

# From networks models to geometry: a new view on Hamiltonian systems

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## Common view on Hamiltonian systems

Classical Hamiltonian equations of motion

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{q}_i &= \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_i}(q, p) \\ & i = 1, \dots, n \\ \dot{p}_i &= - \frac{\partial H}{\partial q_i}(q, p)\end{aligned}$$

where

- $q = (q_1, \dots, q_n)$  are the configuration coordinates,
- $p = (p_1, \dots, p_n)$  are the generalized momenta,
- $H(q, p)$  is the total energy of the system.

Geometrically (coordinate-free) this is usually described by the triple

$$(T^*Q, \omega, H)$$

where

- $Q$  is the configuration manifold  
(with local coordinates  $q = (q_1, \dots, q_n)$ )
- $\omega$  is canonical symplectic form on the cotangent bundle  $T^*Q$   
(in local coordinates given by  $\omega = \sum_{i=1}^n dp_i \wedge dq_i$ )
- $H : T^*Q \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

The Hamiltonian dynamics is defined by the vector field  $X_H$  satisfying

$$\omega(X_H, -) = -dH$$

Further generalizations: 1) Replace  $T^*Q$  by a general *symplectic manifold*  $(M, \omega)$ , 2) *Infinite-dimensional case*.

Equivalently, let  $\{, \}$  denote the canonical Poisson bracket on  $T^*Q$ , in canonical coordinates for  $T^*Q$  given by

$$\{F, G\} = \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial q_i} \frac{\partial G}{\partial p_i} - \frac{\partial F}{\partial p_i} \frac{\partial G}{\partial q_i} \right),$$

then  $X_H$  is determined by the requirement

$$X_H(F) = \{F, H\}$$

for all  $F : T^*Q \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

In an arbitrary set of local coordinates  $x$  the dynamics takes the form

$$\dot{x} = J(x) \frac{\partial H}{\partial x}(x)$$

where  $J = -J^T$  is the structure matrix of the Poisson bracket with elements

$$J_{ij} = \{x_i, x_j\}, \quad i, j = 1, \dots, n$$

Note that in the finite-dimensional case  $J$  has **full rank**.

On the other hand, it is well-known that many dynamical equations of physical interest are **not** precisely of this form, although they should be regarded as **Hamiltonian in a generalized sense**.

Typical example are the *Euler equations for the rigid body*

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{p}_x \\ \dot{p}_y \\ \dot{p}_z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -p_z & p_y \\ p_z & 0 & -p_x \\ -p_y & p_x & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_x} \\ \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_y} \\ \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_z} \end{pmatrix}$$

with  $p = (p_x, p_y, p_z)$  the body angular momentum vector along the three principal axes, and  $H(p) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_x^2}{I_x} + \frac{p_y^2}{I_y} + \frac{p_z^2}{I_z} \right)$  the kinetic energy ( $I_x, I_y, I_z$  principal moments of inertia.)

In general, many systems are of the Hamiltonian form

$$\dot{x} = J(x) \frac{\partial H}{\partial x}(x)$$

with  $J = -J^T$ , but **not** of full rank.

## Hamiltonian systems obtained by symmetry reduction

The Euler equations can be regarded as the **reduction** of classical Hamiltonian equations on a cotangent bundle.

Reduced space is the orbit space of the action of a Lie group that leaves the Hamiltonian invariant.

In fact,  $Q = SO(3)$  and the cotangent bundle  $T^*SO(3)$  can be reduced by the action of  $SO(3)$  on  $T^*SO(3)$  into  $so(3)^*$ , while the Hamiltonian is *invariant* under this action.

This holds in many situations, both in the finite- and infinite-dimensional case

(“Marsden-Weinstein *reduction by symmetry* program”).

A different point of view:

## **Network modeling of physical systems**

Prevailing trend in *modeling and simulation* of lumped-parameter systems (multi-body systems, electrical circuits, electro-mechanical systems, robotic systems, cell-biological systems, etc.).

Advantages of network modeling:

- Systematic modeling procedure, which offers structural insight.
- Flexibility. Re-usability of components. Suited to design/control.
- Multi-physics approach.
- “Modularity can beat complexity.”

Originates from engineering, and calls for **mathematical theory of networks and systems**.

Possible *disadvantage* of network modeling: it generally leads to a large set of differential and *algebraic* equations (DAEs), **seemingly without any structure**.

This is a serious obstacle for analysis and control; especially for nonlinear models.

**Aim:** to identify the underlying Hamiltonian structure of network models of physical systems, and to use it for analysis, simulation and control.

