



# ENERGY in CIRCUITS and MECHANICS

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**In honor of Peter Crouch  
on the occasion of his 60th birthday**



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## Theme

How are **open** systems formalized?

How are systems **interconnected** ?

How is **energy transferred** between systems?

Are energy transfer and interconnection related?

*A view from afar with almost 50 years of hindsight,  
befitting a 60th birthday celebration.*

## Motivation

**The ever-increasing computing power allows to model complex interconnected dynamical systems accurately by tearing, zooming, and linking.**

~> **Simulation, model based design, ...**

**Requires the right mathematical concepts**

- ▶ **for dynamical system**
- ▶ **for interconnection,**
- ▶ **for interconnection architecture**

# **SYSTEMS with TERMINALS**

**In order to keep the discussion simple and concrete, we discuss only systems that interact with the environment through terminals, and interact among each other via terminals.**

- ▶ **Electrical circuits**
- ▶ **Mechanical devices**
- ▶ **Thermal systems**
- ▶ **Hydraulic systems**
- ▶ **Multidomain systems as motors, pumps, loudspeakers, ...**
- ▶ **etc., etc.**

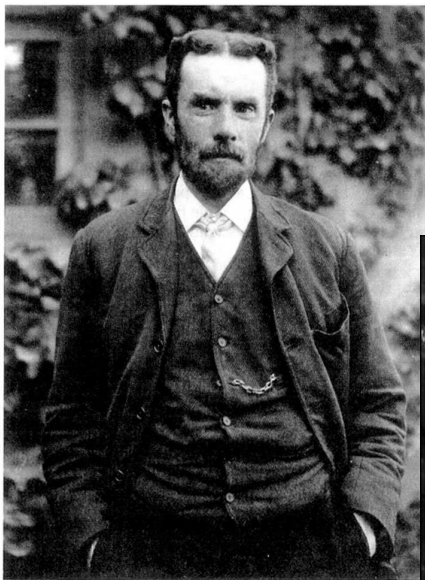
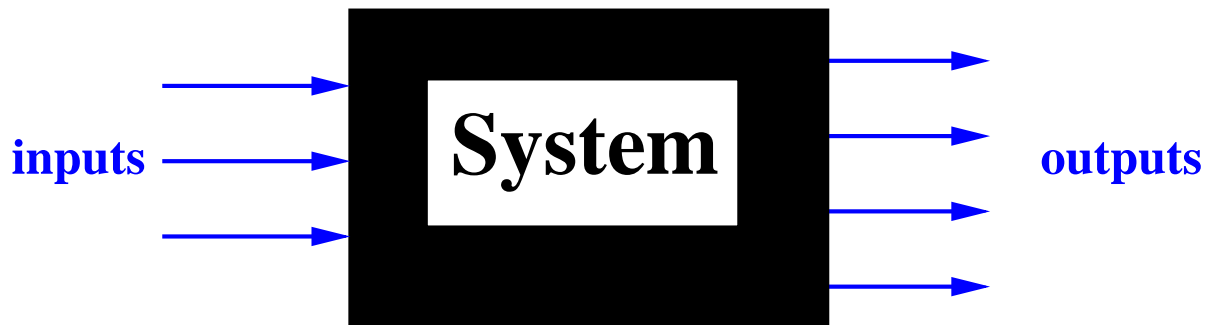
## The why and how

*If concepts and methods from system theory do not fit these simple examples seamlessly, what is the sense to pursue, with these concepts and methods, complex systems, as those encountered in cyberphysics, hi-tech, economics, biology, ...?*

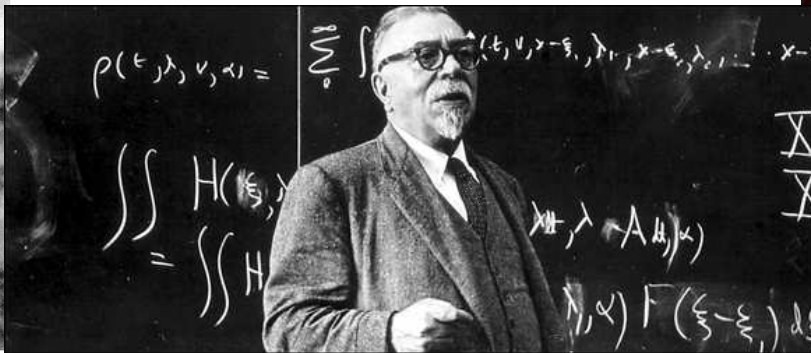


# **CLASSICAL VIEW**

# Input/output systems



**Oliver Heaviside**

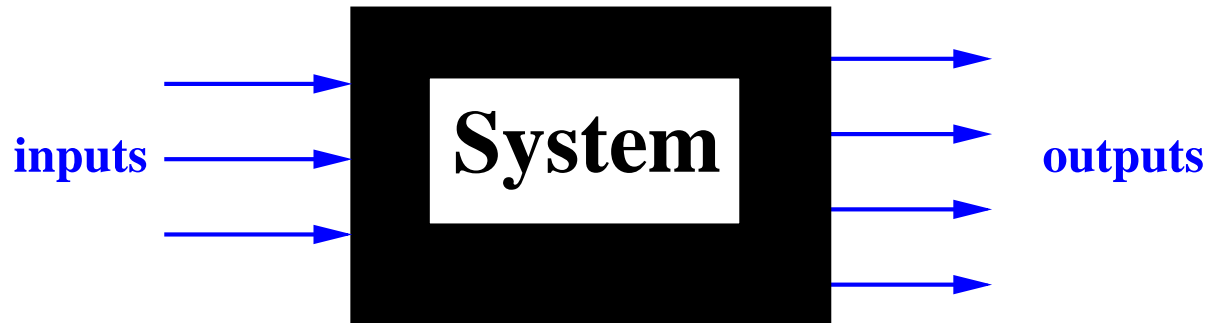


**Norbert Wiener**



**Rudy Kalman**

## Input/output systems



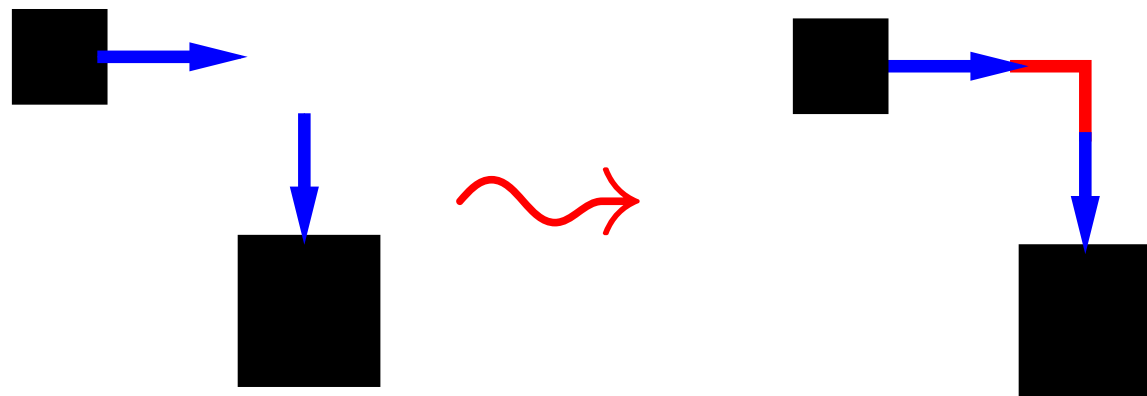
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**A physical system is not a signal processor.**

**Better concept: a behavior**

## Interconnection

Interconnection as **output-to-input assignment.**

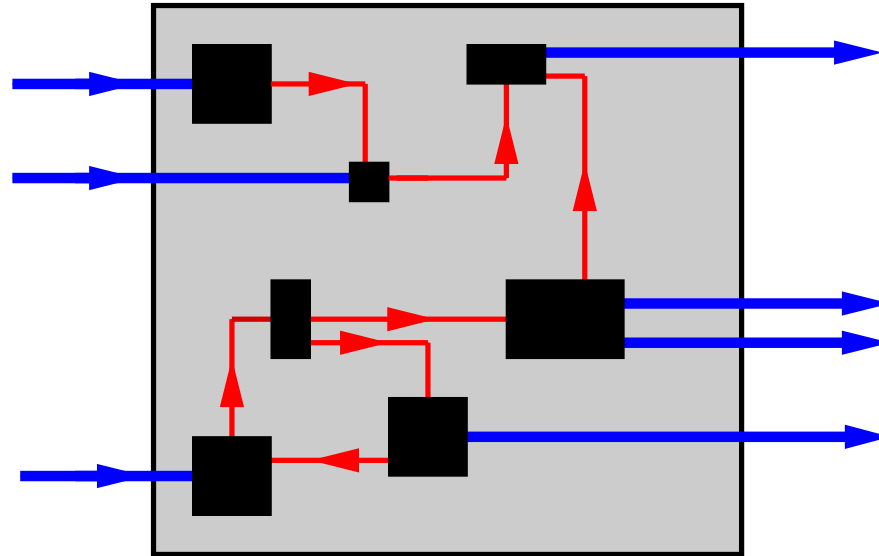


Output-to-input assignment is *inappropriate* for describing the interconnection of physical systems.

**A physical system is not a signal processor.**

Better concept: variable sharing

## Signal flow graphs



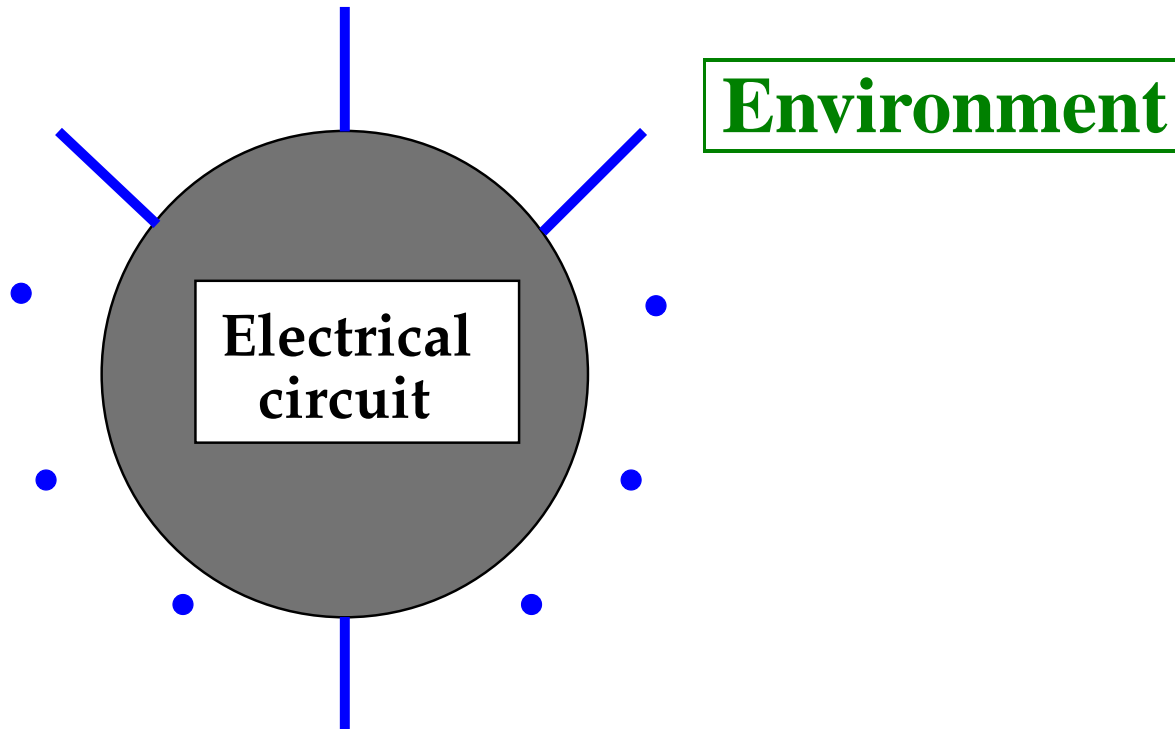
Signal flow graphs are *inappropriate* for describing the interaction architecture of physical systems.

