

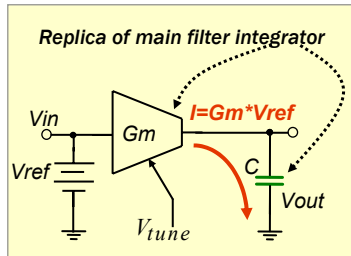
## EE247 Lecture 7

- Automatic on-chip filter tuning (continued from last lecture)
  - Continuous tuning (continued)
    - Reference integrator locked to reference frequency
    - DC tuning of resistive timing element
  - Periodic digitally assisted filter tuning
    - Systems where filter is followed by ADC & DSP, existing hardware can be used to periodically update filter freq. response
- Continuous-time filters
  - Highpass filters
  - Bandpass filters
    - Lowpass to bandpass transformation
    - Example: 6<sup>th</sup> order bandpass filter
    - Gm-C BP filter using simple diff. pair

## Summary last lecture

- Continuous-time filters
  - Opamp MOSFET-RC filters
  - Gm-C filters
- Frequency tuning for continuous-time filters
  - Trimming via fuses or laser
  - Automatic on-chip filter tuning
    - Continuous tuning
      - Utilizing VCF built with replica integrators
      - Use of VCO built with replica integrators
      - To be continued.....

## Master-Slave Frequency Tuning 3-Reference Integrator Locked to Reference Frequency

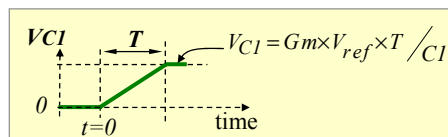
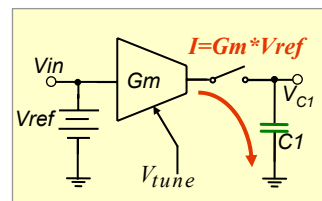


- Replica of main filter building block e.g.  $Gm$ - $C$  integrator used
- Utilizes the fact that a DC voltage source connected to the input of the  $Gm$  cell generates a constant current at the output proportional to the transconductance and the voltage reference

$$I = Gm \cdot Vref$$

## Reference Integrator Locked to Reference Frequency

- Consider the following sequence:
  - Integrating capacitor is fully discharged @  $t = 0$
  - At  $t = 0$  the capacitor is connected to the output of the  $Gm$  cell for  $T$  amount of time then:



$$Q_{C1} = V_{C1} \times C1 = Gm \times V_{ref} \times T$$

$$\rightarrow V_{C1} = Gm \times V_{ref} \times T / C1$$

## Reference Integrator Locked to Reference Frequency

Since at the end of the period T:

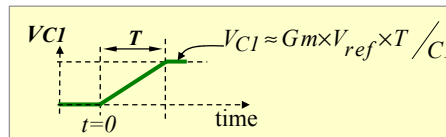
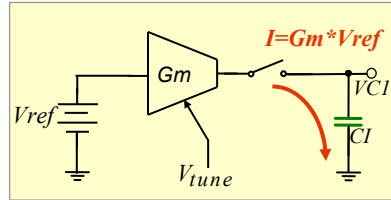
$$V_{CI} \approx Gm \times V_{ref} \times T / C1$$

If  $V_{CI}$  is forced to be equal to  $V_{ref}$  then:

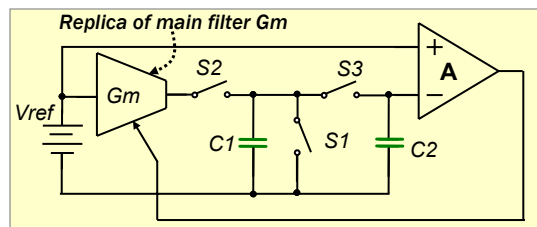
$$\frac{C}{Gm} = T = \frac{N}{f_{clk}}$$

How do we manage to force  $V_{CI} = V_{ref}$ ?

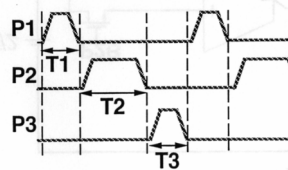
→ Use feedback!!



## Reference Integrator Locked to Reference Frequency

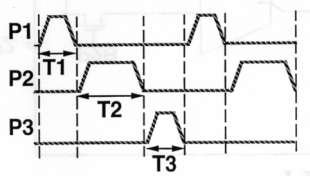
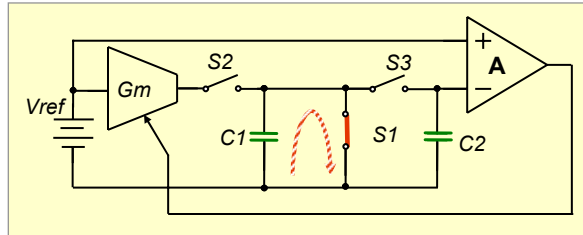


- Three clock phase operation
- To analyze → study one phase at a time



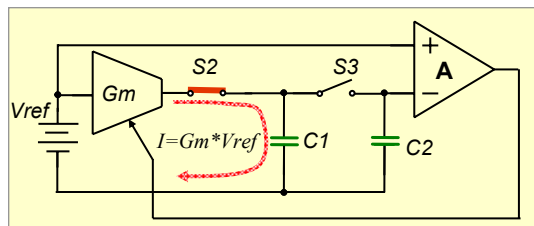
Ref: A. Durham, J. Hughes, and W. Redman-White, "Circuit Architectures for High Linearity Monolithic Continuous-Time Filtering," *IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems*, pp. 651-657, Sept. 1992.

Reference Integrator Locked to Reference Frequency  
 P1 high  $\rightarrow$  S1 closed

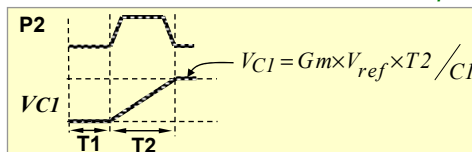


$C1 \rightarrow$  discharged  $\rightarrow V_{C1}=0$   
 $C2 \rightarrow$  retains its previous charge

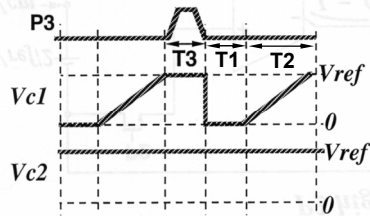
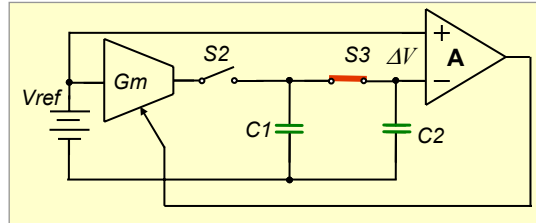
Reference Integrator Locked to Reference Frequency  
 P2 high  $\rightarrow$  S2 closed



$C1 \rightarrow$  charged with constant current:  $I=Gm*V_{ref}$   
 $C2 \rightarrow$  retains its previous charge



Reference Integrator Locked to Reference Frequency  
 P3 high  $\rightarrow$  S3 closed

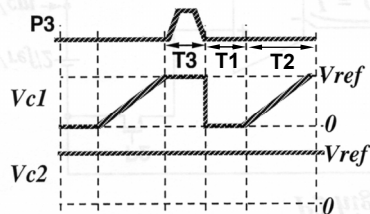
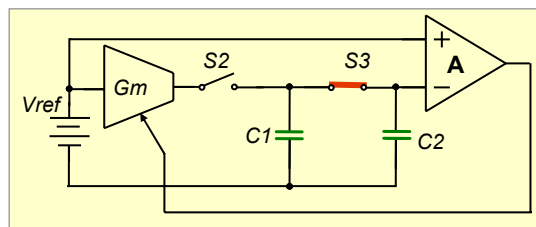


*C1 charge shares with C2  
 Few cycles following startup  
 Assuming A is large, feedback  
 forces:*

$$\Delta V \rightarrow 0$$

$$\rightarrow V_{C2} = V_{ref}$$

Reference Integrator Locked to Reference Frequency  
 P3 high  $\rightarrow$  S3 closed

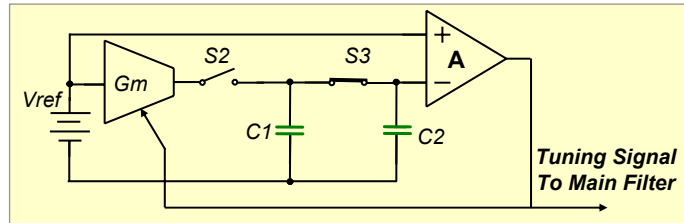


$V_{C1} = V_{C2} = V_{ref}$   
 since:  $V_{C1} = Gm \times V_{ref} \times T2 / C1$   
 then:  $V_{ref} = Gm \times V_{ref} \times T2 / C1$

or:  $\frac{C1}{Gm} = T2 = N / fclk$

## Summary

### Replica Integrator Locked to Reference Frequency



Feedback forces  $G_m$  to assume a value so that :

