
Subject: 300B cascode + grid choke Spice simulation

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There`s a E182CC cascode driver + 300 B SE stage simulation. I substituted 220k grid resistor with grid choke model, consists of (constant) inductance in series with its winding resistance, and with stray shunt capacitance, C_w . The $C_w=200\text{pF}$ value I "made up", like not too good example. This is a simplified model, but "good enough" for our simplified considerations :-). Our driver has some good properties (low Miller capacitance, amplification ~ 35 , good sound), but unfortunately, has $R_{out}\sim R_a$, or 12kOhms in this example. The simulated frequency response we can see in lower diagram - high frequency started to fall after 20kHz, and we have LF resonance ($\sim 8\text{dB}$) on 10Hz. For later, if we want to avoid this and have a linear response down to 2Hz, we must use a much larger coupling cap C_i , about $4,7\mu\text{F}$. And for HF - use a grid choke with smaller C_w , or another driver - with lower R_{out} . If we use, say, common cathode 6C45Pi, our R_{out} would be much smaller, about 1/10 then cascode, and now HF "falling" problem is gone, but 10Hz "hump" would be even larger - need larger C_i ... Knowing C_w helps a lot in design process - especially with rel. high R_{out} drivers (cascode, pentode, some triodes).
