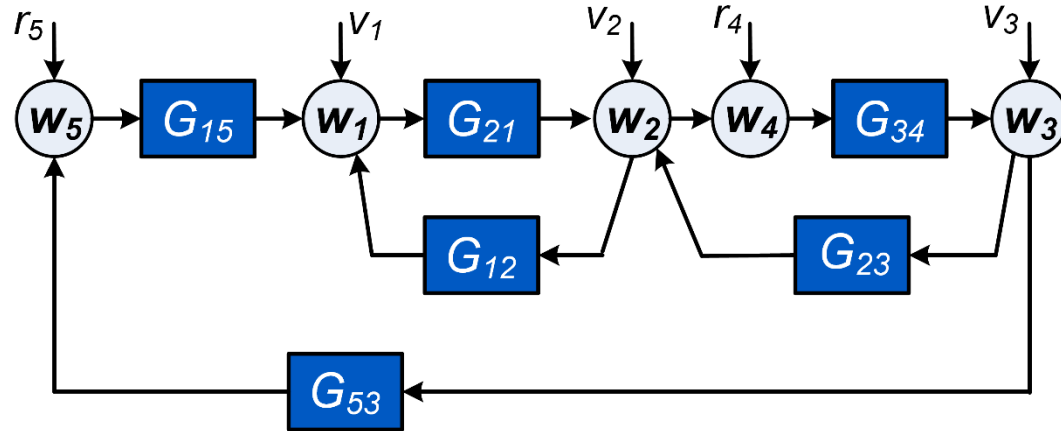
$\mathcal{M}$  is **network identifiable** at  $M_0 = M(\theta_0)$  if there exists a nonsingular and rational  $Q(q)$  such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} R(q, \theta) & H(q, \theta) \end{bmatrix} Q(q)$$

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)

# Example 5-node network



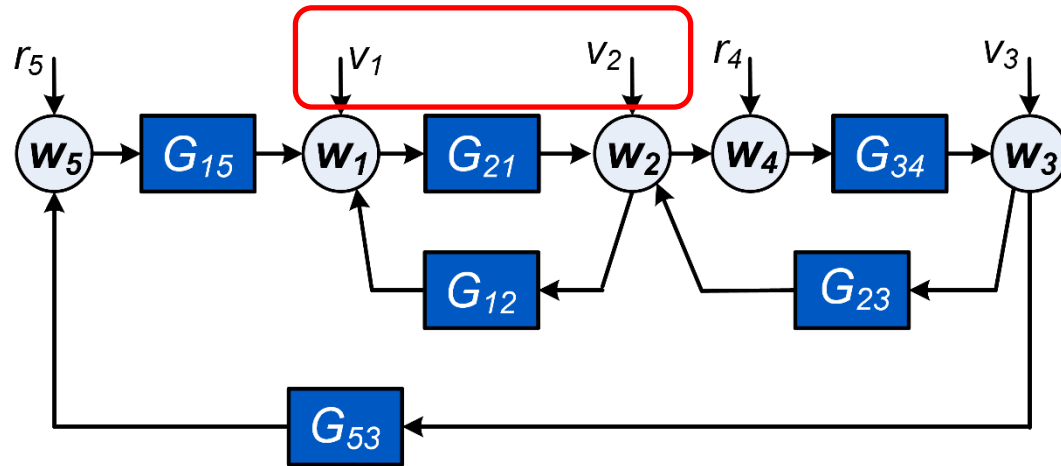
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$G(\theta)$  fully parametrized



