

## FEATURES

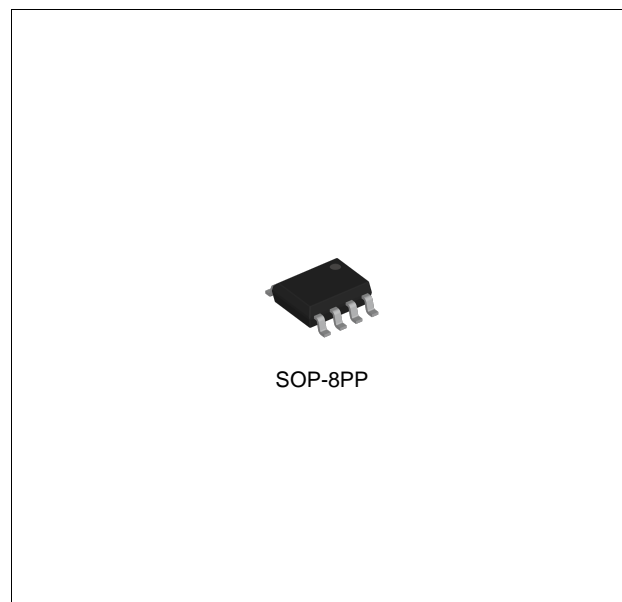
- Source and Sink Current
- Low Output Voltage Offset
- No External Resistors required
- Linear Topology
- Suspend to RAM (STR) functionality
- Low External Component Count
- Thermal Shutdown
- Under Voltage Lockout and Over Current Limit
- Available in SOP-8PP Packages

## APPLICATIONS

- DDR 2/3/3L/4 Termination Voltage
- SSTL Termination
- HSTL Termination

## DESCRIPTION

The LP2998 linear regulator is designed to meet the JEDEC SSTL specifications for termination of DDR-SDRAM. The device contains a high-speed operational amplifier to provide excellent response to load transients. The output stage prevents shoot through while delivering up to 2.0 A continuous current and transient peaks up to 3.0 A with respect to PVIN operating condition in the application as required for DDR-SDRAM termination. The LP2998 also incorporates a VTTSNS pin to provide superior load regulation and a VREF output as a reference for the chipset and DIMMs. An additional feature found on the LP2998 is an active high enable (EN) pin that provides Suspend To RAM (STR) functionality. When EN is pulled low the VTT output will tri-state providing a high impedance output, but, VREF will remain active. A power savings advantage can be obtained in this mode through lower quiescent current.



## ORDERING INFORMATION

Device	Package
LP2998DP	SOP-8PP

**ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS**

CHARACTERISTIC	SYMBOL	MIN	MAX	UNIT
Analog Bias Input Voltage (Survival)	$AV_{IN}$	-0.3	6.0	V
Power Input Voltage (Survival)	$PV_{IN}$	-0.3	6.0	V
Enable Input Voltage (Survival)	$V_{EN}$	-0.3	$AV_{IN} + 0.3$	V
VDDQ Input Voltage (Survival)	$V_{DDQ}$	-0.3	6.0	V
Lead Temperature (Soldering, 10 sec)	$T_{SOL}$	-	260	°C
Storage Temperature Range	$T_{STG}$	-65	150	°C
Operating Junction Temperature Range	$T_{JOPR}$	-40	125	°C

**RECOMMENDED OPERATING RATINGS**

CHARACTERISTIC	SYMBOL	MIN	MAX	UNIT
Analog Bias Input Voltage	$AV_{IN}$	3.0	5.5	V
Power Input Voltage	$PV_{IN}$	0	2.0	V
Enable Input Voltage	$V_{EN}$	0	$AV_{IN}$	V
VDDQ Input Voltage	$V_{DDQ}$	0.5	1.8	V
Operating Temperature Range	$T_{OPR}$	-40	85	°C

**THERMAL INFORMATION**

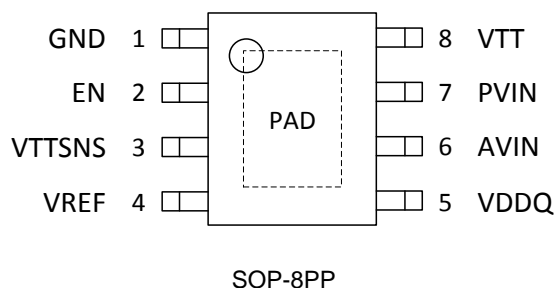
THERMAL METRIC	$\theta_{JA}$	UNIT
Thermal Resistance (SOP-8PP) *	68	°C/W

\* Calculated from package in still air, mounted to minimum foot print PCB (1 oz., 2-layer).

**ORDERING INFORMATION**

Package	Order No.	Description	Supplied As	Status
SOP-8PP	LP2998DP	VTT and VREF Output	Tape & Reel	Active

