

Resistor is necessary to discharge capacitors in inrush limiter circuit to quickly reset them for next power-on

Relatively standard way to do low-loss reverse polarity protection

Can do this on the low-side since our communications will be optical, i.e. galvanically isolated

Based on Motorola App Note AN-1542: I've used and tested this circuit in other designs and it works really well especially for a discrete solution

1.6V $V_{GS,th}$, 12V nominal supply voltage; means 10.4V across gate resistor. Aiming for 10ms turn on; use $I = C \cdot dV/dt$ which equates to $100e-9 \cdot -12V/0.01s$ or $-120\mu A$. To achieve this current, we'll pull the gate up with 100k to the supply rail.

10ms for the particular selected FET allows for ($I = C \cdot dV/dt$) $3 = C \cdot 12/0.01$ or 2500uF of capacitance to be safely charged; the '3' came from the SOA curve for the particular FET

Just a note, there are some eFuse/inrush limiting ICs designed for 12V rail applications that could make sense here. Check out the following part numbers:

- STEF12H60
- MP5981GLU
- NCP81292MNT

Power supply filter--aims to attenuate switching harmonics from escaping out to the power supply

Most of this attenuation needs to happen at frequencies greater than or equal to the switching frequency (1.25MHz)

Capacitor series resistors -critically damp the LC tank formed by these and the main filter inductor

Additional output bypassing for power stage and linear regulators on their respective schematic sheets

VIN_ICL+ TP1
VIN_RPP- TP2
GND TP3
VIN TP4
GND TP5

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Sheet: /Input Protection and Filtering/
File: shimamp_PowerIn.kicad_sch

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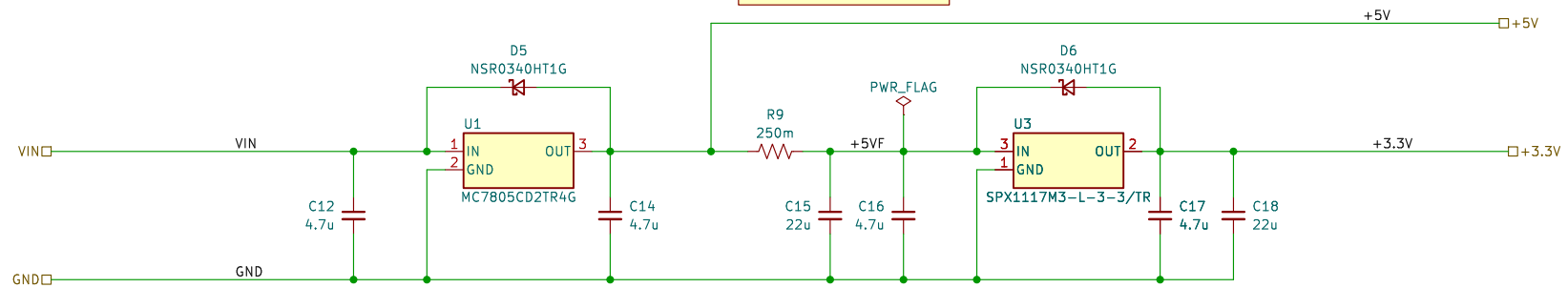
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Regulators are series-ed in order to reduce thermal design complexity.

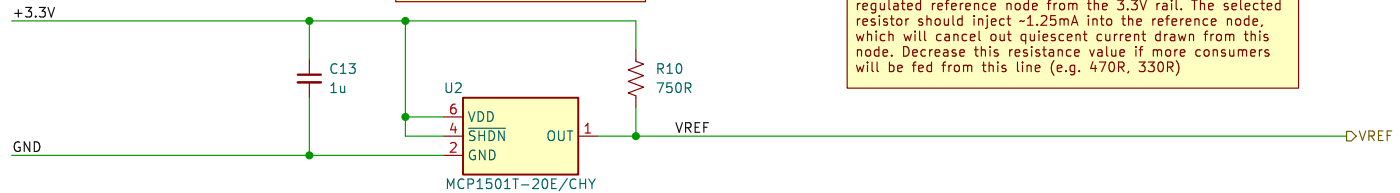
In this configuration, power will mostly need to be dissipated in the 5V regulator. A TO-263 package was selected (in order to decrease assembly complexity compared to a TO-220 package). Datasheets suggest that this IC should safely be able to dissipate 3W of power, equating to ~425mA pulled from a 12V source.

2x power stages will pull no more than 125mA, the MCU should pull no more than 150mA (according to its datasheet), and additional 3.3V rail devices I'm imagining won't pull more than 50mA. At this current level, we should be able to handle a supply of 16V.

