

## CHAPTER 19

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# MACROSCOPIC CIRCUIT ANALYSIS

# OVERVIEW

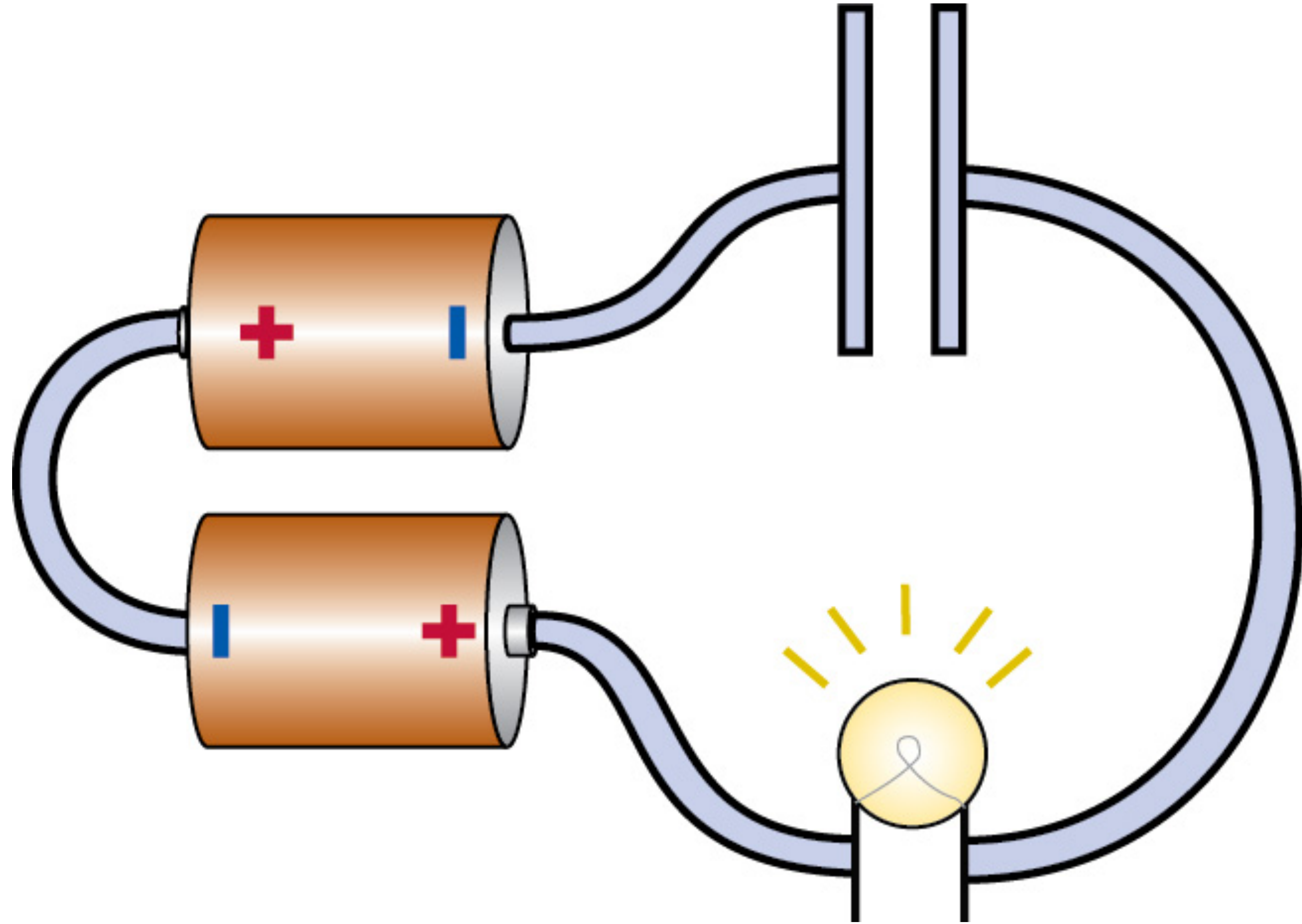
- ▶ Last chapter, we developed a qualitative sense of the microscopic behavior of a circuit in terms of fundamental principles
  - ▶ Where does the field come from?
  - ▶ What is the function of a battery?
  - ▶ What is a resistor?
  - ▶ Charge & energy conservation

# OVERVIEW

- ▶ In this chapter, we will apply this understanding to understand circuits *macroscopically*
  - ▶ How do circuit elements behave within a circuit?
    - ▶ Capacitors & resistors
  - ▶ Calculate  $\Delta V$  across different circuit elements
  - ▶ Calculate conventional current  $I$  in every part of a circuit

