

# ECEN689: Special Topics in High-Speed Links Circuits and Systems

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### Lecture 6: S-Parameter Channel Examples



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# Announcements

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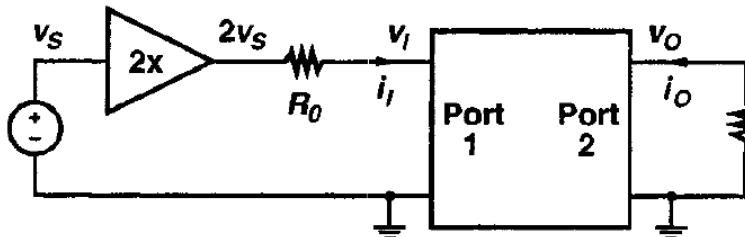
- HW2 due 2/5
- **No class next week**
- Reading
  - Will post some material on TDR and network analyzers (S-parameters)

# Agenda

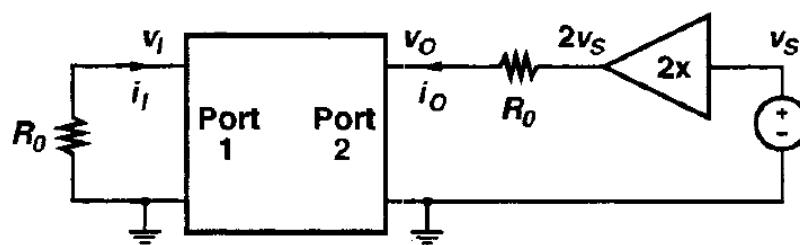
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- S-parameter examples
- Cascading S-parameter models
- Full S-parameter channel model
- Majority of today's material from Hall  
“Advanced Signal Integrity for High-Speed  
Digital Designs ” Chapter 9

# S-Parameter Test Circuits & Meaning



[Sackinger]



$$S_{11}(s) = \frac{V_{i,\text{reflected}}}{V_{i,\text{incident}}} = \frac{V_i - R_0 I_i}{V_i + R_0 I_i} = \frac{V_i - V_s}{V_s}$$

$$S_{21}(s) = \frac{V_{o,\text{transmitted}}}{V_{i,\text{incident}}} = \frac{V_o - R_0 I_o}{V_i + R_0 I_i} = \frac{V_o}{V_s}$$

$$S_{22}(s) = \frac{V_{o,\text{reflected}}}{V_{o,\text{incident}}} = \frac{V_o - R_0 I_o}{V_o + R_0 I_o} = \frac{V_o - V_s}{V_s}$$

$$S_{12}(s) = \frac{V_{i,\text{transmitted}}}{V_{o,\text{incident}}} = \frac{V_i - R_0 I_i}{V_o + R_0 I_o} = \frac{V_i}{V_s}$$

- $S_{11}$  = Input reflection coefficient
  - $1/S_{11}$  = Input return loss
- $S_{21}$  = Forward transmission coefficient
  - Gain w/ input matching dependency
- $S_{22}$  = Output reflection coefficient
  - $1/S_{22}$  = Output return loss
- $S_{12}$  = Reverse transmission coefficient (isolation)

