

# RF Circuit Design

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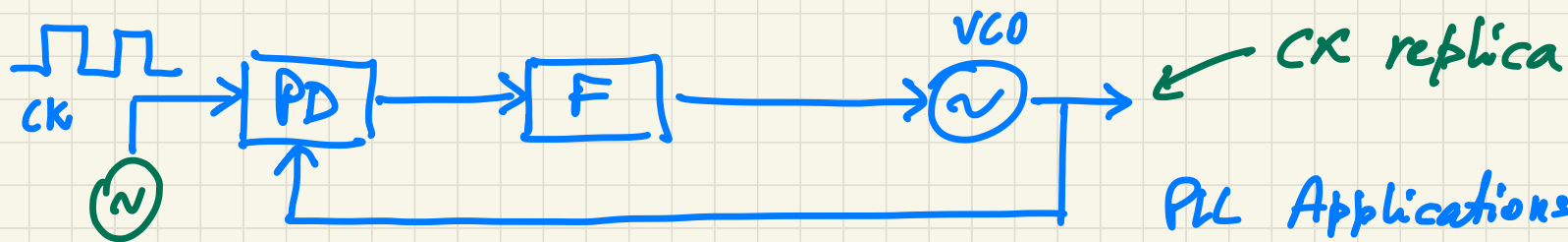
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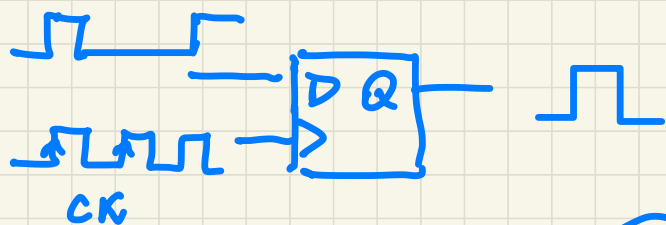
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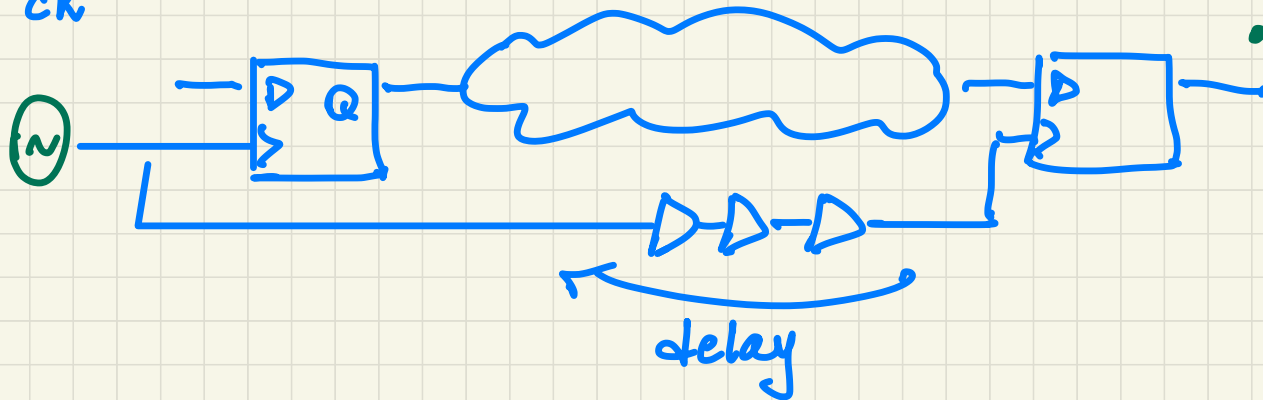


PLL Applications

- Frequ. synth.
- Band pass filter (clock recov.)
- Synchronizes two signals (CK replica)

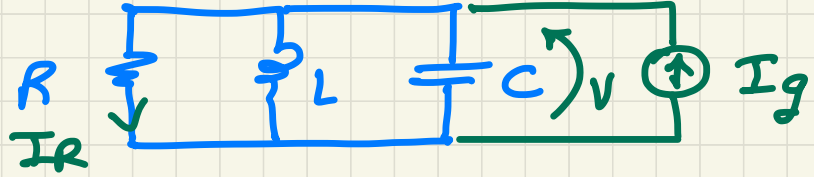


Clock skews



# Passive Networks

Resonant circuits



Impedance

$$Z = \frac{V}{I_g} = \frac{I_R \cdot R}{I_g} = R \cdot \underbrace{\frac{I_R}{I_g}}_{H(s)}$$

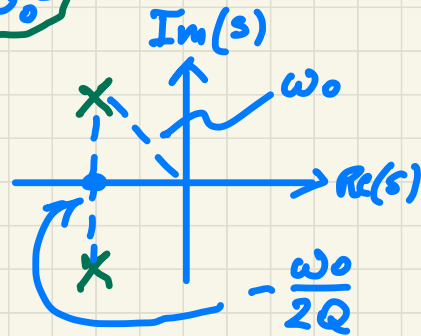
$$H(s) = \frac{1/R}{1/R + 1/sL + sC} = \frac{s \omega_0/Q}{s^2 + s \omega_0/Q + \omega_0^2}$$

