

LECTURE 4

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5. Feedback Amplifiers

5.1 Ideal Model of negative Feedback

5.2 Dynamic Response of Feedback Amplifier

5.3 First- and Second-Order Feedback Systems

5.4 Common Feedback Amplifiers



Close-loop Transfer Function

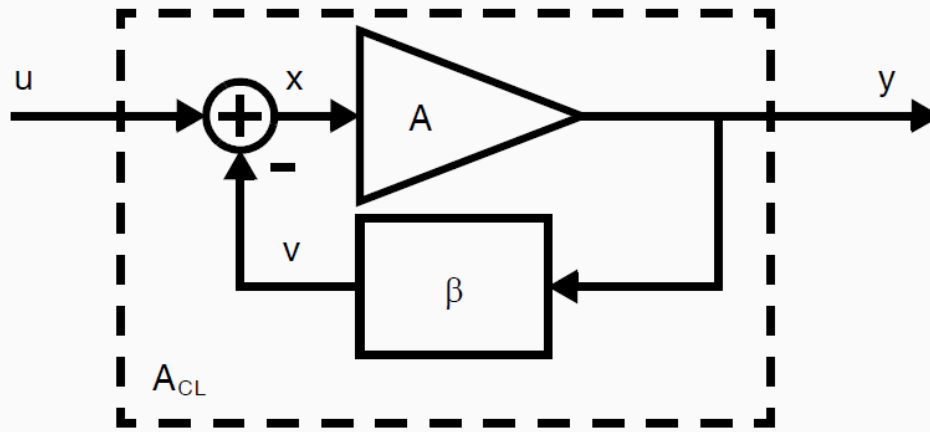


Fig. 5.1 Ideal model of a negative feedback system.

$$v = \beta y$$

$$y = (u - \beta y)A$$

$$A_{CL} = \frac{y}{u} = \frac{A}{1 + A\beta}$$

$$\approx \frac{1}{\beta} \quad (\text{For } A\beta \gg 1)$$



Merits of Negative Feedback

1. Better-defined, lower gain
2. Bandwidth enhancement
3. Modification of I/O Impedances
4. Linearization

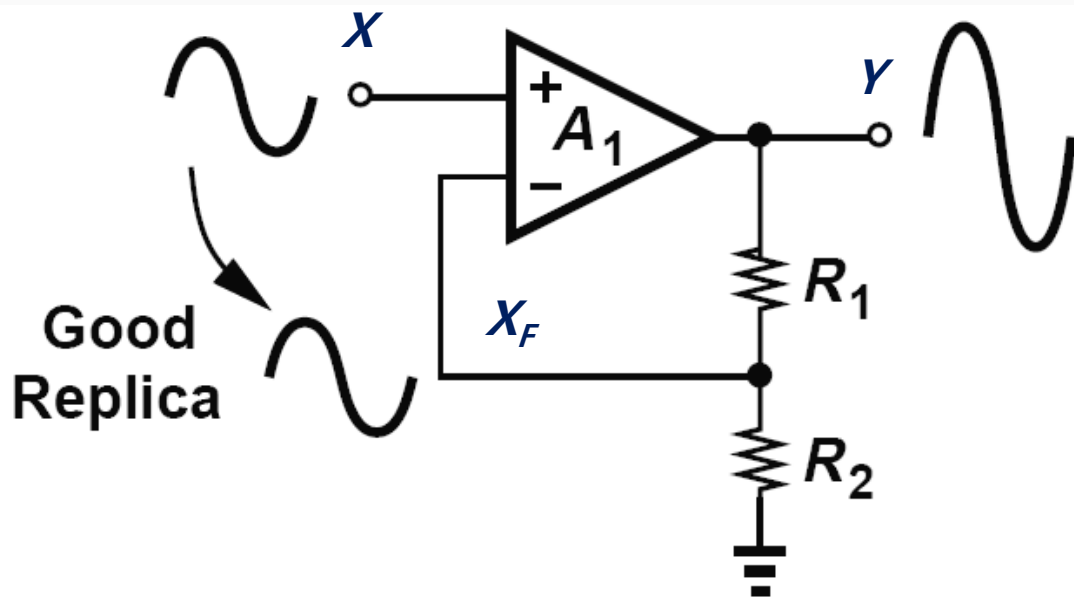


Demerits of Negative Feedback

1. Stability issue



Transfer function of negative feedback



$$\frac{Y}{X} = \frac{A_1}{1 + \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} A_1}$$

