

Photodiode

Photodiode Design

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Photodiode Design Report

Design Parameters Entered by User

Reverse Voltage (V_r): 5 V

Photodiode Bias: Negative

Capacitance (C_d): 25 pF

Shunt Resistance (R_{sh}): 5 G Ω

Peak Current (I_p): 4 μ A

Q: 0.675

Peak Voltage (V_p): 2 V

Requested Bandwidth: 1 MHz

Sensor: Custom

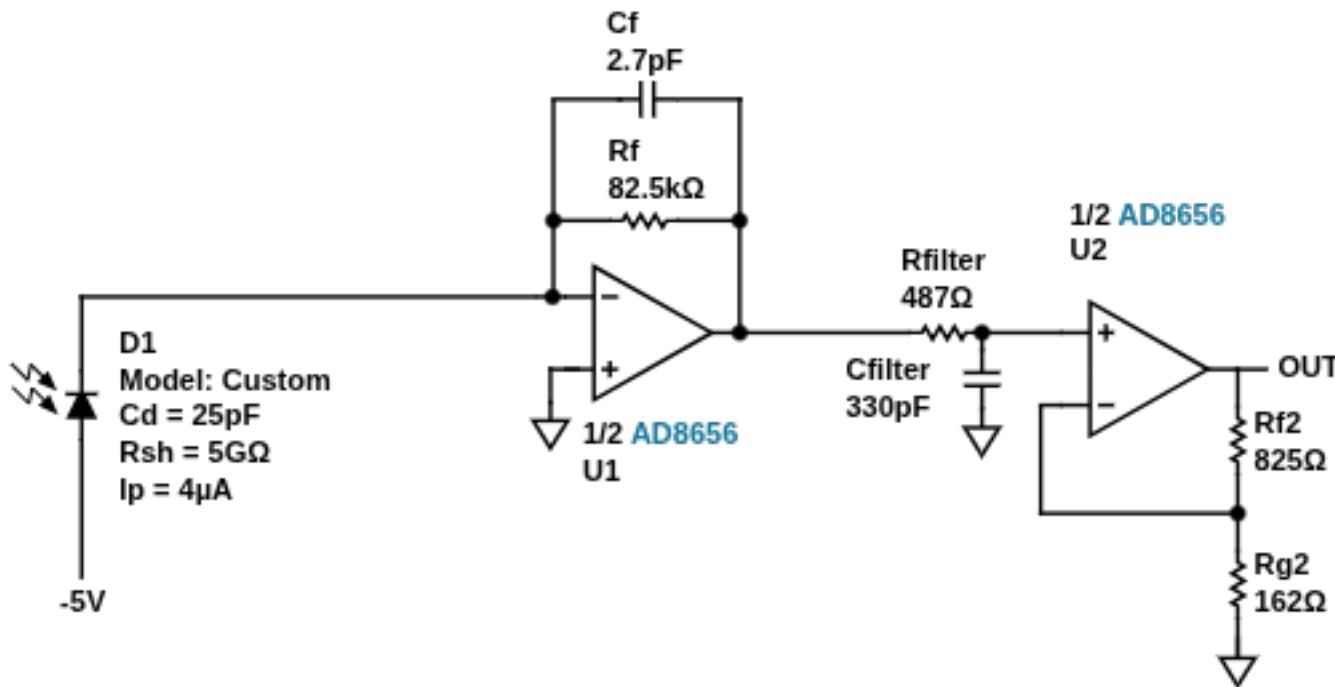
Stage: Two Stages

Circuit

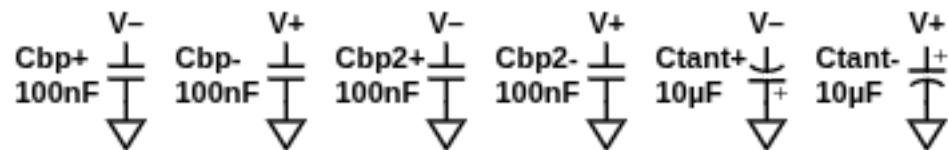
SUPPLY VOLTAGE
 MIN: $\pm 2.01V$
 MAX: $\pm 2.75V$

