

EECS 16A

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2D Resistive
Touchscreens

TOUCH SCREEN



YOU'RE DOING IT WRONG

Toolbox

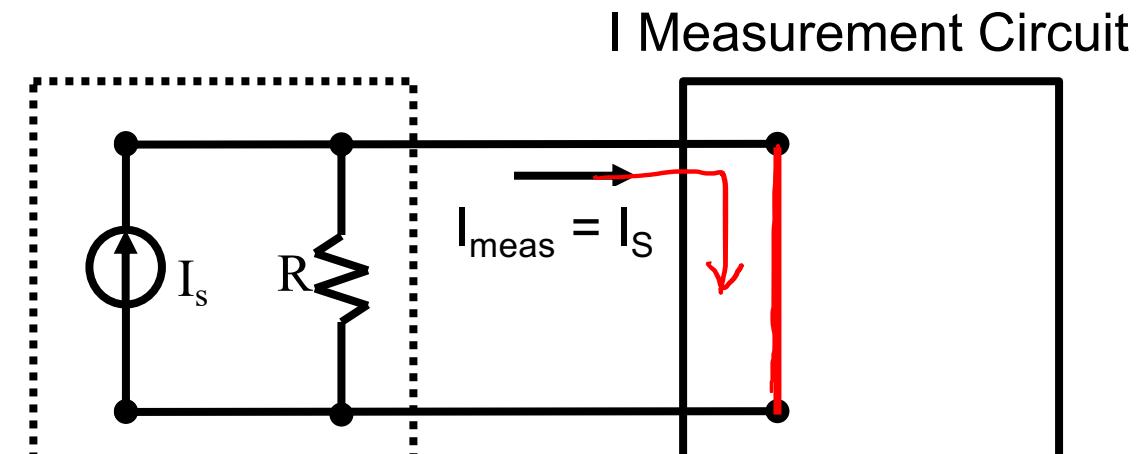
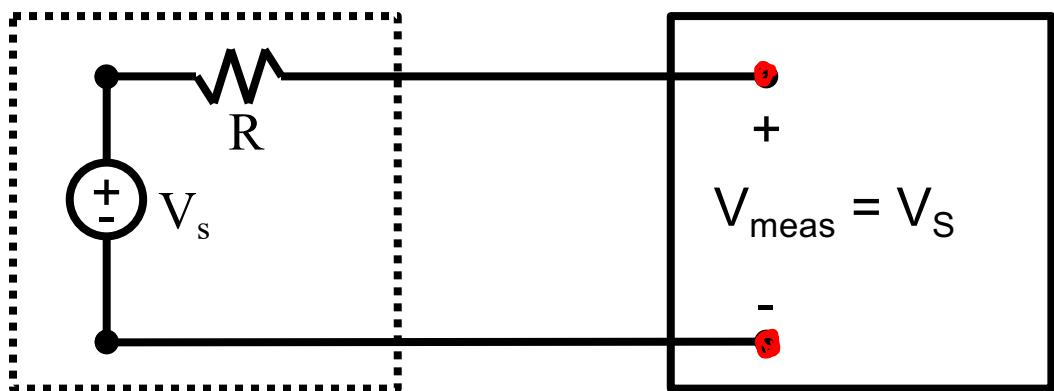
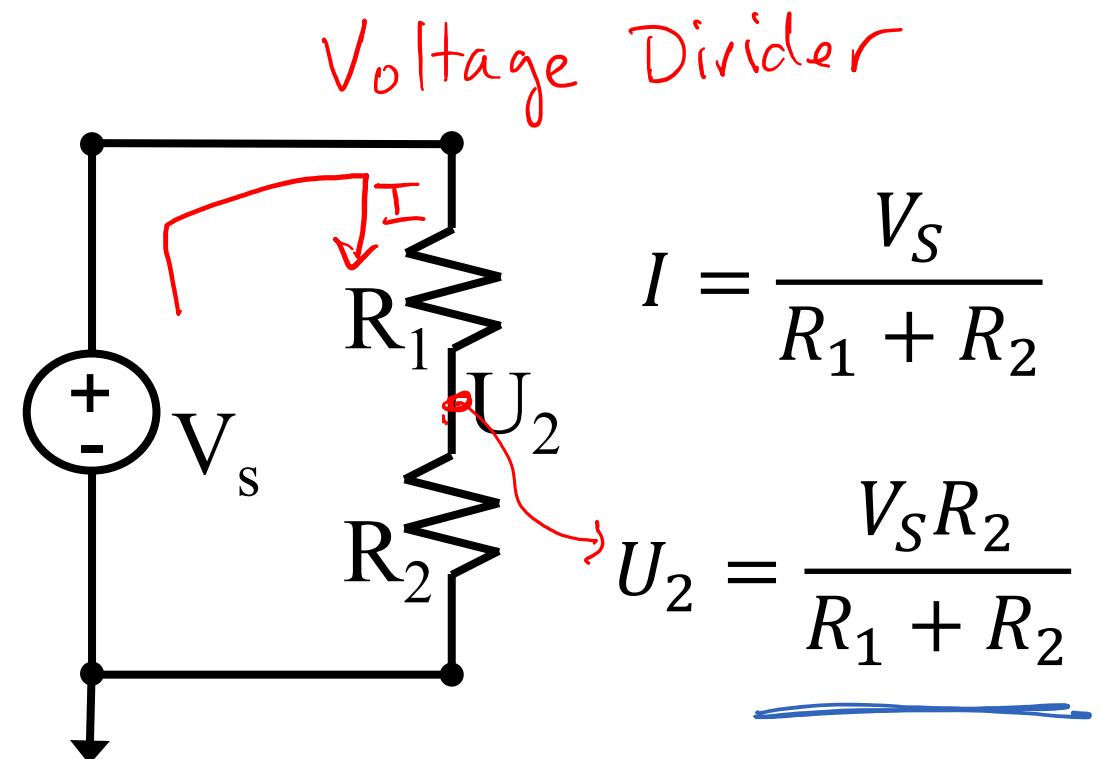
✓ *KVL: Voltage drops around a loop sum to 0*

