

ROHM Solution Simulator

Low Noise, Low Input Offset Voltage CMOS Operational Amplifiers (Op Amps)

# Low-Side Current Sensing Circuit – DC Sweep with offset simulation

This circuit simulates DC sweep response at the low-side current sensing with Op Amps. You can observe the output voltage and the ratio of output to input voltage or shunt voltage when the source or load current is changed. You can customize the parameters of the components shown in blue, such as VIN, or peripheral components, and simulate the low-side current sensing circuit with the desired operating condition.

You can simulate the circuit in the published application note: Low-Side Current Sensing Circuit Design. [\[JP\]](#) [\[EN\]](#) [\[CN\]](#)

**General Cautions**

- Caution 1:* The values from the simulation results are not guaranteed. Please use these results as a guide for your design.
- Caution 2:* These model characteristics are specifically at Ta=25°C. Thus, the simulation result with temperature variances may significantly differ from the result with the one done at actual application board (actual measurement).
- Caution 3:* Please refer to the Application note of Op Amps for details of the technical information.
- Caution 4:* The characteristics may change depending on the actual board design and ROHM strongly recommend to double check those characteristics with actual board where the chips will be mounted on.

**1 Simulation Schematic**

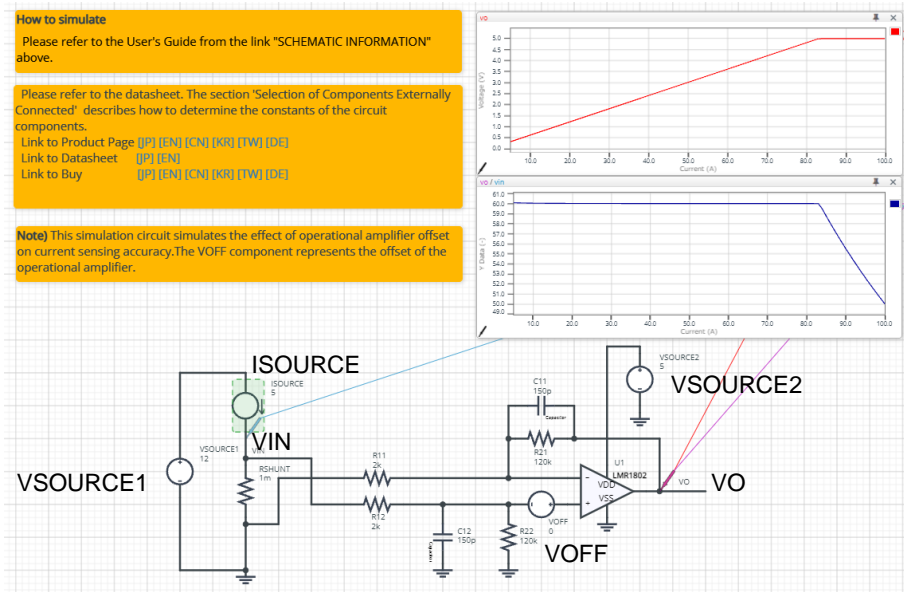


Figure 1. Simulation Schematic

**2 How to simulate**

The simulation settings, such as parameter sweep or convergence options, are configurable from the 'Simulation Settings' shown in Figure 2, and Table 1 shows the default setup of the simulation.

In case of simulation convergence issue, you can change advanced options to solve. Nothing is stated in the default statement in 'Manual Options'. You can modify it.

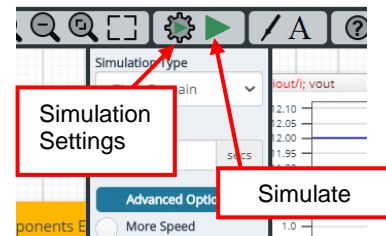


Figure 2. Simulation Settings and execution

Table 1. Simulation settings default setup

Parameters	Default	Note
Simulation Type	DC	Do not change Simulation Type
Parameter Sweep	ISOURCE	CURRENT_LEVEL from 5A to 100A by 1A
Advanced options	Balanced	-
	Convergence Assist	-
Manual Options	-	-

### 3 Simulation Conditions

Table 2. List of the simulation condition parameters

Instance Name	Type	Parameters	Default Value	Variable Range		Units
				Min	Max	
VSOURCE1	Voltage Source	Voltage_level	12	free		V
		AC_magnitude	0.0	fixed		V
		AC_phase	0.0	fixed		°
VSOURCE2	Voltage Source For Op Amp	Voltage_level	5	free <sup>(Note1)</sup>		V
		AC_magnitude	0.0	fixed		V
		AC_phase	0.0	fixed		°
ISOURCE	Current Source	Current_level	5	free, for parameter sweep		A
		AC_magnitude	0.0	fixed		A
		AC_phase	0.0	fixed		°
VOFF	Voltage Source For offset	Voltage_level	0.0	free <sup>(Note2)</sup>		V
		AC_magnitude	0.0	fixed		V
		AC_phase	0.0	fixed		°

(Note 1) Set it to the guaranteed operating range of the Op Amps.

