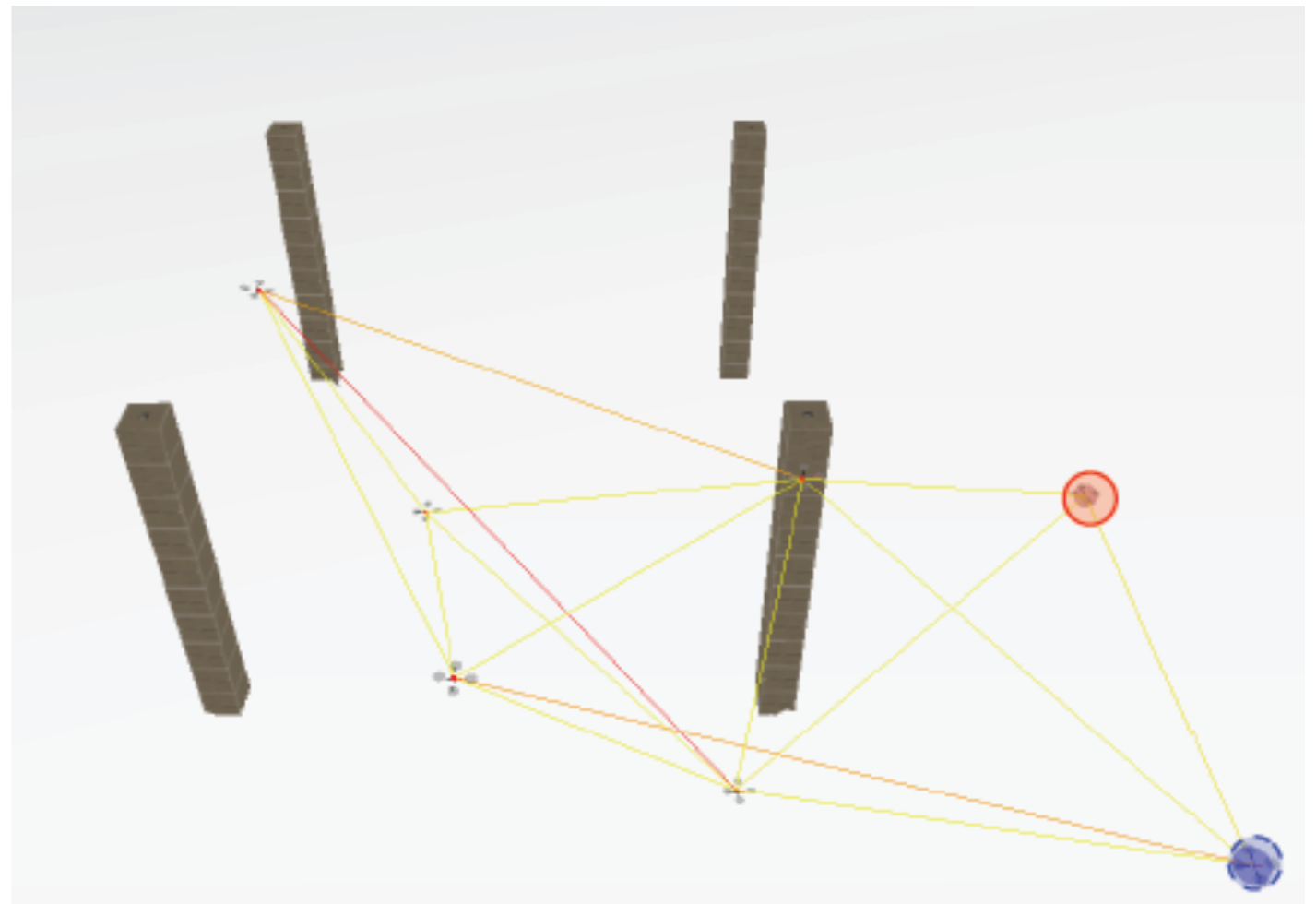


# Distributed Rigidity Maintenance with Range-only Sensing

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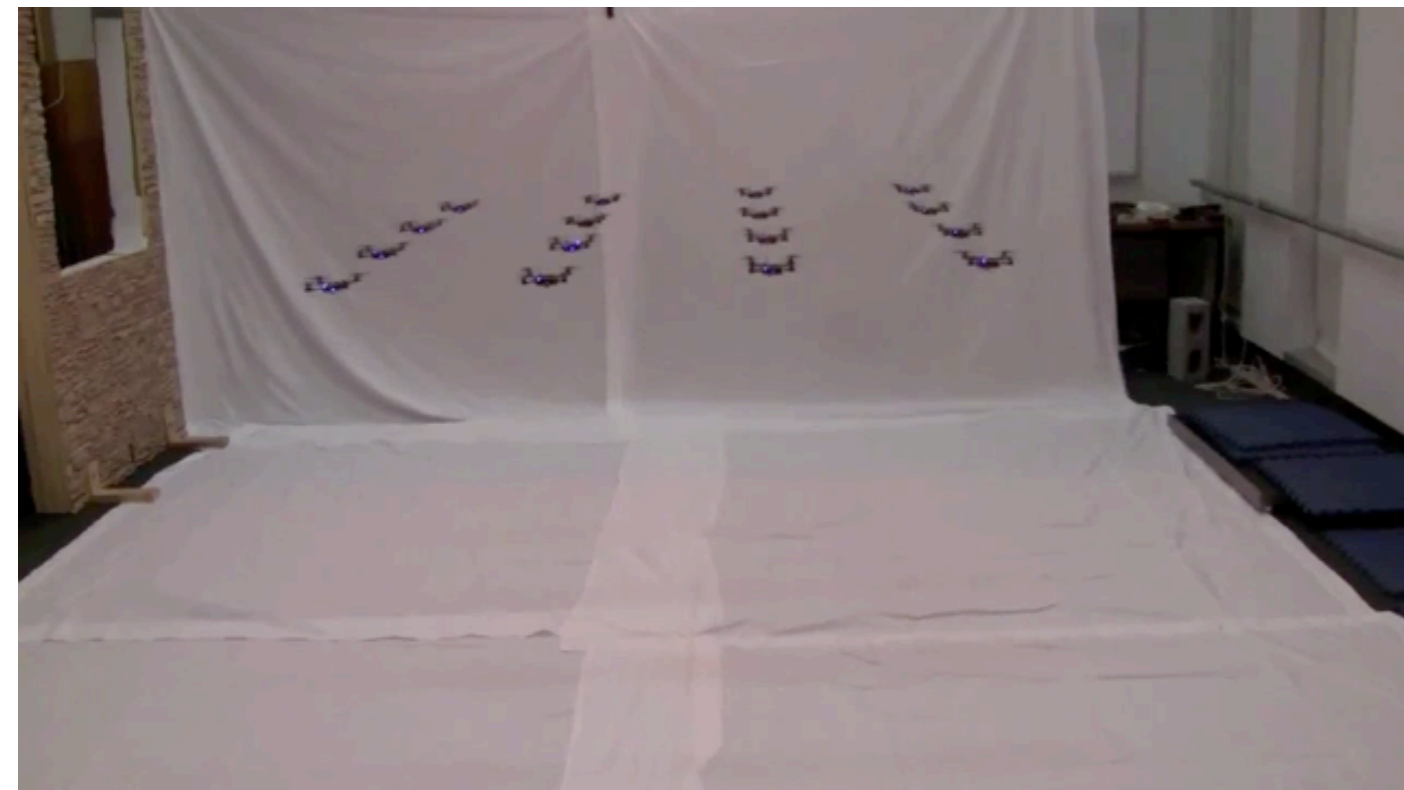


# Coordination in Multi-agent Systems

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## System Requirements

- `low-level' control
- sensing and communication
- mission objectives
  - local
  - team
- distributed algorithms

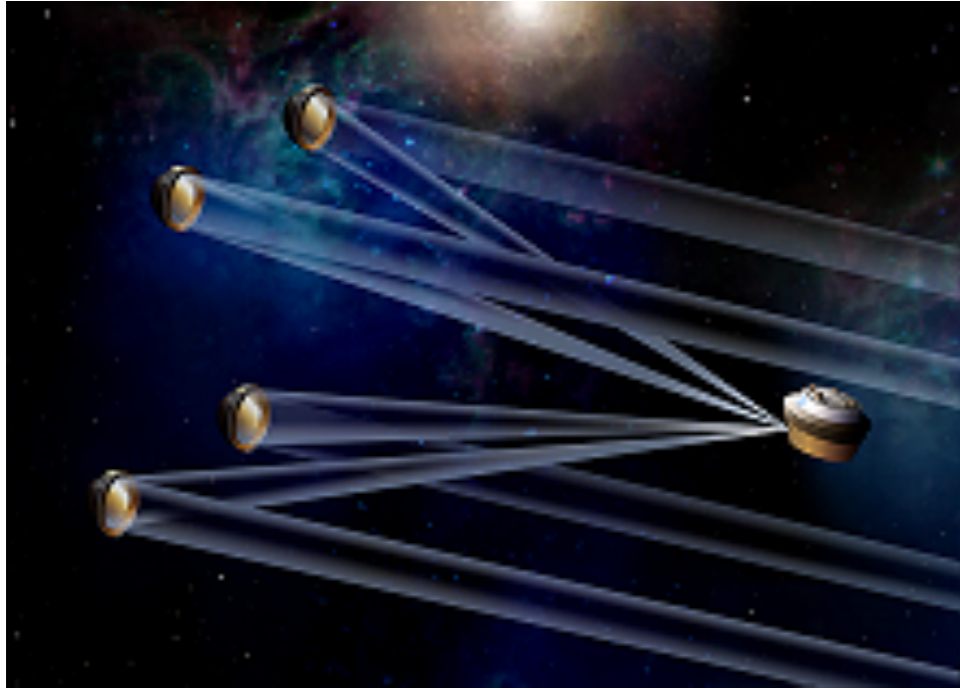


**GRASP** General Robotics, Automation, Sensing & Perception  
LABORATORY

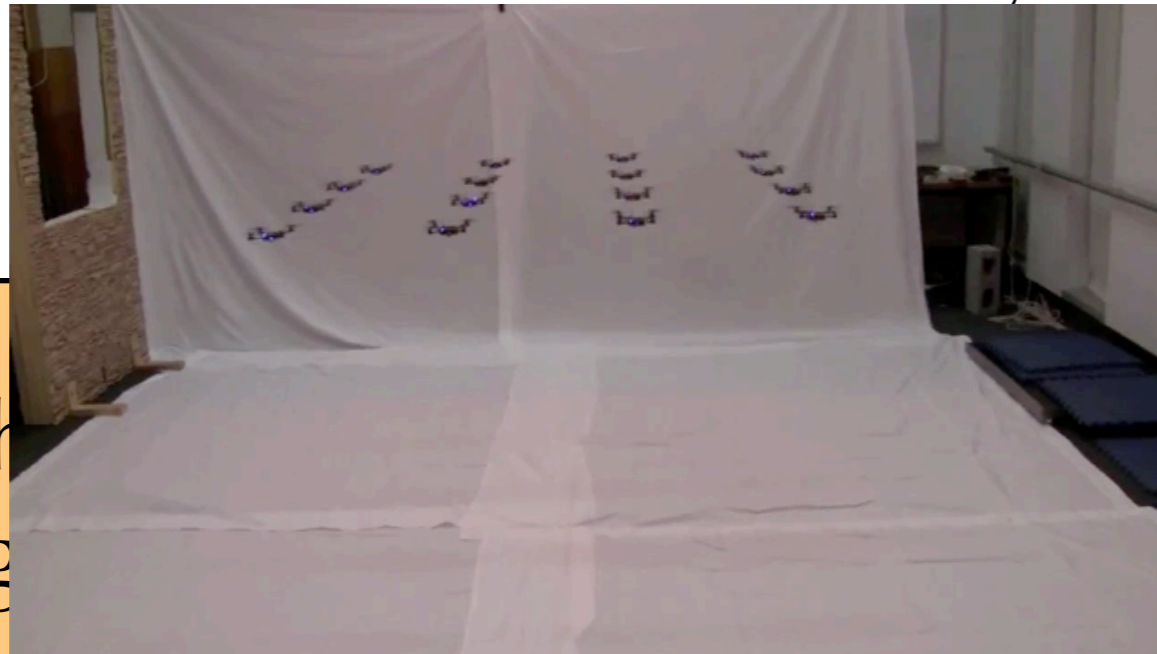
**What are the *architectural* requirements  
for a multi-agent system?**



# Coordination in Harsh Environments



sensors measuring distances, however, are very accurate and independent of any name



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using

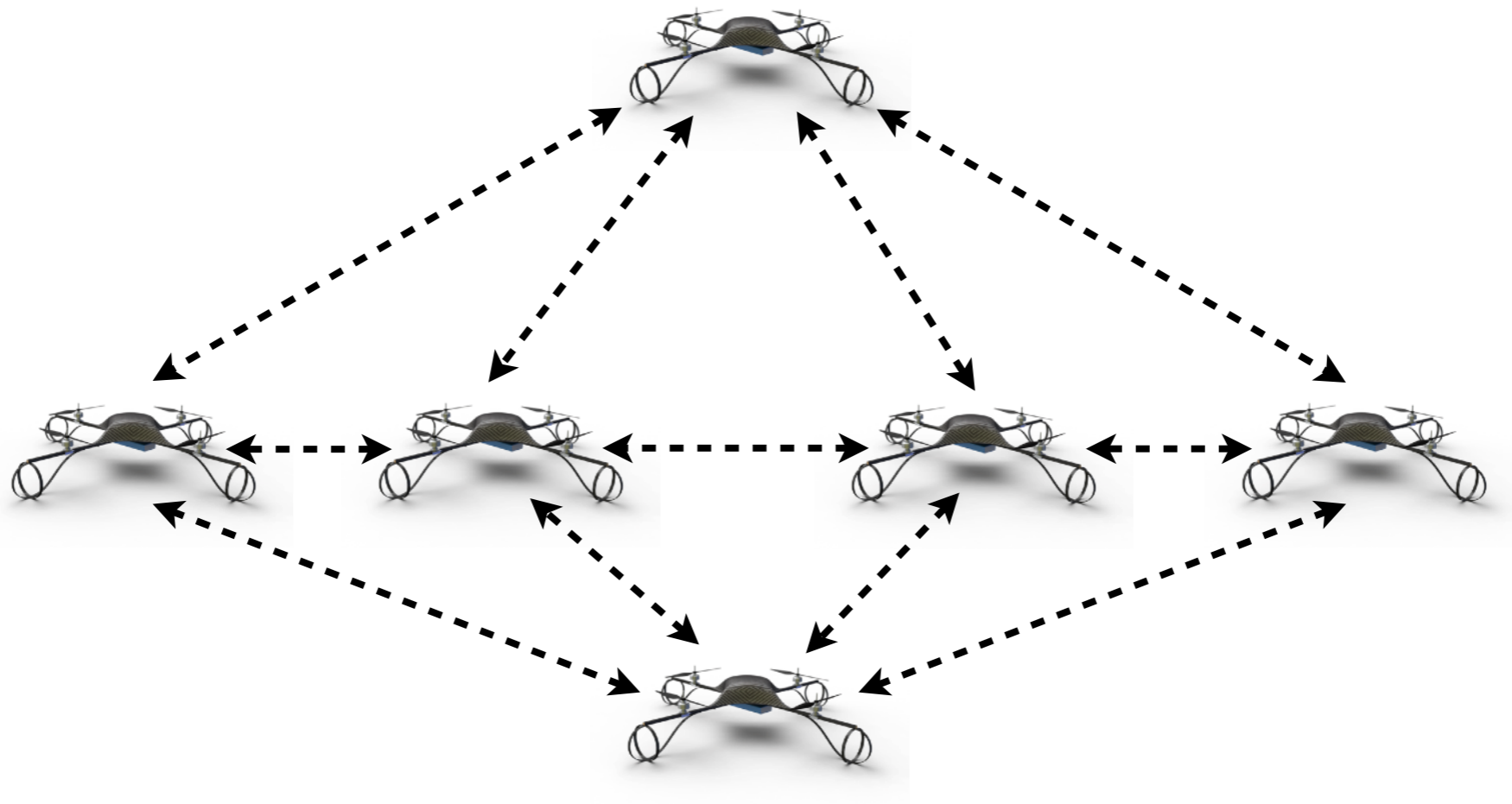
coordination  
requirements?



