

**ECE547 VLSI Layout and Design**

**PID Controller Project Final Report**

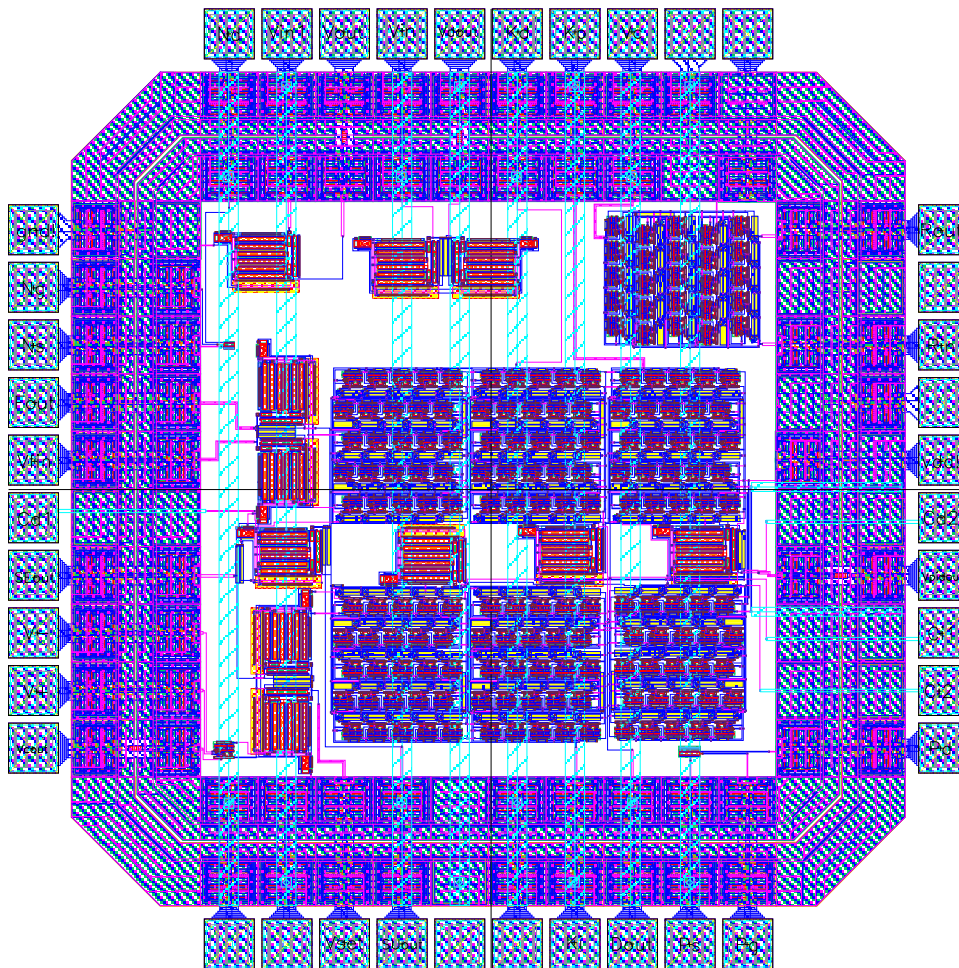
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# Chapter 1 Project Overview

## 1.1 Project purpose

From SRD we know that they used isolated device to build up PID control for heater control system, they used Labview and PCI-GPIB board, the advantage of this control system is that it responds very fast, small steady error, very large gain, wide operation range. the disadvantage is the cost, this system is expensive and need more work on it

The classical PID control is very mature so maybe we can use VLSI technology to design the Proportional(P), Integral(I), and Derivative(D) parts in a chip. Inside the chip, we build up operation amplifiers, adjustable resistors, and combine them as a PID controller. Figure 1 is the overview of the chip. It is a 40 pins package.

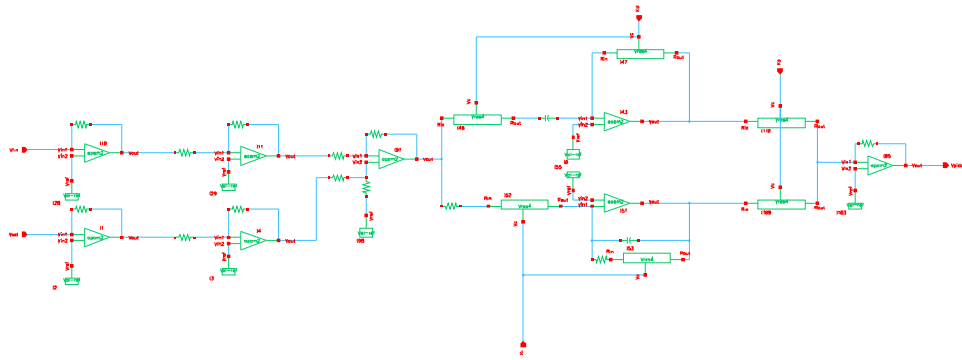


## 1.2 PID control.

Proportional(P), Integral(I), and Derivative(D) form of control is the most popular algorithm used for industrial control, they are used very widely in industrial control systems.

We did a lot of work on how to get the desired PID controller, follow the steps below to obtain a desired response:

- a. We design a general PID controller, we select the structure of the controller. Figure 2 is the schematic of the PID controller.
- b. Designed the operation amplifier, adjustable resistor... and combined them to a single PID controller.
- c. Build one order and two order operation plant to simulate the operation of the PID controller, find out what need to be improved, tune the three parameters ( $K_d$ ,  $K_i$ ,  $K_d$ ) by adjusting the input voltage (0~5 V DC) until obtain a desired overall response for each operation plant.



## 1.3 VLSI technology

Integrated circuits (IC) technology is the enabling technology for a whole host of innovation devices and systems that have changed the way we live. There are some advantages at system level by using integrated circuits

- . Smaller physical size
- . Lower power consumption
- . Reduced cost

## 1.4 CMOS technology

There are several different IC fabrication technologies. The most important difference between fabrication technologies is the type of transistors they can produce.

We choose COMS because of the extremely low power consumption of CMOS circuits. So we can put many transistors in a same chip by using CMOS.

#### Design and Testability

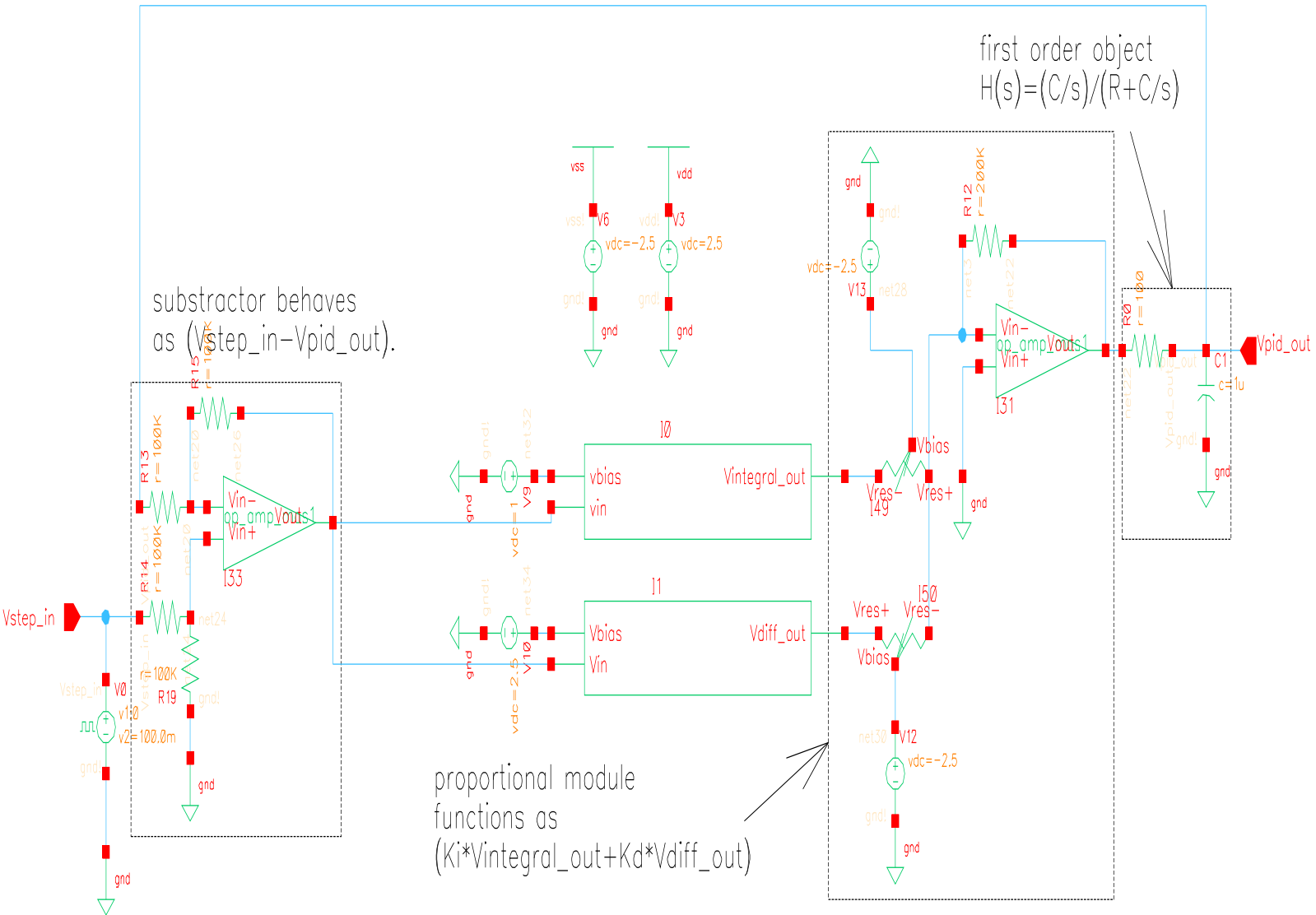
- a. Hierarchical Design
- b. Design Abstraction
- c. Computer–Aided Design(Cadence)
- d. Testing

## Chapter 2 circuits description:

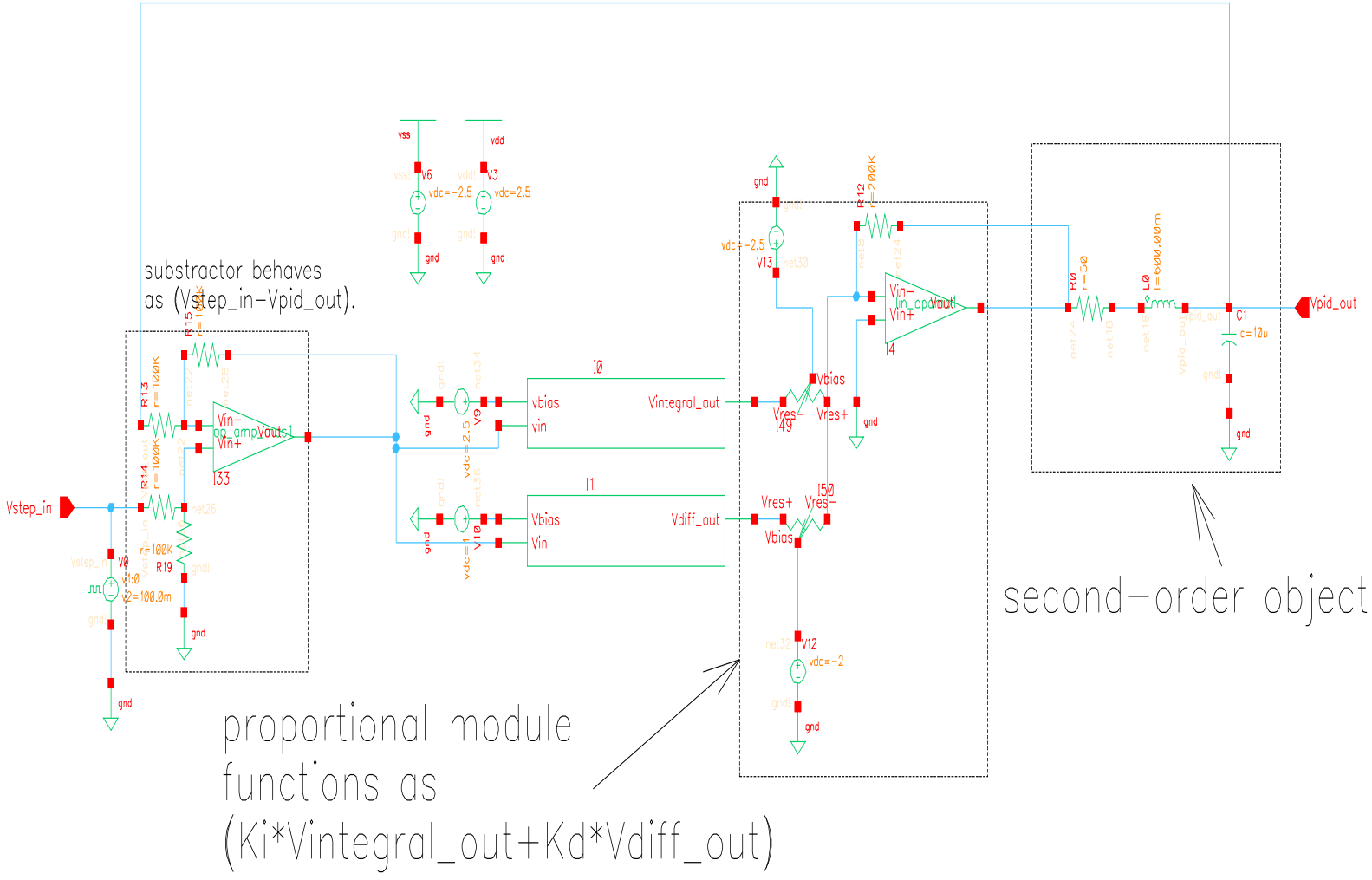
### 1. PID controller working with a passive first-order object:

Transfer function for a first-order object:

$$H(s) = 1 / (R \cdot s / C + 1)$$



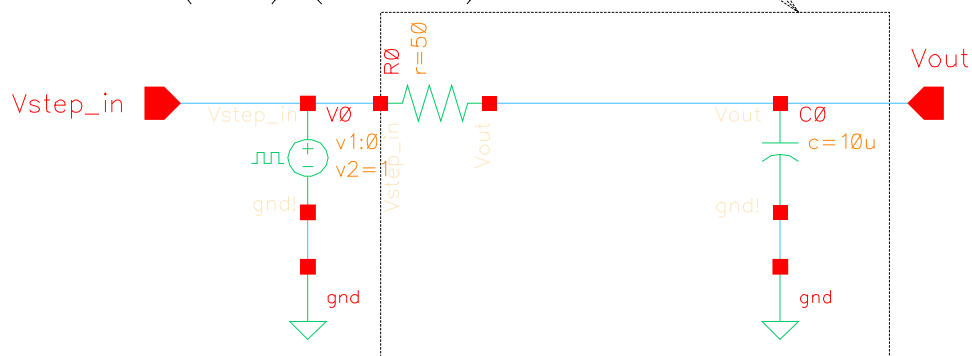
2. PID controller working with a passive second-order object:  
 Transfer function for a second-order object:  $H(s)=1/(L*s^2/C+R*s/C+1)$



### 3. Schematic of passive first-order object:

this is a passive first-order object denoting heater in sensor test circuits.

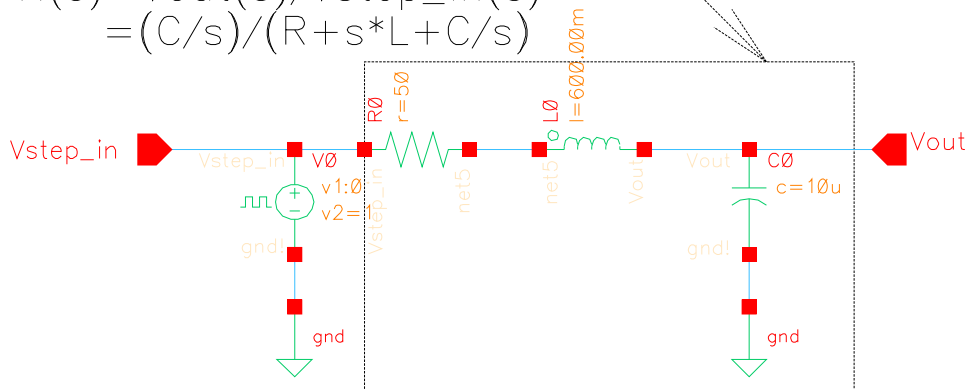
$$H(s) = V_{out}(s) / V_{step\_in}(s) = (C/s) / (R + C/s)$$



### 4. Schematic of passive second-order object:

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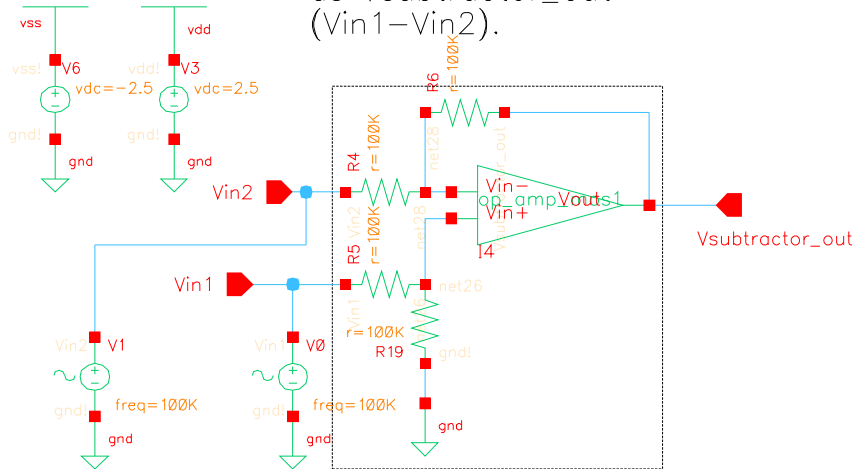
$$H(s) = V_{out}(s) / V_{step\_in}(s) = (C/s) / (R + s * L + C/s)$$



### 5. Subtractor used in the simulation of PID:

Subtractor is used to produce error signal from the difference between feedback(output of object) and set point.

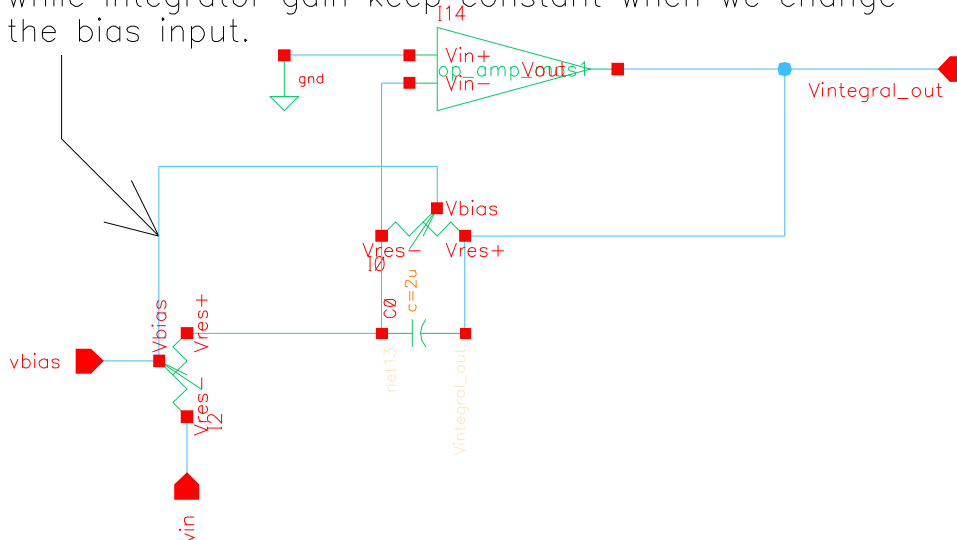
subtractor behaves as  $V_{\text{subtractor\_out}} = (V_{\text{in1}} - V_{\text{in2}})$ .



### 6. Integrator:

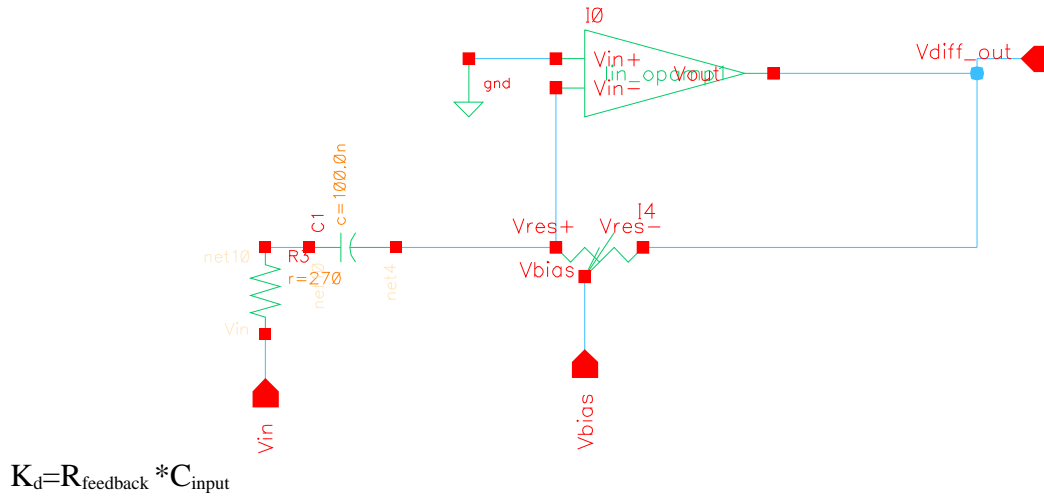
$$K_i = 1 / (R_{\text{input}} * C_{\text{feedback}})$$

Using two variable resistors as input and feedback resistors respectively can ensure that only the integrating time is changed while integrator gain keep constant when we change the bias input.