✓ *KCL: All currents coming out of a node sum to 0*

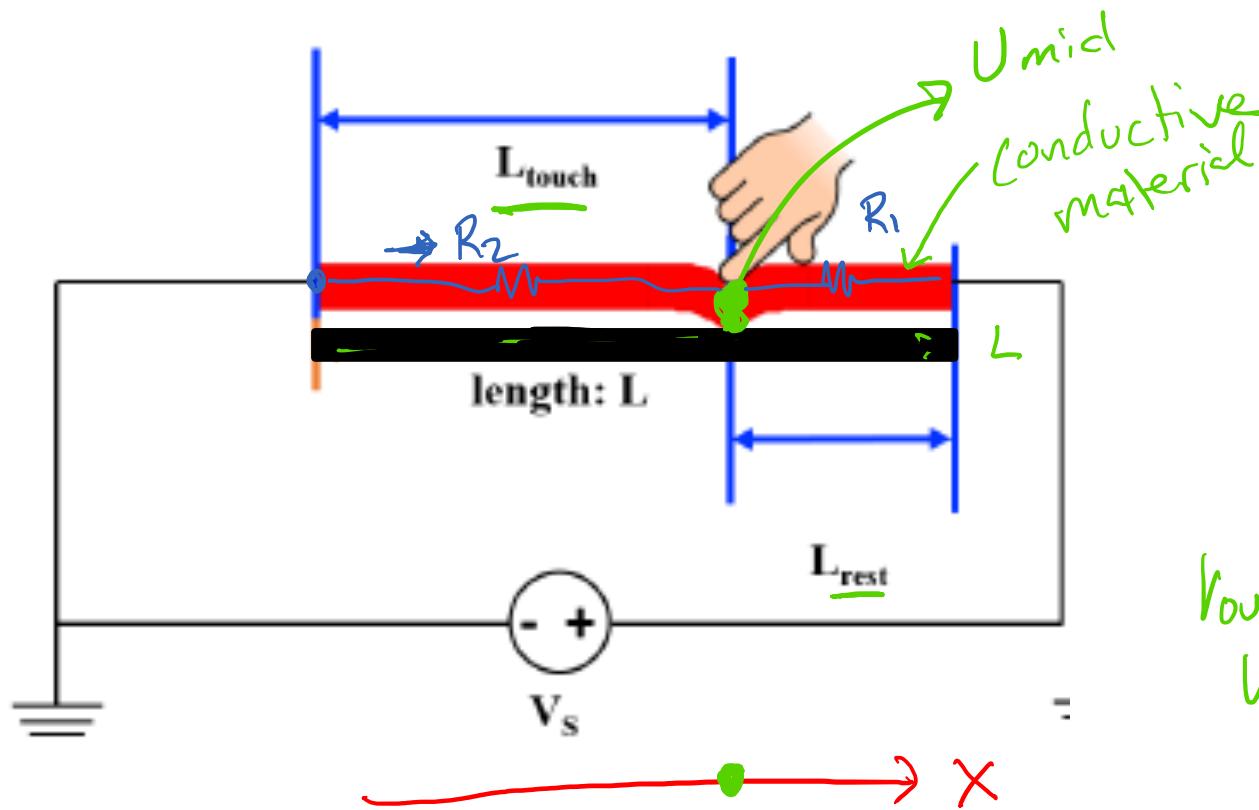
$$V = IR$$

$$P = IV$$

$$R = \rho L/A$$



Recap: Resistive Touch Screen – More realistic model

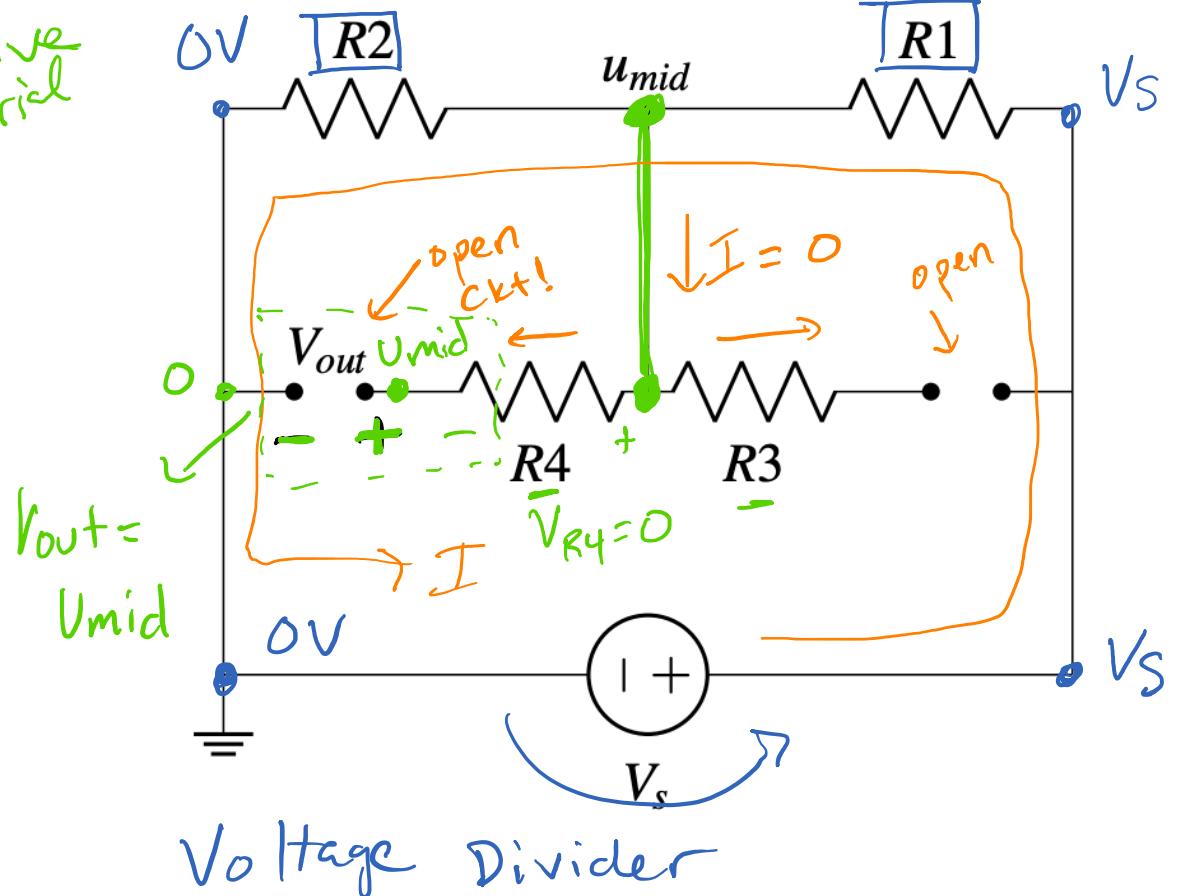


$$R = \frac{\rho L}{A}$$

$$L = L_{touch} + L_{rest}$$

$$R_2 = \frac{\rho L_{touch}}{A}$$

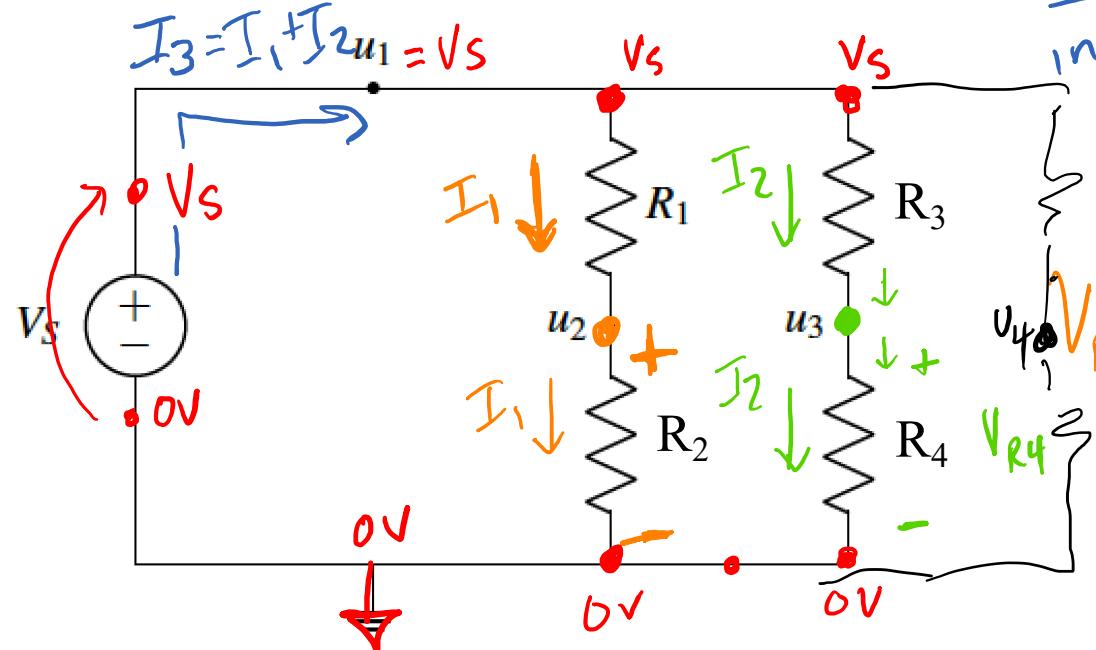
$$R_1 = \frac{\rho L_{rest}}{A}$$



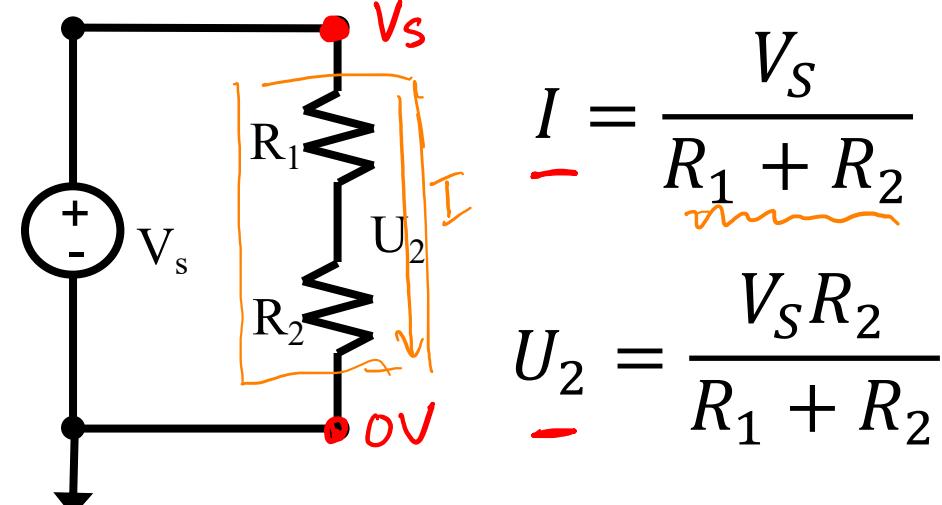
$$U_{mid} = \frac{V_s \cdot R_2}{R_1 + R_2} = \frac{V_s \rho L_{touch}/A}{\rho L_{rest}/A + \rho L_{touch}/A}$$

