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OPAMP ROLLING IN AUDIO APPLICATIONS
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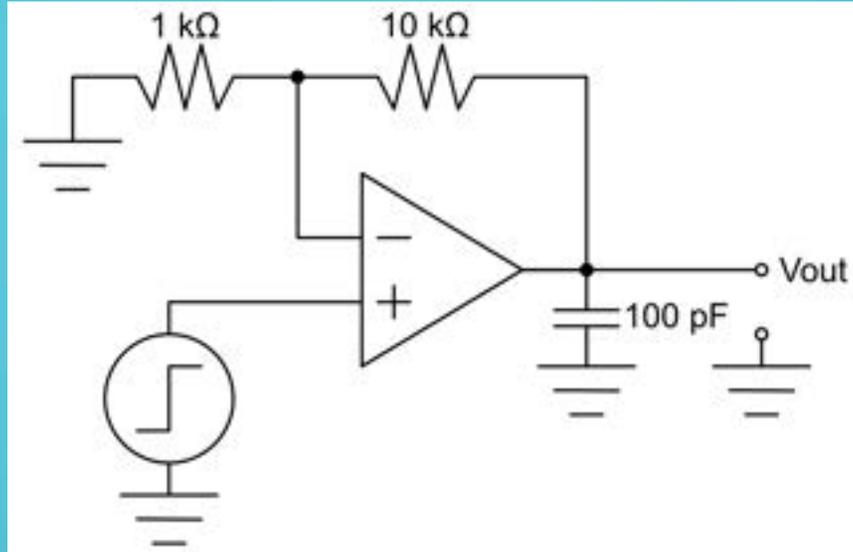
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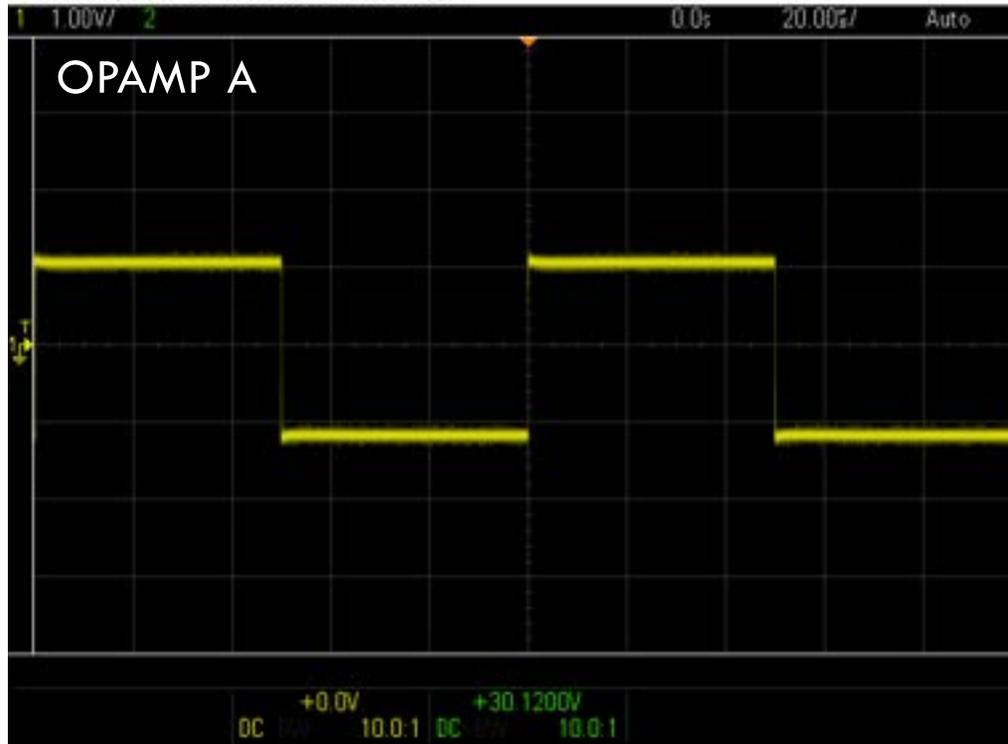


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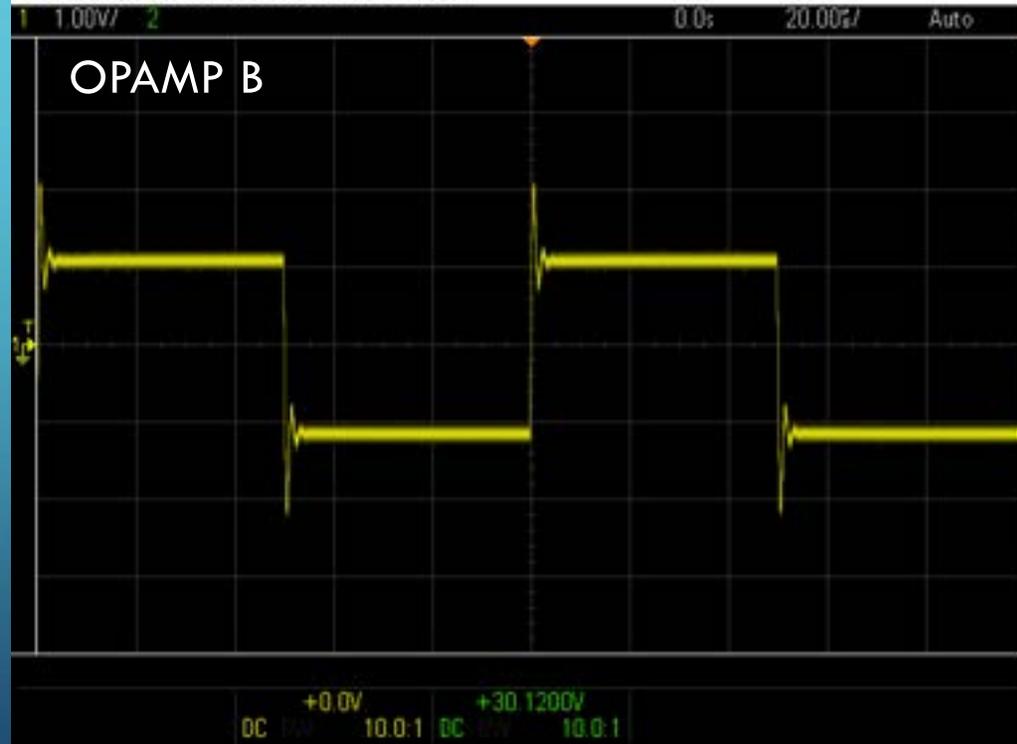




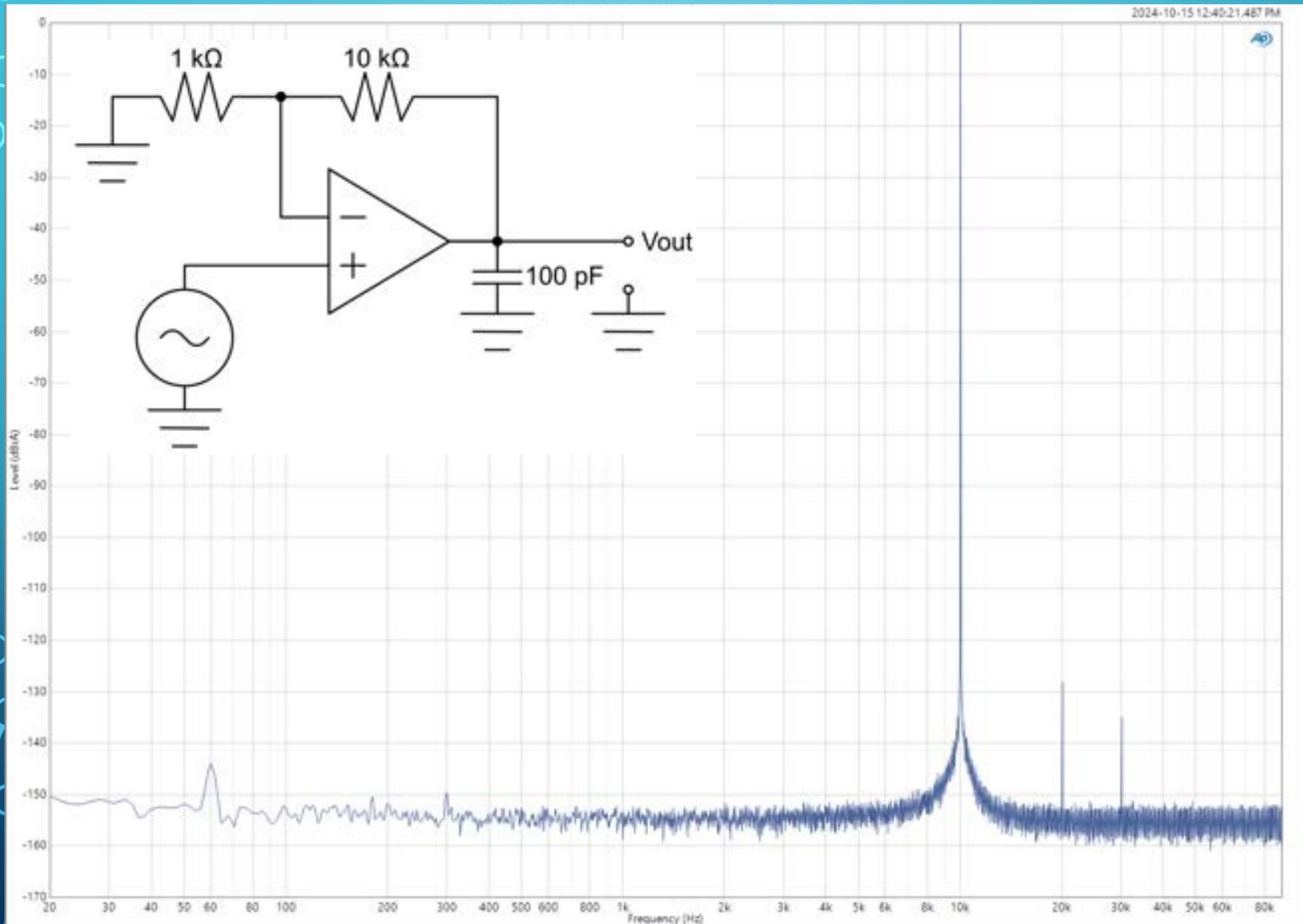
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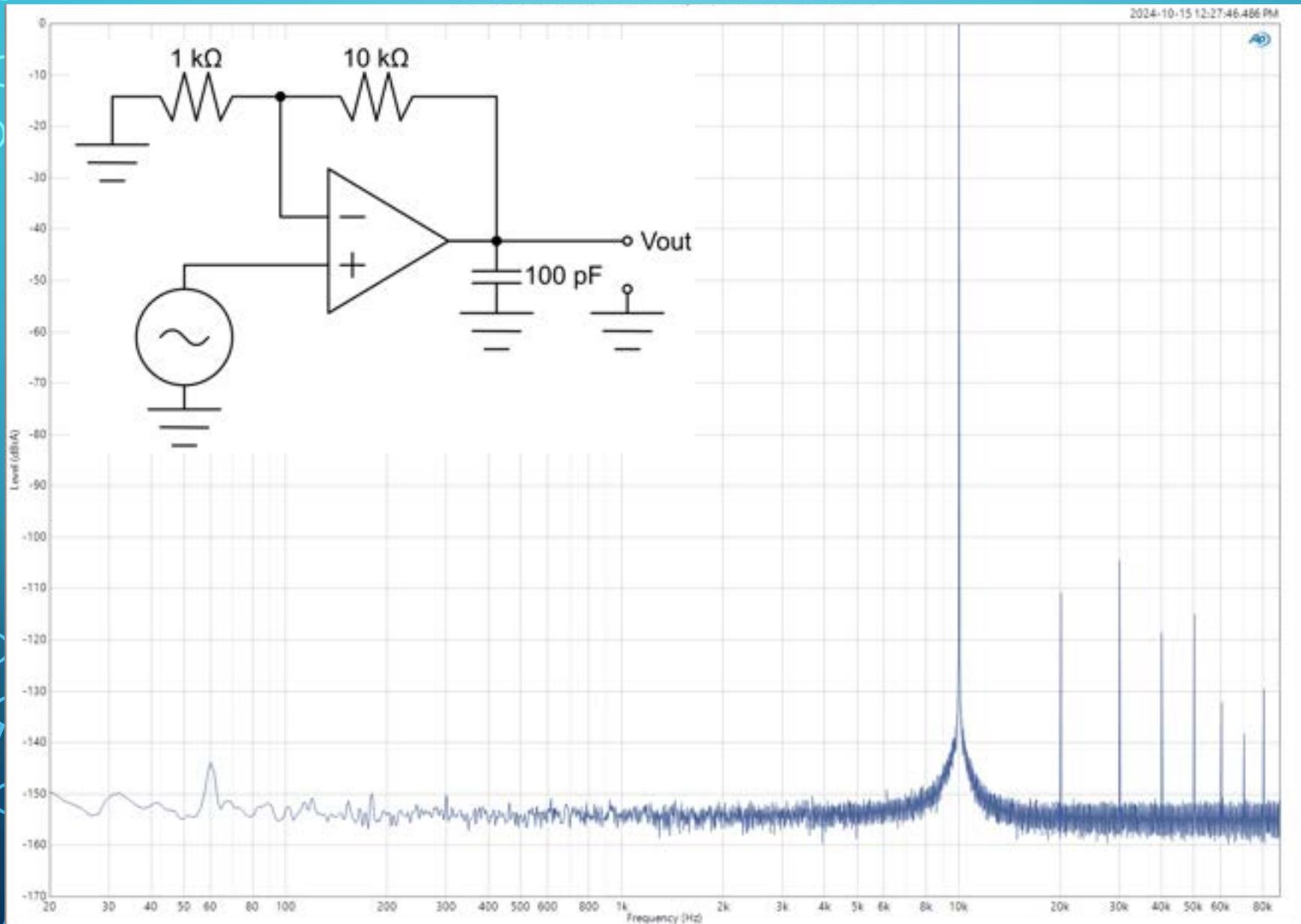
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OPAMP A

