

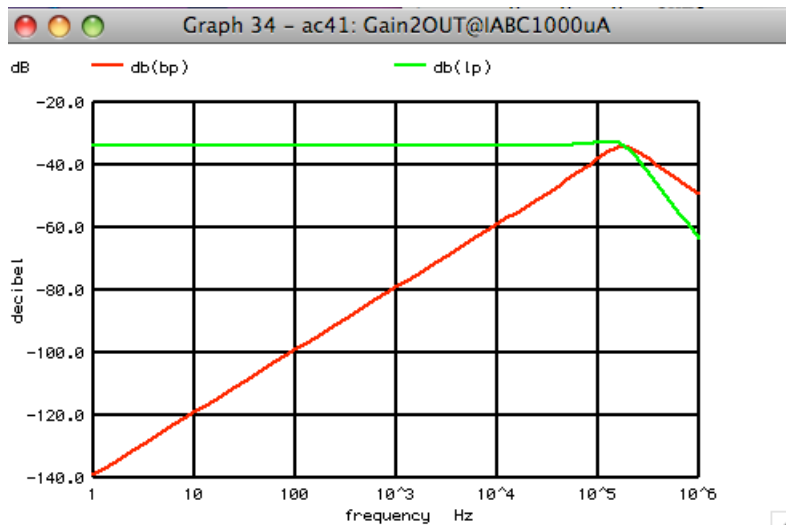
FIGURE 14. Voltage Controlled State Variable Filter

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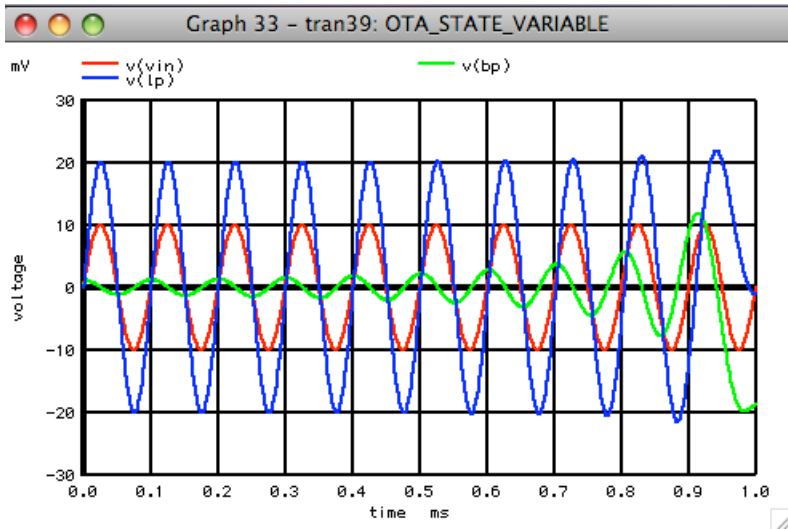
The **state variable filters** have the beauty to them that the feedback independently defines the shape of the filter. The following two sites show the feedback level differences between Bessel and Butterworth filters.

http://www.idea2ic.com/PlayWithSpice/pdf/Bessel_6P_State_Variable_txt.pdf
http://www.idea2ic.com/PlayWithSpice/pdf/Butterworth_6P_State_Variable_txt.pdf

Independently, the gm and C stages define the frequency response. This is seen when the value of IABC is adjusted. At 1mA the response is..



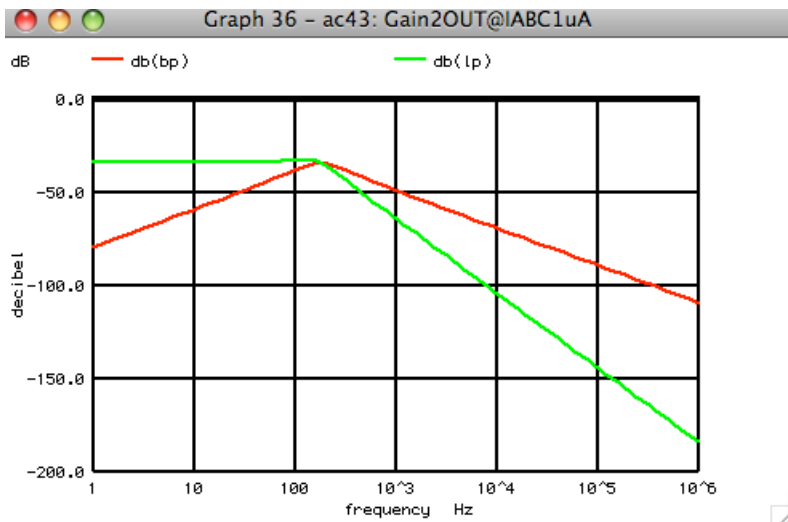
At a thousand times less current, the frequency response is a thousand times lower.



For filters using OTAs, this corresponds to gm an C terms. The above curves show IABC going from 1mA to zero. More information is given below.

http://www.idea2ic.com/PlayWithSpice/pdf/State_Variable_OTA_1KHz_txt.pdf

All state variable filters three outputs. The high pass not shown is just the input signal minus the lowpass.



This filter is using 800pF capacitors. Running at 1uA, the filter is center at a few hundred hertz. A BiCMOS process can easily run down at the 1nA level. And the buffers can use CMOS inputs that have an input impedance of glass. That means the same filter could be built using capacitors 1000 times smaller. That means audio frequency filters can be put completely on chip.