Current DAC & Voltage DAC

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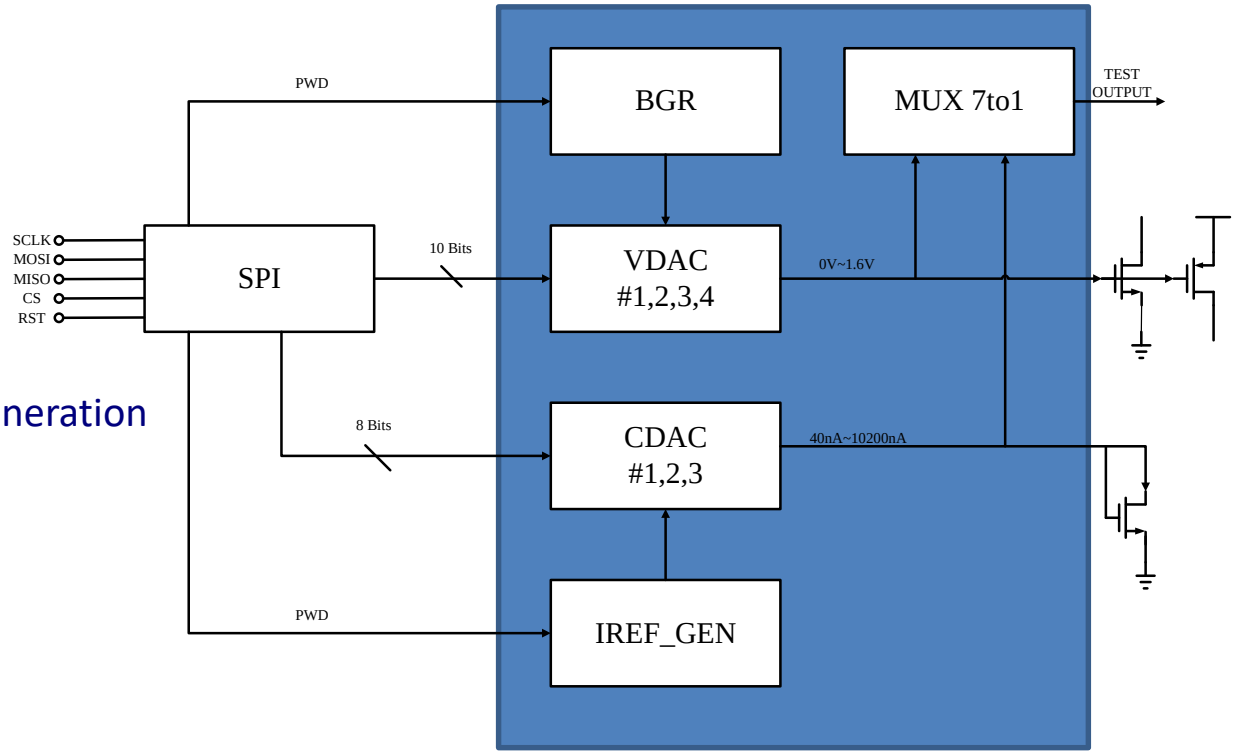
Structure of DAC

- **Structure of the DAC**
  - Voltage DAC (VDAC)
  - Current DAC (CDAC)
  - Bandgap(BGR)
  - MUX 7to1
  - Current bias reference generation



Architecture of the top DAC

- **Characteristics**
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    - 10 bit
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    - Range: 0 – 1.6 V
  - Current DAC (CDAC)
    - 8 bit
    - LSB: 40 nA
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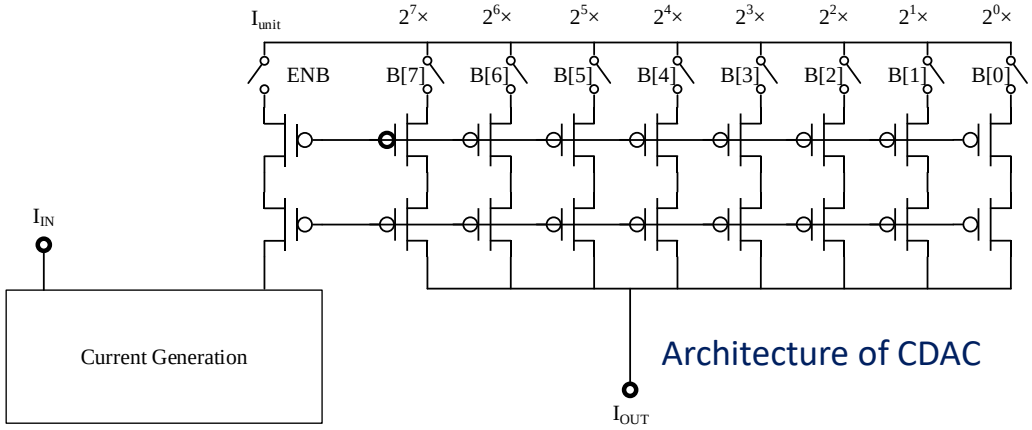
Structure of current DAC (CDAC)

