



**The Behavioral Approach to Systems and Control:  
Introduction and Recent Advances**

**Dissipative Systems**

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# Outline

- **Lyapunov functions**
- **Dissipative systems**
- **Examples**
- **Dissipative PDE's**
- **Global and local dissipation inequalities**

# Questions

- What do we mean by a **dissipative system** ?
- It involves the **storage function**. How is it constructed?
- How does this theory look like for **PDE's** ? What does it mean e.g. in Maxwell's equations?
- Where does it enter is stability analysis? In robust control?
- How is it applied in thermodynamics? In circuit synthesis?

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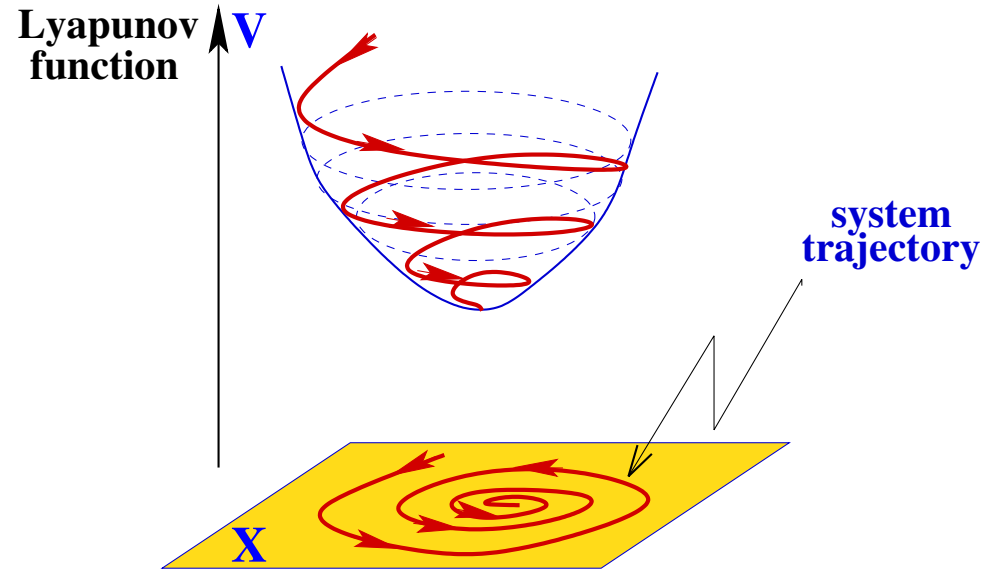
$$V : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

is said to be a *Lyapunov function* for  $\Sigma$  if along  $x \in \mathcal{B}$

$$\frac{d}{dt} V(x(\cdot)) \leq 0$$

Equivalently, if  $\dot{V}^\Sigma := \nabla V \cdot f \leq 0$ .

# Typical Lyapunov theorem



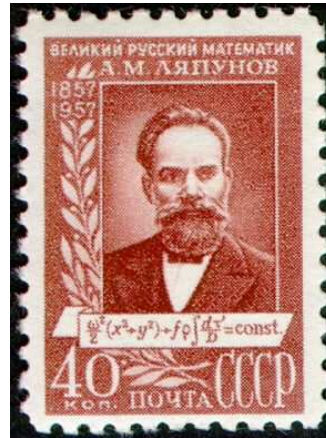
$$V(x) > 0 \text{ and } \dot{V}^\Sigma(x) < 0 \text{ for } 0 \neq x \in \mathbb{X}$$

$\Rightarrow$

$\forall x \in \mathcal{B}$ , there holds  $x(t) \rightarrow 0$  for  $t \rightarrow \infty$  **‘global stability’**

# Lyapunov

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**Aleksandr Mikhailovich Lyapunov (1857-1918)**

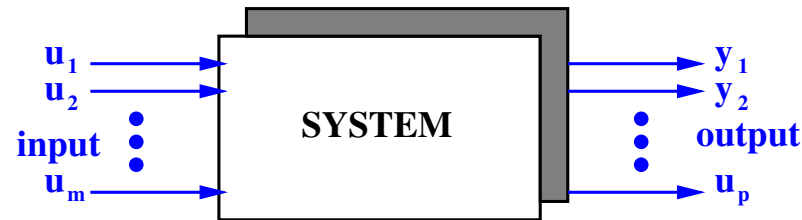
**Introduced Lyapunov's 'second method' in his thesis (1899).**



# **The classical notion of a dissipative systems**

# Open systems

**‘Open’ systems** are a much more appropriate starting point for the study of dynamics. For example,



~> **the dynamical system**

$$\Sigma : \quad \frac{d}{dt} x = f(x, u), \quad y = h(x, u).$$

$u \in \mathbb{U} = \mathbb{R}^m, y \in \mathbb{Y} = \mathbb{R}^p, x \in \mathbb{X} = \mathbb{R}^n$ : **input, output, state.**

**Behavior**  $\mathcal{B} =$  **all sol'ns**  $(u, y, x) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{U} \times \mathbb{Y} \times \mathbb{X}$ .

## Dissipative dynamical systems

Let  $s : \mathbb{U} \times \mathbb{Y} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function, called the *supply rate*.

$\Sigma$  is said to be *dissipative w.r.t. the supply rate  $s$*  if  $\exists$

$$V : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R},$$

called the *storage function*, such that

$$\frac{d}{dt} V(x(\cdot)) \leq s(u(\cdot), y(\cdot))$$

$$\forall (u(\cdot), y(\cdot), x(\cdot)) \in \mathcal{B}.$$

## Dissipation inequality

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This inequality is called the *dissipation inequality*.

