

# **High-Speed Serial Interface Circuits and Systems**

**Lect. 4 – Phase-Locked Loop (PLL)**

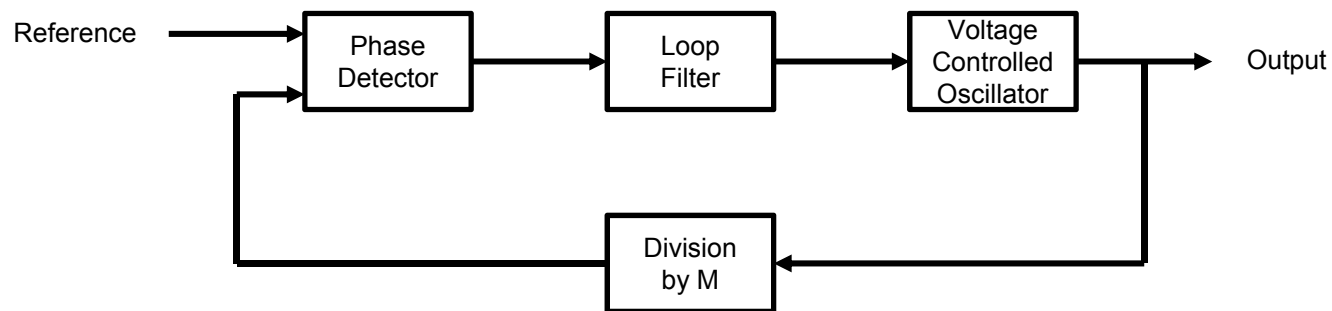
**Type 1**

**(Chap. 8 in Razavi)**

# PLL

- Phase locked loop

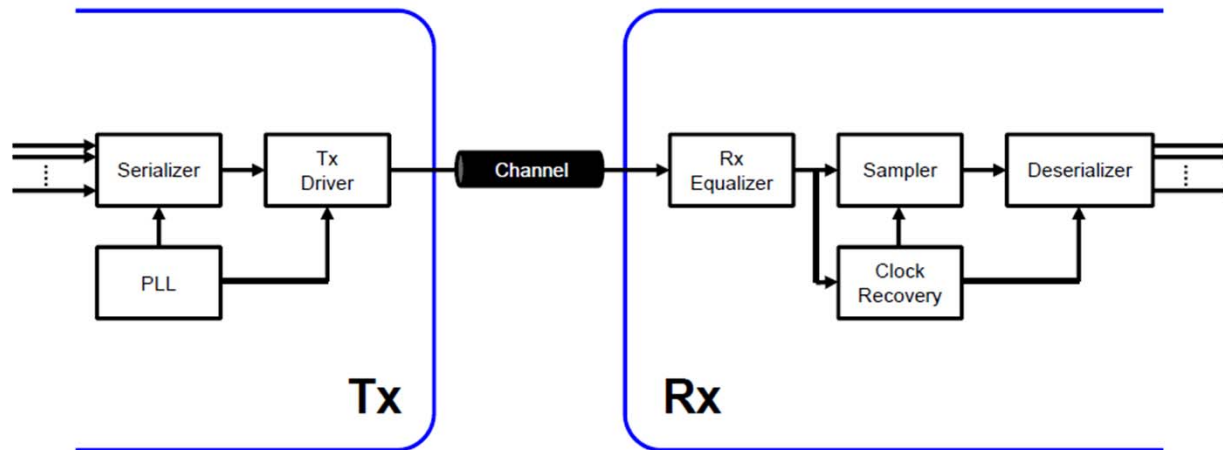
A (*negative-feedback*) control system that generates an output signal whose phase (*and frequency*) is related to the phase (*and frequency*) of an input reference signal – *wikipedia* –



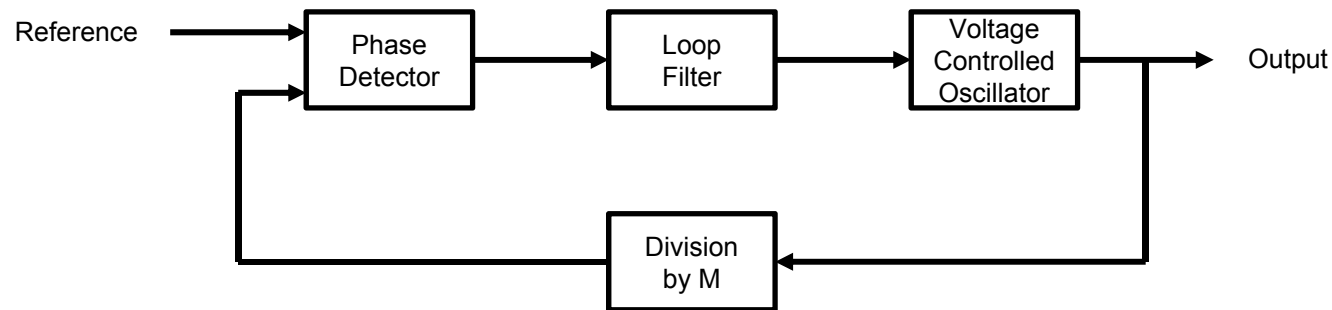
- Output signal is phase-locked to reference signal:
  - ➔ Constant phase relationship
  - ➔  $f_{\text{out}} = M \times f_{\text{Reference}}$

