

1. Research Objective

Passive RC polyphaser filter has good Hilbert filter characteristics.

Use R, C → large chip area
affected by process variation

Approach

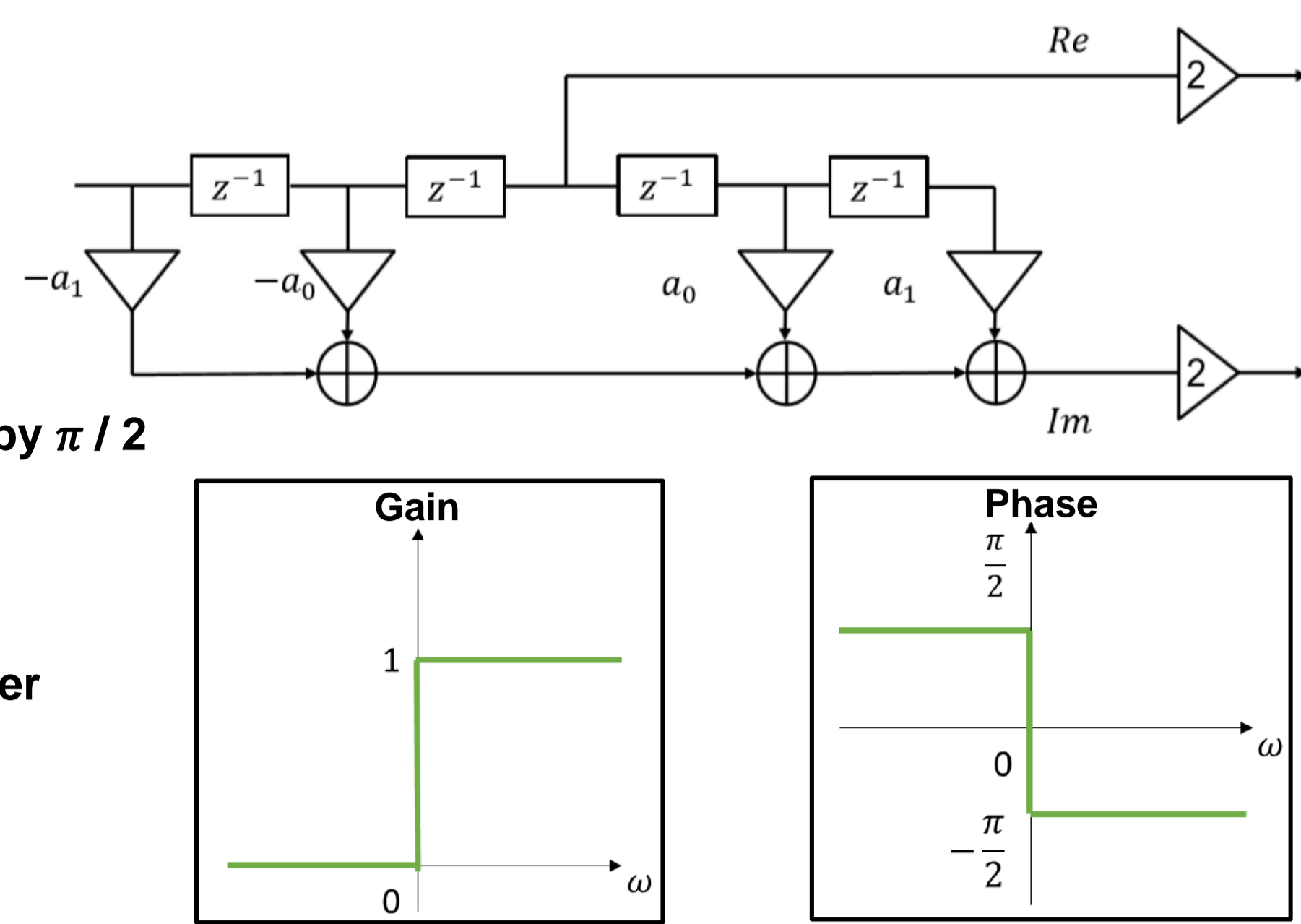
Replace with active complex bandpass filter