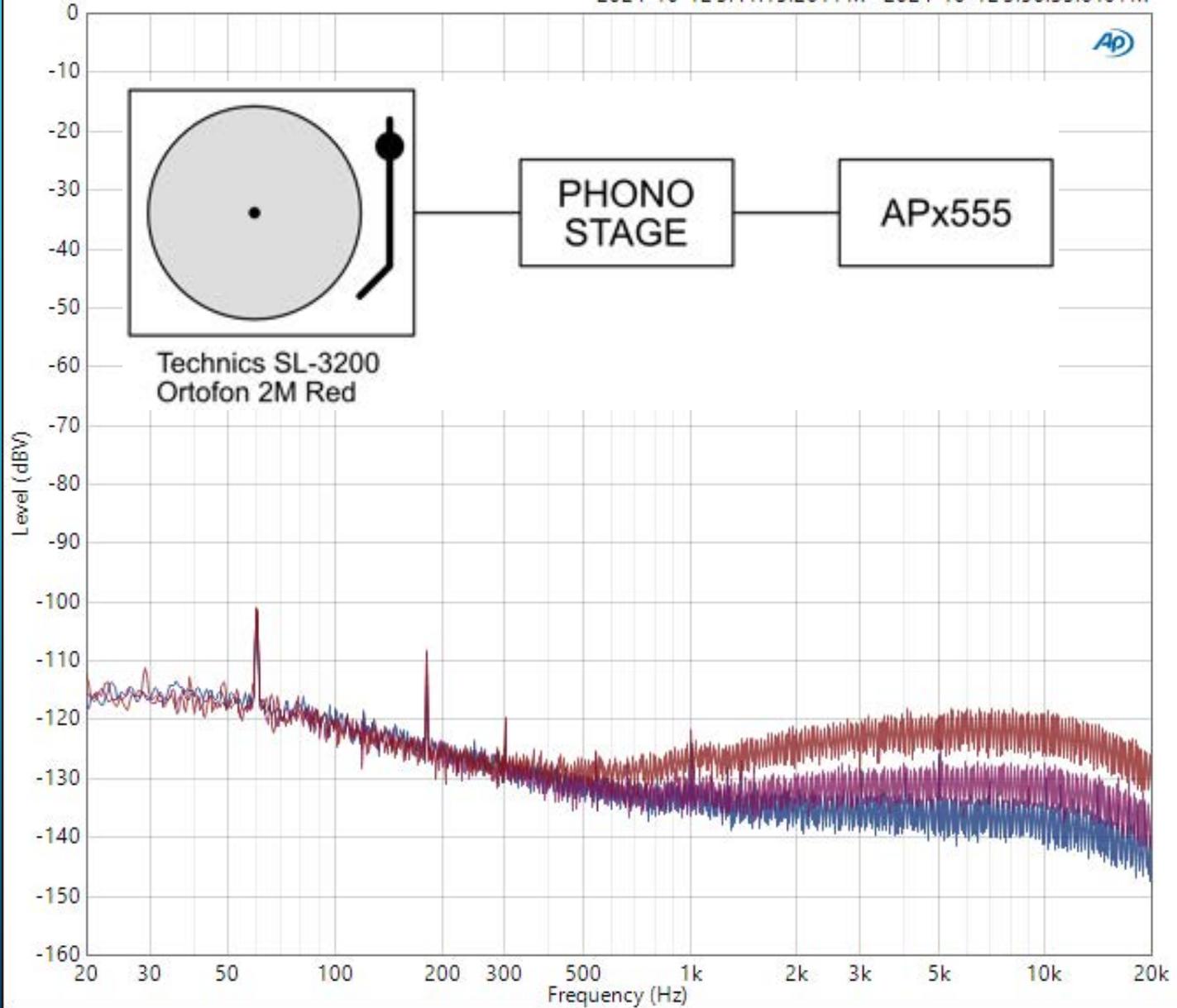


OPAMP B



Residual Hum & Noise (128k FFT, 16 averages)

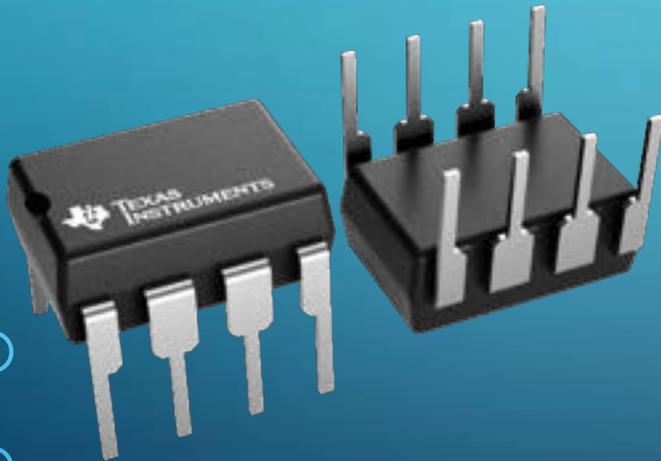
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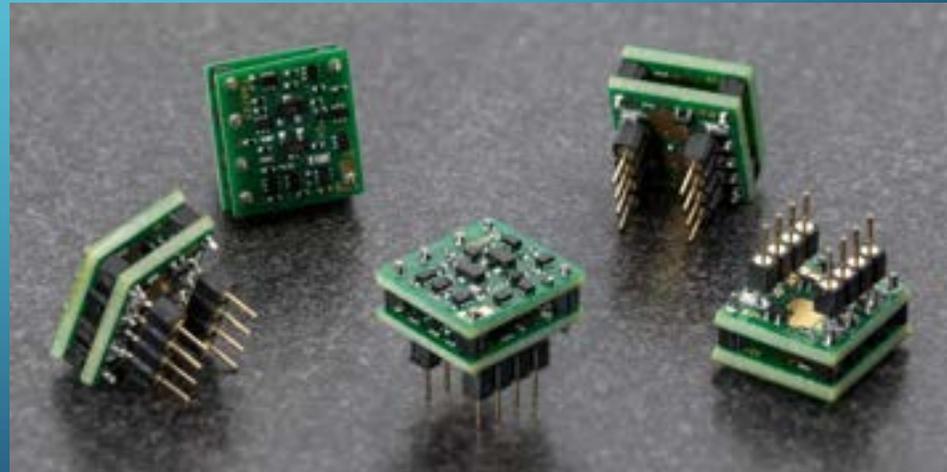
OPAMP A
OPAMP B
OPAMP C

OUR CONTESTANTS ARE ...

- OPAMP A \$6.59 TI OPA1612AIDR
- OPAMP B \$79.80 Sparkos SS3602 (Discrete)
- OPAMP C \$2.10 TI OPA1642AIDR



(Texas Instruments)



(Sparkos)

ROLL THE OPAMP – ROLL THE DICE

- Discrete vs Integrated
- Stability Analysis
- Real World Example #1 – Gain Stage
- Real World Example #2 – Phono Stage
- Lessons Learned
- Questions

DISCRETE VS INTEGRATED



Supreme Sound Opamp V7 Data

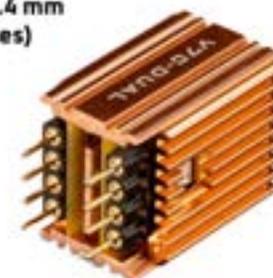
The Supreme Sound V7 Operational Amplifier (SS Opamp) is the product of a new development, leveraging a legacy of 20 years of expertise in audio technology. The operational amplifier is designed with a singular focus on delivering superior performance in contrast to conventional integrated circuit operational amplifier designs. Burson's approach for the SS Opamp emphasises minimising open-loop drift, and achieving low offset. Furthermore, the SS Opamp distinguishes itself through its versatile power supply compatibility, key features for outstanding analog performance.

The design's input stage features a pair of meticulously matched field-effect transistors, a two-stage screening process to ensure optimal compatibility and performance. The consistent, high-quality amplification core of the SS Opamp is moving away from traditional voltage amplification methods. This design effectively reduces the RC parameter of the current limiting resistor's value, effectively reducing the RC parameter of the response.

Enhancing its capabilities further, the SS Opamp includes another set of output transistors, facilitating a high drive current and low output impedance. This design is adaptable and suitable for various audio applications, providing robust performance and low impedance.

Height: 20 mm
(0.78 inches)

Width: 15.4 mm
(0.60 inches)



Depth: 13.4 mm
(0.52 inches)

Dual: 5.7g (0.2 Ounce) Single: 4.5g (0.26 Ounce)

		Measurement		
Absolute Maximum Ratings		Min	Typ	Max
Supply Voltage		+/-4 V	+/-15V	+/- 16V
Operating Ambient Temperature		-25°C		60°C
Storage temperature range		-65°C		80°C
DC Characteristics		Conditions	Testing Temperature 25°C Supply Voltage +/-15V	
Quiescent Current (mA)			Single 10mA Dual 20mA	
Input offset voltage (mV)	$I_i = 0$	0.05 mV	0.1 mV	
Input offset current (mA)		0.08 mA	0.12 mA	0.15 mA
Input BIAS current (µA)		120 µA	150 µA	300 µA
Common-Mode Rejection Ratio			100 dB	
Power Supply Rejection Ratio			15 µV/V	
AC Characteristics		Conditions	Testing Temperature 25°C Supply Voltage +/-12V	
Open-loop gain (dB)			66 dB	
Open-loop bandwidth (dB)	$R_L = 600\Omega$		48 KHz	
Gain Bandwidth Product (MHz)	@ 100KHz		55 MHz	
Slew Rate (V/µs)	$f = 10\text{kHz}; R_S = 20\Omega$	35V/µs		5V/µs
Input Resistance (kOhm)			50kΩ	
Crosstalk distortion (dB) [Dual Opamp]	$f = 1\text{kHz}; R_S = 600\Omega$		>96dB	
Total Harmonic Distortion (%) 1KHz @ 2V output	$R_L = 600\Omega$		0.018%	
Output Impedance (Ohm)	$A_V = 30\text{dB}$ Closed-loop $f = 10\text{kHz}, R_L = 600\Omega$		0.40Ω	

(Burson)

DISCRETE VS INTEGRATED



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1 Features

- Superior Sound
- Ultralow Noise: 1
- Ultralow Distortion: 0.000015% at 11
- High Slew Rate:
- Wide Bandwidth:
- High Open-Loop Gain
- Unity Gain Stable
- Low Quiescent Current: 3.6 mA per Channel
- Rail-to-Rail Output
- Wide Supply Range
- Single and Dual

2 Applications

- Professional Audio
- Microphone Preamp
- Analog and Digital
- Broadcast Studio
- Audio Test and Measurement
- High-End A/V Receivers

6.4 Electrical Characteristics: Voltage

At $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$ and $R_L = 2\text{ k}\Omega$, unless otherwise specified.

AUDIO PERFORMANCE

PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX
THD+N	To	-	-	-
IMD	Int	-	-	-

FREQUENCY RESPONSE

GBW	Gain	-	-	-
SR	Slew Rate	-	-	-
F_{-3dB}	Frequency	-	-	-
C_{LOAD}	Capacitive load drive	-	-	-

POWER SUPPLY

V_{S}	Specified voltage	-	-	-
I_Q	Quiescent current (per channel)	-	-	-
I_Q	I_Q over Temperature ⁽¹⁾	-	-	-

NOISE

e_n	Input	-	-	-
i_b	Input	-	-	-
i_o	Output	-	-	-

TEMPERATURE RANGE

T_{OP}	Operating range	-	-	-
θ_{JA}	Thermal resistance, junction-to-ambient	-	-	-

OFFSET VOLTAGE

V_{OS}	Input offset voltage	-	-	-
dV_{OS}/dT	V_{OS} over temperature ⁽²⁾	-	-	-
PSRR	Power-supply rejection ratio	-	-	-

INPUT BIAS CURRENT

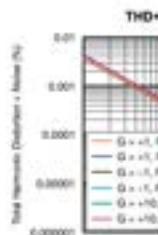
I_b	Input bias current	-	-	-
I_b	I_b over temperature ⁽²⁾	-	-	-
I_{OS}	Input offset current	-	-	-

INPUT VOLTAGE RANGE

V_{CM}	Common-mode voltage range	-	-	-
CMRR	Common-mode rejection ratio	-	-	-

INPUT IMPEDANCE

	Differential	-	-	-
	Common-mode	-	-	-



6.5 Typical Characteristics

At $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$, $V_{S} = \pm 15\text{ V}$, and $R_L = 2\text{ k}\Omega$, unless otherwise specified.



Figure 1. Input Bias Current

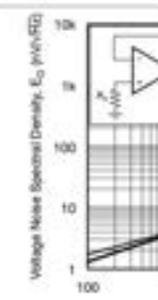


Figure 3. Voltage Noise Spectral Density

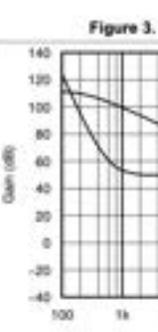


Figure 3. Gain

OPA1611, OPA1612

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7 Detailed Information

7.1 Overview

The OPA1611 is an ultralow-noise, low-distortion, high-slew-rate, rail-to-rail input/output, single-supply, unity-gain stable operational amplifier.

7.2 Function

Designers often use the OPA1611 in applications where low noise and low distortion are critical. Additionally, its rail-to-rail input/output and single-supply operation are useful in portable and battery-powered applications.

10 Layout

10.1 Layout Guidelines

For best operational performance of the device, use good printed circuit board (PCB) layout practices, including:

- Noise can propagate into analog circuitry through the power pins of the circuit as a whole and the op amp itself. Bypass capacitors are used to reduce the coupled noise by providing low-impedance power sources local to the analog circuitry.
 - Connect low-ESR, 0.1- μF ceramic bypass capacitors between each supply pin and ground, placed as close to the device as possible. A single bypass capacitor from $V+$ to ground is applicable for single-supply applications.
- Separate grounding for analog and digital portions of the circuitry is one of the simplest and most-effective methods of noise suppression. One or more layers on multilayer PCBs are usually devoted to ground planes. A ground plane helps distribute heat and reduces EMI noise pickup. Make sure to physically separate digital and analog grounds while paying attention to the flow of the ground current. For more detailed information, refer to the application report *Circuit Board Layout Techniques* (SLOA089).
- In order to reduce parasitic coupling, run the input traces as far away from the supply or output traces as possible. If these traces cannot be kept them separate, crossing the sensitive trace perpendicular as opposed to in parallel with the noisy trace is the preferred method.
- Place the external components as close to the device as possible. As shown in Figure 36, keeping RF and RG close to the inverting input minimizes parasitic capacitance.
- Keep the length of input traces as short as possible. Always remember that the input traces are the most sensitive part of the circuit.
- Consider a driven, low-impedance guard ring around the critical traces. A guard ring can significantly reduce leakage currents from nearby traces that are at different potentials.

