

Siemens Matsushita Components

Application Note

Calculation of Matching Networks for

SAW Filters

Abstract:

This application note demonstrates the use of impedance values both of filter and chip sets in the calculation of all matching networks possible. Starting out with a practical example, attention is being drawn to specific design items, such as customizing coil values with parallel capacitors and transformation of unbalanced matching networks to balanced ones.

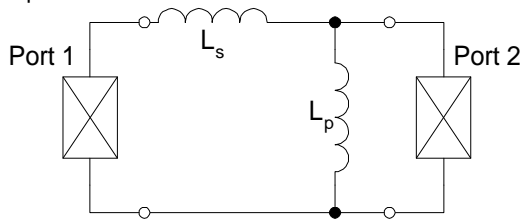
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1. Introduction

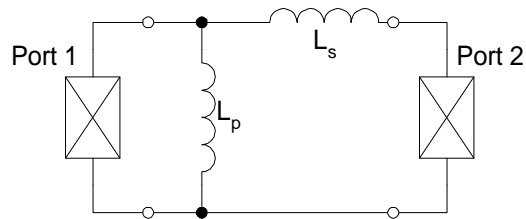
SAW filters need a specific impedance termination for optimum performance. Some types need a power match and some others a defined power mismatch. To help the engineer calculate the optimum termination, every SAW filter datasheet from S+M states the "terminating source impedance" and the "terminating load impedance". In the power matched case, these are the conjugate complex impedances (mean values over the passband) of the SAW filter ports.

8 various matching topologies exist for matching circuits with two elements (e.g. port 1: source or load, port 2: SAW filter input or output):

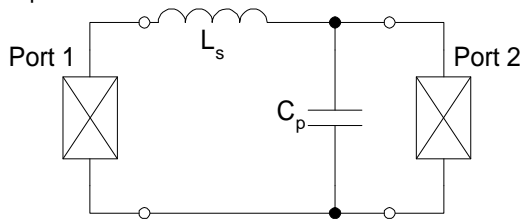
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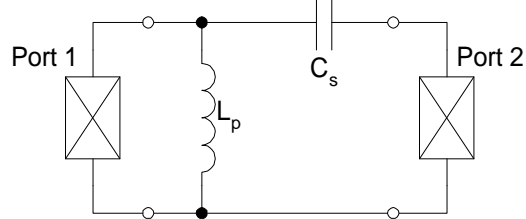
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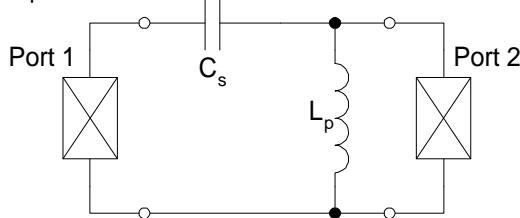
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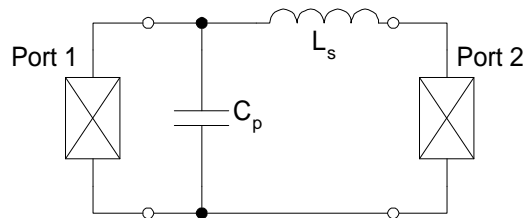
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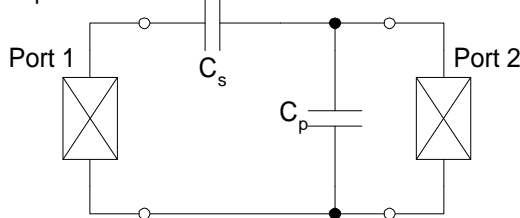
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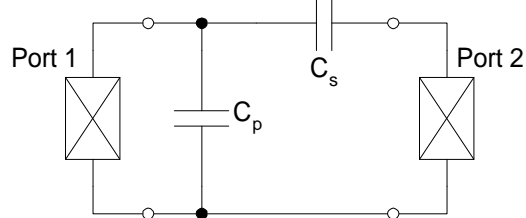


Figure 1: Possible Matching Topologies for Matching with 2 Elements

Depending on the impedance values of the ports, two or four of the matching topologies can be used to achieve the desired impedance transformation. Assuming infinite quality factors of the matching elements, there are closed formulas for calculating all possible matching networks.

2. Calculating 2-element matching networks

Step 1: Calculation of real and imaginary parts of the terminating admittances

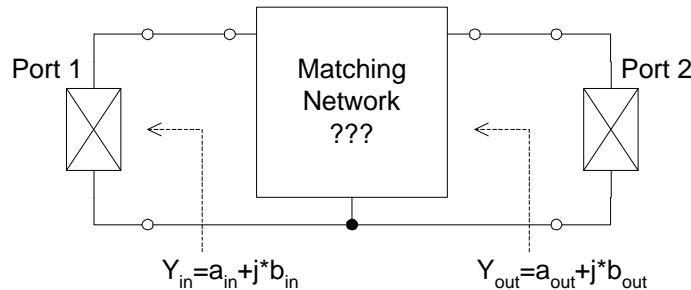


Figure 2: Definition of Terminating Admittances

In most data sheets, the source and load or the terminating impedances are stated in the parallel equivalent circuit (resistor parallel to (negative) capacitor / inductor). If there is a series circuit stated for a mixer or IF amplifier, this value has to be transformed into the equivalent parallel circuit first.

