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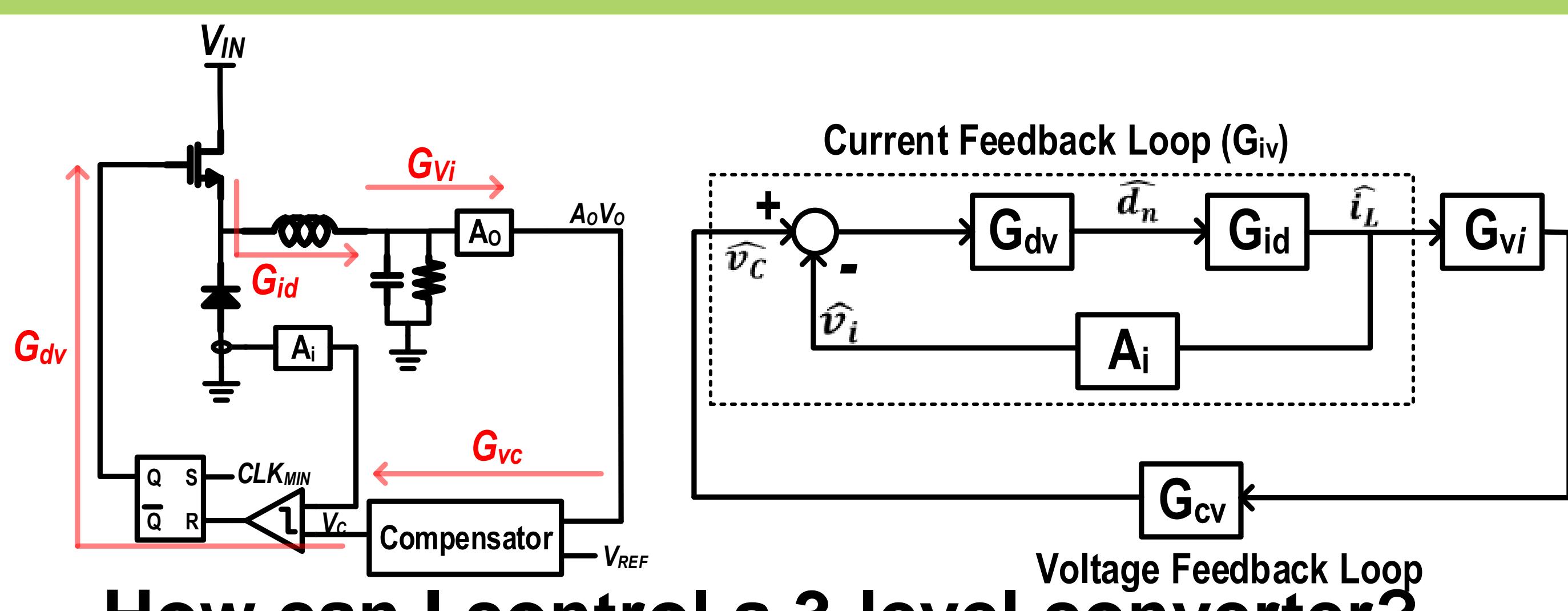


Frequency Analysis of Conventional and 3-Level Buck Converter

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Introduction



How can I control a 3-level converter?

State-Space Average Model

- Conventional Buck Converter (CBC)