# PLL

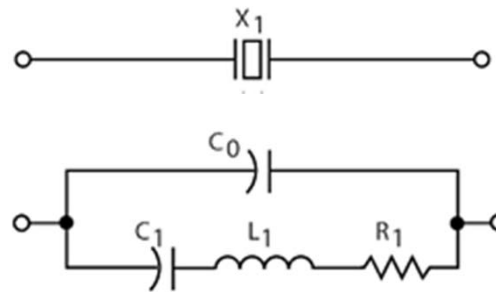
- Applications
  - Frequency Synthesis
    - Clocks for digital systems
    - LO in RF systems
  - Clock recovery
  - Modulation/Demodulation



# PLL Block Diagram



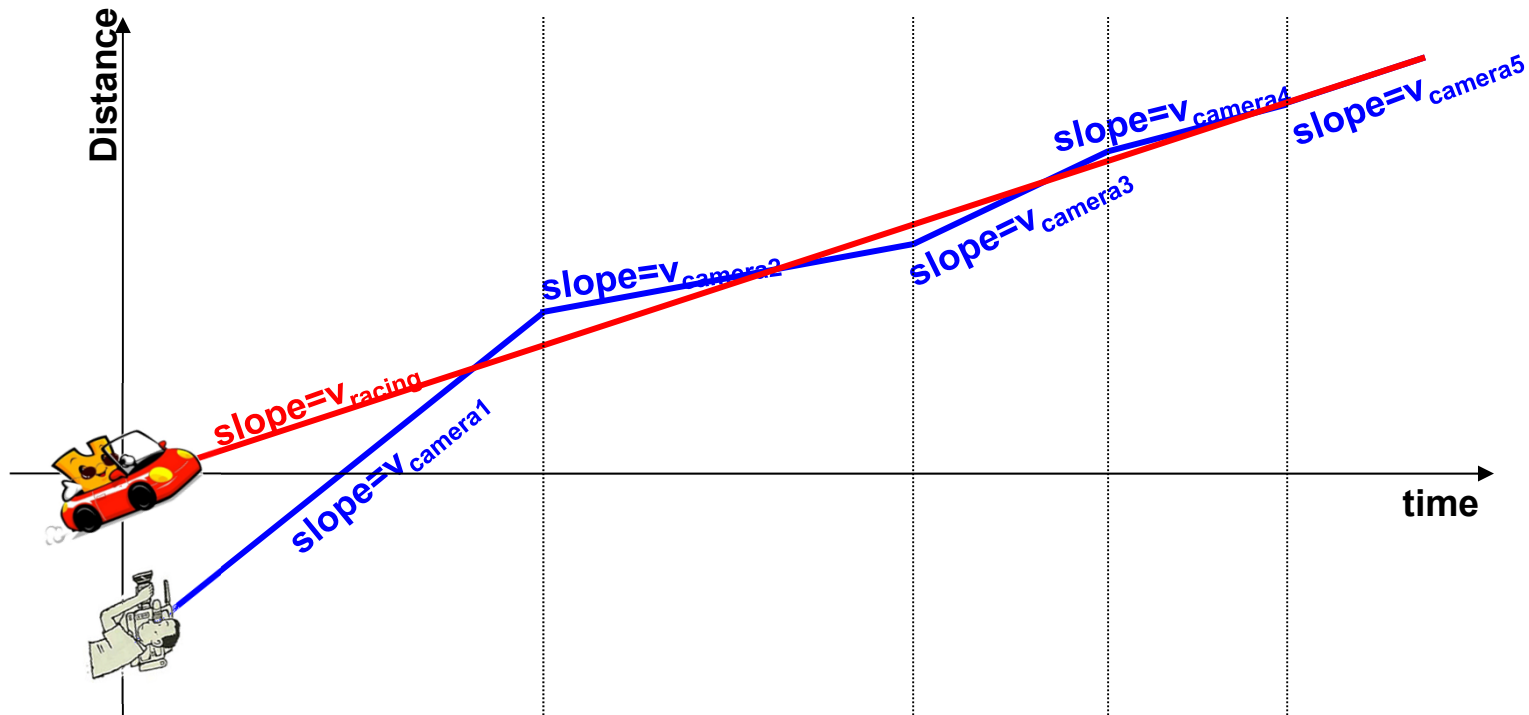
- Reference?