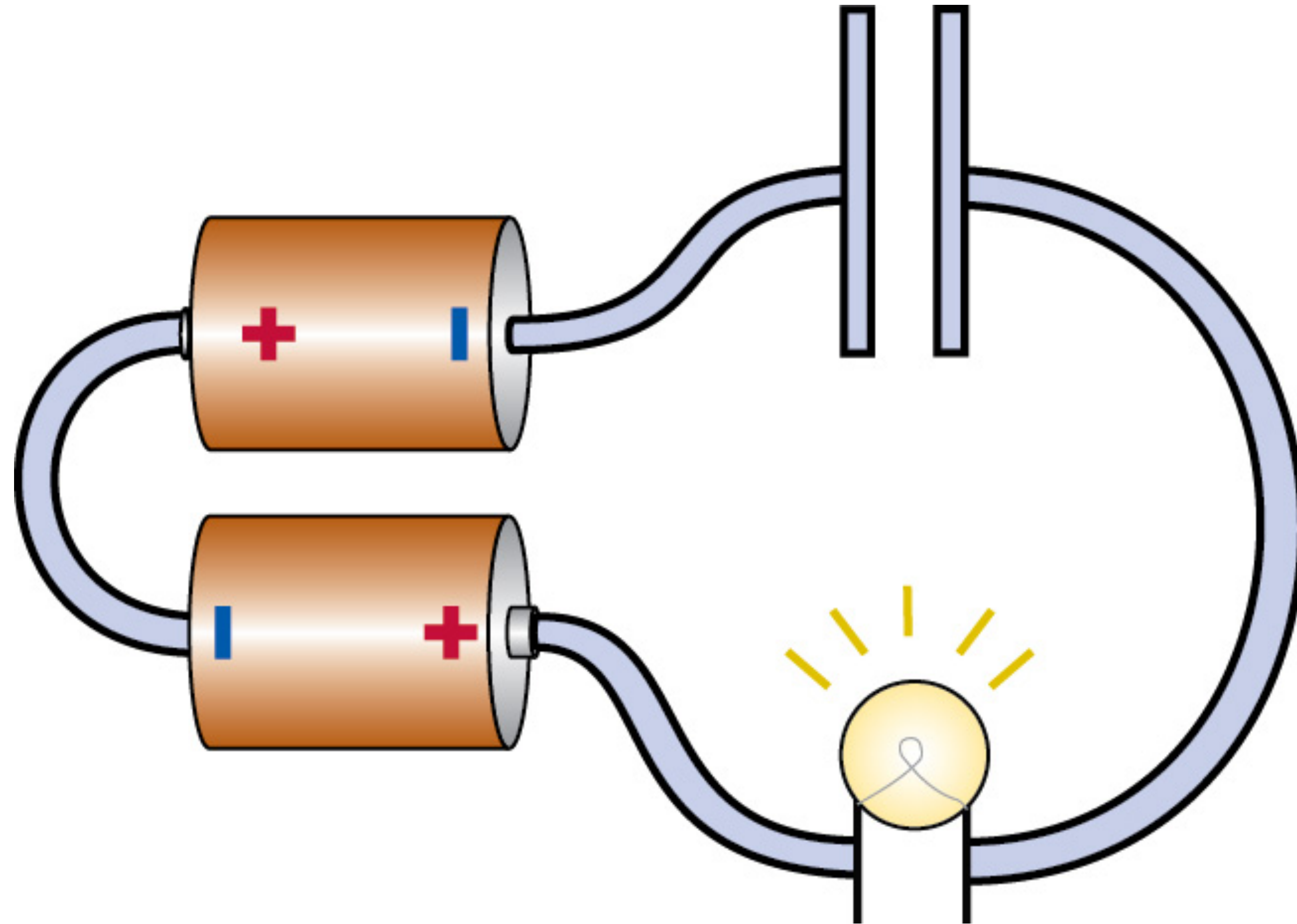
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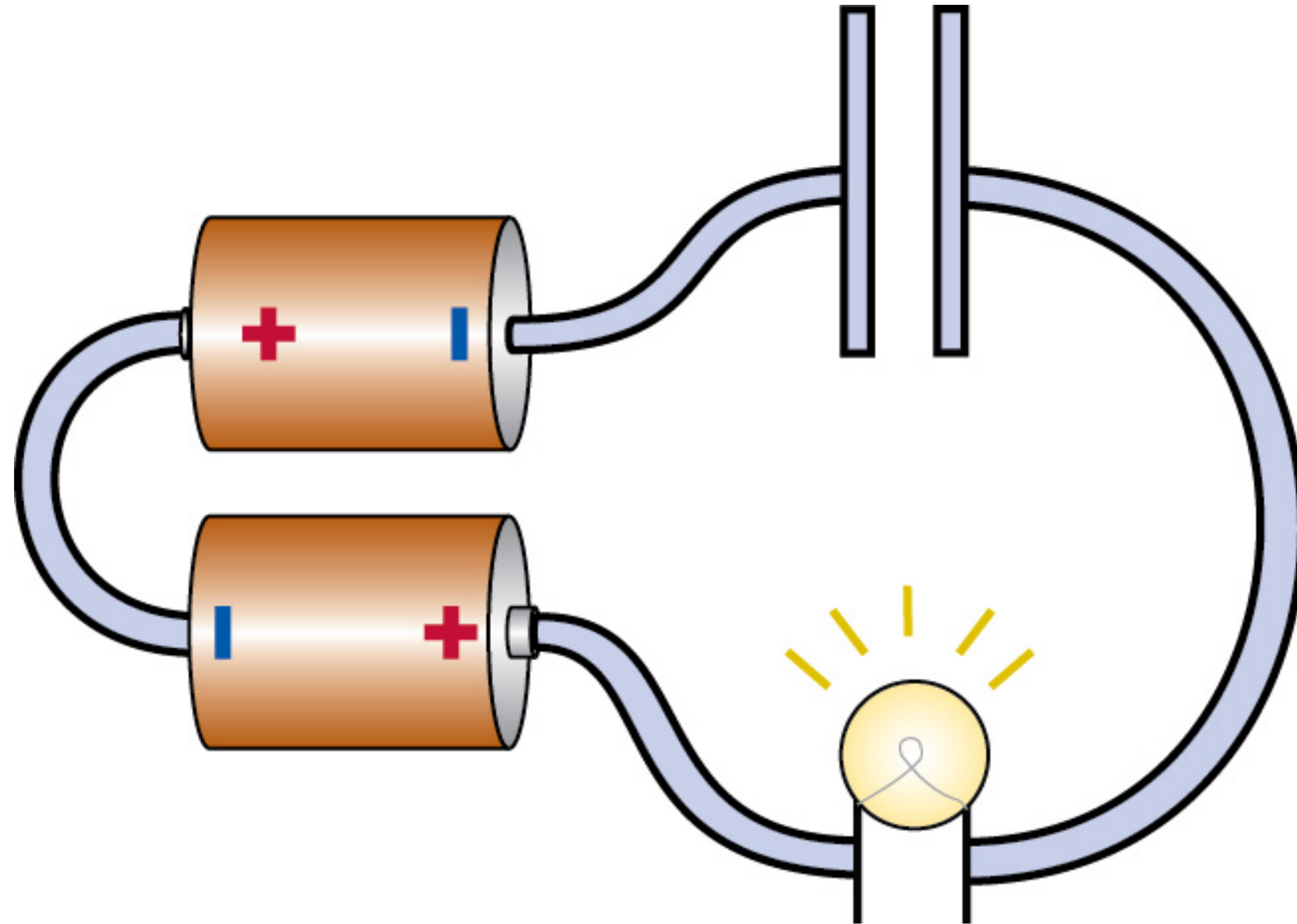
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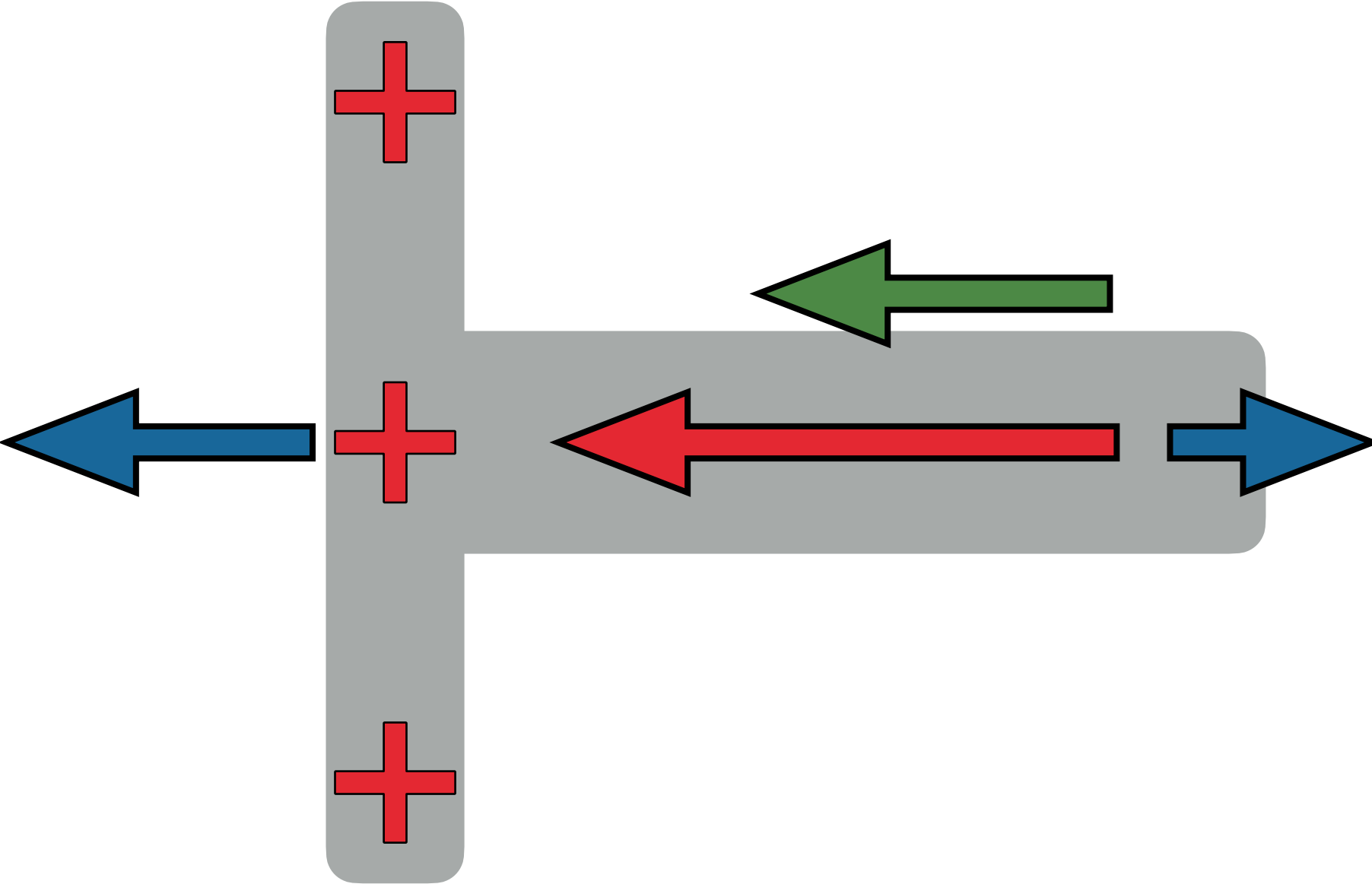
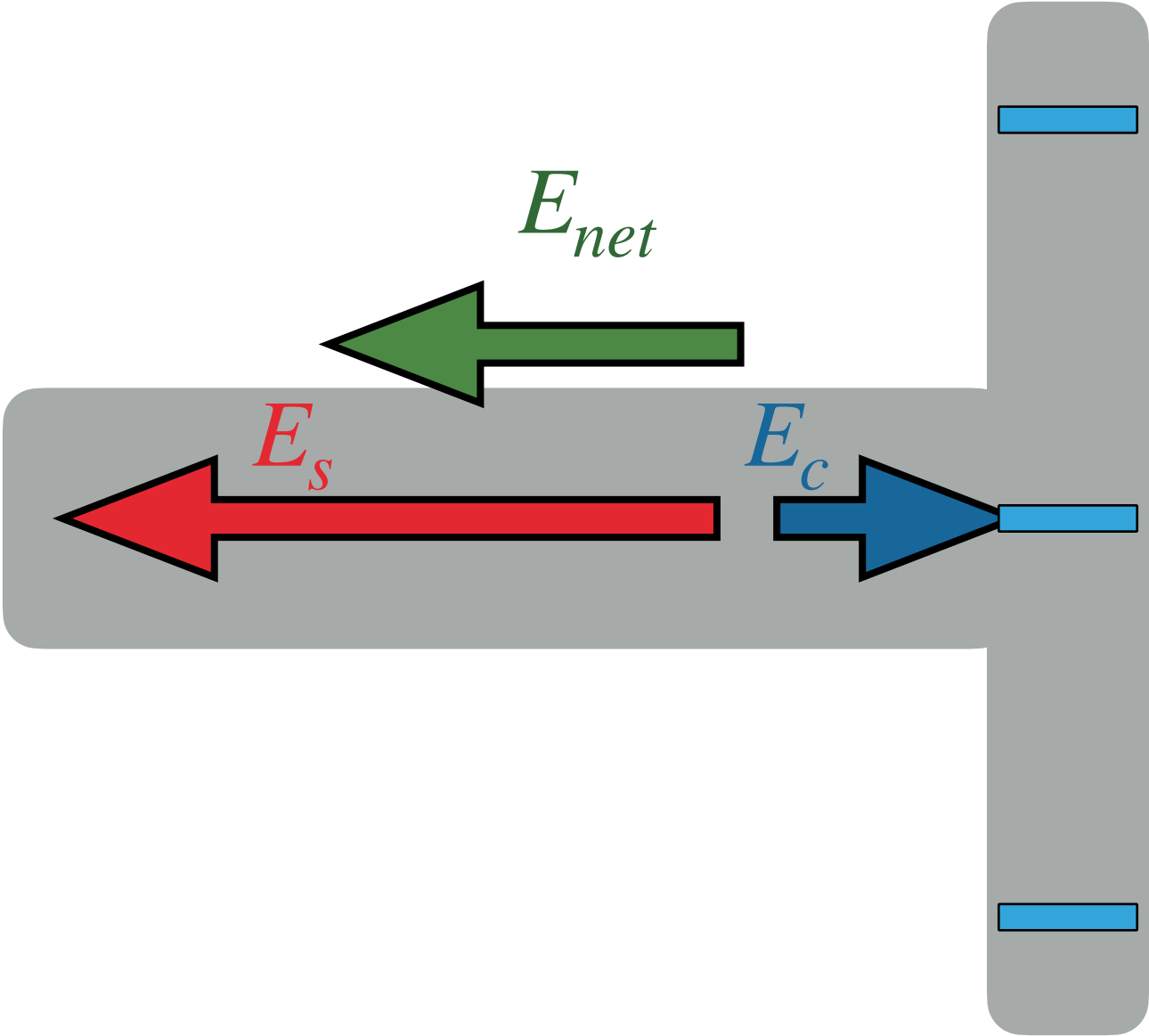
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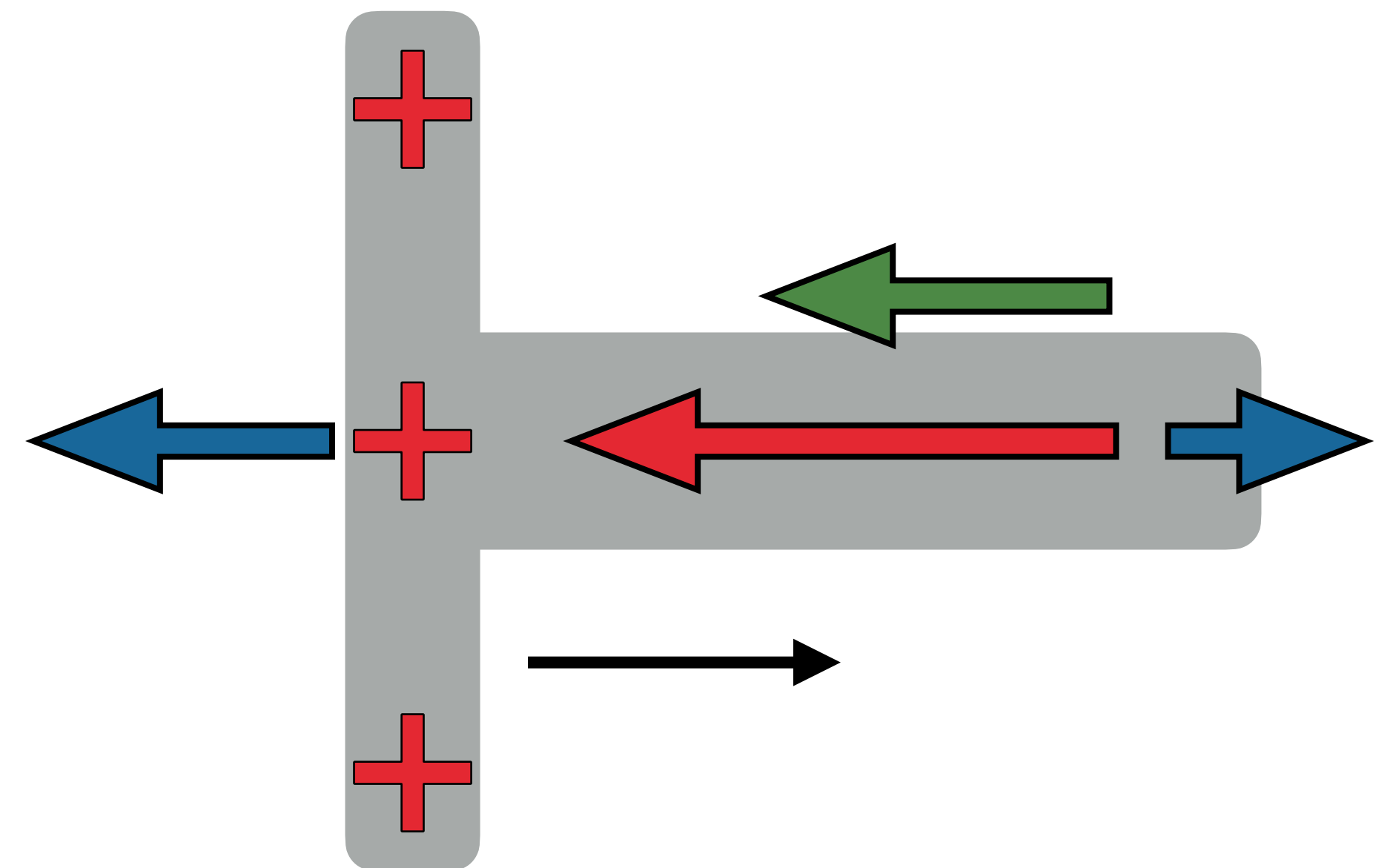
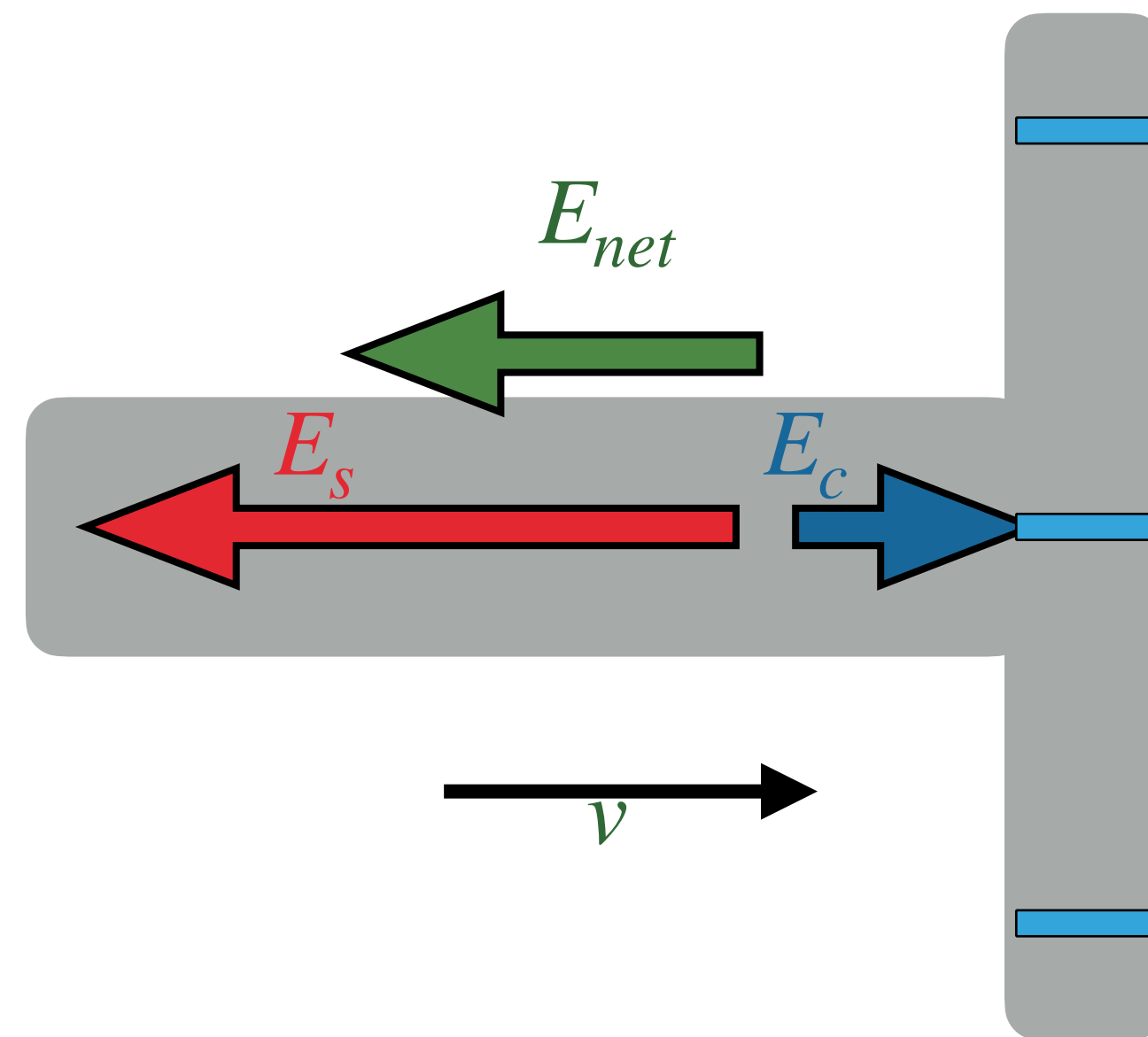


