

# STRUCTURE AND STABILITY IN FEEDBACK NETWORKS

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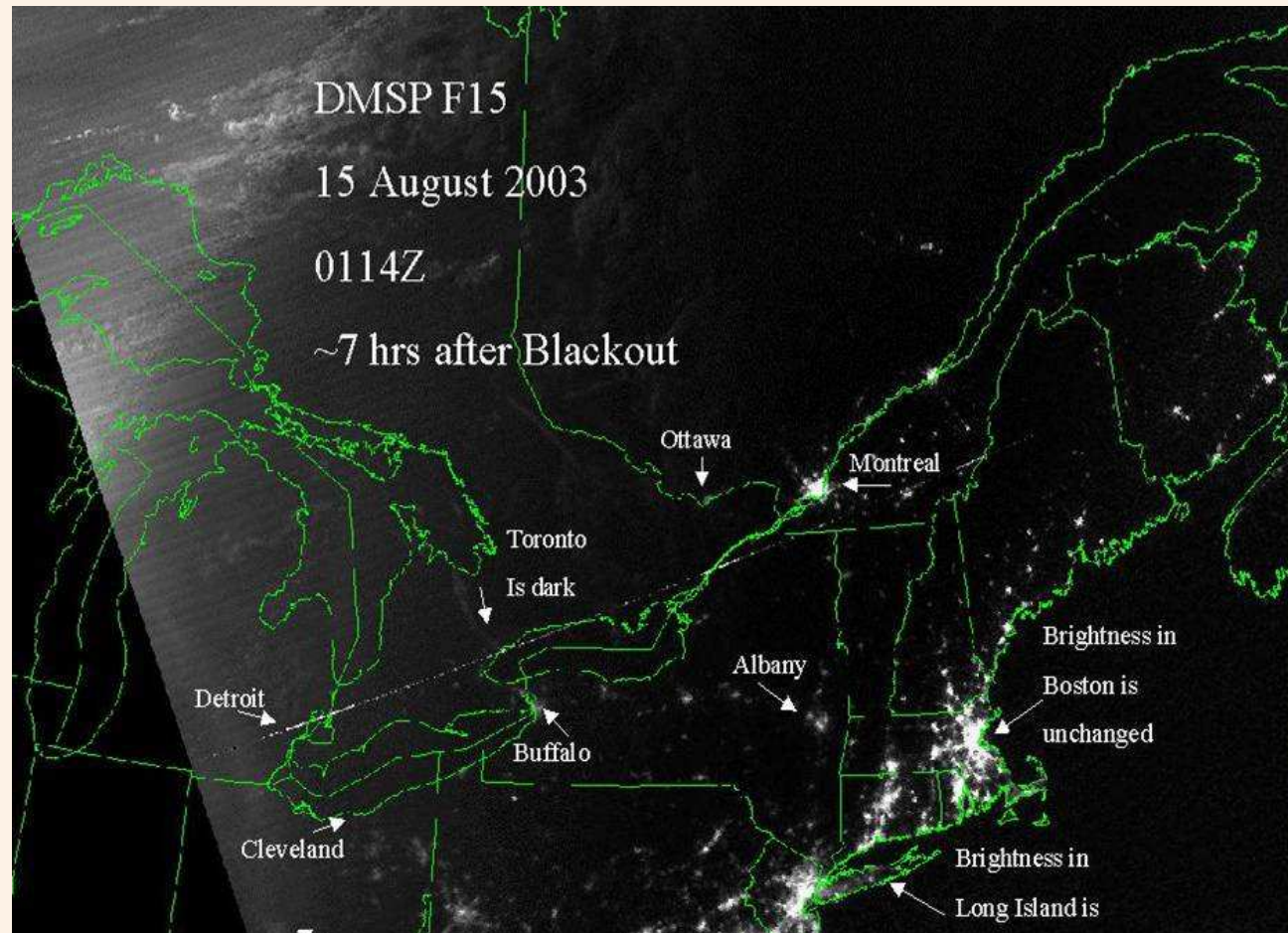
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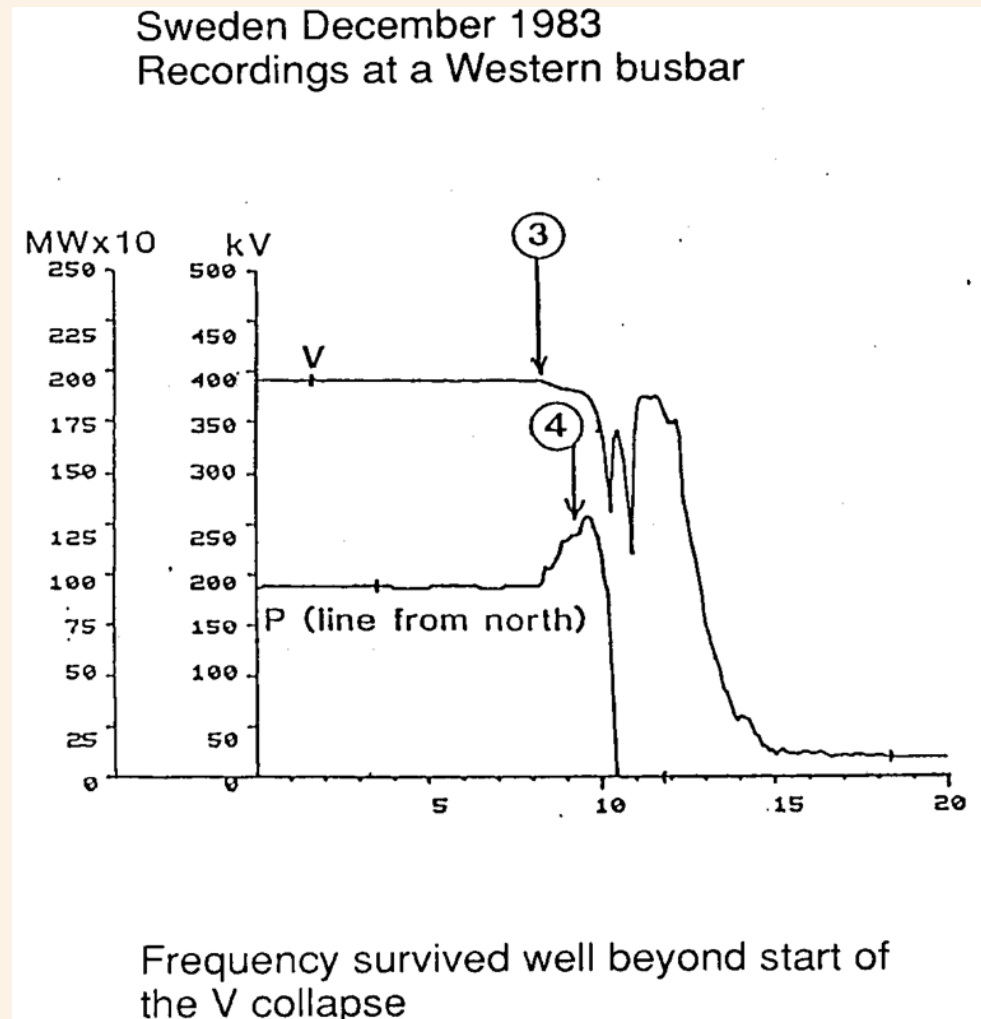
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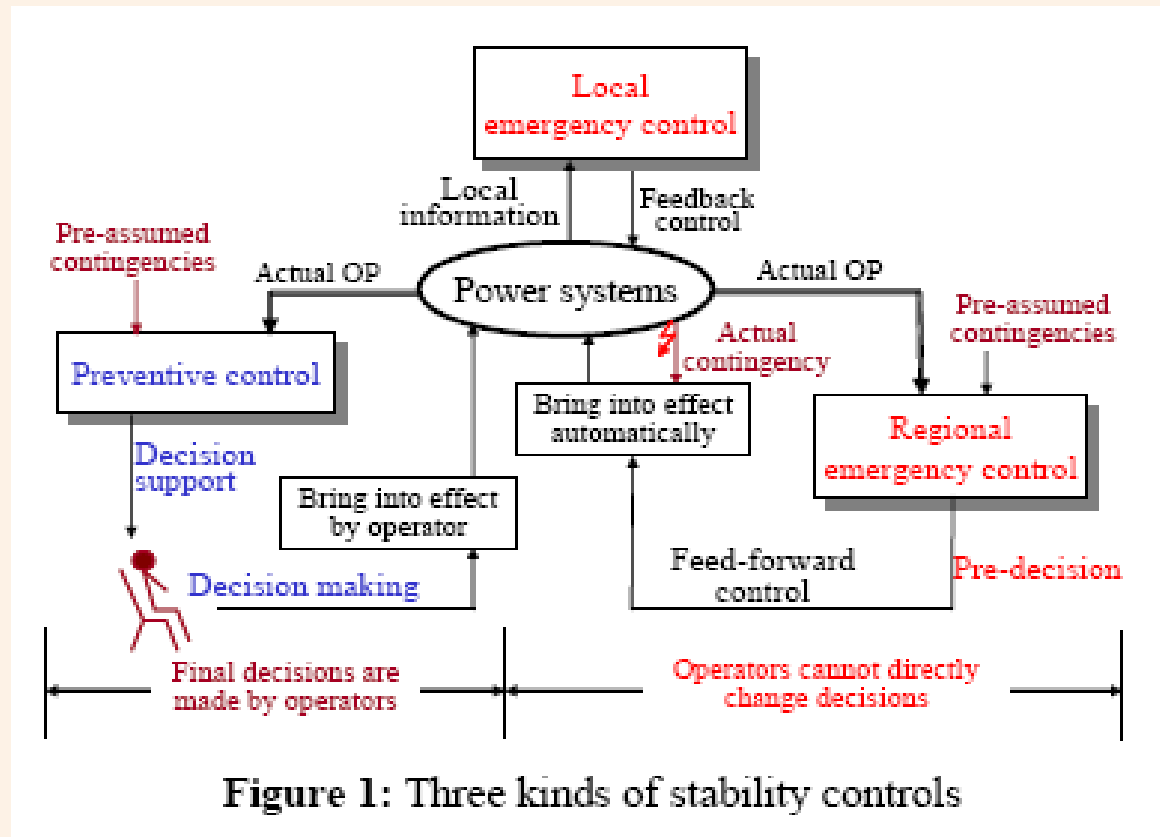


