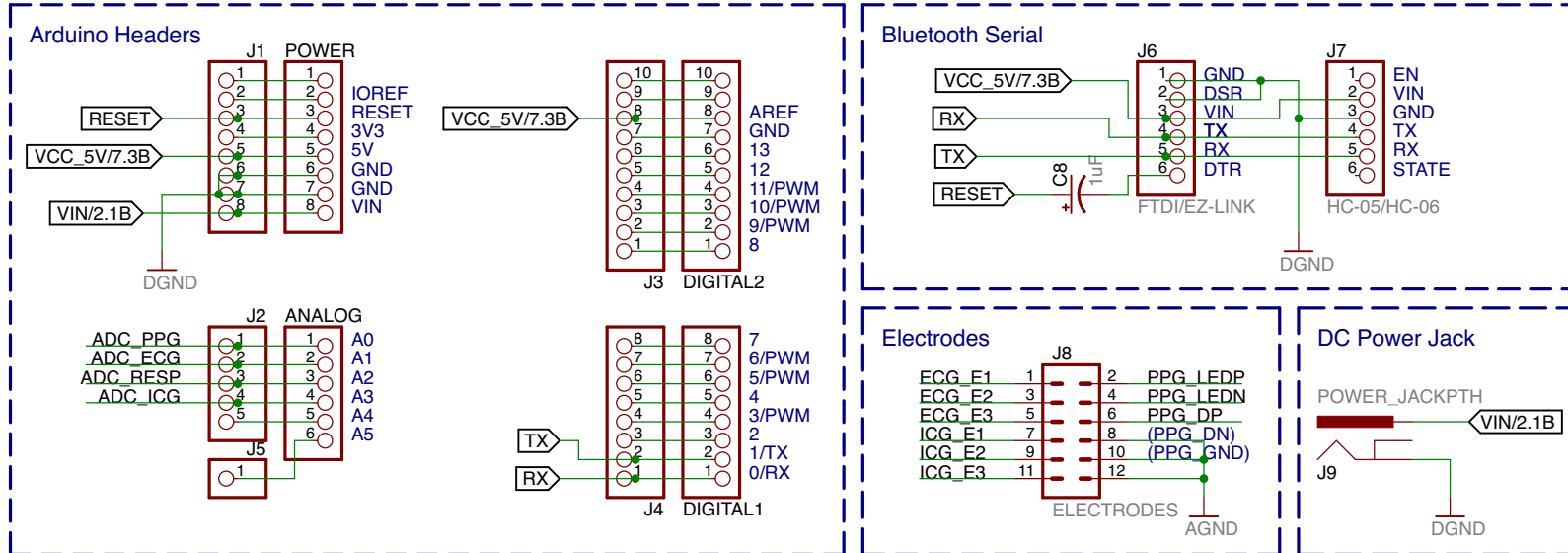


BIOSHIELD INTERFACE



Arduino-compatible headers are provided, with all signals passed through. This allows for stacking additional shields or using alternate Arduino-compatible processors.

Power is provided EITHER through the DC power jack OR directly into the VIN pin. They are shorted together, so do not connect multiple power supplies to this pin!

Two standard serial->Bluetooth headers are broken out.