- **Current DAC**
  - Current mirror
  - Segmented architecture
    - 4 most significant bits (MSB)
      - ⋆ thermometer decode
    - 4 least significant bits (LSB)
      - ⋆ binary weighted
  - Output impedance
    - Min: 104KΩ
    - Max: 43 MΩ



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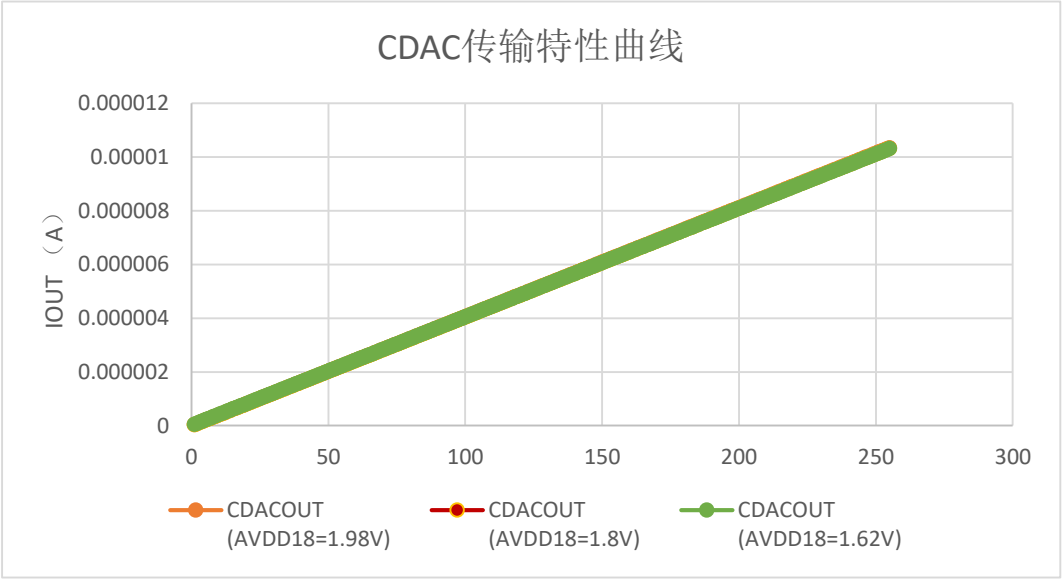
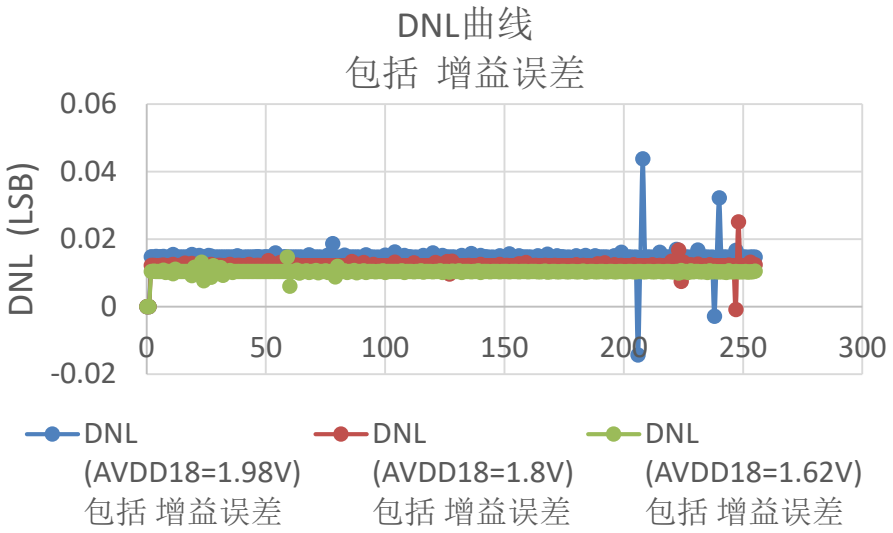
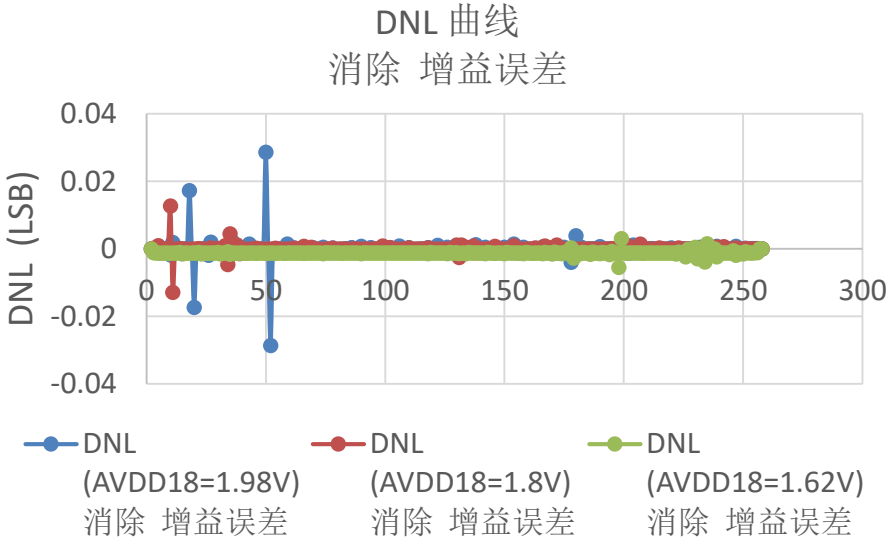
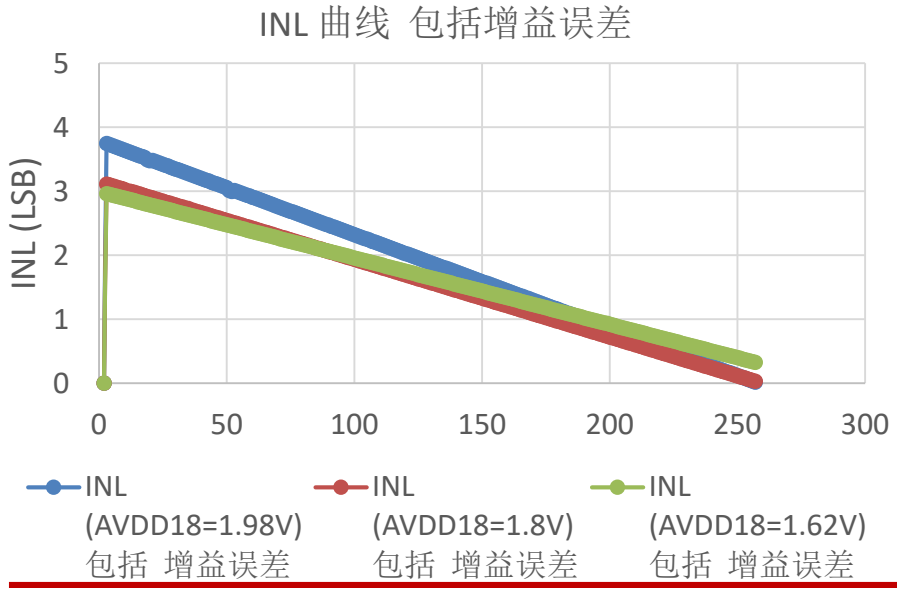