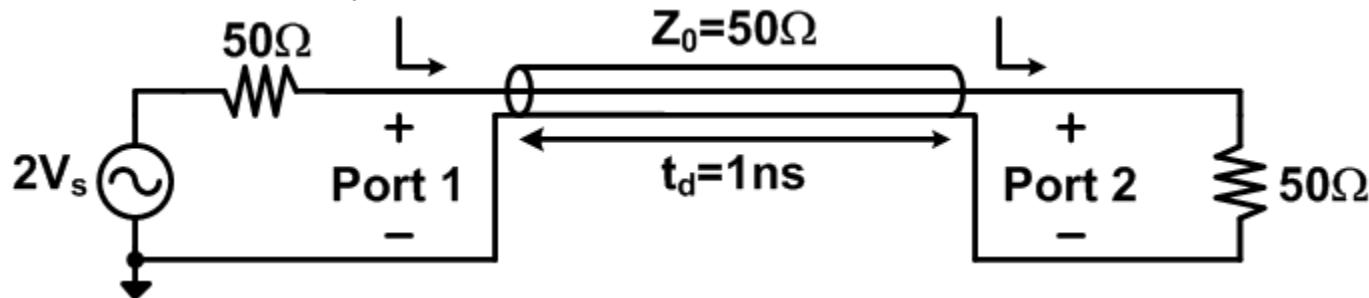
$$S_{21}(s) = [1 + S_{11}(s)]A(s)$$

where  $A(s)$  is loaded voltage gain

# S-Parameter Example #1

$$k_r = \frac{Z_0 - R}{Z_0 + R} = 0$$

$$k_{rT} = 0$$



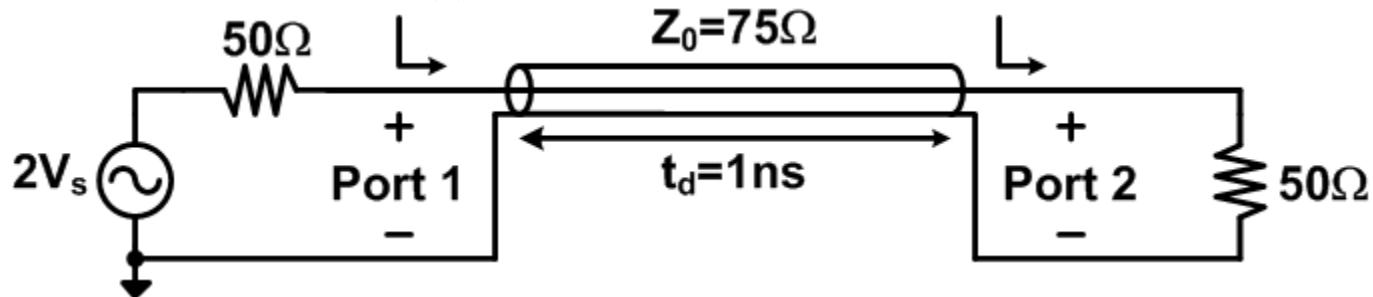
$$S_{11} = \frac{V_{1,\text{reflected}}}{V_{1,\text{incident}}} = k_r = \frac{Z_{in} - 50}{Z_{in} + 50} = \frac{50 - 50}{50 + 50} = 0$$

$$S_{21} = \frac{V_{2,\text{transmitted}}}{V_{1,\text{incident}}} = \frac{V_s}{V_s} = 1$$

