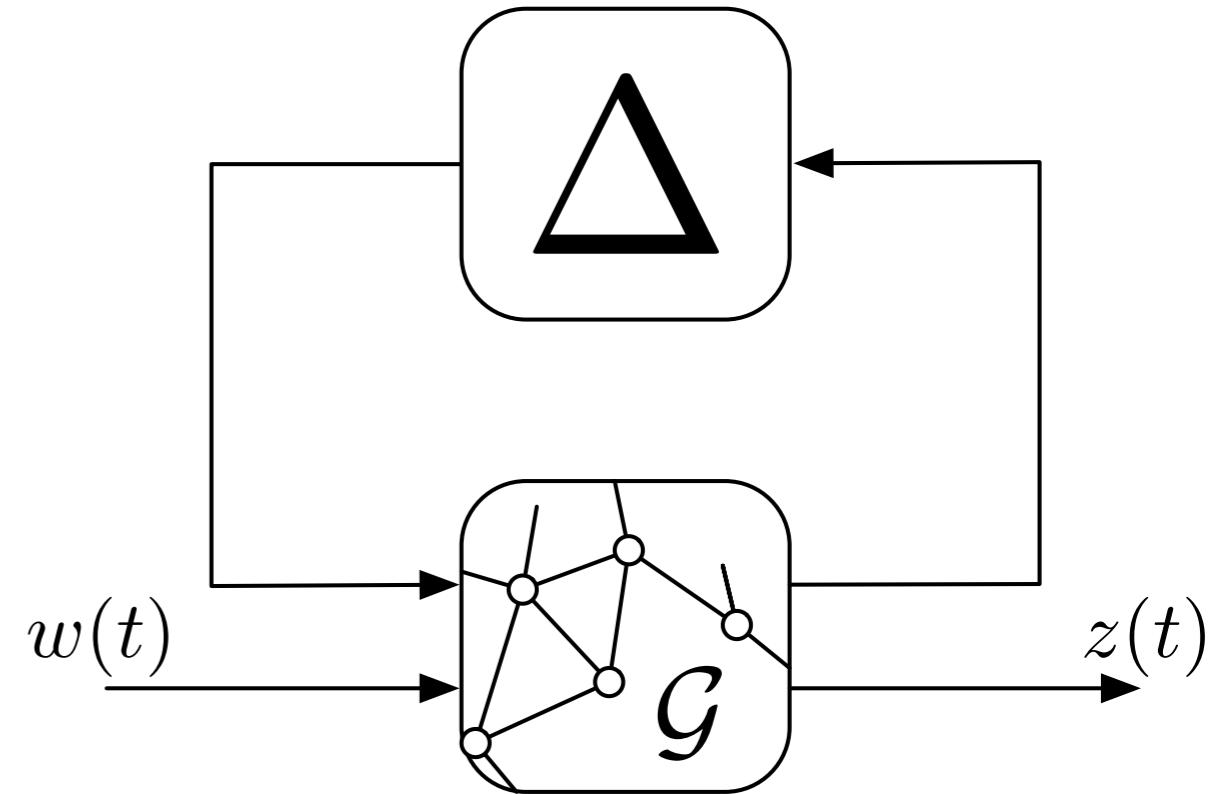


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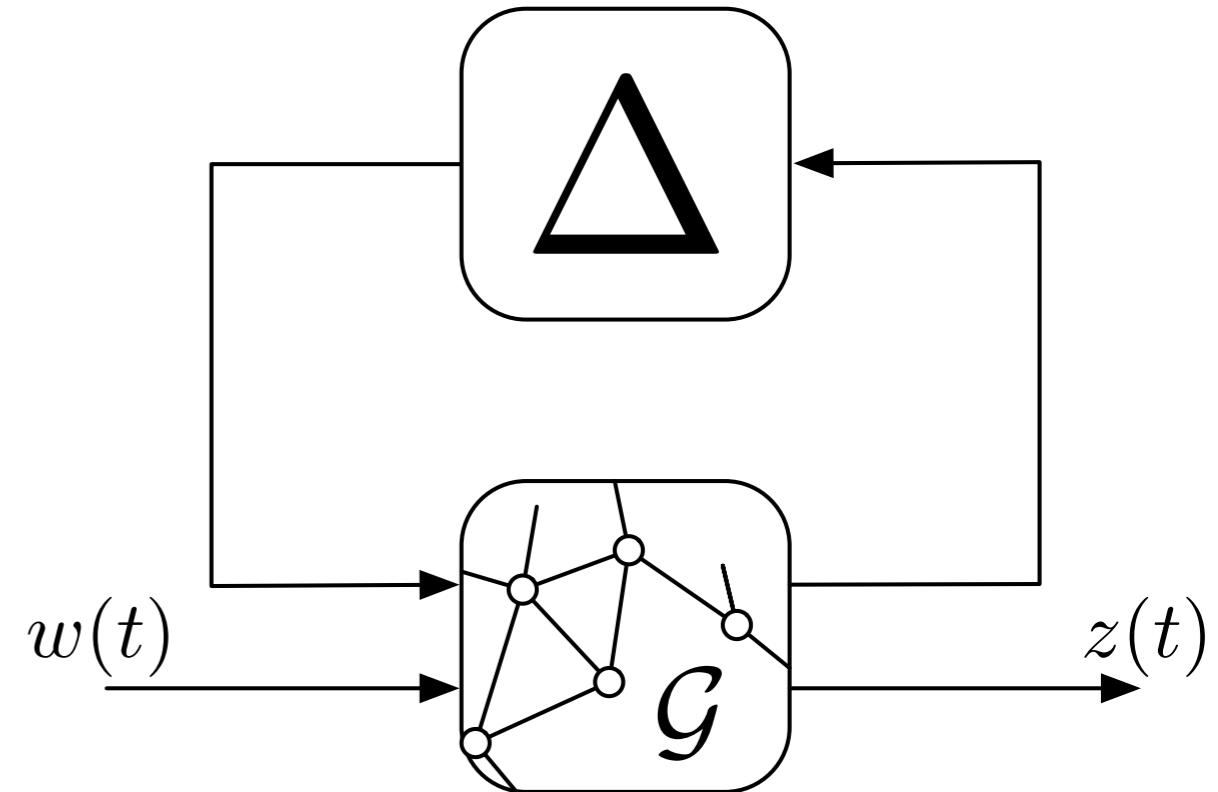


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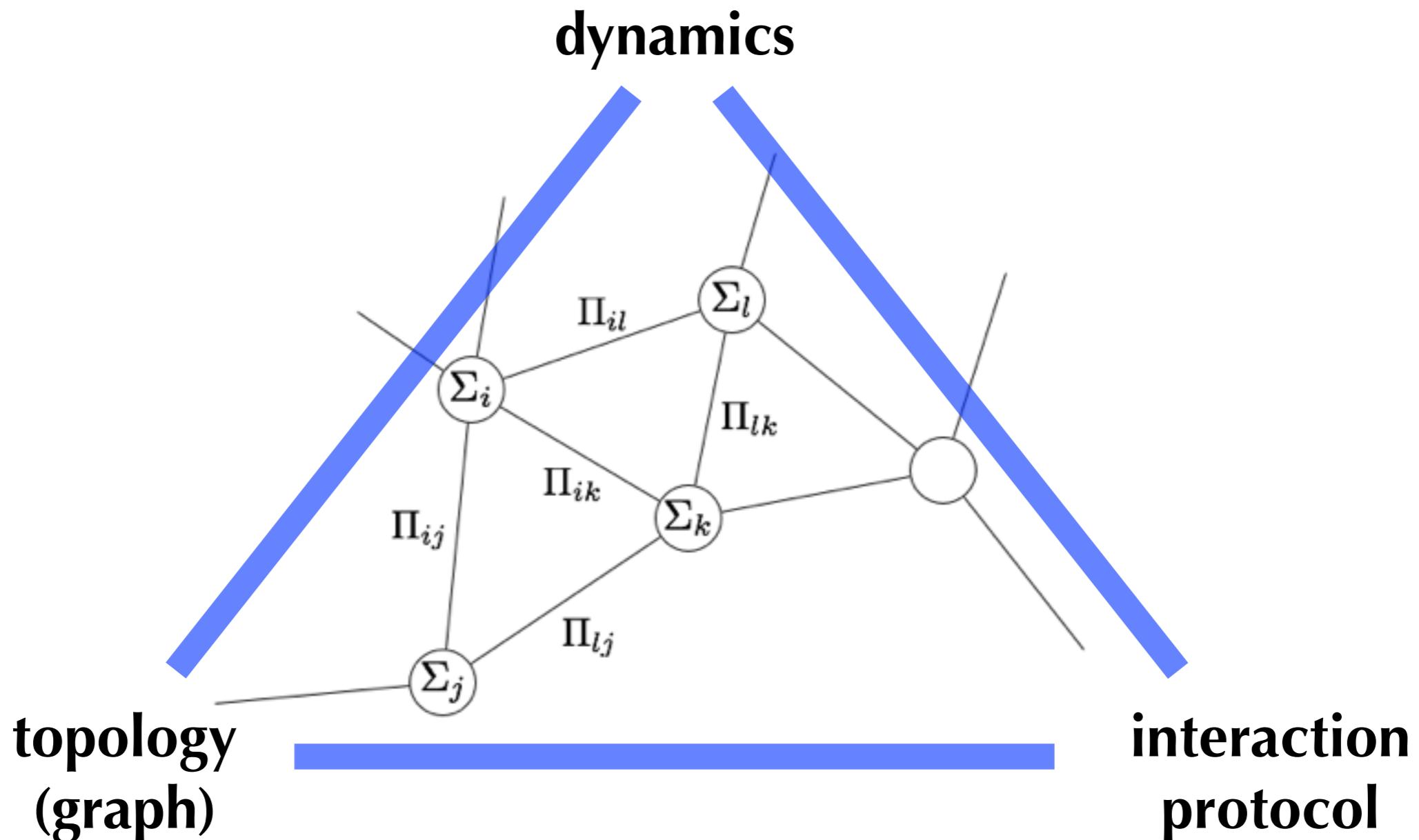


**networks of dynamical systems are one of  
*the enabling technologies of the future***

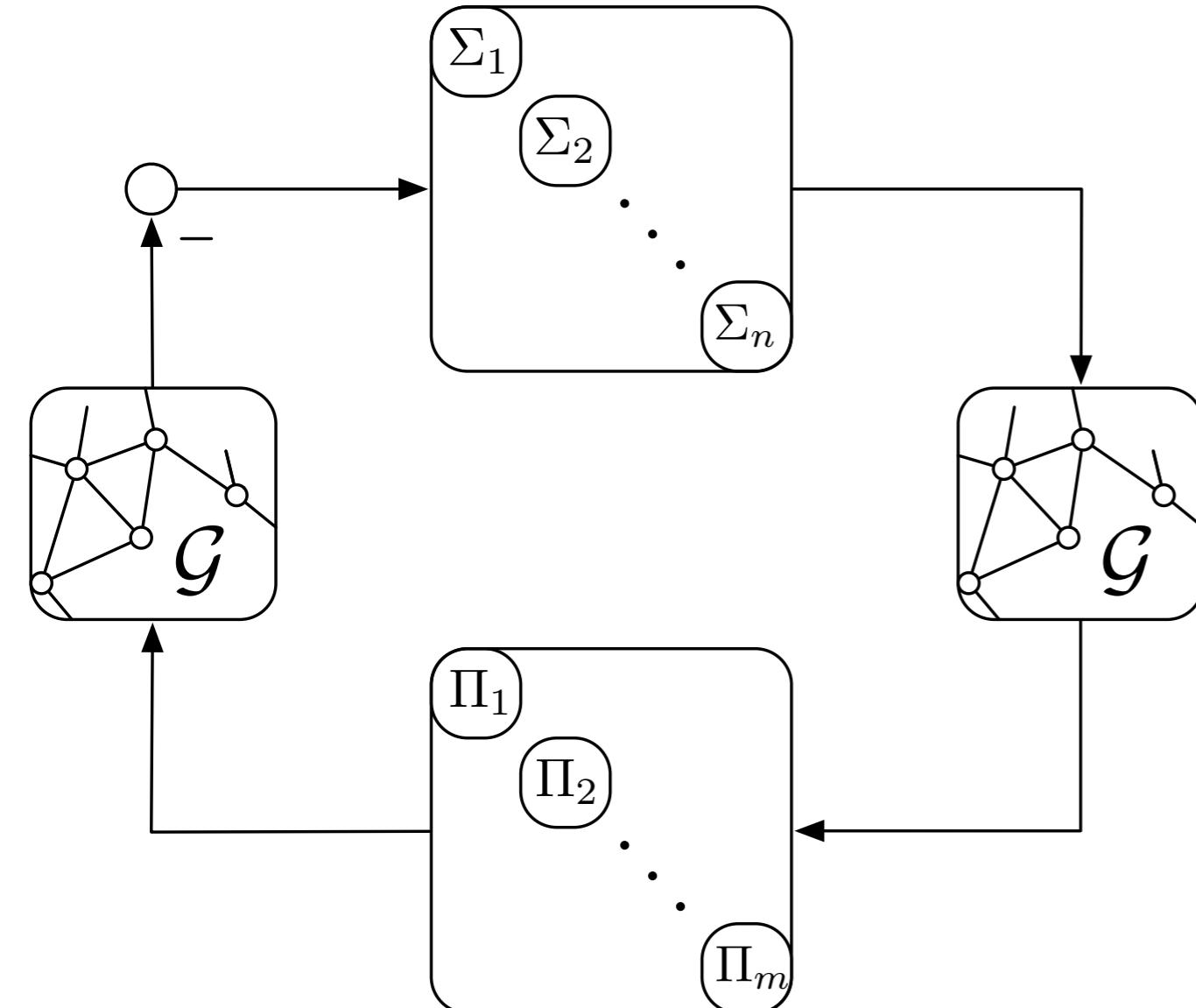


# Networked Dynamic Systems

$$\dot{x}_i(t) = f_i(x_i(t), u_i(t))$$



# Diffusively Coupled Networks



Kumamoto Model

$$\dot{\theta}_i = -k \sum_{i \sim j} \sin(\theta_i - \theta_j)$$

Traffic Dynamics Model

$$\dot{v}_i = \kappa_i \left( V_i^0 - v_i + V_i^1 \sum_{i \sim j} \tanh(p_j - p_i) \right)$$

