



# MODELING

# INTERCONNECTED SYSTEMS

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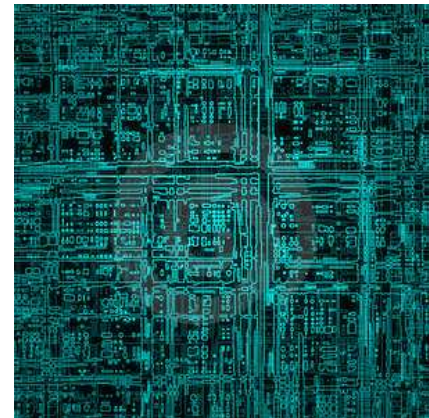
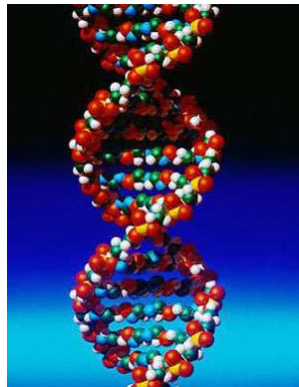
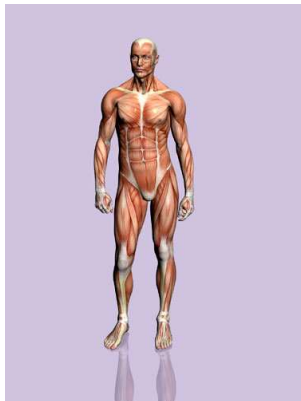
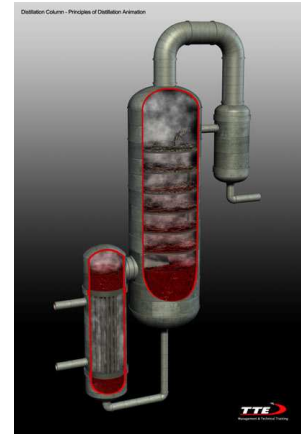
How is **energy transferred** between systems?

We deal with very simple examples,  
mainly electrical circuits and  
1-dimensional mechanical systems.

# SYSTEMS



OIL REFINERY (GVG / PD)



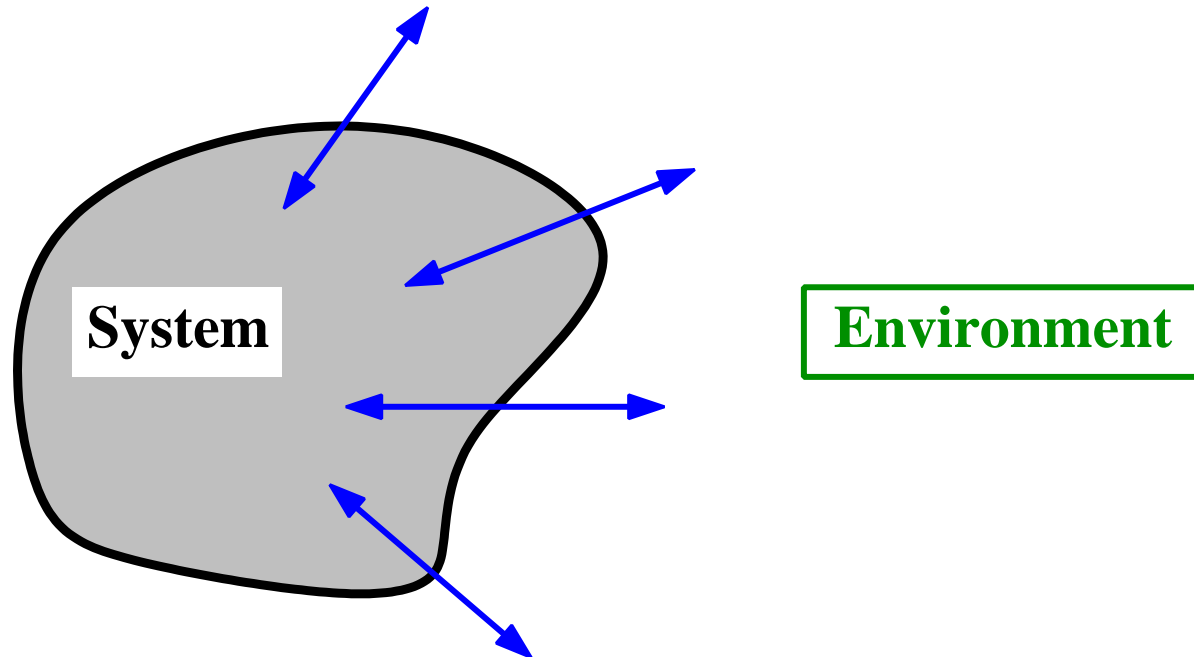
# Features

- ▶ **Open**
- ▶ **Interconnected**
- ▶ **Modular**
- ▶ **Dynamic**

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

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

## Open systems

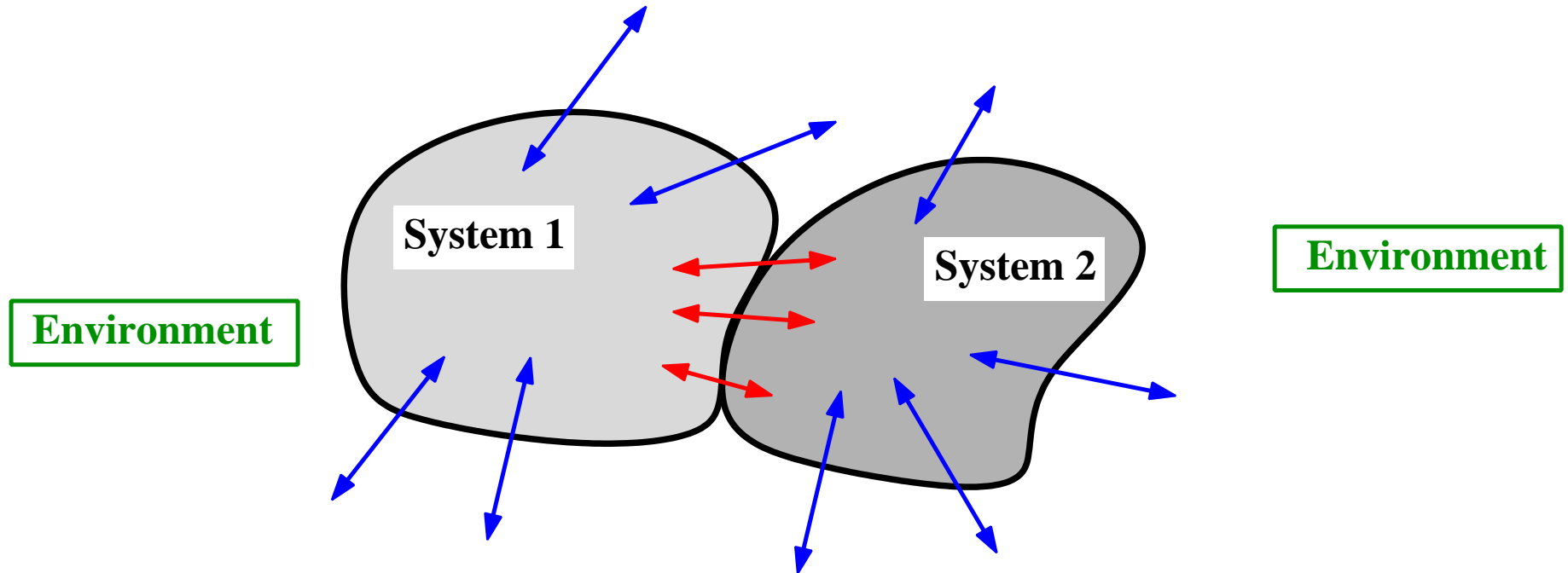


**Systems are ‘open’, they interact with their environment.**

**How are such systems formalized?**

**How is energy transferred from the environment to a system?**

# Interacting systems



**Interconnected systems interact.**

**How is this interaction formalized?**

**How is energy transferred between systems?**



## Motivation

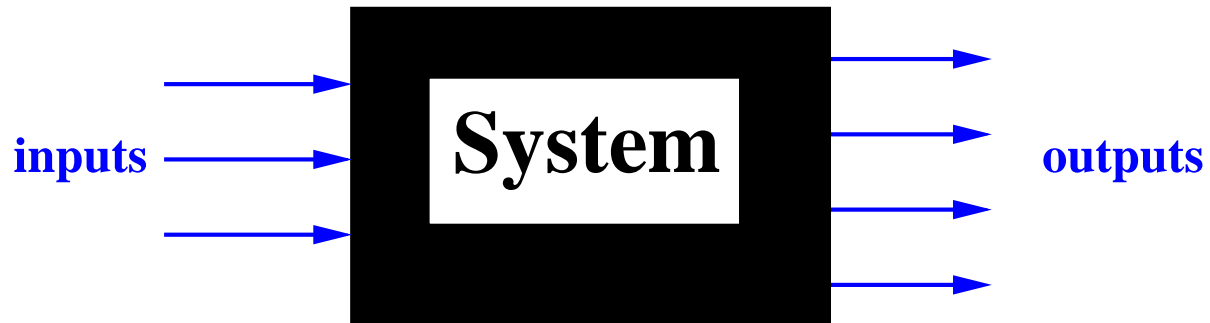
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Requires the **right mathematical concepts**

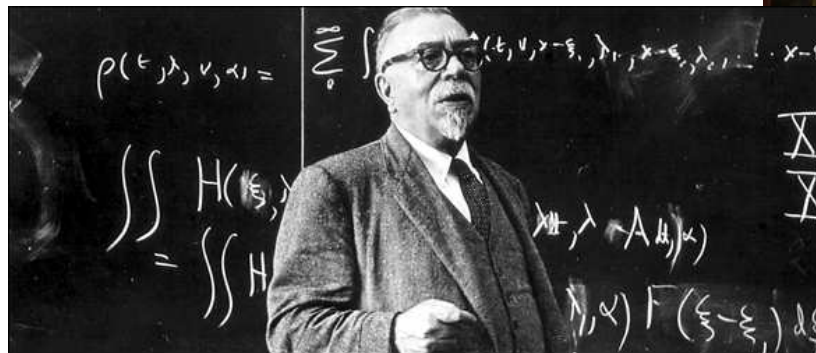
- ▶ for dynamical system,
- ▶ for interconnection,
- ▶ for interconnection architecture.

# **CLASSICAL VIEW**

# Input/output systems



**Oliver Heaviside**

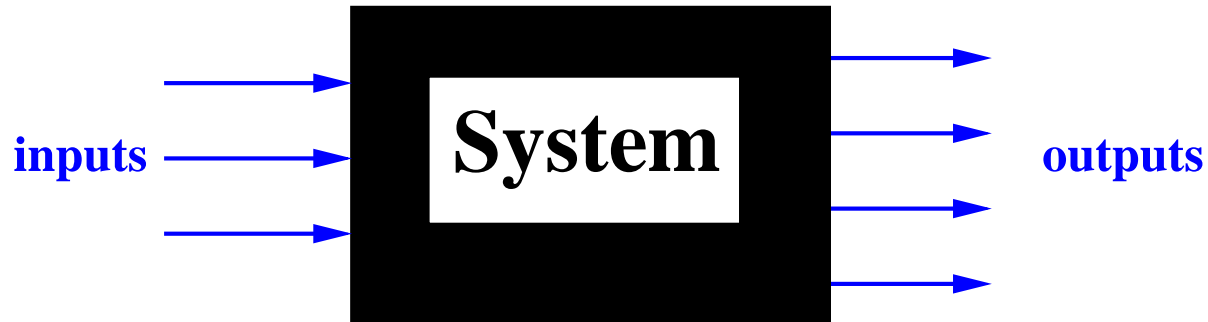


**Norbert Wiener**



**Rudy Kalman**

## Input/output systems

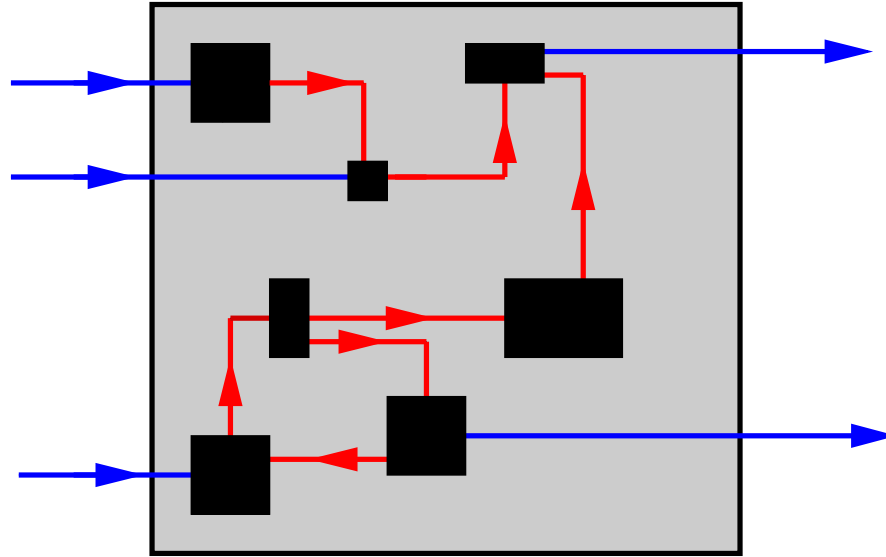


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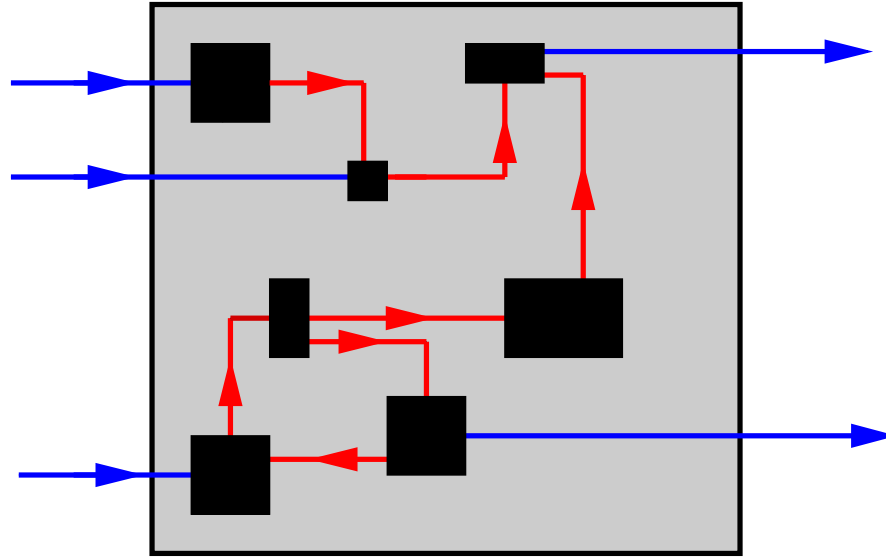
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Better concept: a behavior.

# Signal flow graphs



## Signal flow graphs



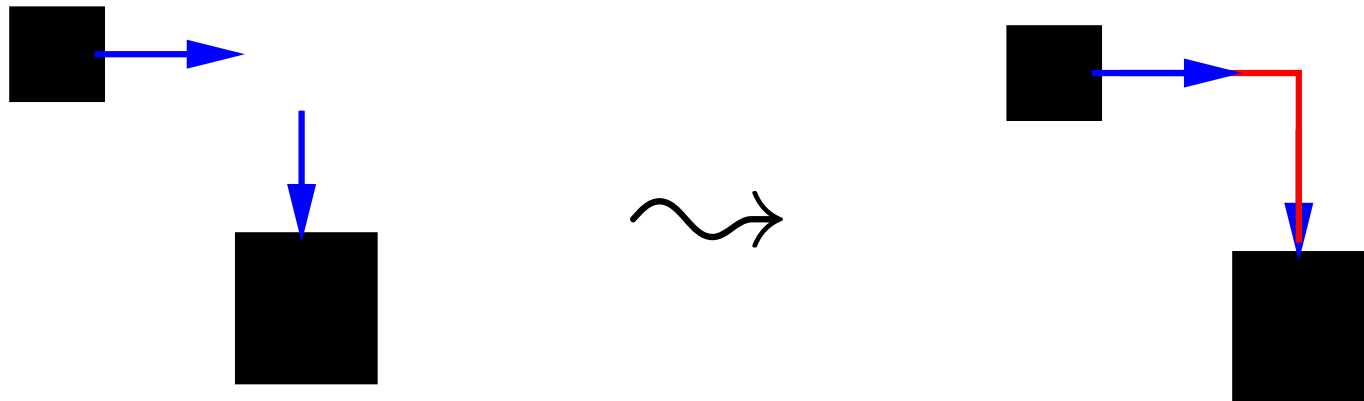
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Better concept: a graph with leaves.

