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# **New Results on Antenna Impedance Models and Matching**

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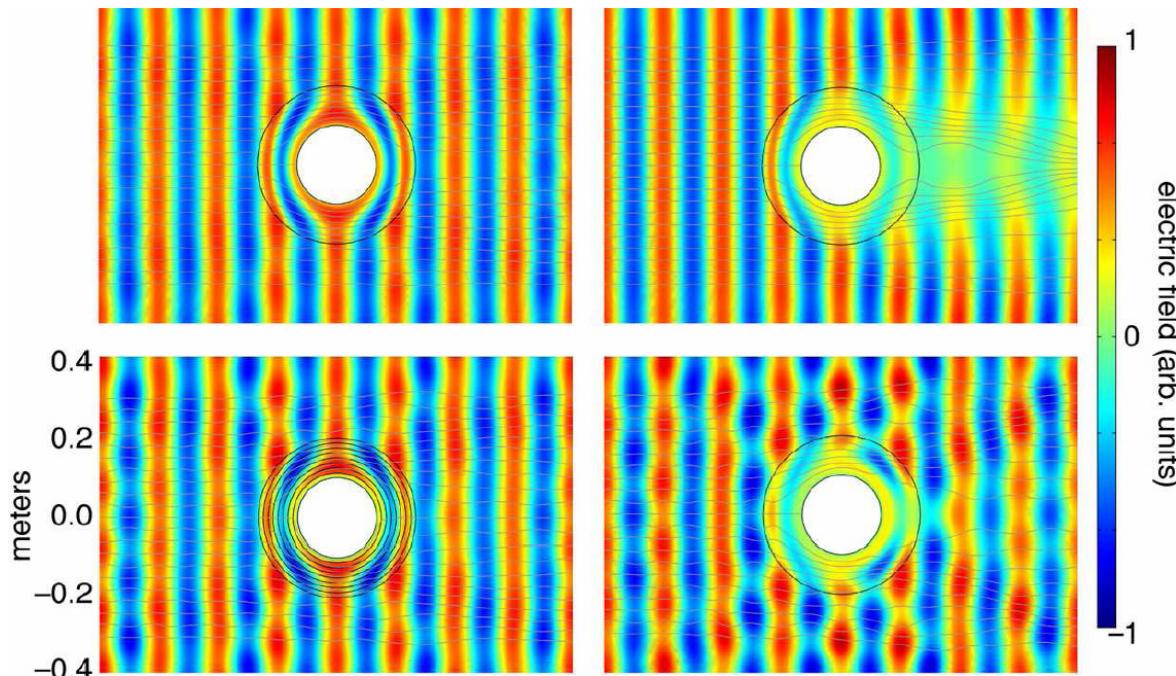
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# Electromagnetic Cloaking

- Idea introduced in the *Star Trek* television series, episode 9, on December 15, 1966, which featured a Romulan Bird Of Prey
- Practical technique presented at Pacificon Antenna Seminar, October 13, 2006
- Laboratory proof announced by Duke University on October 17, 2006



# Outline

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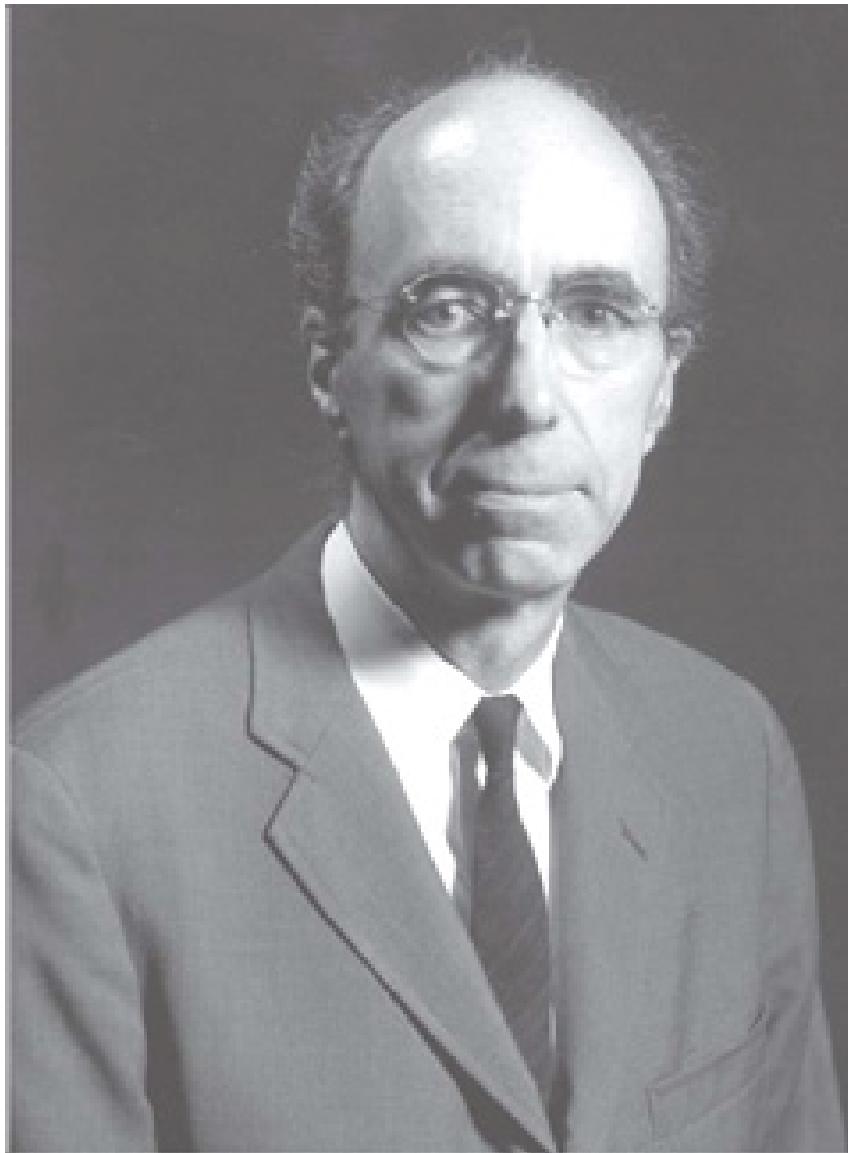
- **Antenna impedance models**
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  - Multi-band match networks
  - Networks that give extremely broad match bandwidths
- **Interesting antennas**
- **Terrain effects by computational electromagnetics**
  - Meshing Silicon Valley

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# **Antenna Impedance Models**

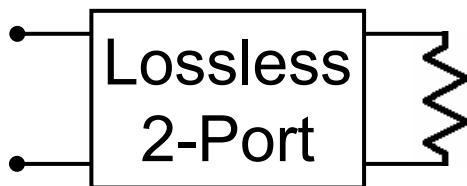
# **Sidney Darlington, 1906-1997**

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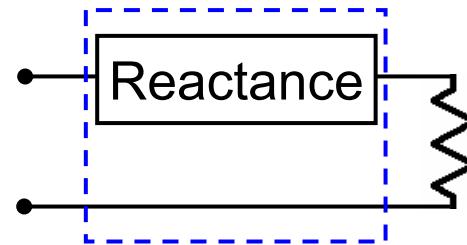


# Darlington Forms (1939)

- Every immittance function can be realized as a lossless two-port terminated by a resistor
- Every antenna impedance function has an equivalent circuit in Darlington form



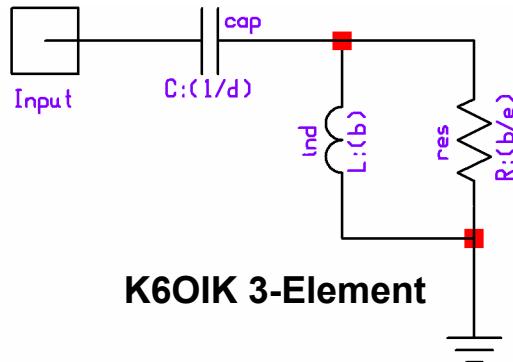
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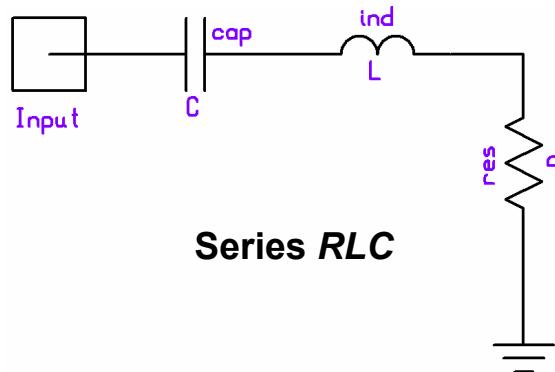
Not This!

- The Darlington form is the starting point for interesting results in network and matching theory
  - The Fano (1947) and Carlin-LaRosa (1952) bounds on impedance matching
  - Constant resistance reflectionless impedance matching networks
  - Non-Foster active impedance matching networks

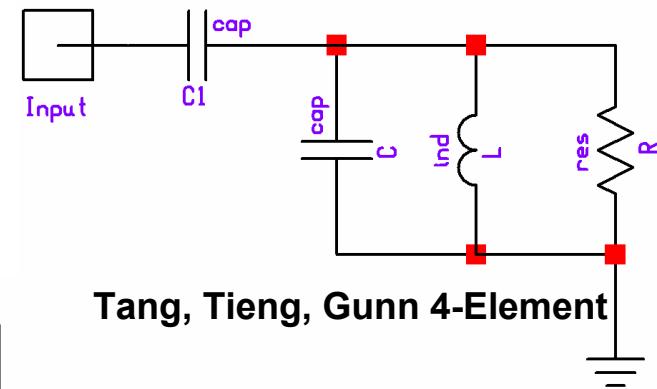
# Impedance Models for Electrically-Small Dipoles & Monopoles



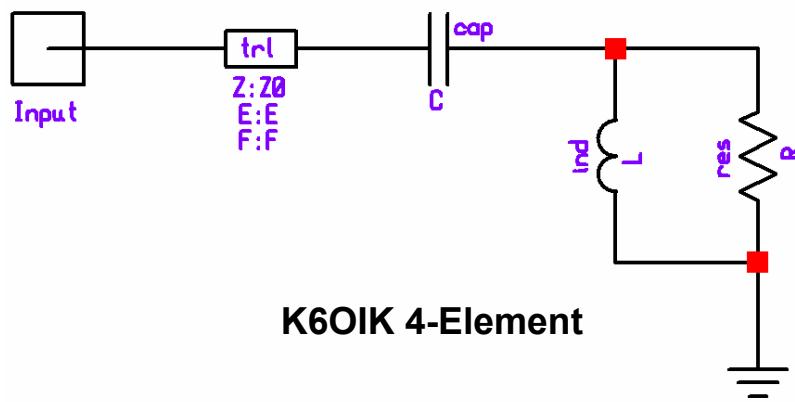
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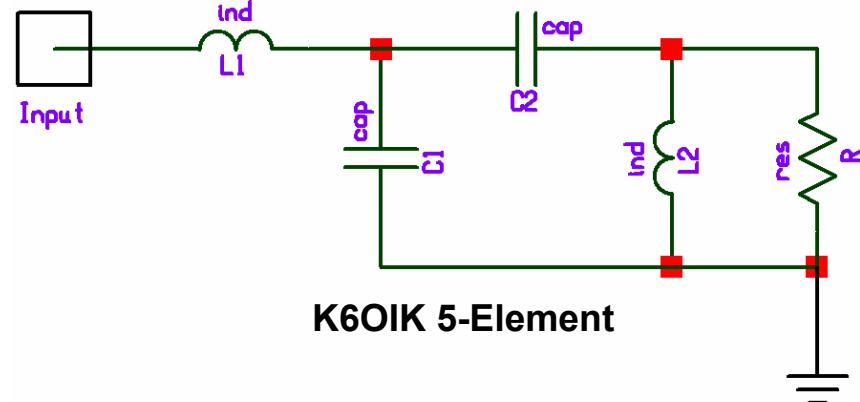
Series RLC



Tang, Tieng, Gunn 4-Element



K6OIK 4-Element



K6OIK 5-Element

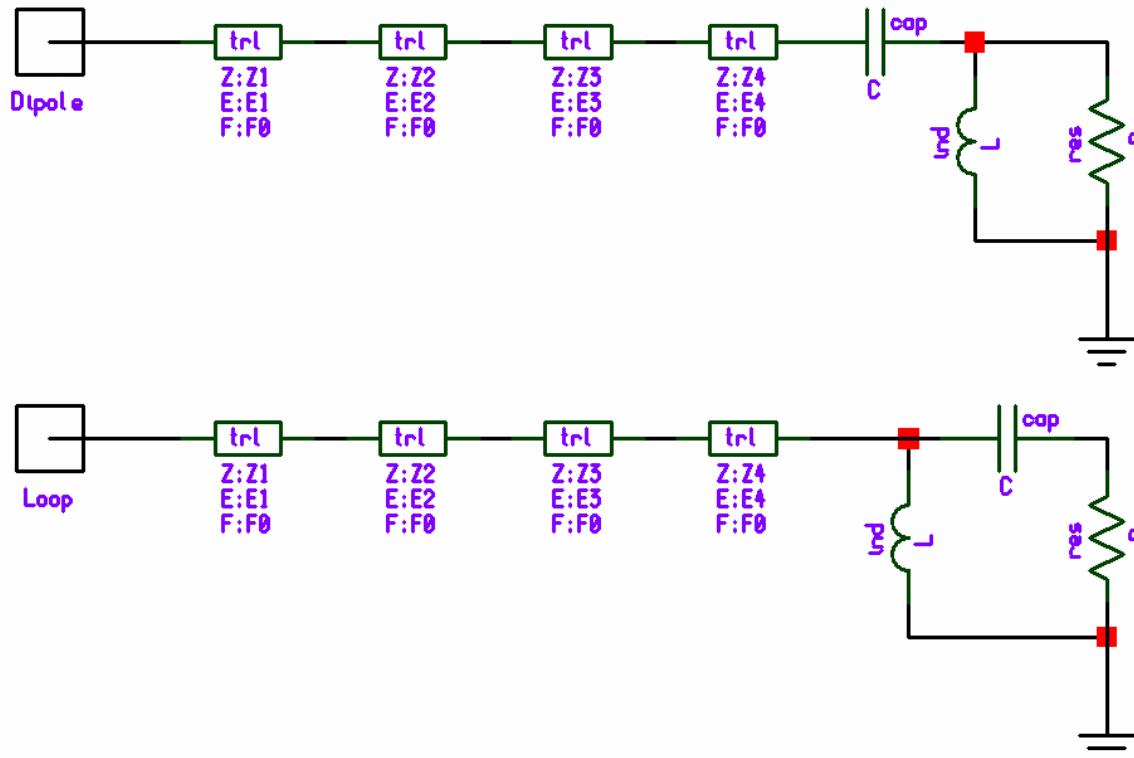
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# **Broadband Models of Dipole Impedance**

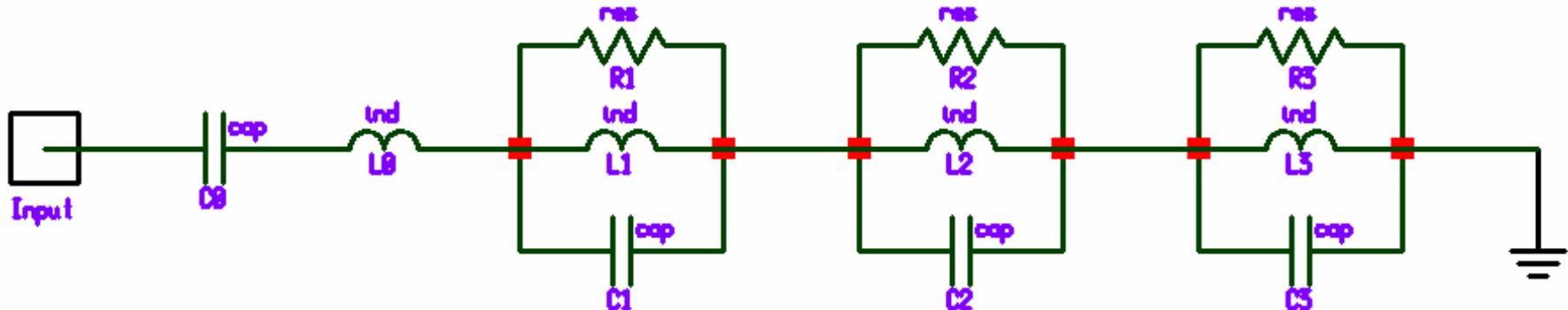
## **That Span Multiple Resonances**

# Schelkunoff's Universal Antenna Impedance Models

- Schelkunoff (1941) gave universal impedance models for a two broad classes of antennas
- Cascaded transmission lines terminated by a  $\text{TE}_{10}$  or  $\text{TM}_{10}$  mode impedance (e.g. loops or dipoles)



# Foster's 1<sup>st</sup> Canonical Form with Small Losses Added



$$C_0 = 43.9 \text{ pF}$$

$$L_\infty = 4.49 \text{ mH}$$

$$R_1 = 4,970 \Omega$$

$$C_1 = 22.9 \text{ pF}$$

$$L_1 = 12.5 \mu\text{H}$$

$$R_2 = 3,338 \Omega$$

$$C_2 = 30.3 \text{ pF}$$

$$L_2 = 2.26 \mu\text{H}$$

$$R_3 = 2,702 \Omega$$

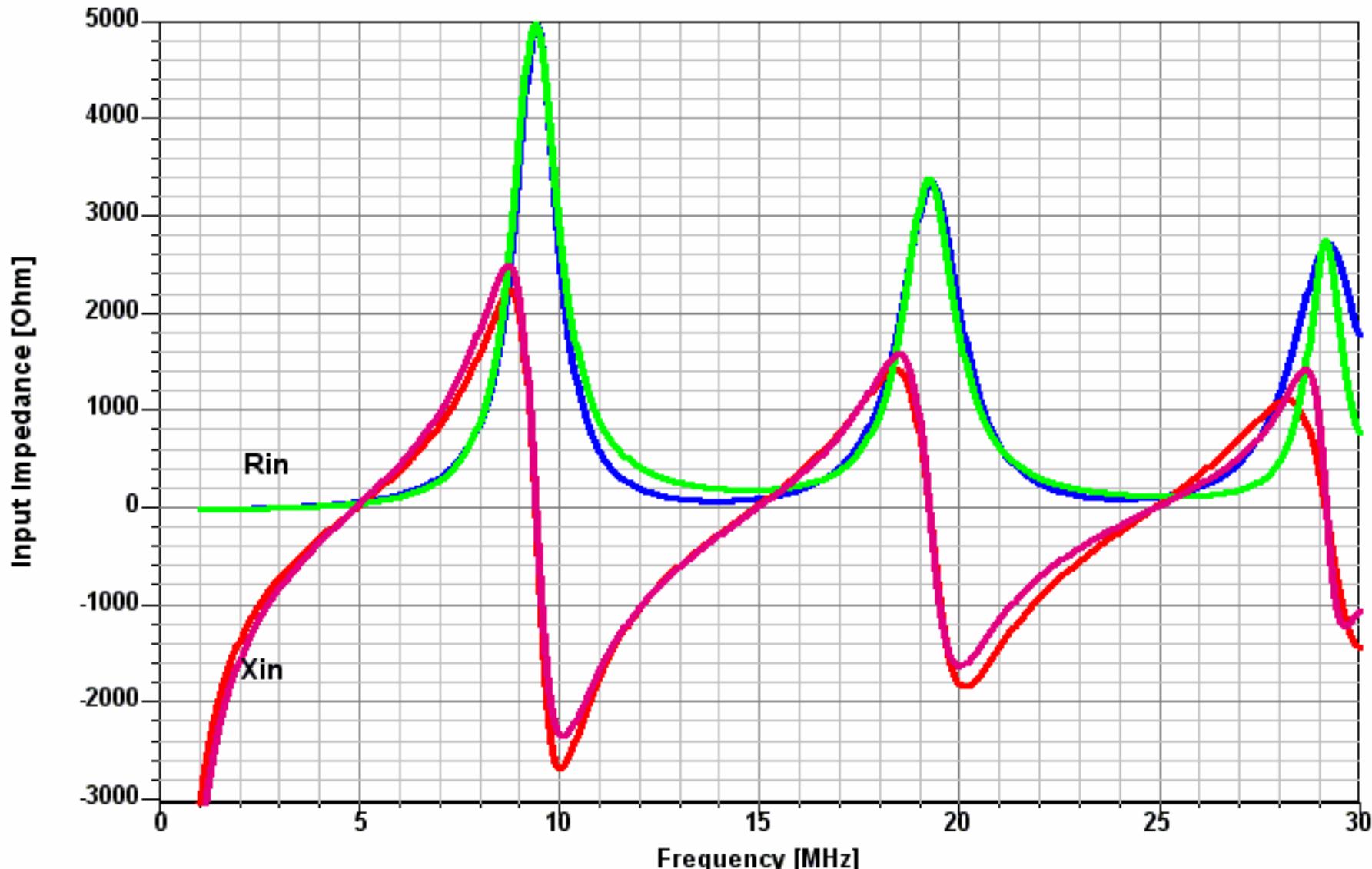
$$C_3 = 57.1 \text{ pF}$$

$$L_3 = 522 \text{ nH}$$

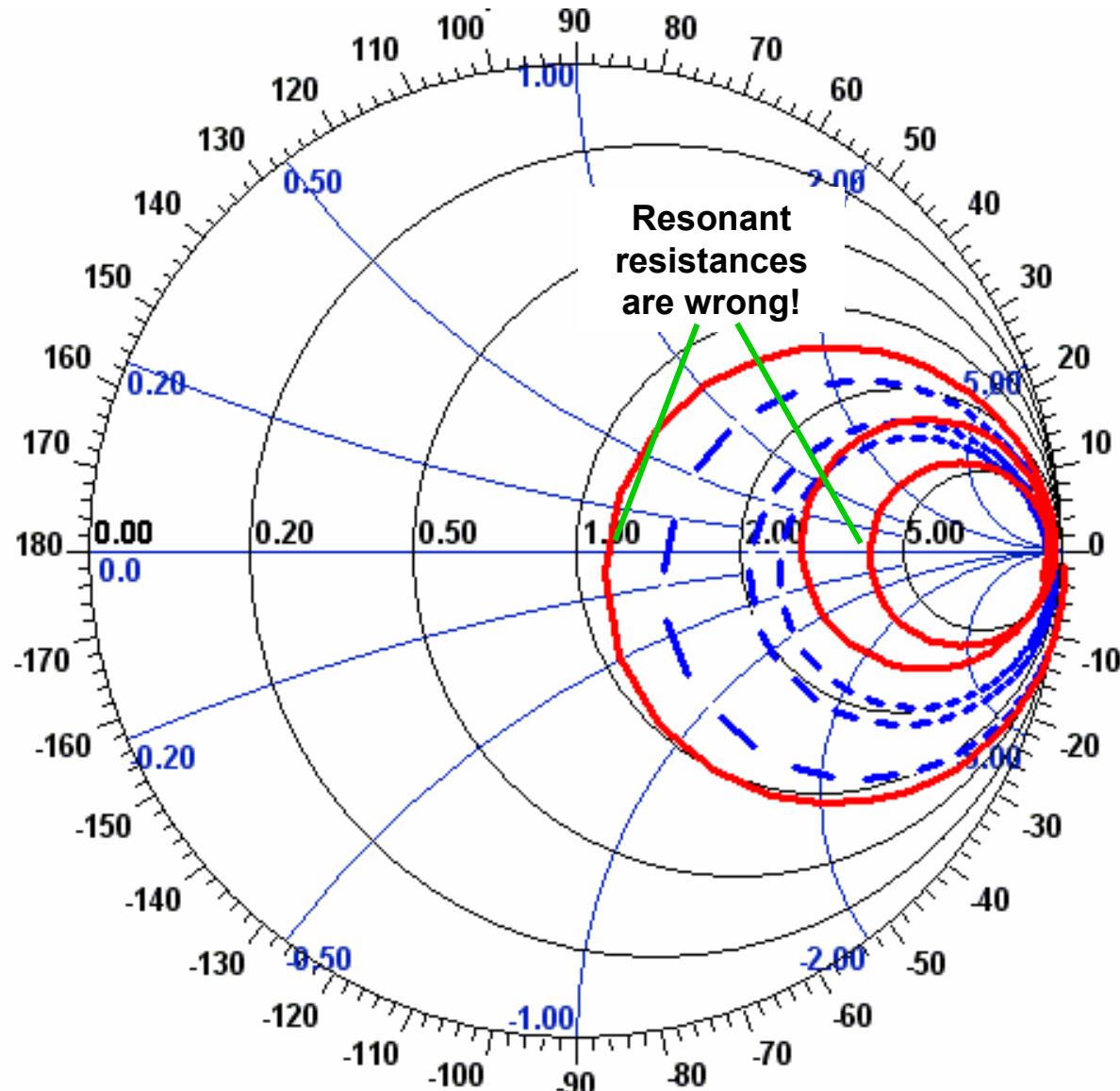
$$R_3 = 2,702 \Omega$$

- Ramo, Whinnery, and Van Duzer, *Fields and Waves in Communication Electronics*, Wiley, 1965, Section 11.13
- Was applied to antennas by Tang-Tieng-Gunn (1993), Hamid-Hamid (1997), Rambabu-Ramesh-Kalghatgi (1999)
- Fits dipole impedance best near antiresonances

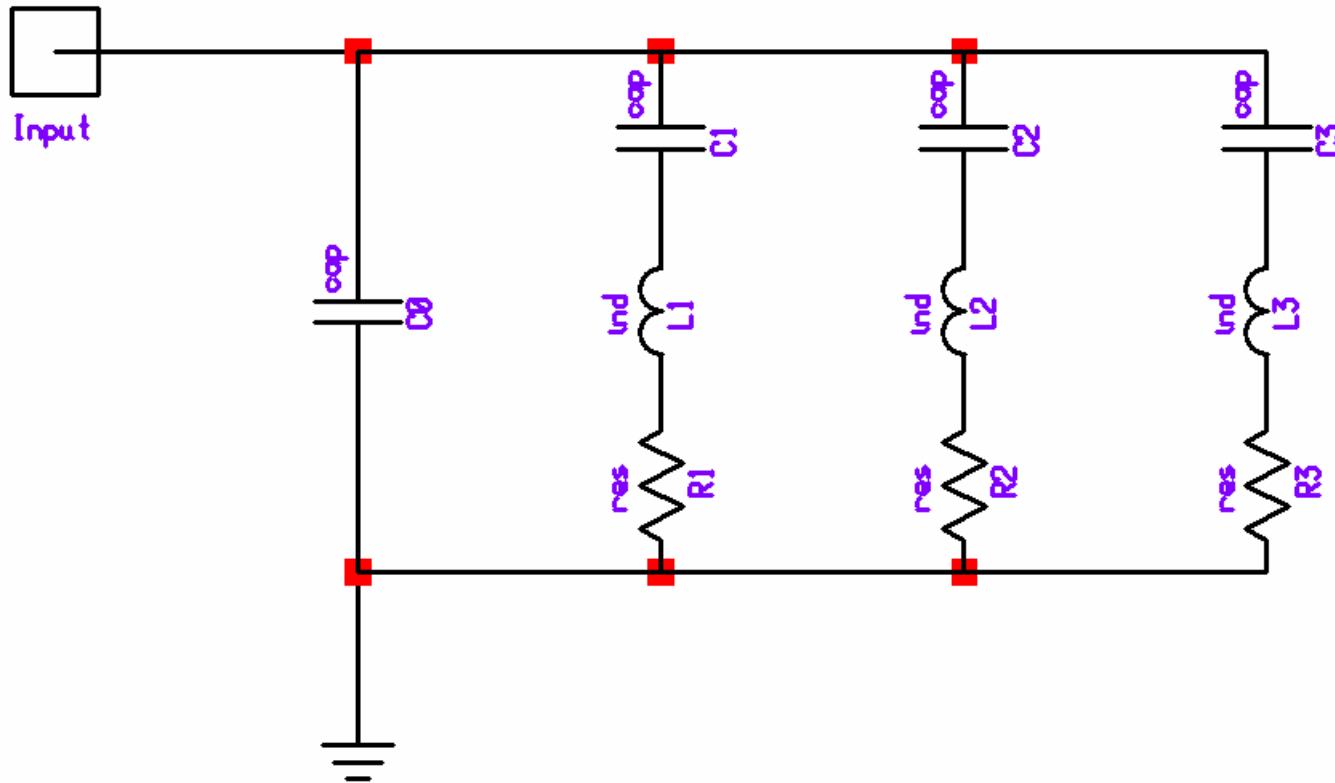
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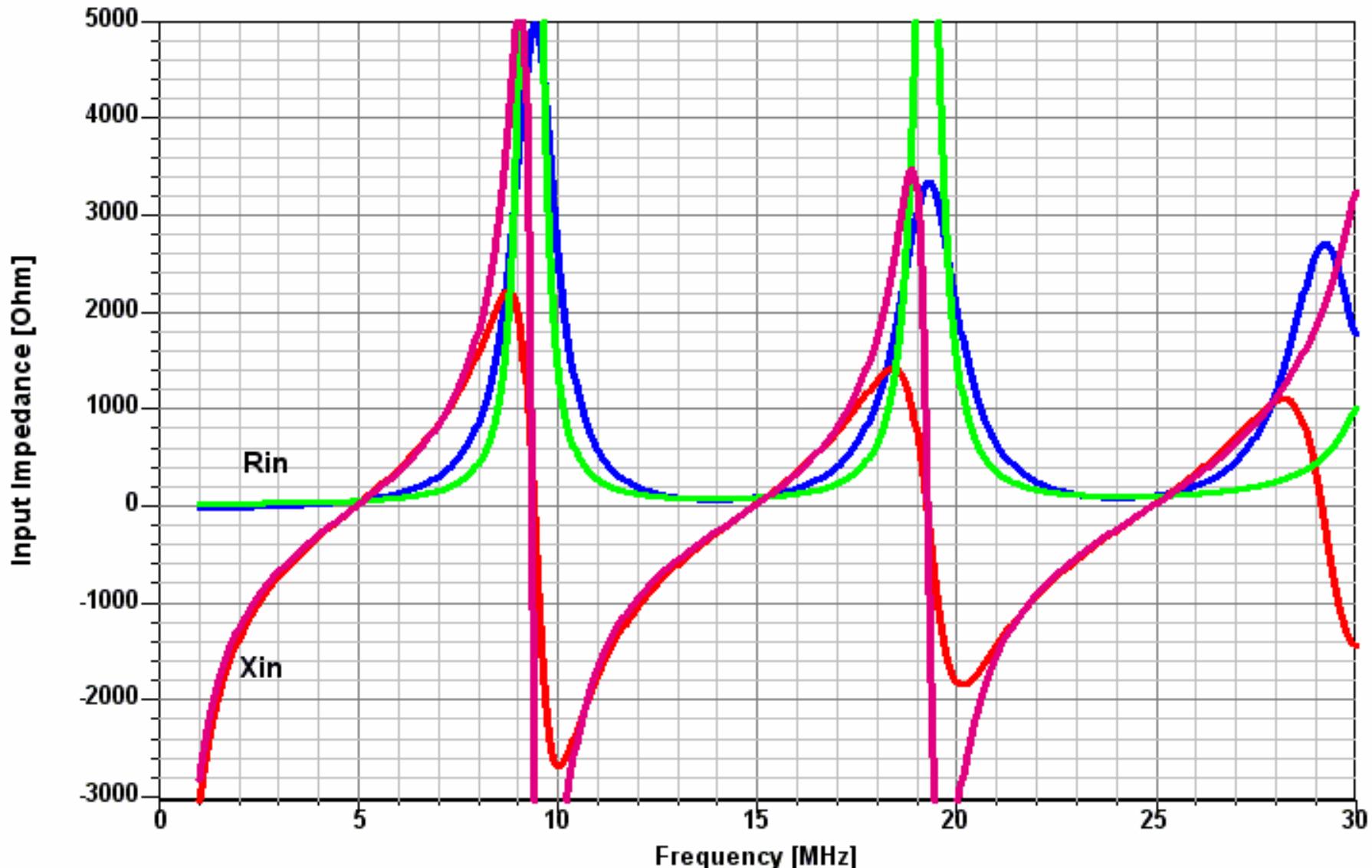
# Foster's 2<sup>nd</sup> Canonical Form with Small Losses Added



