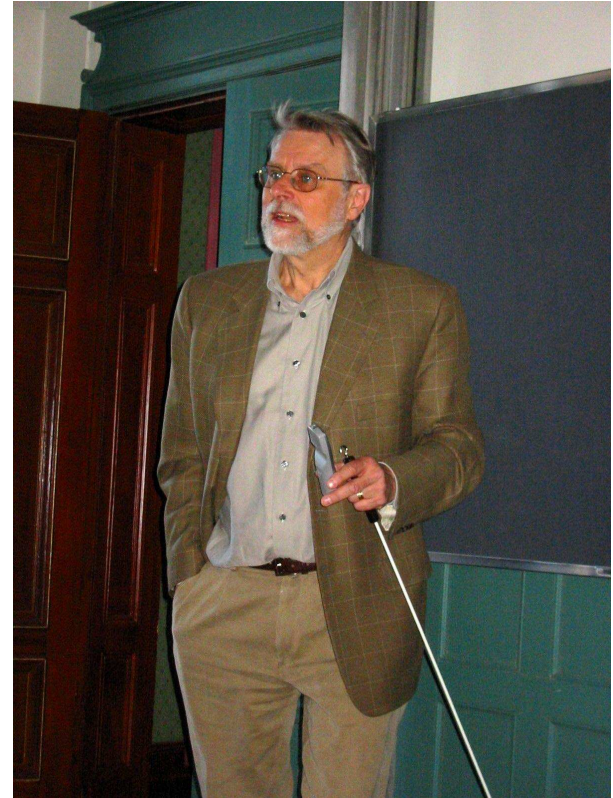




PORTS and TERMINALS

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In honor of
Chris Byrnes and **Anders Lindquist.**

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Other applications: hydraulic systems,
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ENERGY

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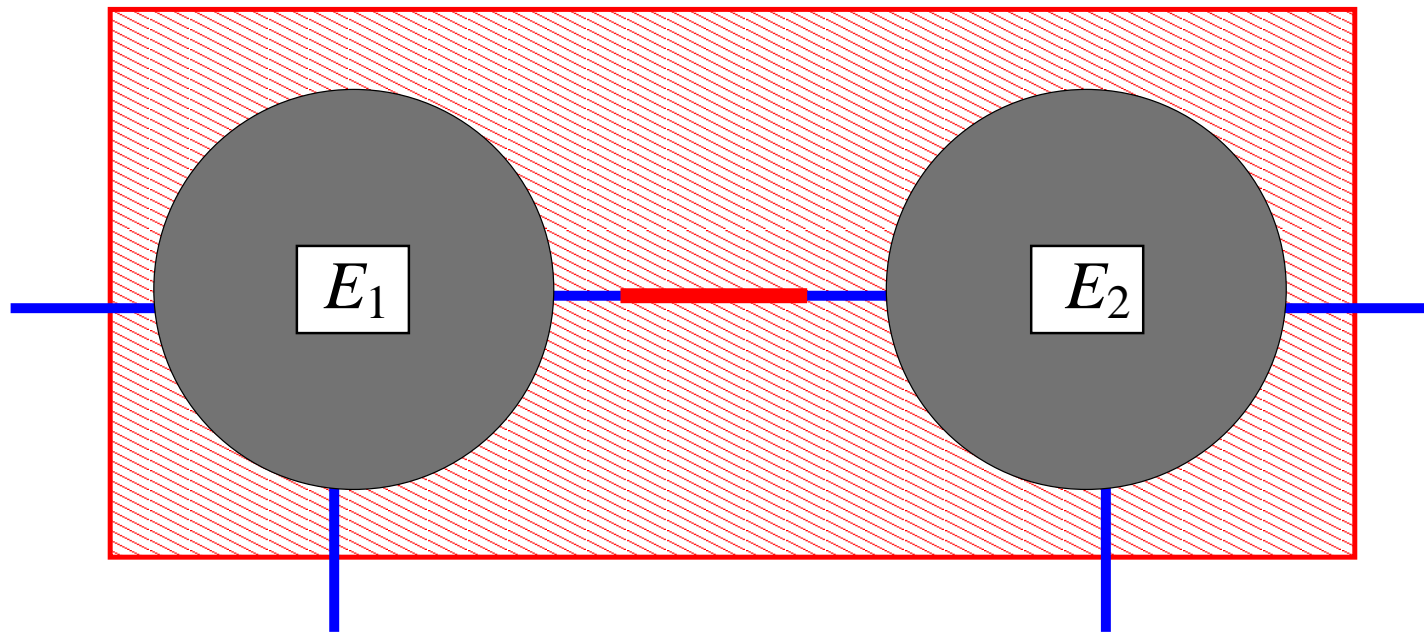
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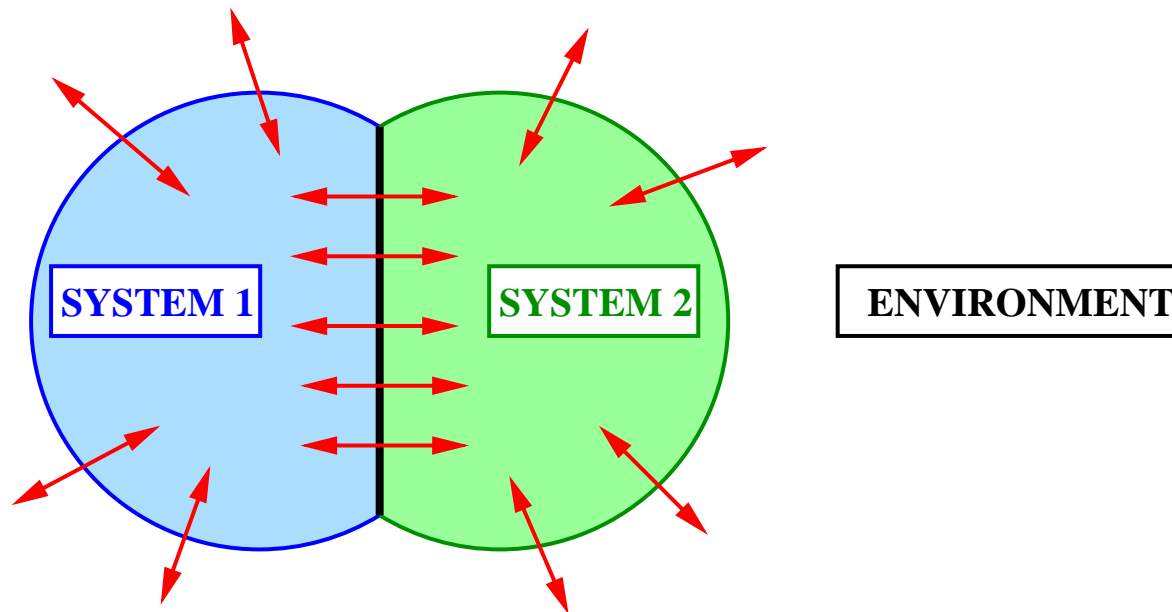
meaning that it is additive



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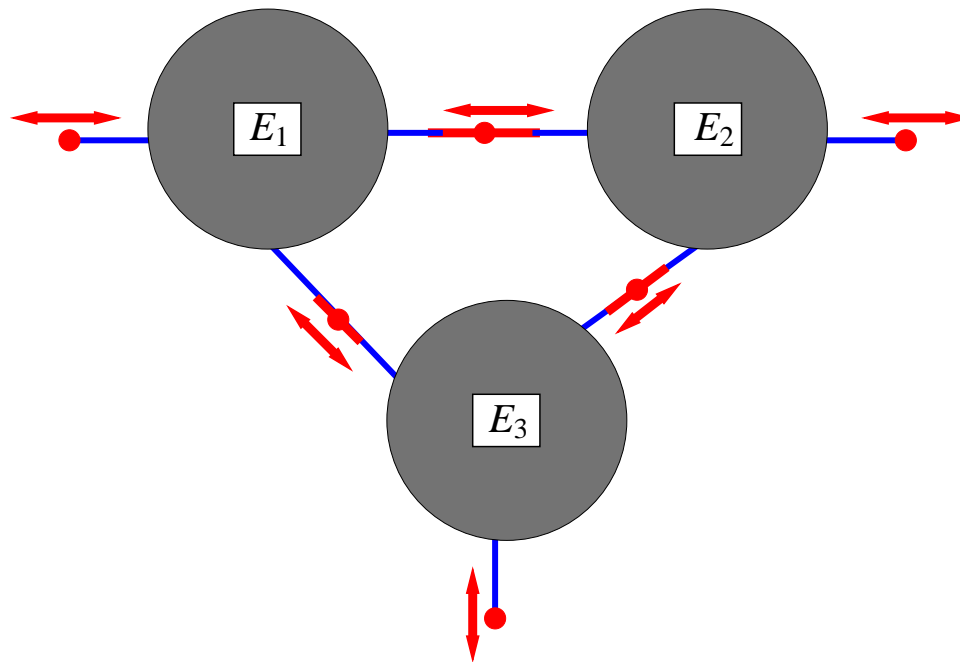
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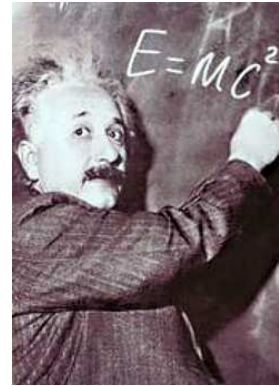
Some methodologies for modeling interconnected systems,
as **bond-graph** modeling and **port-Hamiltonian systems**,
are based on this thinking.

‘Power is the universal currency of physical systems’

P.J. Gawthrop and G.P. Bevan, *Bond-graph modeling*,
IEEE Control Systems Magazine, vol. 27, pp. 2445, 2007.

