

# CMOS Realization of VDTA Based Electronically Tunable Wave Active Filter with Minimum Power Consumption at Low Supply Voltage $\pm 0.82$ V

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## Abstract

This paper presents a higher order voltage and current mode low pass or high pass filter for wave active filter based on Voltage Differencing Transconductance Amplifiers (VDTAs). The wave equivalent variable technique and topological simulation as well as operational realization using wave variables techniques are proposed for basic active building blocks of wave active filters. The proposed wave equivalent technique is employed for wave active filter with the proper selection of the terminal connections. This work presented the basic element for the realizing wave active filter is the series inductor with parallel grounded capacitor. The proposed wave active filter is verified by realizing a 4th order low pass and high pass Butterworth filter with minimum power consumption at  $\pm 0.82$  V using SPICE simulation with  $0.18 \mu\text{m}$  TSMC CMOS technology parameters.

## Keywords

Wave Active Filter, Voltage Differencing Transconductance Amplifier, Voltage/Current Mode, CMOS Technology

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## 1. Introduction

The current mode active building blocks approaches for analog signal processing and digital signal processing circuits as compared to voltage mode active building blocks due to its high potential performance such as larger bandwidth, less circuit complexity, large dynamic range, higher operating speed, very low power

consumption and low operating voltage. The proposed active building block is operate in current mode, voltage mode and mixed mode.

The high order active filters can be simulated by the reflection of the behavior of LC ladder prototype active wave filters. The larger number of design approaches for these filters have been already discussed in the reported literature Universal Current Mode biquad filter using VDTA [1], Universal Current Mode biquad filter using VDTA, Universal Current Mode biquad filter using VDTA [2]. The purpose of the wave equivalent method was to derive wave active filter based on scattering parameters.

The realization of proposed wave active filter is based on the use of wave variables, therefore the scattering matrix will play vital role in the realization of wave active filters, as already discussed active elements reported references.

Single VDVTA Based VM biquad filter [3], Single MO-CCCCTA-based electronically tunable current/Trans-impedance-mode biquad universal filter [4], Electronically tunable low voltage mixed mode universal biquad filter [5], Electronically tunable CCCCTA based cascadable current mode universal biquad filter [6]. Wave active filters using various Active Building Blocks are reported in the literature such as Cascadable low voltage operated current mode biquad filter [7], Current processing current controlled universal biquad filter [8], Digitally controlled fully Differential Voltage and TAM biquad filter, transadmittance type universal current mode biquad filter using VDTA [9], Trans-admittance type universal current-mode biquad filter using VDTAs [10], VDTA based Electronically tunable voltage mode and TAM biquad filter [11], A new transadmittance mode biquad filter using MOVDTA [12], New simple CMOS Realization of voltage differencing transconductance amplifier [13], A low voltage operable (VDTA) based biquad filter realizing BP, HP filter functioning in Transadmittance Mode (TAM) [14], Differential Voltage Controlled Current Conveyor Transconductance Amplifier based wave active filter (DVCCCTA) [15], Current Controlled differential difference Current conveyor Transconductance Amplifier (CCDDCCTA) [16], New simple CMOS Realization of voltage differencing Transconductance Amplifier (VDVTA) [17], A review of the evolution of current mode circuits and techniques and various mode analog building blocks [18], Compact voltage differencing Transconductance Amplifier (VDTA) based current mode electronically tunable universal filter [19], Electronically tunable resistorless mixed mode biquad filter [20], Universal voltage mode Biquad Filter using voltage differencing Transconductance Amplifier (VDVTA) [21]. This paper presents the realization of wave active filter using a recently introduced active building block as VDTA.

The Wave Active Filter equivalent is developed with the use of an inductor in series branch and a capacitor in parallel branch using VDTAs.

The workability and function ability of 4<sup>th</sup> order low pass Butterworth filter is thus verified through SPICE simulation using 0.18  $\mu\text{m}$  TSMC CMOS technology parameters.

## 2. Proposed Wave Equivalent Technique for VDTAs Based Wave Active Filter

In this section the proposed VDTA has been presented to simulate higher order wave active filter.

There are so many techniques are available in the reported literatures for simulating higher order wave active filters using component replacement technique, Impedance scaling technique and operating simulating techniques. In the reported literature the proposed techniques employ loss less integrator which is not possible to implement integrator circuits with active and passive component imperfections.

Realization of the proposed wave active filter is employed with VDTA using wave equivalent technique.

