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Pulses in transmission lines

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Transmission lines. Agenda.

- **Definition**
- **Distributed parameters network**
- **Pulses in transmission line**
- **Wave equation and wave propagation**
- **Reflections. Resistive load**
- **Thévenin's theorem**
- **Reflection. Non resistive load**
- **Appendix. Error propagation**



Transmission lines. Distributed parameters network.

- **Transmission line is a specialized cable designed to carry alternating current of radio frequency, that is, currents with a frequency high enough that its wave nature must be taken into account.**



Courtesy Wikipedia

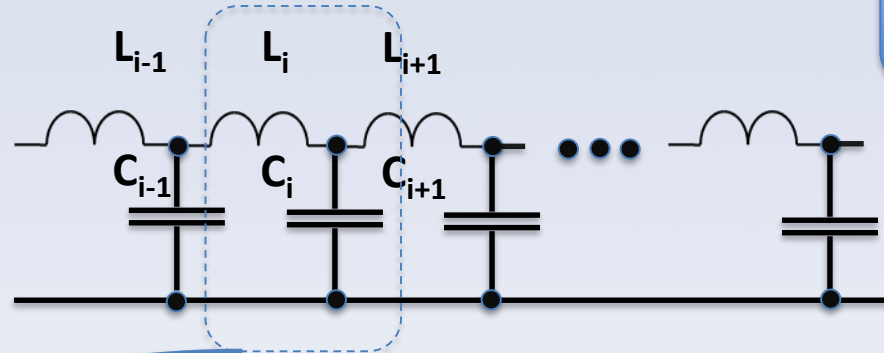


Transmission lines. Distributed parameters network

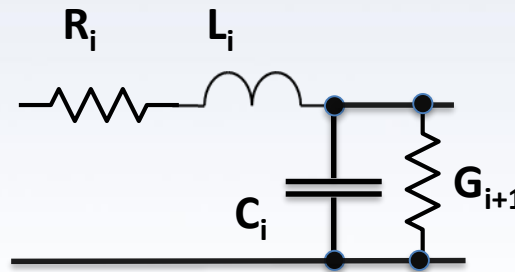
Simplified equivalent circuit



Ideal case



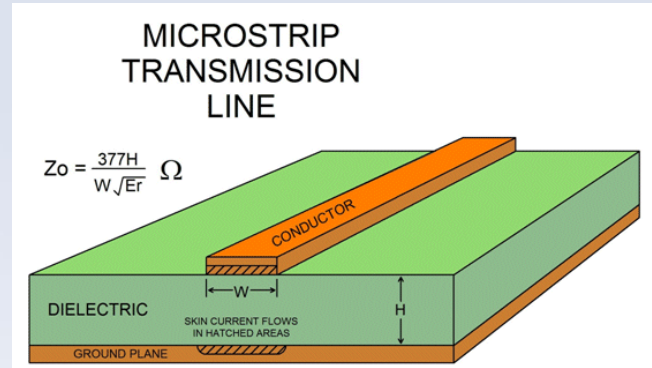
Real situation



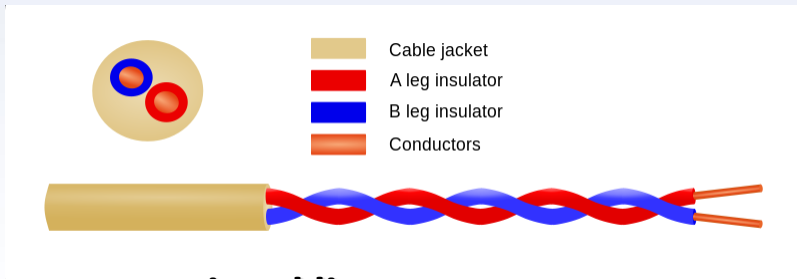
Transmission lines. Different types.



Coaxial cable



Courtesy Analog Devices



Twisted line

Courtesy Wikipedia

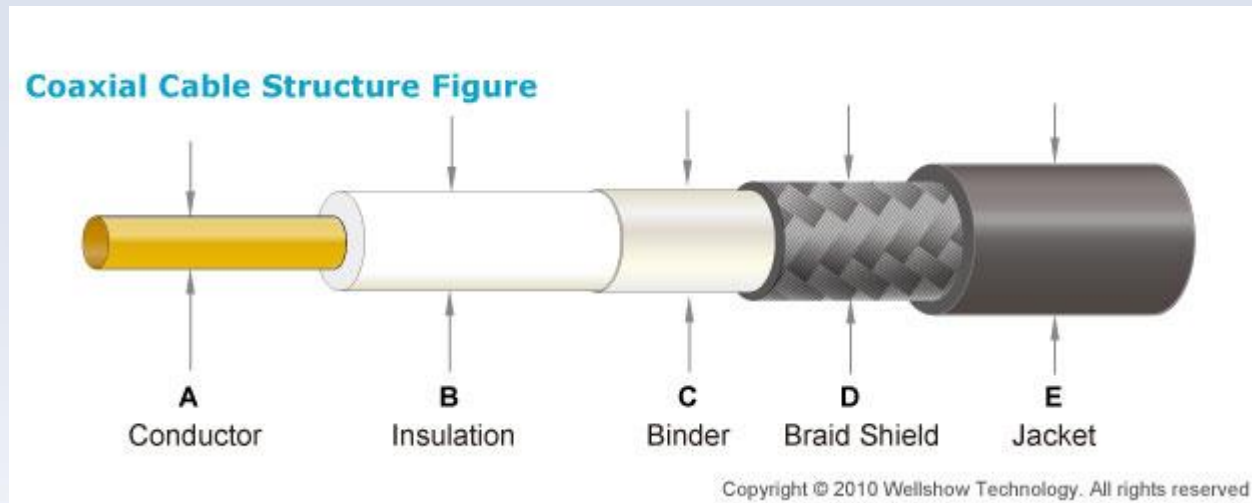


Twin lead

Courtesy Wikipedia



Coaxial cable



Specification:

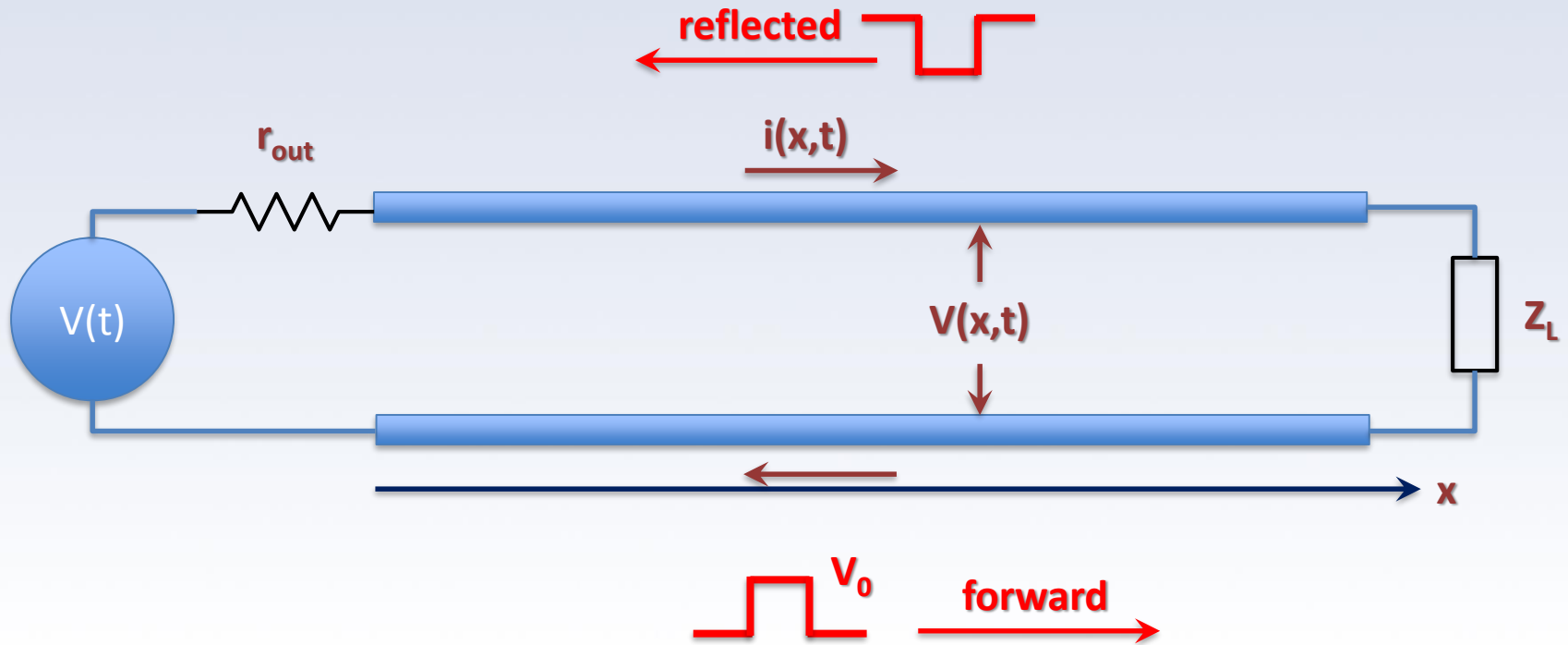
Impedance: 53 Ω

Capacitance: 83 pF/m

Conductor: Bare Copper Wire (1/1.02mm)