$2\zeta \omega_0$

Define :

$$Q \triangleq \omega_0 RC$$
$$\omega_0 \triangleq \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$$

$$p_1 p_2 = \omega_0^2$$
$$-(p_1 + p_2) = \omega_0/Q$$



$$p_{1,2} = -\frac{\omega_0}{2Q} \pm j\omega_0 \sqrt{1 - 1/4Q^2} \quad \text{pole location}$$

$$\xi = \frac{1}{2Q} = \frac{1}{2\omega_0 RC} \quad \text{damping factor}$$

Meaning of  $Q$  factor :

1. inversely prop. to the damping factor  $\xi$

$\xi$  small  $\Leftrightarrow Q$  large  $\Leftrightarrow$  underdamped poles



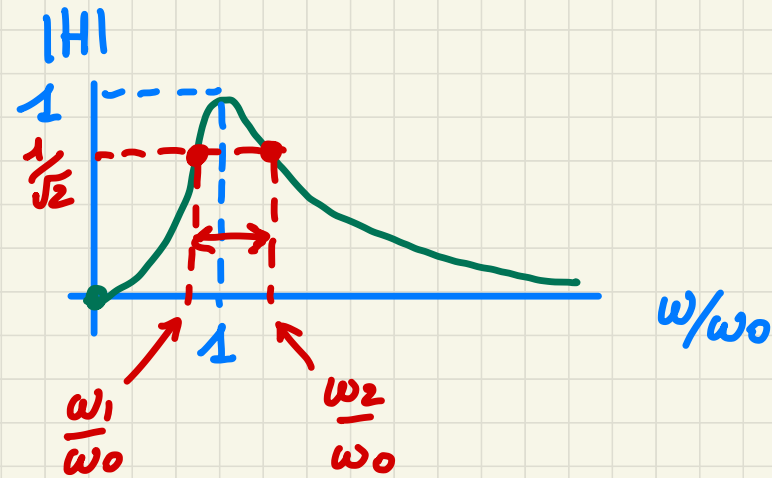
$Q$  related to pole location

2. -3dB BW :

$$H(j\omega) = \frac{j\omega\omega_0/Q}{-\omega^2 + j\omega\omega_0/Q + \omega_0^2} = \frac{1}{1 + jQ\left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_0} - \frac{\omega_0}{\omega}\right)}$$

$$|H(j\omega)|^2 = \frac{1}{|1 + jQ(\frac{\omega}{\omega_0} - \frac{\omega_0}{\omega})|^2} =$$

$$\frac{1}{1 + \underbrace{Q^2(\frac{\omega}{\omega_0} - \frac{\omega_0}{\omega})^2}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ -3\text{dB} \\ \text{bandwidth} \\ (\omega_2 - \omega_1)}}} = \frac{1}{2}$$



$$\omega^2 \mp Q\omega_0\omega - \omega_0^2 = 0$$

$$\omega_{1,2} = \omega_0 \left( \mp \frac{1}{2Q} + \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{4Q^2}} \right) \leftarrow$$

$$Q^2 \left( \frac{\omega}{\omega_0} - \frac{\omega_0}{\omega} \right)^2 = 1$$

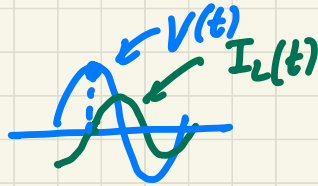
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$$Q \left( \frac{\omega}{\omega_0} - \frac{\omega_0}{\omega} \right) = \pm 1$$

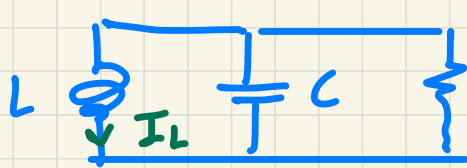
$$\frac{\Delta\omega}{\omega_0} = \frac{\omega_2 - \omega_1}{\omega_0} = \frac{\omega_0/2Q + \omega_0/2Q}{\omega_0} = \frac{\omega_0/Q}{\omega_0} = \frac{1}{Q}$$

$Q$  is the ratio between the center frequency and the  $-3\text{dB}$  BW of the frequency response

$$Q = \frac{\omega_0}{\Delta\omega}$$



3. Energy meaning  $Q = \omega_0 RC = \omega_0 \underbrace{\frac{\frac{1}{2} C |\bar{V}|^2}_{E_{\text{stored}}}}_{\underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \frac{|\bar{V}|^2}{R}}_{P_{\text{diss}}}}$



$$V(t) = \text{Re} \{ \bar{V} \cdot e^{j\omega_0 t} \}$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$E_{\text{stored}} = \frac{1}{2} L I_L^2(t) + \frac{1}{2} C V^2(t) = \frac{1}{2} C |\bar{V}|^2$$

$$Q = \omega_0 \cdot \frac{E_{\text{stored}}}{P_{\text{diss}}}$$

$Q$  is  $\omega_0$  times the ratio between stored energy and diss. power in a resonator

$$Q = 2\pi \cancel{f_0} \cdot \frac{E_{\text{stored}}}{E_{\text{diss}} \cdot \cancel{f_0}} \Rightarrow$$

