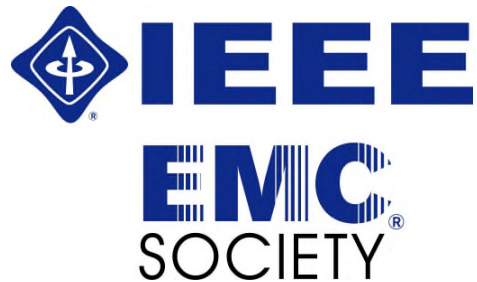


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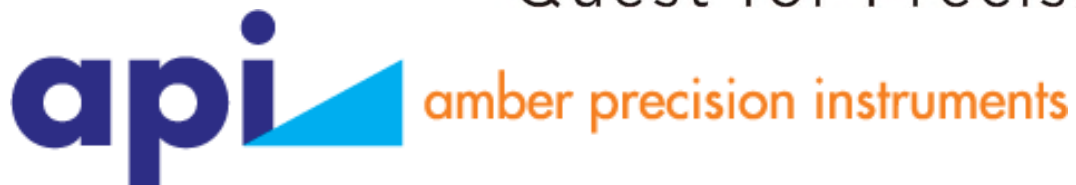
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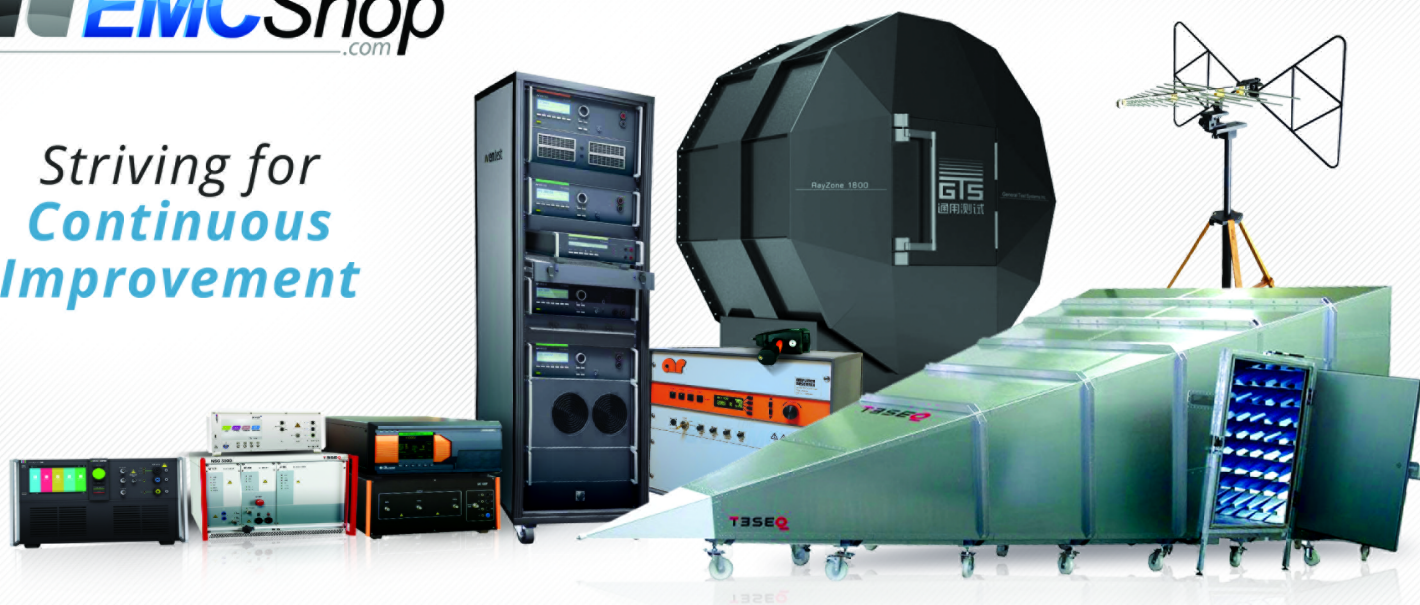


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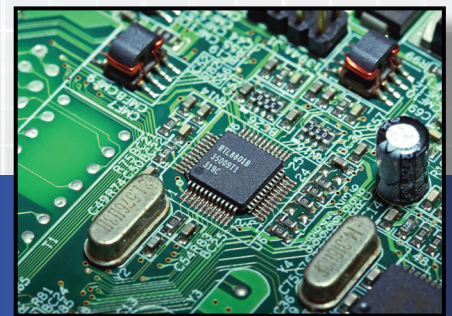
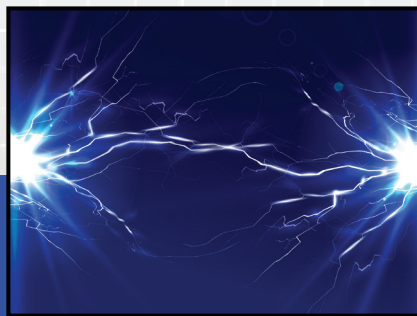
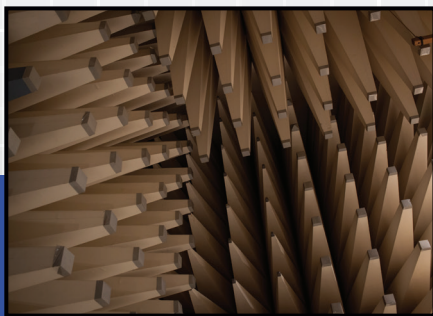
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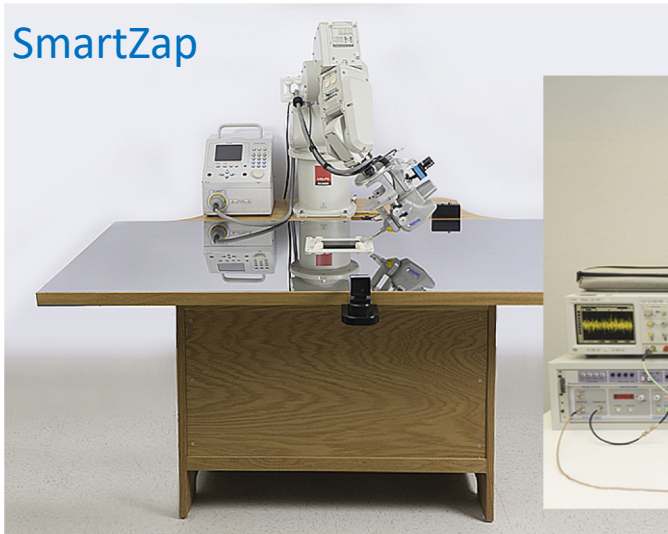
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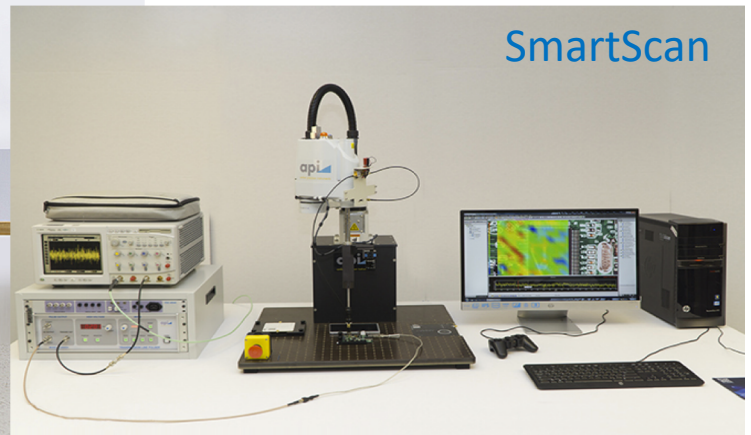


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# Power Integrity for High-Speed Design on Multi-Layer PCBs

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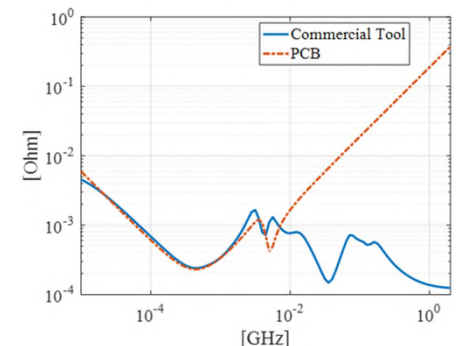
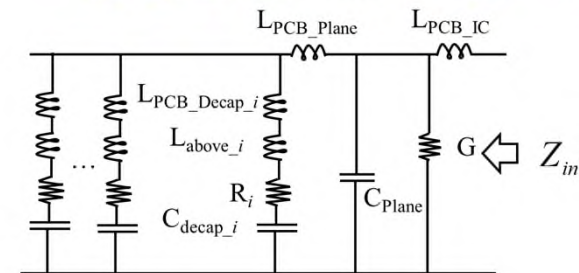
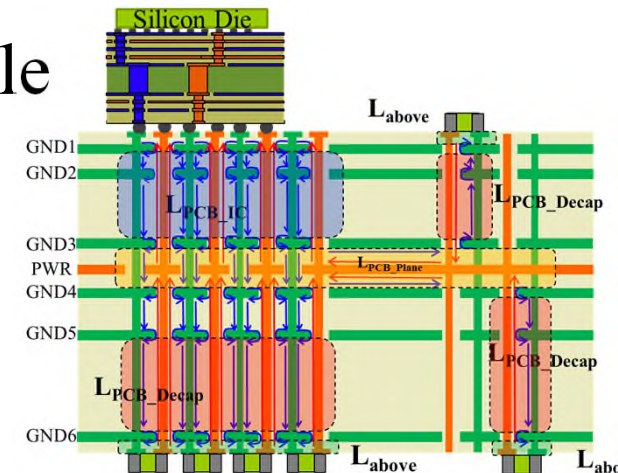
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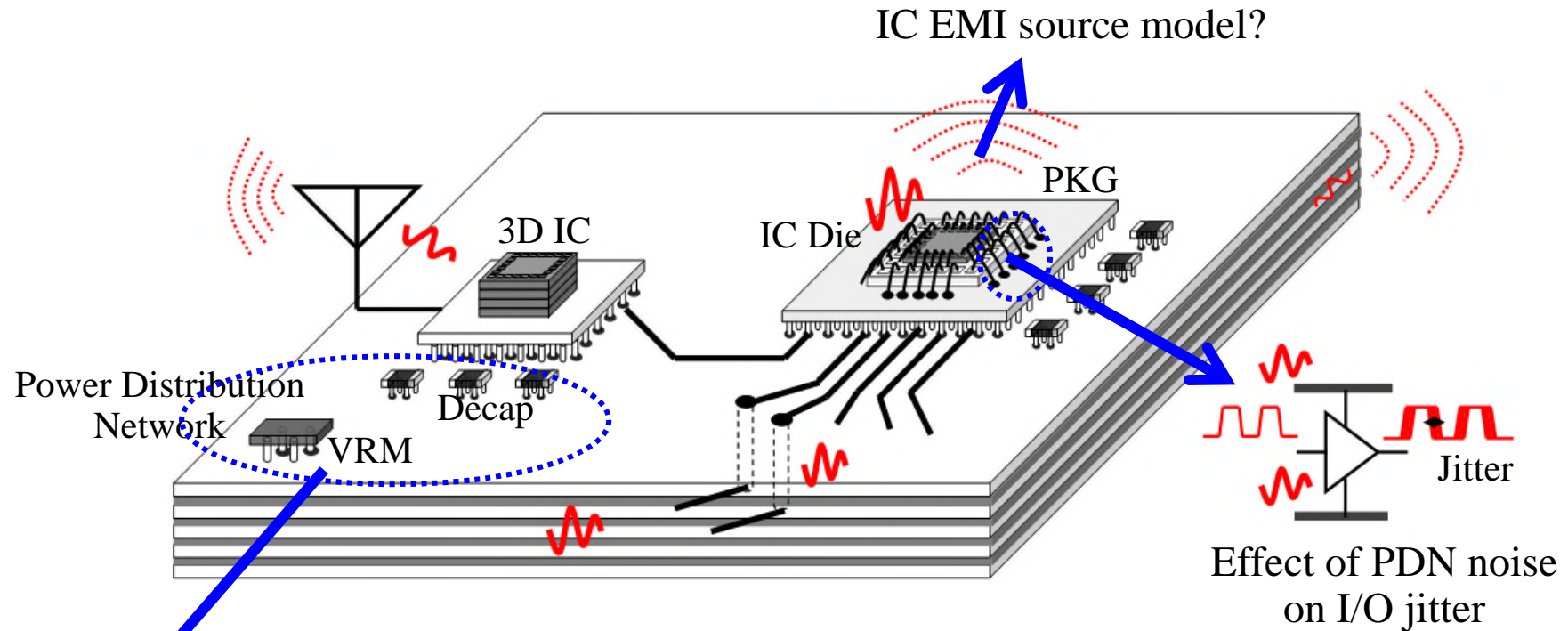
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- The PDN problem
- Noise on the PDN and an FPGA example
- PDN design considerations
- A couple of preliminary concepts
- Current and inductance physics
- A reduced order circuit model from a first principles formulation
- Characteristic  $Z_{PDN}$  and relationship to physics
- Understanding PDN physics and design through examples
- Identifying limiting physics in design
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# PDN Problem

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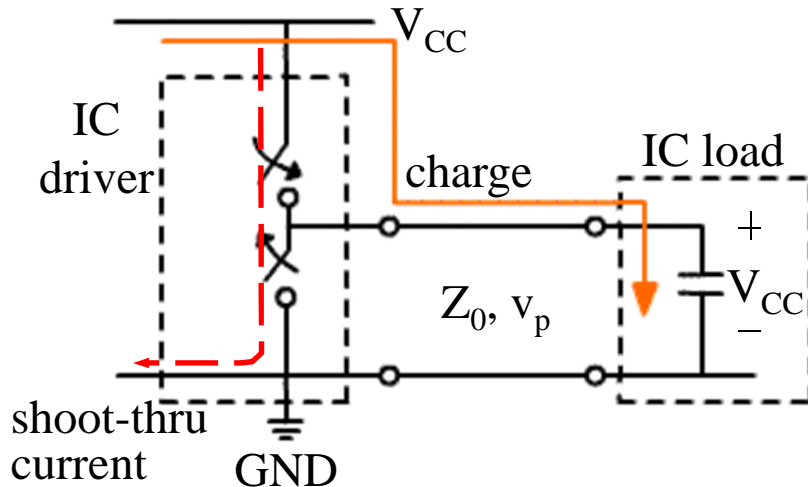
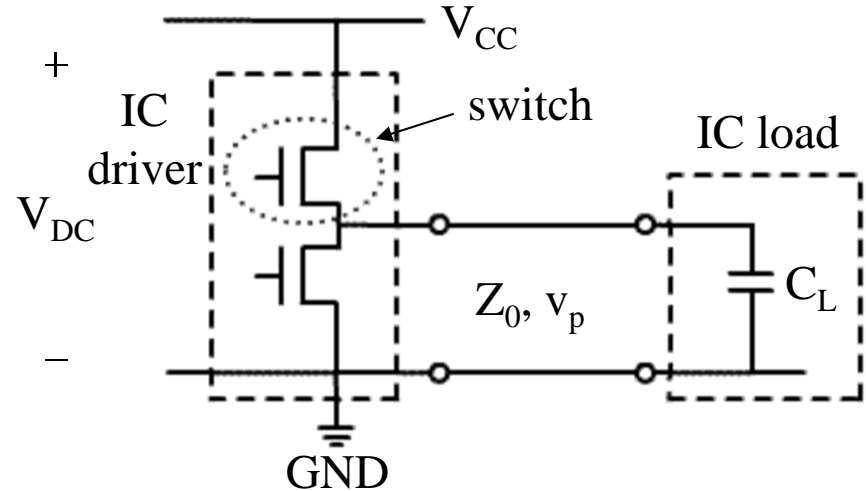


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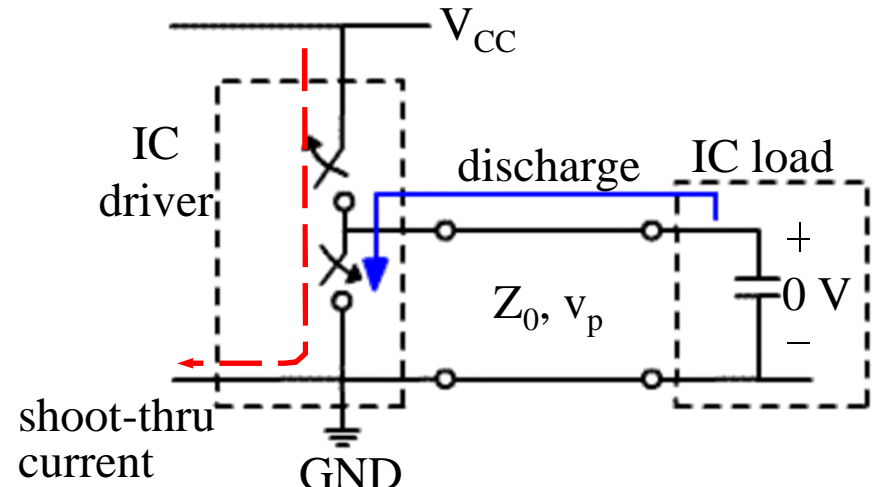
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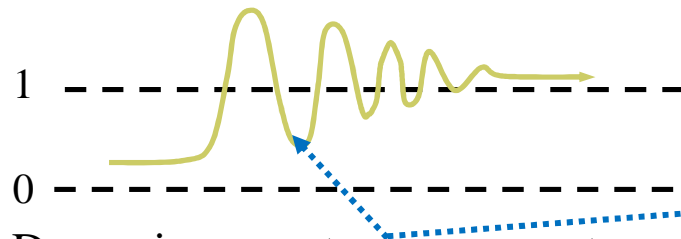
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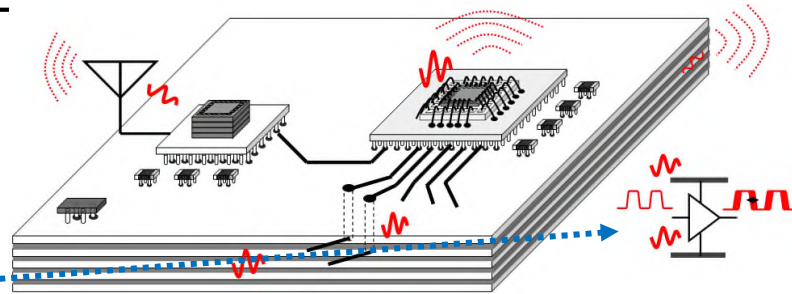
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This charge to support IC switching must be provided by the PDN – package, PCB

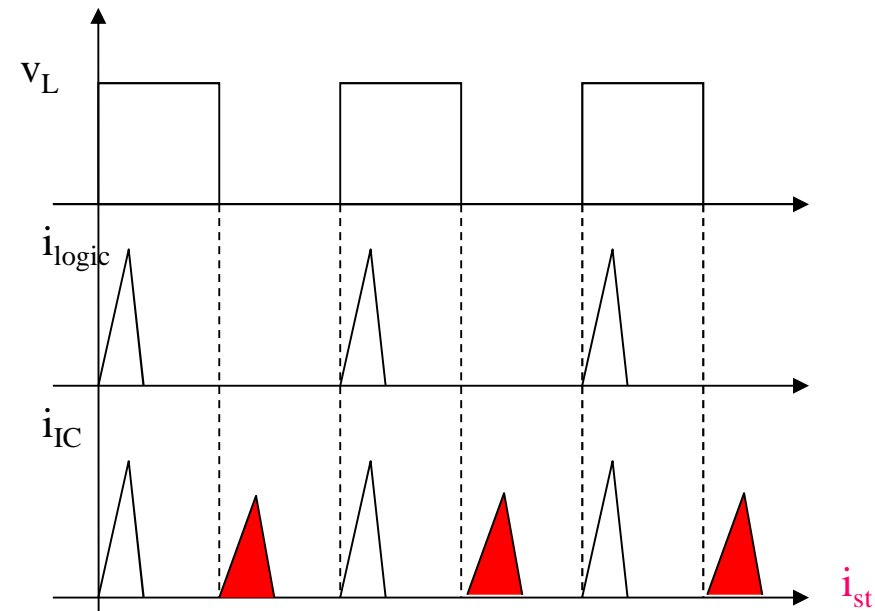
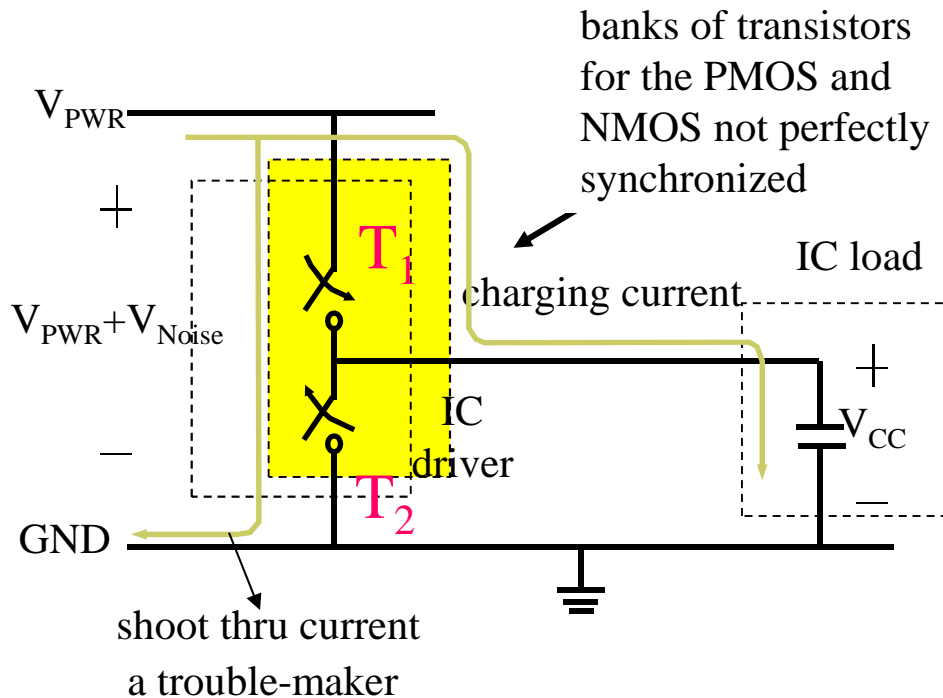
# Voltage Switching/Dynamic Current Draw Disturbances



Dynamic current on power net causes disturbance and can lead to faulty switching, a source of jitter, and trouble in general

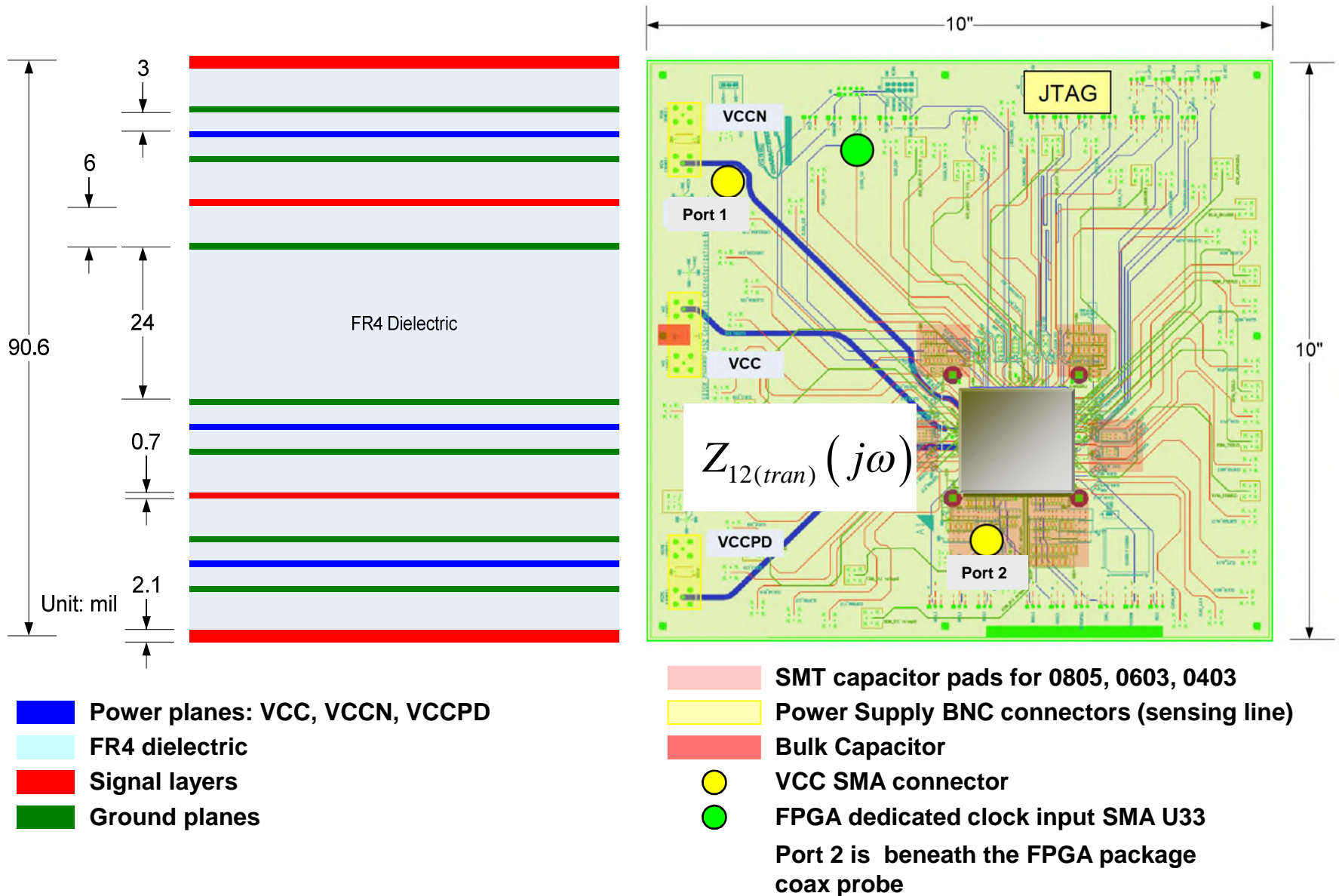


$T_1$  and  $T_2$  are not simultaneous

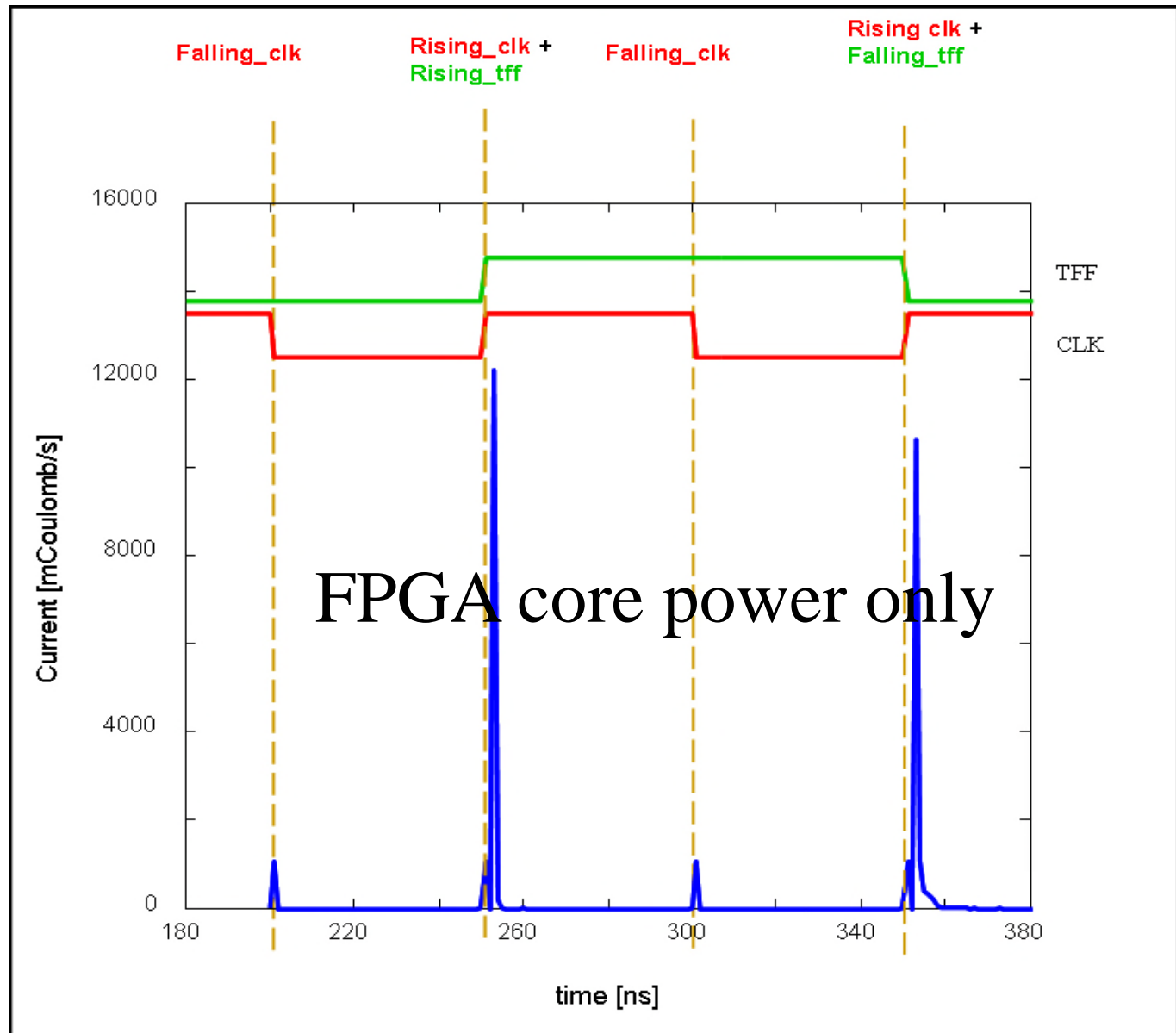




# PCB for FPGA Core PDN Noise Example

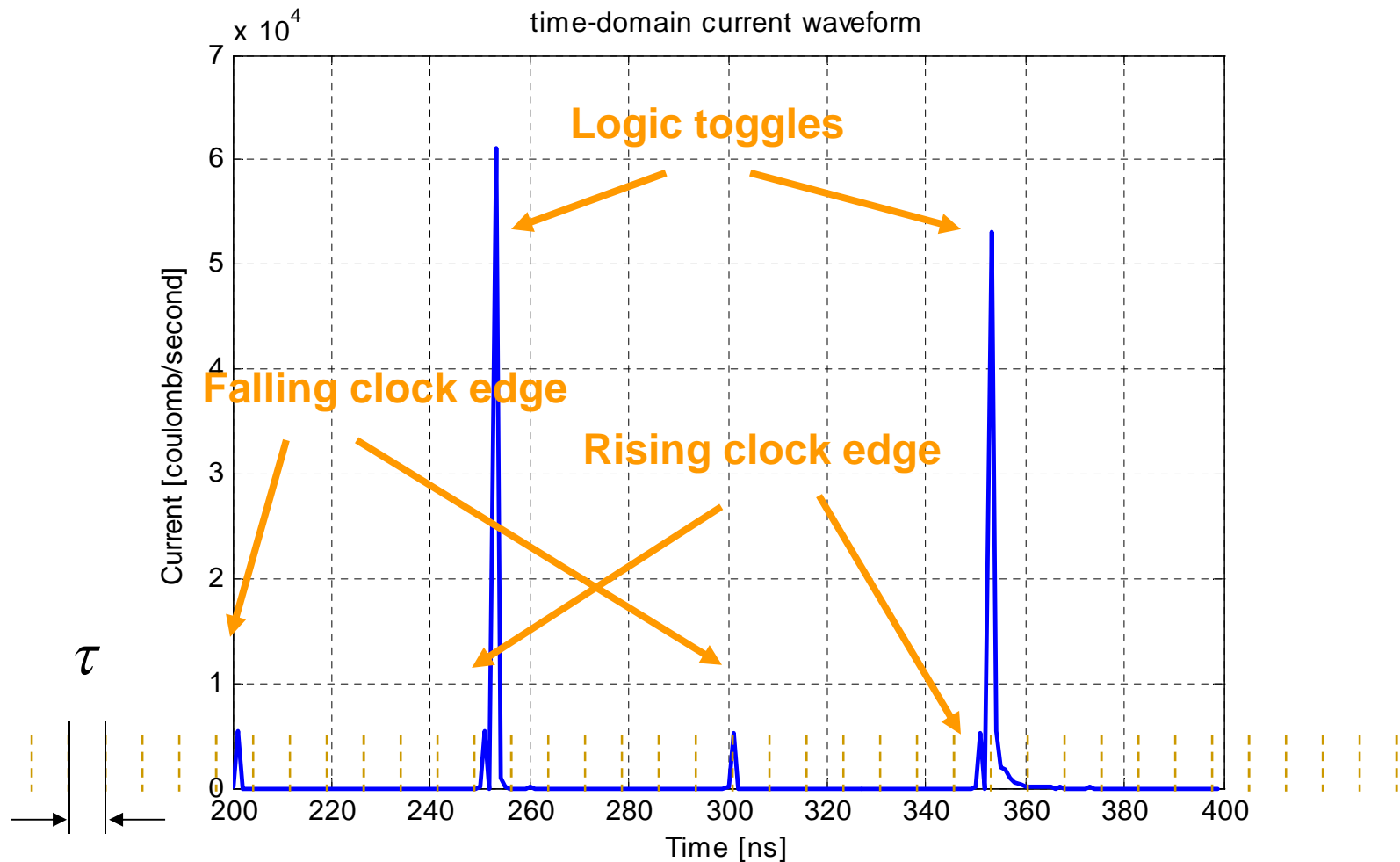


# Current Draw and the Logic Waveform



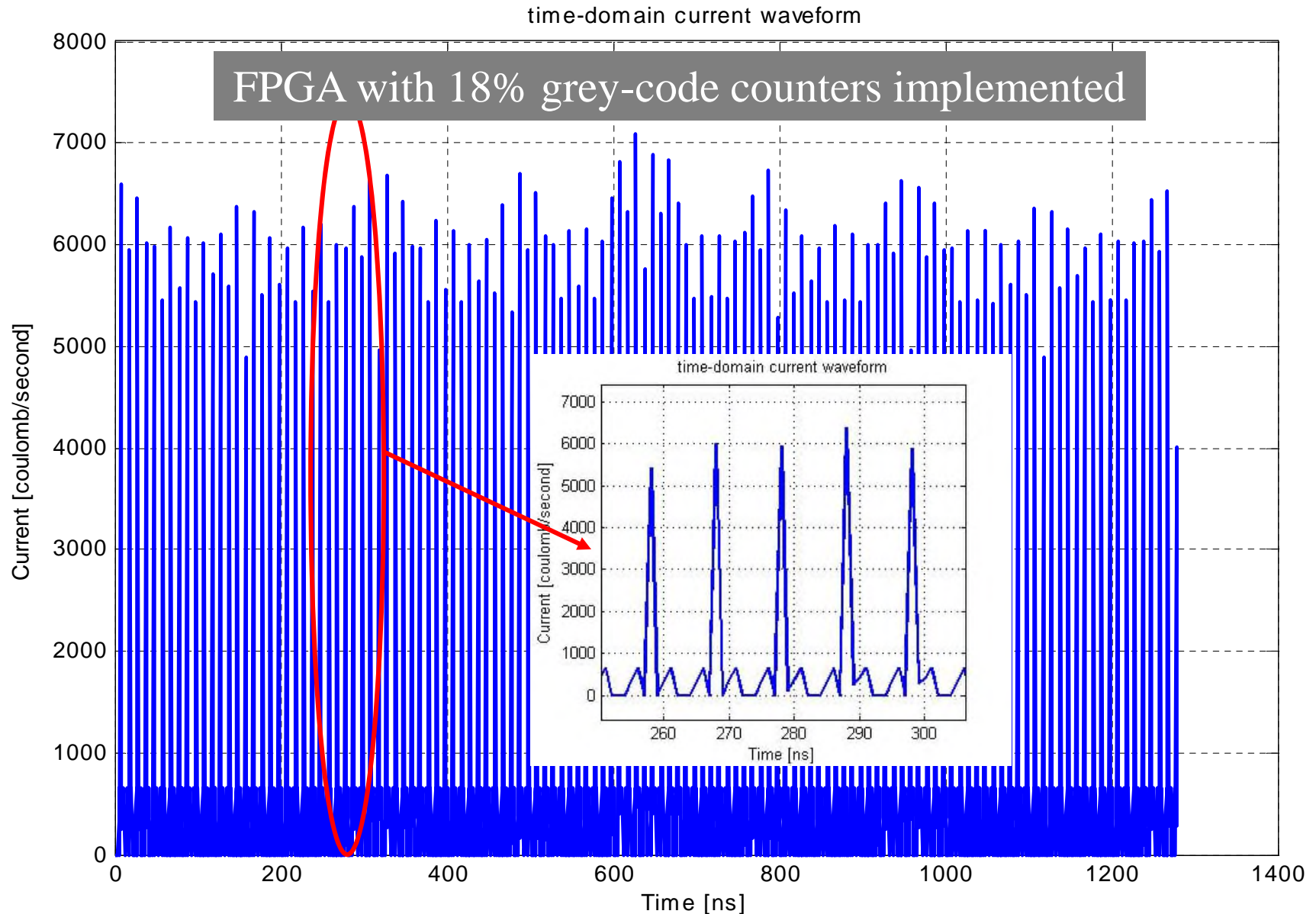
# Dynamic Current Profile (calculated)

## FPGA Core power only

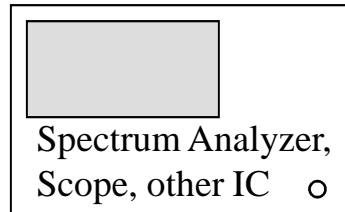


*Reconstructed time domain current for a large number of toggle flip-flops*

# Transient Current Waveform - Simulated



# Voltage Disturbance Calculations with Z-Parameters



$$Z_L = 50 \Omega$$

$$V_1 = -I_1 \times Z_L$$

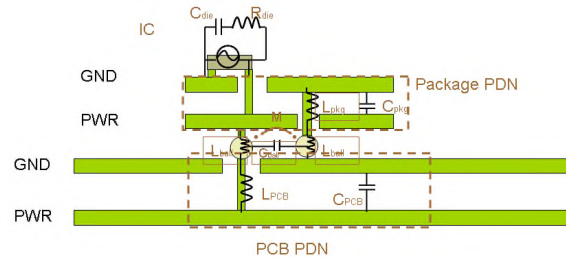
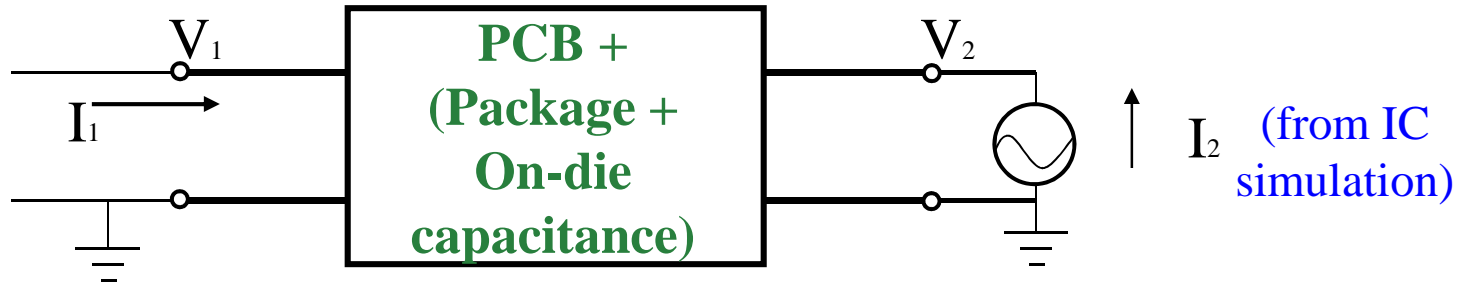
For measurement

$$Z_L = 50 \Omega$$

otherwise

$Z_L \rightarrow \text{open circuit}$

or impedance into  
another IC



$$\begin{bmatrix} V_1 \\ V_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} Z_{11} & Z_{12} \\ Z_{21} & Z_{22} \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} I_1 \\ I_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$V_1 = \frac{Z_{21} I_2}{\left(1 + \frac{Z_{11}}{Z_L}\right)}$$

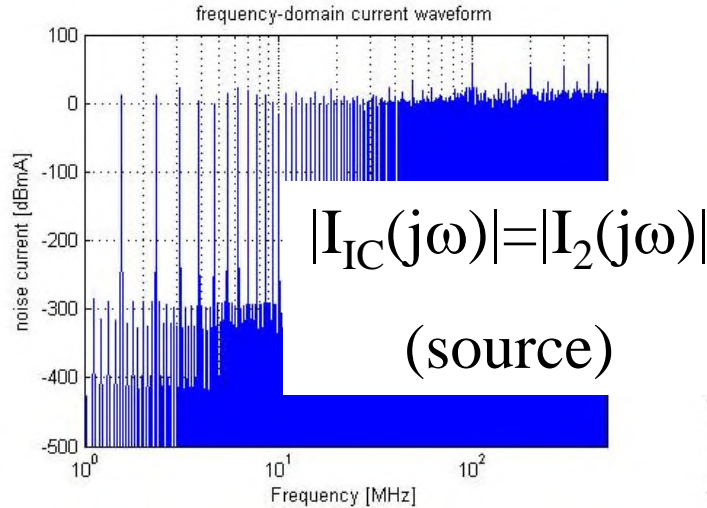
$$V_2 = \left[ Z_{22} - \frac{Z_{21} Z_{12}}{Z_L} \frac{1}{1 + \frac{Z_{11}}{Z_L}} \right] I_2$$

PDN impedance IC  
sees for usual case

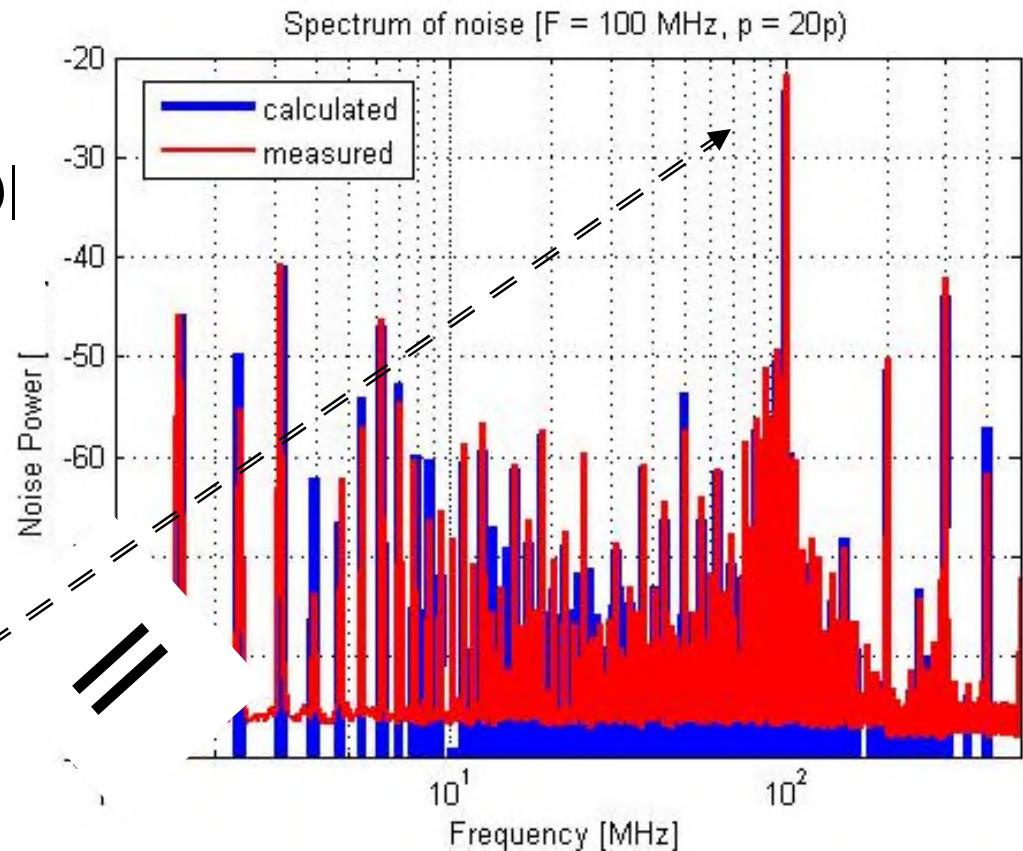
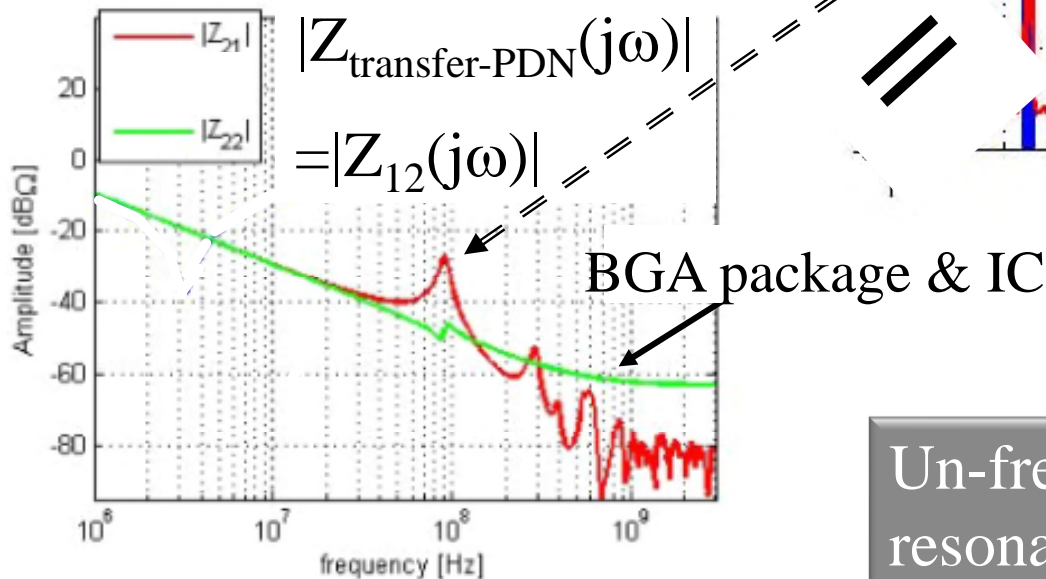
Then the PDN  
noise voltage is

$I_2$  is from IC simulation.  $Z_{21}$  and  $Z_{11}$  are both from impedance simulation (also are calculated from S-parameters from modeling or measurement).

# PDN Noise Voltage Spectrum Prediction



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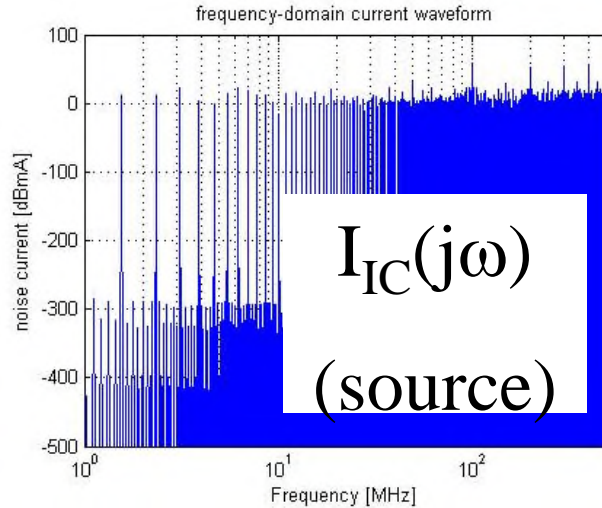


$$|V_{PDNnoise}(j\omega)| = |V_1(j\omega)|$$

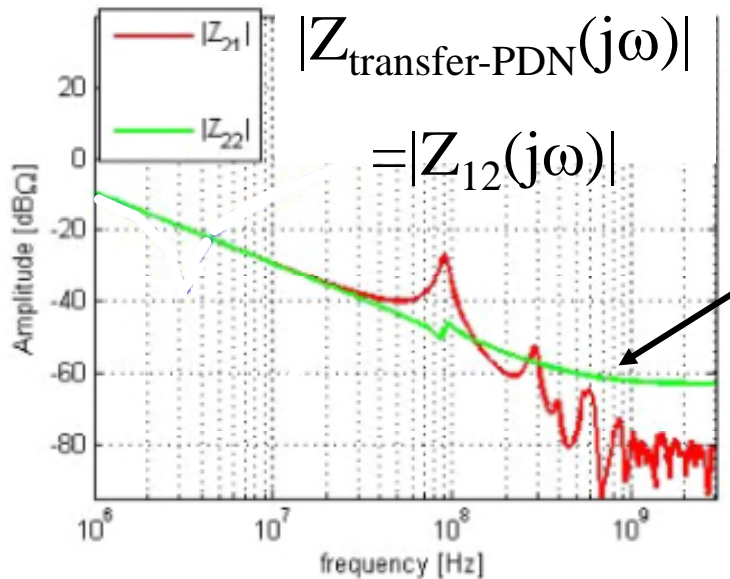
Un-freindly things happen at resonances – lumped or distributed



# PDN Noise Voltage from Impedance

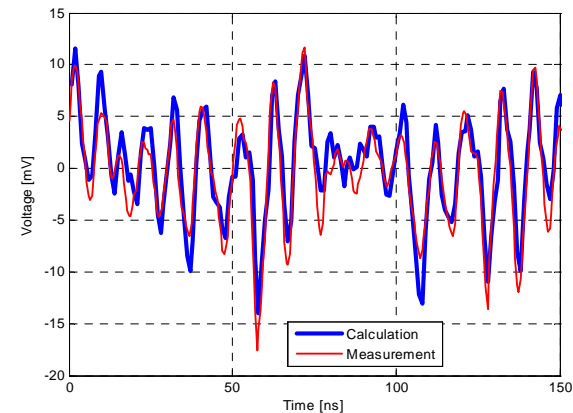
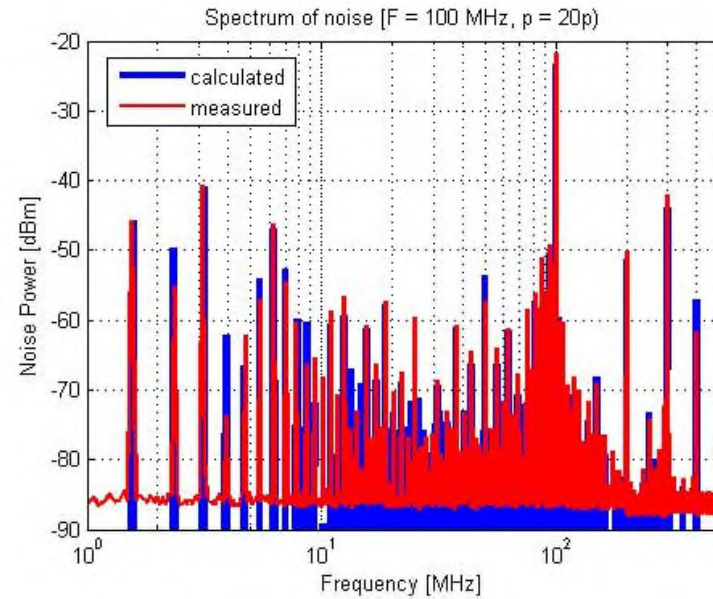


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$$V_{PDN}(\omega) = Z_{PDN}(\omega) \times I_{IC}(\omega)$$

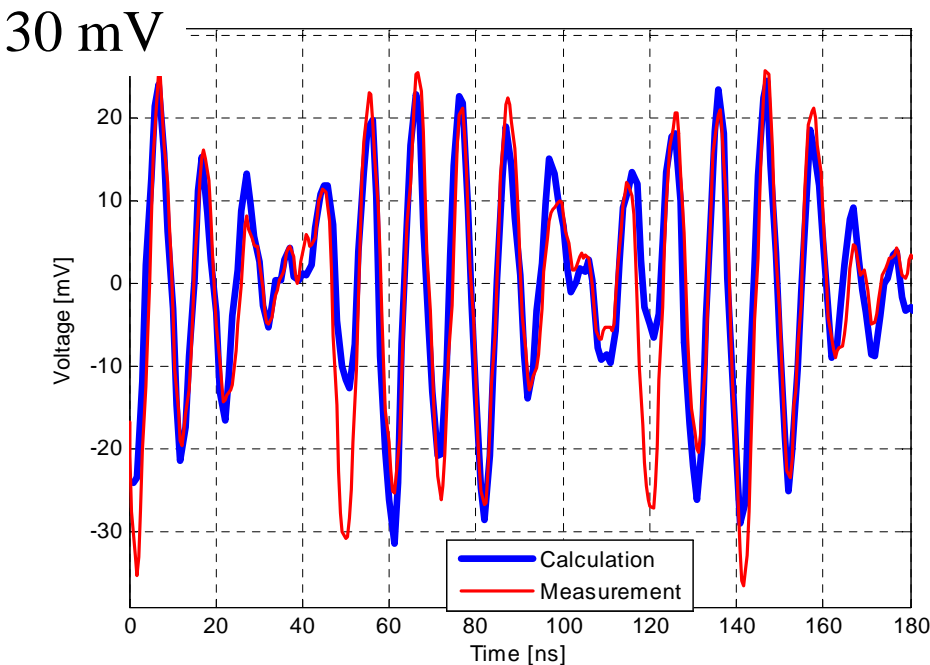
$$v_{PDN}(t) = F^{-1} \{ V_{PDN}(j\omega) \}$$



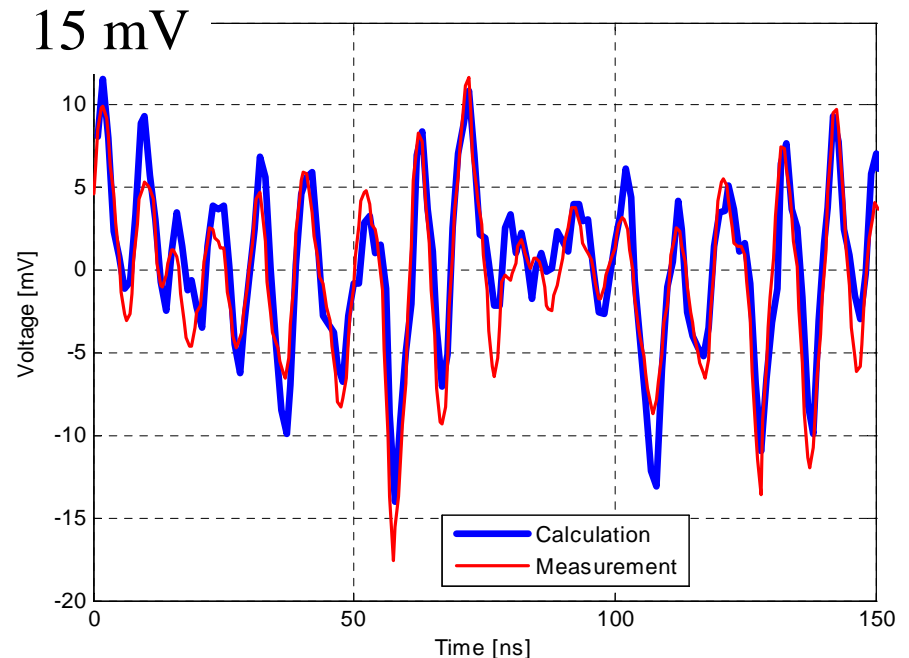
# Transient PDN Noise Voltage

Inverse Fourier Transform to get  $v_{PDN}(t)$

$$v_{PDN}(t) = F^{-1} \{V_{PDN}(j\omega)\}$$



**NO De-Caps**



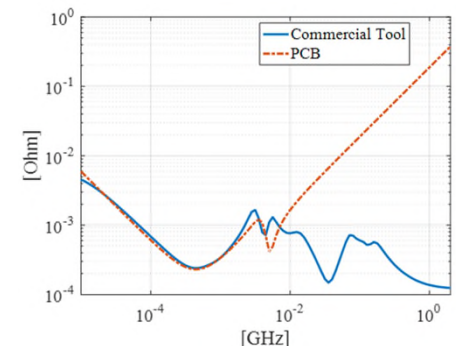
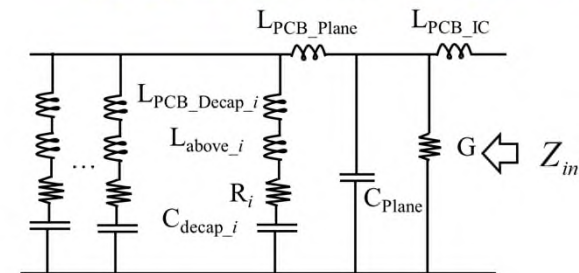
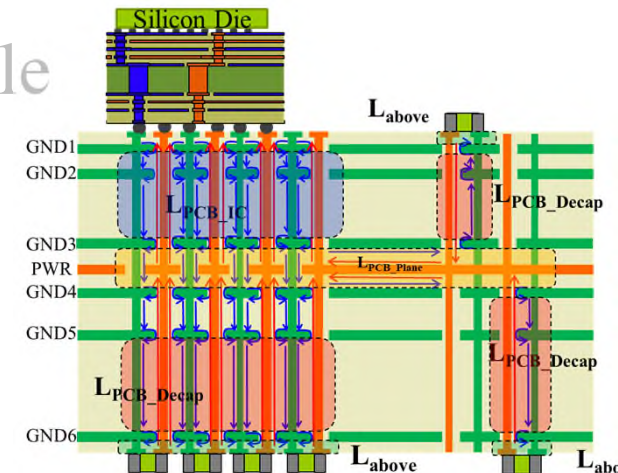
**WITH 16 De-Caps**

The estimated and measured noise voltage were compared, with a 100 MHz clock input, multi-frequency FPGA configuration, on the bare board and decoupled board.

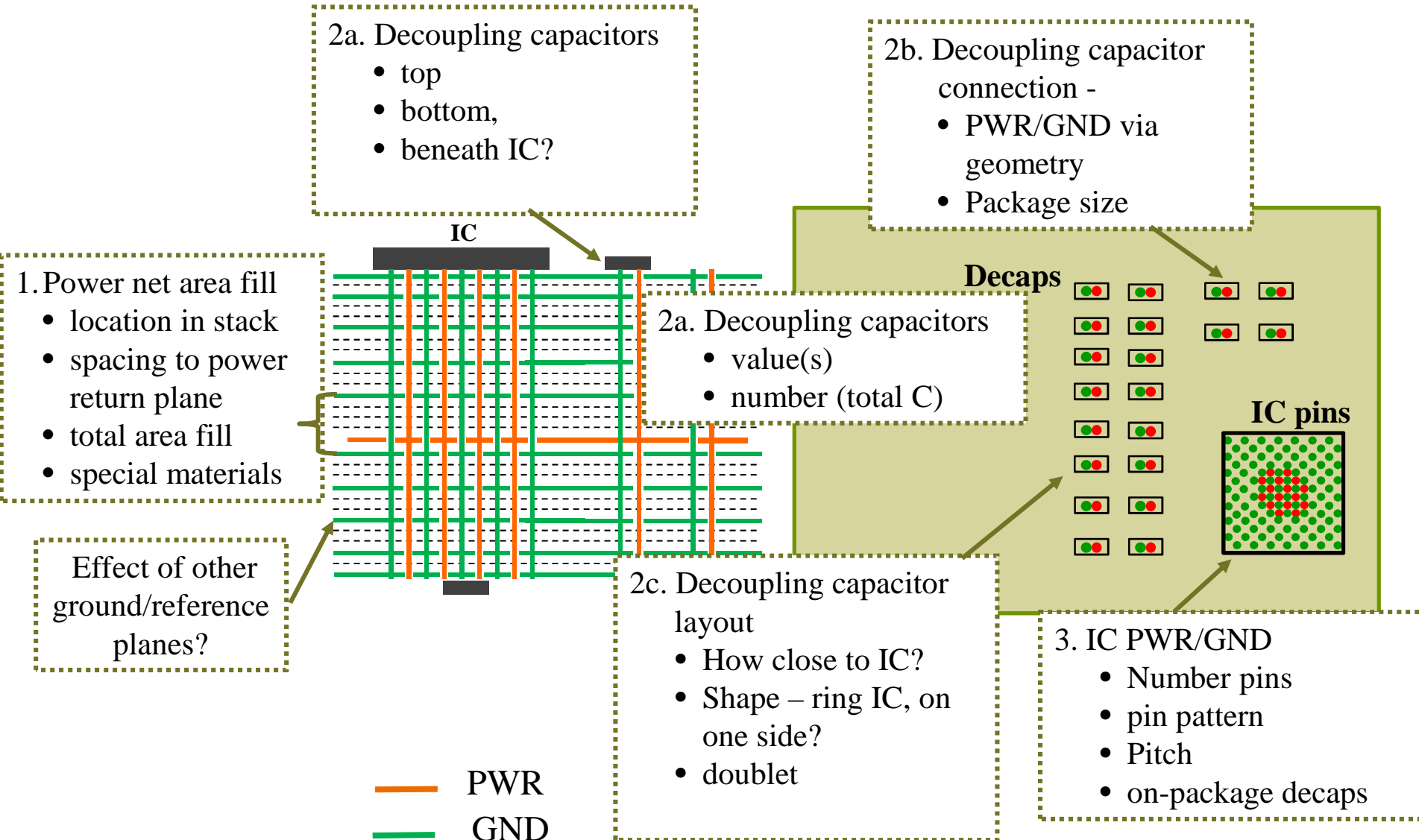


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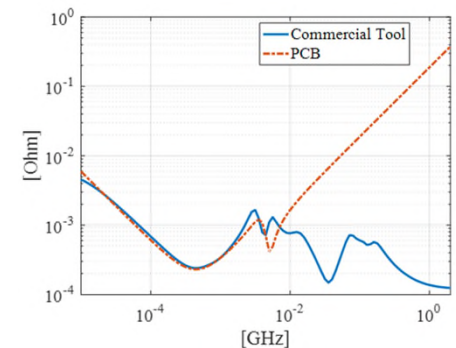
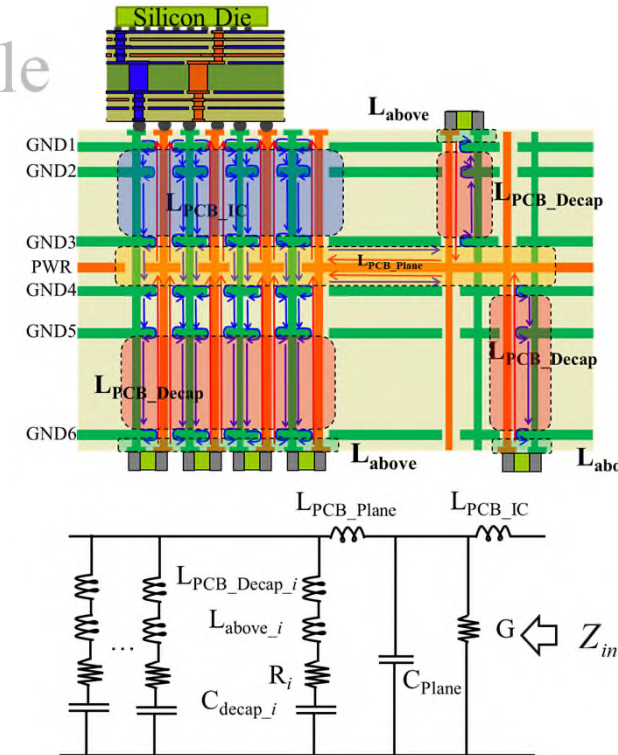


# PCB PDN Design Considerations

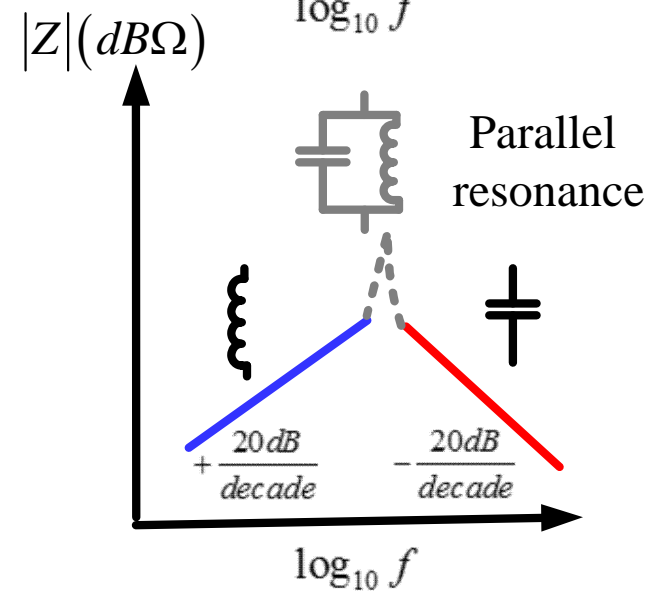
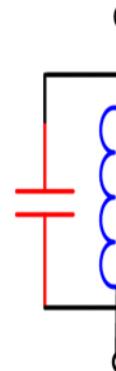
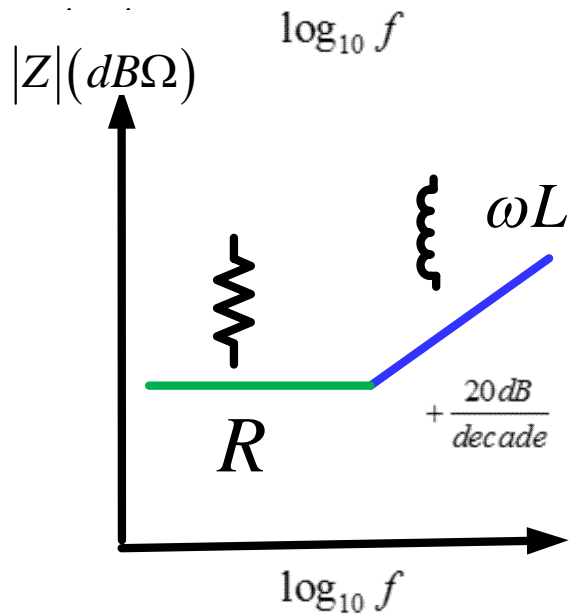
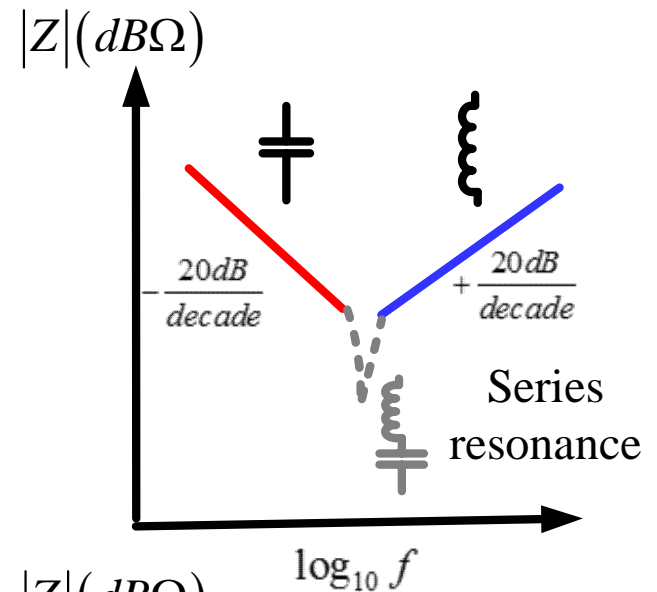
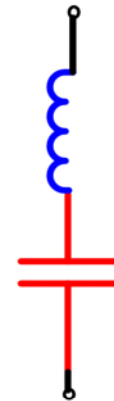
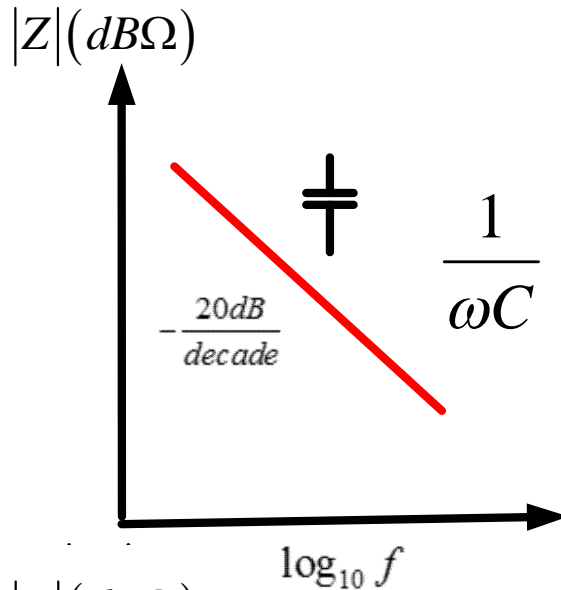


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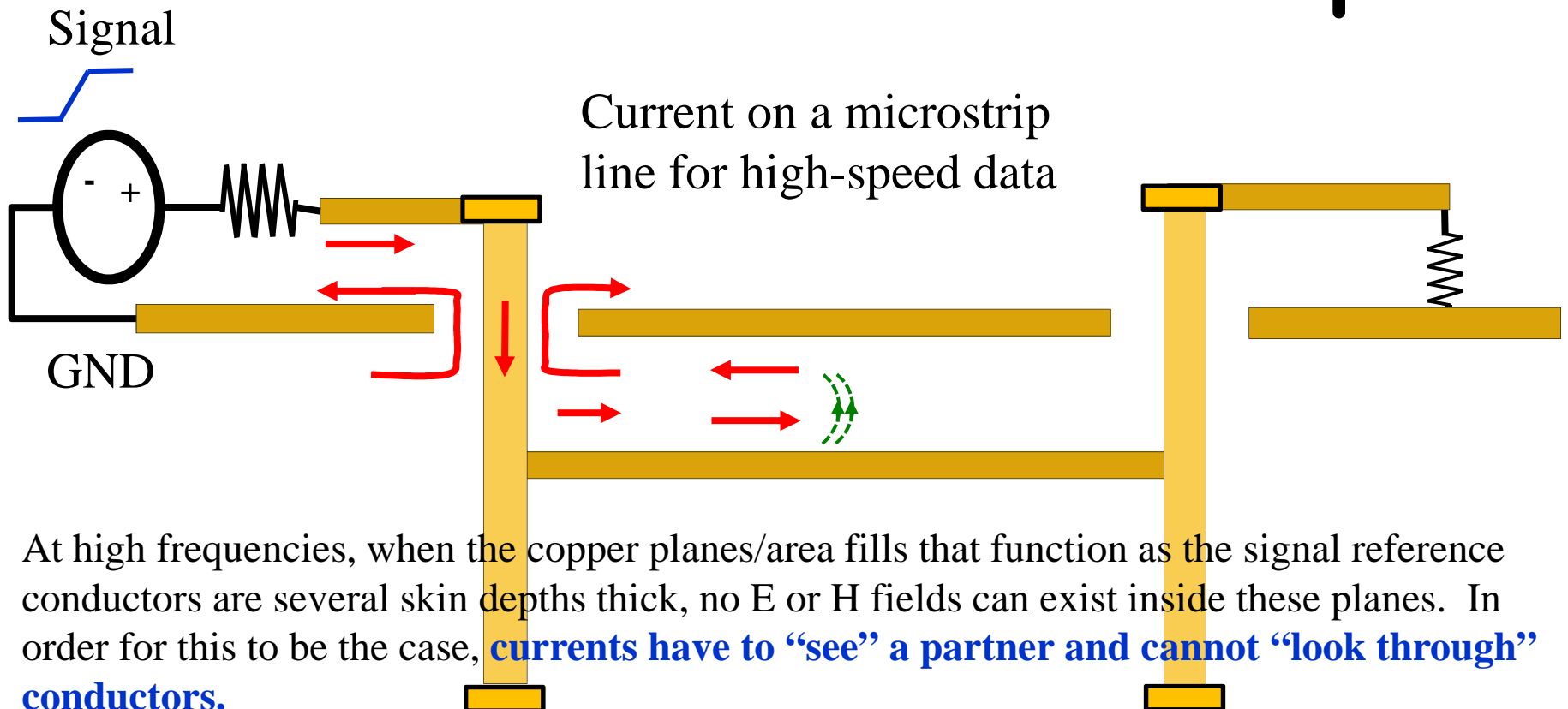


# Reminder – Circuit Model Behavior with Frequency



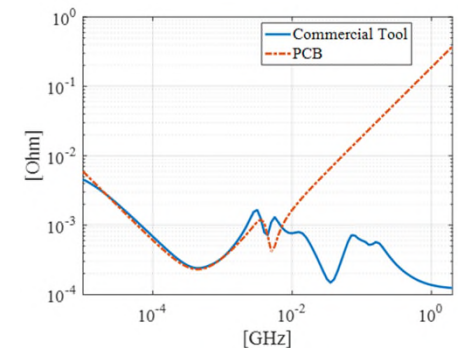
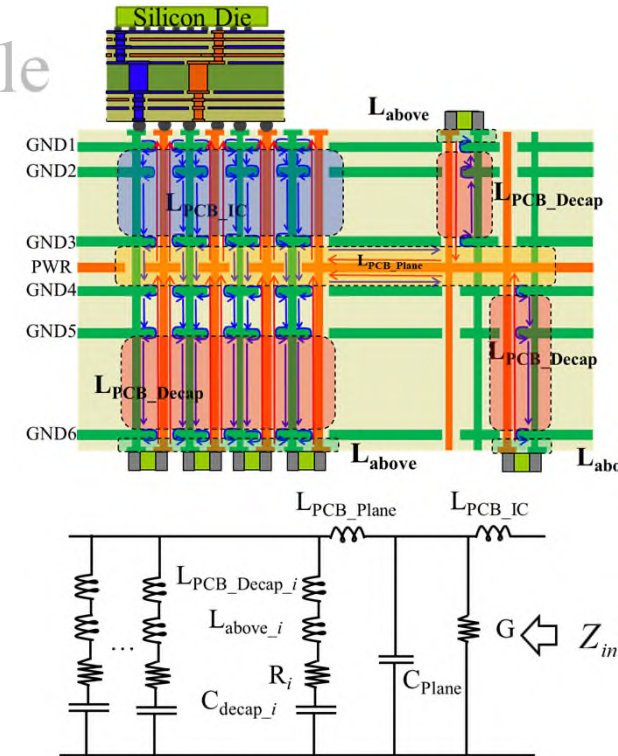
# Reminder: Current Behavior

- Conduction current – carried by electrons  $\vec{J}_{cond} = \sigma \vec{E}$
  - - - Displacement current – carried by  $\vec{J}_{displ} = \epsilon \frac{d\vec{E}}{dt}$
- impeded by    
 admitted by 



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  - Decomposing the inductance into pieces
  - Current path across the power net area fill and the ground power return current



# The Objective and Guiding Physics: Conduction Current Path results in Inductance

Looking from the IC



GND

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Top decoupling capacitors



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Decoupling capacitors sharing IC vias

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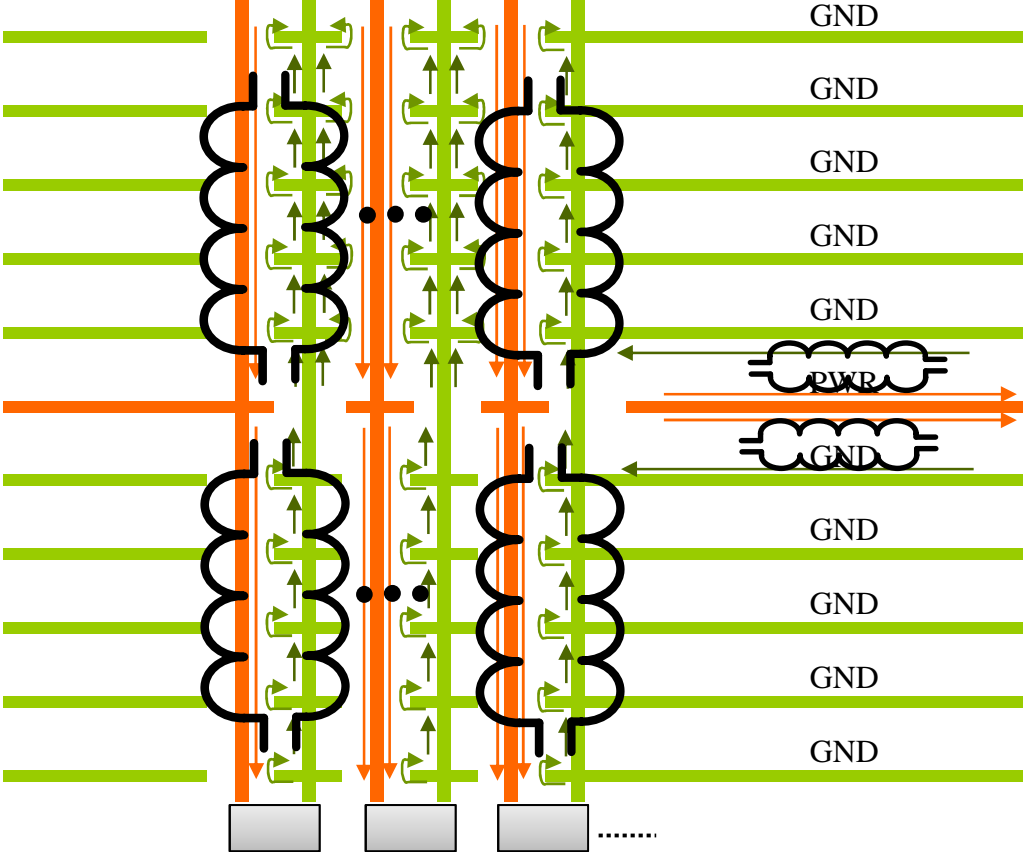
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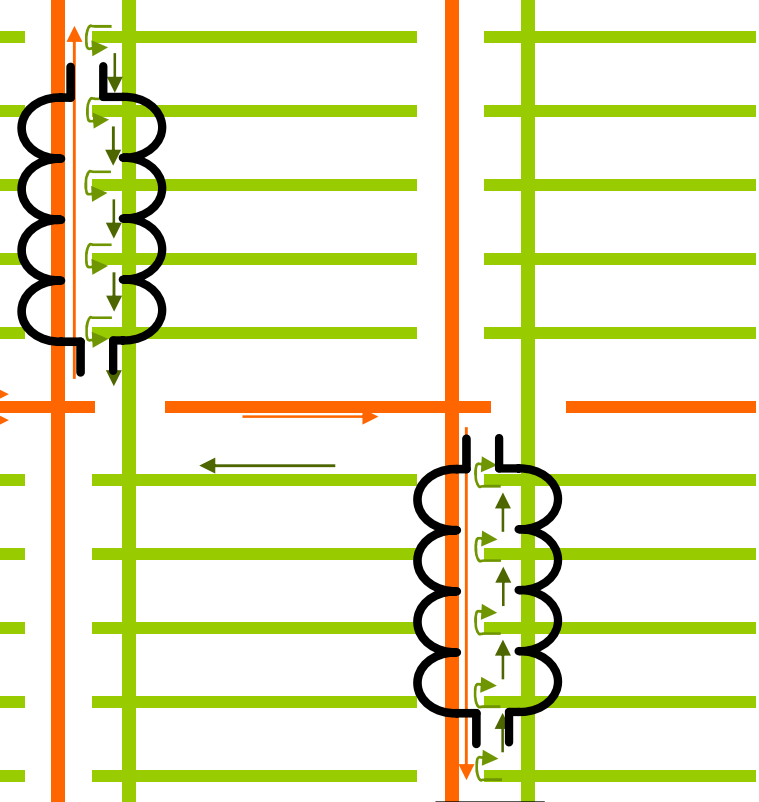
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## Key Point – Current Path and Inductance

## Four contributions (current path pieces) to the $Z_{PDN}$ inductance



IC

## Top decoupling capacitors

## Above PCB to decaps

caps-to-  
PWR net  
area fill

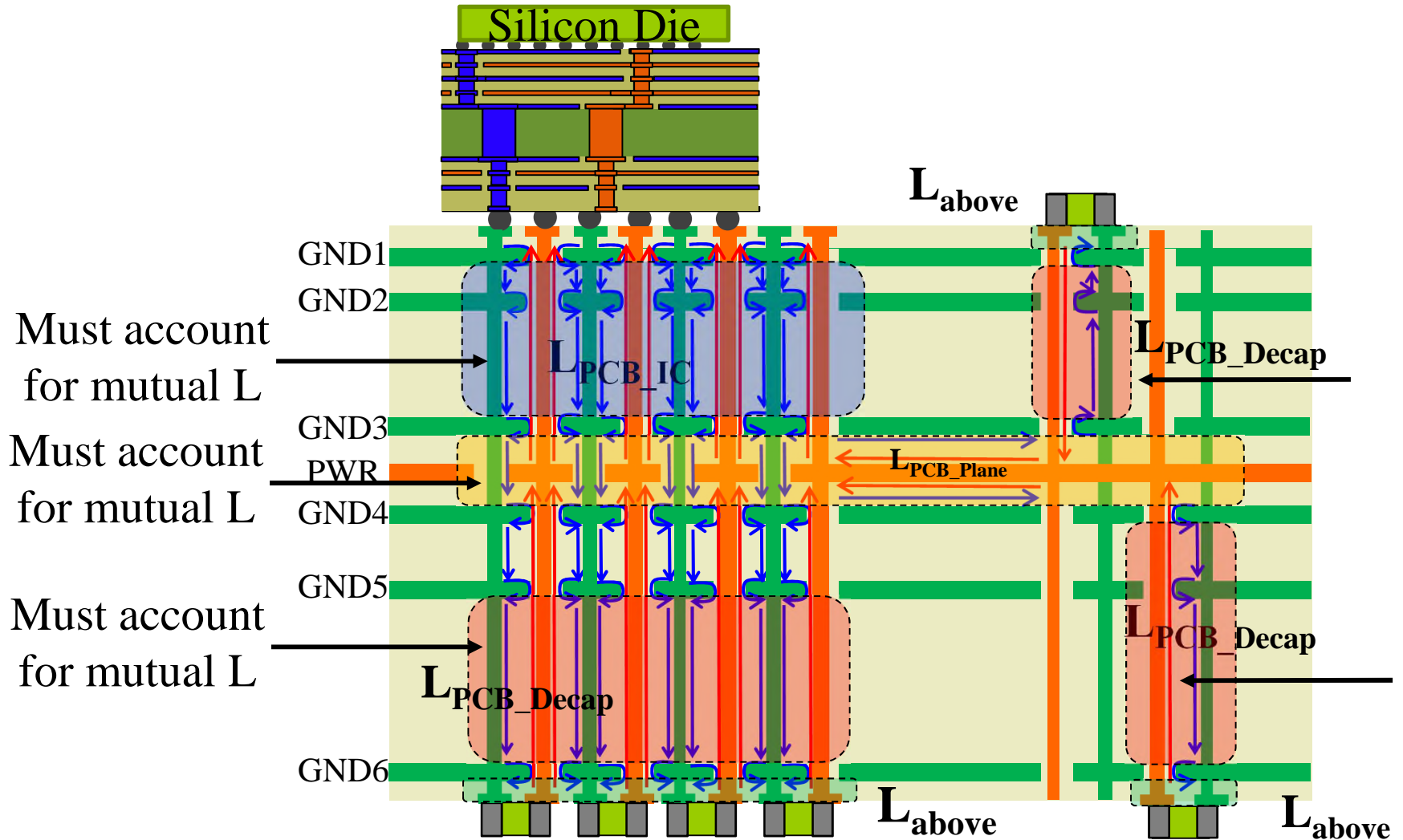
pkg-to-PWR  
net area fill

in PWR net area fill

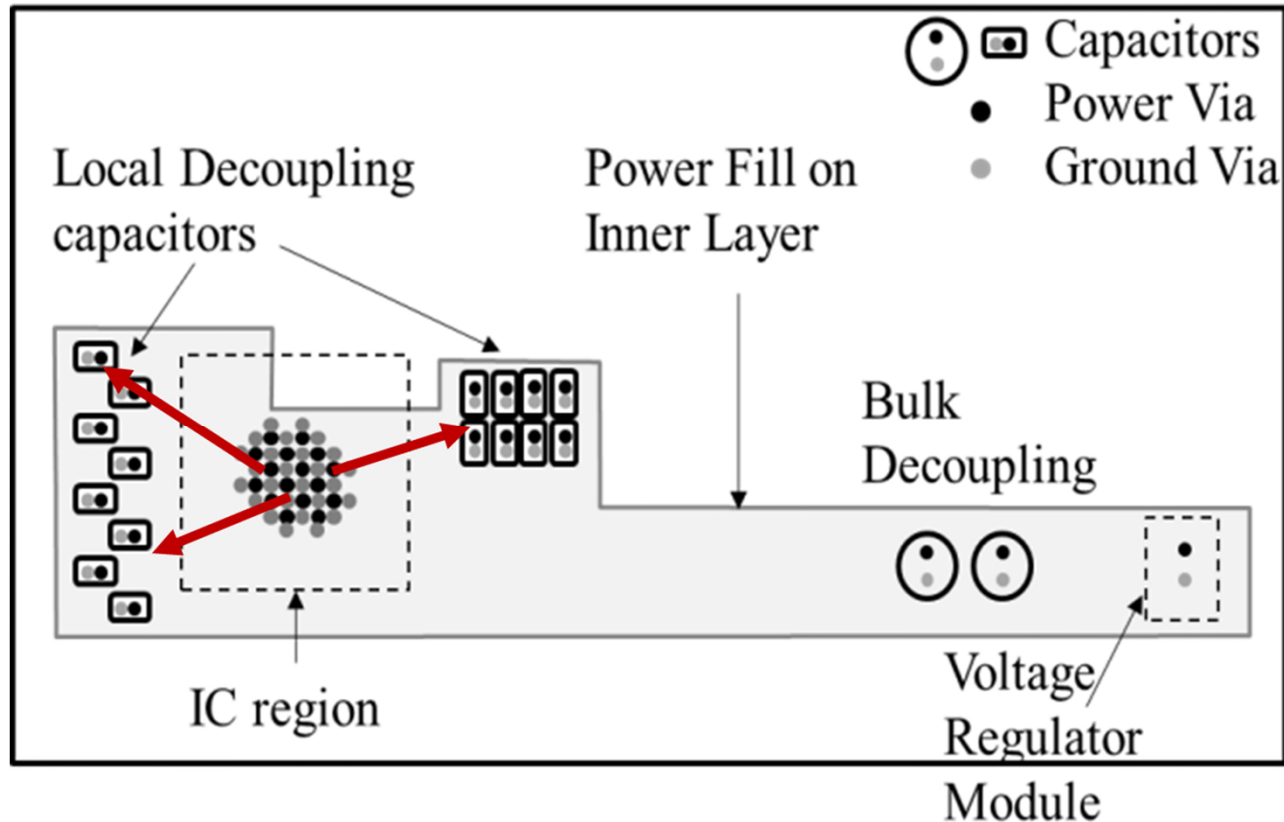
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# Geometry and Inductance Decomposition



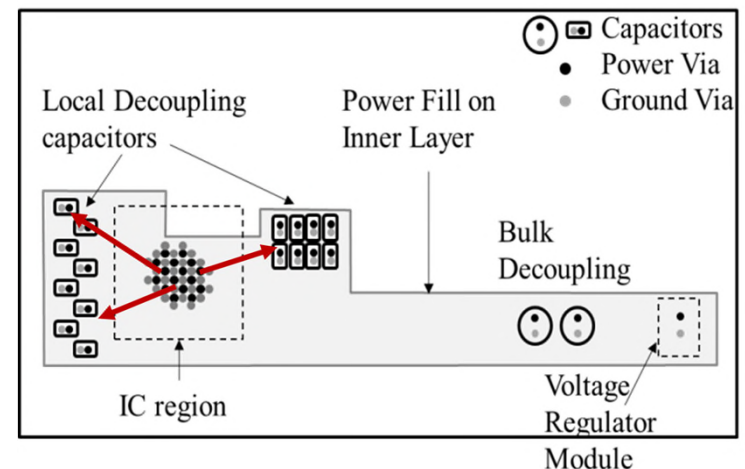
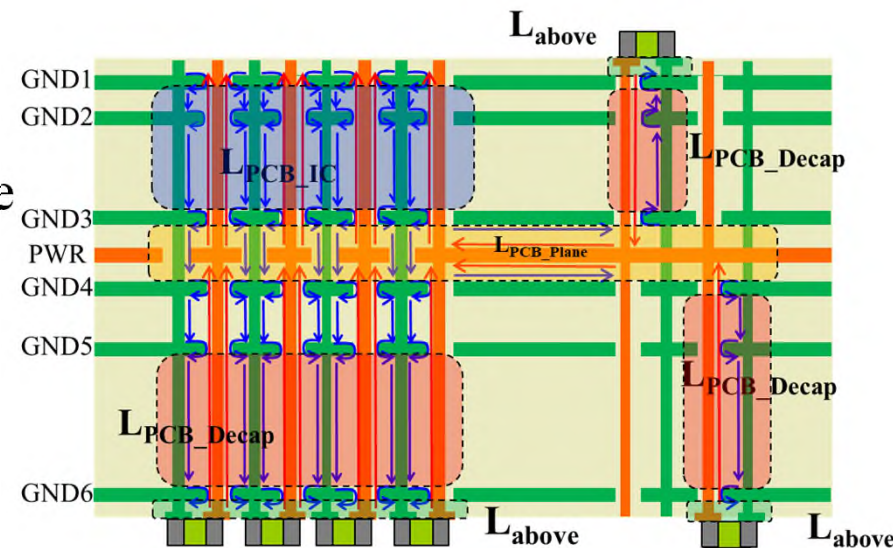
# Current Path, and Inductance



Current path from IC to decaps in the power net area fill layer is better to be in line (and not cross cutouts, around corners, etc.).  $L_{\text{PCB\_plane}}$  is increased otherwise.

