



Electromagnetics:  
Microwave Engineering

# Series and Parallel Microwave Resonators

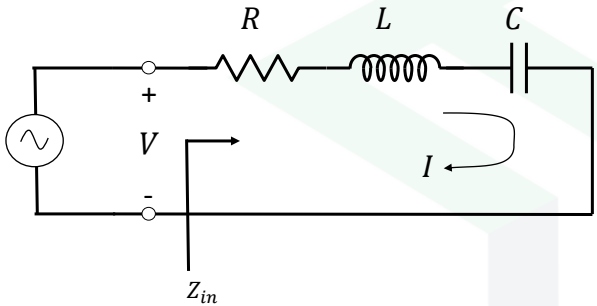


## Lecture Outline

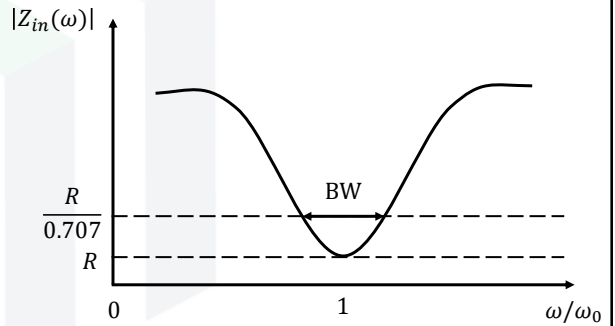
- Series and Parallel Resonant Circuits
- Quality Factor  $Q$
- Loaded and Unloaded  $Q$



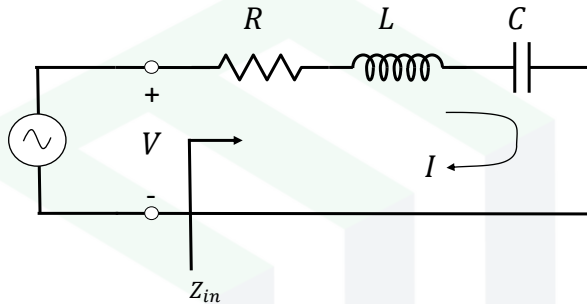
## Series Resonant Circuit - Overview



$$Z_{in} = R + j\omega L + \frac{1}{j\omega C}$$



## Series Resonant Circuit - Parameters



Complex power delivered to the resonator

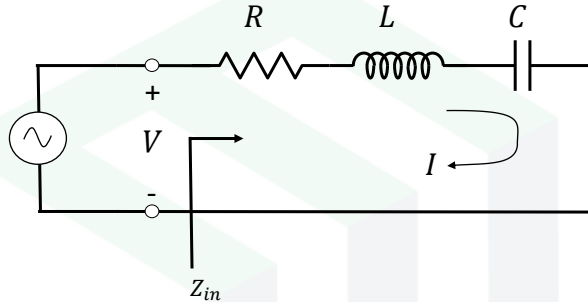
$$P_{in} = \frac{1}{2} V I^* = \frac{1}{2} Z_{in} |I|^2 = \frac{1}{2} |I|^2 \left( R + j\omega L - j \frac{1}{\omega C} \right)$$

