

# EE3C11: Structured Electronic Design

## My First Voltage Amplifier

### Design example EE3C11

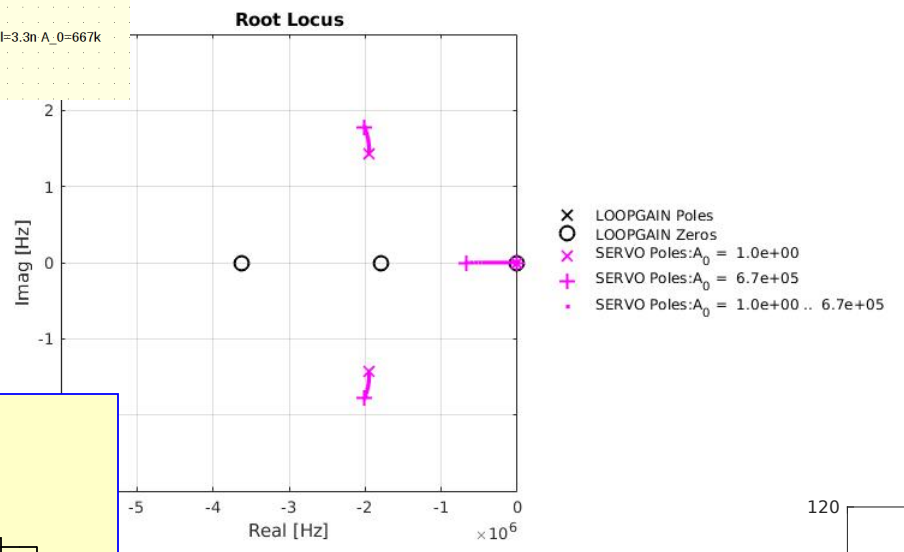
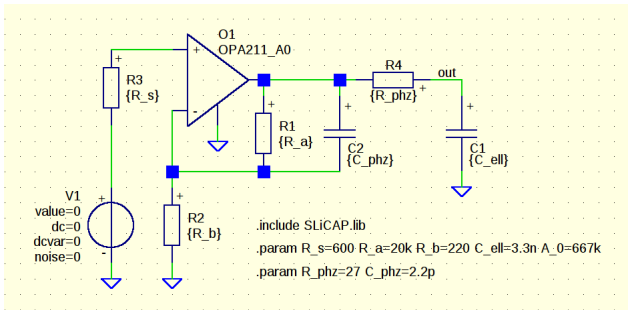
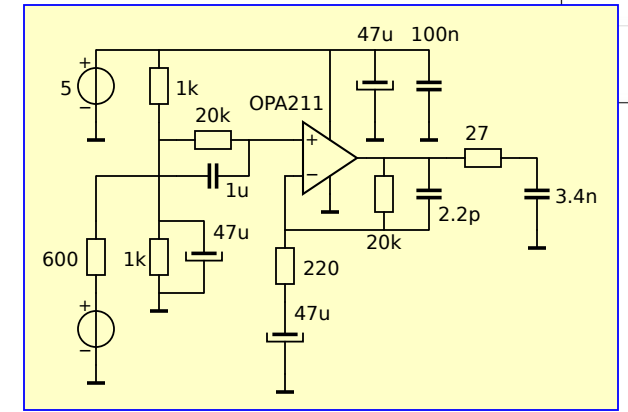


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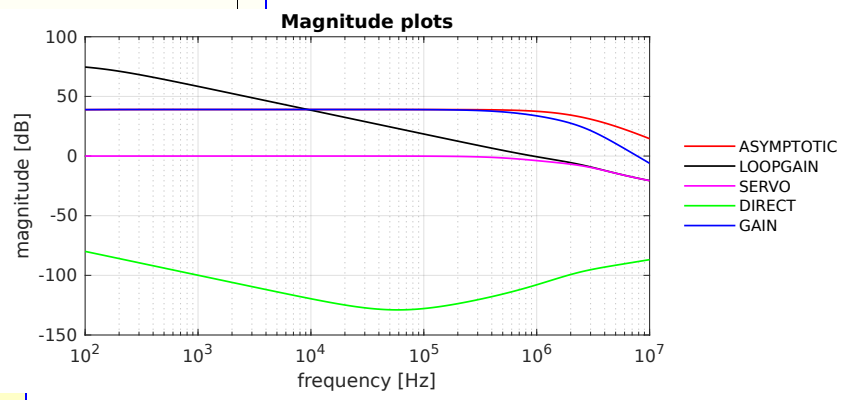
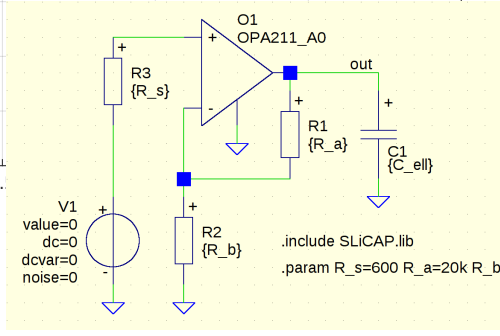
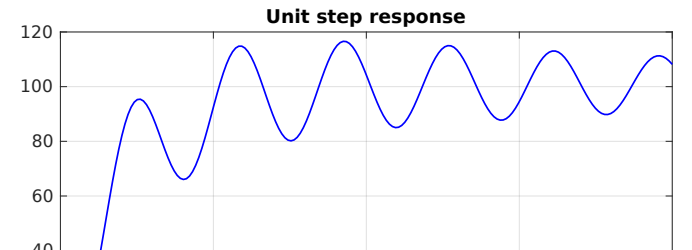
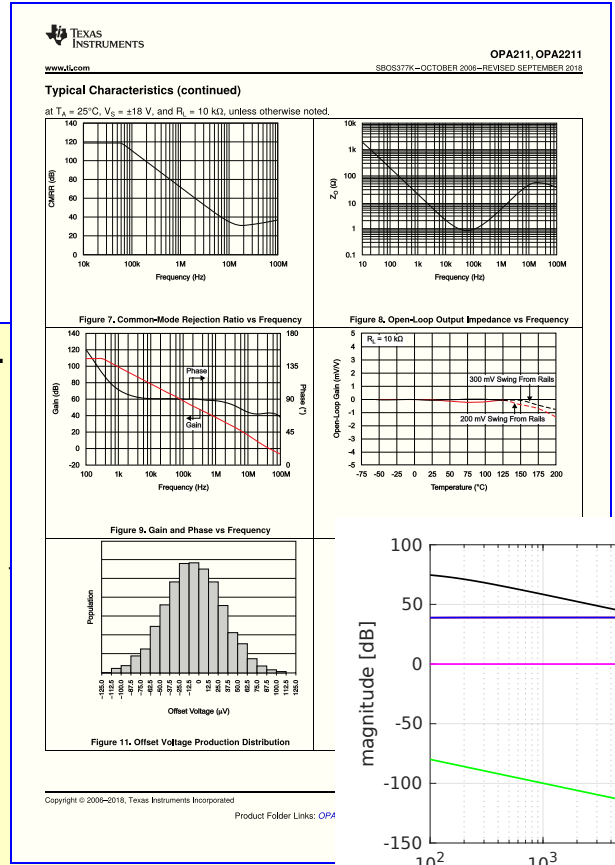
Checking circuit: myFirstVampCompensated.  
 No errors found!

