

# Circuit Theory and Electronics Fundamentals

## Lecture 10: Filter Circuits

- Solving any order circuits (continued from last lesson)
- Introduction to filters and an example filter
- Ideal transformer models (they have not been forgotten!)
- Filter qualitative and quantitative analyses
- Filter transfer function in various RLC configurations
- Second order Bode plots

# Any order circuits general solution

Nodal analysis:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{sL} + sC + G_2 & -G_2 \\ -G_2 & G_1 + G_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{sL} + sC + G_2 & -G_2 \\ -G_2 & G_1 + G_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{sL} + sC + G_2\right)(G_1 + G_2) - G_2^2 = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{s_1 L} + s_1 C + G_2 & -G_2 \\ -G_2 & G_1 + G_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p_1 \\ q_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{s_2 L} + s_2 C + G_2 & -G_2 \\ -G_2 & G_1 + G_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p_2 \\ q_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Characteristic equation: assume 2 real roots  $s_1$  and  $s_2$

Eigen vector  $E_1$

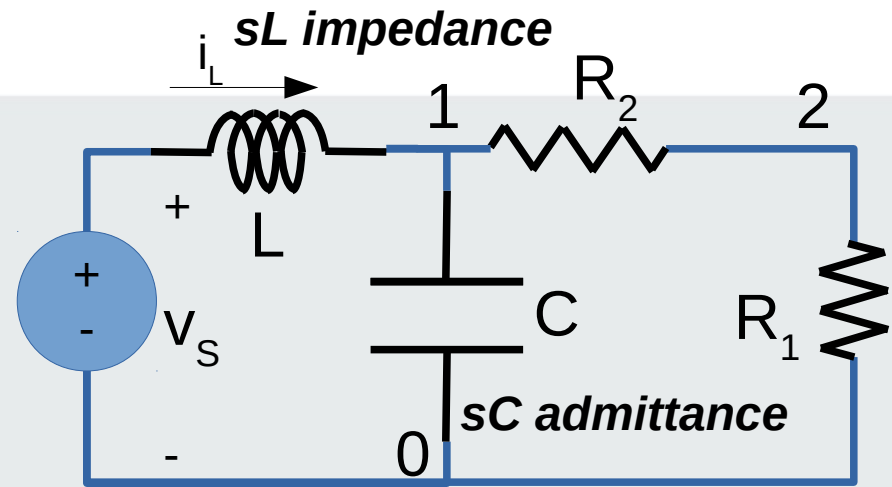
$$q_1 = \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2} p_1$$

Eigen vector  $E_2$

$$E_1 = E_2 = E$$

General solution:

$$\begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2} \end{bmatrix} (Ae^{s_1 t} + Be^{s_2 t})$$



Second order RLC circuit

# Any order circuits particular solution

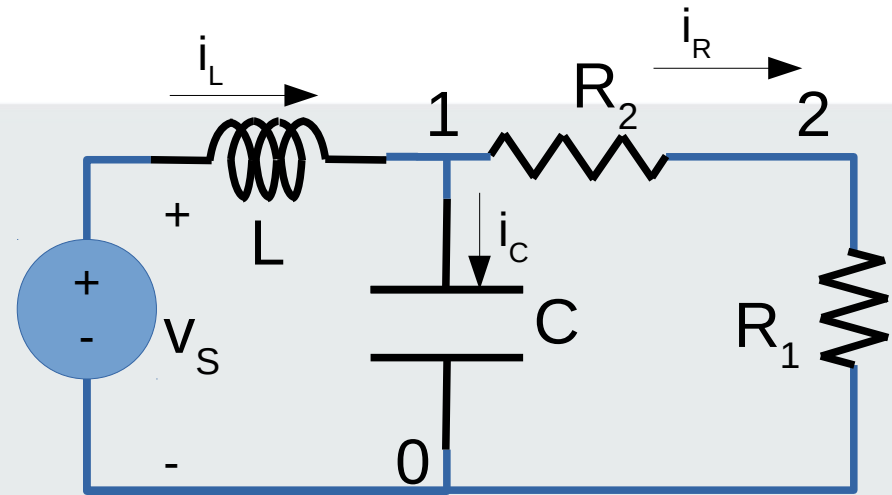
Solve for A and B

$$\begin{bmatrix} v_1(0) \\ v_2(0) \end{bmatrix} = E(A e^{s_1 t} + B e^{s_2 t})$$

$$v_1(0) = v_c(0)$$

Same equation, can't solve!

$$v_2(0) = \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2} v_c(0)$$



Second order RLC circuit

Need to take into account  $i_L(0)$

$$i_L(t) = i_C(t) + i_R(t) \quad \text{KCL}$$

$$i_C(t) = C \frac{dv_c}{dt} = C \frac{dv_1}{dt} = C (A s_1 e^{s_1 t} + B s_2 e^{s_2 t})$$

$$i_R(t) = \frac{v_C}{R_1 + R_2} = \frac{A e^{s_1 t} + B e^{s_2 t}}{R_1 + R_2}$$

$$\begin{cases} i_L(0) = C (A s_1 + B s_2) + \frac{A + B}{R_1 + R_2} \\ v_C(0) = A + B \end{cases}$$

Now we have two independent equations to compute A and B!

