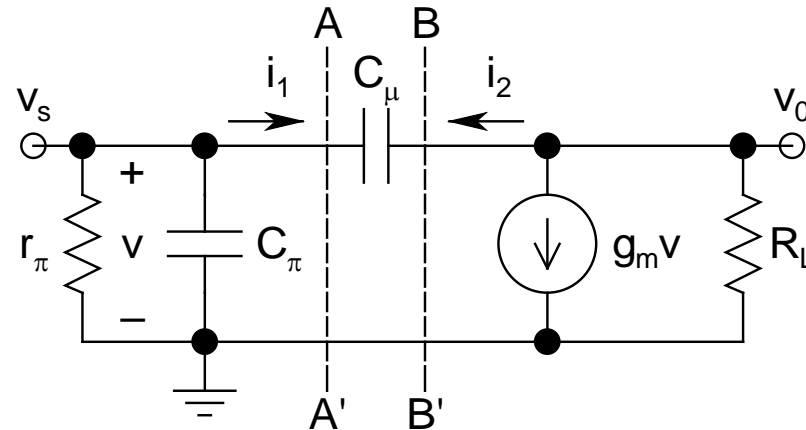


ac Schematic



High-Frequency Equivalent

- Identify  $C_\mu$  as the input-output coupling element
- After *application* of the *technique*, this *coupling element* will be *removed* by *splitting* it into *two parts* - *one at input*, *other at output*

➤ These *two parts* can be found by *evaluating* the *impedances* looking into the *planes* AA' and BB'

➤ *KCL at output node:*

$$g_m v + v_0/R_L + sC_\mu(v_0 - v) = 0$$

➤ Noting that  $v = v_s$ , the *voltage gain*:

$$A_v(s) = v_0/v_s = -g_m R_L (1 - sC_\mu/g_m) / (1 + sR_L C_\mu)$$

⇒ *Midband or low-frequency gain*:

$$A_v(0) = -g_m R_L$$

*This result can also be written from inspection*

- *Current entering plane AA' :*

$$i_1 = sC_\mu(v - v_0) = sC_\mu[1 - A_v(s)]v$$

- Hence, the *admittance* looking into the *plane* AA':

$$y|_{AA'} = i_1/v = sC_\mu[1 - A_v(s)]$$

- This *admittance* is *capacitive* in nature, and is known as the *Miller Capacitance*  $C_M$ :

$$C_M = C_\mu[1 - A_v(s)]$$

- Now, since  $A_v(s)$  is a function of frequency, *so would*  $C_M \Rightarrow$  *Problem!*

- Here, we invoke the *Miller Effect Approximation* (MEA)
  - $A_v(s)$  is replaced by  $A_v(0)$ , i.e., by its *midband value*, which is a *constant*
  - Thus,  $C_M$  becomes a constant with a value of
 
$$C_M = [1 - A_v(0)]C_\mu = (1 + g_m R_L)C_\mu$$
- Thus,  $C_M \gg C_\mu$ , since, in general,  $g_m R_L \gg 1$
- This effect is known as the *Miller Effect Multiplication*
- *Care: The gain that multiplies  $C_\mu$  is across its two ends*

- Similarly, *current entering plane BB'*:

$$i_2 = sC_\mu(v_0 - v) = sC_\mu[1 - 1/A_v(s)]v_0$$

- Hence, the *admittance* looking into the *plane BB'*:

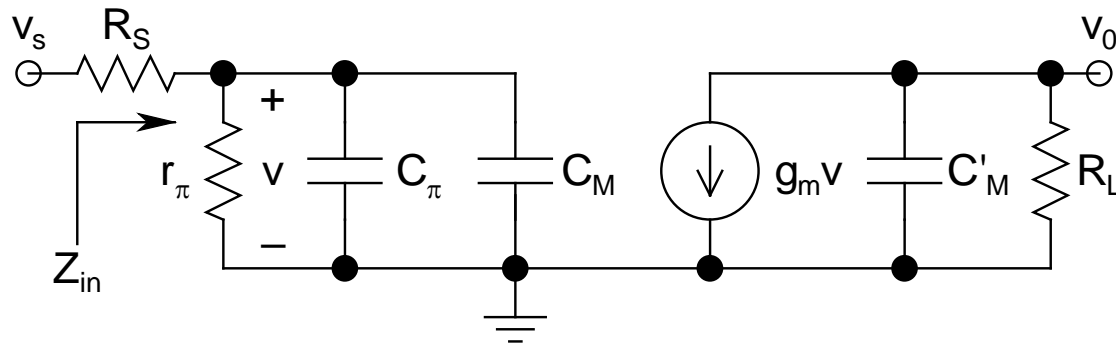
$$y'|_{BB'} = i_2/v_0 = sC_\mu[1 - 1/A_v(s)]$$

- Again *replacing*  $A_v(s)$  by  $A_v(0)$ , we get:

$$C'_M = [1 - 1/A_v(0)]C_\mu = [1 + 1/(g_m R_L)]C_\mu$$

- In general,  $g_m R_L \gg 1 \Rightarrow C'_M \simeq C_\mu$

- $C_\mu$  can now be **removed** as the **coupling element**, **split into 2 parts**  $C_M$  and  $C'_M$ , with  $C_M$  appearing in the **input circuit** and  $C'_M$  appearing in the **output circuit**
- Now, **include  $R_S$**  - note that the circuit is **completely decoupled** now



**Complete Circuit Including  $R_S$**

$$\triangleright Z_{\text{in}} = r_{\pi} \parallel [1/(sC_T) = r_{\pi}/(1 + sr_{\pi}C_T)]$$

$$C_T = C_{\pi} + C_M$$

$$\Rightarrow v = \frac{Z_{\text{in}}}{Z_{\text{in}} + R_S} v_s$$

$$= \frac{r_{\pi}}{(R_S + r_{\pi}) \left[ 1 + sr_{\pi}R_S C_T / (R_S + r_{\pi}) \right]} v_s$$

$$v_0 = -g_m \left( R_L \parallel \frac{1}{sC'_M} \right) v = -\frac{g_m R_L}{1 + sR_L C'_M} v$$

➤ Thus:

$$A_v(s) = \frac{V_0}{V_s}$$
$$= -g_m R_L \frac{r_\pi}{R_S + r_\pi} \frac{1}{\left[1 + sR_S r_\pi C_T / (R_S + r_\pi)\right] (1 + sR_L C'_M)}$$

➤ *Comparing* this expression with

$$A_v(s) = \frac{A_{v0}}{(1 - s/p_1)(1 - s/p_2)}$$



we note that the *denominator* is already in a *factorized form*

- $A_{v0} = \text{midband gain} = -g_m R_L r_\pi / (R_S + r_\pi)$
- The *transfer function* shows that the system has *two negative real poles* and *no zero*  
 $\Rightarrow$  *Information regarding the zero is suppressed by this technique*
- Also, the *two poles* obtained by *this technique* are *not identical* to those obtained from the *exact analysis*