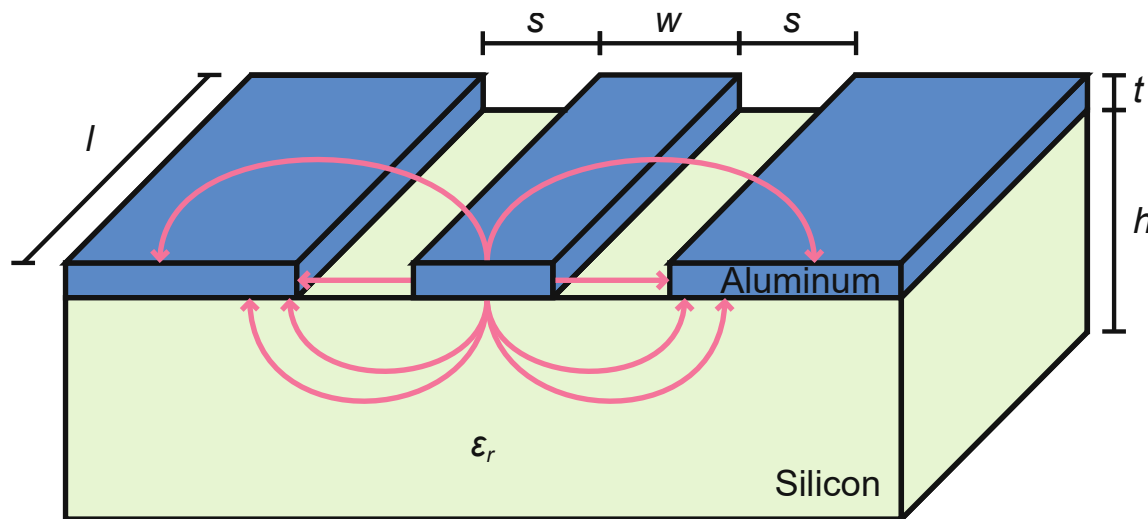


Efficient Design and Simulation of Distributed Microwave Circuits for Quantum Devices

Workshop Slides

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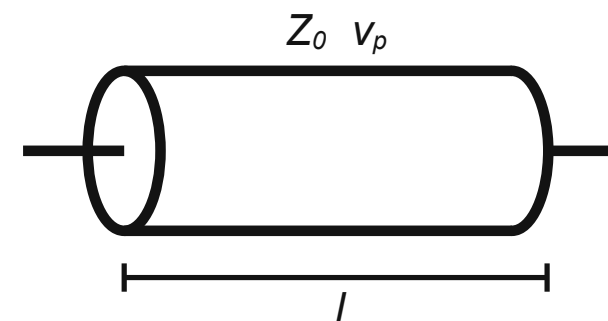
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$$v_p = \frac{c_0}{\sqrt{\epsilon_{\text{eff}}}}$$

c_0 : Speed of light

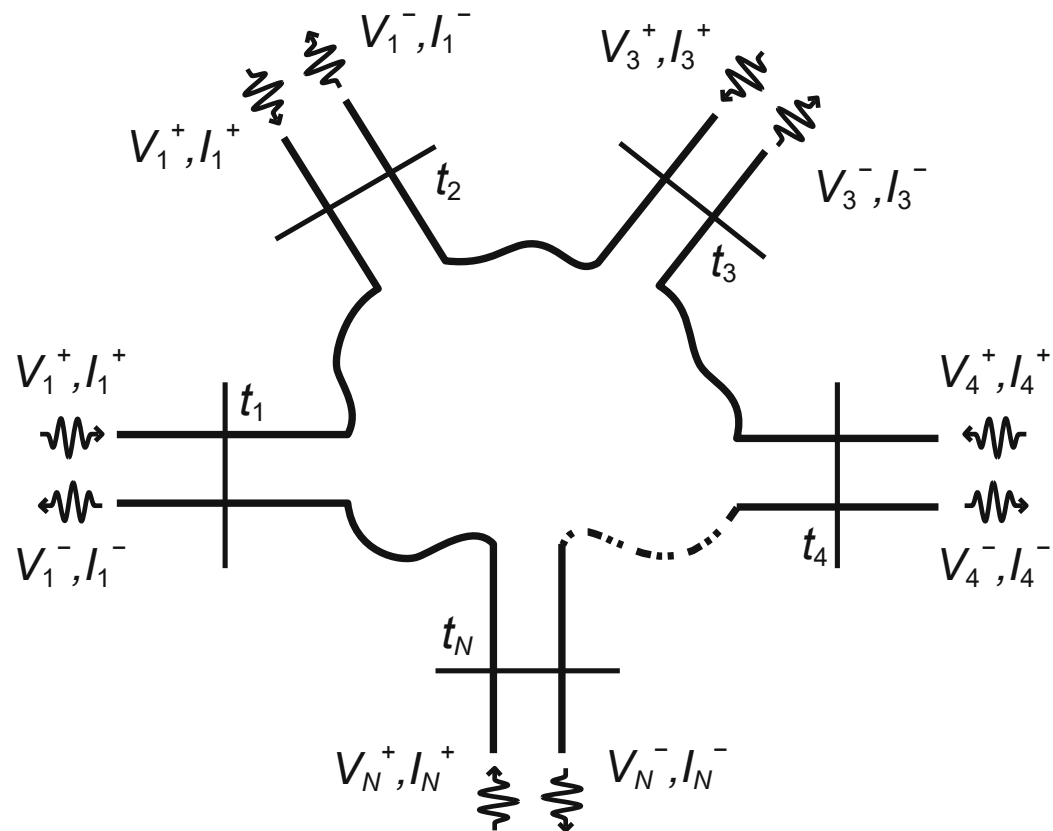
ϵ_{eff} : Effective dielectric constant



$$v_p = \frac{1}{\sqrt{L'C'}} \quad Z_0 = \sqrt{\frac{L'}{C'}}$$

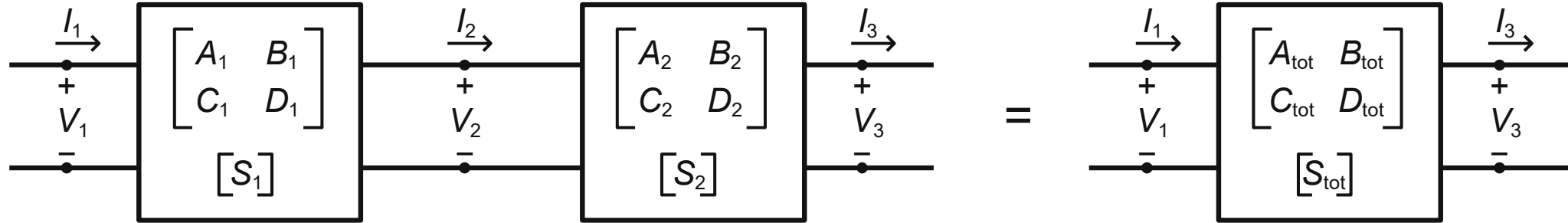
L' : Inductance per length

C' : Capacitance per length



$$\begin{bmatrix} V_1^- \\ V_2^- \\ \vdots \\ V_N^- \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} S_{11} & S_{12} & \cdots & S_{1N} \\ S_{21} & S_{22} & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ S_{N1} & \cdots & & S_{NN} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_1^+ \\ V_2^+ \\ \vdots \\ V_N^+ \end{bmatrix}$$

- Treat any EM-environment as **N-port** network
- S-parameters **fully characterize** the network



