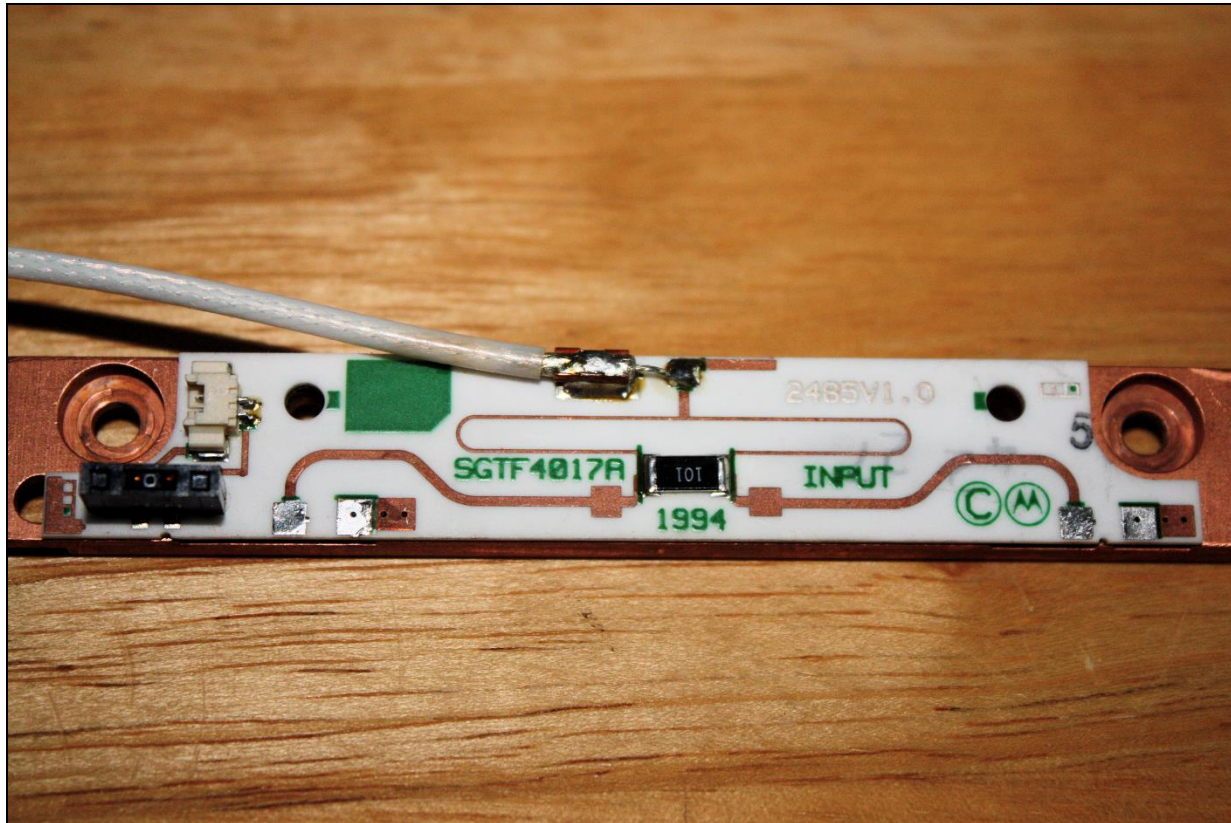


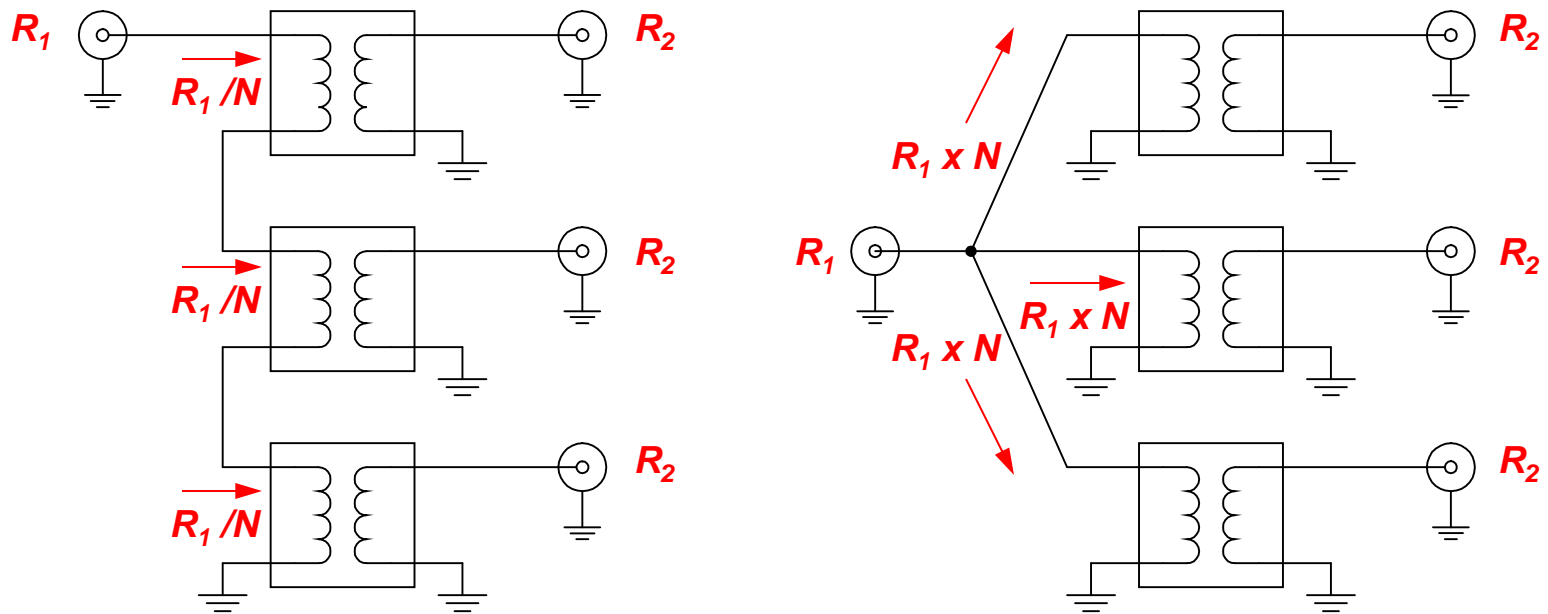
TRANSFORMERS and 0°/180° SPLITTER-COMBINERS & HYBRIDS