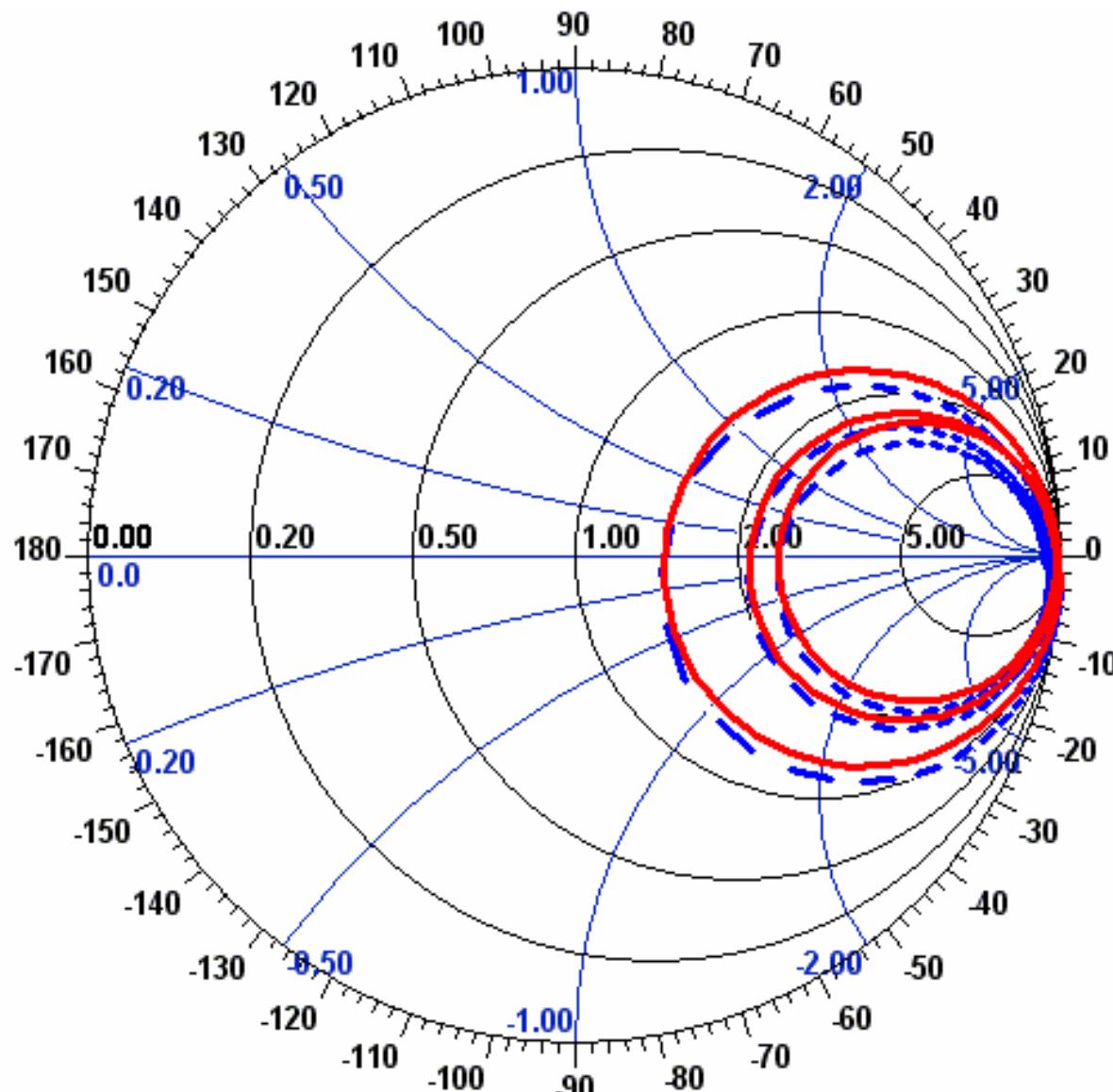
Example Dipole  
 $C_\infty = 5.44 \text{ pF}$   
 $C_1 = 42.9 \text{ pF}$   
 $C_2 = 5.05 \text{ pF}$   
 $C_3 = 1.92 \text{ pF}$   
 $L_0 = \infty$   
 $L_1 = 24.9 \mu\text{H}$   
 $L_2 = 22.8 \mu\text{H}$   
 $L_3 = 21.4 \mu\text{H}$   
 $R_1 = 72.2 \Omega$   
 $R_2 = 106 \Omega$   
 $R_3 = 122 \Omega$

- Ramo, Whinnery, and Van Duzer, *Fields and Waves in Communication Electronics*, Wiley, 1965, Section 11.13
- Fits dipole impedance best near resonances

# Accuracy of Foster's 2<sup>nd</sup> Form With Small Losses

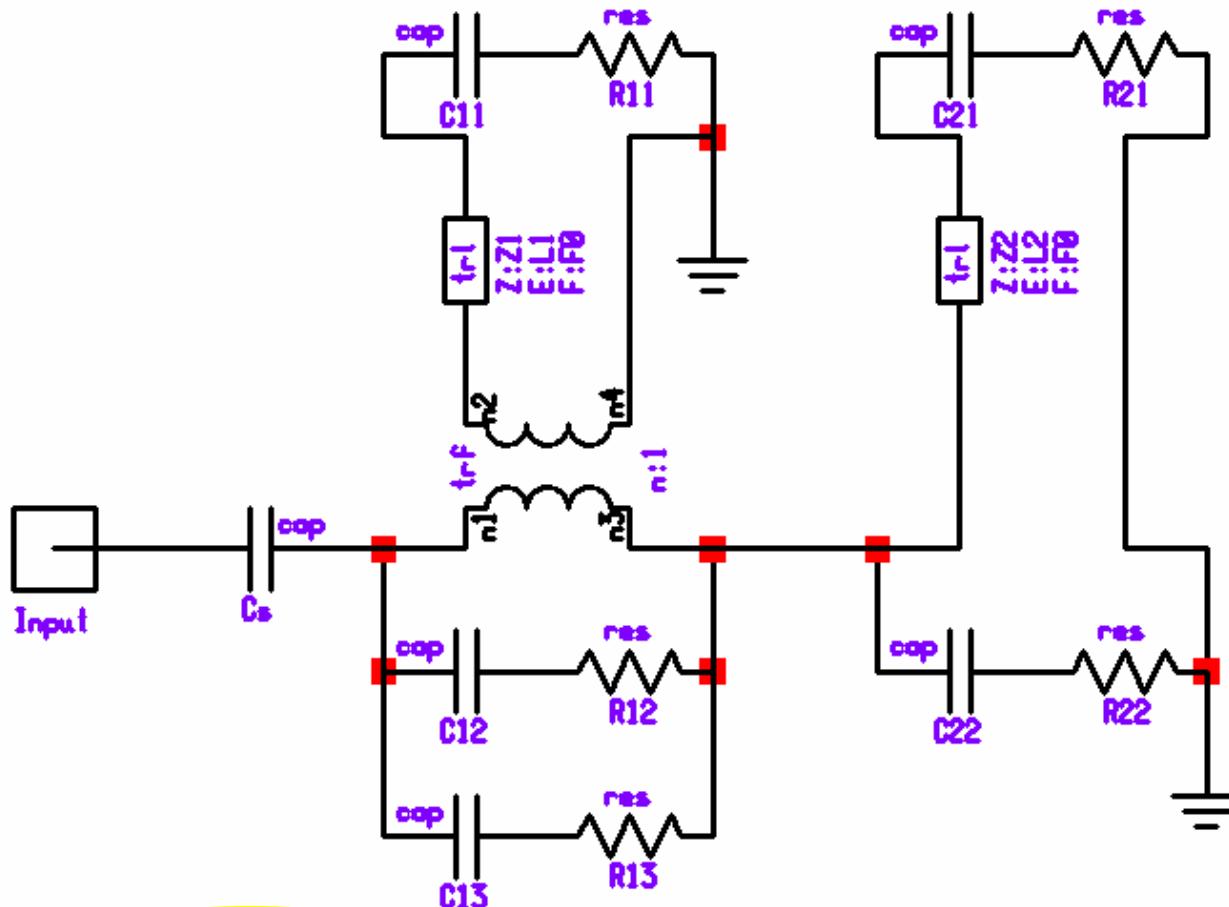


# Accuracy of Foster's 2<sup>nd</sup> Form With Small Losses



# Long, Werner, & Werner's Broadband Model (2000)

## Frequency Scaled to $f_0 = 5 \text{ MHz}$ , $\Omega' = 7.8$



$$C_s = 150 \text{ pF}$$

$$C_{11} = -975 \text{ pF}$$

$$Z_1 = 215 \Omega$$

$$C_{12} = 24.0 \text{ pF}$$

$$C_{13} = 8.33 \text{ pF}$$

$$R_{11} = 13.1 \Omega$$

$$E_1 = 44.9 \text{ deg}$$

$$R_{12} = 3,600 \Omega$$

$$R_{13} = 500 \Omega$$

$$C_{21} = 17.6 \text{ pF}$$

$$Z_2 = 195 \Omega$$

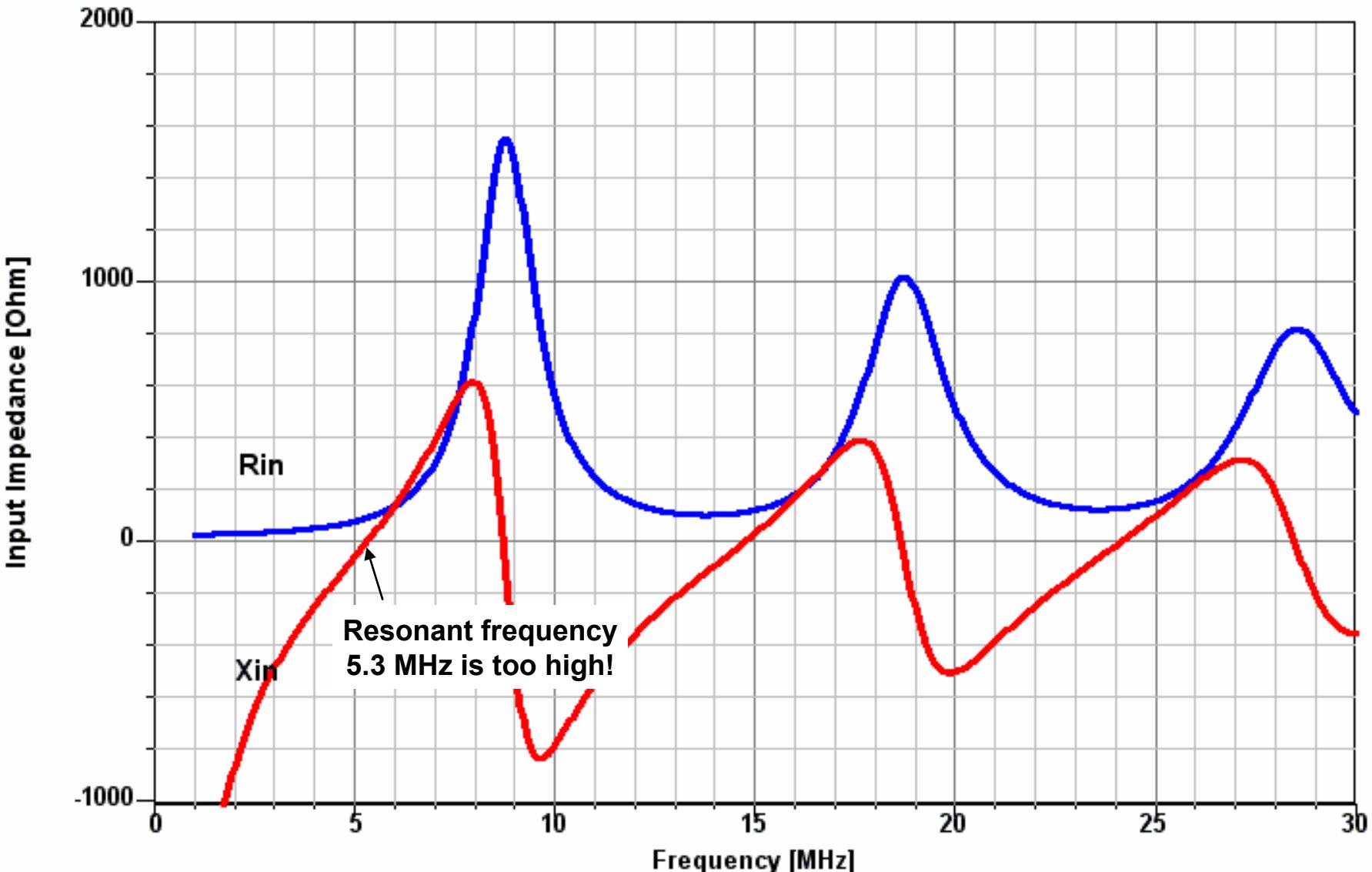
$$C_{22} = -3.00 \text{ pF}$$

$$E_2 = 46.9 \text{ deg}$$

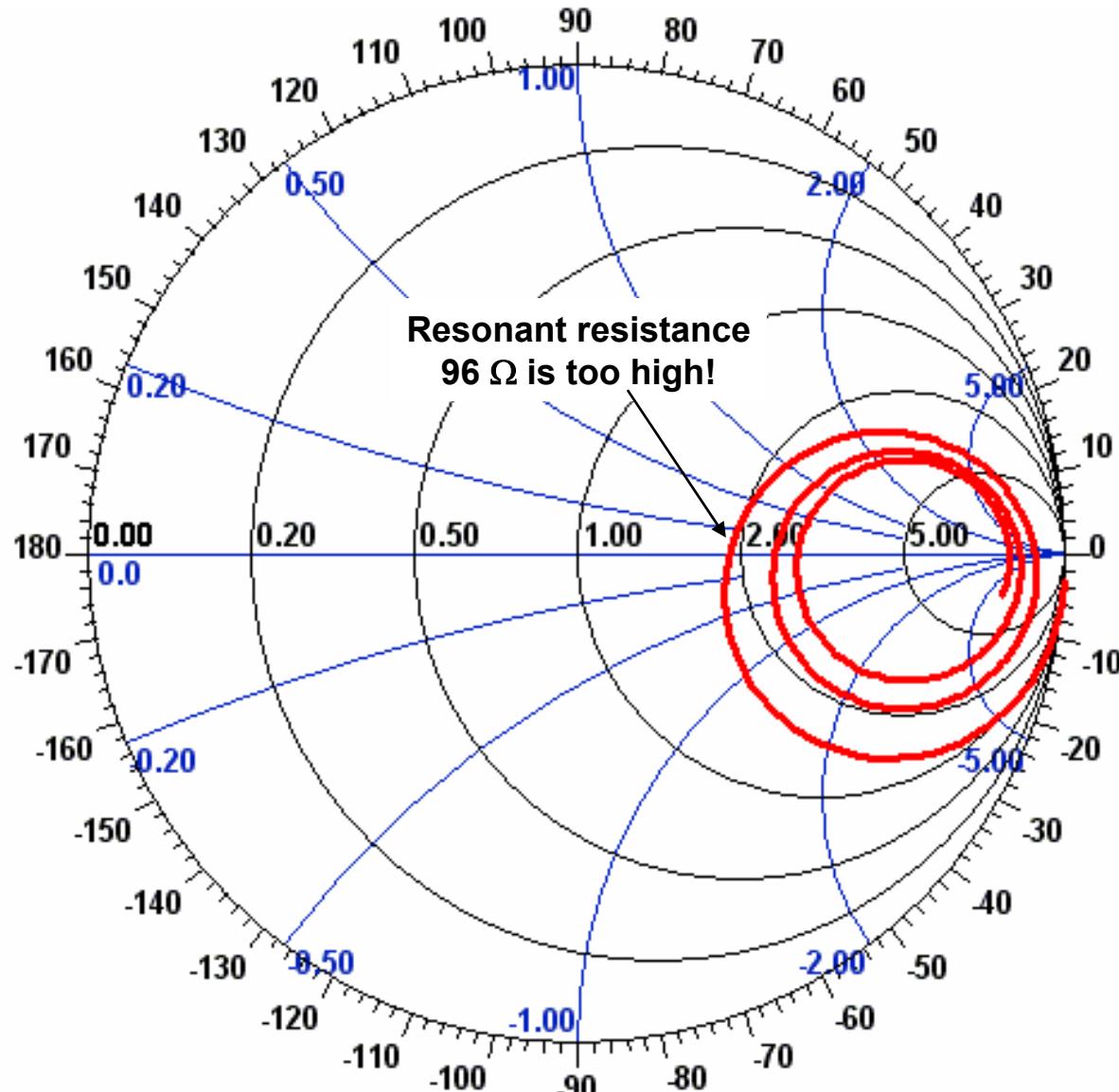
$$R_{21} = 700 \Omega$$

$$R_{22} = 295 \Omega$$

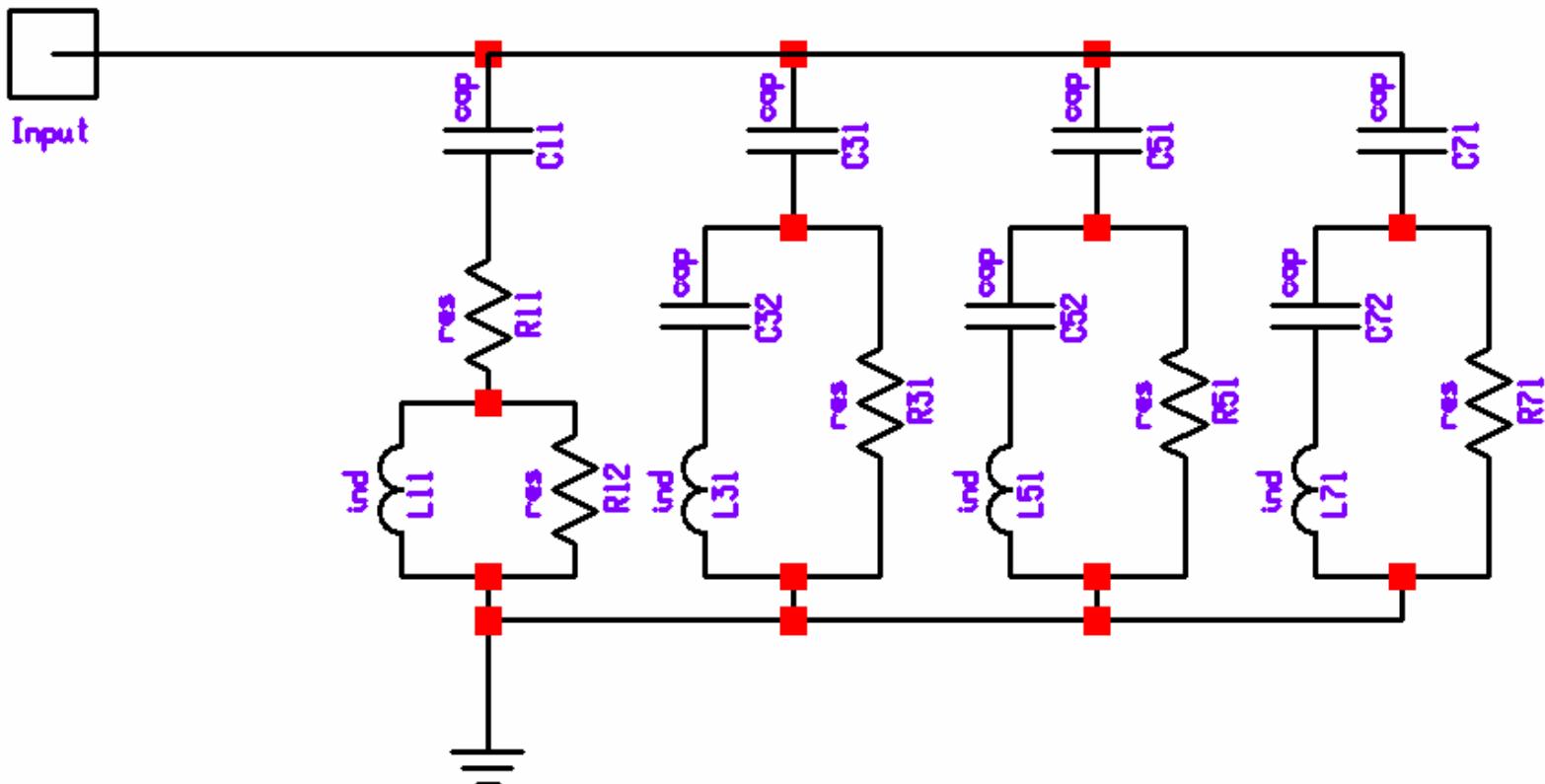
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# Streable & Pearson's Broadband Equivalent Circuit Frequency Scaled to $f_0 = 5 \text{ MHz}$ , $\Omega' = 10.6$