# Architectural Requirements

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**“Connectedness” of the sensing and communication network**



# Architectural Requirements

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certain “team” objectives and specific sensing/communication capabilities might dictate additional architectural requirements

- formation keeping
- localization

⇒ connectedness might not “be enough”



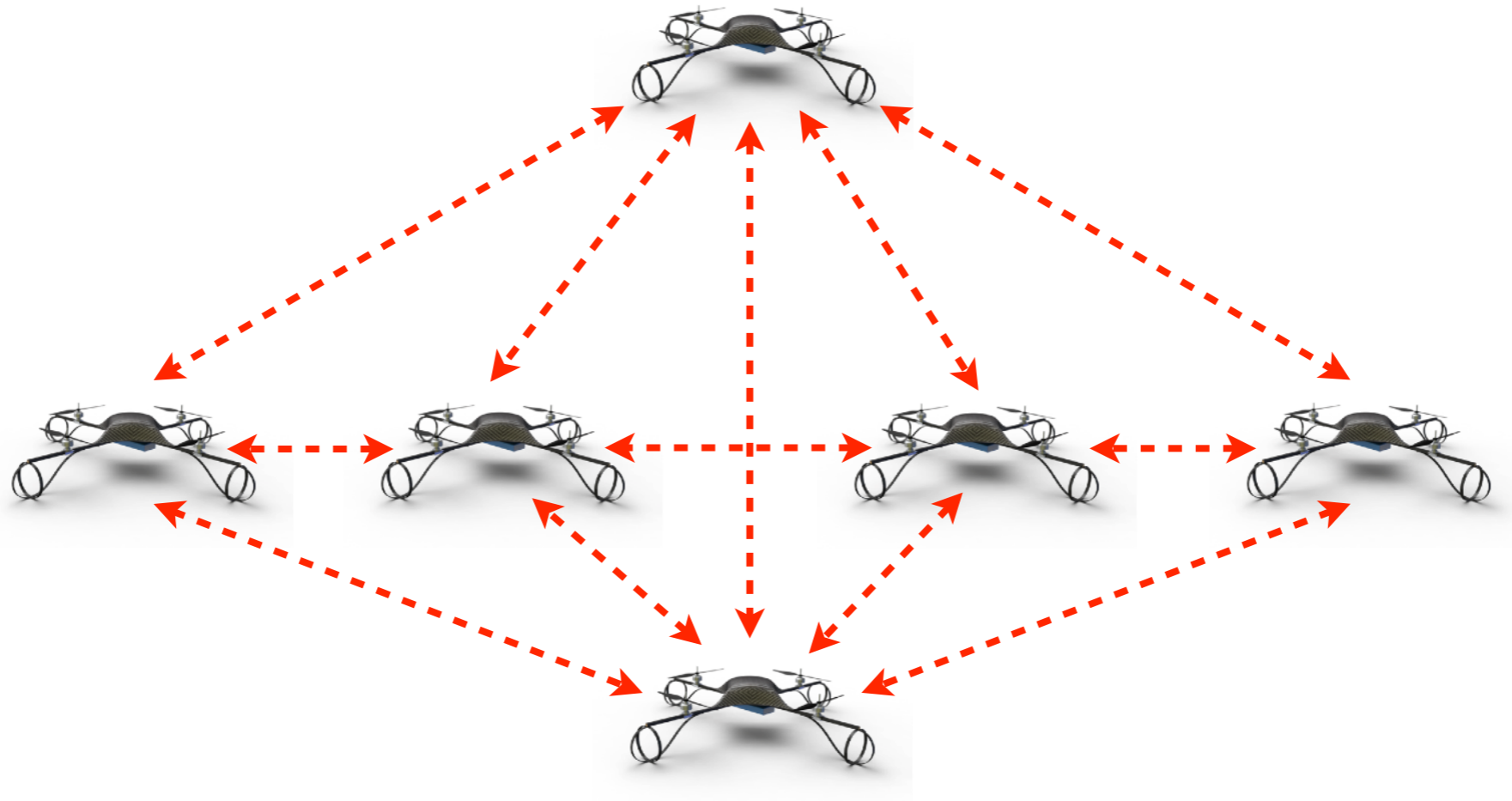
# Architectural Requirements

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formation specified by a set of inter-agent distances

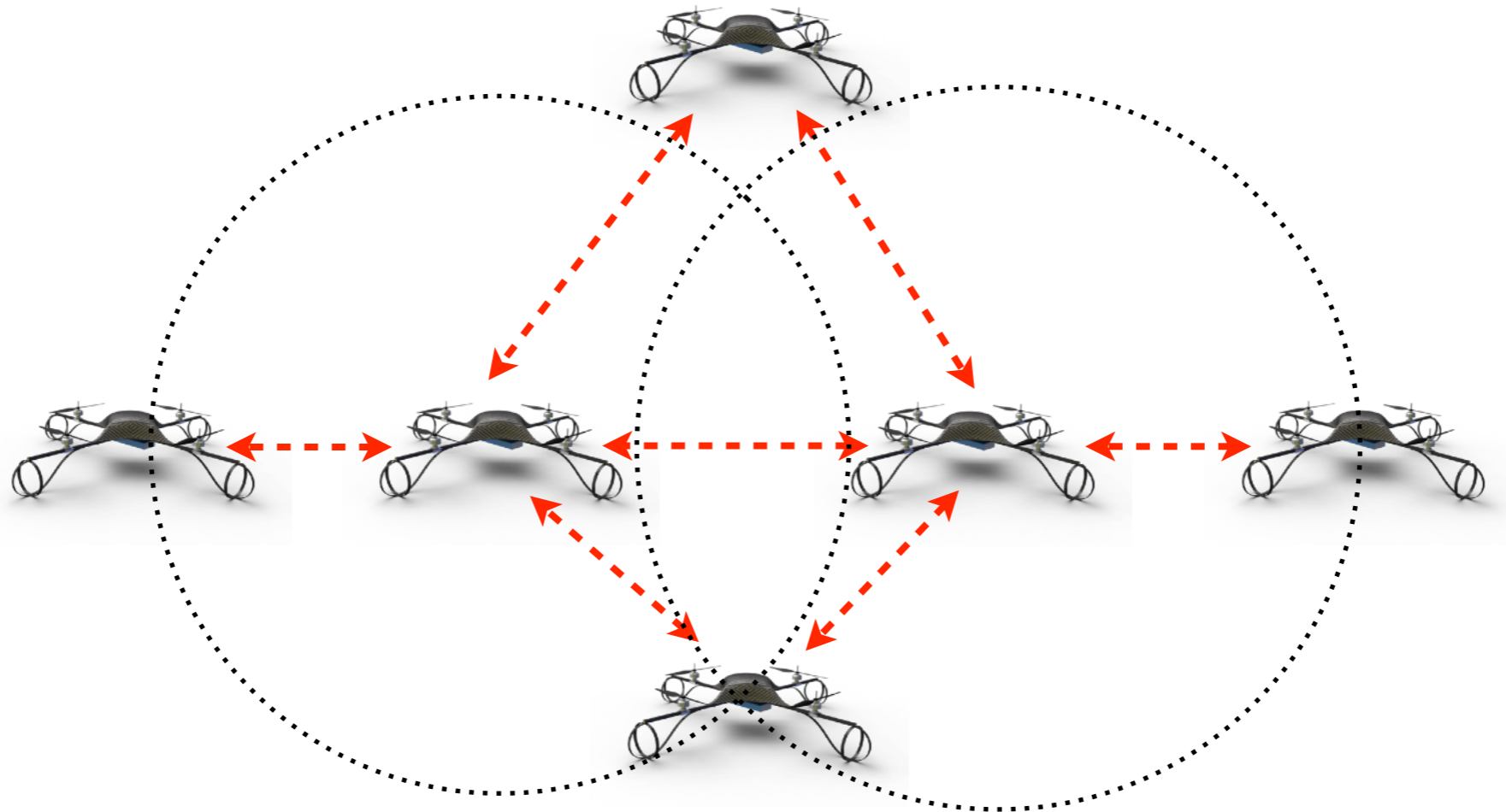
agents can measure distance to neighbors

sensor limitations only allow a subset of available measurements



# Architectural Requirements

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Can the desired formation be maintained using only the available distance measurements?

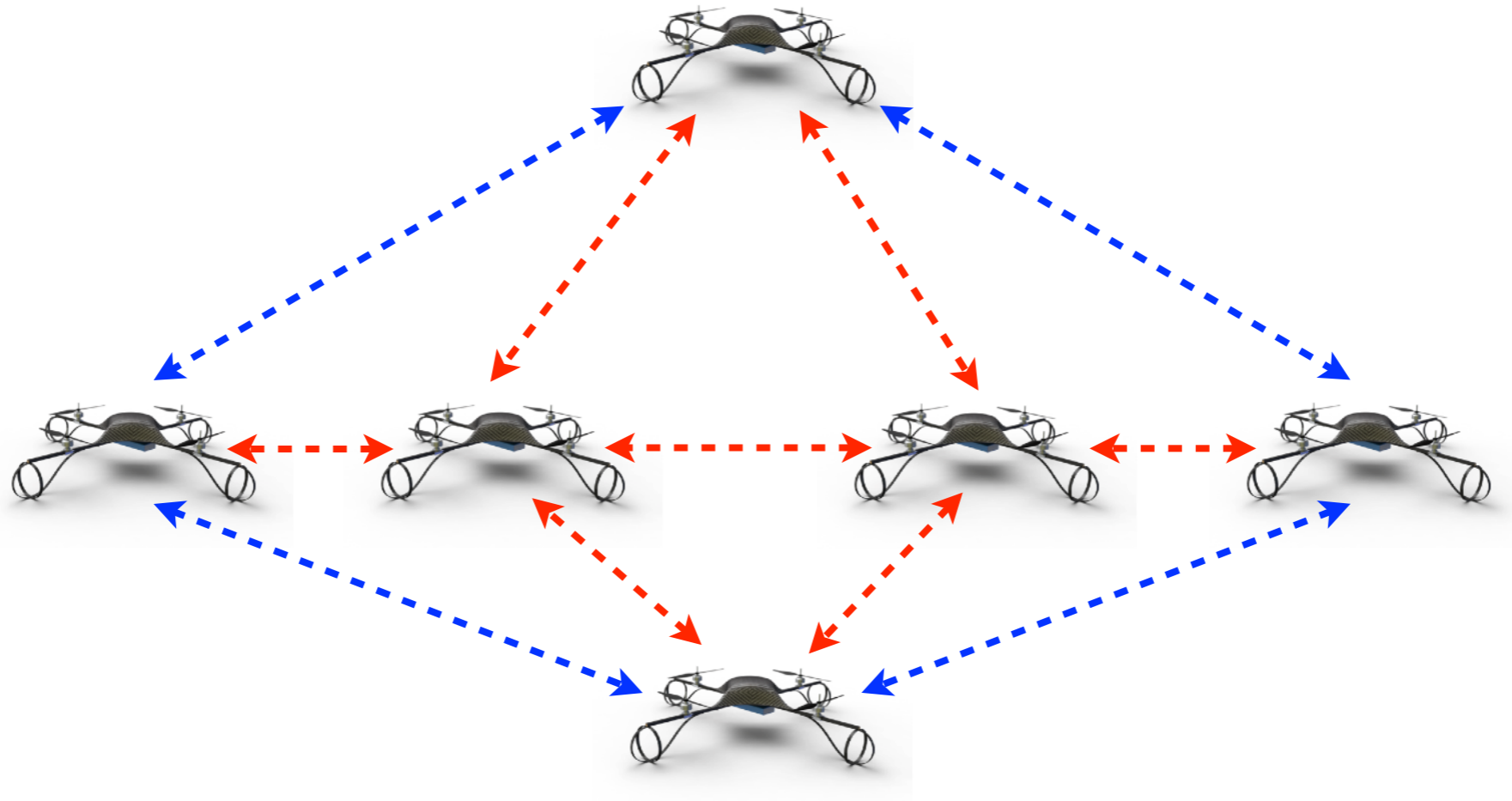
**No!**





# Architectural Requirements

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A *minimum* number of distance measurements are required to *uniquely* determine the desired formation!

## Graph Rigidity



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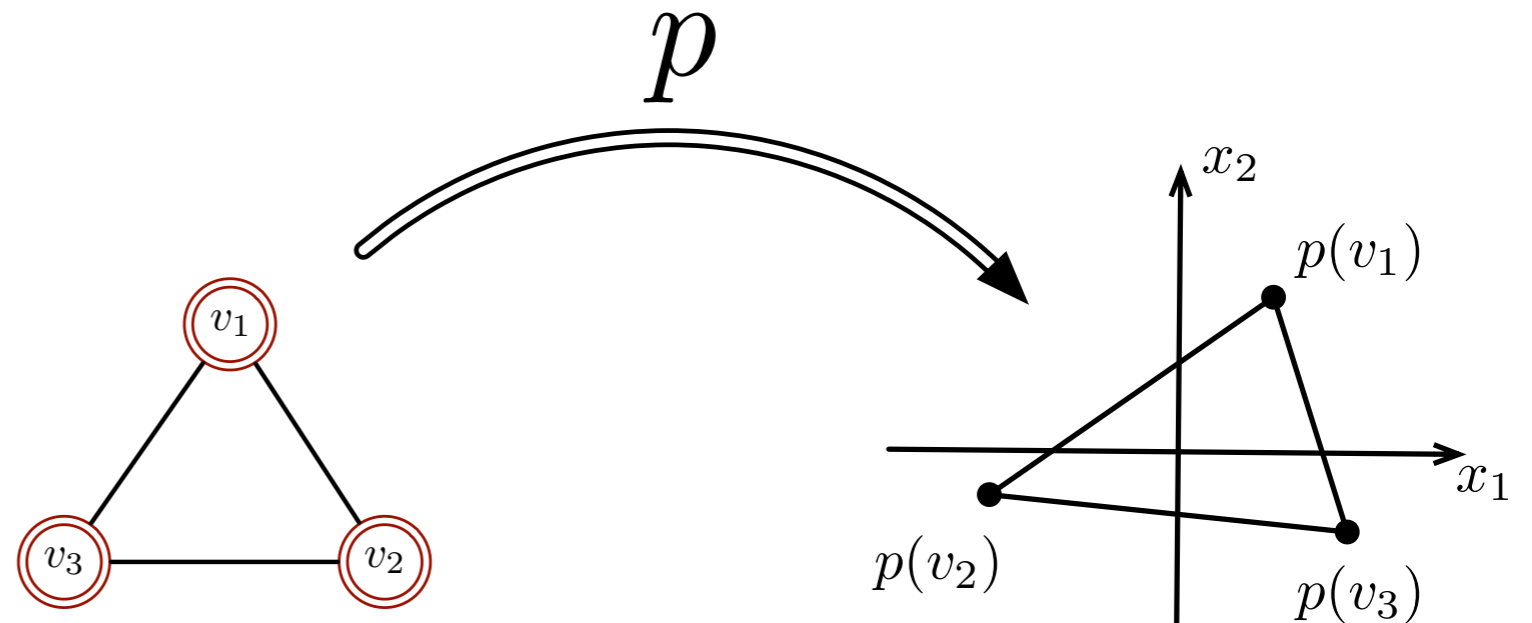


# Graph Rigidity

bar-and-joint frameworks

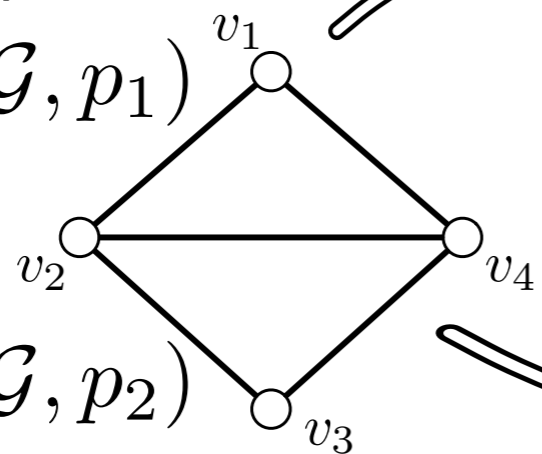
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maps every vertex to a point in the plane