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N-WAY SPLITTERS & COMBINERS (3-WAY EXAMPLE)

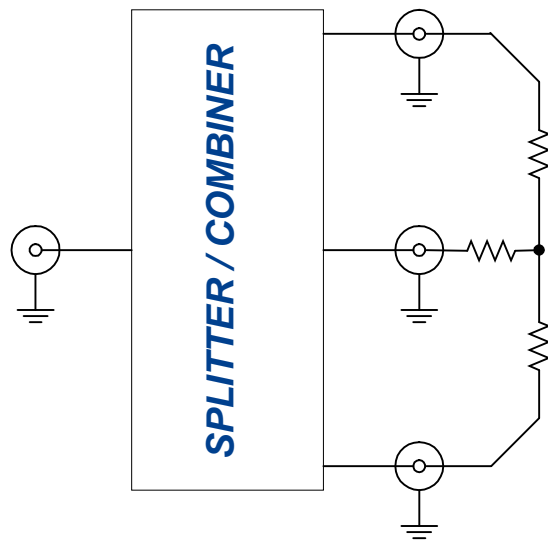
IMPEDANCE TRANSFORMATION IS REQUIRED FOR SPLITTERS & COMBINERS



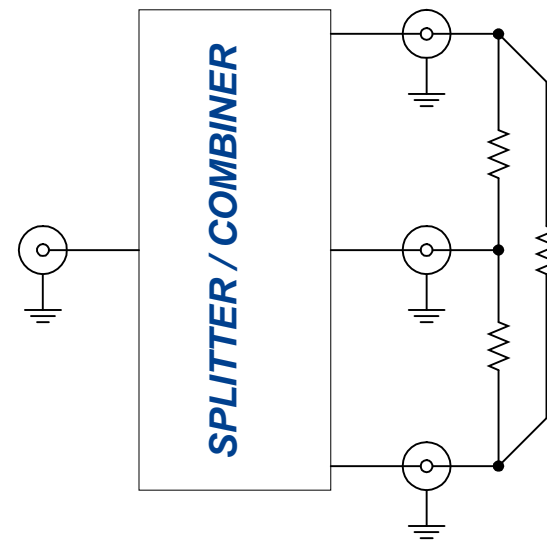
3-WAY EXAMPLE: $N = 3$

N-WAY ISOLATION TERMINATION (3-WAY EXAMPLE)

TERMINATION OF UNBALANCED (NOT IN-PHASE) MODES



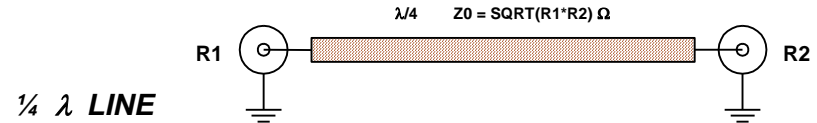
STAR TERMINATION (3-WAY IS Y)



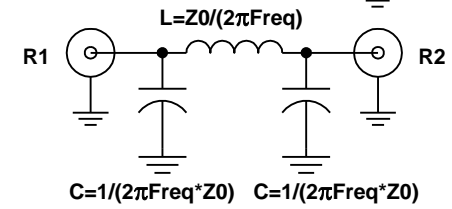
RING TERMINATION (3-WAY IS DELTA)

MANY TYPES OF TRANSFORMERS CAN BE USED

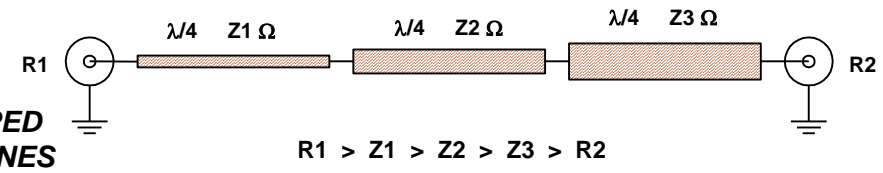
- Distributed or lumped
- Symmetric Z inverter or Asymmetric network
- Bandwidth requires more elements
- Ruthroff type transformers
- Conventional transformers
- Even wave-guide realizations!



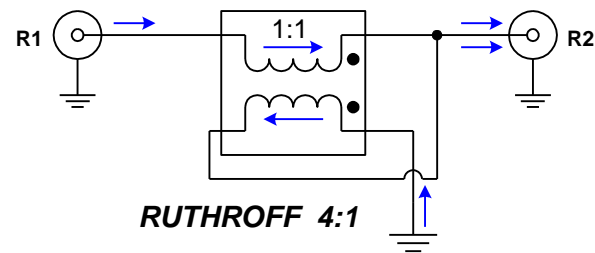
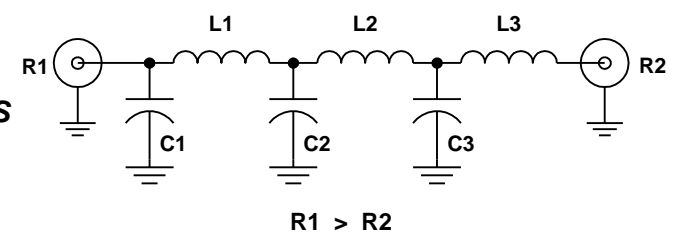
LUMPED EQUIVALENT to $\lambda/4$ LINE