2. Hilbert Filter

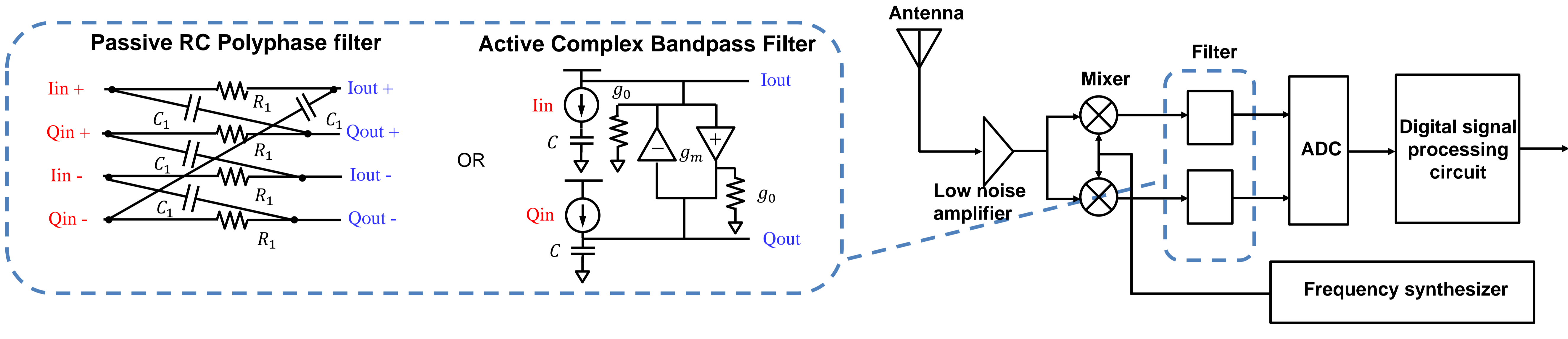


David Hilbert (Germany) 1862-1843

- Delay phase of signal ($\omega \geq 0$) by $\pi/2$ → Hilbert transform
- 1 input 2 output
- Implemented with a digital filter