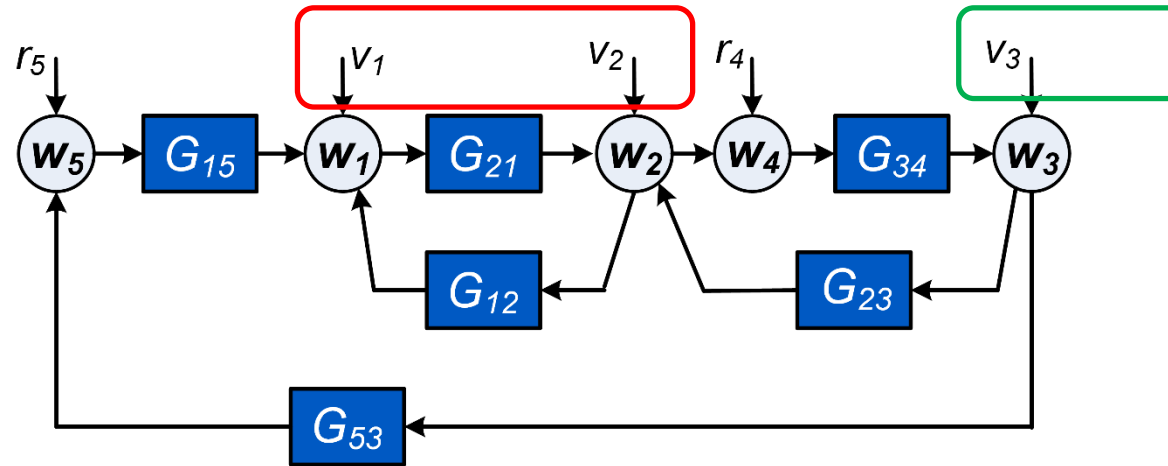
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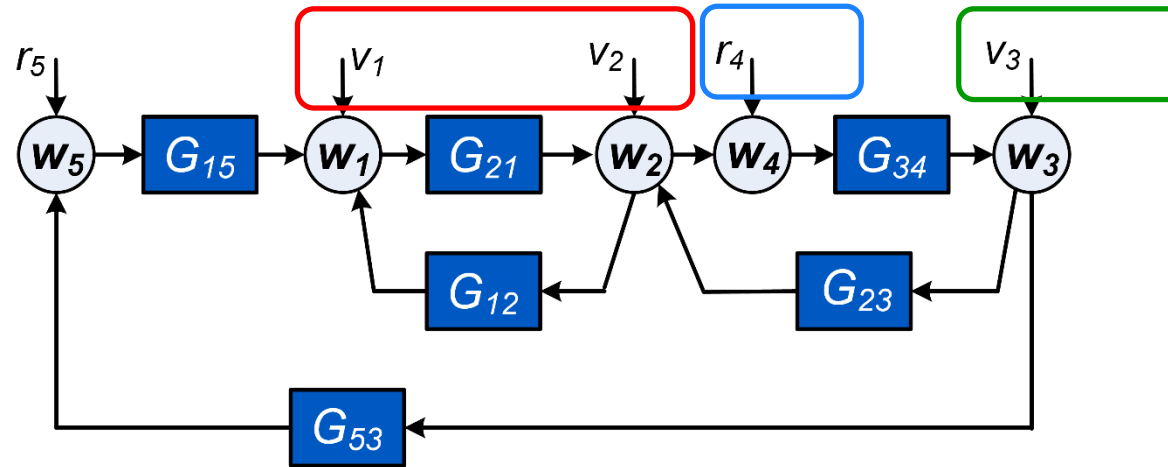
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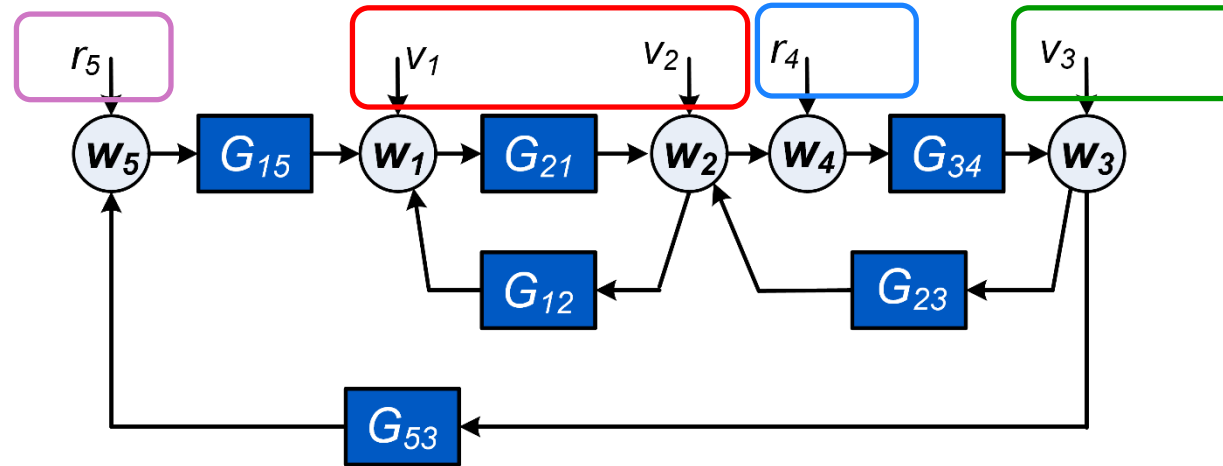
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We can not arrive at a diagonal structure in  $[H(\theta) \quad R(\theta)]$

## Observations:

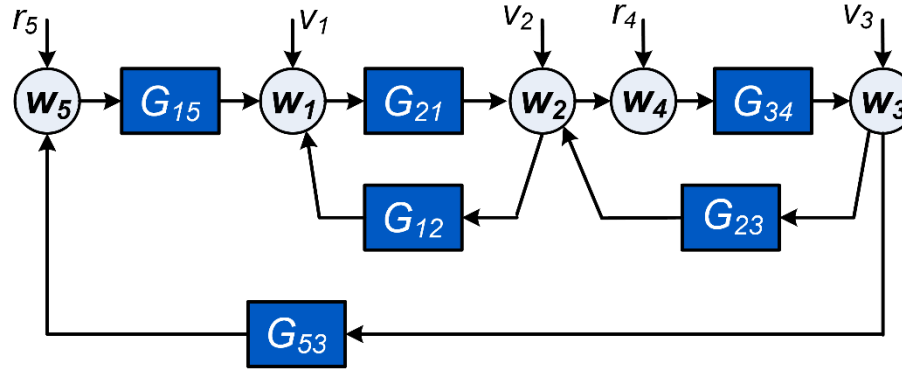
- a) A simple test can be performed to check the condition
- b) The condition is typically fulfilled if **each node  $w_j$**  is excited by an independent external signal (either an  $r_j$  or a  $v_j$ )
- c) The result is rather **conservative**:
  - 1. Restricted to  $[R(q, \theta) \ H(q, \theta)]$  having full row rank
  - 2. No account of prior knowledge in  $G(q, \theta)$

If:

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

- $$[G_{i*}(\theta) \ H_{i*}(\theta) \ R_{i*}(\theta)] = [0 \ \underset{\downarrow}{*} \ 0 \ \underset{\downarrow}{*} \ \underset{\downarrow}{*} \mid * \ * \ \underset{\downarrow}{0} \ \underset{\downarrow}{0} \mid \underset{\downarrow}{1} \ \underset{\downarrow}{0}]$$