# Interconnection

Interconnection as output-to-input assignment.

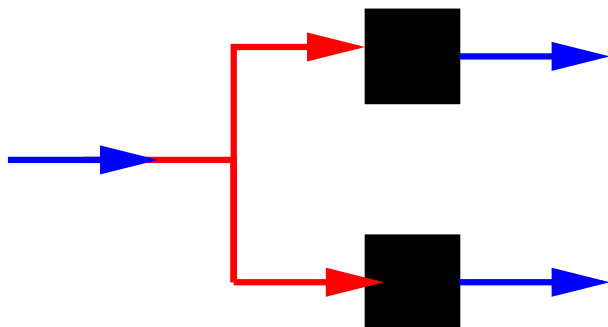
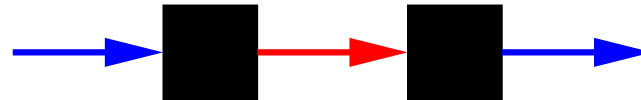


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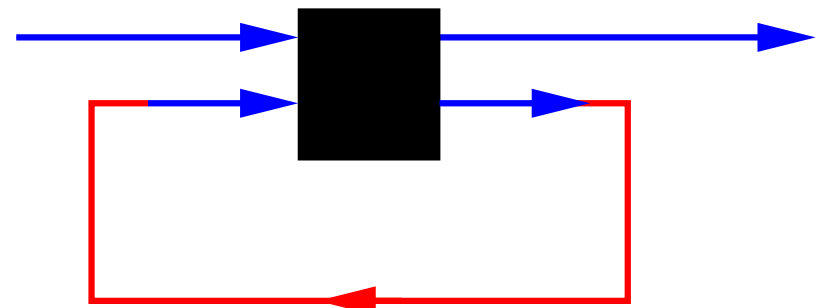
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Examples:

series



parallel



feedback



## Interconnection

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Better concept: variable sharing

# **The BEHAVIORAL APPROACH**

# The dynamic behavior

**Definition:** A *dynamical system*  $:\Leftrightarrow (\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{W}, \mathcal{B})$ , with

▶  $\mathbb{T} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  the **time set**,

▶  $\mathbb{W}$  the **signal space**,

▶  $\mathcal{B} \subseteq (\mathbb{W})^{\mathbb{T}}$  the **behavior**,

that is,  $\mathcal{B}$  is a family of maps from  $\mathbb{T}$  to  $\mathbb{W}$ .

$w : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{W} \in \mathcal{B}$  means: **the model allows the trajectory  $w$ ,**

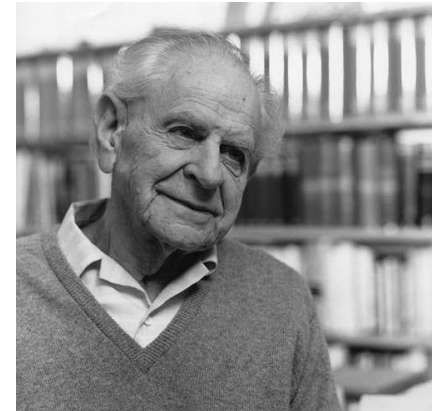
$w : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{W} \notin \mathcal{B}$  means: **the model forbids the trajectory  $w$ .**

## Behavioral models

**The behavior captures the essence of what a model is.**

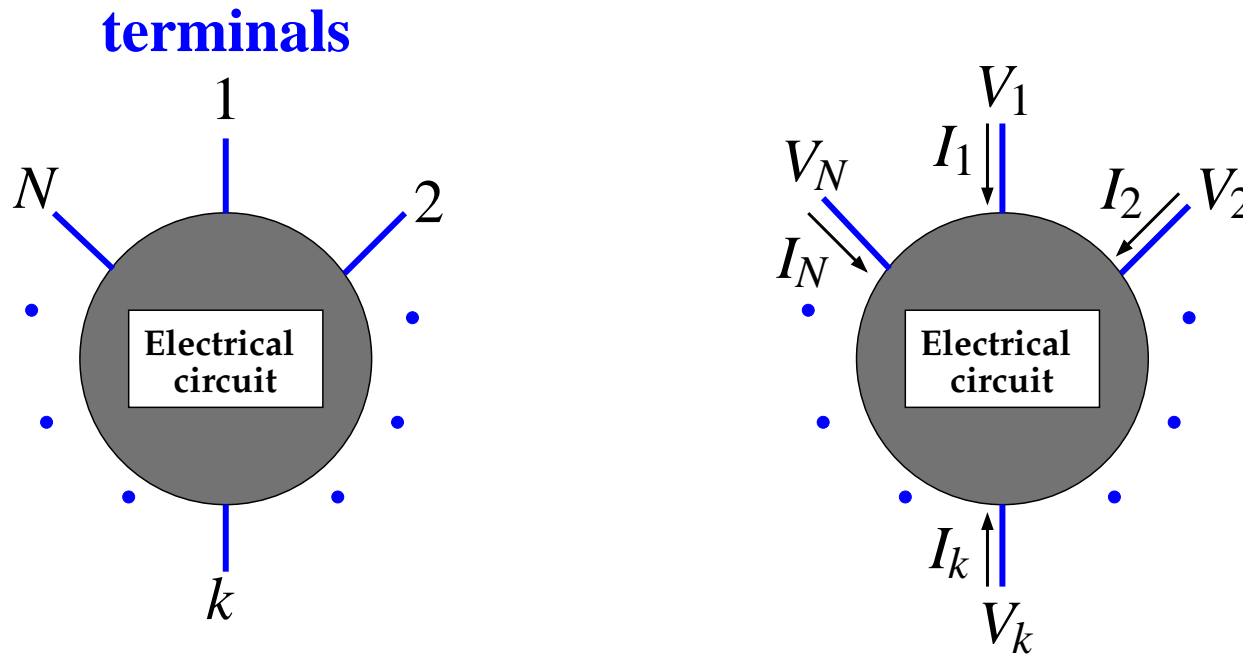
**The behavior is all there is.  
Equivalence of models, properties of models,  
symmetries, system identification, etc.  
must all refer to the behavior.**

*Every 'good' scientific theory is prohibition:  
it forbids certain things to happen.  
The more it forbids, the better it is.*



**Karl Popper (1902-1994)**

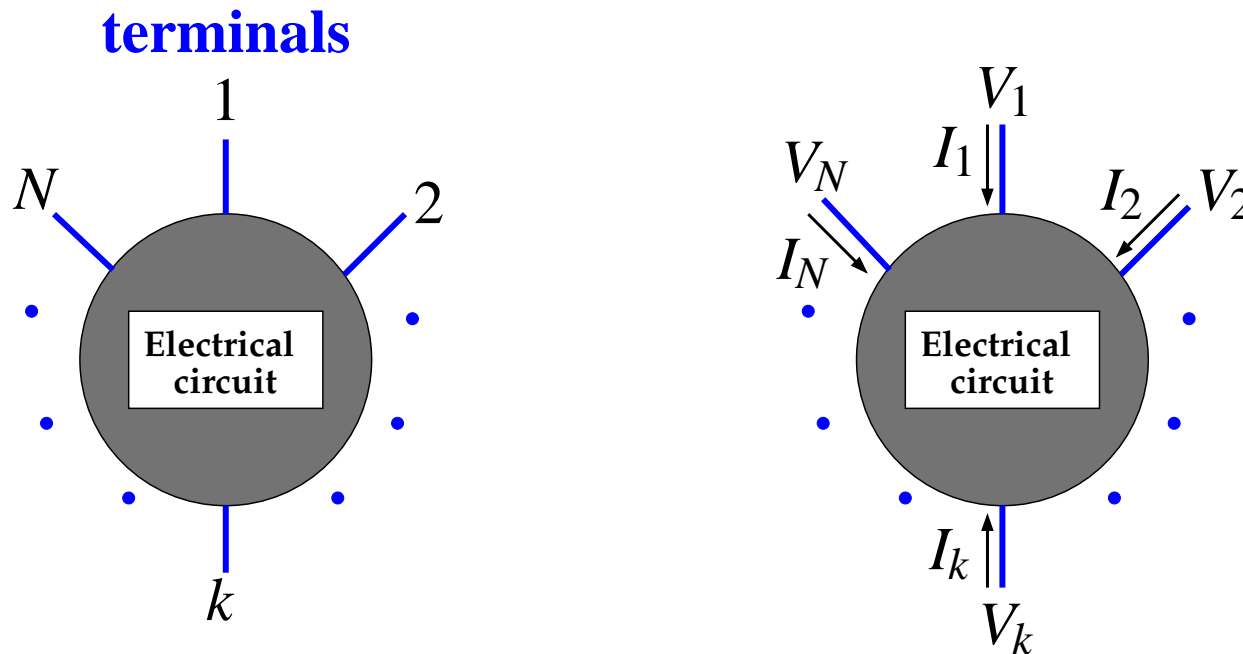
# Electrical circuit



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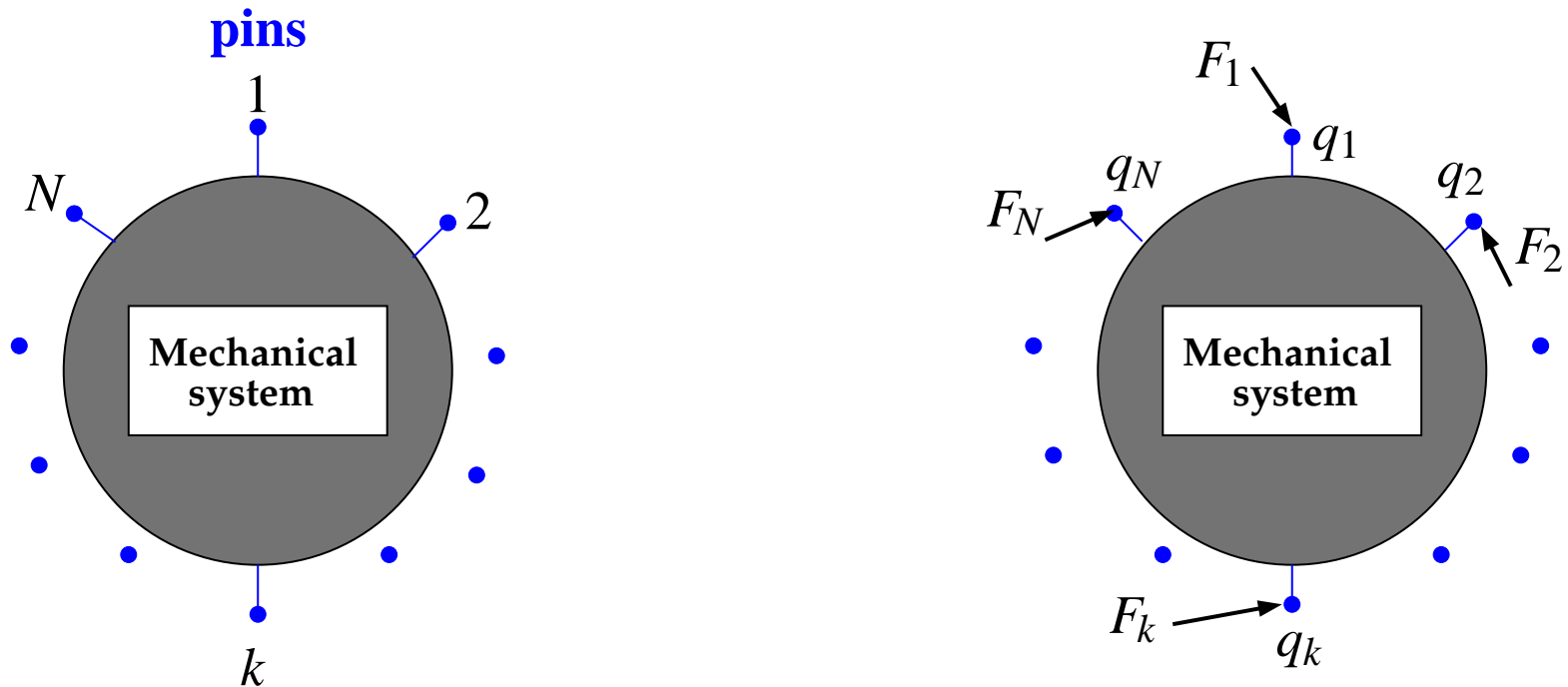
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$\rightsquigarrow$  **behavior**  $\mathcal{B} \subseteq (\mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R}^N)^{\mathbb{R}}$ .

$(V_1, V_2, \dots, V_N, I_1, I_2, \dots, I_N) \in \mathcal{B}$  means:

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

# 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, a **position**, **force**, **angle**, and **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, etc.

▶ ...



## **The behavior**

**There has been an extensive development that deals with  
system theory, control, system identification, etc.  
from this point of view.**

**WHAT NEW DOES THIS BRING?**

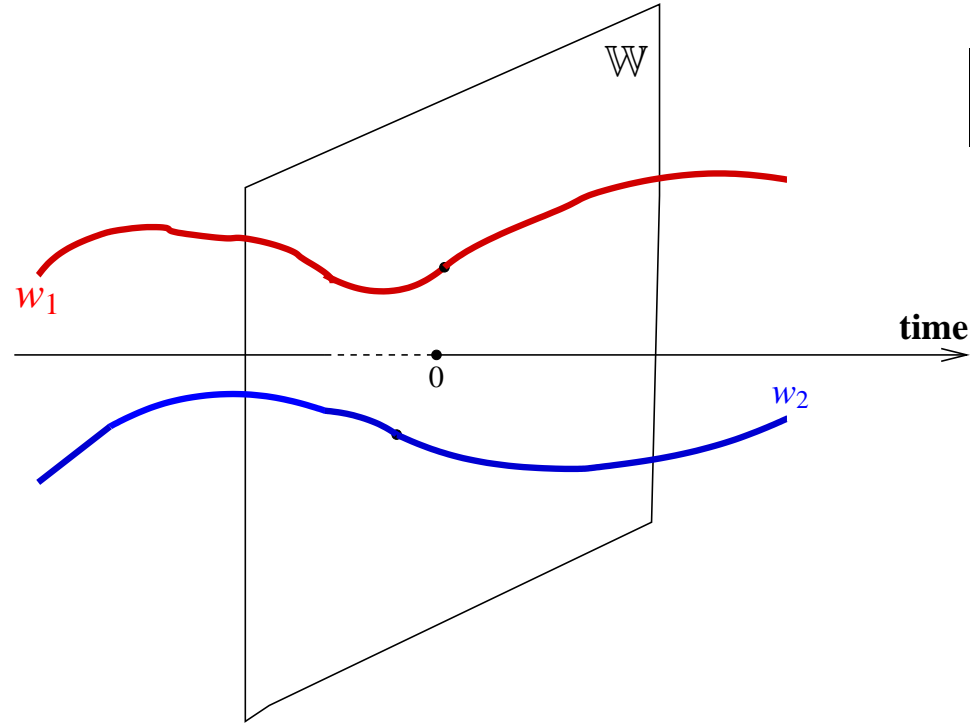
# Controllability

The dynamical system  $\Sigma = (\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{W}, \mathcal{B})$ , with  $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{Z}$ , is said to be **controllable** : $\Leftrightarrow$

for all  $w_1, w_2 \in \mathcal{B}$ , there exist  $T \in \mathbb{T}, T \geq 0$ , and  $w \in \mathcal{B}$ , such that