10.2 Layout Example

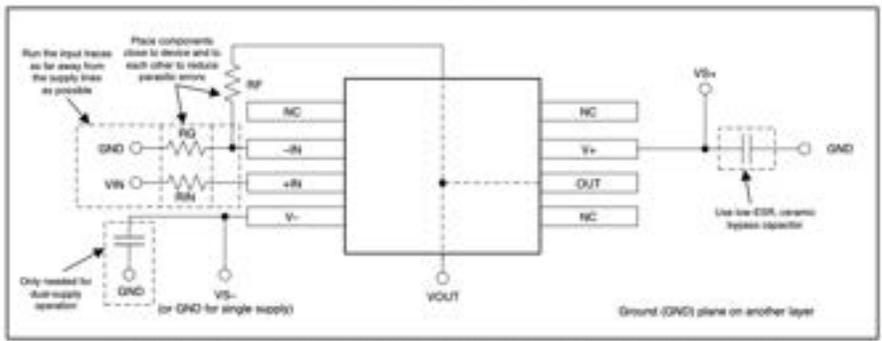
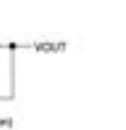
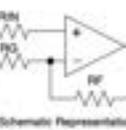


Figure 36. Operational Amplifier Board Layout for a Noninverting Configuration

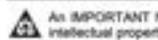
7.3 Feature 1

7.3.1 Power Dissipation

The OPA1611 is a rail-to-rail input/output, single-supply, unity-gain stable operational amplifier. Its conventional micro package helps dissipate heat. Soldering the device to the PCB is essential for proper operation.

7.3.2 Electrical Characteristics

Designers often use the OPA1611 in applications where low noise and low distortion are critical. Additionally, its rail-to-rail input/output and single-supply operation are useful in portable and battery-powered applications.



(1) Full-power bandwidth = $SR / (2\pi \times V_P)$, where V_P is the peak-to-peak output voltage.
 (2) Specified by design and characterization.

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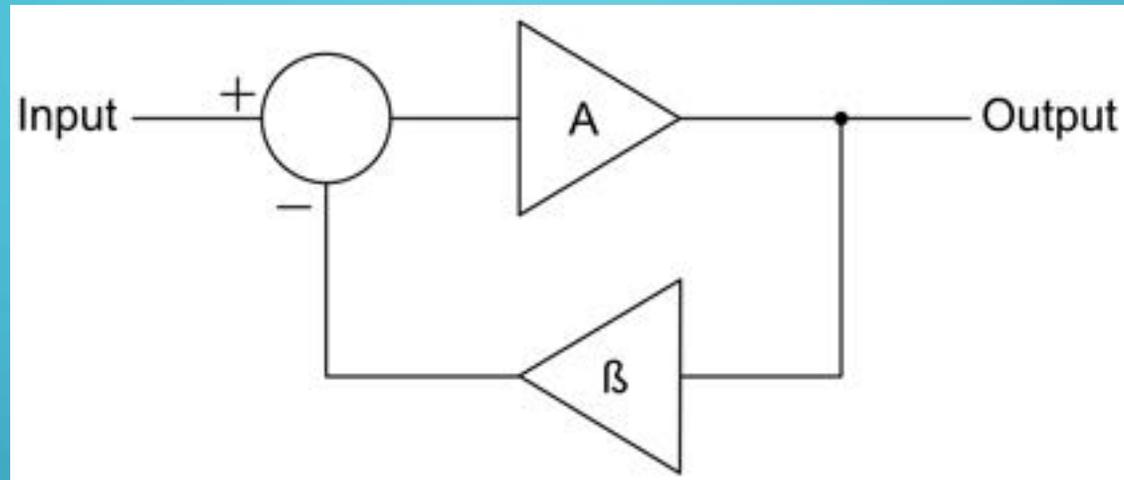
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- Staccato OSH-DHA: \$89.00
- Burson V7 Pro, Vivid: \$89.28

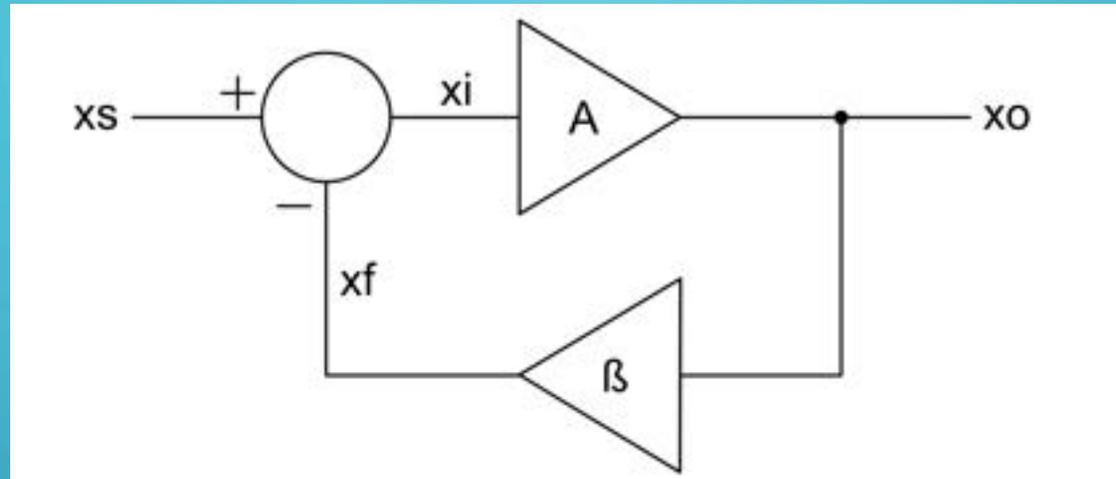
INTEGRATED (DUAL) – QTY 1 (Mouser)

- TI OPA1642AIDR: \$2.10
- TI LME49720NA/NOPB: \$3.69
- TI OPA1612AIDR: \$6.59

STABILITY ANALYSIS



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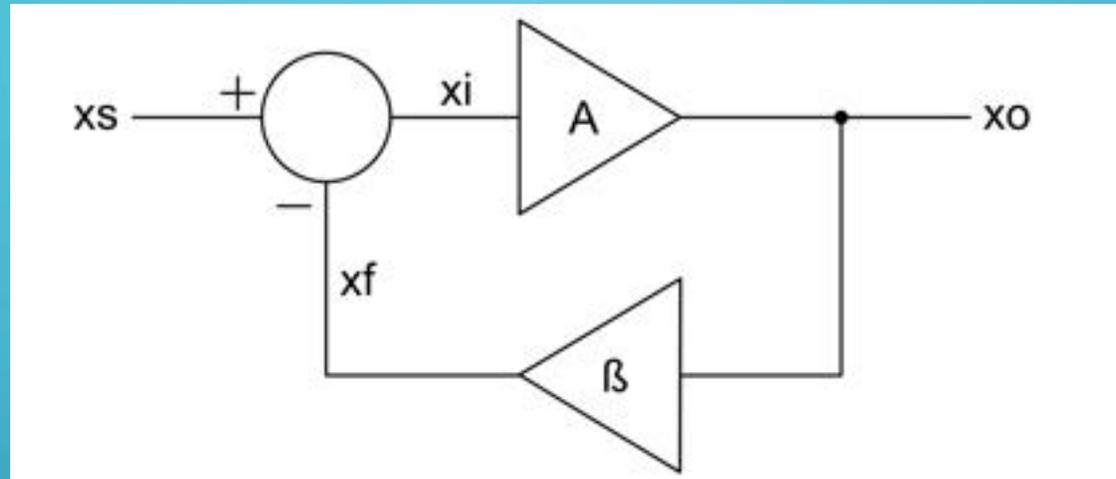


$$x_o = A \cdot x_i$$

$$x_f = \beta \cdot x_o$$

$$x_i = x_s - x_f$$

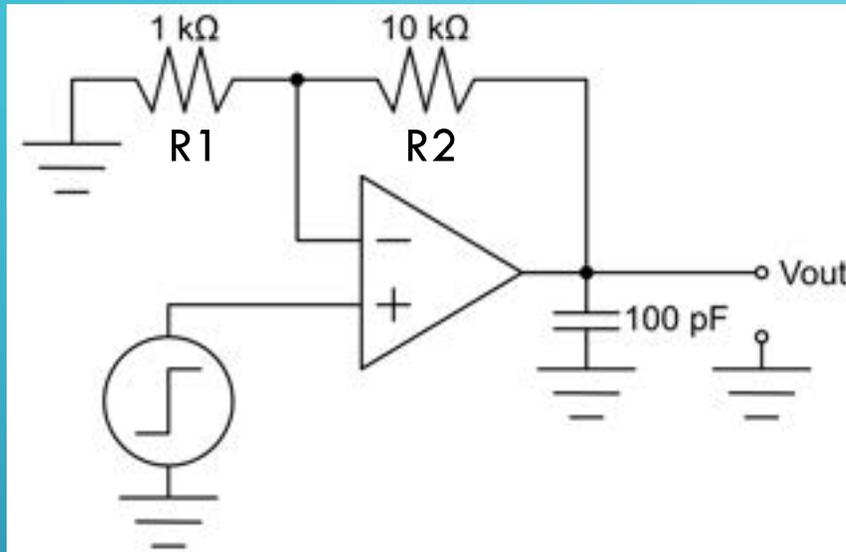
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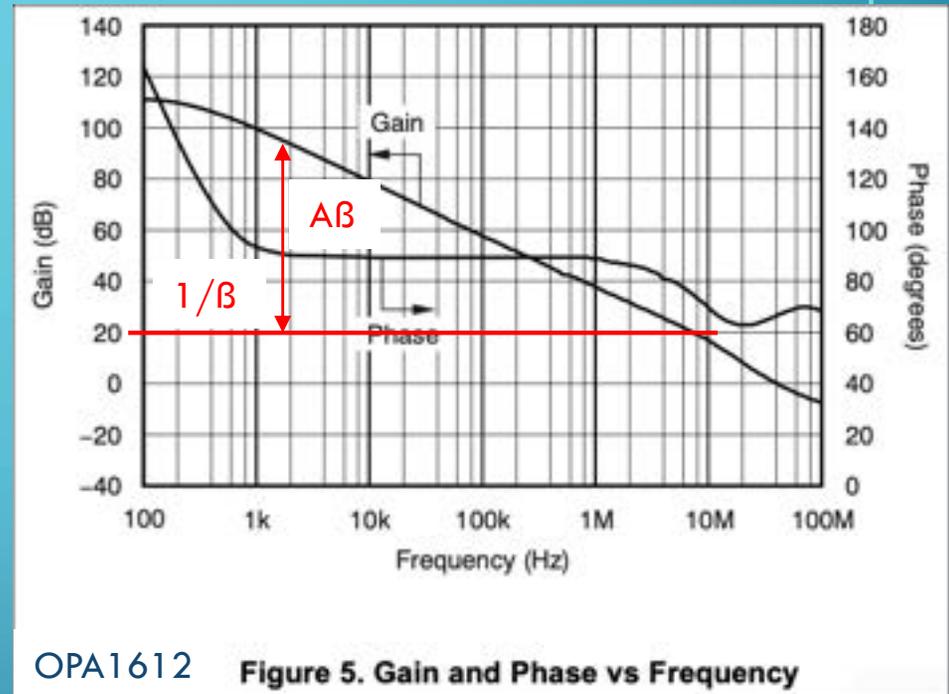
$$A_{CL} = \frac{x_o}{x_s} = \frac{A}{1 + A\beta}$$