GAIN  
 DC value = 9.189e+01  
 Poles:

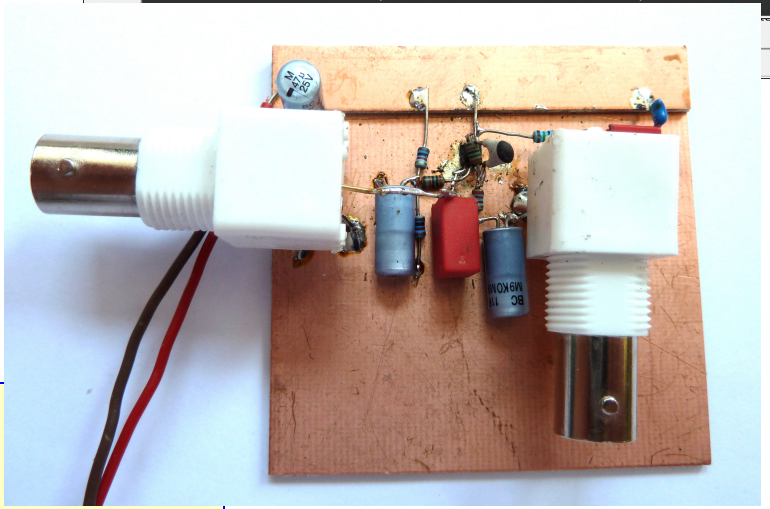
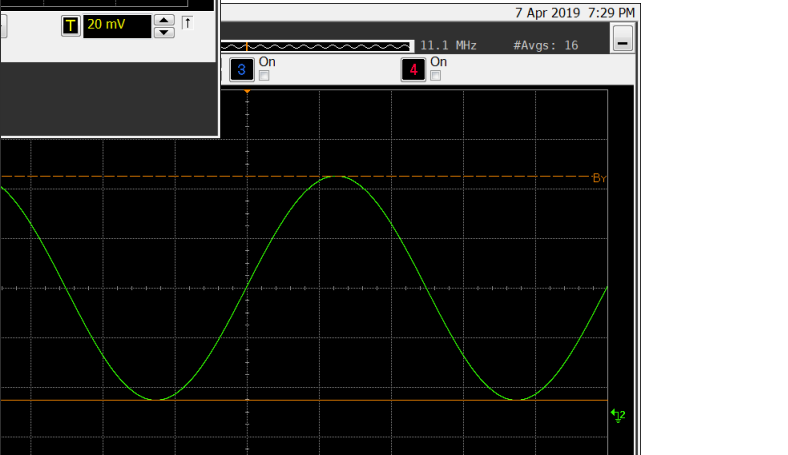
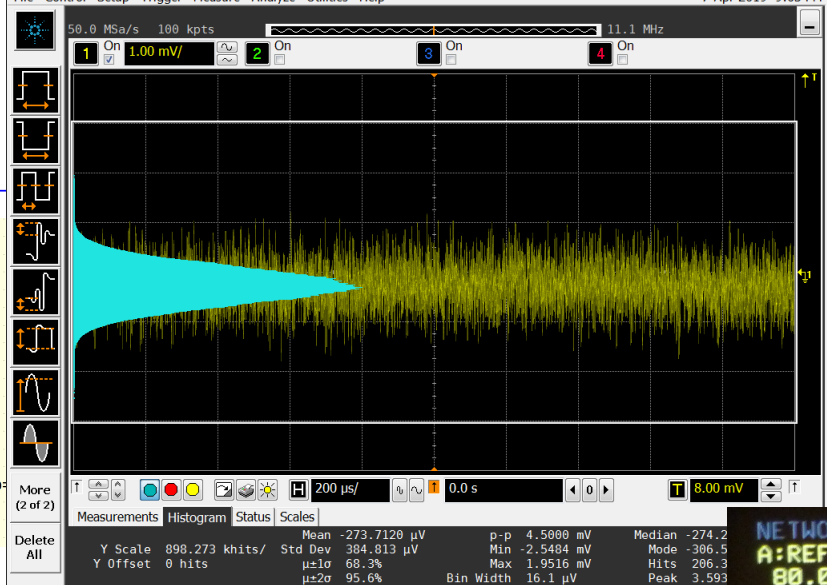
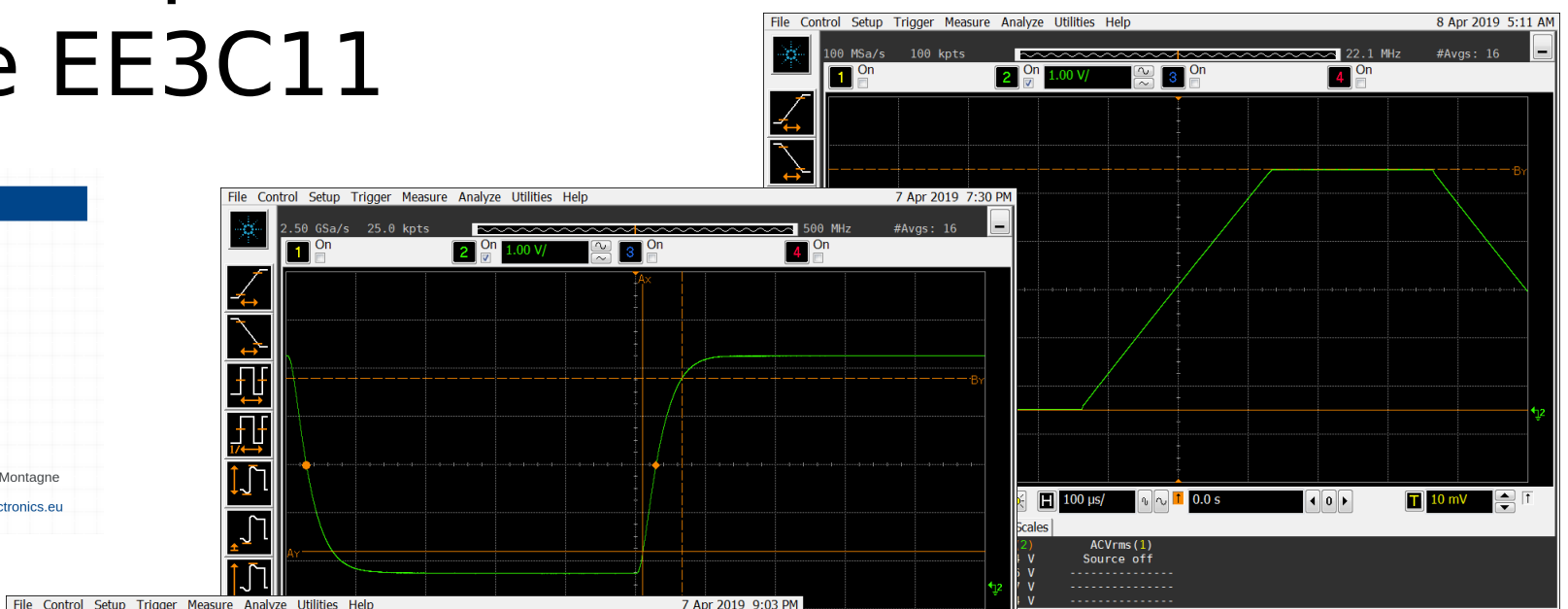
	RealPart	ImagPart
p_1	-7.8738e+05	0
p_2	-1.6015e+06	1.9166e+06
p_3	-1.6015e+06	-1.9166e+06
p_4	-1.9604e+07	0
p_5	-2.383e+07	0
p_6	-5.0504e+08	0