Neural Network

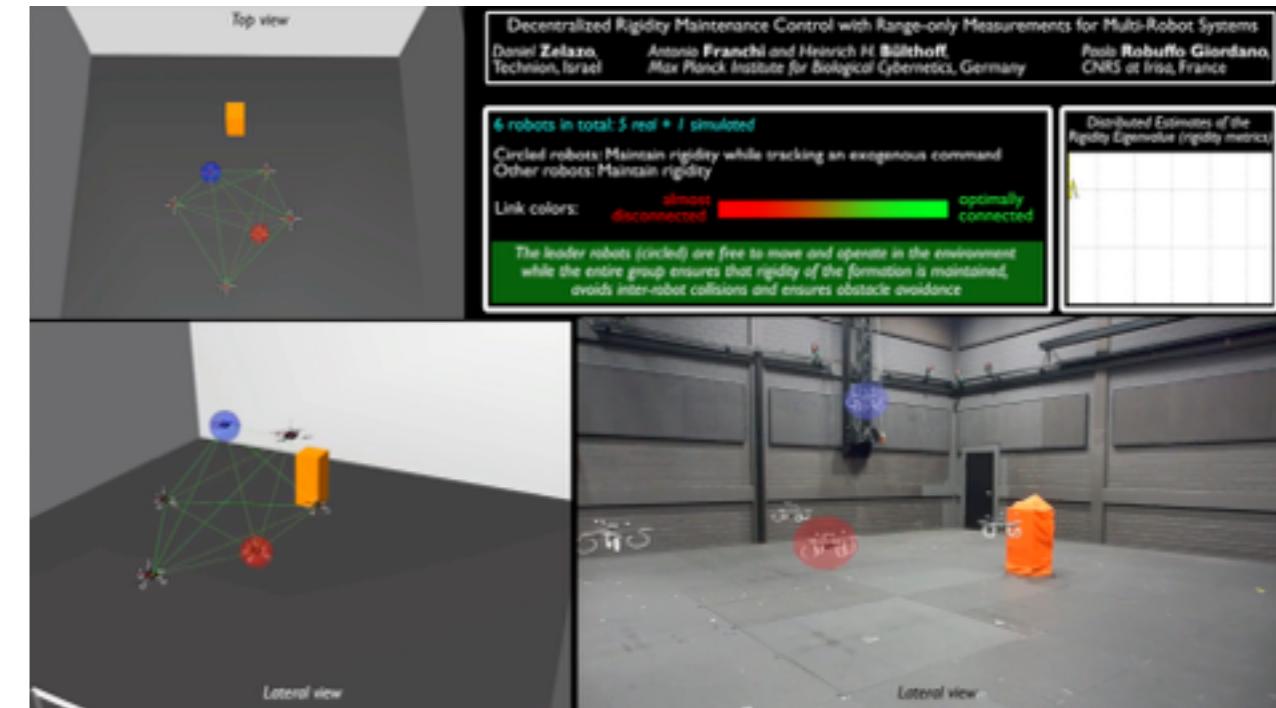
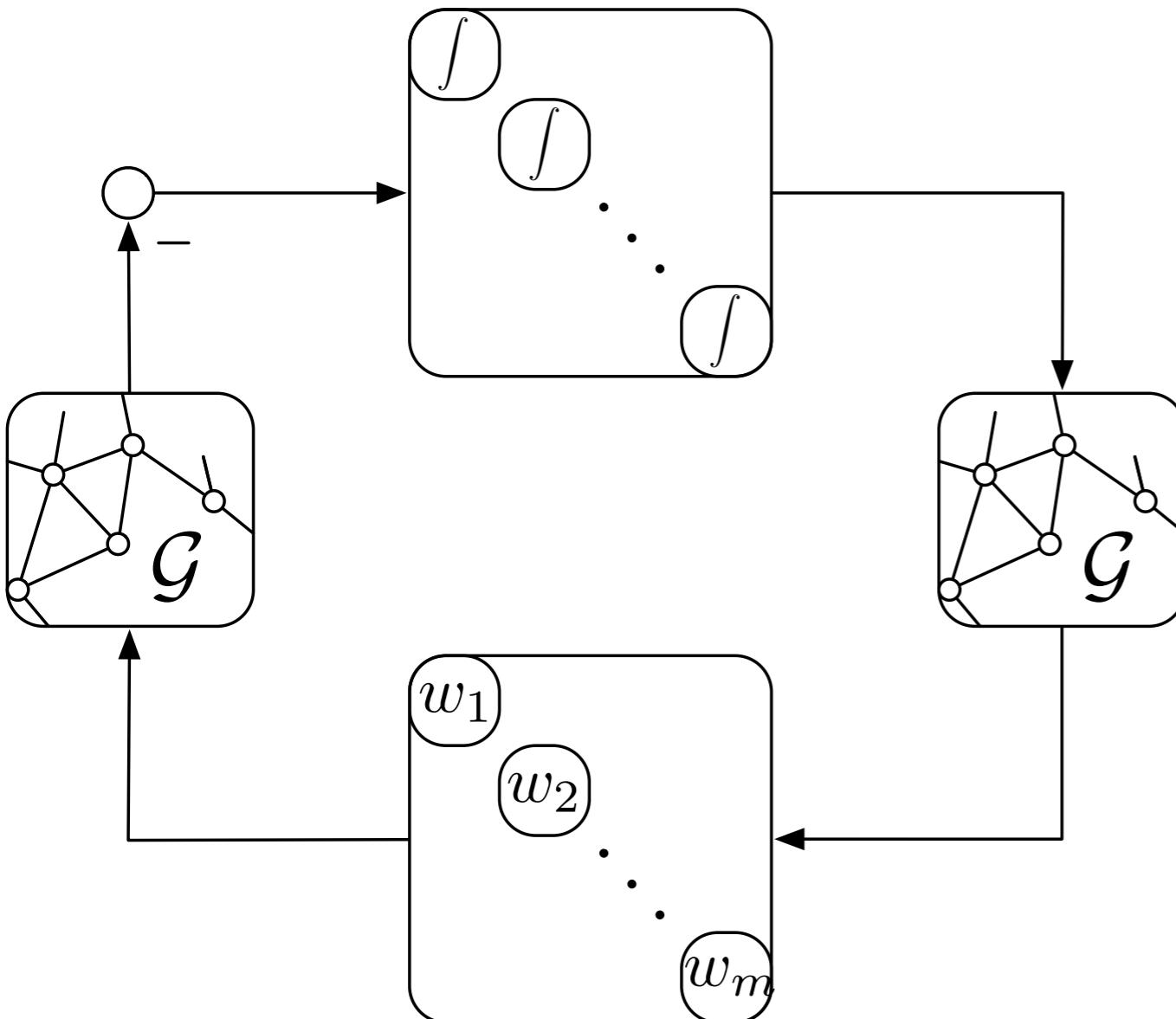
$$\begin{aligned} C\dot{V}_i &= f(V_i, h_i) + \sum_{i \sim j} g_{ij}(V_j - V_i) \\ \dot{h}_i &= g(V_i, h_i) \end{aligned}$$



# Diffusively Coupled Networks

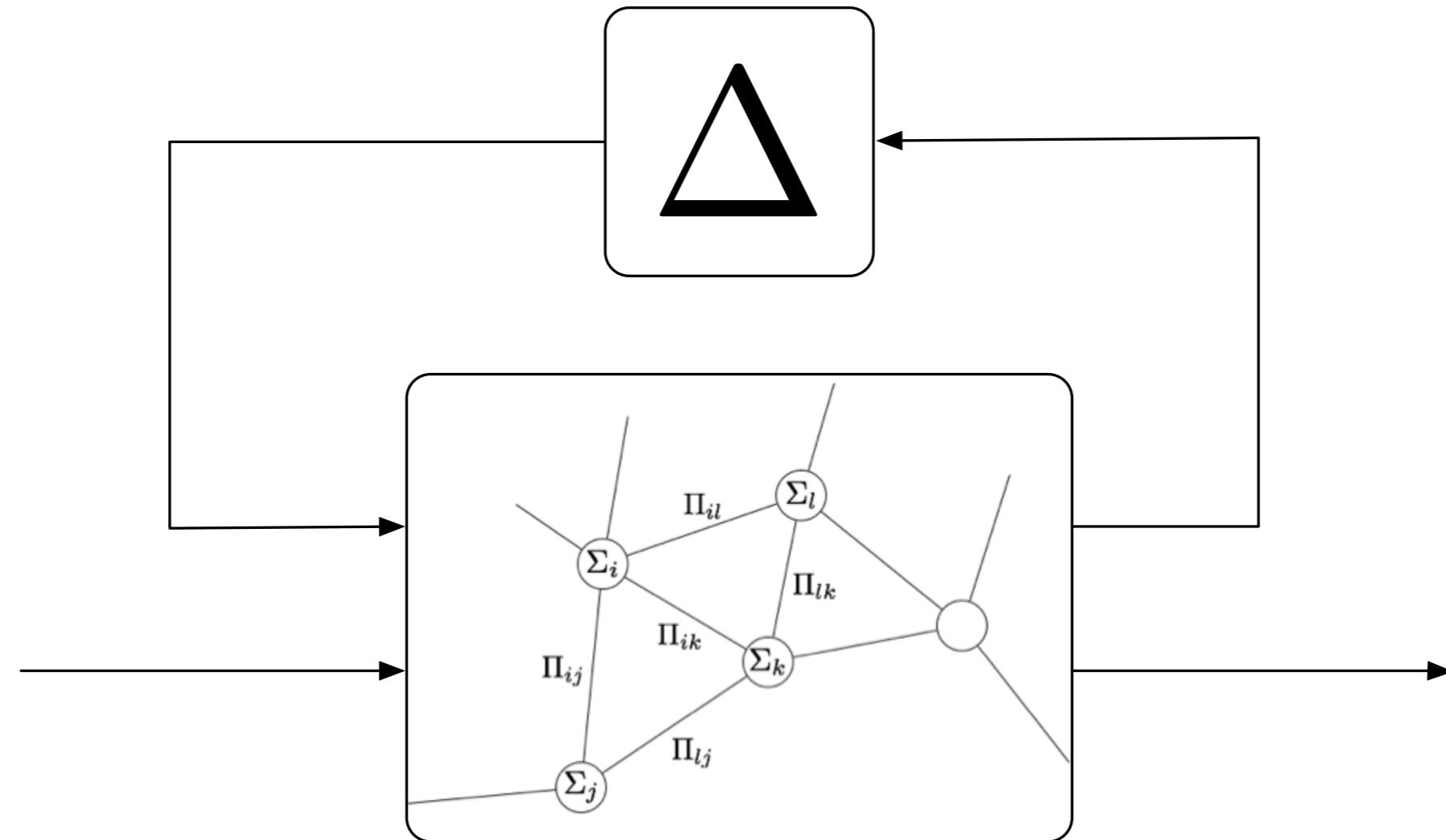
## Consensus Protocol

$$\dot{x}_i = \sum_{j \sim i} w_{ij} (x_j - x_i)$$



# Networked Dynamic Systems

What about robustness?



**what is the right way to approach  
robustness of networked dynamic systems?**

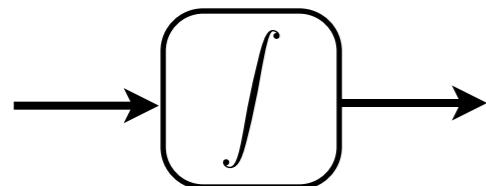


# The Consensus Protocol

The consensus protocol is a *distributed and dynamic protocol* used for computing the average of a set of numbers.

## Agent Dynamics

$$\dot{x}_i(t) = u_i(t)$$



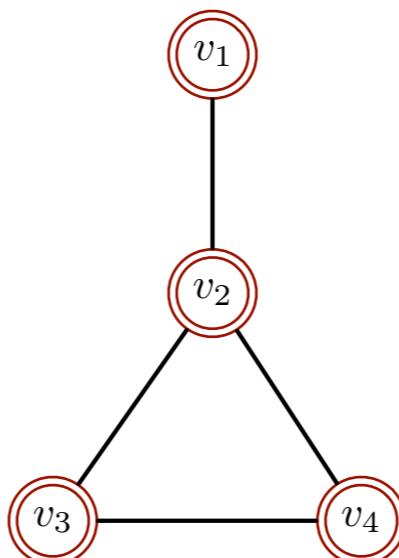
## Information Exchange Network

$$\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{W})$$

$$\mathcal{W} : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

Incidence Matrix

$$E(\mathcal{G}) \in \mathbb{R}^{|\mathcal{V}| \times |\mathcal{E}|}$$

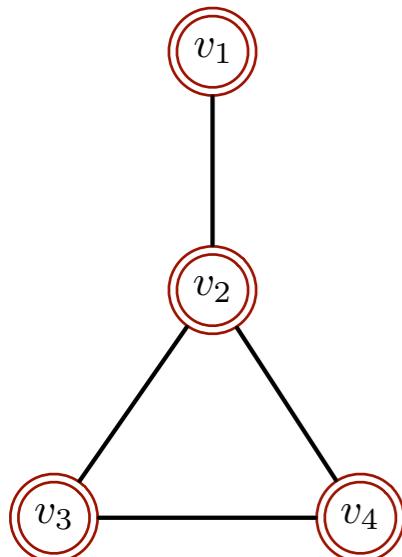


$$E(\mathcal{G}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$



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## Consensus Protocol

$$u_i(t) = \sum_{i \sim j} w_{ij}(x_j(t) - x_i(t))$$

$$\dot{x}(t) = -L(\mathcal{G})x(t)$$

## Laplacian Matrix

- $L(\mathcal{G}) \in \mathbb{R}^{|\mathcal{V}| \times |\mathcal{V}|}$
- $L(\mathcal{G}) = E(\mathcal{G})W E(\mathcal{G})^T$
- $L(\mathcal{G})\mathbb{1} = 0$

$$e = (v_i, v_j) \in \mathcal{E}$$

$$\mathcal{W}(e) = w_{ij} = [W]_{ee}$$



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**Theorem** | Let  $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{W})$  be a weighted and connected graph with positive edge weights  $\mathcal{W}(k) > 0$  for  $k = 1, \dots, |\mathcal{E}|$ . Then the consensus dynamics synchronizes; i.e.,  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x_i(t) = \beta$  for  $i = 1, \dots, |\mathcal{V}|$ .