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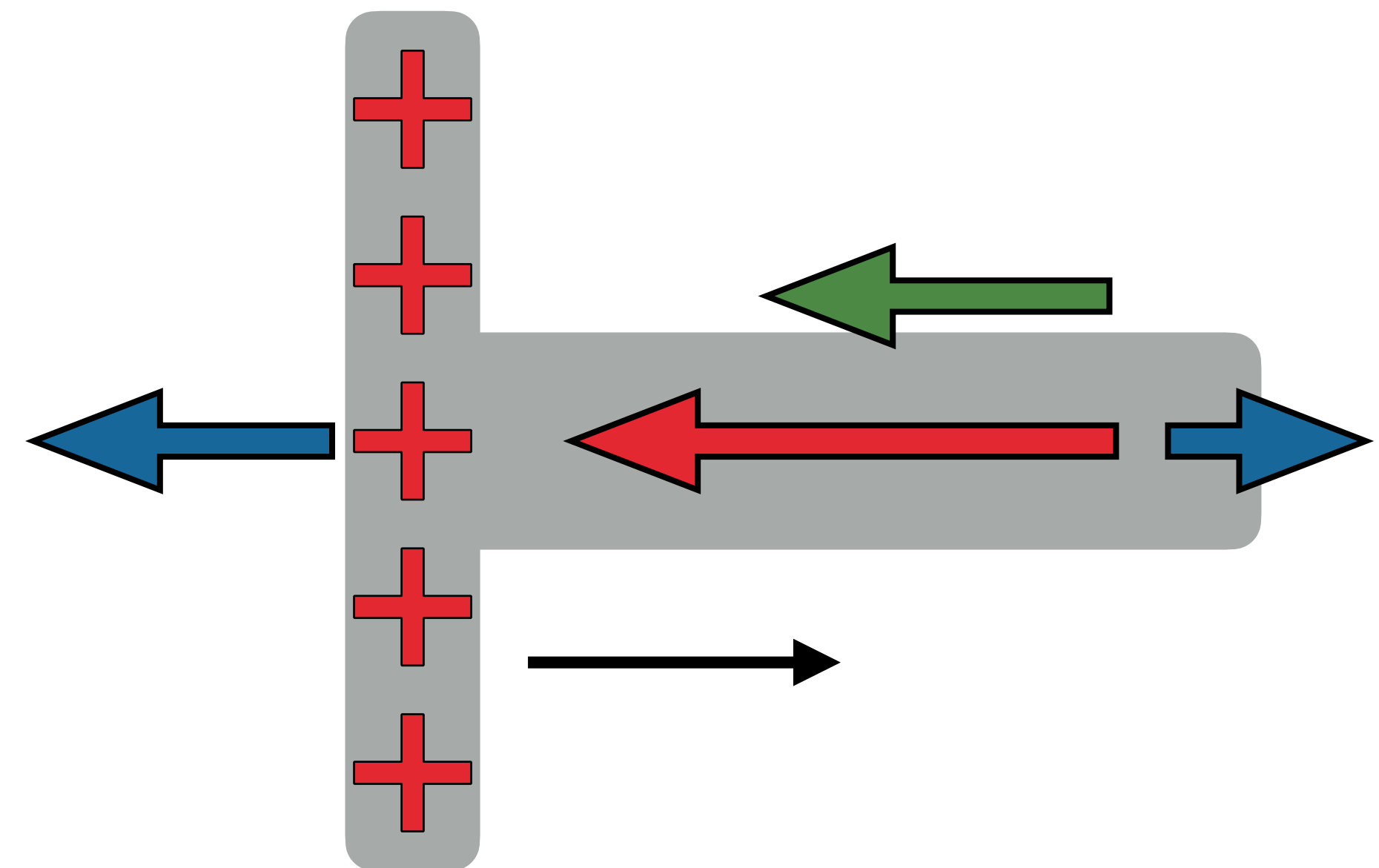
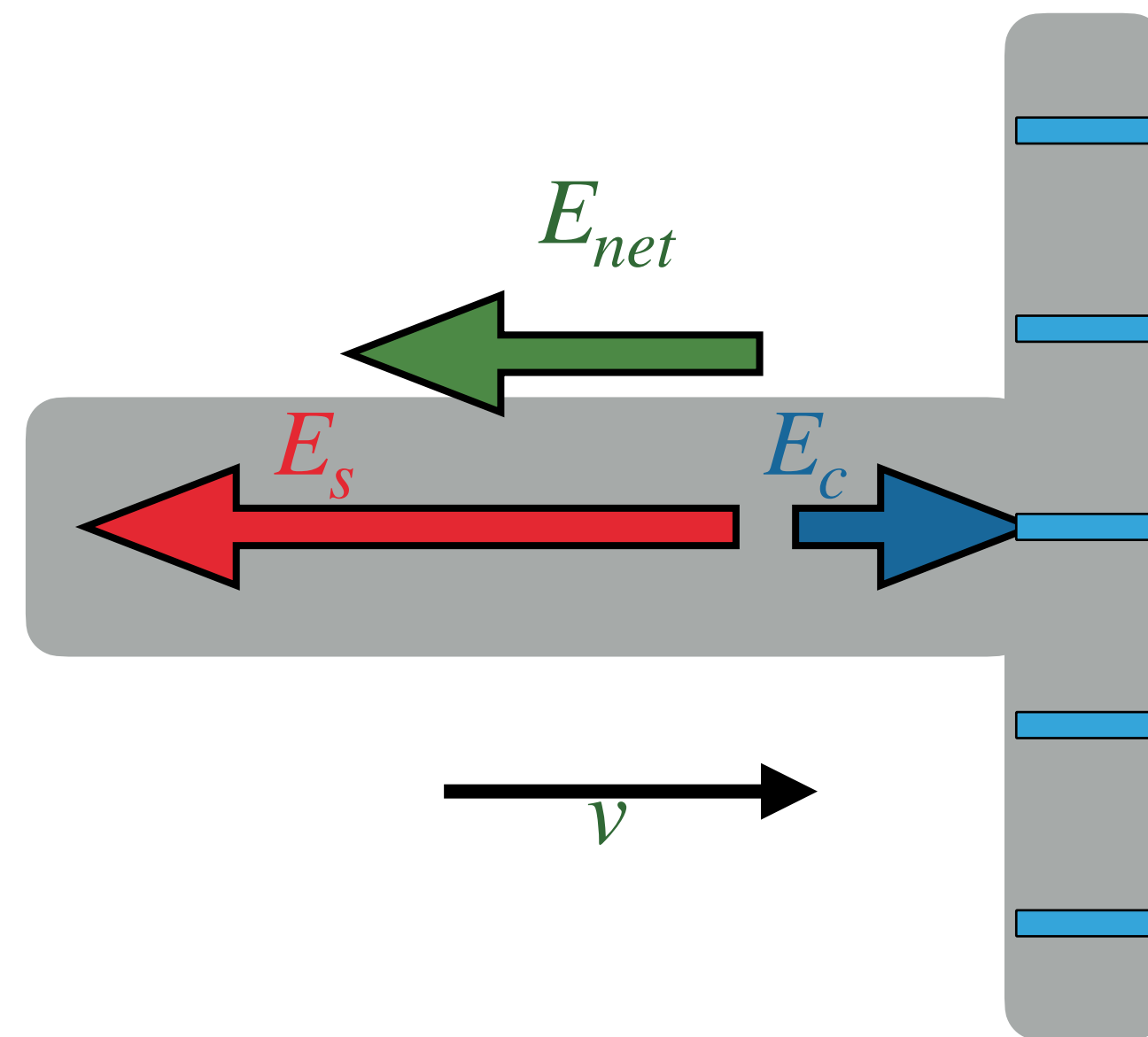
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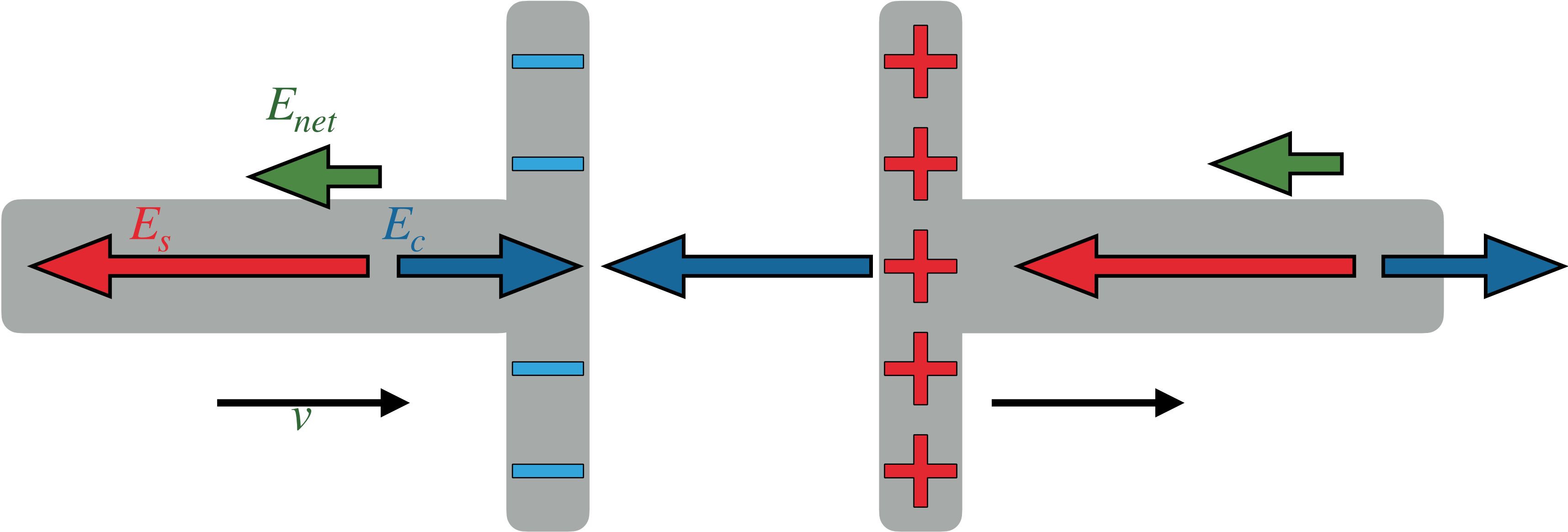