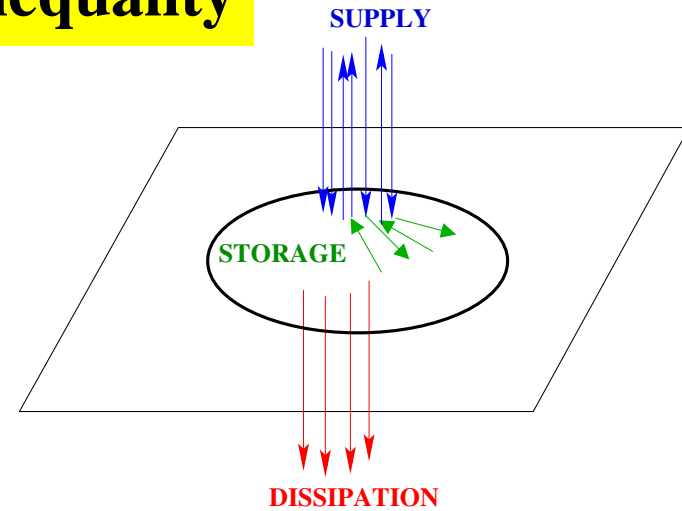
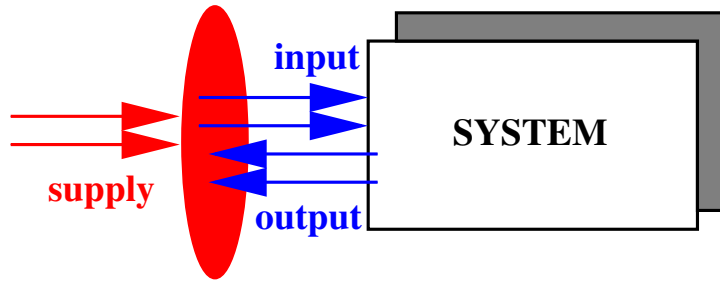
Equivalent to

$$\dot{V}^\Sigma(x, u) := \nabla V(x) \cdot f(x, u) \leq s(u, h(x, u))$$

for all  $(u, x) \in \mathbb{U} \times \mathbb{X}$ .

If equality holds: *'conservative' system*.

# Dissipation inequality



$s(u, y)$  models something like the **power** delivered to the system when the input value is  $u$  and output value is  $y$ .

$V(x)$  then models the internally **stored energy**.

**Dissipativity**  $:\Leftrightarrow$

rate of increase of internal energy  $\leq$  power delivered.

## Dissipation inequality

Special case: ‘closed’ system:  $s = 0$  then

dissipativeness  $\leftrightarrow V$  is a Lyapunov function.

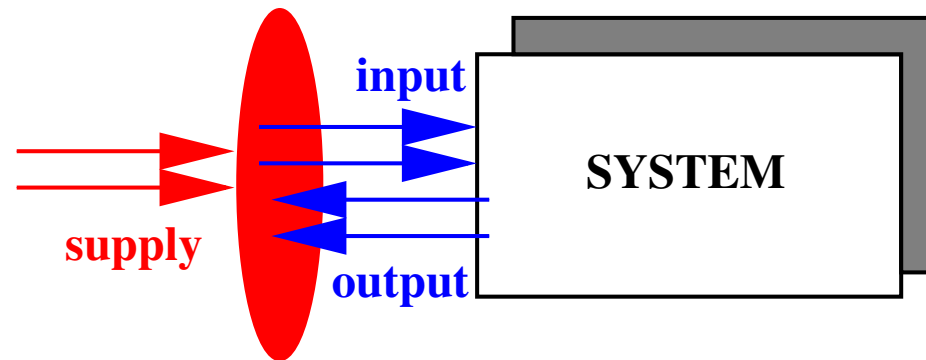
Dissipativity is the natural generalization to open systems of Lyapunov theory.

**Stability for closed** systems  $\simeq$  **Dissipativity for open** systems.

# The construction of storage functions

Basic question:

Given (a representation of)  $\Sigma$ , **the dynamics**,  
and given  $s$ , **the supply rate**,  
is the system dissipative w.r.t.  $s$ , i.e.  
does there exist **a storage function**  $V$  such that  
the dissipation inequality holds?



Monitor power in, known dynamics, **what is the stored energy?**

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The storage function  $V$  is in general far from unique. There are two 'canonical' storage functions:

the available storage and the required supply.

For conservative systems,  $V$  is unique. There are other cases.

# Dissipative systems

**Dissipative systems and storage functions play a remarkably central role in the field.**

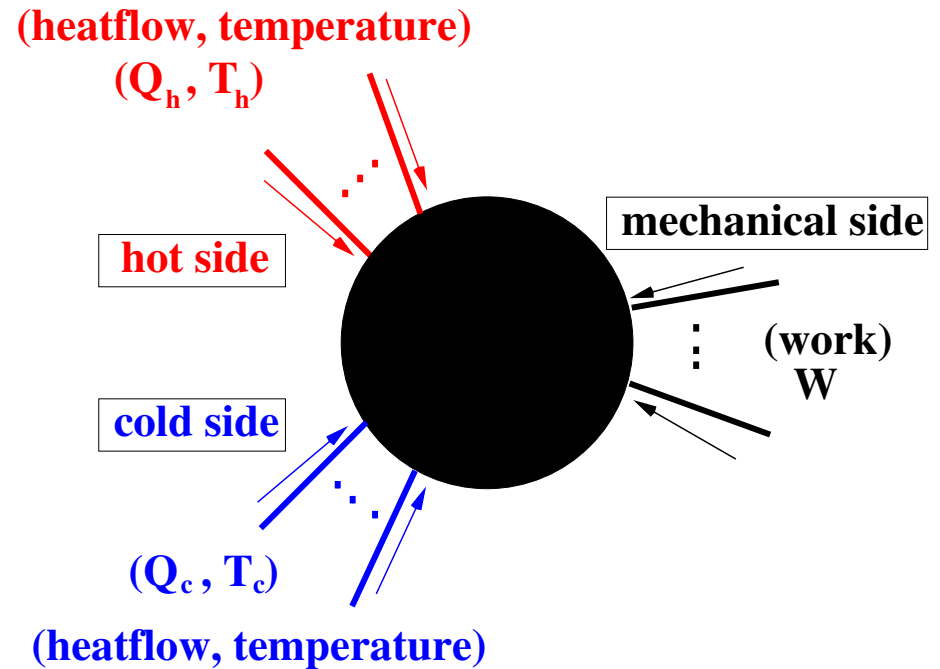
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**The classical framework falls short in very important situations, for example,**