Equivalently, an LC oscillator

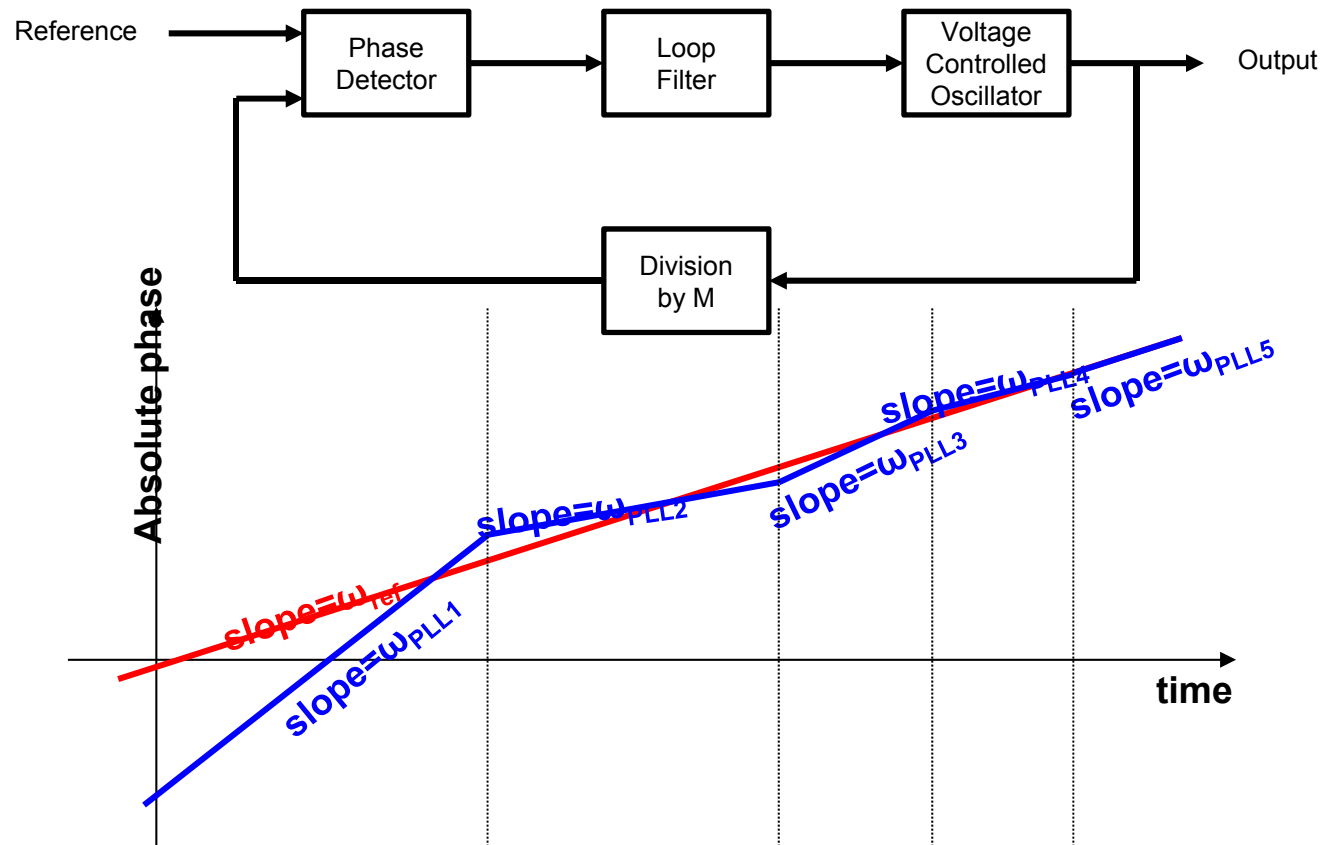
Oscillation frequency: kHz ~ a few hundred MHz

# Phase-tracking by PLL



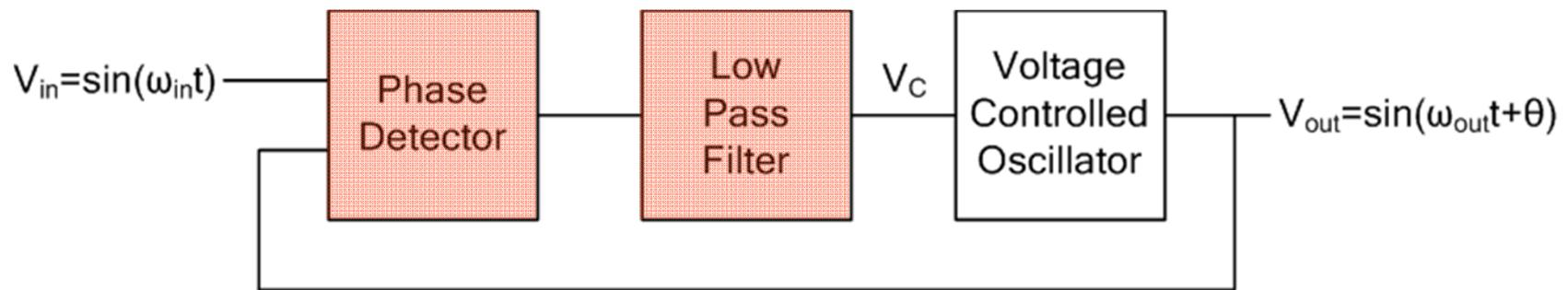
- Cameraman can only control the accelerator (velocity)
- Distance: Integral of velocity
- ➔ Control of velocity in order to lock the distance
- ➔ After locking, distance and velocity should be the same

# Phase-tracking by PLL



PLL achieves phase-locking by changing VCO frequency

# Basic PLL Operation



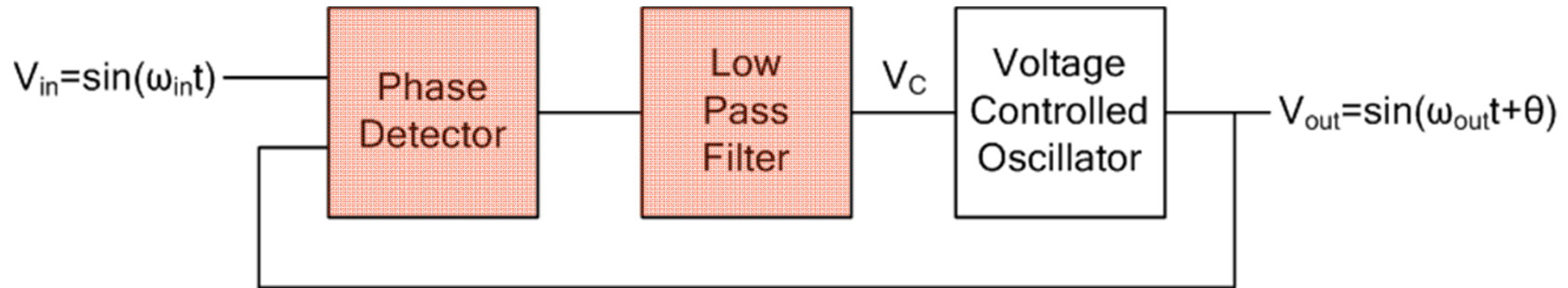
PD (Phase Detector): Compares phases of input and output signal and converts the phase difference to voltage signal

