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### Spring 2012 Lecture 4

### Electrical B: Transmission lines ( $Z_0$ , velocity, lossless/lossy lines)

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## Interconnect modeling

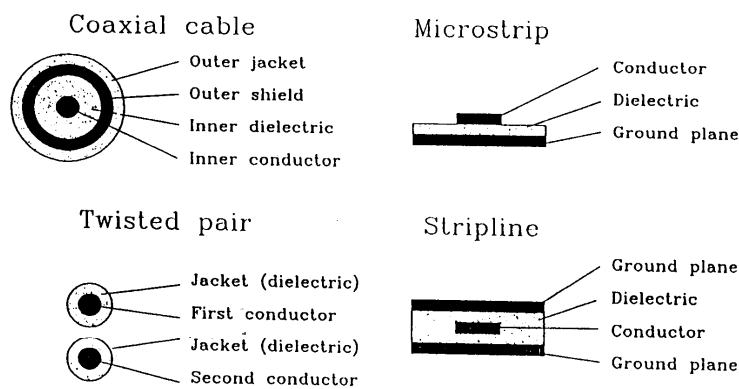


Figure 4.4 Cross sections of popular transmission line geometries.

### 4.2.1 Ideal Distortionless, Lossless Transmission Line

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# Transmission line effects

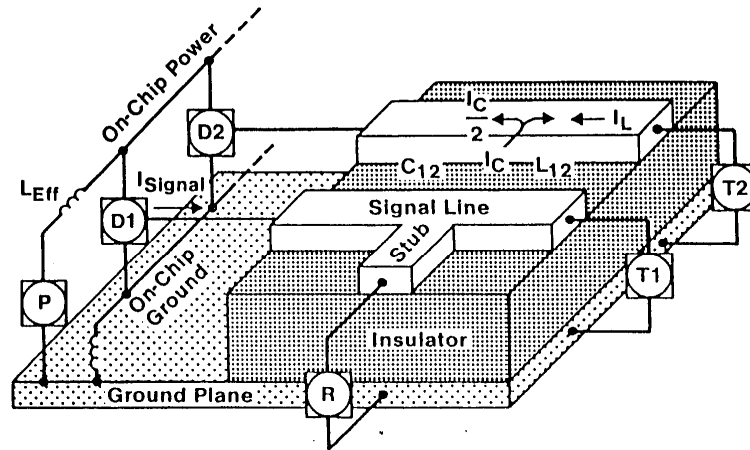


Figure 1-12. Causes of Reflected, Coupled, and Switching ( $\Delta I$ ) Noises.

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## Objectives

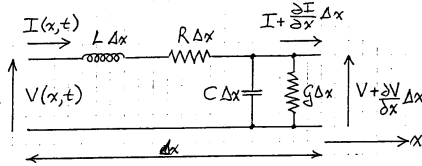
- Develop the concepts of:
  - Characteristic impedance  $Z_0$
  - Pulse velocity and line delay
  - Lossless line
    - Distortionless transmission
    - Shape factor
  - Effects of loss
    - Distortion
  - PWB routing

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# 1. Transmission line theory



$$V - (V + \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} \Delta x) = R \Delta x I + L \Delta x \frac{\partial I}{\partial t}$$

$$\text{ie. } -\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} = R I + L \frac{\partial I}{\partial t}$$

$$\text{Assume } V(x,t) = V(x) e^{j\omega t}$$

$$I(x,t) = I(x) e^{j\omega t}$$

$$\text{then } -\frac{dV(x)}{dx} = (R + j\omega L) I(x)$$

$$\text{And similarly } I - (I + \frac{\partial I}{\partial x} \Delta x) = G \Delta x V + C \Delta x \frac{\partial V}{\partial t}$$

$$\text{gives } -\frac{dI(x)}{dx} = (G + j\omega C) V(x)$$

$$\text{These give } \frac{d^2 V(x)}{dx^2} = (R + j\omega L)(G + j\omega C) V(x)$$

$$\& \frac{d^2 I(x)}{dx^2} = (G + j\omega C)(R + j\omega L) I(x)$$

2nd order differential equation has solution:

$$V(x) = A e^{-\lambda x} + B e^{+\lambda x}$$

$$\text{where } \lambda = [(R + j\omega L)(G + j\omega C)]^{1/2}$$

$$\text{ie. } V(x,t) = V(x) e^{j\omega t} = A e^{j\omega t - \lambda x} + B e^{j\omega t + \lambda x}$$

