

# Wang Algebra and Interconnects

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# Wang Algebra – 70+ Years Ago

**K.T. Wang, “On a new method of analysis of electrical networks,” in *Memoirs 2, Nat. Res. Inst. Eng. Academia Sinica*, pp. 1-11, 1934**

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C.T. Tsai, “Short cut methods of Wang algebra of network problems,” *Chinese J. Physics*, vol. 3, pp. 141-181, 1939

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W.K. Chen, *Graph Theory and Its Engineering Applications* (ch. 5, sect. 4, “The Wang-algebra formulation”), World Scientific Publ., 1997

**Wang Algebra:**

$$\mathbf{XX} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{X+X} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{XY} = \mathbf{YX}$$

=

$$*\mathbf{W}*$$



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# Wang Algebra

**“K. T. Wang managed an electrical power plant in China, and in his spare time sought simple rules for solving the network equations. Wang's rules were published in the reference indicated below [5]. Wang could not write in English so his paper was actually written by his son, then a college student. Raoul Bott and I recognized that Wang's rules actually define an algebra. We restated the rules as three postulates for an algebra:**

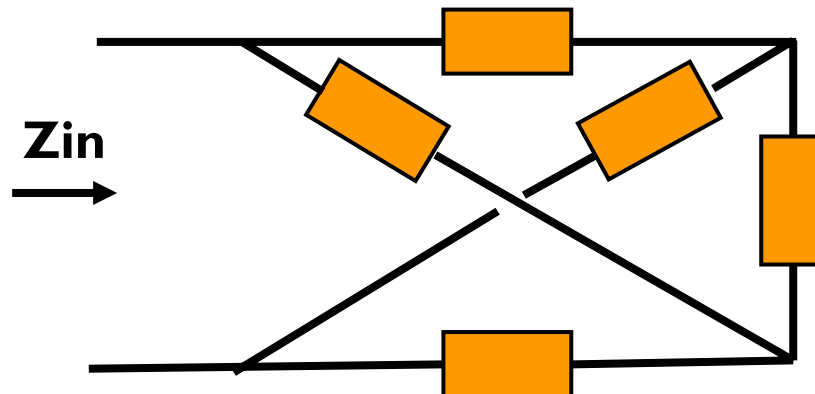
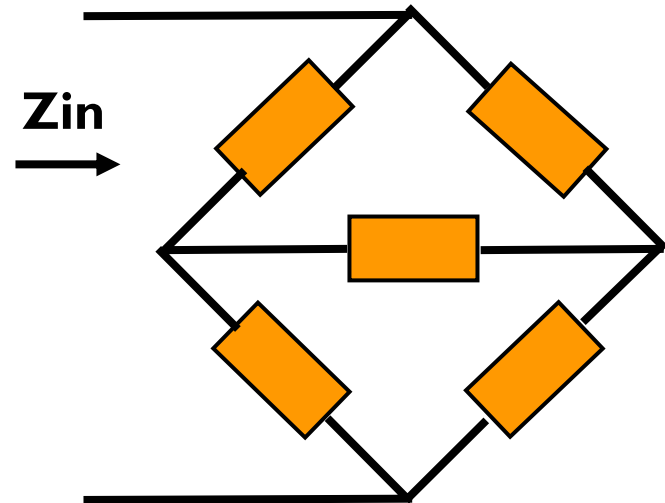
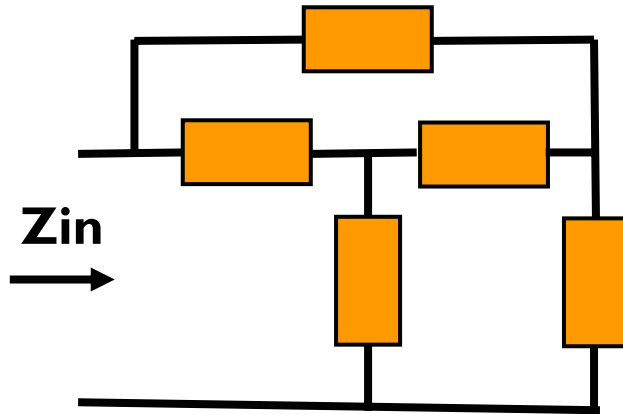
$$xy = yx, x + x = 0, xx = 0.”$$

R.J. Duffin, “Some Problems of Mathematics and Science,” Bulletin of the American Mathematical Society, Nov. 1974, p. 1060, web link:

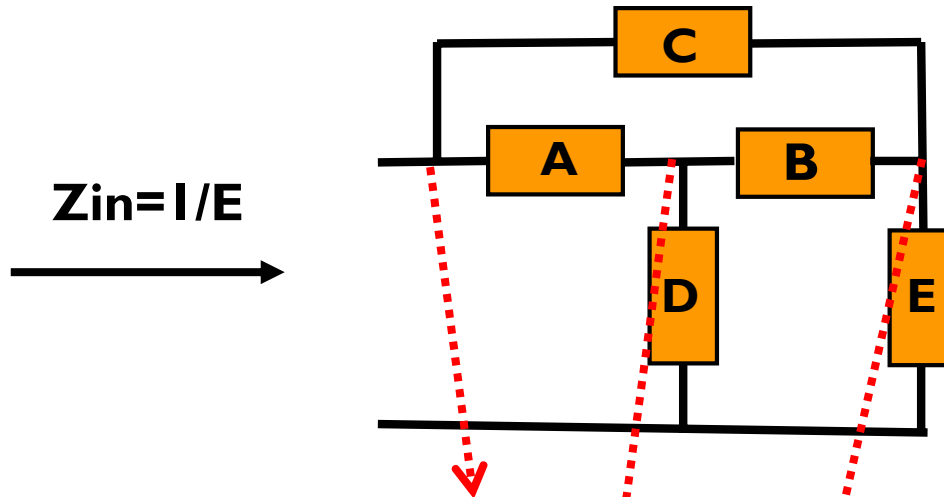
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(“[5]” is the K.T. Wang reference on slide 2)

# Easy General Solutions (Including Difficult Topologies)



# Solving $[I]=[Y][V]$ for $Z_{in}$ (Traditional Method)



**Nodal Equations:**

**A ... E are  
admittances**

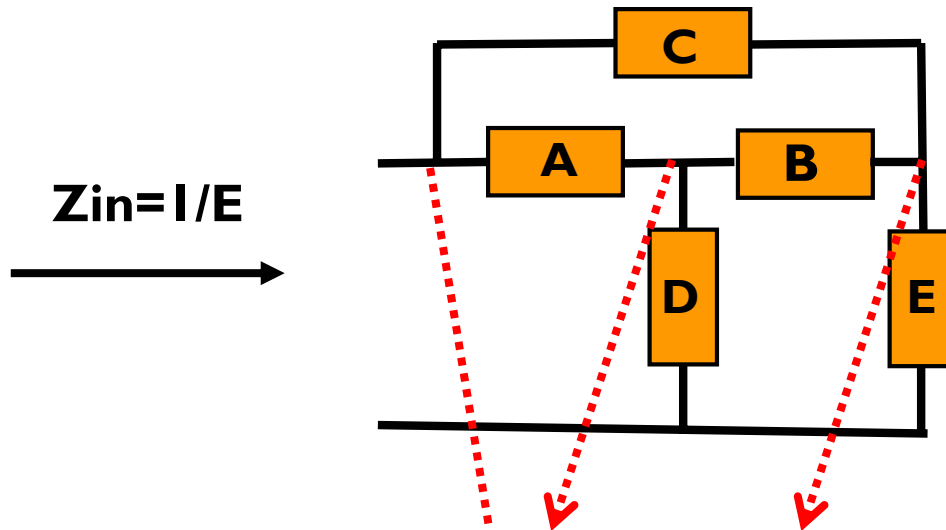
$$E = I/R$$

$$[I] = [Y][V] = \begin{bmatrix} I_{in} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A+C & -A & -C \\ -A & A+B+D & -B \\ -C & -B & B+C+E \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_{in} \\ V_D \\ V_E \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Z_{in} = \frac{V_{in}}{I_{in}} = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} A+B+D & -B \\ -B & B+C+E \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} A+C & -A & -C \\ -A & A+B+D & -B \\ -C & -B & B+C+E \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{AB + AC + AE + BC + BD + BE + CD + DE}{ABD + ABE + ACD + ACE + ADE + BCD + BCE + CDE}$$

**(18 initial terms yields 8  
final denominator terms)**

# Solving $[I]=[Y][V]$ for $Z_{in} = R$ (Wang Algebra)



**Nodal Equations:**

**A ... E are  
admittances**

$$E = I/R$$

$$Z_{in} = \frac{\text{numerator}}{\text{denominator}} = \frac{(A + B + D) * W * (B + C + E)}{(A + C) * W * (\text{numerator})} = \frac{1}{E}$$