$$C_{11} = 86.6 \text{ pF}$$

$$L_{11} = 13.8 \mu\text{H}$$

$$R_{11} = 0.663 \Omega$$

$$R_{12} = 2,201 \Omega$$

$$C_{31} = 15.0 \text{ pF}$$

$$C_{32} = 33.8 \text{ pF}$$

$$L_{31} = 11.7 \mu\text{H}$$

$$R_{31} = 4,959 \Omega$$

$$C_{51} = 7.17 \text{ pF}$$

$$C_{52} = 8.87 \text{ pF}$$

$$L_{51} = 10.9 \mu\text{H}$$

$$R_{51} = 6,514 \Omega$$

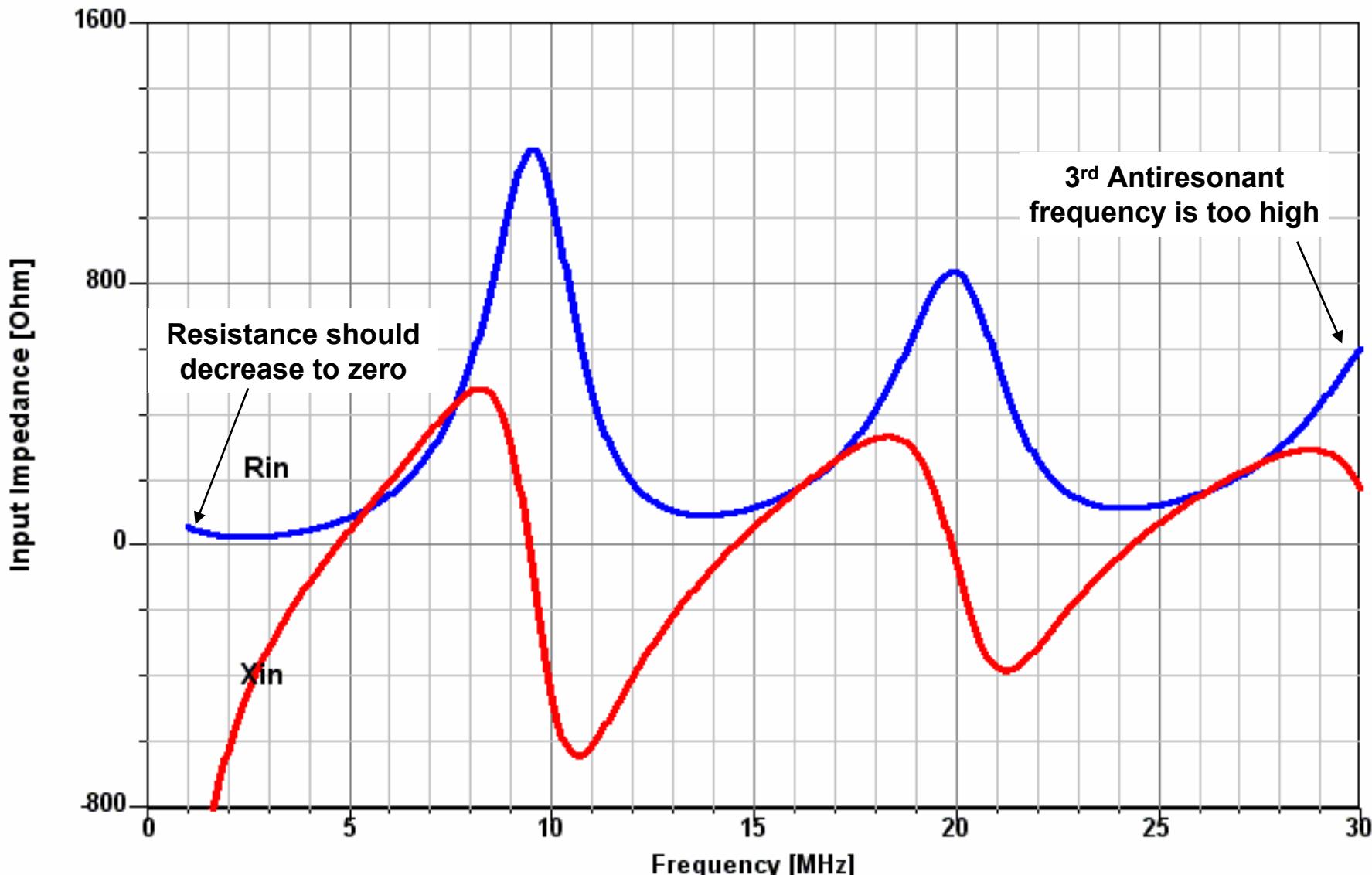
$$C_{71} = 4.51 \text{ pF}$$

$$C_{72} = 3.98 \text{ pF}$$

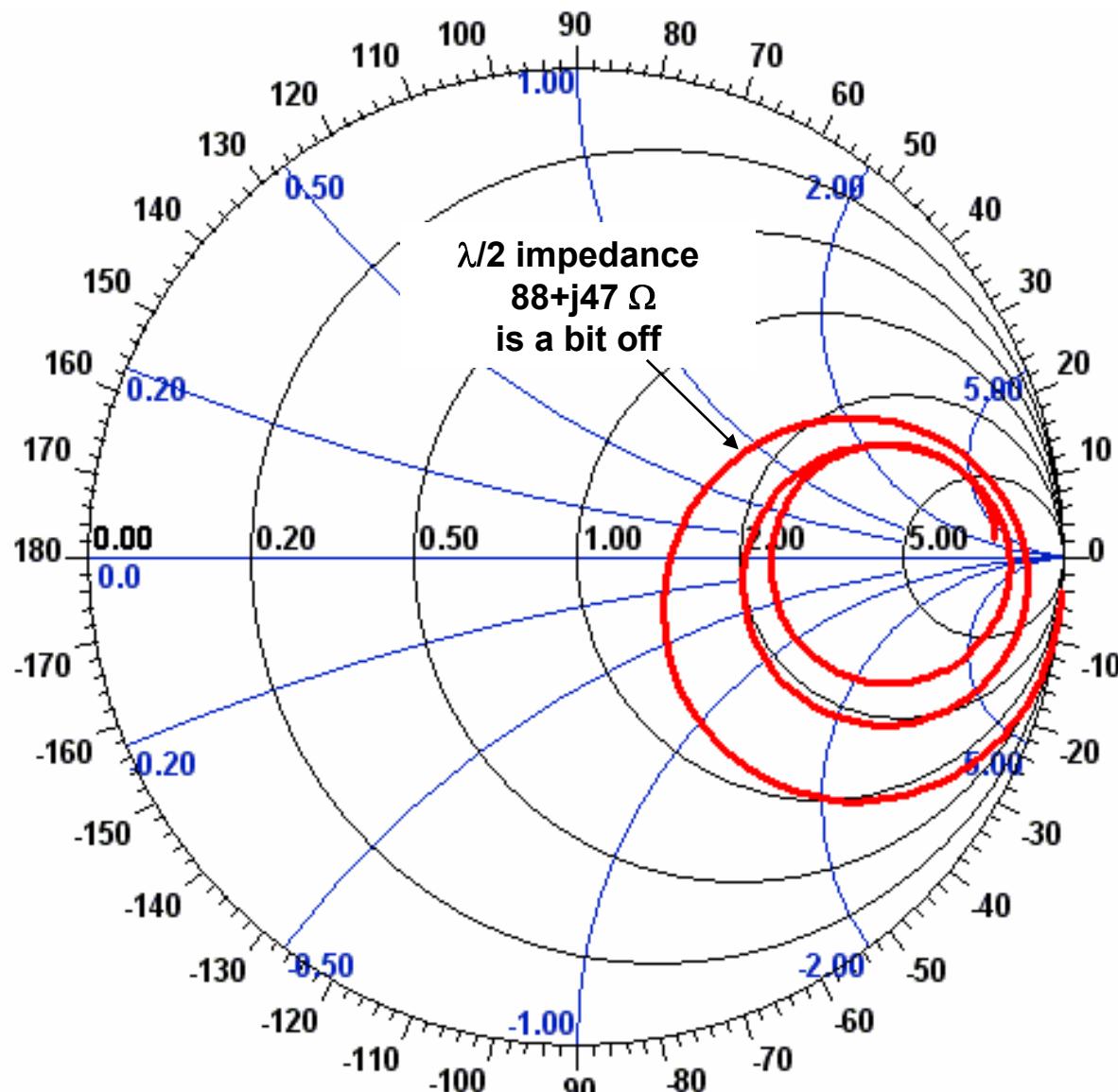
$$L_{71} = 10.3 \mu\text{H}$$

$$R_{71} = 7,542 \Omega$$

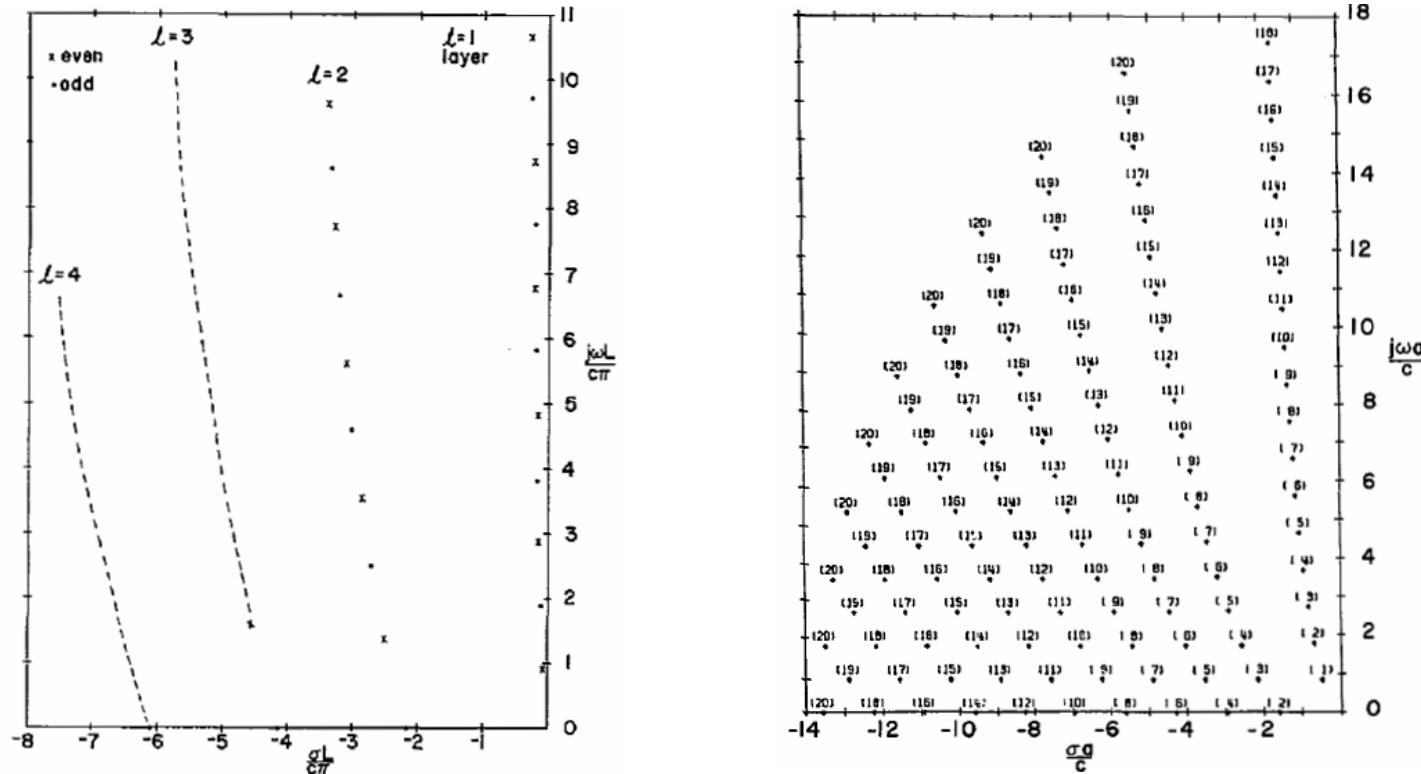
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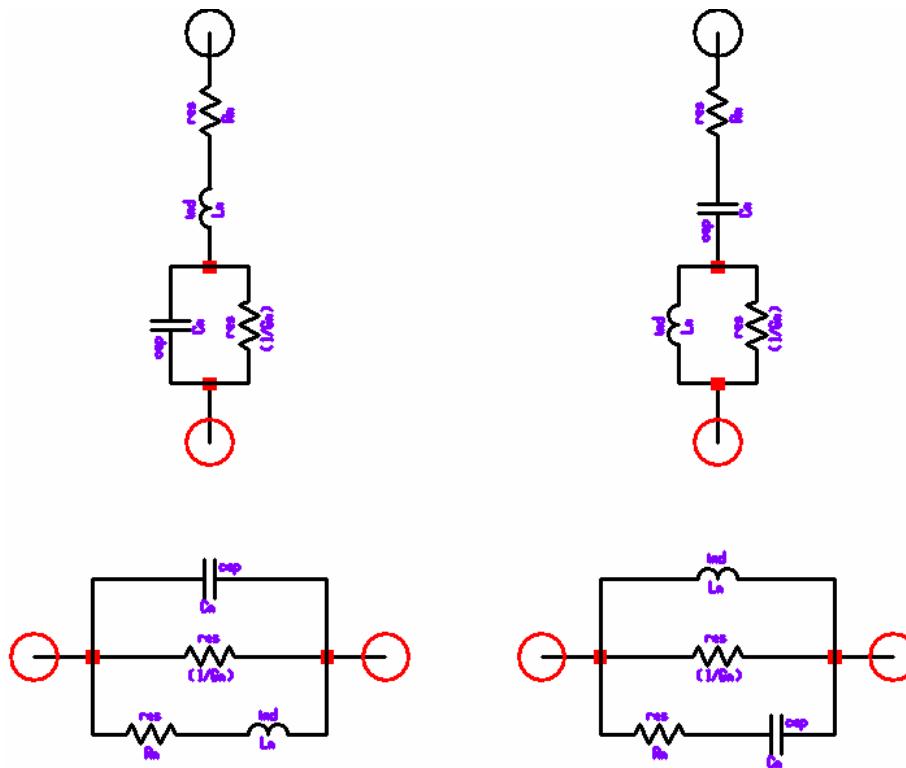
# Antennas Ring at Many Frequencies (Like Bells)



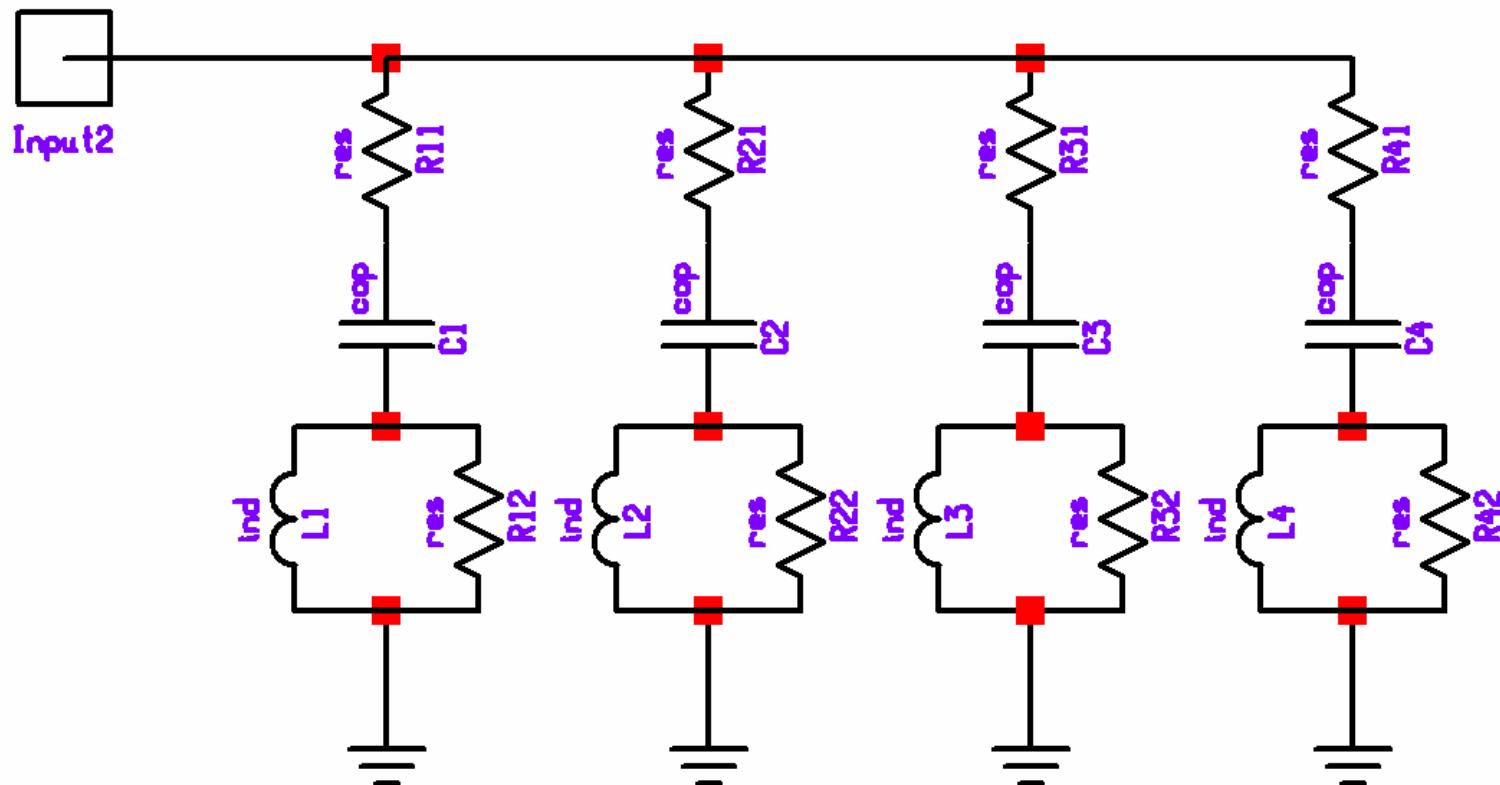
- Tesche (1973) derived antenna TM modes by SEM
- Distributed and electromagnetic systems are infinite-dimensional linear systems

# Equivalent Circuits for Transcendental Immittances

- Schelkunoff (1944), Zinn (1952): Transcendental immittances of continuous electromagnetic structures can be represented by ladder networks made of one of four subcircuits



# K6OIK's Broadband Equivalent Circuit



$$R_{11} = 5.06 \Omega$$

$$C_1 = 39.9 \text{ pF}$$

$$L_1 = 27.1 \mu\text{H}$$

$$R_{12} = 10.1 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$R_{21} = 0 \Omega$$

$$C_2 = 4.64 \text{ pF}$$

$$L_2 = 24.9 \mu\text{H}$$

$$R_{22} = 50.1 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$R_{31} = 25.5 \Omega$$

$$C_3 = 4.69 \text{ pF}$$

$$L_3 = 2.26 \mu\text{H}$$

$$R_{32} = 2.68 \text{ k}\Omega$$

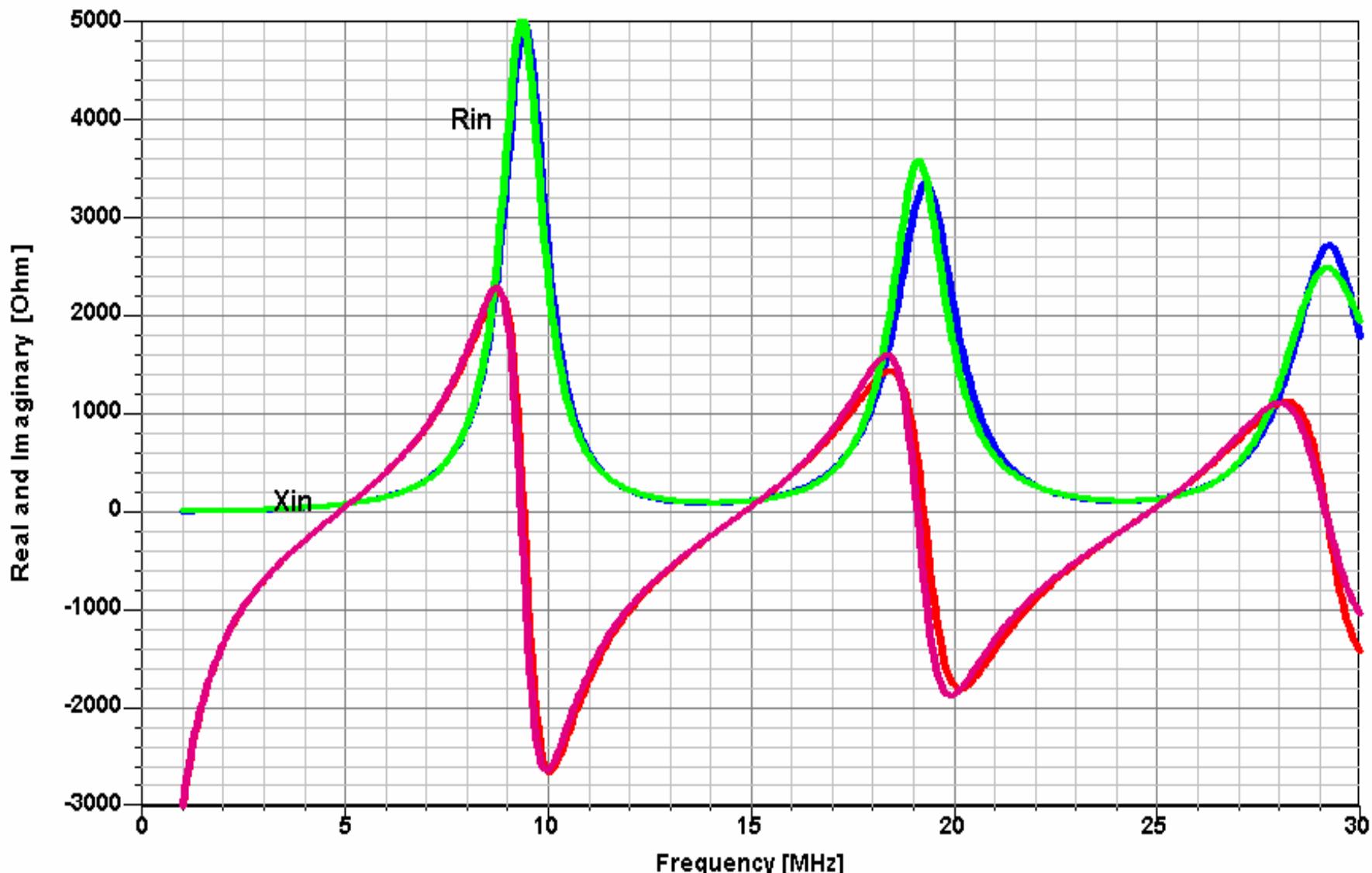
$$R_{41} = 0 \Omega$$

$$C_4 = 1.68 \text{ pF}$$

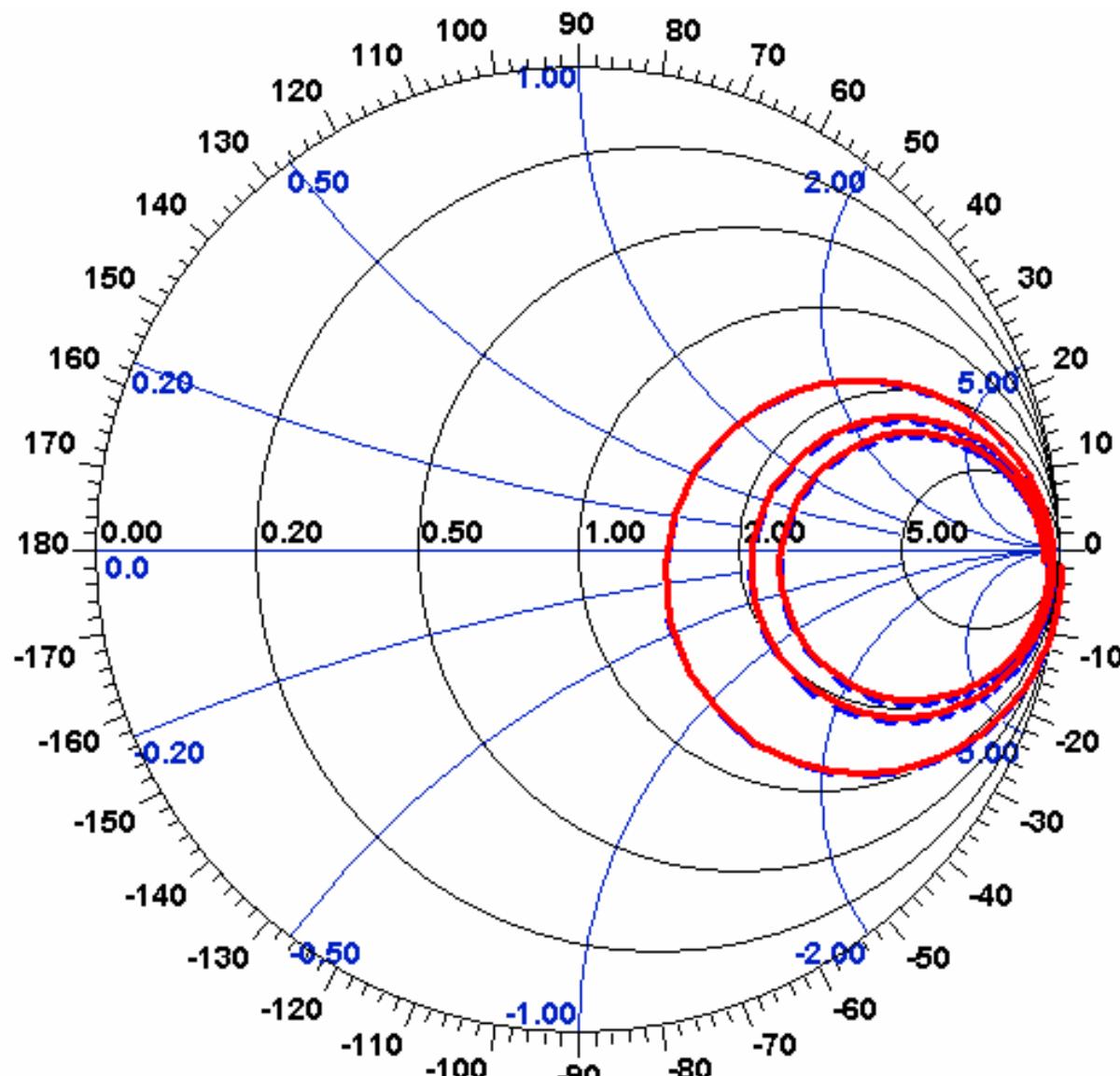
$$L_4 = 24.5 \mu\text{H}$$

$$R_{42} = 116 \text{ k}\Omega$$

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# Comparison of Antenna Impedance Models

Antenna Impedance Model	Approximation Accuracy	Realizable Equivalent Circuit	Darlington Form	Element Types	Maximum Frequency Range
Series RLC	fair	yes	yes	$R, L, C$	$0.94 f_0$ to $1.05 f_0$
Witt model	good	no	yes	$R(f)$ and TL stub	$0.6 f_0$ to $1.2 f_0$
K6OIK 3-Element	good	yes	yes	$R, L, C$	$0.90 f_0$ to $1.08 f_0$
Tang-Tien-Gunn 4-Element	excellent	yes	yes	$R, L, C$	DC to $1.4 f_0$
K6OIK 4-Element	excellent	yes	yes	$R, L, C, TL$	DC to $1.4 f_0$
K6OIK 5-Element	excellent	yes	yes	$R, L, C$	DC to $1.4 f_0$
Fosters 1 <sup>st</sup> Form with small losses	poor, best near antiresonances	yes	no	$R, L, C$	no limit
Fosters 2 <sup>nd</sup> Form with small losses	poor, best near resonances	yes	no	$R, L, C$	no limit
Long-Werner-Werner	fair	no	no	$R, C, TL$	5 octaves
Streable-Pearson	good	yes	no	$R, L, C$	no limit
K6OIK Broadband	excellent	yes	no	$R, L, C$	no limit

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# **Standing Wave Ratio Basics**

# Question – Do the Meters Read the Same SWR?



# Answer

- **For lossless lines:**

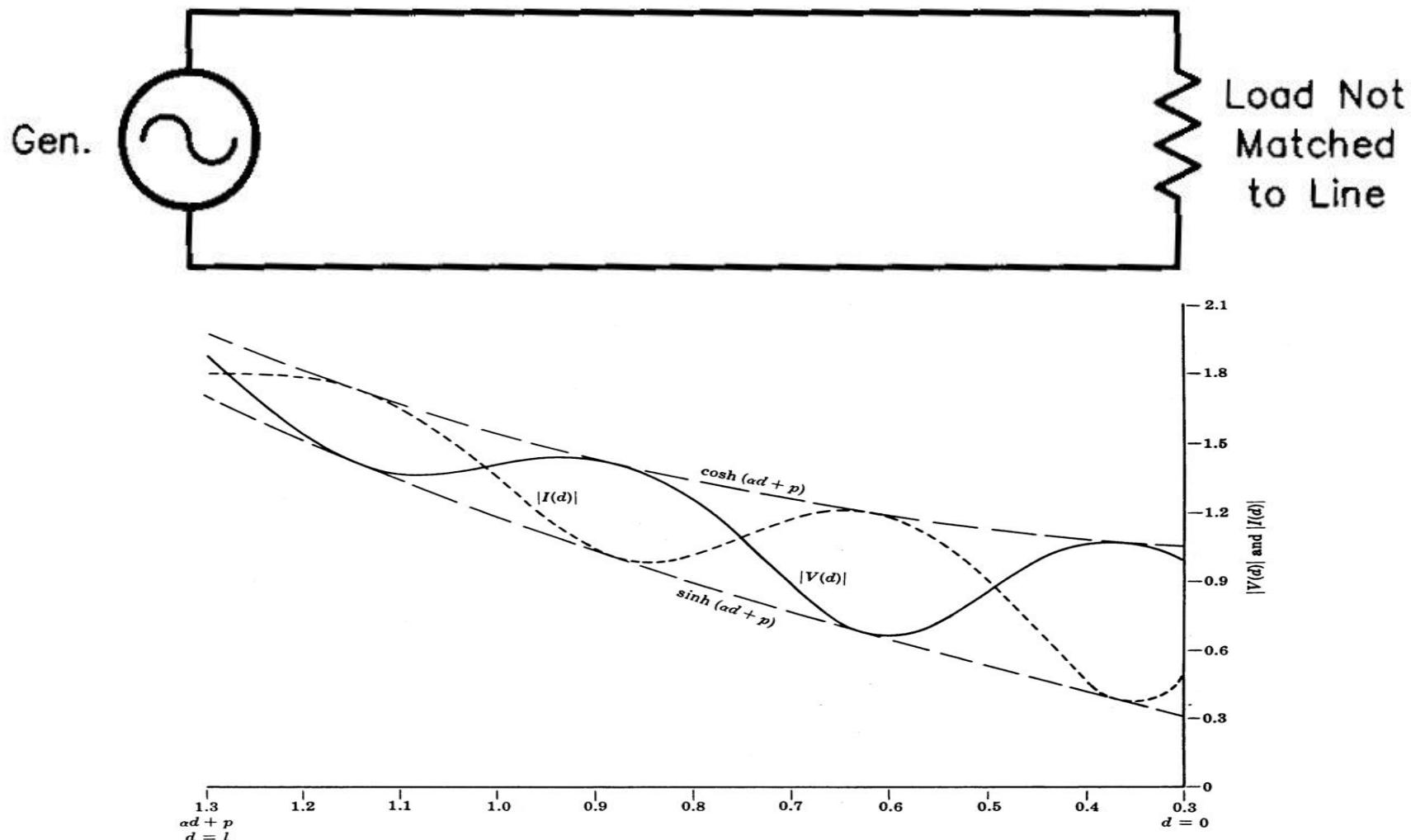
- Forward and reverse wave amplitudes are the same everywhere along the line
- SWR is the same everywhere along the line
- SWR is the ratio of max to min voltage (or current)

- **For lossy lines**

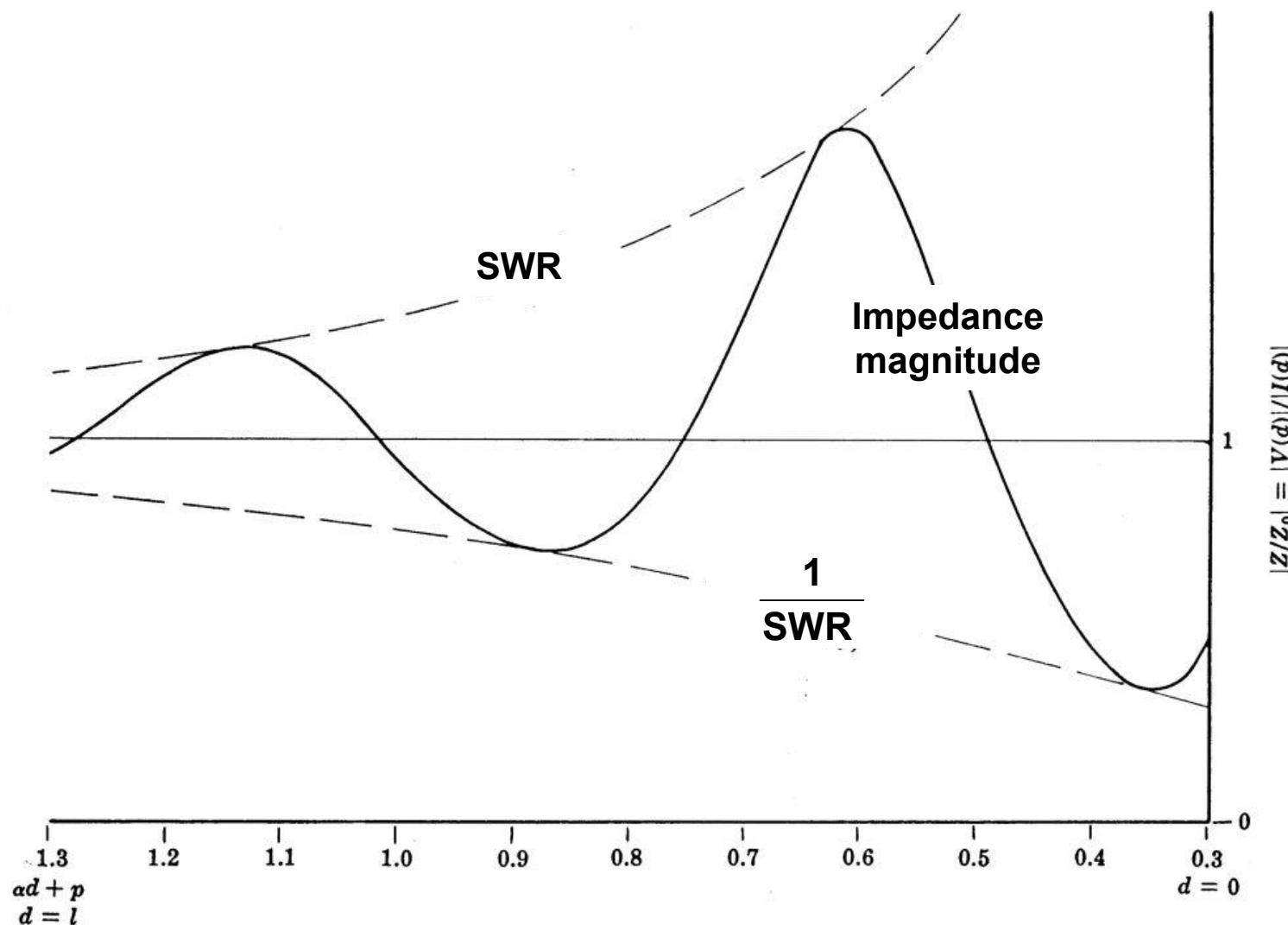
- Forward and reverse wave amplitudes vary along the line
- SWR is maximum at the load and decreases gradually to a minimum at the source
- The “max / min” definition of the lossless case doesn’t work
- Best definition is

$$SWR = \frac{1 + \sqrt{\frac{P_R}{P_F}}}{1 - \sqrt{\frac{P_R}{P_F}}} = \frac{1 + |\Gamma|}{1 - |\Gamma|}$$

