

Power Electronics Circuits

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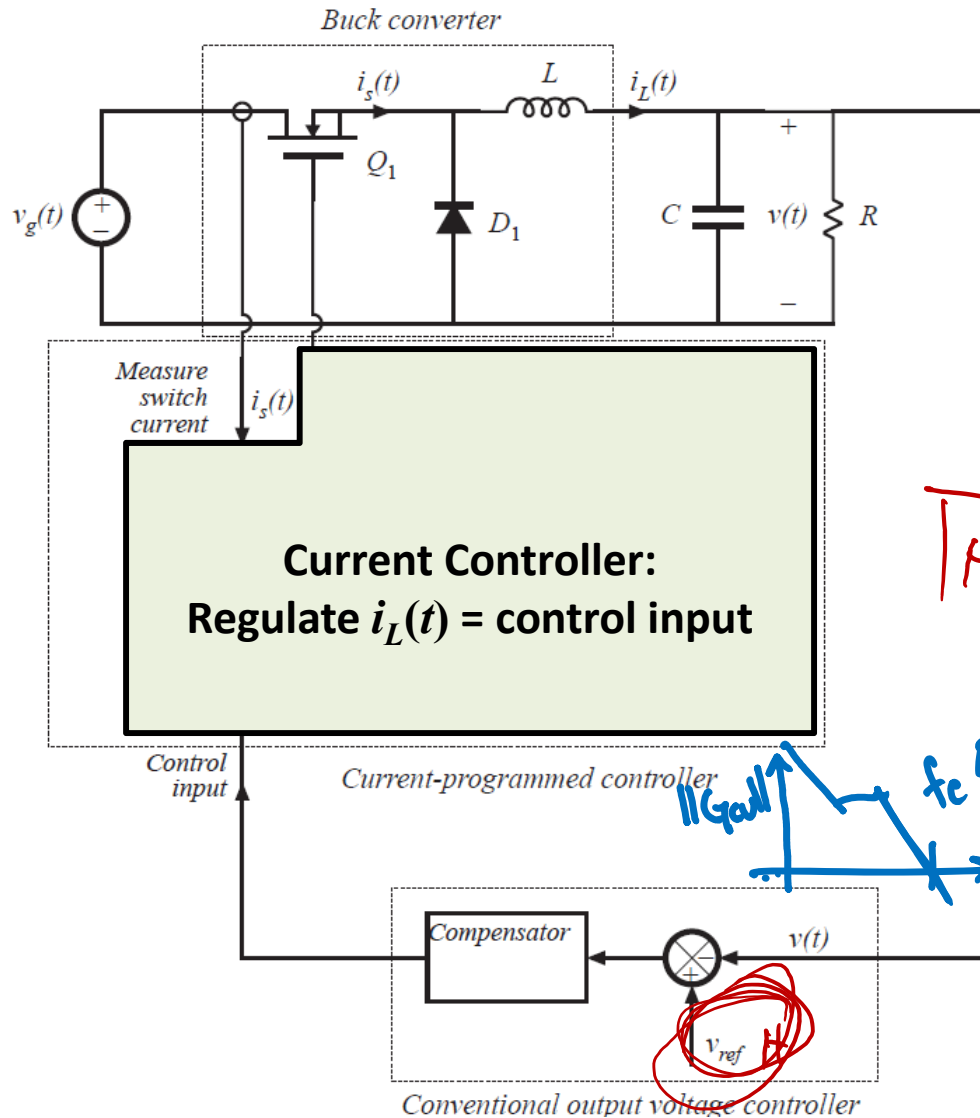
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Current Control



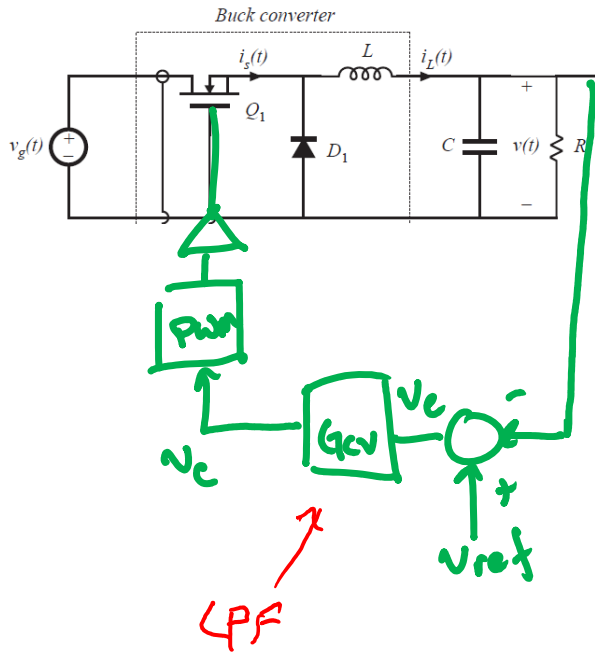
Two control loops:

- (1) Fast (inner) current loop control
- Not Averaged
- (2) Slow (outer) voltage loop control
- Averaged

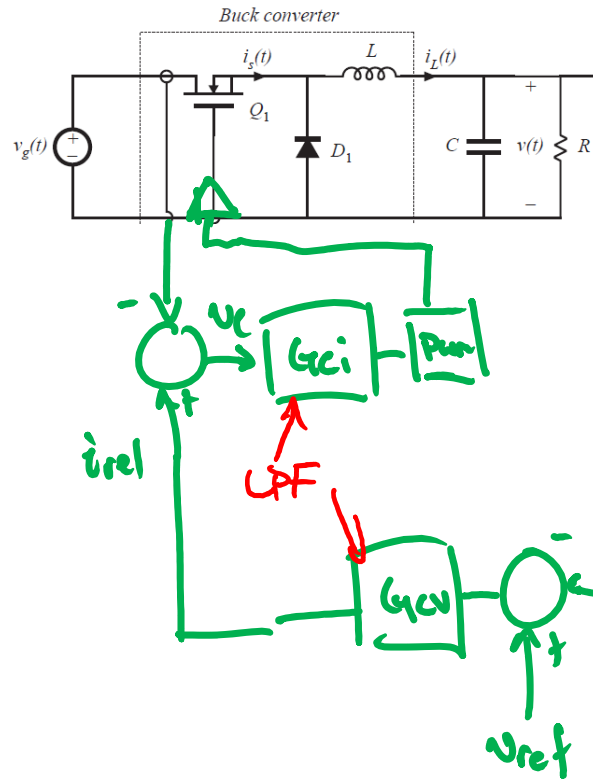
Effective low-pass filter models can be used when $f_c \ll f_s$