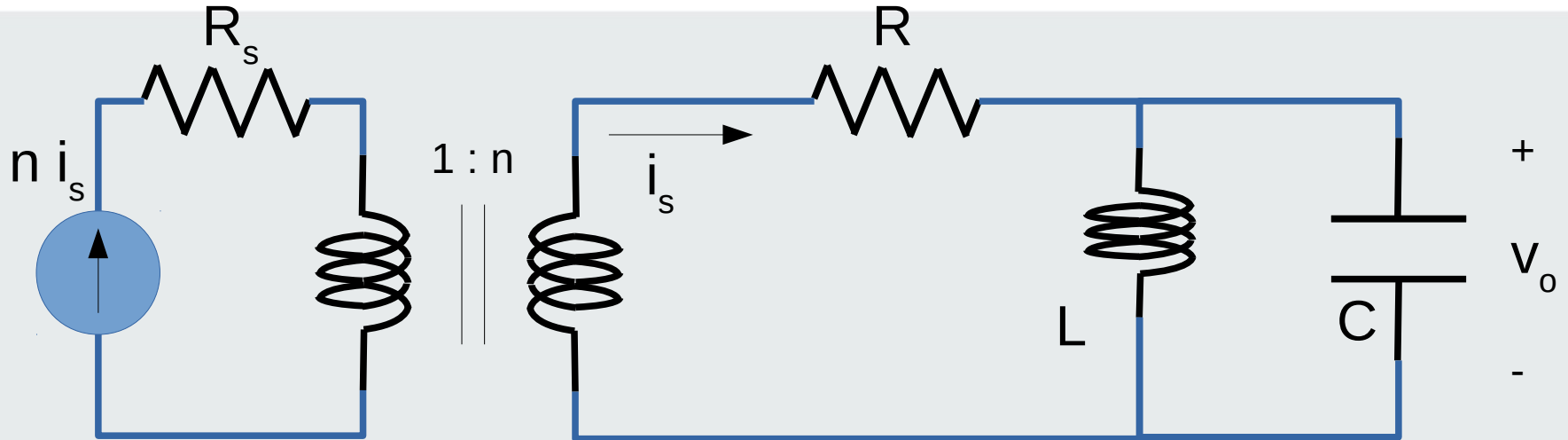
# What are filters?

- Filters are circuits that modify the frequency spectrum of an input signal
- Filters are used for
  - Removing the DC component
    - DC component may be bad for transmission for example
  - Removing high frequency (HF) components
    - HF components may be just noise with no info or energy content
  - Isolating the DC component
    - To stabilise a voltage or current source for example
  - Equalising a signal
    - Amplify some frequencies and attenuate others to adapt to an irregular physical channel
  - Many applications

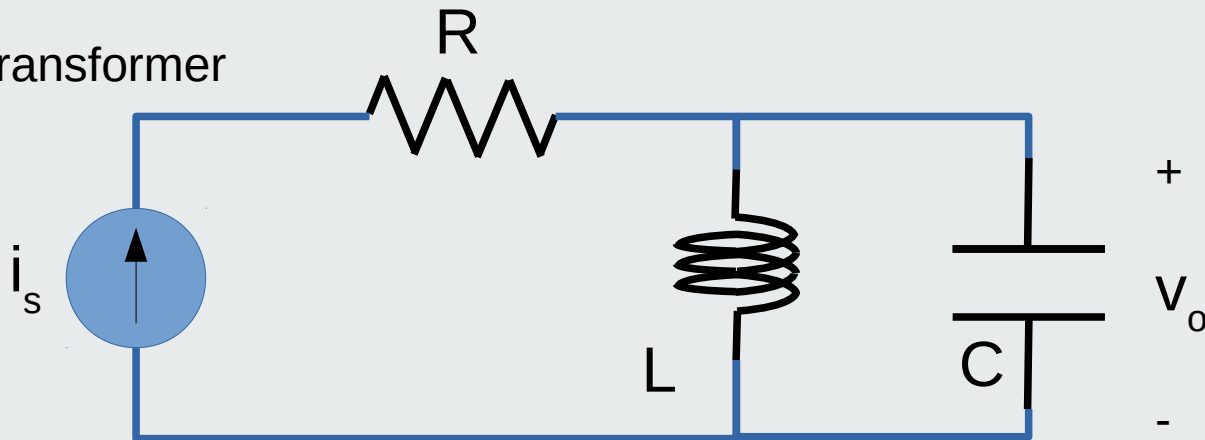
# Passive filters

- Filters filters that have passive components: R, L, C and transformers
- In this course we consider passive filters that have
  - One input voltage or current independent source
  - One output voltage or current
  - Any number of resistors
  - 2 complex impedance components
    - 2 capacitive components
    - 2 inductive components
    - 1 capacitive component and 1 inductive component