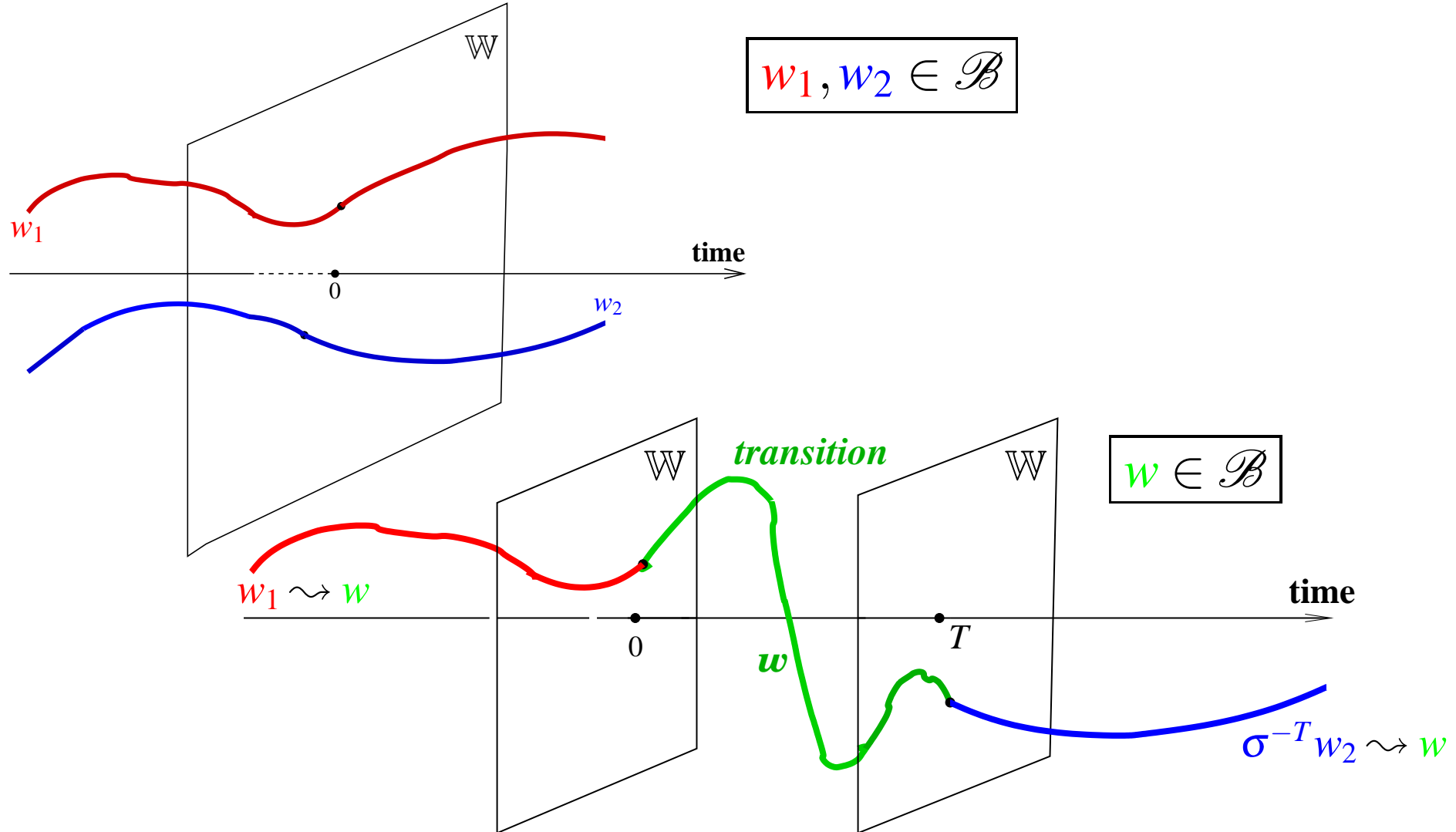
$$w(t) = \begin{cases} w_1(t) & \text{for } t < 0; \\ w_2(t - T) & \text{for } t \geq T. \end{cases}$$

# Controllability in a picture



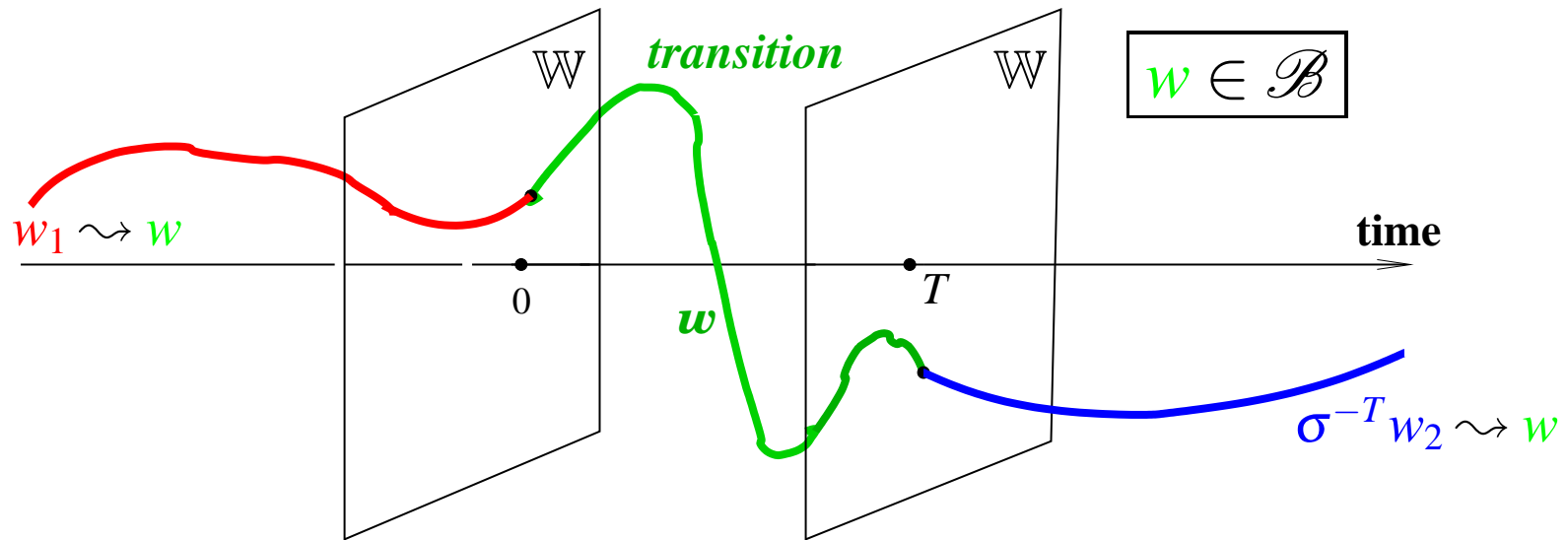
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**This makes controllability into an intrinsic property of a system, rather than a property of a state representation.**

## LTIDSs

A **linear time-invariant differential system (LTIDS)**  $:\Leftrightarrow$   
the behavior  $\mathcal{B} \subseteq (\mathbb{R}^w)^{\mathbb{R}}$  is the set of solutions of a system of  
linear constant-coefficient ODEs

$$R_0 w + R_1 \frac{d}{dt} w + \cdots + R_n \frac{d^n}{dt^n} w = 0,$$

with  $R_0, R_1, \dots, R_n \in \mathbb{R}^{\bullet \times w}$  real matrices that parametrize the  
system, and  $w : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^w$ .

In polynomial matrix notation

$$R \left( \frac{d}{dt} \right) w = 0$$

with  $R(\xi) = R_0 + R_1 \xi + \cdots + R_n \xi^n \in \mathbb{R}[\xi]^{\bullet \times w}$ .

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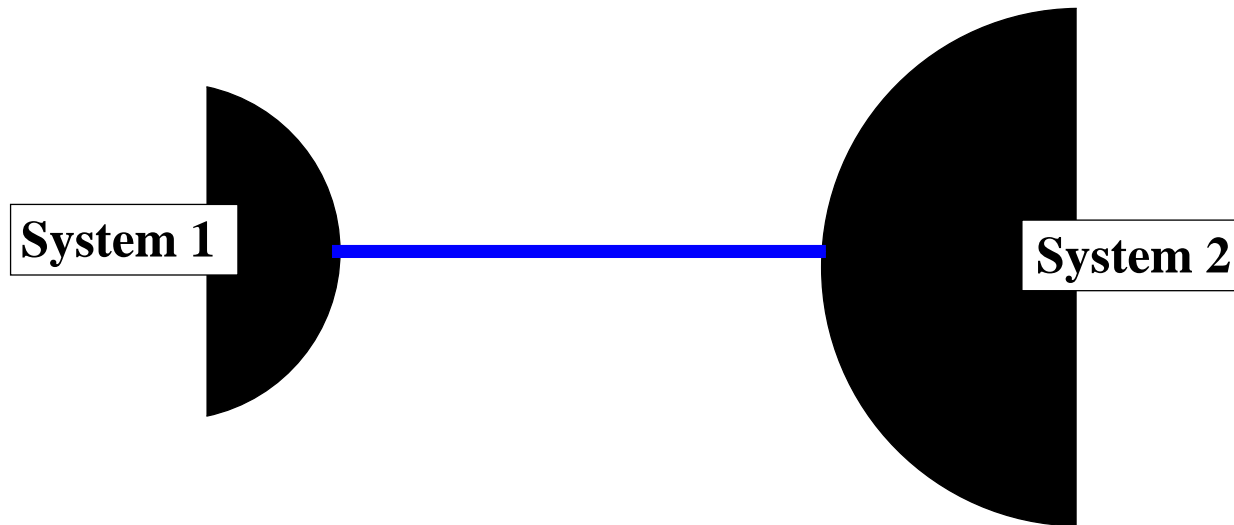
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**These theorems hold *mutatis mutandis* for discrete-time LTIDSs and for systems described by linear PDEs.**

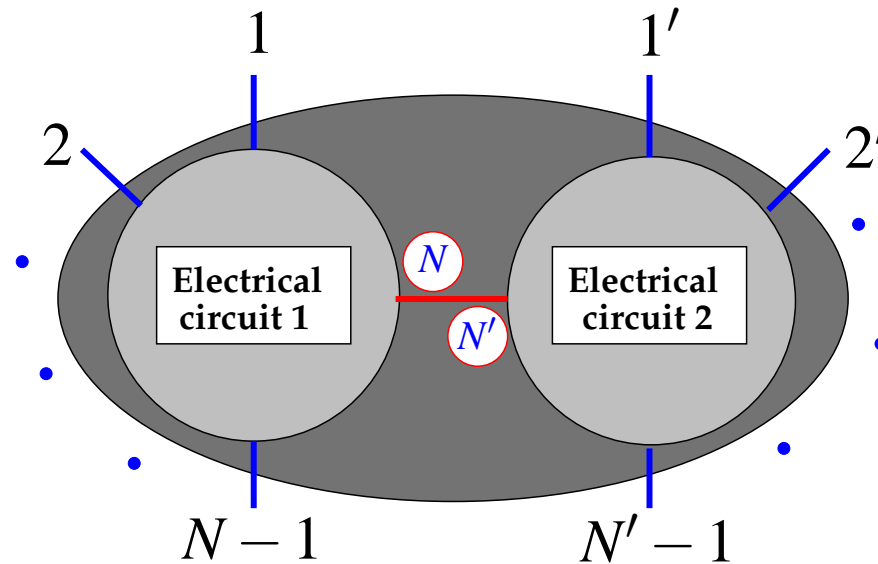
# **INTERCONNECTION**

## Connection of terminals



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

# Interconnection of circuits



$$V_N = V_{N'} \quad \text{and} \quad I_N + I_{N'} = 0.$$

**Behavior after interconnection:**

$$\mathcal{B}_1 \sqcap \mathcal{B}_2$$

$$:= \left\{ (V_1, \dots, V_{N-1}, V_{1'}, \dots, V_{N'-1}, I_1, \dots, I_{N-1}, I_{1'}, \dots, I_{N'-1}) \mid \right.$$

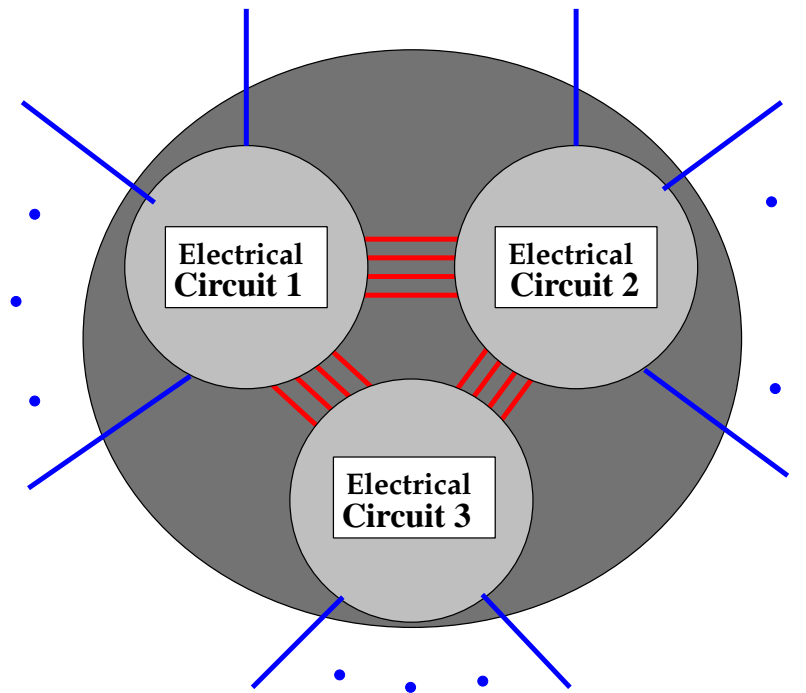
$\exists V, I$  such that

$$(V_1, \dots, V_{N-1}, V, I_1, \dots, I_{N-1}, I) \in \mathcal{B}_1 \quad \text{and}$$

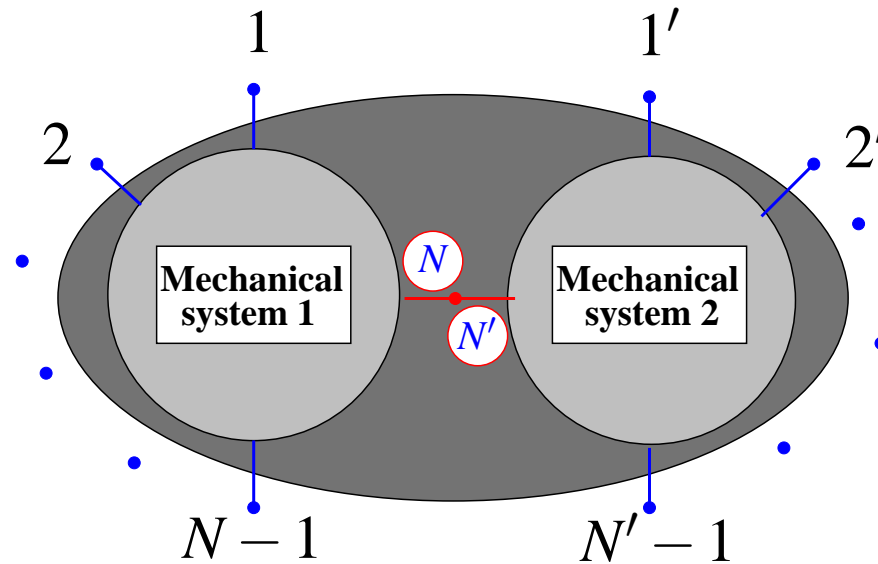
$$(V_{1'}, \dots, V_{N'-1}, V, I_{1'}, \dots, I_{N'-1}, -I) \in \mathcal{B}_2 \}.$$

# Interconnection of circuits

~> more terminals and more circuits connected



# Interconnection of 1-D mechanical systems



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



## Other terminal types

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At each terminal: a temperature and a heat flow.

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

▶ Hydraulic systems:

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▶ ...