STAGE 1
TRANSIMPEDANCE
AMPLIFIER

STAGE 2
ADDITIONAL GAIN
AND FILTERING



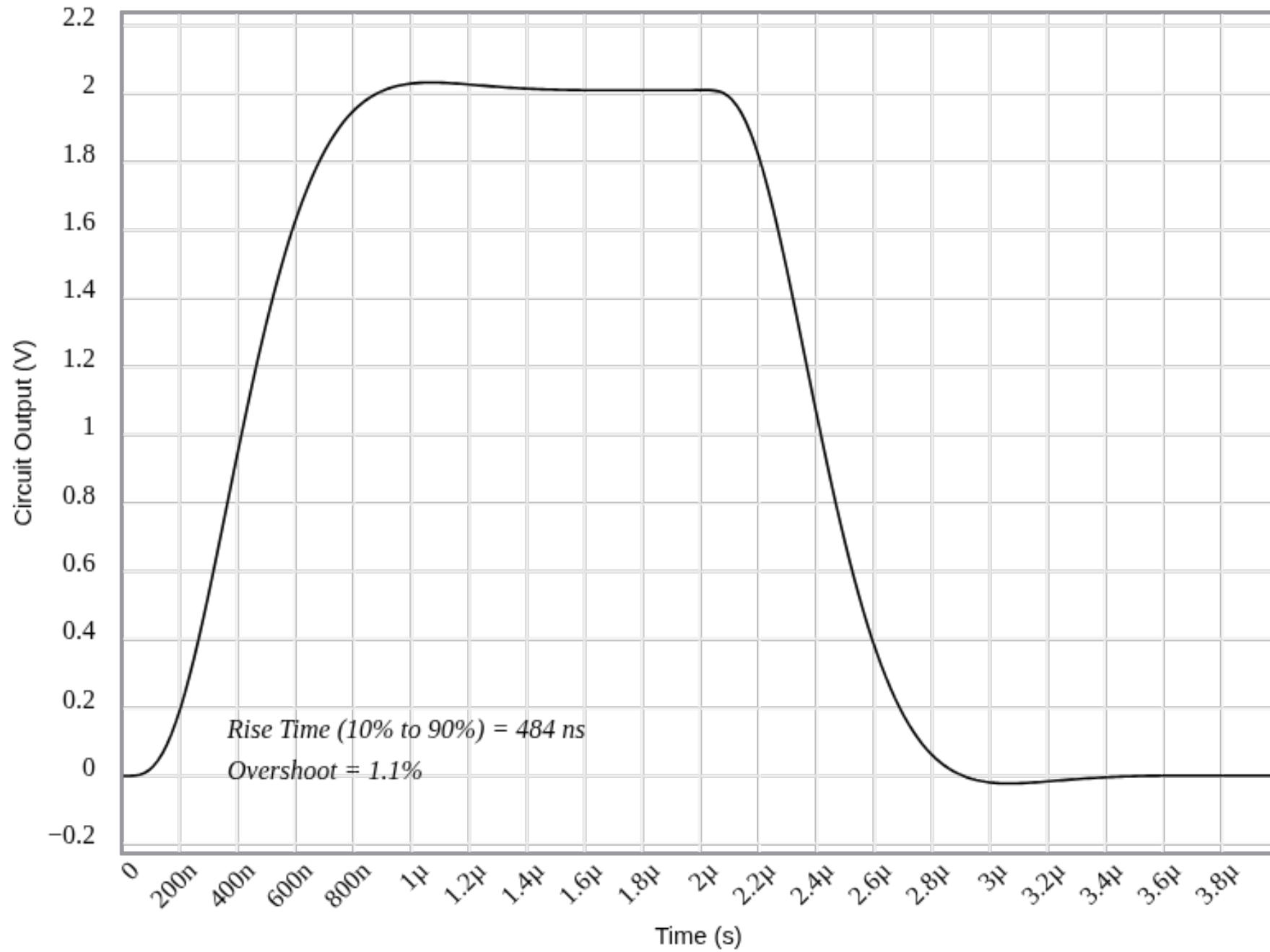
BYPASS CAPACITORS



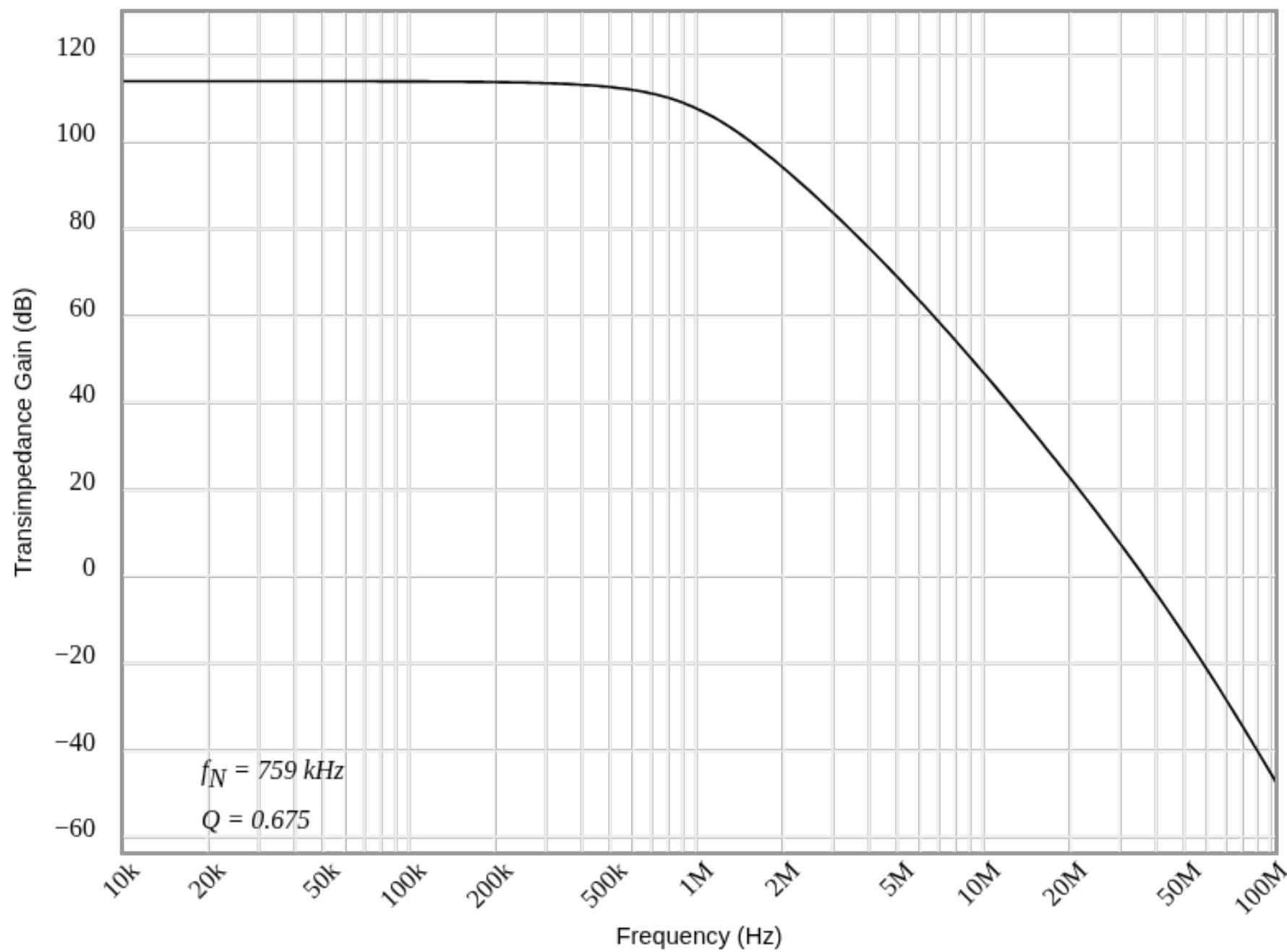
Bill of Materials

Quantity	Reference Designator	Value	Package	Material	Tolerance
1	Rf	82.5 k	0603	Thin Film	0.5%
1	Rg2	162	0603	Thin Film	0.5%
1	Rf2	825	0603	Thin Film	0.5%
1	Rfilter	487	0603	Thin Film	0.5%
1	Cf	2.7 pF	0603	C0G	5%
1	Cfilter	330 pF	0603	C0G	5%
4	Cbp+,Cbp-,Cbp2+,Cbp2-	100 nF	0603	X7R	20%
2	Ctant+,Ctant-	10 µF	6032	tantalum	20%
2	U1,U2	AD8656	SOIC		
1	D1	Custom			