**A physical system is not a signal processor.**

Better concept: a graph with leaves

# **ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS**

## A circuit with external terminals

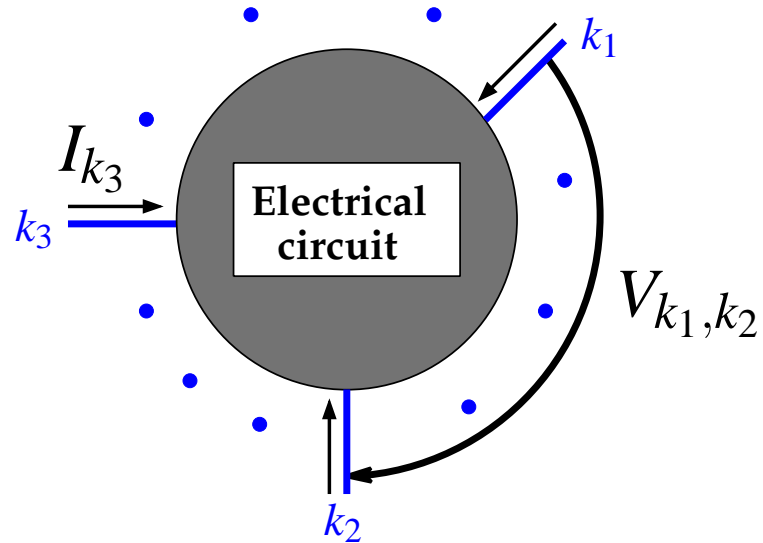


**Describe the dynamic terminal behavior!**

**As seen from the environment.**

**What are the interaction variables?**

# Currents and voltages



Interaction variables: **currents in & voltages across.**

$$I = \begin{bmatrix} I_1 \\ I_2 \\ \vdots \\ I_N \end{bmatrix}, \quad V = \begin{bmatrix} V_{1,1} & V_{1,2} & \cdots & V_{1,N} \\ V_{2,1} & V_{2,2} & \cdots & V_{2,N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ V_{N,1} & V_{N,2} & \cdots & V_{N,N} \end{bmatrix}$$



## The behavior

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$$\underline{\text{Model}} : \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{B}_{IV} \subseteq (\mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R}^{N \times N})^{\mathbb{R}}$$

$(I, V) \in \mathcal{B}_{IV}$  means

$$(I_1, \dots, I_k, \dots, I_N, V_{1,1}, \dots, V_{k_1, k_2}, \dots, V_{N,N}) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$$

is compatible with the circuit architecture and element values.

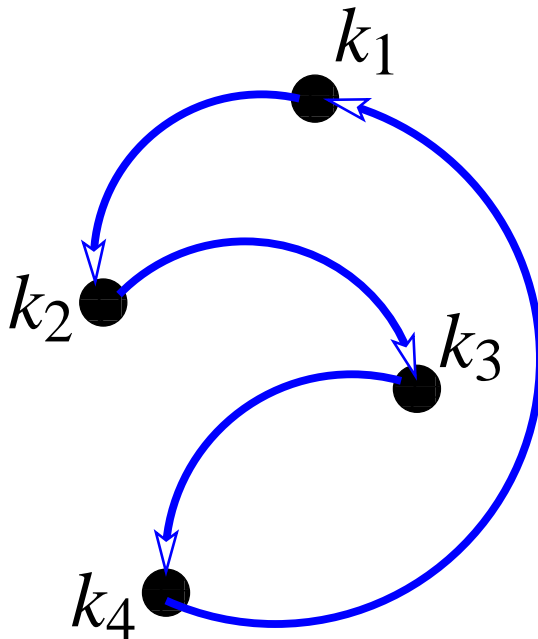
**Trajectories**  $(I, V) \in \mathcal{B}_{IV}$  are those that can conceivably occur.

# KVL

## Kirchhoff voltage law:

$$\llbracket (I, V) \in \mathcal{B}_{IV} \rrbracket \Rightarrow \llbracket V_{k_1, k_2} + V_{k_2, k_3} + \cdots + V_{k_{n-1}, k_n} + V_{k_n, k_1} = 0$$

for all  $k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n \in \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$ .



Physically, **KVL is evident**  
(no EM fields outside the wires).

We henceforth assume it.

## Potentials

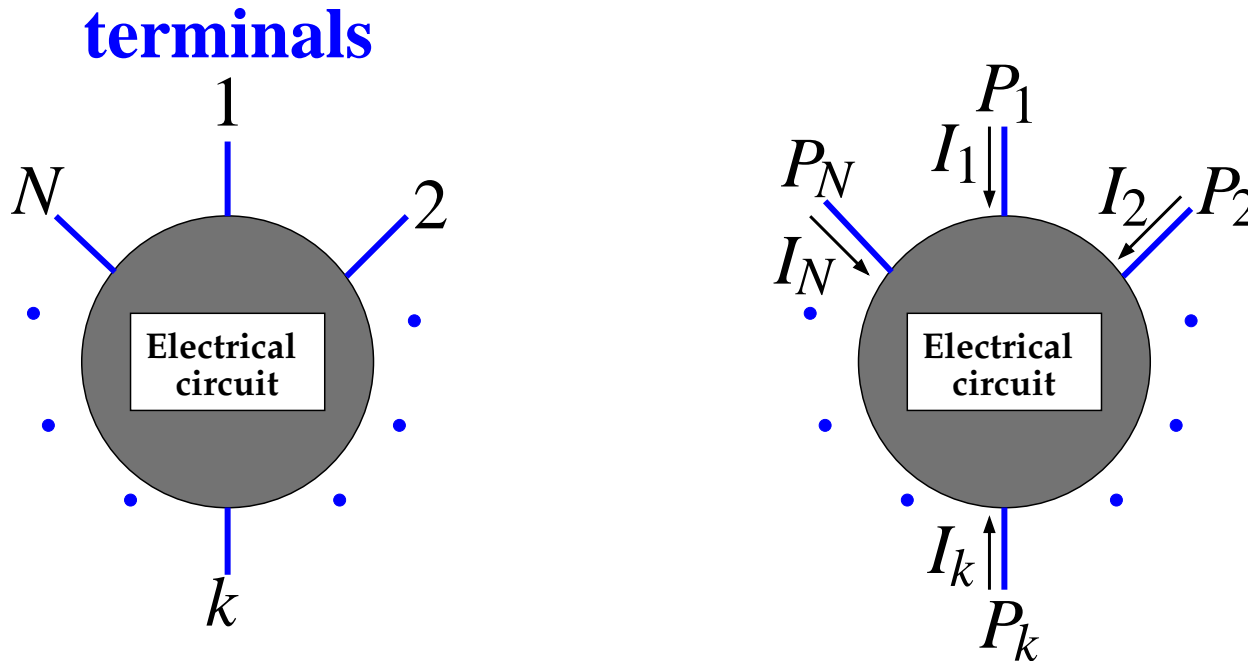
**Thm:**  $V : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$  satisfies KVL  $\Leftrightarrow$

$\exists P = \begin{bmatrix} P_1 \\ P_2 \\ \vdots \\ P_N \end{bmatrix} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N$  such that  $V_{k_1, k_2} = P_{k_1} - P_{k_2}$ .

$P$  'potential'  $\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} P_1 + \alpha \\ P_2 + \alpha \\ \vdots \\ P_N + \alpha \end{bmatrix}$  potential  $\forall \alpha : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

$P$  is 'unobservable'.

# Electrical circuit

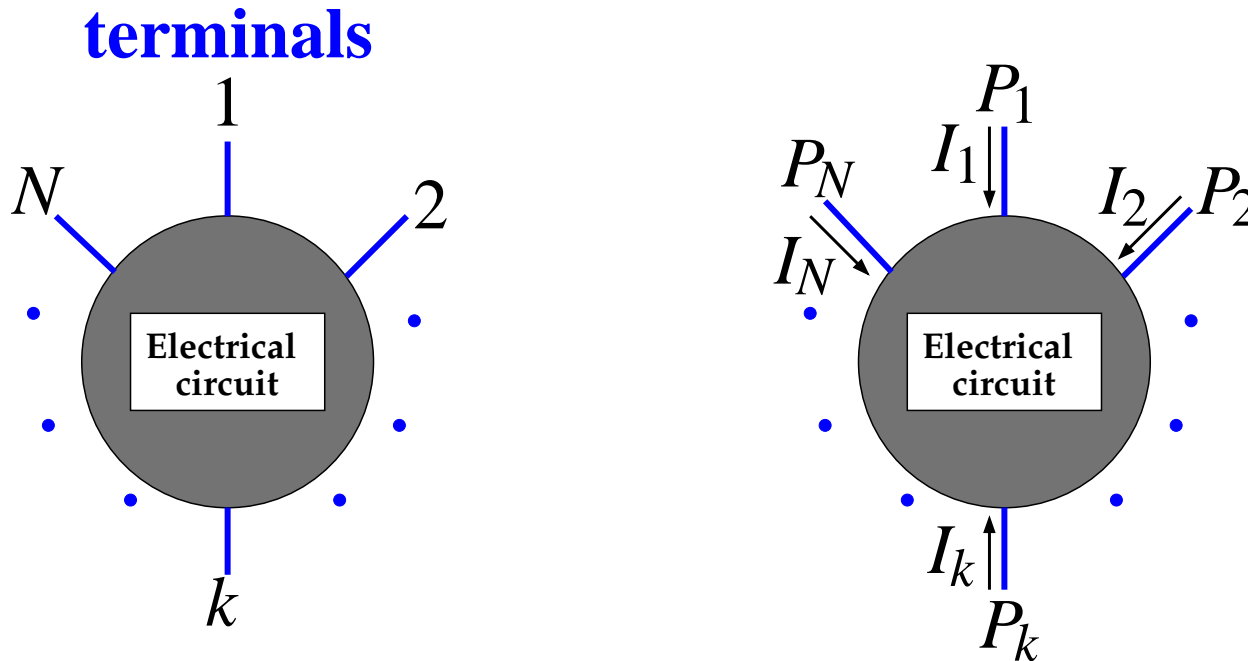


At each terminal:

a **current** ( $> 0$  into the circuit) and a **potential**

$\rightsquigarrow$  **behavior**  $\mathcal{B}_{IP} \subseteq (\mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R}^N)^{\mathbb{R}}$ .

# Electrical circuit



$(I_1, I_2, \dots, I_N, P_1, P_2, \dots, P_N) \in \mathcal{B}_{IP}$  means:

**this current/potential trajectory is compatible with the circuit architecture and its element values.**

**Early sources:**

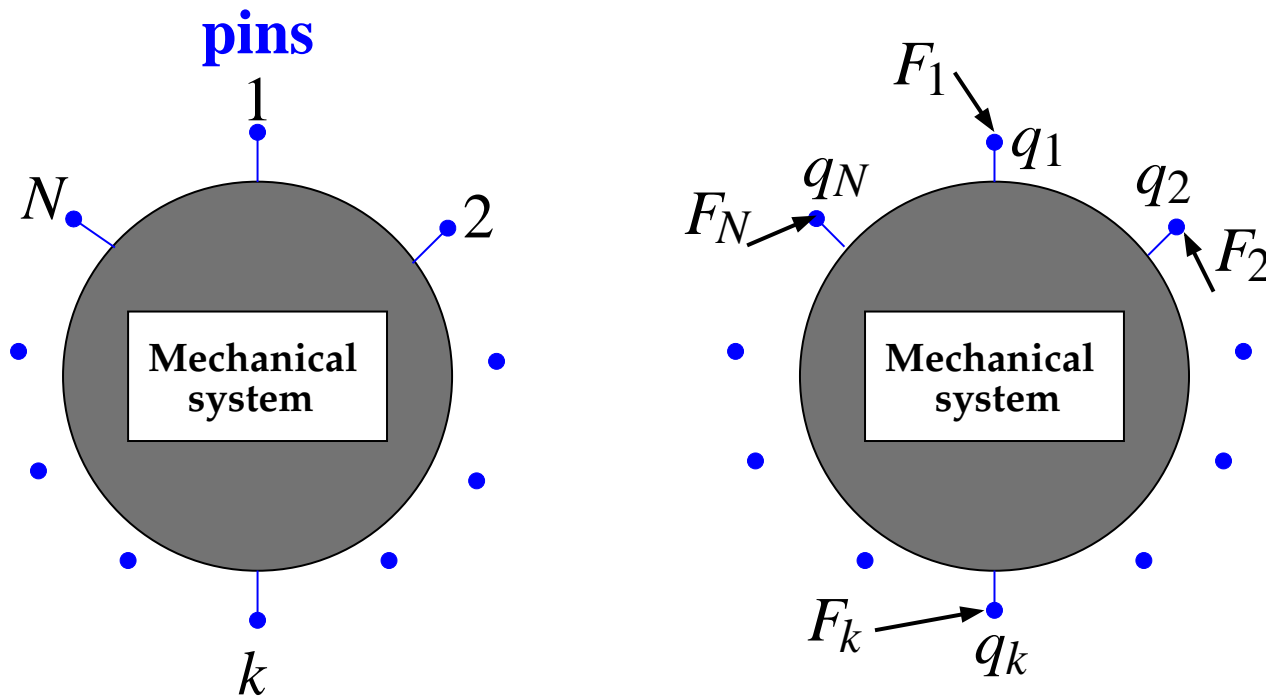


Brockway McMillan



Robert Newcomb

# Mechanical device



At each terminal: a **position** and a **force**.