$\rightarrow KA_1$

For $KA_1 \gg 1$

$$\frac{Y}{X} \approx 1 + \frac{R_1}{R_2}$$



Gain Desensitization

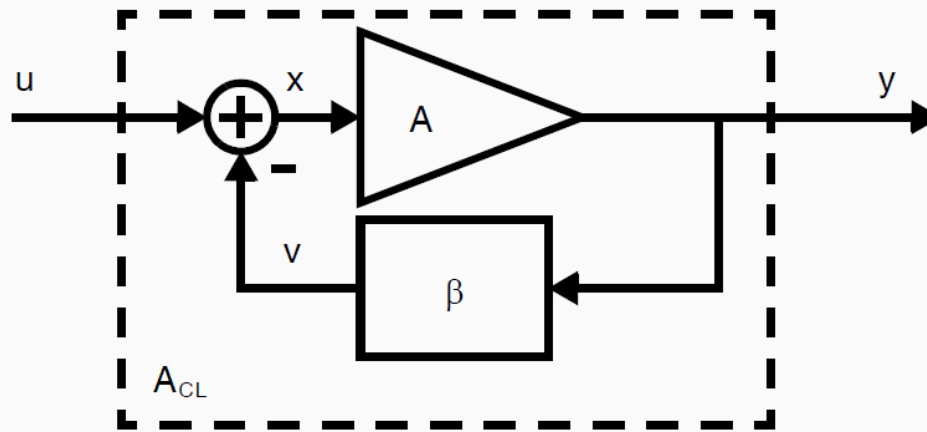


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ex) CS stage

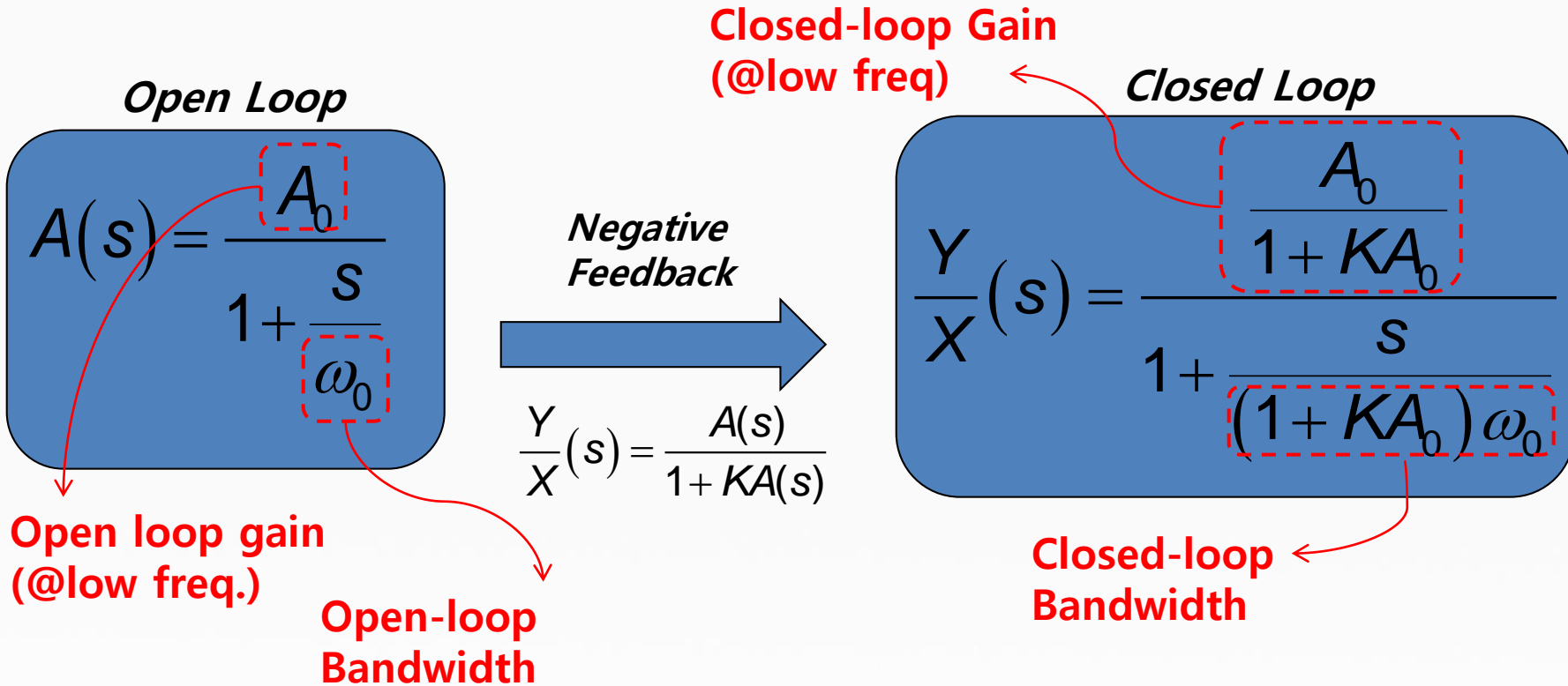
$$A = -g_m(R_D \parallel r_o)$$

$$A_{CL} = \frac{y}{u} = \frac{A}{1 + A\beta} \xrightarrow{A\beta \gg 1} A_{CL} = \frac{y}{u} \approx \frac{1}{\beta}$$

A large loop gain is needed to create a precise gain, one that does **not depend on A**



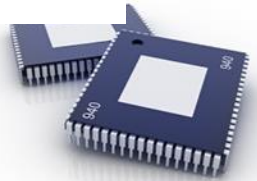
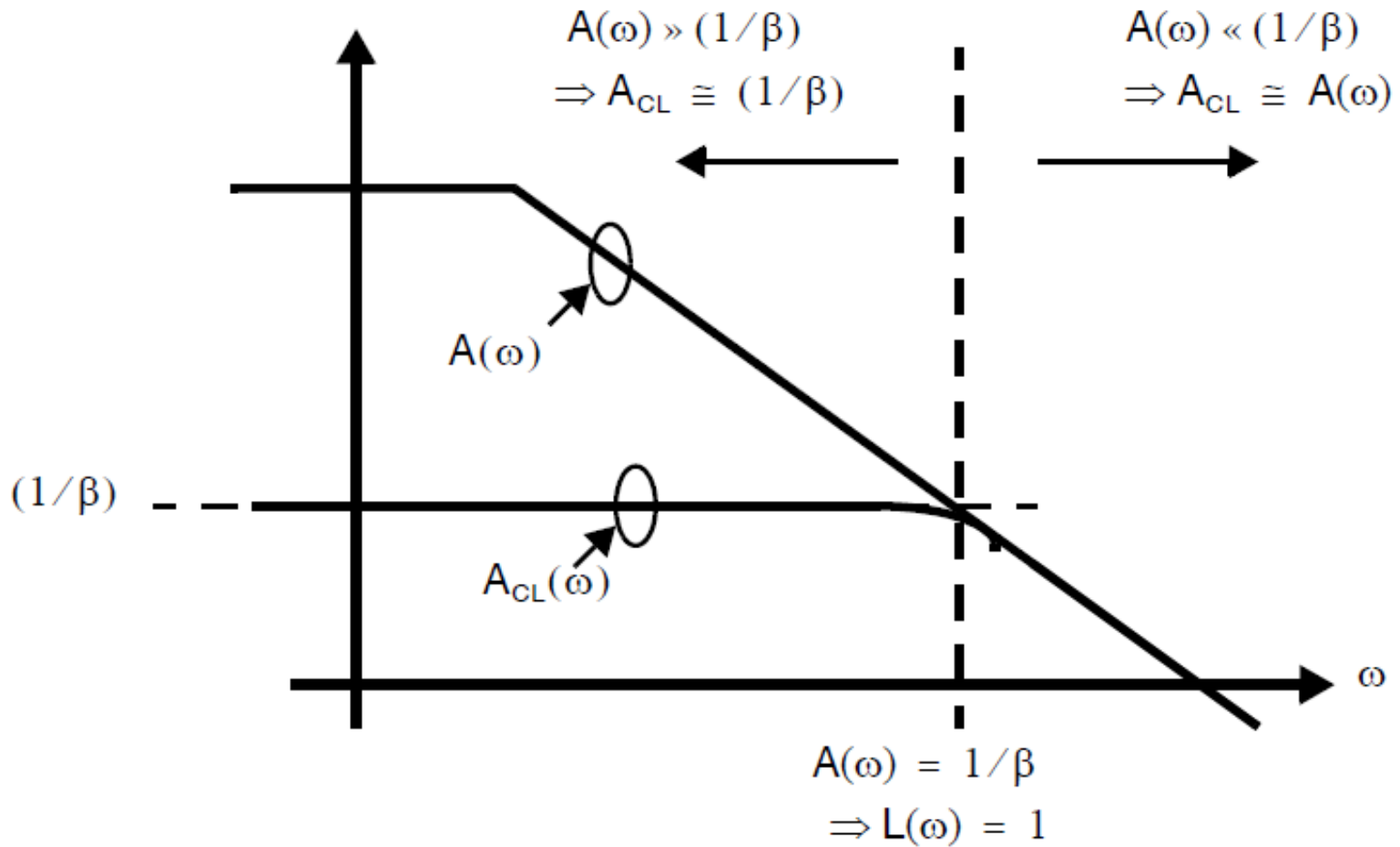
Bandwidth Enhancement