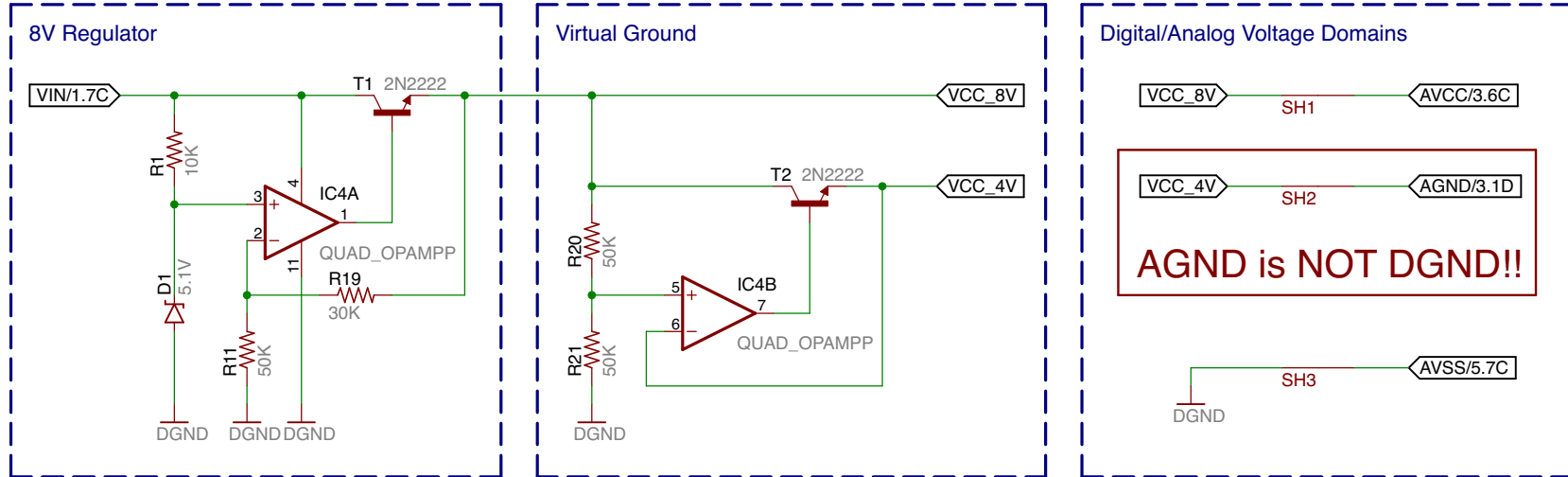
J6 is compatible with the standard FTDI header, as well as the Adafruit EZ-LINK. The DTR pin allows wireless reprogramming of the Arduino.

J7 is compatible with the extremely common HC-05 and HC-06 Bluetooth modules.

Note that with sufficient power, other serial->wireless modules can easily be used, such as the popular ESP8266 (WiFi) or an XBee shield.

The ECG, ICG, and PPG electrode interfaces are exposed together on J8.

POWER



The 8V regulator provides a stable 8V rail from an input source.
The input source must be greater than 8V plus the transistor's collector-emitter drop.
For the 2N2222 transistor, the max drop is 0.4V at 150 mA.

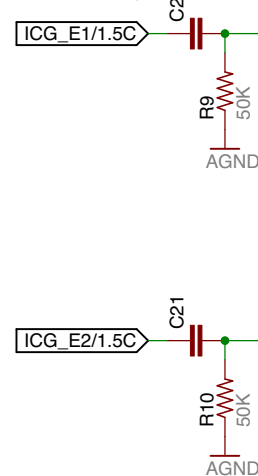
By changing the gain resistors, the 8V regulator voltage can be modified and a different Zener diode can be used.
The output voltage is calculated as follows:
$$V_{out} = ((R11 + R19) / R11) * V_{zener}$$

The virtual ground stage provides a stable voltage at the center point between the digital ground and the regulator output.

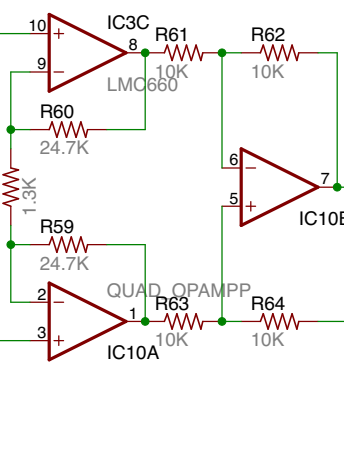
The virtual ground is used as the reference for all of the analog circuitry (ie AGND).
The regulated rail is used as the analog VCC, and the digital ground is used as the analog VSS.
IMPORTANT: AGND is NOT at the same level as DGND!