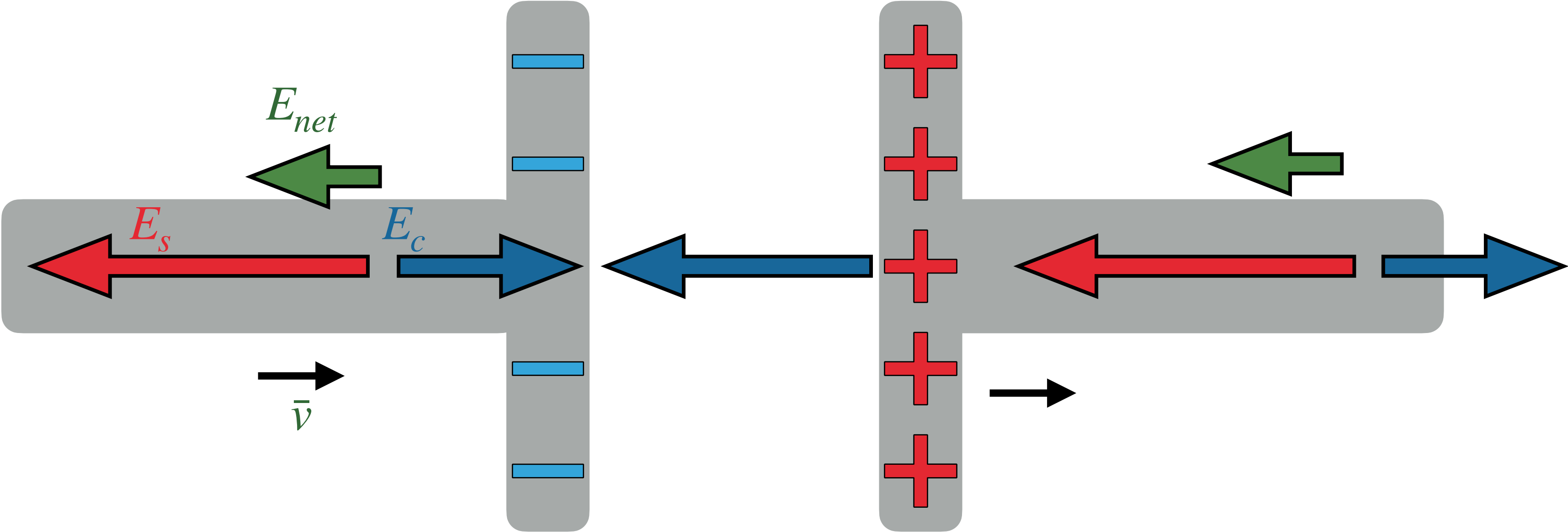




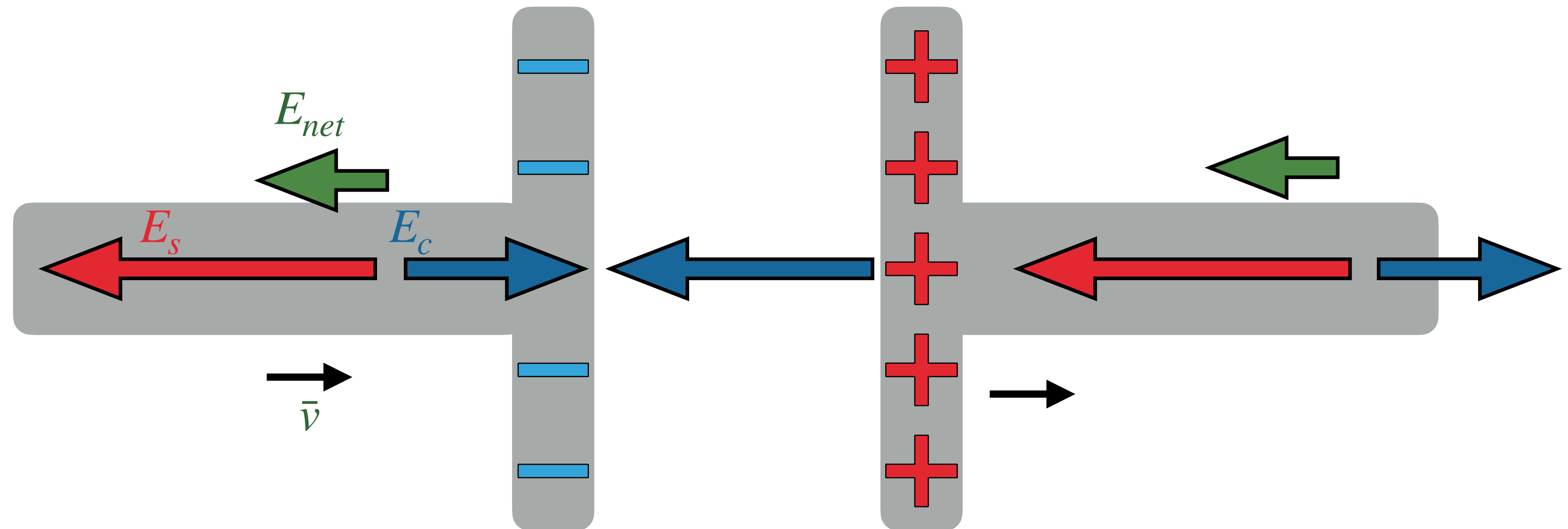




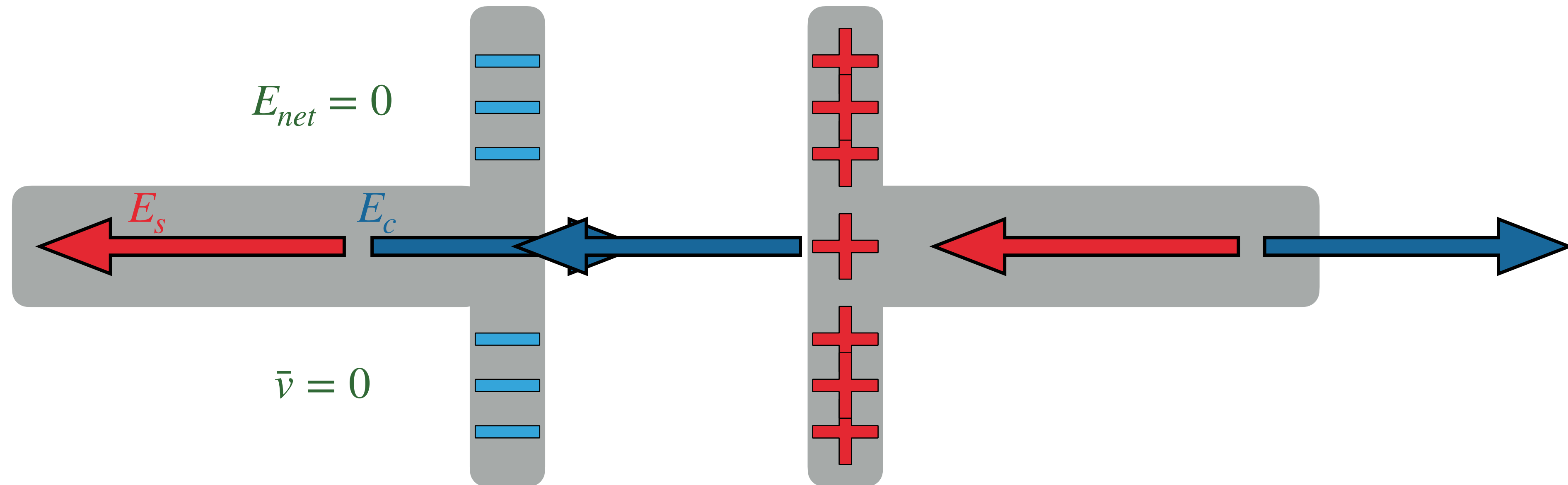




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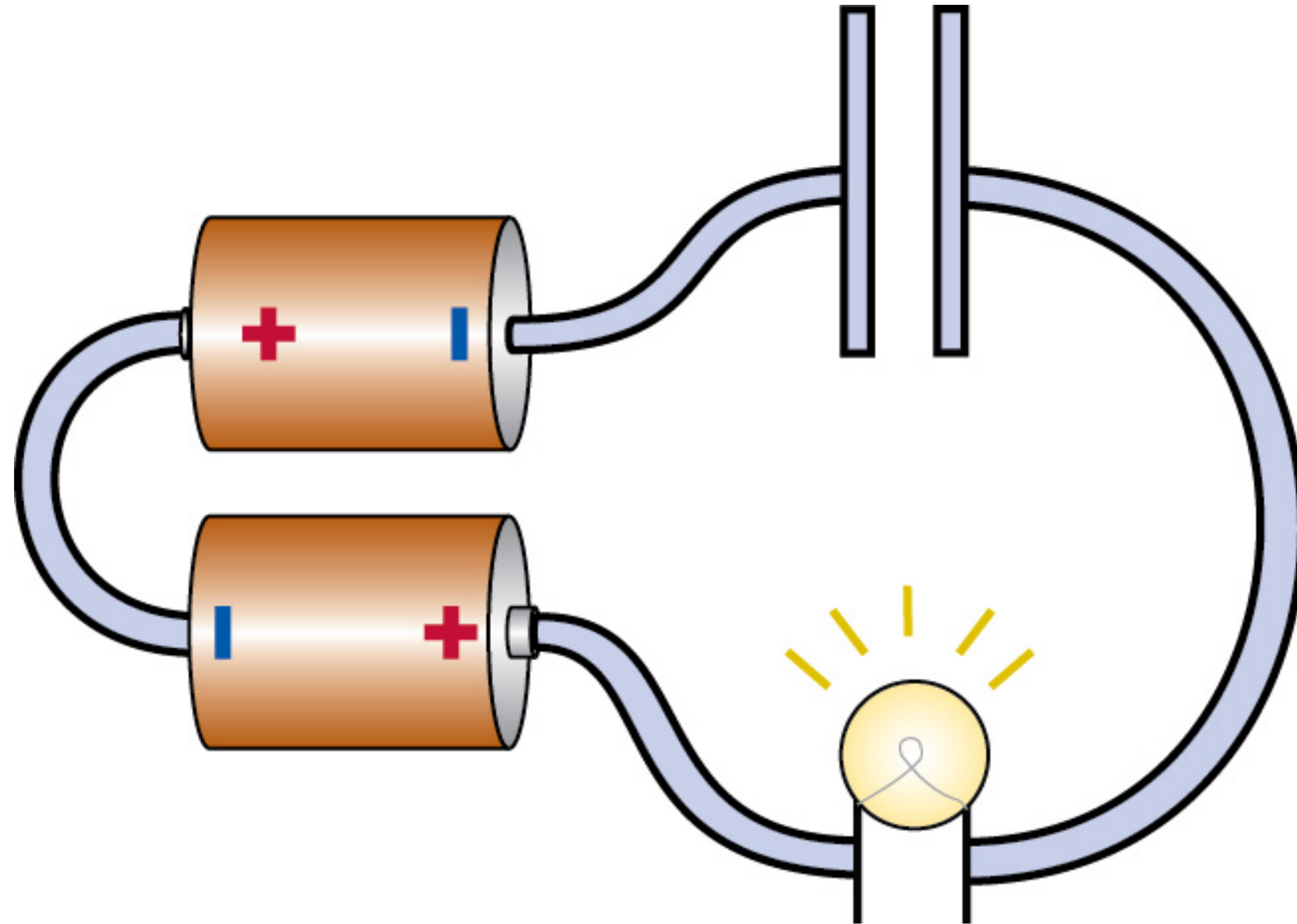


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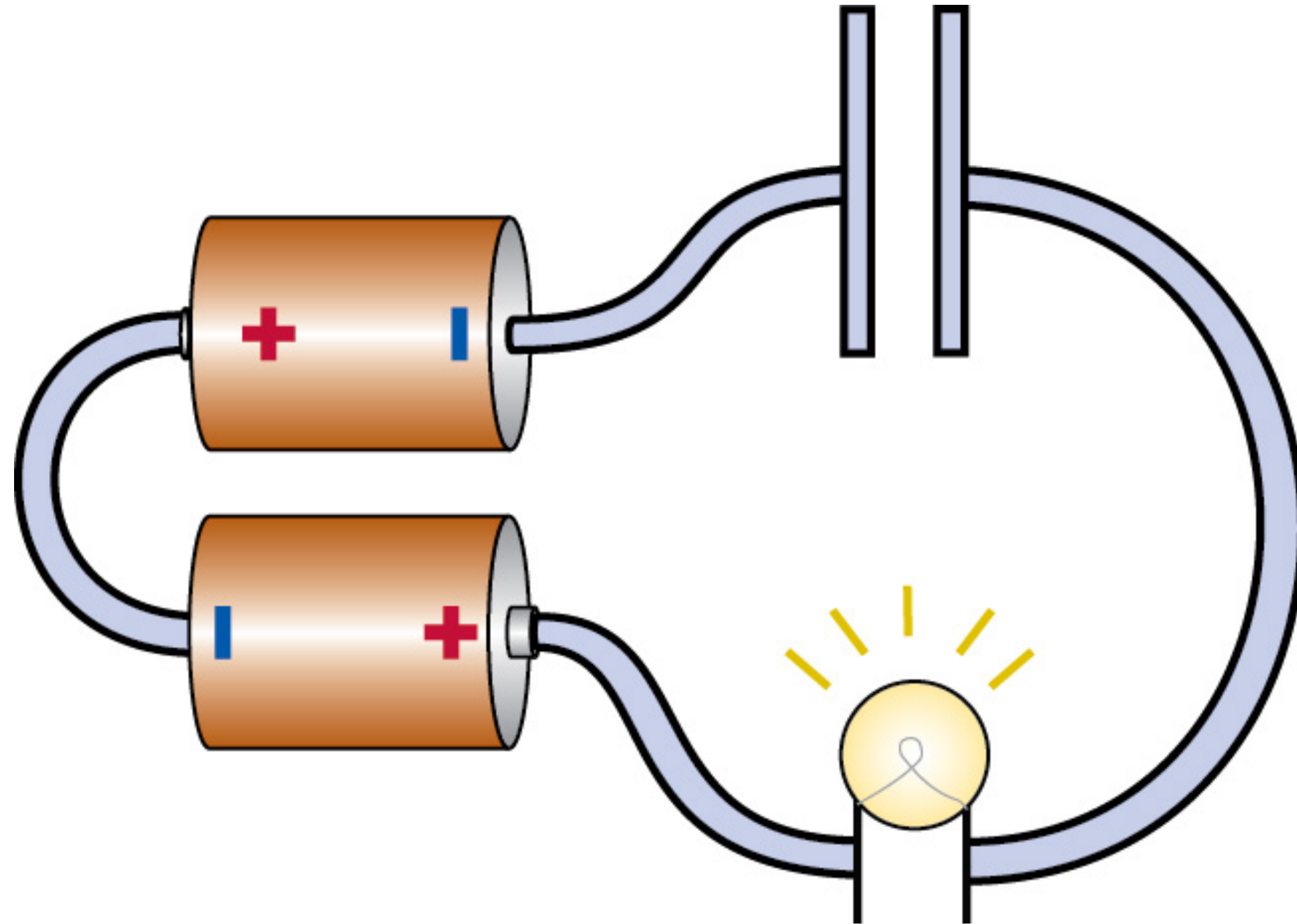
# CAPACITOR CHARGING CIRCUIT

- ▶ Capacitor is initially "ignored"
- ▶ Charge accumulates on the capacitor, decreases current
  - ▶ Battery power diverted to capacitor, bulb dims



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- ▶ Charge continues to accumulate until fringe field of capacitor cancels field in wire
- ▶ Current stops flowing
  - ▶ Bulb is completely dark



# CAPACITORS IN CIRCUITS

Charge on the capacitor:  $Q = C\Delta V_c$

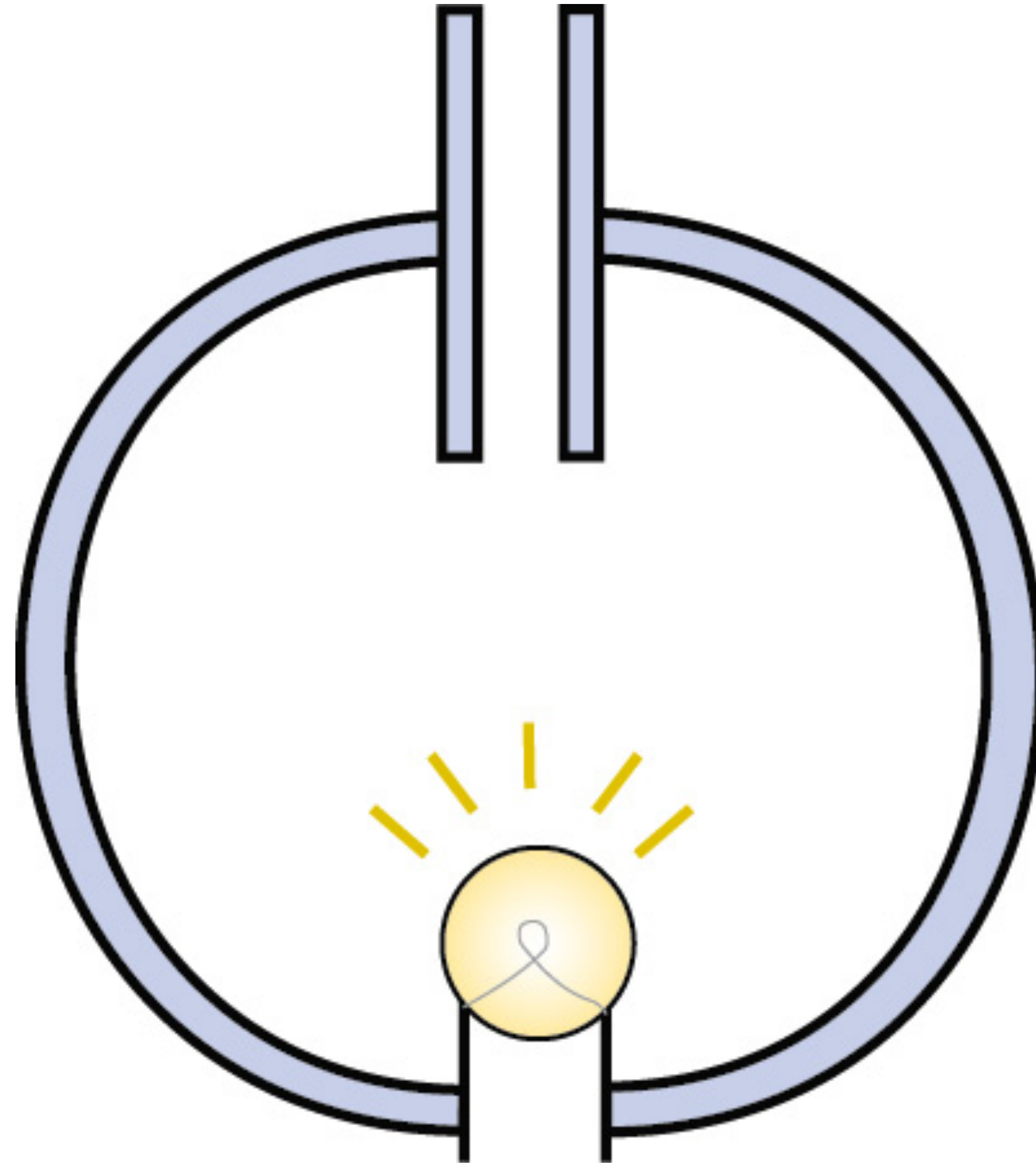
$C$  is the **capacitance** of the capacitor (how much charge can it hold?)