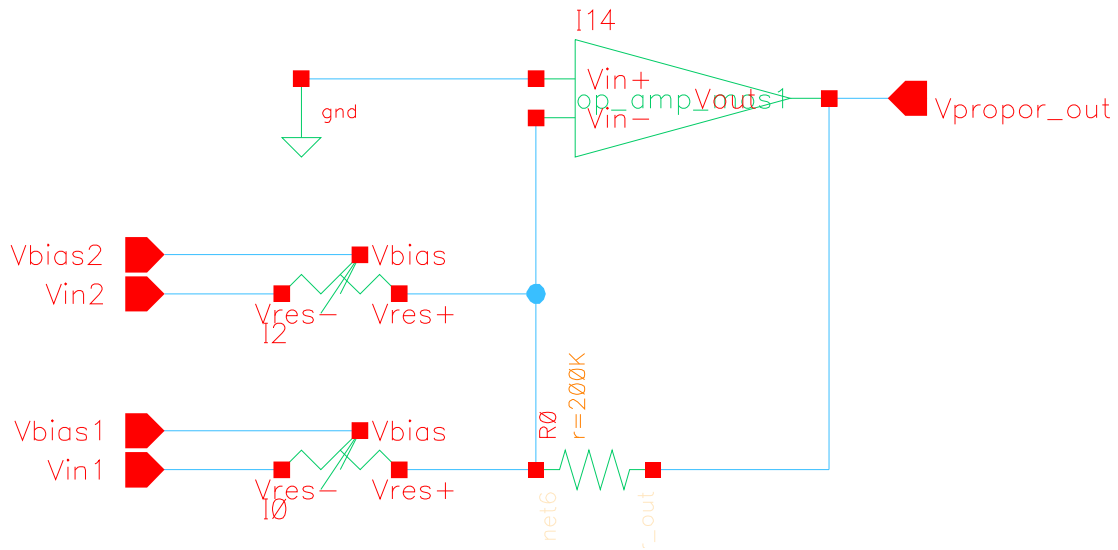


### 7. Differentiator:



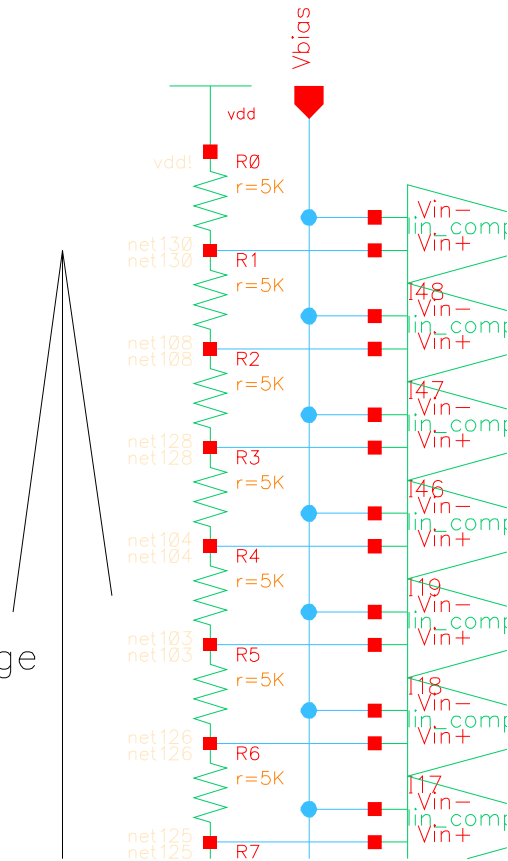
### 8. Proportional part:

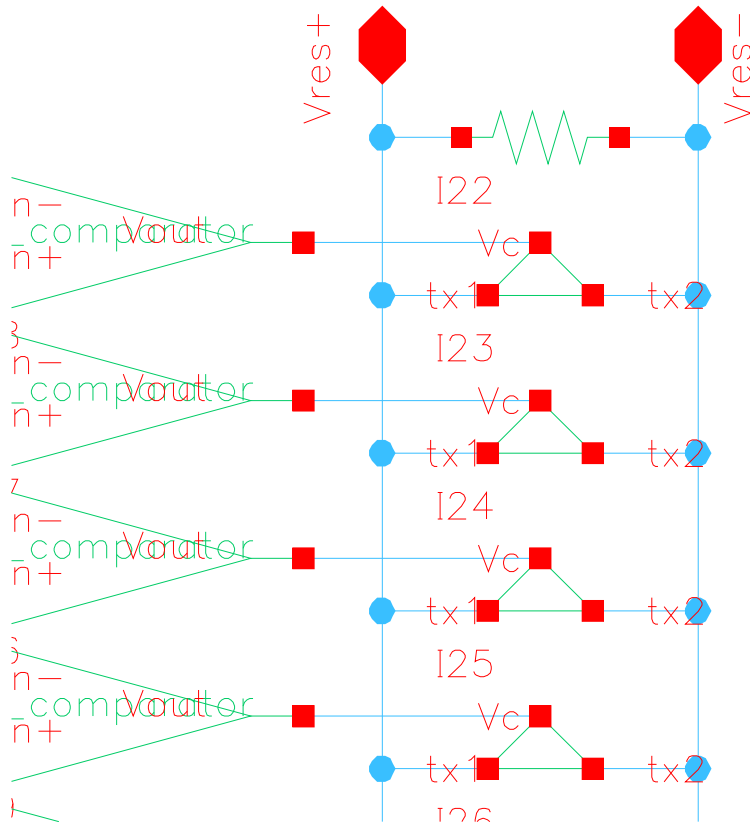
The output of integrator and differentiator are connected to the proportional part through two variable resistors thus we can get individual gain for integrator and differentiator.  $K_p = R_{\text{feedback}} / R_{\text{input}}$



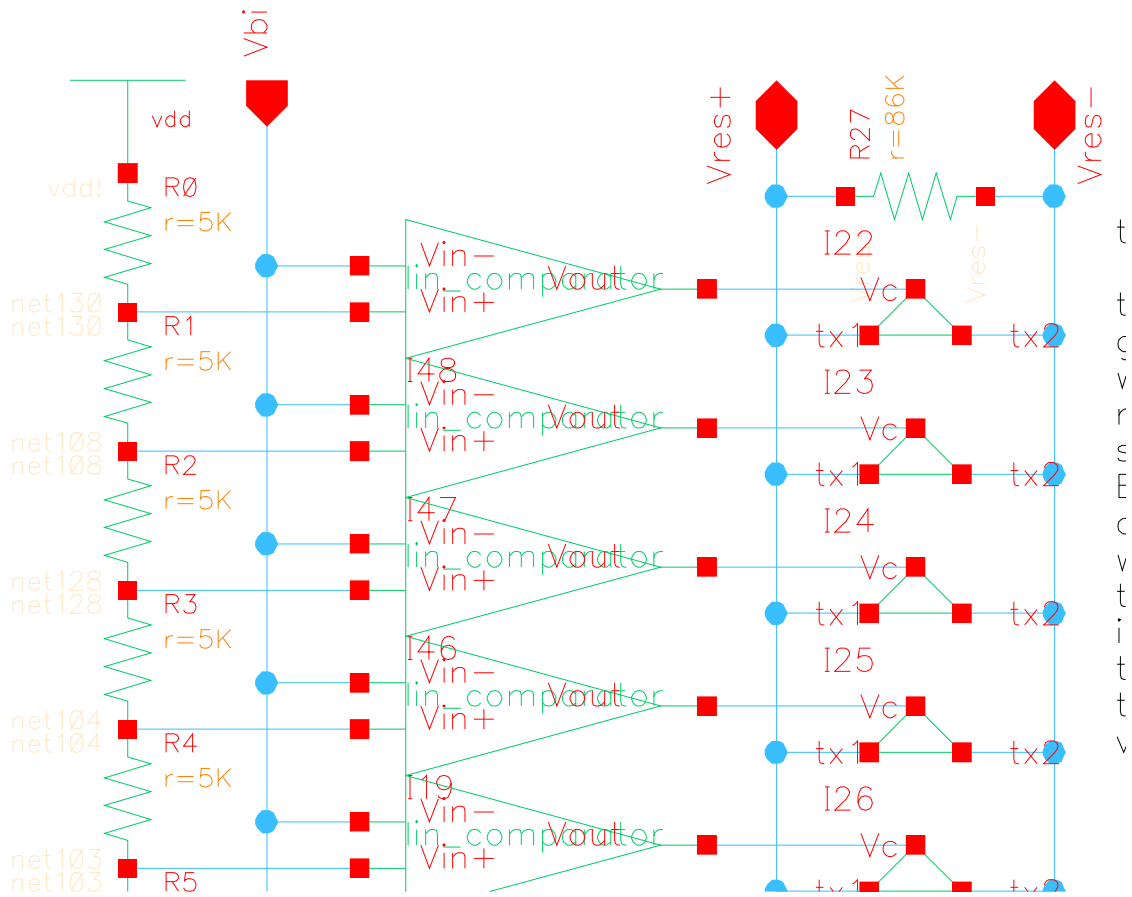
### 9. Voltage controlled resistor:

reference voltages from  $V_{ss}$  to  $(V_{dd}-V_{ss}) * 24/25$ . The step is  $(1/25) * (V_{dd}-V_{ss})$ . The 25 reference voltages are provided to 25 comparators so that we can get 25 switch signals when comparing the input bias voltage with the 25 reference voltages.



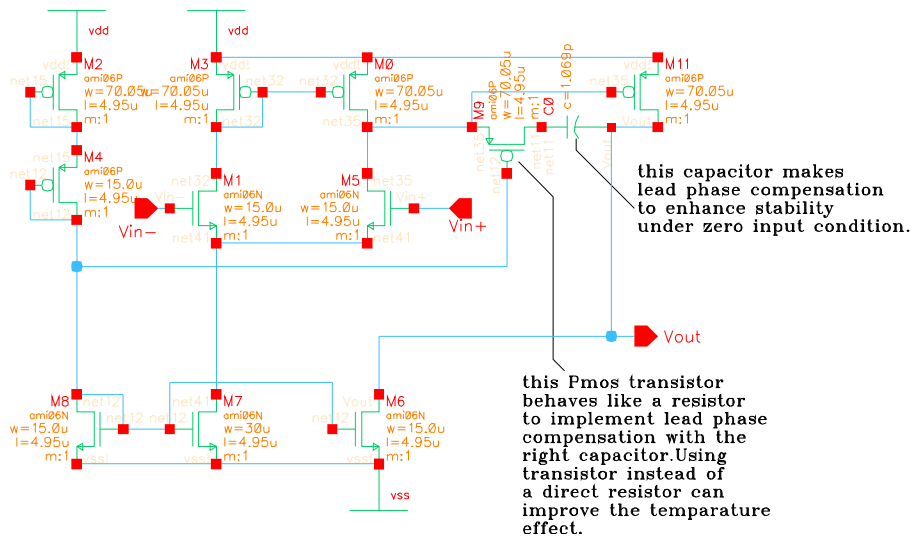


there are 25 in-parallel transmission gates (each gate with a 100k resistor in series). By switching on or off the gates, we can change the number of in-parallel transmission gates, thus get a variable resistance.

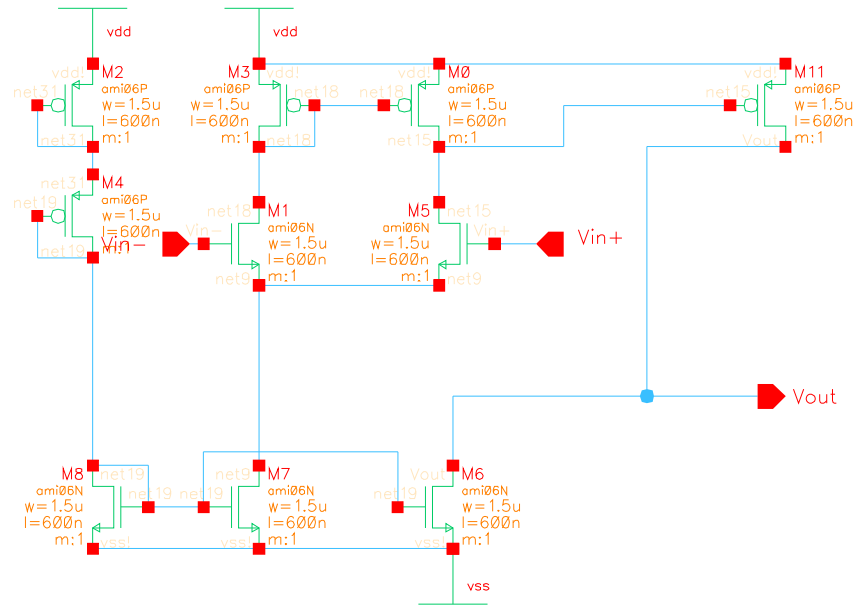


### 10. Operational amplifier:

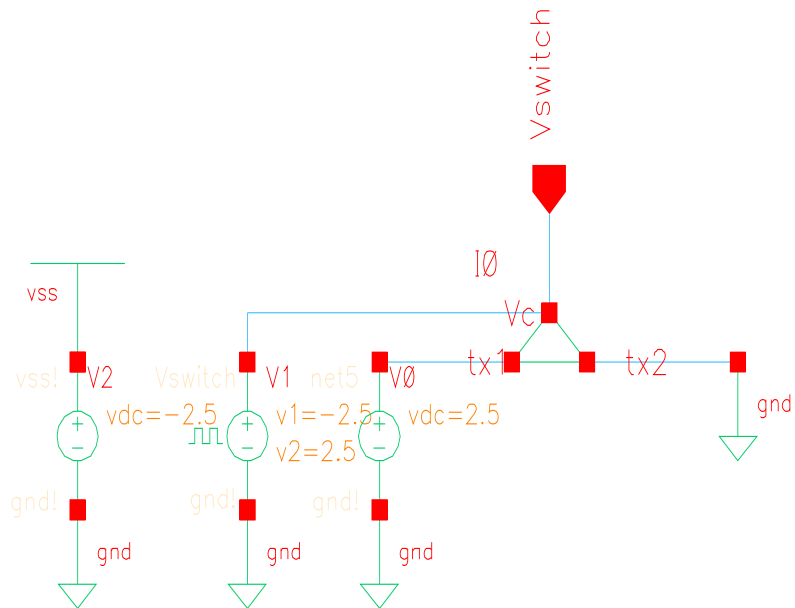
schematic for Op-amp(with RC lead compensation)  
used in PID.



11. Voltage comparator used to produce 25 steps switching signal to implement 25 stage voltage controlled resistor:

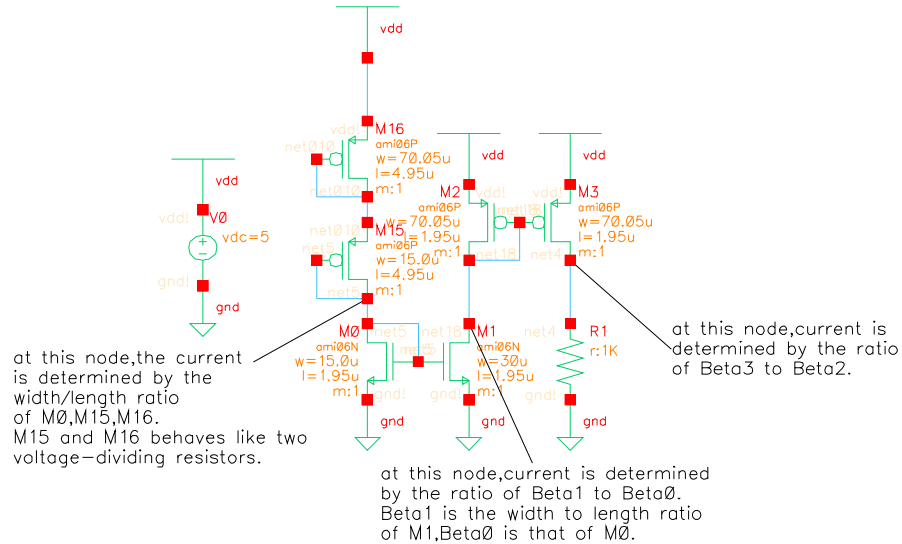


12. Transmission gate used as switches to change the number of in-parallel resistors:



13. Current mirror used in comparator and Op-amp to provide current reference source:

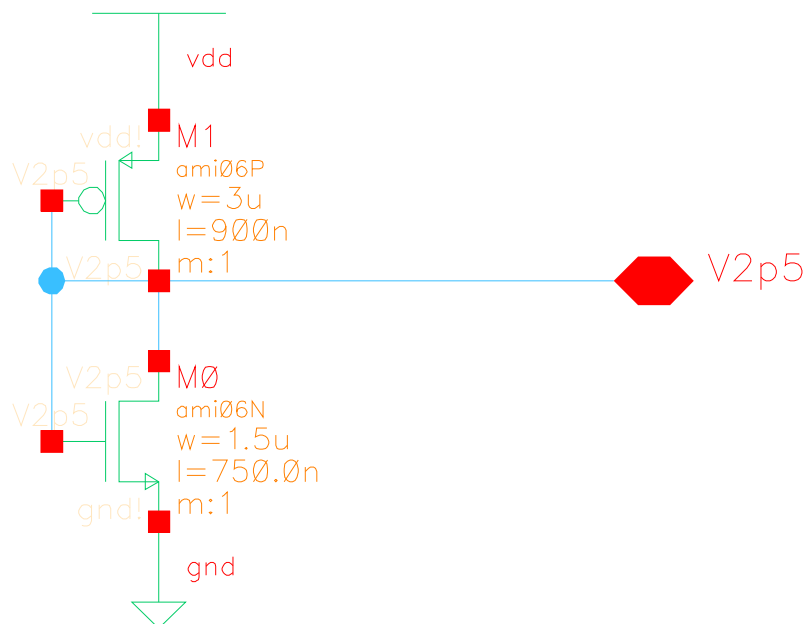
schematic for current mirror which is used in Op-amp and comparator.



14. voltage divider to output  $(V_{dd}-V_{ss})/2$ :

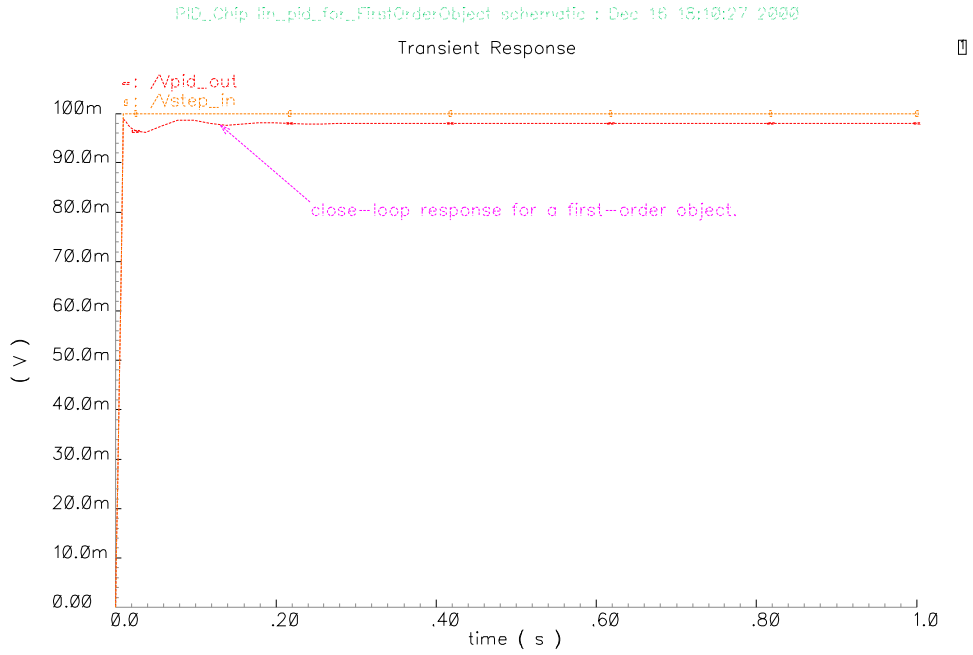
the output of the voltage divider can be 0v or 2.5v depending on  $V_{dd}-V_{ss}$  and usually is used as ground reference.

Because the output the 2.5v Voltage reference is connected directly to the gate of other MOS transistors. So the required output current of the 2.5v Voltage reference is very low.

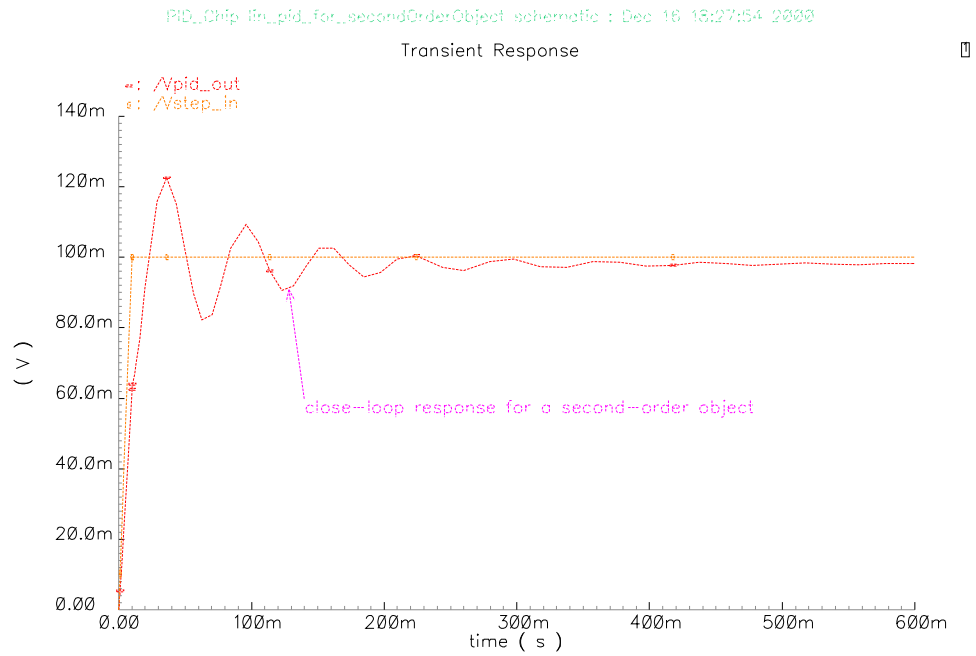


# Chapter 3 Simulation

## 3.1 Simulation for close-loop PID controller with a first order object:

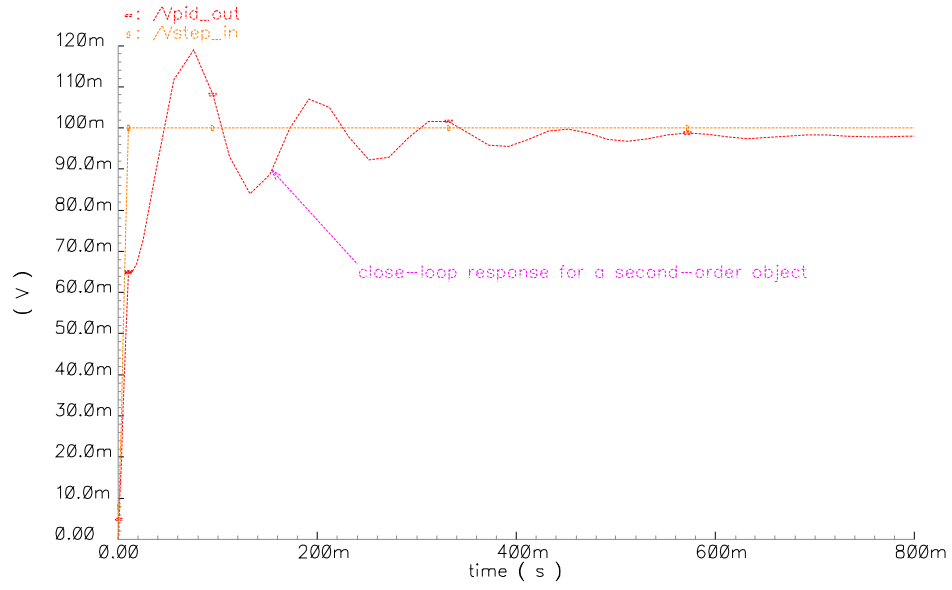


### 3.2 Simulation for close-loop PID controller with a Second order object:

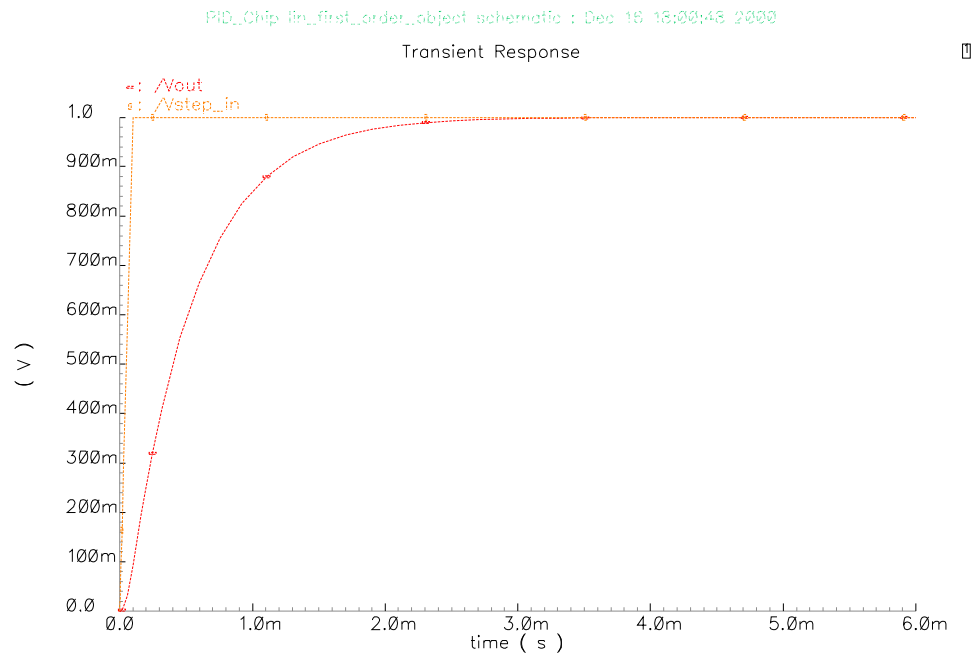




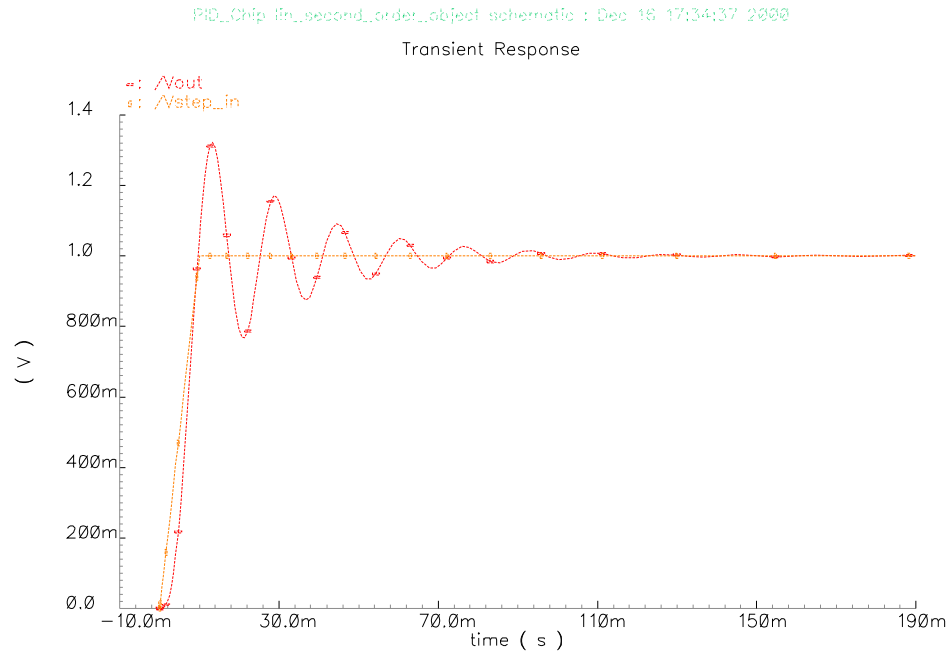
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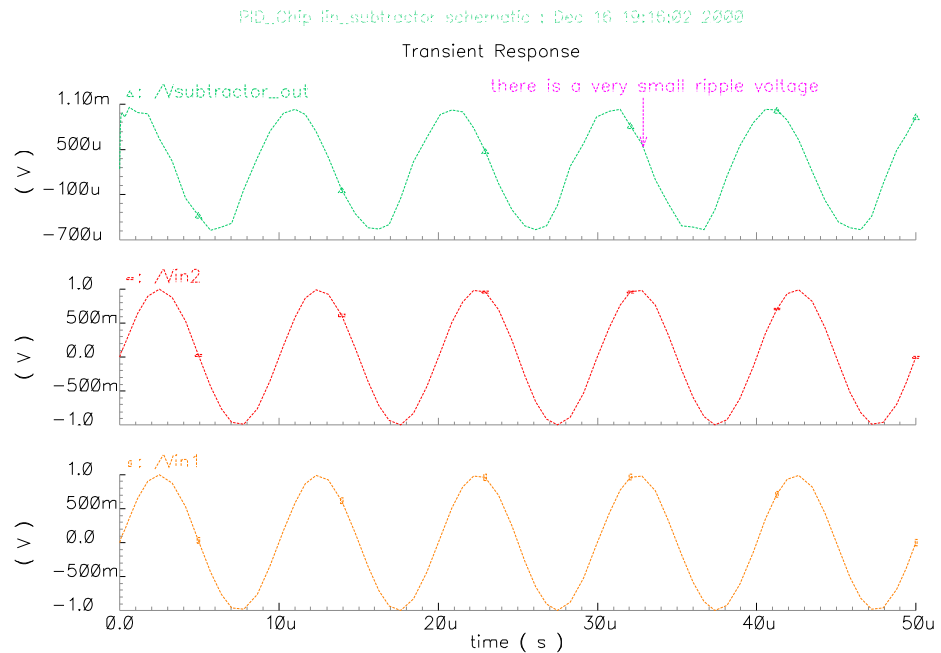
### 3.3 Simulation for a first order object:



### 3.4 Simulation for a Second order object:

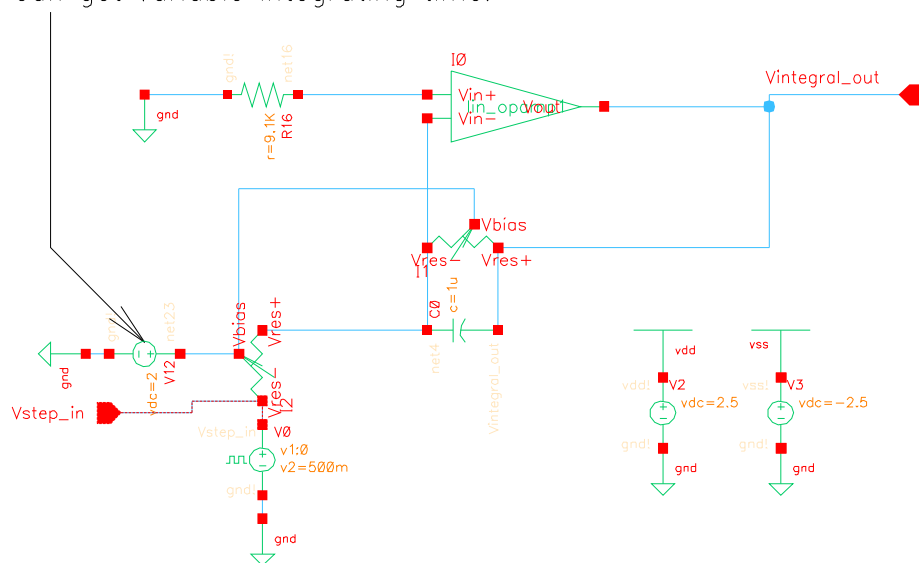


### 3.5 Simulation for a subtractor:



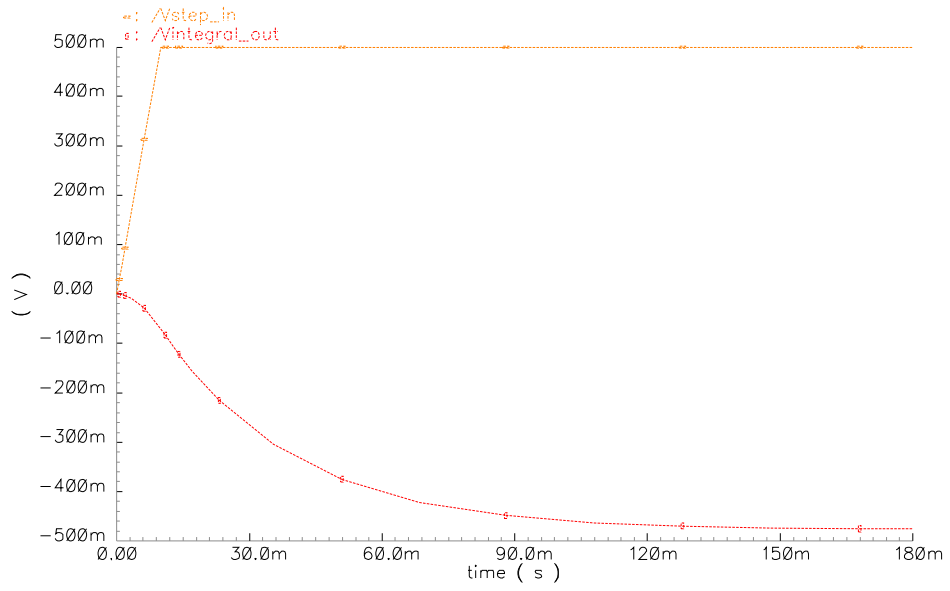
### 3.6 Simulation for an integrator:

when we change the bias input, we can get variable integrating time.

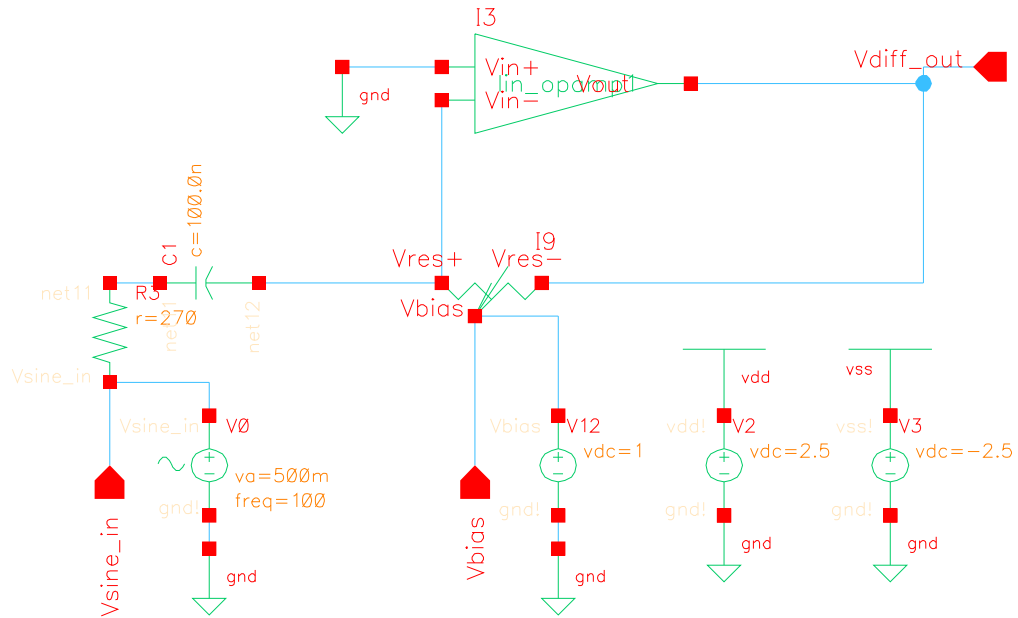


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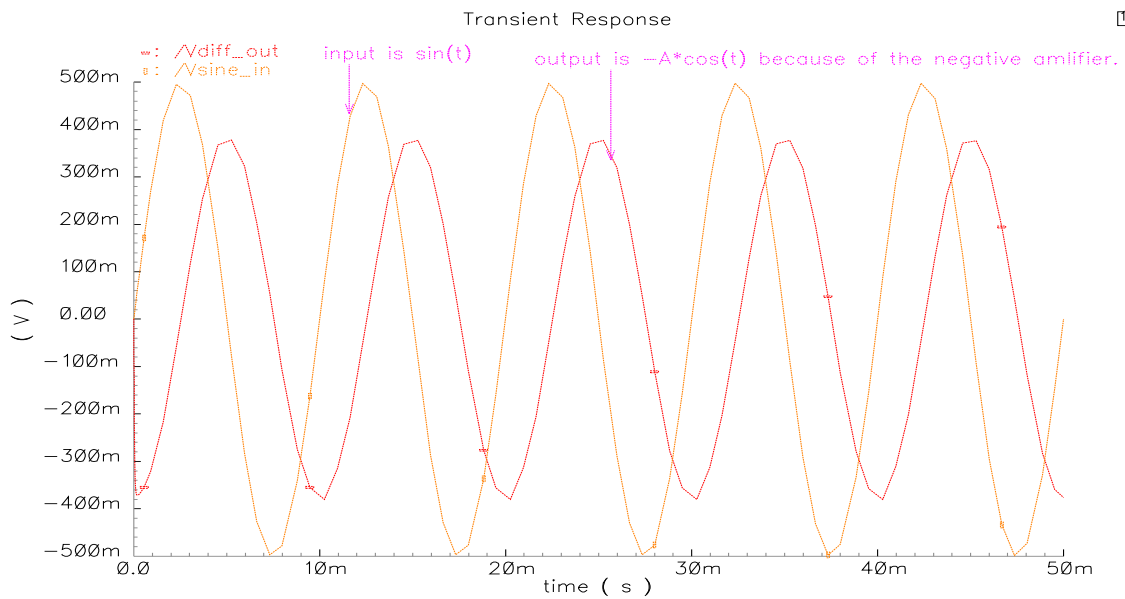
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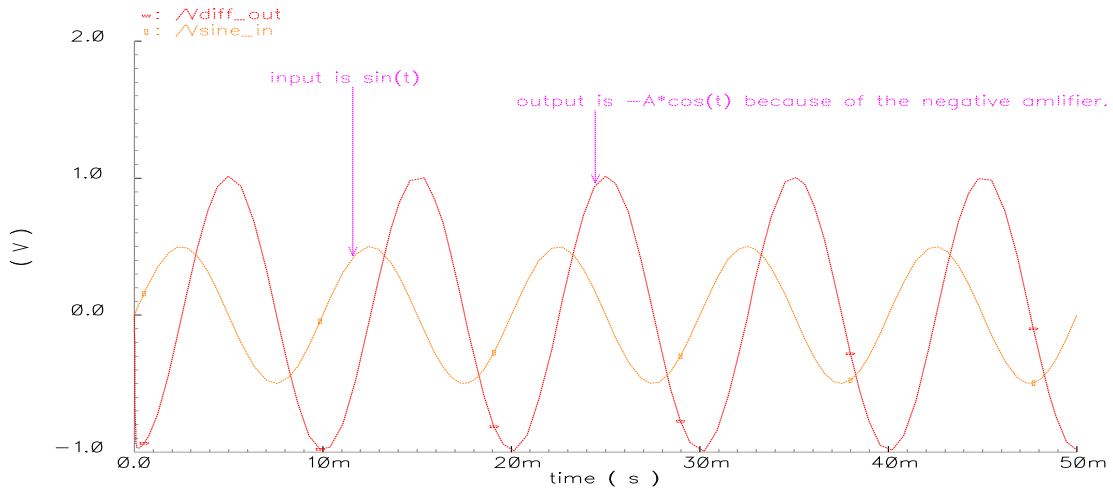
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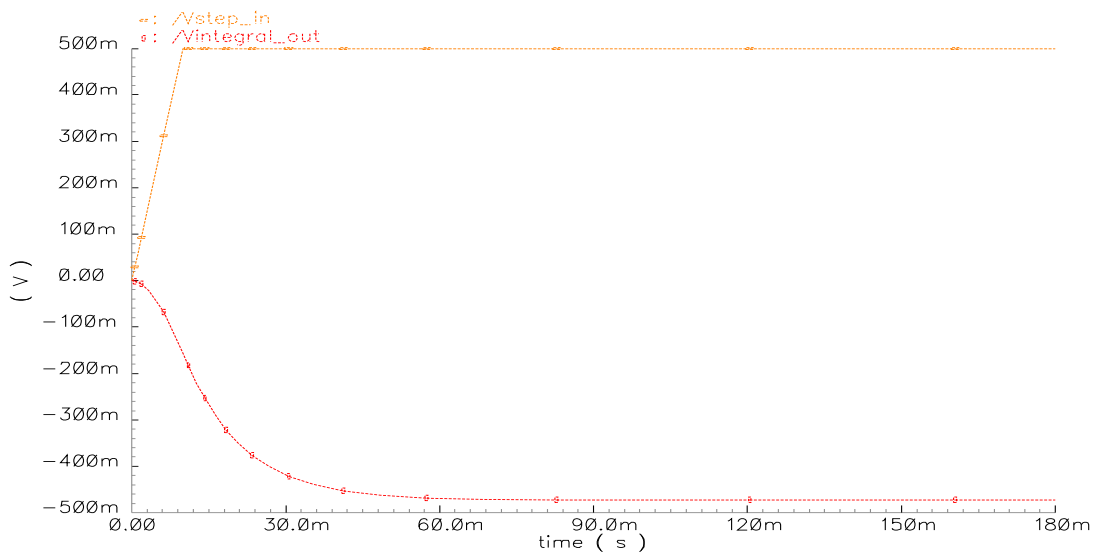
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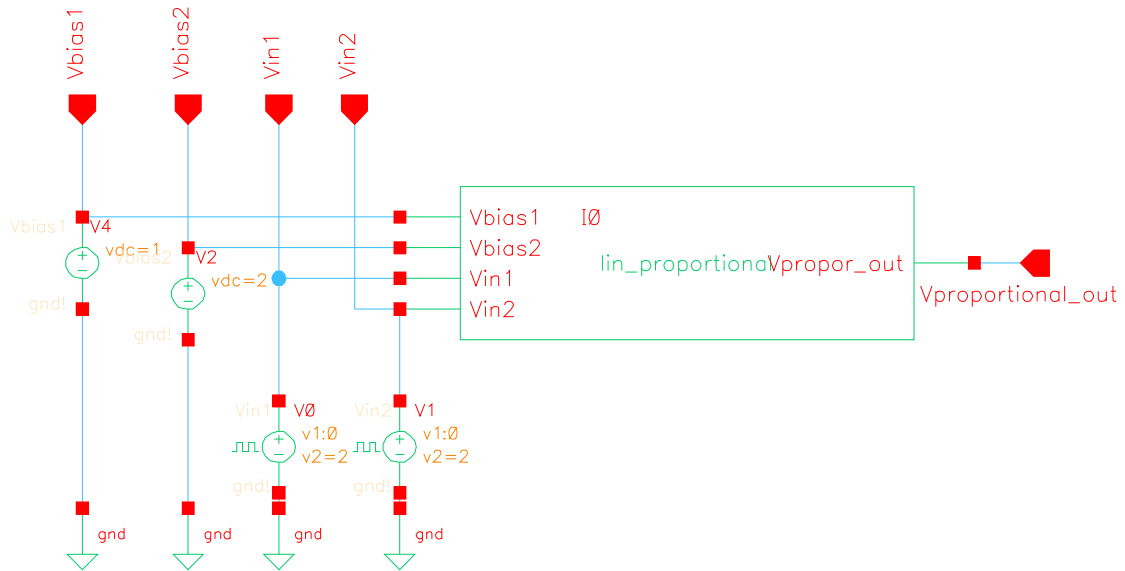
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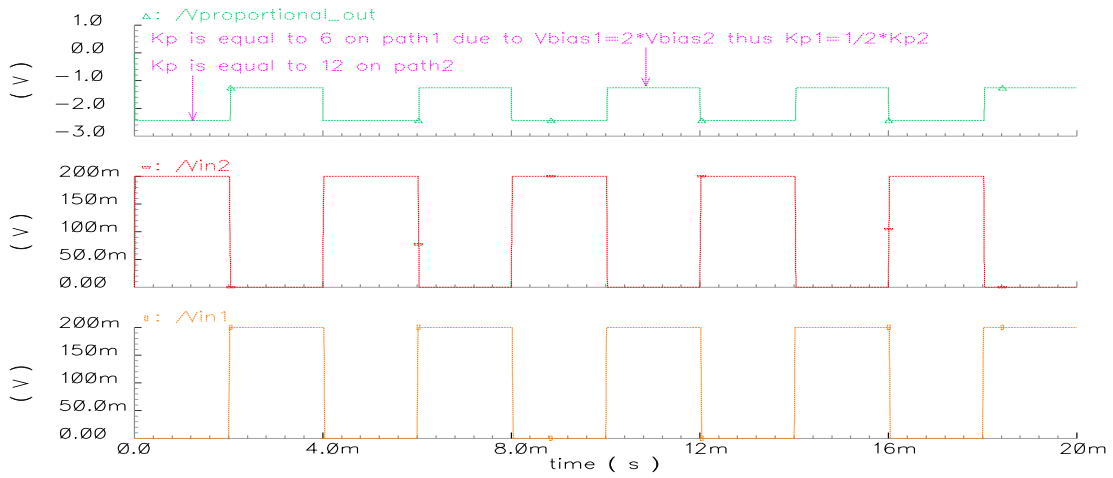


### 3.8 Simulation for a proportional part:



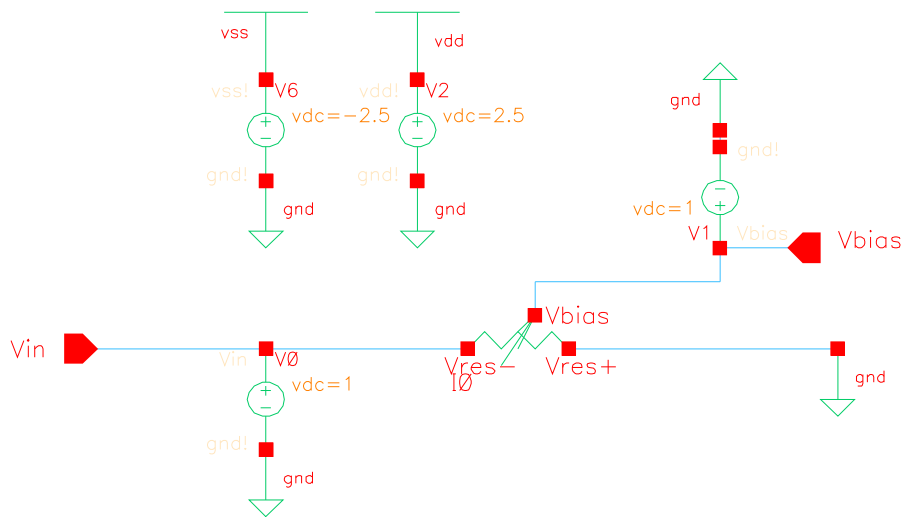
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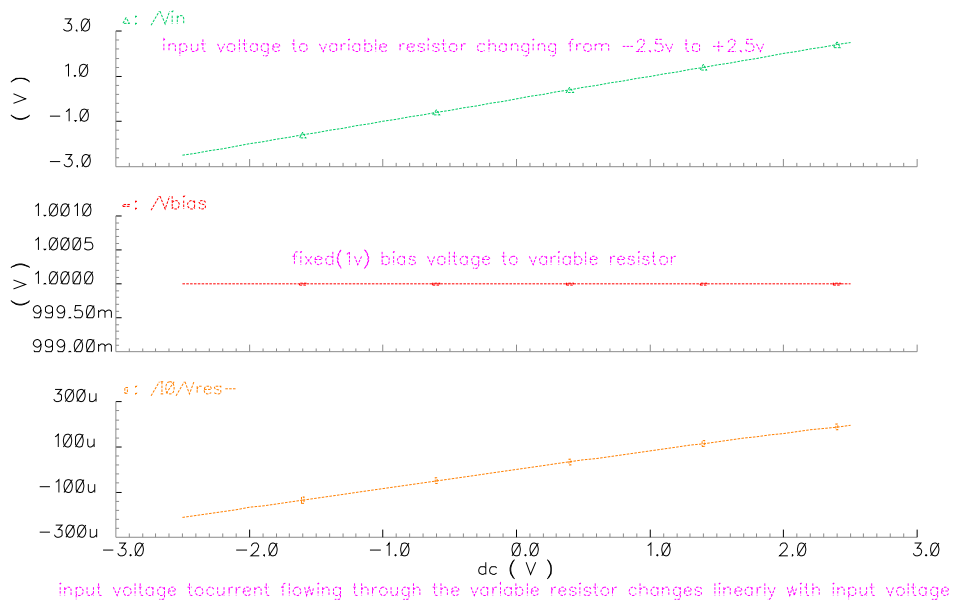


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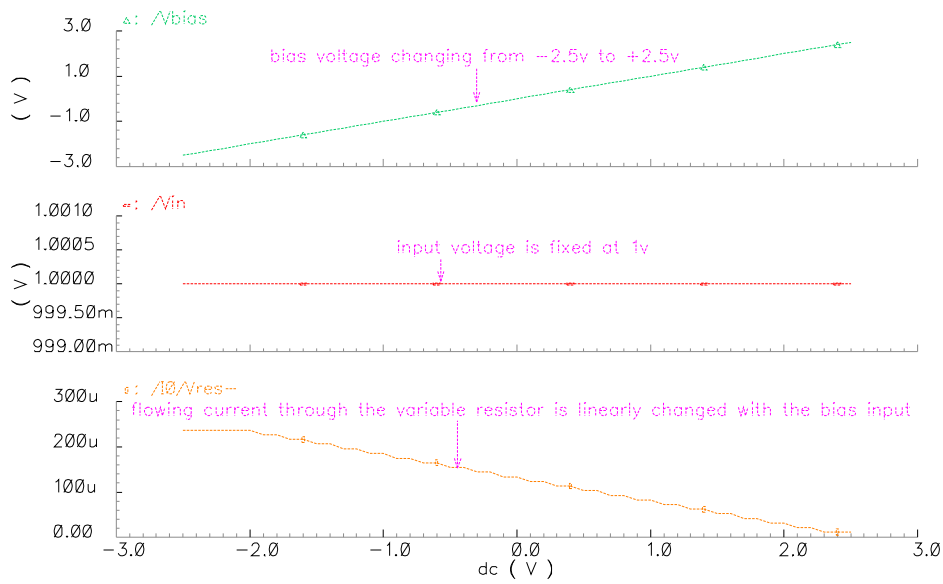
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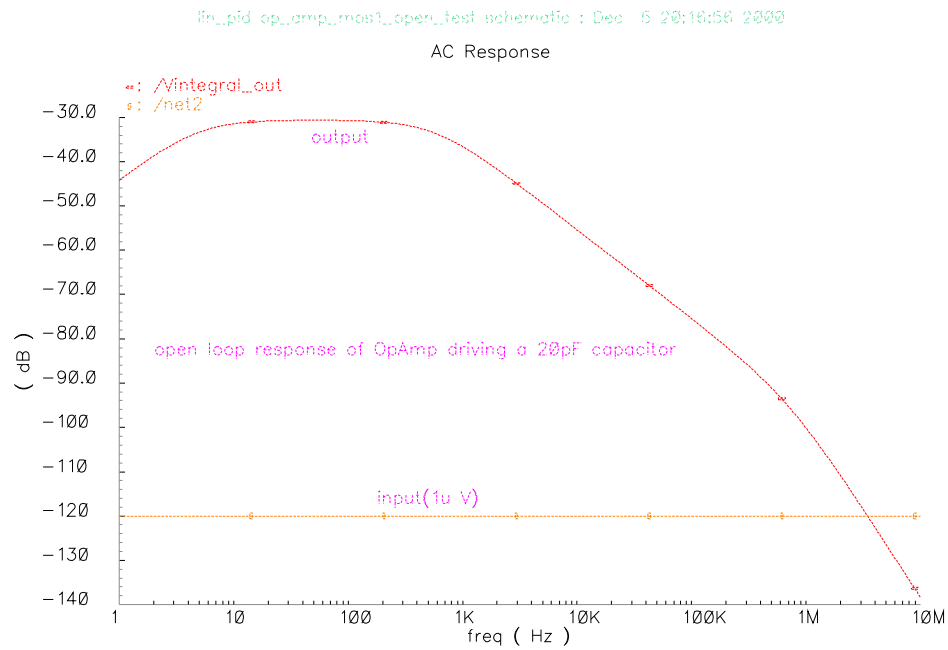
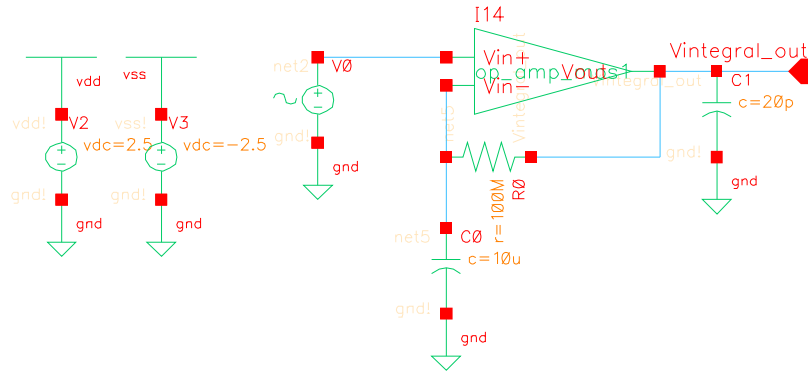
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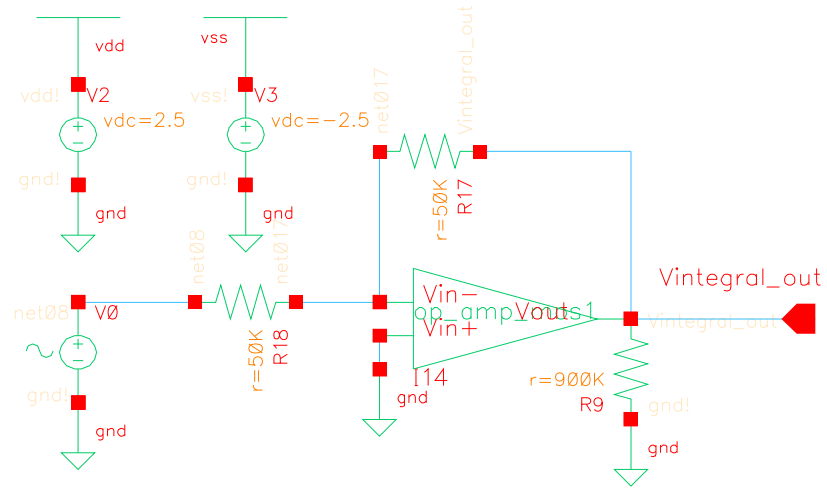
### DC Response