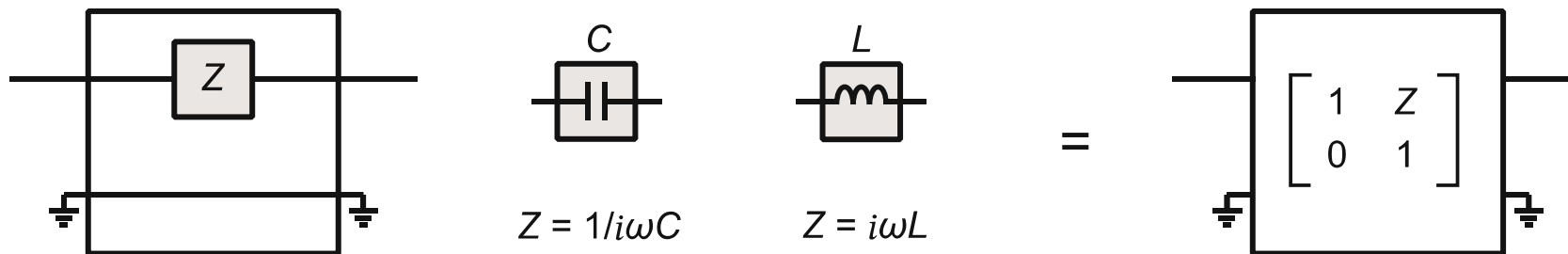
$$\begin{bmatrix} V_1 \\ I_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 & B_1 \\ C_1 & D_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_2 \\ I_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_{\text{tot}} & B_{\text{tot}} \\ C_{\text{tot}} & D_{\text{tot}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 & B_1 \\ C_1 & D_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A_2 & B_2 \\ C_2 & D_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

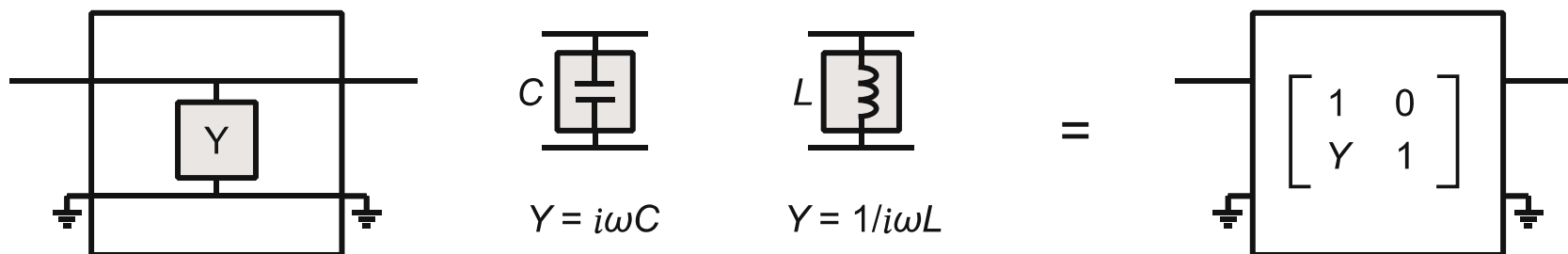
$$S_{21} = \frac{2}{A + B/Z_{\text{port}} + CZ_{\text{port}} + D}$$

- Extensible and computationally **efficient**
- **Assumption:** Sub-circuits have no crosstalk

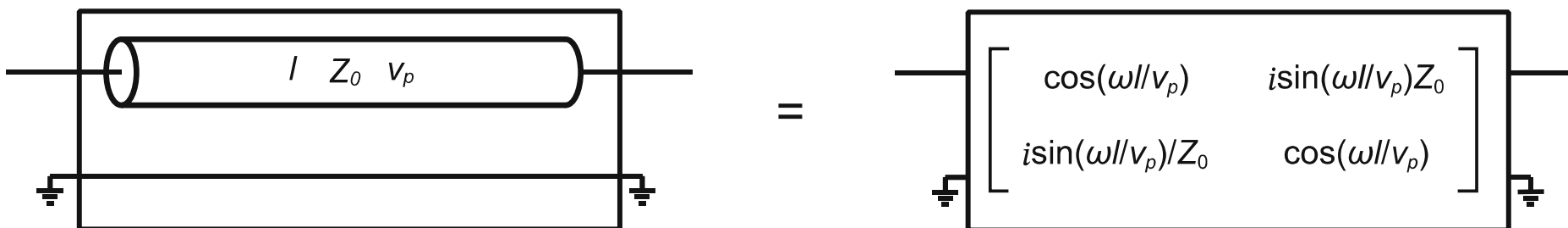
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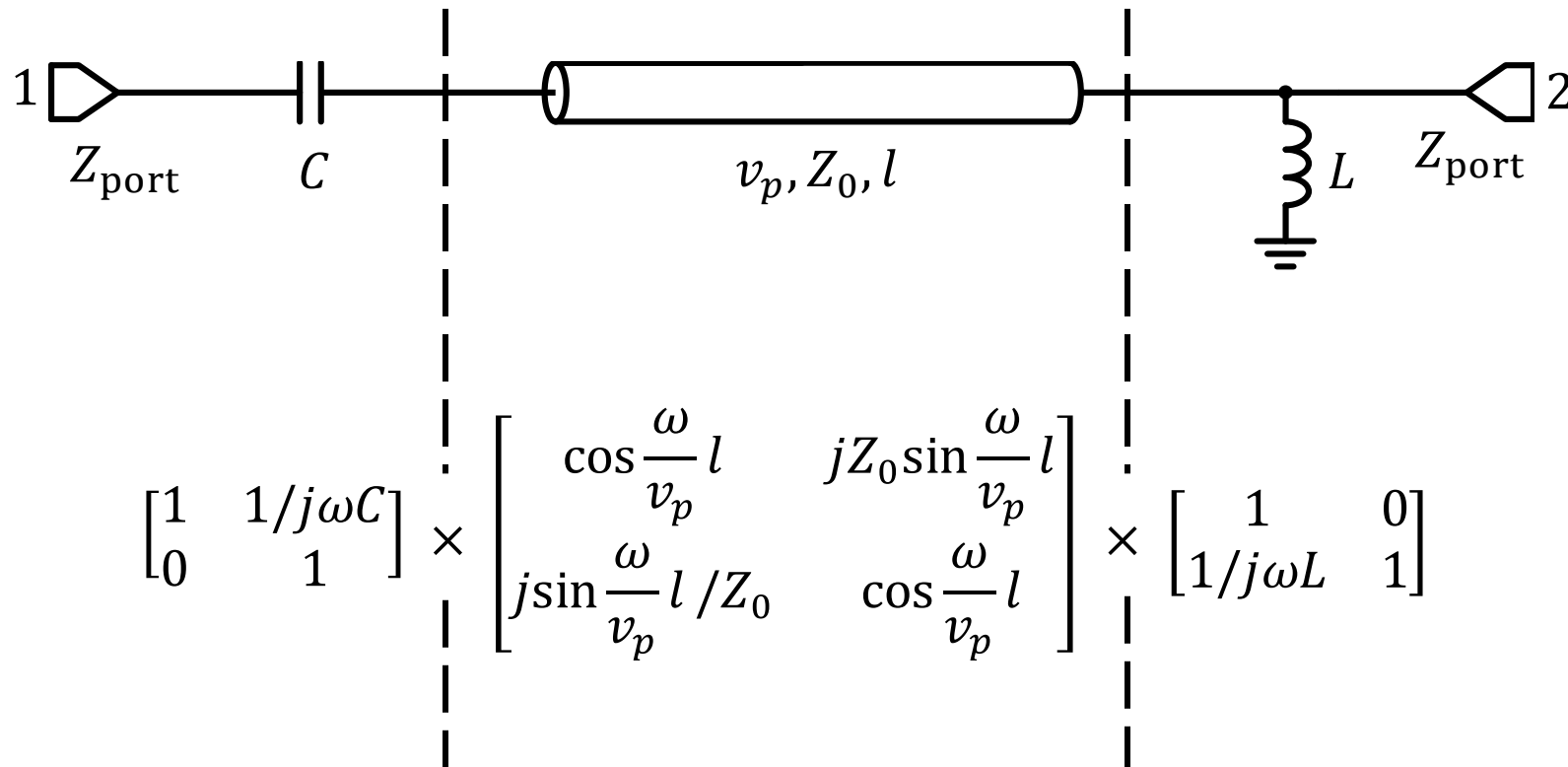