- ▶ For same  $\Delta V_c$ , higher  $C$  means more charge stored on the capacitor

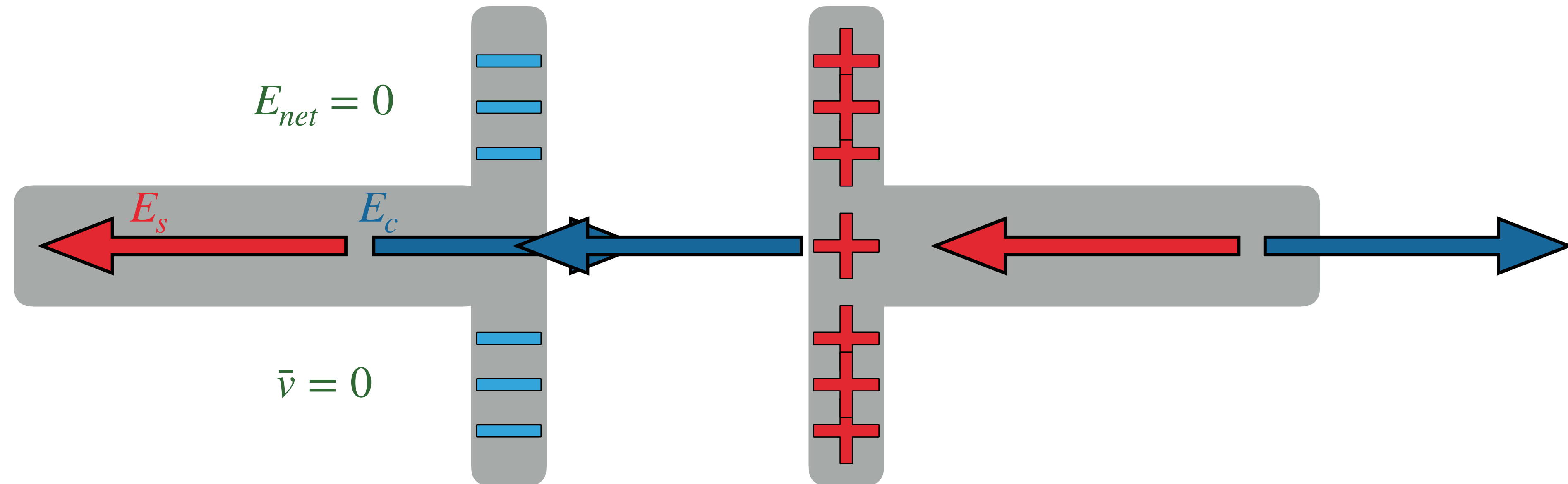


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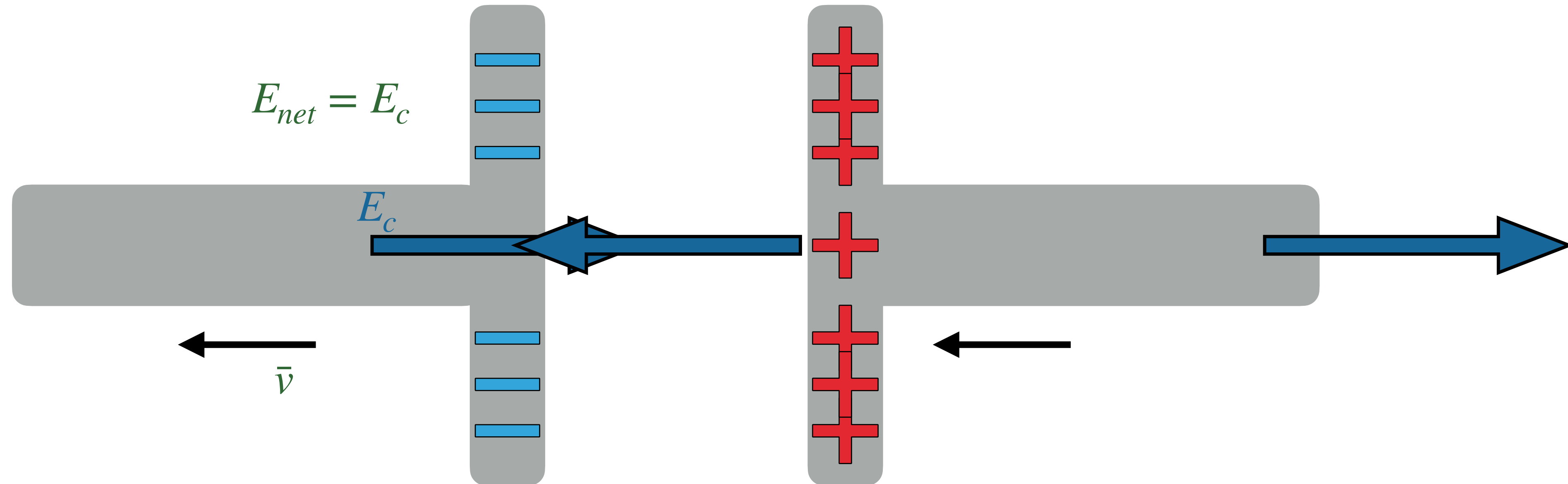
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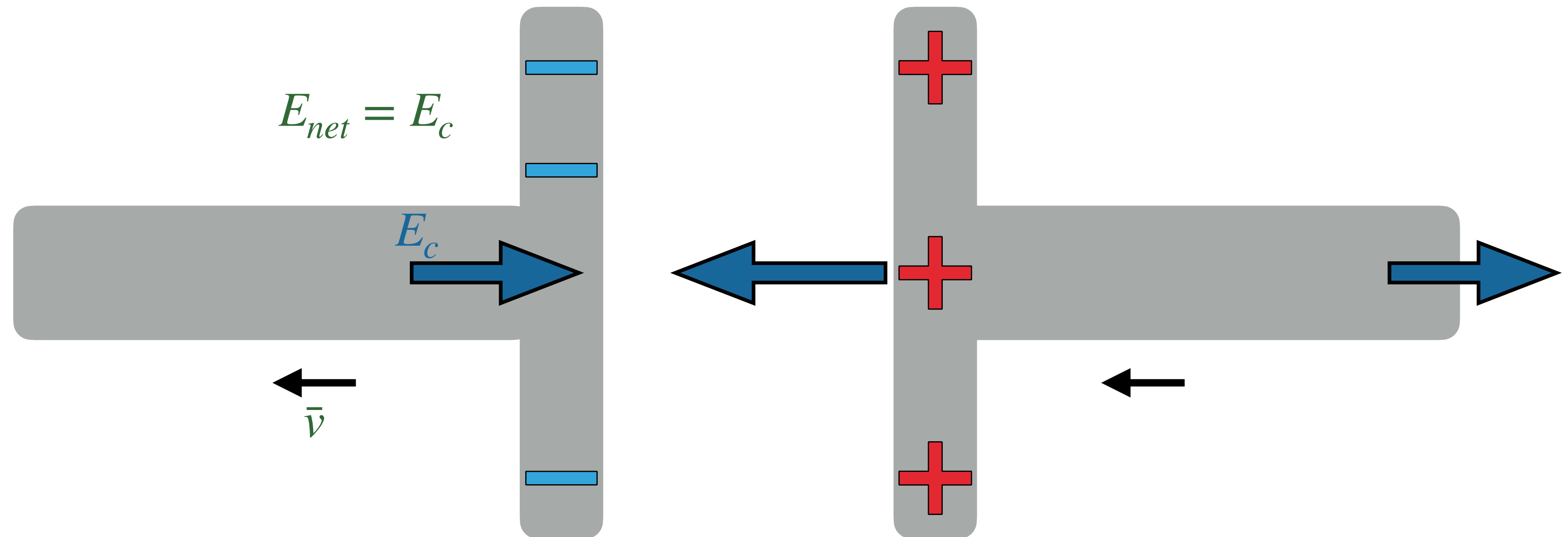
- Fully charged capacitor with battery connected



- ▶ Now remove the battery
- ▶ Charge leaves capacitor (current flows)
- ▶ Bulb lights up brightly



- ▶ Charge leaves capacitor  $\rightarrow E_c$  weakens
- ▶ Current weakens, bulb dims



- ▶ Eventually, capacitor is completely discharged
- ▶  $E_{net} = 0$ , no more current
  - ▶ Bulb is off



# CAPACITORS IN CIRCUITS

Uncharged capacitor connected to a battery:

- ▶ Initially acts like a piece of wire (no effect on the circuit)
- ▶ Builds up charge until it completely stops current flow (acts like an open wire)
- ▶ Fully charged capacitor:  $Q = C\Delta V_c = C\varepsilon$

# CAPACITORS IN CIRCUITS

Fully capacitor disconnected from battery

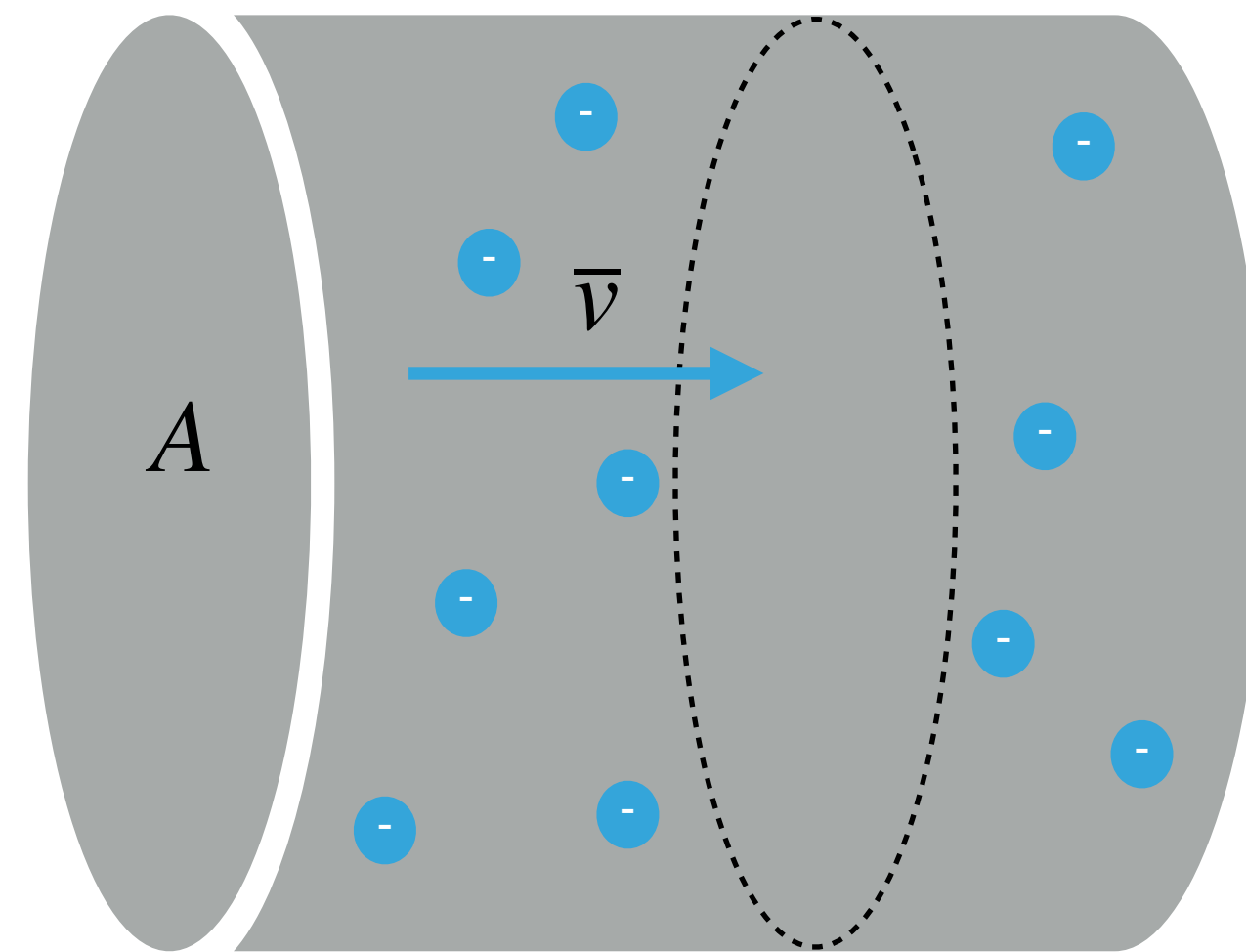
- ▶ Initially acts like a battery with "emf" of  $\Delta V = Q/C$
- ▶  $\Delta V$  drives current through circuit
- ▶ Capacitor slowly discharges, decreasing  $\Delta V$ , until current flow stops

# MICRO VS MACRO

- ▶ In chapter 18, we learned how to describe circuits in terms of their atomic-level properties:  $i$ ,  $n$ ,  $u$ ,  $E$ , etc
- ▶ These quantities are more “fundamental”, but hard to work with in practice (hard to measure!)
- ▶ Easier to work with conventional current  $I$ , potential difference  $\Delta V$ , etc