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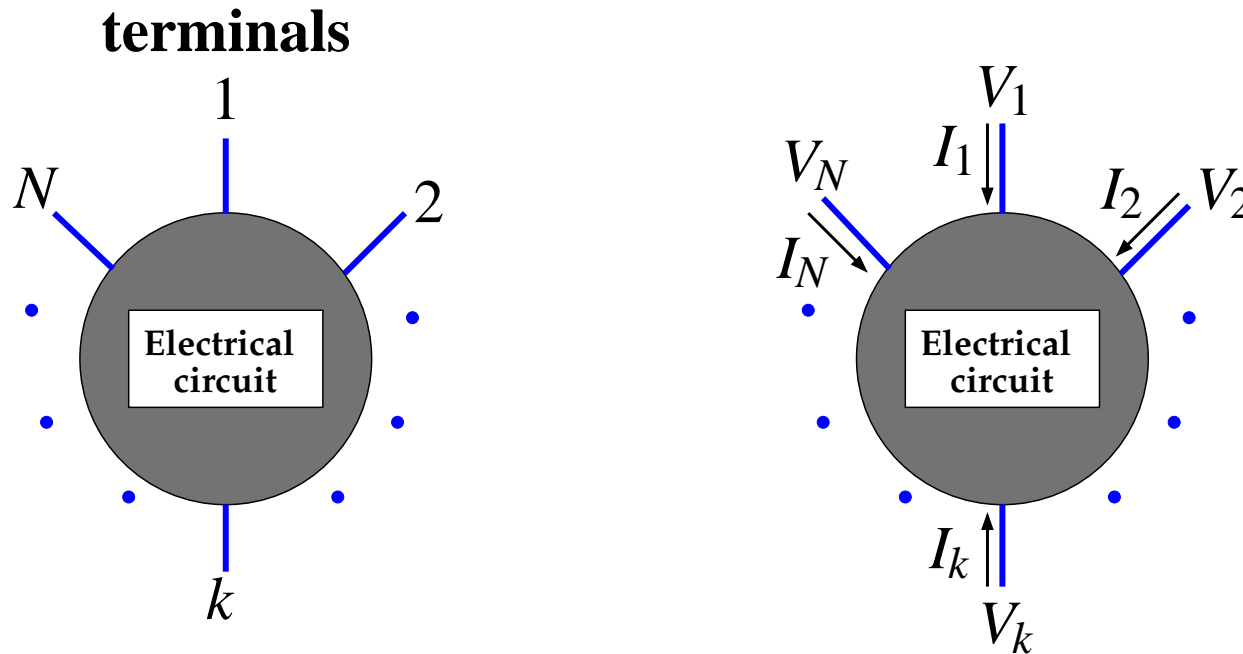
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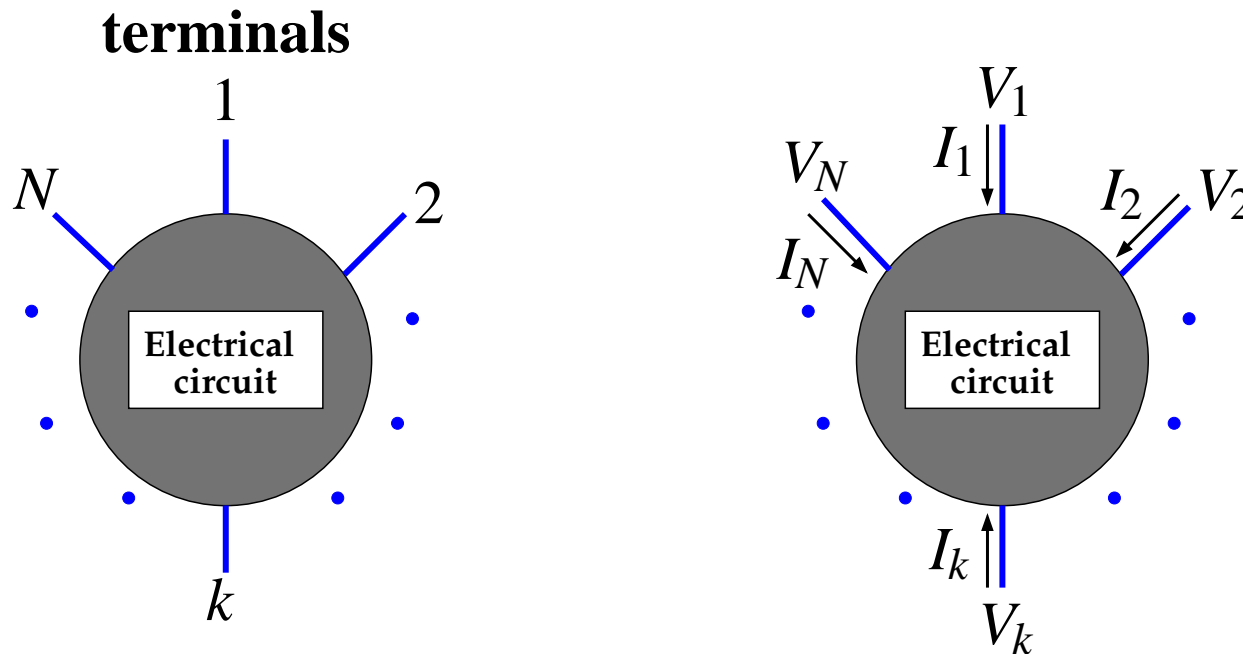
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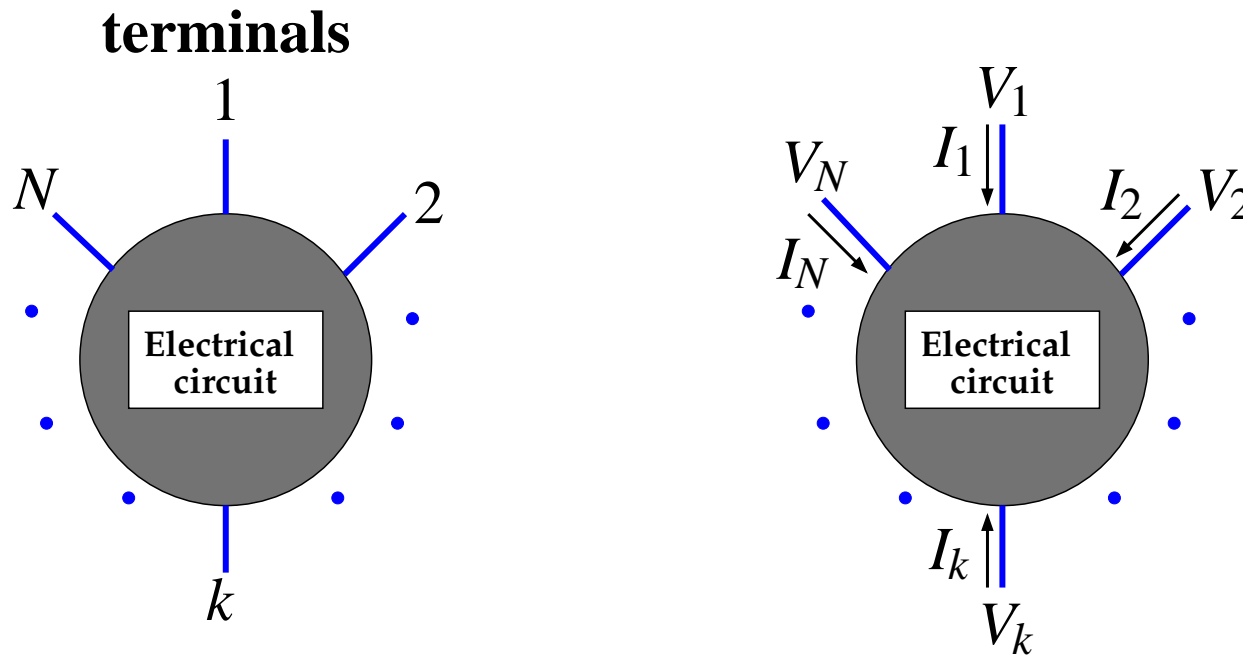
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\rightsquigarrow **behavior** $\mathcal{B} \subseteq (\mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R}^N)^{\mathbb{R}}$.