Power dissipated by the resistor  $R$

$$P_{loss} = \frac{1}{2} |I|^2 R$$



## Series Resonant Circuit –Parameters



Average magnetic energy stored in the inductor

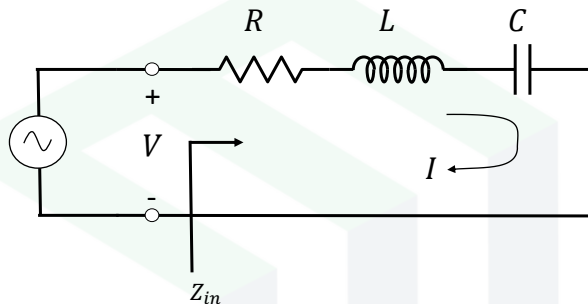
$$W_m = \frac{1}{2} |I|^2 L$$

Average electric energy stored in the capacitor

$$W_e = \frac{1}{4} |V_c|^2 C = \frac{1}{4} |I|^2 \frac{1}{\omega^2 C}$$



## Series Resonant Circuit –Parameters



Complex power rewritten in terms of energy stored and power dissipated

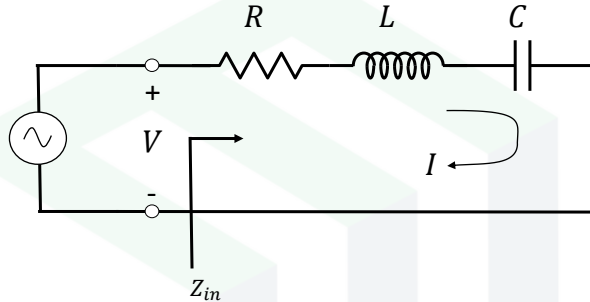
$$P_{in} = P_{loss} + 2j\omega(W_m - W_e)$$

Input impedance rewritten in terms of energy stored and power dissipated

$$Z_{in} = \frac{2P_{in}}{|I|^2} = \frac{P_{loss} + 2j\omega(W_m - W_e)}{\frac{1}{2} |I|^2}$$



## Series Resonant Circuit –Parameters



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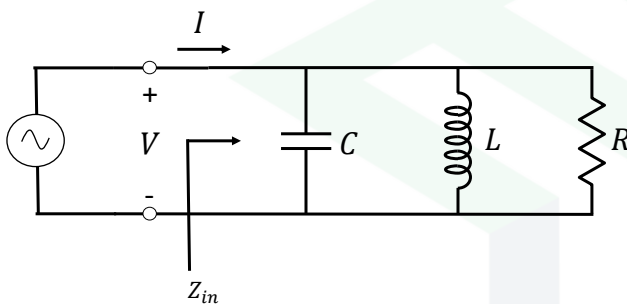
$$Z_{in} = \frac{P_{loss}}{\frac{1}{2}|I|^2} = R$$

and the resonant frequency is

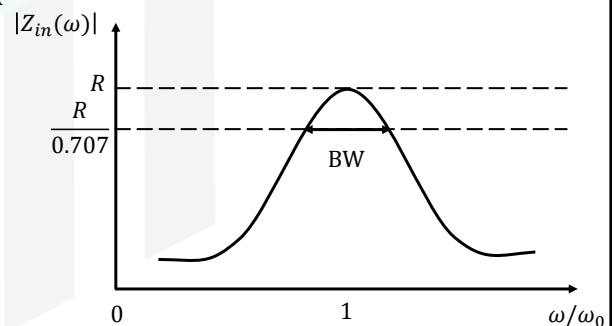
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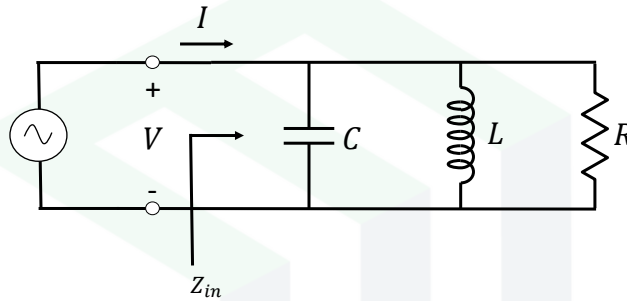
## Parallel Resonant Circuit - Overview



$$Z_{in} = \left( \frac{1}{R} + \frac{1}{j\omega L} + j\omega C \right)^{-1}$$



## Parallel Resonant Circuit –Parameters



Complex power delivered to the resonator

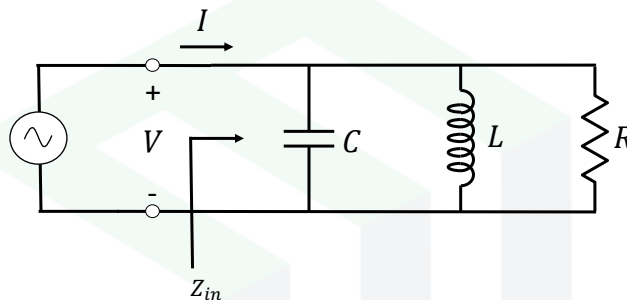
$$P_{in} = \frac{1}{2}VI^* = \frac{1}{2}\frac{|V|^2}{Z_{in}^*} = \frac{1}{2}|V|^2\left(\frac{1}{R} + \frac{j}{\omega L} - j\omega C\right)$$