- it assumes an (often fictitious) input/output partition, and a state representation to start with.**
- it covers thermodynamics only in simple cases;**
- it deals with electrical circuit synthesis in an awkward way;**
- it does not apply to distributed systems;**
- etc., etc.**

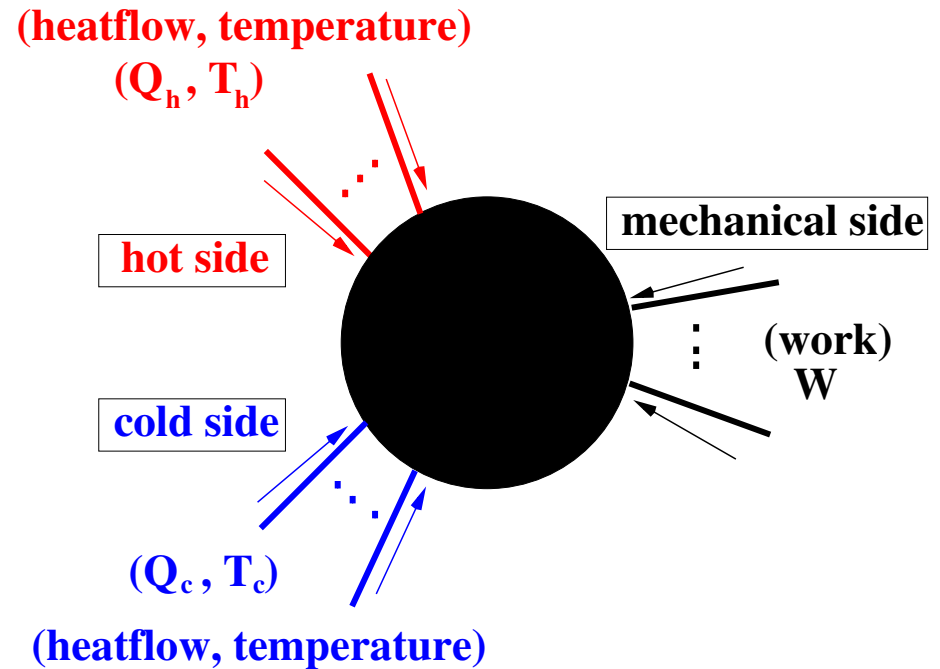
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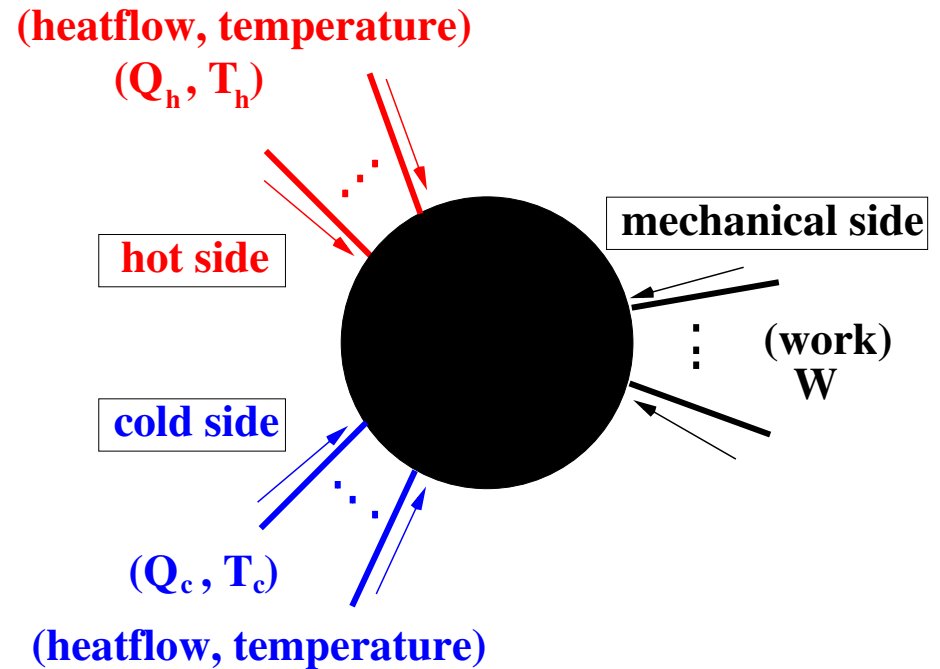
*Thermodynamics is the only theory of a general nature of which I am convinced that it will never be overthrown.*

**Albert Einstein**

*The law that entropy always increases – the second law of thermodynamics – holds, I think, the supreme position among the laws of nature.*