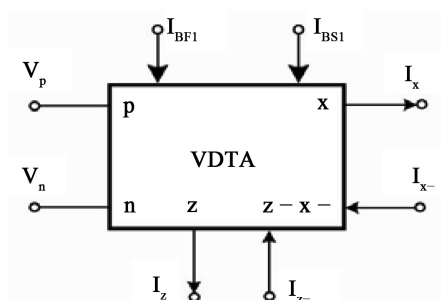
### The Reported Wave Active Filter Is Presented Following Advantageous Features

- 1) Simple CMOS realization of VDTA.
- 2) It uses only active element and grounded capacitor.
- 3) VDTA based wave active filter yields an advantageous feature of Electronic tunability with different bias current of VDTA.
- 4) Newly proposed active building block gives a registerless configuration.
- 5) Realization of wave active filter due to presence of VDTAs based Transconductance Amplifier.
- 6) Proposed wave equivalent as well as component replacement and operational simulation techniques of LC ladder type filter structure possesses electronic tunability at the simulated and theoretical cut off frequencies.
- 7) Transconductance of VDTA can be controlled with the help of different bias current.

## 3. Description of Newly Introduced Active Building Block VDTA for Proposed Wave Active Filter

VDTA is newly introduced active building block which has two voltage input terminals and two current output terminals.

The symbolical representation of VDTA is shown in **Figure 1**, which has the



**Figure 1.** Symbolical representation of VDTA with different bias currents ( $I_B$ ):  $I_{BF1} = I_{B1}$ ,  $I_{BS1} = I_{B2}$  etc.

two voltage input terminals of VDTA are represented as  $V_P$  and  $V_N$  and four output terminals are  $Z^+$ ,  $Z^-$ ,  $X^+$  and  $X^-$ .

The terminal characteristic equation of the VDTA can be presented in Equation (1).

$$\begin{bmatrix} I_{Z^+} \\ I_{Z^-} \\ I_{X^+} \\ I_{X^-} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} g_{m1} & -g_{m1} & 0 & 0 \\ -g_{m1} & g_{m1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & g_{m2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -g_{m2} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_P \\ V_N \\ V_{Z^+} \\ V_{Z^-} \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

The CMOS realization of VDTA based Wave Active Filter is shown in **Figure 2**. The design and development of the wave active filter depend on wave equivalent and component replacement techniques.

Wave equivalent technique focus on the modeling of incident waves and reflected waves. The incident waves and reflected waves for the Wave Active Filter is characterized by the Equation (2):

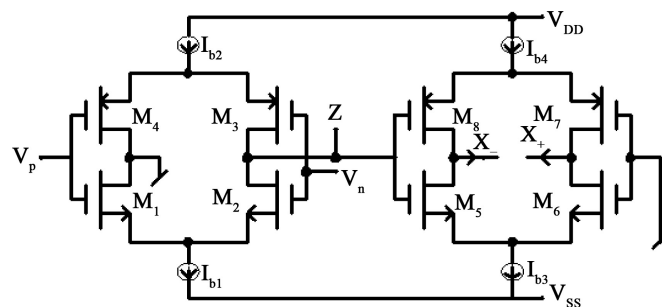
$$A_j = V_j + I_j R_j \quad \text{and} \quad B_j = V_j - I_j R_j \quad (2)$$

The wave voltage of the incident waves and reflected waves for the proposed wave active filter is presented in Equation (2) where  $j = 1, 2$ .

Whereas  $A_j$  represent incident waves,  $B_j$  represent reflected waves,  $R_j$  represent port normalization resistance of port  $j$ .

The CMOS realization of the VDTA based Wave Active Filter is shown in **Figure 2** with the help of Equation (2) the wave equivalent technique is used for the replacement of the components of wave active filter defined by the scattering matrix in Equation (5).

The basic two port network of wave active filter is shown in the **Figure 3**. We describe that these voltage ( $V$ ) and current ( $I$ ) port variables are related by means of a transmission matrix  $[A]$  of two port sub network for proposed wave



**Figure 2.** CMOS realization of VDTA for wave active filter with different bias currents  $I_{b1}$ ,  $I_{b2}$ ,  $I_{b3}$ ,  $I_{b4}$ .



**Figure 3.** Basic two port network for proposed wave active filter.

active filter is presented by:

$$\begin{bmatrix} V_1 \\ I_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_2 \\ I_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (3)$$

Whereas  $[A] = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$

The two port network for Proposed Wave Active Filter is shown in **Figure 4(a)** and Wave Variables Equivalent for two port sub network of the Proposed wave active filter is shown in **Figure 4(b)**.

The component replacement with wave equivalent is presented in **Figure 5**.

The wave equivalent technique is used for the replacement of the components of wave active filter. It is defined by the scattering matrix  $[S]$ .