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

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

KVL and KCL



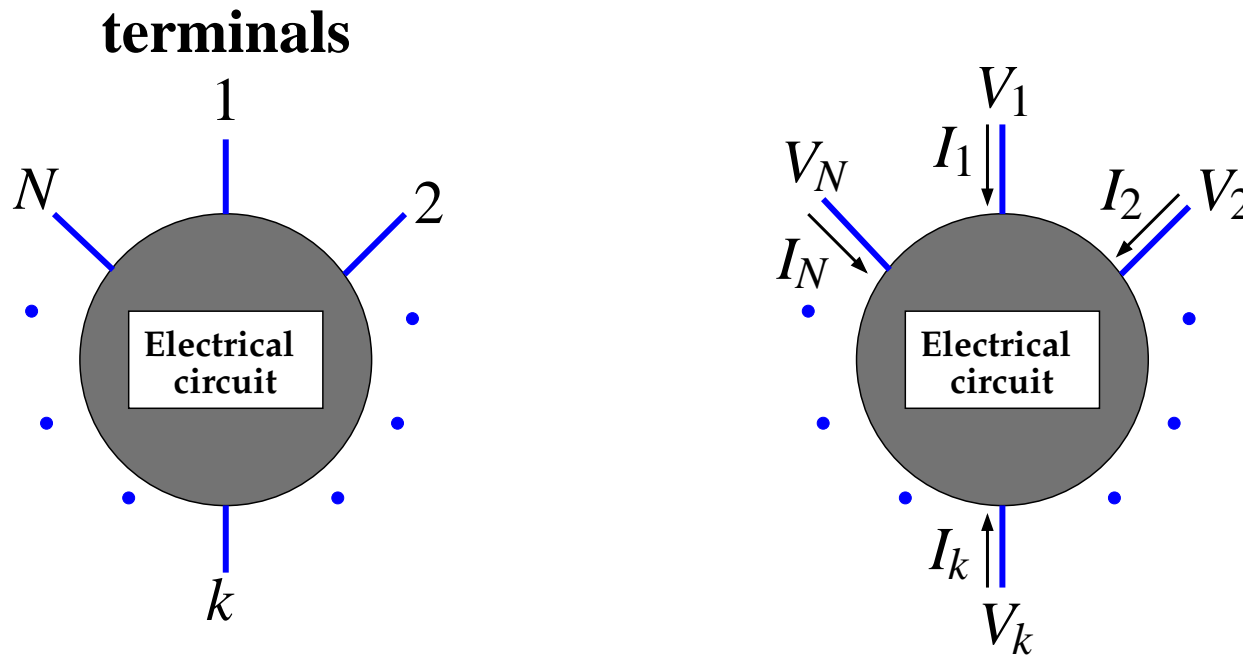
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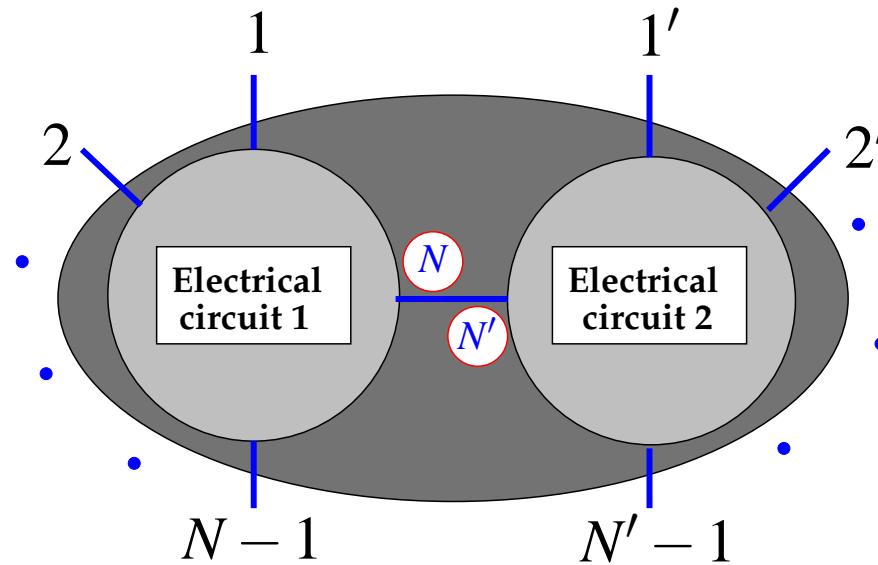
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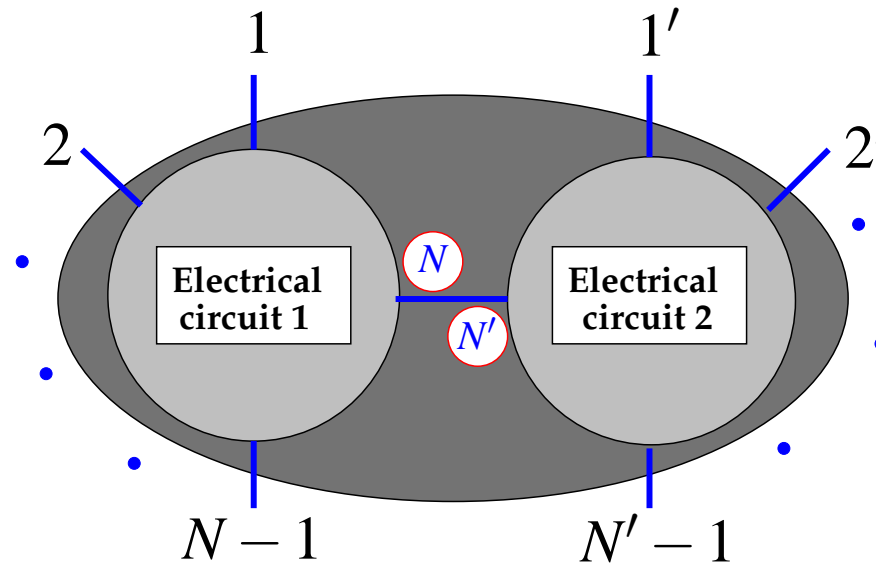
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Behavior after interconnection:

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

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

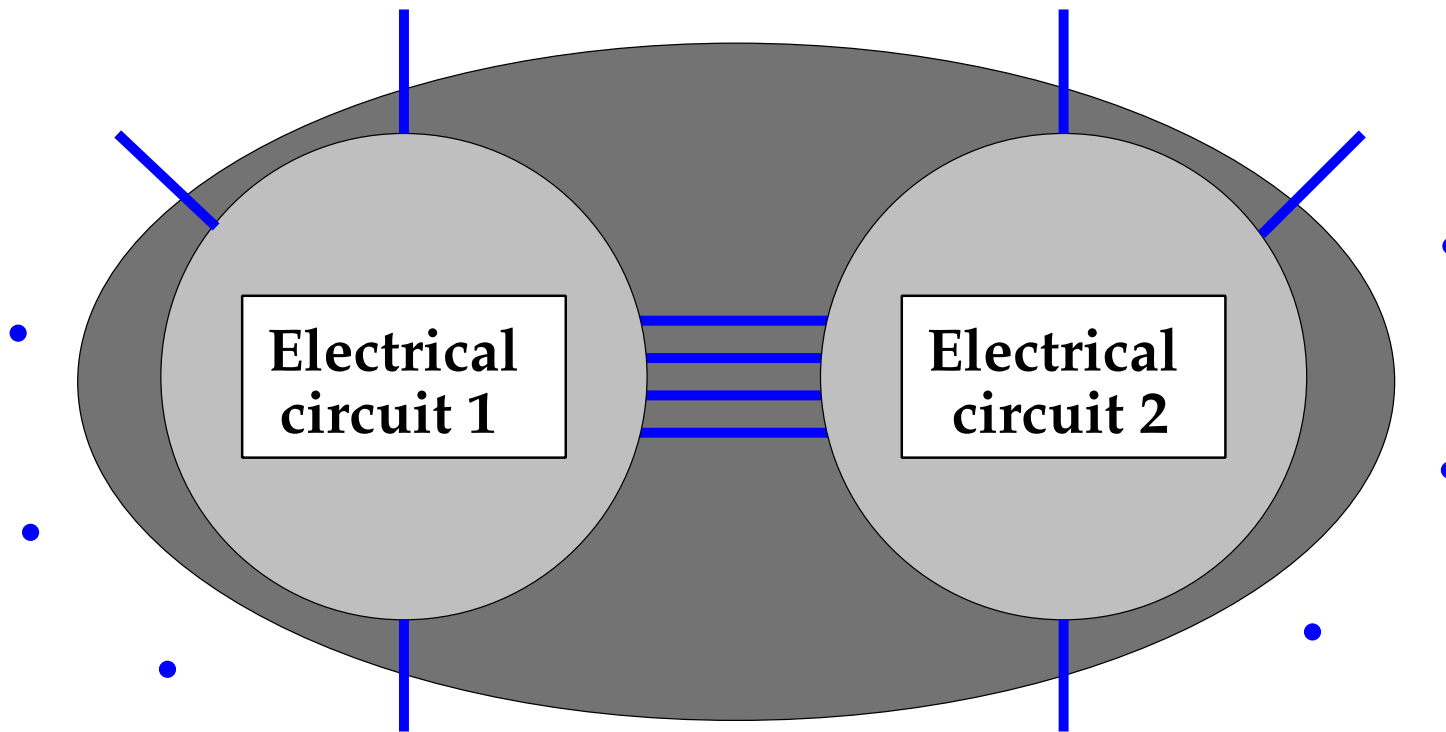
$\exists V, I$ such that

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

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

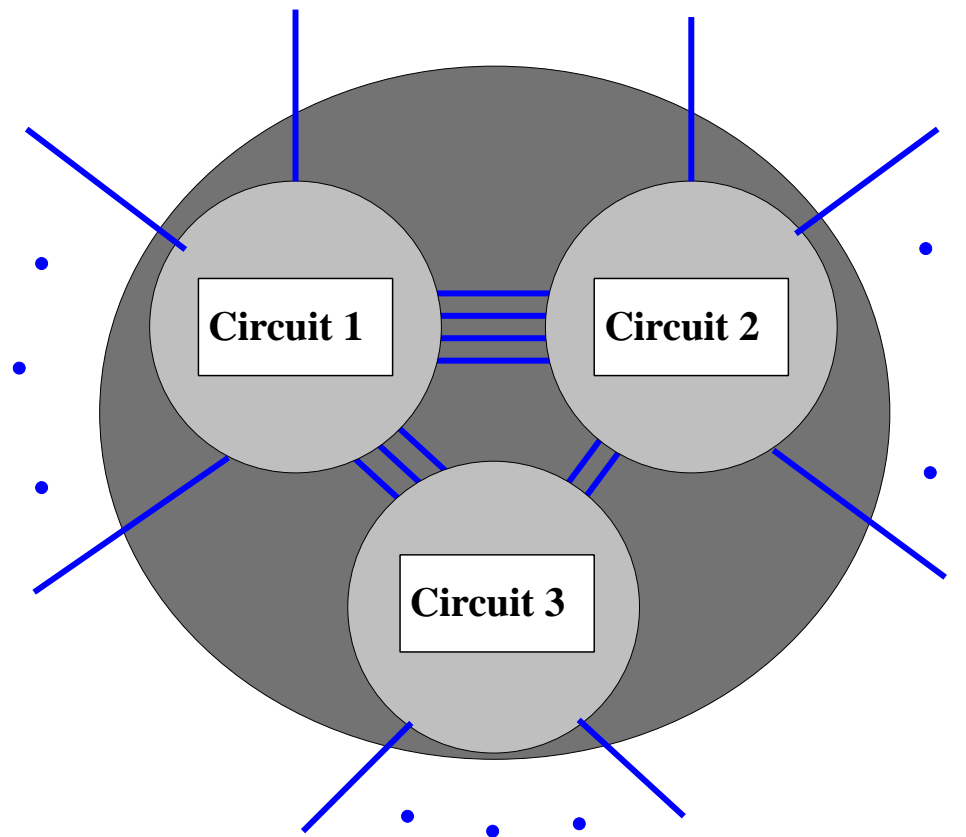
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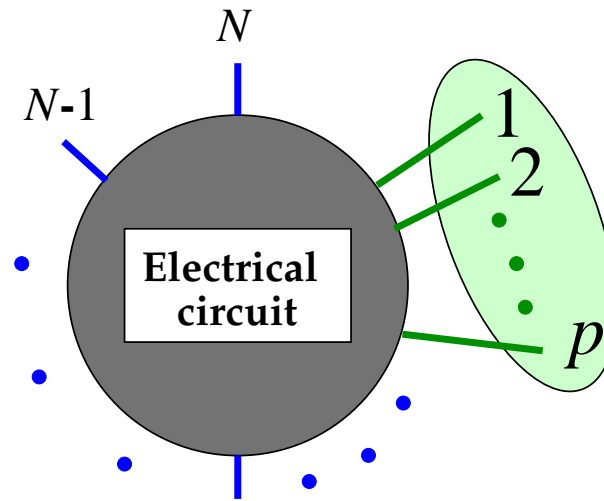


