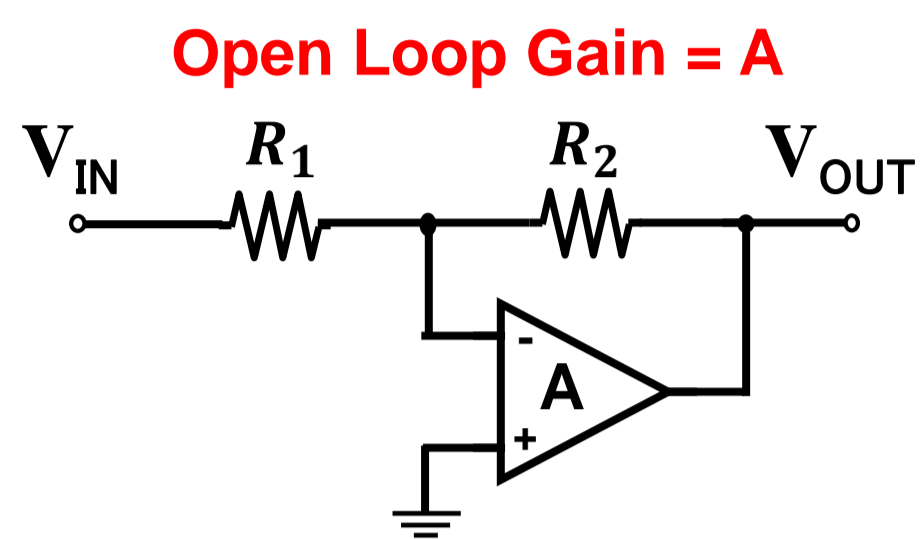


## 1. Research Background

### Conventional Amplifier