Pulses in transmission line



Setup

Wavetek 81

Tektronix 3012B



Sync output

Triggering input

Signal output

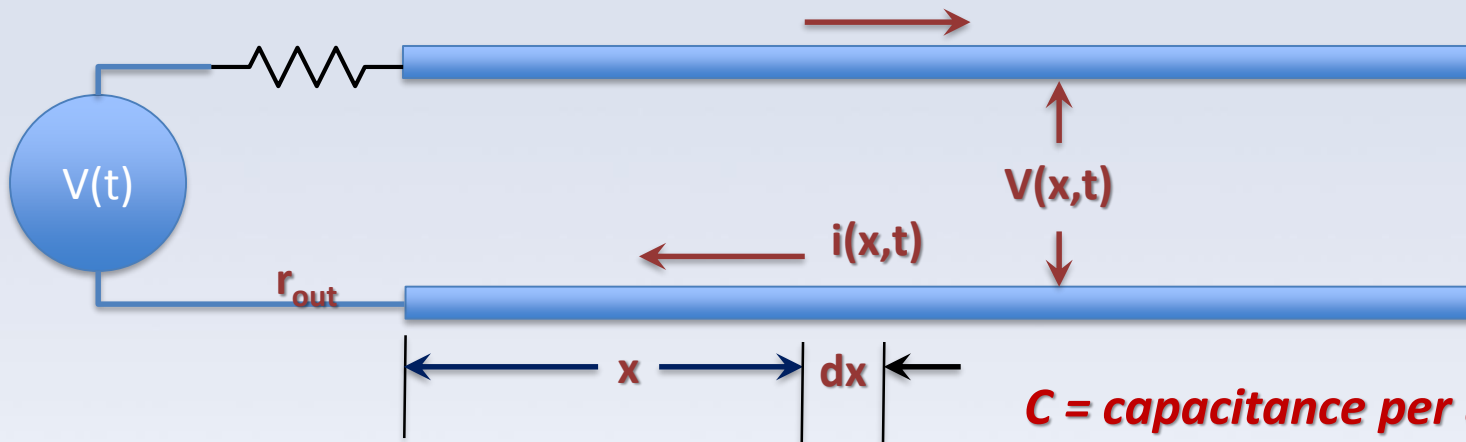
RG8U



Load



The Wave Equation



C = capacitance per unit length
L = inductance per unit length

$$CdxV = -dq;$$

$$C \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial q}{\partial t} = i;$$

$$\frac{\partial i}{\partial x} = -C \frac{\partial V}{\partial t}$$

$$dV = -(Ldx) \frac{di}{dt};$$

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} = -L \frac{\partial i}{\partial t}$$



The Wave Equation

$$\frac{\partial i}{\partial x} = -C \frac{\partial V}{\partial t}$$

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} = -L \frac{\partial i}{\partial t}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 i}{\partial t \partial x} = -C \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial t^2} \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} = -L \frac{\partial^2 i}{\partial x \partial t} \quad (2)$$

Combining (1) and (2)

$$\frac{\partial^2 i}{\partial x^2} = LC \frac{\partial^2 i}{\partial t^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} = LC \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial t^2}$$



The Wave Equation.

Voltage and current waves.

$$\frac{\partial^2 i}{\partial x^2} = LC \frac{\partial^2 i}{\partial t^2} \quad \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} = LC \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial t^2}$$

Looking for solution

$$V(x,t) = V_0 \sin \omega \left(t - \frac{x}{v} \right)$$

$$i(x,t) = i_0 \sin \omega \left(t - \frac{x}{v} \right)$$

Now substituting $V(x,t)$ and $i(x,t)$ in

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} = -L \frac{\partial i}{\partial t} \quad \frac{\partial i}{\partial x} = -C \frac{\partial V}{\partial t}$$

We can find $V_0 = i_0 \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}}$ or

$$V(x,t) = \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}} i(x,t) = Z_k i(x,t)$$

$$v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$$

Speed of wave propagation

Z_k - characteristic Impedance

Equivalent to Ohm's law equation



Characteristic impedance

$$Z_k = \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}}$$

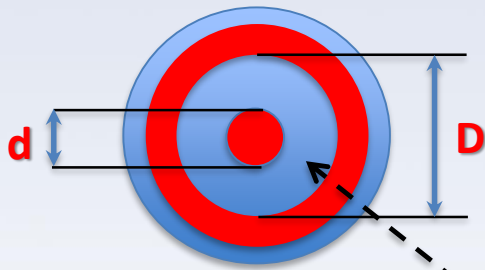
C = capacitance per unit length

L = inductance per unit length

$$\epsilon_0 = 8.854 \times 10^{-12} \text{ (F/m)}$$

$$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ (H/m)}$$

Cross-section of the coaxial cable



$$C = \frac{2\pi\epsilon_0\epsilon_r}{\ln\left(\frac{D}{d}\right)} \text{ (F/m)} \quad L = \frac{\mu_0\mu_r}{2\pi} \ln\left(\frac{D}{d}\right) \text{ (H/m)}$$

ϵ_r – dielectric permittivity
 μ_r – magnetic permeability ≈ 1

Finally for coaxial cable:
$$Z_k = \frac{138}{\sqrt{\epsilon_r}} \log\left(\frac{D}{d}\right) \text{ (Ohms)}$$



Speed of wave propagation, delay.

$$v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$$

Speed of wave propagation



$$v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \mu_r \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r}} = \frac{c}{\sqrt{\mu_r \epsilon_r}} \approx \frac{c}{\sqrt{\epsilon_r}}$$

$\cong 1$

For polyethylene $\epsilon_r \sim 2.25$ (up to 1GHz)

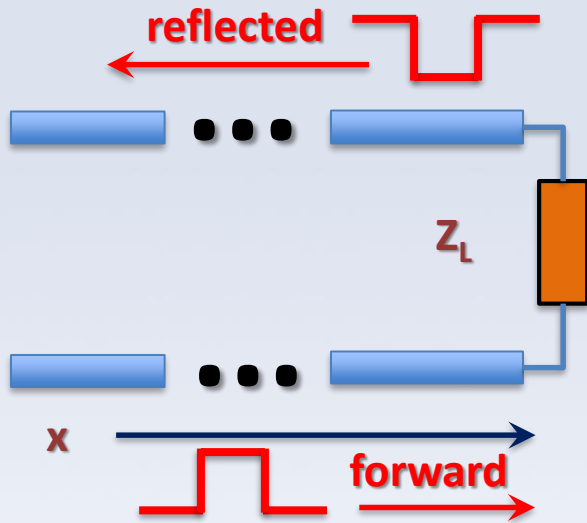
$$\text{Delay time } \tau = \frac{1}{v} (\text{s/m}) \approx 3.336 \cdot 10^{-9} \sqrt{\epsilon_r} (\text{s/m}) = 3.336 \sqrt{\epsilon_r} (\text{ns/m})$$

RG-8/U,
RG58U:

Inner Insulation Materials: Polyethylene
Nominal Impedance: 52 ohm
Delay time $\sim 5\text{ns/m}$



Reflection in transmission line



solution for the traveling in opposite direction

$$\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} = LC \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial t^2}$$

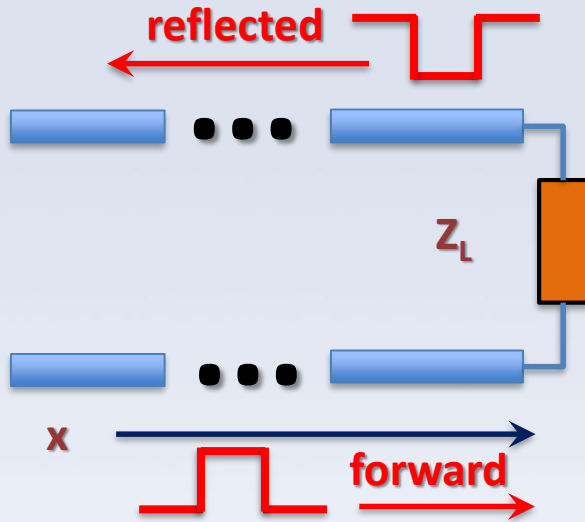
$$V(x, t) = V_0 \sin \omega \left(t + \frac{x}{v} \right)$$

$$i(x, t) = i_0 \sin \omega \left(t + \frac{x}{v} \right)$$

For reflected wave $V_r = -Z_k i_r$



Reflection in transmission line



$$V_r = -Z_k i_r$$

At any point of the transmission line:

$$\frac{V}{i} = R_L$$

$$V = V_r + V_i$$

$$i = i_r + i_i = \frac{V_i}{Z_k} - \frac{V_r}{Z_k}$$

1. Resistive load $Z_L = R_L$

$$\frac{V_i + V_r}{V_i - V_r} = \frac{R_L}{Z_k} \quad \text{or} \quad V_r = \frac{R_L - Z_k}{R_L + Z_k} V_i$$