Preservation of properties

- ▶ $[[\mathcal{B}_1, \mathcal{B}_2 \text{ satisfy } \mathbf{KVL \& KCL}]] \Rightarrow [[\text{so does } \mathcal{B}_1 \sqcap \mathcal{B}_2]]$
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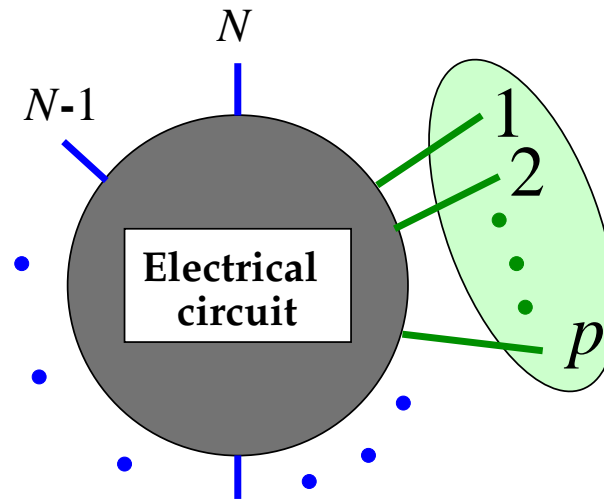
ENERGY TRANSFER

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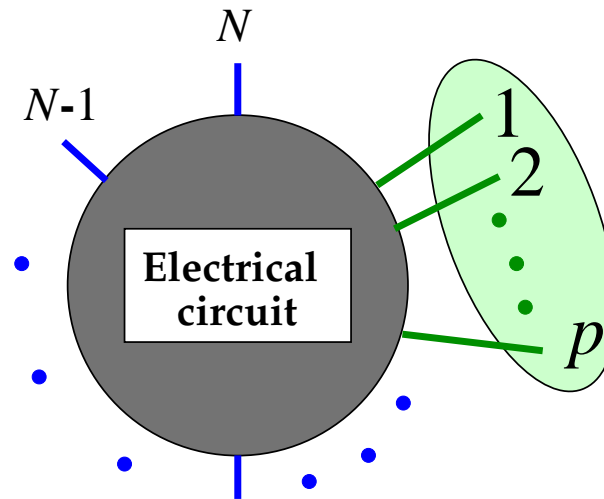
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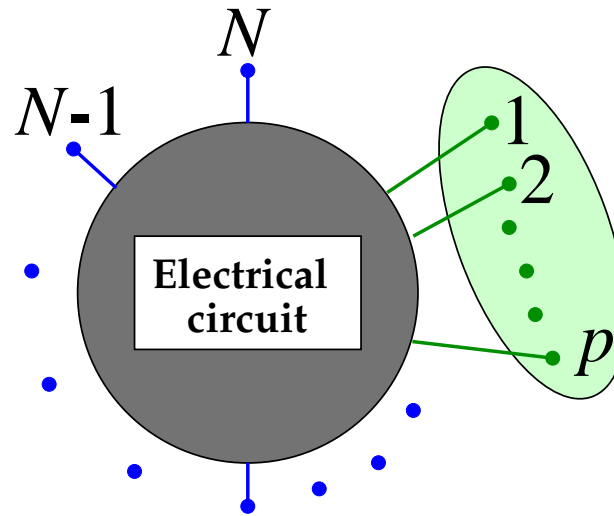
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KVL & KCL \Leftrightarrow **all terminals combined form a port.**

Ports



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

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

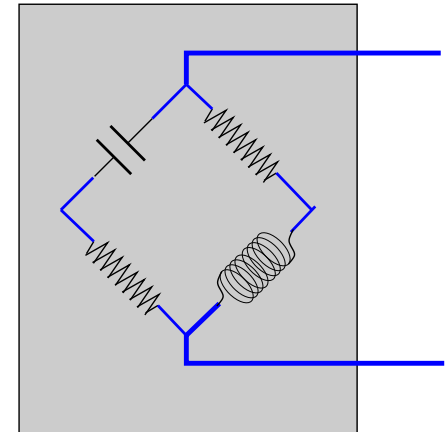
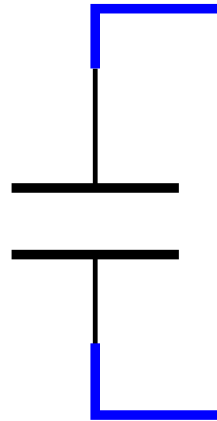
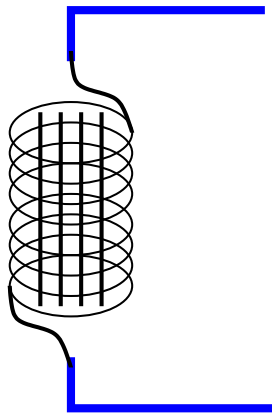
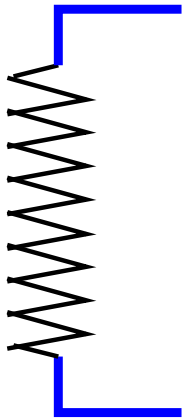
energy in = $\int_{t_1}^{t_2} (V_1(t)I_1(t) + \dots + V_p(t)I_p(t)) dt$.

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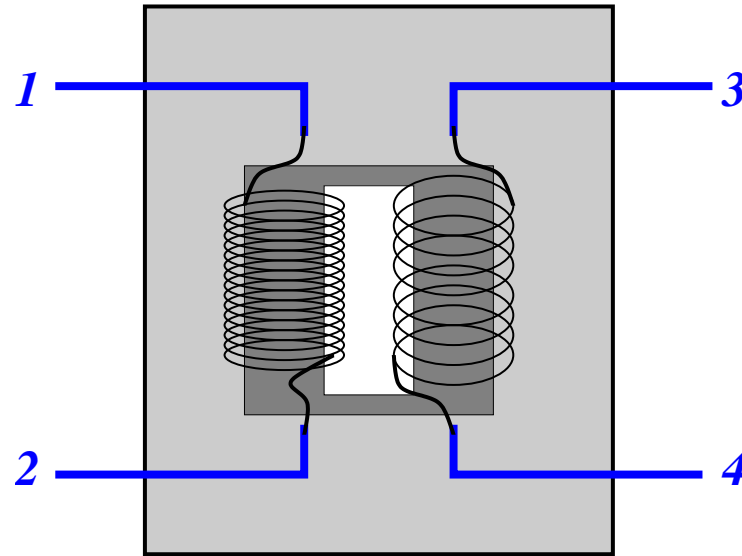
Examples

Examples of 1-port 2-terminal devices:

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



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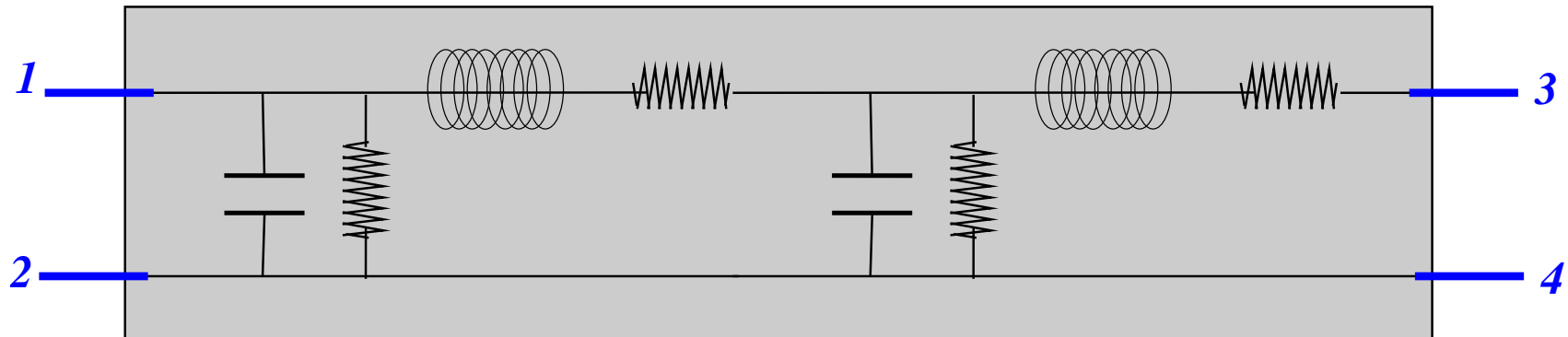


$$V_1 - V_2 = n(V_3 - V_4), \quad -nI_1 = I_3 \quad I_1 + I_2 = 0, I_3 + I_4 = 0$$

Terminals $\{1, 2\}$ and $\{3, 4\}$ (and $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$) form ports.

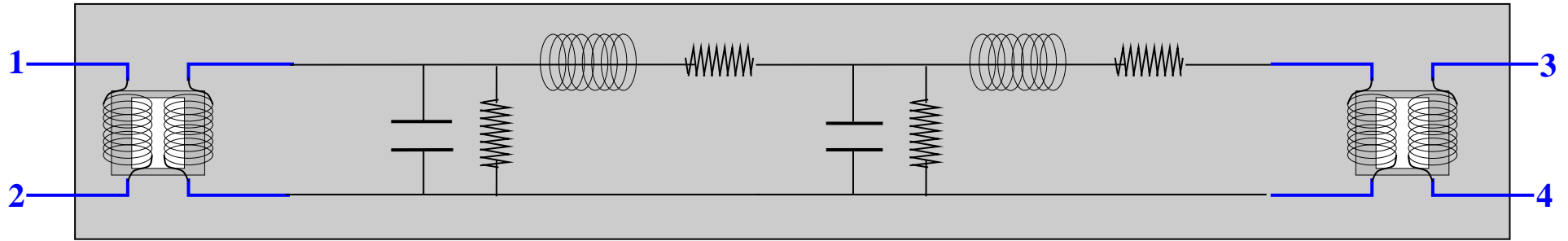
For trafo, energy in at port $\{1, 2\}$ = energy out at port $\{3, 4\}$.