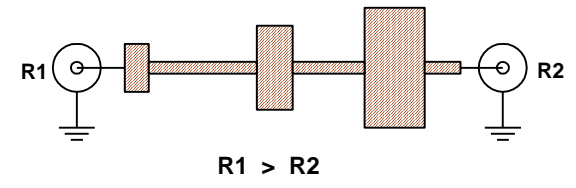
STEPPED $\lambda/4$ LINES



QUASI-LOWPASS

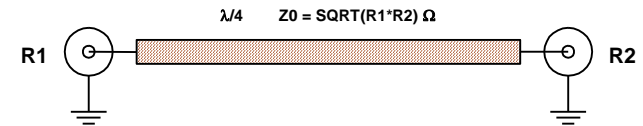


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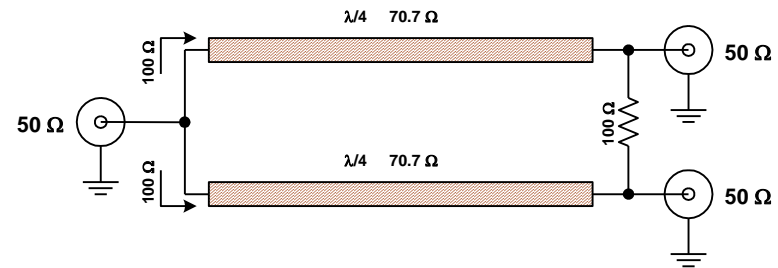


BASIC WILKINSON

- Two-way splitter / combiner
- Quarter –wave line transformer
- Odd mode termination resistor
- Half octave bandwidth performance



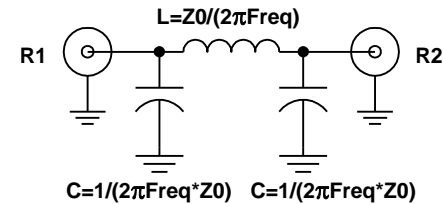
$\frac{1}{4} \lambda$ Z INVERTER



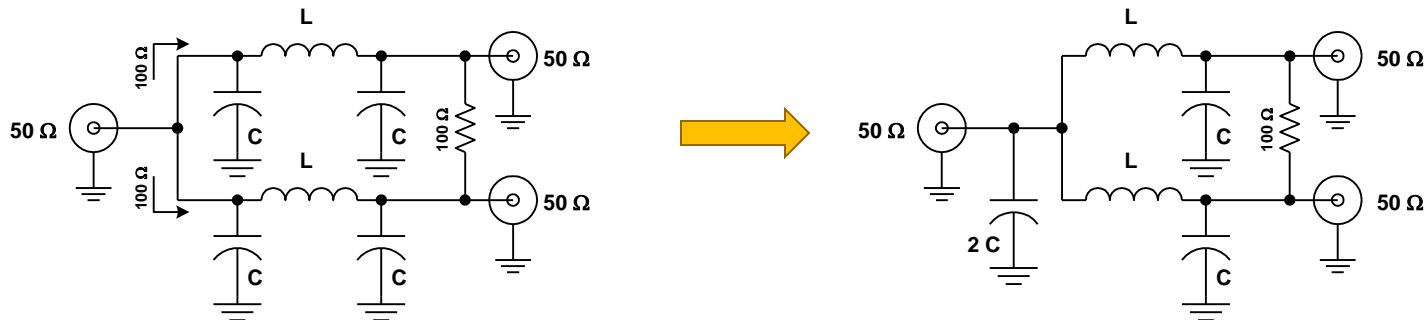
WILKINSON SPLITTER/COMBINER

LUMPED ELEMENT WILKINSON

- Two-way splitter / combiner
- Lumped LC quarter-wave equivalent
- LC impedance inverter transformer
- Odd mode termination resistor
- Half octave bandwidth performance



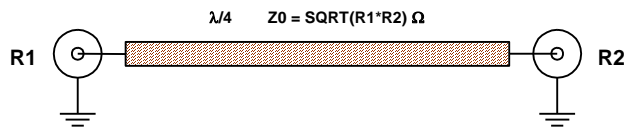
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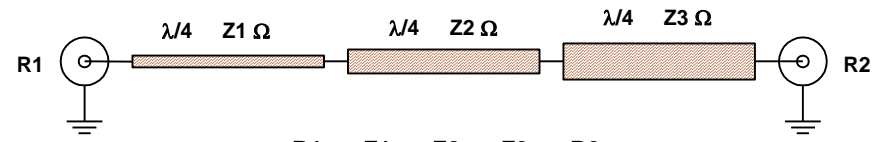
LUMPED LC WILKINSON SPLITTER/COMBINER

STEPPED $\frac{1}{4} \lambda$ “MULTISECTION WILKINSON”

- Half octave performance from single quarter-wave line transformer
- Nearly 2-octave performance from 3 stepped quarter-wave lines
- Comparison for 50Ω to 100Ω transformation (BW also depends on this)

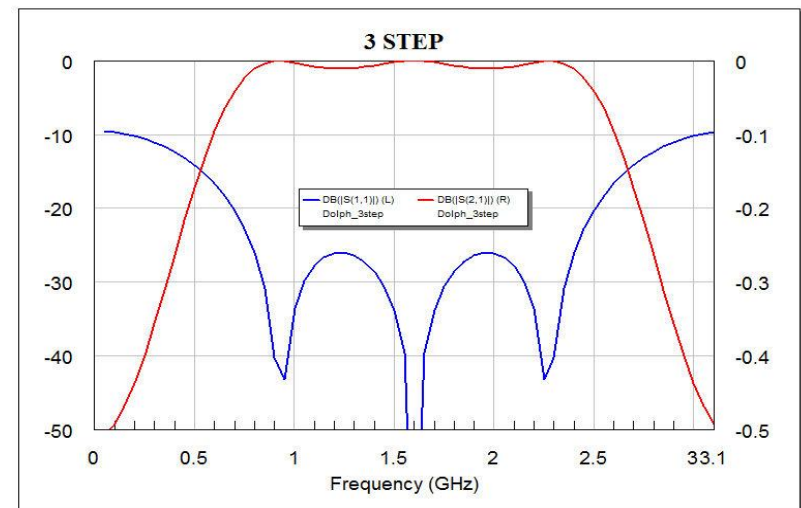
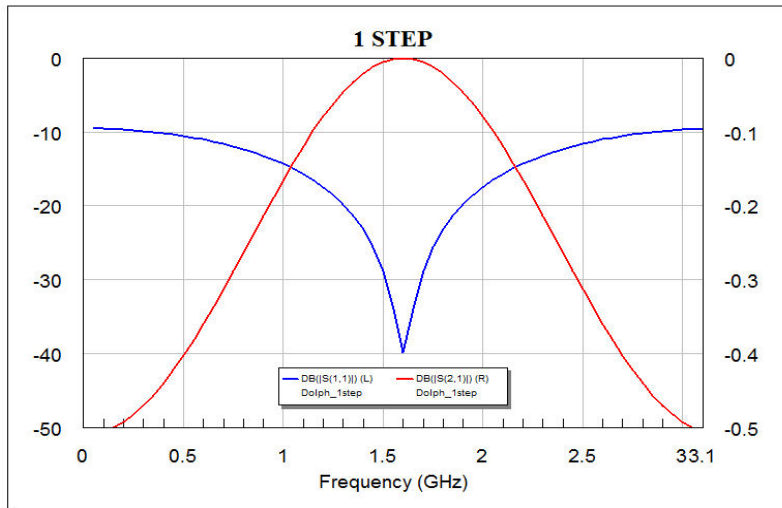