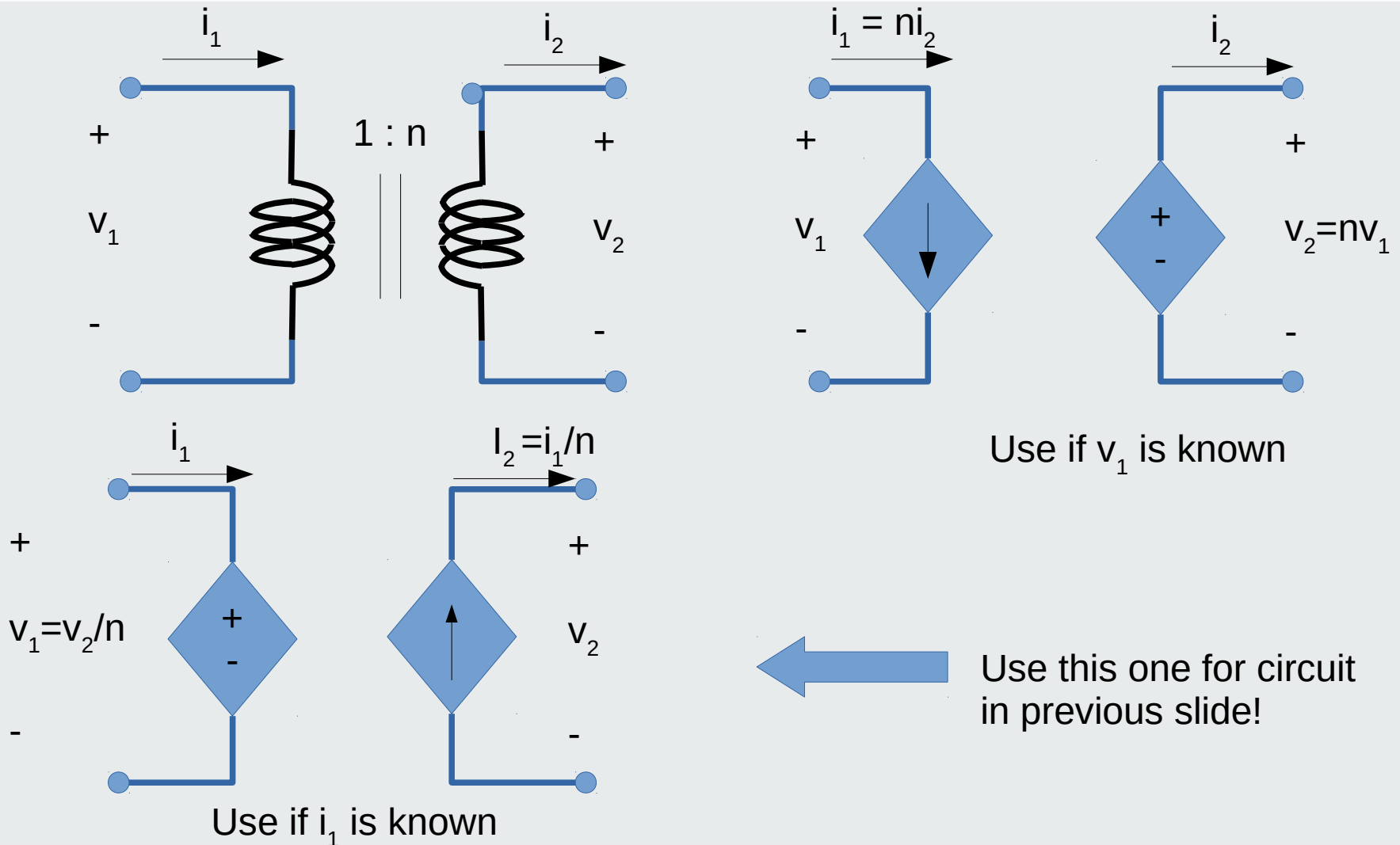
# Example filter system



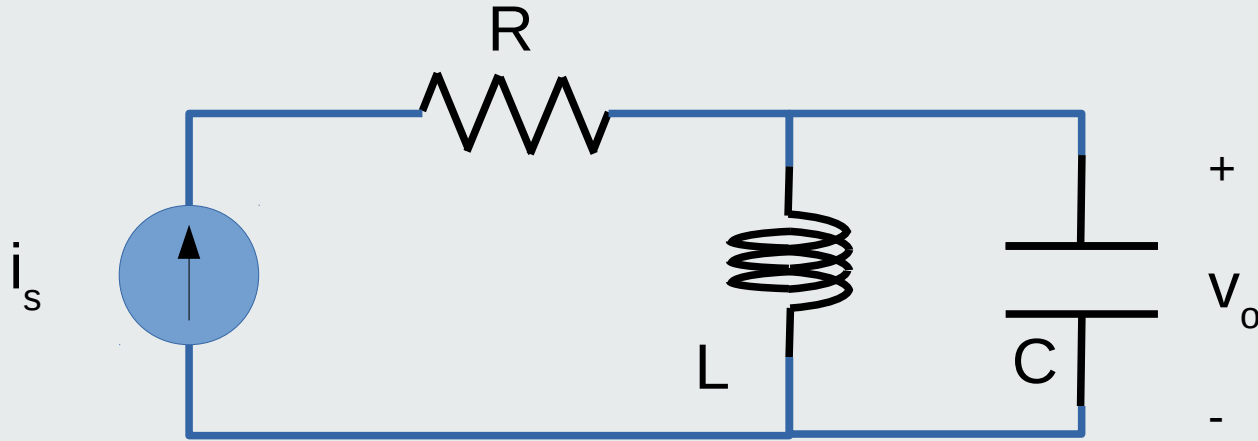
Get rid of transformer



# Ideal transformer models



# Filter qualitative analysis



- For low frequency the inductor impedance ( $j\omega L$ ) is low (short-circuit), and  $v_o$  is small – low frequencies are blocked
- For high frequency the capacitor impedance ( $1/j\omega C$ ) is low (short-circuit), and  $v_o$  is small – high frequencies are also blocked
- For intermediate frequencies, the LC parallel has non-zero impedance  $Z$ , and  $\tilde{V}_o = Z \tilde{I}_s$  will also be non-zero



# Filter quantitative analysis

$$\tilde{V}_o = Z \tilde{I}_s$$

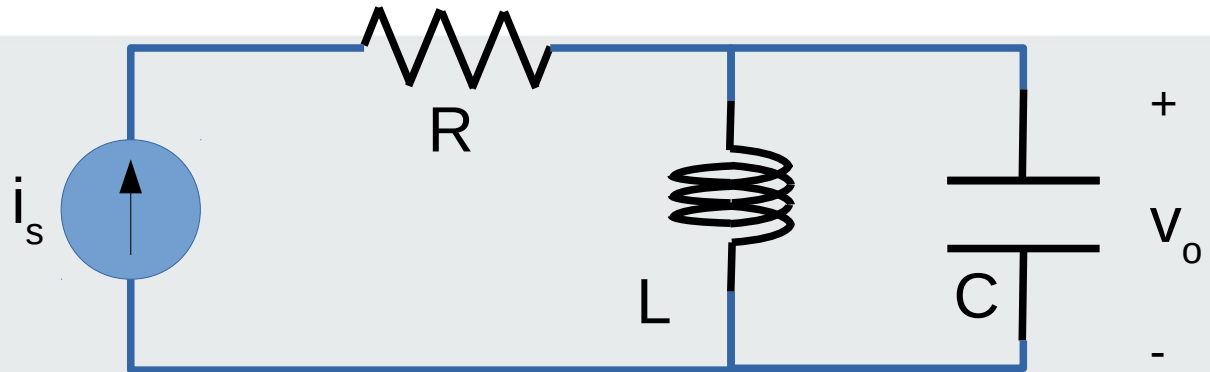
$$Z = Z_L \parallel Z_C = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{j\omega L} + j\omega C}$$

$$\frac{\tilde{V}_o}{\tilde{I}_s} = \frac{j\omega L}{1 - \omega^2 LC}$$

Frequency response  
= Equivalent impedance

$$\omega = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}} \Rightarrow Z = \infty \Rightarrow \tilde{V}_o = \infty !!$$