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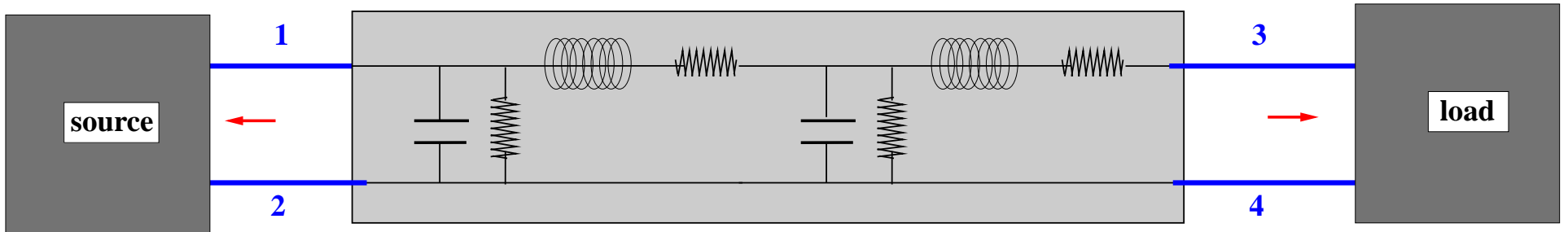


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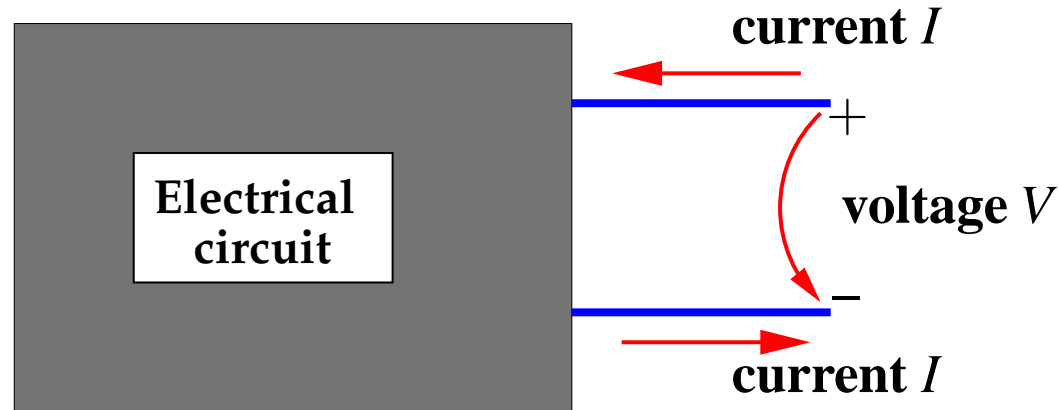
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Terminals $\{1, 2\}$ and $\{3, 4\}$ form 'internal' ports.

CLASSICAL CIRCUIT THEORY

1-ports



$$\text{Power in} = VI,$$

$$\text{energy in} = \int VI dt.$$

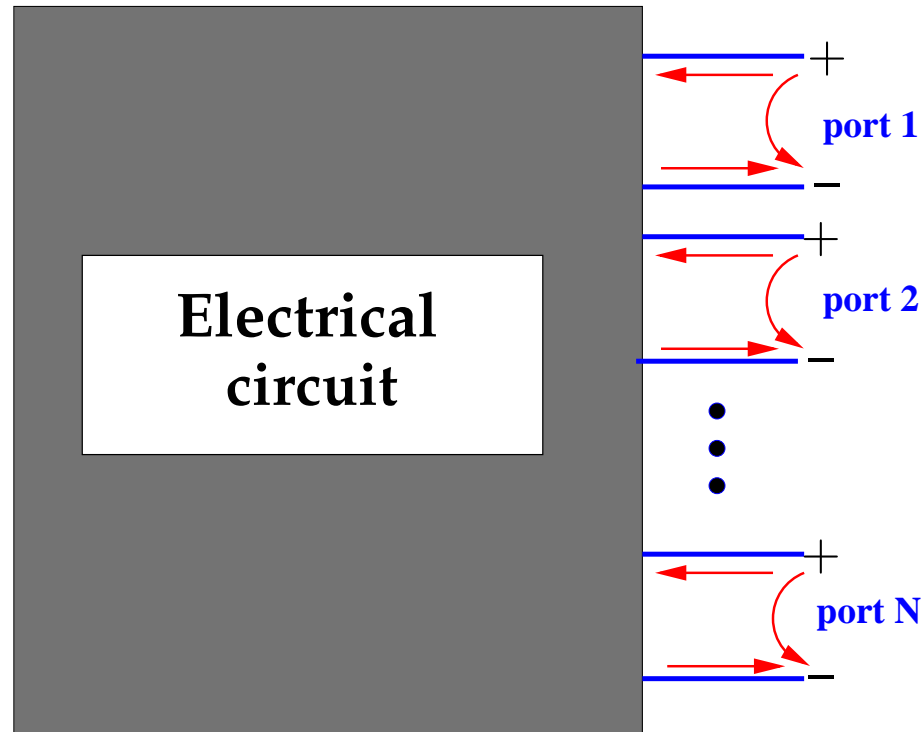
In particular, the energy does NOT flow along the terminals, but into the ‘port’.

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N-ports

How is the situation for circuits with more terminals?



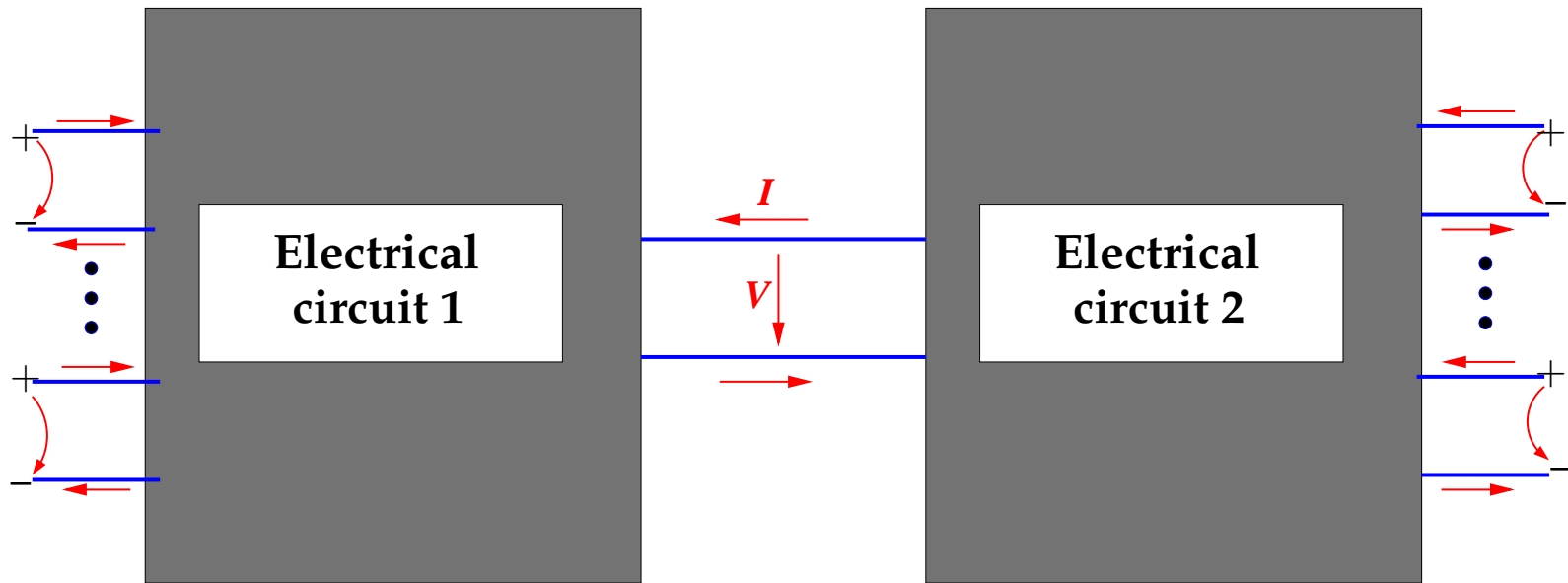
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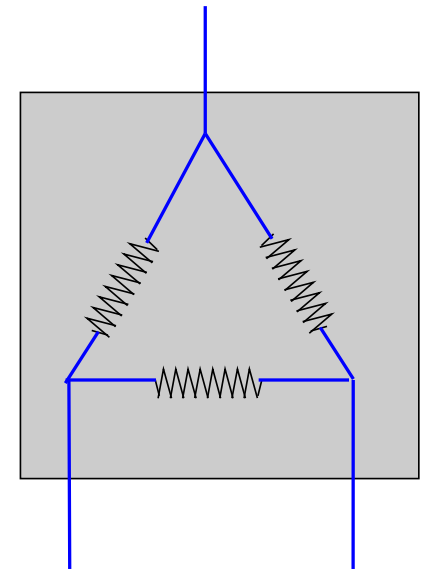
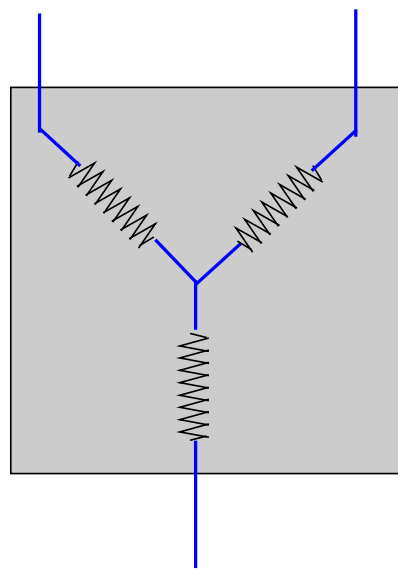
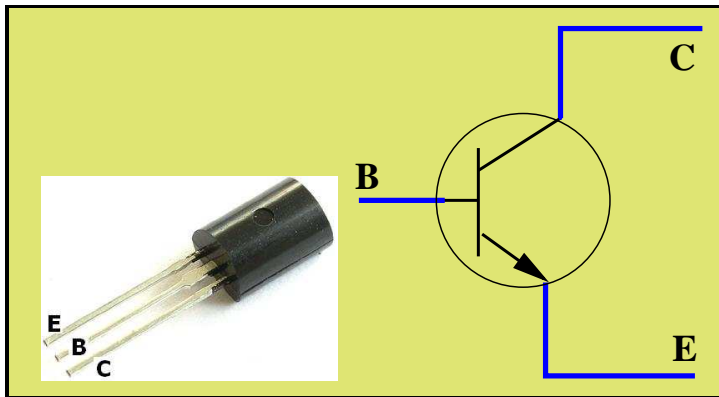
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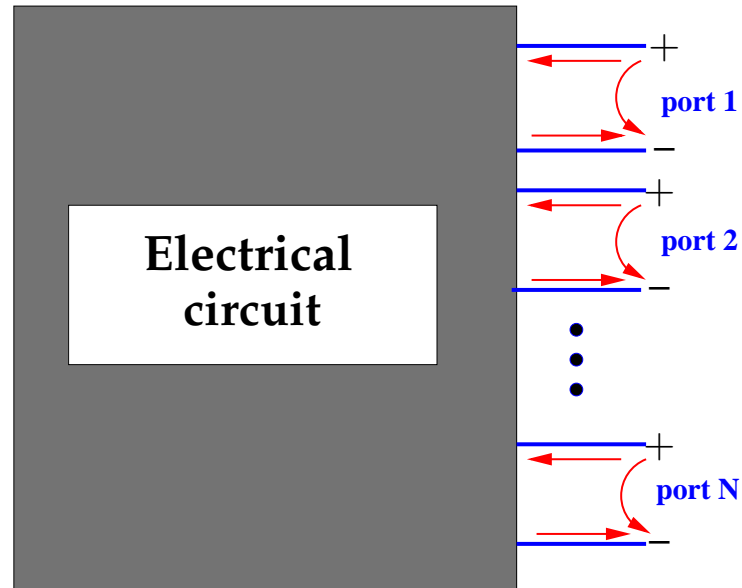
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For example, it does not fit 3-terminal devices.