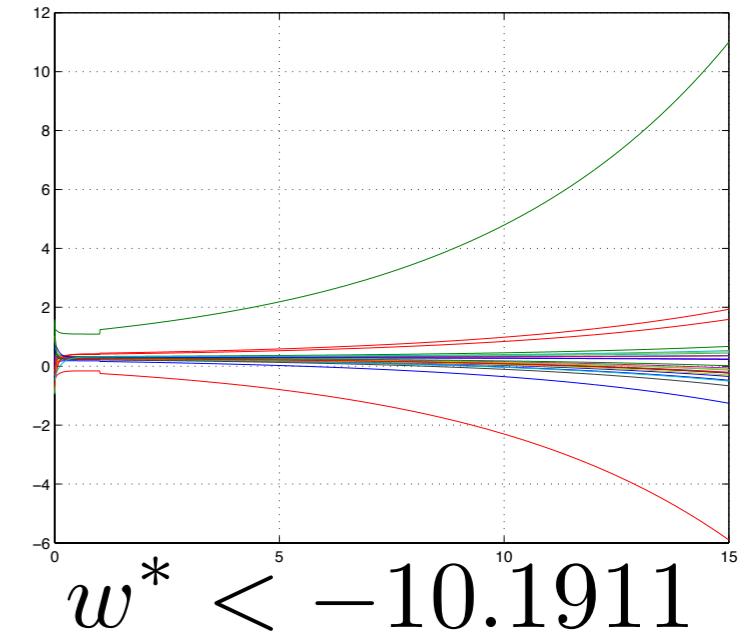
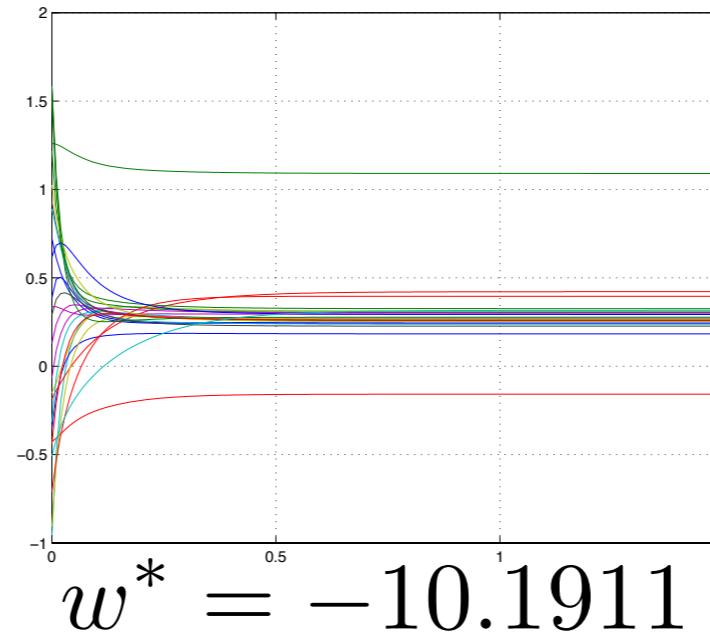
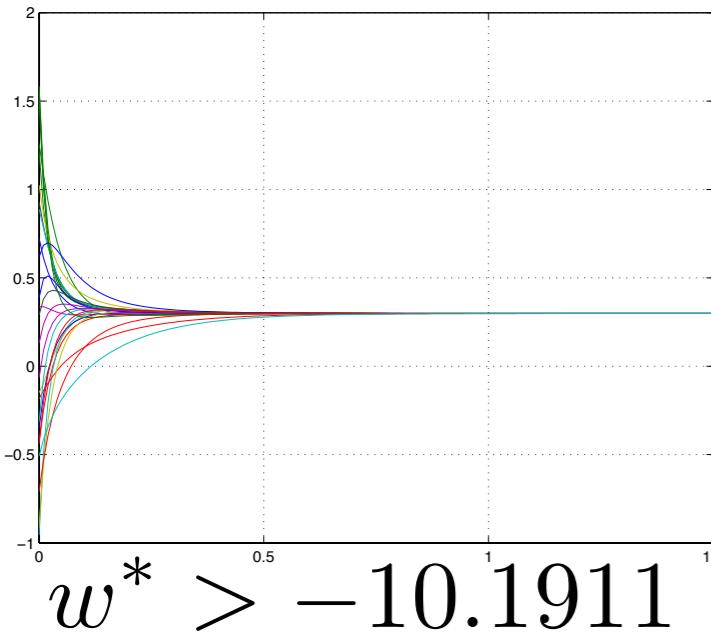
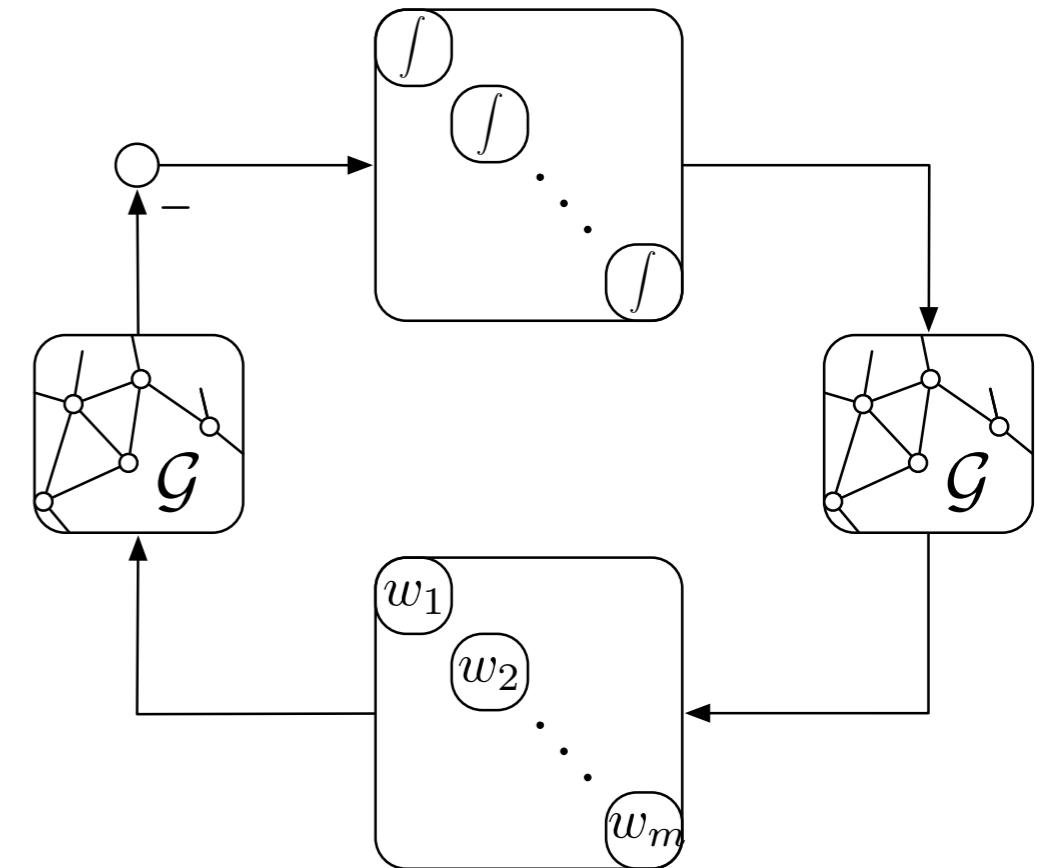
Mesbahi & Egerstedt, Olfati-Saber, Ren

# Robustness in Consensus Networks

## The Linear Weighted Consensus Protocol

$$\dot{x}_i(t) = \sum_{i \sim j} w_{ij}(x_j(t) - x_i(t))$$

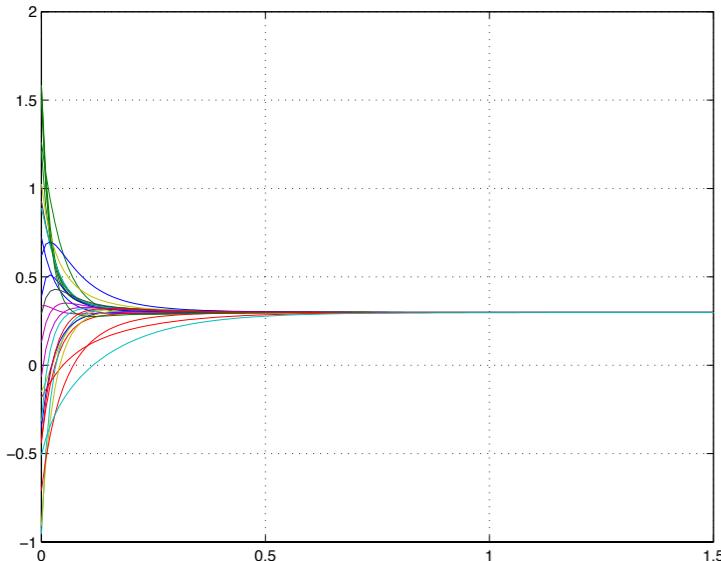
$\mathcal{G}$  25 nodes  
98 edges



# Synchronization and the Laplacian

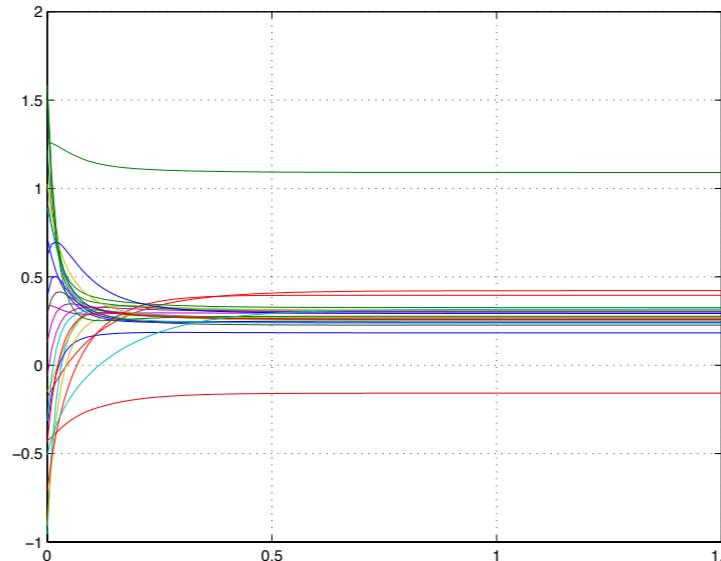
$$x(t) = e^{-L(\mathcal{G})t} x_0$$

$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = \beta \mathbb{1} \Leftrightarrow L(\mathcal{G})$  has only **one** eigenvalue at the origin



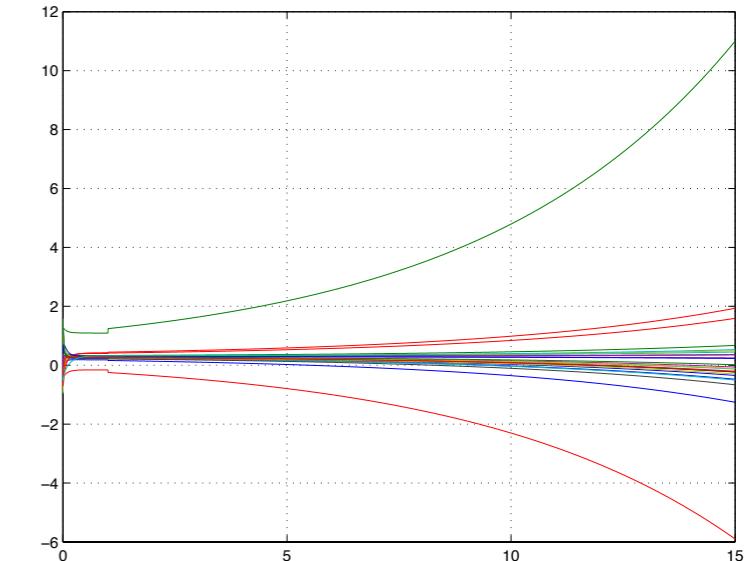
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$$L(\mathcal{G})$$

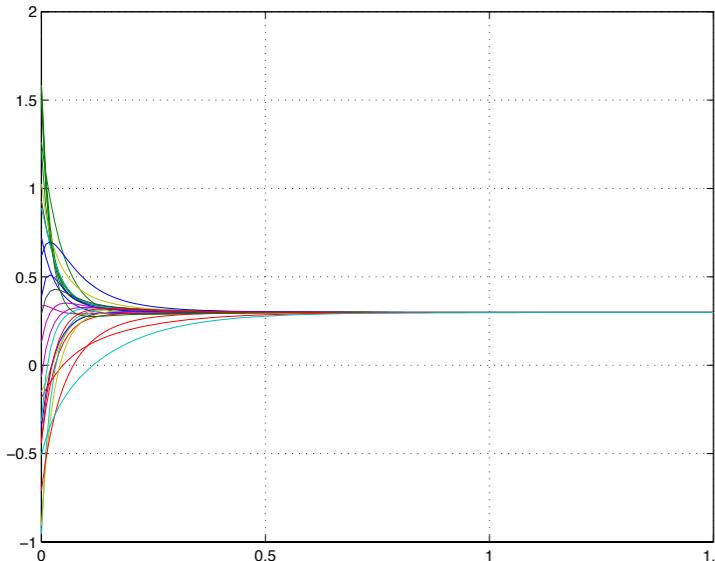
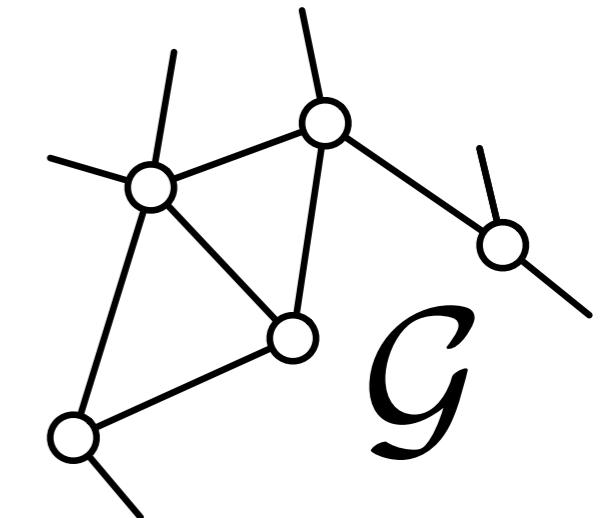
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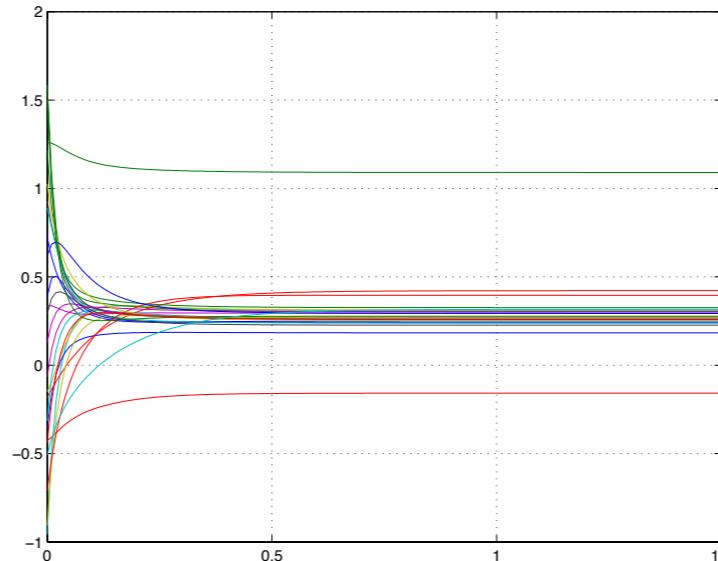
$$\dot{x}(t) = -L(\mathcal{G})x(t)$$