- Integrator time constant locked to an accurate frequency
- Tuning signal used to adjust the time constant of the main filter integrators

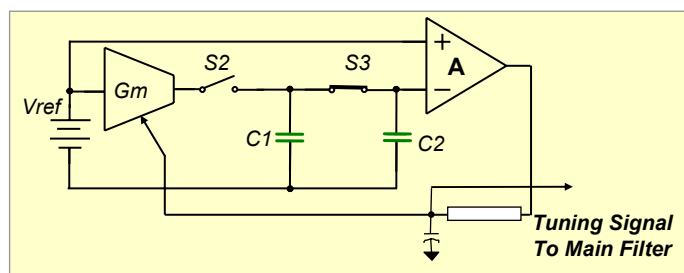
$$\tau_{intg} = C1 / G_m = N / fclk$$

or

$$\omega_0^{intg} = G_m / C1 = fclk / N$$

## Issues

### 1- Loop Stability

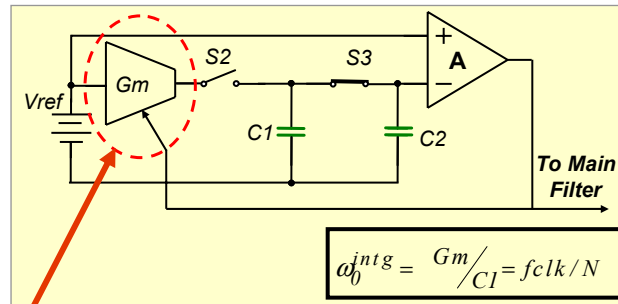


- Note: Need to pay attention to loop stability
  - ✓  $C1$  chosen to be smaller than  $C2$  – tradeoff between stability and speed of lock acquisition
  - ✓ Lowpass filter at the output of amplifier (A) helps stabilize the loop

## Issues

### 2- GM-Cell DC Offset Induced Error

Problems to be aware of:



$$\omega_0^{intg} = \frac{Gm}{C1} = fclk / N$$

→ Tuning error due to master integrator DC offset

## Issues

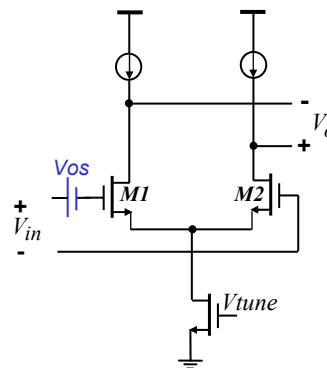
### Gm Cell DC Offset

What is DC offset?

Simple example:

For the differential pair shown here, mismatch in input device or load characteristics would cause DC offset:  
 $\rightarrow V_o = 0$  requires a non-zero input voltage

Offset could be modeled as a small DC voltage source at the input for which with shorted inputs  $\rightarrow V_o = 0$



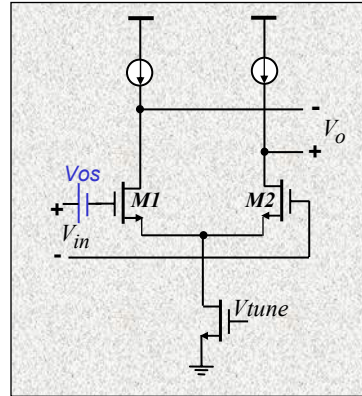
**Example: Differential Pair**

## Simple Gm-Cell DC Offset

Mismatch associated with M1 & M2  
 → DC offset

$$V_{os} = (V_{th1} - V_{th2}) - \frac{1}{2} V_{ov1,2} \frac{\Delta(W/L)_{M1,2}}{(W/L)_{M1,2}}$$

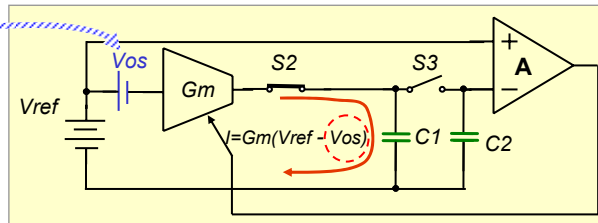
Assuming offset due to load device mismatch is negligible



Ref: Gray, Hurst, Lewis, Meyer, *Analysis & Design of Analog Integrated Circuits*, Wiley 2001, page 335

## Gm-Cell Offset Induced Error

Voltage source representing DC offset



•Effect of Gm-cell DC offset:

$$V_{C1} = V_{C2} = V_{ref}$$

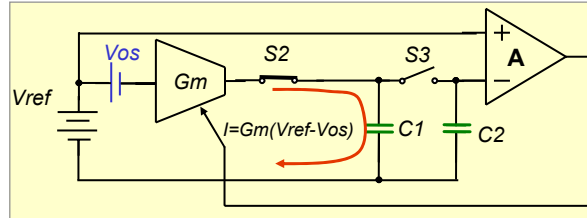
$$\text{Ideal: } V_{C1} = Gm \times V_{ref} \times T2 / C1$$

$$\text{with offset: } V_{C1} = Gm \times (V_{ref} - V_{os}) \times T2 / C1$$

$$\text{or: } \frac{C1}{Gm} = T2 \left( 1 - \frac{V_{os}}{V_{ref}} \right)$$



## Gm-Cell Offset Induced Error



- Example:

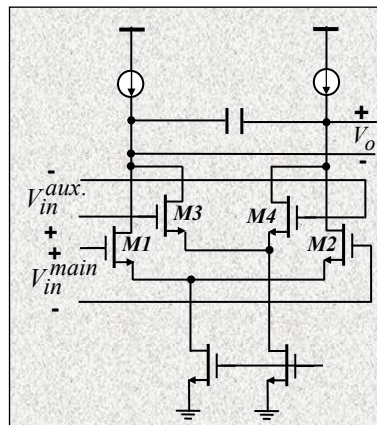
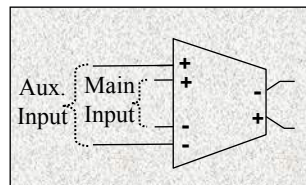
$$\frac{C1}{Gm} = T2 \left( 1 - \frac{V_{os}}{V_{ref}} \right) \quad \& \quad f_{critical} \propto \frac{Gm}{C1}$$

$$\text{for } \frac{V_{os}}{V_{ref}} = 1/10 \rightarrow \frac{C1}{Gm} = 0.9T2 = 0.9 \frac{N}{fclk}$$

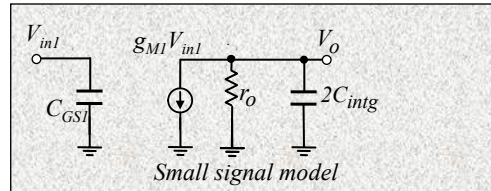
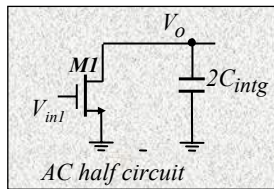
10% error in tuning!

## Gm-Cell Tuning Offset Induced Error Solution

- Assuming differential integrator
- Add a pair of auxiliary inputs to the input stage for offset cancellation purposes



## Simple Gm-Cell AC Small Signal Model

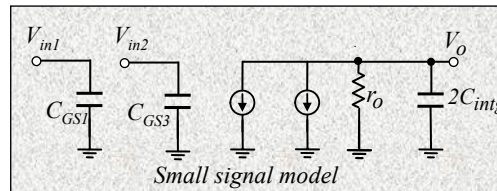
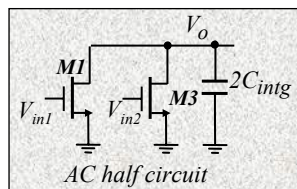


$$V_o = (g_m^{M1} V_{in1}) (r_o \parallel 1/s \times 2C_{intg}) \quad r_o \text{ is parallel combination of } r_o \text{ of } M1 \text{ \& load}$$

$$V_o = \frac{-g_m^{M1} r_o}{1 + s \times 2C_{intg} g r_o} V_{in1} \quad \& \quad g_m^{M1} r_o = a1 \rightarrow \text{Integrator finite DC gain}$$

$$V_o = \frac{-a1}{1 + \frac{a1 \times s \times 2C_{intg}}{g_m^{M1}}} V_{in1} \quad \text{Note: } a1 \rightarrow \infty, \quad V_o = \frac{-g_m^{M1}}{s \times 2C_{intg}} V_{in1}$$