Forward wave (damped  $\lambda$ )      Reverse wave (damped  $\lambda$ )

$$\text{Similarly } I(x) = -(R + j\omega L)^{-1} \frac{dV(x)}{dx}$$

$$= -\frac{[-A e^{-\lambda x} + B e^{+\lambda x}] \lambda}{(R + j\omega L)}$$

$$= \frac{A e^{-\lambda x} - B e^{+\lambda x} (G + j\omega C)^{1/2}}{(R + j\omega L)^{1/2}}$$

$$= \frac{A e^{-\lambda x} - B e^{+\lambda x}}{Z_0}$$

where the Characteristic Impedance is

$$Z_0 = \sqrt{\frac{R + j\omega L}{G + j\omega C}}$$

Note: units  $\Omega$

Attenuation, dispersion, velocity:-

$$\lambda = [(R + j\omega L)(G + j\omega C)]^{1/2}$$

$$\text{Write } \lambda = \alpha + j\beta$$

Real part  $\alpha$  is attenuation

Imag. part  $\beta$  is dispersion

$$\lambda^2 = \alpha^2 - \beta^2 + 2j\beta\alpha = (RG - \omega^2 LC) + j\omega(RC + GL)$$

$$\therefore \alpha^2 - \beta^2 = RG - \omega^2 LC$$

$$2\alpha\beta = \omega(RC + GL)$$

$$\text{Substitute for } \beta = \frac{\omega}{2\alpha} (RC + GL)$$

$$\alpha^2 - \frac{\omega^2}{4\alpha^2} (RC + GL)^2 = (RG - \omega^2 LC)$$

$$(\alpha^2)^2 - (\alpha^2)(RG - \omega^2 LC) - \frac{\omega^2}{4} (RC + GL)^2 = 0$$

$$\alpha^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ (RG - \omega^2 LC) \pm [(RG - \omega^2 LC)^2 + \omega^2 (RC + GL)^2]^{1/2} \right\}$$

$$\& \beta^2 = \alpha^2 - (RG - \omega^2 LC)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ -(RG - \omega^2 LC) \pm [(RG - \omega^2 LC)^2 + \omega^2 (RC + GL)^2]^{1/2} \right\}$$

By comparison with standard wave equations:

$$V(x,t) = A e^{j\omega t - \lambda x} = A e^{j\omega t} e^{-(\alpha + j\beta)x}$$

$$= A e^{-\alpha x} e^{j\omega(t - \beta x)}$$

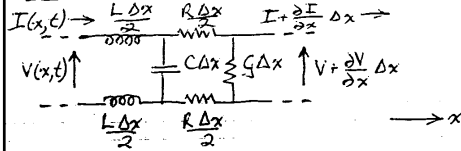
$$\text{ie. velocity } v = \omega/\beta$$

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## 2. Generalized theory summary

### TRANSMISSION LINE THEORY



$$V(x,t) = A e^{j\omega t - \lambda x} + B e^{j\omega t + \lambda x}$$

$$I(x,t) = \frac{A}{Z_0} e^{j\omega t - \lambda x} - \frac{B}{Z_0} e^{j\omega t + \lambda x}$$

→ Forward wave
← Reverse wave

where

$$Z_0 = \sqrt{\frac{R + j\omega L}{G + j\omega C}} \quad (\text{units } \Omega)$$

Characteristic Impedance

&

$$\lambda = \sqrt{(R + j\omega L)(G + j\omega C)}$$

$$= \alpha + j\beta$$

Attenuation
Dispersion

Wave velocity  $v = \omega/\beta$

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## 3. Lossless lines

In practice  $G \ll \omega C$  in practical systems

ie. set  $G \approx 0$

$$Z_0 \Rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{L}{C} + \left(\frac{R}{j\omega C}\right)}$$

$$\alpha^2 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \omega^2 LC \left\{ \left[ 1 + \left(\frac{R}{\omega L}\right)^2 \right]^{1/2} - 1 \right\}$$

$$\beta^2 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \omega^2 LC \left\{ \left[ 1 + \left(\frac{R}{\omega L}\right)^2 \right]^{1/2} + 1 \right\}$$

The usual approximation (not as good, but still normally valid) is that  $R \ll \omega L$

$$Z_0 \Rightarrow \sqrt{L/C} \quad \text{Note: "Real" but not dissipative}$$

$$\alpha \Rightarrow 0 \quad \text{ie. lossless}$$

$$\beta \Rightarrow [\omega^2 LC]^{1/2} = \omega \sqrt{LC}$$

$$\& \text{ velocity } v \Rightarrow \frac{\omega}{\omega \sqrt{LC}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$$

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## 4. $Z_0$ calculations

Need L, C

Also gives  $\beta$ ,  $v$

Easiest geometry is coaxial line  
(radial symmetry)

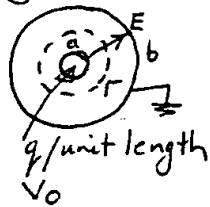
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### (a) For dielectric: C/unit length