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## Voltage Collapse



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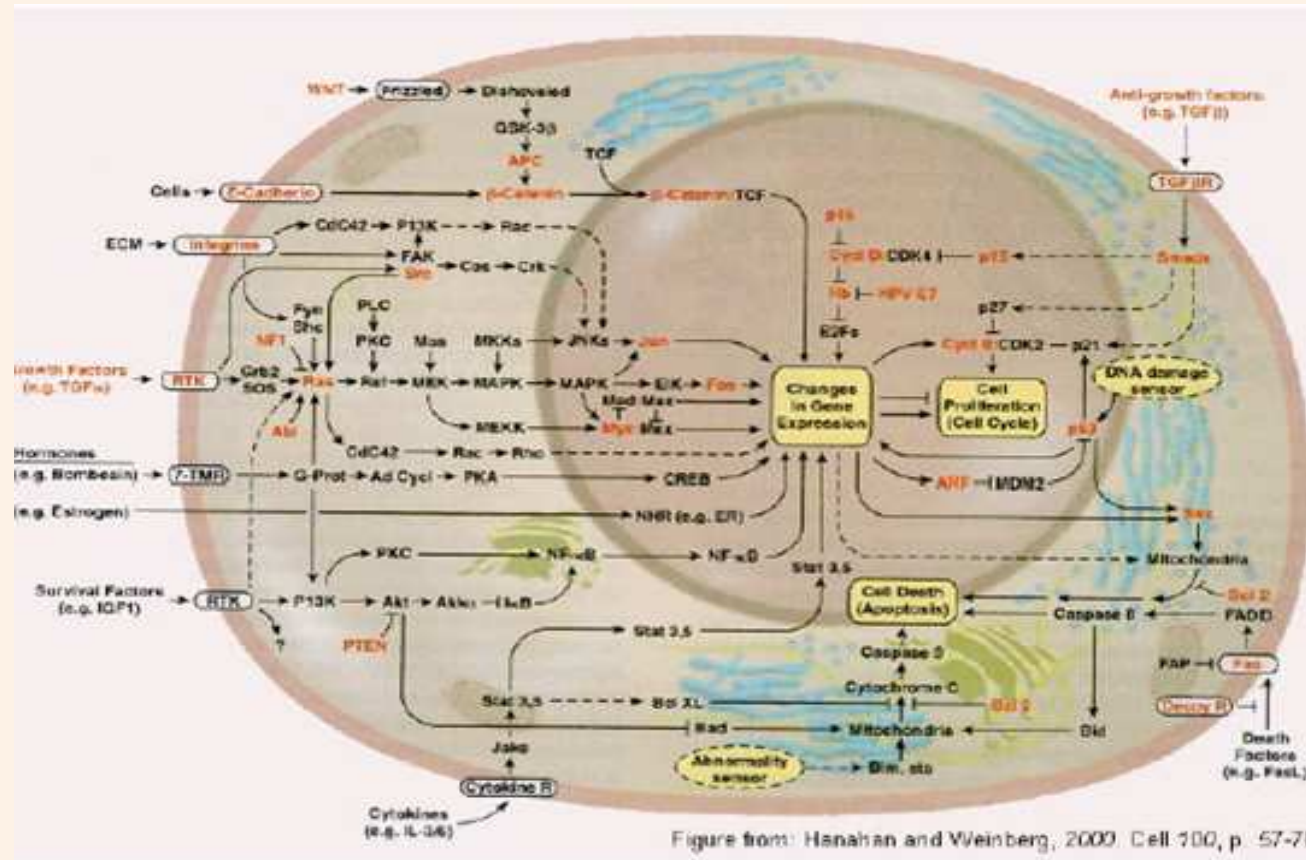


