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Session D1:  
Analog Circuit

# Spatial and Temporal Dynamics of Non-Uniform Active Resistor Networks

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# Research Objective

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Our previous theorem:

Spatial and temporal stability conditions are equal for **uniform** resistive network including **negative** resistors



This research:

Investigation of spatial and temporal dynamics for **non-uniform** resistive network

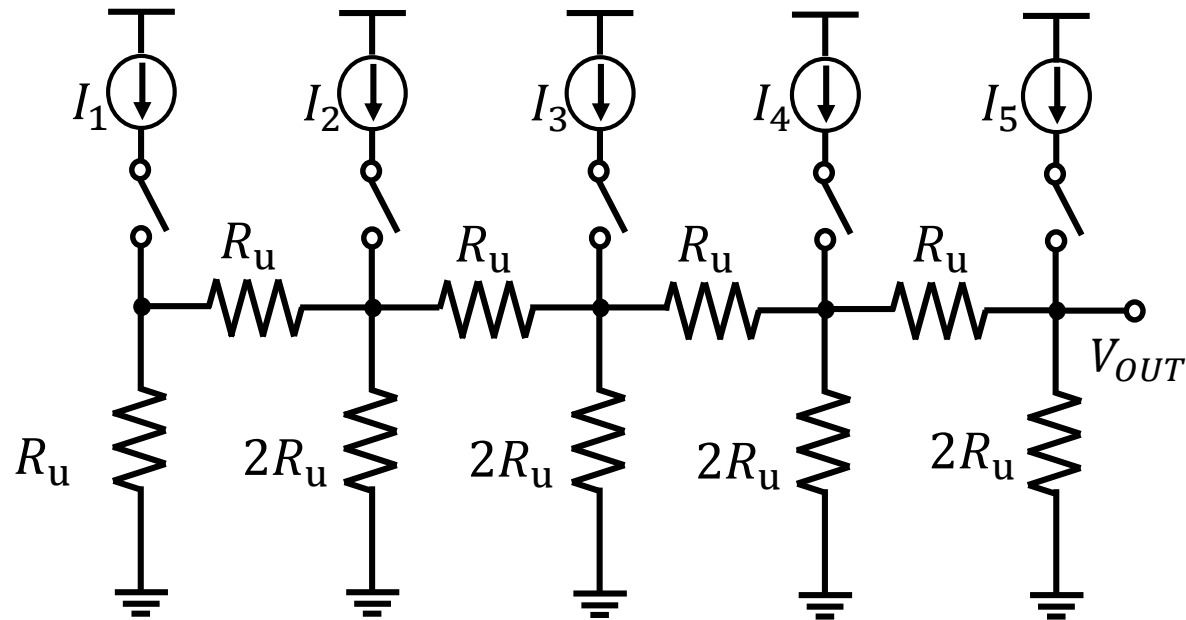
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# Resistive Network Circuit (1)

## R-2R resistive ladder DAC



### Advantages

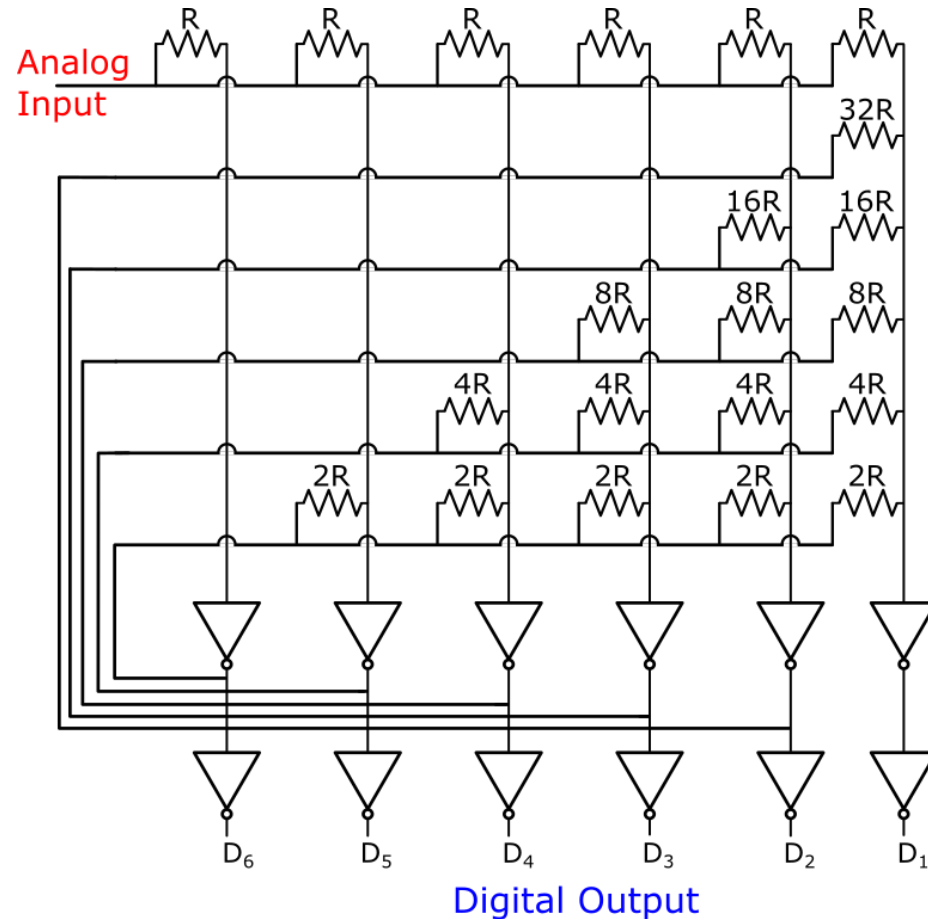
- High speed
- No need for decoder

### Disadvantages

- Glitch
- Non-monotonicity

# Resistive Network Circuit (2)

## Asynchronous SAR ADC



### Advantages

- High speed
- Low power
- Small circuit

[1] Z . Xu, X. Bai, D. Yao, A. Kuwana, H. Kobayashi,  
 "Revisit to [Hopfield Network](#) for Asynchronous SAR ADC and DAC",  
 IEEE 3rd International Conference on Circuits and Systems, Chengdu, China (Oct. 2021)

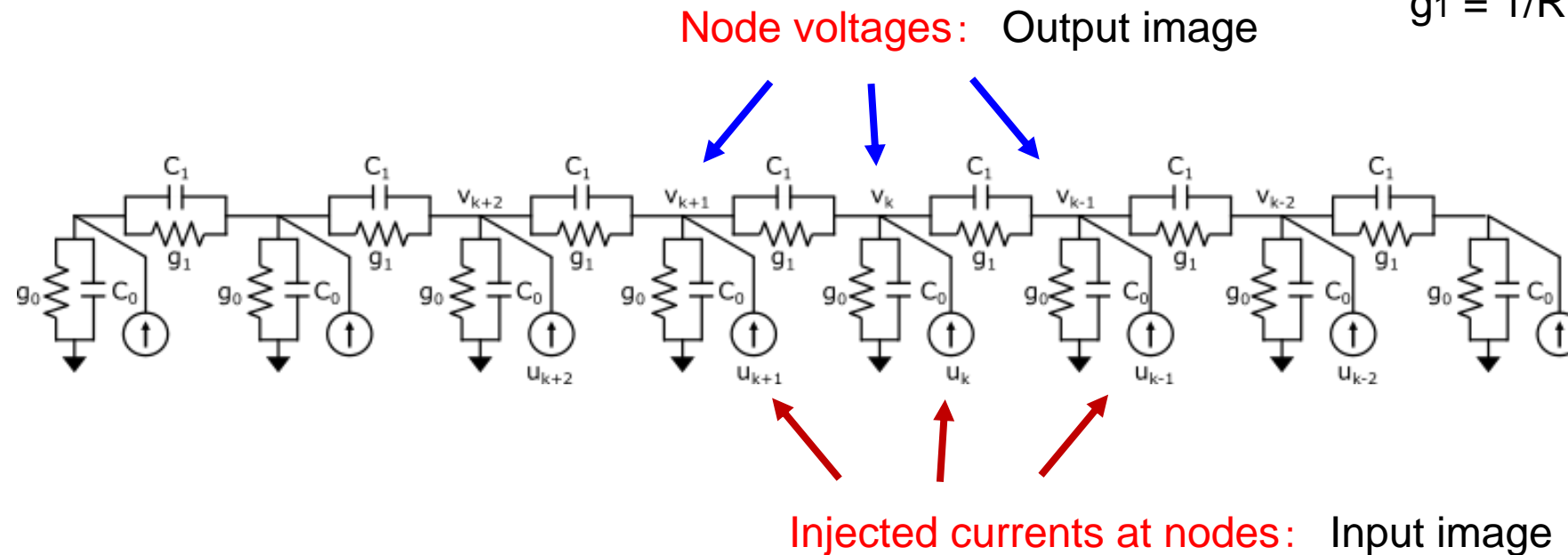
# Resistive Network Circuit (3)