ICG

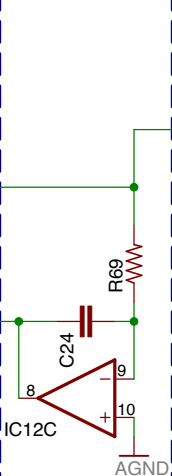
AC Coupling



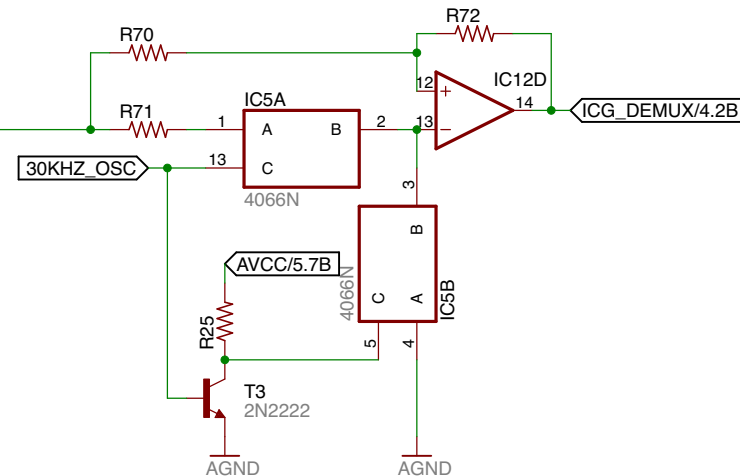
Instrumentation Amplifier



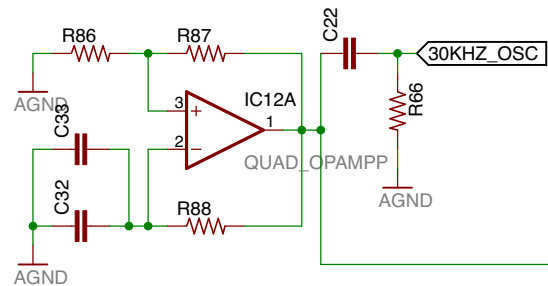
DC Restoration



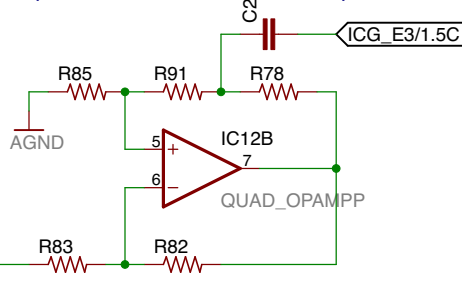
Commutator



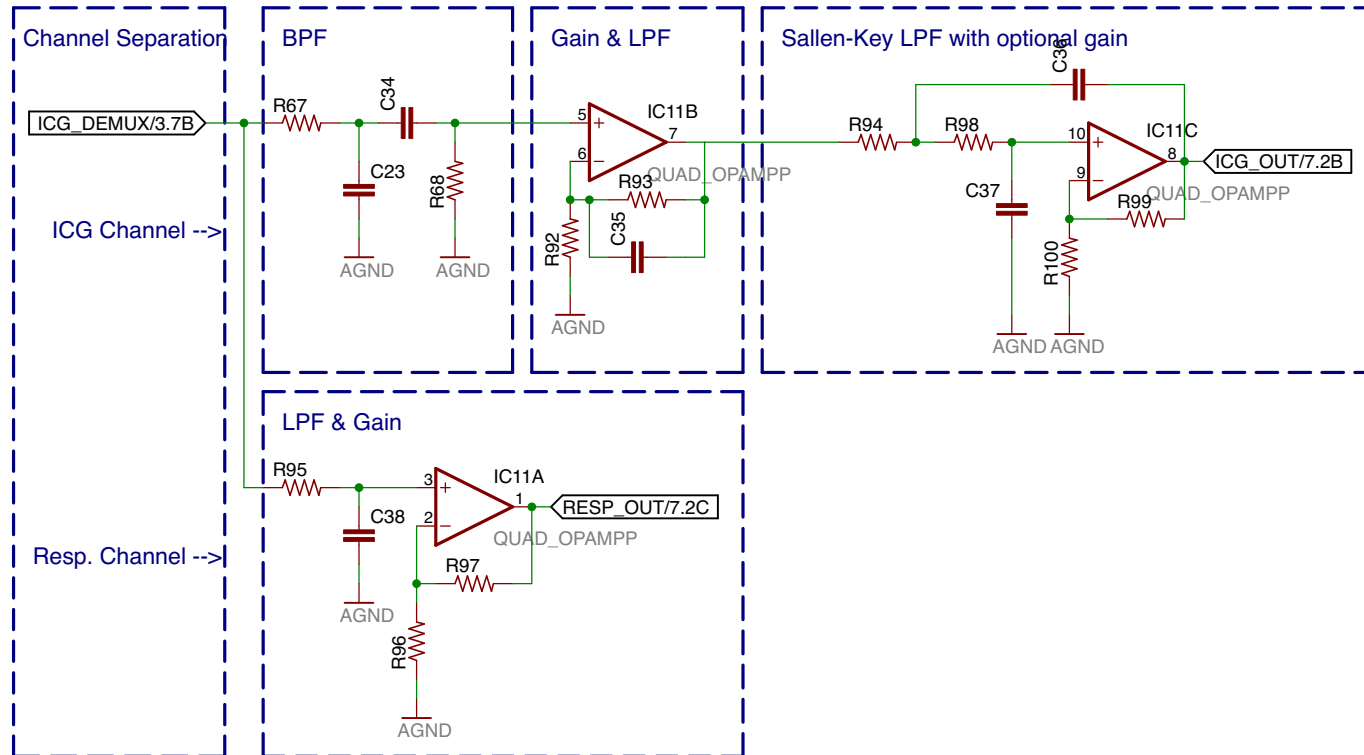
30KHz Oscillator



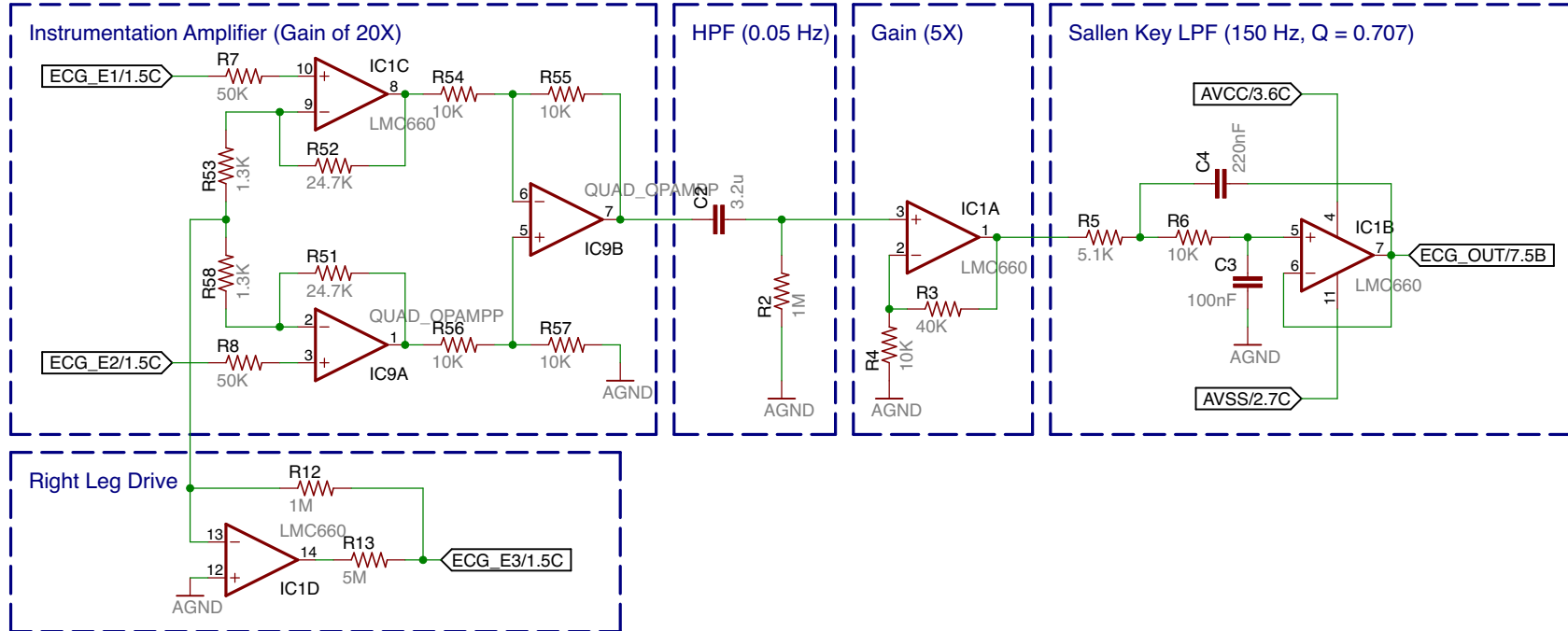
