

# 0.9-V Rail-to-Rail Operational Amplifiers with Adaptive Threshold Voltage Control

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$$V_{th} = V_{th0} + \gamma(\sqrt{|2\phi - V_{bs}|} - \sqrt{2\phi}) \quad (1)$$

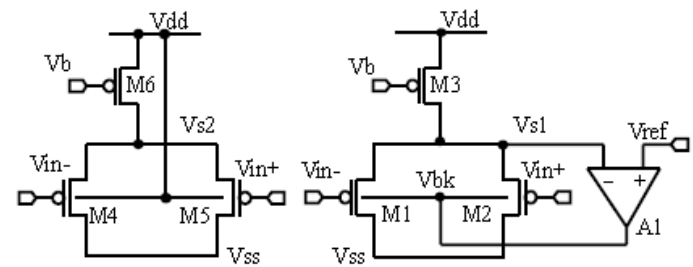


Fig. 1. (a) Typical input stage for op amps. (b) Input stage with adaptive threshold voltage control

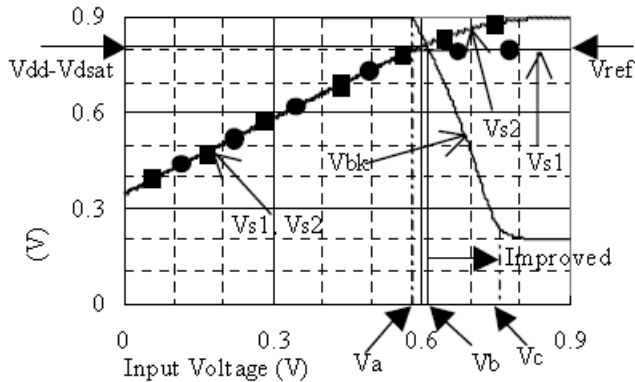


Fig. 2. Vs1, Vs2 and Vbke vs input voltage in Fig. 1. (a), (b)

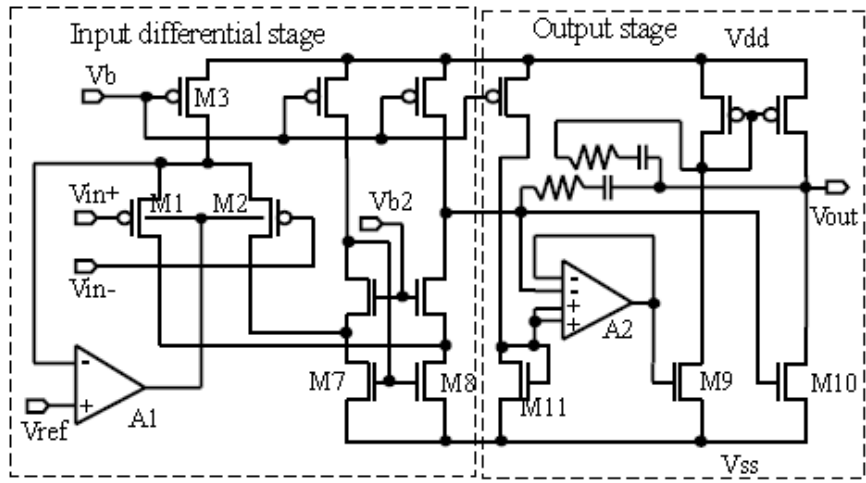


Fig. 3. Operational amplifier based on a single input pair

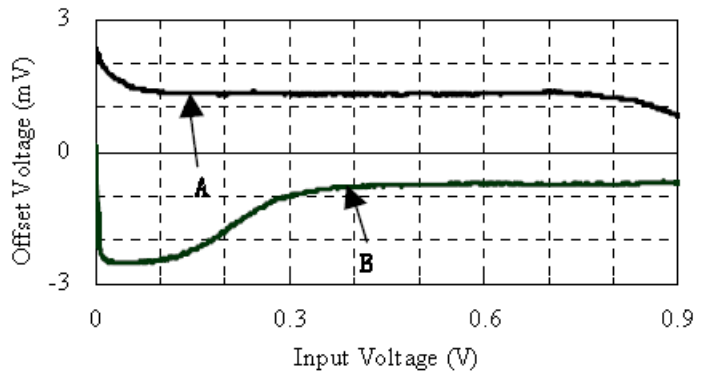


Fig. 4. Offset voltage vs input voltage for amplifier in Fig. 3 and amplifier based on complementary input pairs

TABLE I  
Experimental Performance of amplifiers ( $V_{\text{supply}}=0.9\text{ V}$ )

parameter	Amplifier based on single input pair	Amplifier based on complementary input pairs
Active die area	0.044 mm <sup>2</sup>	0.044 mm <sup>2</sup>
I <sub>dd</sub>	92 μA	96 μA
DC Gain	94 dB	96 dB
GBW	2.3 MHz	2.2 MHz
THD <b>0.8 V<sub>pp</sub>, 1 KHz</b>	81.4 dB	56.8 dB
Input offset 3σ	4.7 mV	4.5 mV
<b>Output source current</b>	<b>340 μA</b>	<b>370 μA</b>
<b>Output sink current</b>	<b>720 μA</b>	<b>560 μA</b>

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