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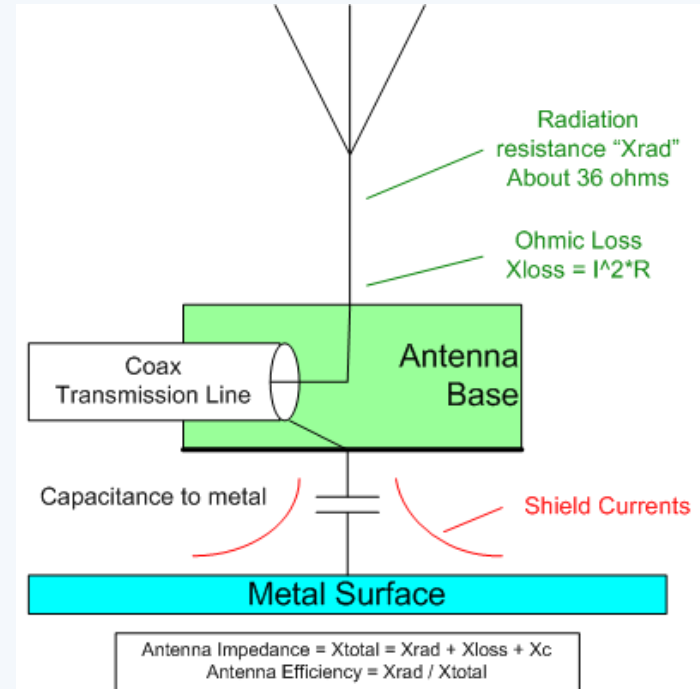
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Antenna Efficiency

- Radiation resistance vs Total Resistance

https://www.w8ji.com/radiation_resistance.htm



<http://www.cosjwt.com/index.php?a=3>

A Tale of.....

Ohmic Loss





<https://www.sermoncentral.com/church-media-preaching-sermons/powerpoint-template-backgrounds/good-battery-bad-connection-857-detail>

- Avoid Ohmic Losses – in antennas and in automotive electric systems!
- Tighten your battery terminals!



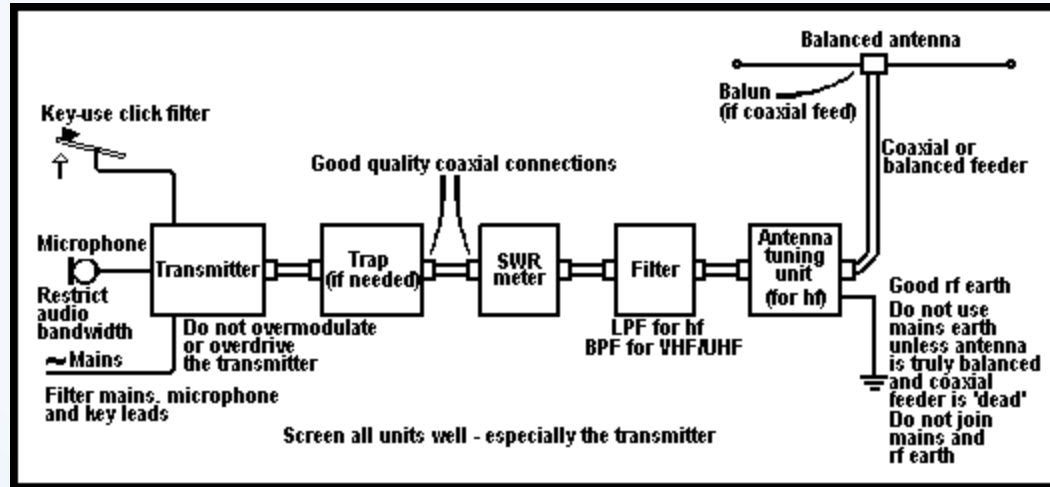
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Antenna Systems



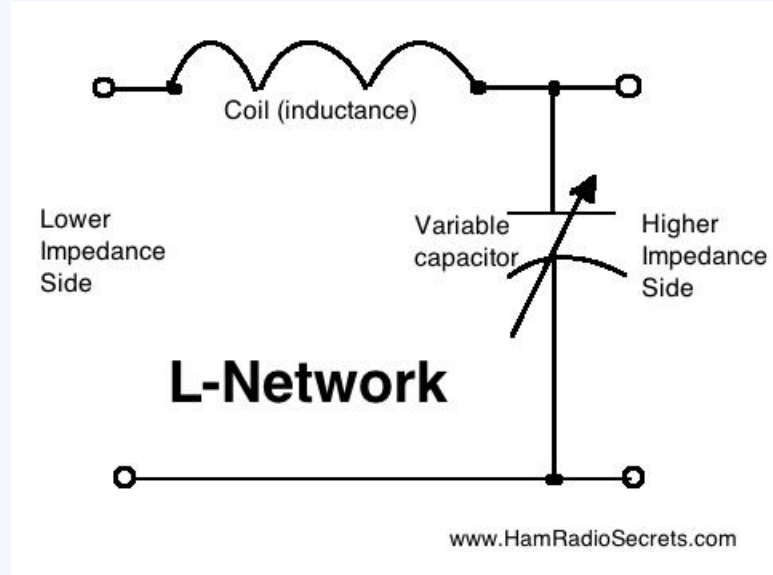
Transmission System

- Everything from the radio's RF output is part of the Transmission System

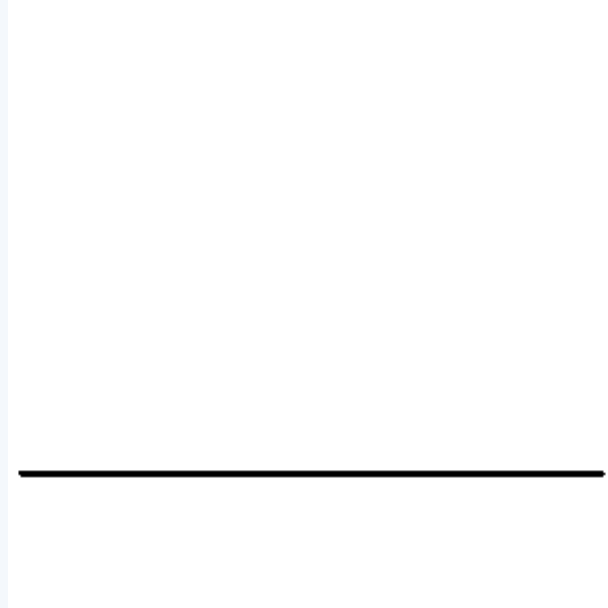


Why Impedance Matching?

- To minimize losses!

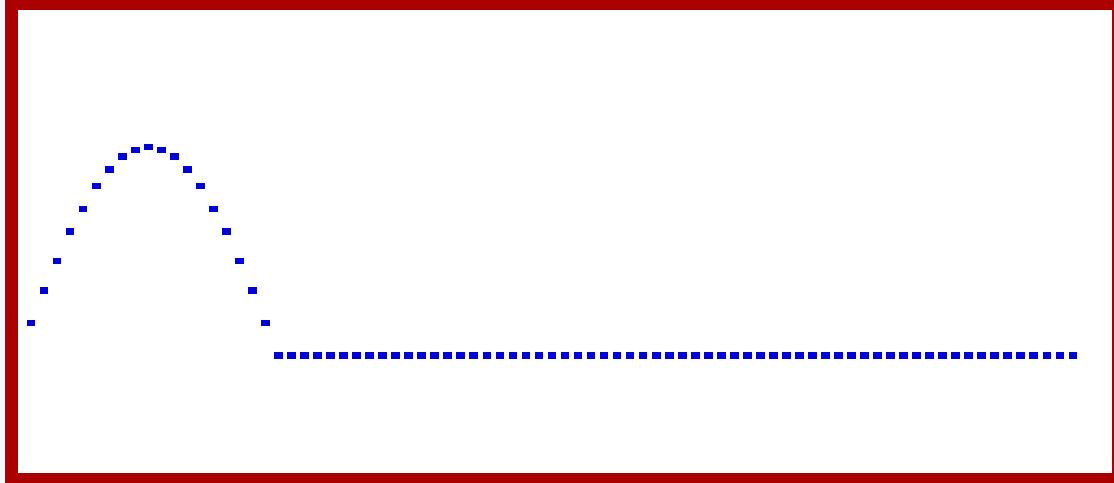


Matched Impedance

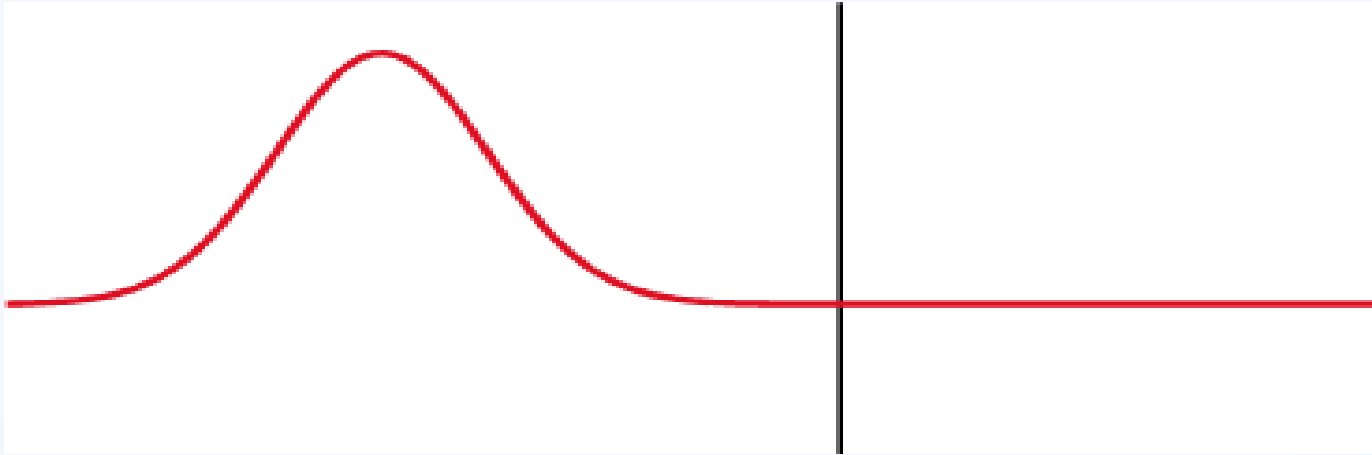


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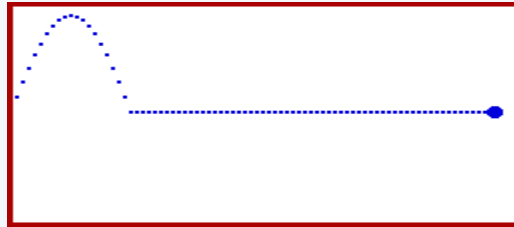
100% Reflected Power