**Arthur Eddington**

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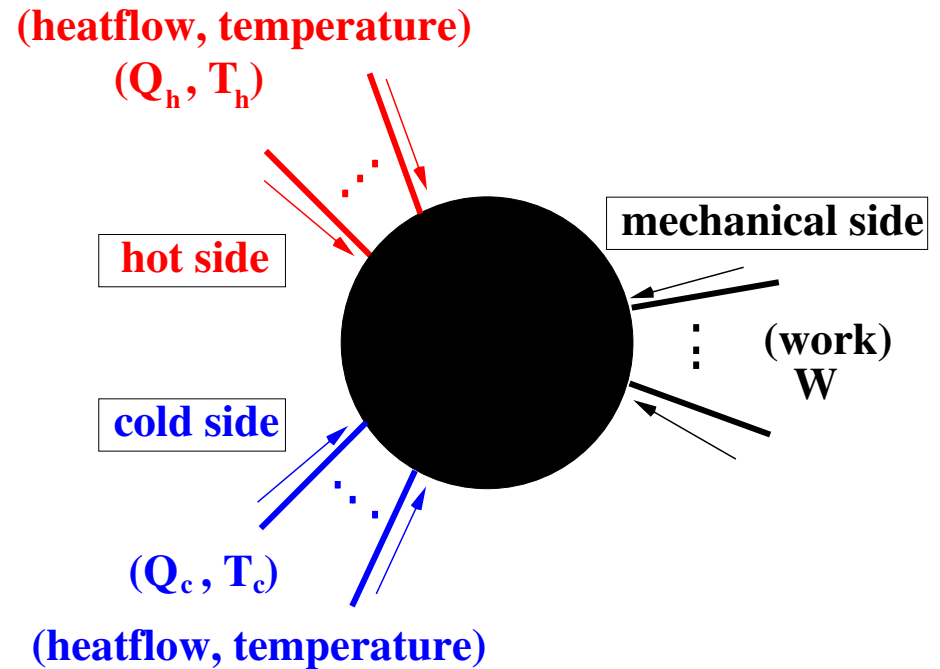


Paradigmatic example of **open**, **dissipative**, **dynamical**

- Deals with **histories**.
- The first and second law express something about the **interaction with an 'arbitrary' environment**.
- The first law expresses **conservativeness**, in a the second law **dissipativeness** in a certain sense.



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How can we express these laws in an non-ambiguous way?

Inappropriateness of inputs, outputs; unavailability of states.

# The realization problem

Given a set of **building blocks**,  
and a way to **interconnect** these building blocks,  
what behaviors can be obtained?

## Example 1: State representation algorithms.

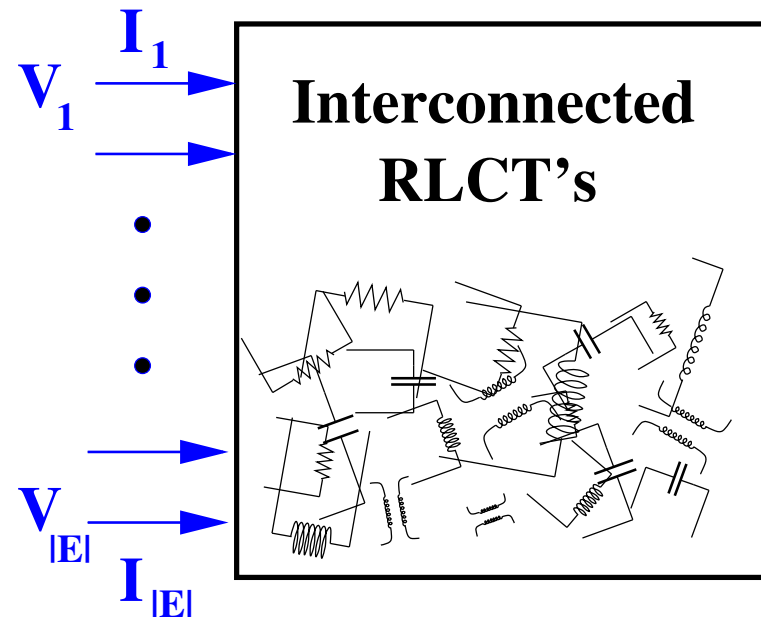
**Building blocks: adders, amplifiers, forks, integrators  
(as in analog computers)**

$$\rightsquigarrow \text{LTIDS} \quad \dot{x} = Ax + Bu, \quad y = Cx + Du.$$

Example 2: Electrical circuit synthesis. **Building blocks:  
resistors, capacitors, inductors, connectors,  
transformers, gyrators.**

# Circuit synthesis

**Realizability:** Which external behaviors can be obtained by interconnecting a finite number of  $R$ 's,  $C$ 's,  $L$ 's, &  $T$ 's ?  
(or without  $T$ 's, or with also  $G$ 's?)



**Synthesis:** If a behavior is realizable, give a *wiring diagram* (an architecture) that leads to the desired external behavior.

## Circuit synthesis

This problem is best dealt with, if we do not consider a state representation, nor an input/output partition.

In fact, the input/output partition is a result.

### Hybridicity

There exists an I/O repr. for which the input and output var.

$$(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{|E|}), (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{|E|})$$

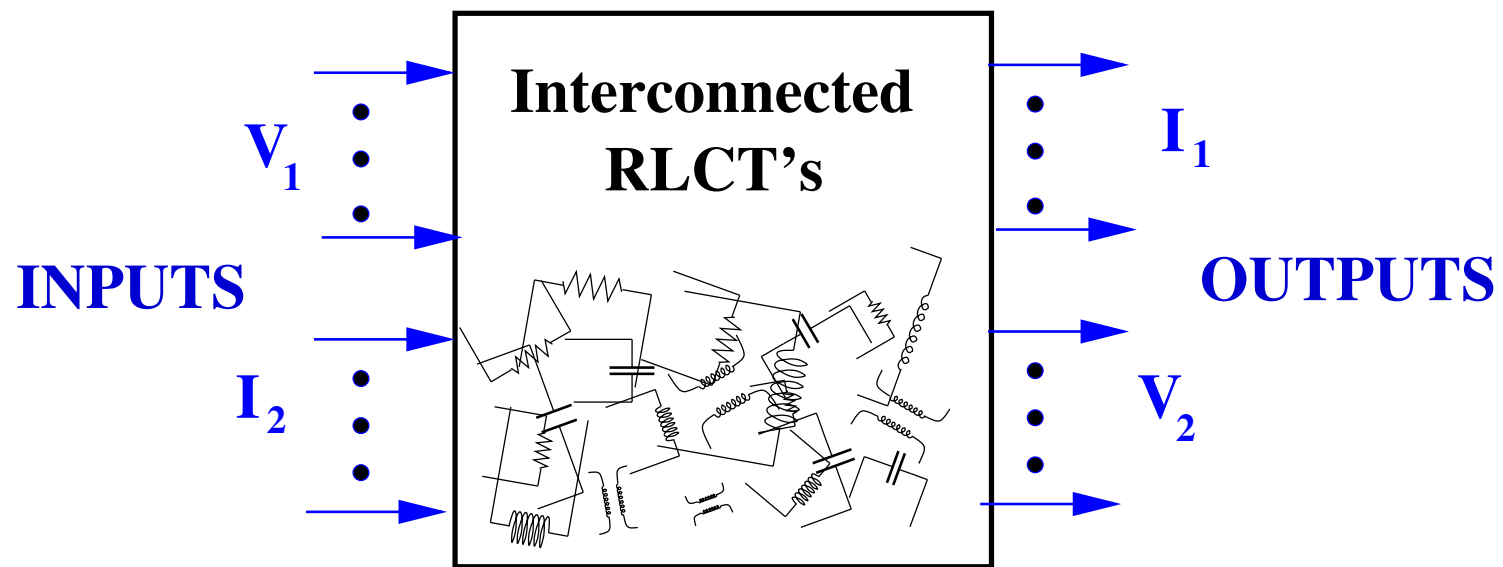
pair as follows:

$$\{u_k, y_k\} = \{V_k, I_k\}$$

In other words, each terminal is either  
**current controlled** or **voltage controlled**.

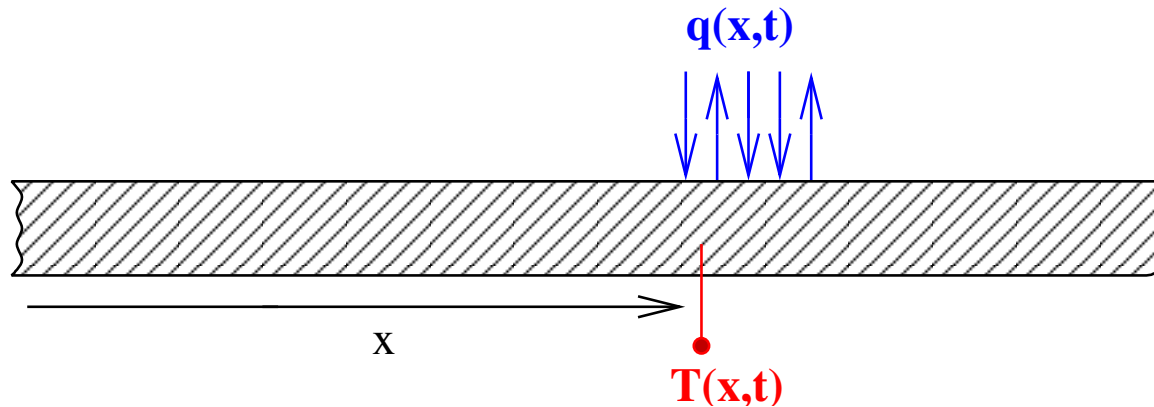
# Circuit synthesis

## Hybridicity



# Distributed systems

First principles motivating example: **heat diffusion**



The PDE

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} T = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} T + q$$

describes the evolution of the **temperature**  $T(x,t)$  ( $x \in \mathbb{R}$  position,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  time) in a medium and the **heat**  $q(x,T)$  supplied to / radiated away from it.

# Distributed systems

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} T = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} T + q$$

**For all sol'ns  $T, q$  with  $T(x, t) = \text{constant} > 0$  (and therefore  $q = 0$ ) outside a compact set, there holds:**

**First law:**

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} q(x, t) \, dx \, dt = 0,$$

**Second law:**

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$$\max_{x, t} \{T(x, t) \mid q(x, t) \geq 0\} \geq \min_{x, t} \{T(x, t) \mid q(x, t) \leq 0\}.$$

Cannot transport heat from a **‘cold source’** to a **‘hot sink’**.



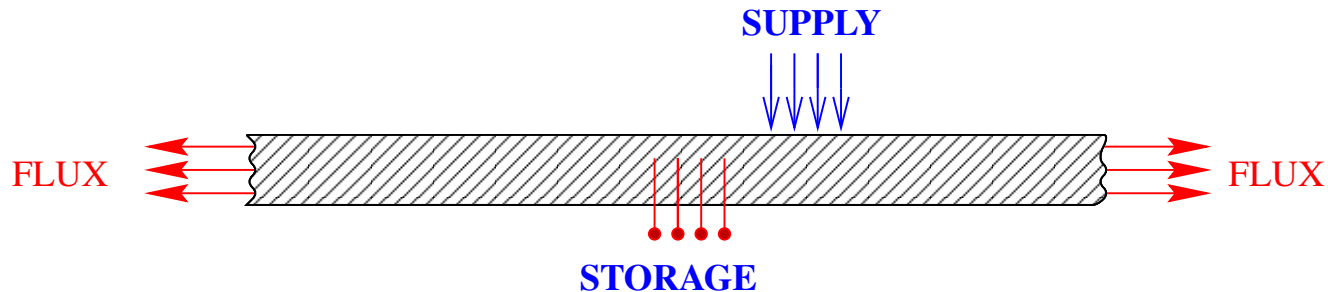
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Can these ‘global’ laws be expressed as ‘local’ laws?



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To be invented:

an ‘extensive’ quantity for the first law: **internal energy**

an ‘extensive’ quantity for the second law: **entropy**

# Distributed systems

Define the following variables:

$E = T$  : the stored energy density,

$S = \ln(T)$  : the entropy density,

$F_E = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x} T$  : the energy flux,

$F_S = -\frac{1}{T} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} T$  : the entropy flux,

$D_S = \left(\frac{1}{T} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} T\right)^2$  : the rate of entropy production.