Thousands of distributed control actions arranged in hierarchy.

Ref: Yusheng Xue, PSSC 2005

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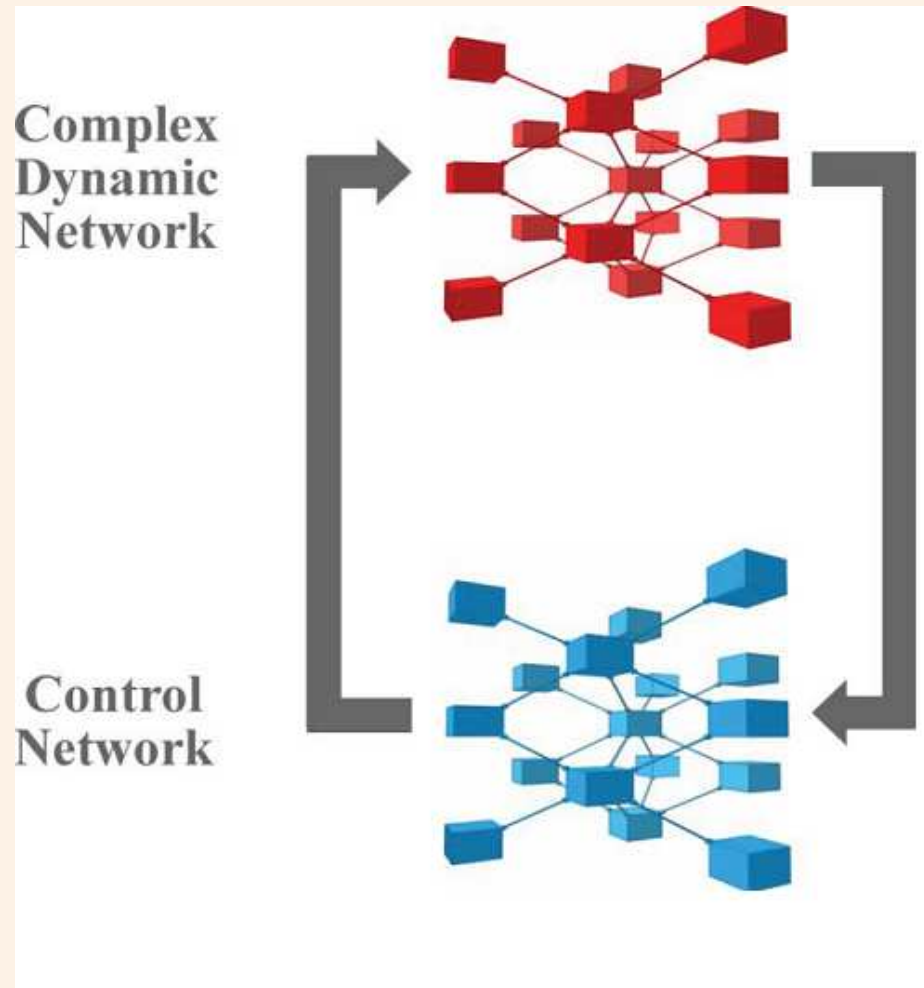
## Network of Life



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## Network Control of a Network



Networks time-varying, switched, nonlinear

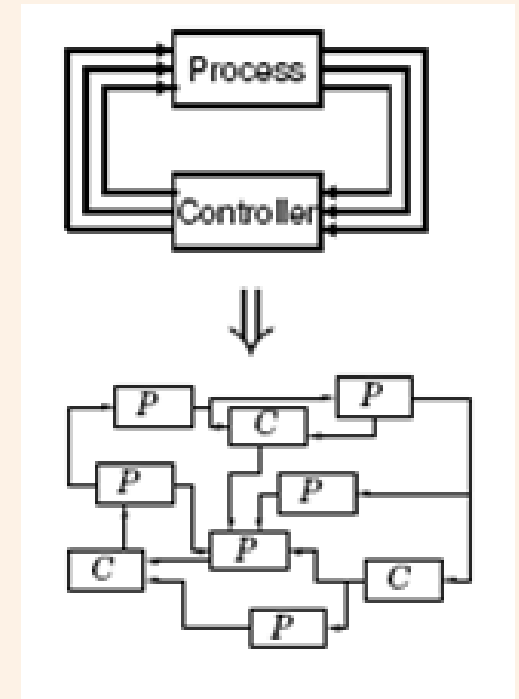


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Special cases

- Decentralized control
- Distributed control

Key difference: now ask questions about architecture, switching algorithms, etc



Ref: Rantzer, CDC, 2008

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## Graphs of Control

The system is a large network (system graph)

– Cannot be controlled centrally

Controllers will need to communicate (control graph)

Sensing of data (sensor graph)

– Control designed around multiple graphs

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## General Network Model

We consider the general dynamic network consisting of:

- diffusive coupling;
- massive numbers of nodes modelled as n-dimensional systems

$$\dot{x}_i = f_i(x_i, p_i) + \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^N a_{ij} \Gamma(x_j - x_i) + G_i u_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, N;$$

Special case (Networks science): network with uniform coupling and linearly interconnected identical nodes

$$\dot{x}_i = f(x_i) + c \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^N a_{ij} \Gamma(x_j - x_i) + u_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, N,$$

or

$$\dot{x}_i = f(x_i) + c \sum_{j=1}^N a_{ij} \Gamma x_j + u_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, N.$$

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## Laplacian Matrix

Outer coupling matrix  $A$  represents the topology of the network

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1N} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{N1} & a_{N2} & \cdots & a_{NN} \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $a_{ij} > 0$ , if there is a connection between nodes  $i$  and  $j$ ,  
 $a_{ij} = 0$ , otherwise, and

$$a_{ii} = - \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^N a_{ij}$$

Laplacian  $L = -A$

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## Properties of $L$

Consider unweighted connected case.