system behavior depends on  
the spectral properties of the  
graph Laplacian



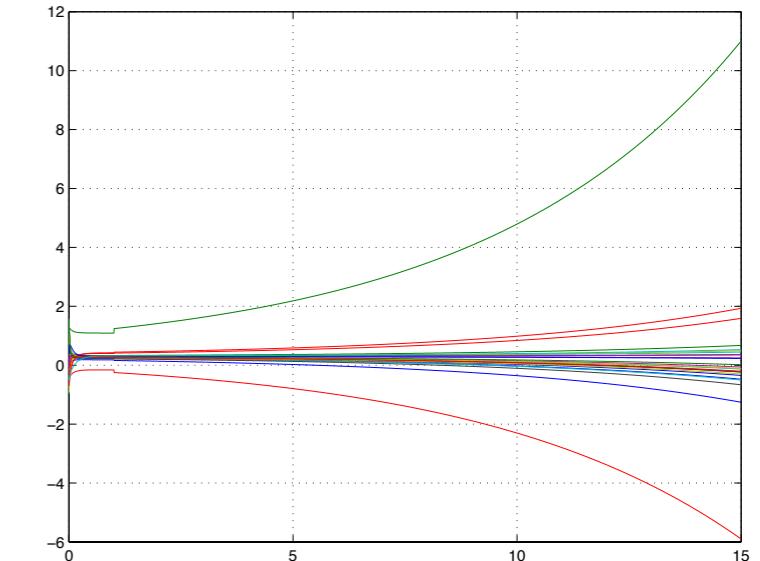
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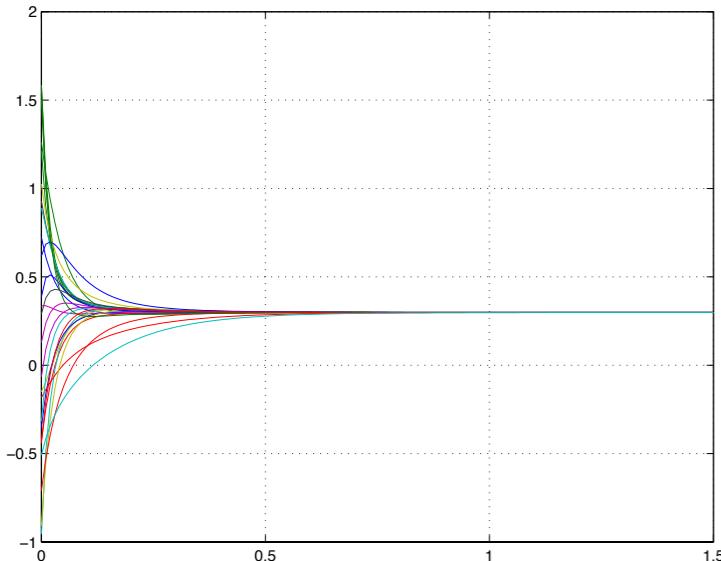
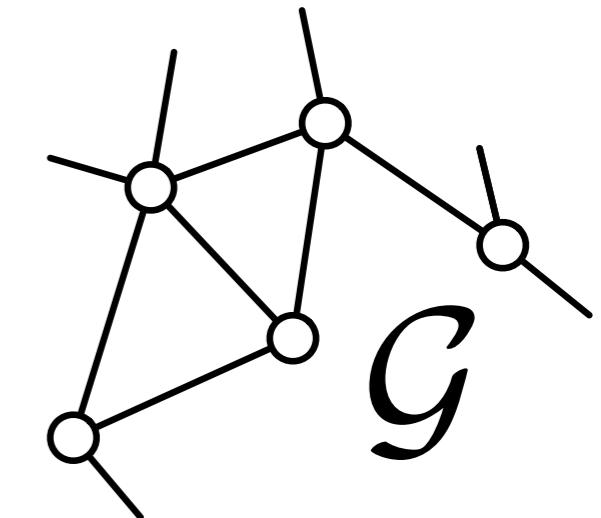
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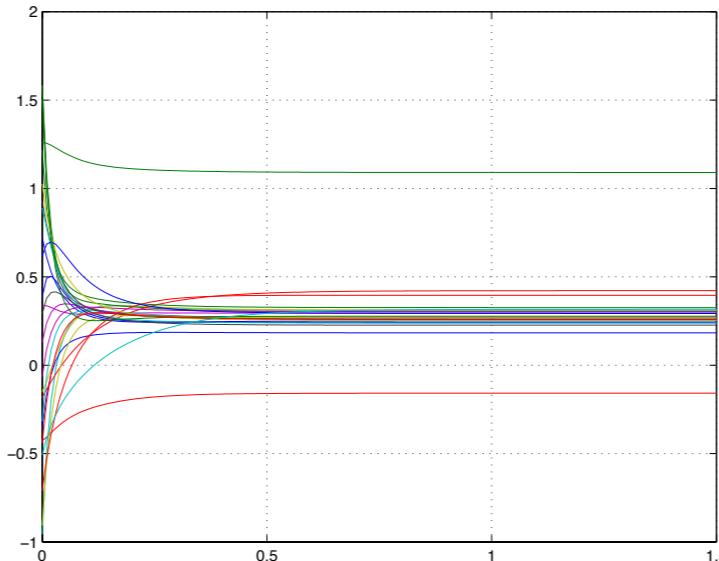
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can we understand spectral properties of the Laplacian from the structure of the graph?



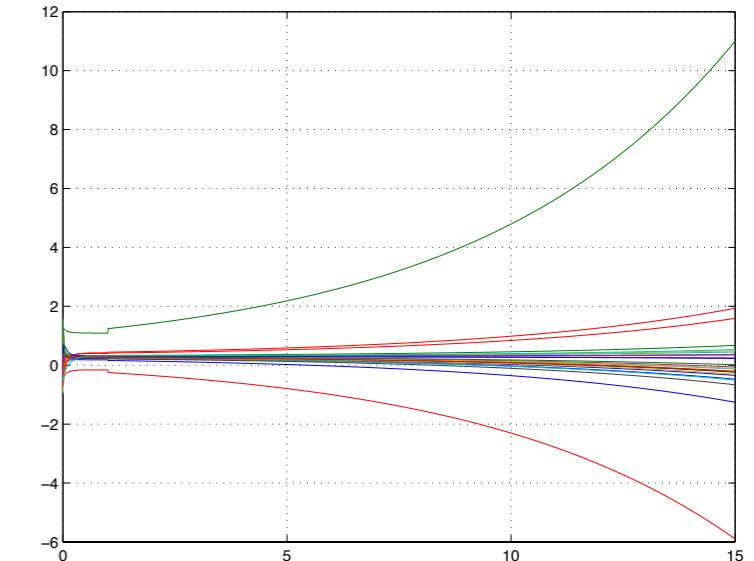
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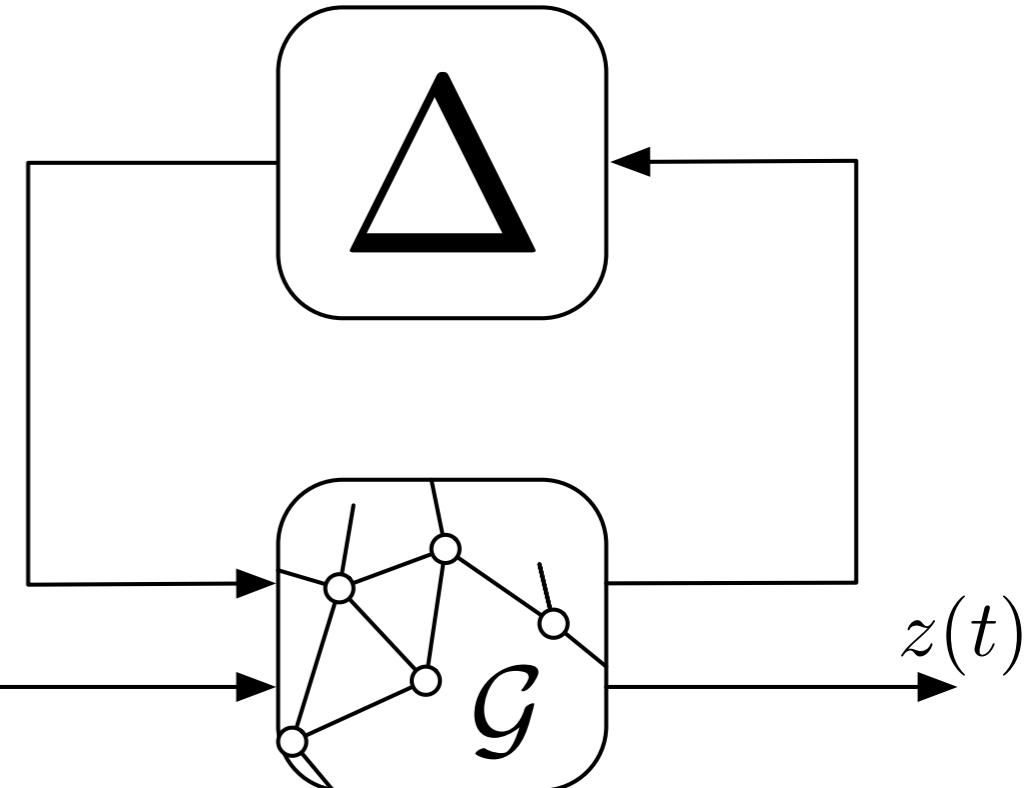
the *nominal* consensus protocol

$$\Sigma(\mathcal{G}) : \begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) &= -L(\mathcal{G})x(t) + w(t) \\ z(t) &= E(\mathcal{G}_o)^T x(t) \end{cases}$$

- assume finite-energy disturbances

$$w(t) \in \mathcal{L}_2^n[0, \infty)$$

- controlled variable are relative states  $w(t)$  over *any* graph of interest



*additive uncertainty* in the edge weights

$$\Delta = \{\Delta : \Delta = \text{diag}\{\delta_1, \dots, \delta_{|\mathcal{E}_\Delta|}\}, \|\Delta\| \leq \bar{\delta}\}$$

$$\Sigma(\mathcal{G}, \Delta) : \begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) &= -E(\mathcal{G})(W + \Delta)E(\mathcal{G})^T x(t) + w(t) \\ z(t) &= E(\mathcal{G}_o)^T x(t) \end{cases}$$



# The Uncertain Consensus Protocol

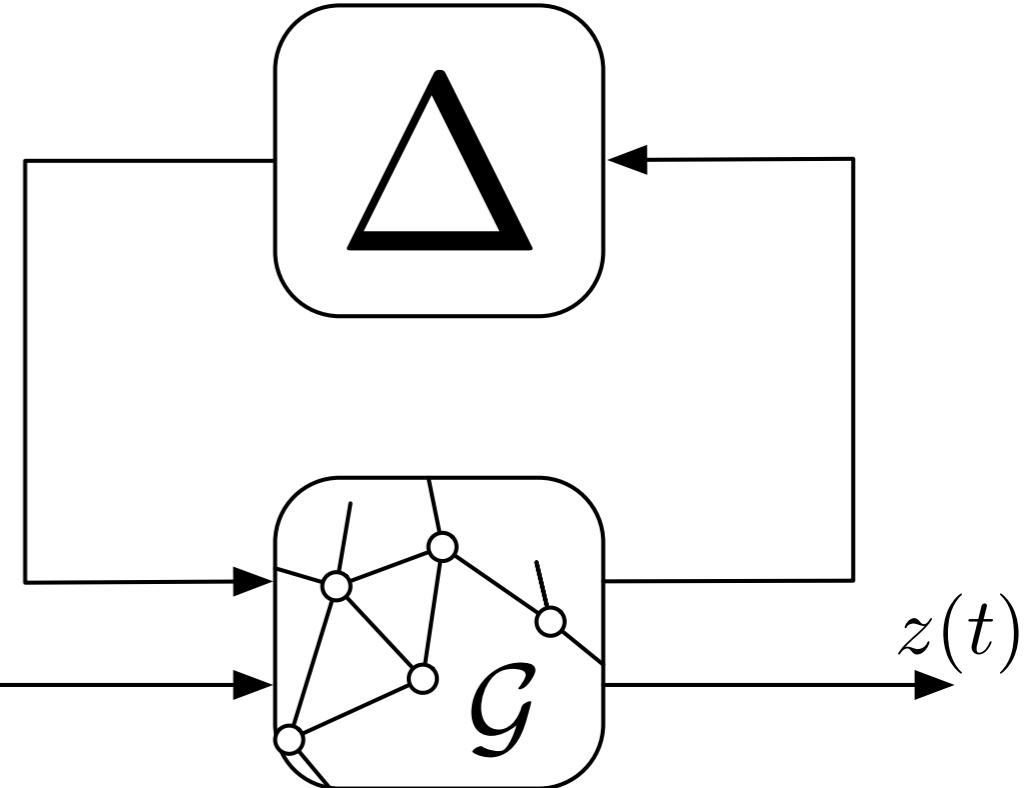
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*sector-bounded non-linearities* in the edge weights

$$\Phi(y) = [\phi_1(y_1) \cdots \phi_{|\mathcal{E}_\Delta|}(y_{|\mathcal{E}_\Delta|})] \quad \alpha_i u_i^2 \leq u_i \phi_i(y_i) \leq \beta_i u_i^2$$

$$\Sigma(\mathcal{G}, \Phi) : \begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) &= -L(\mathcal{G})x(t) - E(G_\Delta)\Phi(E(G_\Delta)^T x(t)) + w(t) \\ z(t) &= E(\mathcal{G}_o)^T x(t) \end{cases}$$

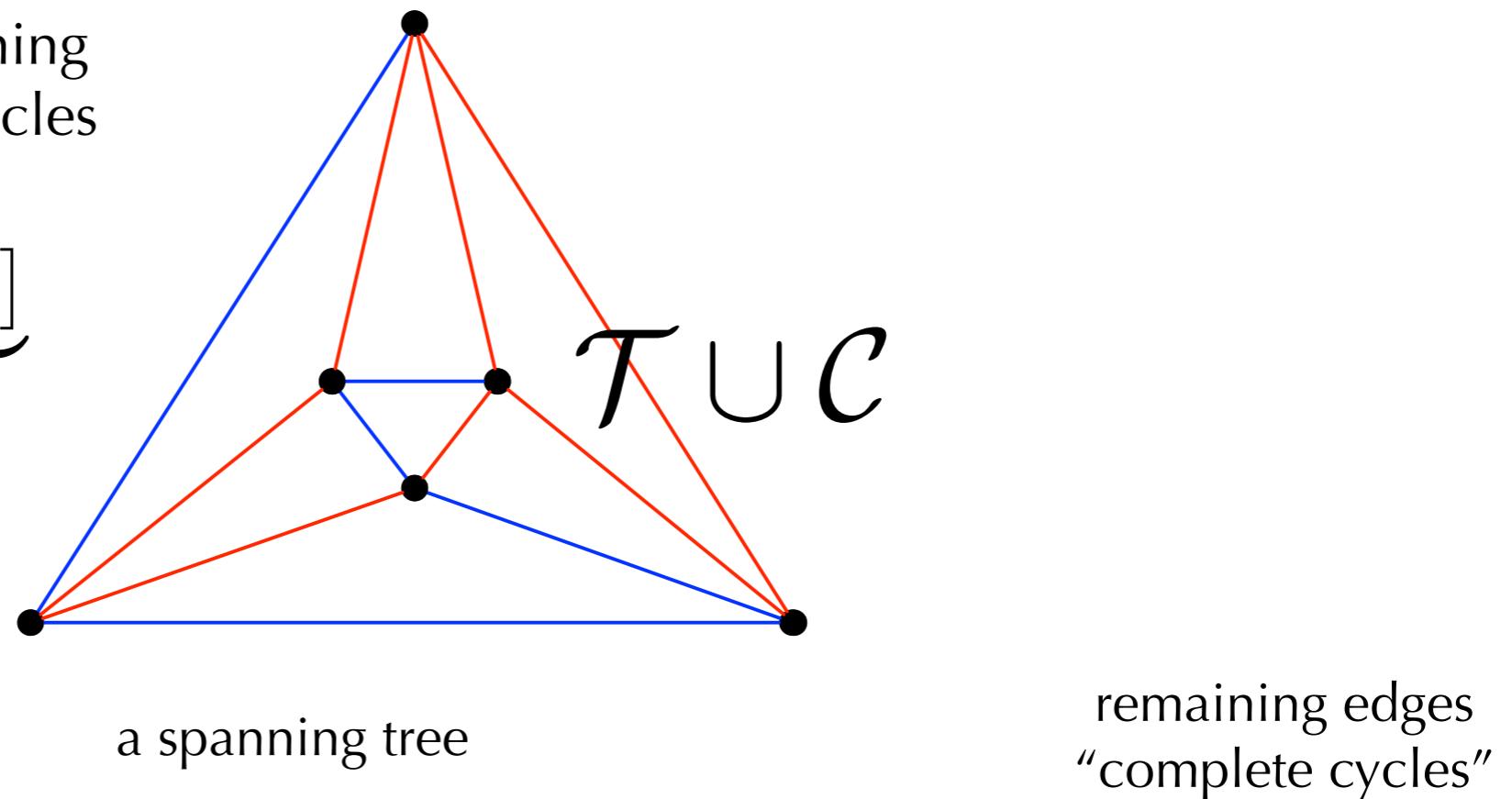


# Spanning Trees and Cycles

A graph as the union of a spanning tree and edges that complete cycles

$$E(\mathcal{G}) = E(\mathcal{T}) \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} I & T_{(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{C})} \\ & \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathcal{R}_{(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{C})}}$$

$$T_{(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{C})} = \underbrace{(E_{\mathcal{T}}^T E_{\mathcal{T}})^{-1} E_{\mathcal{T}}^T}_{E_{\mathcal{T}}^L} E(\mathcal{C})$$



## Weighted Edge Laplacian

$$L_e(\mathcal{G}) = W^{\frac{1}{2}} E(\mathcal{G})^T E(\mathcal{G}) W^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$\mathcal{R}_{(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{C})}$  rows form a basis for the  
*cut space* of the graph