Resonant frequency

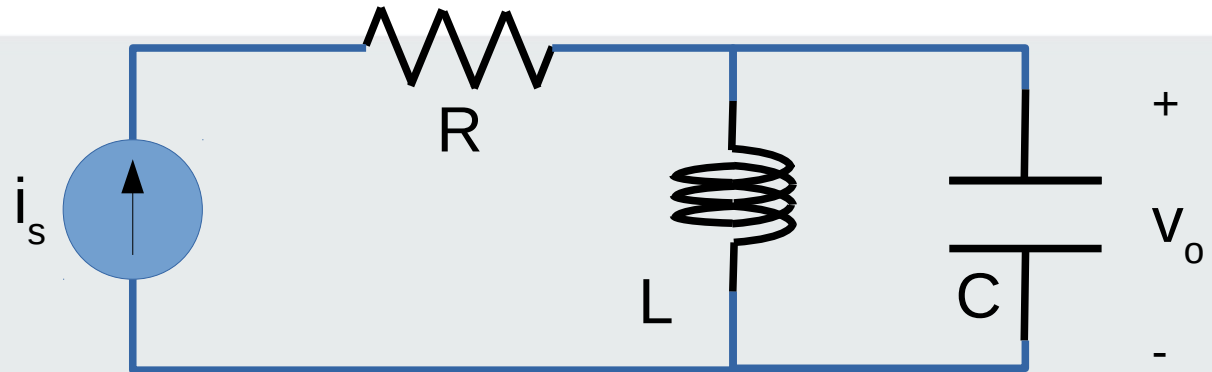


- For low frequency  $v_o$  is small (L is short-circuit) – low frequencies are blocked
- For high frequency  $v_o$  is small (C is short-circuit) – high frequencies are also blocked
- For intermediate frequencies,  $v_o$  is non-zero (Z is non-zero)
- For the resonant frequency the voltage magnitude is infinite ( $V=ZI$ , with Z large)!!
- Why? Because the **swing** is pushed by the source at its natural frequency!!

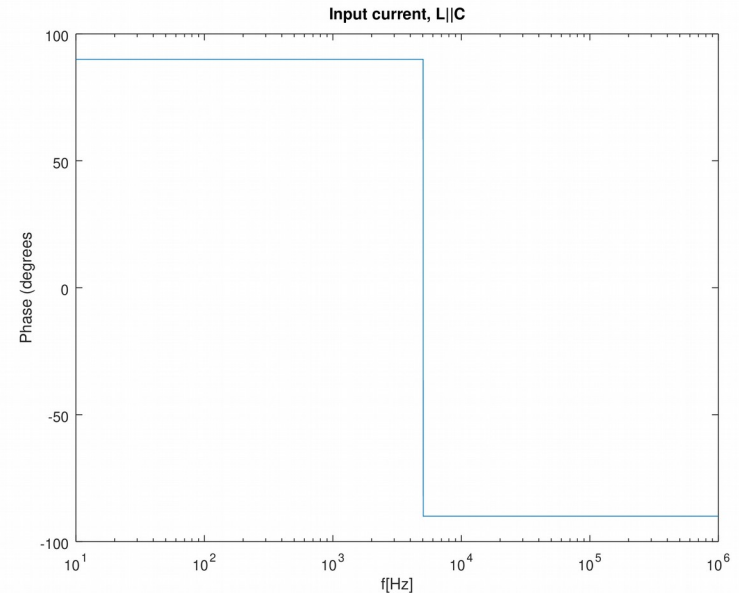
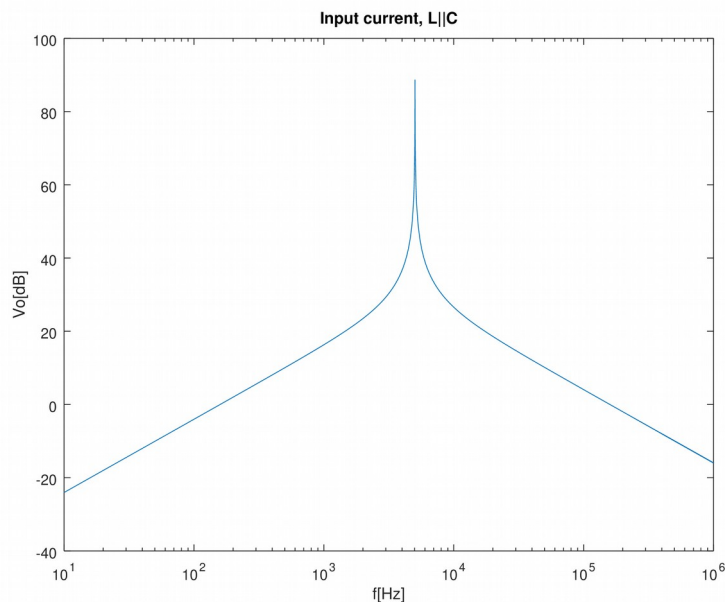
# Filter graphical analysis