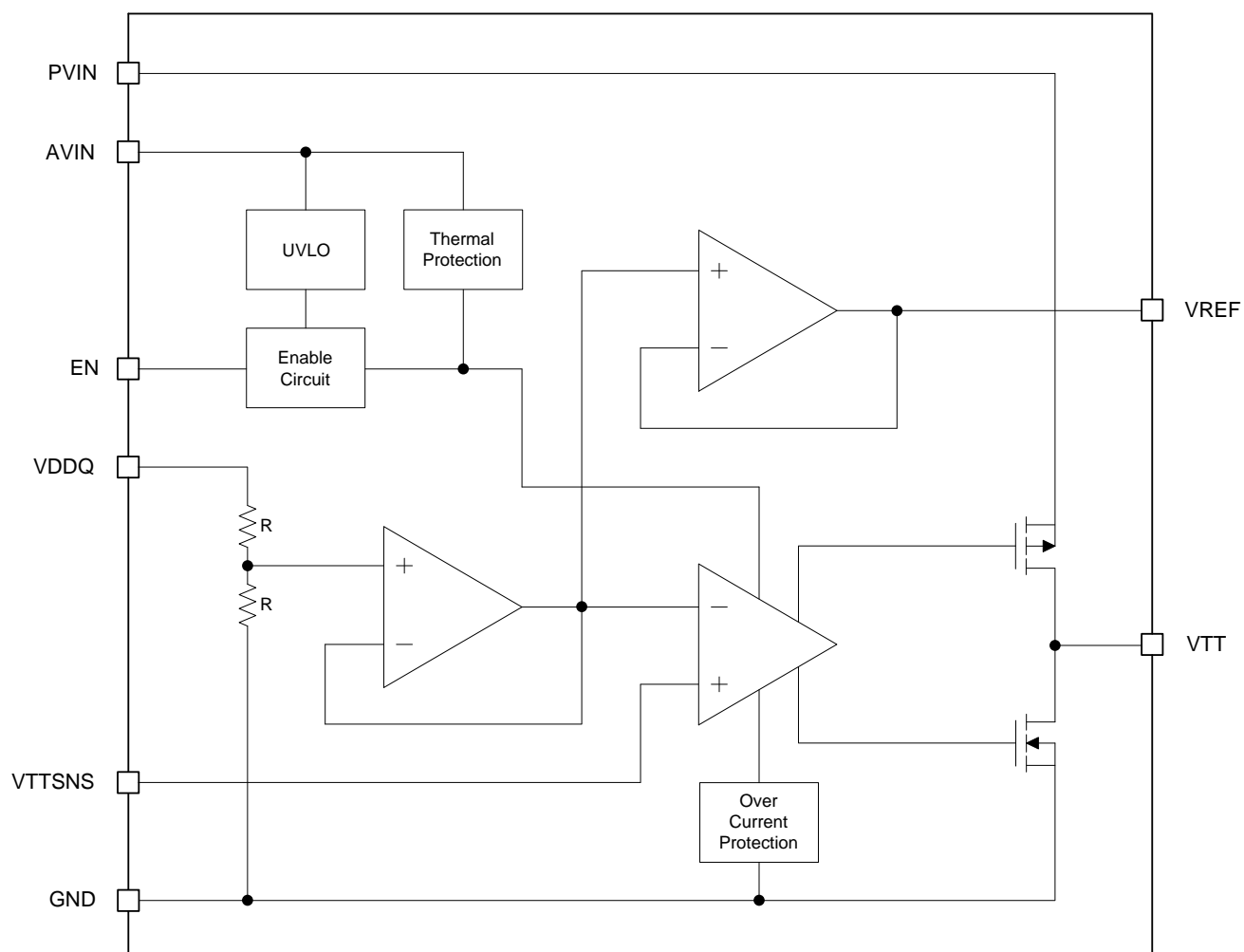
## PIN CONFIGURATION



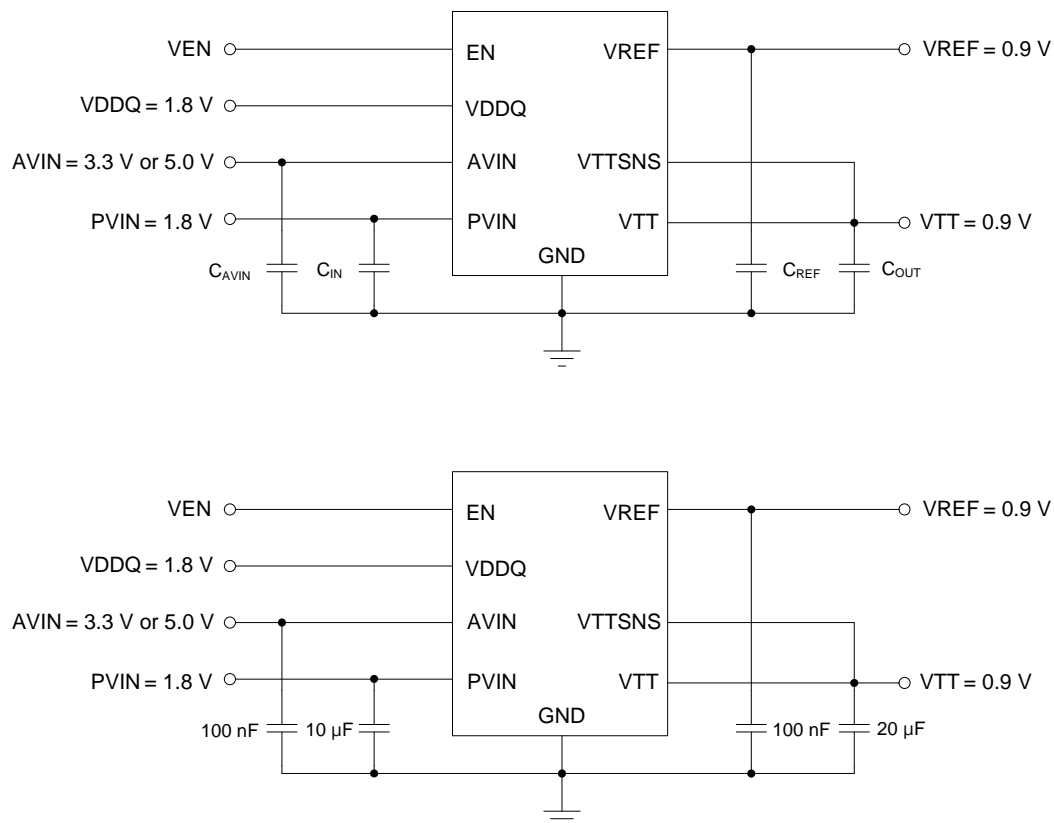
## PIN DESCRIPTION

Pin No.	Pin Name	Pin Function
1	GND	Ground.
2	EN	Enable.
3	VTTSNS	Feedback Pin for Regulating $V_{TT}$ .
4	VREF	Buffered Internal Reference Voltage of $V_{DDQ}/2$ .
5	VDDQ	Input for Internal Reference Equal to $V_{DDQ}/2$ .
6	AVIN	Analog Bias Input Pin.
7	PVIN	Power Input Pin.
8	VTT	Output Voltage for Connection to Termination Resistors.
PAD	Thermal Exposed Pad	Connect to GND. Put a copper plane connected to this pin as a thermal relief.

## BLOCK DIAGRAM



## TYPICAL APPLICATION CIRCUIT



\* See Application Information for the details.

## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

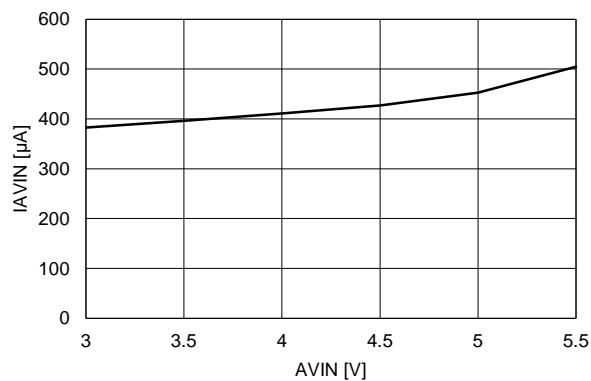
Limits in standard typeface are for  $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$ .  $AVIN = V_{EN} = 5.0\text{V}$ ,  $PVIN = VDDQ = 1.8\text{V}$ , unless otherwise specified.