## Essential Edge Laplacian

$$L_e(\mathcal{T}) R_{(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{C})} W R_{(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{C})}^T := L_{ess}(\mathcal{G})$$

$$L(\mathcal{G}) \xrightleftharpoons{\text{similarity between edge and graph Laplacians}} L_e(\mathcal{G})$$



# The Edge Agreement

the *uncertain linear edge agreement*

$$\Sigma_{\mathcal{F}}(\mathcal{G}, \Delta)$$

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_{\mathcal{F}} = -L_e(\mathcal{F})R_{(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{C})}(W + P\Delta P^T)R_{(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{C})}^T x_{\mathcal{F}} + E_{\mathcal{F}}^T w \\ z = E(\mathcal{G}_o)^T (E_{\mathcal{F}}^L)^T x_{\mathcal{F}} \end{cases}$$

- a *minimal* realization of consensus network
- $z(t) \in \mathcal{L}_2^m[0, \infty)$ .

the *uncertain non-linear edge agreement*

$$\Sigma_{\mathcal{F}}(\mathcal{G}, \Phi)$$

sector-bounded nonlinear couplings

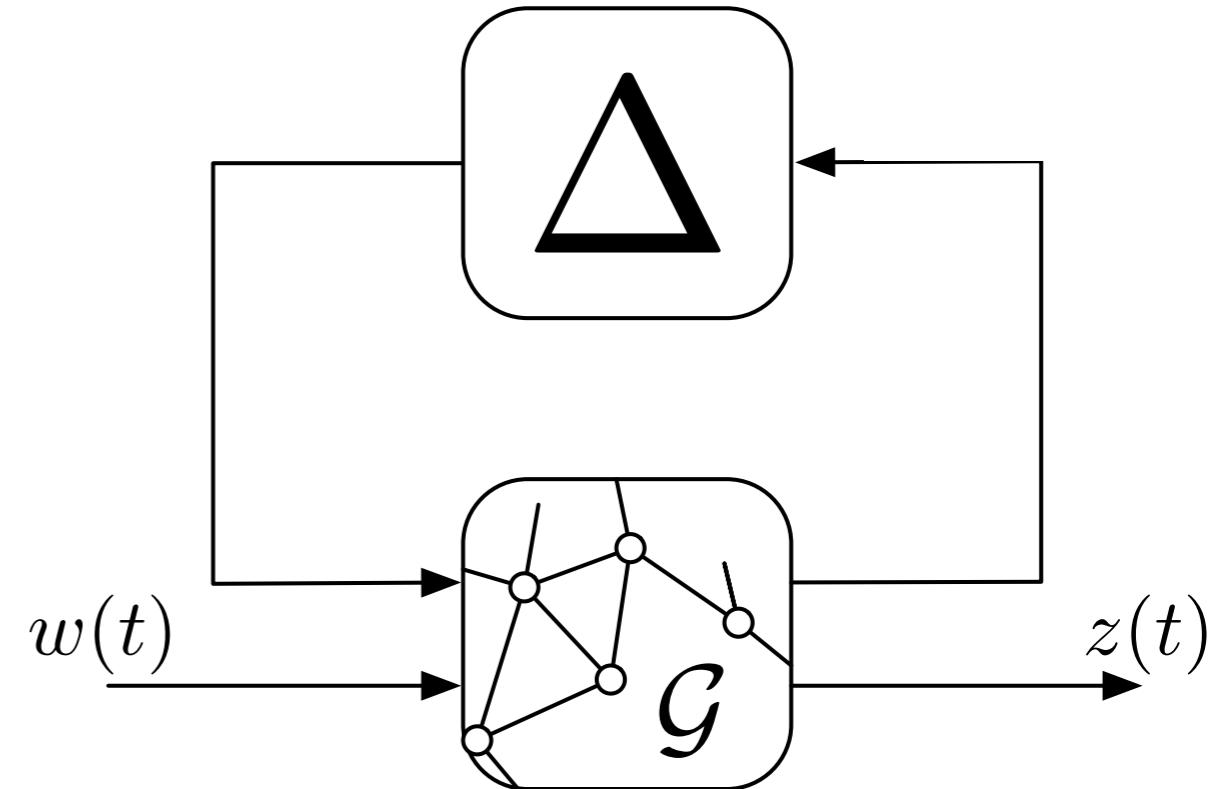
$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_{\mathcal{F}} = -L_{ess}(\mathcal{F})x_{\mathcal{F}} - L_e(\mathcal{F})R_{(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{C})}P(\Phi(P^T R_{(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{C})}^T x_{\mathcal{F}})) + E_{\mathcal{F}}^T w \\ z = E(\mathcal{G}_o)^T (E_{\mathcal{F}}^L)^T x_{\mathcal{F}} \end{cases}$$



# The Edge Agreement

What are the *robustness margins* or a consensus network with bounded additive perturbations to the edge weights?

- robust stability
- robust performance
- robust synthesis



$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_{\mathcal{F}} &= -L_e(\mathcal{F})R_{(\mathcal{F},c)}(W + P\Delta P^T)R_{(\mathcal{F},c)}^T x_{\mathcal{F}} + E_{\mathcal{F}}^T w \\ z &= E(\mathcal{G}_o)^T (E_{\mathcal{F}}^L)^T x_{\mathcal{F}} \end{cases}$$



# Some Properties of $L_e(\mathcal{G})$

**Proposition**    *The matrix  $L_e(\mathcal{T})R_{(\mathcal{T},\mathcal{C})}WR_{(\mathcal{T},\mathcal{C})}^T$  has the same inertia as  $R_{(\mathcal{T},\mathcal{C})}WR_{(\mathcal{T},\mathcal{C})}^T$ . Similarly, the matrix  $(L_e(\mathcal{T})R_{(\mathcal{T},\mathcal{C})}WR_{(\mathcal{T},\mathcal{C})}^T)^{-1}$  has the same inertia as  $(R_{(\mathcal{T},\mathcal{C})}WR_{(\mathcal{T},\mathcal{C})}^T)^{-1}$ .*

**Recall:** The *inertia* of a matrix is the number of negative, 0, and positive eigenvalues

**Proof:**

$$L_e(\mathcal{T})R_{(\mathcal{T},\mathcal{C})}WR_{(\mathcal{T},\mathcal{C})}^T \sim L_e(\mathcal{T})^{\frac{1}{2}} R_{(\mathcal{T},\mathcal{C})}WR_{(\mathcal{T},\mathcal{C})}^T L_e(\mathcal{T})^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$L_e(\mathcal{T})^{\frac{1}{2}} R_{(\mathcal{T},\mathcal{C})}WR_{(\mathcal{T},\mathcal{C})}^T L_e(\mathcal{T})^{\frac{1}{2}}$  is congruent to  $R_{(\mathcal{T},\mathcal{C})}WR_{(\mathcal{T},\mathcal{C})}^T$

congruent matrices have the same inertia



# Some Properties of $L_e(\mathcal{G})$

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Proposition

$$L(\mathcal{G}) \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow R_{(\mathcal{T},\mathcal{C})} W R_{(\mathcal{T},\mathcal{C})}^T \geq 0$$

The definiteness of the graph Laplacian can be studied through another matrix!

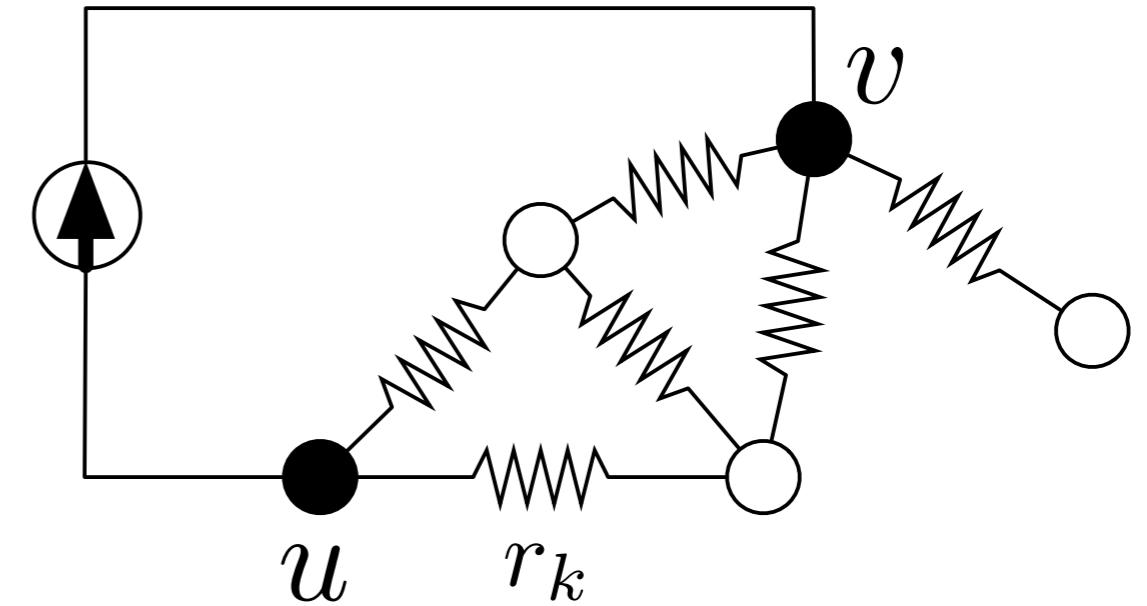
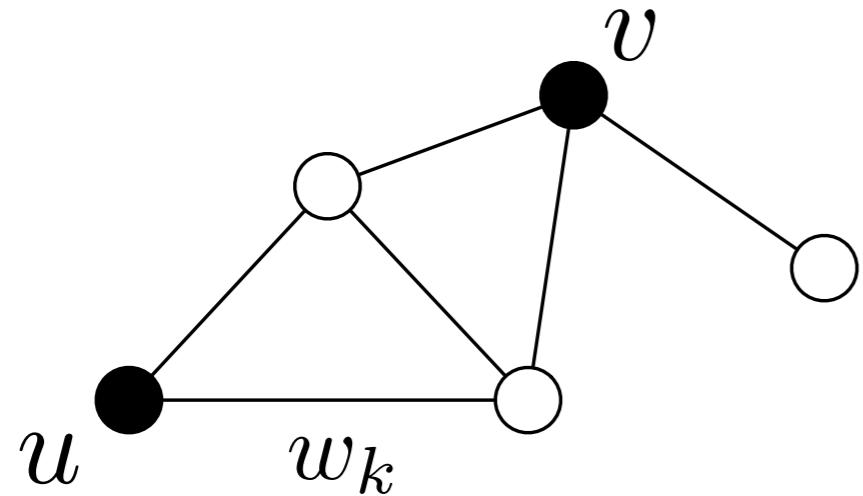
$$R_{(\mathcal{T},\mathcal{C})} W R_{(\mathcal{T},\mathcal{C})}^T$$

intimately related to the notion of **effective resistance** of a network



# Effective Resistance of a Graph

The **effective resistance** between two nodes  $u$  and  $v$  is the electrical resistance measured across the nodes when the graph represents an electrical circuit with each edge a resistor



$$r_k = \frac{1}{w_k} \text{ edge weights are the conductance of each resistor}$$

$$r_{uv} = (\mathbf{e}_u - \mathbf{e}_v)^T L^\dagger(\mathcal{G})(\mathbf{e}_u - \mathbf{e}_v)$$

$$= [L^\dagger(\mathcal{G})]_{uu} - 2[L^\dagger(\mathcal{G})]_{uv} + [L^\dagger(\mathcal{G})]_{vv}$$

Klein and Randić  
1993



# Effective Resistance of a Graph

## Proposition

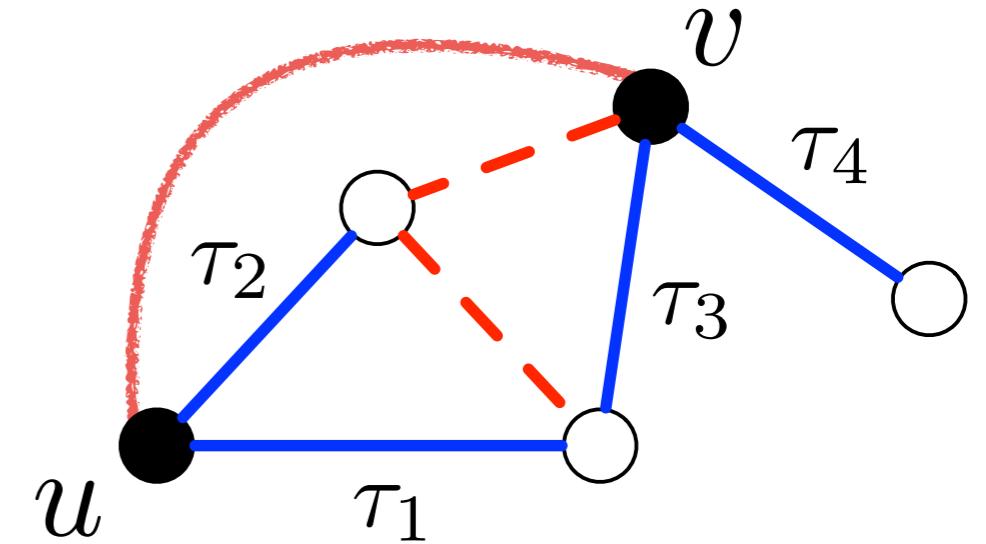
$$\begin{aligned} L^\dagger(\mathcal{G}) &= (E_\tau^L)^T \left( R_{(\tau, \mathcal{C})} W R_{(\tau, \mathcal{C})}^T \right)^{-1} E_\tau^L \\ &= (E_\tau^L)^T L_{ess}(\mathcal{T})^{-1} E_\tau^T \end{aligned}$$

$$r_{uv} = (\mathbf{e}_u - \mathbf{e}_v)^T L^\dagger(\mathcal{G})(\mathbf{e}_u - \mathbf{e}_v)$$

$$E_\tau^L(\mathbf{e}_u - \mathbf{e}_v) = \begin{bmatrix} \pm 1 & \tau_1 \\ 0 & \tau_2 \\ \pm 1 & \tau_3 \\ 0 & \tau_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

indicates a path from node  $u$  to  $v$  using only edges in the spanning tree

$$T_{(\tau, \mathcal{C})} = \underbrace{(E_\tau^T E_\tau)^{-1} E_\tau^T}_{E_\tau^L} E(\mathcal{C})$$



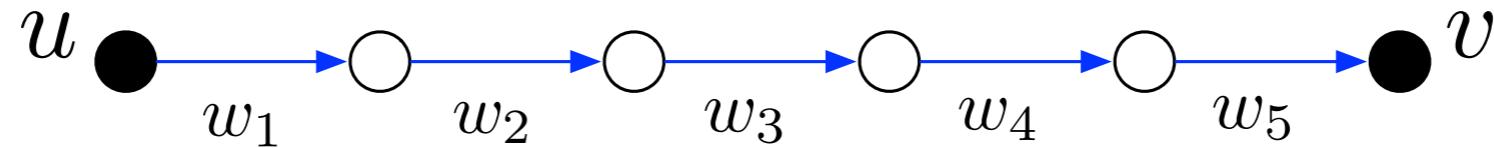
$$\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{T} \cup \mathcal{C}$$