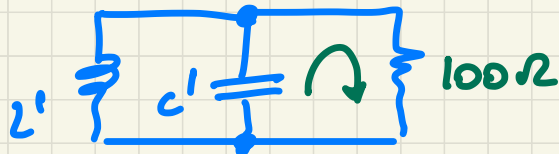
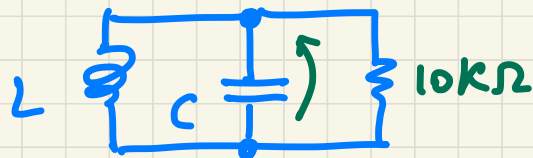
in 1 cycle

$$\Rightarrow Q = 2\pi \cdot \frac{E_{\text{stored}}}{E_{\text{diss. in 1 cycle}}}$$

$Q$  is  $2\pi$  times the ratio between stored and dissipated energy

Quality factor is high if the stored energy is much than the dissipated energy per cycle

e.g.



ideal  
resonator  
(lossless)

$$R_p \rightarrow \infty$$

$$R_s \rightarrow 0$$

$$LC = L'C' \Rightarrow \text{same resonance frequency}$$

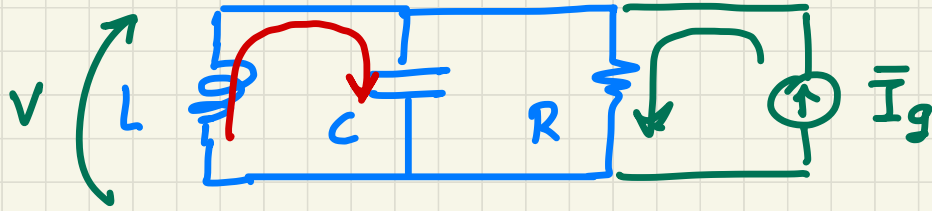
Which resonator has the highest  $Q$ ?

$$Q = \underbrace{\omega_0}_{\uparrow} \underbrace{R}_{\uparrow} \underbrace{C}_{\downarrow} = \frac{R}{\omega_0 L} = \sqrt{\frac{C}{L}} \cdot R$$

$$\omega_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}} ; L = \frac{1}{\omega_0^2 C} ; \omega_0 L = \frac{1}{\omega_0 C}$$



#### 4. Amplification at resonance



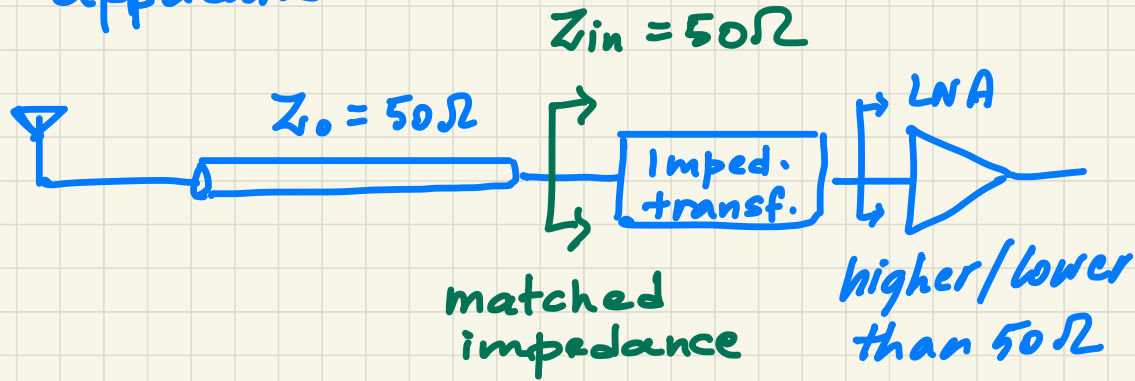
$I_g(t)$  sinusoid at resonance ( $\omega_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$ )

$$\begin{aligned} |\bar{I}_c| &= \omega_0 C \cdot |\bar{V}| = \omega_0 C \cdot \underbrace{|\bar{I}_g| \cdot R}_{\text{Ohm's law}} = \\ &= Q \cdot |\bar{I}_g| \end{aligned}$$

$Q$  is the current gain between input current and capacitor / inductor current

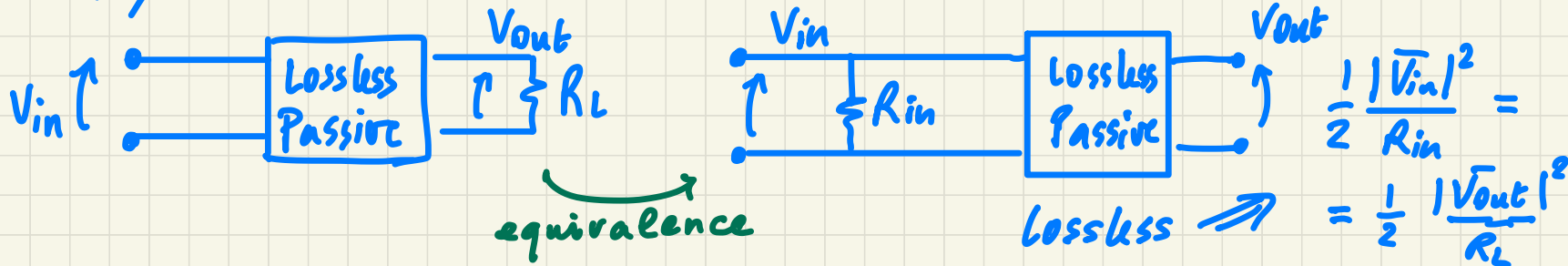
# Impedance transformation (Matching networks)

eg. application



impedance transformation: DOWNWARD / UPWARD

In general:

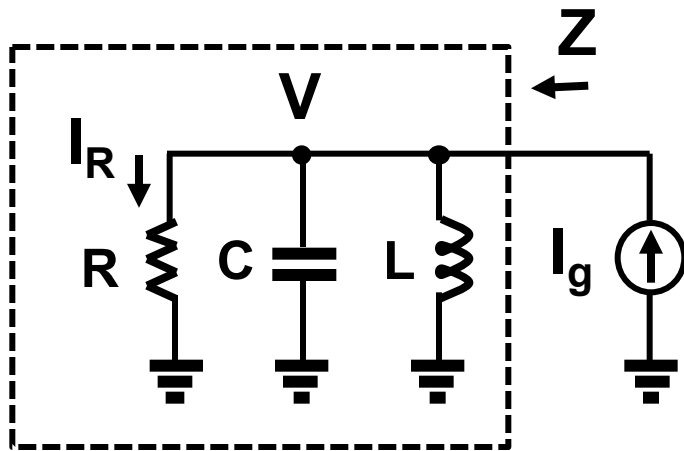


$$\Rightarrow R_{in} = \frac{R_L}{\frac{|V_{out}|^2}{|V_{in}|^2}} = \frac{R_L}{G^2}$$

$$G = \left| \frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}} \right|$$

- $G > 1$  : amplification  $\Rightarrow$  DOWNWARD imp. trans.
- $G < 1$  : attennuation  $\Rightarrow$  UPWARD imp. trans.

# Resonant Circuits



Impedance in Laplace Transform:

$$Z(s) = \frac{V}{I_g} = R \cdot \frac{I_R}{I_g} = R \cdot H(s)$$

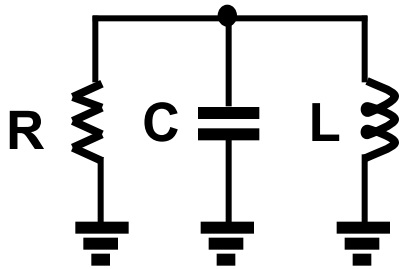
*Definition*

$$Q = \omega_0 RC$$

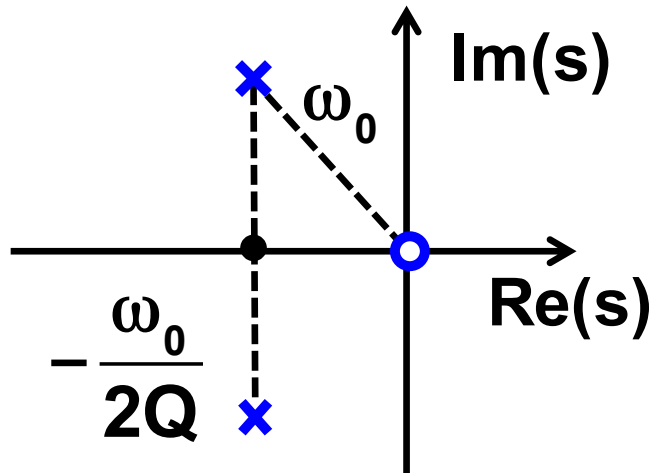
$$\omega_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$$

$$H(s) = \frac{\frac{s}{RC}}{s^2 + \frac{s}{RC} + \frac{1}{LC}} = \frac{s \frac{\omega_0}{Q}}{s^2 + s \frac{\omega_0}{Q} + \omega_0^2}$$

# Resonant Circuits: Complex Singularities



$$H(s) = \frac{\frac{s}{RC}}{s^2 + \frac{s}{RC} + \frac{1}{LC}} = \frac{s \frac{\omega_0}{Q}}{s^2 + s \frac{\omega_0}{Q} + \omega_0^2}$$

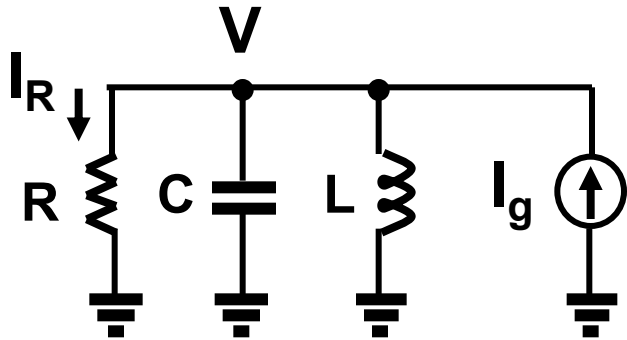


*Damping Factor*

$$\Rightarrow \zeta = \frac{-\text{Re}(\omega_p)}{|\omega_p|} = \frac{1}{2Q}$$

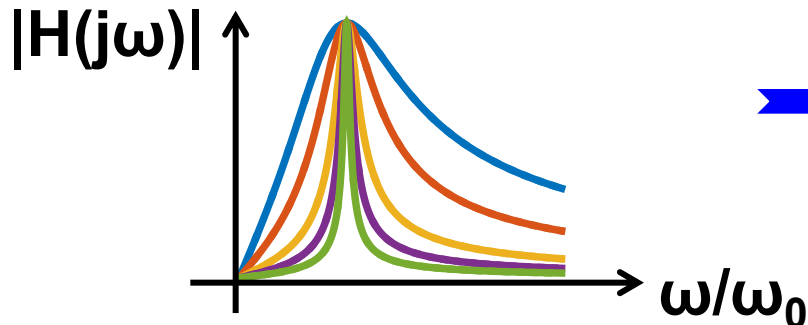
- Damping factor is inversely proportional to Q