Improved Howland Current Pump



ICG (con't)



ECG



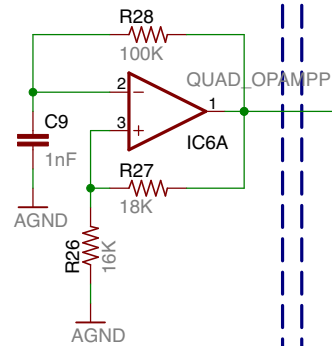
Gain is split across both sides of the high pass due to the DC offset on the inputs.
To mitigate large input offsets, the IA gain should be reduced until the IA output is no longer saturated.
The second stage gain should be increased to compensate for the reduced gain in the first stage.

The Sallen-Key Lowpass Filter is designed for a cutoff frequency of 150 Hz and $Q = 0.707$ for a maximally flat passband.

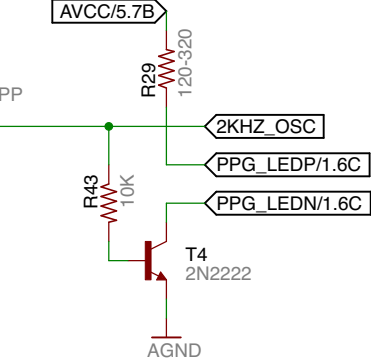
Right Leg Drive is a mechanism for improving the common-mode rejection. The 5Mohm resistor limits the drive current to the body.