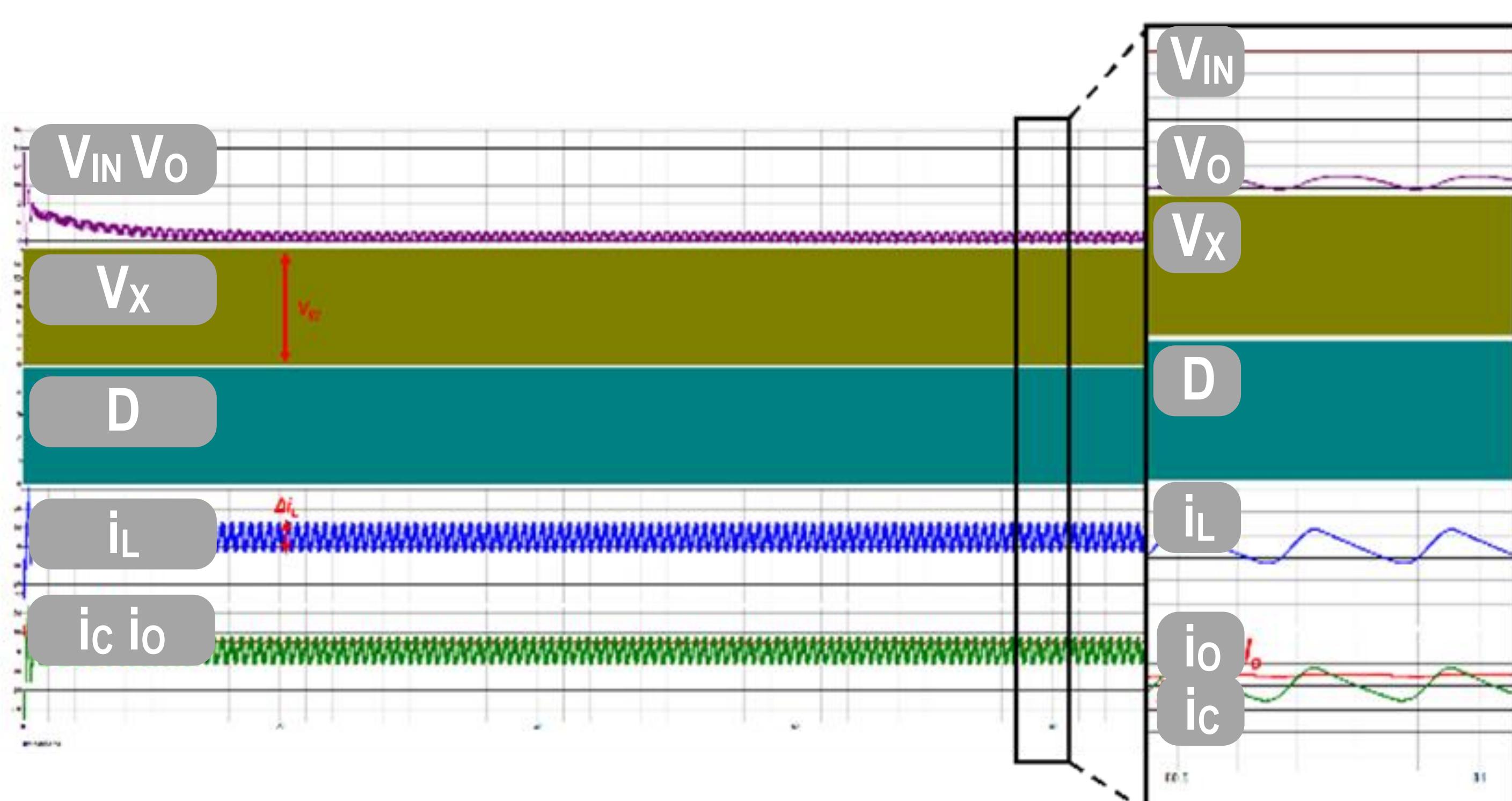
Operation	Ø1 : Build-Up	Ø2 : Freewheeling
	$V_x = V_{IN}$	$V_x = 0$
L, C Equation	$\frac{di_L}{dt} = \frac{1}{L}v_{IN} - \frac{1}{L}V_C, \quad \frac{dv_o}{dt} = \frac{1}{C}i_L - \frac{1}{RC}v_o, \quad \frac{di_L}{dt} = -\frac{1}{L}v_o$	
State Equation	$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\frac{1}{L} \\ 1 & \frac{1}{C} - \frac{1}{RC} \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} D \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = [0 \quad 1]$	