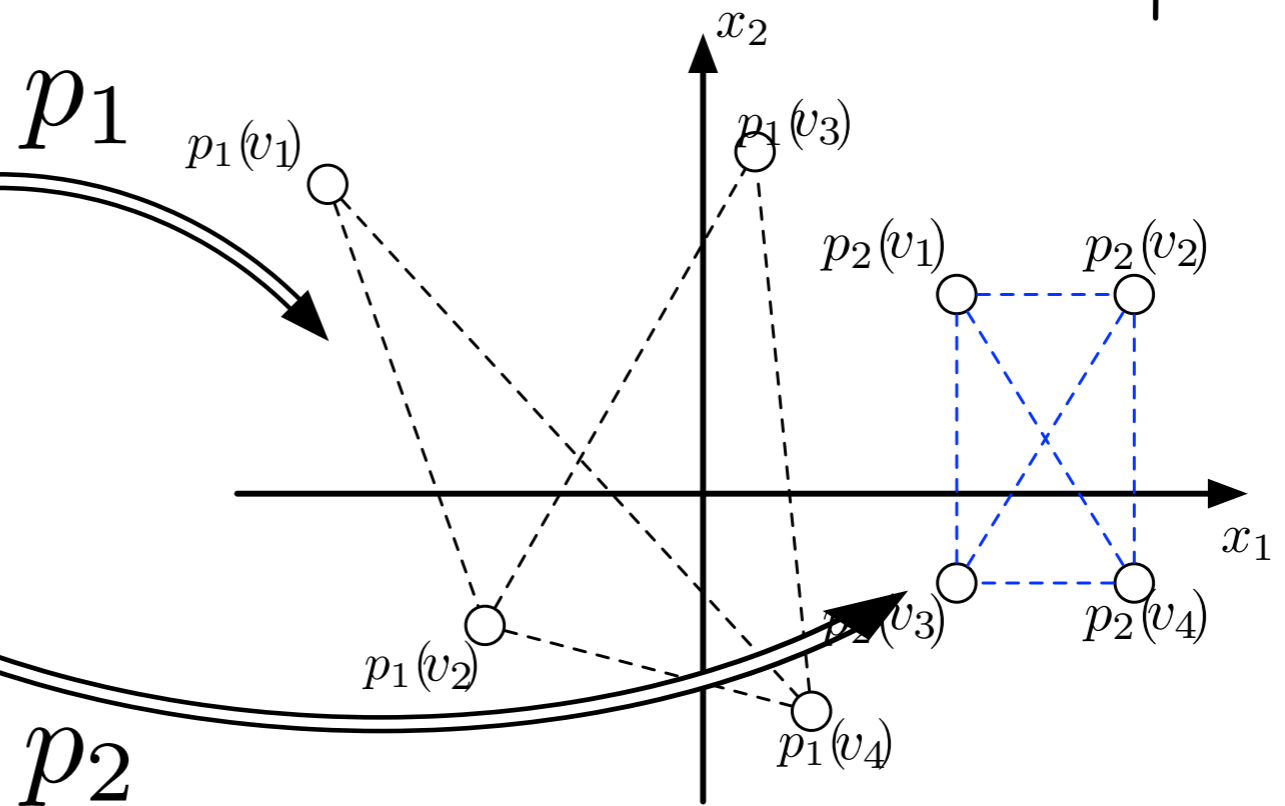


example:

$$\mathcal{F}_1 = (\mathcal{G}, p_1)$$



$$\mathcal{F}_2 = (\mathcal{G}, p_2)$$

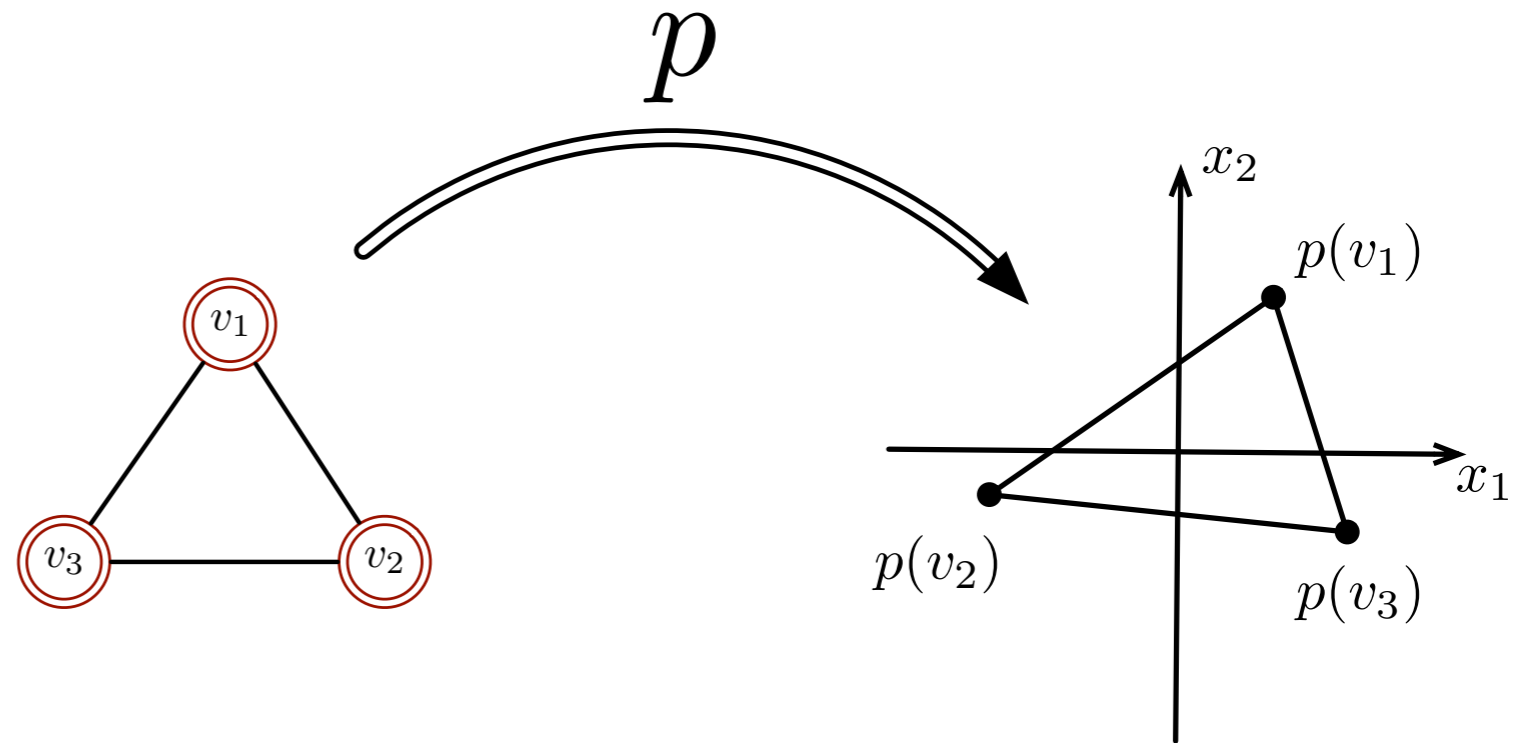


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Two frameworks are *equivalent* if

$$(\mathcal{G}, p_0) \quad (\mathcal{G}, p_1)$$

$$\|p_0(v_i) - p_0(v_j)\| = \|p_1(v_i) - p_1(v_j)\|$$

$$\forall \{v_i, v_j\} \in \mathcal{E}$$

Two frameworks are *congruent* if

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$$\forall v_i, v_j \in \mathcal{V}$$

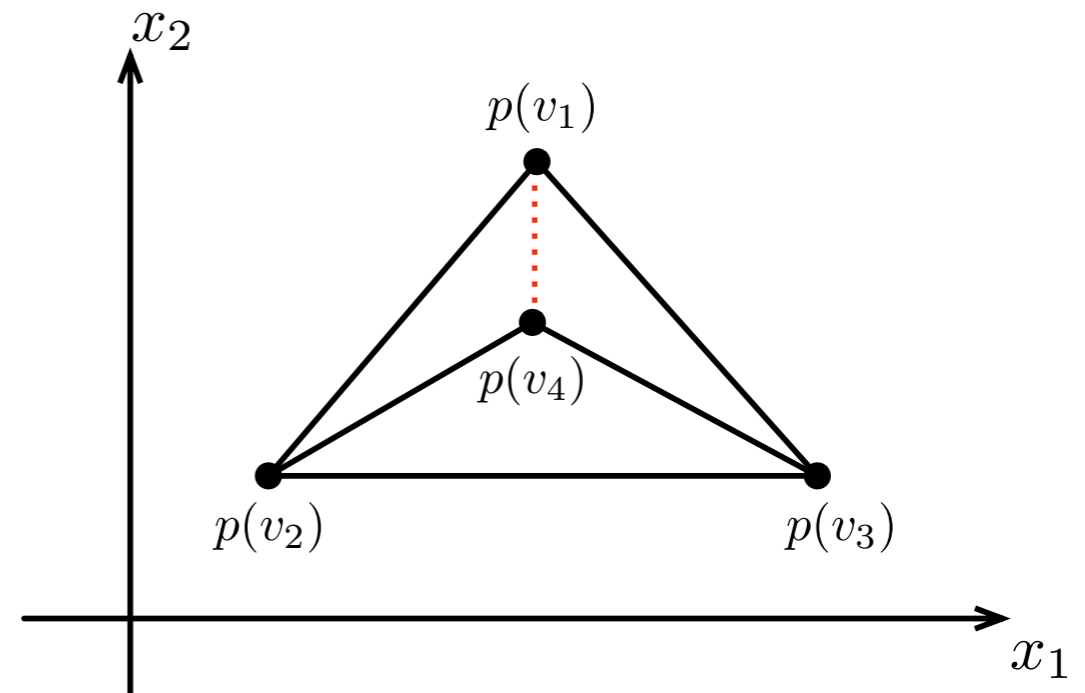
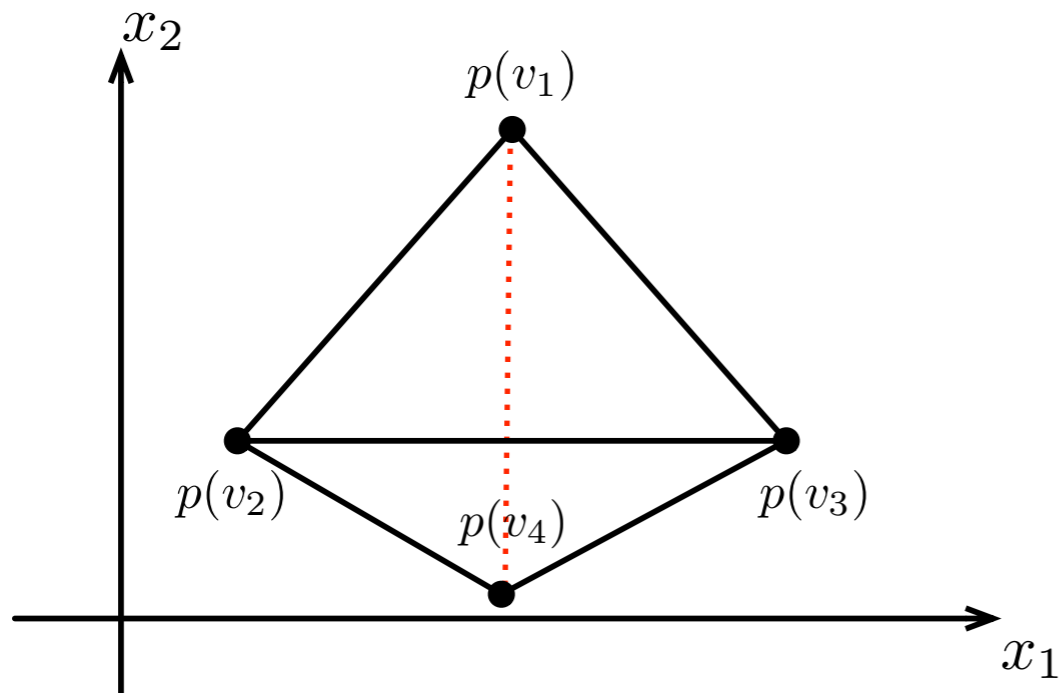
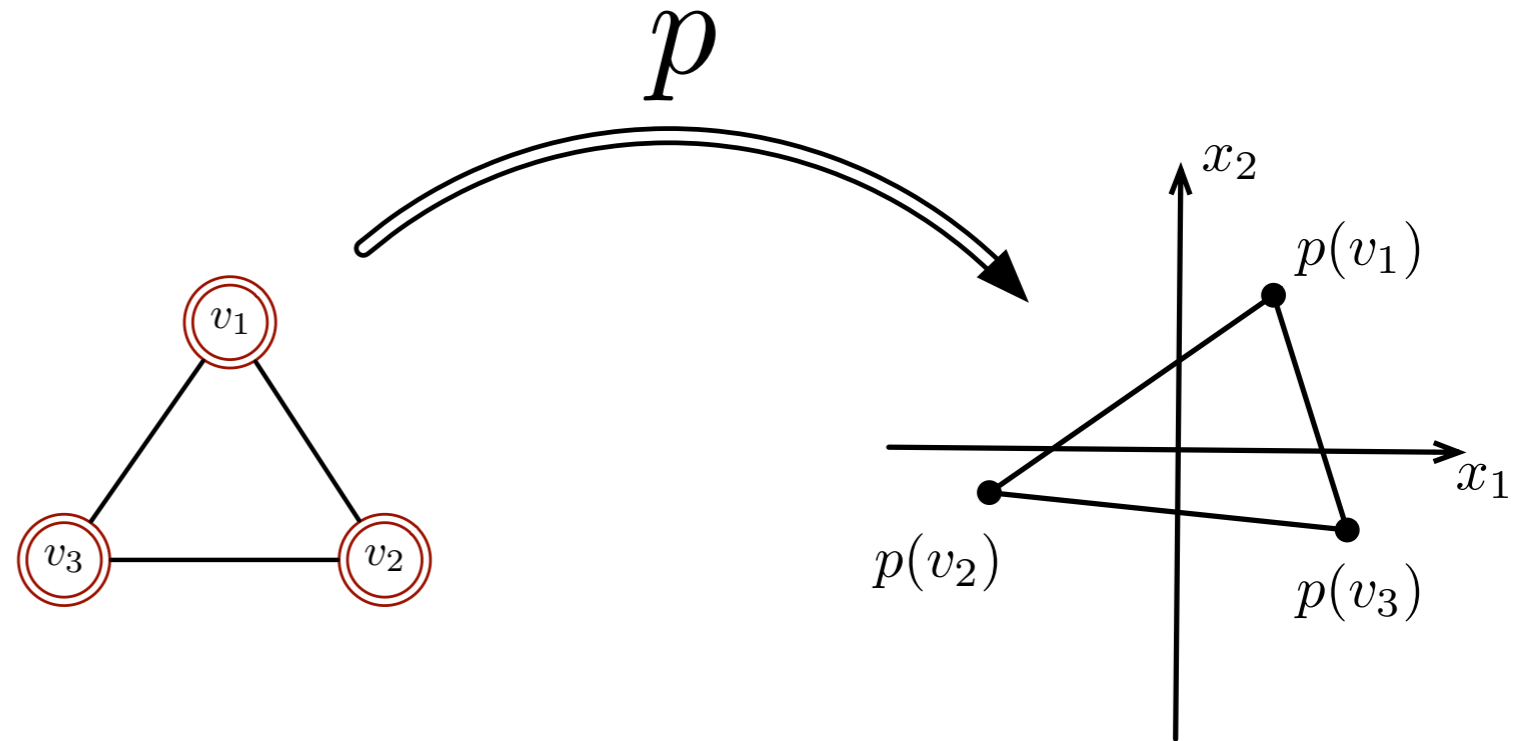