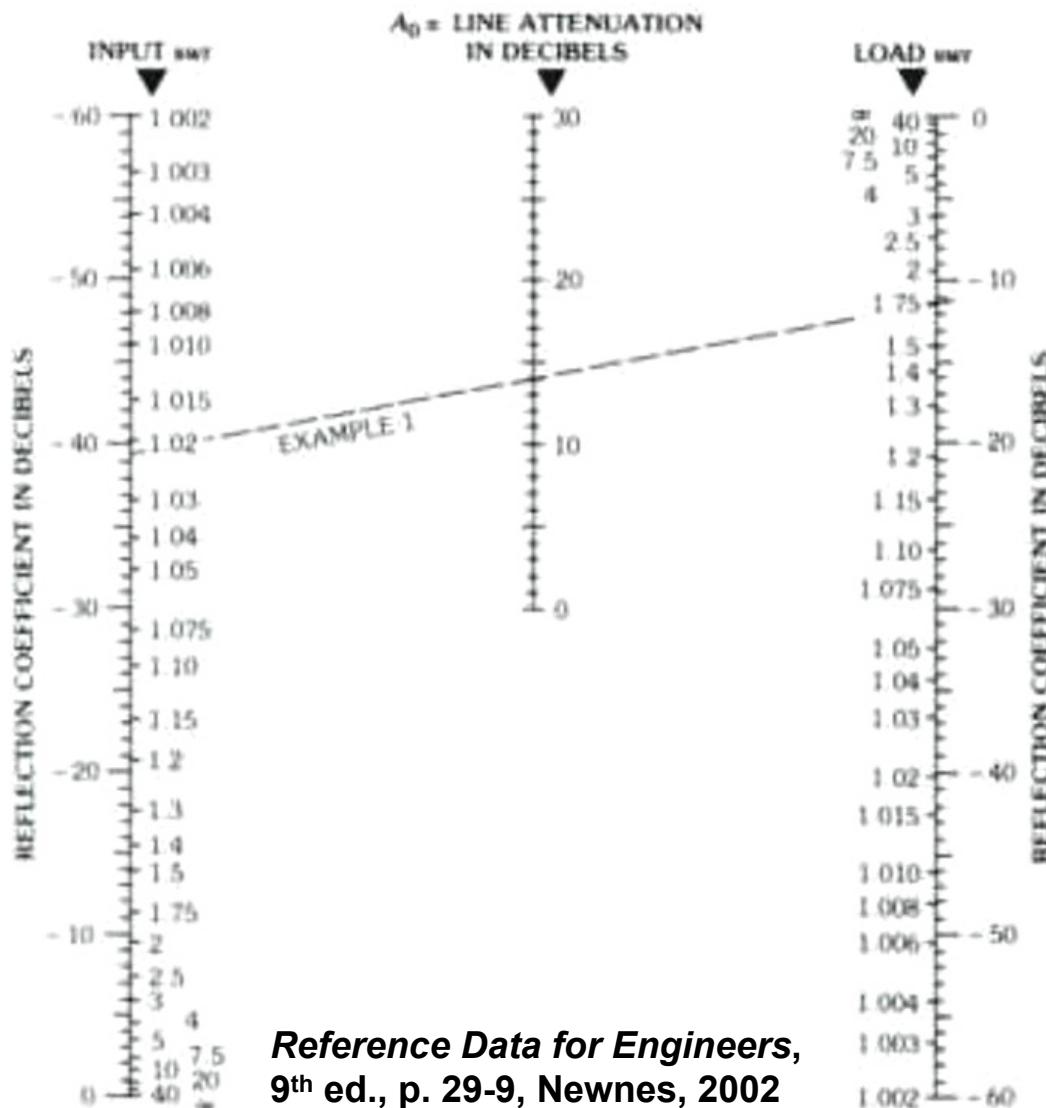
# Voltage and Current Standing Waves



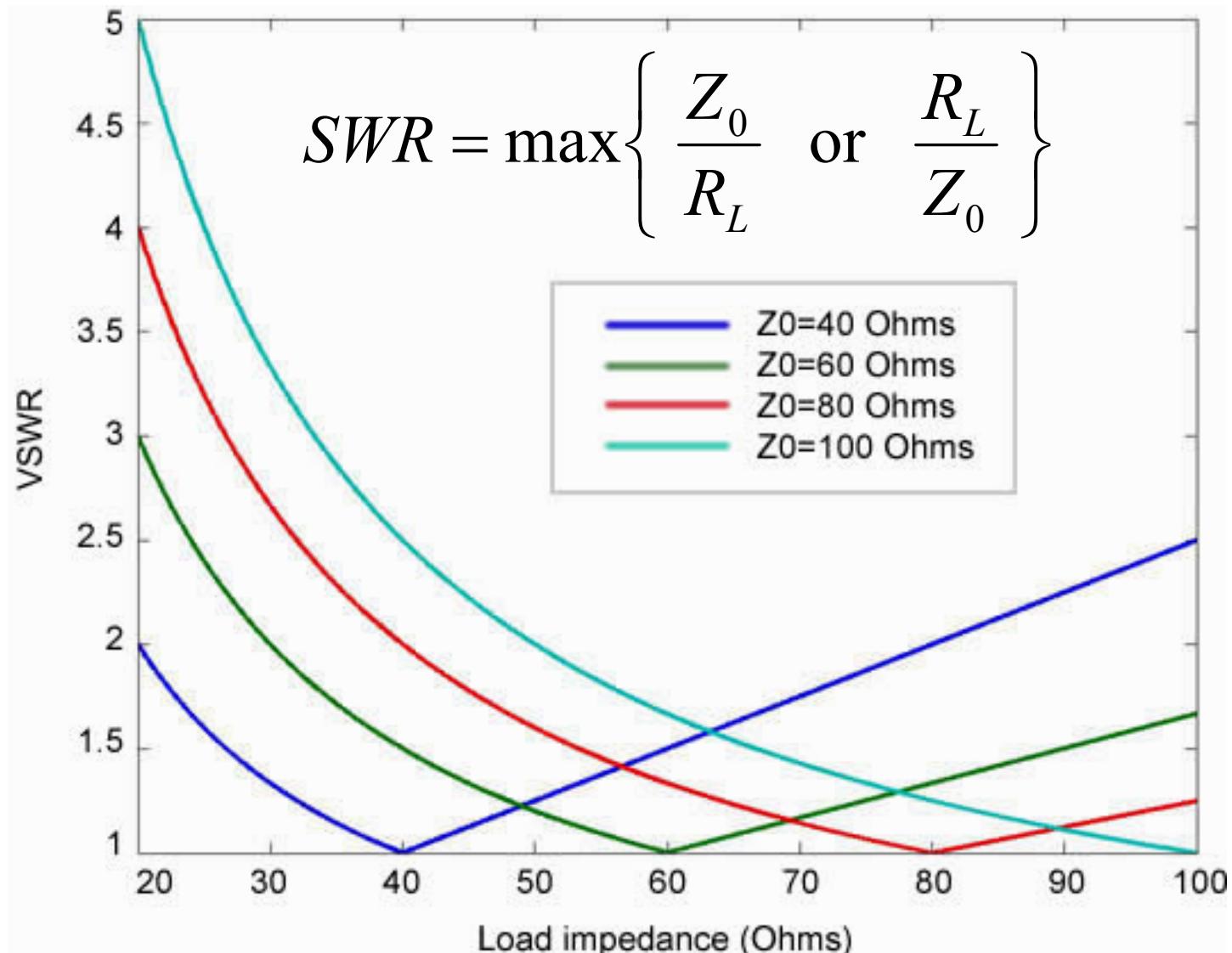
# Impedance and SWR Along a Line



# A Nomogram Relating Input and Output SWR



# Standing Wave Ratio at a Resistive Load



# Losses Are Due to Reflection and Dissipation



$$IL_{dB} = ML_{dB} + DL_{dB}$$

Lossless networks

$$DL_{dB} = 0$$

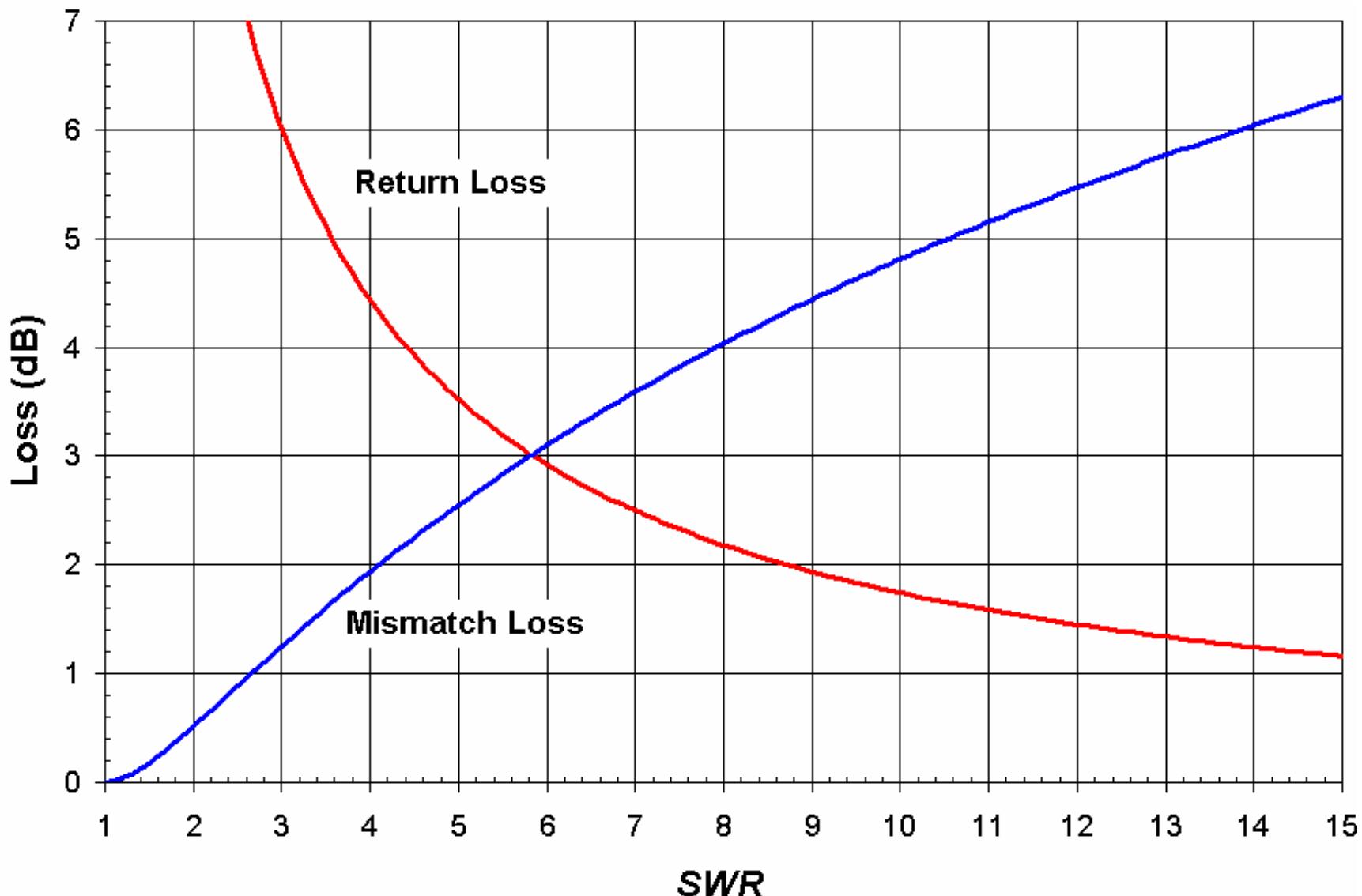
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Reflectionless networks

$$ML_{dB} = 0$$

$$IL_{dB} = DL_{dB}$$

# Reflection Loss of a Terminated Line vs Input SWR



# Dissipation Loss of a Terminated Transmission Line

$$\text{Dissipation Loss} = 10 \log \left( \frac{\frac{1}{A} - A |\Gamma_{Load}|^2}{\frac{A}{1 - |\Gamma_{Load}|^2}} \right) \text{ dB}$$

where

$A = 10^{-\alpha l / 1000} < 1$  = power attenuation ratio

$\alpha$  = line attenuation rate in dB/100 ft

$l$  = line length in feet

$$|\Gamma_{Load}| = \frac{SWR_{Load} - 1}{SWR_{Load} + 1}$$

- Reference: *ARRL Antenna Book*, 21<sup>st</sup> ed., p. 24-10, eq. 16 with  $A = 1/a$

# A More Useful Form in Terms of SWR at Transmitter

$$\text{Dissipation Loss} = 10 \log_{10} \left( \frac{1 - |\Gamma_{Tx}|^2}{A - \frac{1}{A} |\Gamma_{Tx}|^2} \right) \text{ dB}$$

**where**

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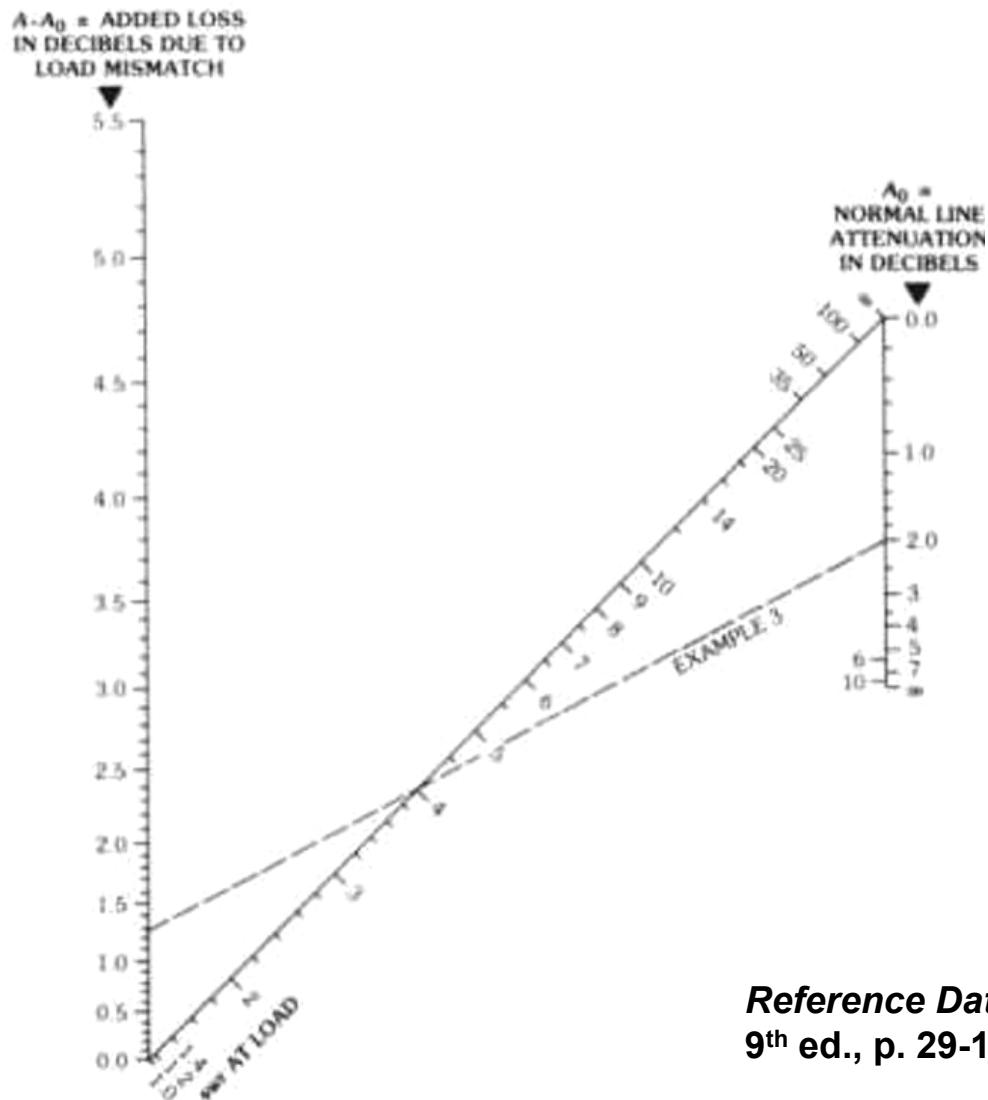
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# A Nomogram for Finding Additional Loss Due to SWR



*Reference Data for Engineers,  
9<sup>th</sup> ed., p. 29-11, Newnes, 2002*

# Myths and Bloopers

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- **Impedance formula for open wire line**

- $Z_0 = 276 \log_{10}(2s/d) = 120 \log_e(2s/d)$  versus  $120 \cosh^{-1}(s/d)$
- “ $Z_0$  approaches 83 ohms as  $s/d$  approaches unity.”  
George Murphy, VE3ERP, CQ, Nov. 2000

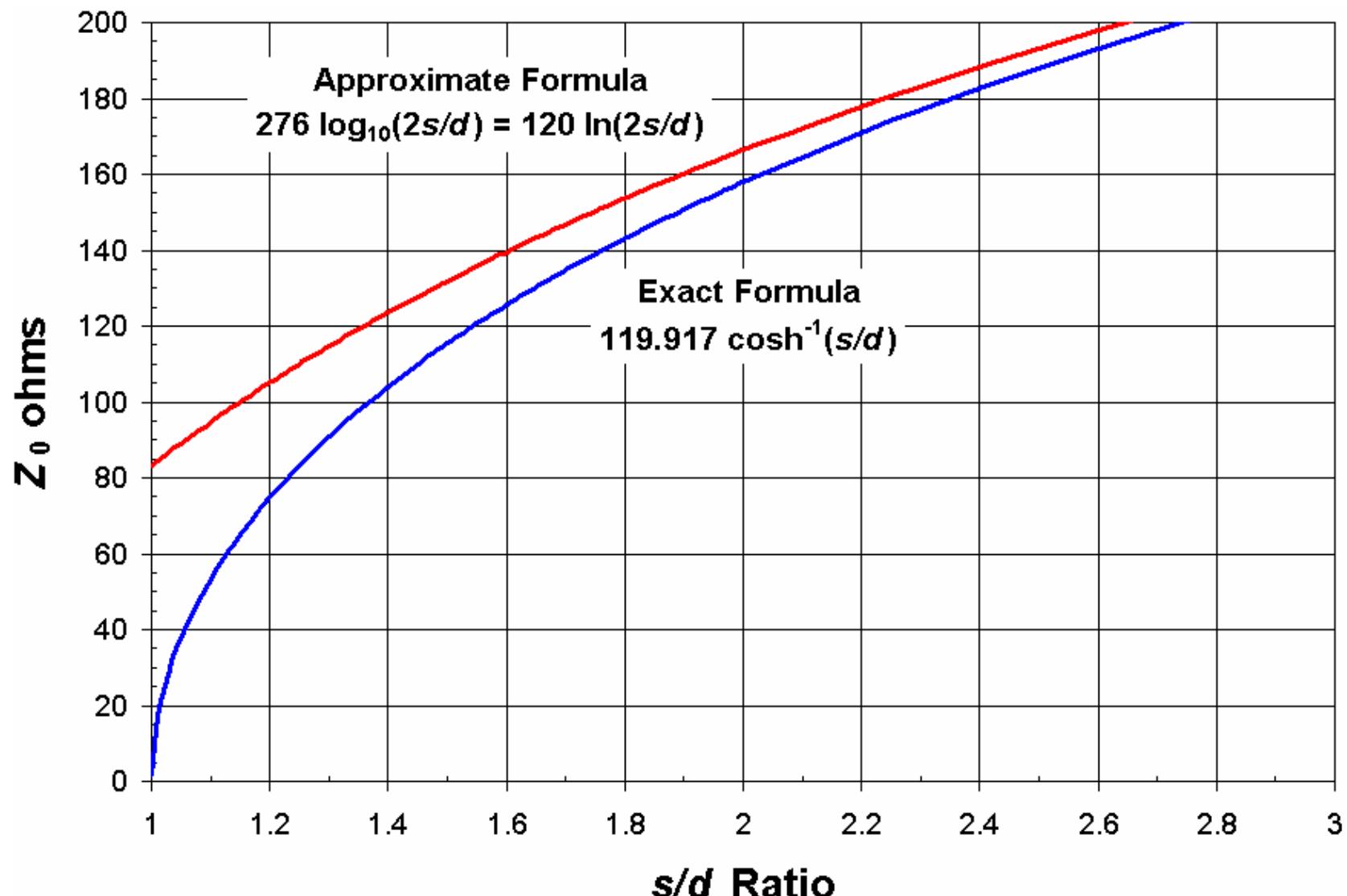
- **Return loss**

- “Return Loss is 20 times the reflection coefficient.”  
Kurt N. Sterba, *World Radio*, Jan, 2007
- “Return Loss is not a commonly used quantity.”  
Brice Wightman, VE3EDR, VA2BW, *World Radio*, May 2007
- “Return Loss is 20 times the reciprocal of the reflection coefficient.” Kurt N. Sterba, *World Radio*, June 2007

- **Conjugate match**

- Numerous theorems of circuit theory incorrectly stated
- Poor reasoning and incorrect conclusions at every turn

# Impedance Formulas for Open-Wire Line



# Why Not Conjugate Match?



- A conjugate match at the input does not imply a conjugate match at the output (load) and vice versa unless the 2-port is lossless
- Conjugate matching in long transmission line systems leads to reduced system bandwidth – not good for communication except for narrowband signals, and poor for digital modulations
- The goal of communication is information transmission, not power transmission. Digital modulations hate distortion caused by echoes, multipath, and reflections
- Solid state amplifiers are designed for stability by various methods, e.g. unilateralization, load-pull, source-push – to prevent oscillation !
- Conjugate matching plays no particular role in output impedance selection

# Transducer Power Gain

- Maximum power delivery from a given source through a general 2-port to a load is achieved by maximizing “Transducer Power Gain,” not by conjugate matching at input or output

$$\begin{aligned} G_T &= \frac{\text{Power delivered to load}}{\text{Power available from source}} \\ &= \frac{|S_{21}|^2 (1 - |\Gamma_S|^2) (1 - |\Gamma_L|^2)}{|(1 - S_{11}\Gamma_S)(1 - S_{22}\Gamma_L) - S_{12}S_{21}\Gamma_L\Gamma_S|^2} \end{aligned}$$

- Don't use this fact to match a solid state amplifier to a load, unless you want an oscillator !

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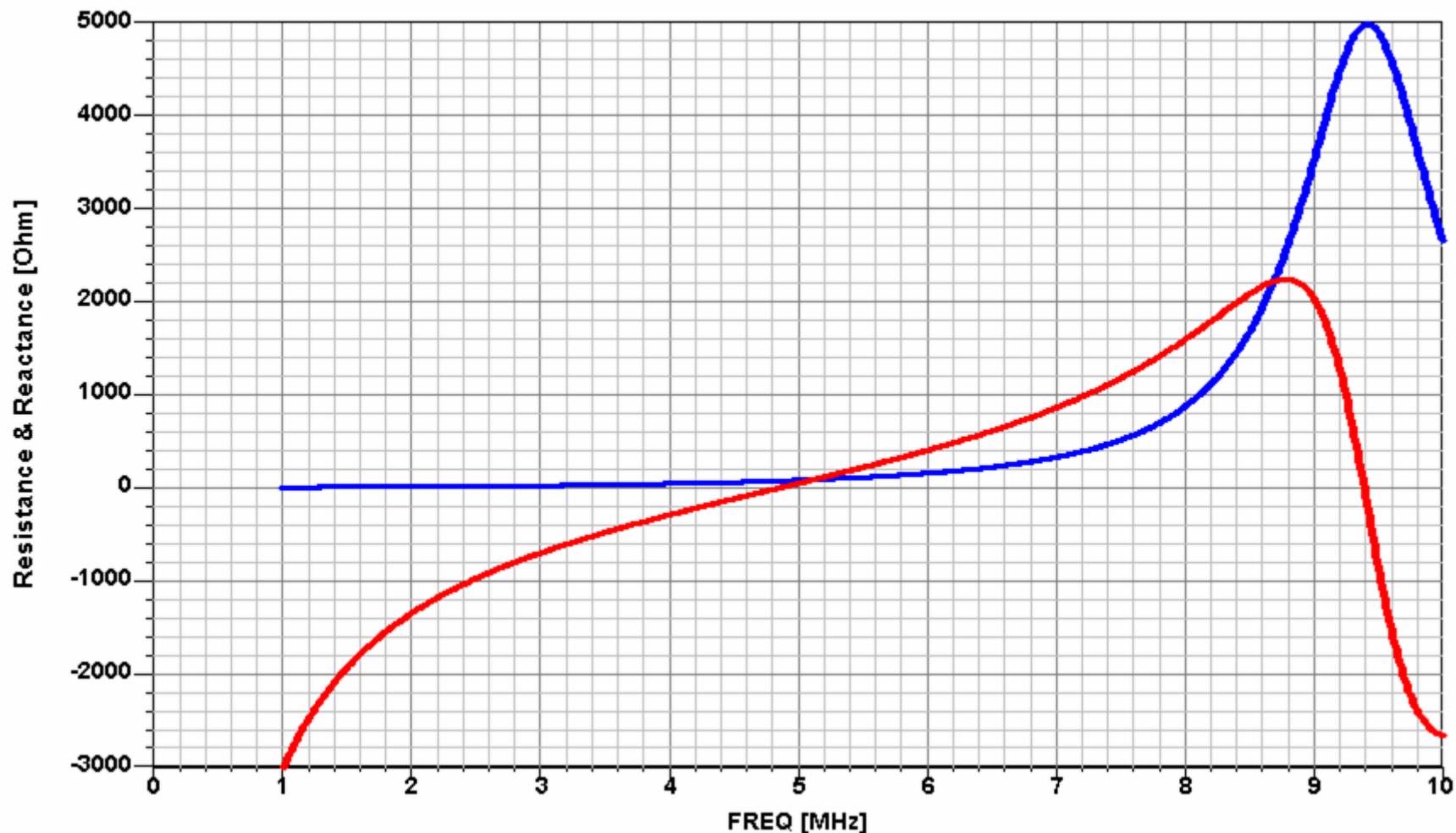
# **Multi-Band Match Networks**

# Three-Band Match Network

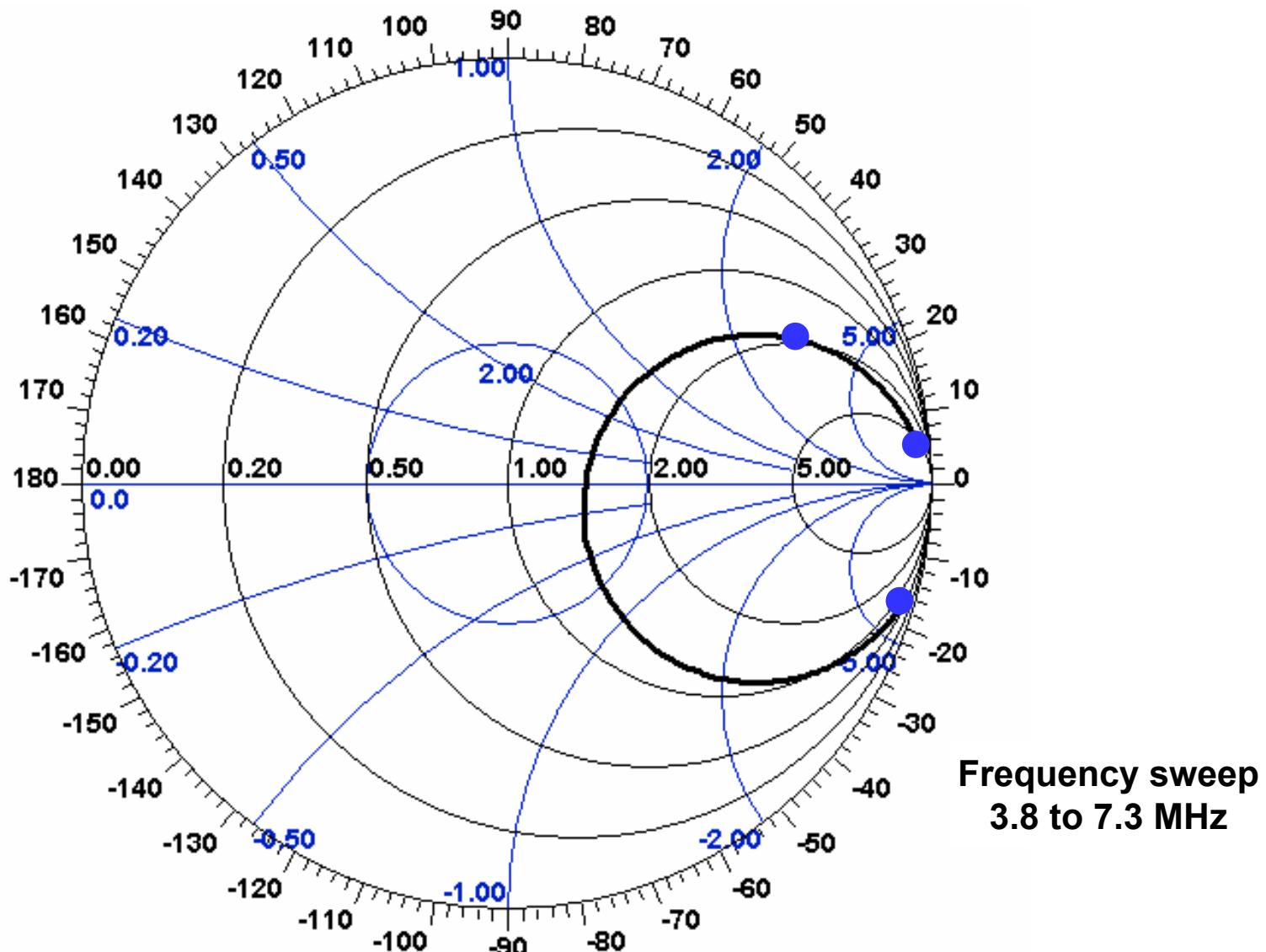
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- Ward Silver (N0AX) proposed to design an antenna for the 75, 60, and 40 meter bands
- K6OIK's easy solution: Take an existing antenna and design a feedpoint match network for the three bands
- Antenna: 98.4-foot wire dipole antenna resonant at 4.868 MHz – nothing special
- Frequencies: 3.9 MHz; 5.35 MHz; and 7.2 MHz
- Design goal: SWR = 1 at these three frequencies