RC filter to mitigate bootstrap charging ripple; also reduces the amount of power dissipation in the 3.3V regulator by dropping some voltage.

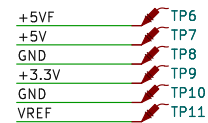


2.048V reference into a nominally 12-bit ADC of the MCU yields 500uV resolution. Reference is specified to be 0.1% accurate.



Reference can source/sink 20mA, which is more than any power consumer it'll be hooked up to. Specified load regulation is guaranteed to be 70ppm source/40ppm sink.

Because of this asymmetry, inject some current into the regulated reference node from the 3.3V rail. The selected resistor should inject ~1.25mA into the reference node, which will cancel out quiescent current drawn from this node. Decrease this resistance value if more consumers will be fed from this line (e.g. 470R, 330R).



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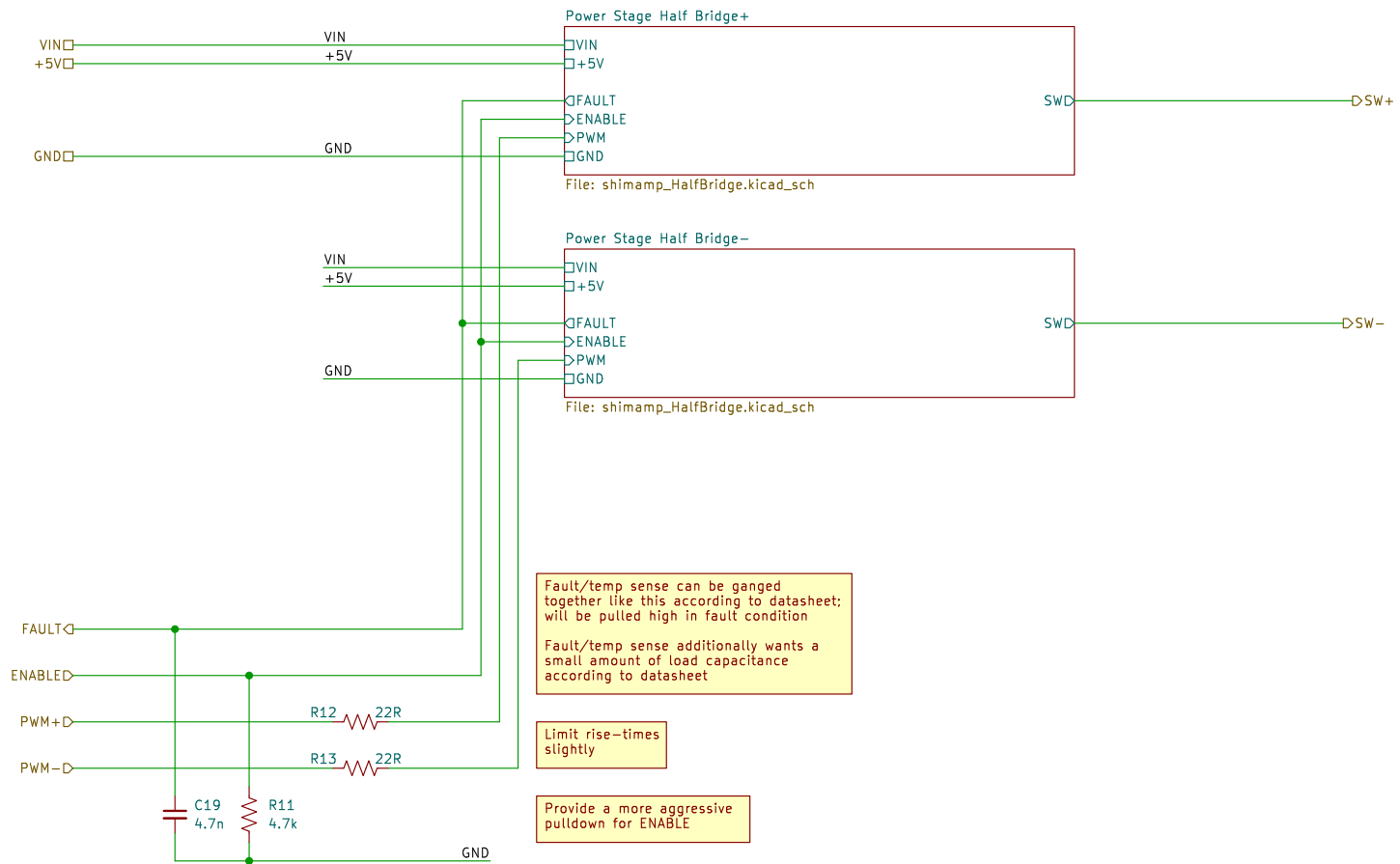
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Ceramic bypassing for low ESR and ESL, these capacitors still work at f_{sw} of 1.25MHz (but barely). I'm including other, smaller capacitors to provide bypassing at higher frequencies to filter switching harmonics

