

# Amplifier Design for High Frequency in Power Electronics System

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**ABSTRACT-** The inherent limitation of gain bandwidth products normally presents the need to cascade amplifying circuits but cascading technique always has a drawback of shrinkage bandwidth. A solution to the bandwidth shrinkage was presented using cascode amplifier configuration. Cascode amplifier techniques address the inherent limitation of gain bandwidth. The simulation and analysis of the proposed configuration shows significant improvement on the bandwidth. The overall results of using the amplifier is found to enhance the strength of the transmitted intensity.

**Keyword:** Cascode amplifier, cascading.

## I. INTRODUCTION

The need for transmitting high power to far distances in the desired direction and improving the receiver sensitivity to any incoming signals increases the number of antenna elements that are used in array antenna systems (Joseph and Malcom, 2001). Each antenna elements need separate feeding structure to control the individual amplitude and the phase. The splitting and recombining of electromagnetic signal is a fundamental signal processing functionality in electronics (Kushwaha and Sirvastava, 2013). As the data rate in a digitally modulated wireless communication system increases, corresponding increase in the output power of the signals radiated by a tower-mounted antenna is typically required by a given service area. (Boylestad and Nashelsky, 2009). Thus, migrating an existing system to a higher data

rate often requires more output power from the amplifier used in the system and or a reduction of losses associated with components in the system. There is a higher need to achieve higher data rate which means high frequency carrier and high frequency transmission is limited by the amplifying devices. (Virdee and Virdee, 1999). This amplifying device has the problem of intrinsic gain-bandwidth limitation. High power transmission also require semiconductor that can handle large current and power. The effect of the above limitation is minimized using casode amplifier. The broadband amplifier is a key building block at the transmitting ends in convectional communication circuits. The gain-bandwidth product of broadband amplifier is severely limited by device technology. (Harvey *et al.*, 2000). This amplifying device has inherent limitation of gain – bandwidth products which forced one to compromise the gain at the expense of the bandwidth or vice versa. (Wolf *et al.*, 2005) Circuits with very wide bandwidth are needed in modern communications for efficient high data rate transfer. The design of such circuit is one of the challenges faced in radio frequency receivers. Many amplifier topologies have been proposed so as to satisfy the requirement for gain and bandwidth. Most of the single stage devices in the review could not satisfy the gain and bandwidth requirements as shown in figure 1 below.

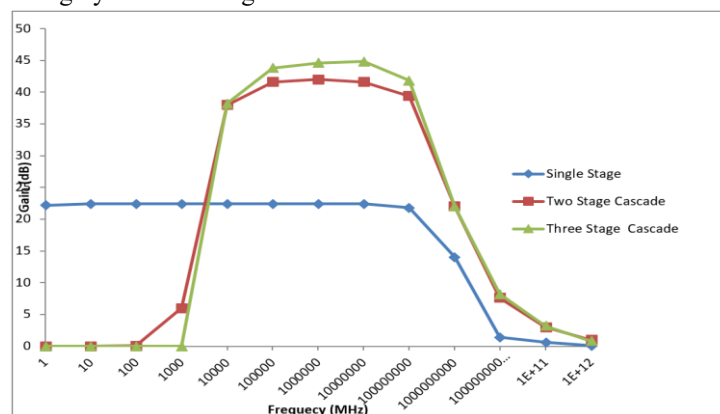


Fig 1 Bandwidth shrinkage.

In this work, we proposed the application of cascode as modifies the bandwidth shrinkage

## II. METHODOLOGY

### 2.1 Design of Amplifier

The three configurations of amplifier were reviewed, the common emitter circuit was found to be the most efficient, due to it high current gain, moderate output to input impedance ration, high voltage and power gain, for this reason a single stage common emitter

amplifier was design as shown Fig, 2 below. It was observed that the voltage or power gain from a single state amplifier is limited. Also insufficient for all practical applications, therefore in order to achieve greater voltage and power gain, more than one stage must be used. Such an amplifier is called a multistage amplifier. A multi-stage amplifier was design with common emitter as the first – stage and common base amplifier as the second stage. This form of amplifier is called cascode amplifier.