(Note 2) Set it to the guaranteed offset voltage of the Op Amps.

### 4 Op Amp model

Table 3 shows the model terminal function implemented. Note that LMR1802G-LB is the behavior model for its low-side current sensing circuit, and no protection circuits or the functions not related to the purpose are not implemented.

Table 3. LMR1802G-LB model terminals used for the simulation

Terminals	Description
+IN	Non-inverting input
-IN	Inverting input
VDD	Positive power supply
VSS	Negative power supply / Ground
OUT	Output

(Note 3) This model is not compatible with the influence of ambient temperature.

(Note 4) Use the simulation results only as a design guide and the data reported herein is not a guaranteed value.

## 5 Peripheral Components

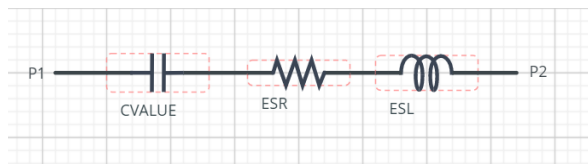
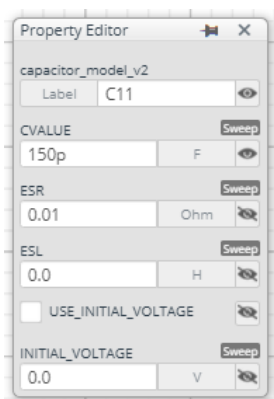
### 5.1 Bill of Material

Table 4 shows the list of components used in the simulation schematic. Each of the capacitors has the parameters of equivalent circuit shown below. The default values of equivalent components are set to zero except for the ESR of C. You can modify the values of each component.

Table 4. List of capacitors used in the simulation circuit

Type	Instance Name	Default Value	Variable Range		Units
			Min	Max	
Resistor	RSHUNT	1m	0.1m	1	$\Omega$
	R11, R12	2	free		k $\Omega$
	R21, R22	120	free		k $\Omega$
Capacitor	C11, C12	150	free		pF

### 5.2 Capacitor Equivalent Circuits



(a) Property editor

(b) Equivalent circuit

Figure 3. Capacitor property editor and equivalent circuit

The default value of ESR is 0.01 $\Omega$ .

(Note 4) These parameters can take any positive value or zero in simulation but it does not guarantee the operation of the IC in any condition. Refer to the datasheet to determine adequate value of parameters.

## 6 How to simulate “Current Sensing Error”

### 6.1 Simulate at VOFF = 0.0V

Assign the VO at this time as VO(0). VO(0) is the reference for calculating the Current Sensing Error.

### 6.2 Plot VO(0) wave form in Waveform Viewer.

Please refer to Hands On Manual for the Waveform viewer. In this case, VO(0) is plotted as a blue line.

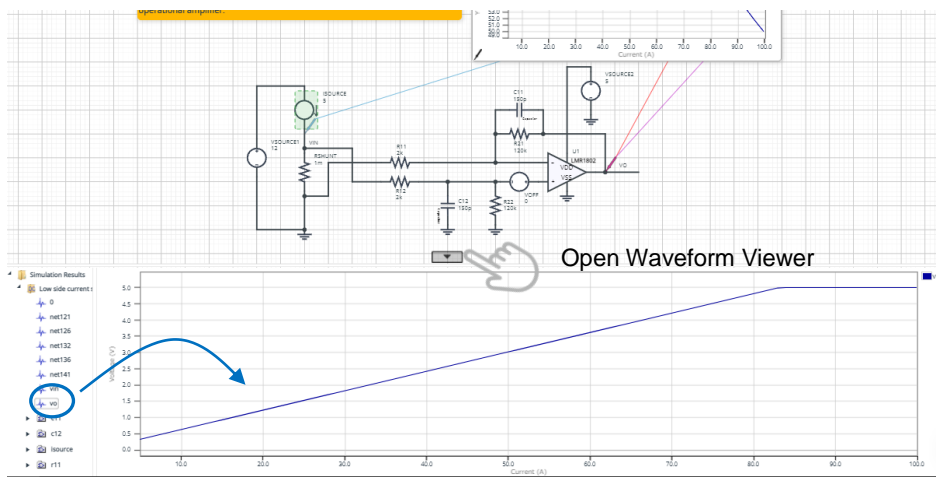


Figure 4. VO(0) wave form in Waveform Viewer

**6.3 Simulate at VOFF = xxV**

Set the offset voltage at the properties of the VOFF component .  
Assign the VO at this time as VO(xx). VO(xx) is the output voltage when offset is applied.