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	TEST CONDITION	MIN.	TYP.	MAX.	UNIT
$V_{REF}$ Voltage	$V_{REF}$	$PVIN = VDDQ = 1.8\text{V}$ $I_{VREF} = 0\text{A}$ $I_{VREF} = \pm 10\text{mA}$ <sup>(Note 1)</sup>	0.882 0.882	0.900 0.900	0.918 0.918	V
		$PVIN = VDDQ = 1.5\text{V}$ $I_{VREF} = 0\text{A}$ $I_{VREF} = \pm 10\text{mA}$ <sup>(1)</sup>	0.735 0.732	0.750 0.750	0.765 0.768	
		$PVIN = VDDQ = 1.2\text{V}$ $I_{VREF} = 0\text{A}$ $I_{VREF} = \pm 5\text{mA}$ <sup>(1)</sup>	0.585 0.582	0.600 0.600	0.615 0.618	
$V_{TT}$ Voltage	$V_{TT}$	$PVIN = VDDQ = 1.8\text{V}$ $I_{VTT} = 0\text{A}$ $I_{VTT} = \pm 2\text{A}$ <sup>(2)</sup>	0.880 0.870	0.900 0.900	0.920 0.930	V
		$PVIN = VDDQ = 1.5\text{V}$ $I_{VTT} = 0\text{A}$ $I_{VTT} = \pm 1.5\text{A}$ <sup>(2)</sup>	0.730 0.720	0.750 0.750	0.770 0.780	
		$PVIN = VDDQ = 1.2\text{V}$ $I_{VTT} = 0\text{A}$ $I_{VTT} = \pm 0.5\text{A}$ <sup>(2)</sup>	0.580 0.570	0.600 0.600	0.620 0.630	
$V_{TT}$ Output Voltage Offset	$V_{OS}$	$PVIN = VDDQ = 1.8\text{V}$ $I_{VTT} = 0\text{A}, \pm 2\text{A}$ <sup>(2)</sup>	-20	0	20	mV
		$PVIN = VDDQ = 1.5\text{V}$ $I_{VTT} = 0\text{A}, \pm 1.5\text{A}$ <sup>(2)</sup>	-20	0	20	
		$PVIN = VDDQ = 1.2\text{V}$ $I_{VTT} = 0\text{A}, \pm 0.5\text{A}$ <sup>(2)</sup>	-20	0	20	
Quiescent Current	$I_{AVIN}$	$I_{VREF} = I_{VTT} = 0\text{A}$		450		$\mu\text{A}$
VDDQ Input Impedance	$Z_{VDDQ}$			100		$\text{k}\Omega$
Quiescent Current in Shutdown	$I_{AVIN\_SD}$	$V_{EN} = 0\text{V}$		150	300	$\mu\text{A}$
Enable Threshold	$V_{ENH}$		1.8			V
	$V_{ENL}$				0.6	V
Enable Input Current	$I_{EN}$				0.5	$\mu\text{A}$
$V_{TT}$ Leakage Current in Shutdown	$I_{VTT}$	$V_{EN} = 0\text{V}, V_{TT} = 0.9\text{V}$			10	$\mu\text{A}$
VTTSNS Input Current	$I_{VTTSNS}$				0.1	$\mu\text{A}$
$V_{TT}$ Current Limit	$I_{CL\_SRC}$	Sourcing, $90\% \times V_{TT}$		2.9		A
	$I_{CL\_SINK}$	Sinking, $110\% \times V_{TT}$		3.6		A
AVIN UVLO Threshold Voltage	$V_{UVLOH\_AVIN}$		2.85			V
	$V_{UVLOL\_AVIN}$				2.42	V
VDDQ UVLO Threshold Voltage	$V_{UVLOH\_VDDQ}$		0.49			V
	$V_{UVLOL\_VDDQ}$				0.41	V
Thermal Shutdown Temperature	$T_{SD}$			155		$^\circ\text{C}$
Thermal Shutdown Hysteresis	$\Delta T_{SD}$			20		$^\circ\text{C}$

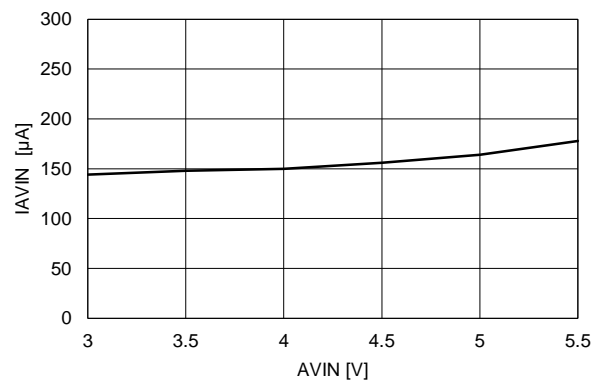
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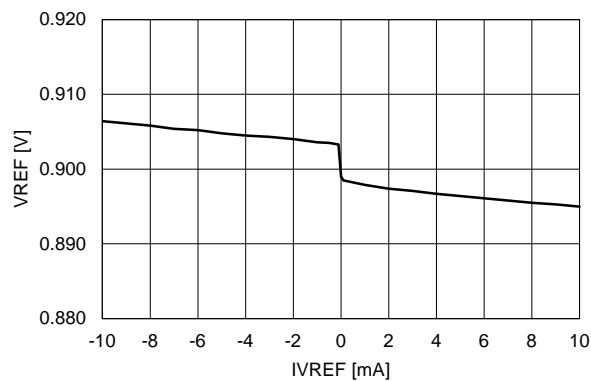
TYPICAL OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS



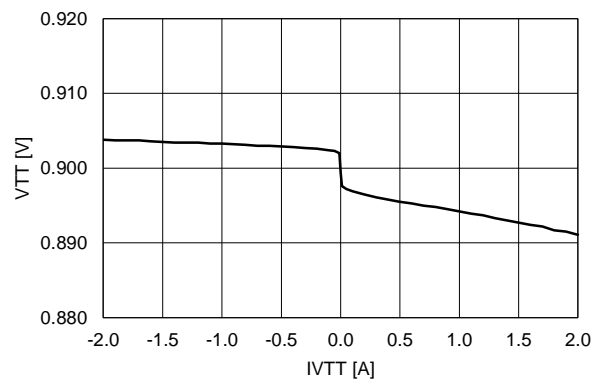
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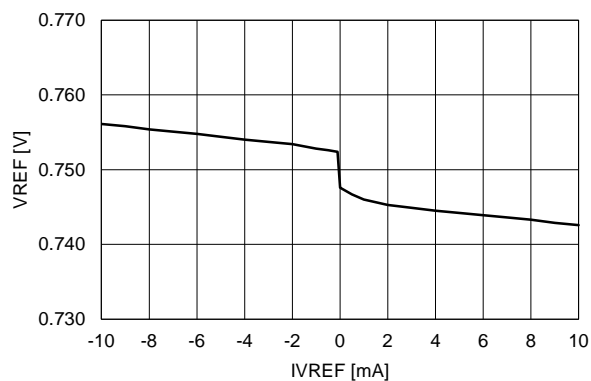
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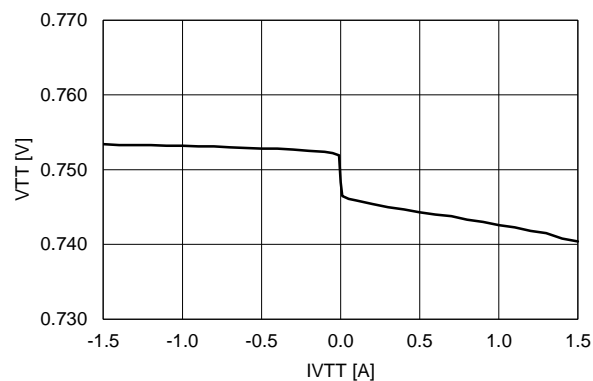
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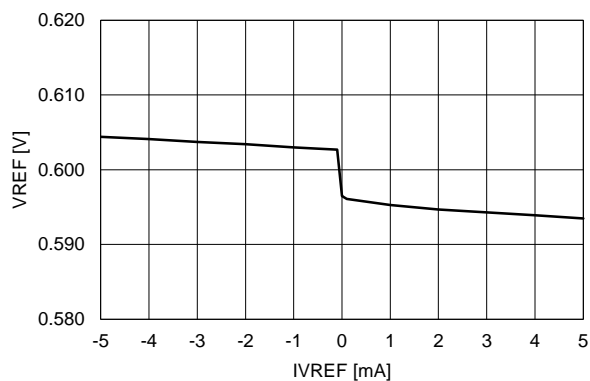
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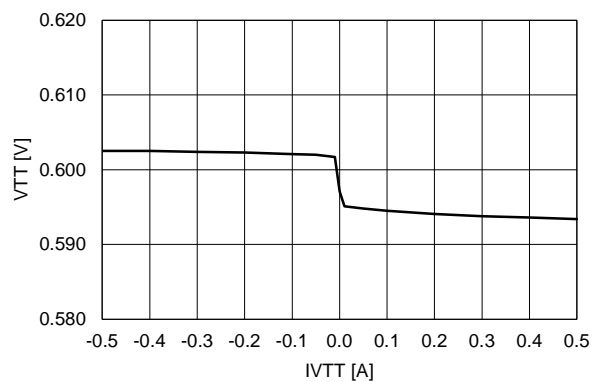
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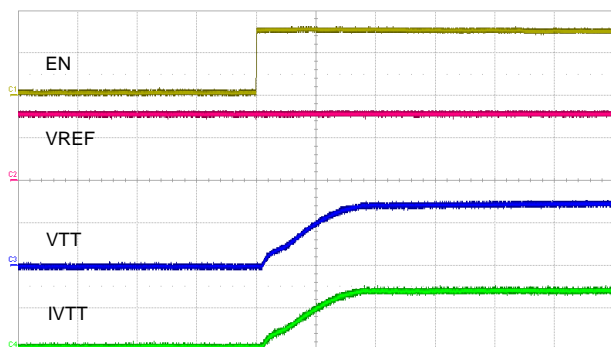
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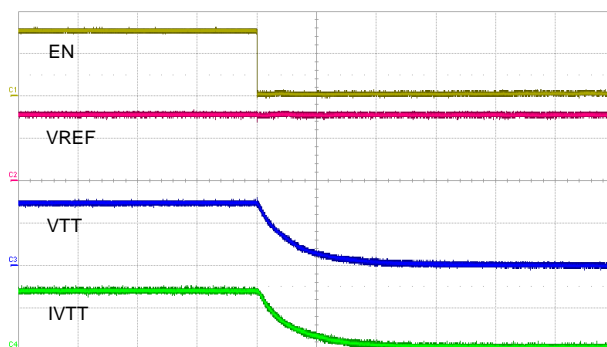


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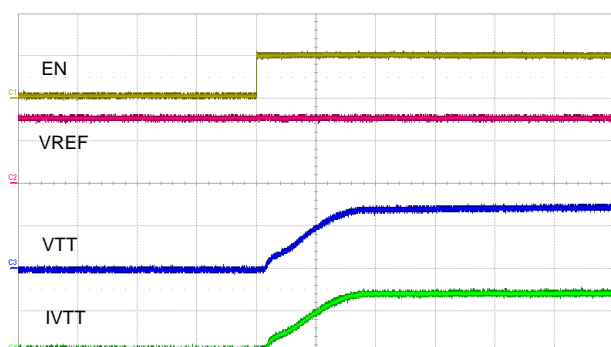
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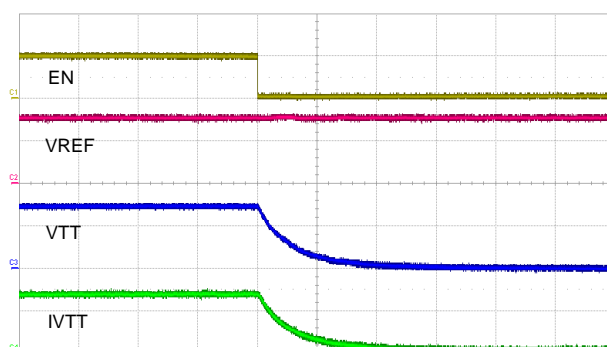
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**Shutdown by EN with Load**  
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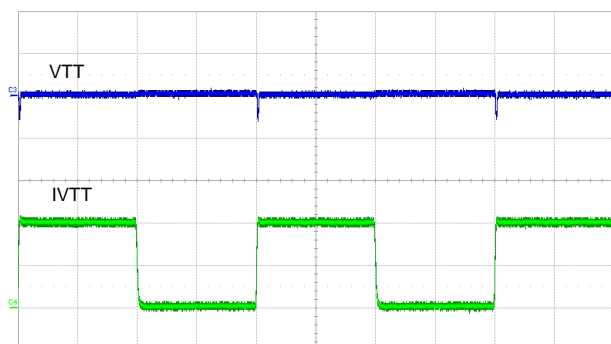
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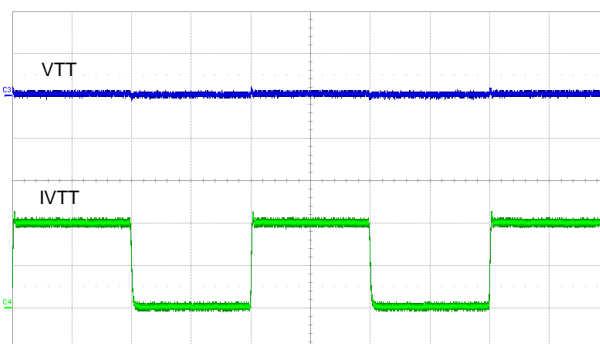




