

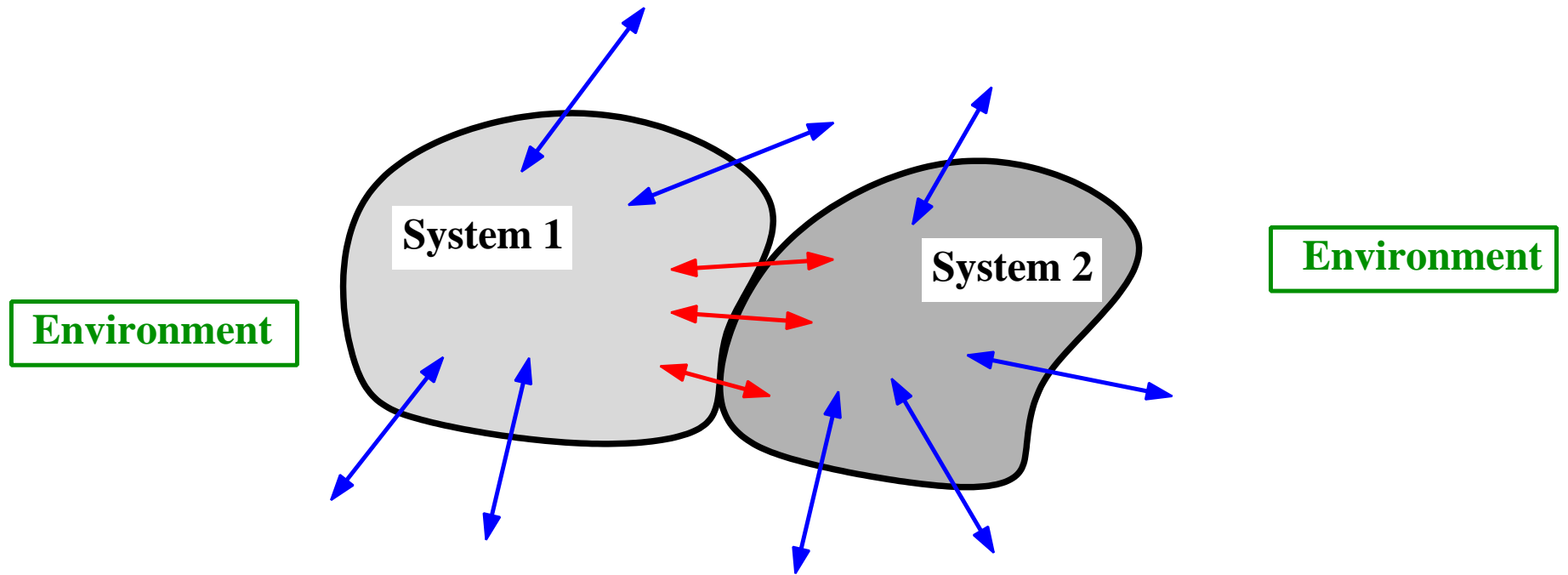


# TERMINALS and PORTS

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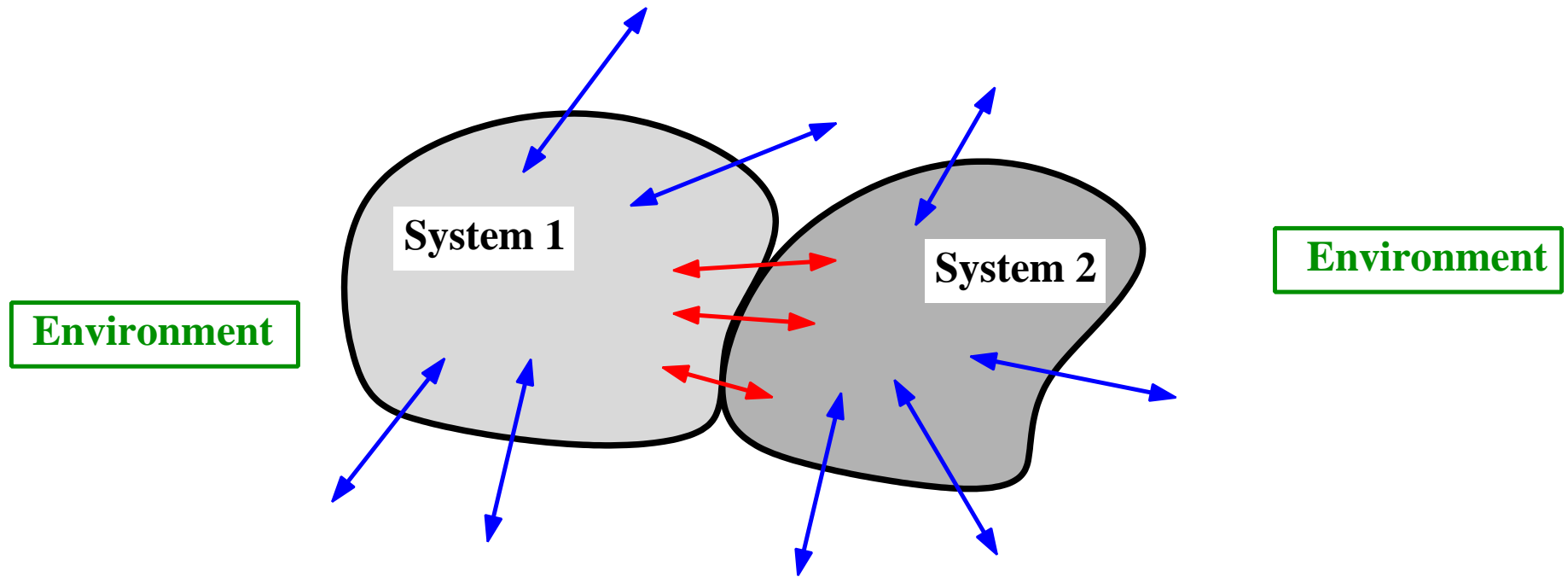
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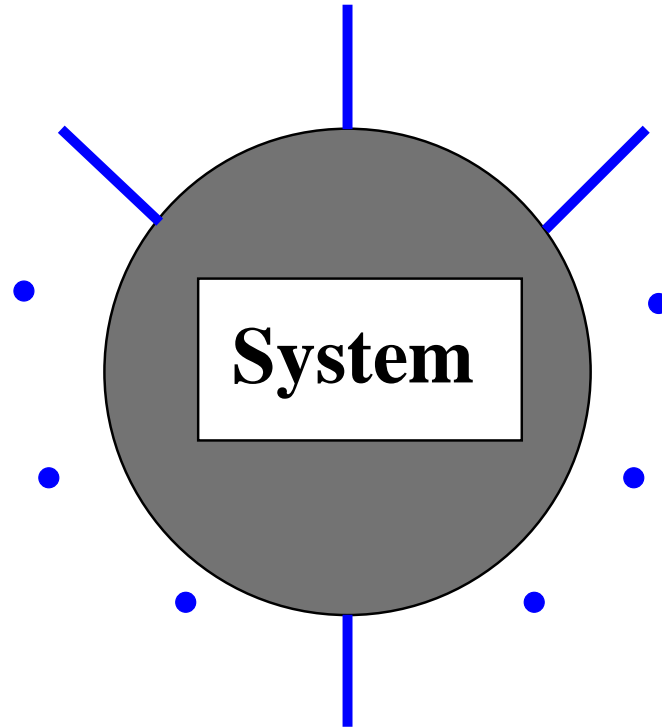
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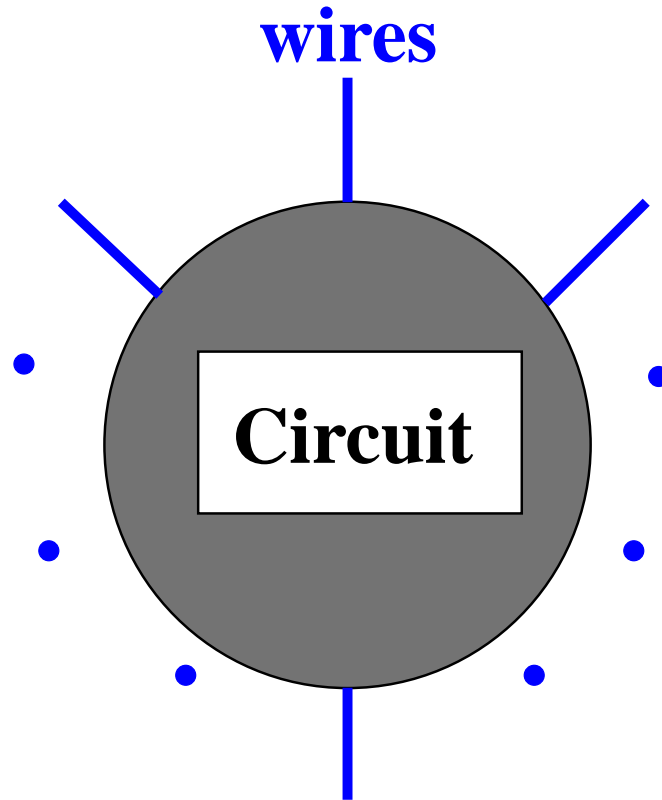
**How is energy transferred between systems?**

**Today: electrical circuits (& mechanical systems).**

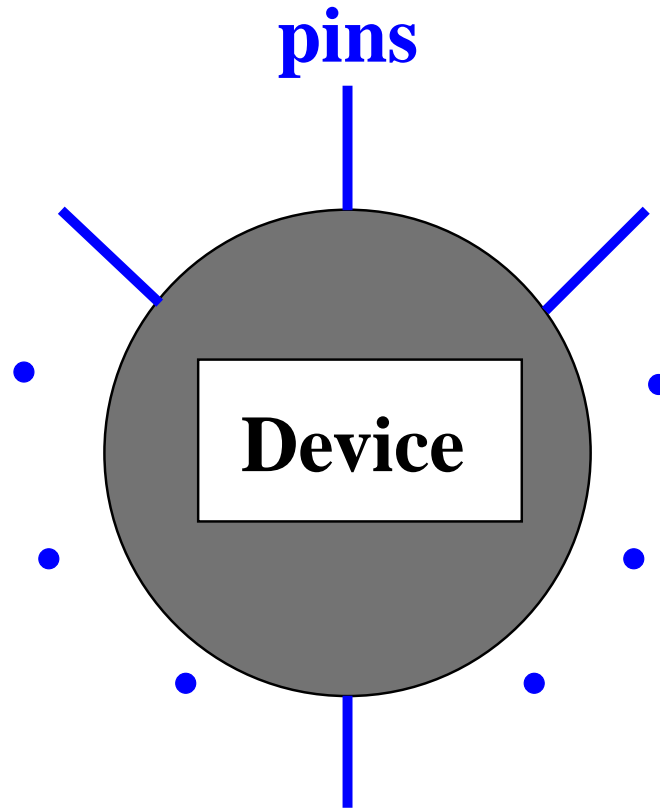
# **Systems with terminals**

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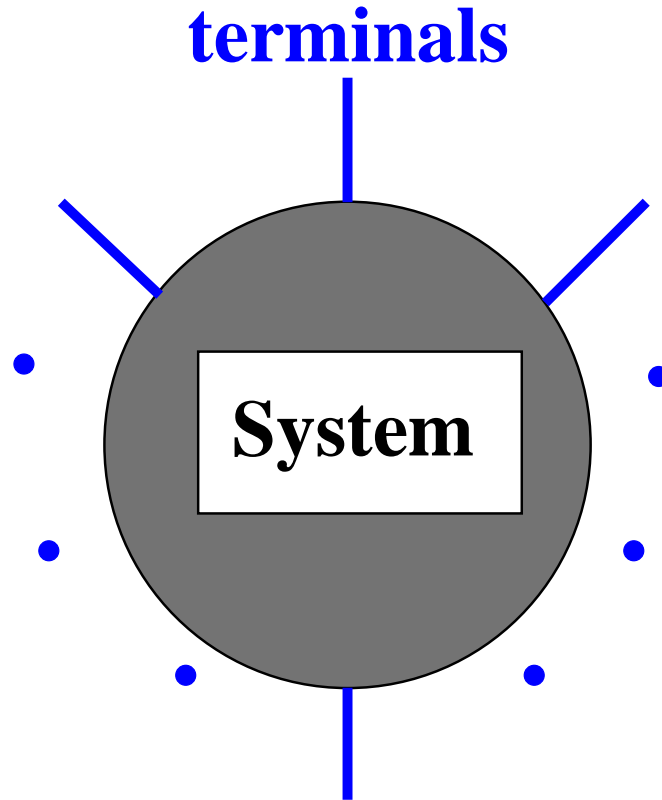