**XX=0**



$$AB + AC + AE + \cancel{BB} + BC + BE + BD + CD + DE$$

**X+X=0**



$$\cancel{ABC} + ABE + ABD + ACD + ADE + \cancel{ABC} + ACE + BCE + BCD + CDE$$

**(after**

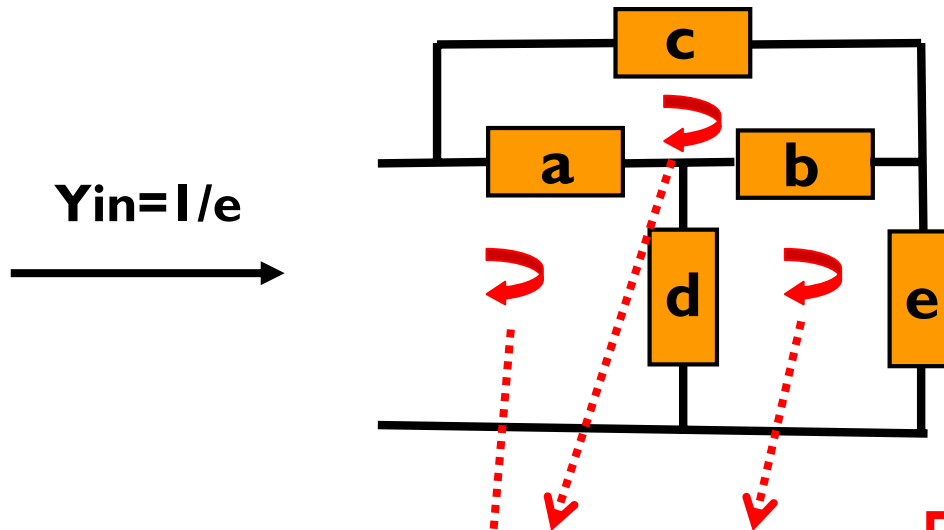
**XX=0)**

$$= \frac{AB + AC + AE + BC + BD + BE + CD + DE}{ABD + ABE + ACD + ACE + ADE + BCD + BCE + CDE}$$



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# Solving $[V]=[Z][I]$ for $Z_{in}= I/Y_{in} = R$ (Wang Algebra)



Loop Equations:

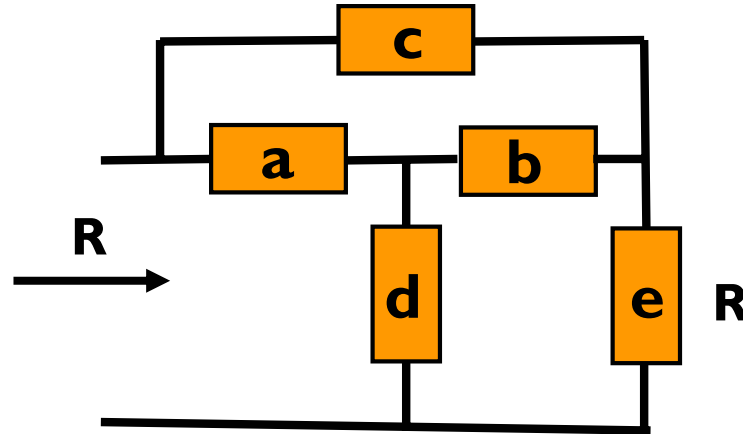
a ... e are  
impedances

e = R

$$Y_{in} = \frac{\text{numerator}}{\text{denominator}} = \frac{(a + \cancel{b} + c) * \boxed{W} * (b + d + e)}{(a + d) * \boxed{W} * (\text{numerator})} = \boxed{\frac{1}{e}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{XX}=0 \rightarrow \frac{ab + ad + ae + \cancel{bb} + bd + be + bc + cd + ce}{=} \\ &\text{X+X}=0 \rightarrow \frac{\cancel{abd} + abe + abc + acd + ace + \cancel{abd} + ade + bde + bcd + cde}{=} \\ &\text{(after } \text{XX}=0) \rightarrow \boxed{\frac{ab + ad + ae + bd + be + bc + cd + ce}{abc + abe + acd + ace + ade + bde + bcd + cde}} \end{aligned}$$

