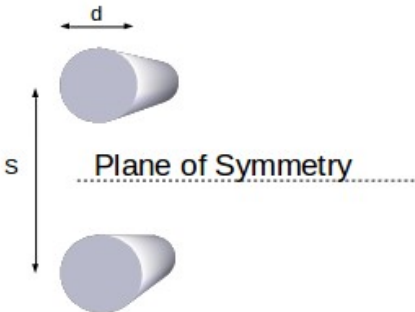
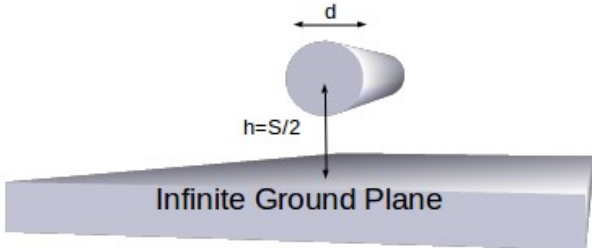


a. Coaxial Cable



b. Balanced Line



c. Wire-over-Ground

Fig. 1

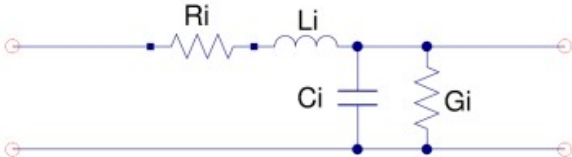
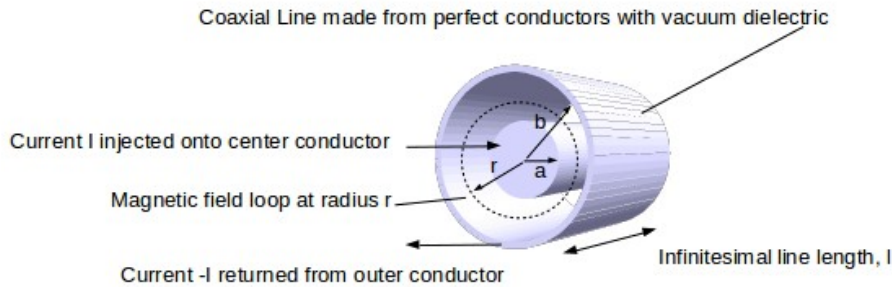


Fig.2



The enclosed current outside the coax is zero so within it at radius  $r$ , by Ampère's law

$$\oint \vec{B} \cdot \partial \vec{s} = 2\pi r B = \mu_0 I_{enc} = \mu_0 I$$

where  $\vec{B}$  is the magnetic field,  $I$  the enclosed current and  $\mu_0$  is the permeability of space

so within the coax vacuum  $B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r}$

The energy density per unit volume  $u_B = \frac{B^2}{2\mu_0} = \frac{1}{2\mu_0} \left( \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r} \right)^2 = \frac{\mu_0 I^2}{8\pi^2 r^2}$

Considering the volume within a short length of line, the energy is

$$U_B = \iiint u_B(\partial \text{Volume}) = \int_a^b \frac{\mu_0 I^2}{8\pi^2 r^2} \cdot 2\pi r l \partial r = \frac{\mu_0 I^2 l}{4\pi} \int_a^b \frac{1}{r} \partial r = \frac{\mu_0 I^2 l}{4\pi} \ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)$$

and energy per unit length is

$$U_{B, \text{per length}} = U_{B, l} = \frac{\mu_0 I^2}{4\pi} \ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)$$

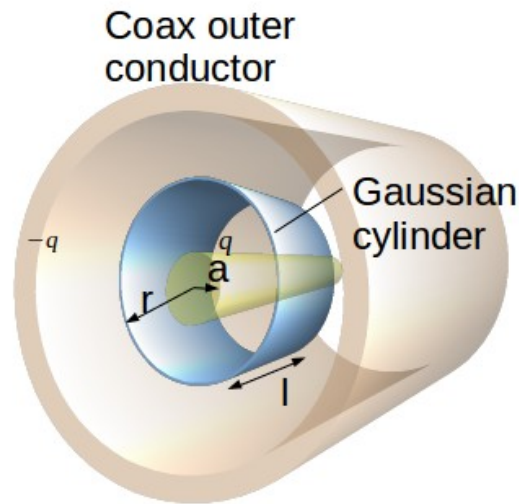
Stored energy is related to inductance and current by

$$U_B = \frac{I^2 L}{2} \text{ which gives, inductance per unit length } L_l = \frac{2U_{B, l}}{I^2}$$

so

$$L_l = \frac{2U_{B, l}}{I^2} = \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)$$