## Simple Gm-Cell + Auxiliary Inputs AC Small Signal Model

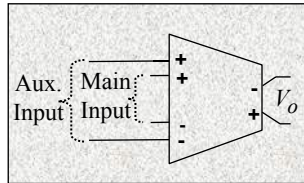


$$V_o = (g_m^{M1} V_{in1} + g_m^{M3} V_{in2}) (r_o \parallel 1/s \times 2C_{intg}) \quad r_o \text{ parallel combination of } r_o \text{ of } M1, M3, \& \text{ current source}$$

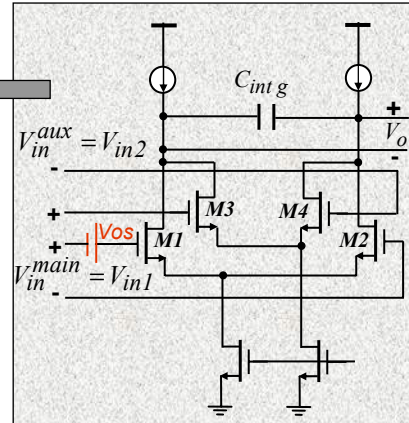
$$V_o = \frac{-g_m^{M1} r_o}{1 + s \times 2C_{intg} g r_o} V_{in1} - \frac{g_m^{M3} r_o}{1 + s \times 2C_{intg} g r_o} V_{in2}$$

$$V_o = \frac{-a1}{1 + \frac{a1 \times s \times 2C_{intg}}{g_m^{M1}}} V_{in1} - \frac{a3}{1 + \frac{a3 \times s \times 2C_{intg}}{g_m^{M3}}} V_{in2}$$

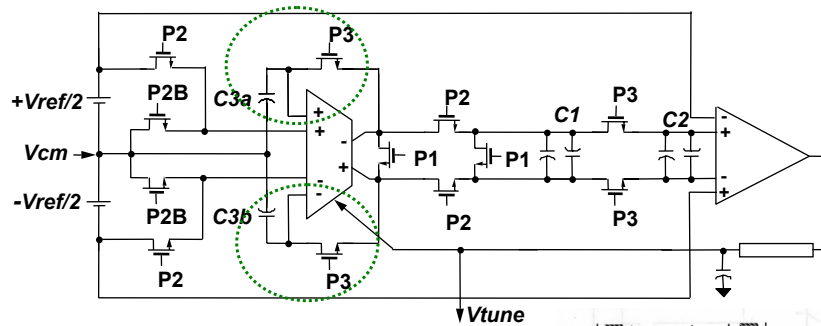
## Gm-Cell DC Model



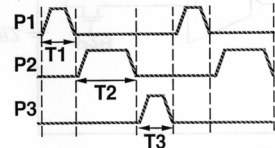
$$V_o = a1(V_{in1} + V_{os}) + a3 V_{in2}$$



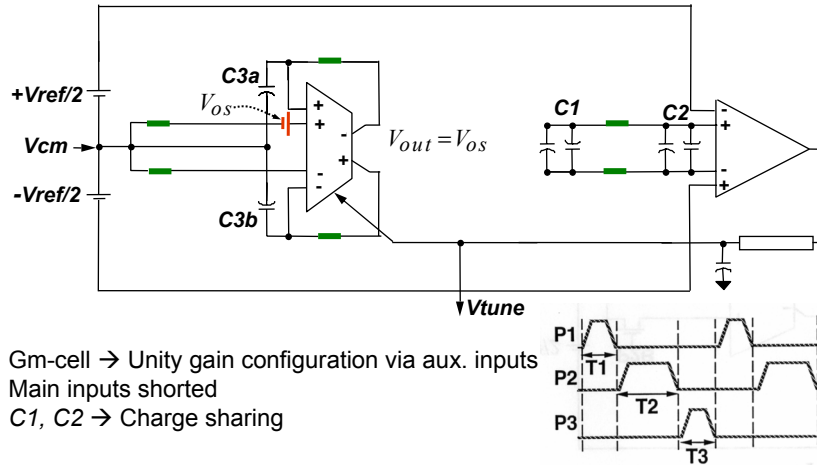
## Reference Integrator Locked to Reference Frequency Offset Cancellation Incorporated



Gm-cell → two sets of input pairs  
 Aux. input pair + C3a,b → Offset cancellation  
 Same clock signals



## Reference Integrator Locked to Reference Frequency P3 High (Update & Store offset)



## Reference Integrator During Offset Cancellation Phase

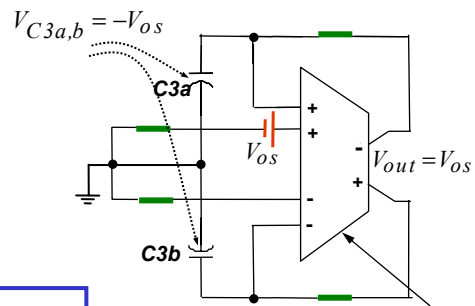
$$V_o = a1(V_{in1} + V_{os}) + a3 V_{in2}$$

$$V_{in2} = -V_o$$

$$V_o = a1 \times V_{os} - a3 \times V_o$$

$$\rightarrow V_o = \frac{a1}{1 + a3} \times V_{os}$$

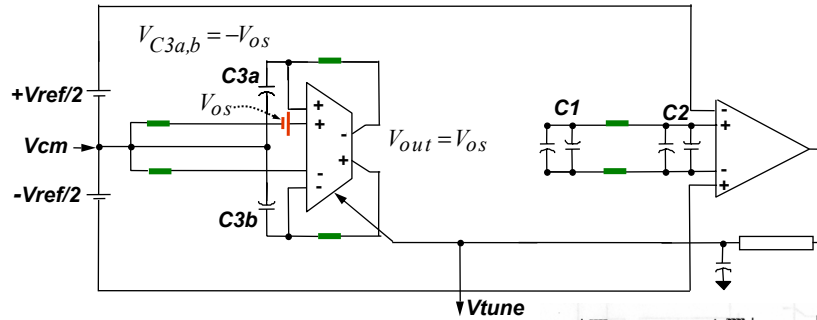
Assuming  $a1 = a3 \gg 1$



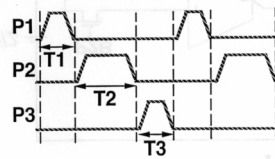
$$V_o = V_{os} \quad \& \quad V_{in2} = -V_{os}$$

C3a,b → Store main Gm-cell offset

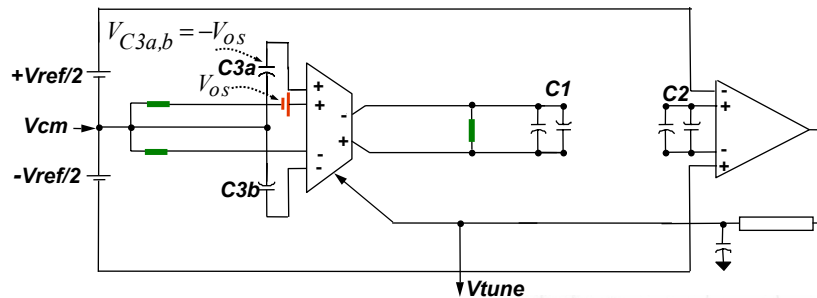
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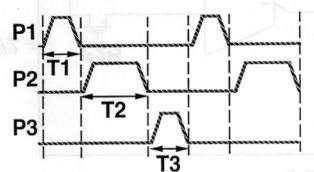
Gm-cell → Unity gain configuration via aux. inputs  
Main input shorted  
C3a,b → Store Gm-cell offset  
C1, C2 → Charge sharing



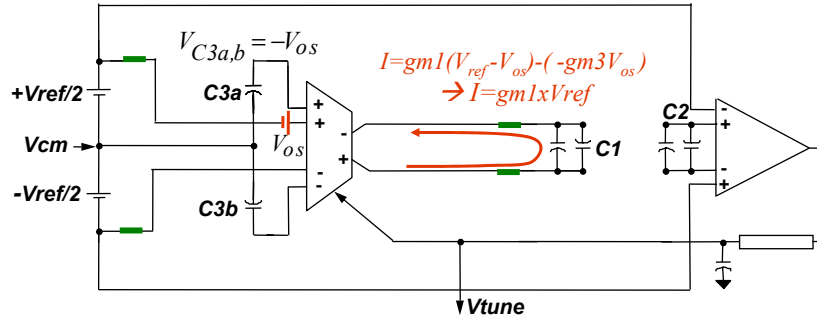
### Reference Integrator Locked to Reference Frequency P1 High (Reset)



Gm-cell → Reset.  
C1 → Discharge  
C2 → Hold Charge  
C3a,b → Hold Charge  
→ Offset previously stored on C3a,b  
cancels gm-cell offset