LPF (Low Pass Filter): Takes an average level of PD's output voltage signal

PD can be realized with a multiplier

$$\sin(\omega_{in}t) \sin(\omega_{out}t + \theta) = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \cos[(\omega_{in} - \omega_{out})t - \theta] - \cos[(\omega_{in} + \omega_{out})t + \theta] \right\}$$

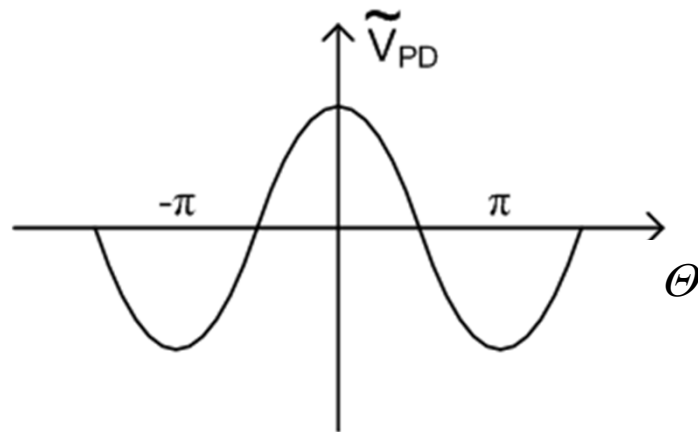
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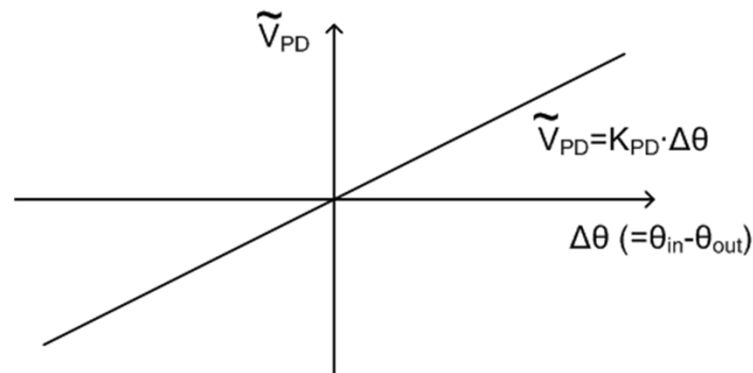
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Filtered out by LPF

Assuming  $\omega_{in} = \omega_{out}$

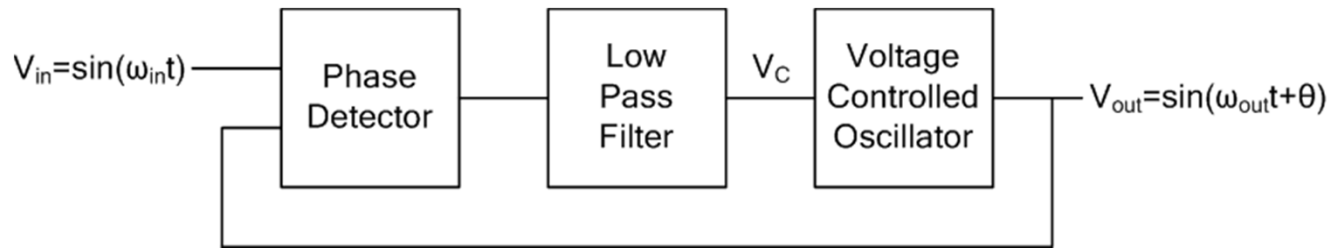


Approximately linear for  $\theta = -\pi/2$

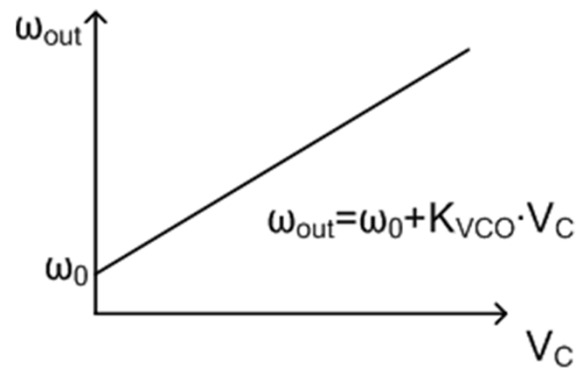




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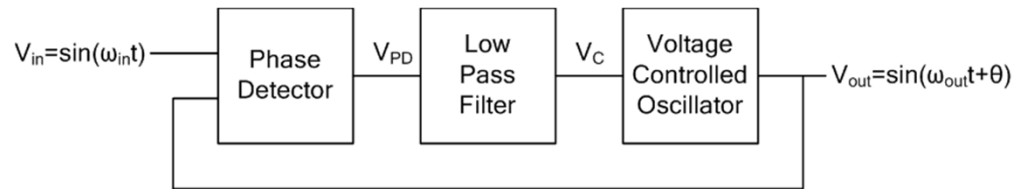
VCO (Voltage Controlled Oscillator): Frequency-tunable oscillator  
→ Output frequency is a function of control voltage ( $V_C$ )