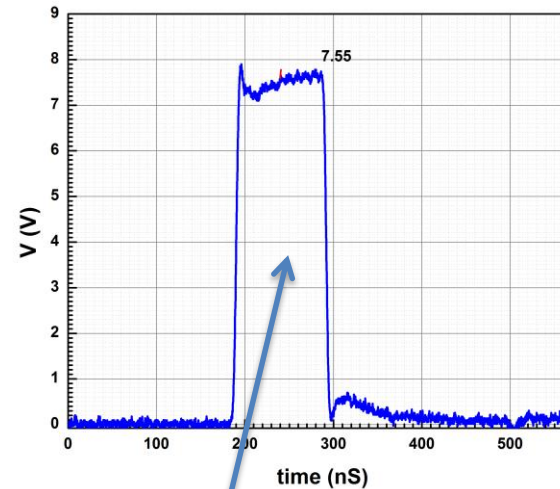
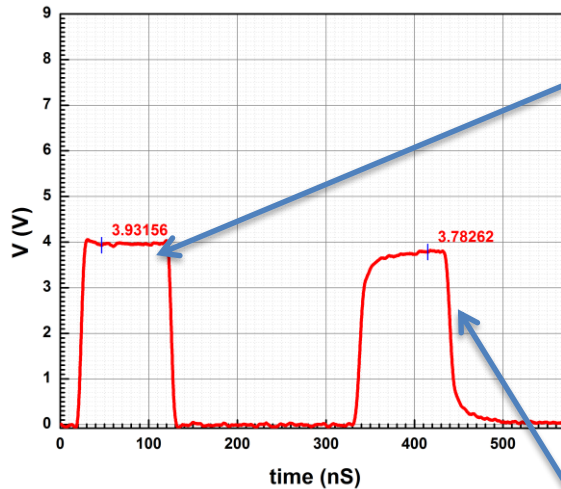
Reflection in transmission line

Resistive load $Z_L = R_L$

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Open line $R_L = \infty \rightarrow V_r = V_i$ and $V = V_i + V_r$

Incident pulse



Reflected pulse

End of the line



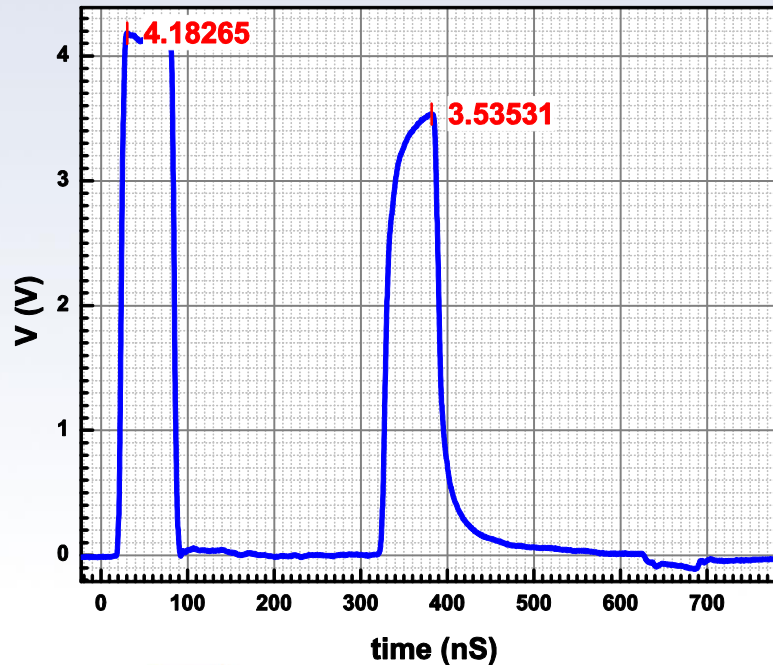
Reflection in transmission line. Loses.

Theory: $R_L = \infty \rightarrow V_r = V_i$

Attenuation (dB per 100 feet)

MHz	30	50	100	146	150
RG-58U	2.5	4.1	5.3	6.1	6.1

Experiment RG 58U

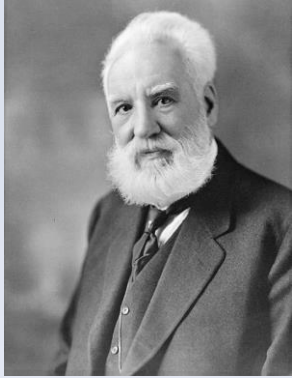


$$ATTN(db) = 20 \log \left(\frac{V_i}{V_r} \right)$$

Important parameter for cable is attenuation per length



Reminder: log units of ration.



Alexander Graham Bell
1847 – 1922)

This unit was named the **bel**, in honor of their founder and telecommunications pioneer **Alexander Graham Bell**

The decibel (dB) is one tenth of the bel (B): 1B = 10dB.

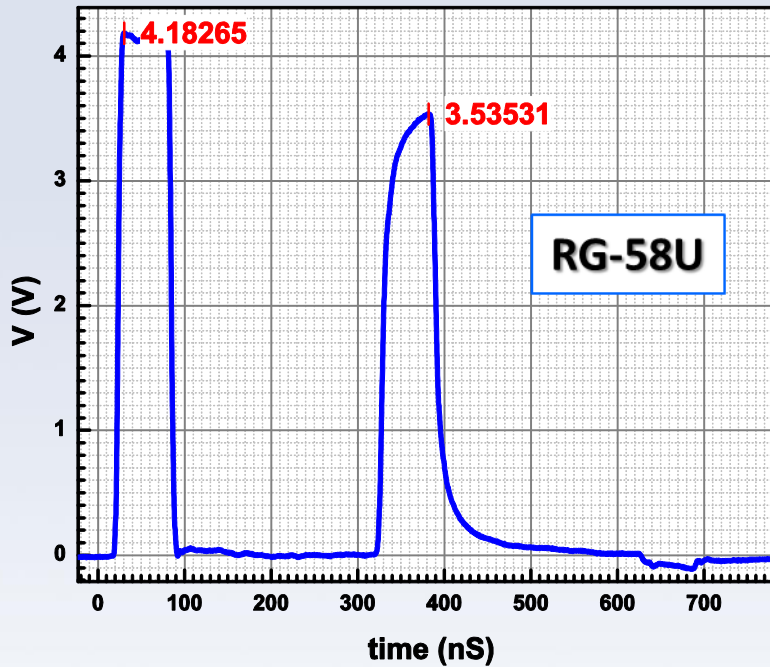
$$L(db) = 10 \log_{10} \left(\frac{P_1}{P_2} \right) \quad \text{power ratio}$$

$$L(db) = 20 \log_{10} \left(\frac{V_1}{V_2} \right) \quad \text{voltage (current, field...) ratio}$$

In case of our transmission line: $ATTN(db) = 20 \log \left(\frac{V_i}{V_r} \right)$

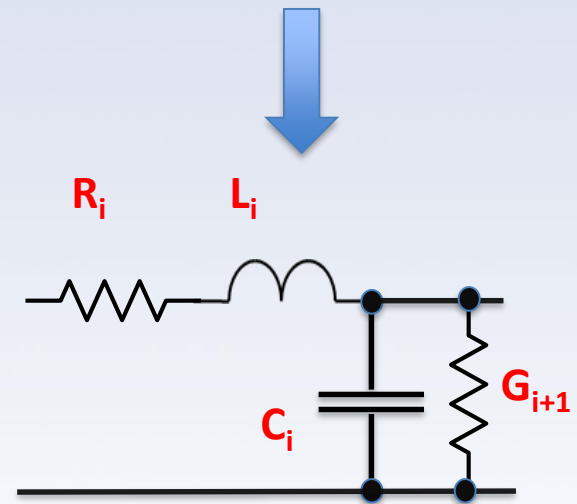


Reflection in transmission line. Loses.