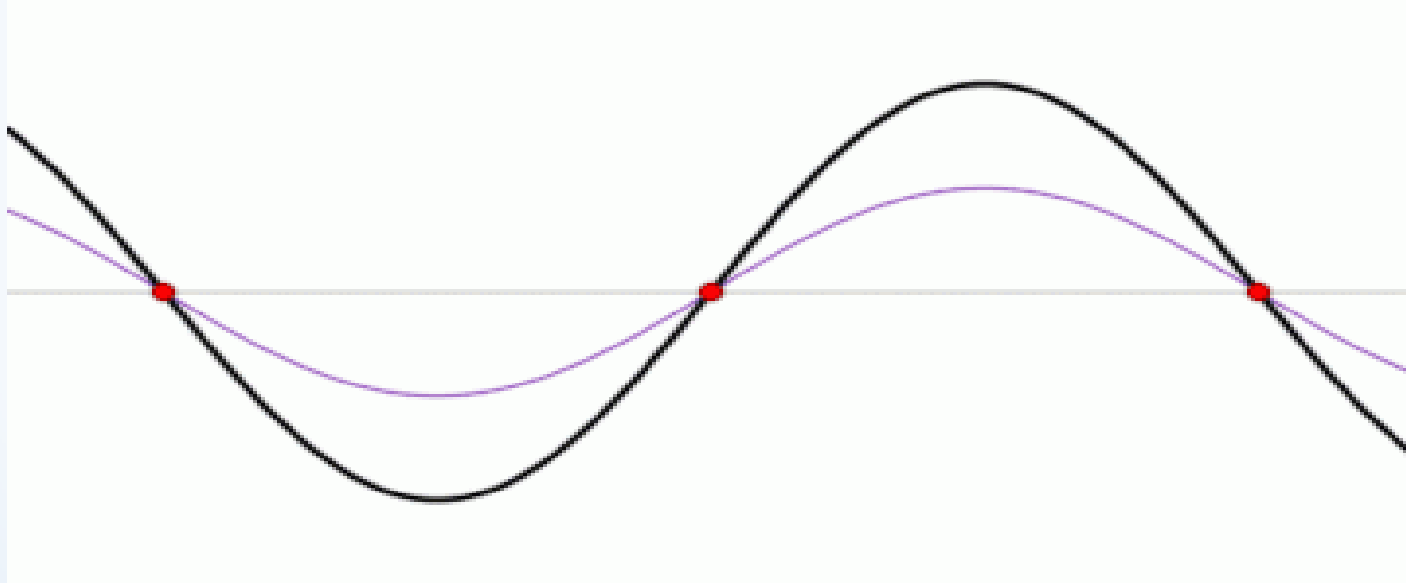
Partial Reflection



Hitting an Open or Shorted End



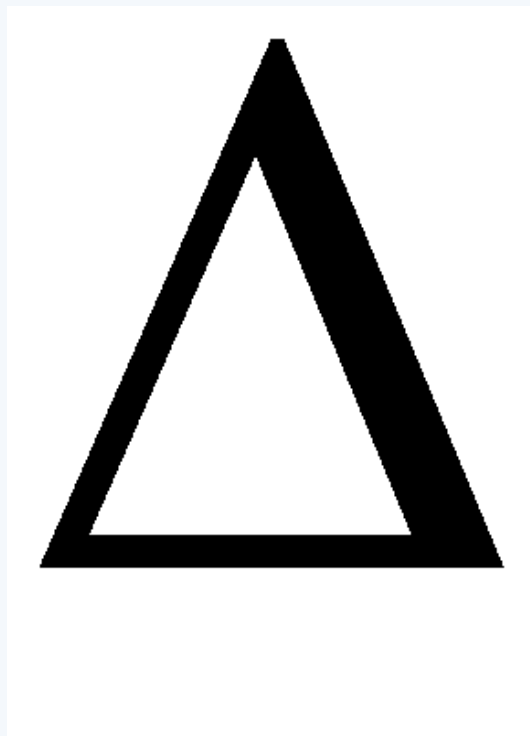
Standing Waves



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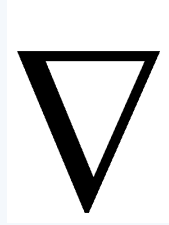
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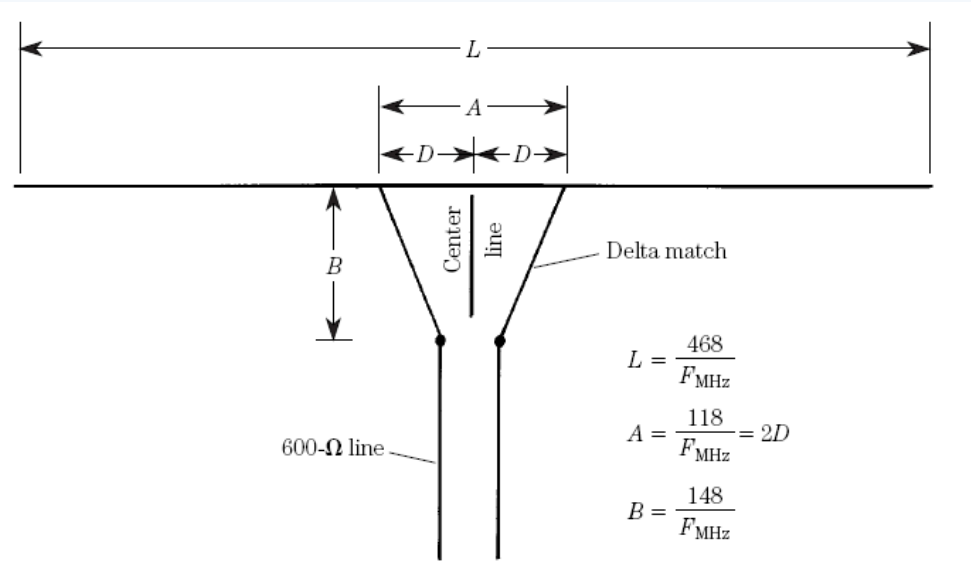


Delta Match



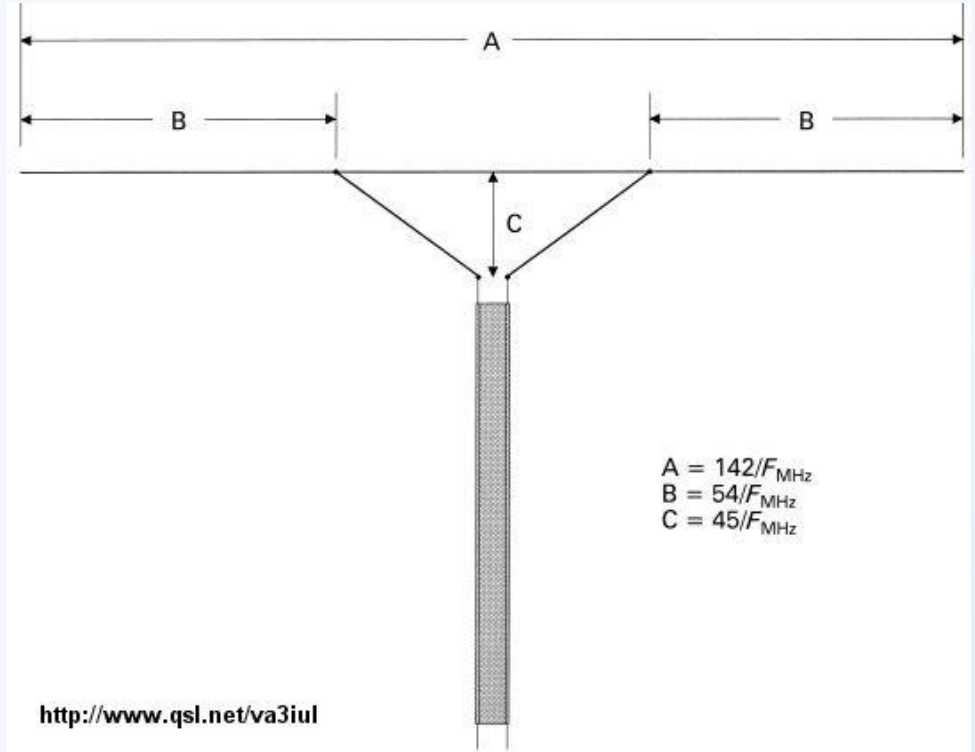
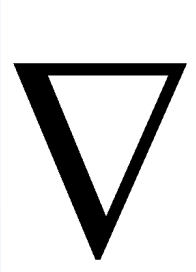
- Balanced impedance converter
- High to Low Impedance (Feedline/Antenna)

http://www.hs8jyx.com/html/vhf_uhf_matching.html



Delta Match

- Delta Fed Dipole



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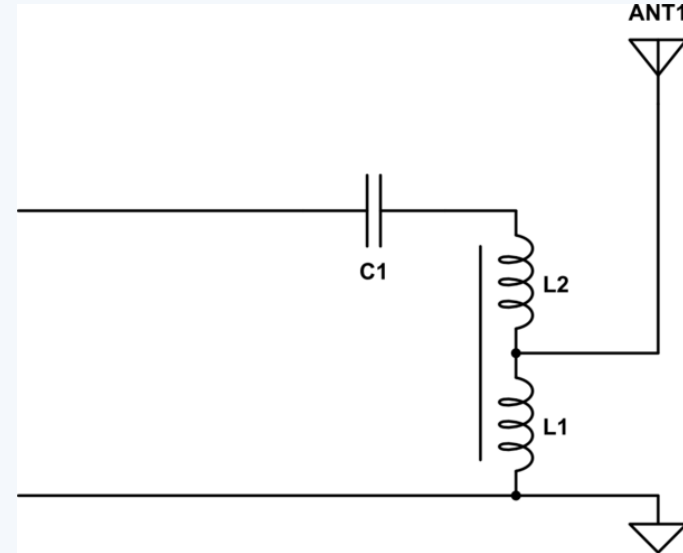
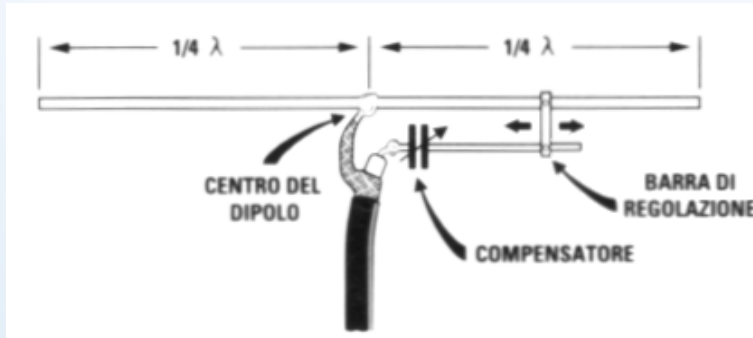


https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Greek_uc_gamma.png

Gamma Match

- Unbalanced to Balanced
- Steps Up the Impedance
- Grounded Driven Element/Shield
- Capacitance cancels the Inductance

Γ



<http://fucimin.altervista.org/en/old-yagi-pmr446.html>

<https://ham.stackexchange.com/questions/1804/what-is-a-gamma-match-in-the-context-of-the-driven-element-of-a-yagi-antenna>

Ω

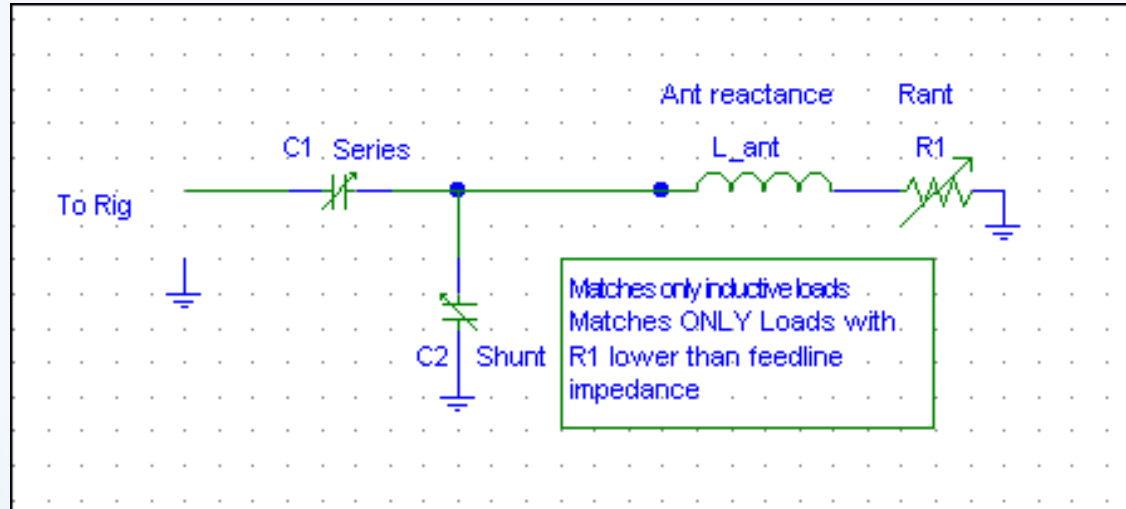
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Omega Match



- L-Network to match low impedance antennas



Comparison

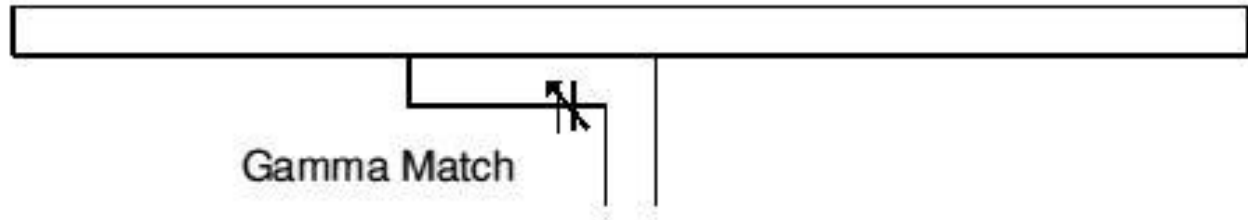
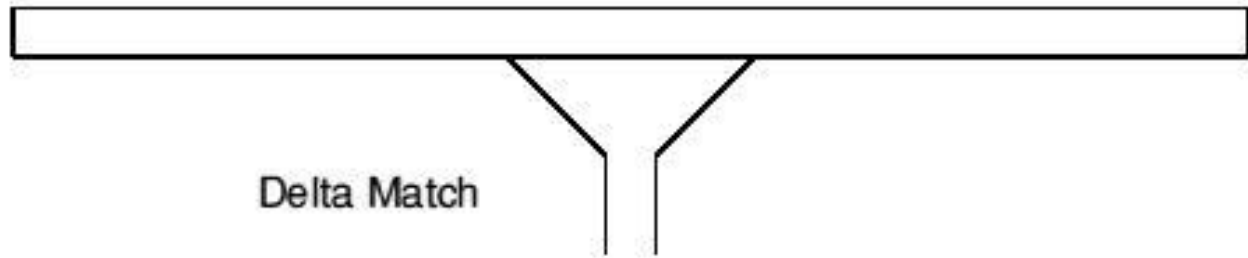
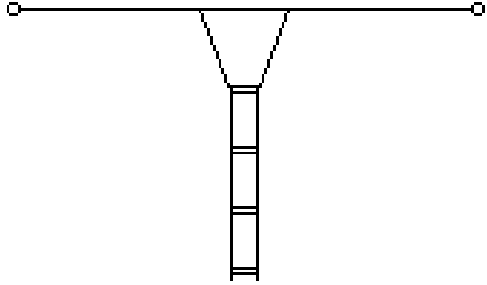