# Constant R Constraint



## General

$$d(a + b) + ab + R(a - b) - R^2 - \frac{R^2(a + b)}{c} = 0$$

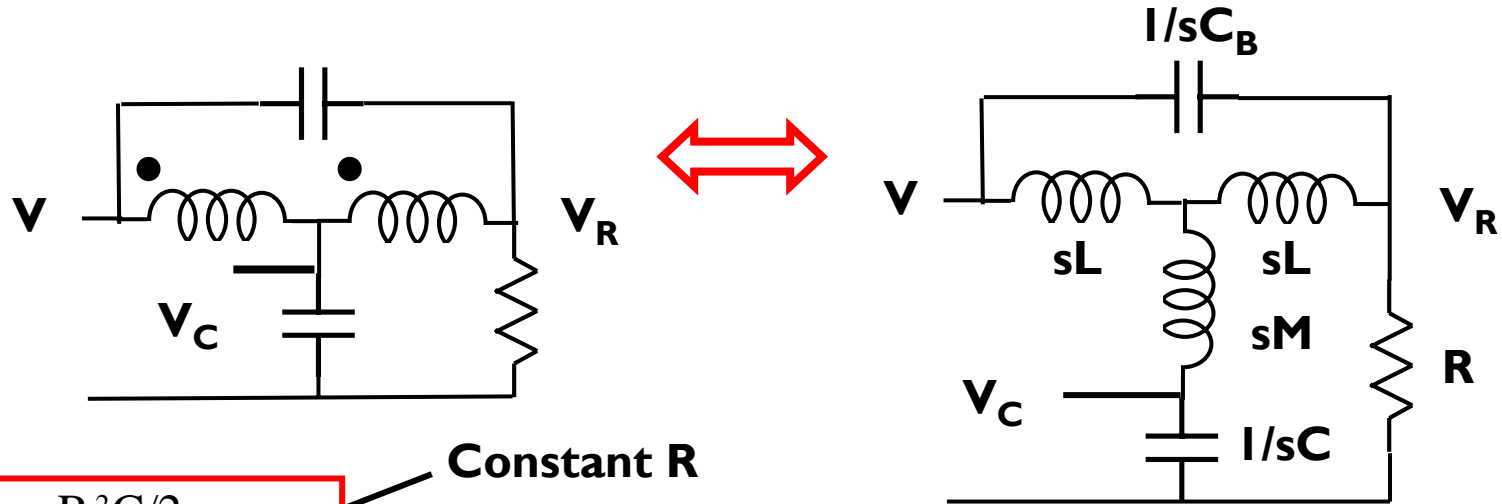
## Symmetric (a = b)

$$2da + a^2 - R^2 - \frac{2R^2a}{c} = 0$$

**Substitute impedances and equate powers of the Laplace variable “s” for constant R relationships**



# (Constant R) T-coil Example



Constant R

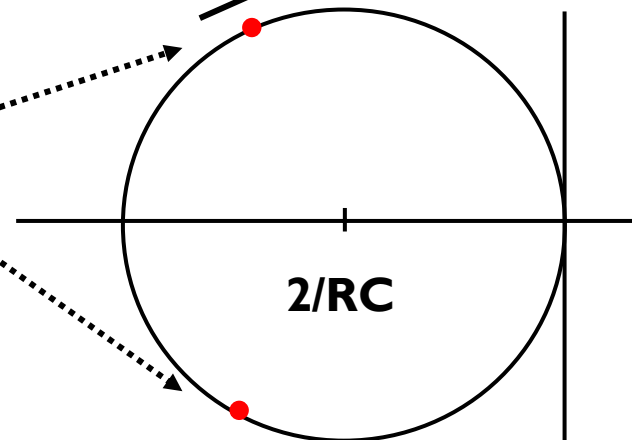
$$L = R^2 C / 2$$

$$M = R^2 C_B - L / 2$$

$$\frac{V_C}{V} = \frac{1}{R^2 C C_B s^2 + \frac{RC}{2} s + 1}$$

$$\frac{V_R}{V} = \frac{R^2 C C_B s^2 - \frac{RC}{2} s + 1}{R^2 C C_B s^2 + \frac{RC}{2} s + 1}$$

Increasing  $C_B$

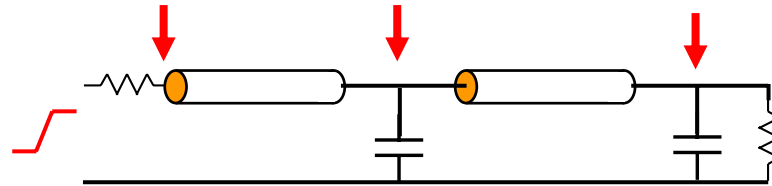
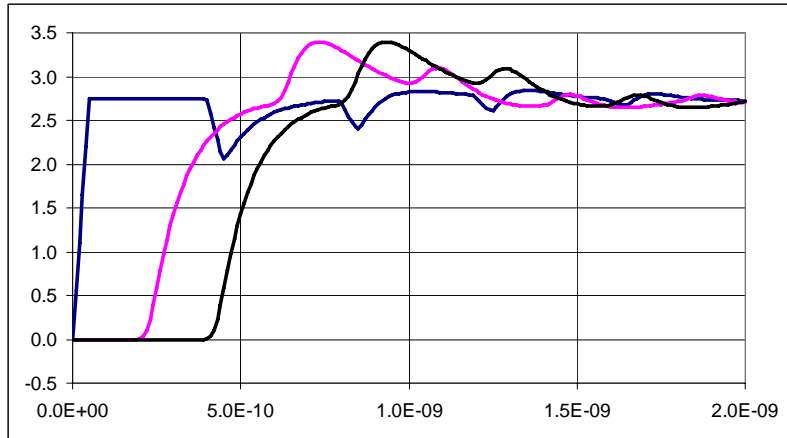