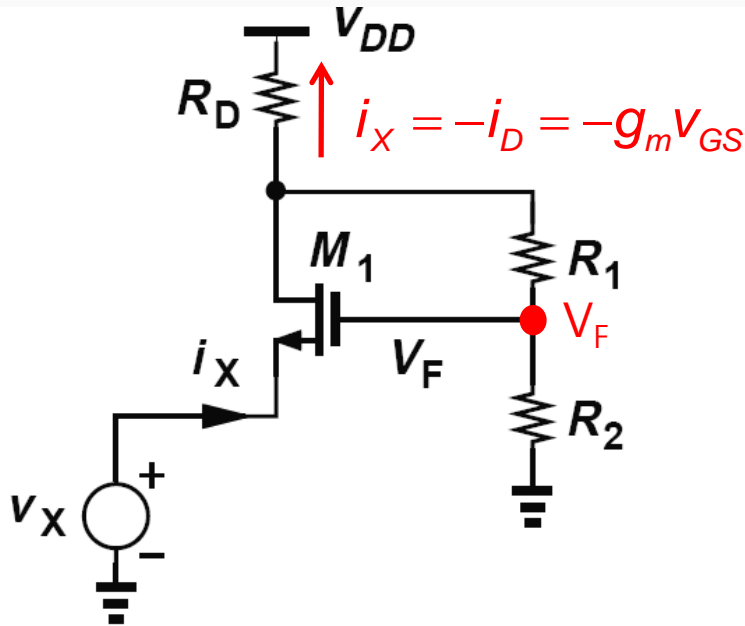
Although negative feedback lowers the gain by $(1 + KA_0)$, it also **extends the bandwidth** by the same amount.



Bandwidth Enhancement



Modification of I/O Impedances



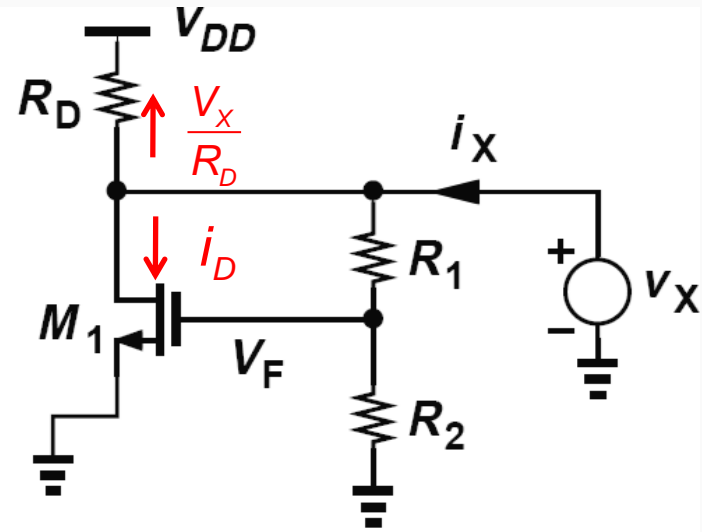
$$V_{GS} = V_F - v_X$$

$$= i_X R_D \cdot \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} - v_X$$

$$i_X = -g_m V_{GS}$$

$$= -g_m \left(i_X R_D \cdot \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} - v_X \right)$$

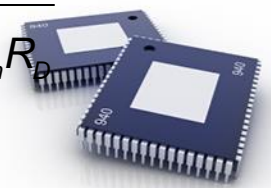
$$R_{in,closed} = \frac{1}{g_m} \left(1 + \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} g_m R_D \right)$$



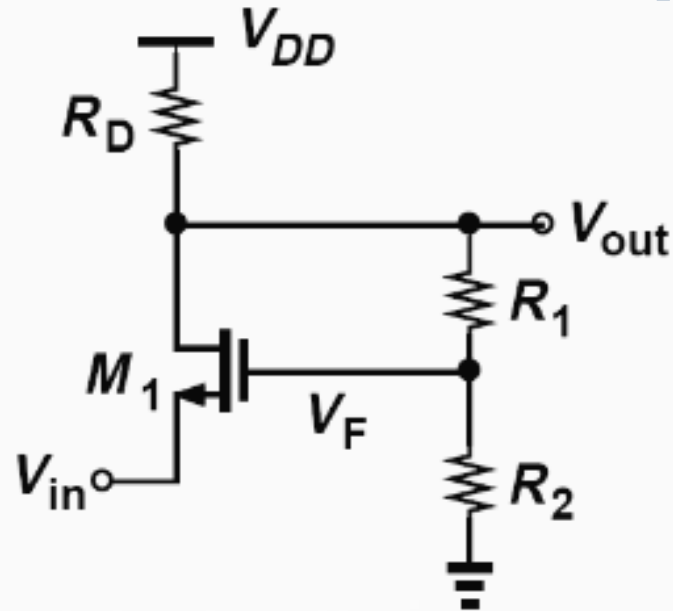
$$v_{GS} = \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \cdot v_X, \quad i_D = g_m v_{GS} = i_X - \frac{v_X}{R_D}$$

$$g_m \left(\frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \cdot v_X \right) = i_X - \frac{v_X}{R_D}$$

$$R_{out,closed} = \frac{R_D}{1 + \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} g_m R_D}$$