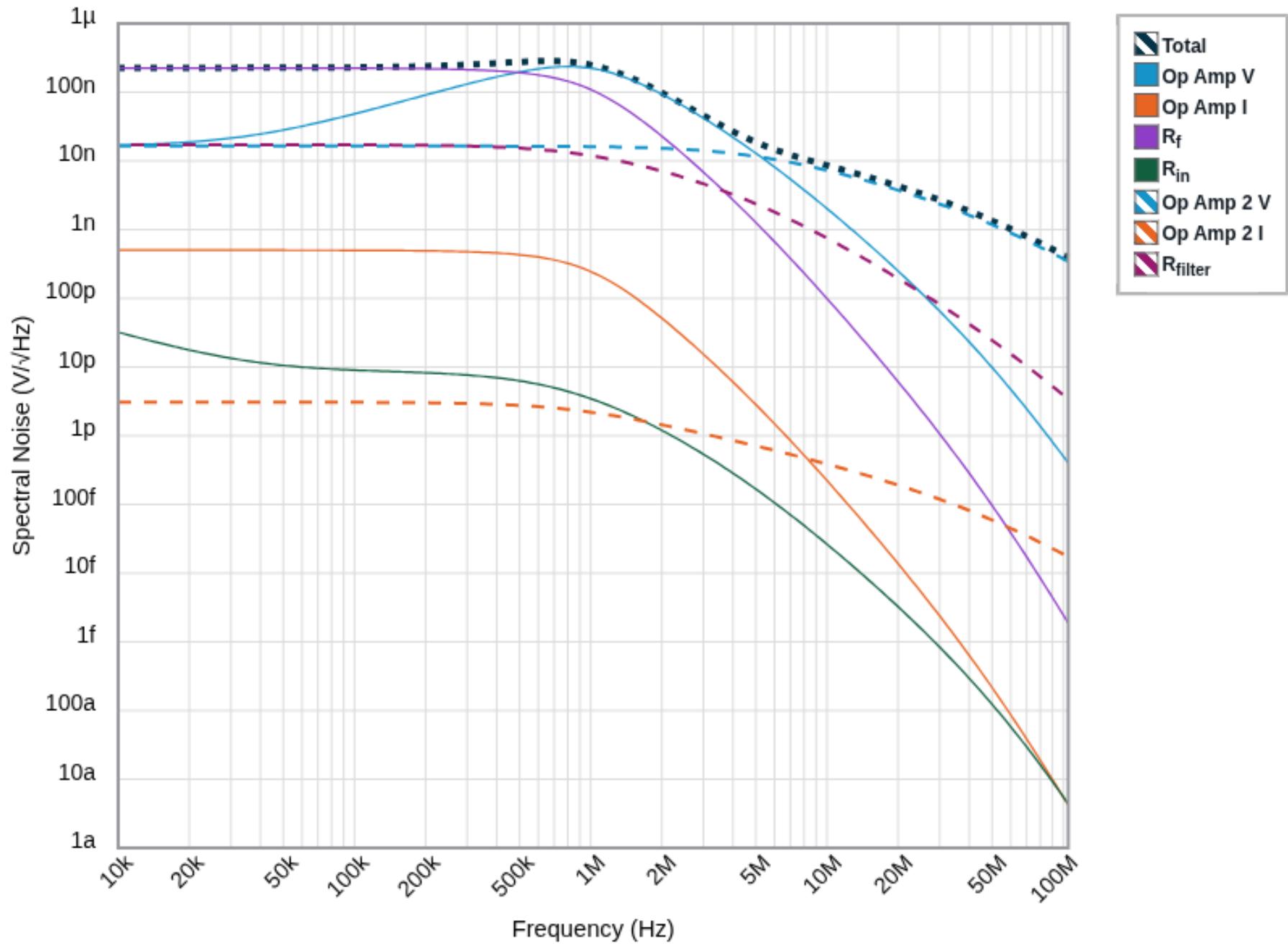
Pulse Response



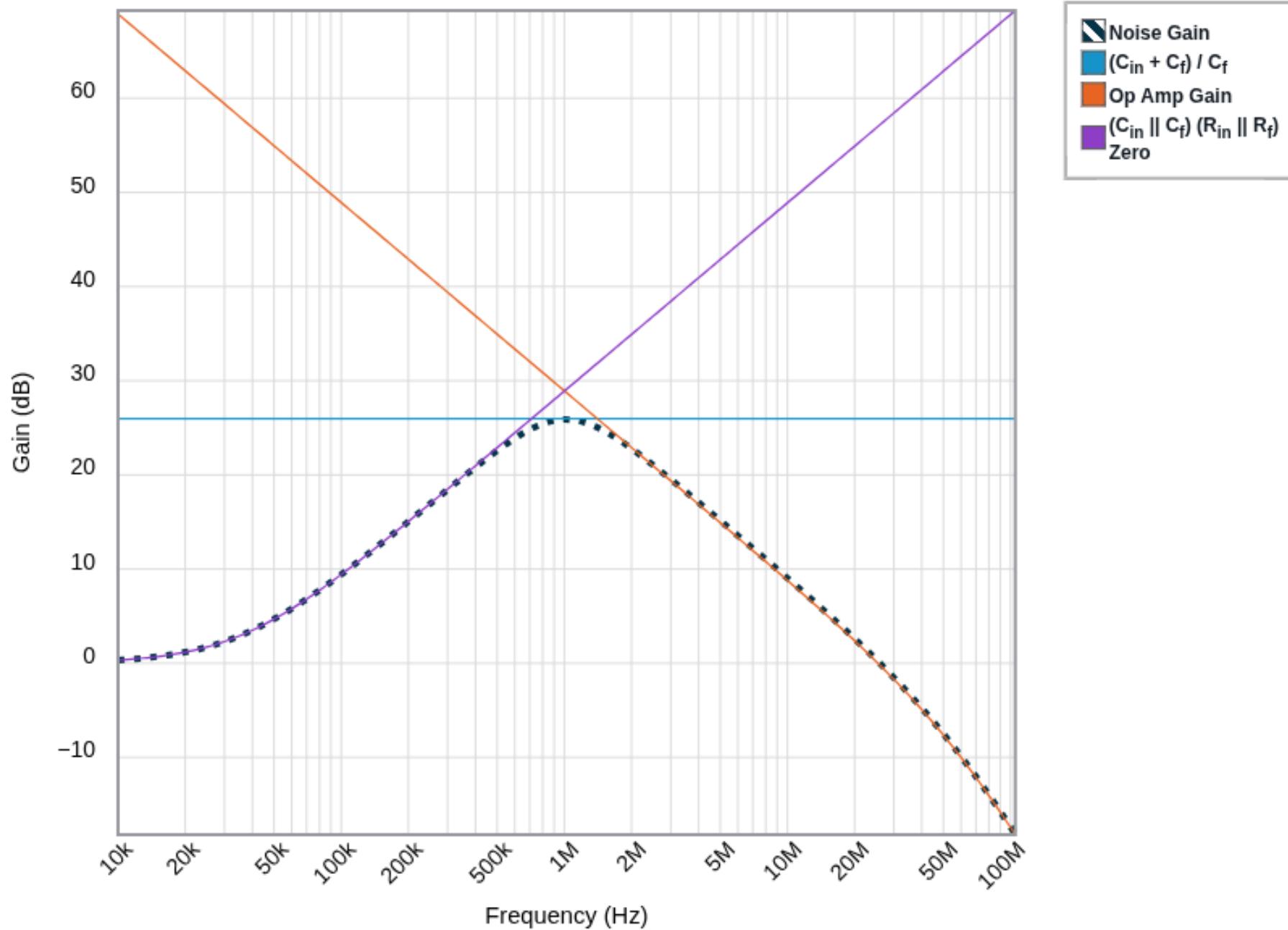
Frequency Response



Spectral Noise Density



Noise Gain



SNR

Peak Signal

Photodiode Current: 4 μ A

Output Voltage: 2 V



SNR = 66.8 dB

ENOB = 10.8 bits

Noise Contributors (V rms)

Stage 1		Stage 2	
Op Amp Voltage	253 μ	Op Amp Voltage	44.1 μ
Op Amp Current	437 n	Op Amp Current	4.03 n
R_F	195 μ	R_F	9.89 μ
R_{IN}	7.48 n	R_G	22.3 μ
		R_{FILTER}	19.6 μ
Stage 1 Total	319 μ	Stage 2 Total	54.1 μ

Total Noise: 324 μ V rms

*All noise referred to output
1/f and tail current noise not modeled.*



Minimum Signal (Noise Floor)

Referred to Input: 648 pA rms

Referred to Output: 324 μ V rms