**Poles 30 degrees for maximally flat envelope delay (MFED)**



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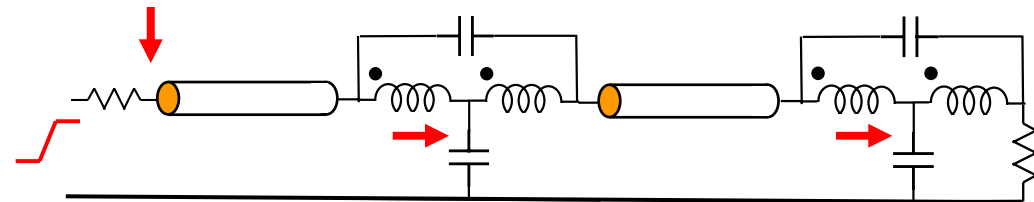
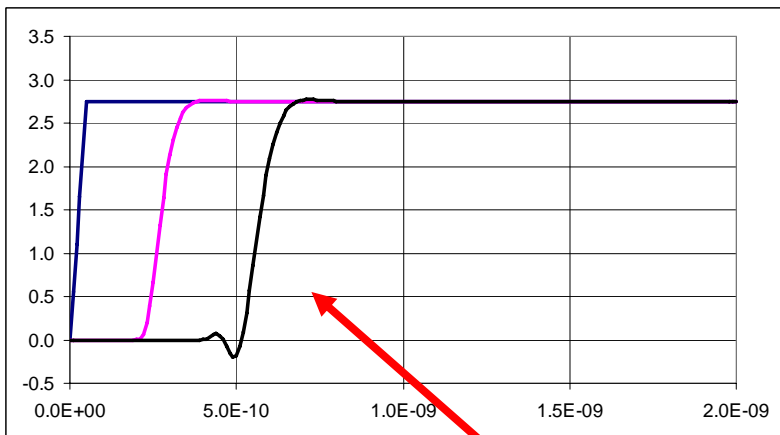
# T-coil Improvement (Terminated Multi-drop Line)