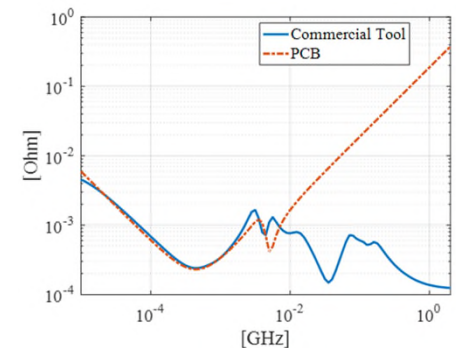
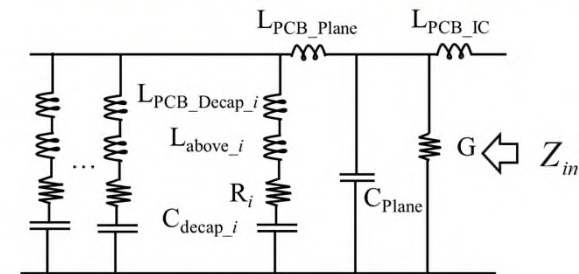
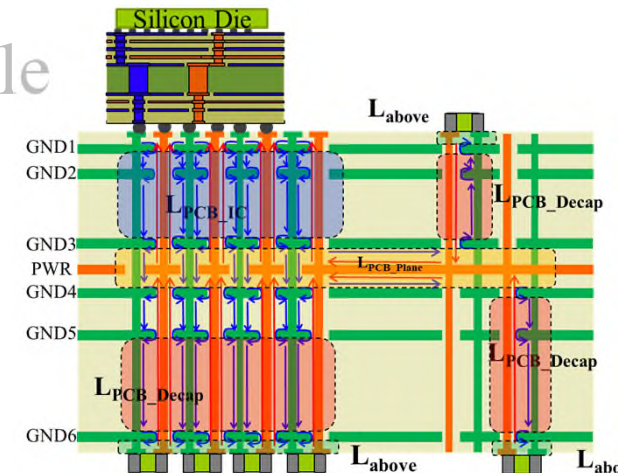
# Key Points

- Production printed circuit boards that use area fills for the power net will have from 4 to over 40 layers. The IC package may have tens to hundreds of vias, and there may be tens to hundreds of decoupling capacitors. The *complexity is high*, but the *current path physics are very straightforward*, though there will be many parallel paths.
- The inductance associated with a current path can be decomposed into four pieces along the path.
- Direct, “line-of-sight” current paths between the IC and the decaps will have less  $L_{\text{PCB Plane}}$  inductance than current paths that cross cutouts, slots, go around corners, etc.



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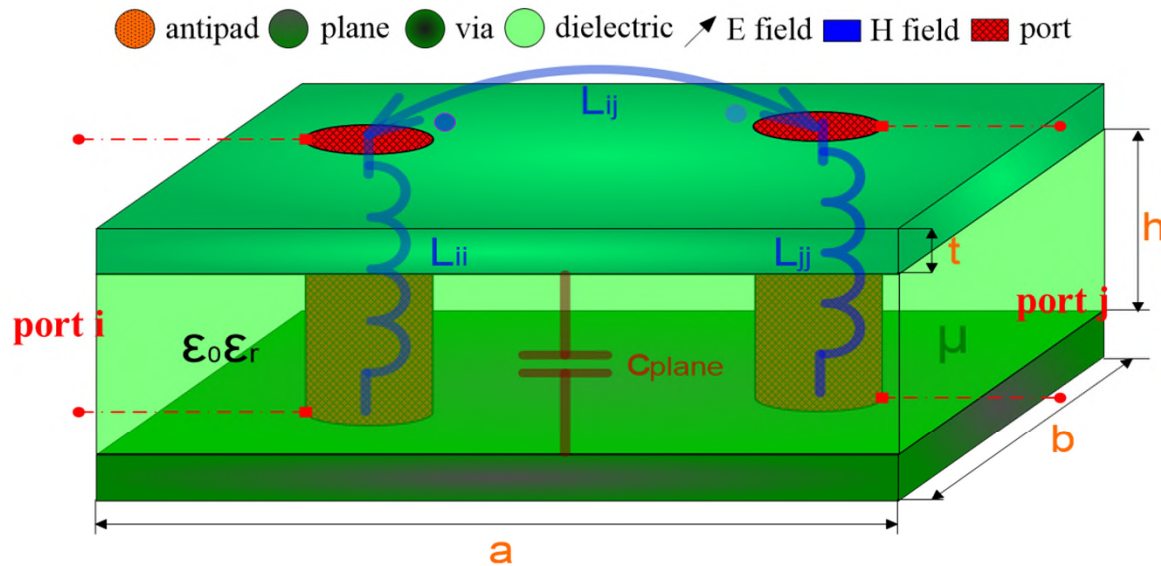
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  - Impedance from a Maxwell's equation formulation
  - A many element physics-based model to a reduced order impedance equivalent circuit with inductance related to geometry decomposition





# Calculating Inductance from Current Path Physics

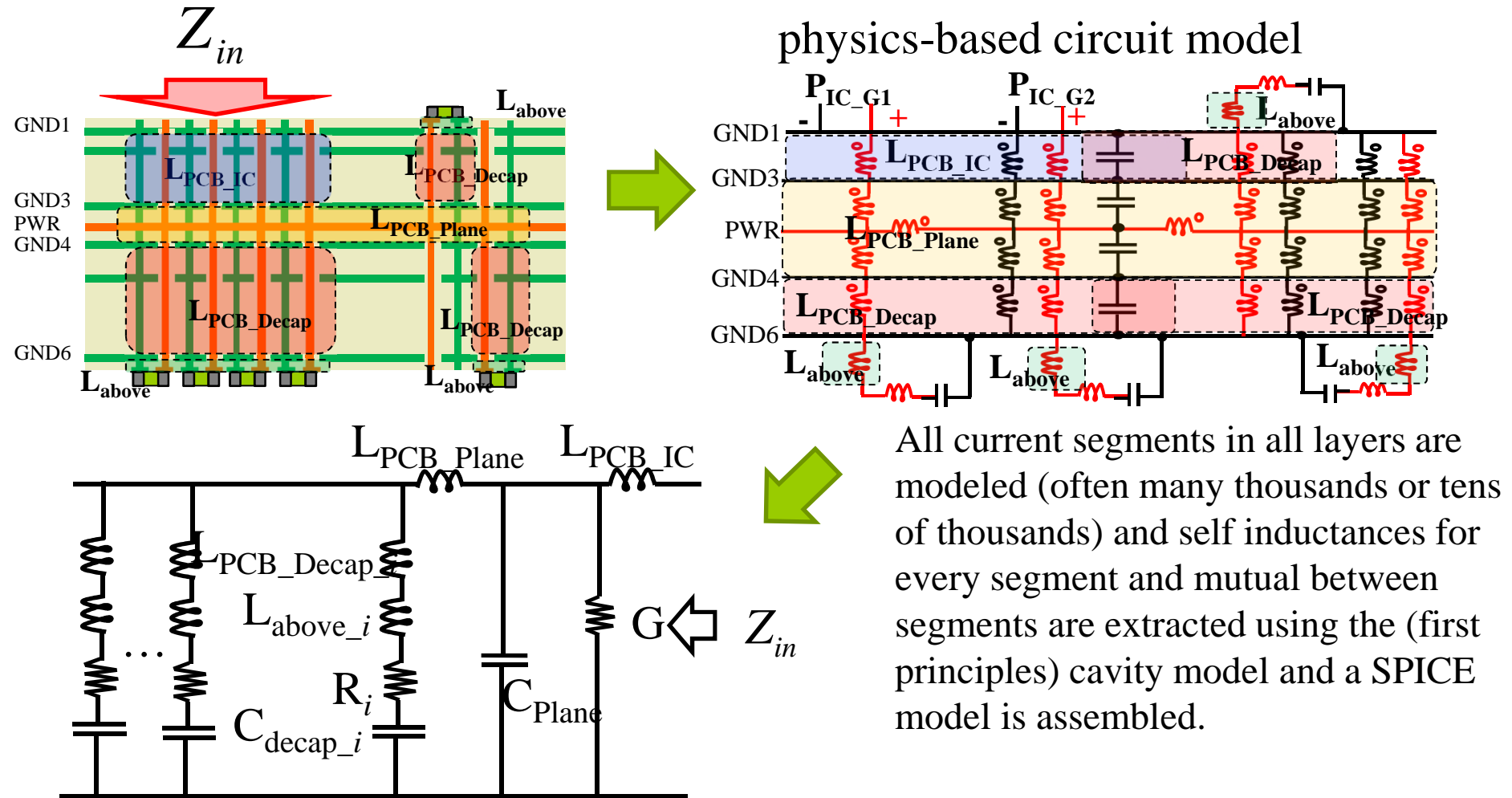
- All current segments in all layers are modeled (often many thousands or tens of thousands) and self inductances for every segment and mutual between segments are extracted using the (first principles) cavity model.
- Self and mutual inductances are included.



$$C_{plane} = \frac{\epsilon_r \epsilon_0 ab}{h}$$

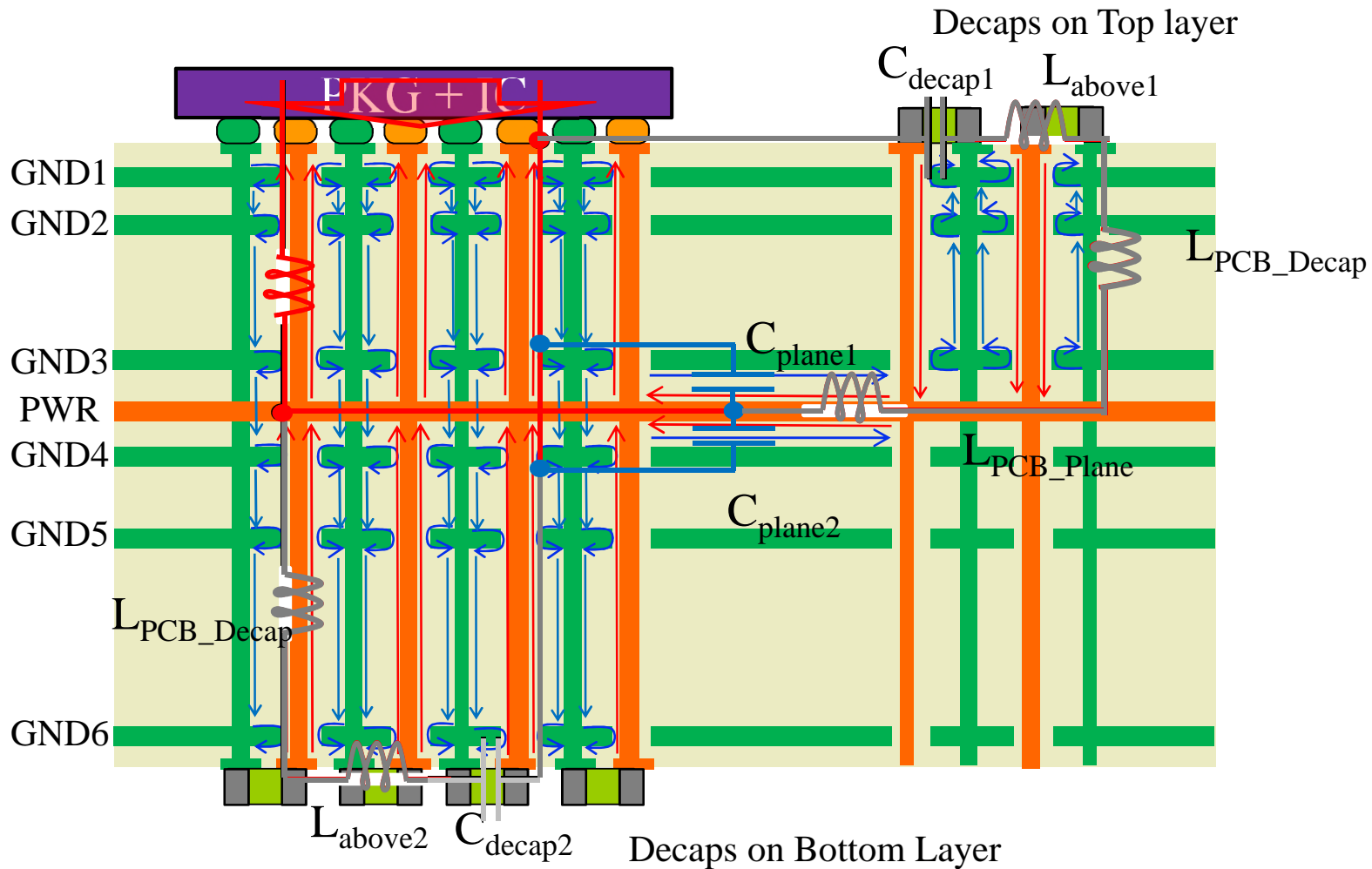
$$Z_{ij}(\omega) = \frac{1}{j\omega C_{plane}} + j\omega\mu h \left[ \sum_{m=0}^M \sum_{n=0}^N \frac{\epsilon_n^2 \epsilon_m^2}{(k_{nm}^2 - k^2)} f(x_i, x_j, y_i, y_j) p(L_{xi}, L_{xj}, L_{yi}, L_{yj}) + L_{ij}^{HM} \right]$$

# Circuit Model for PCB PDN



Circuit reduction is used to get an impedance equivalent circuit model that coincides with the large-scale current path from IC package to decaps. Inductances are related to the current path on the geometry.

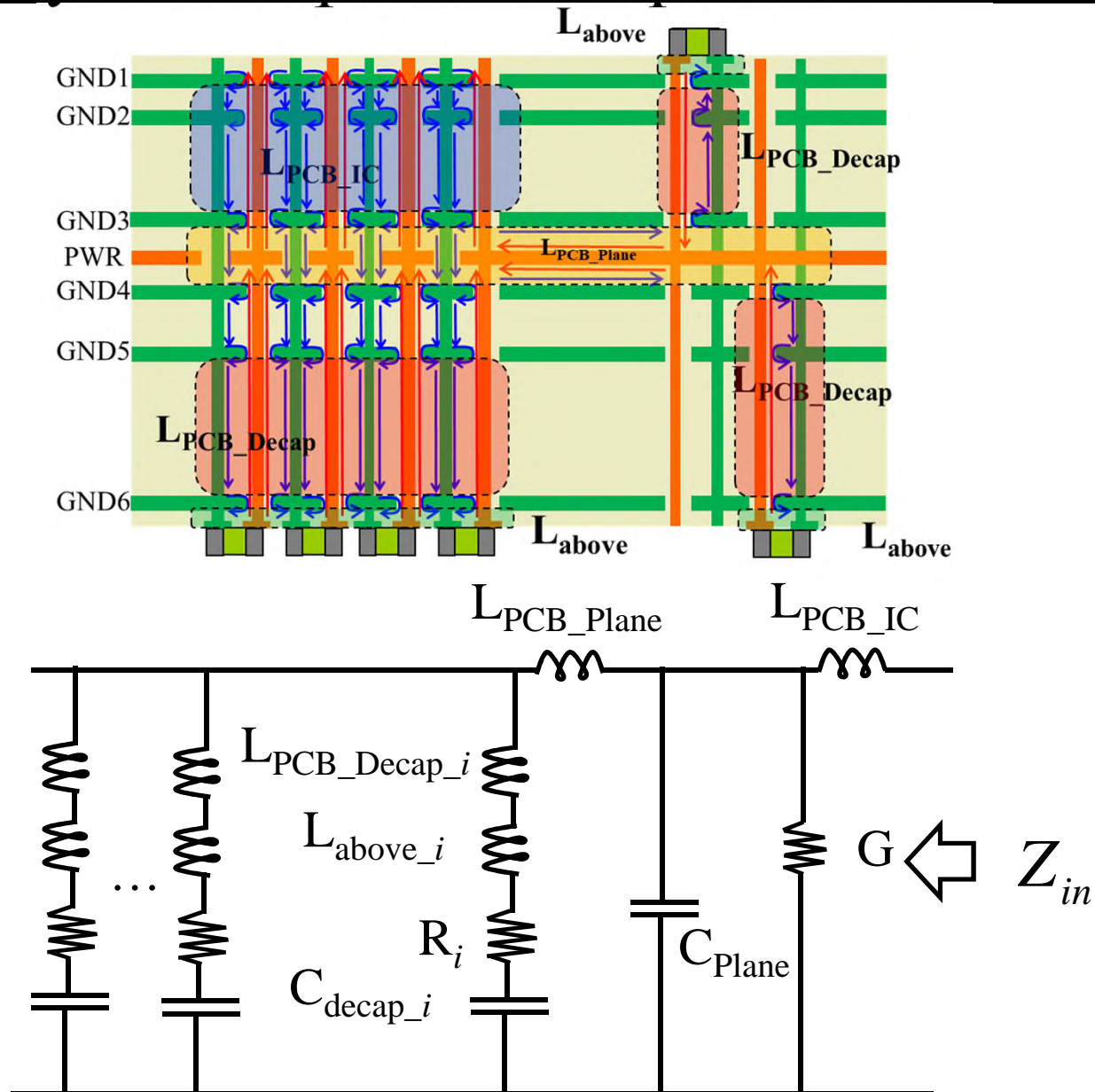
# Impedance Equivalent Circuit



$$L_{PCB\_EQ} = L_{PCB\_Decap} + L_{PCB\_IC} + L_{PCB\_Plane} + L_{above}$$

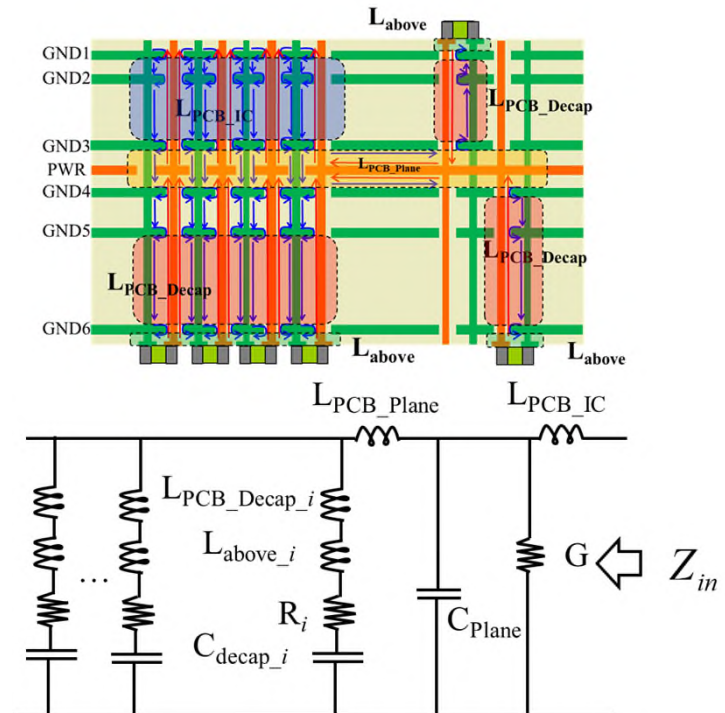
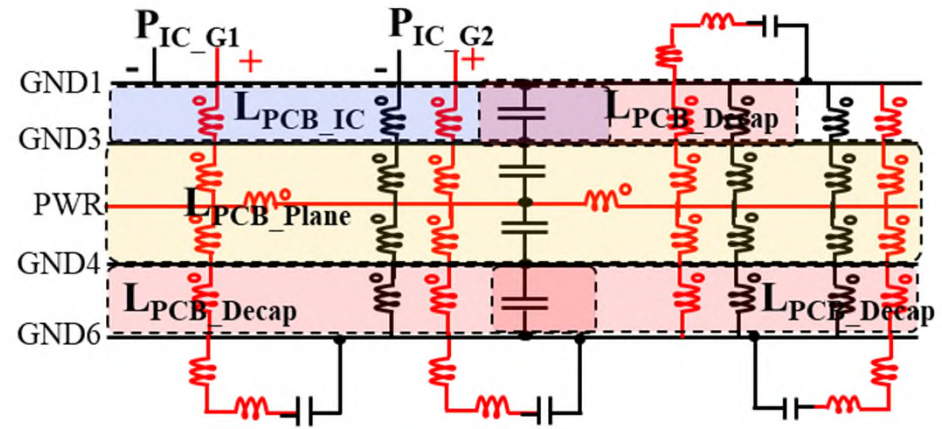
← Includes mutual inductances

# Geometry and Impedance Equivalent Circuit



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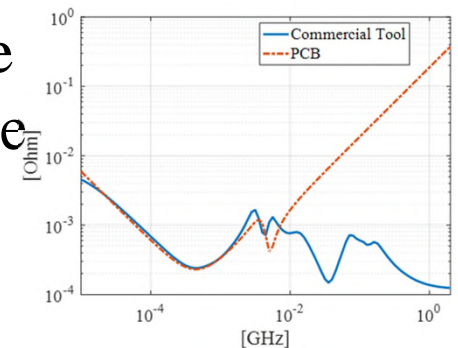
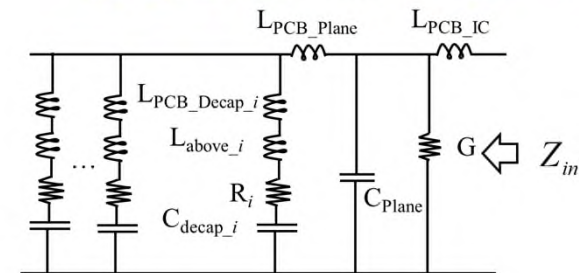
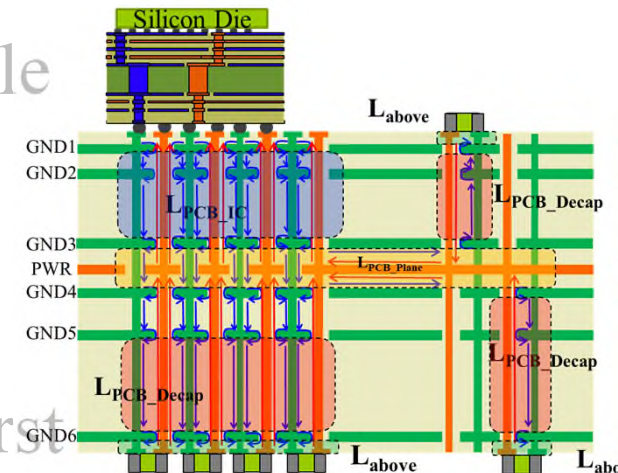
- All current segments in all layers are modeled (often many thousands or tens of thousands) and self inductances for every segment and mutual inductance between segments are extracted using the (first principles) cavity model and a SPICE model is assembled.
- Circuit reduction can be done to produce an impedance equivalent circuit model in which the model values can be calculated. The impedance equivalent circuit model can be directly related to the geometry and current paths





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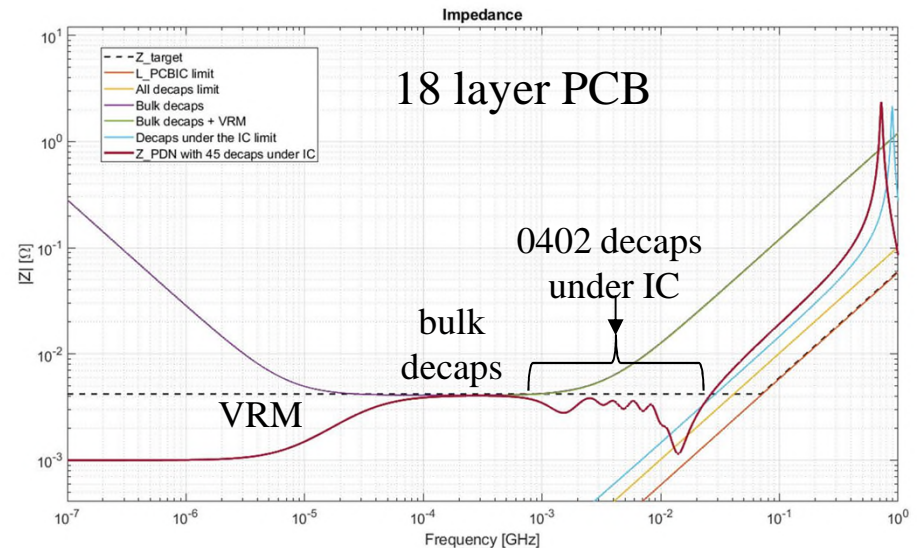
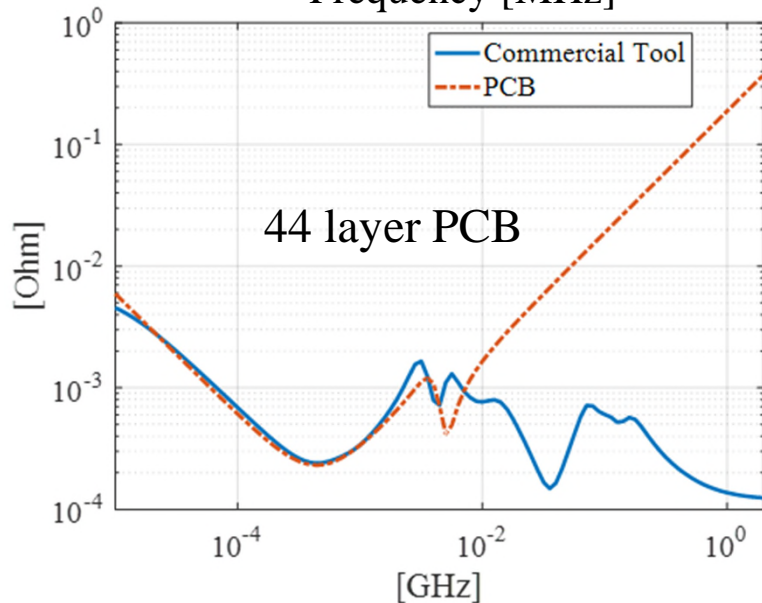
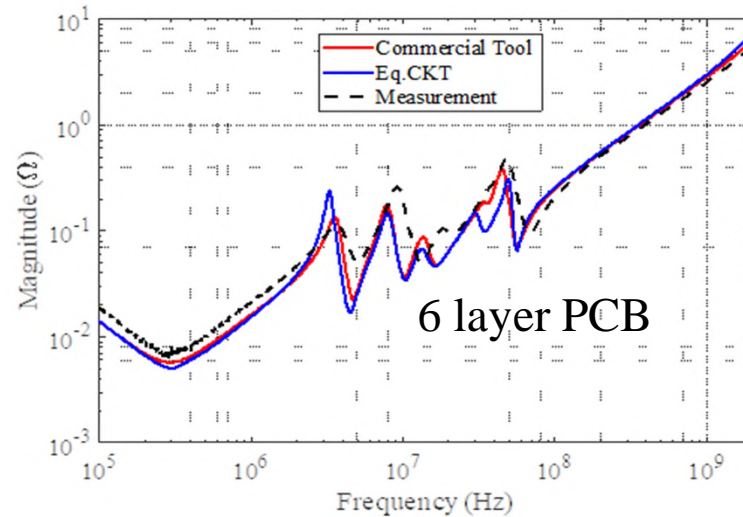
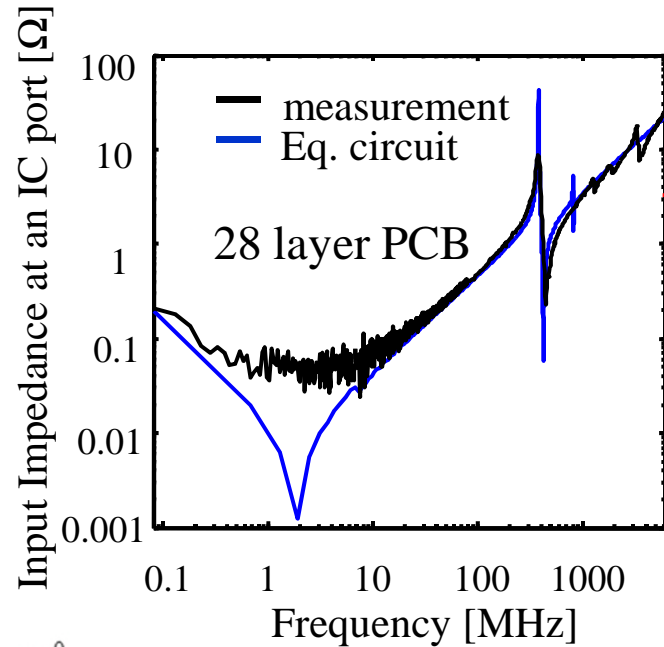
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  - Characteristic  $Z_{PDN}$  response resulting from current-path physics and associated inductance
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  - $Z_{PDN}$  frequency response related to physics



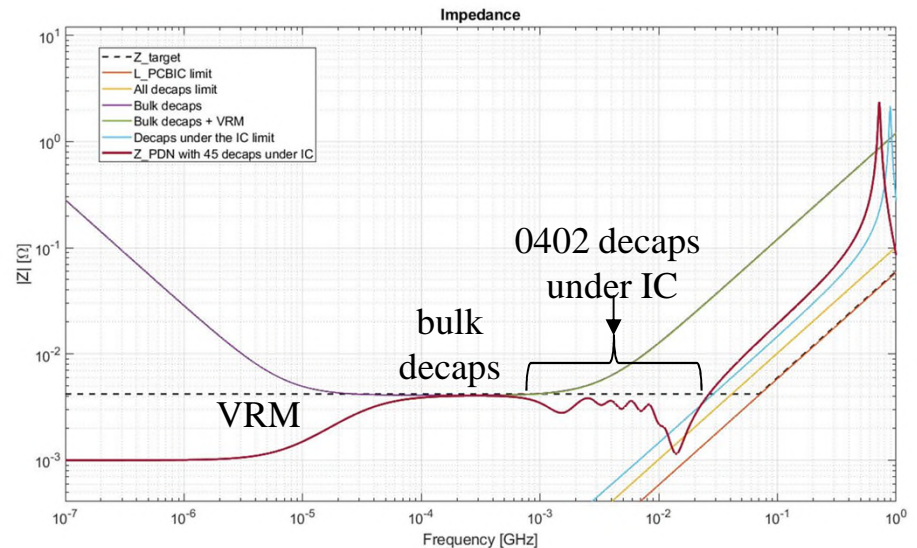
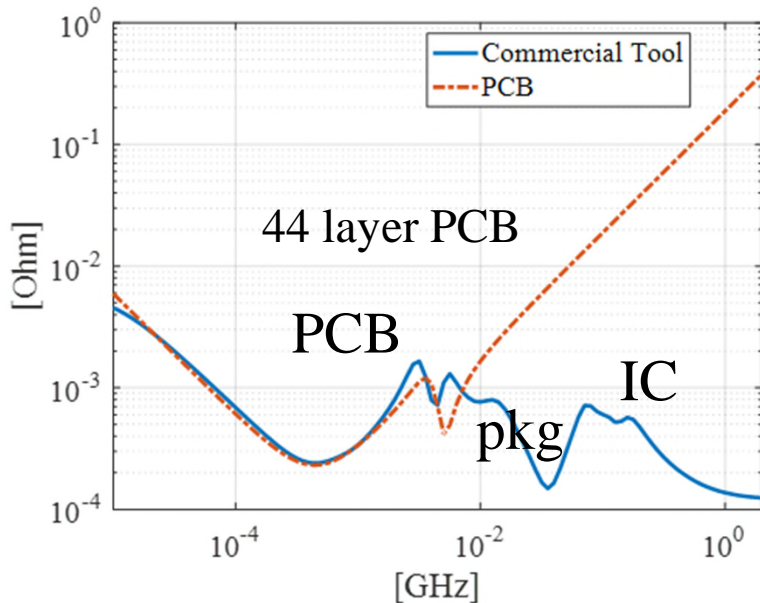


# Resulting $Z_{PDN}$ Response

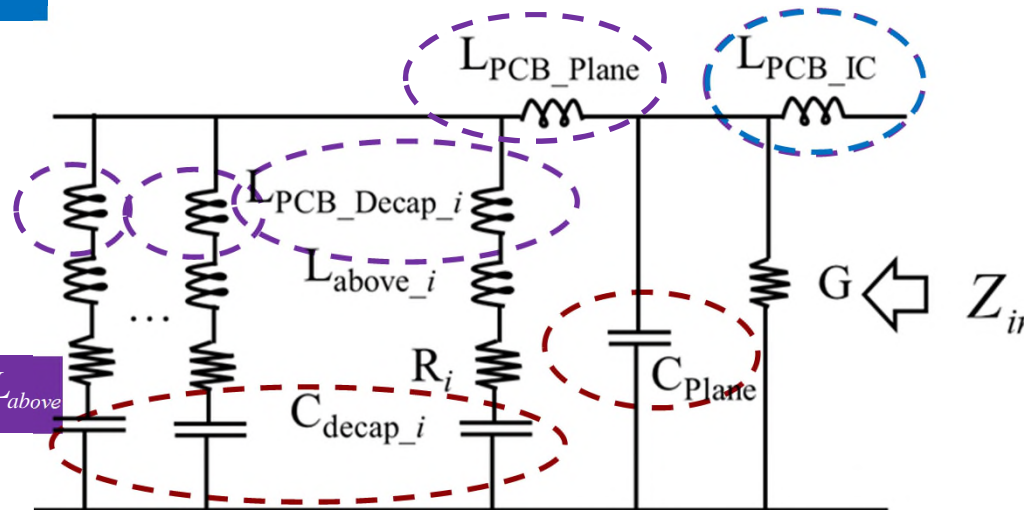
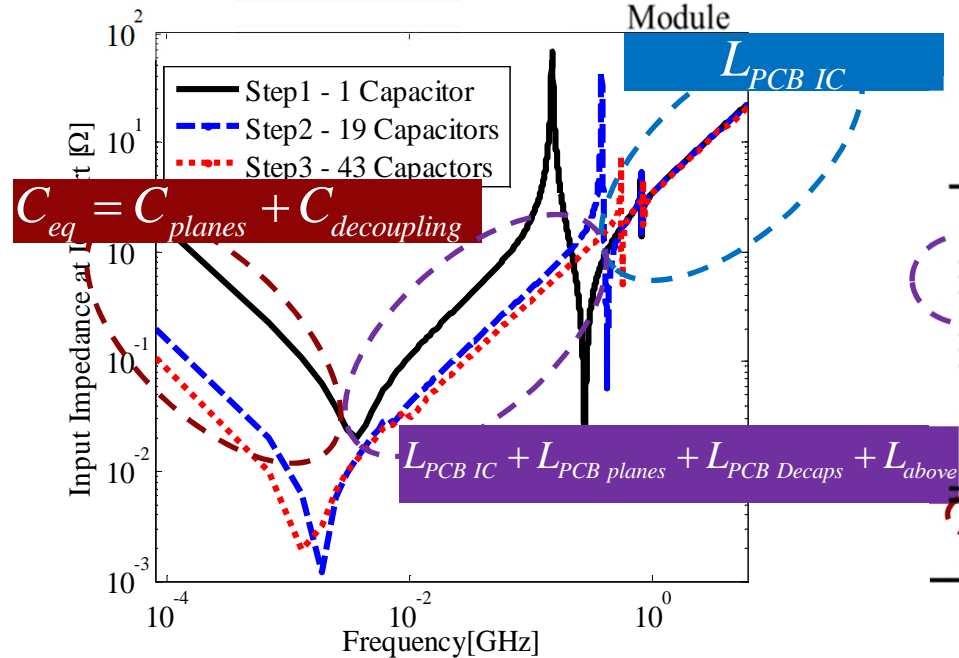
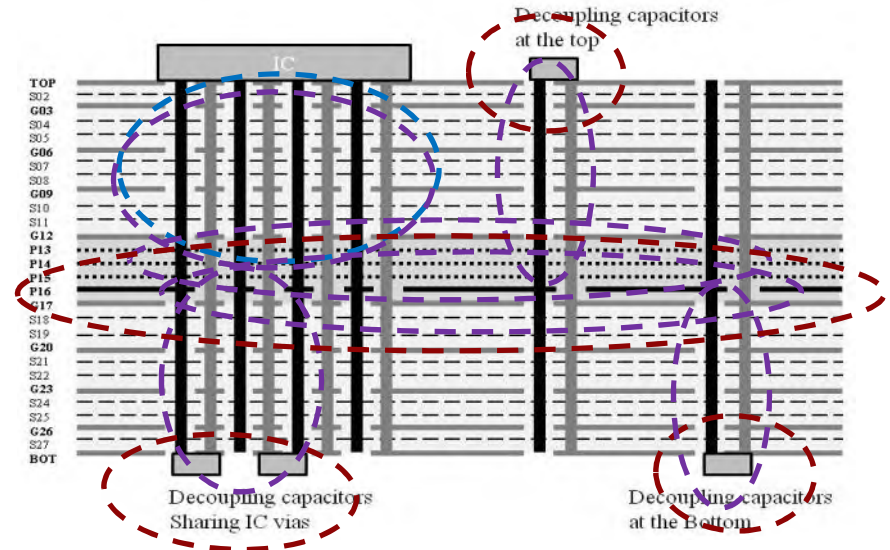
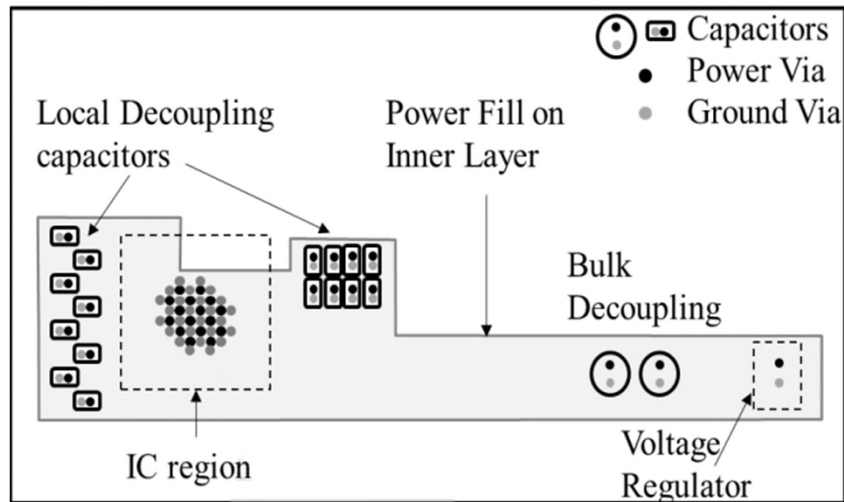
Each of these production real PCBs use only a single layer for the power net area fill (with adjacent layers for power return ground).



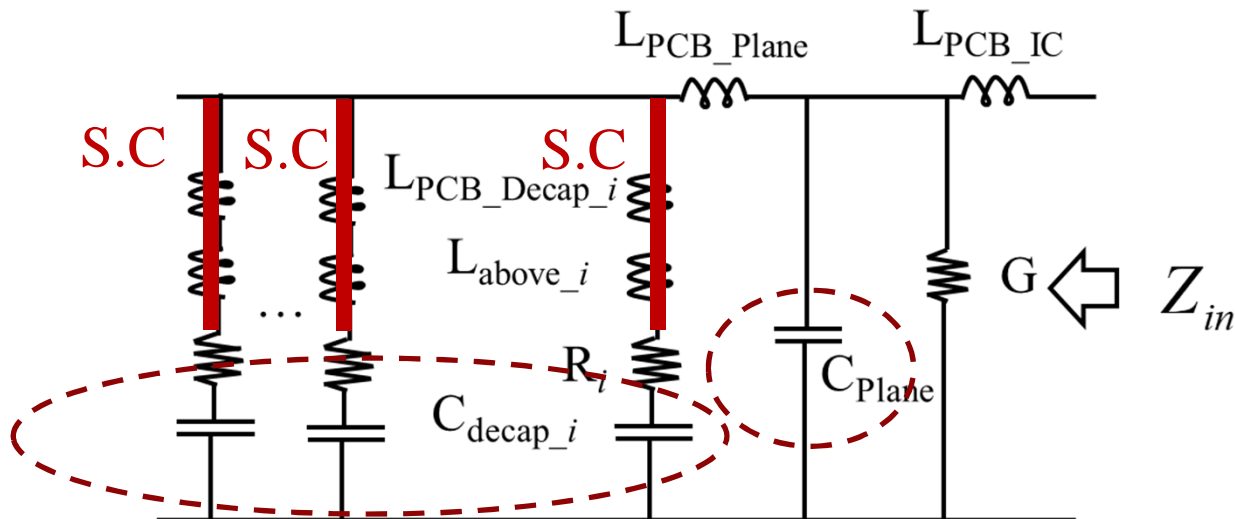
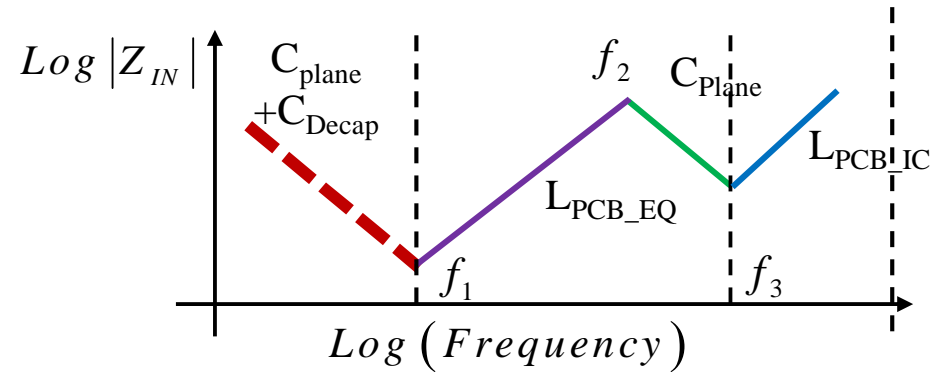
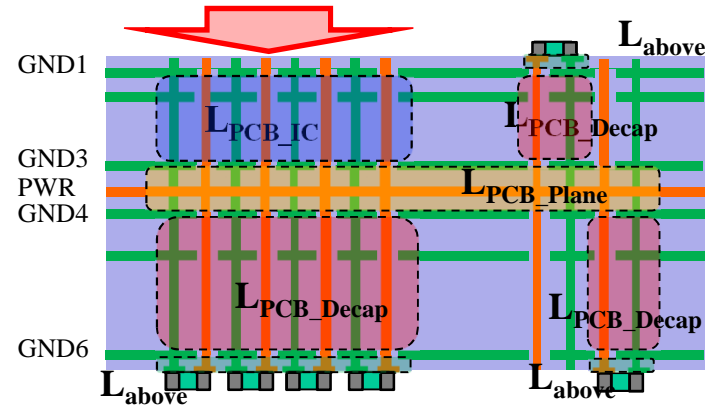
$Z_{\text{PDN}}$  response is very consistent because of the current path and its associated inductance as seen from the impedance equivalent circuit model



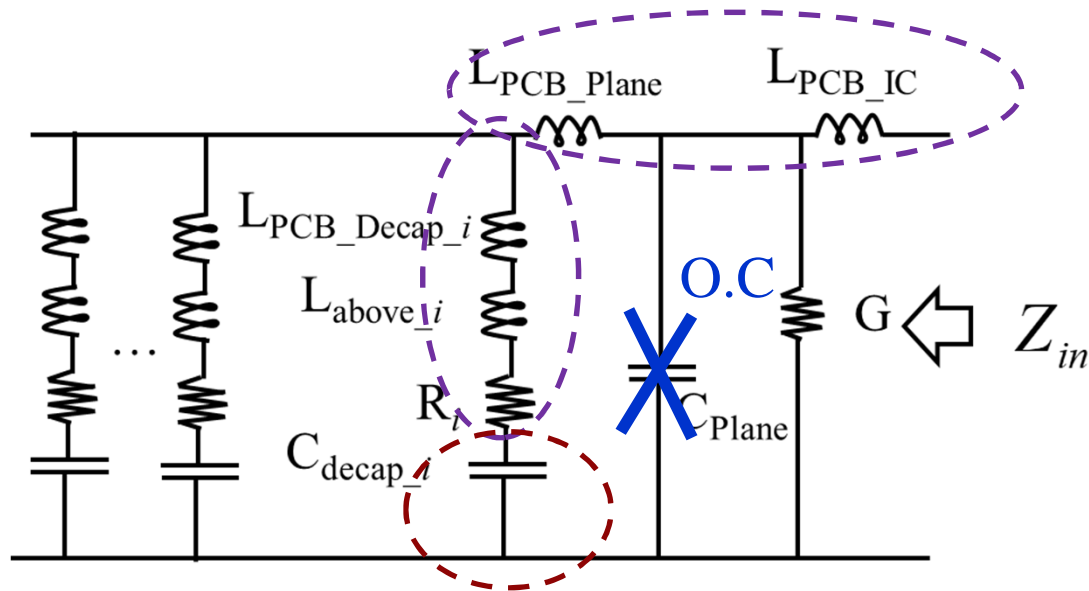
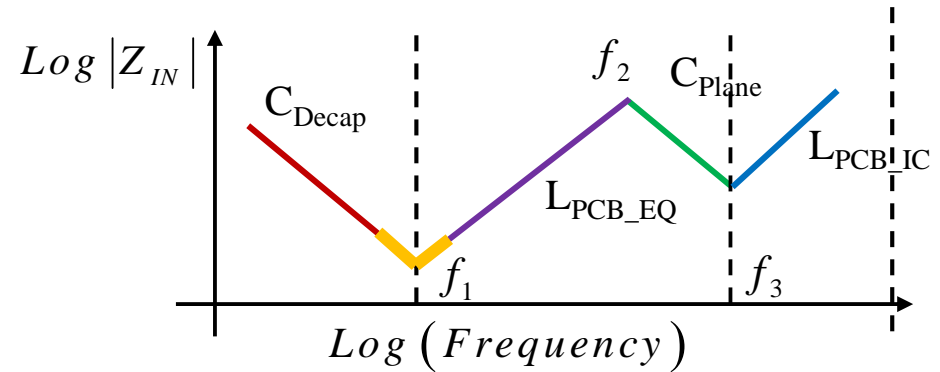
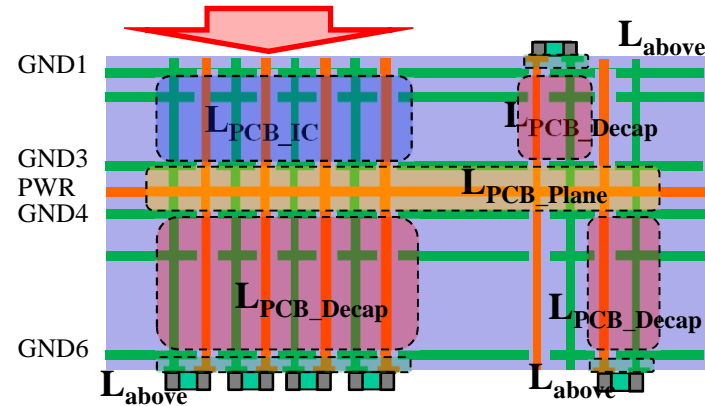
# Geometry, Current Path, Model, and $Z_{PDN}$



# Frequency Response for PCB PDN - C

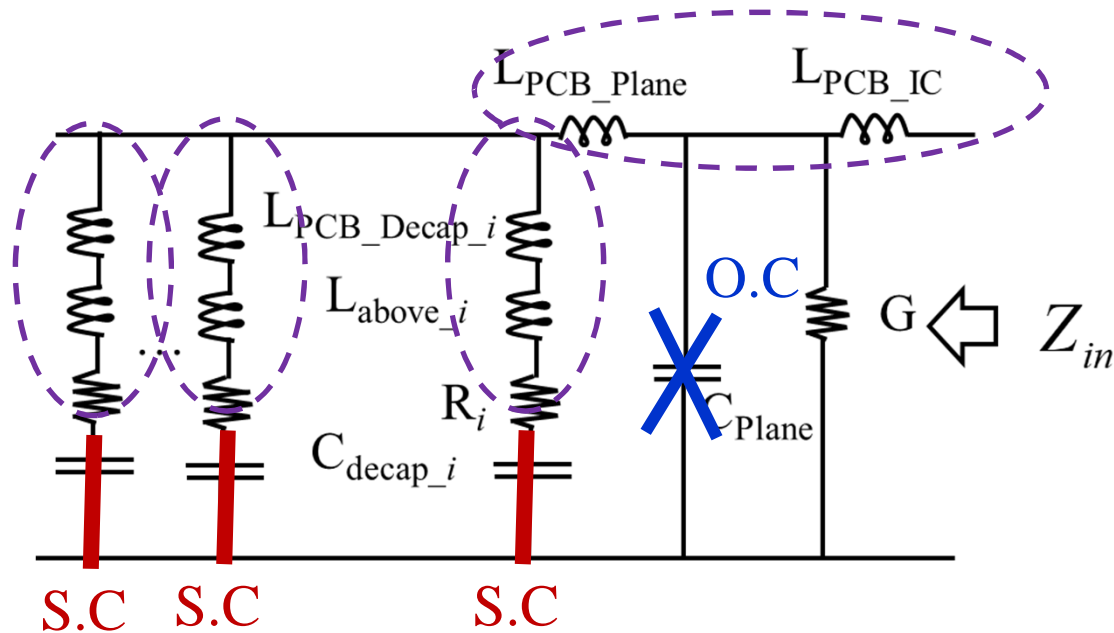
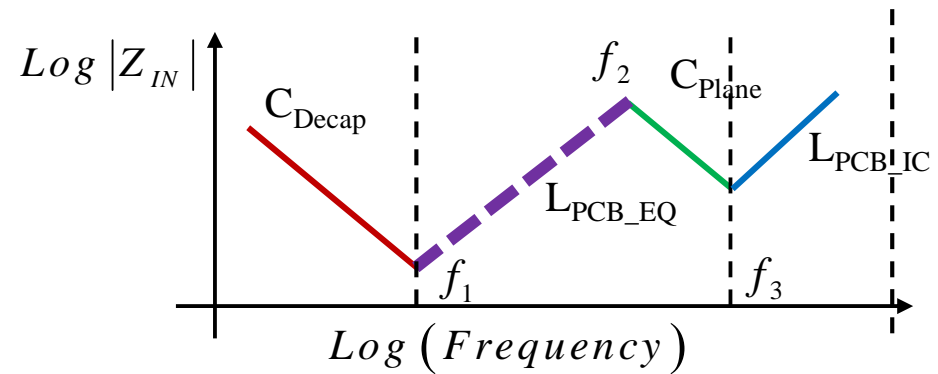
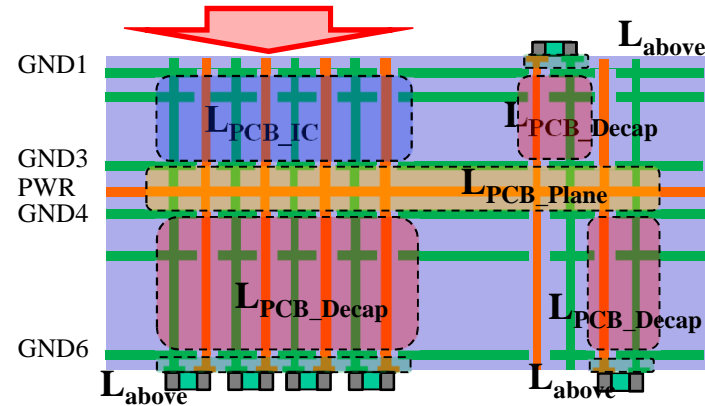


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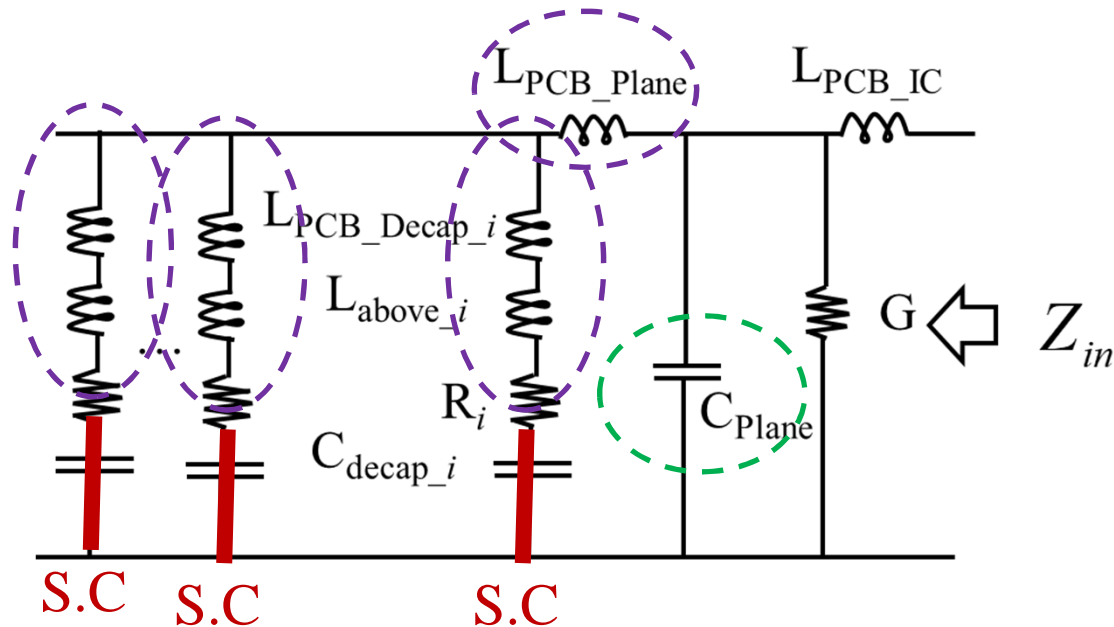
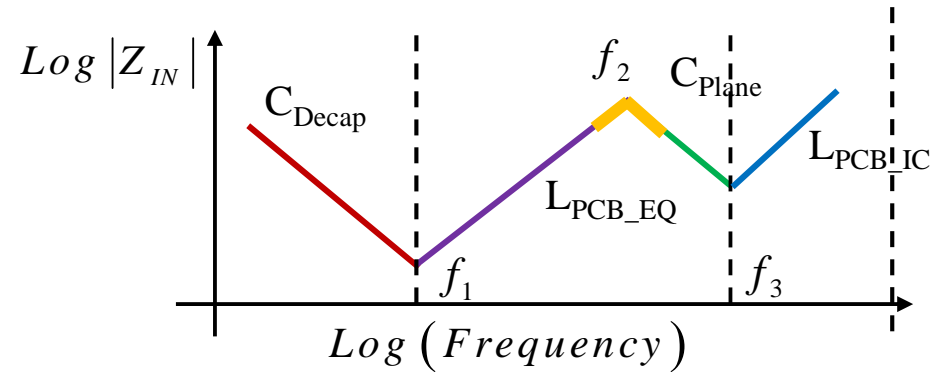
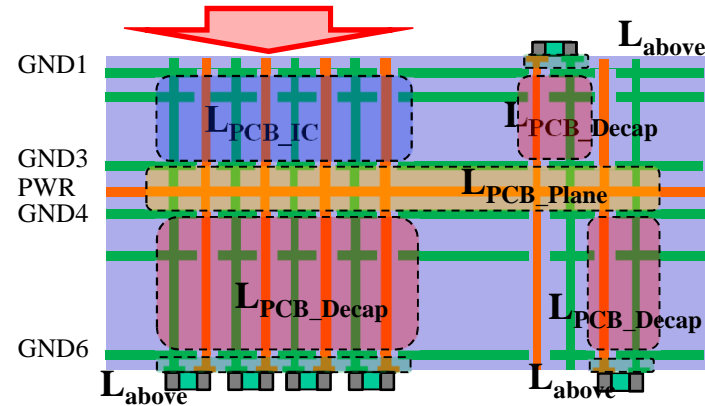


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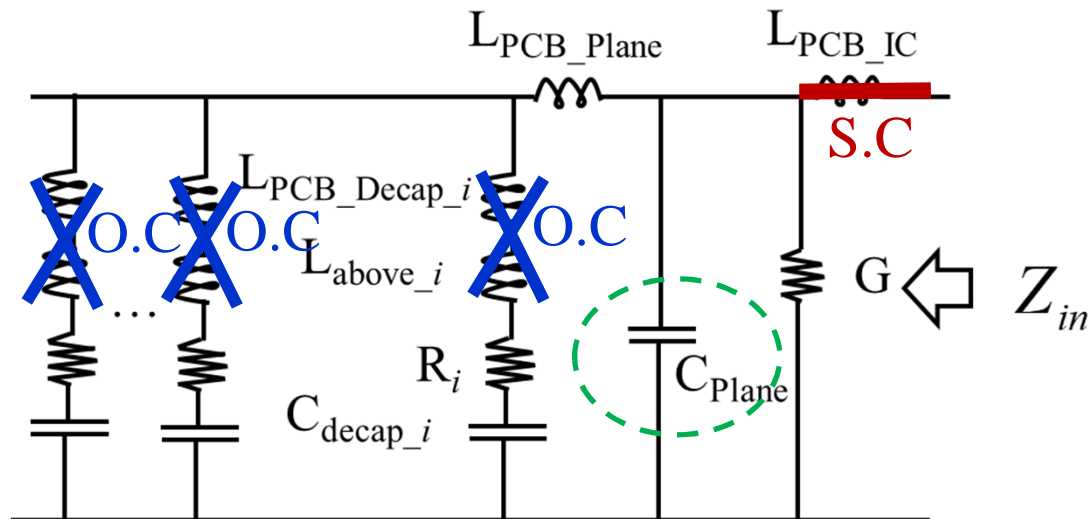
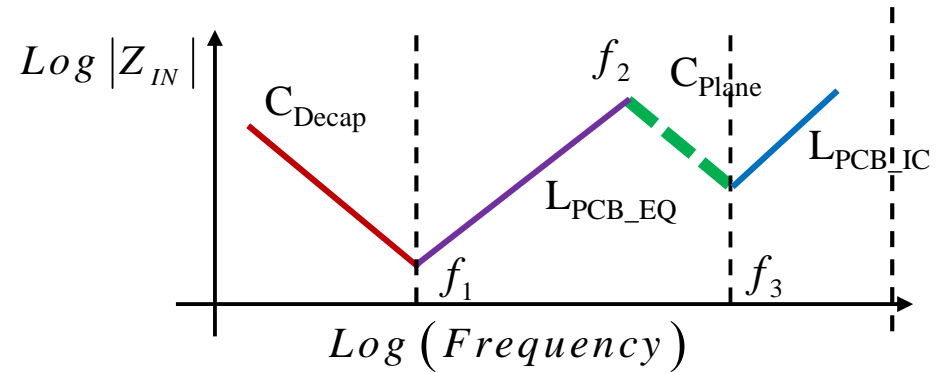
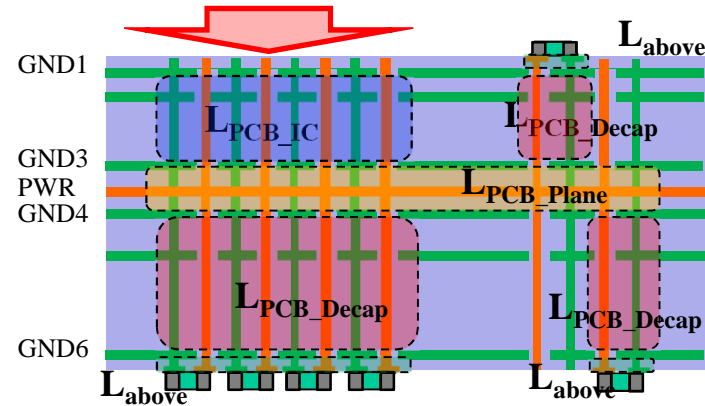




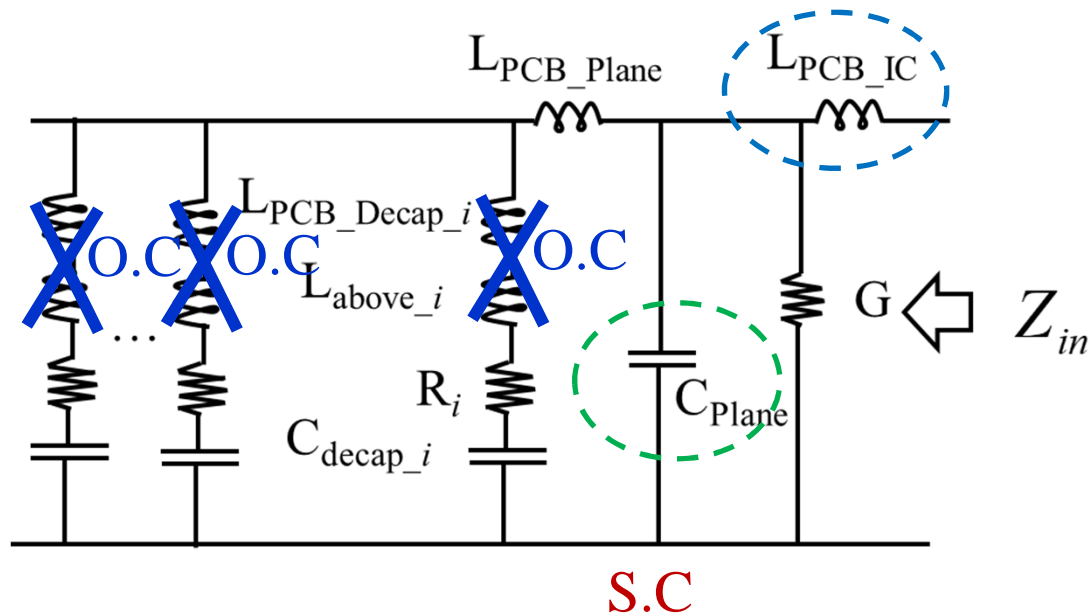
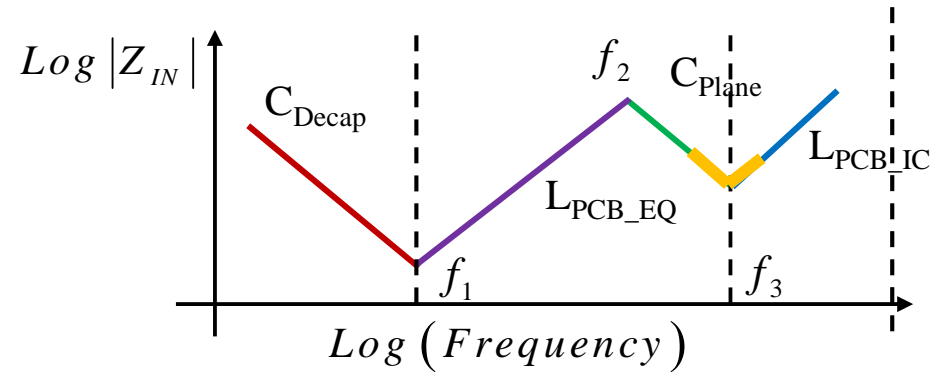
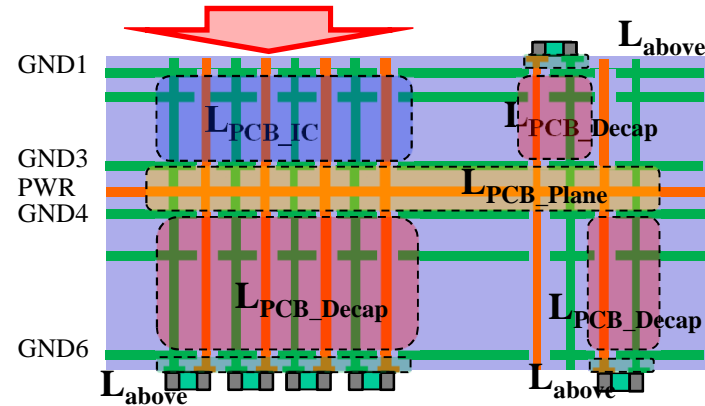
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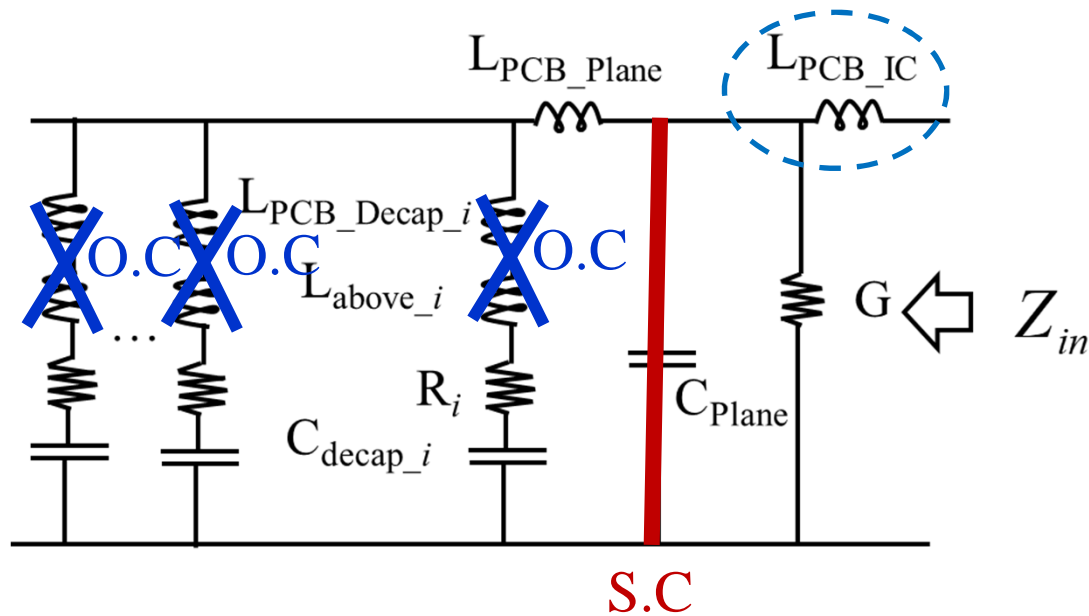
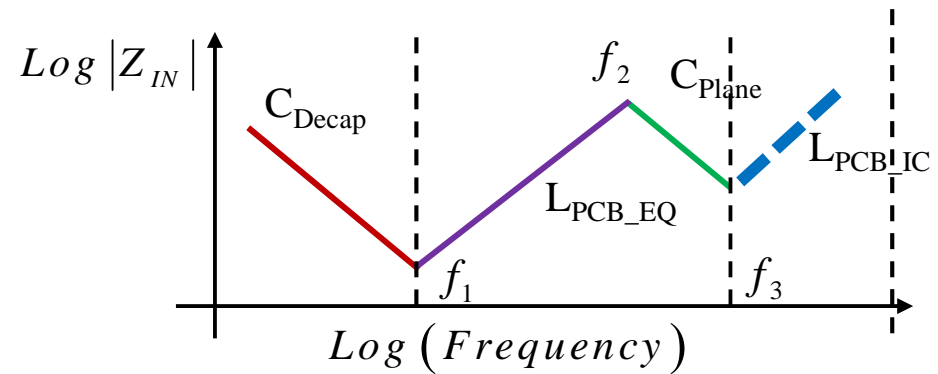
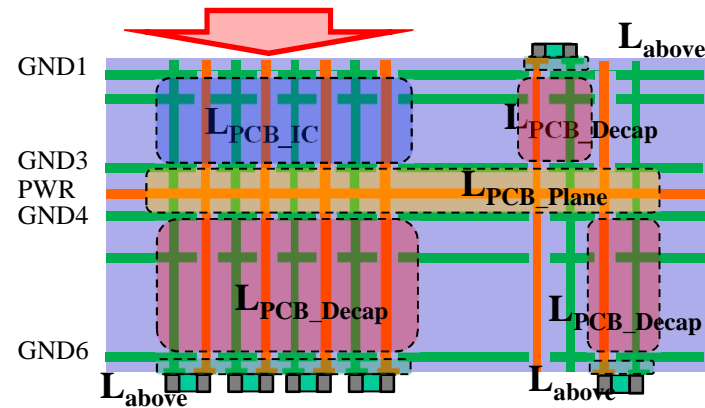
# Frequency Response for PCB PDN – $C_{\text{Plane}}$



# Frequency Response for PCB PDN – $f_3$

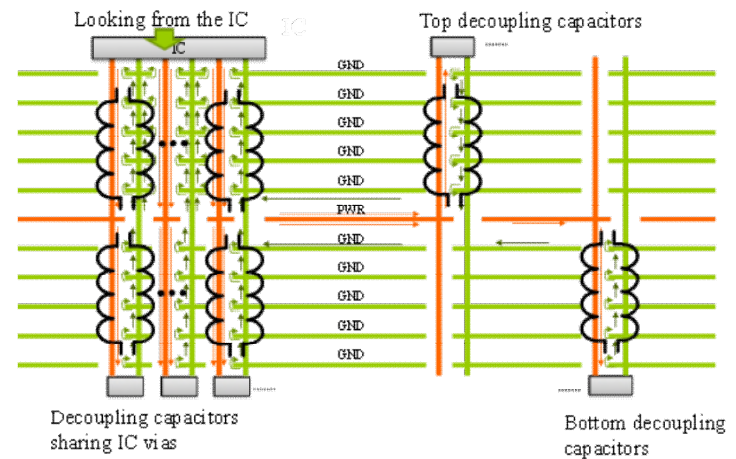
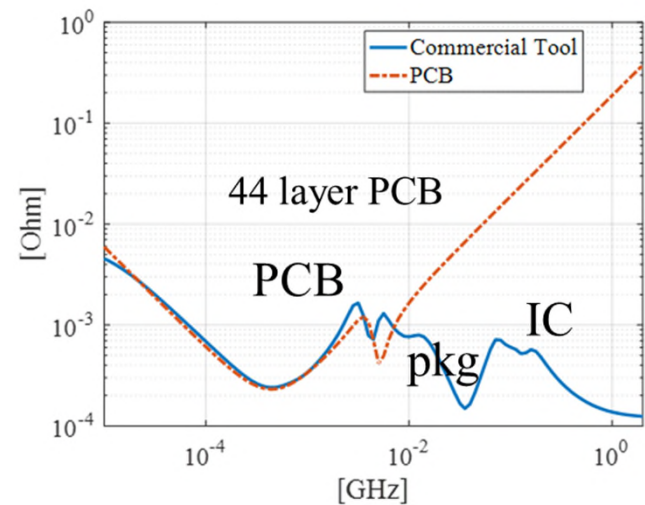


# Frequency Response for PCB PDN – $L_{PCB\_IC}$



# Key Points

- The shape of the  $Z_{PDN}$  curve is very characteristic but relatively simple, even though the geometry of the PDN on a multi-layer PCB is complicated
- The current-path physics governing the impedance are dominated by inductance and lumped element resonances above approximately 1 MHz
- The inductance is dominated by the current path – geometry “length/area” (series inductance), and the number of parallel paths (parallel inductance) and this will drive the design approach (“small loops and many loops”)

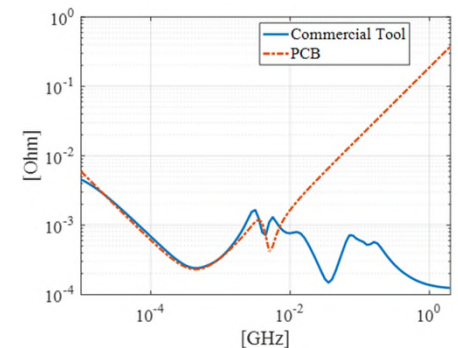
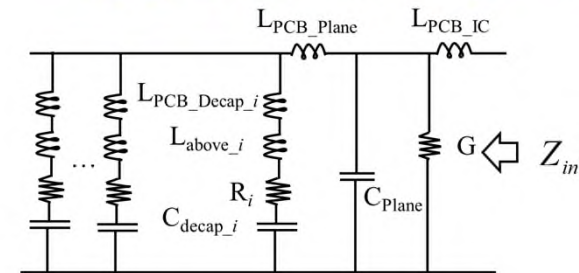
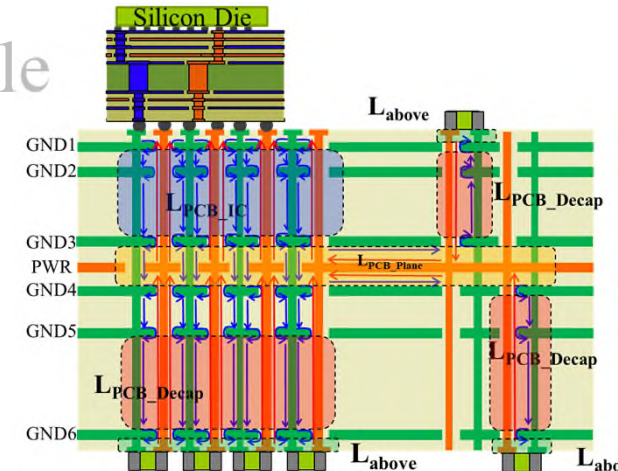


- Where power layers are located in stackup
- Package ball pitch
- Decoupling capacitor interconnect

- Number of PWR/GND vias in package
- Number of decoupling capacitors

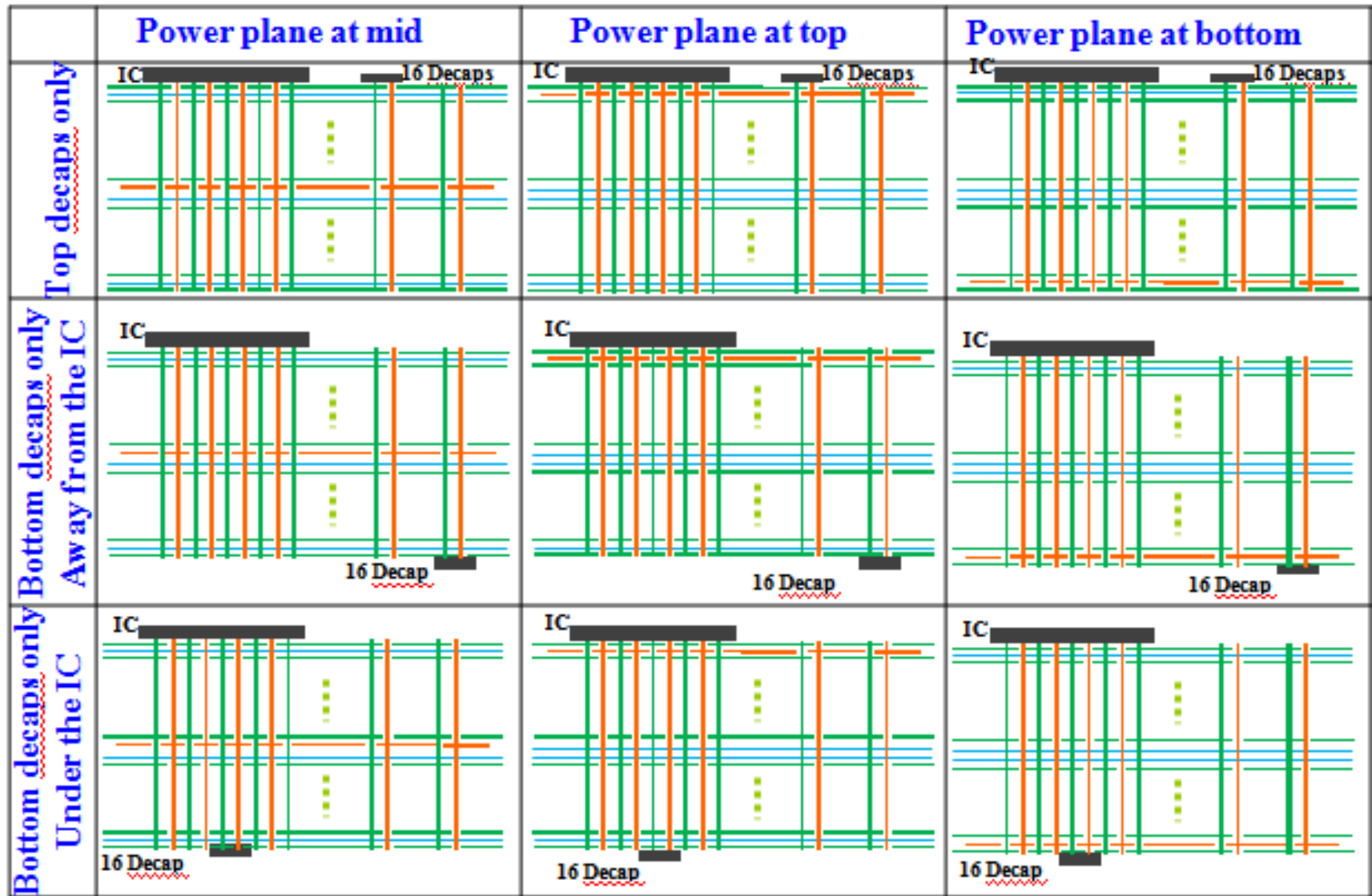
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# Power Plane and Capacitor Location Matrix



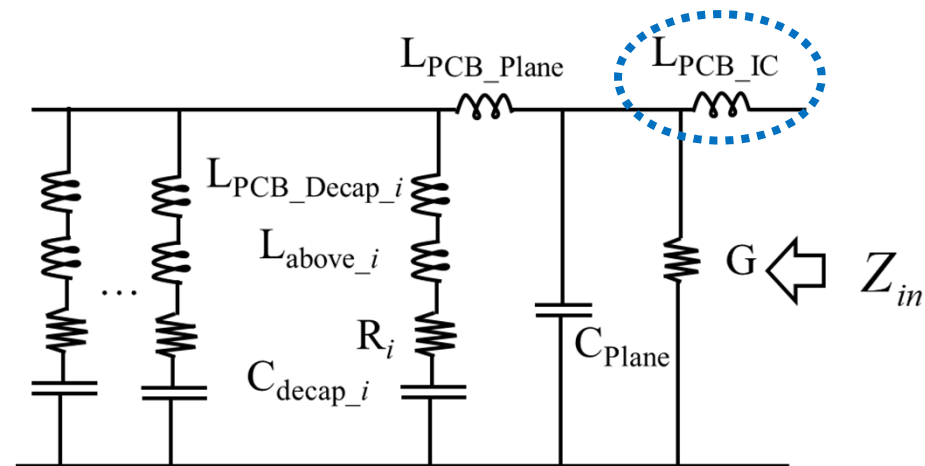
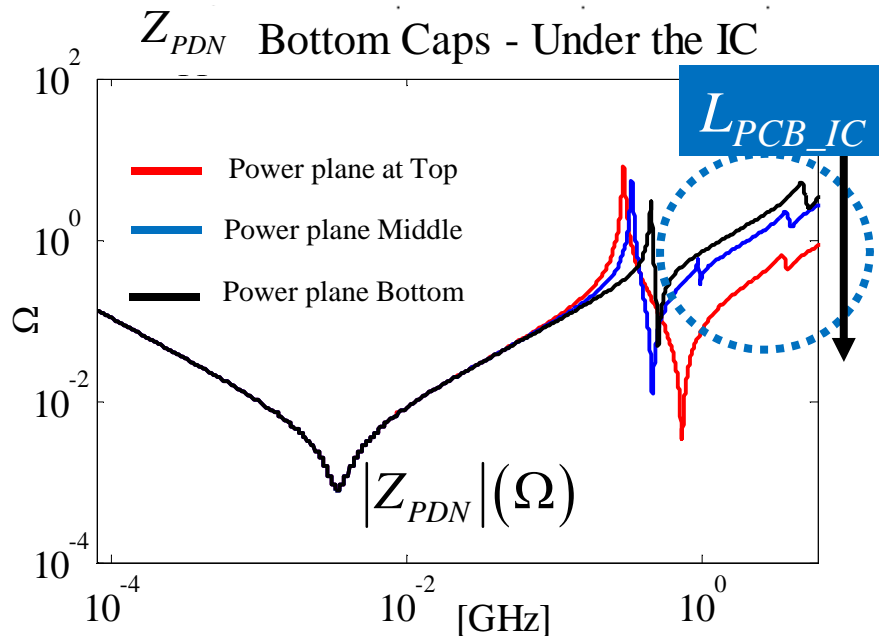
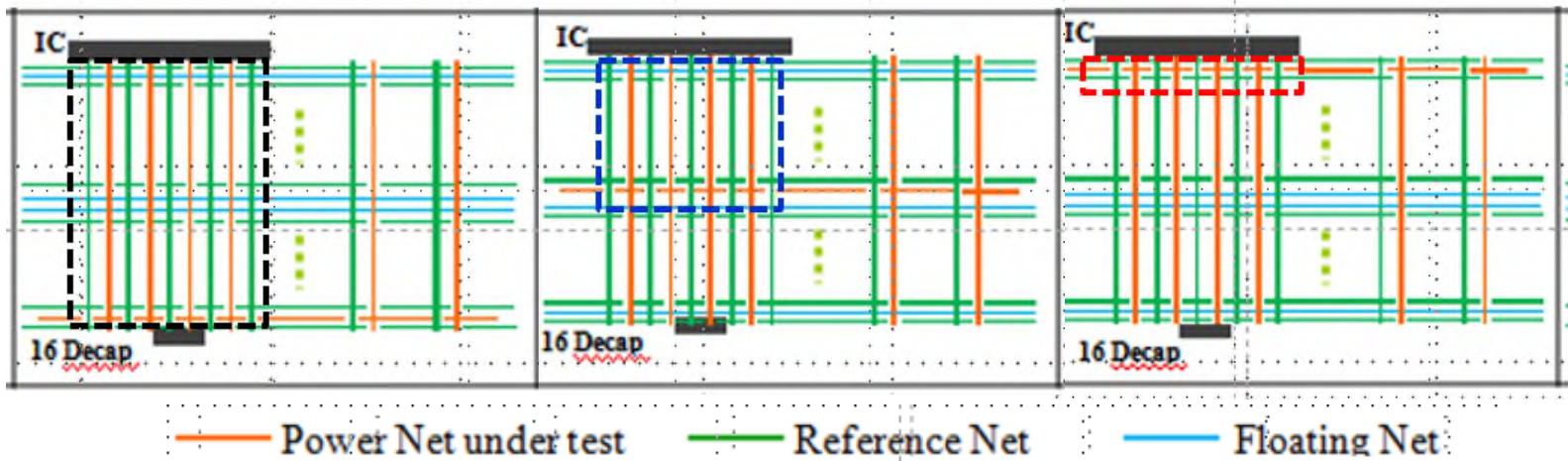
— Power Net under test

— Reference Net

— Floating Net

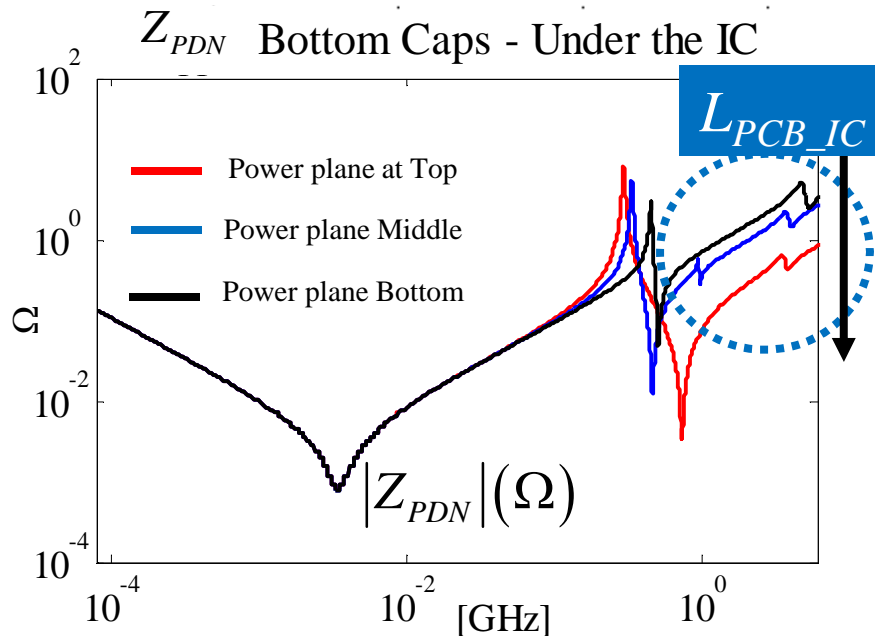
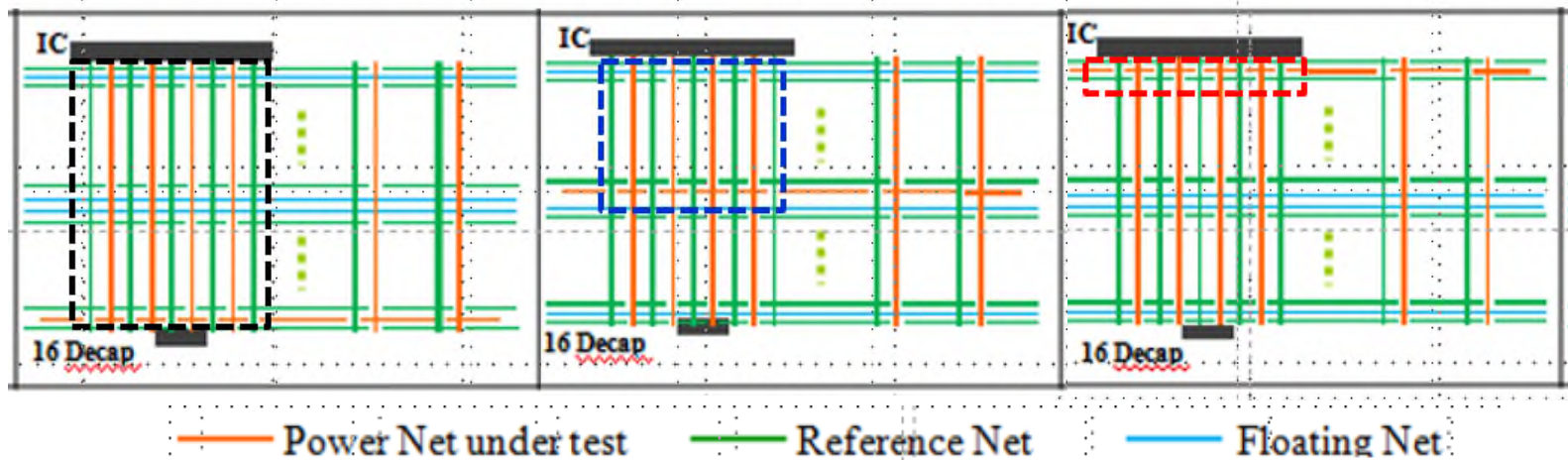
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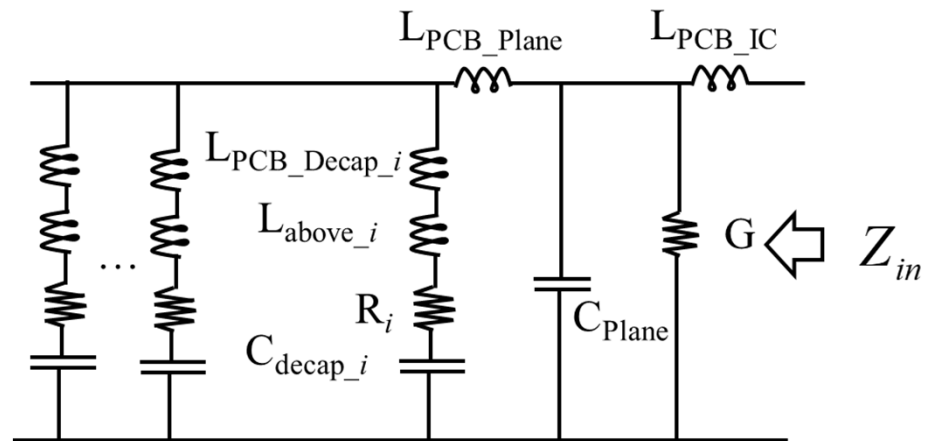
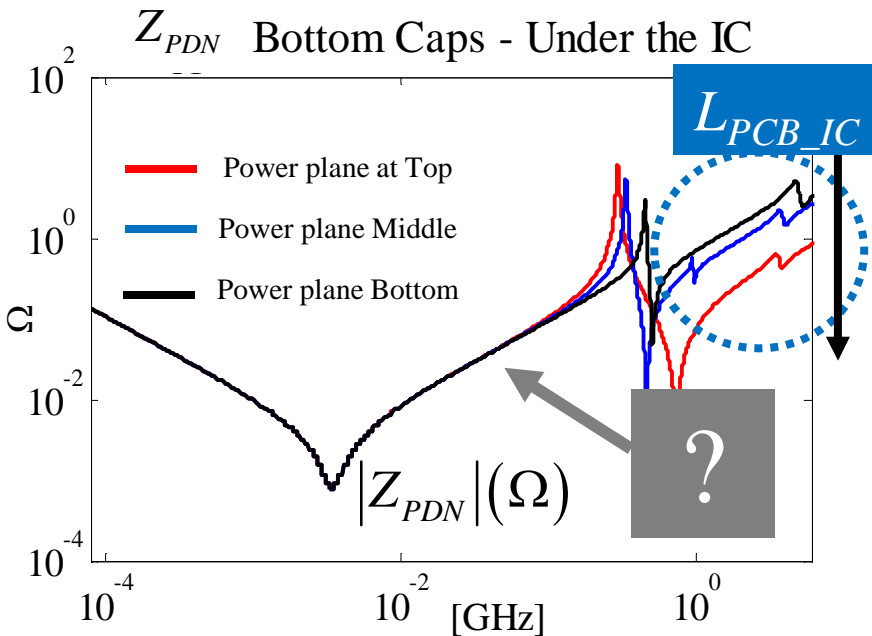
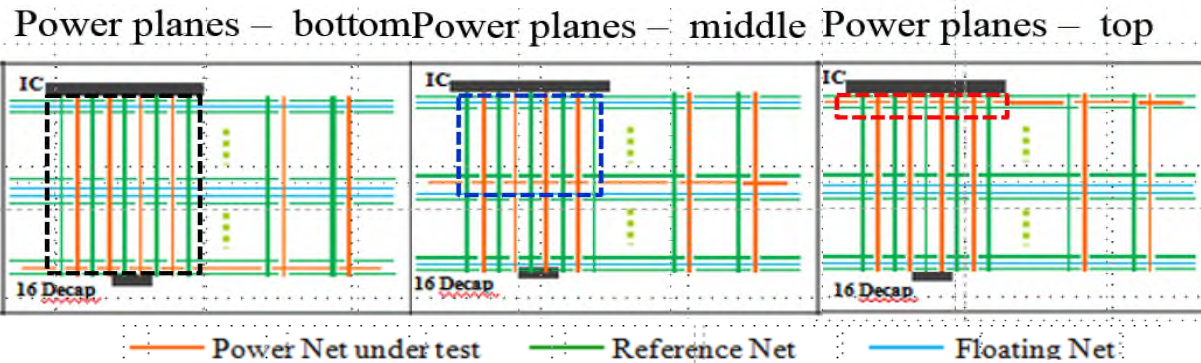
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Decreasing current path and inductance from package balls to PDN power layer net

Power layer closest to the IC minimizes IC to power plane inductance. (Recall that  $j\omega L_{PCB\_IC}$  is the impedance limit above a few MHz.)