# Example 5-node network



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

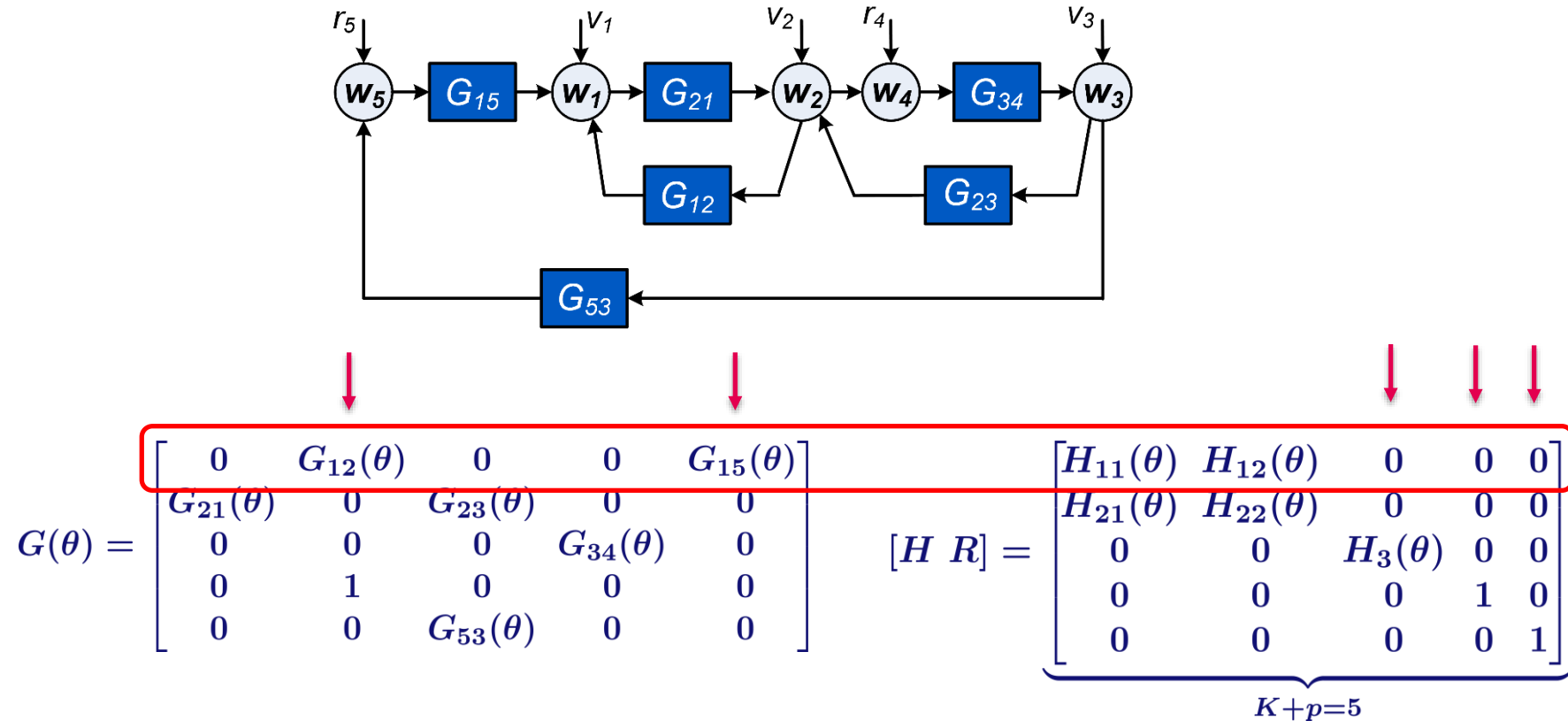
$$G(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & G_{12}(\theta) & 0 & 0 & G_{15}(\theta) \\ G_{21}(\theta) & 0 & G_{23}(\theta) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & G_{34}(\theta) & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & G_{53}(\theta) & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad [H \ R] = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} H_{11}(\theta) & H_{12}(\theta) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ H_{21}(\theta) & H_{22}(\theta) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & H_3(\theta) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{K+p=5}$$