## Sharing variables

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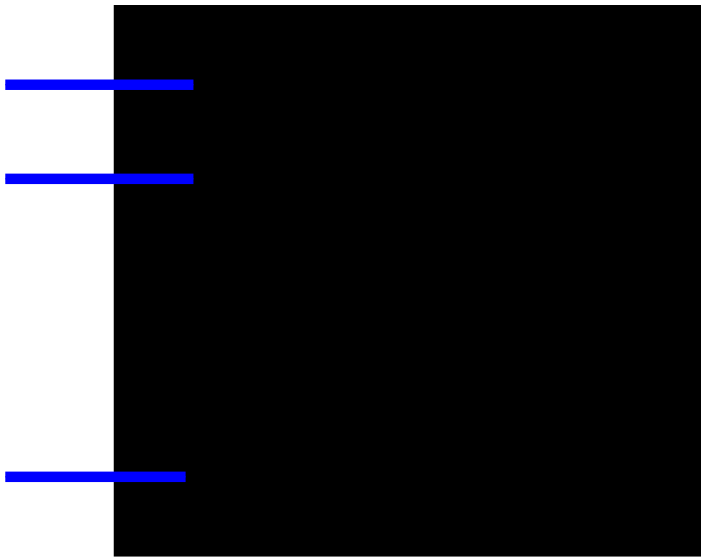
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**Interconnection means variable sharing.**

# **TEARING, ZOOMING, and LINKING**

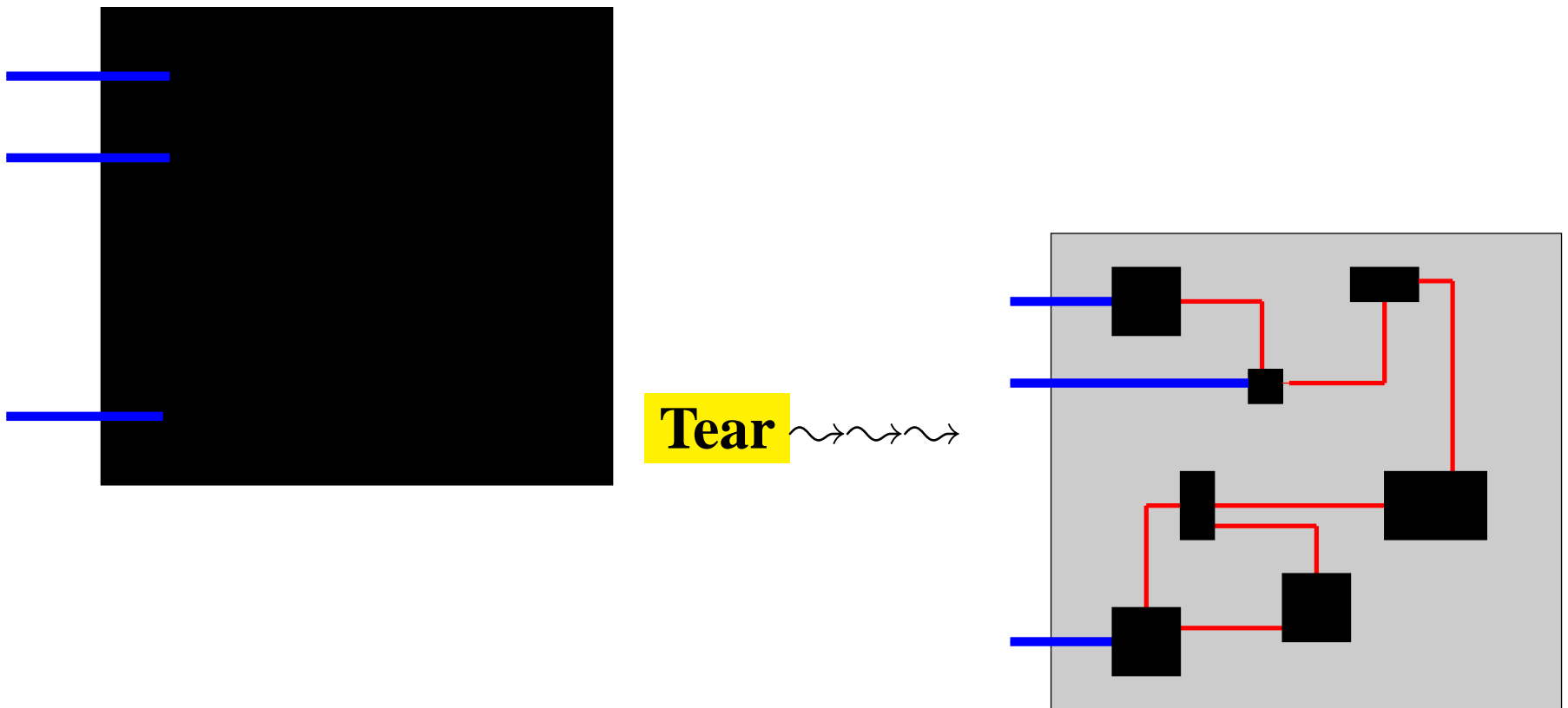
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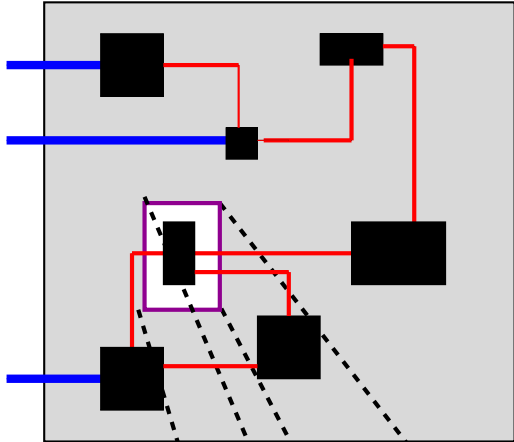


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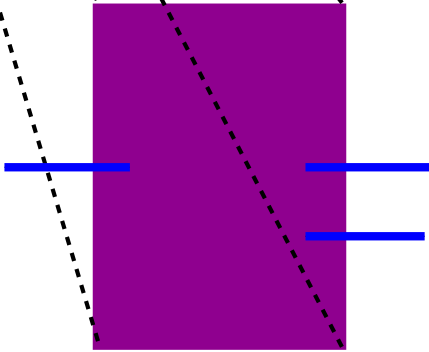
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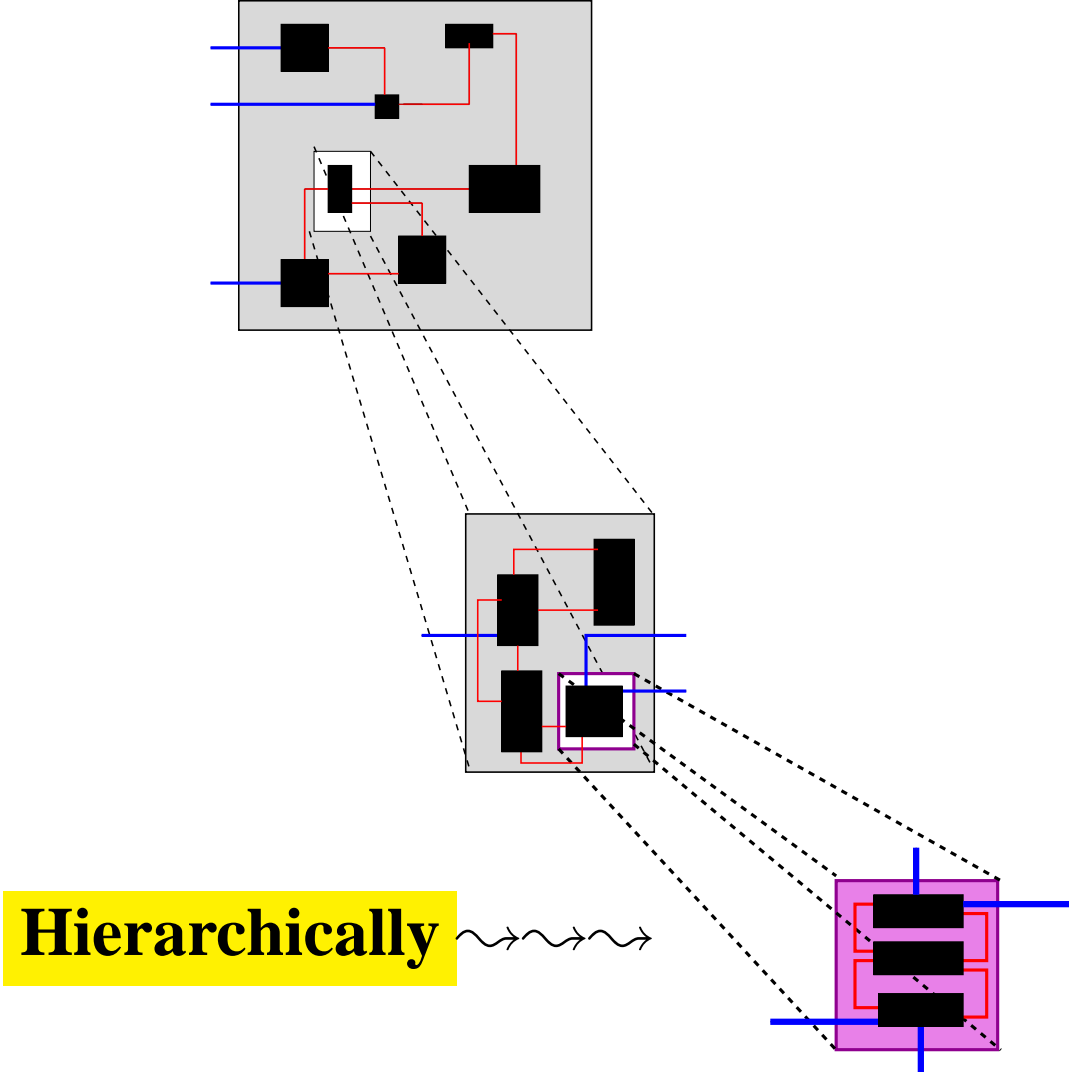
# Zooming



**Zoom** →

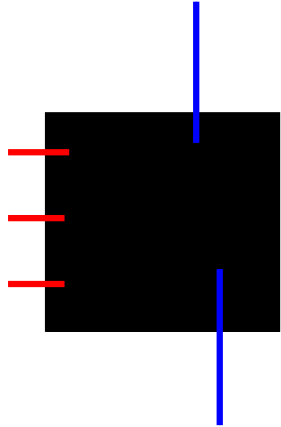
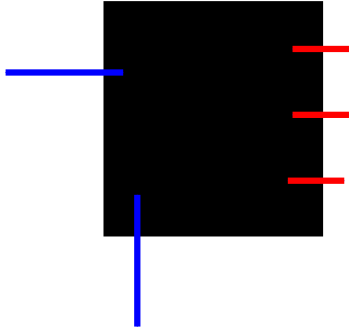


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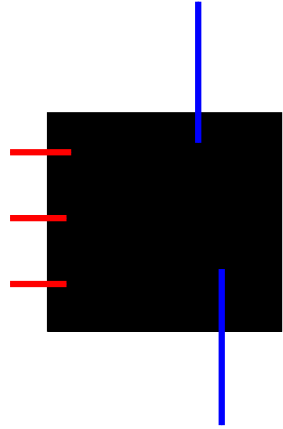
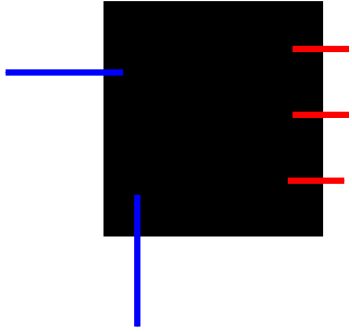
**Proceed until subsystems ('modularity') are obtained whose model is known, from first principles, or stored in a database.**

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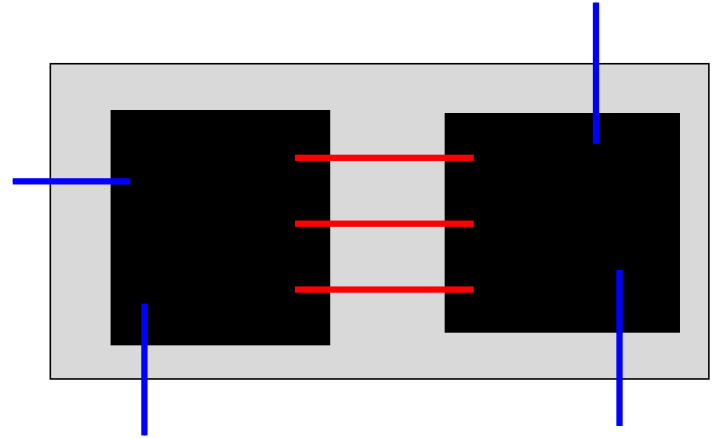




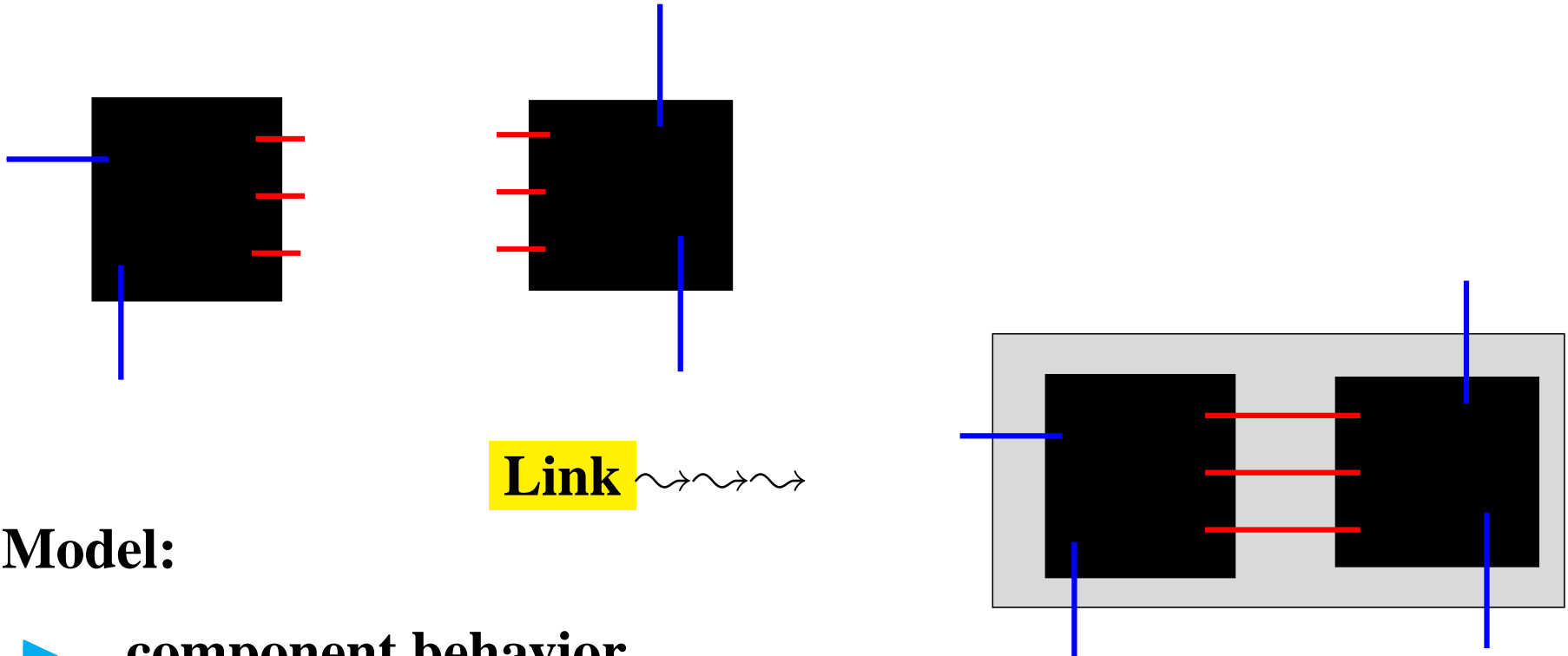
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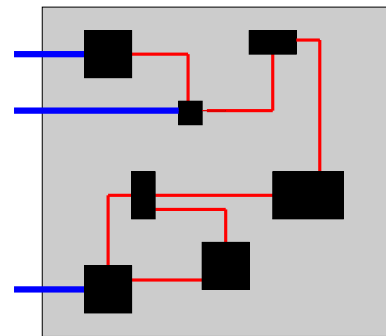
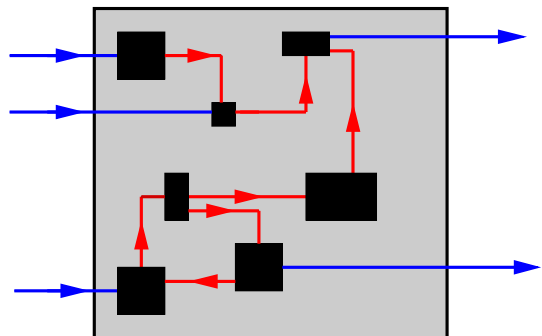
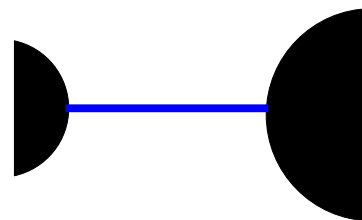
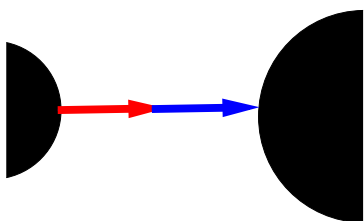
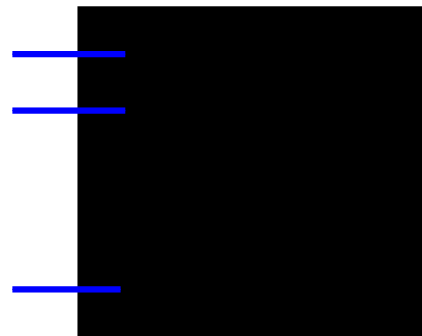
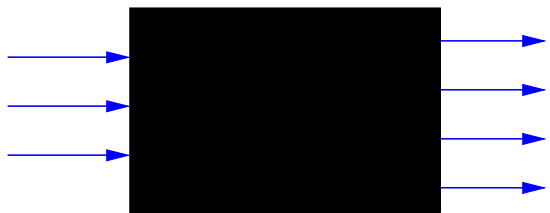
## Model:

- ▶ component behavior
- ▶ sharing equations
- ▶ elimination

~> behavior of the manifest variables.