$$= \frac{V_s L_{touch}}{L}$$

An Interesting Circuit



Note 14



$$\frac{I_3}{in} = \frac{I_1 + I_2}{out}$$

$$I_1 = \frac{V_s}{R_1 + R_2}$$

$$I_2 = \frac{V_s}{R_3 + R_4}$$

$$V_{R4} = U_3 - 0 = I_2 R_4$$

$$V_{R2} = U_2 = \frac{V_s R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

$$U_3 = \frac{V_s R_4}{R_3 + R_4}$$

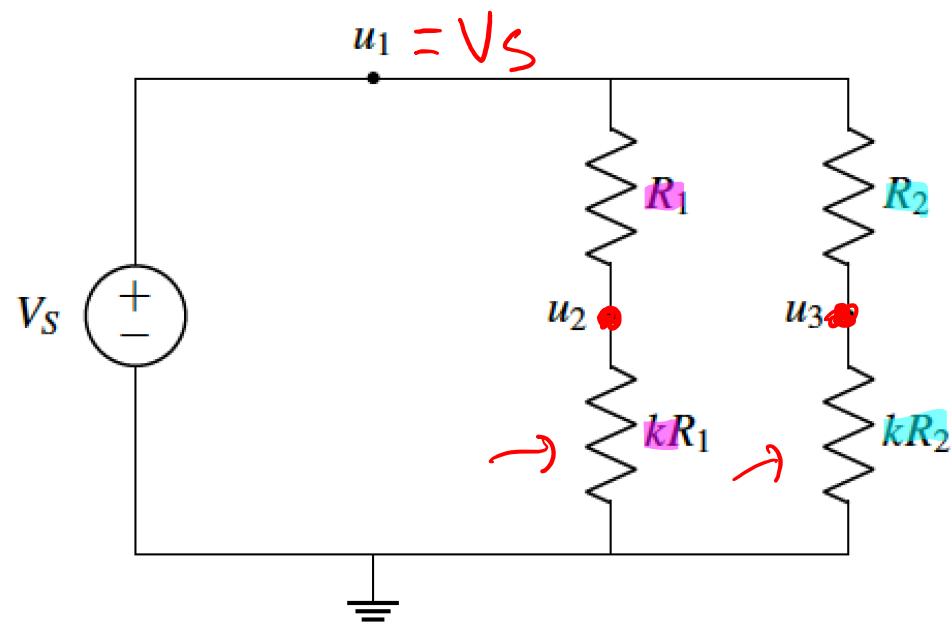
same!

same!

more branches? no problem

solve U_4 same way

An Interesting Circuit



$$U_2 = \frac{V_s \cdot kR_1}{kR_1 + R_1}$$

$$U_2 = V_s \cdot \frac{k}{k+1}$$

$$U_3 = \frac{V_s \cdot kR_2}{kR_2 + R_2}$$

$$U_3 = \frac{V_s k}{k+1}$$

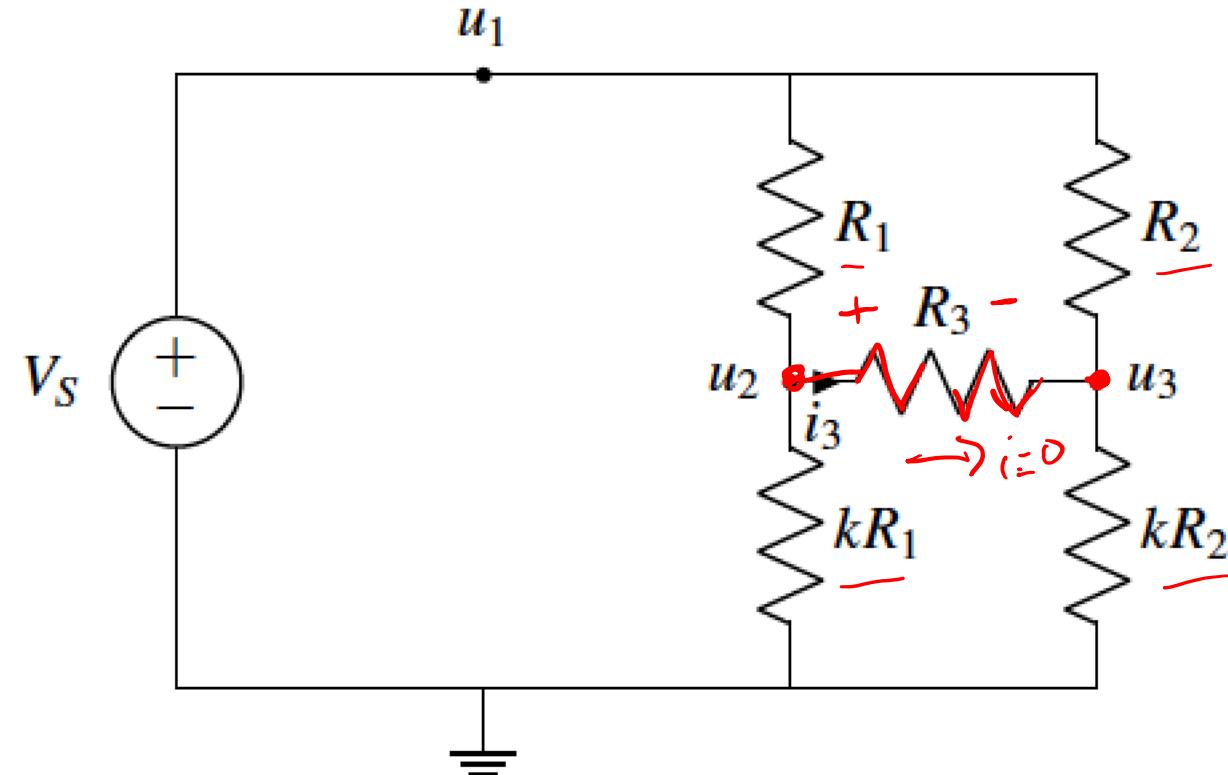
* independent of resistance value

→ only ratio is important

* $U_2 = U_3 !!!$

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Let's add one more resistor – what is i_3 ?