## Port-based network modeling

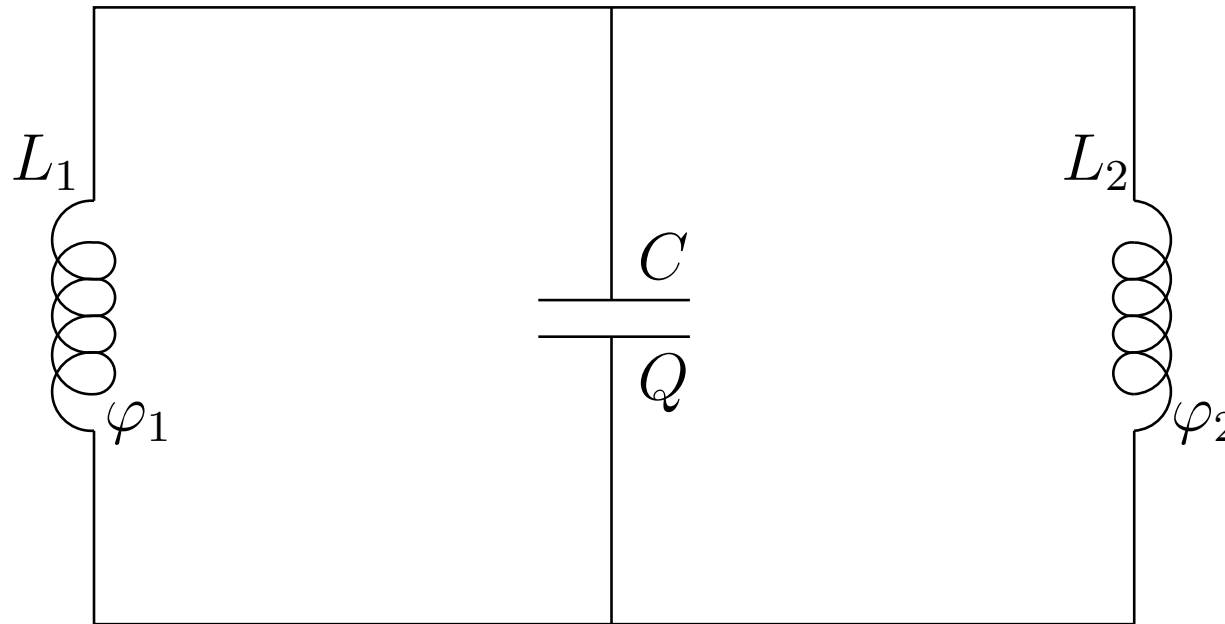
*Interaction between ideal system components is modeled by **power-ports** modeling the energy exchange between the components.*

Associated to every power-port there are *conjugate pairs* of variables (called **flows**  $f$  and **efforts**  $e$ ), whose product  $e^T f$  equals *power*.

E.g., voltages and currents, generalized forces and velocities, pressure and volume change, etc.

**This leads to a (generalized) Hamiltonian description of multi-physics systems.**

**Example** Two inductors with magnetic energies  $H_1(\varphi_1), H_2(\varphi_2)$  ( $\varphi_1$  and  $\varphi_2$  magnetic flux linkages), and capacitor with electric energy  $H_3(Q)$  ( $Q$  charge).



**Question:** *How to write this LC-circuit as a Hamiltonian system in a modular way?*

Storage equations for the components of the LC-circuit:

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \textit{Inductor 1} & \dot{\varphi}_1 = f_1 \quad (\text{voltage}) \\
 & \text{(current)} \quad e_1 = \frac{\partial H_1}{\partial \varphi_1}
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \textit{Inductor 2} & \dot{\varphi}_2 = f_2 \quad (\text{voltage}) \\
 & \text{(current)} \quad e_2 = \frac{\partial H_2}{\partial \varphi_2}
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \textit{Capacitor} & \dot{Q} = f_3 \quad (\text{current}) \\
 & \text{(voltage)} \quad e_3 = \frac{\partial H_3}{\partial Q}
 \end{array}$$

If the energy functions  $H_i$  are *quadratic*, e.g.,  $H_3(Q) = \frac{1}{2C}Q^2$ , then the elements are *linear*, e.g., voltage over capacitor  $= \frac{\partial H_3}{\partial Q} = \frac{Q}{C}$ , and similarly for the inductors.

Kirchhoff's voltage and current laws are

$$\begin{pmatrix} -f_1 \\ -f_2 \\ -f_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} e_1 \\ e_2 \\ e_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Substitution of eqns. of components yields Hamiltonian system

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{\varphi}_1 \\ \dot{\varphi}_2 \\ \dot{Q} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial H}{\partial \varphi_1} \\ \frac{\partial H}{\partial \varphi_2} \\ \frac{\partial H}{\partial Q} \end{pmatrix}$$

with  $H(\varphi_1, \varphi_2, Q) := H_1(\varphi_1) + H_2(\varphi_2) + H_3(Q)$  total energy.

## Preliminary conclusions

- The structure matrix  $J$  is completely determined by the **interconnection structure** of the system (in this case, Kirchhoff's current and voltage laws).
- Skew-symmetry of  $J$  corresponds to the interconnection being **power-conserving**. (Tellegen's theorem for Kirchhoff's laws.)
- There is **no** clear underlying co-tangent bundle or symplectic manifold !
- Building blocks of our theory should be **open** dynamical systems, instead of **closed** dynamical systems (the *systems point of view*).
- Complex Hamiltonian systems are obtained by *interconnecting* open Hamiltonian systems.

The Hamiltonian equations for a **closed** dynamical system

$$\dot{x} = J(x) \frac{\partial H}{\partial x}(x), \quad J(x) = -J^T(x), \quad x \in \mathcal{X}$$

is extended to **open** dynamical systems:

$$\dot{x} = J(x) \frac{\partial H}{\partial x}(x) + g(x)f, \quad f \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

$x \in \mathcal{X}$  state space

$$e = g^T(x) \frac{\partial H}{\partial x}(x), \quad e \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

where the external ports defined by the matrix  $g(x)$ , and  $f \in \mathbb{R}^m, e \in \mathbb{R}^m$  are the power-variables at the external ports (open to interconnection to other systems).