### 3.10 Simulation for an operational amplifier:

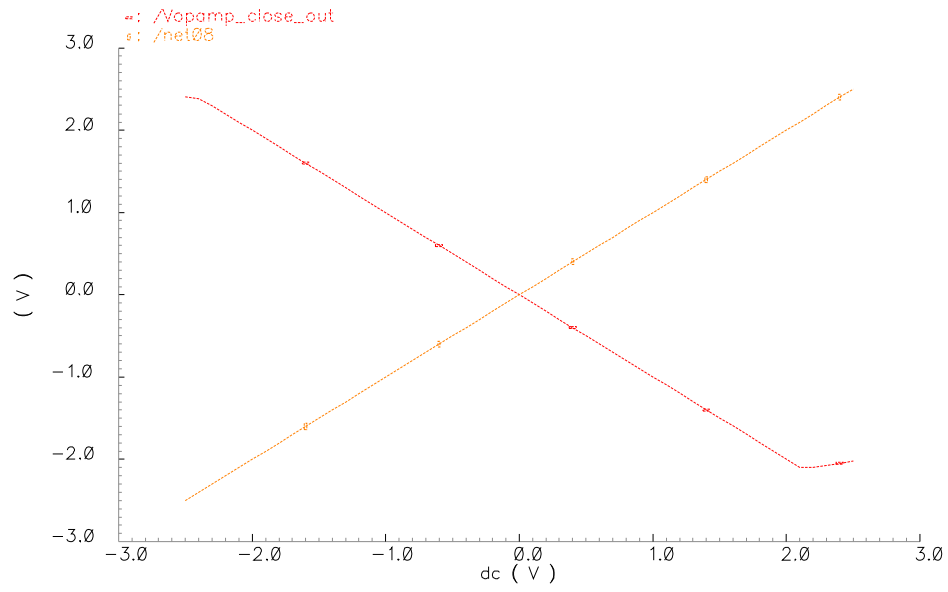
open circuit Op-amp  
driving a 20pF capacitor.



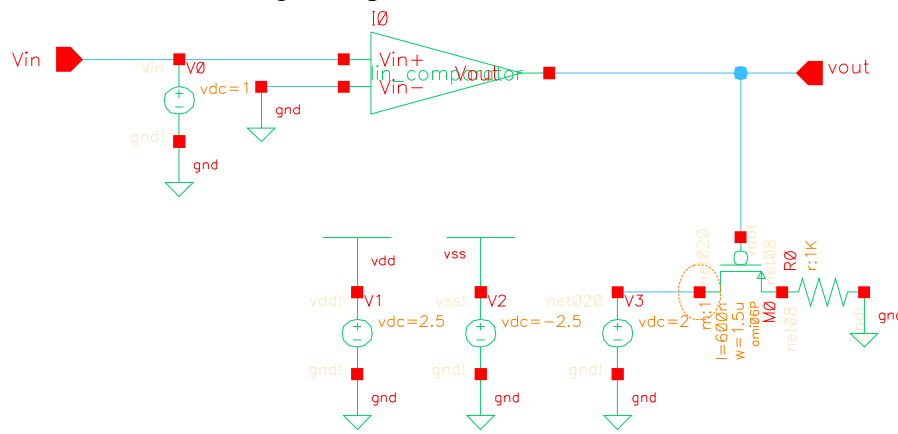


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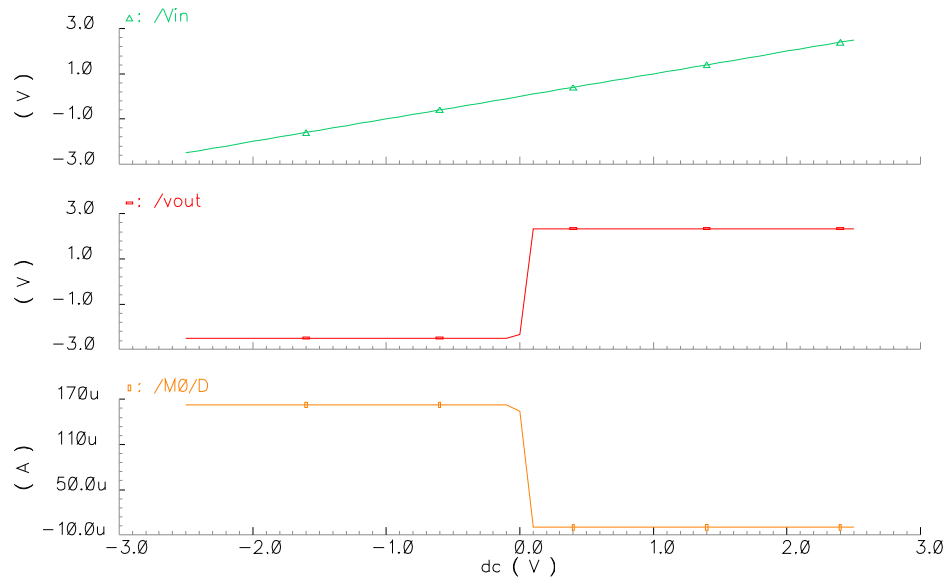


### 3.11 Simulation for a voltage comparator:

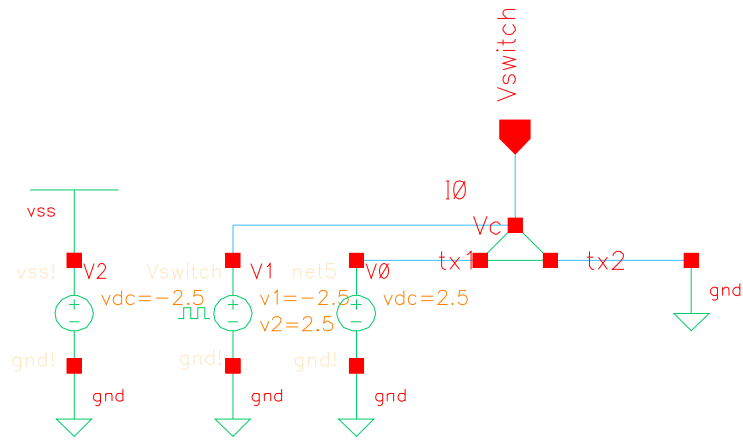


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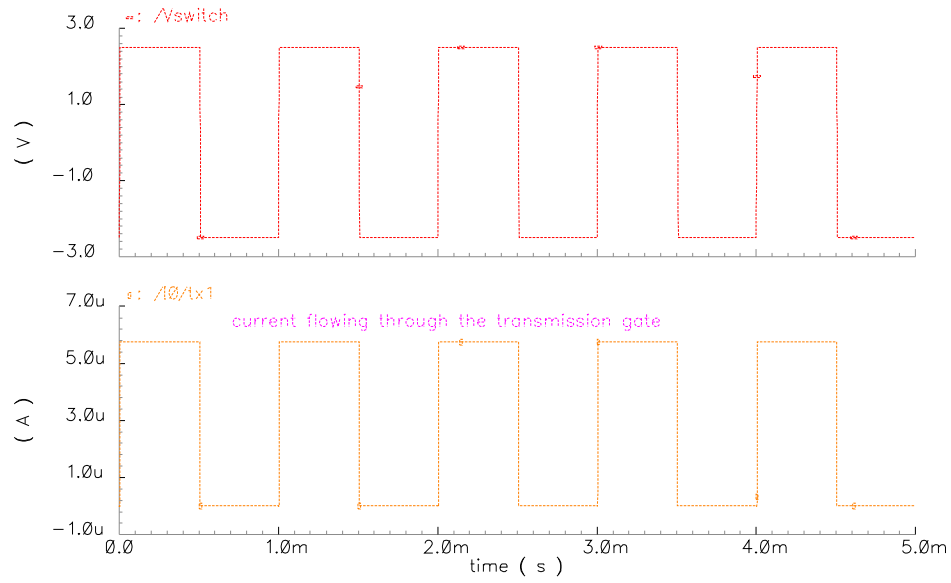


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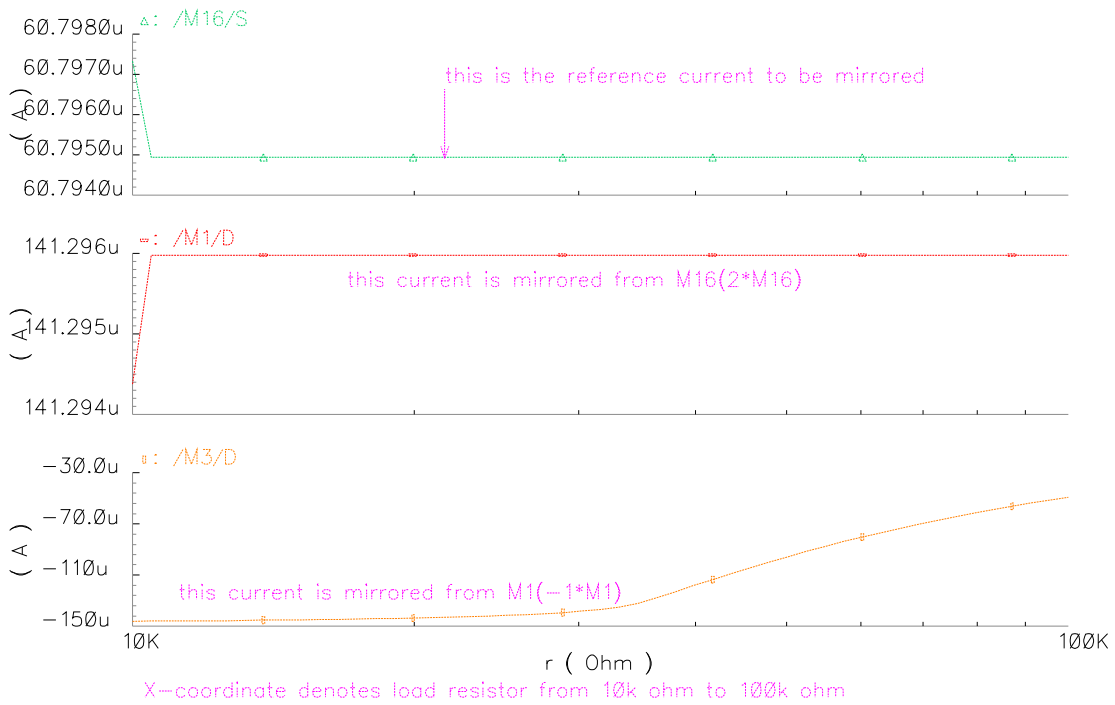
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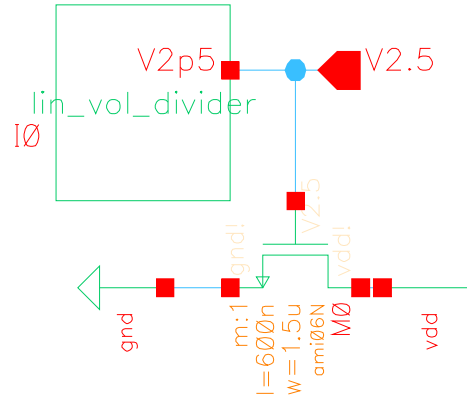
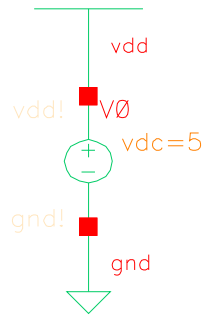
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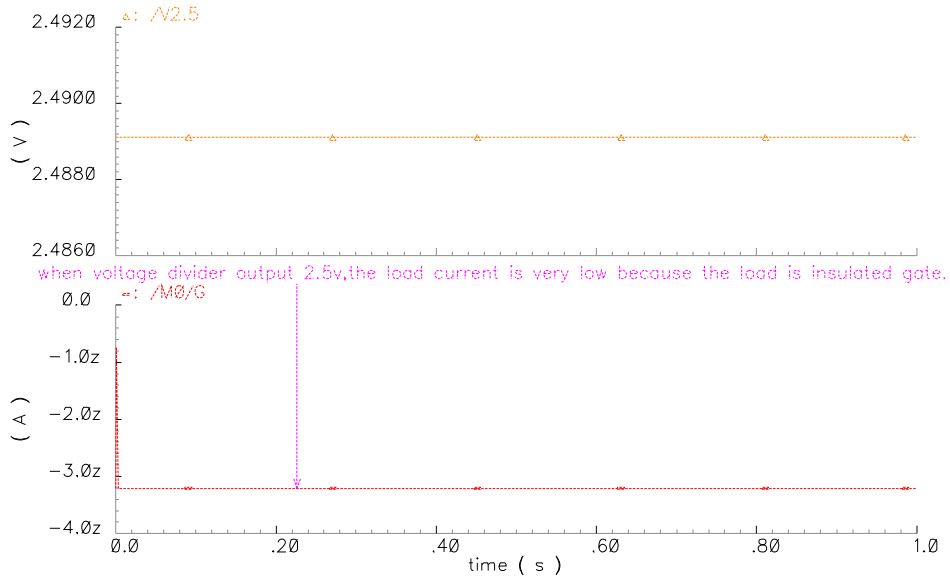


### 3.14 Simulation for a voltage divider:



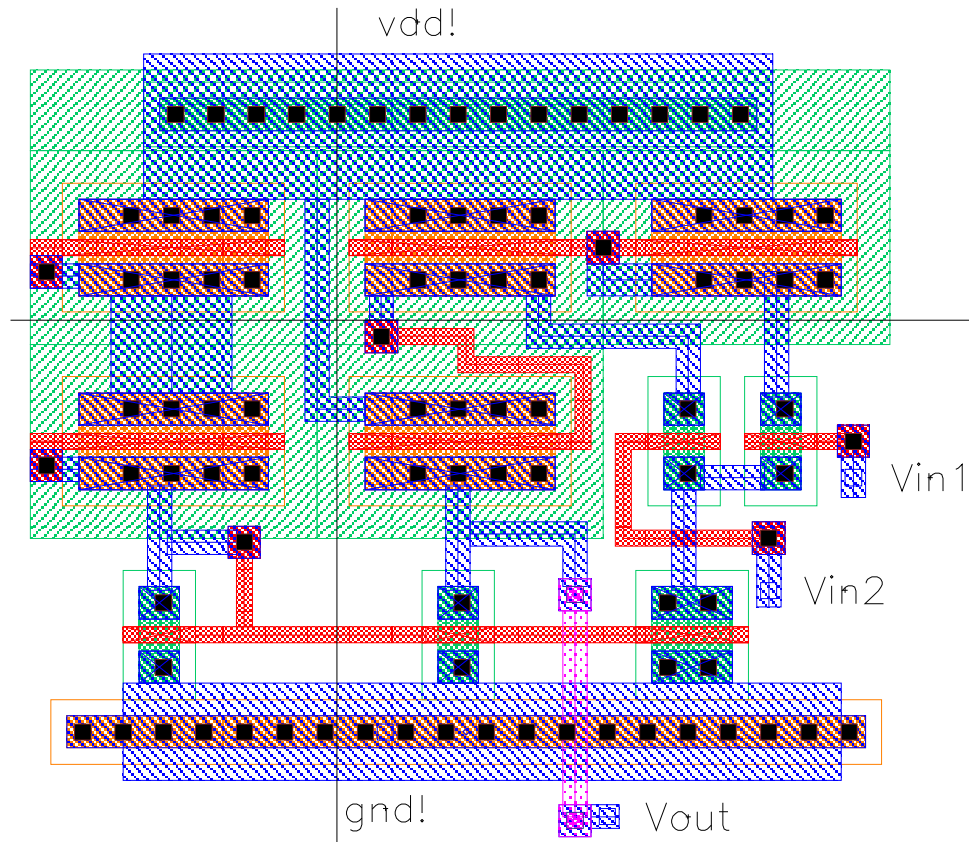


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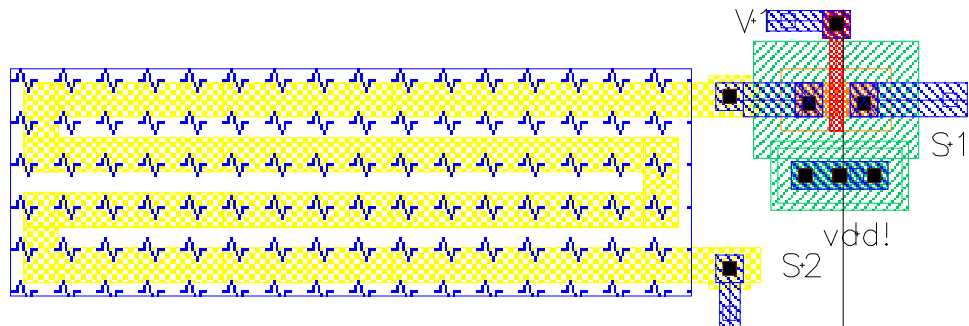
# Chapter 4 Layout

## 4.1 Comparator layout



There are 5 pmos and 5 nmos in this comparator and the size of each one is listed below: pmos 7.05x0.6um; nmos one of them is 3x0.6 with another 1.5x0.6um. By trying to keep everything to fulfill the smallest requirement of layout rule, the size of whole comparator is 35.7x31.05um. There are 5 pins in it, vdd!, gnd!, Vout, Vin1 and Vin2.

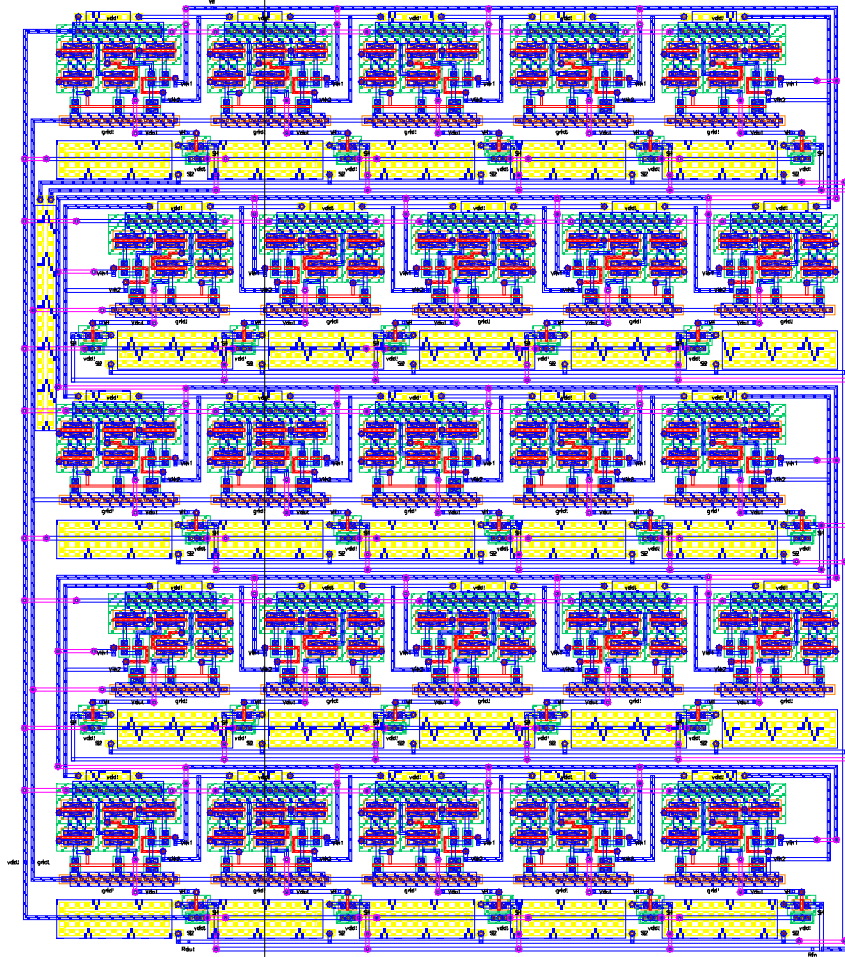
## 4.2 Transgate layout



There one pmos with size of 1.5x0.6um and one 100K ohms resistor in this transgate. By

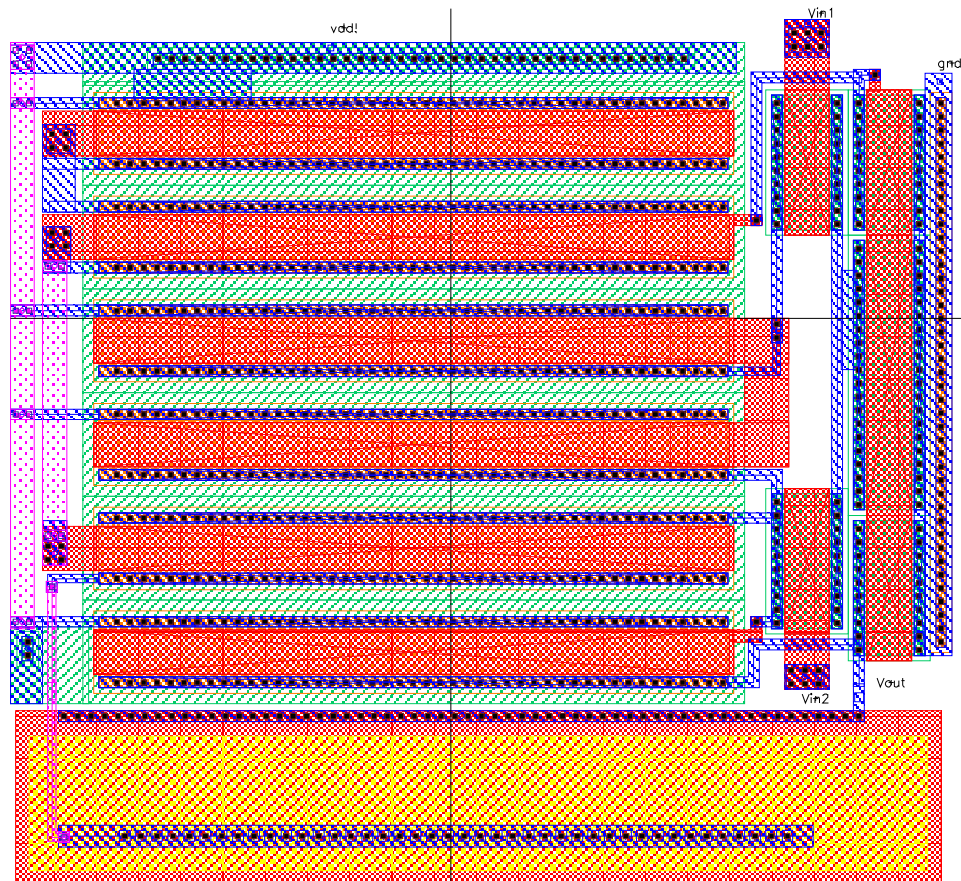
trying to keep everything to fulfill the smallest requirement of layout rule, the size of whole transgate is  $39 \times 13.95 \mu\text{m}$ . There are 5 pins in it, vdd!, gnd!, V1, S1 and S2.