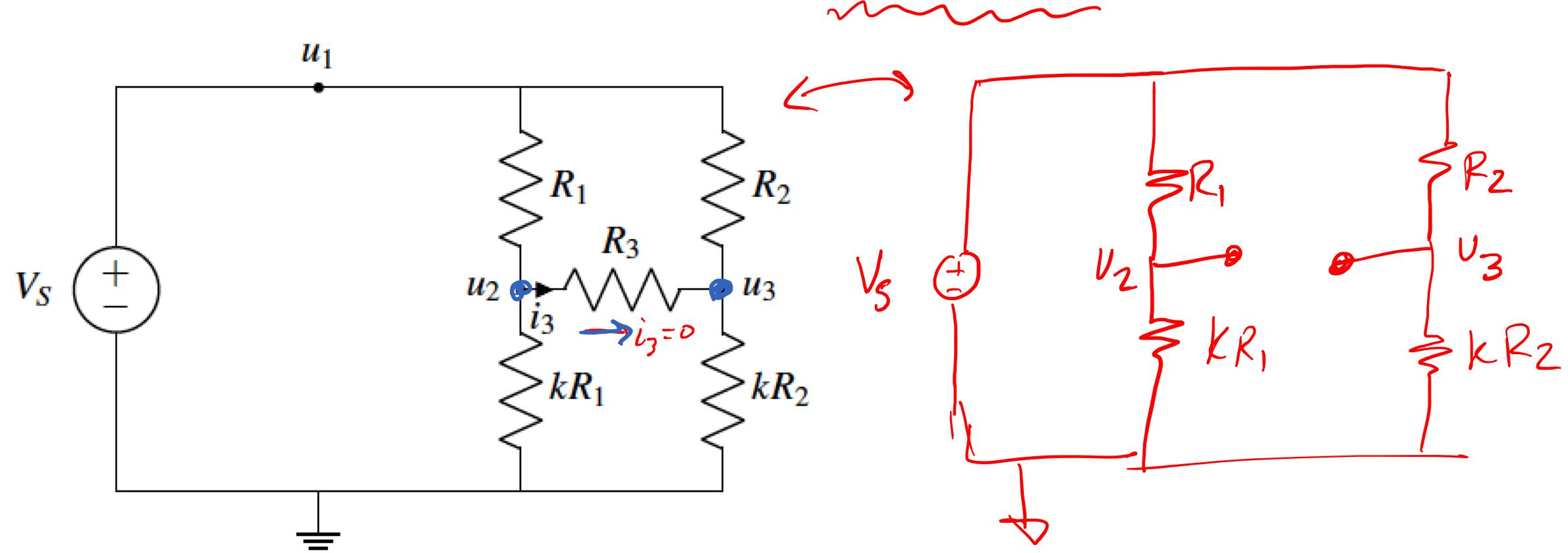
$$U_2 = U_3$$

$$i_3 = ?$$

$$\begin{aligned}V_{R3} &= U_2 - U_3 = i_3 \underline{R_3} \\&= 0\end{aligned}$$

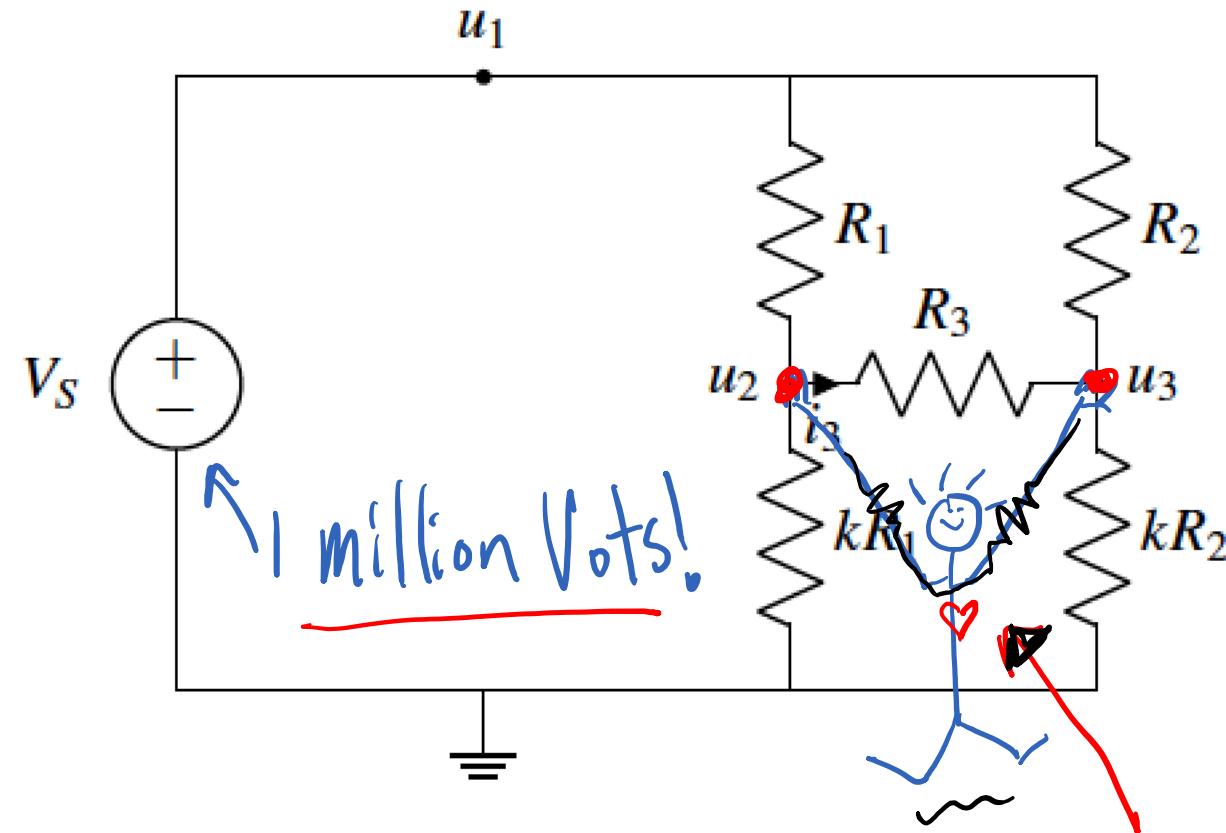
$$\therefore i_3 = 0$$

Let's add one more resistor – *equivalent* circuit



an open circuit also has $i=0$
functionally these circuits are equivalent

Who's willing to be R3?



Resistor tolerance?

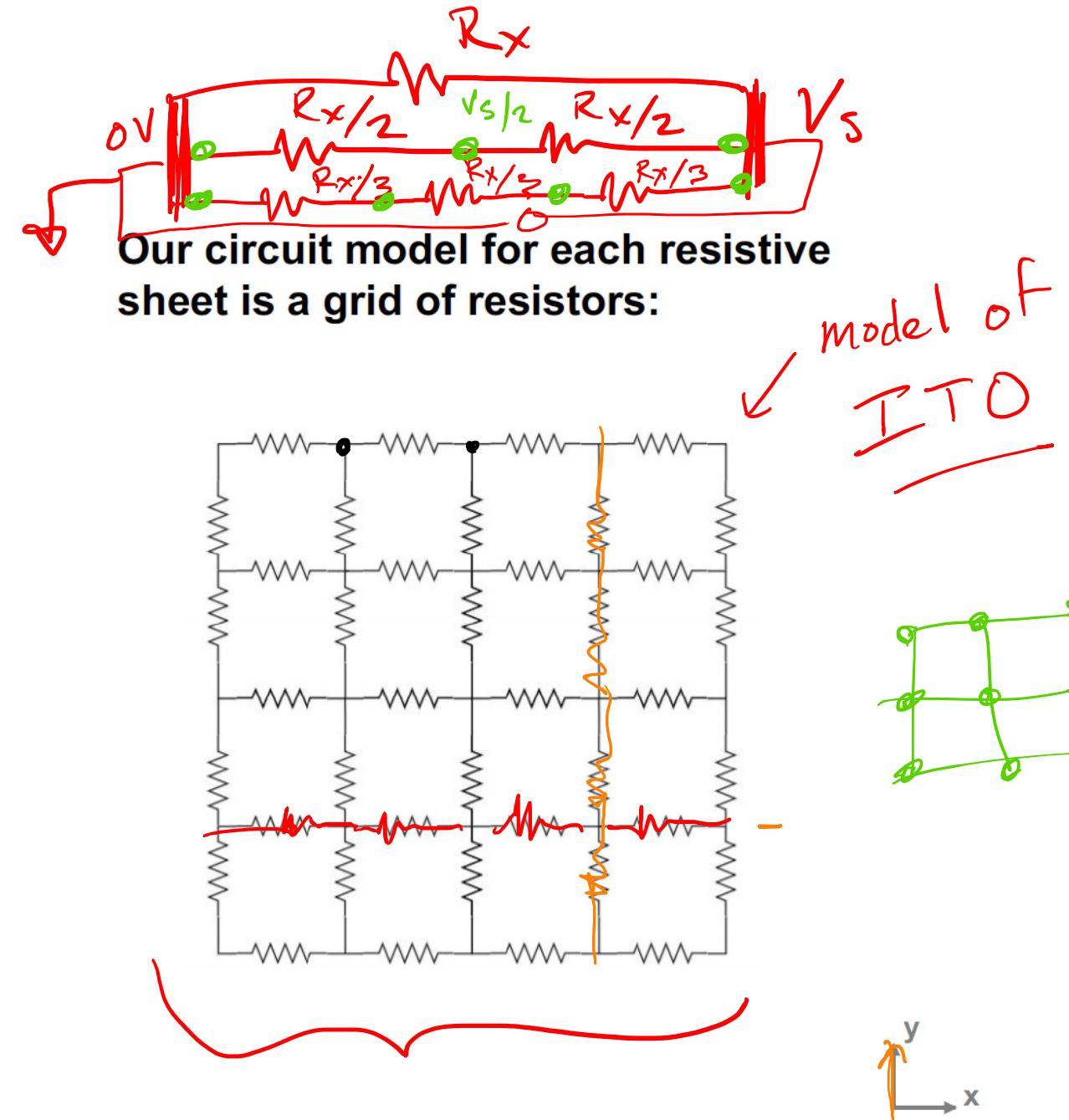
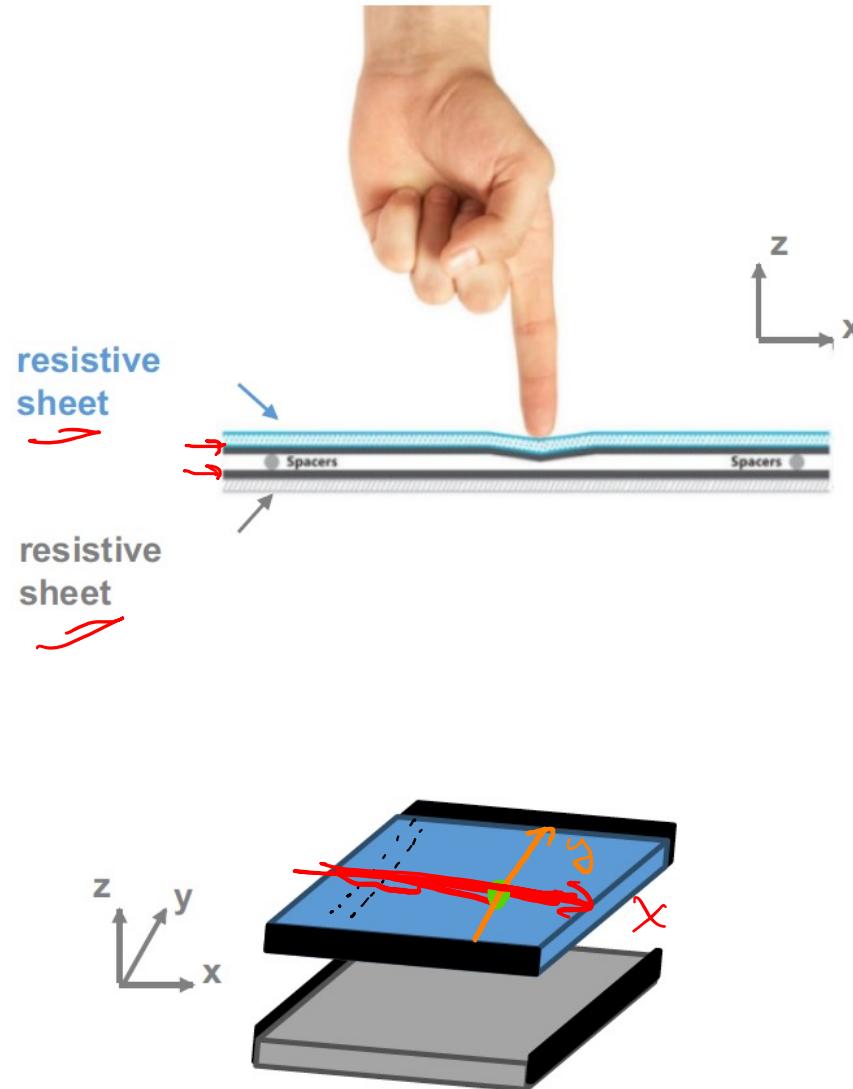
$\sim 1\%$