Eigenvalues:  $0 = \lambda_1 < \lambda_2 \leq \lambda_3 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_N$

Properties:

- $\lambda_2 = 0$  if graph disconnected
- $\lambda_2 \leq N/(N-1)$ . min deg( $k$ )
- $\lambda_2 \geq 4/N$ . Diameter
- $\lambda_N \geq N/(N-1)$ . max deg( $k$ )
- $\lambda_N \leq N$ .

Ref: Chung, Spectral Graph Theory, AMS. 1997.

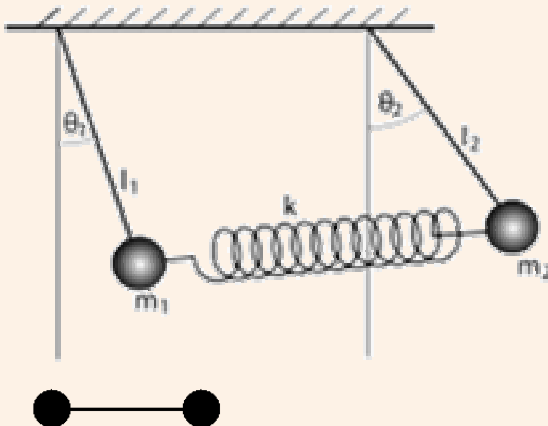
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## Pendulum Model

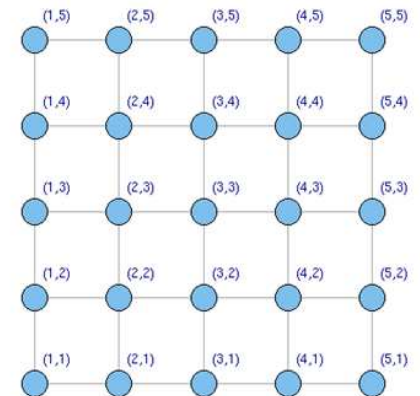
Coupled Pendulums are modeled by

$$m_i \ddot{\theta}_i + \gamma_i \dot{\theta}_i + b_i \sin \theta_i = \tau_i' + \tau_i \sin(\omega t + \phi_i) + \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^N b_{ij} (\theta_j - \theta_i)$$

2 coupled pendulums  
represented by a 2 node  
network with 1 link



Coupled pendulums can  
be arranged in network  
structure such as a  
2-D Lattice



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## Control by a Network

Controllers with no communication time-delays

$$u_i = \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^N b_{ij} \Lambda(x_j - x_i), i = 1, \dots, N; \quad (1)$$

$B$  is the coupling matrix of the controllers (1) (has the same properties as  $A$ ), which gives a Laplacian ( $-B$ ) for the controllers.

Special case (R. Olfati-Saber & R.M. Murray IEEE AC 2004)

$$\dot{x}_i = u_i$$

with  $u_i$  having the form of (1).

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## Meta-view

- No control network (Laplacian  $-A$ )
  - Sync results (Pecora and Carroll, 1998; Wang and Chen, 2002)
  - Vulnerability and fragility (Wang and Chen, 2002; Doyle, et al., 2005)
  - Identical nodes model
- No system network (Laplacian  $-B$ )
  - Consensus results (Olfati-Saber and Murray, 2004; Su and Wang, 2009; etc)
  - Identical agents
  - Switching, time-delays



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## Feedback Networks

- Both network system and network control
- Scale on connectivity and dynamics
- Nonlinearity, switching, time-delays
- Structure important to performance and security, i.e. system planning, control architecture
- Heaps of stability theory on interconnected systems; some uses structure explicitly, but not much is directly useful here, e.g. multiple equilibria, oscillations etc
- Some ideas in power system theory are useful
- Stability theory in network science very simple, i.e. local, but does use the graph

# SYNCHRONIZATION

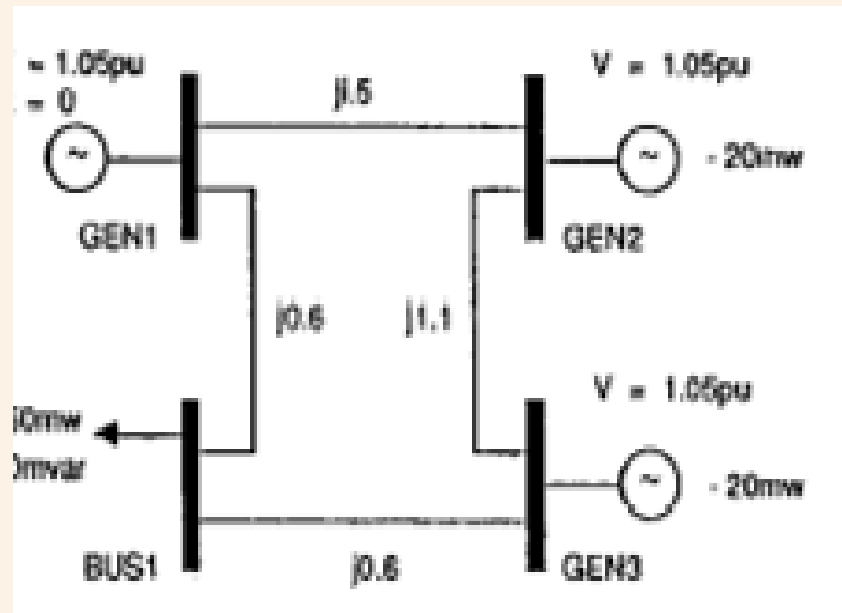
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- More on power systems
- Review complex networks with identical nodes
- Bounded sync with non-id nodes
- Asymptotic sync with non-id nodes

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Power systems as dynamic network