# $L_{high}$ – Power Plane Location in Layer Stack

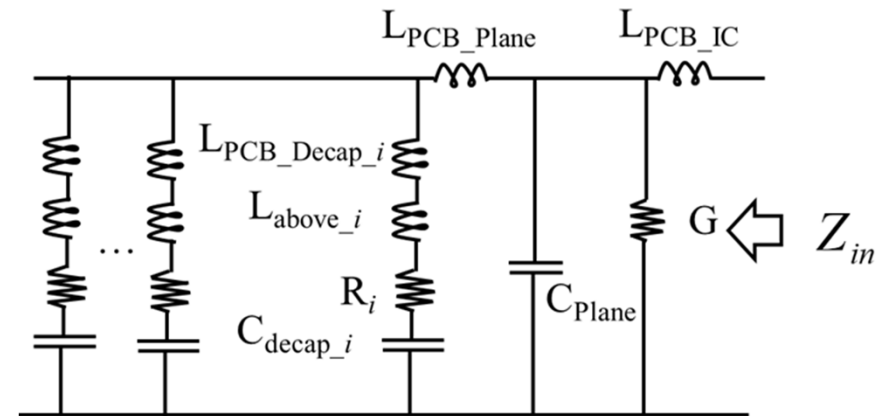
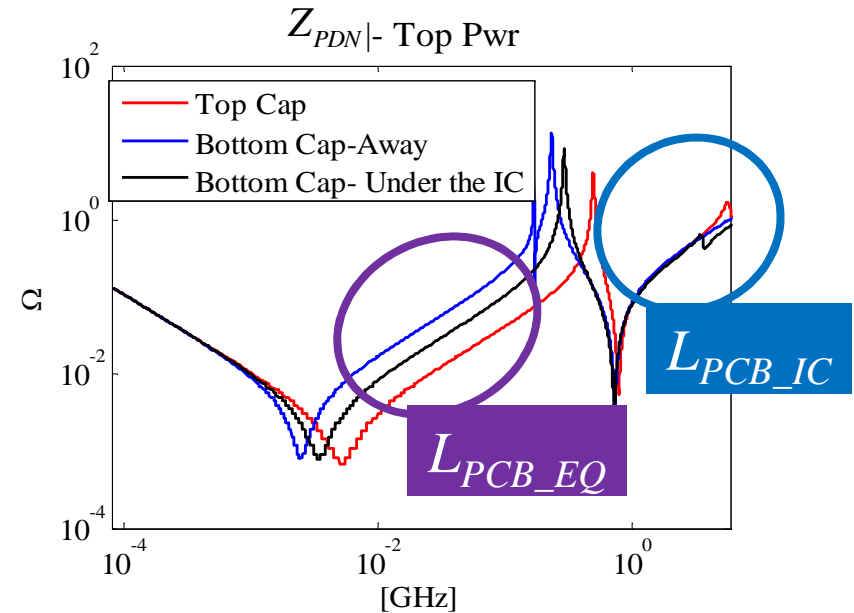
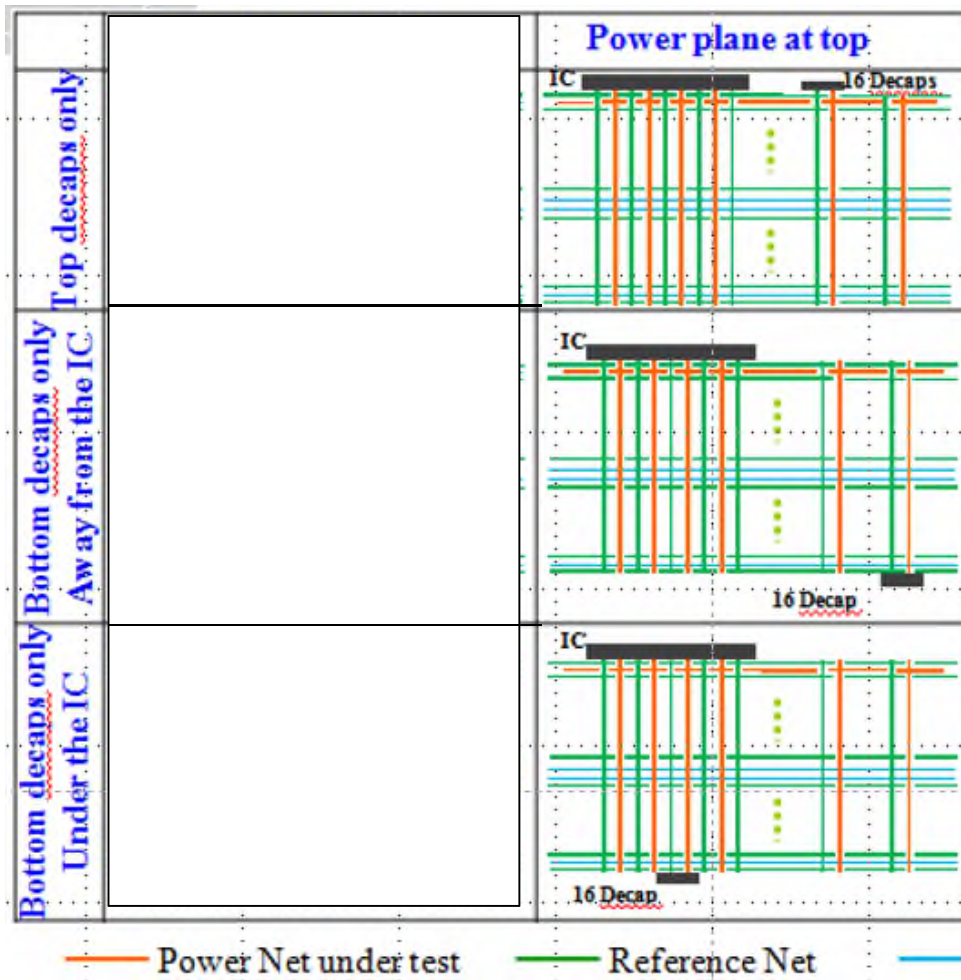


Q: How many power pins are there here?

Q: Why is the mid frequency range impedance not changing

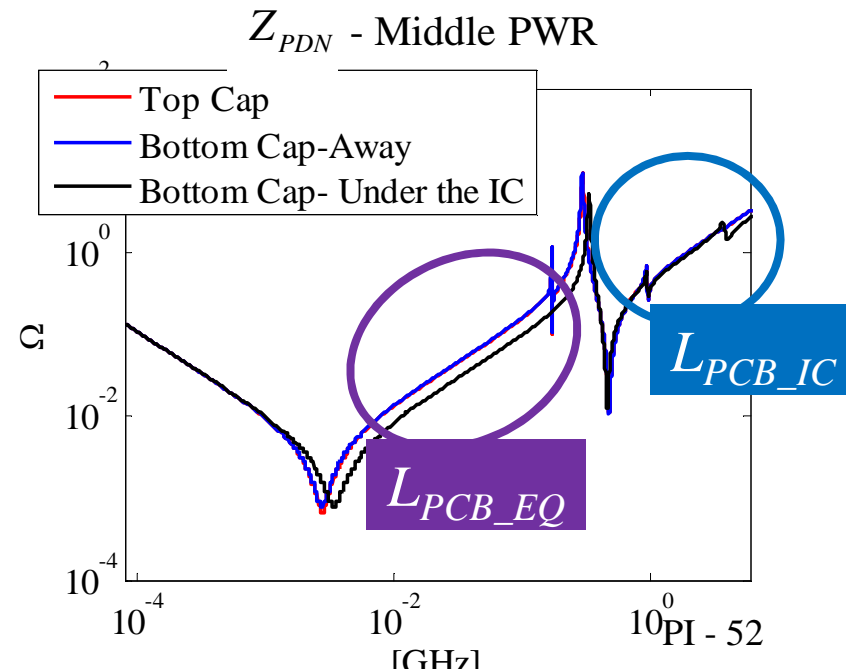
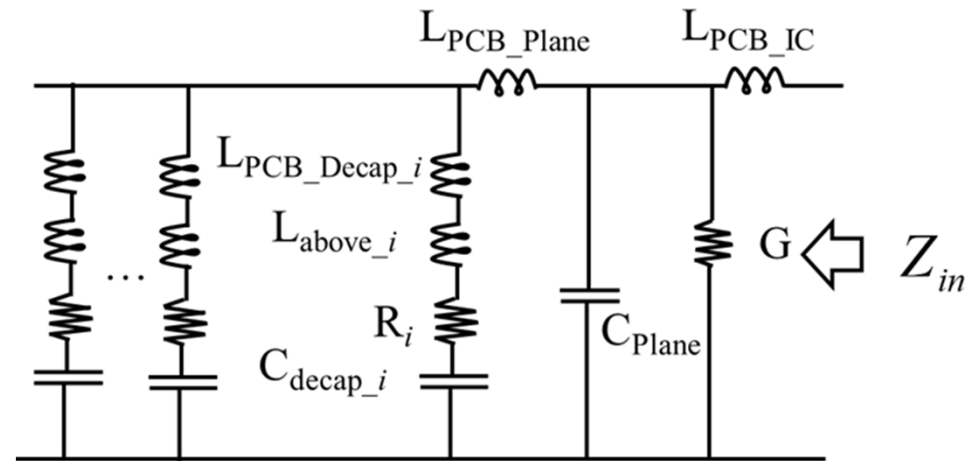
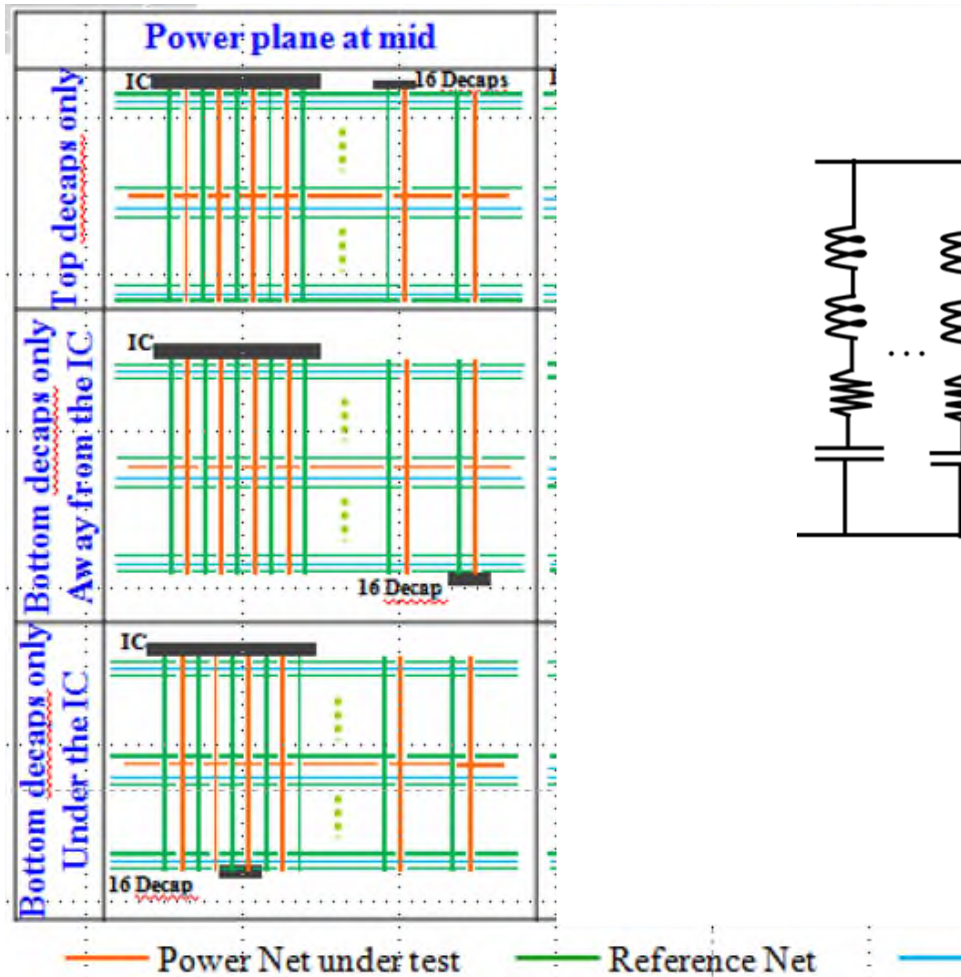


# Capacitor Location – Top, Bottom, at IC



Capacitors placed on the side closest to the power plane reduces the inductance from the capacitor to power plane and  $L_{EQ}$ . The current path length/area is smallest.

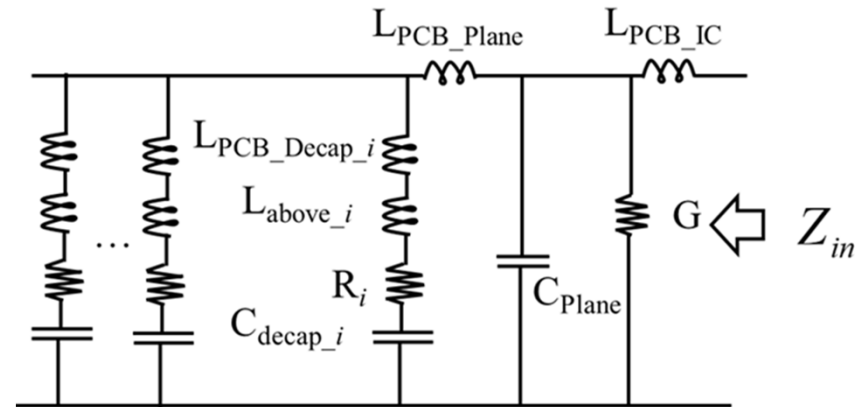
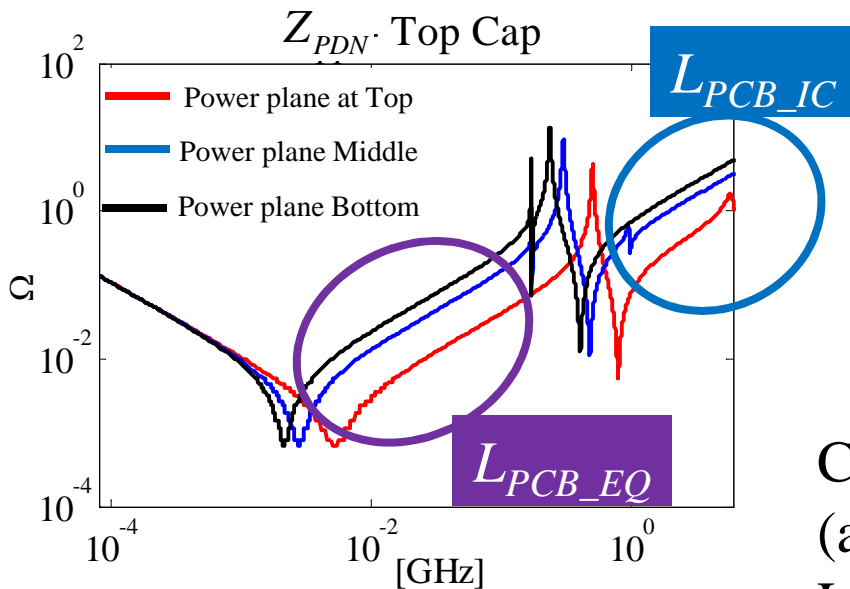
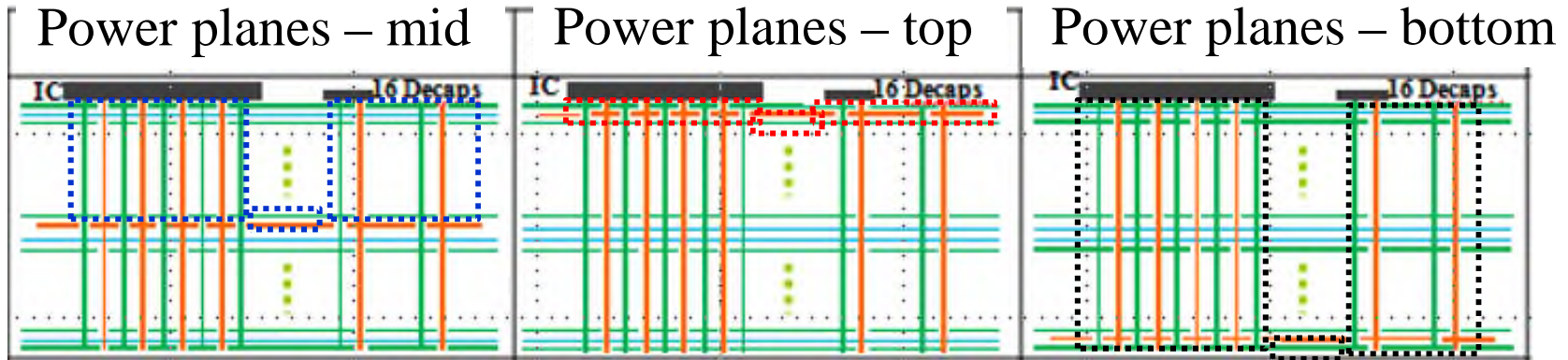
# Capacitor Location – Top, Bottom, at IC



Q: Why are there only two curves in the mid-frequency range and what do they correspond to? Explain the differences.



# $L_{EQ}$ – Power Plane Location and Decaps



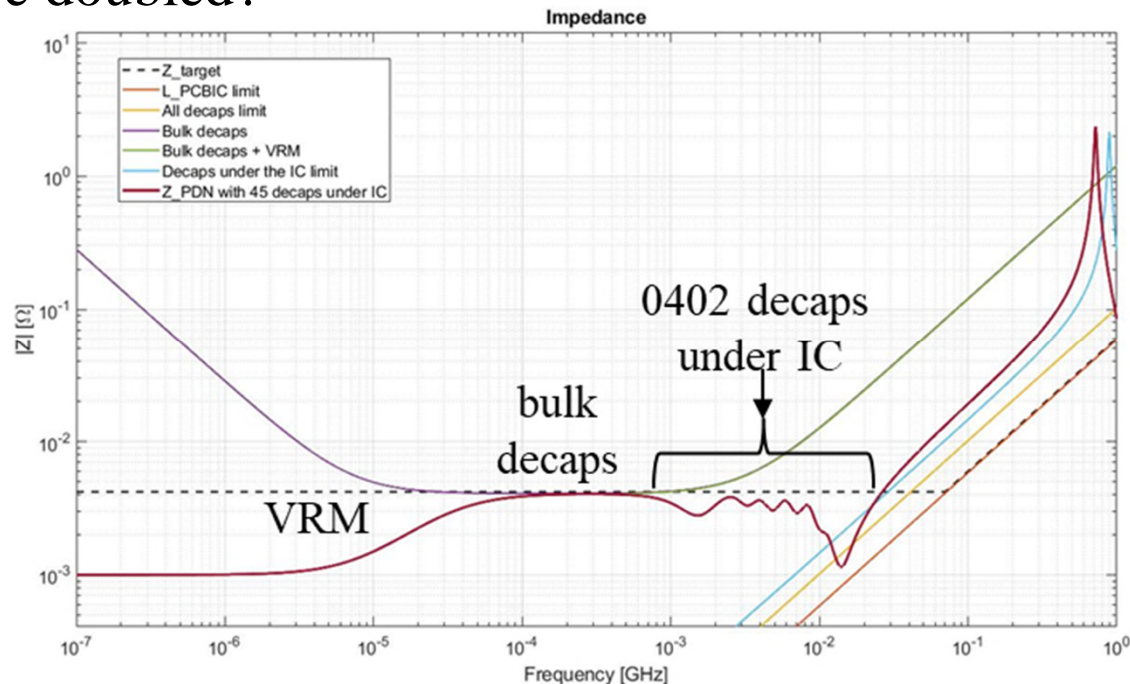
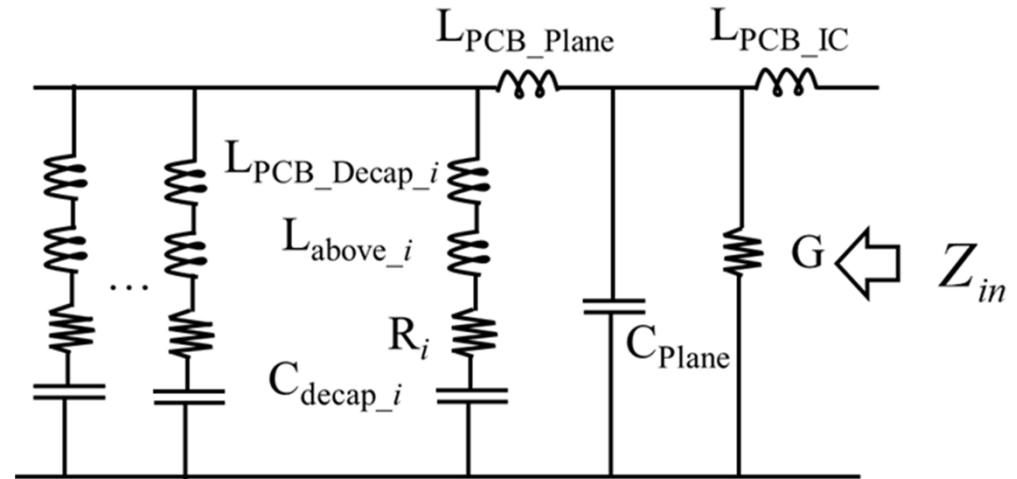
Consider the IC to have >100 PWR pins (and associated GND return) such that LPCB IC is very small. And that many decaps can be added.

Q: What limits the PDN impedance in each case above?

# Example

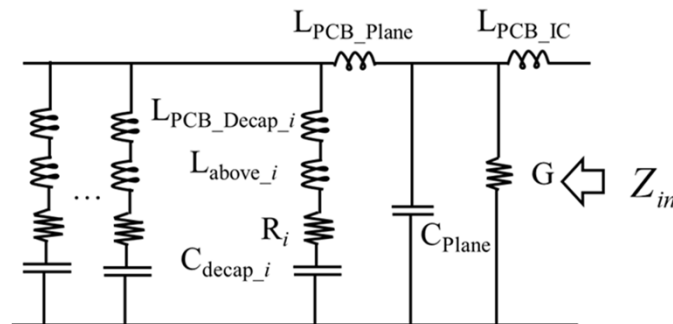
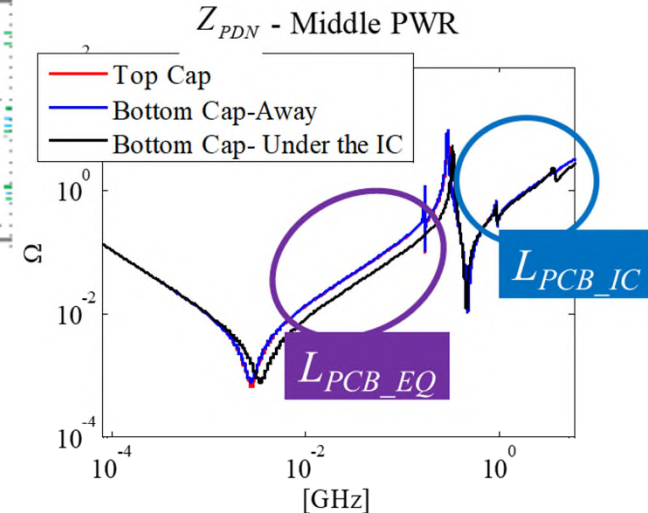
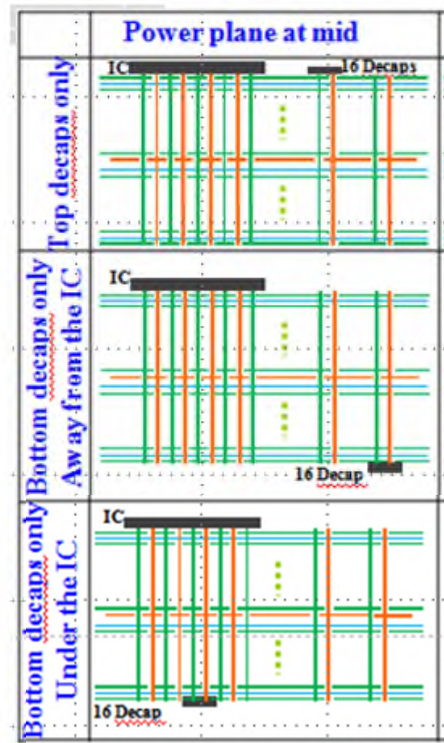
- 18 layer PCB
- Layer 2 is the power layer
- 45 power pins, 109 surrounding GND
- 45 decaps under the IC

Q: What happens if the number of IC pins are doubled?



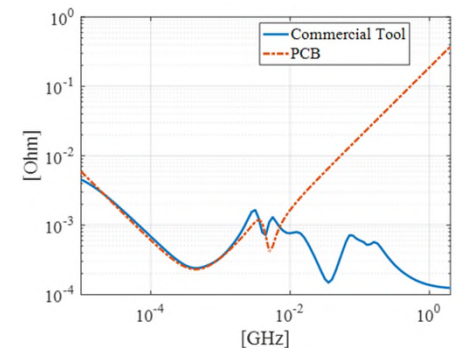
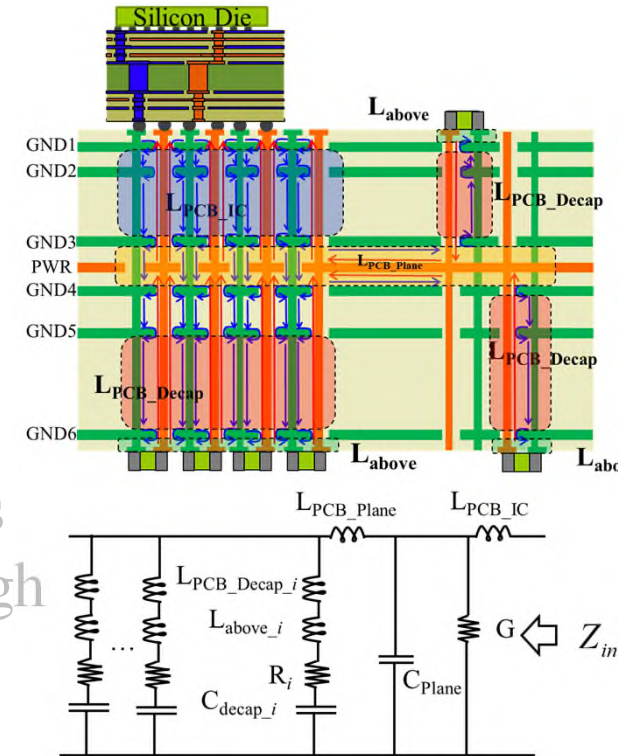
# Key Points

- The  $Z_{PDN}$  response can be related to the geometry, current path and associated inductance.
- The dominant component in the impedance equivalent circuit can be identified and used to explain the behavior of the PDN response, and to guide the PDN design.



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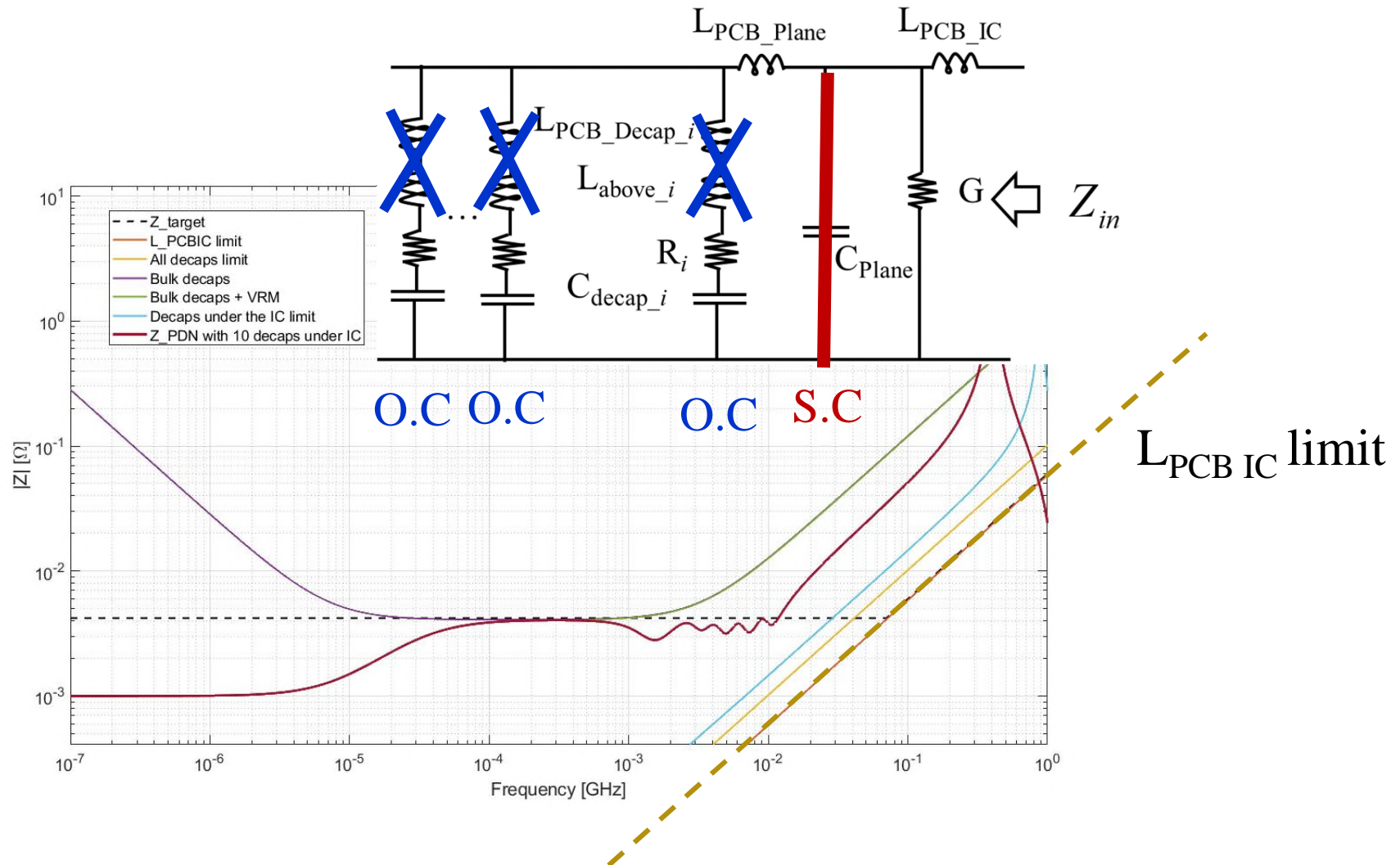
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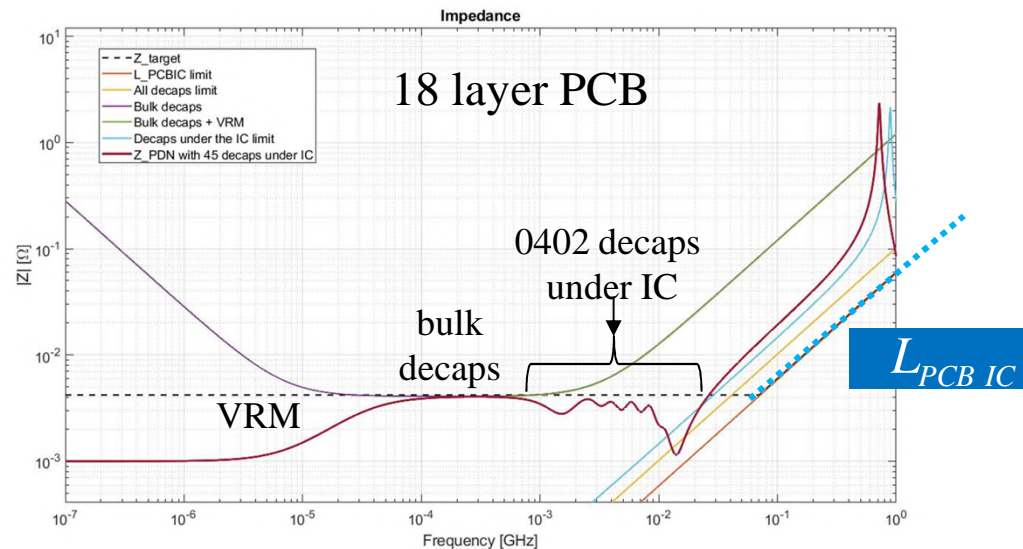
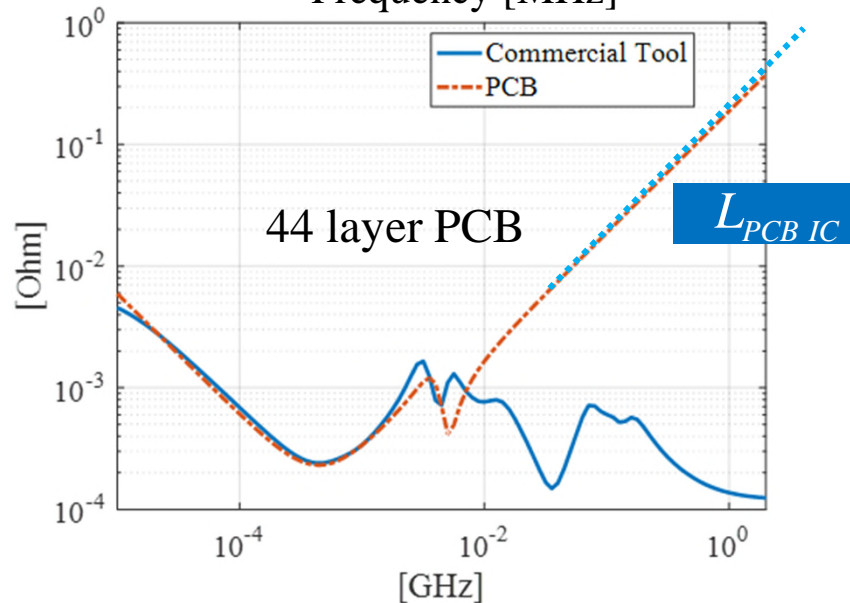
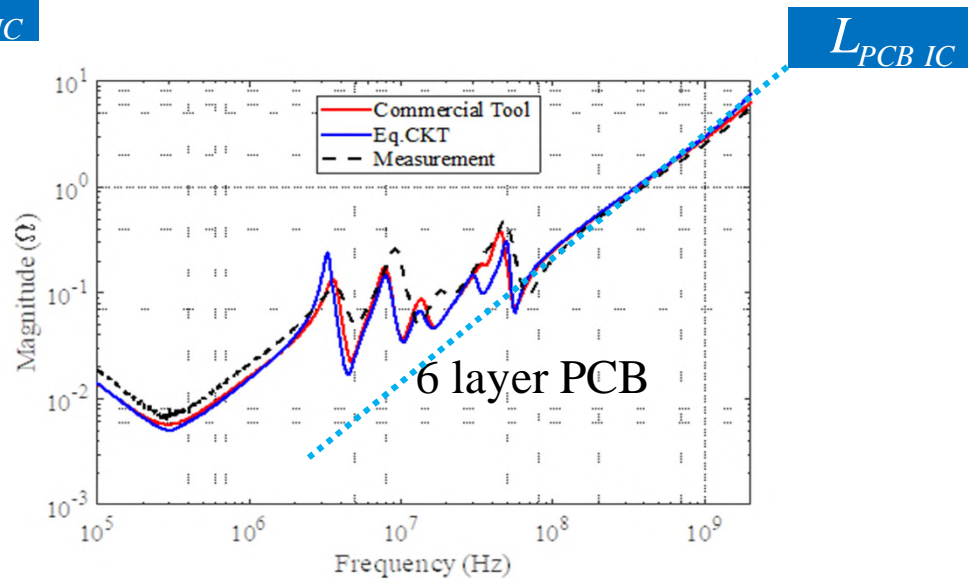
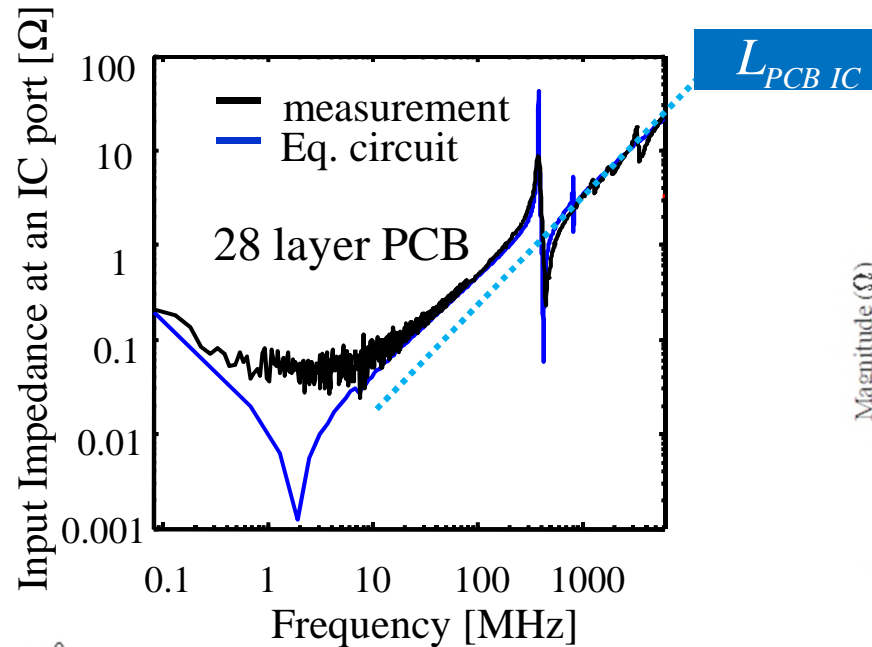


# $L_{PCB\ IC}$ Physical Limit

$L_{PCB\ IC}$  is the physical limit at high frequencies when the current returns through the interplane capacitance of the power net area fill and return



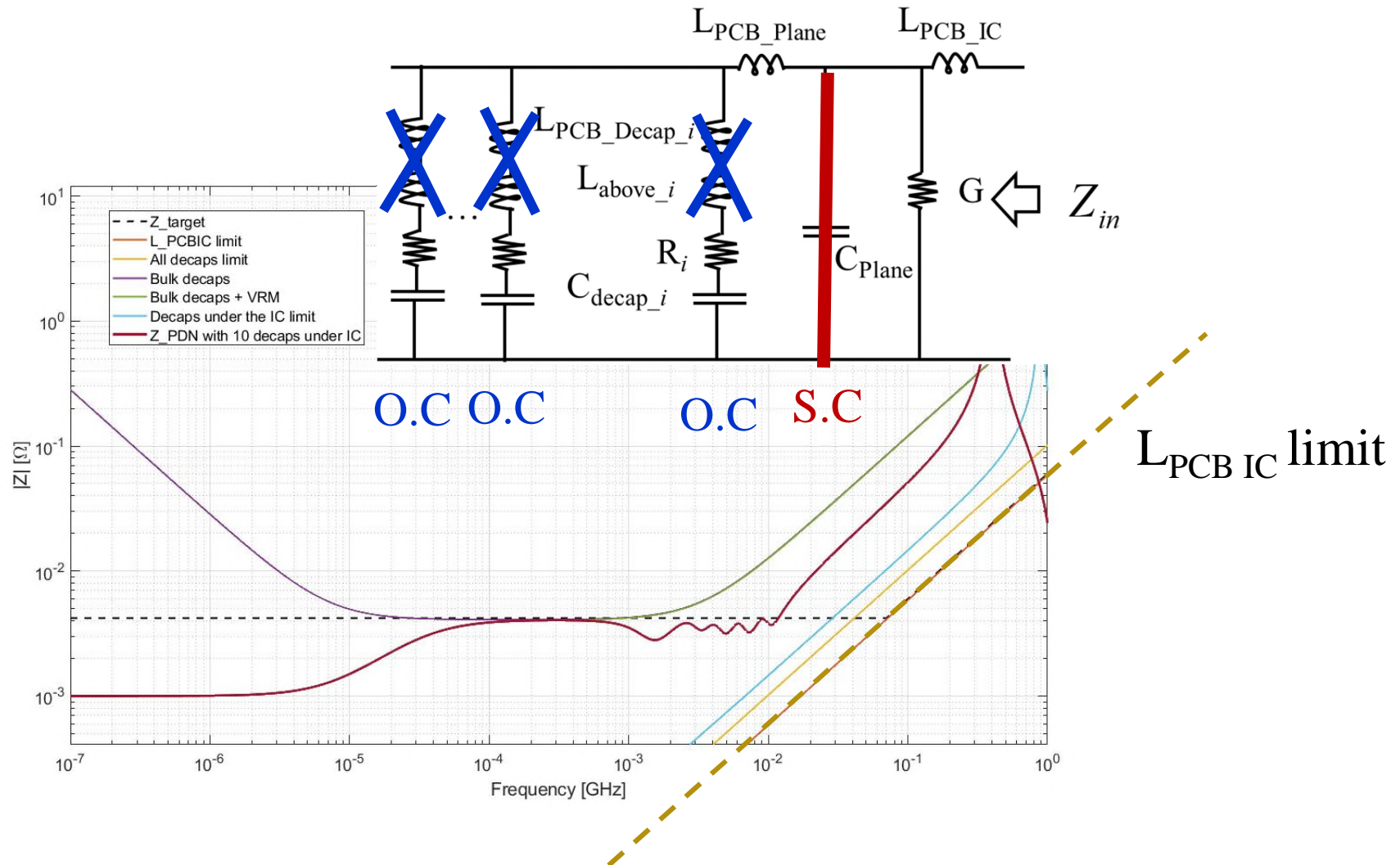
# Real Board $L_{PCB\ IC}$ Examples





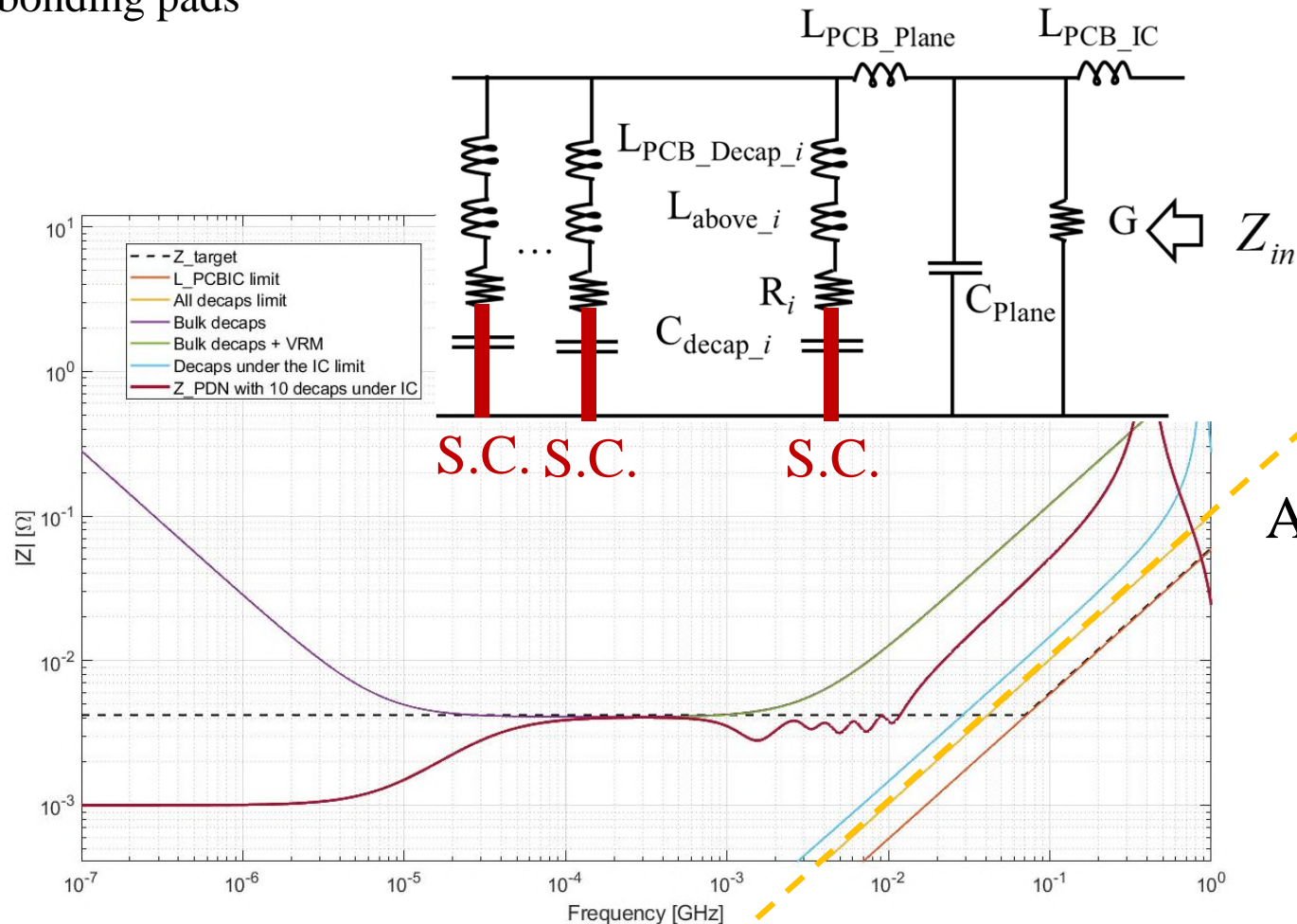
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# All Decaps Physical Limit

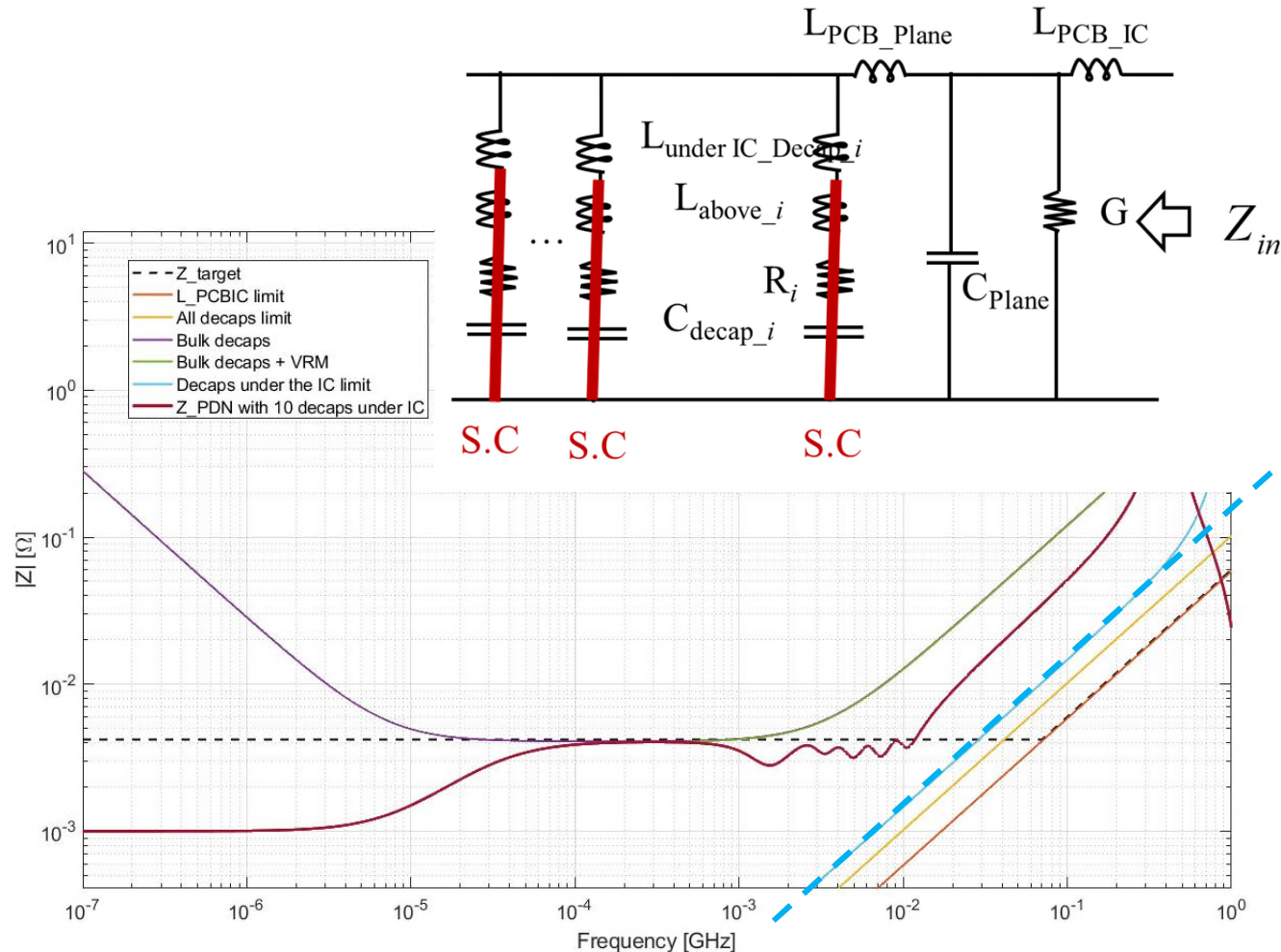
The All Decaps physical limit is when shorts are placed across all decap locations under the IC, and a ring of many capacitor locations on the top and bottom of the PCB are shorted at the bonding pads



All decaps limit

# Decaps Under the IC Physical Limit

There is a physical limit when all the power pins under the IC are shorted on the bottom layer that corresponds to placing all possible decaps under the IC



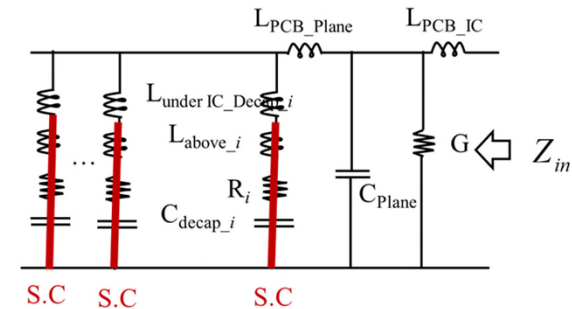
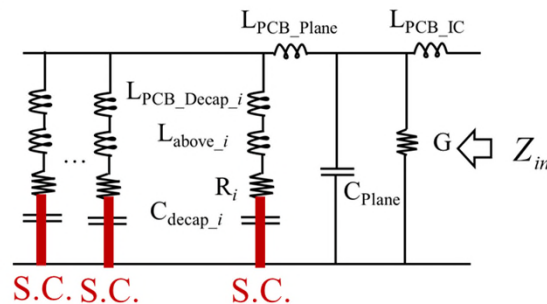
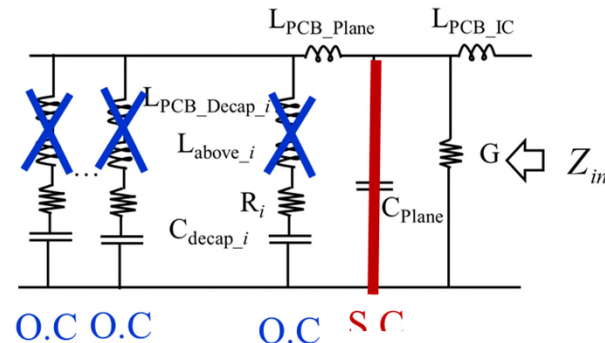
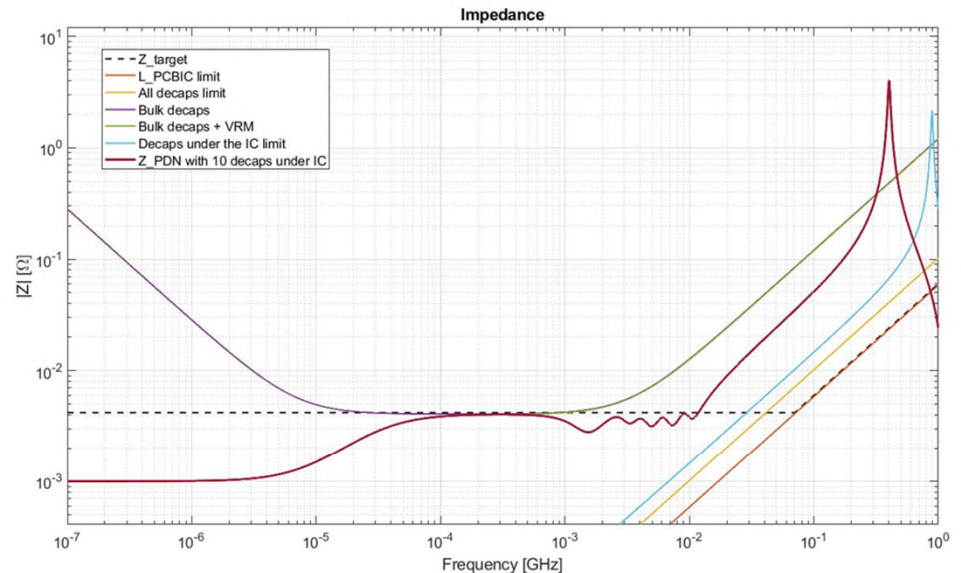
Decaps under the IC limit

# Key Points

- Physical limits can be established for the upper bound of placing decoupling capacitors at various locations

- $L_{PCB\ IC}$
- Decaps under the IC
- All decaps

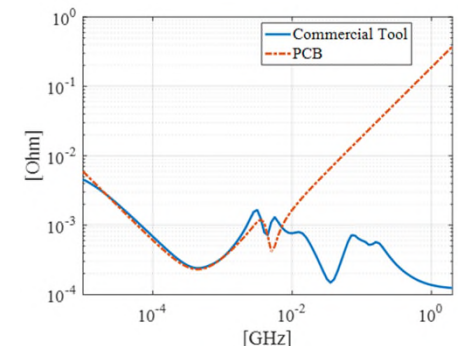
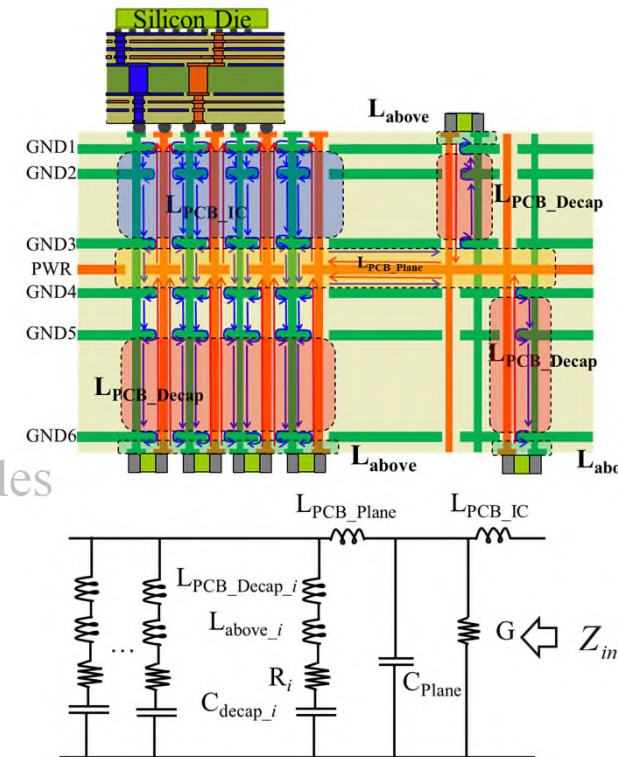
- If the target impedance cannot be met due to a particular limitation, the nature of the limitation and the impedance equivalent circuit can guide the design direction.





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  - *Values of decaps to use*
  - Where to place around the IC
  - Connecting the decap to the PCB
  - Convergence of  $L_{\text{PCB Decap}}$  for large number of decaps



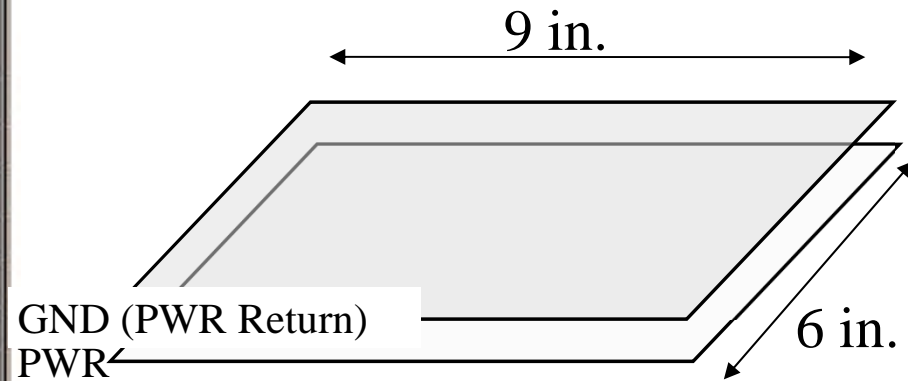
# Two Approaches for SMT Decoupling

- Use an array of capacitor values:
  - This may be the best known approach in the signal integrity design community
  - Rationale: to maintain a flat impedance profile below a target impedance over a wide frequency range
  - Typically a logarithmically spaced (10, 22, 47, 100, 220, 470nF, etc.) array of several values per decade.
- Use a large capacitor value in the package size
  - This is less well-known, but an approach in the EMI design community
  - Rationale: to keep impedance as low as possible, less emphasis on a target impedance and a flat profile



# Decoupling Strategy – Geometry

Capacitor Description					# of Caps		
Value (nF)	ESR (mΩ)	ESL (nH)	Inter-connect (nH)	Type	A	B	B1
3.30E+06	60	15	2	E-lytic	1	1	1
100000	11	1.4	2	1812	4	16	16
47000	12	1.4	2	1812	4		
22000	14	1.4	2	1812	4		
10000	16	1.4	2	1812	4		
4700	16	0.5	1.6	0603	4	24	
2200	19	0.5	1.6	0603	4		
1000	23	0.5	1.6	0603	4		
470	29	0.5	1.6	0603	4		
220	23	0.5	1.6	0603	4		
100	30	0.5	1.6	0603	4		
47	40	0.4	1.35	0402	4	20	44
22	55	0.4	1.35	0402	4		
10	75	0.4	1.35	0402	4		
4.7	104	0.4	1.35	0402	4		
2.2	211	0.4	1.35	0402	4		
Total # of Decoupling Capacitors =					61	61	61
Total Capacitance (milliF) =					4.05	5.01	4.90

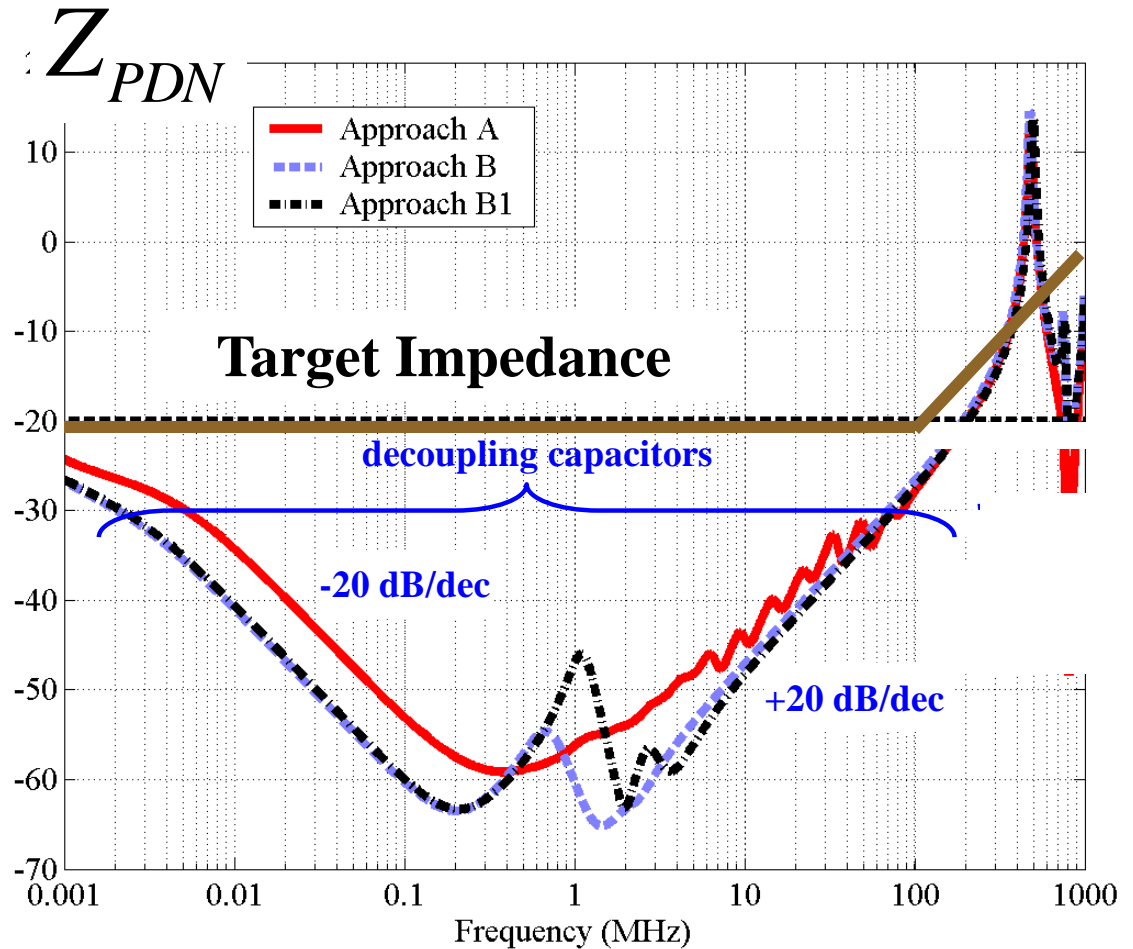


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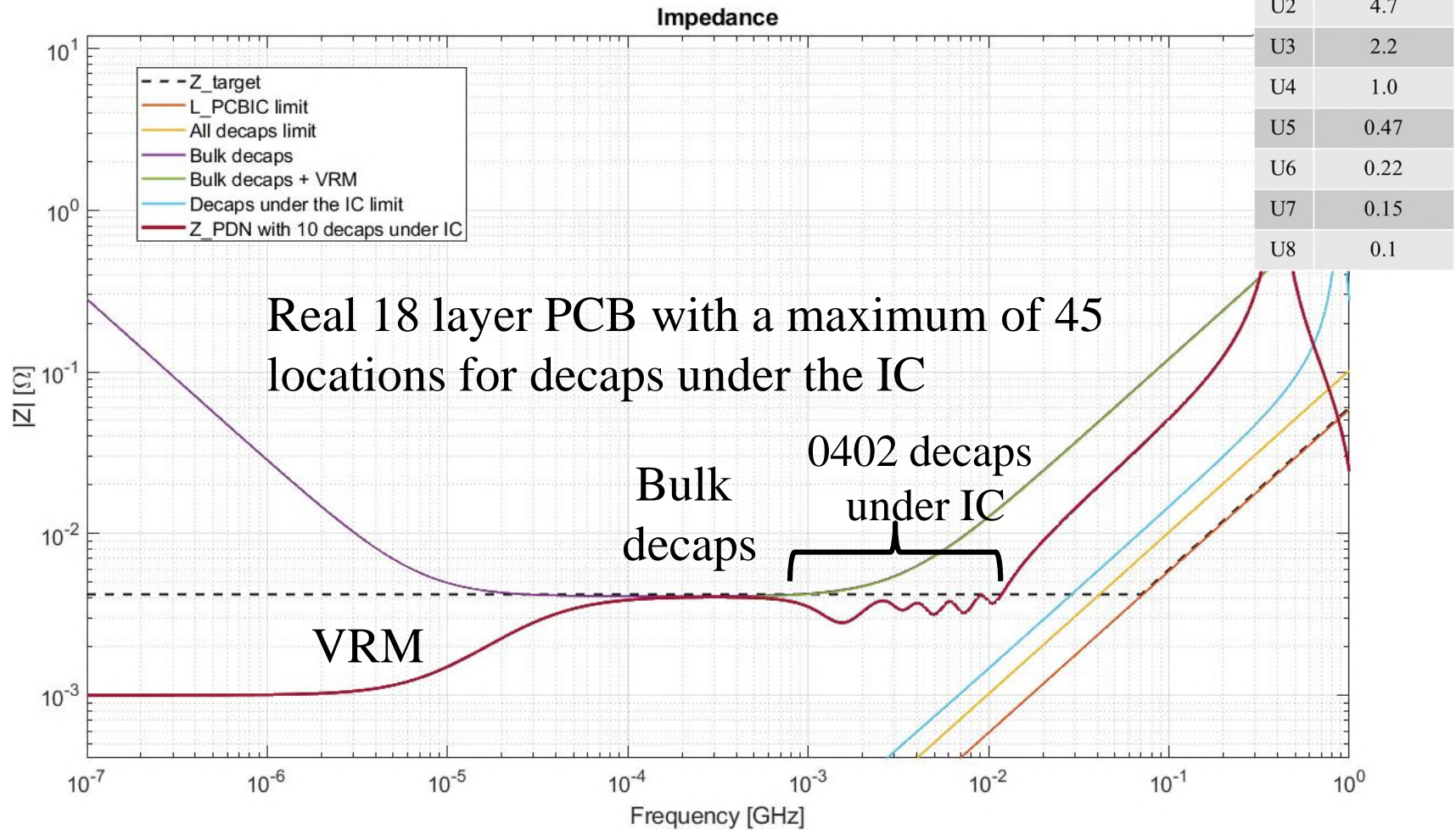
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# Approaches for SMT Decoupling Values



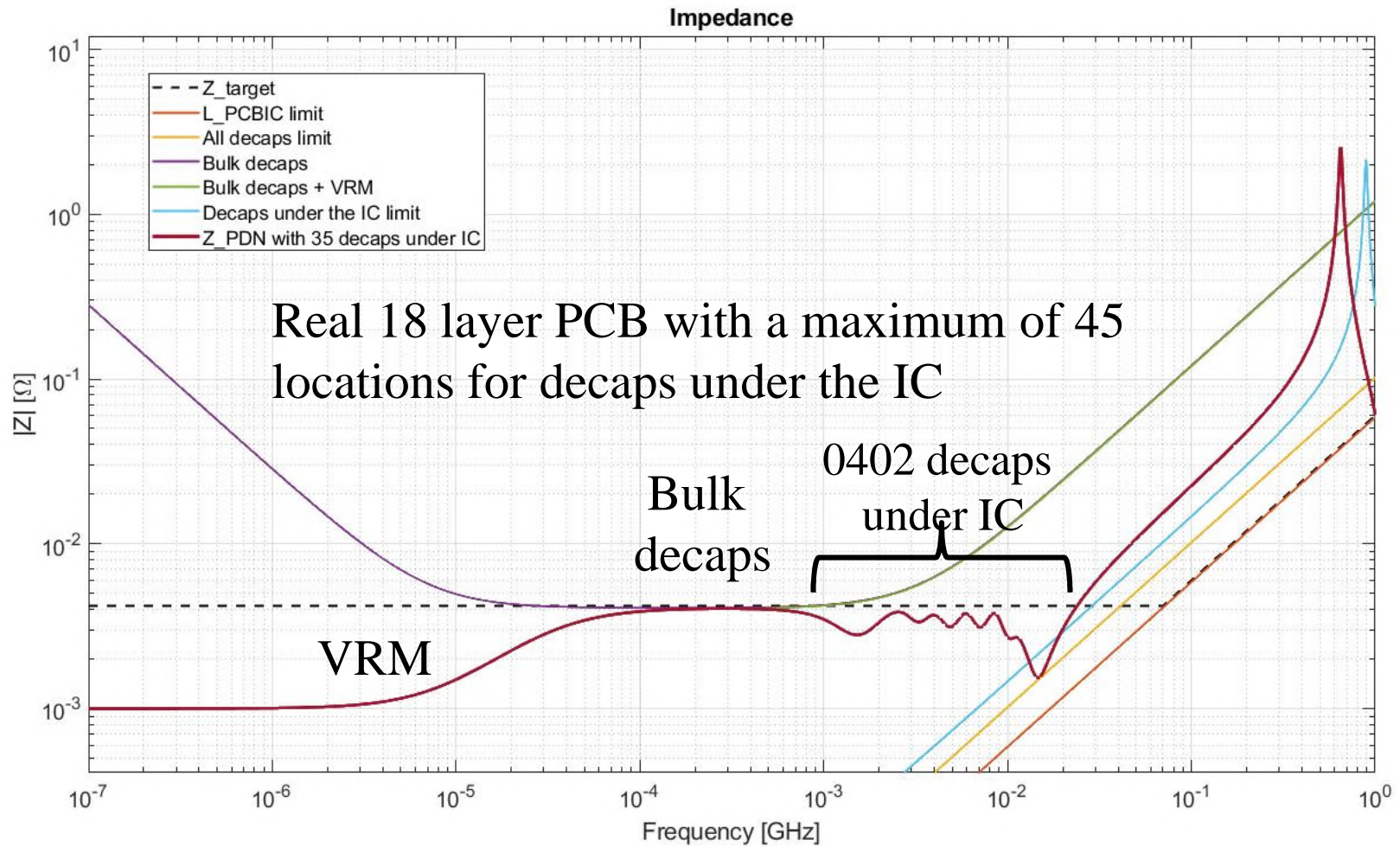
- Approach A : values of decoupling capacitors logarithmically spaced, i.e. 3 values per decade: 10, 22, 47, 100, etc.
- Approach B : largest values of decoupling available in two package sizes, i.e., 0603 and 0402
- Approach B1 : largest values of decoupling available in one package size, i.e., 0402.

# Optimizing Algorithm – 10 decaps

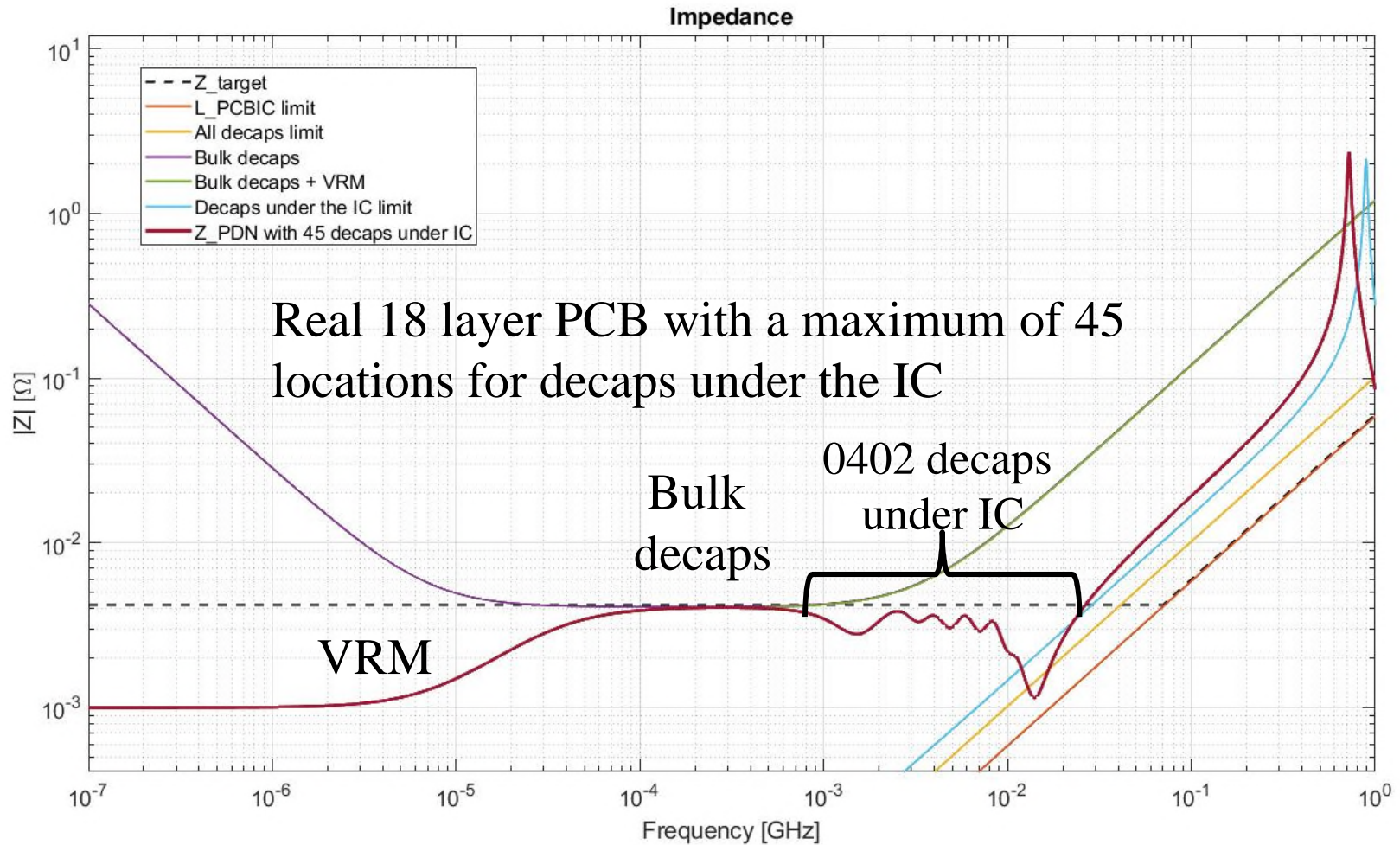




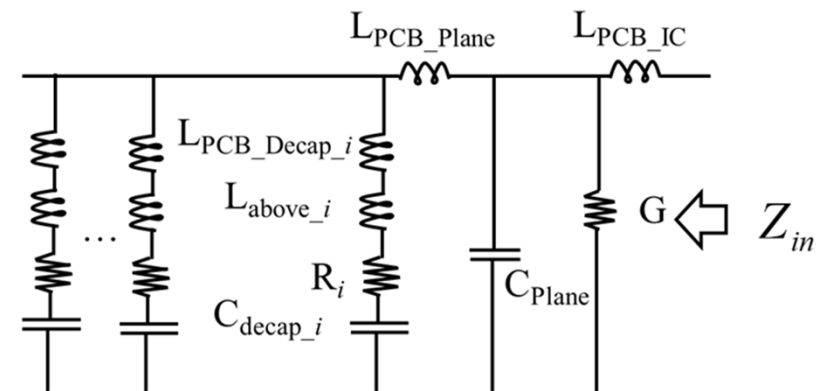
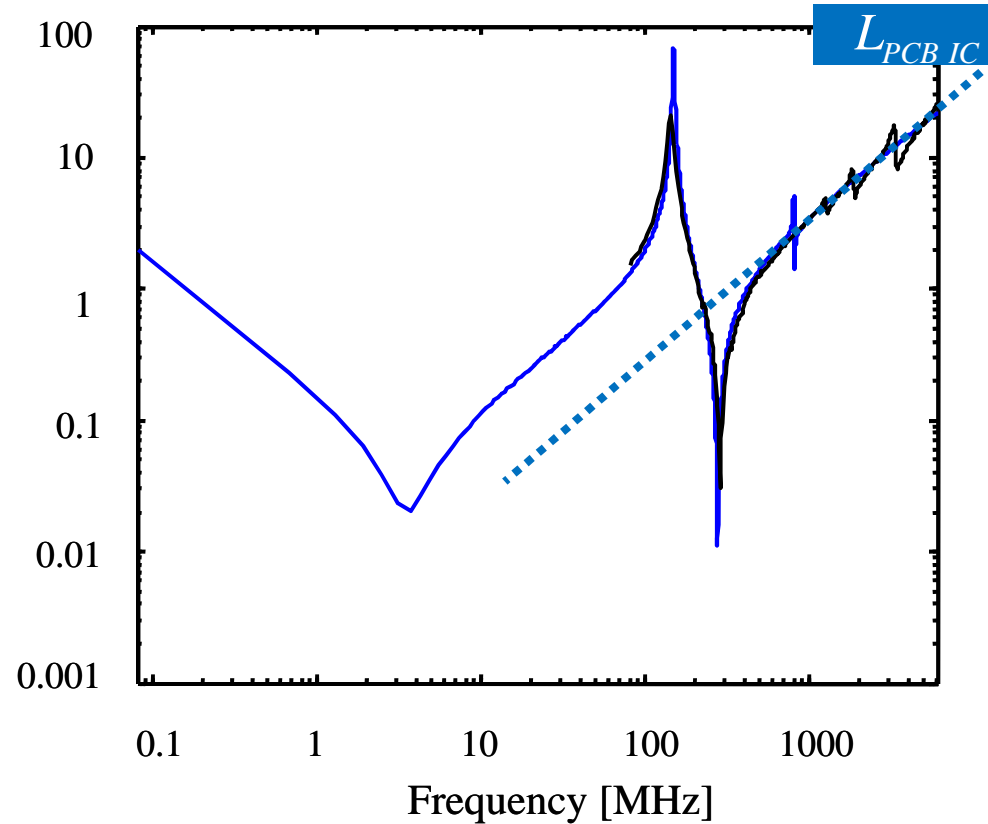
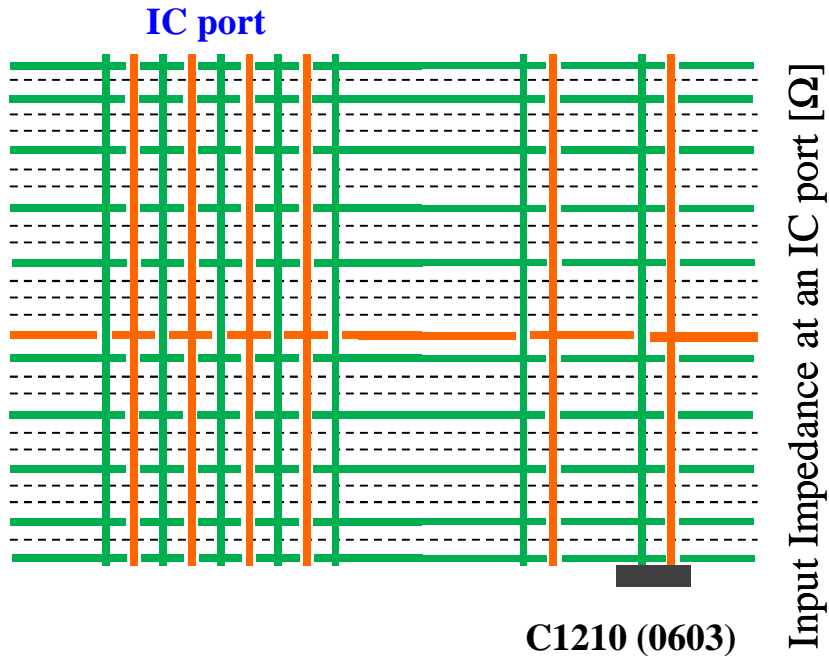
# Optimizing Algorithm –35 decaps



# Optimizing Algorithm –45 decaps

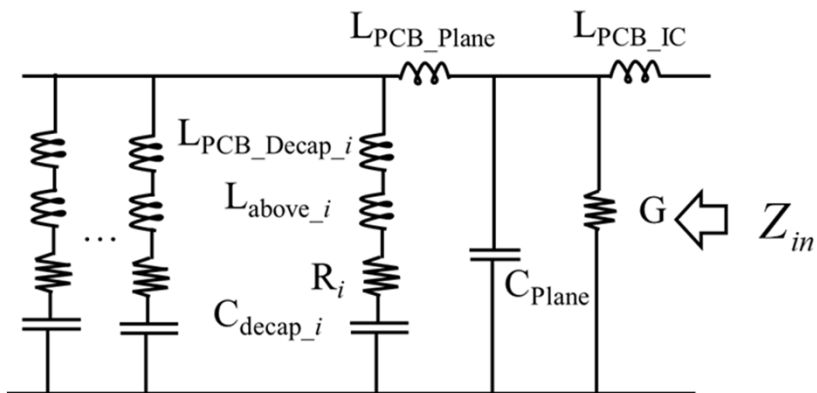
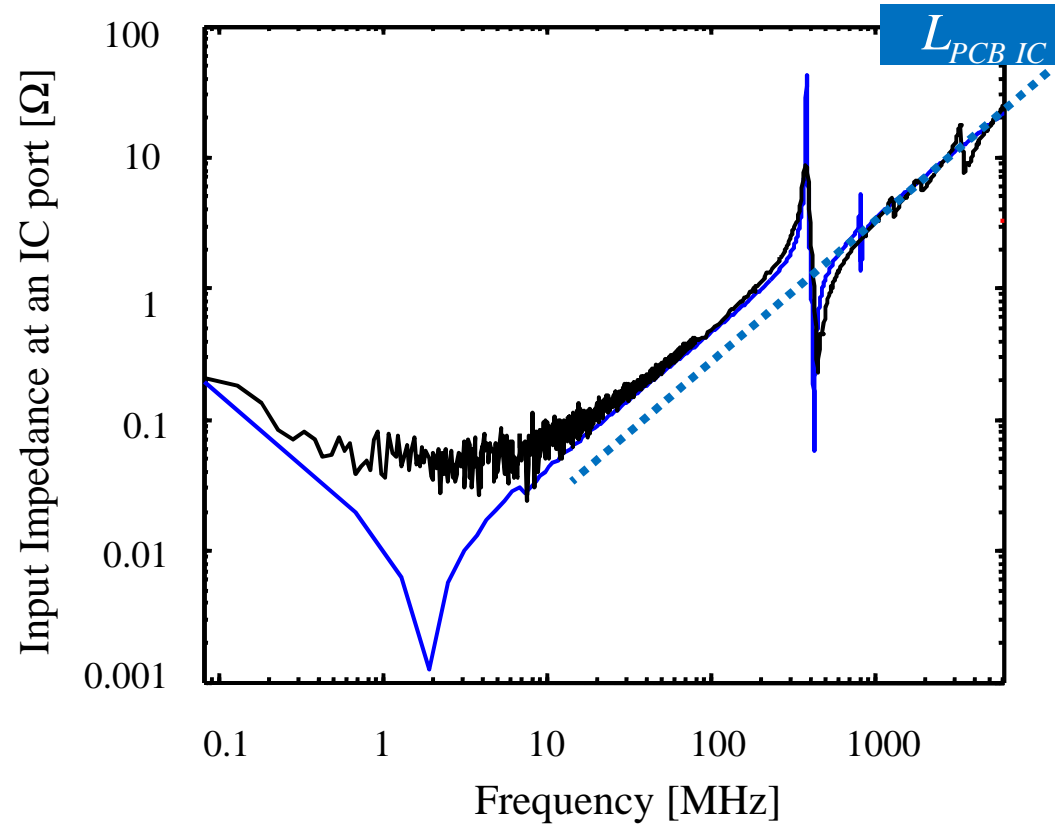
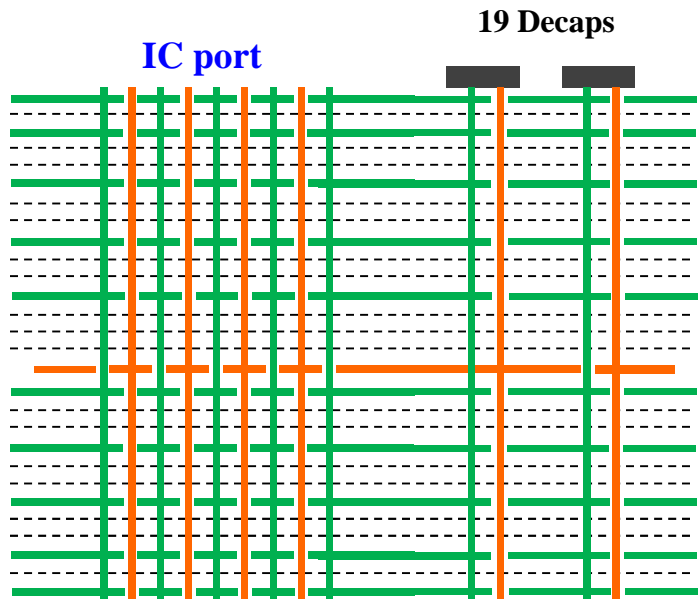


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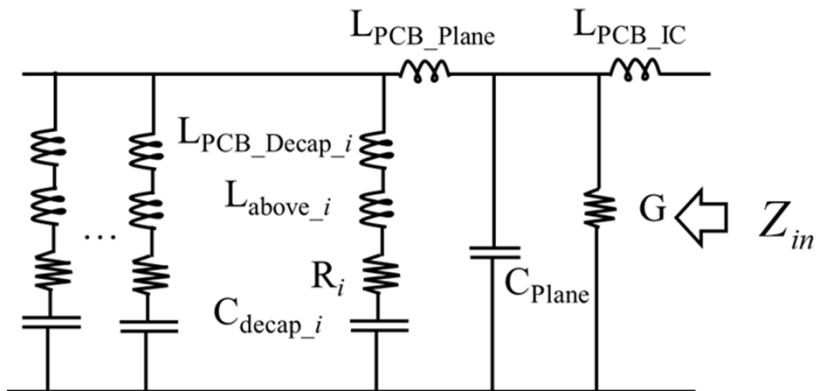
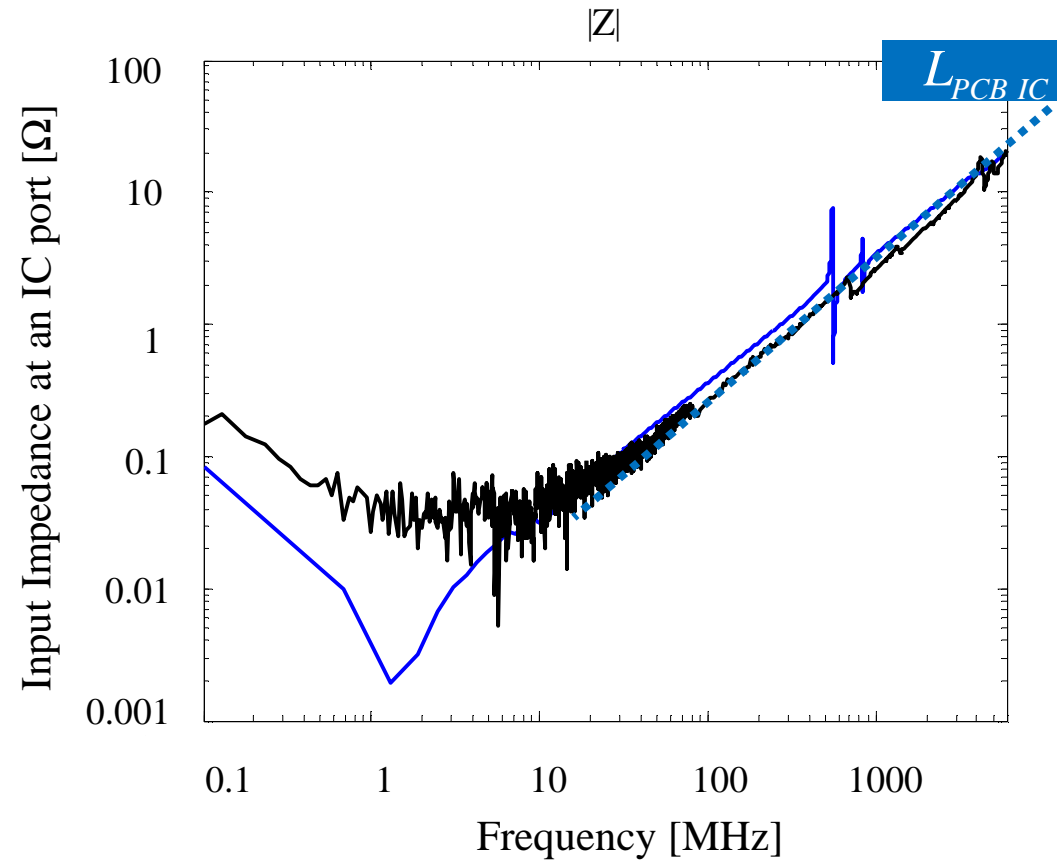
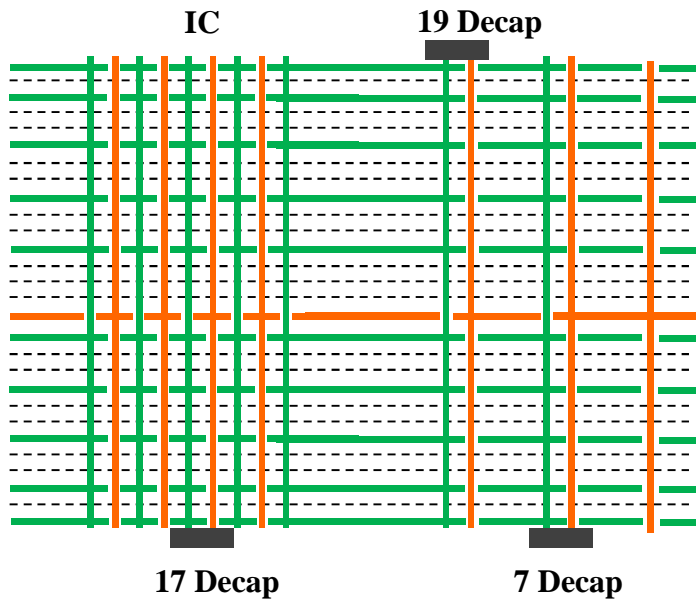


# 28 Layer Real PCB Design: 19 Capacitors



— Measurement  
— Circuit Model

# 28 Layer Real PCB Design: 43 Capacitors

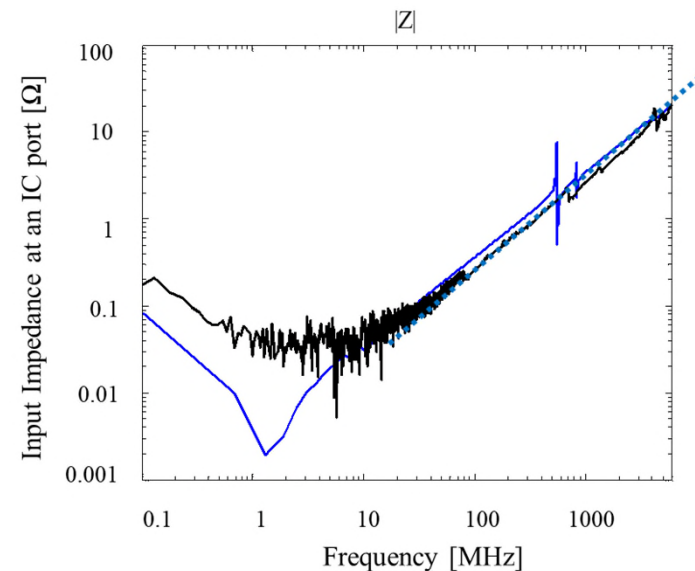
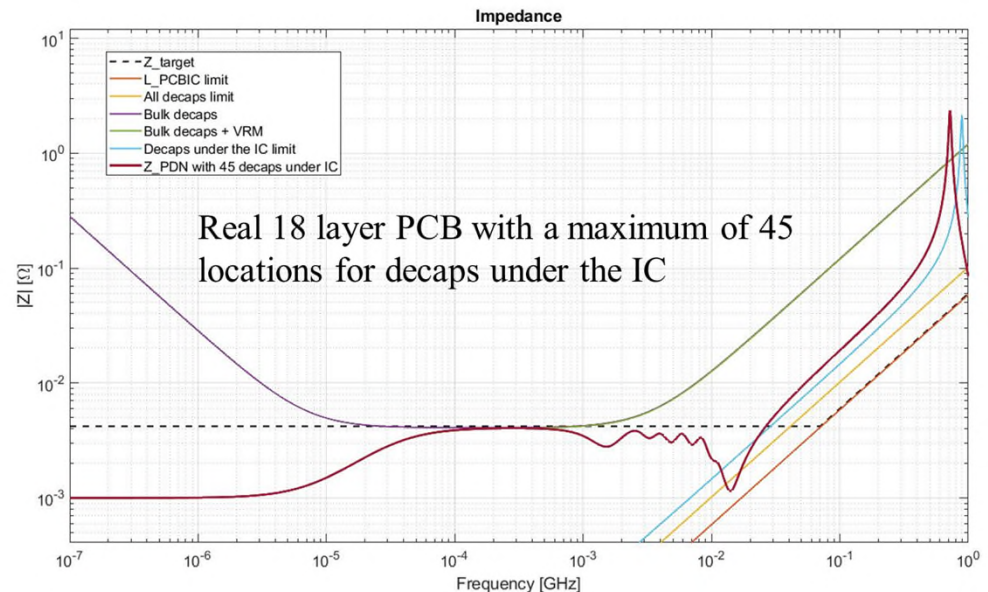


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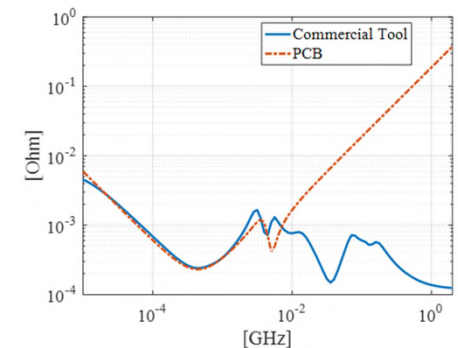
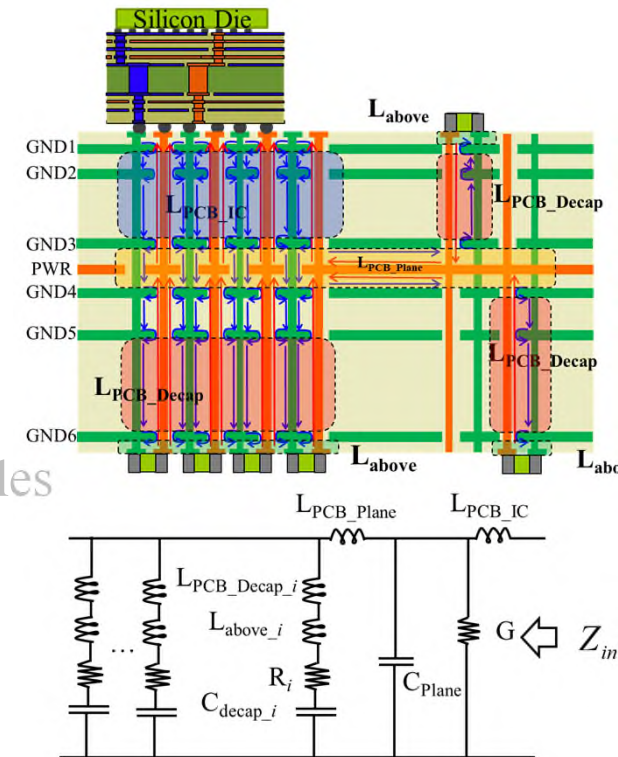
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- Decoupling capacitors can be added using several values in a given decade to decouple over wide frequency ranges
- Decoupling capacitors can be added as the largest value in a package size to achieve a target impedance as well.