Numerical examples:

Center frequency $f_0=210$ MHz $\Rightarrow \omega_0=2\pi*f_0=1,32*10^9$ s⁻¹

Real part of source: $R=1000 \Omega \Rightarrow$ real part of source admittance:

$$a_{in}=1/R=0,001 \text{ S}$$

Imaginary part of source: $C=2$ pF \Rightarrow imaginary part of source admittance:

$$b_{in}=\omega_0*C=0,00264 \text{ S}$$

Imaginary part of termination: $L=40$ nH \Rightarrow imaginary part of termination admittance:

$$b_{out}=1/(-\omega_0*L)=-0,0189 \text{ S (negative, because imaginary unit j put in the numerator)}$$

or: imaginary part of termination: $C=-1,44$ pF \Rightarrow imaginary part of termination admittance:

$$b_{out}=\omega_0*C=-0,0189 \text{ S}$$

Step 2: Search for possible series-parallel matching networks (left circuits in figure 1)

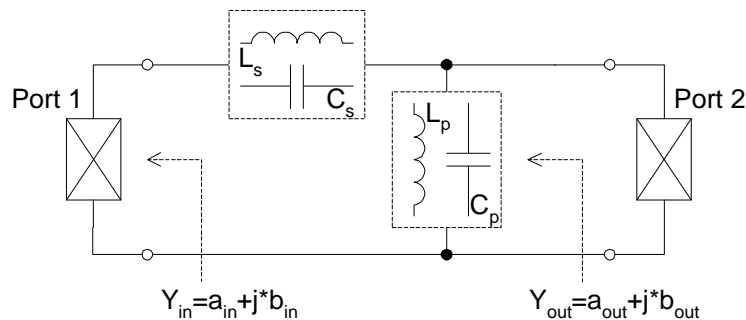


Figure 4: Possible Series-Parallel Matching Networks

Network analysis of the circuit in addition with the matching conditions lead to quadratic equations. The matching elements can be calculated from the roots of these equations. If the determinant D_{sp} is positive, there are solutions for the matching elements with real elements. If not, no series-parallel network is possible:

$$D_{sp} = a_{in} \cdot a_{out} (a_{in}^2 - a_{in} \cdot a_{out} + b_{in}^2) \quad (1)$$

Assuming $D_{sp}>0$, there are 2 pairs of solutions (if $D_{sp}=0$, both lead to the same matching elements):

$$X_{s+} = \frac{a_{out} \cdot b_{in} + \sqrt{D_{sp}}}{a_{out} (a_{in}^2 + b_{in}^2)} \quad \text{and} \quad B_{p+} = + \frac{\sqrt{D_{sp}}}{a_{in}} + b_{out} \quad (2)$$

$$X_{s-} = \frac{a_{out} \cdot b_{in} - \sqrt{D_{sp}}}{a_{out} (a_{in}^2 + b_{in}^2)} \quad \text{and} \quad B_{p-} = -\frac{\sqrt{D_{sp}}}{a_{in}} + b_{out} \quad (3)$$

Using either solution (2) or (3), the 2 pairs of matching elements can be calculated at a certain angular frequency $\omega_0=2\pi \cdot f_0$, as follows:

$X_s > 0 \Rightarrow L_s = \frac{X_s}{\omega_0}$ $X_s < 0 \Rightarrow C_s = -\frac{1}{\omega_0 \cdot X_s}$	$B_p > 0 \Rightarrow C_p = \frac{B_p}{\omega_0}$ $B_p < 0 \Rightarrow L_p = -\frac{1}{\omega_0 \cdot B_p}$
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Step 3: Search for possible parallel-series matching networks (right circuits in figure 1)

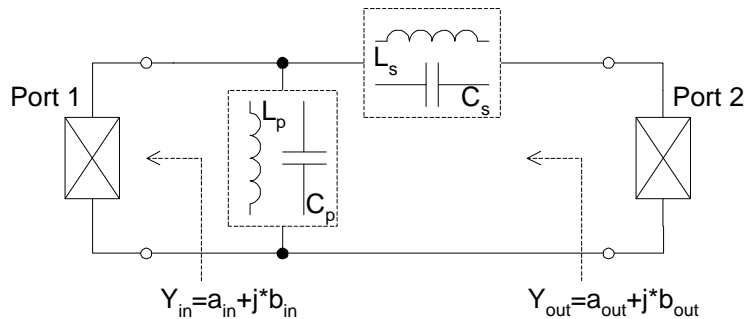


Figure 5: Possible Parallel-Series Matching Networks

Analogous to step 2, there are quadratic equations for this configuration. If the determinant D_{ps} is positive, matching networks with real elements exist. If not, no parallel-series network is possible:

$$D_{ps} = a_{in} \cdot a_{out} (a_{out}^2 - a_{in} \cdot a_{out} + b_{out}^2) \quad (6)$$

Assuming $D_{ps}>0$, there are again 2 pairs of solutions (if $D_{ps}=0$, both lead to the same matching elements):

$$B_{p+} = +\frac{\sqrt{D_{ps}}}{a_{out}} - b_{in} \quad \text{and} \quad X_{s+} = \frac{-a_{in} \cdot b_{out} + \sqrt{D_{ps}}}{a_{in} (a_{out}^2 + b_{out}^2)} \quad (7)$$

$$B_{p-} = -\frac{\sqrt{D_{ps}}}{a_{out}} - b_{in} \quad \text{and} \quad X_{s-} = \frac{-a_{in} \cdot b_{out} - \sqrt{D_{ps}}}{a_{in} (a_{out}^2 + b_{out}^2)} \quad (8)$$