- 3-Level Buck Converter

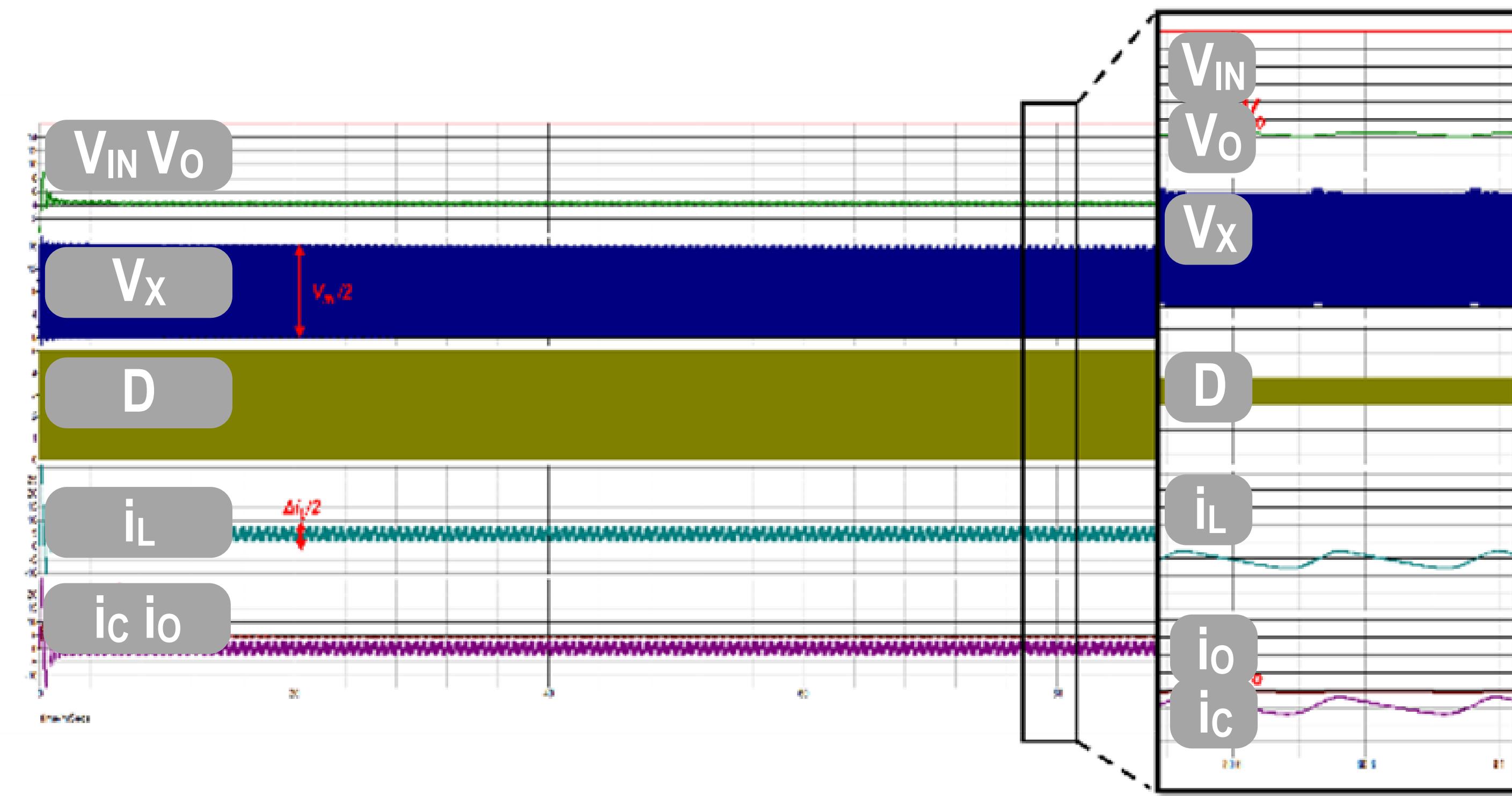
Operation	Ø1 : Inductor Build-Up	Ø2 : Inductor Freewheeling
	$V_x = V_{IN}$	$V_x = 0$
L, C Equation	$\frac{di_L}{dt} = \frac{1}{2L}v_{IN} - \frac{1}{L}V_o, \quad \frac{dv_o}{dt} = \frac{1}{C}i_L - \frac{1}{RC}v_o, \quad \frac{di_L}{dt} = -\frac{1}{L}v_o, \quad \frac{di_L}{dt} = \frac{1}{L}v_{IN} - \frac{1}{L}v_o$	
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Simulation Results