Averaged vs CPM

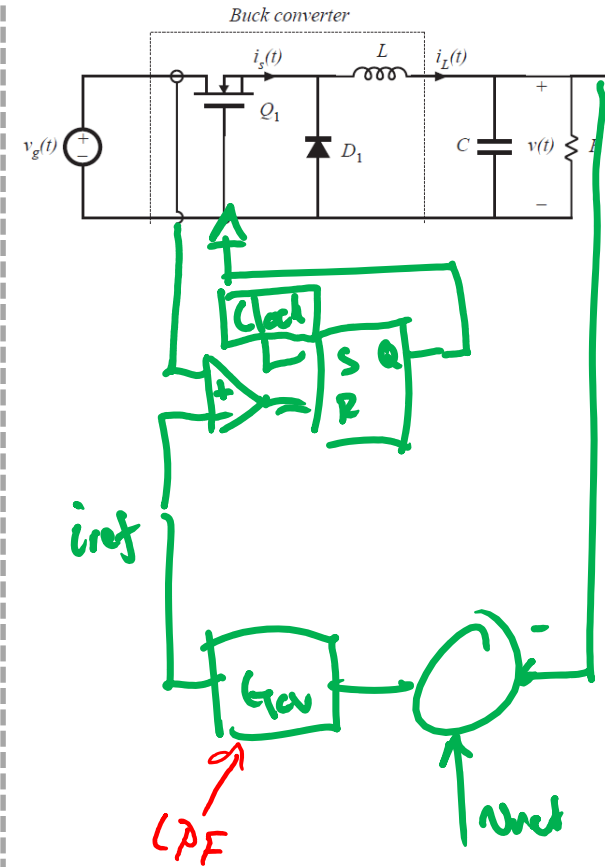
Voltage-Mode



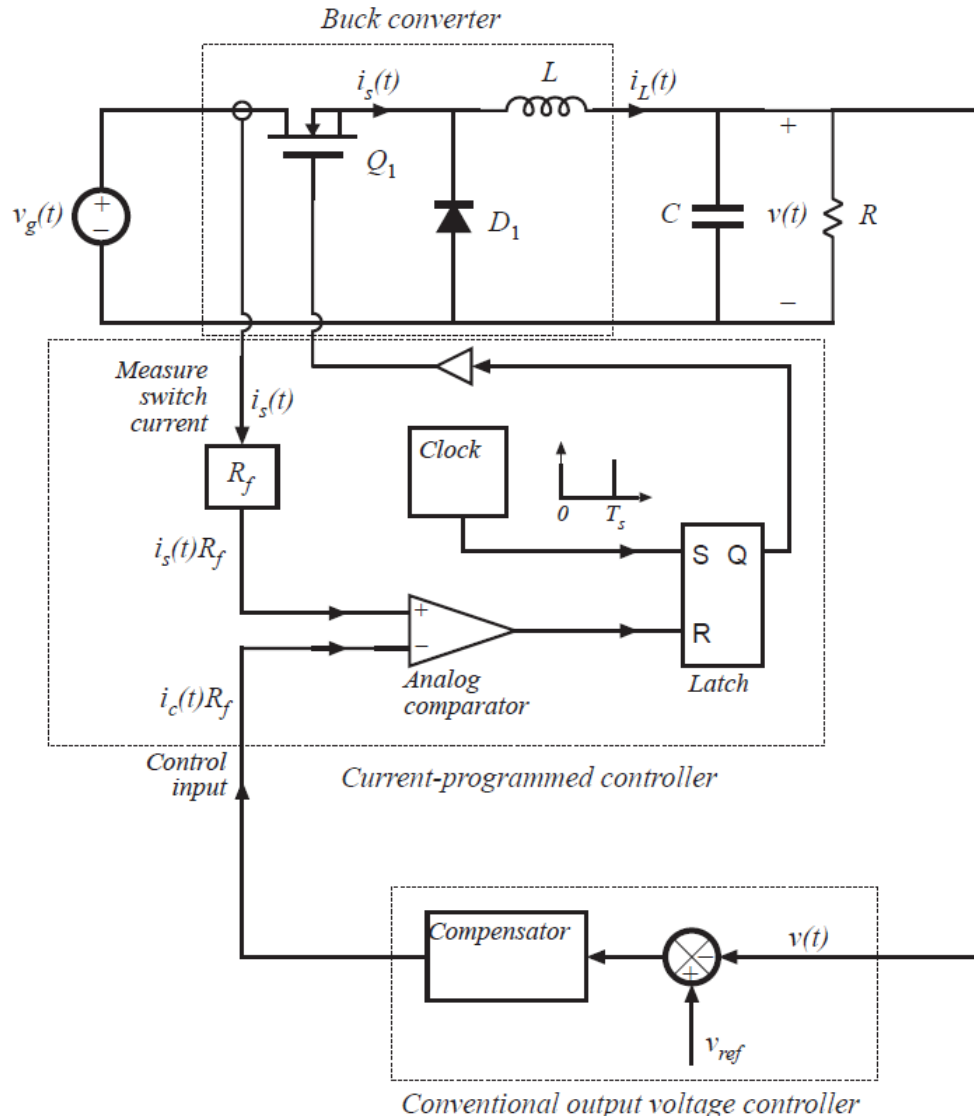
Averaged Current-Mode



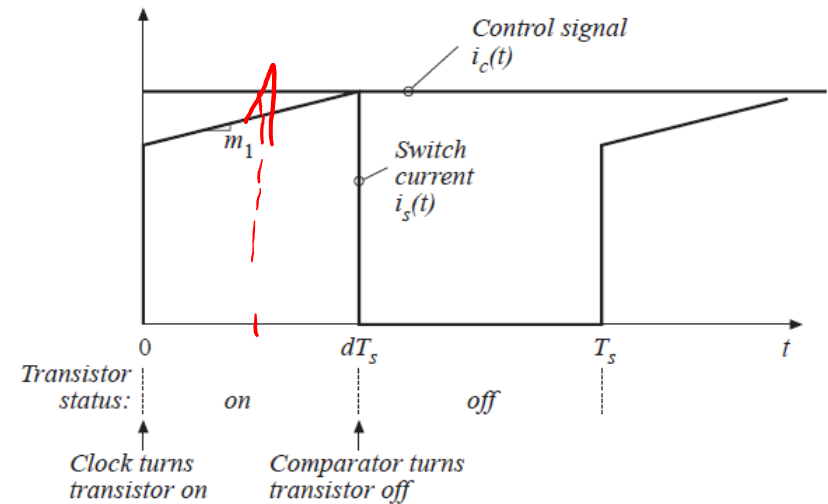
Current Programmed Mode