Frequency response

$$\frac{\tilde{V}_o}{\tilde{I}_s} = \frac{j\omega L}{1 - \omega^2 LC}$$



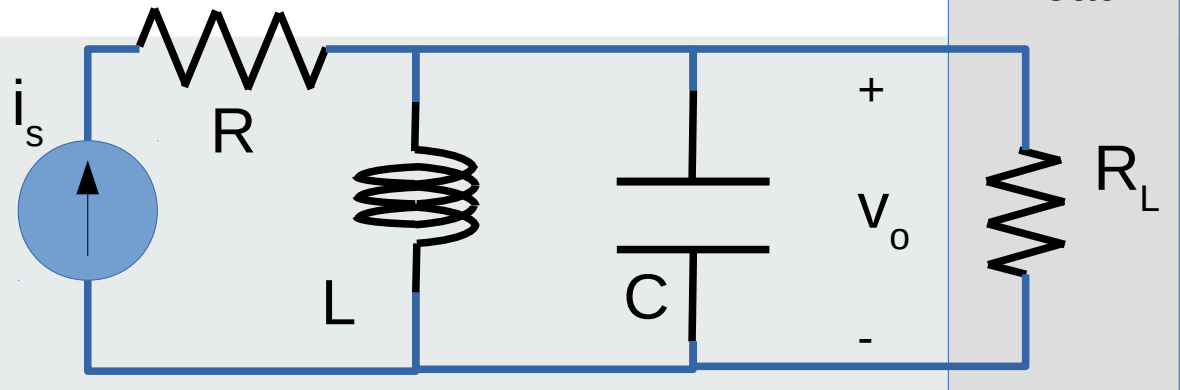
Very selective Band-Pass Filter



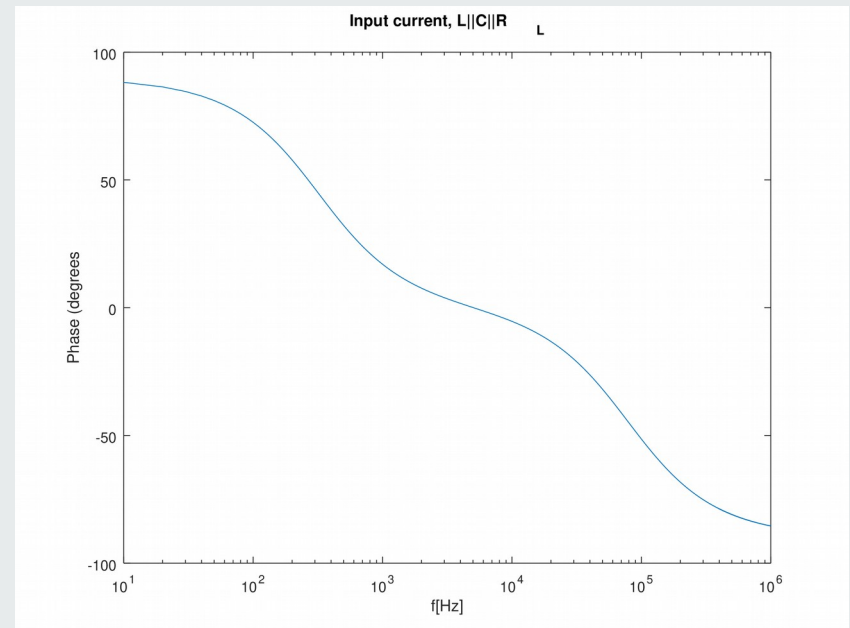
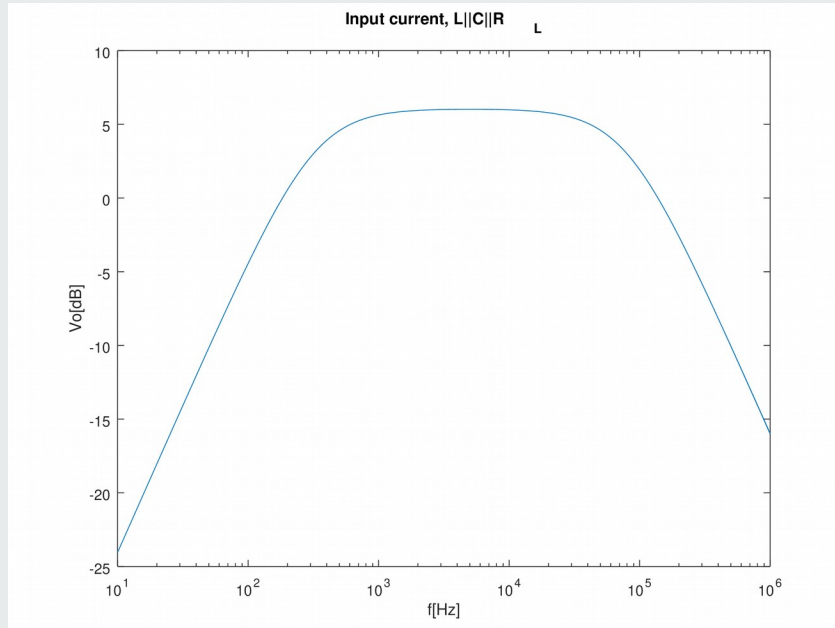
# Load resistor effect

Frequency response

$$\frac{\tilde{V}_o}{\tilde{I}_s} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{R_L} + \frac{1}{j\omega L} + j\omega C}$$