**Tearing, zooming, and linking ~> computer assisted modeling.**

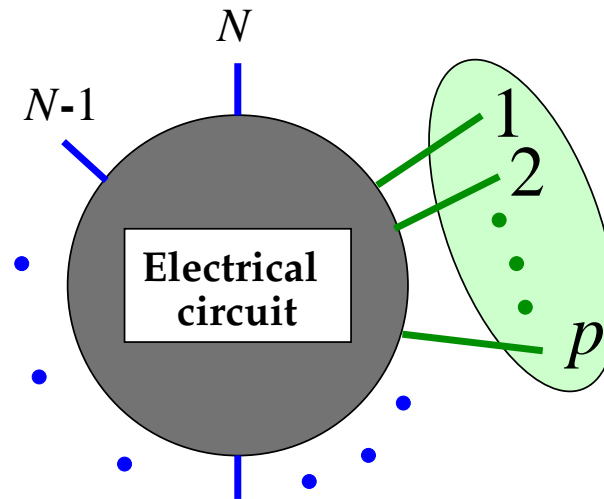
# JUXTAPOSITION



# **ENERGY TRANSFER**

## **PORTS**

# Ports



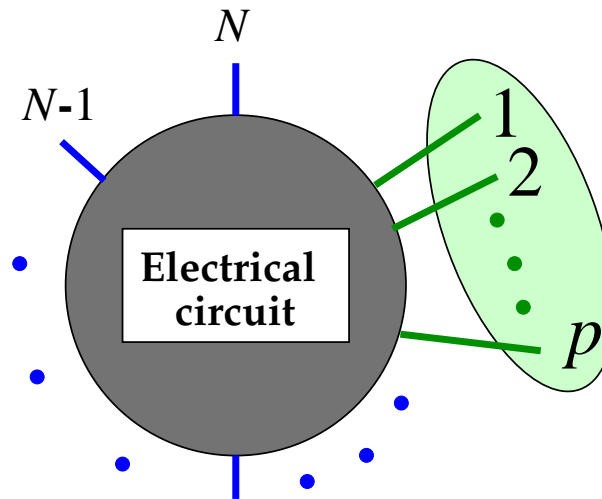
Terminals  $\{1, 2, \dots, p\}$  form a **port**  $:\Leftrightarrow$

$$(V_1, \dots, V_p, V_{p+1}, \dots, V_N, I_1, \dots, I_p, I_{p+1}, \dots, I_N) \in \mathcal{B}$$

$$\Rightarrow I_1 + \dots + I_p = 0. \quad \text{‘port KCL’}.$$

**KCL**  $\Rightarrow$  all terminals together form a port.

# Electrical ports



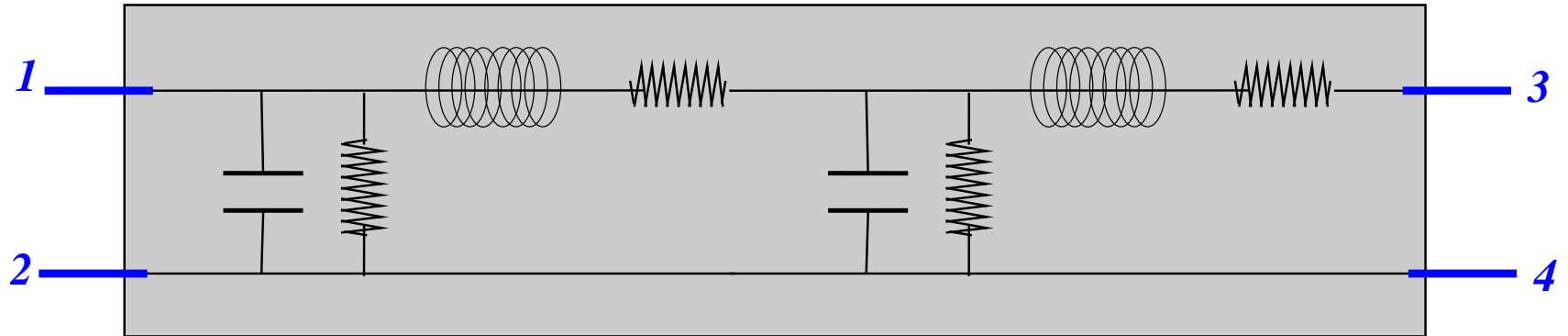
If terminals  $\{1, 2, \dots, p\}$  form a port, then

**power** in along these terminals =  $V_1(t)I_1(t) + \dots + V_p(t)I_p(t)$ ,

**energy** in =  $\int_{t_1}^{t_2} [V_1(t)I_1(t) + \dots + V_p(t)I_p(t)] dt$ .

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

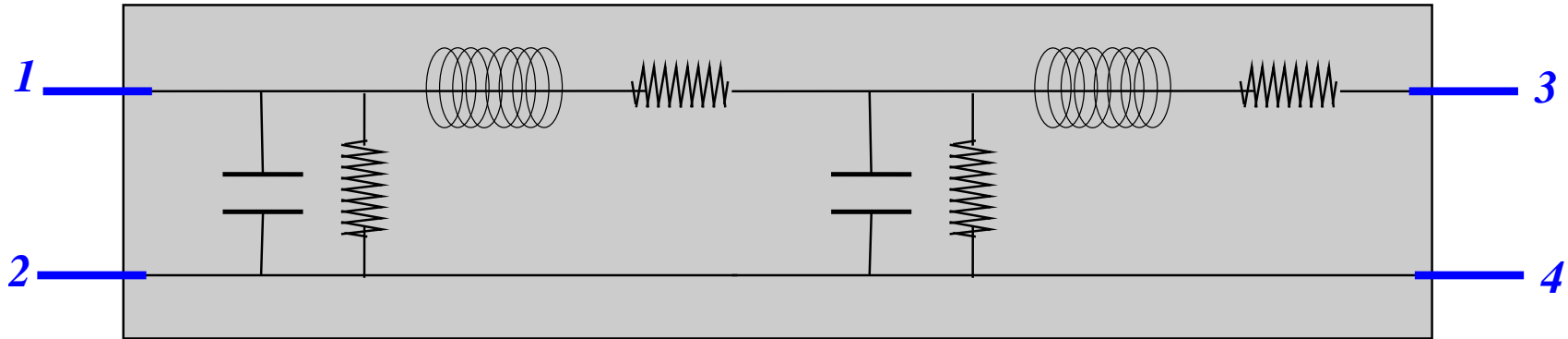
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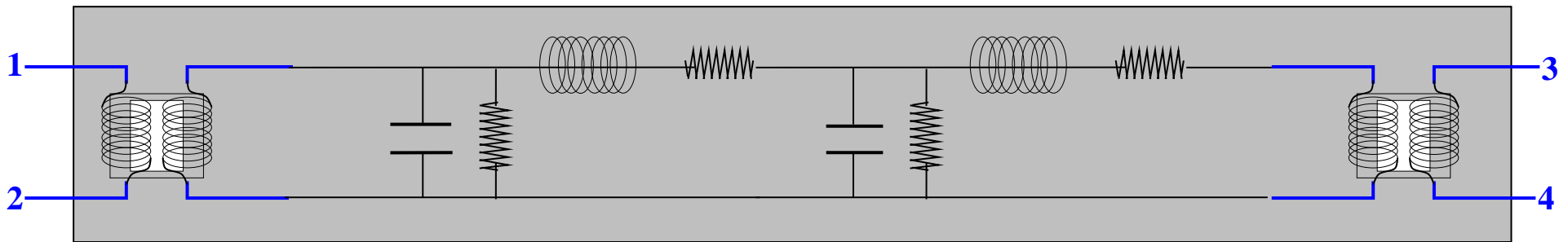
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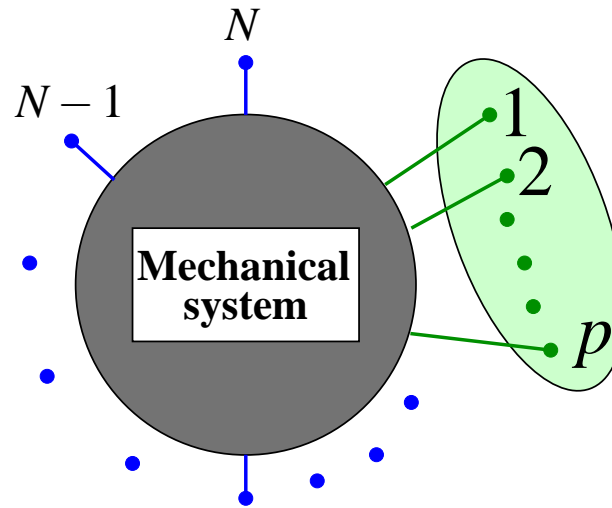


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# Mechanical ports



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

$$\Rightarrow F_1 + F_2 + \dots + F_p = 0. \quad \textit{‘port KFL’}$$

## Power and energy

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

and

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

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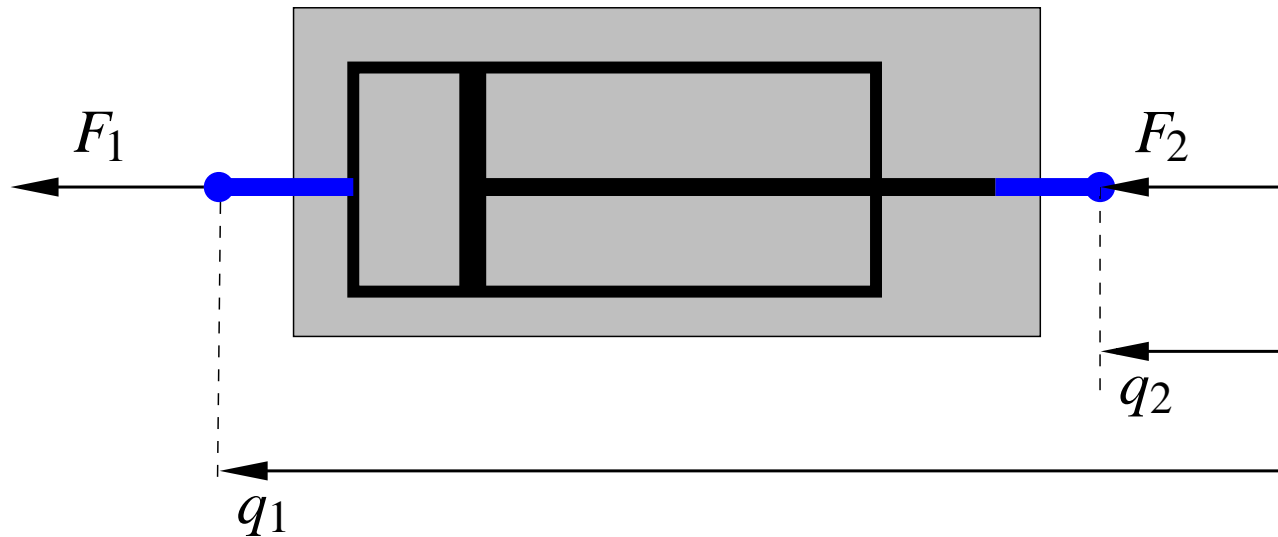
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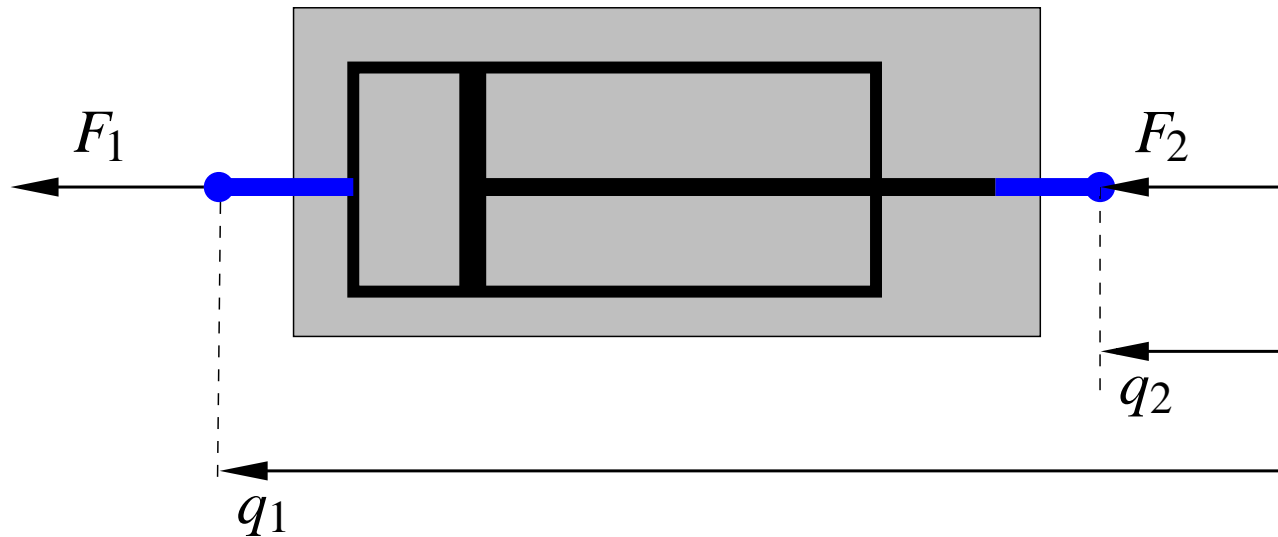