Modification of I/O Impedances

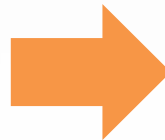


Assume $R_1 + R_2 = R_D$

Open loop

$$R_{in,open} = \frac{1}{g_m}$$

$$R_{out,open} = R_D$$



More ideal amp

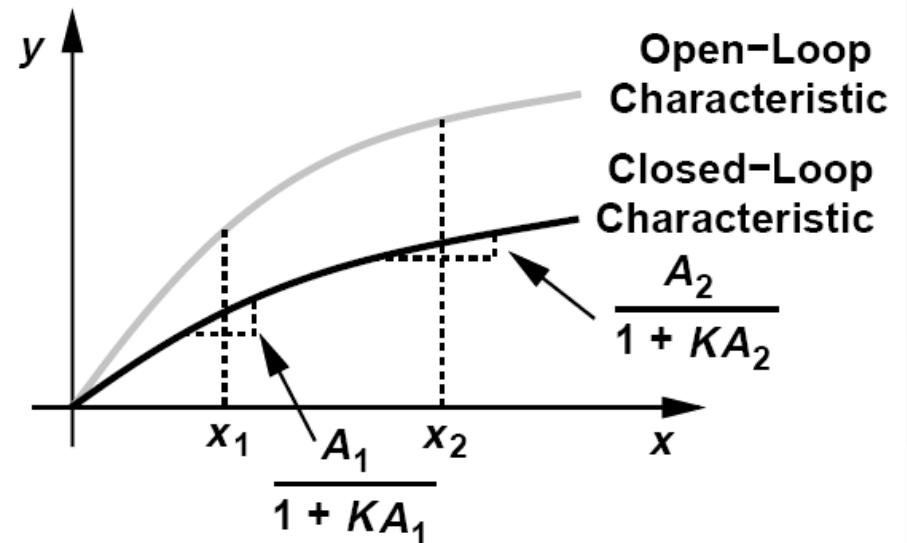
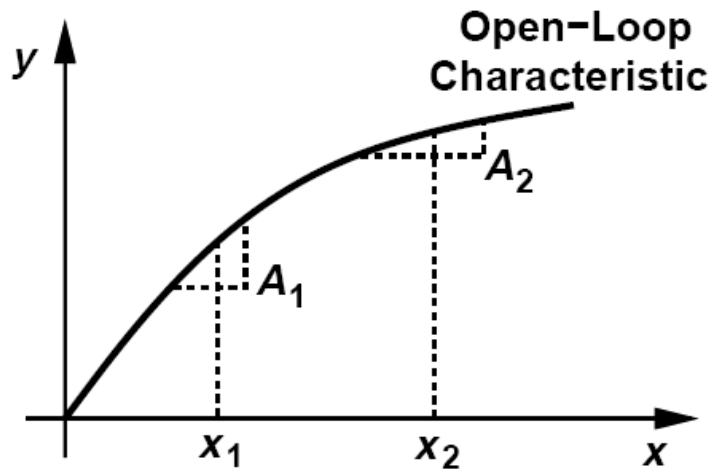
Closed loop

$$R_{in,closed} = \frac{1}{g_m} \left(1 + \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} g_m R_D \right)$$

$$R_{out,closed} = \frac{R_D}{1 + \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} g_m R_D}$$



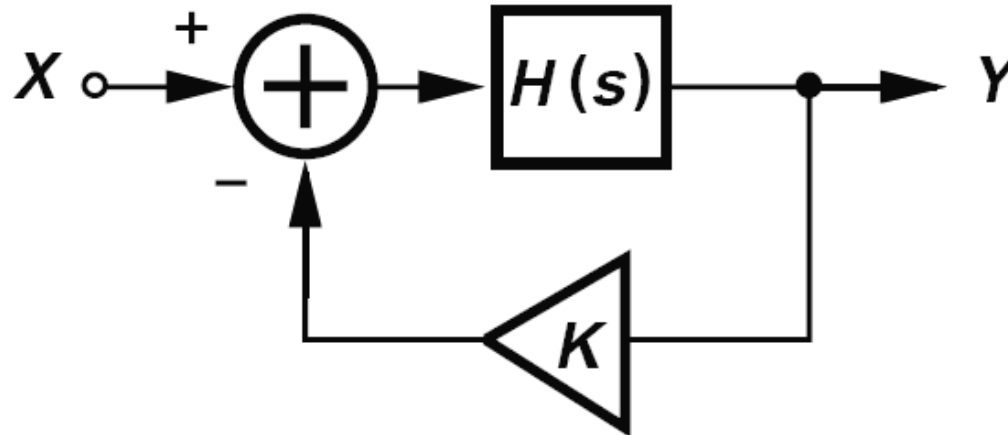
Linearization



Closed-loop characteristic is **more linear** than open-loop characteristic

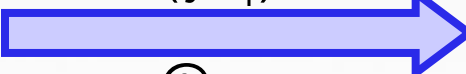


Instability of a Negative Feedback Loop



$$\frac{Y}{X}(s) = \frac{H(s)}{1 + KH(s)}$$

Small Noise Component at ω_1

$KH(j\omega_1) = -1$

 @ ω_1

Infinite Gain 

$$\frac{Y}{X}(s) \rightarrow \infty$$

The System Oscillates at ω_1

❖ Condition for Oscillation

$$KH(j\omega_1) = -1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{cases} |KH(j\omega_1)| = 1 \\ \angle KH(j\omega_1) = -180^\circ \end{cases}$$