$\rightsquigarrow$  position/force trajectories  $(q, F) \in \mathcal{B} \subseteq ((\mathbb{R}^\bullet)^{2N})^{\mathbb{R}}$ .

More generally, **position**, **force**, **angle**, **torque**.

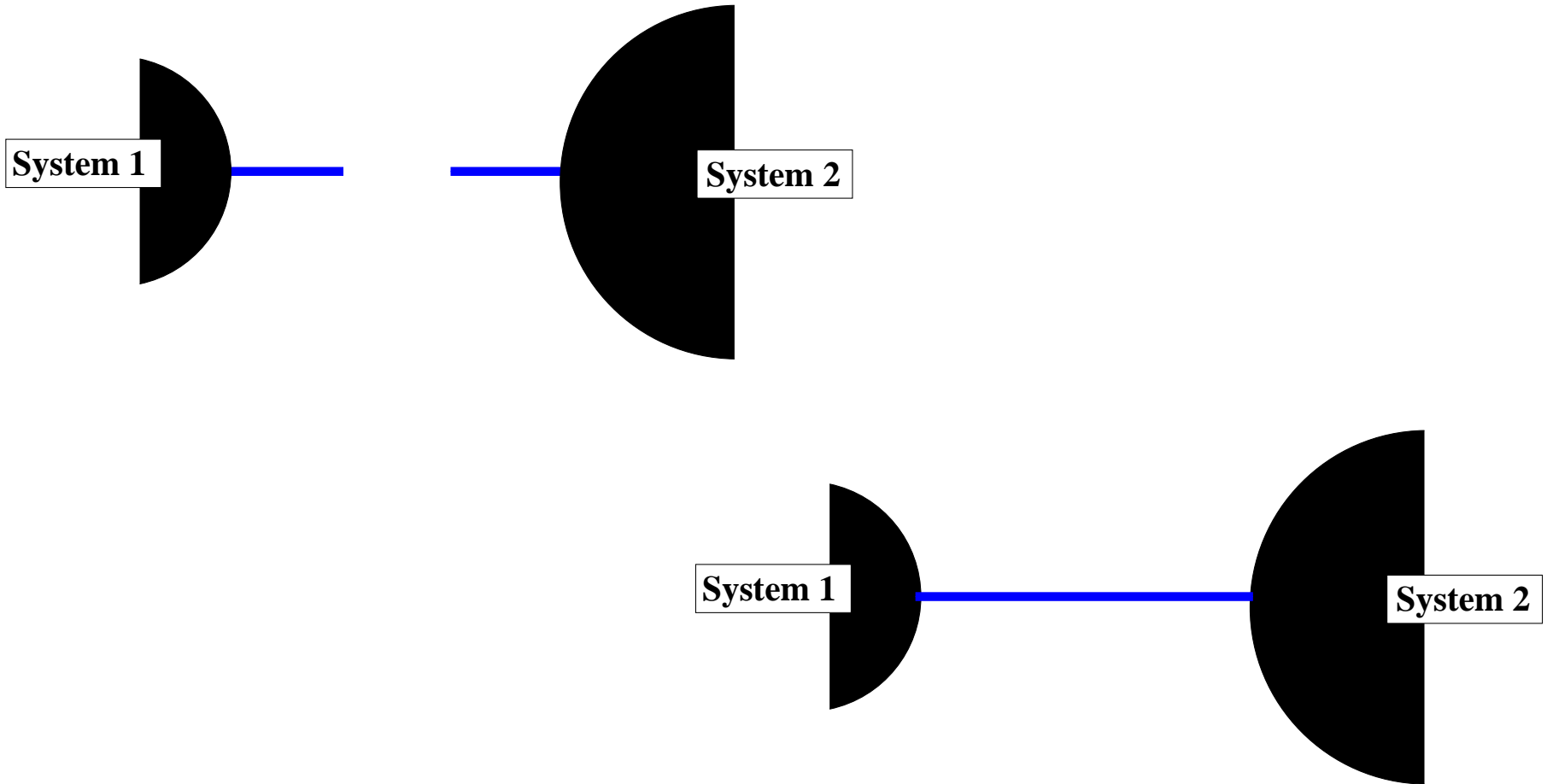
## Other domains

- ▶ Thermal systems: At each terminal:  
a **temperature** and a **heat flow.**
- ▶ Hydraulic systems: At each terminal:  
a **pressure** and a **mass flow.**
- ▶ Multidomain systems:  
Systems with terminals of different types,  
as motors, pumps, loudspeakers, etc.
- ▶ ...

# **INTERCONNECTION**

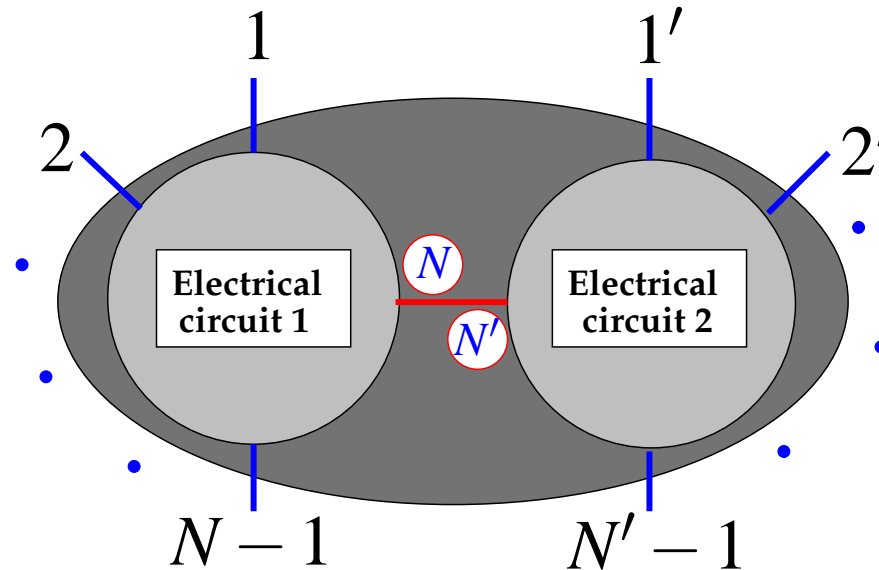


## Connection of terminals



**By interconnecting, the terminal variables are equated.**

# Electrical interconnection



$$I_N + I_{N'} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad P_N = P_{N'}.$$

## Behavior after interconnection:

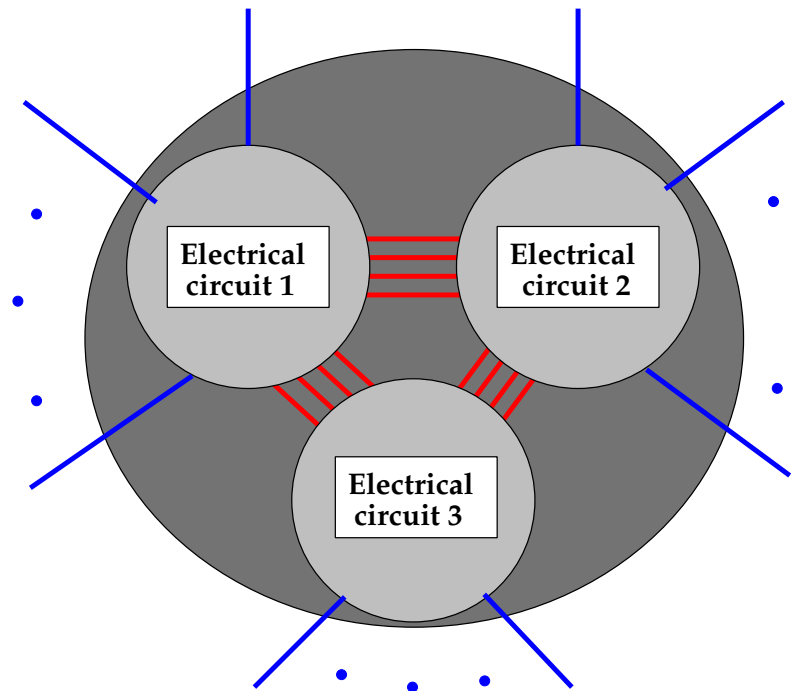
$$\mathcal{B}_1 \sqcap \mathcal{B}_2 := \{(I_1, \dots, I_{N-1}, I_{1'}, \dots, I_{N'-1}, P_1, \dots, P_{N-1}, P_{1'}, \dots, P_{N'-1}) \mid$$

$$\exists I, P \text{ such that } (I_1, \dots, I_{N-1}, I, P_1, \dots, P_{N-1}, P) \in \mathcal{B}_1$$

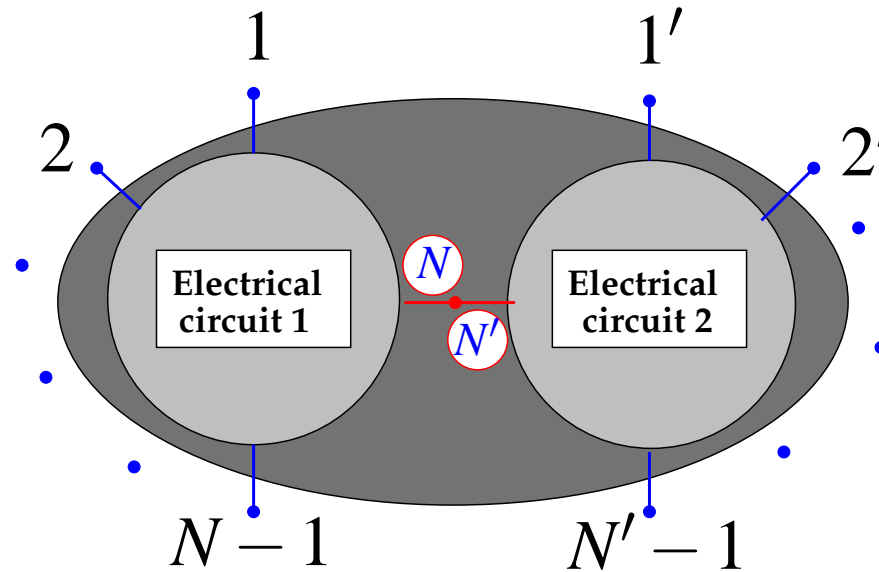
$$(I_{1'}, \dots, I_{N'-1}, -I, P_{1'}, \dots, P_{N'-1}, P) \in \mathcal{B}_2\}.$$

# Electrical interconnection

~> more terminals and more circuits connected



# Interconnection of 1-D mechanical systems



$$q_N = q_{N'} \quad \text{and} \quad F_N + F_{N'} = 0.$$

## Variable sharing

▶ Thermal systems:

**At each terminal: a temperature and a heat flow.**

$$T_N = T_{N'} \quad \text{and} \quad Q_N + Q_{N'} = 0.$$

▶ Hydraulic systems:

**At each terminal: a pressure and a mass flow.**

$$p_N = p_{N'} \quad \text{and} \quad f_N + f_{N'} = 0.$$

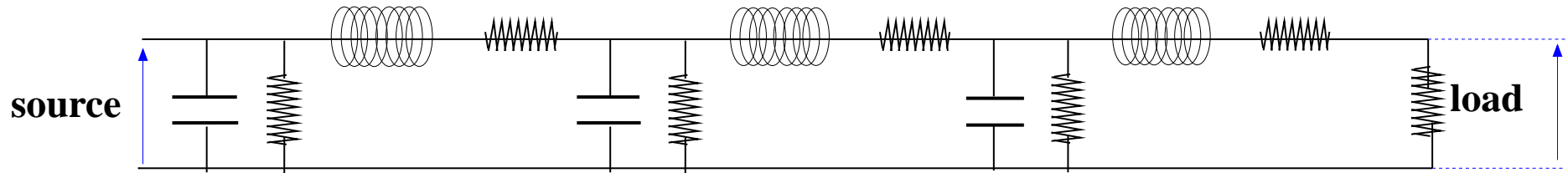
▶ ...