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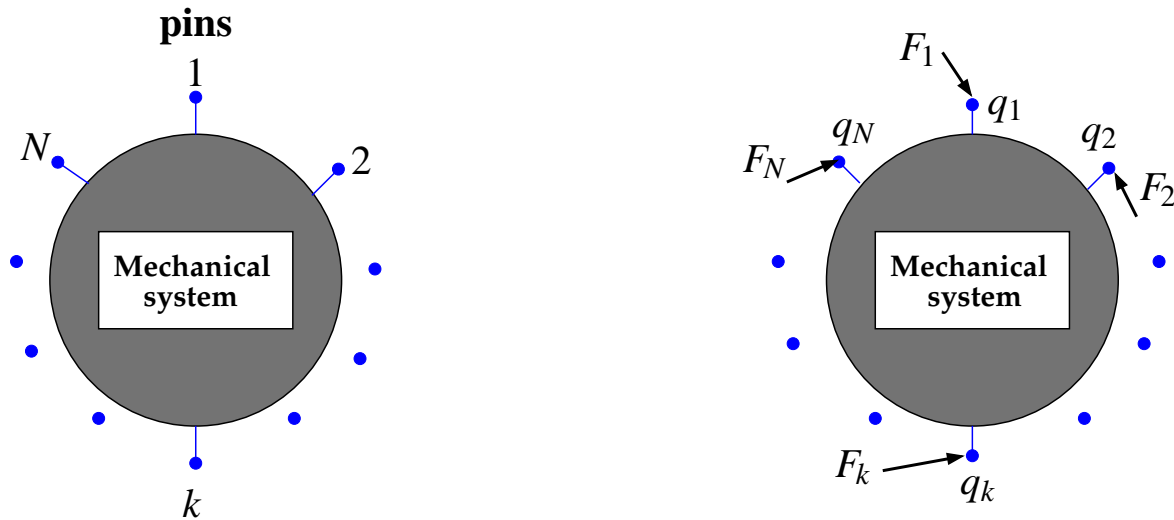
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Weird physics, bizarre pedagogy.

MECHANICAL SYSTEMS

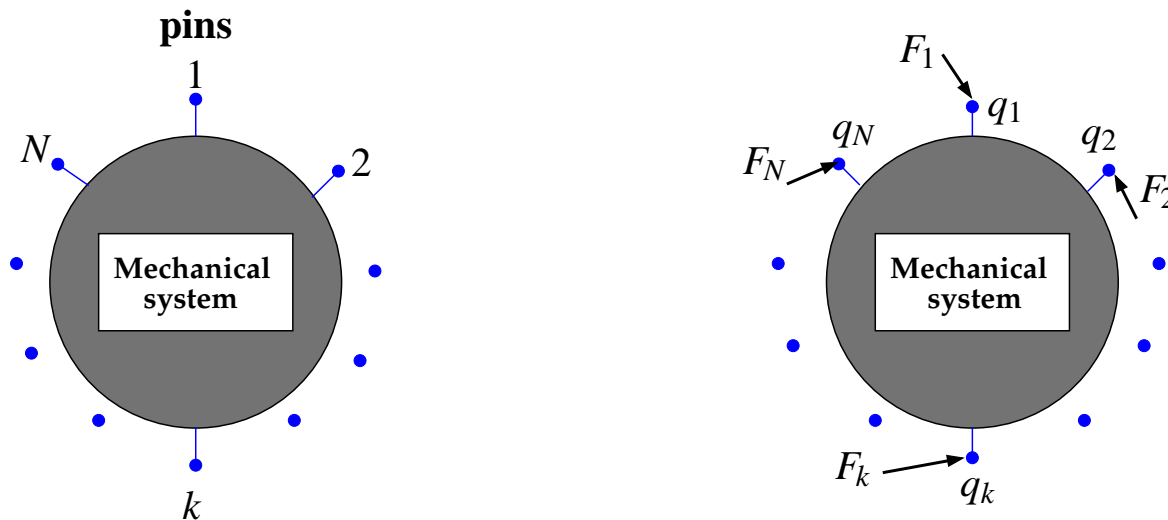
The behavior



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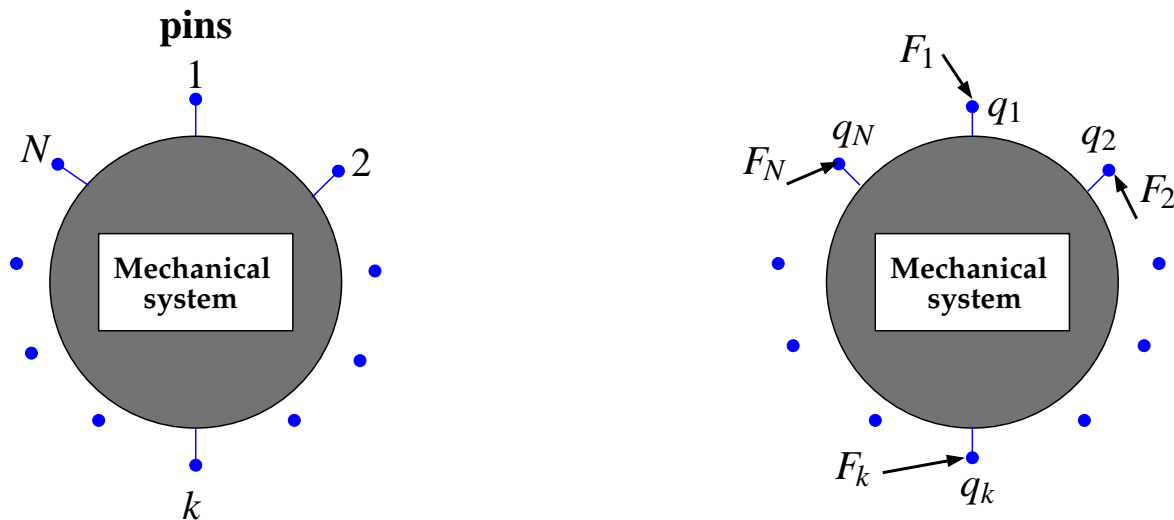


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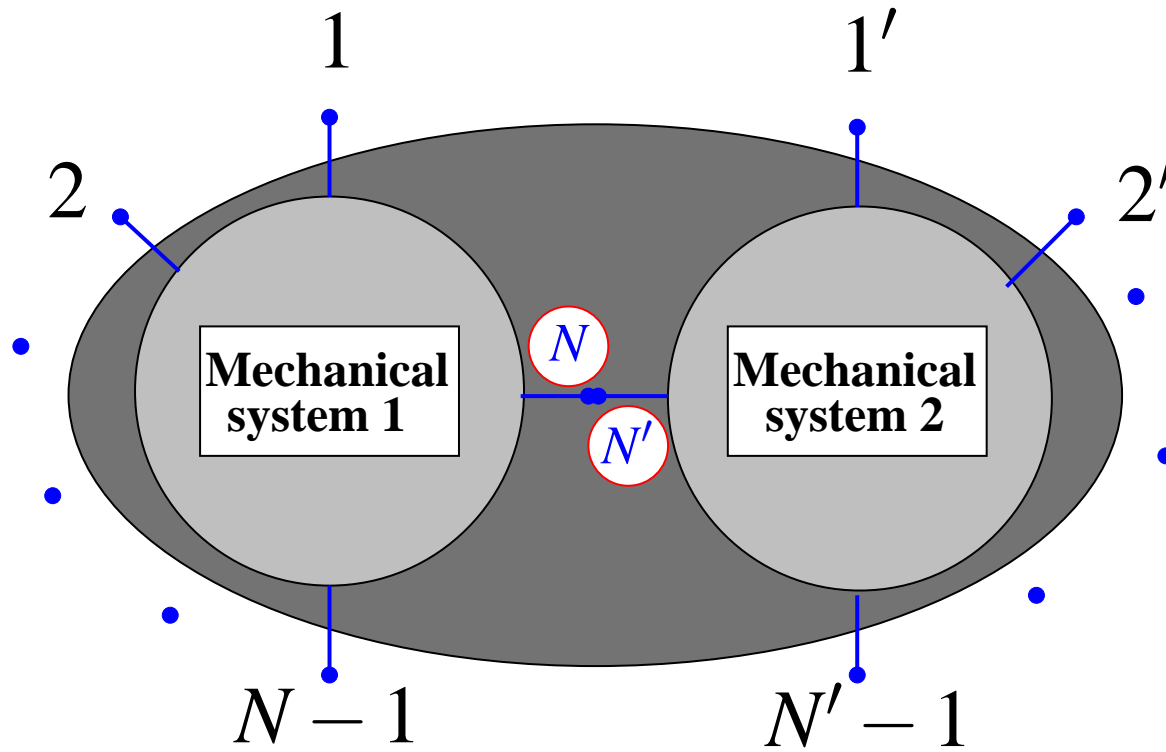
What are the analogues of KVL, KCL, interconnection?