Using either solution (7) or (8), the 2 pairs of matching elements can be calculated at a certain angular frequency $\omega_0=2\pi \cdot f_0$, as follows:

$B_p > 0 \Rightarrow C_p = \frac{B_p}{\omega_0}$ $B_p < 0 \Rightarrow L_p = -\frac{1}{\omega_0 \cdot B_p}$	$X_s > 0 \Rightarrow L_s = \frac{X_s}{\omega_0}$ $X_s < 0 \Rightarrow C_s = -\frac{1}{\omega_0 \cdot X_s}$
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3. Numerical example

From the S+M datasheet B4907 (IF filter for CDMA systems ($f_0=210,38$ MHz)), we read the following terminating impedances:

terminating source impedance: $Z_S= 600 \Omega \parallel 39$ nH
 terminating load impedance: $Z_L= 470 \Omega \parallel 33$ nH

Now we calculate all possible matching networks to a source (mixer) of 50Ω and a load (IF amplifier) with an impedance of $1000 \Omega \parallel 0,8$ pF.

Calculation of the input matching network:

We begin with the calculation of real and imaginary parts of the admittances, as defined in figure (2):

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_0 &= 2\pi \cdot f_0 = 2\pi \cdot 210,38 \text{ MHz} = 1,322 \cdot 10^9 \text{ s}^{-1} \\ Y_{in} &= a_{in} + j \cdot b_{in} \Rightarrow a_{in} = 1/(50 \Omega) = 0,02 \text{ S} \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad b_{in} = 0 \text{ (no imaginary part)} \\ Y_{out} &= a_{out} + j \cdot b_{out} \Rightarrow a_{out} = 1/(600 \Omega) = 0,00167 \text{ S} \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad b_{out} = 1/(-\omega_0 \cdot L) = 1/(-1,322 \cdot 10^9 \text{ s}^{-1} \cdot 39 \text{ nH}) = -0,0194 \text{ S} \end{aligned}$$

Now we calculate the determinant D_{sp} for the series-parallel network according to formula (1):

$$D_{sp} = a_{in} \cdot a_{out} (a_{in}^2 - a_{in} \cdot a_{out} + b_{in}^2) = 1,2244 \cdot 10^{-8} \text{ S}^4$$

$D_{sp} > 0$, therefore solutions for series-parallel circuits exist according to formula (2) and (3):

$$\begin{aligned} X_{s+} &= \frac{a_{out} \cdot b_{in} + \sqrt{D_{sp}}}{a_{out} (a_{in}^2 + b_{in}^2)} = 165,7 \Omega > 0 \Rightarrow L_{s+} = \frac{X_{s+}}{\omega_0} = 125 \text{ nH} \quad \text{and} \\ B_{p+} &= +\frac{\sqrt{D_{sp}}}{a_{in}} + b_{out} = -0,0139 \text{ S} < 0 \Rightarrow L_{p+} = -\frac{1}{\omega_0 \cdot B_{p+}} = 55 \text{ nH} \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} X_{s-} &= \frac{a_{out} \cdot b_{in} - \sqrt{D_{sp}}}{a_{out} (a_{in}^2 + b_{in}^2)} = -165,7 \Omega < 0 \Rightarrow C_{s-} = -\frac{1}{\omega_0 \cdot X_{s-}} = 4,6 \text{ pF} \quad \text{and} \\ B_{p-} &= -\frac{\sqrt{D_{sp}}}{a_{in}} + b_{out} = -0,0249 \text{ S} < 0 \Rightarrow L_{p-} = -\frac{1}{\omega_0 \cdot B_{p-}} = 30 \text{ nH} \end{aligned}$$

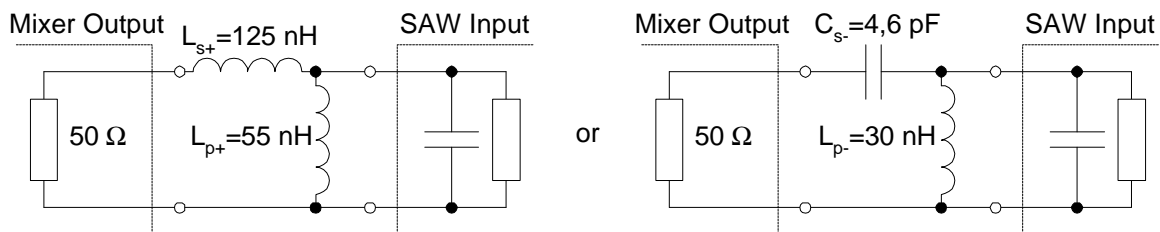


Figure 6: Possible Series-Parallel Matching Networks for Input Matching of B4907

Now we calculate the determinant D_{ps} for the parallel-series network according to formula (6):

$$D_{ps} = a_{in} \cdot a_{out} (a_{out}^2 - a_{in} \cdot a_{out} + b_{out}^2) = 1,1548 \cdot 10^{-8} S^4$$