Fig. 3



Considering a short section of coaxial transmission line made from perfect conductors, a vacuum dielectric and a Gaussian surface at radius  $r$  with length  $l$  and with charge  $q$  and  $-q$  on the conductors as shown, the charge/length  $= \frac{q}{l} = \alpha$

Gauss' law gives magnitude of electric field,  $\vec{E}$  pointed toward the center

$$\int \vec{E} \cdot \vec{A} = \frac{q_{\text{included}}}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{\alpha l}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$E 2\pi r l = \frac{\alpha l}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$E = \frac{\alpha l}{2\pi \epsilon_0 r l} = \frac{q}{2\pi \epsilon_0 r}$$

Referencing the outer conductor as one side of a capacitor with  $V_b = 0$

the voltage across that capacitor is the potential difference to the inner conductor

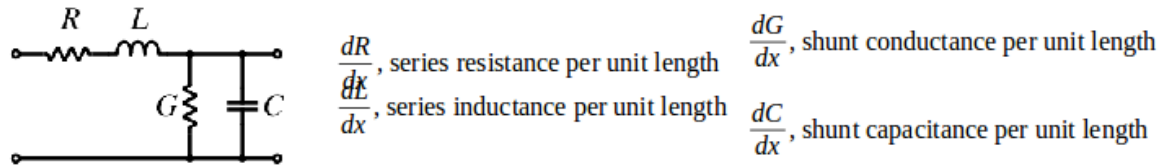
$$V_b - V_a = -V_{\text{capacitor}} = \int_a^b \vec{E} \cdot \vec{r} = \int_a^b \frac{q}{2\pi \epsilon_0 r} \partial r = \frac{q}{2\pi \epsilon_0} \int_a^b \frac{1}{r} \partial r$$

$$V_{\text{capacitor}} = \frac{q}{2\pi \epsilon_0} (\ln(b) - \ln(a)) = \frac{q}{2\pi \epsilon_0} \ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)$$

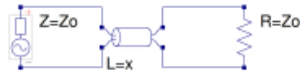
so the capacitance per unit length is

$$C_l = \frac{C}{l} = \frac{q}{l V_{\text{capacitor}}} = \frac{2\pi \epsilon_0}{\ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)}$$

Fig. 4



Inserting Heaviside's model into a circuit with source (transmitter) and load



Using image parameter theory<sup>1</sup>, a complex propagation constant

describes the line.

$$\gamma = \alpha + j\beta = \sqrt{(R + j\omega L)(G + j\omega C)}$$

$\alpha$  = attenuation constant, nepers/meter ( $\approx 8.69$  dB/meter) and  $\beta$  = phase constant, radians/meter

for low loss line  $\alpha \approx \frac{R}{2} \sqrt{\frac{C}{L}} + \frac{G}{2} \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}}$  and  $\beta \approx \omega \sqrt{LC}$

For the ideal, lossless case, R and G are zero so that the propagation constant becomes only imaginary.

$$\gamma = \alpha + j\beta = 0 + j\omega \sqrt{LC}$$

With sinusoidal (CW) drive from the source, the voltage at point l on the line is  $v = \alpha + j\beta = 0 + j\omega \sqrt{LC}$

$$V = V_0 \sin(\omega t) e^{-\gamma l}$$

The characteristic impedance is  $Z_0 = \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}}$

The propagation velocity (phase velocity) of the voltage or current is  $U_p = \frac{\omega}{\beta} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$

Using the values derived in Figs 2,3 in the absence of any loss, dielectric or permeable material

The Velocity Factor is  $V_r = \frac{U_p}{c} = \frac{1}{c \sqrt{LC}} = \frac{1}{c \sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}} = 1$

While the Characteristic Impedance is  $Z_0 = \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}} = \frac{\sqrt{\mu \epsilon} \ln(\frac{b}{a})}{2\pi} \approx 60 \ln(\frac{b}{a}) \approx 138 \log_{10}(\frac{b}{a})$

Fig. 5

<sup>1</sup>Matthei, Young, Jones, *Microwave Filters; Impedance-matching Networks, and Coupling Structures*, McGraw Hill 1964, Chapter 3, p49 ff

with  $c$  and  $\mu_0$  defined as universal constants  $\epsilon_0$  is derived from them:

$c \equiv 299792458$  meter/second, speed of light in a vacuum

$\mu_0 \equiv 4\pi \times 10^{-7}$  Henry/meter, permeability of space

$\epsilon_0 = \frac{1}{c^2 \mu}$  Farad/meter, permittivity of space

within classical physics, it has been accepted that a wave in free space propagates at

the speed of light,  $c$ , and that space itself sets a maximum impedance of

$$Z_{space} = \mu_0 c = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_0}{\epsilon_0}} \approx 377 \text{ ohms}$$