## High-speed analog image processor

1D image case

$$g_0 = 1/R_0$$

$$g_1 = 1/R_1$$



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Active Resistive Network:



Including positive and **negative** resistors

# Resistive Network Circuit (4)

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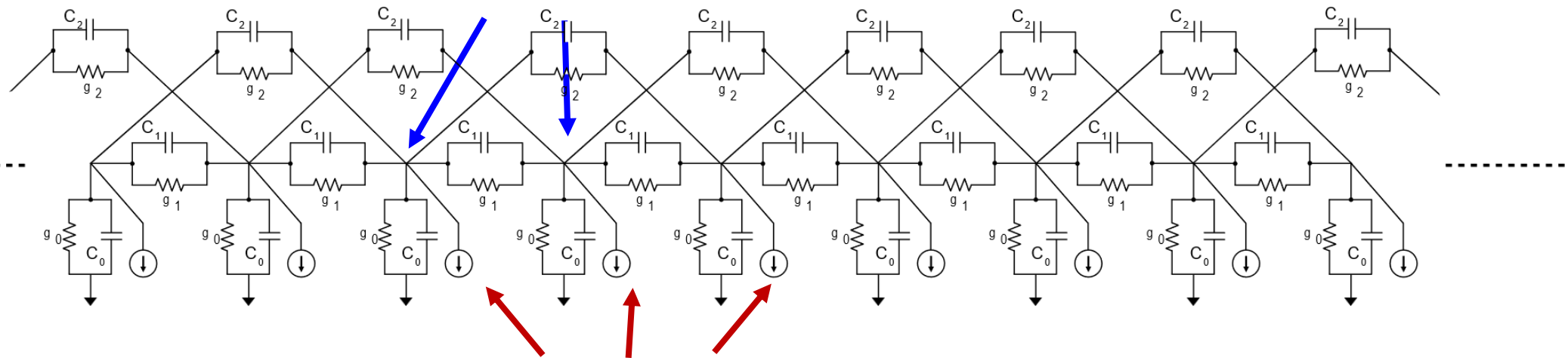
$$\begin{aligned} g_0 &= 1/R_0 \\ g_1 &= 1/R_1 \\ g_2 &= 1/R_2 \end{aligned}$$

1D image case

Negative resistor

$$R_2 = -4R_1 < 0$$

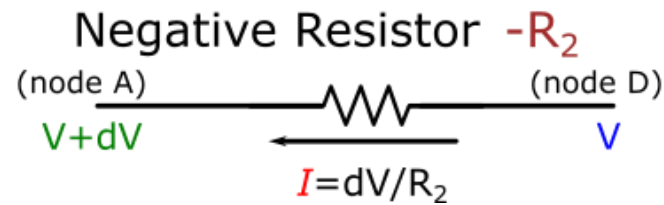
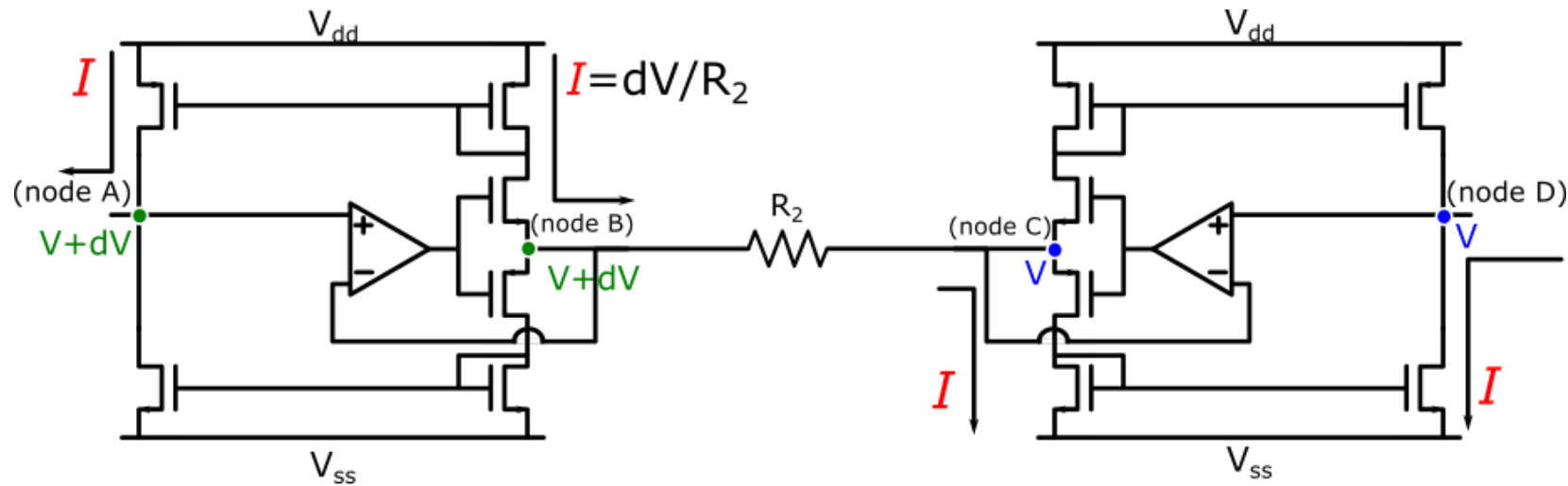
Node voltages: Output image



Injected currents at nodes: Input image

[3] H. Kobayashi, J. L. White, A. A. Abidi, "An Active Resistor Network for Gaussian Filtering of Images", IEEE Journal of Solid-State Circuits (May 1991)

# Negative Resistor with Standard CMOS



$V+dV$  @ Node A  $>$   $V$  @ Node D



Current  $I = \frac{dV}{R_2}$

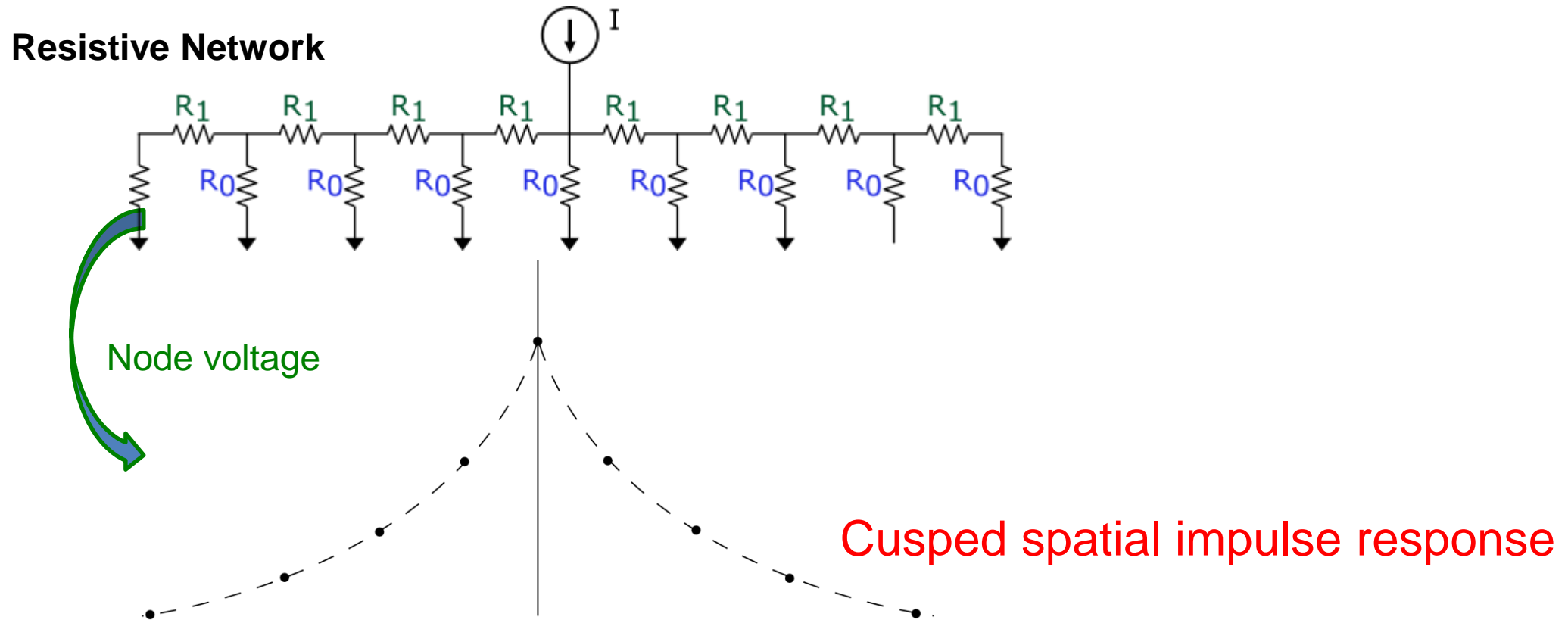
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# Spatial Impulse Response (1)