Expecting ripple voltage amplitude <100mV at full load; input power supply filter should further reduce this

Worst-case combined power stage dissipation is ~7.68W when:

- Outputting near the supply voltage rail (i.e. high duty cycles)
- Outputting 20A load current

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VDD also needs good bypassing - bootstrap capacitor is charged from the VDD pin

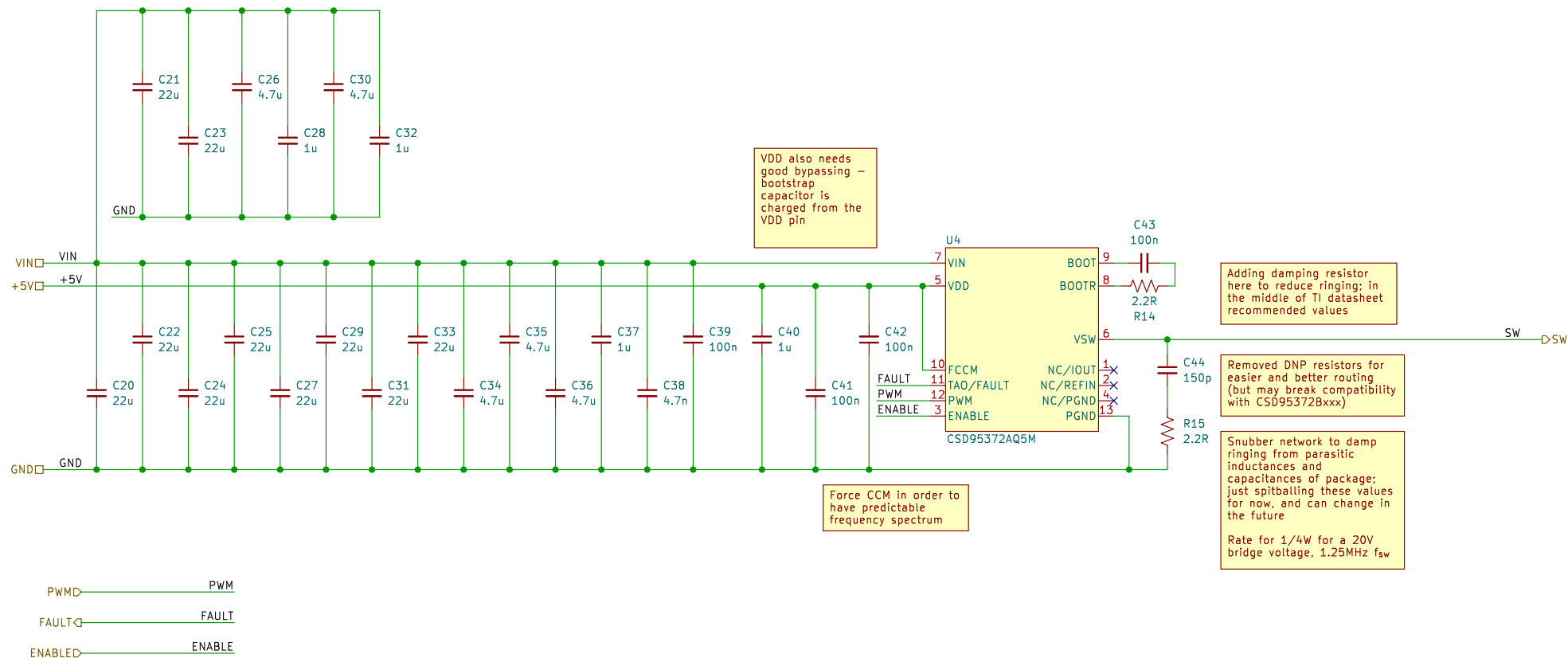
Adding damping resistor here to reduce ringing: in the middle of TI datasheet recommended values

Removed DNP resistors for easier and better routing (but may break compatibility with CSD95372Bxxx)

Snubber network to damp ringing from parasitic inductances and capacitances of package; just spitballing these values for now, and can change in the future

Rate for 1/4W for a 20V bridge voltage, 1.25MHz f_{sw}

Force CCM in order to have predictable frequency spectrum



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Sheet: /Power Stage/Power Stage Half Bridge+/
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VIN TP12
GND TP13