By skew-symmetry of  $J$  we obtain for any  $g$  the *energy-balance*

$$\frac{dH}{dt}(x(t)) = e^T(t)f(t) = \text{power supplied to the system}$$

## Interconnection of two open Hamiltonian systems

$$\dot{x}_i = J_i(x_i) \frac{\partial H_i}{\partial x_i}(x_i) + g_i(x_i) f_i$$

$$x_i \in \mathcal{X}_i, \quad i = 1, 2$$

$$e_i = g_i^T(x) \frac{\partial H_i}{\partial x_i}(x_i)$$

via the *feedback interconnection*

(power-conserving since  $f_1 e_1 + f_2 e_2 = 0$  !)

$$f_1 = -e_2, \quad f_2 = e_1$$

yields the Hamiltonian system

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} J_1(x_1) & -g_1(x_1)g_2^T(x_2) \\ g_2(x_2)g_1^T(x_1) & J_2(x_2) \end{pmatrix}}_{J_{int}(x_1, x_2)} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial H_1}{\partial x_1}(x_1) \\ \frac{\partial H_2}{\partial x_2}(x_2) \end{pmatrix}$$

with state space  $\mathcal{X}_1 \times \mathcal{X}_2$ , and total Hamiltonian  $H_1(x_1) + H_2(x_2)$ .

However, this class of Hamiltonian open systems is **not** closed under arbitrary interconnection:

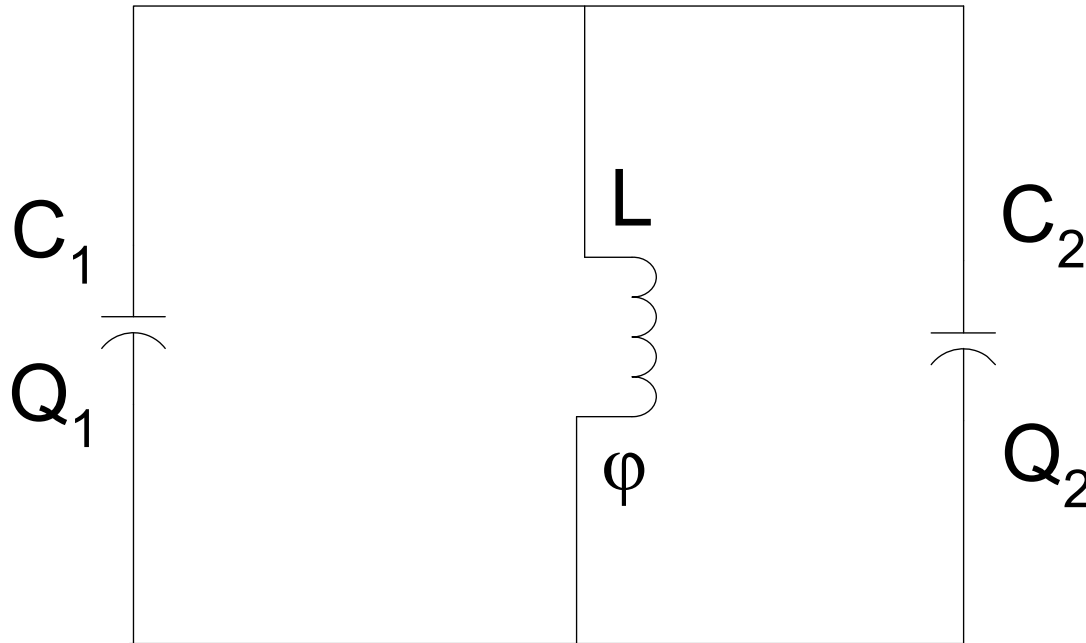


Figure 1: Capacitors and inductors swapped.

Composition leads to algebraic constraints between the state variables; in this case  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$ .

What is the appropriate generalization of the Poisson structure  $J$  ?

**Answer: Dirac structures**

('From skew-symmetric *mappings* to skew-symmetric *relations*')

*Power* is defined by

$$P = e(f) =: \langle e \mid f \rangle, \quad (f, e) \in \mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{V}^*.$$

where the linear space  $\mathcal{V}$  is called the space of *flows*  $f$  (e.g. currents), and  $\mathcal{V}^*$  the space of *efforts*  $e$  (e.g. voltages).

Symmetrized form of power is the indefinite *bilinear form*  $\ll, \gg$  on  $\mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{V}^*$ :

$$\ll(f^a, e^a), (f^b, e^b)\gg \quad := \quad \langle e^a \mid f^b \rangle + \langle e^b \mid f^a \rangle,$$

$$(f^a, e^a), (f^b, e^b) \in \mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{V}^*.$$

**Definition 1 (Weinstein, Courant, Dorfman)** *A (constant) Dirac structure is a subspace*

$$\mathcal{D} \subset \mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{V}^*$$

*such that*

$$\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{D}^\perp,$$

*where  $\perp$  denotes orthogonal complement with respect to the bilinear form  $\langle\langle, \rangle\rangle$ .*

For a *finite-dimensional* linear space  $\mathcal{V}$  this is equivalent to

- (i)  $\langle e | f \rangle = 0$  for all  $(f, e) \in \mathcal{D}$ ,
- (ii)  $\dim \mathcal{D} = \dim \mathcal{V}$ .

## Examples

### Mathematical

- (a) Let  $J : \mathcal{V}^* \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$  be a skew-symmetric mapping. Then its graph  $\{(f, e) \in \mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{V}^* \mid f = Je\}$  is a Dirac structure.
- (b) Let  $\omega : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}^*$  be a skew-symmetric mapping. Then graph  $\omega \subset \mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{V}^*$  is a Dirac structure.
- (c) Let  $\mathcal{W} \subset \mathcal{V}$  be a subspace, and let  $\text{ann } \mathcal{W}$  be its annihilating subspace of  $\mathcal{V}^*$ . Then  $\mathcal{W} \times \text{ann } \mathcal{W} \subset \mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{V}^*$  is a Dirac structure.