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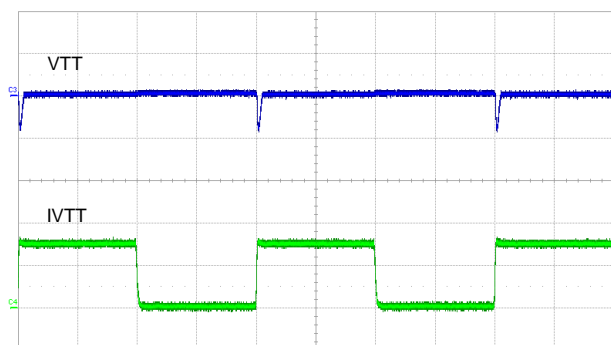
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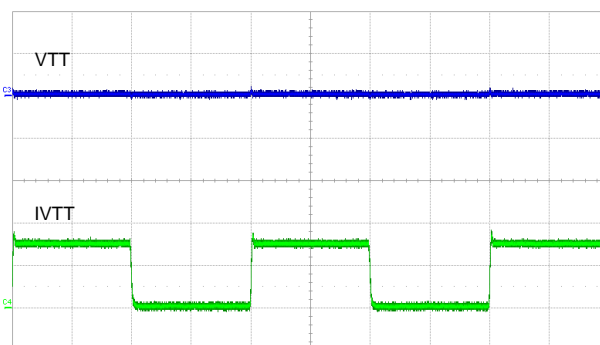
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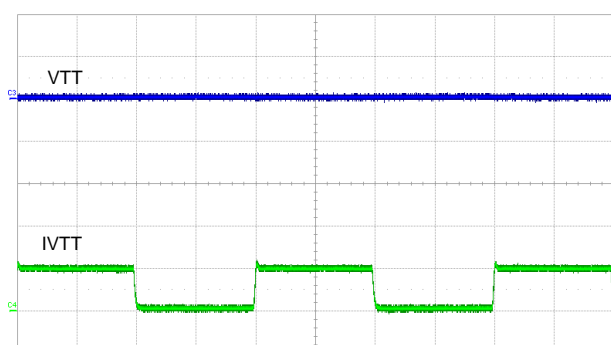
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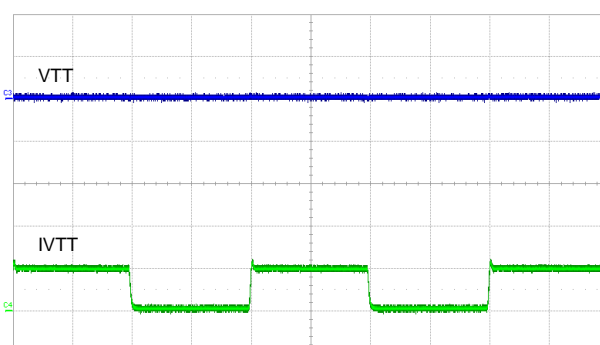
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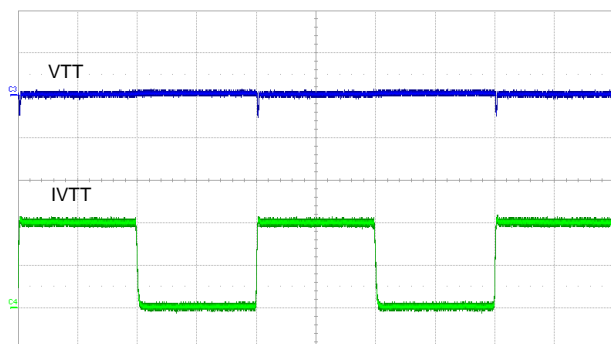
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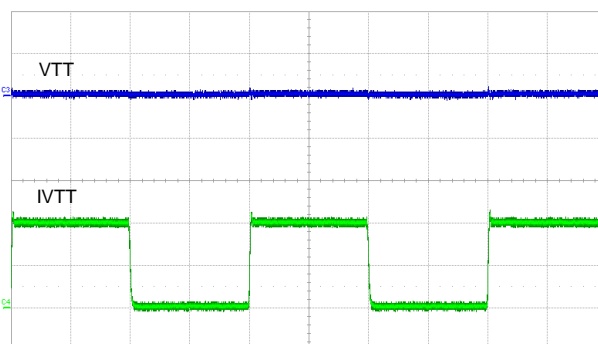
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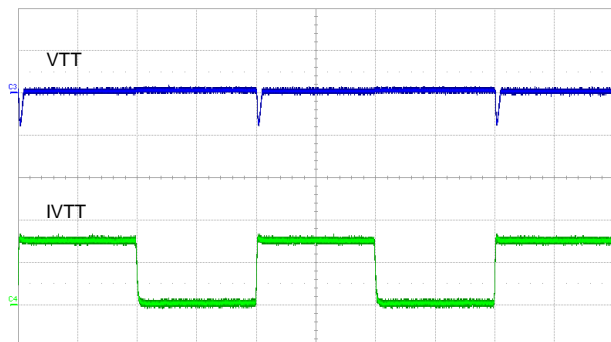
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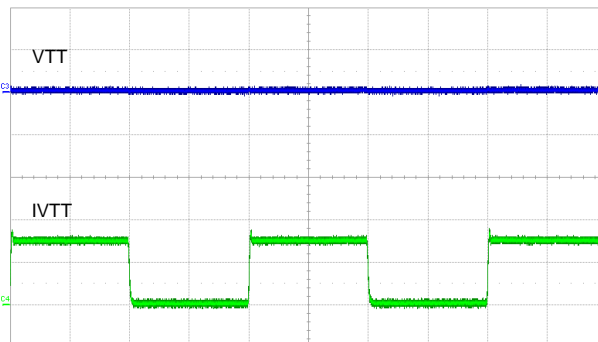
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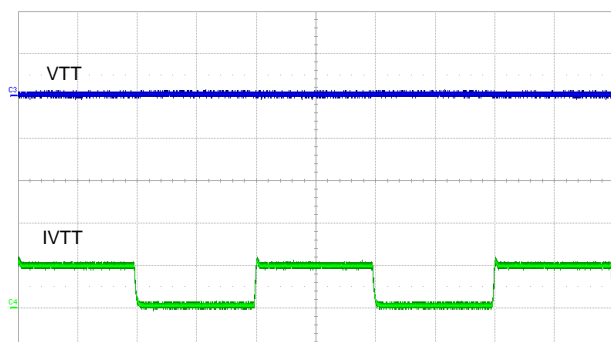
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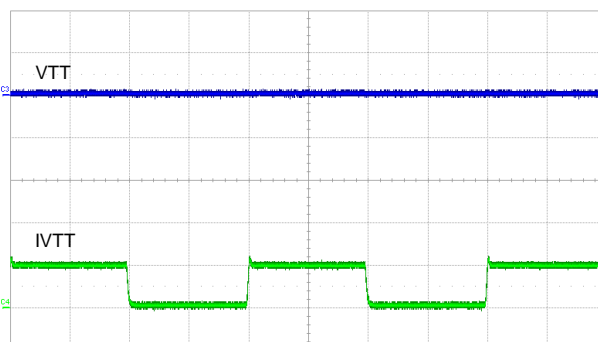
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## APPLICATION INFORMATION

### INTRODUCTION

The LP2998 is a linear bus termination regulator designed for DDR2, DDR3, DDR3L and DDR4 memories. The output, VTT, is capable of sinking and sourcing current while regulating the output voltage equal to  $V_{DDQ} / 2$ . The output stage has been designed to maintain excellent load regulation while preventing shoot through. The LP2998 also incorporates two distinct power rails that separate the analog circuitry from the power output stage. This allows a split rail approach to be utilized to decrease internal power dissipation. It also permits the LP2998 to provide a termination solution for the next generation of DDR-SDRAM memory.