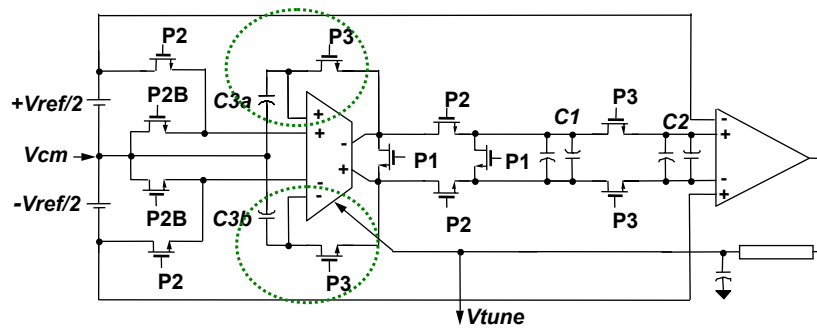


## Reference Integrator Locked to Reference Frequency P2 High (Charge)



- Gm-cell → Charging C1
- C3a,b → Store/hold Gm-cell offset
- C2 → Hold charge

## Reference Integrator Locked to Reference Frequency



- Key point: Tuning error due to Gm-cell offset cancelled
- \*Note: Same offset compensation technique can be used in many other applications

## Summary

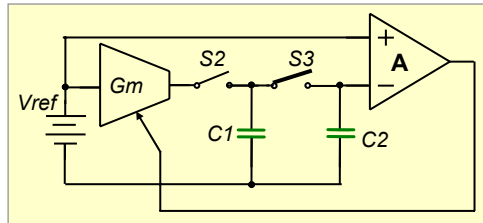
### Reference Integrator Locked to Reference Frequency

Tuning error due to gm-cell offset voltage resolved

Advantage over previous schemes:

→  $f_{clk}$  can be chosen to be at much higher frequencies compared to filter bandwidth ( $N > 1$ )

→ Feedthrough of clock falls out of band and thus attenuated by filter



Feedback forces  $G_m$  to vary so that :

$$\tau_{intg} = C1/G_m = N / f_{clk}$$

or

$$\omega_0^{intg} = G_m/C1 = f_{clk} / N$$

## DC Tuning of Resistive Timing Element

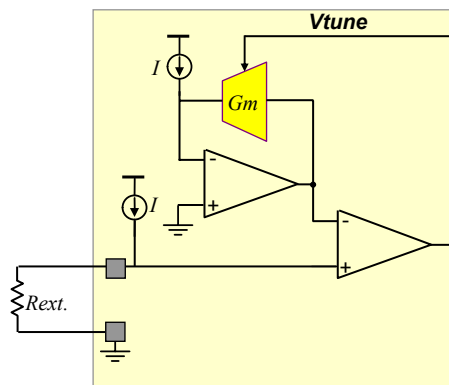
Tuning circuit  $G_m$  → replica of  $G_m$  used in filter

$R_{ext}$  used to lock  $G_m$  to accurate off-chip R

Feedback forces:  
 $G_m = 1/R_{ext}$

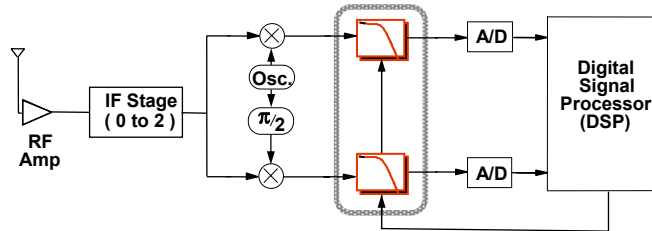
Issues with DC offset

Account for capacitor variations in this gm-C implementation by trimming in the factory



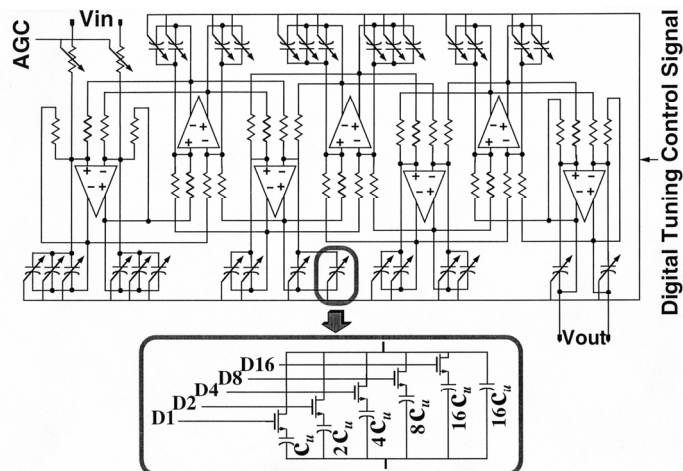
Ref: C. Laber and P.R. Gray, "A 20MHz 6th Order BiCMOS Parasitic Insensitive Continuous-time Filter and Second Order Equalizer Optimized for Disk Drive Read Channels," *IEEE Journal of Solid State Circuits*, Vol. 28, pp. 462-470, April 1993

## Digitally Assisted Frequency Tuning Example: Wireless Receiver Baseband Filters



- Systems where filter is followed by ADC & DSP
  - Take advantage of existing digital signal processor capabilities to periodically test & if needed update the filter critical frequency
  - Filter tuned only at the outset of each data transmission session (off-line/periodic tuning) – can be fine tuned during times data is not transmitted or received

## Example: Seventh Order Tunable Low-Pass OpAmp-RC Filter

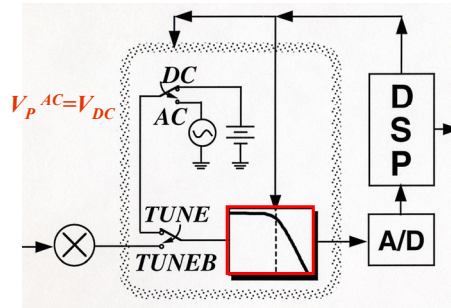




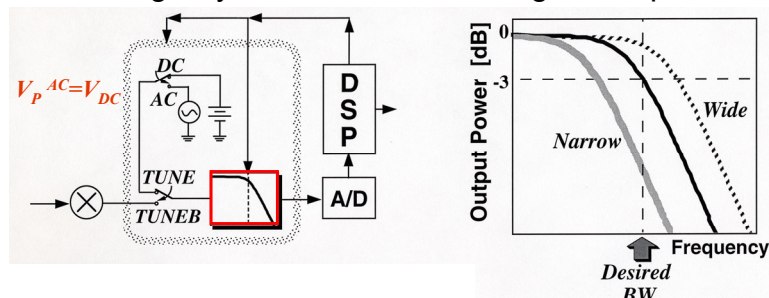
## Digitally Assisted Filter Tuning Concept

### Assumptions:

- System allows a period of time for the filter to undergo tuning (e.g. for a wireless transceiver during idle periods)
- An AC (e.g. a sinusoid) signal can be generated on-chip whose amplitude is a function of an on-chip DC voltage
  - AC signal generator outputs a sinusoid with peak voltage equal to the DC signal source
  - AC Signal Power = 1/2 DC signal power @ the input of the filter



## Digitally Assisted Filter Tuning Concept



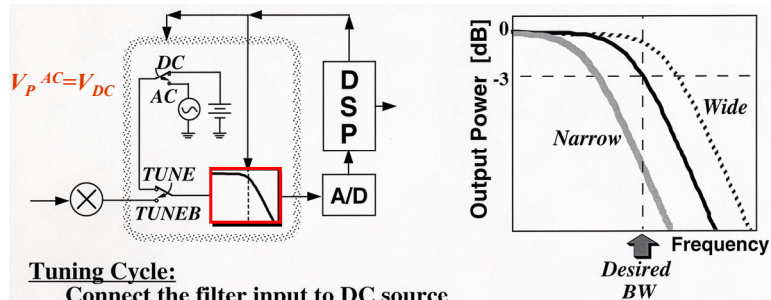
AC signal @ a frequency on the roll-off of the desired filter frequency response (e.g. -3dB frequency)  $V_{AC} = V_{DC} \times \sin(2\pi f_{-3dB}^{desired} t)$

Provision can be made → during the tuning cycle, the input of the filter is disconnected from the previous stage (e.g. mixer) and connected to:

1. DC source
2. AC source

under the control of the DSP

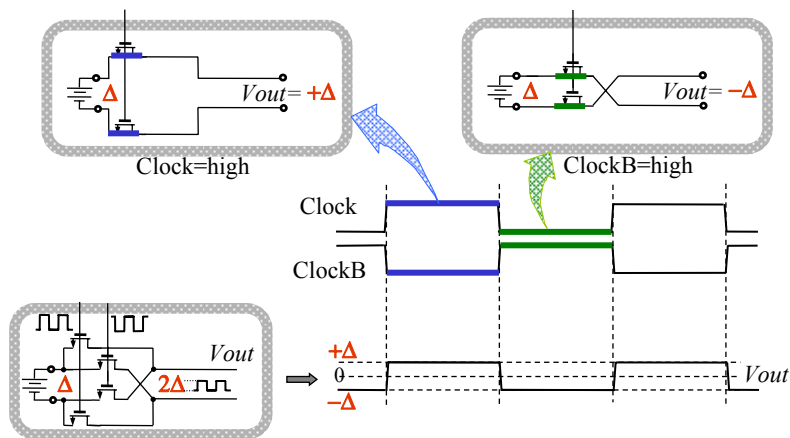
## Digitally Assisted Filter Tuning Concept



