

# Impedance Matching Equation: Developed Using Wheeler's Methodology

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# Background Information

1940s

Wheeler develops impedance matching principles

A Wheeler designed double-tuned impedance-matched IFF antenna played a critical role in WW II

Bode and Fano publish their work on impedance matching

1950

Wheeler publishes Report 418, a tutorial on impedance matching that features the reflection chart as a primary tool

For single- and double-tuned impedance matching, it presents three equations that quantify impedance-matching bandwidth limitations related to a specified maximum reflection magnitude

Based on the works of Bode and Fano, it quantifies the law of diminishing returns for impedance matching circuits beyond double tuning

1973

Wheeler's three equations are converted to the original Impedance Matching Equation

2004

Using MATCAD to solve Fano's equations, the final version of the Impedance Matching Equation was developed

# Impedance-Matching Equation

$$B_n(\Gamma) = \frac{1}{Q} \frac{1}{b_n \sinh\left(\frac{1}{a_n} \ln\left(\frac{1}{\Gamma}\right)\right) + \frac{1-b_n}{a_n} \ln\left(\frac{1}{\Gamma}\right)}$$

Assumes Lumped-Element Circuits      Exact for  $n = 1, 2,$  and  $\infty$   
 $QB_n$  Error  $< 0.1\%$  for  $\Gamma > 0.10$  (Max VSWR  $> 1.2$ )

$B_n$  = Maximum fractional impedance-matching bandwidth

$B_n = (f_H - f_L)/f_0$

$f_0$  = Resonant frequency =  $\sqrt{f_H f_L}$

$Q$  = Antenna Q (Ratio of reactive power to radiated and dissipated power)

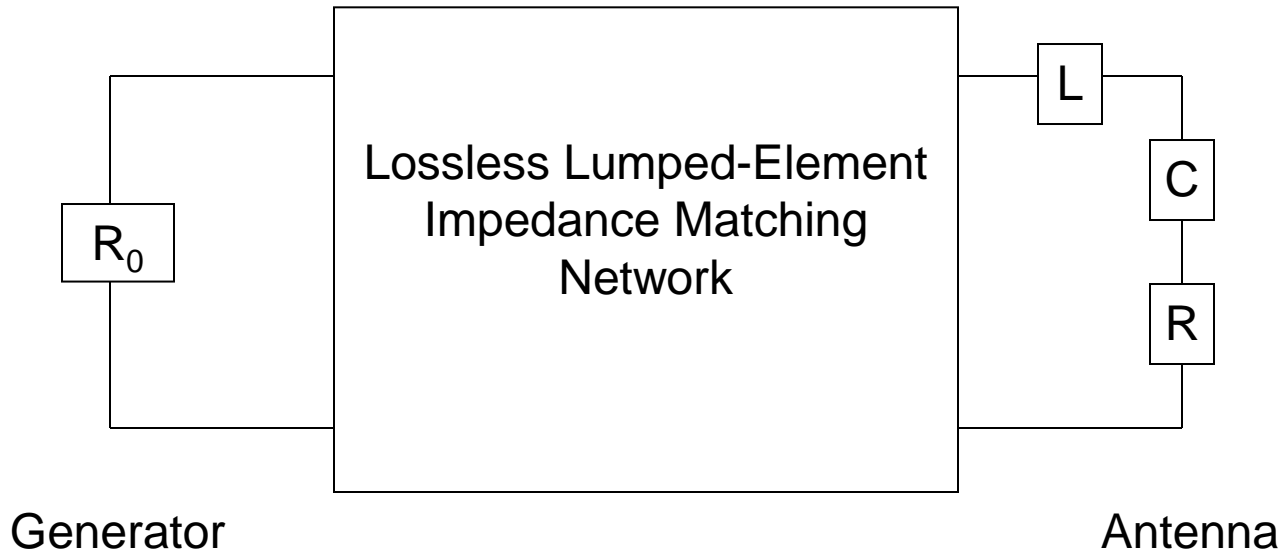
$\Gamma$  = Maximum reflection magnitude within  $B_n$

$n$  = Number of tuned stages in the impedance matching circuit

$n$	$a_n$	$b_n$		$n$	$a_n$	$b_n$
1	1	1		6	2.838	0.264
2	2	1		7	2.896	0.209
3	2.413	0.678		8	2.937	0.160
4	2.628	0.474				
5	2.755	0.347		$\infty$	$\pi$	0

# Bode Impedance Matching Equation

(Hendrik W. Bode)

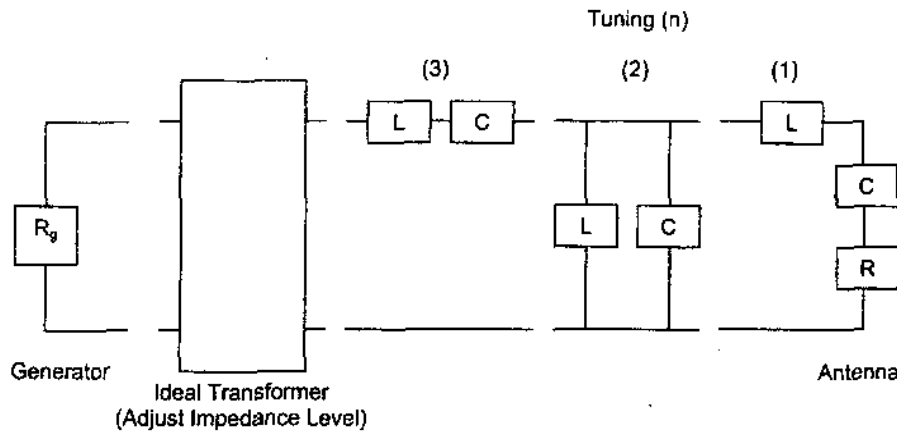


$$B = \frac{1}{Q} \frac{\pi}{\ln\left(\frac{1}{\Gamma}\right)} \quad Q = \frac{\omega_0 L}{R}$$

$B$  = Theoretical maximum fractional bandwidth  
for specified maximum reflection magnitude

# Fano's Impedance Matching Equations

(Robert M. Fano)



n tuned stages

Alternate - series and parallel

All stages tuned to  $f_0$

n = 1 is the tuned antenna

$\Gamma$   
n  $\longrightarrow$

$$\Gamma = \frac{\cosh(nb)}{\cosh(na)}$$

$$\frac{\tanh(na)}{\cosh(a)} = \frac{\tanh(nb)}{\cosh(b)}$$

$$\frac{2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2n}\right)}{\sinh(a) - \sinh(b)} = QB$$