GAUSS'S LAW  $\epsilon \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = \sum q_i$



$$\epsilon E 2\pi r(l) = q(l)$$

$$\therefore E = \frac{q}{2\pi\epsilon} \cdot \frac{1}{r}$$

$$\therefore V_0 = -\int_b^a E \cdot dr = \frac{q}{2\pi\epsilon} \ln \frac{b}{a}$$

$$\text{Capacitance/unit length } C = q/V_0 = 2\pi\epsilon / \ln(b/a)$$

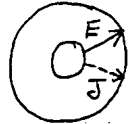
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(b) For leakage conductance:  
G/unit length

(b) FOR LEAKAGE CONDUCTANCE:  $G$  /unit length



Current density  $\vec{J} = \sigma \vec{E}$

& using  $E, V_0$  from above  $E = \frac{1}{r} \frac{V_0}{\ln(b/a)}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Conductance/unit length } G &= I/V_0 = \frac{J(r) 2\pi r \times l}{V_0} / l \\ &= \frac{\sigma}{V_0} 2\pi r \frac{1}{r} \frac{V_0}{\ln(b/a)} \\ &= 2\pi\sigma / \ln(b/a) \end{aligned}$$

Note: for  $G \ll \omega C$  need  $\sigma \ll \omega \epsilon$   
or  $\omega \gg \sigma/\epsilon$

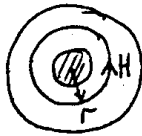
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(c) For inductance: L/unit length

(c) FOR INDUCTANCE:  $L$  /unit length



$$\vec{B} = \mu \vec{H} = \mu \frac{I}{2\pi r}$$

$$I = \oint \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{l}$$

$$\phi = \int \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

$$\text{Magnetic Flux } \phi = \int_a^b B dr \times l = \frac{\mu I}{2\pi} \ln(b/a)$$

$$L = \frac{\phi/l}{I} = \frac{\mu}{2\pi} \ln(b/a)$$

↑  
/unit length.

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## Coaxial line summary (lossless)

∴ Characteristic impedance

$$Z_0 = \sqrt{L/C} = \left\{ \frac{\mu}{2\pi} \ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right) \left[ \frac{2\pi\epsilon}{\ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)} \right]^{-1} \right\}^{1/2}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}} \cdot \frac{\ln(b/a)}{2\pi} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}} \times \text{shape factor}$$

Velocity

$$v = (LC)^{-1/2} = \left( \frac{2\pi \ln(b/a)}{\mu \ln(b/a) 2\pi \epsilon} \right)^{1/2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu \epsilon}} \quad \text{Note: independent of geometry}$$

& for  $\mu \approx \mu_0$   
 $\epsilon = \epsilon_r \epsilon_0 \Rightarrow \frac{(\mu_0 \epsilon_0)^{-1/2}}{\sqrt{\epsilon_r}} = \frac{c}{\sqrt{\epsilon_r}}$

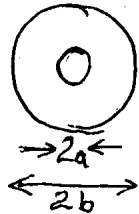
Dispersion =  $\omega \sqrt{LC} = \omega \sqrt{\mu \epsilon}$   
 $\Rightarrow \sqrt{\epsilon_r} \cdot \frac{\omega}{c}$  radians/meter

$Z_0 \Rightarrow 376.7 \left( \frac{\text{s.f.}}{\sqrt{\epsilon_r}} \right) \Omega$

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eg. Coaxial line



$$L = \frac{\mu}{2\pi} \ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right) \text{ H/m}$$

$$C = 2\pi\epsilon / \ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right) \text{ F/m}$$

$$\therefore Z_0 = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}} \frac{\ln(b/a)}{2\pi}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}} \times \text{Shape factor}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{\mu_0}}{\sqrt{\epsilon_0}} \times \frac{\text{Shape factor}}{\sqrt{\epsilon_r}}$$

$$= 376.7 \Omega \left( \frac{\text{s.f.}}{\sqrt{\epsilon_r}} \right)^{1/2}$$

$$v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu \epsilon}}$$

$$\approx \frac{(\mu_0 \epsilon_0)^{-1/2}}{\sqrt{\epsilon_r}}$$

$$= \frac{c}{\sqrt{\epsilon_r}}$$

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**TABLE 5.2** CONDUCTANCE, CAPACITANCE, AND INDUCTANCE PER UNIT LENGTH FOR SOME STRUCTURES CONSISTING OF INFINITELY LONG CONDUCTORS HAVING THE CROSS SECTIONS SHOWN IN FIG. 5.12