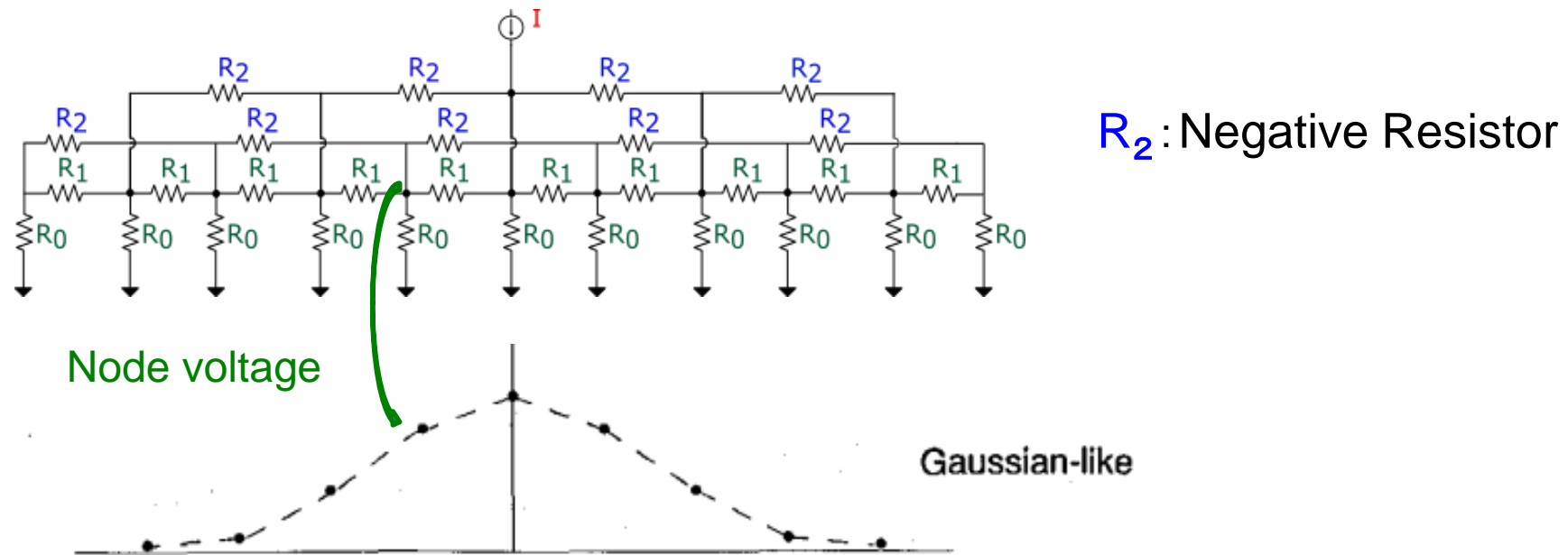
## High-speed analog image processor (Retina chip)



[5] C. A. Mead, Analog VLSI and Neural Systems, Addison Wesley, 1989

# Spatial Impulse Response (2)

## High-speed analog image processor (Gaussian chip)



Flat-top spatial impulse response

[3] H. Kobayashi, J. L. White, A. A. Abidi, "An Active Resistor Network for Gaussian Filtering of Images", IEEE Journal of Solid-State Circuits (May 1991)

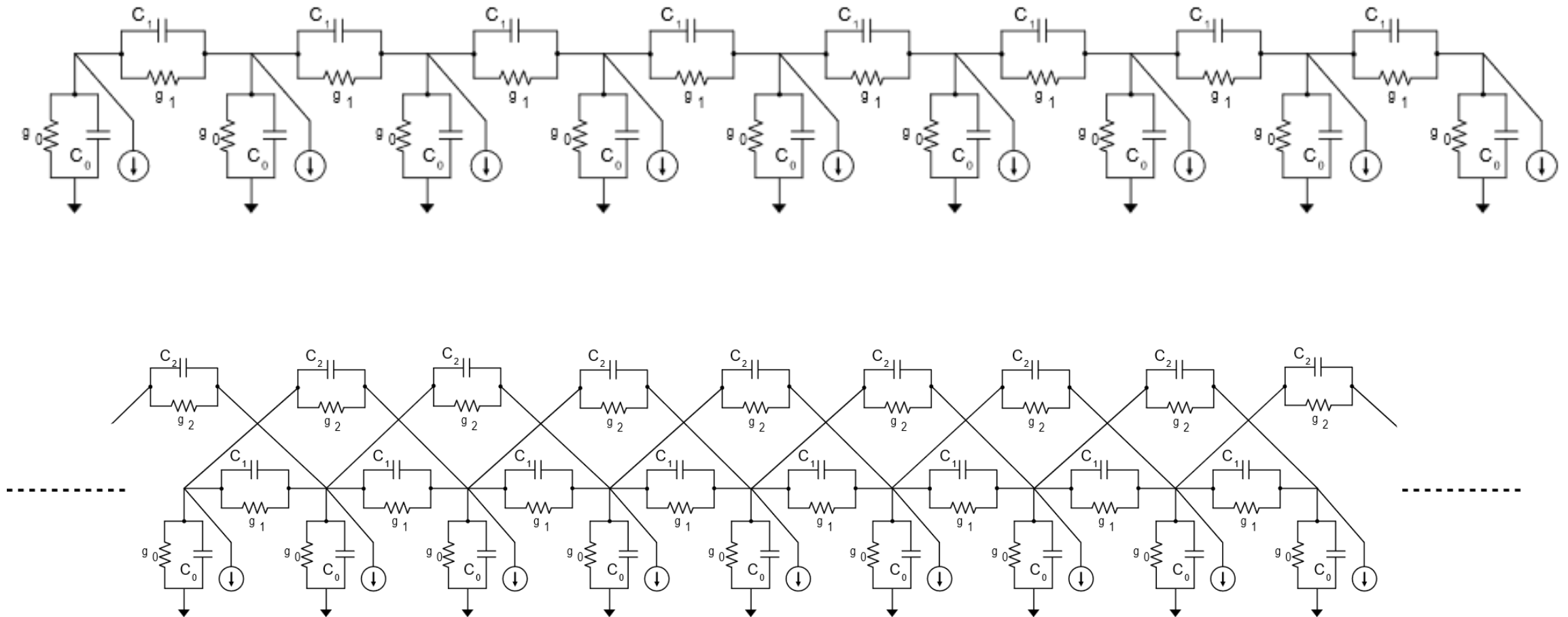
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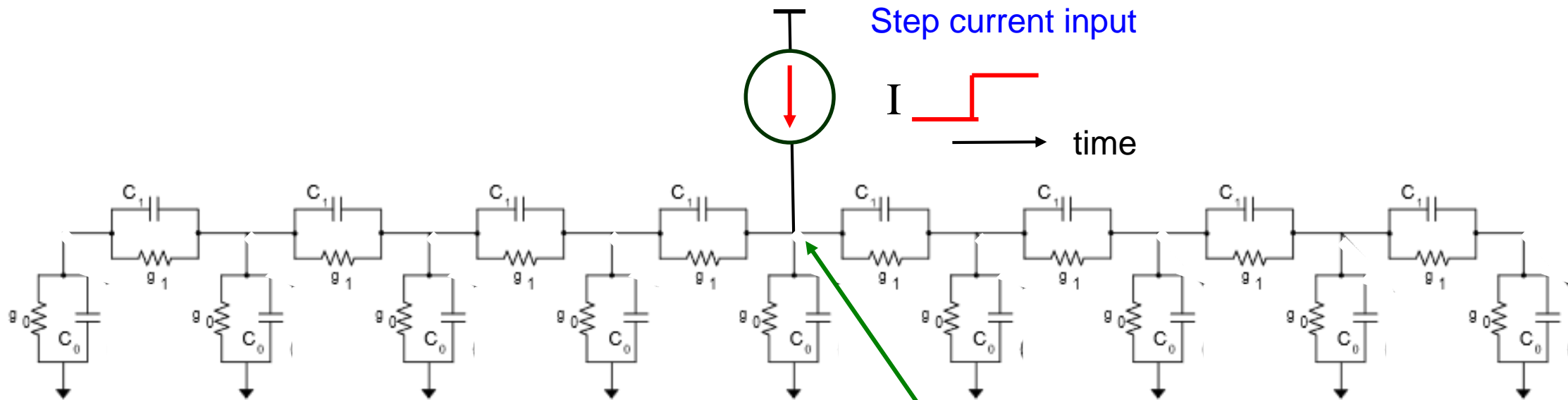
# Temporal Dynamics with R, C