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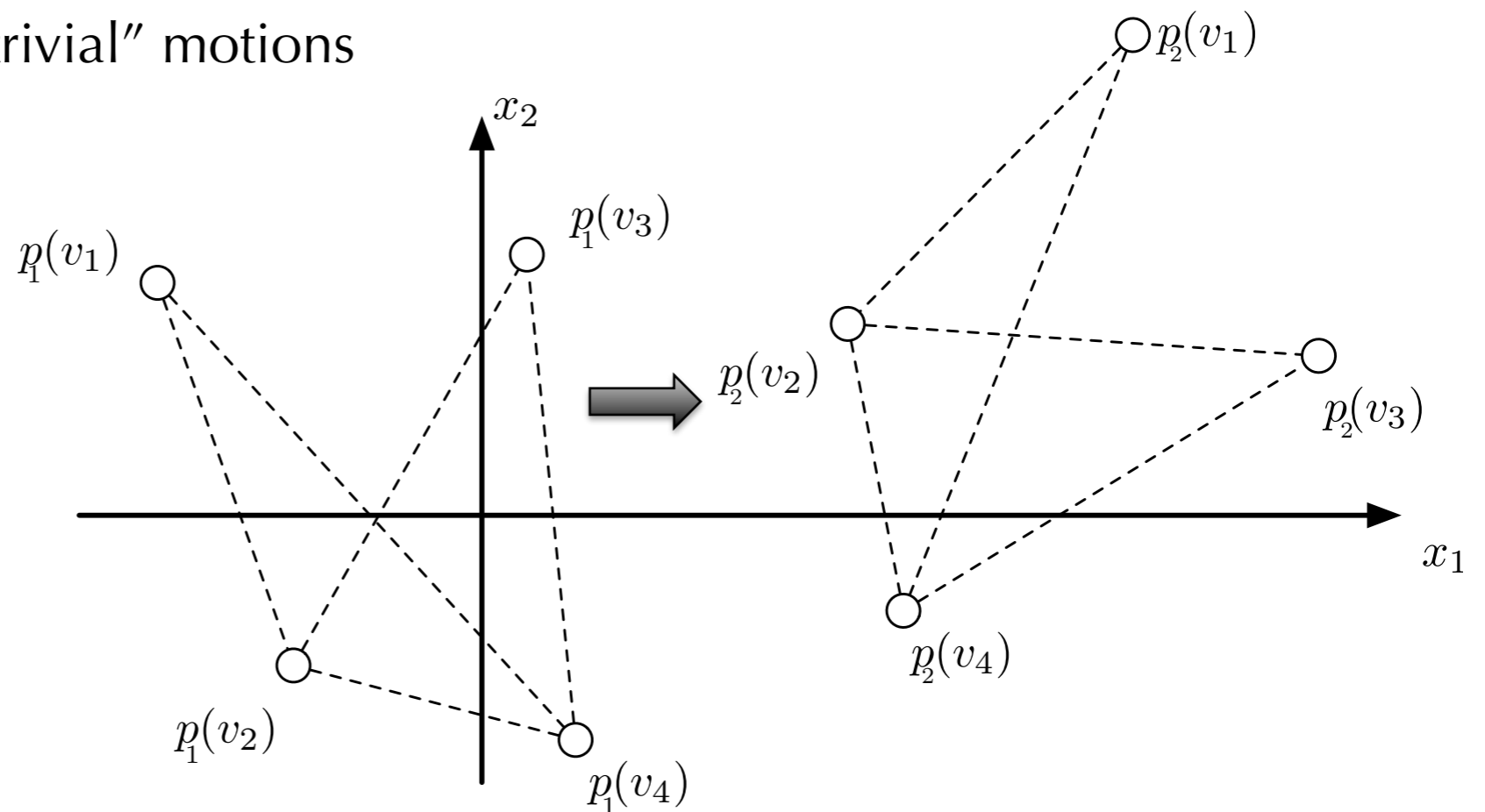
# Graph Rigidity

A framework  $(\mathcal{G}, p_0)$  is *globally rigid* if every framework that is equivalent to  $(\mathcal{G}, p_0)$  is congruent to  $(\mathcal{G}, p_0)$ .

frameworks that are both *equivalent* and *congruent* are related by only “trivial” motions

- translations
- rotations

*minimally rigid*



# Graph Rigidity

parameterizing frameworks by a variable representing “time” allows to consider “motions” of a framework

$(\mathcal{G}, p, t)$

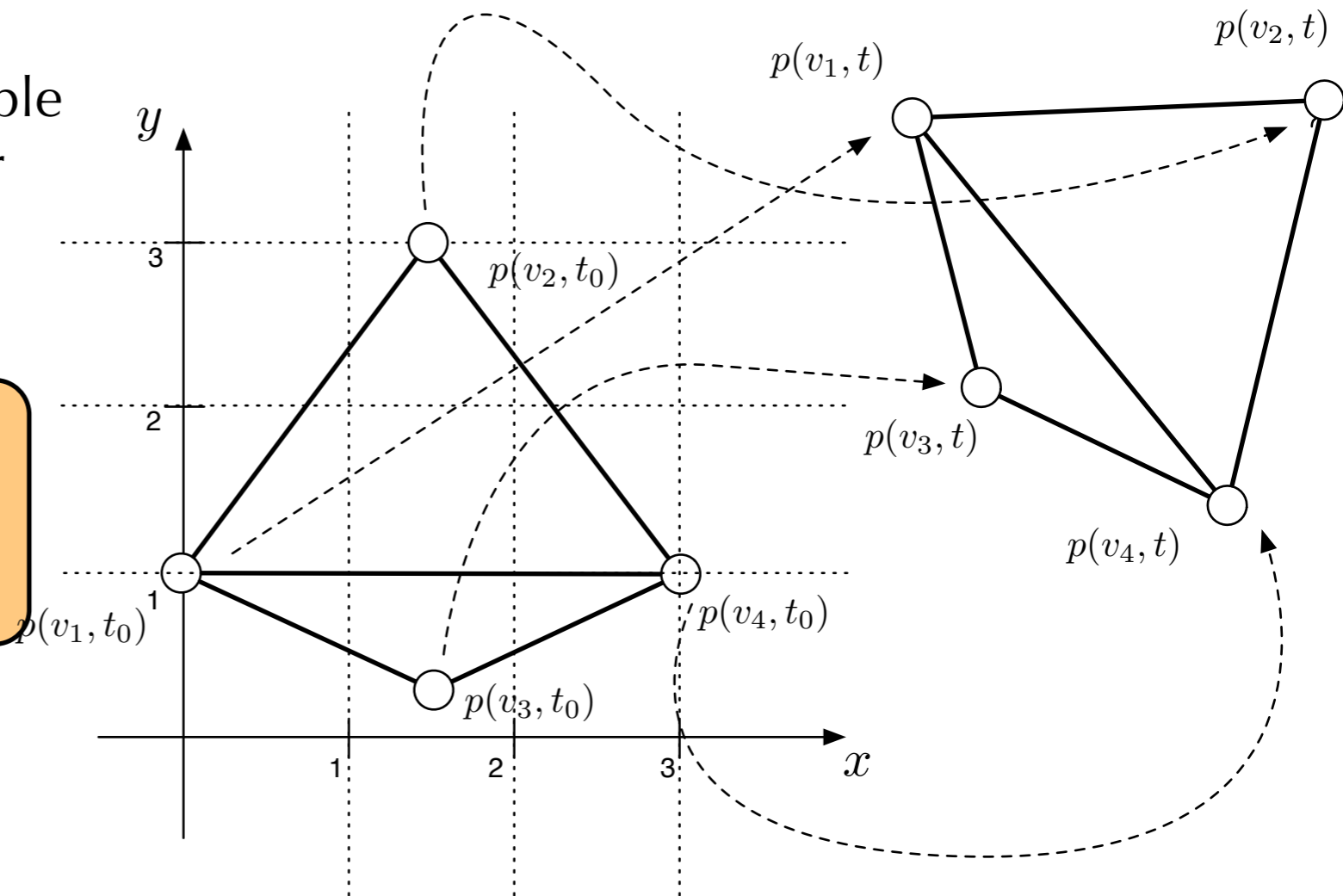
A trajectory is *edge consistent* if  $\|p(v, t) - p(u, t)\|$  is constant for all  $\{v, u\} \in \mathcal{E}$  and all  $t$ .

edge consistent trajectories generate a family of equivalent frameworks

$$\{p(u) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \|p(u) - p(v)\|_2^2 = \ell_{uv}^2, \forall \{u, v\} \in \mathcal{E}\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \|x_u(t) - x_v(t)\| = 0, \forall \{u, v\} \in \mathcal{E}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\dot{x}_u(t) - \dot{x}_v(t))^T (x_u(t) - x_v(t)) = 0 \quad \textit{infinitesimal motions}$$

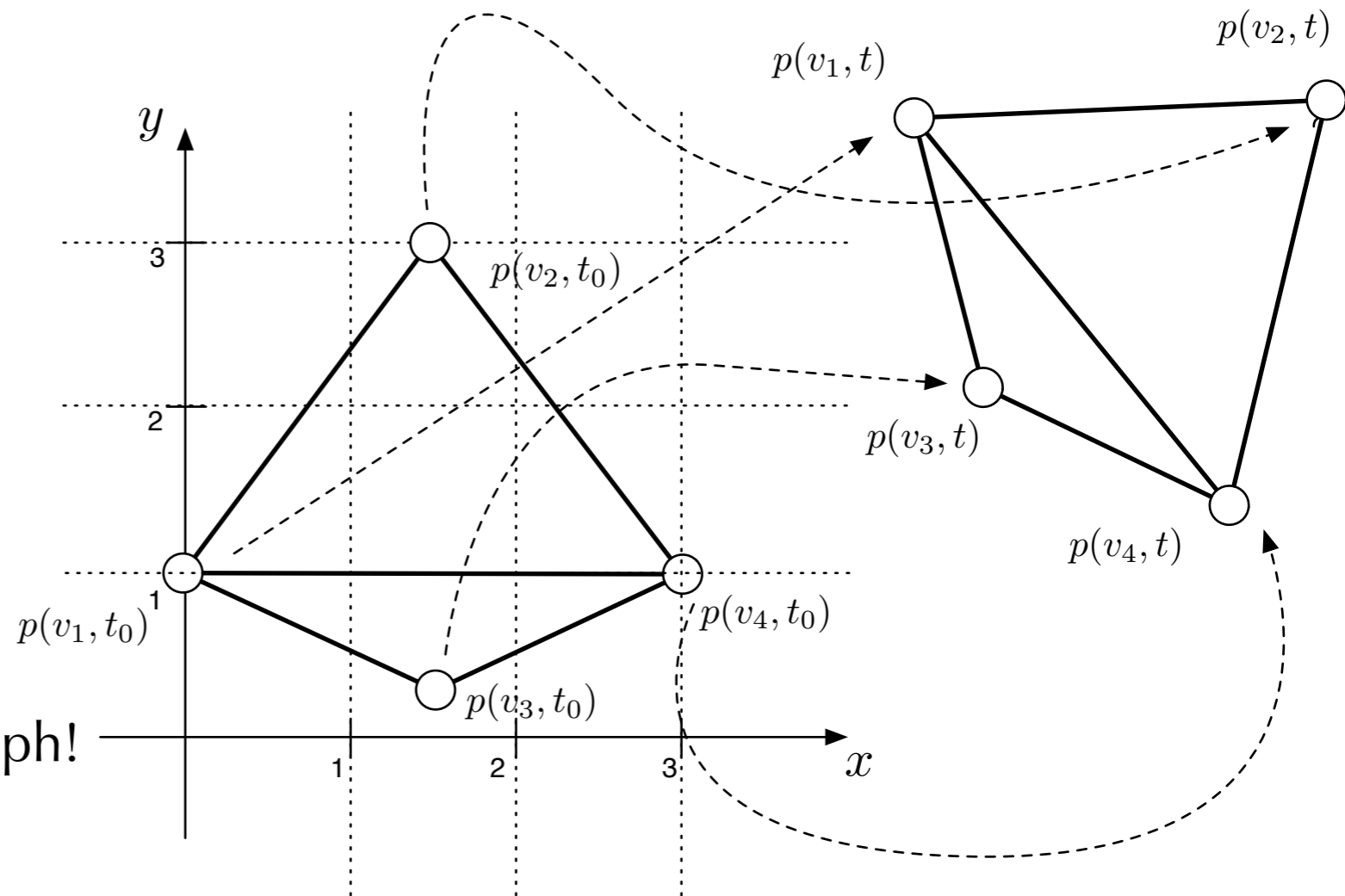


# Graph Rigidity

A framework is *infinitesimally rigid* if every infinitesimal motion is *trivial*

A graph is *generically rigid* if it has an infinitesimally rigid framework realization

generic rigidity is a property of the graph!



How can we check if a graph is generically or infinitesimally rigid?





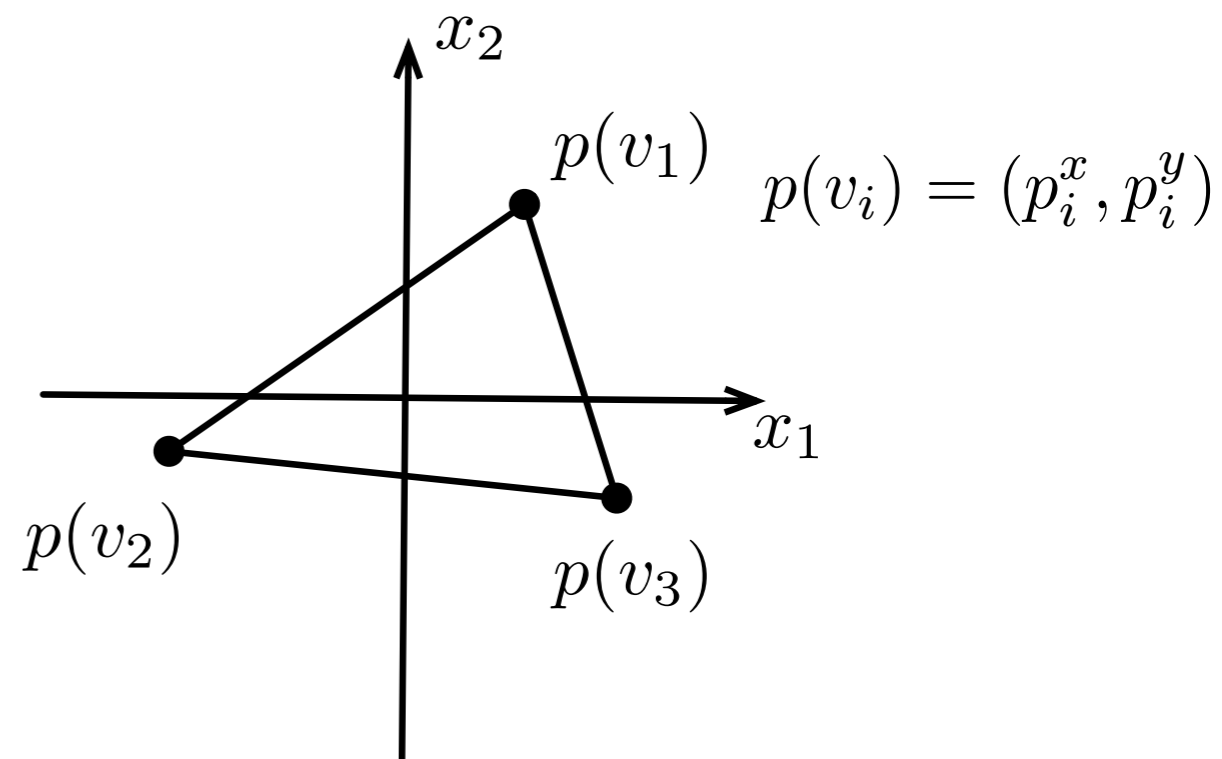
# The Rigidity Matrix

infinitesimal motions define a system of equations...

$$(\xi(v_i) - \xi(v_j))^T (p(v_i) - p(v_j)) = 0$$

The Rigidity Matrix

$$R(p) \in \mathbb{R}^{|\mathcal{E}| \times 2|\mathcal{V}|}$$



$$R(p) = \begin{bmatrix} p_1^x - p_2^x & p_1^y - p_2^y & p_2^x - p_1^x & p_2^y - p_1^y & 0 & 0 \\ p_1^x - p_3^x & p_1^y - p_3^y & 0 & 0 & p_3^x - p_1^x & p_3^y - p_1^y \\ 0 & 0 & p_2^x - p_3^x & p_2^y - p_3^y & p_3^x - p_2^x & p_3^y - p_2^y \end{bmatrix}$$

**Lemma 1 (Tay1984)** *A framework  $(\mathcal{G}, p)$  is infinitesimally rigid if and only if  $\text{rk}[R] = 2|\mathcal{V}| - 3$*



# The Symmetric Rigidity Matrix

The Symmetric Rigidity Matrix

$$\mathcal{R} = R(p)^T R(p)$$

a symmetric positive semi-definite matrix with eigenvalues

$\lambda_4$  the *Rigidity Eigenvalue*  
( $\lambda_7$ )

$$\lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_{2|V|}$$

**Theorem 1** *A framework is infinitesimally rigid if and only if the rigidity eigenvalue is strictly positive; i.e.  $\lambda_4 > 0$ .*