Zeros:

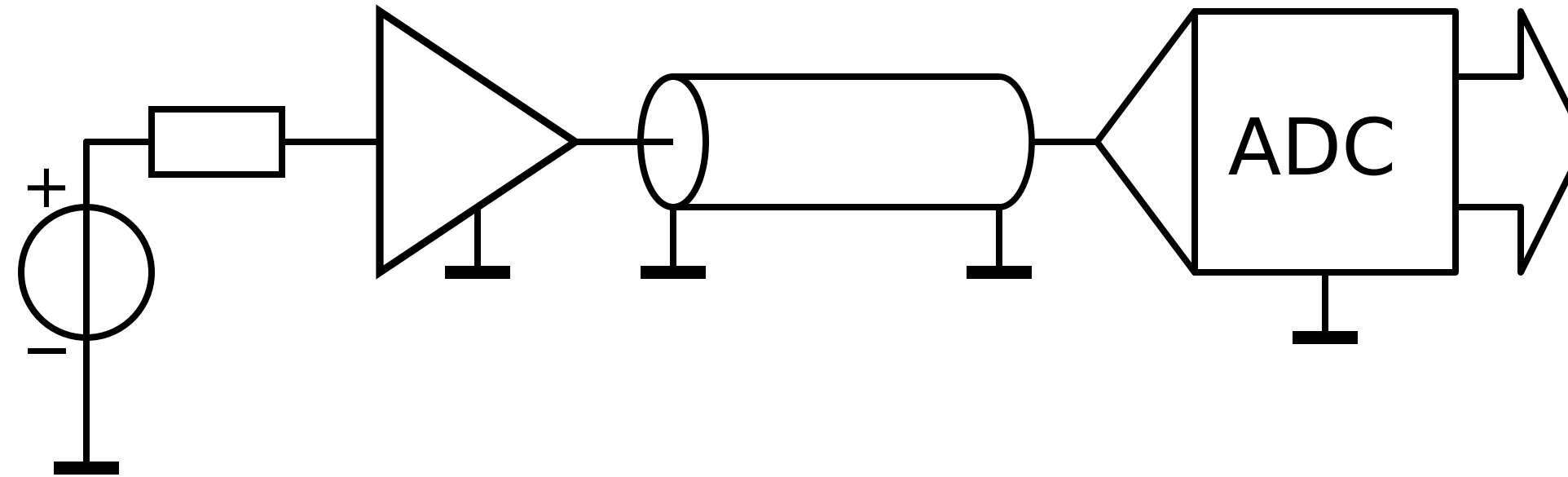
	RealPart	ImagPart	Frequency	Q
z_1	-1.061e+07	0	1.061e+07	0
z_2	-3.9963e+07	0	3.9963e+07	0
z_3	-8.0941e+08	-7.4266e+08	1.0985e+09	0.67858
z_4	-8.0941e+08	7.4266e+08	1.0985e+09	0.67858



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.model OPA211_A0 0V
+ cd = 8p ; differential-mode input capacitance
+ gd = 50u ; differential-mode input conductance
+ cc = 2p ; common-mode input capacitance
+ av = {A_0*(1+s/2/PI/40M)/(1+s/2/PI/120)/(1+s/2/PI/20M)} ; voltage gain
+ zo = {3.6k/(1+s*3.6k*8u) + 0.7 + s*900n*60/(60+s*900n)} ; output impedance
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# Application and initial specification