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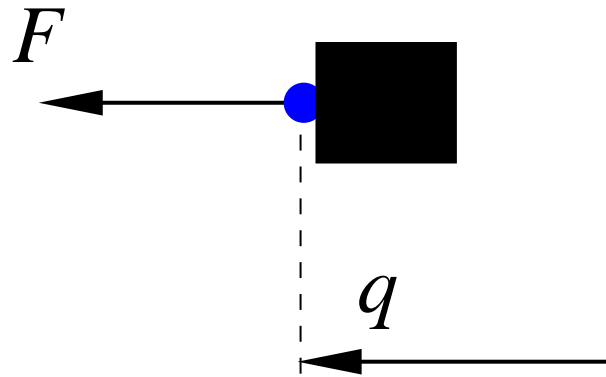
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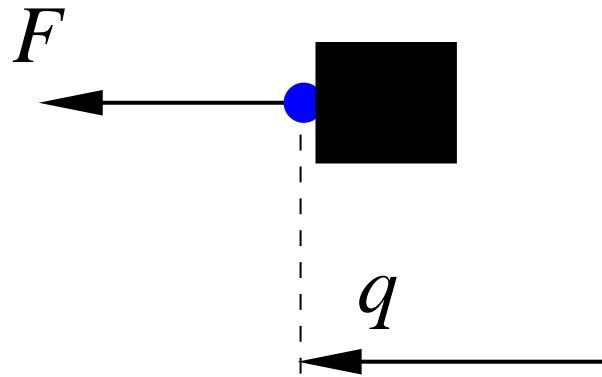


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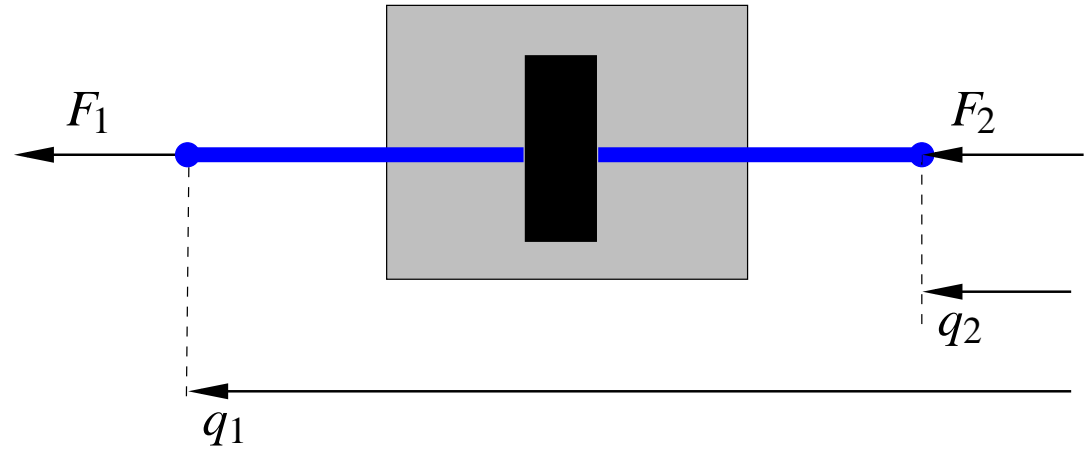
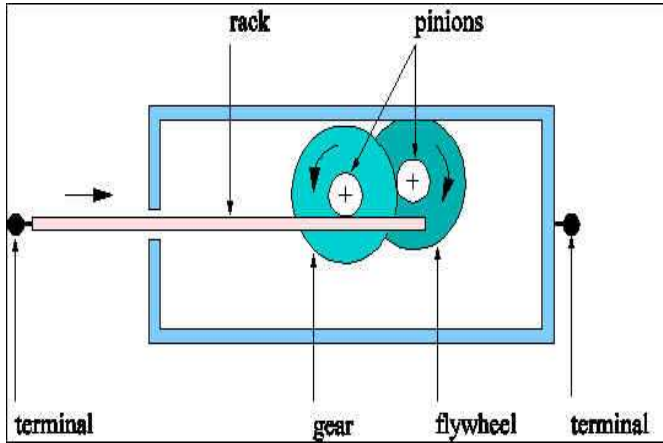
RLC synthesis



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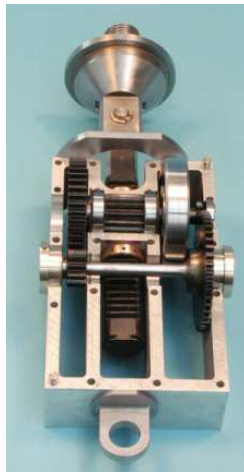


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Malcolm Smith

# Electrical-mechanical analogies

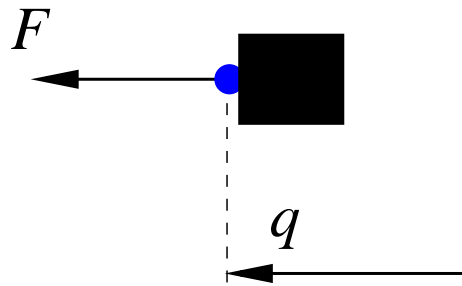
**voltage**  $V \leftrightarrow v$  **velocity**

**current**  $I \leftrightarrow F$  **force**

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<p><b>Inductor</b></p> $\frac{1}{L}(V_1 - V_2) = \frac{d}{dt}I_1, \quad I_1 + I_2 = 0$	<p><b>Spring</b></p> $K(v_1 - v_2) = \frac{d}{dt}F_1, \quad F_1 + F_2 = 0$
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**electrical RLC synthesis**  $\Leftrightarrow$  **mechanical DSI synthesis**

# **KINETIC ENERGY**



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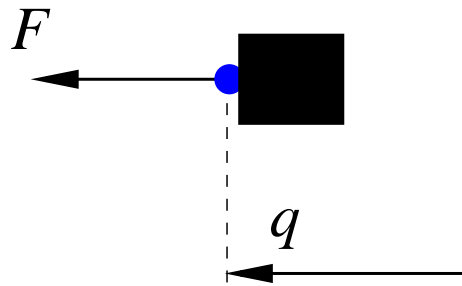
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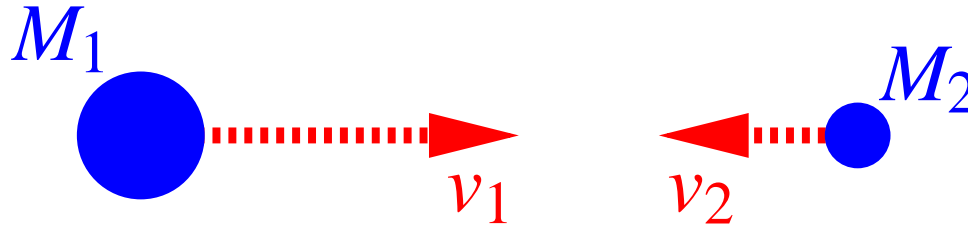
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$E_{\text{kinetic}} = \frac{1}{2} M \left\| \frac{d}{dt} q \right\|^2$  is not invariant under uniform motion.

# Motion energy



**What is the motion energy?**

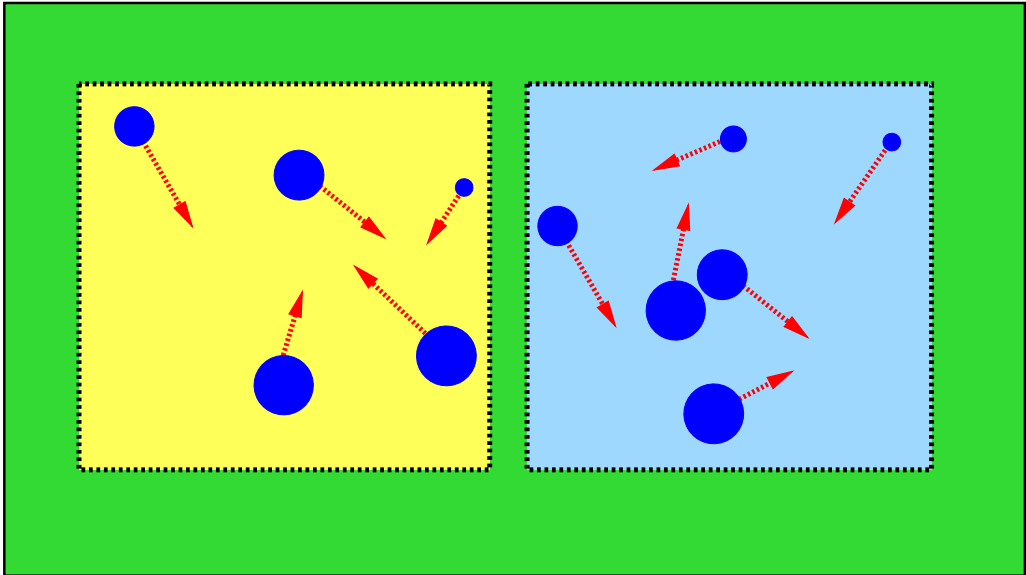
**What quantity is transformable into heat?**

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

**Invariant under uniform motion.**

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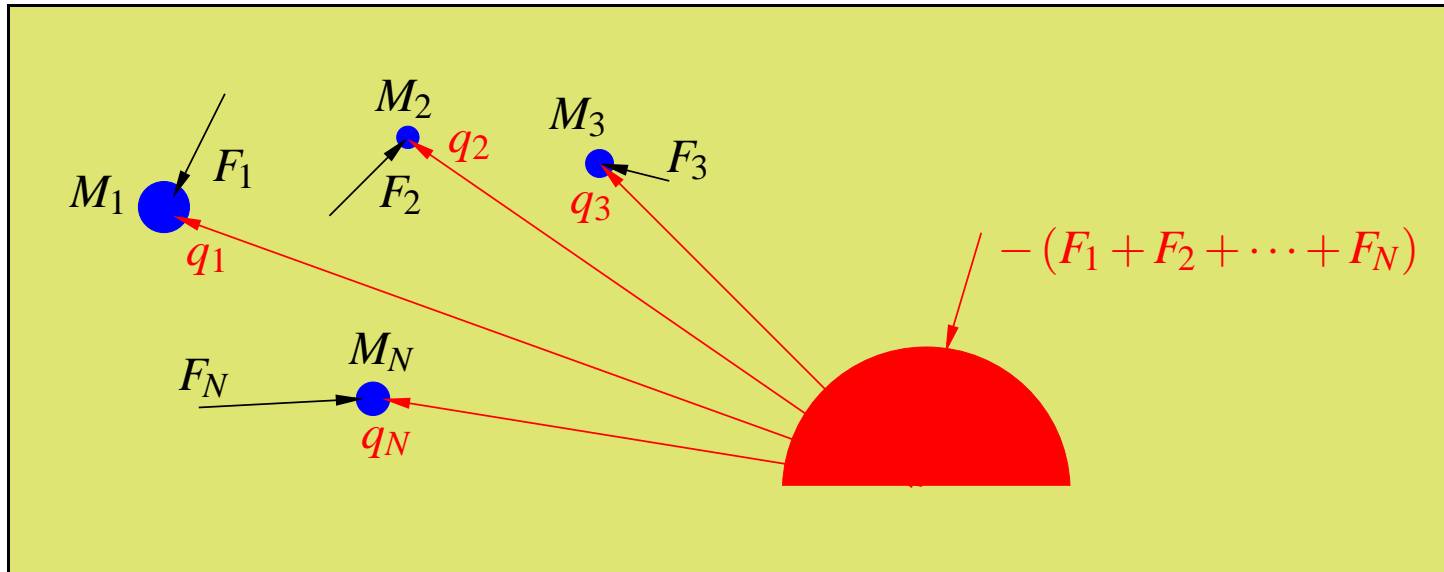
**Motion energy is not an extensive quantity, it is not additive.**



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

# 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

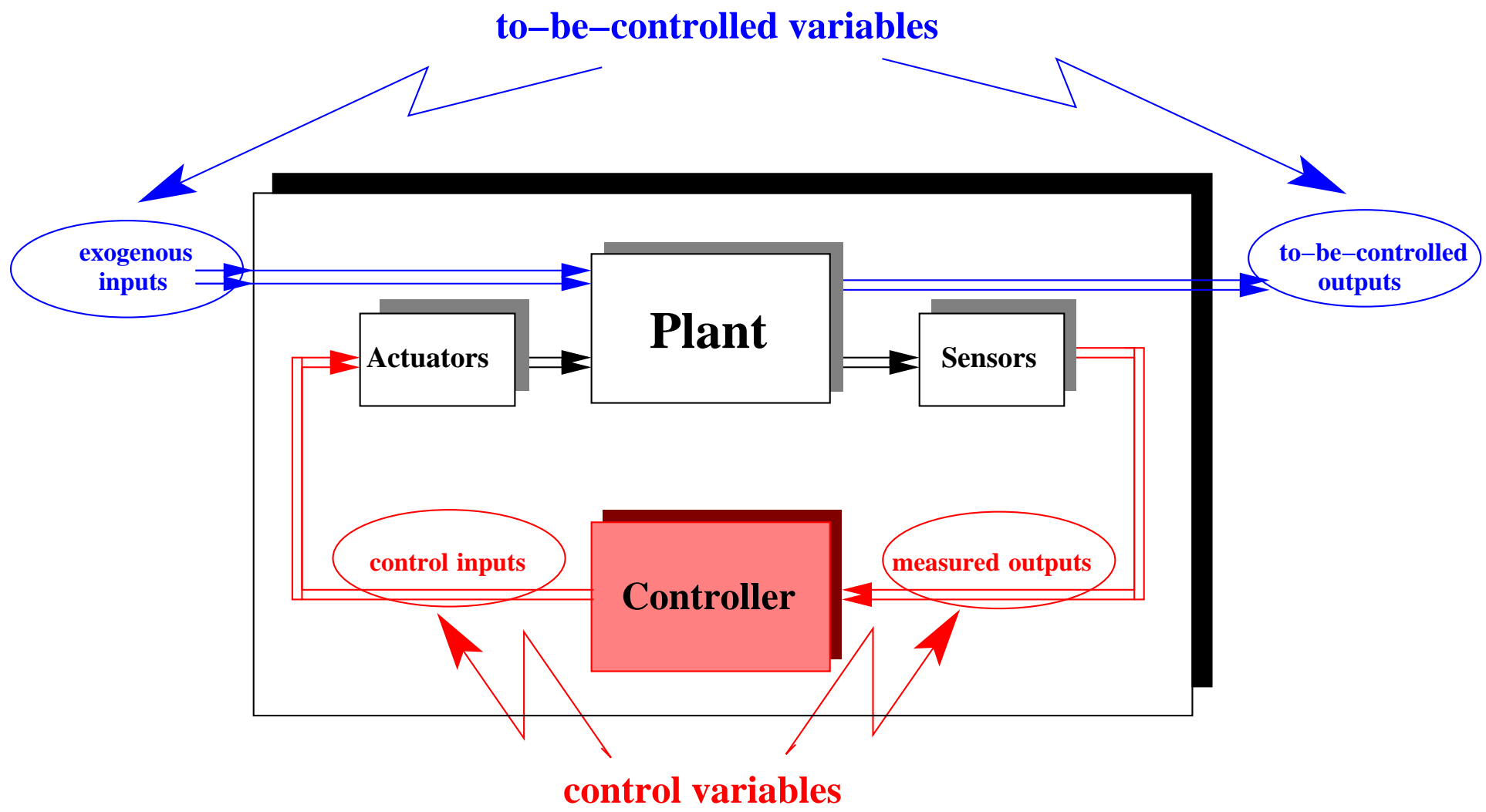
$$\frac{1}{4} \sum_{i,j \in \{1,2,\dots,N,N+1\}} \frac{M_i M_j}{M_1 + M_2 + \dots + M_N + M_{N+1}} \|v_i - v_j\|^2$$

$$\longrightarrow \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \in \{1,2,\dots,N\}} M_i \|v_i\|^2.$$