Series Stub Termination Logic (SSTL) was created to improve signal integrity of the data transmission across the memory bus. This termination scheme is essential to prevent data error from signal reflections while transmitting at high frequencies encountered with DDR-SDRAM. The most common form of termination is Class II single parallel termination. This involves one  $R_S$  series resistor from the chipset to the memory and one  $R_T$  termination resistor. Typical values for  $R_S$  and  $R_T$  are 25 Ohms, although these can be changed to scale the current requirements from the LP2998. This implementation can be seen below in Figure 1.

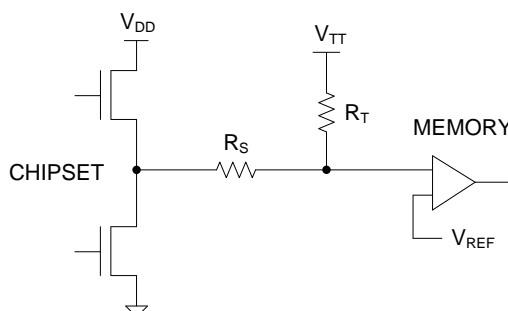


Fig. 1. SSTL-Termination Scheme

### PIN DESCRIPTION

#### AVIN and PVIN

AVIN and PVIN are the input supply pins for the LP2998. AVIN is used to supply all the internal control circuitry. PVIN, however, is used exclusively to provide the rail voltage for the output stage used to create VTT. These pins have the capability to work off separate supplies depending on the application.

Higher voltages on PVIN will increase the maximum continuous output current because of output  $R_{DS(on)}$  limitations at voltages close to VTT. The disadvantage of high values of PVIN is that the internal power loss will also increase, thermally limiting the design.

The limitation on input voltage selection is that PVIN must be equal to or lower than AVIN. It is recommended to connect PVIN to voltage rails equal to or less than 1.8V to prevent the thermal limit from tripping because of excessive internal power dissipation. If the junction temperature exceeds the thermal shutdown then the part will enter a shutdown state where both VTT and VREF are tri-stated.

#### VDDQ

VDDQ is the input used to create the internal reference voltage for regulating VTT. The reference voltage is generated from a resistor divider of two internal 50kΩ resistors. This guarantees that VTT will track  $V_{DDQ} / 2$  precisely. The optimal implementation of VDDQ is as a remote sense. This can be achieved by connecting

VDDQ directly to the 1.8V rail at the DIMM instead of PVIN. This ensures that the reference voltage tracks the DDR memory rails precisely without a large voltage drop from the power lines.

## VTTSNS

The purpose of the sense pin is to provide improved remote load regulation. In most motherboard applications the termination resistors will connect to VTT in a long plane. If the output voltage was regulated only at the output of the LP2998 then the long trace will cause a significant IR drop resulting in a termination voltage lower at one end of the bus than the other. The VTTSNS pin can be used to improve this performance, by connecting it to the middle of the bus. This will provide a better distribution across the entire termination bus. If remote load regulation is not used then the VTTSNS pin must still be connected to VTT. Care should be taken when a long VTTSNS trace is implemented in close proximity to the memory. Noise pickup in the VTTSNS trace can cause problems with precise regulation of VTT. A small 0.1 $\mu$ F ceramic capacitor placed next to the VTTSNS pin can help filter any high frequency signals and preventing errors.

## EN

The LP2998 contains an active high enable pin that can be used to tri-state VTT. During shutdown VTT should not be exposed to voltages that exceed AVIN. With the enable pin asserted low the quiescent current of the LP2998 will drop, however, VDDQ will always maintain its constant impedance of 100k $\Omega$  for generating the internal reference. Therefore to calculate the total power loss in shutdown both currents need to be considered. For more information refer to the Thermal Dissipation section.

## VREF

VREF provides the buffered output of the internal reference voltage  $VDDQ / 2$ . This output should be used to provide the reference voltage for the Northbridge chipset and memory. Since these inputs are typically extremely high impedance, there should be little current drawn from VREF. For improved performance, an output bypass capacitor can be used, located close to the pin, to help with noise. A low ESR ceramic capacitor in the range of 0.1 $\mu$ F to 0.01 $\mu$ F is recommended. This output remains active during the shutdown state for the suspend to RAM functionality.

## VTT

VTT is the regulated output that is used to terminate the bus resistors. It is capable of sinking and sourcing current while regulating the output precisely to  $VDDQ / 2$ . The LP2998 is designed to handle peak transient currents of up to  $\pm 3A$  with a fast transient response at a certain operating condition. If a transient is expected to last above the maximum continuous current rating for a significant amount of time then the output capacitor should be sized large enough to prevent an excessive voltage drop. Despite the fact that the LP2998 is designed to handle large transient output currents it is not capable of handling these for long durations, under all conditions. The reason for this is the standard packages are not able to thermally dissipate the heat as a result of the internal power loss. If large currents are required for longer durations, then care should be taken to ensure that the maximum junction temperature is not exceeded. Proper thermal derating should always be used (please refer to the Thermal Dissipation section). If the junction temperature exceeds the thermal shutdown point then VTT will tri-state until the part returns below the hysteretic trip-point. In order to maintain stability, it is recommended to use low ESR ceramic capacitors.

High ESR capacitors should not be used in the design. For stable operation, the total capacitance of the VTT output pin must be greater than 20  $\mu$ F. Attach multiple 10  $\mu$ F ceramic capacitors in parallel to minimize the effect of equivalent series resistance (ESR). X7R or X5R dielectrics are recommended to maintain sufficient capacitance over its full operating temperature.

## THERMAL DISSIPATION

Since the LP2998 is a linear regulator any current flow from VTT will result in internal power dissipation generating heat. To prevent damaging the part from exceeding the maximum allowable junction temperature, care should be taken to derate the part dependent on the maximum expected ambient temperature and power dissipation. The maximum allowable internal temperature rise,  $T_{Rmax}$  can be calculated given the maximum ambient temperature,  $T_{Amax}$  of the application and the maximum allowable junction temperature,  $T_{Jmax}$ .

$$T_{Rmax} = T_{Jmax} - T_{Amax}$$

From this equation, the maximum allowable power dissipation,  $P_{Dmax}$  of the part can be calculated:

$$P_{Dmax} = T_{Rmax} / \theta_{JA}$$

The maximum allowable value for junction-to-ambient thermal resistance,  $\theta_{JA}$ , can be calculated using the formula:

$$\theta_{JA} = T_{Rmax} / P_D = (T_{Jmax} - T_{Amax}) / P_D$$

The  $\theta_{JA}$  of the LP2998 will be dependent on several variables: the package used; the thickness of copper; the number of vias and the airflow.

Additional improvements can be made by the judicious use of vias to connect the part and dissipate heat to an internal ground plane. Using larger traces and more copper on the top side of the board can also help. With careful layout it is possible to reduce the  $\theta_{JA}$  further than the nominal values. Additional improvements in lowering the  $\theta_{JA}$  can also be achieved with a constant airflow across the package.