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⇒ *Local versions* of the first and second law:

rate of change in storage + spatial flux ≤ supply rate

Conservation of energy:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} E + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} F_E = q,$$

Entropy production:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} S + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} F_S = \frac{q}{T} + D_S \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial t} S + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} F_S \geq \frac{q}{T}.$$

# Distributed systems

## Our problem:

- Extend notion of dissipative system to cover this case
- theory behind **ad hoc** constructions of  $E, F_E$  and  $S, F_S$ .

# **Systems described by PDE's**

## PDE's: polynomial notation

Consider, for example, the PDE:

$$w_1(x_1, x_2) + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2^2} w_1(x_1, x_2) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} w_2(x_1, x_2) = 0$$
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$\Downarrow$

**Notation:**

$$\xi_1 \leftrightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \quad \xi_2 \leftrightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}, \quad w = \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad R(\xi_1, \xi_2) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 + \xi_2^2 & \xi_1 \\ \xi_2^3 & 1 + \xi_1^4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$R\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}\right) w = 0.$$



# Linear differential distributed systems

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Let  $R \in \mathbb{R}^{\bullet \times w}[\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n]$ , and consider

$$R \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} \right) w = 0. \quad (*)$$

Define the associated behavior

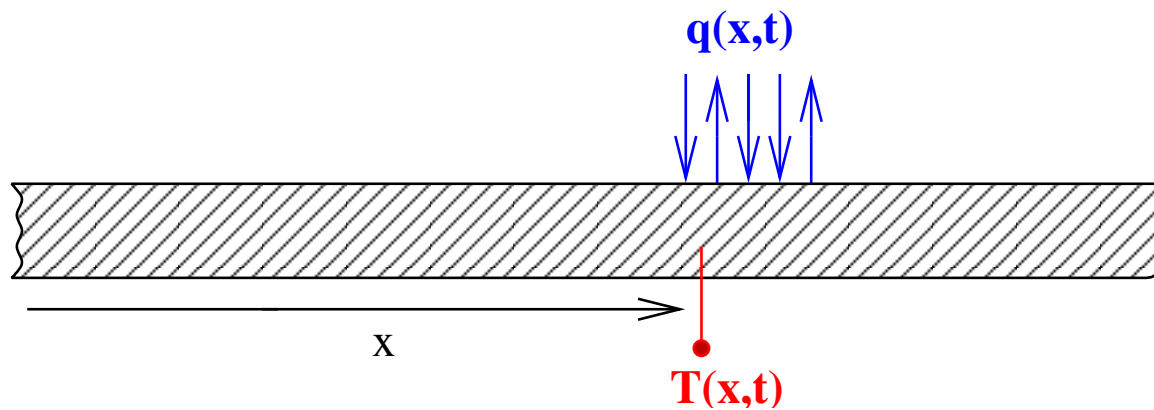
$$\mathcal{B} = \{ w \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^w) \mid (*) \text{ holds} \}.$$

Notation for  $n$ -D linear differential systems:

$$(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^w, \mathcal{B}) \in \mathcal{L}_n^w, \quad \text{or } \mathcal{B} \in \mathcal{L}_n^w.$$

# Examples

## Heat diffusion in a bar



~> the PDE

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} T = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} T + q$$

( $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , position,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , time), (2-D system)

describes the evolution of the **temperature**  $T(x,t)$   
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## Examples

The voltage  $V(x,t)$  and current  $I(x,t)$  in a *coaxial cable*



$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial}{\partial x}V &= RI - L\frac{\partial}{\partial t}I, \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x}I &= GV - C\frac{\partial}{\partial t}V.\end{aligned}$$

$R$  the resistance,  $L$  the inductance,  $C$  the capacitance of the cable,  $G$  the conductance of the dielectric medium, all per unit length.

**(2-D system)**

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$\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^3$  (time and space)  $\rightsquigarrow n = 4$  (4-D system),

$w = (\vec{E}, \vec{B}, \vec{j}, \rho)$  (electric field, magnetic field, current, charge),

$\mathbb{W} = \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\rightsquigarrow w = 10$ ,

$\mathcal{B} =$  set of solutions to these PDE's.  $\rightsquigarrow \mathcal{B} \in \mathcal{L}_4^{10}$ .

**Note: 10 variables, 8 equations!  $\Rightarrow \exists$  free variables.**

# Elimination theorem

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Which PDE's describe  $(\rho, \vec{E}, \vec{j})$  in ME's? Eliminate  $\vec{B} \rightsquigarrow$

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \cdot \vec{E} &= \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \rho, \\ \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \nabla \cdot \vec{E} + \nabla \cdot \vec{j} &= 0, \\ \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \vec{E} + \epsilon_0 c^2 \nabla \times \nabla \times \vec{E} + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \vec{j} &= 0.\end{aligned}$$