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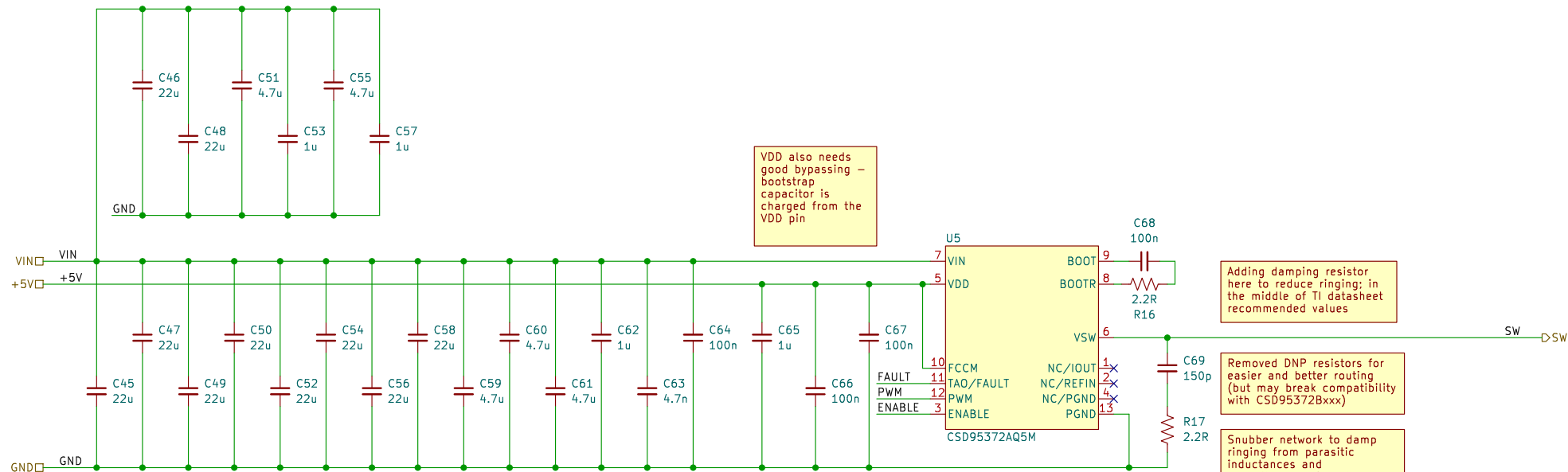
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PWM \rightarrow PWM
FAULT \rightarrow FAULT
ENABLE \rightarrow ENABLE

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VIN \rightarrow TP14
GND \rightarrow TP15

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Output filter is implemented as two common-mode filters (which have a byproduct of also attenuating differential mode). Each sheet contains one half of the filter.

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Sheet: /Output Filter/

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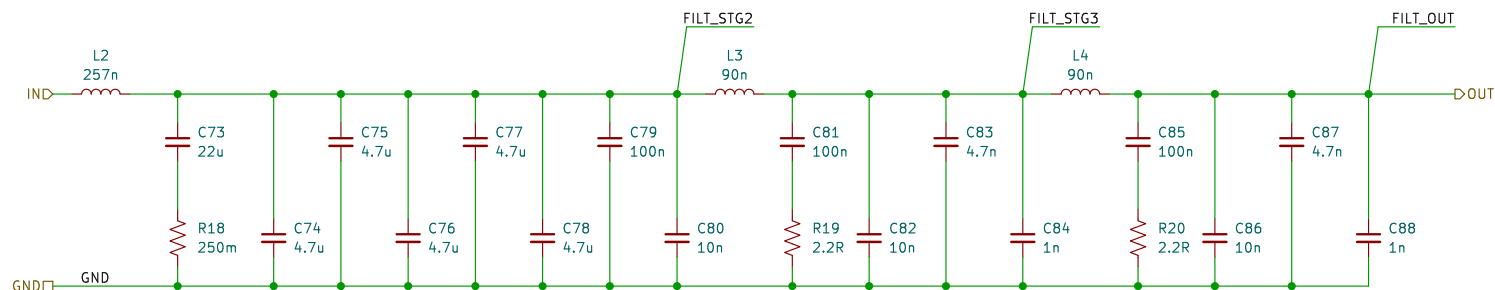
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FILT_STG2 TP16
FILT_STG3 TP17
FILT_OUT TP18
GND TP19
GND TP20
GND TP21