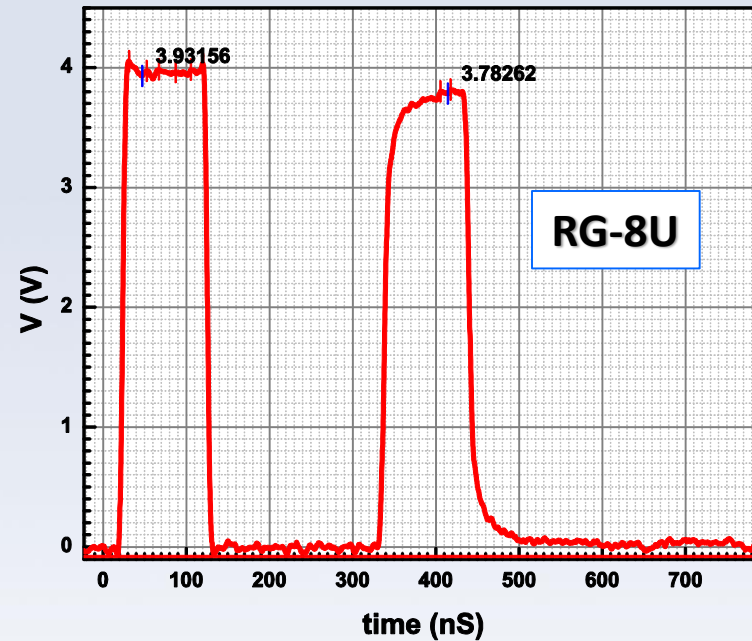
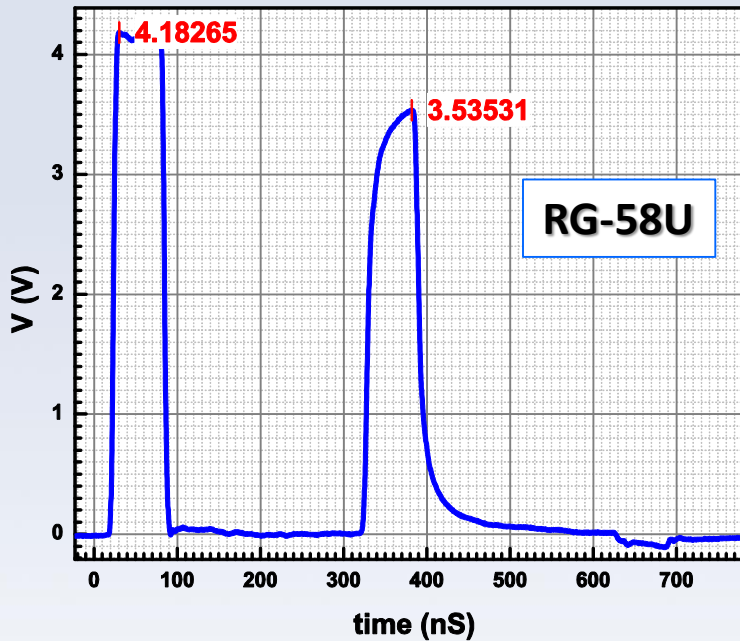


In our case: $Attn(200\text{ ft}) = 20\log\left(\frac{4.18}{3.54}\right) \approx 1.46\text{ dB}$

Where it is coming from?



Different cables loses.

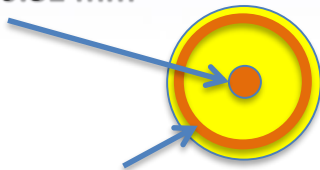


$$Attn(200\ ft) = 20 \log \left(\frac{4.18}{3.54} \right) \approx 1.46\text{dB}$$

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$$Attn(200\ ft) = 20 \log \left(\frac{3.932}{3.78} \right) \approx 0.335\text{dB}$$

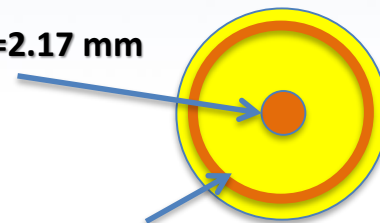
Core $\phi=0.81\ \text{mm}$



Dielectric $\phi=2.9\ \text{mm}$

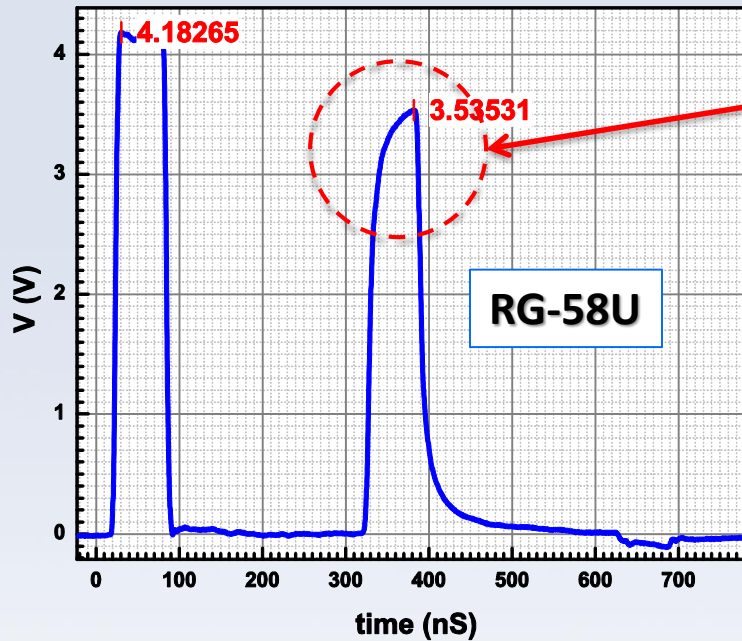


Core $\phi=2.17\ \text{mm}$



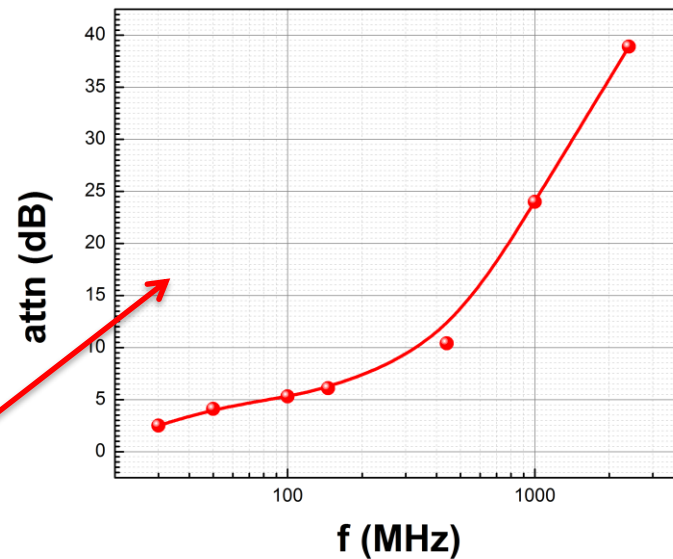
Dielectric $\phi=7.2\ \text{mm}$

Loses. Frequency dispersion.

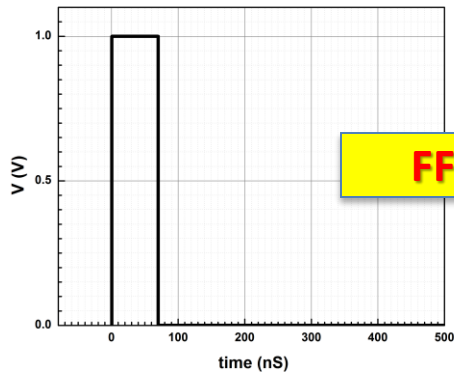


Reflected pulse does not follow the shape of the incident pulse

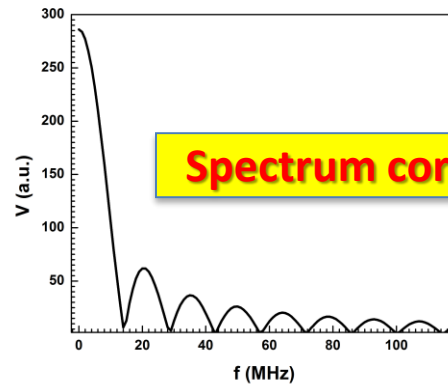
Frequency dependence of the attenuation RG-58U cable