# Basic PLL Operation

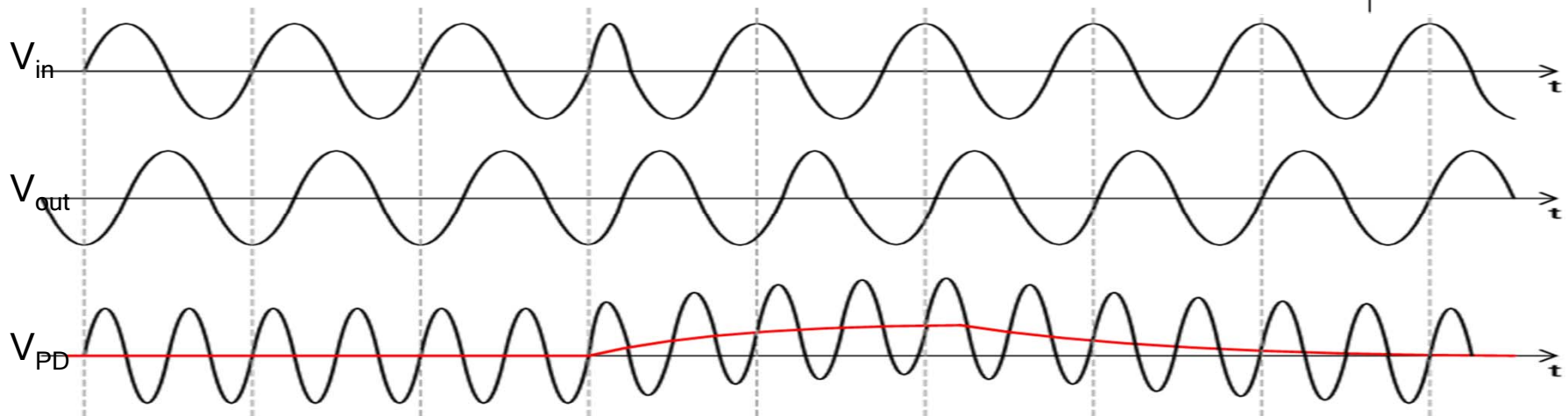
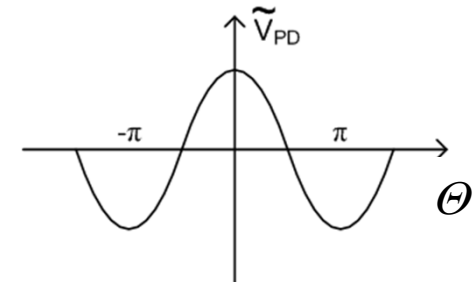
## Phase tracking of PLL

$$\omega_{in} = \omega_{out}$$



Initially,  $V_{out}$  is locked to  $V_{in}$   
With  $\theta = -\pi/2$

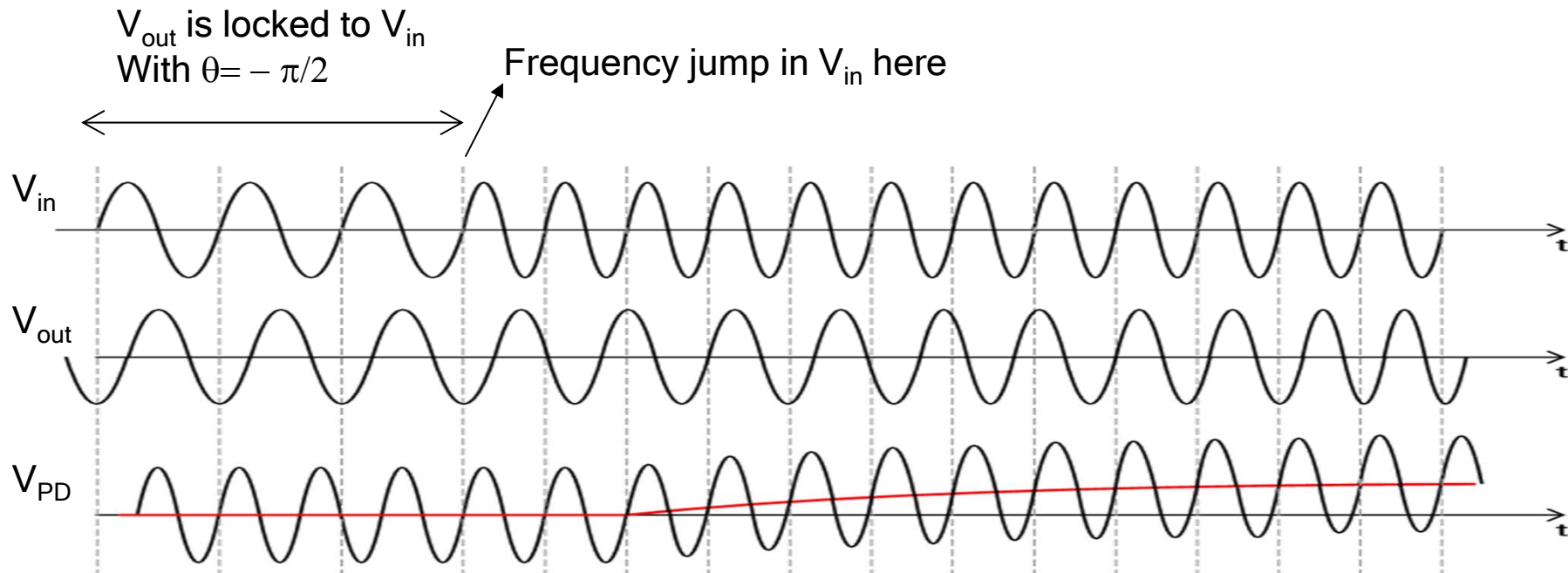
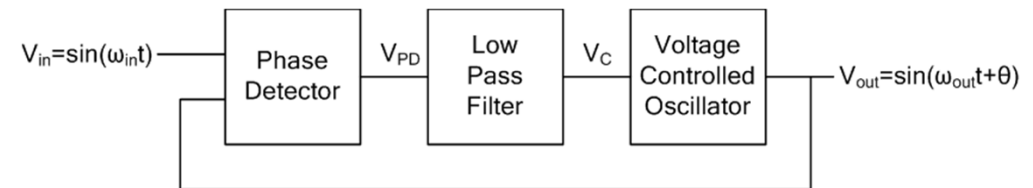
Phase jump in  $V_{in}$  here