3. Wireless Communication System: Receiver



4. RC Polyphase Filter (Passive)

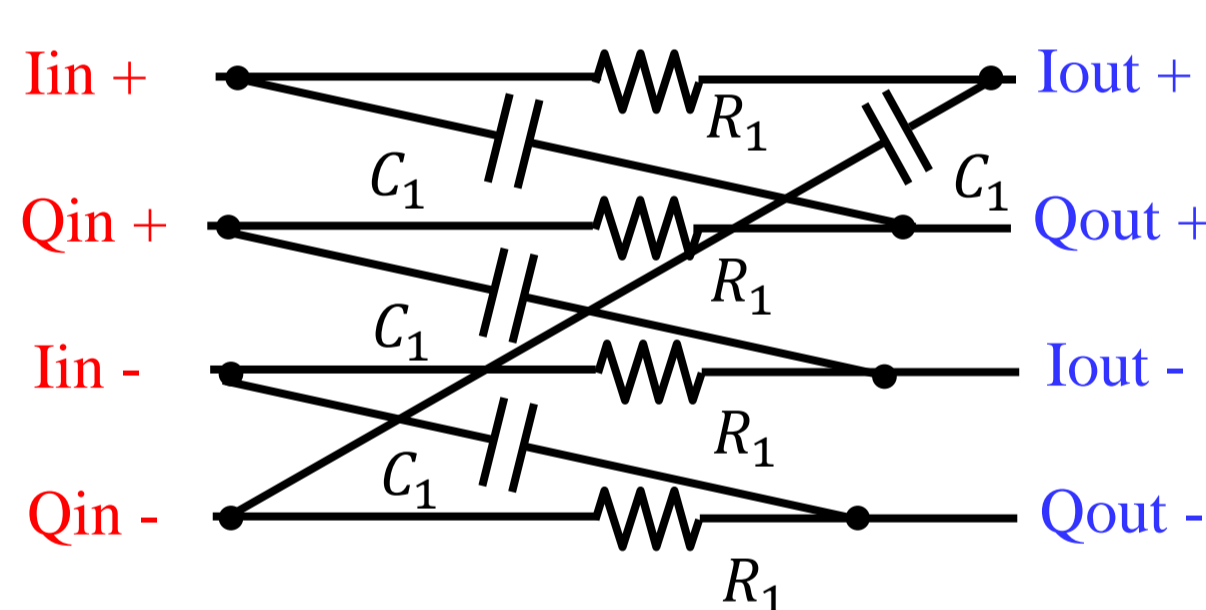
Signal component

Real part $\cos(\omega t)$ → Polyphase Filter → $A \cos(\omega t + \theta)$
Imaginary part 0 → Polyphase Filter → $A \sin(\omega t + \theta)$

Image component $Ae^{j\omega t} + Be^{j\omega t} \rightarrow Ae^{j\omega t}$

Real part $(A+B)\cos(\omega t)$ → Polyphase Filter → $A \cos(\omega t)$
Imaginary part $(A-B)\sin(\omega t)$ → Polyphase Filter → $A \sin(\omega t)$

- Composed of passive elements R and C: Large chip area
- Passive complex bandpass filter
- Complex → 2-input, 2-output