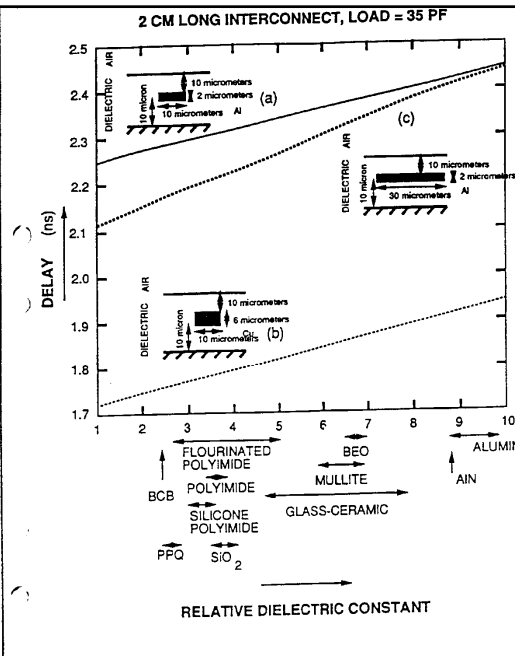
Description	Capacitance per unit length, $\mathcal{C}$	Conductance per unit length, $\mathcal{G}$	Inductance per unit length, $\mathcal{L}$
Parallel-plane conductors, Fig. 5.12(a)	$\epsilon \frac{w}{d}$	$\sigma \frac{w}{d}$	$\mu \frac{d}{w}$
Coaxial cylindrical conductors, Fig. 5.12(b)	$\frac{2\pi\epsilon}{\ln(b/a)}$	$\frac{2\pi\sigma}{\ln(b/a)}$	$\frac{\mu}{2\pi} \ln \frac{b}{a}$
Parallel cylindrical wires, Fig. 5.12(c)	$\frac{\pi\epsilon}{\cosh^{-1}(d/a)}$	$\frac{\pi\sigma}{\cosh^{-1}(d/a)}$	$\frac{\mu}{\pi} \cosh^{-1} \frac{d}{a}$
Eccentric inner conductor, Fig. 5.12(d)	$\frac{2\pi\epsilon}{\cosh^{-1}\left(\frac{a^2+b^2-d^2}{2ab}\right)}$	$\frac{2\pi\sigma}{\cosh^{-1}\left(\frac{a^2+b^2-d^2}{2ab}\right)}$	$\frac{\mu}{2\pi} \cosh^{-1} \frac{a^2+b^2-d^2}{2ab}$
Shielded parallel cylindrical wires, Fig. 5.12(e)	$\frac{\pi\epsilon}{\ln \frac{d(b^2 - d^2/4)}{a(b^2 + d^2/4)}}$	$\frac{\pi\sigma}{\ln \frac{d(b^2 - d^2/4)}{a(b^2 + d^2/4)}}$	$\frac{\mu}{\pi} \ln \frac{d(b^2 - d^2/4)}{a(b^2 + d^2/4)}$

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## 5. Dielectric effects

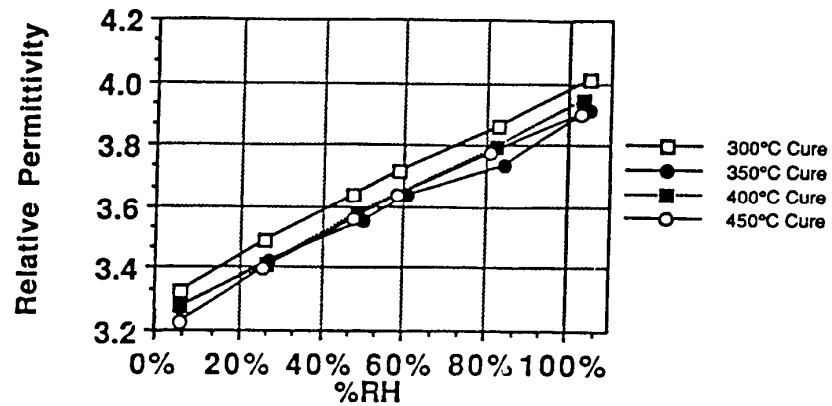


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ECE414 Figure 7.8 Materials and cross section effects on the delay of a 2 CM LONG INTERCONNECT, LOAD = 35 PF. (Source : [9])



## Humidity affects performance

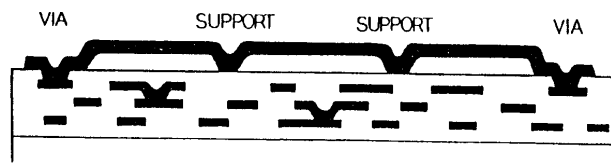


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## Maximum velocity in air



**FIGURE 8.32** Air bridges for high-speed interconnections. Periodic supports enhance the strength of the interconnections.