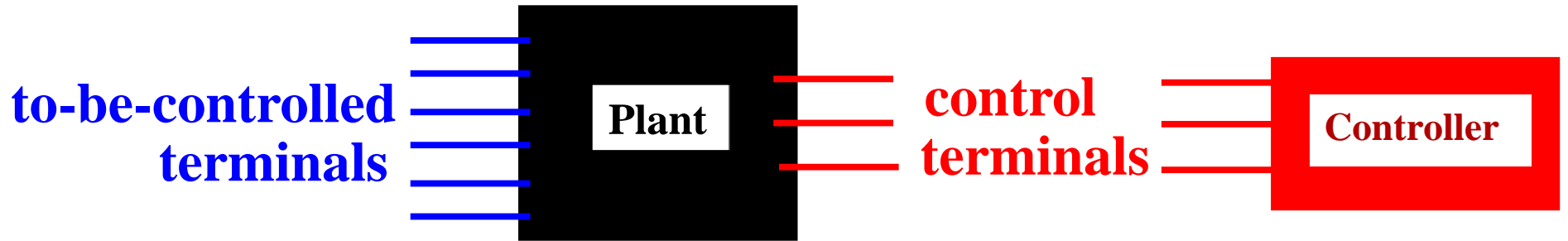


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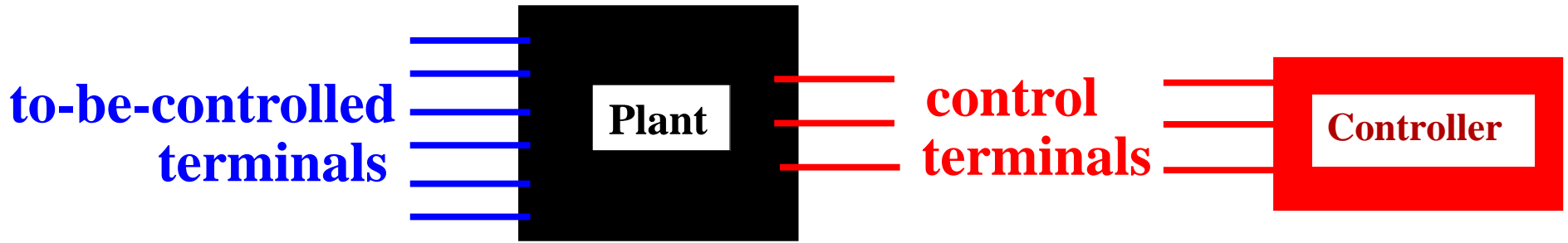
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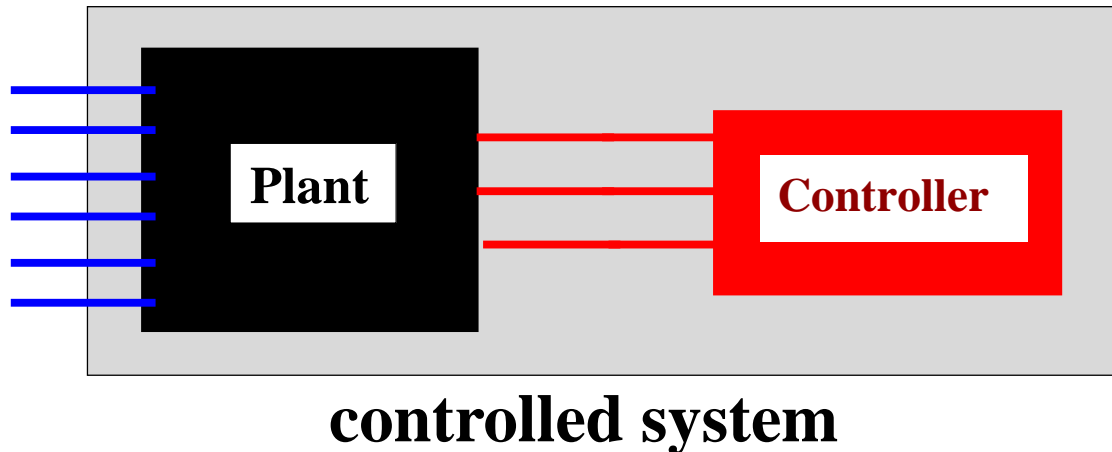
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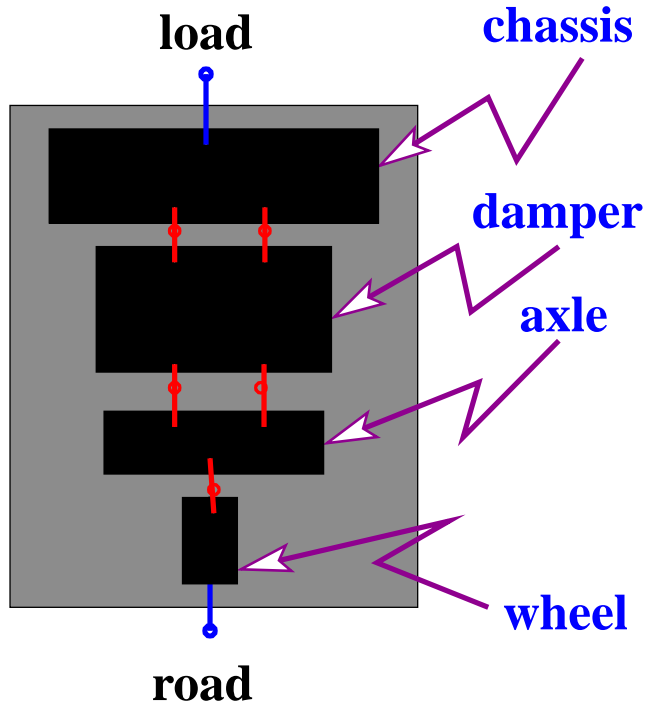
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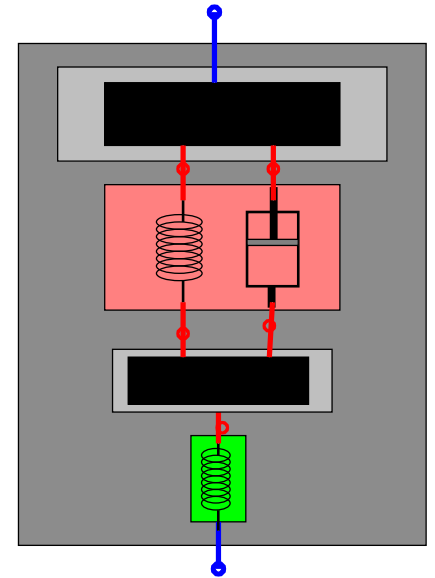
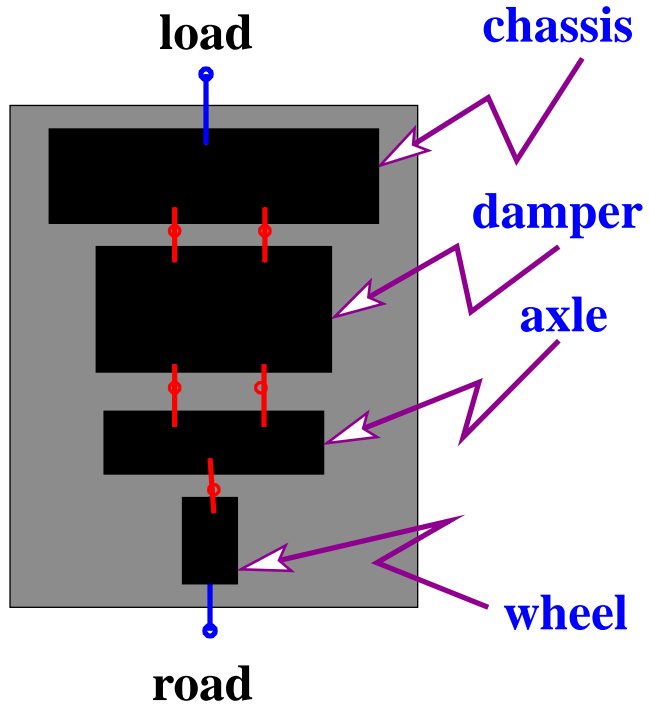
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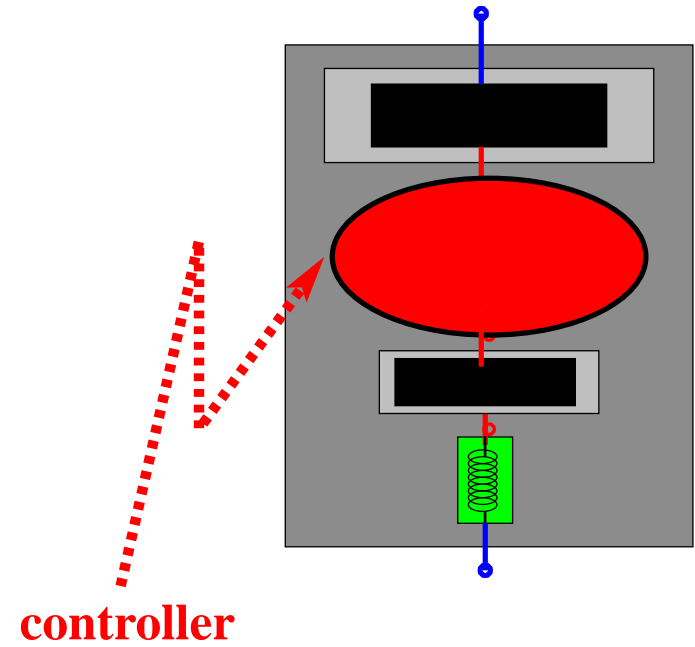
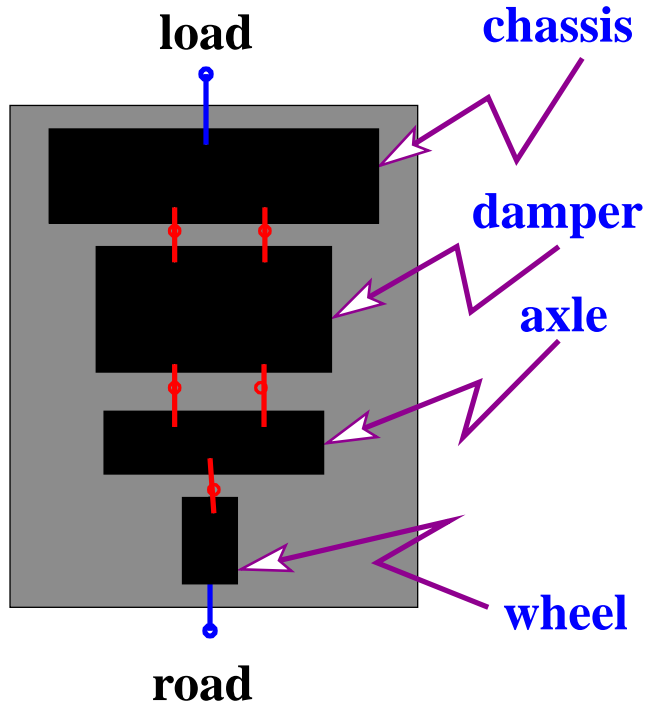
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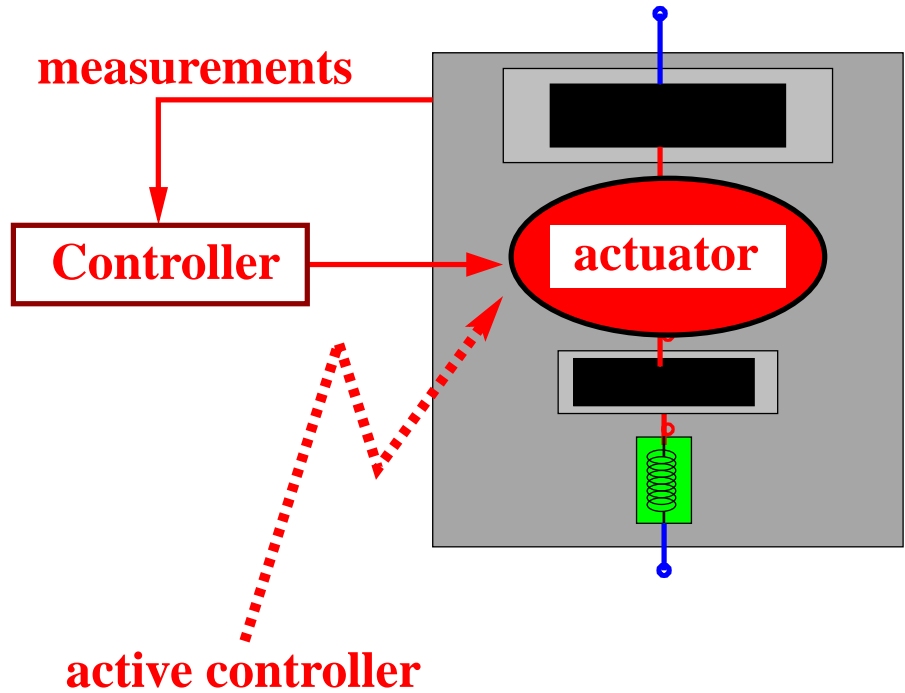
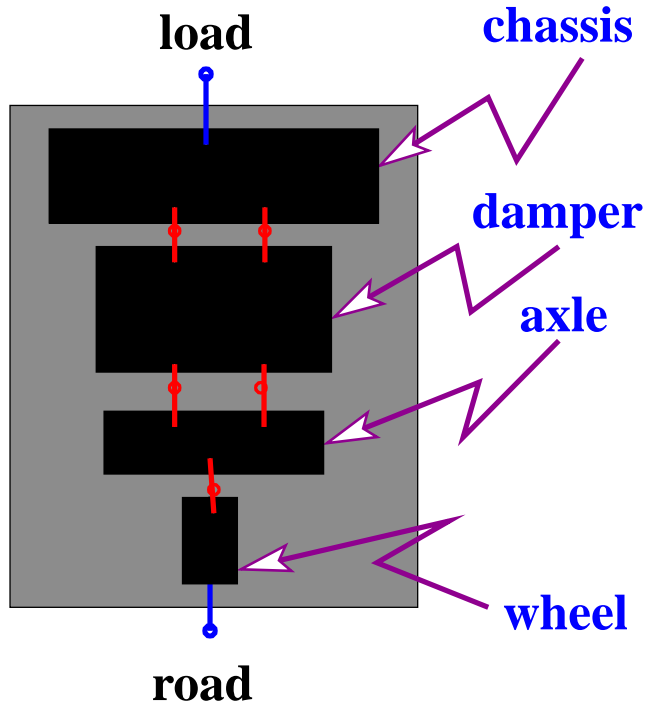
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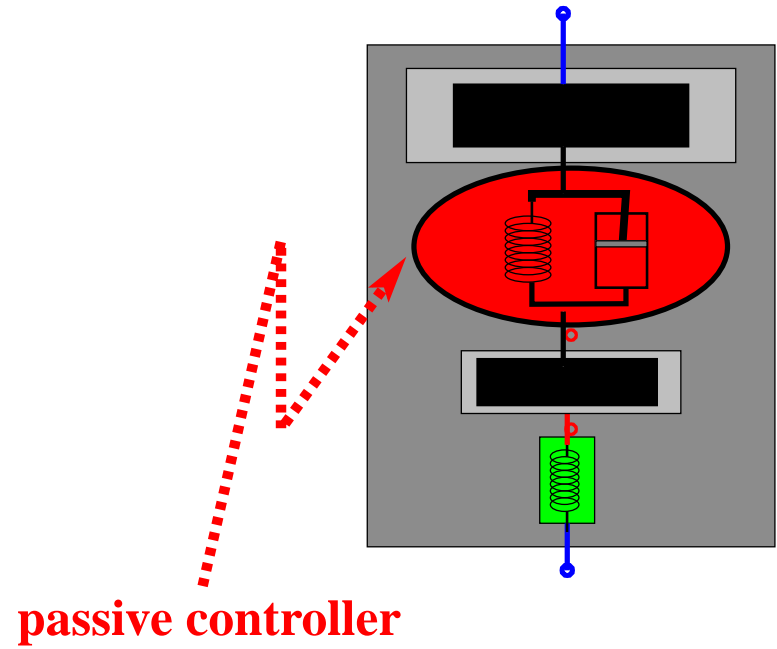
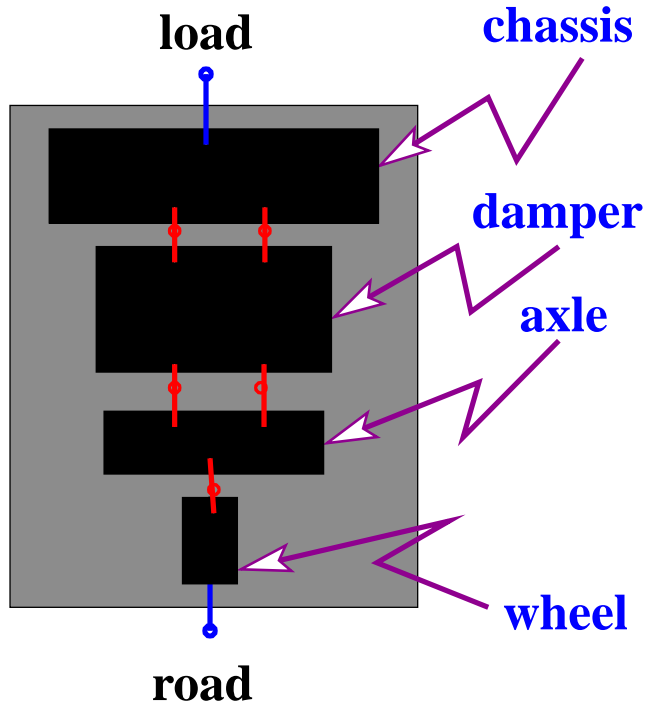


