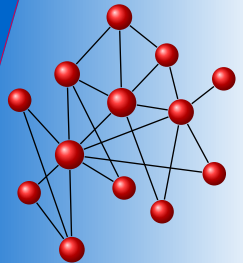


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# Network synchronization

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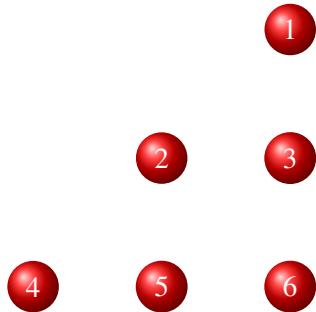
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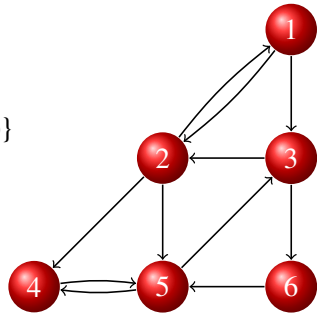
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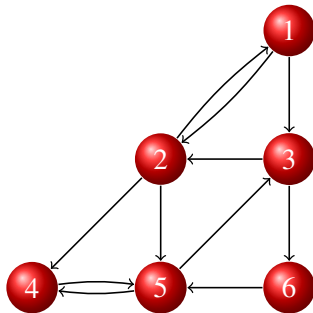


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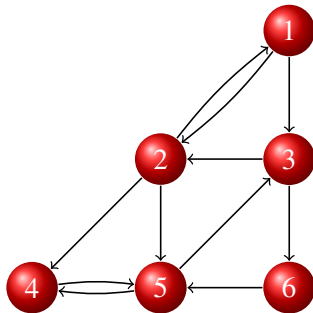
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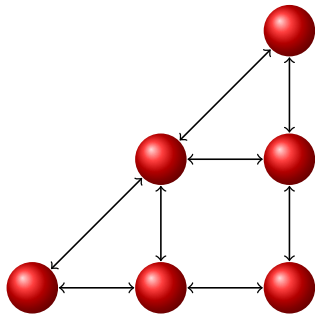
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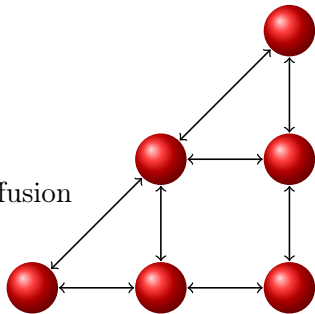




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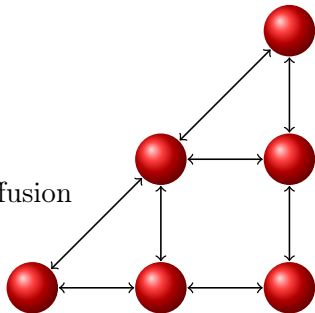
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  - matrices  $B, C^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$
  - $CB$  (similar to) a positive definite matrix
- ▶ Diffusive coupling functions

$$u_i = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} \gamma_{ij} (y_j - y_i)$$

with diffusion coefficients  $\gamma_{ij} = \gamma_{ji} > 0$  (and  $j \in \mathcal{N}_i \Leftrightarrow i \in \mathcal{N}_j$ )

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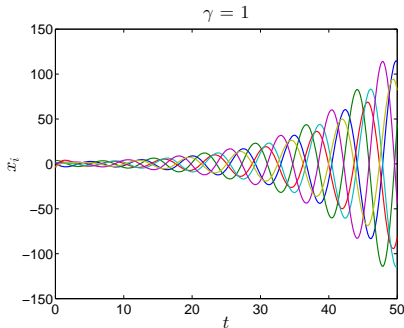
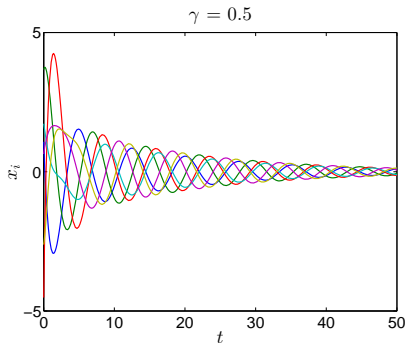
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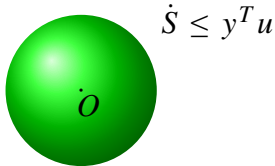
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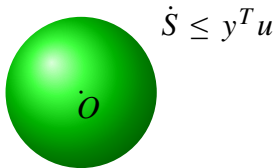
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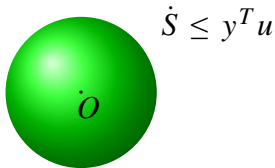


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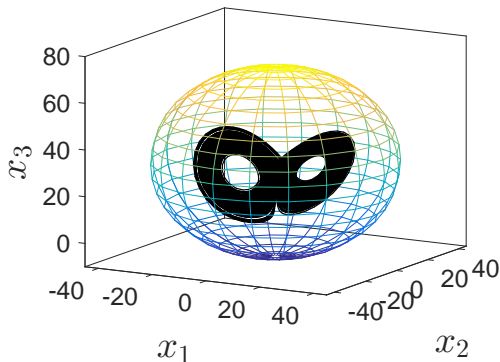
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$H(x) > 0$  outside a ball of radius  $R = \frac{\gamma^2(\sigma+\rho)}{4(\gamma-1)}$  and center  $(0, 0, \frac{\gamma(\sigma+\rho)}{2(\gamma-1)})$