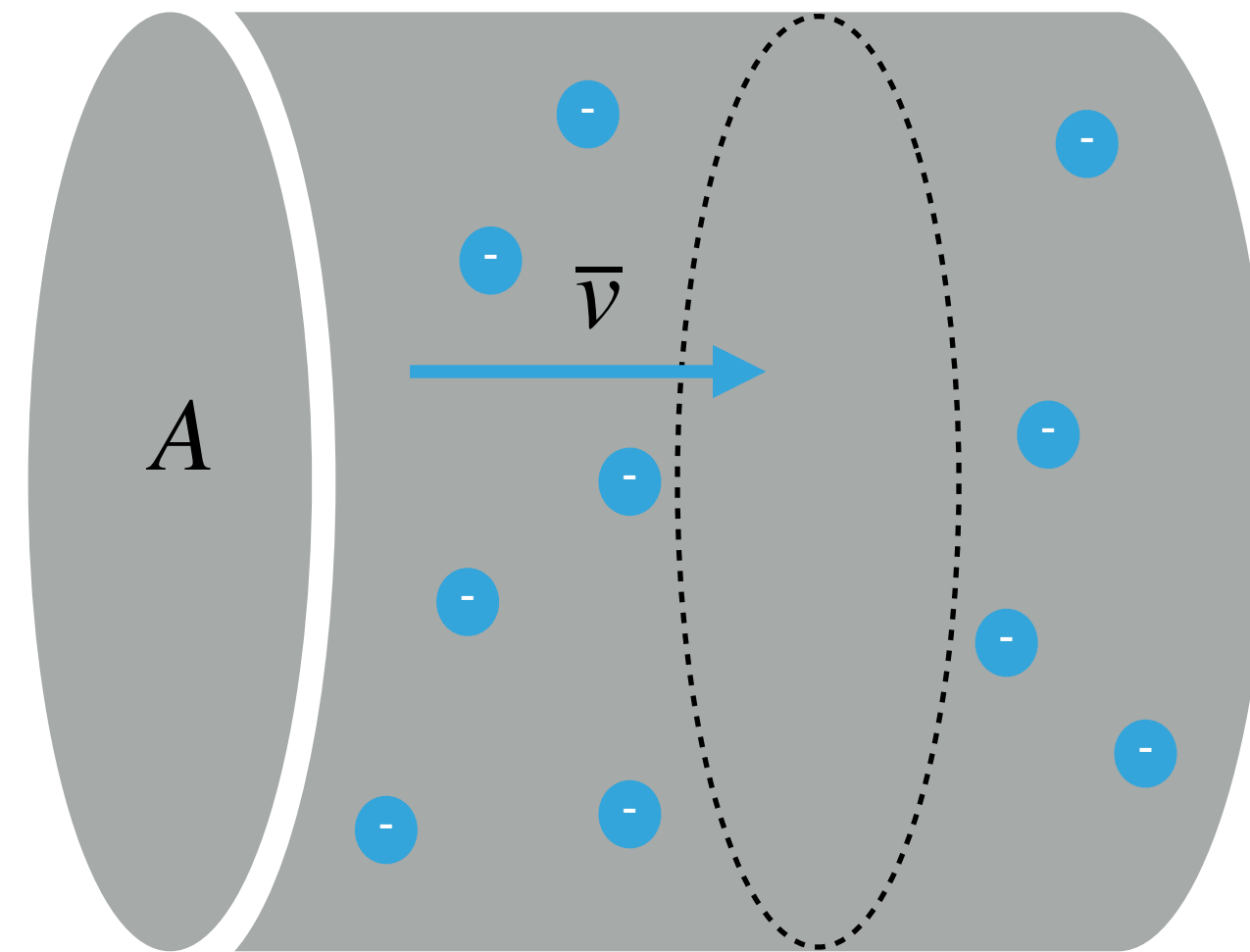


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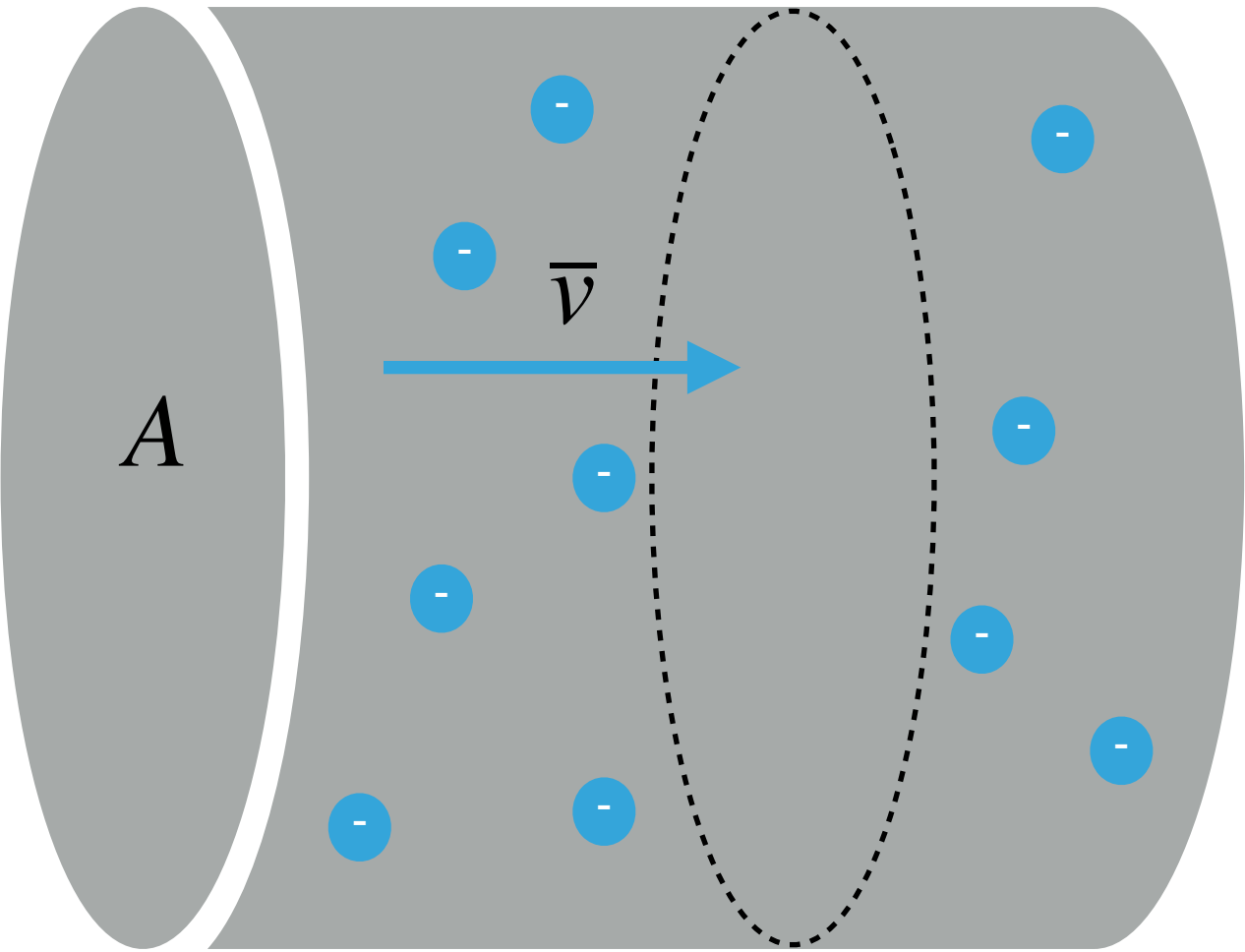
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	q	n	u	q  n u
Copper	$-1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$	$8.5 \times 10^{28} \text{ m}^{-3}$	$4.5 \times 10^{-3} \frac{\text{m/s}}{\text{N/C}}$	$6.1 \times 10^7 \frac{\text{C}^2}{\text{m}^2 \text{Ns}}$
Tungsten	$-1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$	$6 \times 10^{28} \text{ m}^{-3}$	$1.8 \times 10^{-3} \frac{\text{m/s}}{\text{N/C}}$	$1.7 \times 10^7 \frac{\text{C}^2}{\text{m}^2 \text{Ns}}$
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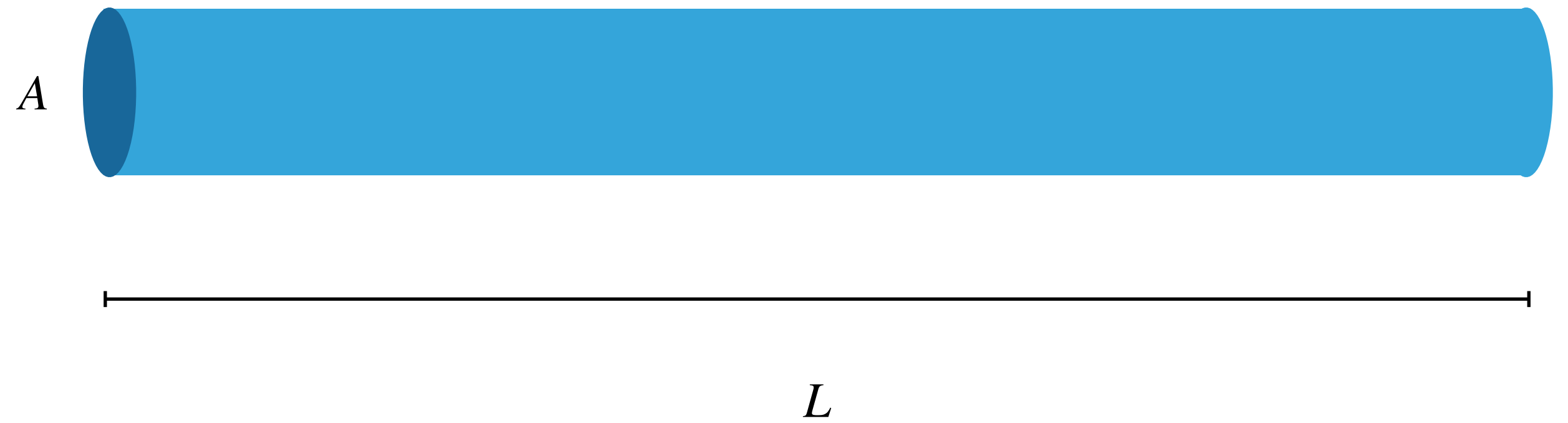
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- ▶ Higher  $\sigma \implies$  less field needed for same current

# CONSIDER

Length  $L$  of wire with cross-sectional area  $A$  and conductivity  $\sigma$

What is  $|\Delta V|$  across the wire?



# ELECTRICAL RESISTANCE

"Resistance"  $R = \frac{L}{\sigma A}$

- ▶ Combines geometry and inherent conductivity
- ▶ Units: The "ohm" ( $\Omega$ )

# OHM'S LAW

$$I = \frac{\Delta V}{R}$$

- ▶ Electric potential difference causes charges to move (current)
- ▶ Higher  $\Delta V \implies$  more charge motion  $\implies$  higher current
- ▶ Higher  $R$  (low conductivity, fewer free electrons in wire, more collisions with atomic nuclei, etc)  $\implies$  lower current



## EXAMPLE

A resistor is made of nichrome wire (made of nickel, iron, and chromium) which has a cross-sectional area of  $80 \mu\text{m}^2$ .

- ▶ How long of a wire do you need to construct a  $220 \Omega$  resistor?
- ▶ What is the current through this resistor when connected to a  $9 \text{ V}$  battery?

$$\sigma_{\text{Nichrome}} = 0.10 \times 10^7 \Omega^{-1}\text{m}^{-1}$$

## EXAMPLE

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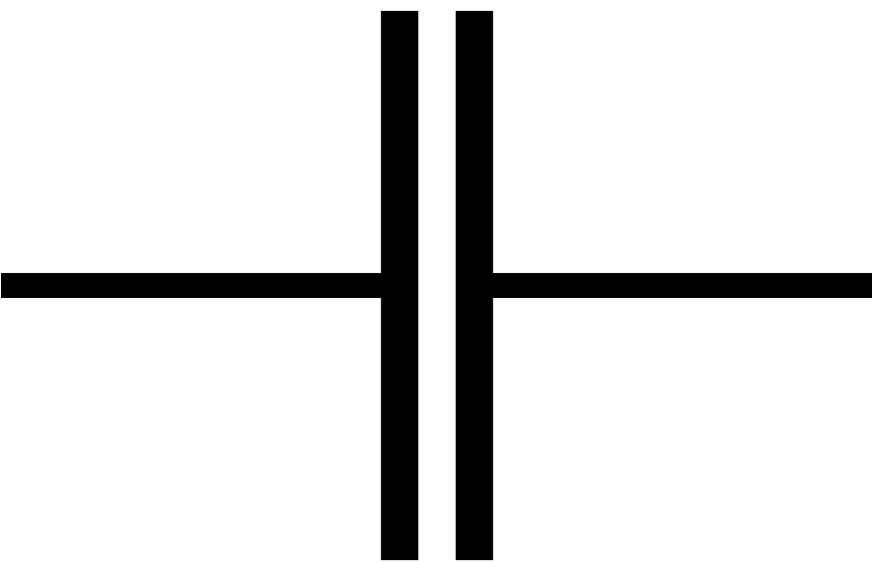
**CONCLUSION? WE CAN SAFELY IGNORE CONNECTING WIRES IN CIRCUITS**

# CIRCUIT ELEMENTS

- ▶ For our purposes, a “circuit element” is structure placed in the circuit which uses (or supplies) significant energy ( $\Delta V$ )
  - ▶ Capacitors
  - ▶ Resistors
  - ▶ Batteries

# CIRCUIT DIAGRAMS

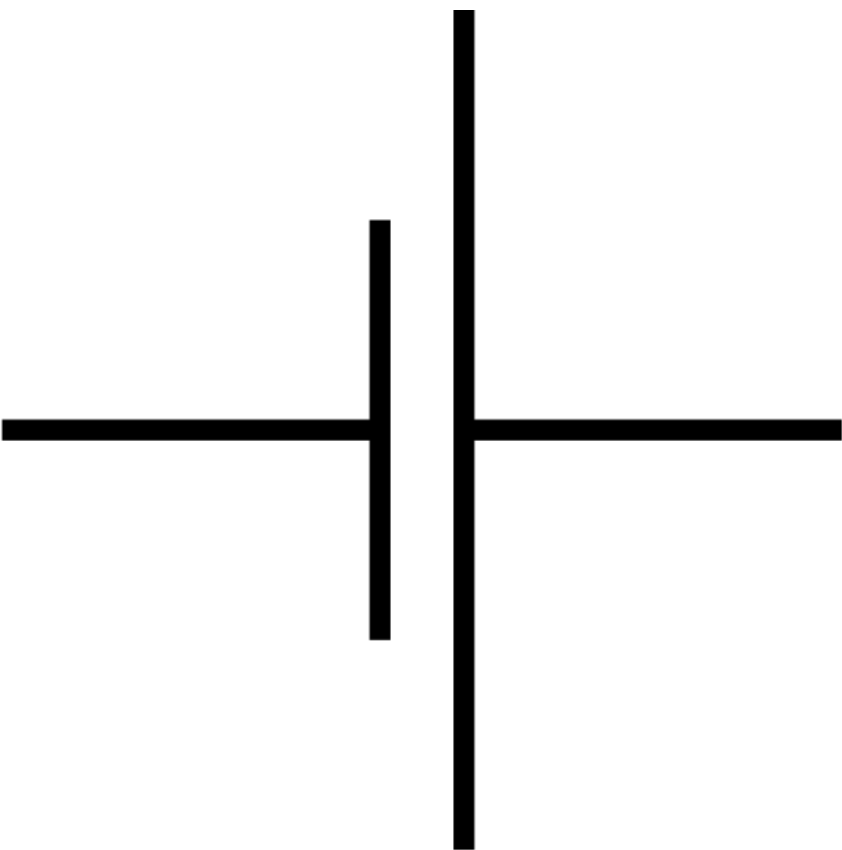
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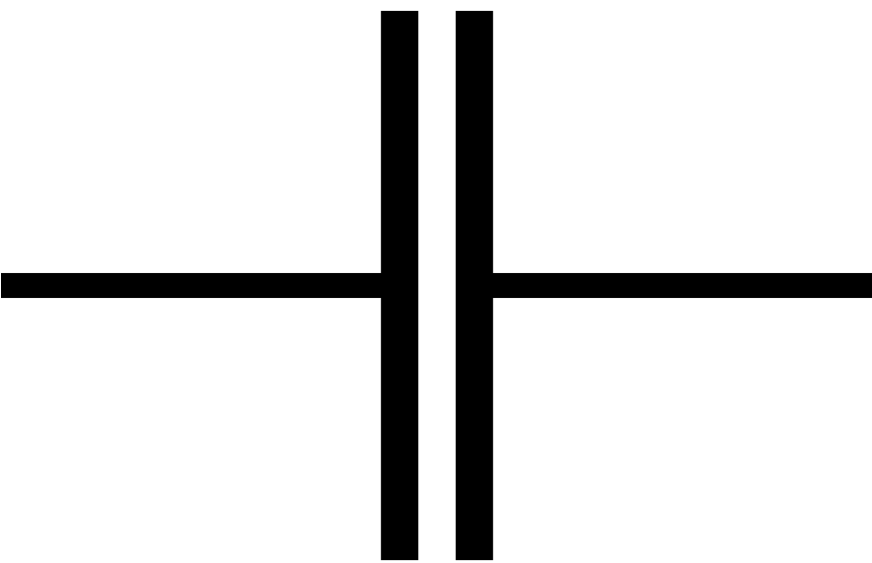