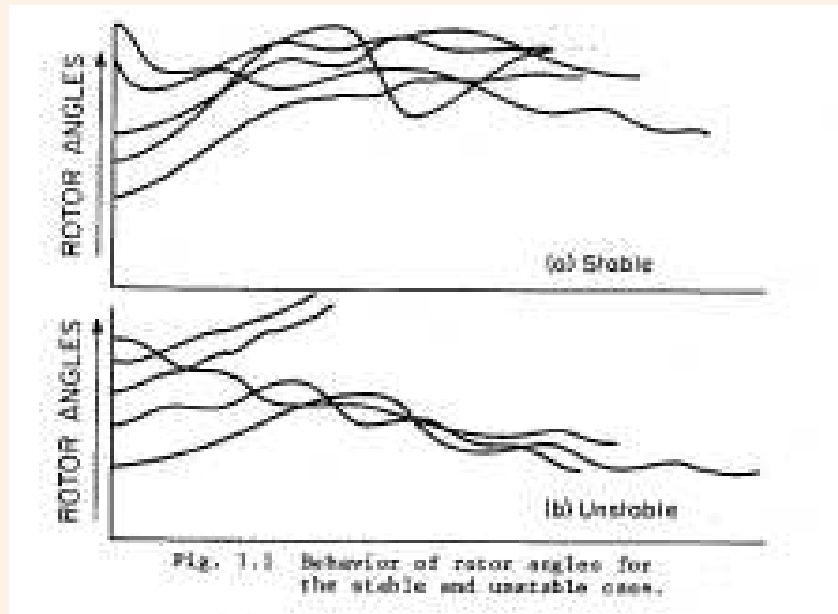
$$M_i \ddot{\theta}_i + D_i \dot{\theta}_i + \sum_{j \in C_i} V_i V_j b_{ij} \sin(\theta_i - \theta_j) = P_i$$



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## Phase Angle Stability in Power Networks



Ref: M.A.Pai, Energy Function Analysis for Power System Stability

# SYNCHRONIZATION

## Review complex networks with identical nodes

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### Review complex networks with identical nodes

Network model:

$$\dot{x}_i = f(x_i) + c \sum_{j=1}^N a_{ij} \Gamma x_j, \quad i = 1, \dots, N,$$

$x_i = (x_{i1}, \dots, x_{in})^T \in \mathbb{R}^n$  : state of the  $i$ -th node

$x = (x_1^T, \dots, x_N^T)^T \in \mathbb{R}^{nN}$  : state of the network

$A = (a_{ij})_{N \times N}$  : outer coupling matrix,

- symmetric

- $\sum_{j=1}^N a_{ij} = 0, i = 1, \dots, N$

$\Gamma$  : inner coupling matrix,

$f$  : continuously differentiable with Jacobian  $Df$ .

# SYNCHRONIZATION

Review complex networks with identical nodes

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- Synchronization:  $x_i(t) - x_j(t) \rightarrow 0, i, j = 1, \dots, N$
- Synchronization manifold:  $\{x \mid x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_N\}$
- Remarks:
  - A network can be regarded as a dynamical system, synchronization can be viewed as some type of stability issue (not usual one)
  - Large number of nodes  $\Rightarrow$  huge dimension
  - Synchronization criteria need to be checkable, computable, usually of lower dimension
  - Identical nodes  $\Rightarrow$  invariant synchronization manifold

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Review complex networks with identical nodes

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Consider solution for an isolated node:  $s(t)$

$$\dot{s}(t) = f(s(t))$$

Let unitary matrix  $\Phi = (\varphi_{ij})_{N \times N} = (\Phi_1, \dots, \Phi_N)$ ,

$$\Phi^T A \Phi = \Lambda = \text{diag}\{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_N\},$$

Errors:  $e_i = x_i - s(t)$ ,  $e = (e_1^T, \dots, e_N^T)^T$

$$\dot{e}_i = f(e_i + s) - f(s(t)) + c \sum_{j=1}^N a_{ij} \Gamma e_j$$

linearized  $\rightarrow Df(s)e_i + c \sum_{j=1}^N a_{ij} \Gamma e_j$

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Review complex networks with identical nodes

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or,

$$\dot{e} = (I \otimes Df + cA \otimes \Gamma)e$$

Let  $\omega = (\Phi^T \otimes I_n)e$ ,

$$\dot{\omega} = (I \otimes Df + c\Lambda \otimes \Gamma)\omega$$

i.e. 
$$\dot{\omega}_i = (Df + c\lambda_i\Gamma)\omega_i, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, N \quad (2)$$

**Theorem:** Local synchronization  $\Leftrightarrow$  Simultaneous asymptotic stability of (2)

One sufficiency criterion:  $c \geq \frac{|\bar{d}|}{|\lambda_2|}$

(Wang and Chen, 2002)



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Review complex networks with identical nodes

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## Remarks

- Many extensions to include time delay, uncertainties, switching topology...
- Some extensions to nonlinear outer coupling
- Some global versions: robustness analysis

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## Bounded sync with non-id nodes

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### Bounded synchronization

Network model:

$$\dot{x}_i = f_i(x_i) + c \sum_{j=1}^N a_{ij} \Gamma x_j, \quad i = 1, \dots, N, \quad (3)$$

- In many cases, asymptotic synchronization  $e \rightarrow 0$  is impossible mainly because of non-identical nodes.
- How to describe the synchronization behavior?

Boundedness!  $e \rightarrow$  some set

- Have a precise bound

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## Bounded sync with non-id nodes

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Define:  $e_i = x_i - s(t)$ ,  $e = (e_1^T, \dots, e_N^T)^T$ .

$$\dot{e}_i = f_i(s) + c \sum_{j=1}^N a_{ij} \Gamma e_j + \int_0^1 Df_i(s + \tau e_i) e_i d\tau - \dot{s}. \quad (4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{e} &= (cA \otimes \Gamma)e \\ &+ \text{diag} \left\{ \int_0^1 Df_1(s + \tau e_1) d\tau, \dots, \int_0^1 Df_N(s + \tau e_N) d\tau \right\} e \\ &+ (f_1^T(s), \dots, f_N^T(s))^T - (\dot{s}^T, \dots, \dot{s}^T)^T. \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Remark: Unified form of error equation

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## Bounded sync with non-id nodes

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$s$  is the average trajectory

- Average state trajectory  $s(t) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N x_k(t)$

- Average dynamics  $\bar{f}(x) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N f_k(x)$

- Obviously,  $\sum_{i=1}^N e_i = 0$

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## Bounded sync with non-id nodes