PPG

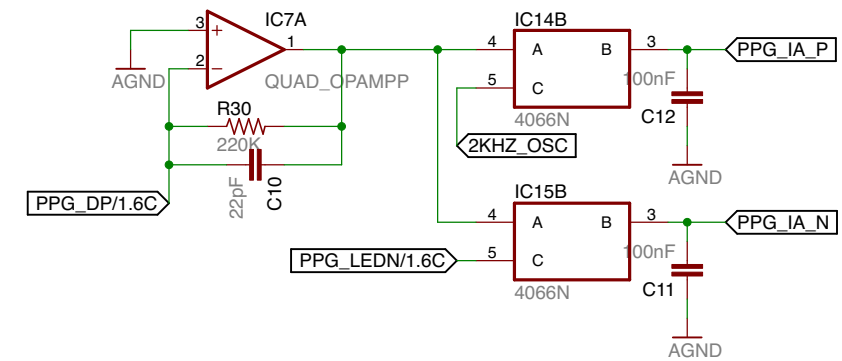
2kHz Oscillator



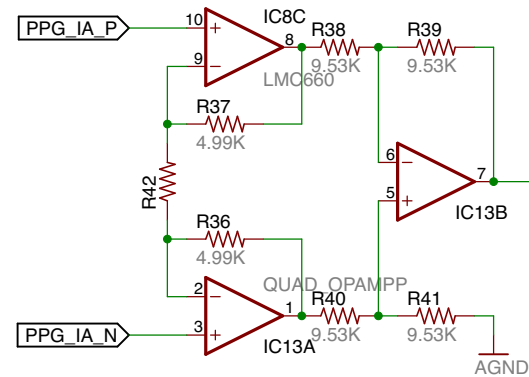
LED Drive, Clock Inversion



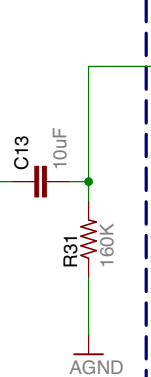
Sample & Hold



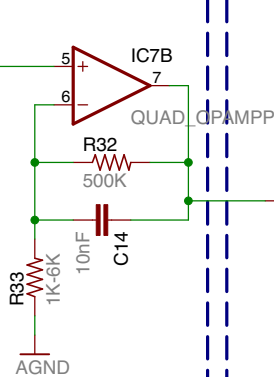
Instrumentation Amplifier



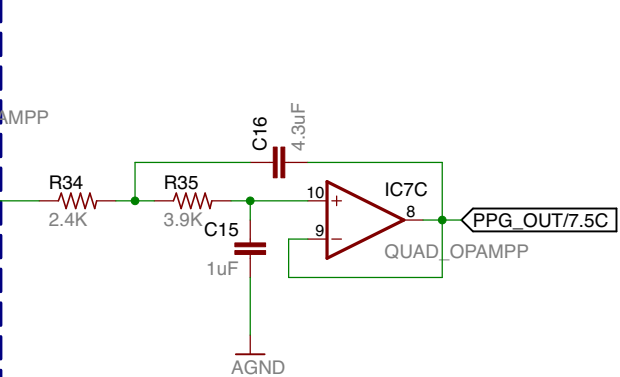
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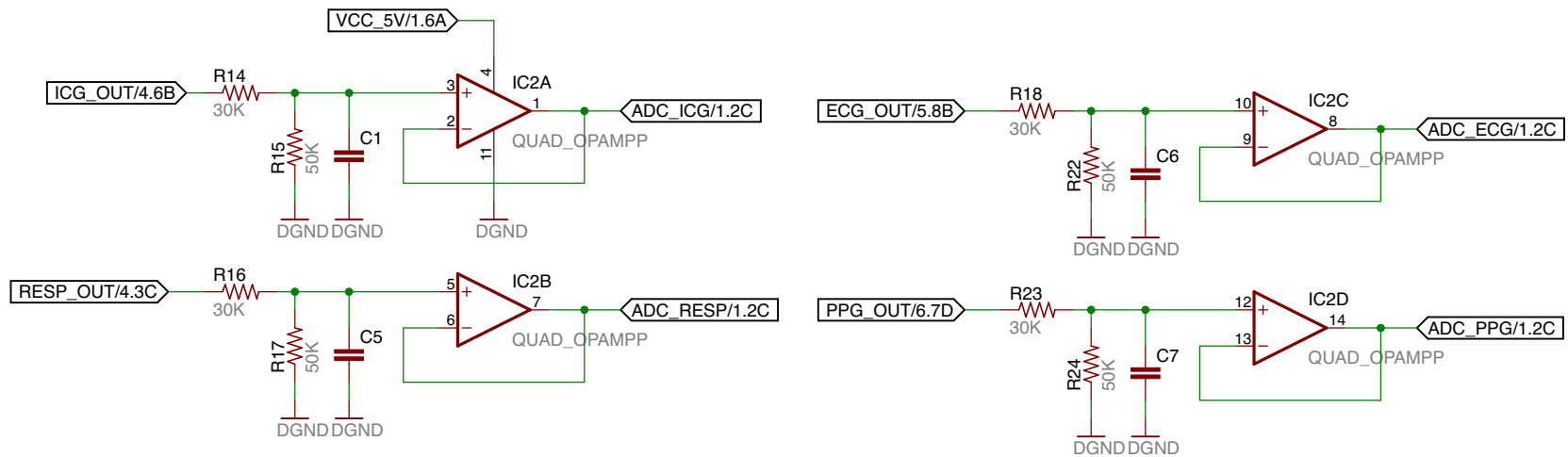
Gain & LPF



Sallen-Key LPF



ADC INPUT



Each module translates the 8V signals into 5V levels compatible with the Arduino ADC.
The resistor divider has an attenuation of $G = 50K / (30K + 50K) = 5 / 8$.

The op-amp is configured as a unity gain buffer, and provides a low output impedance to the ADC.
IMPORTANT: If using alternate parts, ensure that the op amp for this stage is stable in a unity gain configuration!

The capacitor adds an optional extra pole for any final antialiasing.
The pole's corner frequency is calculated as: $f = 1 / (2 * \pi * (30K \parallel 50K) * C)$