For $A\beta \gg 1$ $A_{CL} \approx \frac{1}{\beta}$

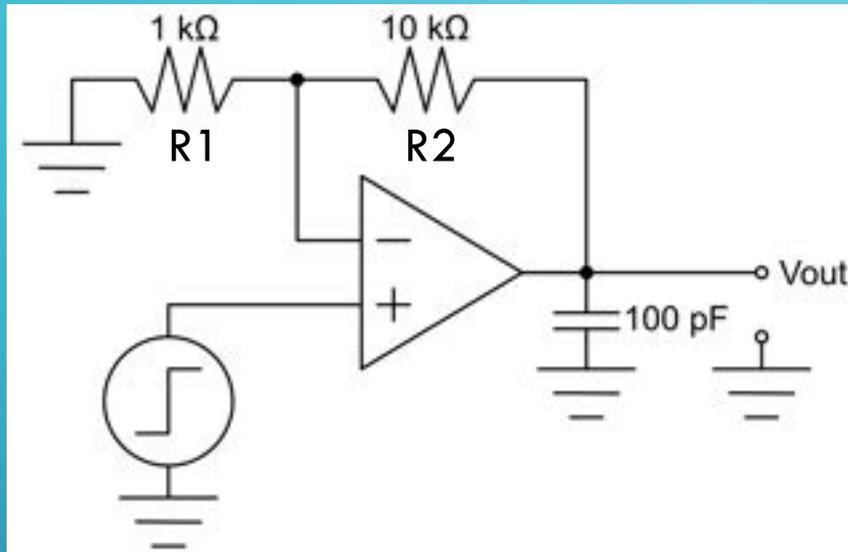
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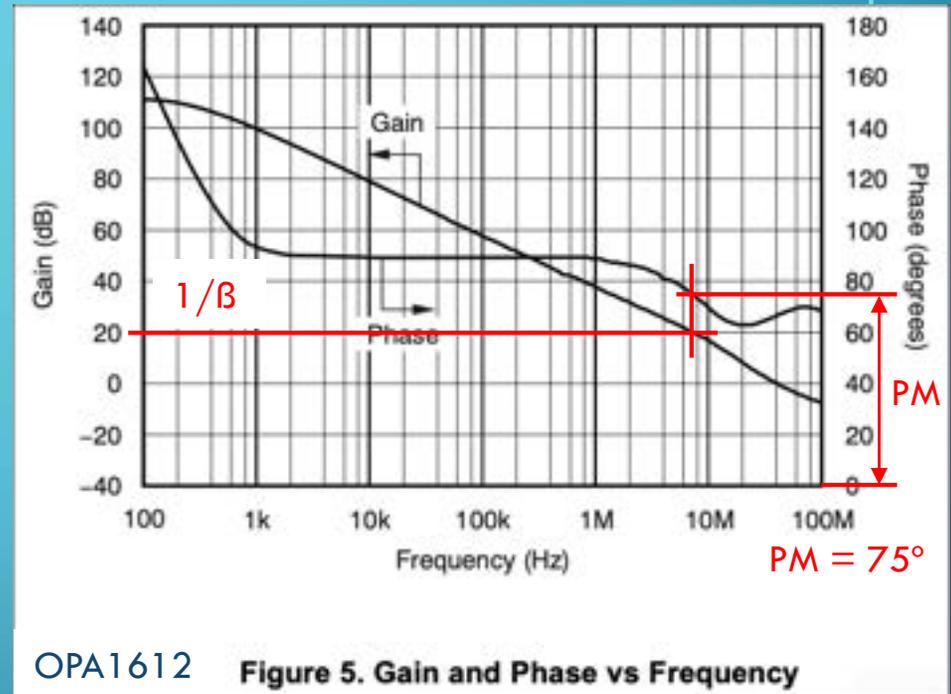
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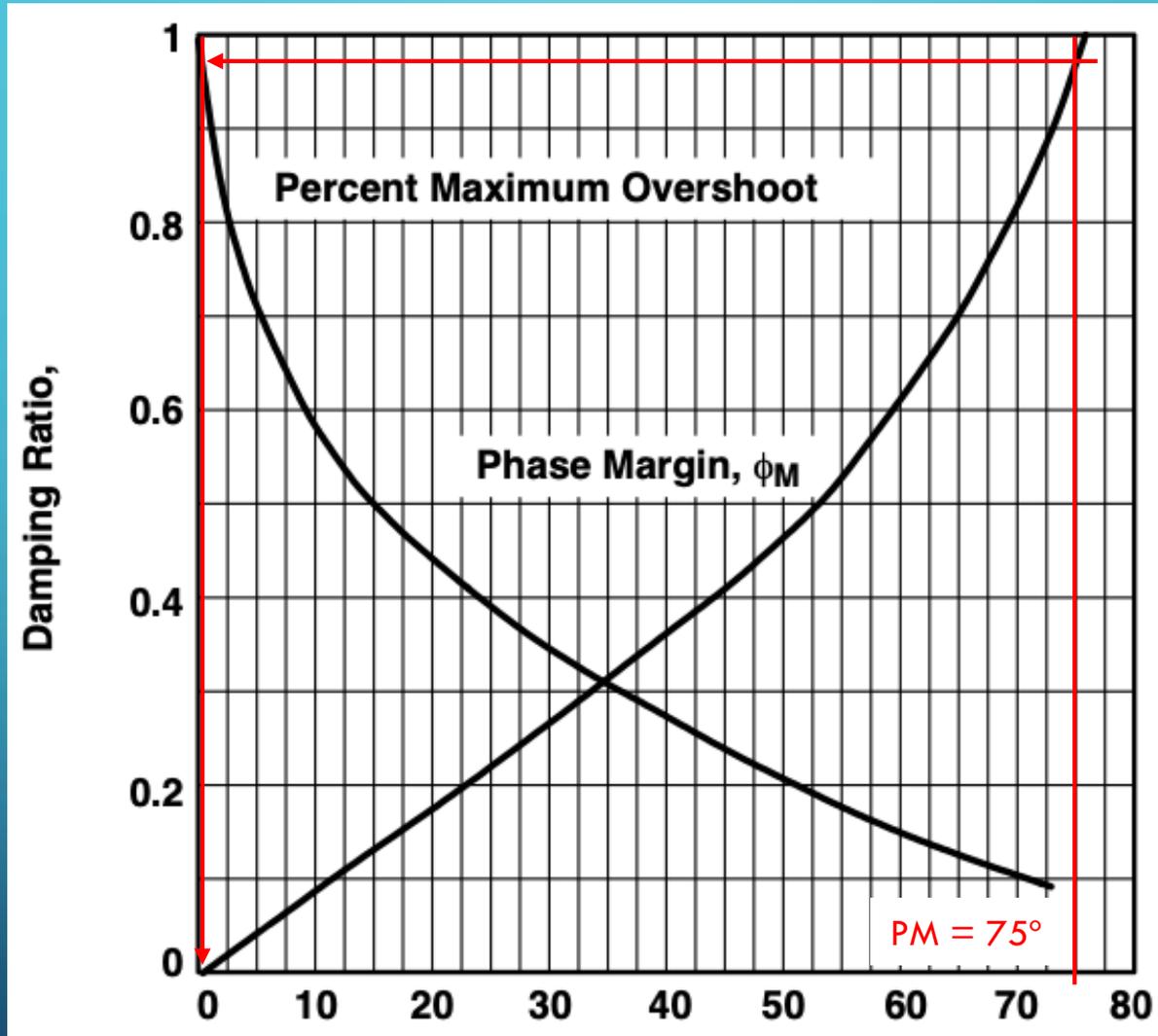
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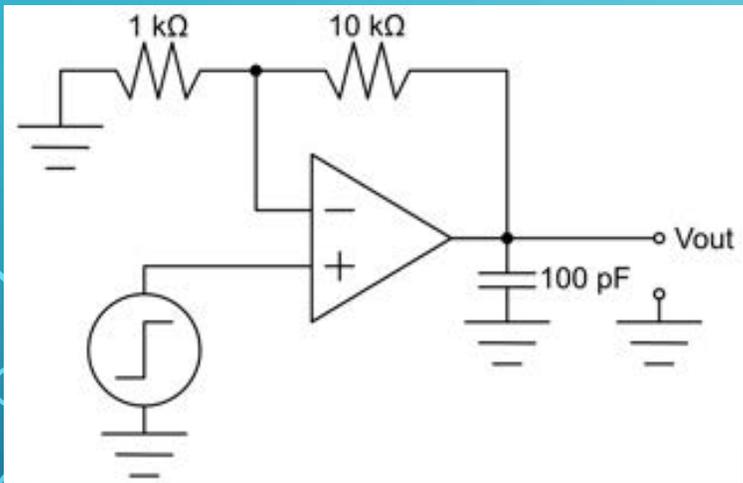


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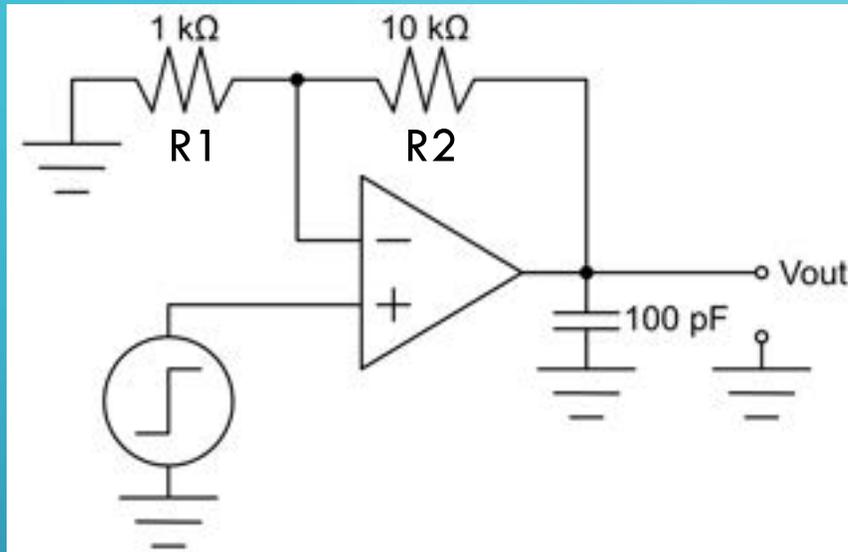


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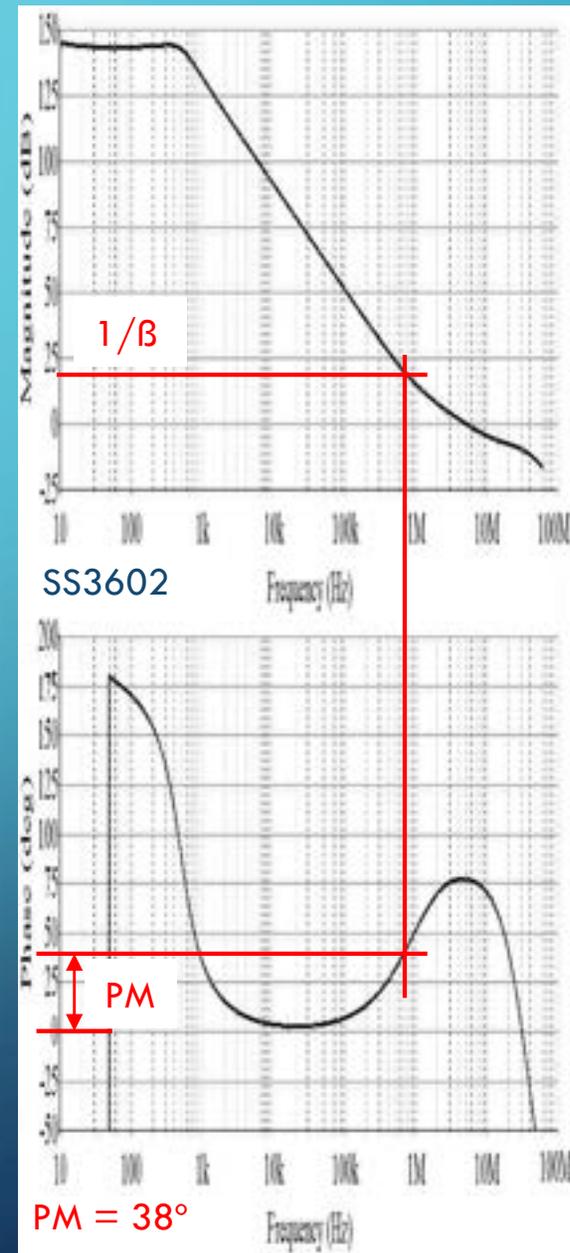
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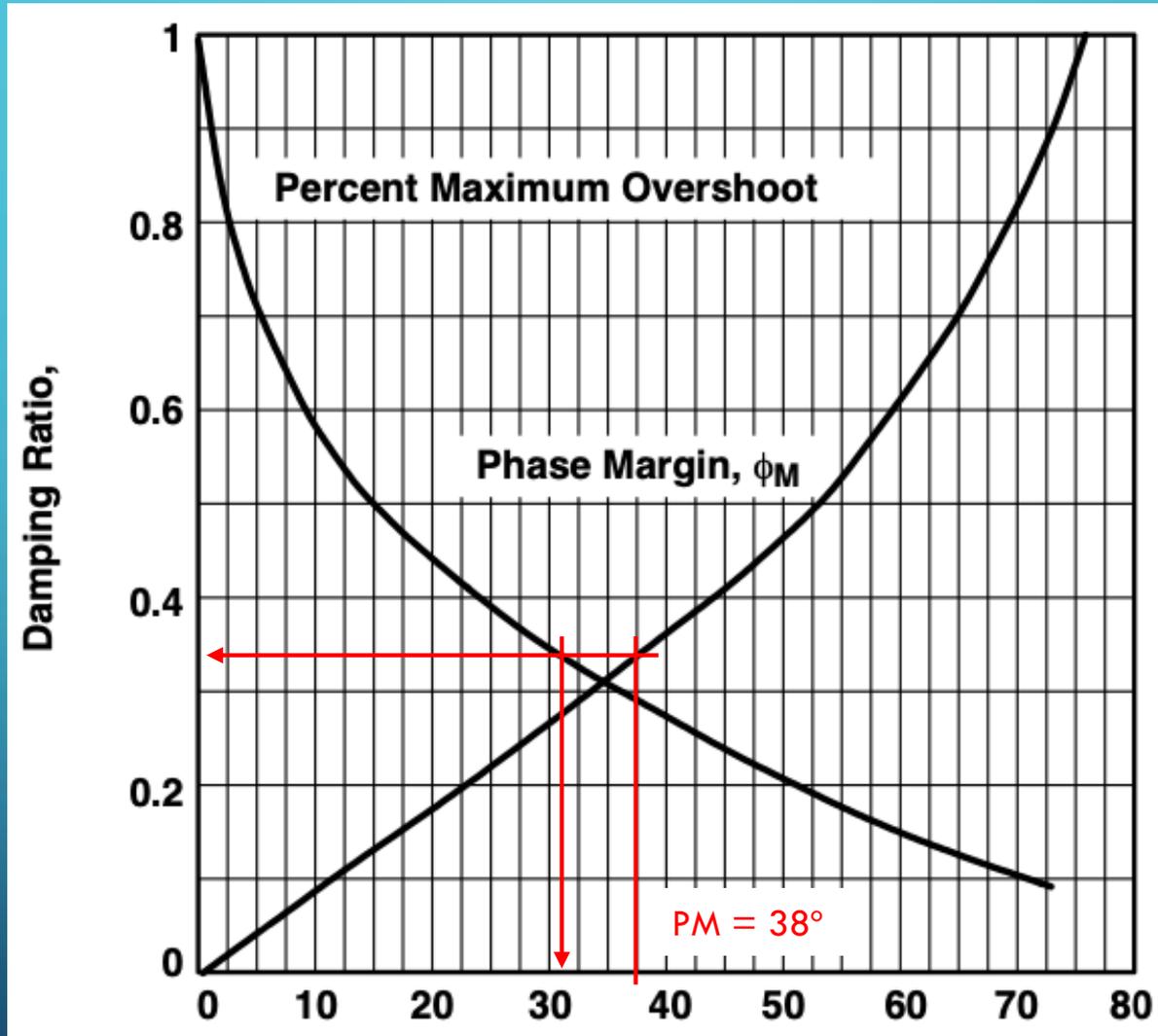
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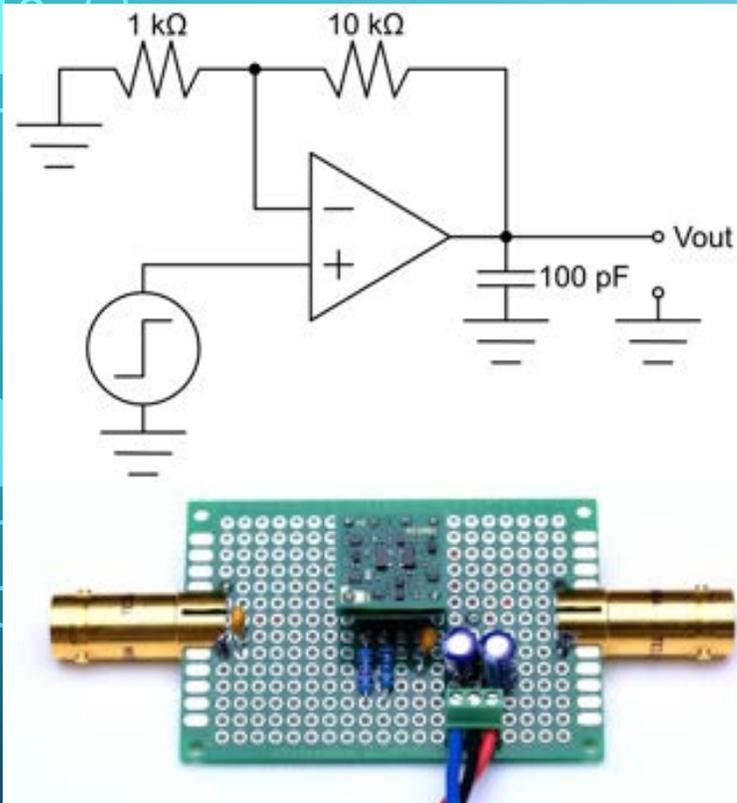