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{e} = & (cA \otimes \Gamma)e + \text{diag}\left\{ \int_0^1 (Df_1(s + \tau e_1) d\tau \cdots \right. \\ & \left. \int_0^1 (Df_N(s + \tau e_N) d\tau) \right\} e + \begin{pmatrix} f_1(s) - \bar{f}(s) \\ \vdots \\ f_N(s) - \bar{f}(s) \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$
$$-\frac{1}{N} \begin{pmatrix} \int_0^1 Df_1(s + \tau e_1) d\tau & \cdots & \int_0^1 Df_N(s + \tau e_N) d\tau \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \int_0^1 Df_1(s + \tau e_1) d\tau & \cdots & \int_0^1 Df_N(s + \tau e_N) d\tau \end{pmatrix} e$$

- $e = 0$  is no longer an equilibrium point
- attractiveness to the origin  $\Rightarrow$  synchronization

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## Bounded sync with non-id nodes

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Let  $\mathcal{PC}_{n \times n}^1$  be the linear space of the uniformly bounded continuously differentiable real  $n \times n$  matrix-valued functions defined on  $[0, \infty)$ .

**Theorem.** Suppose there exist uniformly positive definite matrices  $P_i(t) \in \mathcal{PC}_{n \times n}^1$ , constant  $a > 0, b > 0$ , functions  $\alpha(t) > 0$  and  $\gamma(t) \geq 0$  such that

$$a\|x\|^2 \leq x^T P_i(t)x \leq b\|x\|^2, \quad \forall t \in R_+, x \in R^n, i = 2, \dots, N, \quad (7)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{P}_i + P_i(D\bar{f}(s) + c\lambda_i\Gamma) + (D\bar{f}(s) + c\lambda_i\Gamma)^T P_i + \alpha(t)I < 0, \\ i = 2, \dots, N, \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

$$\left\| \int_0^1 (Df_i(s + \tau e_i) - D\bar{f}(s))d\tau \right\| \leq \gamma, i = 1, \dots, N. \quad (9)$$

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## Bounded sync with non-id nodes

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Let

$$\mu(t) = \left\| \begin{pmatrix} f_1(s) - \bar{f}(s) \\ \vdots \\ f_N(s) - \bar{f}(s) \end{pmatrix} \right\|, \quad (10)$$

$$\beta = \left( \sum_{i=2}^N \|P_i\|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}. \quad (11)$$

If  $\alpha(t) - 2\gamma(t)\beta \geq \bar{\delta}$  for some constant  $\bar{\delta} > 0$ , the error  $e(t)$  converges to the set

$$\bar{Q} = \left\{ e \mid \|e\| \leq 2\beta \sqrt{\frac{b}{a}} \overline{\lim}_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\mu(t)}{\alpha(t) - 2\gamma(t)\beta} \right\}. \quad (12)$$

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Bounded sync with non-id nodes

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**Corollary.** When  $\overline{\lim}_{t \rightarrow \infty} \mu(t) = 0$ , we have asymptotic synchronization in the classical sense. In particular, when  $f_i = f$ , that is, all nodes are identical, we have  $\mu(t) \equiv 0$ .



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## Asymptotic sync with non-id nodes

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### Asymptotic synchronization

**Proposition.** Suppose

- $x_i(t)$  are uniformly continuous with respect to  $t$ ,
- $f_i(x)$  are uniformly continuous with respect to  $x$ .

If the network (3) synchronizes, then,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (f_i(s(t)) - f_j(s(t))) = 0, 1 \leq i, j \leq N \quad (13)$$

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## Asymptotic sync with non-id nodes

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**Theorem.** Suppose

(i) 
$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (f_i(s(t)) - f_j(s(t))) = 0, 1 \leq i, j \leq N,$$

(ii) there exist time-varying matrix  $\Pi$ , uniformly positive definite matrices  $P_i(t) \in \mathcal{PC}_{n \times n}^1$  with  $\|P_i\| \leq 1$  and constant  $\alpha > 0$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{P}_i(t) + P_i(t)(\Pi + c\lambda_i\Gamma) + (\Pi + c\lambda_i\Gamma)^T P_i(t) + \alpha I < 0, \\ i = 2, \dots, N, \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

(iii) 
$$\left\| \int_0^1 Df_i(s + \tau e_i) d\tau - \Pi \right\| \leq \frac{1}{2} \alpha, i = 1, \dots, N. \quad (15)$$

Then, the network (3) globally synchronizes.

# CONTROL DESIGN

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- Network science approach
- Structure assignment
- Optimization formulation
- Switching control

# CONTROL DESIGN

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## Pinning Control

From Network Science – only control a small fraction of nodes  
(Li, Wang and Chen, 2004)

- Random pinning:  
Pin a fraction of randomly selected nodes
- Specific pinning:  
First pin the most important node, e.g. highest degree.  
Then select and pin the next important node.  
Continue ... till control goal is achieved

Can exploit the network structure, e.g. hubs

But decentralized control on selected nodes

# CONTROL DESIGN

## Structure assignment

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### Structure assignment

- Controlled network

$$\dot{x}_i = f_i(x_i) + c \sum_{j=1}^N a_{ij} \Gamma x_j + u_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, N, \quad (16)$$

- Control action: re-set of the outer coupling

$$u_i = c \sum_{j=1}^N b_{ij} \Gamma x_j, \quad i = 1, \dots, N, \quad (17)$$

where  $B = (b_{ij})_{n \times n} \in \mathcal{B} \subset R^{n \times n}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  is a given control constraint set. The matrix  $A + B$  for any matrix  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  is symmetric and has zero row-sum.

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## Structure assignment

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Some typical forms of  $\mathcal{B}$ :

- Any  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  is formed by adding or removing a certain number of links based on the existing links. The number can be pre-given.
- $b_{ij}$  are obtained by adjusting the values of corresponding  $a_{ij}$ .
- Some boundedness on the entries of  $B$ , for example,  $\sum_{j=1}^N |b_{ij}| \leq M_i$  for some pre-given constants  $M_i > 0$ .
- A combination of all above.

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## Structure assignment

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**Definition.** Let  $(W_{n \times n}, R_{n \times m})$  be a matrix pair and  $S \subseteq \mathbb{C}^n$ ,  $\mathcal{K} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  be given sets. We say that the poles of the pair  $(W, R)$  can be assigned to the set  $S$  under the constraint set  $\mathcal{K}$  if there exists  $K \in \mathcal{K}$  such that the vector of eigenvalues of  $W + RK$  belongs to  $S$ .