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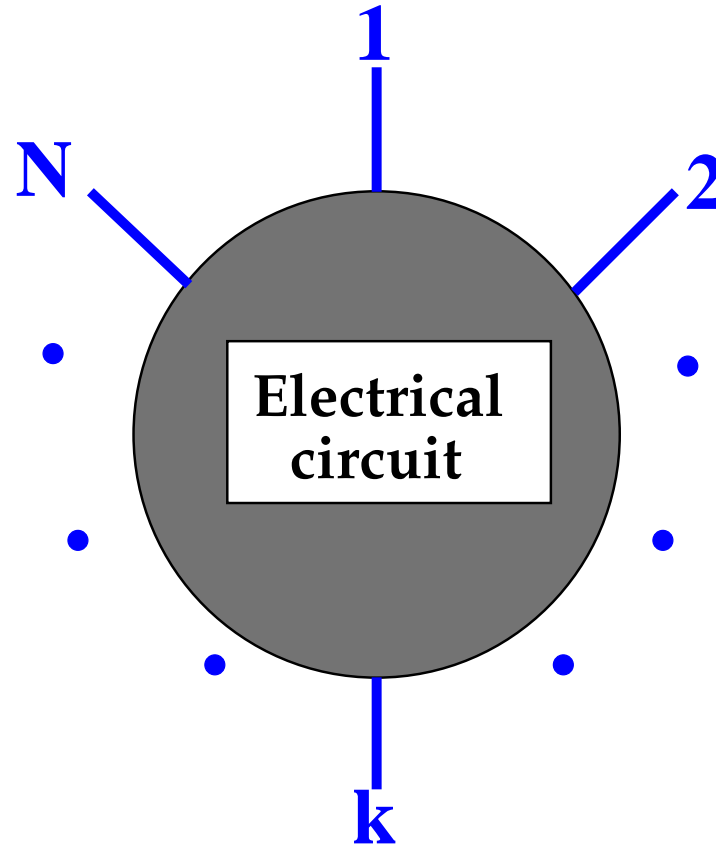


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hydraulics with pipes, heat exchange with ducts, etc.**



# Interaction variables

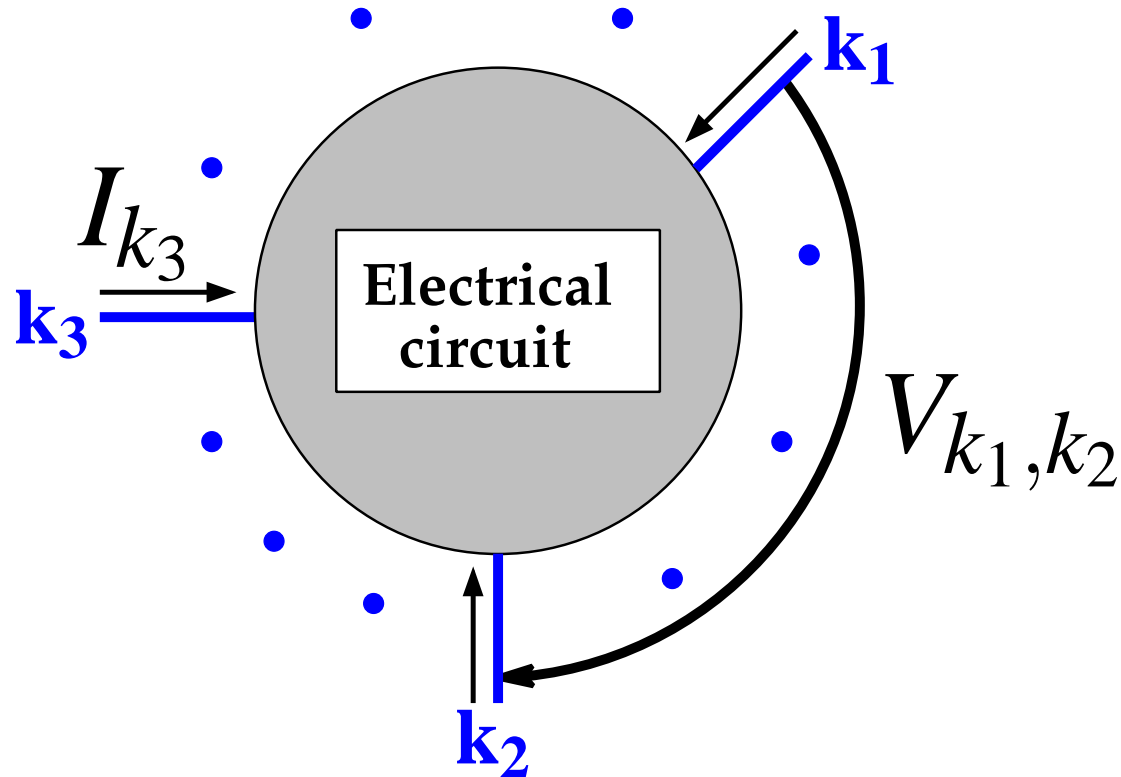
# Electrical circuits



∴ Describe electrical interaction with environment !!

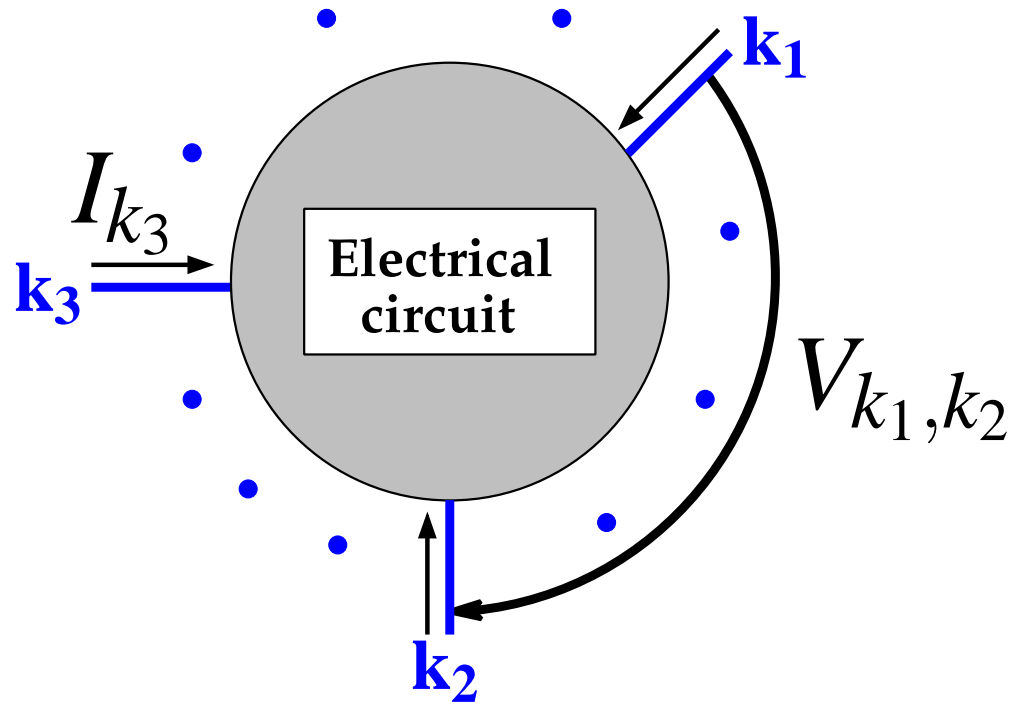
**What are the interaction variables?**

# Currents and voltages



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

**Measurable by ammeters and voltmeters.**



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$$(I_1, I_2, \dots, I_k, \dots, I_N, V_{1,1}, V_{1,2}, \dots, V_{k_1, k_2}, \dots, V_{N,N}) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$$

**is compatible with circuit architecture and element values.**

**Exactly the trajectories  $(I, V) \in \mathcal{B}_{IV}$  can conceivably occur.**

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## ‘Behavioral approach’

$\Leftrightarrow$  a dynamical system = a set of trajectories.

# KVL

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$$\Rightarrow V_{k_1, k_2} = -V_{k_2, k_1} \quad \forall k_1, k_2 \in \{1, 2, \dots, N\}.$$



# Potentials

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

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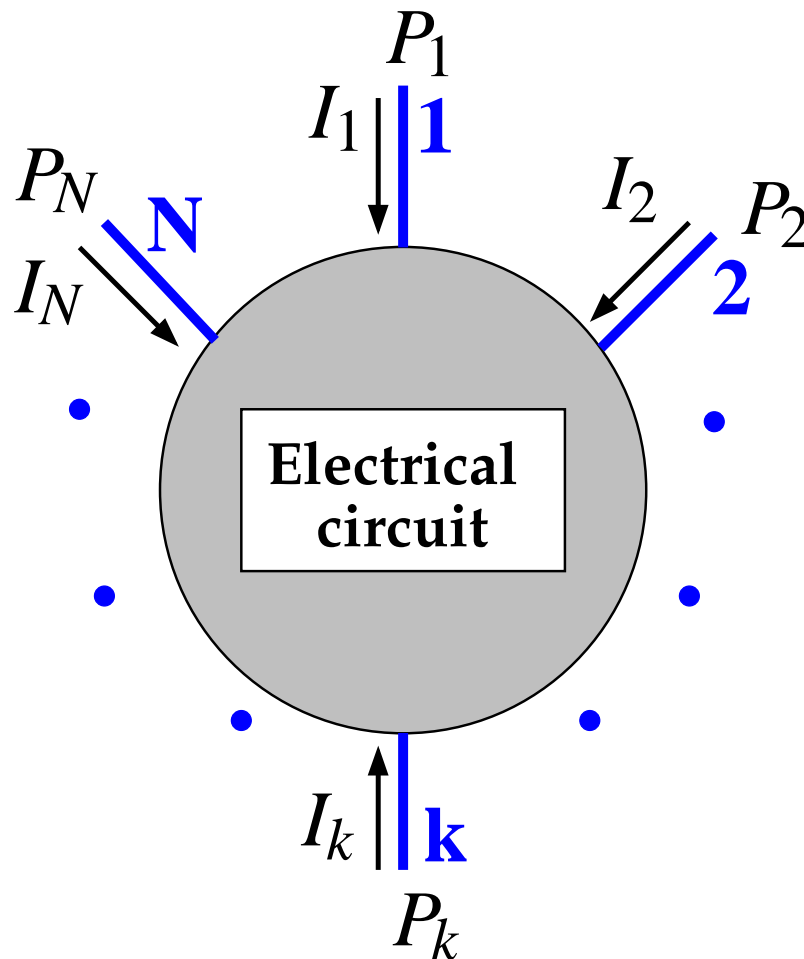
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$$P \text{ 'potential' } \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} P_1 + \alpha \\ P_2 + \alpha \\ \vdots \\ P_N + \alpha \end{bmatrix} \text{ potential } \quad \forall \alpha : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}.$$

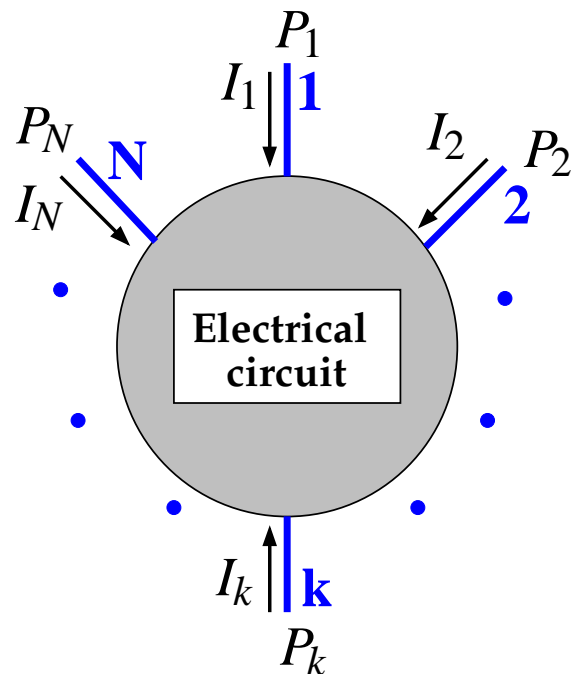
**Potentials 'unobservable' from currents & voltages.**