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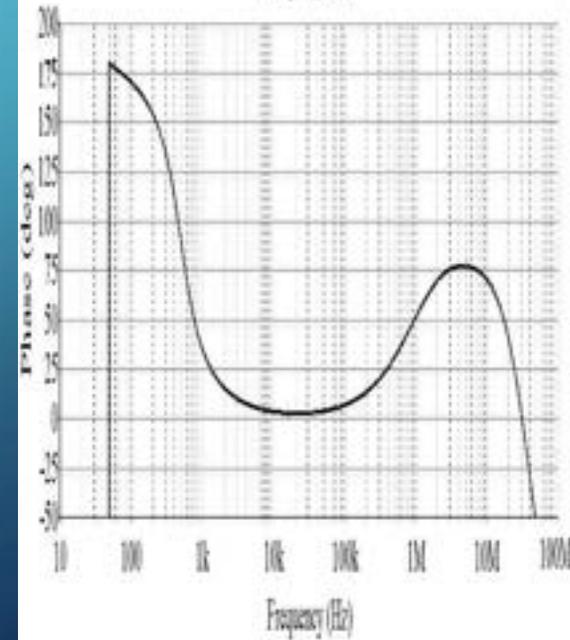
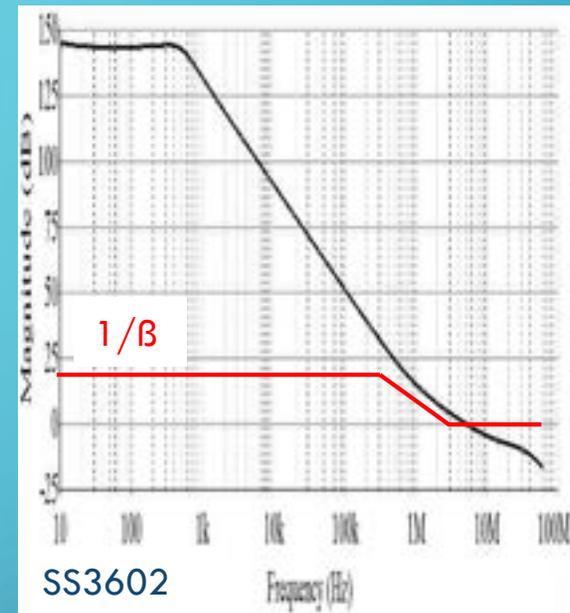
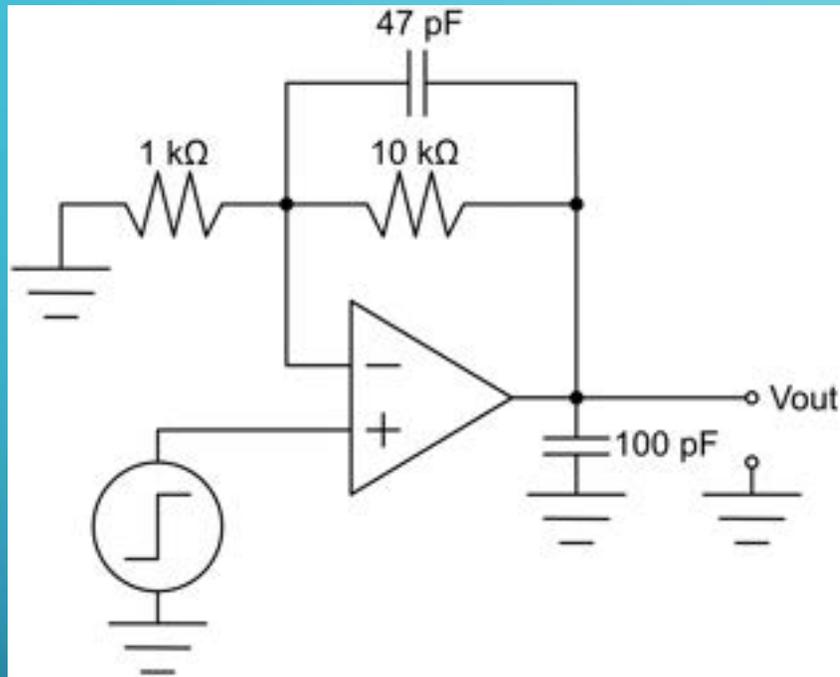


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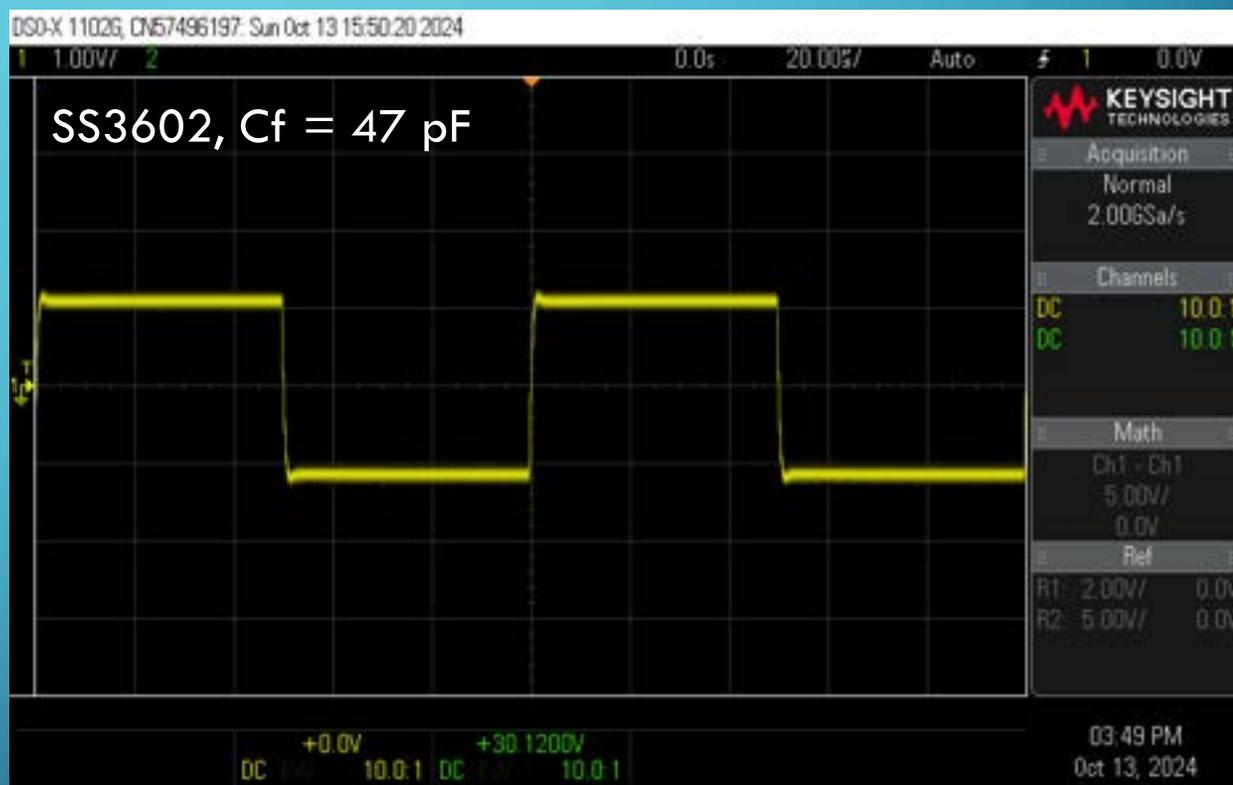
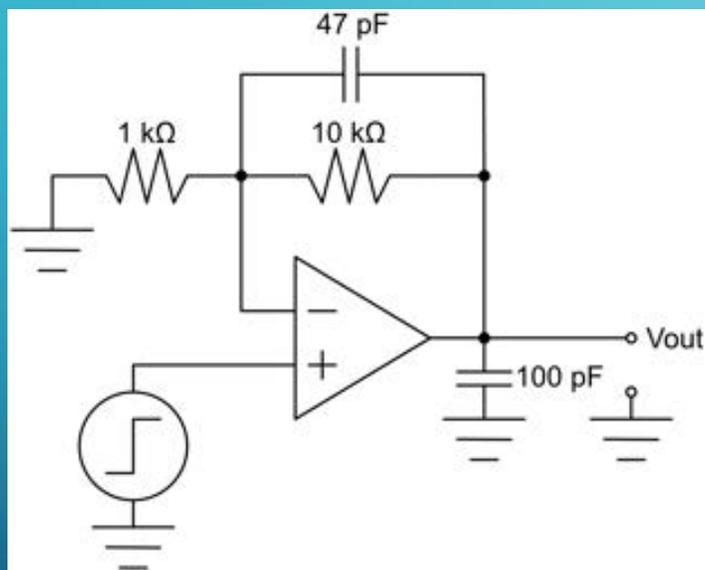
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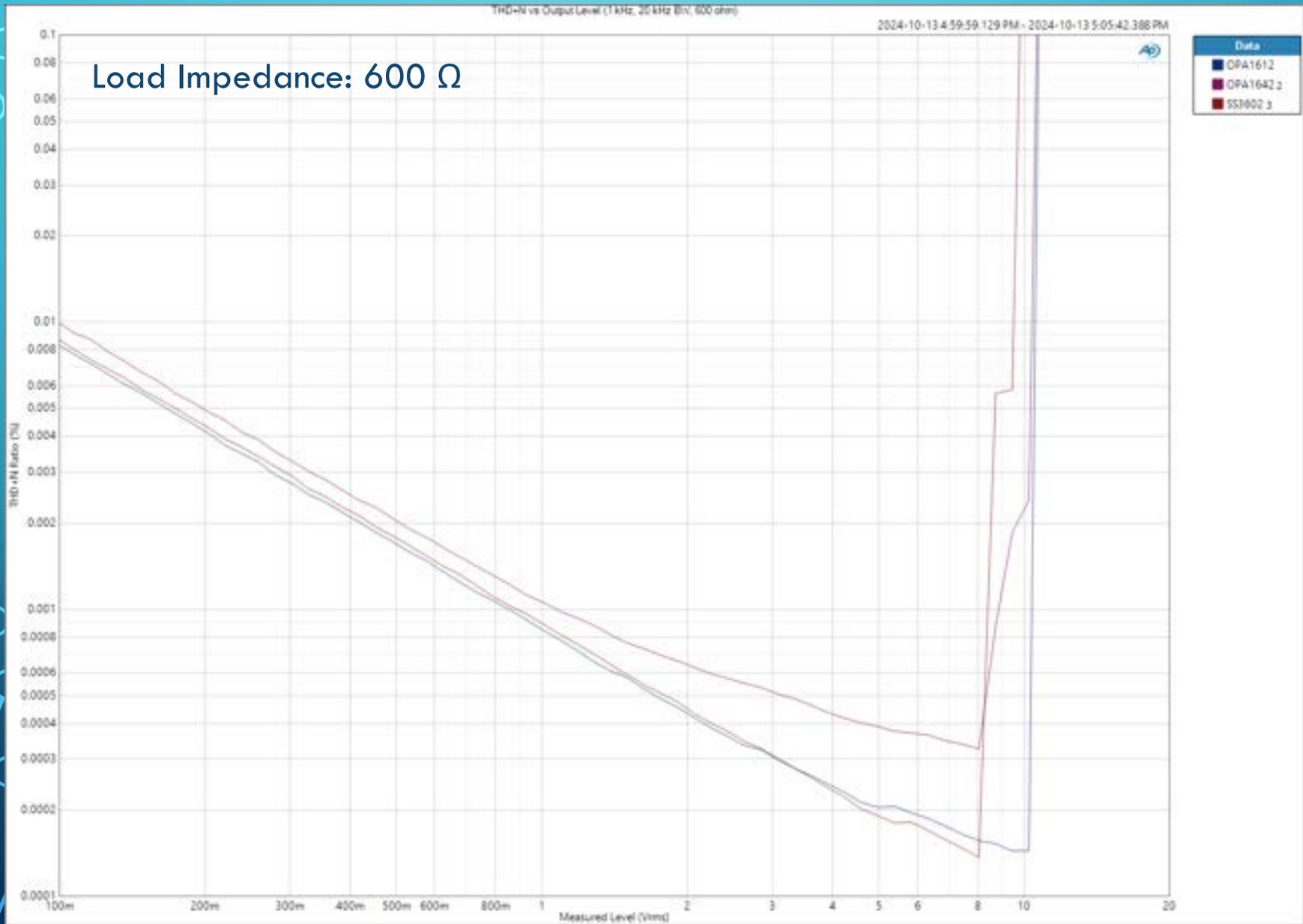
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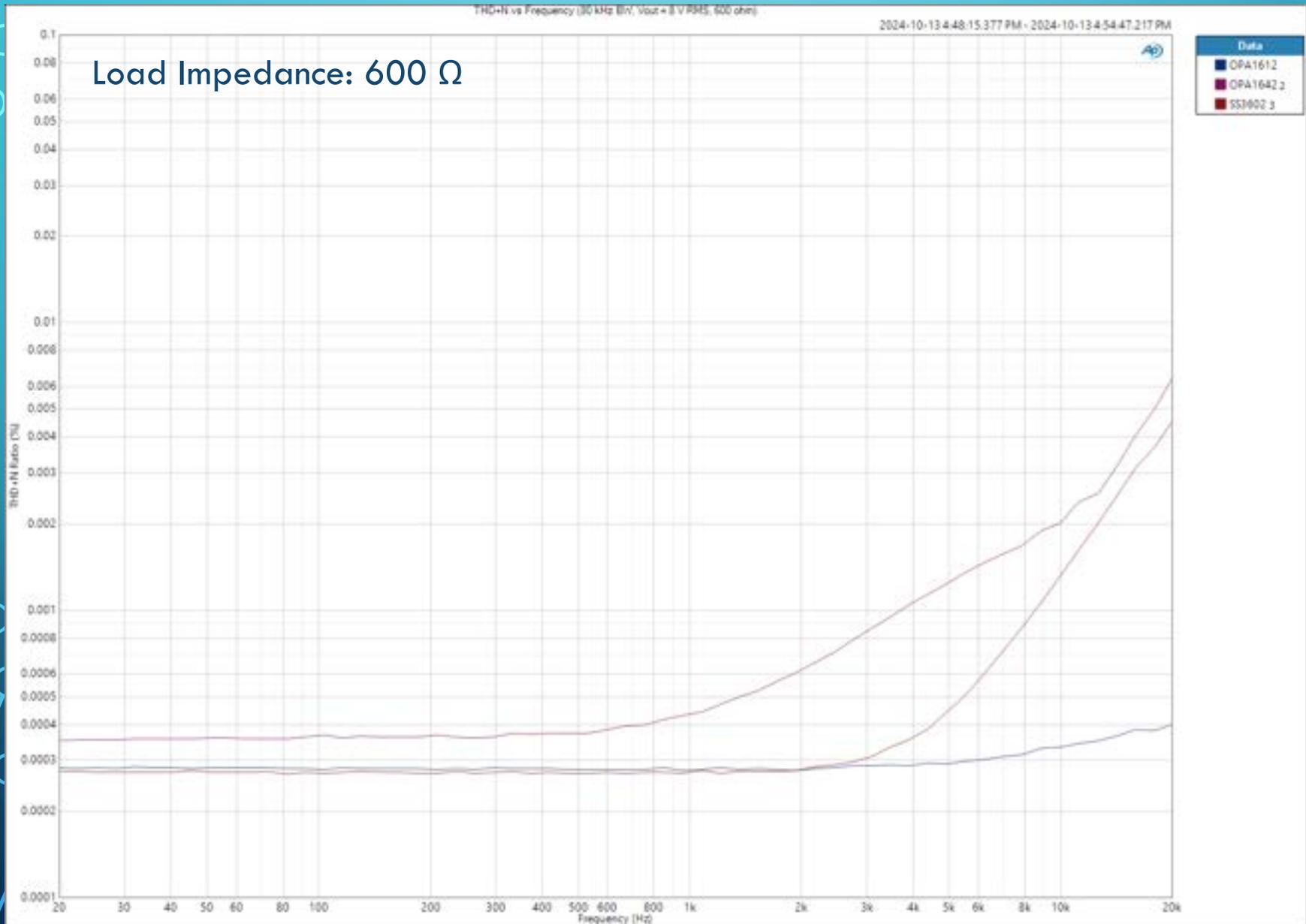
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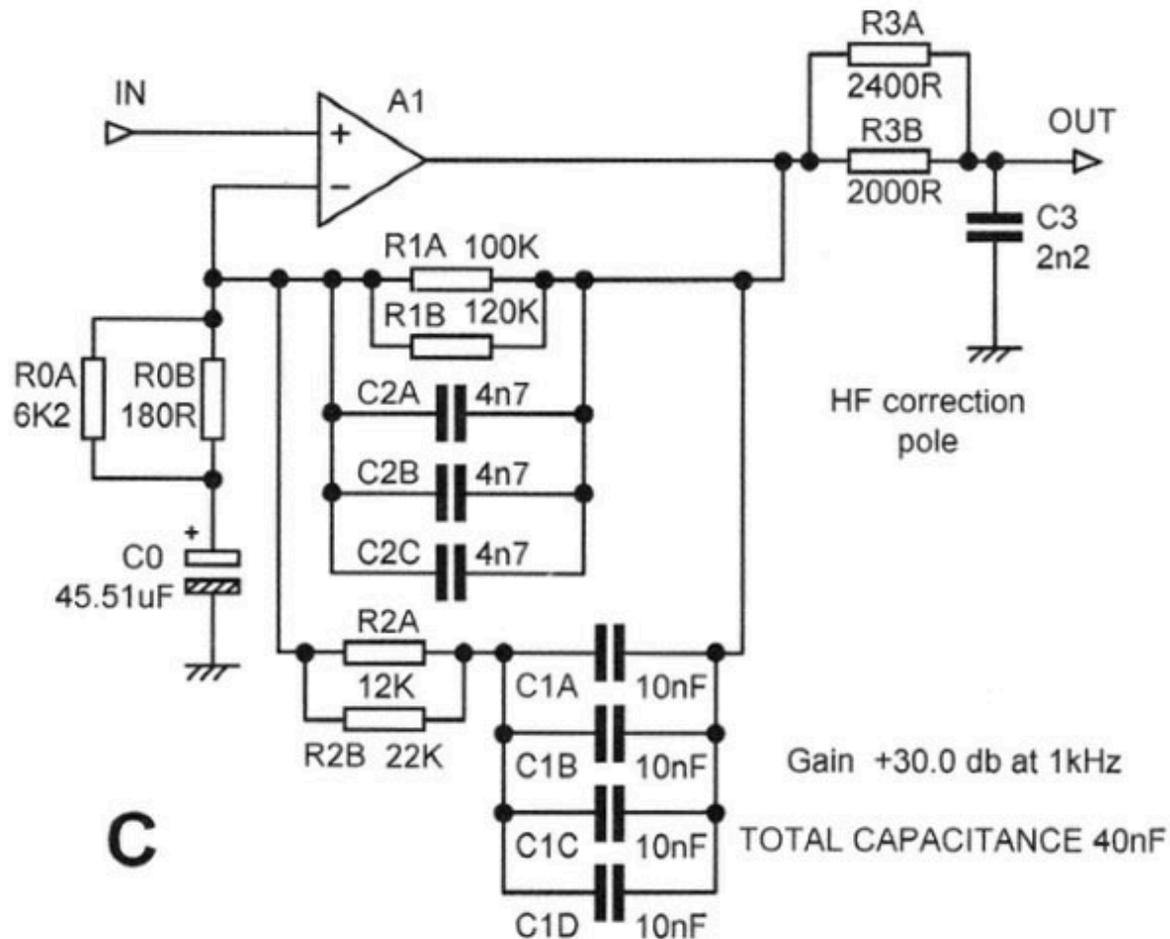