Capacitances are considered for temporal dynamics

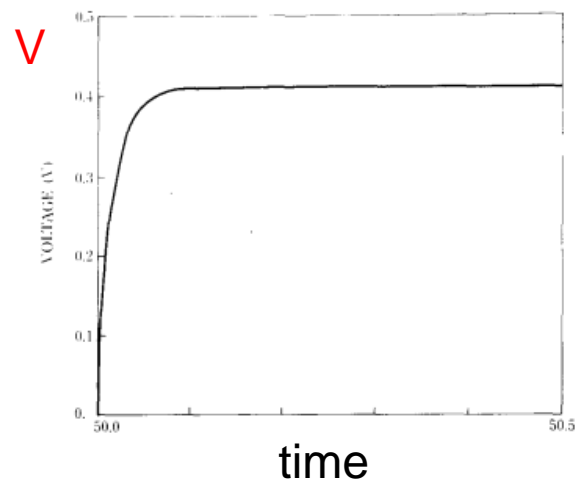




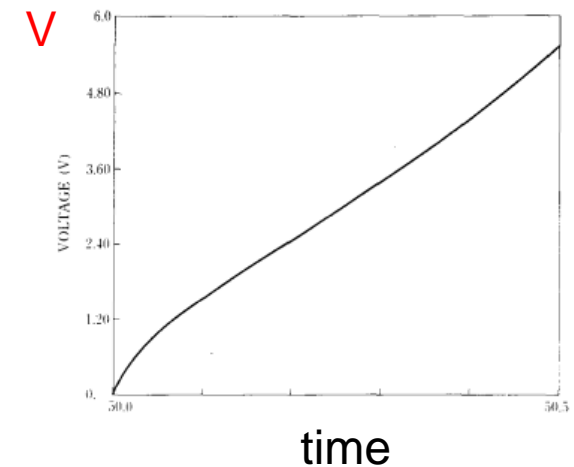
# Temporal Step Response



Temporally stable



Temporally unstable

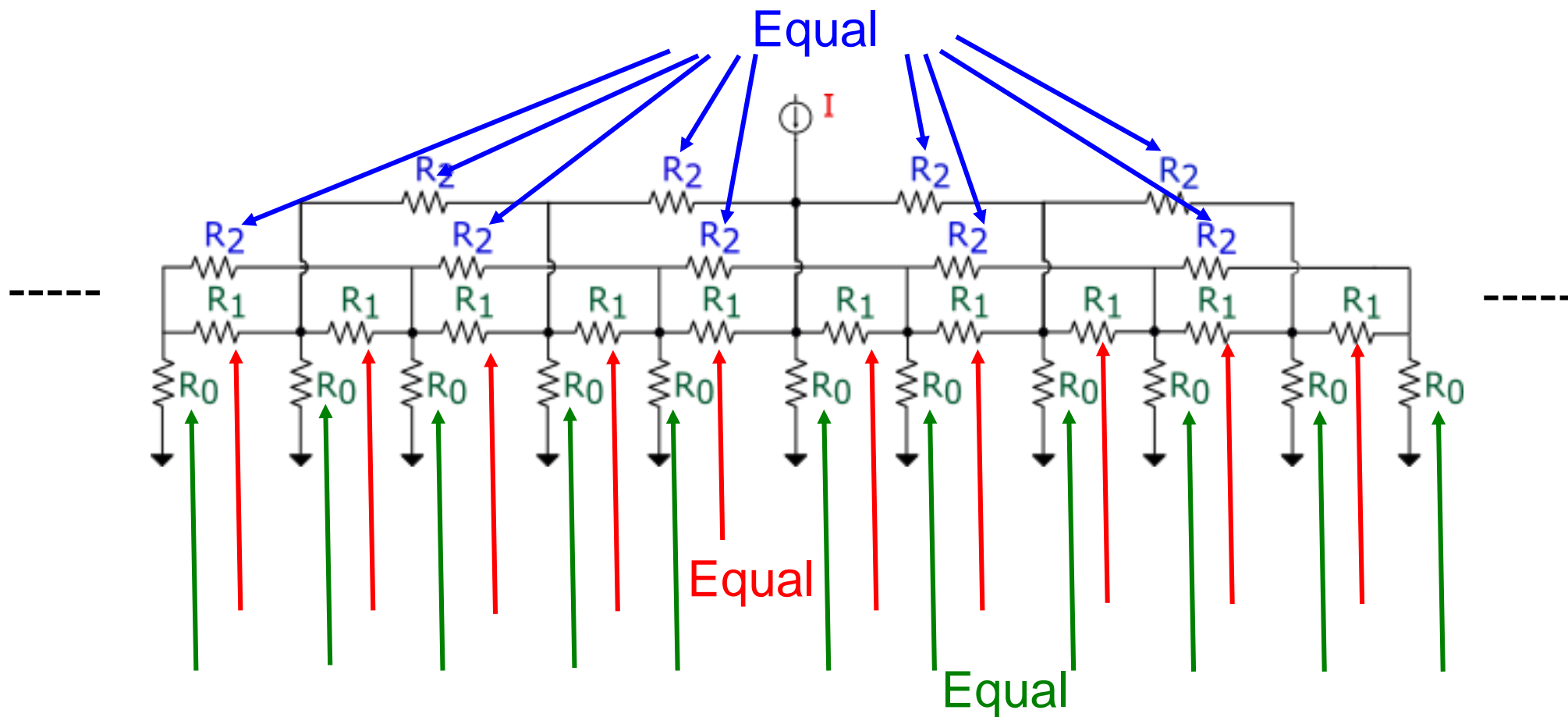


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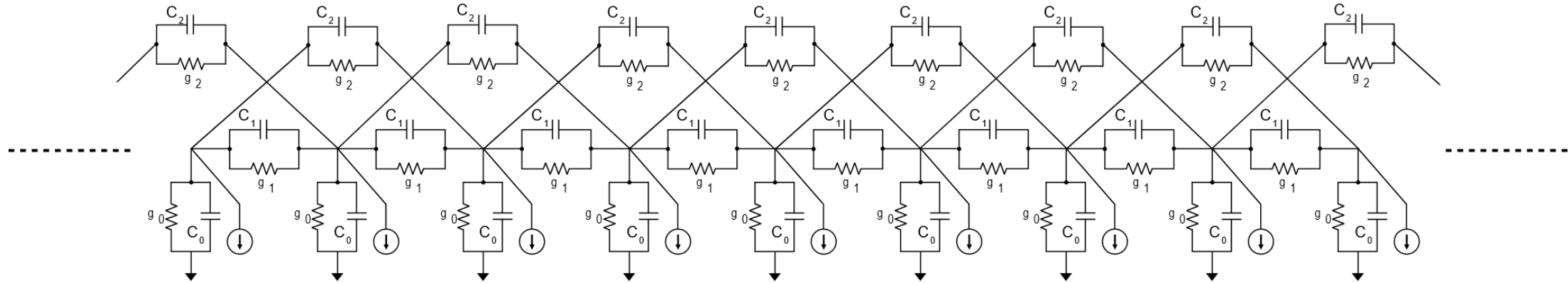
# Uniform Resistor Network



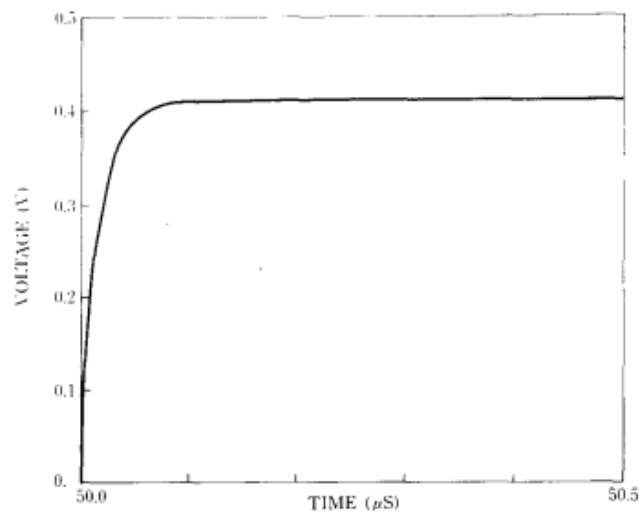
- Shift invariant
- Spatial transfer function