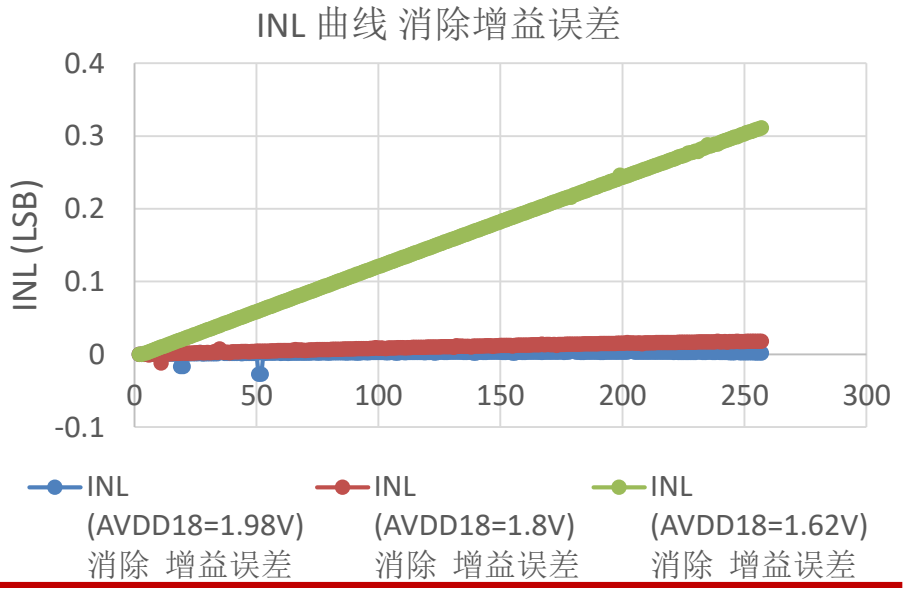
Characteristic curve of the CDAC

Simulation results of current DAC (CDAC)



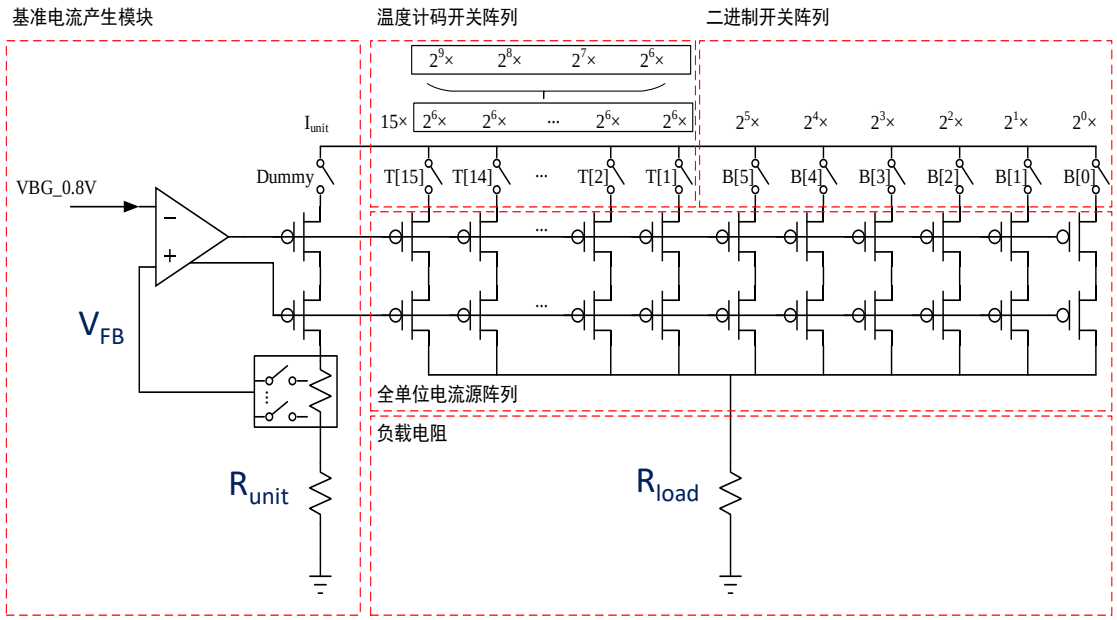






Structure of voltage DAC (VDAC)

- **Voltage DAC**
  - Current bias generation block
    - VBG: output of bandgap ~ 0.8 V
    - I_{unit} ~ 20 μA
  - Negative feedback to stabilize VBG @ 0.8 V
  - Current mirror with resistor load
  - Segmented architecture
    - 4 most significant bits (MSB): thermometer decode
    - 6 least significant bits (LSB): binary weighted