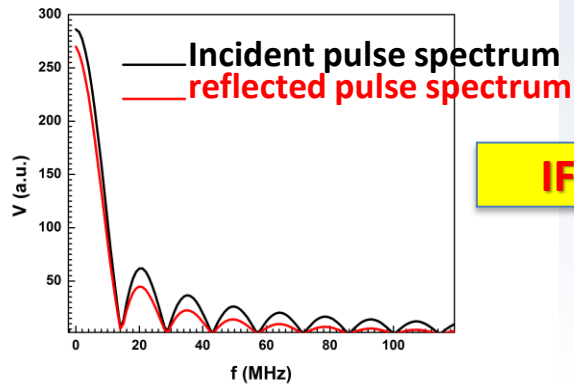
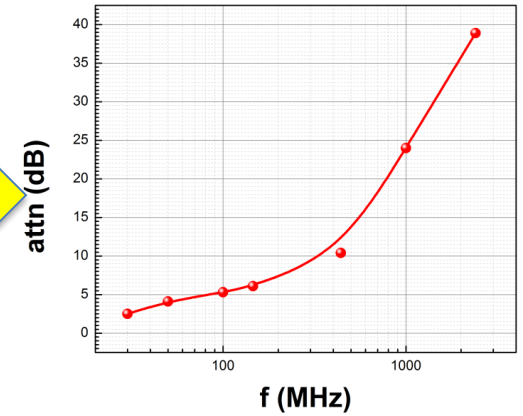
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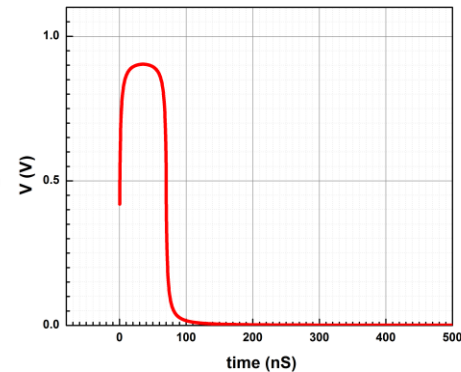
FFT



Spectrum correction



IFFT

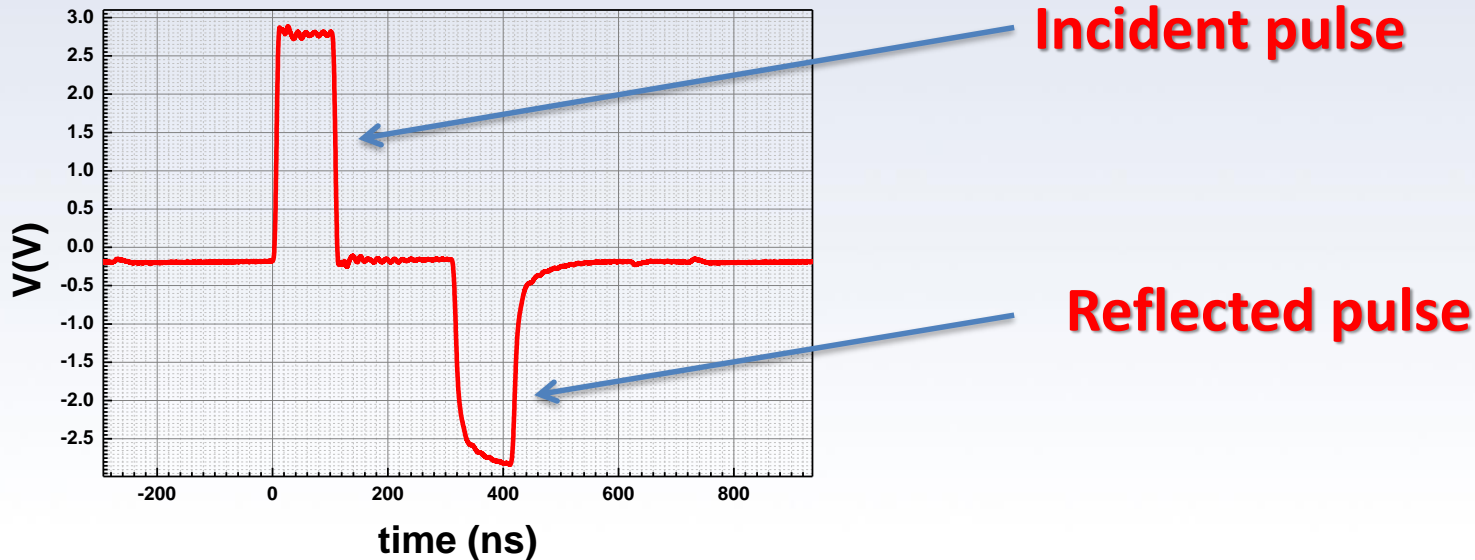


Reflection in transmission line

Resistive load $Z_L = R_L$

$$\frac{V_i + V_r}{V_i - V_r} = \frac{R_L}{Z_k} \quad \text{or} \quad V_r = \frac{R_L - Z_k}{R_L + Z_k} V_i$$

Shorted line $R_L = 0 \rightarrow V_r = -V_i$



Reflection in transmission line.

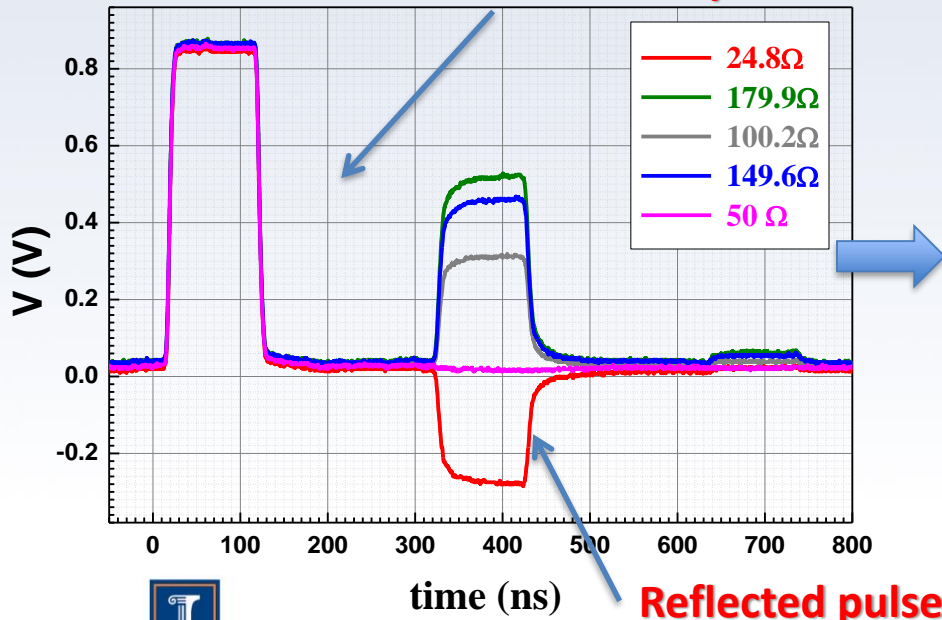
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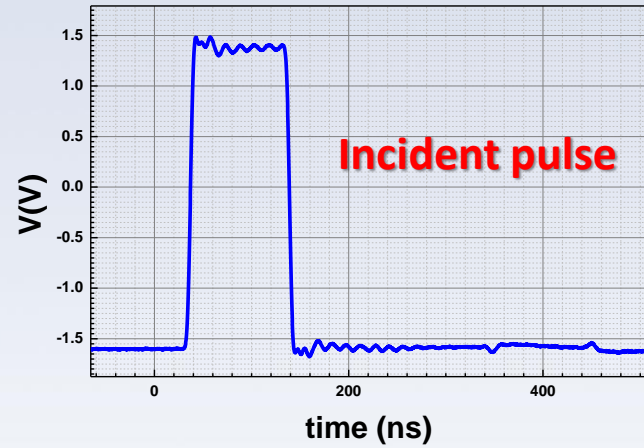
Matching the load impedance