$\longrightarrow QB_n(\Gamma)$

NOTE: The Impedance Matching Equation is a closed-form approximate solution for the Fano Impedance Matching Equations

# The Bode-Fano Equation

Fano showed that in the limit case of  $n = \infty$

$$B_{\infty} = \frac{1}{Q} \frac{\pi}{\ln\left(\frac{1}{\Gamma}\right)}$$

# We Started in 1973 With Wheeler's Three Equations for a Resonant Antenna

1950 Wheeler Lab Report 418

1.  $QB = \tan(\varphi_{EB})$       $\varphi_{EB}$  = Magnitude of impedance phase  
at edge - band frequencies
2.  $\Gamma_1 = \tan\left(\frac{\varphi_{EB}}{2}\right)$      (Optimum Single Tuning)
3.  $\Gamma_2 = \Gamma_1^2$      (Optimum Double Tuning)



# Wheeler's First Equation

Wheeler's Small Resonant Antenna

Lumped-Element RLC Circuit

Example: Small Electric Dipole

Capacitor resonated with series L

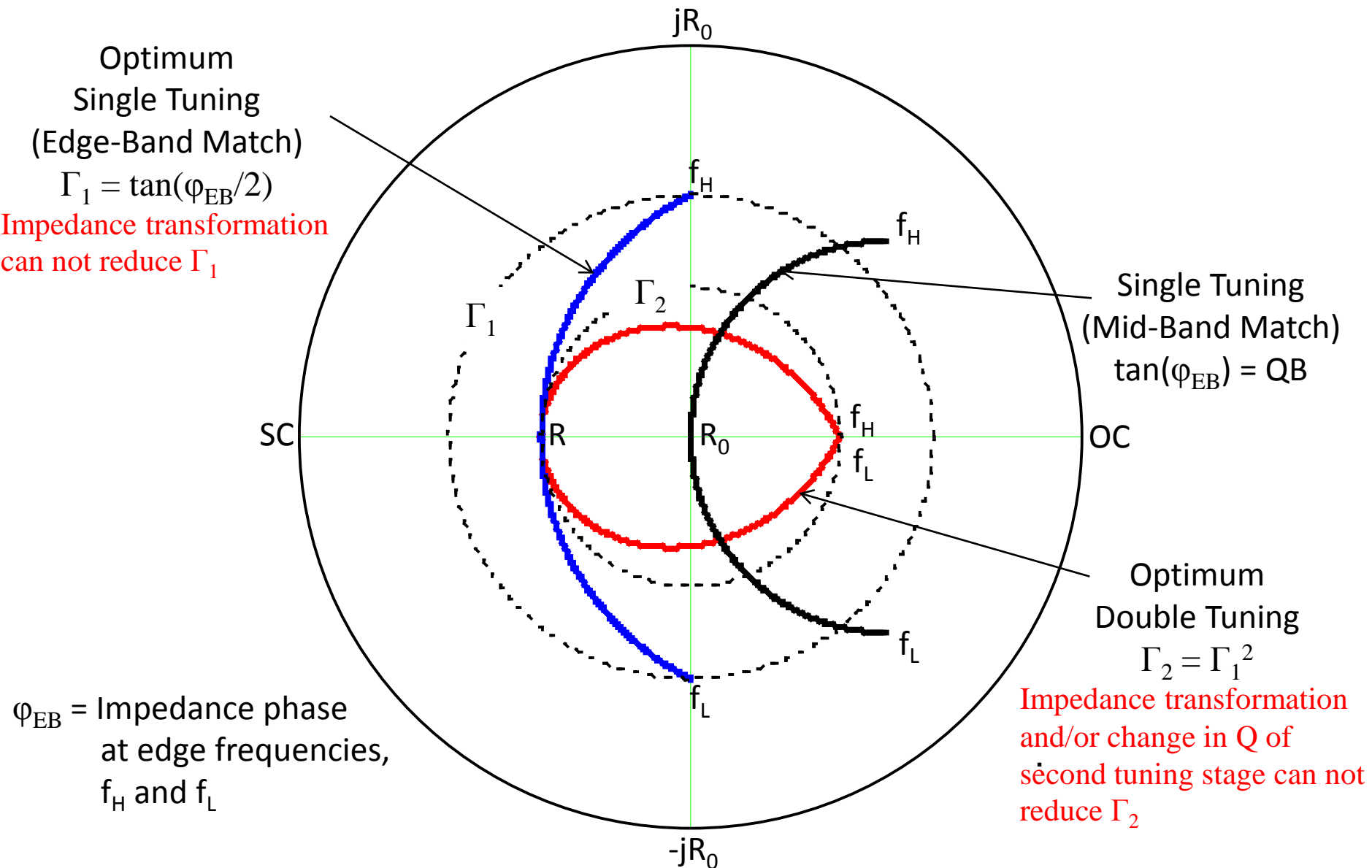
$$Z_{EB} = R + j \frac{1}{\omega_0 C} \left( \frac{f_H}{f_0} - \frac{f_0}{f_H} \right)$$

$$Z_{EB} = R \left( 1 + j \frac{1}{\omega_0 CR} \left( \frac{f_H}{f_0} - \frac{f_L}{f_0} \right) \right)$$