This notion is a generalization of pole assignment for linear systems when feedback is limited to an admissible set.

For simplicity, we only consider the case of equilibrium solution.

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## Structure assignment

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Let  $Q$  be the set of all  $q \in R^n$  with the following property:

**Property.** There exist  $n \times n$  matrix  $\Pi$ , which may be time-varying, uniformly positive definite matrices  $P_i(t) \in \mathcal{P}\mathcal{C}_{n \times n}^1$  with  $\|P_i\| \leq 1$  and constant  $\alpha \geq 0$ , all  $\Pi, P_i$  and  $\alpha$  may be depending on  $q$ , such that

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{P}_i(t) + P_i(t)(\Pi + q_i\Gamma) + (\Pi + q_i\Gamma)^T P_i(t) \\ + \alpha I \prec 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, N, \end{aligned}$$

$$\left\| \int_0^1 Df_i(s + \tau e_i) d\tau - \Pi \right\| \leq \frac{1}{2} \alpha, \quad i = 1, \dots, N.$$



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## Structure assignment

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**Theorem.** Suppose  $Q \neq \emptyset$ . If the poles of the matrix pair  $(A, I)$  can be assigned to the set  $\bar{Q} = \{\frac{1}{c}q \mid q \in Q\}$  under the constraint set  $\mathcal{B}$ , then, there exists  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  such that the controllers  $u_i = c \sum_{j=1}^N b_{ij} \Gamma x_j$  globally synchronize the network (16).

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## Structure assignment

**Theorem.** Suppose there exist  $q = (q_1, q_2, \dots, q_N)^T$  with  $q_1 = 0$ , a unitary matrix  $G = \{g_{ij}\}$ , matrices  $\Pi_{ij}$ ,  $\Pi_{ij} = \Pi_{ji}$ ,  $\delta_{ij} > 0$ ,  $\delta_{ij} = \delta_{ji}$ ,  $1 \leq i, j \leq N, i \neq j$ ,  $\varepsilon_{ij} > 0$ ,  $1 \leq i < j \leq N$ , uniformly positive definite matrices  $P_i(t) \in \mathcal{PC}_{n \times n}^1$  with  $\|P_i\| \leq 1$ ,  $\alpha_i \geq 0$ , such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \dot{P}_i(t) + P_i(t) \left( \sum_{j=1}^N g_{ji}^2 \int_0^1 Df_j(s + \tau e_j) d\tau + q_i \Gamma \right) \\ & + \left( \sum_{j=1}^N g_{ji}^2 \int_0^1 Df_j(s + \tau e_j) d\tau + q_i \Gamma \right)^T P_i(t) + \alpha_i I \prec 0, \\ & \sum_{j=1}^N \|g_{jk} g_{ji}\| \left\| \left( \int_0^1 Df_j(s + \tau e_j) d\tau - \Pi_{ik} \right) \right\| \leq \delta_{ik}, \end{aligned}$$

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## Structure assignment

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$$\begin{aligned} 2 \sum_{k=2}^N \delta_{1k} \epsilon_{1k}^{-1} &\leq \alpha_1, \\ 2 \sum_{k=i+1}^N \delta_{ik} \epsilon_{ik}^{-1} + 2 \sum_{l=1}^{i-1} \delta_{li} \epsilon_{li} &\leq \alpha_i, 2 \leq i \leq N-1, \text{ if } N \geq 3, \\ 2 \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} \delta_{kN} \epsilon_{kN} &\leq \alpha_N. \end{aligned}$$

If  $\frac{1}{c} G \text{diag}\{q_1, \dots, q_N\} G^T - A \in \mathcal{B}$ , then the globally synchronization is achieved by the controller (17) with  $B = \frac{1}{c} G \text{diag}\{q_1, \dots, q_N\} G^T - A$ .

# CONTROL DESIGN

## Optimization formulation

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### Optimization formulation

Dynamical network model:

$$\dot{x}_i(t) = f(x_i(t)) + c \sum_{j=1}^N a_{ij} \Gamma x_j(t), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, N, \quad (18)$$

$A \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$ : 0-1 symmetric and irreducible

$$a_{ii} = - \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^N a_{ij} = - \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^N a_{ji}. \quad (19)$$

**Assumption.** The equilibrium point  $x_e = 0$  of the system

$$\dot{x}(t) = Df(s(t))x(t)$$

is exponentially stable.

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## Optimization formulation

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### Graph theory

- An undirected graph  $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$  consists of  $\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{V}(x_i)_{i=1}^N$  and  $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{E}(\bar{e}_i)_{i=1}^M$ ;
- The incidence matrix  $H = (h_1, h_2, \dots, h_M) \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times M}$  is a matrix where  $h_i \in \mathbb{R}^N$  with  $h_{i_k} = 1$ ,  $h_{i_l} = -1$  and all other entries 0 if the link  $\bar{e}_i \in \mathcal{E}$  between nodes  $k$  and  $l$ ;
- The Laplacian matrix  $L$  is the  $N \times N$  matrix

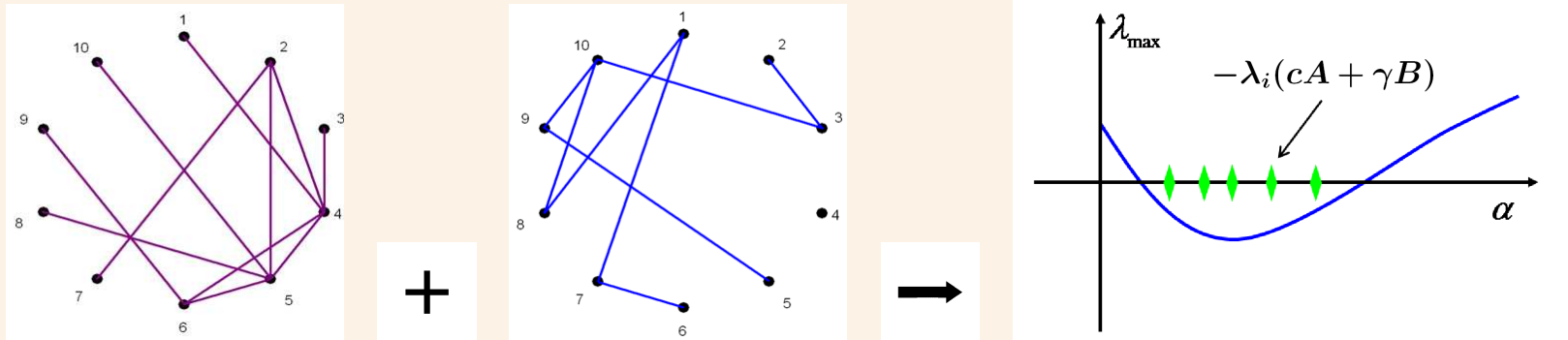
$$L = HH^\top = \sum_{i=1}^M h_i h_i^\top = -A; \quad (20)$$

- The complement of  $\mathcal{G}$  denoted by  $\mathcal{G}^c$  consists of  $\mathcal{V}$  and  $\mathcal{E}^c = \mathcal{E}^c(\bar{e}_i^c)_{i=1}^{M^c}$  with  $M^c = \frac{N(N-1)}{2} - M$ .