Referring to Figs. 2-3 and Fig. 5, using Heaviside Telegrapher's Equation

$$\text{Coax Impedance } Z_0 = \sqrt{\frac{L_i}{C_i}} = \frac{\sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}} \ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)}{2\pi} \text{ exceeds } Z_{space} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_0}{\epsilon_0}} \text{ when}$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right) > 2\pi \text{ which occurs at geometries where } \left(\frac{b}{a}\right) > e^{2\pi} \approx 535$$

$$C_i = \frac{2\pi\epsilon_0}{\ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)} \text{ becomes less than } \epsilon_0, \text{ the permittivity of space}$$

and

$$L_i = \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right) \text{ becomes greater than } \mu_0, \text{ the permeability of space}$$

so

$$Z_0 \text{ exceeds } \frac{\sqrt{\frac{\mu_0}{\epsilon_0}} (2\pi)}{2\pi} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_0}{\epsilon_0}} \approx 377 \text{ ohms which is the impedance of free space.}$$

Fig. 6

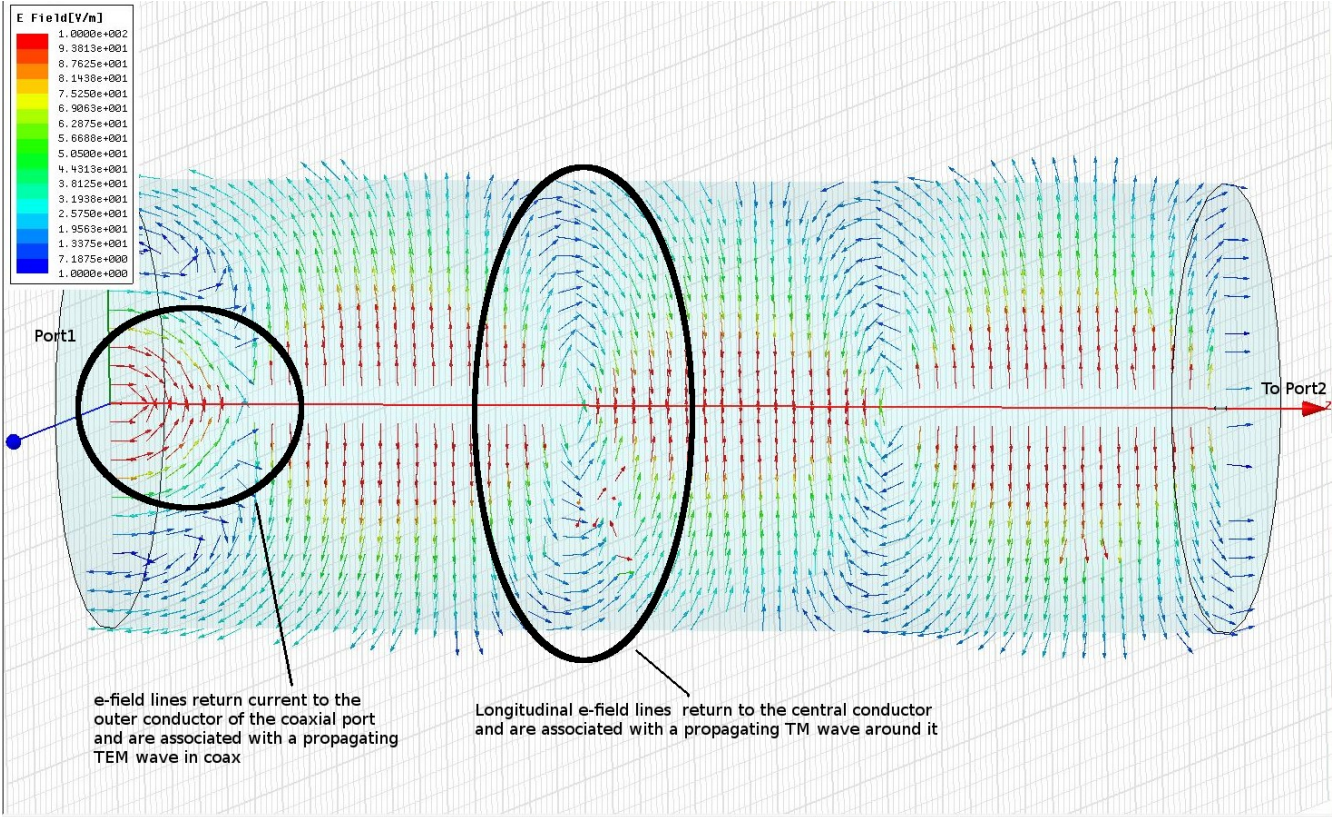


Fig. 7



Photo 1