$V_{R3} \Rightarrow 10,000 \text{ Volts!}$

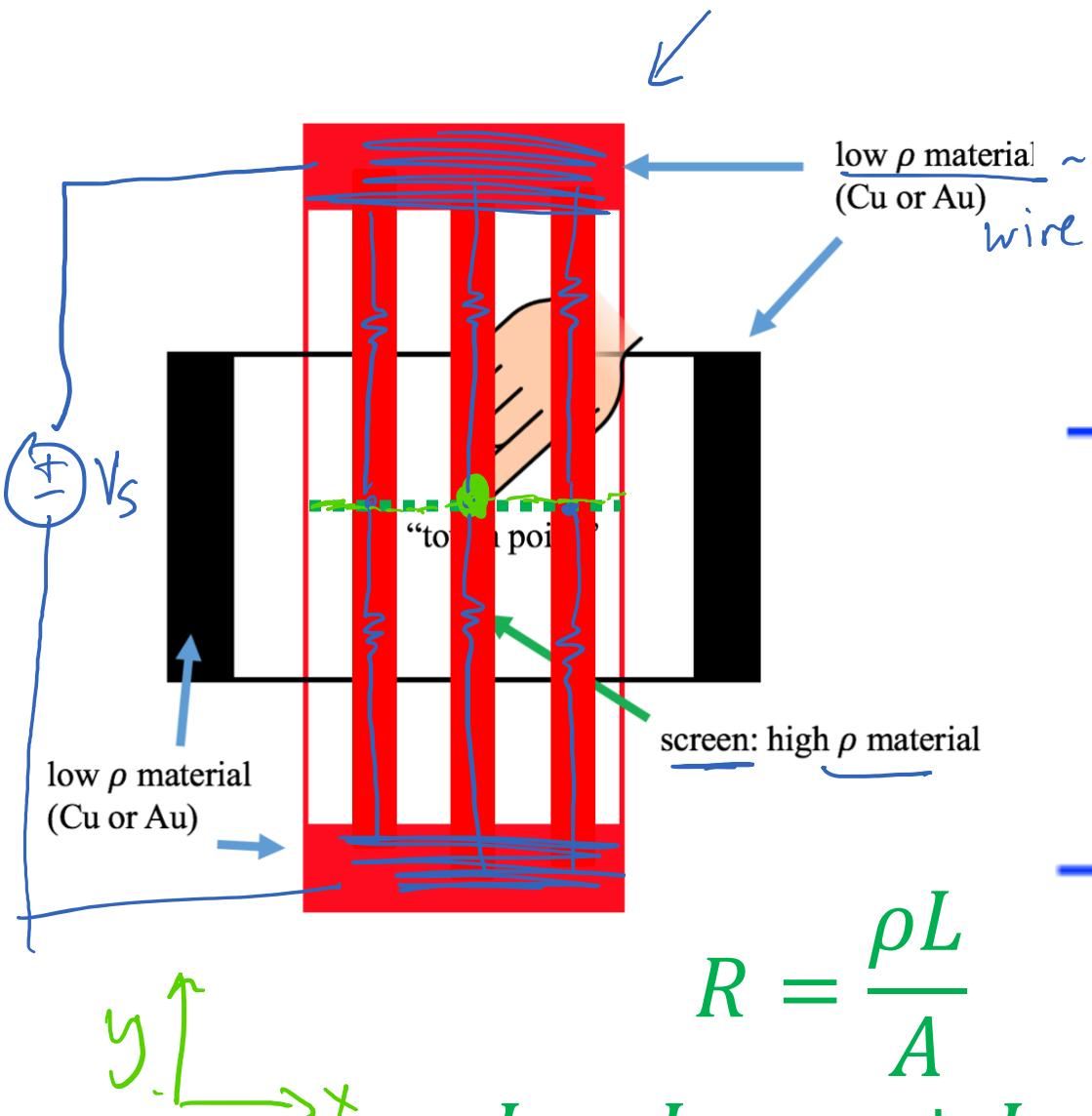
$\sim 100 \text{ mA}$ to stop a human heart!
 $= 0.1 \text{ A}$

What's the resistance of a human?