# Basic PLL Operation

Frequency tracking of PLL

$$\omega_{in} \neq \omega_{out}$$

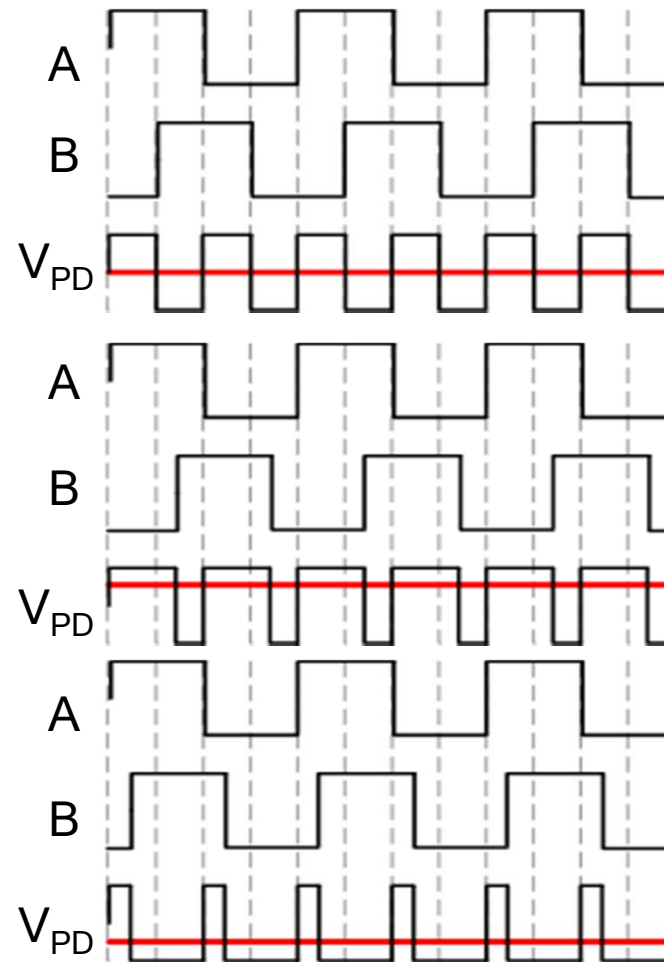


# Basic PLL Operation

XOR gate can be used as PD for digital signals



A	B	$V_{PD}$
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0



Locked  
( $\pi/2$  phase offset)

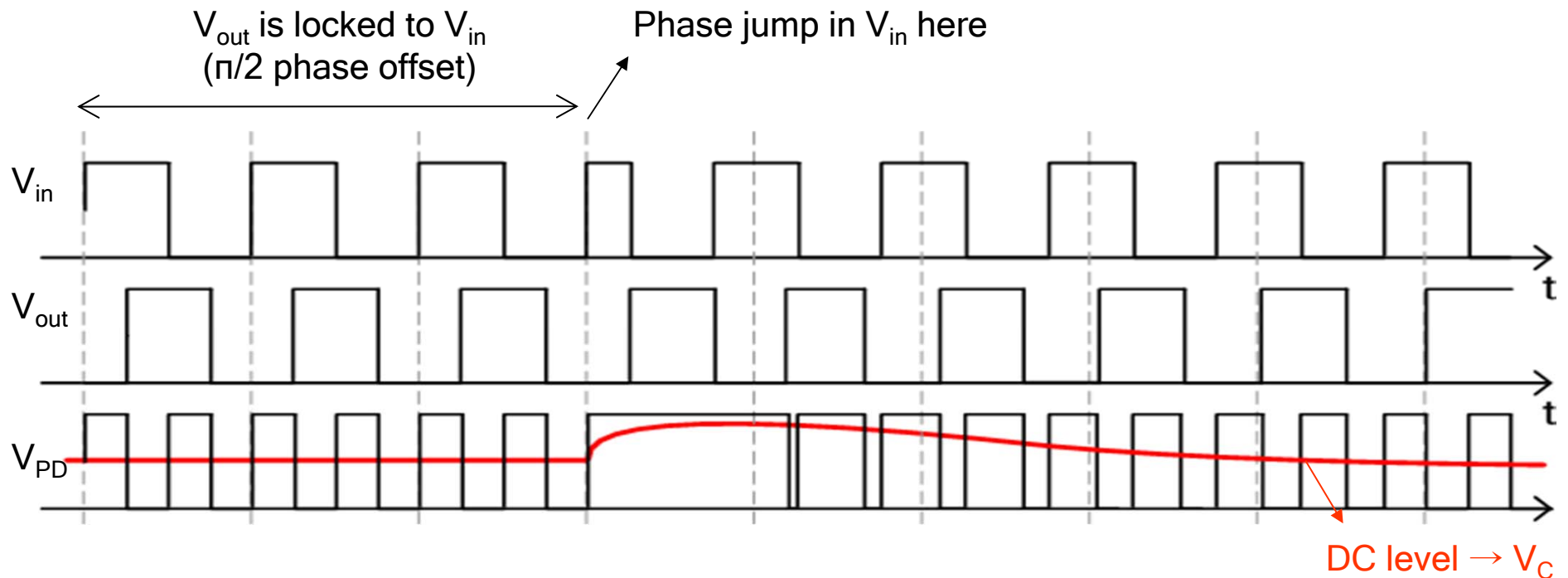
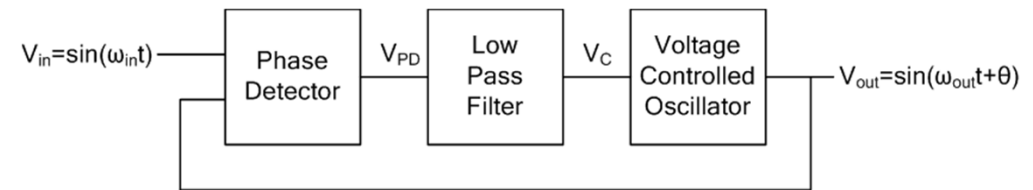
B later than A