$\frac{1}{4} \lambda$ Z INVERTER



$$R1 > Z1 > Z2 > Z3 > R2$$

STEPPED Z TRANSFORMER



STEPPED $\frac{1}{4} \lambda$ TRANSFORMER CALCULATION

ApelSoft
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Lower Freq. = GHz

Upper Freq. = GHz

High Z Port = Ω

Low Z Port = Ω

Center Freq. = GHz

BW = %

N =

STEPPED QUARTER-WAVE TRANSFORMER

VSWR=1.118
Impedance Transformation = 2.x

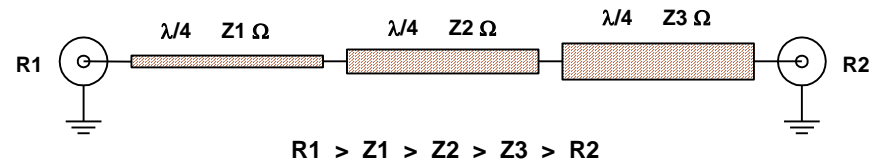
N=3 Lines

Z(0)= 50.00
Z(1)= 57.84
Z(2)= 70.71
Z(3)= 86.45
Z(4)= 100.00

[About Stepped QuarterWave Lines](#)

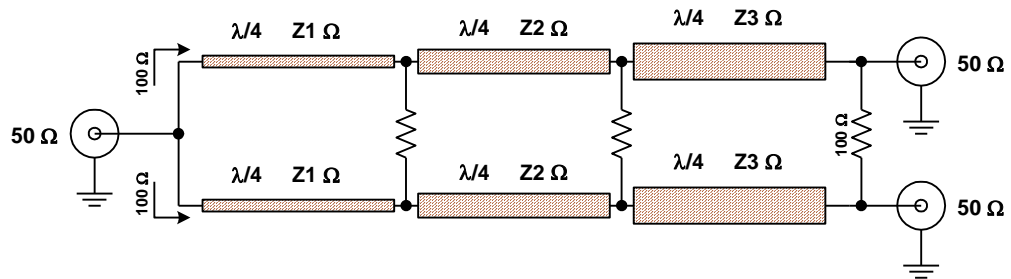
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STEPPED $\frac{1}{4} \lambda$ “MULTISECTION WILKINSON”



STEPPED Z TRANSFORMER

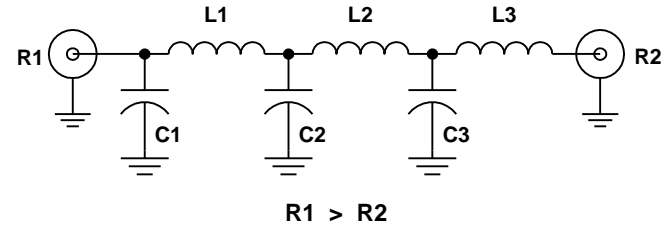
- Two-way splitter / combiner
- Stepped quarter-wave transformer
- Odd mode termination resistors
- Two octave bandwidth performance



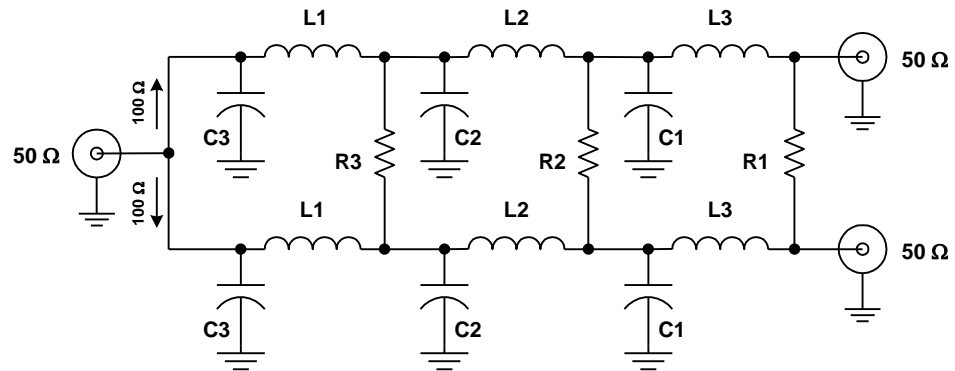
STEPPED Z SPLITTER/COMBINER

QUASI-LOWPASS TRANSFORMER and SPLITTER

- Two-way splitter / combiner
- Quasi-lowpass LC transformer
- Odd mode termination resistors
- 1.7 octave bandwidth performance