# Simulation Results: Spatial Temporal Stabilities

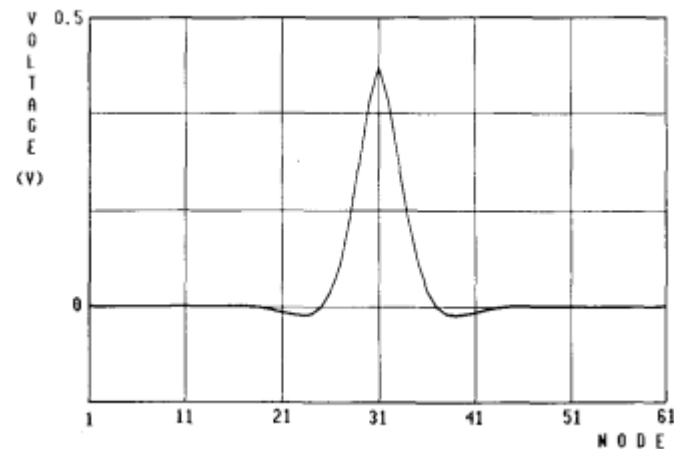
$$R_0 = 1/g_0 = 200\text{k}\Omega, \quad R_1 = 1/g_1 = 5\text{k}\Omega, \quad R_2 = 1/g_2 = -20\text{k}\Omega$$



Temporally stable

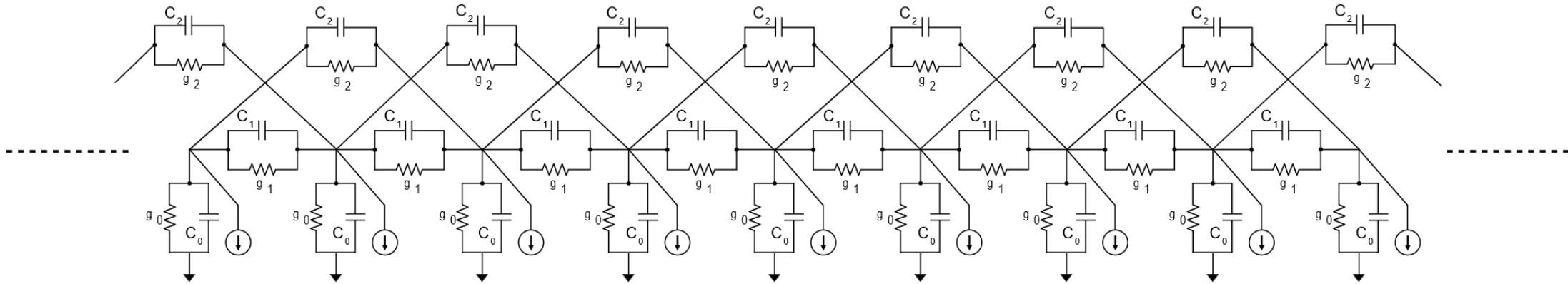


Spatially stable

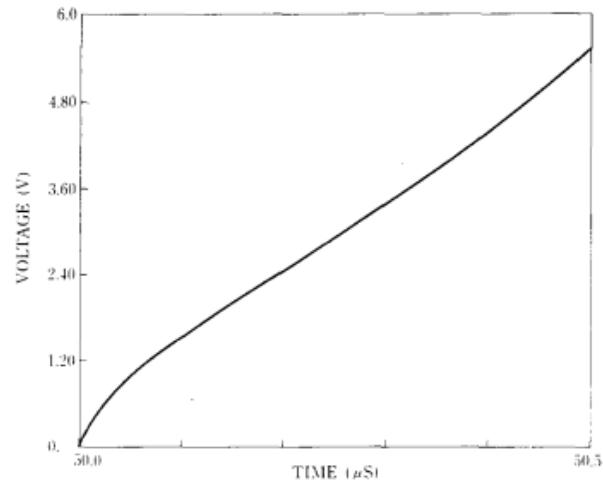


# Simulation Results: Spatial Temporal **Instabilities**

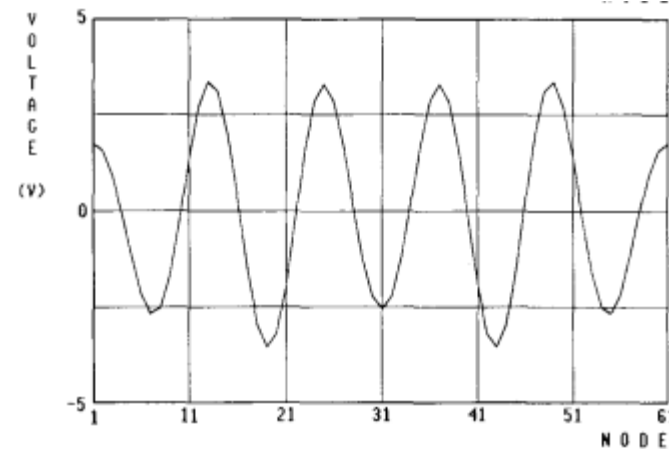
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Temporally **unstable**



Spatially **unstable**



# Circuit Network Theorem

For **uniform** network with positive and **negative** resistors, spatial and temporal stability conditions are equivalent.

[4] T. Matsumoto, H. Kobayashi, Y. Togawa,

“Spatial Versus Temporal Stability Issues in Image Processing Neuro Chips”,  
IEEE Trans. Neural Networks, (July 1992).

[5] H. Kobayashi, T. Matsumoto, J. Sanekata,

“Two-Dimensional Spatio-Temporal Dynamics of Analog Image Processing Neural Networks”,  
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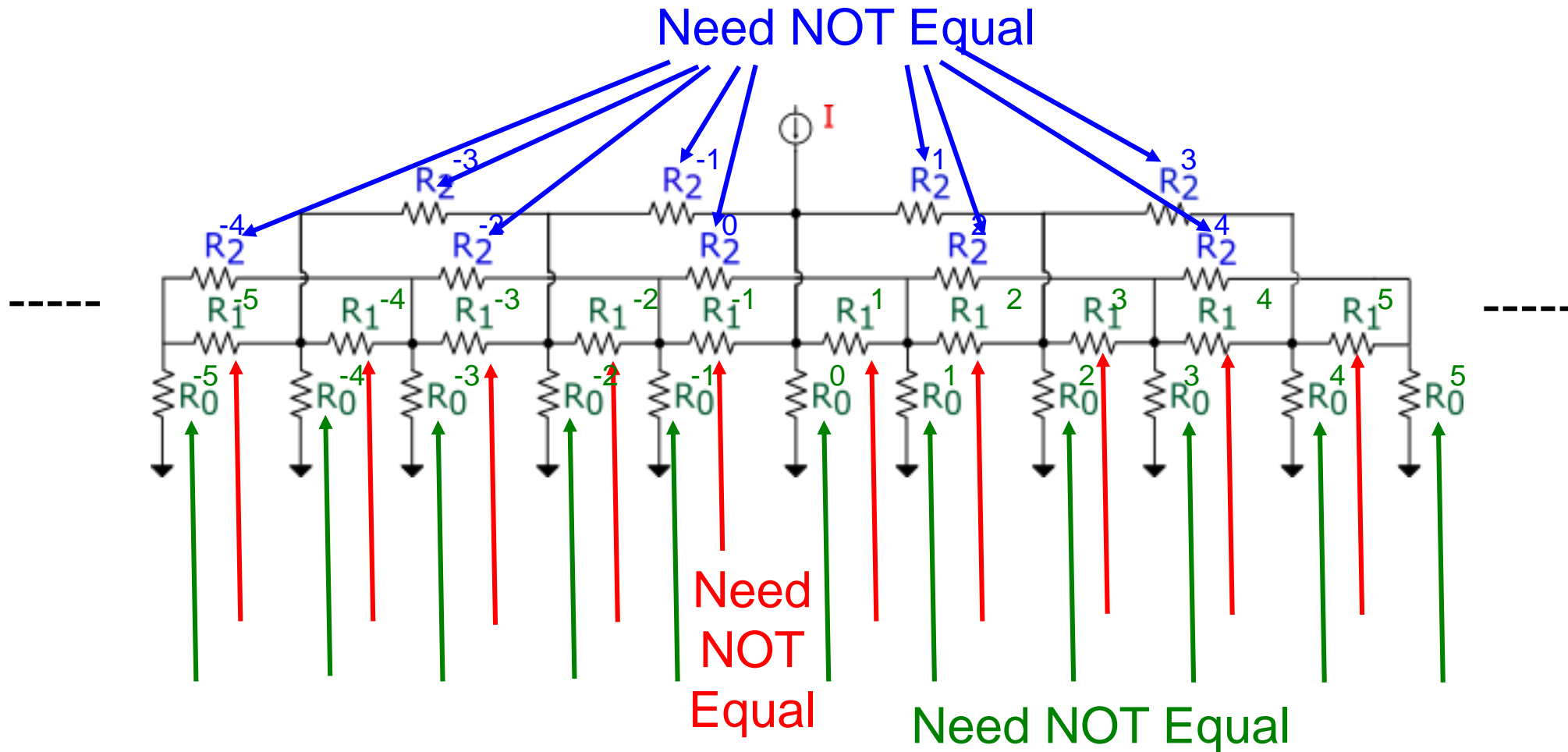
How about **non-uniform** network ?