**$R_{\text{source}} = 10 \, \Omega$ ,  $R_{\text{load}} = 50 \, \Omega$**

**$C = 2 \, \text{pF}$ ,  $TL = 50 \, \Omega$ , 200 ps**

**$V_{\text{in}} = 0 \text{ to } 3.3 \, \text{V}$ , 50 ps ramp**



**Cleaner and faster responses, but with more delay**

# Historical Applications (I)

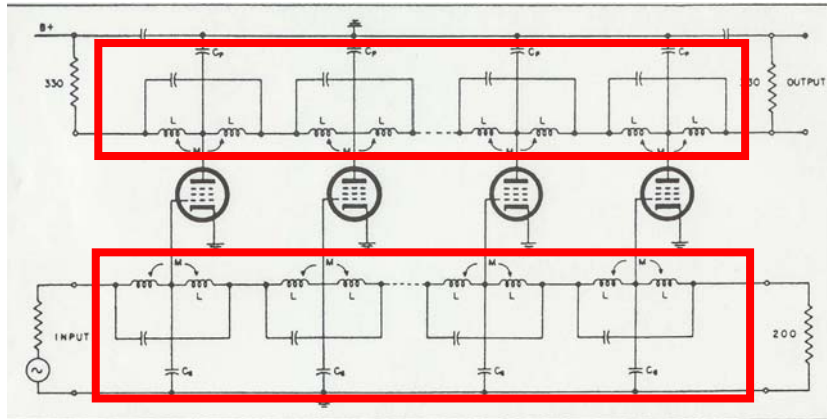
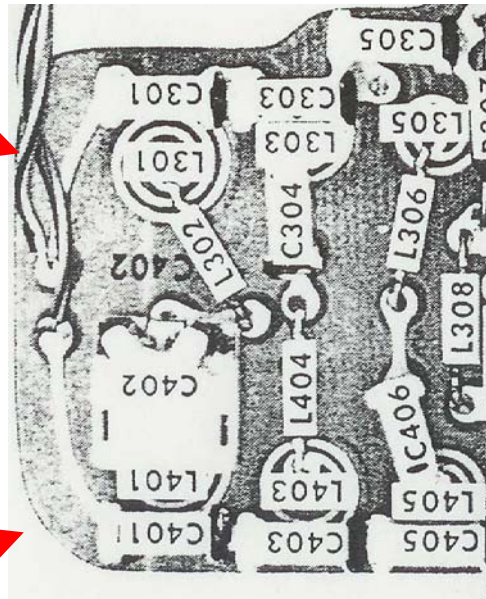
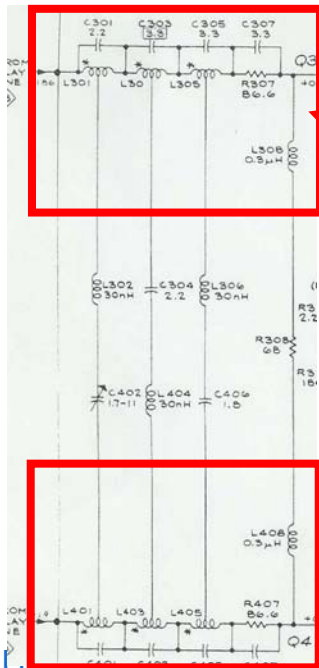


Figure 3. Basic Amplifier Circuit Using Bridged-T Lines

# High speed (traveling wave) distributed amplifier in 1940's (Similar to GTL and source synchronous control)

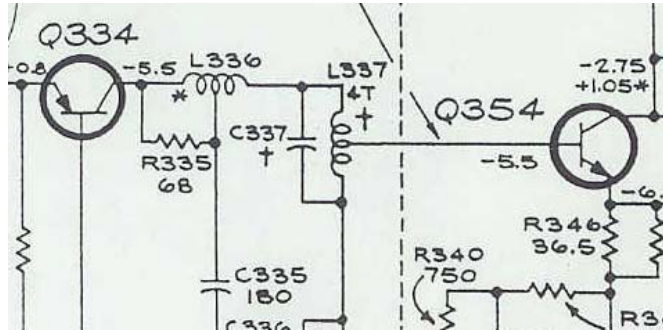


# Dual input delay line phase equalization using cascaded printed circuit board T-coils in 1960's



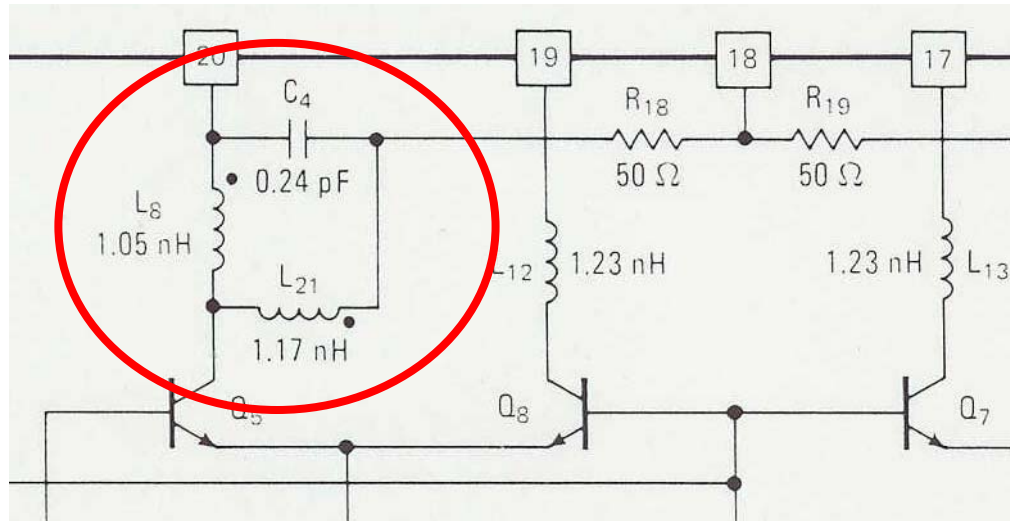
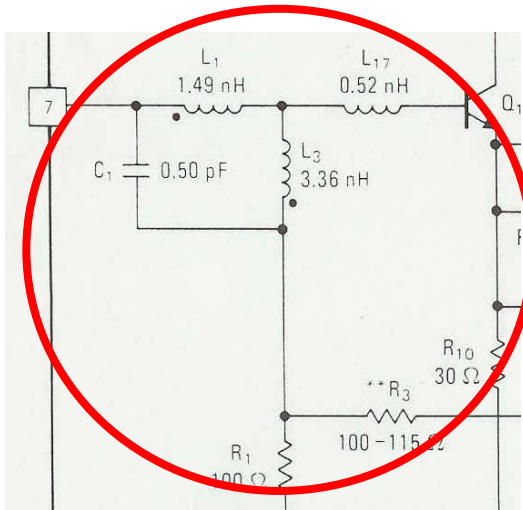
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# Historical Applications (2)