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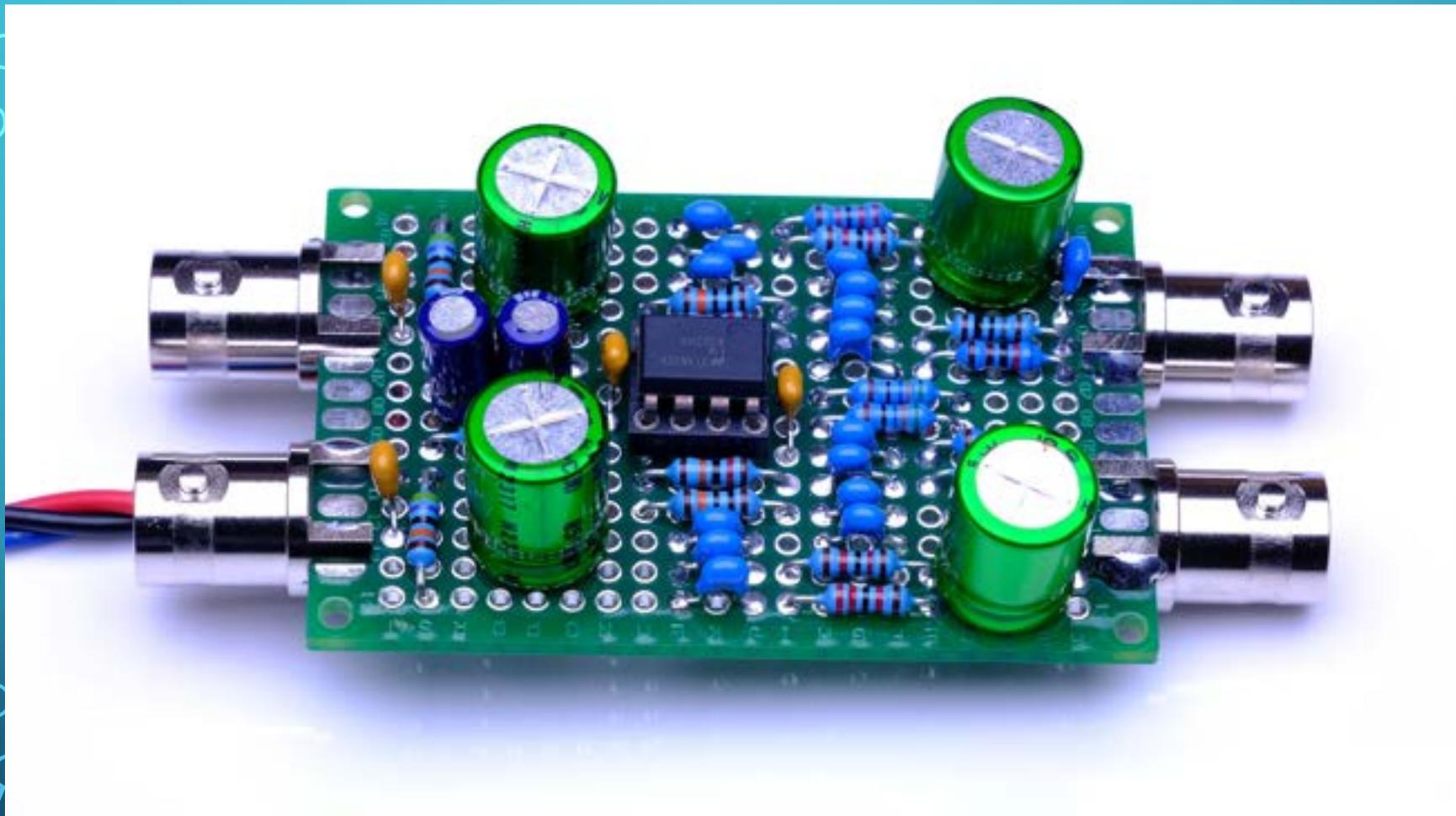
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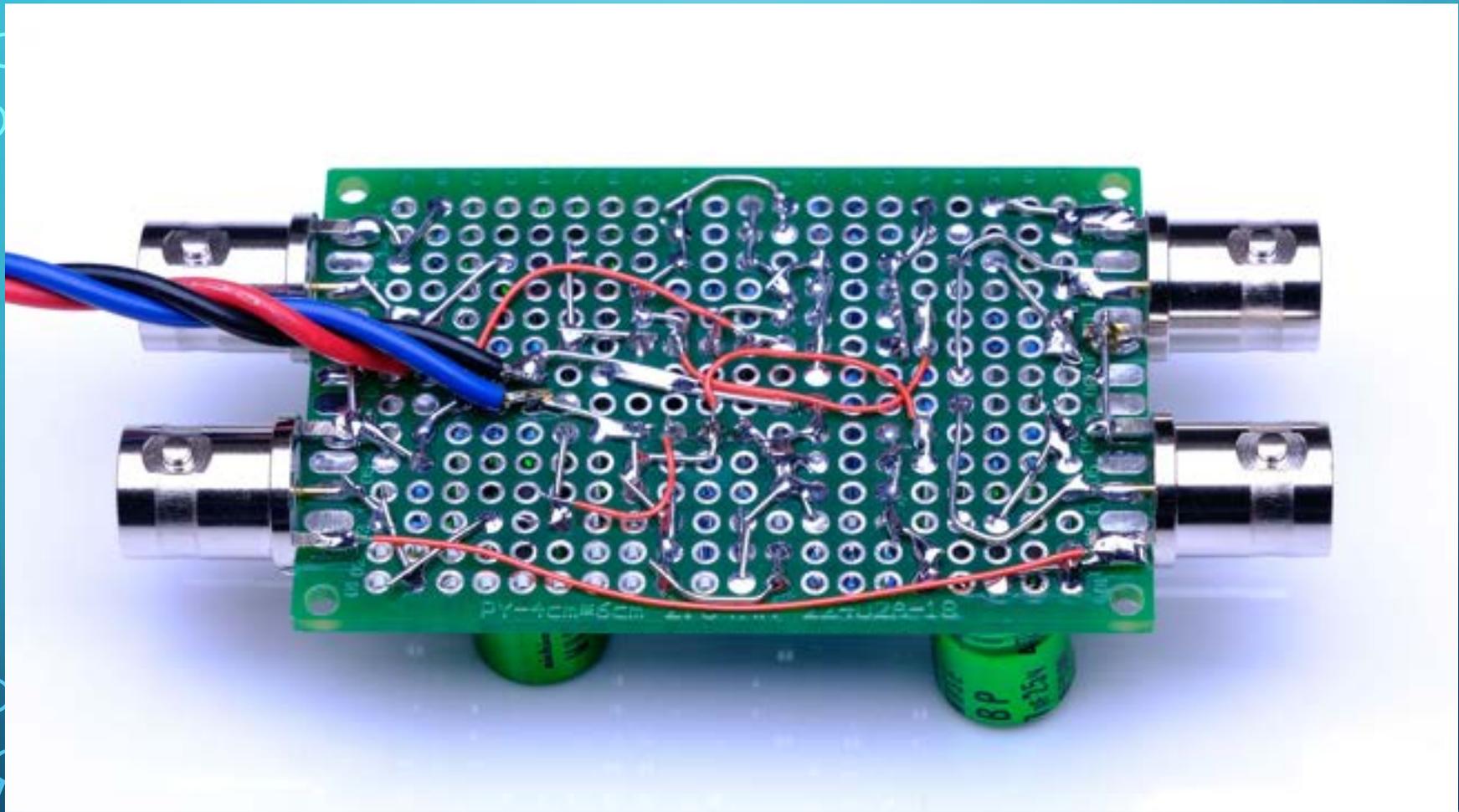