#### 4.3 Variable resistor layout



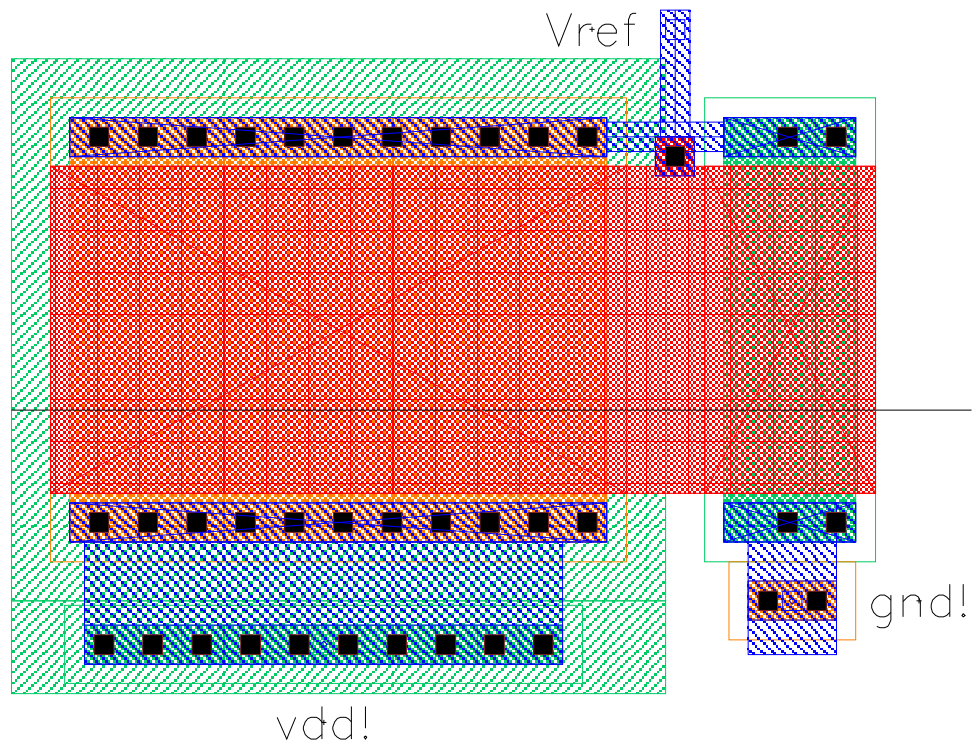
There are 25 comparators, 25 transgates, 25 10K ohms resistors and One 100K ohms resistor in this variable resistor. By trying to keep everything to fulfill the smallest requirement of layout rule, the size of whole variable resistor is  $216.45 \times 247.5 \mu\text{m}$ . There are 5 pins in it, vdd!, gnd!, Vc, Rin and Rout.

#### 4.4 Operation amplifier layout



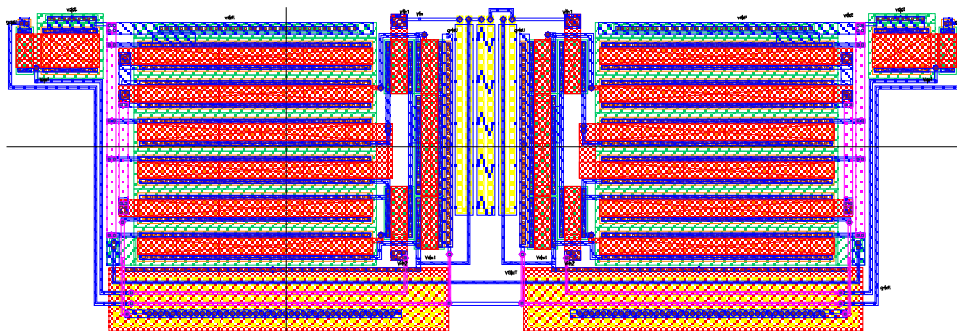
There are 6 pmos ,5 nmos and one 1.42pf capacitor in this operation amplifier and the size of each one is listed below: pmos 70x5um; nmos one of them is 30x5 with another 15x5um. By trying to keep everything to fulfill the smallest requirement of layout rule, the size of whole operation amplifier is 106.8x97.35um. There are 5 pins in it, vdd!, gnd!, Vout, Vin1 and Vin2.

#### 4.5 Voltage reference layout



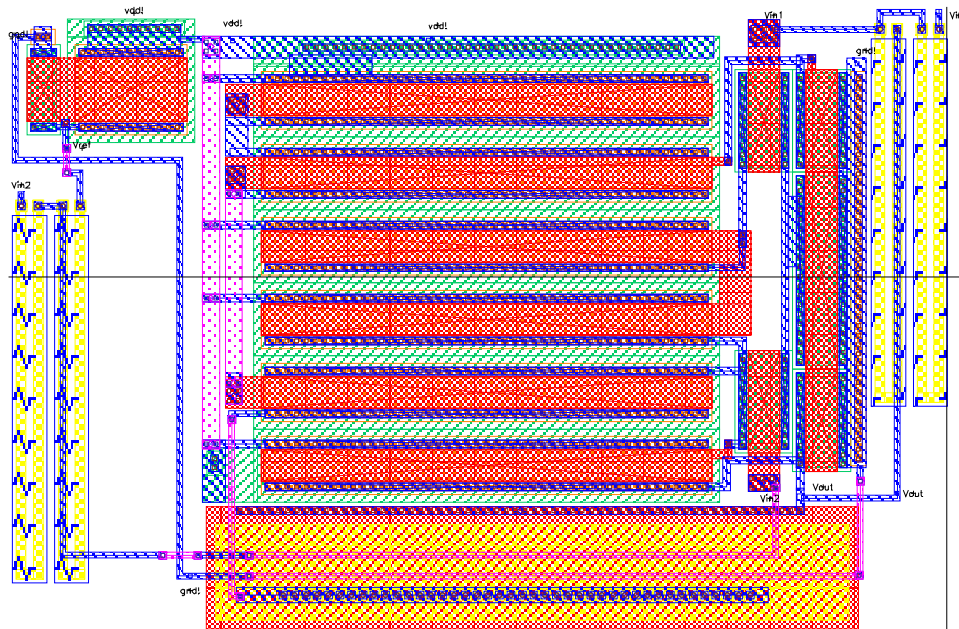
There are 1 pmos, 1 nmos this voltage reference and the size of each one is listed below: pmos 16.5x10um; nmos 5x10um. By trying to keep everything to fulfill the smallest requirement of layout rule, the size of whole voltage reference is 29.55x22.55um. There are 3 pins in it, vdd!, gnd! and Vref.

#### 4.6 Voltage divider layout



There are 2 operation amplifier, 2 voltage reference and three 100K ohms resistors in this voltage divider. By trying to keep everything to fulfill the smallest requirement of layout rule, the size of whole voltage divider is 291.6x99um. There are 4 pins in it, vdd!, gnd!, Vin and Vout.

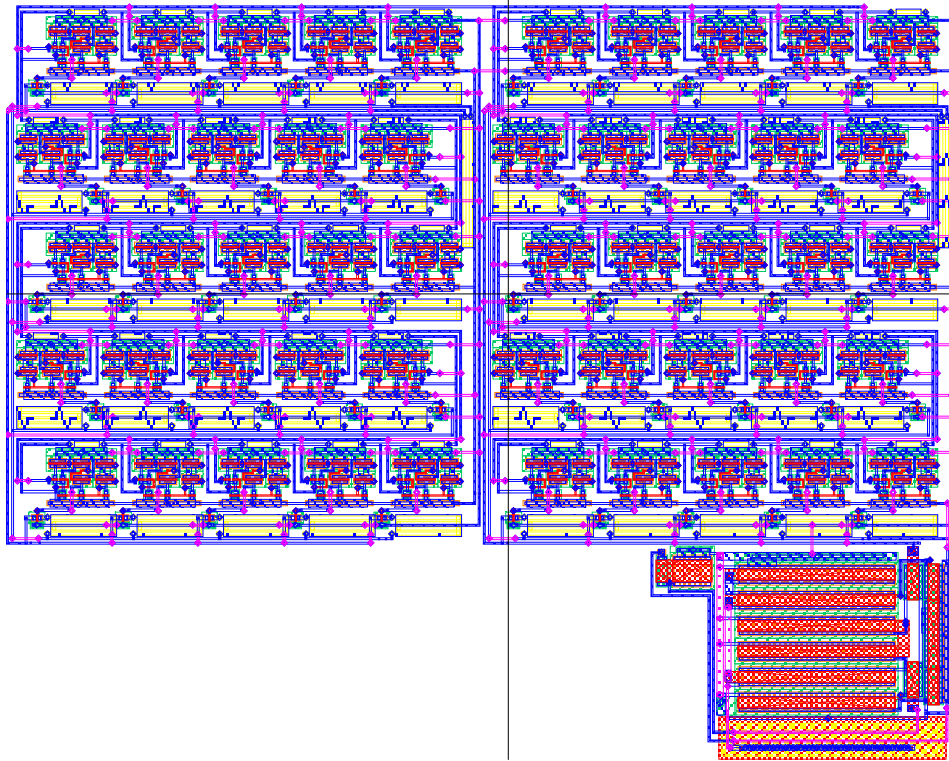
## 4.7 Summation block layout



There are 1 operation amplifier, 1 voltage reference and four 100K ohms resistors in this summation block. By trying to keep everything to fulfill the smallest requirement of layout rule, the size of whole summation block is 152.7x97.2um. There are 5 pins in it, vdd!, gnd!, Vin1, Vin2 and Vout.

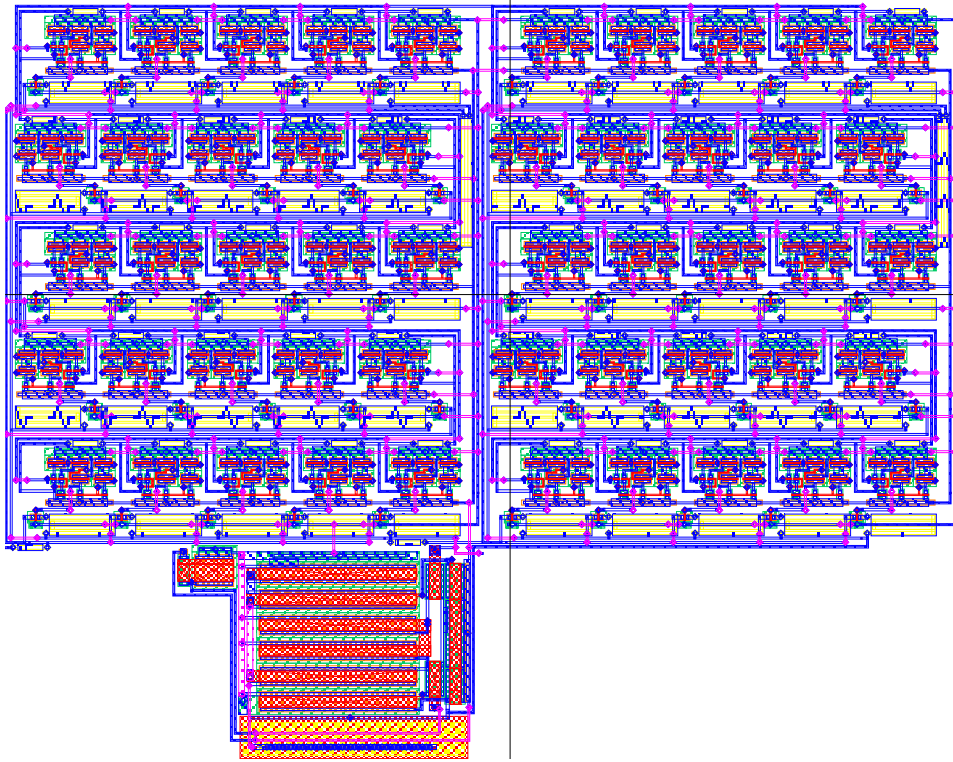
#### 4.8 Derivative part layout

There are 1 operation amplifier, 1 voltage referance and 2 virable resistors in this derivative part. By trying to keep everything to fufill the smallest requirment of layout rule, the size of whole derivative part is 436.05x344.7um. There are 7 pins in it, vdd!, gnd!, Vi3,Vc3, Vo3 Vd11 and Vd12.



#### 4.9 Integral part layout

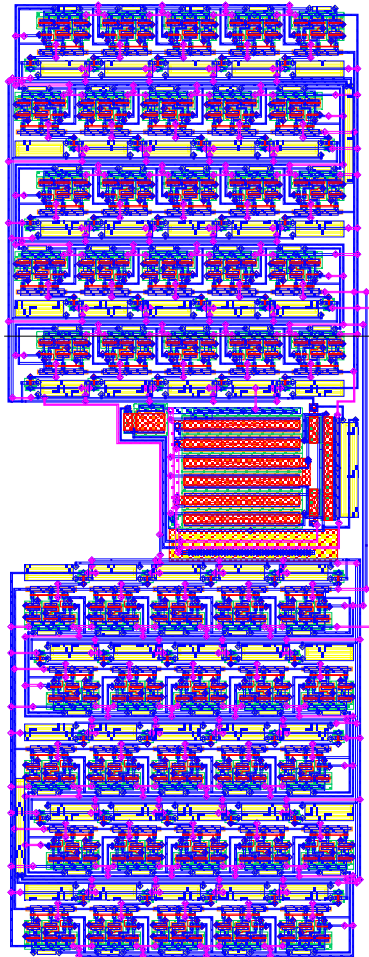
There are 1 operation amplifier, 1 voltage referance, 2 virable resistors and two 10K ohms resistors in this integral part. By trying to keep everything to fufill the smallest requirment of layout rule, the size of whole integral part is 435.15x344.7um. There are 6 pins in it, vdd!, gnd!, Vi2,Vc2, Vo2 and Vi11.





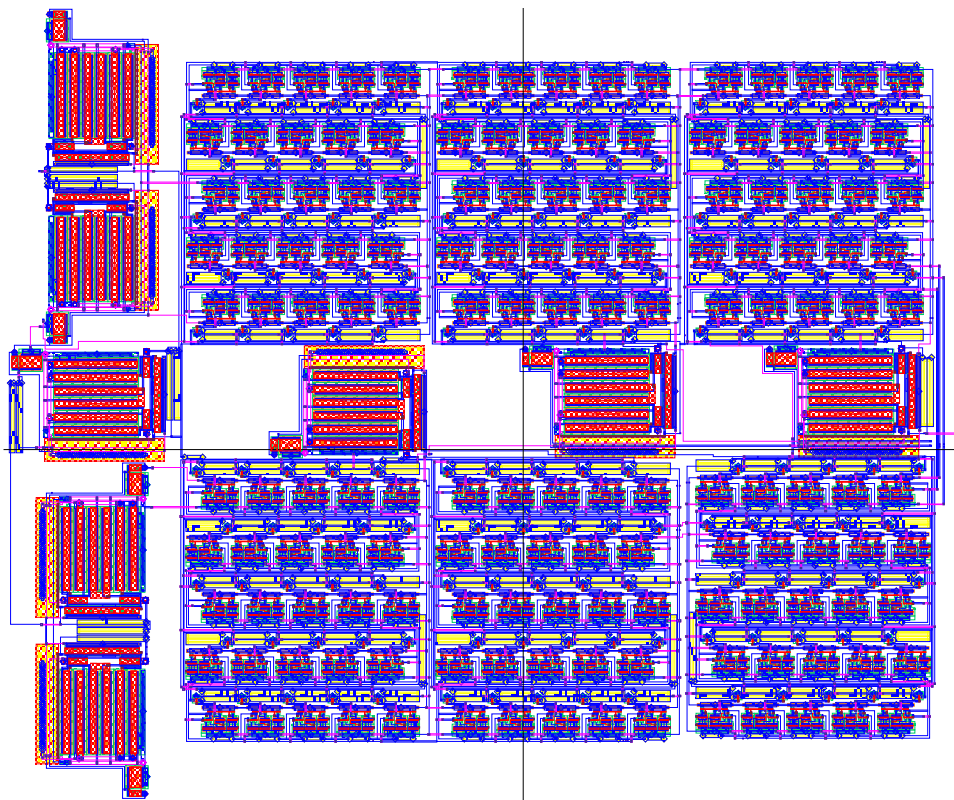
#### 4.10 Proportional part layout

There are 1 operation amplifier, 1 voltage reference, 2 variable resistors and one 200K ohms resistor in this proportional part. By trying to keep everything to fulfill the smallest requirement of layout rule, the size of whole proportional part is 227.25x587.6um. There are 6 pins in it, vdd!, gnd!, Vpin-1, Vpin-2, Vc1 and Vpout.



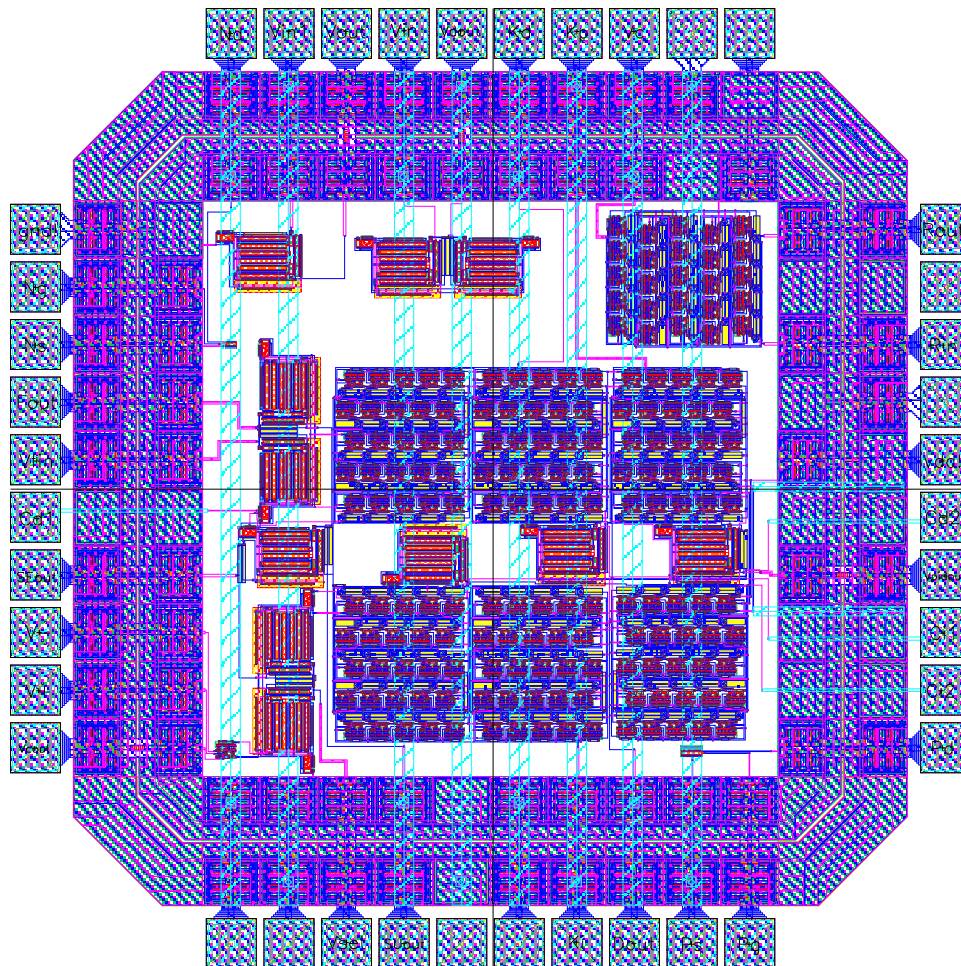
#### 4.11 PID controller layout

There are 2 voltage dividers, 1 summation block, 1 derivative part, 1 integral part and 1 propotional part. in this pid controller. By trying to keep everything to fulfill the smallest requirment of layout rule, the size of whole pid controller is 826.05x681.6um. There are 16 pins in it, vdd!, gnd!, Vfin, Vset, Fout, Seout, Suout, Cd1, Cd2, Kd, Dout, Ki, Ci1, Ci2, Kp and Vpidout.



#### 4.12 PID chip top layout

By trying to put more independent devices as we can, there are 1pid controller, 1 voltage dividers, 1 operation amplifier, 1 comparator, 1 variable resistor, 1 pmos, 1 nmos and 1 set of padset in this chip with the size of whole chip is 1.5x1.5mm. There are 32 pins in it, vdd!, gnd!, Vfin, Vset, Fout, Seout, Suout, Cd1, Cd2, Kd, Dout, Ki, Ci1, Ci2, Kp, Vpidout, Vc, Rin, Rout, Vdout, Vin, Vin1, Vout, Nd, Ng, Ns, V-, V+, Vcout, Pd, Pg and Ps.



## **Chapter 5 Verification**

Each component of this chip has passed the DRC verification without any errors except the 45 degree parts of padset. Each component of this chip up to the top level has passed the LVS verification, everything is matched between schematic and extracted. The LVS report of the whole chip please refer to appendix C.

## **Chapter 7 Conclusion**

Under the instruction of Professor David Kotecki, we utilized Cadence build the PID controller and tested it in first and second controlled object. It passed the DRC and LVS verification. The performance of this controller can be testified through the simulation results. This chip will be tested as an temperature controller in ECE 548.

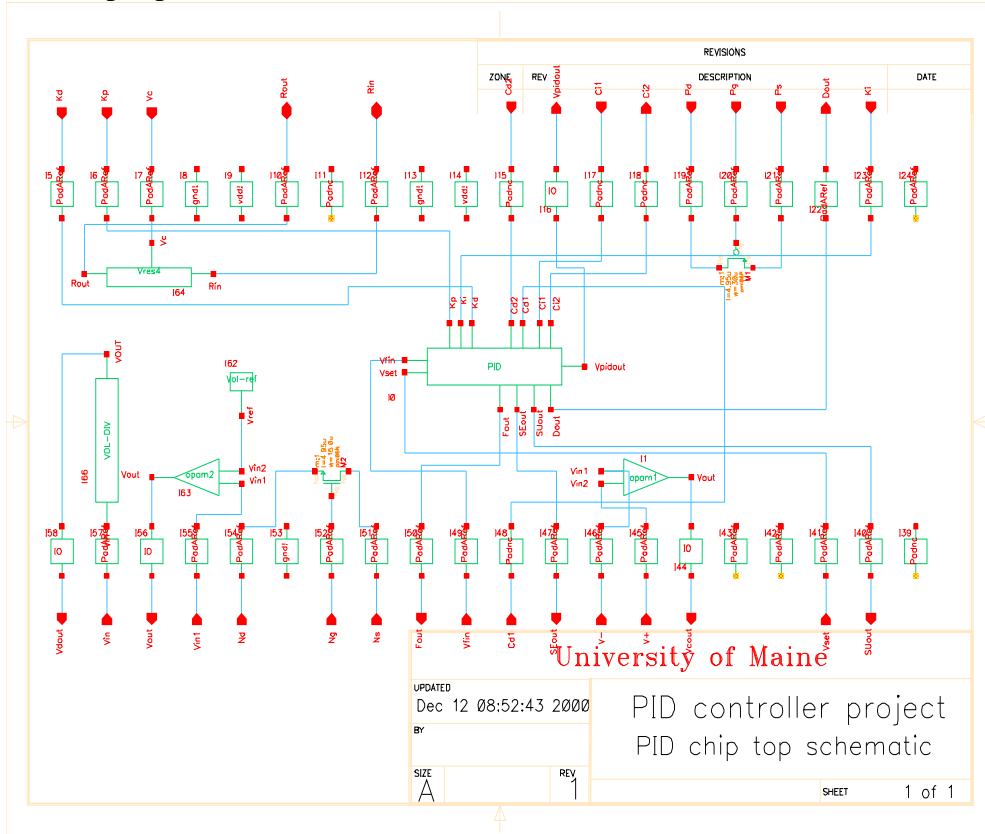
# Appendix A: Schematics

## Introduction

In this appendix, we briefly include each schematic of this PID controller. It will be divided into two parts, one is schematics break down parts of PID chip, another is schematics for testing circuits.

### A.1 PID chip

#### A1.1 PID chip top schematic



PID: The PID controller.

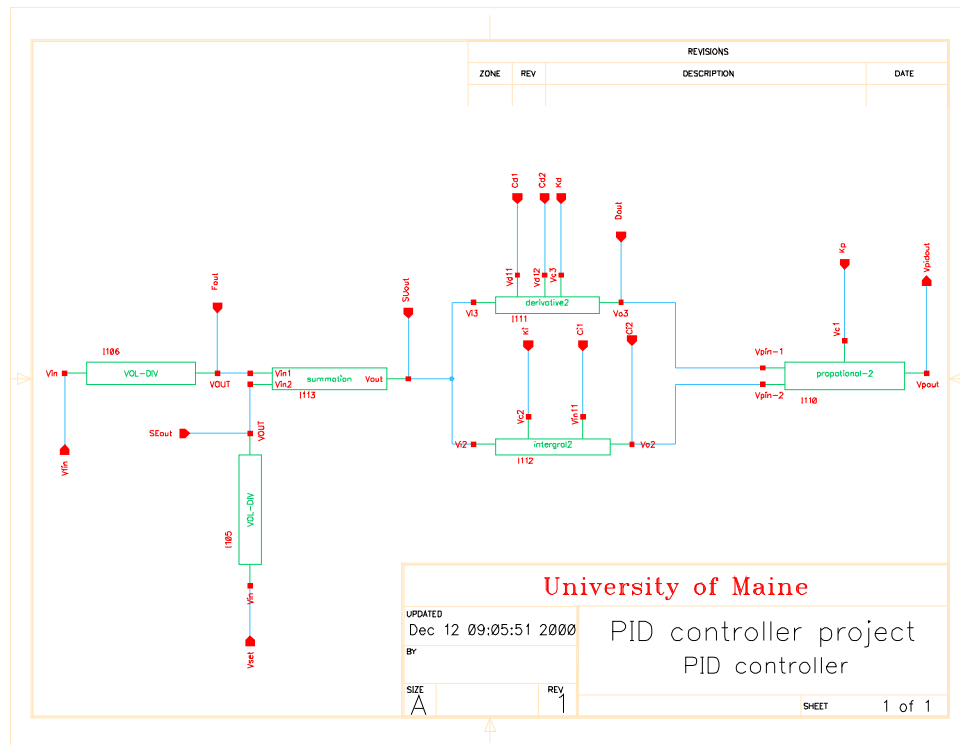
Opam1: Comparator which is used for virable resistor.