# Effective Resistance of a Graph

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$$r_{uv} = (\mathbf{e}_u - \mathbf{e}_v)^T (E_{\tau}^L)^T \left( R_{(\tau,c)} W R_{(\tau,c)}^T \right)^{-1} E_{\tau}^L (\mathbf{e}_u - \mathbf{e}_v)$$



$$R_{(\tau,c)} = I$$

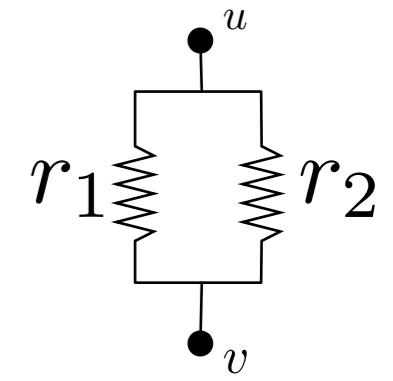
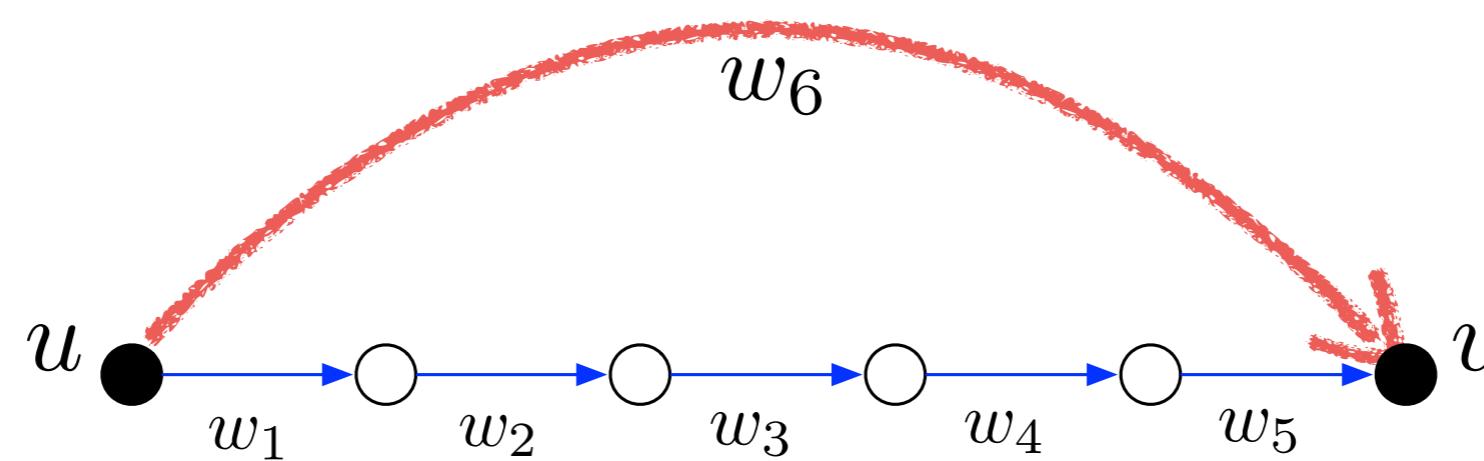
$$E_{\tau}^L (\mathbf{e}_u - \mathbf{e}_v) = \mathbb{1}$$
$$r_{uv} = \mathbb{1}^T W^{-1} \mathbb{1} = \sum_{i=1}^5 \frac{1}{w_i}$$
$$r_k = \frac{1}{w_k}$$



# Effective Resistance of a Graph

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$$r_{uv} = (\mathbf{e}_u - \mathbf{e}_v)^T (E_{\tau}^L)^T \left( R_{(\tau,c)} W R_{(\tau,c)}^T \right)^{-1} E_{\tau}^L (\mathbf{e}_u - \mathbf{e}_v)$$



$$r_{uv} = \frac{r_1 r_2}{r_1 + r_2}$$

$$R_{(\tau,c)} = [ \begin{array}{cc} I & \mathbb{1} \end{array} ]$$

$$r_{uv} = \mathbb{1}^T \left( R_{(\tau,c)} W R_{(\tau,c)}^T \right)^{-1} \mathbb{1}$$

$$E_{\tau}^L (\mathbf{e}_u - \mathbf{e}_v) = \mathbb{1}$$

$$= \mathbb{1}^T (W_{\tau} + w_6 \mathbb{1} \mathbb{1}^T)^{-1} \mathbb{1}$$

$$r_k = \frac{1}{w_k}$$

$$= \frac{\left( \mathbb{1}^T W_{\tau}^{-1} \mathbb{1} \right) w_6^{-1}}{\mathbb{1}^T W_{\tau}^{-1} \mathbb{1} + w_6^{-1}}$$

$$W_{\tau} = \text{diag}\{w_1, \dots, w_5\}$$



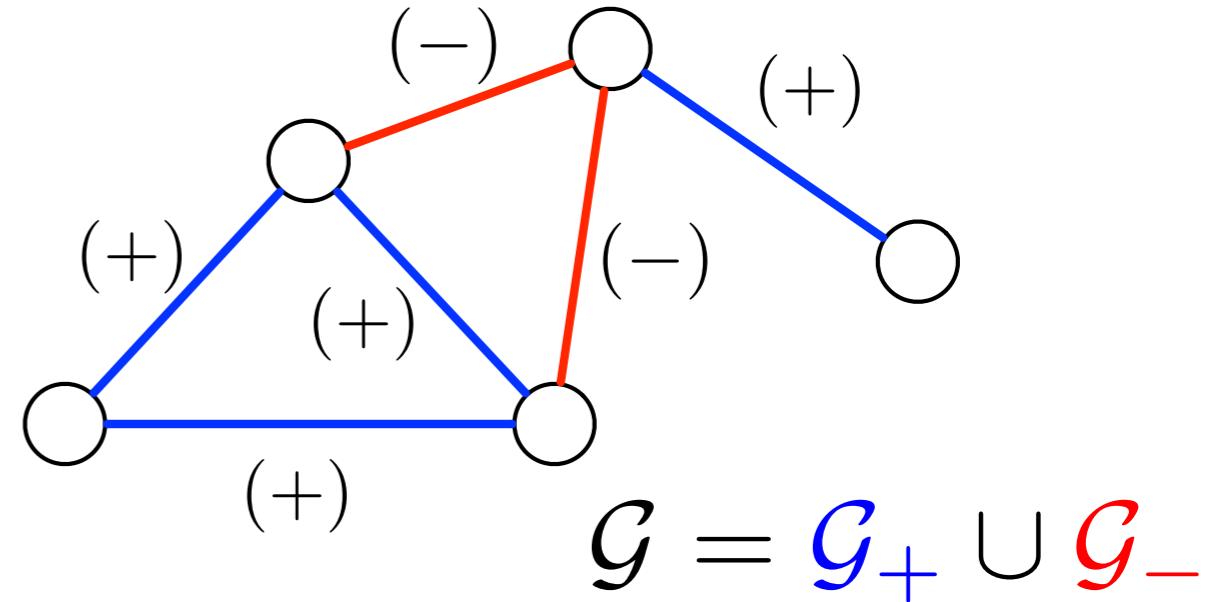
# Signed Graphs

a **signed graph** is a graph with positive and negative edge weights

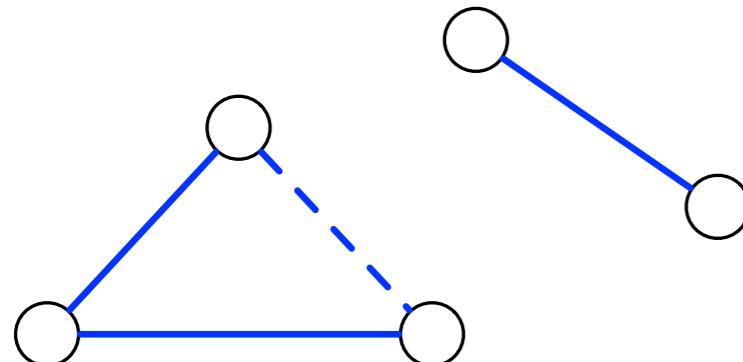
$$\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{W})$$

$$\mathcal{W}: \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

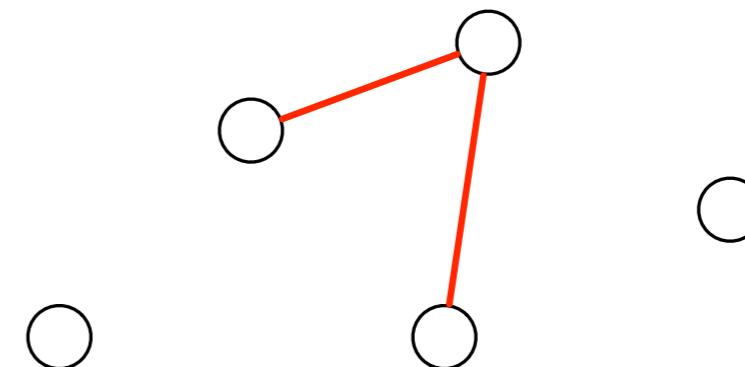
$$\mathcal{E}_+ = \{e \in \mathcal{E} : \mathcal{W}(e) > 0\}$$



$$\mathcal{E}_- = \{e \in \mathcal{E} : \mathcal{W}(e) < 0\}$$



$$E(\mathcal{G}_+) = E_+ = E_{\mathcal{F}_+} R_{(\mathcal{F}_+, \mathcal{C}_+)}$$



$$E(\mathcal{G}_-) = E_-$$

$$L(\mathcal{G}) = E(\mathcal{G}_+) W_+ E(\mathcal{G}_+)^T - E(\mathcal{G}_-) |W_-| E(\mathcal{G}_-)^T$$



# Spectral Properties of Signed Graphs

## Proposition

$$L(\mathcal{G}) \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} |W_-|^{-1} & E_-^T \\ E_- & E_+ W_+ E_+^T \end{bmatrix} \geq 0$$

**Proof:**

Schur Complement

$$L(\mathcal{G}) = E(\mathcal{G}_+) W_+ E(\mathcal{G}_+)^T - E(\mathcal{G}_-) |W_-| E(\mathcal{G}_-)^T$$



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Proof:

Congruent Transformation  $S = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & \begin{bmatrix} (E_{\mathcal{F}_+}^L)^T & N_{\mathcal{F}_+} \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}$

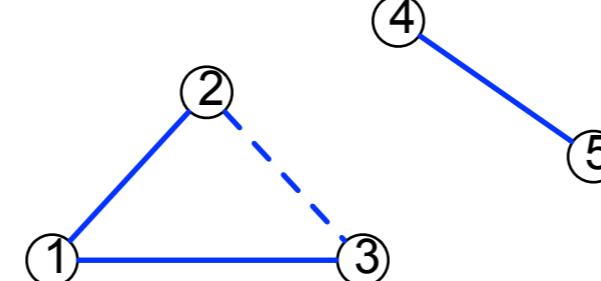
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$$E(\mathcal{G}_+) = E_+ = E_{\mathcal{F}_+} R_{(\mathcal{F}_+, c_+)}$$

$$\text{IM}[N_{\mathcal{F}_+}] = \text{span}[\mathcal{N}(E_{\mathcal{F}_+}^T)]$$

Identifies how the positive weight graph is partitioned



$$N_{\mathcal{F}_+} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Spectral Properties of Signed Graphs

## Proposition

$$L(\mathcal{G}) \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} |W_-|^{-1} & E_-^T (E_{\mathcal{F}_+}^L)^T & E_-^T N_{\mathcal{F}_+} \\ E_{\mathcal{F}_+}^L E_- & R_{(\mathcal{F}_+, c_+)} W_+ R_{(\mathcal{F}_+, c_+)}^T & 0 \\ N_{\mathcal{F}_+}^T E_- & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \geq 0$$

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If the positive portion weighted graph is connected...

$$N_{\mathcal{F}_+} = \mathbb{1}$$

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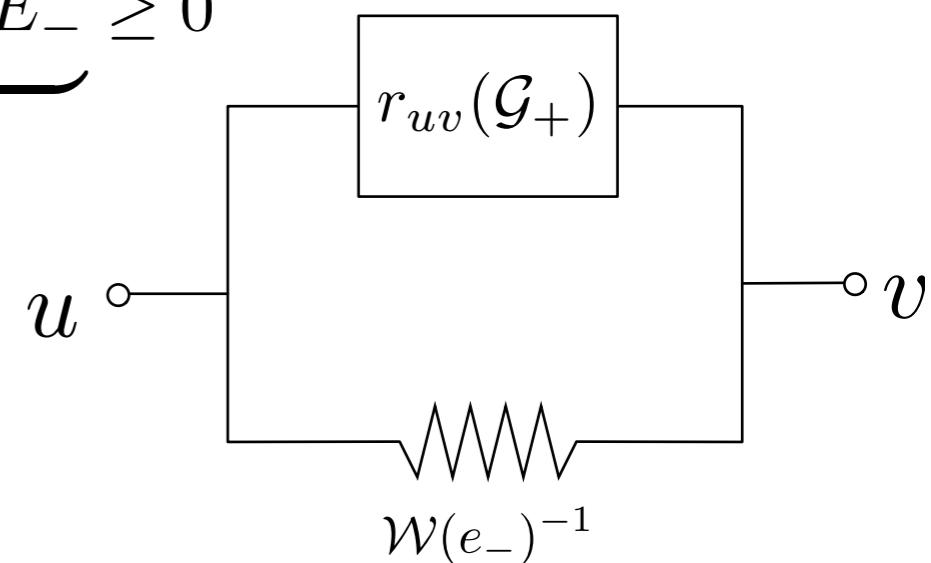
**Theorem** | Assume that  $\mathcal{G}_+$  is connected and  $|\mathcal{E}_-| = 1$  and let  $\mathcal{E}_- = \{e_- = (u, v)\}$ . Let  $r_{uv}$  denote the effective resistance between nodes  $u, v \in \mathcal{V}$  over the graph  $\mathcal{G}_+$ . Then

$$L(\mathcal{G}) \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow |\mathcal{W}(e_-)| \leq r_{uv}^{-1}$$

**Proof:**

$$|W_-|^{-1} - \underbrace{E_-^T (E_{\mathcal{F}_+}^L)^T (R_{(\mathcal{F}_+, c_+)} W_+ R_{(\mathcal{F}_+, c_+)}^T)^{-1} E_{\mathcal{F}_+}^L E_-}_{r_{uv}(\mathcal{G}_+)} \geq 0$$

any single edge can destabilize a consensus network with a “negative enough” edge weight



# A Small-Gain Interpretation

upper fractional transformation

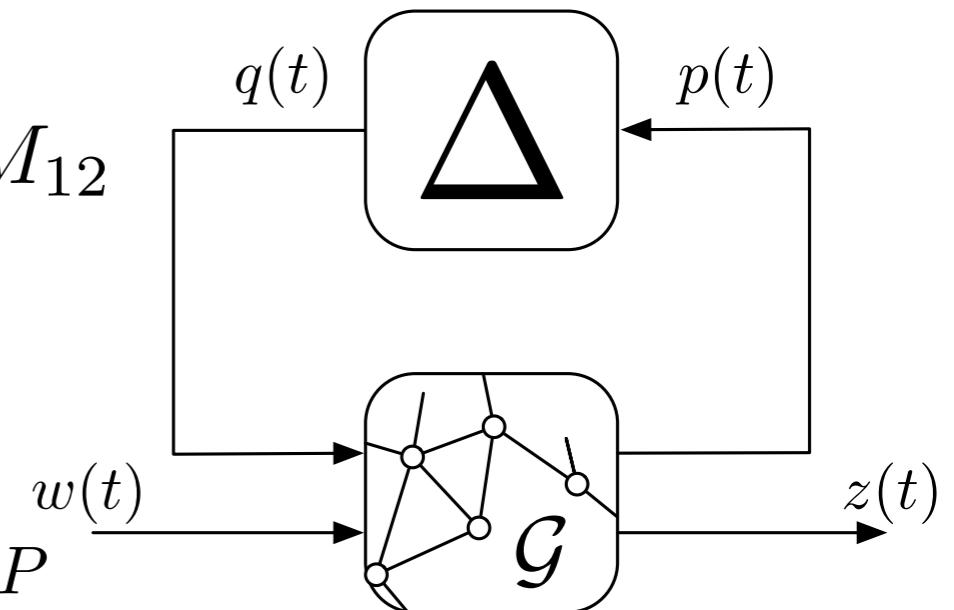
$$\overline{S}(\Sigma_{\mathcal{F}}(\mathcal{G}), \Delta) = M_{22} + M_{21}\Delta(I - M_{11}\Delta)^{-1}M_{12}$$

$$M_{11}(s) = P^T R_{(\mathcal{F}, C)}^T (sI + L_{ess}(\mathcal{F}))^{-1} L_e(\mathcal{F}) R_{(\mathcal{F}, C)} P$$

$$M_{12}(s) = P^T R_{(\mathcal{F}, C)}^T (sI + L_{ess}(\mathcal{F}))^{-1} E(\mathcal{F})^T$$

$$M_{21}(s) = E(\mathcal{G}_o)^T (E_{\mathcal{F}}^L)^T (sI + L_{ess}(\mathcal{F}))^{-1} L_e(\mathcal{F}) R_{(\mathcal{F}, C)} P$$