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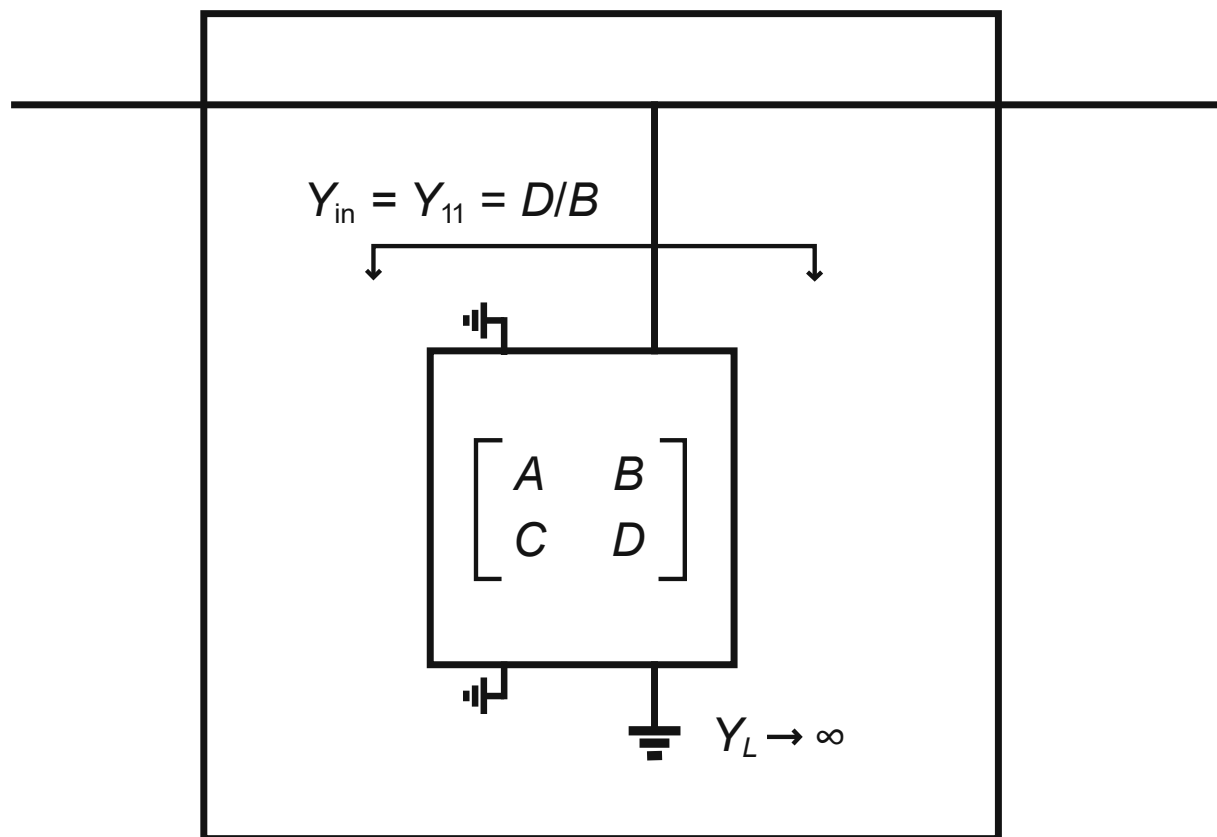


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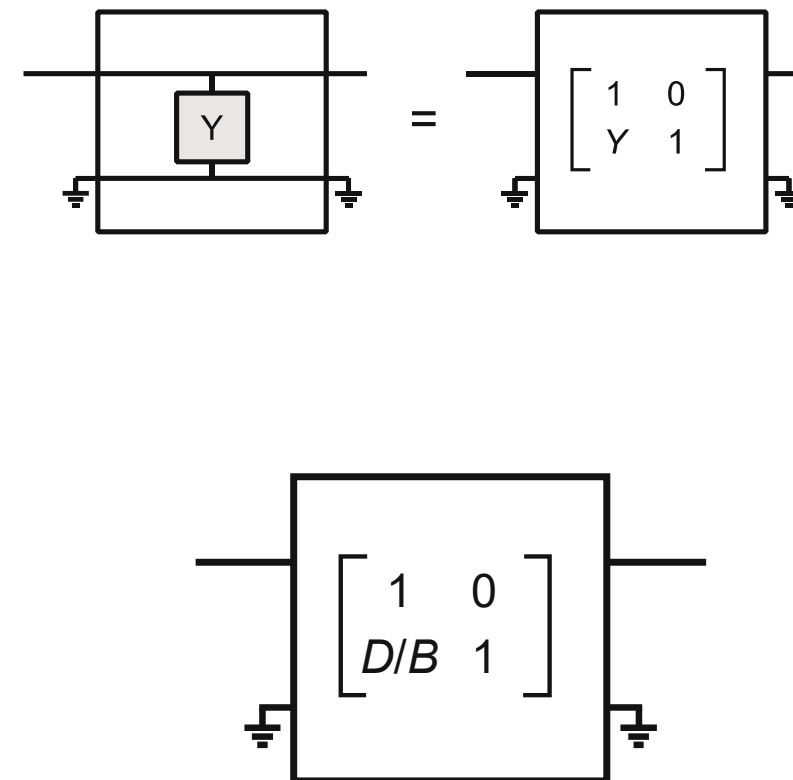




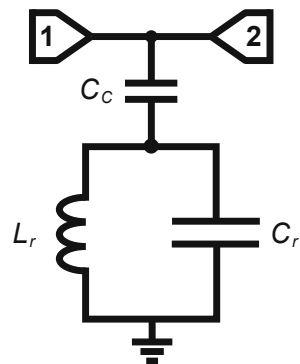
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1/j\omega C \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} \cos \frac{\omega}{v_p} l & jZ_0 \sin \frac{\omega}{v_p} l \\ j \sin \frac{\omega}{v_p} l / Z_0 & \cos \frac{\omega}{v_p} l \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1/j\omega L & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_{\text{tot}} & B_{\text{tot}} \\ C_{\text{tot}} & D_{\text{tot}} \end{bmatrix}$$



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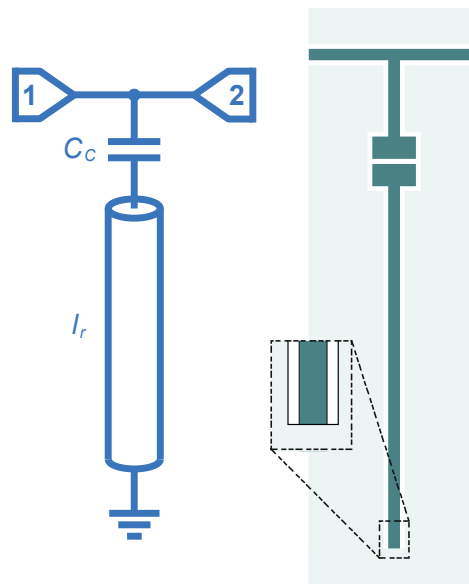