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## 6. $Z_0$

$$\text{For } Z_0 = \left[ \frac{376.7}{\sqrt{\epsilon_r}} \right] \times sf. \ \Omega$$

(1)

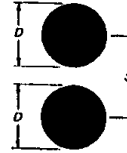


Figure E-2 Cross section of two-wire transmission line

The shape factor of the transmission line,  $sf$ , depends only on the shapes, sizes, and positions of the conductors. Two-wire transmission line (Figure E-2) has shape factor

$$sf = \frac{1}{\pi} \ln \left[ \frac{S}{D} + \left( \frac{S^2}{D^2} - 1 \right)^{1/2} \right]$$

when both wires have diameter  $D$ . When the wires have diameters  $D_1$  and  $D_2$ , the shape factor becomes

$$sf = \frac{1}{2\pi} \ln [x + (x^2 - 1)^{1/2}]$$

where

$$x = \frac{4S^2 - D_1^2 - D_2^2}{2D_1D_2}$$

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(2) Twisting a two-wire transmission line to form a twisted-pair increases the average relative permittivity  $\epsilon_r$ . For hard insulation with relative permittivity  $\epsilon_r$ ,

$$\epsilon_r \approx 1 + (0.25 + 0.0004\Theta^2)(\epsilon_r - 1),$$

and for soft insulation (Teflon, polyvinyl chloride)

$$\epsilon_r \approx 1 + (0.25 + 0.001\Theta^2)(\epsilon_r - 1),$$

$$\Theta = \arctan(\pi S n) \text{ degrees,}$$

and  $n$  is the number of twists per meter.

(3) A wire near a ground plane (Figure E-3) has shape factor

$$sf = \frac{1}{2\pi} \ln \left[ \frac{2S}{D} + \left( \frac{4S^2}{D^2} + 1 \right)^{1/2} \right]$$

(4) A laminar bus (Figure E-4) has shape factor

$$sf \approx \frac{1}{\pi} \ln \left( \frac{4S}{W} + \frac{W}{2S} \right) \text{ for } W \leq \frac{S}{2}, T \ll W,$$

$$sf \approx \frac{2}{\frac{2W}{S} + 2.42 - \frac{0.22S}{W} + \left( 1 - \frac{S}{2W} \right)^6} \text{ for } W > \frac{S}{2}, T \ll W.$$

If an insulator separates the conductors (Figure E-1(c)),

$$\epsilon_r \approx \frac{\epsilon_r + 1}{2} + \frac{\epsilon_r - 1}{\left( 4 + 20 \frac{S}{W} \right)^{1/2}}$$

Figure E-3 Cross section of wire near a groundplane

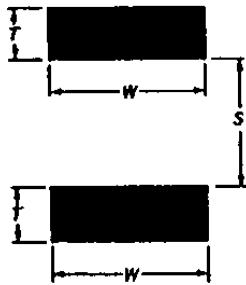
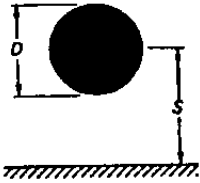


Figure E-4 Cross section of a laminar bus

Fig E5  
Cross-section of  
a microstrip line



(5) Microstrip (Figure E-5) has shape factor

$$sf \approx \frac{1}{2\pi} \ln \left( \frac{8S}{W} + \frac{W}{4S} \right) \quad \text{for } W \leq S, T \ll W,$$

$$sf \approx \frac{1}{\frac{W}{S} + 2.42 - \frac{0.44S}{W} + \left(1 - \frac{S}{W}\right)^6} \quad \text{for } W > S, T \ll W$$

If an insulator separates the conductors (Figure E-1(c)),

$$\epsilon_r \approx \frac{\epsilon_r + 1}{2} + \frac{\epsilon_r - 1}{\left(4 + 40 \frac{S}{W}\right)^{1/2}}$$

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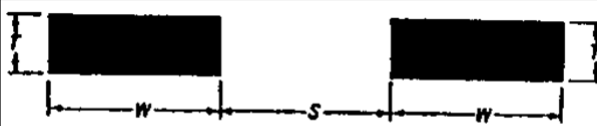


Figure E-6 Cross section of coplanar lines

(6) Coplanar lines (Figure E-6) have shape factor

$$sf \approx \frac{1}{\pi} \ln \left[ 2 \frac{\left(\frac{2W}{S} + 1\right)^{1/2} + 1}{\left(\frac{2W}{S} + 1\right)^{1/2} - 1} \right] \quad \text{for } W \leq 2.414S, T \ll W$$

$$sf \approx \frac{\pi}{4 \ln \left[ 2 \left(\frac{2W}{S} + 1\right)^{1/2} \right]} \quad \text{for } W > 2.414S, T \ll W$$

If the lines are supported by an insulator on one side,

$$1 < \epsilon_r < \frac{\epsilon_r + 1}{2}$$

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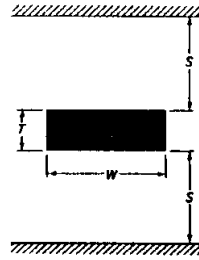


Figure E-7 Cross section of triplate stripline

(7) Triplate stripline (Figure E-7) has shape factor

$$sf \approx \frac{1}{2\pi} \ln \left[ 2 \frac{\exp\left(\frac{\pi W}{4S}\right) + 1}{\exp\left(\frac{\pi W}{4S}\right) - 1} \right] \quad \text{for } W \leq 1.117S, T \ll S,$$

$$sf \approx \frac{1}{1.765 + \frac{2W}{S}} \quad \text{for } W > 1.117S, T \ll S.$$