# S-Parameter Example #2

$$k_r(s) = \frac{Z_{in}(s) - R}{Z_{in}(s) + R}$$

$$k_{rT} = -0.2$$



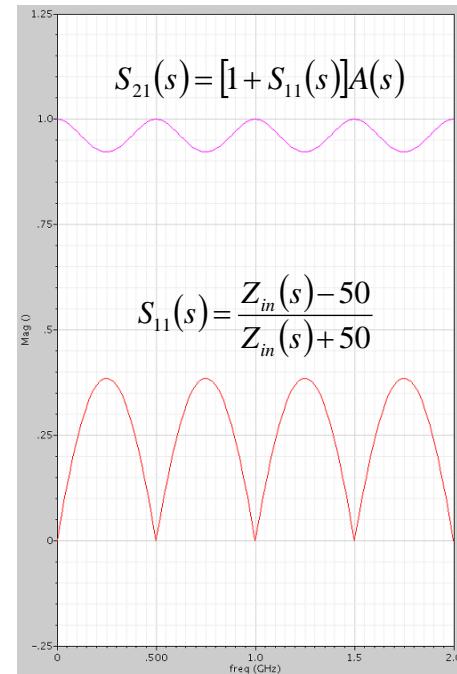
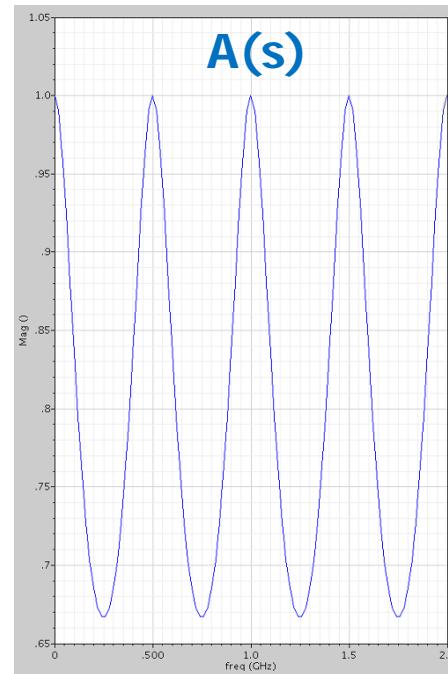
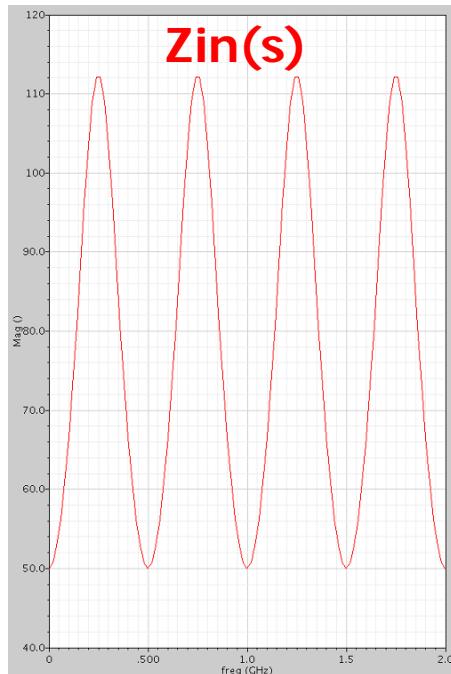
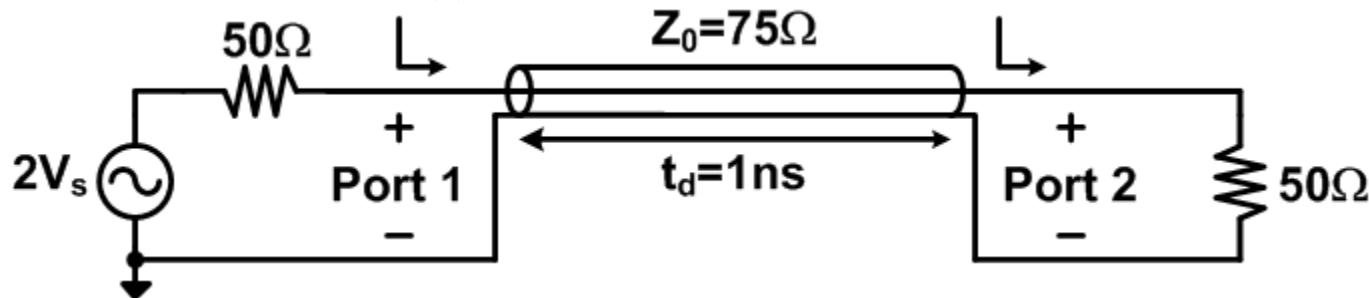
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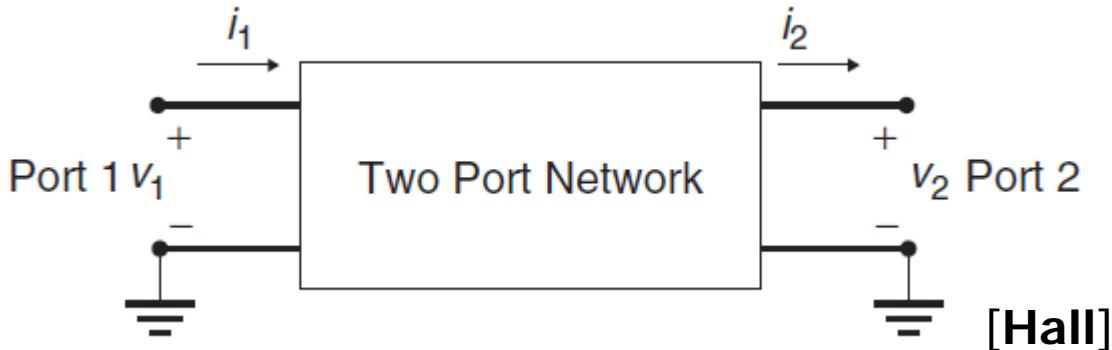
# Cascading S-Parameters