$$Z_{EB} = R(1 + jQB) = R \cdot \exp(j\varphi_{EB})$$

$$\tan(\varphi_{EB}) = QB$$

# Wheeler's Optimum Single- and Double-Tuned Impedance Matching (Proof by Inspection)



# Single Tuning: Derivation of $|\Gamma_{EB}| = \tan\left(\frac{\varphi_{EB}}{2}\right)$

From  $\longrightarrow Z_{EB} = e^{j\varphi_{EB}}$

Reflection

Chart

$R_0 = 1$

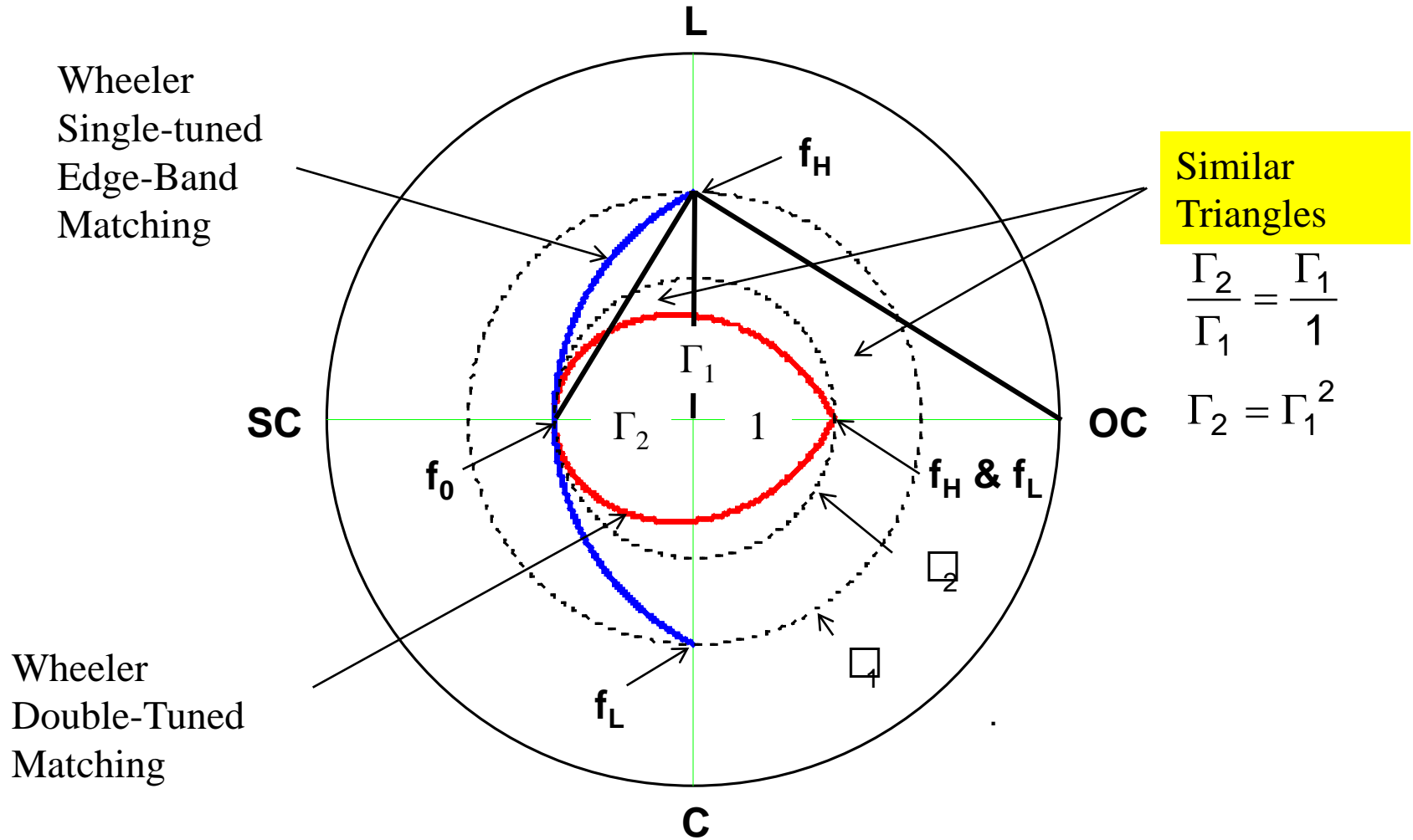
$$\Gamma_{EB} = \frac{e^{j\varphi_{EB}} - 1}{e^{j\varphi_{EB}} + 1}$$

$$\Gamma_{EB} = \frac{\cos(\varphi_{EB}) + j\sin(\varphi_{EB}) - 1}{\cos(\varphi_{EB}) + j\sin(\varphi_{EB}) + 1}$$

$$\Gamma_1 = |\Gamma_{EB}| = \frac{\sqrt{\cos^2(\varphi_{EB}) - 2\cos(\varphi_{EB}) + 1 + \sin^2(\varphi_{EB})}}{\sqrt{\cos^2(\varphi_{EB}) + 2\cos(\varphi_{EB}) + 1 + \sin^2(\varphi_{EB})}}$$

$$\Gamma_1 = \frac{\sqrt{1 - \cos(\varphi_{EB})}}{\sqrt{1 + \cos(\varphi_{EB})}} = \tan\left(\frac{\varphi_{EB}}{2}\right)$$

# Derivation of $\Gamma_2 = \Gamma_1^2$



In 1973 we converted Wheeler's three equations for a resonant antenna to a single equation

1.  $QB = \tan(\varphi_{EB})$      $\varphi_{EB}$  = Impedance phase at edge frequency
2.  $\Gamma_1 = \tan(\varphi_{EB}/2)$     (Single Tuning)
3.  $\Gamma_2 = \Gamma_1^2$     (Double Tuning)

Single Tuning :     $\tan(\varphi) = \frac{2 \tan(\varphi/2)}{1 - \tan^2(\varphi/2)}$      $QB_1 = \frac{2\Gamma_1}{1 - \Gamma_1^2}$

Double Tuning :     $QB_2 = \frac{2\sqrt{\Gamma_2}}{1 - \Gamma_2}$

Wheeler's Equation:  
 Single tuning,  $n = 1$   
 Double tuning,  $n = 2$

$$B_n(\Gamma) = \frac{1}{Q} \frac{2\Gamma^{\frac{1}{n}}}{1 - \Gamma^{\frac{2}{n}}}$$

# 1973 Continued

- At this point we had an explicit expression that related  $B$ ,  $Q$ ,  $\Gamma$ , and  $n$  for single- and double-tuned impedance matching
- We were aware of the Bode and Fano results
- Wheeler clearly defined the law of diminishing returns for added stages beyond double tuning
- One remaining question was: **How much bandwidth increase can be achieved with triple tuning over that of double tuning?**

# 1973 Continued

Wheeler's Equation:  $QB_n = \frac{2\Gamma^{\frac{1}{n}}}{1 - \Gamma^{\frac{1}{n}}}$

$$QB_1 = \frac{2\Gamma}{1 - \Gamma^2} = \frac{2}{\frac{1}{\Gamma} - \Gamma} = \frac{2}{e^{\ln\left(\frac{1}{\Gamma}\right)} - e^{-\ln\left(\frac{1}{\Gamma}\right)}} = \frac{1}{\sinh\left(\ln\left(\frac{1}{\Gamma}\right)\right)}$$

$$QB_2 = \frac{2\sqrt{\Gamma}}{1 - \Gamma} = \frac{2}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{\Gamma}} - \sqrt{\Gamma}} = \frac{2}{e^{\frac{1}{2}\ln\left(\frac{1}{\Gamma}\right)} - e^{-\frac{1}{2}\ln\left(\frac{1}{\Gamma}\right)}} = \frac{1}{\sinh\left(\frac{1}{2}\ln\left(\frac{1}{\Gamma}\right)\right)}$$

$$B_n = \frac{1}{Q} \frac{1}{\sinh\left(\frac{1}{a_n} \ln\left(\frac{1}{\Gamma}\right)\right)} \approx \frac{1}{Q} \frac{a_n}{\ln\left(\frac{1}{\Gamma}\right)} \text{ for } \Gamma > \frac{1}{3}$$

$$a_1 = 1, \text{ and } a_2 = 2$$

# 1973 Continued

Bode - Fano Equation

$$B_{\infty} = \frac{1}{Q} \frac{\pi}{\ln\left(\frac{1}{\Gamma}\right)} \quad a_{\infty} = \pi$$