**First condition:**

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



# Example 5-node network



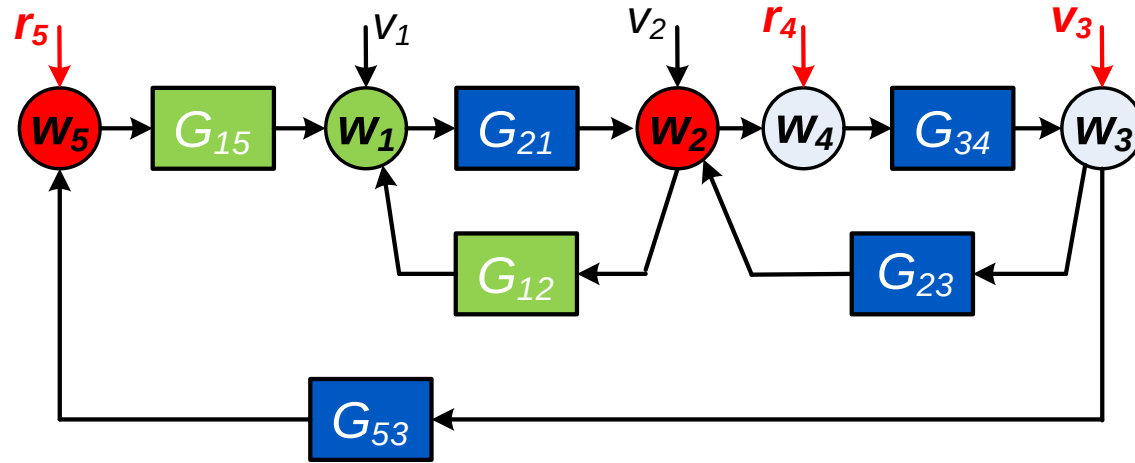
**Rank condition:**

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



# Example 5-node network

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



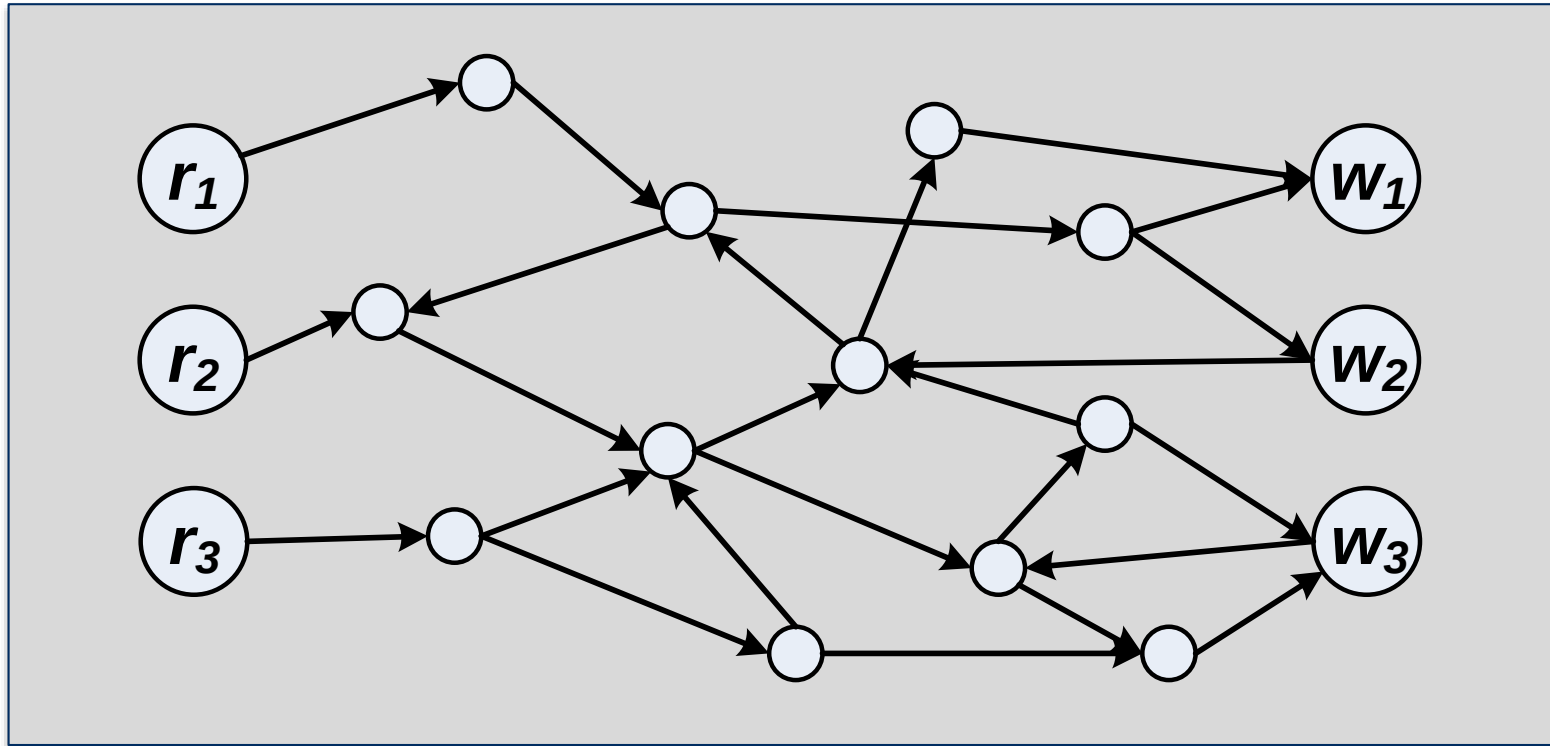
$i = 1$  : Evaluate the rank of the transfer matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} v_3 \\ r_4 \\ r_5 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} w_2 \\ w_5 \end{bmatrix}$