Power dissipated by the resistor  $R$

$$P_{loss} = \frac{1}{2}\frac{|V|^2}{R}$$



## Parallel Resonant Circuit –Parameters



Average magnetic energy stored in the inductor

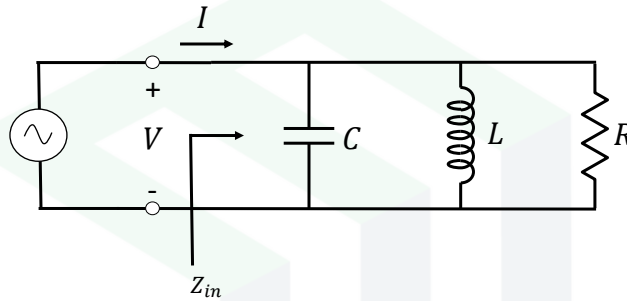
$$W_m = \frac{1}{4}|I_L|^2L = \frac{1}{4}|V|^2\frac{1}{\omega^2L}$$

Average electric energy stored in the capacitor

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## Parallel Resonant Circuit –Parameters



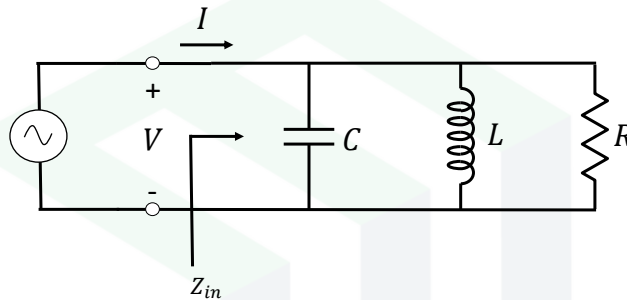
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## Parallel Resonant Circuit –Parameters



At resonance, we have that  $W_m = W_e$ , so  $Z_{in}$  becomes

$$Z_{in} = \frac{P_{loss}}{\frac{1}{2}|I|^2} = R$$

and the resonant frequency is

$$\omega_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$$

Note: resonance in a parallel RLC circuit is  
sometimes referred to as an *antiresonance*.

# Definition of Quality Factor $Q$

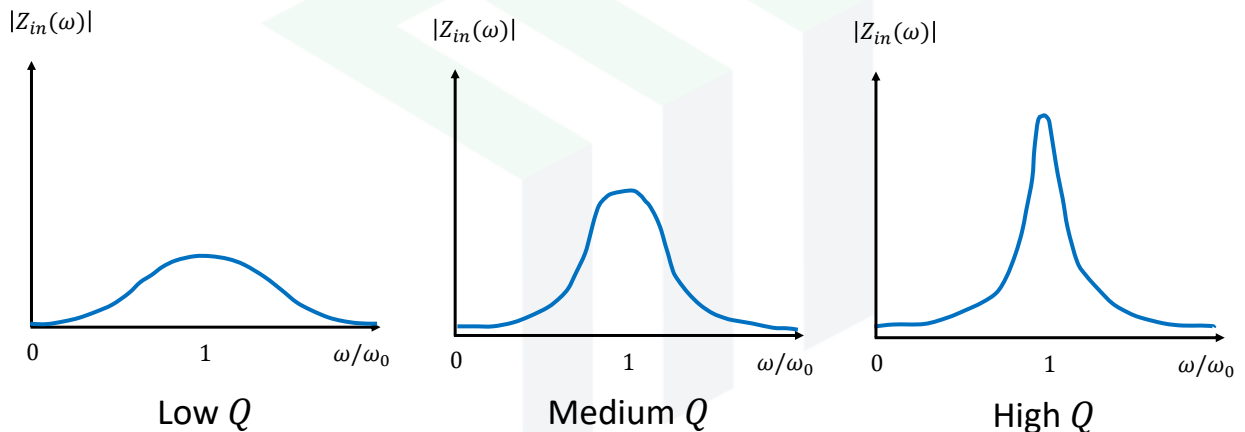
The quality factor  $Q$  is the ratio of energy stored in the resonator to the energy lost per cycle.

$$Q = \omega \frac{\text{average energy stored}}{\text{energy loss/second}} = \omega \frac{W_m + W_e}{P_{loss}}$$