## Image representation

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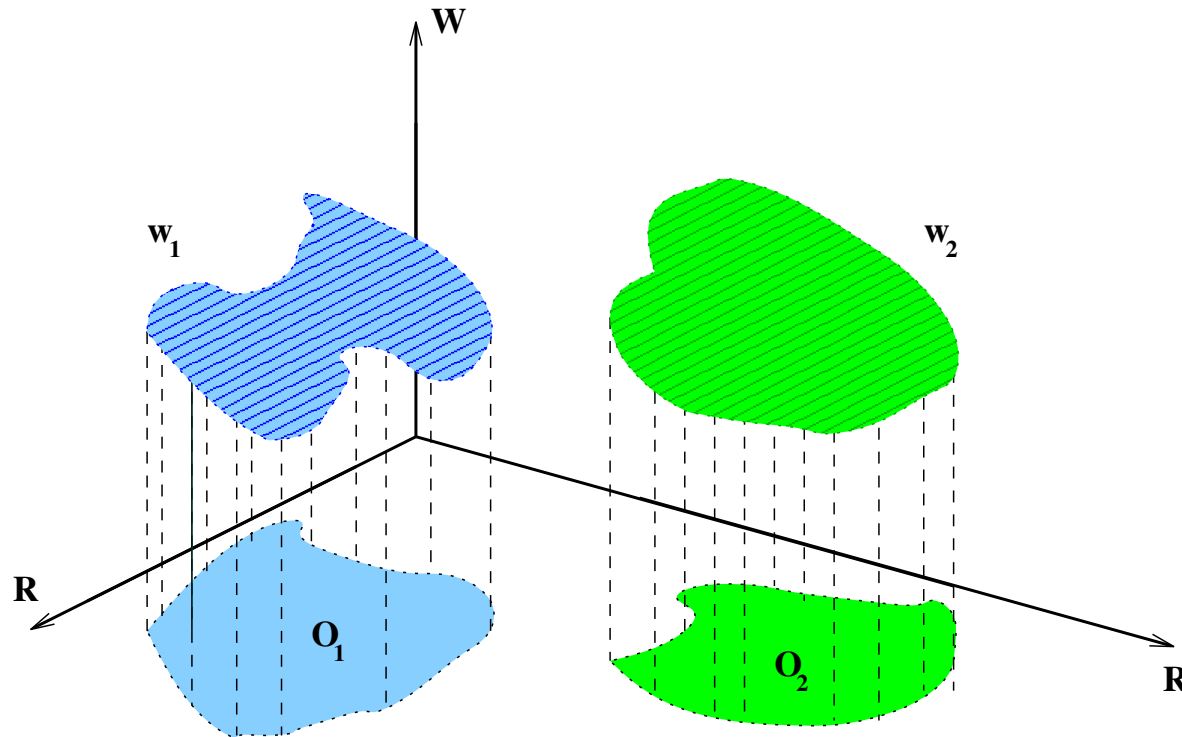
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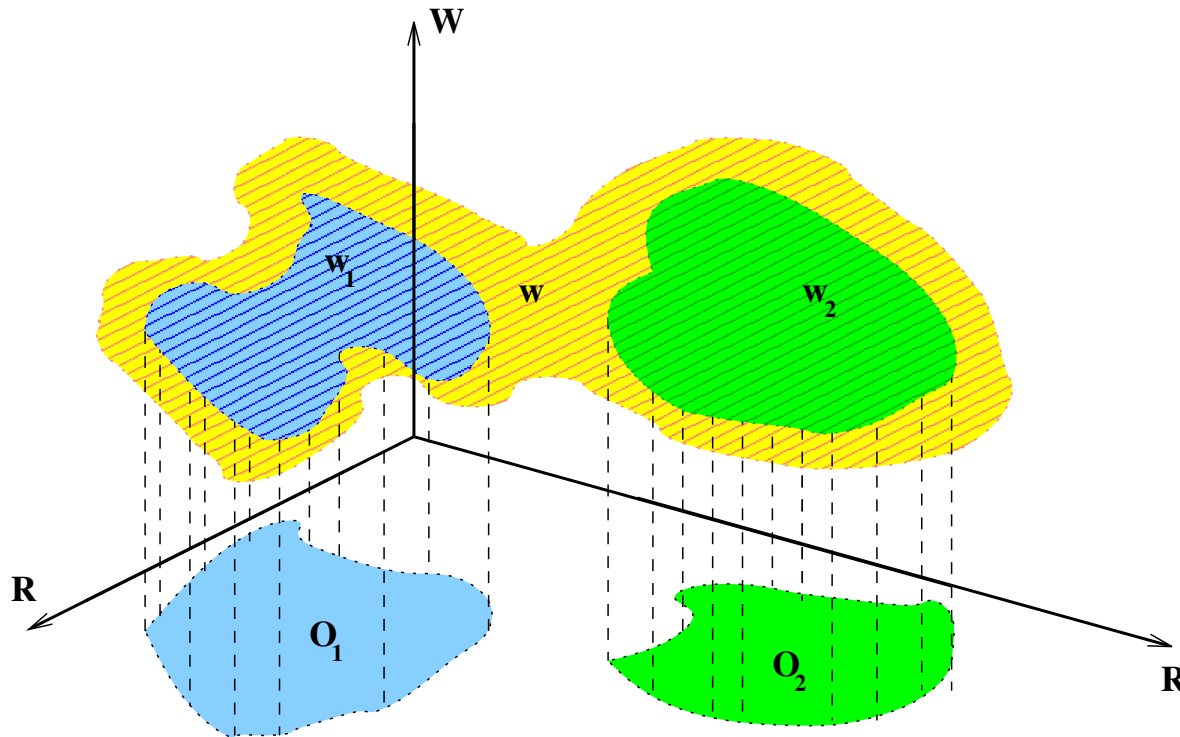
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$w$  'patches'  $w_1, w_2 \in \mathcal{B}$ .

$\exists w \in \mathcal{B} \forall w_1, w_2 \in \mathcal{B}$ : **Controllability  $\Leftrightarrow$  'patchability'.**

# Controllability

**Theorem: The following are equivalent:**

1.  $\mathcal{B} \in \mathcal{L}_n^w$  is **controllable**
2.  $\mathcal{B}$  admits an **image representation**
3. ...

# Are Maxwell's equations controllable ?

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The following equations

in the *scalar potential*  $\phi : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and

the *vector potential*  $\vec{A} : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

generate exactly the solutions to Maxwell's equations:

$$\vec{E} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\vec{A} - \nabla\phi,$$

$$\vec{B} = \nabla \times \vec{A},$$

$$\vec{j} = \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \vec{A} - \epsilon_0 c^2 \nabla^2 \vec{A} + \epsilon_0 c^2 \nabla (\nabla \cdot \vec{A}) + \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \nabla \phi,$$

$$\rho = -\epsilon_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \nabla \cdot \vec{A} - \epsilon_0 \nabla^2 \phi.$$

**Proves controllability. Illustrates the interesting connection**

**controllability  $\Leftrightarrow \exists$  potential!**



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Not all controllable systems admit an **observable** im. repr'n.  
For  $n = 1$ , they do. For  $n > 1$ , exceptionally so.