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- Network analysis allows cascading of independently characterized structures
- However, can't directly cascade s-parameter matrices and multiply
- Must first convert to an ABCD matrix (or T matrix)

# ABCD Parameters

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$$A = \frac{v_1}{v_2} \Bigg|_{i_2=0} \quad B = \frac{v_1}{i_2} \Bigg|_{v_2=0} \quad C = \frac{i_1}{v_2} \Bigg|_{i_2=0} \quad D = \frac{i_1}{i_2} \Bigg|_{v_2=0}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} v_1 \\ i_i \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{vmatrix} \bullet \begin{vmatrix} v_2 \\ i_2 \end{vmatrix}$$

# Converting Between S & ABCD Parameters

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TABLE 9-3. Relationships Between Two-Port *S* and *ABCD* Parameters<sup>a</sup>

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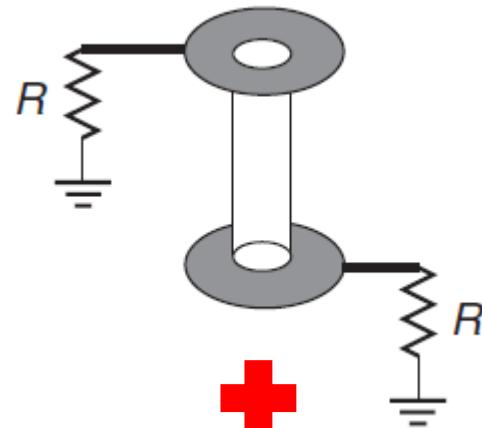
$$\begin{bmatrix} S_{11} & S_{12} \\ S_{21} & S_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{B - Z_n(D - A + CZ_n)}{B + Z_n(D + A + CZ_n)} & \frac{2Z_n(AD - BC)}{B + Z_n(D + A + CZ_n)} \\ \frac{2Z_n}{B + Z_n(D + A + CZ_n)} & \frac{B - Z_n(A - D + CZ_n)}{B + Z_n(D + A + CZ_n)} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{(1 + S_{11})(1 - S_{22}) + S_{12}S_{21}}{2S_{21}} & Z_n \frac{(1 + S_{11})(1 + S_{22}) - S_{12}S_{21}}{2S_{21}} \\ \frac{1}{Z_n} \frac{(1 - S_{11})(1 - S_{22}) - S_{12}S_{21}}{2S_{21}} & \frac{(1 - S_{11})(1 + S_{22}) + S_{12}S_{21}}{2S_{21}} \end{bmatrix}$$

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<sup>a</sup> $Z_n$  is the termination impedance at the ports.

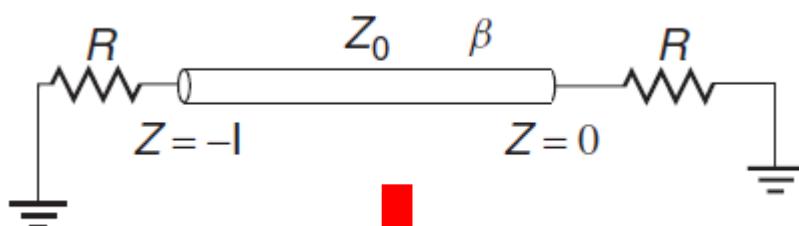
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# Example: Cascaded Via & Transmission Line