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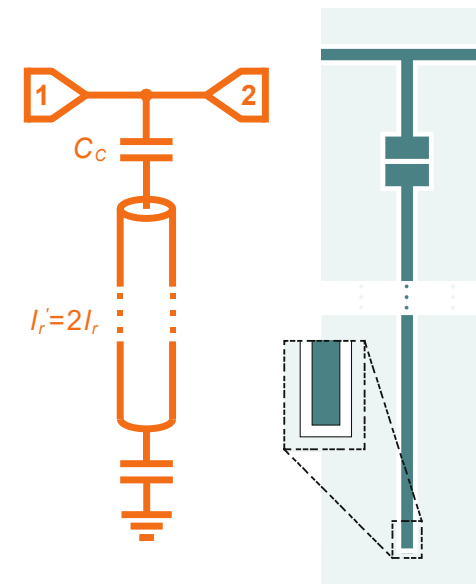
$$f_r = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{L_r C_r}}$$

b



$$f_n = \frac{v_p}{4l_r} \cdot (2n - 1)$$

c

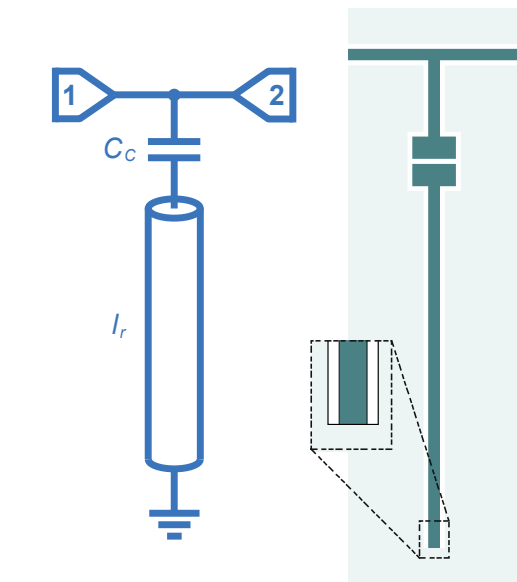


$$f_n = \frac{v_p}{2l'_r} \cdot n$$

$$v_p = \lambda \cdot f_0$$

λ : Wavelength
 f_0 : Resonance frequency

b



Quarter-wave resonator

We can identify the resistance of the equivalent circuit as

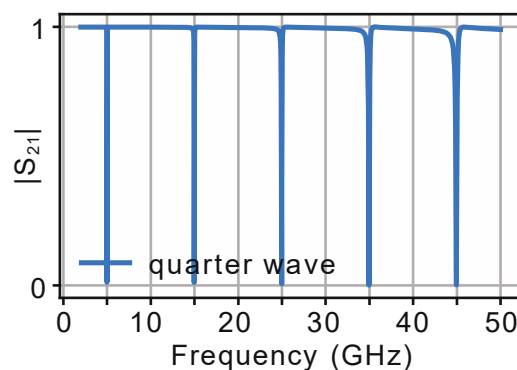
$$R = \frac{Z_0}{\alpha \ell} \quad (6.30a)$$

and the capacitance of the equivalent circuit as

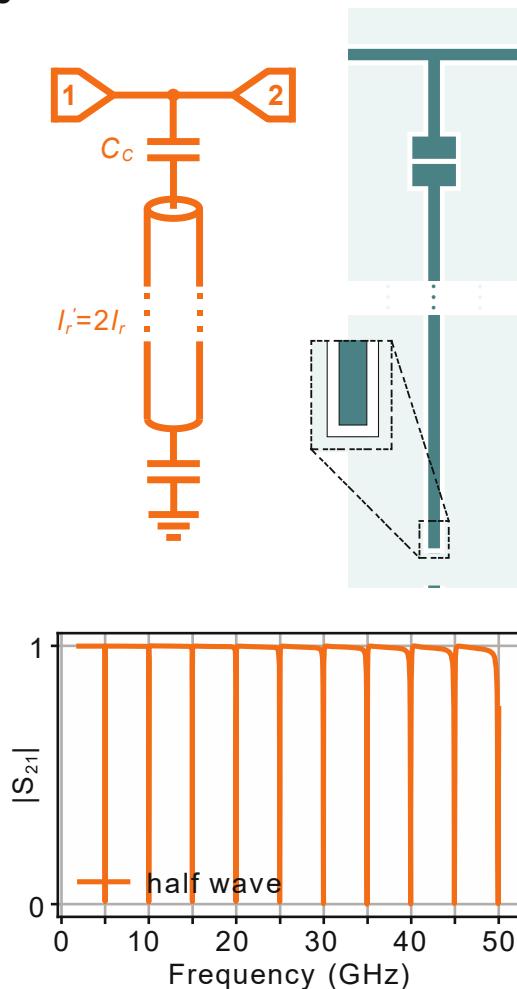
$$C = \frac{\pi}{4\omega_0 Z_0}. \quad (6.30b)$$

The inductance of the equivalent circuit can be found as

$$L = \frac{1}{\omega_0^2 C}. \quad (6.30c)$$



c



Half-wave resonator

Comparison with the input impedance of a parallel resonant circuit, as given by (6.19), suggests that the resistance of the equivalent RLC circuit is

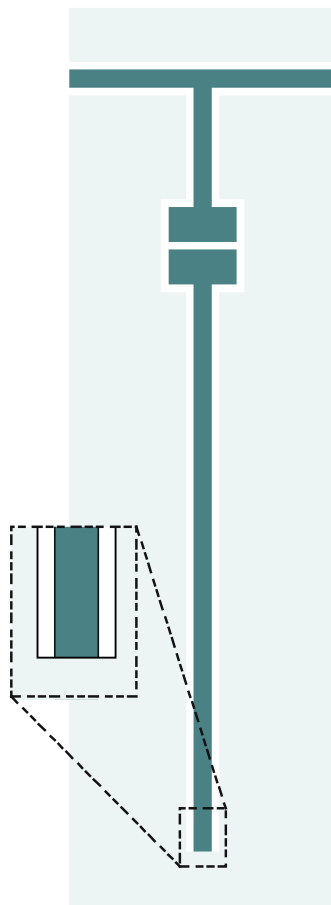
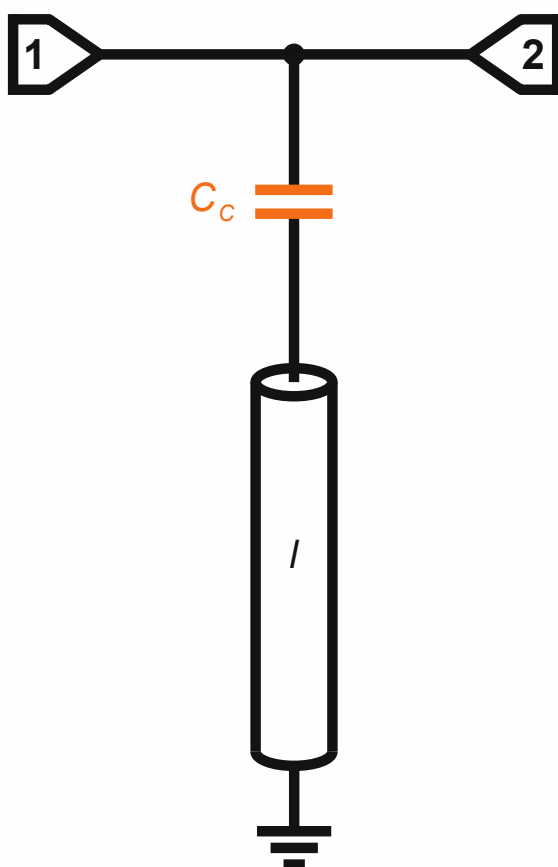
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The inductance of the equivalent circuit is