**6.4 Plot VO(xx) wave form in Waveform Viewer**

In this case, VO(0) is plotted as a red line.

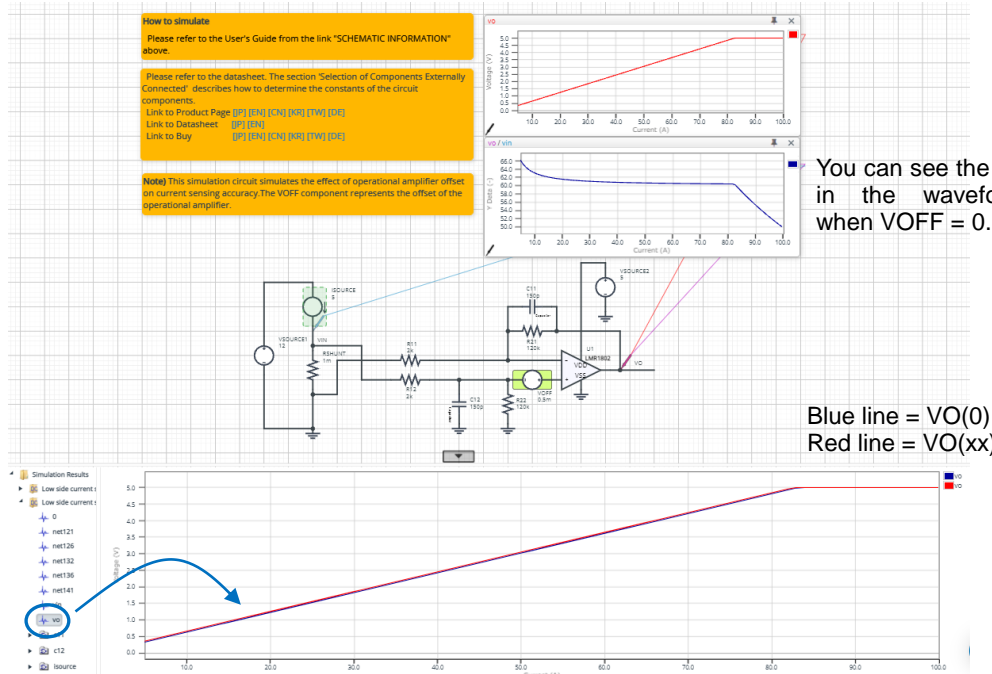


Figure 5. VO(0) and VO(xx) waveform in Waveform Viewer

**6.5 Calculate waveforms with the Waveform Analyzer**

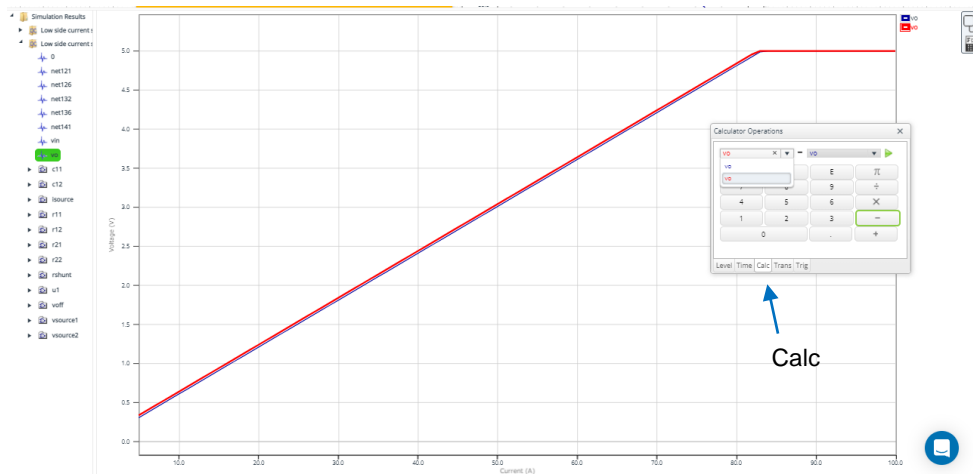


Figure 6. Waveform Analyzer

$$VO(xx) - VO(0)$$

$$(VO(xx) - VO(0)) / VO(0)$$

$$(VO(xx) - VO(0)) / VO(0) * 100$$

Calculate these in order and show the waveform.