**Band-Pass Filter**

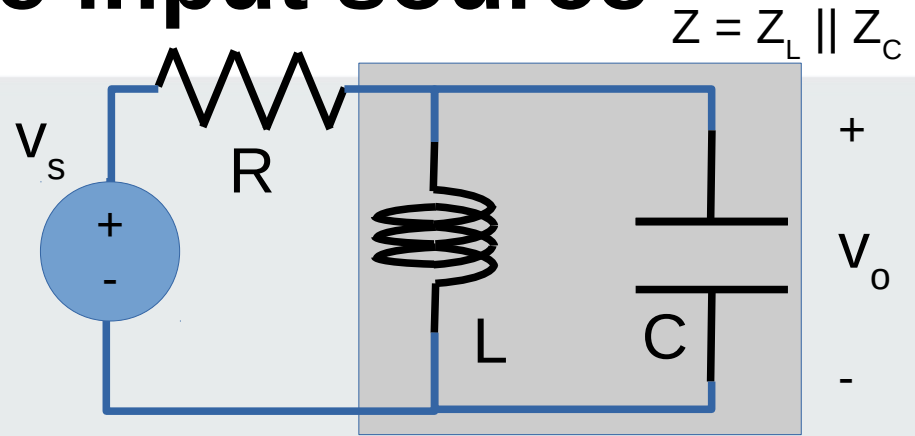




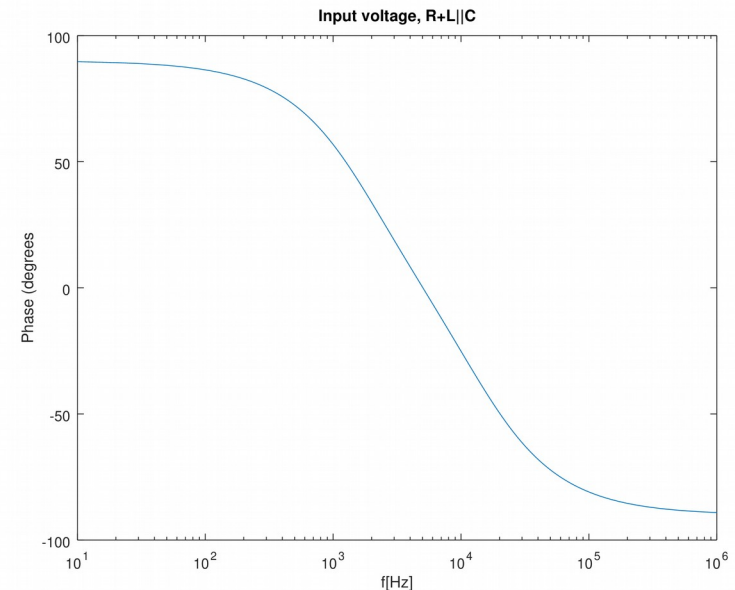
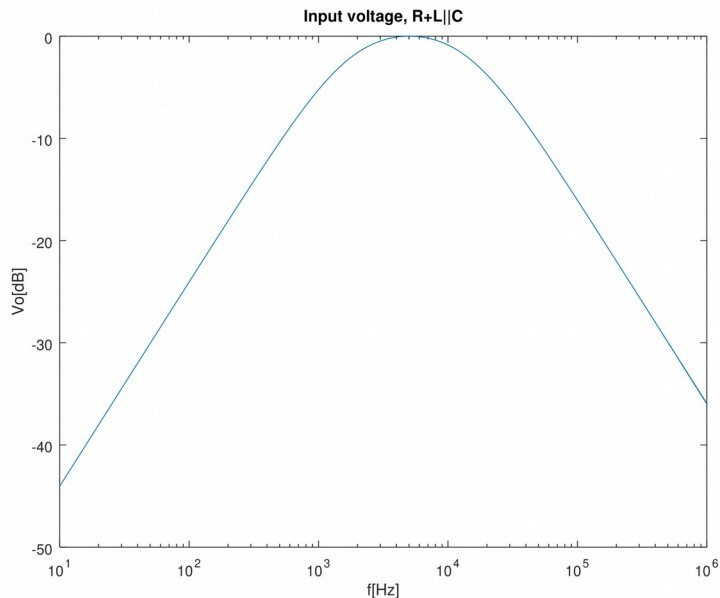
# Swap input current source with voltage input source

$$\frac{\tilde{V}_o}{\tilde{V}_s} = \frac{\frac{1}{\frac{1}{j\omega L} + j\omega C}}{R + \frac{1}{\frac{1}{j\omega L} + j\omega C}}$$

Voltage  
Divider



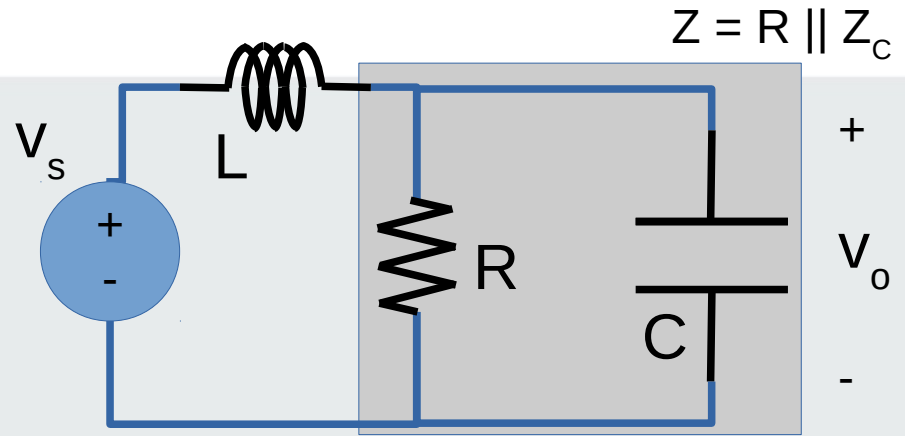
Band-Pass Filter



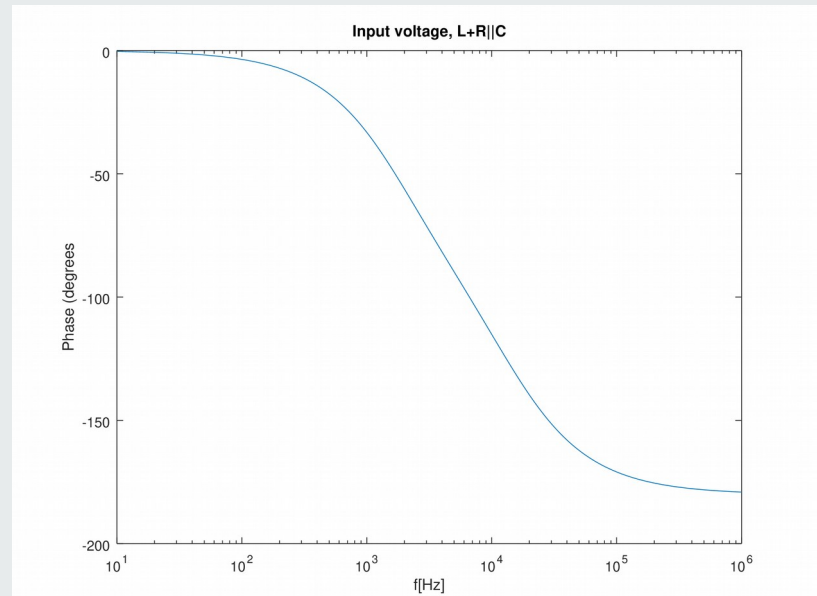
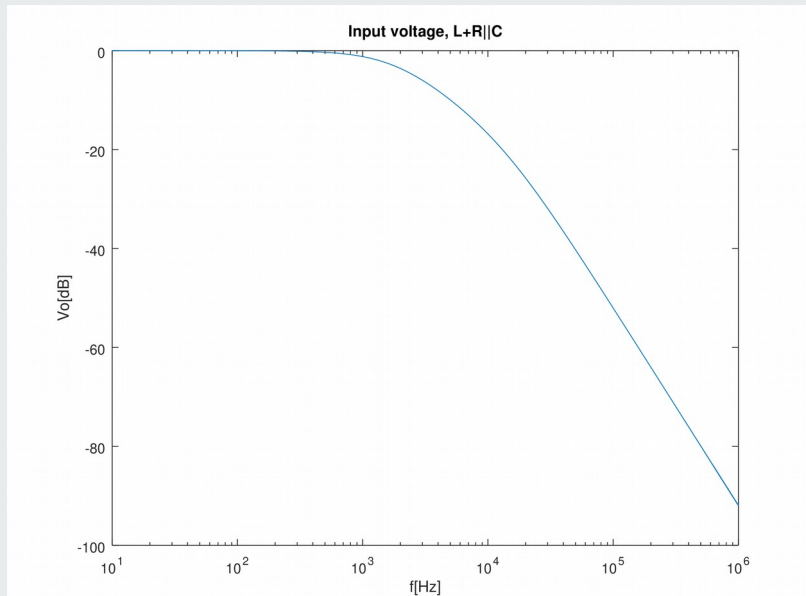
# Swap R with L