# Currents and potentials



**KVL**  $\Rightarrow$  at each terminal: a **current** and a **potential**

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**Early sources:**

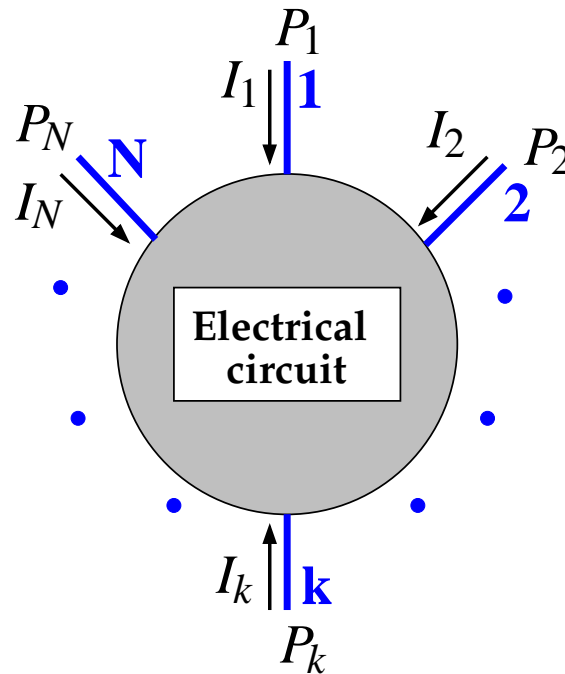


**Brockway McMillan**



**Robert Newcomb**

# KVL for potentials

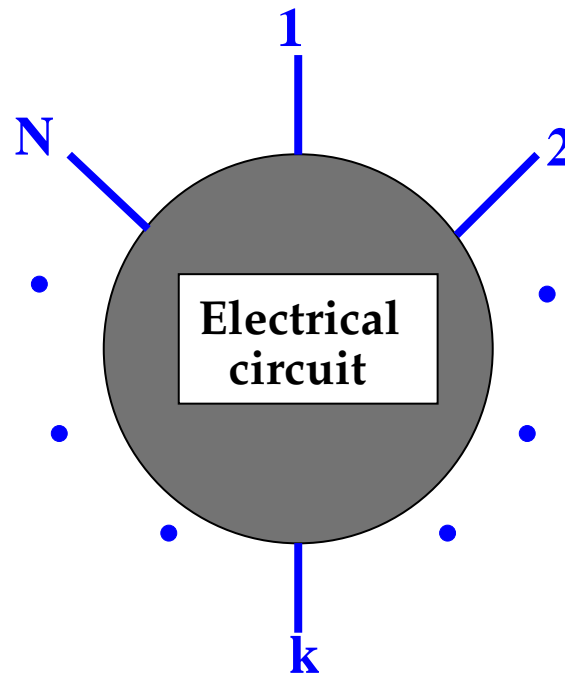


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**Only  $P_{k_1} - P_{k_2}$  appears in the behavioral equations.**

# KCL



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$$\Rightarrow \llbracket I_1 + I_2 + \dots + I_N = 0 \rrbracket.$$

Assuming KVL, (KCL) :

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# Modeling problem

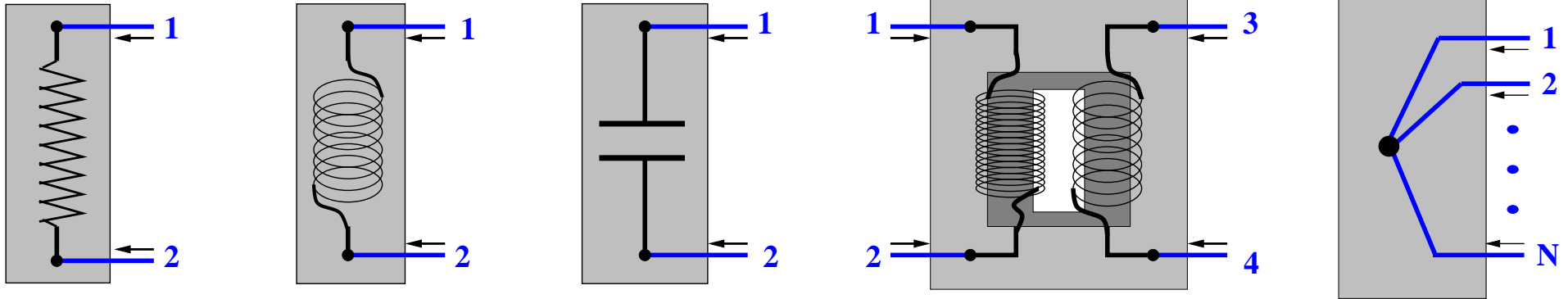
**Given an electrical circuit,  
specify the current/voltage behavior**

$$\mathcal{B}_{IV} \subseteq (\mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R}^{N \times N})^{\mathbb{R}}$$

**or, assuming KVL, the current/potential behavior**

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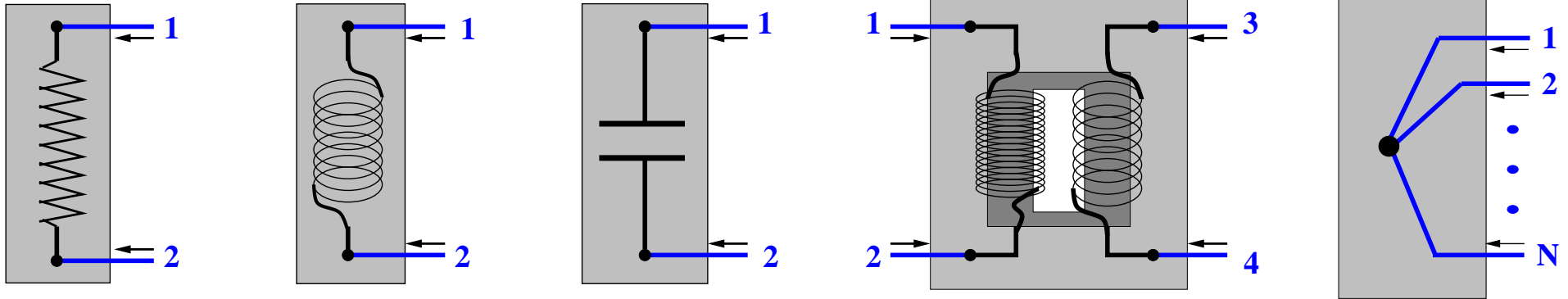
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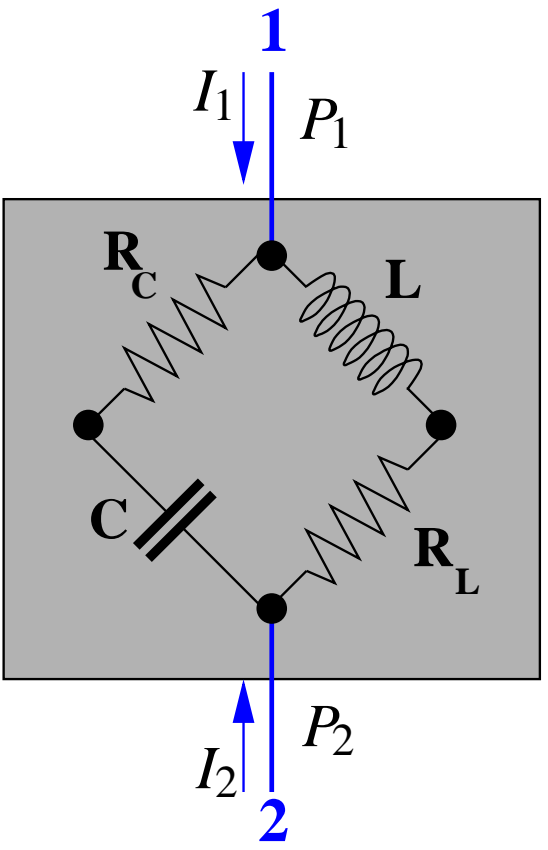
**inductor:**  $P_1 - P_2 = L \frac{d}{dt} I_1, \quad I_1 + I_2 = 0,$

**capacitor:**  $C \frac{d}{dt} (P_1 - P_2) = I_1, \quad I_1 + I_2 = 0,$

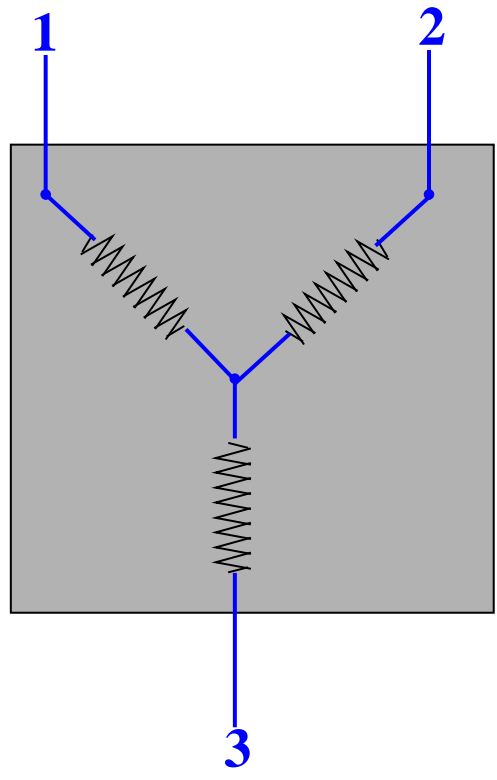
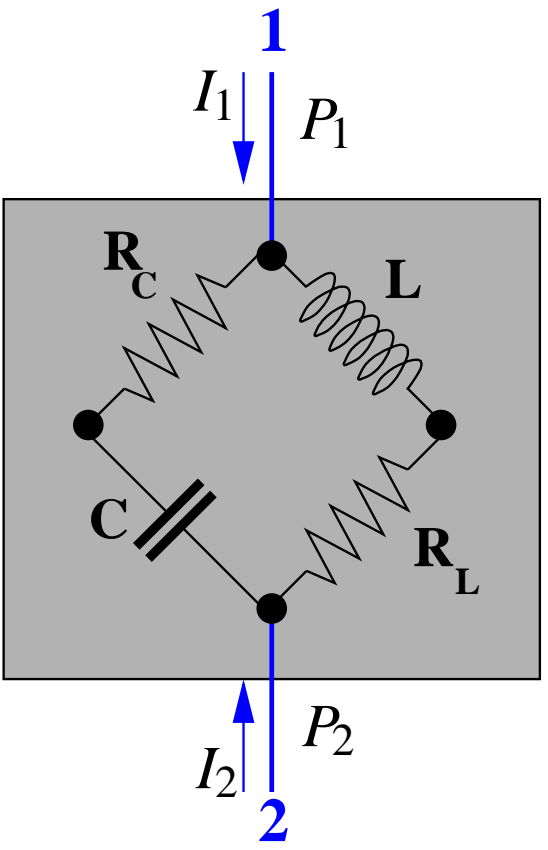
**trafo:**  $P_3 - P_4 = n(P_1 - P_2), \quad I_1 = -nI_3, \quad I_1 + I_2 = 0, \quad I_3 + I_4 = 0,$