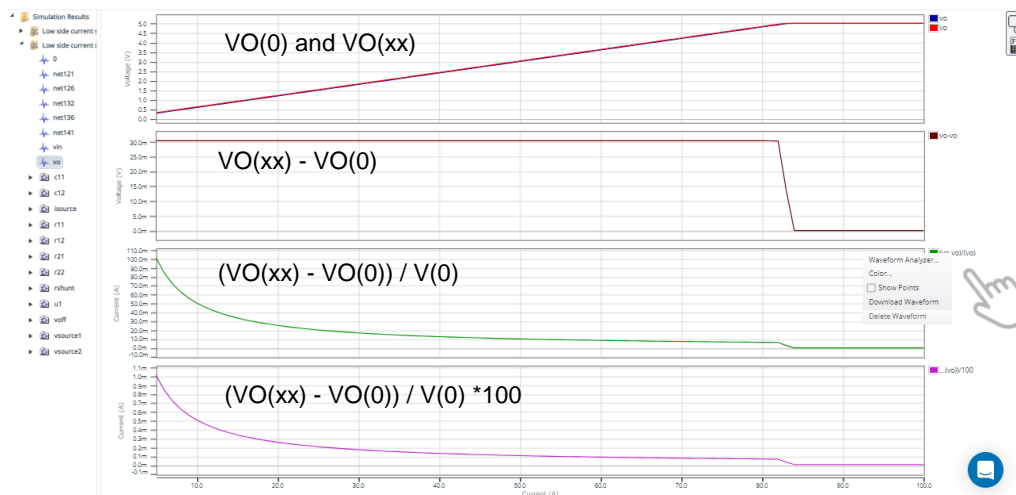
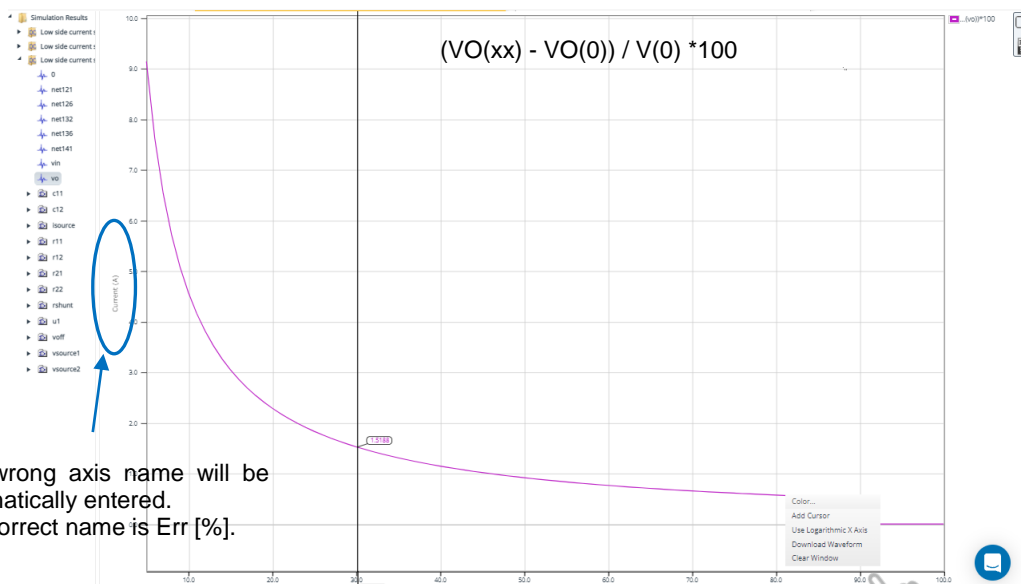


Figure 7. All waveform calculated

### 6.5 Organize the display

Measure values with the cursor and download them to a CSV file.



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Figure 8. Organized waveforms

## 7 Recommended Products

### 7.1 Op Amp

LMR1802G-LB : Low Noise, Low Input Offset Voltage CMOS Operational Amplifier. [\[JP\]](#) [\[EN\]](#) [\[CN\]](#)

### 7.2 Shunt resistor

PSR100 Series : High Power Ultra-low Ohmic Shunt Resistors [\[JP\]](#) [\[EN\]](#) [\[CN\]](#)

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