

definition of general series impedance ( $\tilde{Z}^*$ ) and shunt

admittance ( $\tilde{Y}^*$ )

$$(\dot{I} = j\omega I)$$

$$-\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} = R^* I + L^* \frac{\partial I}{\partial t} \stackrel{\downarrow}{=} (\underbrace{R^* + j\omega L^*}_{= \text{series impedance } \tilde{Z}^* \text{ per length}}) I$$

$$-\frac{\partial I}{\partial x} = G^* V + C^* \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} \stackrel{\uparrow}{=} (\underbrace{G^* + j\omega C^*}_{= \text{shunt admittance } \tilde{Y}^* \text{ per length}}) V$$

$$(\dot{V} = j\omega V)$$

With

$$\tilde{Z}^* = R^* + j\omega L^*$$

and

$$\tilde{Y}^* = G^* + j\omega C^*$$

above equations can be written as

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} = -\tilde{Z}^* I \rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} = -\tilde{Z}^* \frac{\partial I}{\partial x} = \tilde{Z}^* \tilde{Y}^* V \quad (i)$$

$$\frac{\partial I}{\partial x} = -\tilde{Y}^* V \rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 I}{\partial x^2} = -\tilde{Y}^* \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} = \tilde{Z}^* \tilde{Y}^* I \quad (ii)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Both } V = V_0 e^{j(\omega t - \tilde{k}x)} \text{ and } I = I_0 e^{j(\omega t - \tilde{k}x)}$$

obey wave equations with

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{Z}^* \cdot \tilde{Y}^* &= (R^* + j\omega L^*) (G^* + j\omega C^*) \\ &= -\omega^2 L^* C^* + R^* G^* + j\omega (R^* C^* + L^* G^*) \\ &= -\tilde{k}^2 \end{aligned}$$

As (i) and (ii) are time independent,  $e^{j\omega t}$  component can be ignored. Also, wave may travel forward or backward in space; ie get "telegrapher's equations"

$$V = V(x) = V_0^+ e^{-j\tilde{k}x} + V_0^- e^{+j\tilde{k}x}$$

$$I = I(x) = I_0^+ e^{-j\tilde{k}x} + I_0^- e^{+j\tilde{k}x}$$

$\uparrow$                            $\uparrow$   
forward                    backward  
traveling waves

Note:

$$\tilde{k} = \sqrt{\tilde{Z}^* \cdot \tilde{Y}^*}$$

$$= \omega \sqrt{L^* C^*} \sqrt{1 - \frac{R^* G^*}{\omega^2 L^* C^*} - j \left( \frac{G^*}{\omega C^*} + \frac{R^*}{\omega L^*} \right)}$$

$$\approx \omega \sqrt{L^* C^*} \left[ 1 - \frac{j}{2\omega} \left( \frac{G^*}{C^*} + \frac{R^*}{L^*} \right) \right] \text{ for small } R^*, G^*$$

## implications: dispersion and attenuation

- a) complex, where imaginary part describes **attenuation**
- b) both, exact solution of real part and imaginary part are having components non-linear in  $\omega$ , i.e.

speed  $v = \frac{\omega}{k}$  becomes frequency-dependent:  
**dispersion**  $v = v(\omega)$

this means a pulse spreads out while it travels:



## characteristic impedance of transmission line

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} = -Z^* I \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial I}{\partial x} = -Y^* V$$

with

$$V = V_0^+ e^{-j\tilde{k}x} + V_0^- e^{+j\tilde{k}x}$$

$$I = I_0^+ e^{-j\tilde{k}x} + I_0^- e^{+j\tilde{k}x}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{-j\tilde{k}V_0^+ e^{-j\tilde{k}x}}{} + j\tilde{k}V_0^- e^{+j\tilde{k}x} = -Z^* I_0^+ e^{-j\tilde{k}x} - Z^* I_0^- e^{+j\tilde{k}x}$$

$$\rightarrow V_0^+ = \frac{Z^*}{j\tilde{k}} I_0^+ \quad V_0^- = -\frac{Z^*}{j\tilde{k}} I_0^-$$

$$\rightarrow \boxed{V_0^\pm = \pm Z_0 I_0^\pm} \quad \text{with characteristic impedance}$$

$$\boxed{\text{where } Z_0 = \frac{Z^*}{j\tilde{k}}} \quad \text{of the transmission line}$$