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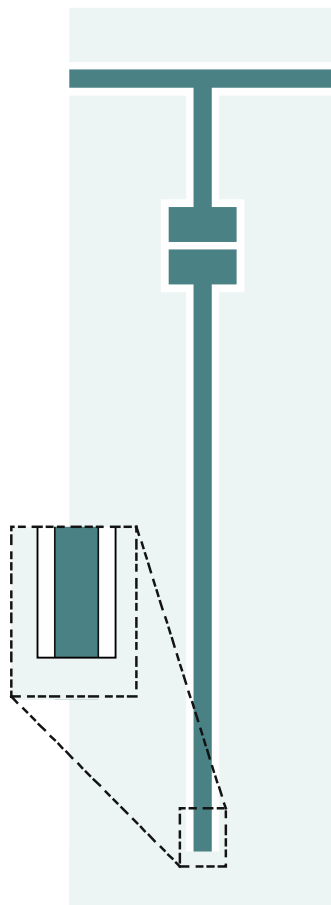
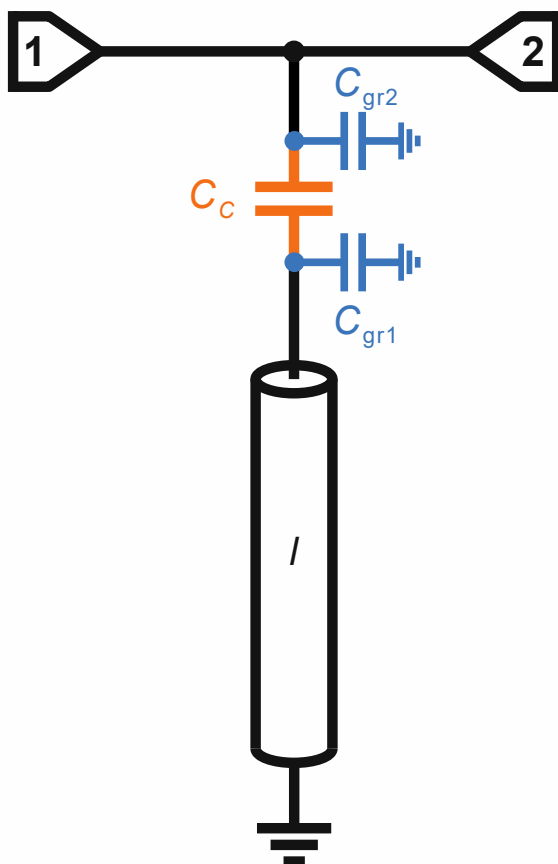


$$f_0 = \frac{v_p}{4l_r}$$

$$\frac{1}{f_0} = \frac{4}{v_p} \underbrace{\left(l + v_p Z_0 \cdot C_c \right)}_{l_{\text{eff}}}$$

Coupling capacitance:

- Increases effective length

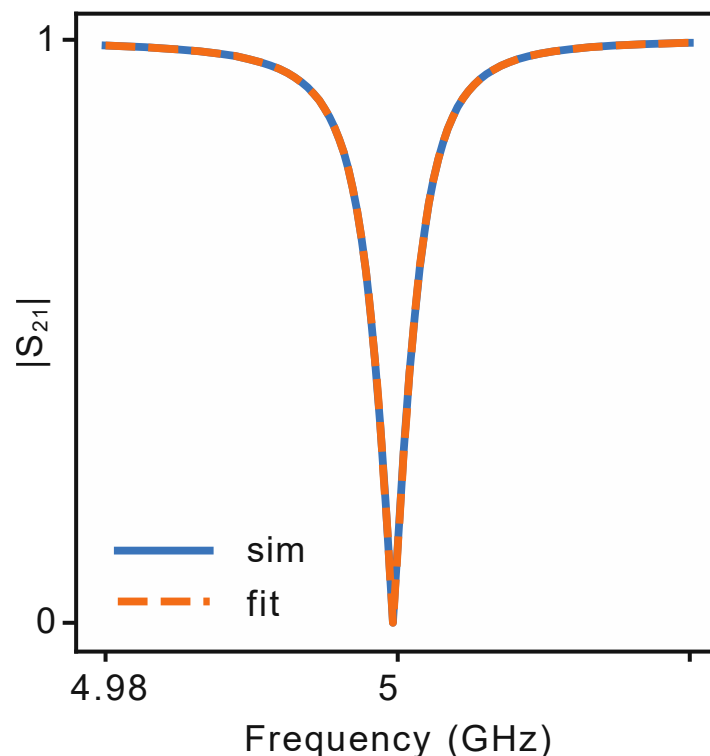
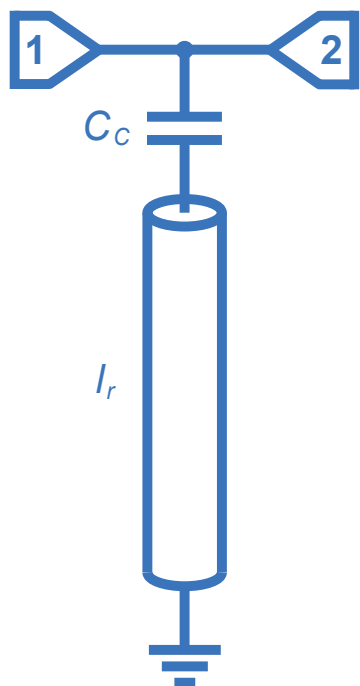


$$f_0 = \frac{v_p}{4l_r}$$

$$\frac{1}{f_0} = \frac{4}{v_p} \underbrace{\left(l + v_p Z_0 \cdot (C_c + C_{gr1}) \right)}_{l_{\text{eff}}}$$

Coupling capacitance:

- Increases effective length
- Changes the capacitance to ground



Generate S_{21} trace using:

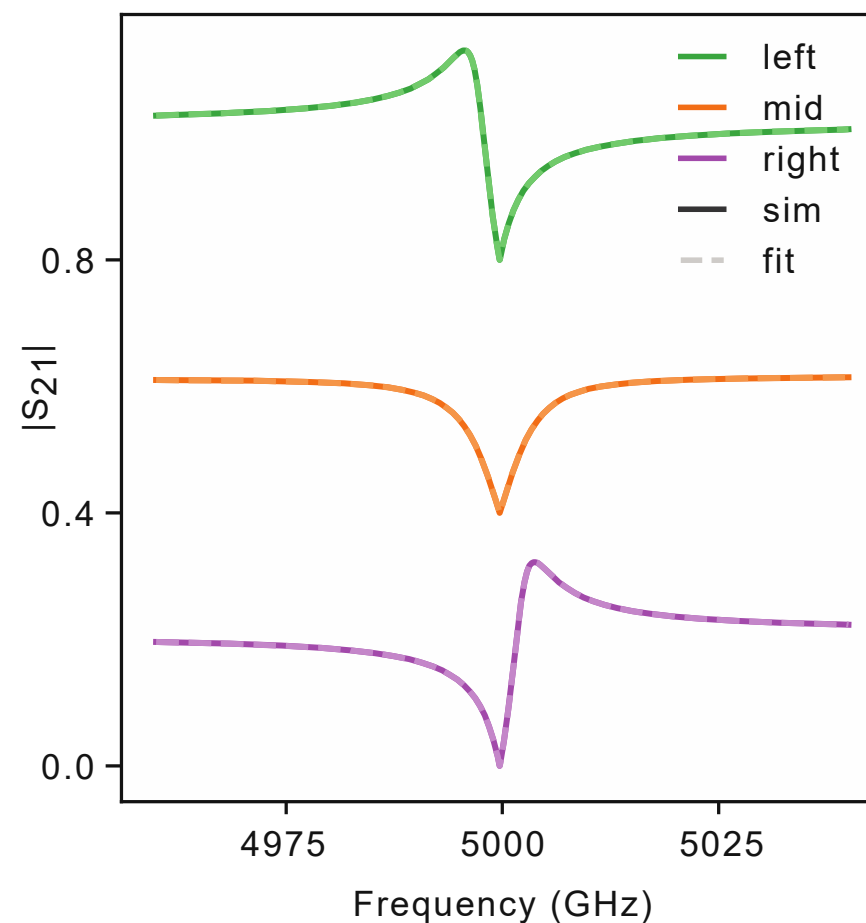
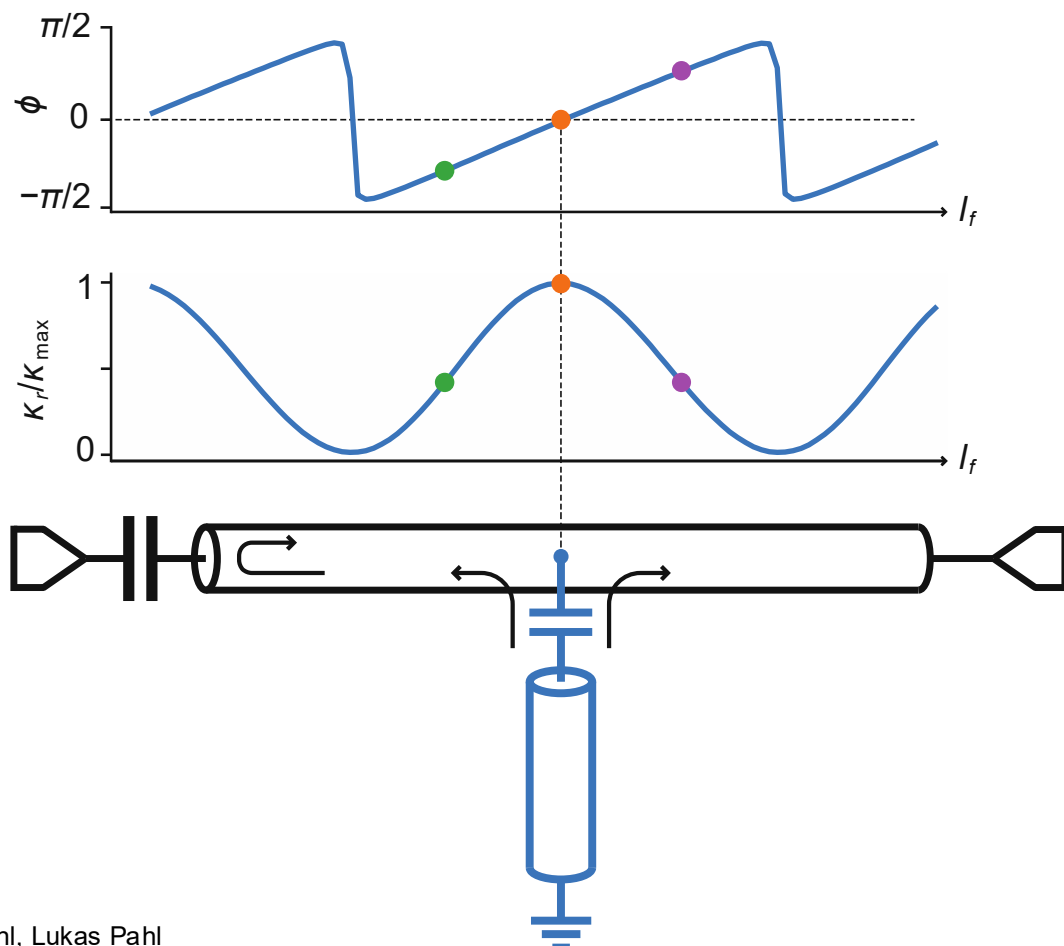
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Fit S_{21} trace using:

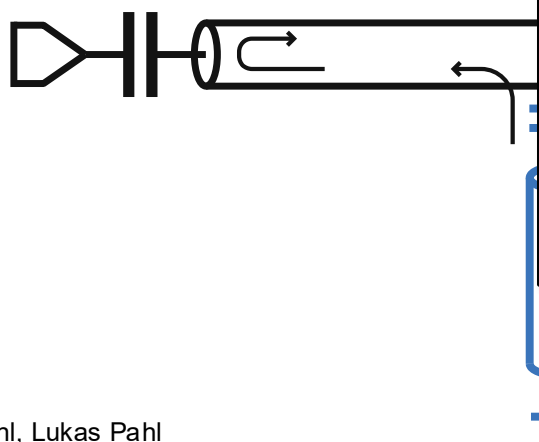
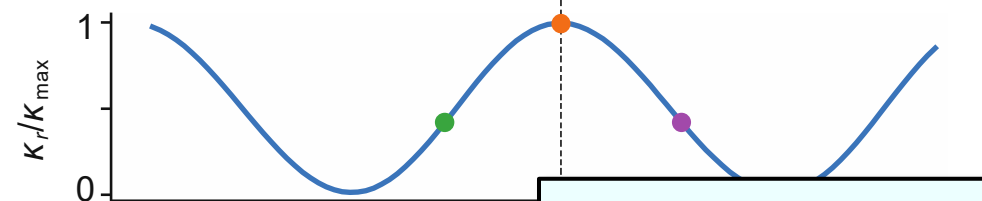
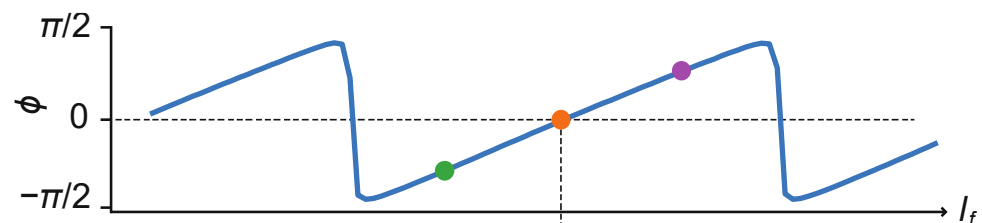
$$S_{21} = 1 - \frac{\kappa}{\kappa + 2i(\omega_r - \omega)}$$

➔ Extract ω_r and κ

$$S_{21} = 1 - \frac{\kappa}{\kappa + 2i(\omega_r - \omega)} \quad \rightarrow \quad S_{21} \propto \cos(\phi) - e^{i\phi} \frac{\kappa}{\kappa + 2i(\omega_r - \omega)}$$