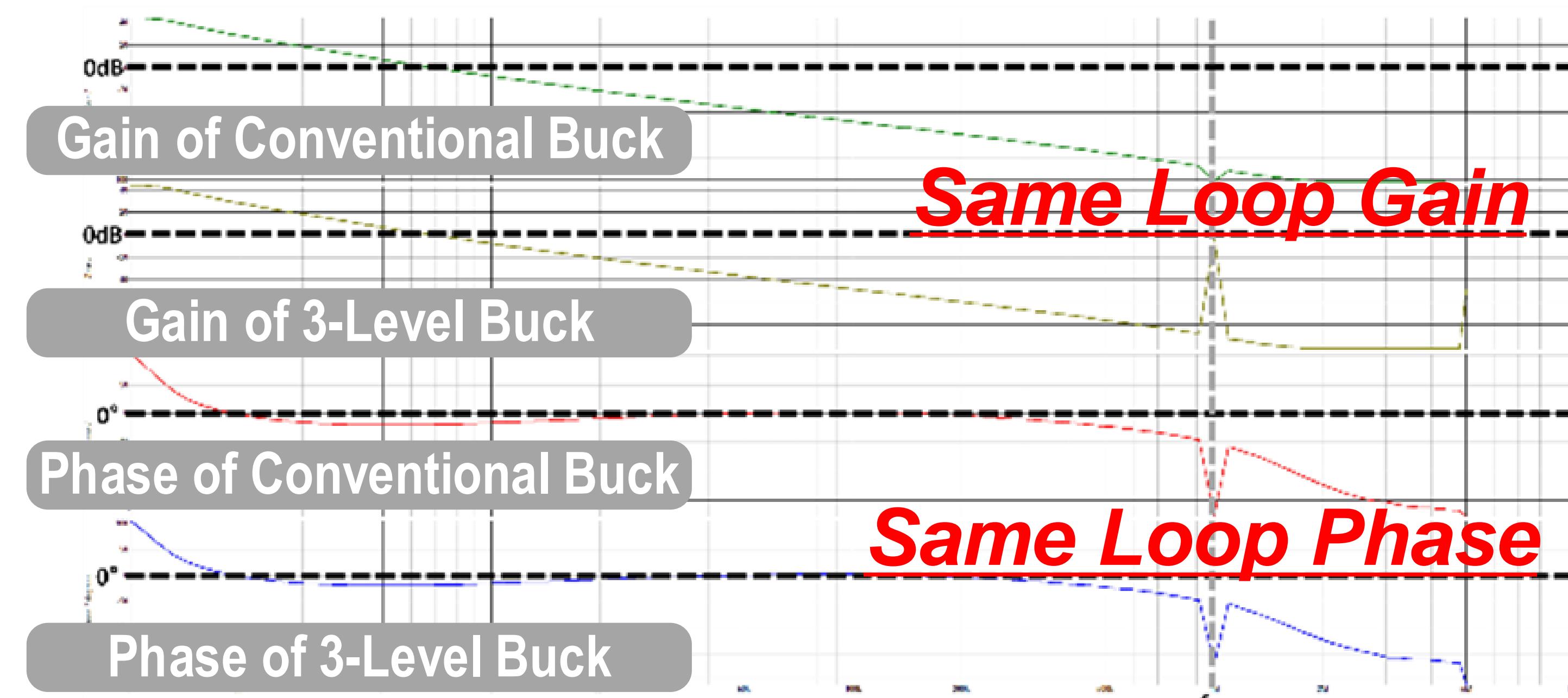
- Transient Response of CBC



- Transient Response of 3-Level Buck



- Comparison in Frequency Domain



Conclusion

- Frequency Domain

- : Same Transfer Function
- Controller design is same with CBC
- : No Effect of V_{CF}

- Comparison

	# of Switch	Extra Element	Voltage Stress	Switching Freq.
CBC	😊 2	😊 No	😊 V_{IN}	😊 f_{SW}
3-Level Buck	😊 4	😊 1 C_F	😊 $V_{IN}/2$	😊 2 f_{SW}