B earlier than A

# Basic PLL Operation

## Phase tracking of PLL

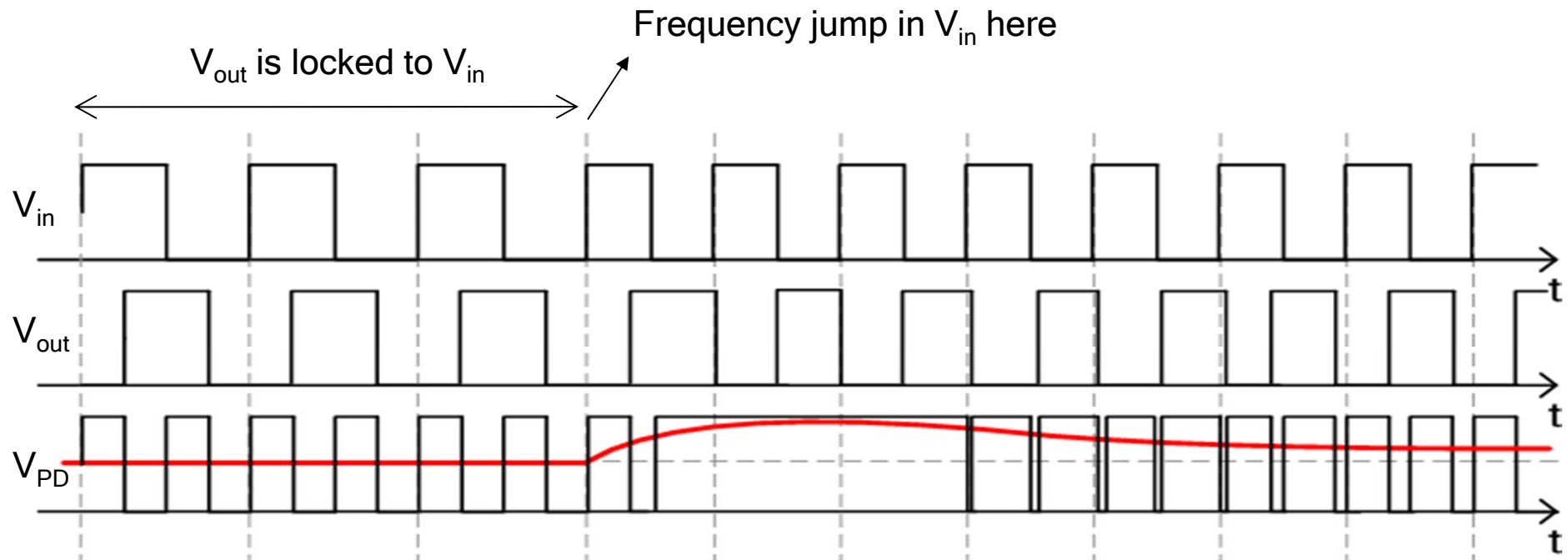
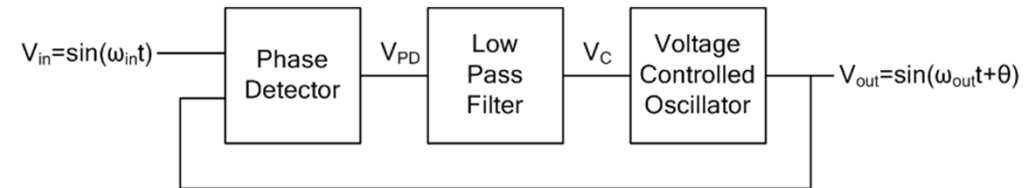
$$\omega_{in} = \omega_{out}$$