Architecture of CDAC

$$V_{DAC} = Weight(Code[9:0]) \times I_{unit,mirror} \times R_{load}$$

$$= Weight(Code[9:0]) \times \left(\frac{1}{4} \times I_{unit,ref} \times \frac{1}{4} \times R_{unit}\right)$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{9} 2^i \cdot Code[i] \times \left(\frac{1}{4} \times I_{unit,ref} \times \frac{1}{4} \times R_{unit}\right)$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{9} 2^i \cdot Code[i] \times \frac{1}{512} \times V_{FB}$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{9} 2^i \cdot Code[i] \times V_{LSB}$$

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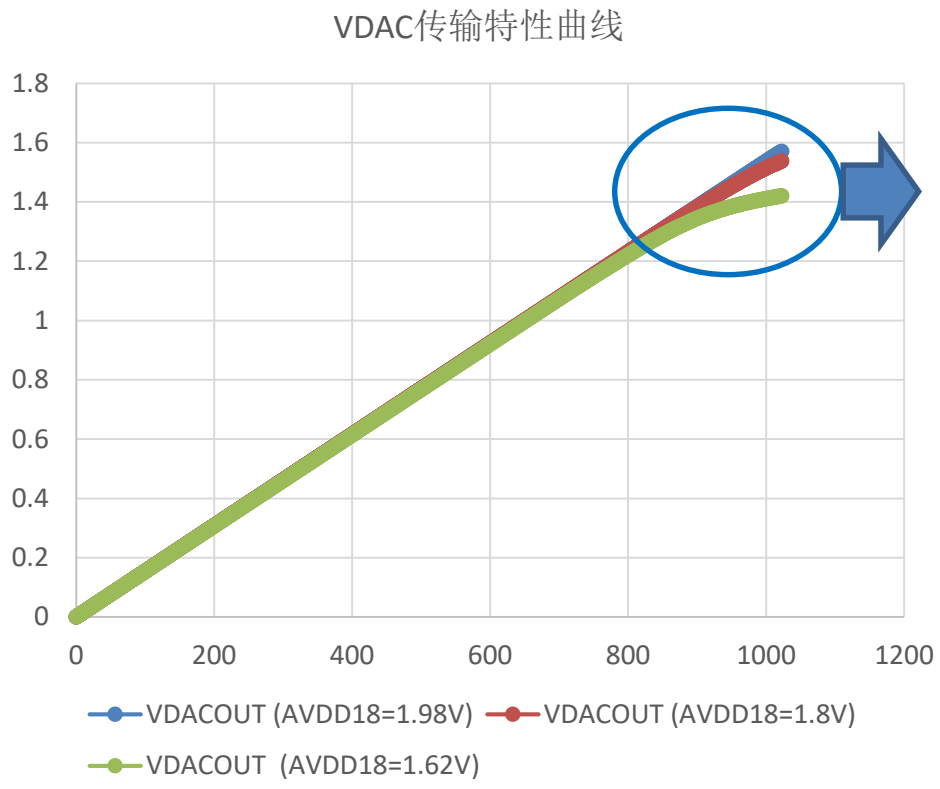