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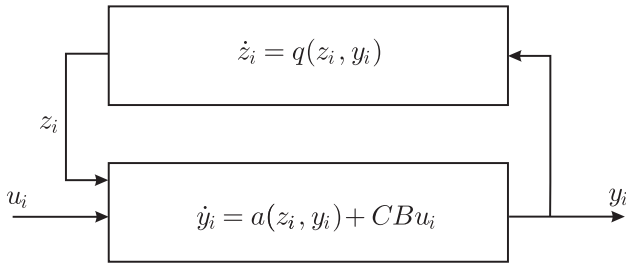
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Test for exponential convergence:

There exists a symmetric positive-definite  $(n - m) \times (n - m)$  matrix  $P$  such that the eigenvalues of

$$P \left( \frac{\partial q}{\partial z}(z, w) \right) + \left( \frac{\partial q}{\partial z}(z, w) \right)^T P$$

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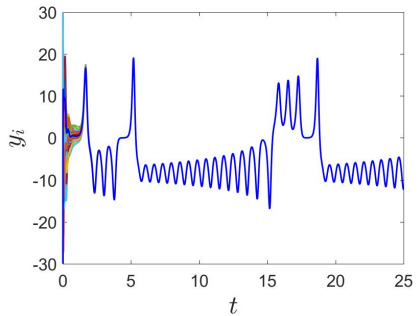
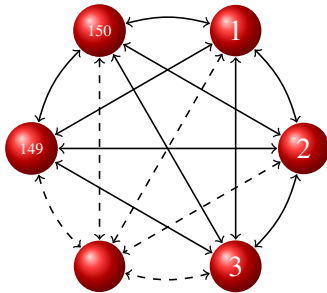
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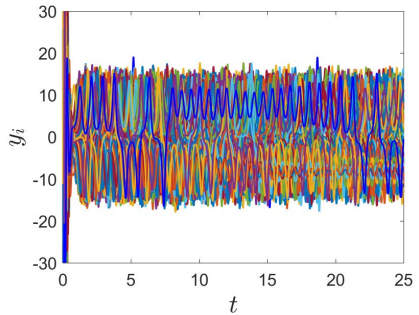
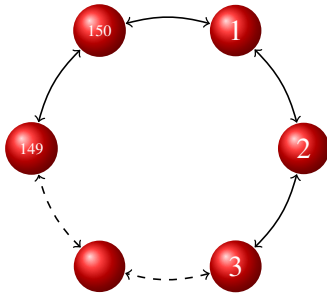
Globally coupled network ( $\lambda_2 = 150$ )



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Ring network ( $\lambda_2 = 0.0018$ )



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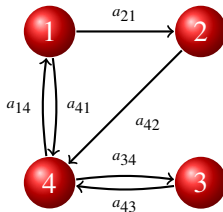
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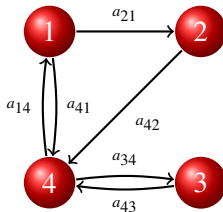
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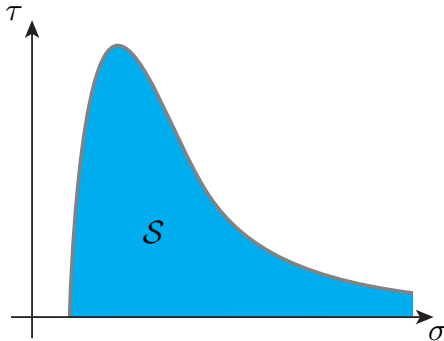
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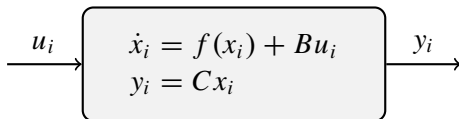
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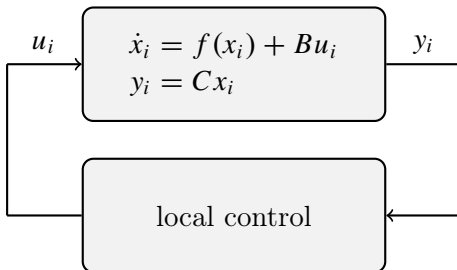
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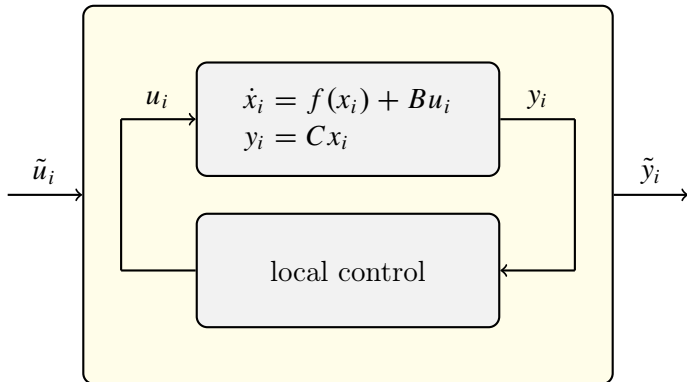
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Strictly semi-passive from  $\tilde{u}_i$  to  $\tilde{y}_i$  and convergent internal dynamics  
(see PhD Thesis Carlos G. Murguia Rendon, Eindhoven 2015)