$R_L \Rightarrow Z_k; V_r \rightarrow 0$

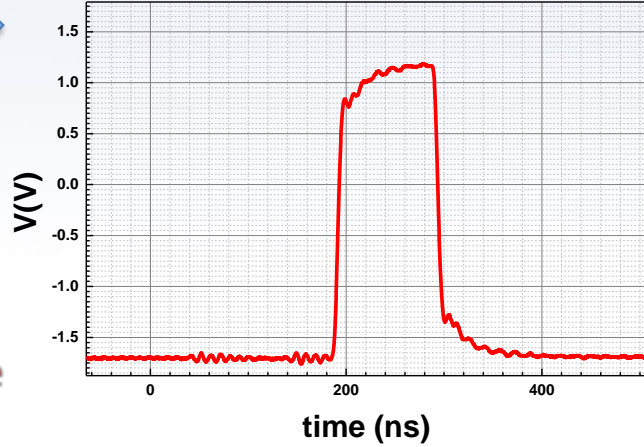
Incident pulse



Reflected pulse



Incident pulse



End of the line



Thévenin's theorem

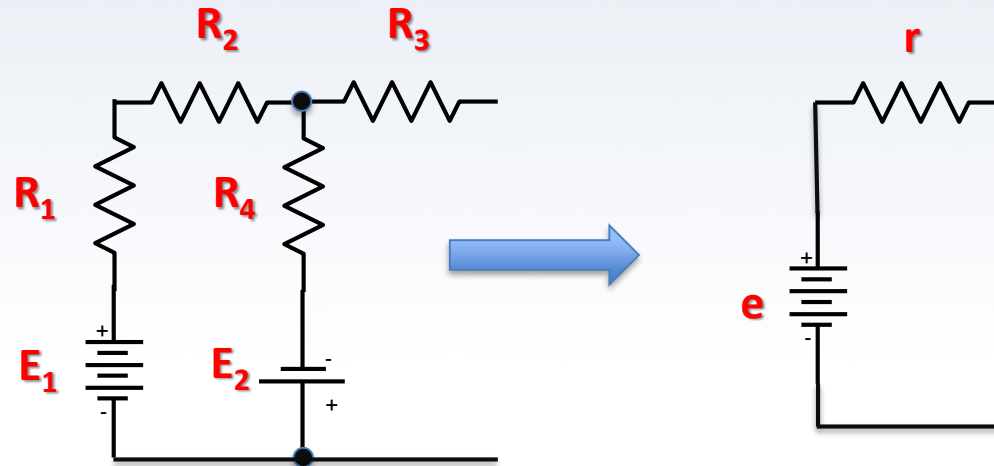


Hermann Ludwig
Ferdinand von Helmholtz
(1821-1894)



Léon Charles Thévenin
(1857-1926)

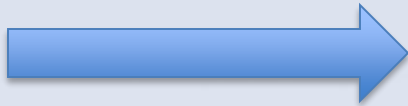
Any combination of batteries and resistances with two terminals can be replaced by a single voltage source e and a single series resistor r



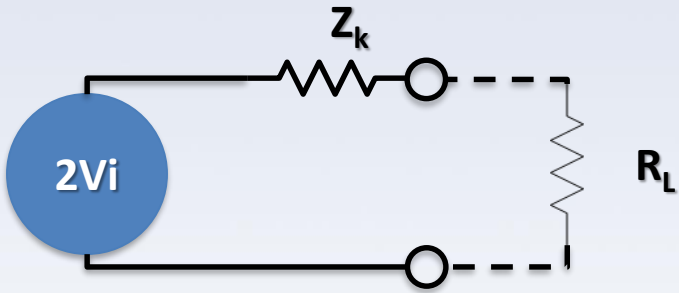
Thévenin's theorem. Transmission line.

$$V = V_r + V_i = i \bullet R_L$$

$$i = i_r + i_i = \frac{V_i}{Z_k} - \frac{V_r}{Z_k}$$



$$i = \frac{2V_i}{R_L + Z_k}$$



From this equivalent equation we can find the maximum possible power delivered to R_L

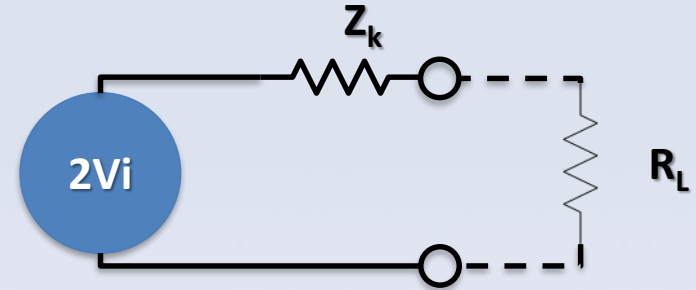
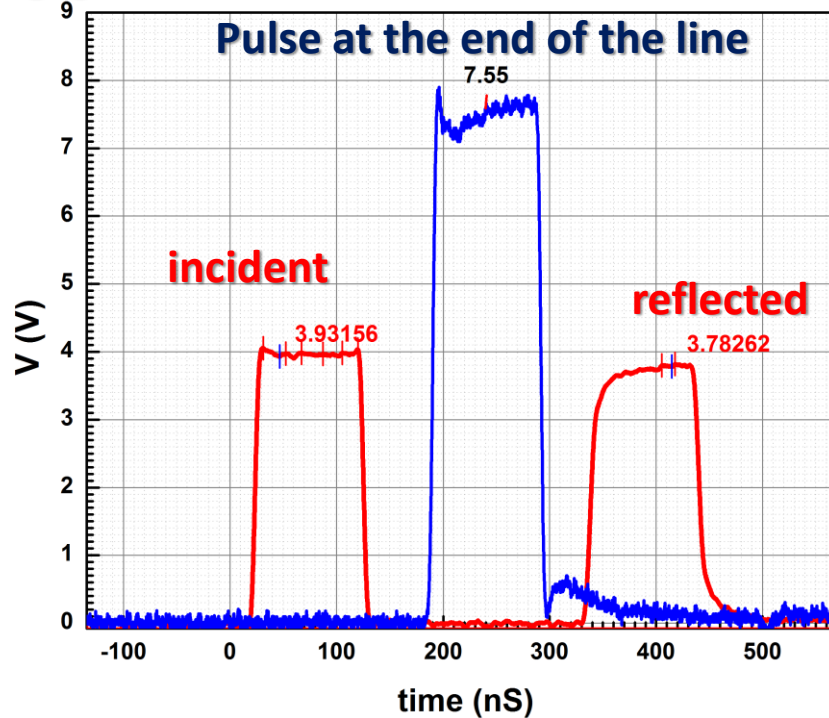
$$P = i^2 R_L = \frac{(2V_i)^2}{(R_L + Z)^2} R_L$$

$P = P_{\max}$ if $R_L = Z_k$ (no reflection)



Thévenin's theorem. Experiment.

RG 8U



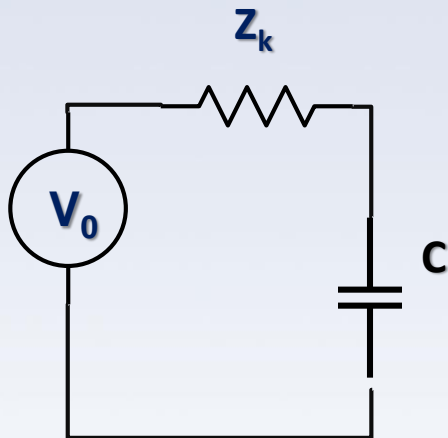
This experiment better to perform on RG 8U cable because of lower attenuation

$R_L = \infty$, amplitude of the pulse at the end of line is expected to be $2V_i$, where V_i is the amplitude of the incident pulse



Reflection. Capacitive load. Experiment

$$i = \frac{2V_i}{Z_L + Z_k}$$

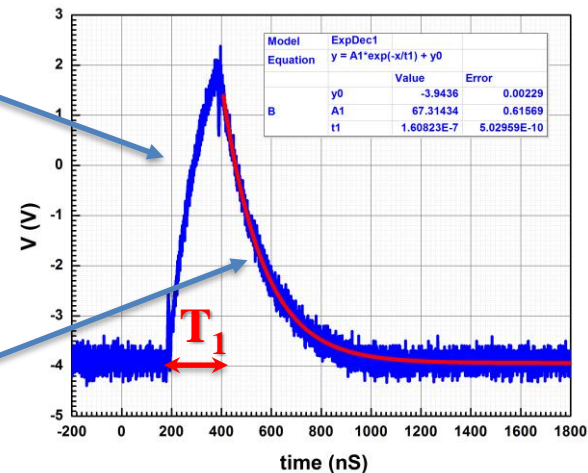
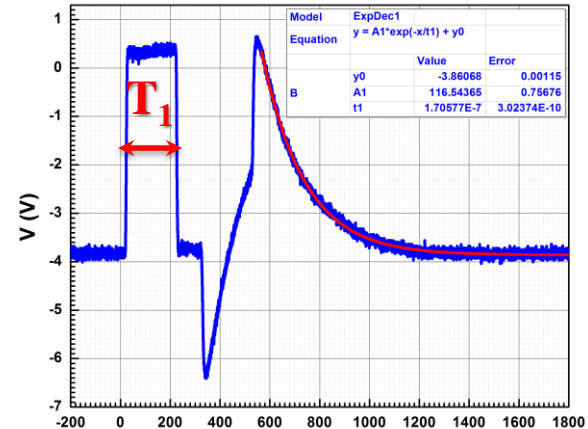


$$\tau = Z_k C$$

$$C = \frac{\tau}{Z_k} \approx 3.2 \text{ nF}$$

$$V_L = \left[1 - \exp\left(\frac{-t}{\tau}\right) \right]$$

$$V_L = 2V_i \left[1 - \exp\left(\frac{-T_l}{\tau}\right) \right] \left[\exp\left(\frac{-(t - T_l)}{\tau}\right) \right]$$