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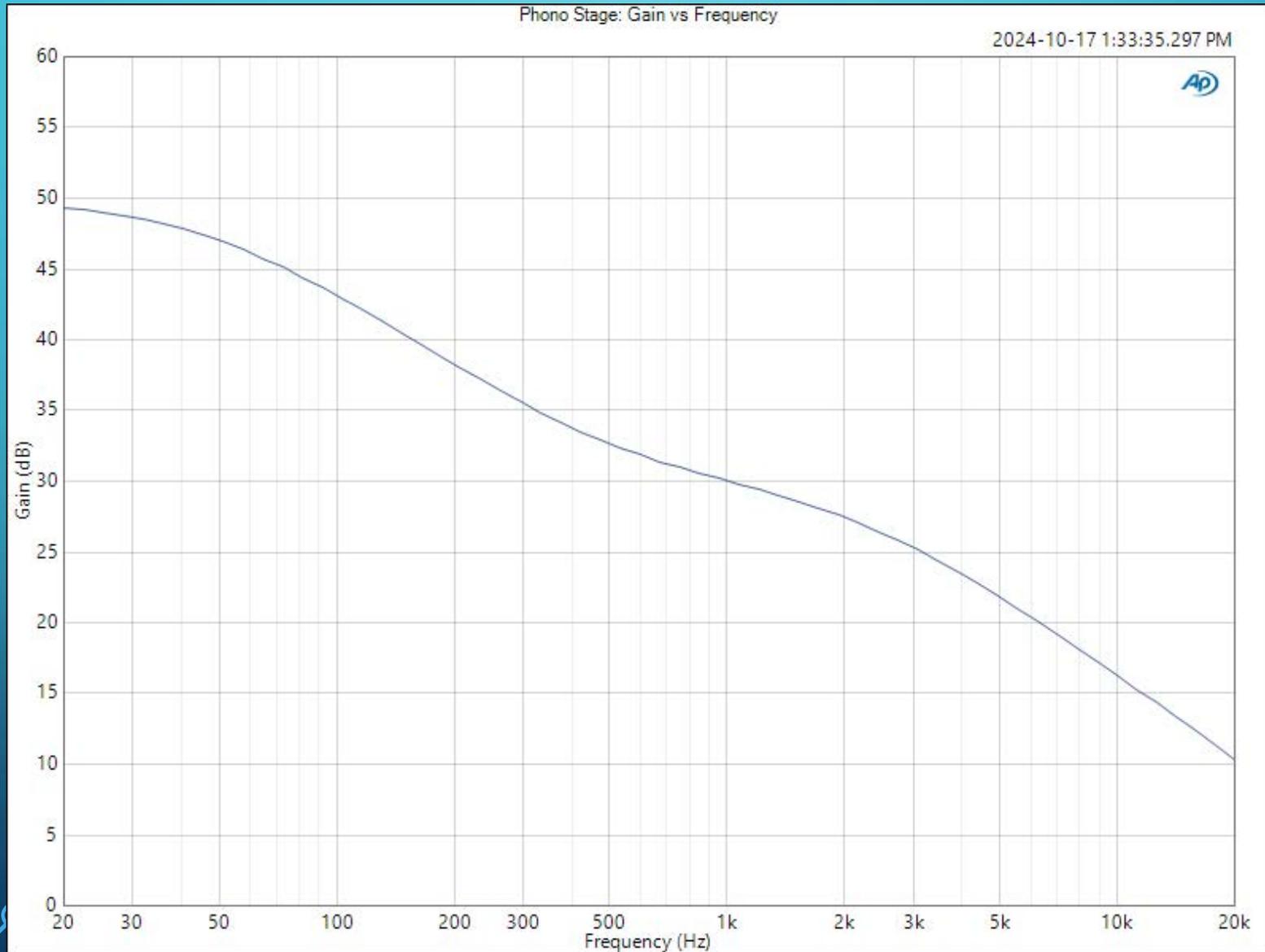
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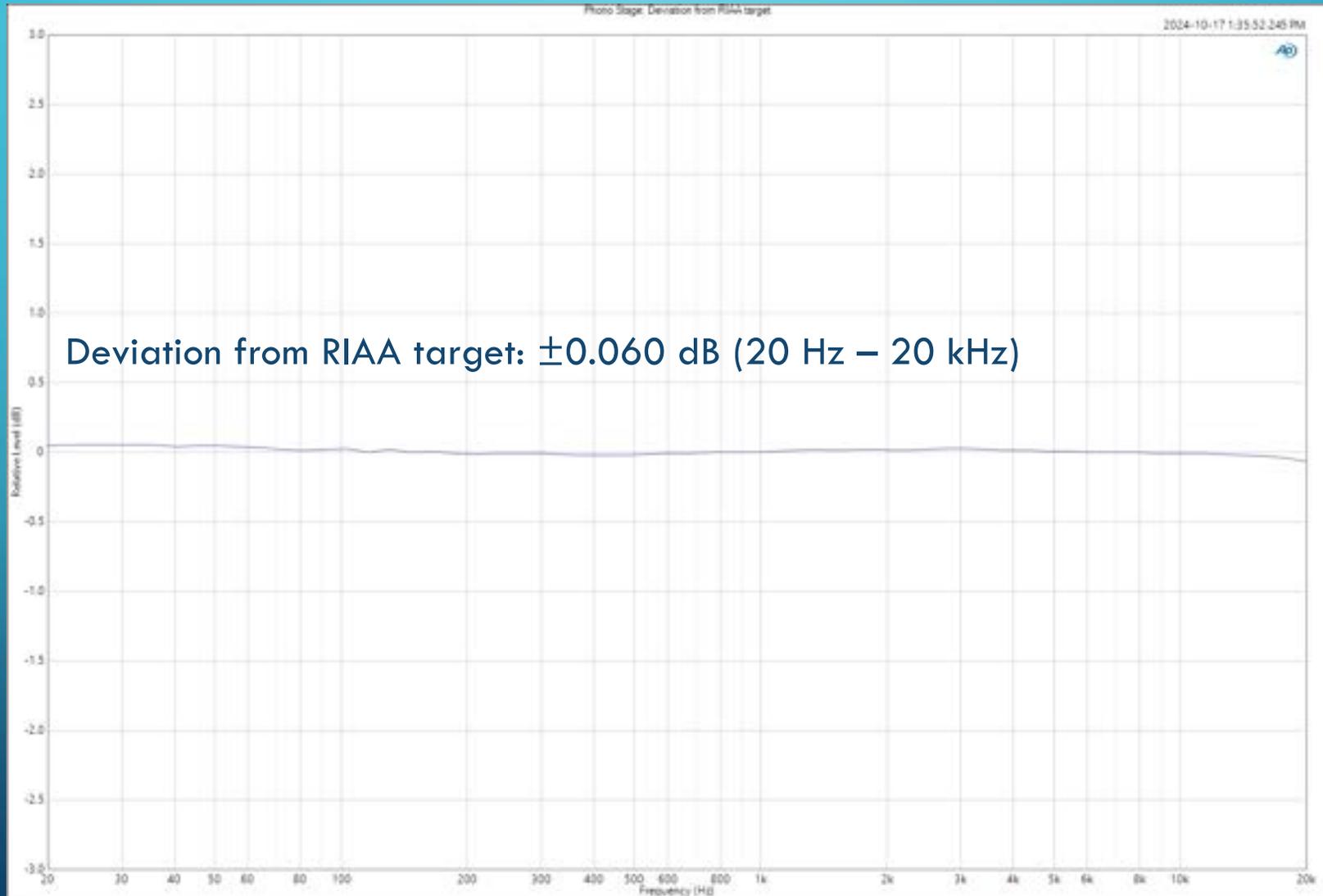
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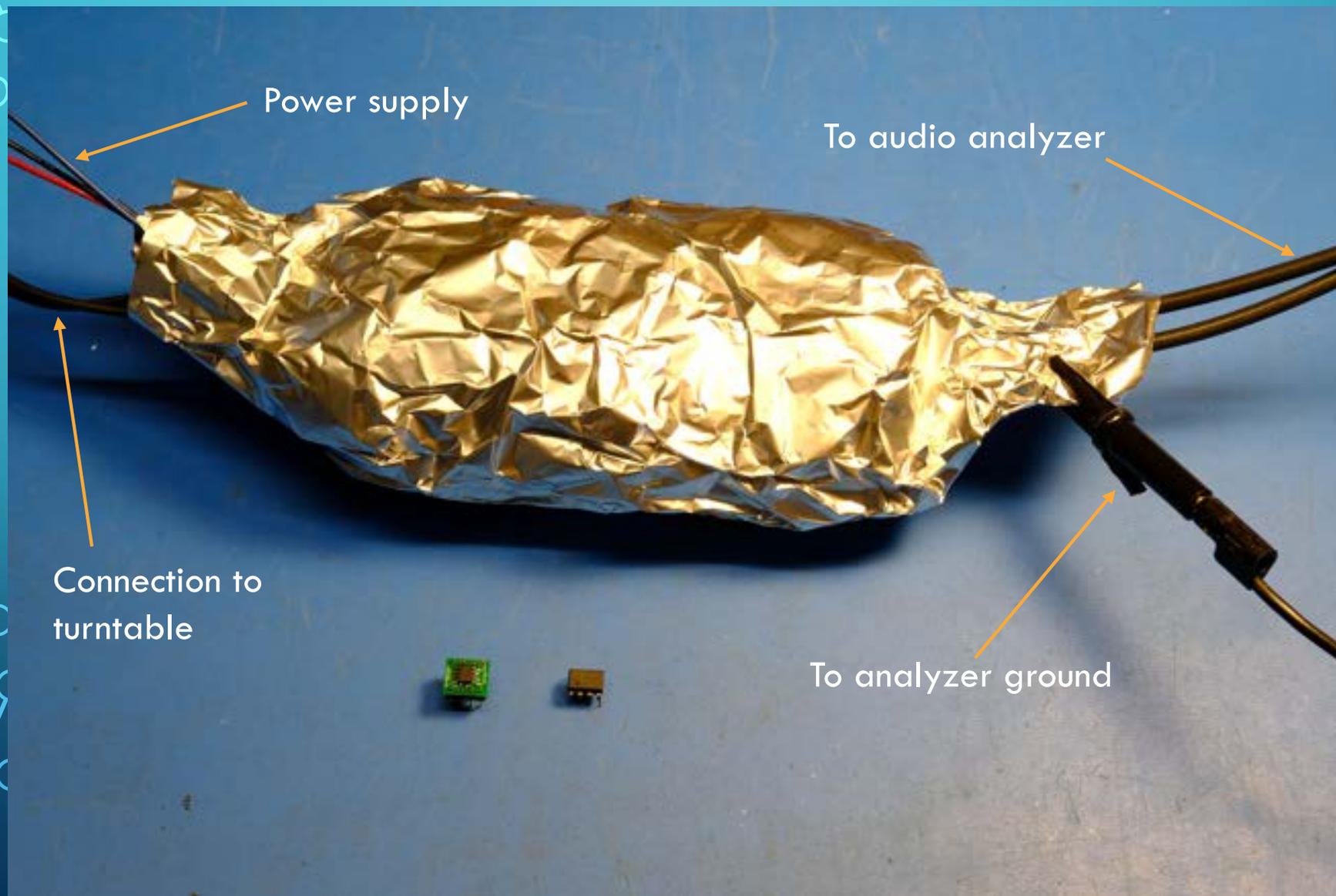
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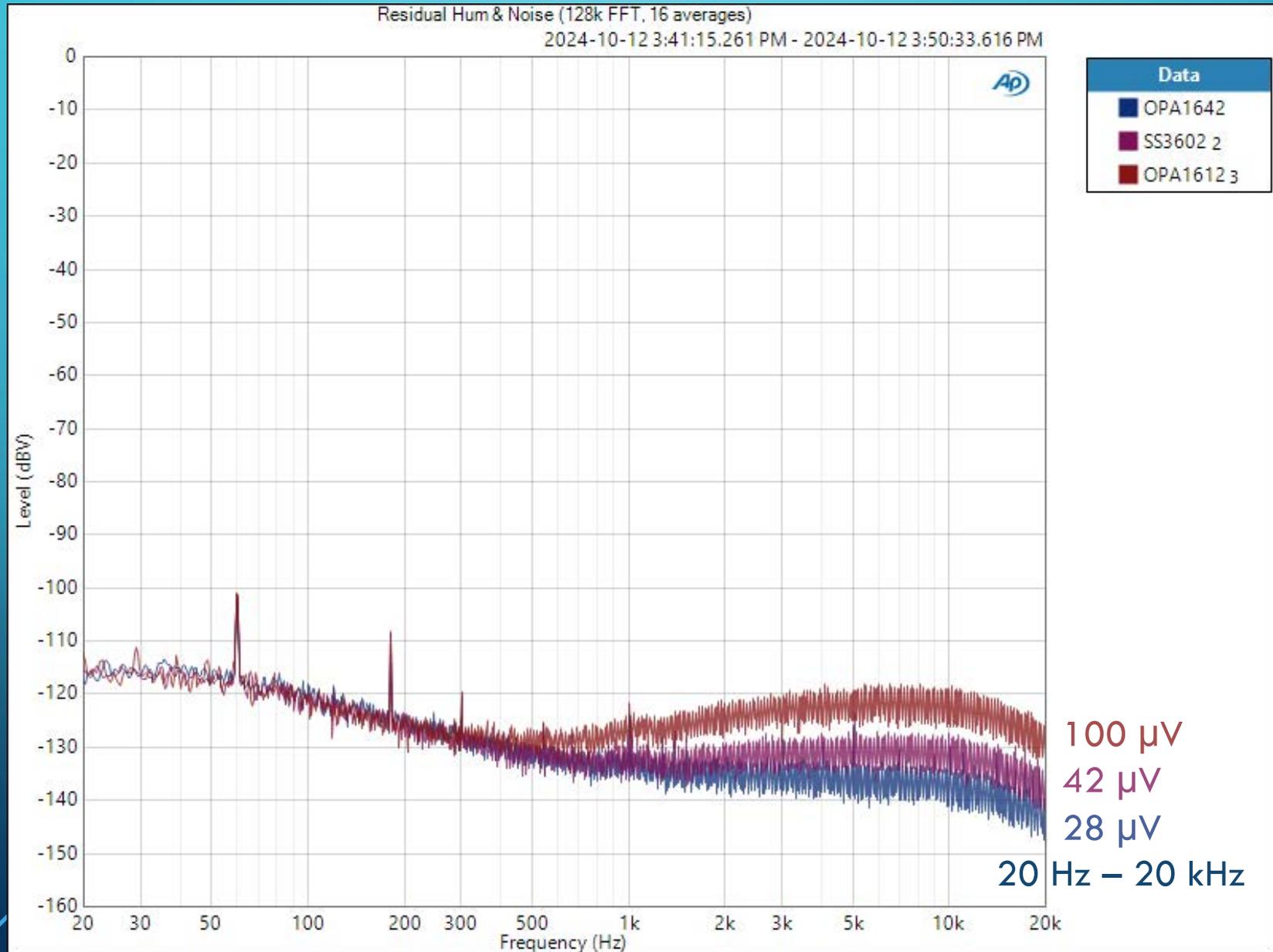
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OPA1612