The two port sub network of wave active filter can be characterized in terms of the scattering parameters  $[S]$  with the help of Equation (2) described as:

Similarly  $[S] = \begin{bmatrix} s_{11} & s_{12} \\ s_{21} & s_{22} \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $[A]$  and  $[S]$  are the transmission matrix of the

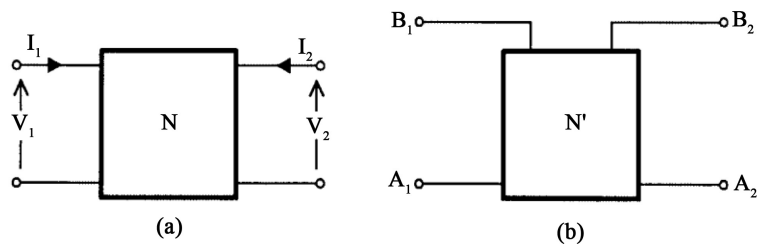
two port sub network for the wave active filter.

Now we introduce the linear transformation to the two port variables for wave equivalent variables with the help of Equation (2).

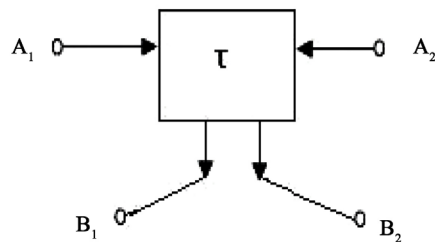
$$\begin{bmatrix} B_1 \\ B_2 \end{bmatrix} = [S] \begin{bmatrix} A_1 \\ A_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (4)$$

The relation between  $A_1$ ,  $A_2$ ,  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  for wave equivalent technique and the replacement of the components are reported in Equation (4) for CMOS.

Realization of the VDTA based Wave Active Filter. The scattering matrix of Equation (4) presented as:



**Figure 4.** (a) Basic-two port network and (b) Wave equivalent two port network.



**Figure 5.** Component replacement with wave equivalent.

$$\begin{bmatrix} B_1 \\ B_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} s_{11} & s_{12} \\ s_{21} & s_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A_1 \\ A_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (5)$$

The modified Equation (3) represents the Transmission Matrix of the Proposed Wave Active Filter, which is presented in Equation (6) and Equation (7):

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} z = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -z \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (6)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ y & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (7)$$

Equations (6) and (7) related with the wave variables equivalent for the Proposed Wave Active Filter design. It is an alternate solution to the simulation of resistively terminated LC ladder type structure.

Each element of the passive ladder is treated as an elementary two port and its active RC equivalent is determined after its voltage and current variables have been linearly transformed to the wave equivalent variables.

$$S_{11} = \left( \frac{a_{11} - a_{21}R_1 - a_{12}G_2 + a_{22}R_1G_2}{\Delta} \right)$$

$$S_{12} = \frac{R_1G_2}{\Delta}$$

$$S_{21} = \frac{1}{\Delta}$$

$$S_{22} = \left( \frac{a_{11} + a_{21}R_1 + a_{12}G_2 + a_{22}R_1G_2}{\Delta} \right)$$

$$\Delta = a_{11} + a_{21}R_1 - a_{12}G_2 - a_{22}R_1G_2$$

$$a_2 = \frac{1}{R_2}$$

$$g_{m2} = \frac{(g_{m5} + g_{m8})}{2} = \frac{(g_{m6} + g_{m7})}{2} \quad (8)$$

$$g_{m1} = \frac{(g_{m3} + g_{m4})}{2} \quad (9)$$

$$g_i = \sqrt{I_{Bi}\mu_i C_{ox} \left( \frac{W}{L} \right)} \quad (10)$$

where  $g_i$  is the transconductance of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  MOS Transistors.

The series arm inductor ( $L$ ) with parallel arm capacitor ( $C$ ) can be described in terms of scattering

$$S = \frac{1}{1 + s\tau} \begin{bmatrix} \pm s\tau & 1 \\ 1 & \pm s\tau \end{bmatrix} \quad (11)$$

The Characteristic Resistance ( $R_X$ ) of terminated LC ladder type structure is given by:

$$R_X = \frac{1}{2m_n C_{ox} \left( \frac{W}{L} \right) I_{B1} + 2m_p C_{ox} \left( \frac{W}{L} \right) I_{B1}} \quad \text{and}$$

$$g_m = \sqrt{2\mu_n C_{ox} \left(\frac{W}{L}\right) I_{B2}}$$

The implementation of wave Equation (11) for series inductor ( $L$ ) and parallel capacitor ( $C$ ),  $\tau = \frac{L}{2R}$  Where  $\tau$  is time constant,  $R$  is the port resistance and  $L$  is the Inductance.