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Sheet: /Output Filter/Output Filter+/
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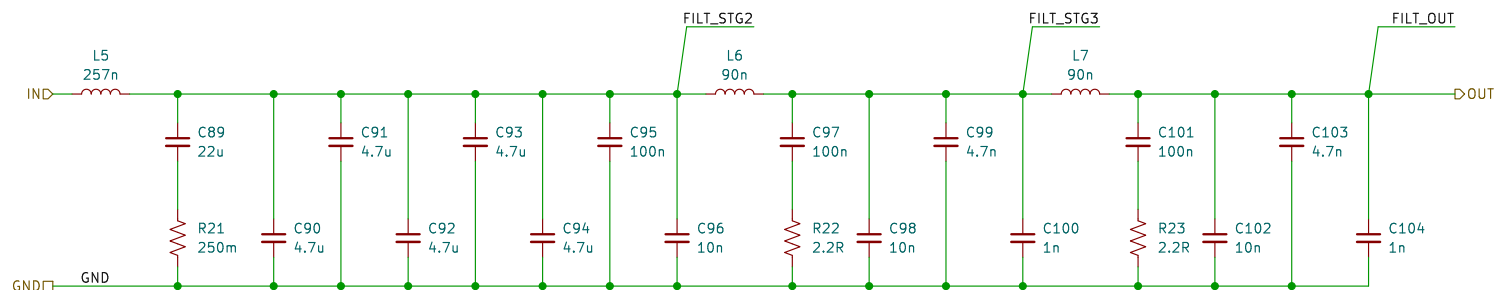
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FILT_STG3 TP23
FILT_OUT TP24
GND TP25
GND TP26
GND TP27

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This schematic page captures the output voltage and current sensing circuitry. A feedback loop will be closed around both voltage and current, allowing for the stabilization of plants with slightly different dynamics. These sensors must provide minimal distortion up to the controllers' unity gain frequency while maximally attenuating energy at frequencies beyond. Additionally, sensing circuit must have good common-mode rejection (CMR) to minimize sensitivity to power stage switching.

To achieve these objectives, a fully-differential amplifier topology was chosen for voltage sensing. The fully-differential topology maximizes CMR (>75dB from the amplifier, more from the MCU, ADC), and allows for the implementation of a high-order active filter. The cutoff frequency of this filter was chosen such that it has near-zero phase up to the voltage controller crossover frequency (~40–50kHz). This improves stability and phase margin.

For current sensing, an INA241x series amplifier was chosen for its low offset, noise, and high CMR (~80dB @ 1MHz). Due to its higher CMR, current measurements will be made with a simpler single-ended sensing technique, filtered with a simpler first-order RC filter. The zero-current reference is selected to place a reading of 0A in the middle of the MCU ADC range.