For all n and  $\Gamma > 1/3$ :

$$\text{Is } B_n \approx \frac{1}{Q} \frac{a_n}{\ln\left(\frac{1}{\Gamma}\right)} \text{ ???}$$

Knew that  $a_1 = 1$ ,  $a_2 = 2$ , and  $a_{\infty} = \pi$

Ref.: L.B.W. Jolley, "Summation of Series," Dover, New York, (410), p. 76, 1961

$$1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{7} \left(\frac{2}{3} \frac{4}{5}\right)^2 + \dots \dots \dots \infty = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

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$$a_n = \sum_{k=1}^n s_k \quad a_1 = 1 \quad a_2 = 2 \quad a_3 = 2.333 \quad a_4 = 2.667 \quad a_5 = 2.756 \dots \quad a_{\infty} = \pi$$



# 1973 Impedance-Matching Equation (Original Equation)

$$B_n(\Gamma) \approx \frac{1}{Q} \frac{1}{\sinh\left(\frac{1}{a_n} \ln\left(\frac{1}{\Gamma}\right)\right)}$$

Exact for  $n = 1$  and  $2$

Approximate for  $\Gamma > 1/3$ , and  $n > 2$

<b>n</b>	<b>a<sub>n</sub></b>		<b>n</b>	<b>a<sub>n</sub></b>
1	1		6	2.84
2	2		7	2.89
3	2.33		8	2.93
4	2.67			
5	2.76		$\infty$	$\pi$

For  $\Gamma = 1/3$

$$\frac{B_2}{B_1} = 2.31 \text{ (131\% Increase)}$$

$$\frac{B_\infty}{B_2} = 1.65 \text{ (65\% Increase)}$$

$$\frac{B_3}{B_2} = 1.18 \text{ (18\% Increase ?)}$$

Sent letter to Professor Fano asking for  
help in determining accuracy of  $a_n$