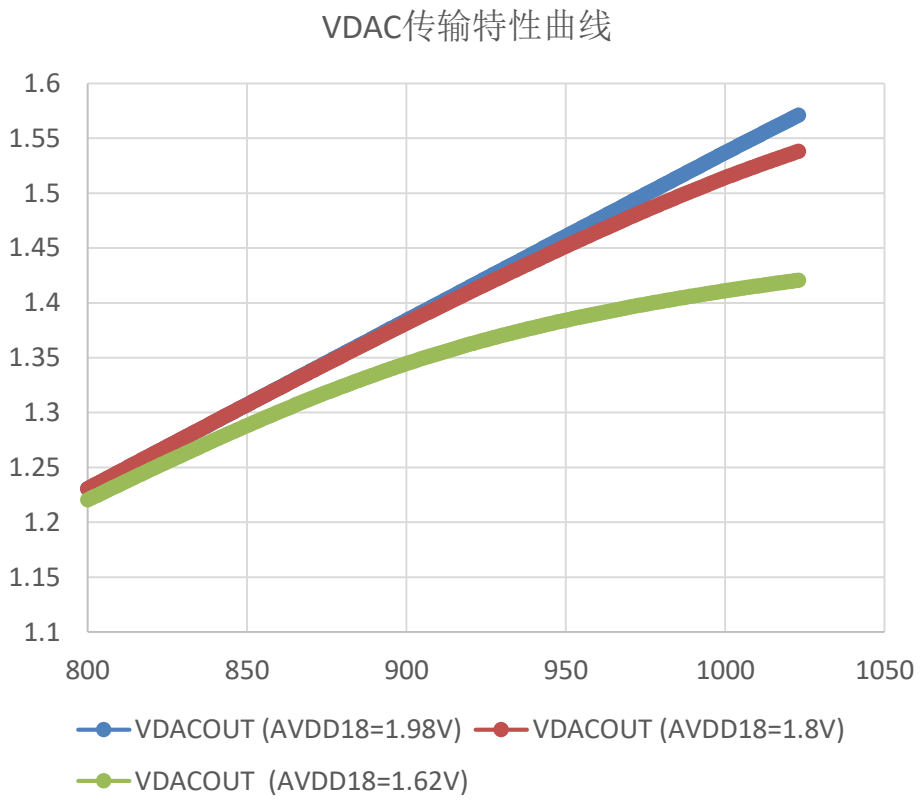

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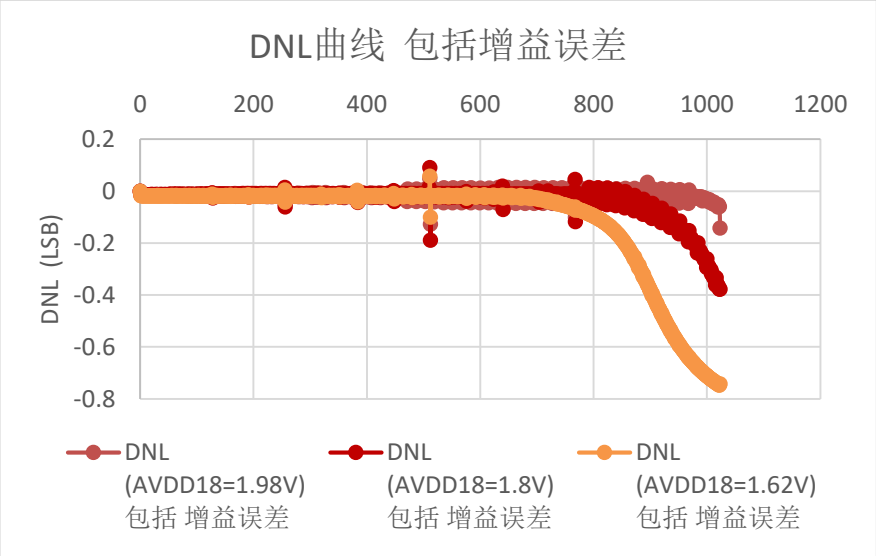