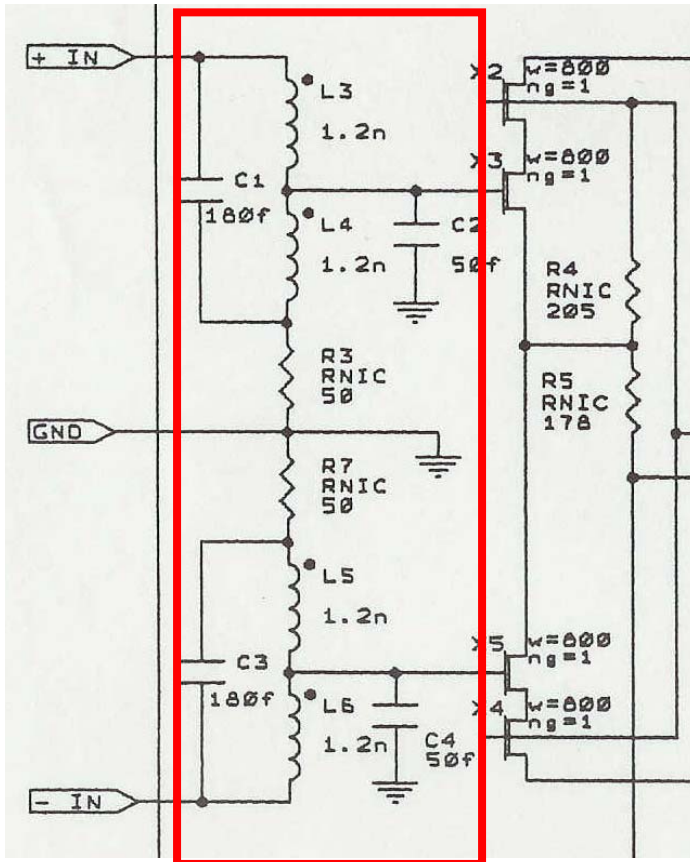


**Parasitic bandwidth switch compensation and cascaded interstage peaking in 1960's**

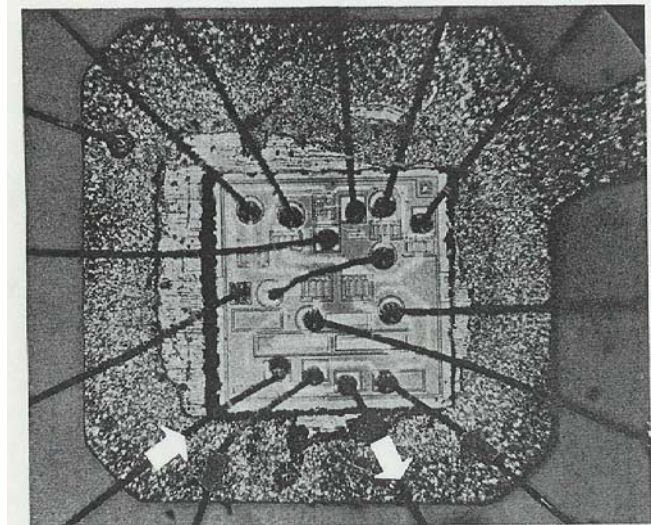
**One-half of hybrid IC differential 50  $\Omega$  input and 50  $\Omega$  output with asymmetrical T-coils in 1970's (Current mode logic-like output)**



# Historical Applications (3)



**High speed 50  $\Omega$  input for FET hybrid IC and with metalization (not shown) for T-coils in 1990's**



7. A chip trick. Tee-coil is realized by looping the input signals thro

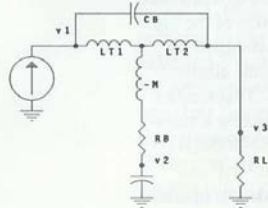
**Package bond wire compensation with T-coil trick in 1970's**