Signal source: voltage, mean value=0, max. deviation  $\pm 25\text{mV}_p$

Source impedance: resistive, about 600 Ohm

Load: voltage mean value = 2.5V max. deviation  $\pm 2.25\text{V}_p$

Load impedance: capacitive, up to 3.4nF

Small-signal bandwidth: 100Hz ... 500kHz

Full-power bandwidth:  $\geq 100\text{kHz}$

Noise figure < 3dB

Supply voltage: 5V

Operating temperature: room temperature

# Engineering characteristics

## Amplifier performance requirements

P1 Input impedance	$\gg 600 \text{ Ohm}$
P2 Input voltage	$50 \text{ mV}_{pp}$
P3 Load capacitance	$3400 \text{ pF}$
P4 Quiescent load voltage	$2.5 \text{ V}_{DC}$
P5 Load signal voltage	$4.5 \text{ V}_{pp}$
P6 Rate of change output voltage	$\geq 1.41 \text{ V/us}$
P7 Noise figure @ 600 Ohm	$\leq 3 \text{ dB}$
P8 Small-signal bandwidth	$100\text{Hz} \dots 500\text{kHz}$
P9 Gain and bias inaccuracy	$\leq 3\%$

## Cost factors

C1 Power supply voltage	$5 \text{ V}_{DC}$
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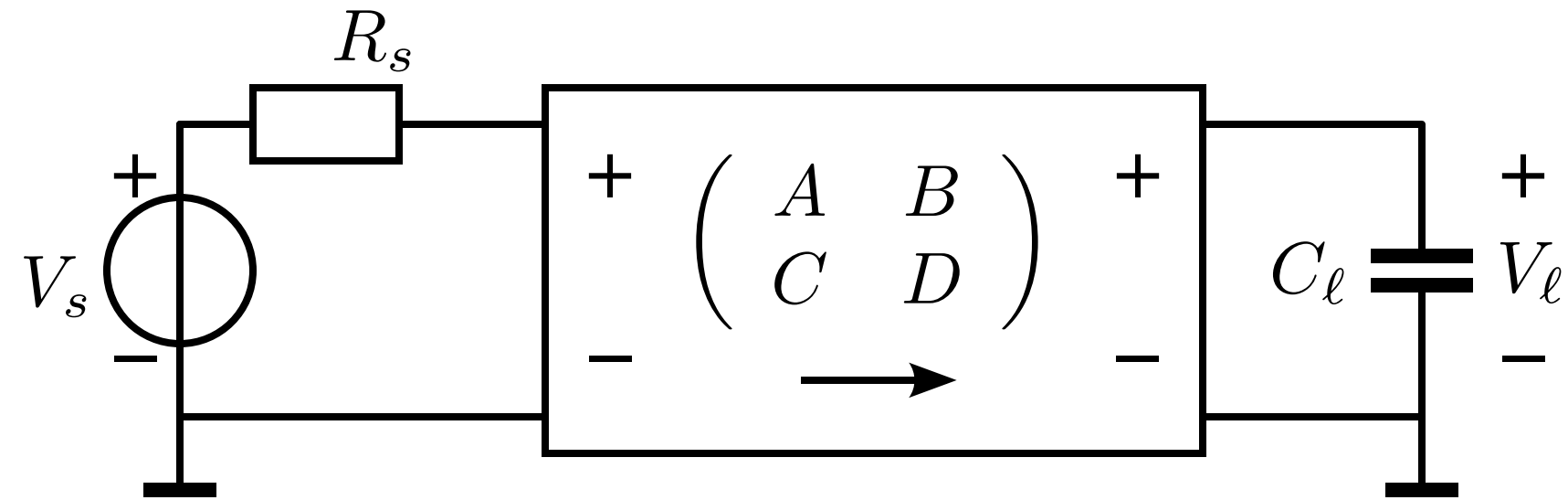
## Environmental conditions

E1 Operating temperature	$20 \text{ deg. Celsius}$
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# Design of amplifier configuration

Voltage transfer independent of source and load impedance.

$$A_v = \frac{V_\ell}{V_s} = \frac{4.5}{0.05} = 90$$



$$A = \frac{1}{A_v}, B = 0, C = 0, D = 0$$

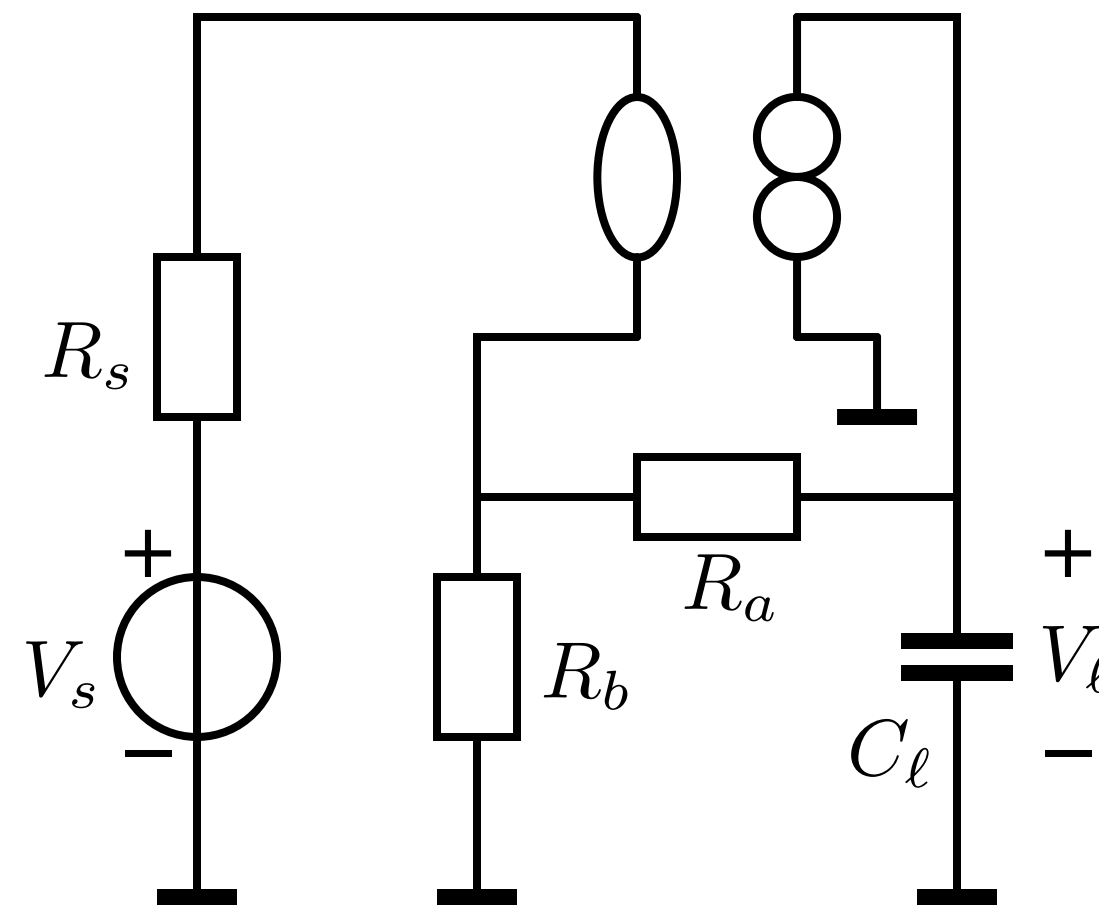
Amplifier concept for establishing a nonzero value for A only