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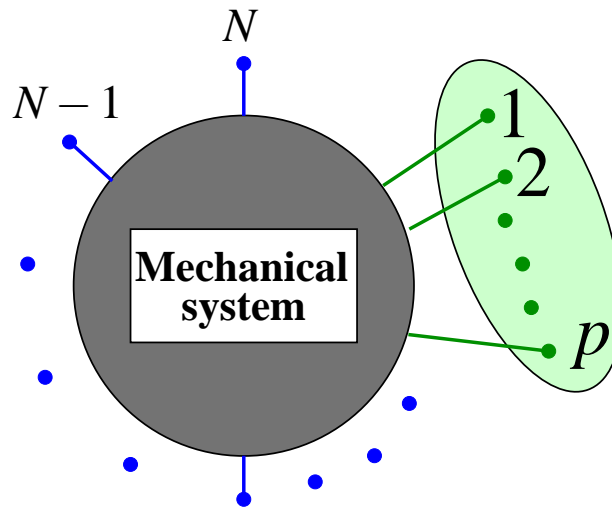
- ▶ **invariance under uniform motion** $:\Leftrightarrow (q_1, q_2, \dots, q_N, F_1, F_2, \dots, F_N) \in \mathcal{B}$ and $v : t \in \mathbb{R} \mapsto (a + bt) \in \mathbb{R}^\bullet$, imply $(q_1 + v, q_2 + v, \dots, q_N + v, F_1, F_2, \dots, F_N) \in \mathcal{B}$.
- ▶ **Kirchhoff's force law (KFL)** $:\Leftrightarrow (q_1, q_2, \dots, q_N, F_1, F_2, \dots, F_N) \in \mathcal{B}$ implies $F_1 + F_2 + \dots + F_N = 0$.

Interconnection



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

Mechanical ports



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

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and $v : t \in \mathbb{R} \mapsto (a + bt) \in \mathbb{R}^\bullet, a, b \in \mathbb{R}^\bullet$

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

and $F_1 + F_2 + \dots + F_p = 0.$

Power and energy

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

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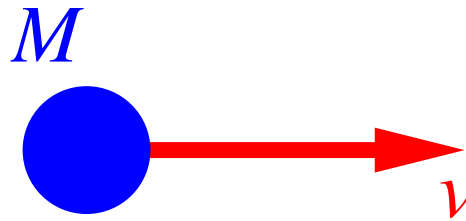
and

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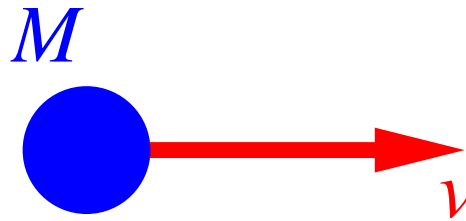
KINETIC ENERGY

Kinetic energy and invariance under uniform motions



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



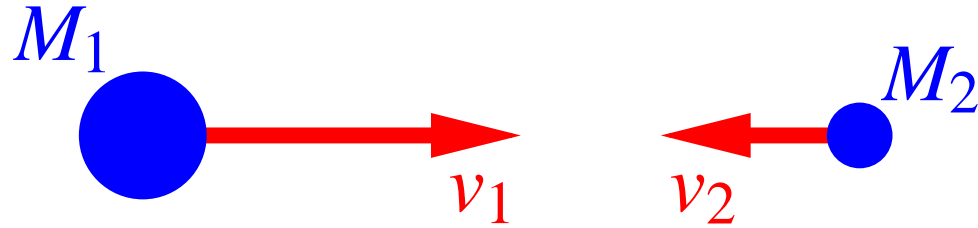
Willem 's Gravesande
1688–1742



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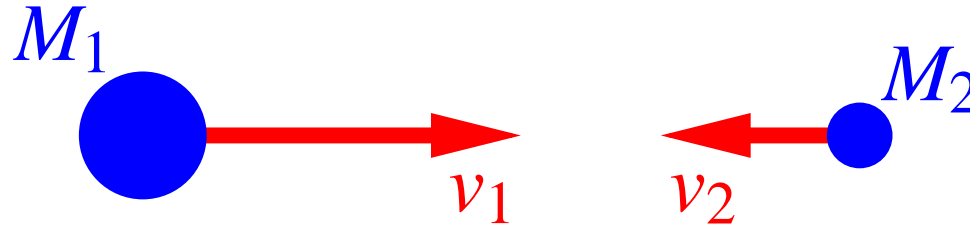
This formula is not invariant under uniform motion.

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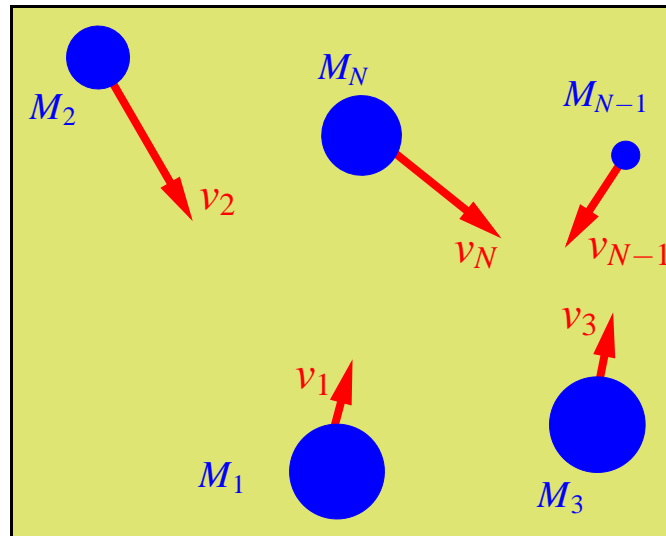
What is the kinetic energy?

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

Invariant under uniform motion.

Can be justified by mounting a damper or a spring between the masses.

Kinetic energy

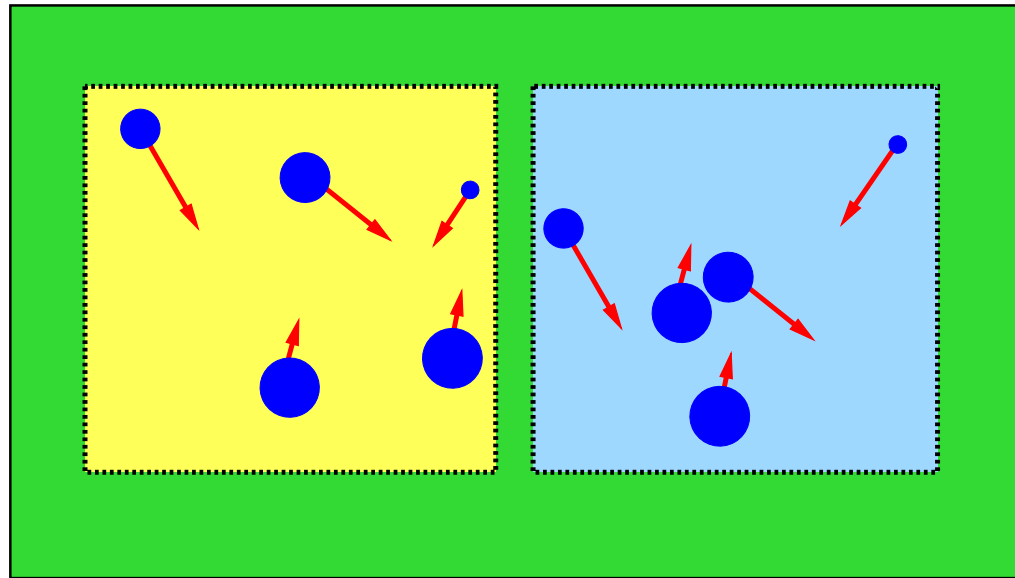


$$\mathcal{E}_{\text{kinetic}} = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{i,j \in \{1,2,\dots,N\}} \frac{M_i M_j}{M_1 + M_2 + \dots + M_N} \|v_i - v_j\|^2.$$

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

Kinetic energy

Kinetic energy is not additive.



Total kinetic energy \neq sum of the parts.