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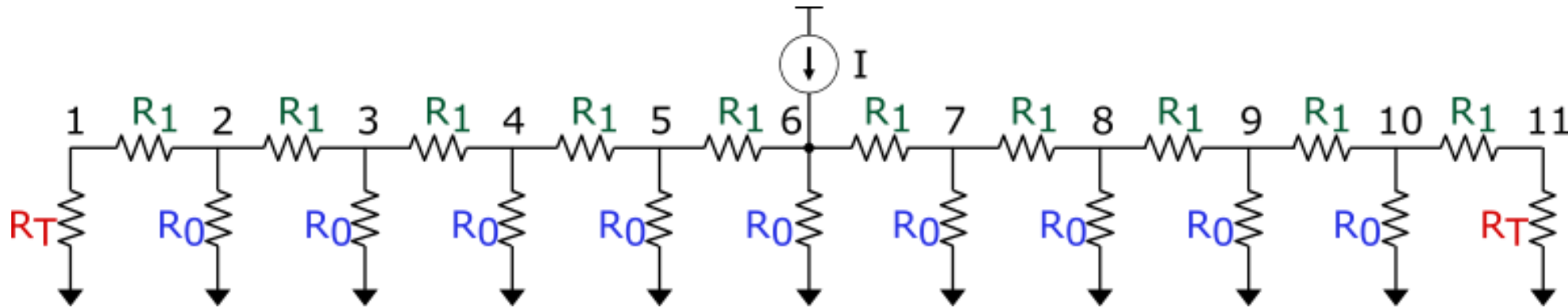
# Non-Uniform Resistor Network



- Shift **variant**
- Spatial transfer function **CANNOT** be defined



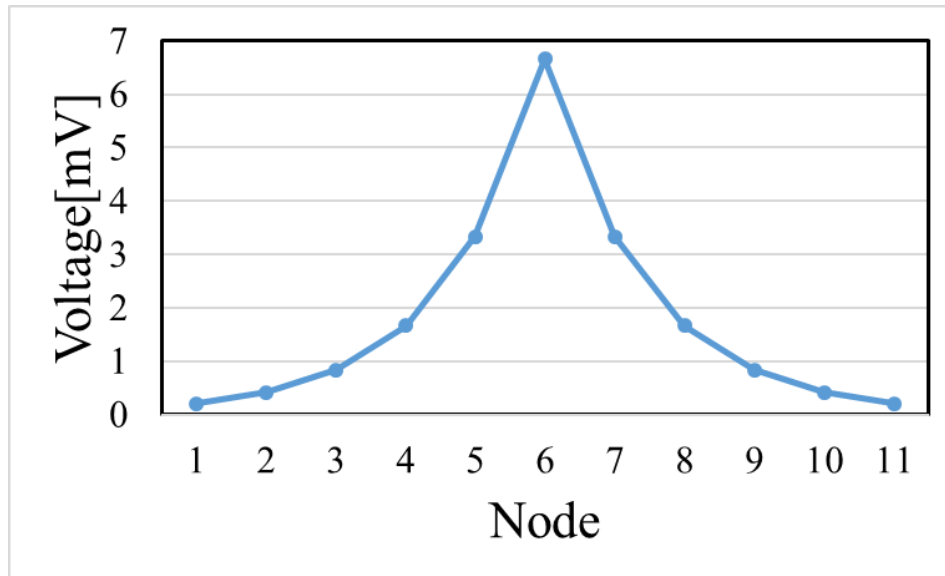
# Spatial Impulse Response of Non-Uniform Network



$R_1$ ,  $R_T$  may be different  
 ➔ Non-uniform network

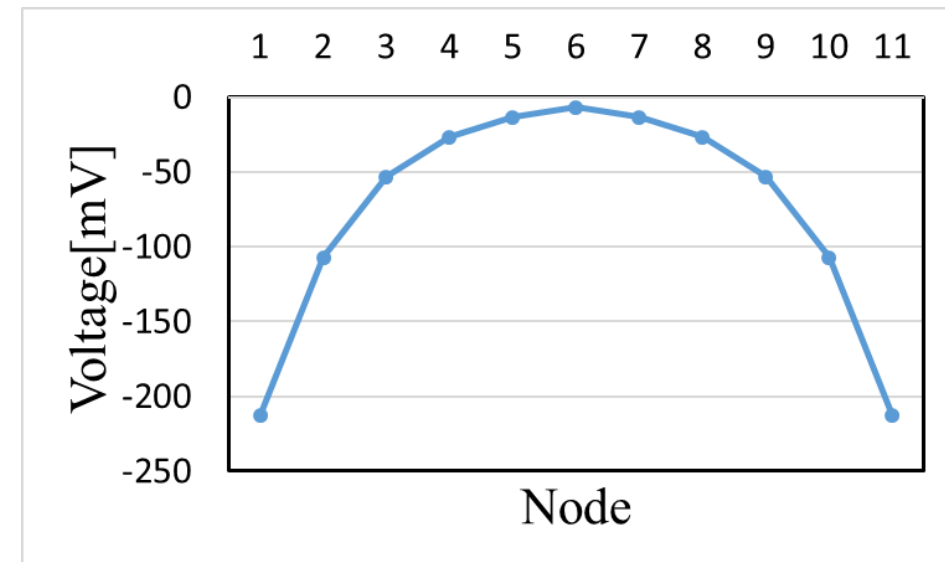
$$R_0 = 2\text{k}\Omega, R_1 = 1\text{k}\Omega, I = 0.01\text{mA}$$