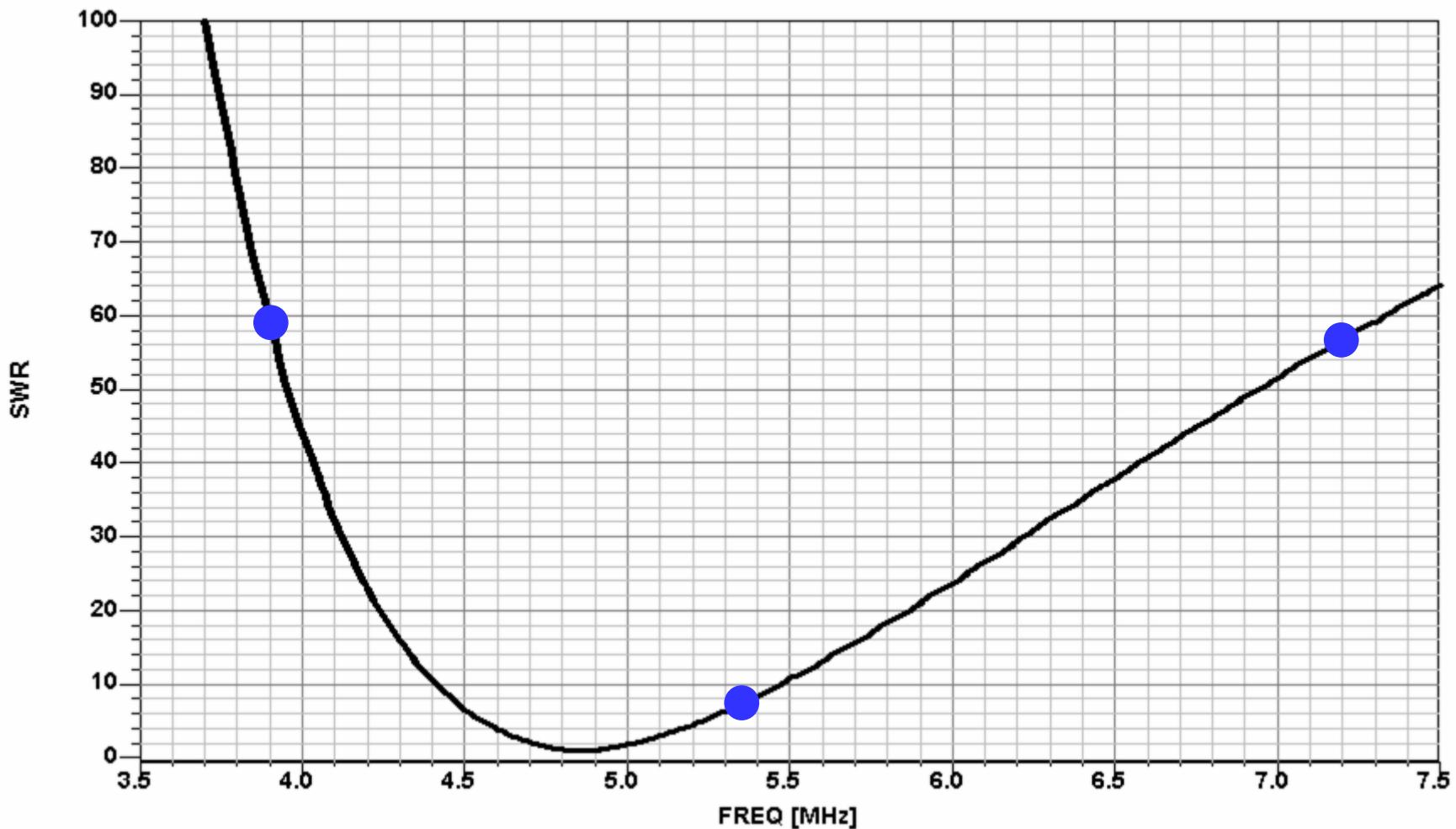
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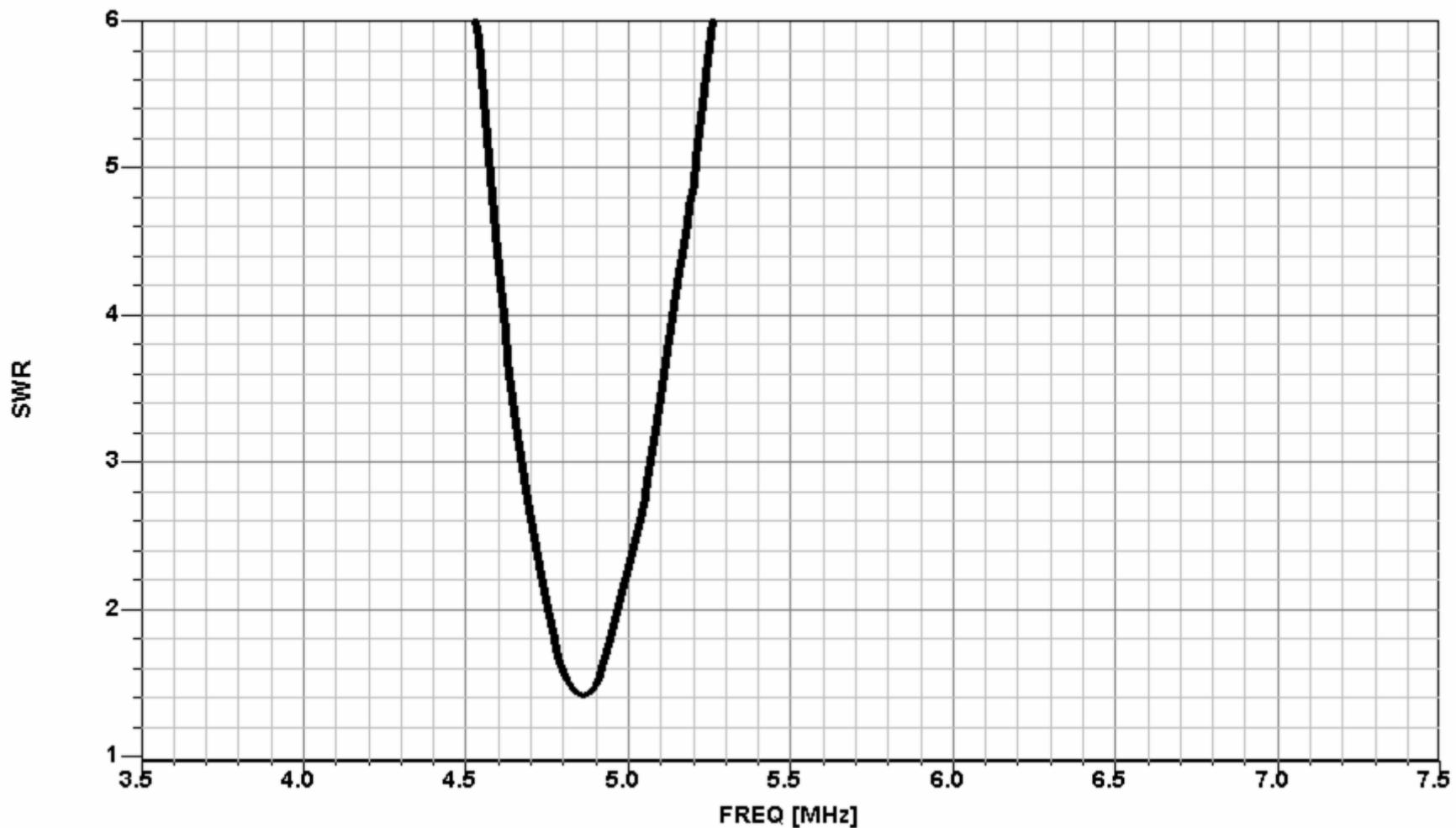
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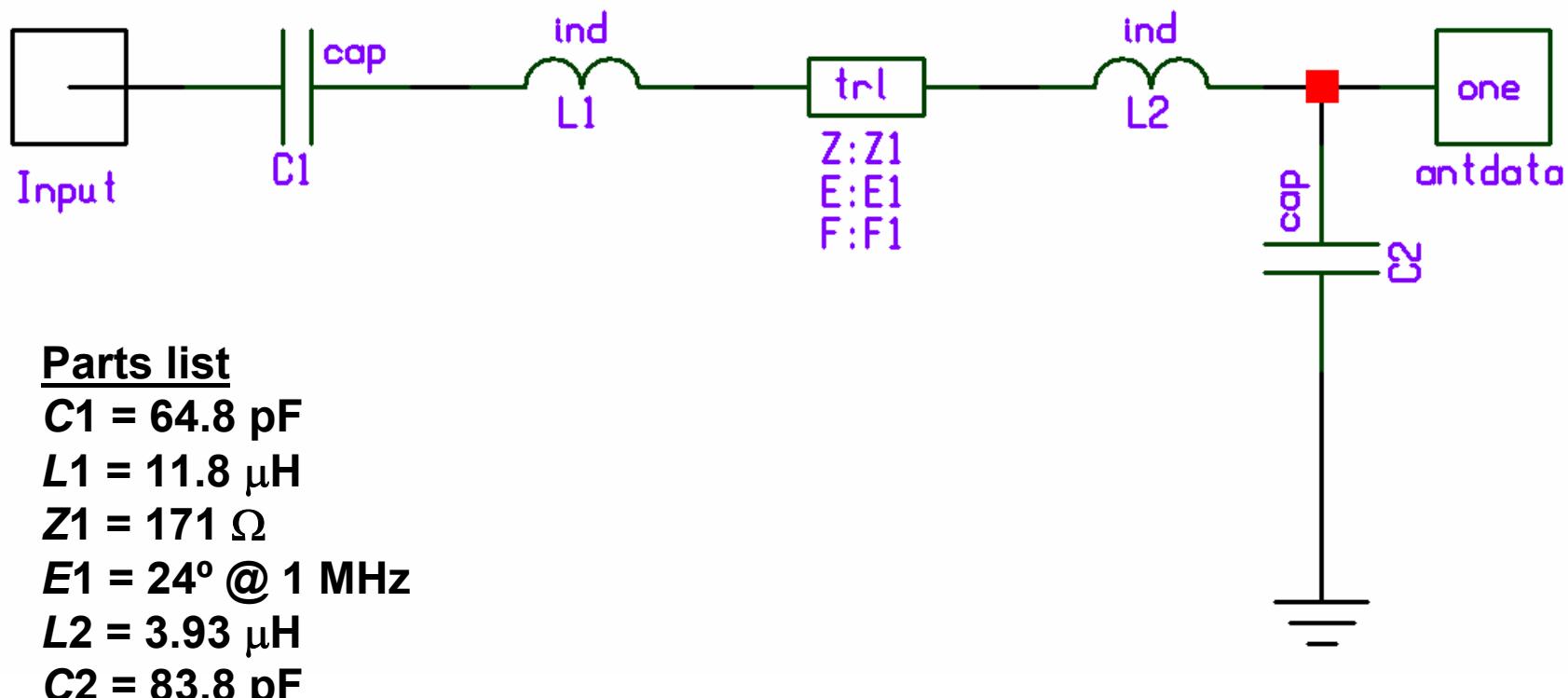
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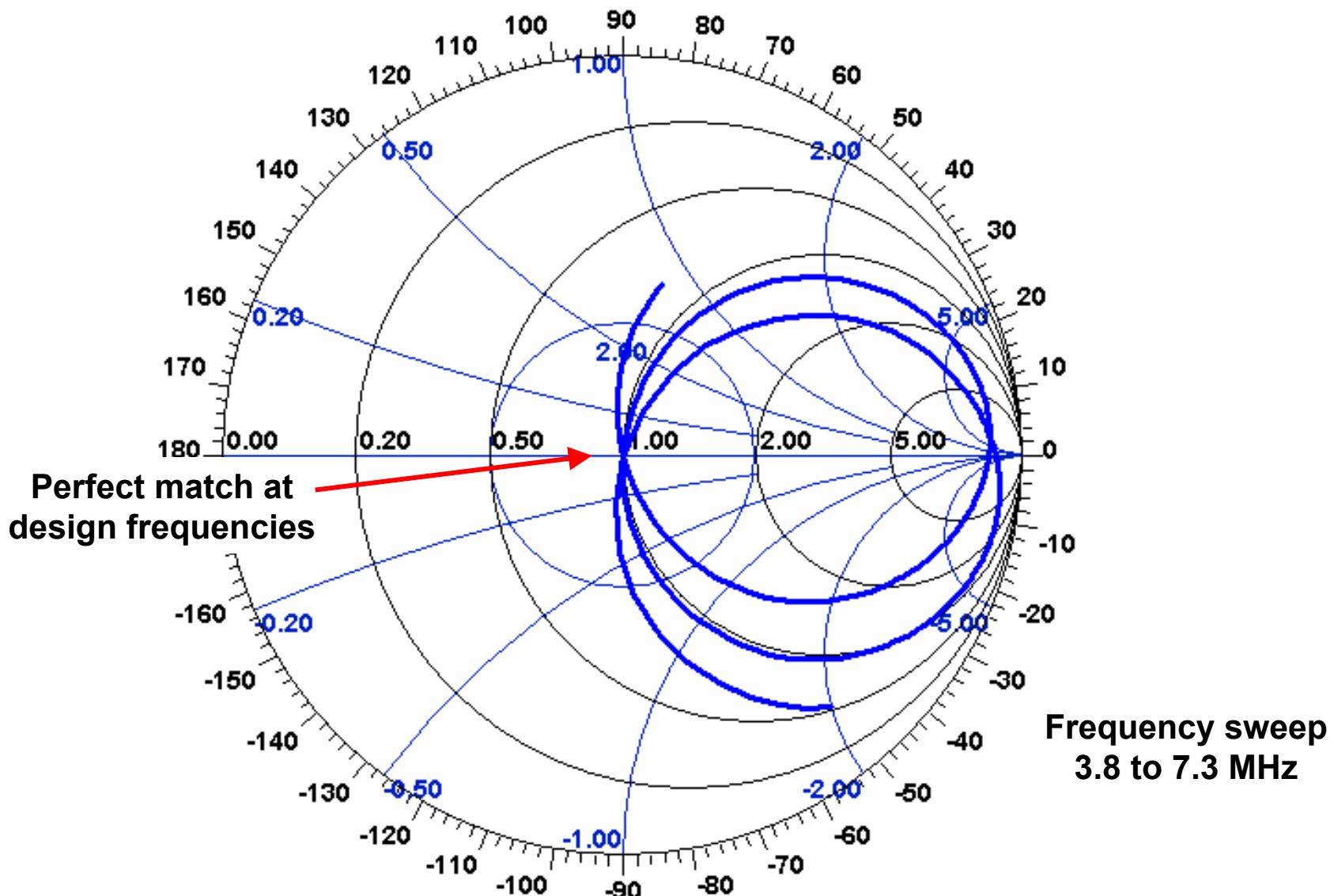
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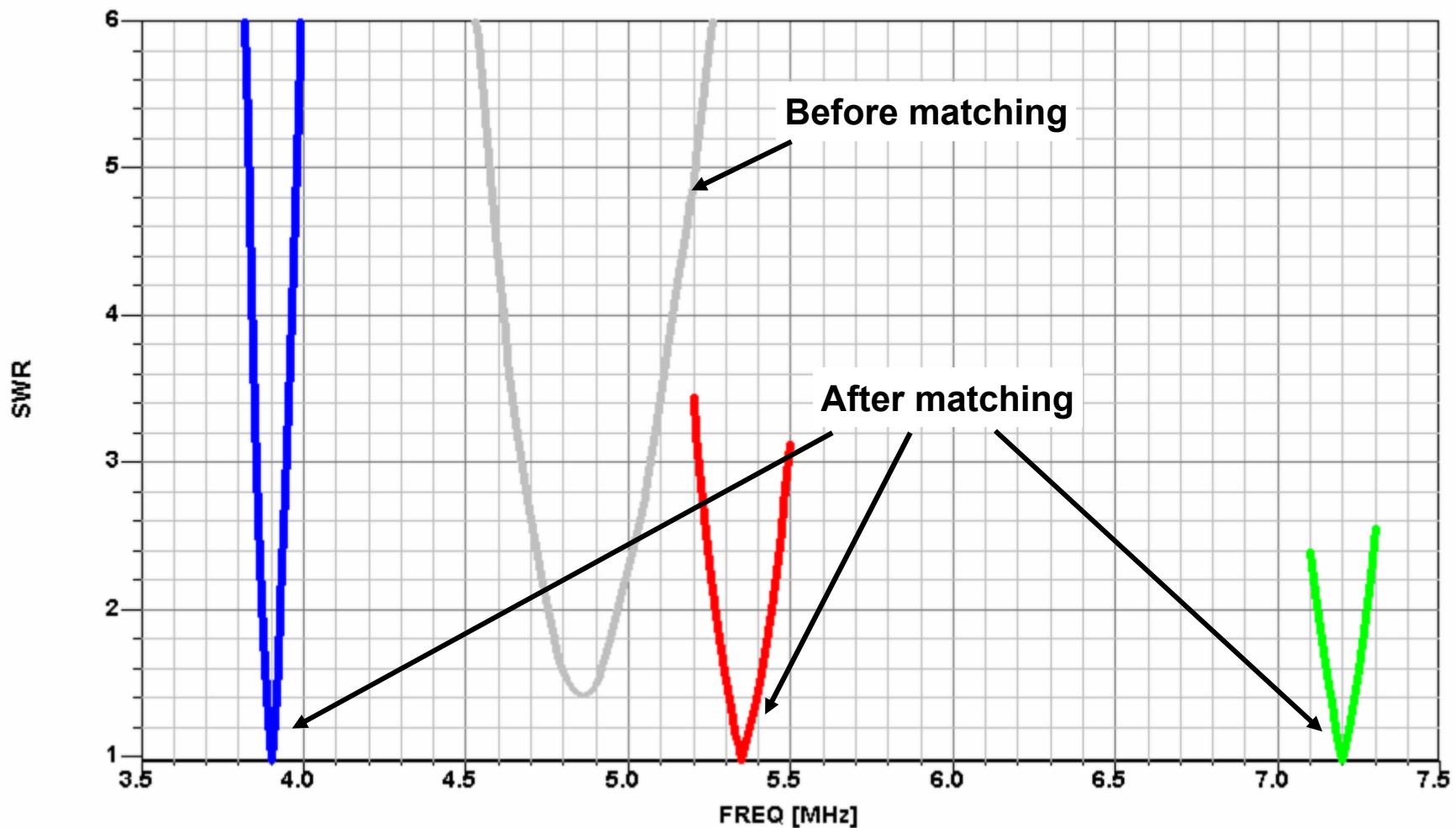
# Circuit of Three-Band Match Network



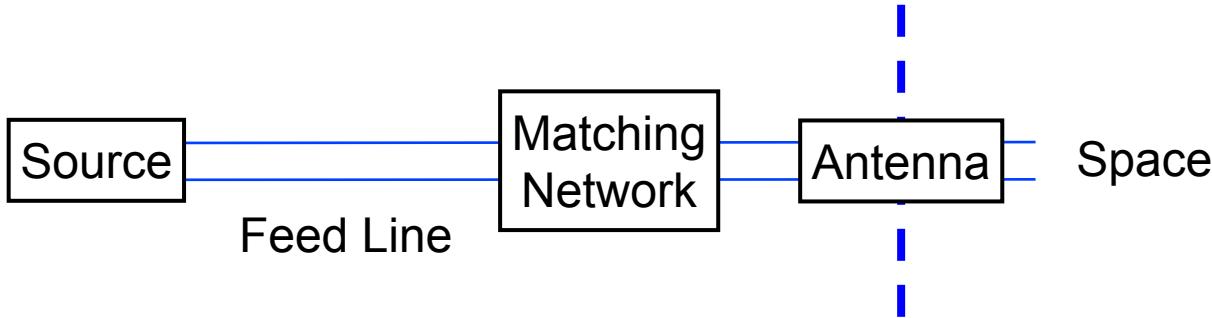
# Impedance After Matching



# SWR After Matching



# Question



- Can a fixed (non-tunable) impedance-matching network provide unity SWR at all frequencies?

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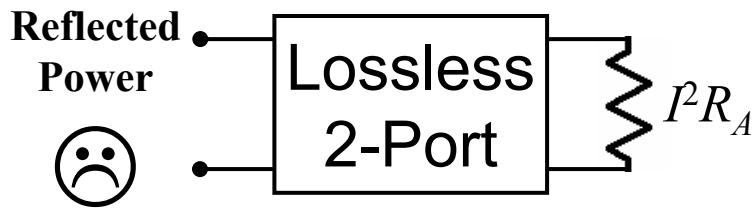
# **Reflectionless Broadband Impedance Matching**

**Constant-Resistance Networks  
Non-Foster Active Networks**

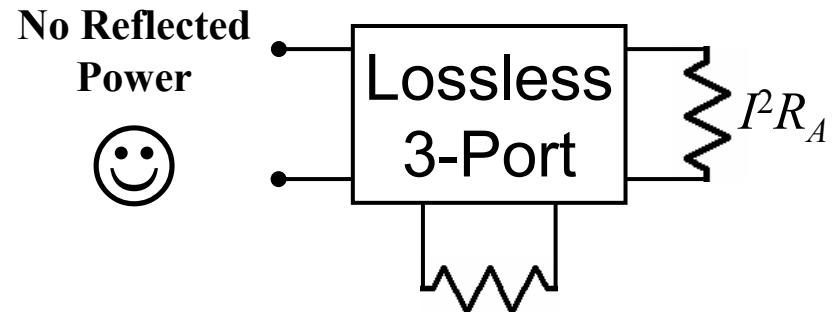
# **Edward Lawry Norton, 1898-1983, photo 1925**



# The Idea



From this.....



To this!

- Traditional impedance-matching networks are “reflection” filters that create reflected waves
  - Subject to the Fano bound
- Constant-resistance reflectionless networks
  - Developed by E.L. Norton (1937)
  - Have unity SWR over a wide band
  - Are “diplexers” that divide power between two loads
  - Rated by insertion-loss bandwidth instead of SWR bandwidth
  - Side-step the Fano bound but are subject to the Carlin-LaRosa bound

# How to Do It

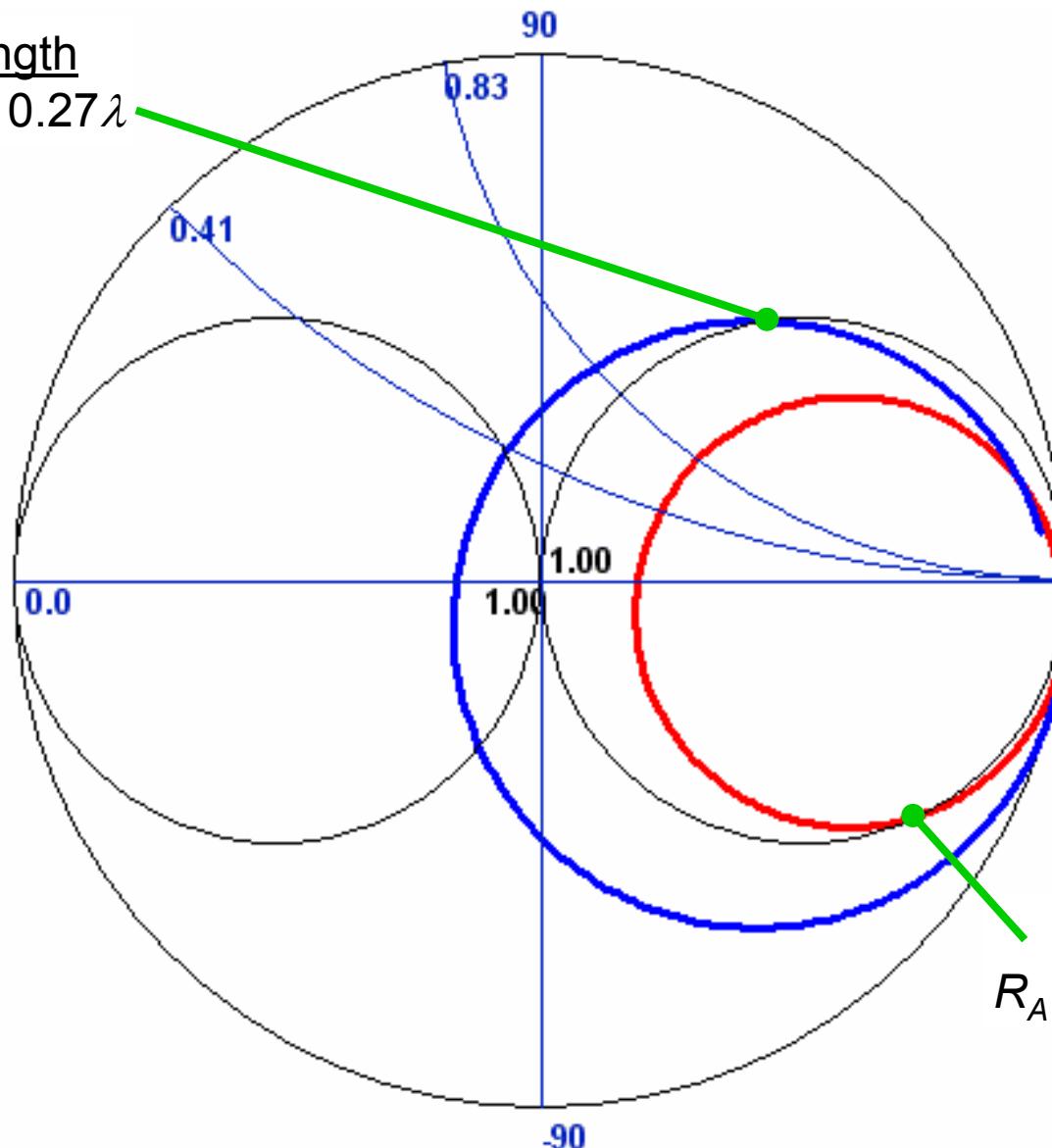
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- **Step 1: Shorten “half-wave” dipoles or lengthen “quarter-wave” monopoles so that  $R_A = 50$  ohms**
  - Dipoles:      Use  $K \approx 0.86$ , or  $L \approx 0.43\lambda$
  - Monopoles:    Use  $K \approx 1.07$ , or  $L \approx 0.27\lambda$
- **Step 2: Insert a series reactance to cancel feedpoint reactance**
  - Dipoles:      Add a series inductor
  - Monopoles:    Add a series capacitor
- **Step 3: Insert a shunt network to yield a 50-ohm constant-resistance network**