CPM Voltage Loop



The peak transistor current replaces the duty cycle as the converter control input.



CPM Transfer Functions

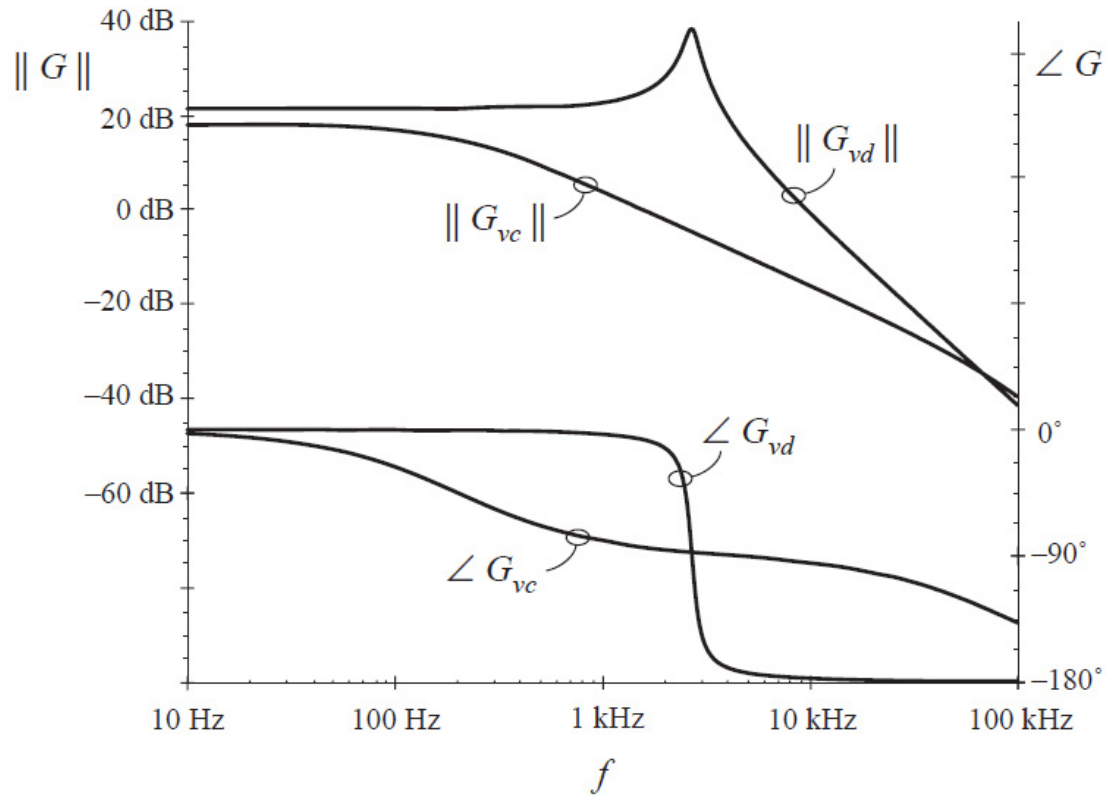
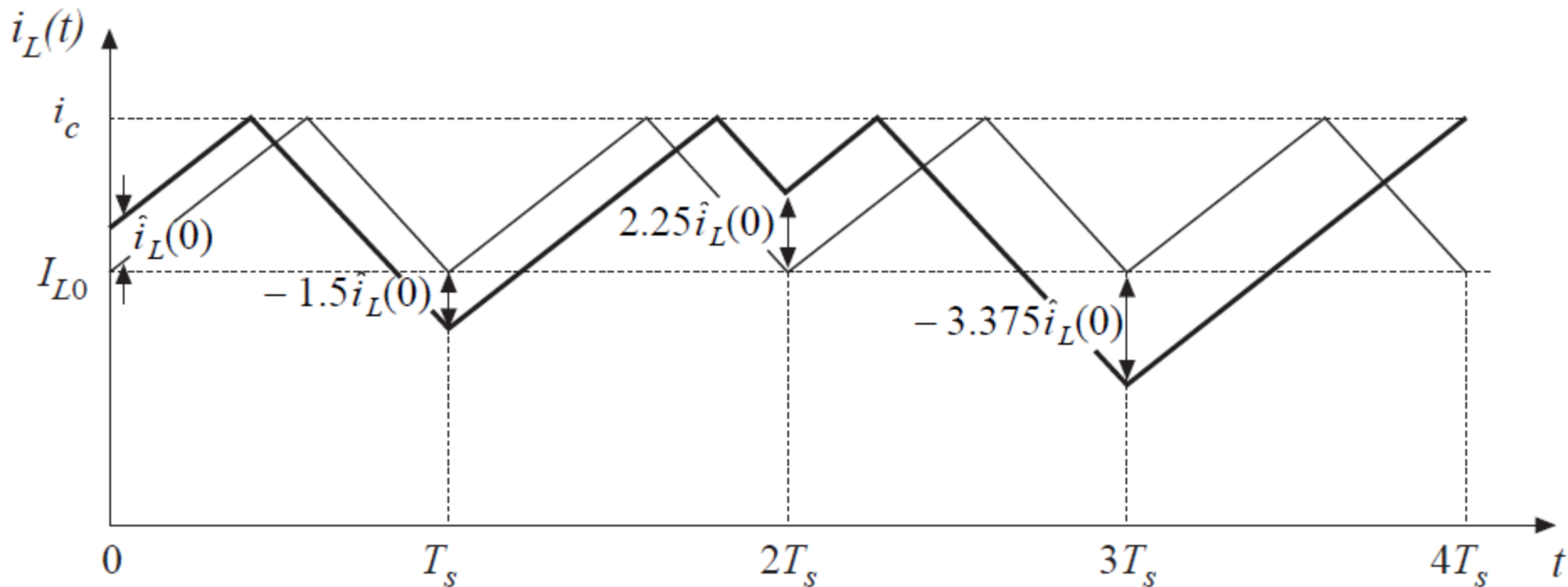