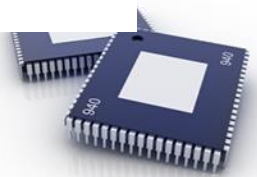
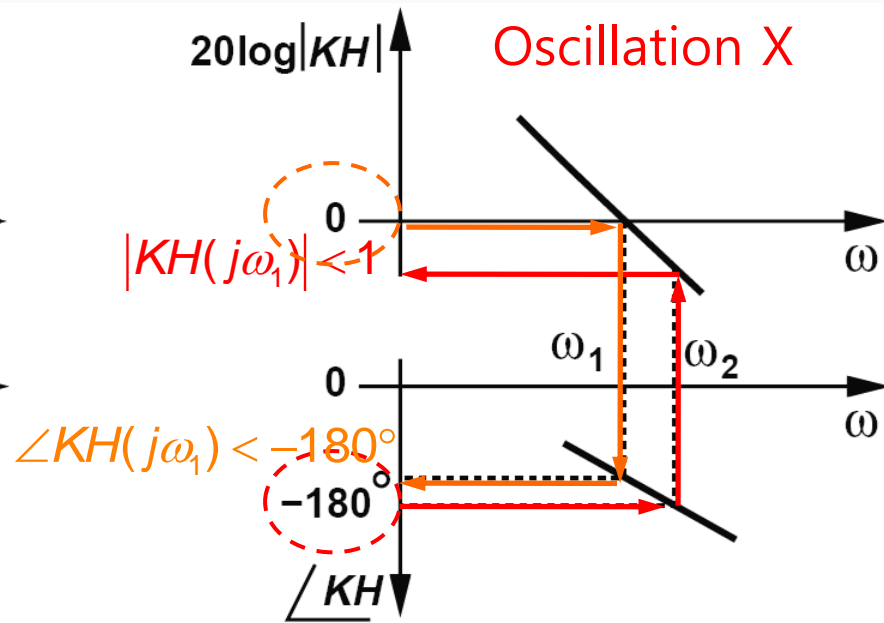
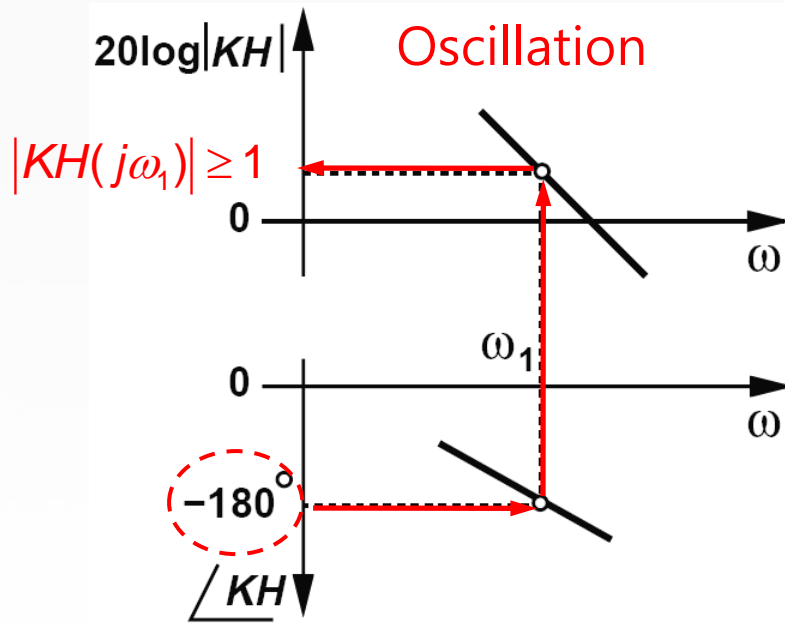


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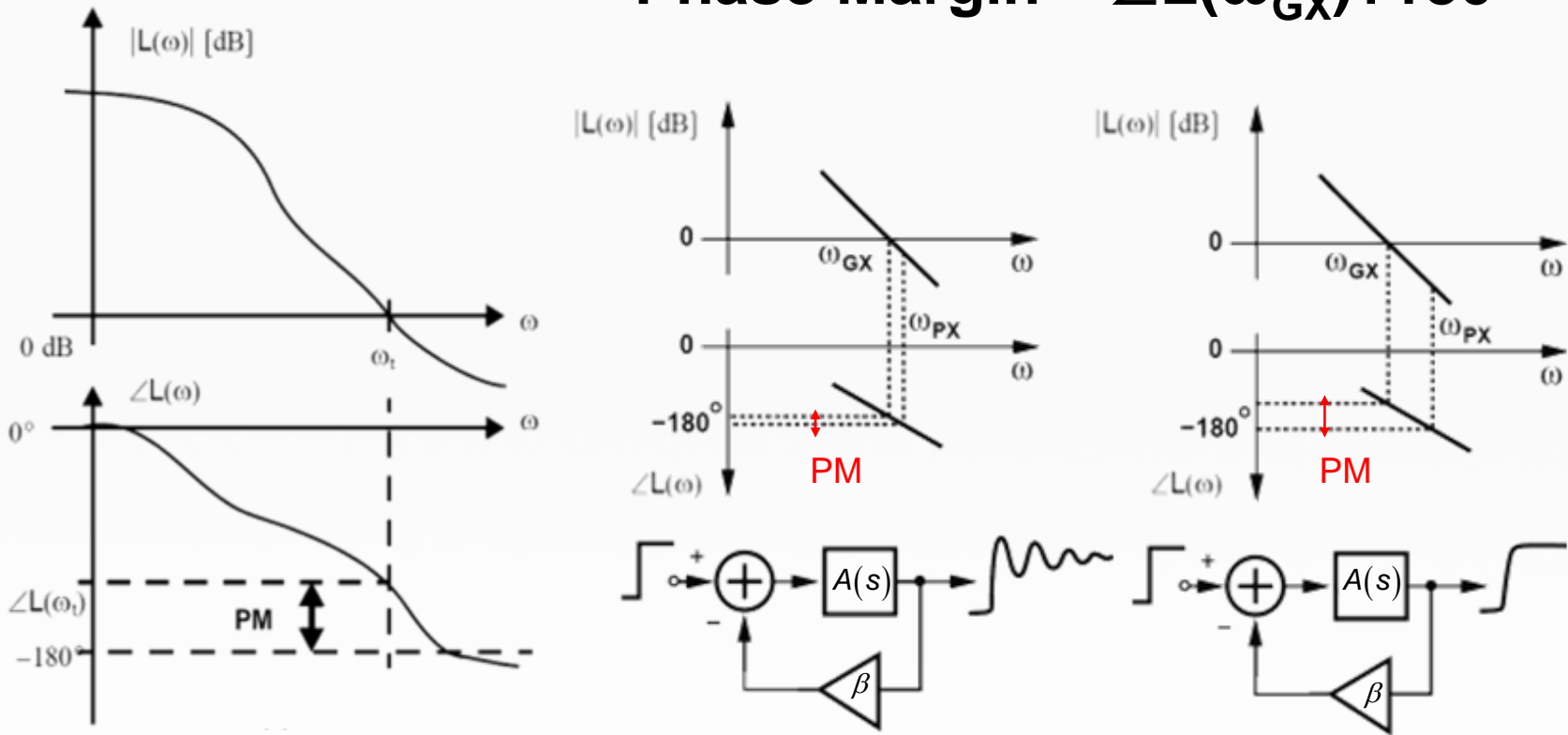
$$\angle KH(j\omega_1) = -180^\circ$$