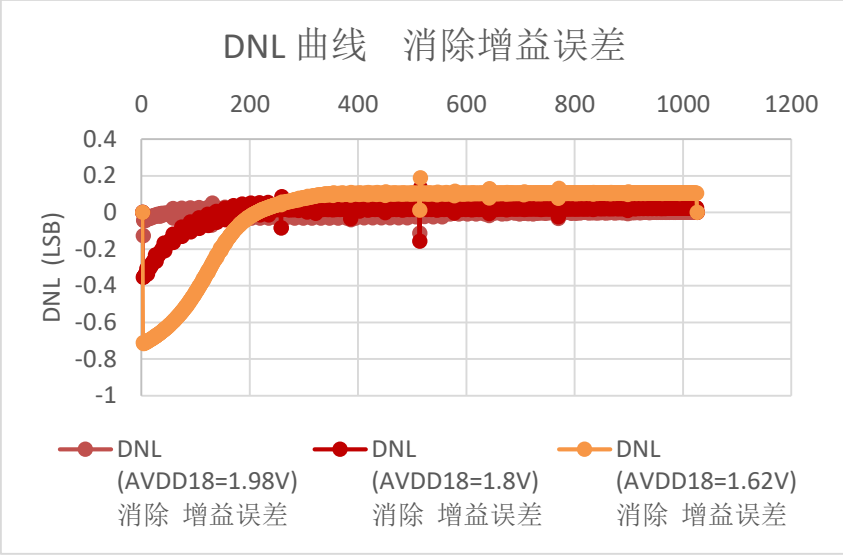

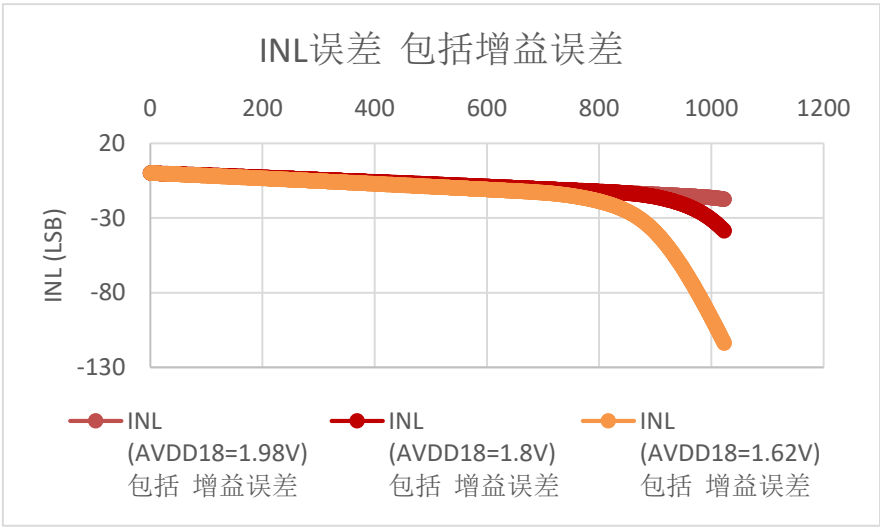

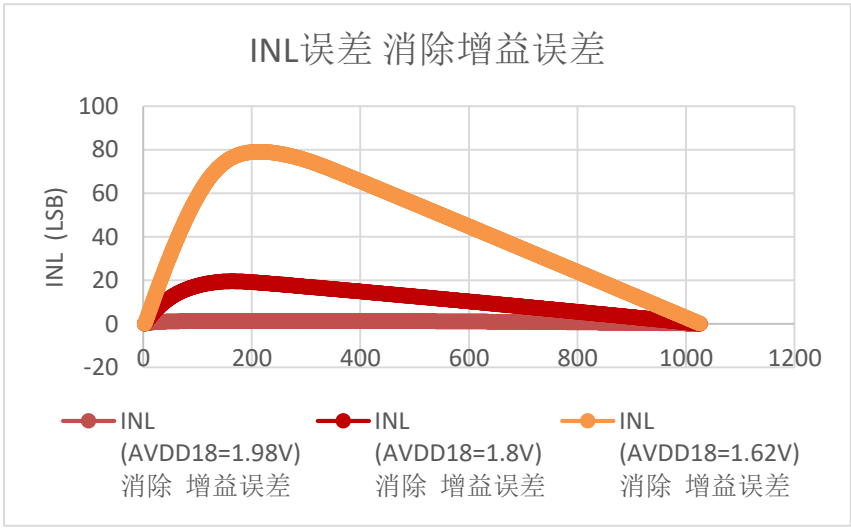