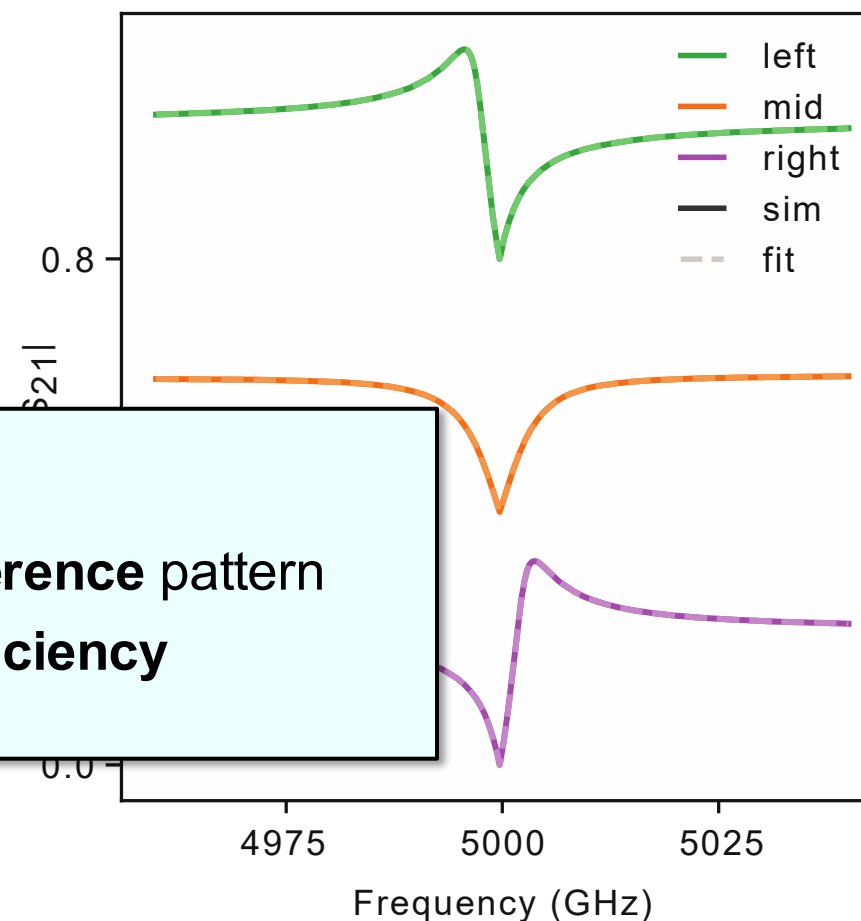


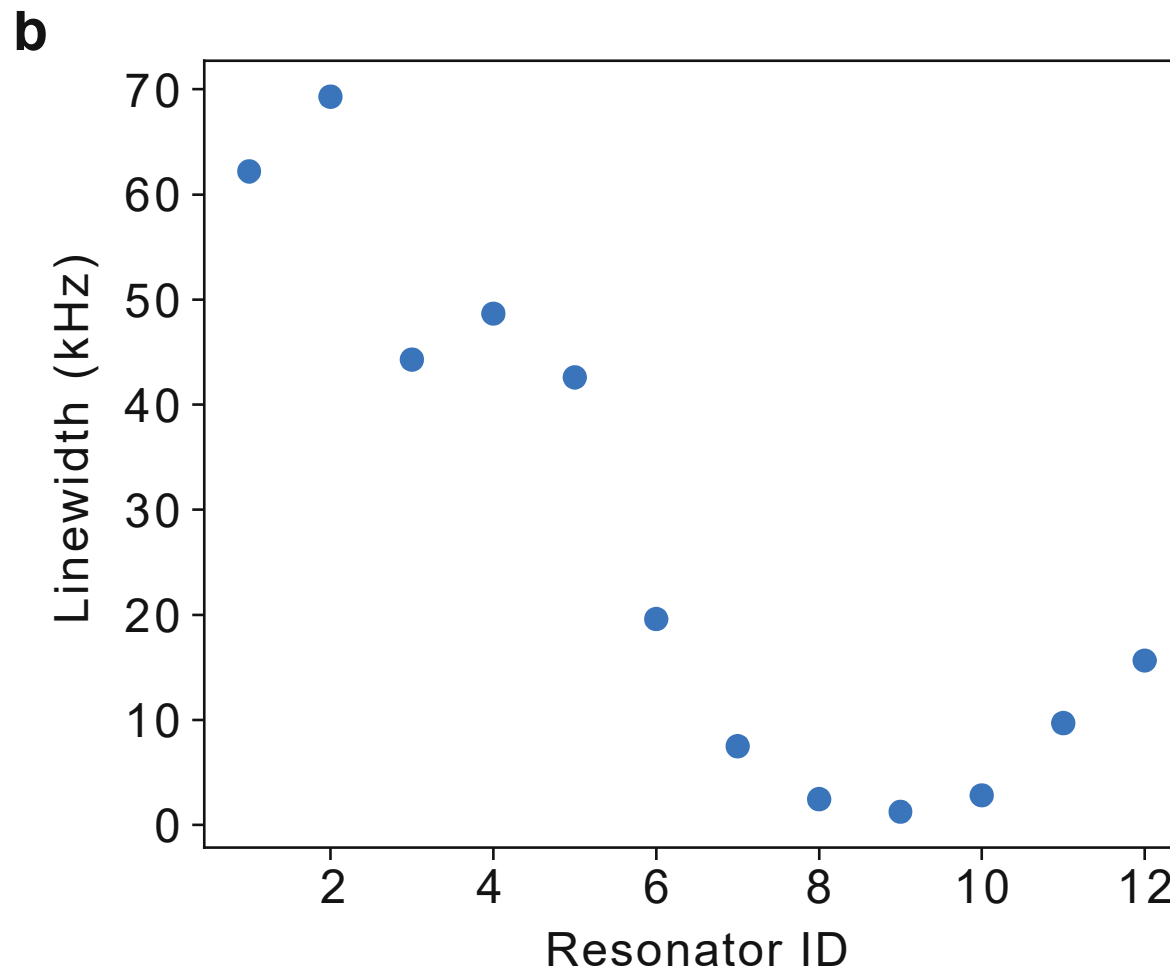
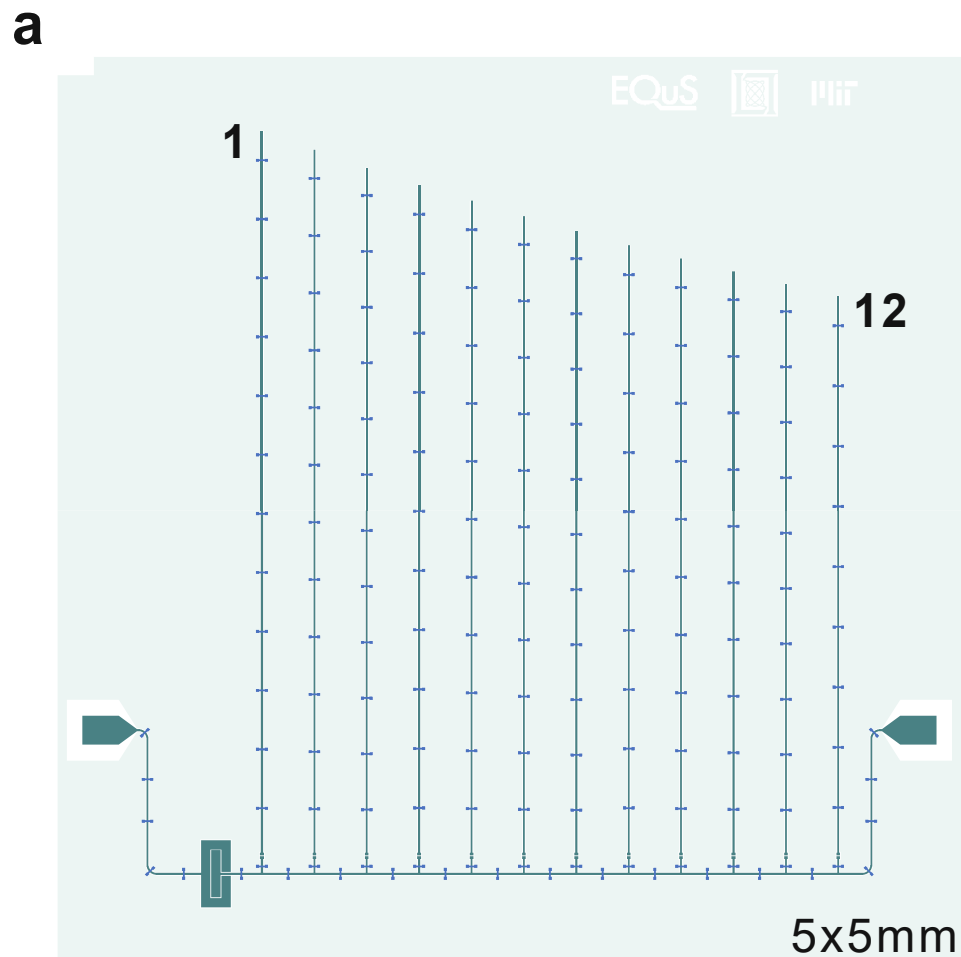
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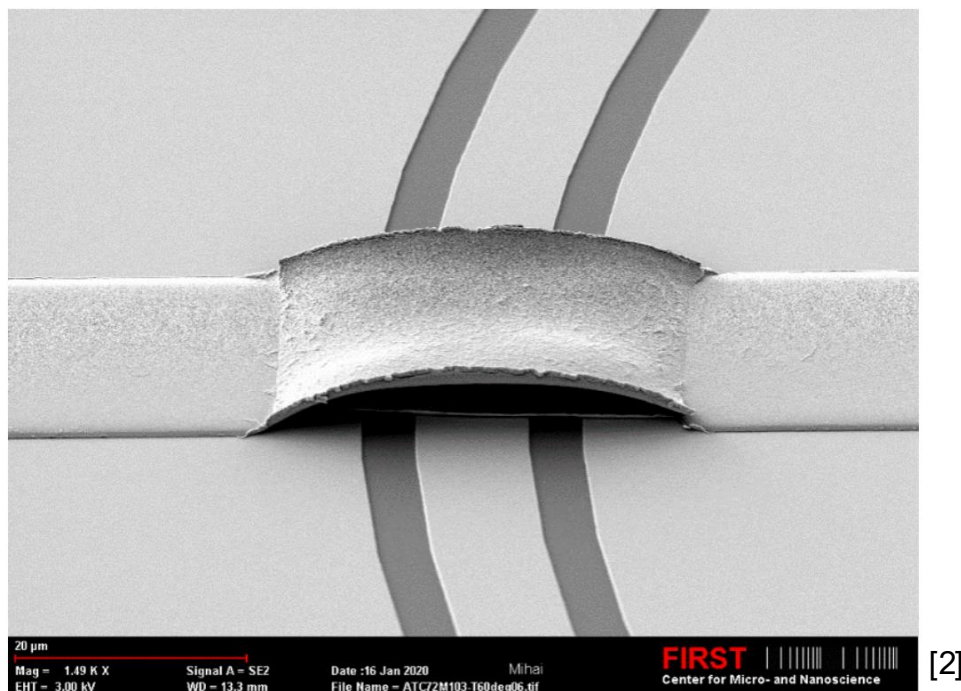