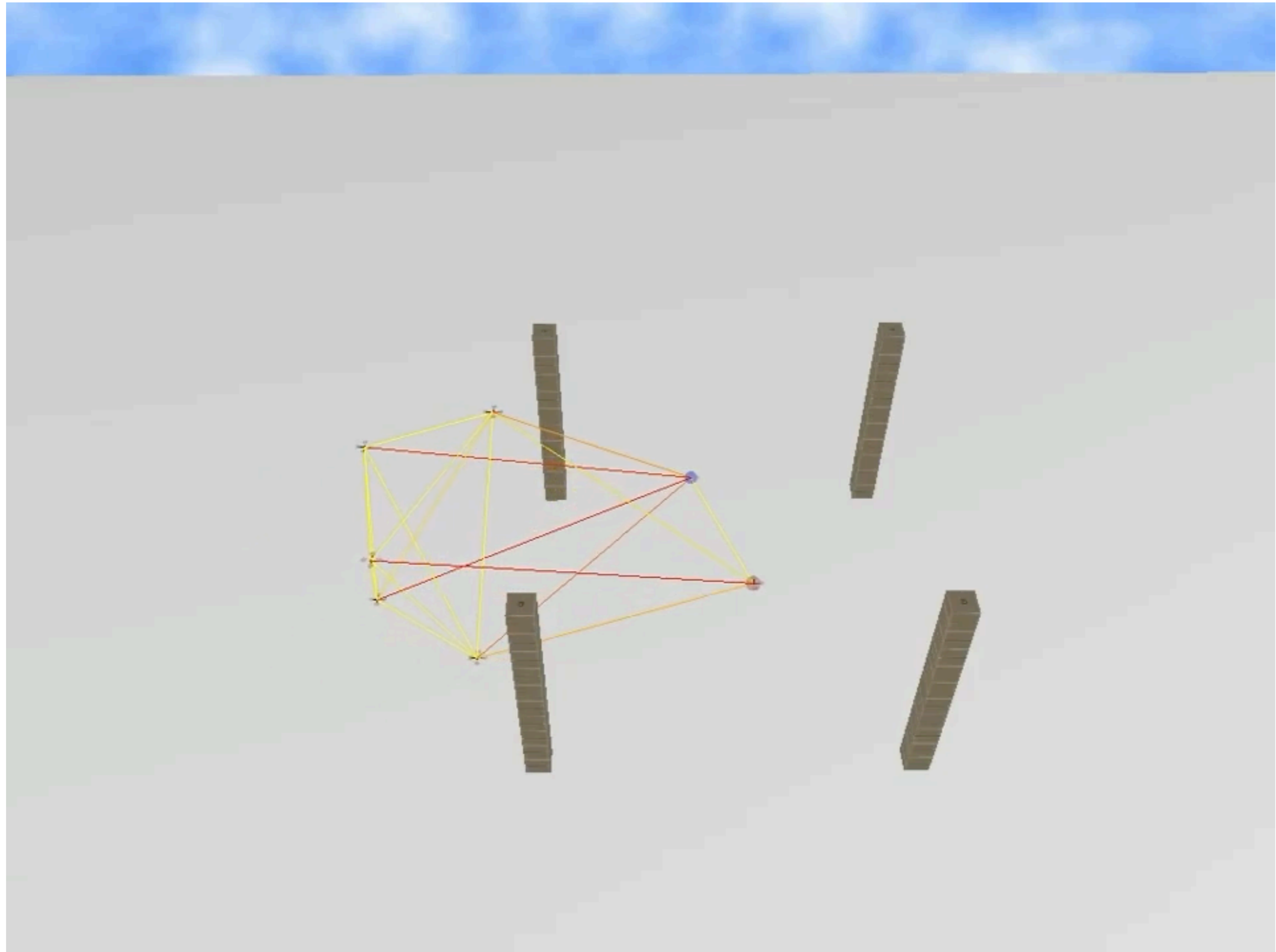
**proof:** 
$$P\mathcal{R}P^T = (I_2 \otimes E(\mathcal{G})) \begin{bmatrix} W_x^2 & W_{xy} \\ W_{xy} & W_y^2 \end{bmatrix} (I_2 \otimes E(\mathcal{G})^T)$$

**weights depend on *relative positions***  $[W_x^2]_{kk} = (p_i^x - p_j^x)^2$



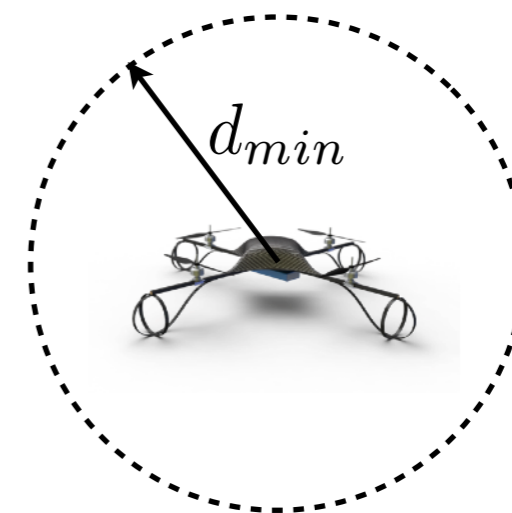
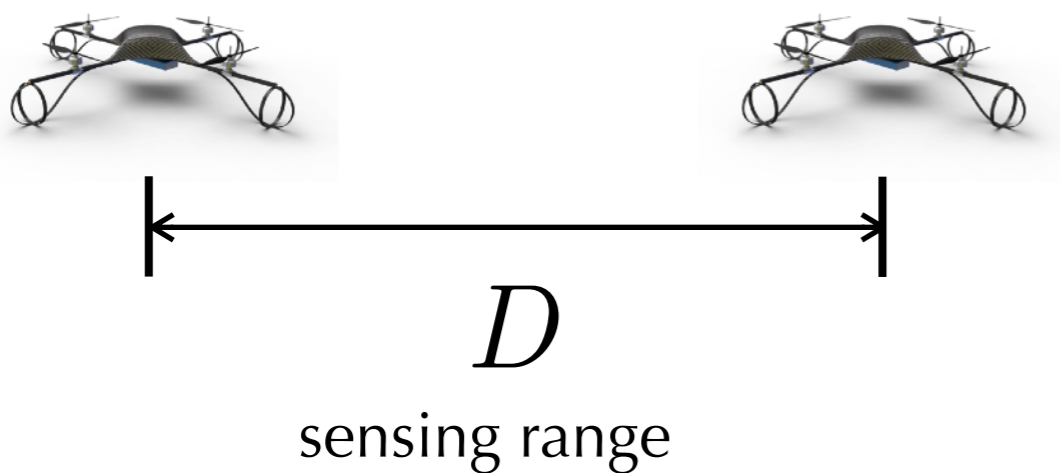
# Frameworks for Dynamic Environments

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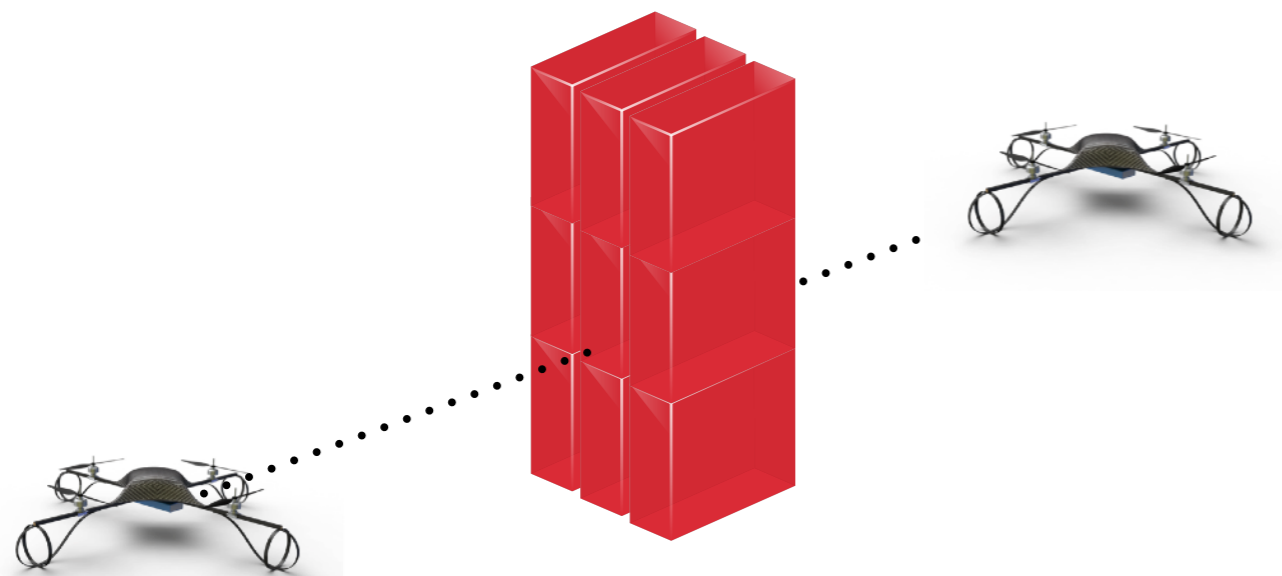
# Weighted Frameworks

When is there a sensing link between agents?



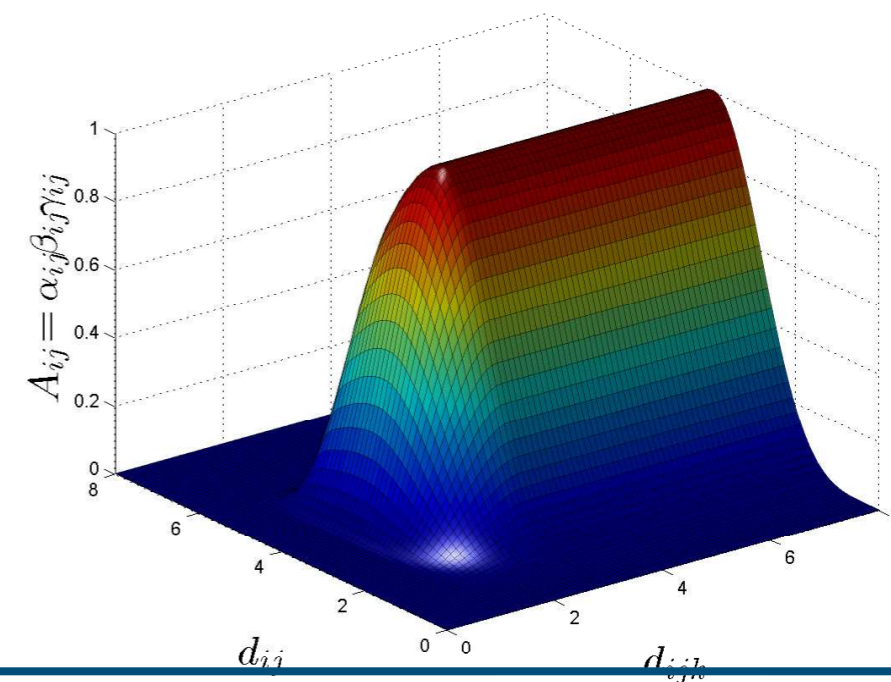
safety zone

composite weight between neighboring agents



no line-of-sight occlusion

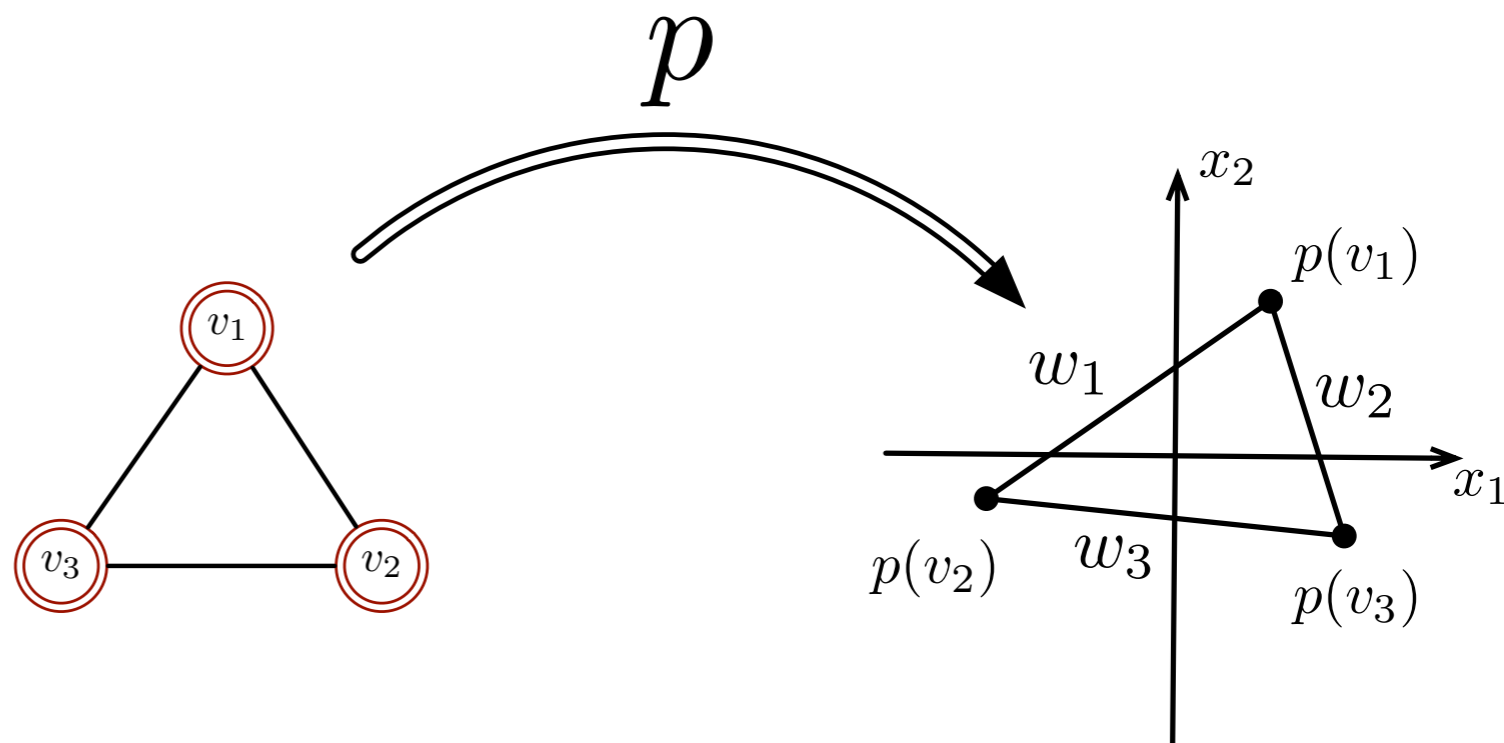
$$A_{ij}$$



# Weighted Frameworks

weighted frameworks

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E}) \\ p : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \\ \mathcal{W} : (\mathcal{G}, p) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{|\mathcal{E}|} \end{array} \right.$$



weighted rigidity matrix

$$R(p, \mathcal{W}) = W(\mathcal{G}, p)R(p)$$

weighted rigidity matrix

$$\mathcal{R} = R(p, \mathcal{W})^T R(p, \mathcal{W})$$

**Corollary 1** *A weighted framework  $(\mathcal{G}, p, \mathcal{W})$  is infinitesimally rigid if and only if the weighted rigidity eigenvalue is strictly positive.*



# Outline

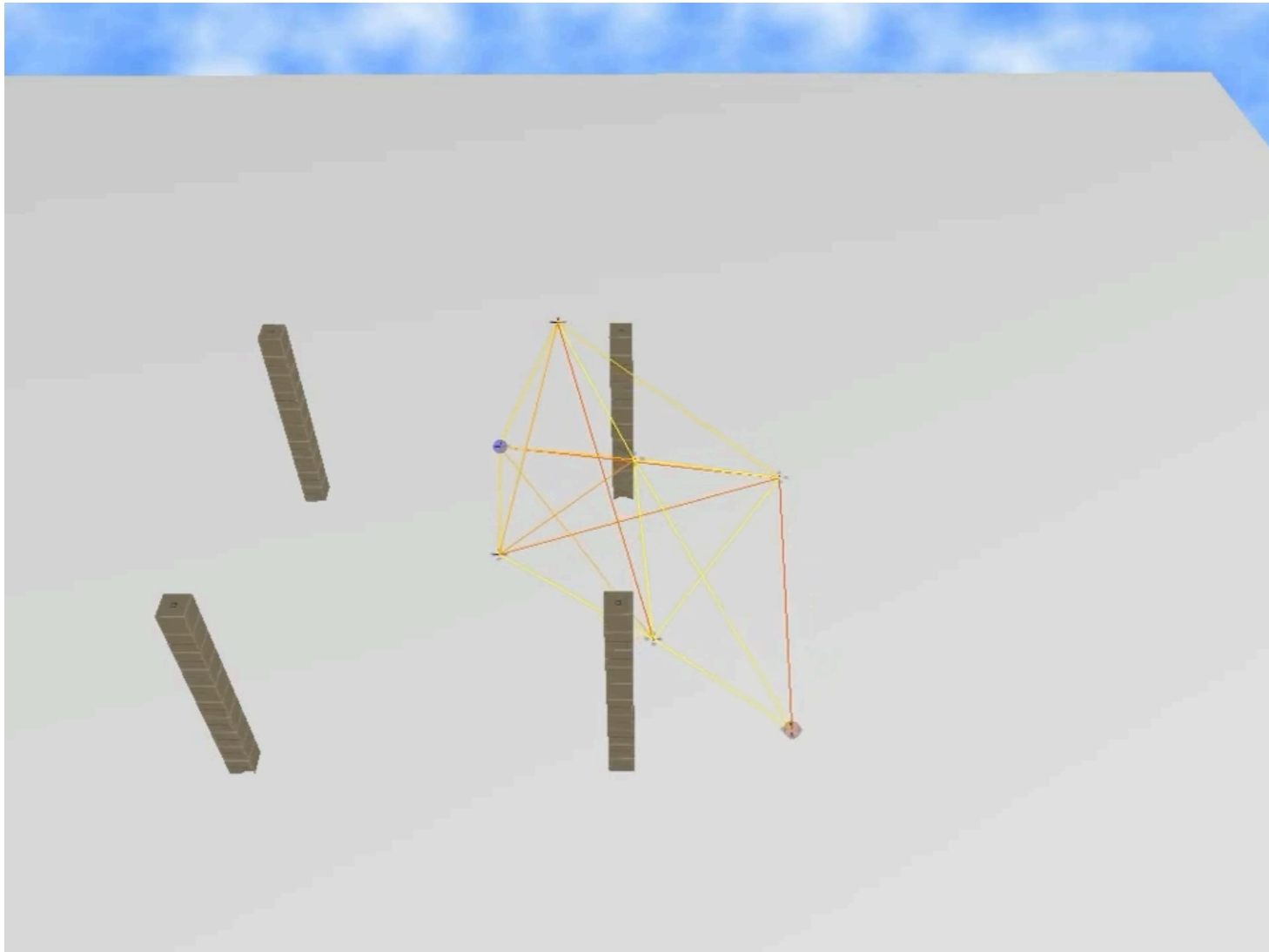
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# Rigidity Maintenance