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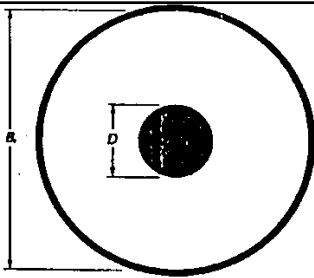


Figure E-8 Cross section of coaxial cable

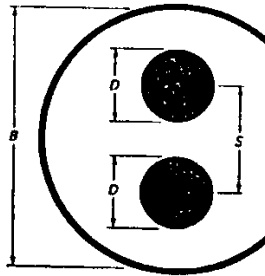


Figure E-9 Cross section of shielded twisted-pair

(8) Coaxial cable (Figure E-8) has shape factor

$$sf = \frac{1}{2\pi} \ln \left( \frac{B}{D} \right).$$

(9) Shielded twisted-pair (Figure E-9) has shape factor

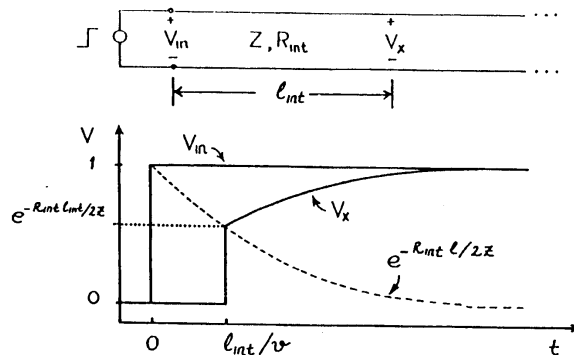
$$sf = \frac{1}{\pi} \ln \left( \frac{2S B^2 - S^2}{D B^2 + S^2} \right).$$

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## 7. Lossy lines



**FIGURE 6.10** Waveforms in a lossy transmission line  
The response of this line to a unit step input at a distance  $x$  from the beginning of the line is [6.1]:

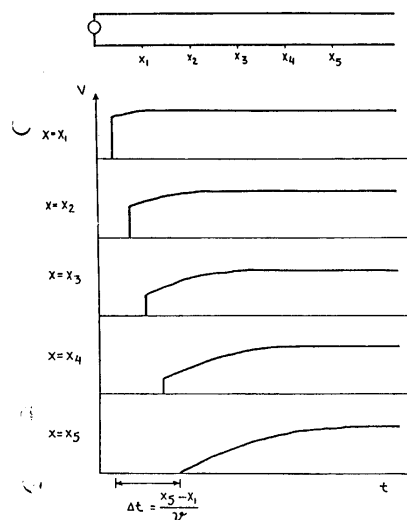
$$V(x, t) = \left\{ e^{-Rx/2Z_0} + \frac{Rx}{2Z_0} \int_{t=x\sqrt{LC}}^t \left[ \frac{e^{-Rt/2L}}{\sqrt{t^2 - x\sqrt{LC}}} \frac{I_1 R}{2L} \sqrt{t^2 - x\sqrt{LC}} \right] dt \right\} \times u(t - x\sqrt{LC}).$$

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**FIGURE 6.11** Waveform propagating along a lossy transmission line. The input to the transmission line is a unit voltage step, and the response is captured at successive points along the line. The size of the step is attenuated as the waveform travels down the line, and at a point far enough from the source, the response is like that of a distributed RC line.

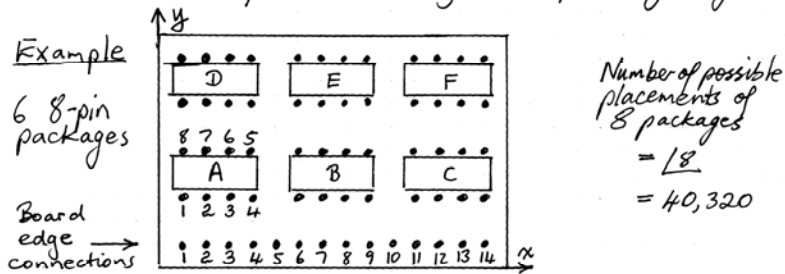
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# 9. PWB Routing

COMPONENT PLACEMENT (ref: Dally)