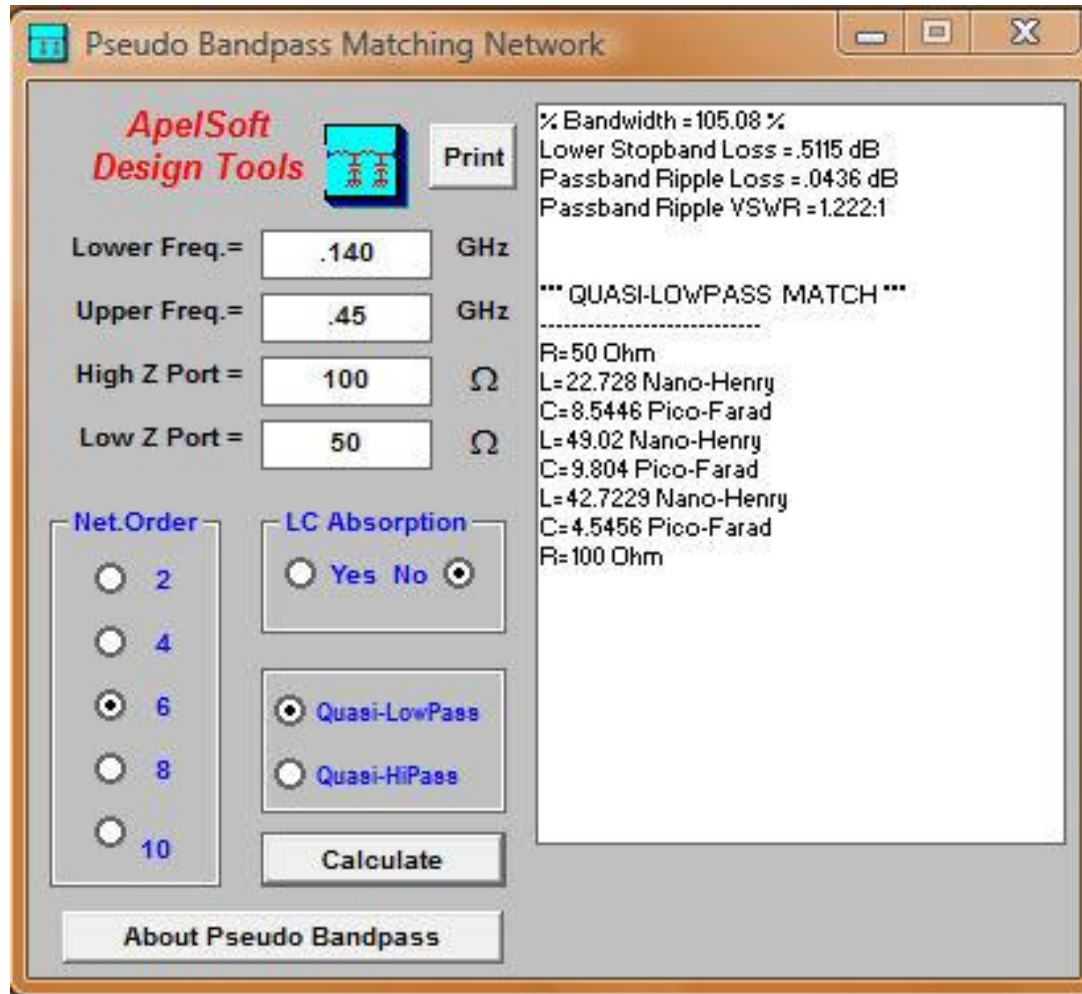


LC IMPEDANCE TRANSFORMER



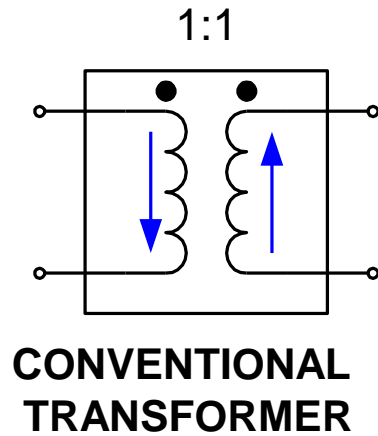
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QUASI-LOWPASS TRANSFORMER CALCULATION

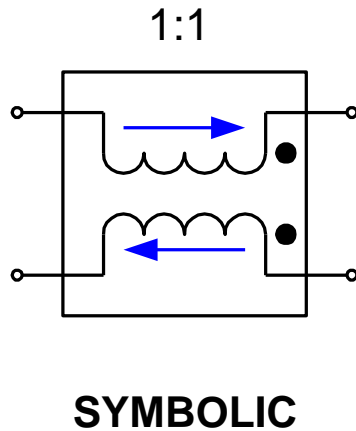
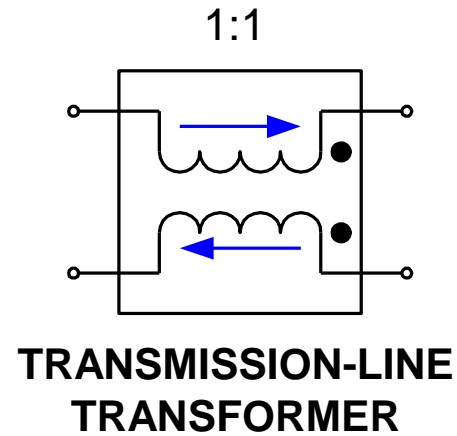


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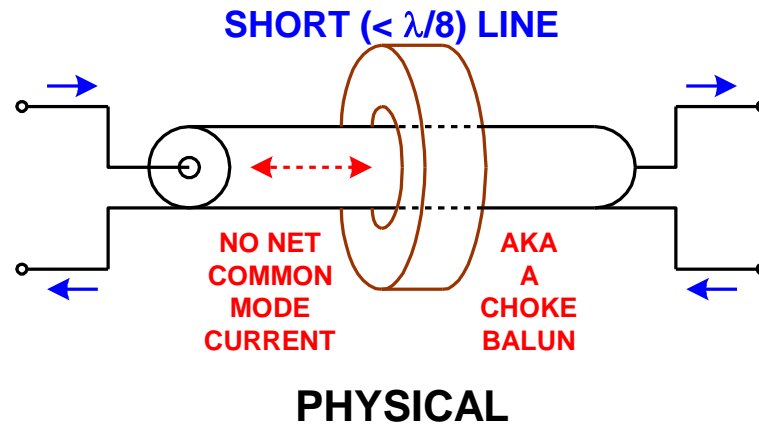
TRANSMISSION LINE TRANSFORMER – ELEMENTS



