## 1077-AB-557 Martin Golubitsky\* (mg@mbi.osu.edu), Mathematical Biosciences Institute, 1735 Neil Avenue, Columbus, OH 43210. Patterns of Oscillation in Network Systems.

Networks of differential equations can be described abstractly by a directed graph whose nodes correspond to systems of differential equations and arrows correspond to coupling between the systems. Suppose that x(t) is a *T*-periodic solution and  $x_i(t)$  and  $x_j(t)$  are the coordinates of x(t) corresponding to nodes *i* and *j*. The two nodes are *phase-related* if there exists  $\theta$  such that  $x_j(t) = x_i(t + \theta T)$ . The phase relation  $\theta$  is *rigid* if it remains unchanged on perturbation of the coupled system. In this talk we discuss joint work with D. Romano and Y. Wang that shows how rigid phase-shifts are related to network architecture (the graph) and network symmetries. (Received September 07, 2011)