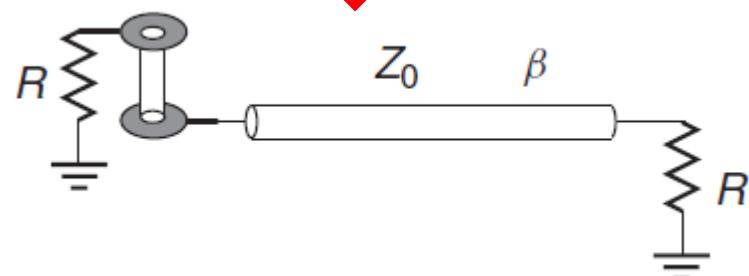
$$\begin{bmatrix} S_{11} & S_{12} \\ S_{21} & S_{22} \end{bmatrix}_{\text{via}} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.1235 - j0.1516 & 0.7597 - j0.6190 \\ 0.7597 - j0.6190 & -0.1235 - j0.1516 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix}_{\text{via}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.790 & j22.22 \\ j0.01686 & 0.790 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} S_{11} & S_{12} \\ S_{21} & S_{22} \end{bmatrix}_{\text{t-line}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.00325 - j0.00323 & -1.00 - j0.003 \\ -1.00 - j0.003 & 0.00325 - j0.00323 \end{bmatrix}$$

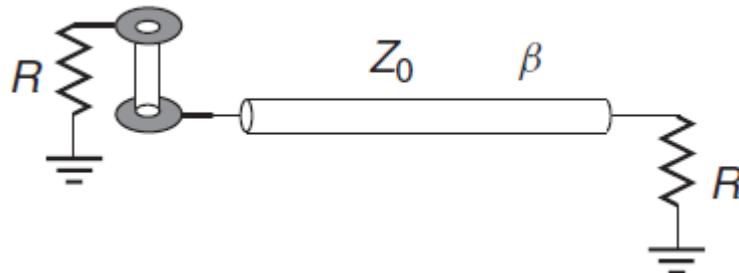
$$\begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix}_{\text{t-line}} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & j0.3228 \\ j0.000129 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix}_{\text{cascade}} = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix}_{\text{via}} \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix}_{\text{t-line}}$$