# Resonant Circuits: Network Functions



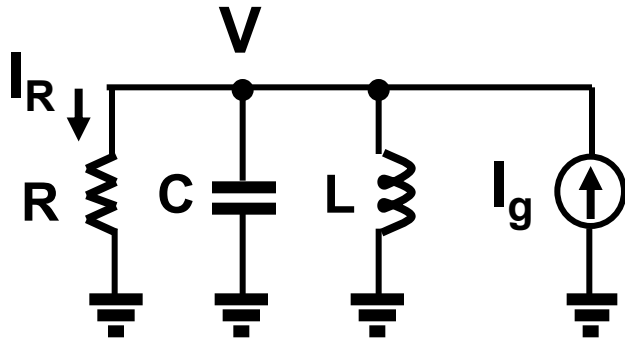
$$Z(j\omega) = \frac{V}{I_g} = R \cdot \frac{I_R}{I_g} = R \cdot H(j\omega)$$

$$H(j\omega) = \frac{1}{1 + jR\left(\omega C - \frac{1}{\omega L}\right)} = \frac{1}{1 + jQ\left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_0} - \frac{\omega_0}{\omega}\right)}$$



- Band-pass frequency response dependent on  $Q$

# Resonant Circuits: -3dB Bandwidth



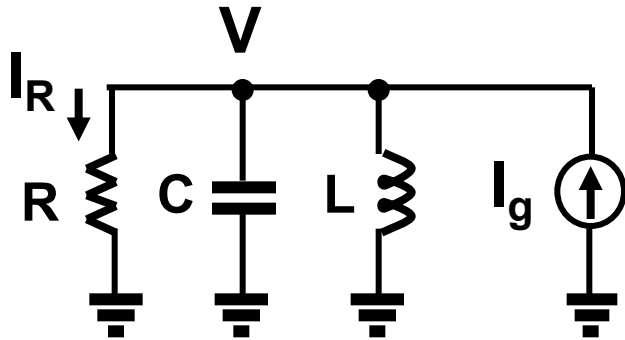
$$|H(j\omega)|^2 = \frac{1}{1 + Q^2 \left( \frac{\omega}{\omega_0} - \frac{\omega_0}{\omega} \right)^2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\omega}{\omega_0} - \frac{\omega_0}{\omega} = \pm \frac{1}{Q} \Rightarrow \frac{\omega_{1,2}}{\omega_0} = \mp \frac{1}{2Q} + \sqrt{\frac{1}{4Q^2} + 1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\Delta\omega}{\omega_0} = \frac{\omega_2 - \omega_1}{\omega_0} = \frac{1}{Q}$$

- Q factor is the ratio of the center frequency over the **-3dB BW** of the network function

# Resonant Circuits: Energy Relationship



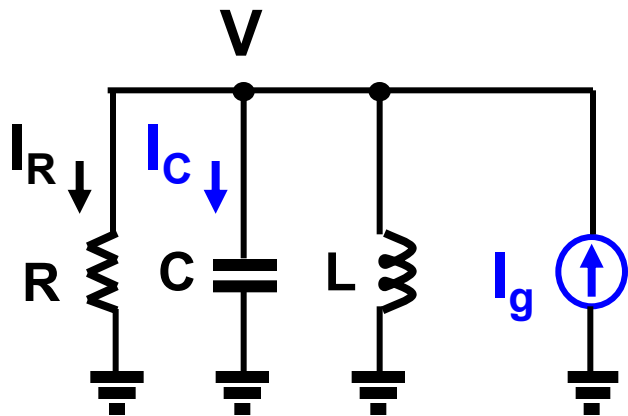
$$V(t) = \text{Re} \left\{ \underbrace{\bar{V}}_{\text{Phasor}} \cdot e^{j\omega_0 t} \right\}$$

$$Q = \omega_0 RC = \omega_0 \frac{\frac{1}{2} C |\bar{V}|^2}{\frac{1}{2} \frac{|\bar{V}|^2}{R}} = \omega_0 \frac{E_{\text{stored}}}{P_{\text{diss.}}} = 2\pi \cdot \frac{E_{\text{stored}}}{E_{\text{diss. per cycle}}}$$

- Q factor is proportional to the ratio of the **energy stored** over the **energy dissipated** in one oscillation cycle