### Physical

- (a) Kirchhoff's laws
- (b) Transformers and gyrators
- (c) Kinematic pairs
- (d) Ideal (workless) constraints

For many systems, especially those with 3-D mechanical components, the interconnection structure will be *modulated* by the energy or geometric variables.

This leads to the notion of *non-constant* Dirac structures on *manifolds*.

**Definition 2** Consider a smooth manifold  $M$ . A Dirac structure on  $M$  is a vector subbundle  $\mathcal{D} \subset TM \oplus T^*M$  such that for every  $x \in M$  the vector space

$$\mathcal{D}(x) \subset T_x M \times T_x^* M$$

is a Dirac structure as before.

## Geometric definition of a port-Hamiltonian system

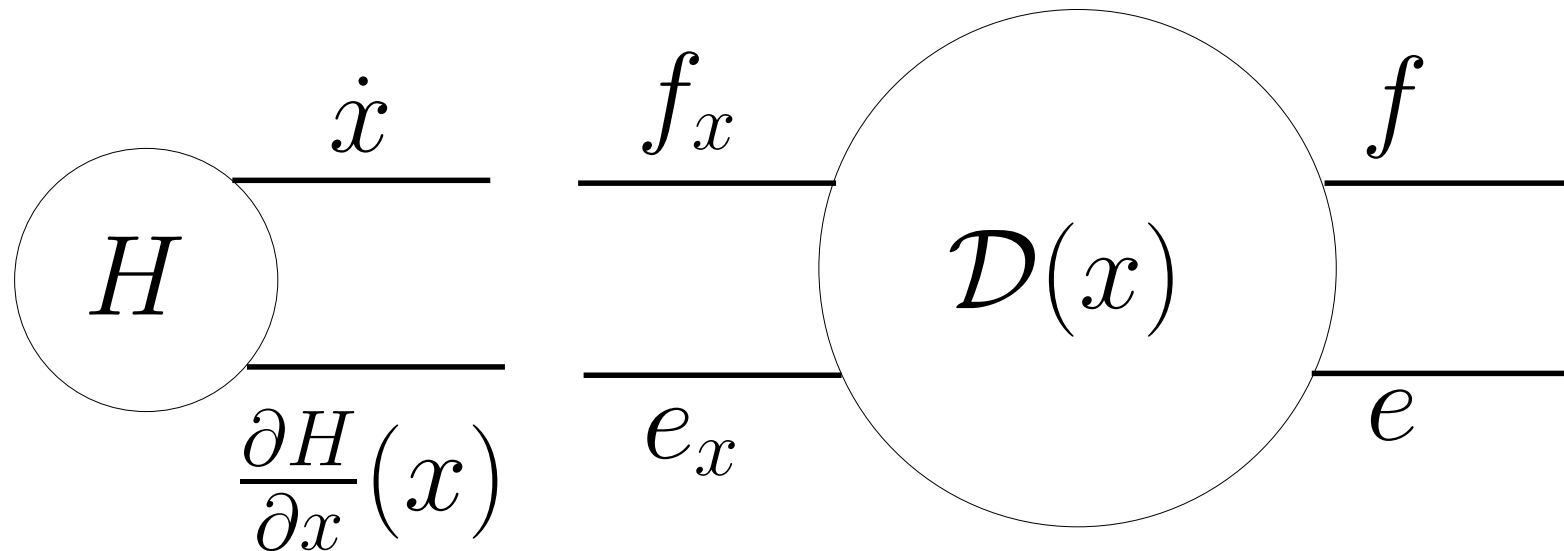


Figure 2: Port-Hamiltonian system

The dynamical system defined by the relations

$$\left(-\dot{x}(t), \frac{\partial H}{\partial x}(x(t)), f(t), e(t)\right) \in \mathcal{D}(x(t)), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}$$

is called a **port-Hamiltonian system**.

So we have generalized from  $(M, \omega, H)$  to  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{D}, \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{H})$ .

*Particular case* is a Dirac structure  $\mathcal{D}(x) \subset T_x \mathcal{X} \times T_x^* \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{F}^*$  given as the graph of the skew-symmetric map

$$\begin{bmatrix} f_x \\ e \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -J(x) & -g(x) \\ g^T(x) & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e_x \\ f \end{bmatrix},$$

leading  $(f_x = -\dot{x}, e_x = \frac{\partial H}{\partial x}(x))$  to a Hamiltonian open system as before

$$\dot{x} = J(x) \frac{\partial H}{\partial x}(x) + g(x)f, \quad x \in \mathcal{X}, f \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

$$e = g^T(x) \frac{\partial H}{\partial x}(x), \quad e \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

In general, the equations of a port-Hamiltonian system are **DAEs**.

**Energy-dissipation** is included by *terminating* some of the ports by resistive elements

$$f_R = -F(e_R),$$

where the mapping  $F$  is such that

$$e_R^T F(e_R) \geq 0, \quad \text{for all } e_R$$

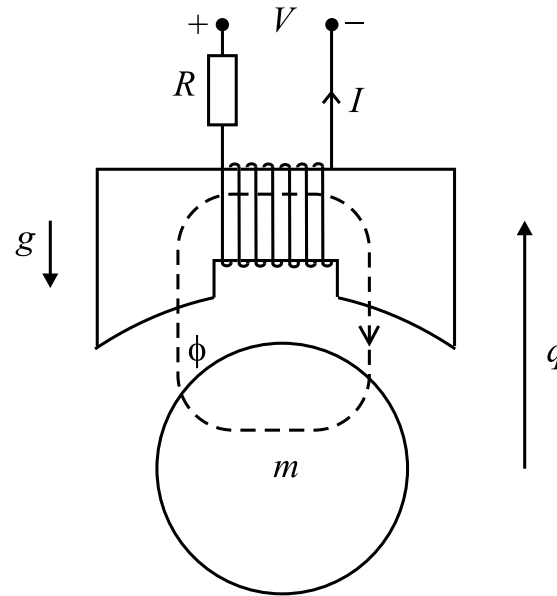
Then the energy balance  $\frac{d}{dt}H = e^T f$  is replaced by

$$\frac{d}{dt}H \leq e^T f$$

Hence, the system is **passive** if  $H \geq 0$ .