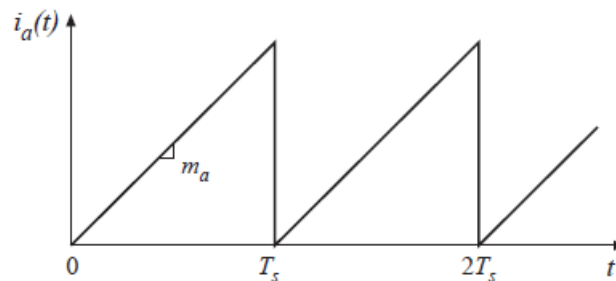
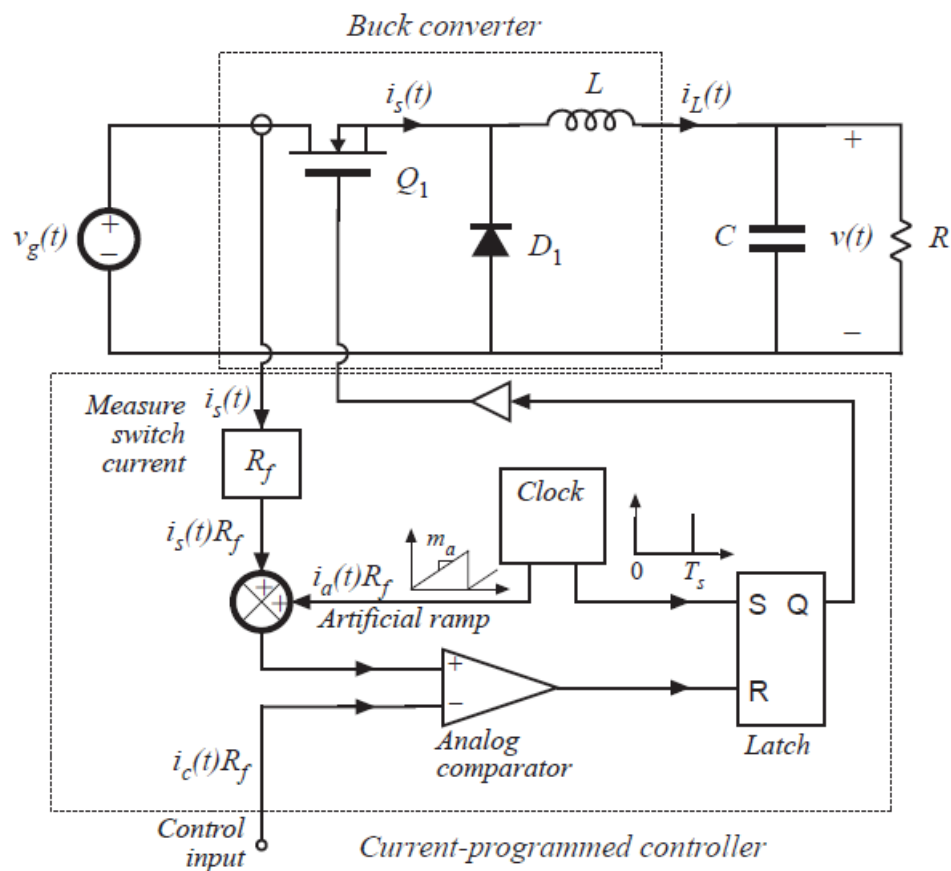
Fig. 12.28 Comparison of CPM control with duty-cycle control, for the control-to-output frequency response of the buck converter example.