Best performance with nonenergetic feedback

Wide-band transformer expensive

Passive feedback configuration

Feedback network increases noise and power losses of controller



Nonzero value for A:

Parallel sensing

Zero output impedance

Series comparison

Infinite input impedance

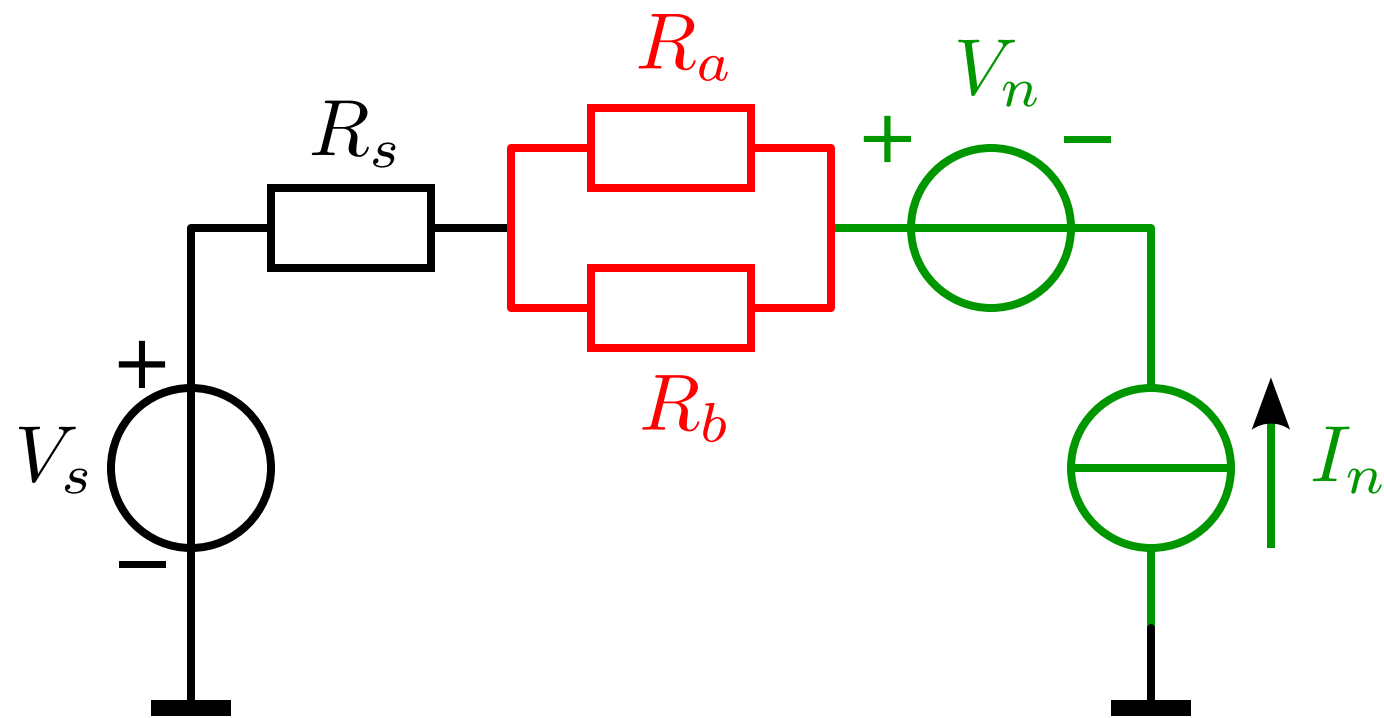
# Noise design

Find and solve design equations for elements that contribute to the noise

1. Feedback resistors

2. Controller equivalent input noise sources

Noise model:



$$S_{v_{tot}} = 4kT (R_s + R_a || R_b) + S_{V_n} + S_{I_n} (R_s + R_a || R_b)^2$$

Noise figure of 3dB:

$$S_{v_{tot}} = 8kT R_s$$

Show stopper values:

$$R_a || R_b < R_s \quad 600\Omega$$

$$S_{V_n} < 4kT R_s \quad 3.15 \frac{\text{nV}}{\sqrt{\text{Hz}}}$$

$$S_{I_n} < \frac{4kT}{R_s} \quad 5.25 \frac{\text{pA}}{\sqrt{\text{Hz}}}$$

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## Load drive requirements

Load signal voltage:  $4.5V_{pp}$

Maximum rate of change @ 100kHz sine wave,  $4.5V_{pp}$ : 1.41 V/us

Maximum load current @ 100kHz sine wave,  $4.5V_{pp}$ , 3.4nF: 4.8mA

Quiescent output voltage: 2.5V

## Supply requirements

Supply voltage: 5V

No power consumption requirements

## Biassing errors take a part of the budget for the total voltage drop

Biassing concept with AC coupling

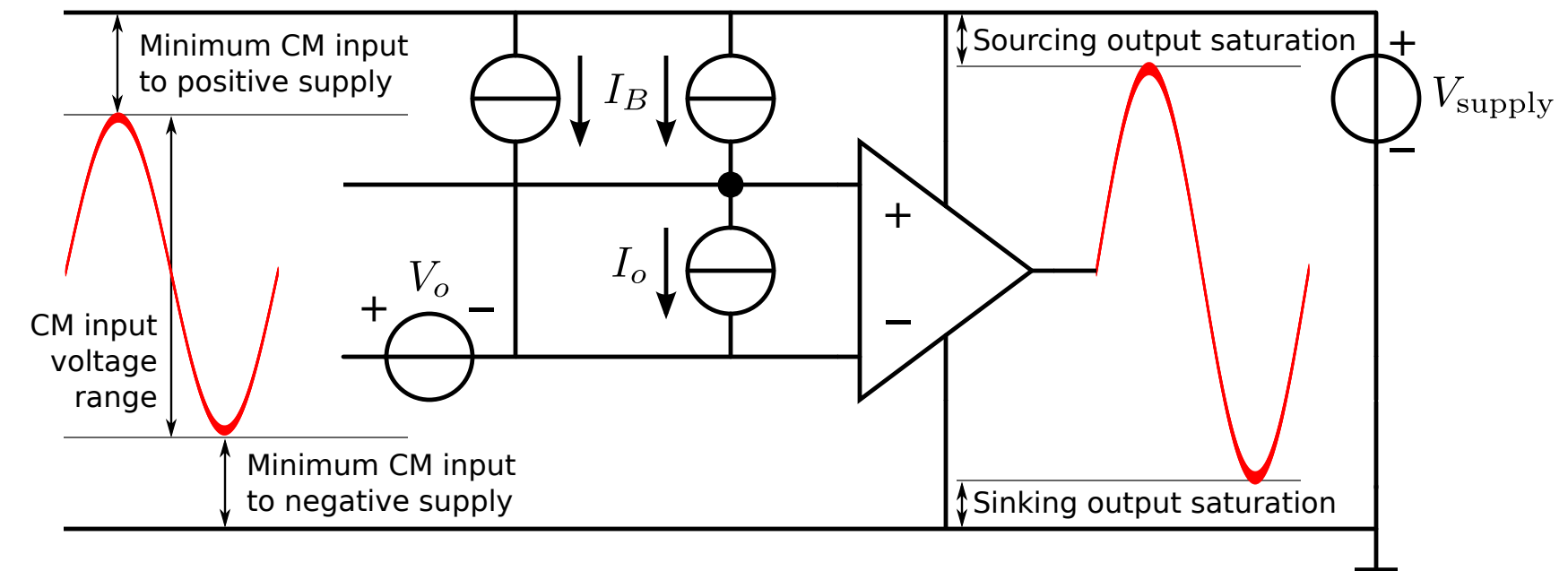
As presented in Chapter 9

## OpAmp requirements

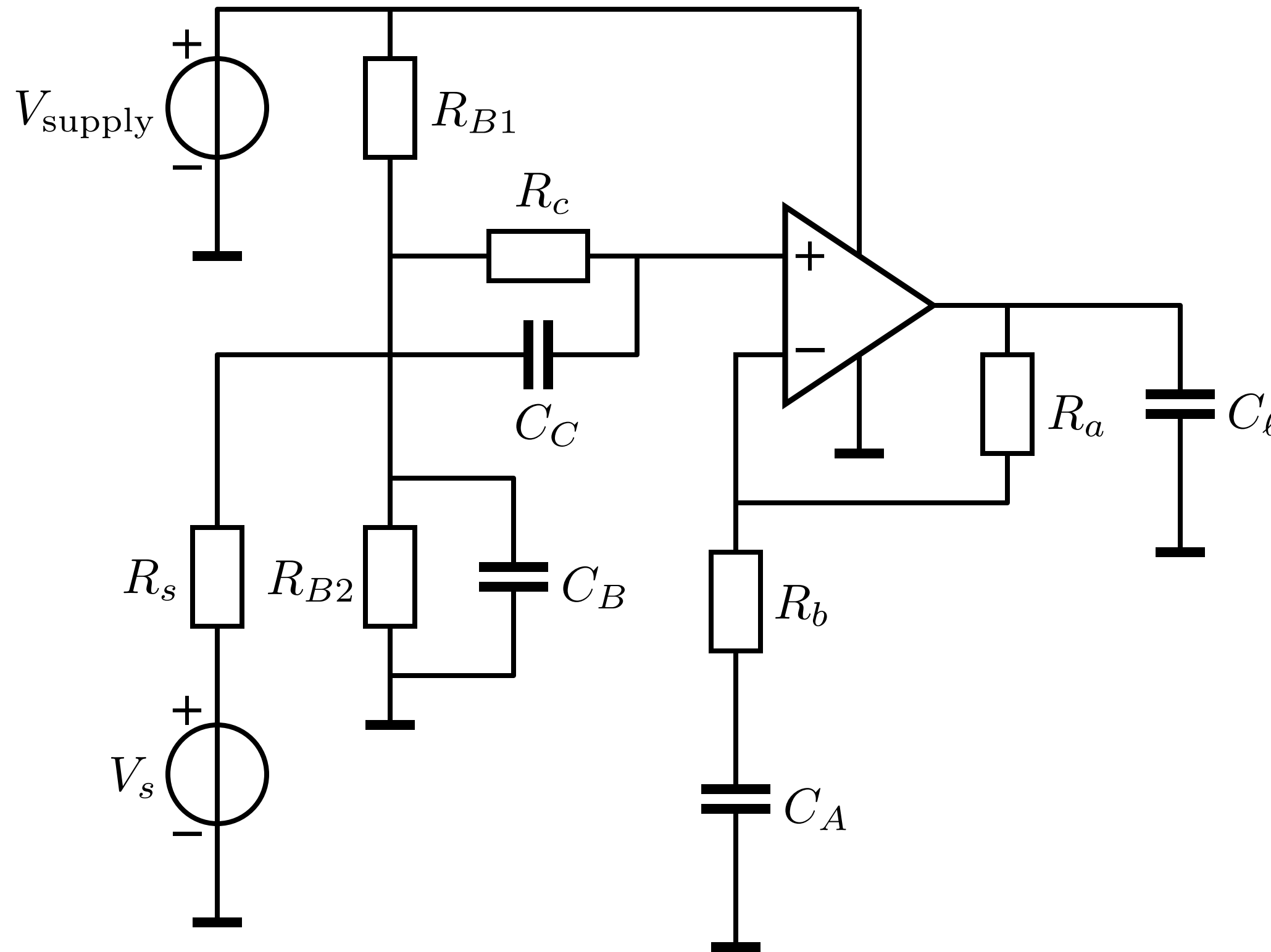
Supply voltage: 5V

Current drive capability:  $> 4.8mA$  + current through feedback network

Output saturation source/sink:  $< 0.25V$  - total output biasing error voltage