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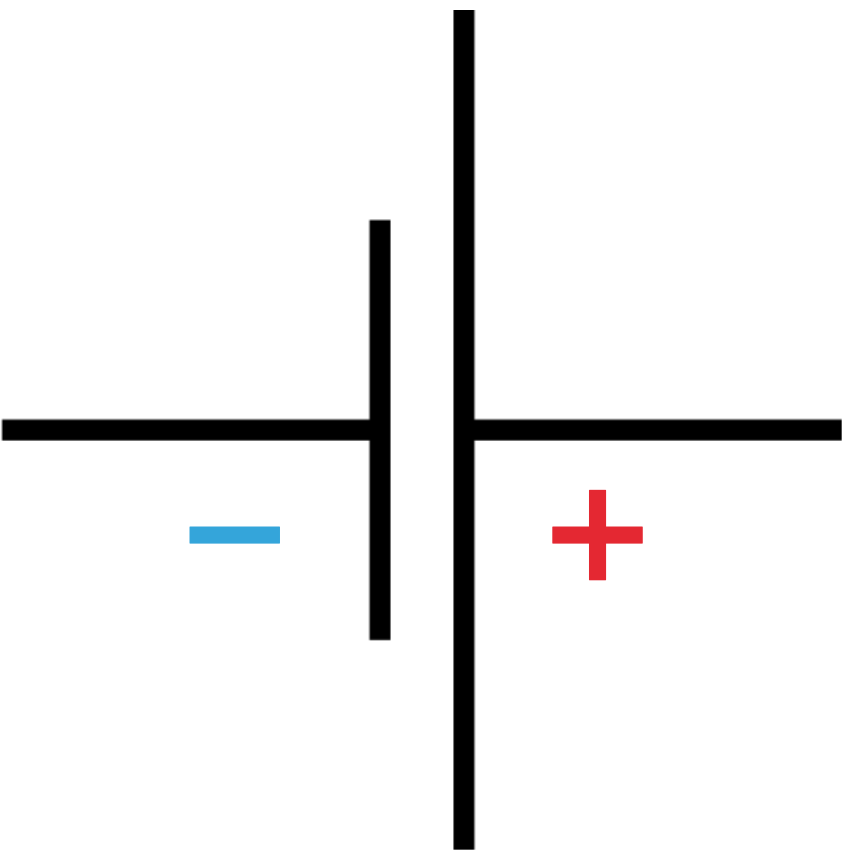
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# THE MICRO-MACRO CONNECTION

## Microscopic View

$$\bar{v} = uE$$

$$i = nA\bar{v} = nAuE$$

## Macroscopic View

$$J = \sigma E$$

$$I = |q| nA\bar{v} = \frac{1}{R} \Delta V$$

# THE MICRO-MACRO CONNECTION

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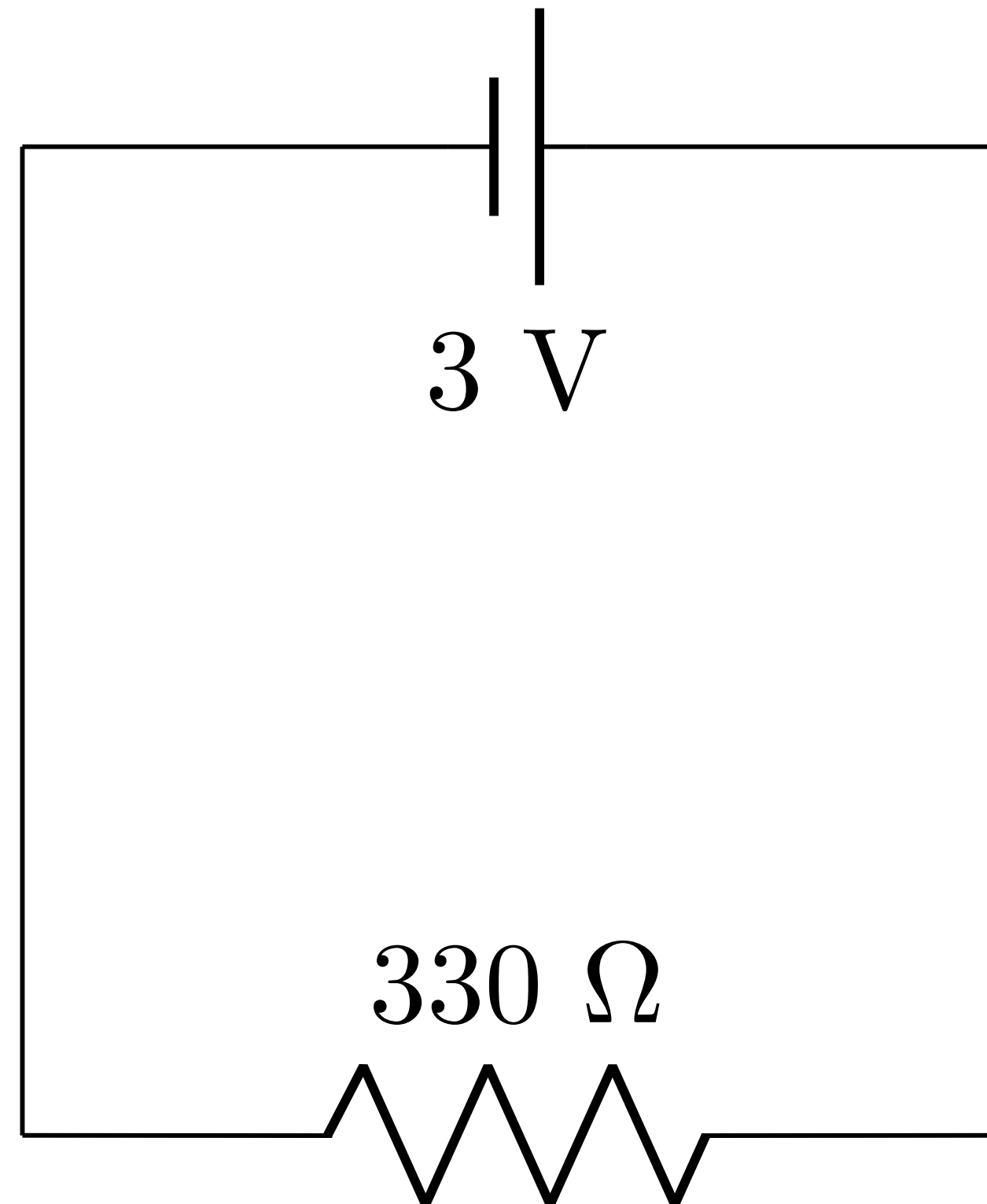
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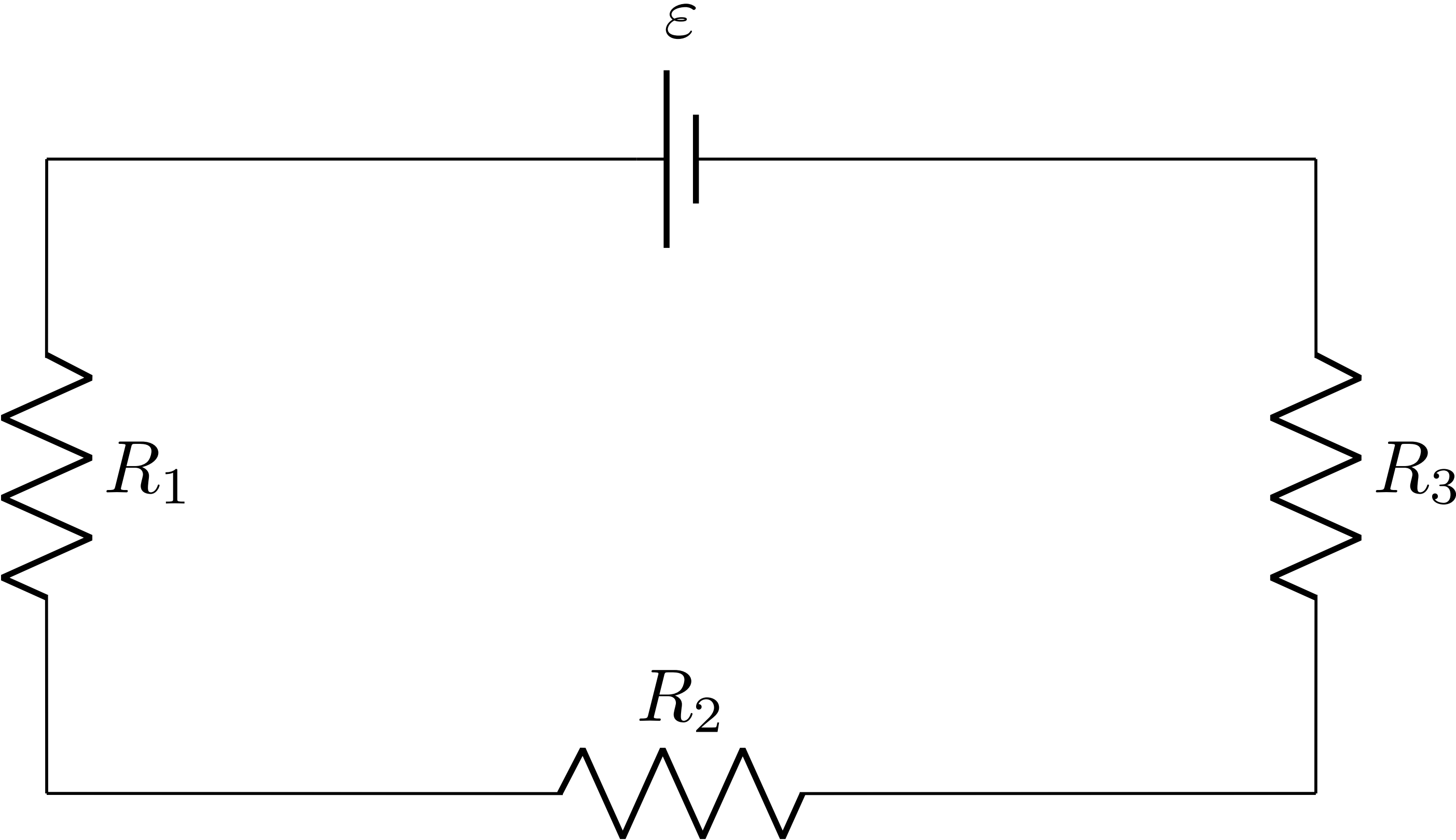


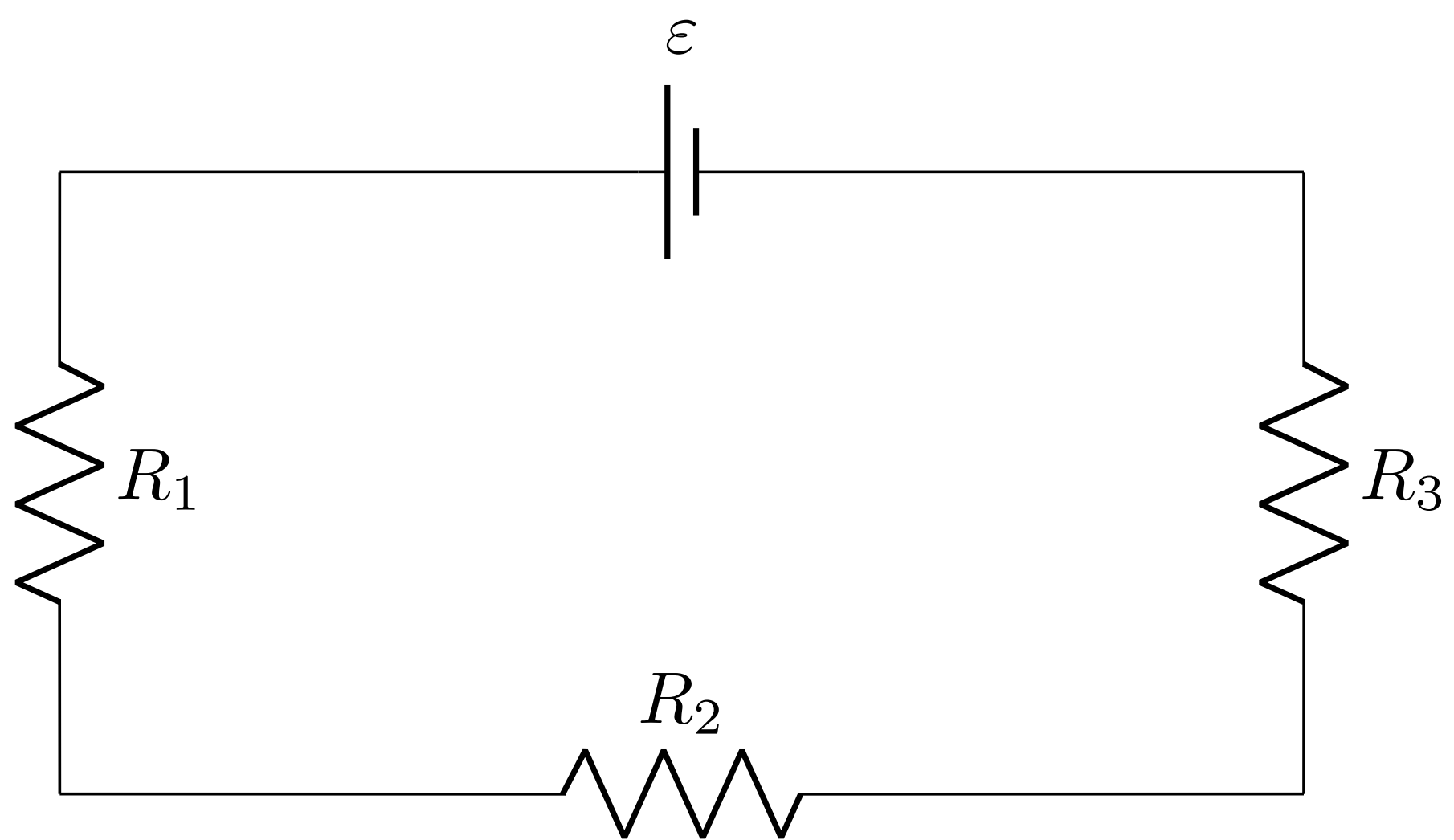
## EXAMPLE

Current through and  
voltage across the  
resistor?