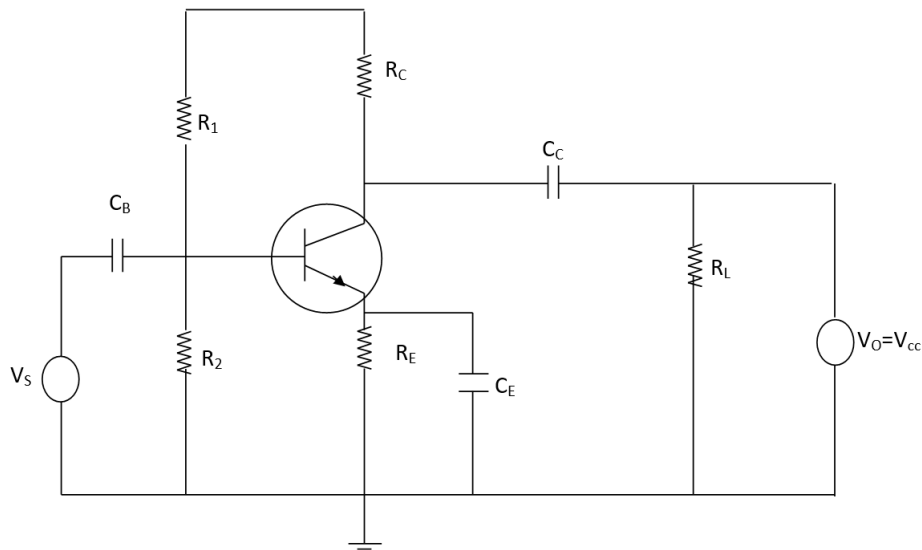


Figure 2: Single stage common emitter amplifier

### 2.2 Design Equation

Applying Kirchhoff's law to the output and input side of the D.C. equivalent circuit of the figure above we have: (Sedra and Smith, 2004)

$$V_{CC} = I_C R_C + V_{CE} + I_E R_E \quad (1)$$

$$V_{BB} = I_B R_B + V_{BE} + I_E R_E \quad (2)$$

Thermal stability of the amplifier requires that

$$R_B \leq 0.3 B R_E \quad (3)$$

and

$$R_E = 0.2 R_C \quad (4)$$

The collector emitter current amplification factor is given by

$$B = \frac{I_C}{I_B}$$

and

$$\text{For } I_E = I_C + I_B$$

$$R_B = \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \quad (5)$$

The bias equation was use to obtain  $V_{BB}$  given by

$$V_{BB} = \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} V_{CC} \quad (6)$$

$R_1$  and  $R_2$  were determined using  $R_B$  and  $V_{BB}$  given by the equation

$$R_1 = \frac{V_{CC}R_B}{V_{BB}} \quad (7)$$

$$R_2 = \frac{R_B}{1 - \frac{V_{BB}}{V_{CC}}}$$

or

$$R_2 = \frac{R_B R_1}{R_1 - R_B} \quad (8)$$

The coupling capacitor C and the emitter by pass capacitor  $C_E$  were obtained using.

$$f = \frac{1}{2\pi ZC} \quad (9)$$

### 2.3 Design Equations for Cascode Amplifier

In the design, the same transistors were used in the common emitter and common base stage, hence  $\beta_{F1} = \beta_{F2} = \beta_F \gg 1$ , that is the base current of the transistors is negligible, and base current can be ignored in comparison to the currents through the biasing resistances. Figure 3 below shows the schematic diagram of cascode amplifier. Therefore, the DC biasing base voltages are given by (Dogman and Jenkin, 2010)

$$V_{BB1} = \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2 + R_3} V_{CC} \quad (10)$$

$$V_{BB2} = \frac{R_1 + R_2}{R_1 + R_2 + R_3} V_{CC} \quad (11)$$

The Collector and emitter currents is given by,

$$I_{E1} \cong I_{C1} = I_{E2} \cong I_{C2} = \frac{V_{BB1} - V_{BE}}{R_E} \quad (12)$$

The collector emitter voltages are given by

$$V_{CE1} = V_{BB2} - V_{BE2} - (V_{BB1} - V_{BE1}) \quad (13)$$

$$V_{CE2} = V_{BB2} - R_C I_{C2} - (V_{BB2} - V_{BE2}) \quad (14)$$

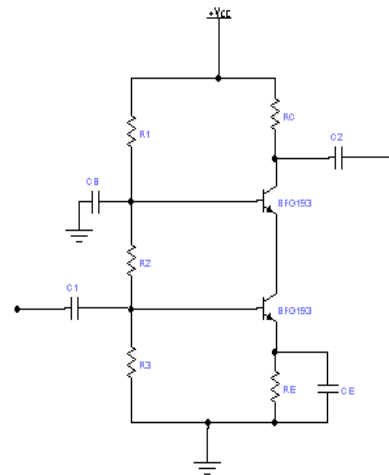


Figure 3: Cascode amplifier

### 2.4 Analysis of High Frequency Hybrid $\Pi$ Model

The analysis result was obtained by replacing the transistors in the circuits above with the high frequency Hybrid- $\pi$  Model of the Bipolar Junction Transistor (BJT). Figure 4 shows the high frequency BJT Hybrid- $\pi$  Model, by neglecting  $r_x$  and  $r_o$  we have the small signal equivalent circuit of the 2-configurations as shown in fig. 5.

