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If you have the same circuit, say a SE amp, and substitute tubes (given propper operating points, filament voltage, ect...) you will hear differences. Yet, the circuit itself will influence the sound of the same output tube, ie... direct coupled VS R/C coupled. Moreover, the coupling caps will also affect the sound. And obviously the output tranformers will affect sound of a given tube and circuit. It all matters. I personally feel that certain attributes are really dependent on the circuit such as gain, linearity, frequency extension, distortion and that others are affected by tubes, tonal balance, clarity, and other more subjective criterea like airiness.Rodney