Input **capacitance**:

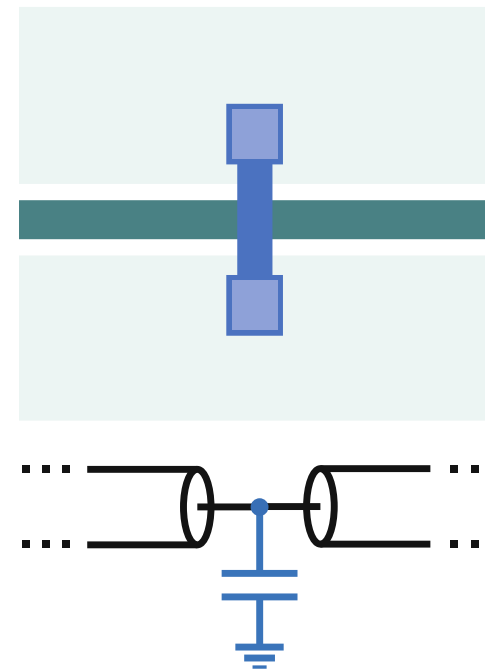
- Creates feedline **interference** pattern
- Increases **quantum efficiency**





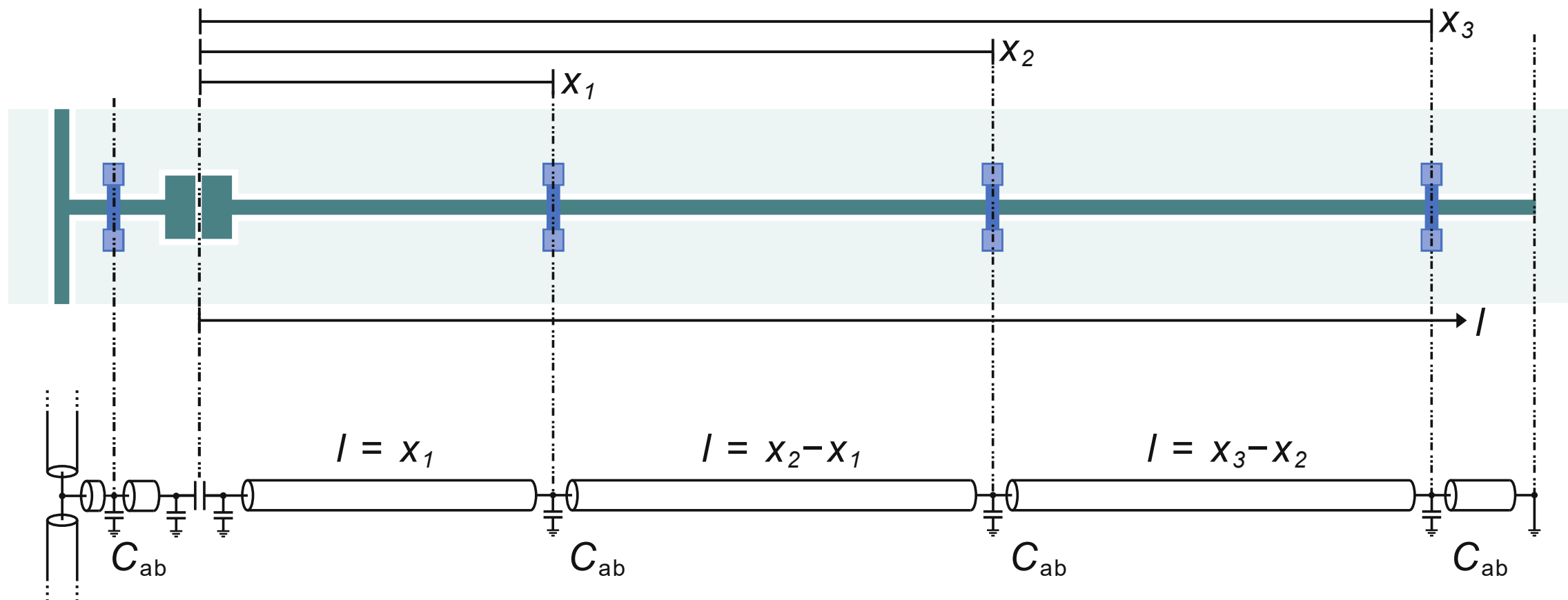


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Simulated airbridge capacitance:
 (Depends on airbridge geometry)

$$C_{ab} \approx 1.0 \text{ fF}$$



Need to simulate **full feedline**