$$\frac{\tilde{V}_o}{\tilde{V}_s} = \frac{\frac{1}{\frac{1}{R} + j\omega C}}{j\omega L + \frac{1}{\frac{1}{R} + j\omega C}}$$

Voltage  
Divider



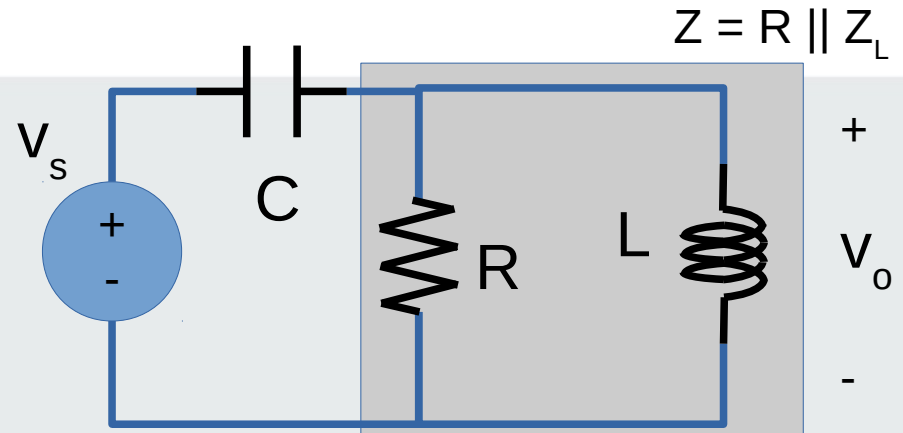
**Low-Pass Filter**



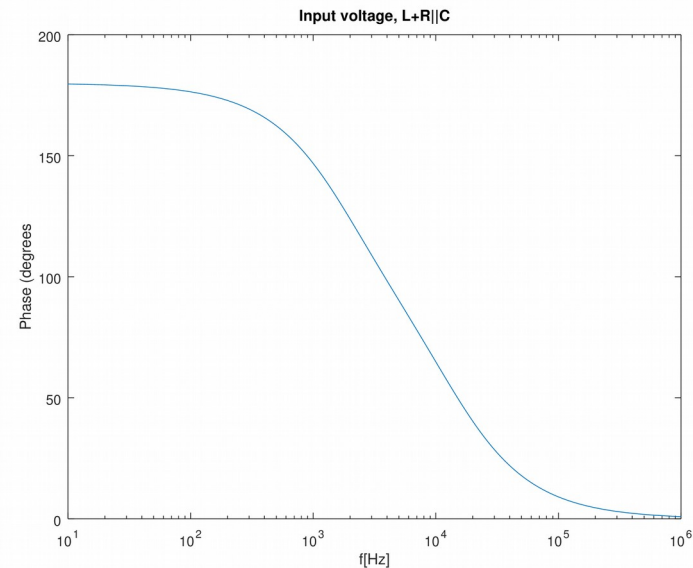
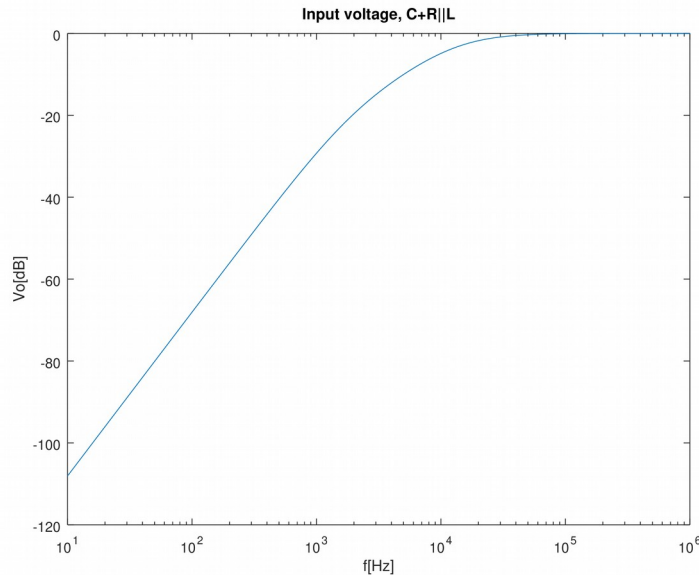
# Swap L with C

$$\frac{\tilde{V}_o}{\tilde{V}_s} = \frac{\frac{1}{\frac{1}{R} + \frac{1}{j\omega L}}}{\frac{1}{j\omega C} + \frac{1}{\frac{1}{R} + \frac{1}{j\omega L}}}$$