Example: Unstable operation for $D=0.6$

$$\alpha = -\frac{D}{D'} = \left(-\frac{0.6}{0.4}\right) = -1.5$$



Stabilization Through Artificial Ramp



Now, transistor switches off when

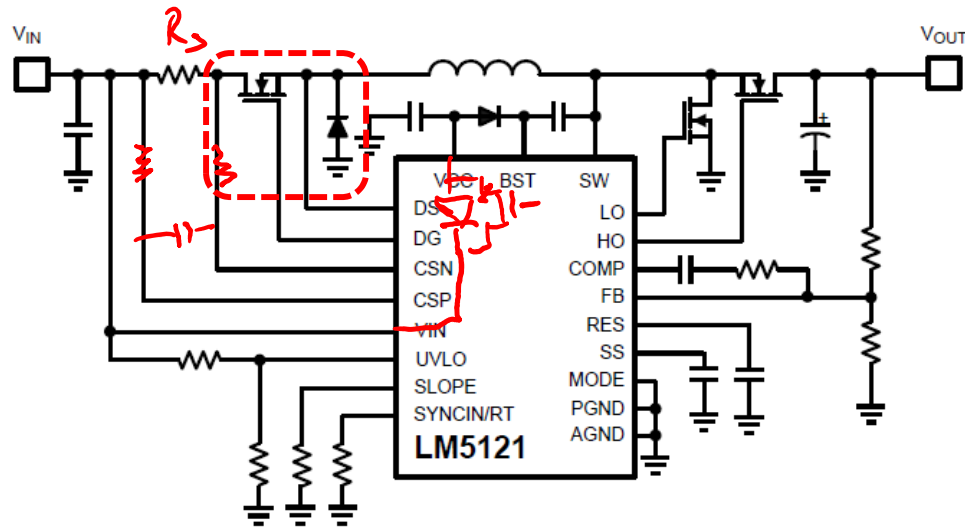
$$i_a(dT_s) + i_L(dT_s) = i_c$$

or,

$$i_L(dT_s) = i_c - i_a(dT_s)$$

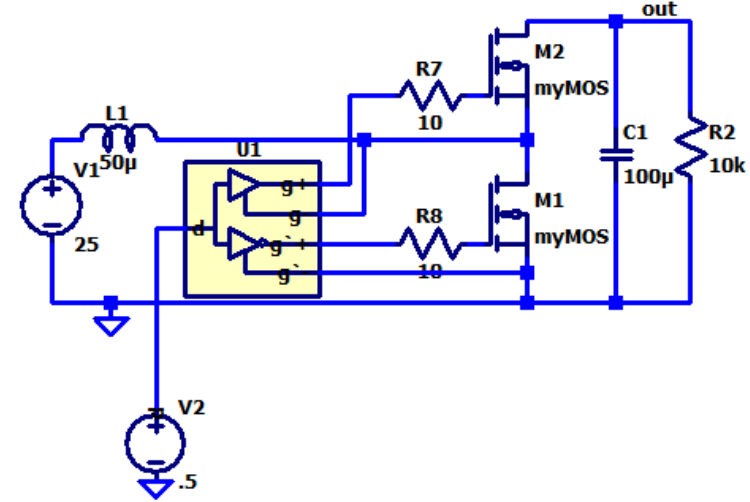
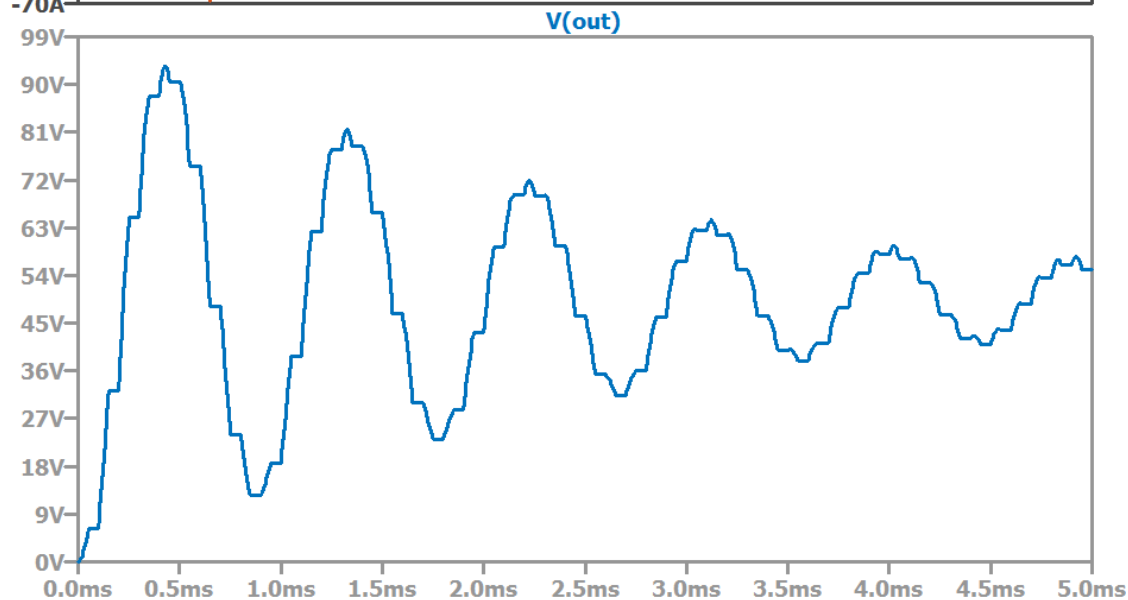
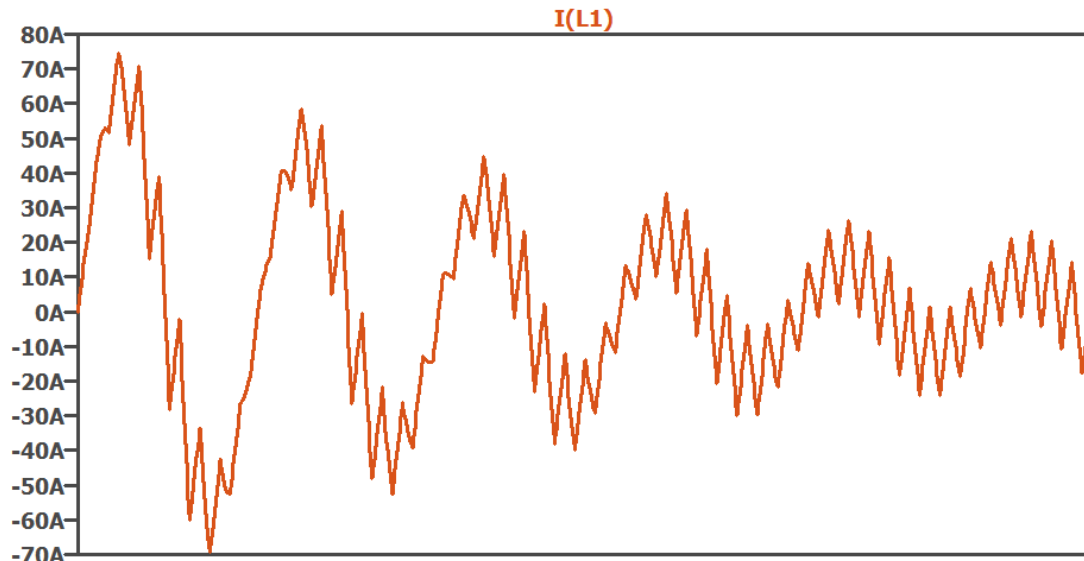
if $i_a \gg i_L \rightarrow$ PWM control
 if $i_a \ll i_c \rightarrow$ CPM