# Antenna Impedance on the Smith Chart

Monopole Length

$$R_A = 50 \Rightarrow L = 0.27\lambda$$



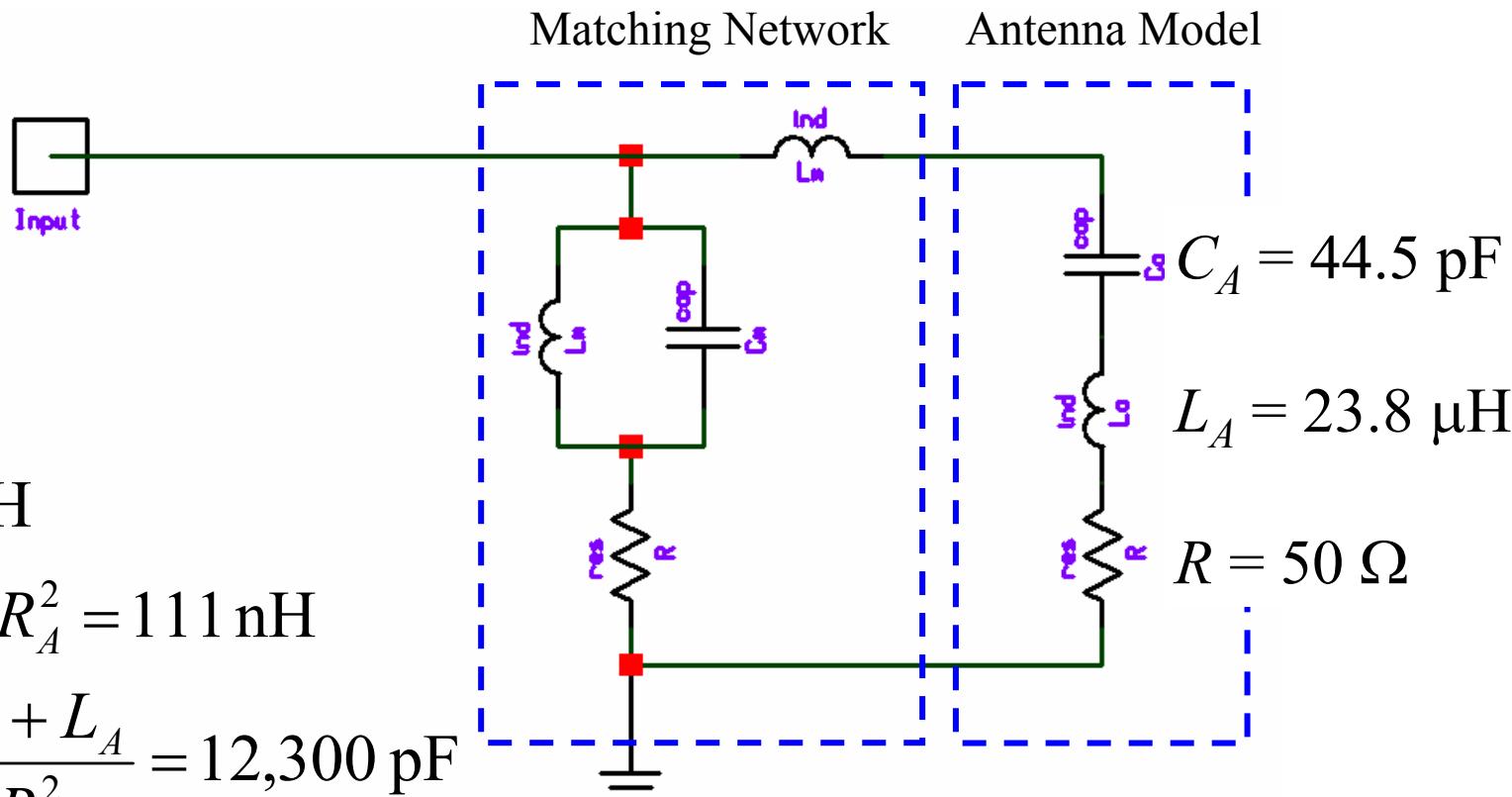
# Example 1: Reflectionless Match to 0.43λ Dipole

$$L_S = 7 \mu\text{H}$$

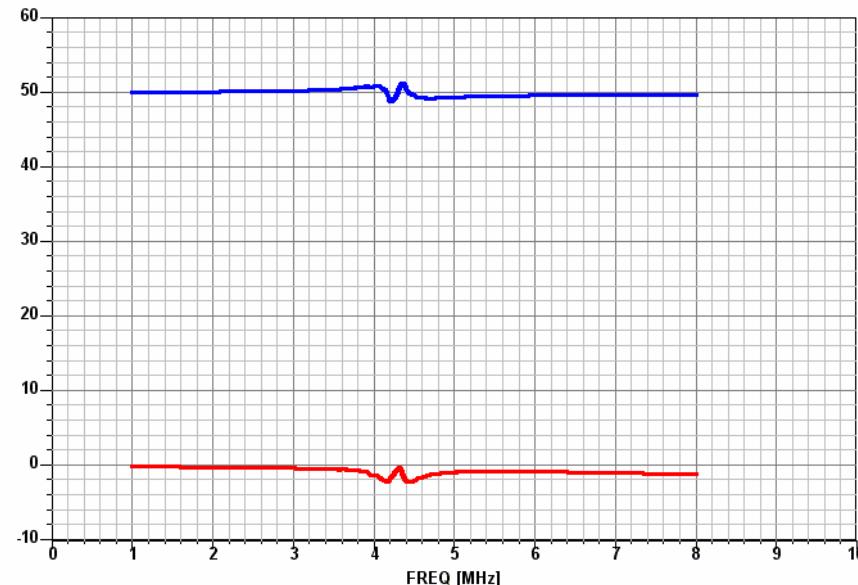
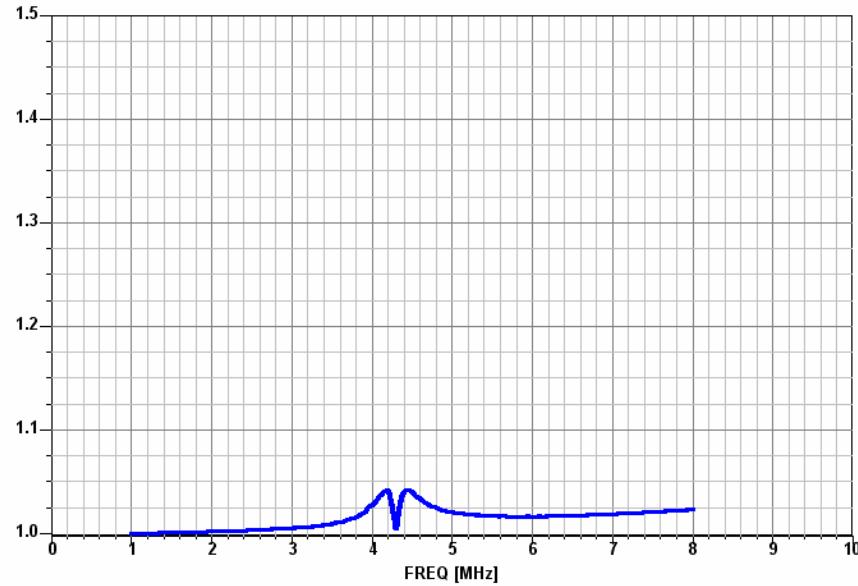
$$L_M = C_A R_A^2 = 111 \text{ nH}$$

$$C_M = \frac{L_S + L_A}{R_A^2} = 12,300 \text{ pF}$$

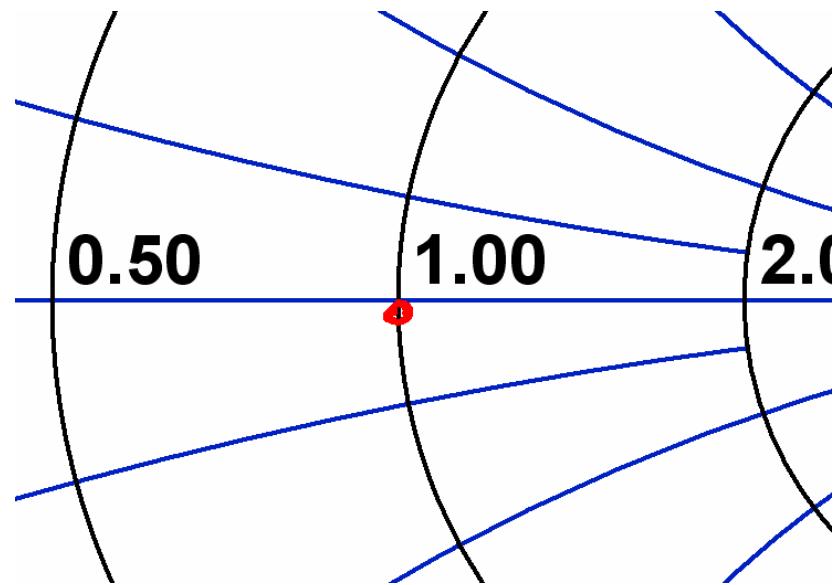
$$R = R_A = 50 \Omega$$



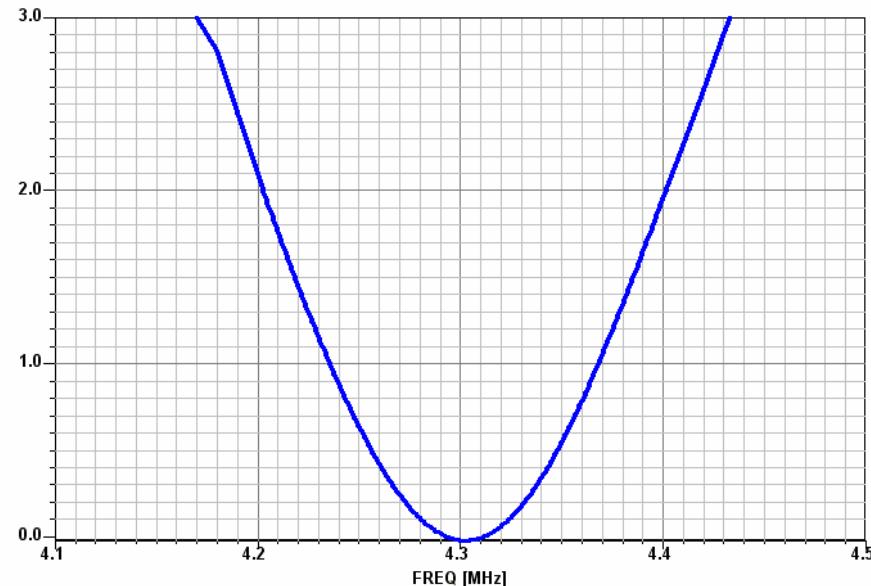
# Network Performance on Dipole Impedance Data



- Frequency sweep 1 to 8 MHz
- Maximum SWR = 1.04
- Input resistance: 48.8 to 51.2 ohms
- Input reactance: -2.1 to 0 ohms



# Power Delivered to the $0.43\lambda$ Dipole



- Pattern gain = - 0.11 dBd
- Minimum insertion loss = 0 dB
- 100% power delivery at 4.3 MHz
- 3-dB Bandwidth = 259 kHz (6.0%)
- 0.51-dB Bandwidth = 91 kHz (2.1%)

Bandwidths to Compare	
Lossless Networks	Reflectionless Networks
$BW_{VSWR \ 5.83:1}$	$BW_{IL \ 3\text{-dB}}$
$BW_{VSWR \ 2:1}$	$BW_{IL \ 0.51\text{-dB}}$

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# **Interesting Antennas**

# **John Daniel Kraus, 1910-2004**

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# Chen-To Tai, 1915-2004

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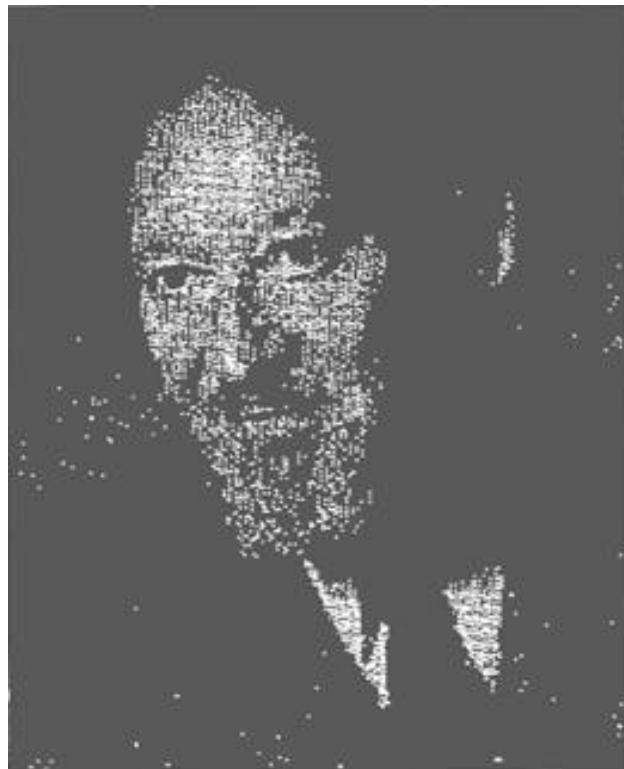


# Ronald Wyeth Percival King, 1905-2006



R.W.P. King speaking at his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday party, Oct. 2005.

# Sergei Alexander Schelkunoff, 1897-1992

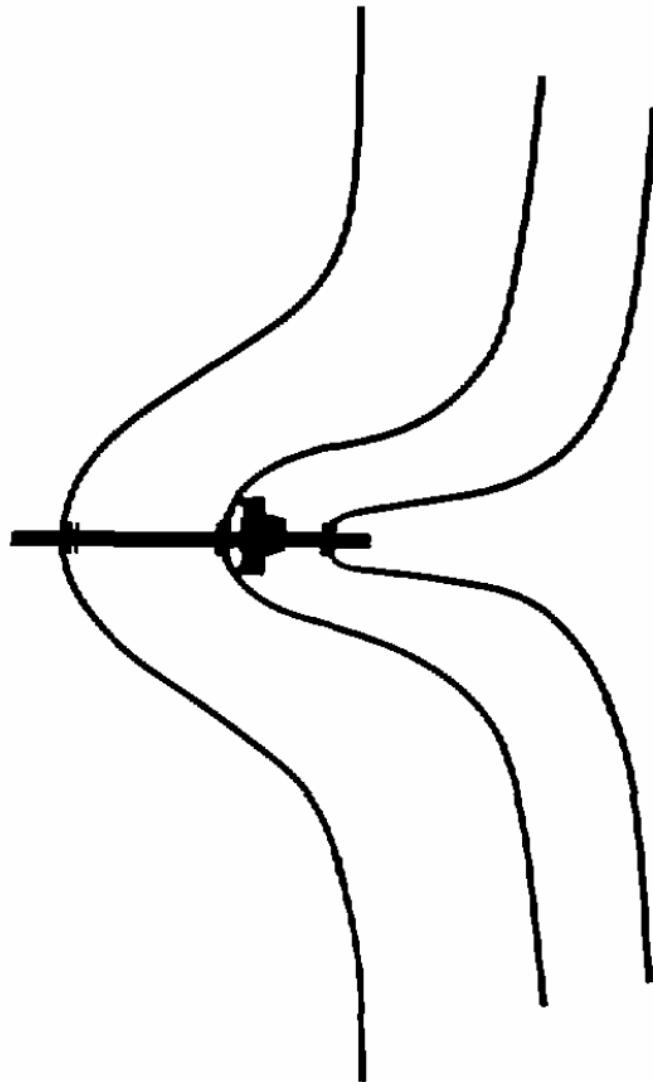


# Amateur Antenna Paradigms

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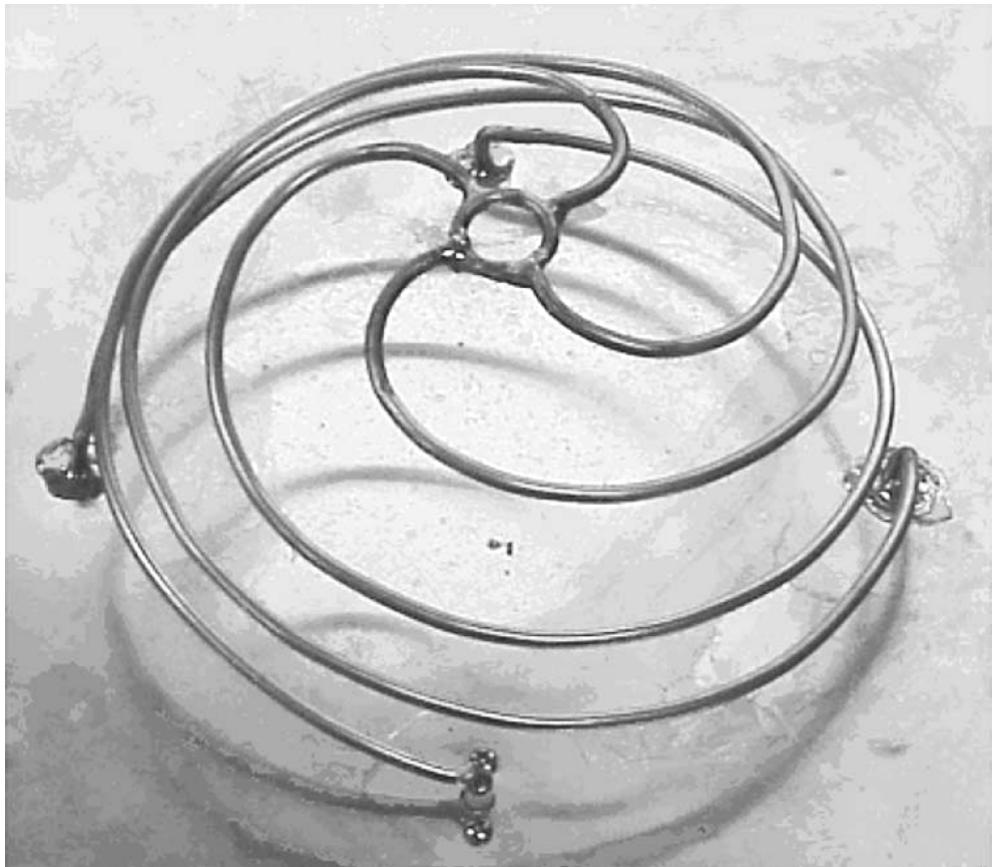
- **Antennas made of straight elements (wires, rods, and tubes)**
- **Antennas made of conductors (metals)**
- **Resonant antennas**
- **Narrowband antennas**
- **But ... many interesting and novel antennas break these rules!**
- **And some strange antennas don't ...**

# Landstorfer Antenna (1976)



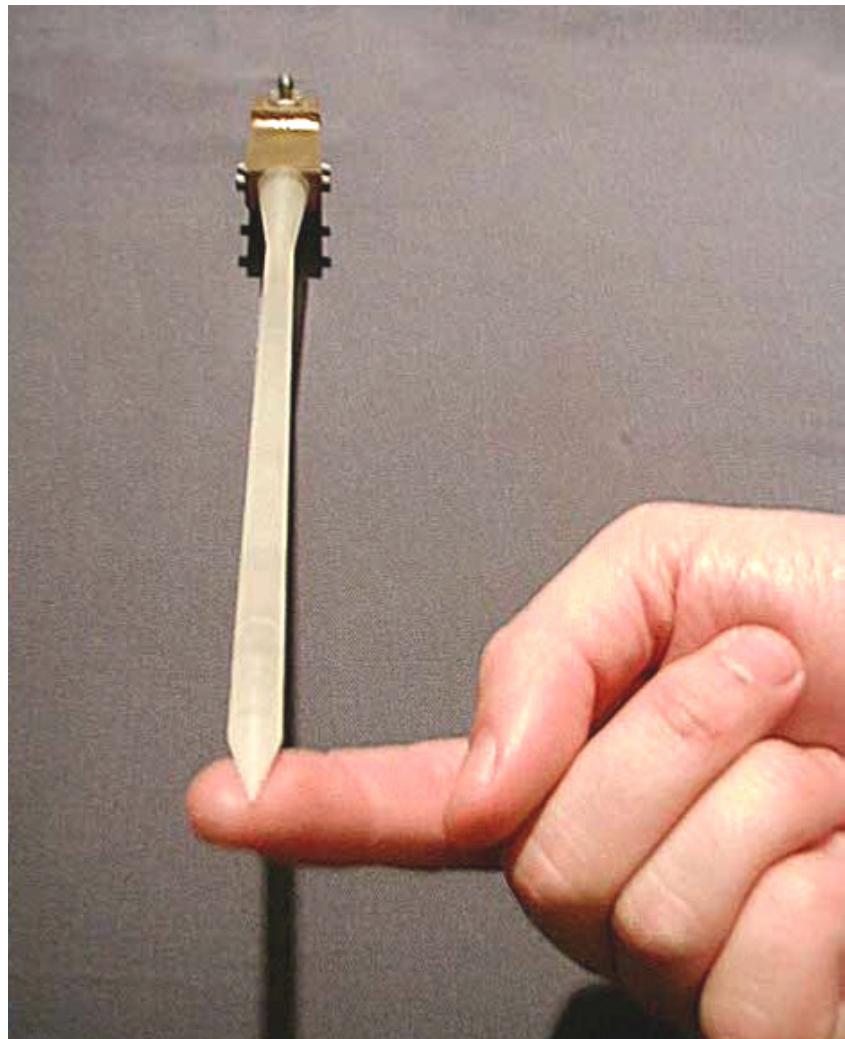
- Elements: 3
- Element shape: Optimized (approximately Gaussian)
- Gain: 11.5 dBi
- Sidelobes: < -20 dB
- F/B ratio: 26 dB
- Performance similar to 10-element Yagi – except...
- Bandwidth: > 3% (W4RNL)

# Folded Hemi-Spherical Helix Over Ground Plane (2004)



- **Helix:** 4 arms, 1 turn
- **Height (radius):**  $\lambda/16.5$
- **Frequency:** 300 MHz
- **Polarization:** vertical
- **Z:** 50 ohms real
- **SWR:** < 1.16
- **Efficiency:** > 94%
- **Bandwidth:** 22.8 MHz (7.6%)
- **$Q_A$ :** 32 ( $Q_{Chu} = 22.8$ )

# Polyrod Antenna (1947)



- **Material: Polystyrene**
- **Frequency: 11.6 GHz**
- **Gain: 20 dBi**
- **Bandwidth: 40%**

Dielectric rods made of ceramic or fused quartz can handle high power

# **Stealth Antennas**

# Saguaro Cactus (*Carnegiea gigantea*)?





# Evergreen Trees?



# Deciduous Tree?



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# **Non-Stealth Antennas**

# 90-Foot Drive-Up Discone, Green Valley, Arizona



Photo: WA7ZZE (C) 2006

# Why Little Transmitters Get Heard

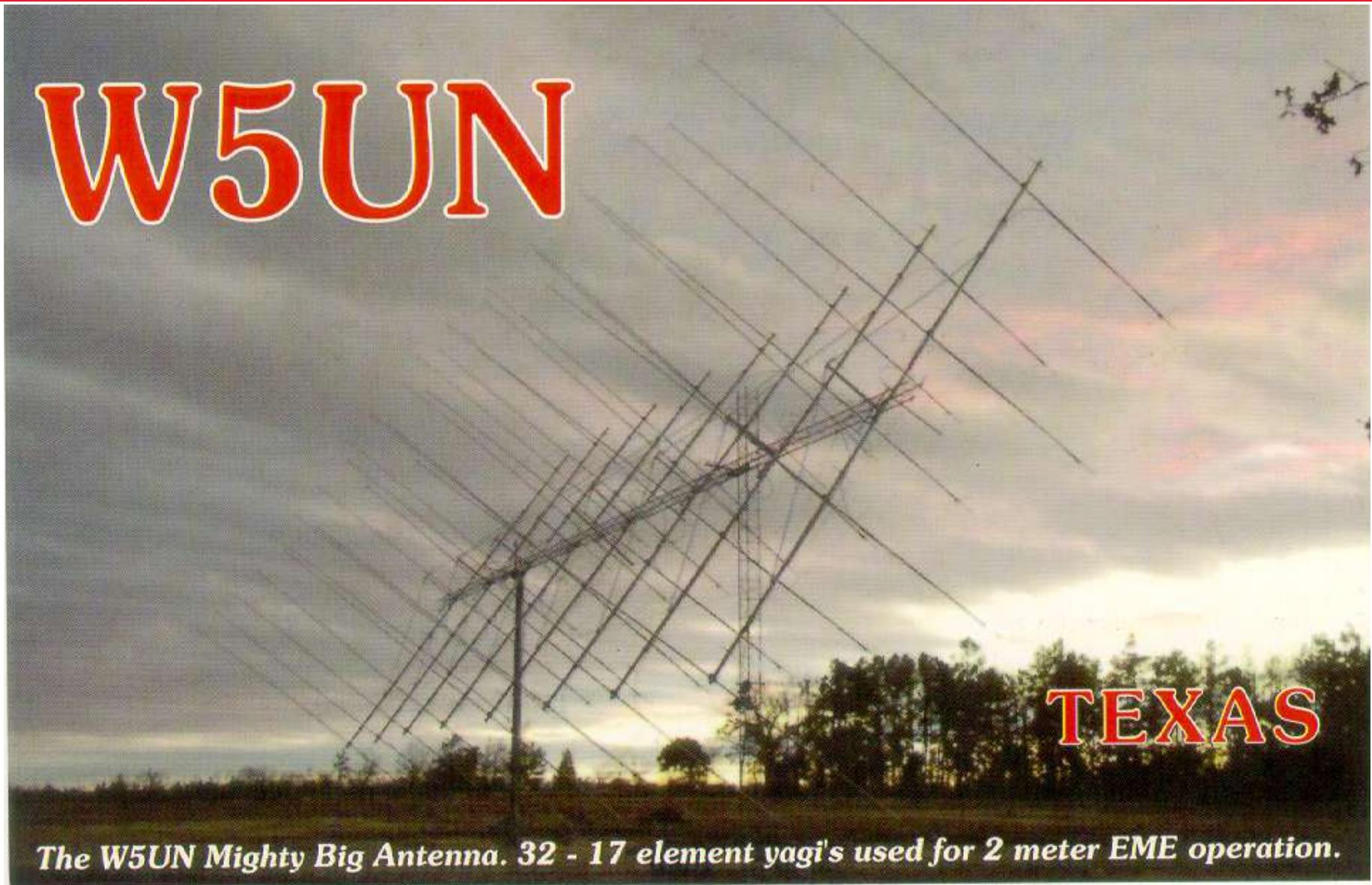


K0DK in Boulder, Colorado

# K4JA at Callao, Virginia



# **W5UN at Mount Pleasant, Texas**



*The W5UN Mighty Big Antenna. 32 - 17 element yagi's used for 2 meter EME operation.*

# W6AM's Antennas As Seen from Space

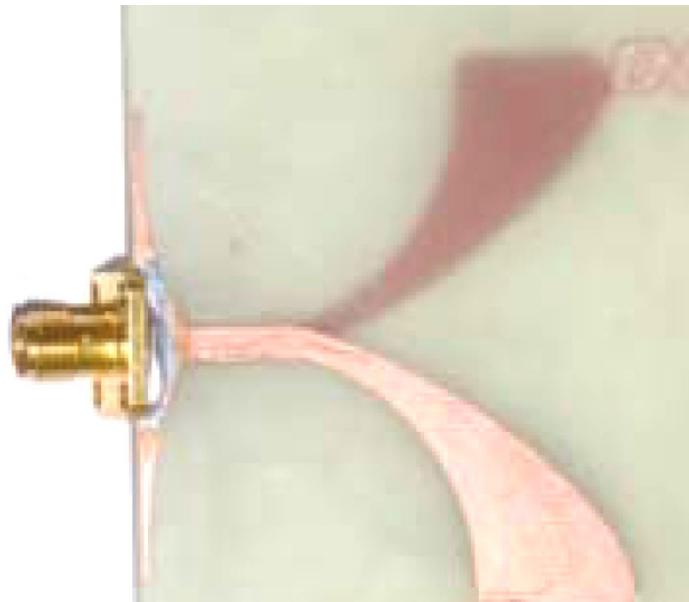


W6AM at Rancho Palos Verdes, California

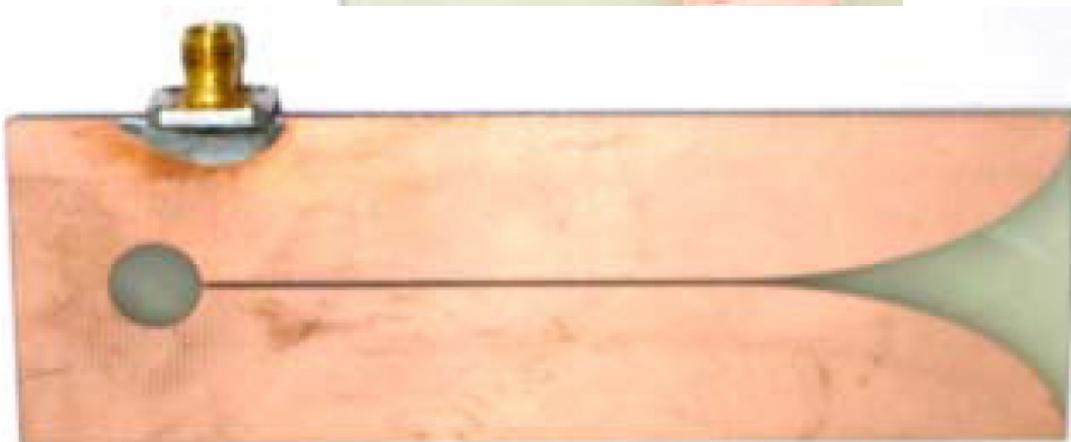
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# **Broadband Antennas**

# Vivaldi Antenna (1974)

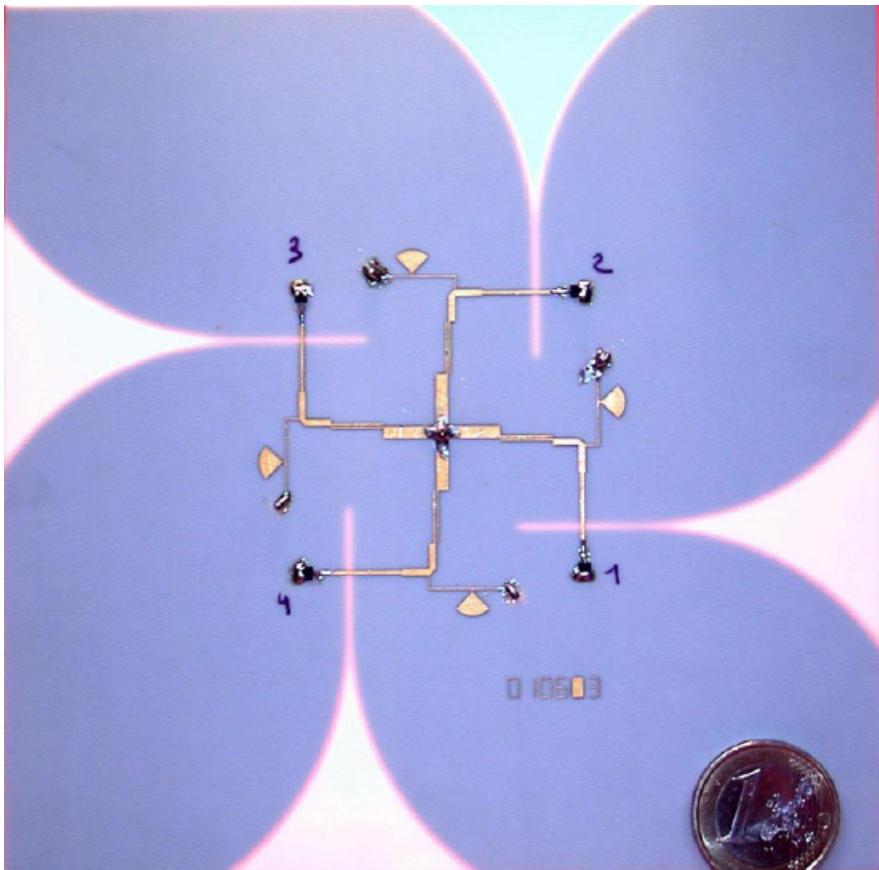


- Exponentially tapered slot antenna
- Gain: 8 to 9 dBi
- Bandwidth: no limit
- Arbitrary polarizations obtained by feeding two crossed antennas
- Construction: PC board