Voltage  
Divider



## High-Pass Filter



# Bode plots for the LC band-pass filter

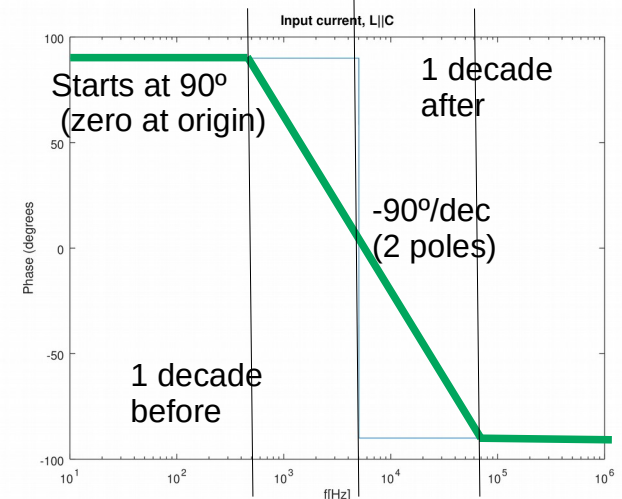
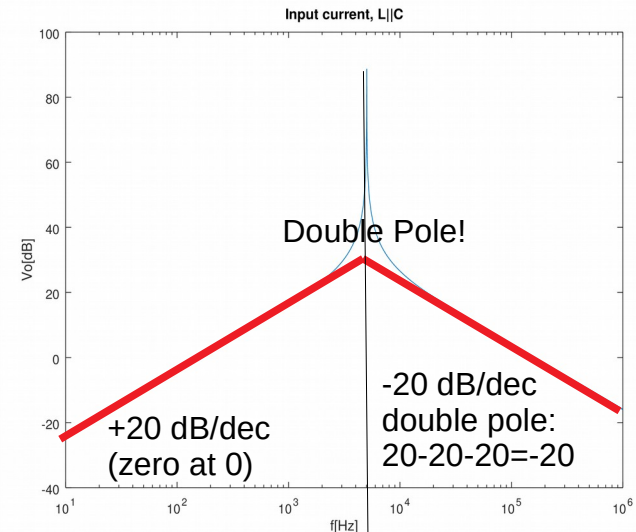
$$T(s) = \frac{V_o(s)}{I_s(s)} = \frac{1}{C} \frac{s}{s^2 + \frac{1}{LC}}$$

$s = 0$  → **Zero:** root of  $T(s)$  numerator

$s = \pm \frac{j}{\sqrt{LC}}$  → **Pole:** root of  $T(s)$  denominator

$|s| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$  **Pole frequency is the modulus**

- Each Zero adds 20dB/dec to  $|T|_{dB}$  slope
- Each Pole adds -20dB/dec to  $|T|_{dB}$  slope
- Each Zero adds 45°/dec to the  $T$  phase slope in the zero's +/- 1 decade interval
- Each Pole adds -45°/dec to the  $T$  phase slope in the pole's +/- 1 decade interval
- Effects are cumulative!

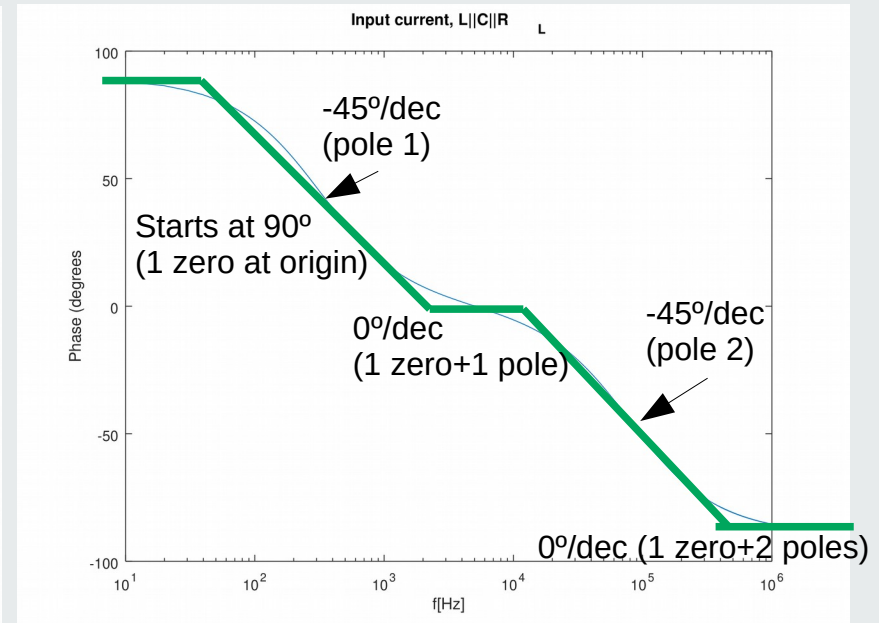
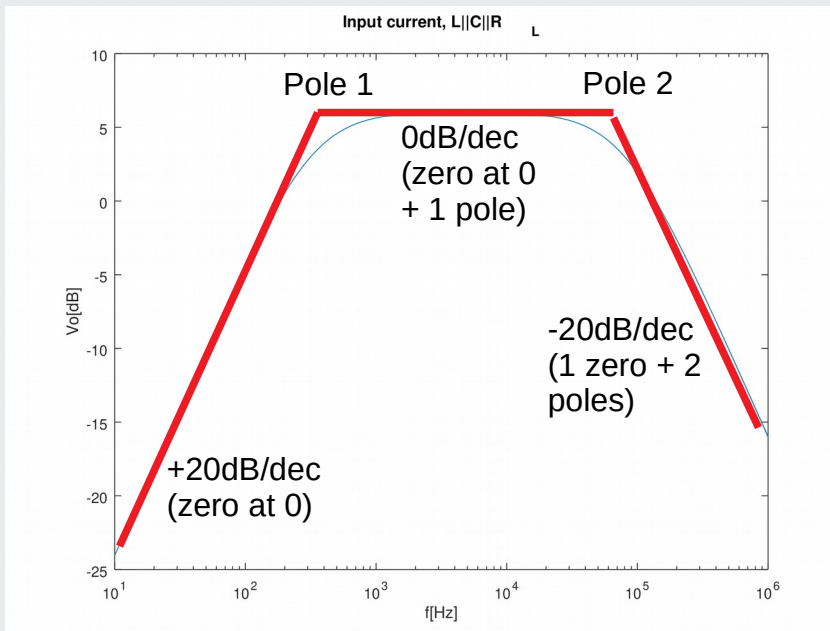


# Bode plots for the RLC band-pass filter

$$T(s) \frac{V_o(s)}{I_s(s)} = \frac{1}{C} \frac{s}{s^2 + \frac{1}{RC}s + 1}$$

Transfer Function:

- Zero at origin
- Two real negative Poles





# Conclusion

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