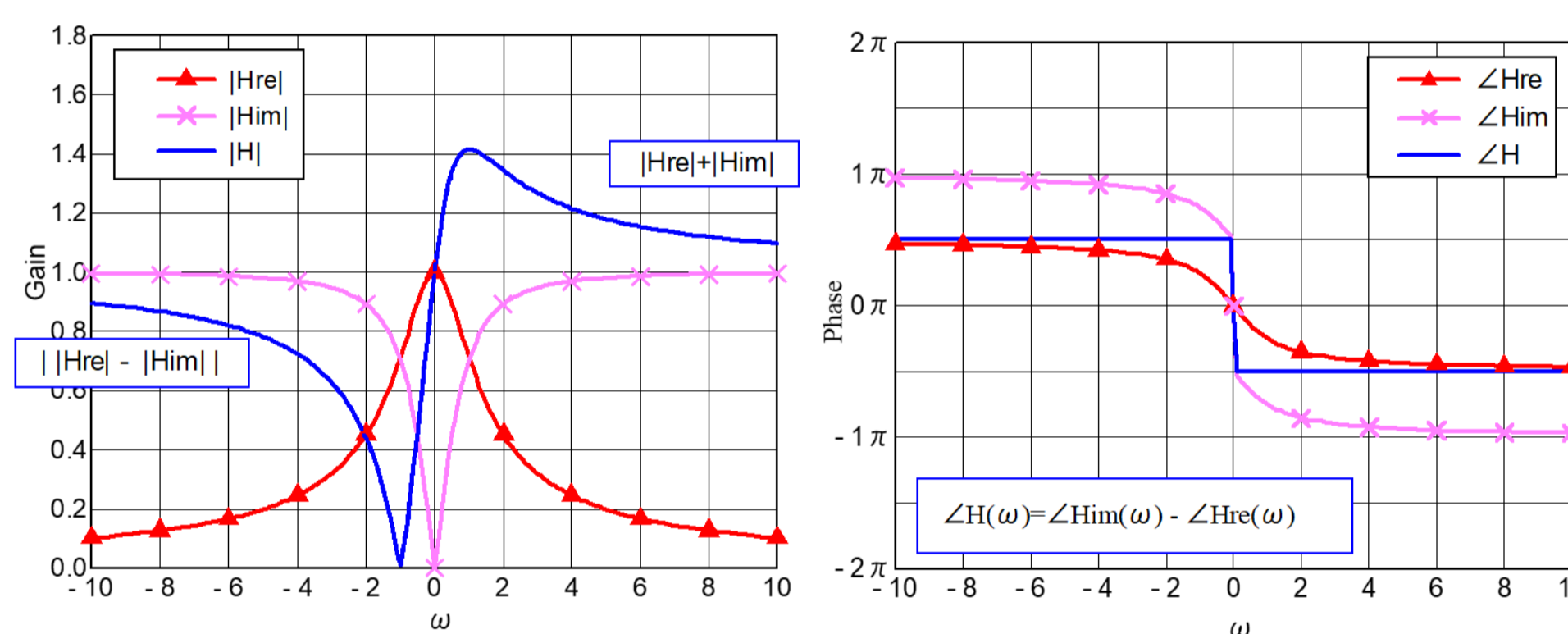
First-order RC polyphase filter

$$\frac{V_{Iout} + jV_{Qout}}{I_{in} + jQ_{in}} = \frac{1 - jsR_1C_1}{1 + sR_1C_1}$$

Simulation Result

Gain : Hilbert filter only at zero

Phase : Complete Hilbert filter



The higher the order, the closer to the ideal Hilbert transform

5. Complex Bandpass Filter (Active)

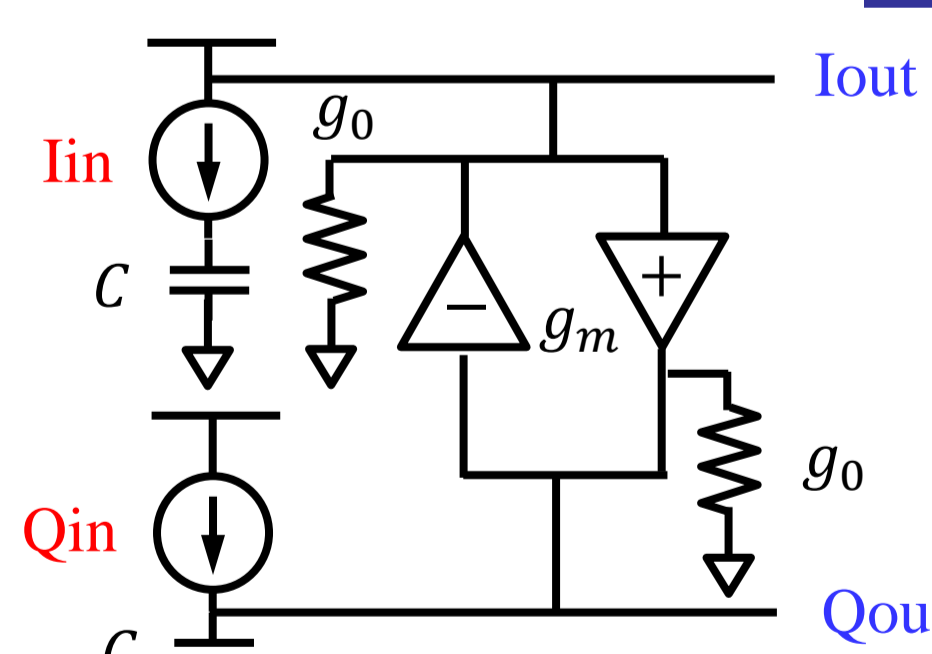
Signal component $e^{j\omega_0 t} \rightarrow e^{j\omega_0 t}$

Real part $\cos(\omega_0 t)$ → Complex Bandpass Filter → $\cos(\omega_0 t)$
Imaginary part $\sin(\omega_0 t)$ → Complex Bandpass Filter → $\sin(\omega_0 t)$

Image component $e^{-j\omega_0 t} \rightarrow e^{j\omega_0 t}$

Real part $\cos(\omega_0 t)$ → Complex Bandpass Filter → 0
Imaginary part $-\sin(\omega_0 t)$ → Complex Bandpass Filter → 0

- Small dynamic range & nonlinear
- Small chip area
- Adjust g_m value (automatic) → absorb process fluctuations
- Complex → 2-input, 2-outputs