# 1973 Fano's Reply

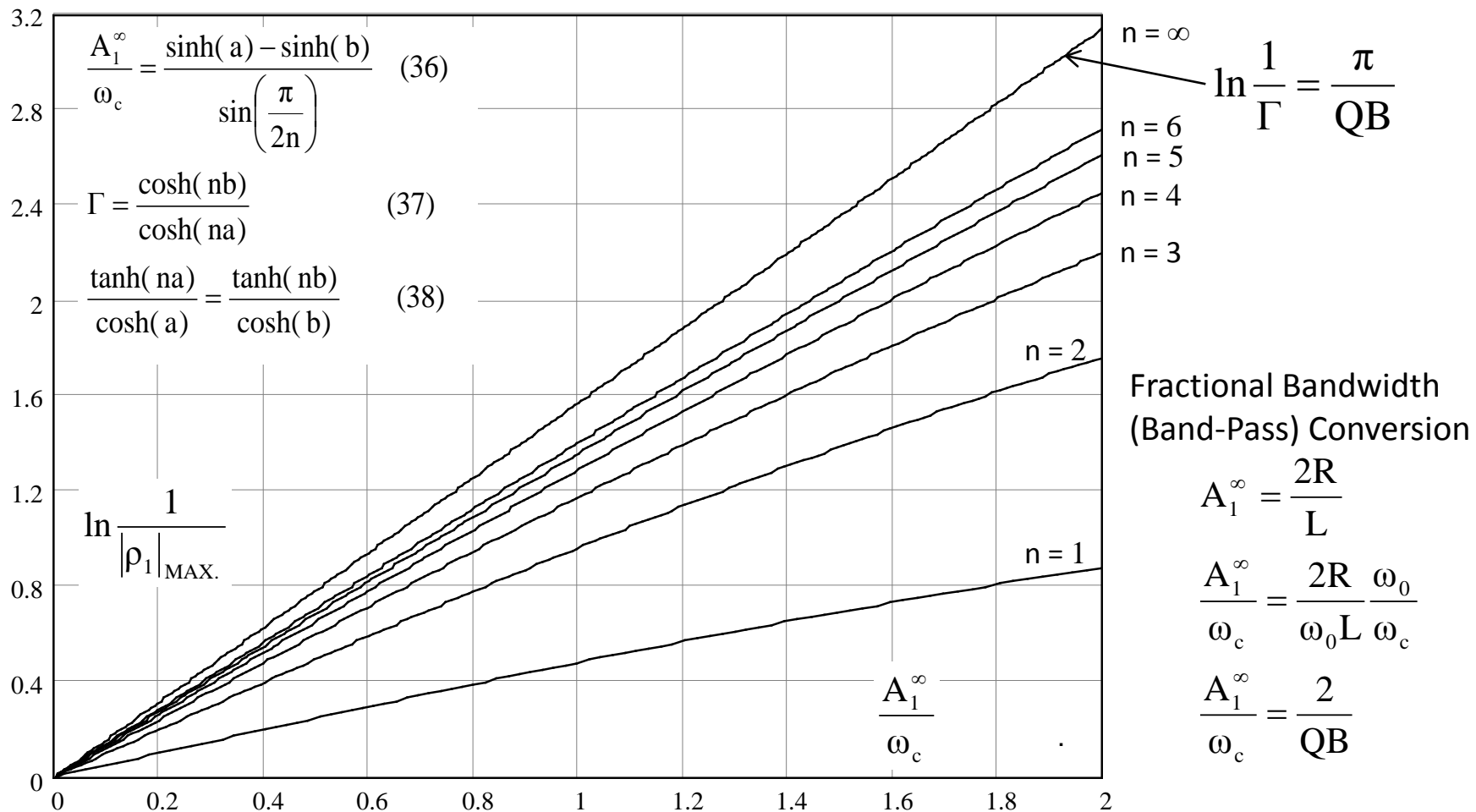
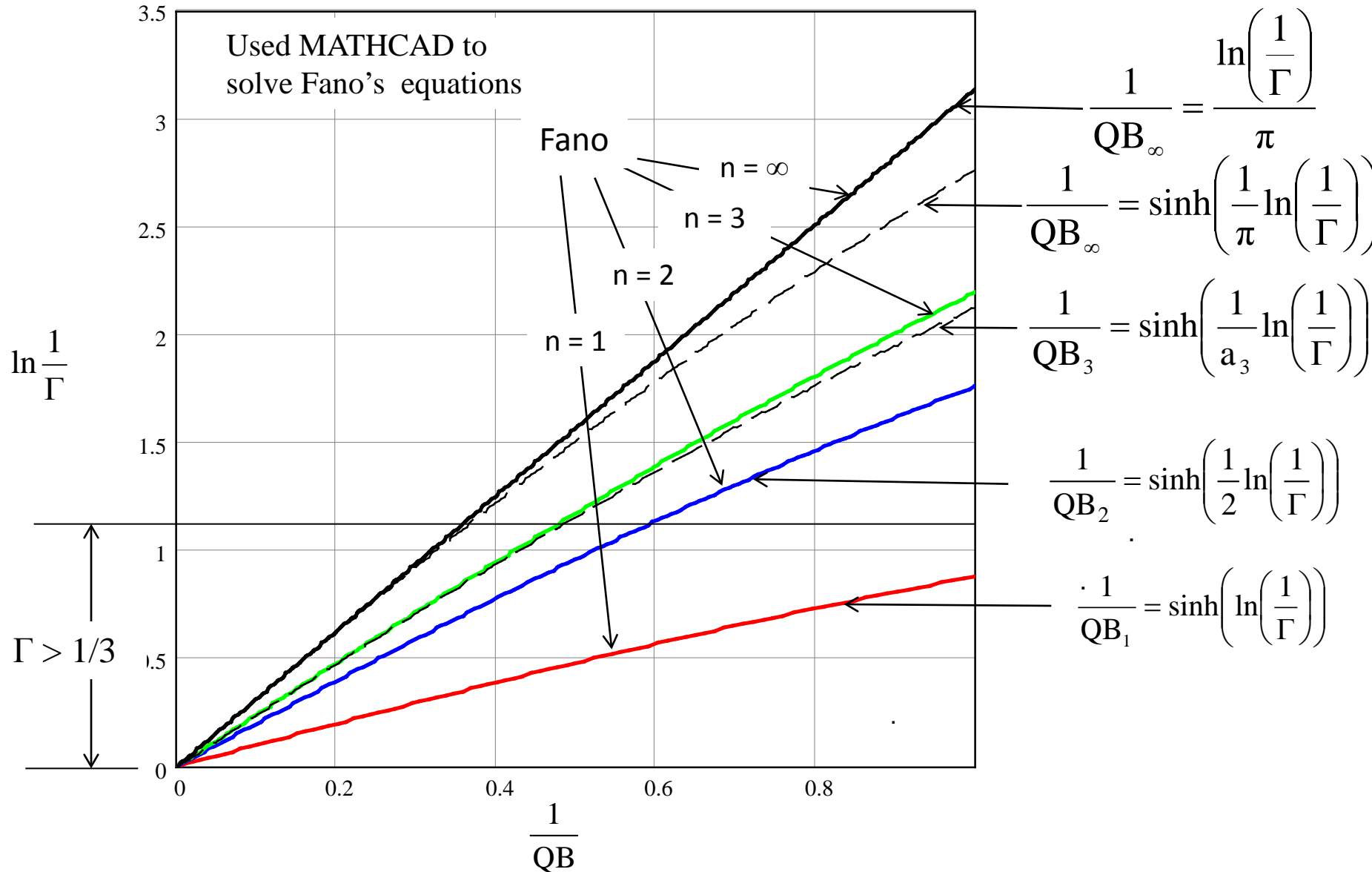


Fig. 19. Tolerance of match for a low-pass ladder structure with n elements

# 2004 – Comparison of Fano and Original Matching Equation



# 2004 Impedance-Matching Equation

$$B_n(\Gamma) = \frac{1}{Q} \frac{1}{b_n \sinh\left(\frac{1}{a_n} \ln\left(\frac{1}{\Gamma}\right)\right) + \frac{1-b_n}{a_n} \ln\left(\frac{1}{\Gamma}\right)}$$

$b_n$  coefficient provides blending of the  
“sinh” and “ln” functions

$$B_3/B_2 = 1.24 \text{ (24\% Increase)}$$

# Conclusion

- Wheeler's development of the principles for double-tuned impedance matching was a major contribution. Although it was developed for lumped-element circuits it has a broader application
- One can see by inspection that his solutions were optimum
- We have developed the Impedance-Matching Equation, a closed form solution for the Fano Equations, which we hope will be helpful and useful to the community
- What impressed me the most in all of this work was the remarkable fact that Wheeler's results, using the reflection chart, were identical to the results obtained by Fano using high-level network theory

# Wheeler and Fano

Wheeler (Reflection Chart)

$$n = 1, 2$$

$$B_n(\Gamma) = \frac{1}{Q} \frac{2\Gamma^{\frac{1}{n}}}{1 - \Gamma^{\frac{2}{n}}}$$

$$n = 1 \quad B_1(\Gamma) = \frac{1}{Q} \frac{2}{\frac{1}{\Gamma} - \Gamma}$$

Fano (Network Theory)

$$n = 1, 2, 3, \dots, \infty$$

$$B_n(\Gamma) = \frac{1}{Q} \frac{2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2n}\right)}{\sinh(a) - \sinh(b)}$$