- Taken from "Advanced Signal Integrity for High-Speed Digital Designs" by Hall

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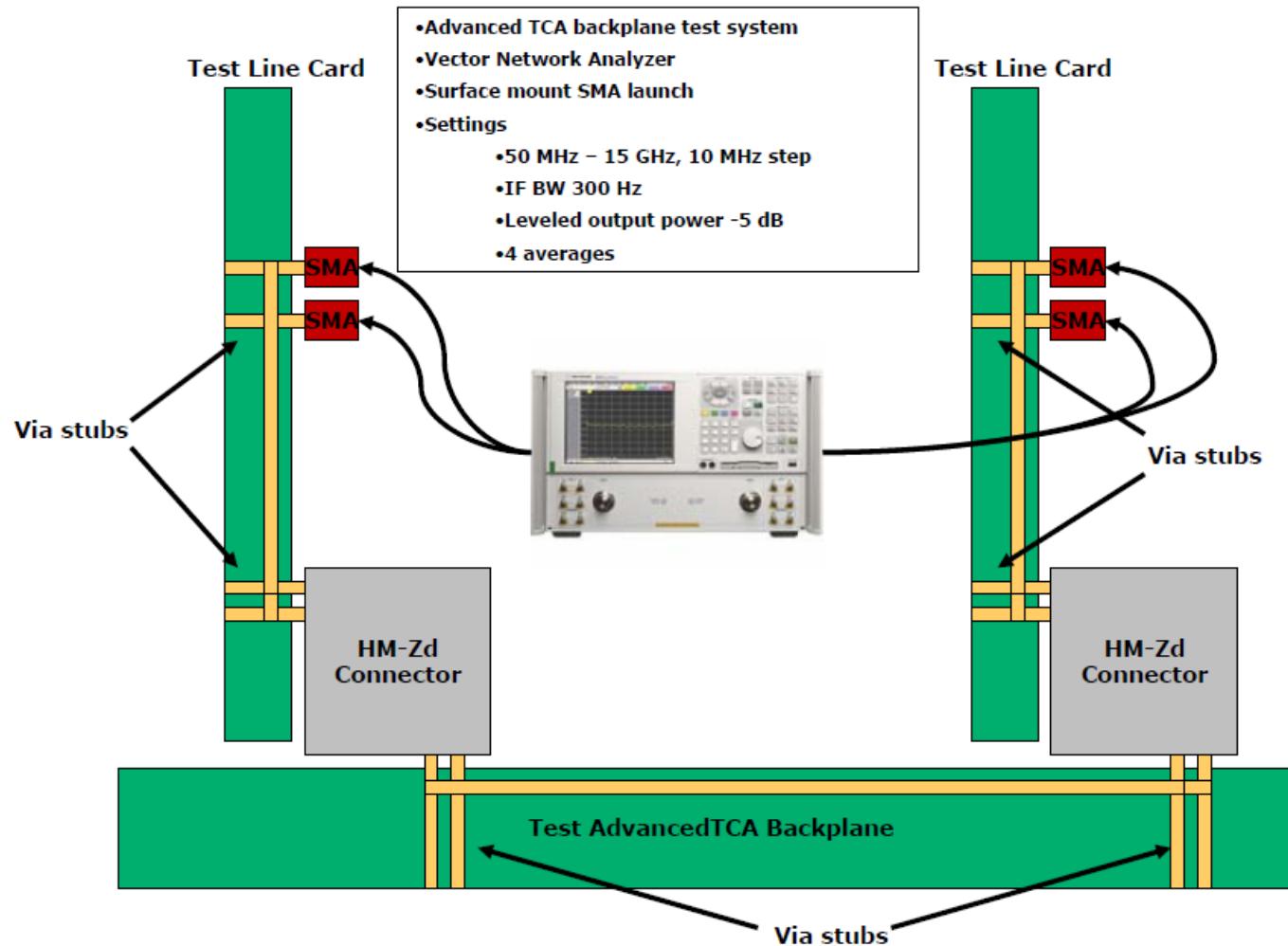
$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix}_{\text{cascade}} &= \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix}_{\text{via}} \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix}_{\text{t-line}} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0.790 & j22.22 \\ j0.01686 & 0.790 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -1 & j0.3228 \\ j0.000129 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -0.790 & -j21.965 \\ -j0.01686 & -0.795 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

- Using conversion table:

$$\begin{bmatrix} S_{11} & S_{12} \\ S_{21} & S_{22} \end{bmatrix}_{\text{cascade}} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.1259 - j0.1553 & -0.7635 + j0.6186 \\ -0.7645 + j0.6182 & -0.1200 - j0.1565 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Can also use T matrixes to cascade
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# S-Parameter Channel Example



[Peters, IEEE Backplane Ethernet Task Force]

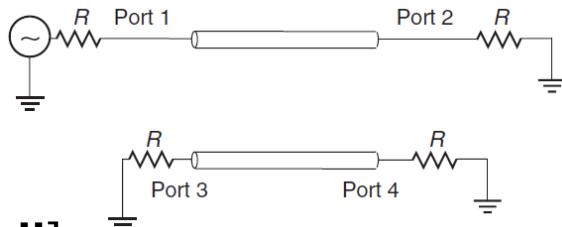
# S-Parameter Channel Example (4-port differential)