- Losses in the resonant circuit are attributed to conductor loss, dielectric loss, radiation loss, or external network connections. Loss is represented by  $R$ .
- Lower  $R$  means lower loss -> Higher  $Q$
- The  $Q$  of a circuit without any external loading effects is called  $Q_0$  (unloaded  $Q$ )
- The higher the  $Q$ , the lower the bandwidth  $BW$   $BW = \frac{1}{Q_0}$



# Definition of Quality Factor $Q$



## Q of Series Resonant Circuit

At resonance, we have that  $W_m = W_e$ , so  $Q_0$  in a series resonant circuit becomes

$$Q_0 = \omega_0 \frac{2W_m}{P_{loss}} = \frac{\omega_0 L}{R} = \frac{1}{\omega_0 RC}$$

$Q$  increases as  $R$  decreases

Let  $\omega = \omega_0 + \Delta\omega$ , where  $\Delta\omega$  is small.  $Z_{in}$  now becomes

$$Z_{in} = R + j\omega L \left( 1 - \frac{1}{\omega^2 LC} \right) = R + j\omega L \left( \frac{\omega^2 - \omega_0^2}{\omega^2} \right)$$

We also have that  $\omega^2 - \omega_0^2 \cong 2\omega\Delta\omega$  when  $\Delta\omega$  is small.

$$Z_{in} \cong R + j2L\Delta\omega \cong R + j \frac{2RQ_0\Delta\omega}{\omega_0}$$



## Q of Series Resonant Circuit

A series resonator with loss can also be modeled as a lossless resonator whose resonant frequency  $\omega_0$  is replaced with a complex effective resonant frequency

$$\omega_0 \leftarrow \omega_0 \left( 1 + \frac{j}{2Q_0} \right)$$

This is useful because for lossy resonators, we can begin the solution for the lossless case, then replace  $\omega_0$  with the complex resonant frequency.





## Q of Parallel Resonant Circuit

At resonance, we have that  $W_m = W_e$ , so  $Q_0$  in a parallel resonant circuit becomes

$$Q_0 = \omega_0 \frac{2W_m}{P_{loss}} = \frac{\omega_0 R}{L} = \omega_0 RC$$

Q increases as R increases

Let  $\omega = \omega_0 + \Delta\omega$ , where  $\Delta\omega$  is small.  $Z_{in}$  now becomes

$$Z_{in} \cong \left( \frac{1}{R} + \frac{1 - \frac{\Delta\omega}{\omega_0}}{j\omega_0 L} + jC(\omega_0 + \Delta\omega) \right)^{-1} \cong \frac{R}{1 + 2j\Delta\omega RC} \cong \frac{R}{1 + 2jQ_0\Delta\omega/\omega_0}$$

When  $R = \infty$ ,  $Z_{in}$  now becomes

$$Z_{in} = \frac{1}{j2C(\omega - \omega_0)}$$



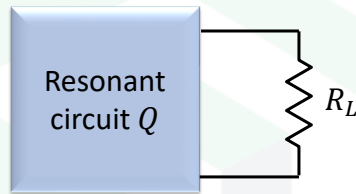
## Q of Parallel Resonant Circuit

As in the series case, a parallel resonator with loss can also be modeled as a lossless resonator whose resonant frequency  $\omega_0$  is replaced with a complex effective resonant frequency

$$\omega_0 \leftarrow \omega_0 \left( 1 + \frac{j}{2Q_0} \right)$$

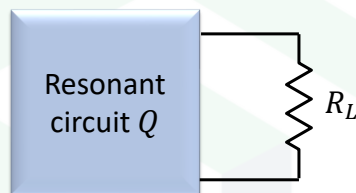


## Loaded and Unloaded $Q$



- If the load resistance  $R_L = \infty$ , then  $Q = Q_0$
- The series  $RLC$  resonator has  $Z_L$  connected in series ( $R + R_L$ )
- The parallel  $RLC$  resonator has  $Z_L$  connected in parallel  $(RR_L)/(R + R_L)$

## Loaded and Unloaded $Q$



We define an external  $Q$ ,  $Q_e$

$$Q_e = \begin{cases} \frac{\omega_0 L}{R_L} & \text{For series circuits} \\ \frac{R_L}{\omega_0 L} & \text{For parallel circuits} \end{cases}$$

And the loaded  $Q$  ( $Q_L$ ) is expressed as

$$\frac{1}{Q_L} = \frac{1}{Q_e} + \frac{1}{Q_0}$$