Theory of port-Hamiltonian systems extends theory of passive systems in control theory.

## Electro-mechanical system (magnetically levitated ball)



$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{q} \\ \dot{p} \\ \dot{\varphi} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{R} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial H}{\partial q} \\ \frac{\partial H}{\partial p} \\ \frac{\partial H}{\partial \varphi} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} V, \quad I = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial H}{\partial q} \\ \frac{\partial H}{\partial p} \\ \frac{\partial H}{\partial \varphi} \end{bmatrix}$$

Coupling of electrical and mechanical domain via the Hamiltonian.

## Example: Mechanical systems with kinematic constraints

Constraints on the generalized velocities  $\dot{q}$ :

$$A^T(q)\dot{q} = 0.$$

This leads to *constrained* Hamiltonian equations

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{q} &= \frac{\partial H}{\partial p}(q, p) \\ \dot{p} &= -\frac{\partial H}{\partial q}(q, p) + A(q)\lambda + B(q)f \\ 0 &= A^T(q)\frac{\partial H}{\partial p}(q, p) \\ e &= B^T(q)\frac{\partial H}{\partial p}(q, p)\end{aligned}$$

with  $H(q, p)$  total energy, and  $\lambda$  the constraint forces.

**Dirac structure** is defined by the Poisson structure on  $T^*Q$  together with constraints  $A^T(q)\dot{q} = 0$  and external force matrix  $B(q)$ .

Can be extended to general *multi-body systems*.

## Jacobi identity and holonomic constraints

There is an important notion of *integrability* of a Dirac structure on a manifold.

**Definition 3 (Dorfman, Courant)** *A Dirac structure  $\mathcal{D}$  on a manifold  $M$  is called integrable if*

$$\langle L_{X_1}\alpha_2 \mid X_3 \rangle + \langle L_{X_2}\alpha_3 \mid X_1 \rangle + \langle L_{X_3}\alpha_1 \mid X_2 \rangle = 0$$

for all  $(X_1, \alpha_1), (X_2, \alpha_2), (X_3, \alpha_3) \in \mathcal{D}$ .

For *constant* Dirac structures the integrability condition is automatically satisfied.

The Dirac structure  $\mathcal{D}$  defined by the canonical symplectic structure and kinematic constraints  $A^T(q)\dot{q} = 0$  satisfies the *integrability condition* if and only if the constraints are *holonomic*; that is, can be integrated to geometric constraints  $\phi(q) = 0$ .

**Special cases;** see Dalsmo & vdS for more info.

- (a) Let  $J$  be a (pseudo-)Poisson structure on  $M$ , defining a skew-symmetric mapping  $J : T^*M \rightarrow TM$ . Then graph  $J \subset T^*M \oplus TM$  is a Dirac structure. Integrability is equivalent to the *Jacobi-identity* for the Poisson structure.
- (b) Let  $\omega$  be a (pre-)symplectic structure on  $M$ , defining a skew-symmetric mapping  $\omega : TM \rightarrow T^*M$ . Then graph  $\omega \subset TM \oplus T^*M$  is a Dirac structure. Integrability is equivalent to the *closedness* of the symplectic structure.
- (c) Let  $K$  be a constant-dimensional distribution on  $M$ , and let  $\text{ann } K$  be its annihilating co-distribution. Then  $K \times \text{ann } K \subset TM \oplus T^*M$  is a Dirac structure. Integrability is equivalent to the *involutivity* of distribution  $K$ .

Integrability of the Dirac structure is equivalent to the existence of **canonical coordinates**:

If the Dirac structure  $\mathcal{D}$  on  $\mathcal{X}$  is *integrable* then there exist coordinates  $(q, p, r, s)$  for  $\mathcal{X}$  such that

$$\mathcal{D}(x) = \{(f_q, f_p, f_r, f_s, e_q, e_p, e_r, e_s) \in T_x \mathcal{X} \times T_x^* \mathcal{X}\}$$

$$\begin{cases} f_q = -e_p, & f_p = e_q \\ f_r = 0, & 0 = e_s \end{cases}$$

Hence the Hamiltonian system corresponding to  $\mathcal{D}$  and  $H : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{q} &= \frac{\partial H}{\partial p}(q, p, r, s) \\ \dot{p} &= -\frac{\partial H}{\partial q}(q, p, r, s) \\ \dot{r} &= 0 \\ 0 &= \frac{\partial H}{\partial s}(q, p, r, s) \end{aligned}$$

## Port-Hamiltonian systems are more than energy-conserving or passive.

For any Dirac structure  $\mathcal{D}$  define

$$G_1 := \{f_x \mid \exists e_x, f, e \text{ s.t. } (f_x, e_x, f, e) \in \mathcal{D}\} \subset T_x \mathcal{X}$$

$$P_1 := \{e_x \mid \exists f_x, f, e \text{ s.t. } (f_x, e_x, f, e) \in \mathcal{D}\} \subset T_x^* \mathcal{X}$$

The space  $G_1$  expresses the set of admissible flows, and therefore the **Casimir functions**:

- $C$  is a Casimir function iff  $\frac{\partial C}{\partial x}(f_x) = 0$  for all  $f_x \in G_1$ . Indeed, then  $\frac{dC}{dt} = \frac{\partial C}{\partial x}(x(t))\dot{x}(t) = 0$  for all solutions.