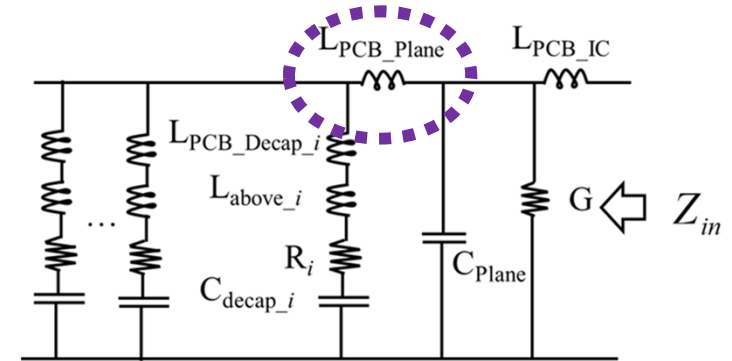
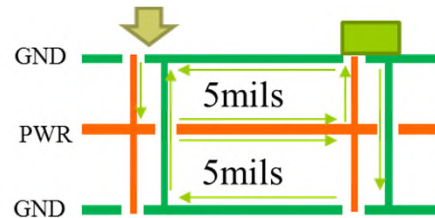
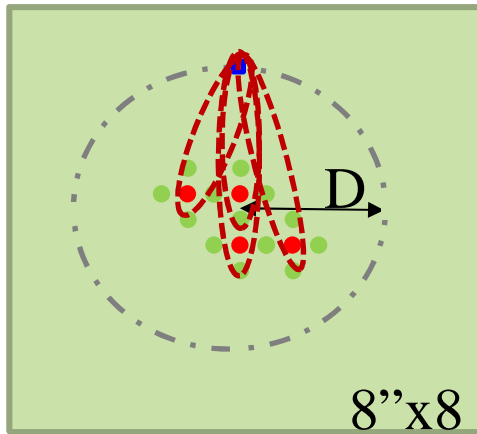


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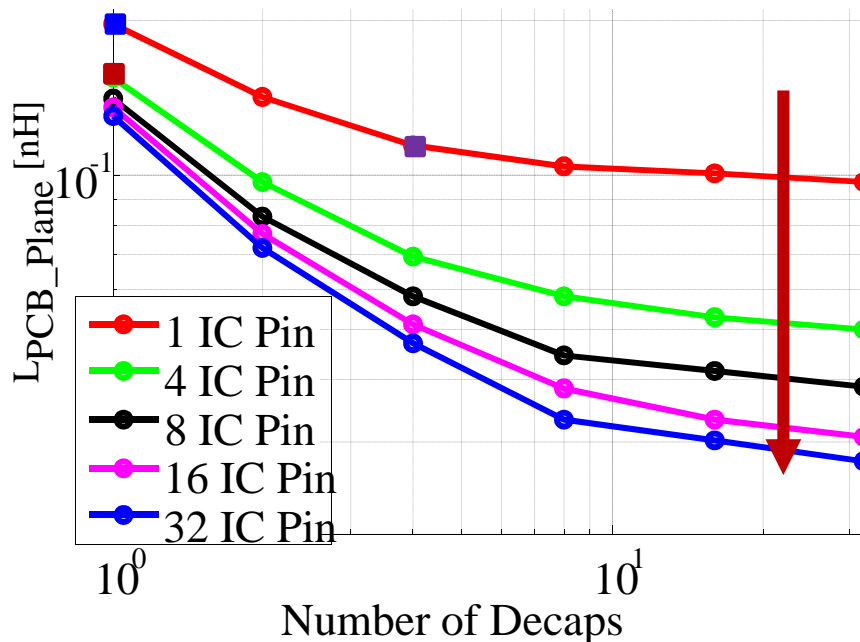


# $L_{PCB\_Plane}$ Current Physics and Inductance

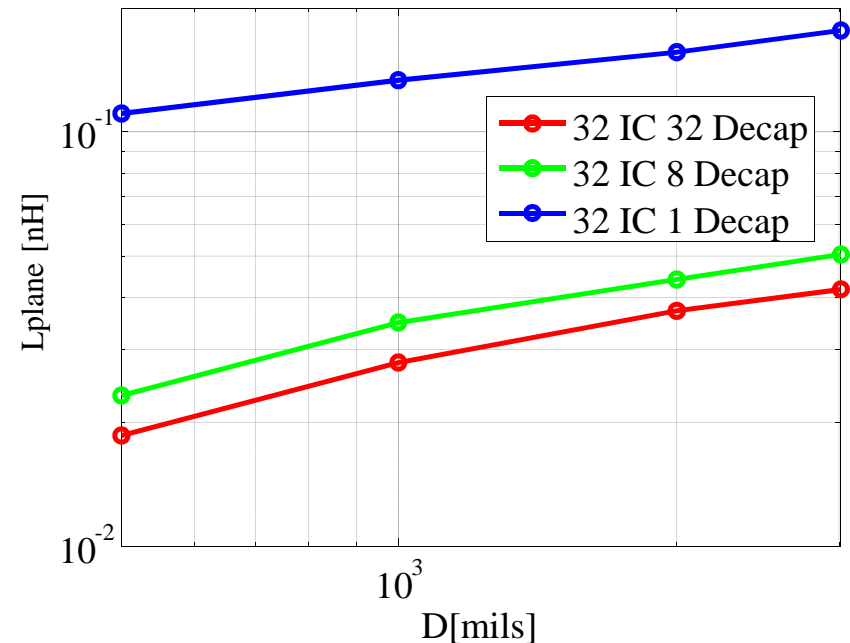


$D=1''$ , Pitch = 1mm

$L_{PCB\_Plane}$  decreases with multiple parallel paths

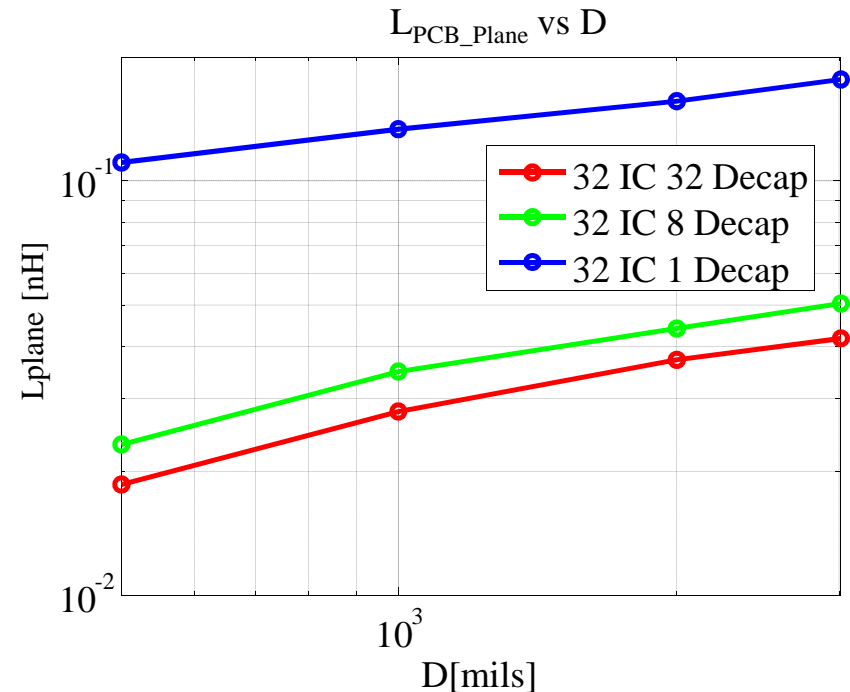
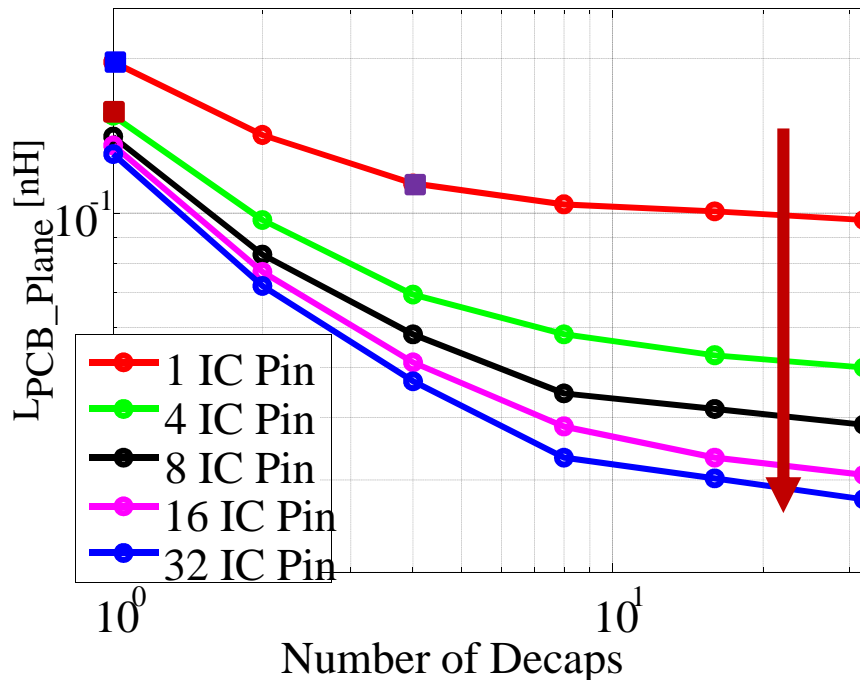
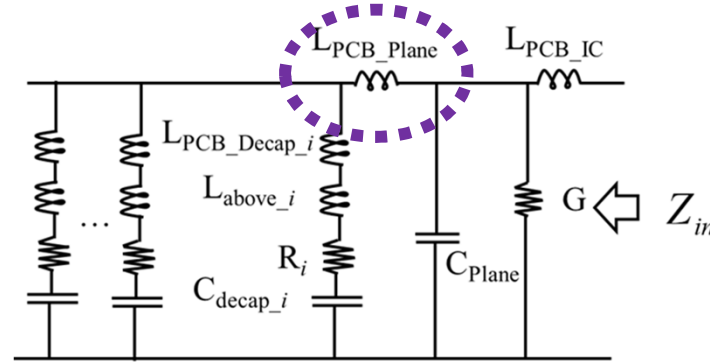
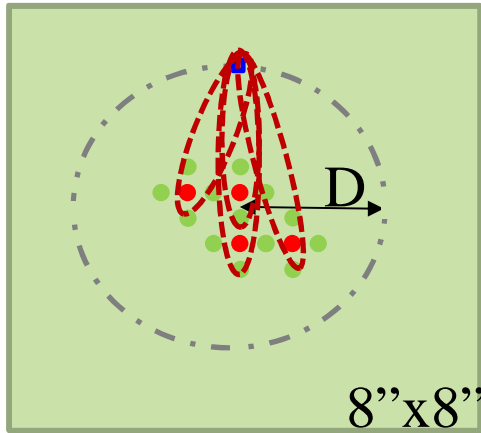


Decaps are placed on the top layer  
 $L_{PCB\_Plane}$  vs  $D$



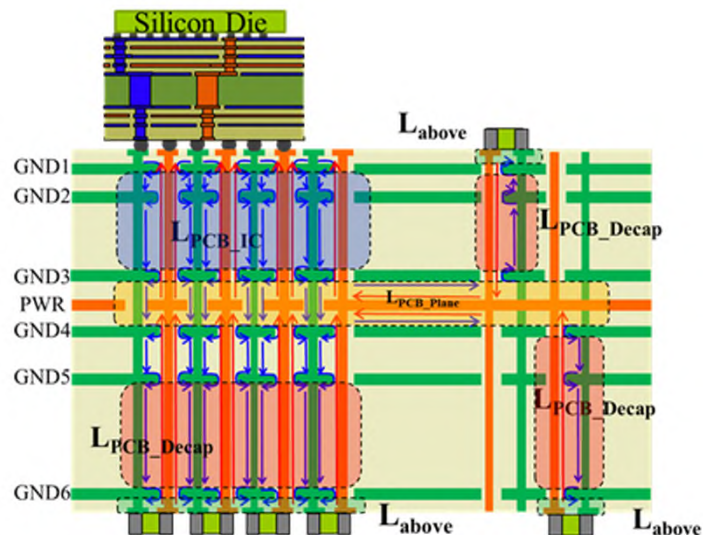
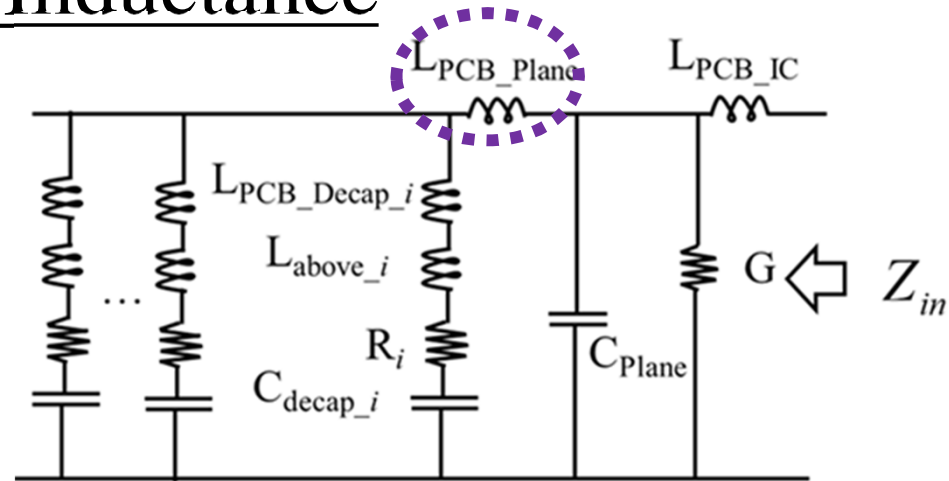
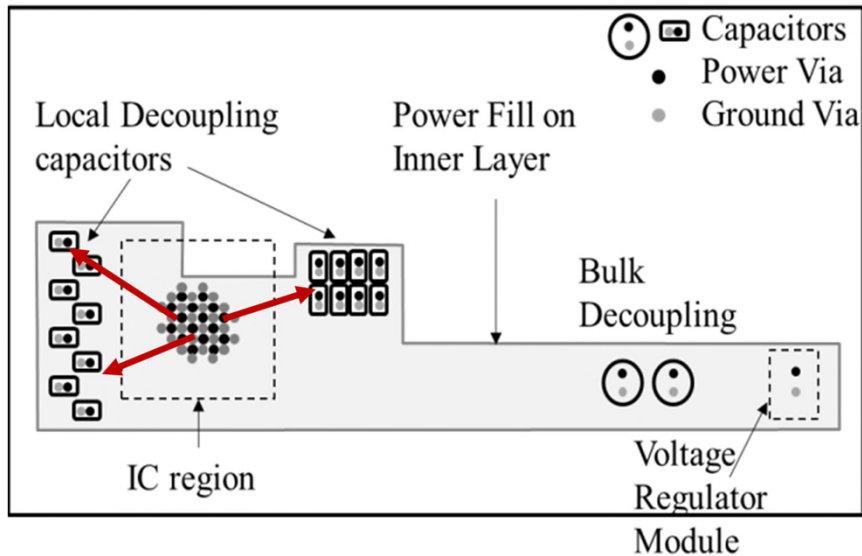
# $L_{PCB\_Plane}$ Current Physics and Inductance

Q: When is placing capacitors in a ring around the IC most beneficial?





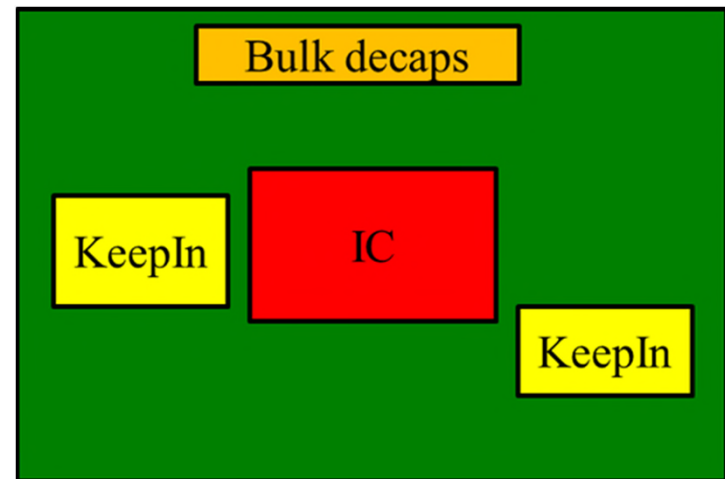
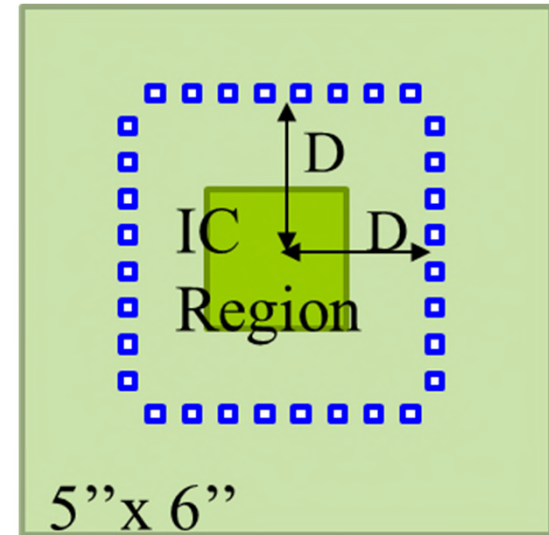
# Current Path, and Inductance



Q: If the current path from IC to the decaps is not in direct line (e.g., crosses a cutout or slot, goes around a corners, etc.), which portion of the inductance is affected, and can potentially become dominant?

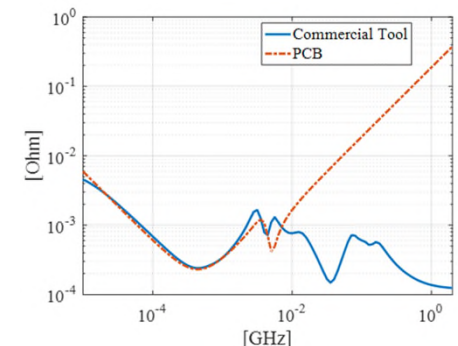
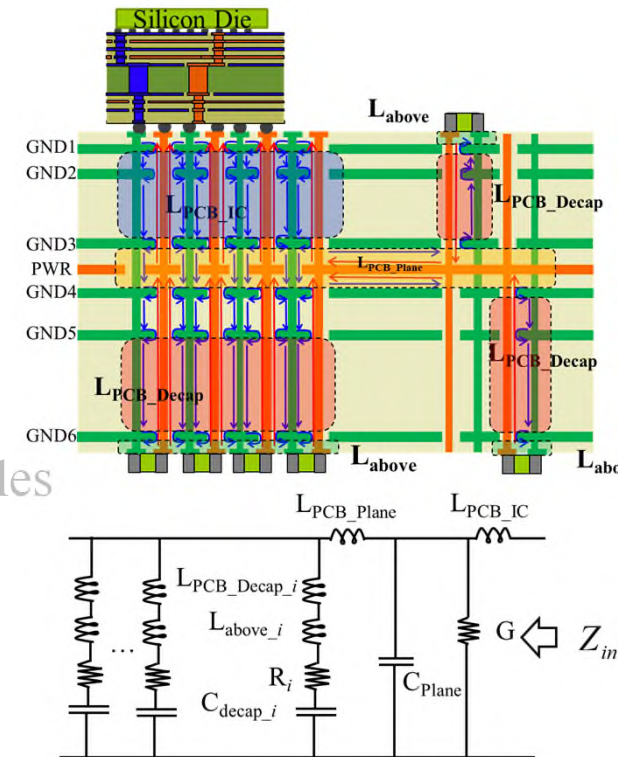
# Key Points

- If  $L_{\text{PCB Plane}}$  is dominant, e.g., when the power net area fill is near the top, and the decaps are placed on the top layer, then placing the capacitors in a ring around the IC can minimize  $L_{\text{PCB Plane}}$
- In general,  $L_{\text{PCB Plane}}$  is typically not the limiting factor, and decaps are often limited to “keep-in” regions where signal routing channels are not compromised.

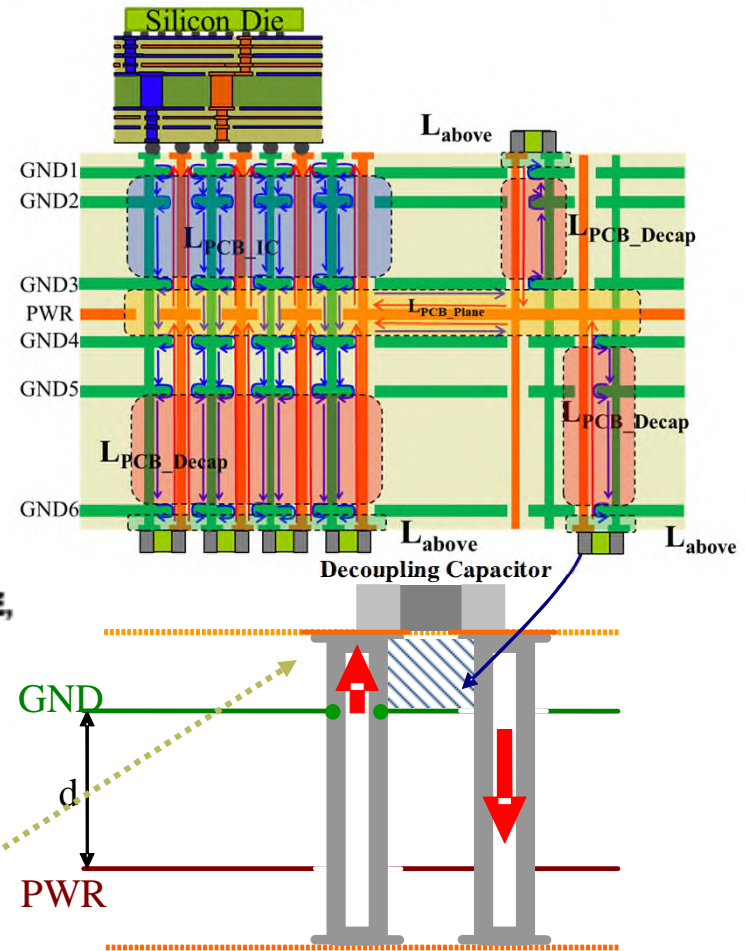
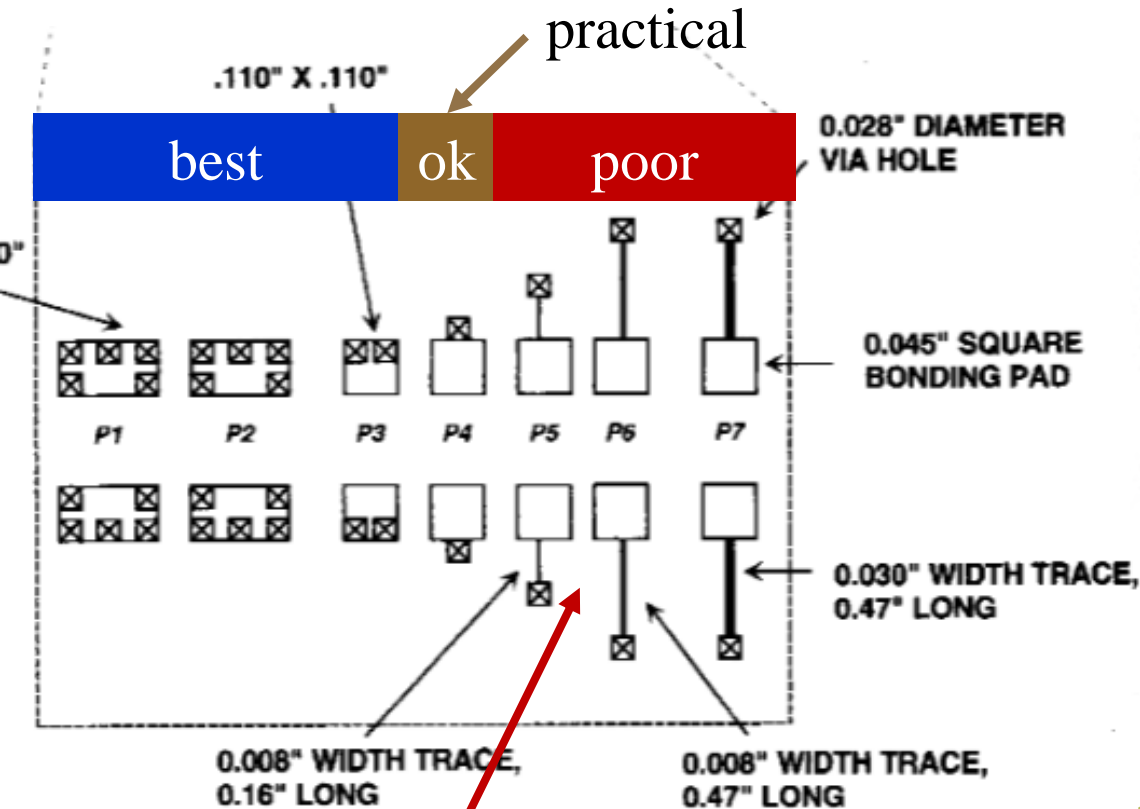


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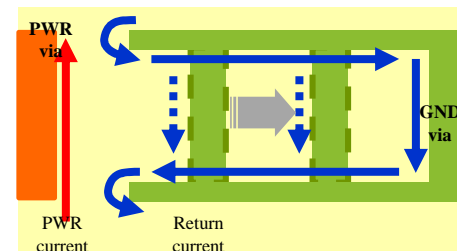


# Practices for Mounting SMT Capacitors



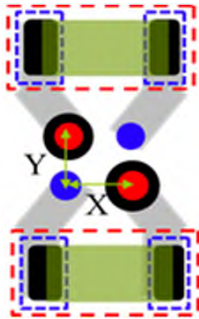
Adding trace length, adds inductance to the interconnect:

- “loop area” above the planes –  $L_{above}$
- Area between the power and GND return vias vertically connecting to the PWR planes

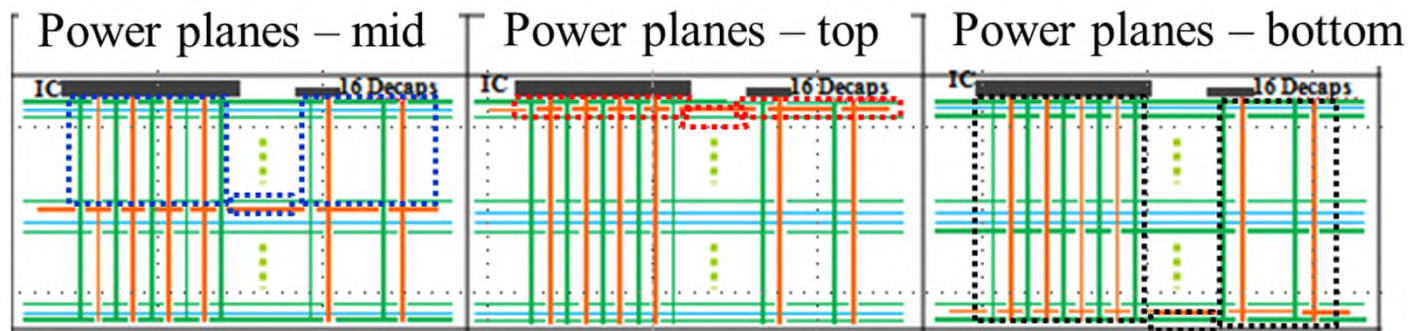
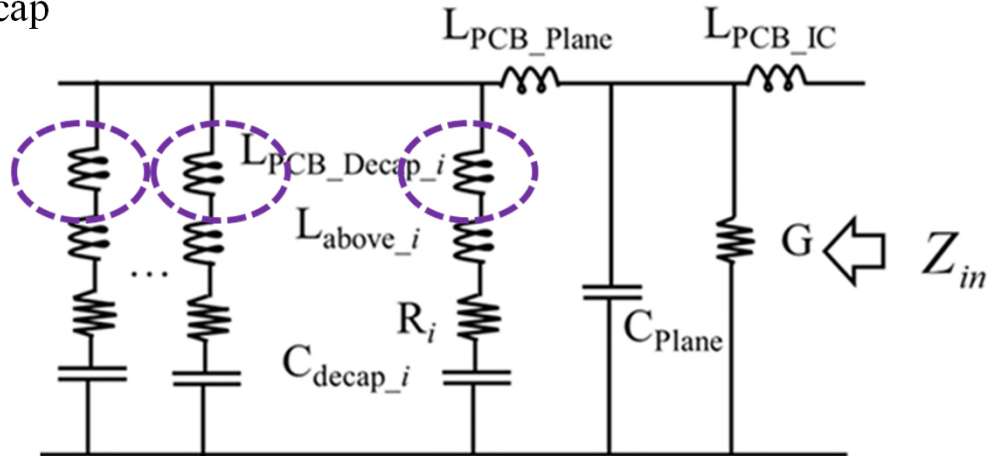


# Example 1: The Doublet – Minimizing $L_{\text{PCB Decap}}$

Placing decaps on in pairs allows to use mutual inductance to minimize overall  $L_{\text{PCB Decap}}$



- GND via
- PWR via

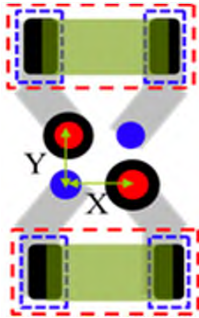


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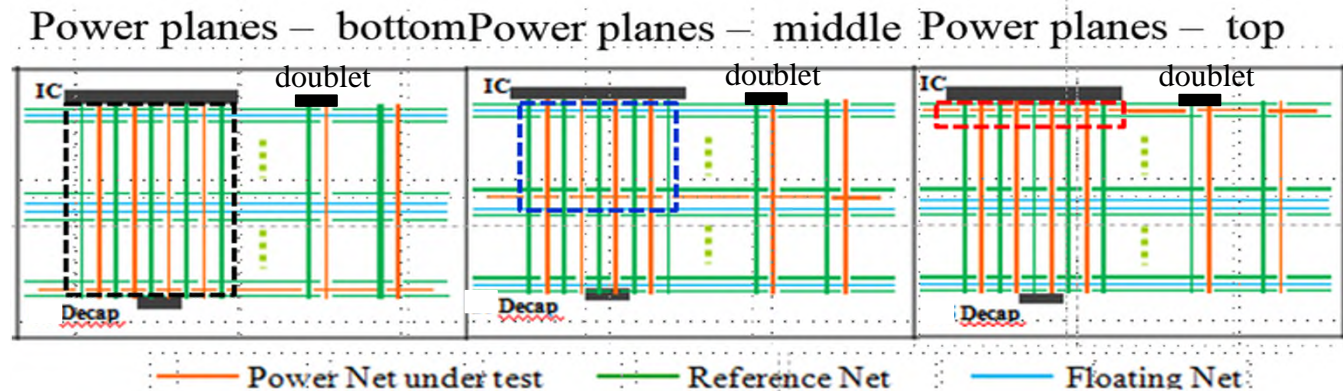
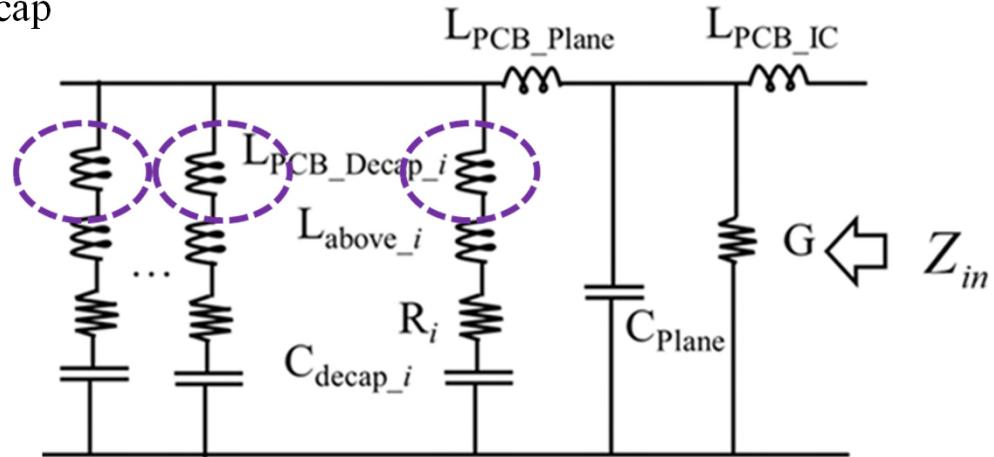


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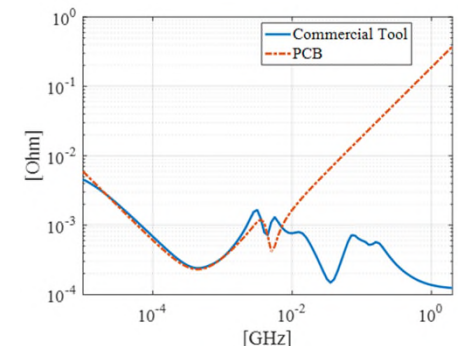
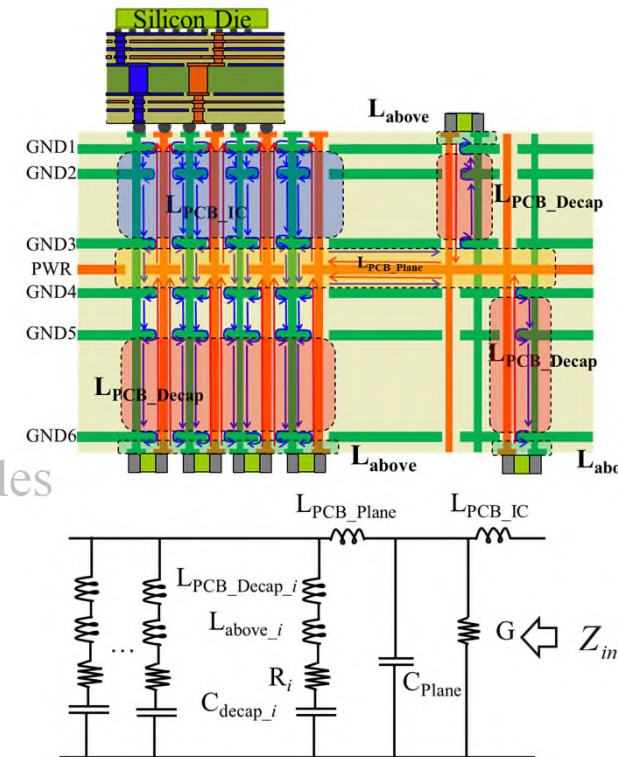
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Q: Which of these cases is not well chosen for the decap location?

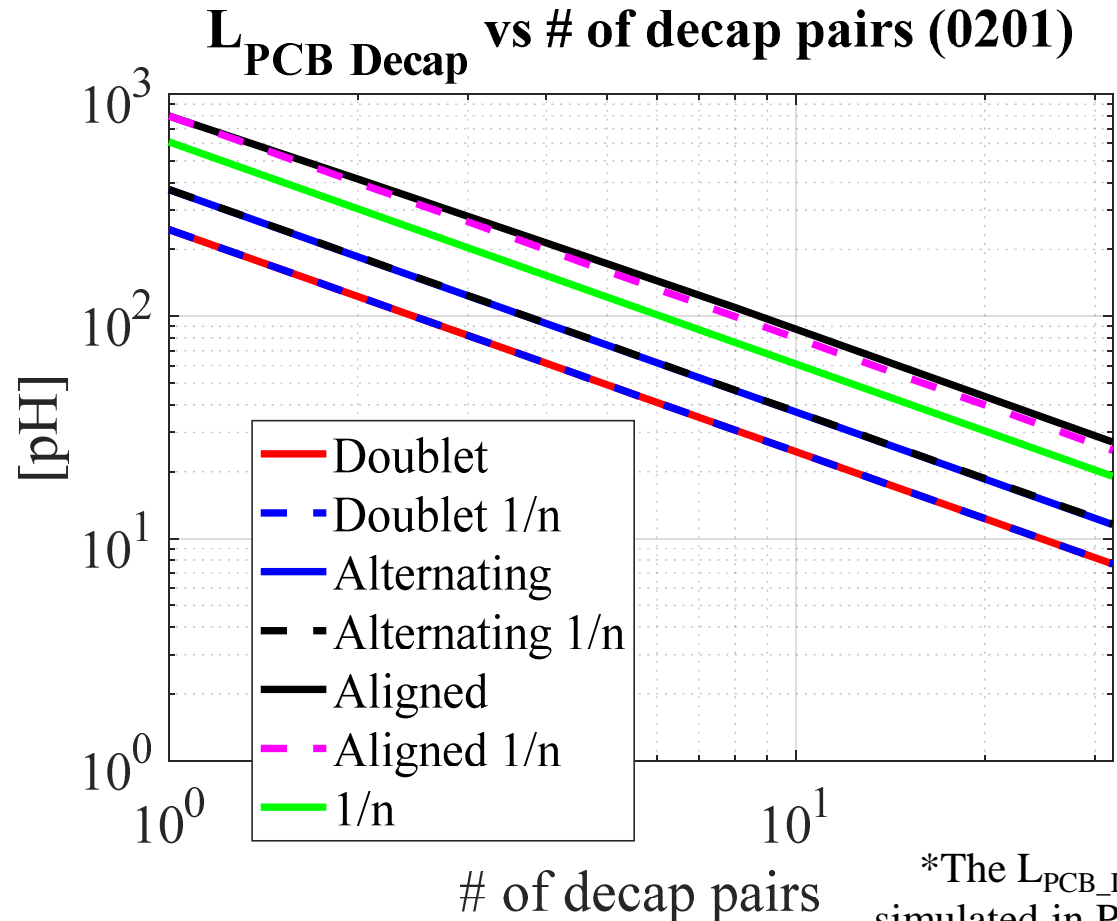
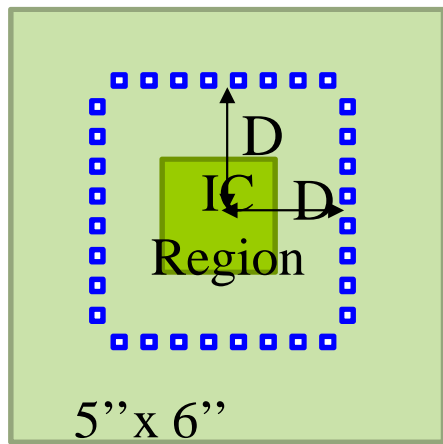
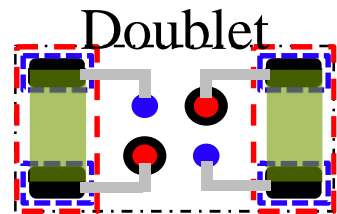
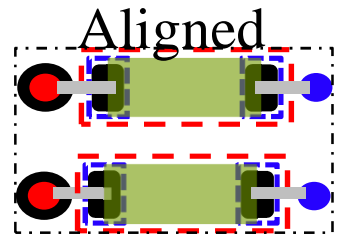
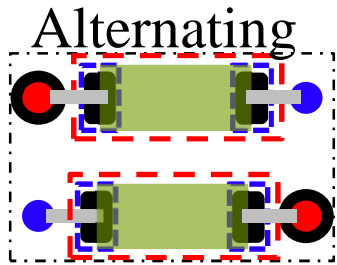


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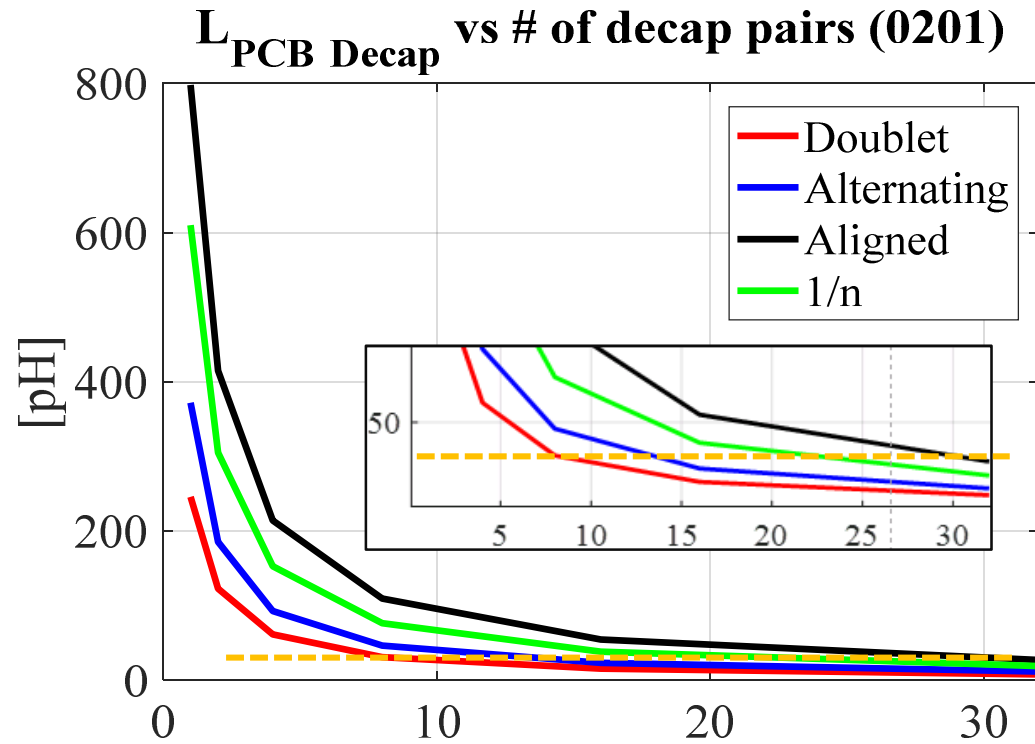
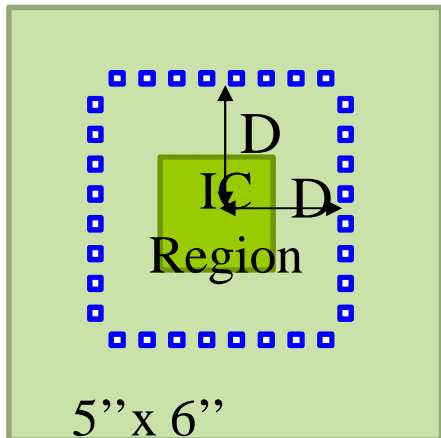
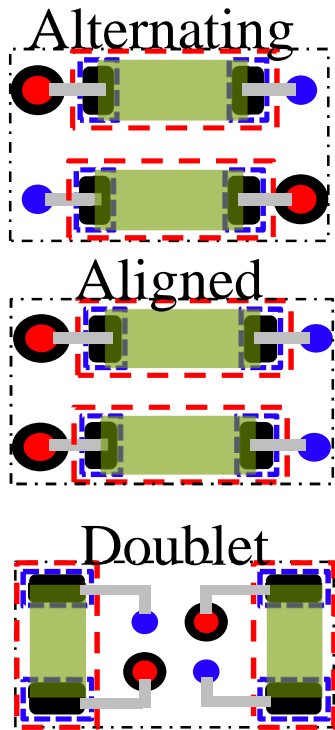
# $L_{PCB\_Decap}$ Convergence



$\frac{1}{n_{pair}}$  convergence rate  
for all SMT  
package sizes

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and the inductance is  
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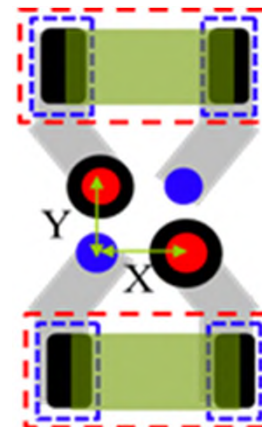
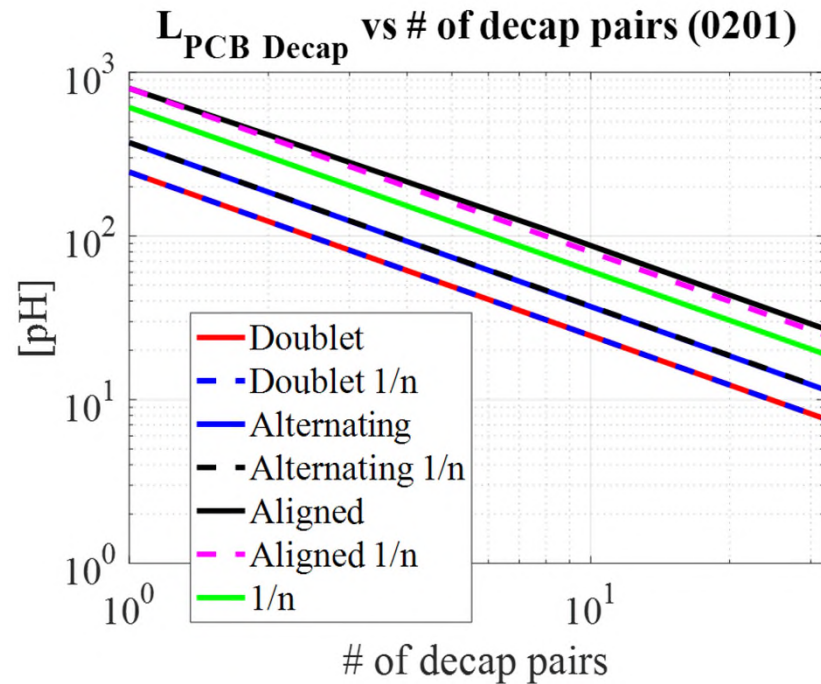
# $L_{PCB\_Decap}$ Capacitor Configuration Example



- Doublet: 8 pairs
- Alternating: 14 pairs
- 1/n: 25 pairs (no mutual coupling between individual decaps)
- Aligned: 30 pairs

# Key Points

- Adding capacitors decreases  $L_{\text{PCB Decap}}$  as  $1/n$
- Geometries such as the Doublet or 3-terminal capacitors reduce inductance over geometries where there is no benefit of mutual inductance.



# Design Implications

- Use the impedance equivalent circuit model to try to identify what component is dominant and use it to guide meeting the target impedance.
- PWR/GND plane pair nearer to the IC in stackup will minimize  $L_{\text{PCB\_IC}}$  from package balls to power net area fill (smaller loop)
- PWR/GND plane pairs closely spaced will reduce  $L_{\text{PCB\_plane}}$ .
- Place caps close to the power layer to minimize the inductance from the capacitor to the power net area fill layer, i.e.,  $L_{\text{PCB\_decaps}}$ . (minimize the loop)
- Placing caps on the underside of PCB opposite package can benefit the design
  - The space is available and requires no additional vias
  - If the pkg/planes/decap path is shorter due to PWR/GND near package in stackup decaps around the IC will be more effective
- Power and ground vias placed adjacent to the caps reduces the inductance in the current return path (or in the bonding pads). (smaller loops)
- Capacitor arrangements that utilize mutual inductance, e.g., doublet, or 3-terminal capacitor, can significantly reduce  $L_{\text{PCB\_decaps}}$ .



Thank you!

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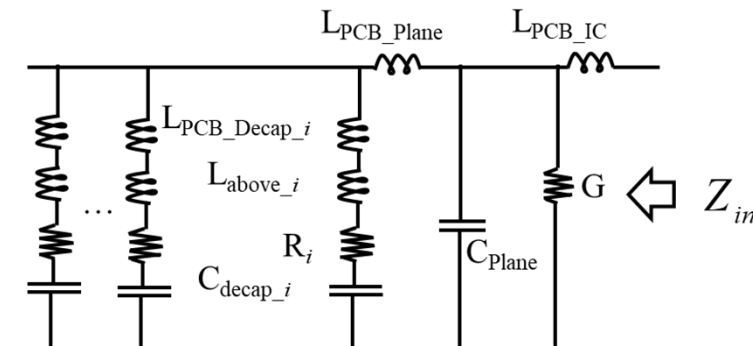
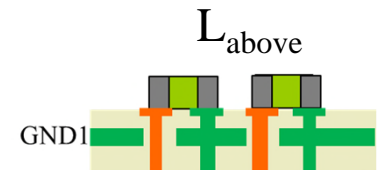
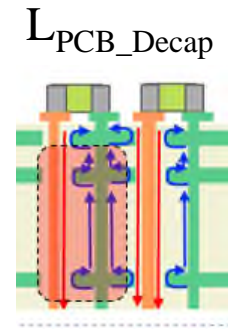
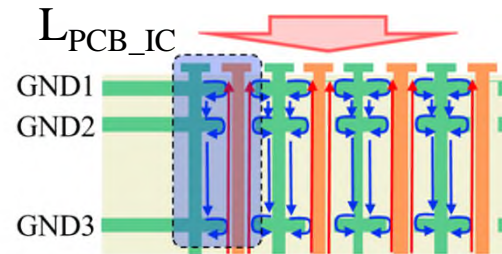
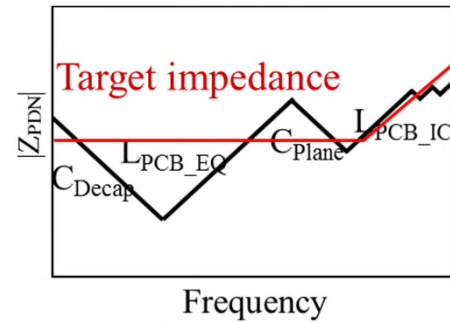
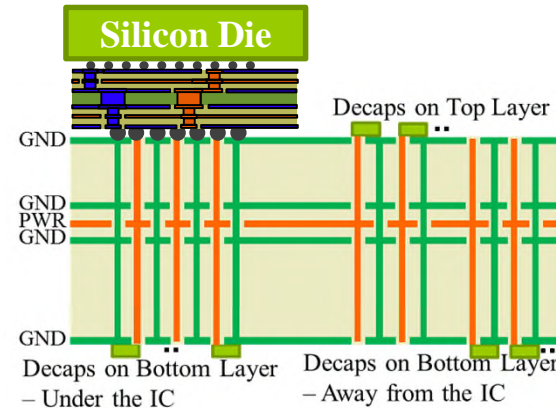


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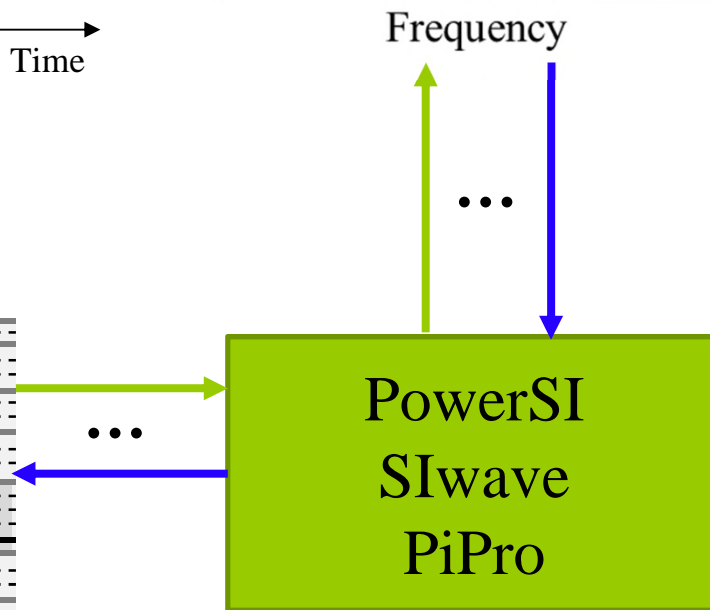
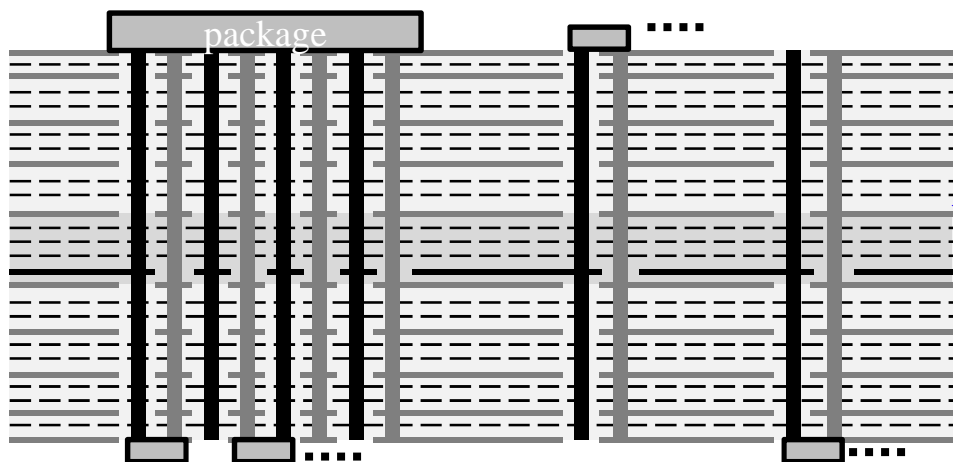
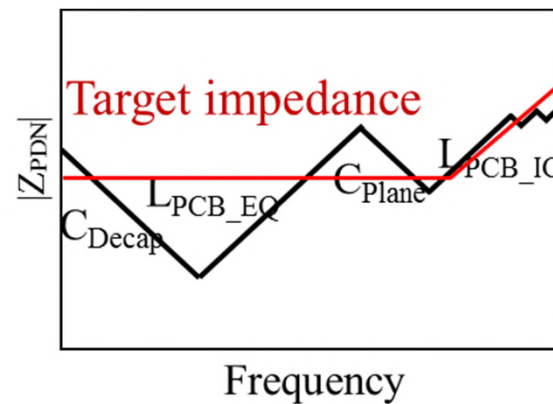
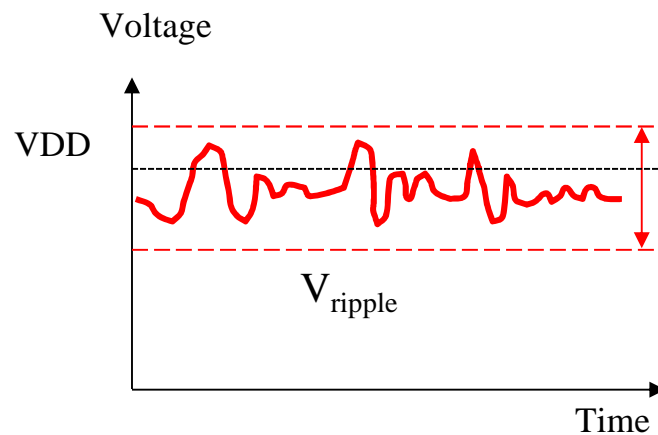
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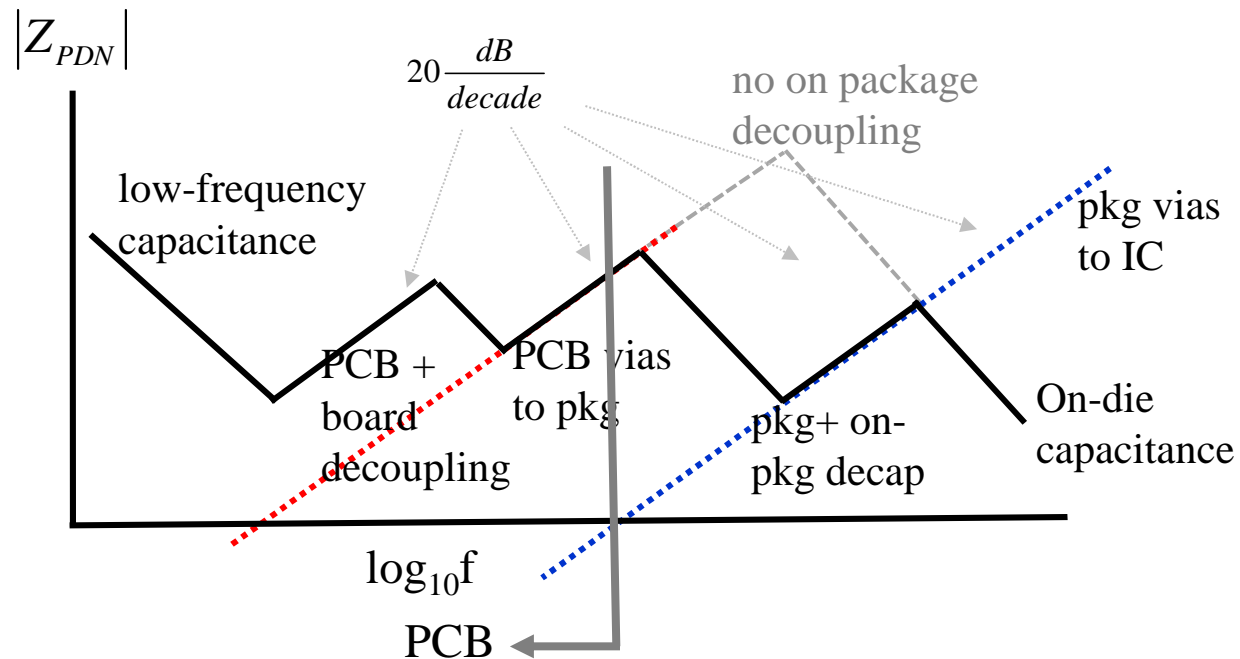
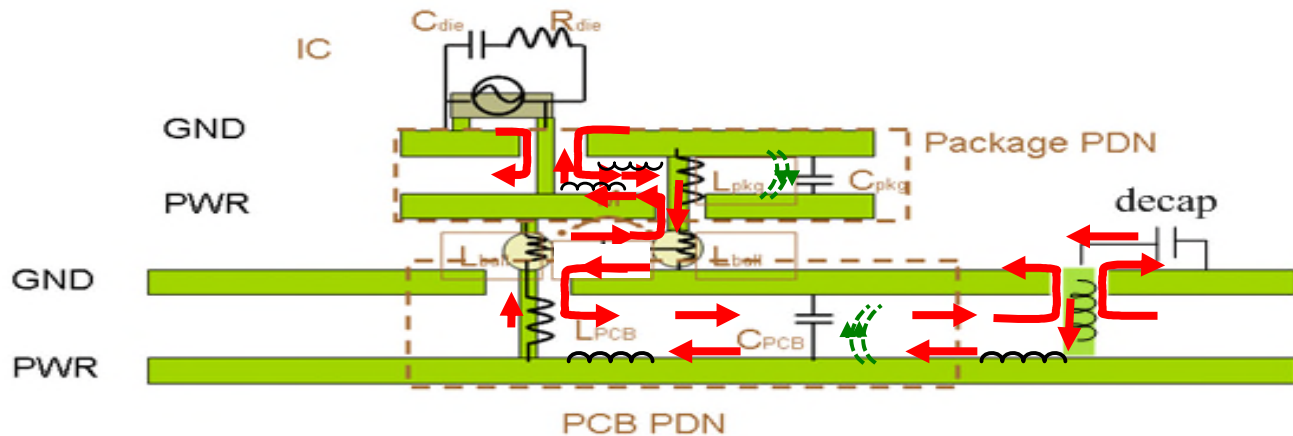
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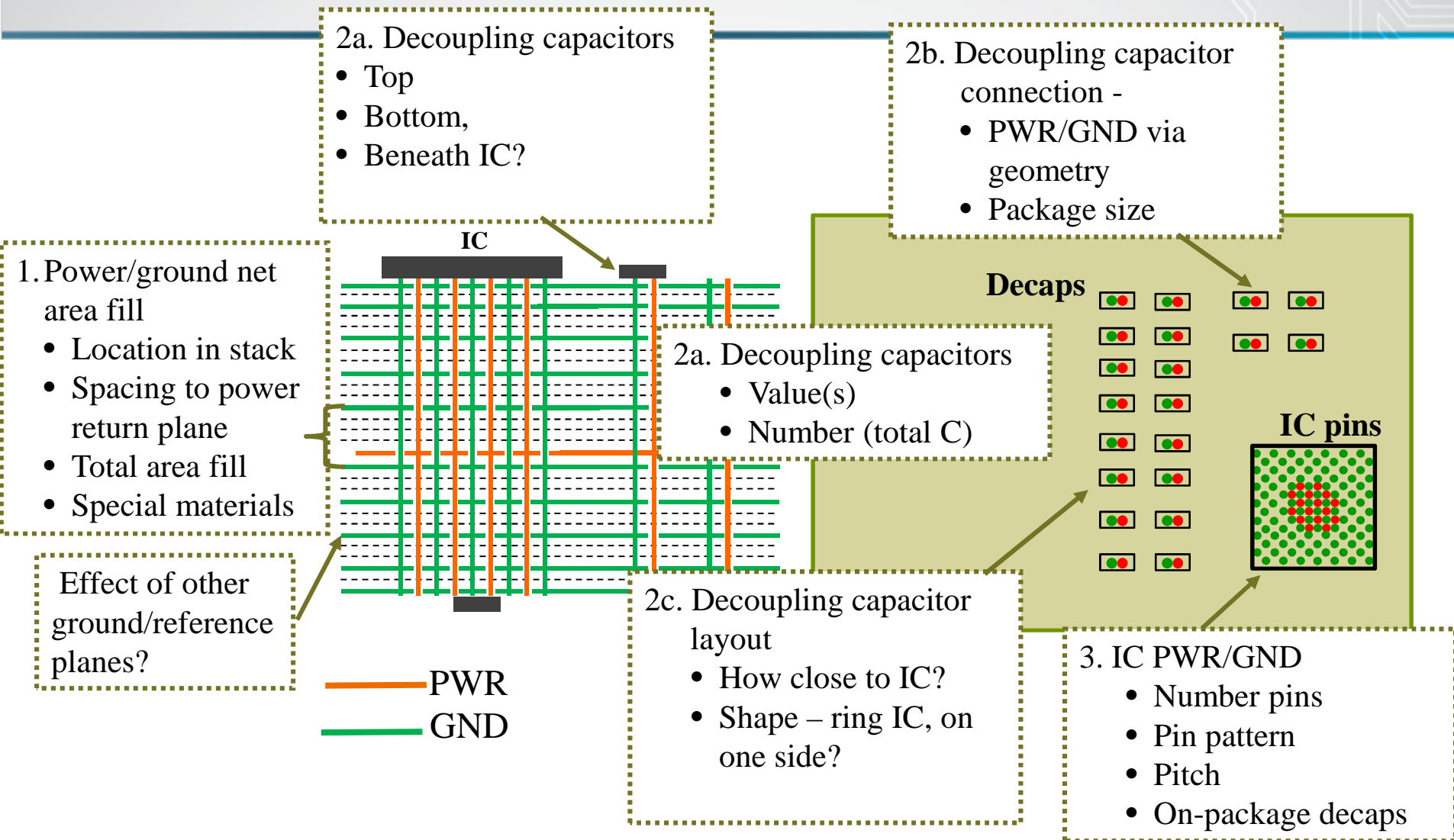


# A Systematic Approach for Achieving PI



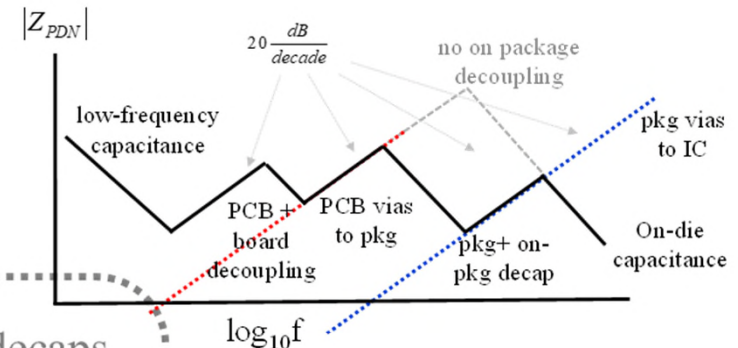
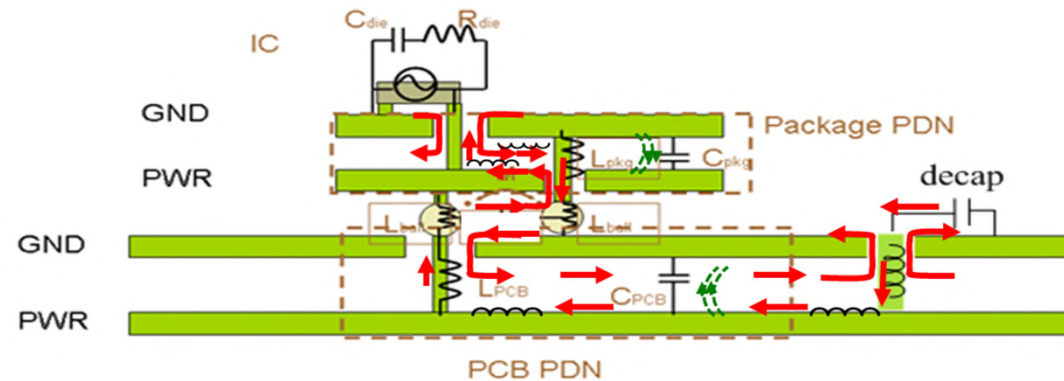
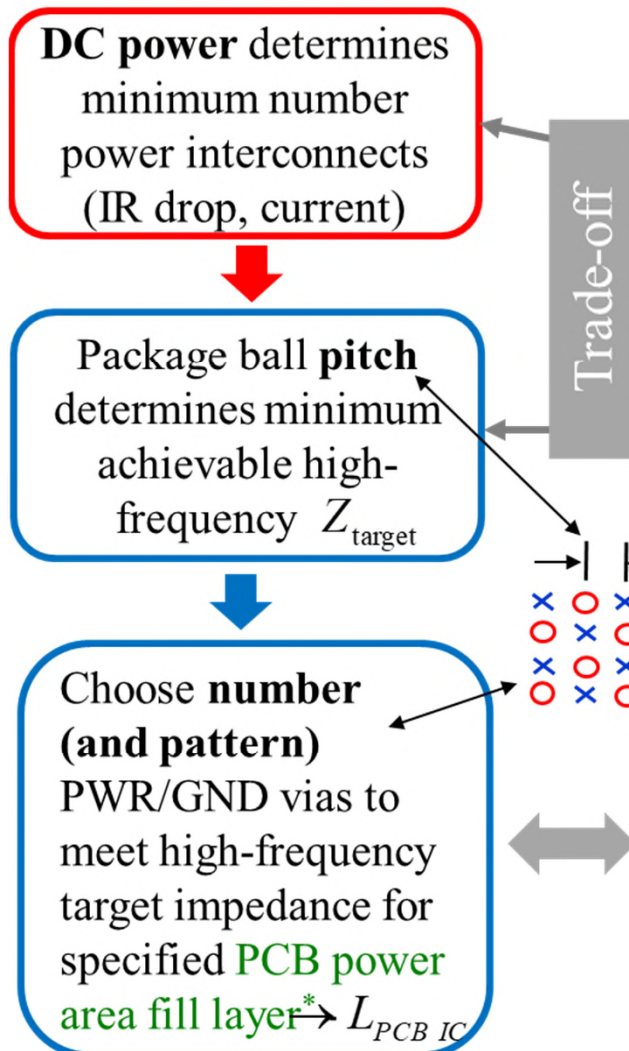


# PDN Design Considerations



The pre-layout methodology is for multi-layered PCB PDN geometry.

# PI Design Flow – Package

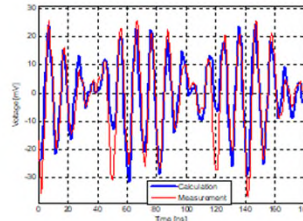


On-package decaps reduce minimum overall achievable high-frequency target impedance seen by IC

\* PCB/package co-design step

# Design Flow – PCB

Peak voltage  
ripple/droop  
determines  $Z_{\text{target}}$



IC/ASIC PWR/GND  
pin-out number (and  
pattern) determines  
minimal  $\rightarrow L_{PCB\ IC}$



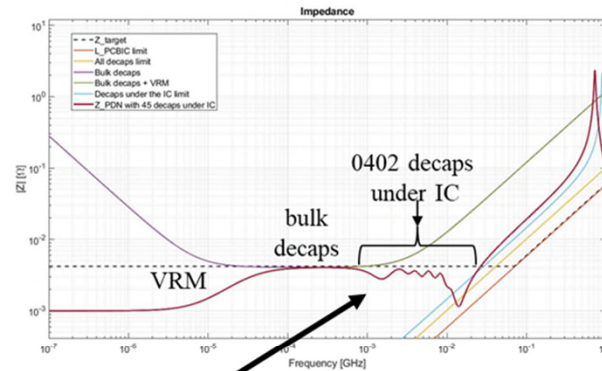
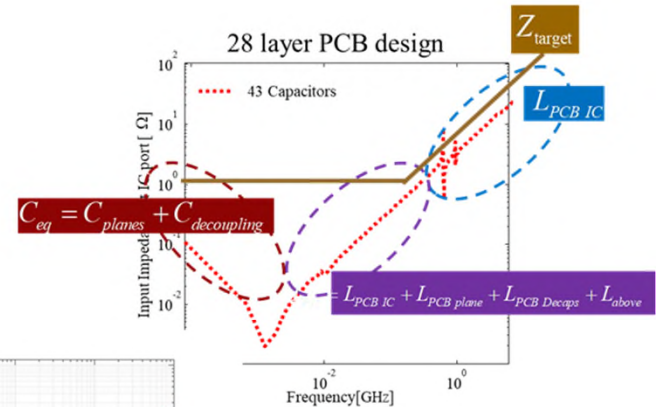
Choose PWR/GND  
area fill **layer** to meet  
high-frequency target  
impedance  $\rightarrow L_{PCB\ IC}$



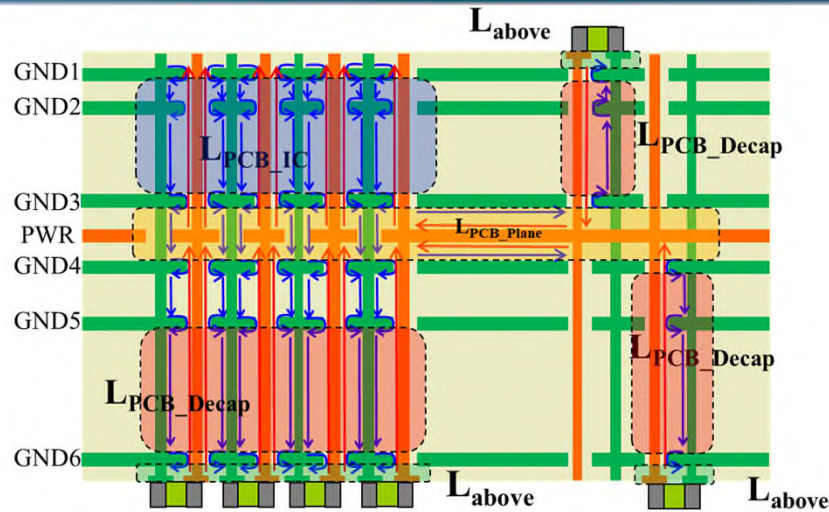
Number of decaps  
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determines  $\rightarrow L_{EQ}$



value of decaps  
to meet  
 $Z_{\text{target}}$

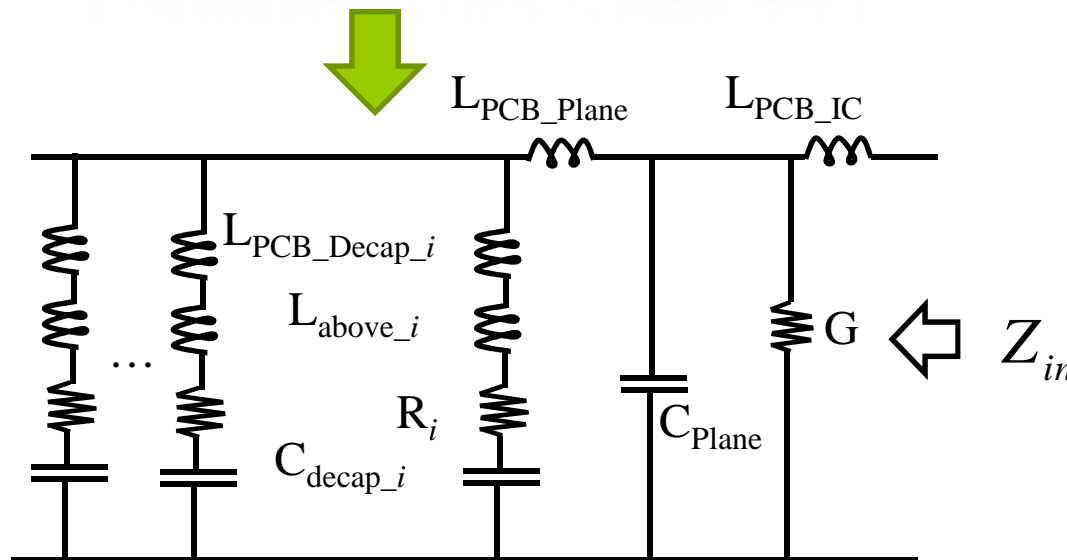


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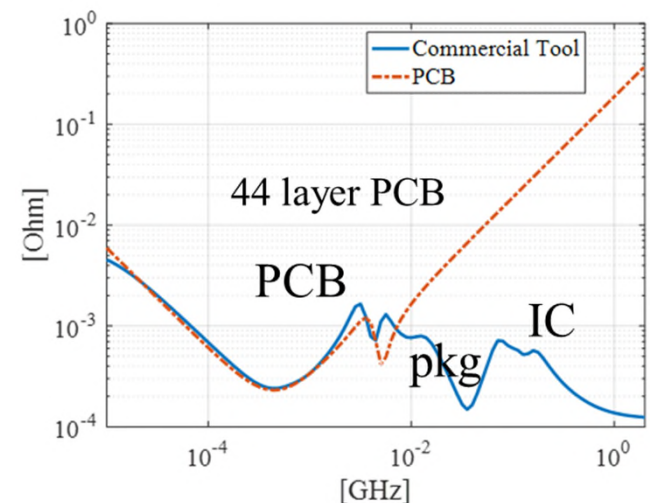


Objective: Determine the values for:

- $L_{PCB\_IC}$  calculation
- $L_{PCB\_plane}$  calculation
- $L_{PCB\_decap}$  calculation
- $L_{above}$  calculation
- Calculate  $Z_{PND}$  and voltage ripple



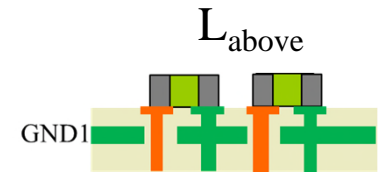
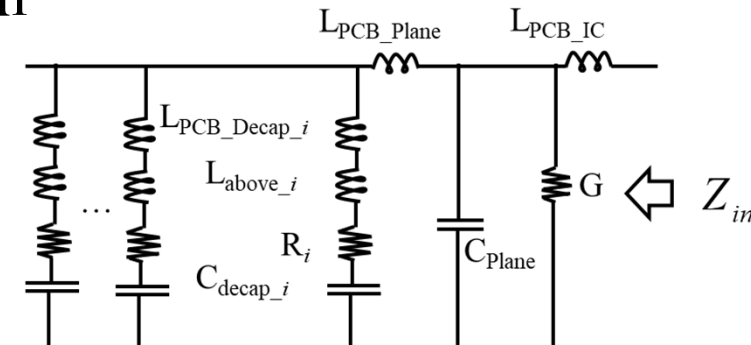
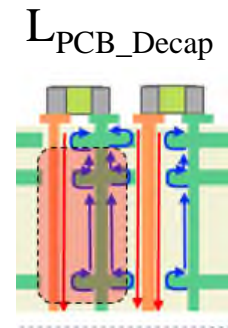
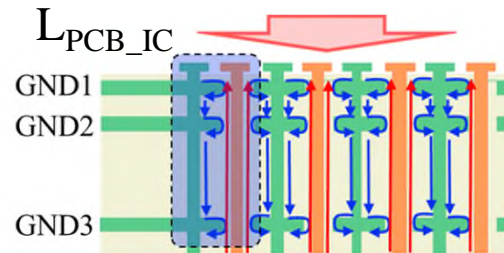
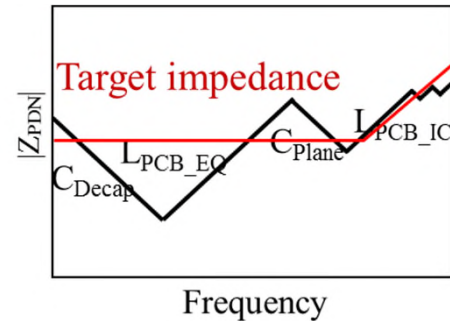
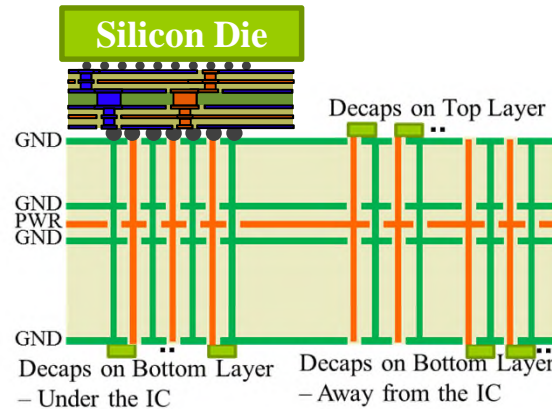
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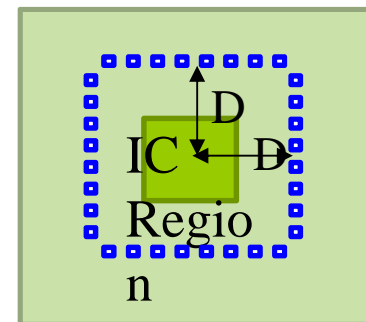
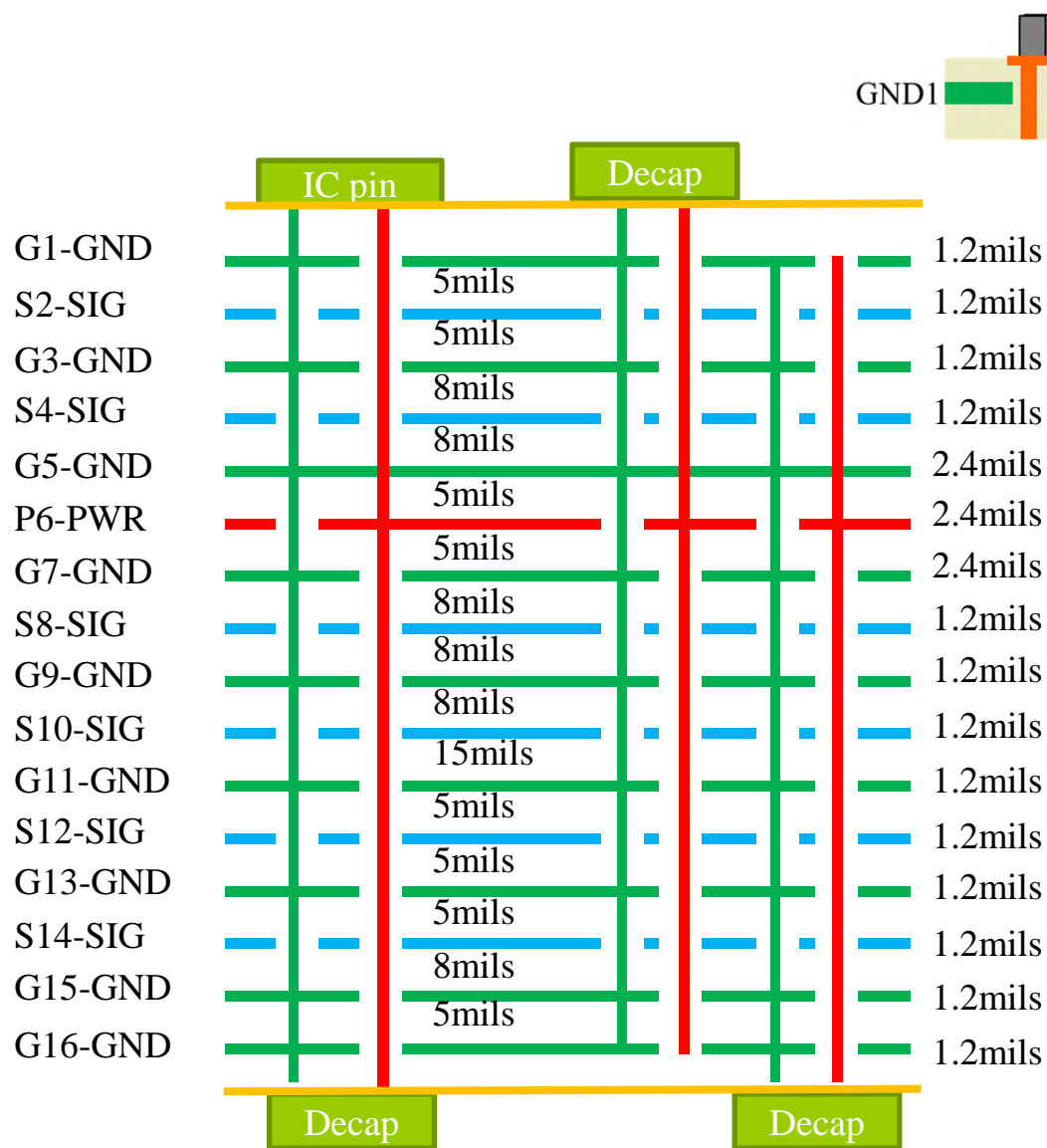


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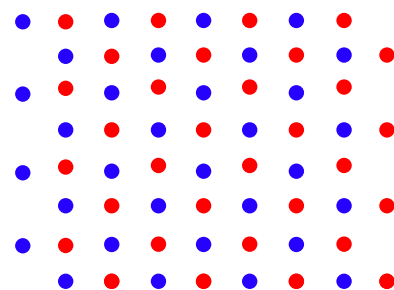


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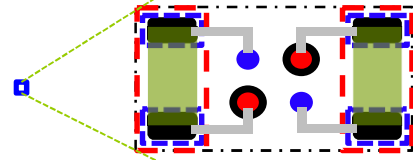


5" x 6"