### 3.1. Single VDTA Based Lossy Integration Application as a Summer and Subtractor

$$B_1 = A_1 - \frac{1}{1+s\tau} |A_1 - A_2| \quad (12)$$

Similarly

$$B_2 = A_2 - \frac{1}{1+s\tau} |A_1 - A_2| \quad (13)$$

The wave Equation (12) and Equation (13) are described for summation and subtraction of Lossy integration uses a single VDTA.

### 3.2. Single VDTA Based Lossy Integration

Lossy integration uses a single VDTA and one grounded capacitor. Lossy Integrator is shown in the **Figure 7**. The output voltage ( $V_o$ ) of the lossy integrator is given by:

$$V_o = \frac{1}{1+s\tau} (V_{in1} - V_{in2}) \quad (14)$$

where as time constant ( $\tau$ ) =  $R_x C_d$  which does satisfy the condition.

$$g_m R_x = 1.$$

Now using Equation (12) and Equation (13) then  $R_x C_d = \frac{L}{2R}$  Assume Port resistance ( $R_x = R$ ) then the value of Capacitor ( $C_d$ ) =  $\frac{2L}{R^2}$ .

### 3.3. Single VDTA Based Subtraction Operation for Wave Active Filter

To implement subtraction operation employing single VDTA then the output of subtraction is given by:

$V_o = (V_{in1} - V_{in2})$ . The output of subtraction depends on the proper selection of the input voltage and bias current. The subtraction operation satisfies the wave conditions  $g_{m1} R_1 = 1$  and also satisfies the wave condition  $g_{m2} R_2 = 1$ .

### 3.4. Two VDTAs Based Summer or Adder Operation for Wave Active Filter

To implement the summer or adder operation employing two VDTAs then the output of summer is given by:  $V_o = (V_{in1} + V_{in2})$ . The output of summer depends on the proper selection of the input voltage and bias current. The subtraction

operation satisfies the wave conditions  $g_{m1}R_1=1$  and also satisfies the wave condition  $gm_2R_2=1$ .

### 3.5. Wave Equivalent and Operational Simulation Techniques for LC Ladder Type Structure

The topological and simulation operation of basic proto type LC ladder type structure shown in **Figure 6(a)**.

Filter with admittance in series arm and impedance in shunt arm.

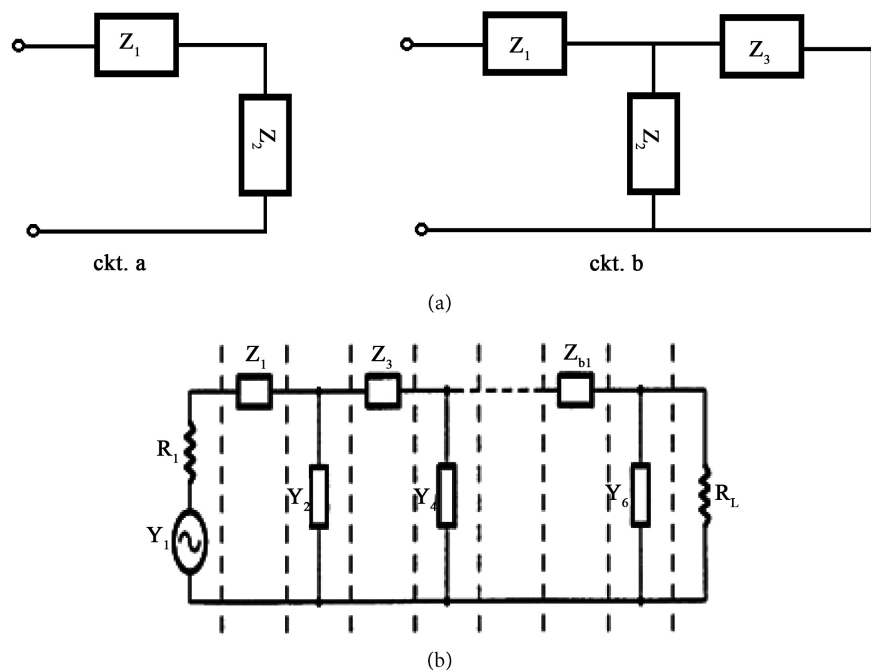
Simulation techniques LC ladder type using newly reported active building block VDTA with series branch admittances  $Y_2, Y_4, Y_6$  and parallel branch Impedances  $Z_1, Z_3, Z_5$  is reported in **Figure 6(b)**.