# Original and General Lossy Derivations Used Wang Algebra

## Two Types of Lossy Capacitor T-coils

### ROSS CONSTANT-RESISTANCE T-COIL



$$L_{T1} = \frac{R_L^2 C}{2} \left(1 - \frac{R_B}{R_L}\right)$$

$$L_{T2} = \frac{R_L^2 C}{2} \left(1 + \frac{R_B}{R_L}\right)$$

$$C_B = \frac{C}{16\delta^2} \left(1 + \frac{R_B}{R_L}\right)^2$$

$$M = \frac{R_L^2 C}{4} \left[1 - \left(\frac{R_B}{R_L}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{4\delta^2} \left(1 + \frac{R_B}{R_L}\right)^2\right]$$

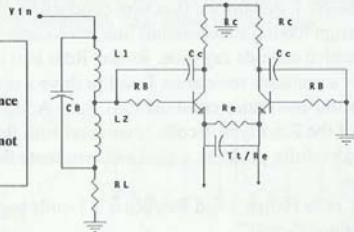
$\delta = \text{damping factor of quadratic response}$

$\frac{v_1}{i} = R_L$  The Constant-Resistance property

$\frac{v_2}{i_{in}} = \frac{R_L}{1 + \frac{(R_L + R_B)}{2} C s + R_L^2 C C_B s^2}$  Two Pole Response

### HALLEN MINIMUM VSWR T-COIL

For the Hallen and the Ross T-coils  
 $L_{total} = R_L^2 C_{total}$   
 As  $R_B$  gets bigger, the input coil inductance gets smaller.  
 With a finite  $R_B$ , the response at  $R_L$  is not allpass



$$L_{total} = R_L^2 \left[ \frac{T_i}{R_e} + \left( \frac{R_e}{R_L} + 1 \right) C_c \right]$$

$$L_1 = \frac{L_{total}}{2} \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{R_L} \left( \frac{R_e C_c T_i (R_e + 2R_B)}{(T_i + R_e C_c + R_e C_c)^2} - \frac{2R_B T_i + R_e R_e C_c}{T_i + R_e C_c + R_e C_c} \right) \right]$$

$$L_2 = L_{total} - L_1$$

$$C_B = \frac{1}{R_L^2} \left[ \frac{R_L C_c T_i (R_e + 2R_B) (L_1 - L_2)}{(T_i + R_e C_c + R_e C_c) (L_1 + L_2)} + \frac{2R_B R_e C_c T_i}{T_i + R_e C_c + R_e C_c} + \frac{L_1 L_2}{L_1 + L_2} \right]$$

Figure 10-11.  
Two Types of Lossy  
Capacitor T-coils.

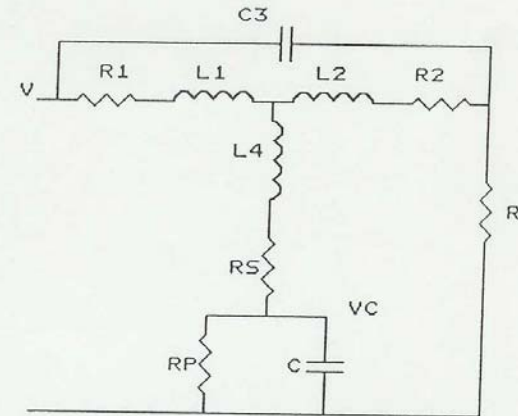


Figure 5: General asymmetrical bridged T-coil

B. Ross, "Generalization of T-Coil Equations," Proceeding of the Third Electrotechnical and Computer Science Conference ERK'94 (in Slovenia) Sept. 26-28, 1994, pp. 39-43.

**Tuned for bipolar transistor technology**

# T-coils, Interconnect, Terminators

- T-coil summary
  - Constant R provides ideal load or termination
  - MFED: 2.73 bandwidth improvement over RC
  - MFED: 0.4% overshoot for ideal step input
  - Complexity reduction (poles/zero cancellation): usually produces second order function for easier design
  - Lossless case: ideal MFED, double terminated thru path
- Interconnects and terminators
  - Older high-speed analog design ideas apply to current high-speed digital interconnects
  - Constant R target yields many benefits

# Wang Algebra

- Useful “trick” for easy calculations
  - Regular algebra plus  $xx=0$ ,  $x+x=0$  for on-going simplification
  - Numerator calculation first
  - Denominator from numerator result
  - Listing “xx” cancelled terms unnecessary
  - Accurate for larger, complex networks
- Used for T-coil technology advances



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