NOISE				
	Input voltage noise	f = 20 Hz to 20 kHz	1.2	μV_{PP}
e_n	Input voltage noise density ⁽²⁾	f = 10 Hz	2	$\text{nV}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$
		f = 100 Hz	1.5	$\text{nV}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$
		f = 1 kHz	1.1	1.5 $\text{nV}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$
i_n	Input current noise density	f = 10 Hz	3	$\text{pA}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$
		f = 1 kHz	1.7	$\text{pA}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$

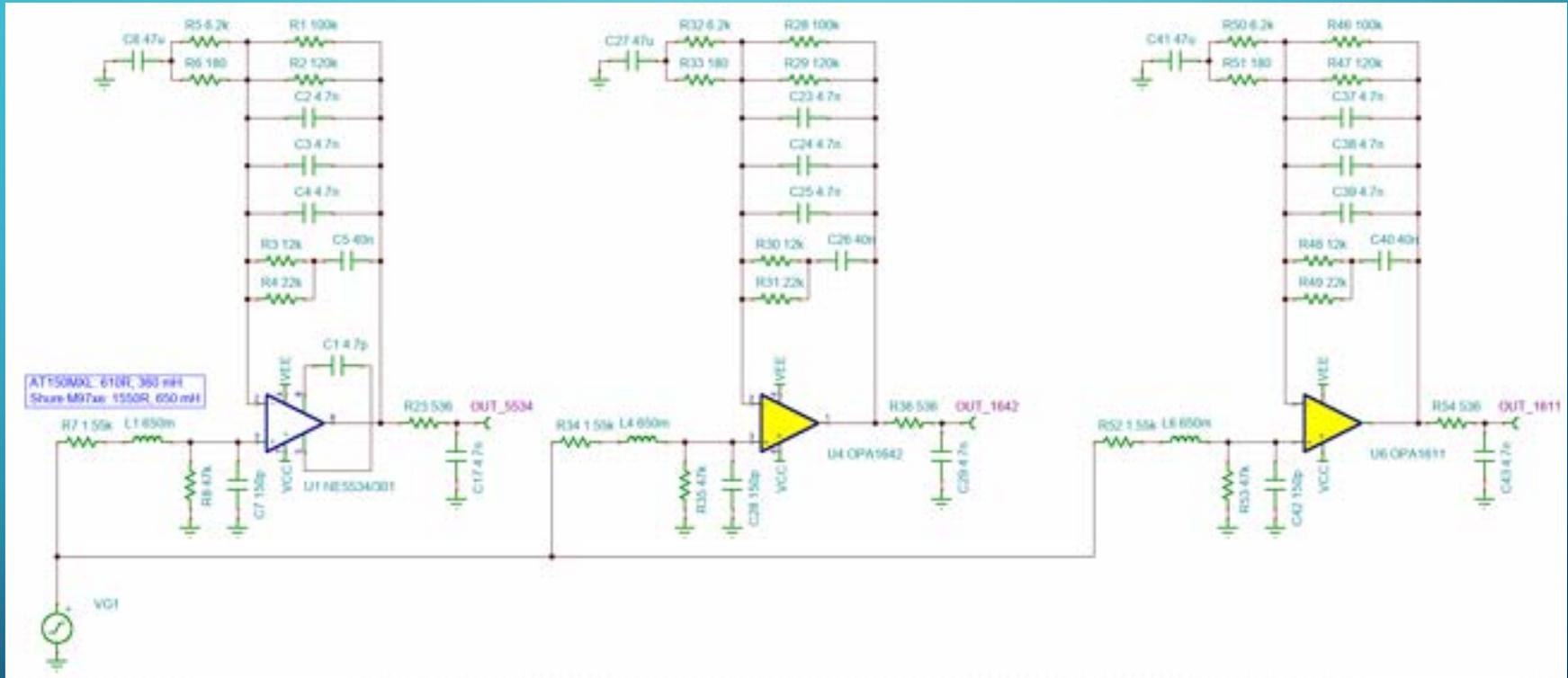
OPA1642

NOISE				
	Input voltage noise	f = 20 Hz to 20 kHz	4.3	μV_{PP}
e_n	Input voltage noise density	f = 10 Hz	8	$\text{nV}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$
		f = 100 Hz	5.8	
		f = 1 kHz	5.1	
i_n	Input current noise density	f = 1 kHz	0.8	$\text{fA}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$

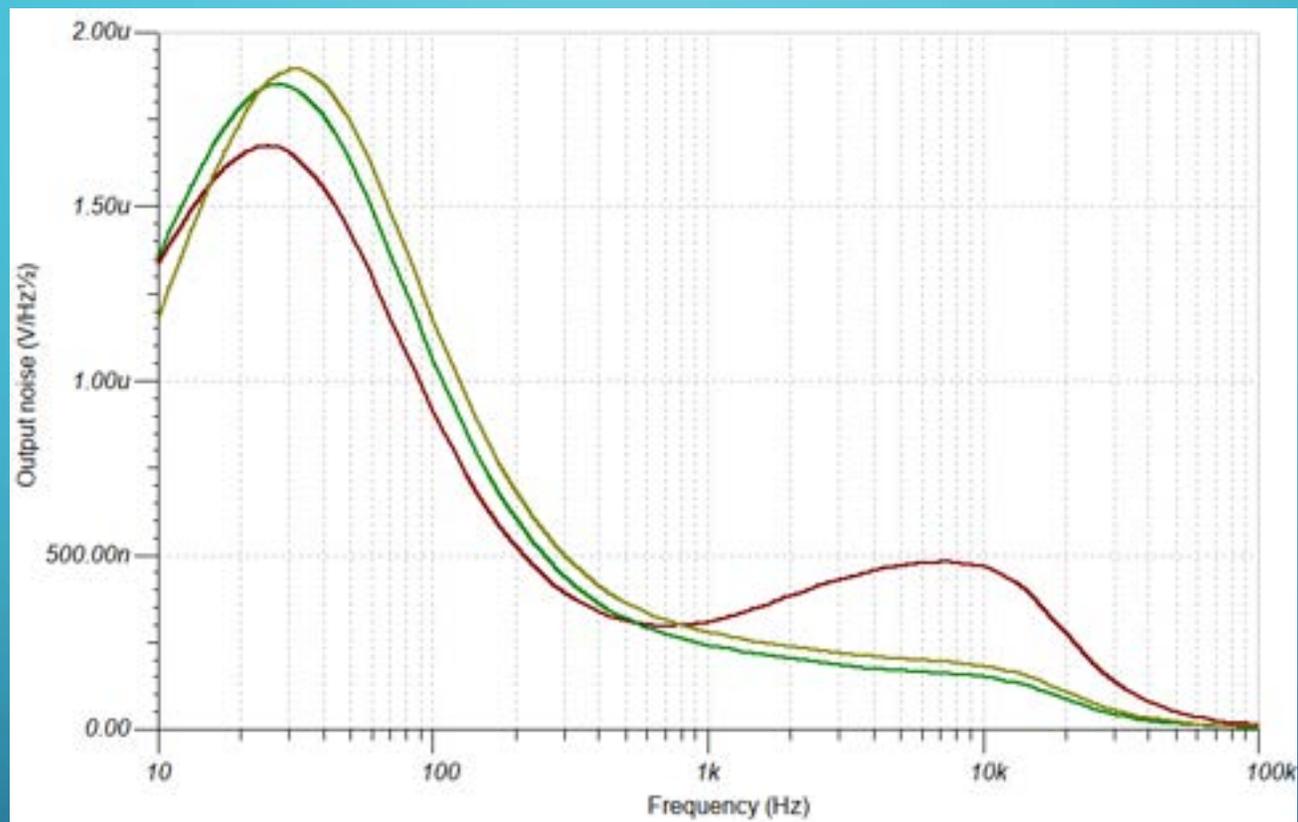
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V_n	Equivalent input noise voltage	f = 30 Hz	7	5.5	7	$\text{nV}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$
		f = 1 kHz	4	3.5	4.5	
i_n	Equivalent input noise current	f = 30 Hz	2.5	1.5		$\text{pA}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$
		f = 1 kHz	0.6	0.4		

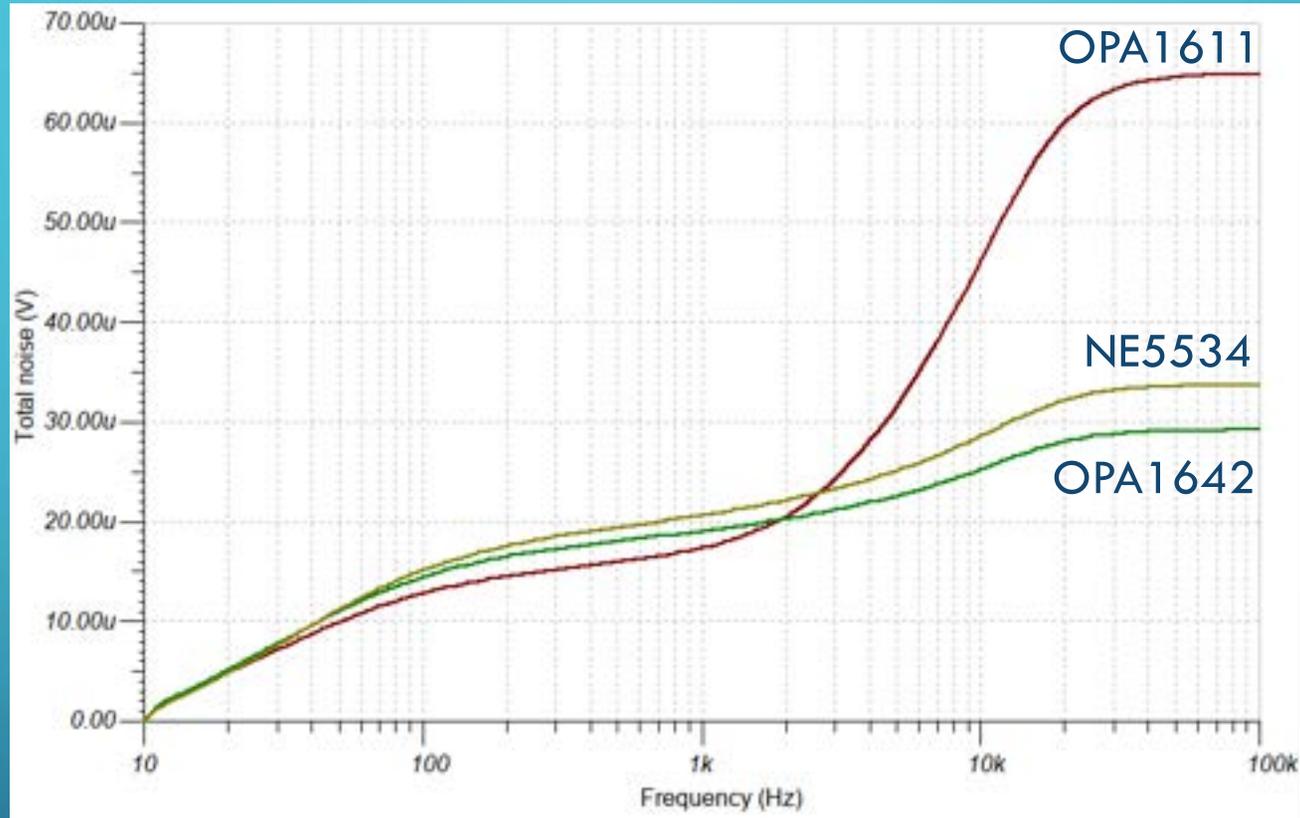
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LESSONS LEARNED

- Mind the stability, especially with discrete opamps
- More expensive is not always better
- Choose an opamp appropriate for the application
- Opamp rolling changes circuit performance ... but not always for the better

QUESTIONS



(The Atlantic)