16. The linear relationship between $\theta$ (the knob angle in degrees) and frequency $f$ is

$$
f=f_{0}\left(1+\frac{\theta}{180^{\circ}}\right) \Rightarrow \theta=180^{\circ}\left(\frac{f}{f_{0}}-1\right)
$$

where $f_{0}=2 \times 10^{5} \mathrm{~Hz}$. Since $f=\omega / 2 \pi=1 / 2 \pi \sqrt{L C}$, we are able to solve for $C$ in terms of $\theta$ :

$$
C=\frac{1}{4 \pi^{2} L f_{0}^{2}\left(1+\frac{\theta}{180^{\circ}}\right)^{2}}=\frac{81}{400000 \pi^{2}\left(180^{\circ}+\theta\right)^{2}}
$$

with SI units understood. After multiplying by $10^{12}$ (to convert to picofarads), this is plotted, below.