# Biasing errors



## Contributions to biasing errors:

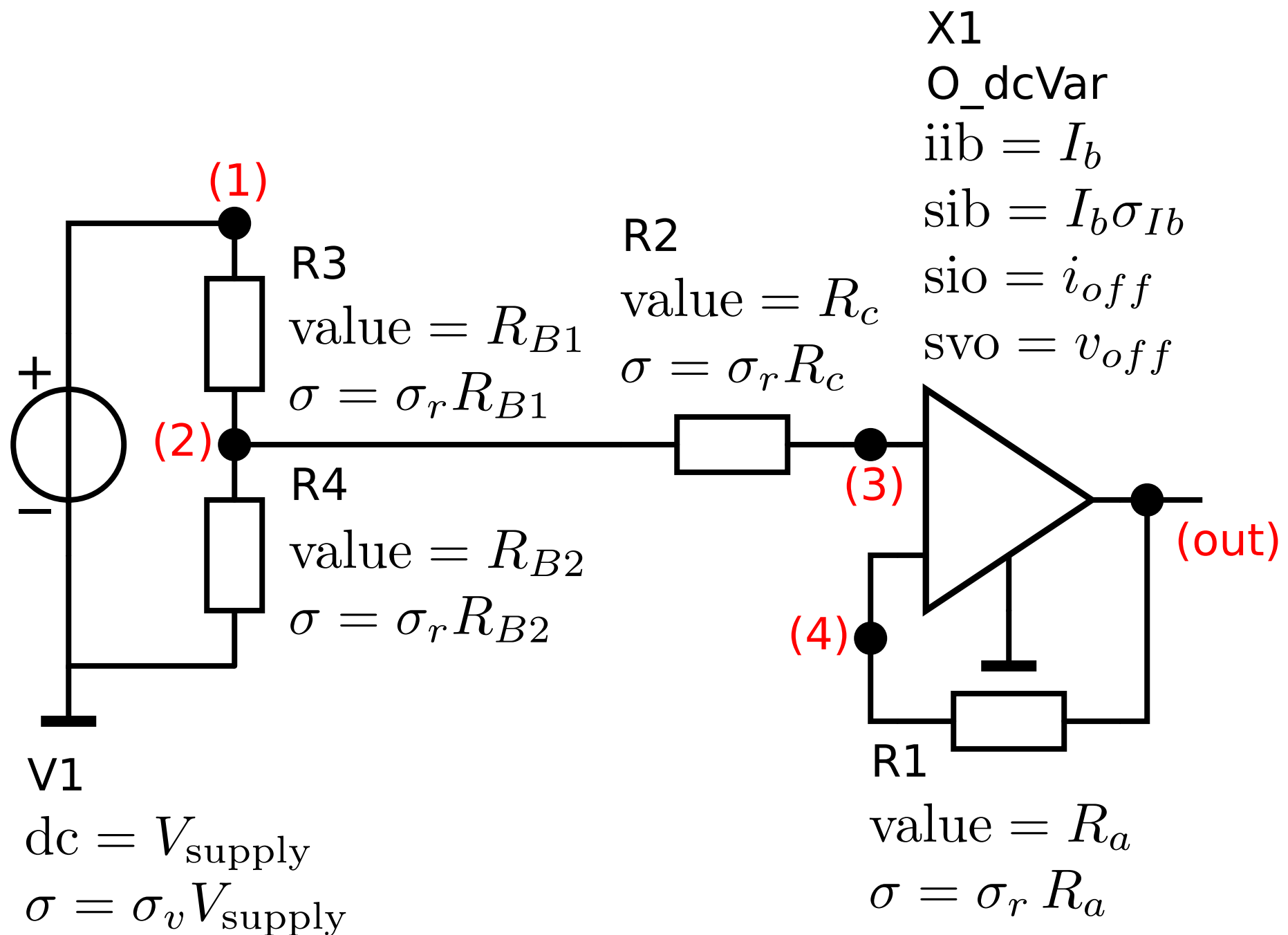
- Supply voltage tolerance
- Resistor tolerances
- Bias current OpAmp
- Offset current OpAmp
- Offset voltage OpAmp

## Interaction with other performance aspects:

- Noise:  $R_c \gg R_s, \frac{1}{2\pi f C_C} \ll R_s$
- Bandwidth:  $\frac{1}{2\pi f_{low} C_A} \leq R_b$
- Accuracy:  $R_c \gg R_s$
- PSRR:  $\frac{1}{2\pi f_{low} C_B} \leq (R_b || R_a)$



# Biassing errors



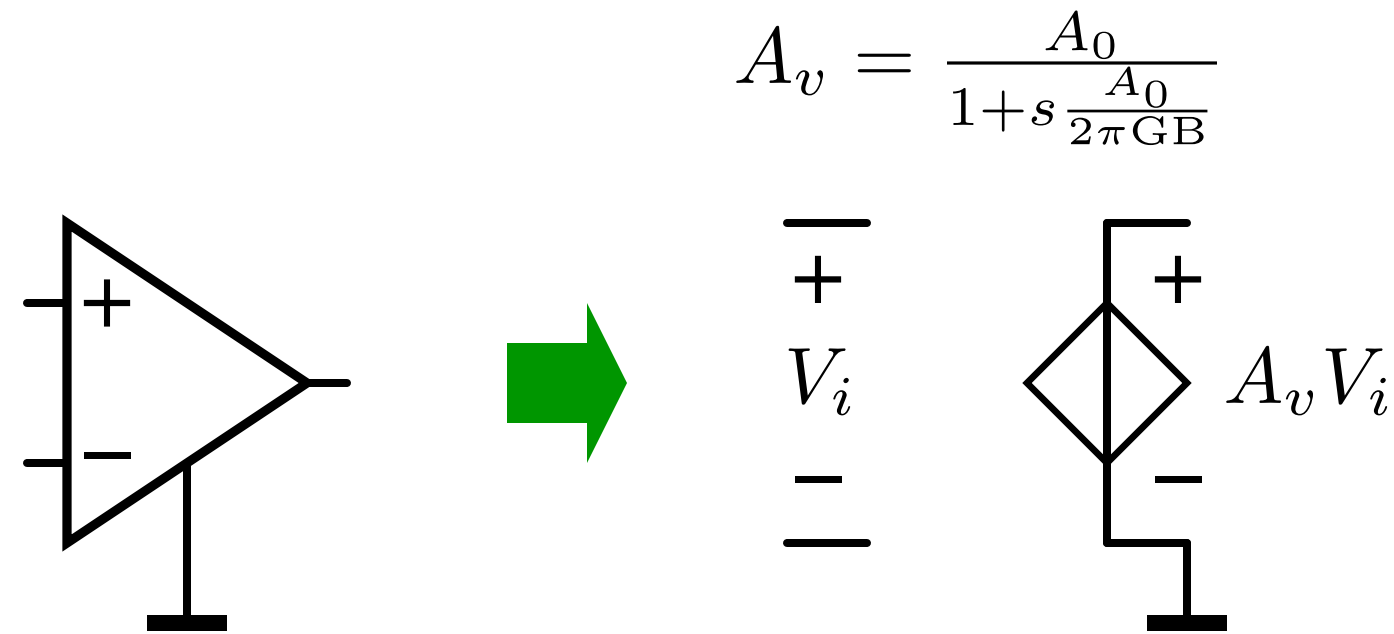
Simplified result:  $R_c \gg \frac{R_{B1}R_{B2}}{R_{B1}+R_{B2}}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma_{V_{out}}^2 = & 2\sigma_r^2 \left( \frac{V_s}{R_{B1} + R_{B2}} \right)^2 \left( \frac{R_{B1}R_{B2}}{R_{B1} + R_{B2}} \right)^2 \\
 & + \sigma_v^2 V_{supply}^2 \left( \frac{R_{B2}}{R_{B1} + R_{B2}} \right)^2 \\
 & + v_{off}^2 \\
 & + i_{off}^2 (R_c + R_a)^2 \\
 & + \sigma_{Ib}^2 I_b^2 (R_c - R_a)^2 \\
 & + \sigma_r^2 I_b^2 (R_c^2 + R_a^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