Problem

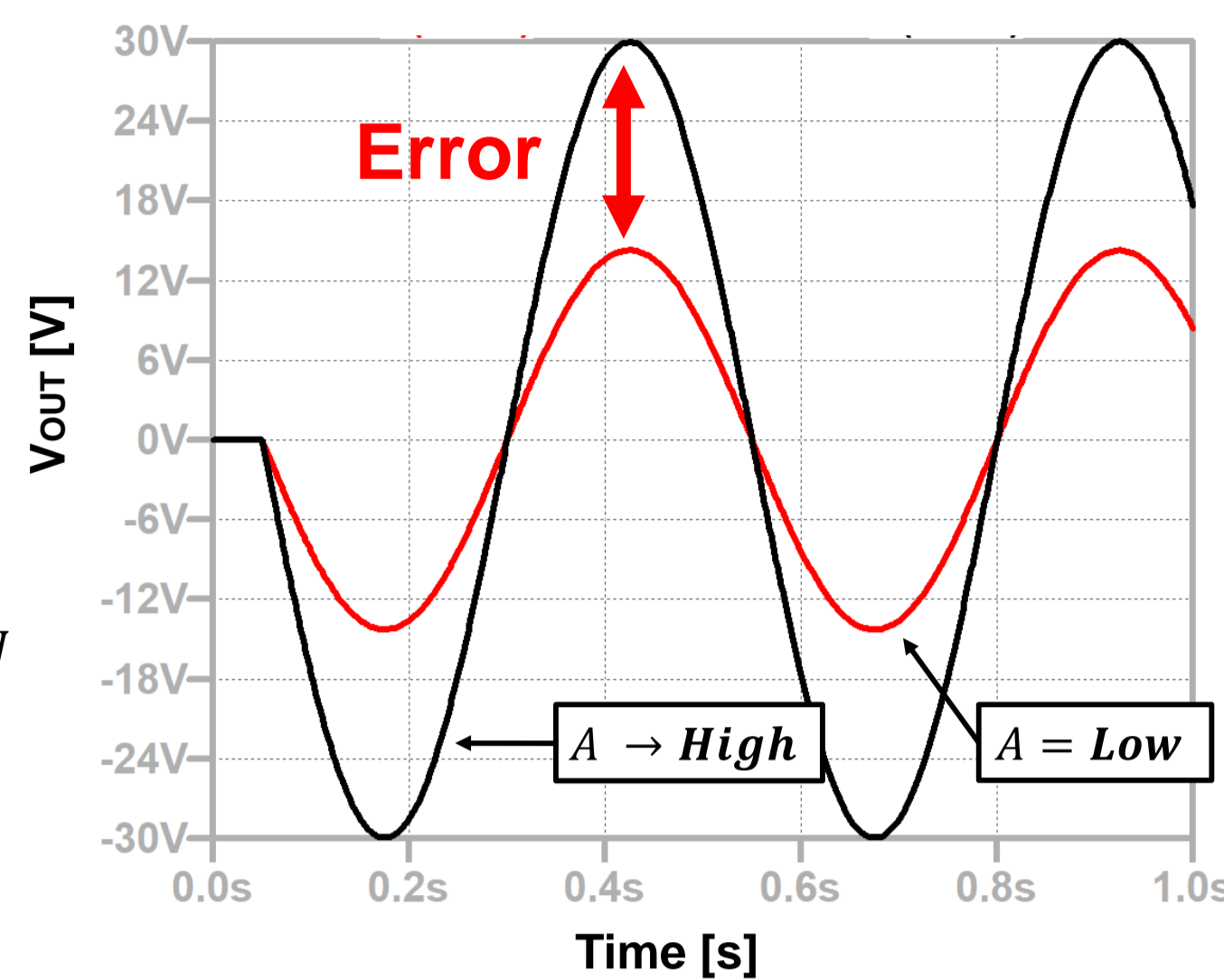
Amplifier with accurate amplification factor