A. WIRABILITY i.e. minimization of wiring length



Note: "Manhattan" wiring length  $S = x + y$

or  $\sum_i x_i + \sum_j y_j$

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## Step 1 WIRE LIST

Device	Pin	Device	Pin	Device	Pin	Device	Pin
U	1	V	5	X	1	W	6
	2	V	6		2	W	7
	3	Y	5		3	Z	6
	4	EC	1		4	EC	2
	5	Y	6		5	Z	7
	6	W	3		6	Z	1
	7	W	5		7	Z	2
	8	EC	13		8	EC	14
V	1	EC	3	Y	1	EC	8
	2	EC	4		2	EC	9
	3	EC	5		3	EC	10
	4	EC	1		4	EC	2
	5	U	1		5	U	3
	6	U	2		6	U	5
	7	W	1		7	W	2
	8	EC	13		8	EC	14
W	1	V	7	Z	1	X	6
	2	Y	7		2	X	7
	3	U	6		3	Z	5
	4	EC	1		4	EC	2
	5	U	7		5	Z	3
	6	X	1		6	X	3
	7	X	2		7	X	5
	8	EC	13		8	EC	14

Number of EC connections (excl. Power/Ground EC-1, 2, 13, 14)

Device: U V W X Y Z

Number: 0 3 0 0 3 0

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Step 1 Wiring algorithm based on "wire list" of electrical interconnections

Notes: (a) U/V/W-4 to EC-1 & -8 to EC-13 } Power & Ground  
 X/Y/Z-4 to EC-2 & -8 to EC-14 }

(b) Each connection to device pins appears twice (EC once)

(c) Z pins 3 & 5

(d) These connections set by electronic design

Simplifications here:

(a) EC connections assumed fixed (I/O to board)

(b) Only one connection per device pin

(c) EC connections EC-3,4,5 EC-8,9,10 EC-1,2,13,14  
 EC-6,7,11,12 NC.

(d) Ignores possible interchangeable circuits in devices

Devices V & Y have most EC connections ∴ place near EC  
 V connects to EC-3,4,5 → position A  
 Y connects to EC-8,9,10 → position B

Step 2 Choose device for position C - adjacent EC & Y  
 From table → place device U in position C.

Step 3 Distribute W, X, Z between D, E, F → (See connectivity matrix)  
 (1) X & Z adjacent (2) W between U & X } matrix

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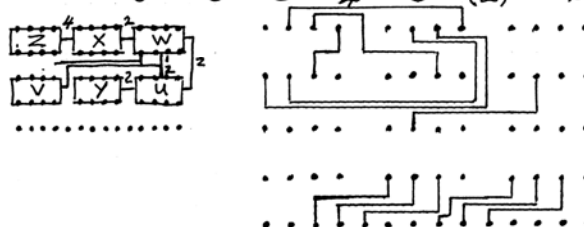
Step 2 Remaining Devices U, W, X, Z

Device:	U	W	X	Z
Connections to EC (excl. Pwr/Gnd)	0	0	0	0
& to Device Y (Position B)	2	1	0	0

Step 3 Connectivity matrix: Devices W, X, Z

Devices →	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
W	2	1	-	2	1	0
X	0	0	2	-	0	2
Z	0	0	0	4	0	(2) ← % self, not relevant