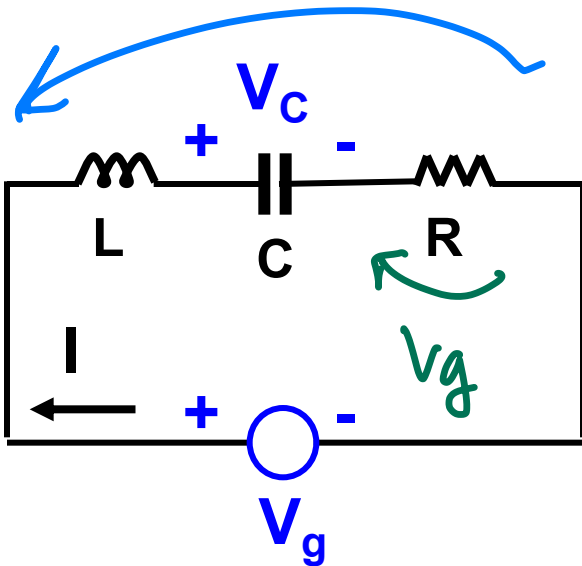
# Current/Voltage Amplification at Resonance



## Current Amplification at Resonance

$$|\overline{I_C}| = \omega_0 C \cdot |\overline{V}| = \omega_0 C \cdot |\overline{I_g}| R = Q \cdot |\overline{I_g}|$$

$$Q \triangleq \omega_0 RC$$

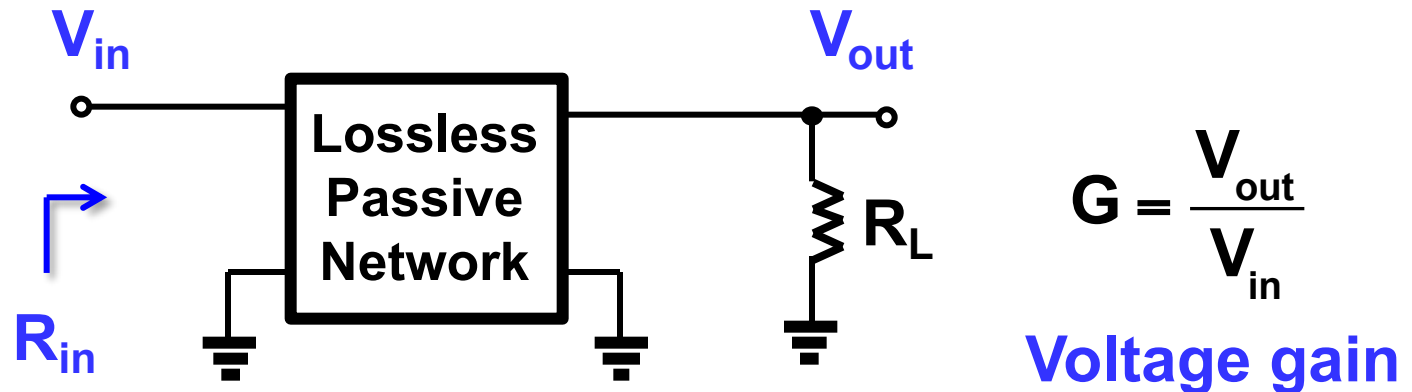


## Voltage Amplification at Resonance

$$|\overline{V_C}| = \frac{|\overline{I}|}{\omega_0 C} = \frac{|\overline{V_g}|}{\omega_0 RC} = Q \cdot |\overline{V_g}|$$

$$Q \triangleq \frac{1}{\omega_0 RC}$$

# Impedance Transformations: General Result

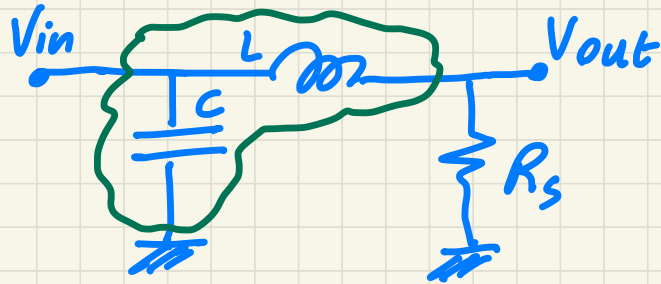


$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{V_{in}^2}{R_{in}} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{V_{out}^2}{R_L} \quad \Rightarrow \quad R_{in} = R_L \cdot \frac{V_{in}^2}{V_{out}^2} = \frac{R_L}{G^2}$$

Impedance transformation

- *Upward* transformation if  $G < 1$
- *Downward* transformation if  $G > 1$

L-match network



(simplest network)

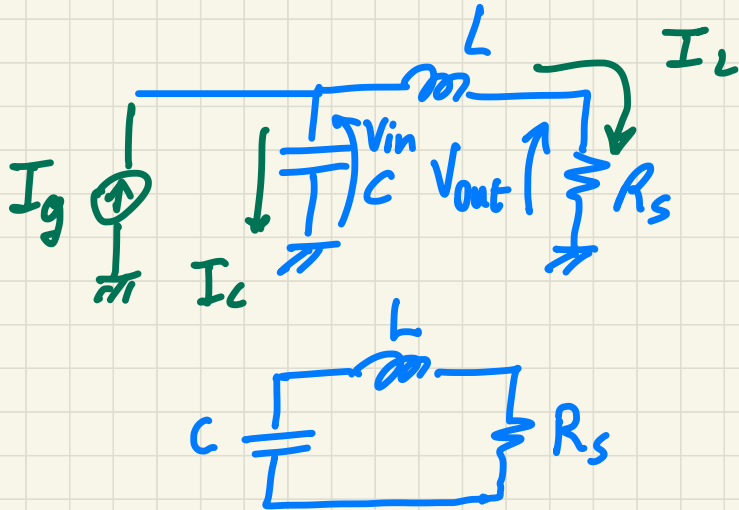
- lossless approximation:

$$R_s^{**} \simeq 0 \quad \text{at resonance}$$

$$|\bar{I}_L| \simeq Q \cdot |\bar{I}_g|$$

$$\text{where } Q = \frac{1}{\omega_0 R_s C}$$

(quality of a series LC network)



$$** \quad Q \gg 1$$

$$|\bar{V}_{out}| = |\bar{I}_L| \cdot R_s = \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{at resonance}}}{|\bar{I}_C|} \cdot R_s = \omega_0 C \cdot |\bar{V}_{in}| \cdot R_s = \frac{|\bar{V}_{in}|}{Q}$$

voltage attenuation

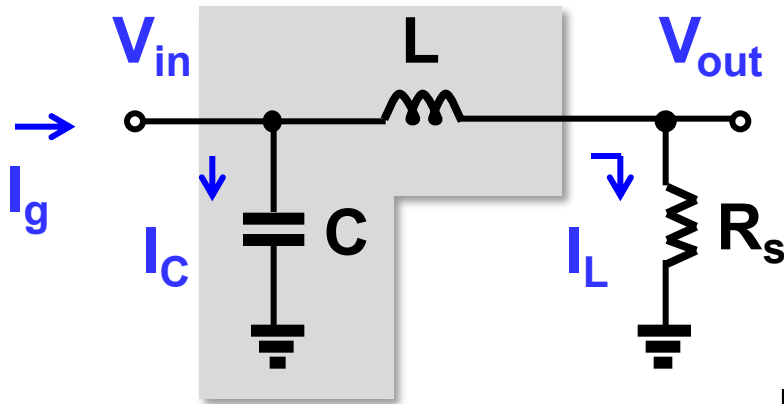
$$|Z_{in}| = \frac{|\bar{V}_{in}|}{|\bar{I}_g|} = \frac{|\bar{V}_{out}| \cdot Q}{\underbrace{|\bar{I}_L|}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{current in } R_s}} / Q} = Q^2 \cdot R_s$$

$$\boxed{Z_{in} = Q^2 \cdot R_s}$$

at resonance  
(with  $Q \gg 1$ )

upward impedance transformation

# *L-match Networks (Small Losses)*



For small losses, at resonance:

$$|\bar{I}_C| = Q_L \cdot |\bar{I}_g| = |\bar{I}_L|$$

$$|\bar{V}_{out}| = |\bar{I}_L| R_s = |\bar{V}_{in}| \omega_0 C R_s = |\bar{V}_{in}| / Q_L$$

Voltage attenuation

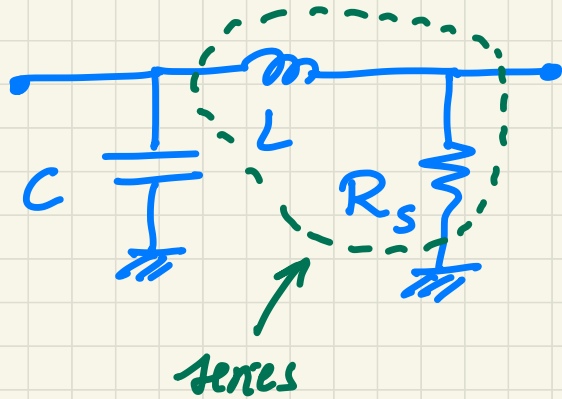


$$|Z_{in}| = \frac{|\bar{V}_{in}|}{|\bar{I}_g|} \approx \frac{Q_L |\bar{V}_{out}|}{|\bar{I}_L| / Q_L} = \boxed{R_s \cdot Q_L^2}$$

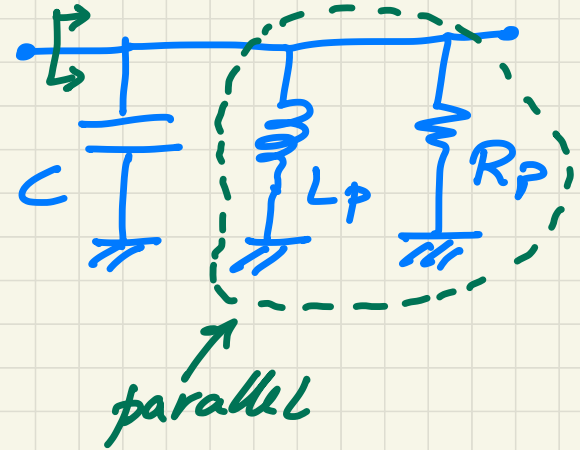
Upward impedance transformation

$$Q_L = \frac{\omega_0 L}{R_s} \gg 1$$

- General case (no lossless approx.)