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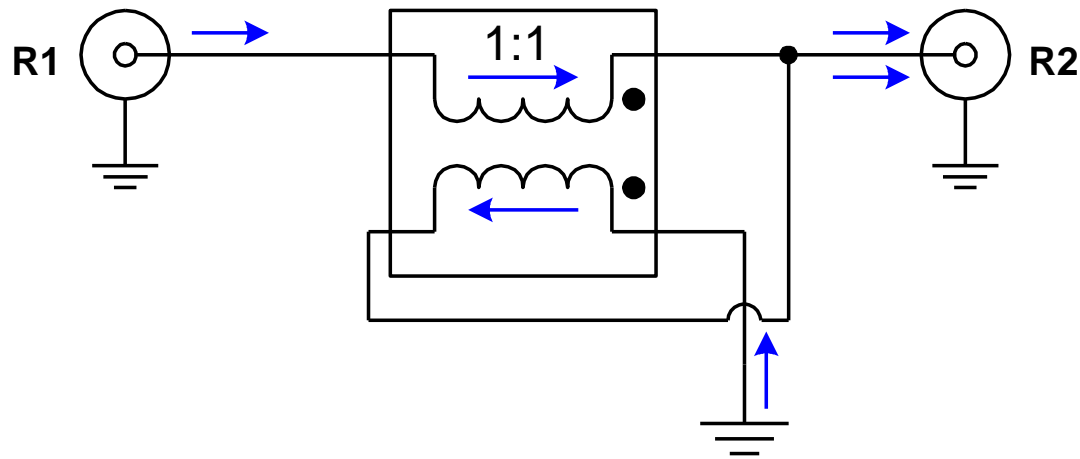


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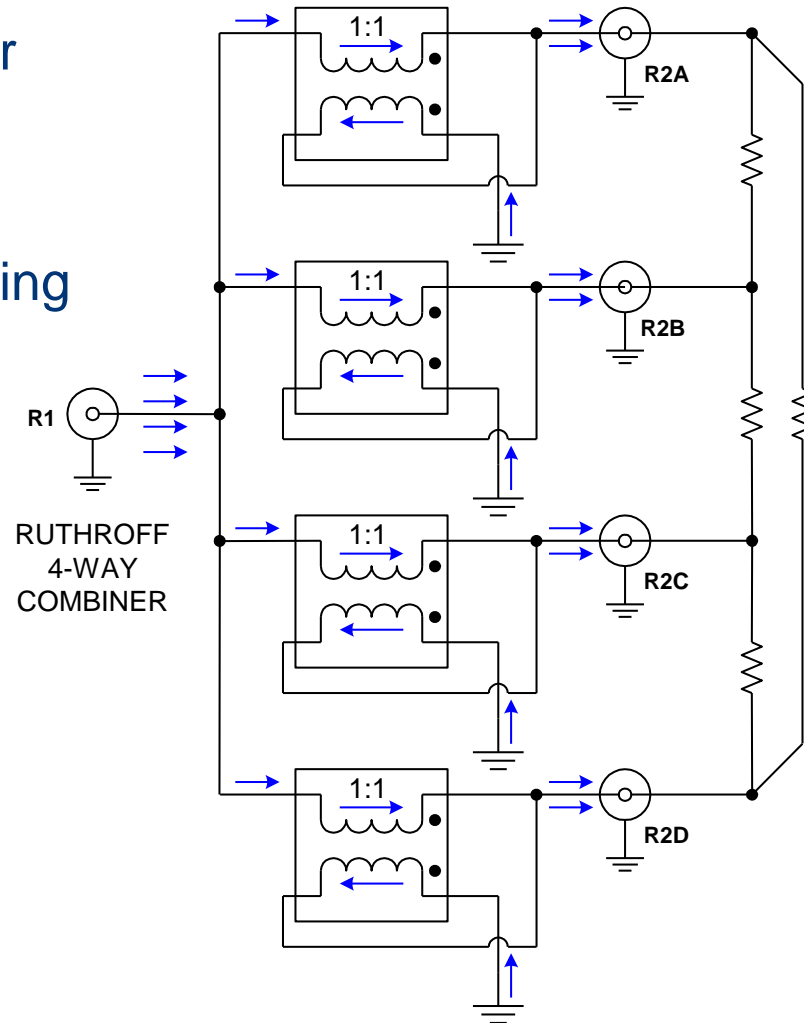
RUTHROFF TRANSFORMER

- Transmission line 'unit' element
- Physically short lines (length $< \lambda / 8$)
- Analysis based on currents
- $R_1 / R_2 = (I_2 / I_1)^2 = 4$
- Ferrite loading extends bandwidth (low end)