$$\frac{\tanh(na)}{\cosh(a)} = \frac{\tanh(nb)}{\cosh(b)}$$

$$\frac{\cosh(nb)}{\cosh(na)} = \Gamma$$

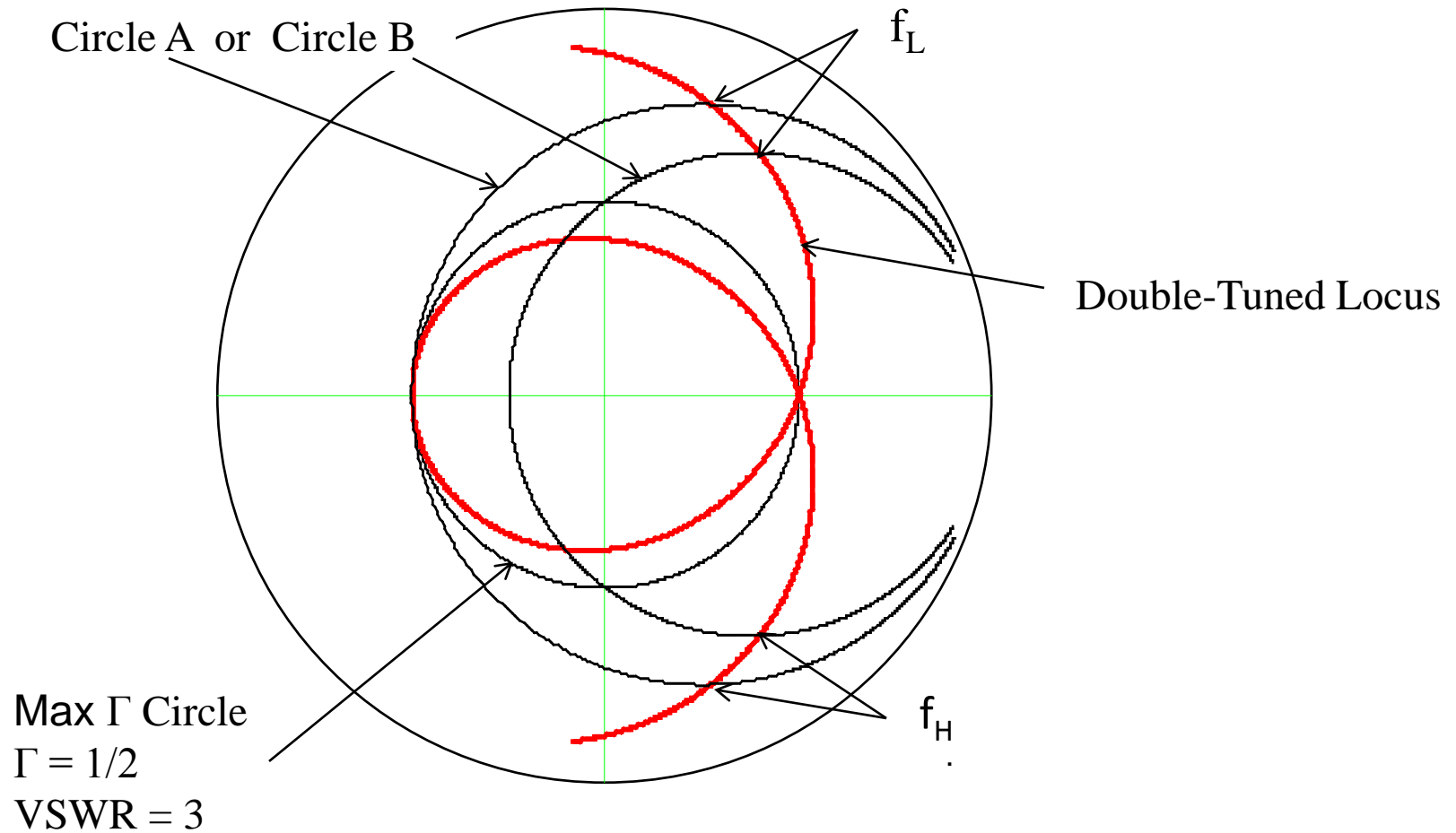
$$B_1(\Gamma) = \frac{1}{Q} \frac{2}{\sinh(a) - \sinh(b)}$$

$$\sinh(a) = \frac{1}{\Gamma} \quad \sinh(b) = \Gamma$$

# Triple-Tuned Impedance Matching

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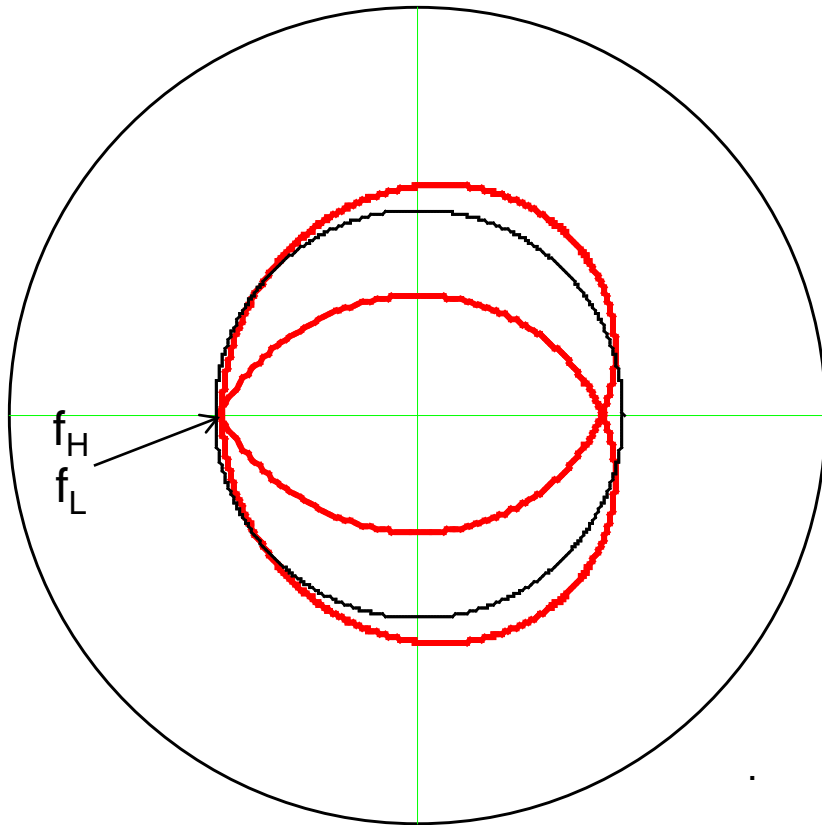
Which circle, A or B, should be used to position the edge-band frequencies on the Max  $\Gamma$  Circle