Alternating



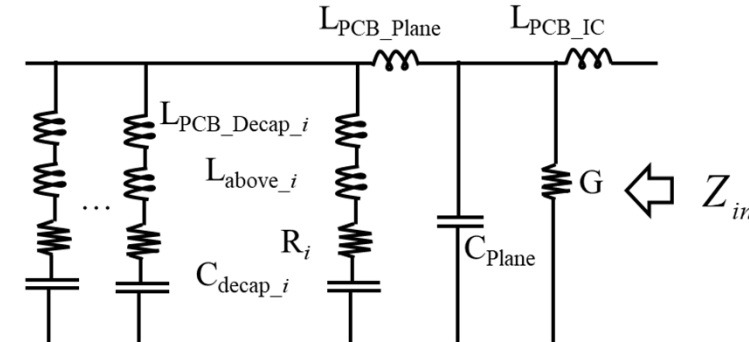
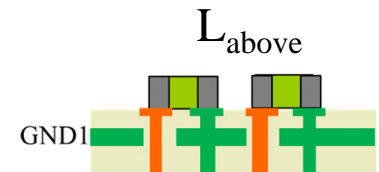
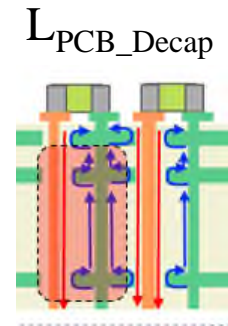
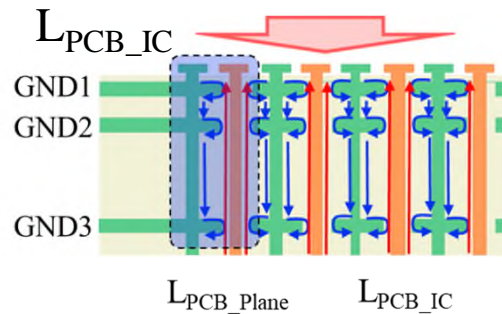
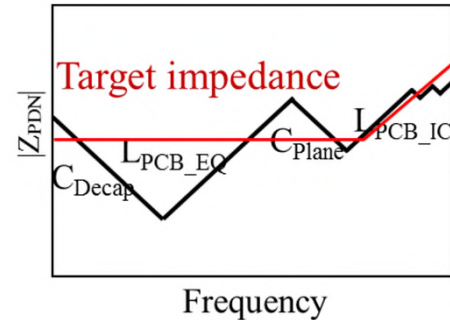
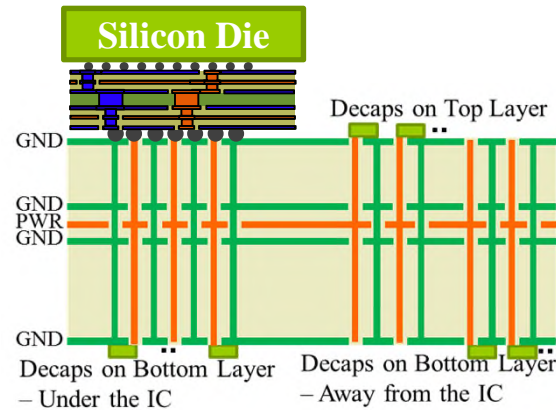
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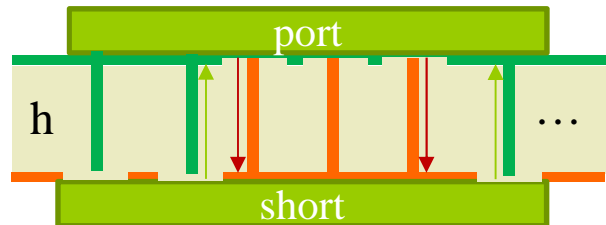
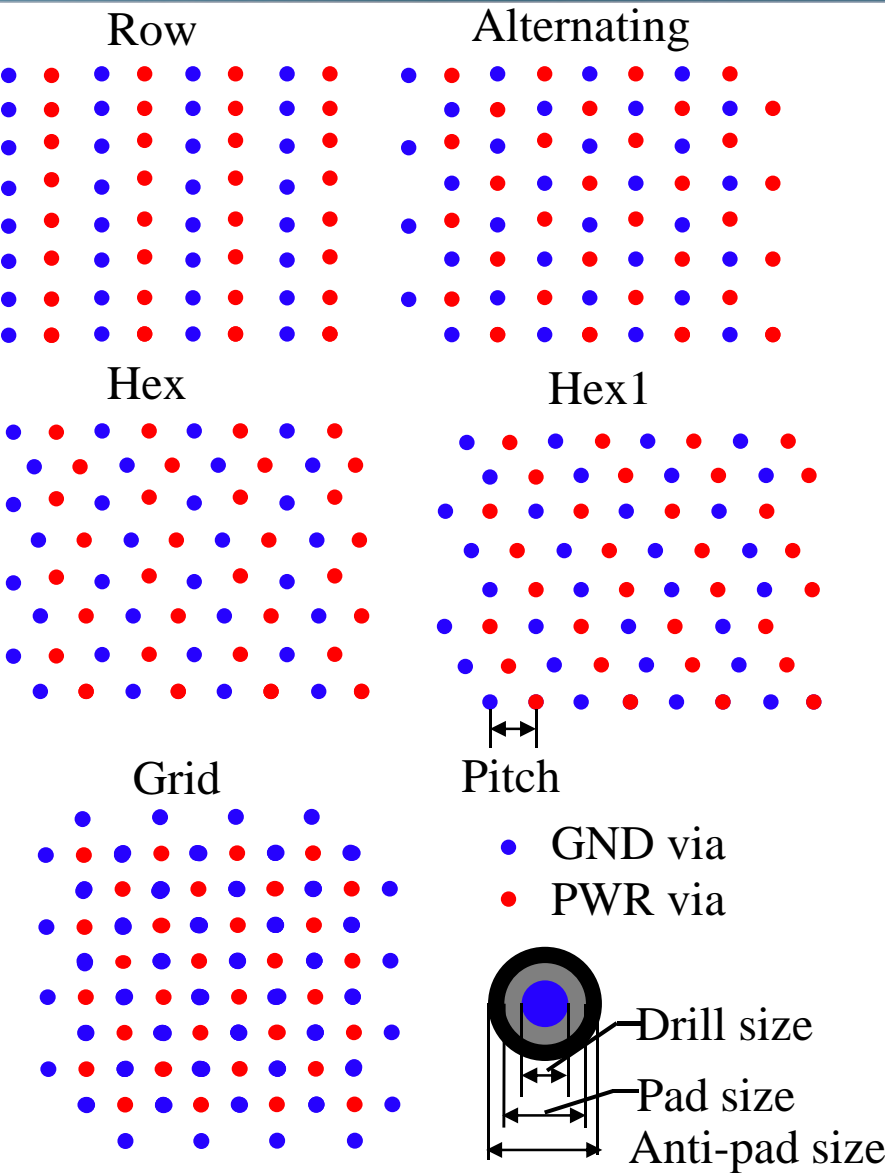


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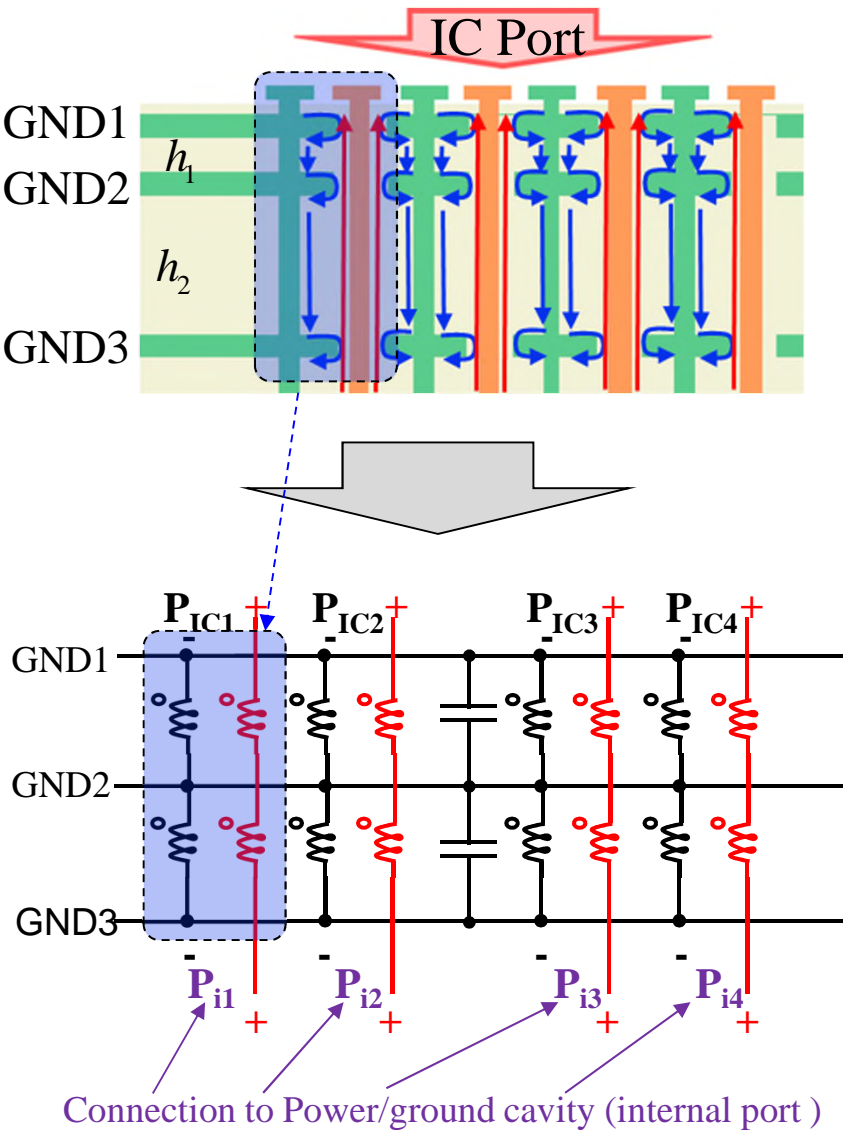


# $L_{PCB\_IC}$ Geometry

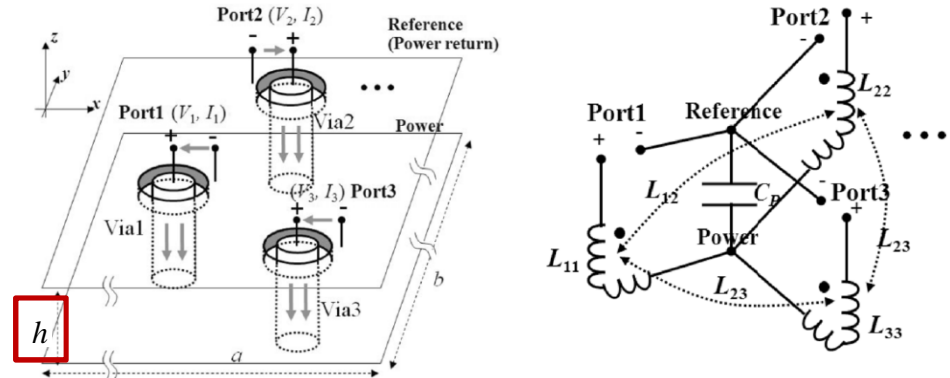


Pitch	Drill size	Anti-pad size
1 mm	8mils	20mils
	12mils	32mils
	15mils	39mils
0.8 mm	8mils	20mils
	12mils	20mils

# $L_{PCB\_IC}$ Inductance Physics – goes as $h$



## Cavity Model



$$L_{ij} = \frac{\mu h}{ab} \sum_{m=0} \sum_{n=0} \frac{\varepsilon_m^2 \varepsilon_n^2}{k_{mn}^2} f(x_i, y_i, x_j, y_j) \Big|_{(m,n) \neq (0,0)}$$

$$h = h_1 + h_2$$

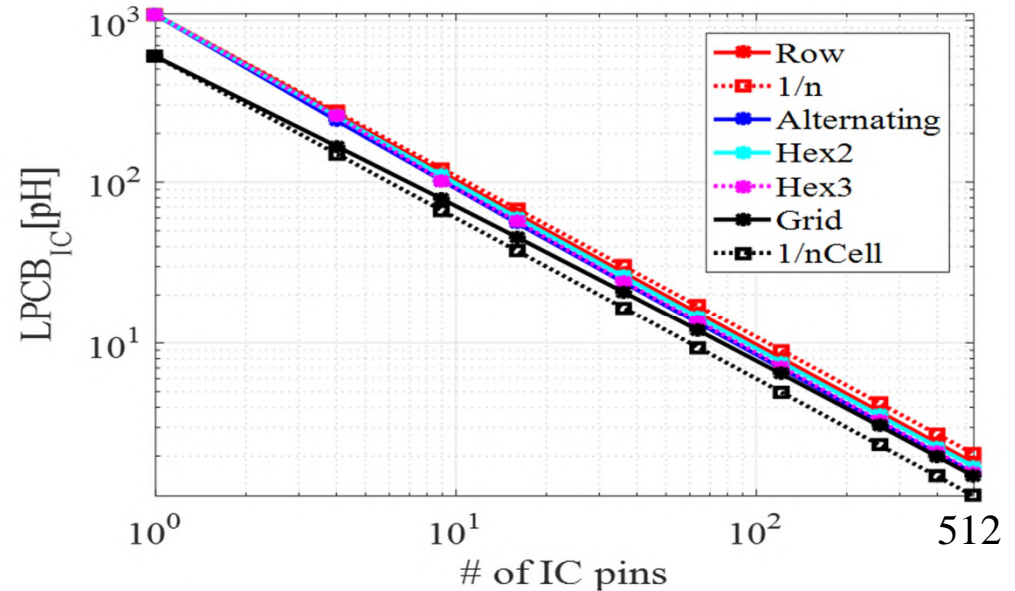
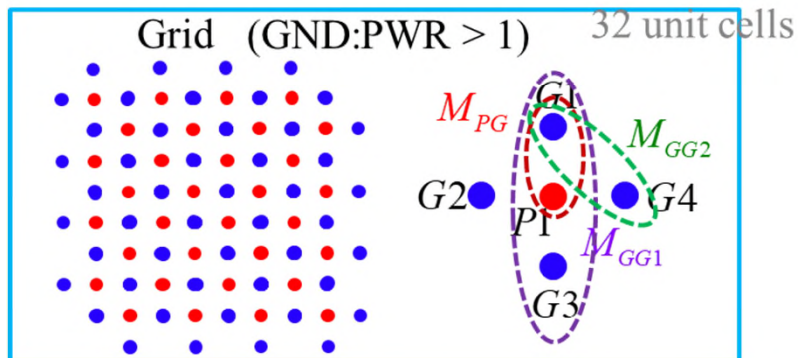
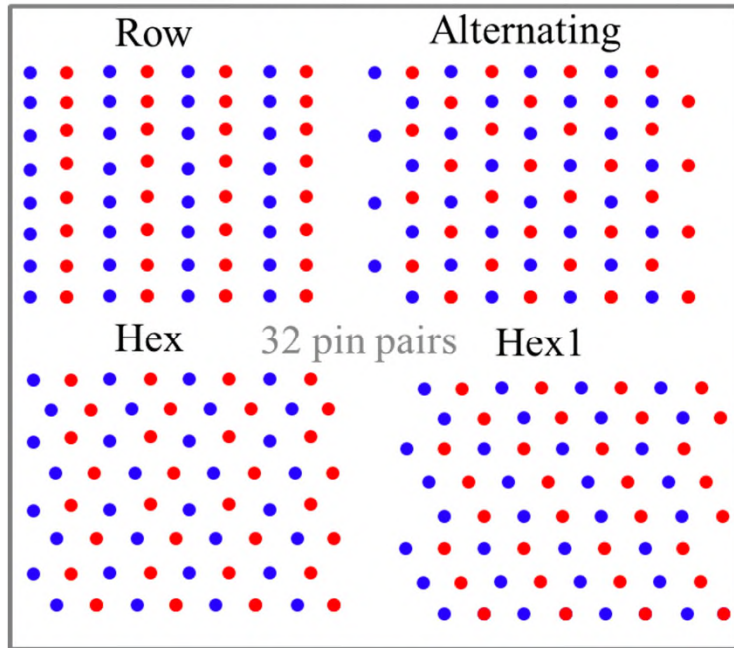
$$L_{PCB\_IC\_grid} = h \left( \frac{L_{self\_PUL,1unitcell}}{n_{ICpin}} + L_{Mutual,unitcell\_PUL} \right)$$

$$L_{self\_PUL,1unitcell} = L_{self,PWR} + \frac{L_{self,GND}}{4} - 2M_{PG} + \frac{M_{GG1}}{2} + \frac{M_{GG2}}{4}$$

Calculate a per-unit-layer inductance

# $L_{PCB\_IC}$ Convergence for 1mm Pitch

PWR:GND=1:1



$L_{PCB\_IC}$  [pH] WHEN THE DRILL DIAMETER IS 8 MILS AND THE THICKNESS FROM THE IC TO THE POWER CAVITY IS 40 MILS

IC power pin #	Cavity Model	CST
72 (6 rows by 12 cols)	12.3	12.5
200 (10 rows by 20 cols)	4.2	4.1

Additional pin pairs or unit cells converges as

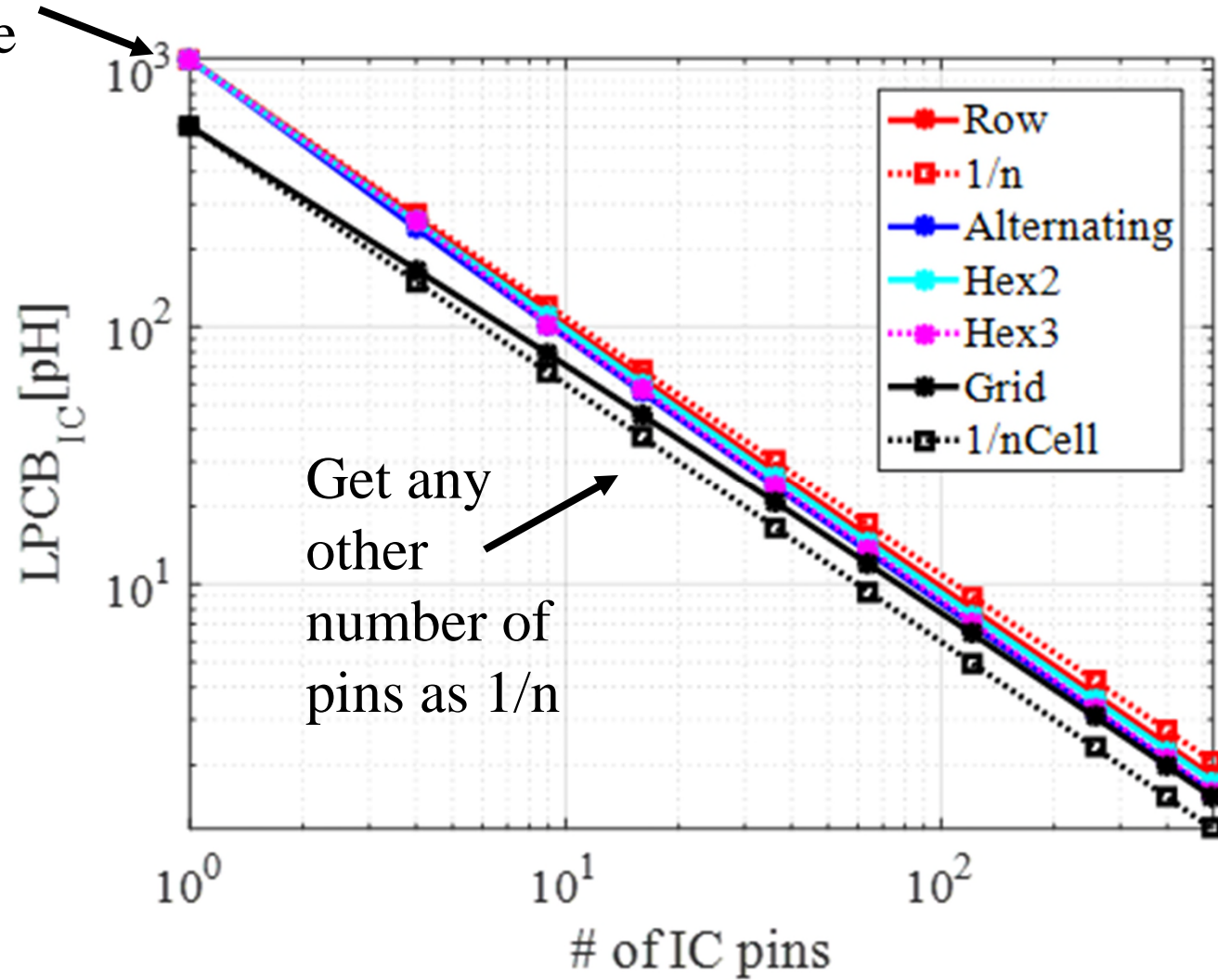
$$\frac{1}{n} \text{ or } \frac{1}{n_{unit\ cell}}$$

\*The  $L_{PCB\_IC}$  is simulated in PDN Tool and the inductance is extracted from  $|Z_{PDN}|$ .



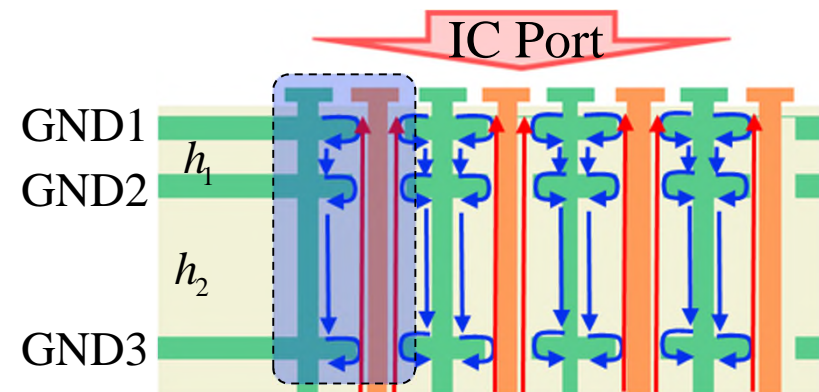
# $L_{PCB\_IC}$ Calculation

Calculate  
inductance  
of 1 cell



# $L_{PCB\_IC}$ Design Calculations

Layers are “in series”



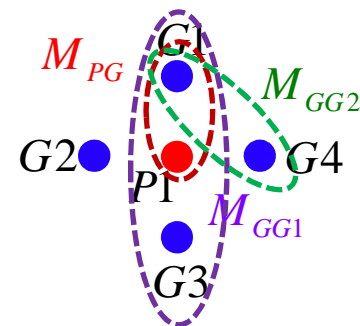
$$h = h_1 + h_2$$

$$L_{PCB\_IC} = h \times \frac{L_{self\_PUL,1pin}}{n_{ICpin}}$$

All mutual inductances are accounted for

$L_{PCB\_IC}$  per mil for one IC pin [pH]

Pitch	Drill size	1/n	1/n <sub>UnitCell</sub>
1 mm	8mils	24.5	13.5
	12mils	20.4	11.0
	15 mils	18	9.5
0.8 mm	8mils	22.0	12.0
	12mils	17.9	9.5





# $L_{PCB\_IC}$ Design Calculations per-unit-layer

TABLE II  
IC PIN DESIGNS WITH DIFFERENT PITCH SIZES AND VIA-  
PADSTACK SIZES

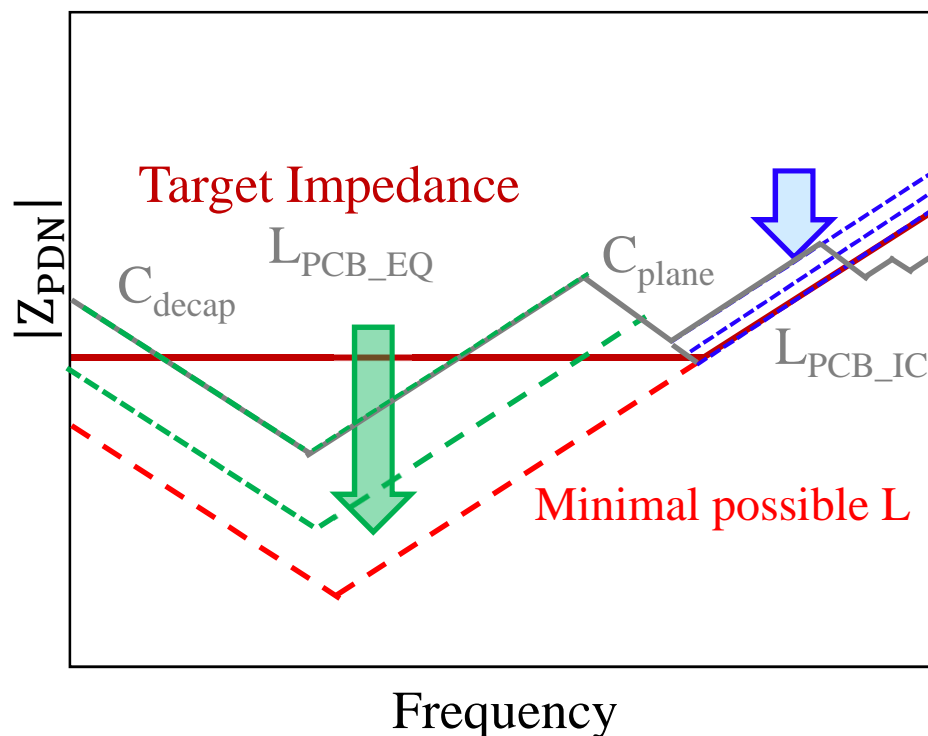
Pitch Size	Drill (Diameters)	Anti-pad (Diameters)
1 mm	8 mils	20 mils
	10 mils	30 mils
	12 mils	32 mils
0.8 mm	8 mils	20 mils
	12 mils	20 mils
0.5mm	8mils	20mils

TABLE III.  
 $L_{PCB\_IC}$  [PH/MIL] FOR THE UNIT CELL.

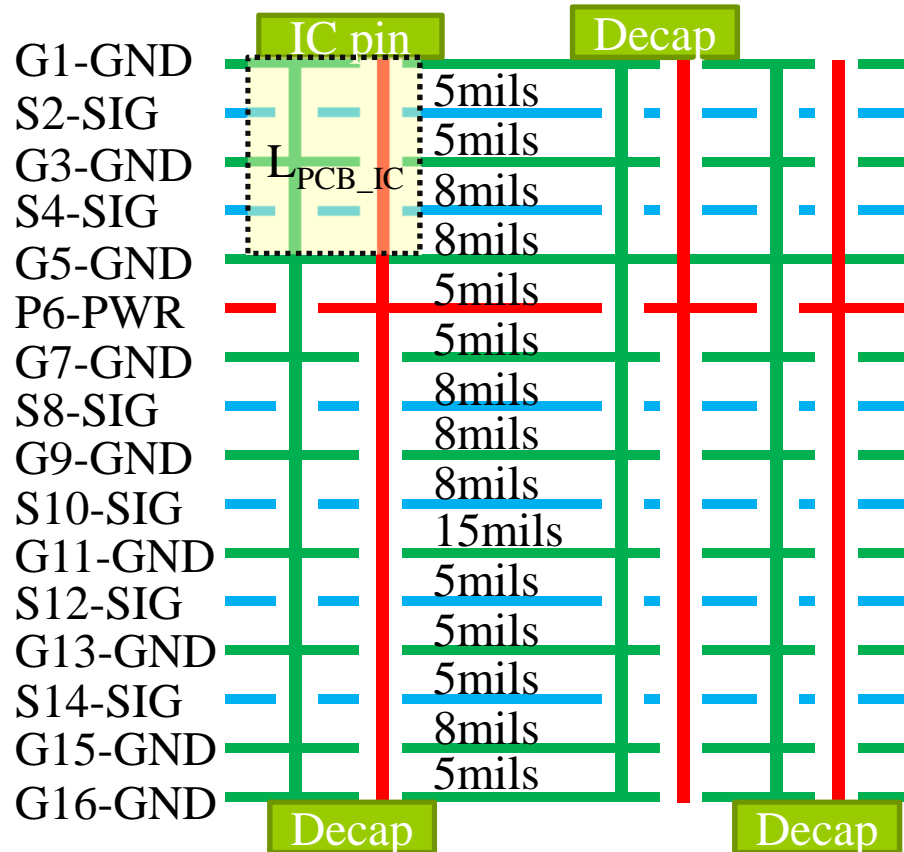
Pitch [mm]	Drill [mils]	PG pair. formula	CST	Grid unit cell formula	CST
1	8	24.5	24.0	13.5	12.9
	10	22.2	21.8	12.1	11.5
	12	20.4	20.0	11.0	10.2
0.8	8	22.0	21.8	12.0	11.3
	12	17.9	17.3	9.5	8.6

# $L_{\text{PCB\_IC}}$ Design Flow

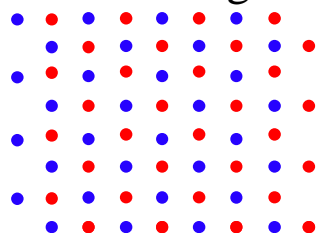
- Use the IC pin placement with the lowest  $n=1$  inductance
- Adjust the stack-up to reduce the height from the IC port to the power net area fill
- Approximate the range of the  $L_{\text{PCB\_IC}}$  using the  $1/n$  and  $1/n_{\text{UnitCell}}$  value to meet the high-frequency target impedance
- Calculate the # of IC pins needed according to the  $1/n$  and  $1/n_{\text{UnitCell}}$  curve for the geometry



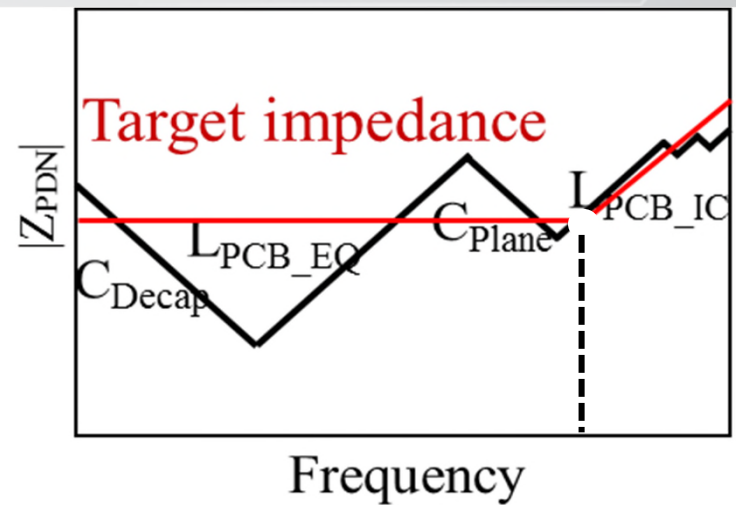
# $L_{PCB\_IC}$ Example



Alternating



Drill size = 15mils,  
Anti-pad size = 39mils,  
Pitch = 1mm.



Requirement:

$$|Z_{PDN}| < 50m\Omega, \text{ when } f = 100MHz$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\pi fL < 50m\Omega \quad L_{\text{requirement}} < 79.6pH$$

$$L_{PCB\_IC\_needed} = h \times \frac{L_{\text{self\_PUL},1pin}}{n_{ICpin}}$$

$$L_{\text{self\_PUL},1pin} = 18pH / \text{mils}$$

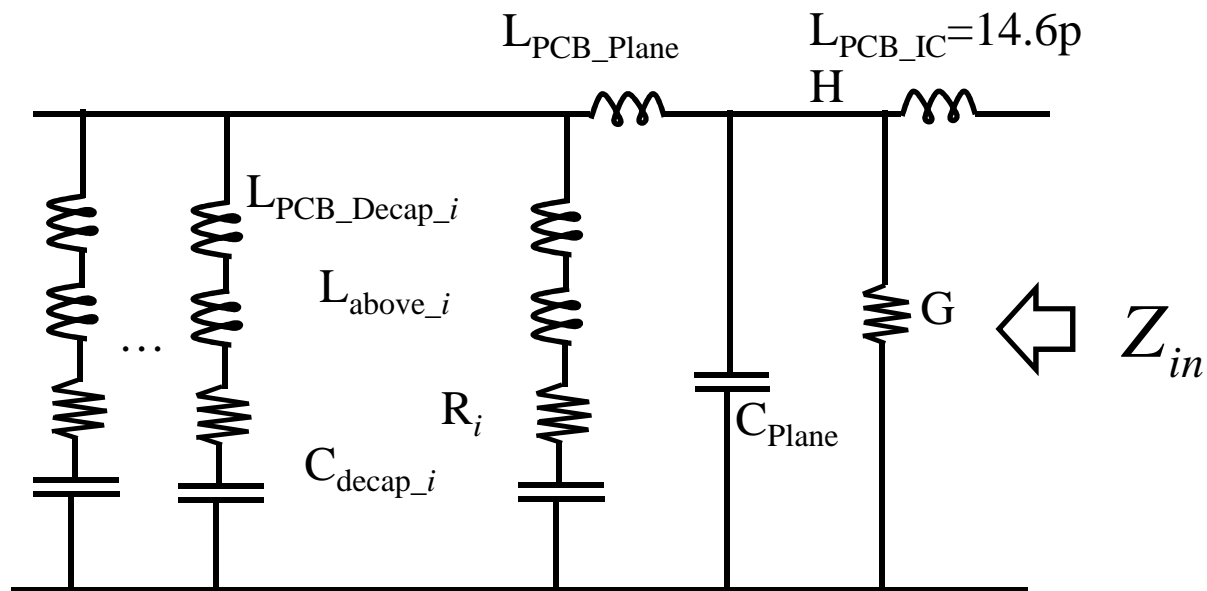
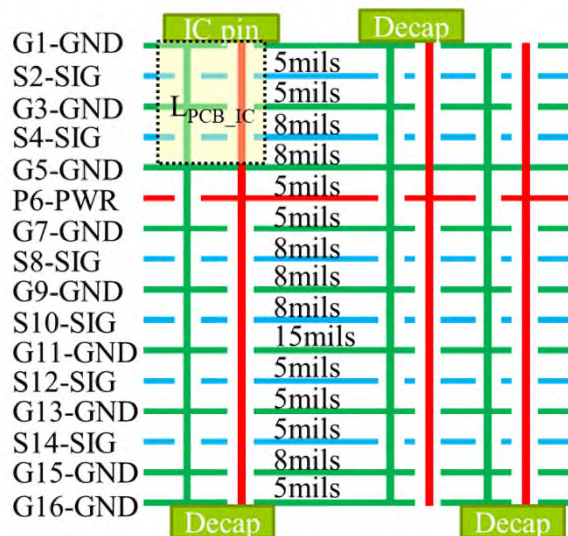
$$h = 26\text{mils}$$

$$L_{PCB\_IC\_needed} = \frac{468pH}{n_{ICpin}} < 79.6pH \Rightarrow n_{ICpin} \geq 6$$

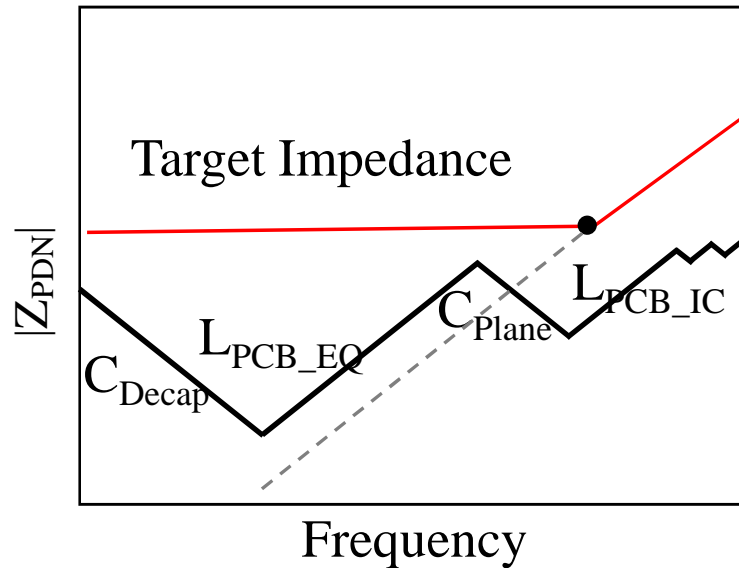
The IC pin # is 32, given by package designer.

$$L_{PCB\_IC} = h \times \frac{L_{\text{self\_PUL},1pin}}{n_{ICpin}} = \frac{468pH}{32} = 14.6pH$$

# Impedance Equivalent Circuit



# $L_{PCB\_EQ}$ Components Approximation



$$L_{high\_needed}=79.6 \text{ pH} \rightarrow L_{PCB\_EQ\_min}=79.6 \text{ pH}$$

$$L_{PCB\_IC}=14.6 \text{ pH}$$

$$L_{PCB\_EQ} = L_{PCB\_IC} + L_{PCB\_Decap} + L_{PCB\_Plane} + L_{above} \leq 79.6 \text{ pH}$$

Assume:  $L_{PCB\_Decap}$  is the similar to  $L_{above}$ ,  $L_{PCB\_Plane}$

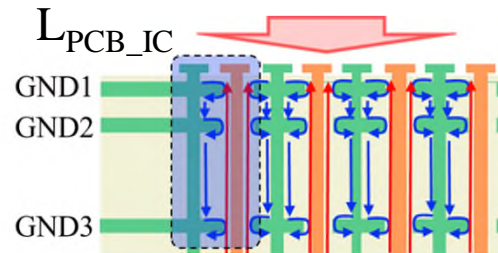
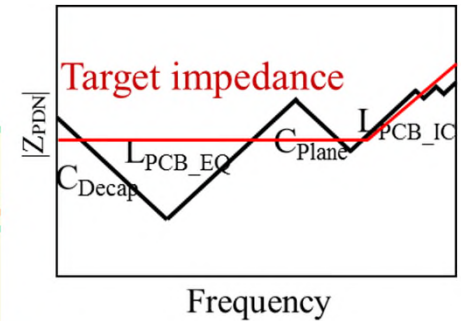
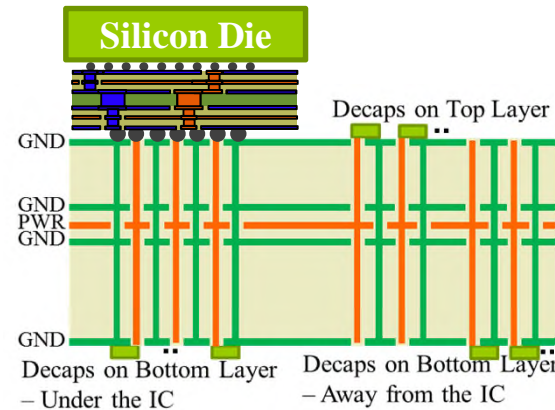
$$L_{PCB\_Decap} = 22 \text{ pH},$$

$$L_{PCB\_above} = 22 \text{ pH},$$

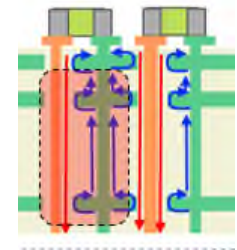
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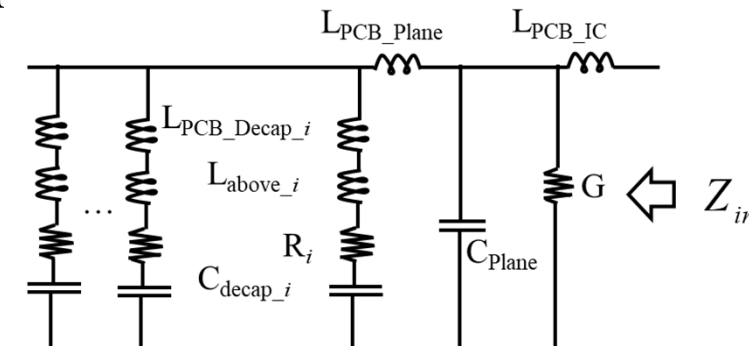
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$L_{PCB\_Decap}$



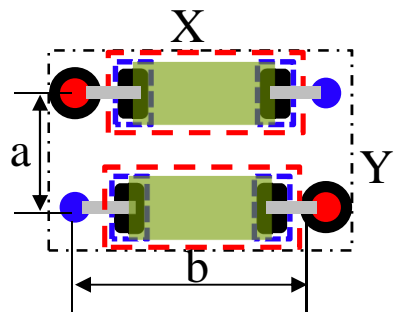
$L_{above}$



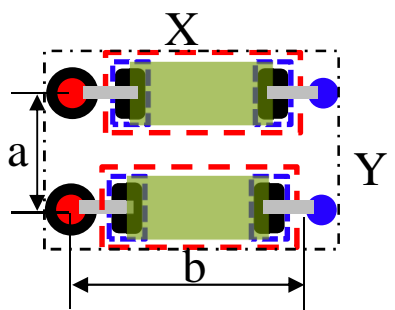


# $L_{PCB\_Decap}$ Geometry

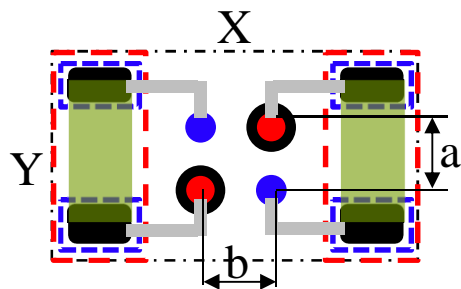
Alternating



Aligned



Doublet



Relative via locations and package size ([mils]) of the three decoupling capacitor placement patterns

Placement pattern	Size	a	b	X	Y
Alternating/ Aligned	0201	45	120	159	85
	0402	53	136	175	101
	0603	88	207	246	171
	0805	108	223	262	211
Doublet	0201	32	32	149	71
	0402			165	87
	0603			235	158
	0805			275	174



Occupied area

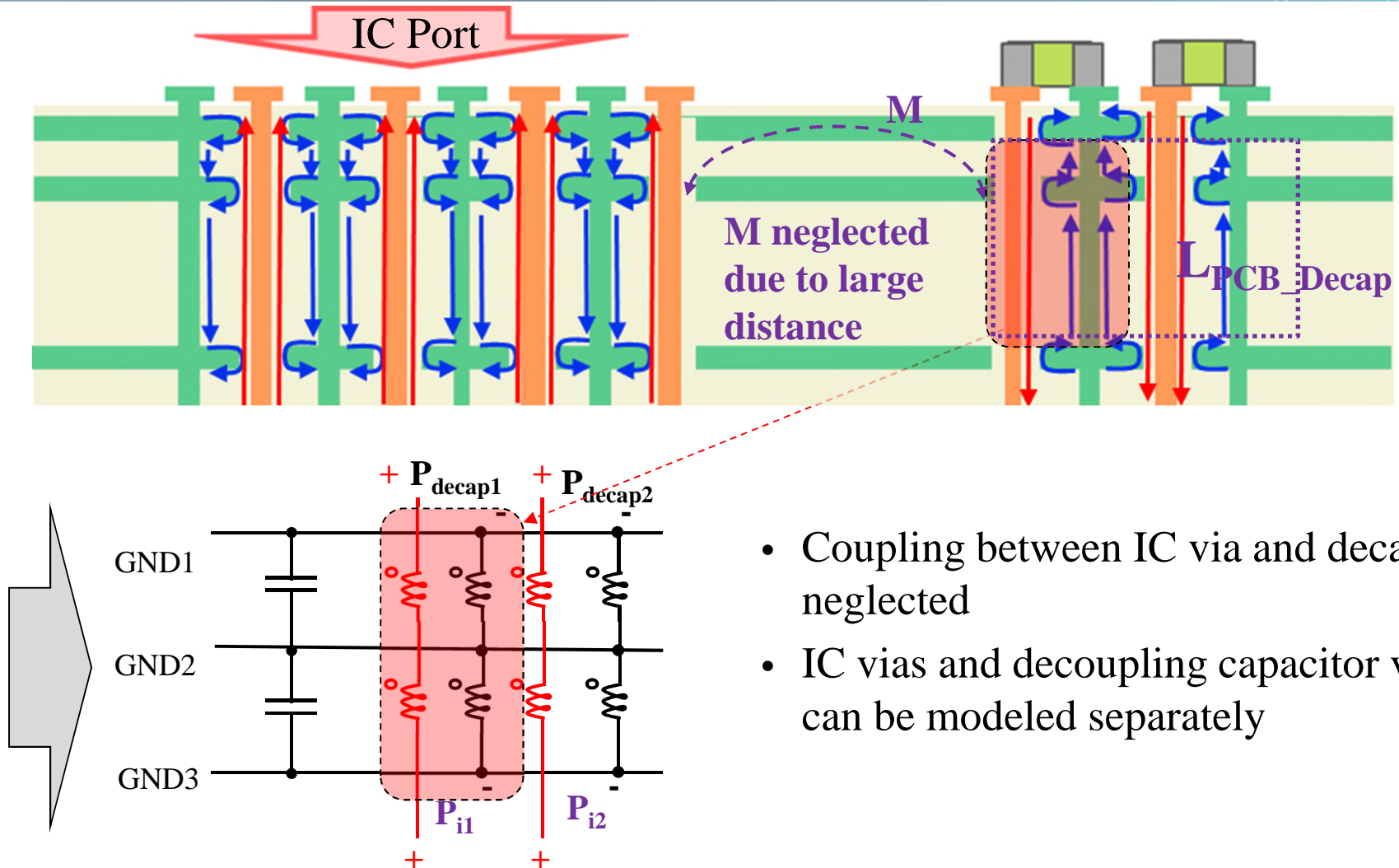
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Solder resist pattern

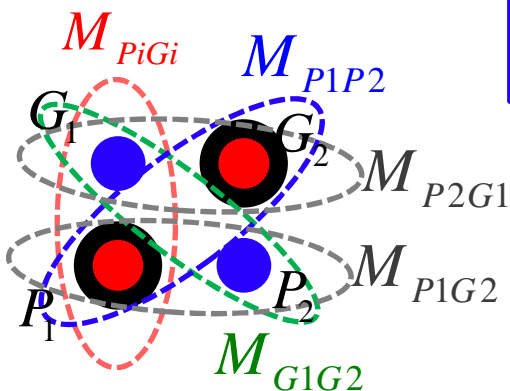
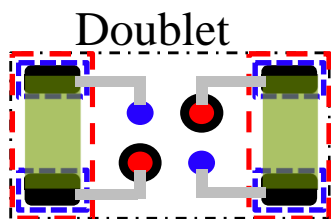
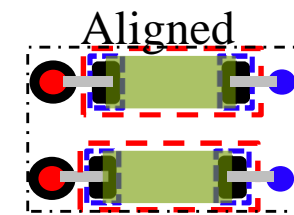
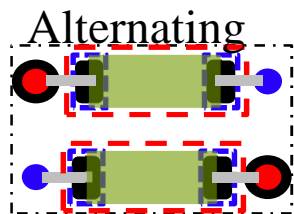
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# $L_{PCB\_Decap}$ Inductance Physics

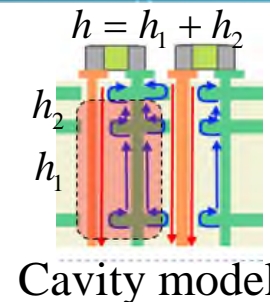


- Coupling between IC via and decap via neglected
- IC vias and decoupling capacitor vias can be modeled separately

# $L_{PCB\_Decap}$ Inductance Physics



$$L_{PCB\_Decap} = \frac{L_{PCB\_Decap\_PUL} \big|_{n_{(decap\ pair)}=1}}{n_{(decap\ pair)}} \times h$$



Cavity model

$$L_{PCB\_Decap\_PUL} \big|_{n_{(decap\ pair)}=1} =$$

$$\frac{1}{2} (L_P + L_G \ominus 2M_{PiGi} \oplus M_{P1P2} \oplus M_{G1G2} \ominus M_{P1G2} \ominus M_{P2G1}),$$

$i = 1 \text{ or } 2$

The sign shows the contributions of the mutual inductances

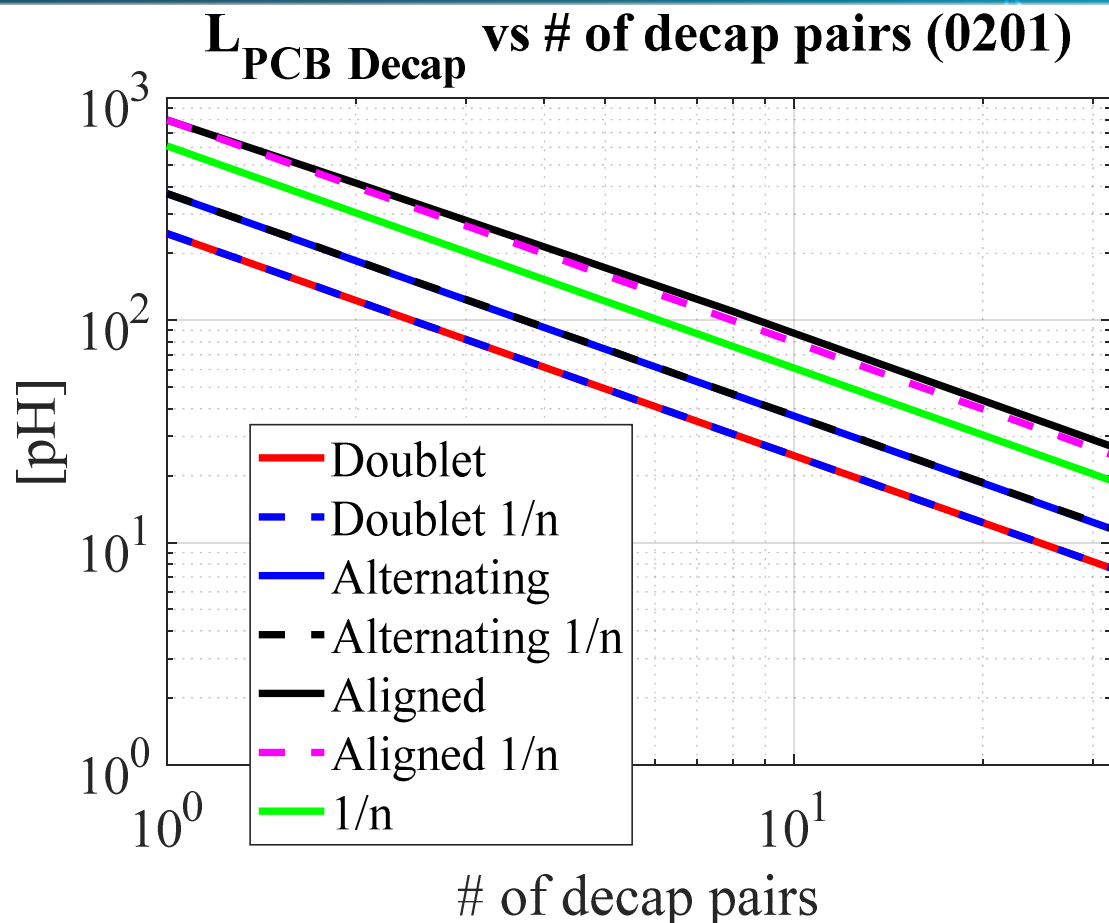
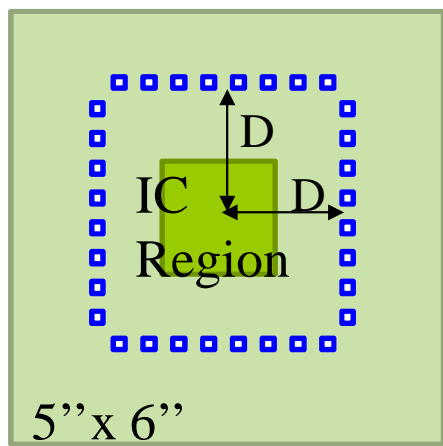
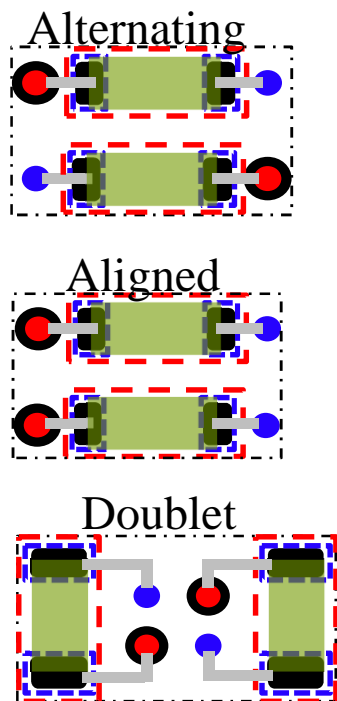
Mutual inductance between the PWR and GND vias for one decap

Mutual inductance between the PWR and PWR, or between GND and GND vias in different decaps

Mutual inductance between the PWR and GND, or between PWR and GND vias in different decaps

Decap 0201, h=40mils	Aligned	Alternating	Doublet
$L_{PCB\_Decap} \big _{nDecapPair=1}$	798pH	372pH	246pH

# $L_{\text{PCB\_Decap}}$ Functional Variation



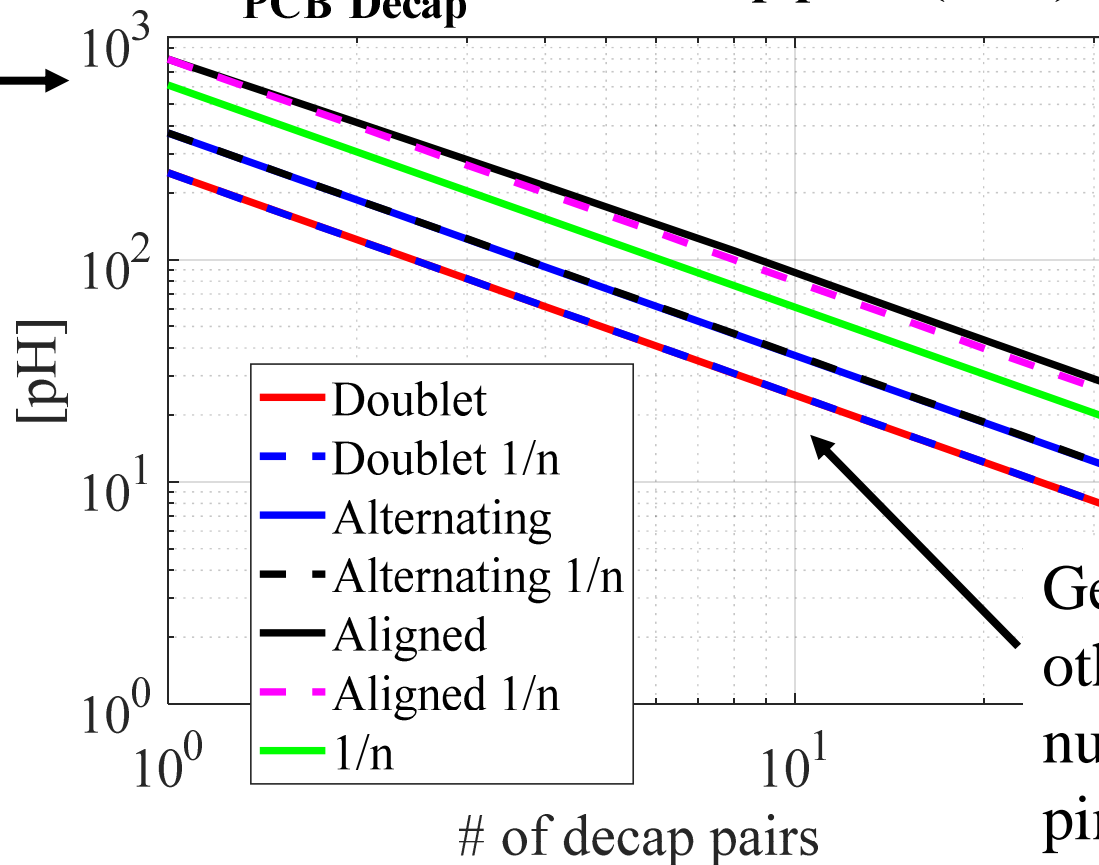
$\frac{1}{n_{\text{pair}}}$  convergence rate for all SMT package sizes

\*The  $L_{\text{PCB\_Decap}}$  is simulated in PDN Tool and the inductance is extracted from  $|Z_{\text{PDN}}|$ .

# $L_{\text{PCB\_Decap}}$ Convergence

Calculate  
inductance  
of 1pair

$L_{\text{PCB Decap}}$  vs # of decap pairs (0201)

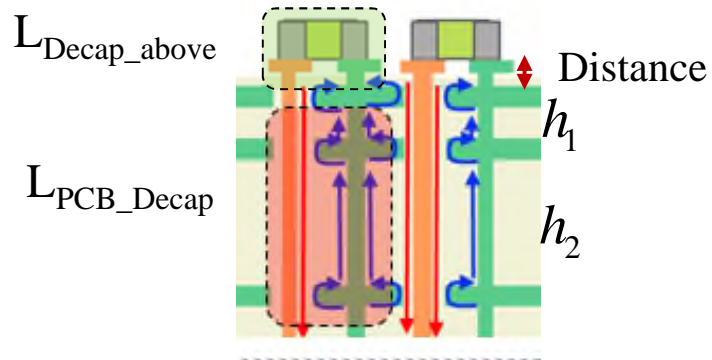


Get any  
other  
number of  
pins as 1/n

$$\frac{1}{n_{\text{pair}}}$$

convergence rate for  
all SMT package sizes

# $L_{PCB\_Decap}$ Design Calculations



$$L_{Decap\_total\_1pair} = L_{Decap\_above} + L_{PCB\_Decap}$$

$$L_{PCB\_Decap\_1pair} = h \times L_{PCB\_Decap\_PUL} \big|_{n_{pair}=1}$$

$$h = h_1 + h_2$$

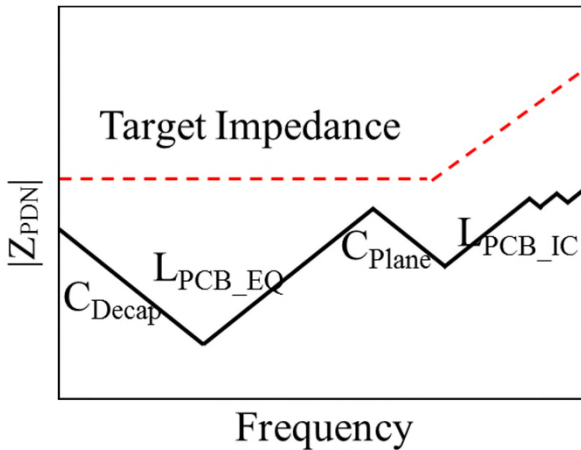
$L_{PCB\_Decap}$  per mil for one decap pair [pH]

$L_{PCB\_Decap\_PUL} \big _{n_{pair}=1}$	Aligned	Alternating	Doublet	Single decap /2
0201	20.8	11.3	6.8	14.6
0402	21.4	11.8	6.8	15.3
0603	23.4	14.6	6.8	17.4
0805	23.4	15.5	6.8	17.8

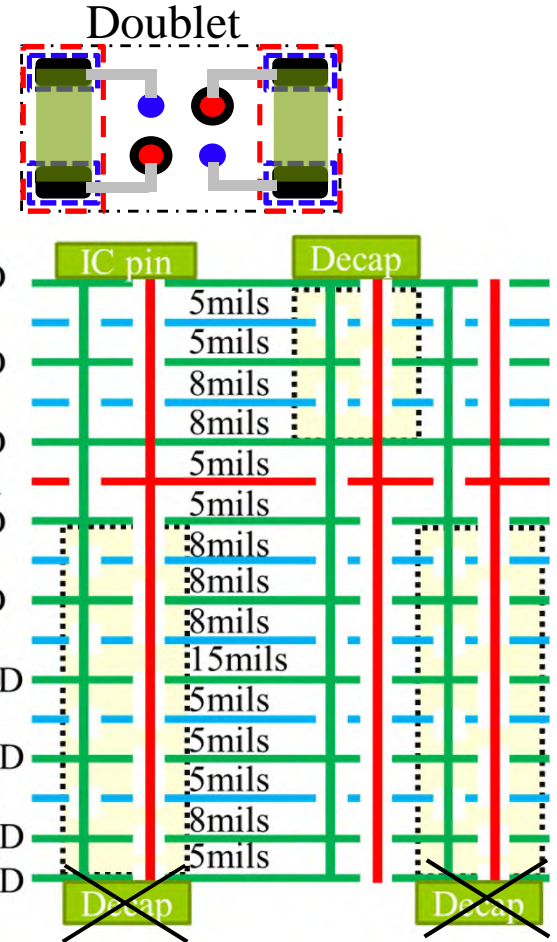


# L<sub>PCB\_Decap</sub> Design Considerations

- Use the decap placement with the lowest  $L_{PCB\_Decap}$  value
- Based on the stack-up, place the decaps on bottom or top layer closer to the power net area fill layer (to make the loop area of the decap interconnect smallest)
- Calculate the # of decaps needed to achieve  $L_{PCB\_EQ}$  below the target impedance

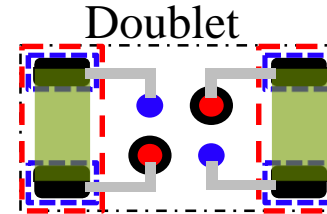


$$L_{PCB\_EQ} = L_{PCB\_IC} + L_{PCB\_Decap} + L_{PCB\_Plane} + L_{above}$$



# $L_{PCB\_Decap}$ Design Example

	IC pin		Decap	Decap
G1-GND				
S2-SIG	—	—	5mils	—
G3-GND	—	—	5mils	—
S4-SIG	—	—	8mils	—
G5-GND	—	—	8mils	—
P6-PWR	—	—	5mils	—
G7-GND	—	—	5mils	—
S8-SIG	—	—	8mils	—
G9-GND	—	—	8mils	—
S10-SIG	—	—	8mils	—
G11-GND	—	—	15mils	—
S12-SIG	—	—	5mils	—
G13-GND	—	—	5mils	—
S14-SIG	—	—	5mils	—
G15-GND	—	—	8mils	—
G16-GND	—	—	5mils	—



Requirement

$$L_{PCB\_Decap} \leq 22 \text{ pH}$$

$$L_{PCB\_Decap\_1pair} = h \times L_{PCB\_Decap\_PUL} \big|_{n_{pair}=1}$$

$$L_{PCB\_Decap\_PUL} \big|_{n_{pair}=1} = 6.8 \text{ pH} / \text{mil}$$

$$h = 26 \text{ mils}$$

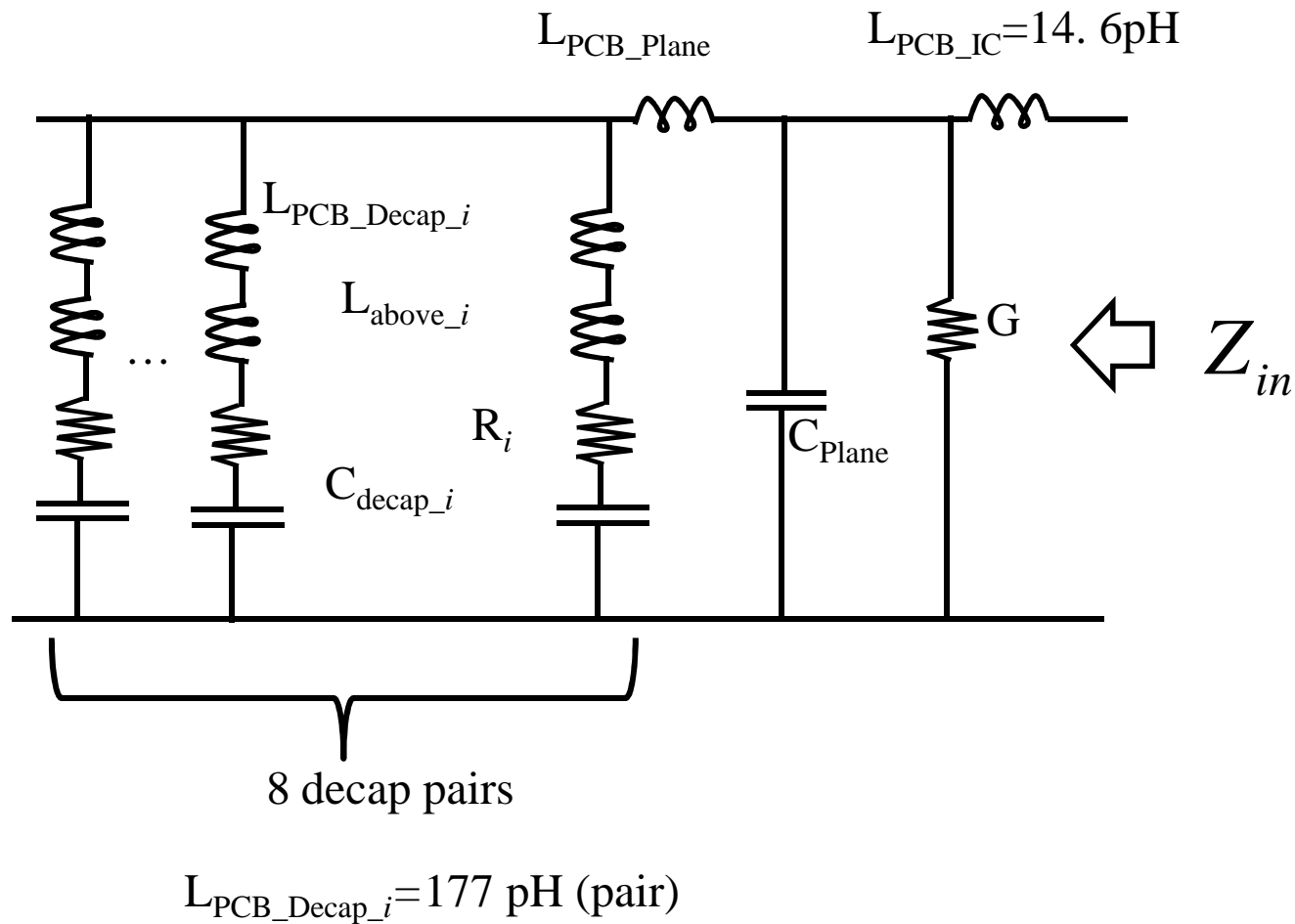
$$L_{PCB\_Decap\_1pair} = 177 \text{ pH}$$

$$L_{PCB\_Decap} = \frac{L_{PCB\_Decap\_PUL} \big|_{n_{(decap\ pair)}=1}}{n_{(decap\ pair)}} \times h$$

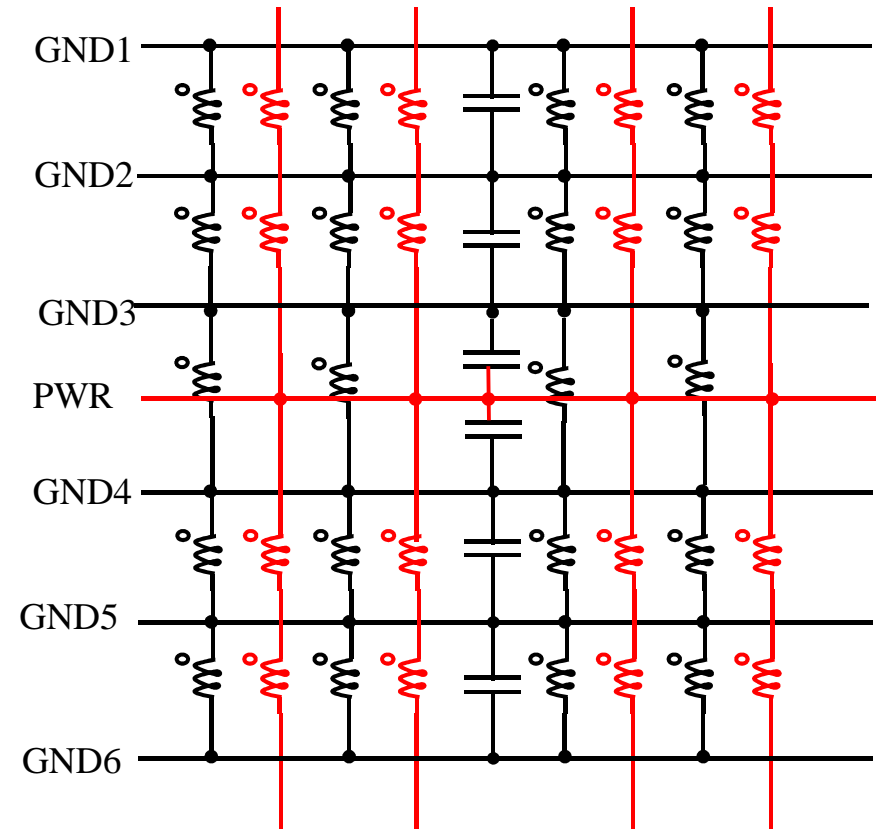
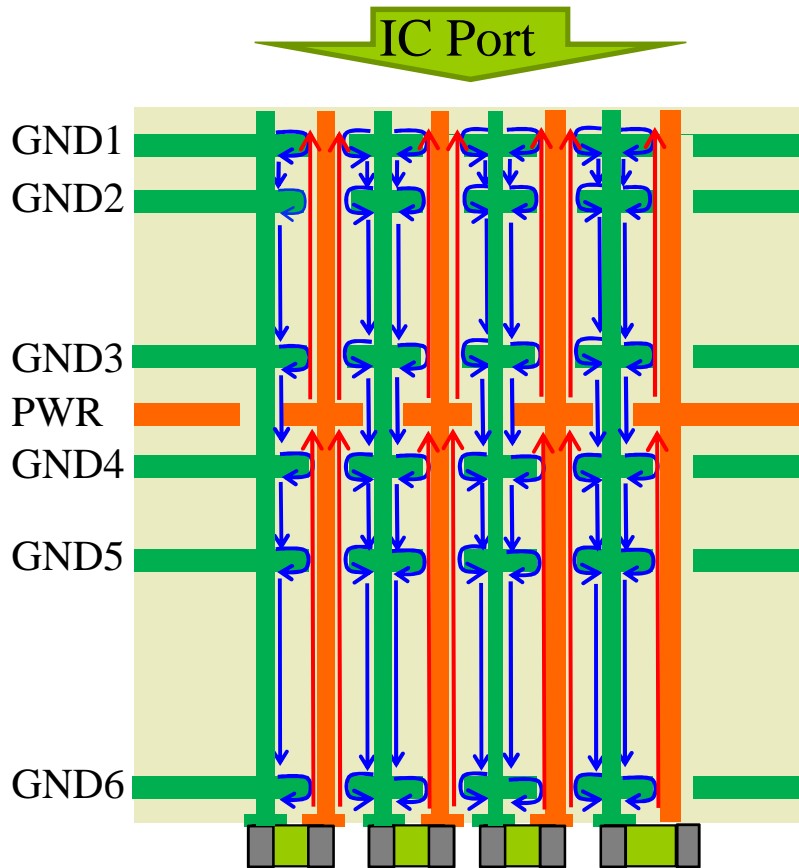
$$\frac{177 \text{ pH}}{n_{(decap\ pair)}} < 22 \text{ pH}$$

$$n_{(decap\_pair)} \geq 8$$

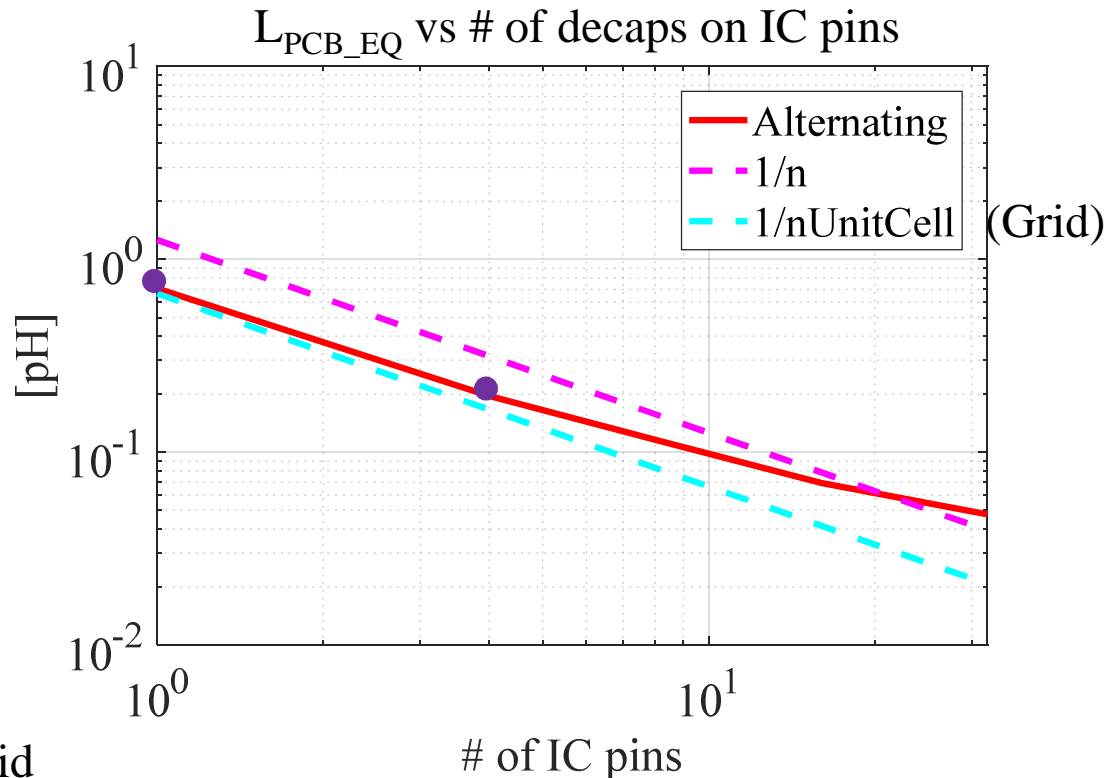
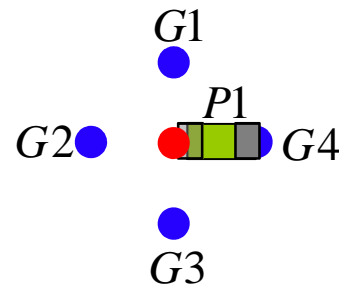
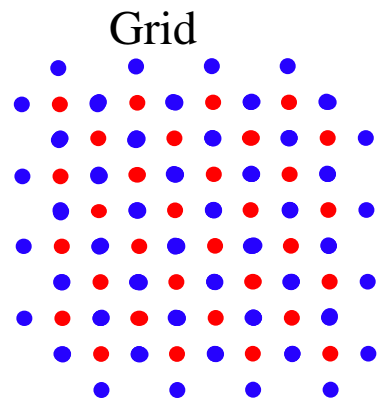
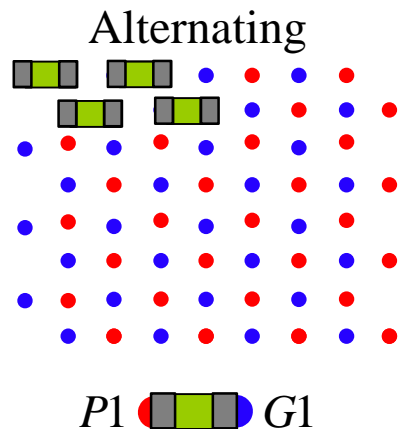
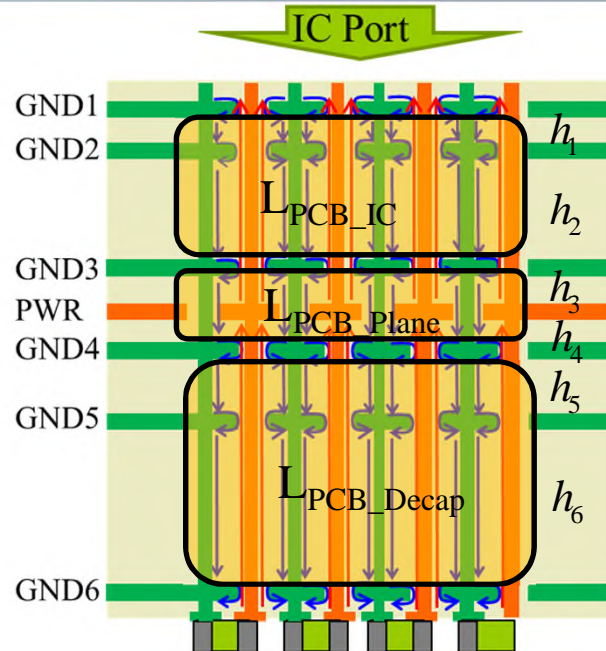
# Impedance Equivalent Circuit



# Decaps Under the IC

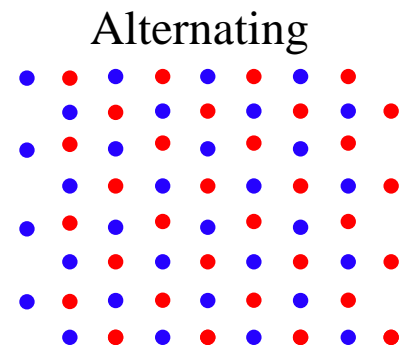
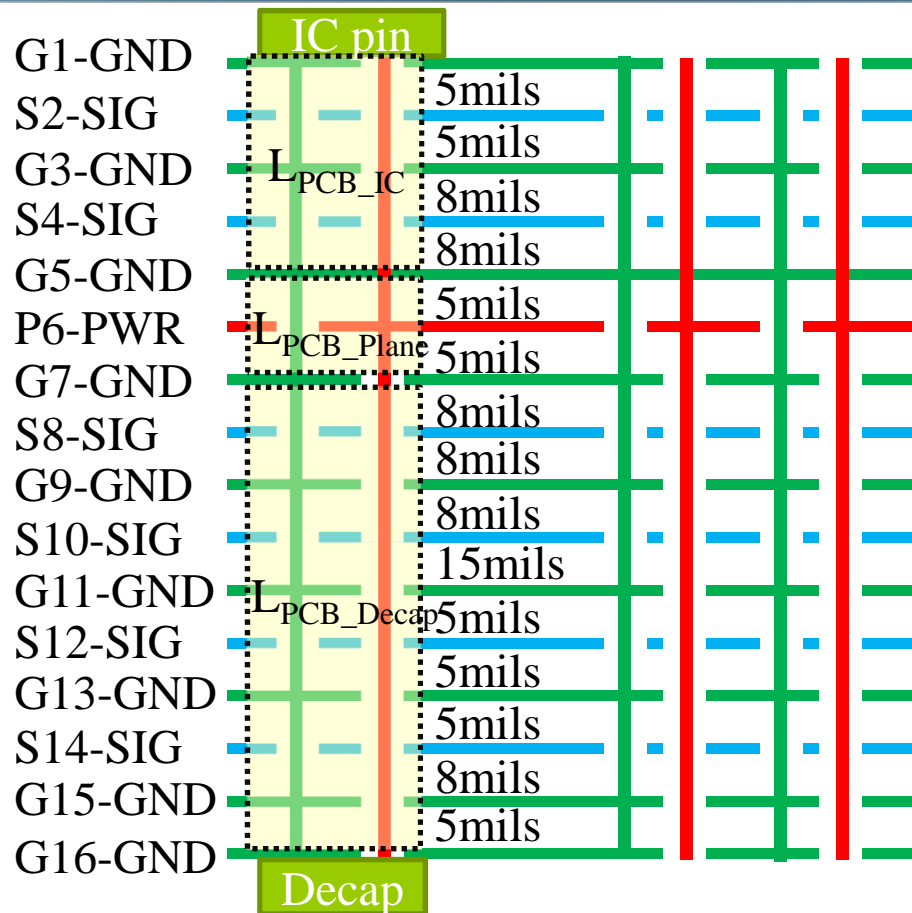


# $L_{PCB\_EQ}$ Variation for Decaps Under the IC



\*The  $L_{PCB\_EQ}$  is simulated and the inductance is extracted from  $|Z_{PDN}|$ .

# $L_{PCB\_EQ}$ Example for Decaps Under the IC



Drill size = 15mils,  
Anti-pad size = 39mils,  
Pitch = 1mm.

$$L_{PCB\_IC} = h \times \frac{L_{self\_PUL,1pin}}{n_{ICpin}},$$

$$L_{PCB\_Plane} = h_{plane} \times \frac{L_{self\_PUL,1pin}}{n_{ICpin}}$$

$$L_{self\_PUL,1pin} = 18pH / mils$$

$$h = 26mils, h_{plane} = 10mils$$

$$L_{PCB\_IC} + L_{PCB\_Plane} = \frac{648pH}{n_{ICpin}}$$

$L_{PCB\_Decap}$

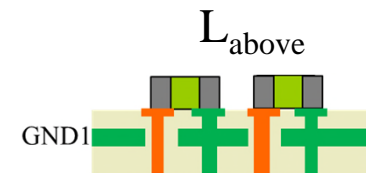
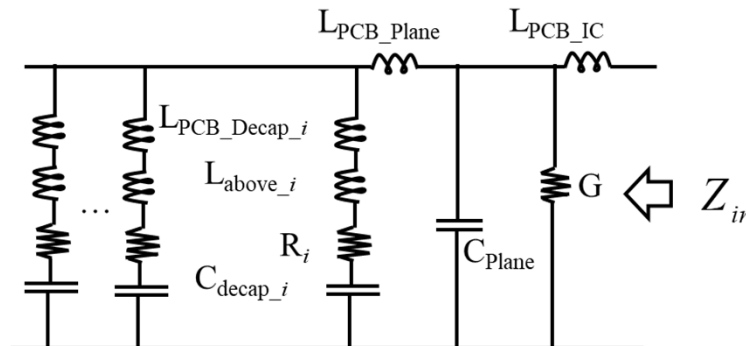
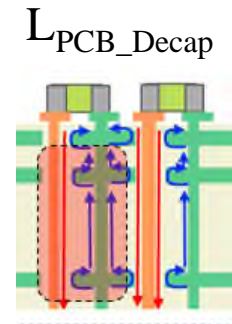
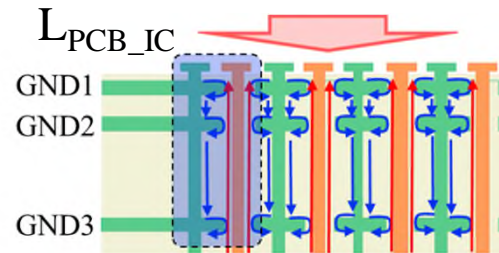
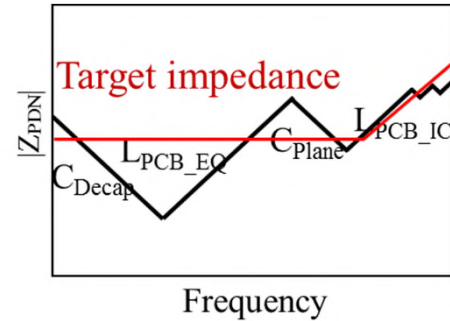
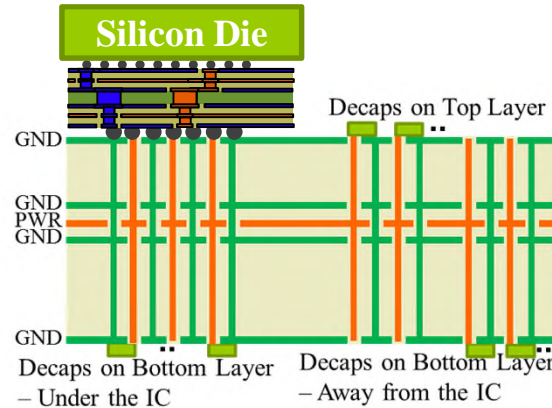


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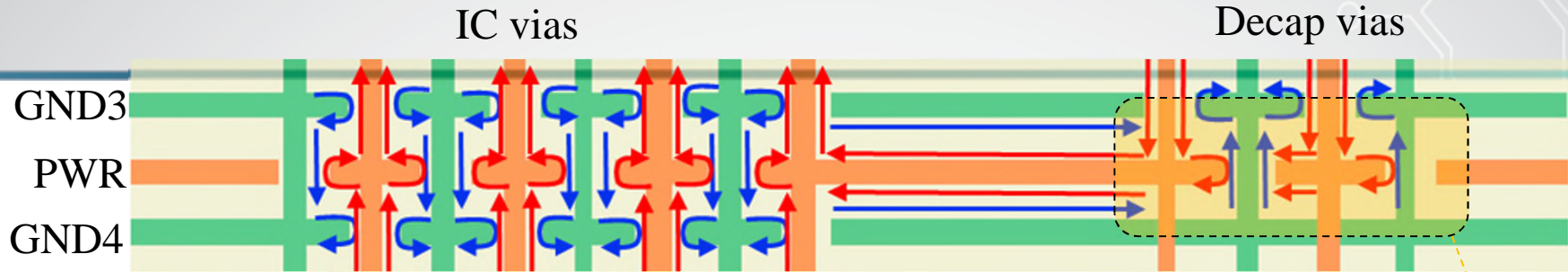


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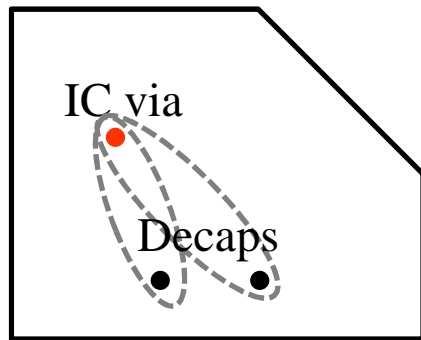
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  - $L_{PCB\_decap}$  calculation
  - **$L_{PCB\_plane}$  calculation**
  - $L_{above}$  calculation



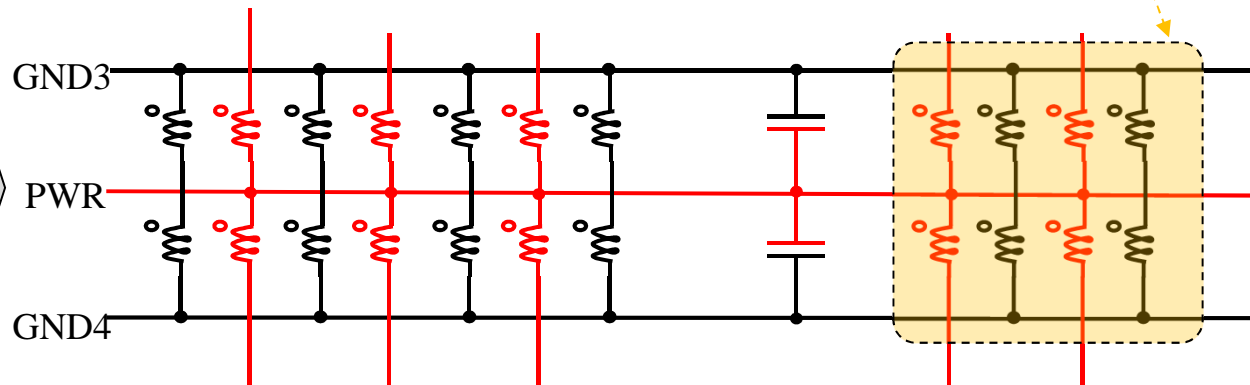
# $L_{\text{PCB\_Plane}}$ Geometry



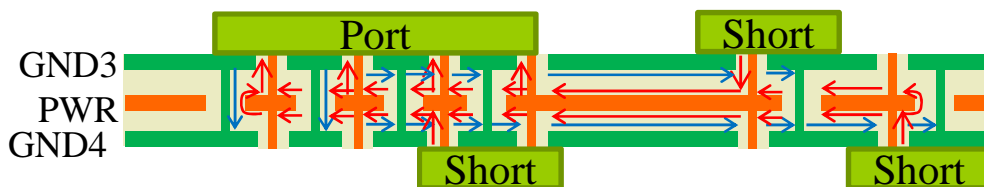
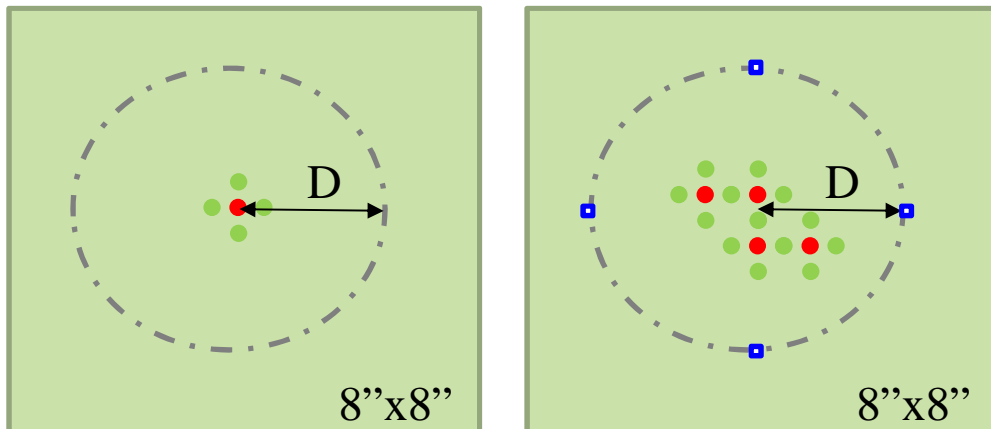
- If the current path on the power net is direct to decaps and  $L$  is not significantly changed due to power net voids, the following design curves are used.
- Horizontal inductance and vertical inductance are merged in the model and final equivalent circuit model is constructed as below.



Cavity model can well estimate the inductance.