### Tuning Cycle:

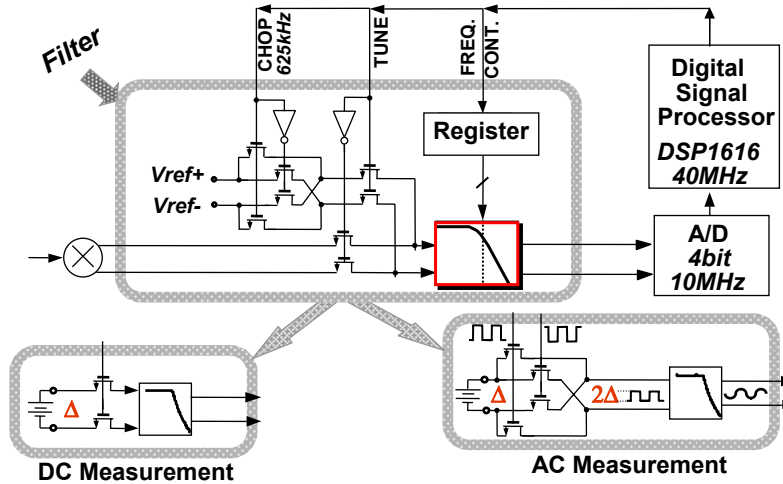
- Connect the filter input to DC source
- DSP measures the DC power level
- Connect the filter input to AC source (freq.  $\rightarrow$  desired -3dB freq.)
- DSP measures the AC signal power level
- If  $DC = 4 * AC$ 
  - Then filter is tuned
  - Else If  $DC > 4 * AC$ 
    - Then widen the filter bandwidth & repeat
    - Else narrow the filter bandwidth & repeat

## Practical Implementation of Frequency Tuning AC Signal Generation From DC Source

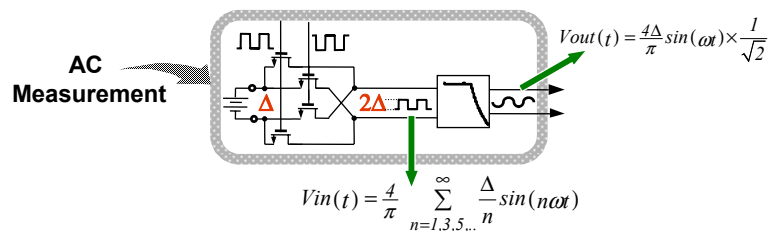


Square waveform generated  $\rightarrow 2\Delta$  peak to peak magnitude and @ frequency =  $f_{clock}$

## Practical Implementation of Frequency Tuning



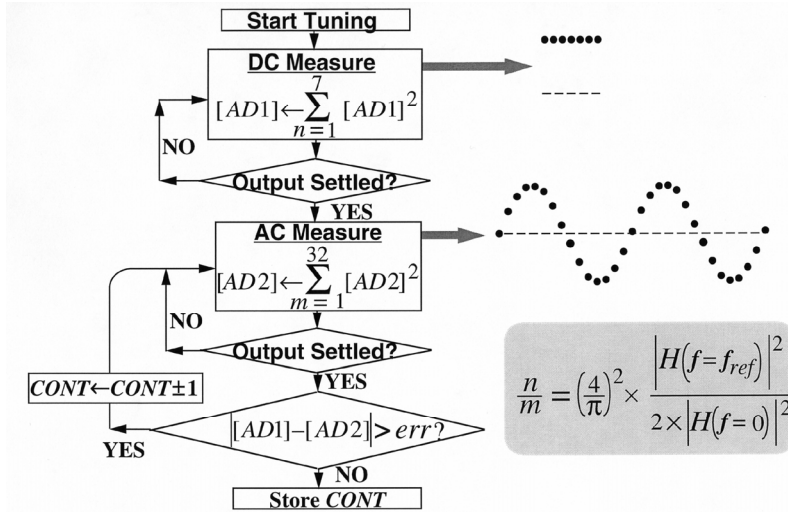
## Practical Implementation of Frequency Tuning Effect of Using a Square Waveform



- Input signal chosen to be a square wave due to ease of generation
- Filter input signal comprises a sinusoidal waveform @ the fundamental frequency + its odd harmonics:

*Key Point: The filter itself attenuates unwanted odd harmonics  
→ Inaccuracy incurred by the harmonics negligible*

## Simplified Frequency Tuning Flowchart

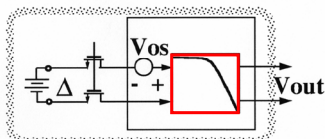


## Digitally Assisted Offset Compensation

In cases where the filter DC offset cause significant error in tuning (i.e. high passband gain)

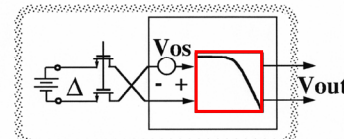
– Offset compensation needed:

⇨ DC measurement performed in two steps:



$$V_{out1} = A (\Delta + V_{os})$$

Passband Gain



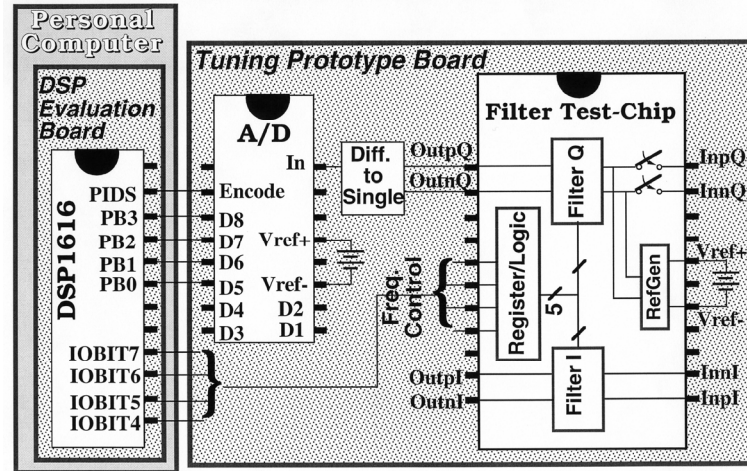
$$V_{out2} = A (-\Delta + V_{os})$$

⇨ DSP extracts: Offset component →  $1/2(V_{out1} + V_{out2}) = A \cdot V_{os}$

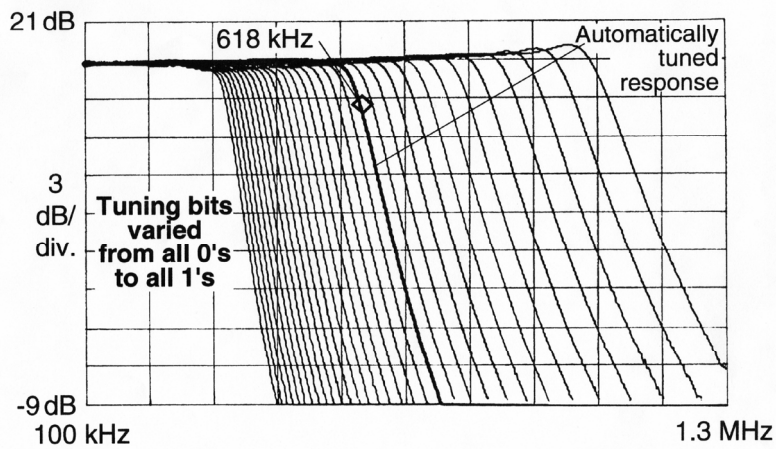
DC component →  $1/2(V_{out1} - V_{out2}) = A \cdot \Delta$

⇨ DSP subtracts  $V_{os}$  from all subsequent AC measurement

## Filter Tuning Prototype Diagram



## Measured Frequency Response



# Chip Photo

## Measured Tuning Characteristics

<b>Tunable frequency range (nom. process)</b>		<b>370kHz to 1.1MHz</b>
<b>Variations due to process</b>		<b>±50%</b>
<b>I/Q bandwidth imbalance</b>		<b>0.1%</b>
<b>Tuning resolution</b>	<i>Measured</i>	<b>3.8%</b>
<b>(620kHz frequency range)</b>	<i>Expected</i>	<b>2-5%</b>
<b>Tuning time</b>	<i>Coarse+Fine</i>	<b>max. 800μsec</b>
	<i>Fine only</i>	<b>min. 50μsec</b>
<b>Memory space required for tuning routine</b>		<b>250 byte</b>

## Off-line Digitally Assisted Tuning

- Advantages:
  - No reference signal feedthrough since tuning does not take place during data transmission (off-line)
  - Minimal additional hardware
  - Small amount of programming
- Disadvantages:
  - If acute temperature change during data transmission, filter may slip out of tune!
    - Can add fine tuning cycles during periods of data is not transmitted or received

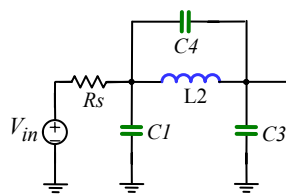
Ref: H. Khorrabadi, M. Tarsia and N.Woo, "Baseband Filters for IS-95 CDMA Receiver Applications Featuring Digital Automatic Frequency Tuning," *1996 International Solid State Circuits Conference*, pp. 172-173.