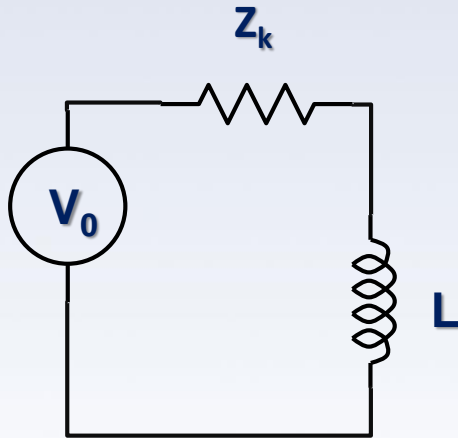


Reflection. Inductive load. Experiment

$$i = \frac{2V_i}{Z_L + Z_k}$$

$$2V_i = iZ_k - L \frac{di}{dt};$$

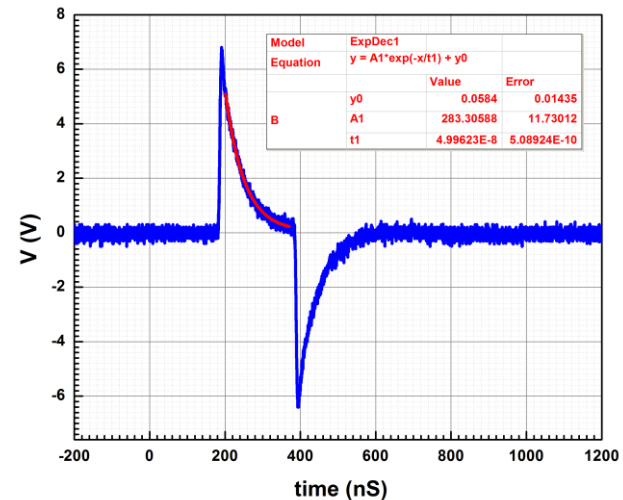
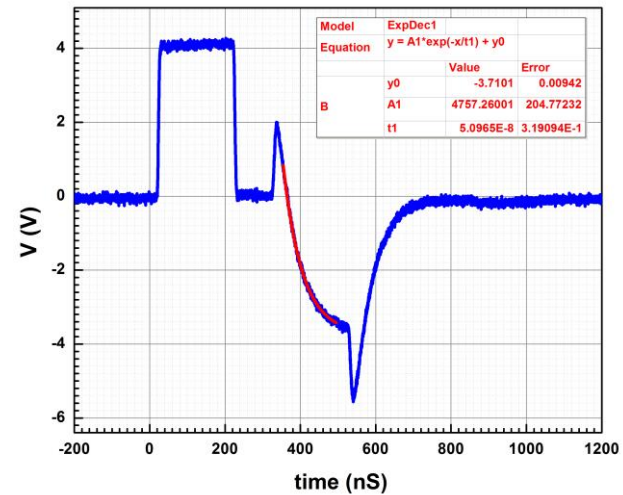
$$i = i_0 \left(1 - \exp\left(\frac{-t}{\tau}\right) \right);$$



$$\tau = \frac{L}{Z_k}$$

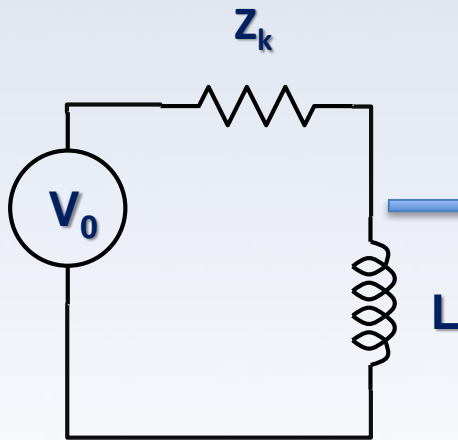
$$\tau \cong 50\text{ns},$$

$$L = \tau Z_k \sim 2.5\mu\text{H}$$



Reflection. Inductive load.

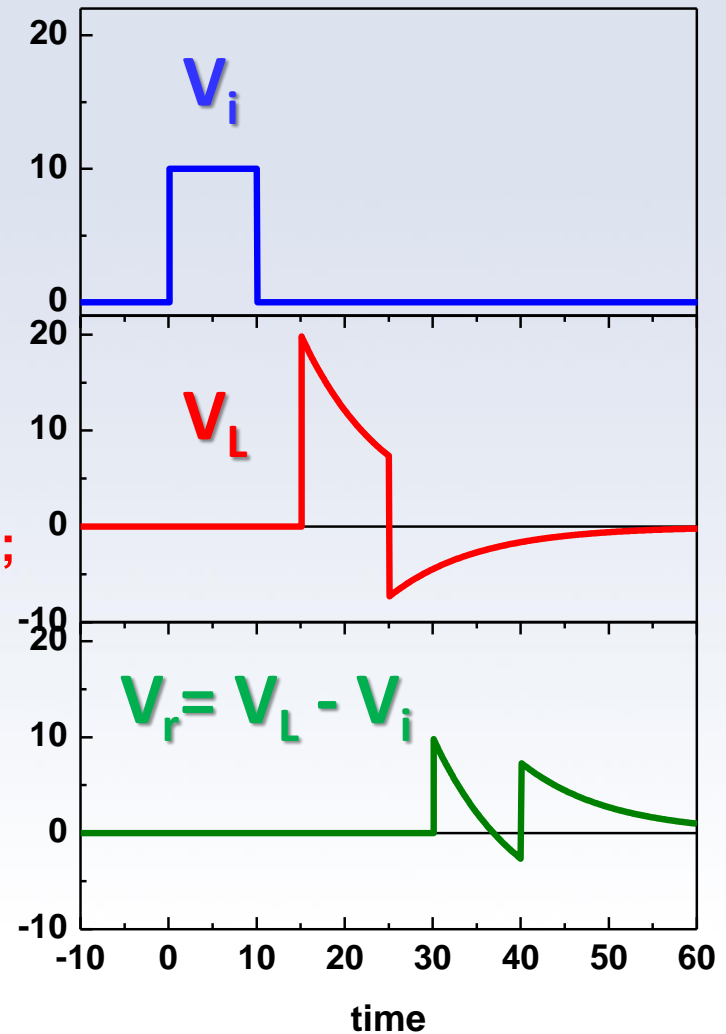
$$i = \frac{2V_i}{Z_L + Z_k}$$



$$2V_i = iZ_k - L \frac{di}{dt};$$

$$i = i_0 \left(1 - \exp\left(\frac{-t}{\tau}\right) \right);$$

$$\tau = \frac{L}{Z_k}$$



Appendix #1.

Export graphs from Origin

The image shows a composite screenshot illustrating the process of exporting a graph from OriginPro 8.6. On the left, the 'File' menu is open, and 'Export Graphs' is selected, with 'Open Dialog...' highlighted. In the center, the 'Import and Export: expGraph' dialog box is displayed, showing settings for 'Image Type' (Portable Network Graphics (*.png)), 'Export' (Active Page), 'File Name(s)', 'Path', 'Overwrite Existing' (Ask), 'Graph Theme' (<Original>), 'Export Settings' (Use Current Speed Mode Display for Export, Apply Page Setting, Margin Control, Clip Border Width), and 'Image Size'. A red arrow points from the 'Image Type' dropdown to the 'No Preview' section on the right. The 'No Preview' section contains the text: 'No Preview' and 'Check the "Auto Preview" checkbox to display updated preview. Click "Preview" button when needed.' Below the dialog box, a file format dropdown menu is open, showing various formats: Encapsulated Postscript (*.eps), Adobe Illustrator (*.ai), Bitmap (*.bmp), Enhanced MetaFile (*.emf), Encapsulated Postscript (*.eps), Graphics Interchange Format (*.gif), Joint Photographic Experts Group (*.jpg), Zsoft PC Paintbrush Bitmap (*.pcx), Portable Document Format (*.pdf), Portable Network Graphics (*.png), Adobe Photoshop (*.psd), Truevision Targa (*.tga), Tag Image File (*.tif), and Windows MetaFile (*.wmf).



Appendix #2.