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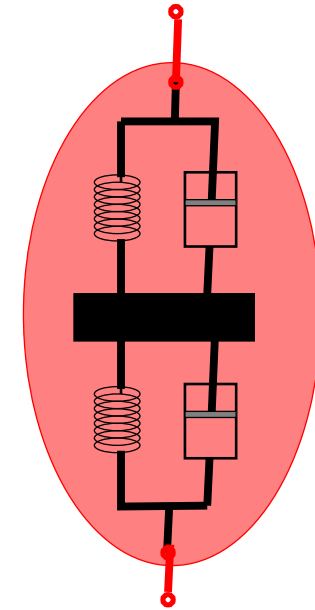
# Suspension control in Formula 1



**Nigel Mansell victorious in 1992 with an active damper suspension.**

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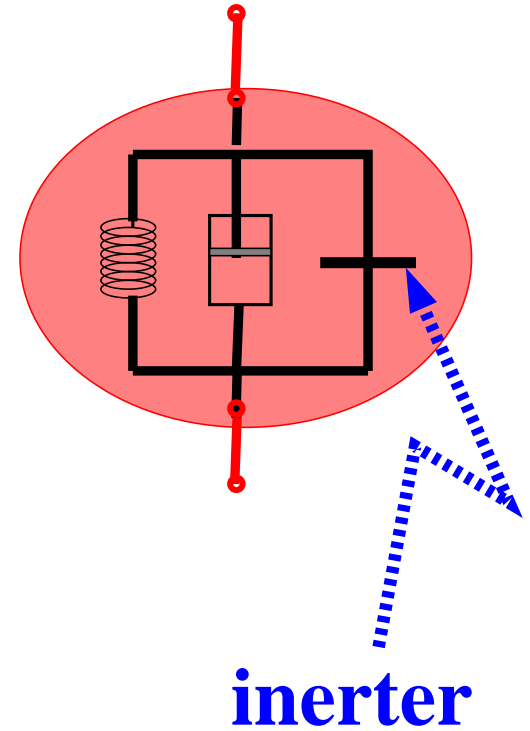
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**Renault successfully use a passive ‘tuned mass damper’ in 2005/2006.**

**Banned in 2006, under the ‘movable aerodynamic devices’ clause.**

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**Kimi Räikkönen wins the 2005 Grand Prix in Spain with McLaren's 'J-damper', i.e., Smith's inerter.**

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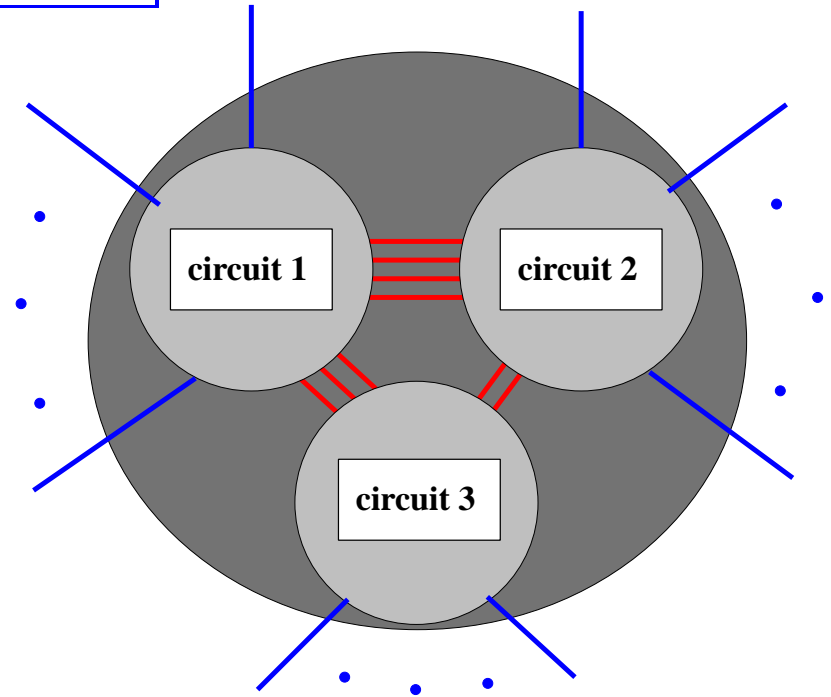
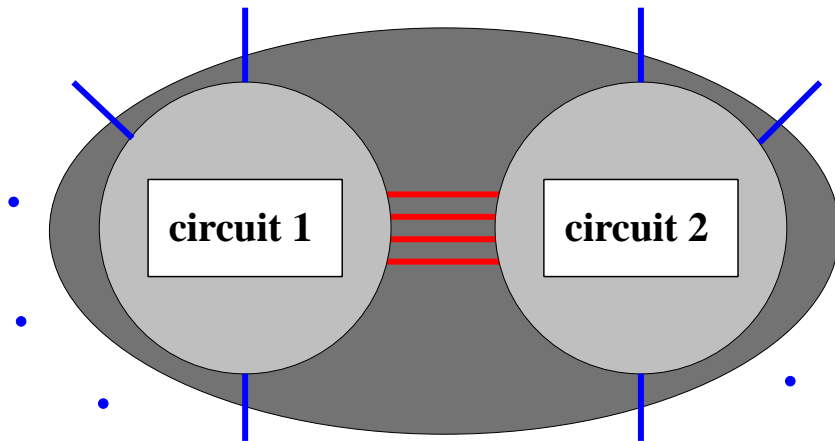
# Interconnection versus energy transfer

**Terminals are for interconnection.**

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## Energy transfer



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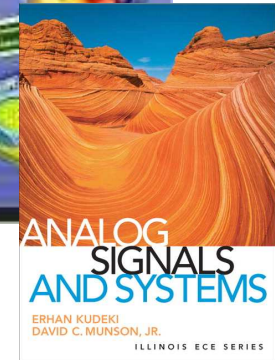
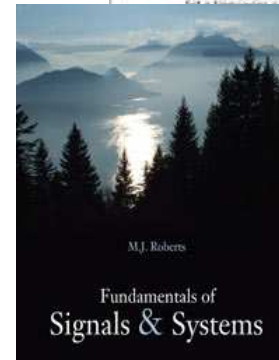
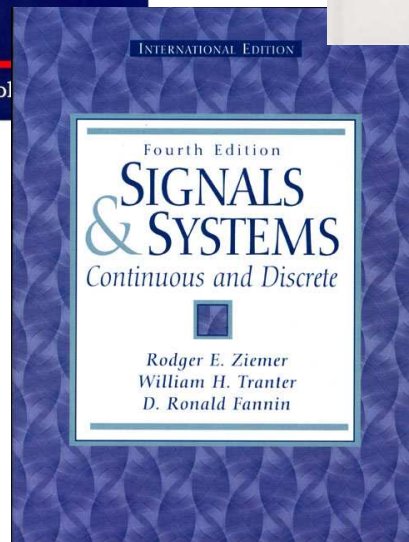
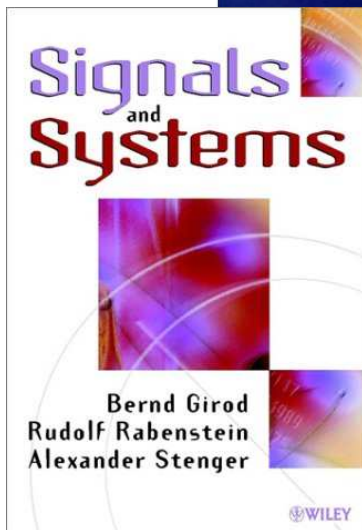
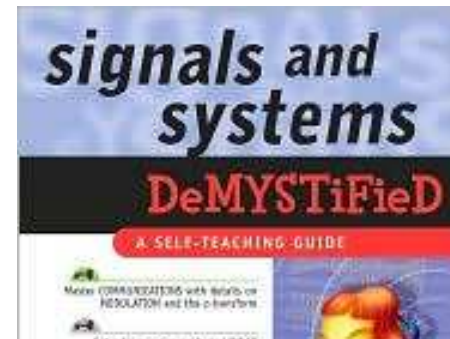
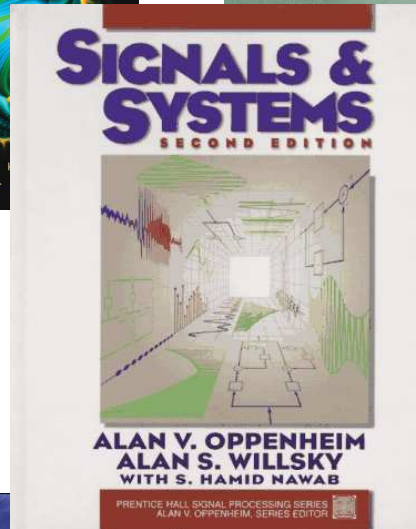
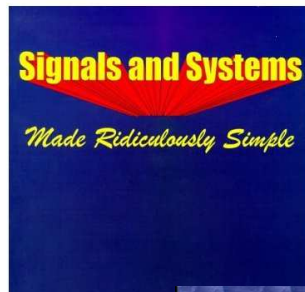
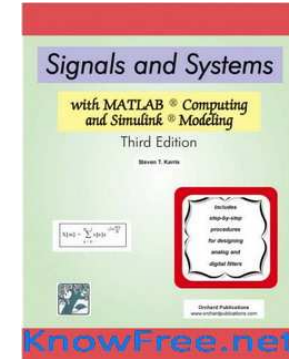
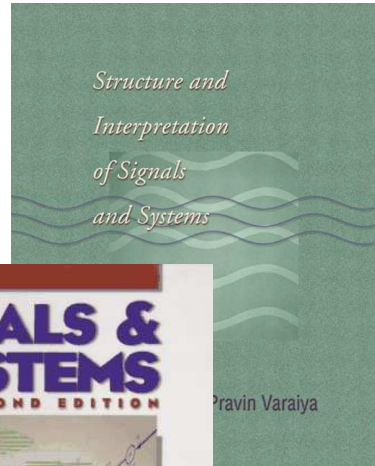
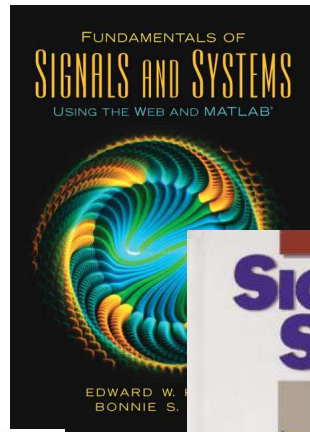
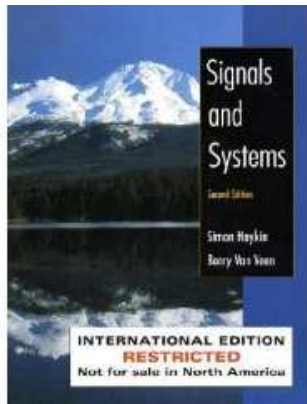
*“the energy transferred from circuit 1 to circuit 2”  
or “from the environment to circuit 1”,*

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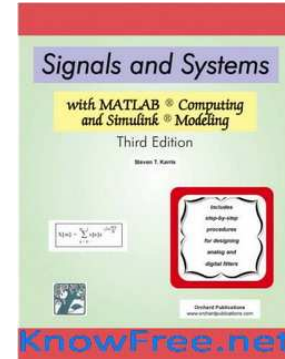
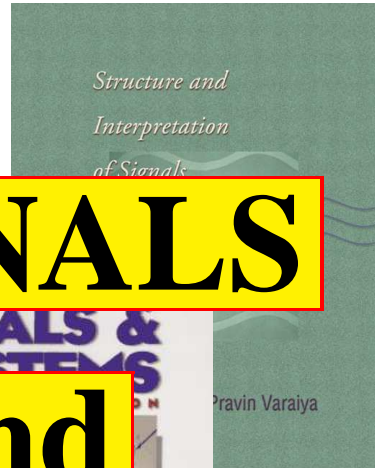
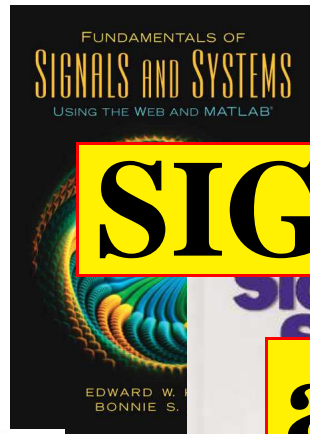
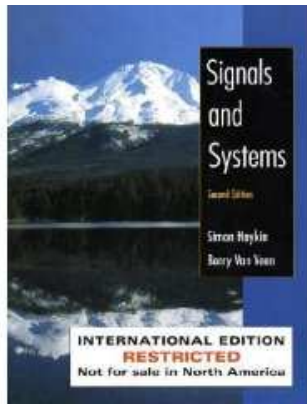
**Analogously for mechanical systems, etc.**

# CONCLUSION

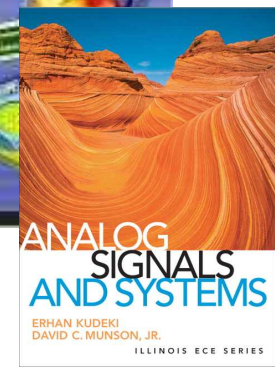
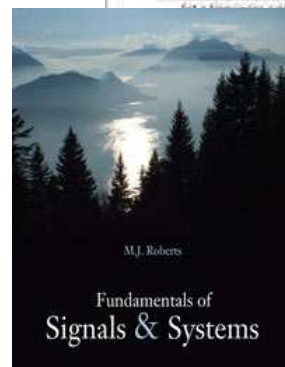
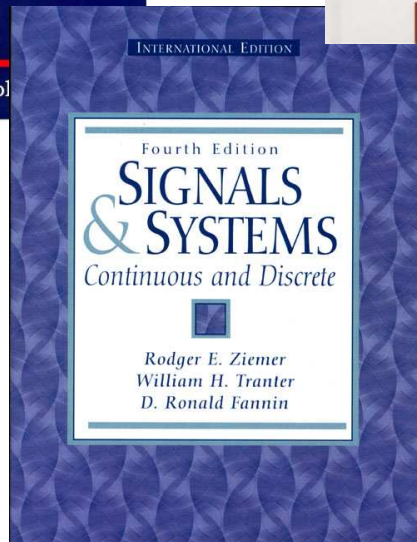
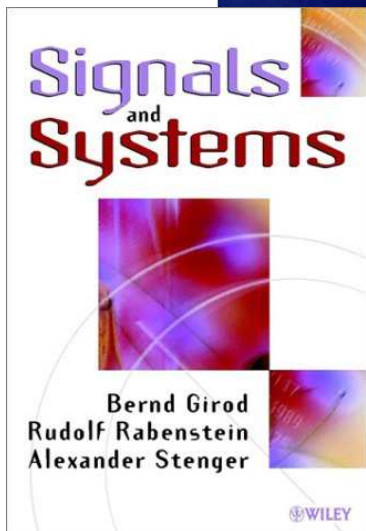
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