Operational amplifier with extremely high gain is required.



$$V_{OUT} = -\frac{AR_2}{(1+A)R_1+R_2}V_{IN}$$

$$A \rightarrow \infty \quad V_{OUT} \cong -\frac{R_2}{R_1}V_{IN}$$



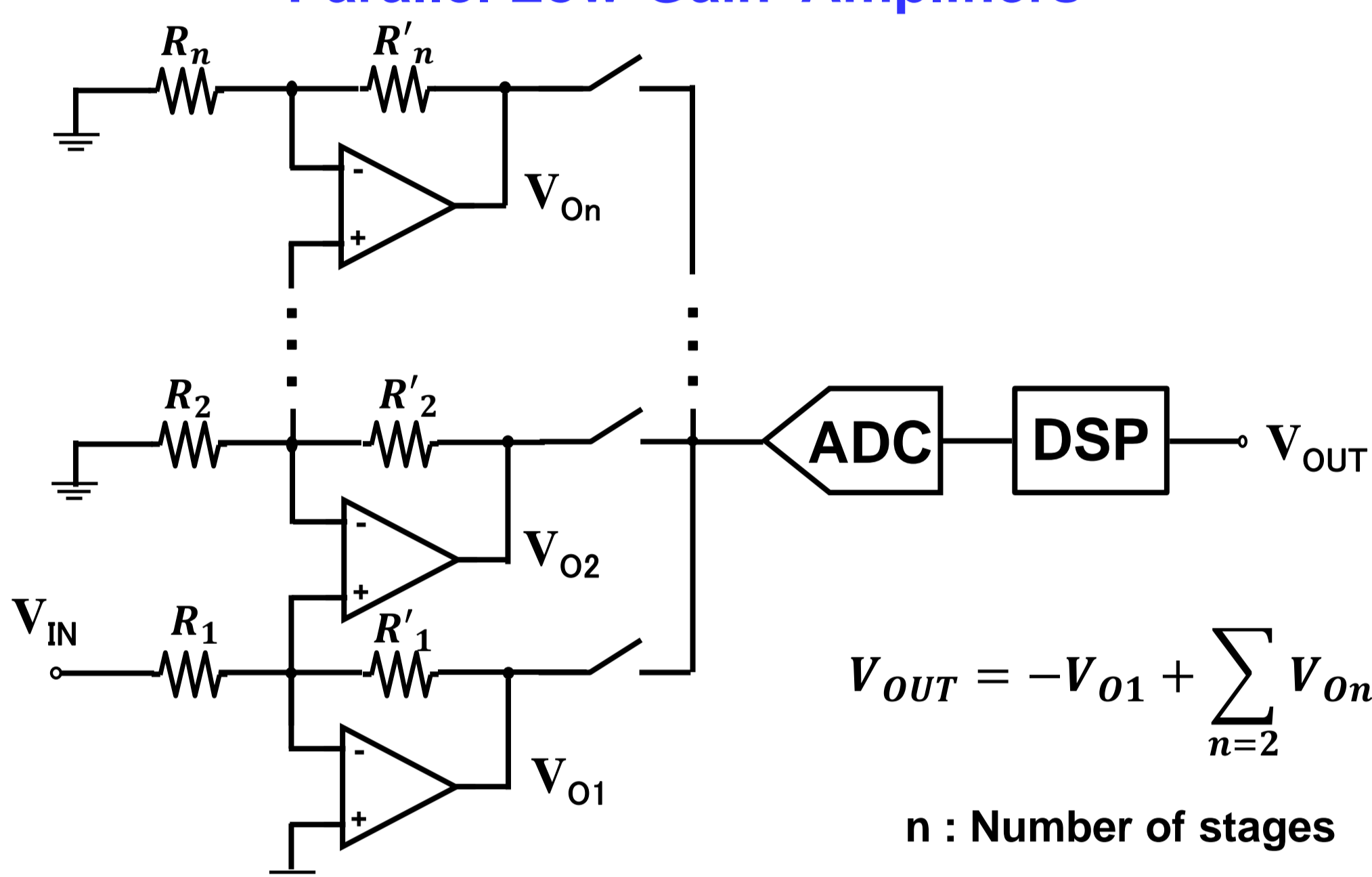
### Purpose of This Work

If open loop gain is low, sufficient accuracy cannot be obtained.

Accuracy comparable to a high-gain operational amplifier with several low-gain operational amplifiers.

## 2. Investigated Circuit

### Parallel Low-Gain Amplifiers



### Circuit Assumption

- Resistance values of R1 .. Rn are fixed.
- Resistance values of R'1 .. R'n are adjusted according to the desired amplification factor.
- All operational amplifiers have almost the same gain without offsets.