$D_{ps} > 0$, therefore solutions for parallel-series circuits also exist according to formula (7) and (8):

$$B_{p+} = + \frac{\sqrt{D_{ps}}}{a_{out}} - b_{in} = 0,0643 S > 0 \Rightarrow C_{p+} = \frac{B_{p+}}{\omega_0} = 49 \text{ pF} \quad \text{and}$$

$$X_{s+} = \frac{-a_{in} \cdot b_{out} + \sqrt{D_{ps}}}{a_{in} (a_{out}^2 + b_{out}^2)} = 65,8 \Omega > 0 \Rightarrow L_{s+} = \frac{X_{s+}}{\omega_0} = 50 \text{ nH}$$

or

$$B_{p-} = - \frac{\sqrt{D_{ps}}}{a_{out}} - b_{in} = -0,0643 S < 0 \Rightarrow L_{p-} = - \frac{1}{\omega_0 \cdot B_{p-}} = 12 \text{ nH} \quad \text{and}$$

$$X_{s-} = \frac{-a_{in} \cdot b_{out} - \sqrt{D_{ps}}}{a_{in} (a_{out}^2 + b_{out}^2)} = 36,6 \Omega > 0 \Rightarrow L_{s-} = \frac{X_{s-}}{\omega_0} = 28 \text{ nH}$$

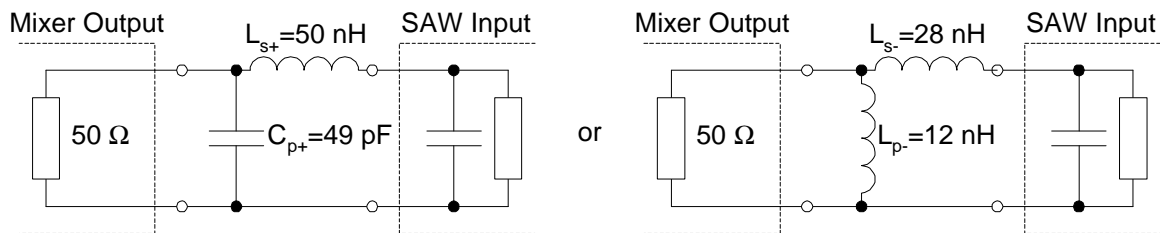


Figure 7: Possible Parallel-Series Matching Networks for Input Matching of B4907

Now we have found 4 possible matching circuits just for the input of the filter. **Which one should we choose?** In most cases, L-L matching circuits are more stable against tolerances of matching elements, but a coil, especially a high-Q coil, is more expensive than a capacitor. So, for most applications one of the C-L circuits will be chosen. In our example, 2 possibilities remain, the series-C parallel-L circuit of figure (6) and the parallel-C series-L circuit of figure (7). The series-C parallel-L circuit of figure (6) implies a DC-decoupling, which is being realized in most cases.

Calculation of the output matching network:

Again we calculate the real and imaginary parts of the admittances as defined in figure (2). Y_{in} is now the load impedance of the IF amplifier and Y_{out} the terminating load impedance of the SAW filter:

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_0 &= 2\pi \cdot f_0 = 2\pi \cdot 210,38 \text{ MHz} = 1,322 \cdot 10^9 \text{ s}^{-1} \\ Y_{in} &= a_{in} + j \cdot b_{in} \Rightarrow a_{in} = 1/(1000 \Omega) = 0,001 \text{ S} \\ & \quad b_{in} = \omega_0 \cdot C = 1,322 \cdot 10^9 \text{ s}^{-1} \cdot 0,8 \text{ pF} = 0,00106 \text{ S} \\ Y_{out} &= a_{out} + j \cdot b_{out} \Rightarrow a_{out} = 1/(470 \Omega) = 0,00213 \text{ S} \\ & \quad b_{out} = 1/(-\omega_0 \cdot L) = 1/(-1,322 \cdot 10^9 \text{ s}^{-1} \cdot 33 \text{ nH}) = -0,0229 \text{ S} \end{aligned}$$

We calculate the determinant D_{sp} for the series-parallel network according formula (1):

$$D_{sp} = a_{in} \cdot a_{out} (a_{in}^2 - a_{in} \cdot a_{out} + b_{in}^2) = -1,3632 \cdot 10^{-14} S^4$$

$D_{sp} < 0$, therefore solutions for series-parallel circuits do not exist.

Now we have to search for parallel-series matching circuits according formula (6):

$$D_{ps} = a_{in} \cdot a_{out} (a_{out}^2 - a_{in} \cdot a_{out} + b_{out}^2) = 1,1221 \cdot 10^{-9} S^4$$

$D_{ps} > 0$, therefore solutions for parallel-series circuits exist according formula (7) and (8):

$$B_{p+} = + \frac{\sqrt{D_{ps}}}{a_{out}} - b_{in} = 0,0147 S > 0 \Rightarrow C_{p+} = \frac{B_{p+}}{\omega_0} = 11 \text{ pF} \quad \text{and}$$

$$X_{s+} = \frac{-a_{in} \cdot b_{out} + \sqrt{D_{ps}}}{a_{in} (a_{out}^2 + b_{out}^2)} = 106,6 \Omega > 0 \Rightarrow L_{s+} = \frac{X_{s+}}{\omega_0} = 81 \text{ nH}$$

or

$$B_{p-} = - \frac{\sqrt{D_{ps}}}{a_{out}} - b_{in} = -0,0168 S < 0 \Rightarrow L_{p-} = - \frac{1}{\omega_0 \cdot B_{p-}} = 45 \text{ nH} \quad \text{and}$$

$$X_{s-} = \frac{-a_{in} \cdot b_{out} - \sqrt{D_{ps}}}{a_{in} (a_{out}^2 + b_{out}^2)} = -20,0 \Omega < 0 \Rightarrow C_{s-} = - \frac{1}{\omega_0 \cdot X_{s-}} = 38 \text{ pF}$$