Opam2: Operation amplifier which is used for each part.

Vres4: Virable resistor.

Vol-div: Input voltage divider which is used to transform the 0~5volts input voltage into 2.4~2.5volts.

## A1.2 PID controller schematic



Vol-div: Input voltage divider which is used to transform the 0~5volts input voltage into 2.4~2.5volts.

Summation: Which is used as a subtractor for process feedback signal and setpoint signal.

Derivative2: The derivative part of PID controller.

Integral2: The integral part of PID controller.

Proportional-2: The proportional part of PID controller.

Analog inputs and outputs:

Vfin: Input signal of process measurement signal(eg. RTD, Thermal Couple).

Vset: Input signal of setpoint.

Kd: Adjusting coefficient of derivative part.

Ki: Adjusting coefficient of integral part.

Kp: Adjusting coefficient of proportional part.

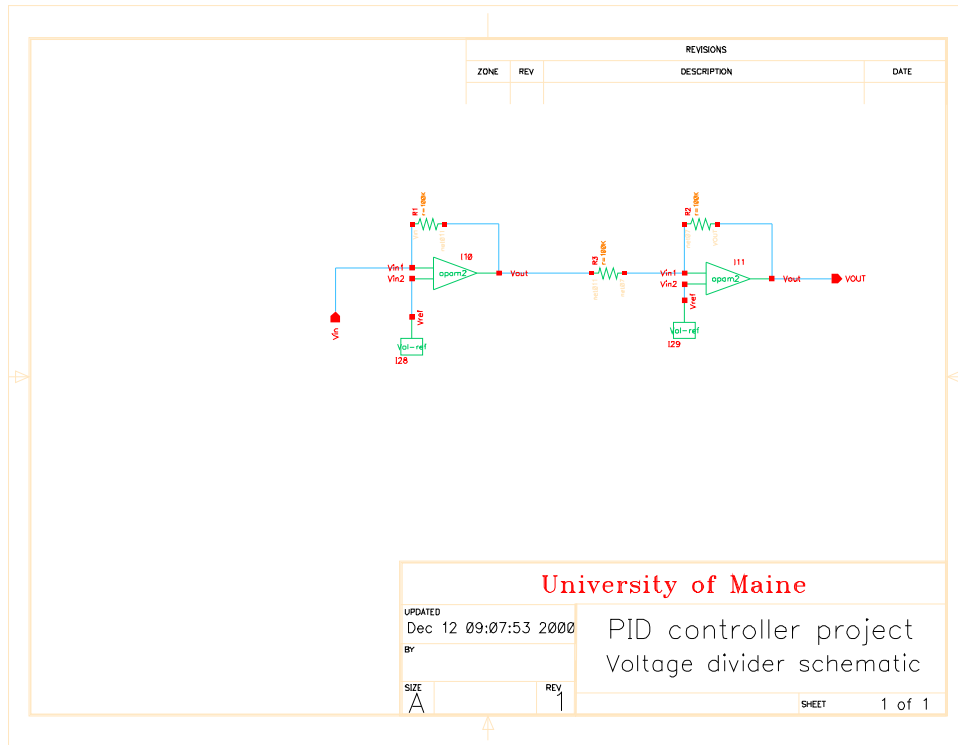
Ci1,Ci2: External capacitor of integral part.

Cd1,Cd2: External capacitor of derivative part.

Vpidout: Output signal of PID controller.

Fout,SEout,Suout,Dout: Testing point of relative parts.

### A1.3 Voltage divider



Input voltage divider which is used to transform the 0~5volts input voltage into 2.4~2.5volts.

Opam2: Operation amplifier.

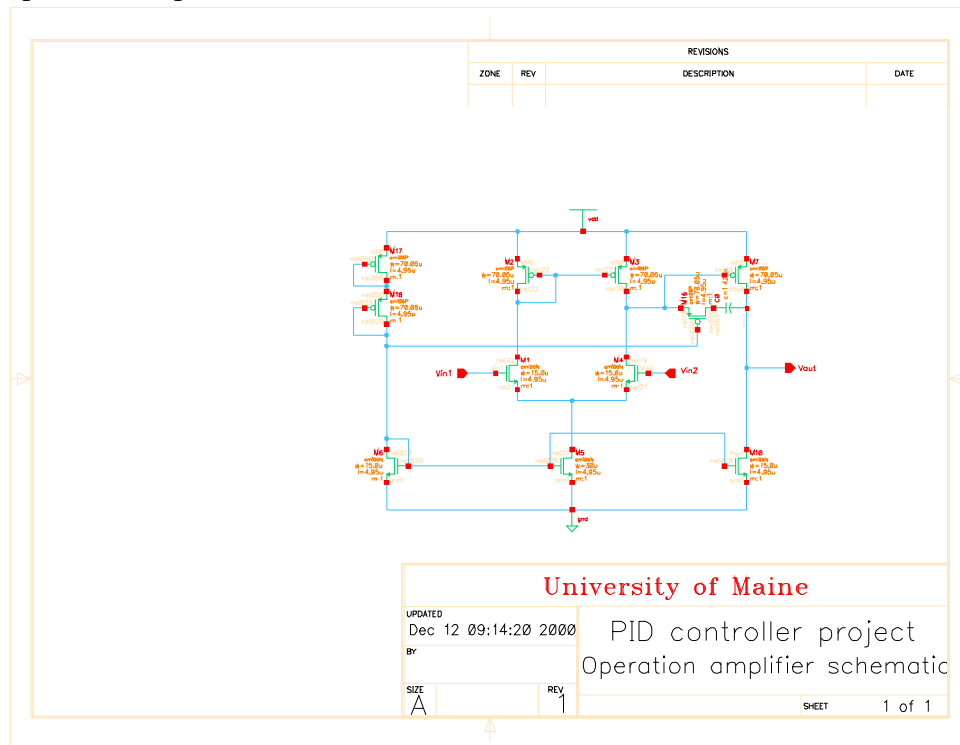
Vol-ref: 2.5 voltage reference for operation amplifier.

Vin: Input of voltage divider which should be connected one 2.5M ohm resistor.

VOUT: Output of voltage divider.

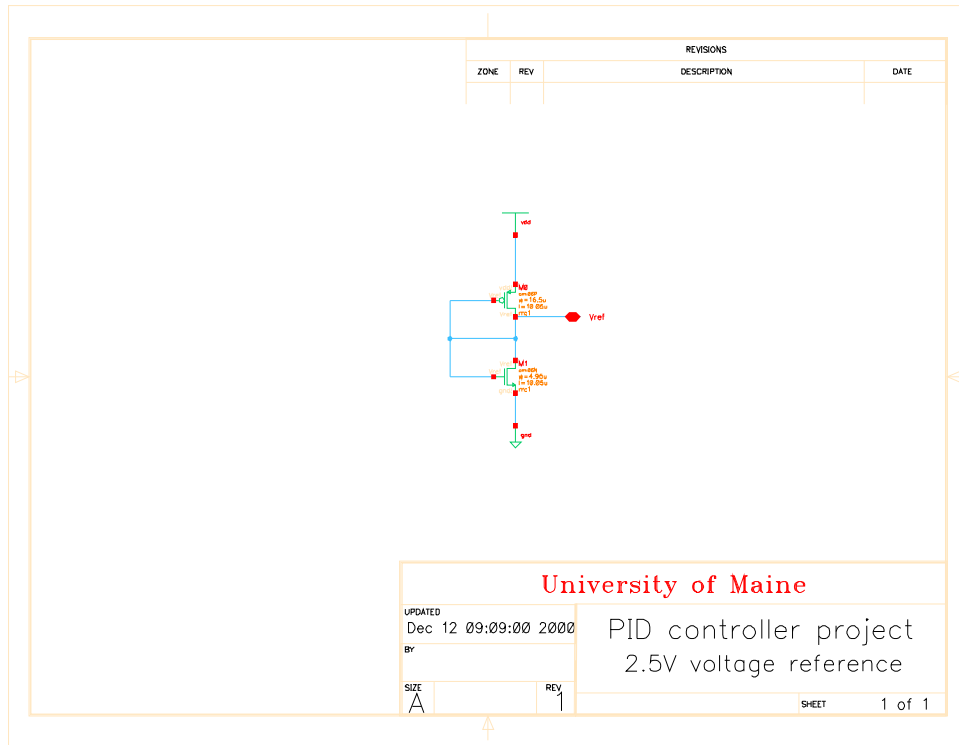


## A1.4 Operation amplifier



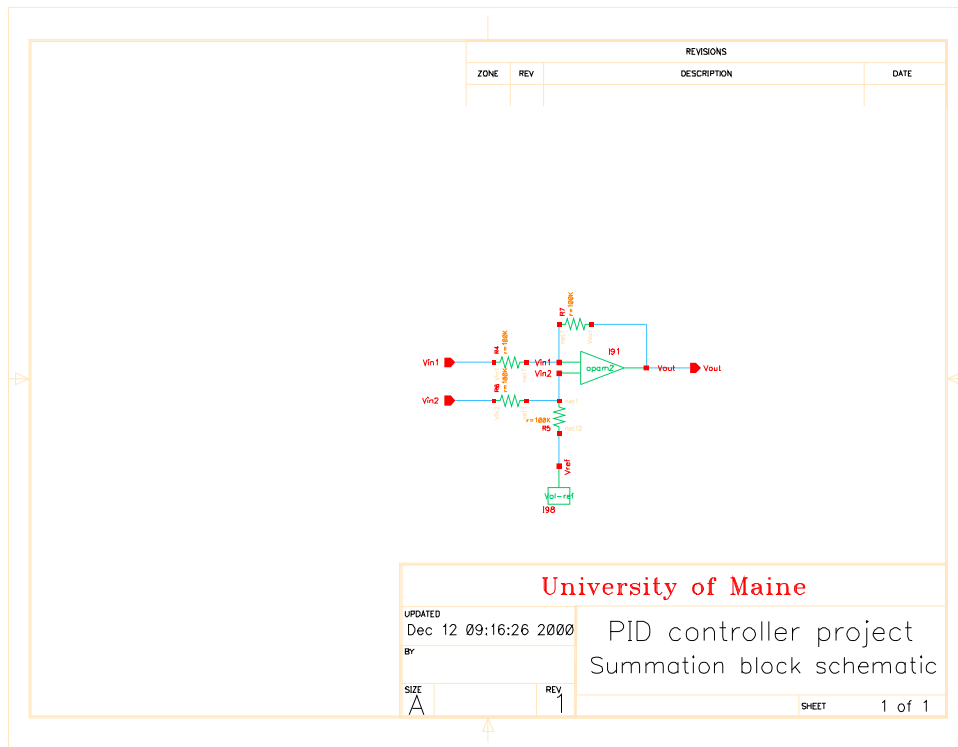
- Vin1: Negative input of operation amplifier.
- Vin2: Positive input of operation amplifier.
- Vout: Output of operation amplifier.

## A1.5 Voltage reference



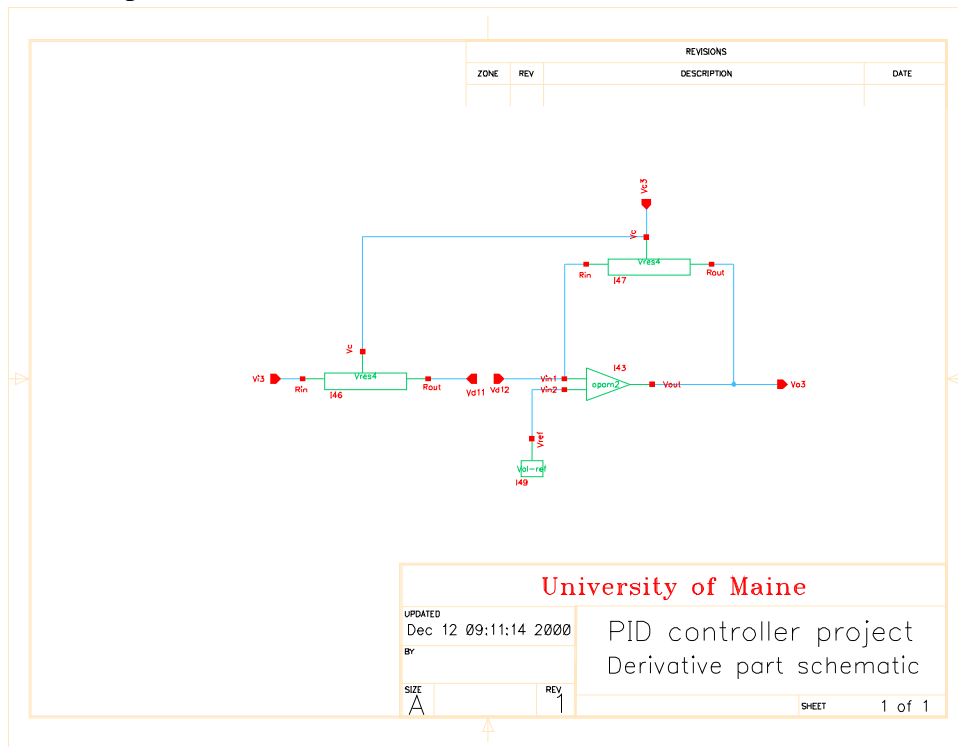
Vref: Supply 2.5volts as the referance voltage for operation amplifier.

### A1.6 Summation block:



- Vin1: Output of voltage divider for process feedback signal.
- Vin2: Output of voltage divider for setpoint.
- Vout: Output of the summation block which is a subtractor.

## A1.7 Derivativ part



Vres4: Variable resistor

Opam2: Operation amplifier.

Vol-ref: 2.5 voltage reference for operation amplifier.

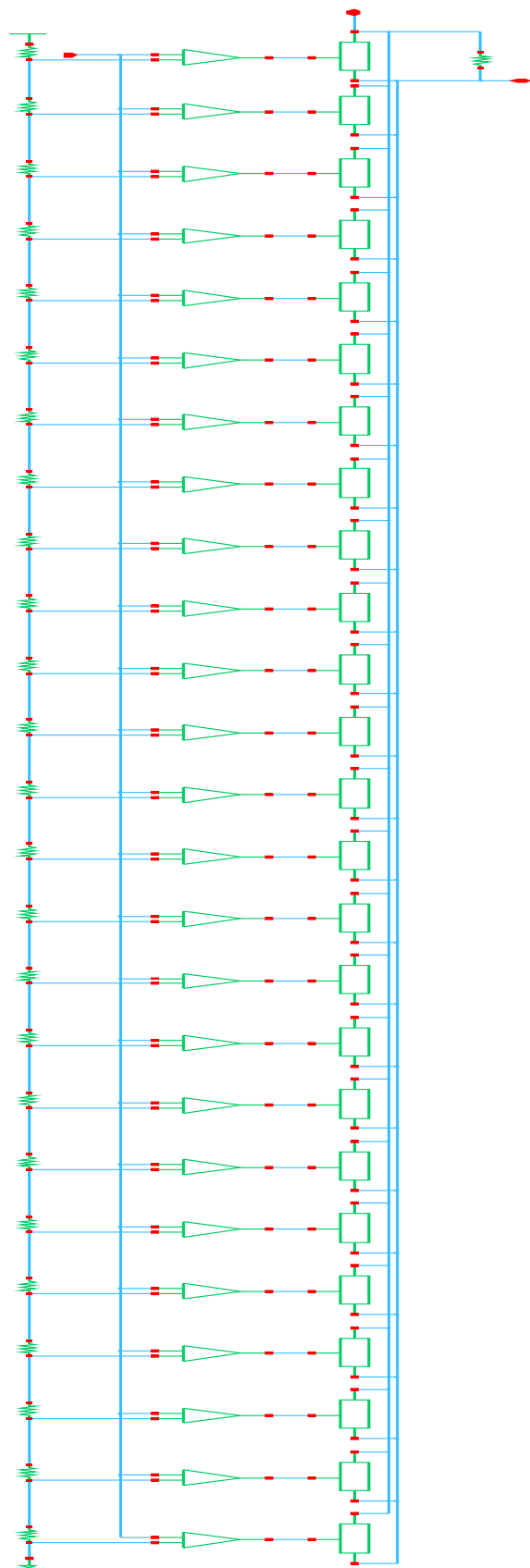
Vi3: Input signal of derivative part.

Vc3: Coefficient of Voltage control resistor.

Vo3: Output of derivative part.

Vd11, Vd12: External capacitor (4uf).

## A1.8 Variable resistor



Opam1: Comparator

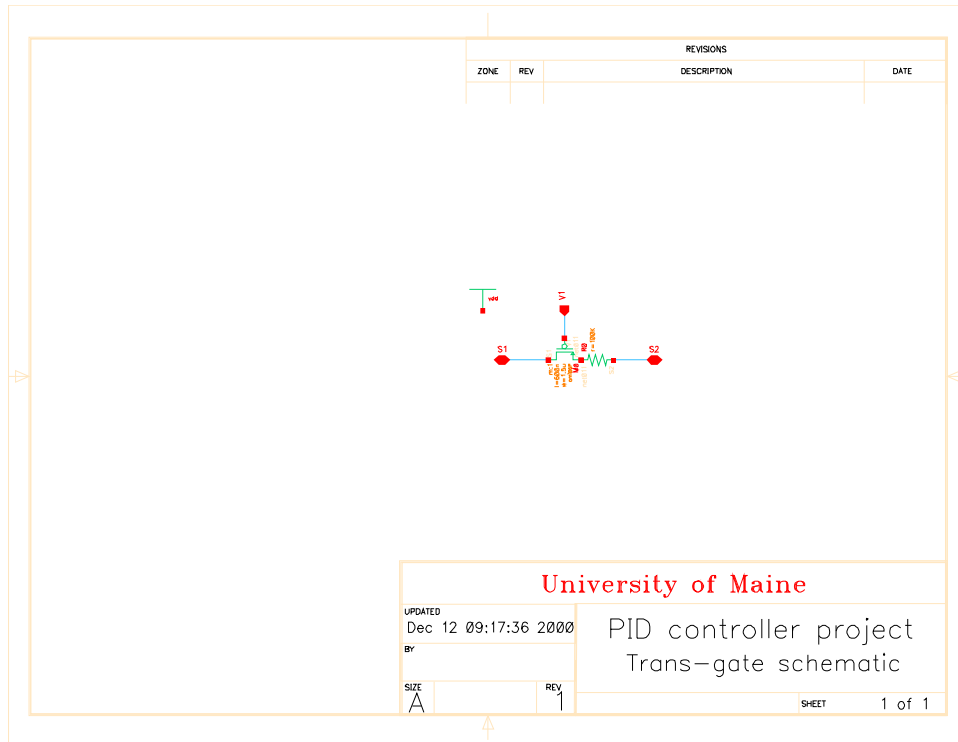
Transgate: Working as a switch to connect or disconnect each 100K ohm resistor.

Rin: One terminal of virable resistor.

Rout: Another terminal of virable resistor.

Vc: Input bias voltage (0~5v) signal.

### A1.9 Trans gate

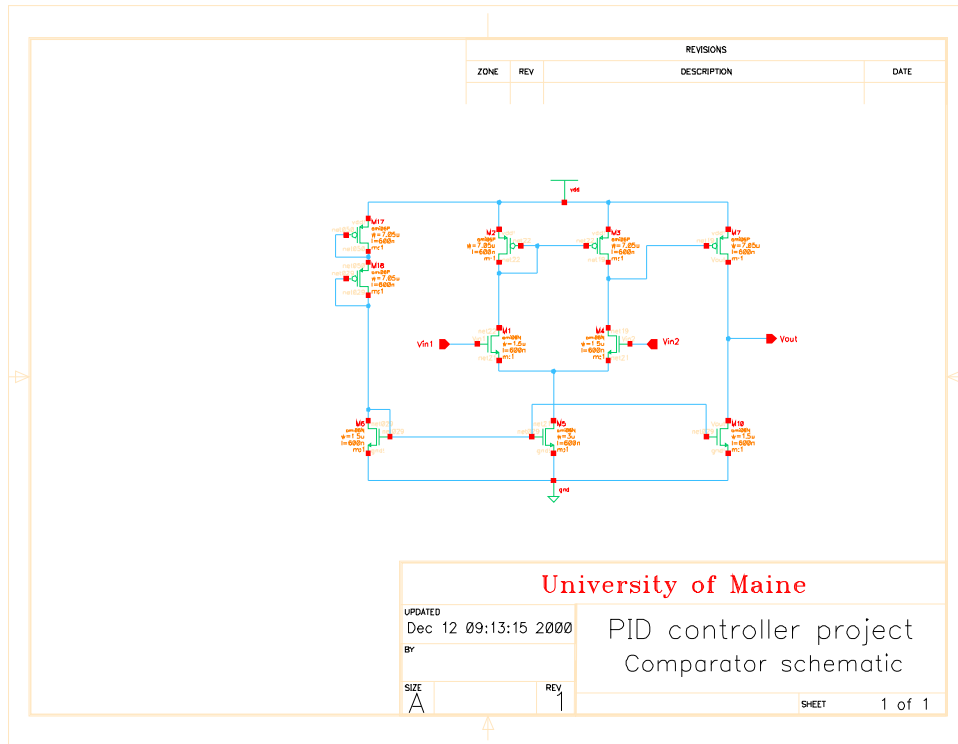


S1: One terminal of transgate.

S2: Another terminal of transgate.

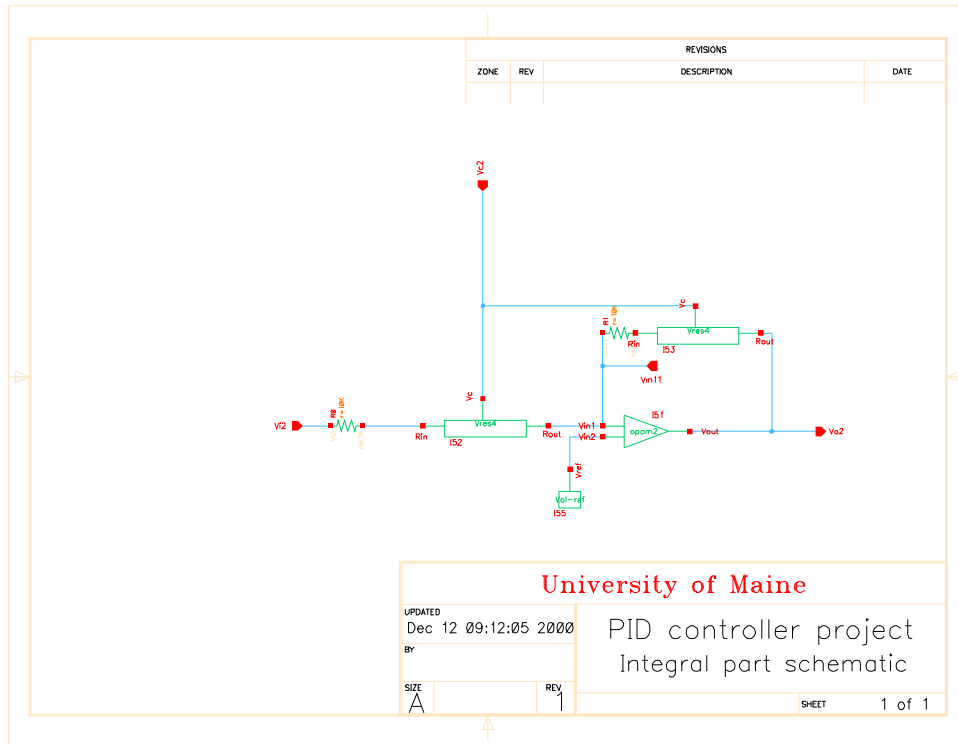
Vc: Output of the comparator.

## A1.10 Comparator



Vin1: Negative input of comparator.  
Vin2: Positive input of comparator.  
Vout: Output of comparator.

### A1.11 Integral part



Vres4: Variable resistor

OpAmp2: Operational amplifier.

V1-ref: 2.5 voltage reference for operational amplifier.