$$|KH(j\omega_1)| \geq 1$$



Phase Margin

$$\text{Phase Margin} = \angle L(\omega_{GX}) + 180^\circ$$



More stable

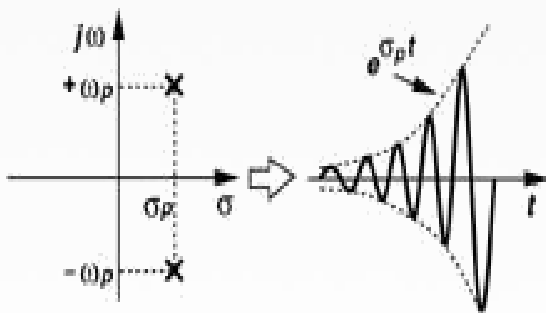


Fig. 5.4 The relationship between bode plot

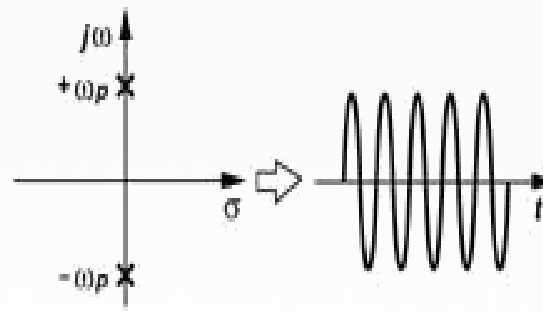
Time Domain Response

$$H(j\omega) = \frac{1}{as^2 + bs + 1} \begin{cases} S_p = \pm j\omega_p + \sigma_p & : \text{ Pole frequency} \\ e^{(j\omega_p + \sigma_p)t} & : \text{ Inverse Laplace transform} \end{cases}$$

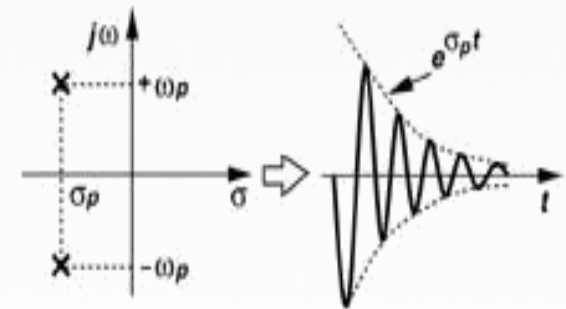
$$e^{(j\omega_p + \sigma_p)t} = e^{\sigma_p t} (\cos \omega_p t + j \sin \omega_p t)$$



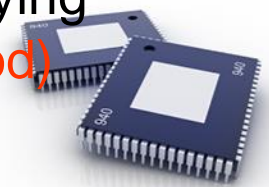
Poles on the RHP
Unstable
(no good)



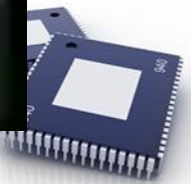
Poles on the $j\omega$ axis
Oscillatory
(no good)



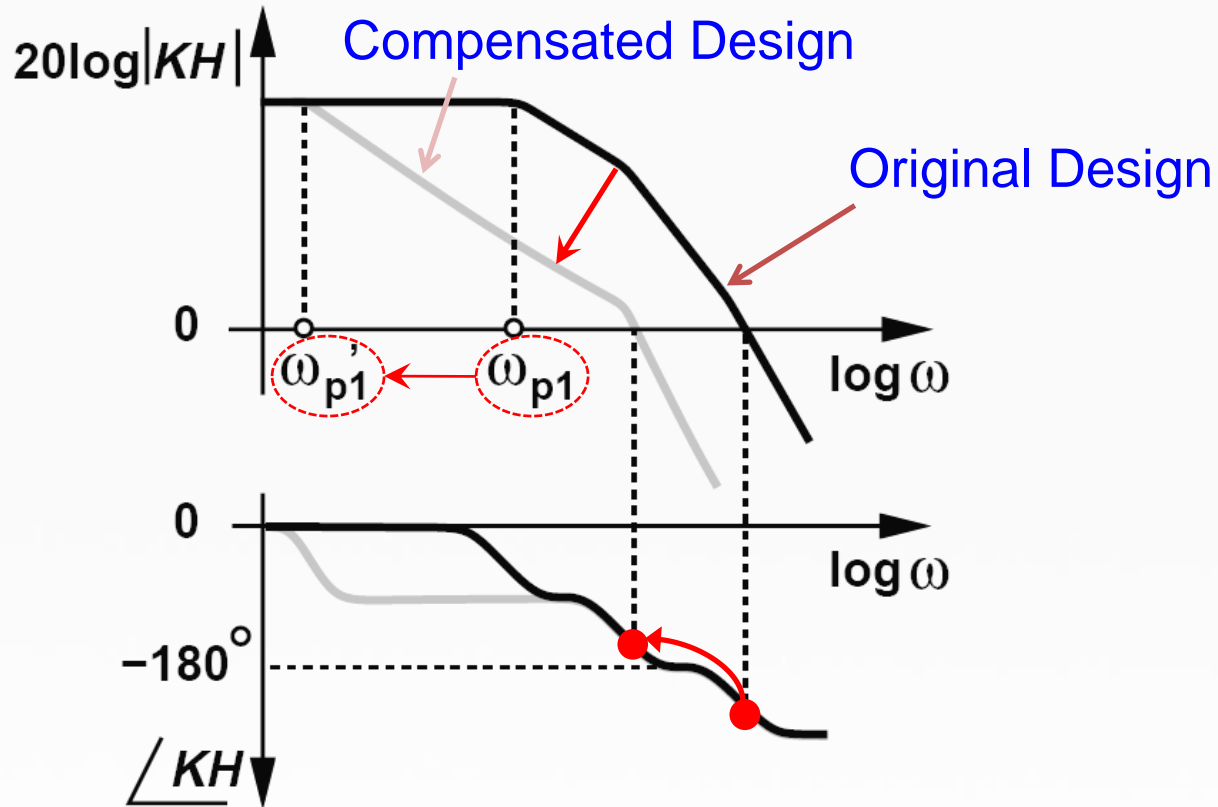
Poles on the LHP
Decaying
(good)



