

# Local Network Identifiability with Partial Excitation and Measurement

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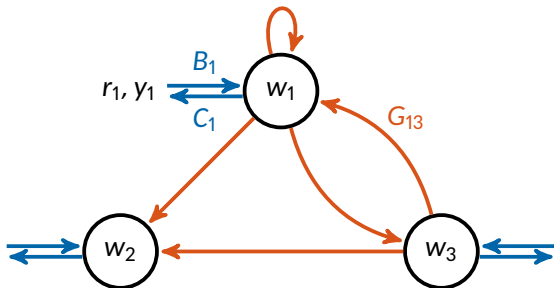


## Model

$$\text{state} \leftarrow w = G w + B r \rightarrow \text{excitation}$$

$$\text{measure} \leftarrow y = C w$$

From the given exc/meas, which transfer functions can be recovered?  
i.e. From  $r$  at  $B$  and  $y$  at  $C$ , which  $G_{ij}$  can be recovered?



Assumption: Network topology is known

Terminology: TFs that can be recovered are *identifiable*

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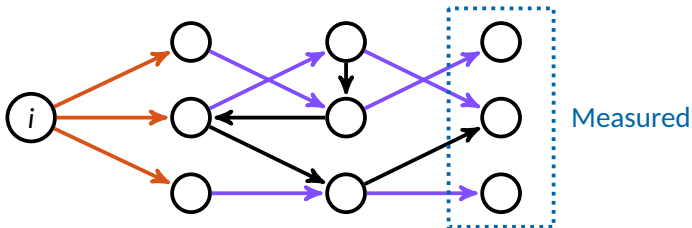
**Full excitation:**

[Hendrickx, Gevers, Bazanella 2017]

$B = I \rightarrow CT(I - G) = C \rightarrow \text{rank } CT \rightarrow \text{paths to Meas.}$

### Theorem

**Identifiable** IFF # outneighbours = # **vertex-disjoint paths** to Meas.



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# Contribution

1. Definition of local identifiability (necessary)
2. Algebraic necessary and sufficient condition
3. Probability-1 algorithm

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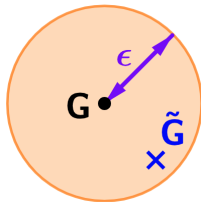
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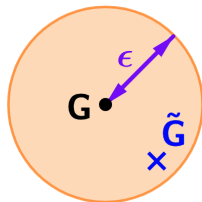




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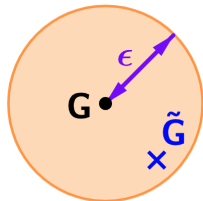
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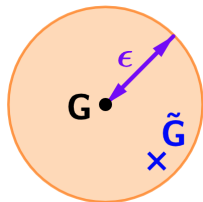
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**Correct** if  $\nabla f$  has constant rank

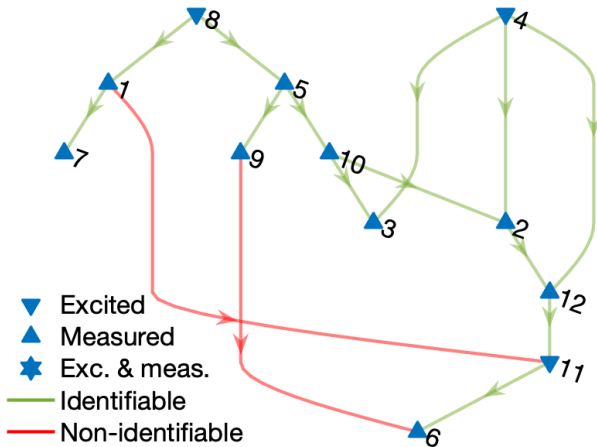
**Lemma** on injectivity of manifolds (cf paper)

**Proof:** involving subimmersion theorem and rank theorem

## Theorem

$G_{ij}$  generically locally identif  $\Leftrightarrow \boxed{\ker \nabla f \perp \mathbf{e}_{ij}}$  almost<sup>1</sup> everywhere

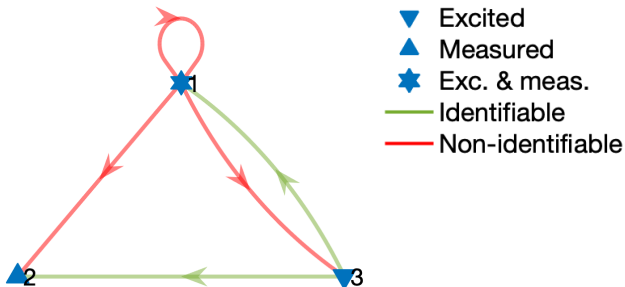
→ Probability-1 algorithm: randomized, proba 0 of inaccuracy



<sup>1</sup>except possibly on a lower-dimensional set

## Future work

- Our implementation allows rapidly testing conjectures. But a *graph-theoretical* characterization is still to be found. Our algebraic condition could pave the way.
- No example identifiable but not locally identifiable found yet. The possible equivalence of the two remains an open question.



## Take-home message

- First to tackle *partial* excitation/measure for arbitrary topology
- Introduced generic *local* identifiability, i.e. in an  $\epsilon$ -ball
  - Necessary for generic identifiability
  - No counter-example to sufficiency yet
- Derived a necessary and sufficient algebraic condition using manifold theory
- Designed a probability-1 algorithm for efficient testing:  
[github.com/alegat/identifiable](https://github.com/alegat/identifiable)