# Bandwidth design

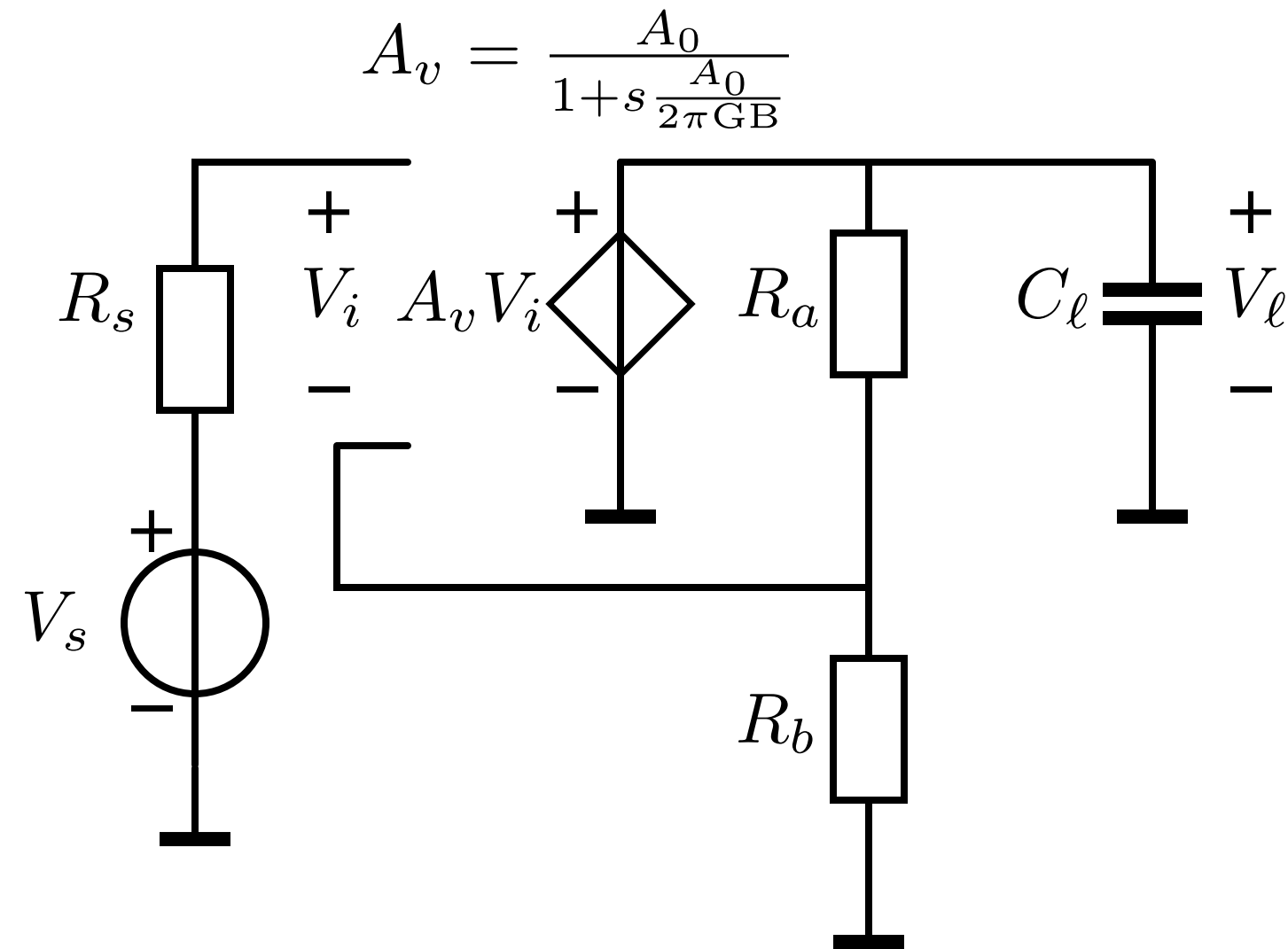
Determination of the required GB product of the OpAmp

Use the simplest model that provides this information:



# Bandwidth design

## Evaluation of loop gain-poles product



$$L = -\frac{R_b}{R_a + R_b} \frac{A_0}{1 + s \frac{A_0}{2\pi GB}}$$

$$LP_1 = GB \frac{R_b}{R_a + R_b} [\text{Hz}]$$

Achievable bandwidth B equals LP product:

$$GB \geq \frac{R_a + R_b}{R_b} B [\text{Hz}]$$

$$GB \geq 45 \text{ MHz}$$