### 3.6. Complete Structure of VDTA Based Wave Active Filter

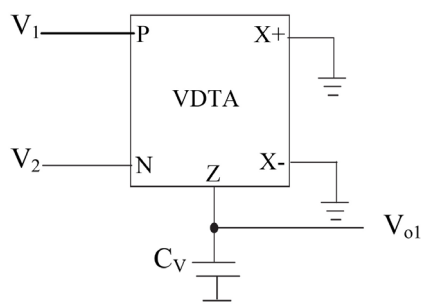
VDTA Based Wave Active Filter consist lossy integrator operation as subtractor and summation operation. Lossy integrator is shown in **Figure 7** and complete structure of VDTA based wave active filter is shown in the **Figure 8**.

## 4. CMOS Simulation Results

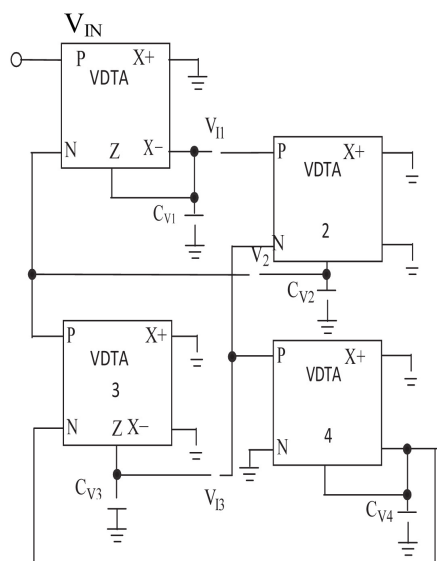
The functionality and workability of VDTA based wave active filter application as 4<sup>th</sup> order low pass and high pass filter are verified through SPICE Simulation with TSMC CMOS Technology 0.18  $\mu\text{m}$  parameters. The port relationship of VDTAs based wave active filter has been observed using TSMC 0.18  $\mu\text{m}$  technology parameters. The simulated frequency response of VDTA based wave



**Figure 6.** (a) The basic proto type LC ladder type structure for proposed wave active; (b) The ideal ladder structure of the proposed wave active filter with admittance in series arm and impedance in shunt arm.



**Figure 7.** Lossy integrator using VDTA.



**Figure 8.** Complete structure of VDTA based wave active filter with lossy integrator operation as subtractor and summation.

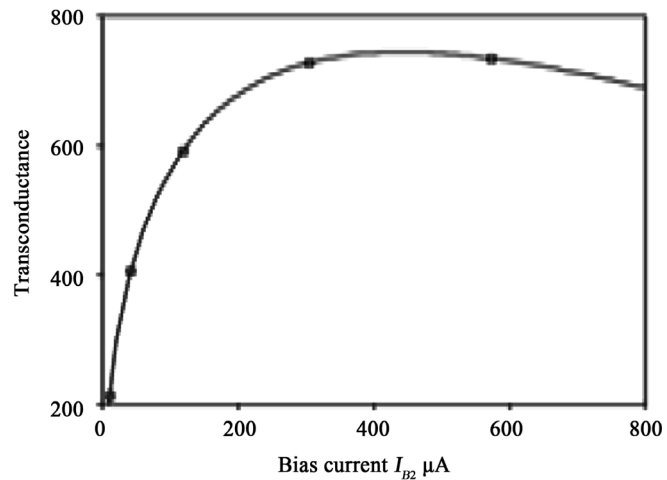
active filter application as 4<sup>th</sup> order low pass and high pass Butterworth filter to observe maximally flat responses are shown in the **Figure 10** and **Figure 11**. The electronic tunability and transconductance variation of the proposed VDTA based wave active filter at different bias current are shown in the **Figure 9** and **Figure 12**. The simulated transient response of input and output for the VDTA based wave active filter is shown in **Figure 13**. The actual values of L & C for the wave equivalent can be presented in **Table 1** and The aspect ratio of the various MOS Transistors for VDTAs is given in **Table 2**. The supply voltages are  $V_{DD} = -V_{SS} = 0.82$  V,  $I_B = 5$   $\mu$ A, 10  $\mu$ A, 20  $\mu$ A, 30  $\mu$ A, 40  $\mu$ A, 50  $\mu$ A,  $I_{B1} = 8I_{B2}$ . The transconductance of VDTAs can be controlled with the help of different bias currents are  $I_{B1} = I_{B2} = I_{B3} = I_{B4} = 489.13$   $\mu$ A .

Therefore the transconductances are to be observed

$$g_{m1} = g_{m2} = g_{m3} = g_{m4} = 1 \text{ mA/V} .$$

The validation and verification of the proposed VDTAs Based Wave.