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## Small-Gain Theorem

$$\|\Delta\| < \overline{\sigma}(M_{11}(0))^{-1}$$

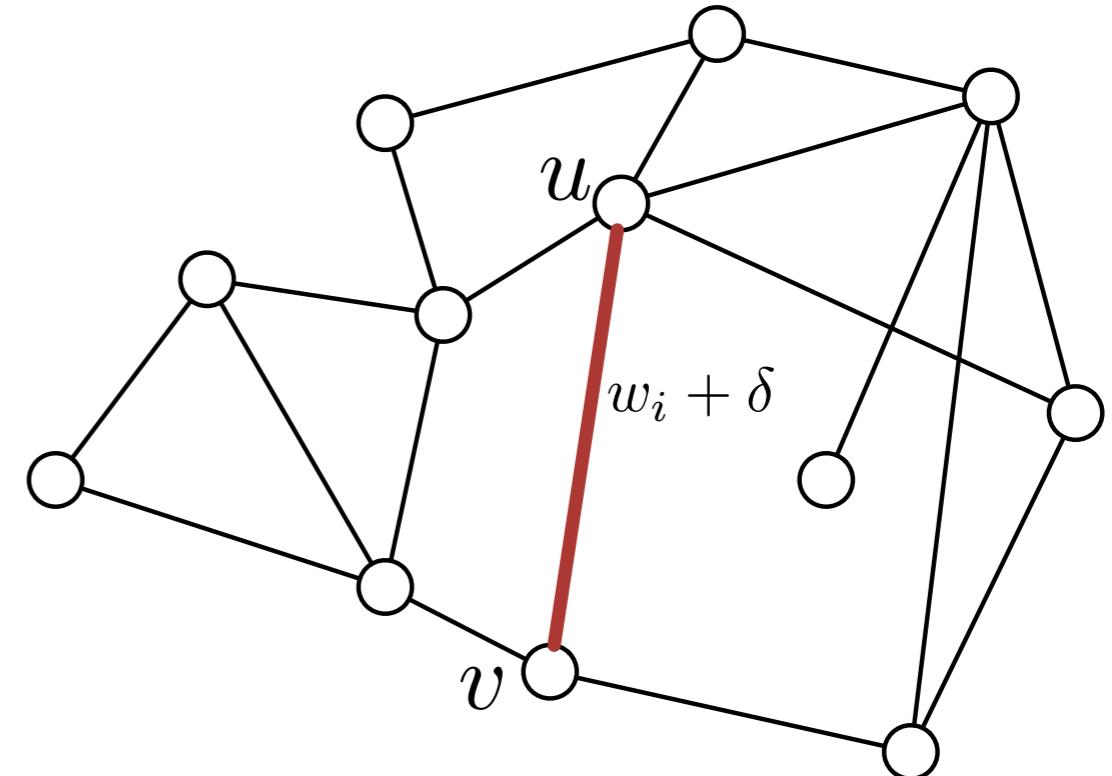


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## Theorem

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$$r_{uv} = (\mathbf{e}_u - \mathbf{e}_v)^T (E_\tau^L)^T (R_{(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{C})} W R_{(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{C})}^T)^{-1} E_\tau^L (\mathbf{e}_u - \mathbf{e}_v)$$

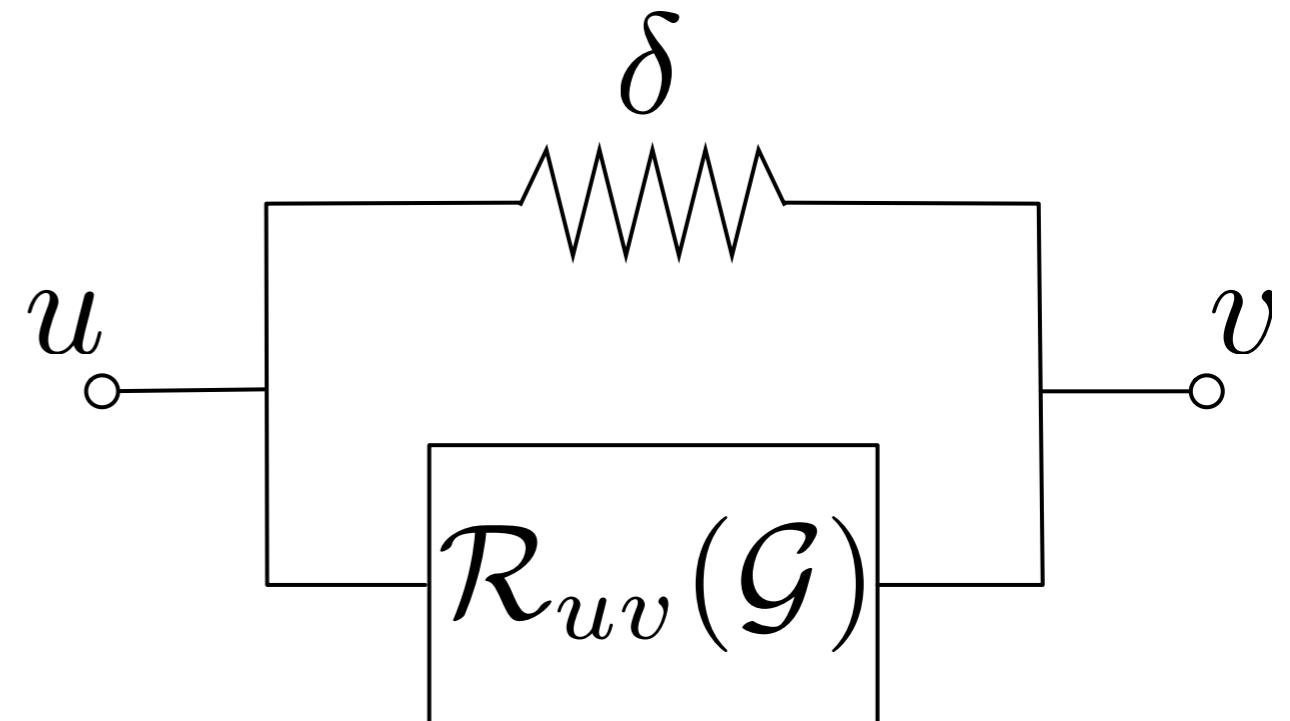


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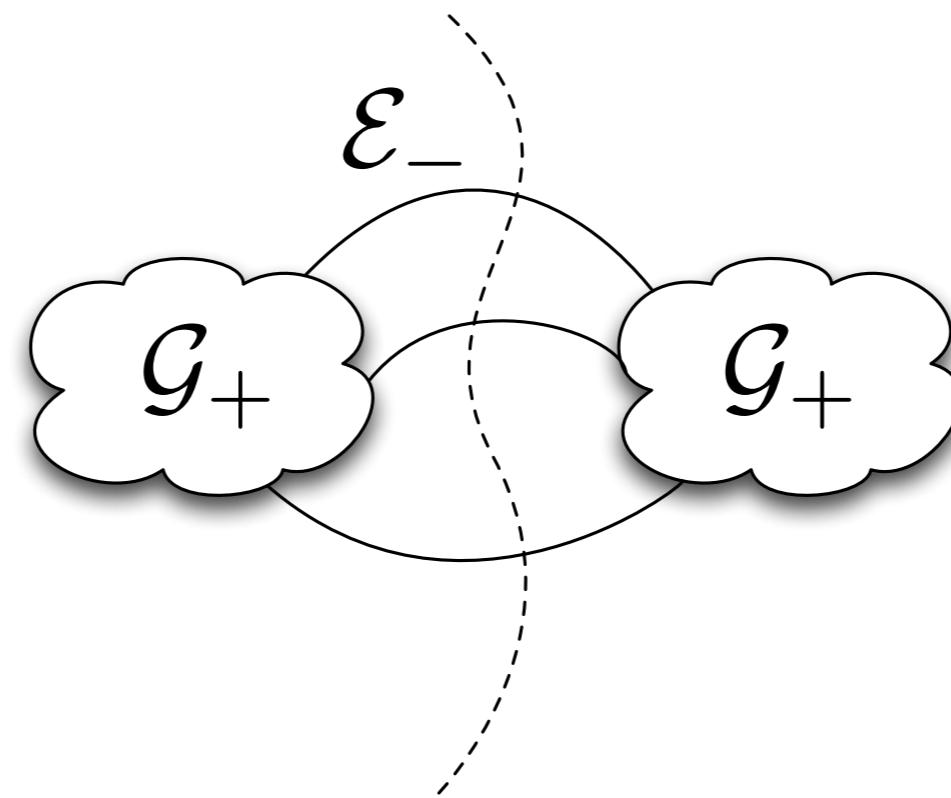
for single edge uncertainty, small-gain condition is exact (i.e., no conservatism)



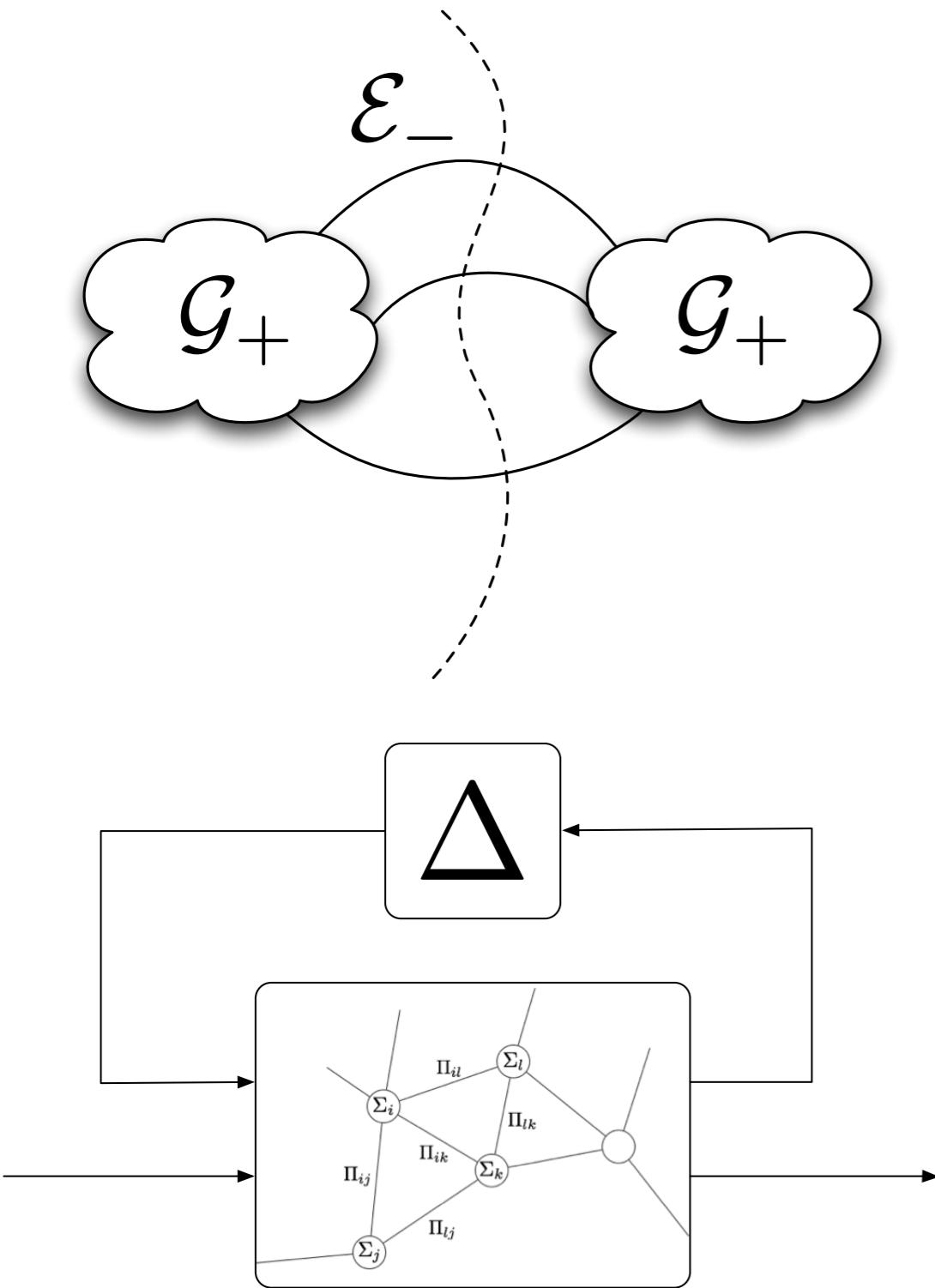
# Spectral Properties of Signed Graphs

**Corollary** Assume that both  $\mathcal{E}_+$  and  $\mathcal{E}_-$  are not empty. If  $\mathcal{G}_+$  is not connected, then  $L(\mathcal{G})$  is indefinite for any choice of negative weights.

a balanced signed graph



# Graph Cuts and Robustness



The smallest cardinality cut of a graph can be thought of as a **combinatorial robustness measure** for linear consensus protocols  
==> but *always* conservative

$$\left( \max_{e \in \mathcal{E}_\Delta} \mathcal{W}(e) \right)^{-1} \leq \max_{e \in \mathcal{E}_\Delta} \mathcal{R}_e(\mathcal{G}) \leq \bar{\sigma}(M_{11}(0))$$

As in the single negative weight edge example, graph cuts act to make an “open circuit”

- max-flow/min-cut algorithms
- minimum cardinality cut algorithms  
(Karger)



# A Small-Gain Interpretation

$\Sigma_{\mathcal{F}}(\mathcal{G}, \Phi)$

sector-bounded nonlinear couplings

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_{\mathcal{F}} = -L_{ess}(\mathcal{F})x_{\mathcal{F}} - L_e(\mathcal{F})R_{(\mathcal{F},C)}P(\Phi(P^T R_{(\mathcal{F},C)}^T x_{\mathcal{F}})) + E_{\mathcal{F}}^T w \\ z = E(\mathcal{G}_o)^T (E_{\mathcal{F}}^L)^T x_{\mathcal{F}} \end{cases}$$

## Corollary

*Consider the nonlinear edge agreement protocol  $\Sigma_{\mathcal{F}}(\mathcal{G}, \Phi)$  with  $\mathcal{E}_{\Delta} = \{\{u, v\}\}$  (i.e.,  $|\mathcal{E}_{\Delta}| = 1$ ) and assume  $\Sigma(\mathcal{G})$  is nominally stable. Then  $\Sigma_{\mathcal{F}}(\mathcal{G}, \Phi)$  is asymptotically stable for all  $\Phi \in \Phi$  satisfying*

$$|\alpha| < \mathcal{R}_{uv}^{-1}(\mathcal{G}) \text{ and } ((\beta - \alpha)^2 - 2(\beta - \alpha) - 1) > -2w_{uv}.$$