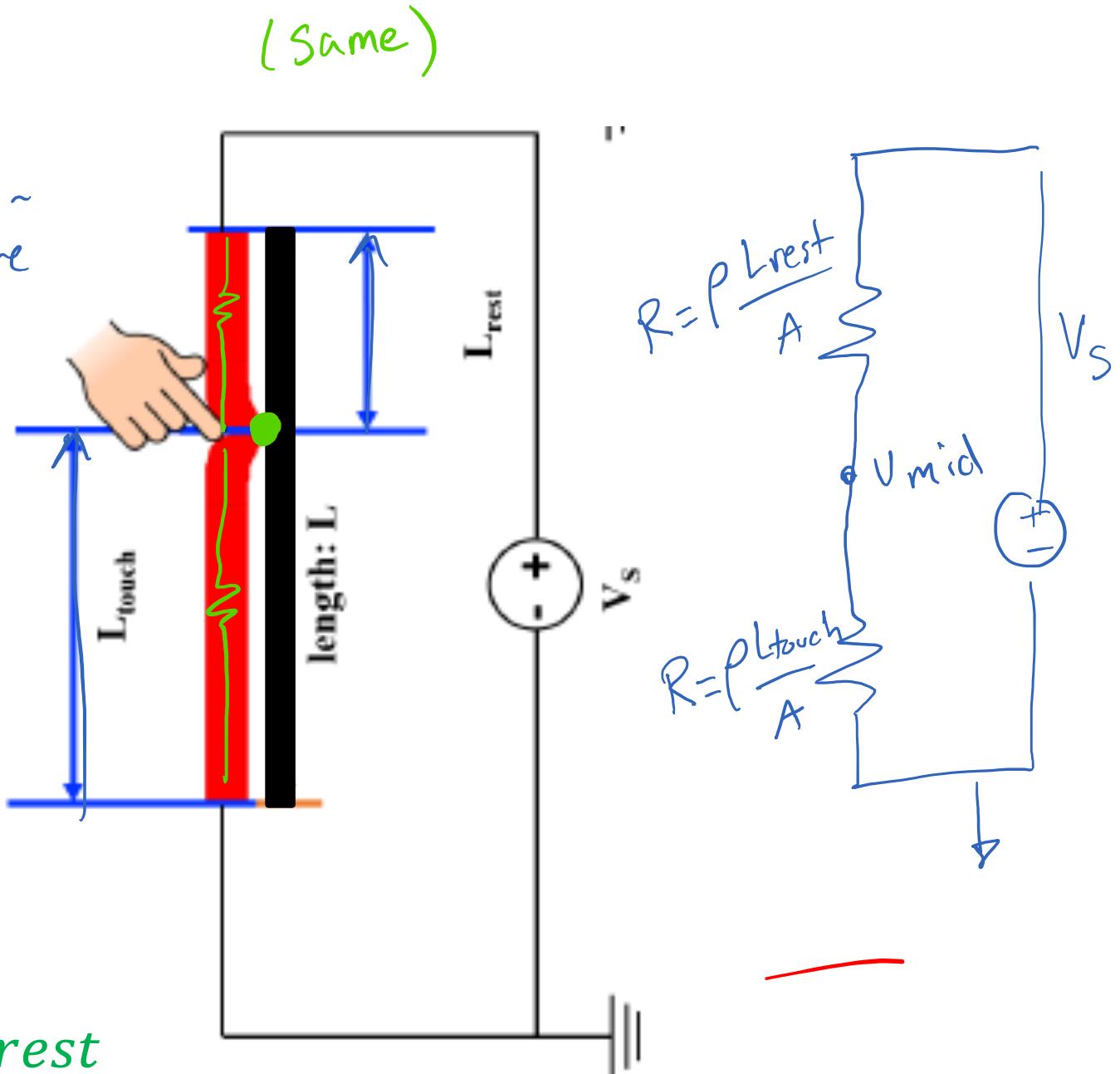
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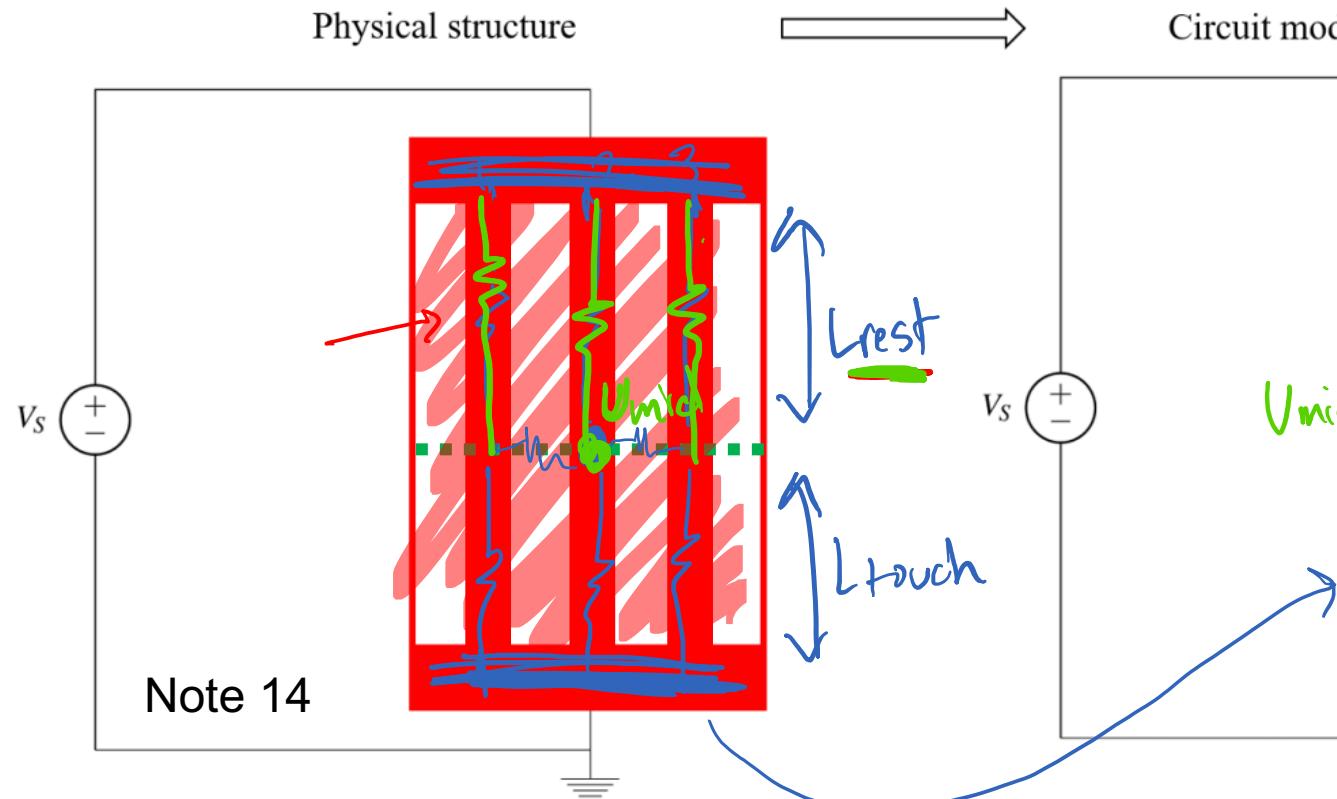
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Top Plate Circuit Model



$$R = \frac{\rho L}{A}$$

$$L = L_{touch} + L_{rest}$$

Why R_{h1}, R_{h2} ?
(Volt. divider)