Active Filter is defined in the section II and III a higher order or 4<sup>th</sup> order Low Pass Filter and high pass Butterworth filter. The components values of proto



**Figure 9.** Transconductance variation for different bias current ( $\mu\text{A}$ ).

type and ideal LC ladder filter structure are used  $R_s = R_L = 1 \text{ k}\Omega$ ,  $L_1 = 0.2872 \text{ mH}$ ,  $L_2 = 0.5744 \text{ mH}$ ,  $C_1 = 0.5744 \text{ }\mu\text{f}$ ,  $C_2 = 0.2872 \text{ }\mu\text{f}$ . The VDTAs based wave active filter is implemented using wave equivalents with series inductor ( $L$ ) and parallel capacitor ( $C$ ). The theoretical cut off and simulated cut off frequencies are measured by the higher order or 4<sup>th</sup> order Low Pass Filter and high pass Butterworth filter. The resistor  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are to be selected  $1 \text{ k}\Omega$  according  $g_{m1}R_1 = g_{m2}R_2 = 1$ .

The value of capacitor ( $C_d$ ) for wave equivalent of series inductors ( $L_1 = 0.1432 \text{ mH}$ ,  $L_2 = 0.2864 \text{ mH}$ )  $C_1 = 0.2864 \text{ }\mu\text{f}$ ,  $C_2 = 0.1432 \text{ }\mu\text{f}$ .

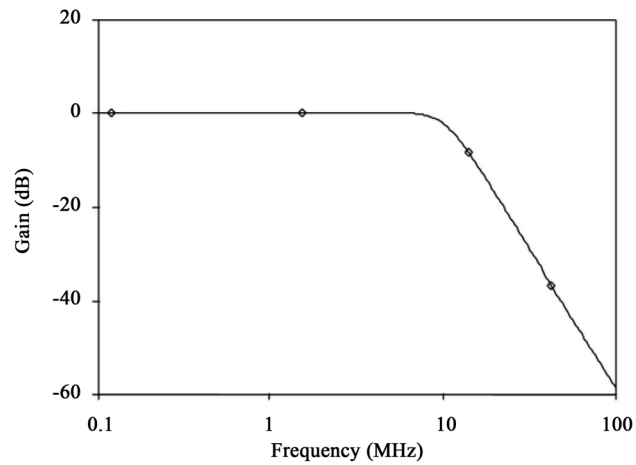
Simulated Frequency response observed maximally flat response of 4<sup>th</sup> order Low Pass Filter and high pass Butterworth filter are shown in **Figure 10** and **Figure 11** by using typical values of components for proto type and ideal LC ladder filter structure are used  $R_s = R_L = 1 \text{ k}\Omega$ ,  $L_1 = 1 \text{ mH}$ ,  $L_2 = 2 \text{ mH}$ ,  $C_1 = 2 \text{ }\mu\text{f}$ ,  $C_2 = 1 \text{ }\mu\text{f}$ .

Therefore all the simulated parameters of the proposed VDTAs based wave active filter are shown in **Table 3**. Application as 4<sup>th</sup> order Low Pass Filter and high pass Butterworth filters are fully electronically tunable with different bias currents is compared with the previous reported voltage mode configuration is shown in **Table 4**.

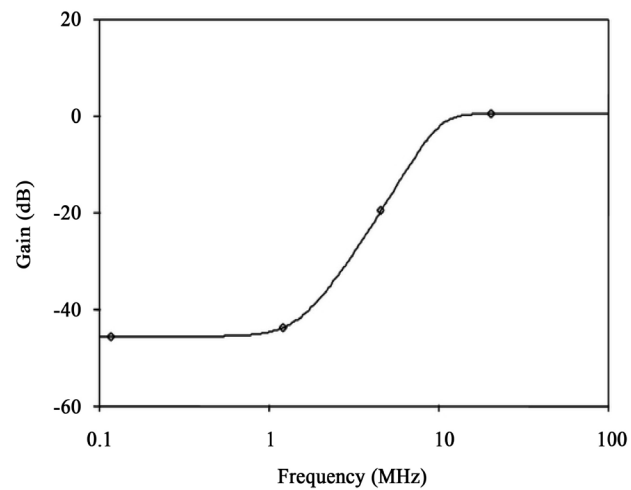
The electronic tunability and transient response are shown in **Figure 12** and **Figure 13**. The total harmonic distortion for the input signal (mV) at maximum output noise voltage is shown in **Figure 14**. The theoretical cut off and simulated cut off frequencies are shown in the **Figure 15**. The wave equivalent of the 4<sup>th</sup> order low pass filter is shown in **Figure 16**.