**connector:**  $I_1 + I_2 + \dots + I_N = 0, \quad P_1 = P_2 = \dots = P_N.$

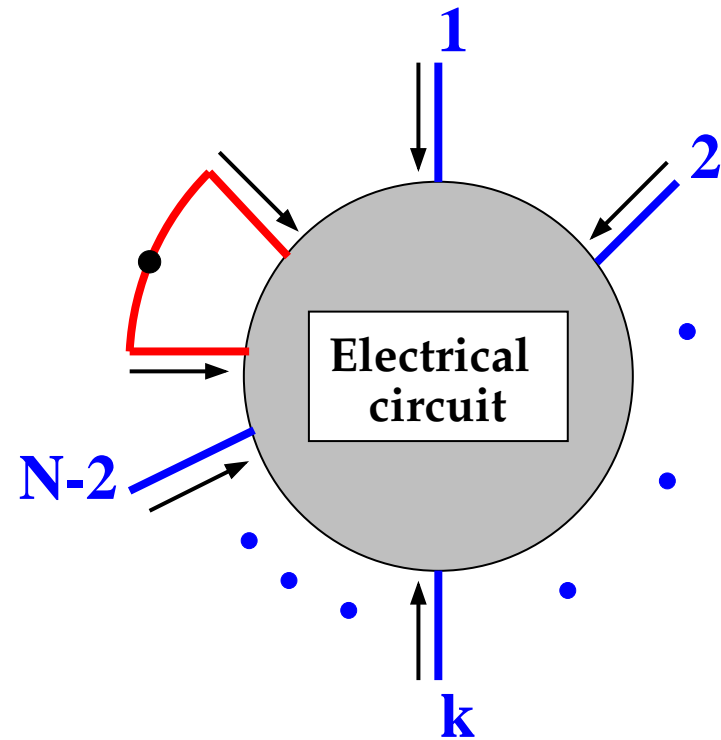
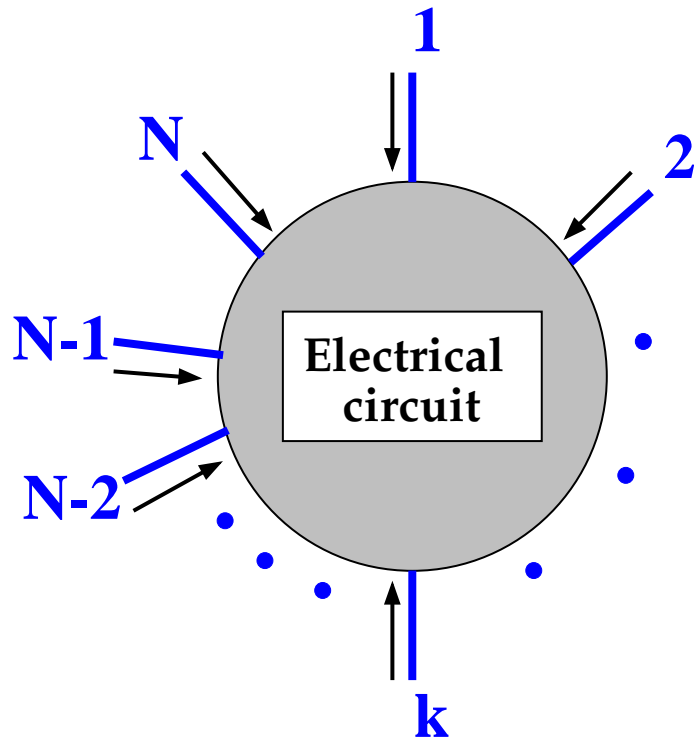
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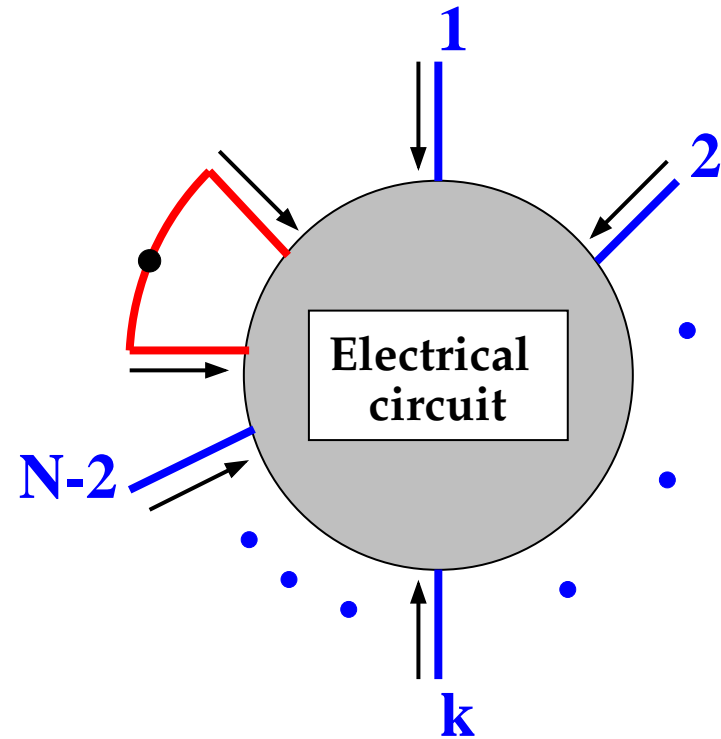
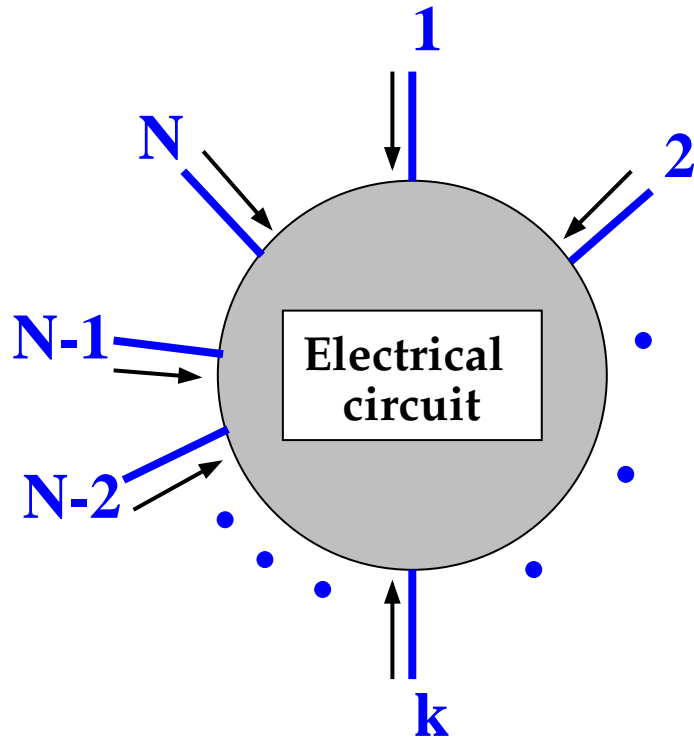
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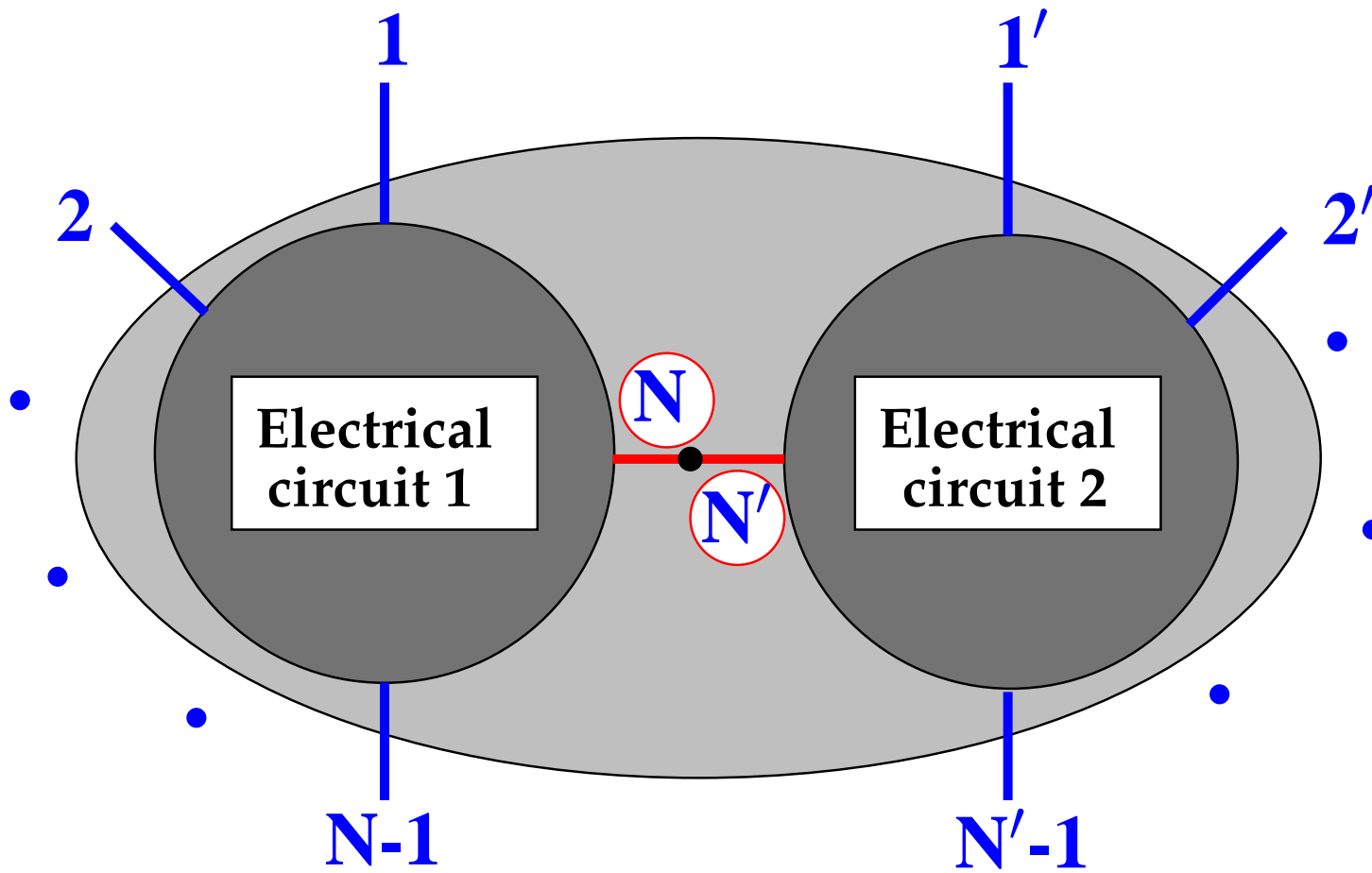
$$V_{N-1,k} = V_{N,k} \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, N \quad \text{and} \quad I_{N-1} + I_N = 0.$$

**$\rightsquigarrow N - 2$  terminals. Preserves KVL and KCL.**



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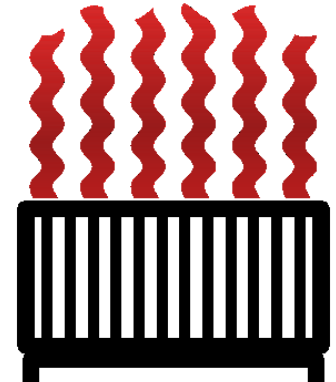
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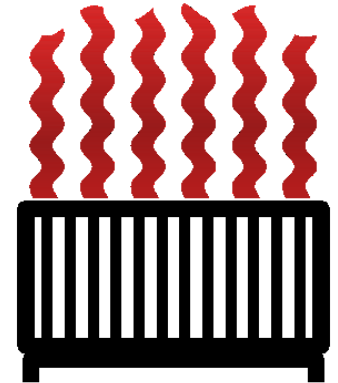
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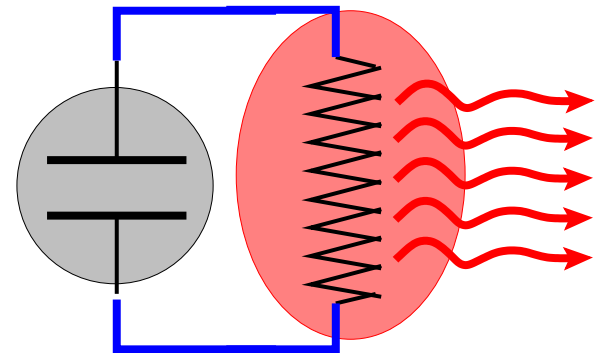
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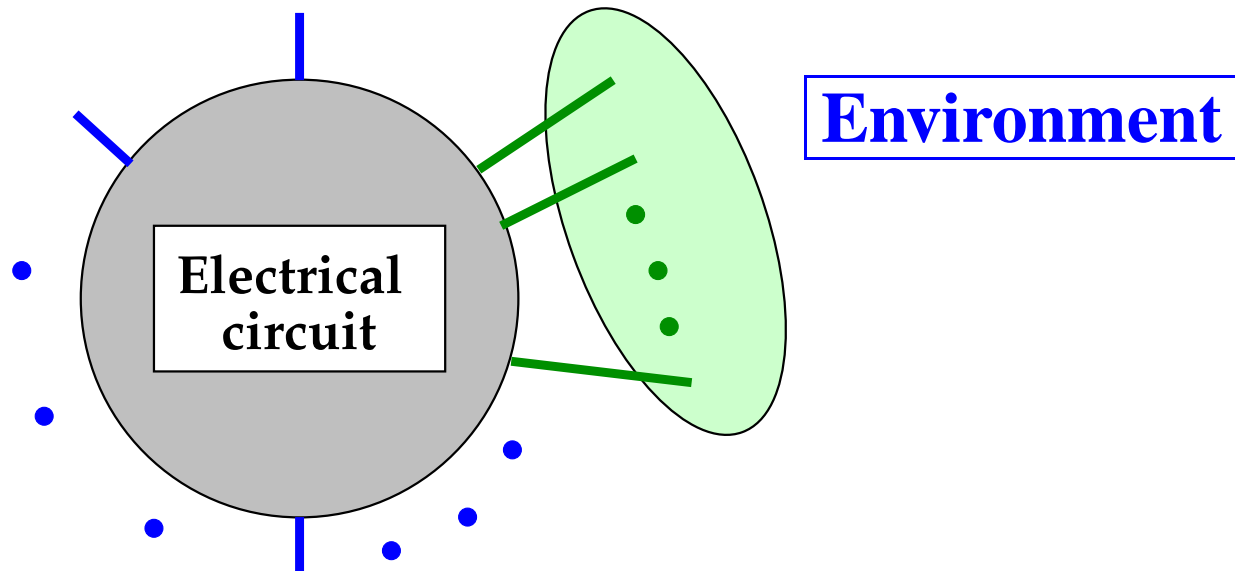
**For example, capacitor  $\mapsto$  resistor  $\mapsto$  heat.**