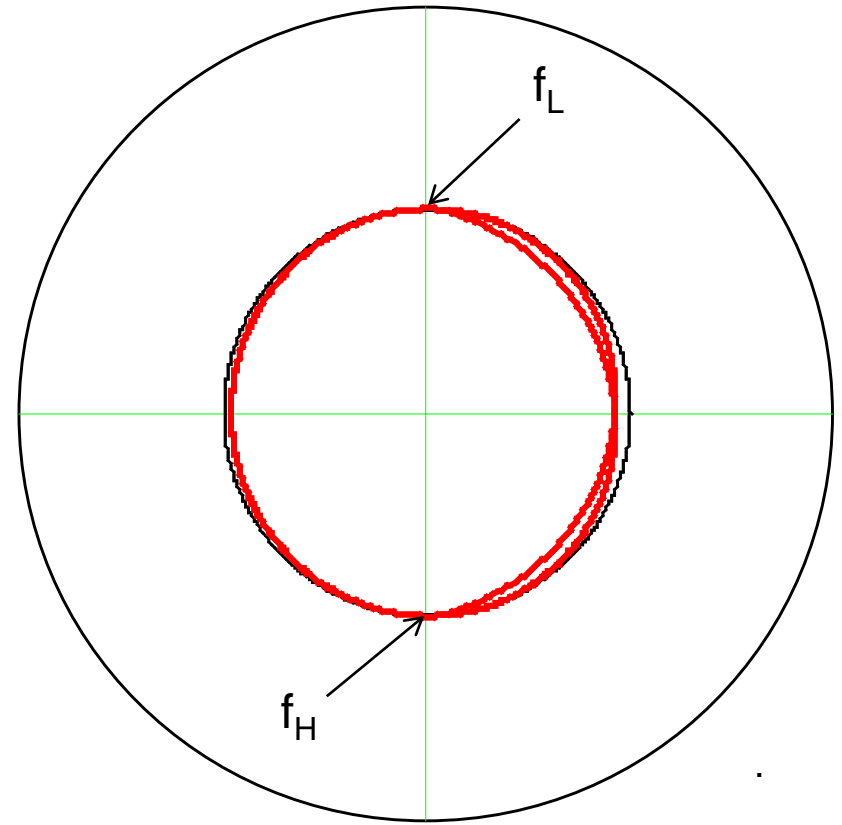


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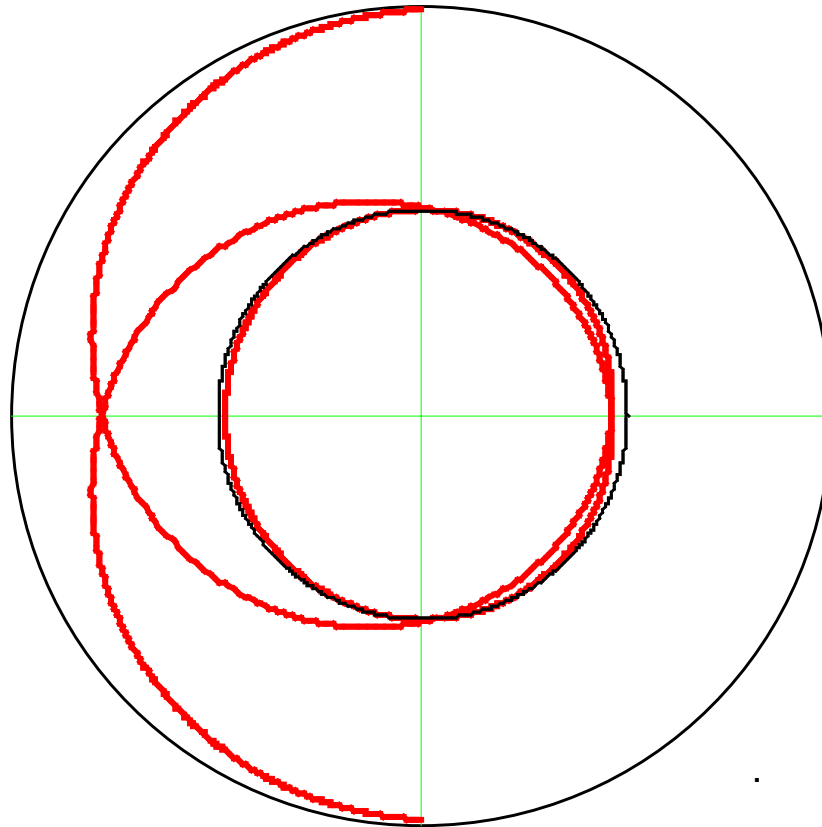
Edge-Band Frequencies  
on Horizontal Axis



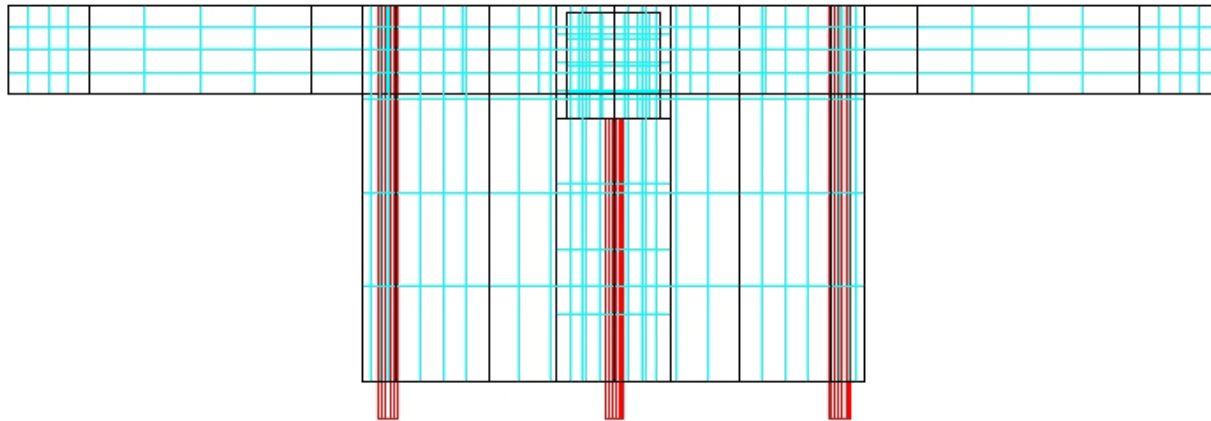
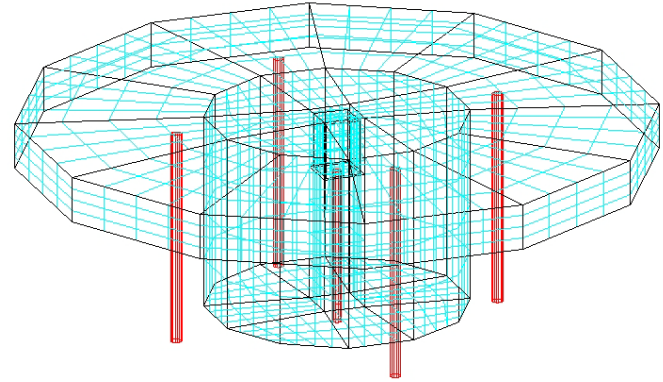
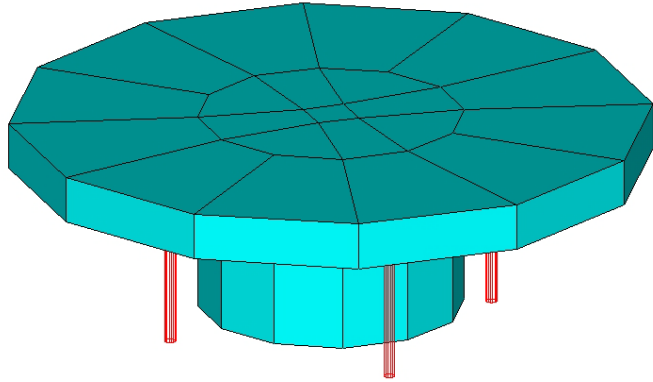
Edge-Band Frequencies  
on Vertical Axis