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When *relative sensing* is used, rigidity becomes an important *architectural requirement* for a multi-agent system

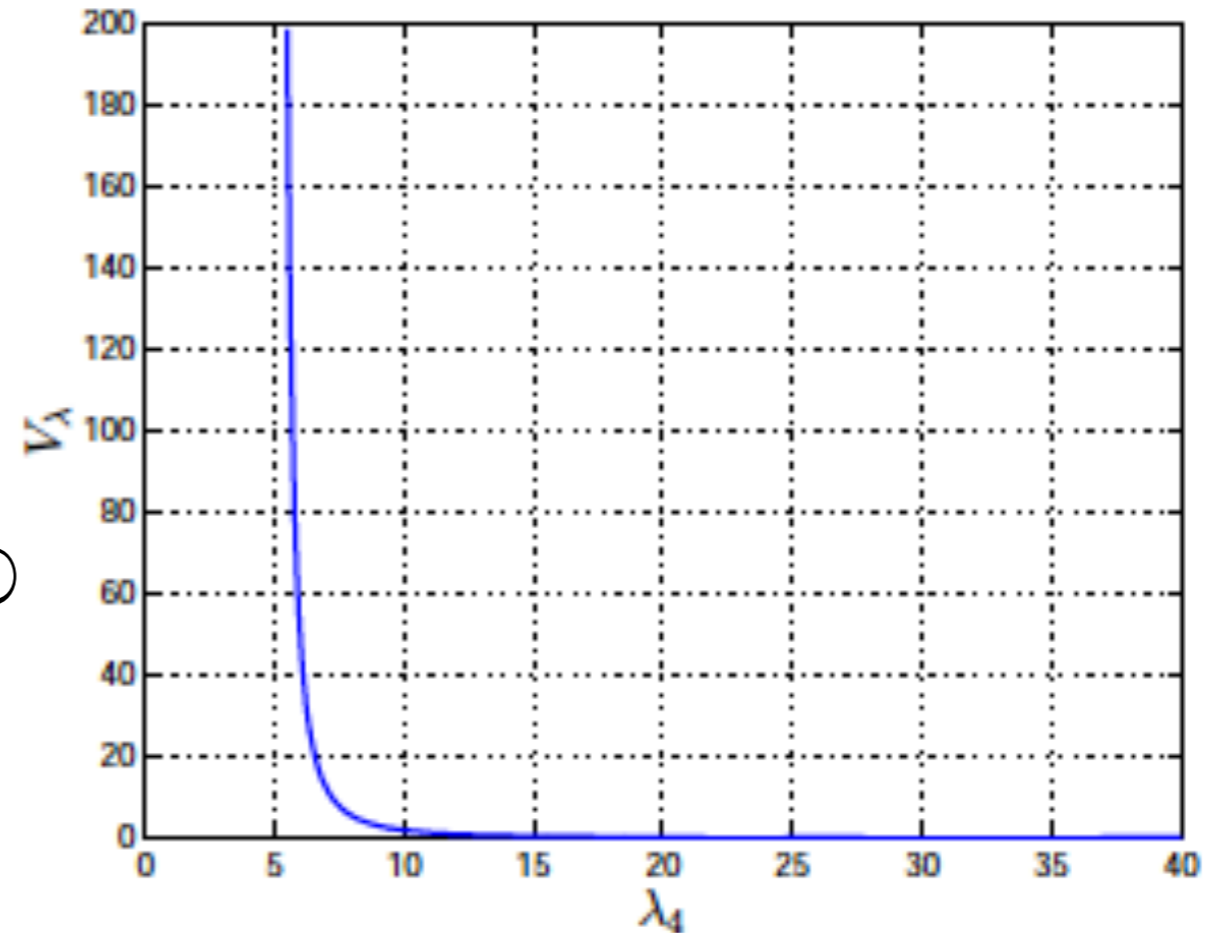
⇒ to achieve higher level objectives (i.e. formation control, localization), the rigidity property must be maintained *dynamically*



# The Rigidity Potential

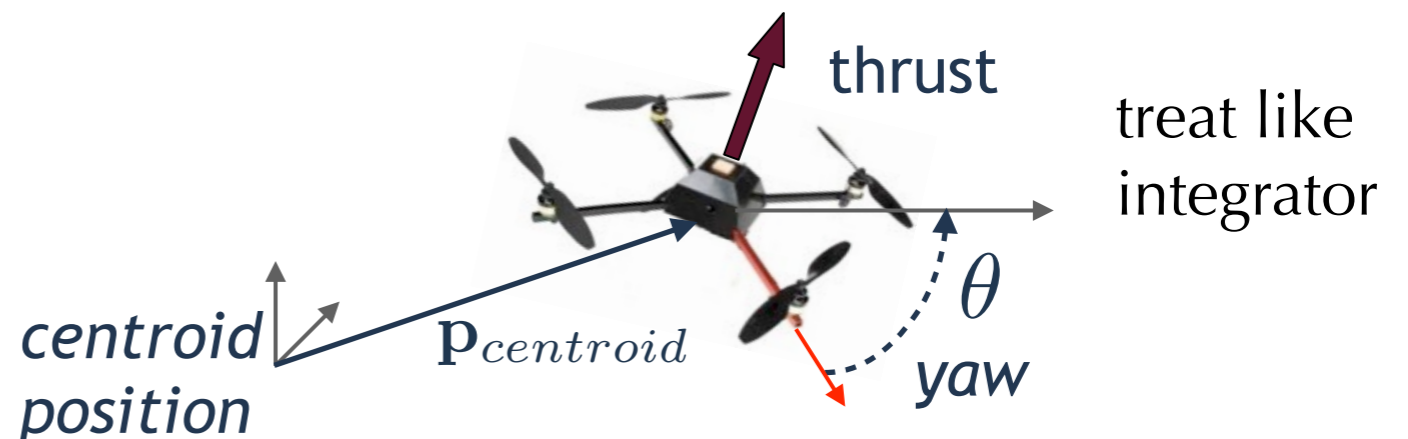
How can rigidity be maintained with only local information?

Define a scalar potential function  $V_\lambda$   
grows unbounded as  $\lambda_4 \rightarrow 0$   
vanishes as  $\lambda_4 \rightarrow \infty$



velocity command

$$\xi_i = -\frac{\partial V_\lambda}{\partial \lambda_4} \left( \frac{\partial \lambda_4}{\partial p_i} \right)$$





# The Rigidity Potential

How can rigidity be maintained with only local information?

**Key observation:** Gradient of rigidity eigenvalue has a distributed structure!

$$\lambda_4 = v_4^T P \mathcal{R} P^T v_4$$

$$P \mathcal{R} P^T = (I_2 \otimes E(\mathcal{G})) \begin{bmatrix} W_x & W_{xy} \\ W_{xy} & W_y \end{bmatrix} (I_2 \otimes E(\mathcal{G})^T)$$

requires a **“global”** quantity  
inertial reference frame

$$\frac{\partial \lambda_4}{\partial p_i^x} = 2 \sum_{i \sim j} \mathcal{W}_{ij} \left( (p_i^x - p_j^x) (v_i^x - v_j^x) \right)^2$$

$$+ (p_i^y - p_j^y) (v_i^x - v_j^x) (v_i^y - v_j^y) + \frac{\partial \mathcal{W}_{ij}}{\partial p_i^x} (*)$$

gradient is only a function of *relative* quantities!

can be computed locally by each agent\*

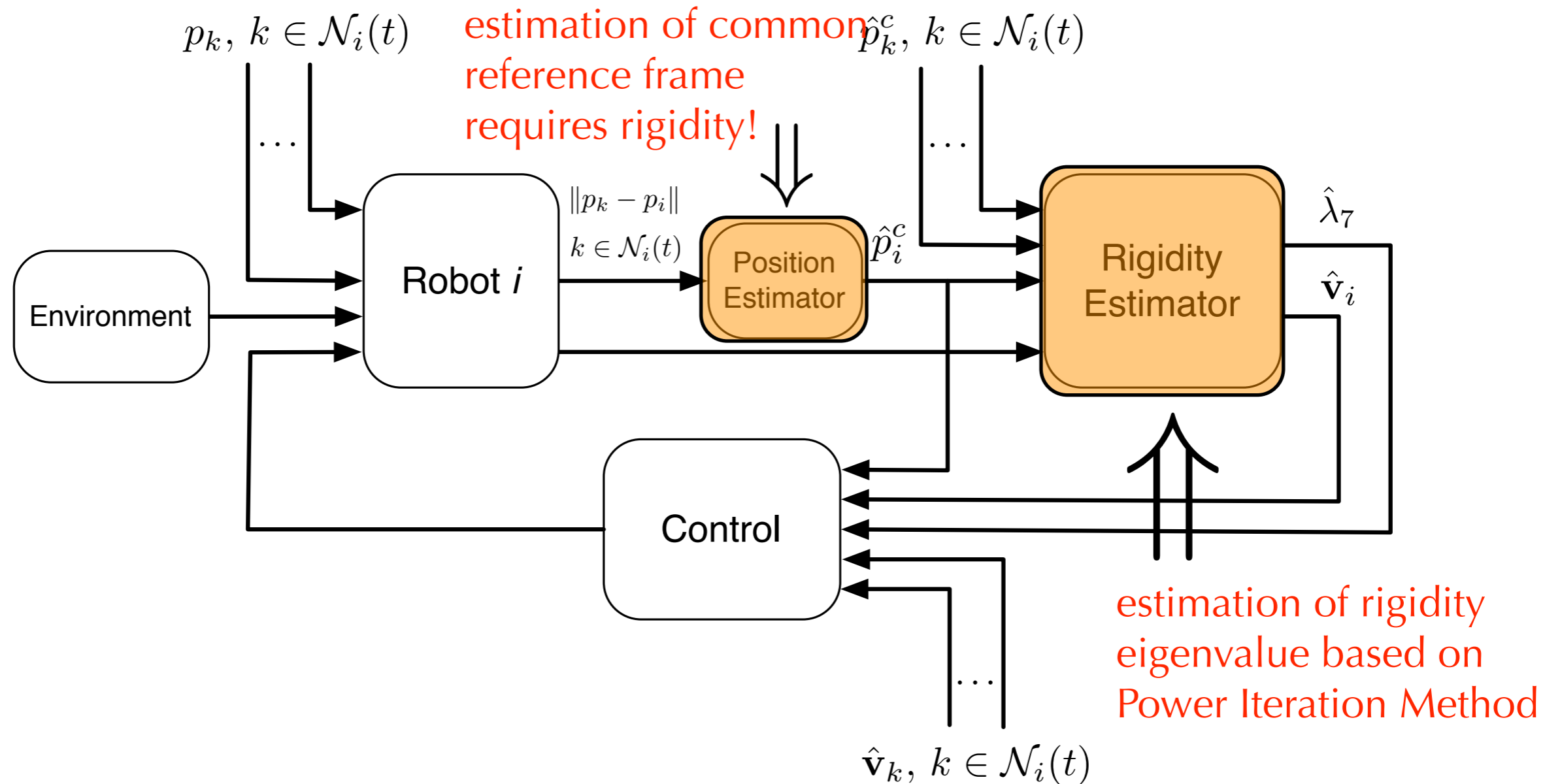
$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{W}_{ij}}{\partial p_i} = 0 \Leftrightarrow j \notin \mathcal{N}_i$$



# Distributed Rigidity Maintenance

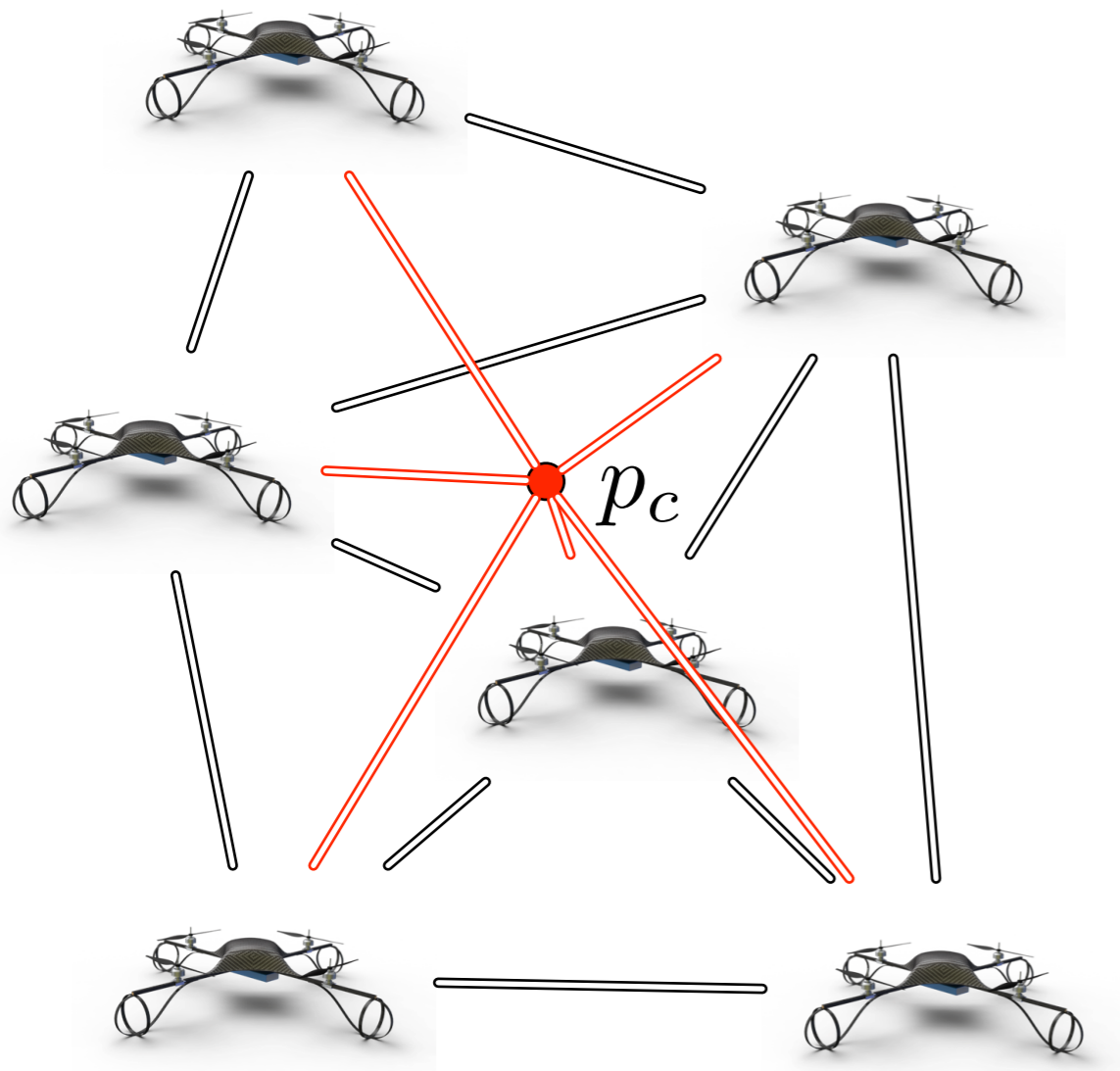
a distributed implementation requires

- estimation of a common inertial frame
- estimation of the rigidity eigenvalue and eigenvector