Application to Experiment 4

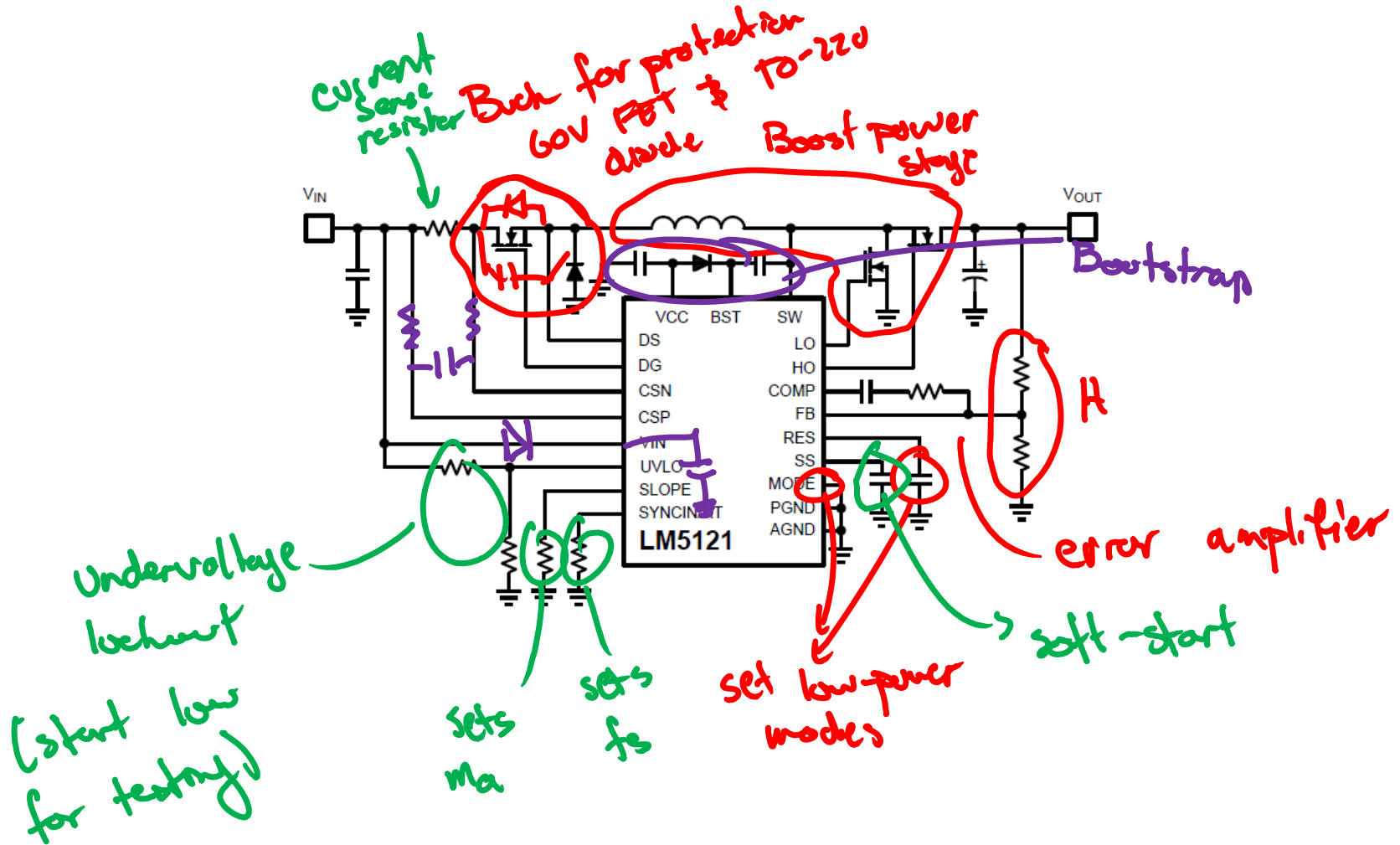


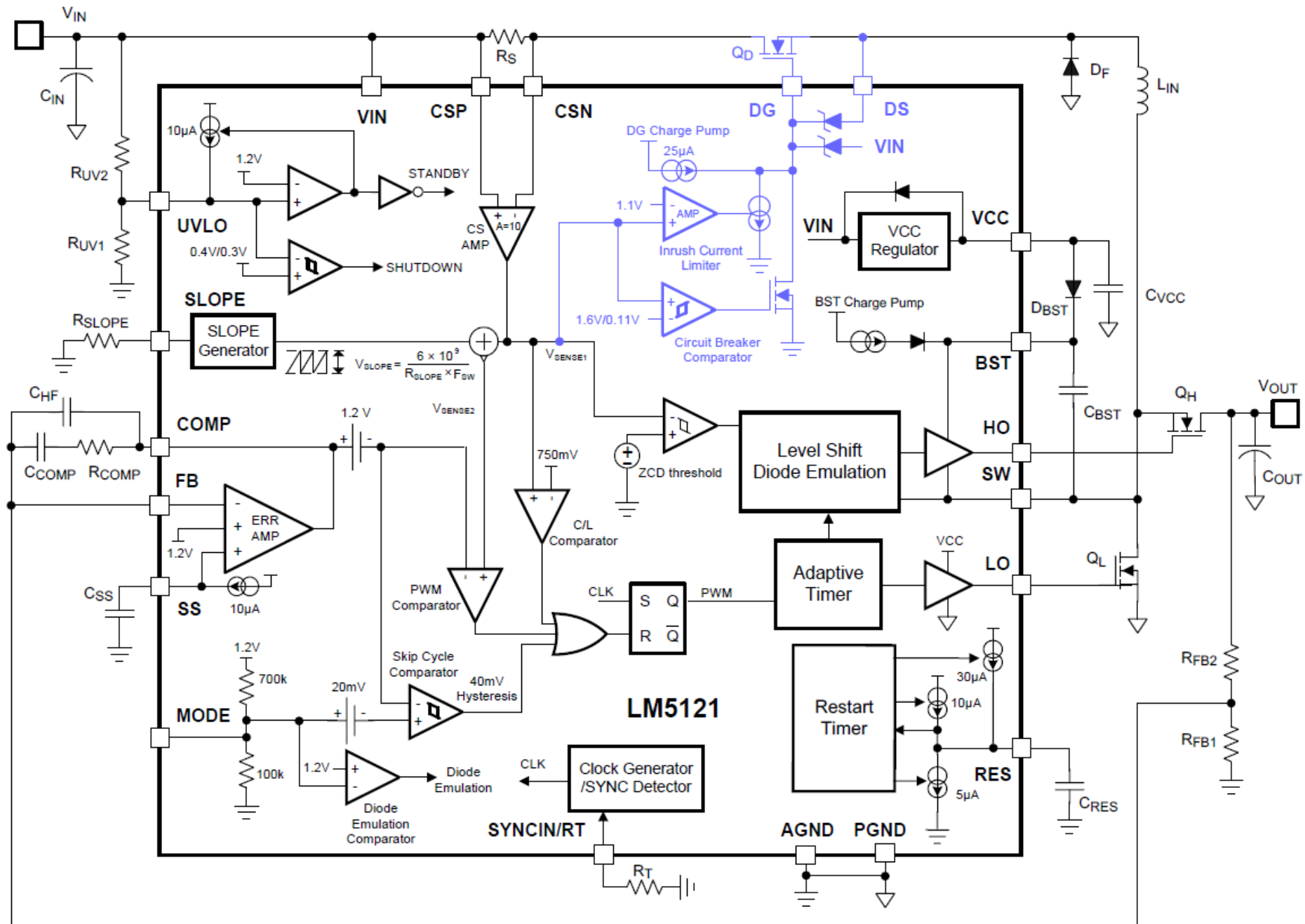
- Complex switching controller
- **Read** the datasheet first
 - Input Buck
 - Current sense filter
 - V_g/V_{cc} diodes
 - Forced PWM mode