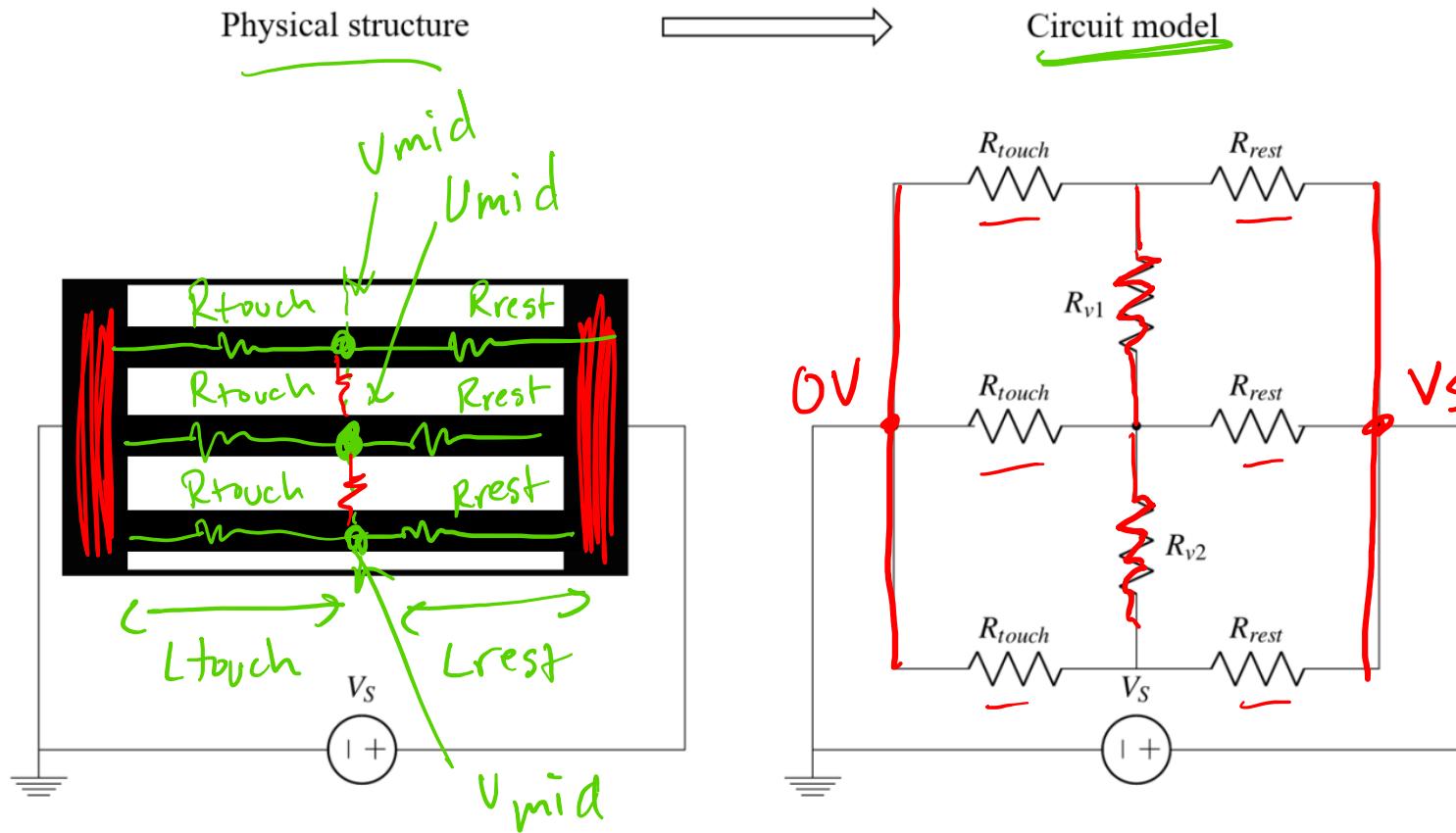
$$U_{mid} = \frac{V_s \cdot R_{touch}}{R_{touch} + R_{rest}}$$

$$i_{R_{h1}} = 0 \quad V_{R_{h1}} = 0$$

$$\underline{U_{mid} = V_s \cdot \frac{\rho L_{touch}}{A} / \frac{\rho L_{rest}}{A}}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{V_s L_{touch}}{2}}$$

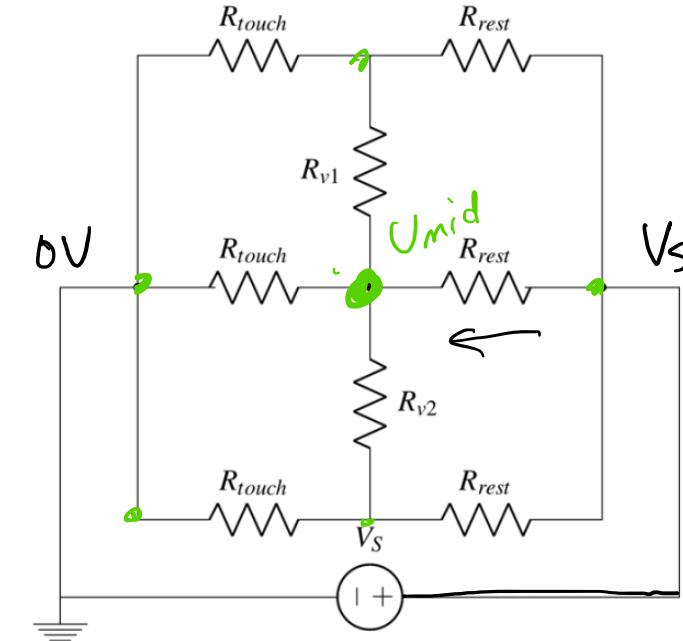
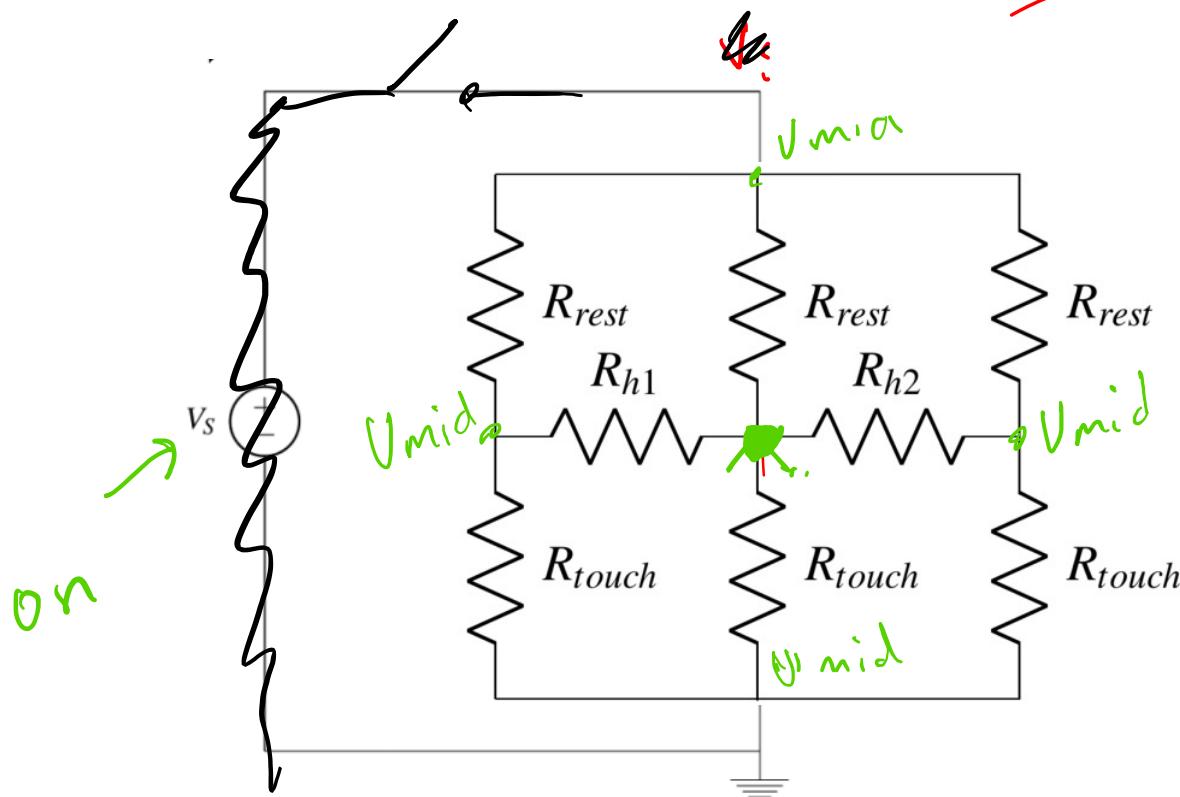
Bottom Plate Model



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Touchscreen Readout



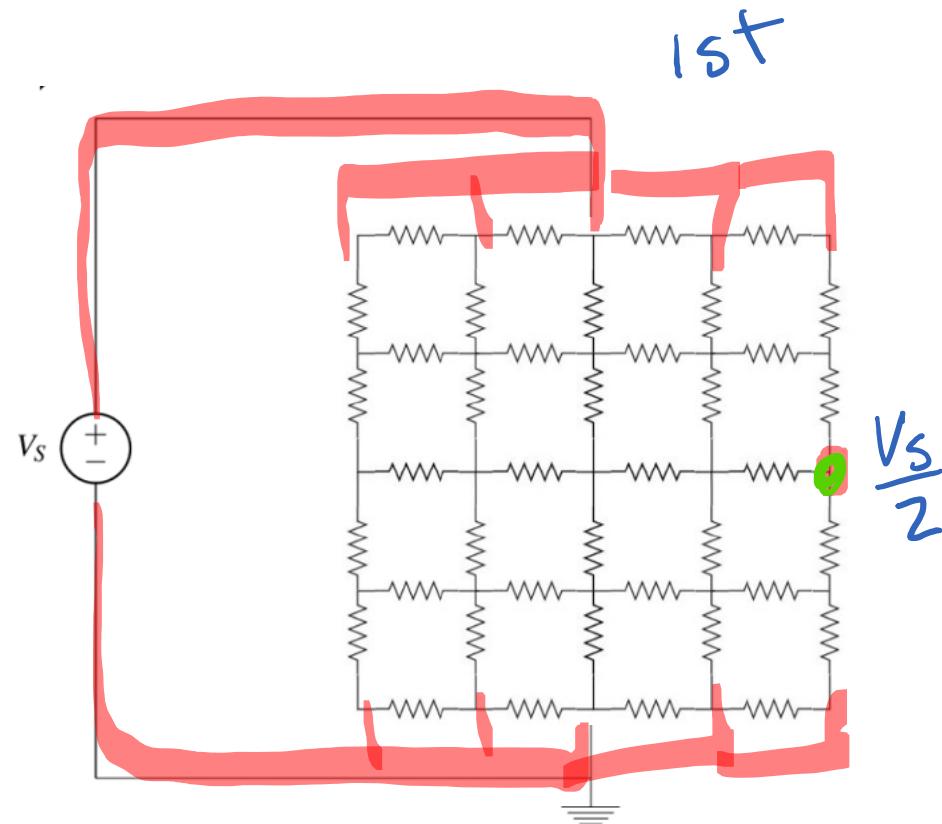
$$U_{mid} = \frac{V_s R_{touch}}{2(R_{touch} + R_{rest})}$$