**Interconnection means variable sharing.**

# **INTERCONNECTION ARCHITECTURE**

## A transmission line

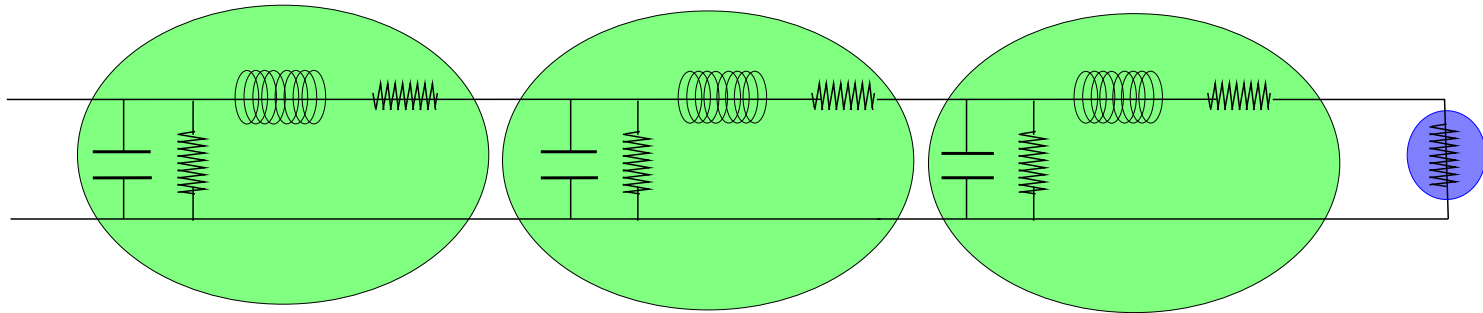
Consider the transmission line shown below.



The aim is to model the relation between the voltage of the source and the voltage across the load.

# A transmission line

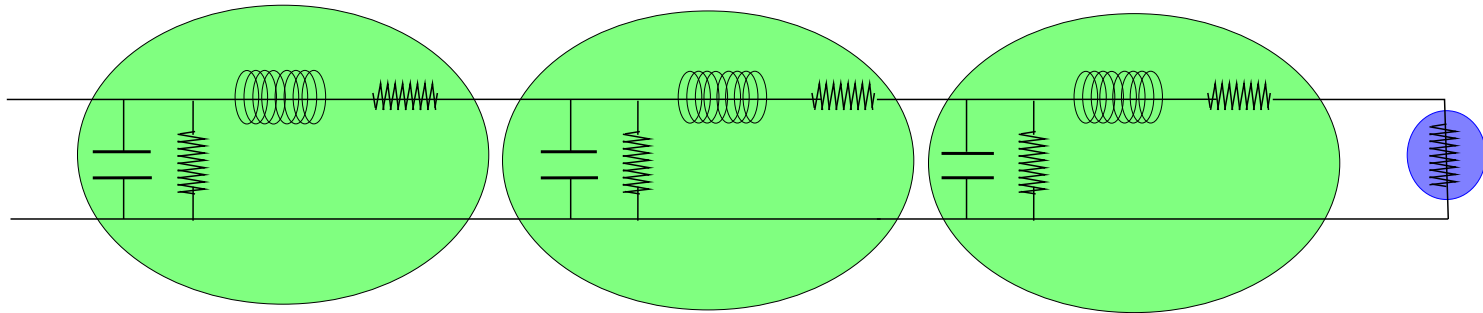
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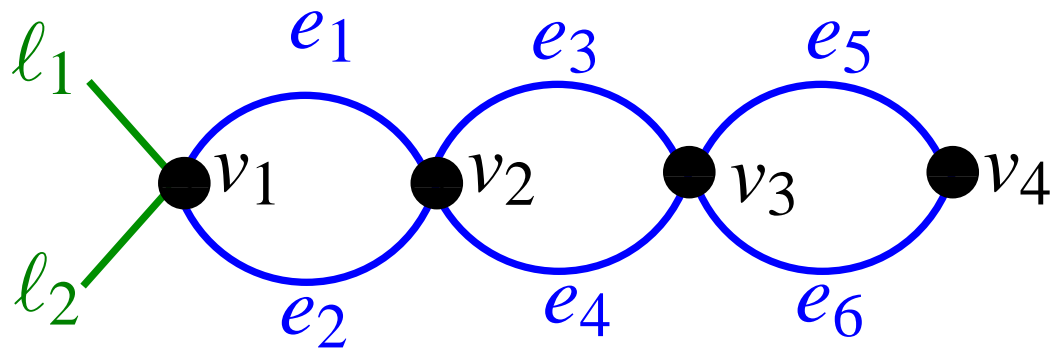


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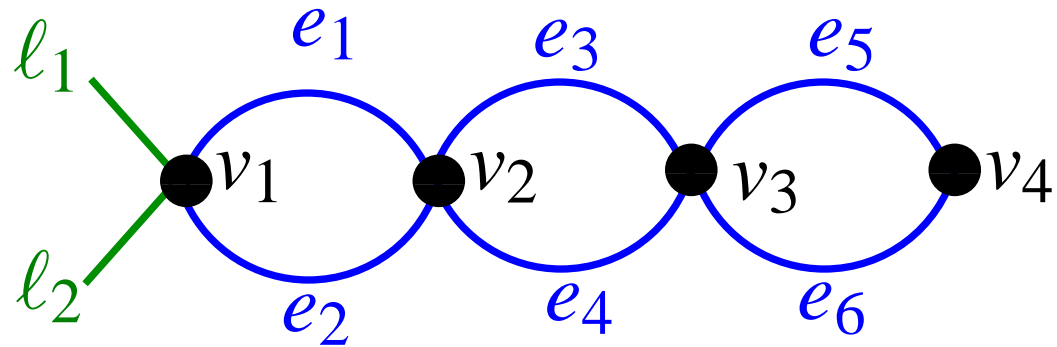


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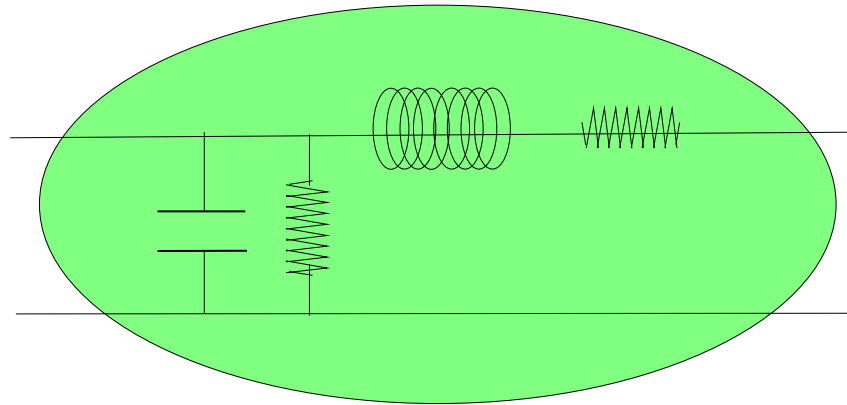
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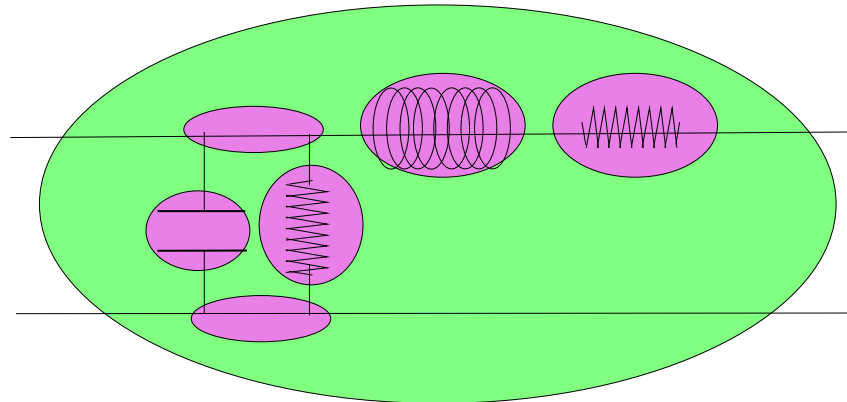
- ▶ Elements in the vertices
- ▶ Interconnections in the edges
- ▶ External terminals in the leaves

## A transmission line section

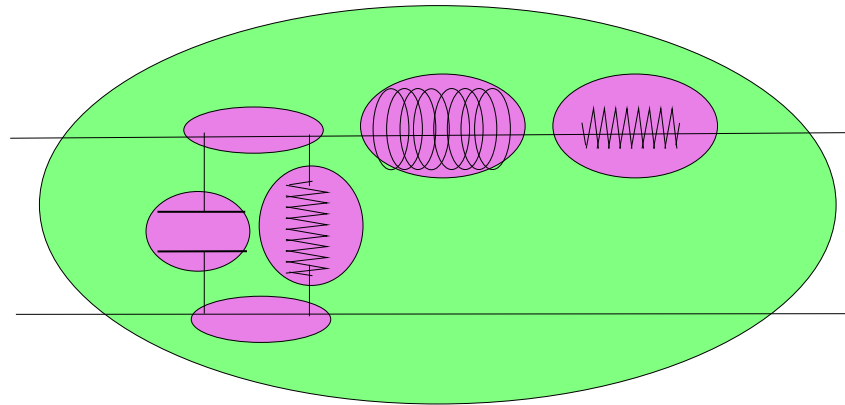
In each of the vertices  $v_1, v_2, v_3$  we have:



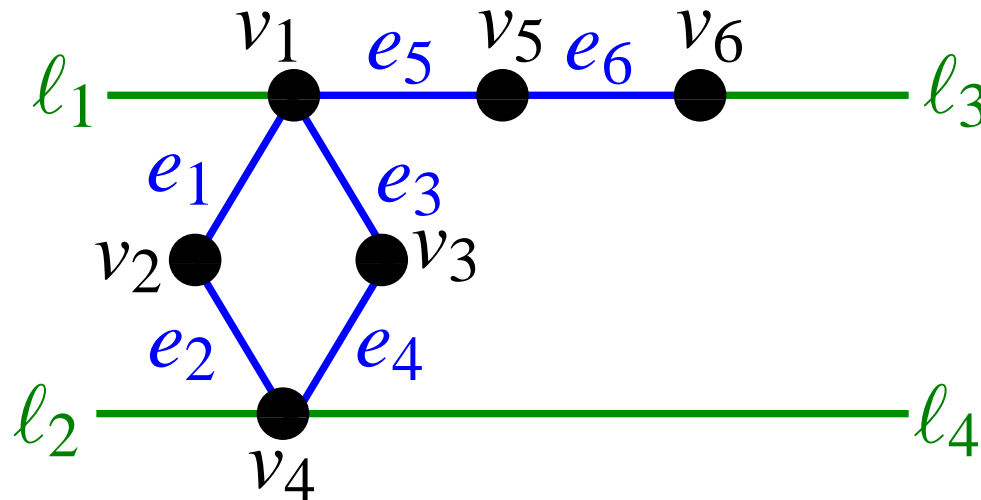
View as the interconnection of 6 subsystems:



## A transmission line section



The associated interconnection architecture is



## Modeling the transmission line section

↪ a LTIDS with 4 ODEs in the variables

$$P_{l_1}, I_{l_1}, P_{l_2}, I_{l_2}, P_{l_3}, I_{l_3}, P_{l_4}, I_{l_4}.$$

Denote these equations as

$$R\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right) \begin{bmatrix} P_{l_1} \\ I_{l_1} \\ P_{l_2} \\ I_{l_2} \\ P_{l_3} \\ I_{l_3} \\ P_{l_4} \\ I_{l_4} \end{bmatrix} = 0.$$