Optimizing the  $\theta_{JA}$  and placing the LP2998 in a section of a board exposed to lower ambient temperature allows the part to operate with higher power dissipation. The internal power dissipation can be calculated by summing the three main sources of loss: output current at VTT, either sinking or sourcing, and quiescent current at AVIN and VDDQ. During the active state (when enable is not held low) the total internal power dissipation can be calculated from the following equations:

$$\begin{aligned} P_D &= P_{AVIN} + P_{VDDQ} + P_{VTT} \\ P_{AVIN} &= I_{AVIN} \times V_{AVIN} \\ P_{VDDQ} &= V_{VDDQ} \times I_{VDDQ} \end{aligned}$$

To calculate the maximum power dissipation at VTT both conditions at VTT need to be examined, sinking and sourcing current. Although only one equation will add into the total, VTT cannot source and sink current simultaneously.

$$P_{VTT} = V_{VTT} \times I_{LOAD} \text{ (Sinking)} \quad \text{or} \quad P_{VTT} = (V_{PVIN} - V_{VTT}) \times I_{LOAD} \text{ (Sourcing)}$$

The power dissipation of the LP2998 can also be calculated during the shutdown state. During this condition the output VTT will tri-state, therefore that term in the power equation will disappear as it cannot sink or source any current (leakage is negligible). The only losses during shutdown will be the reduced quiescent current at

AVIN and the constant impedance that is seen at the VDDQ pin.

$$P_D = P_{AVIN} + P_{VDDQ},$$

$$P_{AVIN} = I_{AVIN} \times V_{AVIN}$$

$$P_{VDDQ} = V_{VDDQ} \times I_{VDDQ}$$

## TYPICAL APPLICATION INFORMATION

Several different application circuits have been shown in Figure 2 through Figure 6 to illustrate some of the options that are possible in configuring the LP2998.

### OUTPUT CAPACITOR SELECTION

For applications utilizing the LP2998 to terminate SSTL-18 I/O signals the typical application circuit shown in Figure 2 can be implemented.

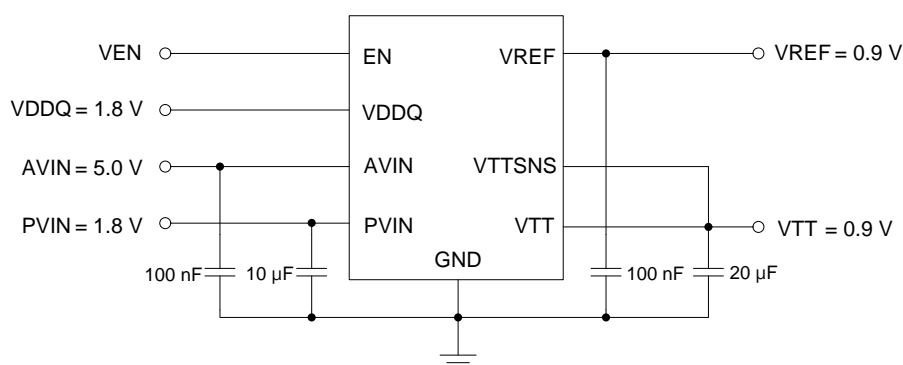


Fig. 2. Typical SSTL-18 Application Circuit

This circuit permits termination in a minimum amount of board space and component count. Capacitor selection can be varied depending on the number of lines terminated and the maximum load transient. However, with motherboards and other applications where VTT is distributed across a long plane it is advisable to use multiple capacitors and addition to high frequency decoupling.

In most PC applications an extensive amount of decoupling is required because of the long interconnects encountered with the DDR-SDRAM DIMMs mounted on modules. As a result low ESR multi-layer ceramic capacitors in the range of 20µF are typically used.

## DDR2 APPLICATIONS

With the separate VDDQ pin and an internal resistor divider it is possible to use the LP2998 in applications utilizing DDR2 memory. Figure 3 shows the recommended circuit configuration for DDR2 applications. The output stage is connected to the 1.8V rail and the AVIN pin can be connected to either a 3.3V or 5.0V rail.

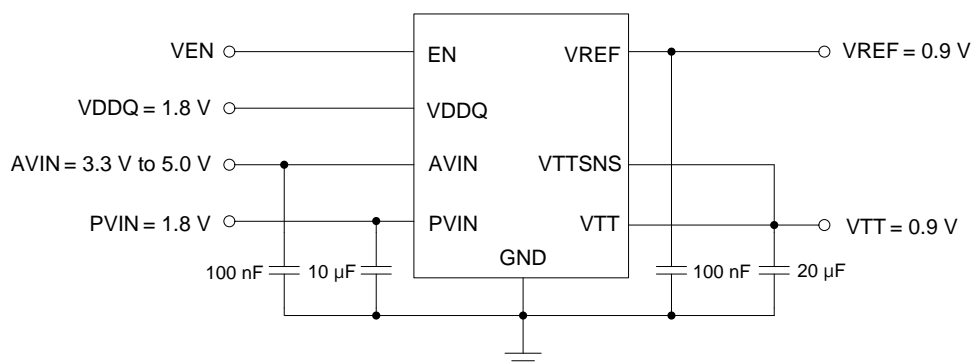


Fig. 3. Recommended DDR2 Termination

If it is not desirable to use the 1.8V rail it is possible to connect the output stage to higher than a 1.8V rail. Care should be taken to do not exceed the maximum junction temperature as the thermal dissipation increases with lower VTT output voltages. The advantage of this configuration is that it has the ability to source and sink a higher maximum continuous current.

## LEVEL SHIFTING

If standards other than SSTL-18 are required, such as SSTL-2, it may be necessary to use a different scaling factor than 0.5 times VDDQ for regulating the output voltage. Several options are available to scale the output to any voltage required. One method is to level shift the output by using feedback resistors from VTT to the VTTSNS pin. This has been illustrated in Figures 4 and 5. Figure 4 shows how to use two resistors to level shift VTT above the internal reference voltage of  $V_{DDQ} / 2$ . To calculate the exact voltage at VTT the following equation can be used.