## Summary: Continuous-Time Filter Frequency Tuning

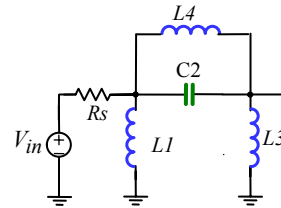
- Trimming
  - Expensive & does not account for temperature and supply etc... variations
- Automatic frequency tuning
  - Continuous tuning
    - Master VCF used in tuning loop, same tuning signal used to tune the slave (main) filter
      - Tuning quite accurate
      - Issue → reference signal feedthrough to the filter output
    - Master VCO used in tuning loop
      - Design of reliable & stable VCO challenging
      - Issue → reference signal feedthrough
    - Single integrator in negative feedback loop forces time-constant to be a function of accurate clock frequency
      - More flexibility in choice of reference frequency → less feedthrough issues
    - DC locking of a replica of the integrator to an external resistor
      - DC offset issues & does not account for integrating capacitor variations
  - Periodic digitally assisted tuning
    - Requires digital capability + minimal additional hardware
    - Advantage of no reference signal feedthrough since tuning performed off-line

## RLC Highpass Filters

- Any RLC lowpass can be converted to highpass by:
  - Replacing all Cs by Ls and  $L_{Norm}^{HP} = 1 / C_{Norm}^{LP}$
  - Replacing all Ls by Cs and  $C_{Norm}^{HP} = 1 / L_{Norm}^{LP}$
  - $L^{HP} = L_r / C_{Norm}^{LP}$ ,  $C^{HP} = C_r / L_{Norm}^{LP}$  where  $L_r = R_r / \omega_r$  and  $C_r = 1 / (R_r \omega_r)$



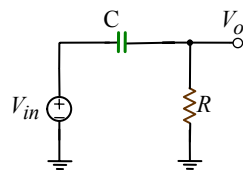
**Lowpass**



**Highpass**

## Integrator Based High-Pass Filters 1st Order

- Conversion of simple high-pass RC filter to integrator-based type by using signal flowgraph technique



$$\frac{V_o}{V_{in}} = \frac{sRC}{1+sRC}$$



### 1st Order Integrator Based High-Pass Filter Signal Flowgraph

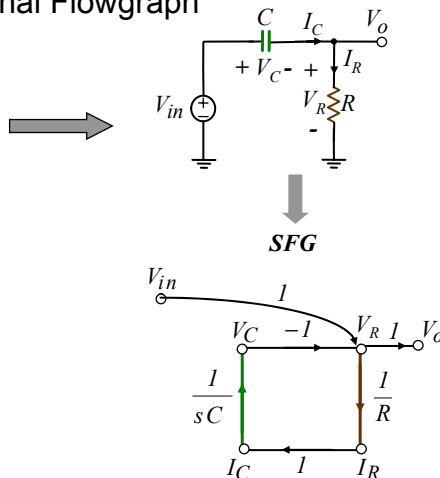
$$V_R = V_{in} - V_C$$

$$V_C = I_C \times \frac{1}{sC}$$

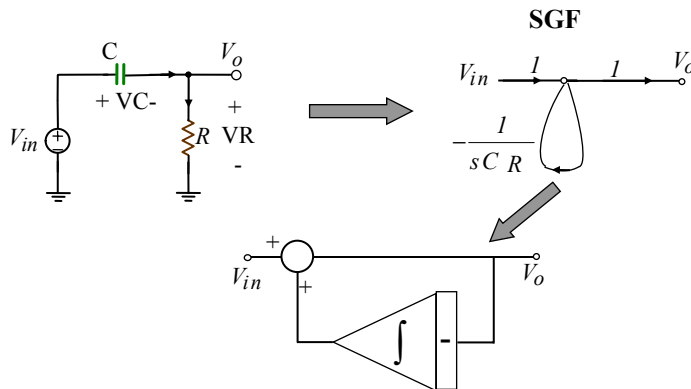
$$V_O = V_R$$

$$I_R = V_R \times \frac{1}{R}$$

$$I_C = I_R$$



### 1st Order Integrator Based High-Pass Filter SGF



Note: Addition of an integrator in the feedback path → High pass frequency shaping

## Addition of Integrator in Feedback Path

Let us assume flat gain in forward path ( $a$ )  
Effect of addition of an integrator in the feedback path:

$$\frac{V_O}{V_{in}} = \frac{a}{1+af}$$

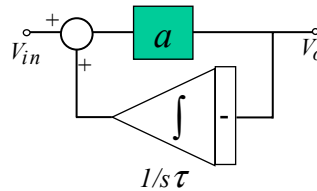
$$\frac{V_O}{V_{in}} = \frac{a}{1+a/s\tau} = \frac{s\tau}{1+s\tau/a}$$

$$\rightarrow \text{zero @ DC} \quad \& \quad \text{pole @ } \omega_{pole} = -\frac{a}{\tau} = -a \times \omega_0^{intg}$$

Note: For large forward path gain,  $a$ , can implement high pass function with high corner frequency

Addition of an integrator in the feedback path  $\rightarrow$  zero @ DC + pole @  $a \times \omega_0^{intg}$

This technique used for offset cancellation in systems where the low frequency content is not important and thus disposable

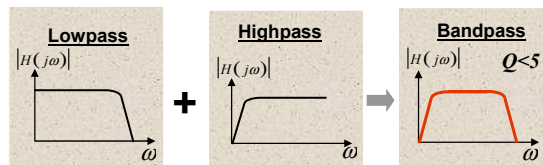


## Bandpass Filters

• Bandpass filters  $\rightarrow$  two cases:

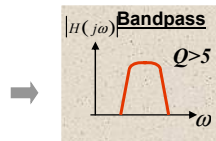
1- Low  $Q$  or wideband ( $Q < 5$ )

$\rightarrow$  Combination of lowpass & highpass



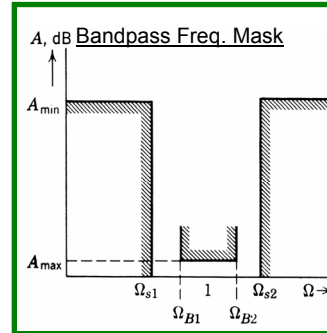
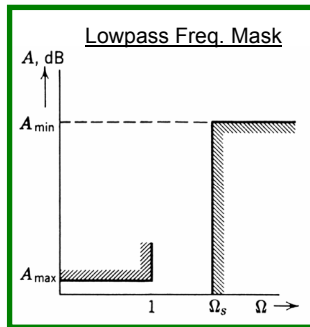
2- High  $Q$  or narrow-band ( $Q > 5$ )

$\rightarrow$  Direct implementation



## Narrow-Band Bandpass Filters Direct Implementation

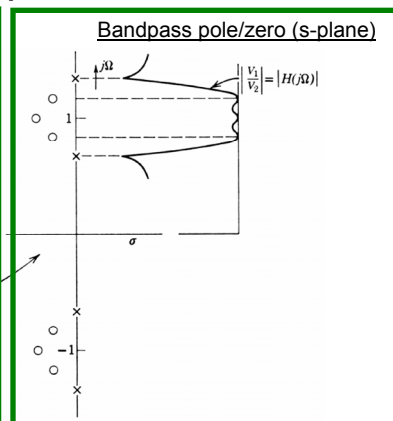
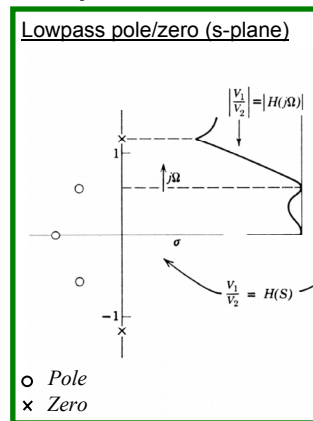
- Narrow-band BP filters → Design based on lowpass prototype
- Same tables used for LPFs are also used for BPFs



$$s \Rightarrow Q \times \left[ \frac{s}{\omega_c} + \frac{\omega_c}{s} \right]$$

$$\frac{\Omega_s}{\Omega_c} \Rightarrow \frac{\Omega_{s2} - \Omega_{s1}}{\Omega_{B2} - \Omega_{B1}}$$

## Lowpass to Bandpass Transformation



From: Zverev, *Handbook of filter synthesis*, Wiley, 1967- p.156.