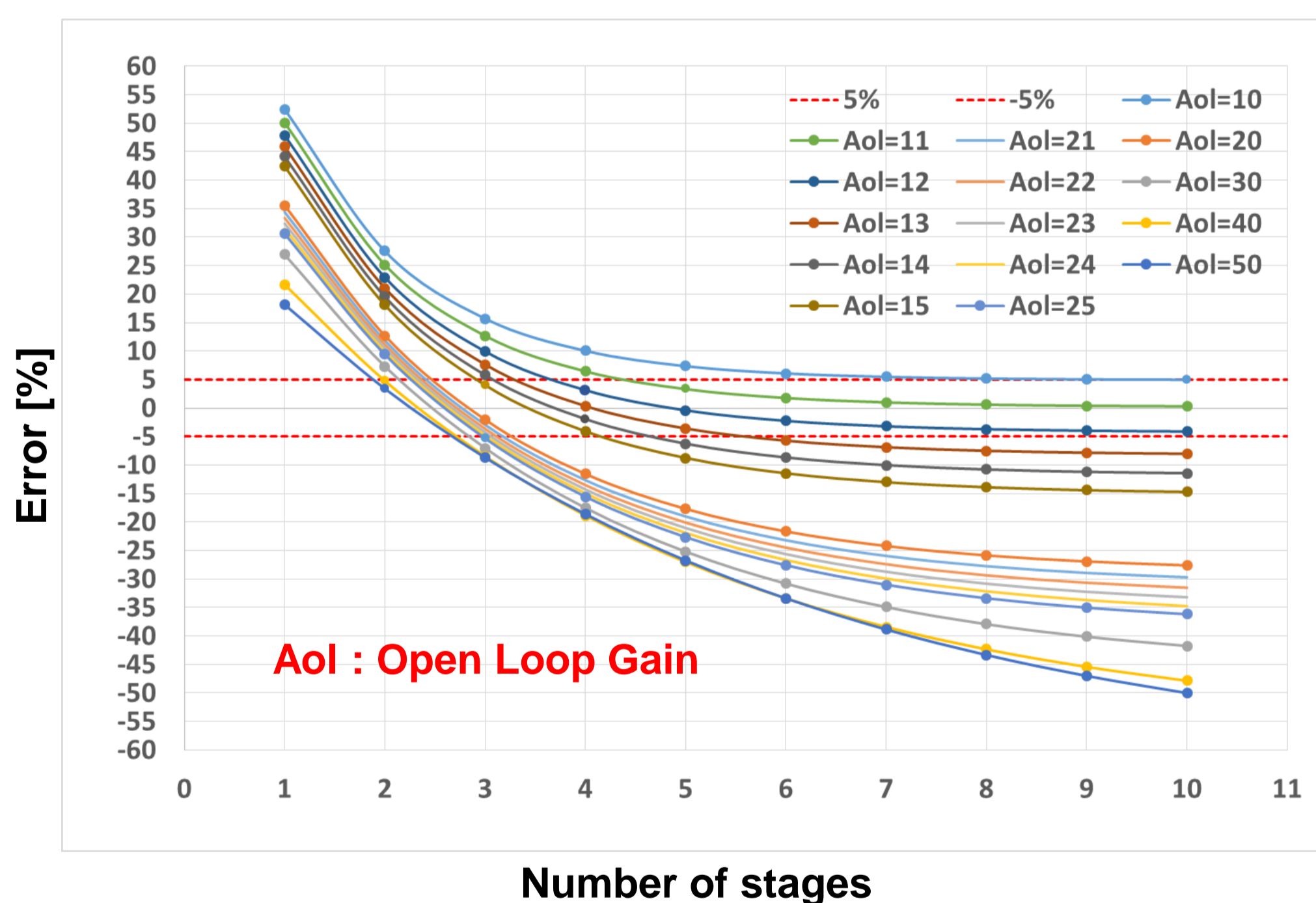
### Operation Explanation

- Amplifies the inverting input potential of the previous stage operational amplifier.
- Outputs at each stage are de-multiplexed, converted to digital and added by DSP.