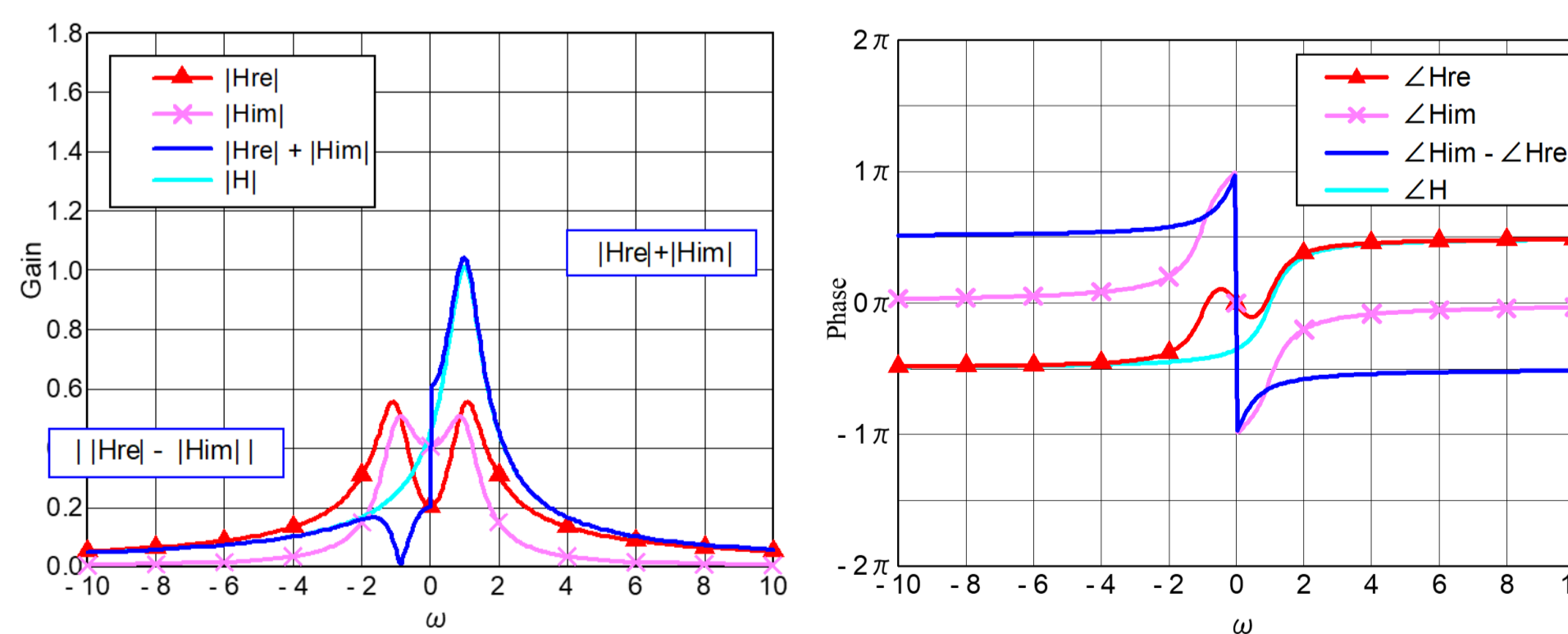
Complex Bandpass Filter

$$\frac{V_{Iout} + jV_{Qout}}{I_{in} + jQ_{in}} = \frac{g_0 + sC + jg_m}{g_0^2 + g_m^2 + s^2C^2 + 2g_0sC}$$

Simulation Result

Gain : Not Hilbert filter

Phase : Hilbert filter at $|\omega| \gg 0$



Poor Hilbert filter performance than RC polyphaser filter

6. Conclusion

Passive RC Polyphaser Filter

- Approximate ideal Hilbert filter characteristics
- R, C → Linear
- Large chip area
- Difficult to adjust

Replace with complex bandpass filter

Active Complex Bandpass Filter

- Nonlinear
- Small chip area
- Adjust G_m value (automatic) → absorb process fluctuations
- Poor Hilbert filter performance than RCPF

Find a way to get close to the ideal Hilbert filter characteristics

Reference

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