$$V_{TT} = V_{DDQ} / 2 (1 + R1 / R2)$$

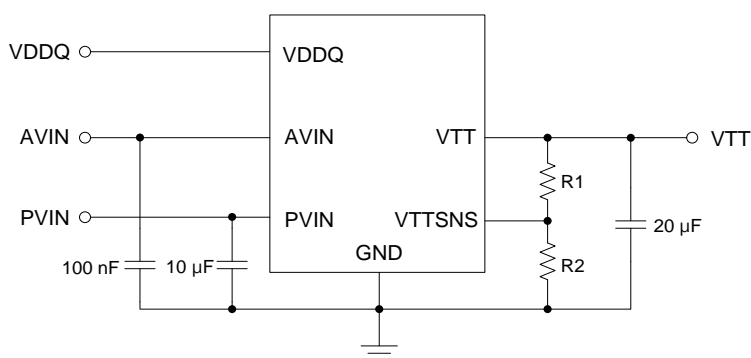


Fig. 4. Increasing VTT by Level Shifting

Conversely, the R2 resistor can be placed between VTTSNS and VDDQ to shift the VTT output lower than the internal reference voltage of  $V_{DDQ} / 2$ . The equations relating VTT and the resistors can be seen below:

$$V_{TT} = V_{DDQ} / 2 (1 - R1 / R2)$$

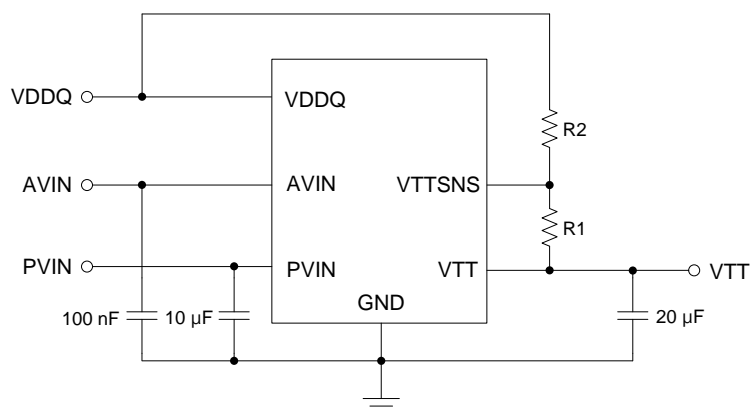


Fig. 5. Decreasing VTT by Level Shifting

## HSTL APPLICATIONS

The LP2998 can be easily adapted for HSTL applications by connecting VDDQ to the 1.5V rail. This will produce a VTT and VREF voltage of approximately 0.75V for the termination resistors. It is possible to connect PVIN to higher than a 1.5V rail for higher source/sink current. Care should be taken to do not exceed the maximum junction temperature as the thermal dissipation increases with lower VTT output voltages (For more information, refer to the Thermal Dissipation section). The advantage of this configuration is that it has the ability to source and sink a higher maximum continuous current.

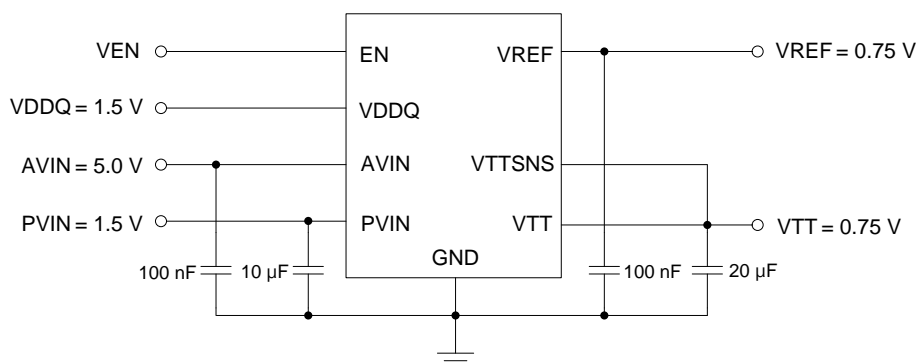


Fig. 6. HSTL Application

## QDR APPLICATIONS

Quad data rate (QDR) applications utilize multiple channels for improved memory performance. However, this increase in bus lines has the effect of increasing the current levels required for termination. The recommended approach in terminating multiple channels is to use a dedicated LP2998 for each channel. This simplifies layout and reduces the internal power dissipation for each regulator. Separate VREF signals can be used for each DIMM bank from the corresponding regulator with the chipset reference provided by a local resistor divider or one of the LP2998 signals. Because VREF and VTT are expected to track and the part to part variations are minor, there should be little difference between the reference signals of each LP2998.



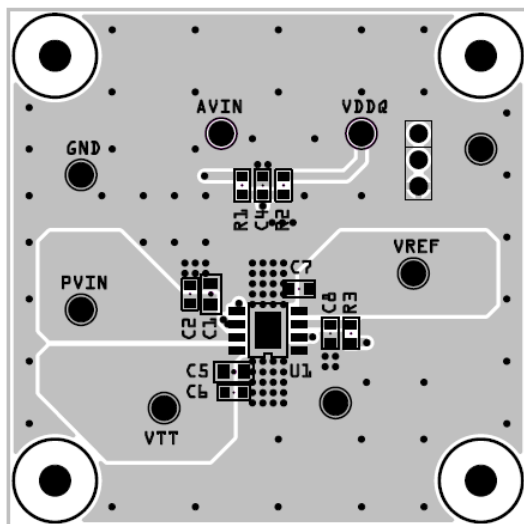
## PCB LAYOUT

### PCB LAYOUT GUIDELINES

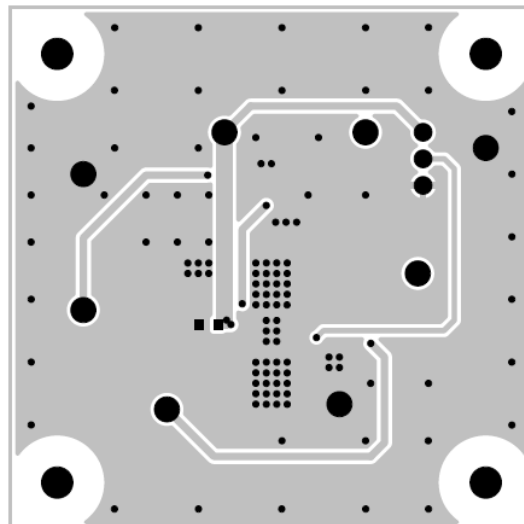
1. The input capacitor for the power rail should be placed as close as possible to the PVIN pin.
2. VTTSNS should be connected to the VTT termination bus at the point where regulation is required. For mother-board applications an ideal location would be at the center of the termination bus.
3. VDDQ can be connected remotely to the VDDQ rail input at either the DIMM or the Chipset. This provides the most accurate point for creating the reference voltage.
4. For improved thermal performance excessive top side copper should be used to dissipate heat from the package. Numerous vias from the ground connection to the internal ground plane will help. Additionally these can be located underneath the package if manufacturing standards permit.
5. Care should be taken when routing the VTTSNS trace to avoid noise pickup from switching I/O signals. A 0.1 $\mu$ F ceramic capacitor located close to the VTTSNS can also be used to filter any unwanted high frequency signal. This can be an issue especially if long VTTSNS traces are used.
6. VREF should be bypassed with a 0.01  $\mu$ F or 0.1  $\mu$ F ceramic capacitor for improved performance. This capacitor should be located as close as possible to the VREF pin.
7. VTT requires a 20  $\mu$ F (or greater) ceramic capacitor to maintain stability. This capacitor should be located as close as possible to the VTT pin.

### EVALUATION BOARD LAYOUT EXAMPLE

TOP



BOTTOM



## REVISION NOTICE

The description in this datasheet is subject to change without any notice to describe its electrical characteristics properly.