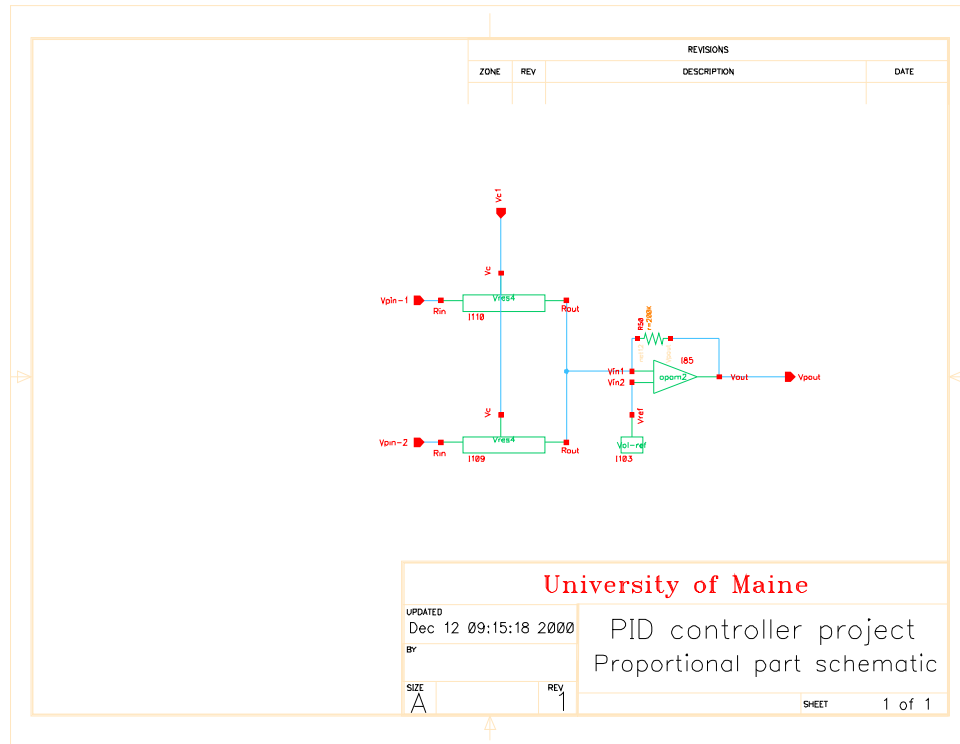
Vi3: Input signal of integral part.

Vc3: Coefficient of Voltage control resistor.

Vo3: Output of integral part.



## A1.12 Proportional part



$V_{res4}$ : Variable resistor

$Opam2$ : Operational amplifier.

$V_{ol-ref}$ : 2.5 voltage reference for operational amplifier.

$V_{pin-1}$ : Output signal of derivative part.

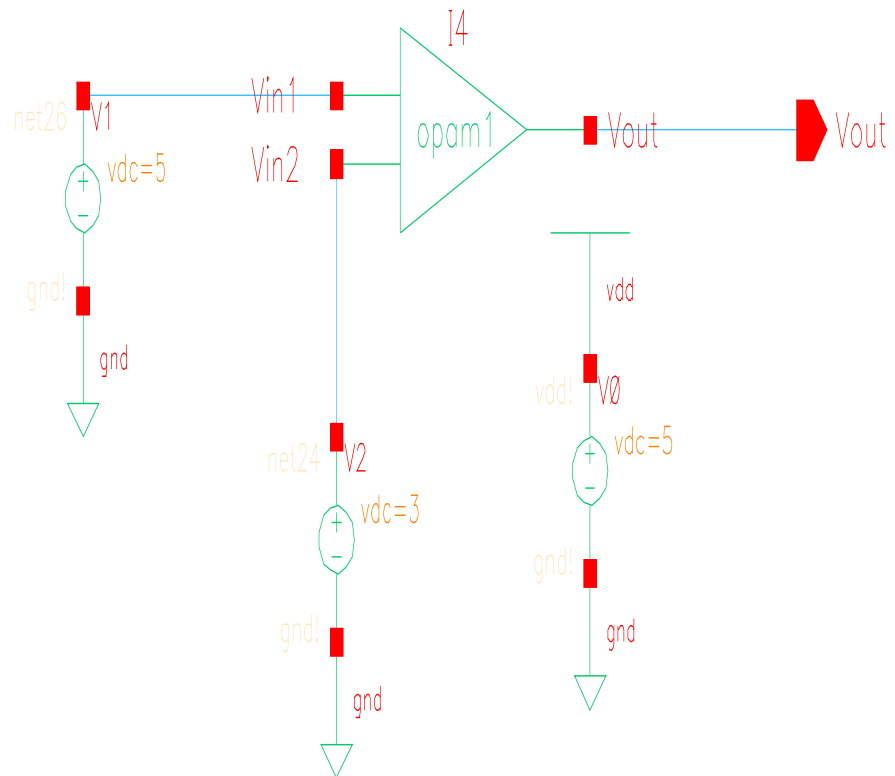
$V_{pin-2}$ : Output signal of integral part.

$V_c1$ : Coefficient of Voltage control resistor.

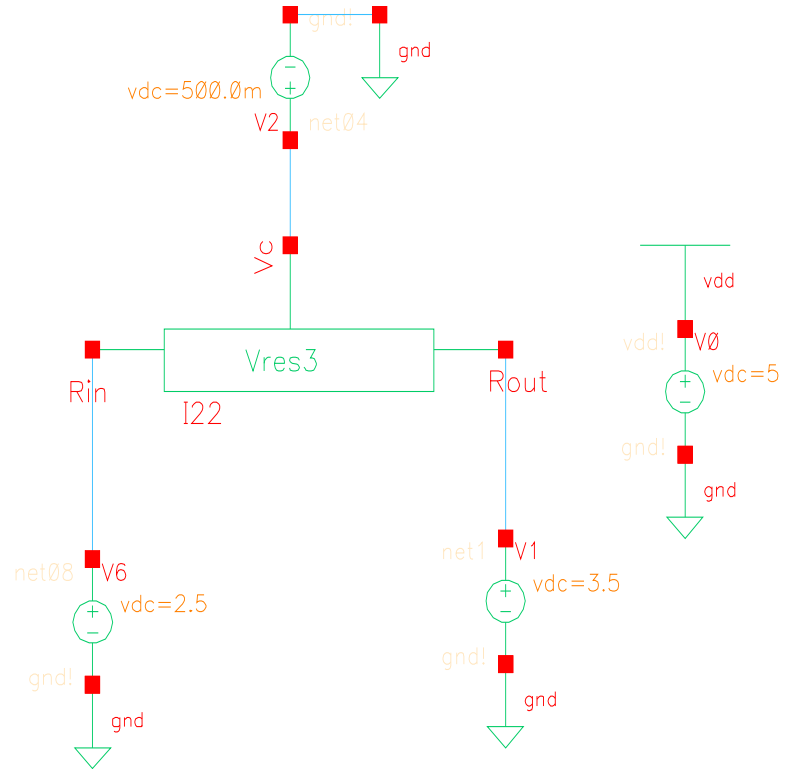
$V_{pout}$ : Output of Proportional part.

## A2 Testing circuit schematic

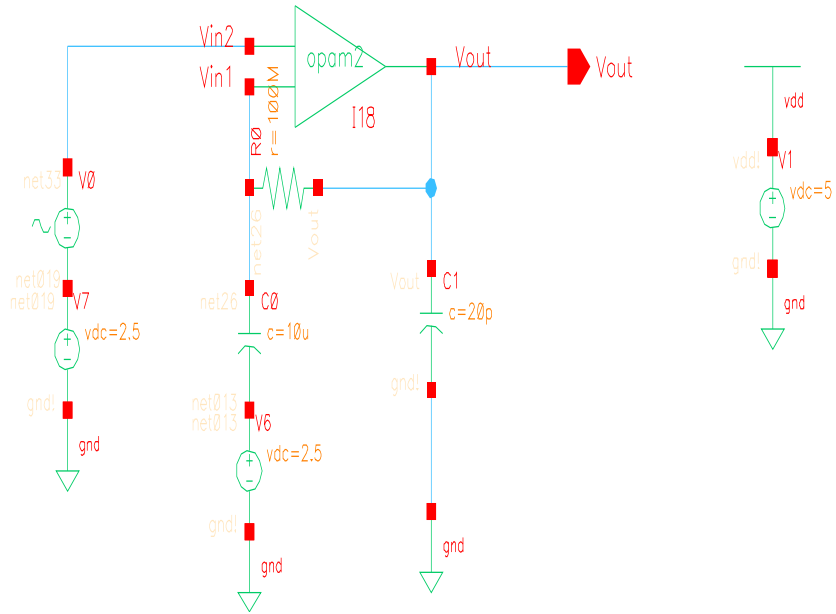
### A2.1 Comparator test



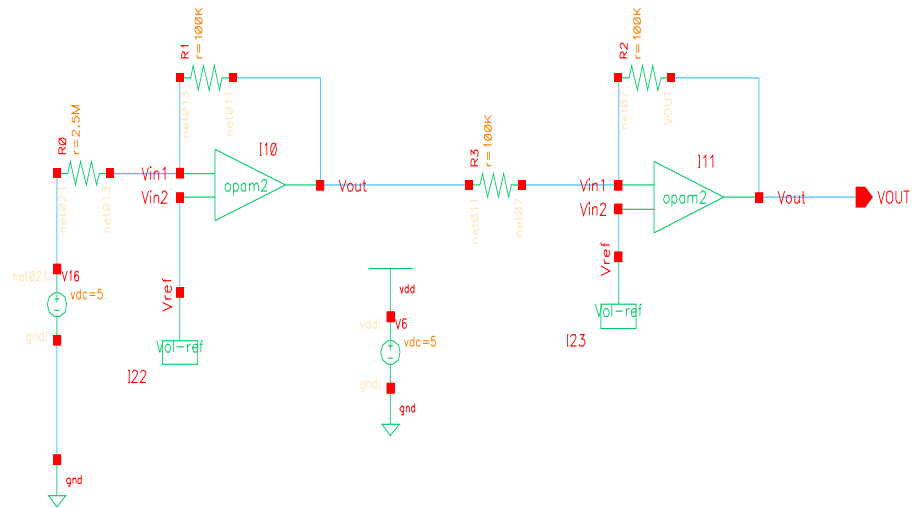
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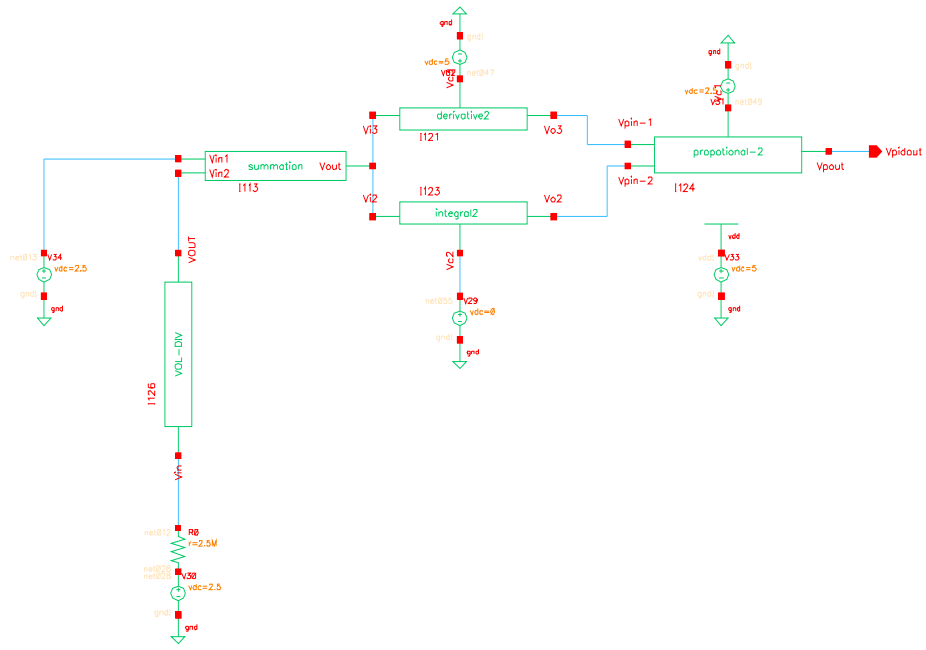
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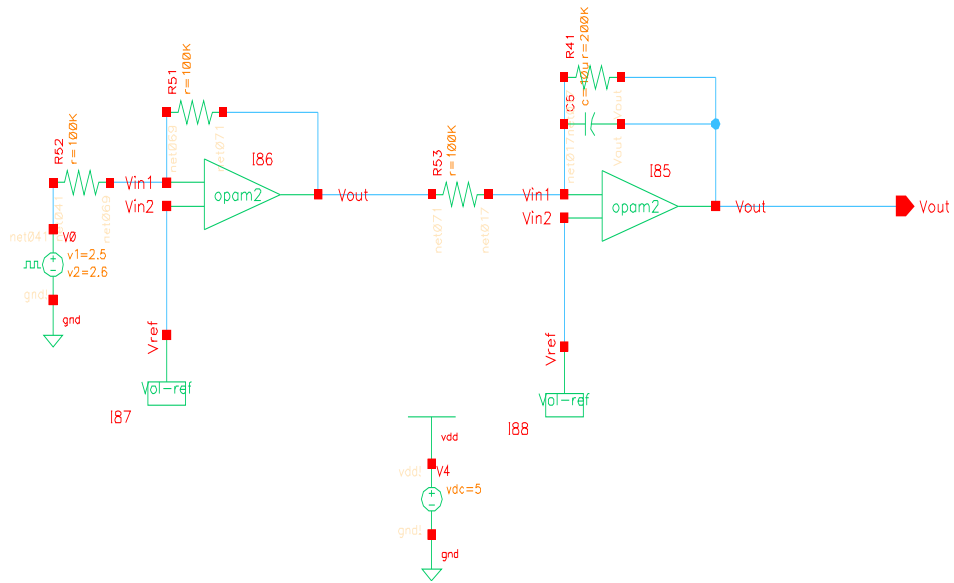
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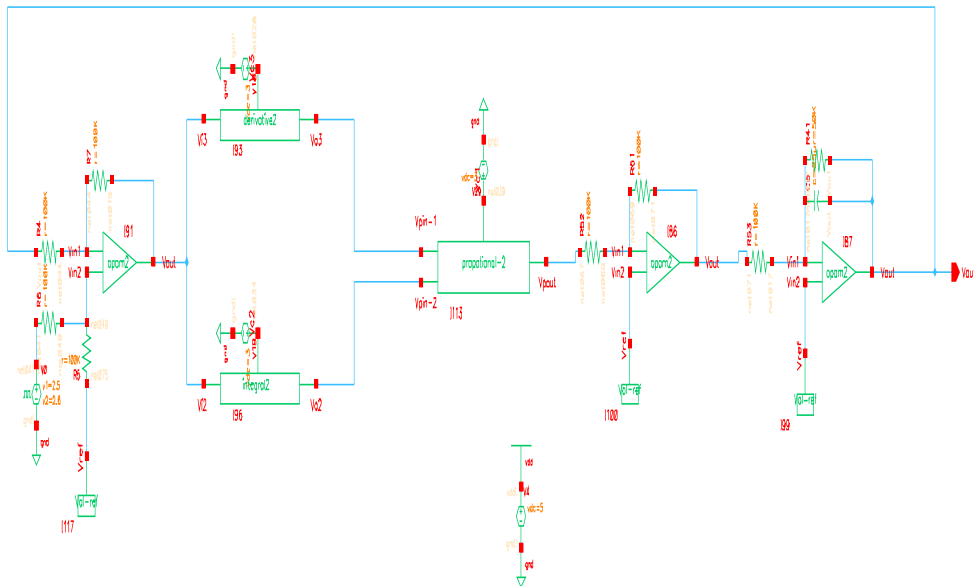
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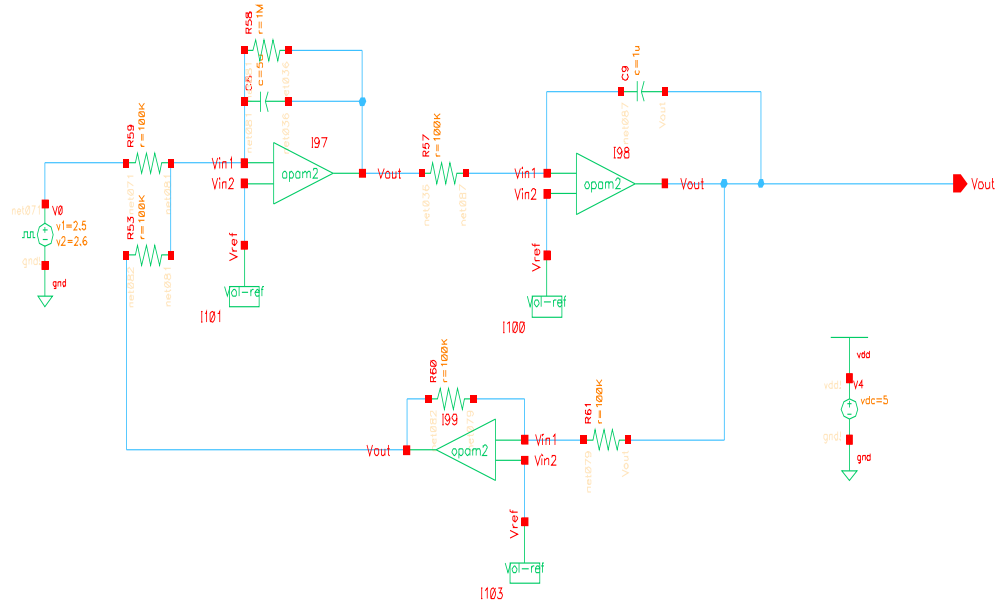
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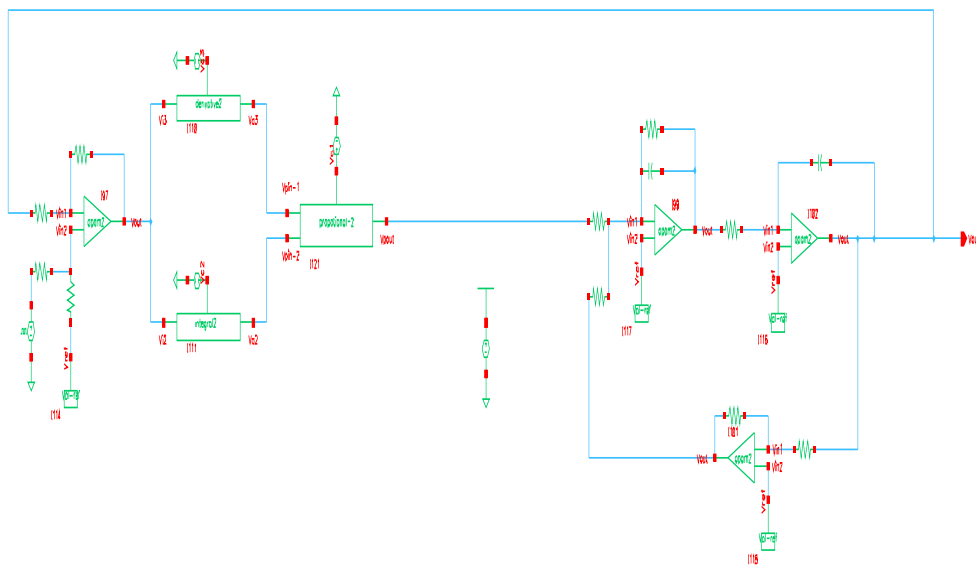
## A2.7 First order controlled object close loop test



## A2.8 Second order controlled object open loop test



## A2.9 Second order controlled object close loop test



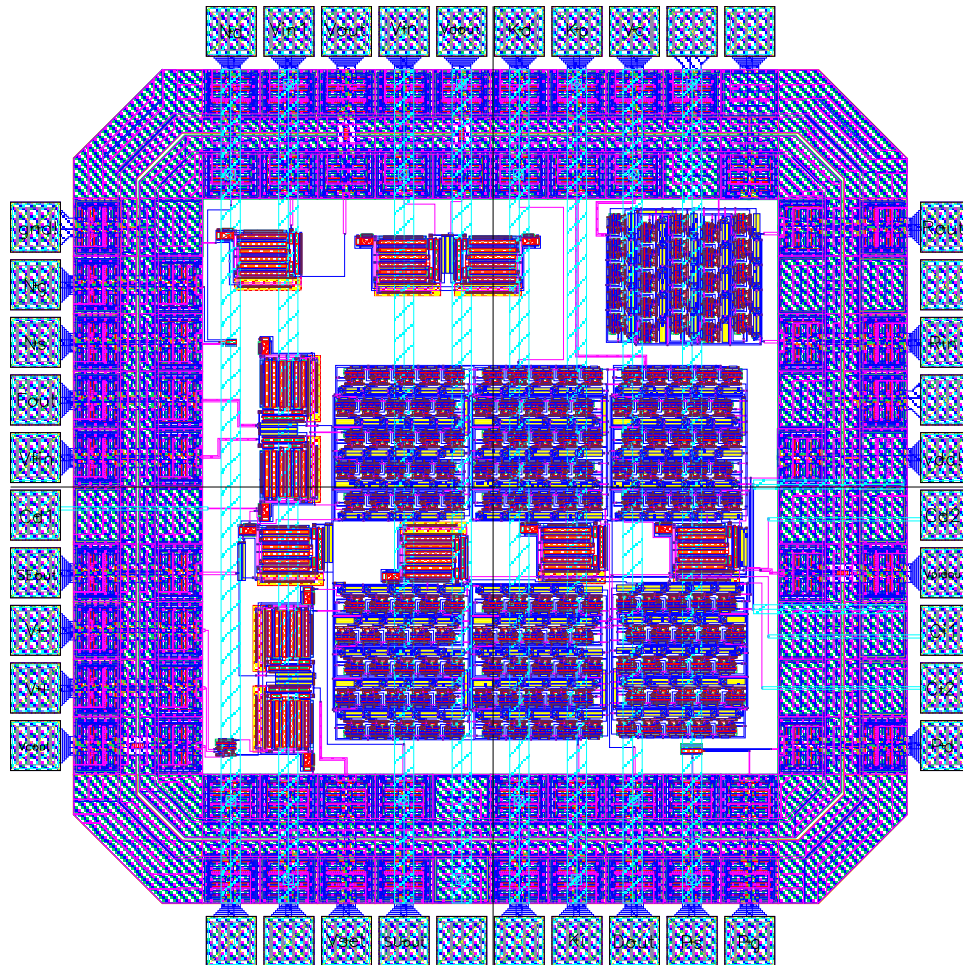


## Appendix B: Layout Hierarchy

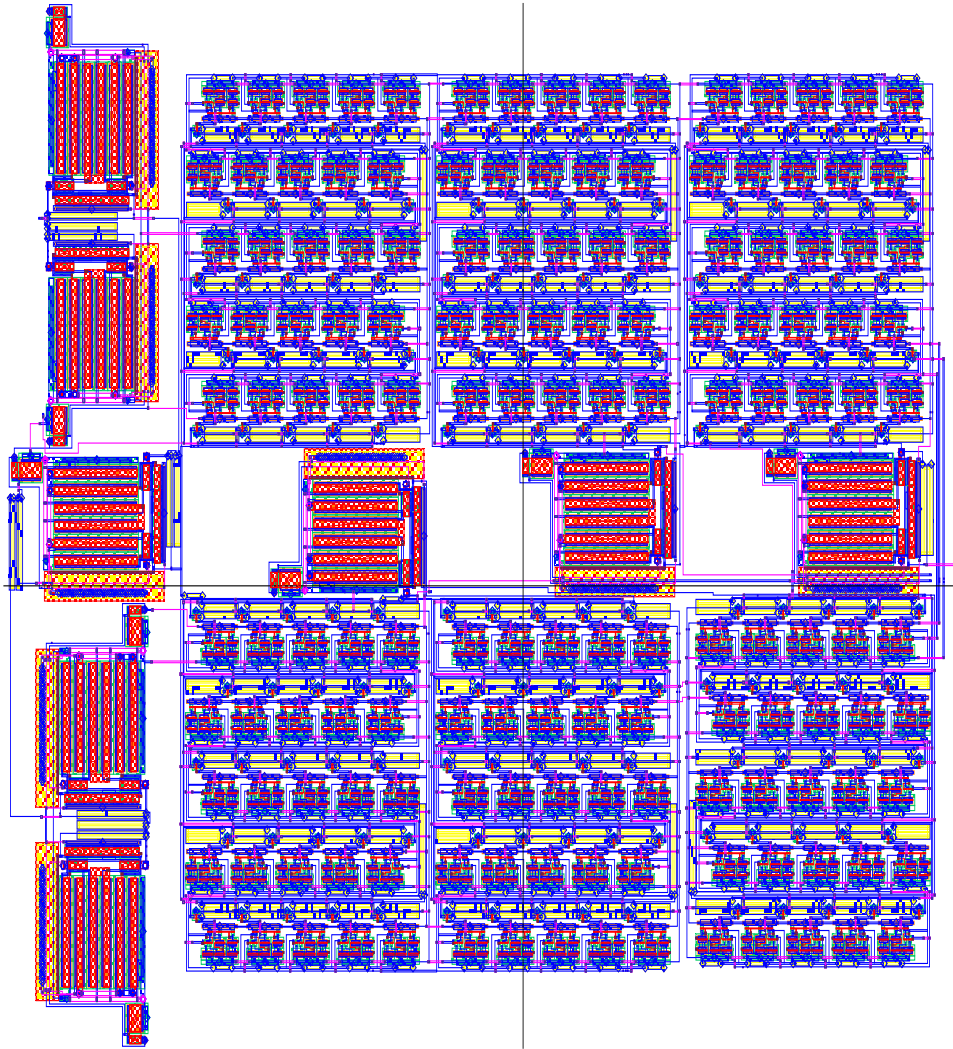
### Introduction

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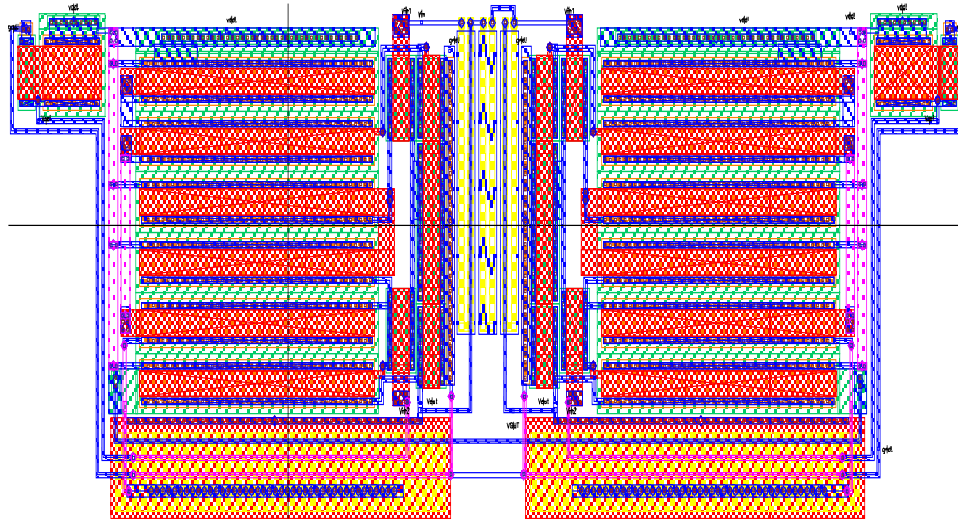
### B.1 PID chip top layout