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

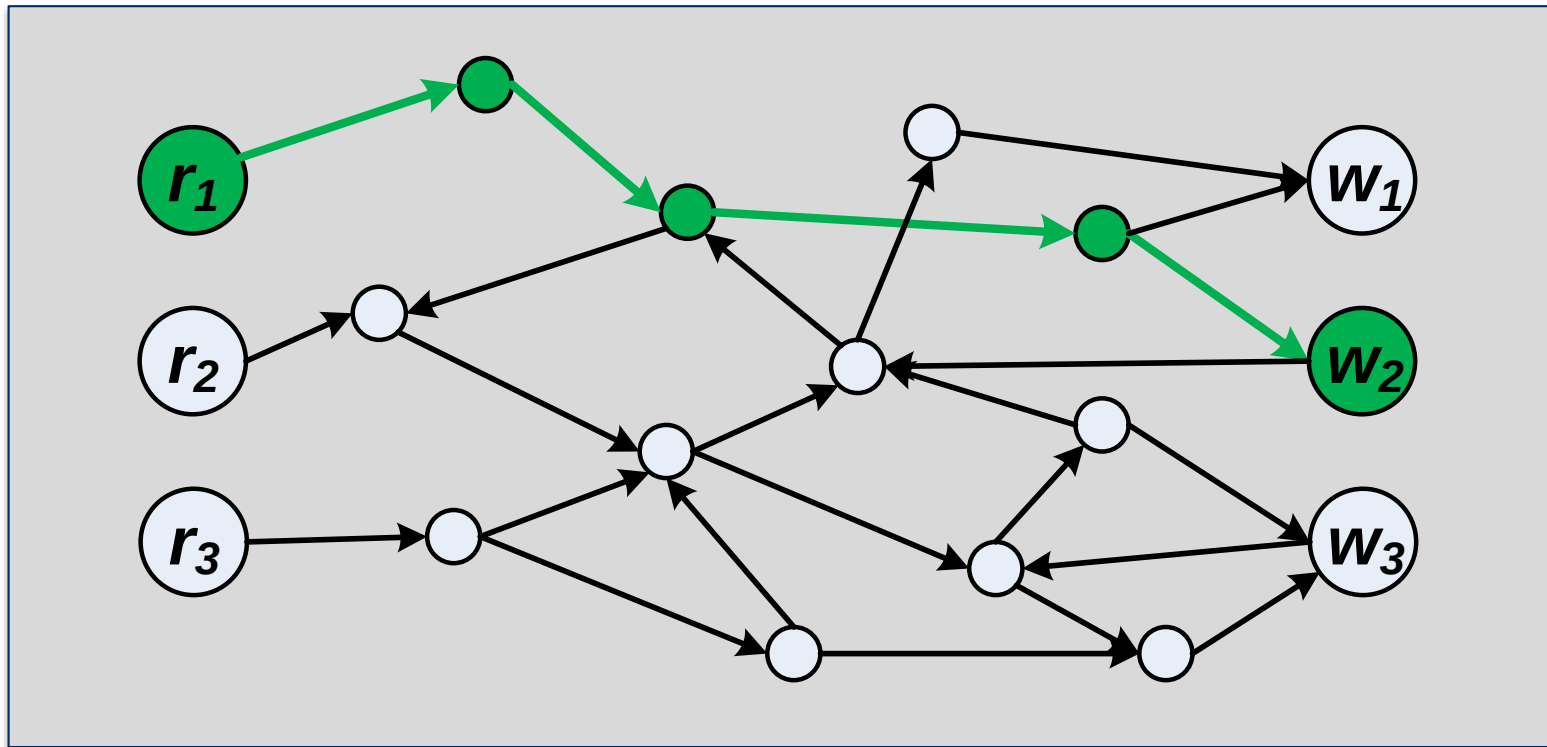
The **generic rank** of a transfer function matrix between inputs  $r$  and nodes  $w$  is equal to the maximum number of **vertex-disjoint paths** between the sets of inputs and outputs.