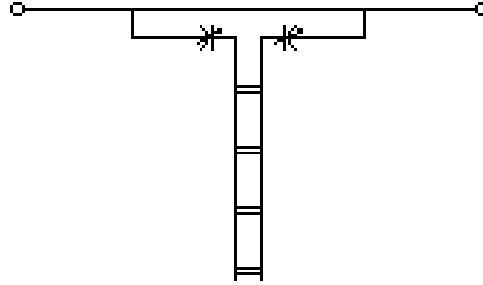
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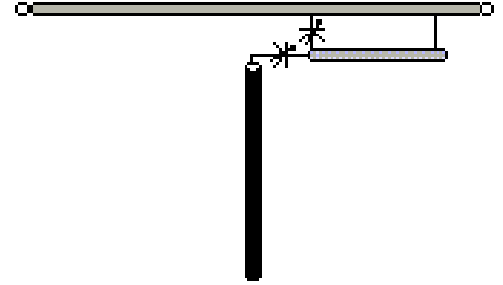
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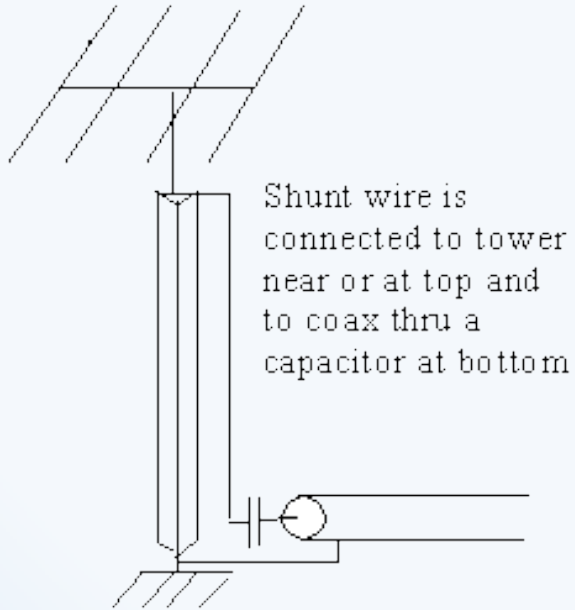
T



Omega



Gamma Match Your Tower



Use your Tower as an antenna

Good for the Low Bands (160 & 80)

AKA Shunt Feeding a Tower



<http://www.qsl.net/w9rb/webdoc9.htm>

Stub Matching

- Open or Shorted Transmission line added at a point along the Main Transmission Line
- Perfect Match at one frequency

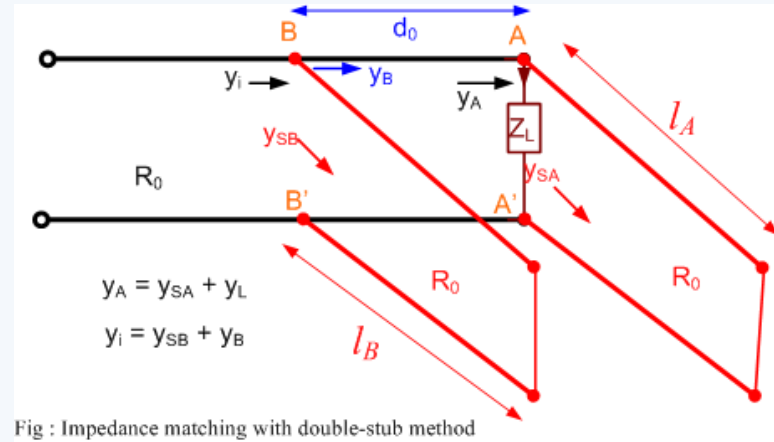
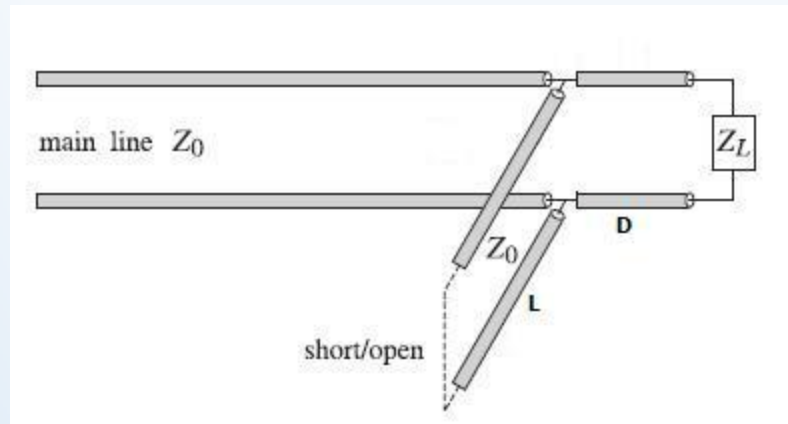


Fig : Impedance matching with double-stub method



http://www.arcticpeak.com/antennapages/single_stub_match.html

http://www.iitk.ac.in/mimt_lab/vlab/index.php?pg=im/theory1&usr=dimple&enc=b13354c54cb58678e7f417cc4974469b

Universal Stub Matching

- Practical for VHF & UHF due to manageable Stub Size

Figure 9.28
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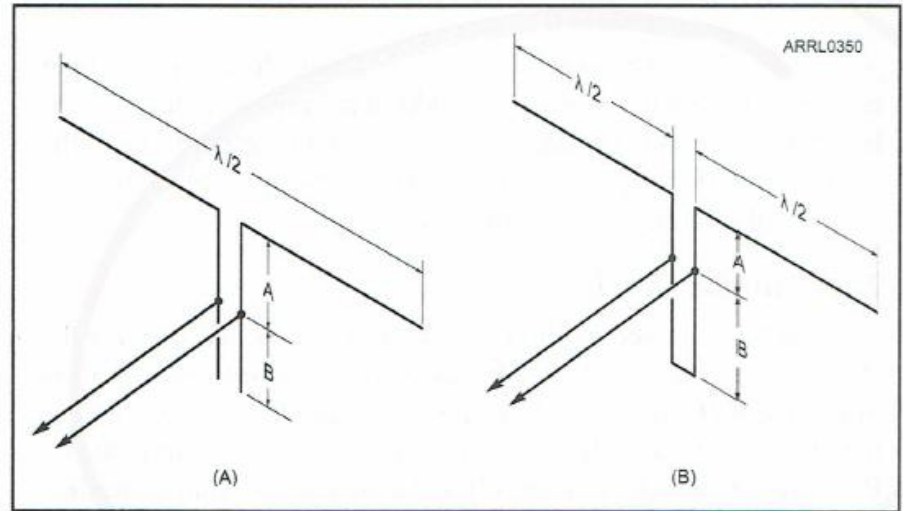
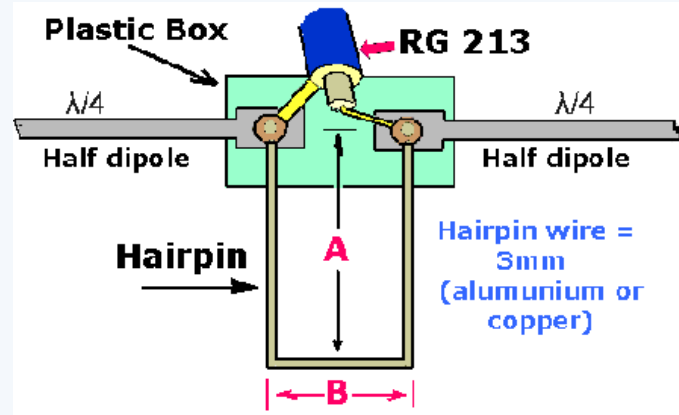


Figure 9.28 — The stub matching system uses a short perpendicular section of transmission line connected to the feed line near the antenna. Dimensions A and B are adjusted to provide a match to the transmitter and feed line.



Hairpin Match

- Driven Element is purposely made short (capacitive)
- Hairpin adds Inductance in Parallel (Shunt)



<http://www.i1wqrlinkradio.com/antype/ch17/chiave1562.htm>

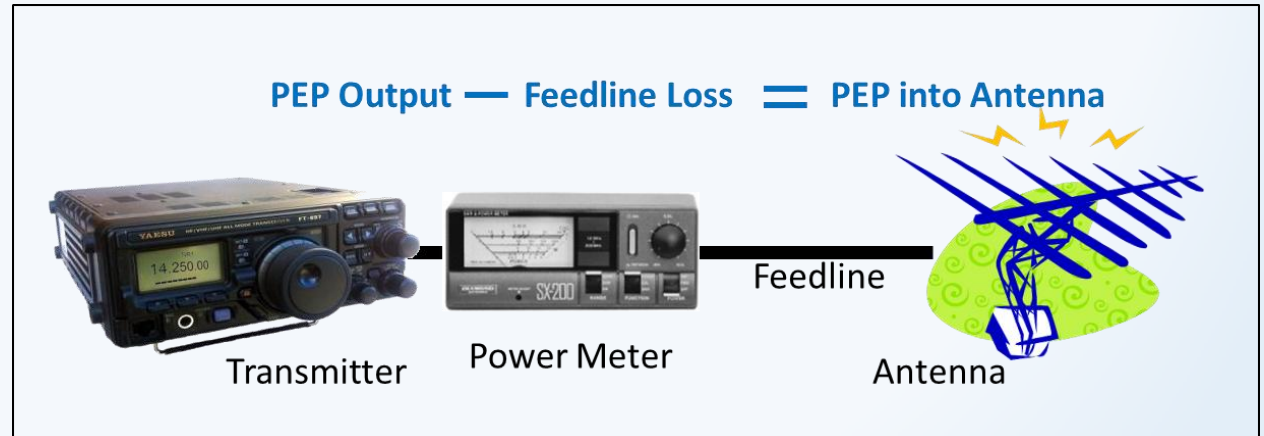
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Transmission System Losses and Gains

- TX Power Output
- Less Feedline Loss
- Plus Antenna Gain
- Gives the ERP

ERP = Effective Radiated Power



Sample Problem

- E9A16. What is the effective radiated power relative to a dipole of a repeater station with 200 watts transmitter power output, 4 dB feed line loss, 3.2 dB duplexer loss, 0.8 dB circulator loss, and 10 dBd antenna gain?

-4 dB

-3.2 dB

-0.8 dB

+10 dB

Sum =
+2 dB

ERP =
More than 200
Less than 400

POWER $10 \log P1/P2 = \text{dB}$

VOLTAGE $20 \log V1/V2 = \text{dB}$



DB RULES OF THUMB

Multiply Current / Voltage By			Multiply Power By:	
if +dB	if -dB	<u>dB</u>	if +dB	if -dB
1	1	0	1	1
1.12	0.89	1	1.26	0.8
1.26	0.79	2	1.58	0.63
1.4	0.707	3	2	0.5
2.0	0.5	6	4	0.25
2.8	0.35	9	8	0.125

VOLTAGE

POWER



Answer

$$200 \text{ Watts} \times 1.58 = 316 \text{ Watts ERP}$$

(Taken from the preceding chart)



Questions

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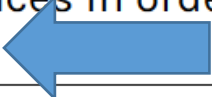


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E9A15. What is the effective radiated power relative to a dipole of a repeater station with 150 watts transmitter power output, 2 dB feed line loss, 2.2 dB duplexer loss, and 7 dBd antenna gain?

A. 1977 watts

B. 78.7 watts

C. 420 watts

D. 286 watts



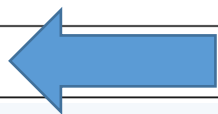
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B. 2000 watts

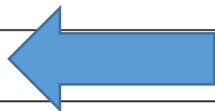
C. 126 watts

D. 300 watts



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B. 252 watts

C. 632 watts

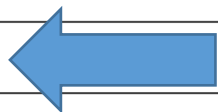
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E9E01. What system matches a higher impedance transmission line to a lower impedance antenna by connecting the line to the driven element in two places spaced a fraction of a wavelength each side of element center?