Example of Feedback System



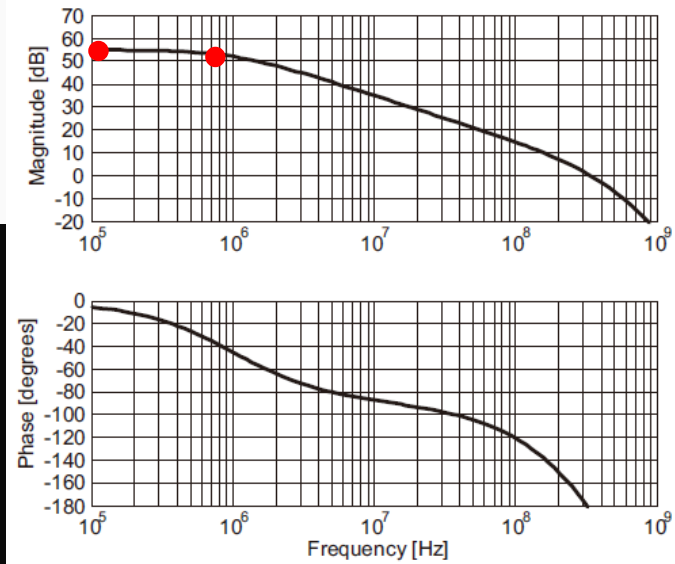
Frequency Compensation



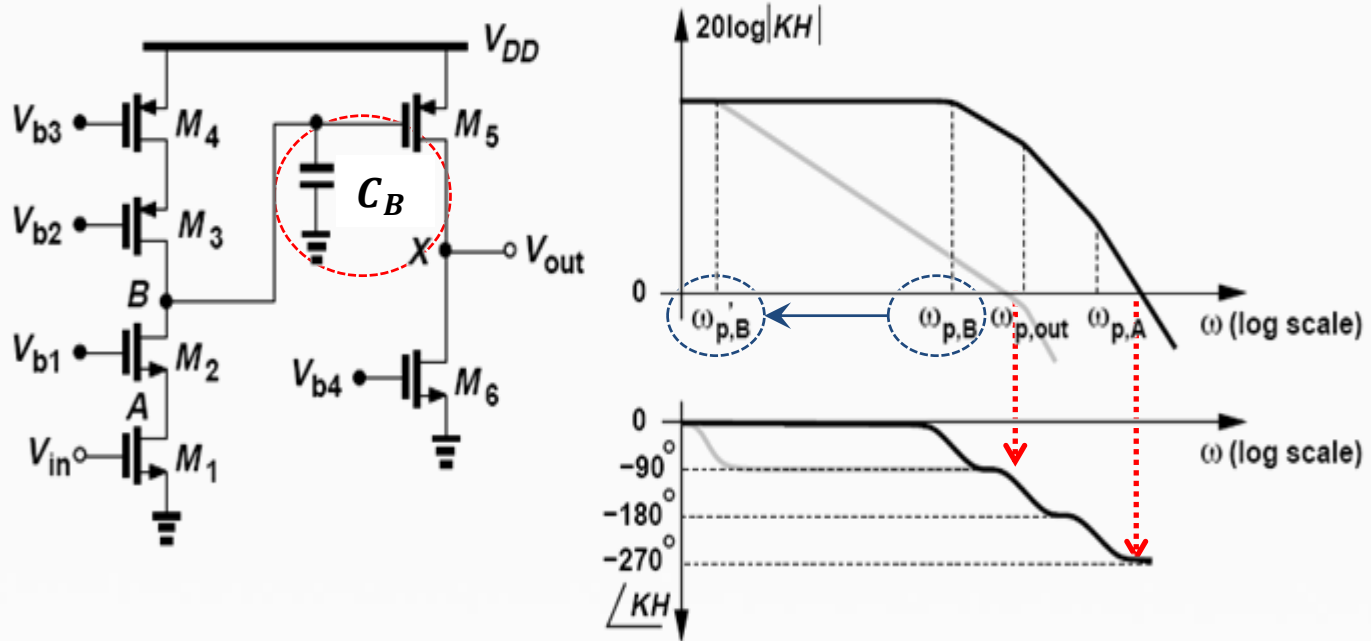
Decreasing ω_{GX}  Phase margin increase



Example of Frequency Response



Frequency Compensation Example

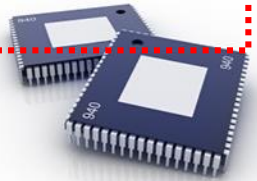


$$\omega_{p,B} \approx \frac{1}{[(g_{m2}r_{o2}r_{o1}) \parallel (g_{m3}r_{o3}r_{o4})]C_B} \uparrow$$