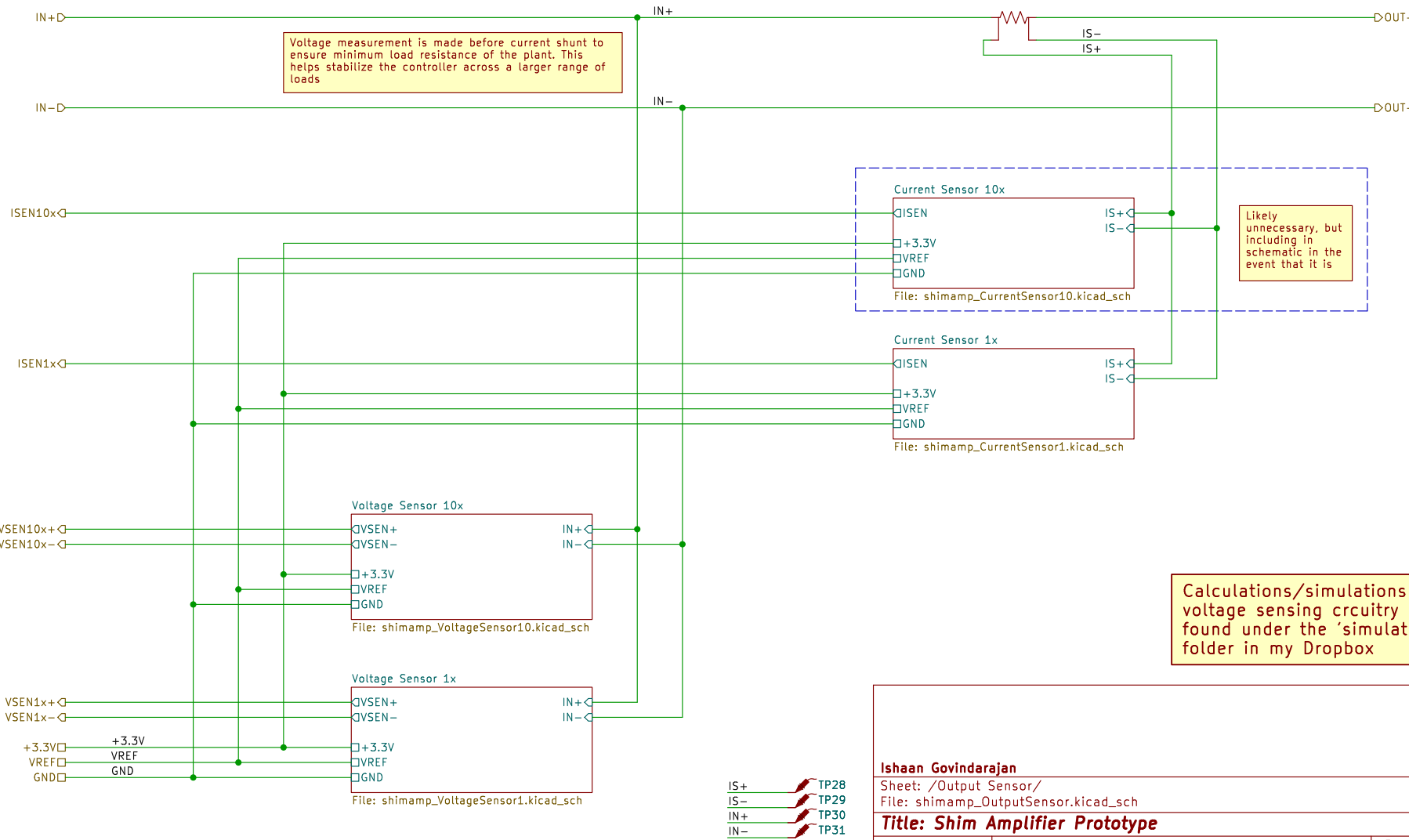
Additionally, both of these measurements benefit from a large dynamic range, and may run into resolution limits with the MCU's 12-bit ADC. As such, ADC channels may be "stacked"—one ADC channel will handle the full voltage/current range, and the other will handle measurements close to zero with a 10x greater resolution (at a cost of 10x reduced dynamic range). This measurement strategy is likely needed for voltage sensing, but may not be needed for current sensing.

Current shunt resistor sized for +/-10A; will dissipate ~1W, so power rating is derated for extra stability and general headroom
Resistor specified at 1%, 20ppm/C

Voltage measurement is made before current shunt to ensure minimum load resistance of the plant. This helps stabilize the controller across a larger range of loads

Likely unnecessary, but including in schematic in the event that it is

Calculations/simulations for the voltage sensing circuitry can be found under the 'simulations' folder in my Dropbox



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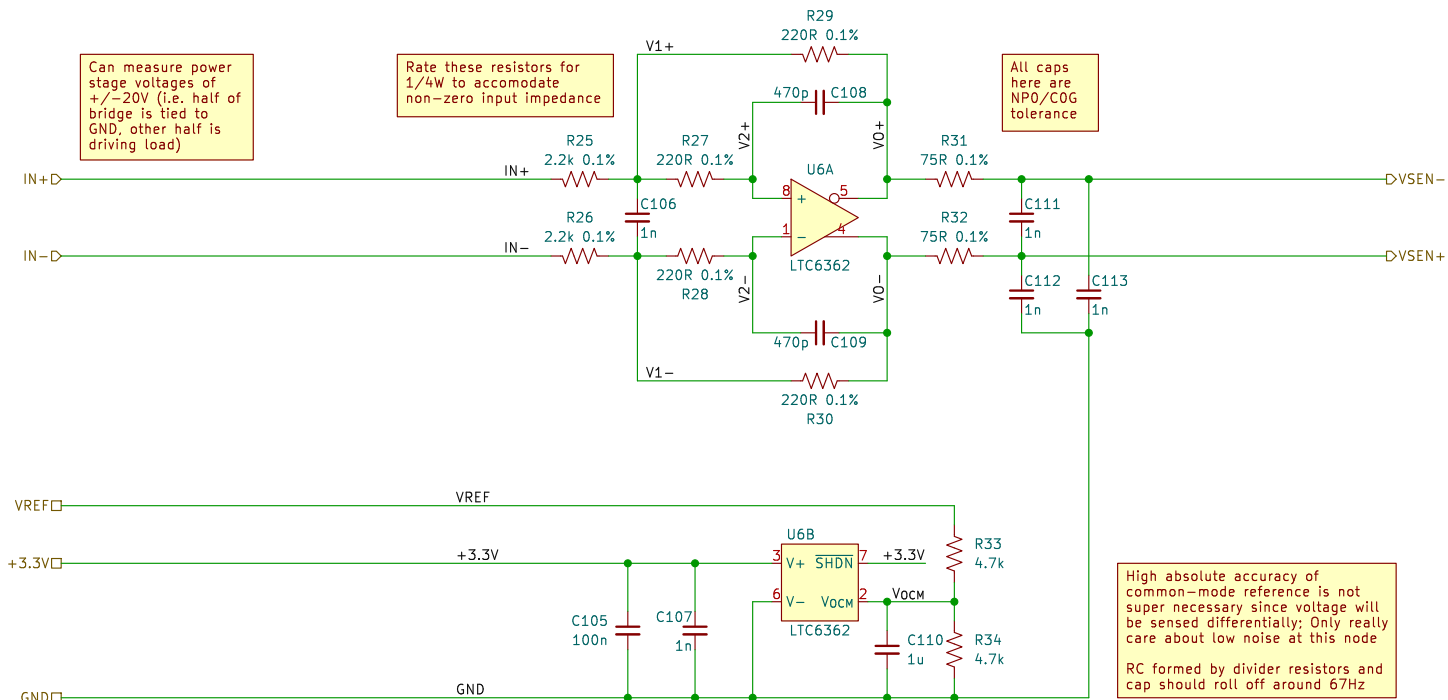
3rd-order butterworth mutiple feedback filter with ~750kHz cutoff frequency (slight mismatch to the 10x amplifier), *10x* attenuation