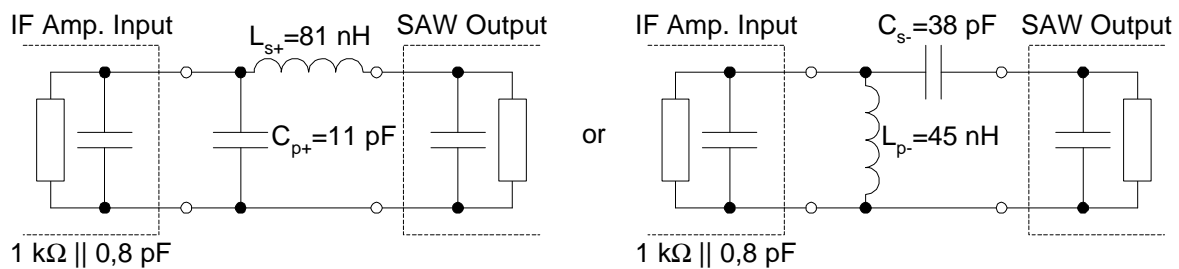


Figure 8: Possible Parallel-Series Matching Networks for Output Matching of B4907

Again we have the possibility to chose between 2 C-L matching circuits. In most cases the L_p - C_s -matching (right side of figure (8)) is chosen, not only for implying a DC-decoupling but also for being more cost effective if the series element is split for balanced operation. We will see in chapter 4.3. how to transform single ended matching networks to balanced matching networks.

4. Hints for practical use

All calculated matching networks are only as accurate as the terminating impedances. Therefore, in many cases fine tuning on the final PCB will be necessary. But with the calculated starting values given, it is possible to start close to the optimum. In addition Siemens Matsushita can provide information and support, such as matching circuits for certain chipsets, and 2-port or 4-port scattering-parameters for simulation.

4.1. Some facts from inside the SAW filter

The terminating impedances of SAW filters are often given for single ended operation. Many IF filters from S+M can be used in both modes, single ended or fully balanced. Balanced operation avoids a so-called ground loop, the voltage drop caused by a current flow through parasitic inductors between the filter ground pins and the PCB ground. This ground loop is often the main cause of PCB feedthrough, unless the PCB is carefully designed.

For most IF filters (e.g. for GSM, AMPS and DECT), the differences of the filter capacitances for balanced and single ended mode are so small as to be negligible. In contrast IF filters for CDMA applications need a very precise matching. Therefore, let's have a closer look at the differences between the two modes:

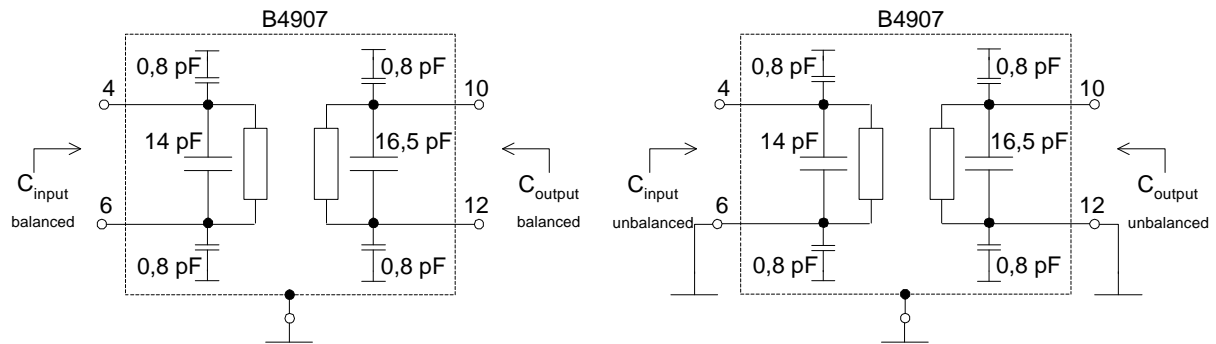


Figure 9: Detailed Equivalent Circuits for Balanced and Single Ended Driven SAW Filters

The estimated capacitance between each filter pin (including PCB pad) and ground is typically 0,8 pF. If the balanced input or output capacitances are measured, the 2 capacitors to ground act as a series circuit between the balanced ports. In the single ended case, one of the capacitors is shorted. Therefore we calculate the capacitances to be:

$$C_{input,balanced} = 14 \text{ pF} + 0,8 \text{ pF} / 2 = 14,4 \text{ pF} \qquad C_{input,unbalanced} = 14 \text{ pF} + 0,8 \text{ pF} = 14,8 \text{ pF}$$

$$C_{output,balanced} = 16,5 \text{ pF} + 0,8 \text{ pF} / 2 = 16,9 \text{ pF} \qquad C_{output,unbalanced} = 16,5 \text{ pF} + 0,8 \text{ pF} = 17,3 \text{ pF}$$

The same mechanism applies to parasitic elements on the PCB and, of course, within mixer and IF amplifier chips. As for hardware this means that the values for the parallel matching elements, which have to compensate the parasitics, can differ in the balanced case from the single ended case. Therefore S+M provides 4-port filter s-parameters for simulation, which take this effect into account.