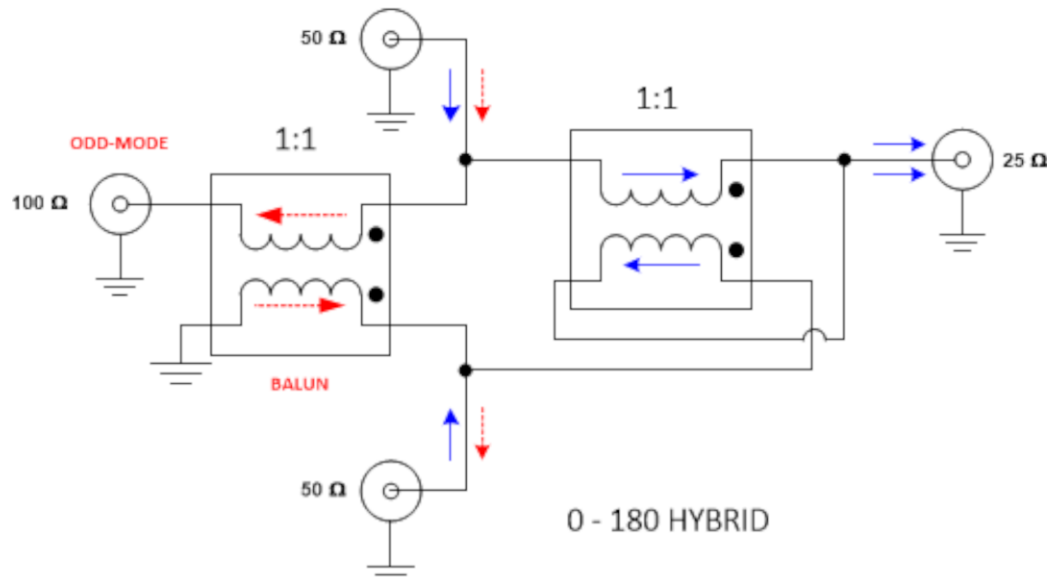
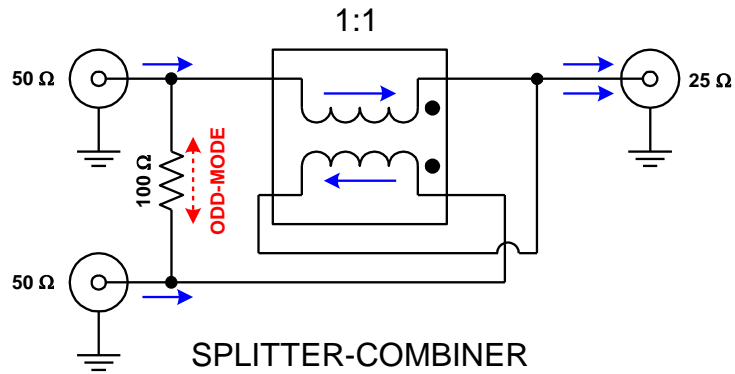
RUTHROFF 4-WAY SPLITTER/COMBINER

- 4-way (6 dB) splitter / combiner
- Four 4:1 transformers
- All ports same impedance
- Isolation shown with resistive ring



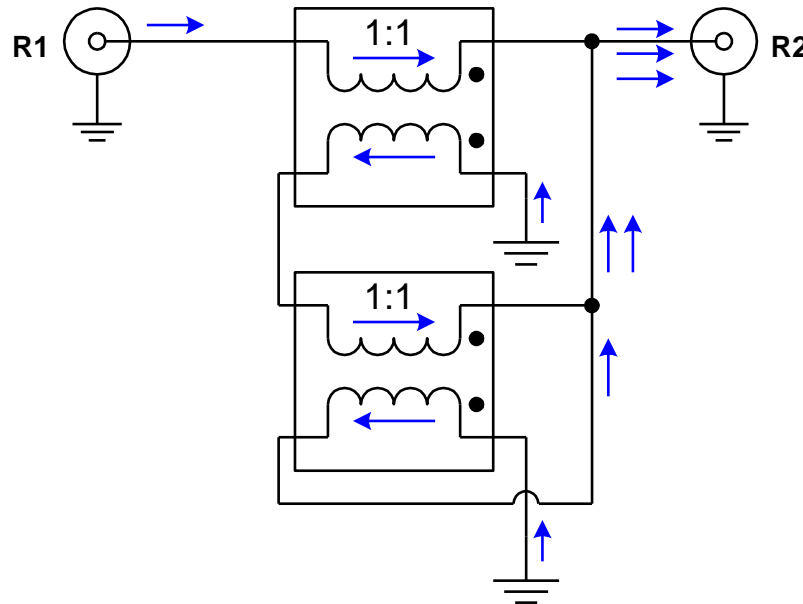
RUTHROFF 2-WAY SPLITTER/COMBINER

- Common port is half impedance
- Differential termination is 2 X
- A 4-port hybrid is formed by adding a balun interface to differential terminals
- Ferrite loading extends bandwidth



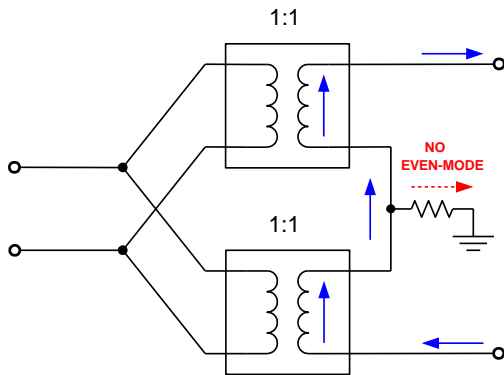
RUTHROFF TYPE 9:1 TRANSFORMER

- Transmission line 'unit' elements
- Physically short lines (length $< \lambda / 8$)
- Analysis based on currents
- $R_1 / R_2 = (I_2 / I_1)^2 = 9$
- Ferrite loading extends bandwidth (low end)

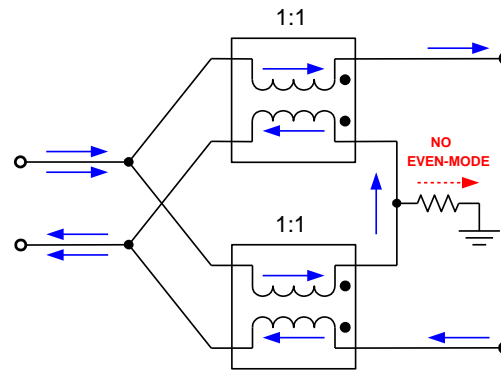


GUANELLA (4:1) BALANCED TRANSFORMER

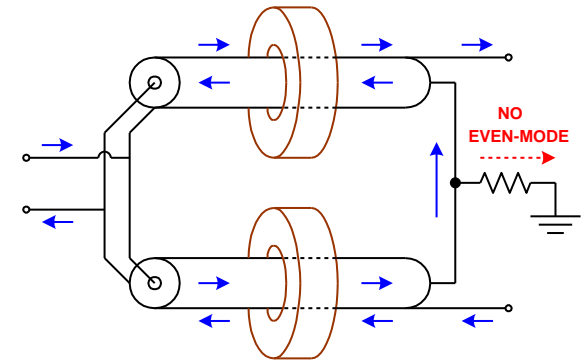
- Two 'unit' elements can be used to form a balanced 4:1 transformer
- Analysis based on currents
- $R_1 / R_2 = (I_2 / I_1)^2 = 4$
- Ferrite loading extends bandwidth (low end)