# CONTROL DESIGN

## Optimization formulation

### Basic idea



Network controller:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} u_i = \gamma \sum_{j=1}^N b_{ij} \Gamma x_j, \\ \gamma \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq N} b_{ij} \leq \bar{d}, \end{array} \right. \quad (21)$$

# CONTROL DESIGN

## Switching control

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### Switching network controllers

$$u_i^{\sigma(t)} = \gamma_{\sigma(t)} \sum_{j=1}^N b_{ij}^{\sigma(t)} \Gamma x_j, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, N, \quad (22)$$

- $u_i^{\sigma(t)} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ : the switching controller of node  $i$ ;
- switching signal  $\sigma(t) : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathcal{M} = \{1, \dots, m\}$
- $\gamma_k > 0$ : the control gain of  $u_k$ ;
- $B_k = (b_{ij}^k)_{(N \times N)}$ : the outer coupling matrix of  $u_k$ .

$\gamma_k$  and  $B_k$  satisfy the energy constraint (23) with  $\bar{d} > 0$ ,

$$\gamma_k \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq N} b_{ij}^k \leq \bar{d}. \quad (23)$$

# CONTROL DESIGN

## Switching control

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**Theorem.** Consider the unbounded sync region  $S = [\alpha_1, \infty)$ . For a given candidate controller set  $\mathcal{U}$ , if the solution  $\lambda_2^*$  of the convex optimization (24) satisfies  $\lambda_2^* \leq -\alpha_1$ , then the synchronization of the network (18) is achieved under the switching law (25).

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \lambda_2(cA + \sum_{k=1}^m \theta_k \gamma_k B_k) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \sum_{k=1}^m \theta_k = 1 \\ & \theta_k \in [0, 1], \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, m \end{aligned} \tag{24}$$



# CONTROL DESIGN

## Switching control

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Switching law

$$\sigma(t) = k, \text{ if } (t, e) \in \Omega_k, \quad (25)$$

where

$$\Omega_k = \{(t, e) | e^\top (\dot{P} + (I_N \otimes Df(s(t)) + A_k \otimes \Gamma)^\top P + P(I_N \otimes Df(s(t)) + A_k \otimes \Gamma))e < 0\} \quad (26)$$

and

$$\dot{P}_i + (Df(s(t)) + \lambda_i \Gamma)^\top P_i + P_i (Df(s(t)) + \lambda_i \Gamma) < 0$$

$$P = (\Phi \otimes I_n) \bar{P} (\Phi^\top \otimes I_n) \text{ and } \bar{P} = \text{diag}\{P_1, P_2, \dots, P_N\}$$

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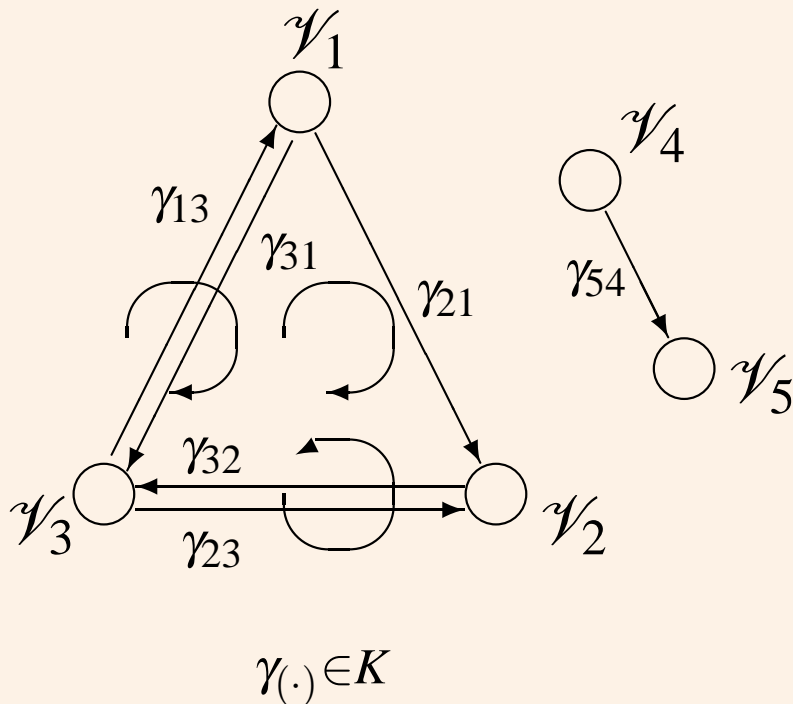
# OTHER WORK AND IDEAS

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- Small-gain theory (TFLiu, Hill and Jiang, CDC 2009)
- Passivity approach (Arcak, IEEE TAC 2007)
- Time-delays (TLiu, Hill and Zhao, submitted to NOLCOS)
- Switched networks (Zhao and Hill, Automatica, 2009)
- Impulsive network control (BLiu and Hill, CDC 2008)
- Mean-field control (Caines, CDC 2009)
- Tractability (Swigart and Lall, CDC 2009)

# Small-gain theory

**Theorem** (Lyapunov-ISS cyclic-small-gain) The dynamical network is ISS, if the composition of the Lyapunov-ISS gains along every cycle is less than Id.



$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_{13} \circ \gamma_{31} &< \text{Id} \\ \gamma_{23} \circ \gamma_{32} &< \text{Id} \\ \gamma_{12} \circ \gamma_{23} \circ \gamma_{31} &< \text{Id} \end{aligned}$$

Ref: T.Liu, D.J.Hill and Z-P.Jiang, CDC 2009

# CONCLUSIONS

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- Feedback networks with non-id nodes model engineering systems
- Stability theory
- Control synthesis and design
- Scaling to large systems - bring in computer scientists?

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Thank you