note: the same can be shown for the current:

$$\frac{\partial I}{\partial x} = -Y^* V$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{-j\tilde{k}I_0^+ e^{-j\tilde{k}x}}{} + j\tilde{k}I_0^- e^{+j\tilde{k}x} = -Y^* V_0^+ e^{-j\tilde{k}x} - Y^* V_0^- e^{+j\tilde{k}x}$$

$$\rightarrow I_0^+ = \frac{Y^*}{j\tilde{k}} V_0^+ \quad I_0^- = -\frac{Y^*}{j\tilde{k}} V_0^-$$

$$I_0^\pm = \pm \frac{1}{Z_0} V_0^\pm$$

A) lossless transmission line :  $R^* = 0 = G^*$

$$\tilde{h}^2 = -\tilde{\gamma}^* \gamma^* = \omega^2 L^* C^*$$

$$\rightarrow \tilde{h} = \omega \sqrt{L^* C^*}$$

$$\rightarrow Z_0 = \frac{Z^*}{j\tilde{h}} = \frac{\cancel{R^* + j\omega L^*}}{j\tilde{h}} = \frac{j\omega L^*}{\cancel{j\omega \sqrt{L^* C^*}}} = \sqrt{\frac{L^*}{C^*}}$$

is real-valued and frequency independent so that  $V(x)$  and  $I(x)$  are always in phase!

note: dielectrics are usually chosen so that  $Z_0 = 50 \Omega$ ,  $75 \Omega$  or sometimes  $300 \Omega$

B) wave reflection can occur:

feed in  $V$ ,  $I$  and consider load @  $t=0$  and position  $x_0 = 0$  (move origin to load for ease of calculation) and we  $V_0^\pm = \pm Z_0 I_0^\pm$

$$\rightarrow \frac{V_0^+ + V_0^-}{Z_L} = \underbrace{\frac{V(0)}{Z_L}}_{x=0} = I(0) = I_0^+ + I_0^- = \frac{V_0^+}{Z_0} - \frac{V_0^-}{Z_0}$$
$$= \frac{V_0^+ - V_0^-}{Z_0}$$

$$\rightarrow \boxed{\Gamma := \frac{V_0^-}{V_0^+} = \frac{Z_L - Z_0}{Z_L + Z_0}}$$
 is voltage reflection coefficient of load

special cases:

$$Z_L = Z_0 \Rightarrow \Gamma = 0$$

→ no reflection: all power is delivered to load in case of matched impedance

$$Z_L = \infty \Rightarrow \Gamma = +1$$

$$Z_L = 0 \Rightarrow \Gamma = -1$$

general:

$Z_L$  or  $Z_0$  can be complex

→  $\Gamma$  has imaginary part where phase angle describes phase change of reflected wave |9

## examples from printed circuit boards (PCBs)

given:

- dimensions:  $w = 100 \mu\text{m}$
- $t = 15 \mu\text{m}$
- $h = 140 \mu\text{m}$

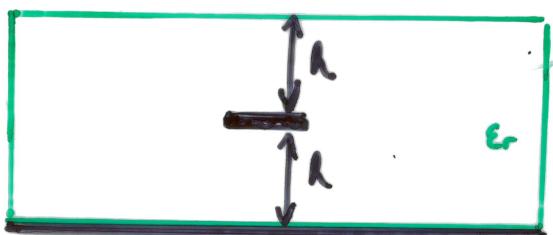
- material:  $\epsilon_r = 4.5$  (glass, or  $\text{SiO}_2$ )  
 $Z_L = 50 \Omega$  (standard load)

### A: microstrip on top



$$Z_0 = 58 \Omega \Rightarrow \Gamma = 7.5\%$$

### B: embedded microstrip



$$Z_0 = 54 \Omega \Rightarrow \Gamma = 4.0\%$$

### C: embedded stripline



$$Z_0 = 50 \Omega \Rightarrow \Gamma \approx 0$$

formula from HA Wheeler, IEEE Trans. Microwave Theory and Techn. 13:2 (1965) p. 172

$$Z_0 = \frac{87}{(41 + \sqrt{\epsilon_r})} \ln \frac{5.98 h}{0.8 w + t} \approx 53.6 \Omega \text{ for above } 20$$