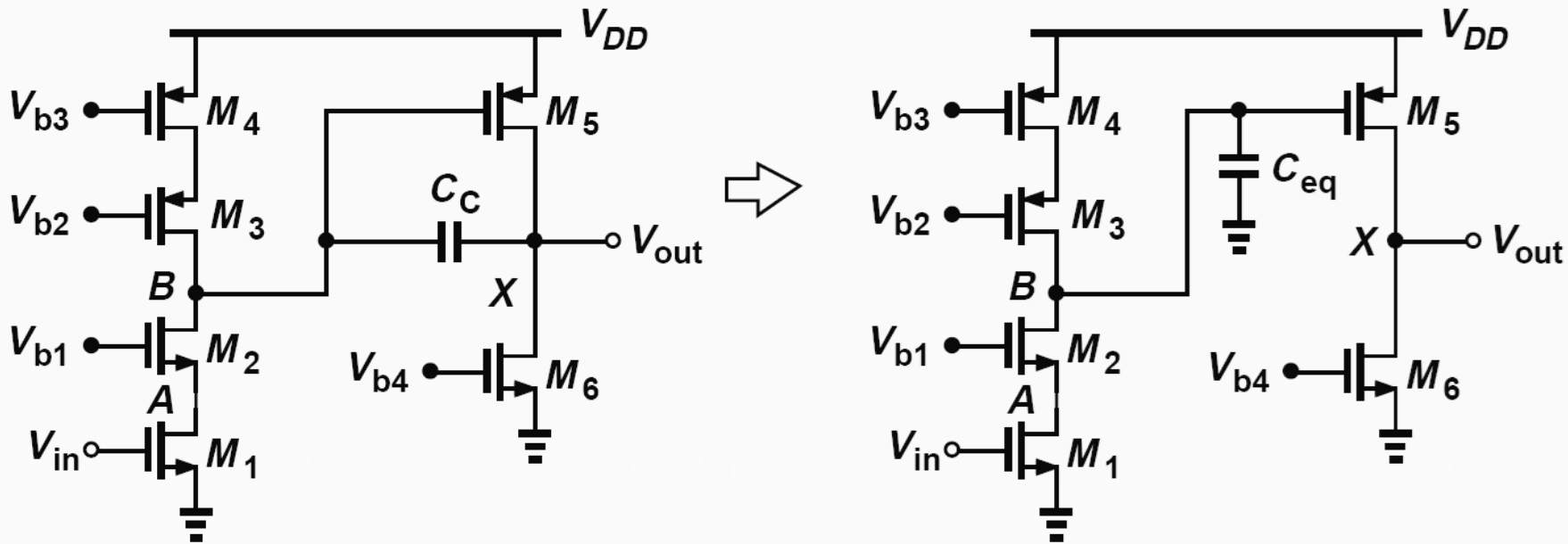
$$\omega_{p,out} = \frac{1}{(r_{o5} \parallel r_{o6})C_{out}}$$

$$\omega_{p,A} \approx \frac{g_{m2}}{C_A}$$

C_{comp} is added to lower the dominant pole so that ω_{GX} occurs at a lower frequency than before, which means phase margin increases.



Miller Compensation

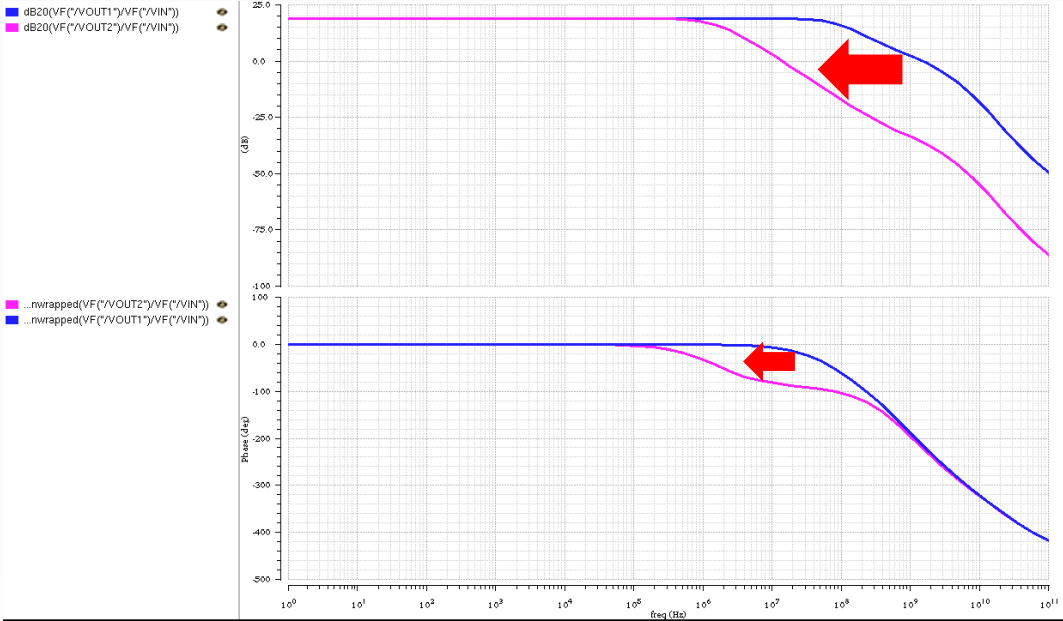
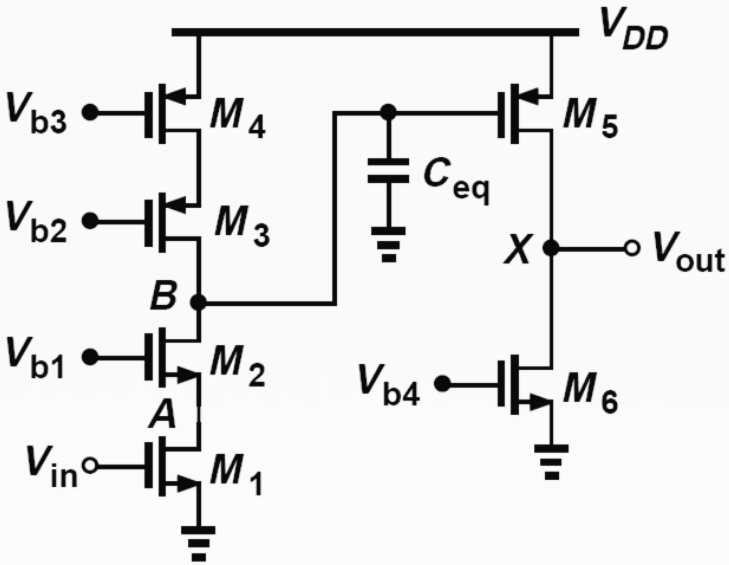


$$C_{eq} = [1 + g_{m5}(r_{O5} \parallel r_{O6})]C_c$$

To save chip area, Miller multiplication of a smaller capacitance creates an equivalent effect.



Simulation



— : Compensation
— : No Compensation