The real parts of the filter impedances are identical for the balanced and the single ended mode.

4.2. Customizing coil values with parallel capacitors

For most applications, the available E12 standard series of RF coils is sufficient for a good matching. In some cases (e.g. CDMA IF filters), there is a need for customized coil values. Although coil manufacturers (e.g. Coilcraft) offer customized element values, at least throughout the development period of a telephone board, an easy tuning method for fixed coil values is desired.

IF SAW filters are narrow band devices, and within the filter passband a parallel circuit of a coil and a small capacitor act as an admittance, which is equivalent to a coil with a greater value.

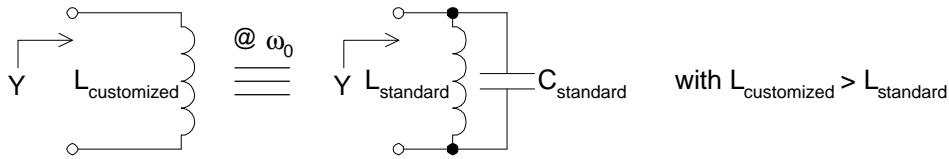


Figure 10: Equivalence of a Coil Value to a Coil Capacitor Parallel Circuit at a Certain Frequency

The admittance of the circuits shall be equal at $\omega_0 = 2\pi \cdot f_0$:

$$Y = \frac{1}{j \cdot \omega_0 \cdot L_{\text{customized}}} = \frac{1}{j \cdot \omega_0 \cdot L_{\text{standard}}} + j \cdot \omega_0 \cdot C_{\text{standard}} \quad (11)$$

Now, the needed parallel capacitor C_{standard} can be calculated as follows:

$$C_{\text{standard}} = \frac{L_{\text{customized}} - L_{\text{standard}}}{\omega_0^2 \cdot L_{\text{customized}} \cdot L_{\text{standard}}} \quad (12)$$

Numerical example:

We have calculated a coil value of $L_{\text{customized}} = 45 \text{ nH}$ parallel to the IF amplifier (right side of figure (8)). The next smaller coil in the E12 series is $L_{\text{standard}} = 39 \text{ nH}$. At a frequency of $f_0 = 210,38 \text{ MHz}$, we calculate the following parallel capacitor necessary:

$$C_{\text{standard}} = \frac{45 \text{ nH} - 39 \text{ nH}}{4 \cdot 10^{12} \cdot (210,38 \text{ MHz})^2 \cdot 45 \text{ nH} \cdot 39 \text{ nH}} = 1,96 \text{ pF} \Rightarrow \text{chosen : } C_{\text{standard}} = 2 \text{ pF}$$

A value of $C_{\text{standard}} = 2 \text{ pF}$ is available in 0402 size. The capacitor value should be chosen as small as possible, and the standard coil as large as possible, because the quality factor $Q_{L, \text{customized}}$ of the coil will be degraded slightly (assuming an infinite Q of the capacitor):

$$Q_{L, \text{customized}} = Q_{L, \text{standard}} \cdot \frac{L_{\text{standard}}}{L_{\text{customized}}} \quad (13)$$

For our example assuming a coil quality factor of $Q_{L, \text{standard}} = 45$, this means:

$$Q_{L, \text{customized}} = 45 \cdot \frac{39 \text{ nH}}{45 \text{ nH}} = 39$$

For the calculation of the over-all tolerance of the customized coil let us assume that we have 2% tolerance parts with both L and C being at the upper end of the tolerance limits. The maximum coil value would be:

$$L_{\text{custom, max}} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{L_{\text{stand, max}}} - \omega_0^2 \cdot C_{\text{stand, max}}} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{1,02 \cdot 39 \text{ nH}} - 4 \cdot 10^{12} \cdot (210,38 \text{ MHz})^2 \cdot 1,02 \cdot 2 \text{ pF}} = 46,4 \text{ nH}$$

This is 2,7 % more than the exact calculated value of $L_{\text{customized}} = 45,2 \text{ nH}$. Therefore, the new matching element tolerance is 2,7% in the worst case. The smaller the fine tuning capacitor is, the smaller the tolerance degradation will be.