## Lowpass to Bandpass Transformation Table

Lowpass RLC filter structures & tables used to derive bandpass filters

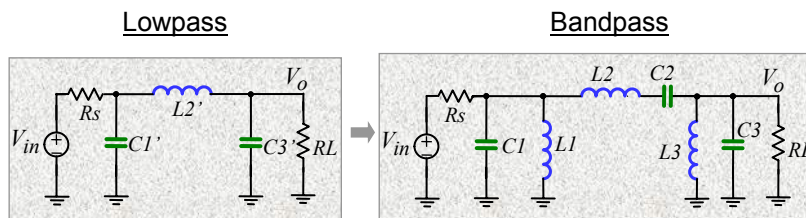
$$Q = Q_{\text{filter}}$$

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*Handbook of filter synthesis*,  
Wiley, 1967- p.157.

LP	BP	BP Values
		$\begin{cases} C = QC' \times \frac{1}{R_r \omega_r} \\ L = \frac{1}{QC'} \times \frac{R_r}{\omega_r} \end{cases}$
		$\begin{cases} L = QL' \times \frac{R_r}{\omega_r} \\ C = \frac{1}{QL'} \times \frac{1}{R_r \omega_r} \end{cases}$

$C'$  &  $L'$  are normalized LP values

## Lowpass to Bandpass Transformation Example: 3<sup>rd</sup> Order LPF → 6<sup>th</sup> Order BPF



- Each capacitor replaced by parallel L & C
- Each inductor replaced by series L & C

## Lowpass to Bandpass Transformation

### Example: 3<sup>rd</sup> Order LPF → 6<sup>th</sup> Order BPF

$$C_1 = QC_1' \times \frac{1}{R\omega_0}$$

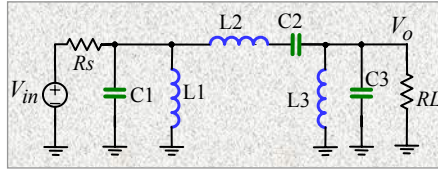
$$L_1 = \frac{1}{QC_1'} \times \frac{R}{\omega_0}$$

$$C_2 = \frac{1}{QL_2'} \times \frac{1}{R\omega_0}$$

$$L_2 = QL_2' \times \frac{R}{\omega_0}$$

$$C_3 = QC_3' \times \frac{1}{R\omega_0}$$

$$L_3 = \frac{1}{QC_3'} \times \frac{R}{\omega_0}$$

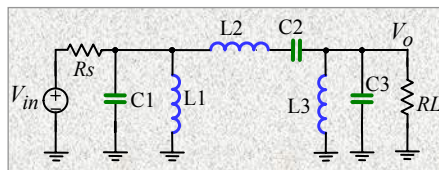


Where:

$C_1', L_2', C_3'$  → Normalized lowpass values  
 $Q$  → Bandpass filter quality factor  
 $\omega_0$  → Filter center frequency

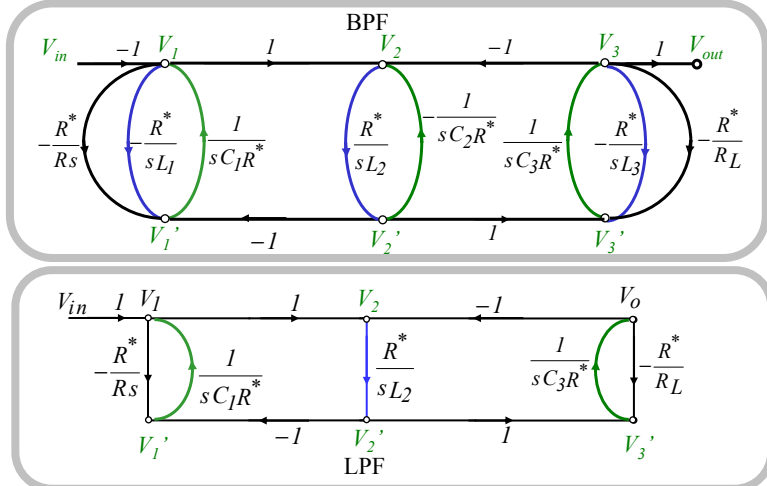
## Lowpass to Bandpass Transformation

### Signal Flow Graph

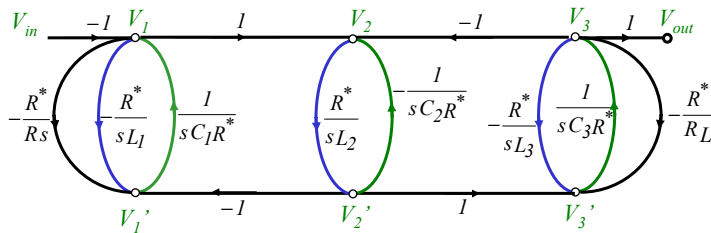


- 1- Voltages & currents named for all components
- 2- Use KCL & KVL to derive state space description
- 3- To have BMFs in the integrator form
  - Cap. voltage expressed as function of its current  $V_C = f(I_C)$
  - Ind. current as a function of its voltage  $I_L = f(V_L)$
- 4- Use state space description to draw SFG
- 5- Convert all current nodes to voltage

### Signal Flowgraph 6<sup>th</sup> Order BPF versus 3<sup>rd</sup> Order LPF

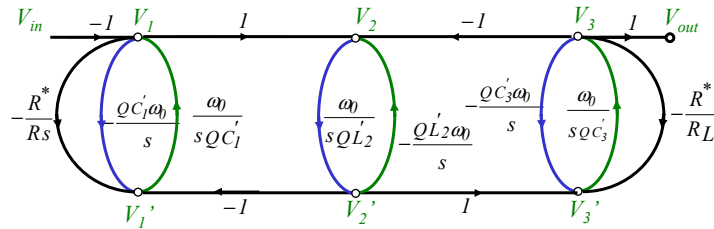


### Signal Flowgraph 6<sup>th</sup> Order Bandpass Filter



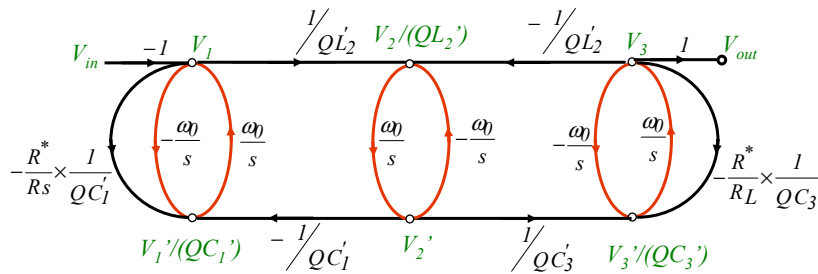
Note: each  $C$  &  $L$  in the original lowpass prototype  $\rightarrow$  replaced by a *resonator*  
 Substituting the bandpass  $LI, CI, \dots$  by their normalized lowpass equivalent from page 30  
 The resulting SFG is:

## Signal Flowgraph 6<sup>th</sup> Order Bandpass Filter



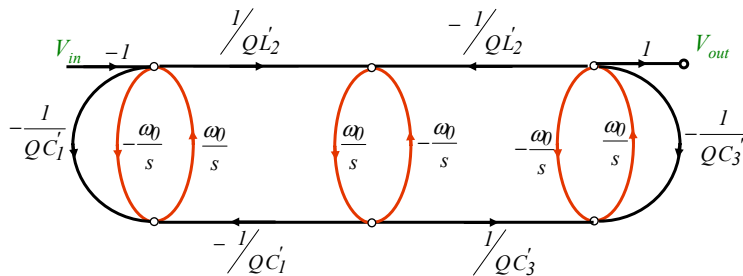
- Note the integrators  $\rightarrow$  different time constants
  - Ratio of time constants for two integrator in each resonator  $\sim Q^2$ 
    - $\rightarrow$  Typically, requires high component ratios
    - $\rightarrow$  Poor matching
- Desirable to modify SFG so that all integrators have equal time constants for optimum matching.
  - To obtain equal integrator time constant  $\rightarrow$  use node scaling

## Signal Flowgraph 6<sup>th</sup> Order Bandpass Filter



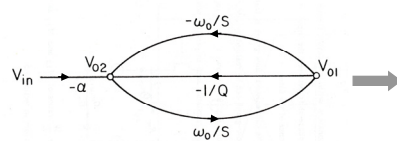
- All integrator time-constants  $\rightarrow$  equal
- To simplify implementation  $\rightarrow$  choose  $RL=Rs=R^*$