$P_1$  determines the set of admissible efforts, and therefore the **algebraic constraints**:

- $x$  should satisfy the equations  $dH(x) \in P_1(x)$ .

**Composition of Dirac structures** The *composition* of two finite-dimensional Dirac structures with *partially shared* variables is *again* a Dirac structure:

$$\mathcal{D}_A \subset \mathcal{V}_1 \times \mathcal{V}_1^* \times \mathcal{V}_2 \times \mathcal{V}_2^*$$

$$\mathcal{D}_B \subset \mathcal{V}_2 \times \mathcal{V}_2^* \times \mathcal{V}_3 \times \mathcal{V}_3^*$$

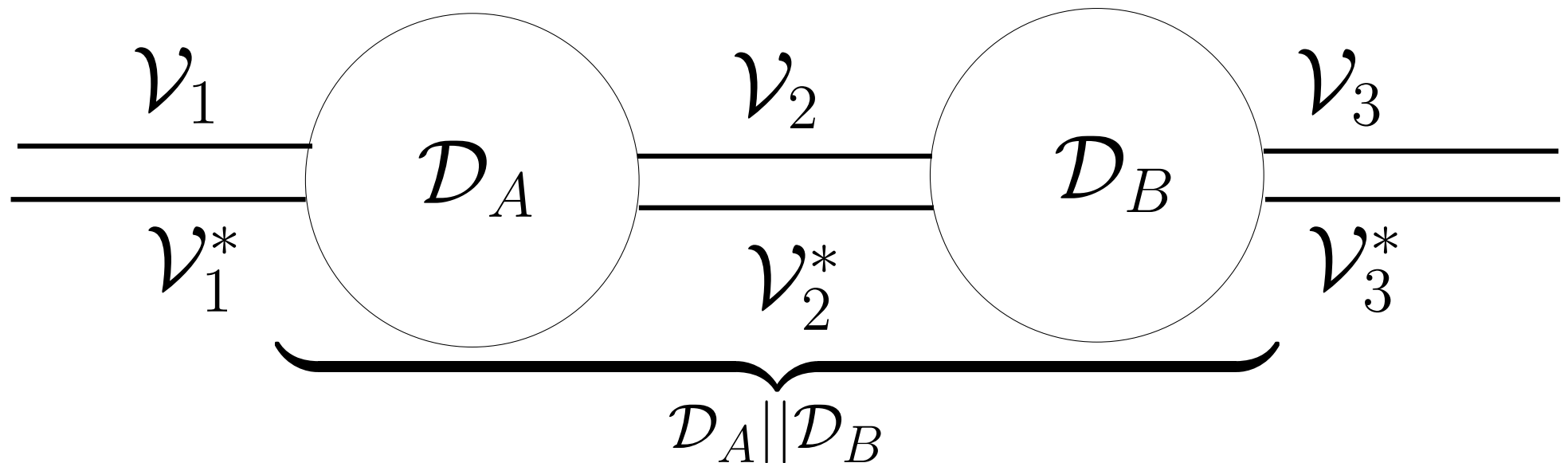


Figure 3: Composed Dirac structure

This implies that the interconnection of port-Hamiltonian systems is *again a port-Hamiltonian system*.

### Starting point for control:

Connect the given *plant* port-Hamiltonian system to a to-be-designed *controller* port-Hamiltonian system

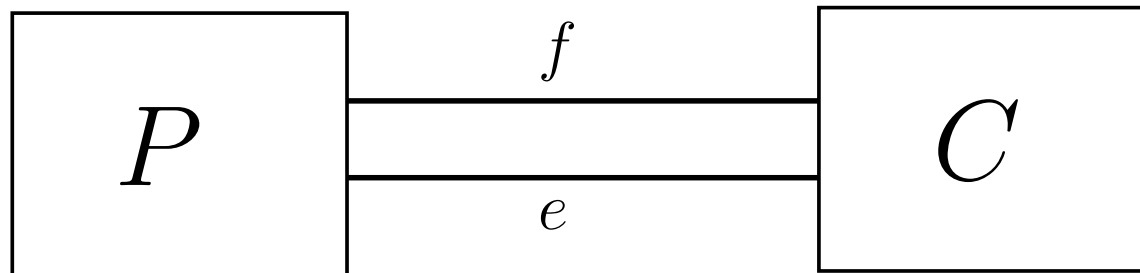


Figure 4: Control by Interconnection

Interconnected system is again a port-Hamiltonian system with total energy  $H_{tot} = H_P + H_C$ , and composed Dirac structure  $D_{comp}$  derived from  $D_P$  and  $D_C$ .

## Control problem 1: Stabilization

By deliberate choice of  $D_C$  we may generate new conserved quantities  $K$  *Casimir functions* for the interconnected system, and use the candidate Lyapunov function (even for unstable plant systems!)

$$V := H_P + H_C + K$$

Addition of *energy-dissipating elements* may result in asymptotic stabilization.

By additional feedback loops we may introduce *virtual subsystems*: “IDA-PBC control theory” or theory of ‘Controlled Lagrangians’.