# $L_{PCB\_Plane}$ Geometry



IC Region

$D=1''$ , Pitch = 1mm

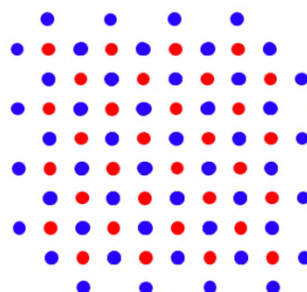
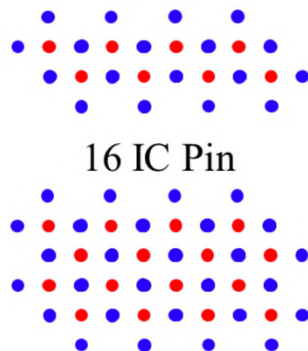
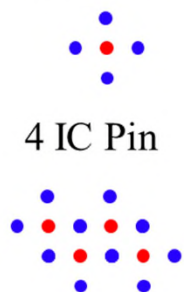
1 IC Pin

8 IC Pin

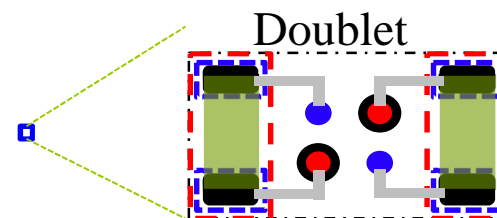
32 IC Pin

4 IC Pin

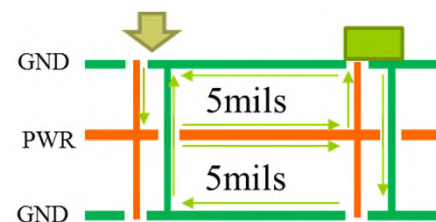
16 IC Pin



Decaps

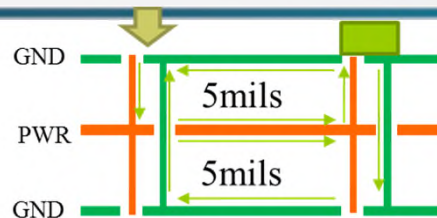
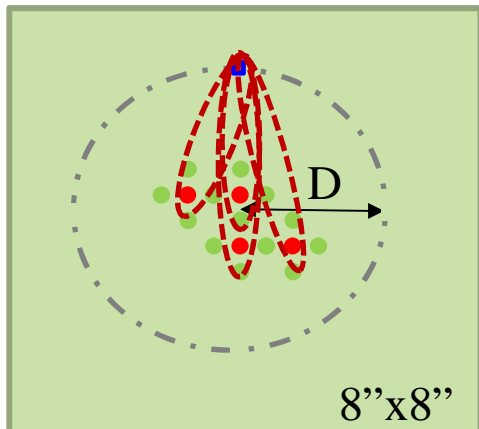


Stack-up



- GND via
- PWR via

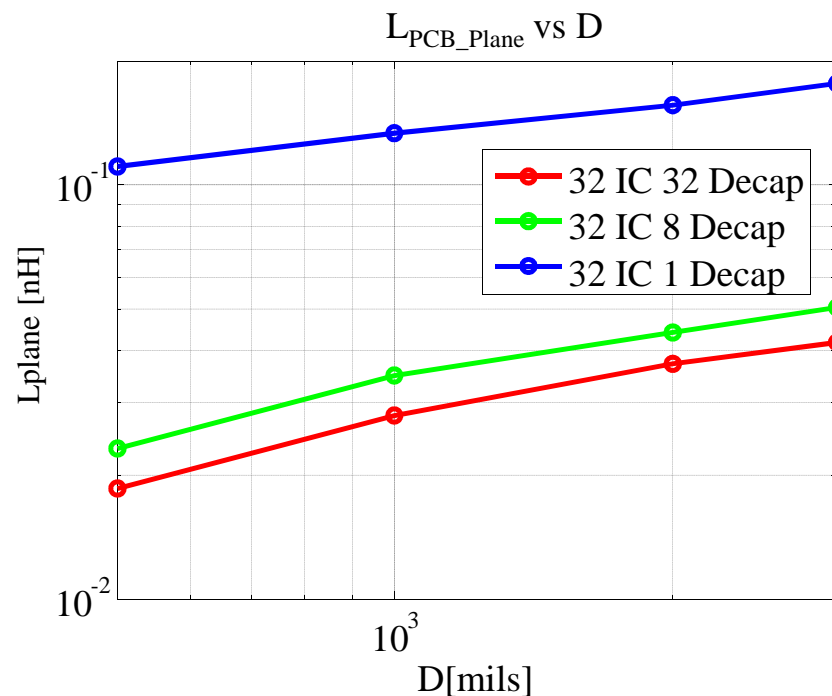
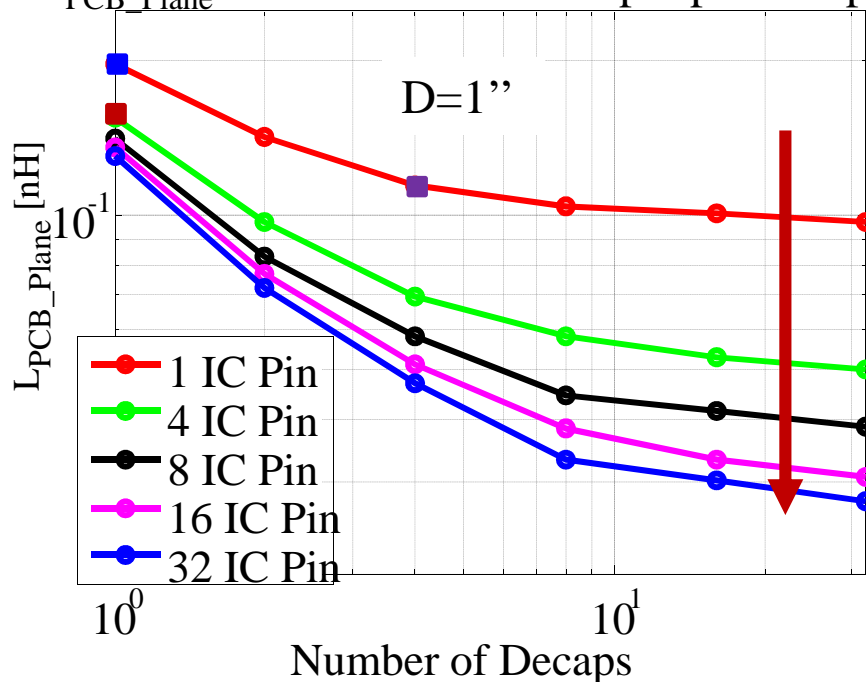
# $L_{PCB\_Plane}$ Current Physics and Inductance



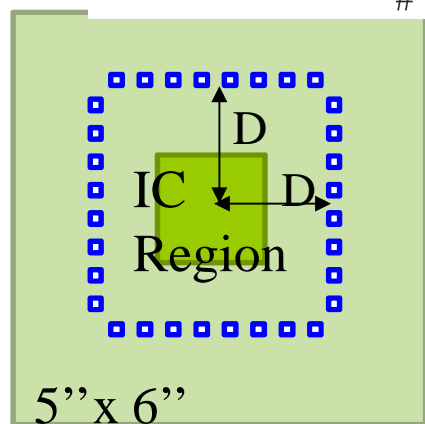
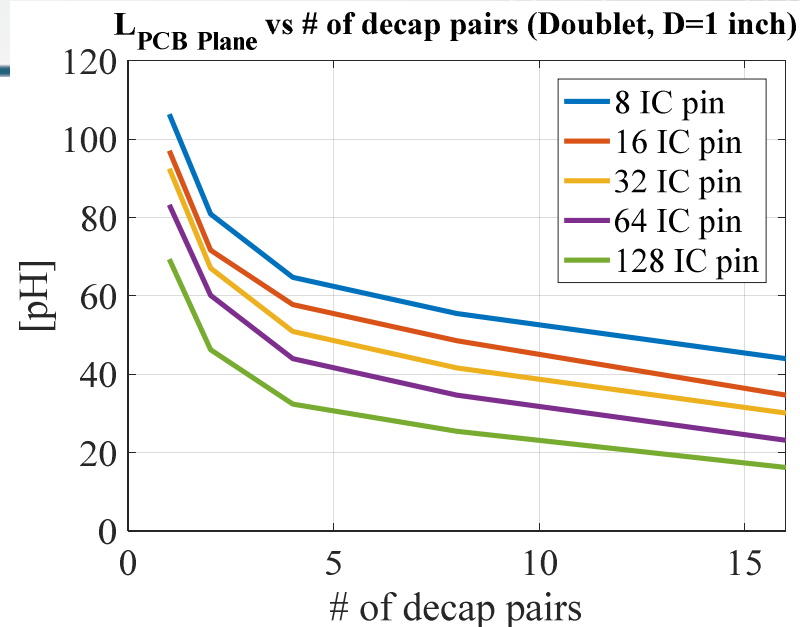
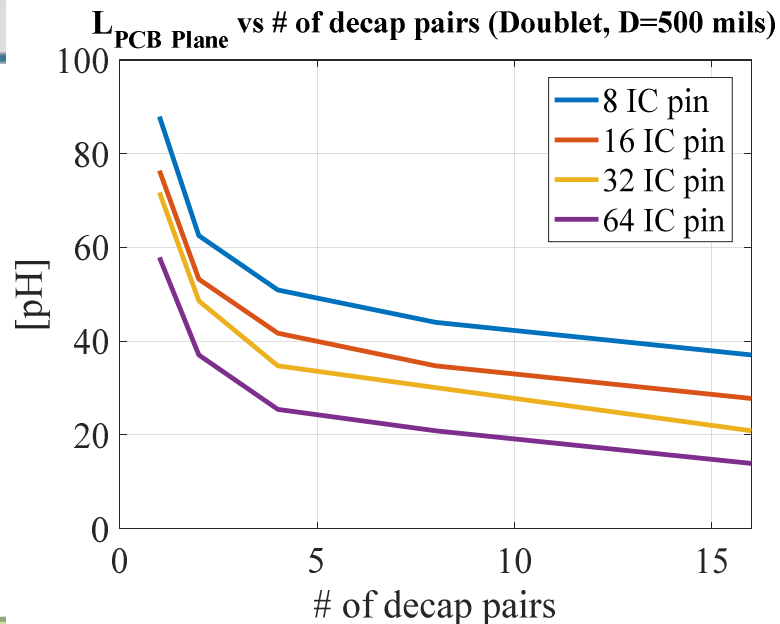
Pitch = 1mm

Decaps are placed on the top layer

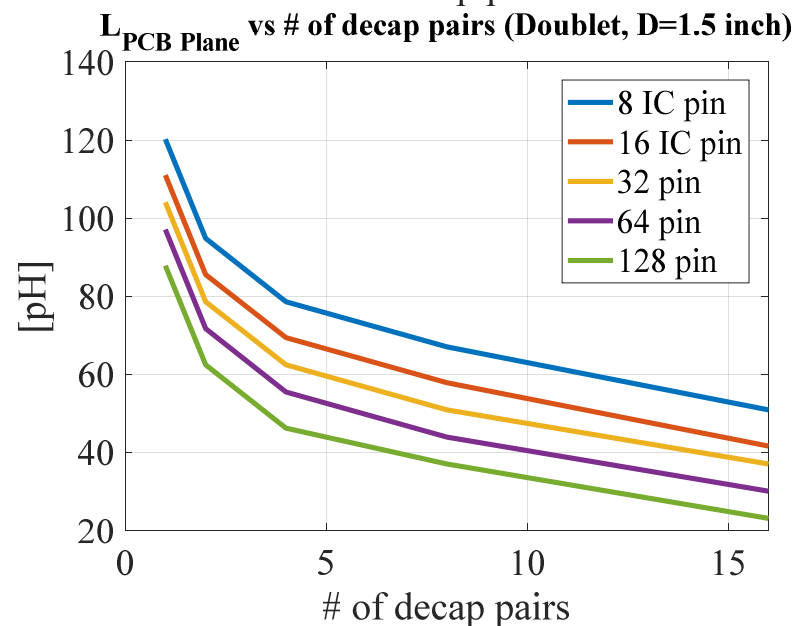
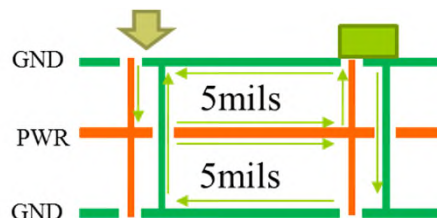
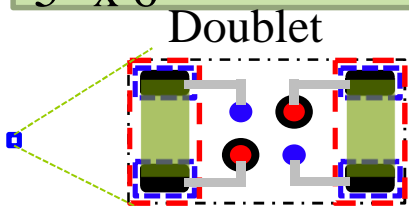
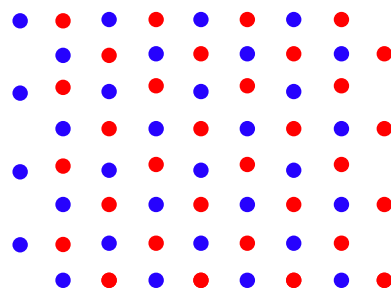
$L_{PCB\_Plane}$  decreases with multiple parallel paths



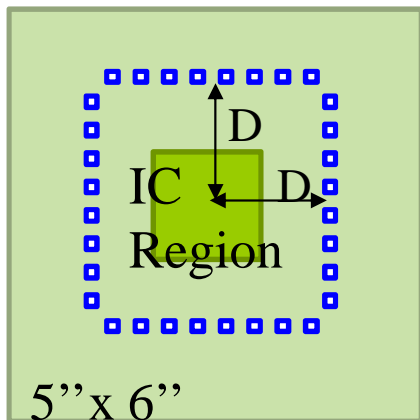
# $L_{PCB\_Plane}$ Design Curves



Alternating



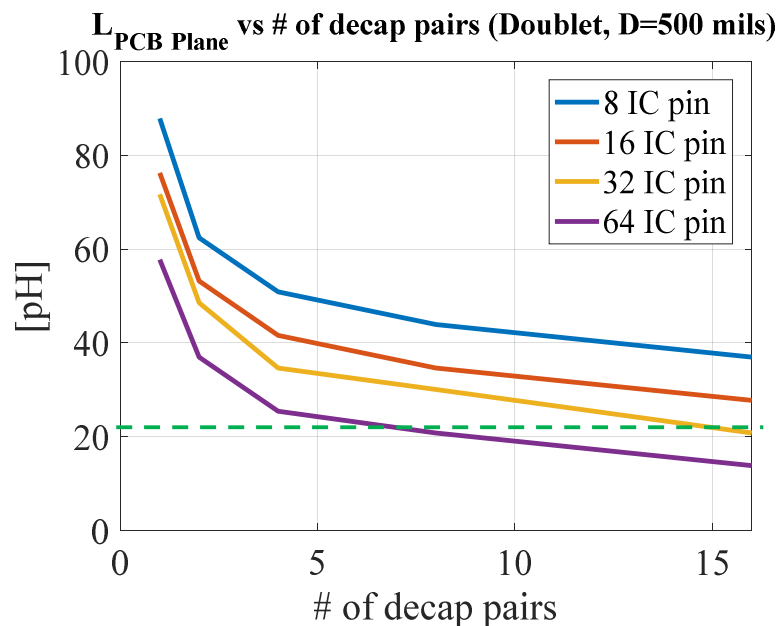
# $L_{PCB\_Plane}$ Example



Requirement:  $L_{PCB\_Plane} \leq 22 \text{ pH}$

From the design curves,  $D=500\text{mils}$ ,  $n_{Decap\_Pair} \geq 16$ .

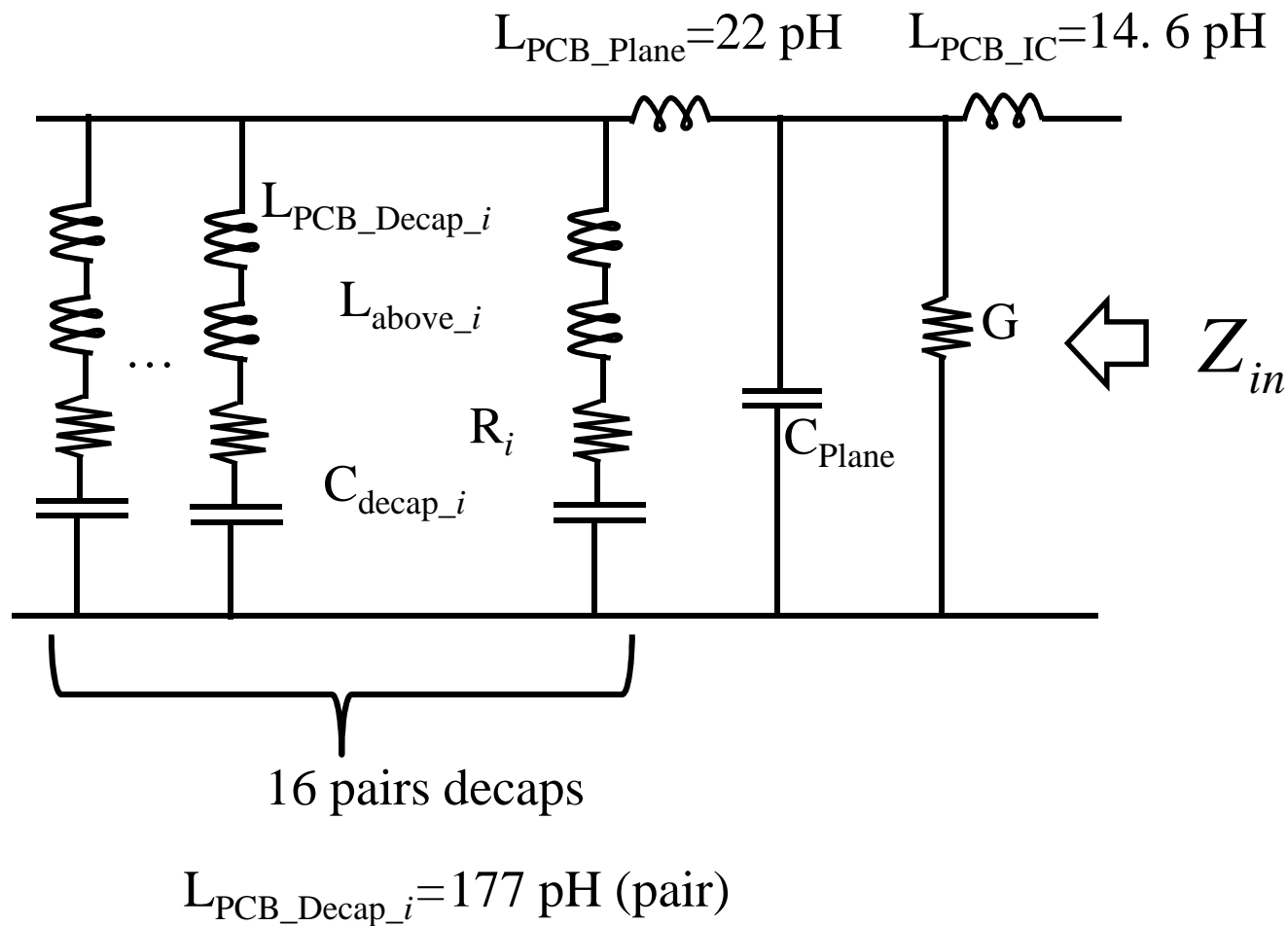
Combine the requirement from  $L_{PCB\_IC}$ ,  
 $L_{PCB\_Decap}$ ,  $n_{ICpin} \geq 6$ ,  $n_{Decap\_Pair} \geq 8$



$n_{ICpin} = 32$ ,  $n_{Decap\_Pair} \geq 16$

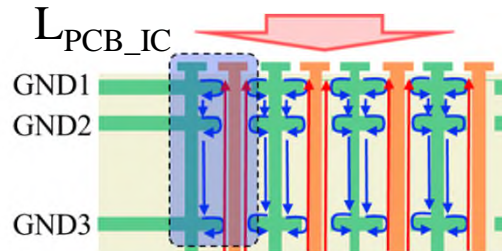
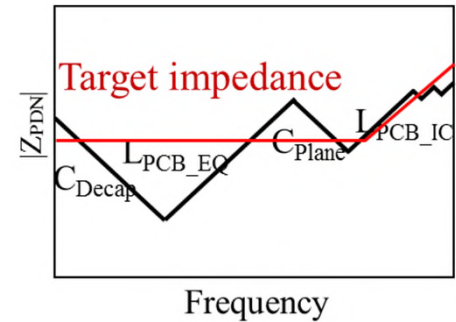
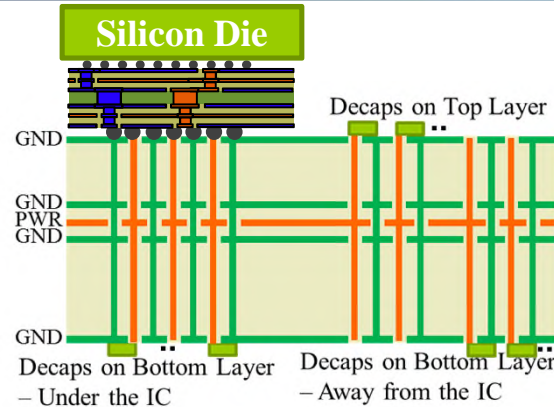


# Impedance Equivalent Circuit

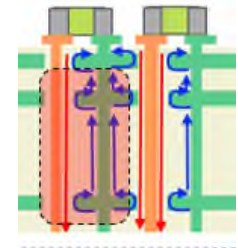


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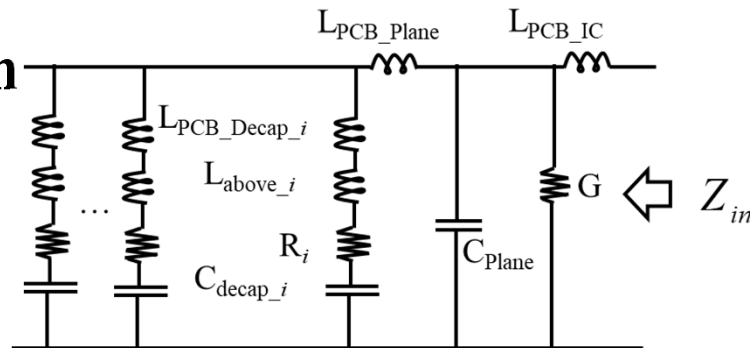
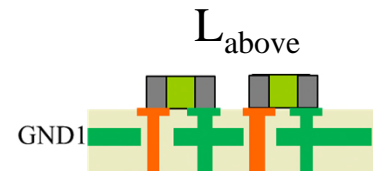
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  - $L_{PCB\_plane}$  calculation
  - $L_{above}$  calculation



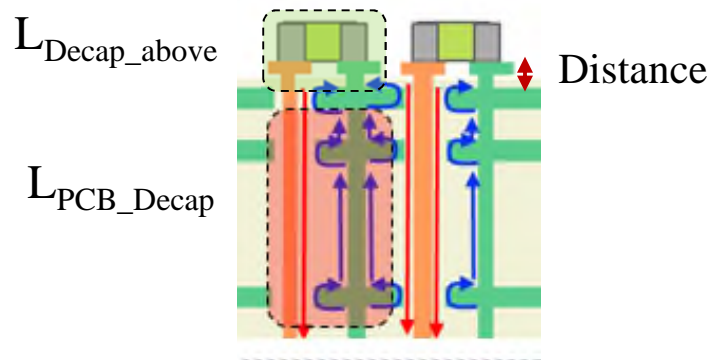
$L_{PCB\_Decap}$



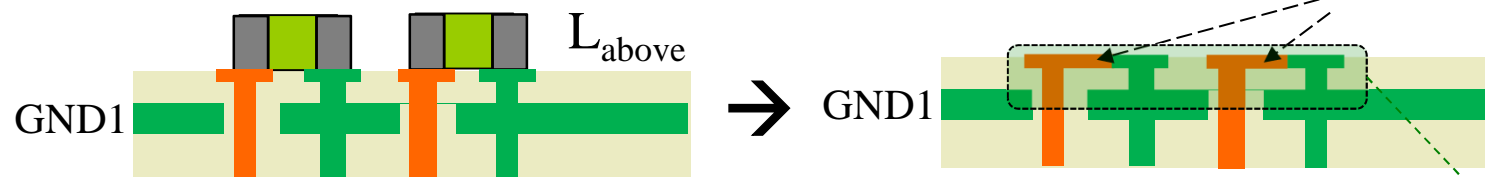
$L_{above}$



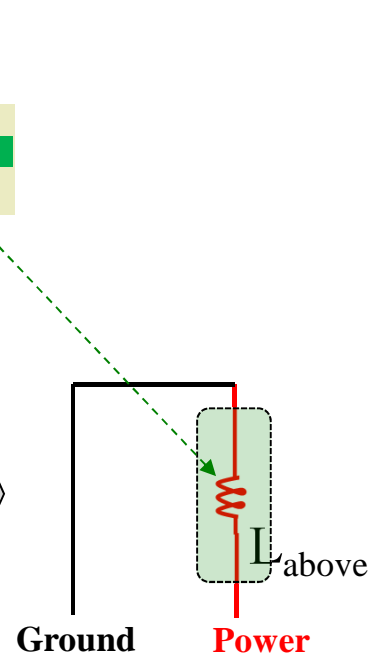
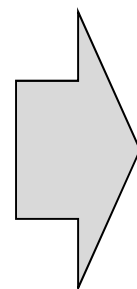
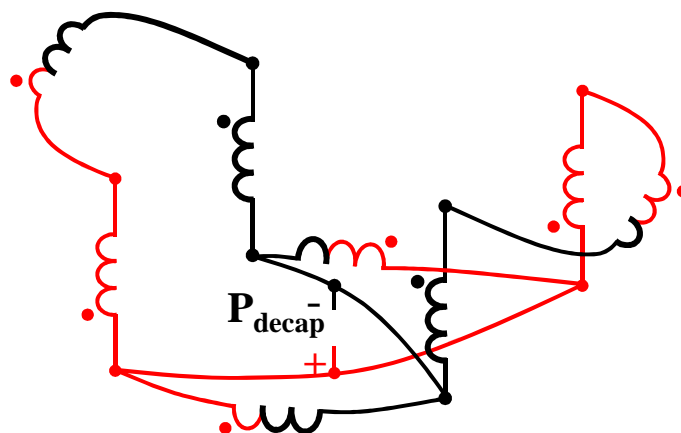
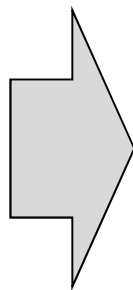
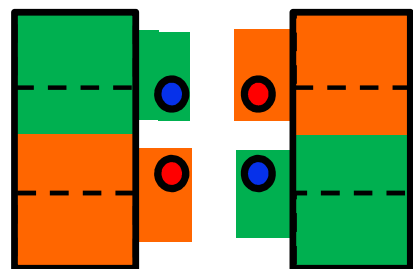
# $L_{\text{above}}$ Geometry



- PEEC method used to calculate decap pad inductance
- Get a single inductance



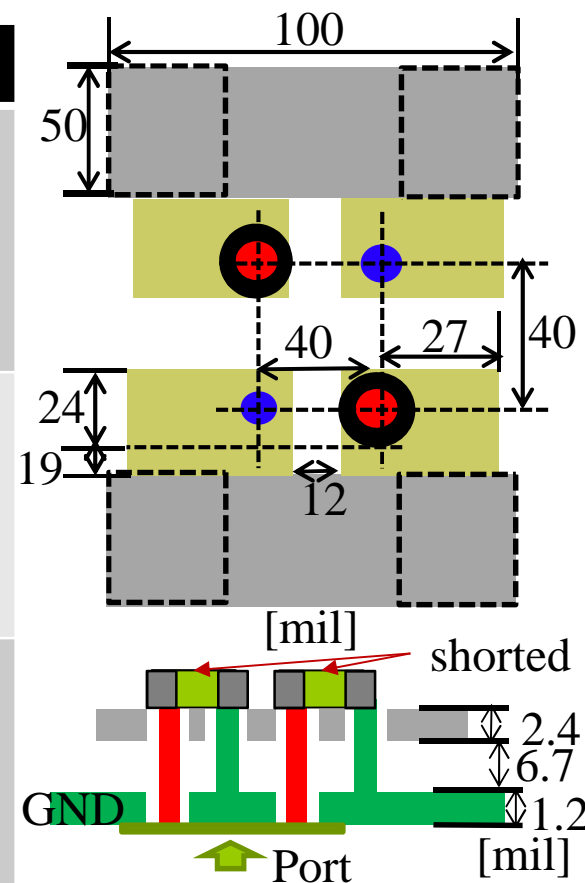
Top view of doublet pad  
(shorted pad )



# $L_{above}$ Geometries

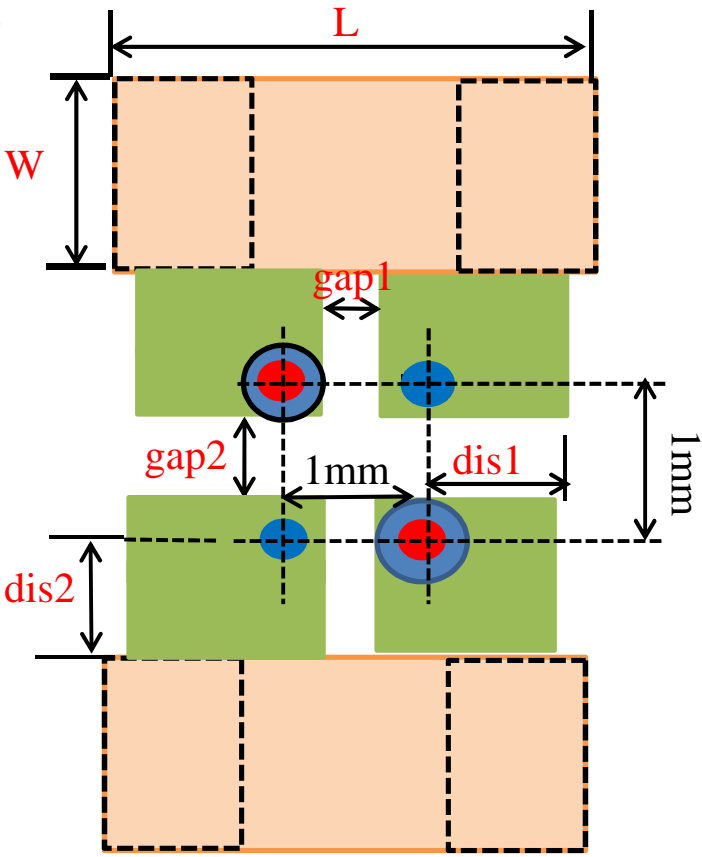
Decoupling capacitor of sizes 0805/0603/0402/0201 for  $L_{above}$  design space

#	Name	Figure	#	Name	Figure	#	Name	Figure
1	Shared Via		2	Power Via Alternating		3	Doublet	
4	Via in Pad		5	Shared Pad		6	Via in pad alternating	
7	PWR via in Line		8	3-terminal		9	Multi-via	



# $L_{above}$ Design Library - Doublet

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With Different package sizes,

- 0201, 0402, 0603, 0805

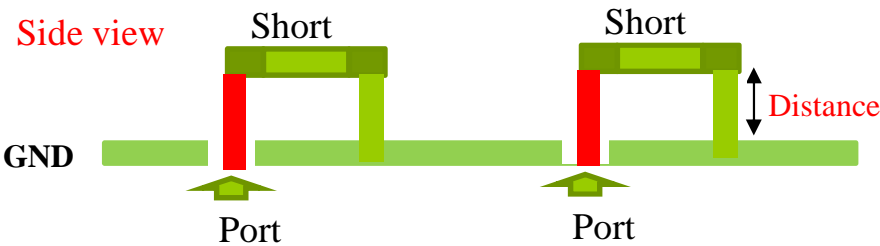
Using wider trace to minimize inductance

What will change	0201	0402	0603	0805
L		56 mil	78 mil	100 mil
W		20 mil	30 mil	50 mil
gap1		18 mil	18 mil	12 mil
gap2		15 mil	15 mil	21 mil
dis1		12 mil	20 mil	31 mil
dis2		17 mil	22 mil	30 mil

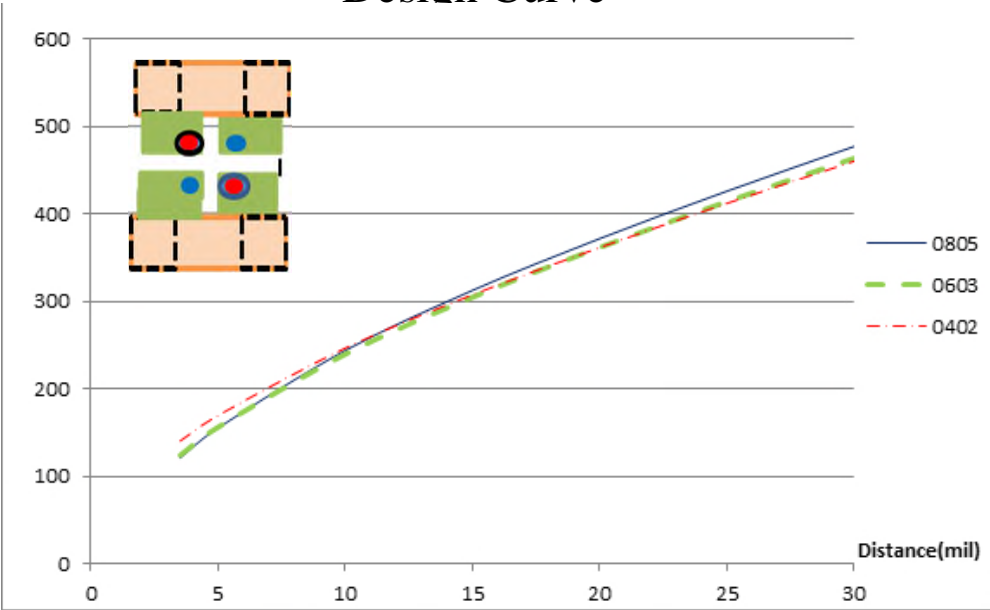
What will not change	0201, 0402, 0603, 0805
pitch	1 mm

Anti-Pad Diameter: 0.762mm  
Pad Diameter: 0.538mm  
Via Diameter (drill size): 0.25mm

# $L_{above}$ Design Library - Doublet



Design Curve

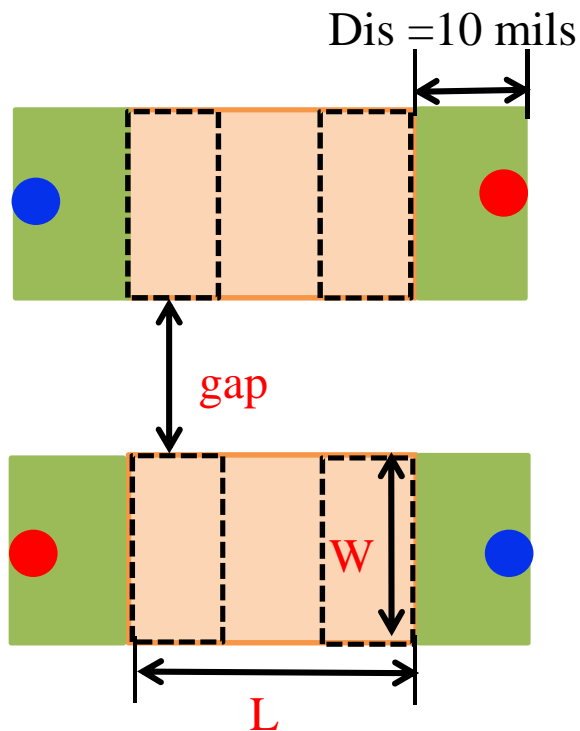


$L_{above}$  for doublet layout [pH]

Distance (mil)	0805	0603	0402
3.5	125.6	123.8	132.9
5	161	157.4	166.2
10	248.2	239.9	244.6
15	313.2	301.4	302.2
20	368.4	354.3	352.3
25	419.2	403.4	399.4
30	467.5	450.4	445



# $L_{\text{above}}$ Design Library – Power Via Alternating



- Power Via
- Ground Via

With Different package sizes,

- 0201, 0402, 0603, 0805

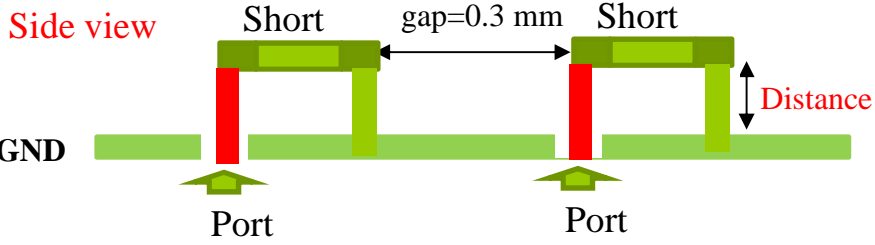
Using wider trace to minimize inductance

What will change	0201	0402	0603	0805
L		56 mil	78 mil	100 mil
W		20 mil	30 mil	50 mil
gap		10.5 mil	11 mil	11 mil

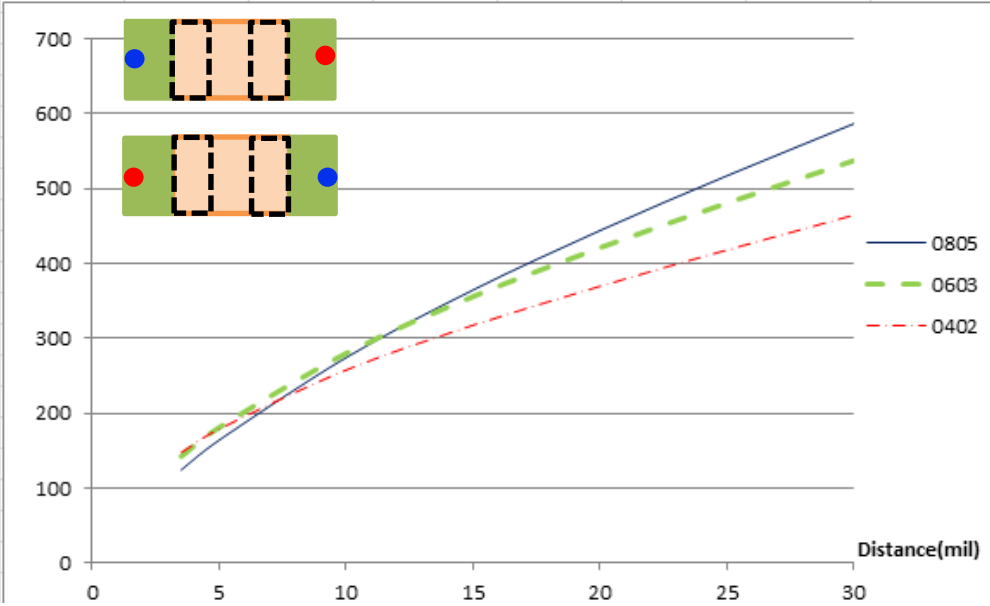
What will not change	0201, 0402, 0603, 0805
Dis (Pad Edge to Via )	10 mils (0.25 mm)

Anti-Pad Diameter: 0.762mm  
 Pad Diameter: 0.538mm  
 Via Diameter (drill size): 0.25mm

# $L_{above}$ Design Library – Power Via Alternating



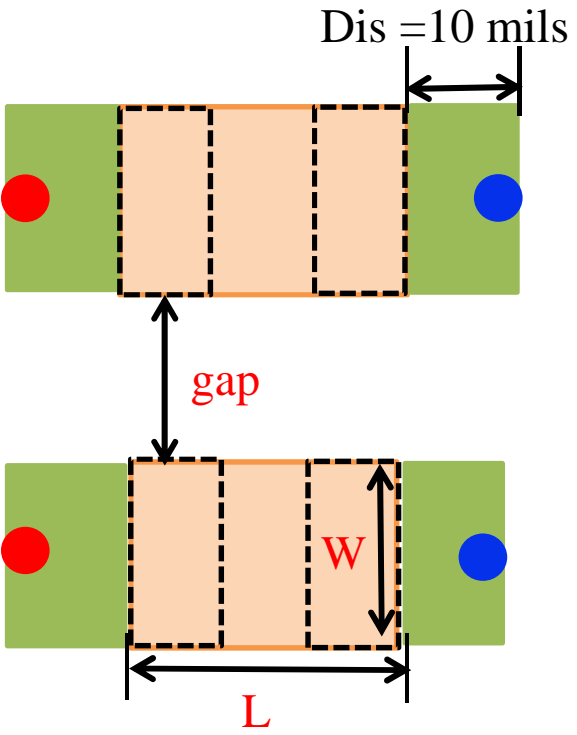
Design Curve



$L_{above}$  for alternating layout [pH]

Distance (mil)	0805	0603	0402
3.5	124.3	142.4	147.7
5	164.2	181.1	179.1
10	274.5	280.1	257.9
15	364.7	355.9	317.7
20	444.1	421.1	369.6
25	517.2	480.8	418.2
30	586.8	537.4	464.7

# $L_{above}$ Design Library – Power Via Aligned



- Power Via
- Ground Via

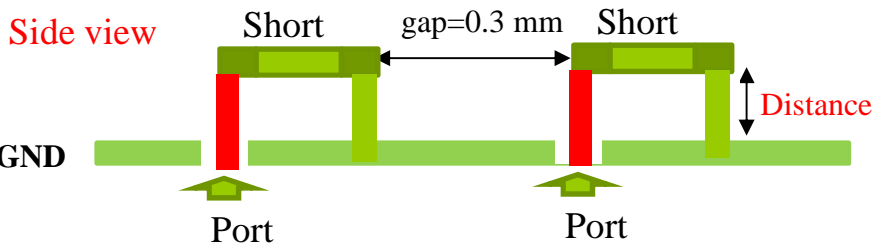
Anti-Pad Diameter: 0.762mm  
Pad Diameter: 0.538mm  
Via Diameter (drill size): 0.25mm

With Different package sizes,  
• 0201, 0402, 0603, 0805  
Using wider trace to minimize inductance

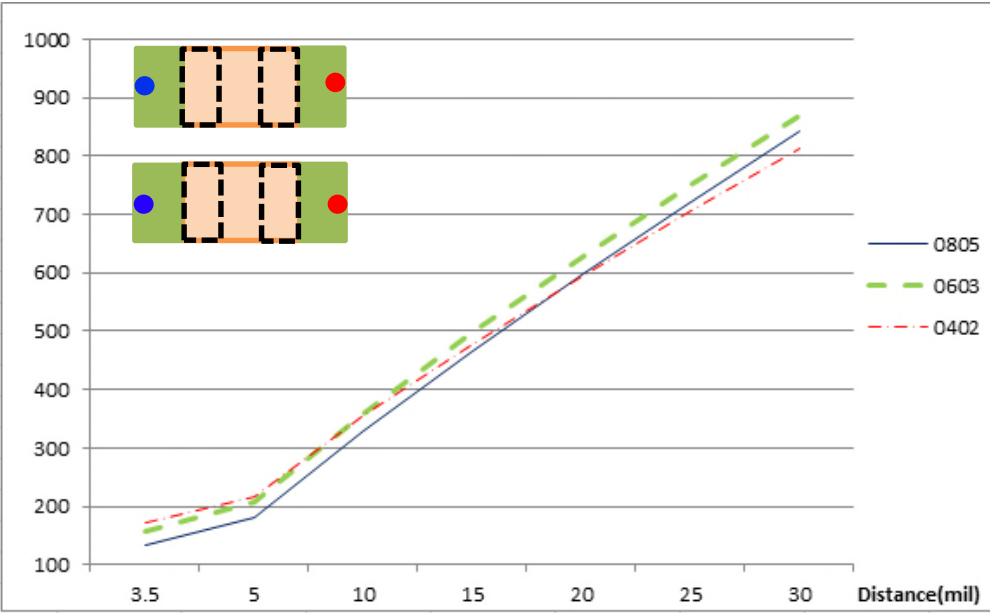
What will change	0201	0402	0603	0805
L		56 mil	78 mil	100 mil
W		20 mil	30 mil	50 mil
gap		10.5 mil	11 mil	11 mil

What will not change	0201, 0402, 0603, 0805
Dis (Pad Edge to Via )	10 mils (0.25 mm)

# L<sub>above</sub> Design Library – Power Via Aligned



Design Curve

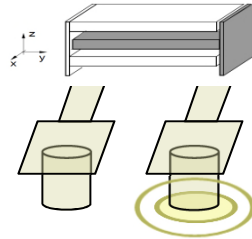


L<sub>above</sub> for aligned layout [pH]

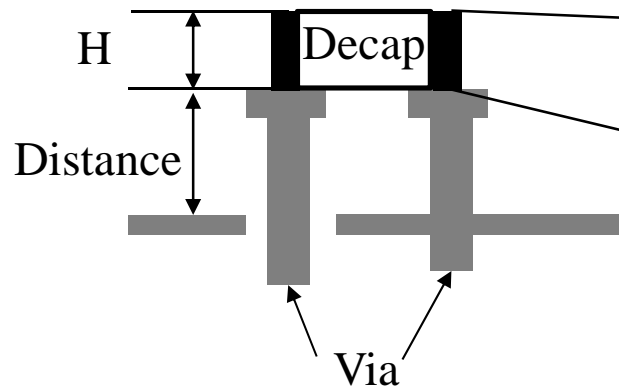
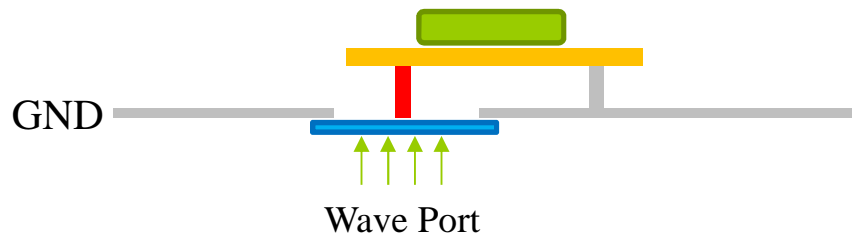
Distance (mil)	0805	0603	0402
3.5	132.4	157.3	172.4
5	180.1	208.1	217.8
10	327.8	360.3	354.8
15	464.7	497.8	478.4
20	595	626.8	594.5
25	721.3	749.8	705.4
30	842.8	868.8	812.9

# $L_{\text{above}}$ Modeling with Decaps

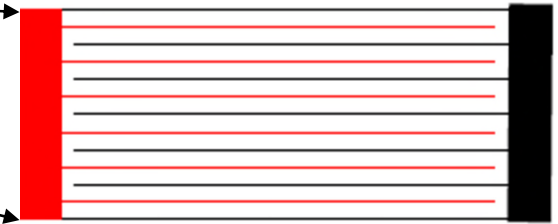
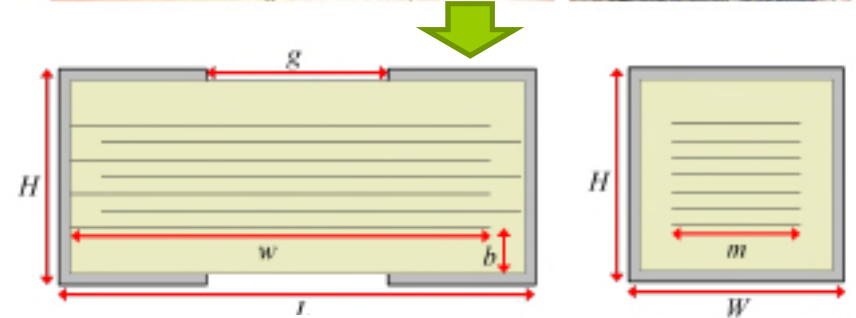
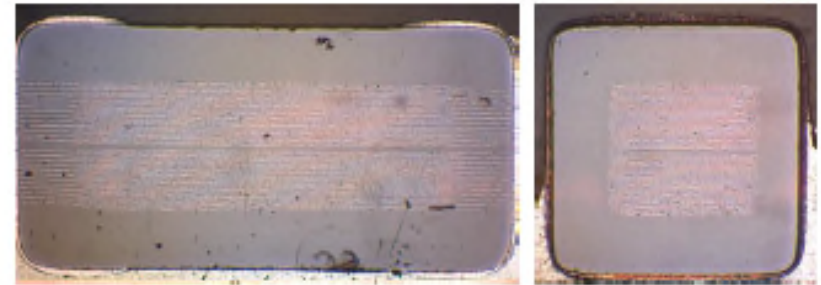
Via, pad, trace,  
one decap



Decoupling capacitor

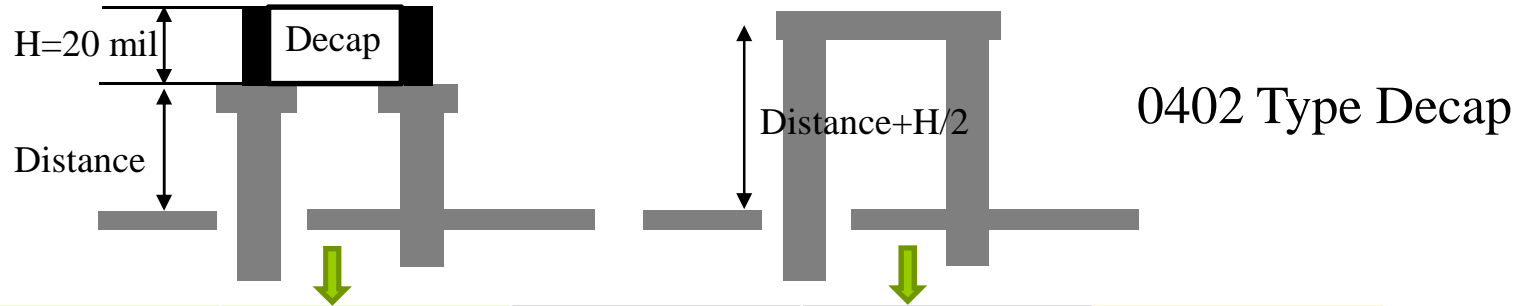


Decoupling capacitor model



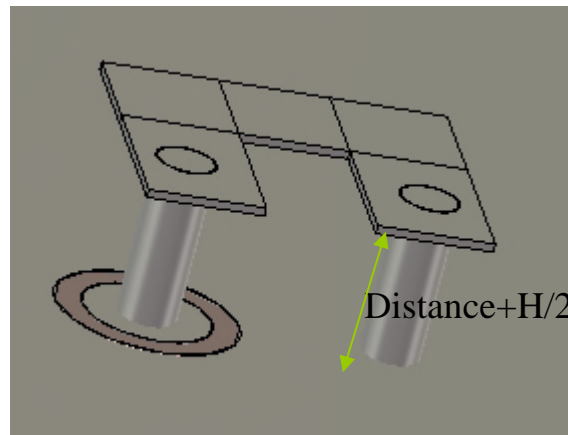
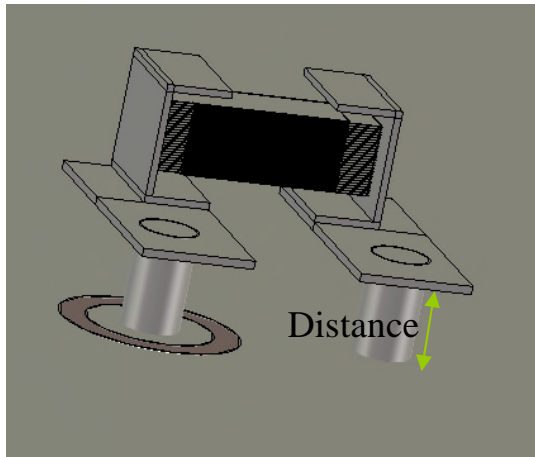
Define **Distance'** = **Distance** +  $\frac{1}{2} * H$ ,  
Change the plane to the center of the capacitor  
(without including Decap in the model). <sup>52</sup>

# $L_{\text{above}}$ Modeling



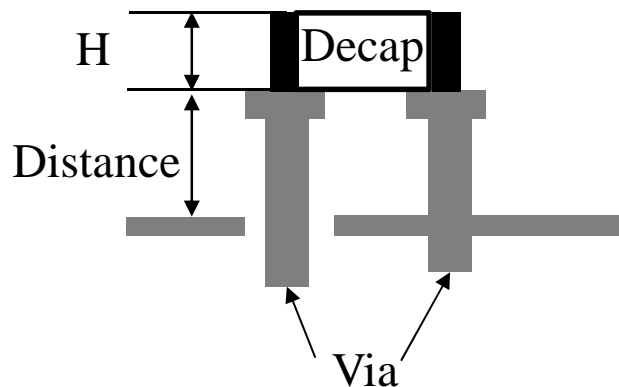
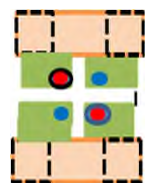
Distance (mil)	Inductance (pH)	Distance'	Inductance (pH)	Difference
5	615.34	$5 + H/2$	602.32	2.12%
8	677.26	$8 + H/2$	655.07	3.26%
15	883.43	$15 + H/2$	828.04	6.27%

CST Model





# $L_{\text{above}}$ Example



$$L_{\text{PCB\_Decap\_1pair}} = 177 \text{ pH}$$

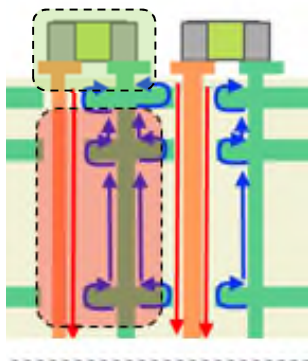
Pick doublet 0805 layout for  $L_{\text{above}}$  calculation with distance = 5mils, and decap body height  $H = 10\text{mils}$ . Then distance +  $H/2 = 10\text{mils}$ .

From the library, the  $L_{\text{above}}$  for one decap is

$$L_{\text{Decap\_above\_1pair}} = 248 \text{ pH}$$

$L_{\text{Decap\_above}}$

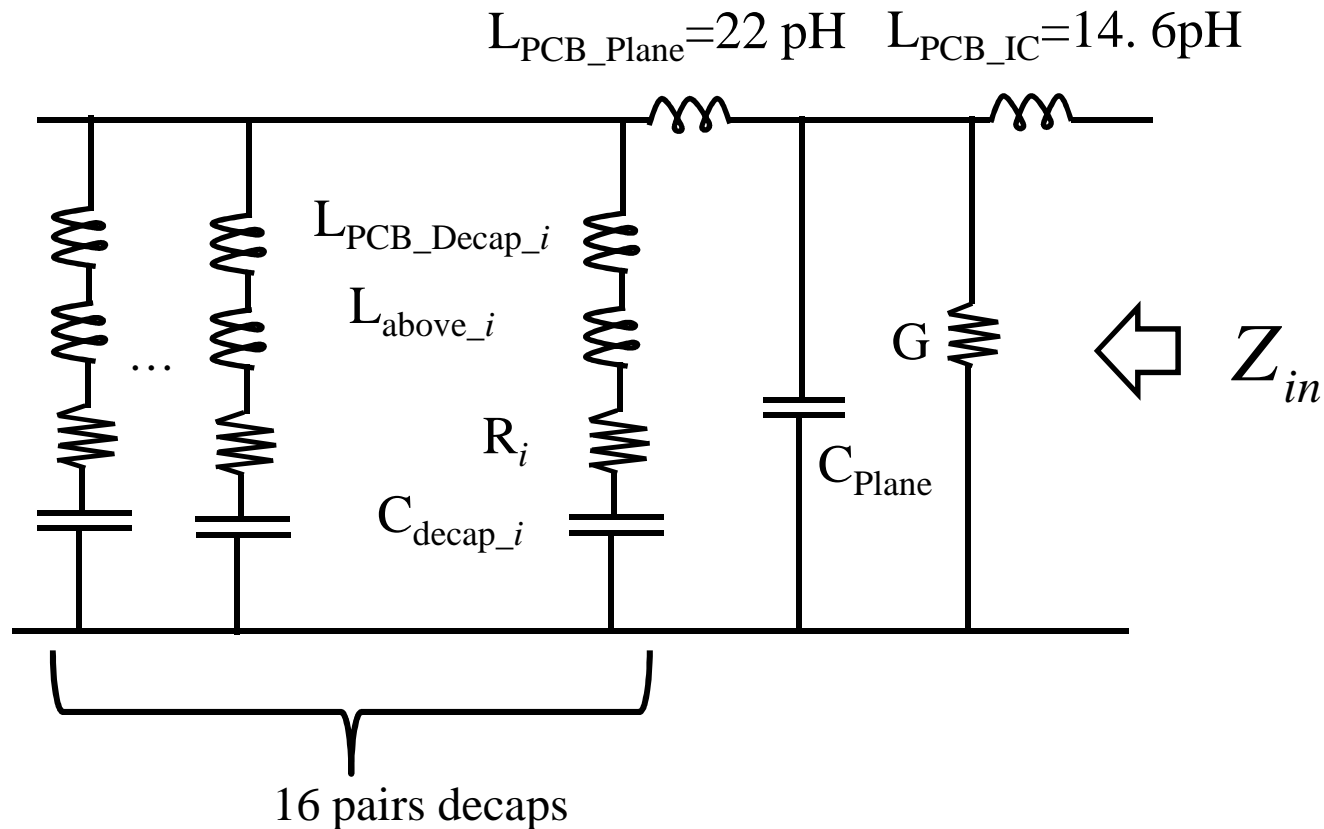
$L_{\text{PCB\_Decap}}$



From previous design:  $n_{\text{ICpin}} = 32$ ,  $n_{\text{Decap\_Pair}} \geq 16$ ,

Requirement:  $L_{\text{PCB\_Decap}} + L_{\text{above}} = 22\text{pH} + 22\text{pH} = 44\text{pH}$

# Impedance Equivalent Circuit

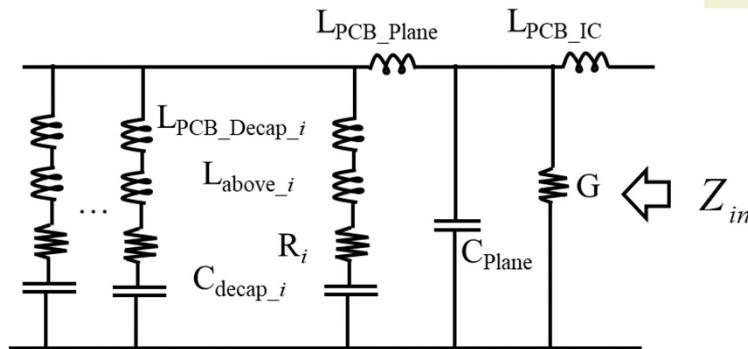
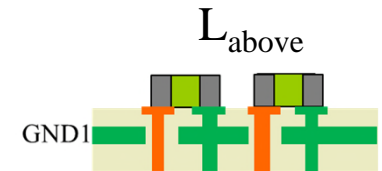
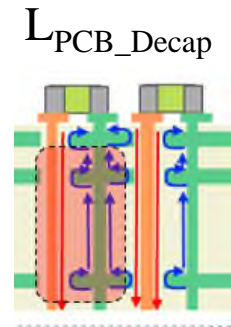
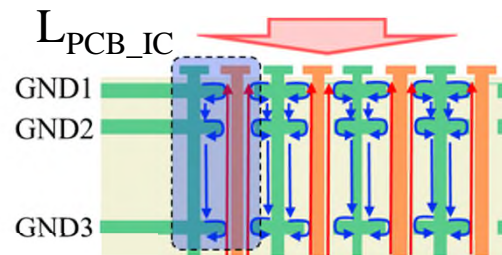
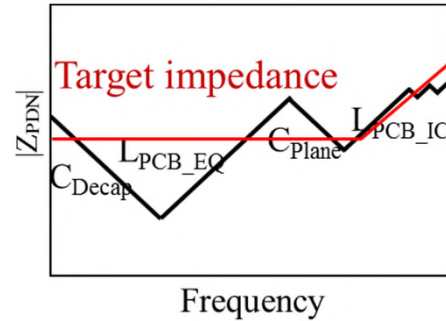
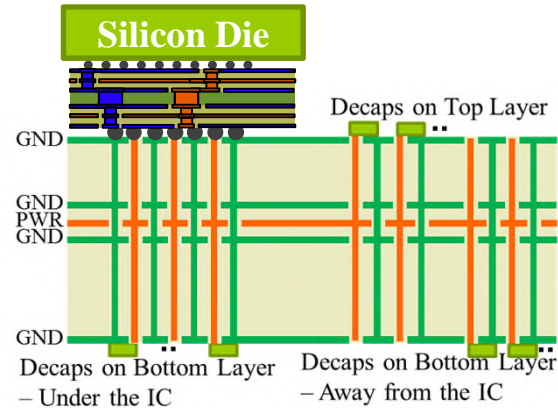


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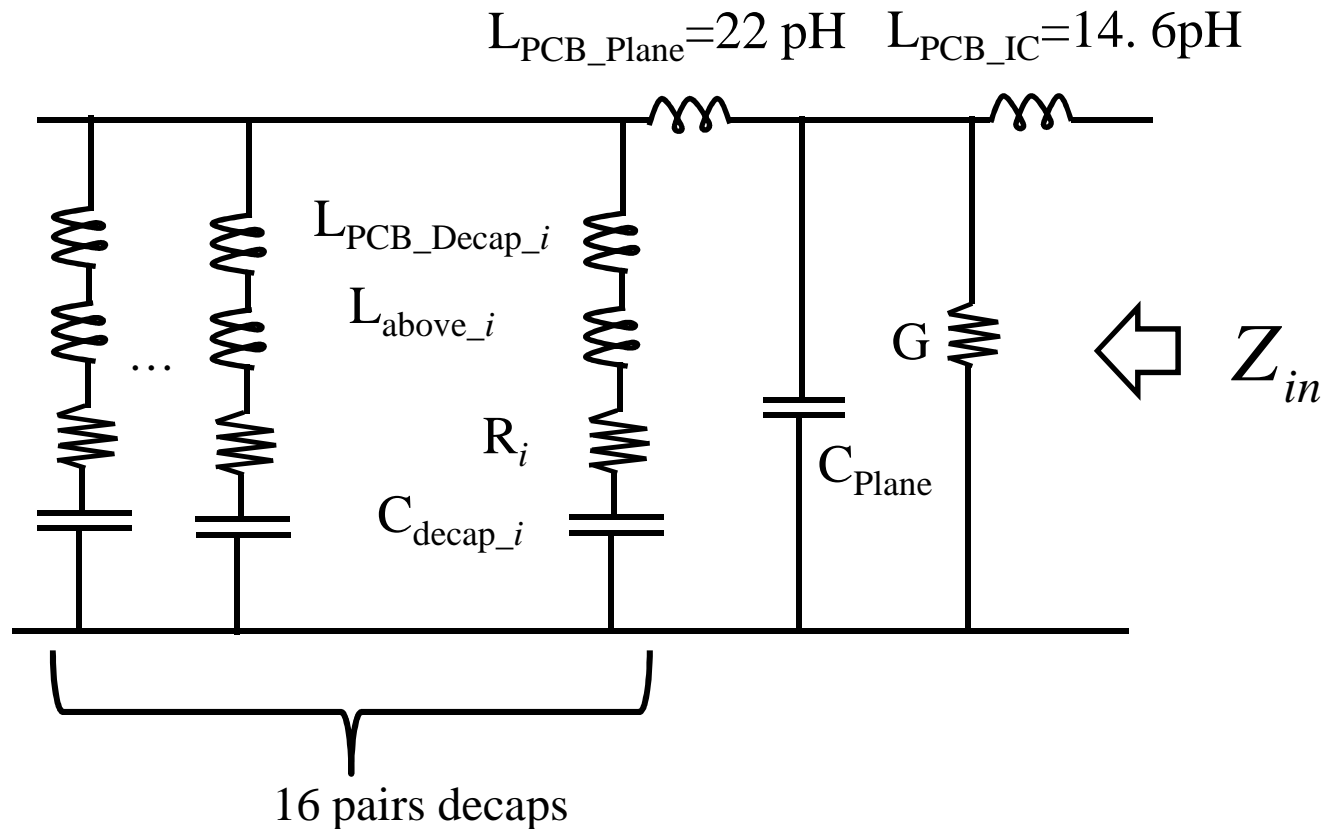
$$L_{\text{above}_i} = 248 \text{ pH (pair)}$$

# Outline

- Problem and concepts
- PDN pre-layout design methodology
- Circuit model and example



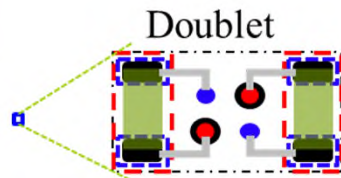
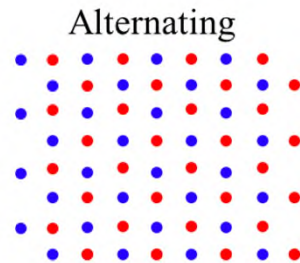
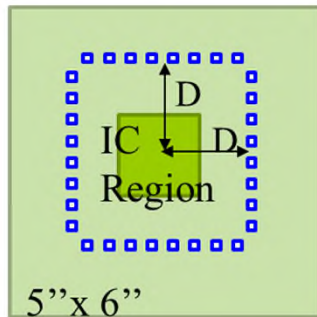
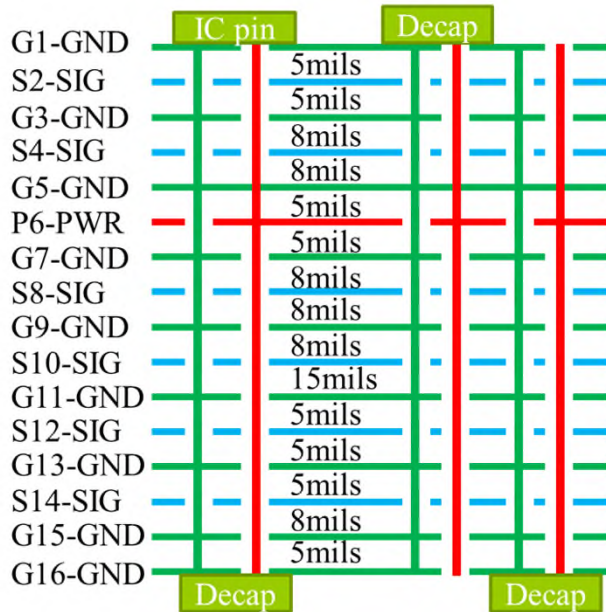
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# PCB Example

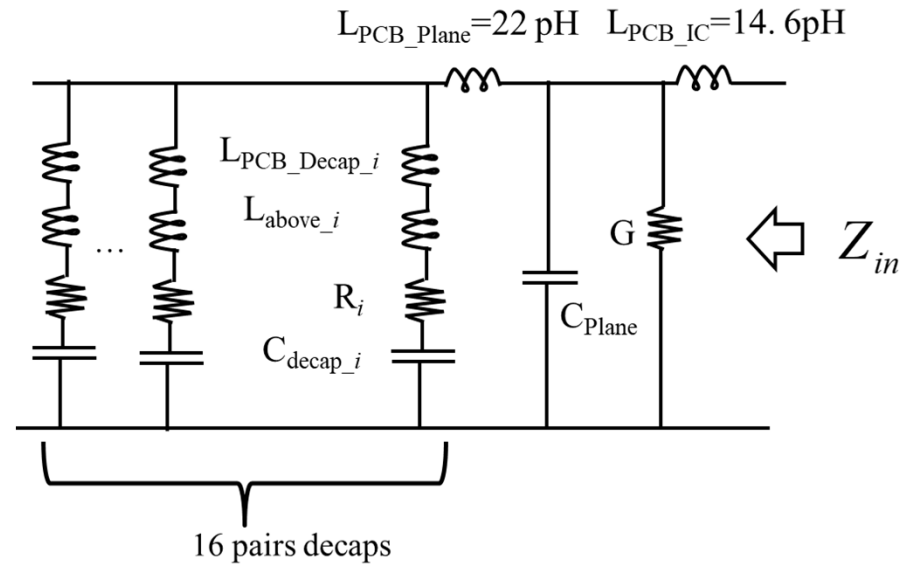


## PCB PDN Design:

32 IC pins

$D = 500\text{mils}$

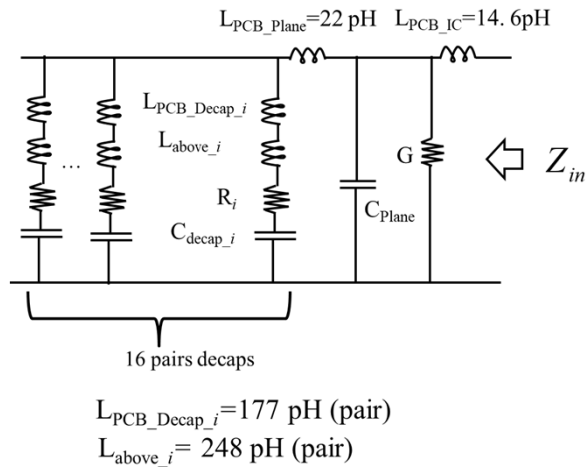
16 pairs of decaps using doublet layout on the top layer



$$L_{PCB\_Decap\_i} = 177\text{ pH (pair)}$$

$$L_{above\_i} = 248\text{ pH (pair)}$$

# PCB Example Input Impedance



$$L_{PCB\_EQ} = 60 \text{ pH}$$

$$L_{PCB\_IC} = 14.6 \text{ pH}$$

For 0805 decap, ESR = 30mOhm

For 16 decap pairs,  $R_{EQ}$  is around  
 $30 \text{ mOhm} / 32 = 0.94 \text{ mOhm}$ .

$G_{diel} = 0.1 \text{ S}$  from real board measurement

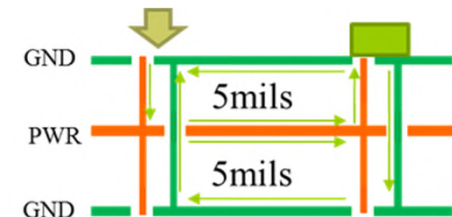
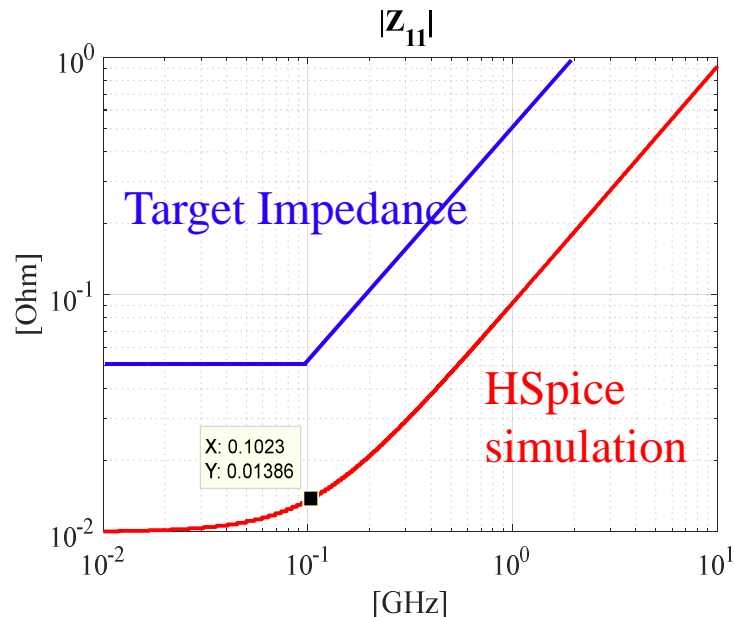
$R_{IC} = 0.01 \text{ Ohm}$  from real board measurement

Assume the decap is 100nF,  $C_{Decap} = 3.2 \mu\text{F}$

$$C_{Plane\_perCavity} = \frac{\epsilon A}{d} =$$

$$\frac{8.85 \times 10^{-12} \times 5000 \times 2.54 \times 10^{-5} \times 6000 \times 2.54 \times 10^{-5}}{5 \times 2.54 \times 10^{-5}} = 1.35 \text{ nF}$$

$$C_{Plane} = 2.7 \text{ nF}$$







Thank You!

# Locating Impulsive Events in 3D Space



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# EXAMPLES OF CHAIRS



Standard Office  
Chair

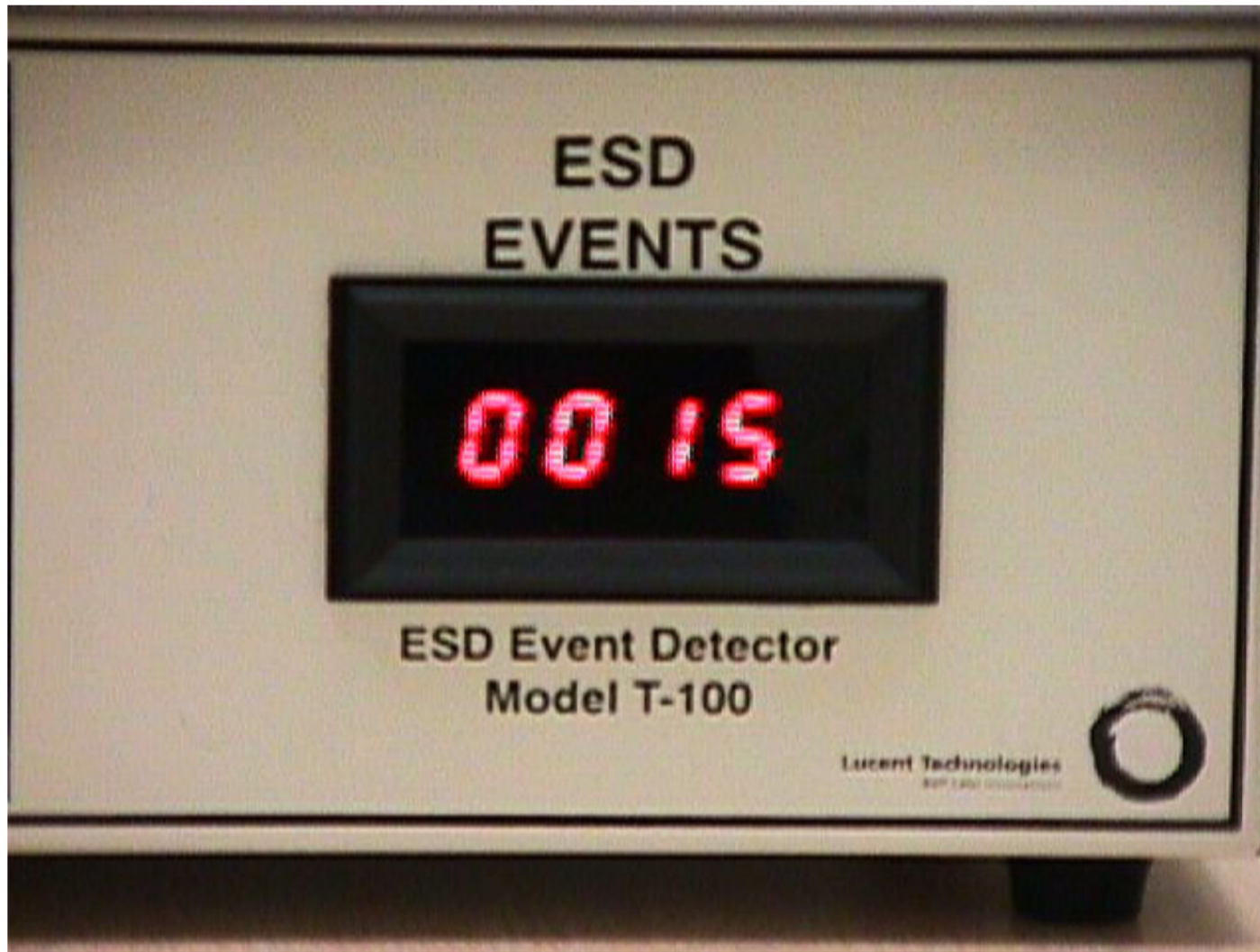


ESD Controlling  
Chair

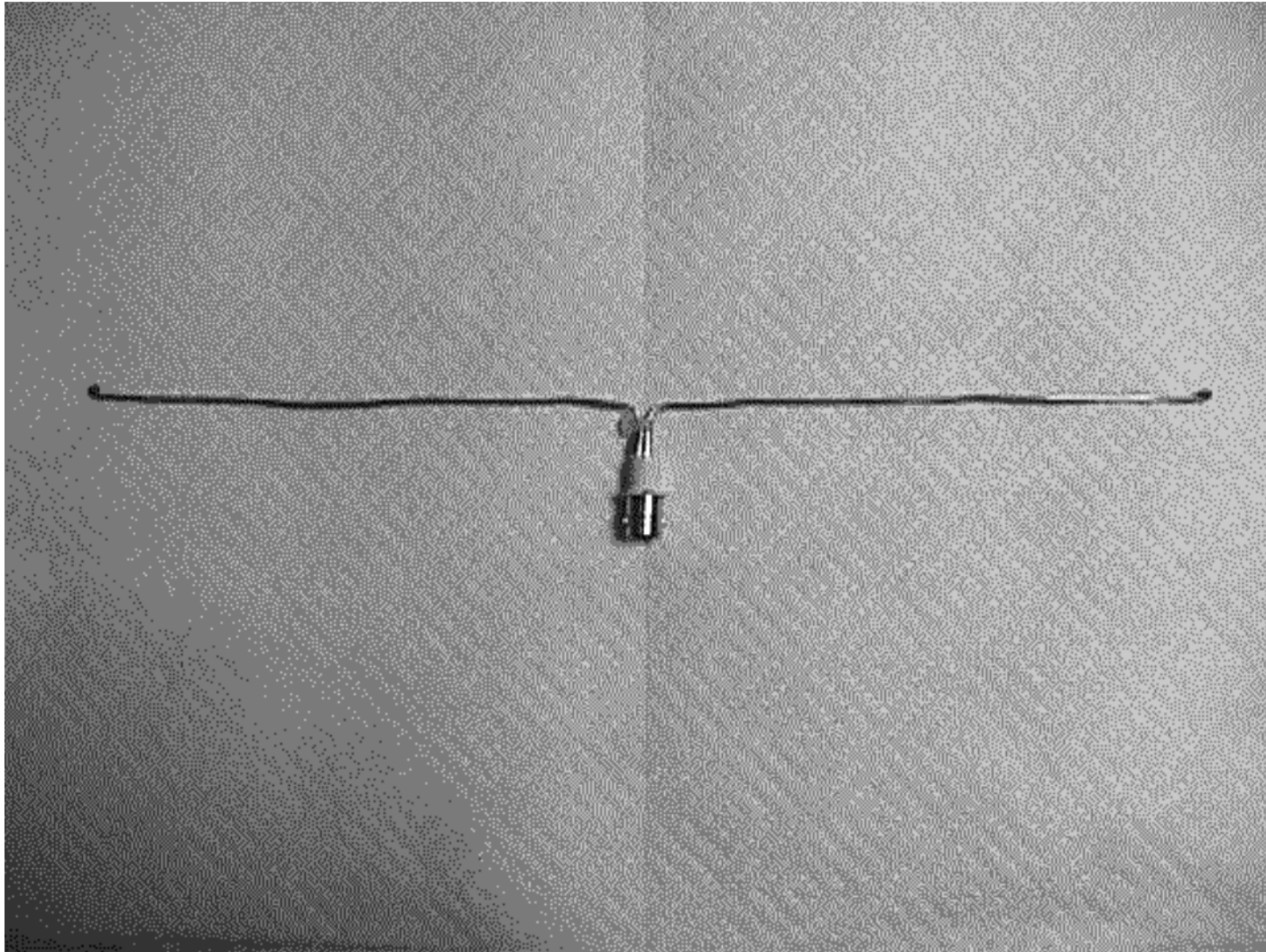


## Test Setup to Measure Number of ESD Events



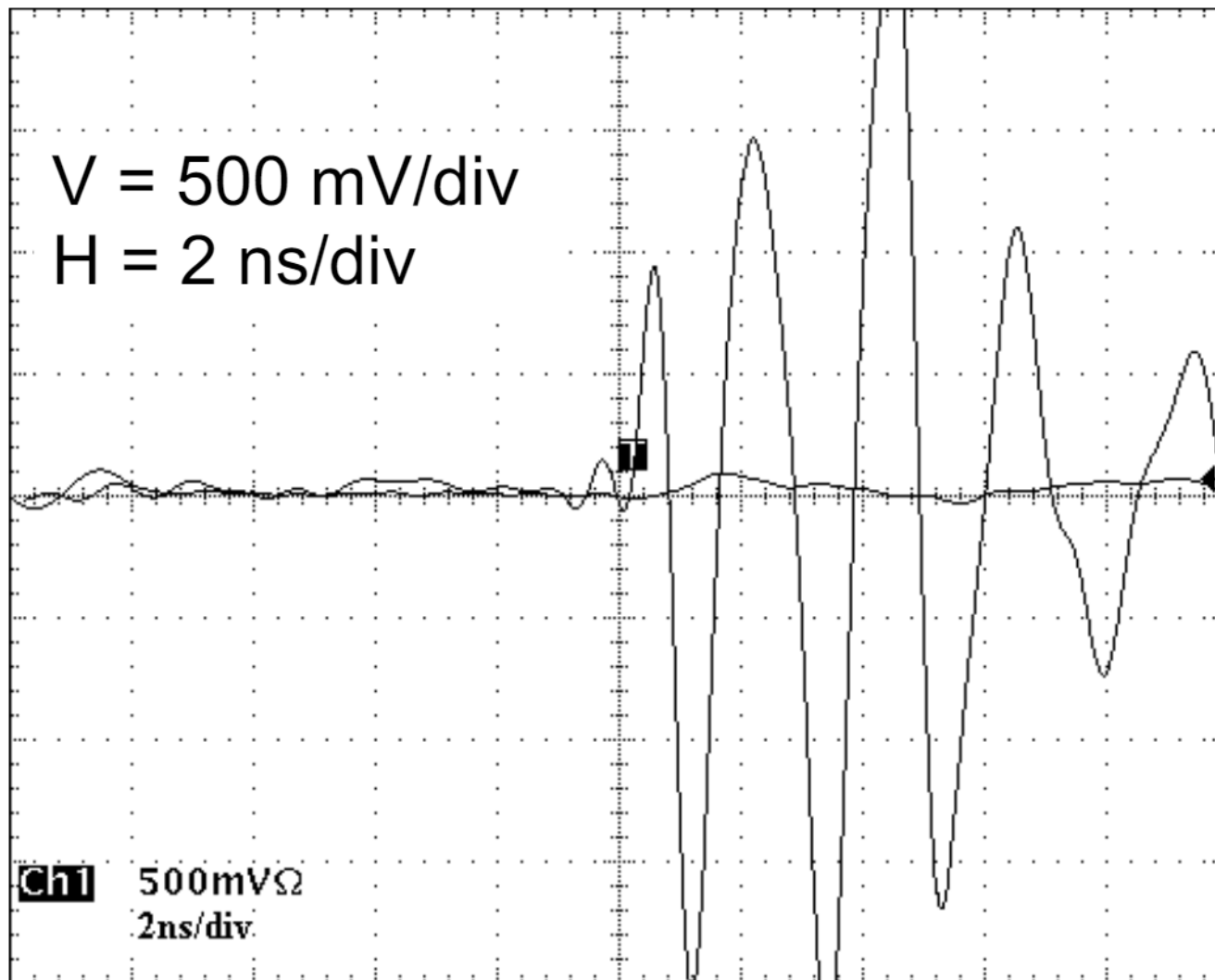


## Event Count After Rising From Chair

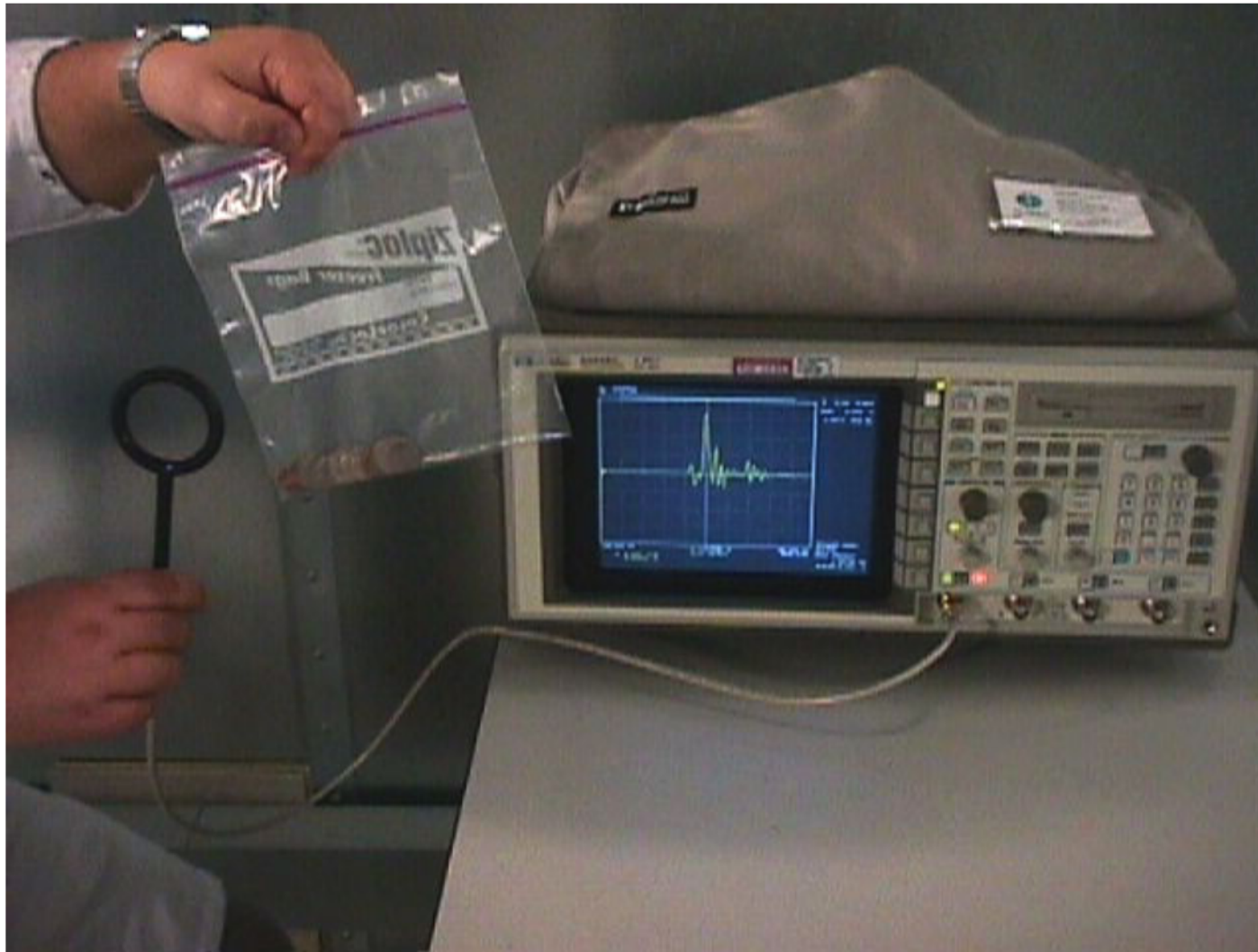


## 30 Cm Dipole for Receiving Chair ESD Radiation



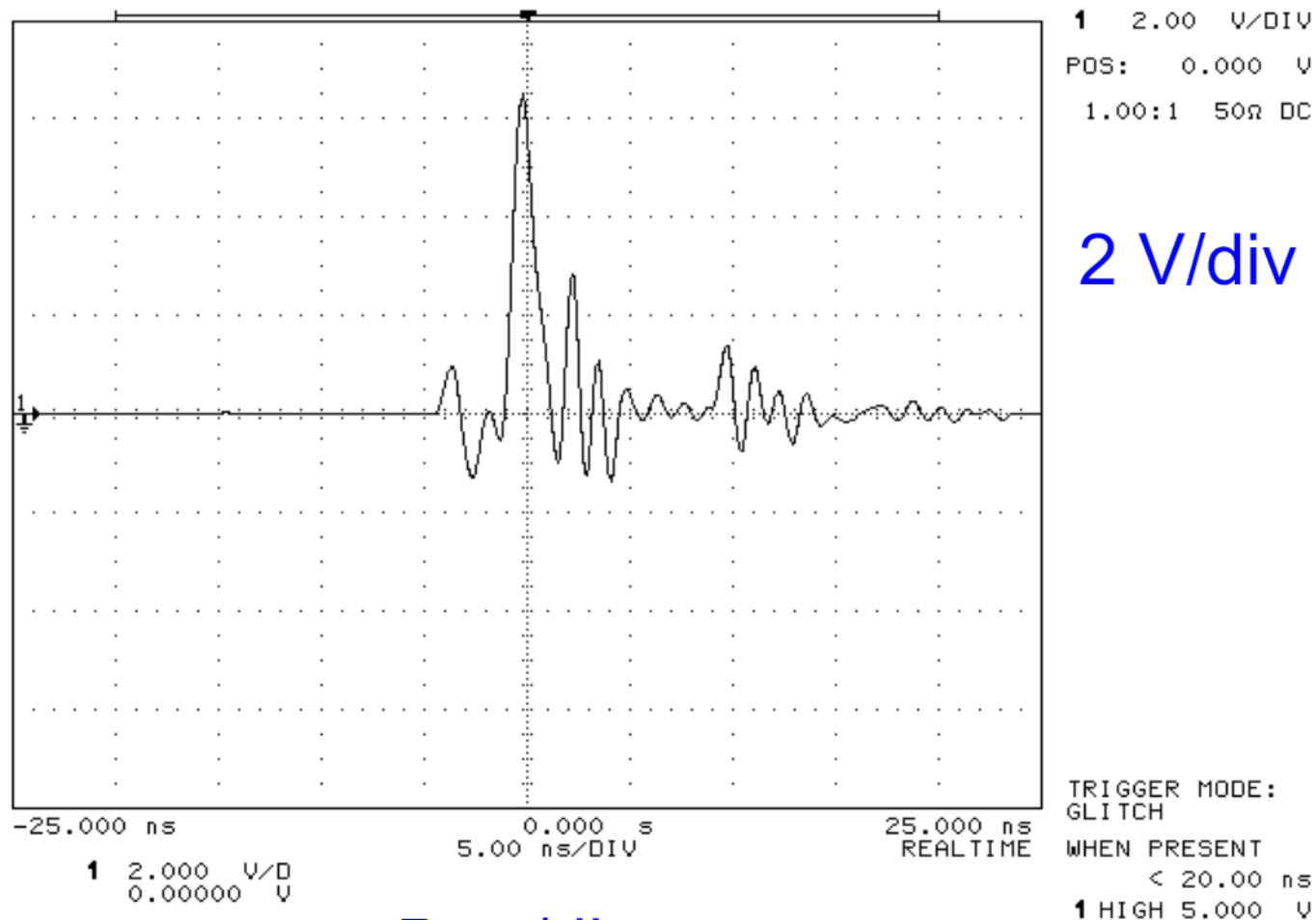


## EMI Picked up by a 30 Cm Dipole Near Chair



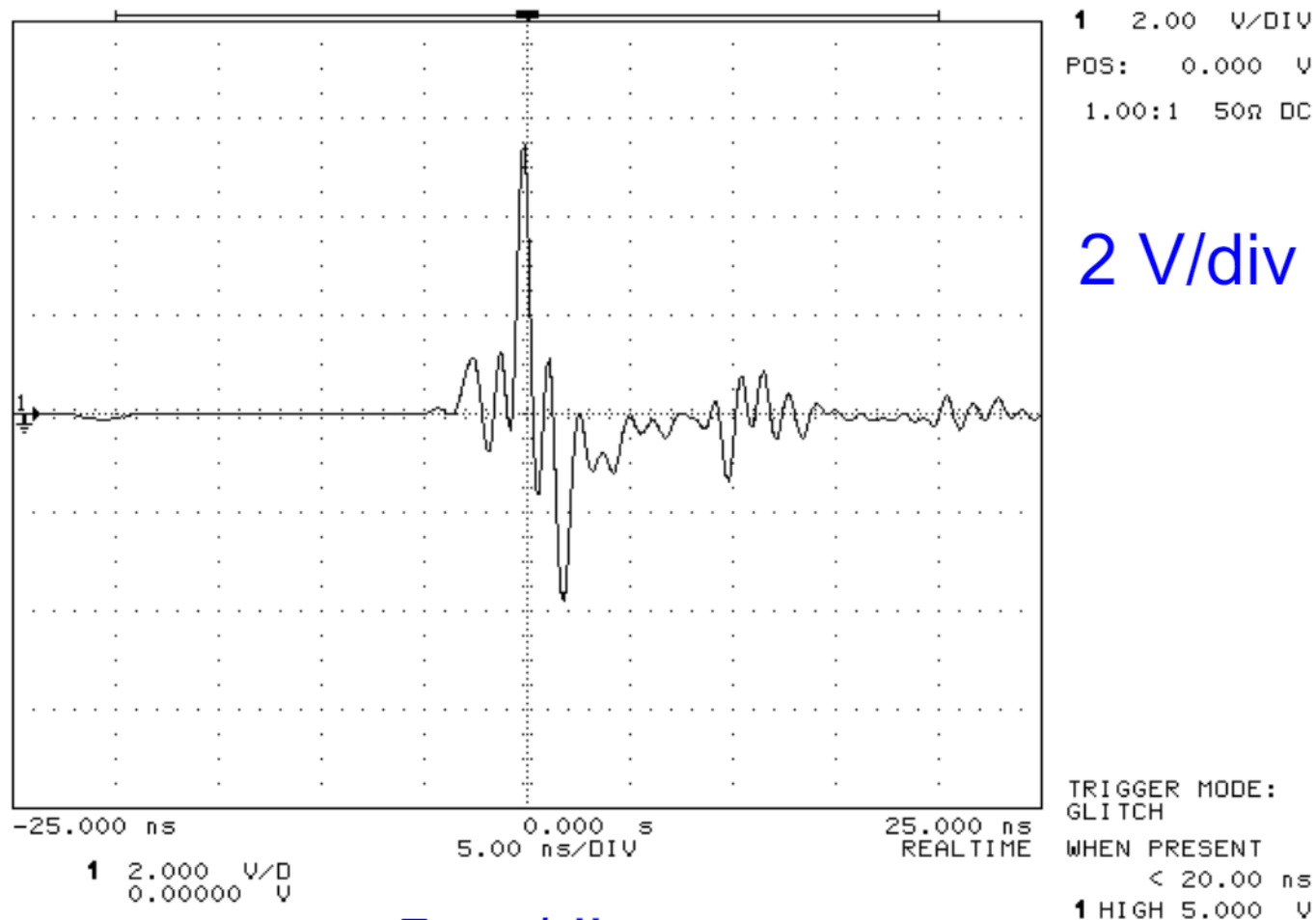
## Jingling Change Test Setup

hp STOPPED



## Loop Output Caused by Jingling Change: Case 1

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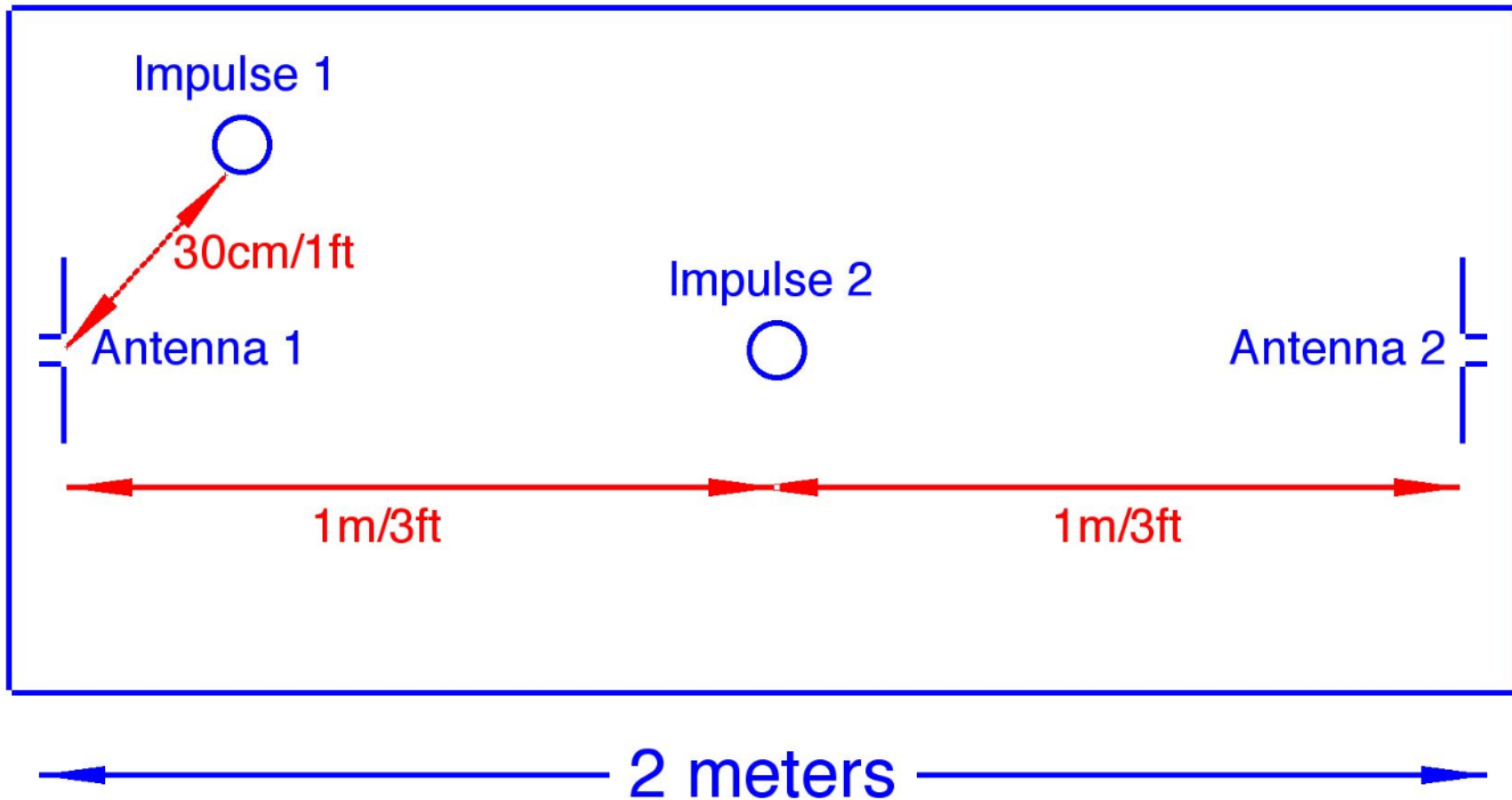


## Loop Output Caused by Jingling Change: Case 2

## Locating Impulsive Events

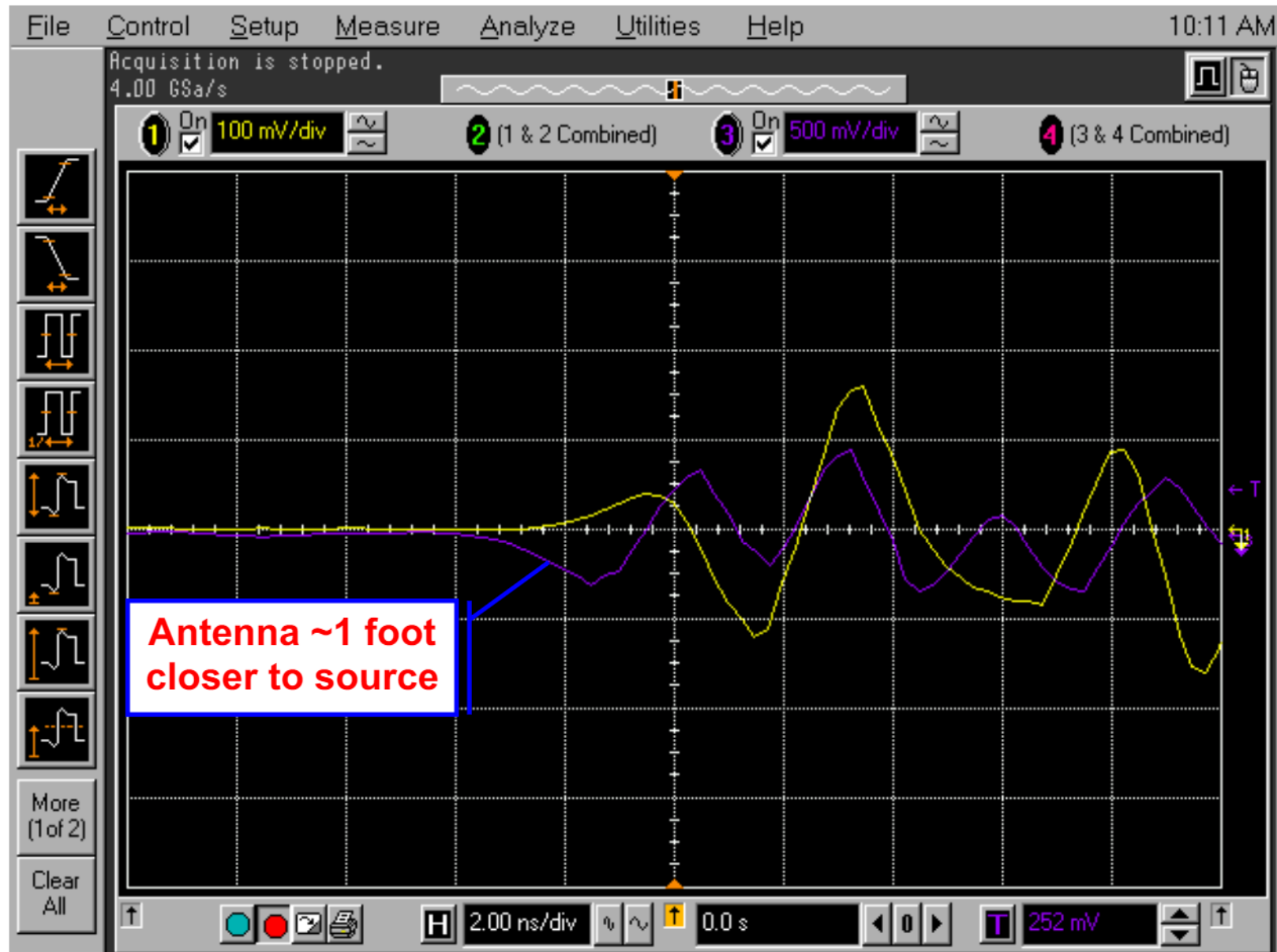
- Faster circuits  $\Rightarrow$  problems from environment  
Noise sources that have always been around are now causing problems.
- Locating and characterizing noise generating events can dramatically shorten resolution time of problems.