## The transmission line

The transmission line yields the subsystem equations

$$R \left( \frac{d}{dt} \right) \begin{bmatrix} P_{\ell_1} \\ I_{\ell_1} \\ P_{v_{1,2}} \\ I_{v_{1,2}} \\ P_{v_{1,3}} \\ I_{v_{1,3}} \\ P_{v_{1,4}} \\ I_{v_{1,4}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} P_{v_{2,1}} \\ I_{v_{2,2}} \\ P_{v_{2,2}} \\ I_{v_{2,2}} \\ P_{v_{2,3}} \\ I_{v_{2,3}} \\ P_{v_{2,4}} \\ I_{v_{2,4}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} P_{v_{3,1}} \\ I_{v_{3,2}} \\ P_{v_{3,2}} \\ I_{v_{3,2}} \\ P_{v_{3,3}} \\ I_{v_{3,3}} \\ P_{v_{3,4}} \\ I_{v_{3,4}} \end{bmatrix} = 0,$$

$$P_{v_{4,1}} - P_{v_{4,2}} = R I_{v_{4,1}}, \quad I_{v_{4,1}} + I_{v_{4,2}} = 0,$$

## The transmission line

### the interconnection equations

$$P_{v_1,3} = P_{v_2,1}, \quad I_{v_1,3} + I_{v_2,1} = 0,$$

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**Finally, there is the manifest variable assignment**

$$w_1 = P_{\ell_1} - P_{\ell_2}, \quad w_2 = P_{v_4,1} - P_{v_4,2}.$$



## The transmission line

**After elimination of the latent variables, we obtain the desired differential equation that describes the behavior of  $(w_1, w_2)$**

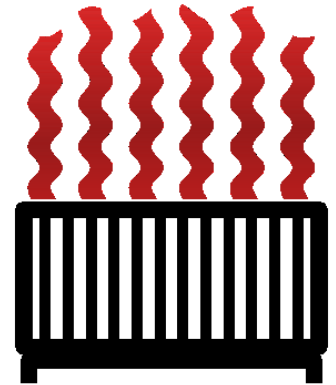
$$r_1 \left( \frac{d}{dt} \right) w_1 = r_2 \left( \frac{d}{dt} \right) w_2.$$

**In practice, all these steps need to be carried out with the help of a toolbox.**

# ENERGY

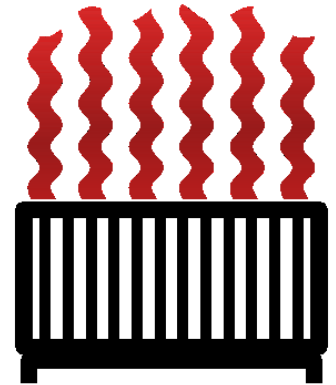
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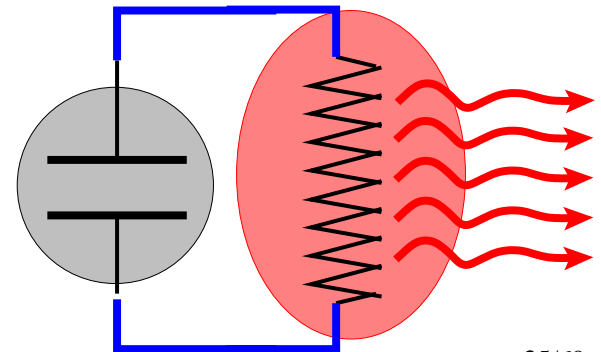
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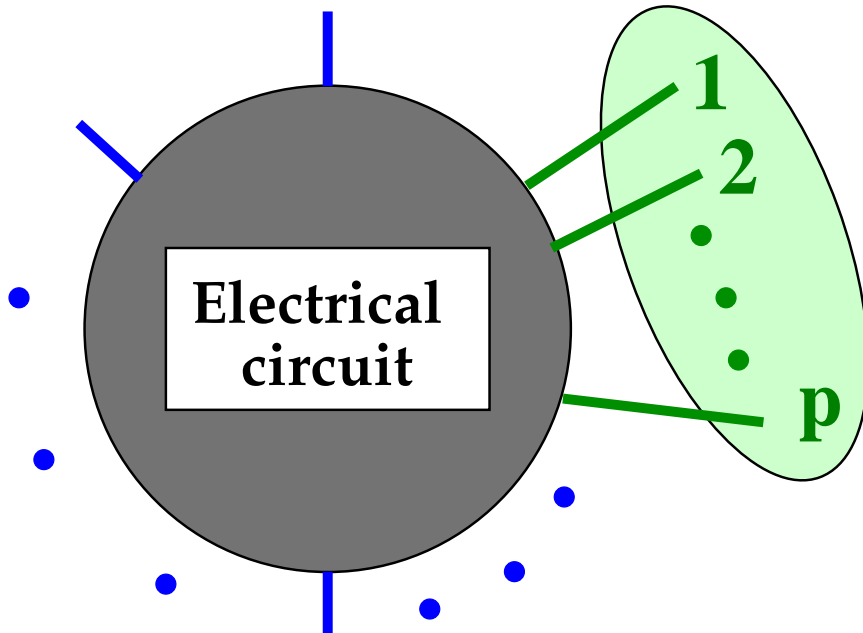
For example capacitor  $\rightarrow$  resistor  $\rightarrow$  heat.

$$\text{Energy on capacitor} = \frac{1}{2}CV^2$$



# PORTS

# Energy transfer



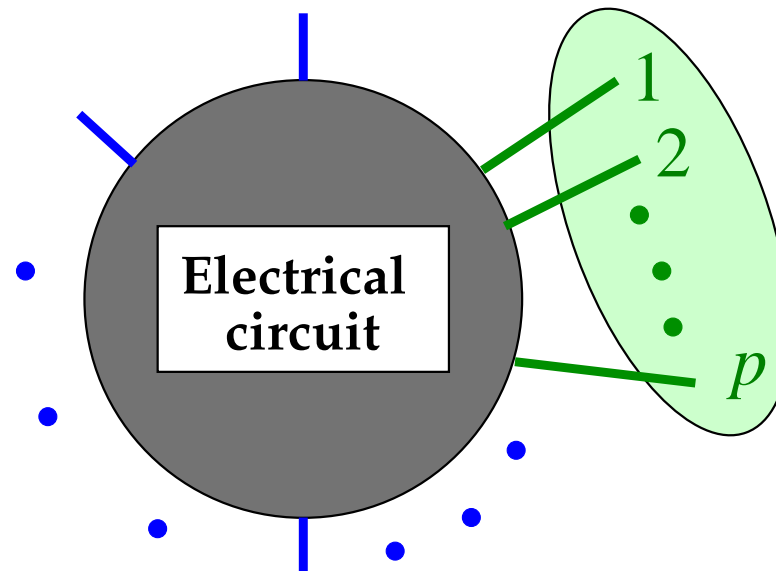
# Environment

**Can we speak about**

*the energy transferred from the environment to the circuit along these terminals?*

# Electrical ports

**Assume KVL.**

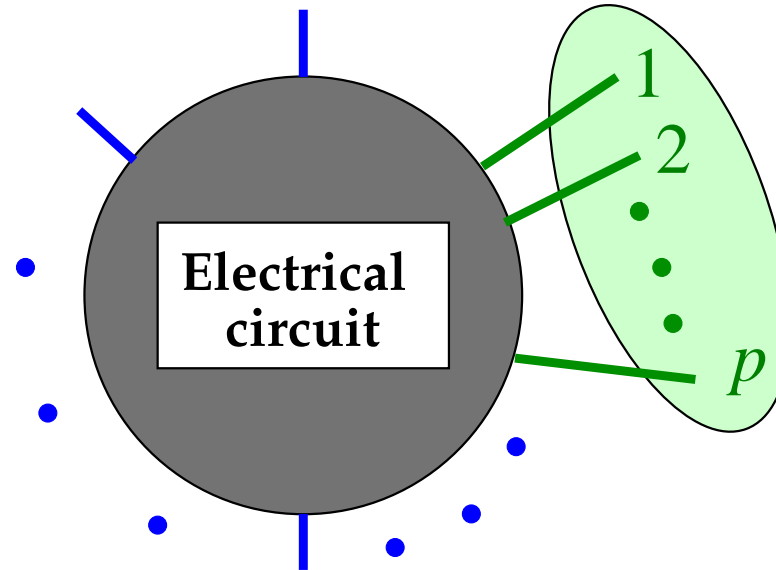


**Terminals  $\{1, 2, \dots, p\}$  form a **port**  $:\Leftrightarrow$**

$$\llbracket (I_1, \dots, I_p, I_{p+1}, \dots, I_N, V_{1,1}, \dots, V_{k_1, k_2}, \dots, V_{N,N}) \in \mathcal{B}_{IV} \rrbracket$$

$$\Rightarrow \llbracket I_1 + I_2 + \dots + I_p = 0 \rrbracket. \quad \textit{‘port KCL’}$$

# Energy



If terminals  $\{1, 2, \dots, p\}$  form a port, then

$$\text{power in} = I_1(t)P_1(t) + \dots + I_p(t)P_p(t)$$

$$\text{energy in} = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} [I_1(t)P_1(t) + \dots + I_p(t)P_p(t)] dt$$

This interpretation in terms of power and energy is not valid  
**unless these terminals form a port!**



## Internal ports

**Analogous definition for internal terminals**

~> **internal ports,**

**combinations of external and internal terminals**

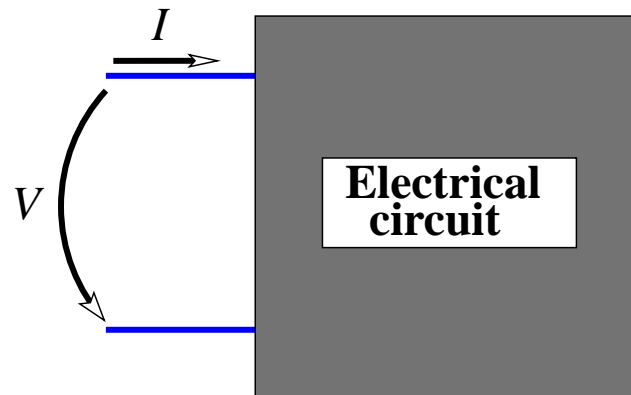
~> **mixed ports.**

# EXAMPLES

## 2-terminal circuits

### 2-terminal 1-port devices :

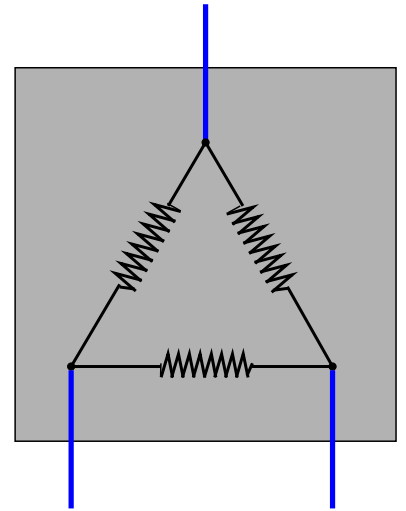
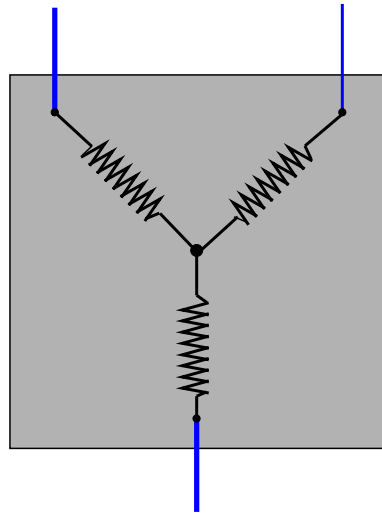
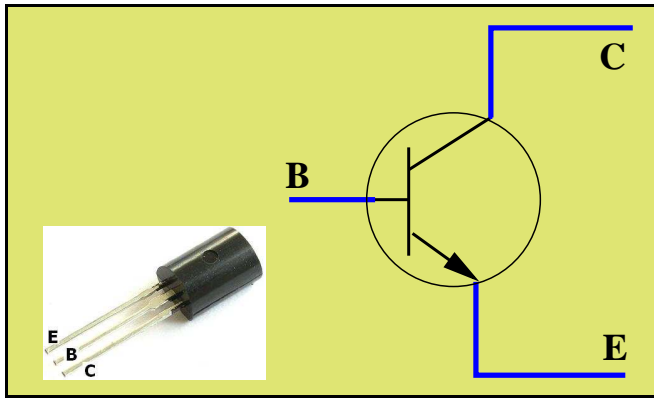
resistors, inductors, capacitors, memristors, etc.,  
any 2-terminal circuit composed of these.