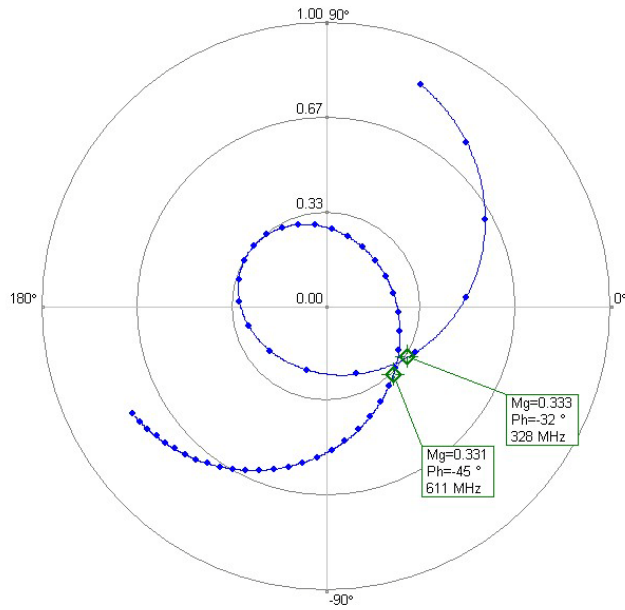
# Triple-Tuned Impedance Matching Cont'd



# Triple-Tuned Monopole Antenna On Infinite Ground Plane

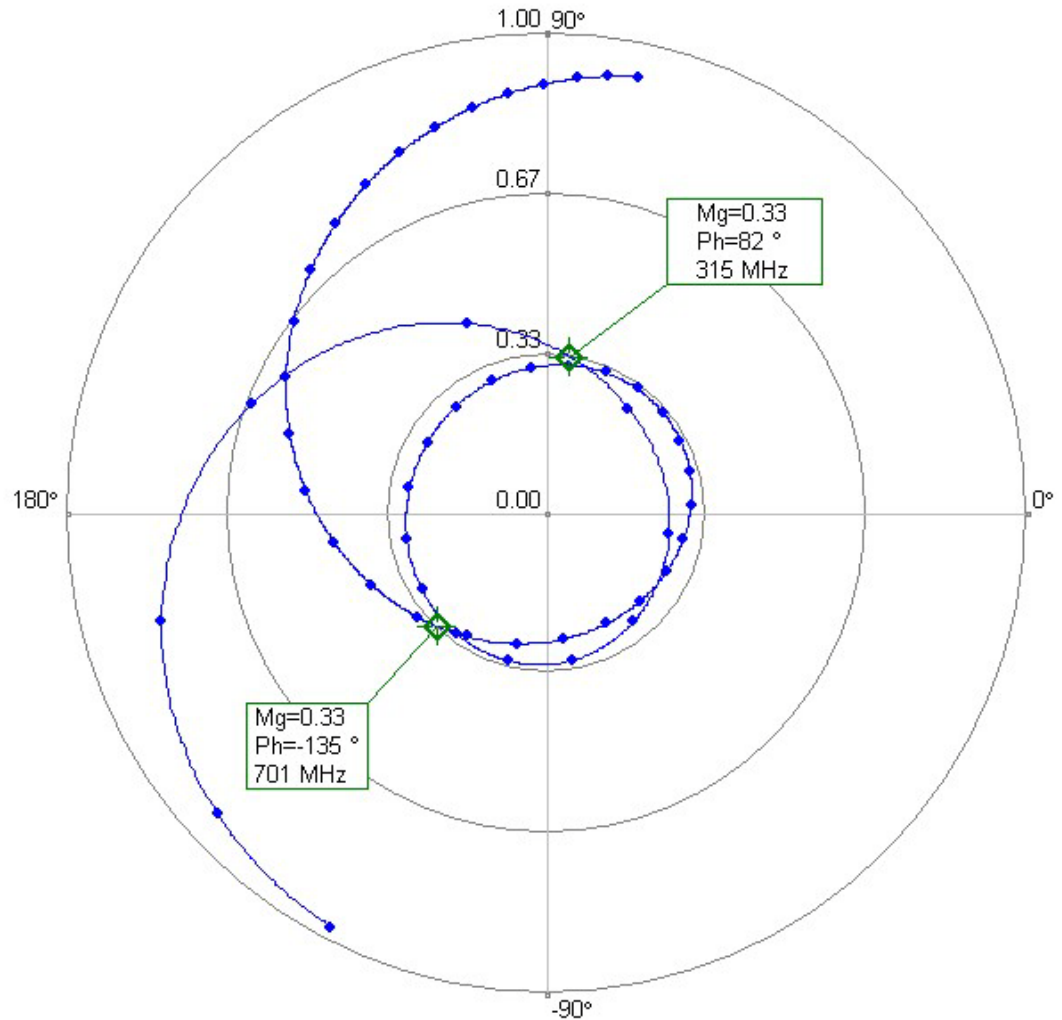


# Triple-Tuned Monopole Antenna (Continued)



**Double Tuned**

**Triple Tuned**



# Triple-Tuned Monopole Antenna (Continued)

Tuning	$f_{\text{Low}}$ (MHz)	$f_{\text{High}}$ (MHz)	$f_0$ (MHz)	B (Ratio)	B Increase (Percent)
Double	328	612	448	0.63	
Triple	315	703	470	0.83	32
Theoretical					24