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! peters_01_0605.rzo channel thru response
#      HZ      S      RI      R      50
!
! FREQ      S11      S12      S13      S14
!           S21      S22      S23      S24
!           S31      S32      S33      S34
!           S41      S42      S43      S44
!
!      REAL      IMAG      REAL      IMAG      REAL      IMAG      REAL      IMAG
5.0000000e+007 6.279266901548e-002 -5.256007502766e-002 -1.995363973143e-001 -9.018006169275e-001 7.405252014369e-002 -1.653914717779e-002 4.694410796534e-004 2.855671737566e-003
-1.993592781969e-001 -9.017752677900e-001 6.847049395661e-002 -3.537762509466e-002 6.592975593456e-004 2.600733690373e-003 7.478976460177e-002 -1.488182269791e-002
7.438370524663e-002 -1.650568516548e-002 6.663957537997e-004 2.723661634513e-003 5.641343731365e-002 -5.693035832892e-002 -2.070369894915e-001 -8.986367167361e-001
3.380698172980e-004 2.71503311885e-003 7.497765935351e-002 -1.488546535615e-002 -2.063544808970e-001 -9.002700655374e-001 6.856095801756e-002 -3.019606086420e-002
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1.280875740087e-003 1.936760526874e-003 6.482369657086e-002 -3.743006383763e-002 -4.995203164654e-001 -7.674804458241e-001 6.284893613667e-002 -4.132139739274e-002
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Data from 50MHz to 15GHz in  
10MHz steps



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1.49900000e+010 -1.884123481138e-001 3.522933794755e-001 9.493645552321e-004 2.735890006358e-004 2.939002692375e-002 -8.676465491258e-003 -2.207496924854e-004 1.236065259912e-004
9.463443060684e-004 3.105615146344e-004 -1.742347383703e-001 4.813685271232e-002 -6.152705437030e-004 1.614752661571e-003 6.774475978813e-002 9.617239585695e-003
2.953403838205e-002 -8.707827389646e-003 -6.226849675423e-004 1.637610280621e-003 -1.5957605914955e-001 3.757605914955e-001 -1.809501624148e-004 -7.061855554470e-004
-2.613575703191e-004 1.368108929760e-004 6.788329666403e-002 9.551687705500e-003 -2.146293806886e-004 -7.363580847286e-004 -1.199804891859e-001 7.697336952293e-002
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$$\begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \\ b_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} S_{11} & S_{12} & S_{13} & S_{14} \\ S_{21} & S_{22} & S_{23} & S_{24} \\ S_{31} & S_{32} & S_{33} & S_{34} \\ S_{41} & S_{42} & S_{43} & S_{44} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \\ a_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} S_{11} & S_{12} & S_{13} & S_{14} \\ S_{21} & S_{22} & S_{23} & S_{24} \\ S_{31} & S_{32} & S_{33} & S_{34} \\ S_{41} & S_{42} & S_{43} & S_{44} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v \\ 0 \\ -v \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