## Control problem 2: Energy transfer control

Consider two port-Hamiltonian systems  $\Sigma_i$  in input-state-output form

$$\dot{x}_i = J_i(x_i) \frac{\partial H_i}{\partial x_i} + g_i(x_i) u_i$$

$$y_i = g_i^T(x_i) \frac{\partial H_i}{\partial x_i}, \quad i = 1, 2$$

Suppose we want to **transfer** the energy from the port-Hamiltonian system  $\Sigma_1$  to the port-Hamiltonian system  $\Sigma_2$ , while keeping the total energy  $H_1 + H_2$  constant.

This can be done e.g. by the feedback

$$\begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -y_1 y_2^T \\ y_2 y_1^T & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

By skew-symmetry it follows the interconnected system is Hamiltonian, that is  $\frac{d}{dt}(H_1 + H_2) = 0$ .

However, for the individual energies

$$\frac{d}{dt}H_1 = -y_1^T y_1 y_2^T y_2 = -\|y_1\|^2 \|y_2\|^2 \leq 0$$

implying that  $H_1$  is decreasing. On the other hand,

$$\frac{d}{dt}H_2 = y_2^T y_2 y_1^T y_1 = \|y_2\|^2 \|y_1\|^2 \geq 0$$

implying that  $H_2$  is increasing at the same rate.

## Control problem 3: Impedance control

**Given** the plant port-Hamiltonian system, **design** a controller port-Hamiltonian system such that the *behavior at the interaction port* of the plant port-Hamiltonian system is a desired one.

Applications e.g. in robotics ('interaction with the environment').

This problem raises the fundamental question:

**Given** the plant port-Hamiltonian system, and the controller port-Hamiltonian system to be **arbitrarily designed**, what are the **achievable** behaviors of the interconnected plant-controller system at an interaction port of the plant?

**Sub-question: What are the achievable Dirac structures ?**

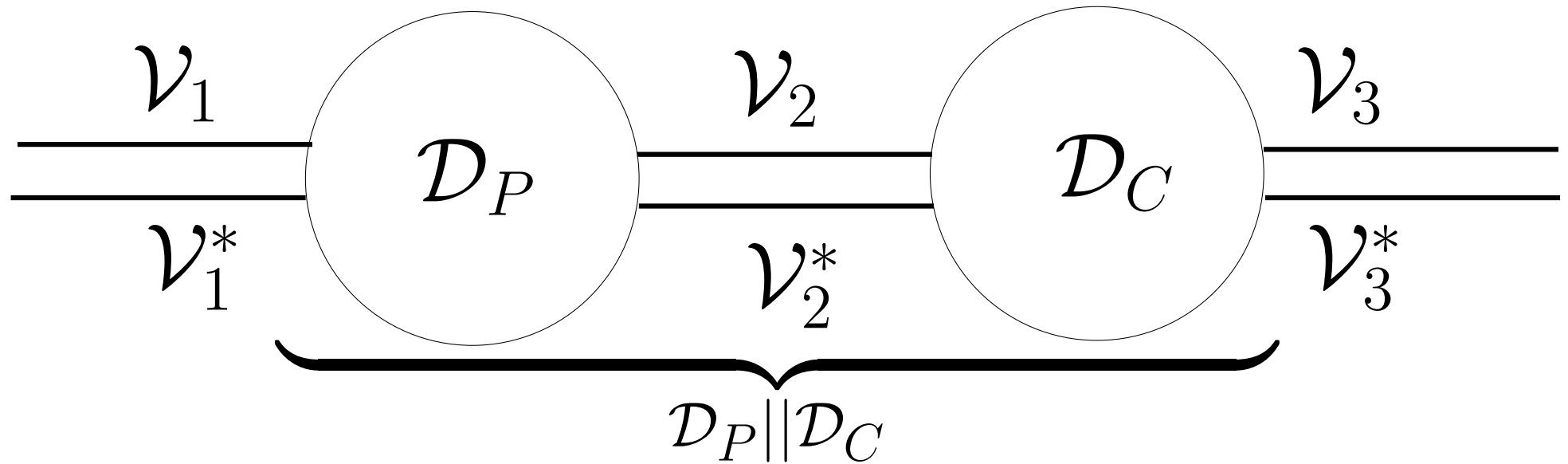


Figure 5: Achievable Dirac structures

$$\mathcal{D}_P^0 := \{(f_1, e_1) \mid (f_1, e_1, 0, 0) \in \mathcal{D}_P\}$$

$$\mathcal{D}_P^\pi := \{(f_1, e_1) \mid \exists (f_2, e_2) : (f_1, e_1, f_2, e_2) \in \mathcal{D}_P\}$$

$$\mathcal{D}^0 := \{(f_1, e_1) \mid (f_1, e_1, 0, 0) \in \mathcal{D}\}$$

$$\mathcal{D}^\pi := \{(f_1, e_1) \mid \exists (f_3, e_3) : (f_1, e_1, f_3, e_3) \in \mathcal{D}\}$$

**Theorem 4** *Given a plant Dirac structure  $\mathcal{D}_P$ , and desired Dirac structure  $\mathcal{D}$ . Then there exists a controller Dirac structure  $\mathcal{D}_C$  such that  $\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{D}_P \parallel \mathcal{D}_C$  if and only if one of the following equivalent conditions is satisfied*

$$\mathcal{D}_P^0 \subset D^0$$

$$D^\pi \subset \mathcal{D}_P^\pi$$

Sufficiency is shown using the controller Dirac structure

$$\mathcal{D}_C := \mathcal{D}_P^* \parallel \mathcal{D}$$

resulting in closed-loop Dirac structure  $\mathcal{D}_P \parallel \mathcal{D}_P^* \parallel \mathcal{D} = \mathcal{D}$ .