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C. The omega matching system

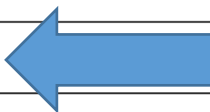
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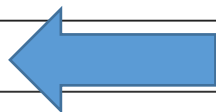
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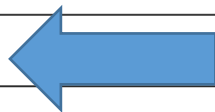
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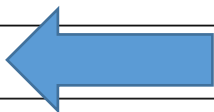


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- A. Use a 50-ohm 1:1 balun between the antenna and feed line
- B. Use the universal stub matching technique
- C. Connect a series-resonant LC network across the antenna feed terminals
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Section 9.4

Transmission Lines



Antenna Analyzers

- **Built in RF Source**
- Single Frequency Measurement
- Swept Frequency Measurement
- PC Interface
- Plot to Graph or Smith Chart
- Direct readout of $R + jX$
- Portable (Can use up on a tower)



https://www.dxengineering.com/parts/reu-aa-30?seid=dxese1&cm_mmc=pla-google_-_shopping_-_dxese1_-_rigexpert&gclid=Cj0KEQjwioHIBRCes6nP56Ti1sBEiQAxxb5G2Q6pcW500IfWYVXt9xb4YkdPb6GAYIhCEr7rVGI_FUaAmrd8P8HAQ

Directional Power Meter

- Has “Slugs” that are inserted in the Front
- Slugs for different frequencies and power levels
- Read power in the direction of the arrow
- Rotate the slug and read power in the opposite direction
- Knowing Forward and Reflected Power, SWR can be calculated (may be a chart on the back of the meter)



Hook Up



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fbj_r6QfN4I



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antenna_analyzer

Network Analyzers



Vector Network Analyzers

- DG8SAQ VNWA -3
- More affordable for hams
- Characterize components to 1.3 GHz
- Uses PC Software
- Internal RF Generator & Internal low noise spectrum analyzer
- Measures S-Parameters
- VSWR Plots
- Smith Chart Display



http://sdr-kits.net/VNWA3_Description.html

VNA Calibration



- Use an Open, Short, and 50 Ohm Load

S Parameters

- Scattering Parameters
- Characterize Gain, Return Loss, VSWR, reflection coefficient and stability.
- DUT (Device Under Test) treated as a “black box”
- **Indicate the Ports** are where signal can enter or leave a DUT (**indicated by the subscripts**)

The 2-port S-parameters have the following generic descriptions:

S_{11} is the input port voltage reflection coefficient

S_{12} is the reverse voltage gain

S_{21} is the forward voltage gain

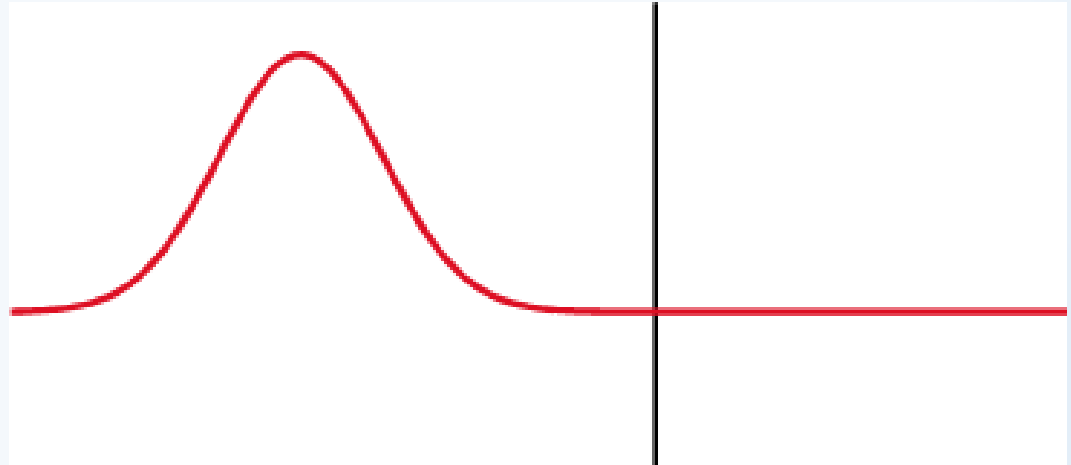
S_{22} is the output port voltage reflection coefficient.



Reflection Coefficient

- How much of a wave is reflected?
- Can be derived from the SWR

$$\frac{SWR-1}{SWR+1}$$



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- **S_{21} = Forward Gain**

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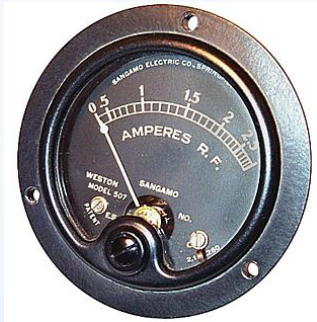


- **S_{11} = Return Loss (Reflection Coefficient)**



RF Ammeter

- Directly Measures RF current
- AM Broadcast TX output may be spec'd in amps.

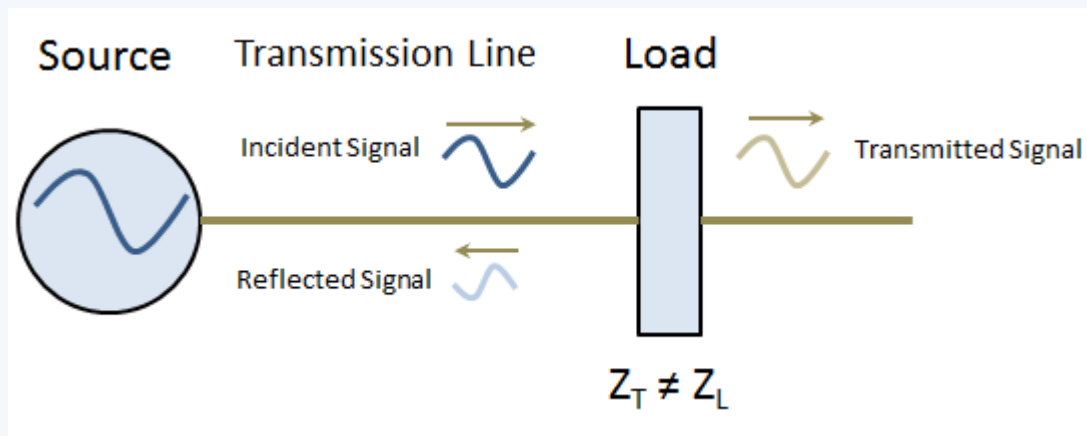


<https://www.surplussales.com/Meters/MtrRF-amps.html>



<http://www.mfjenterprises.com/Product.php?productid=MFJ-854>

Mismatched Transmission Line

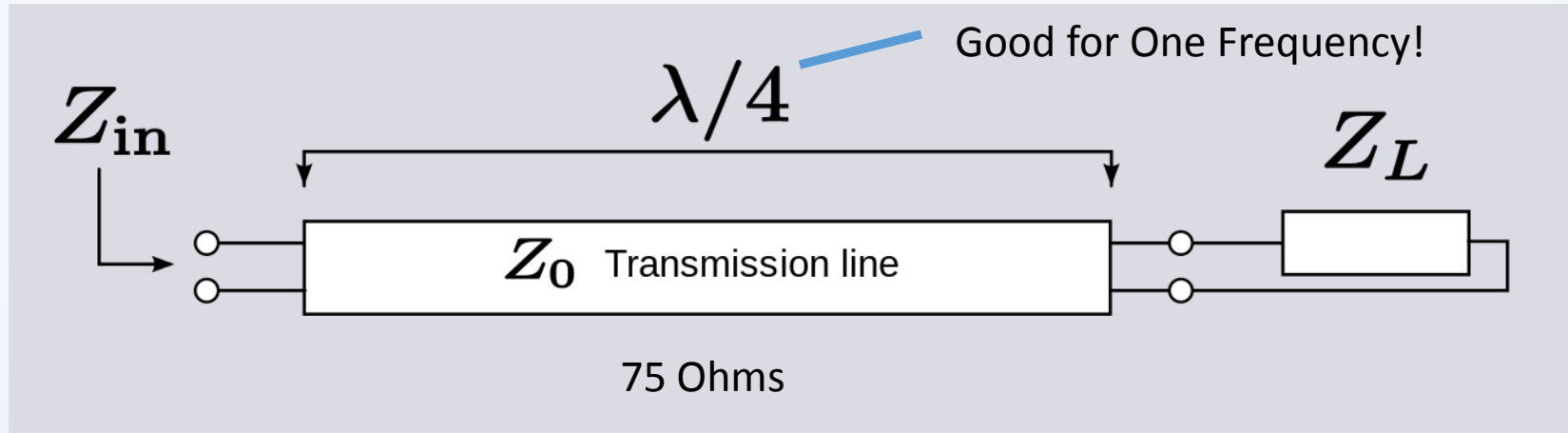


- Forward Wave
- Reflected Wave
- $SWR > 1:1$



<https://thinkincredible.intraway.com/white-paper/the-effect-of-multiple-impedance-mismatches-on-tdr-fault-localization/>

Transmission Line Transformer



50 Ohms

100 Ohms

Velocity Factor

- Radio travels at the Speed of Light in a Vacuum
- Travels through bare wire nearly as fast
- Slowed down using Insulated wire (!)
- Coaxial cable dielectric slows it even more

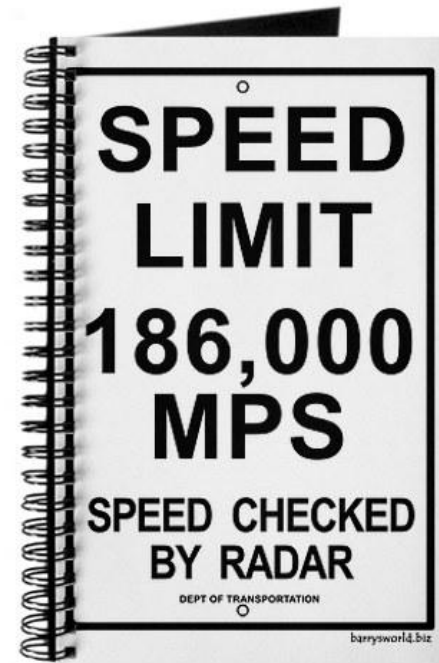


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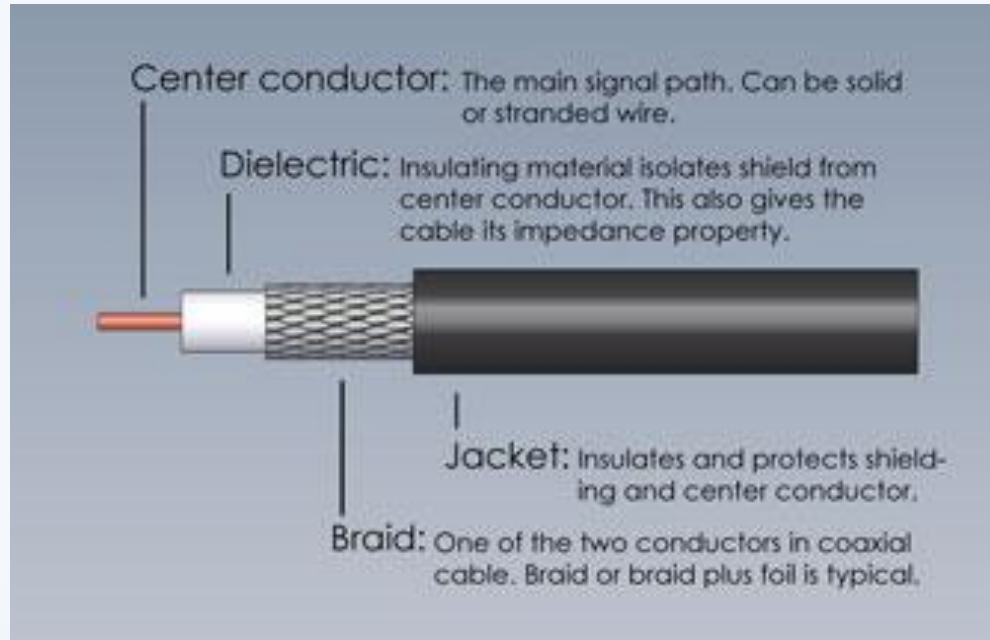
- How fast is a radio wave traveling compared to the speed of light
- It is expressed as the velocity of the wave in the transmission line divided by the velocity of light in a vacuum
- Determined by the dielectric materials used in the cable



Cables make Waves Slow



Solid vs Foam Dielectric Coax



Foam Dielectric

- Foam dielectric has lower safe operating voltage limits
- Foam dielectric has lower loss per unit of length
- Foam dielectric has higher velocity factor



Cable Velocity Factor and Loss Data (per 100 feet)

Also See
Table 9-1
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Open Wire Line
= 0.95 to 0.99

Solid PE = 0.66

TYPE	VF	LOSS @ 10 MHz	LOSS @ 50 MHz	LOSS @ 100 MHz	LOSS @ 400 MHz	LOSS @ 700 MHz
RG-6/U PE (Belden 8215)	66.0	0.8	1.9	2.7	5.9	8.1
RG-6/U Foam (Belden 9290)	81.0	0.7	1.7	2.5	5.3	7.2
RG-8/U (PE (Belden 8237)	66.0	0.6	1.3	1.9	4.2	5.9
RG-8/U Foam (Belden 8214)	78.0	0.5	1.2	1.7	3.9	5.6
RG-8/U (Belden 9913)	84.0	0.5	1.0	1.4	3.4	5.0
RG-8X (Belden 9258)	82.0	0.9	2.1	3.1	6.6	9.1
RG-11/U Foam HDPE (Beld. 9292)	84.0	0.5	0.9	1.3	2.3	3.3
RG-58/U PE (Belden 9201)	66.0	1.1	2.5	3.8	8.4	11.7
RG-58A/U Foam (Belden 8219)	73.0	1.3	3.1	4.5	10.0	14.2
RG-59A/U PE (Belden 8241)	66.0	1.1	2.4	3.4	7.0	9.7
RG-59A/U Foam (Belden 8241F)	78.0	0.9	2.1	3.0	6.6	8.9
RG-174 PE (Belden 8216)	66.0	3.3	5.8	8.4	19	27
RG-174 Foam (Belden 7805R)	73.5		4.6		14.0 (450)	20.9 (900)



Practical Problem

- E9F05. What is the approximate physical length of a solid polyethylene dielectric coaxial transmission line that is electrically one-quarter wavelength long at 14.1 MHz?
- How do you solve this? Let's do it!