## 3. Simulation Results

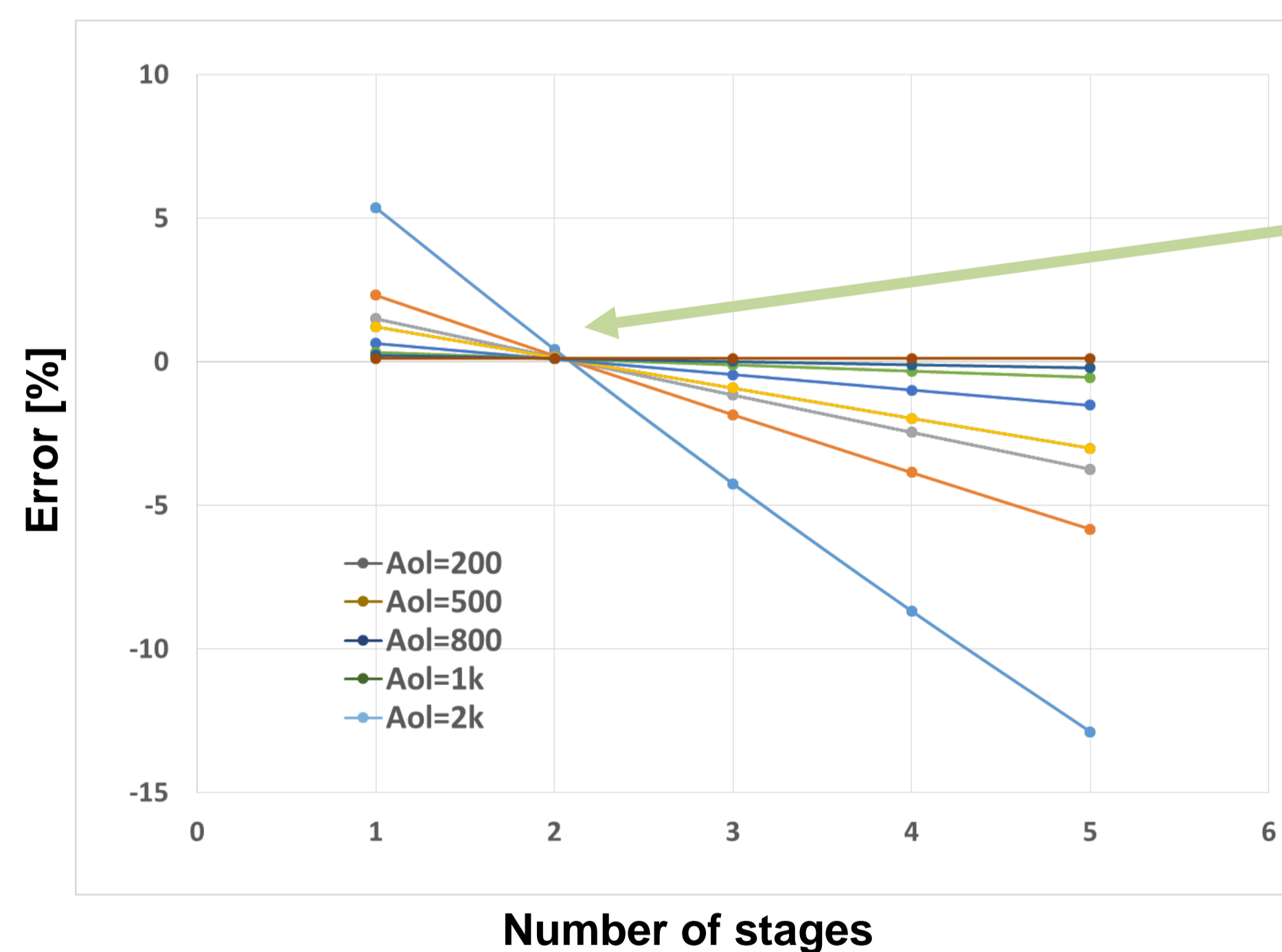
### Simulation Result 1

#### Errors for Low Open Loop Gain



### Simulation Result 2

#### Errors for High Open Loop Gain



$$V_{OUT} = -V_{O1} + V_{O2}$$

The higher the Aol, the smaller the error.

$$Error = \frac{V_{IDEAL} - V_{OUT}}{V_{IDEAL}} \times 100 [\%]$$

$V_{IDEAL}$  : Output for very high open loop gain

## 4. Conclusions

### Conventional Amplifier

- Low gain operational amplifier → Inaccurate output
- High gain operational amplifier → Sufficient accuracy



### Parallel Low-Gain Amplifiers

- Low gain operational amplifier → Approximate to ideal value  
→ **Appropriate number of stages depending on open loop gain**
- Middle gain operational amplifier → Higher precision gain  
→ **Two stages are enough**

## 5. Future Works

- Experiments using actual circuits
- Effect of changing load resistance
- Theoretical analysis for parallel low-gain amplifiers

## 6. Reference

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