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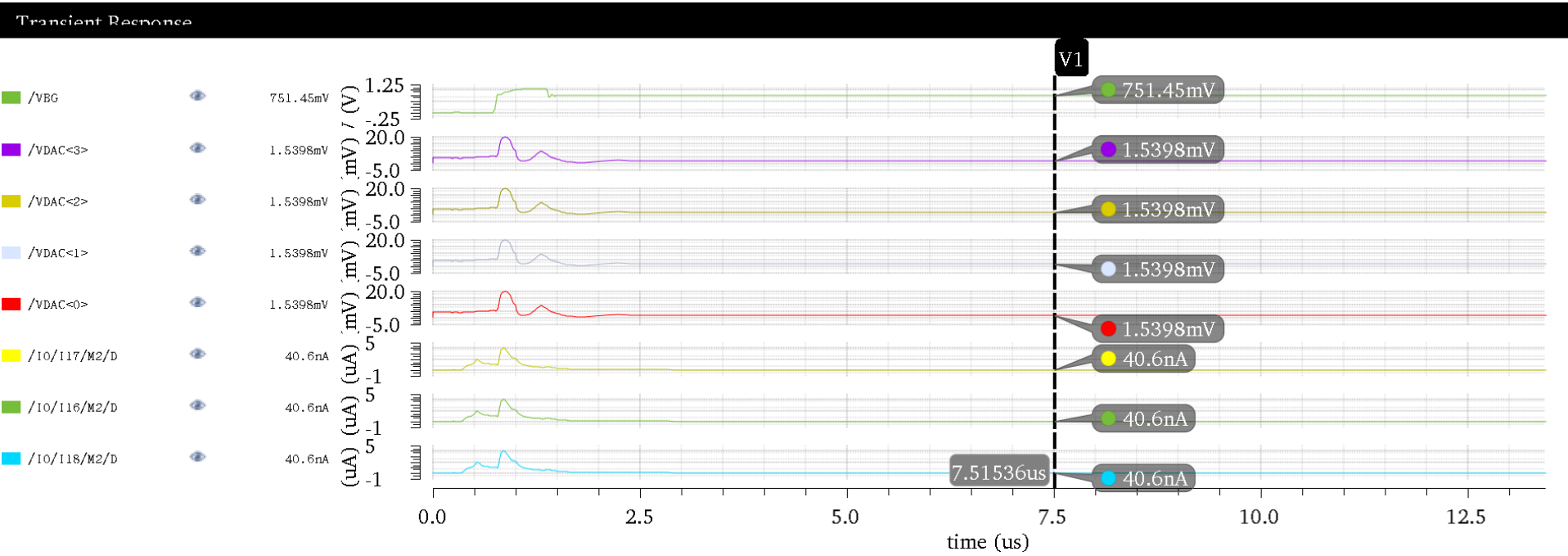