**KVL**  $\Rightarrow$  only  $V_{1,2} := V$  matters,

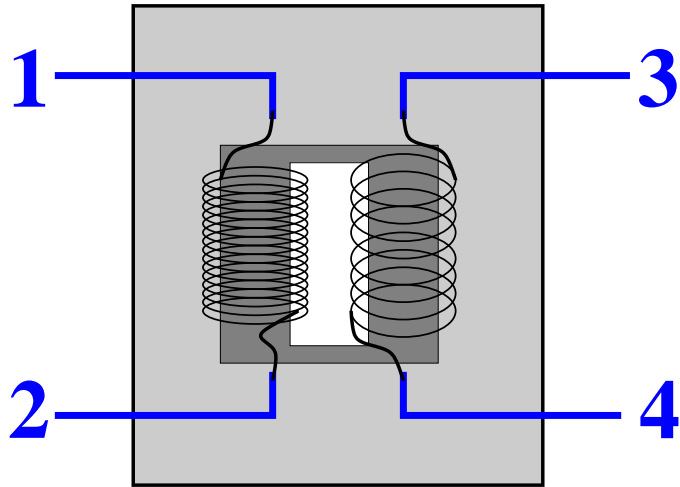
**KCL**  $\Rightarrow I_1 = -I_2 =: I$ .

# 3-terminal circuits



## 3-terminal 1-ports.

# Transformer

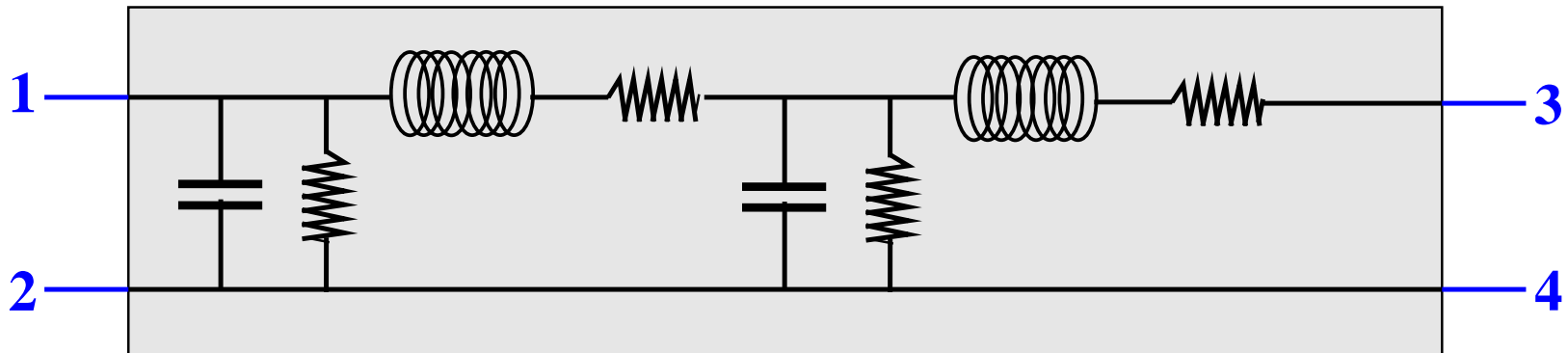


$$P_3 - P_4 = n(P_1 - P_2),$$
$$I_1 = -nI_3,$$
$$I_1 + I_2 = 0, \quad I_3 + I_4 = 0.$$

**$\{1, 2\}$  and  $\{3, 4\}$  form ports.**

**A transformer = a 2-port with two 2-terminal ports.**

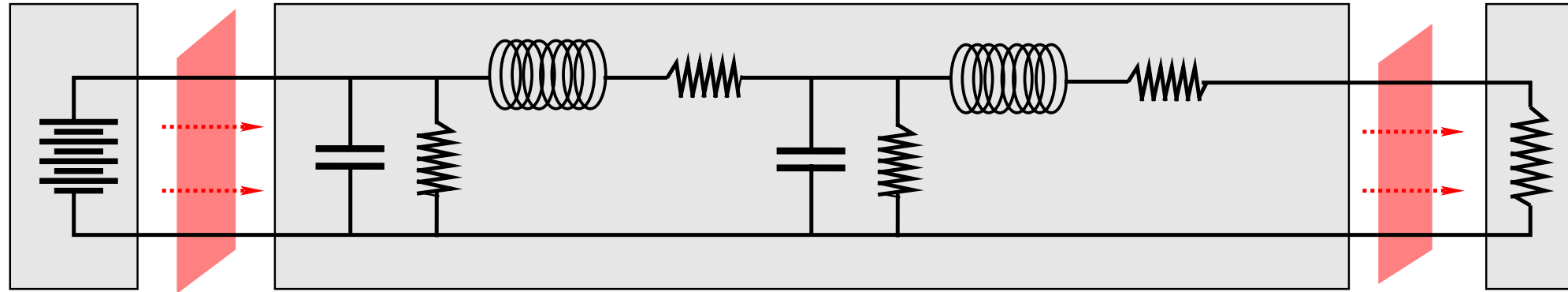
## Transmission line



**Terminals  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  form a port;**  
 **$\{1, 2\}$  and  $\{3, 4\}$  do not.**

**We cannot speak about**  
*“the energy transferred from terminals  $\{1, 2\}$  to  $\{3, 4\}$ ”,*  
**or** *“from the environment to the circuit through  $\{1, 2\}$ ”.*

## Transmission line

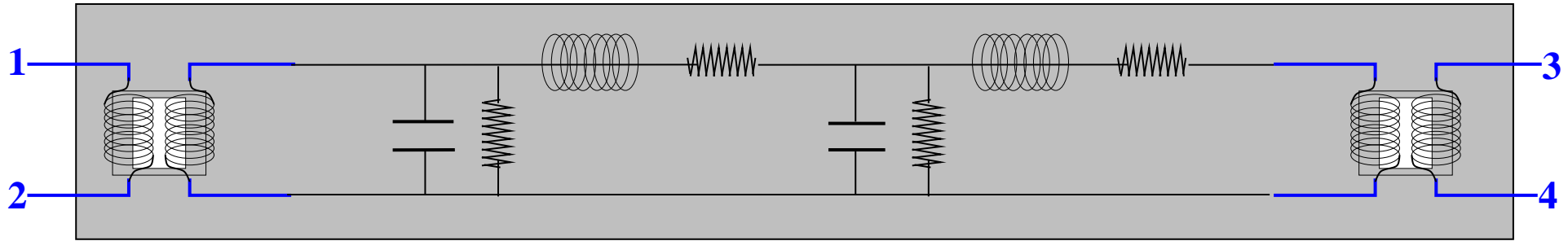


**The energy flows from the source and to the load are well-defined, since the terminals form internal ports.**

**Therefore we can speak about**

***“the energy transferred from the source to the load”.***

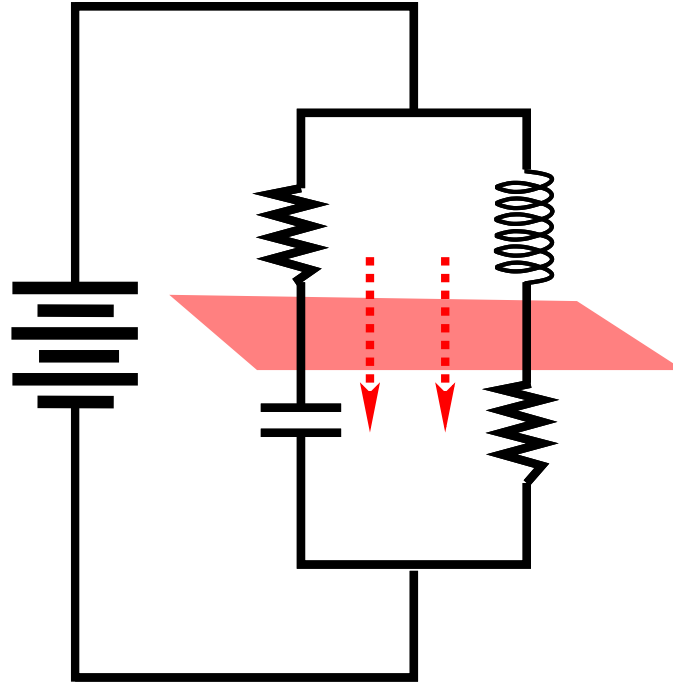
# Transmission line



**Terminals  $\{1, 2\}$  and  $\{3, 4\}$  now form a port.**



## RLC circuit



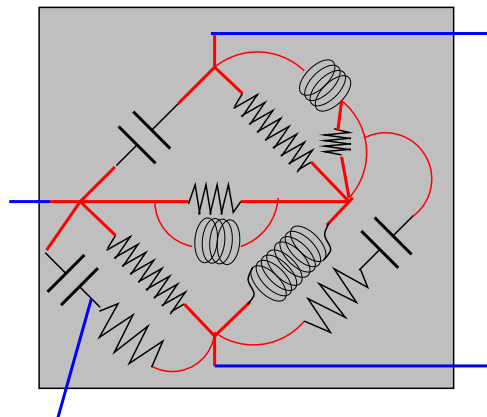
**Not an internal port: energy flow not well-defined.**

## Are ports common?

**Theorem:** Consider an electrical circuit consisting of an interconnection of (linear passive) R's, L's, C's.

Assume that **every pair of external terminals is connected** by the circuit graph. Then

**the only port is the one that consists of all the terminals.**



## Are ports common?

**Theorem:** Consider an electrical circuit consisting of an interconnection of (linear passive) R's, L's, C's.

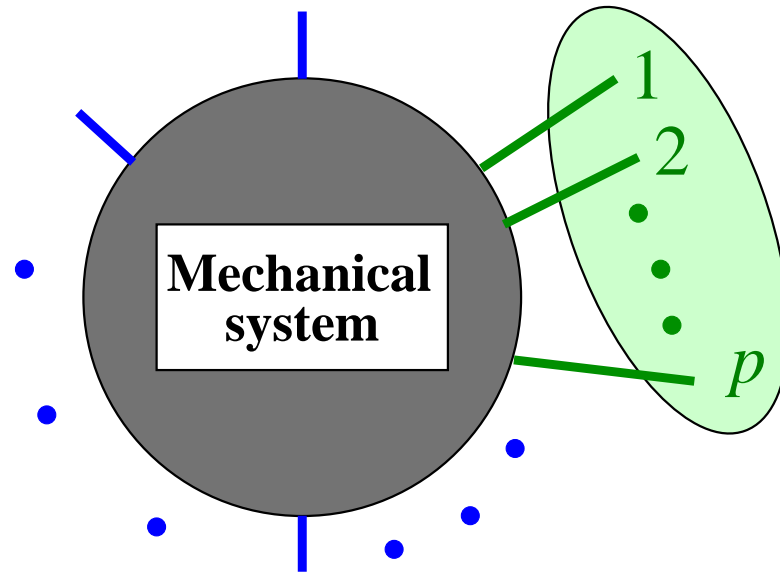
Assume that **every pair of external terminals is connected** by the circuit graph. Then

**the only port is the one that consists of all the terminals.**

For non-trivial ports, we need multi-port elements,  
as transformers.