E9F05

- 14.1 MHz
- Wavelength in Meters = ?
- $\frac{1}{4}$ Wavelength = ?
- Velocity Factor of PE Coax = ?
- $VF \times \frac{1}{4}$ Wavelength = ?



Standing Up for Standing Waves



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oejsHzurzv4>

Impedance of Shorted or Open Transmission Line (Figure 9.33 Page 9-40, 9.34 Page 9-41)

Two General Rules:

- **A $\frac{1}{2}$ Wavelength line is an Impedance Repeater**

$\frac{1}{2}$ Wave Open line appears open (Parallel Resonance)

$\frac{1}{2}$ Wave Shorted line appears shorted (Series Resonance)

- **A $\frac{1}{4}$ Wavelength line is an Impedance Inverter**

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Table 9.33
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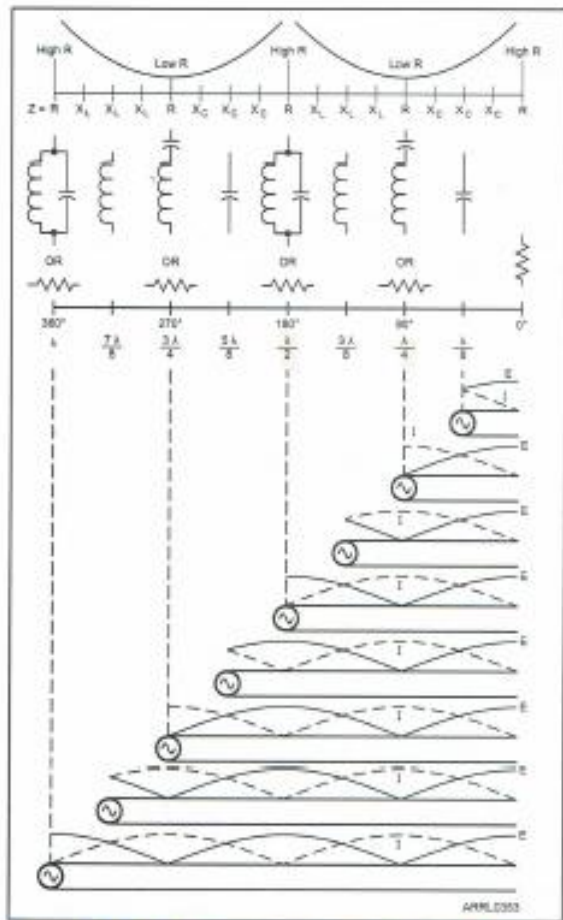


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Open Lines



Table 9.34
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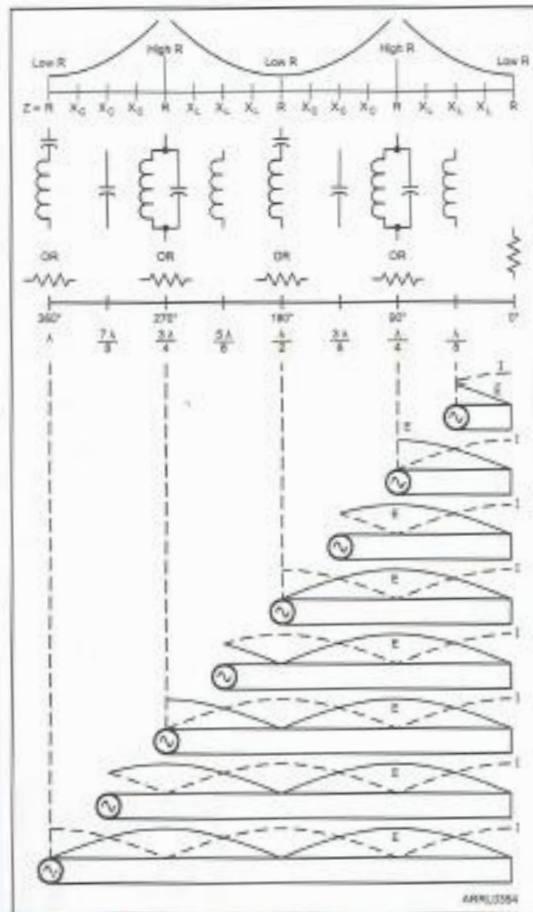


Figure 9.34 — This diagram summarizes the characteristics of short-circuited transmission lines. Voltage standing waves are shown as solid lines above each length of cable, and current standing waves are shown as dashed lines.

Shorted Lines



- A $1/8$ Wave Open line appears as a Capacitance
- A $1/8$ Wave Shorted line appears as an Inductor



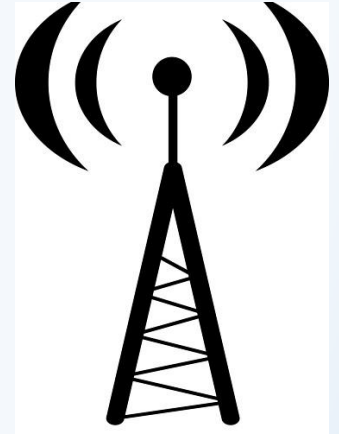
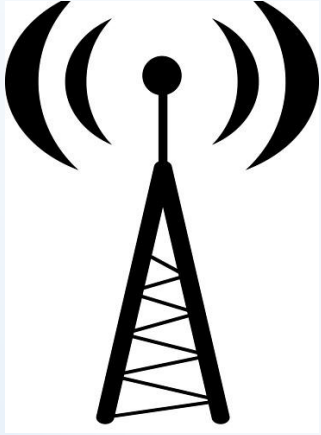
- A $3/8$ Wave Open line appears as an Inductance
- A $3/8$ Wave Shorted line appears as a Capacitance



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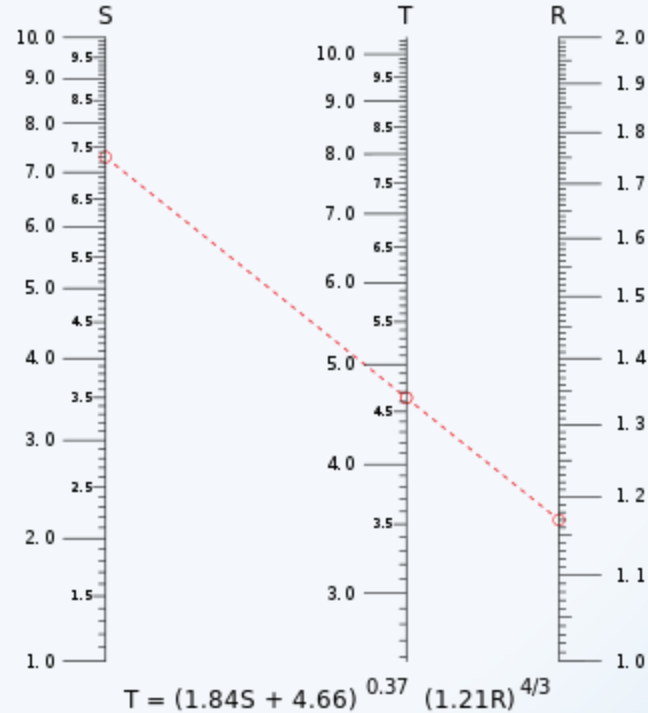
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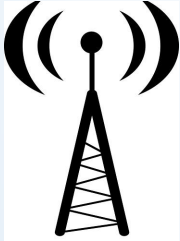
Nomogram

- Aka Alignment Chart
- Can be used to find an unknown value

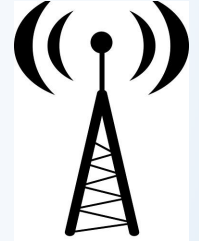
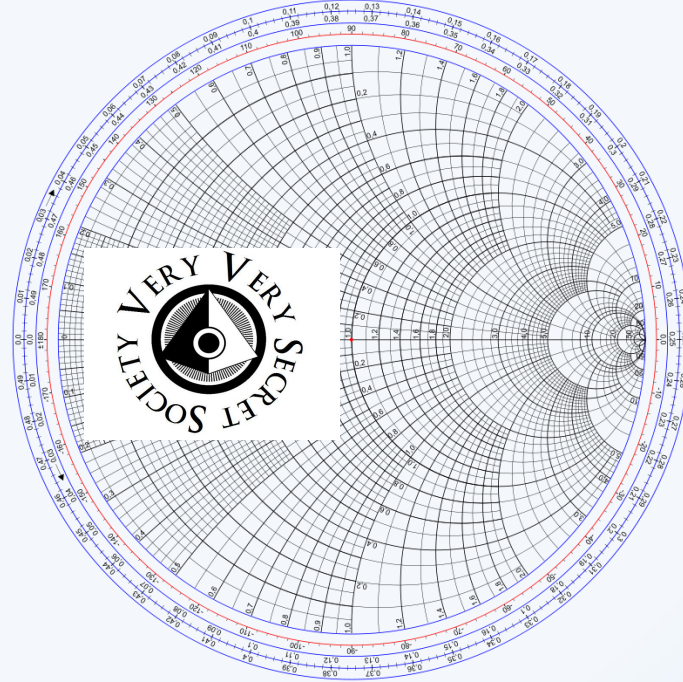
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The Mother of All Nomograms!



Phillip Hagar Smith

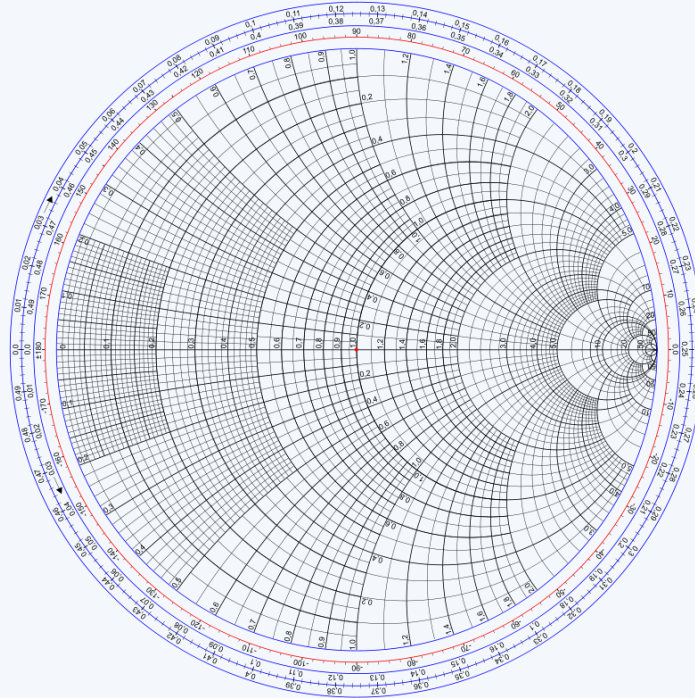


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"From the time I could operate a slide rule, I've been interested in graphical representations of mathematical relationships."