**Network/systems interpretation ??**

## How to incorporate distributed-parameter components ?

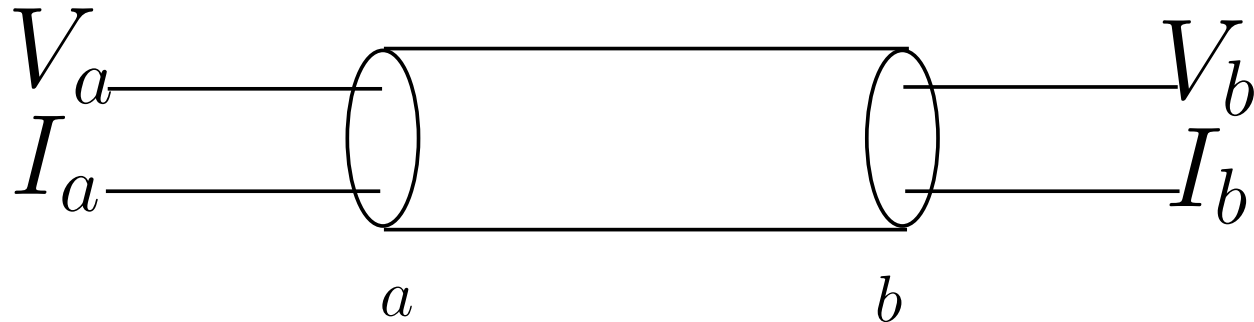


Figure 6: **Transmission line**

Telegrapher's equations define the boundary control system

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial Q}{\partial t}(z, t) &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial z} I(z, t) &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \frac{\phi(z, t)}{L(z)} \\
 \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t}(z, t) &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial z} V(z, t) &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \frac{Q(z, t)}{C(z)} \\
 V_a(t) &= V(a, t), & I_a(t) &= I(a, t) \\
 V_b(t) &= V(b, t), & I_b(t) &= I(b, t)
 \end{aligned}$$

## Defines an infinite-dimensional port-Hamiltonian system

Define *internal* flows  $(f_E, f_M)$  and efforts  $(e_E, e_M)$ :

$$\text{electric flow} \quad f_E : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$\text{magnetic flow} \quad f_M : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$\text{electric effort} \quad e_E : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$\text{magnetic effort} \quad e_M : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

together with *external* boundary flows  $f = (f_a, f_b)$  and boundary efforts  $e = (e_a, e_b)$ . Define the *infinite-dimensional Dirac structure*

$$\begin{bmatrix} f_E \\ f_M \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial z} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e_E \\ e_M \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} f_{a,b} \\ e_{a,b} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} e_{E|a,b} \\ e_{M|a,b} \end{bmatrix}$$

This defines an infinite-dimensional Dirac structure on the space of *internal* flows and efforts and *boundary* flows and efforts (use *integration by parts* !).

Substituting (as in the lumped-parameter case)

$$\left. \begin{aligned} f_E &= -\frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} \\ f_M &= -\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial t} \end{aligned} \right\} f_x = -\dot{x}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} e_E &= \frac{Q}{C} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial Q} \\ e_M &= \frac{\varphi}{L} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial \varphi} \end{aligned} \right\} e_x = \frac{\partial H}{\partial x}$$

with quadratic energy density

$$\mathcal{H}(Q, \varphi) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{Q^2}{C} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\varphi^2}{L}$$

we recover the telegrapher's equations.

This extends e.g. to Maxwell's equations on a domain with boundary,  
to flexible beam models,  
and to boundary-controlled fluid dynamics.

In all these cases the infinite-dimensional Dirac structure is determined by a set of **conservation laws**.

(Like Kirchhoff's laws in the finite-dimensional circuit case !)

Typical case

$$\frac{\partial \alpha_1}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \beta_2}{\partial z} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \alpha_2}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \beta_1}{\partial z} = 0$$

with  $\beta_i = \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial \alpha_i}$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ . This defines a port-Hamiltonian system with energy density  $\mathcal{H}$  and power-variables at the boundary determined by  $\beta_i$ .

Interconnection of finite- and infinite-dimensional port-Hamiltonian system again defines a port-Hamiltonian system.

- Opportunities for analysis, simulation, and control of mixed ODEs and PDEs.
- Spatial discretization of infinite-dimensional components to finite-dimensional port-Hamiltonian systems using mixed finite-element methods.
- What can we say about well-posedness ? Relations with passivity theory (Staffans et al.). Shock waves in nonlinear case.
- Composition of Dirac structures on Hilbert spaces, and relations with scattering representations (Kurula et al.).

## Conclusions

- Port-Hamiltonian systems provide a unified framework for *modeling, analysis, and simulation* of complex multi-physics systems.
- Inclusion of distributed-parameter components.
- Starting point for control: 'control by interconnection', IDA-PBC control. Suggests new control paradigms.
- Port-Hamiltonian systems with variable network topology (power systems, robotic systems, 'embedded systems').

- Extensions to thermodynamic systems and chemical reaction networks.
- Model reduction of port-Hamiltonian systems.
- Merging network (graph) information with dynamics. Dirac structure as a mixture of *algebraic-graph* and *geometric* object.
- Reconciliation with co-tangent bundle point of view and variational calculus.

**See proceedings for further info and references.**

**Also see website [www.geoplex.cc](http://www.geoplex.cc) of European IST project Geoplex for applications in various domains.**