Bandwidths of one octave to one decade can be achieved

# Four-Sector Vivaldi Antenna

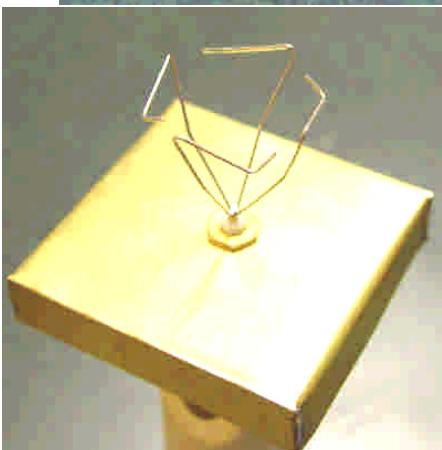
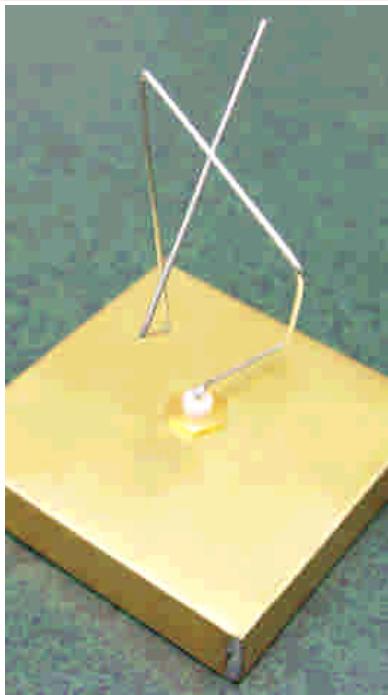


- Antenna mounts horizontally
- Polarization: horizontal
- Four directional beams
- Beam selected by PIN diodes
- Gain: 8 to 9 dBi per sector

Dual use! Could be mounted as a horizontal capacity hat on a short HF monopole to span all UHF bands

Or mount two vertically and crossed for vertical polarization in four sectors

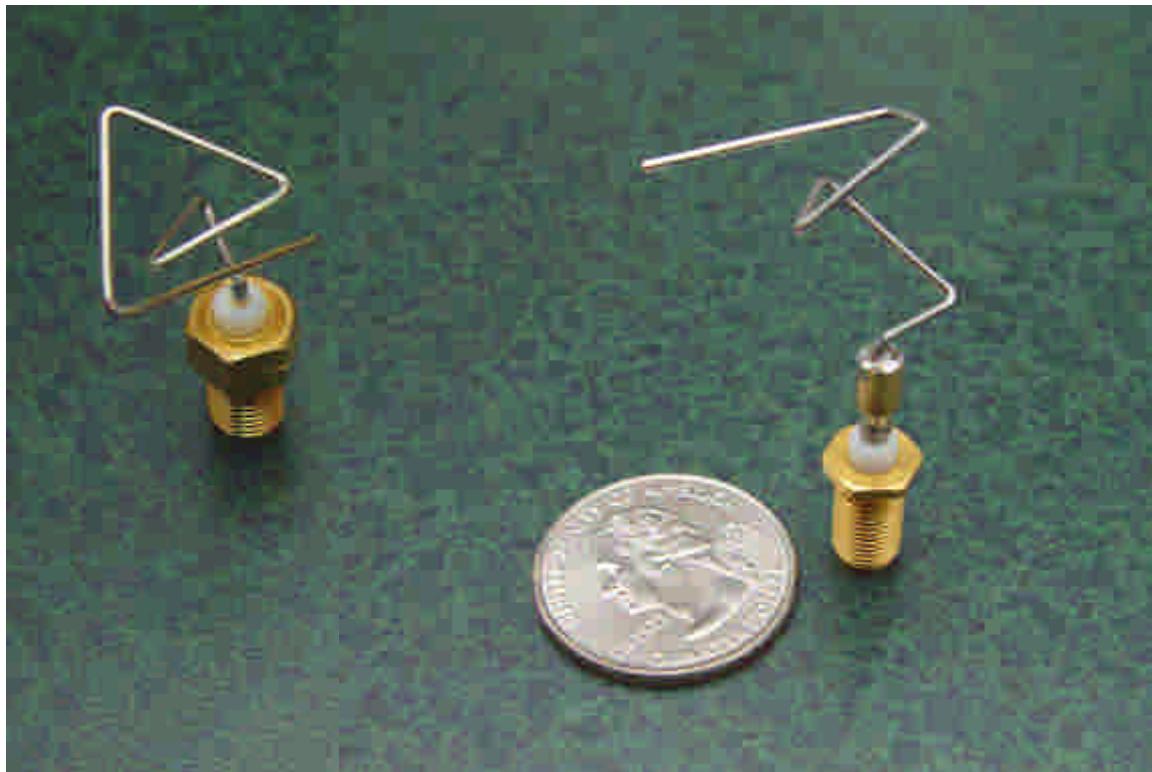
# Computer Evolved Antennas via Genetic Optimization



- Crooked Wire Genetic Antennas (CWGA)
- Types: 1 and 4 arms
- Frequencies: 2 to 18 GHz
- Pattern: Omni 10° above horizon

Courtesy of JEM Engineering

# NASA ST5 Satellite Antenna



- **Frequencies:**
  - Tx: 8.470 GHz
  - Rx: 7.209 GHz
- **Polarization: RHCP**
- **Gain:**
  - -5 dBi, 0° to 40°
  - 0 dBi, 40° to 90°
  - No null at zenith
- **SWR:**
  - Tx: 1.19
  - Rx: 1.22
- **Wire: 20 gauge**

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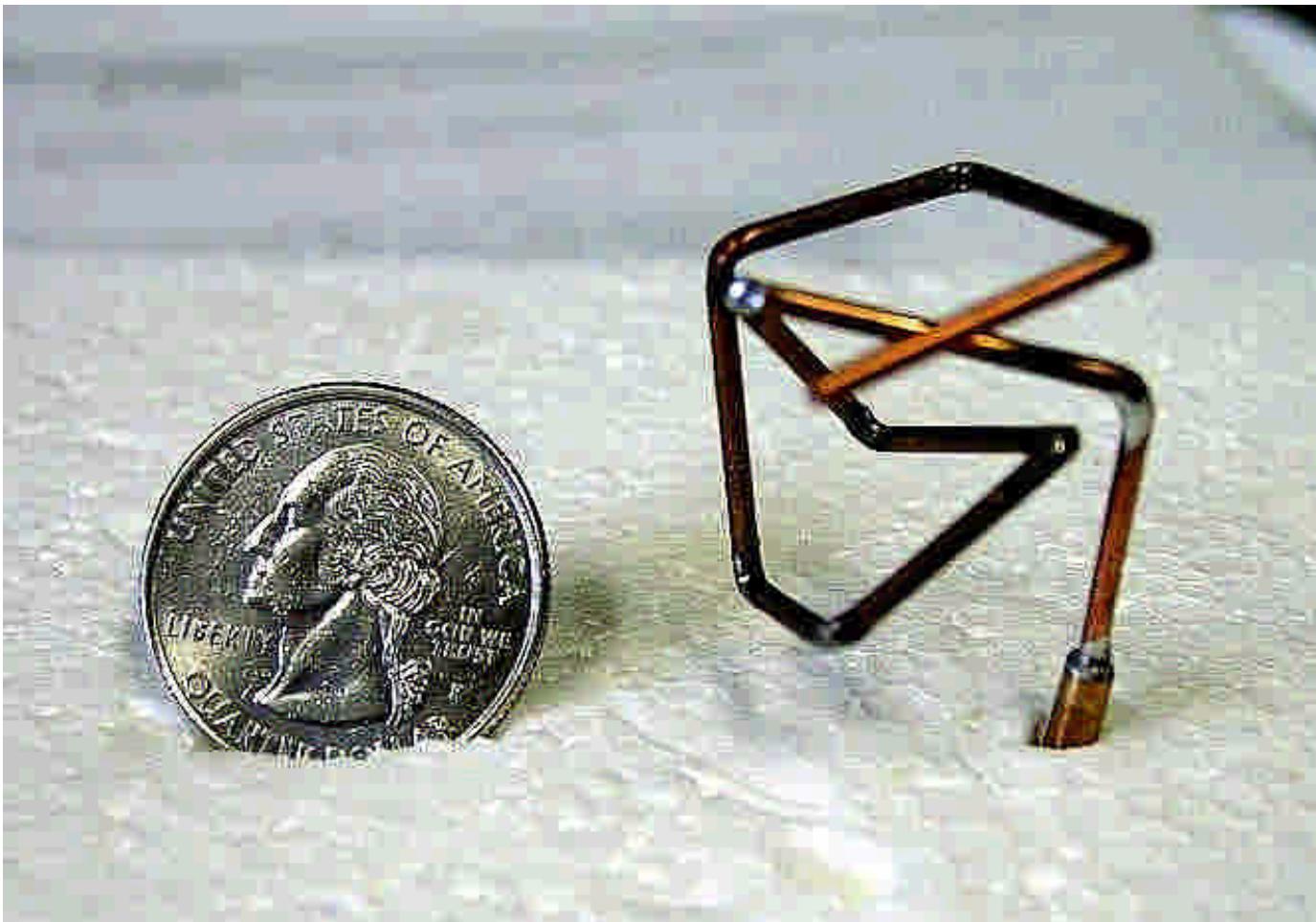
# Loaded UWB Antenna for 1 to 15 GHz



SWR < 3 from 1 to 15 GHz

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# Air Force 10-Segment Resonant Antenna (0.03 $\lambda$ )



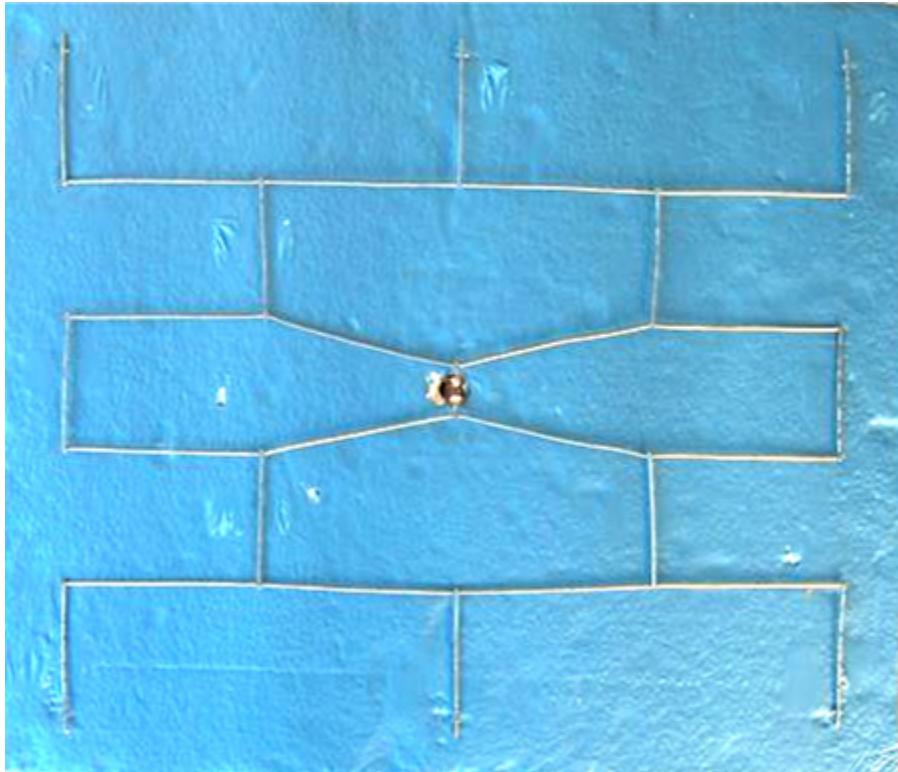
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## **Inexpensive Curtain Quad Arrays**

**Courtesy of Ross Anderson, W1HBQ**

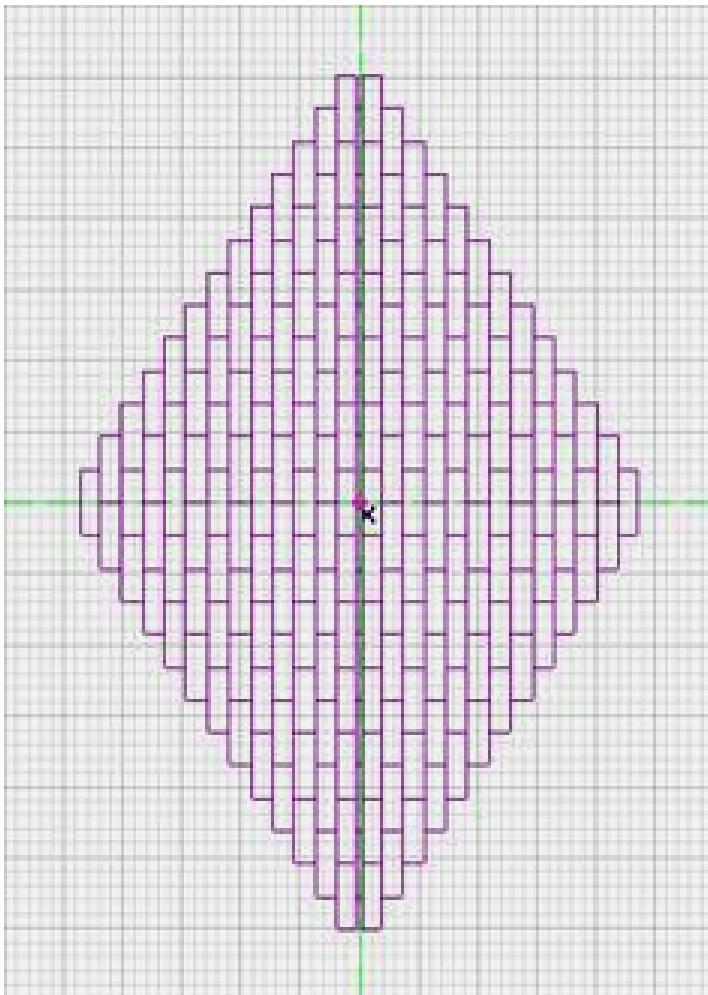
# Ross Anderson W1HBQ's Curtain Quad for WiFi



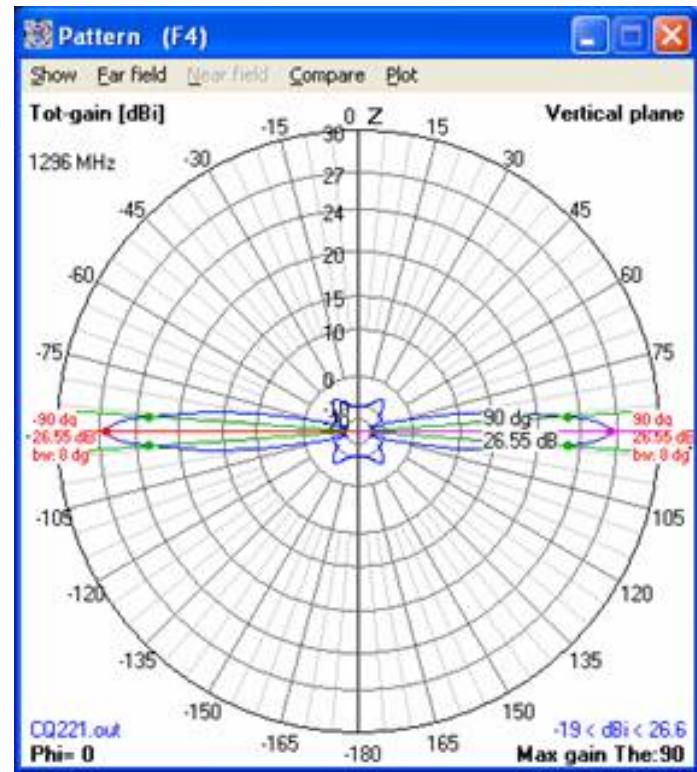
- Frequency 2.4 GHz IEEE 802.11
- Gain: 17 dBi
- Polarization: V (as shown)
- Material: 3 × 2 inch welded wire fence
- Wire: #16 steel wire, 0.031 in
- Backing: 1 inch foam board, backed with aluminum foil
- Feedpoint Z: 600  $\Omega$
- Match device: ~1 in of 125  $\Omega$  speaker wire



# W1HBQ's 221-Element Curtain Quad for 1296 MHz

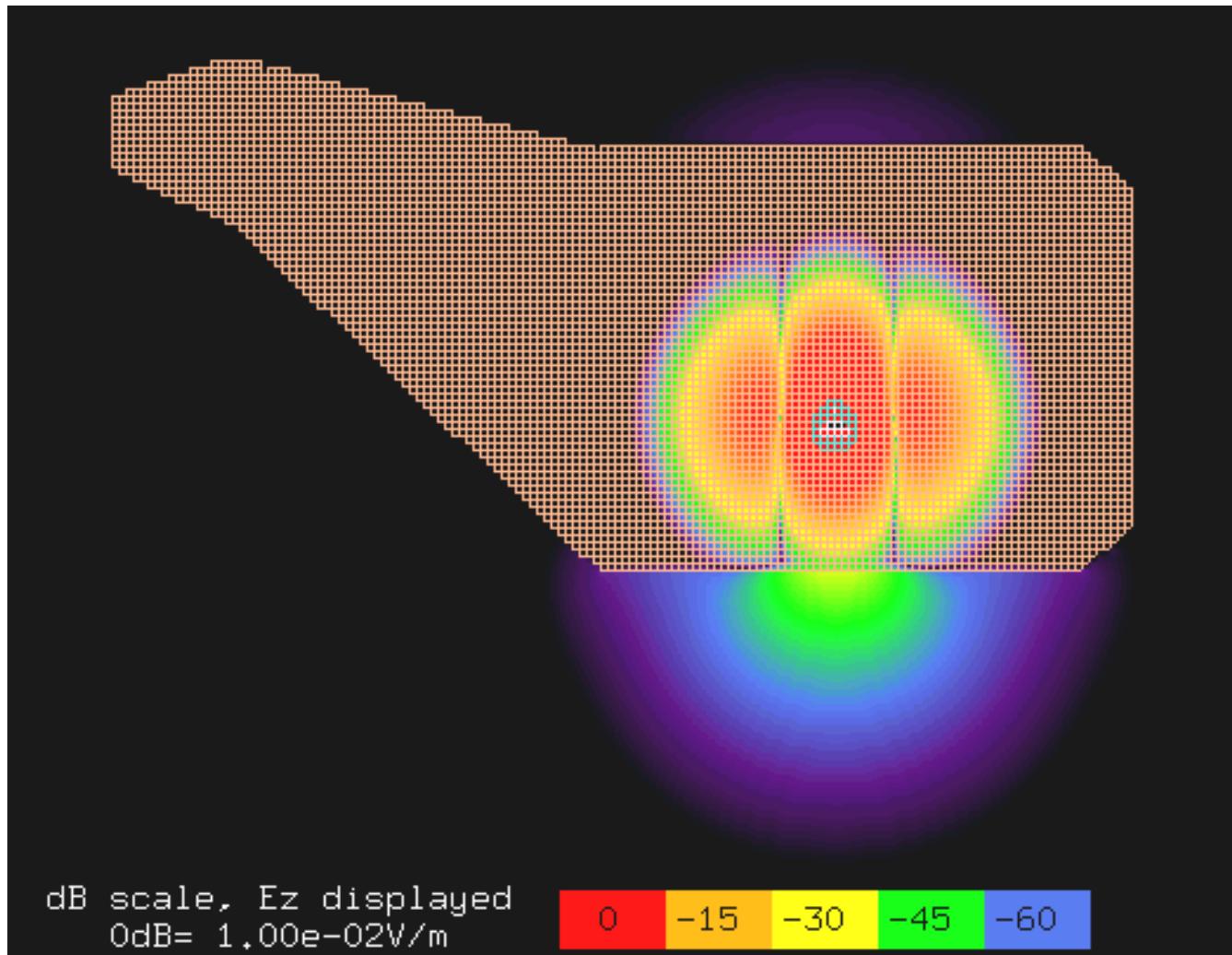


- Gain: 26 dBi
- Polarization: H (as shown)
- Feedpoint Z: 99  $\Omega$

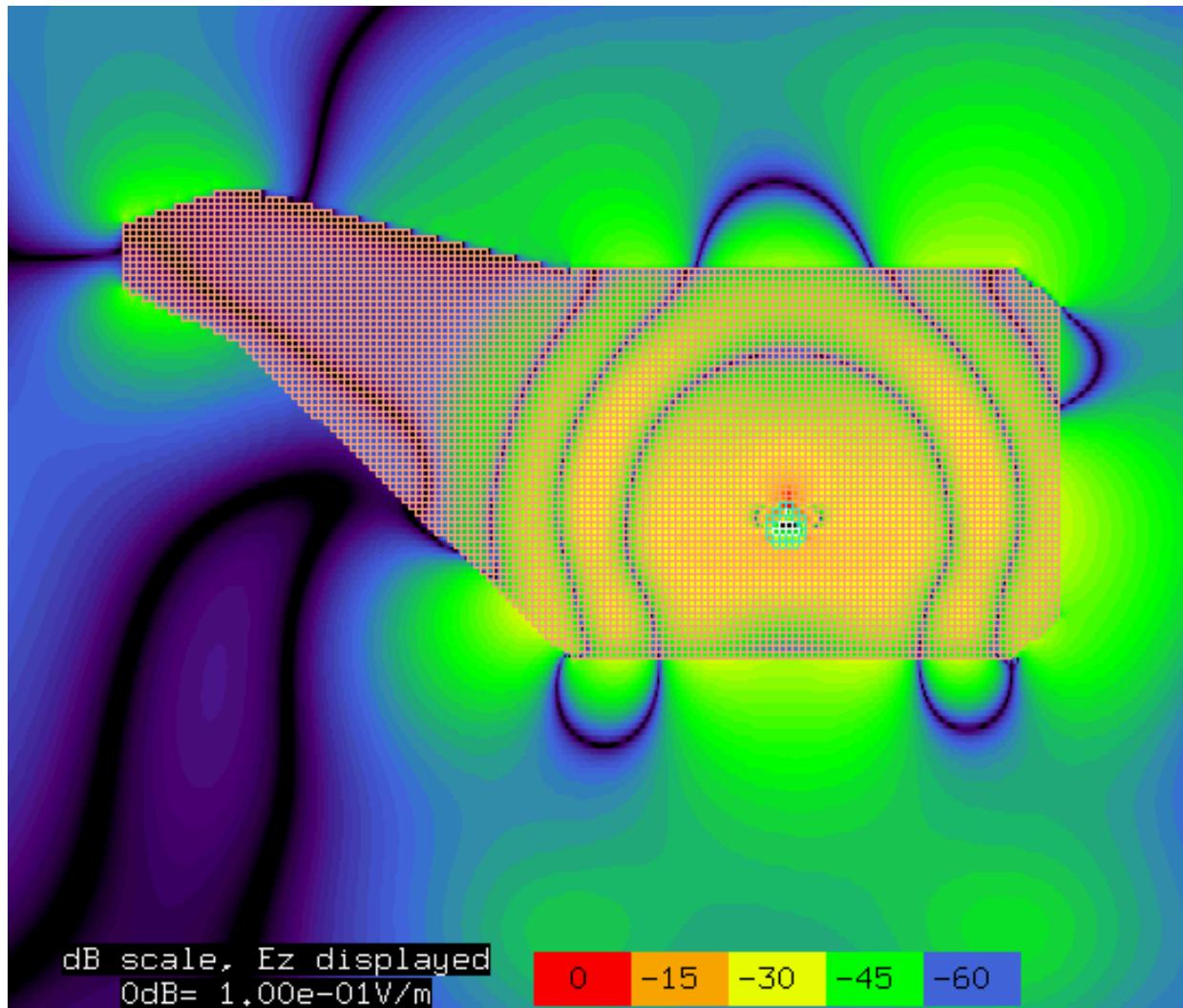


# **Metamaterial Radomes**

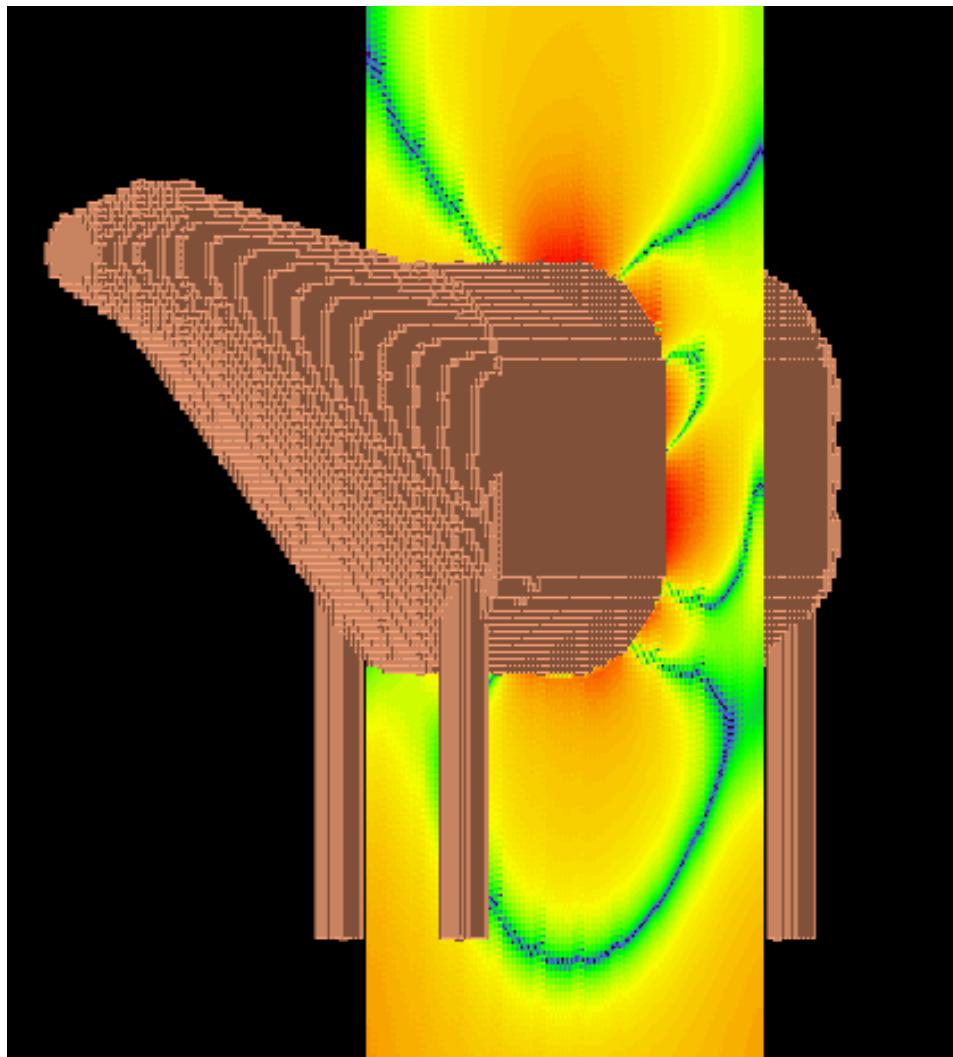
# Transmitter Inside Cow



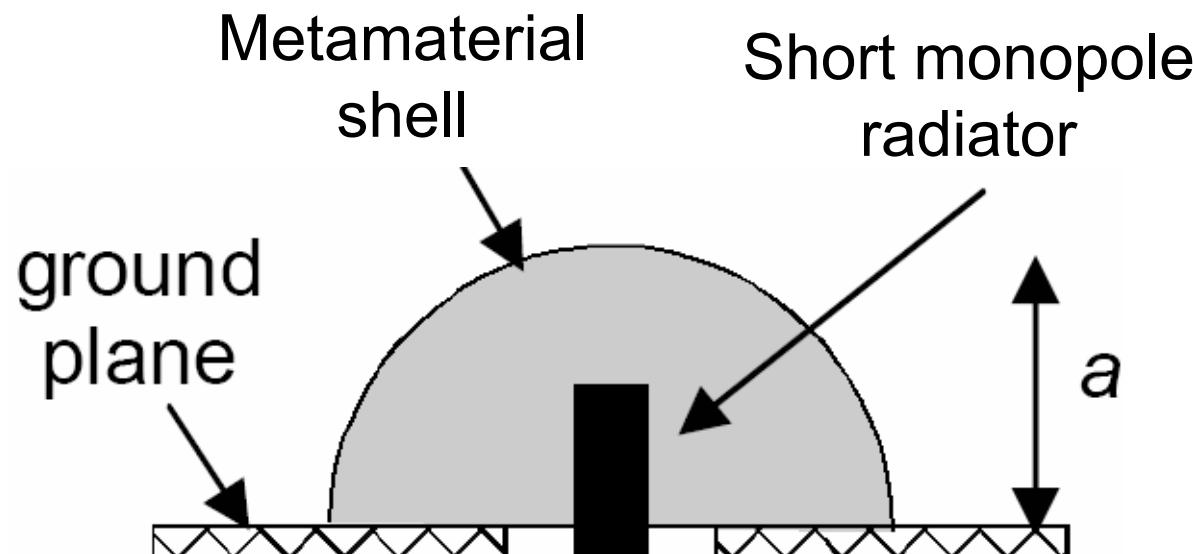
# Performance of Cow Radome – Longitudinal Plane