Want high-accuracy resistors to ensure good matching between positive and negative branches; this ensures good CMR

Can measure power stage voltages of +/-20V (i.e. half of bridge is tied to GND, other half is driving load)

Rate these resistors for 1/4W to accomodate non-zero input impedance

All caps here are NPO/COG tolerance



High absolute accuracy of common-mode reference is not super necessary since voltage will be sensed differentially; Only really care about low noise at this node

RC formed by divider resistors and cap should roll off around 67Hz

LTC6362 chosen for good offset/noise performance; THS453x may also be a good part candidate (similar pinout but slightly different package)

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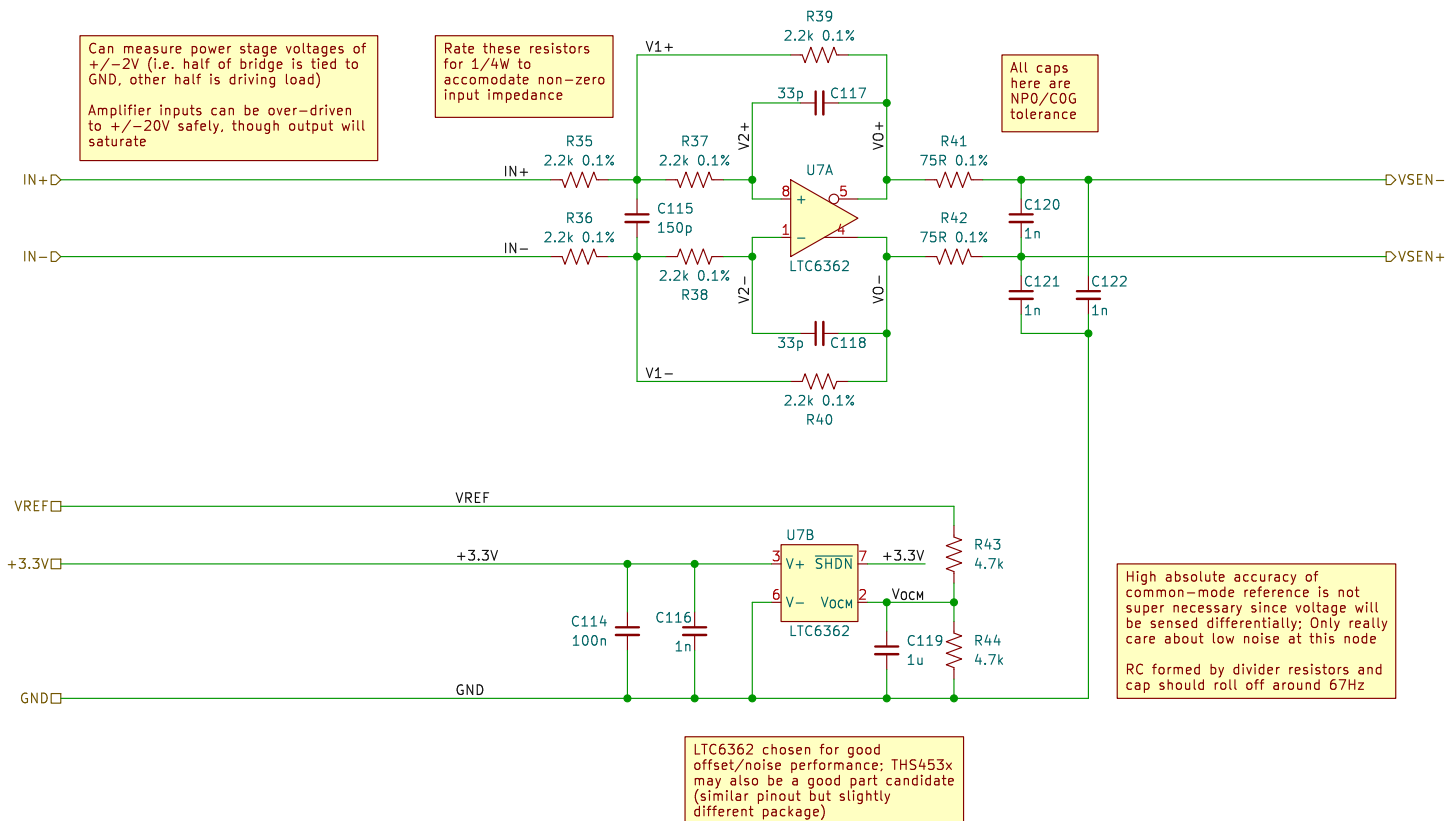
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3rd-order butterworth mutple feedback filter with ~730kHz cutoff frequency (slight mismatch to the 10x amplifier), *1x* attenuation