Spatial Impulse Response



$$R_T = 1\text{k}\Omega$$

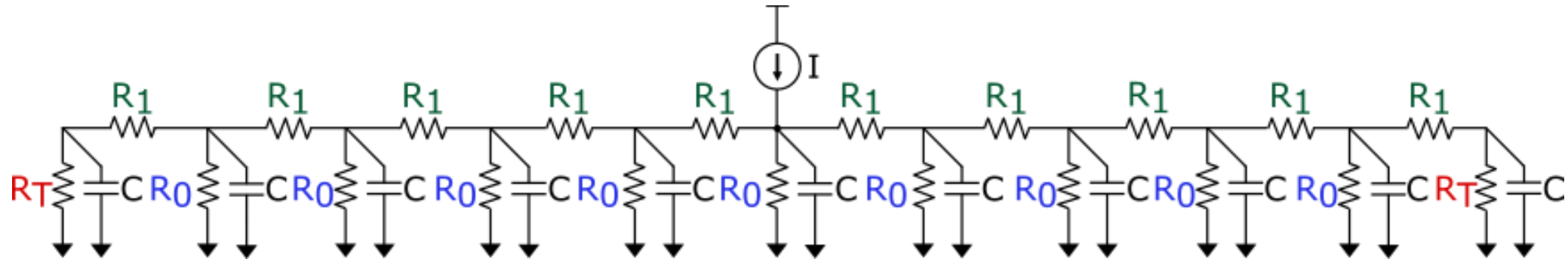
Well behaved



$$R_T = -2\text{k}\Omega$$

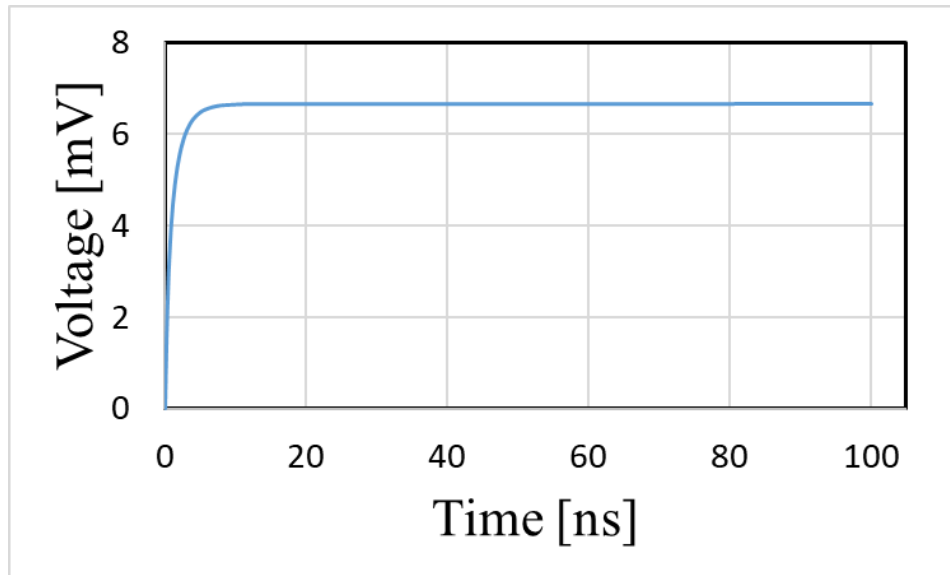
Violently behaved

# Temporal Dynamics of Non-Uniform Network



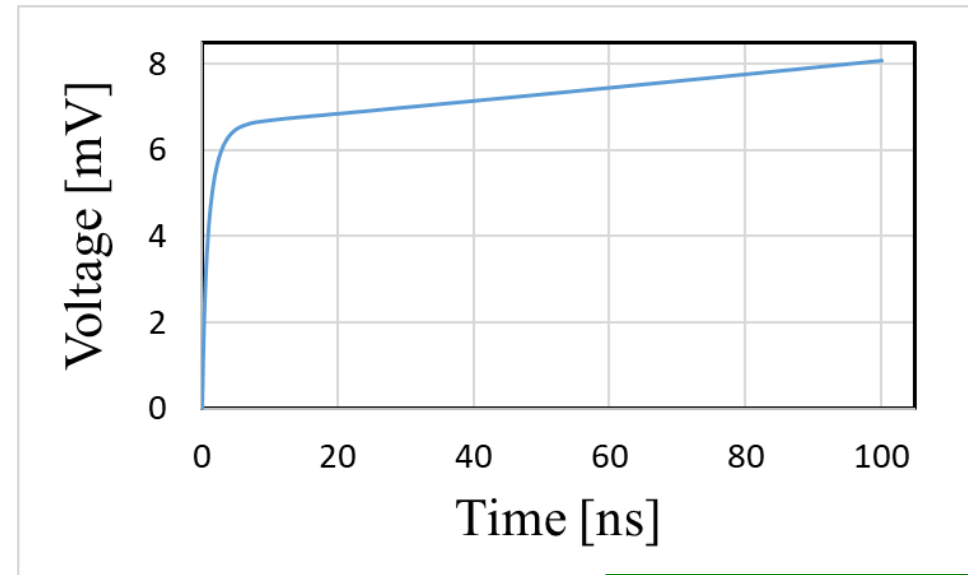
$$R_0 = 2\text{k}\Omega, R_1 = 1\text{k}\Omega, C = 1\text{pF}, \text{Step } I = 0.01\text{mA}$$

Step response at the center node.



$$R_T = 1\text{k}\Omega$$

Temporally stable



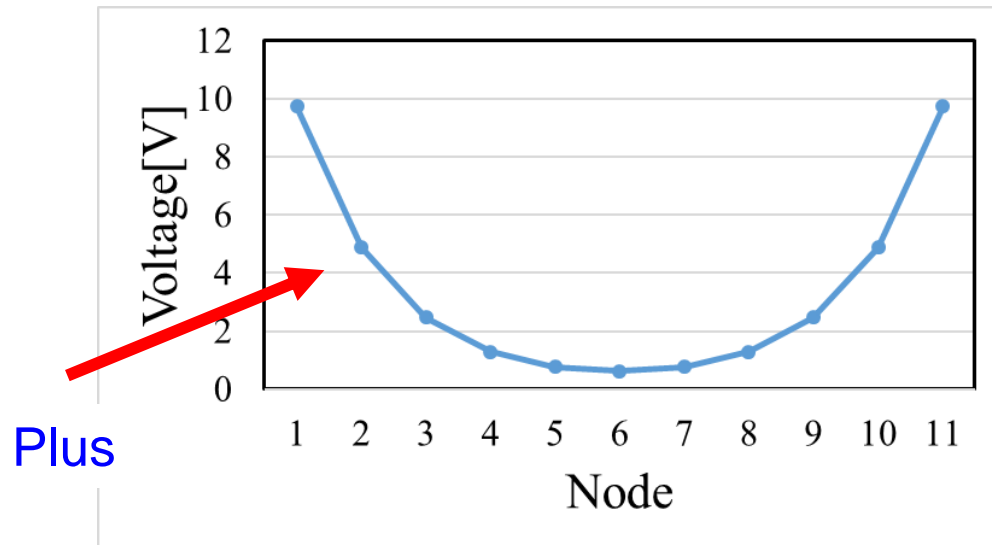
$$R_T = -2\text{k}\Omega$$

Temporally unstable

# Boundary Condition

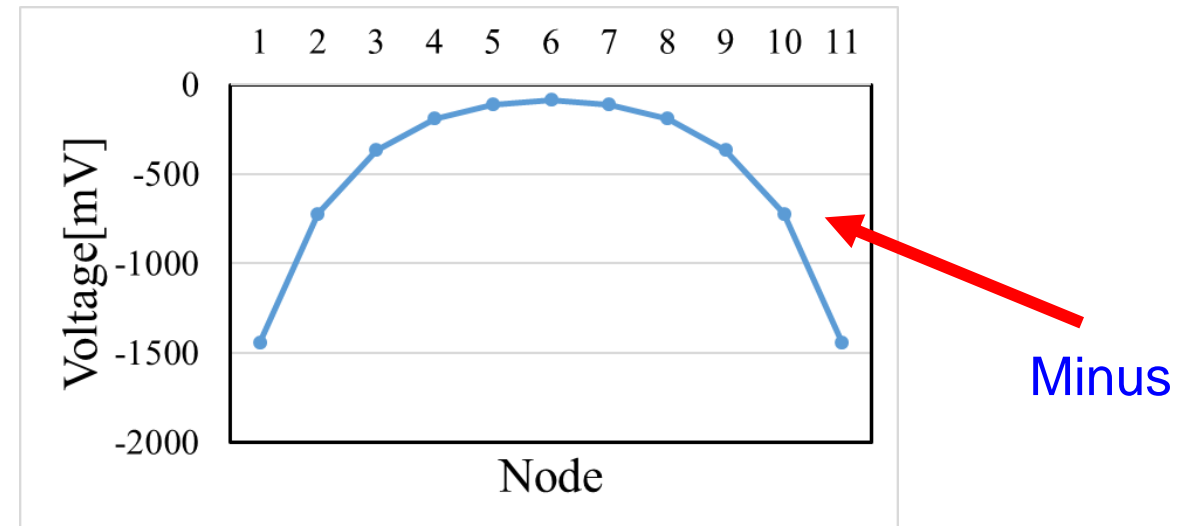
$$R_0 = 2\text{k}\Omega, R_1 = 1\text{k}\Omega, C = 1\text{pF}, \text{ Step } I = 0.01\text{mA}$$