# Estimation of a Common Frame

Agents do not have access to relative positions, only distance



$$\cancel{p_i - p_j}$$

$$\|p_i - p_j\|$$

rigidity of formation can be used for each agent to estimate relative position to a *common point*

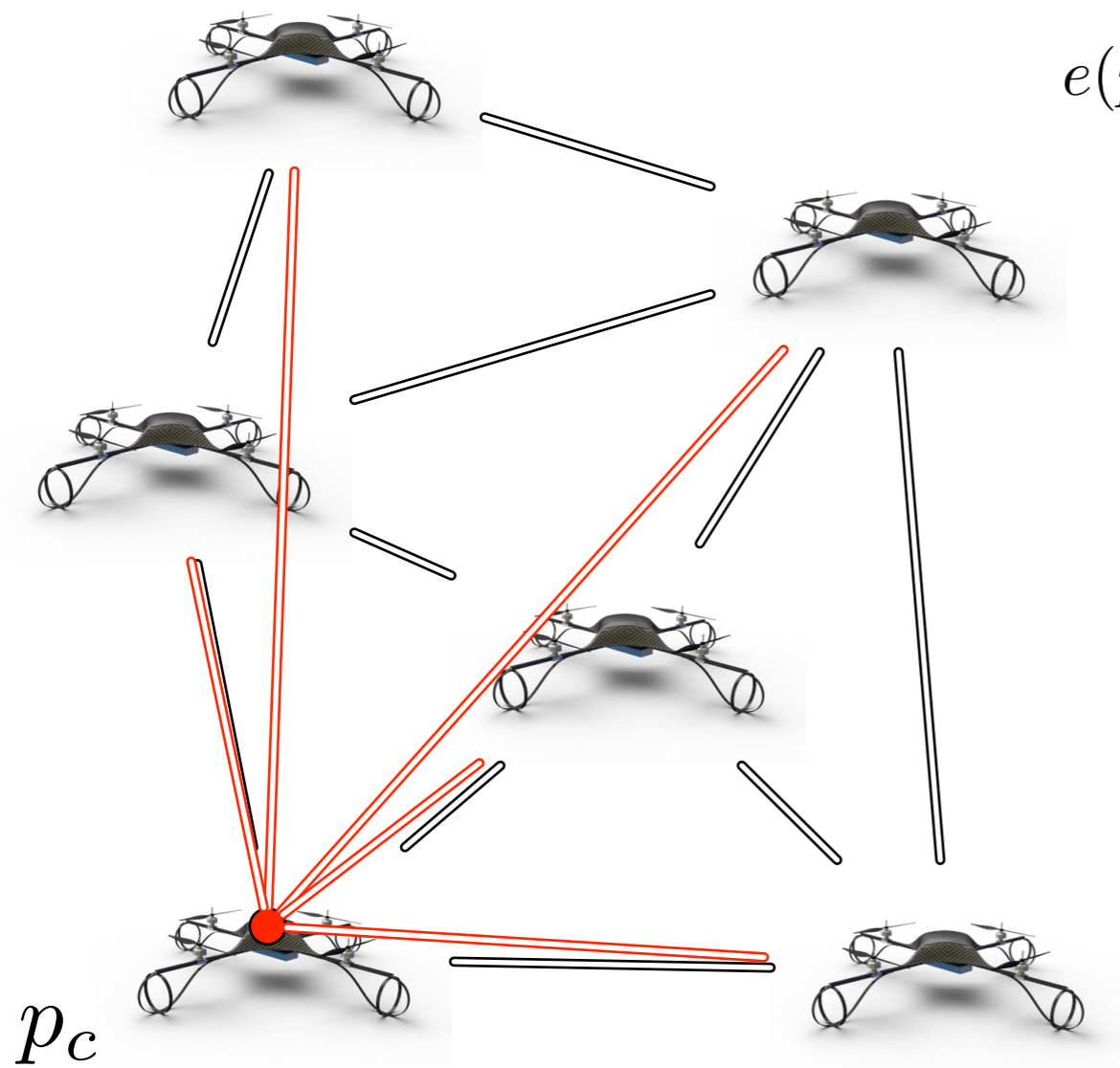
$$p_i - p_c$$

- one agent endowed with *special ability*
- able to measure *relative position* w.r.t to two agents
- all other agents only measure distances



# Estimation of a Common Frame

$\hat{p}_{i,c}$  is estimate of  $p_i - p_c$



$$e(\hat{p}) = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{\{i,j\} \in \mathcal{E}} (\|\hat{p}_{j,c} - \hat{p}_{i,c}\|^2 - \overset{\text{measured distance}}{\underset{\downarrow}{\ell_{ij}^2}})^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|\hat{p}_{i_c,c}\|^2 +$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \|\hat{p}_{\iota,c} - \underbrace{(p_{\iota} - p_{i_c})}_{\text{measured by "special" agent}}\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|\hat{p}_{\kappa,c} - \underbrace{(p_{\kappa} - p_{i_c})}_{\text{measured by "special" agent}}\|^2$$

measured by "special" agent

Properties of error function

- non-negative and convex function
- = **0** if and only if estimated distances equal measured distances

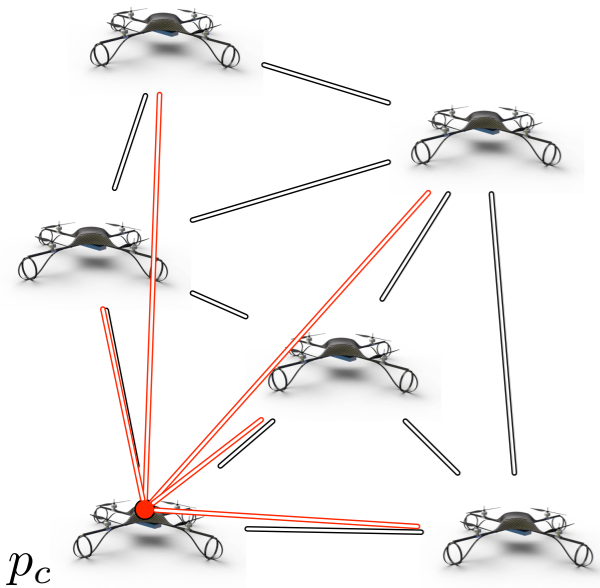
• "special" agent becomes the (moving) point each agent is trying to estimate the relative position of

\*based on approach of Calafiore *et al.*, 2010.



# Estimation of a Common Frame

## First-Order Gradient Descent



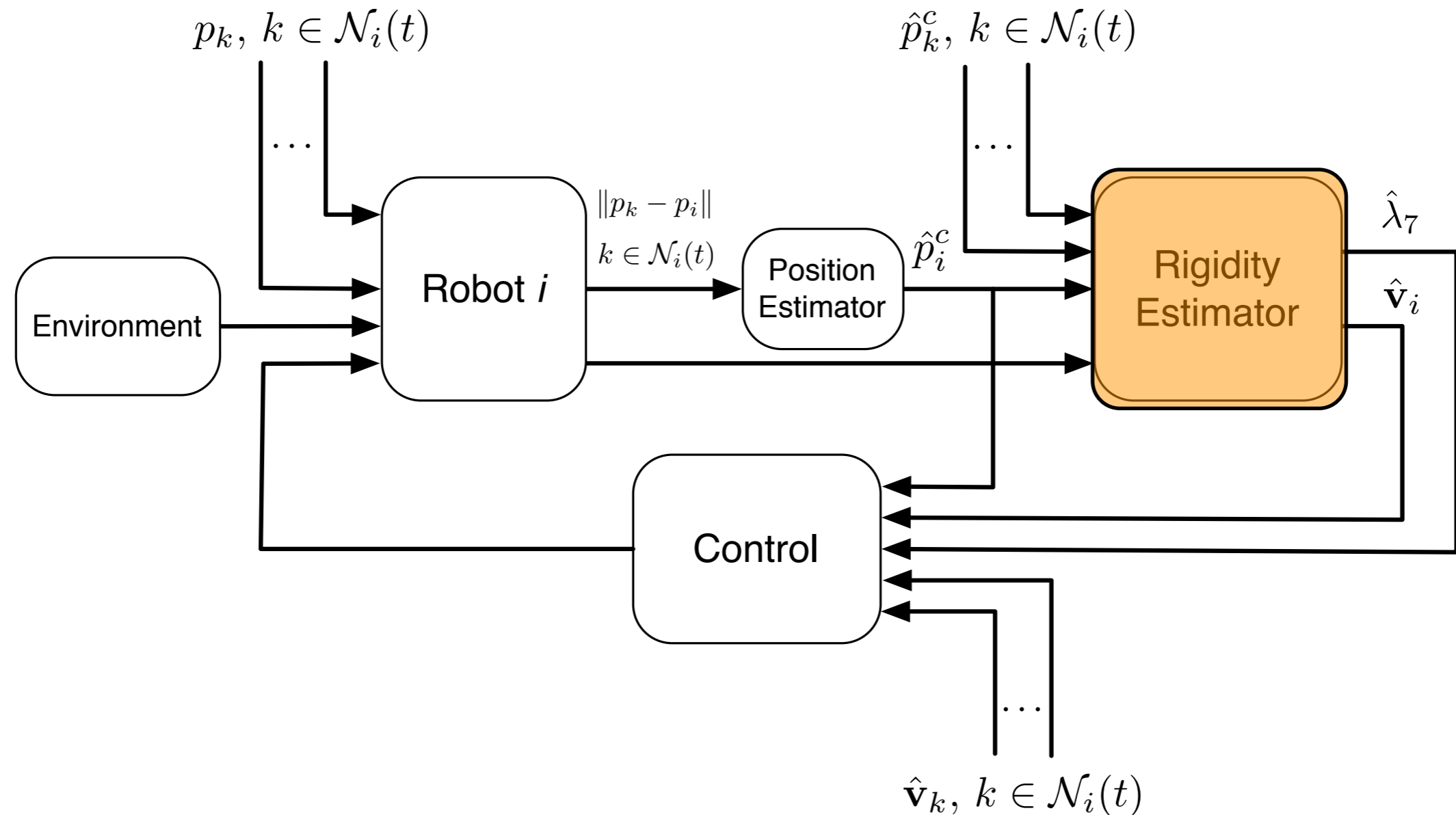
$$\dot{\hat{p}} = -\frac{\partial e}{\partial \hat{p}} = -\mathcal{R}(\hat{p})\hat{p} + R(\hat{p})\ell + \Delta^c$$

**Proposition** *If the framework is (infinitesimally) rigid then the vector of true values  $p - (\mathbb{1} \otimes p_c) = \left[ (p_1 - p_c)^T \cdots (p_{|\mathcal{V}|} - p_c)^T \right]^T$  is an isolated local minimizer of  $e(\hat{p})$ . Therefore, there exists an  $\epsilon > 0$  such that, for all initial conditions satisfying  $\|\hat{p}(0) - p - (\mathbb{1} \otimes p_c)\| < \epsilon$ , the estimation  $\hat{p}$  converges to  $p - (\mathbb{1} \otimes p_c)$ .*

\*proof based on Krick et al., 2009



# Estimation of Rigidity Eigenvalue

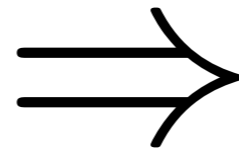


# Estimation of Rigidity Eigenvalue

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recall...

A framework is infinitesimally rigid if and only if the rigidity eigenvalue is positive



$$\xi_i = -\frac{\partial V_\lambda}{\partial \lambda_4} \left( \frac{\partial \lambda_4}{\partial p_i} \right)$$

requires all agents to have knowledge of rigidity eigenvalue and eigenvector

strategy

algorithm for estimating the *dominant eigenvalue* of a matrix

$$x_{k+1} = \frac{Ax_k}{\|Ax_k\|}$$

① **Power Iteration Method**

② **Distributed Implementation** use of dynamic consensus filters



# Power Iteration Method

Rigidity eigenvalue is *not* the dominant eigenvalue of symmetric rigidity matrix

power iteration on “deflated” matrix

$$\tilde{\mathcal{R}} = I - TT^T - \alpha\mathcal{R}$$

$$\text{IM}[T] = \text{span}[\mathcal{N}(\mathcal{R})]$$

recall...

$$P\mathcal{R}P^T = (I_2 \otimes E(\mathcal{G})) \begin{bmatrix} W_x & W_{xy} \\ W_{xy} & W_y \end{bmatrix} (I_2 \otimes E(\mathcal{G})^T)$$

$$\mathcal{N}(\mathcal{R}) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{1} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \mathbb{1} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} p^y - p_c^y \mathbb{1} \\ p_c^x \mathbb{1} - p^x \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

relative position  
to a common point





# Power Iteration Method

continuous-time centralized power iteration method

$$\dot{\hat{\mathbf{v}}}(t) = - \left( k_1 T T^T + k_2 \mathcal{R} + k_3 \left( \frac{\hat{\mathbf{v}}(t)^T \hat{\mathbf{v}}(t)}{3|\mathcal{V}|} - 1 \right) I \right) \hat{\mathbf{v}}(t)$$

**Theorem** *Assume that the symmetric rigidity matrix  $\mathcal{R}$  has distinct non-zero eigenvalues, and let  $\mathbf{v}$  denote the rigidity eigenvector. Then for any initial condition  $\hat{\mathbf{v}}(t_0) \in \mathbb{R}^{3|\mathcal{V}|}$  such that  $\mathbf{v}^T \hat{\mathbf{v}}(t_0) \neq 0$ , the trajectories of (17) converge to the subspace spanned by the rigidity eigenvector, i.e.,  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \hat{\mathbf{v}}(t) = \gamma \mathbf{v}$  for  $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}$ , if and only if the gains  $k_1, k_2$  and  $k_3$  satisfy the following conditions:*

- 1)  $k_1, k_2, k_3 > 0$ ,
- 2)  $k_1 > k_2 \lambda_7$ ,
- 3)  $k_3 > k_2 \lambda_7$ .

\*adapted from Yang et al., 2010



# Distributed Power Iteration

$$\dot{\hat{\mathbf{v}}}(t) = - \left( k_1 T T^T + k_2 \mathcal{R} + k_3 \left( \frac{\hat{\mathbf{v}}(t)^T \hat{\mathbf{v}}(t)}{3|\mathcal{V}|} - 1 \right) I \right) \hat{\mathbf{v}}(t)$$

- ① symmetric rigidity matrix is a “naturally” distributed operator  $PRP^T = (I_2 \otimes E(\mathcal{G})) \begin{bmatrix} W_x & W_{xy} \\ W_{xy} & W_y \end{bmatrix} (I_2 \otimes E(\mathcal{G})^T)$
- ②  $\left( \frac{\hat{\mathbf{v}}(t)^T \hat{\mathbf{v}}(t)}{3|\mathcal{V}|} - 1 \right) \hat{\mathbf{v}}(t) = (\text{Avg}(\hat{\mathbf{v}}(t) \circ \hat{\mathbf{v}}(t)) - 1) \hat{\mathbf{v}}(t)$  average of a vector can be distributedly computed using consensus algorithm\*

## PI-Consensus Filter [Freeman et al. 2006]

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{z}(t) \\ \dot{w}(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\gamma I - K_P L(\mathcal{G}(t)) & K_I L(\mathcal{G}(t)) \\ -K_I L(\mathcal{G}(t)) & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z(t) \\ w(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \gamma I \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} u(t)$$

$$y(t) = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z(t) \\ w(t) \end{bmatrix}.$$