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



# Electrical ports

# Energy transfer

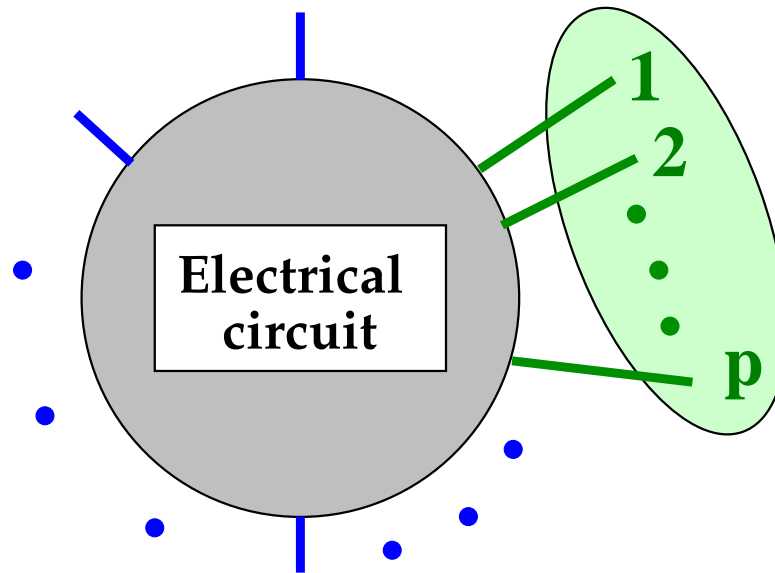


**Monitor the current/potential on a set of terminals.**

**Can we speak about *the energy transferred from the environment to the circuit along these terminals?***

# Ports

Assume KVL.



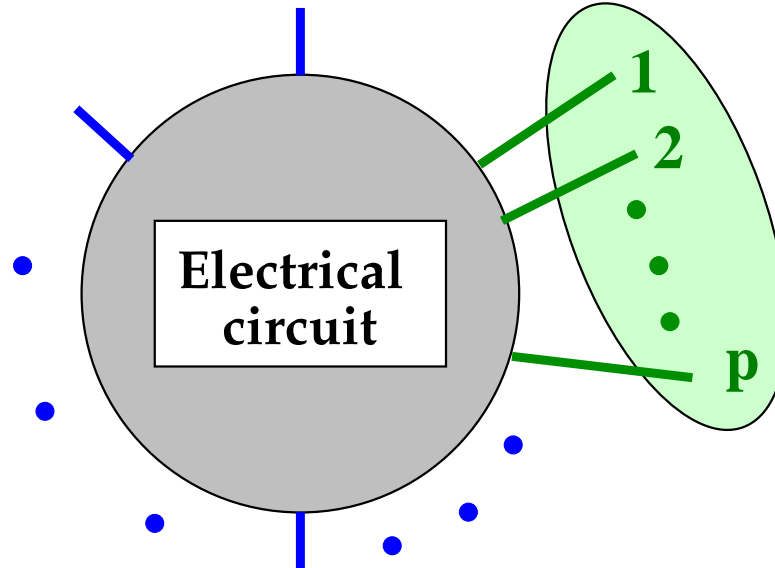
Terminals  $\{1, 2, \dots, p\}$  form a **port**  $:\Leftrightarrow$

$$\llbracket (I_1, \dots, I_p, I_{p+1}, \dots, I_N, P_1, \dots, P_p, P_{p+1}, \dots, P_N) \in \mathcal{B}_{IP} \rrbracket$$

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

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

# Ports



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

$$\text{power in} = P_1(t)I_1(t) + P_2(t)I_2(t) + \dots + P_p(t)I_p(t)$$

$$\text{energy in} = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} [P_1(t)I_1(t) + P_2(t)I_2(t) + \dots + P_p(t)I_p(t)] dt$$

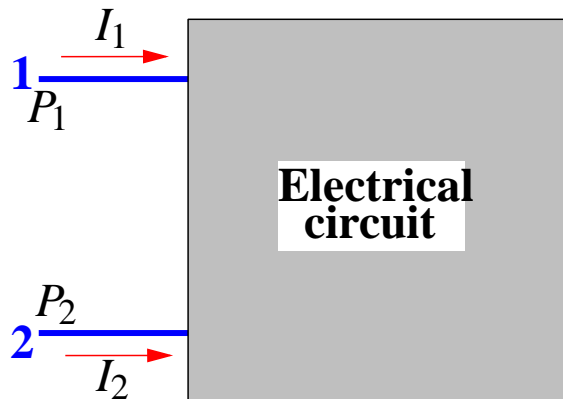
This interpretation in terms of power and energy is not valid  
**unless these terminals form a port !**

# Examples

## 2-terminal 1-port devices:

resistors, inductors, capacitors, memristors, etc.,

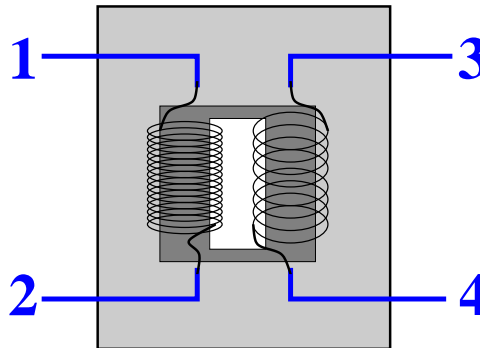
any 2-terminal circuit composed of these.



**KCL  $\Rightarrow$  a port ( $I_1 = -I_2$ ).**

# Example

2-port: a transformer.

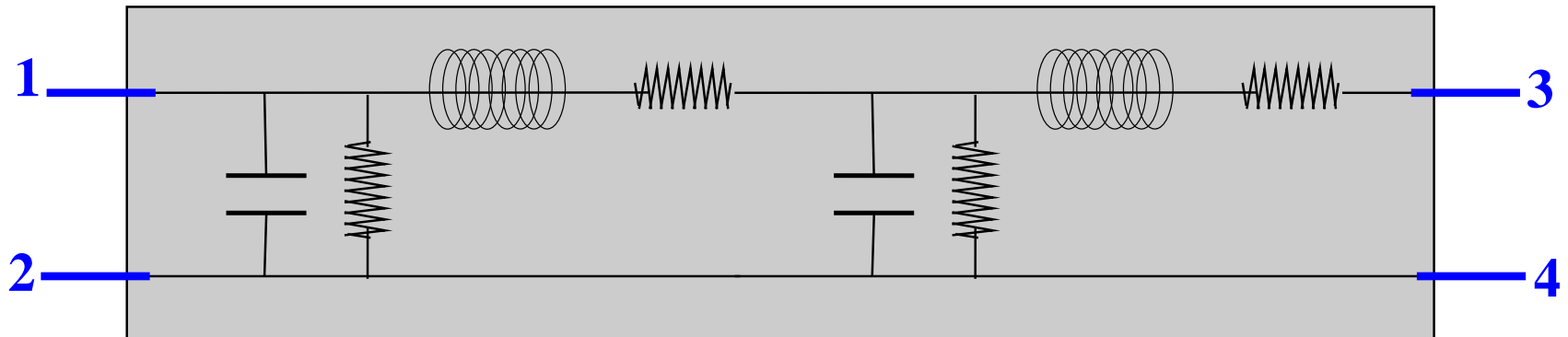


$$P_3 - P_4 = n(P_1 - P_2), I_1 = -nI_3, I_1 + I_2 = 0, I_3 + I_4 = 0.$$

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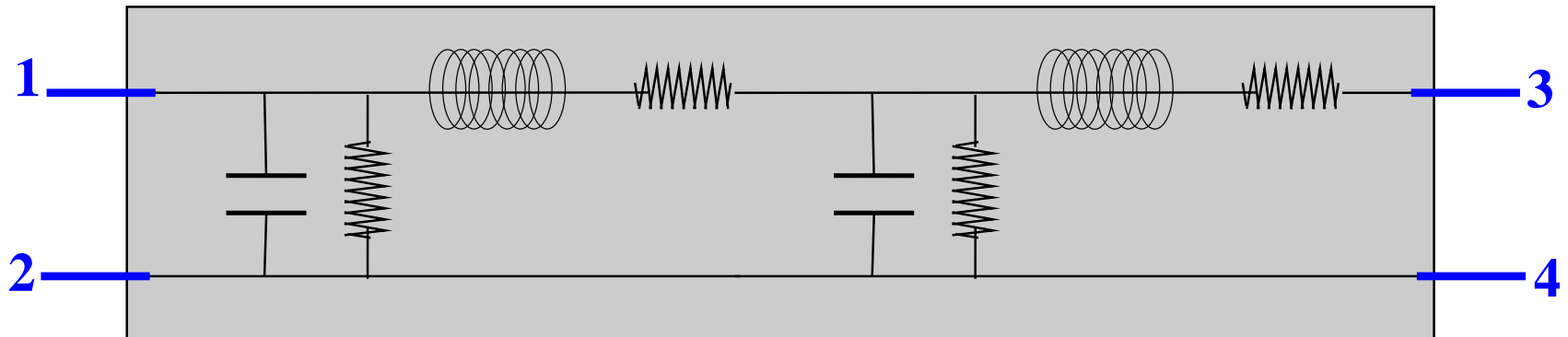
**Terminals  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  form a port.**

**$\{1, 2\}$  and  $\{3, 4\}$  do not.**

**We cannot speak about**

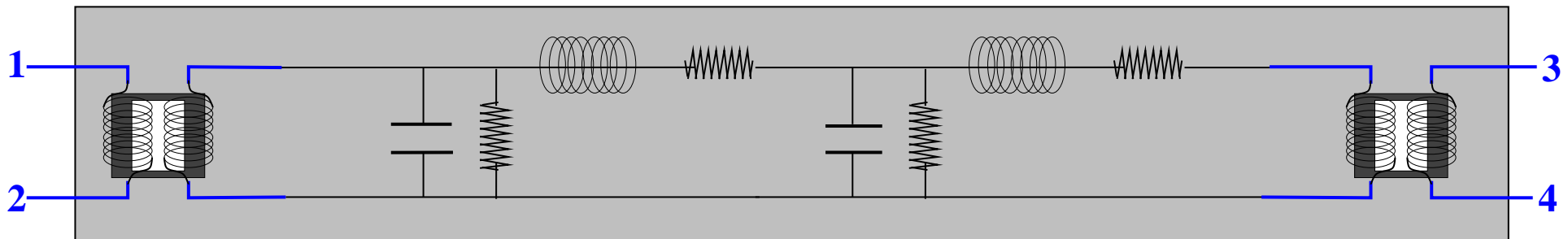
*the energy transferred from terminals  $\{1, 2\}$  to  $\{3, 4\}$ .*