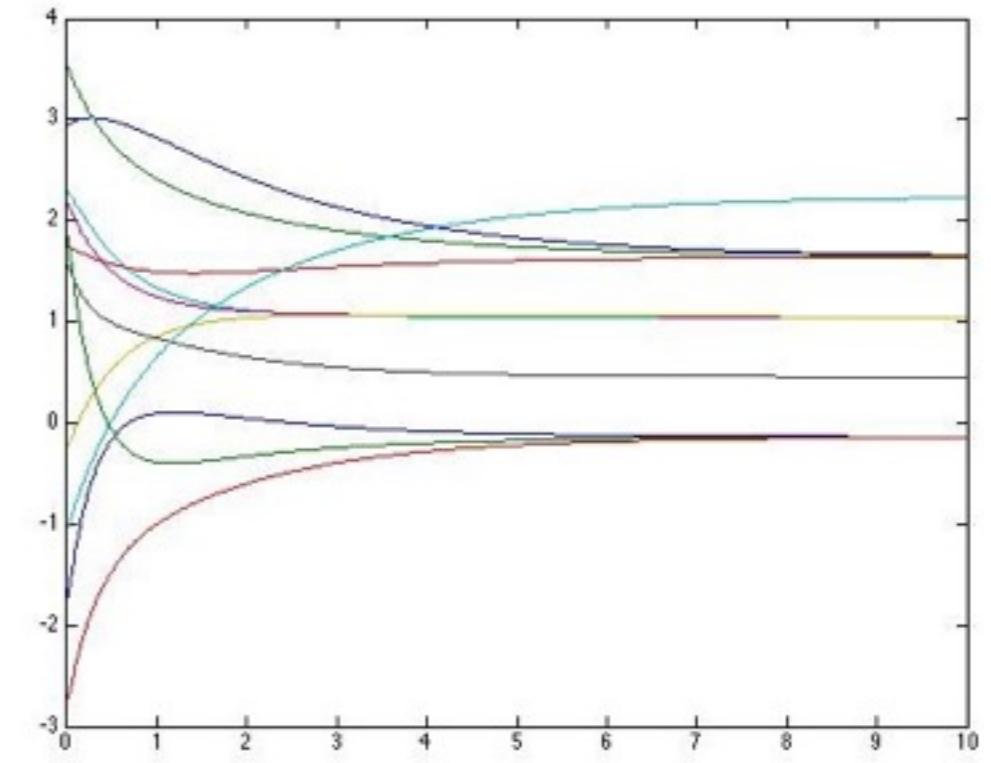
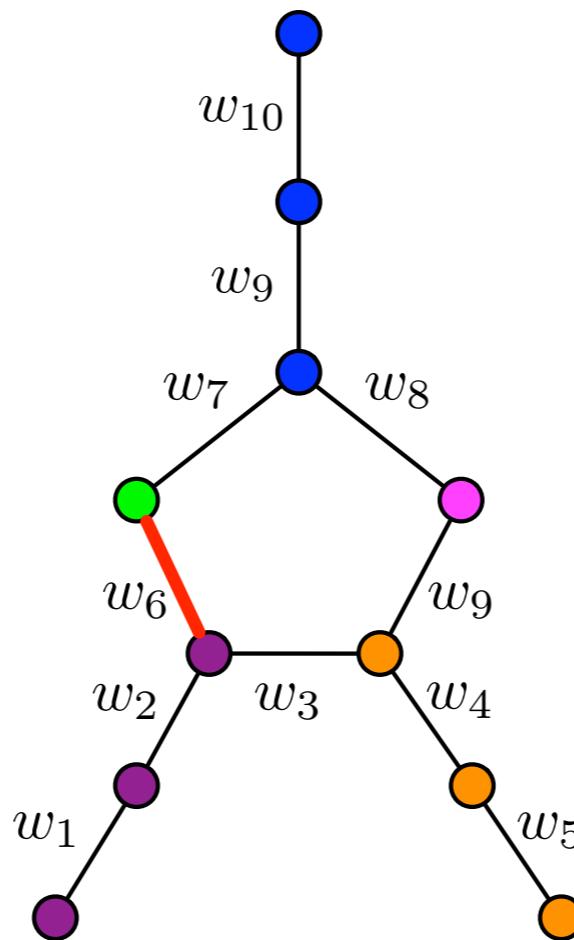


# An Illustrative Example

any single edge in the cycle can make the Laplacian indefinite

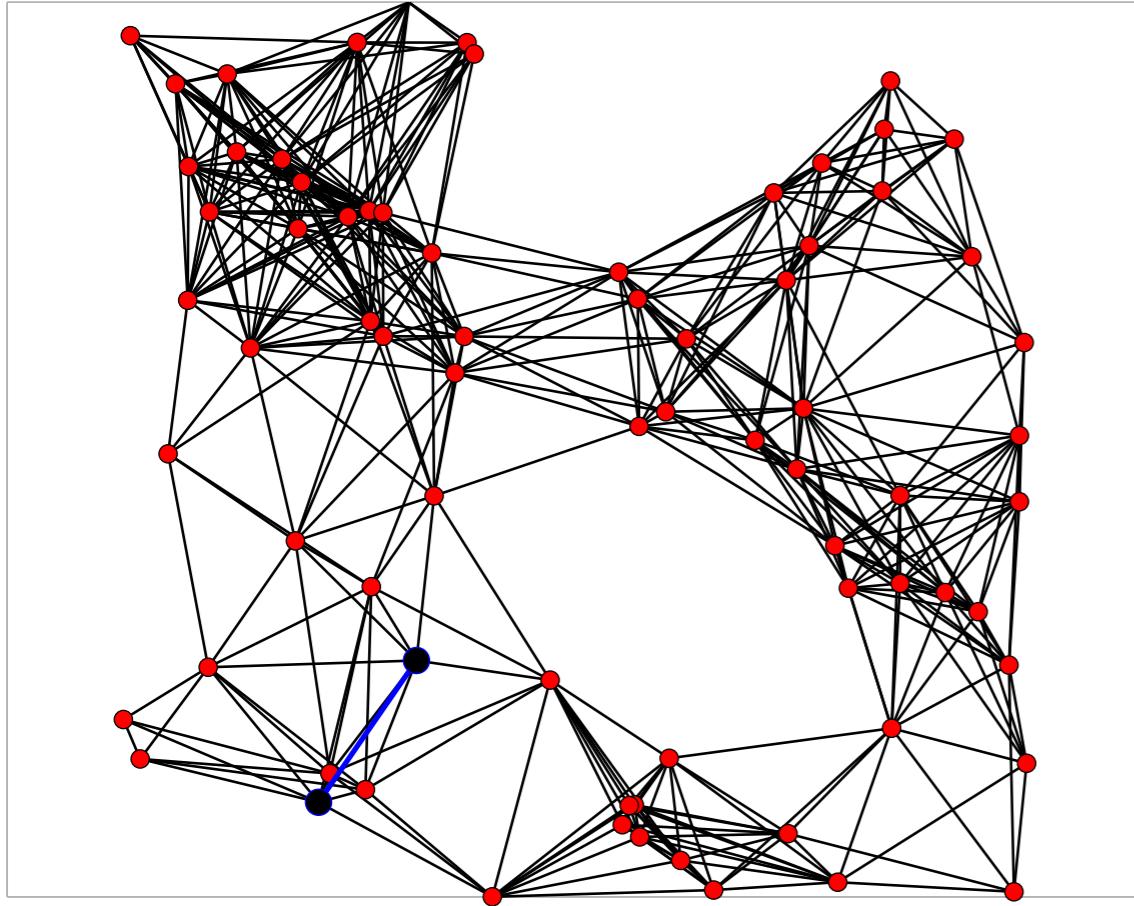
$$w_6 = -\frac{1}{r_6} = -\frac{1}{4}$$

$L(\mathcal{G})$  has two eigenvalues at the origin



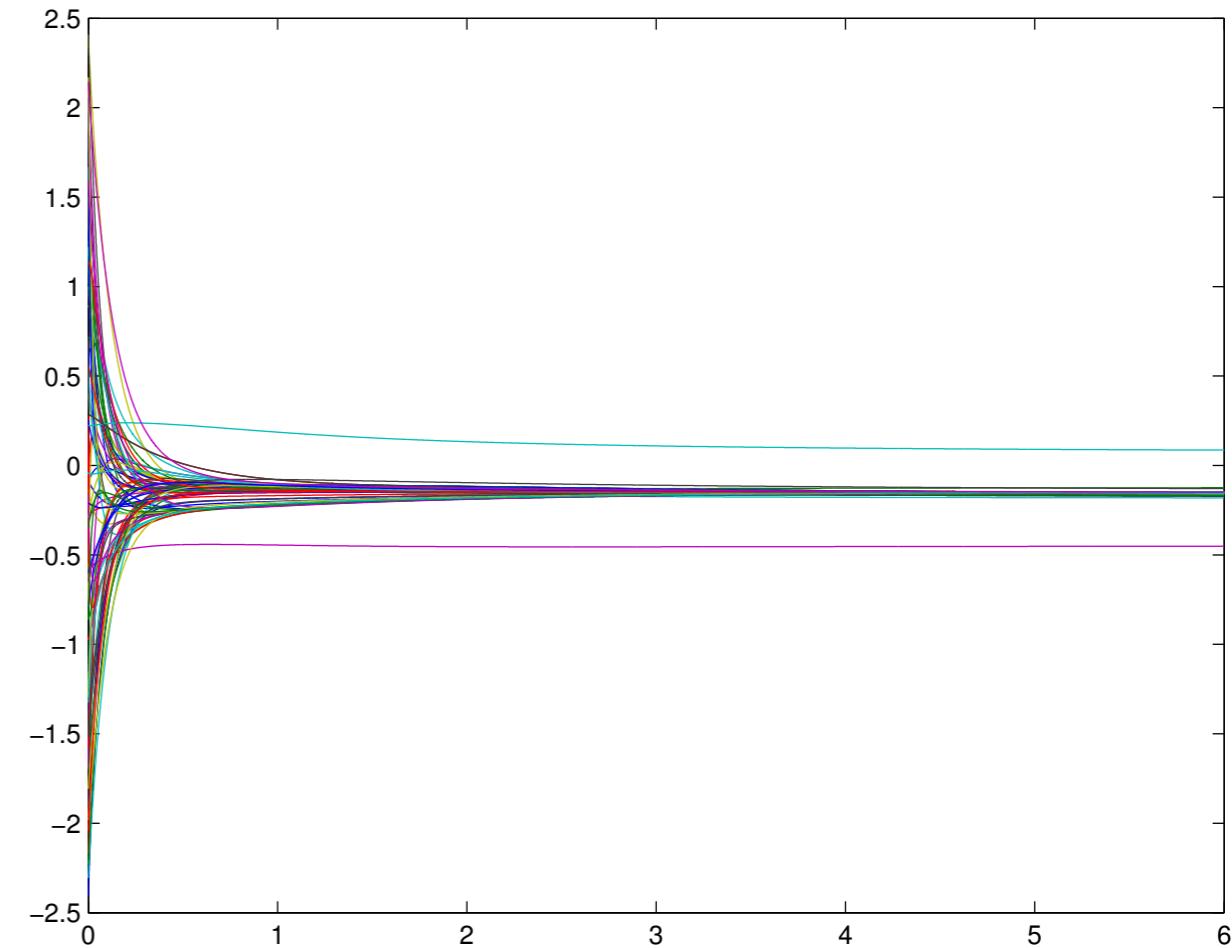
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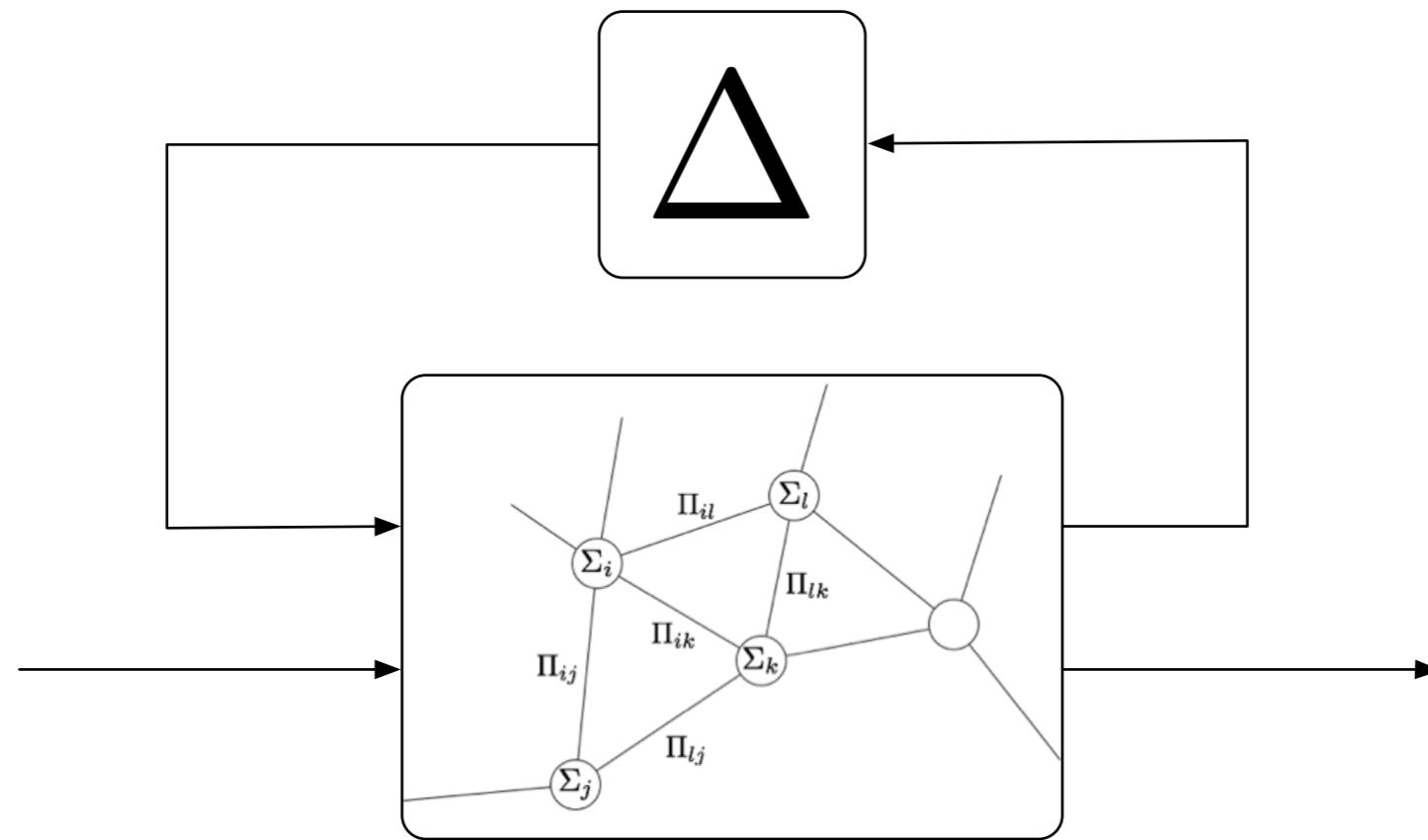


random geometric graph on 75 nodes

uncertain edge in blue



# Concluding Remarks



- networked dynamic systems require new tools for robustness analysis
- graph properties have real system theoretic implications



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