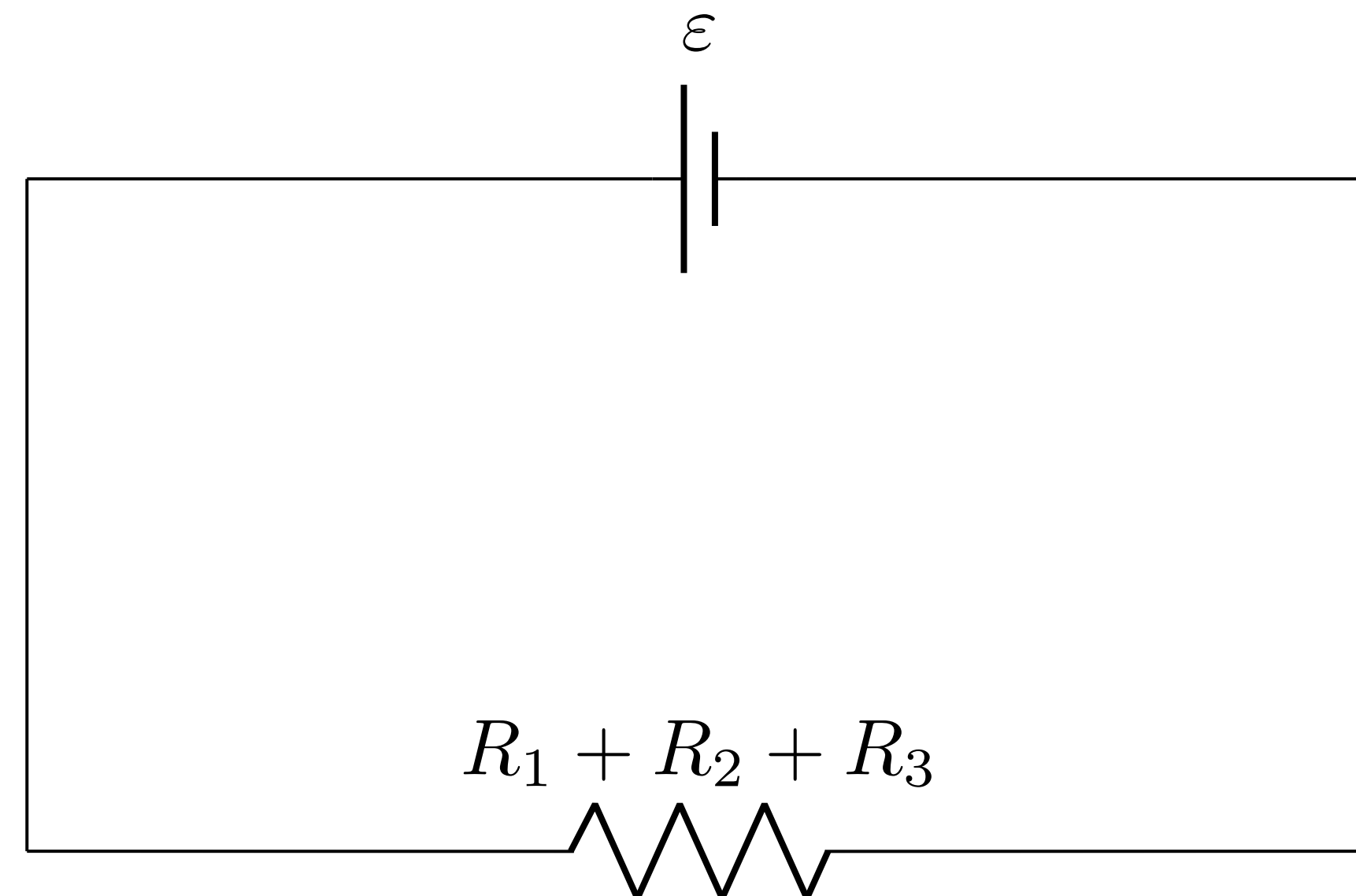


# MULTIPLE RESISTORS IN SERIES





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# CIRCUIT ELEMENTS CONNECTED IN SERIES

$$I_1 = I_2 = I_3 = \dots = I_n = I$$

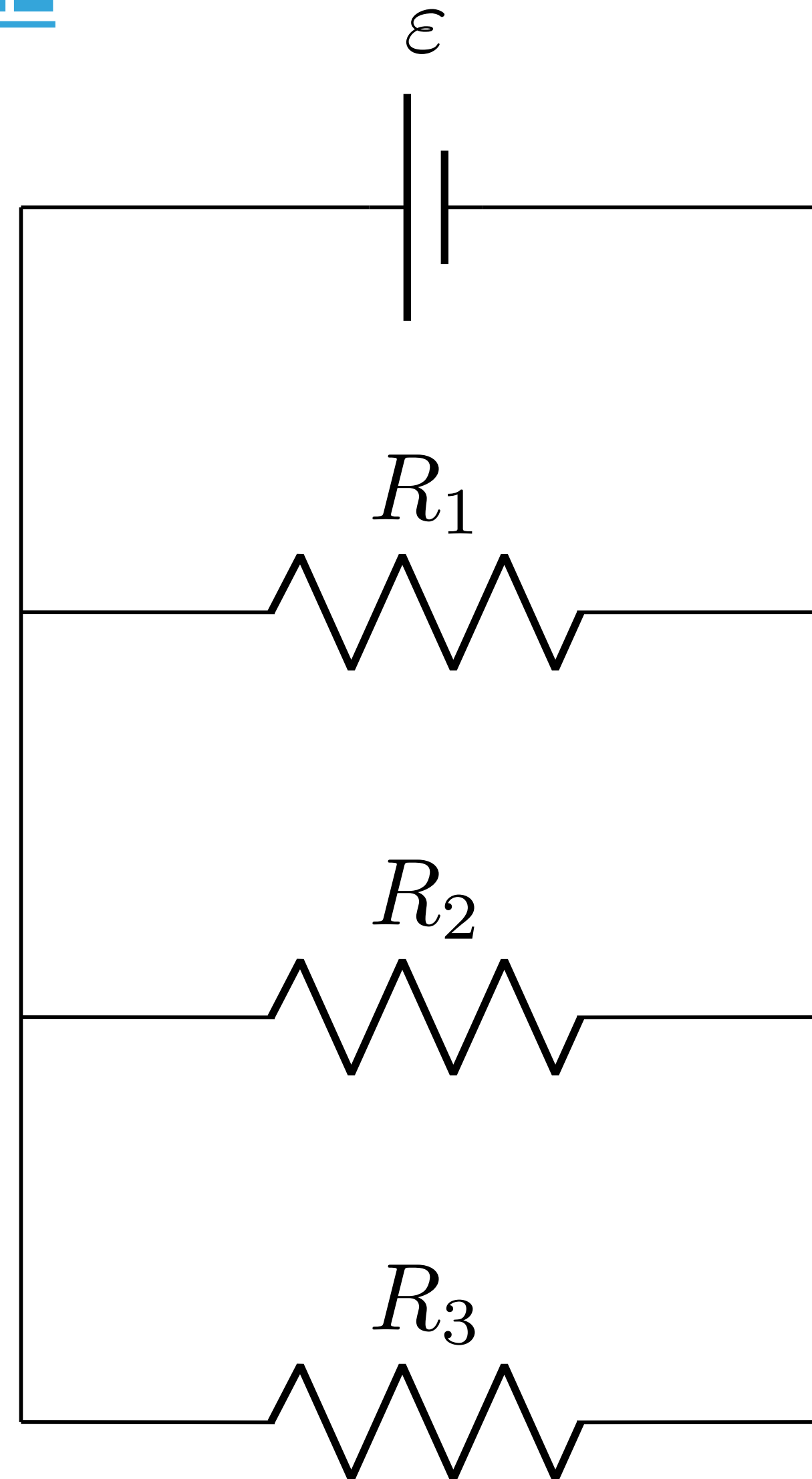
$$\Delta V = \Delta V_1 + \Delta V_2 + \Delta V_3 + \dots + \Delta V_n$$

$$I = \frac{\Delta V}{R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + \dots + R_n} = \frac{\Delta V}{R_{\text{equiv}}}$$

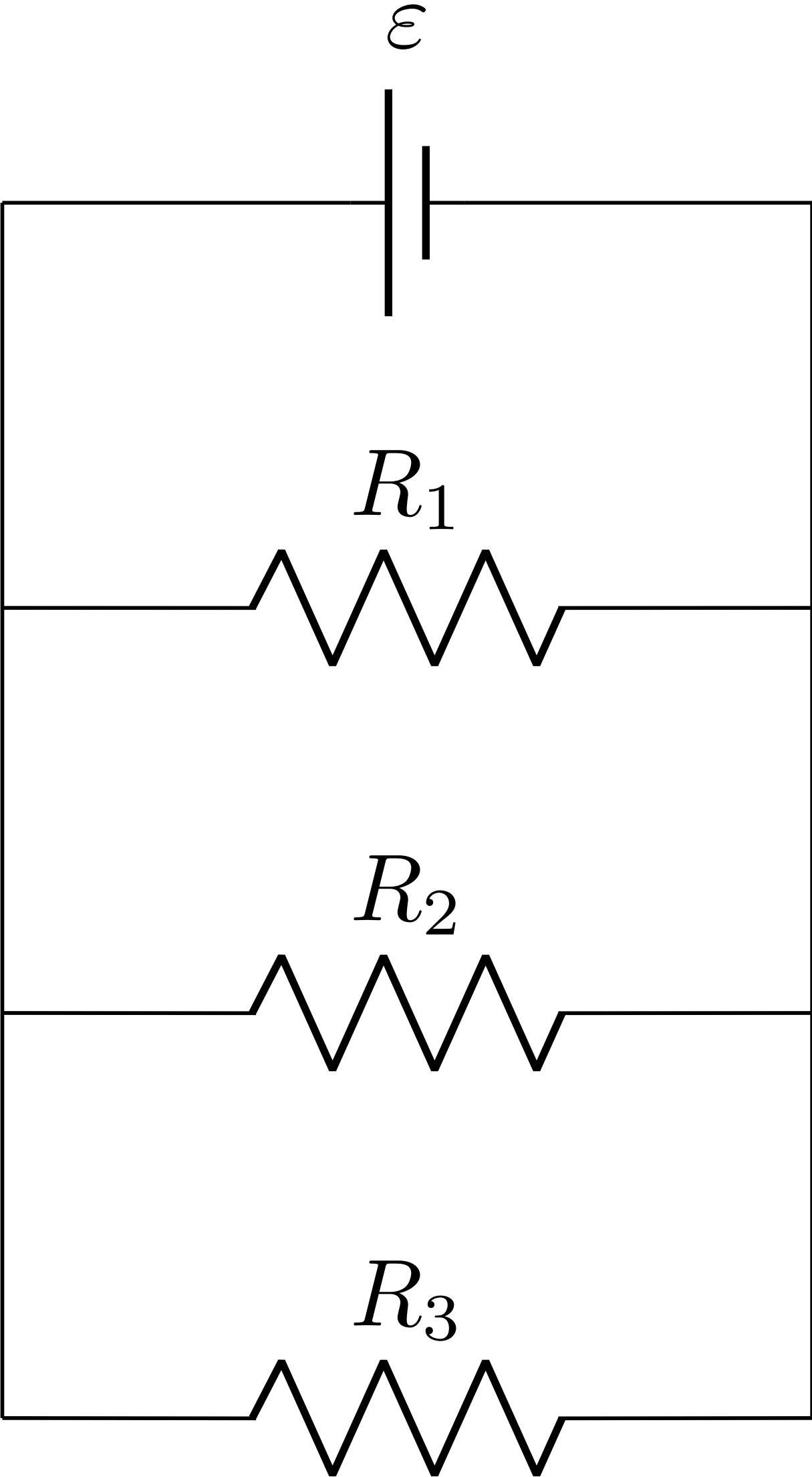
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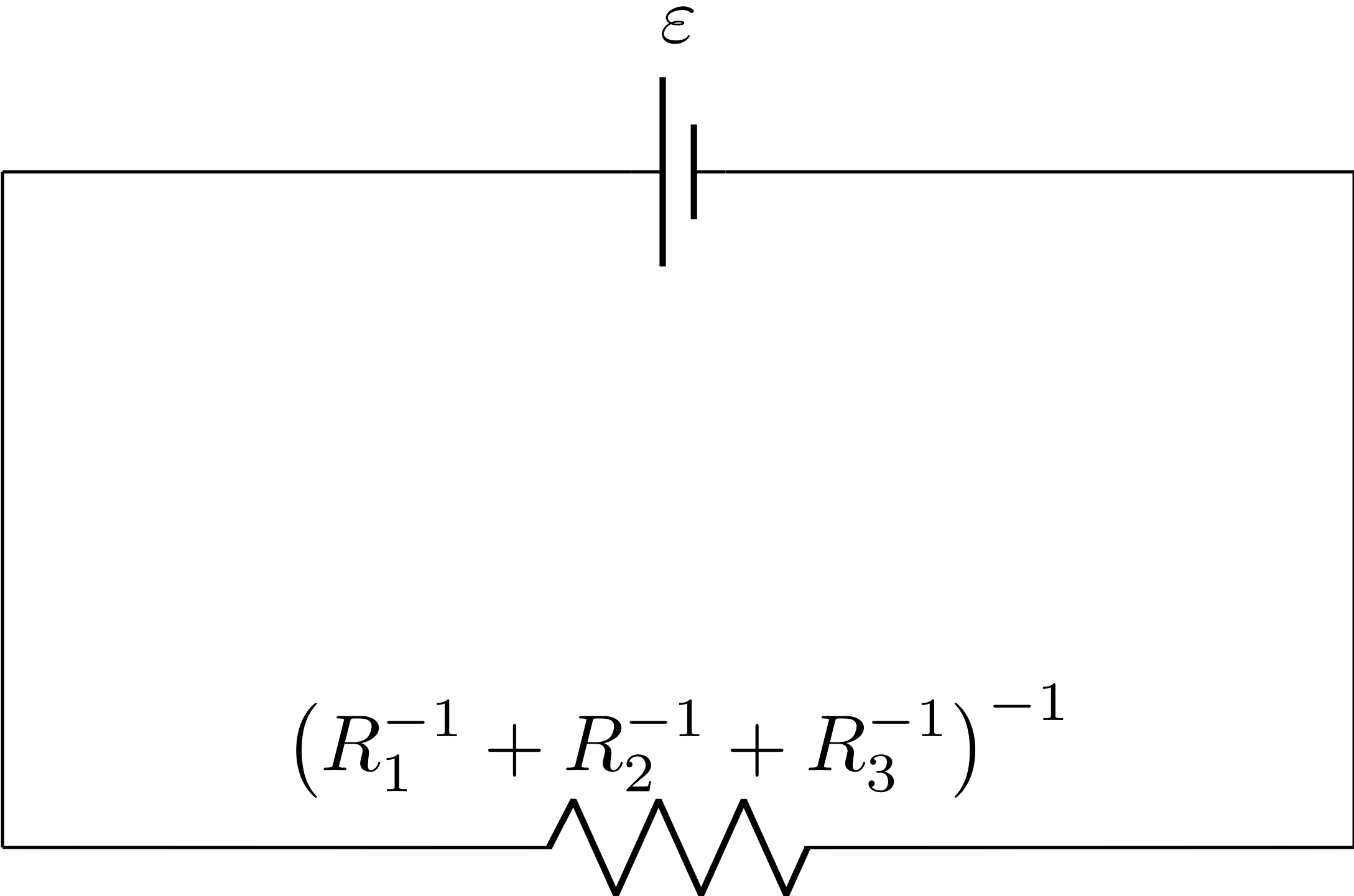
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