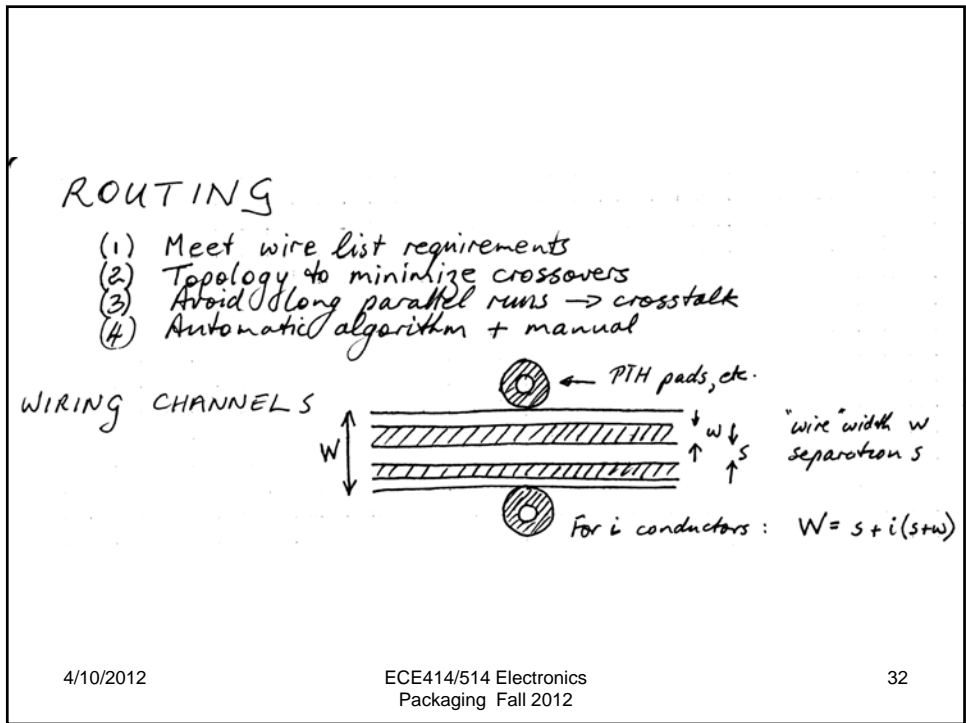
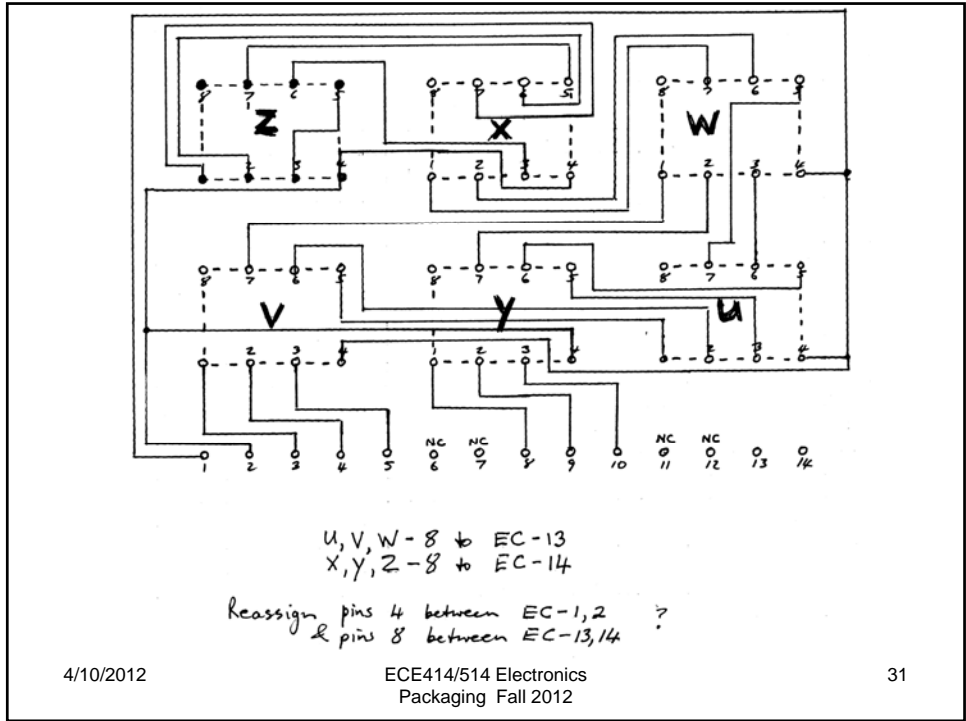
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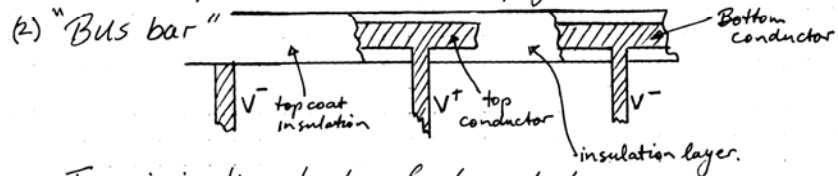
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## POWER DISTRIBUTION

- (1) Power & ground traces — as for signal lines (independent)  
Lower power, low frequency systems.



Transmission line structure for low inductance  
low DI noise

- (3) Multilayer ground-plane / power plane (cf single ground plane)  
Stripline / microstrip structures for signal lines  
→ "controlled" impedance

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## AUTOMATIC ROUTING

- (1) Wire list
- (2) Assign traces to specific layers?
- (3) Assign connection sequence
  - (a) shorter first?
  - (b) critical paths first?etc.
- (4) Lay out traces.

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## Assignment #2

1. An interconnect of width  $10\mu\text{m}$  and length  $100\mu\text{m}$  is above a ground plane, separated by  $3\mu\text{m}$  thick  $\text{SiO}_2$  ( $\epsilon_r = 3.9$ .) Calculate the interconnect capacitance (a) ideally, and (b) including fringing effects.
2. A digital signal of risetime  $2\text{ns}$  crosses a  $1\text{cm}$  long Al interconnect embedded in polyimide ( $\epsilon_r = 3.9$ ). Should this interconnect be treated as a transmission line? Justify your answer.
3. The skin depths for Ag, Au, and Al are  $0.64\mu\text{m}$ ,  $0.79\mu\text{m}$ , and  $0.81\mu\text{m}$  respectively at  $10\text{GHz}$ . Which conductor material would you choose for a  $10\text{GHz}$  current signal application? Justify your answer.
4. An MCM consists of 10 drivers switching simultaneously. The characteristic impedance of the transmission line is  $50\Omega$  with a  $50\Omega$  matched load. The power supply is  $5\text{V}$  with an effective  $L = 0.2\text{nH}$ , while the effective ground-plane  $L = 1\text{nH}$ . Find the magnitude of the  $\Delta I$  noise in the power and ground planes.

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