Smith Chart



“All About Impedance
and SWR”

Constant **Resistance** Circles

Constant **Reactance** Arcs

Fractions of
Transmission Line
Electrical Wavelength
around the edge



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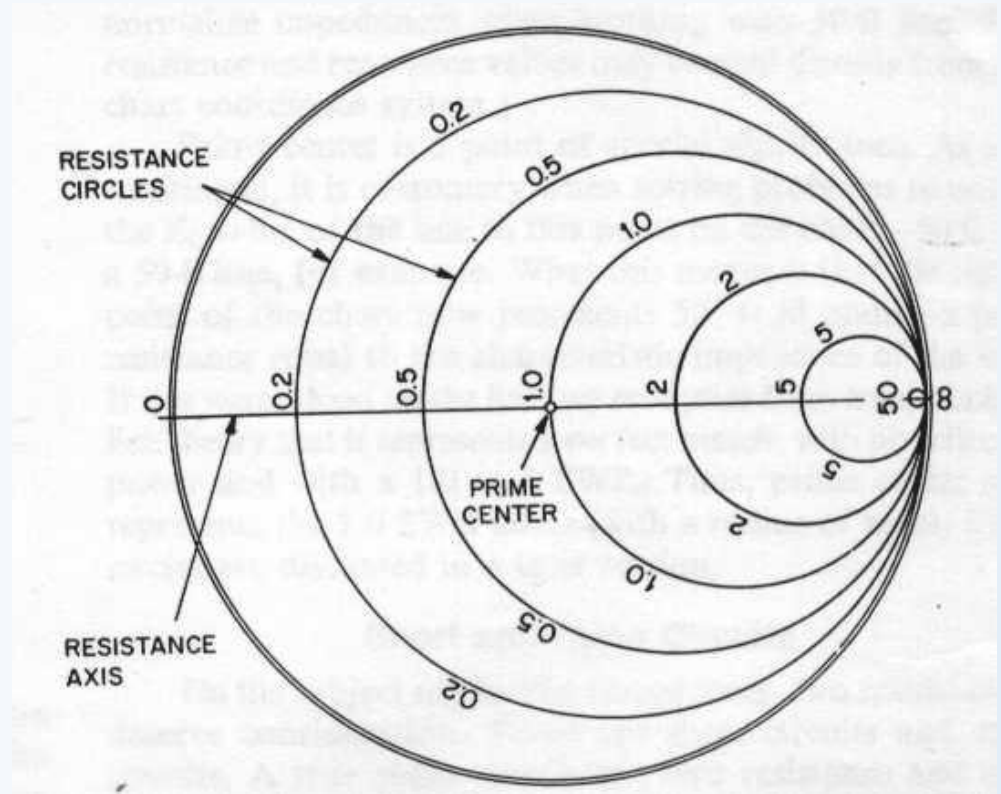
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Resistance Circles

Short Circuit at left on R Axis

Open Circuit at Right on R Axis

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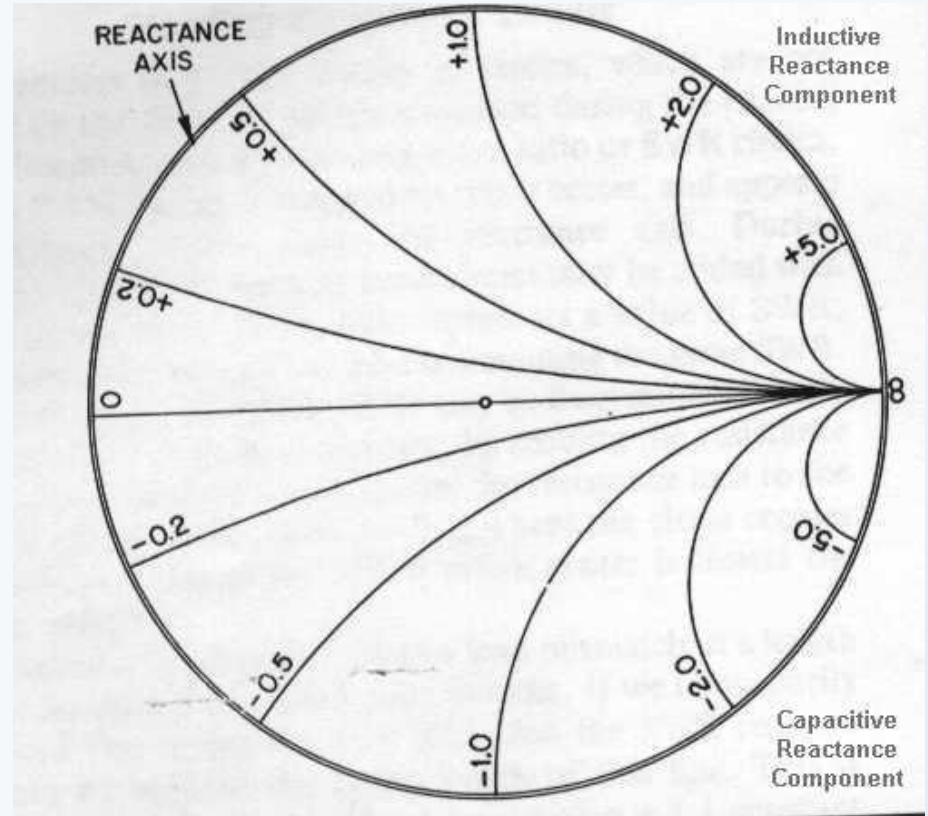


Reactance Arcs

Inductive Reactance above the R Line

Capacitive Reactance below the R Line

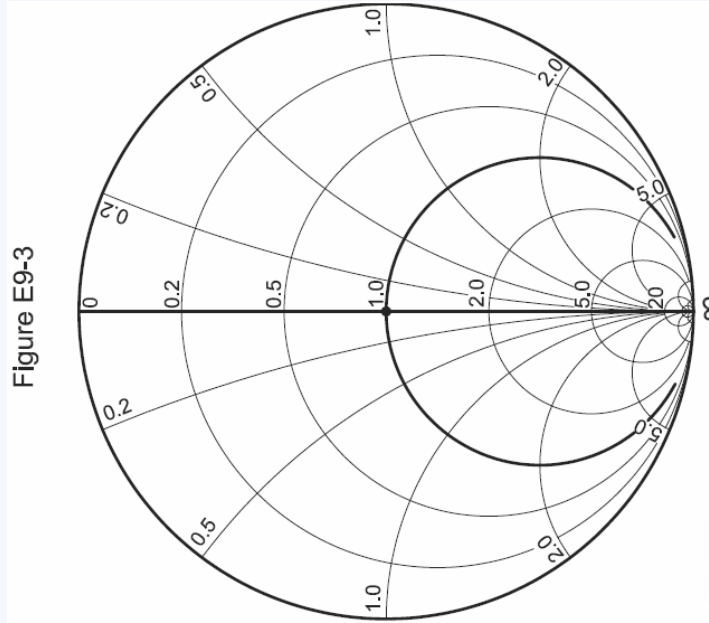
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Smith Chart

Outer Circle is the
Reactance Axis

Figure E9-3



The Straight Line is the
Resistance Axis



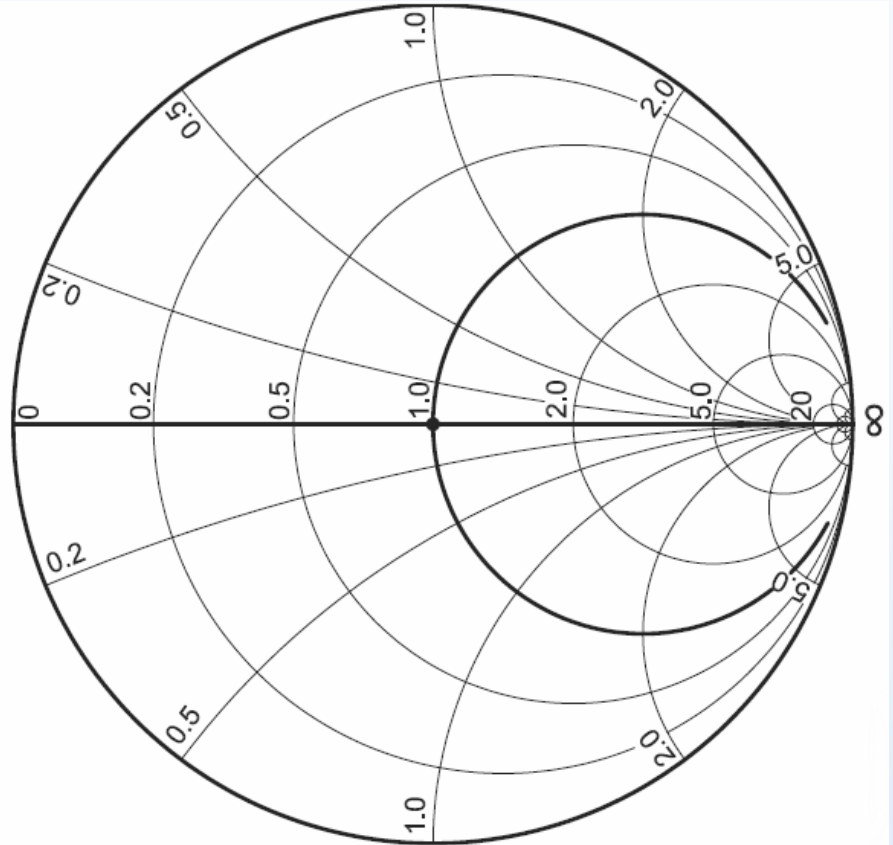
Point 1.0 is called the **Prime Center**

Normalizing means assigning a value to the Prime Center

Other points are multiplied in the same way to give actual values of Resistance or Reactance at that point.



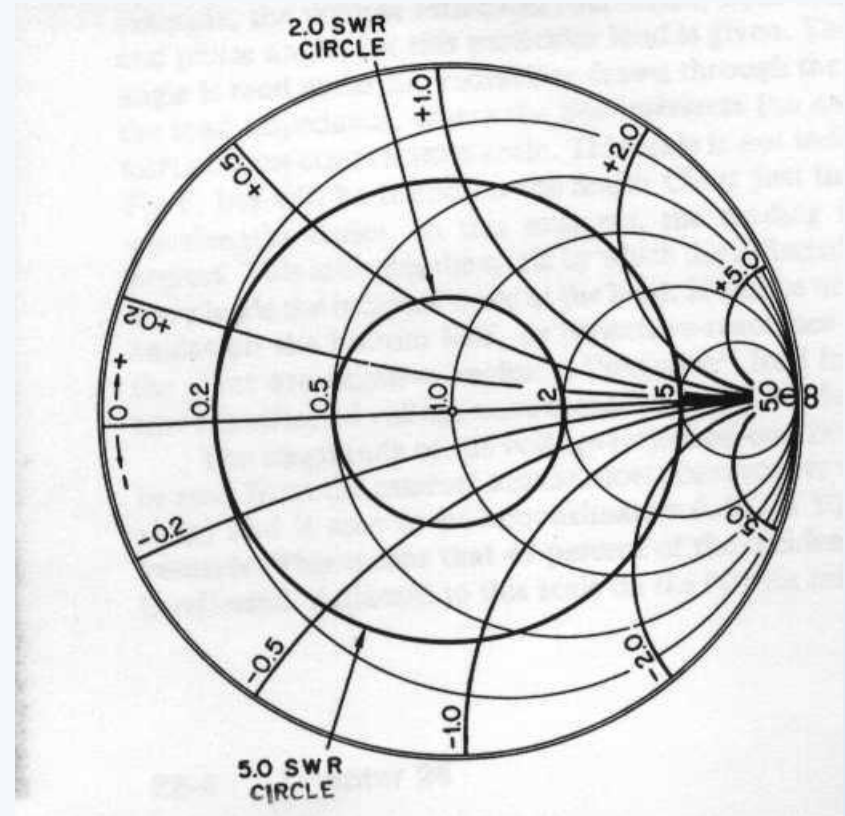
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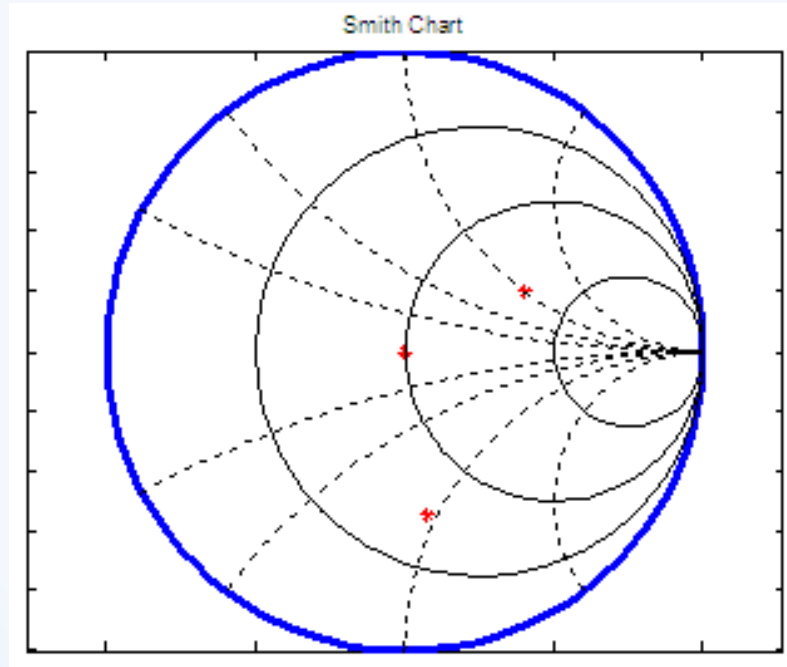
SWR Circles

SWR is the same anywhere
along the Circle

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Look at the Outer Ring – What does it say?



Useful to calculate
the Impedance along
a Transmission Line.