# Example of Event Location

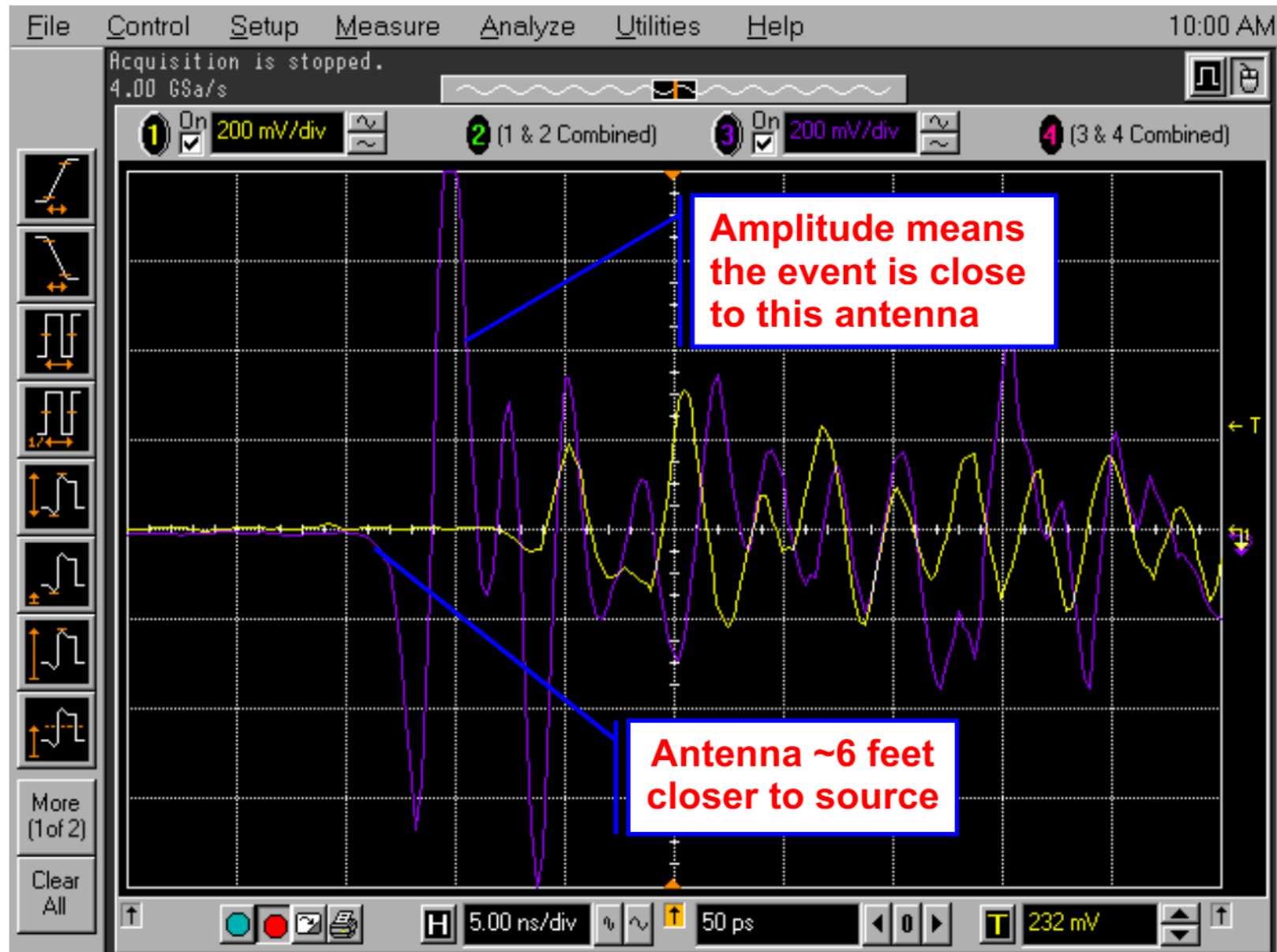




# Case #1



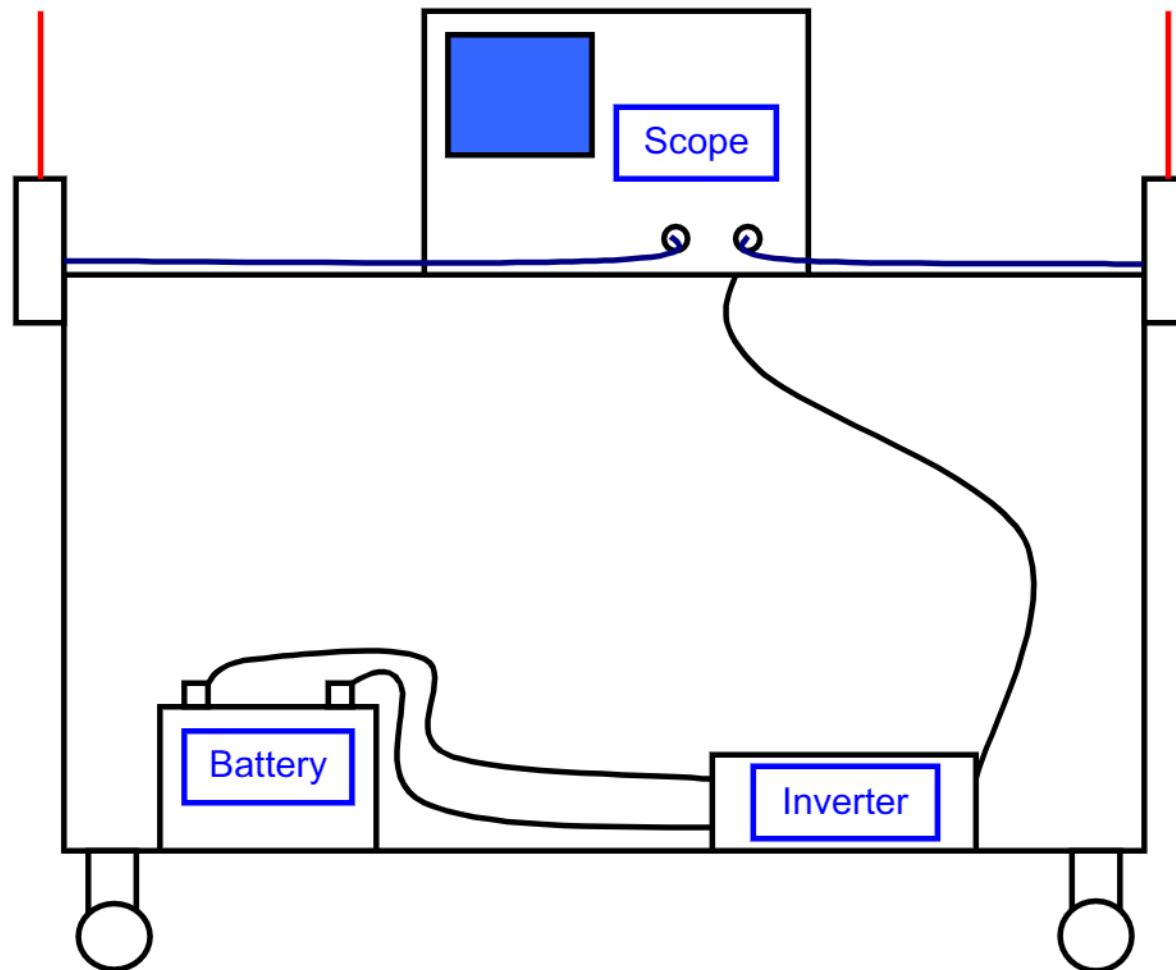
## Case #2



## Observations

- Time delay indicates direction or surface of event location
- Relative amplitudes indicate distance from antennas
- Absolute amplitudes combined with above give information on strength of event
- Risetime gives indication of nature of event (low or high voltage)

# Mobile Event Finder

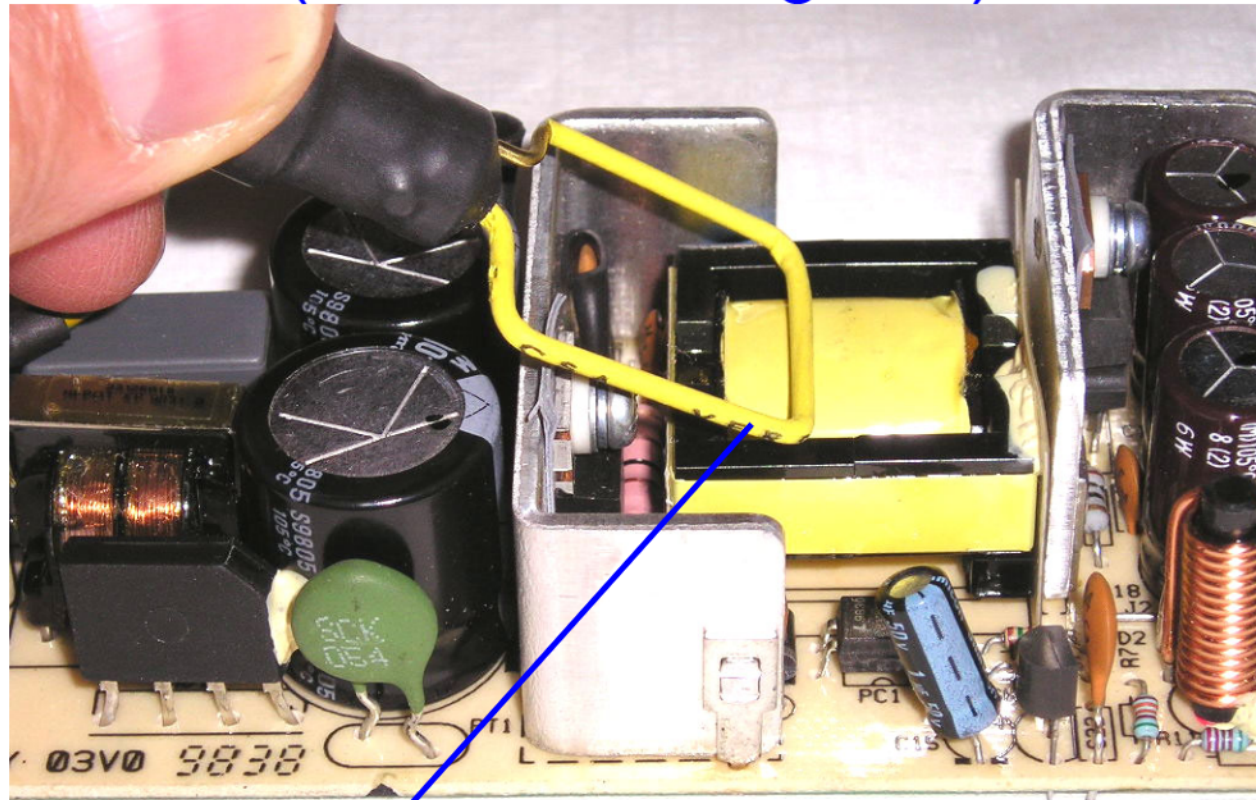


## Finding a Noise Source Within a System (continuous signals)

To find the source of noise out of several possibilities, loops can be used to determine time correlation. There are two cases for continuous signals:

- Finding how a known source manifests itself at several locations around a system.
- Observing a noise at one point in a system and finding the source.

## Method: Finding Effects of a Source (continuous signals)



**Position the loop close to source and trigger scope from the loop.**

With the scope triggered by the source of noise, use another loop or voltage probe to find effects of the noise source around the system. The loop is an ideal trigger source since it can pick up a signal without having to connect to the noise source.



## Method: Finding a Source of Noise (continuous signals)

- Trigger the scope from the measured noise at a point in the system by any means (loop, voltage probe, etc.).
- Move a loop around the system to find a source that is correlated in time to the measured noise. A loop is ideal since it can be moved around quickly without need for connection to the circuit.

## Using Loops to Find a Noise Source (pulsed signals)

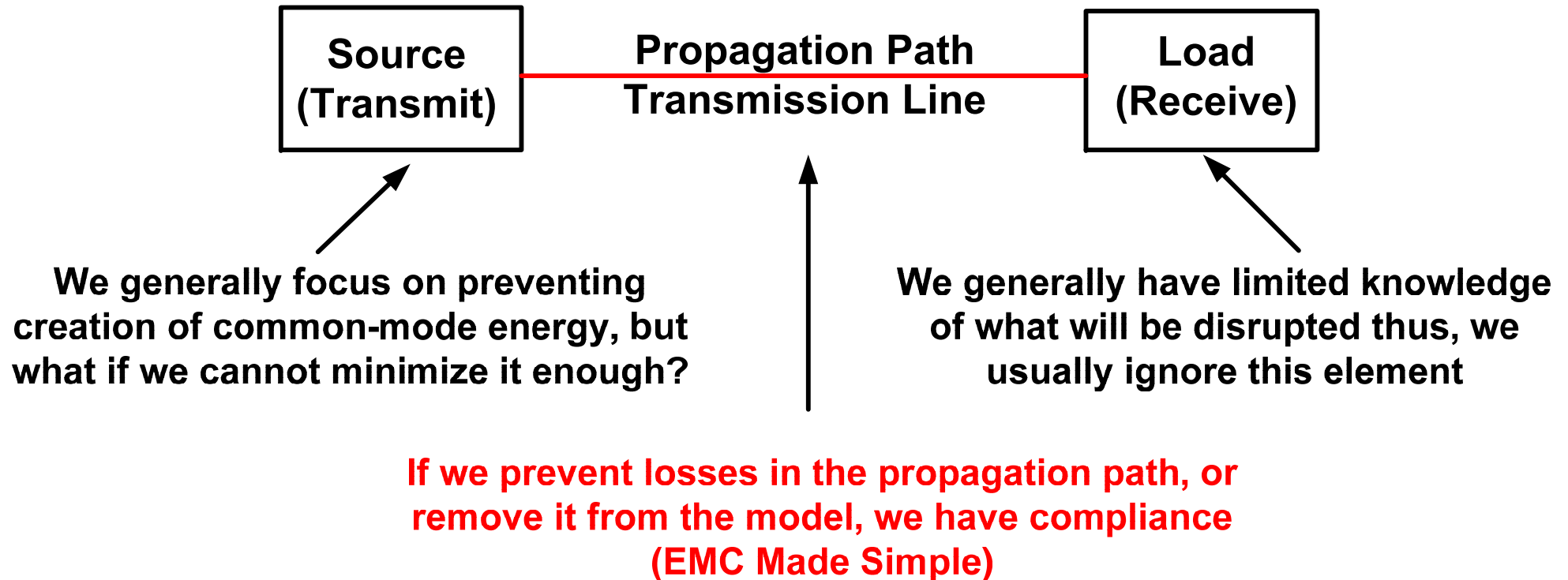
Using time delays between probes, much like a miniature version of the mobile cart for finding ESD events in a room, a source of noise in a system can be located.

# Electromagnetics Made Simple Maxwell Without the Math



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# **Basis of Electrical Engineering**



# **Electromagnetics Made Simple** **Using Simple Algebra**

## Maxwell Made Simple®

Maxwell's four equations describe the relationship of electric and magnetic fields, derived from Ampere's Law, Faraday's Law, and two from Gauss.

To overly simplify Maxwell, conceptually use *Ohms law* to convert frequency domain aspects of Maxwell's equations into the time domain.

### Ohms Law (Time domain - DC currents)

$$V = I R$$

### Maxwell's Equations (Frequency domain - AC currents)

$$V_{rf} = I_{rf} Z$$

$$Z = R + j|X|$$

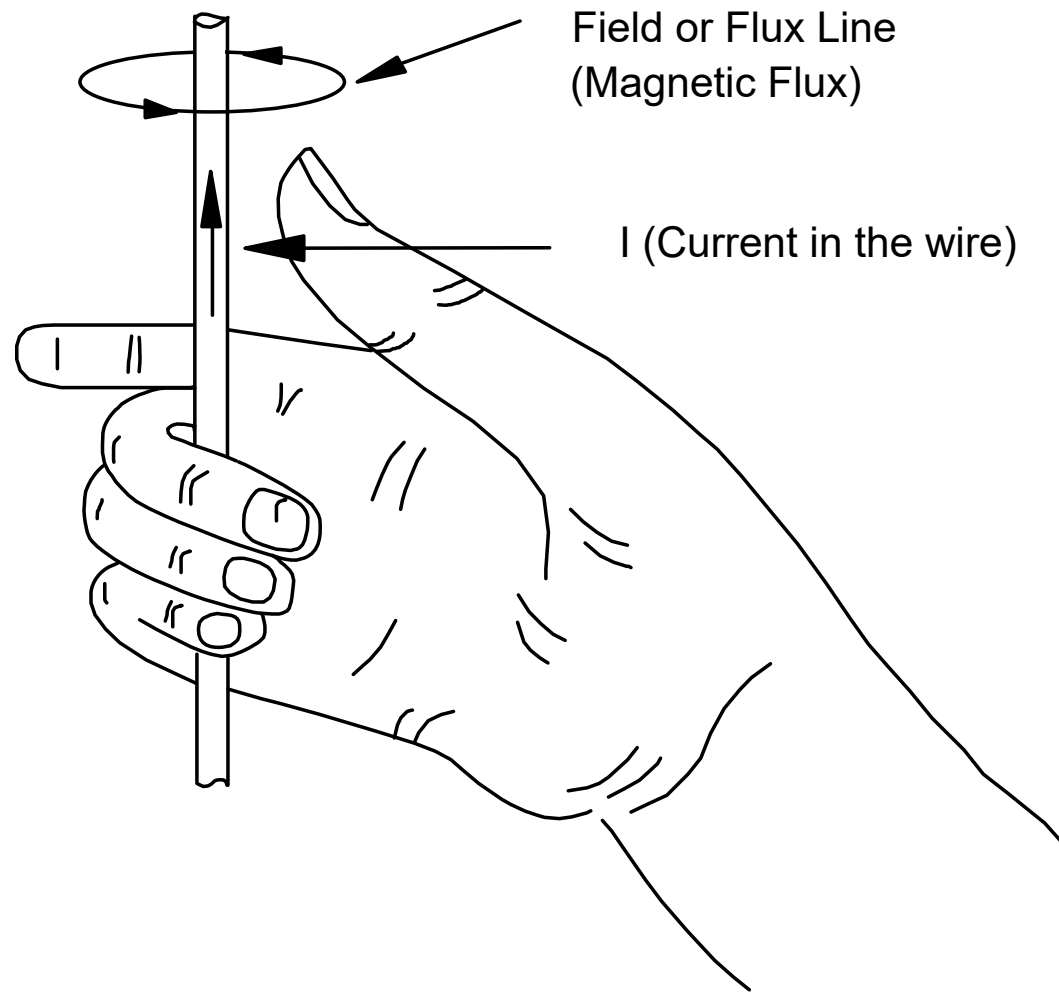
where

$$X_L = 2 \pi f L$$

$$X_C = 1/(2 \pi f C)$$



## **Right Hand Rule** ***(Faraday's Law)***



Where is the electric field? In the direction of current flow.  
Only the magnetic field is shown as a flux line.

## **Maxwell's Equations - Simplified** (For Reference Purposes)

First Law : Electric Flux (from Gauss)

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \rho \qquad \phi_e = \oint_s \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = \int_v \rho \, dv = 0$$

**The math that explains how a Faraday shield works for electric fields, simplified.**

Second Law : Magnetic Flux (from Gauss)

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0 \qquad \phi_m = \oint_s \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = 0$$

**The math that explains how a Faraday shield works for magnetic fields, simplified.**

Third Law : Electric Potential (from Faraday)

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = - \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \qquad \oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = - \int_s \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \cdot d\mathbf{s}$$

**Time varying current in a transmission line creates time varying magnetic flux, which in turn creates an electric field, the combination of which creates an electromagnetic field.**

Fourth Law : Electric Current (from Ampere)

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t} \qquad \oint \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \int_s \left( \mathbf{J} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t} \right) \cdot d\mathbf{s} = I_{total}$$

**Current must flow in a loop, simplified.**

**DO NOT WORRY ABOUT SOLVING CALCULUS EQUATIONS**  
**UNDERSTAND WHAT THE EQUATIONS TELL US!**

## **Electric and Magnetic Field Impedance**

A plane wave is a combination of both electric and magnetic field components (Poynting vector). Fields propagate from a field source near the velocity of light.

$$c = 1/\sqrt{\mu_o \epsilon_o} = 3 \times 10^8$$

$$\text{where } \mu_o = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ H/m}$$

$$\epsilon_o = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F/m}$$

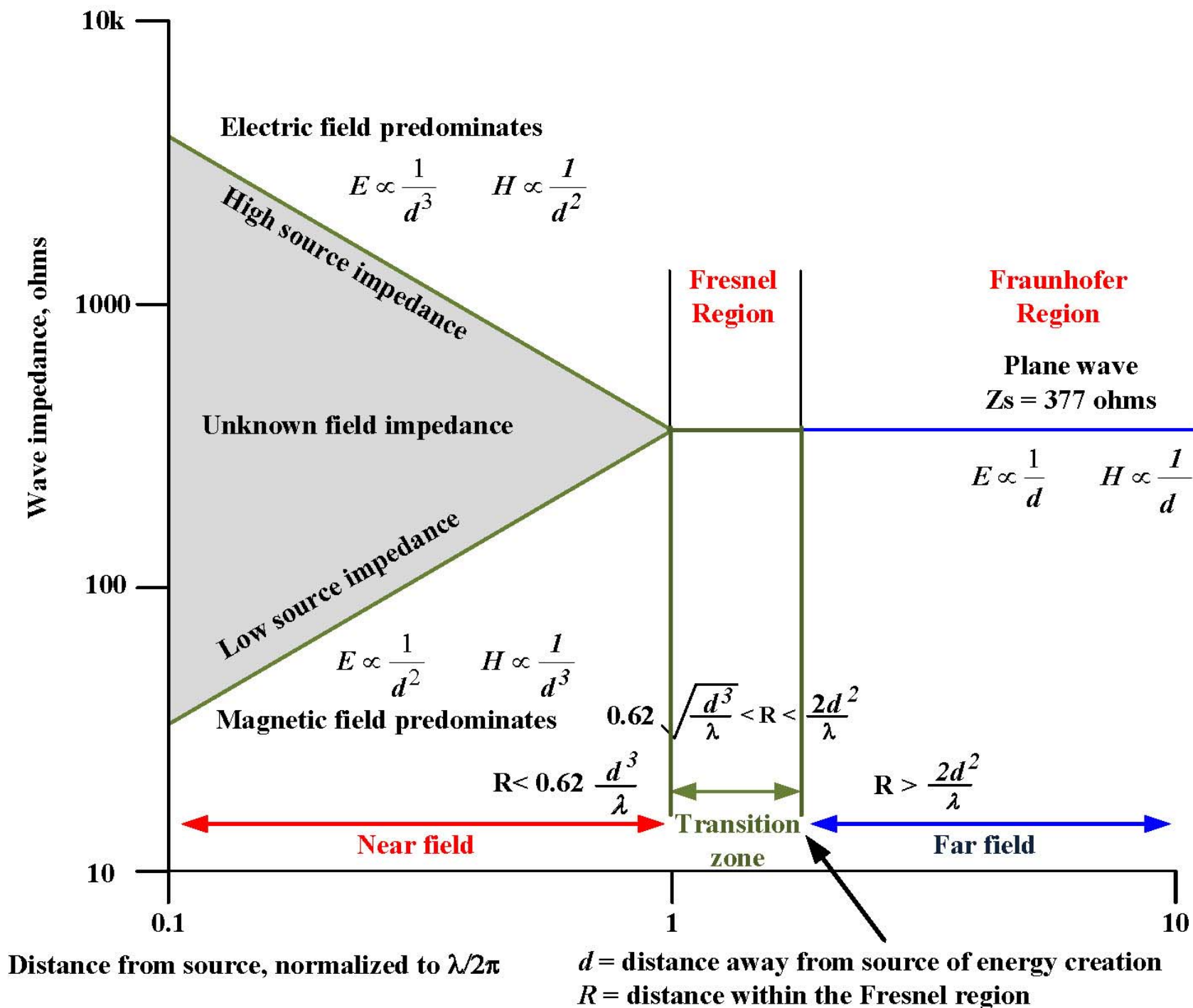
**Electric field component is measured in volts/meter (Note-voltage)**  
**Magnetic field component is in amps/meter (Note-current)**

The ratio of both electric field (***E***) to magnetic field (***H***) is identified as the "impedance" of free space. This impedance ratio is described by:

$$Z_o = E \times H = \sqrt{\mu_o / \epsilon_o} = 377 \text{ ohms}$$

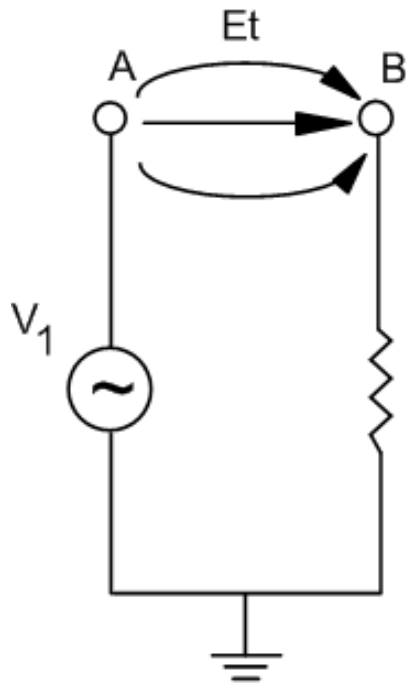
***Energy carried in the wave front is measured in Watts/meter<sup>2</sup>***  
***(Note-power)***

***Ohms Law Applied to Field Propagation: P=VI***

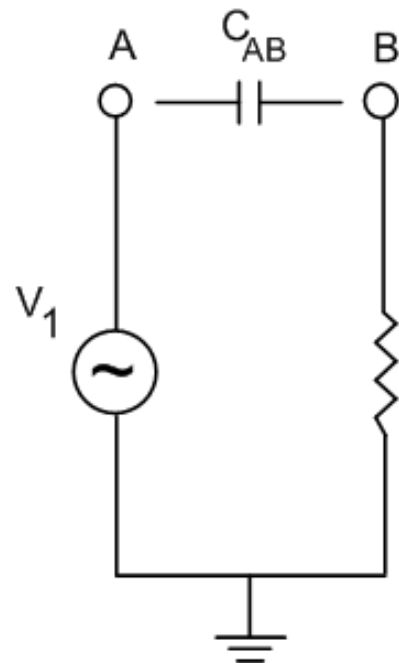


# **Magnetic and Electric Field Representation**

**Electric Field**

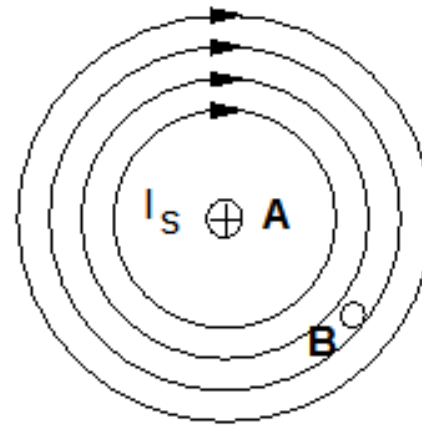


Physical Representation

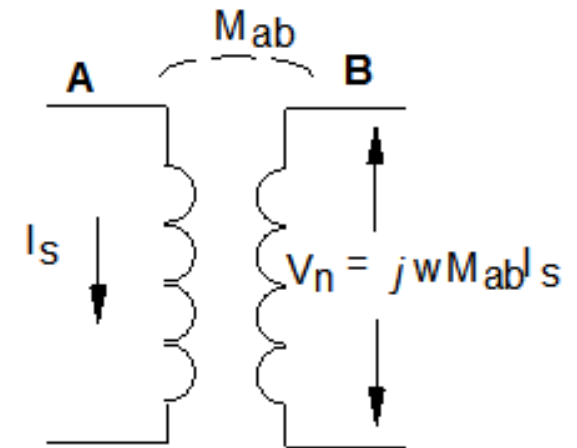


Equivalent Circuit

**Magnetic Field**



Physical Representation



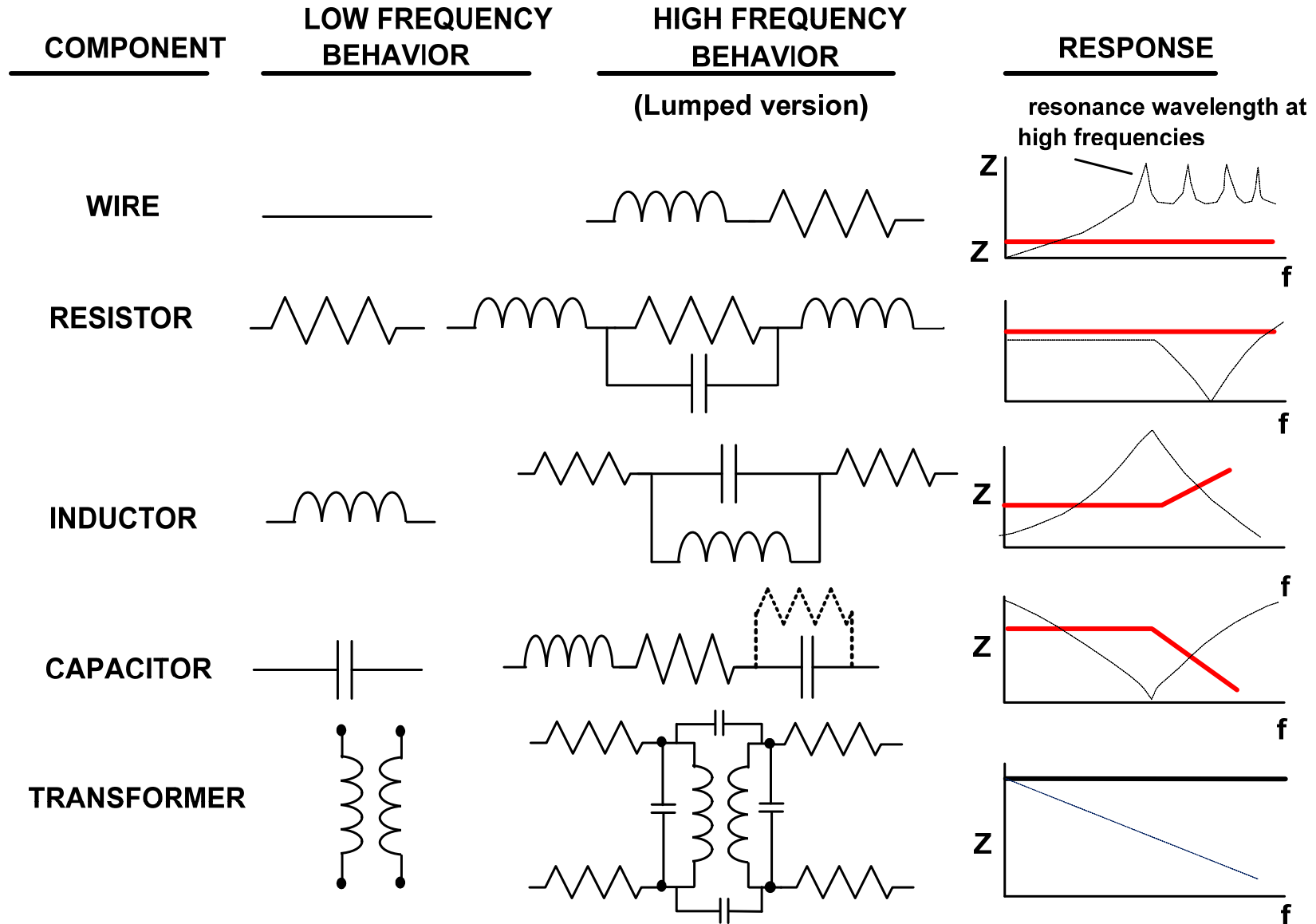
Equivalent Circuit

**Dipole Antenna Configuration**

**Loop Antenna Configuration**

# Component Characteristics at RF Frequencies

## (The Hidden Schematic)



### Response curves

**Solid line is low frequency behavior**

**Solid line is high frequency behavior**



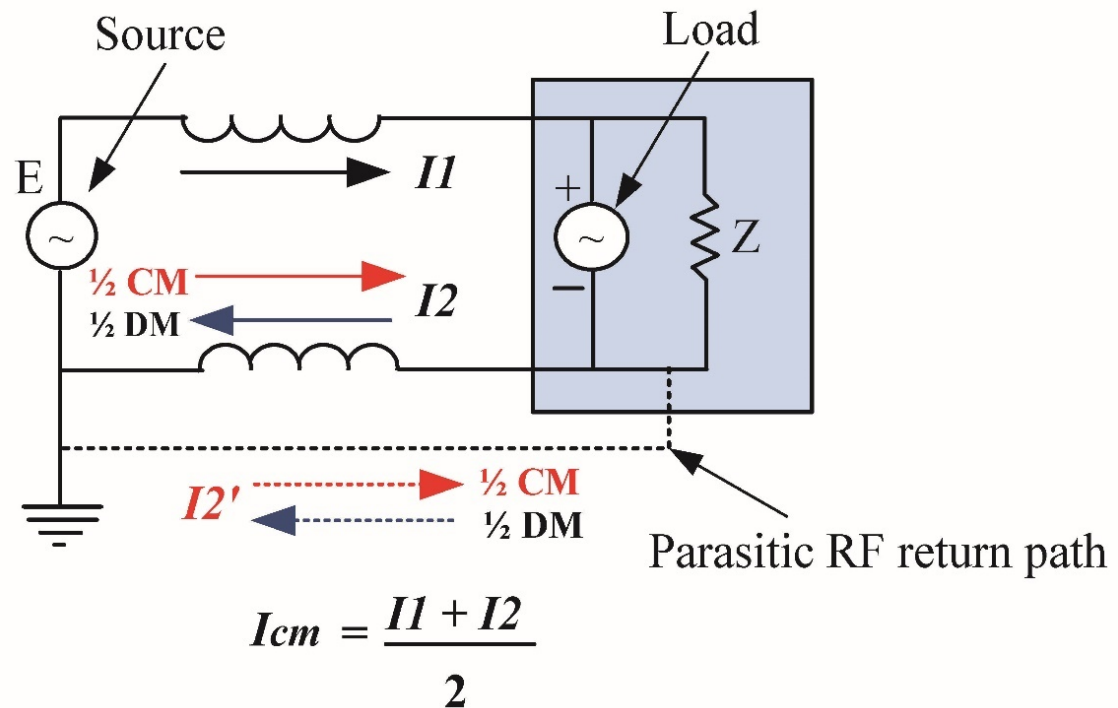
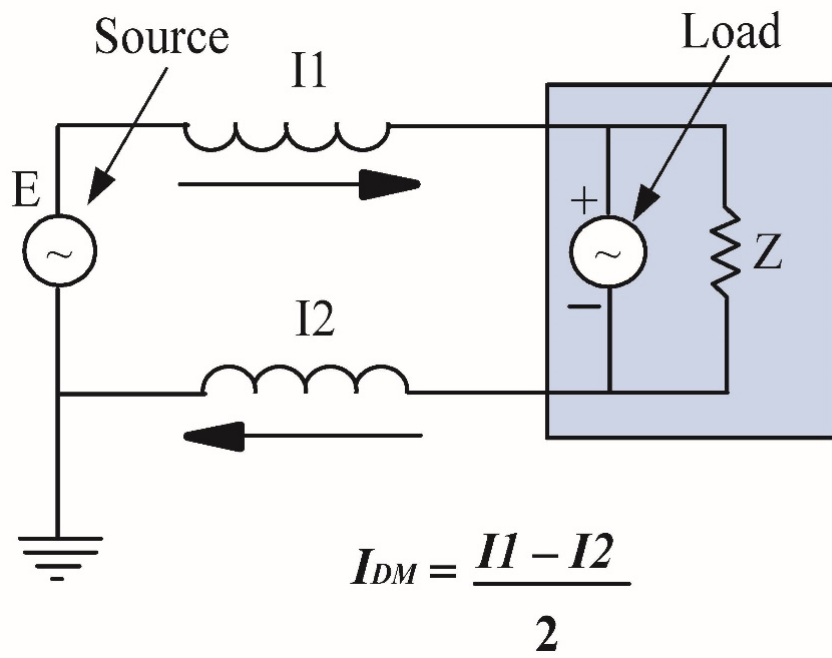
# Common-Mode and Differential-Mode Currents in Transmission Lines

## Differential-mode

1. Conveys desired information.
2. Does not cause interference. Fields generated oppose each other and cancel.

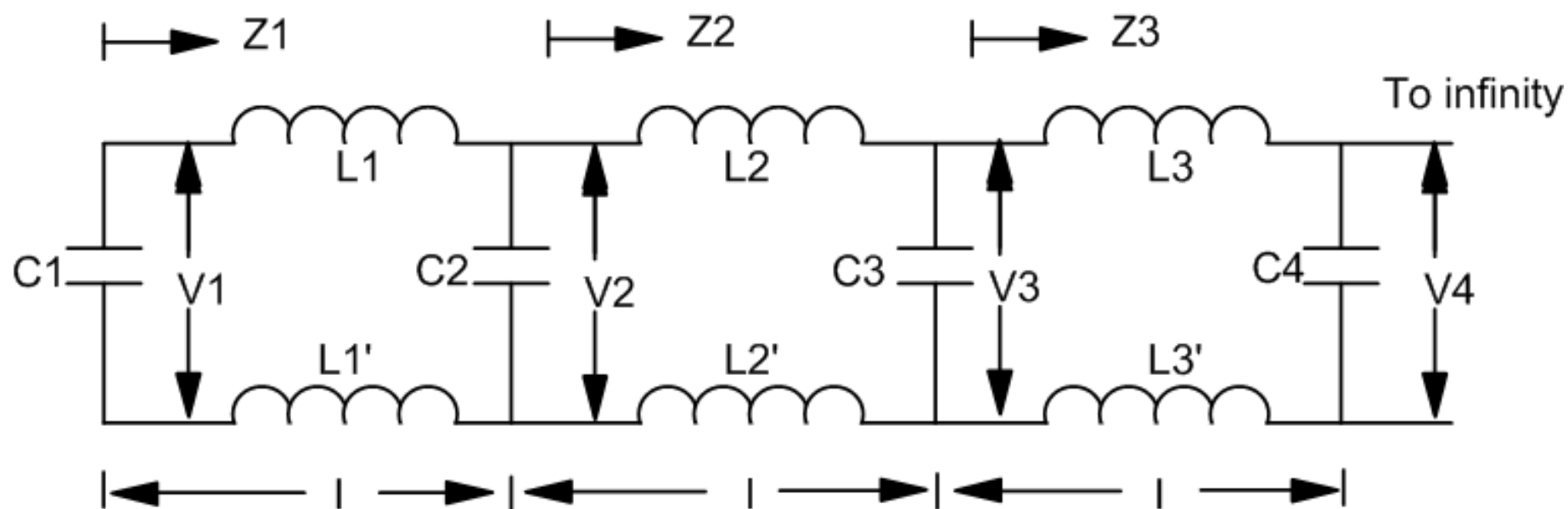
## Common-mode

1. The major source of cable radiation.
2. Contains no useful information.
3. Has no useful purpose.
4. Causes a system (traces, cables, etc.) to radiate.



# ***Transmission Line Theory Made Simple***

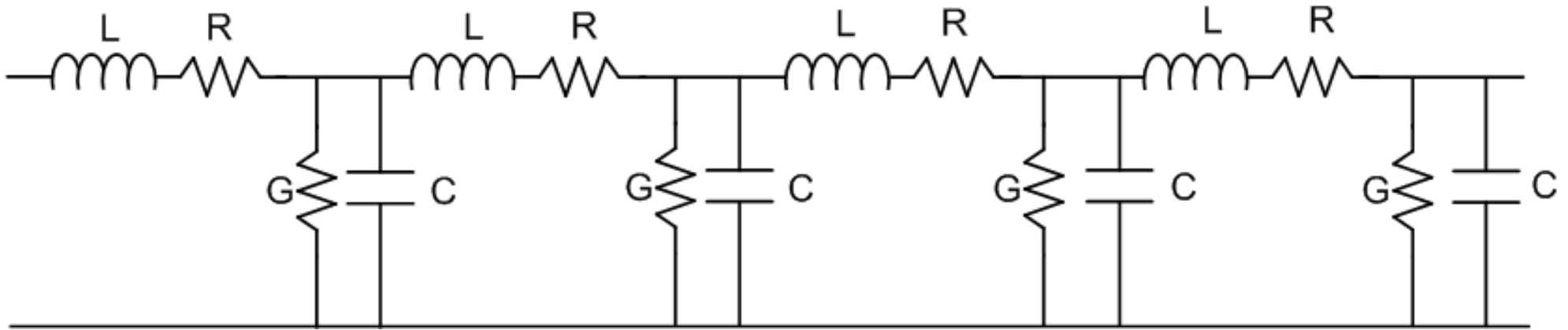
## Lossless Transmission Line Equivalent Circuit Within a PCB



$$Z_o = \sqrt{\frac{L_o}{C_o}} = \frac{V(x)}{I(x)}$$

$$t_{pd} = \sqrt{L_{total} C_{total}}$$

## **Lossy Transmission Line Equivalent Circuit Within a PCB**



$$V(\omega, x) = V_o \exp(-\Gamma x) \exp(jt)$$

$$\Gamma = \alpha + j\beta = \sqrt{(R_L + j\omega L L) + (G_L + j\omega C L)}$$

$$Z_o = \sqrt{\frac{(R_L + j\omega L L)}{(G_L + j\omega C L)}}$$

$Z_o$  = characteristic impedance

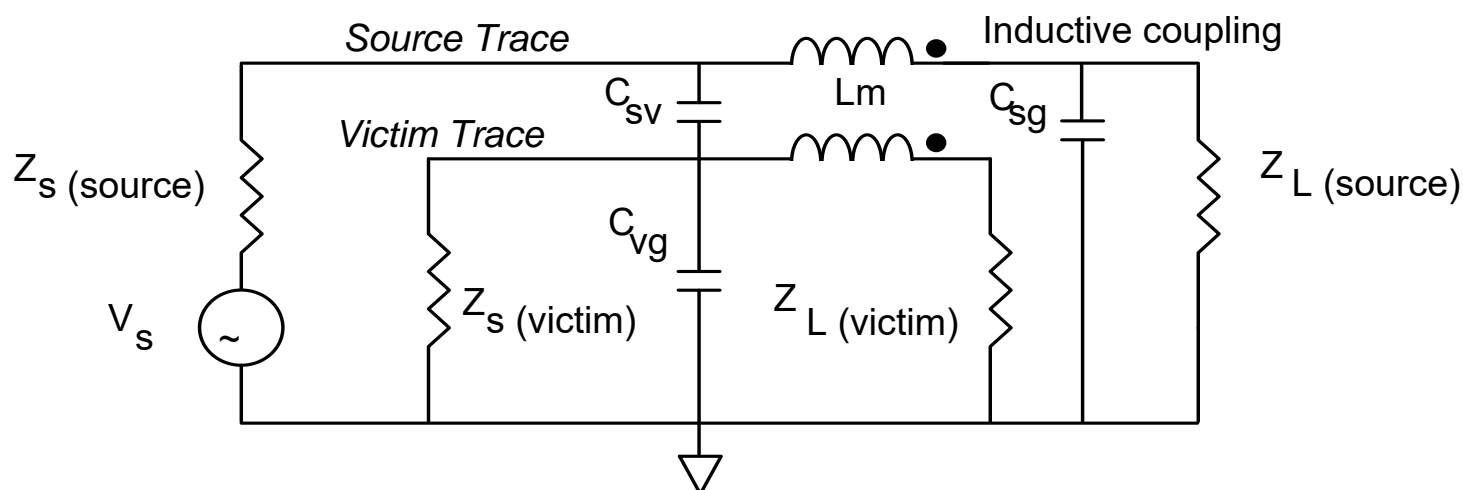
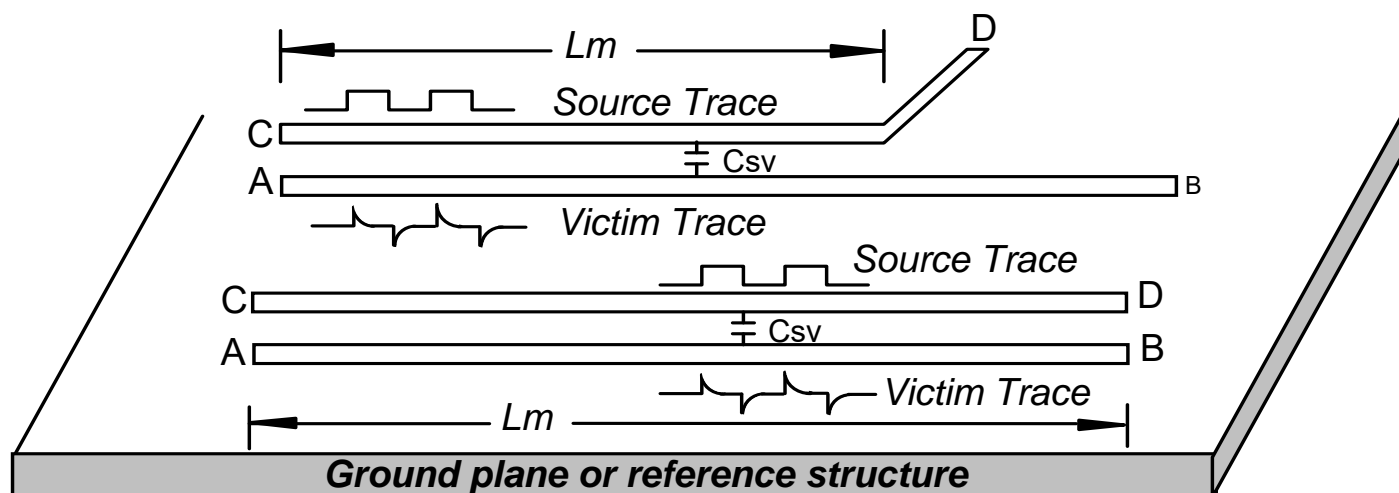
$L$  = line length

$R_L, G_L$  may vary with frequency

## **Lossy Transmission Lines**

1. **Resistive losses.** Constant with frequency. Ideal resistors have a constant value with frequency. Attenuation, usually measured in dB/unit distance is proportional to the resistance per unit length of the conductor.
2. **Skin effect losses.** Proportional to the square root of frequency. As the signal frequency increases, current flow retreats to the surface of the conductor flowing in a "skin" which becomes thinner with increasing frequency.
3. **Dielectric losses.** The PCB material (core and prepreg) absorbs some of the electric field energy, which is directly proportional to frequency. A high dissipation factor material means it will absorb a lot of propagating electromagnetic energy.
4. **Resonances.** Typically caused by improperly terminated traces and split planes in addition to the lumped magnitude of both capacitance and inductance within power distribution networks.

## **Crosstalk (a.k.a. – EMI at the Microscopic Level)**



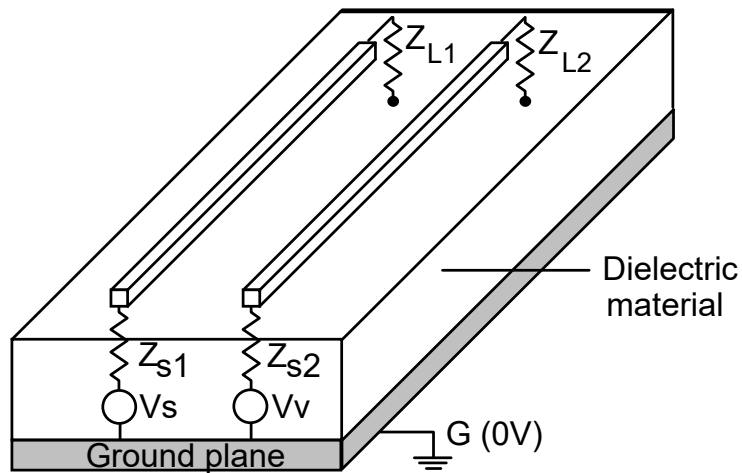
$$Z_v = \frac{Z_s(v) \times Z_L(v)}{Z_s(v) + Z_L(v)}$$

$C_{sv}$  = Capacitance between source trace and victim trace

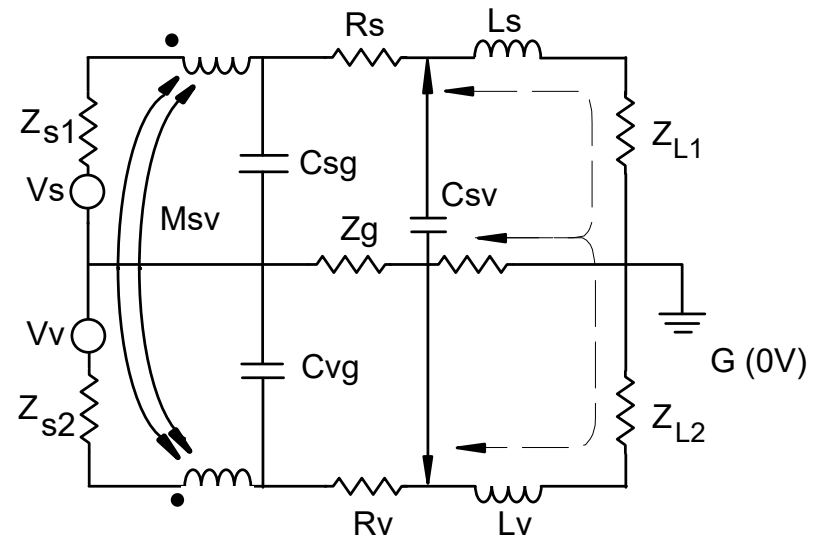
$C_{vg}$  = Capacitance between victim trace and ground

$C_{sg}$  = Capacitance between source trace and ground





Parallel traces over a ground plane

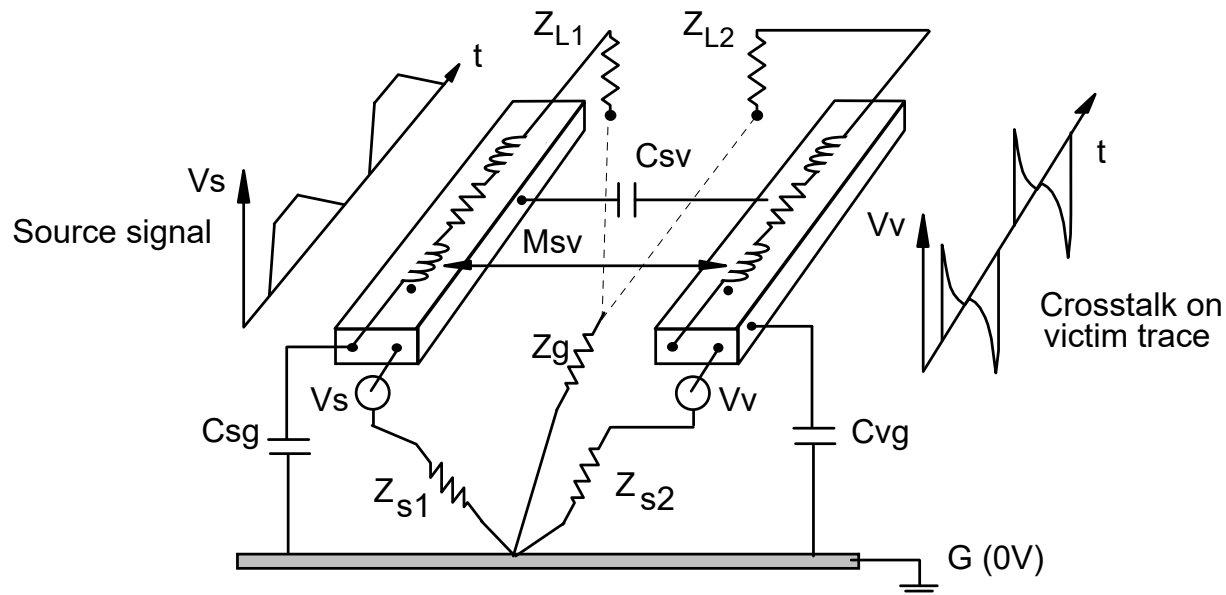


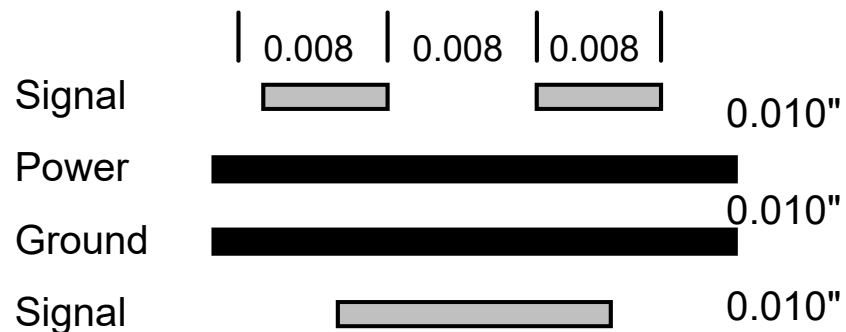
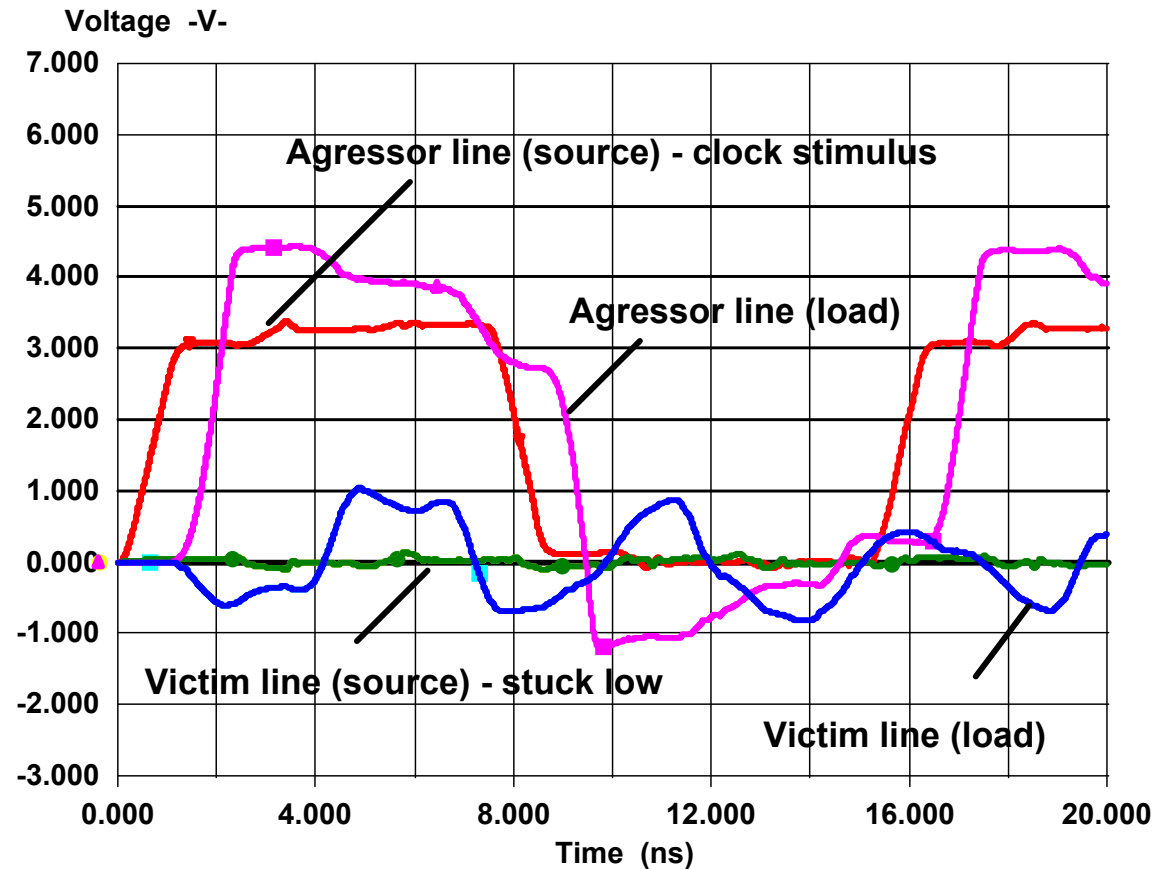
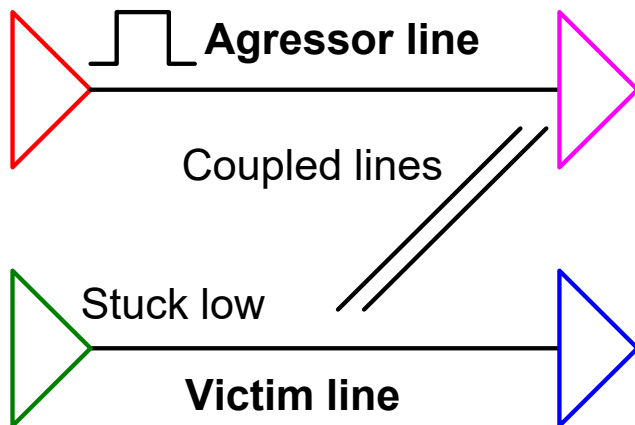
Schematic representation of a three wire circuit

$C_{sv}$  = Capacitance between source trace and victim trace

$C_{vg}$  = Capacitance between victim trace and ground

$C_{sg}$  = Capacitance between source trace and ground





8.0 inches (20.3 cm) long, 72.1 ohms

Propagational delay: 1.126 ns

Oscillator: 66 MHz, 49% duty cycle

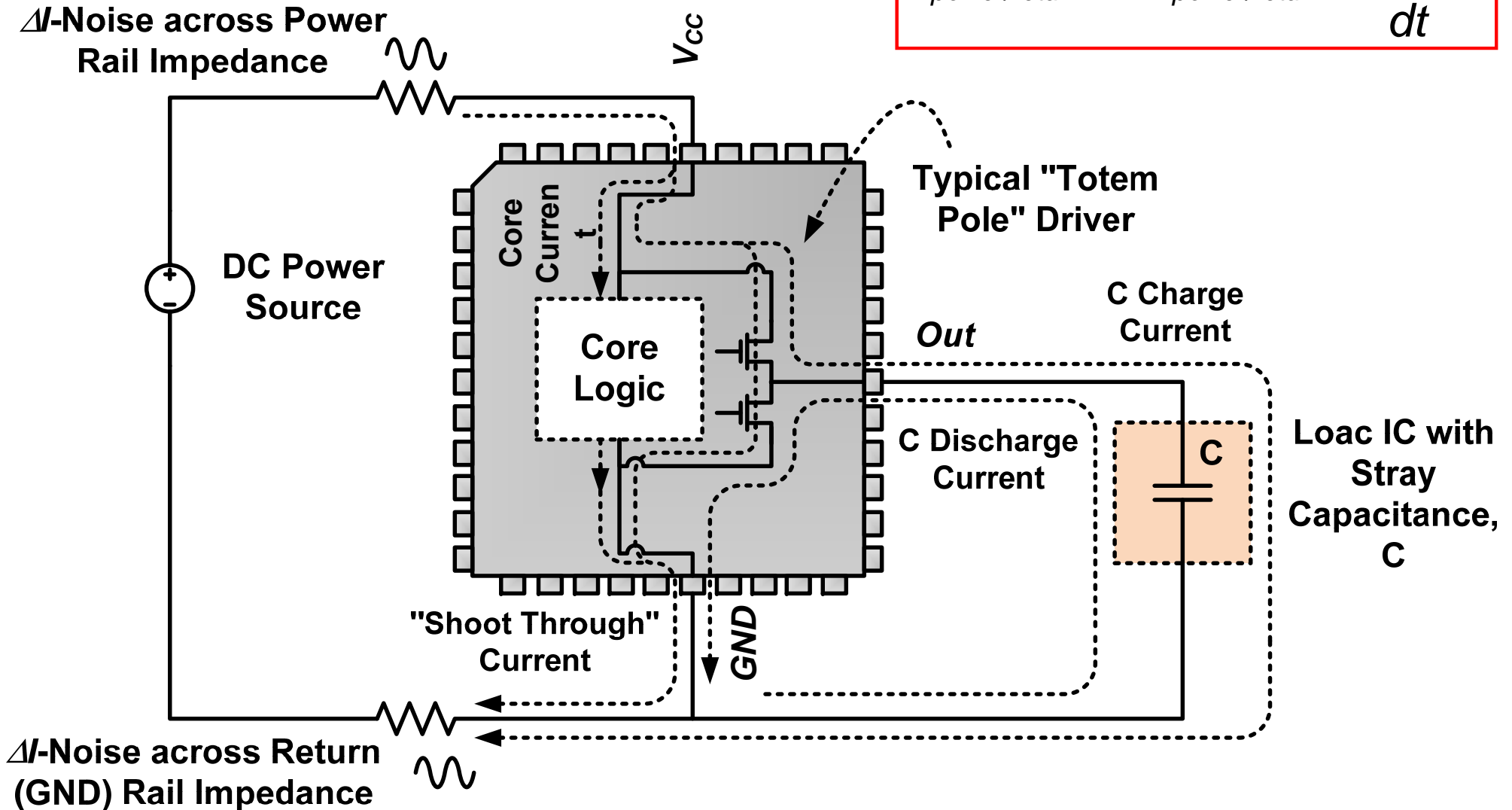
CMOS, 3.3V, Fast

Traces: 0.008" wide and 0.008" apart (.20mm)

Distance to reference plane: 0.010" (.25mm)

# Power and/or Return Plane Bounce

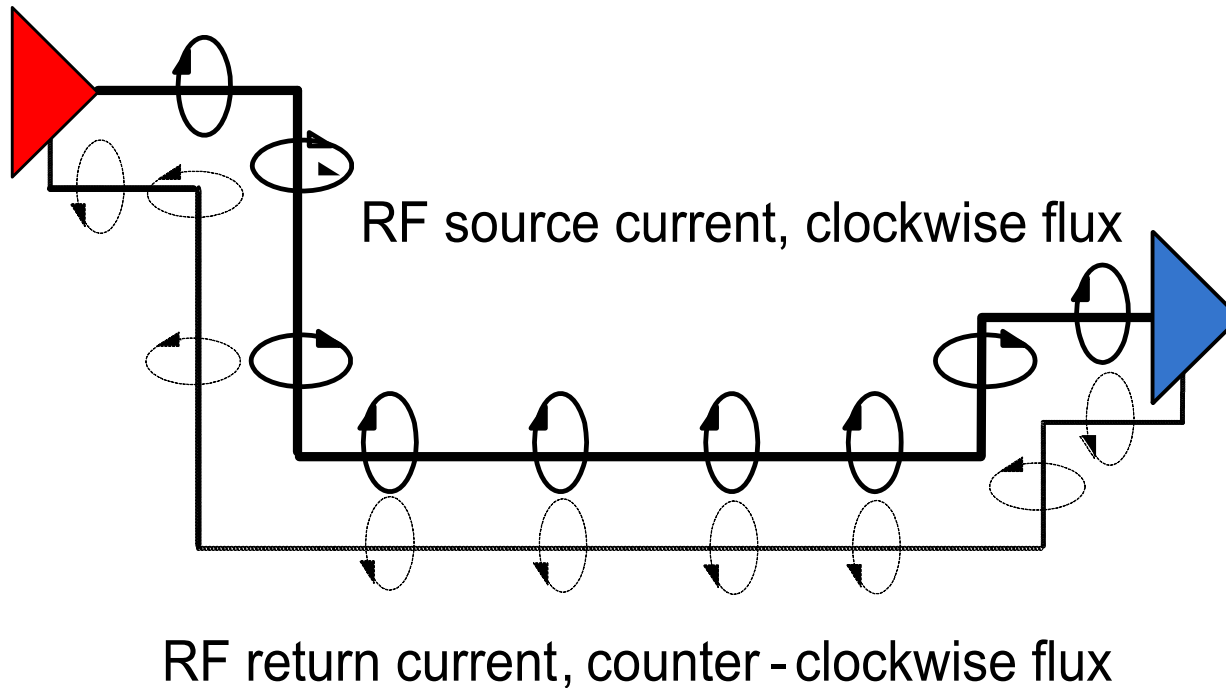
$$V_{\text{power/return}} = -L_{\text{power/return}} \frac{dI_{\text{discharge}}}{dt}$$



# ***RF Signal and Return Current Propagation***

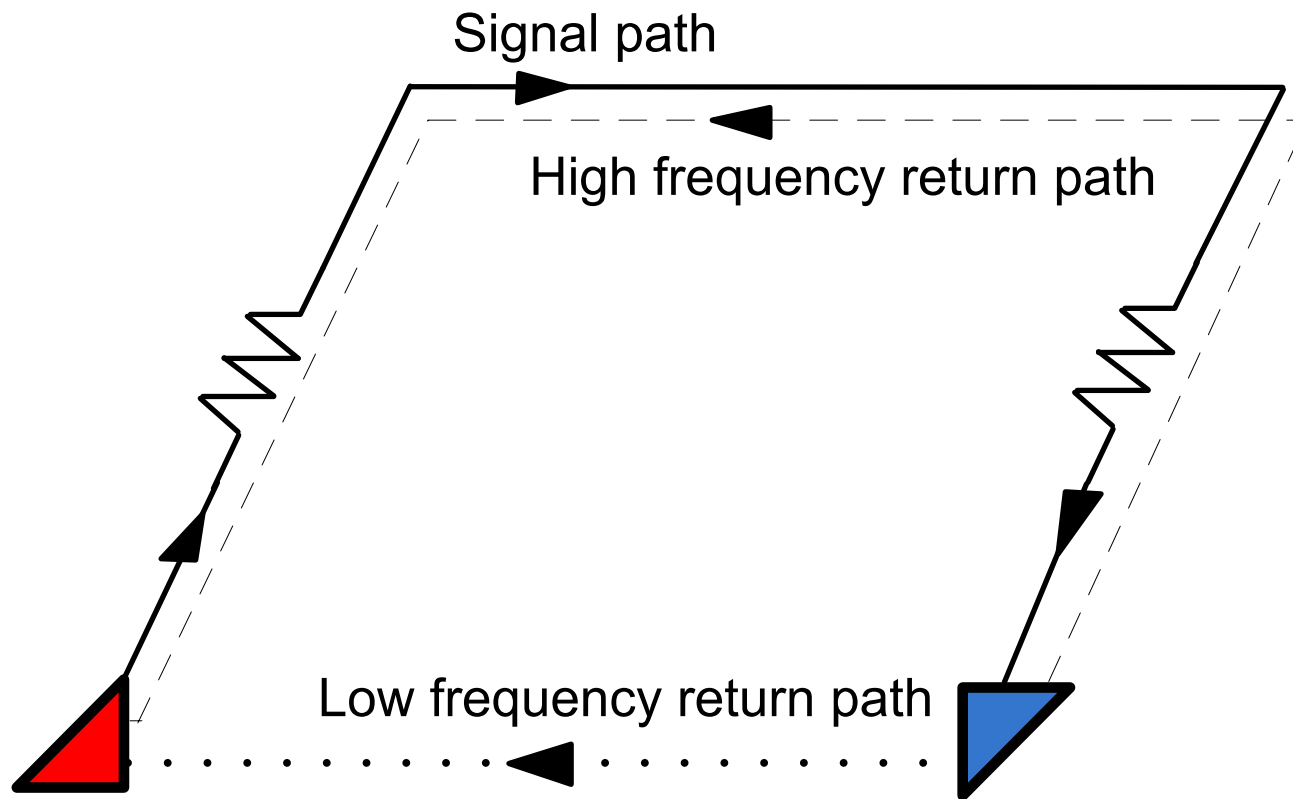
## **RF Current Return and Flux Cancellation**

The closer we bring the RF return path to the RF source path, enhanced coupling occurs, producing less RF energy



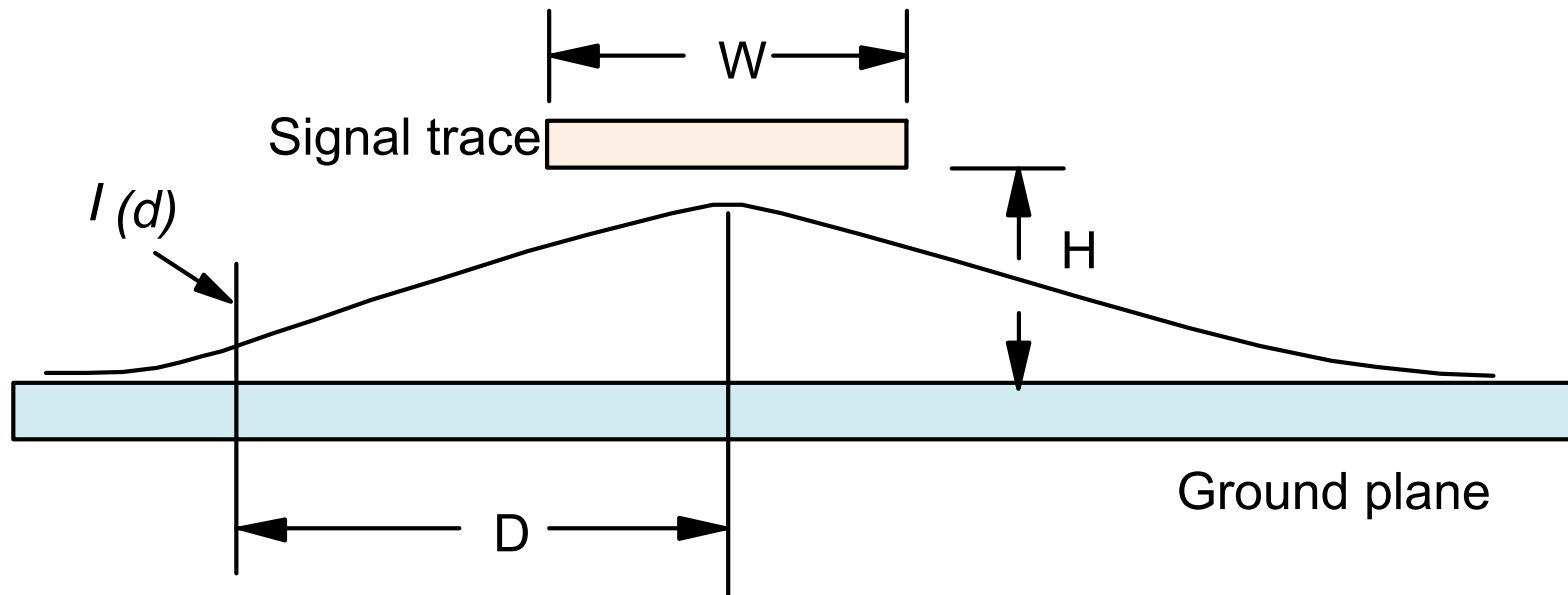
## RF Signal Return Path Propagation (High and Low Frequency)

- A layer of metal, generally copper at either voltage or return potential, physically adjacent to a signal routing layer.
- Solid planes provide a low impedance path for RF currents to return to their source (*optimal flux return*).
- If both transmission lines are closely coupled or near to each other, magnetic flux between both transmission lines will cancel out.





## **RF Current Density Distribution**



$$I(d) = \frac{I_0}{\pi H} \cdot \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{D}{H}\right)^2}$$

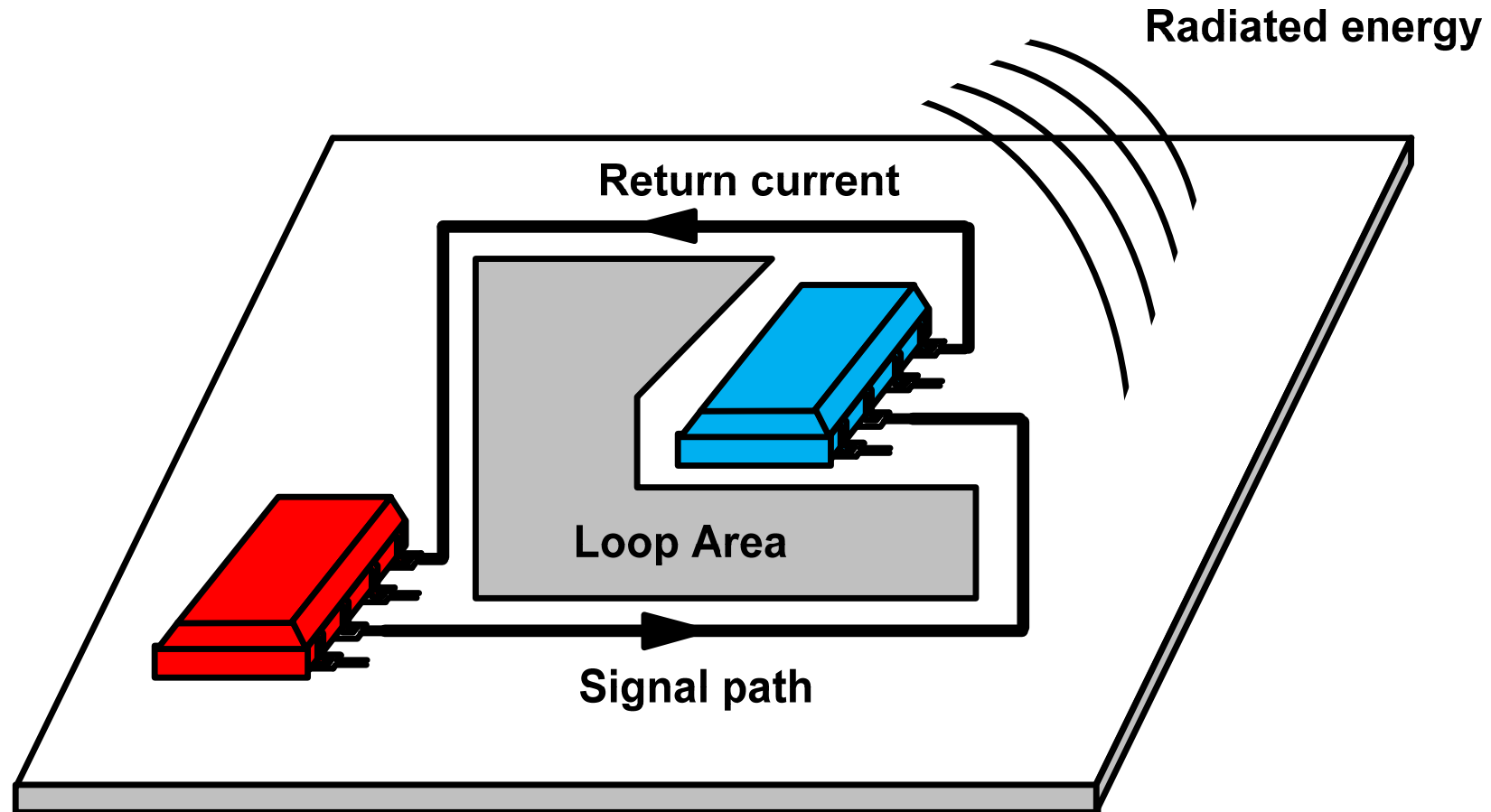
where:  $I(d)$  = signal current density, (A/inch or A/cm)

$I_0$  = total current (A)

$H$  = height of the trace above the ground plane (in. or cm)

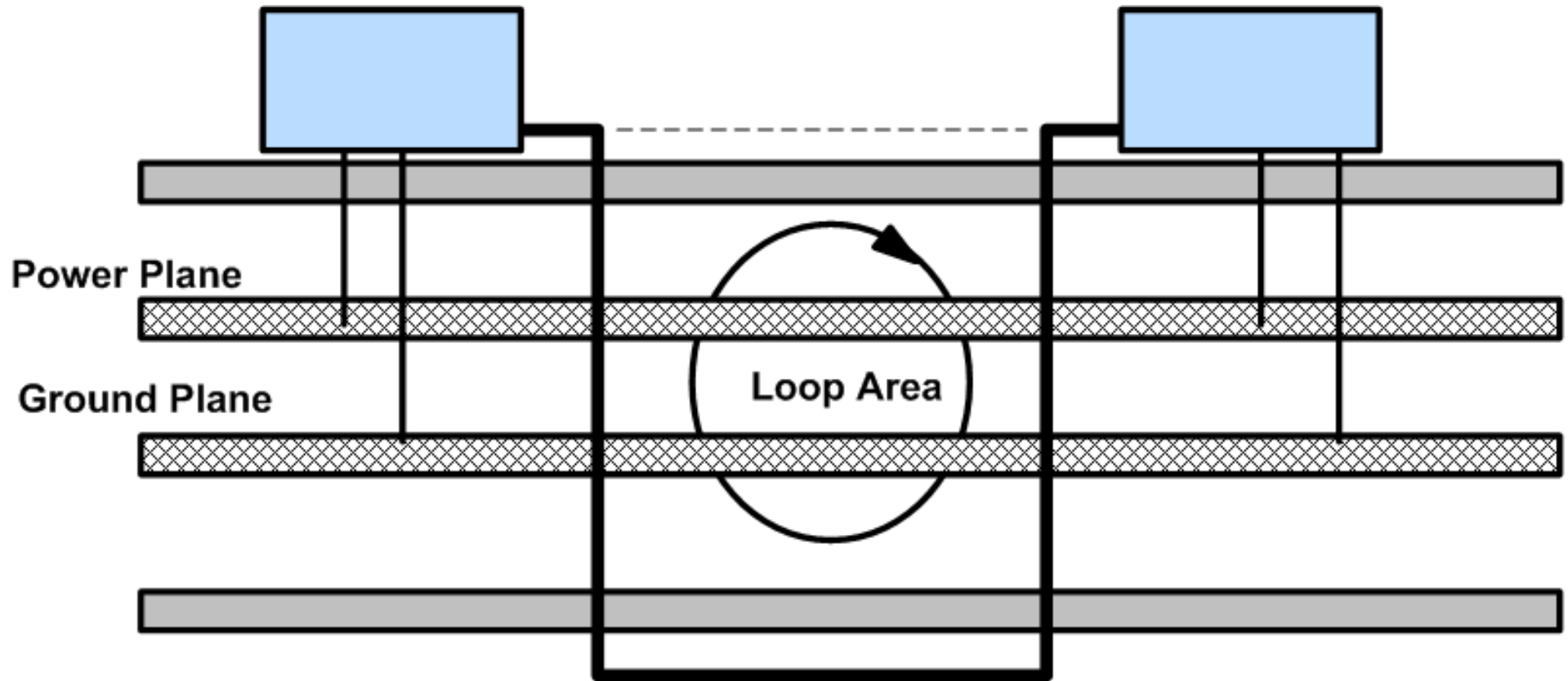
$D$  = perpendicular distance from the center line of the trace (in. or cm)

## Loop Area Between Circuits or Components – Same Layer



This configuration is for a single- or double-sided PCB.  
For a multi-layer PCB, loop area is in the plane directly below the signal path.

## **Loop Area Between Circuits or Components – Different Layers**



The real loop area is longer than shown, as the transmission line must have both a source and return path. Only the source path is shown. The return path is through either the power or ground plane, depending on application.

## **Calculating the RF Field from the Loop Area Between Components**

EMI is created from currents flowing between components. A small loop is one whose dimensions are smaller than a quarter wavelength ( $\lambda/4$ ) at a particular frequency of interest.

Maximum electric field strength from a loop **in free space**

$$E = 131.6 * 10^{-16} (f^2 * A * I_s) \left( \frac{1}{r} \right) \text{volts per meter}$$

where  $A$  = loop area in  $\text{cm}^2$ ,  $f$  (MHz) is the frequency of  $I_s$ , the source current in  $\text{mA}$  and  $r$  is the distance from the radiating element to the receiving antenna.