### Performance Evaluation

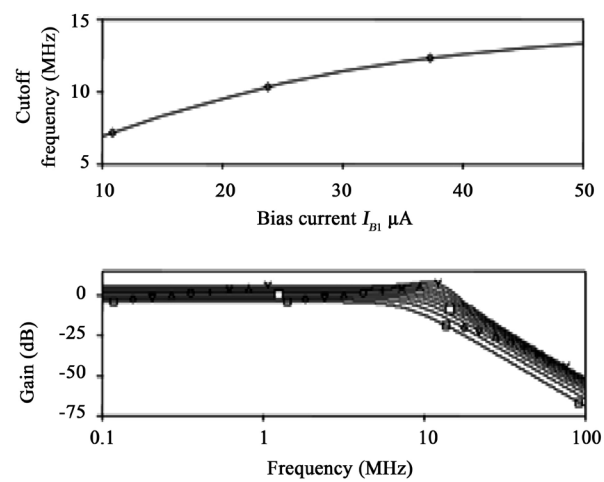
The performance of the proposed VDTAs based wave active filter configuration is presented as application 4<sup>th</sup> order low pass and high pass filter at  $\pm 0.82 \text{ V}$  in



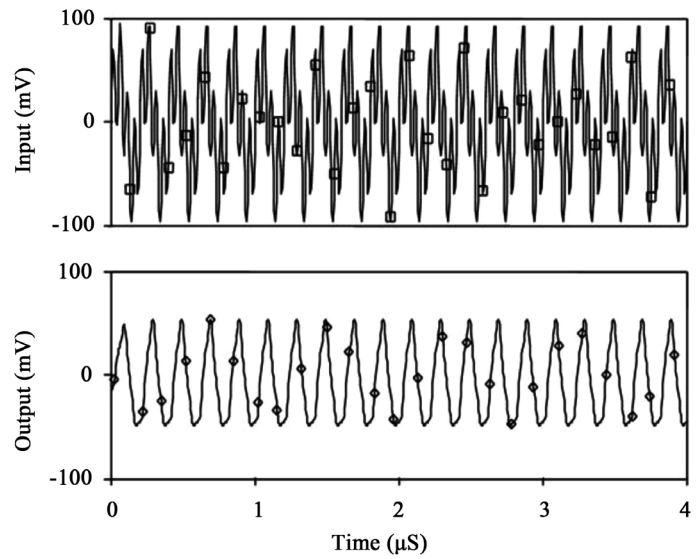
**Figure 10.** Frequency response of 4<sup>th</sup> order low pass filter.



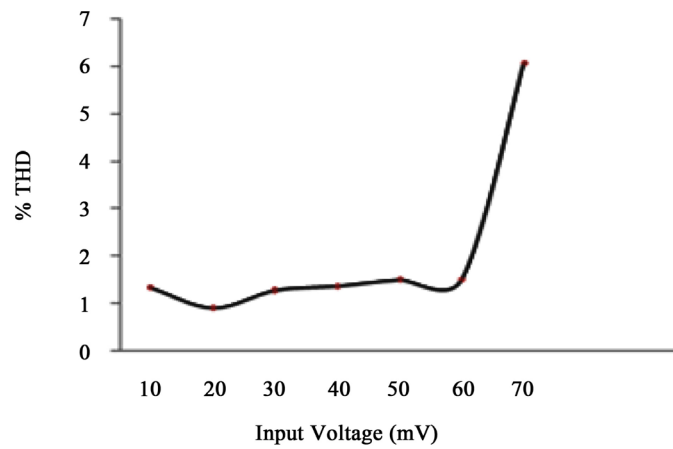
**Figure 11.** Frequency response of 4<sup>th</sup> order high pass filter.



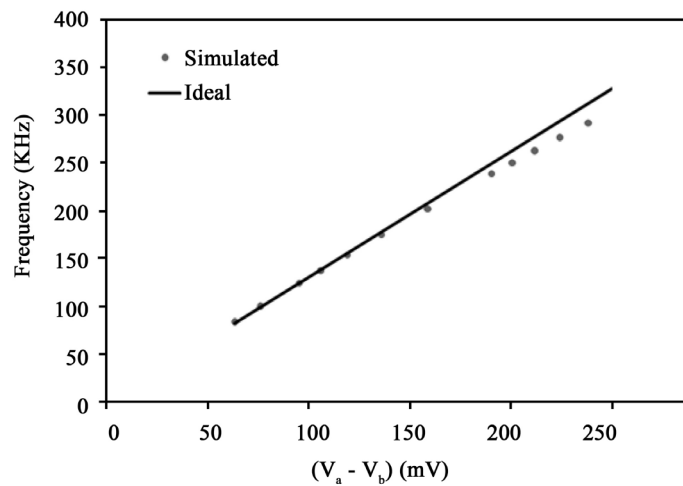
**Figure 12.** Simulation result shows electronic tunability representation as: 1) Cut off frequency variation with different bias current. 2) Frequency response for different bias current.