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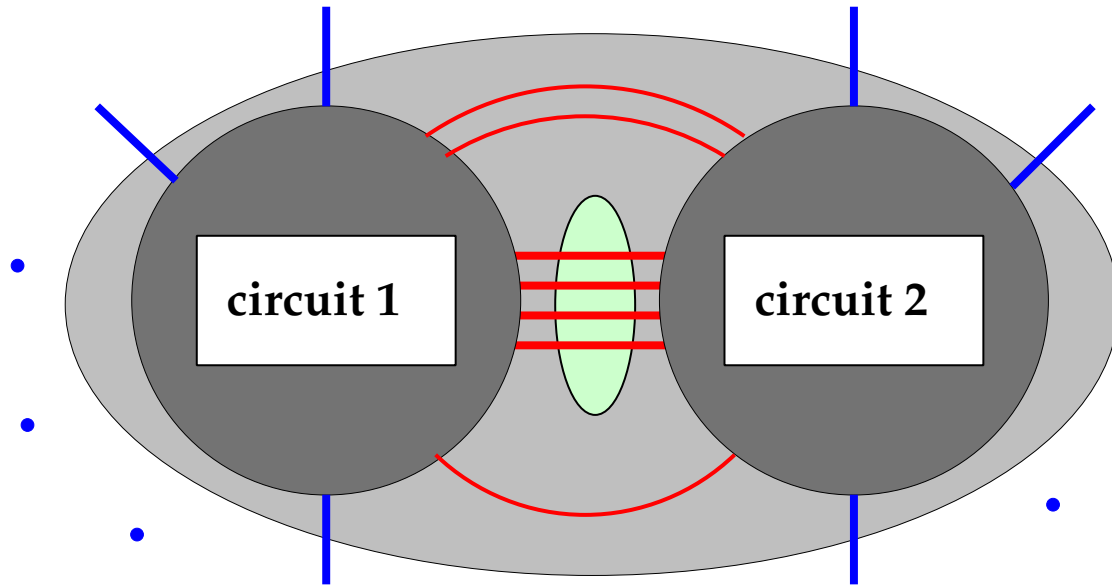
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# Energy transfer between circuits

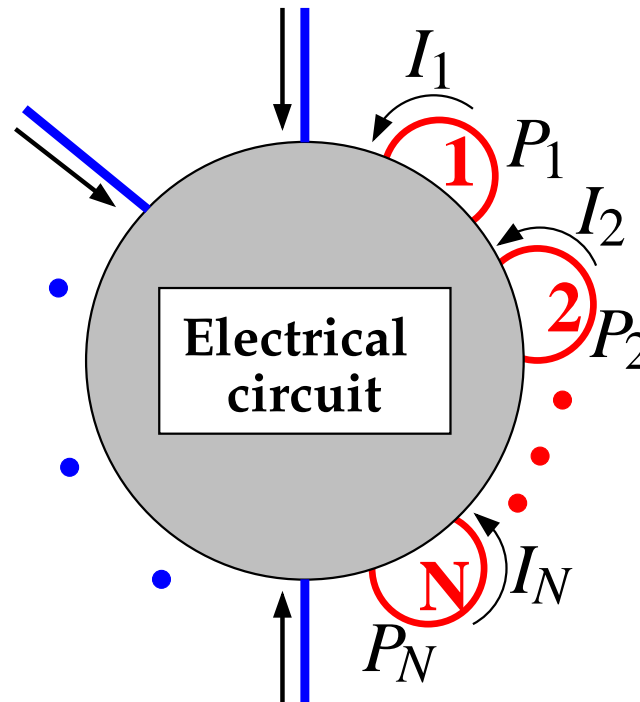


**Assume that we monitor the current/potential on a set of terminals between circuits or within a circuit.**

**Can we speak about**

***the energy transferred along these terminals?***

# Internal ports



Terminals  $\{1, 2, \dots, N\}$  form an **internal port**  $:\Leftrightarrow$

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

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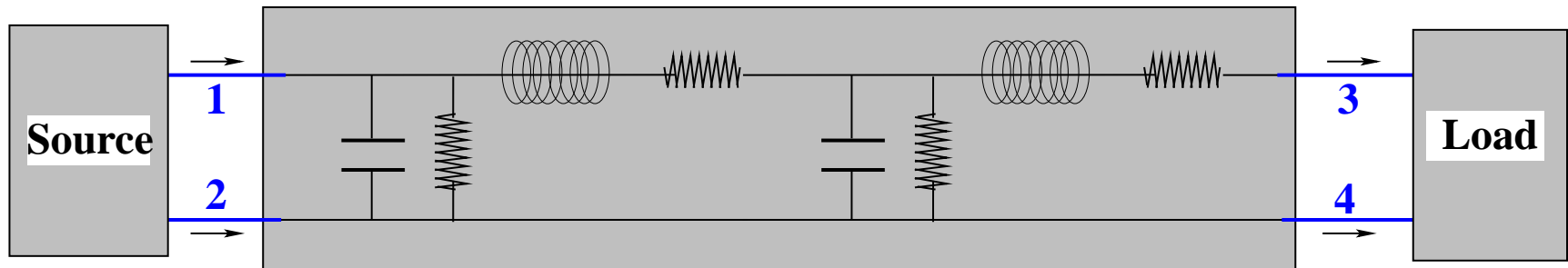
**Flow through the terminals *from one side to the other* in the direction of the arrows:**

$$\text{power} = I_1(t)P_1(t) + I_2(t)P_2(t) + \cdots + I_N(t)P_N(t)$$

$$\text{energy} = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} [I_1(t)P_1(t) + I_2(t)P_2(t) + \cdots + I_N(t)P_N(t)] dt$$

**This physical interpretation of power and energy is valid only if the terminals form an internal port.**

# Example



**The source and the load are 2-terminal 1-ports  
⇒ terminals  $\{1, 2\}$  and  $\{3, 4\}$  form internal ports.**

**Therefore, we can speak of**

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

**Energy is NOT an 'extensive' quantity**

# Interconnection versus energy transfer

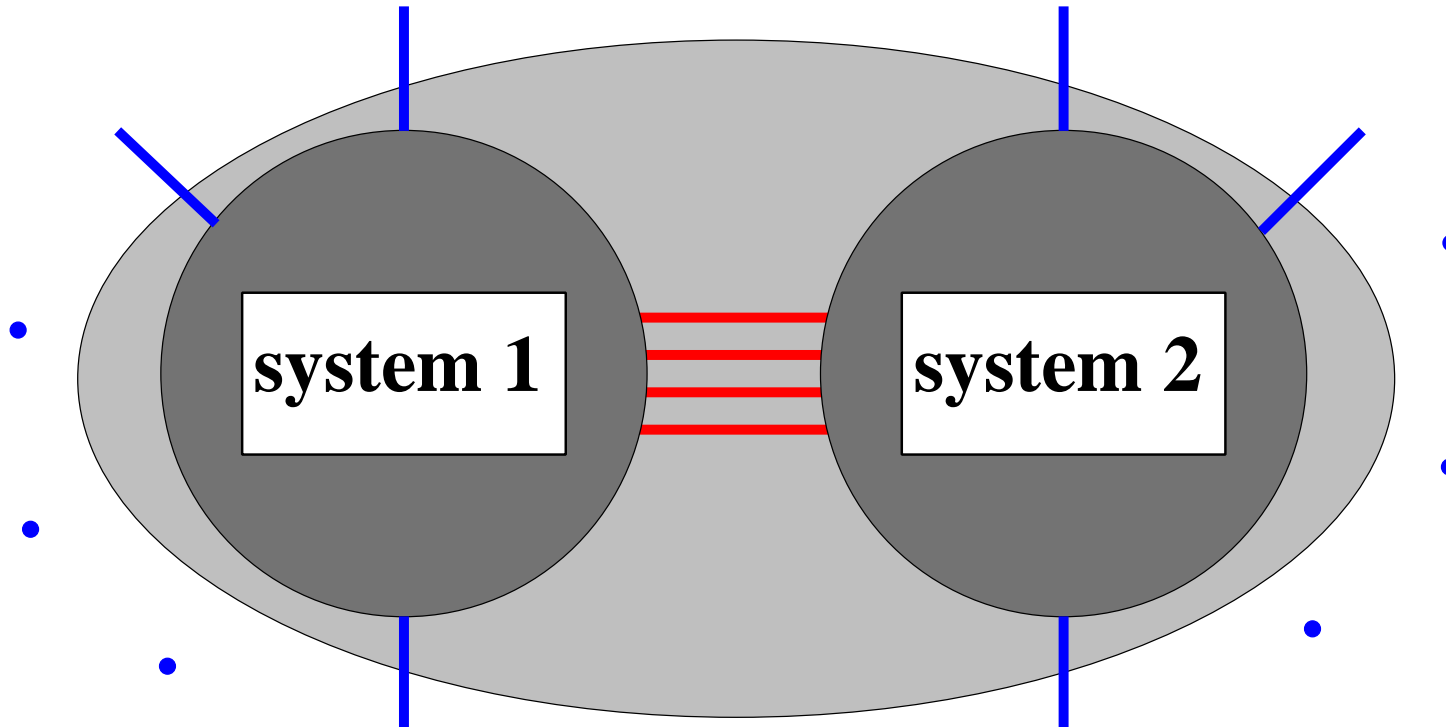
**Terminals are for interconnection.**

**Ports are for energy transfer.**

**A ‘port’ is a set of terminals with a special property  
(Kirchhoff’s port current law).**



# Energy transfer



**One cannot speak about**

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

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

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

# Are ports common?

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

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

**Then**

**the only port is the one consisting of all the terminals.**

# Port KVL

$$\llbracket (I_1, \dots, I_p, I_{p+1}, \dots, I_N, P_1, \dots, P_p, P_{p+1}, \dots, P_N, ) \in \mathcal{B}_{IP}, \alpha : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \rrbracket$$