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

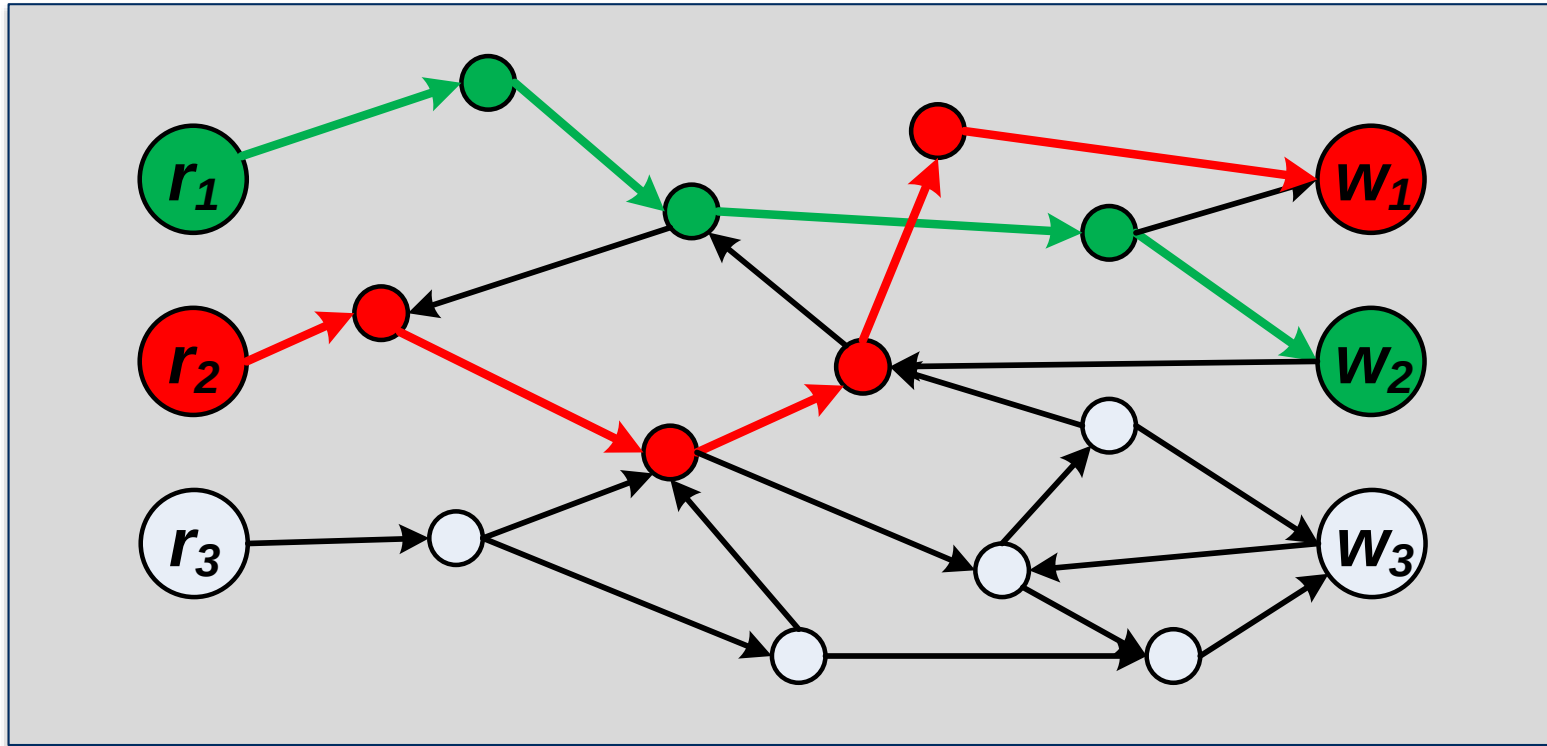
# Vertex-disjoint paths



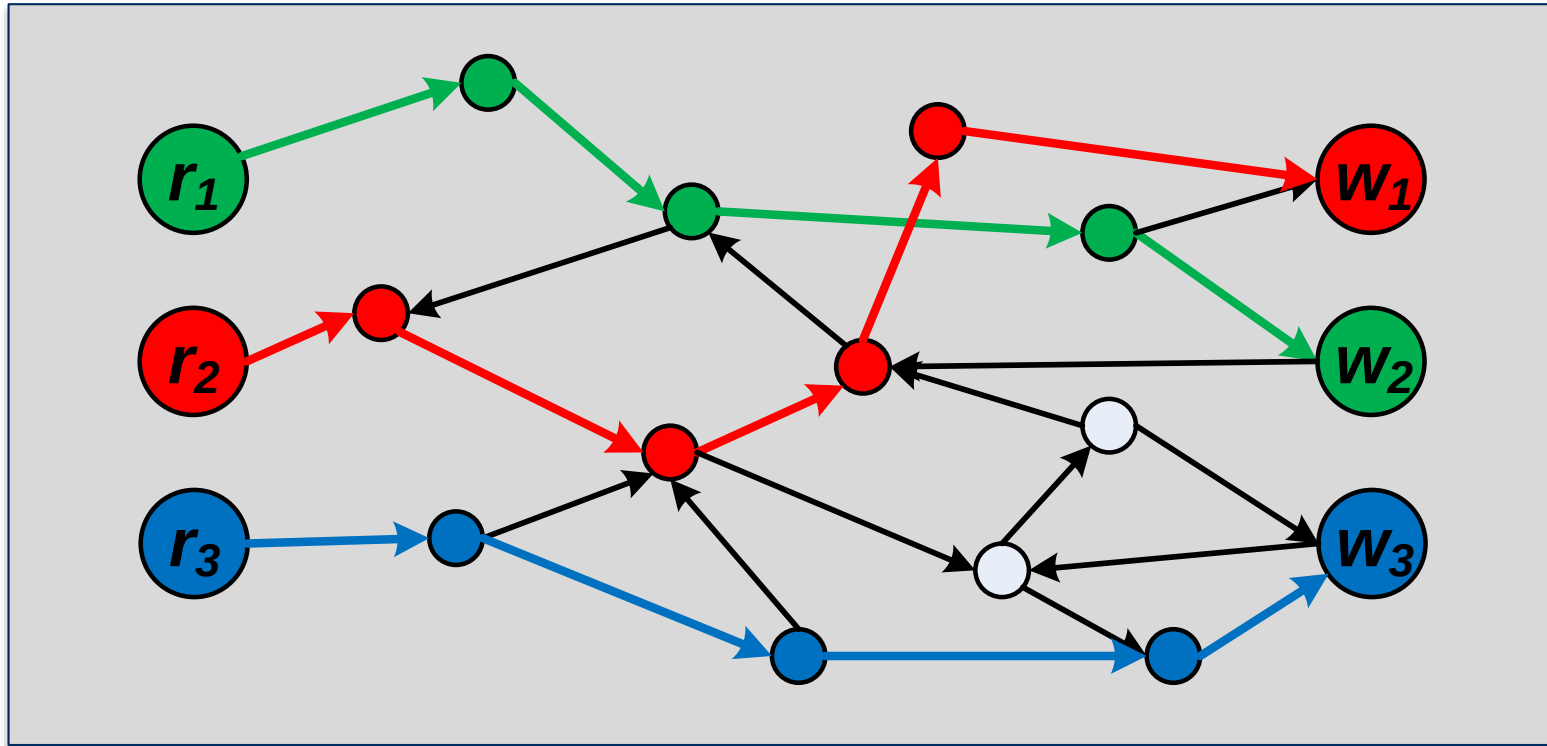
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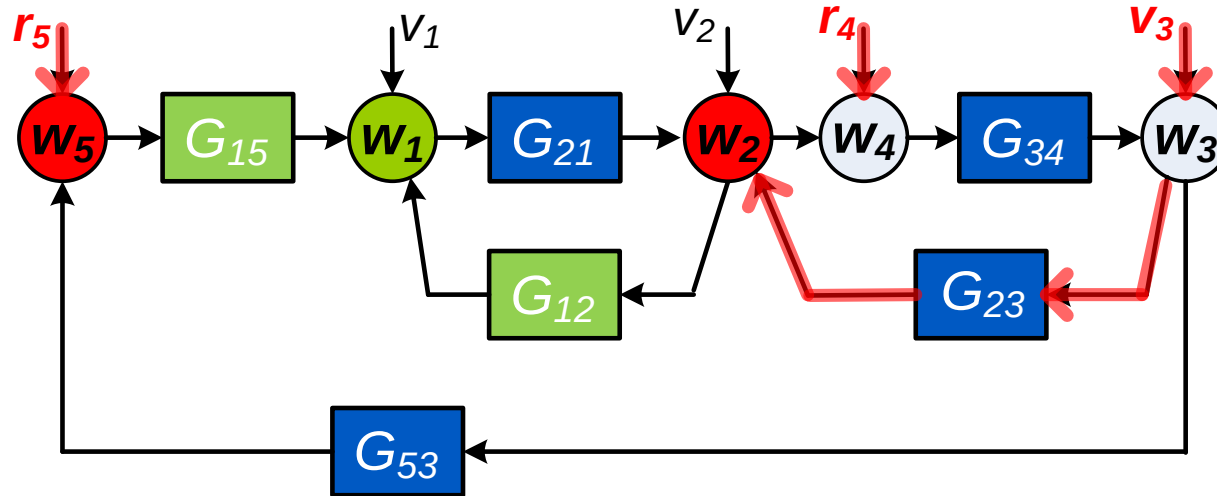
# Vertex-disjoint paths