Were

$r_x$  = Spreading resistance,  $gmV\pi = gmV_{be} = I_c$   
– equivalent current generator

$r_1 = r_\pi$  = Dynamic emitter resistance,  $c_1 = c_\pi$  = Dynamic emitter capacitance

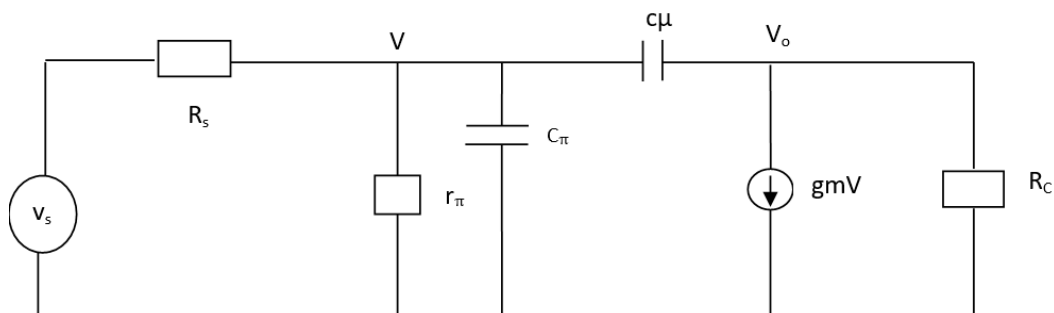


Fig. 4: High frequency common emitter hybrid  $\pi$  – model

At node 1

$$\frac{V-V_s}{R_s} + \frac{V}{Z_\pi} + \frac{V-V_o}{X_{C\mu}} = 0 \quad (15)$$

at node 2

$$gmV + \frac{V_o-V}{X_u} + \frac{V_o}{R_c} = 0 \quad (16)$$

$$A_v(S) \frac{V_o}{V_s} = \frac{G_s r_\pi (g_m - SC\mu)}{S^2 C_\pi C_\mu r_\pi + SG_C C_\pi r_\pi SG_C r_\pi C_\mu + SG_S C_\mu r_\pi + SC\mu r_\pi g_m + SC\mu + G_C G_S r_\pi + G_C} \quad (17)$$

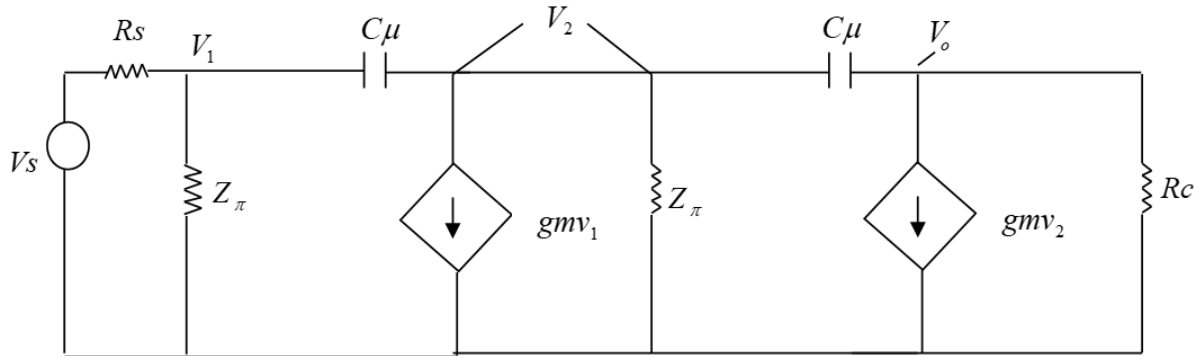


Fig. 5: High frequency cascode hybrid  $\pi$  model

Nodal equation

At  $V_1$  we have

$$\frac{V_1 - V_s}{R_s} + \frac{V_1}{Z_\pi} + \frac{V_1 - V_2}{X_{Cu}} = 0. \quad (18)$$

at  $V_2$  we have

$$\frac{V_2 - V_1}{X_{Cu}} + gmV_1 + \frac{V_2}{Z_\pi} + \frac{V_2 - V_o}{X_{Cu}} = 0 \quad (19)$$

at  $V_o$  we have

$$\frac{V_o - V_2}{X_{Cu}} + gmV_2 + \frac{V_o}{R_C} = 0 \quad (20)$$

where

$$\frac{V_o}{V_s} = \frac{G_s(r_\pi SC_u - gmr_\pi)(SC_u - gm)}{[SC_\mu + G_C][2r_\pi SC_\mu + SC_\pi r_\pi + 1] - r_\pi SC_\mu[SC_\mu - gm][r_\pi G_s + 1 + SC_\mu r_\pi + SC_\pi r_\pi + 1] - [SC_\mu + G_C][r_\pi SC_\mu - gmr_\pi](SC_\mu r_\pi)} \quad (21)$$