## Signal Flowgraph 6<sup>th</sup> Order Bandpass Filter



Let us try to build this bandpass filter using the simple Gm-C structure

## Second Order Gm-C Filter Using Simple Source-Couple Pair Gm-Cell

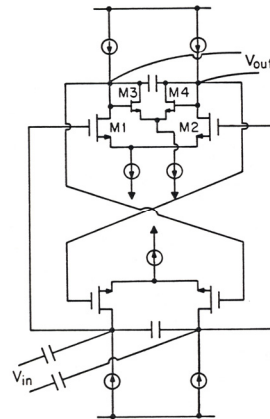


- Center frequency:

$$\omega_0 = \frac{g_m^{M1,2}}{2 \times C_{intg}}$$

- Q function of:

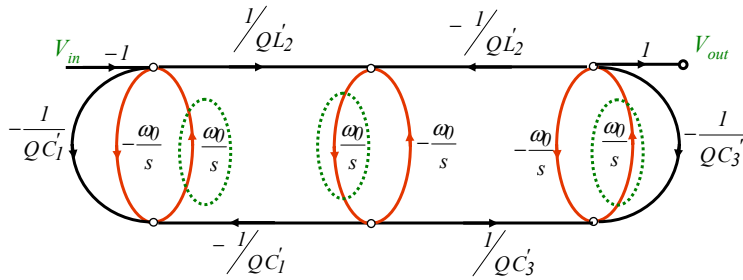
$$Q = \frac{g_m^{M1,2}}{g_m^{M3,4}}$$



Use this structure for the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 3<sup>rd</sup> resonator  
Use similar structure w/o M3, M4 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> resonator  
How to couple the resonators?



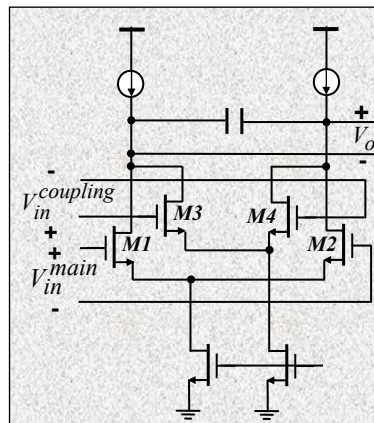
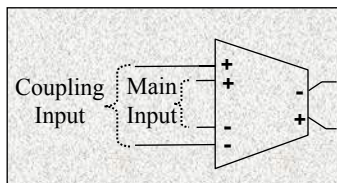
## Coupling of the Resonators 1- Additional Set of Input Devices



Coupling of resonators:  
 Use additional input source coupled pairs for the highlighted integrators  
 For example, the middle integrator requires 3 sets of inputs

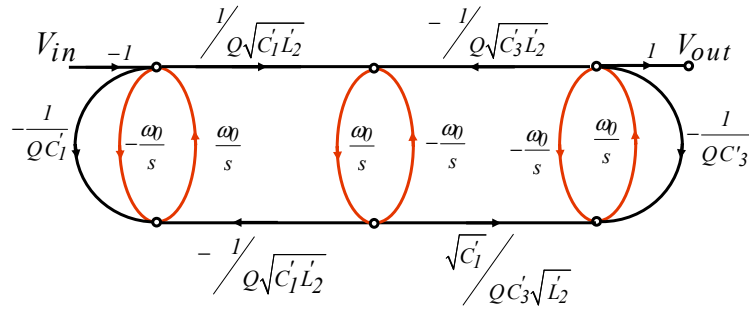
## Example: Coupling of the Resonators 1- Additional Set of Input Devices

- Add one source couple pair for each additional input
- Coupling level  $\rightarrow$  ratio of device widths
- Disadvantage  $\rightarrow$  extra power dissipation



## Coupling of the Resonators

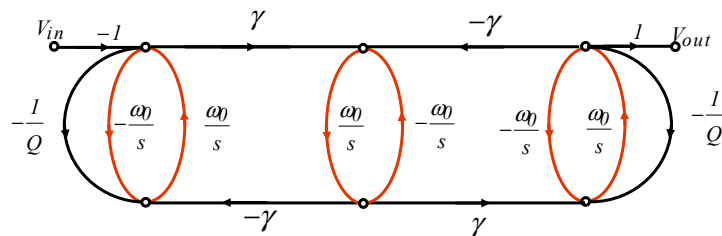
### 2- Modify SFG → Bidirectional Coupling Paths



Modified signal flowgraph to have equal coupling between resonators

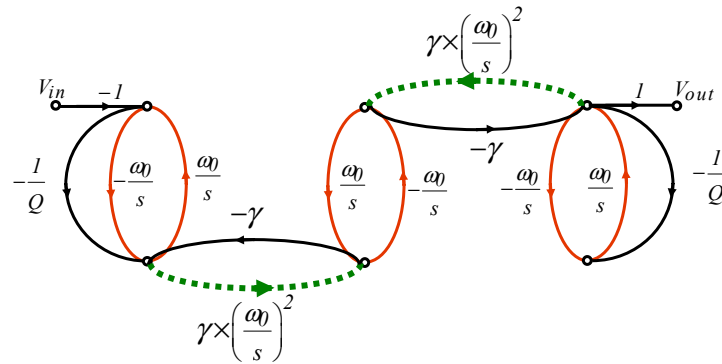
- In most filter cases  $C_1' = C_3'$
- Example: For a butterworth lowpass filter  $C_1' = C_3' = 1$  &  $L_2' = 2$
- Assume desired overall bandpass filter  $Q=10$

## Sixth Order Bandpass Filter Signal Flowgraph



- Where for a Butterworth shape  $\gamma = \frac{1}{Q\sqrt{2}}$
- Since in this example  $Q=10$  then:  $\gamma \approx \frac{1}{14}$

## Sixth Order Bandpass Filter Signal Flowgraph SFG Modification



## Sixth Order Bandpass Filter Signal Flowgraph SFG Modification

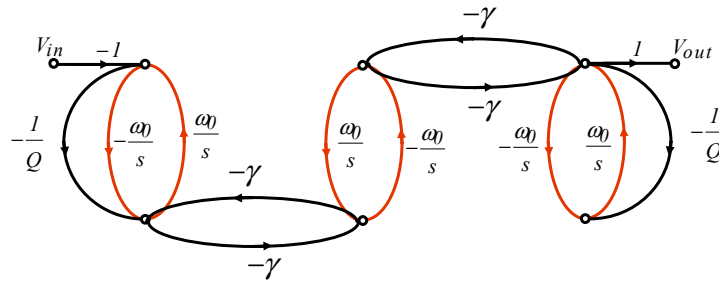
For narrow band filters (high  $Q$ ) where frequencies within the passband are close to  $\omega_0$ , *narrow-band approximation* can be used:

Within filter passband:  $\left(\frac{\omega_0}{\omega}\right)^2 \approx 1$

$$\gamma \times \left(\frac{\omega_0}{s}\right)^2 = \gamma \times \left(\frac{\omega_0}{j\omega}\right)^2 \approx -\gamma$$

The resulting SFG:

## Sixth Order Bandpass Filter Signal Flowgraph SFG Modification



Bidirectional coupling paths, can easily be implemented with coupling capacitors  $\rightarrow$  no extra power dissipation

## Sixth Order Gm-C Bandpass Filter Utilizing Simple Source-Coupled Pair Gm-Cell

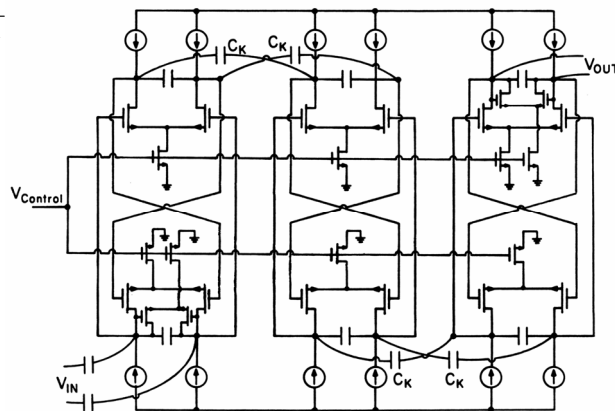
$$\gamma = \frac{C_k}{2 \times C_{int} g + C_k}$$

$$C_k = \frac{2 \times C_{int} g}{\frac{1}{\gamma} - 1}$$

$$\gamma = 1/14$$

$$\rightarrow C_k = \frac{2}{13} C_{int} g$$

Parasitic cap. at integrator output, if unaccounted for, will result in inaccuracy in  $\gamma$



## Sixth Order Gm-C Bandpass Filter Narrow-Band versus Exact Frequency Response Simulation