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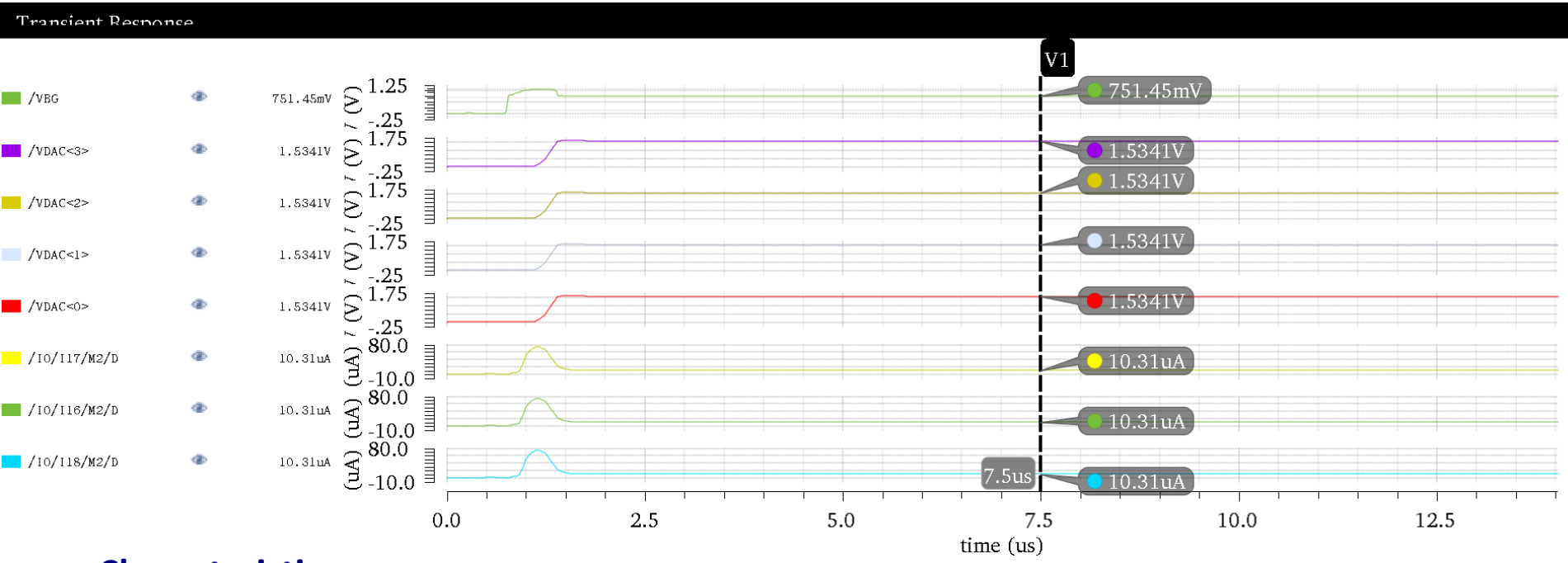

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