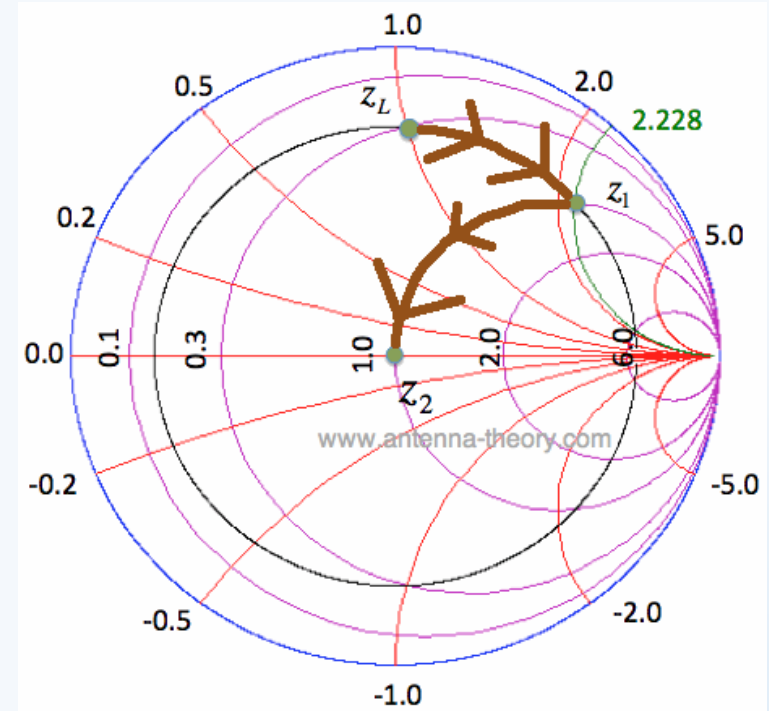
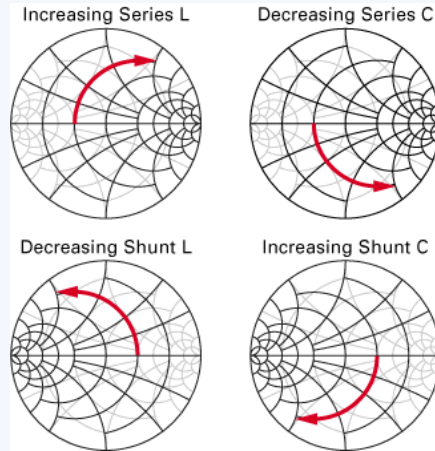


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“Wavelengths toward the Load or toward the Generator”

Why the Smith Chart?

- Impedance Matching!



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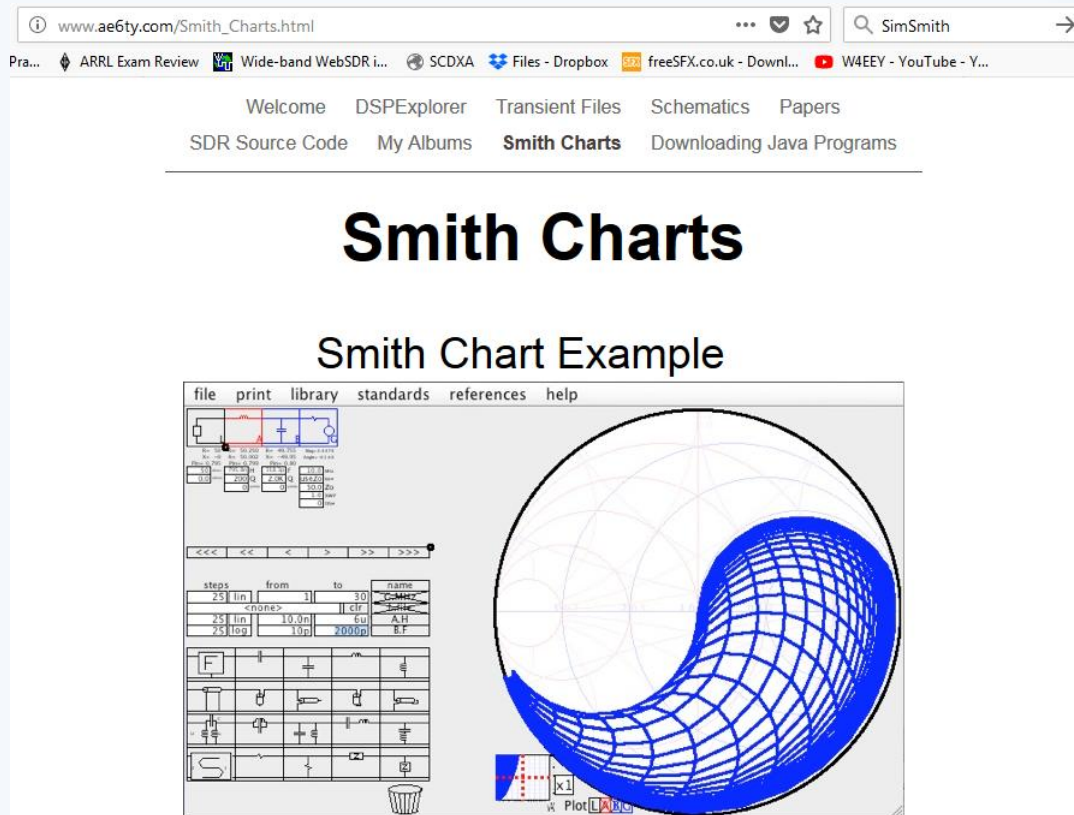
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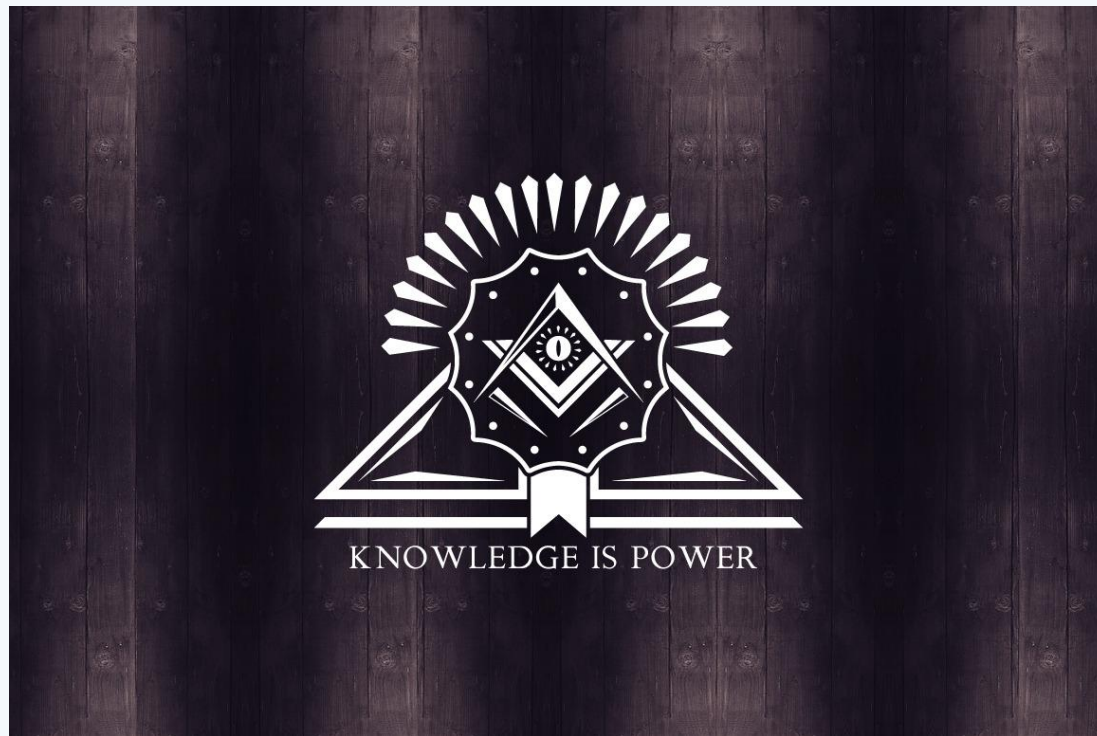
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Questions

Section 9.4



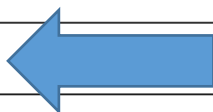
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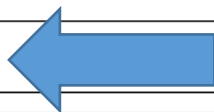
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C. 25 watts

D. 75 watts



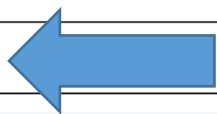
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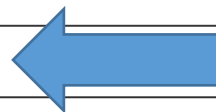
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- B. The relative time between measurements
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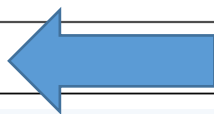
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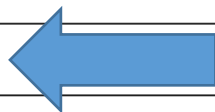
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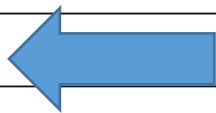


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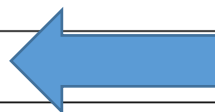
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- B. Short circuit, open circuit, and 50 ohms
- C. Short circuit, open circuit, and resonant circuit
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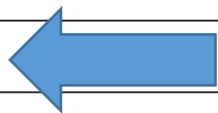
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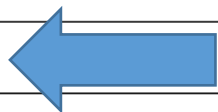
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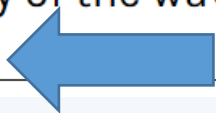
E9F01. What is the velocity factor of a transmission line?

- A. The ratio of the characteristic impedance of the line to the terminating impedance
- B. The index of shielding for coaxial cable
- C. The velocity of the wave in the transmission line multiplied by the velocity of light in a vacuum
- D. The velocity of the wave in the transmission line divided by the velocity of light in a vacuum



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E9F02. Which of the following determines the velocity factor of a transmission line?

A. The termination impedance

B. The line length

C. Dielectric materials used in the line

D. The center conductor resistivity

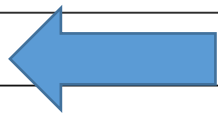


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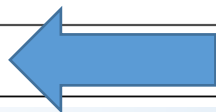
E9F03. Why is the physical length of a coaxial cable transmission line shorter than its electrical length?

- A. Skin effect is less pronounced in the coaxial cable
- B. The characteristic impedance is higher in a parallel feed line
- C. The surge impedance is higher in a parallel feed line
- D. Electrical signals move more slowly in a coaxial cable than in air



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E9F04. What is the typical velocity factor for a coaxial cable with solid polyethylene dielectric?

A. 2.70

B. 0.66

C. 0.30

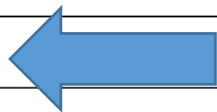
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C. 3.5 meters

D. 0.2 meters



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E9F06. What is the approximate physical length of an air-insulated, parallel conductor transmission line that is electrically one-half wavelength long at 14.10 MHz?

A. 15 meters

B. 20 meters

C. 10 meters

D. 71 meters

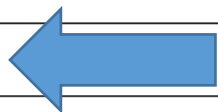


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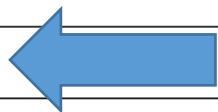
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E9F08. What is the term for the ratio of the actual speed at which a signal travels through a transmission line to the speed of light in a vacuum?