Startup: Switching



LM5121: Functionality



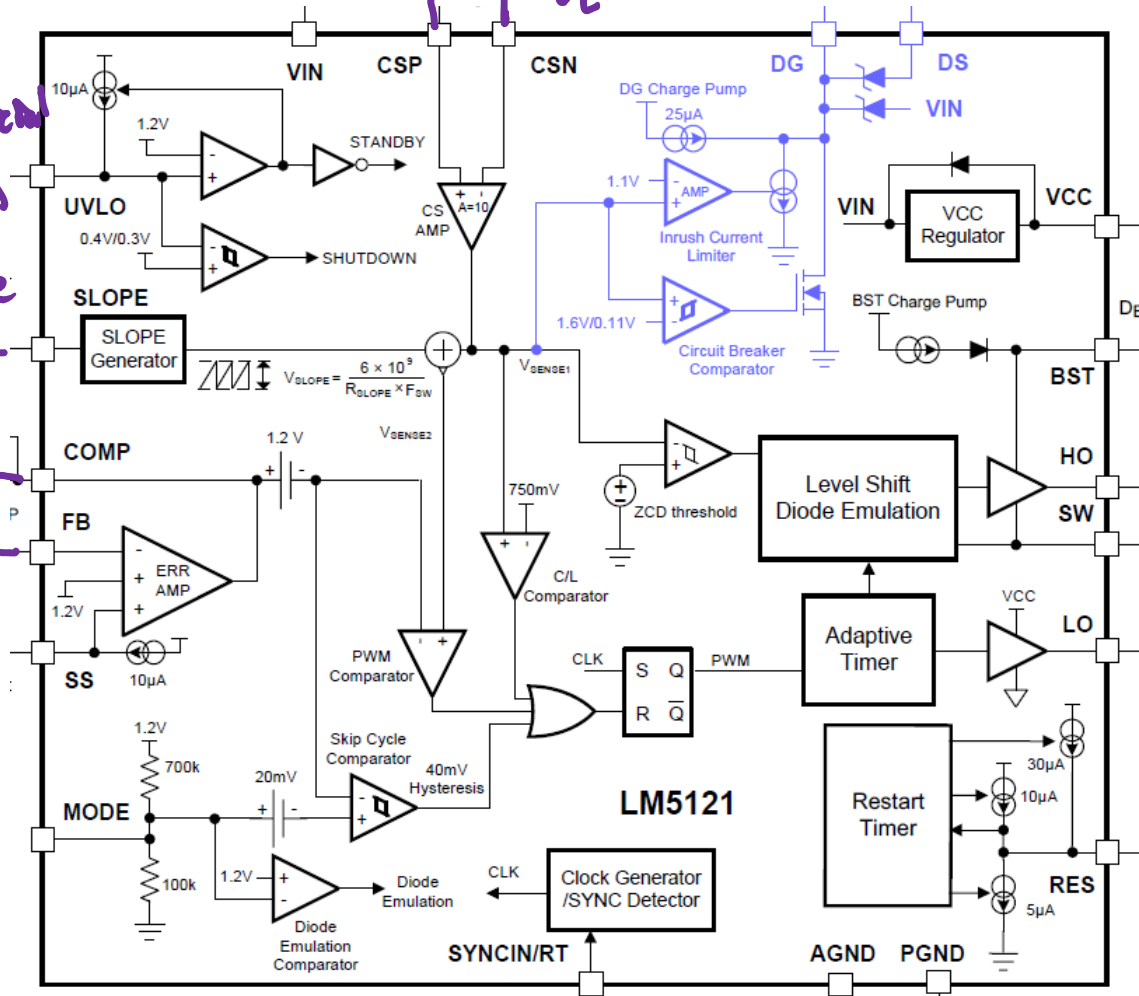


Open-Loop Operation

② set big artificial ramp (~1V) R_{slope} c/f M

② connect Pot R₁ R₂

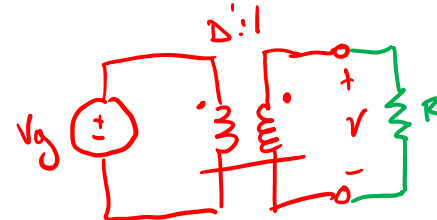
① start i_L sense



Setting the Electronic Load

Low-frequency model

① Open Loop:

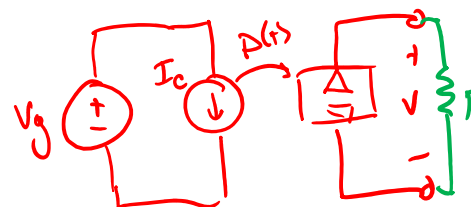


$$V = \frac{V_g}{D}$$

$$P_{out} = \left(\frac{V_g}{D}\right)^2 \frac{1}{R}$$

② Current Loop Only