# Cow Radome – Transverse Plane

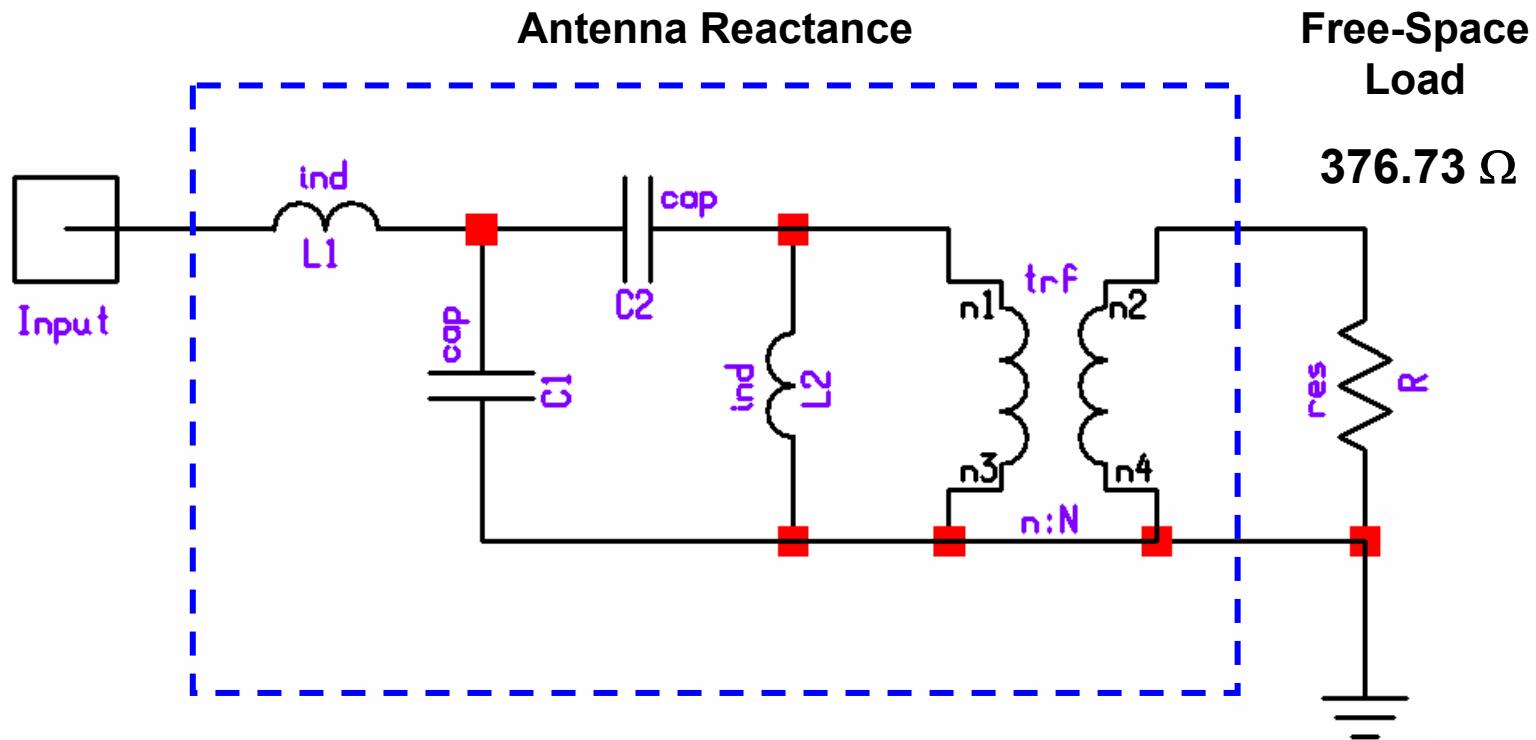


# Bell Laboratories Monopole in Metamaterial Shell

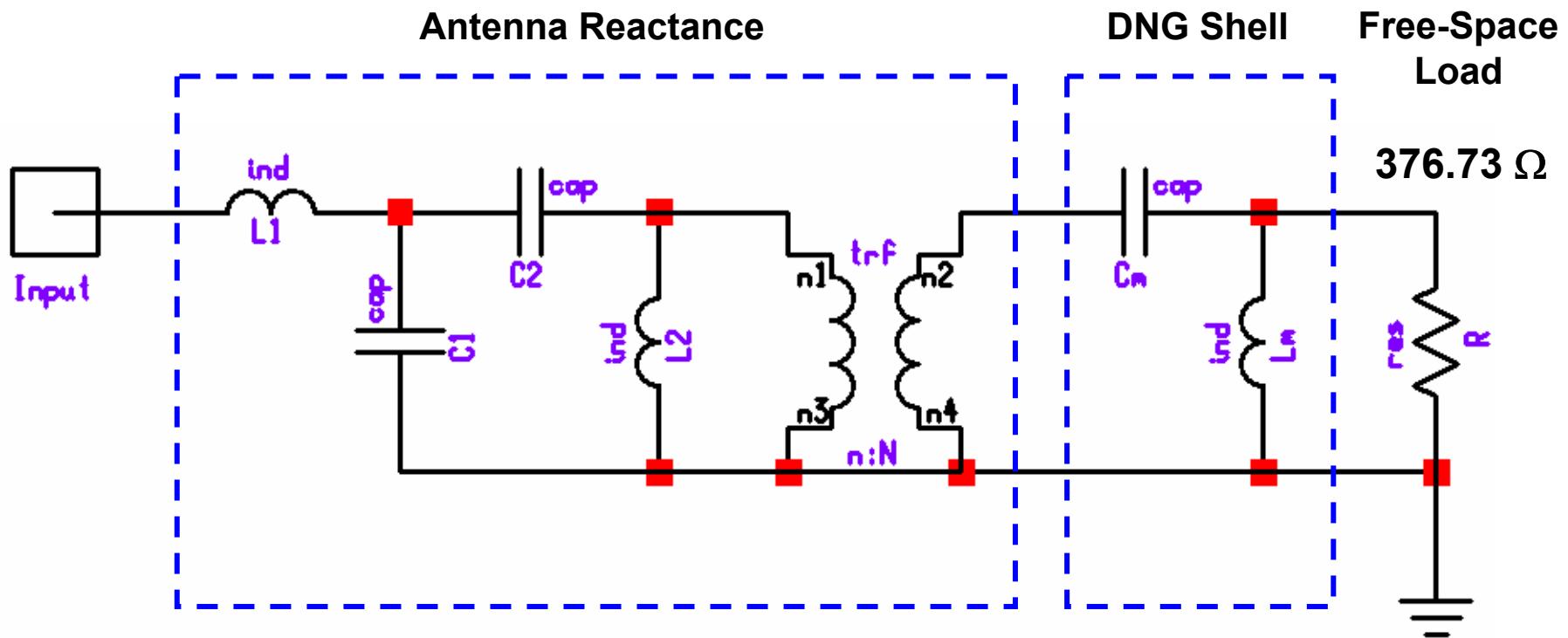


- Shell type: ENG
- Stub length:  $\lambda/50$
- Shell radius:  $\lambda/18.5$
- Frequency: 2.025 GHz
- Z: 50 ohms real
- VSWR: < 1.02
- Bandwidth: 4.76%
- $Q_A$ : 42 ( $Q_{Chu}$  = 28.9)
- Polarization: vertical
- Efficiency: > 61%

# Two-Port Equivalent Circuit of Monopole Antenna



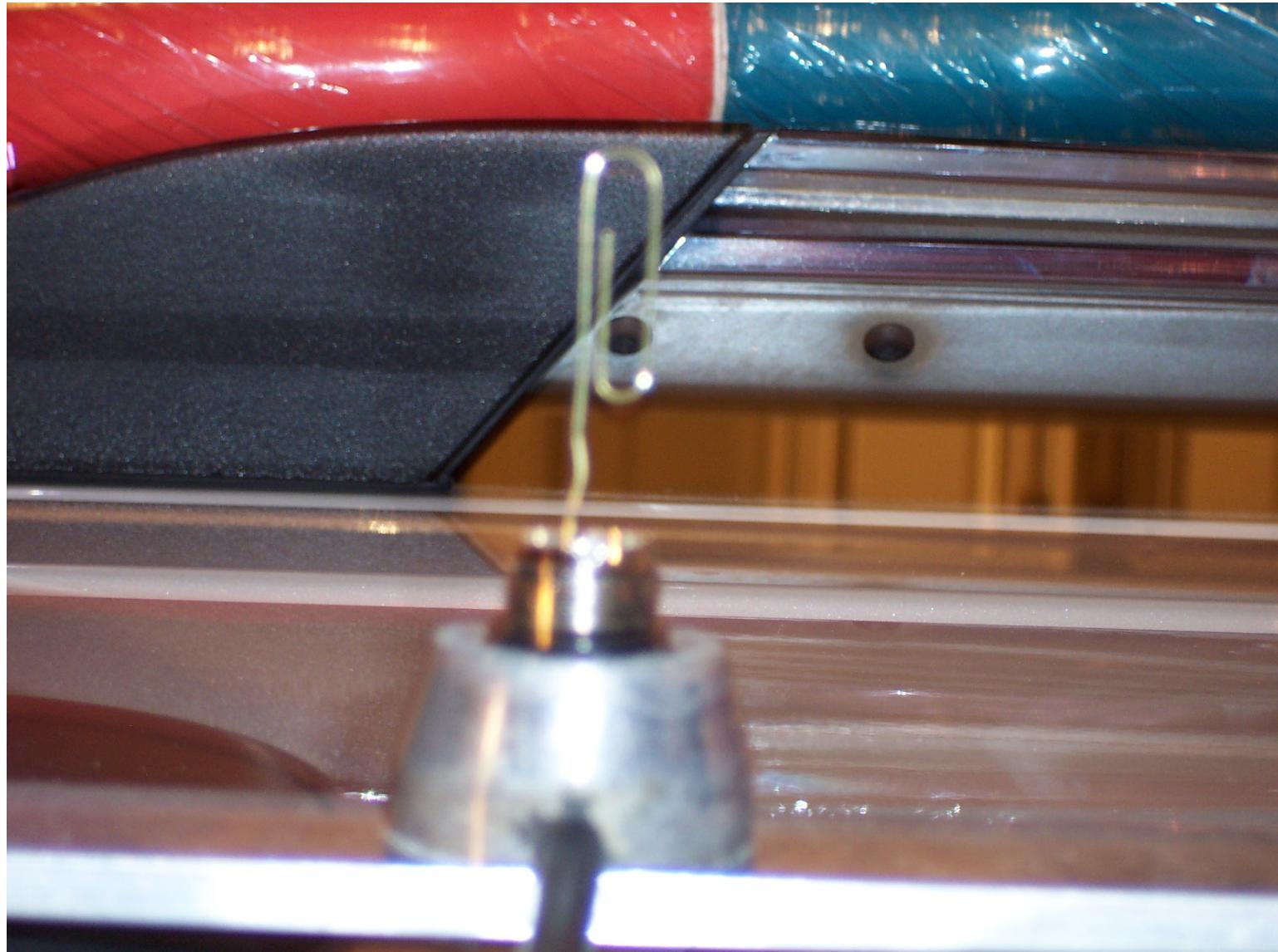
# Monopole Space-Matched by Thin DNG Shell



# K6OIK's Electrically-Small 2-Meter Antenna



# Close Up View of the Radiator



# Metamaterial Radome for Impedance Matching



# Radome for Impedance Matching on 2 Meters



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# **Analyzing Terrain Effects by Computational Electromagnetics**

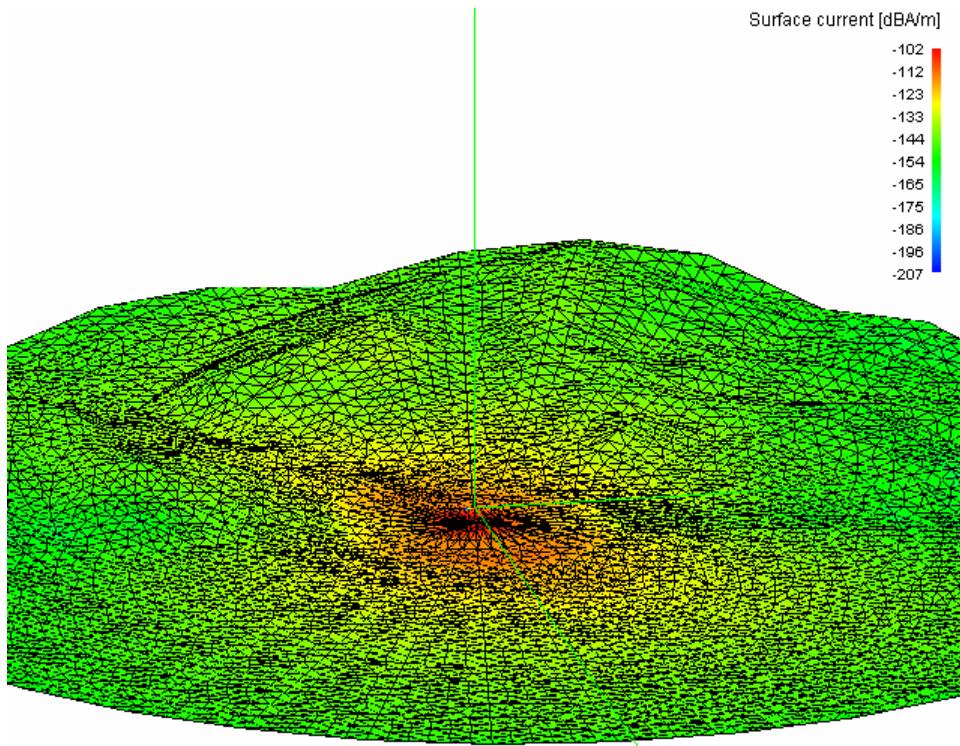
**Meshing Silicon Valley  
Courtesy of Keith Snyder, KI6BDR**

# Antenna Modeling Software for Radio Amateurs

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- **EZNEC and EZNEC+ by Roy Lewallen, W7EL**
  - 500 and 1,500 segments respectively, \$89 and \$139
- **EZNEC-ARRL**
  - Included on *ARRL Antenna Book* CD, \$45
- **MultiNEC by Dan Maguire, AC6LA, <http://www.ac6la.com>**
  - Low cost but currently unavailable
  - Puts EZNEC on autopilot for making a series of many runs
  - Doesn't work with EZNEC-ARRL
- **4nec2 by Arie Voors, <http://home.ict.nl/~arivoors>**
  - Free download
  - Runs under Windows 2000 and XP
  - Handles up to 11,000 segments
  - Optimizer included
- **Professional evaluation software**
  - FEKO LITE <http://www.feko.info>
  - WIPL-D Lite <http://www.wipl-d.com>

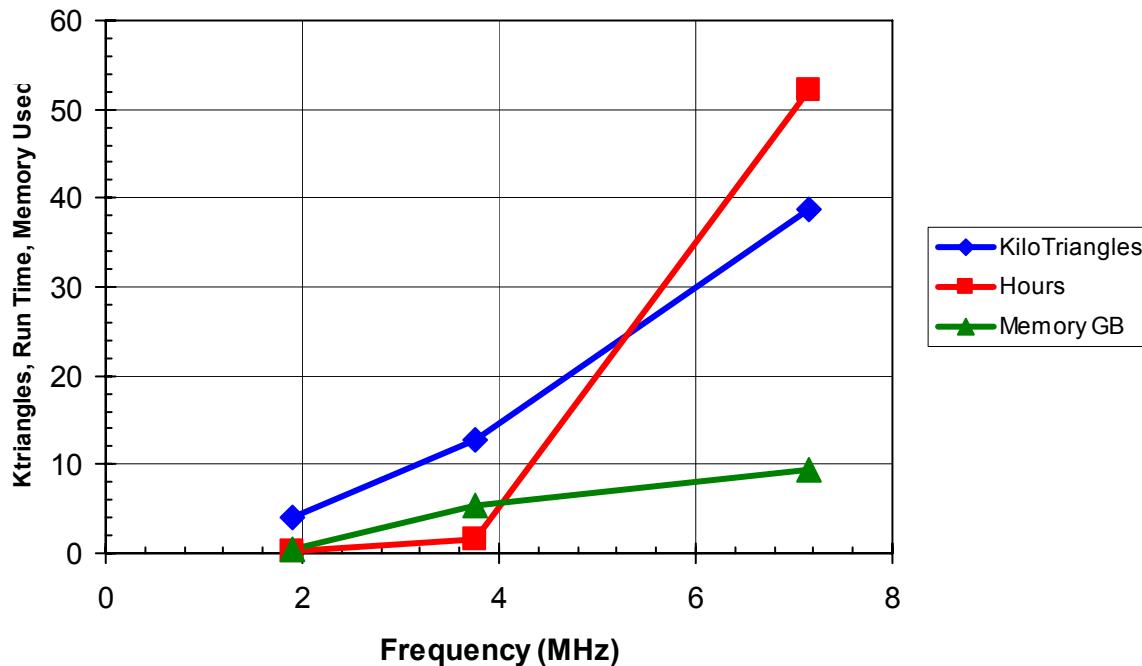
# Earth Currents and Hills Looking South West



# **Computer Used For Antenna Design and Electromagnetic Systems Analysis**

<b>Description</b>	<b>6 Xi NetRAIDer network servers</b>
<b>Processors</b>	<b>12 AMD Opteron 64-bit</b>
<b>Memory</b>	<b>96 Gbytes</b>
<b>Disk storage</b>	<b>12 Tbytes</b>
<b>Compute speed</b>	<b>&gt; 53 GFLOPs/sec</b>

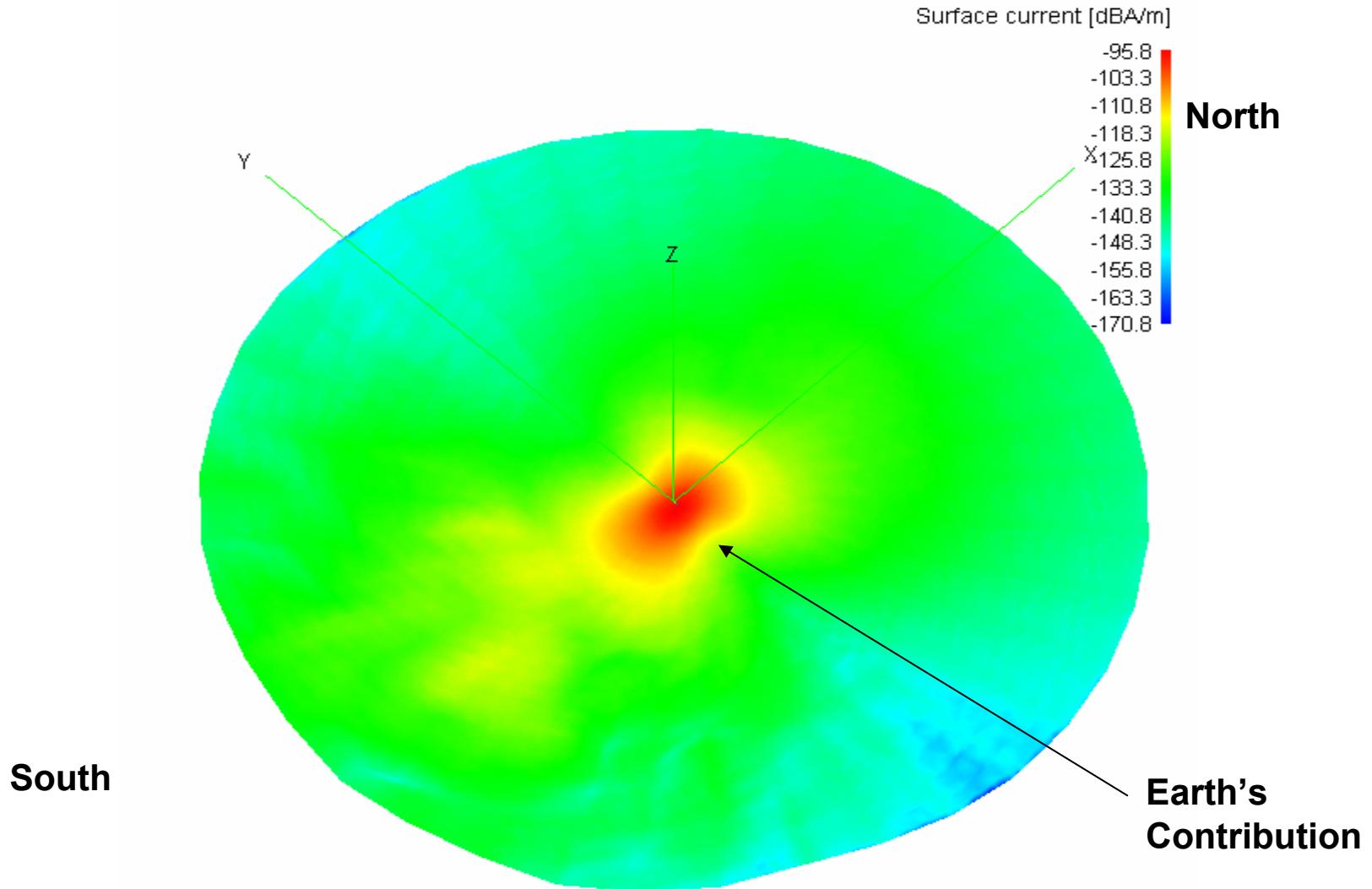
# Required Computation



Frequency (kHz)	Triangles	Hours	Memory (GB)
1,900	3,928	0.125	0.53
3,750	12,834	1.54	5.48
7,150	38,717	52.1	9.38

# Ground Currents

7.15 MHz Antenna Height = 50 m, Polarization = Horizontal



# 3D Antenna Pattern

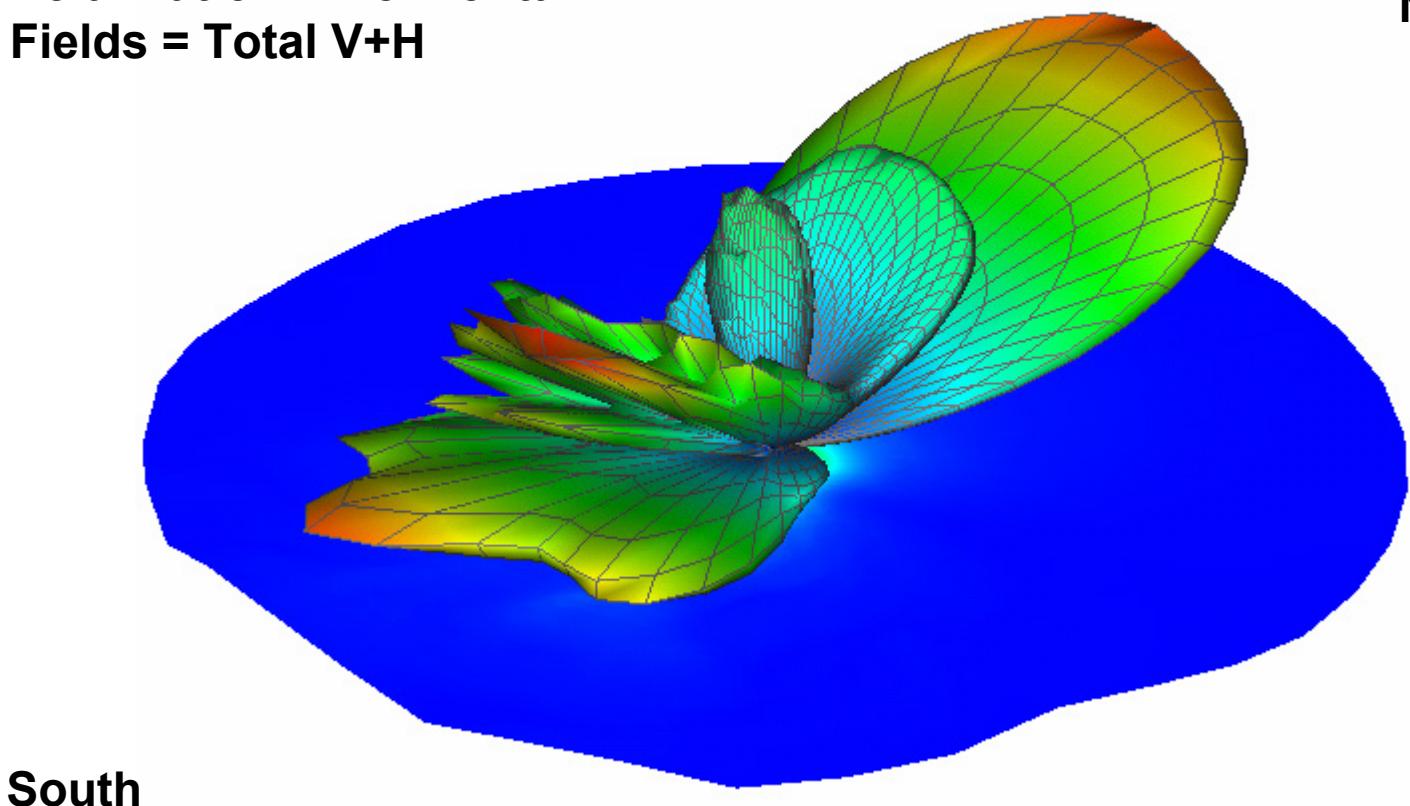
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Antenna Height = 50 m

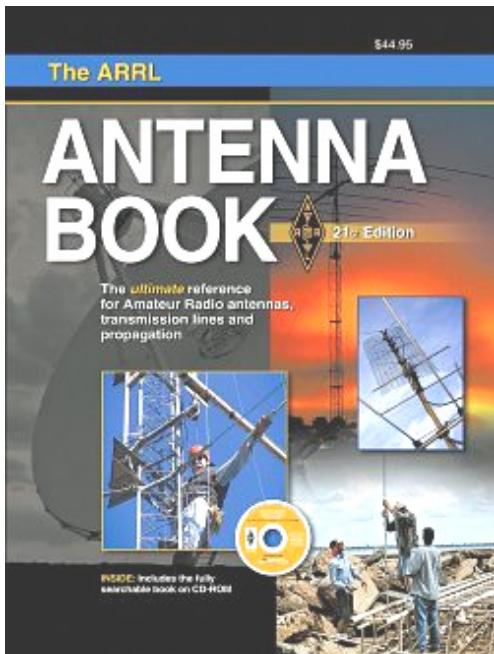
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Fields = Total V+H

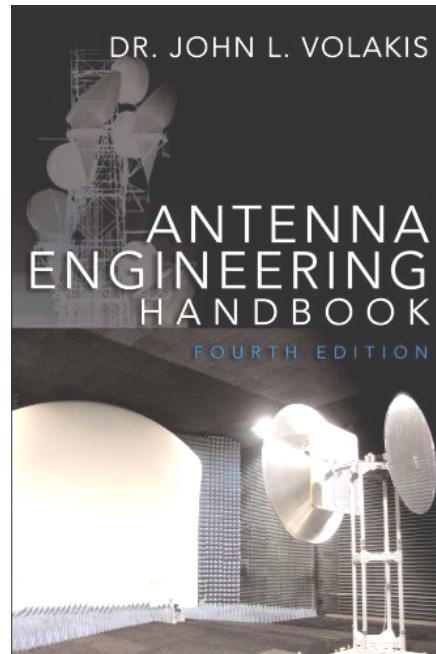
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# New Antenna Books for 2007

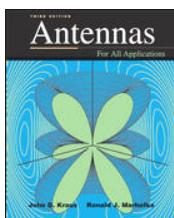
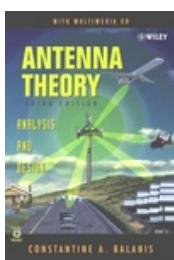
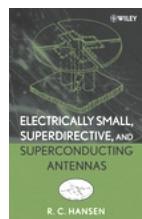
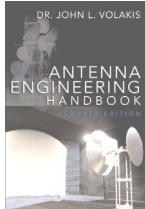


Amateur Reference



Engineering Reference

# Favorite Antenna Books



## Books for antenna engineers and students

- *Antenna Engineering Handbook*, 4<sup>th</sup> ed., J.L. Volakis editor, McGraw-Hill, 2007, ISBN 0071475745. First published in 1961, Henry Jasik editor.
- R.C. Hansen, *Electrically Small, Superdirective, and Superconducting Antennas*, Wiley, 2006, ISBN 0471782556.
- C.A. Balanis, *Antenna Theory*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed., Wiley, 2005, ISBN 047166782X. First published in 1982 by Harper & Row.
- J.D. Kraus and R.J. Marhefka, *Antennas*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed., McGraw-Hill, 2001, ISBN 0072321032. First published in 1950.
- S.J. Orfanidis, *Electromagnetic Waves and Antennas*, draft textbook online at <http://www.ece.rutgers.edu/~orfanidi/ewa/>
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## Antenna research papers

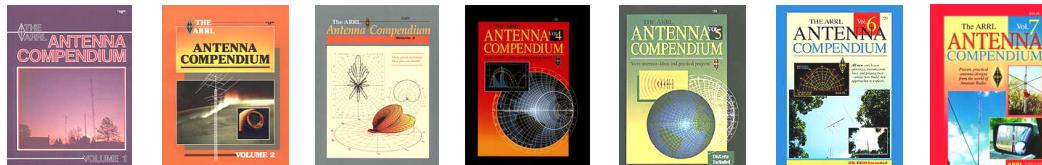
- IEEE AP-S Digital Archive, 1952-2000 (2 DVDs), JD0351.
- IEEE AP-S Digital Archive, 2001-2003 (1 DVD), JD0301.

# Favorite Antenna Books continued

## Books for radio amateurs

- *ARRL Antenna Book*, 21<sup>st</sup> ed., Dean Straw (N6BV) editor, American Radio Relay League, 2007, ISBN 0872599876.
- *Practical Wire Antennas 2*, Ian Poole (G3YWX) editor, Radio Society of Great Britain, 2005, ISBN 1905086040.
- J. Devoldere (ON4UN), *ON4UN's Low-Band Dxing*, 4<sup>th</sup> ed., American Radio Relay League, 2005, ISBN 0872599140.
- J. Sevick (W2FMI), *The Short Vertical Antenna and Ground Radial*, CQ Communications, 2003, ISBN 0943016223.
- L. Moxon (G6XN), *HF Antennas for All Locations*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., Radio Society of Great Britain, 1983, ISBN 1872309151.

## ARRL Antenna Compendium series – Volumes 1 through 7



## ARRL Antenna Classics series – five titles



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