Differential-mode radiation from a cable affixed to the PCB with a **return path**

$$E = 263 * 10^{-16} (f^2 * A * I_s) \left( \frac{1}{r} \right) \text{volts per meter}$$

Common-mode radiation from a cable affixed to the PCB with a **return path**

$$E = 1.27 * 10^{-6} (f * L * I_s) \left( \frac{1}{r} \right) \text{volts per meter}$$

## **Capacitive Loading Effects on Every Transmission Line**

- Capacitive loading affects trace impedance
- Unloaded propagation delay for a transmission line is defined by

$$t_{pd} = \sqrt{L_o C_o}$$

With increased capacitive loading, propagation delay of the signal will increase by:

$$t_{pd}' = t_{pd} \sqrt{1 + \frac{C_d}{C_o}} \quad ns/length$$

Characteristic impedance of a transmission line, altered by gate loading,  $Z'_o$  is lowered by:

$$Z'_o = \frac{Z_o}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{C_d}{C_o}}}$$

where

$Z_o$  = Original unloaded line impedance (ohms)

$Z'_o$  = Modified line impedance (ohms)

$C_d$  = Input gate capacitance of all loads

$C_o$  = Characteristic capacitance of the unloaded transmission line

## **Calculating Trace Lengths to Determine if Termination is Required**

Assuming velocity of propagation 60% speed of light (FR-4), the maximum permissible un-terminated round trip considering the **two-way propagation delay** (source-load-source) is:

$$L_{\max} = \frac{t_r}{2t'_{pd}}$$

where  $t_r$  is in nanoseconds,  $t'_{pd}$  is propagation delay, and  $L_{\max}$  is actual routed length.

- A simple equation is available to **approximate** length of an electrically long line trace.
- If the routed trace is longer the  $L_{\max}$ , termination is required.
- Note: Think in the **time domain - not frequency domain!**

$$L_{\max} = k * t_r$$

$$L_{\max} = 9 * t_r \quad (\text{for microstrip topology - in cm.})$$

$$L_{\max} = 3.5 * t_r \quad (\text{for microstrip topology - in inches})$$

$$L_{\max} = 7 * t_r \quad (\text{for stripline topology - in cm.})$$

$$L_{\max} = 2.75 * t_r \quad (\text{for stripline topology - in inches})$$

### **Example**

If a signal edge is 2 ns, the maximum unterminated trace length when routed microstrip is:

$$L_{\max} = 9 * t_r = 18 \text{ cm (7")}$$

For stripline, the maximum unterminated trace length is:  $L_{\max} = 7 * t_r = 14 \text{ cm (5.5")}$



Calculate trace length to minimize reflections and enhance signal integrity.

$$L_d < L_{max}$$

where  $L_{max}$  is calculated maximum length and  $L_d$  the actual length of the trace.

- To calculate the “ $k$ ” factor for determining if a transmission line is electrically long, using a different value for the dielectric constant, the following equation is provided

$$k = x \left( \frac{a}{tpd} \right)$$

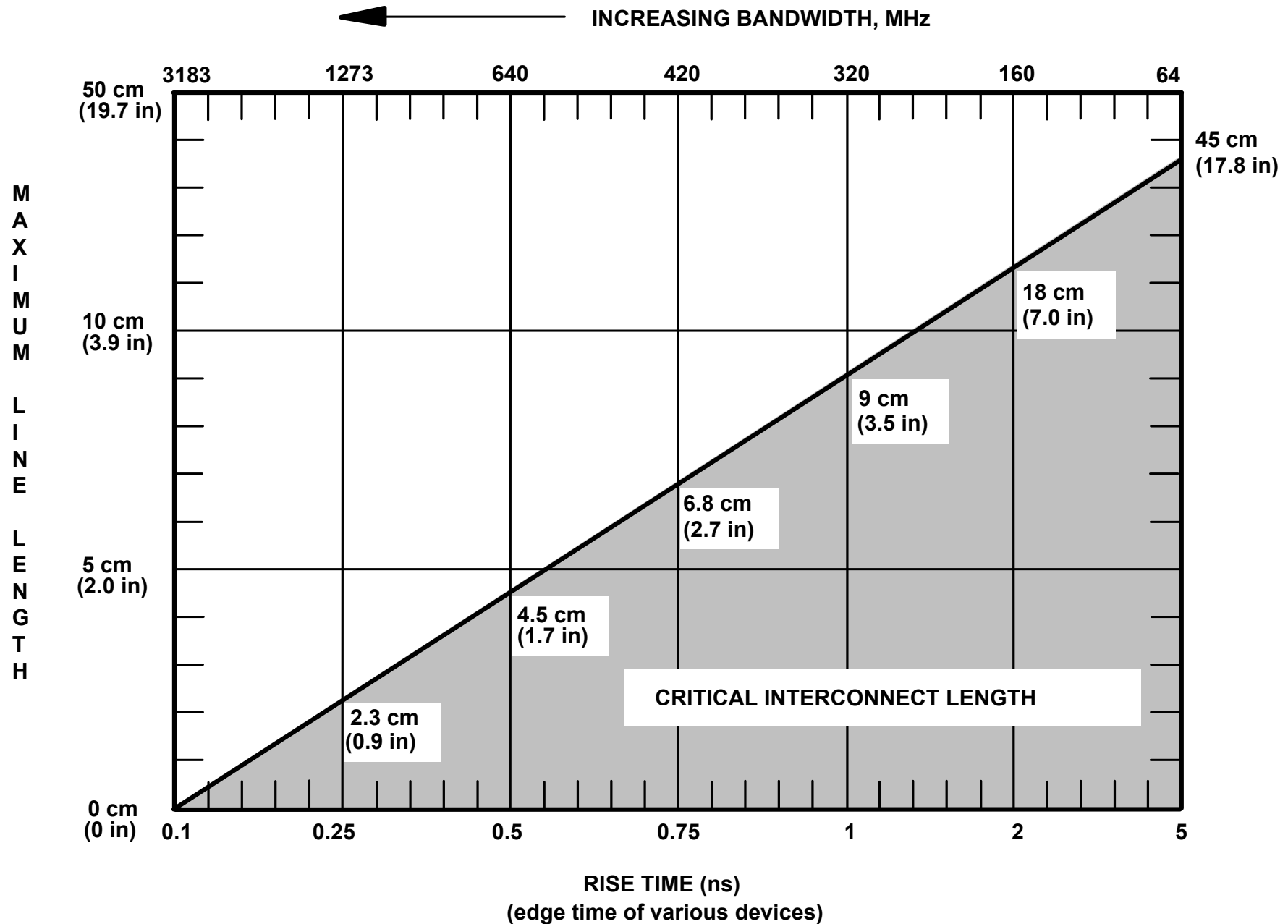
where  $k$  = constant factor for transmission line length determination

$a$  = 30.5 for cm, 12 for inches

$x$  = 0.5 (converts transmission line to one way path)

Example: for  $\epsilon_r = 4.1$ ,  $L_{max} = 8.87$  for microstrip (in cm) or 3.49 (in inches)  
 $L_{max} = 6.99$  for stripline (in cm) or 2.75 (in inches)

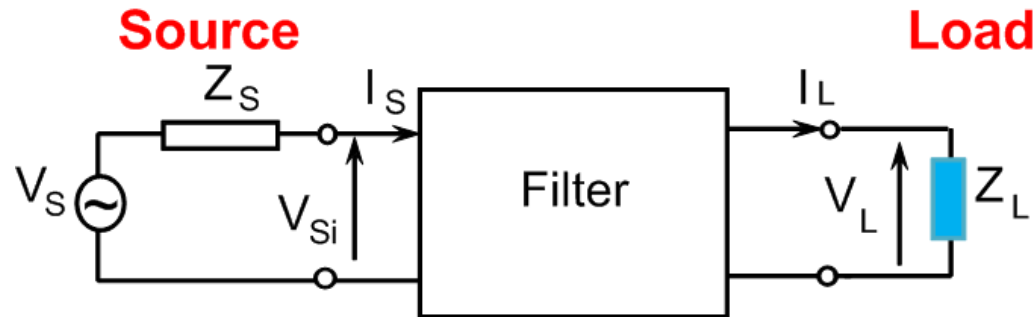
# Maximum Unterminated Line Length vs. Signal Edge Rate



Note: Above calculations are for a microstrip topology with a dielectric constant of 4.1.  
Actual distance will differ based on the dielectric material used within the board assembly.

***Simplified Introduction  
to Filtering Related to  
Transmission Lines Carrying  
Common-Mode RF Energy***

## What is a Filter?



A filter is simply a two-port device, with the following transfer function,  $H(f)$ :

$$H(f) = \frac{E_L(f)}{E_{Si}(f)}$$

Filters are characterized by: **Insertion Loss**

$$IL(f) = 20 \cdot \text{Log} \frac{E_{L1}(f)}{E_{L2}(f)} = 20 \cdot \text{Log} \frac{E_L(f) \text{ w/ Filter Inserted}}{E_L(f) \text{ w/o Filter Inserted}}$$

## **Basic Filter Configurations**

**Two basic types of RF filter methods exist; capacitive and inductive**

Different applications require one, the other or both. Most lower bandwidth ( $\leq 10$  MHz) circuits will benefit from use of filtering, which are not effective unless their placement is exactly adjacent to their interconnect.

Capacitive bypass filtering is used to shunt high frequency RF currents to an appropriate 0-V reference or chassis.

Inductive filters blocks RF fields from either leaving the system as an output signal, or prevents incoming RF from corrupting circuits on the PCB.

## **Basic Filter Characteristics**

Simplest type (first-order filter) contains a single reactive component.

- Capacitive reactance,  $X_C$ , will decrease with an increase in frequency.
- Inductive reactance,  $X_L$ , will increase with an increase in frequency.

$$X_C = \frac{1}{2\pi fC} ; \quad X_L = 2\pi fL$$

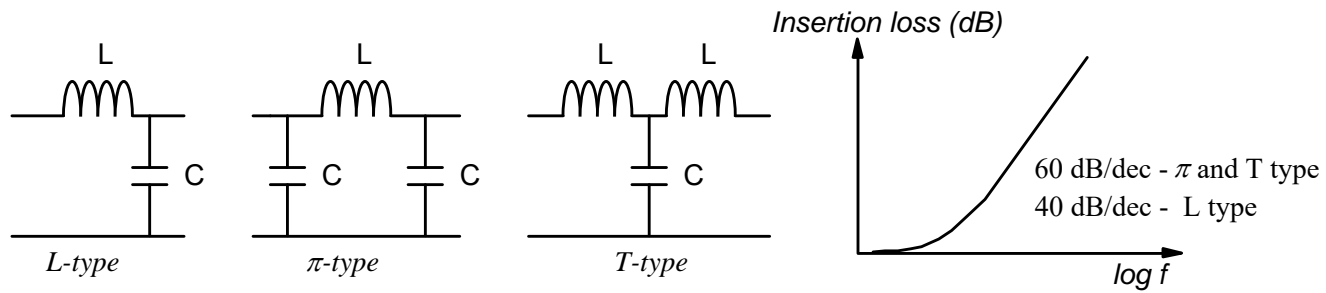
- Capacitors shunt noise current away from a load while inductors block or reduce noise in the transmission line.
- Single component filters are not very useful as their attenuation only changes at a rate of 6 dB/octave or 20 dB/decade.

To achieve greater attenuation, a second or higher-order filter consisting of two reactive components or more is required. This filter provides 12 dB/octave or 40 dB/decade attenuation.

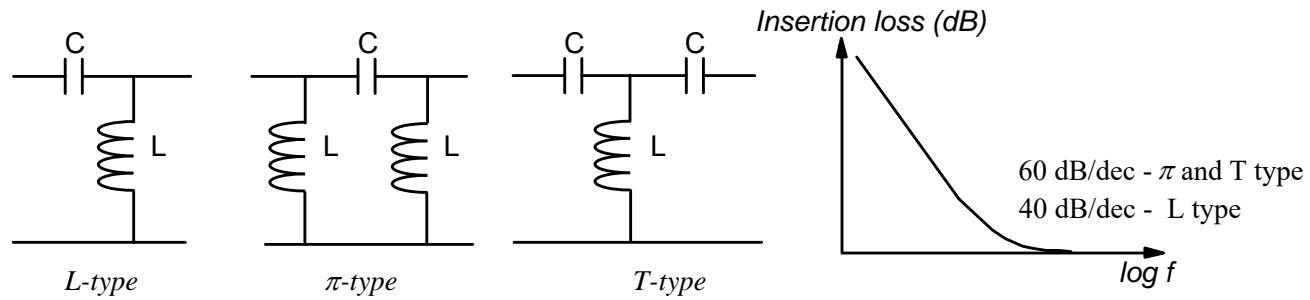


## **Signal and Power Line Filter Configurations**

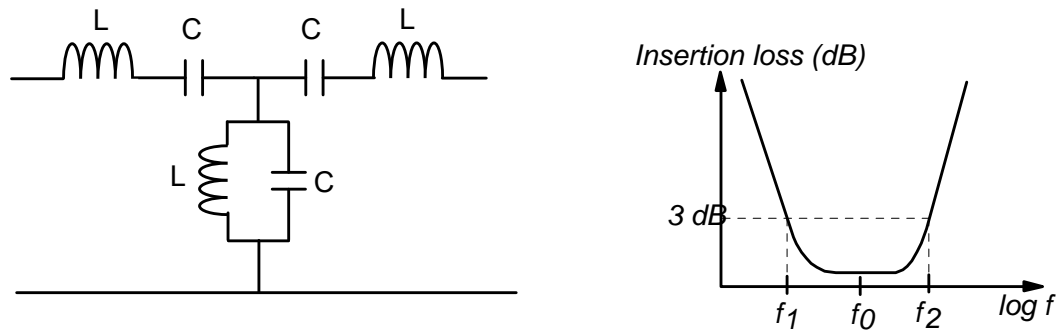
- **Low pass** – Rejects undesired RF energy above a desired set point, passing frequencies below this point with little or no attenuation. AC line filters are typically of the low pass variety.
- **High pass** – Rejects undesired RF energy below a desired set point, passing frequencies above this point with little or no attenuation.
- **Band pass** – Passes a range of desired frequencies with little or no attenuation, rejecting frequencies outside this specific range.
- **Band reject** – Rejects a range of frequencies within a particular frequency band of operation while passing all other frequencies outside this band.



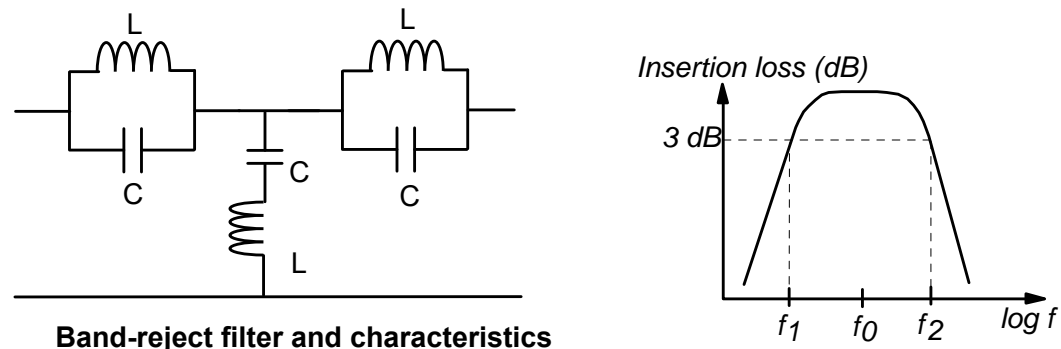
**Low-pass filter and characteristics**



**High-pass filter and characteristics**



**Band-pass filter and characteristics**



**Band-reject filter and characteristics**

## Common Mode Chokes

### Large amounts of capacitance cause the following problems

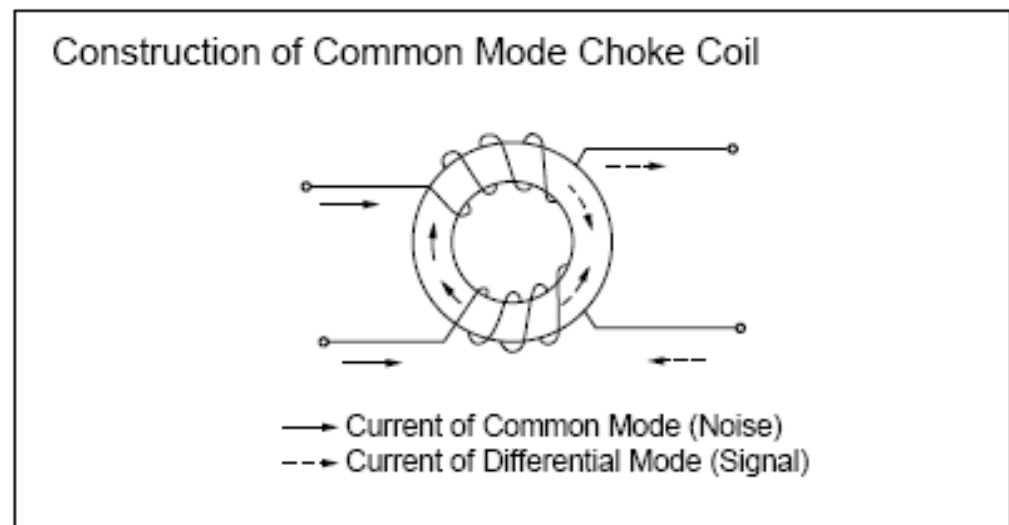
- Leakage current in power supply circuits may violate product safety requirements against the hazard of electric shock
- Capacitance limits the desired signal bandwidth for data signals

### Large inductors cannot be used

- Large DC currents may saturate the magnetic core of the inductor in power line filters, decreasing performance capability
- Large inductance provides little effect on limiting unwanted noise both above and below the desired bandwidth of a signal trace

### Common Mode Chokes

- Affect only common-node RF noise with virtually no effect on DM signals
- Provide high common-mode signal losses



## **Summary**

**Designing for EMC is easy *if one thinks about the overall objective before any design aspect of a system occurs.***

1. Understand requirements to meet; emissions and/or immunity.
2. Understand the environment the system must operate within.
3. Simplify complex theory into easy-to-use concepts.
4. There is no difference between time and frequency domain.
5. The key item to remember is minimizing development of unwanted magnetic field flux and to keep all transmission lines balanced (prevents creation of common-mode currents).
6. Systems must be self-compatible; does not cause harm to itself.
7. Use secondary means of flux removal by implementing an optimal referencing/grounding methodology, use of proper gasket material for shielding (if required) and incorporating filters correctly.
8. Take time in analyzing an EMI situations. A quick fix may not solve the problem.
9. Test and analyze early and often. Simulation is now required for due to advances in semiconductor technology.
10. Keep current with technological advances with education.

# EMC Challenges in Telecommunication Equipment

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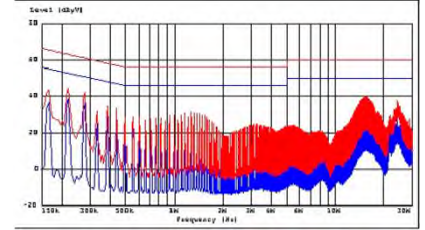
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# Agenda

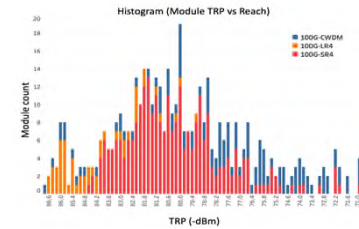
1. Introduction and problem statement
2. Early collaboration/engagement with suppliers to maximize repeatability in CE for PSUs



3. HW scaling to save cost and time



4. Early collaboration/engagement with optical vendors for Radiated Emissions



# Introduction

EMC team must deliver Routers and Switches that meet legal, quality and customer requirements on budget and on time

What are and where are the challenges (specific to networking equipment)?



MX2020  
20 Line Cards  
18 x 2.5kW modules



ASR9922  
20 Line Cards  
12 x 6kW AC  
Modules



# Problem Statement - Regulatory requirements

Key regulatory limits (radiated and conducted emissions, ESD) have not changed much since the 1980s when the PC was introduced. Regulatory bodies (IEC/FCC) are not planning to relax the limits.



1983 – Apple IIe, 1.023MHz 65C02 CPU, 64KB RAM (up to 1MB), DOS 3.3, 5 ¼" floppy disk

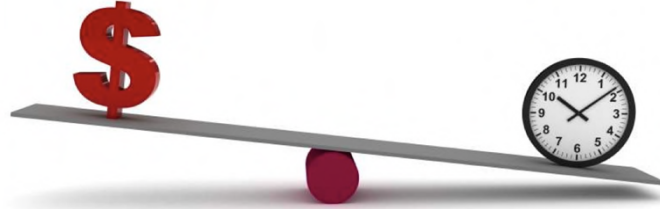
Speeds, densities and power requirements continue to increase, driven by bandwidth demands around the world as new technologies are introduced (4K/8K videos, 5G, etc.)



Year	Global Internet Traffic
1992	100 GB per day
1997	100 GB per hour
2002	100 GB per second
2007	2,000 GB per second
2017	46,600 GB per second
2022	150,700 GB per second

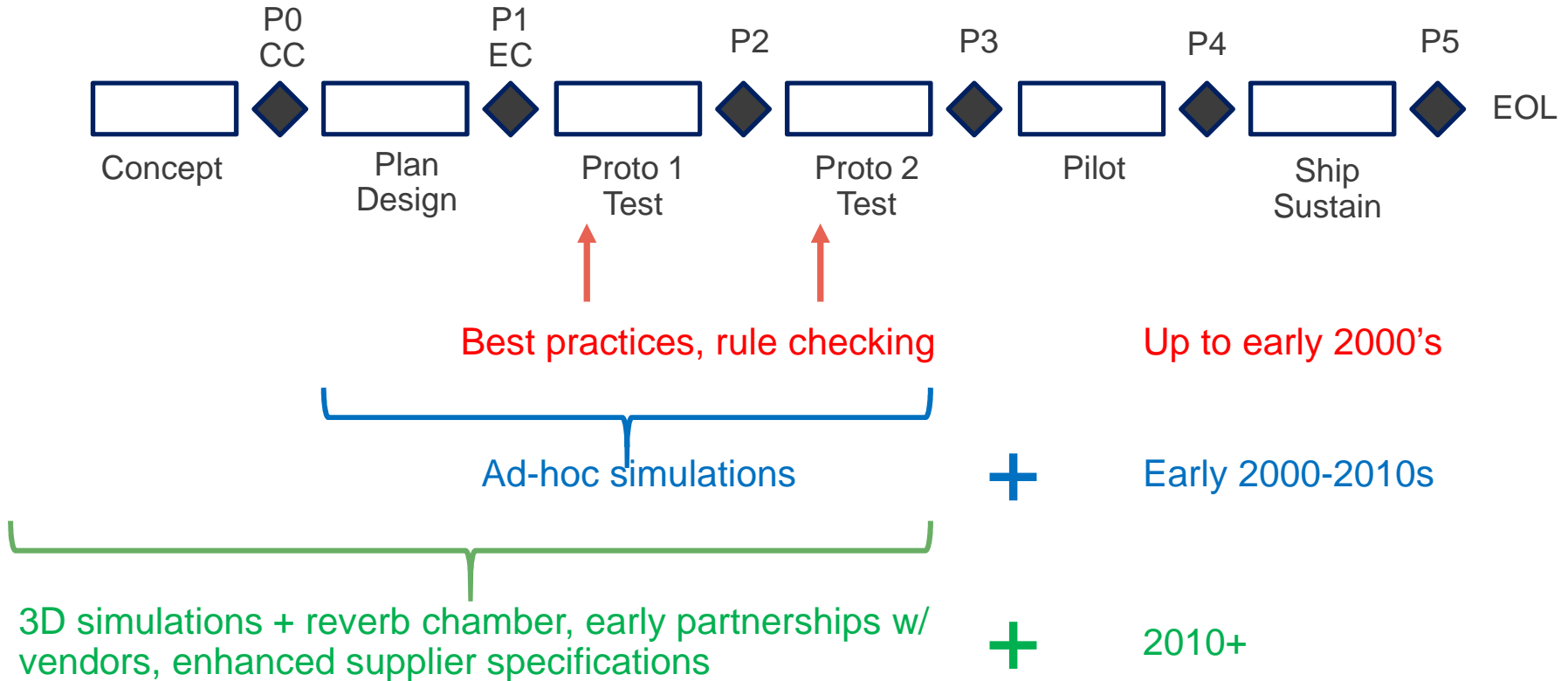
Source: Cisco VNI, 2018.

# Problem Statement - Budget versus Time



- We prioritize time (schedule) over budget
- Designs are increasingly complex
- Unplanned modifications can cancel a project
- Schedules are not increasing even if design complexities increase
- Primary challenge is schedule predictability
- How do we mitigate schedule risk?

# Risk mitigation vs schedule



# Maximize repeatability for CE in PSUs

**Issue:** Large variations (>10dB) in CE measurement results between labs increasing schedule risk

**Goal:** Root cause sources of variations and establish a deterministic testing process at the PSU level

## Reference paper:

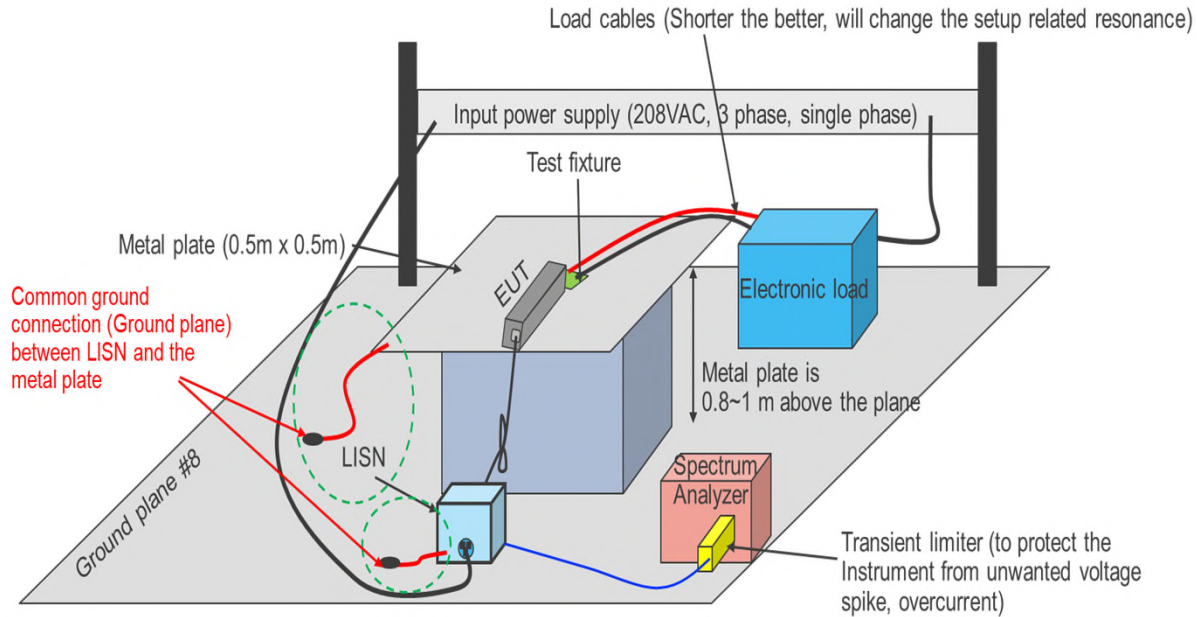
A Multi-mode Noise Reference Source for Verifying Different Conducted Emission Setups

Wei Zhang<sup>1</sup>, Rui Mi<sup>1</sup>, Javad Meiguni<sup>1</sup>, Shubhankar Marathe<sup>1</sup>, Kaustav Ghosh<sup>2</sup>, Angela Li<sup>2</sup>, Qian Liu<sup>2</sup>, Jacques Rollin<sup>2</sup>, Philippe Sochoux<sup>2</sup>, David Pommerenke<sup>1</sup>

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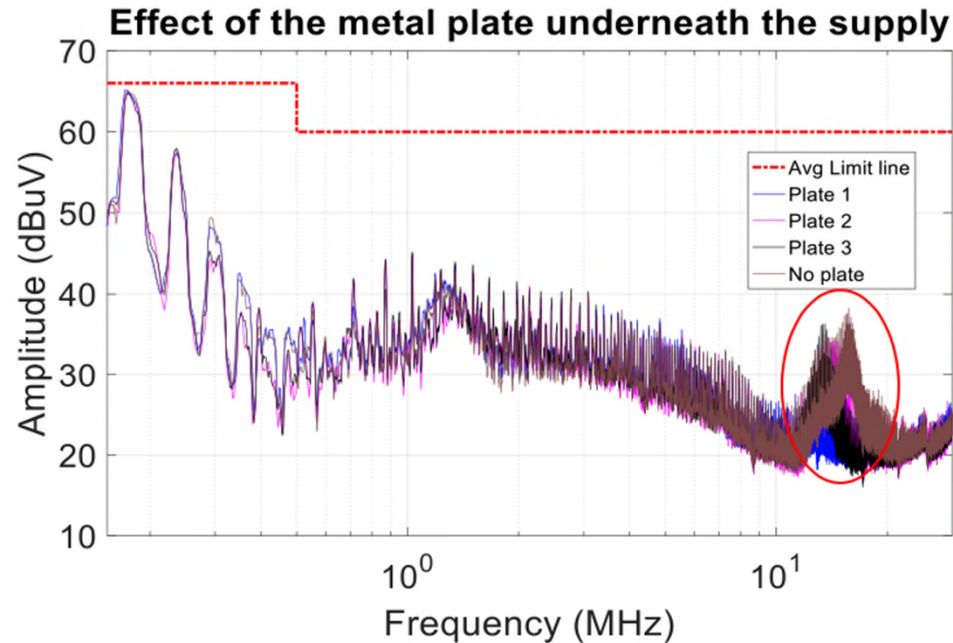
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# CE Bench Setup



No standard exists to define PSU CE bench level testing

# Setup related emission variations – plate size



LISN measurement

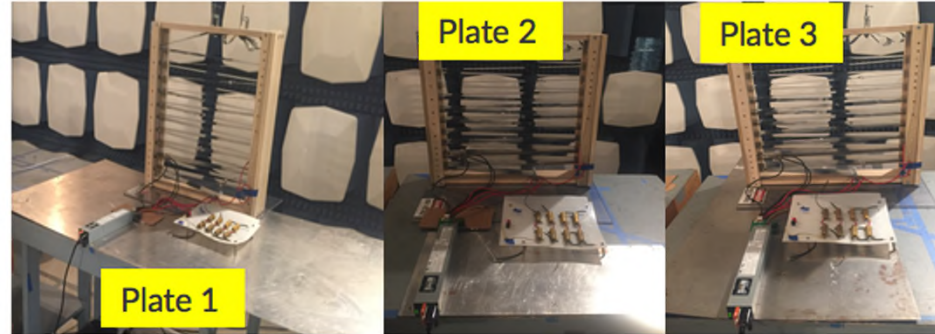
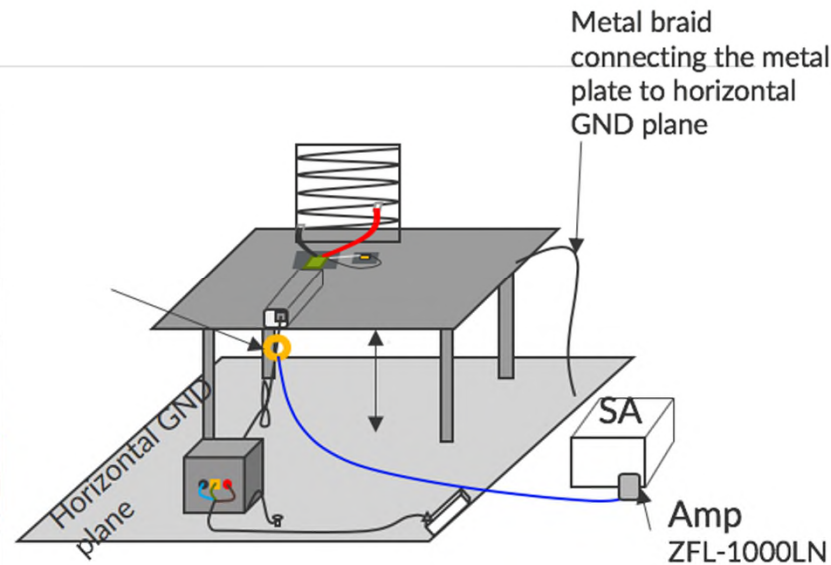
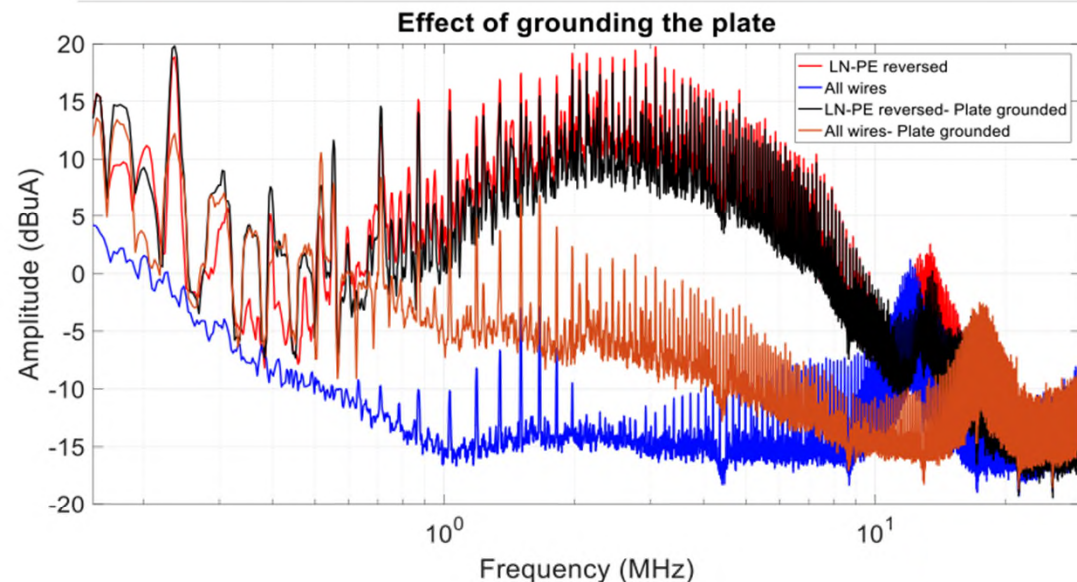


Plate 1 > Plate 3 > Plate 2

- The resonance around 10 MHz is due to the combined size of the plate and the load.
- Changing the size of the plate changes the capacitance and produces L-C resonance in the setup structure as a result of which the resonance shifts for different plate sizes.

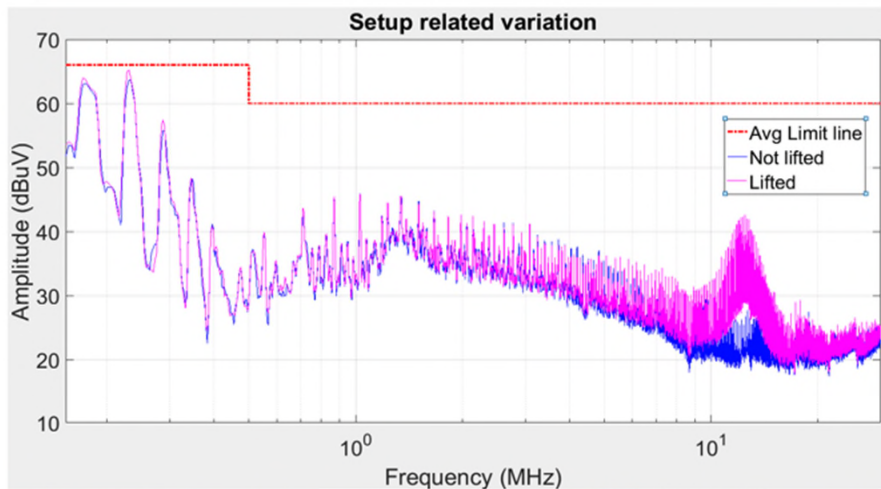
# Setup related emission variations – grounding the plate



Current clamp measurement

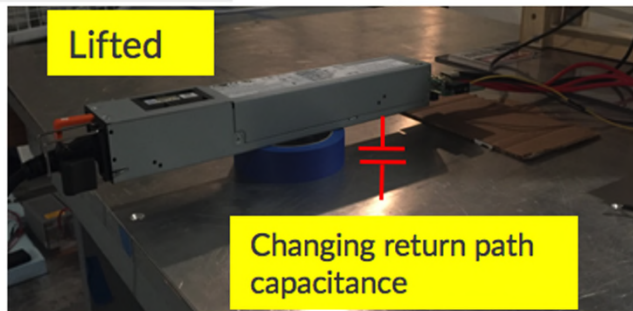
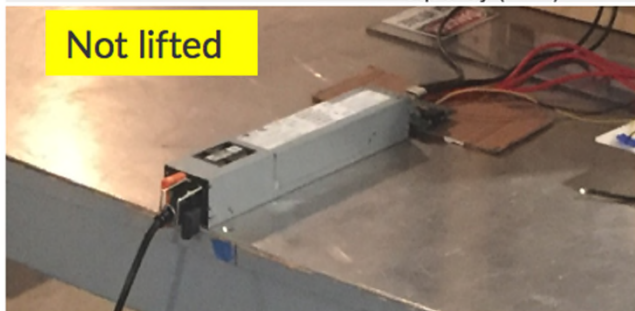


# Setup related emission variation – CM return path capacitance

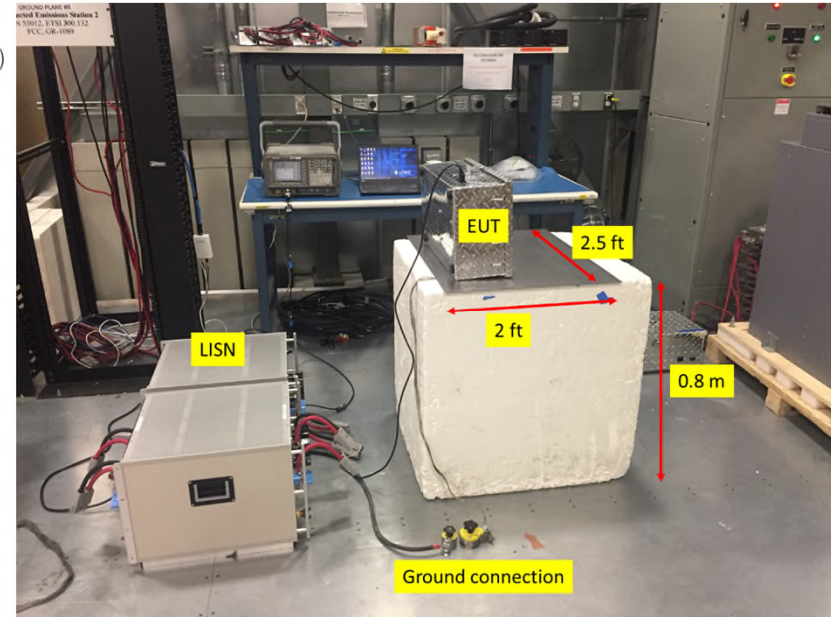
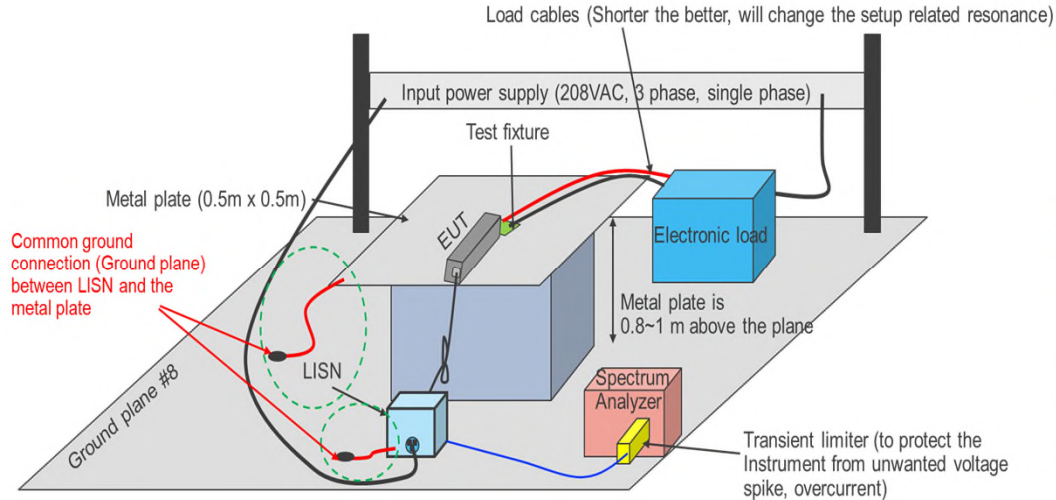


Therefore, the resonance around 10 MHz is setup dependent.

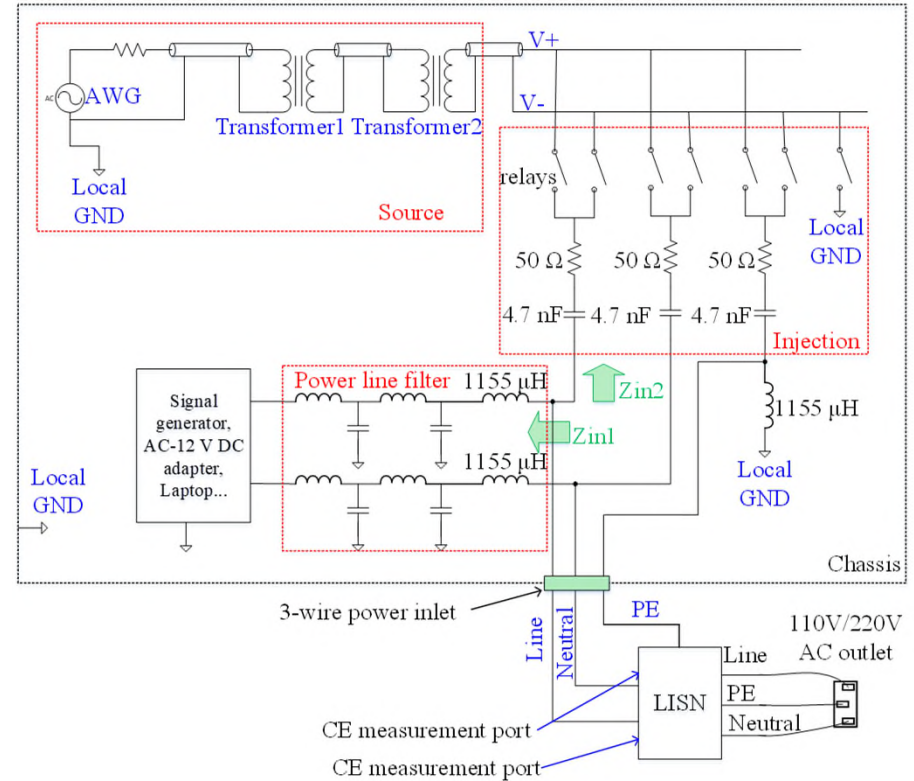
Lifting up the supply changes the parasitic capacitance which is the CM current return path.



# Conducted Emission Specification



# Conducted Emission Specification



# HW quantity optimization for Radiated Emissions (scaling)

**Issue:** Early prototypes are very costly and time consuming to manufacture. RE testing requires a full chassis

**Goal:** Reduce prototype quantities using known and verified extrapolation curves (scaling)



Juniper  
QFX10008



Juniper  
QFX10016



Juniper  
MX2020



Cisco  
ASR 9906



Cisco  
ASR 9912



Cisco  
ASR 9922

## Growth of Radiated Emission in Multi-Modular Systems

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## EMI Prediction of Multiple Radiators

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# Investigation plan

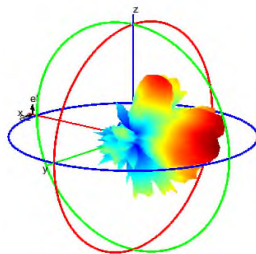
3 independent methods were used to validate the proposed approach:



## Chassis mockup

A HW mockup with patch antennas representing optics to measure scaling effects in a controlled environment.

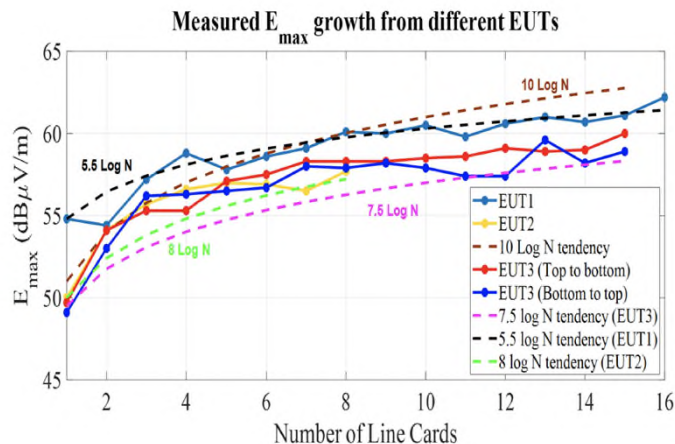
**Measurements show  $10\log N$  tendency**



## Monte Carlo Analysis

A full chassis populated with 498 radiating elements (optics) representing a large phased array was simulated using random sampling (phase & amplitude) to obtain scaling curves.

**Simulations show  $10\log N$  tendency**



## Scaling study of Juniper HW

PTX3K, PTX5K, Ultimat 8, Ultimat 16 scaling studies were done at Juniper JET facility.

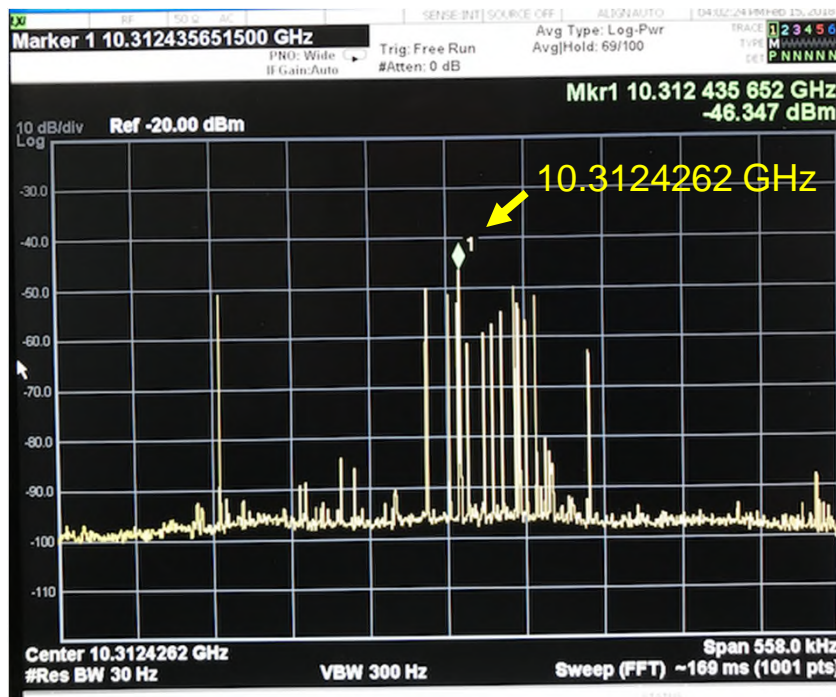
**Measurements show between  $5\log N$  and  $7.5\log N$  tendency.**

**Why?**

# Why $7.5\log N$ (measurements @ JNPR) vs $10\log N$ (expected)?

## Unsynchronized linecards

- Frequencies are equal on a same linecard
- Frequencies are different between linecards

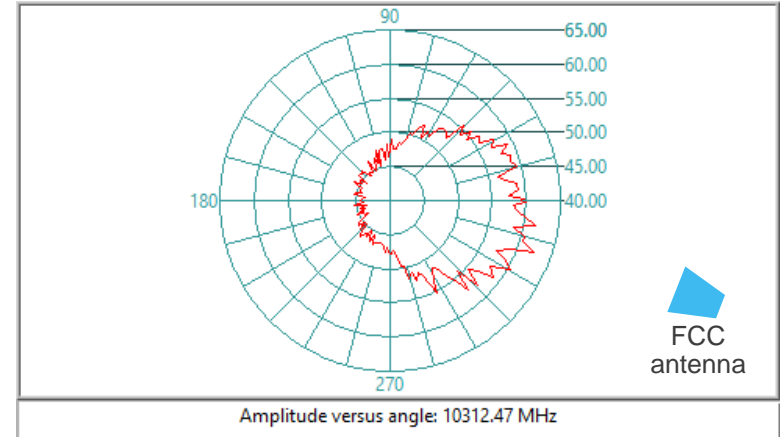
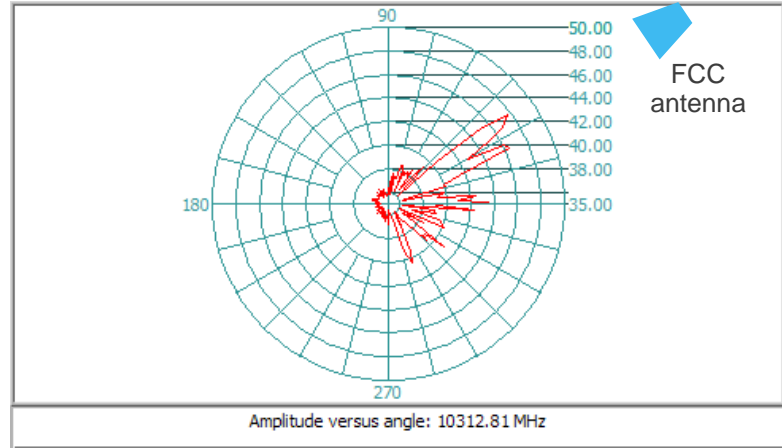


Each linecard radiates at a slightly different frequency ( $\sim 10$ - $100$  KHz)

# Why $7.5\log N$ (measurements @ JNPR) vs $10\log N$ ?

## Antenna pattern

- As linecards are added to the chassis, antenna array gain does not increase with constructive interference
- Pattern for one linecard has narrow lobes. Addition of linecards broaden the lobes more than increasing the directivity as expected if the frequencies were the same
- The measuring antenna beam width does not capture all of the energy at the same time (eq. to 4 “slices” of the polar plot)
- As a result,  $7.5\log N$  vs  $10\log N$  tendency is observed
- $5\log N - 7.5\log N$  consistently observed on Juniper HW measurements (PTX, QFX)





# Optical Pre-qualifications

**Issue:** Radiated Emission optic qualification requires ~3 weeks of testing, ~15% failure rate on new optics, +2 weeks for every failure, \$3K/day

**Goal:** Establish a deterministic process between optic supplier and system integrator for Radiated Emission testing

## Reference paper:

A statistical-based approach to pre-qualify optical modules for Radiated Emission testing

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Cisco's ASR9922



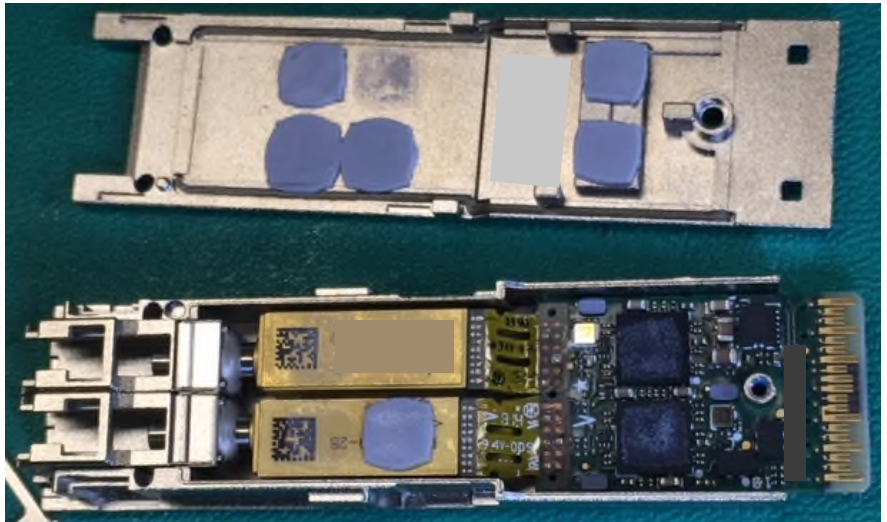
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# Optical modules and EMC

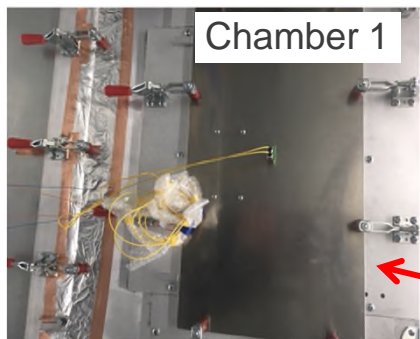
x dB below class B requirement on a single optic doesn't guarantee consistent system level margin

Factors that influence EMC:

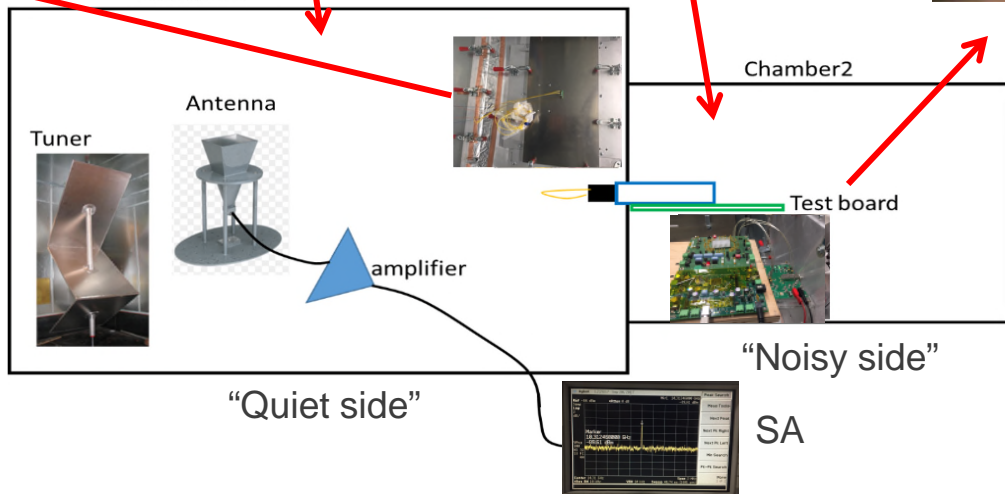
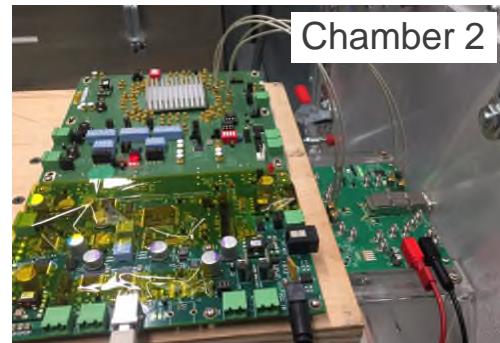
- Electrical design and PCB layout
- Mechanical enclosure (gasket)
- Manufacturing
- Many vendors, speeds (40G, 100G, 200G, 400G) and reaches (LR4, SR4, CWDM, etc) – huge quantities to qualify



# Dual-reverberation chamber measurements

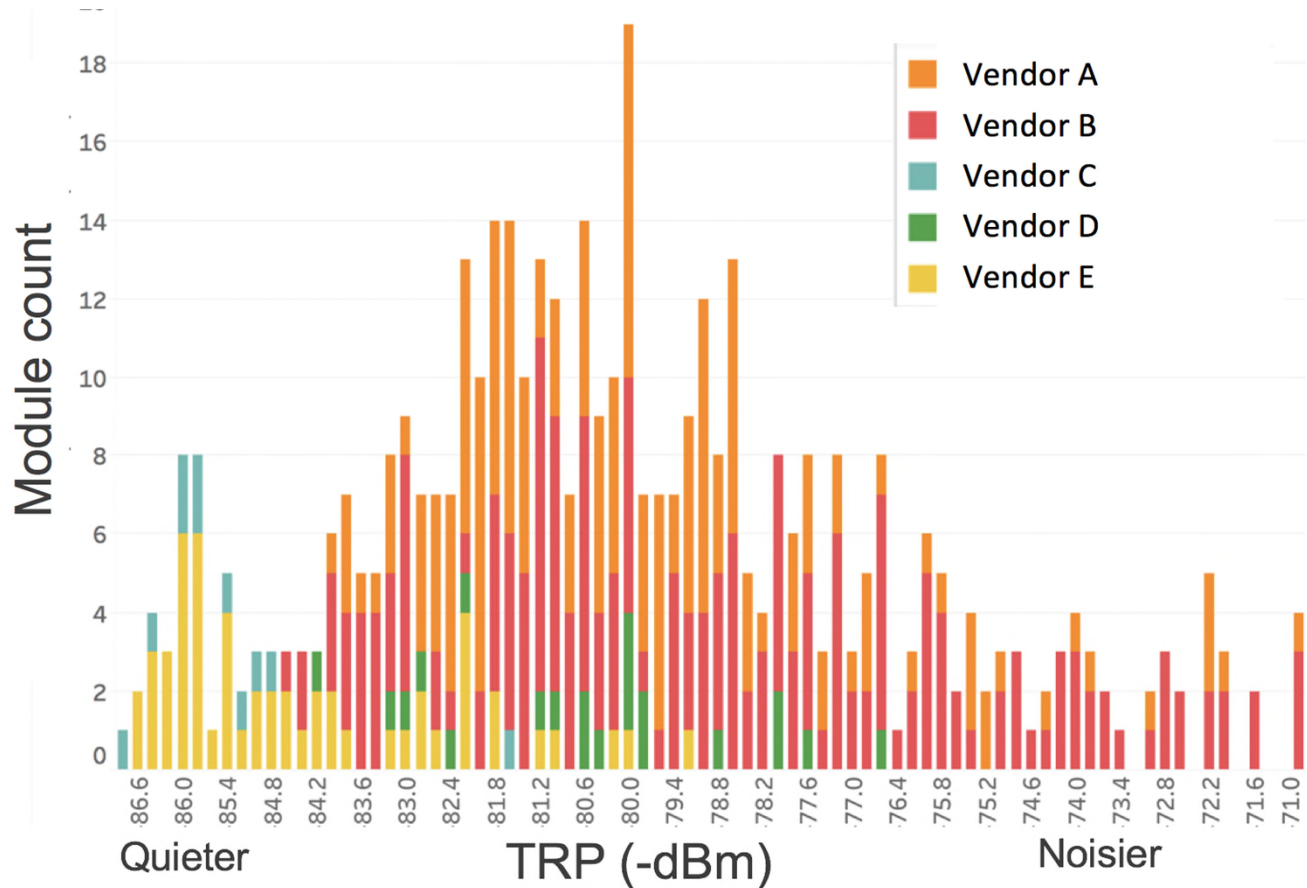


Only the optic protrudes in the “quiet side” (chamber 1) which allows the TRP (Total Radiated Power) from the optic to be measured

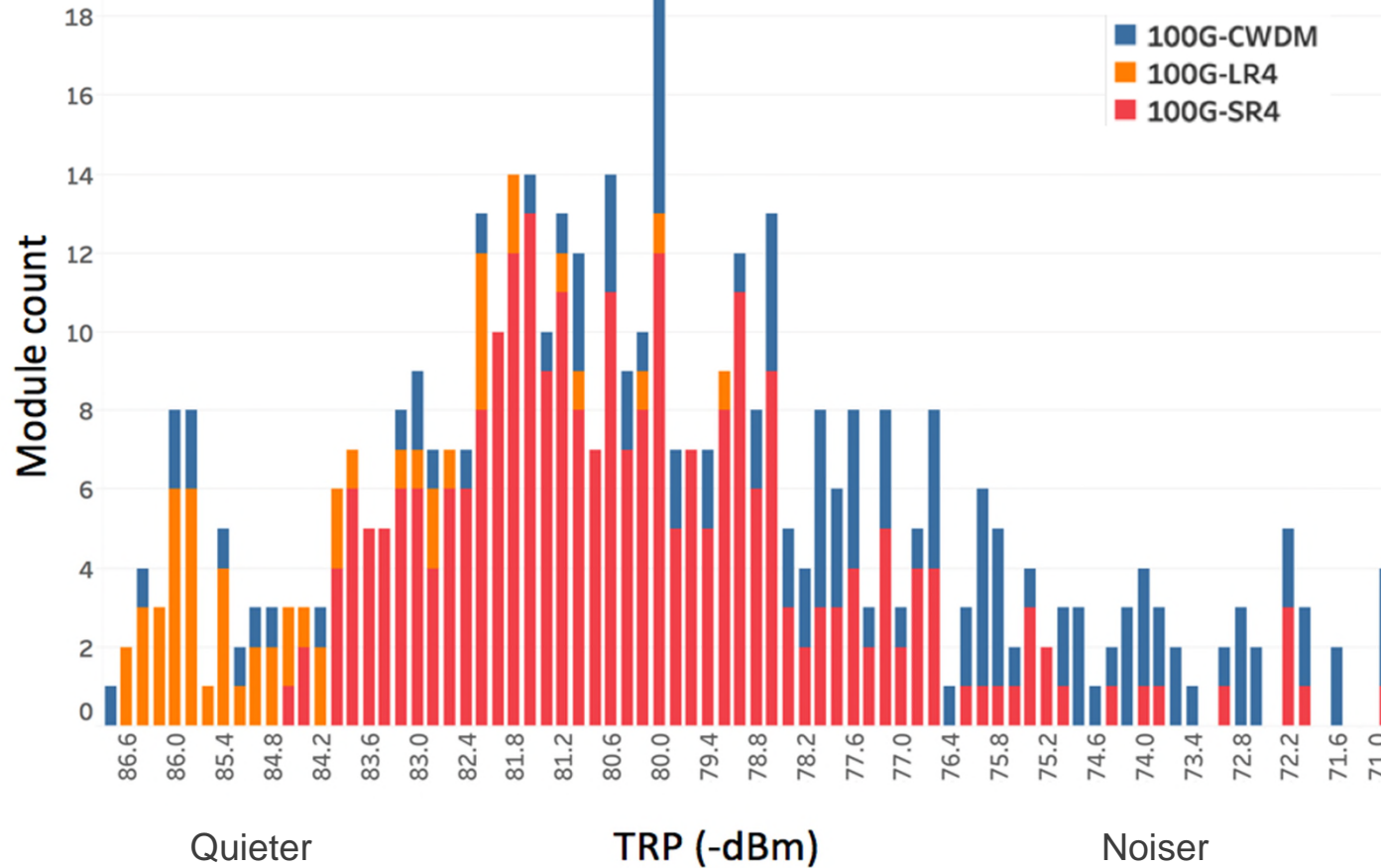


Compliant board is placed in the “noisy side” (chamber 2)

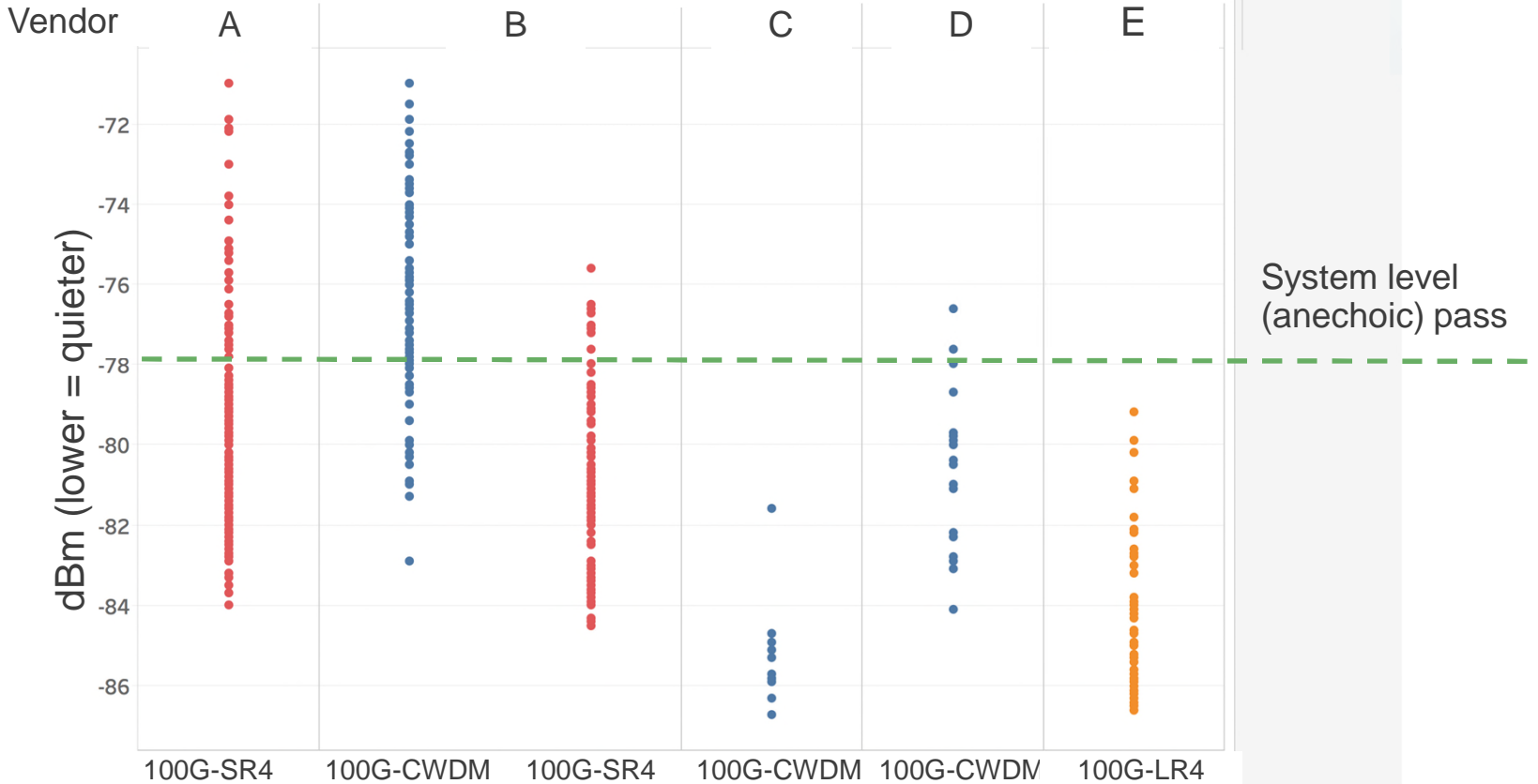
# Histogram (100G Optical Module TRP)



# Histogram (TRP vs Reach)



# Optic EMC variations (100G)



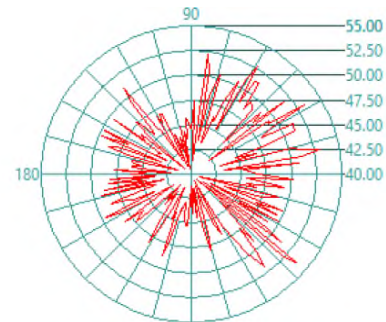
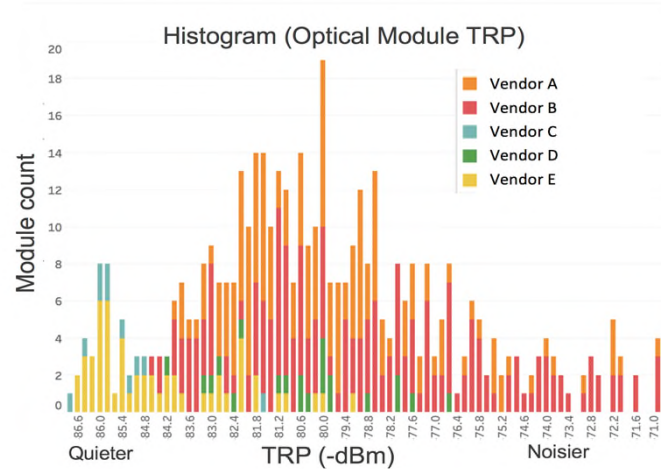


# Reverberation and anechoic chamber correlation

- Process of elimination to determine “passing” TRP
- Select 32 noisiest optics and measure at system level
- Repeat with second to noisiest 32 optics
- Repeat until passing margin within range
- Fine tune with individual optics

	Worst optics	Second worst	3 <sup>rd</sup> worst	Best optics	Optimized selection
FCC margin from 32 modules in a Switch (dBuV/m)	+2.6	+0.6	-1	-4	0

$$\mu_{\text{pass}} \triangleq -78\text{dBm} \quad (\text{Juniper specific})$$



Amplitude vs angle @ 25 GHz

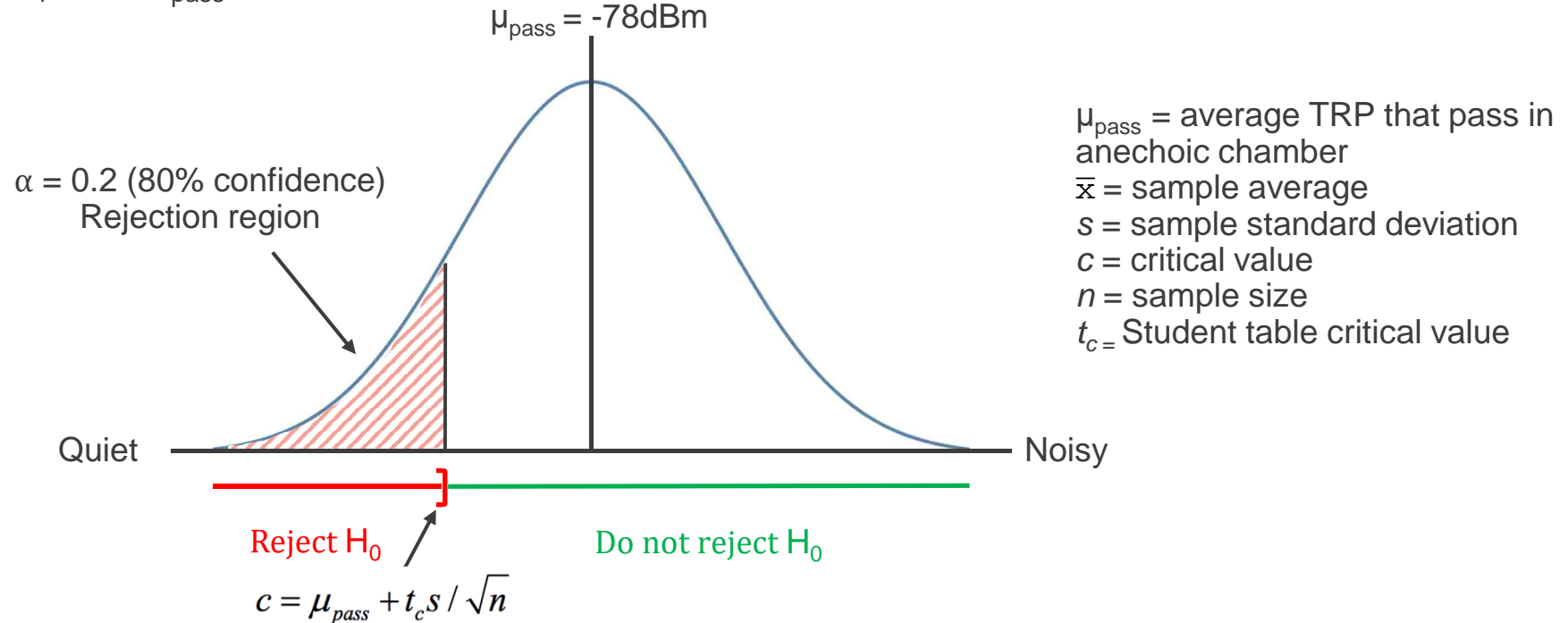


# Hypothesis testing

Optic sample's average TRP must be less than  $\mu_{\text{pass}}$  at 80% confidence level

$H_0: \bar{x} \geq \mu_{\text{pass}}$  Null hypothesis states that vendor's samples will fail (greater than -78dBm)

$H_1: \bar{x} < \mu_{\text{pass}}$



# Next steps

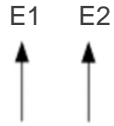
## Proposal

Form a consortium of companies (e.g., Optical Internetworking Forum) to draft a common specification for testing optical modules for radiated emissions. The specification will specify the testing methodology and equipment for optical modules in a reverberation chamber environment.

BACKUP

# Theory (identical frequency)

Emissions are vectors and must be summed using vectorial math.



$$|E_{total}| = |E1| + |E2| = |E1| + 20 \text{ Log } 2$$



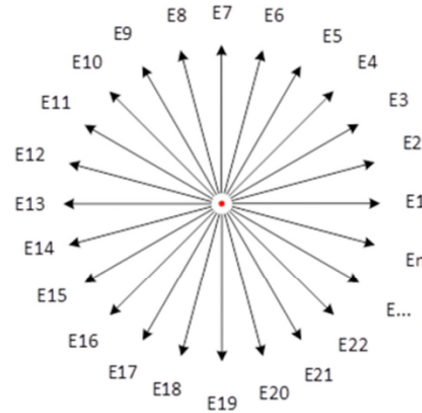
$$|E_{total}| = \sqrt{(E1^2 + E2^2)} = |E1| + 10 \text{ Log } 2$$

For identical hardware that is synchronized (in phase) we expect the worst case summation for the addition of "n" more hardware:

$$E_{max} = \Sigma (E1 + E2 + E3 + \dots + En) \quad E_{max} = E1 + 20 \text{ Log } n$$



For identical hardware that is NOT synchronized (not in phase) we expect a random distribution and summation for the addition of "n" more hardware:



$$E_{max} = \sqrt{(E1^2 + E2^2 + E3^2 + \dots + En^2)}$$

$$E_{max} = E1 + 10 \text{ Log } n$$



Taking in consideration space distribution of the noise source and beamwidth of received antenna, the summation is less than the expected 10 Log n

## References

Henry Ott, Electromagnetic Compatibility Engineering, pages 340-342

Keith Armstrong, Adding Up Emissions Using the Root Sum Square (RSS) Method Can Help You More Easily Achieve Compliance With EU Emissions Requirements, CEng MIEE MIEE

Theory predicts 10logN for electric fields with random distribution

# Regulatory requirements

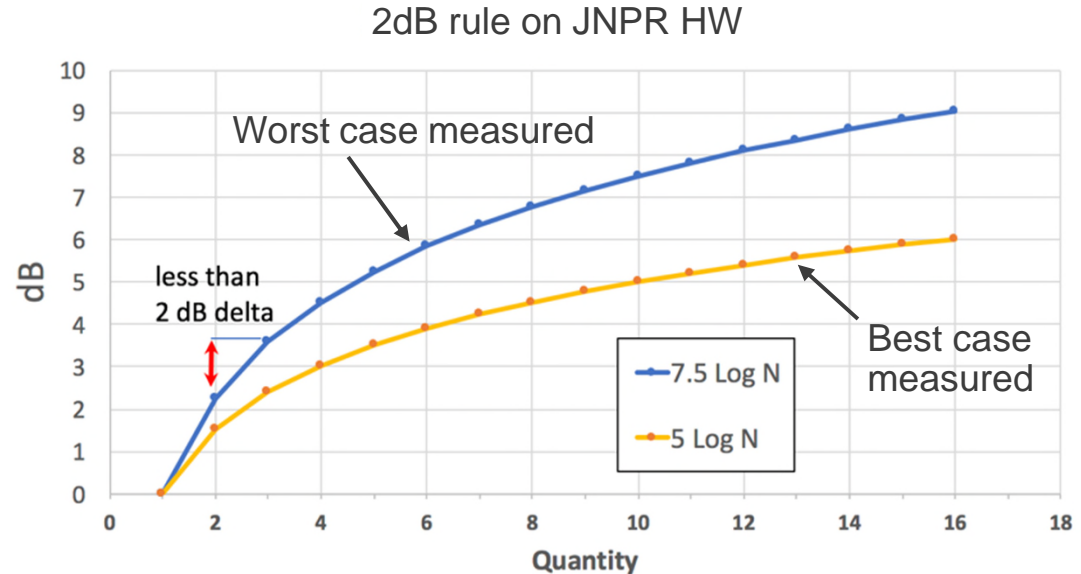
## International requirements

CISPR 32 and FCC part 15 (ANSI C63.4) both propose a 2 dB rule when dealing with large quantities. The worst case quantity to test is reached when the addition of one more unit produces an increase of less than 2 dB in emissions. EN 300 386, the regulatory requirement in Europe for telecom products refers to CISPR 32 for emissions testing and EN 300 127 for large systems (both Normative). The 2dB methodology of CISPR 32 is therefore applicable to telecom products in Europe.

## Customer requirements

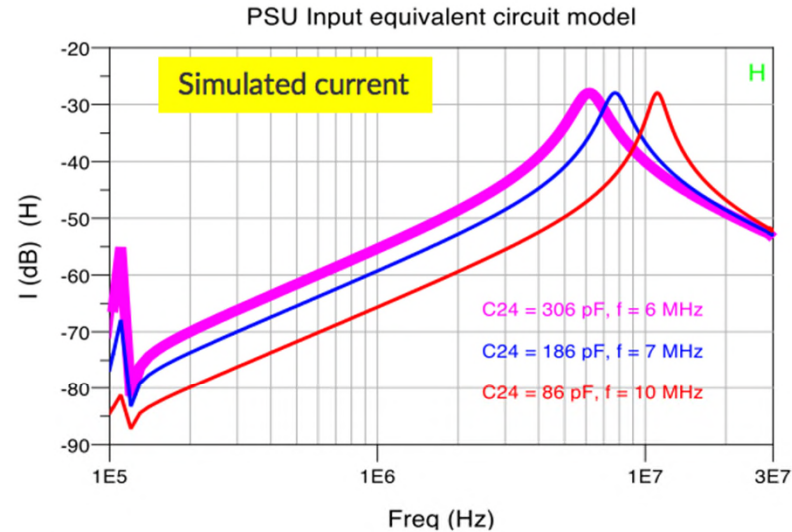
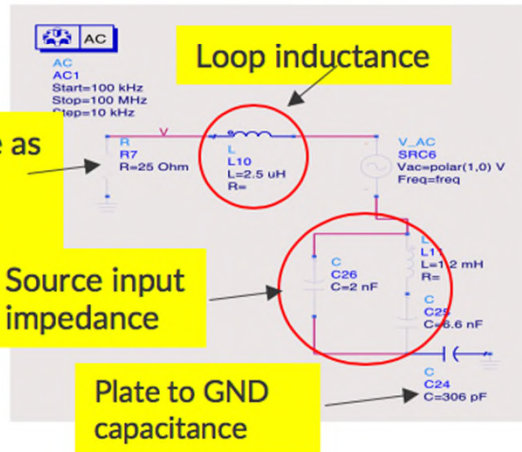
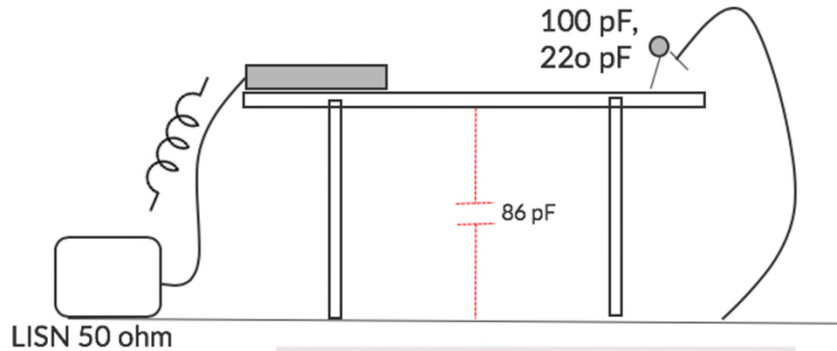
Telcordia GR 1089-CORE does mention growth of systems and allows analysis to prove compliance. GR-1089-CORE references FCC and ANSI C63.4 for emissions testing. Therefore the 2 dB rule applies to GR-1089-CORE.

See [Emissions Scaling for Multiple Identical Units](#), Jacques Rollins for more information on regulatory requirements



Addition of a third linecard increases emissions by less than 2dB using the  $7.5\log N$  (worst case @ JNPR) curve

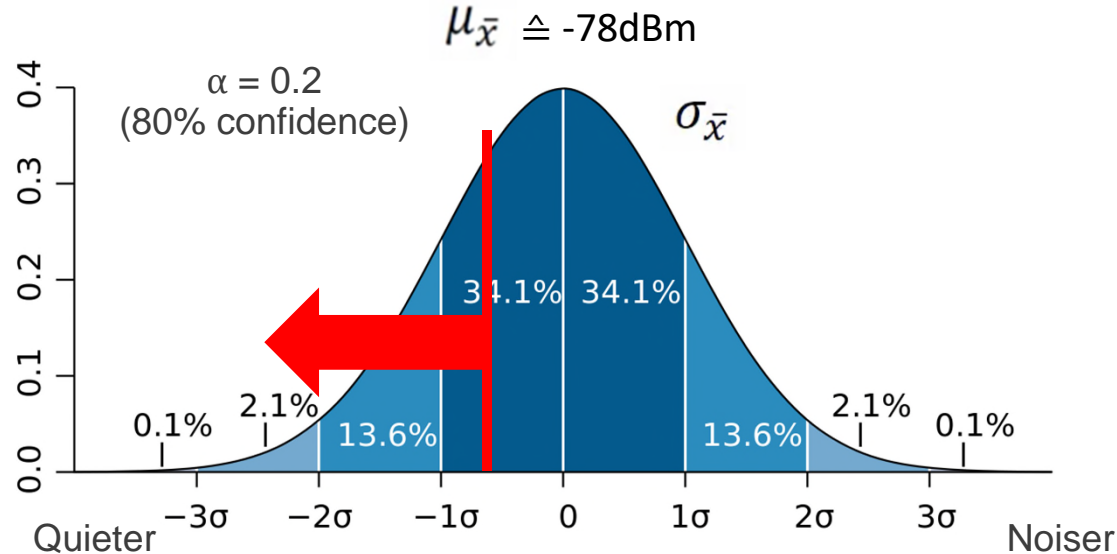
# Setup related emission variation – Plate size/CM return capacitance



Current clamp and LISN measurement shows a resonance around 10 MHz. The measured resonance of the metal plate to GND is 86 pF, the power cord loop inductance is around 3uH approx. as per the loop size assumed.

The values are not exact but roughly assumed based on geometry and measurements.

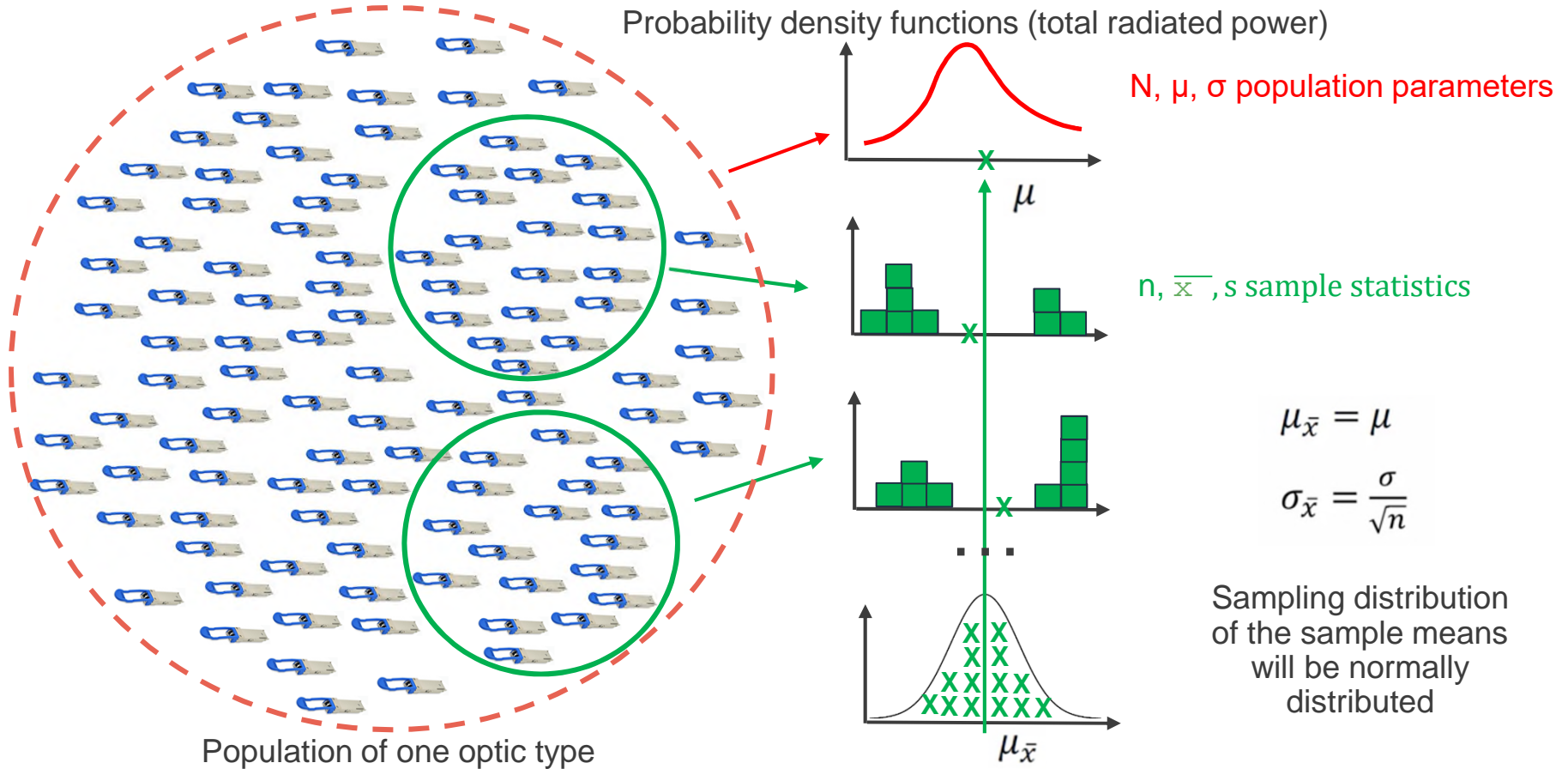
# Statistical significance $\alpha$



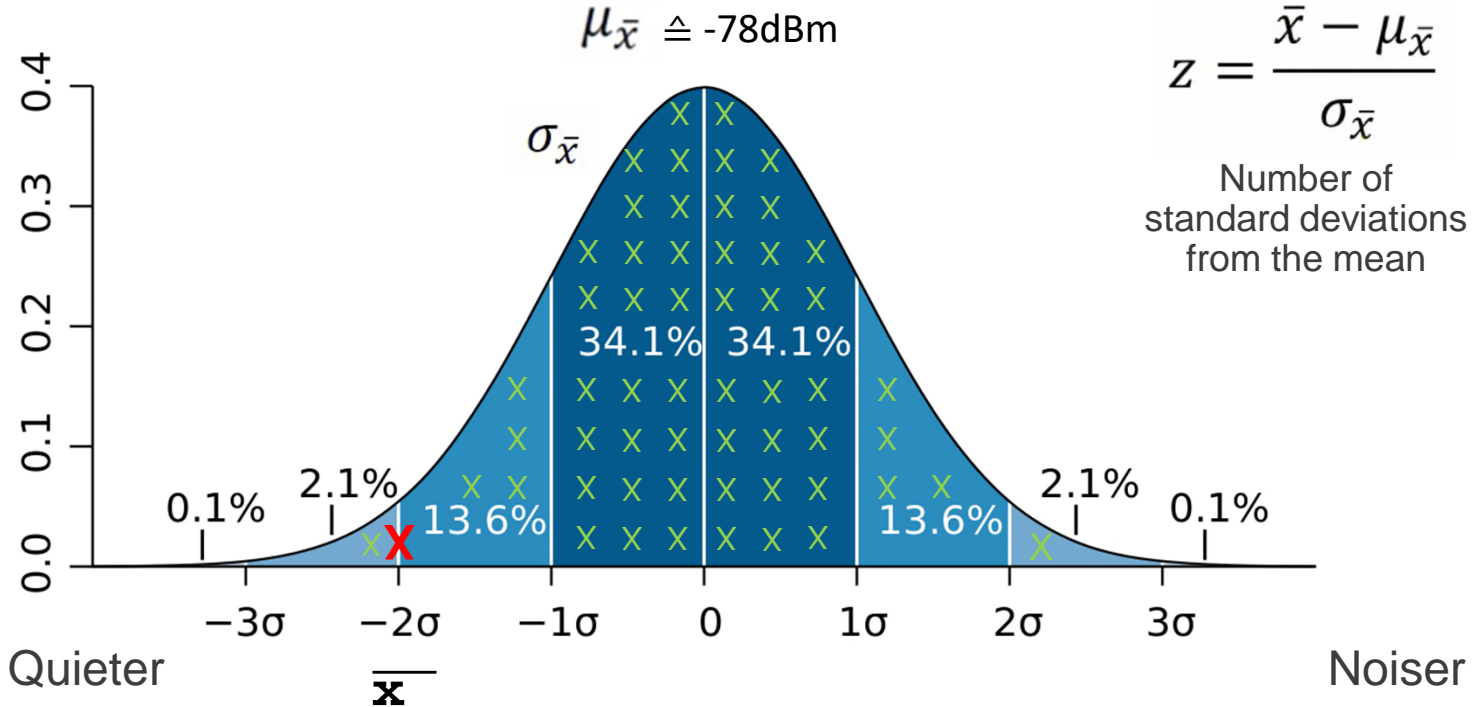
- A statistically significant result is a result that's not attributed to chance
- Selected  $\alpha = 80\%$  in line with CISPR's 80/80 rule



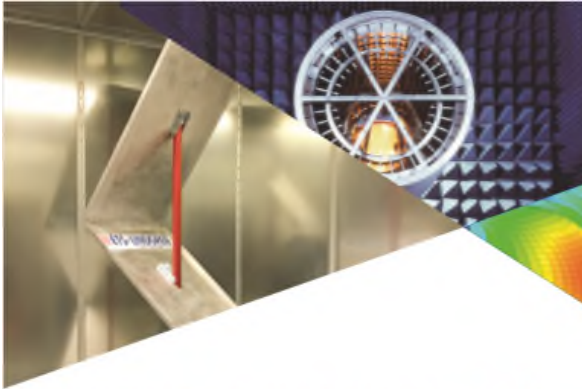
# Central Limit Theorem applied to EMC



# Hypothesis Testing



Example: probability of selecting a sample with mean  $\bar{x}$  (denoted by X) two standard deviations the left of the population mean is 2.2% (P-value)



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