**CONVENTIONAL
4:1 BALANCED
TRANSFORMER**



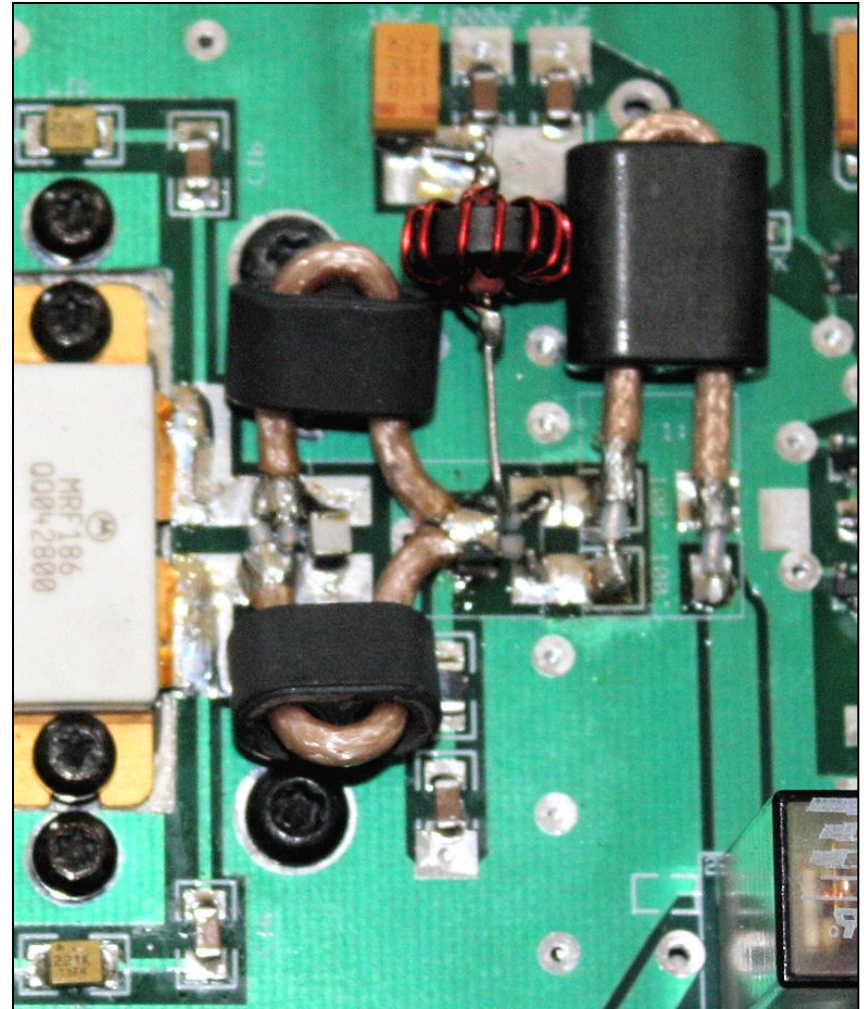
**GUANELLA 4:1
SYMBOLIC**



**GUANELLA 4:1
PHYSICAL**

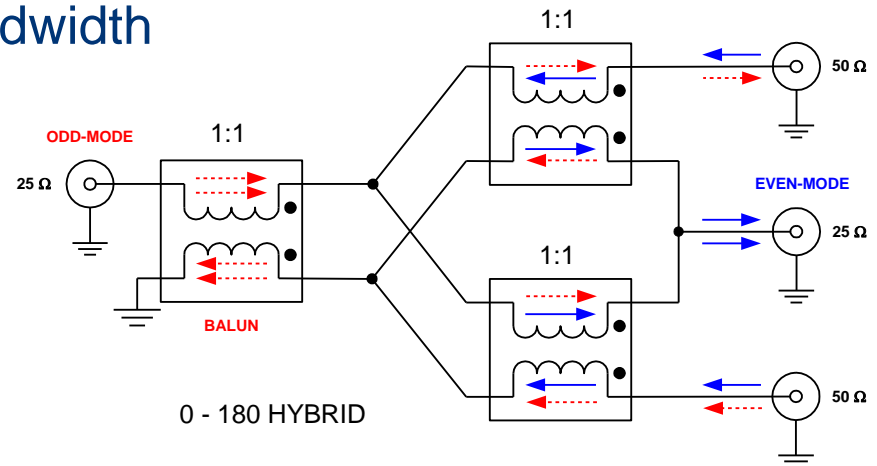
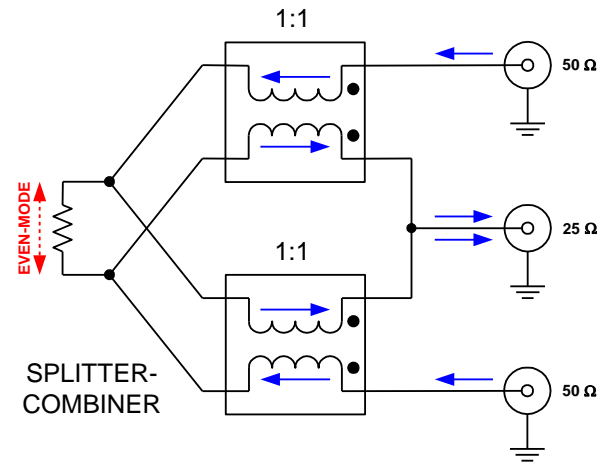
GUANELLA TRANSFORMER and CHOKE BALUN

- Pushpull PA match example
- Ferrite loaded 'unit' elements
- Guanella transformer from coax
- Choke balun (1:1) from coax



GUANELLA 2-WAY SPLITTER/COMBINER

- In-phase combiner from guanella structure
- Common port is half impedance
- Differential termination is also half
- A 4-port hybrid is formed by adding a balun interface to differential terminals
- Ferrite loading extends bandwidth



SUMMARY

- Combiners are splitters
- Transformers are basis of 0° and 180° combiners
- Bandwidth requires more elements
- Termination of undesired mode provides isolation
- Isolation port connection forms a $0^\circ/180^\circ$ hybrid (this is also known as a 'magic T')