$$R_T = -2.006\text{k}\Omega$$



- Modestly well behaved spatial impulse response
- Temporally stable

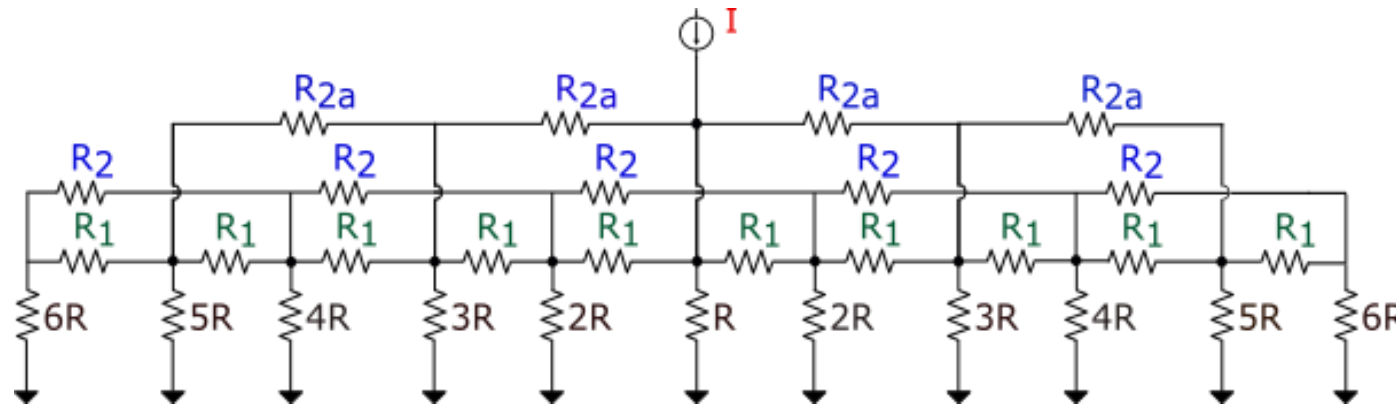
$$R_T = -2.005\text{k}\Omega$$



- Violently behaved spatial impulse response
- Temporally unstable

Close relationships between spatial and temporal dynamics

# General Non-Uniform Network



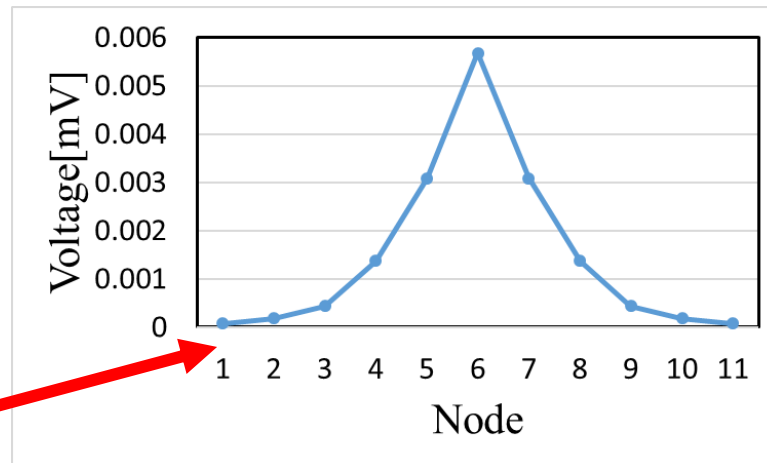
$$R_2 = -4\text{k}\Omega$$

$$R_1 = 1\text{k}\Omega$$

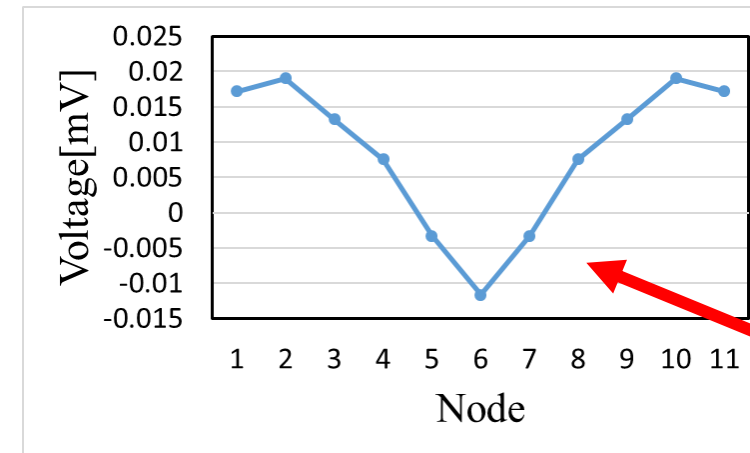
$$R = 1\text{k}\Omega$$

$$R_{2a} = -10\text{k}\Omega$$

$$R_{2a} = -1\text{k}\Omega$$



Plus

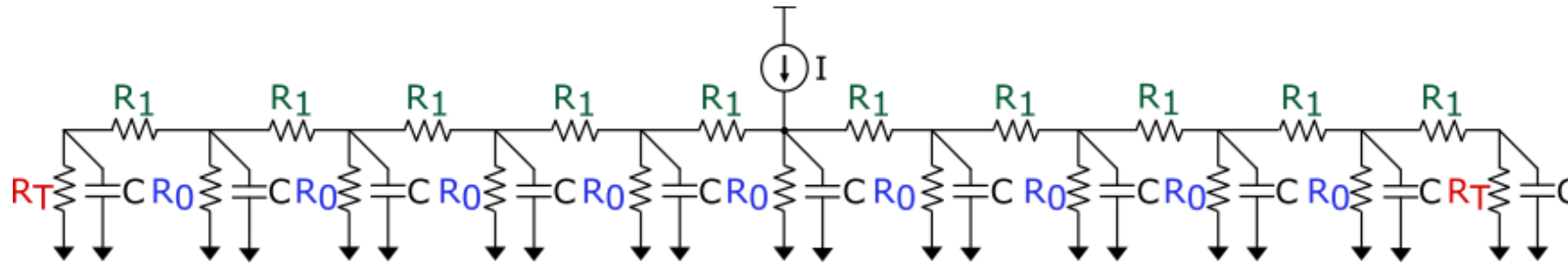


Minus

- Modestly well behaved spatial impulse response
- Temporally stable

- Violently behaved spatial impulse response
- Temporally unstable

# Theoretical Analysis of Non-Uniform Network



Kirchhoff Current Law at node  $k$

$$C \frac{d}{dt} v_k = -g_0 v_k + g_1 (v_{k+1} - v_k) + g_1 (v_{k-1} - v_k)$$

Here  $g_0 = 1/R_0$ ,  $g_1 = 1/R_1$



State Equation

$$C \frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{i}$$

$$\mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5, v_6, v_7, v_8, v_9, v_{10}, v_{11})$$

$$\mathbf{i} = (0, 0, 0, 0, 0, I, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} y_T & g_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ g_1 & y & g_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & g_1 & y & g_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & g_1 & y & g_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & g_1 & y & g_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & g_1 & y & g_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & g_1 & y & g_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & g_1 & y & g_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & g_1 & y & g_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & g_1 & y & g_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & g_1 & y_T \end{pmatrix}$$

$y = -g_0 - 2g_1$ ,  $y_T = -g_T - g_1$ .

# Theoretical Analysis of Non-Uniform Network (2)

State Equation  $c \frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{i}$

- Spatial impulse response

$$0 = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{i}$$



$$\mathbf{v} = -\mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{i} = -\mathbf{D} \mathbf{\Lambda}^{-1} \mathbf{D}^{-1} \mathbf{I}$$

Here

$$\mathbf{\Lambda} = \text{diag} (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \dots, \lambda_{11}), \mathbf{\Lambda}^{-1} = \text{diag} (\lambda_1^{-1}, \lambda_2^{-1}, \lambda_3^{-1}, \dots, \lambda_{11}^{-1})$$

$\mathbf{D}$ : array of eigenvectors.

- Temporal stability



$\mathbf{A}$  is negative definite

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# Conclusion

Circuit network theorem:

Equivalence between spatial and temporal stabilities  
for uniform network with negative resistors



Generalization

This research has shown

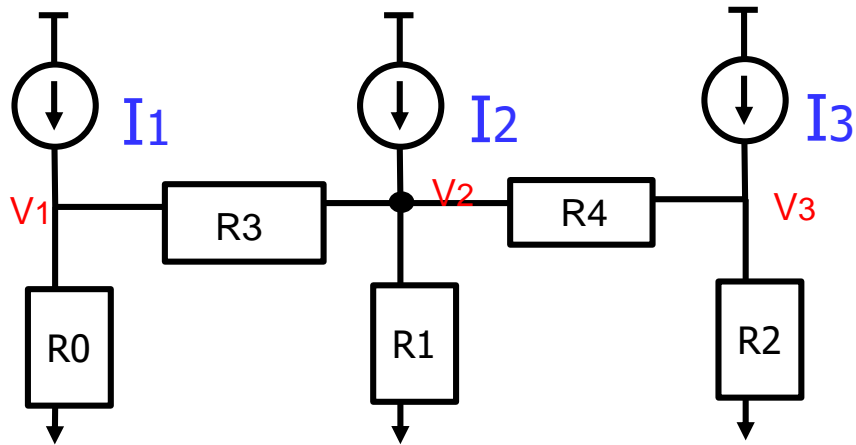
Close relationships between spatial and temporal dynamics  
for non-uniform network with negative resistors



# Appendix

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# State Equation Derivation



$$g_0 = 1/R_0$$

$$g_1 = 1/R_1$$

$$g_2 = 1/R_2$$

$$g_3 = 1/R_3$$

$$g_4 = 1/R_4$$

Kirchhoff Current Law at each node

At node V1

$$I_1 = (V_1 - V_2)g_3 + V_1g_0$$

At node V2

$$I_2 = (V_2 - V_1)g_3 + V_2g_1 + (V_2 - V_3)g_4$$

At node V3

$$I_3 = (V_3 - V_2)g_4 + V_3g_2$$



$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= (g_0 + g_3)V_1 + (-g_3)V_2 + 0 \\ I_2 &= -g_3V_1 + (g_1 + g_3 + g_4)V_2 - g_4V_3 \\ I_3 &= 0 + (-g_4)V_2 + (g_2 + g_4)V_3 \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{pmatrix} I_1 \\ I_2 \\ I_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} g_0 + g_3 & -g_3 & 0 \\ -g_3 & g_1 + g_3 + g_4 & -g_4 \\ 0 & -g_4 & g_2 + g_4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} V_1 \\ V_2 \\ V_3 \end{pmatrix}$$