Reminders

1. The reports should be uploaded to the ***proper*** folder and ***only*** to the proper folder

For example folder ***Frequency domain analys_L1*** should be used by students from L1 section only

I would recommend the file name style as:

L1_lab3_student1

Lab section

Lab number

Your name

You do not need to submit two copies in pdf and in MsWord formats

2. Origin template for this week Lab:

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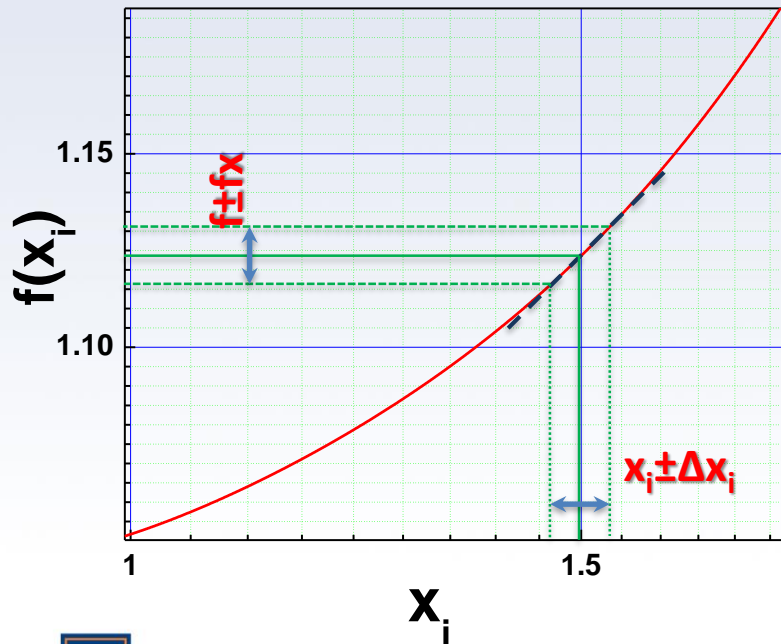


Appendix #3.

Error propagation.

$$y = f(x_1, x_2 \dots x_n)$$

$$\Delta f(x_i, \Delta x_i) = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n \left[\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} \right]^2 \cdot \Delta x_i^2}$$



Error propagation. Example.

Derive resonance frequency f
from measured inductance
 $L \pm \Delta L$ and capacitance $C \pm \Delta C$

$$f_0(L, C) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{1}{LC}}$$

$$L_1 = 10 \pm 1 \text{mH}, \quad C_1 = 10 \pm 2 \mu\text{F}$$

$$\Delta f(L, C, \Delta L, \Delta C) = \sqrt{\left[\frac{\partial f}{\partial L}\right]^2 \cdot \Delta L^2 + \left[\frac{\partial f}{\partial C}\right]^2 \Delta C^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial L} = \frac{-1}{4\pi} C^{-\frac{1}{2}} L^{-\frac{3}{2}};$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial C} = \frac{-1}{4\pi} L^{-\frac{1}{2}} C^{-\frac{3}{2}}$$

Results:

$$f(L_1, C_1) = 503.29212104487 \text{Hz}$$

$$\Delta f = 56.26977 \text{Hz}$$

$$f(L_1, C_1) = 503 \pm 56 \text{Hz}$$



Error propagation. Example.

$L_1 = 10 \pm 1\text{mH}$, $C_1 = 10 \pm 1\mu\text{F}$ Where these numbers are coming from?

1. Using commercial resistors, capacitors, inductances...



$C=500\text{pF}\pm 5\%$



$L=35\text{mH}\pm 10\%$

2. Measuring the parameters using standard equipment

SENCORE "Z" meter model LC53

Capacitance measuring accuracy $\pm 5\%$

Inductance measuring accuracy $\pm 2\%$



Agilent E4980A Precision LCR Meter

Basic accuracy $\pm 0.05\%$



Appendix #4.

Nonlinear fitting. Main idea

Origin uses the **Levenberg–Marquardt** algorithm for nonlinear fitting

From experiment you have the array (x_i, y_i) of independent and dependent variables: x_i (e.g. f- frequency) and y_i (e.g. magnitude of the signal) and you have to optimize the vector of fitting parameters β of your model function $f(x, \beta)$ in order to minimize the sum of squares of deviations:

$$S(\beta) = \sum_{i=1}^m [y_i - f(x_i, \beta)]^2$$

Important point is the choice of fitting parameters. In some cases the algorithm will work with $\beta=(1,1\dots1)$, but in many situations the choice of more realistic parameters will lead to solution

For details go to:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Levenberg–Marquardt_algorithm](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Levenberg%E2%80%93Marquardt_algorithm)

K. Levenberg. "A Method for the Solution of Certain Non-Linear Problems in Least Squares". The Quarterly of Applied Mathematics, 2: 164-168 (1944).



Appendix #5. Unknown Load Simulation

- Transmission line. Unknown load simulation

Pulse Generator

Frequency: 100k
Pulse Width: 100n
Pulse Delay: 0.3u
Thresholds: 0%-100%
Rise Time: 1p
Fall Time: 1p
High: 1
Low: 0
Burst Mode: OFF
Burst Count: 2
Burst Rep Rate: 150
Time Span: 10u
Num Points: 4096

Incident pulse
Y name: 1
Trace1

Pulse on the load
Y name: 1.8

Reflected pulse
Y name: 2

Load parameters

R||C

C (nF): 1
R (ohms): 100

Function generator parameters

Scale: X
Name: time
Min: 0.2u
Max: 0.5u
Mapping: Linear

Zk (ohm)
50

C || R

OK

Field name	Value
Scale	X
Name	time
Min	0.2u
Max	0.5u
Mapping	Linear

Function generator parameters

Line characteristic impedance

Expected load

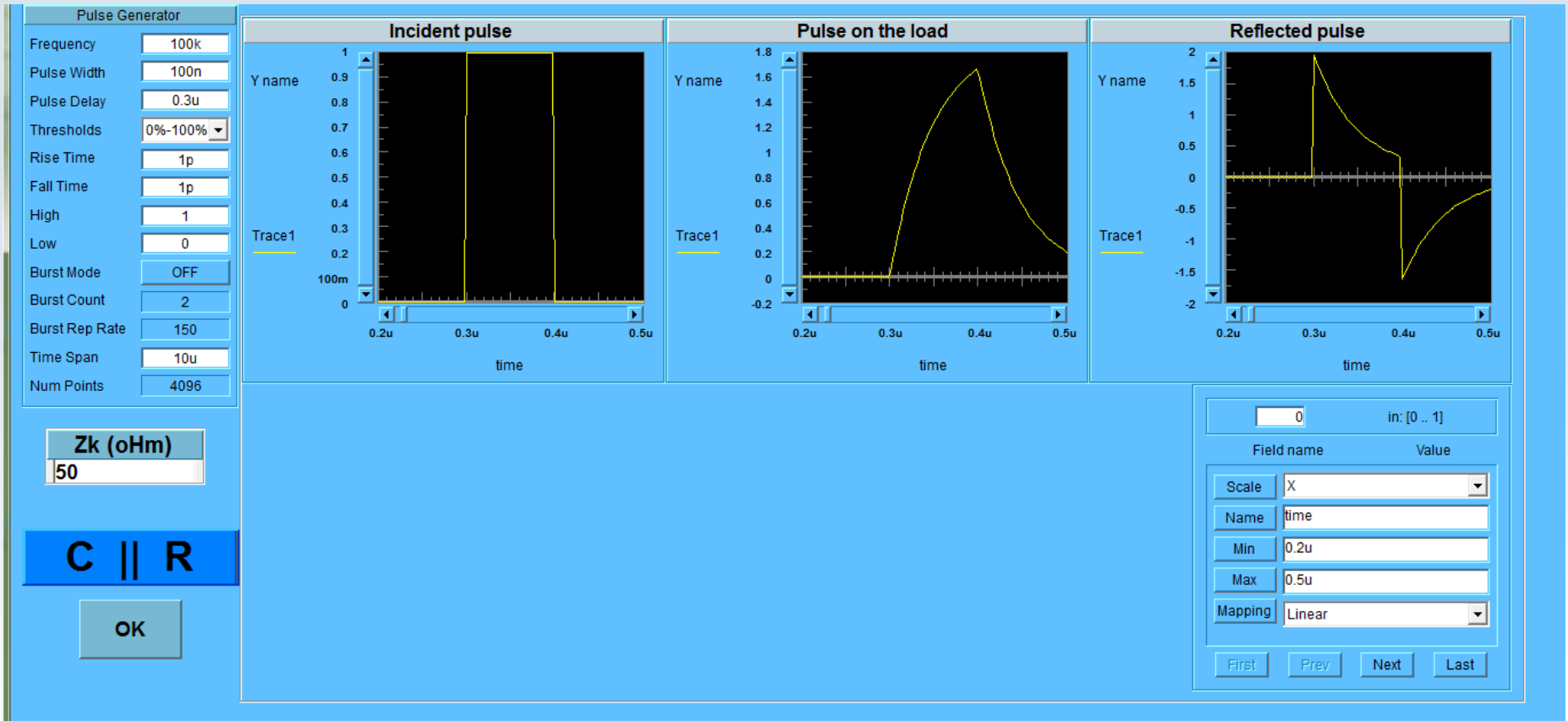
X-axes scaling

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- **Transmission line. Unknown load simulation**



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