# **MECHANICAL PORTS**

## Mechanical ports



Environment

Terminals  $\{1, 2, \dots, p\}$  form a (mechanical) **port**  $:\Leftrightarrow$

$(q_1, \dots, q_p, q_{p+1}, \dots, q_N, F_1, \dots, F_p, F_{p+1}, \dots, F_N) \in \mathcal{B},$

$\Rightarrow$   $F_1 + F_2 + \dots + F_p = 0.$  *‘port KFL’*

## Power and energy

If terminals  $\{1, 2, \dots, p\}$  form a port, then

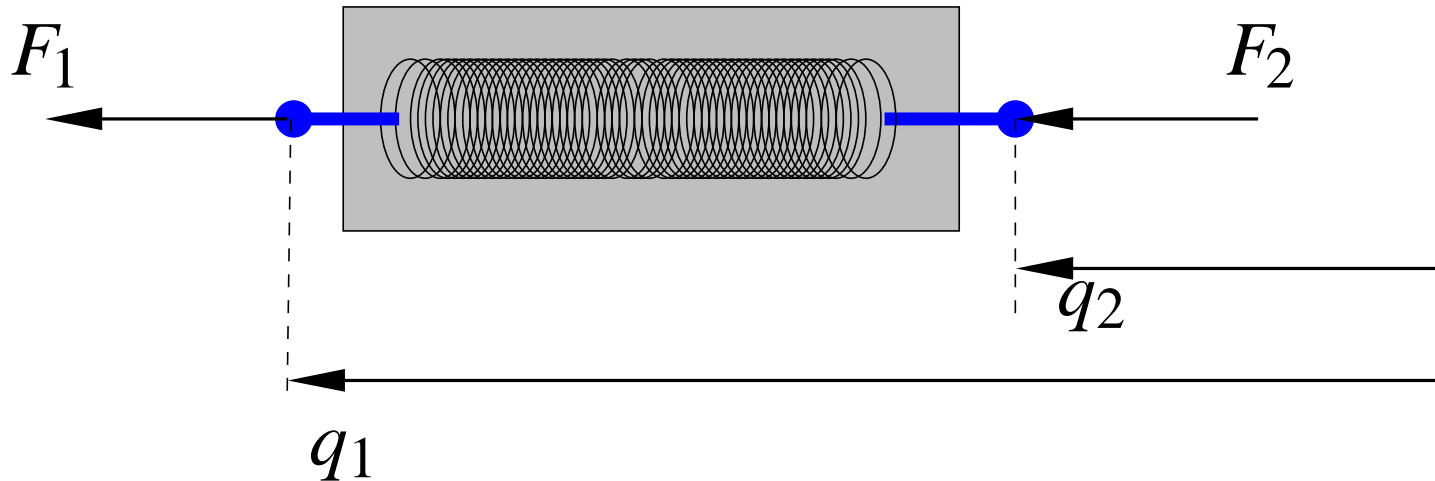
$$\text{power in} = F_1(t)^\top \frac{d}{dt} q_1(t) + \dots + F_p(t)^\top \frac{d}{dt} q_p(t),$$

$$\text{energy in} = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \left( F_1(t)^\top \frac{d}{dt} q_1(t) + \dots + F_p(t)^\top \frac{d}{dt} q_p(t) \right) dt.$$

This interpretation in terms of power and energy is not valid unless these terminals form a port!

## Example

### Spring

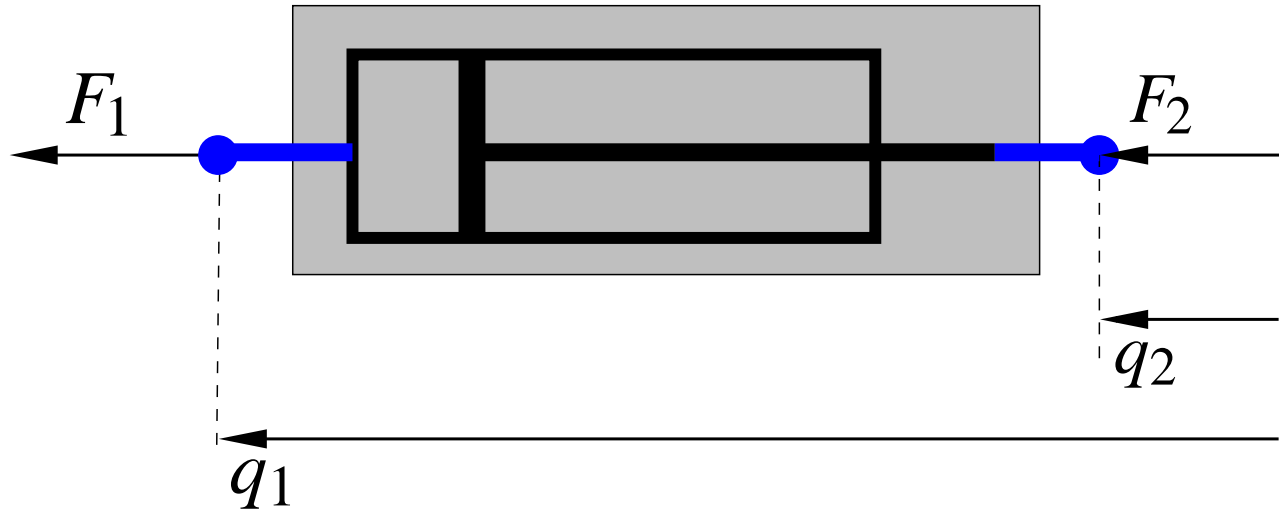


$$F_1 + F_2 = 0, \quad K(q_1 - q_2) = F_1,$$

satisfies **KFL**.  
 $\Rightarrow$  **A port.**

## Example

### Damper



$$F_1 + F_2 = 0, \quad D \frac{d}{dt} (q_1 - q_2) = F_1$$

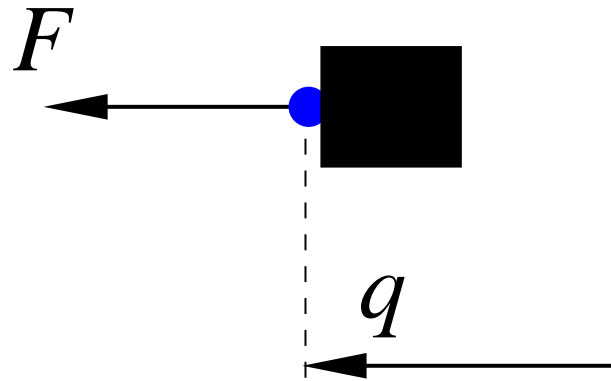
satisfies **KFL**.

$\Rightarrow$  **A port.**

**Springs, dampers, & their interconnection  $\rightsquigarrow$  ports.**



## Example



$$M \frac{d^2}{dt^2} q = F$$

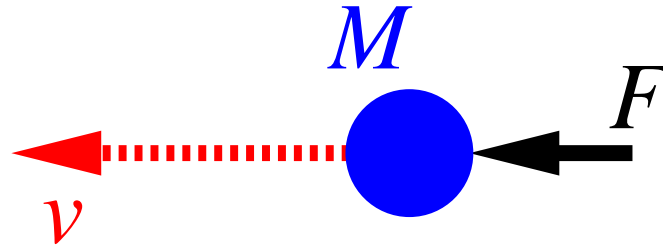
does not satisfy KFL

**Not a port!!!**

**Interconnections of springs, dampers, and masses do not necessarily form a port.**

# **MOTION ENERGY**

## Conservation law

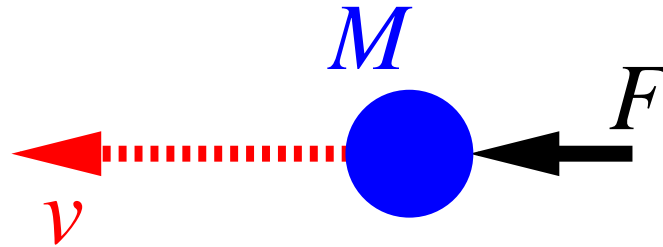


$$M \frac{d^2}{dt^2} q = F \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{d}{dt} \frac{1}{2} M \left\| \frac{d}{dt} q \right\|^2 = F^\top \frac{d}{dt} q$$

*If  $F^\top v$  is not power,*

*is  $\frac{1}{2} M \|v\|^2$  not stored (kinetic, motion) energy ???*

# Kinetic energy and invariance under uniform motions



What is the kinetic energy?

$$\mathcal{E}_{\text{kinetic}} = \frac{1}{2} M ||v||^2$$



Willem 's Gravesande  
1688–1742



Émilie du Châtelet  
1706–1749

**This expression is not invariant under uniform motion.**

## Motion energy



**What is the motion energy?**

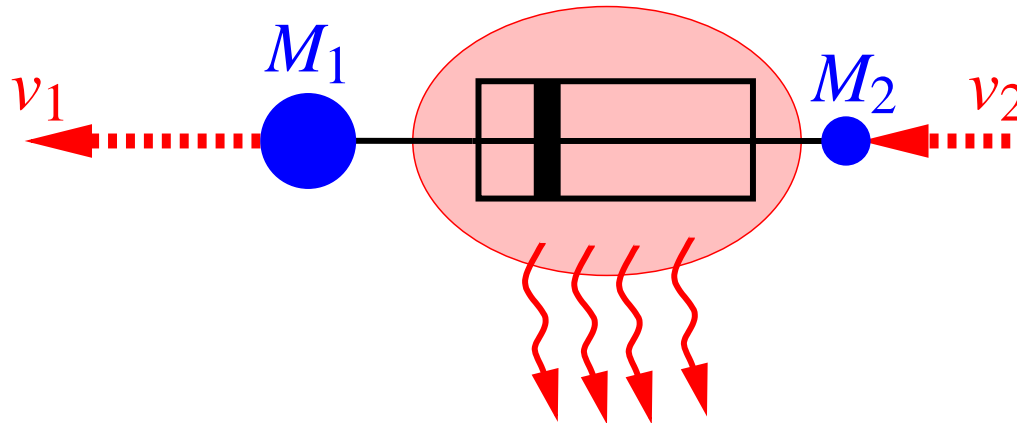
**What quantity is transformable into heat?**

$$\mathcal{E}_{\text{motion}} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{M_1 M_2}{M_1 + M_2} \|v_1 - v_2\|^2$$

**Invariant under uniform motion.**

## Dissipation into heat

Can be justified by mounting a damper between the masses.

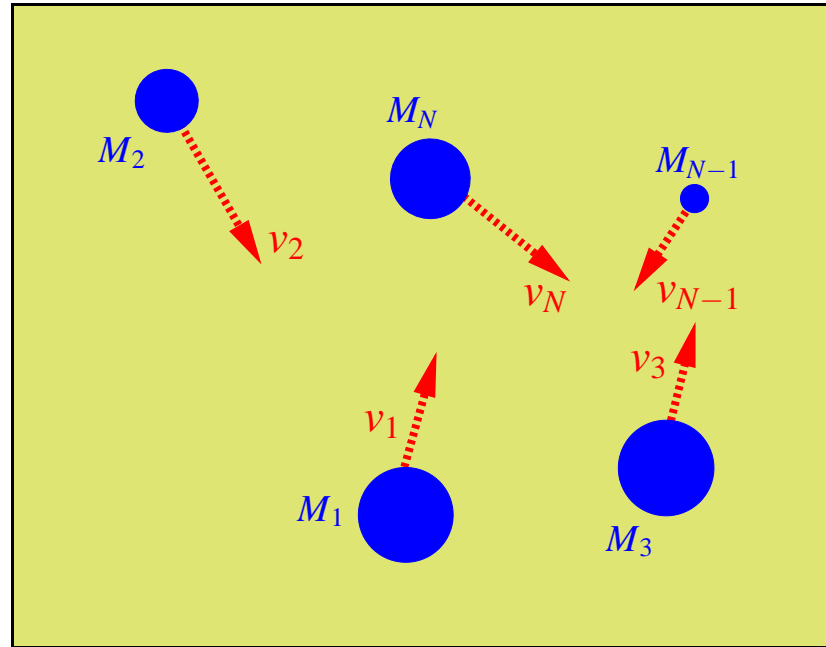


$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{M_1 M_2}{M_1 + M_2} \|v_1 - v_2\|^2$$

is the heat dissipated in the damper.