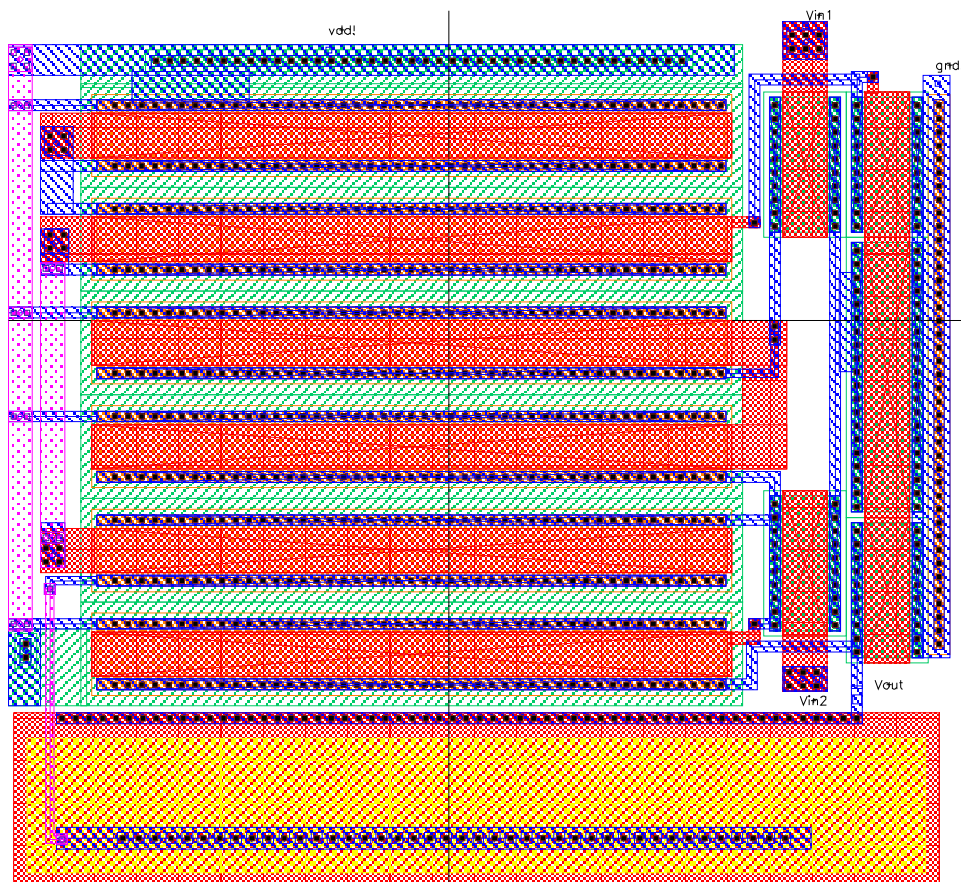
## B2. PID controller Layout



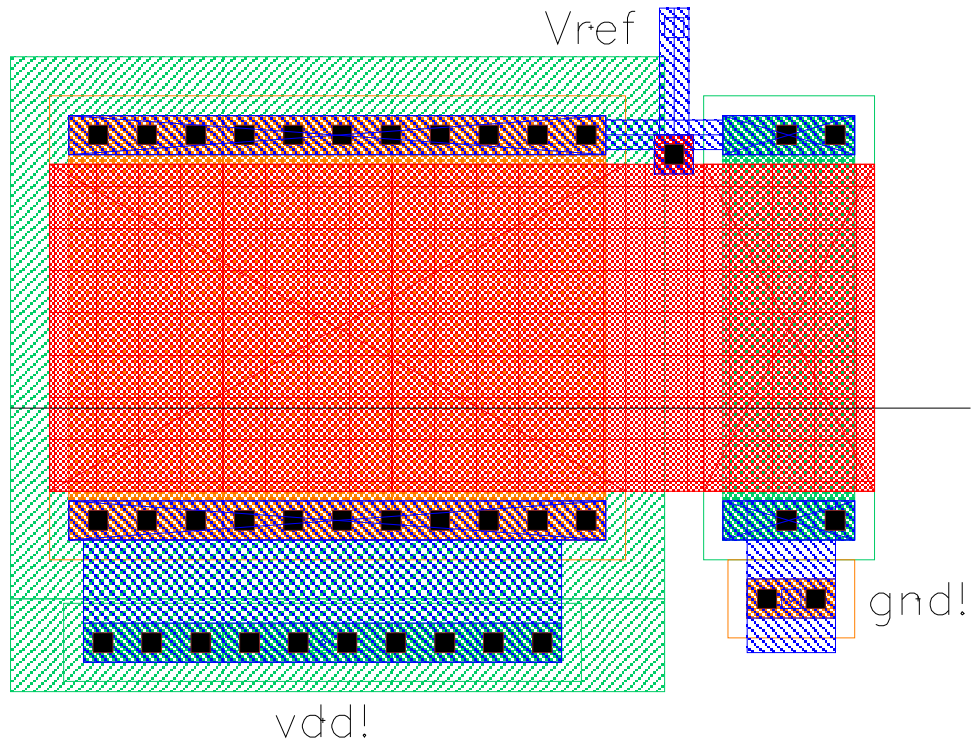
B3 Voltage divider layout



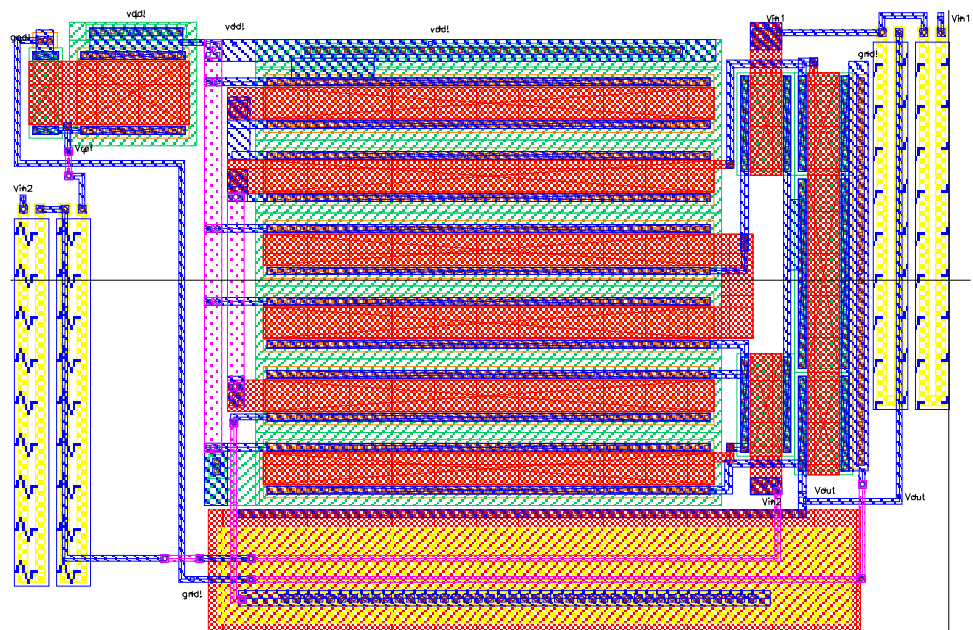
B4 Operation amplifier layout



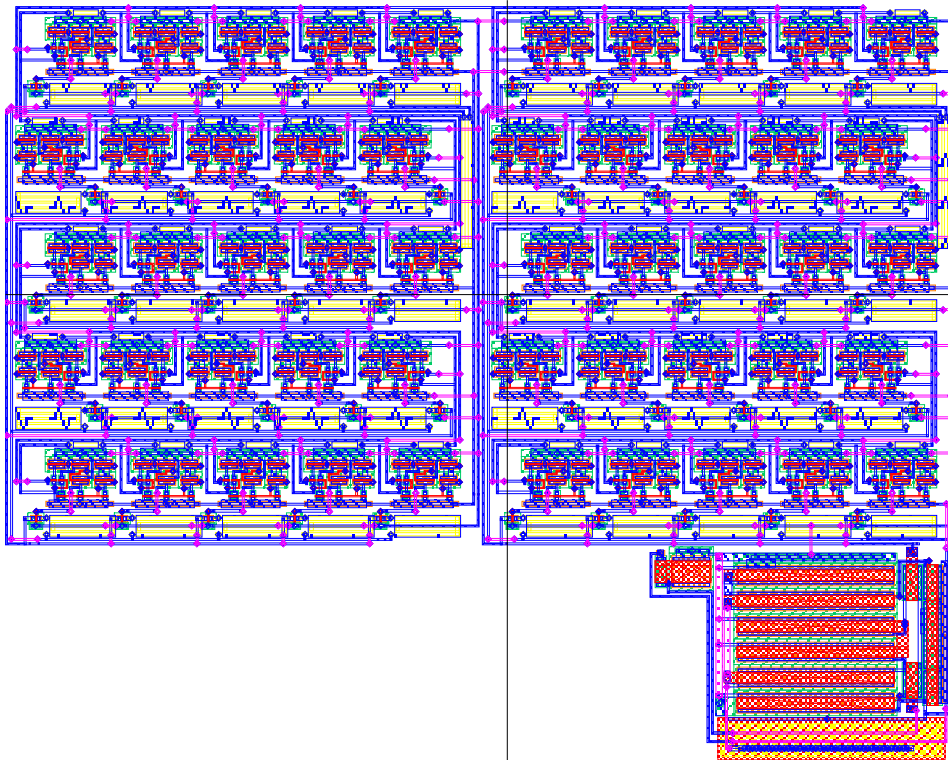
### B5 Voltage reference layout



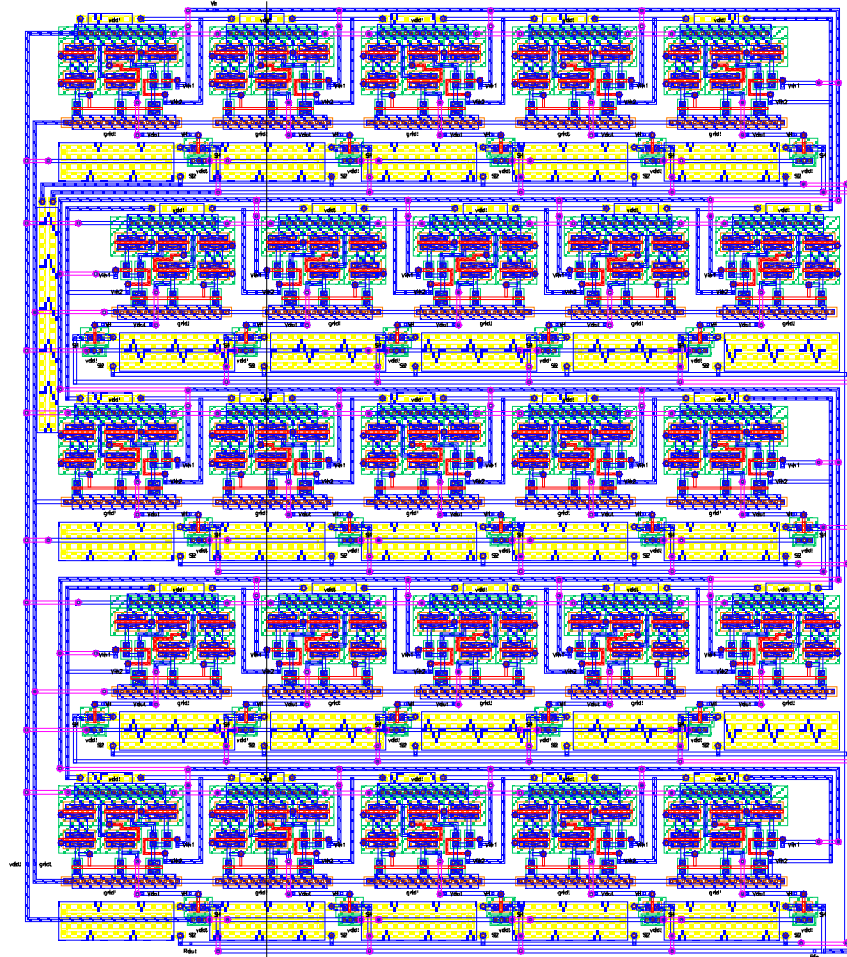
### B6 Summation block layout



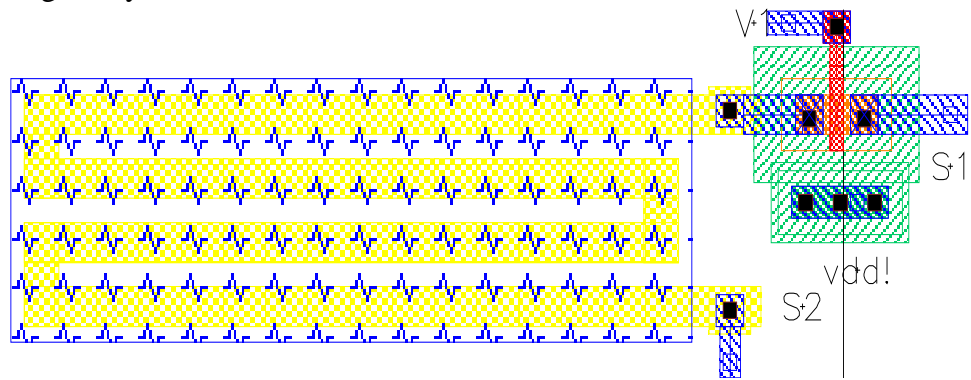
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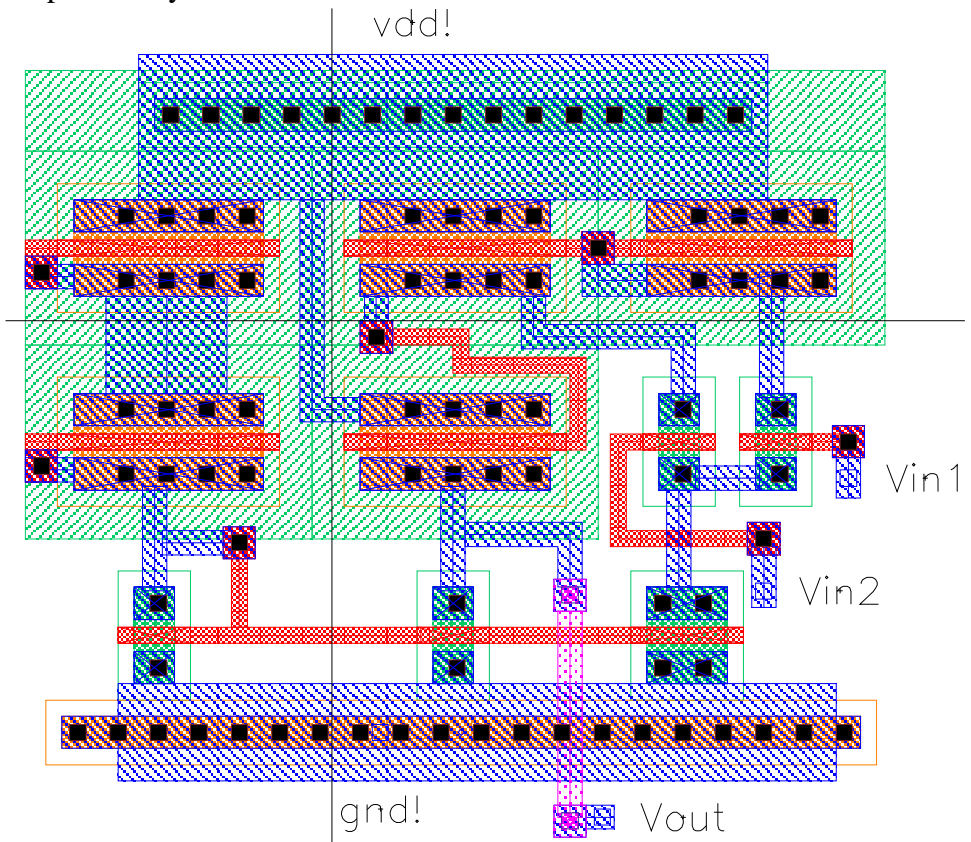
## B8 Verivable resistor layout



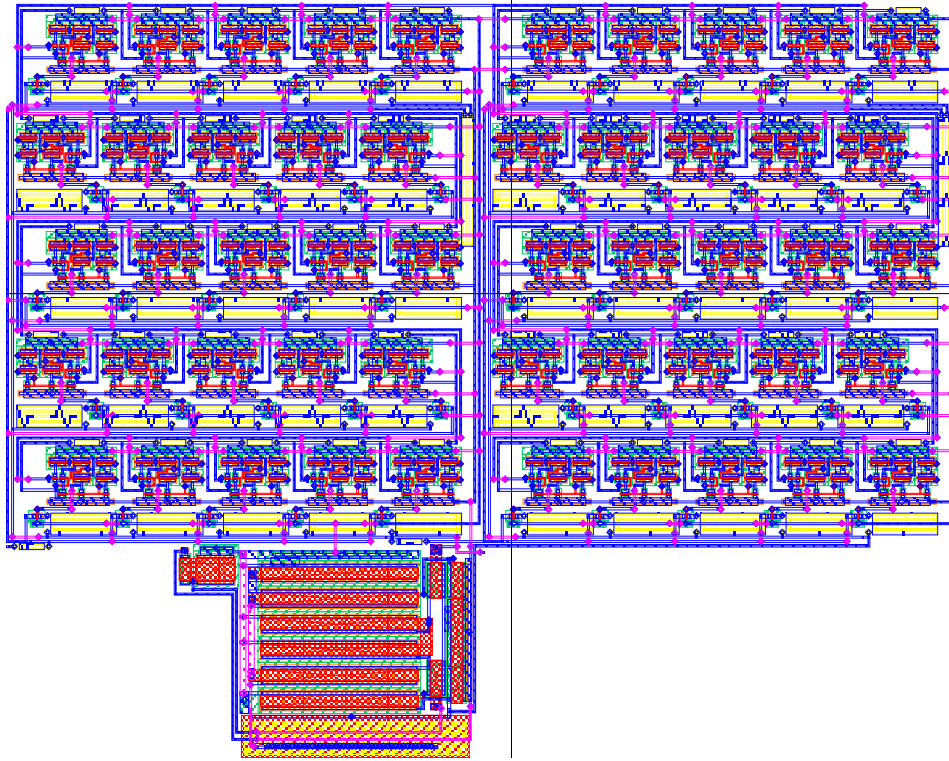
B9 Transgate layout



B10 Comparator layout

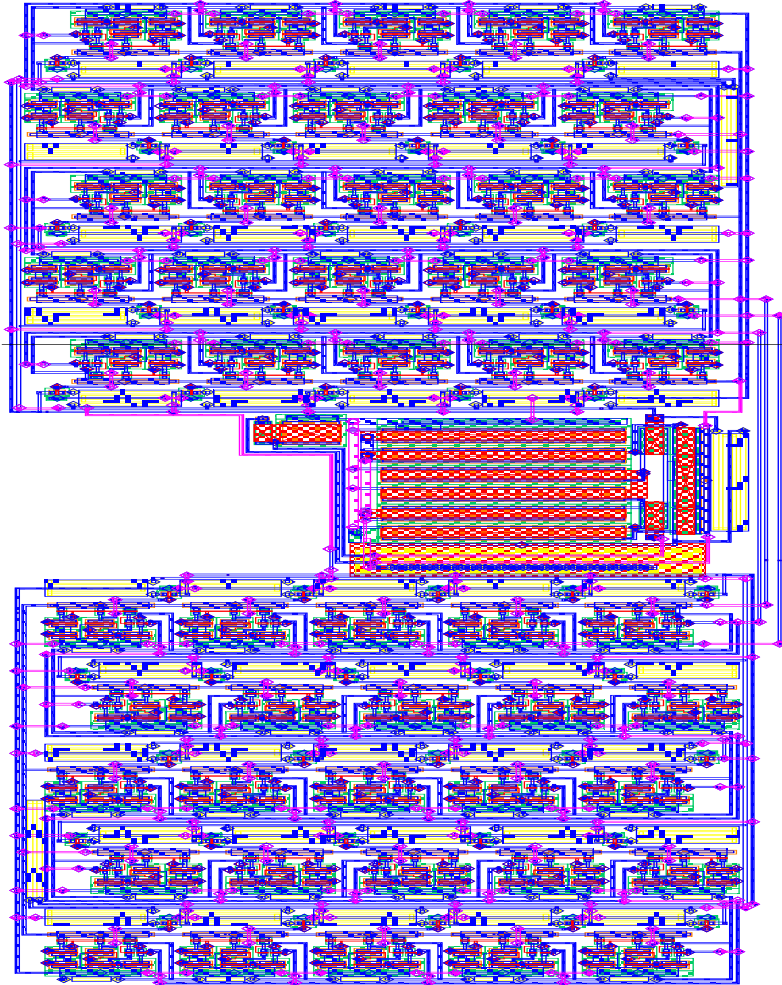


B11 Integral part layout





B12 Proportional part layout



## Appendix C: Top Level Verification

Top level verification includes DRC report of the top level layout and LVS report for top level schematic and extracted.

### C1. DRC report

Passed without error.

### C2 . LVS report

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@(#)$CDS: LVS version 4.4.5 10/28/1999 15:28 (cds11182) $
```

Like matching is enabled.

Net swapping is enabled.

Creating /usr/grads/guchen/ECE547\_Cadence/LVS/xref.out file.

Using terminal names as correspondence points.

Compiling Diva LVS rules...

Net-list summary for /usr/grads/guchen/ECE547\_Cadence/LVS/layout/netlist

count	
1521	nets
32	terminals
373	res
11	cap
1517	pmos
1319	nmos

Net-list summary for /usr/grads/guchen/ECE547\_Cadence/LVS/schematic/netlist

count	
1521	nets
32	terminals
373	res
11	cap
1165	pmos
978	nmos

Terminal correspondence points

1	Cd1
2	Cd2
3	Ci1
4	Ci2
5	Dout

6	Fout
7	Kd
8	Ki
9	Kp
10	Nd
11	Ng
12	Ns
13	Pd
14	Pg
15	Ps
16	Rin
17	Rout
18	SEout
19	SUout
20	V+
21	V-
22	Vc
23	Vcout
24	Vdout
25	Vfin
26	Vin
27	Vin1
28	Vout
29	Vpidout
30	Vset
31	gnd!
32	vdd!

The net-lists match.

	layout schematic		
	instances		
un-matched	0	0	
rewired		0	0
size errors	0	0	
pruned	0	0	
active	3220	2527	
total	3220	2527	
	nets		
un-matched	0	0	
merged		0	0
pruned	0	0	
active	1521	1521	
total	1521	1521	
	terminals		
un-matched	0	0	

matched but different type	0	0
total	32	32

Probe files from /usr/grads/guchen/ECE547\_Cadence/LVS/schematic

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