1st - power Vertical
Vertical Measurement
y-touch position →
1st

2nd
ping pong

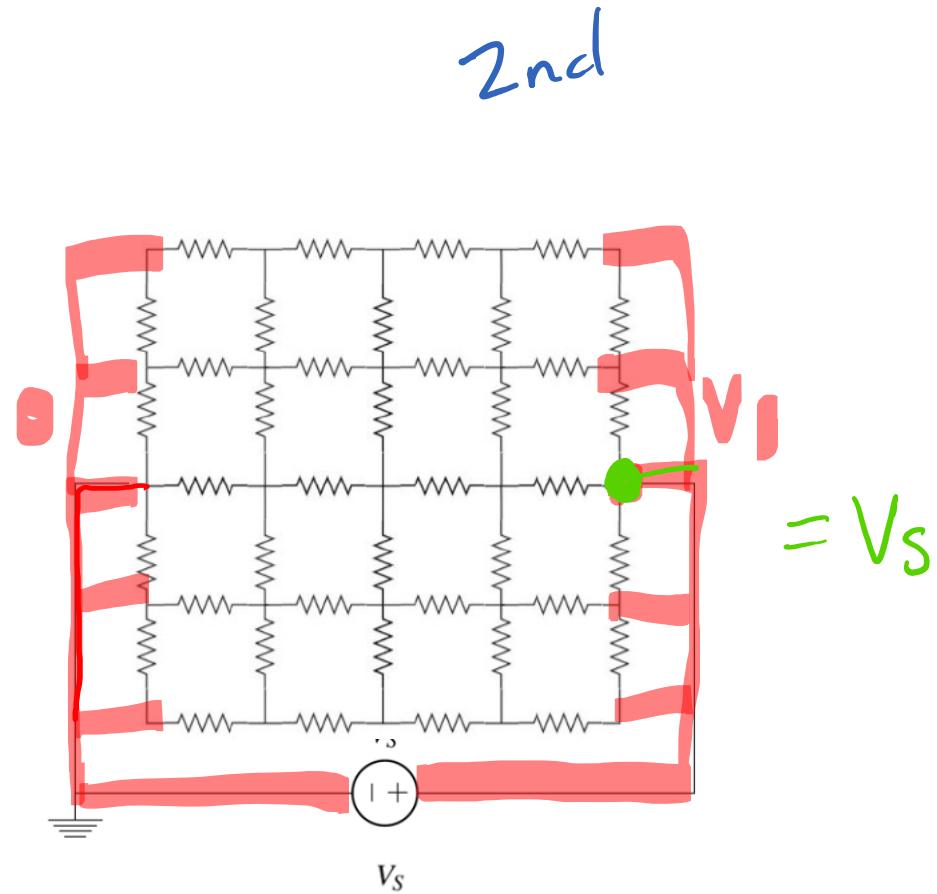
Horizontal Measurement
x-touch position →

Touchscreen Readout – More realistic model



Vertical Measurement
y-touch position

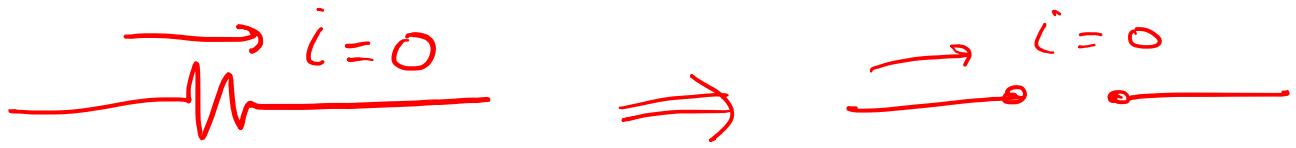
$$\therefore \frac{V_s}{2} = \frac{Y_{\max}}{2}$$



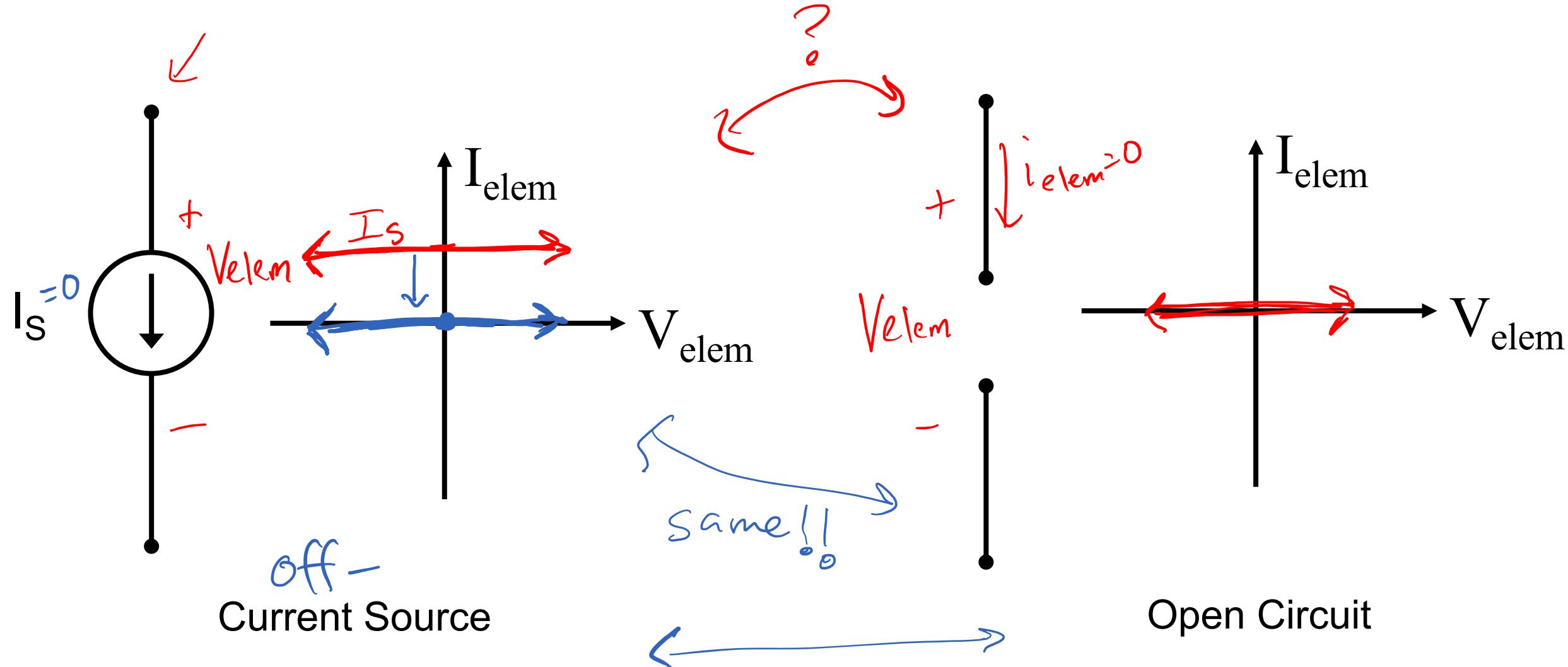
Horizontal Measurement
x-touch position

$$V_s = X_{\max}$$

Equivalence



* Two circuits are equivalent if they have the same IV relationship



Equivalence

allows circuit simplification

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