Want high-accuracy resistors and capacitors to ensure good matching between positive and negative branches; this ensures good CMR



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Sheet: /Output Sensor/Voltage Sensor 1x/

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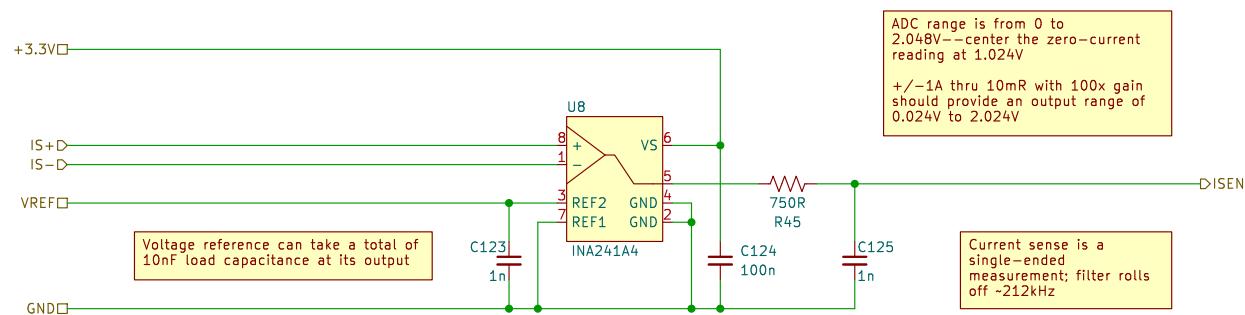
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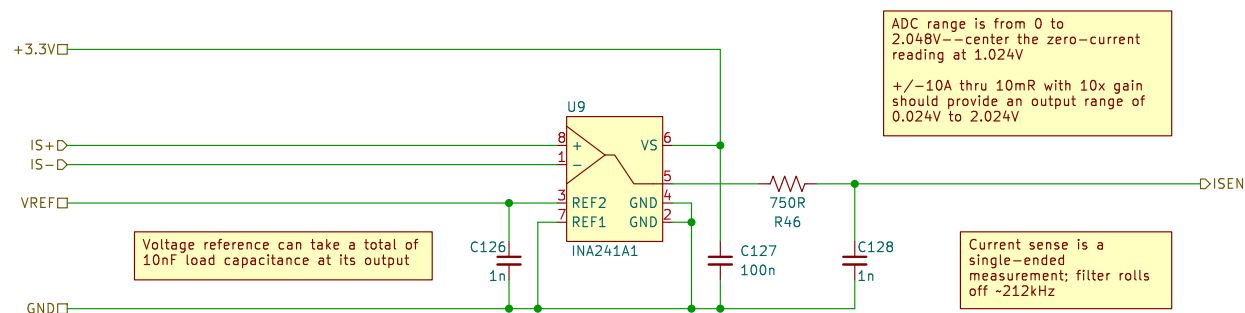
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