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*‘port KVL’*

**Only  $P_k - P_\ell$  for  $k, \ell = 1, 2, \dots, p$  and**

**$P_{k'} - P_{\ell'}$  for  $k', \ell' = p + 1, p + 2, \dots, N$**

**enter behavioral equations.**

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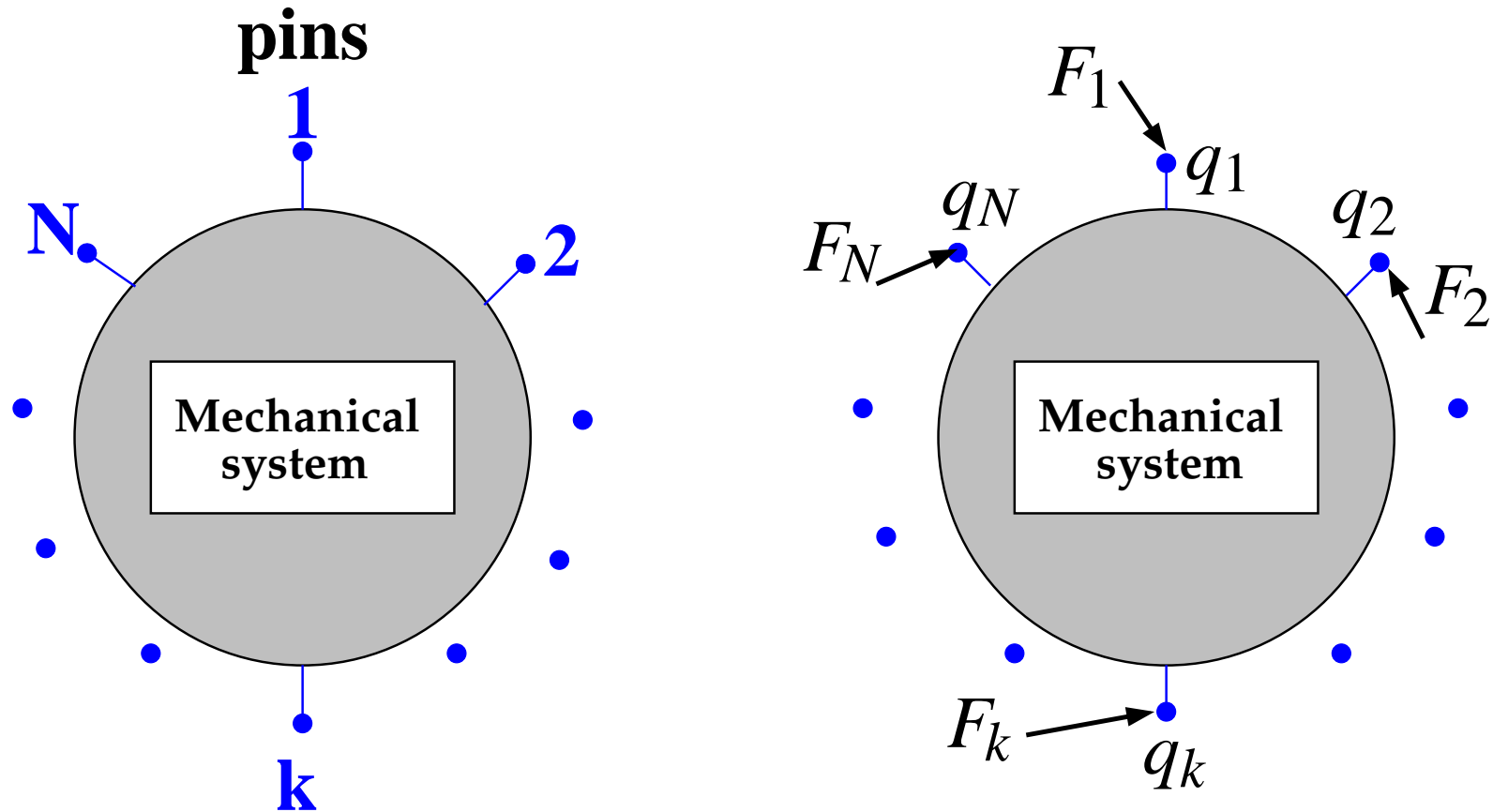
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**For linear passive controllable circuits, there holds**

**port KVL  $\Leftrightarrow$  port KCL.**

# **Mechanical systems**

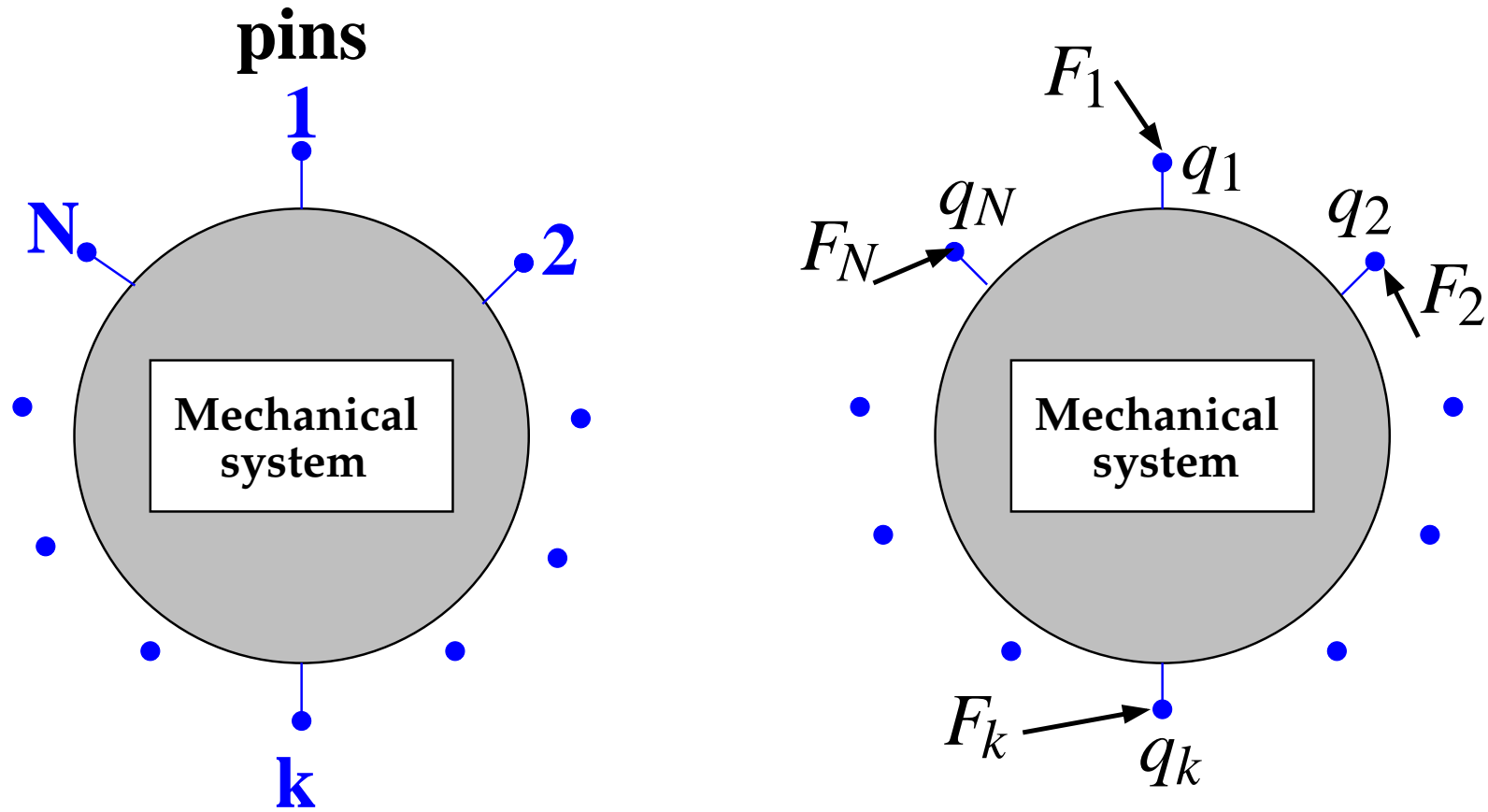
# The behavior



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

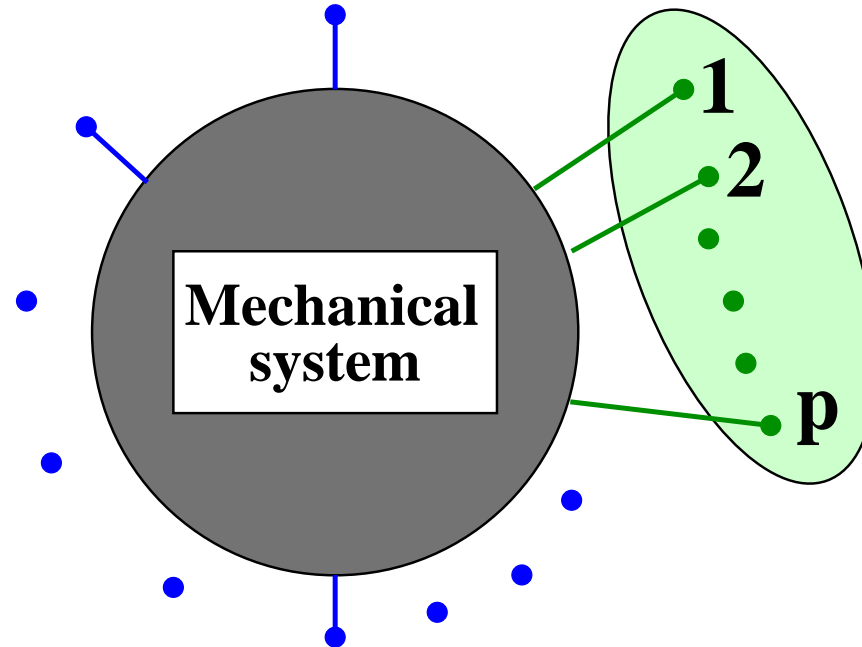
$$\rightsquigarrow (q, F) \in \mathcal{B}_{qF}.$$

# The behavior



What are the analogues of KVL, KCL, of port?

# Mechanical ports



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

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

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



# Power and energy

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

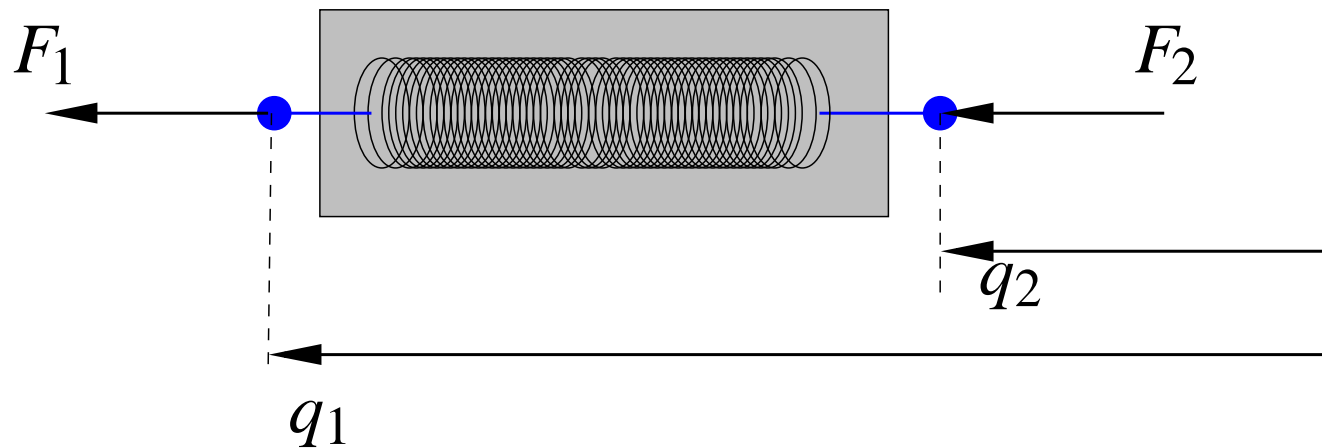
$$\text{power in} = F_1(t)^\top \frac{d}{dt} q_1(t) + \dots + F_p(t)^\top \frac{d}{dt} q_p(t),$$

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

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

# Examples

## Spring

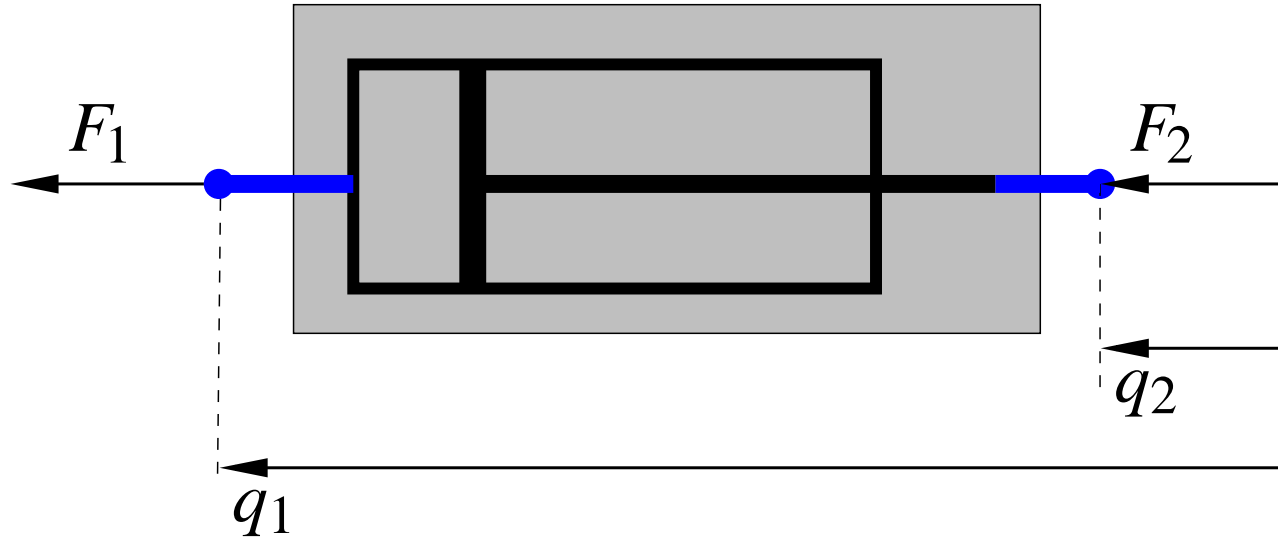


$$F_1 + F_2 = 0, \quad K(q_1 - q_2) = F_1,$$

**a port.**

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## Damper

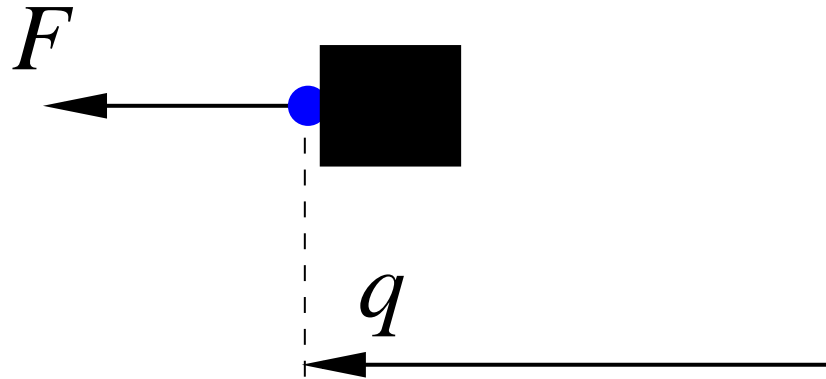


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**Springs and dampers, and the interconnection of springs and dampers are ports.**