4.3. Transformation of unbalanced matching networks to balanced ones

For most applications, the terminating impedances both in the single ended and the fully balanced driven case are quite similar (except for small corrections; see chapter 4.1.). The following chart shows how to transform the matching element values:

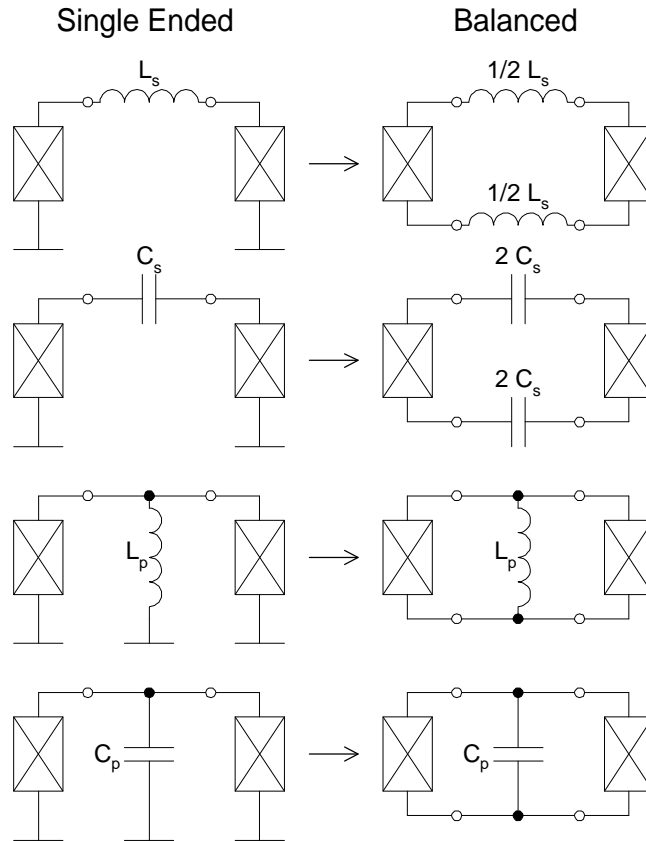


Figure 11: Equivalence of Single Ended and Balanced Matching Networks

Some balanced mixers need a bias voltage at the outputs (open collector mixers). In that case, the matching network can be used for biasing. The next picture shows the transformation of the matching network for the open collector:

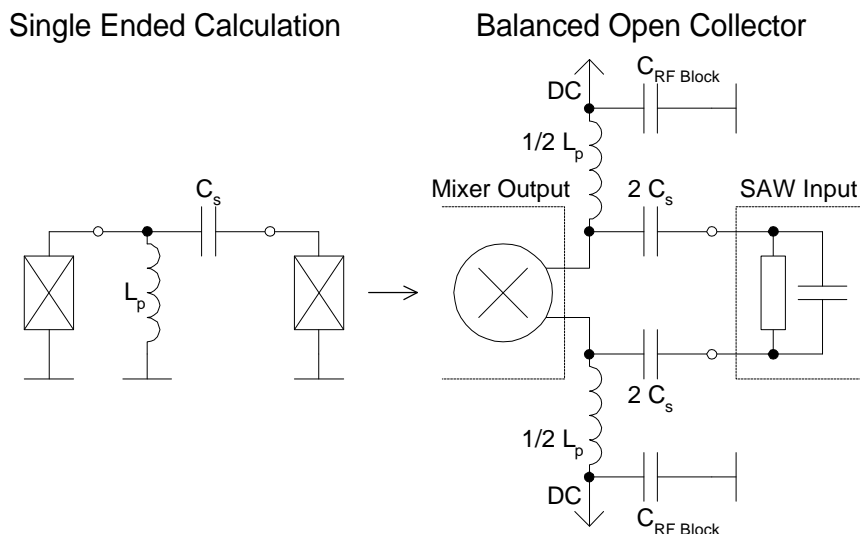


Figure 12: Transformation of Single Ended Networks for Open Collector Outputs

4.4. Using coils with non-infinite quality factors for calculation

Coils used for matching in modern mobile phones often have quality factors ranging from $Q=15$ to $Q=45$. Therefore, their parallel resistances are mostly higher than the termination impedances. But in some cases, e.g. matching to open collector mixer outputs, the parallel resistance of these coils can be lower than the termination. In this case, the quality factors of the coils must be taken into account for the calculation of the matching network.

The filter will be no longer matched to the open collector, but mainly to the parallel resistance of the two open collector biasing coils. Therefore, the impedance value, to which the filter is matched, depends on the values of the matching elements itself. To perform the calculation, we have to guess starting values for the matching elements. This will lead to a starting value for the real part of the terminating impedance.

This impedance can now be used for a more accurate calculation of the matching elements. If the element values differ widely from the starting values, the terminating impedance has to be re-checked, and the matching element values have to be calculated again. In most cases the element values are being calculated precisely enough by only a few iteration.

Numerical example:

We calculate a matching network for the S+M B8100 (IF filter for DECT systems ($f_0=110,59$ MHz)), to an open collector mixer. The terminating source impedances of the B8100 are stated in the datasheet: $600 \Omega \parallel 240$ nH. The open collector output (including the PCB parasitics) shall have an impedance of 20 k $\Omega \parallel 2,5$ pF. The quality factor of the matching coils shall be $Q_L=45$, and the quality factor of the capacitors shall be near to infinite ($Q_C>100$).