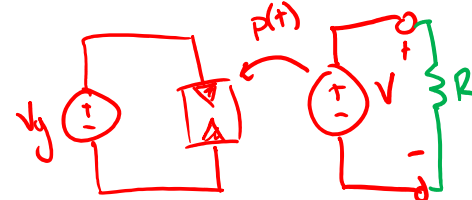
Large R = large voltage!



$$P_{out} = I_c V_g$$

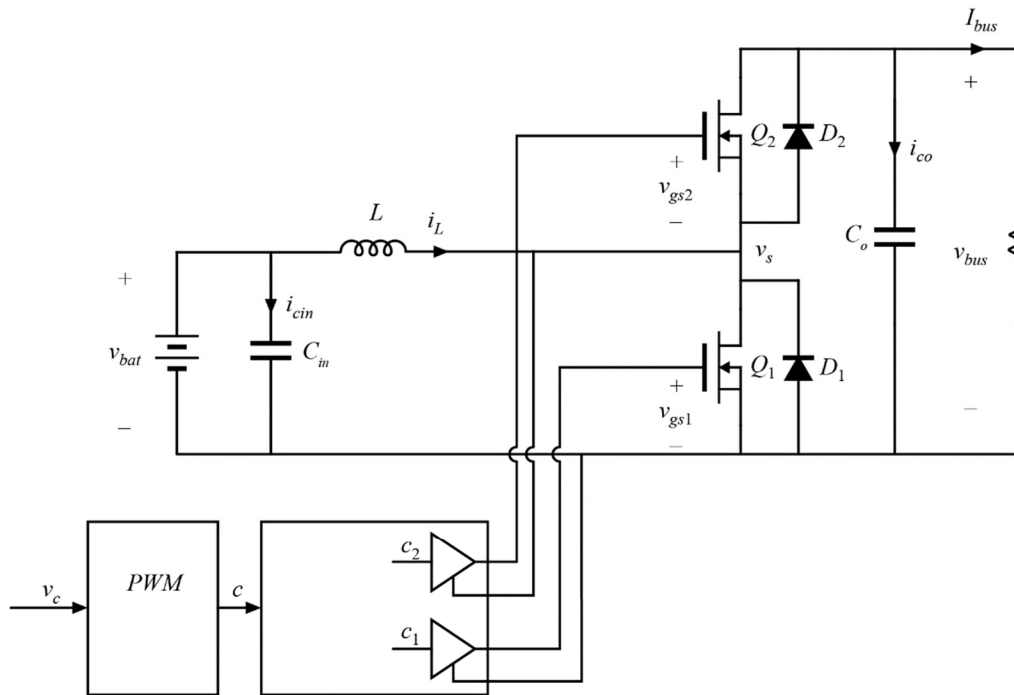
$$V \approx \sqrt{I_c V_g R}$$

③ Voltage & Current Loop



$$V \approx V_{ref}$$

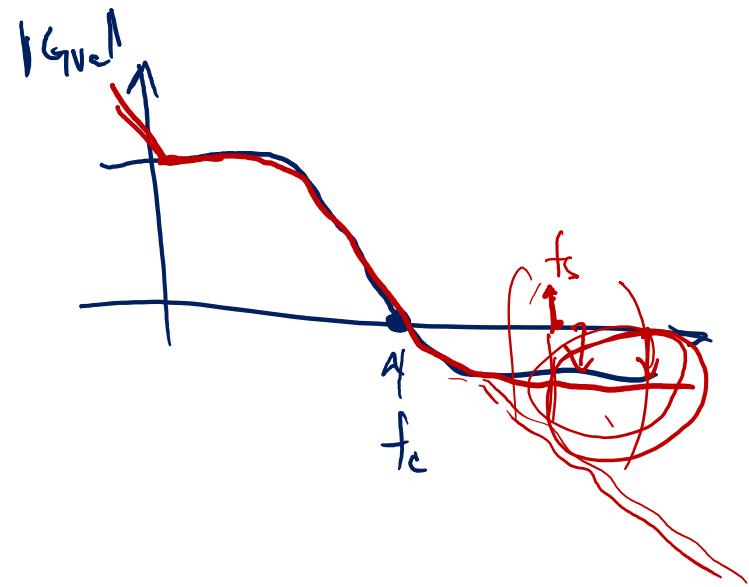
$$P_{out} = \frac{V_{ref}^2}{R}$$



Be careful with how you set electronic load

Safest: ① & ③ current or resistance

② voltage



Make sure to include

A & R_f
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