# Examples

## Mass

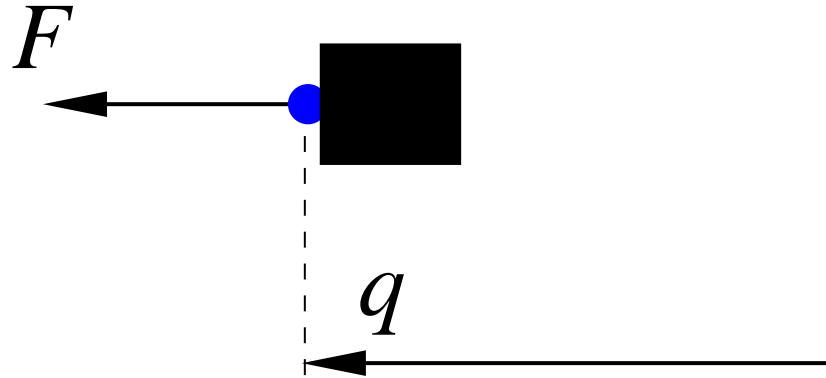


$$M \frac{d^2}{dt^2} q = F.$$

**Not a port!!!**

# Motion energy

# Back to the mass

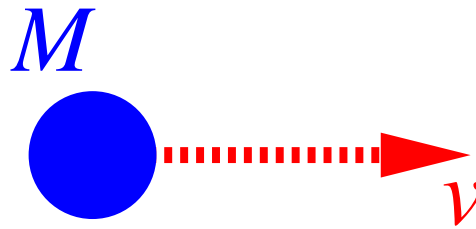


$$M \frac{d^2}{dt^2} q = F \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{d}{dt} \frac{1}{2} M \left\| \frac{d}{dt} q \right\|^2 = F^\top \frac{d}{dt} q$$

Since  $F^\top \frac{d}{dt} q$  is not power,

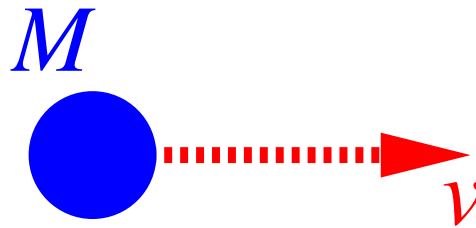
is  $\frac{1}{2} M \left\| \frac{d}{dt} q \right\|^2$  not stored (kinetic, motion) energy ???

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



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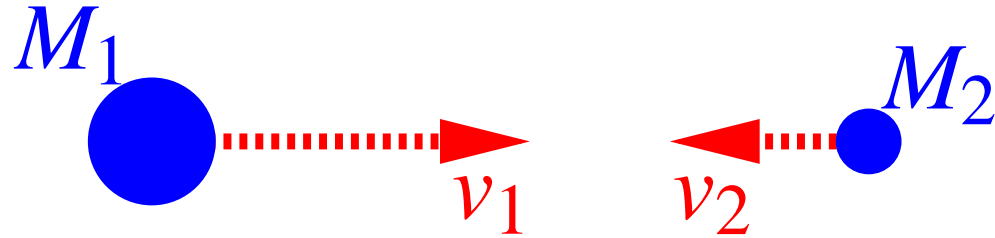


Émilie du Châtelet  
1706–1749

**Not invariant under uniform motion.**



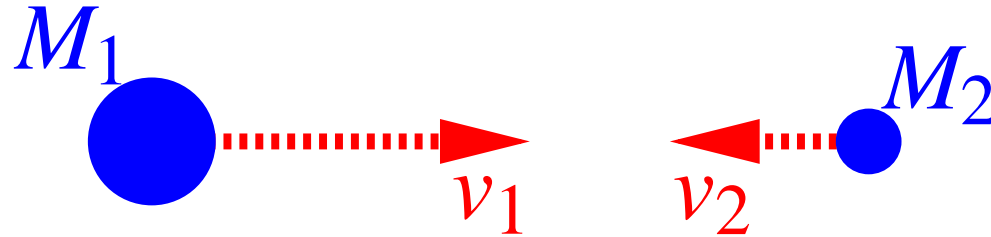
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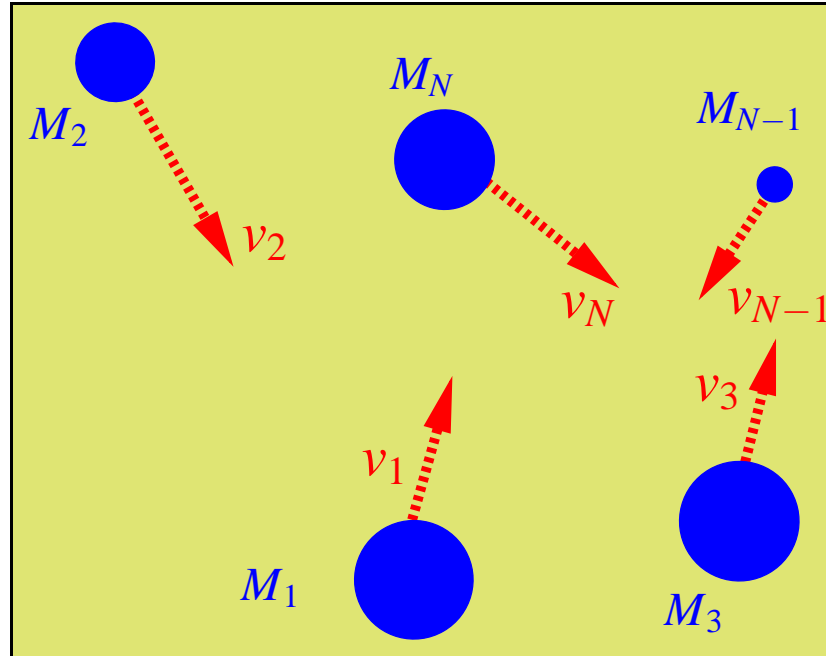
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$$\mathcal{E}_{\text{motion}} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{M_1 M_2}{M_1 + M_2} \|v_1 - v_2\|^2$$

**Invariant under uniform motion.**

# Motion energy

Generalization to  $N$  masses.

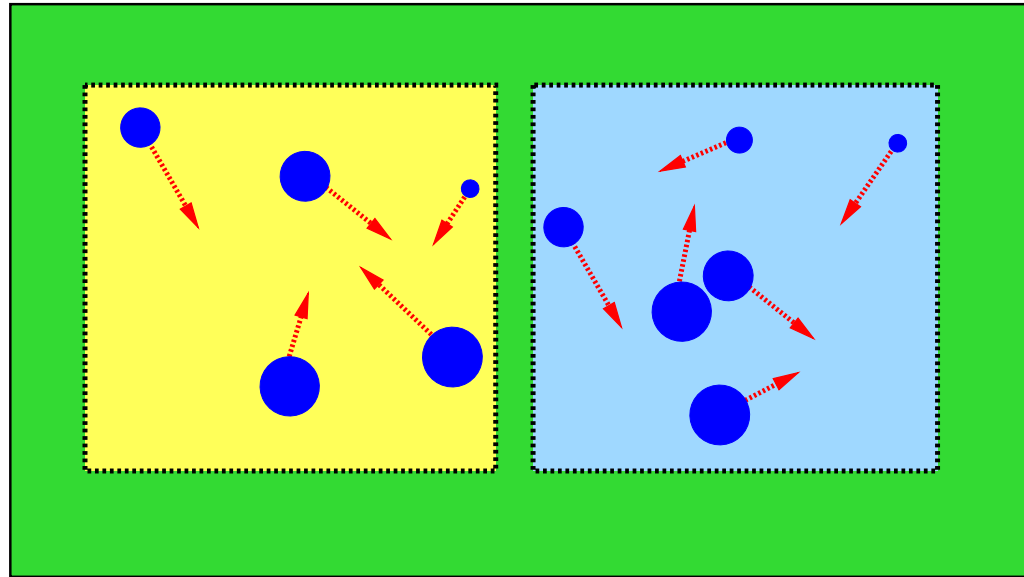


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$$\text{KFL} \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{E}_{\text{motion}} = \sum_{i \in \{1,2,\dots,N\}} F_i^\top v_i.$$

# Motion energy

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



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

# Motion energy

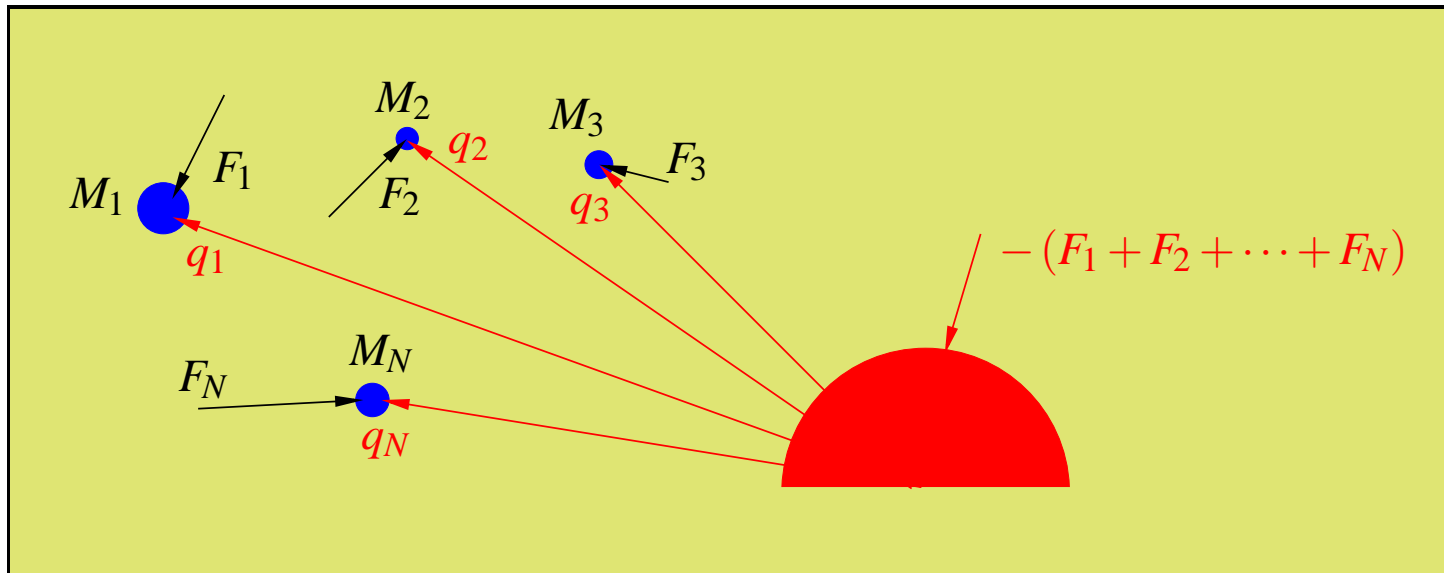
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**Distinct from the classical expression of the kinetic energy,**

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

# Motion energy

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



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

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

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