equivalent  
around  
resonance  
frequency



series - to - parallel transformation :

$$j\omega L + R_s = \frac{R_p \cdot j\omega L_p}{R_p + j\omega L_p}$$

$$Q_L = \frac{\omega L}{R_s} = \frac{1}{\omega C R_s}$$

$$R_s (1 + j Q_L) = \frac{R_p \cdot j\omega L_p}{R_p + j\omega L_p}$$

$$R_s (1 + j Q_L) = \frac{R_p \cdot j \omega L_p}{R_p + j \omega L_p}$$

$$R_s (1 + j Q_L) (R_p + j \omega L_p) = j \omega L_p R_p$$



$$\cancel{R_s R_p} - \cancel{R_s} Q_L \cdot \omega L_p = 0$$



$$Q_L = \frac{R_p}{\omega L_p}$$

$$R_s \cdot Q_L R_p + \cancel{R_s} \omega L_p = \omega L_p R_p$$

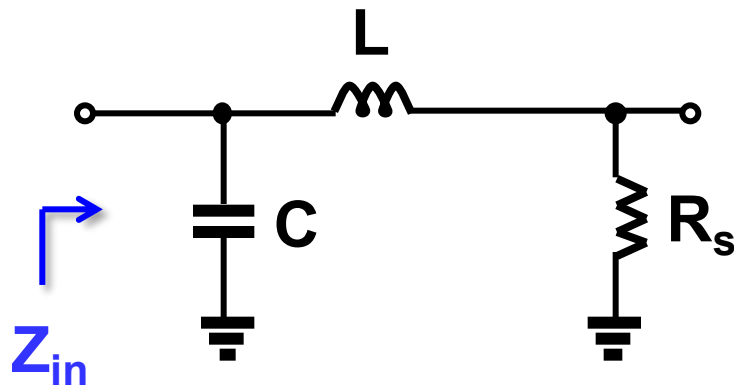


$$\cancel{R_s R_p} Q_L + \cancel{R_s} \cdot \frac{\cancel{R_p}}{Q_L} = R_p \cdot \frac{\cancel{R_p}}{Q_L}$$

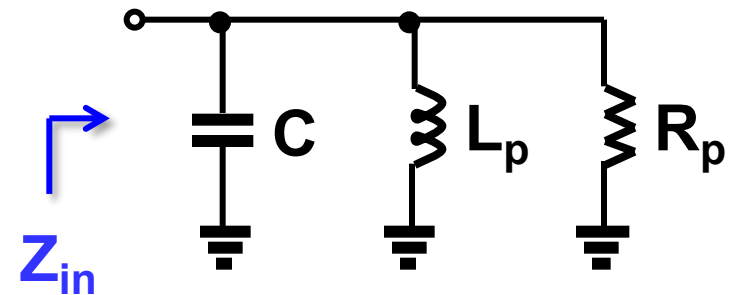


$$R_p = R_s \cdot (1 + Q_L^2)$$

# *L-match Networks (General Case)*



## Equivalent Network



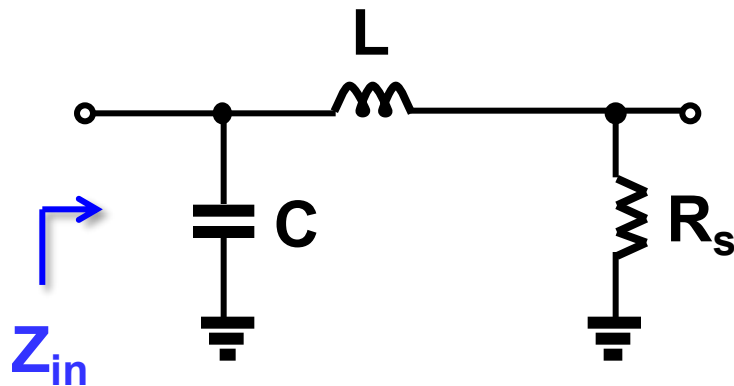
$$\frac{j\omega R_p L_p}{R_p + j\omega L_p} = R_s + j\omega L$$

$$Q_L = \frac{\omega L}{R_s}$$

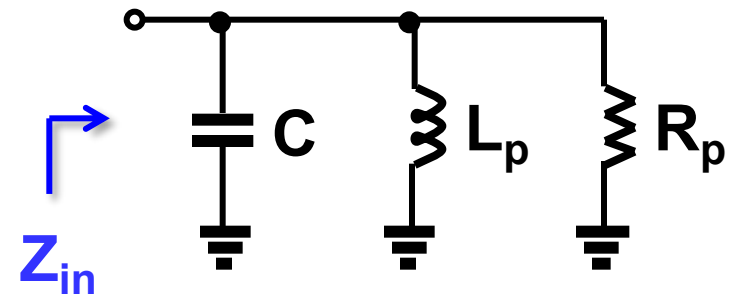
$$\frac{j\omega R_p L_p}{R_p + j\omega L_p} = R_s (1 + jQ_L) \rightarrow \begin{cases} \omega L_p R_p = \omega L_p R_s + R_s R_p Q_L \\ 0 = R_s R_p - R_s Q_L \omega L_p \end{cases}$$



# L-match Networks (Continued)



## Equivalent Network



$$\begin{cases} \omega L_p R_p = \omega L_p R_s + R_s R_p Q_L \\ 0 = R_s R_p - R_s Q_L \omega L_p \end{cases}$$

→

$$\begin{cases} \frac{R_s}{Q_L} + R_s Q_L = \frac{R_p}{Q_L} \\ L_p = \frac{R_p}{\omega Q_L} \end{cases}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{cases} R_p = R_s \cdot (1 + Q_L^2) \\ L_p = L \cdot \frac{1 + Q_L^2}{Q_L^2} \end{cases}$$

Note that  $R_p$  and  $L_p$  in general depends on frequency