Generic rank = 3

# Example 5-node network

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



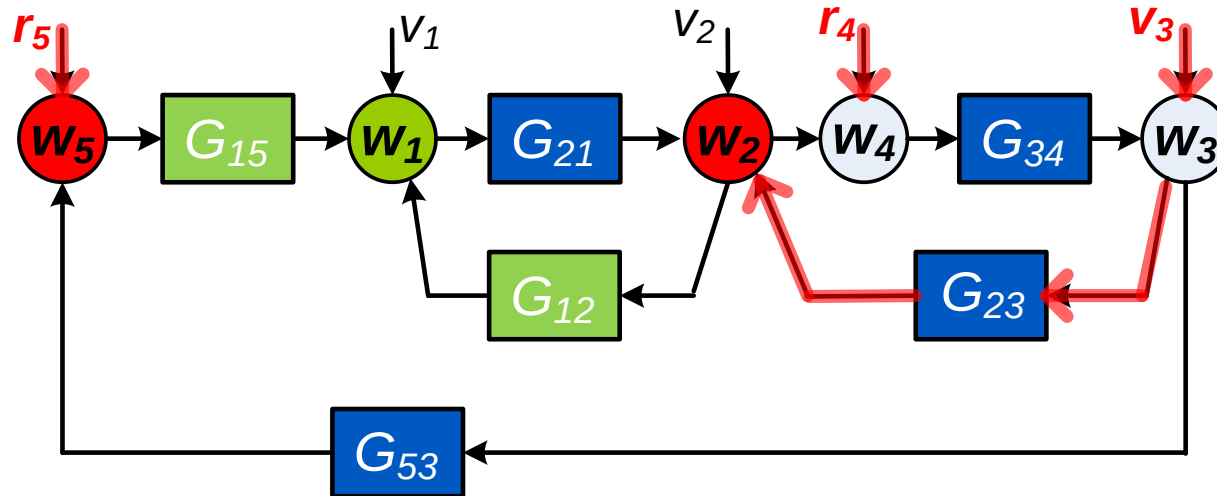
$i = 1$  : Evaluate the rank of the transfer matrix from  $\begin{bmatrix} v_3 \\ r_4 \\ r_5 \end{bmatrix}$  to  $\begin{bmatrix} w_2 \\ w_5 \end{bmatrix}$

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



# Example 5-node network

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



$i = 1$  : Evaluate the rank of the transfer matrix from  $\begin{bmatrix} v_3 \\ r_4 \\ r_5 \end{bmatrix}$  to  $\begin{bmatrix} w_2 \\ w_5 \end{bmatrix}$

For each row  $i$  :

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



Identifiability of network model sets is determined by

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

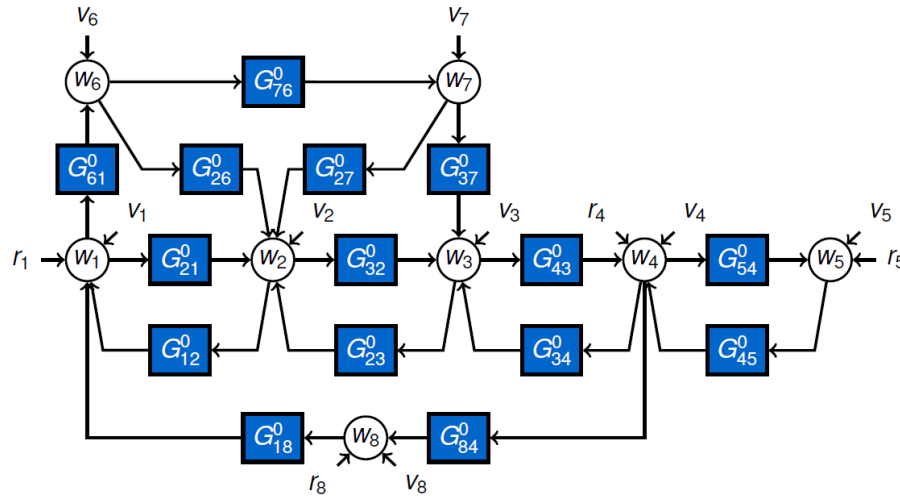
## So far:

- 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)
3. 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 submitted)

# Extensions



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

## 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>

Typical: multi-output situation

**Weighted LS criterion:**

$$\hat{\theta}_N^{WLS} = \arg \min_{\theta \in \Theta} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^N \varepsilon^T(t, \theta) Q \varepsilon(t, \theta) \quad Q > 0$$

**Properties:**

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

Typical choice, leading to minimum variance estimator:

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

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

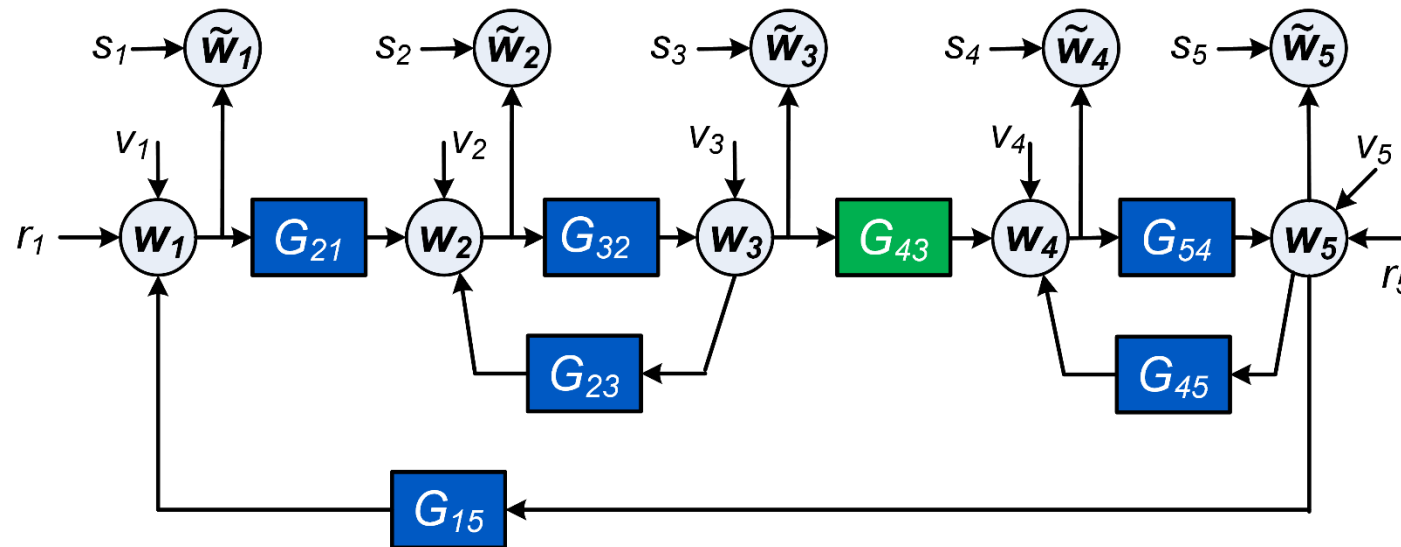
**Solution:** Parametrize dependencies in innovation process, and include them as constraints:

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

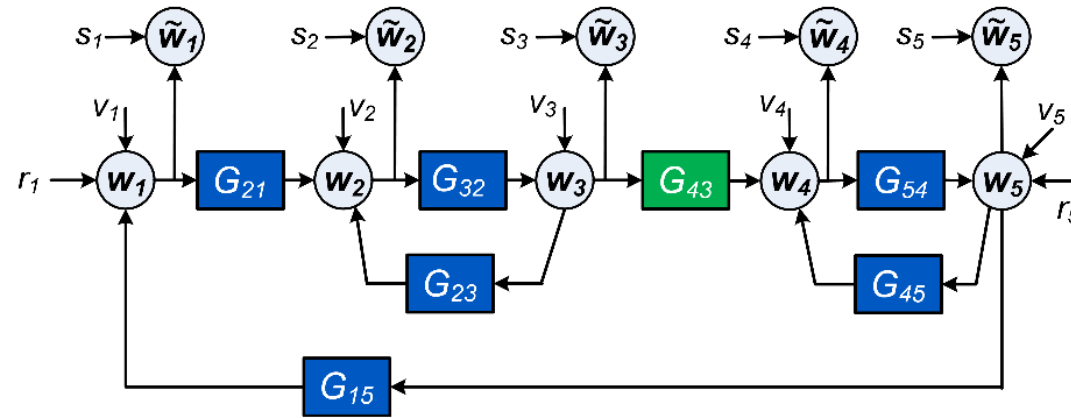
Reformulation of Cramer-Rao bound

Some parameters can be estimated variance-free.

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



## Solution strategies:

1. 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.



- **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, 2018)
- Further move towards data-aspects related to distributed control
- Algorithmic aspects for large-scale data handling
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