### III. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

#### 3.1 Design Amplifier

The simulated and calculated result of the 2 – amplifiers configuration are shown. The gain for the simulation was obtain from the plot of voltage gain

against frequency, while that of the analysis were obtain form equation 17 of common emitter, and equation 21 of cascode amplifier respectively. And the graphs for the simulation and analysis are shown in the Figures 6 and 7 below.

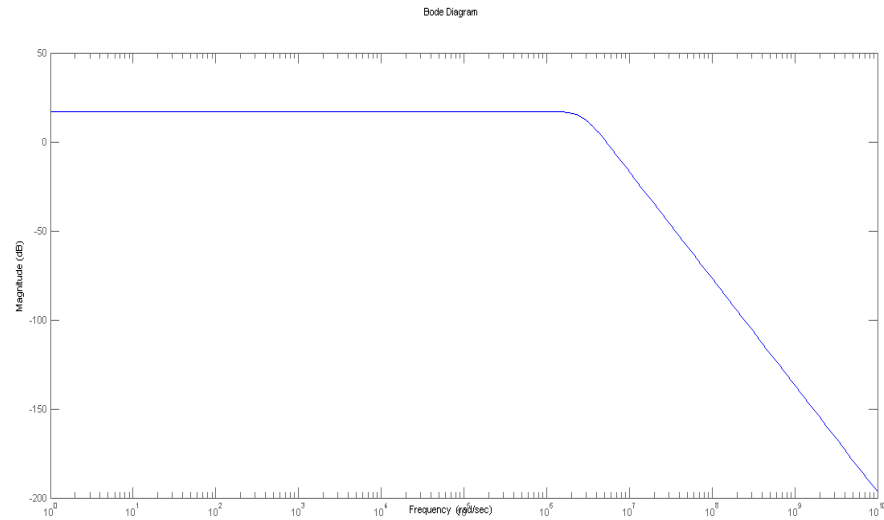


Fig. 6a: Theoretical Frequency Response for Common Emitter Amplifier

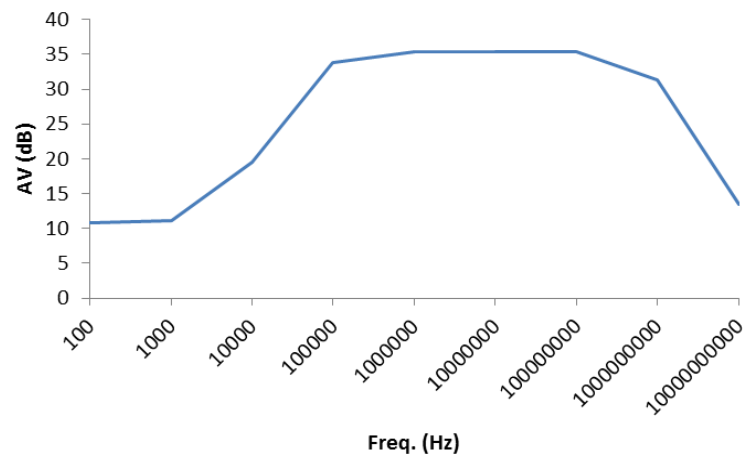


Fig. 6b: Simulated Frequency Response for Common Emitter Amplifier

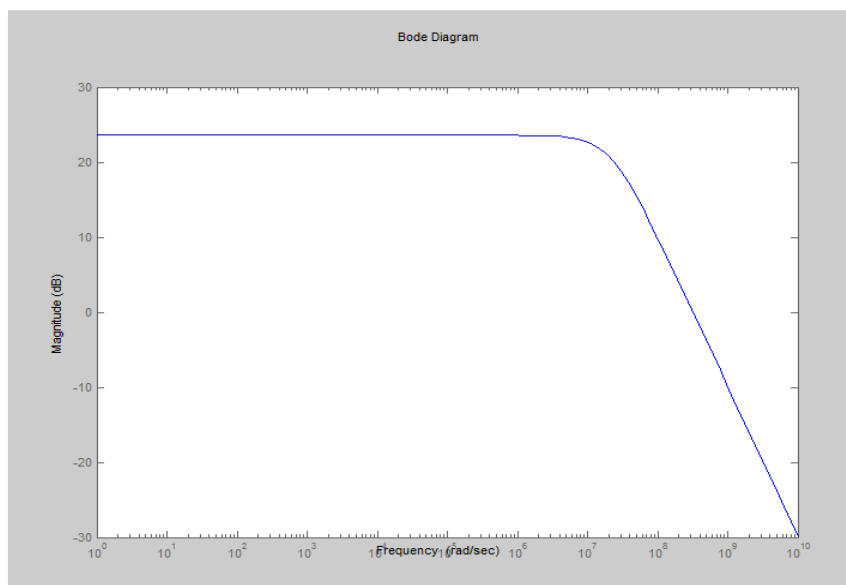


Fig. 7a: Theoretical Frequency Response for Cascode Amplifier

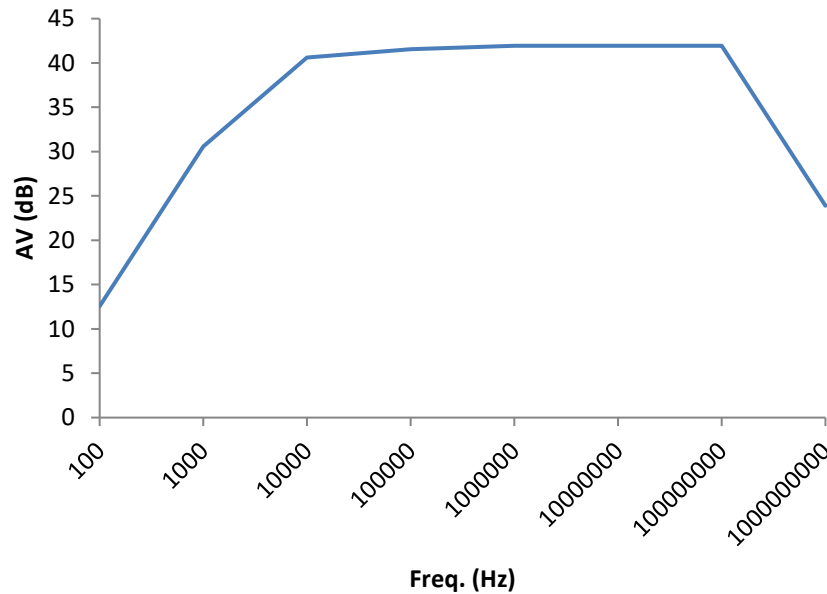


Fig. 7b: Theoretical Frequency Response for Cascode Amplifier

The values of the component used in the design are shown below.

$$R_B = 5.6112 \times 10^3 \Omega, \quad R_1 = 30.0 \text{ ka}, \quad R_2 = 6.90 \times 10^3 \Omega$$

$$R_C = 1.34 \times 10^3 \Omega, \quad R_E = 267.22 \Omega, \quad C_b = 141 \text{ pf}, \quad C_c = 60 \text{ pf}, \quad C_e = 3 \text{ nf}$$

$$C_\pi = 0.15 \text{ pf}, \quad C_\mu = 0.55 \text{ pf}, \quad \beta = 70, \quad g_m = 0.112, \quad r_\pi = 6252 \Omega$$

$$G_C = 0.00075 \Omega, \quad G_S = 0.000182 \Omega$$

For the single stage we have

$$A_V(S) = \frac{6.18755 \times 10^{-14} S - 0.0126}{5.16 \times 10^{-23} S^2 + 3.9440 \times 10^{-11} S + 8.34 \times 10^{-4}} \quad (22)$$

For the multistage we have

$$A_V(S) = \frac{1.418 \times 10^{-25} S^2 - 5.775 \times 10^{-14} S + 5.88 \times 10^{-3}}{4.028 \times 10^{-23} S^2 - 2.844 \times 10^{-21} S^2 - 2.319 \times 10^{-11} S + 8.344 \times 10^{-4}} \quad (23)$$

### 3.2 Discussion

It was found that the cascode amplifier overcome the losses of signal strength in the distributed power amplifier configuration. This work also eliminates the possibility of overheating the circuit board when adequate heat is developed from the insertion losses. Adopting the proposed technique at backhaul location would further reduce cost of handling cooling systems due to heat develop in the circuits from the large currents.

## IV. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, it can be seen that the use of cascode amplifiers at the output section eliminate power lose in the circuit and give more chances of enhancing transmitted power of signals compared to the gain-

bandwidth restriction present in the amplifying devices.

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