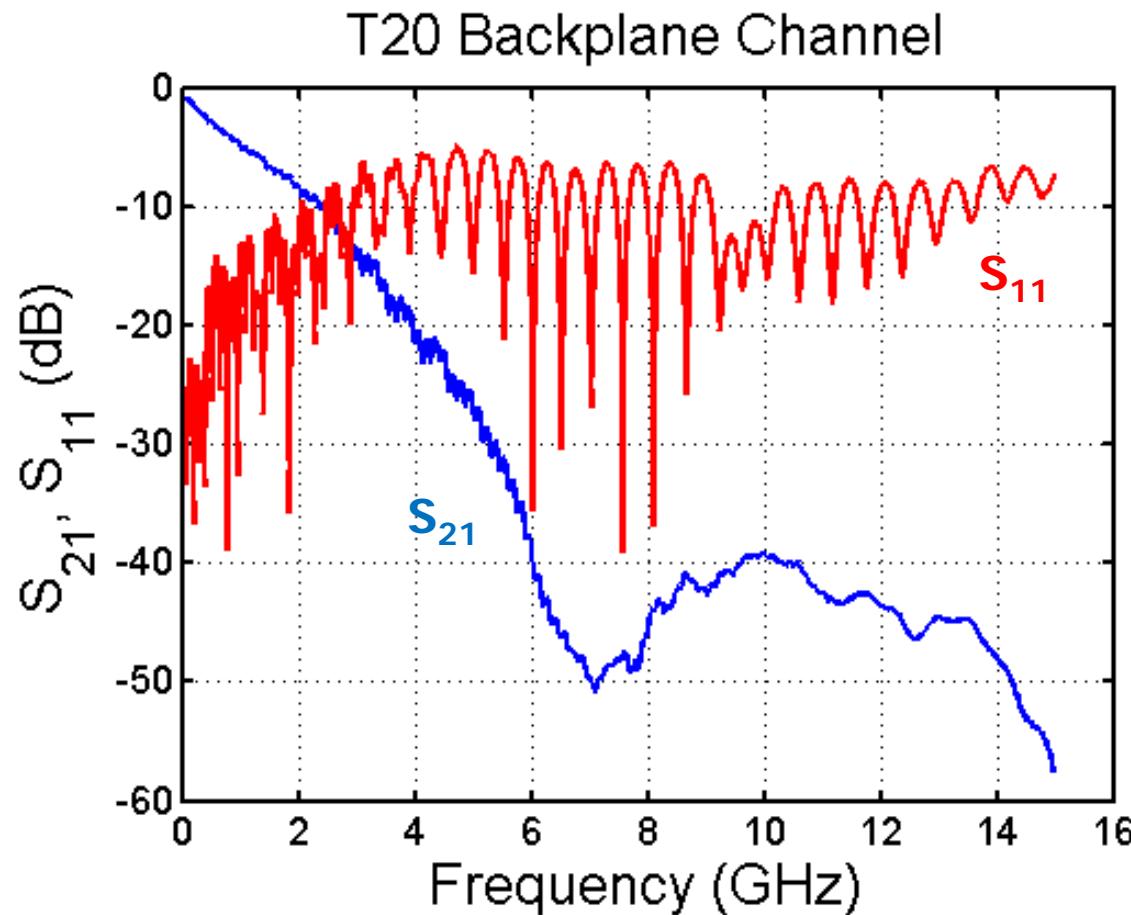
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$$S_{dd11} = \frac{b_{d1}}{a_{d1}} \Big|_{a_2=a_4=0} = \frac{1}{2} (S_{11} + S_{33} - S_{13} - S_{31})$$

$$S_{dd21} = \frac{b_{d2}}{a_{d1}} \Big|_{a_2=a_4=0} = \frac{1}{2} (S_{21} + S_{43} - S_{23} - S_{41})$$

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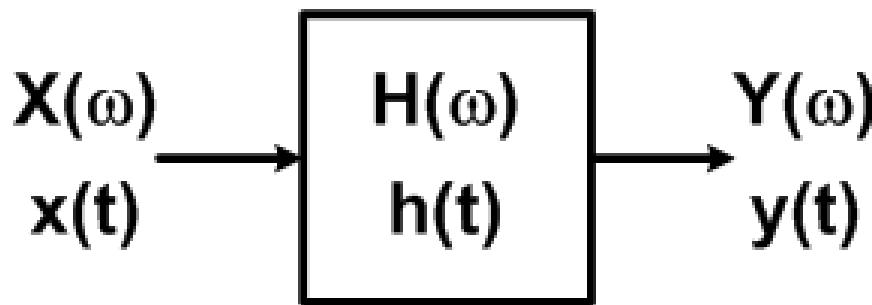
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# Impulse Response

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- Channel impulse responses are used in
  - Time domain simulations
  - Link analysis tools



$$Y(\omega) = H(\omega)X(\omega)$$

$$y(t) = h(t) * x(t) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(t - \tau)x(\tau)d\tau$$

$$h(t) = F^{-1}\{H(w)\}$$

# Next Time

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- Impulse response generation
- Communication techniques
  - Eye Diagram
  - Intersymbol interference
  - Modulation techniques