The latent variable  $\ell$  in an im. repr'n may be **'hidden'**.

Example: Maxwell's equations **do not** allow a potential representation with an **observable** potential.

# **Dissipative distributed systems**

## Notation

### Multi-index notation:

$$x = (x_1, \dots, x_n), k = (k_1, \dots, k_n), \ell = (\ell_1, \dots, \ell_n), \\ \xi = (\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n), \zeta = (\zeta_1, \dots, \zeta_n), \eta = (\eta_1, \dots, \eta_n),$$

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**For simplicity of notation, and for concreteness, we often take  $n = 4$ , independent variables,  $t$ , time, and  $x, y, z$ , space.**

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Denote the QDF as  $Q_\Phi$ . QDF's are parametrized by  $\mathbb{R}[\zeta, \eta]$ .

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Assume  $n = 4$ :

independent variables  $x, y, z, t$  : space and time.

Idea:  $Q_{\Phi}(w)(x, y, z, t) dx dy dz dt$  :

**'energy' supplied to the system**

**in the space-cube**  $[x, x + dx] \times [y, y + dy] \times [z, z + dz]$

**during the time-interval**  $[t, t + dt]$ .

Dissipativity :  $\Leftrightarrow$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \left[ \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} Q_{\Phi}(w)(x, y, z, t) dx dy dz \right] dt \geq 0 \quad \forall w \in \mathcal{B} \cap \mathcal{D}.$$

A dissipative system **absorbs** net energy.

## Example: EM fields

Maxwell's eq'ns define a **dissipative** (in fact, a **conservative**) system w.r.t. the QDF  $-\vec{E} \cdot \vec{j}$

Indeed, if  $\vec{E}, \vec{j}$  are of compact support and satisfy

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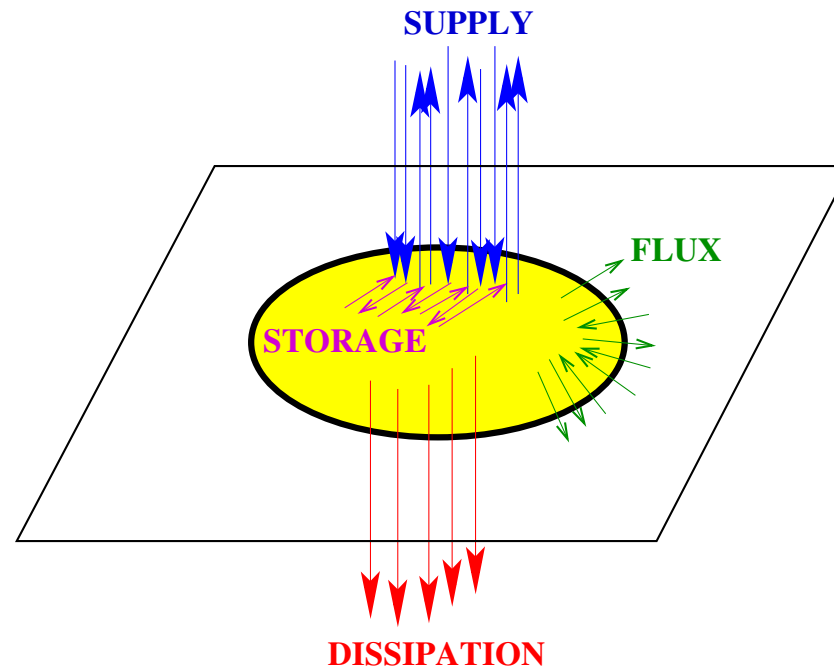
Can this be reinterpreted as:

**As the system evolves, some of the energy supplied is locally stored, some locally dissipated, and some redistributed over space?**

## Local dissipation law

!! Invent **storage and flux**, locally defined in time and space, such that in every spatial domain there holds:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \text{Storage} + \text{Spatial flux} \leq \text{Supply.}$$



**Supply** = partly **stored** + partly **radiated** + partly **dissipated**.

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holds for all  $(w, \ell)$  that satisfy  $w = M \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z}, \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) \ell$ .

## Hidden variables

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**This gives physical notions as stored energy, entropy, etc., an enigmatic physical flavor.**

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**Local conservation law for Maxwell's equations:**

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} S(\vec{E}, \vec{B}) + \nabla \cdot \vec{F}(\vec{E}, \vec{B}) = -\vec{E} \cdot \vec{j}.$$

Involves  $\vec{B}$ , **unobservable** from  $\vec{E}$  and  $\vec{j}$ .

# The proof

## Outline of the proof

Using **controllability** and **image representations**, we may assume, **WLOG**:  $\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^w)$

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The need to introduce **rational f'ns** in this factorization and an **image repr.** of  $\mathcal{B}$  (to reduce the pbm to  $\mathcal{C}^\infty$ ) are the causes of the **unavoidable** presence of (possibly unobservable, i.e., **'hidden'**) latent variables in the local dissipation law.

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### *The ambiguity of the field energy*

*... There are, in fact, an infinite number of different possibilities for  $u$  [the internal energy] and  $S$  [the flux] ... It is sometimes claimed that this problem can be resolved using the theory of gravitation ... as yet nobody has done such a delicate experiment ... So we will follow the rest of the world - besides, we believe that it [our choice] is probably perfectly right.*

**The Feynman Lectures on Physics,  
Volume II, page 27-6.**

## Summary

- The theory of dissipative systems centers around the construction of the storage function
- **global dissipation  $\Leftrightarrow \exists$  local dissipation law**
- Involves **possibly hidden** latent variables  
(e.g.  $\vec{B}$  in Maxwell's eq'ns)
- The proof  $\cong$  **Hilbert's 17-th problem**
- Neither **controllability** nor **observability** are good generic system theoretic assumptions for physical models

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