**Figure 13.** Transient response of input and output signal.



**Figure 14.** Total harmonic distortion.



**Figure 15.** Comparison between theoretical cut off frequency and simulated cut off frequency.

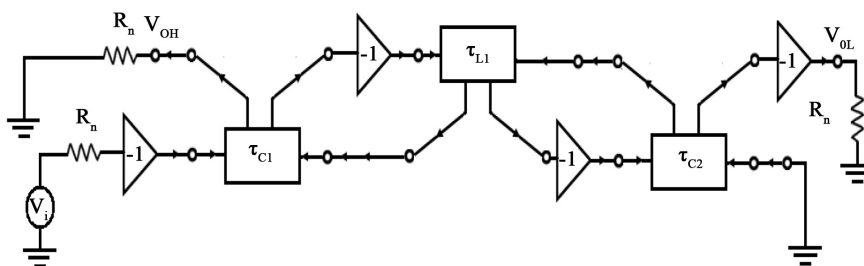


Figure 16. Wave equivalent of circuit of LPF for wave active filter.

Table 1. Wave equivalent techniques for elementary two ports consisting single VDTA in series Inductor and parallel capacitor.

Basic two port Element	Wave Equivalent port Connection	Investigation Time constant value for VDTA based Wave Filter
		$\tau = \frac{L}{2R}, C_d = \frac{L}{2R^2}$
		$\tau = 2RC, C_d = 2C$
		$\tau = \frac{2L}{R}, C_d = \frac{2L}{R^2}$
		$\tau = \frac{RC}{2}, C_d = \frac{C}{2}$

Table 2. MOS transistor aspect ratio.

S. No.	MOS Transistors	W(μm)	L(μm)
1.	M <sub>1</sub> , M <sub>2</sub> , M <sub>3</sub> , M <sub>4</sub>	4.0	0.35
2.	M <sub>5</sub> , M <sub>6</sub> , M <sub>7</sub> , M <sub>8</sub>	12.25	0.35

terms of frequency response, low power consumption, output noise voltage, transient response of input and output, % THD. Maximum output noise voltage is better in VDTAs based wave active filter.

### 5. Conclusions

In this paper, VDTAs based wave active filter is presented. The proposed configuration employ lossy integrator as subtractor and summation block and suitable

**Table 3.** Simulated parameters of VDTAs based wave active filter.

S. No.	Simulated Parameters	Simulated Results
1.	Theoretical Cut off Frequency Simulated cut off frequency	348.678 KHz 349.89 KHZ
2.	Transconductance value of VDTA	597.89 $\mu$ S at 360 $\mu$ A
3.	Bias Current	10 $\mu$ A - 50 $\mu$ A
4.	Power Consumption	262.3 mW
5.	Total output Noise Voltage	1.54 - 3.86 V/HZ <sup>1/2</sup>
6.	% Total Harmonic Distortion	1.68 - 6.67 for 100 mV peak to peak input
7.	Operating Voltage, VDD = -VSS	0.82 V

**Table 4.** Comparative study VDTA based wave active with voltage mode filter structure.

Ref	Filter structure	Active Building Block and Technology	Power Consumption	% THD	Output Noise Voltage	Electronic tunability
[4]	LP, HP, BP, BR, AP	MO CCCCTA CMOS Technology 0.35 $\mu$ m	0.629 mW	<4%	2.5	Yes
[14]	LP, BP, HP, BR, AP	VDTA PSPICE in 0.35 $\mu$ m CMOS Technology	992 mW	2.62 - 4.33	NA	Yes
[15]	3 <sup>rd</sup> order Butter worth LPF	DVCCCTA CMOS Technology 0.25 $\mu$ m, power supply $\pm$ 1.25 V	59.2 mW	<5% at 225 mV	NA	Yes
Proposed work	4 <sup>th</sup> order Butter worth LPF, HPF	VDTACMOS Technology 0.18 $\mu$ m, power supply $\pm$ 0.82 V	268.3 mW	1.68 - 4.56	1.54	Yes

for integration the simulation results are included to present the workability and functionality of the VDTAs based wave active filter.

The proposed configuration offers following advantageous features:

- 1) The proposed VDTAs based wave active filter is limited for realizing 4<sup>th</sup> order low pass and high pass filter responses at 0.82 V.
- 2) It shows very low active and passive sensitivities.
- 3) This configuration presents low power configuration.
- 4) The proposed configuration is more suitable in monolithic integrated circuits for used in analog signal processing, microelectronics system such as instrumentation and control system and wireless communication, voice and data communication.
- 5) In future, the proposed VDTAs based wave active filter can be widely used in audio and biomedical applications at low power supply voltage.

## Conflicts of Interest

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