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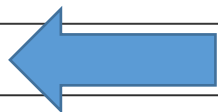
C. Surge impedance

D. Standing wave ratio



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C. 24 meters

D. 50 meters



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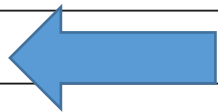
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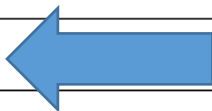
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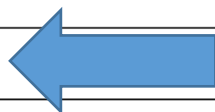
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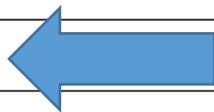
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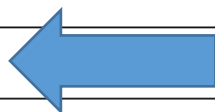
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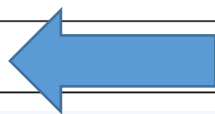
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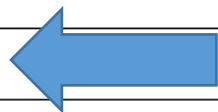
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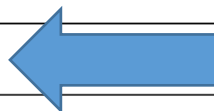
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- B. Resistance circles and reactance arcs
- C. Voltage lines and current chords
- D. Resistance lines and reactance chords



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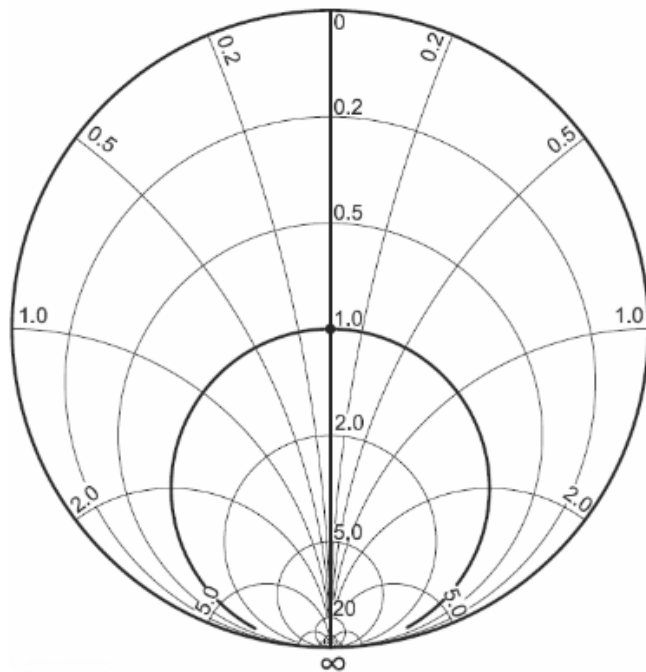


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A. Smith chart

B. Free space radiation directivity chart

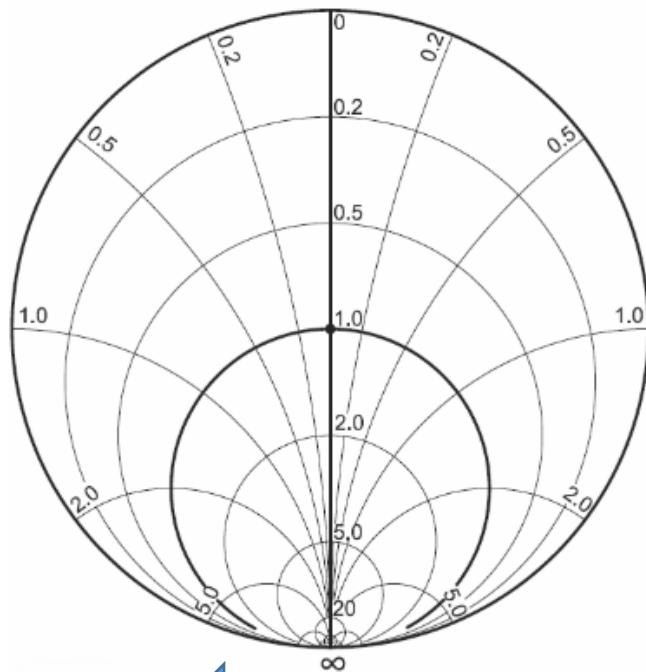
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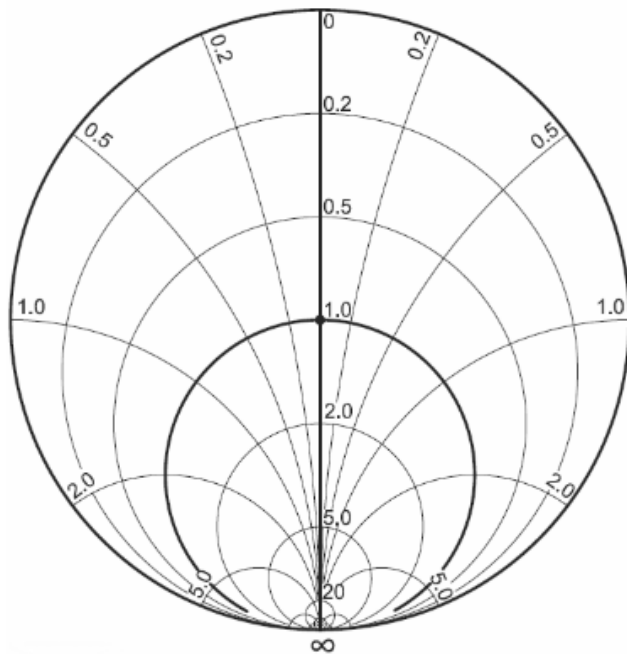
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B. Reactance axis

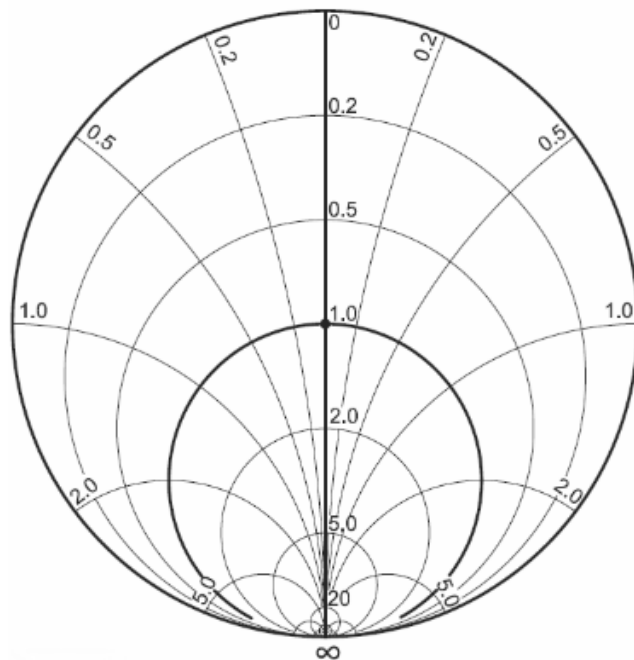
C. Impedance axis

D. Polar axis



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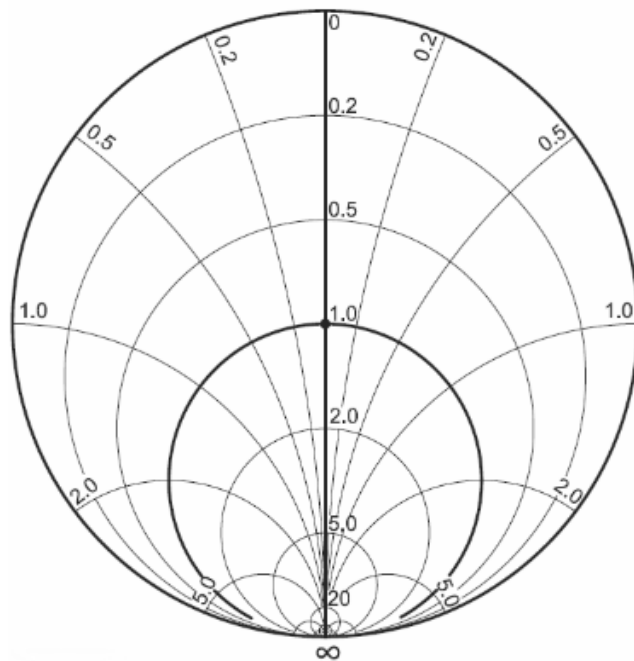
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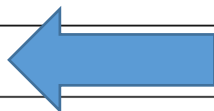
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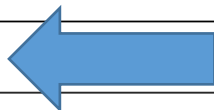
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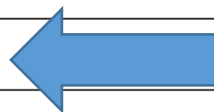
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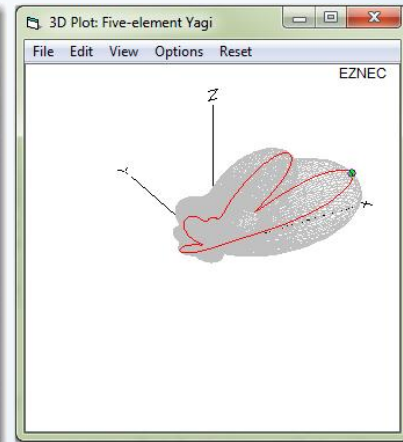
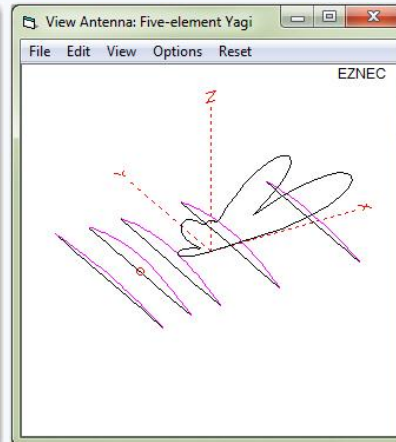
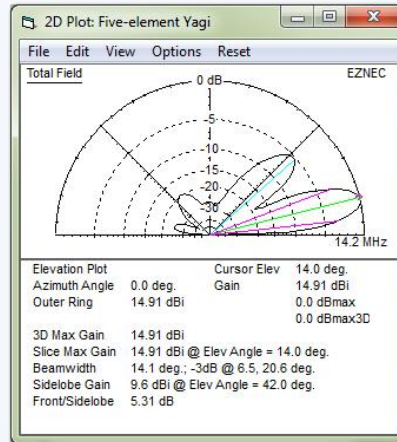
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Antenna Design



Antenna Modeling

- Goal – To predict an antenna's performance before you actually build it.
- Try different options and see what happens on the computer



Software

- Based on the Numerical Electromagnetics Code (NEC)
- EZNEC by W7EL is one software program
- Uses “**Methods of Moments**” analysis
- **Uniform Currents in an individual antenna or wire “segments” are modeled**



MOM



- Generalized **Methods of Moments** is a method of estimating parameters of a probability distribution (such as mean and standard deviation in the case of normal distribution), by checking what possible values of distribution parameters lead to the best fitting moments of the sample drawn from the distribution.

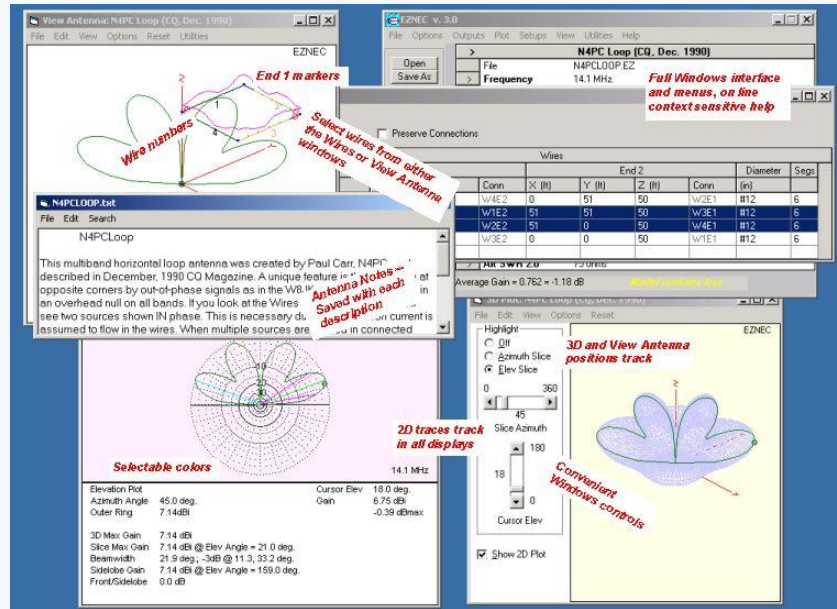
Moments are some measures describing the shape of the distribution. In case of the normal distribution, the four first moments are:

1. mean
2. variance -> standard deviation
3. skewness
4. kurtosis



EZNEC

\$ 100 and up Price



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Software Quirks

- **Antenna Gain** may vary outside the modeled frequency range.
- Using less than the recommended ten segments modeled per $\frac{1}{2}$ wavelength may give the **wrong feedpoint impedance**



What can you learn?

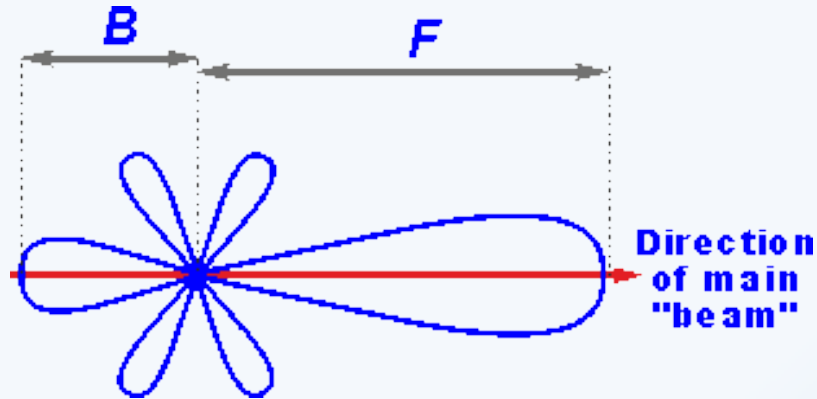
Antenna Modeling can give:

- **SWR vs. frequency charts**
- **Polar plots of the far-field elevation and azimuth patterns**
- **Estimated Antenna gain, F-B**



Yagi Example

- If you Optimize for Max Gain you lose the Front to Back Ratio



Questions

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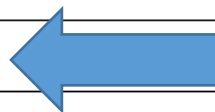
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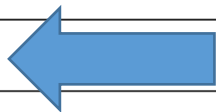
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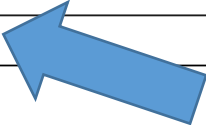


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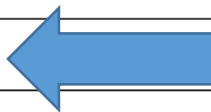
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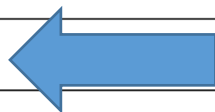
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