We guess values of 150 nH for the open collector coils on each balanced port, which means an parallel inductor of $L_p=300$ nH according to figure (12). The parallel resistor can be calculated as follows:

$$R_{p,L_p} = Q_L \cdot w_0 \cdot L_p = 45 \cdot 2\pi \cdot 110,59 \text{ MHz} \cdot 300 \text{ nH} = 9,38 \text{ k}\Omega$$

The real part of the source impedance R_{Source} , to which the filter is matched, is calculated as a parallel circuit of the open collector impedance and the coil parallel resistor:

$$R_{Source} = \frac{20 \text{ k}\Omega \cdot 9,4 \text{ k}\Omega}{20 \text{ k}\Omega + 9,4 \text{ k}\Omega} = 6,38 \text{ k}\Omega$$

The real part of the source admittance is therefore: $a_{in}=1/R_{Source}=1,57 \cdot 10^{-4}$ S

Computation of the other admittances needed for the calculation:

Center frequency $f_0=110,59$ MHz $\Rightarrow \omega_0=2\pi \cdot f_0=6,95 \cdot 10^8$ s $^{-1}$

Imaginary part of source: $C=2,5$ pF \Rightarrow imaginary part of source admittance:

$$b_{in}=\omega_0 \cdot C=0,00174 \text{ S}$$

Real part of termination: $R=600 \Omega \Rightarrow$ real part of termination admittance:

$$a_{out}=1/R=0,00167 \text{ S}$$

Imaginary part of termination: $L=240$ nH \Rightarrow imaginary part of termination admittance:

$$b_{out}=1/(-\omega_0 \cdot L)=-0,006 \text{ S}$$

We are looking for a parallel-series matching network and therefore, we calculate the determinant D_{ps} according to formula (6):

$$D_{ps} = a_{in} \cdot a_{out} (a_{out}^2 - a_{in} \cdot a_{out} + b_{out}^2) = 1,0101 \cdot 10^{-11} \text{ S}^4$$

$D_{ps} > 0$, therefore solutions for parallel-series circuits exist according to formula (7) and (8):

$$B_{p+} = + \frac{\sqrt{D_{ps}}}{a_{out}} - b_{in} = 1,63 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ S} > 0 \Rightarrow C_{p+} = \frac{B_{p+}}{\omega_0} = 0,2 \text{ pF} \quad \text{and}$$

$$X_{s+} = \frac{-a_{in} \cdot b_{out} + \sqrt{D_{ps}}}{a_{in}(a_{out}^2 + b_{out}^2)} = 677 \text{ } \Omega > 0 \Rightarrow L_{s+} = \frac{X_{s+}}{\omega_0} = 970 \text{ nH}$$

or

$$B_{p-} = - \frac{\sqrt{D_{ps}}}{a_{out}} - b_{in} = -0,0036 \text{ S} < 0 \Rightarrow L_{p-} = - \frac{1}{\omega_0 \cdot B_{p-}} = 395 \text{ nH} \quad \text{and}$$

$$X_{s-} = \frac{-a_{in} \cdot b_{out} - \sqrt{D_{ps}}}{a_{in}(a_{out}^2 + b_{out}^2)} = -367 \text{ } \Omega < 0 \Rightarrow C_{s-} = - \frac{1}{\omega_0 \cdot X_{s-}} = 3,9 \text{ pF}$$

We have to choose the latter parallel-L serial-C network, because we need open collector parallel coils, anyway. The calculated value for L_{p-} differs from the estimated coil $L_p=300 \text{ nH}$. The new parallel resistor of the open collector coils will be:

$$R_{p,Lp} = Q_L \cdot \omega_0 \cdot L_{p-} = 45 \cdot 6,95 \cdot 10^8 \text{ s}^{-1} \cdot 395 \text{ nH} = 12,35 \text{ k}\Omega$$

Now we calculate the new real part of the source impedance R_{Source} :

$$R_{Source} = \frac{20 \text{ k}\Omega \cdot 12,35 \text{ k}\Omega}{20 \text{ k}\Omega + 12,35 \text{ k}\Omega} = 7,636 \text{ k}\Omega$$

The new real part of the source admittance is therefore: $a_{in}=1/R_{Source}=1,3096 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ S}$. This values is now used for the calculation of the determinant and the new, more accurate matching elements:

$$D_{ps} = a_{in} \cdot a_{out} (a_{out}^2 - a_{in} \cdot a_{out} + b_{out}^2) = 8,4261 \cdot 10^{-12} \text{ S}^4$$

$$B_{p-} = - \frac{\sqrt{D_{ps}}}{a_{out}} - b_{in} = -0,00348 \text{ S} < 0 \Rightarrow L_{p-} = - \frac{1}{\omega_0 \cdot B_{p-}} = 414 \text{ nH} \quad \text{and}$$

$$X_{s-} = \frac{-a_{in} \cdot b_{out} - \sqrt{D_{ps}}}{a_{in}(a_{out}^2 + b_{out}^2)} = -417 \text{ } \Omega < 0 \Rightarrow C_{s-} = - \frac{1}{\omega_0 \cdot X_{s-}} = 3,4 \text{ pF}$$

Now, the difference between this element values and the exact ones should be as accurate, as the estimation of board parasitics. To obtain the starting values for hardware fine tuning, we transform the results to a balanced circuit according figure (12):

open collector bias coils: $L_{oc}=0,5 \cdot L_{p-}=207 \text{ nH}$; chosen: 220 nH
 serial matching capacitors: $C_{sm}=2 \cdot C_{s-}=6,8 \text{ pF}$; chosen: 6,8 pF (or 7 pF)

Understanding the basic principles of SAW filter matching will help you apply modern simulation programs for the calculation of matching circuits. Of course, modern network simulation programs can calculate matching circuits with non-infinite quality factors of matching elements. The necessary scattering-parameters of SAW filters are being provided by Siemens Matsushita.

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