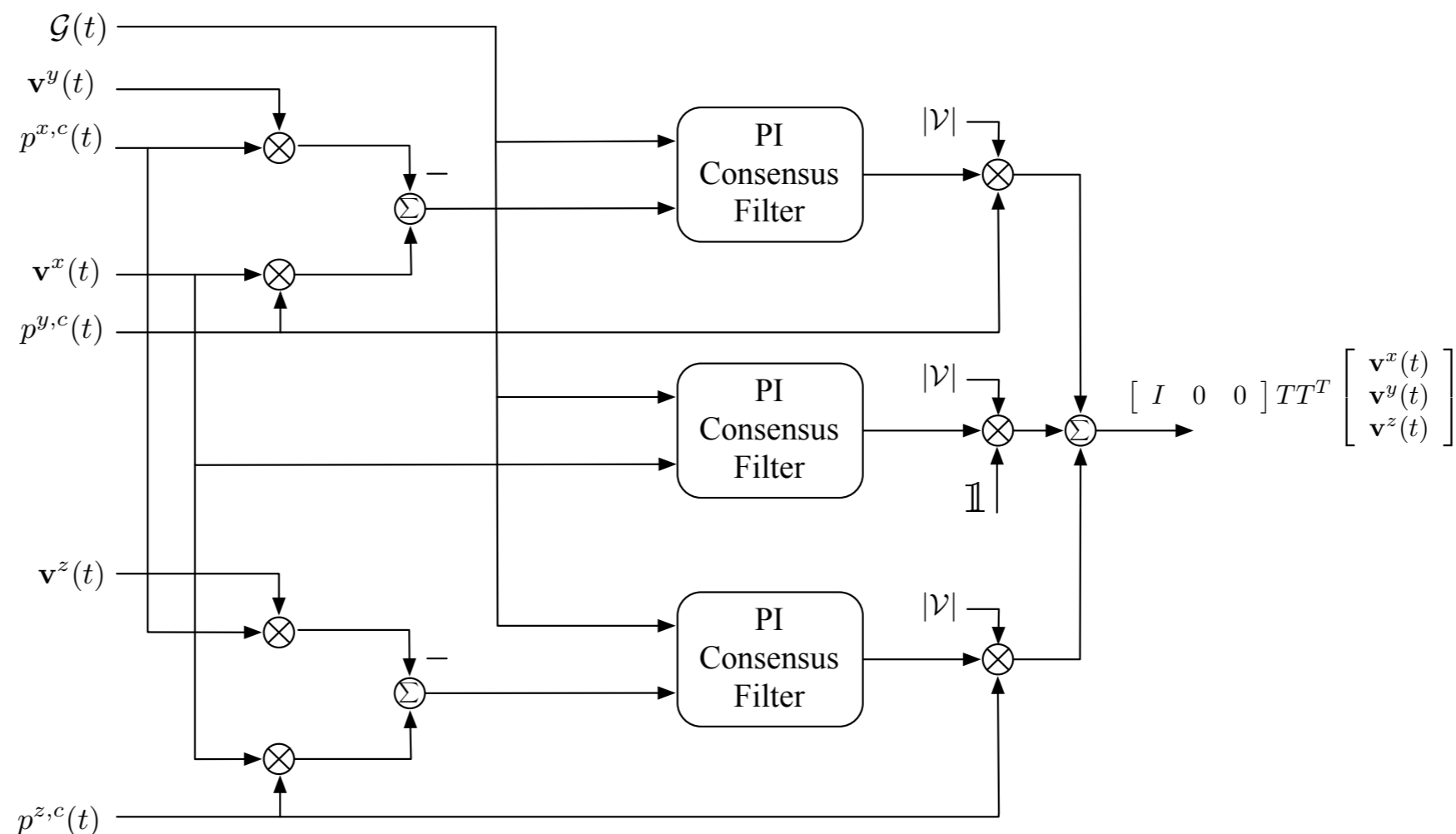
- dynamic consensus filter
- tunable gains
- tracks average of time-varying signal



# Distributed Power Iteration

$$\dot{\hat{\mathbf{v}}}(t) = - \left( \boxed{k_1 T T^T} + \boxed{k_2 \mathcal{R}} + \boxed{k_3 \left( \frac{\hat{\mathbf{v}}(t)^T \hat{\mathbf{v}}(t)}{3|\mathcal{V}|} - 1 \right) I} \right) \hat{\mathbf{v}}(t)$$

$$\textcircled{3} T T^T = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{1}\mathbb{1}^T + p^{y,c}(p^{y,c})^T + p^{z,c}(p^{z,c})^T & -p^{y,c}(p^{x,c})^T & -p^{z,c}(p^{x,c})^T \\ -p^{x,c}(p^{y,c})^T & \mathbb{1}\mathbb{1}^T + p^{x,c}(p^{x,c})^T + p^{z,c}(p^{z,c})^T & -p^{z,c}(p^{y,c})^T \\ -p^{x,c}(p^{z,c})^T & -p^{y,c}(p^{z,c})^T & \mathbb{1}\mathbb{1}^T + p^{x,c}(p^{x,c})^T + p^{y,c}(p^{y,c})^T \end{bmatrix}$$



# Distributed Power Iteration

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$$\dot{\hat{\mathbf{v}}}(t) = - \left( k_1 T T^T + k_2 \mathcal{R} + k_3 \left( \frac{\hat{\mathbf{v}}(t)^T \hat{\mathbf{v}}(t)}{3|\mathcal{V}|} - 1 \right) I \right) \hat{\mathbf{v}}(t)$$

**Corollary V.4.** *Let  $\bar{\mathbf{v}}_i^2(t)$  denote the output of the PI consensus filter for estimating the quantity  $\text{Avg}(\hat{\mathbf{v}}(t) \circ \hat{\mathbf{v}}(t))$  for agent  $i$ . Then agent  $i$ 's estimate of the rigidity eigenvalue,  $\hat{\lambda}_7^i$ , can be obtained as*

$$\hat{\lambda}_7^i = \frac{k_3}{k_2} (1 - \bar{\mathbf{v}}_i^2(t)).$$



# Putting it all together...

**power iteration**

$$\dot{\hat{\mathbf{v}}}_i^x = -k_1 |\mathcal{V}| (\bar{\mathbf{v}}_i^x + z_i^{xy}(t) \hat{p}_{i,c}^y + z_i^{xz} \hat{p}_{i,c}^z(t)) - k_2 \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i(t)} W_{ij} (\hat{\mathbf{v}}_i^x(t) - \hat{\mathbf{v}}_j^x) - k_3 (\bar{\mathbf{v}}_i^x - 1) \hat{\mathbf{v}}_i^x$$

**frame estimation**

$$\dot{\hat{p}}_{i,c} = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i(t)} (\|\hat{p}_{j,c} - \hat{p}_{i,c}\|^2 - \ell_{ij}^2) (\hat{p}_{j,c} - \hat{p}_{i,c}) - \delta_{ii_c} \hat{p}_{i,c} - \delta_{i\ell} (\hat{p}_{\ell,c} - (p_\ell - p_{i_c})) - \delta_{i\kappa} (\hat{p}_{\kappa,c} - (p_\kappa - p_{i_c}))$$

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\bar{\mathbf{v}}}_i^x = \gamma (\hat{\mathbf{v}}_i^x - \bar{\mathbf{v}}_i^x) - K_P \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} (\bar{\mathbf{v}}_i^x - \bar{\mathbf{v}}_j^x(t)) + K_I \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i(t)} (\bar{w}_i^x - \bar{w}_j^x) \\ \dot{\bar{w}}_i^x = -K_I \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i(t)} (\bar{\mathbf{v}}_i^x - \bar{\mathbf{v}}_j^x) \end{cases}$$

**PI-consensus I**

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\bar{\mathbf{v}}}_i^{2x} = \gamma ((\hat{\mathbf{v}}_i^x)^2 - \bar{\mathbf{v}}_i^{2x}) - K_P \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i(t)} (\bar{\mathbf{v}}_i^{2x} - \bar{\mathbf{v}}_j^{2x}) + K_I \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i(t)} (\bar{w}_i^{2x} - \bar{w}_j^{2x}) \\ \dot{\bar{w}}_i^{2x} = -K_I \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i(t)} (\bar{\mathbf{v}}_i^{2x} - \bar{\mathbf{v}}_j^{2x}) \end{cases}$$

**PI-consensus II**

**PI-consensus III**

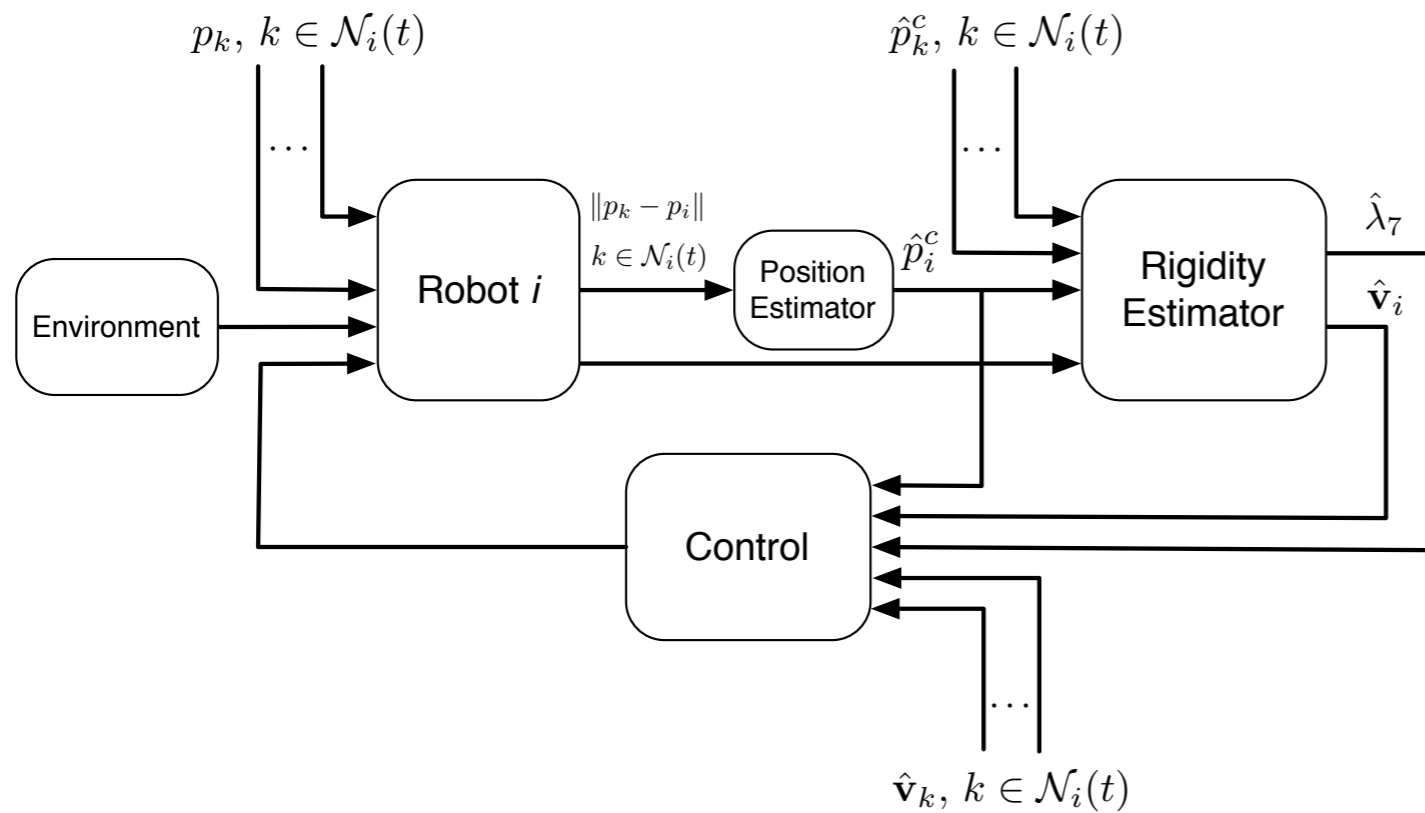
$$\begin{cases} \dot{z}_i^{xy} = \gamma ((\hat{p}^y \circ \hat{\mathbf{v}}^x - \hat{p}^x \circ \hat{\mathbf{v}}^y) - z_i^{xy}) - K_P \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i(t)} (z_i^{xy} - z_j^{xy}) + K_I \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i(t)} (w_i^{xy}(t) - w_j^{xy}) \\ \dot{w}_i^{xy} = -K_I \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i(t)} (z_i^{xy} - z_j^{xy}) \end{cases}$$

**PI-consensus IV**

$$\begin{cases} \dot{z}_i^{xz} = \gamma ((\hat{p}^z \circ \hat{\mathbf{v}}^x - \hat{p}^x \circ \hat{\mathbf{v}}^z) - z_i^{xz}) - K_P \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i(t)} (z_i^{xz} - z_j^{xz}) + K_I \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i(t)} (w_i^{xz} - w_j^{xz}) \\ \dot{w}_i^{xz} = -K_I \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i(t)} (z_i^{xz} - z_j^{xz}) \end{cases}$$



# Rigidity Maintenance Controller



use output of rigidity estimator  
in control

$$\xi_i^x = -\frac{\partial V(\hat{\lambda}_7^i)}{\partial \lambda_7} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} W_{ij} \left( 2(\hat{p}_{i,c}^x - \hat{p}_{j,c}^x)(\hat{\mathbf{v}}_i^x - \hat{\mathbf{v}}_j^x)^2 + \right. \\ \left. 2(\hat{p}_{i,c}^y - \hat{p}_{j,c}^y)(\hat{\mathbf{v}}_i^x - \hat{\mathbf{v}}_j^x)(\hat{\mathbf{v}}_i^y - \hat{\mathbf{v}}_j^y) + 2(\hat{p}_{i,c}^z - \hat{p}_{j,c}^z)(\hat{\mathbf{v}}_i^x - \hat{\mathbf{v}}_j^x)(\hat{\mathbf{v}}_i^z - \hat{\mathbf{v}}_j^z) \right) + \\ \frac{\partial W_{ij}}{\partial p_i^x} \hat{S}_{ij},$$



# Experiment

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# Some unresolved points....

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- Power Iteration method assumes *distinct eigenvalues*
  - proposed scheme can not guarantee that rigidity eigenvalue is unique
  - can lead to undesirable behaviors
- Formal stability proof for interconnection of all filters is missing
  - *ad hoc* implementation
  - *engineering art* to ensure each filter converges fast enough
  - alternative to power iteration method
- Need to relax requirement for “special agent”

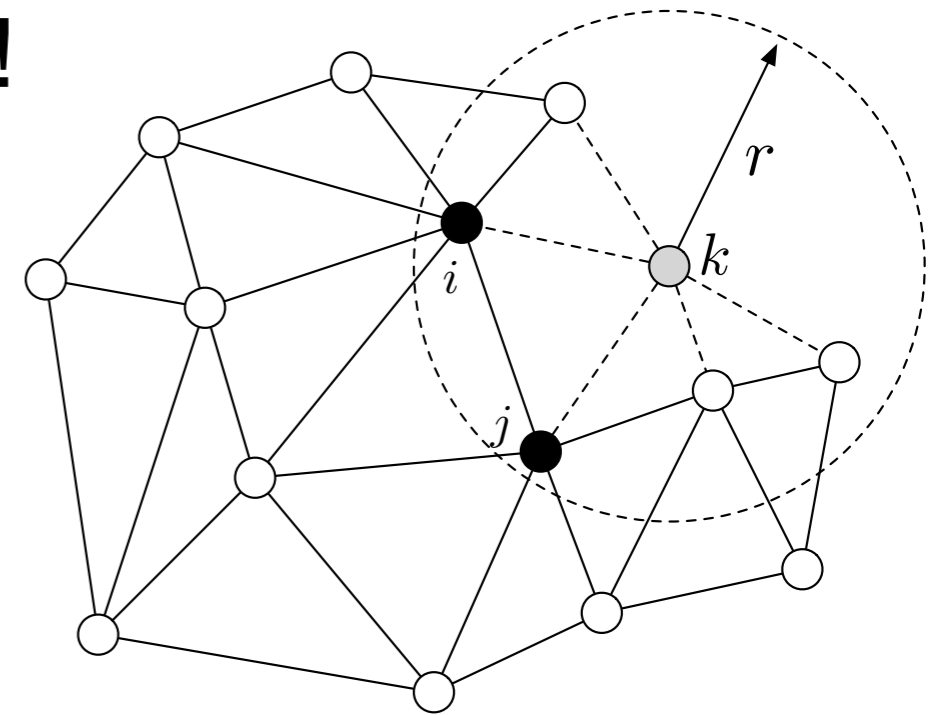




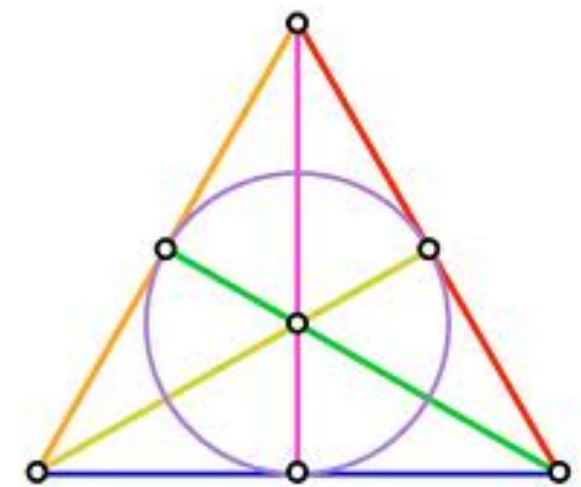
# Outlook

Rigidity is an important architectural requirement for multi-agent systems!

- “bearing” rigidity
- full distributed implementations
- formation specification and trajectory tracking
- optimality
- rigidity matroids
- sub-modular optimization
- sensor fusion and localization
- ...



$$f(X \cup \{x\}) - f(X) \geq f(Y \cup \{x\}) - f(Y)$$



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Questions?