# Motion energy

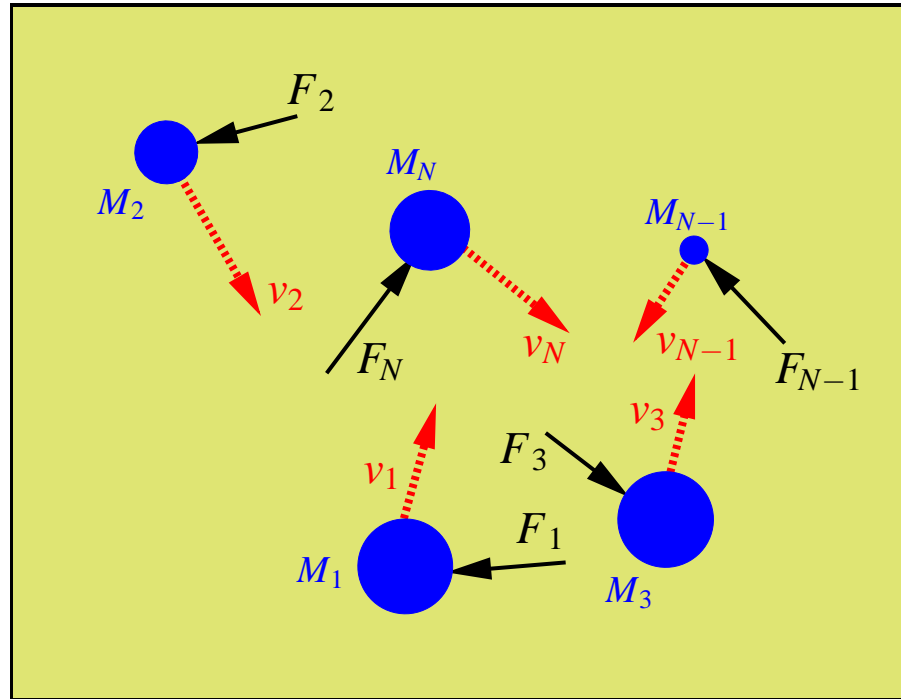
Generalization to  $N$  masses.



$$\mathcal{E}_{\text{motion}} = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{i,j \in \{1,2,\dots,N\}} \frac{M_i M_j}{M_1 + M_2 + \dots + M_N} \|v_i - v_j\|^2.$$

# Motion energy

With external forces.



$$\mathcal{E}_{\text{motion}} = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{i,j \in \{1,2,\dots,N\}} \frac{M_i M_j}{M_1 + M_2 + \dots + M_N} \|v_i - v_j\|^2.$$

(KFL)  $\sum_{i \in \{1,2,\dots,N\}} F_i = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{E}_{\text{motion}} = \sum_{i \in \{1,2,\dots,N\}} F_i^\top v_i.$



## Motion energy

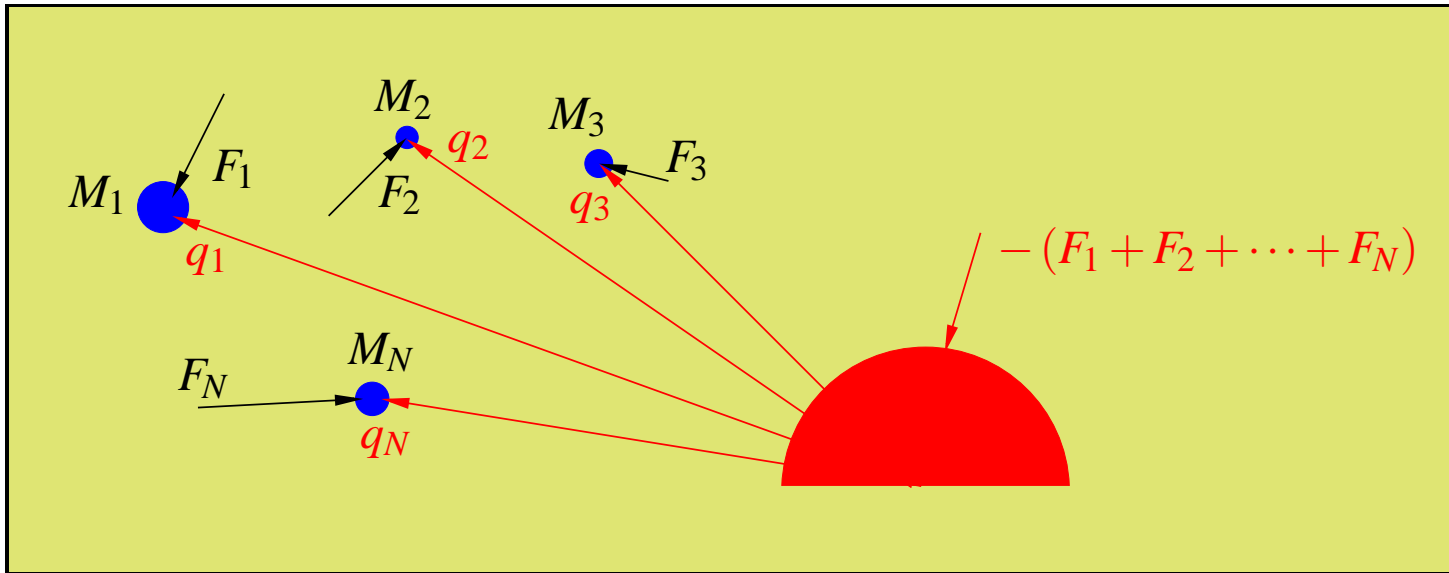
$$\mathcal{E}_{\text{motion}} = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{i,j \in \{1,2,\dots,N\}} \frac{M_i M_j}{M_1 + M_2 + \dots + M_N} \|v_i - v_j\|^2.$$

**Distinct from the classical expression of the kinetic energy,**

$$\mathcal{E}_{\text{kinetic}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \in \{1,2,\dots,N\}} M_i \|v_i\|^2.$$

# Motion energy

**Reconciliation:**  $M_{N+1} = \infty, F_{N+1} = -(F_1 + F_2 + \dots + F_N),$



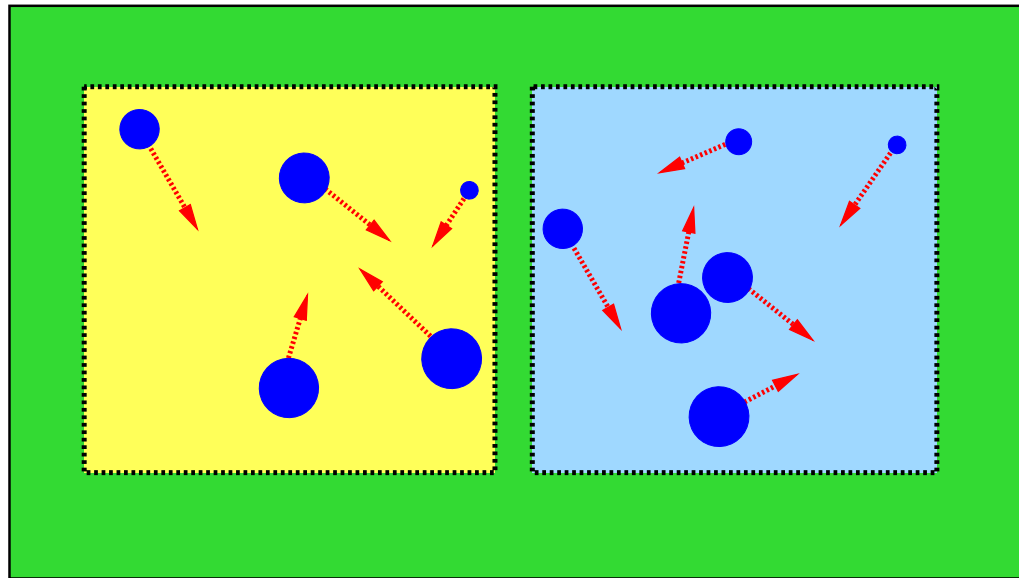
measure velocities w.r.t. this infinite mass ('ground'), then

$$\frac{1}{4} \sum_{i,j \in \{1,2,\dots,N,N+1\}} \frac{M_i M_j}{M_1 + M_2 + \dots + M_N + M_{N+1}} \|v_i - v_j\|^2$$

$$\xrightarrow{M_N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \in \{1,2,\dots,N\}} M_i \|v_i\|^2.$$

## Motion energy

**Motion energy is not an extensive quantity, it is not additive.**

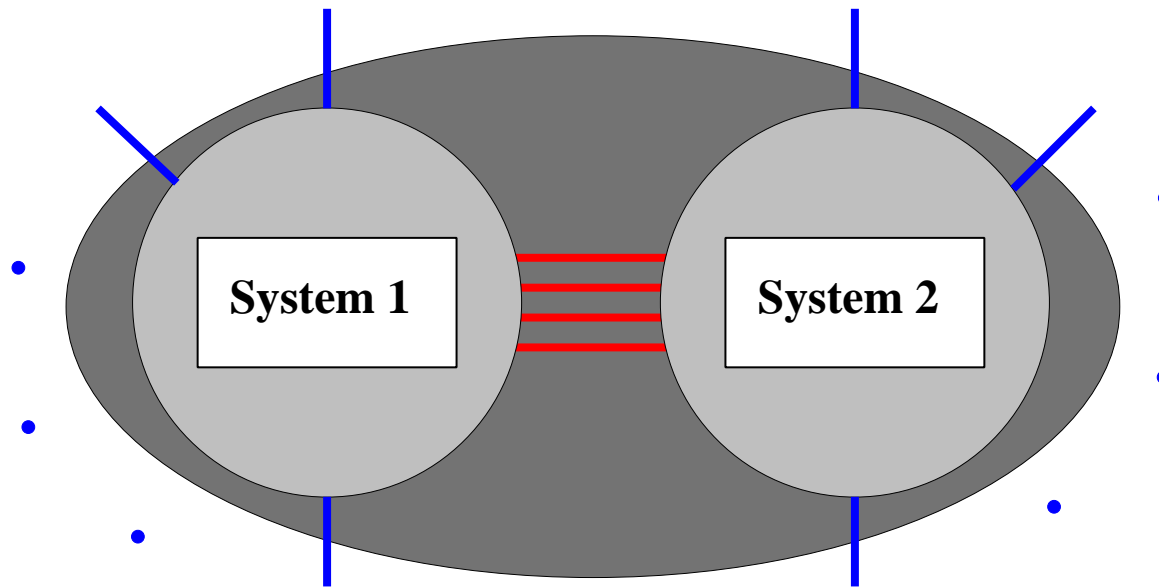


**Total motion energy  $\neq$  sum of the parts.**

**Power and energy involve ‘action at a distance’.**

# ENERGY TRANSFER

## Energy transfer



**One cannot speak about**

*“the energy transferred from system 1 to system 2”*

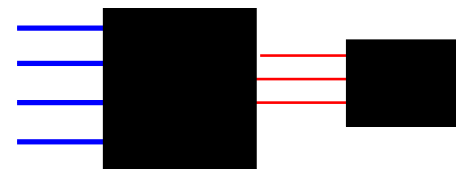
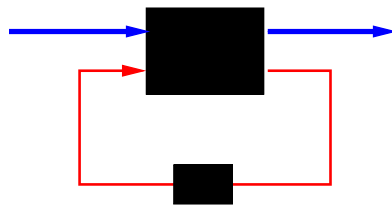
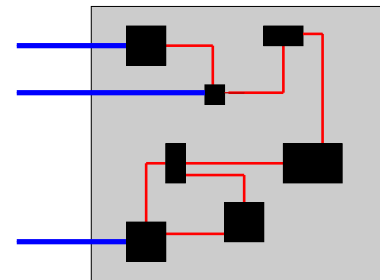
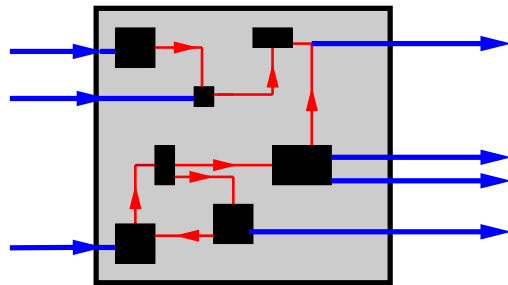
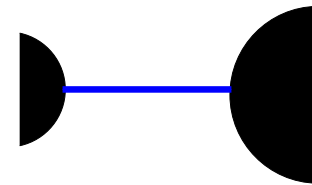
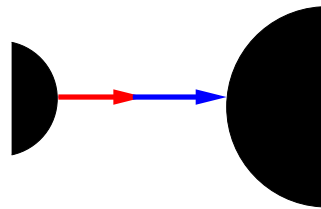
**or** *“from the environment to system 1”,*

**unless the relevant terminals form a port.**

## Ports and terminals

**Terminals are for interconnection,  
ports are for energy transfer.**

# CONCLUSION





## Energy transfer

- ▶ **Energy transfer is associated with ports.**
- ▶ **One cannot in general speak about the energy transferred from system 1 to system 2.**
- ▶ **Energy is not an local quantity. It involves action at a distance.**
- ▶ **Energy is not an extensive quantity.**



**Happy birthday, Peter!**

**Thank you**

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