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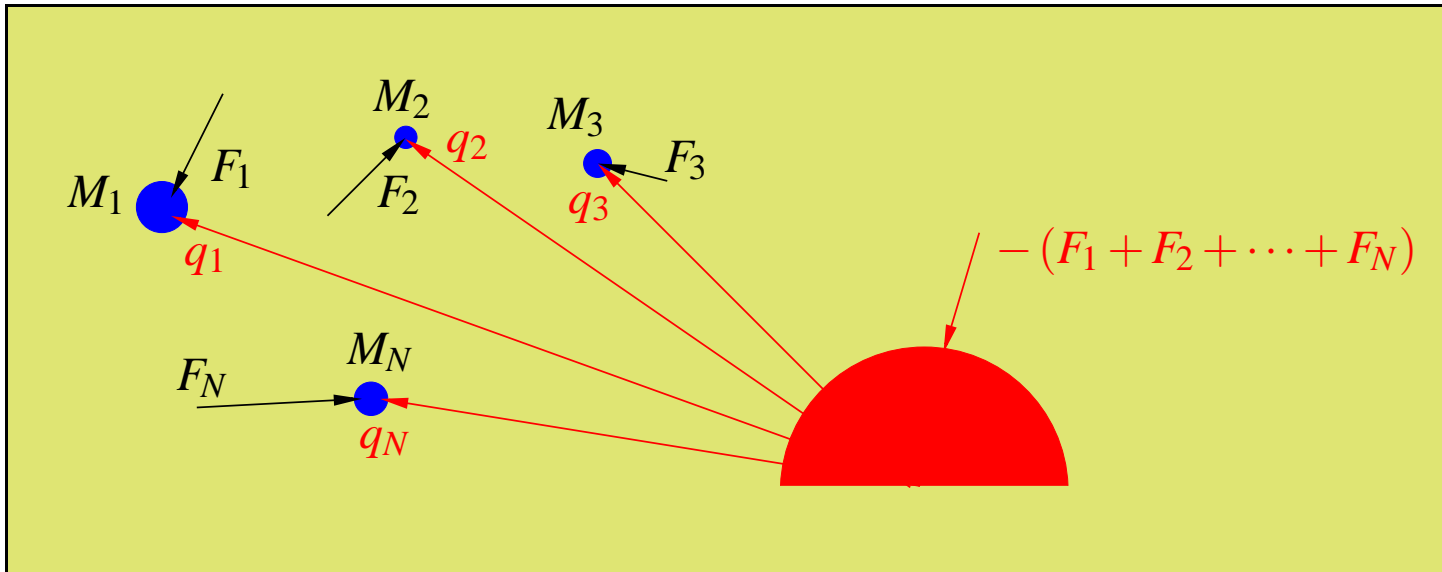
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Distinct from the classical expression of the kinetic energy,

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

Kinetic energy

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

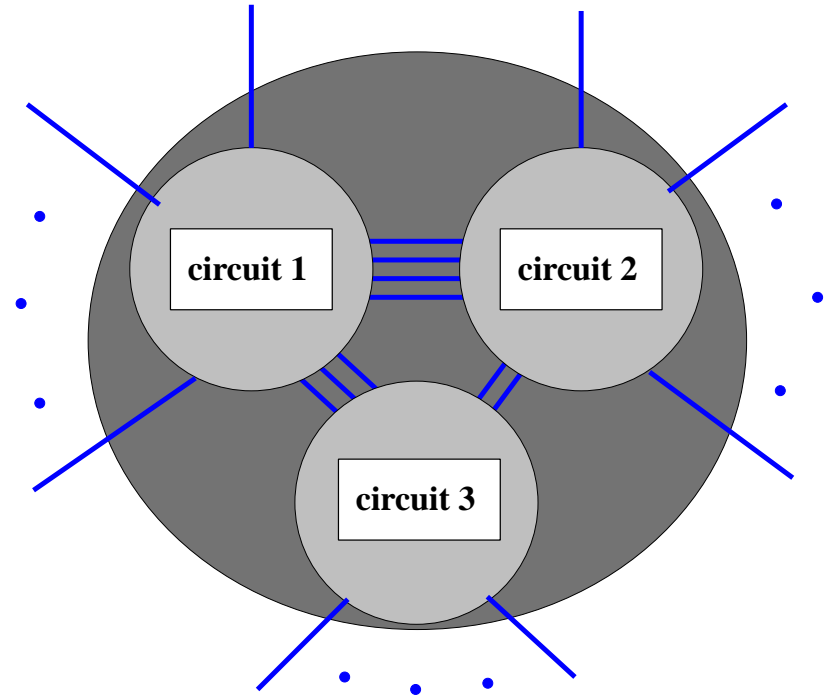
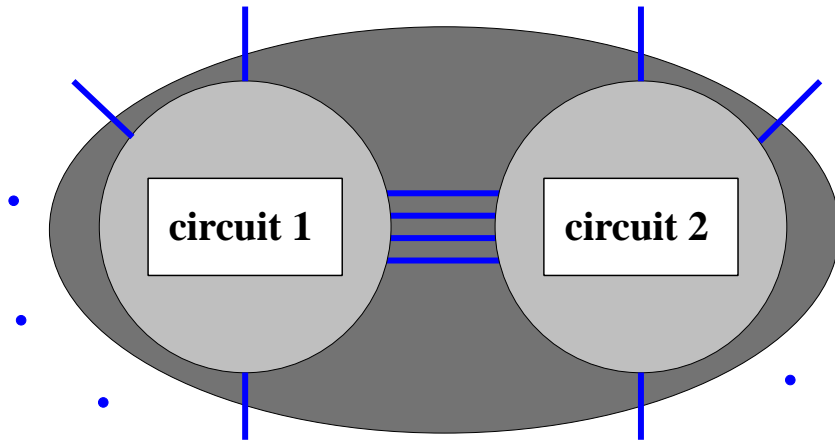


measure velocities w.r.t. this infinite mass, then

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

PORTS and TERMINALS

Energy transfer



One cannot speak about

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

unless the relevant terminals form a port.

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*‘In physical systems, the interaction between subsystems
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The physical basis for theoretical engineering settings, be they

- ▶ **information theory with its binary symmetric channel,**
- ▶ **additive stochastic noise with stochastic signals,**
- ▶ **ARMAX models in system identification,**
- ▶ **input/output partitions for system descriptions and related interconnection ideas,**
- ▶ **N-port circuit theory,**

is lacking, or weak.

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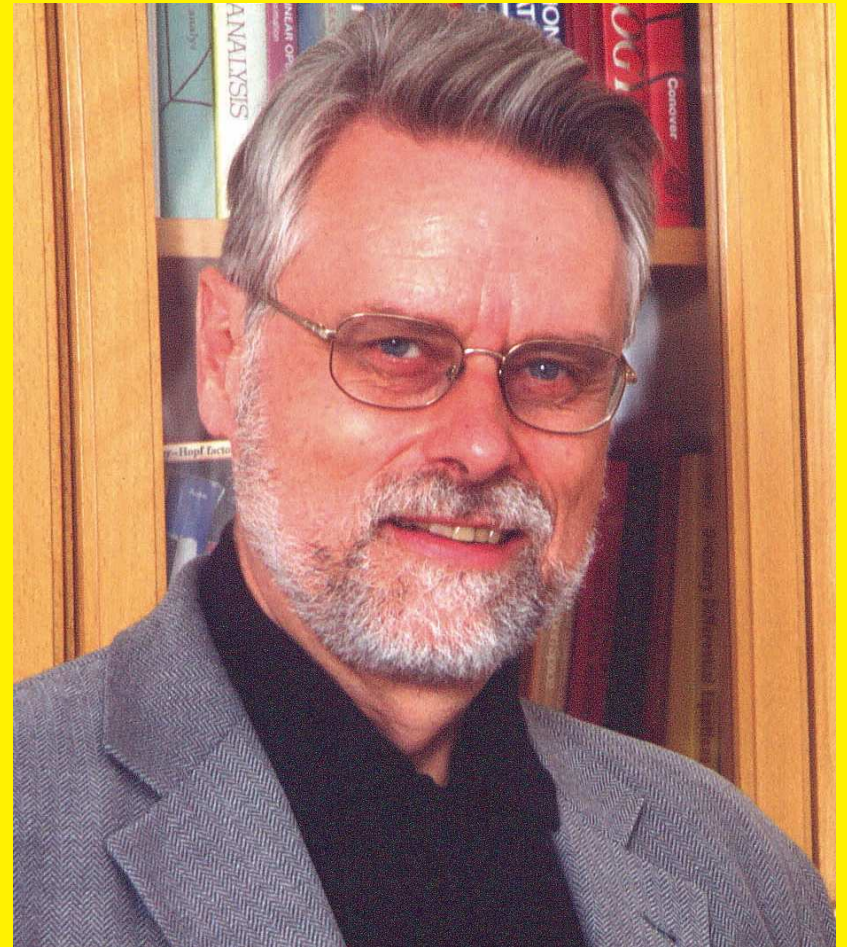
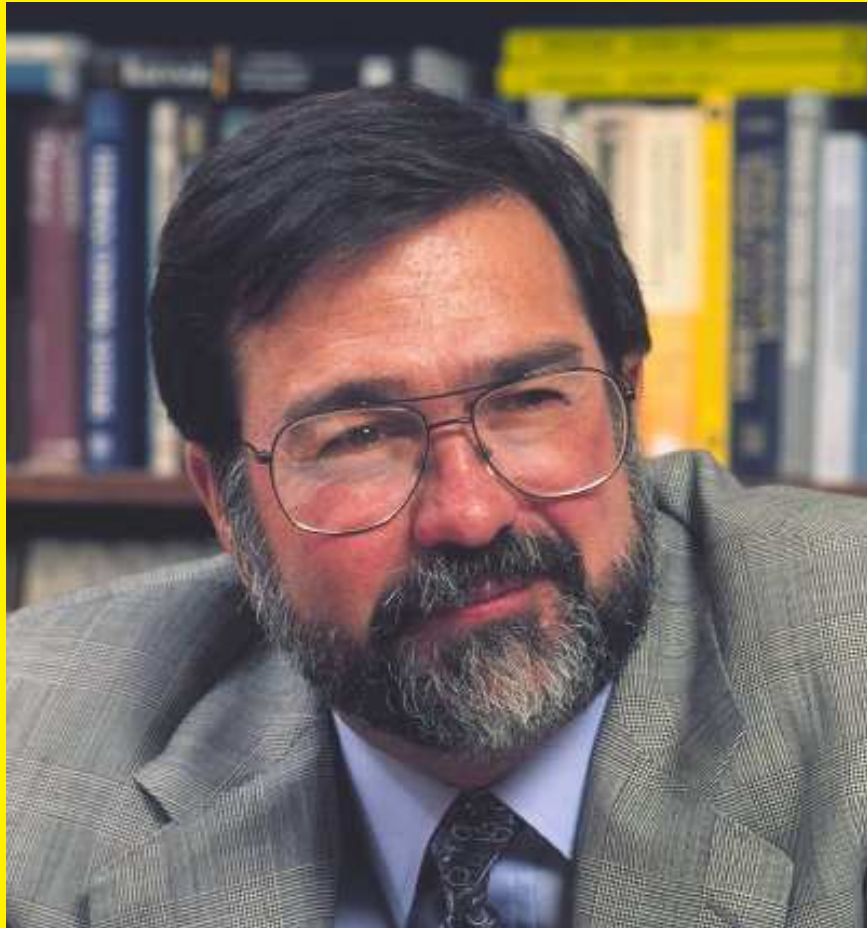
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