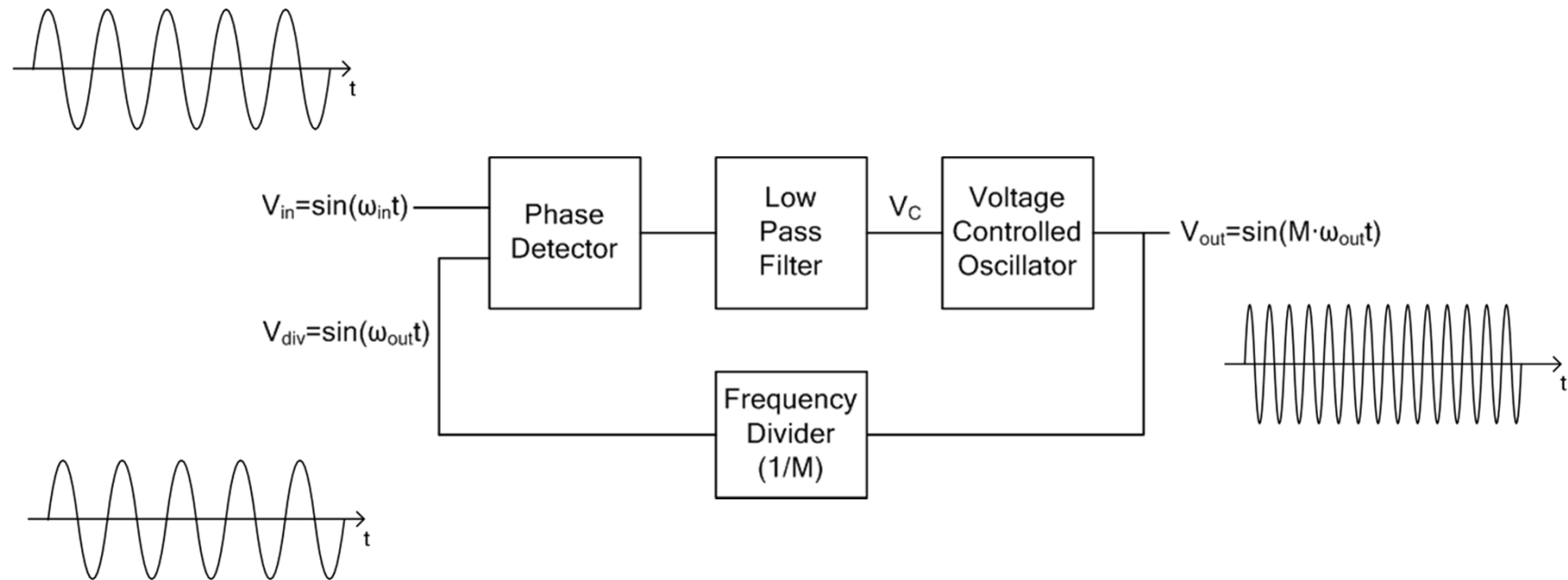
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Frequency tracking of PLL

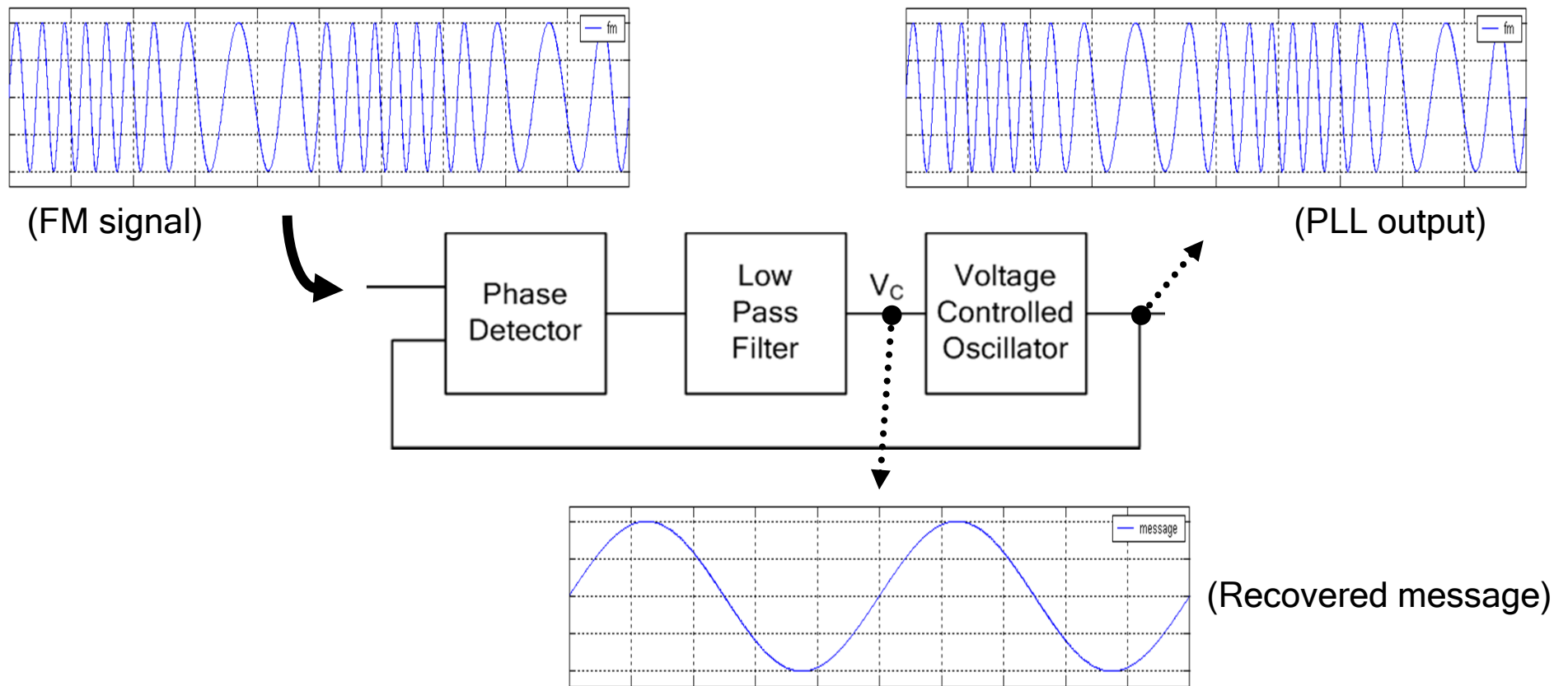
$$\omega_{in} \neq \omega_{out}$$



# Frequency Synthesis with PLL

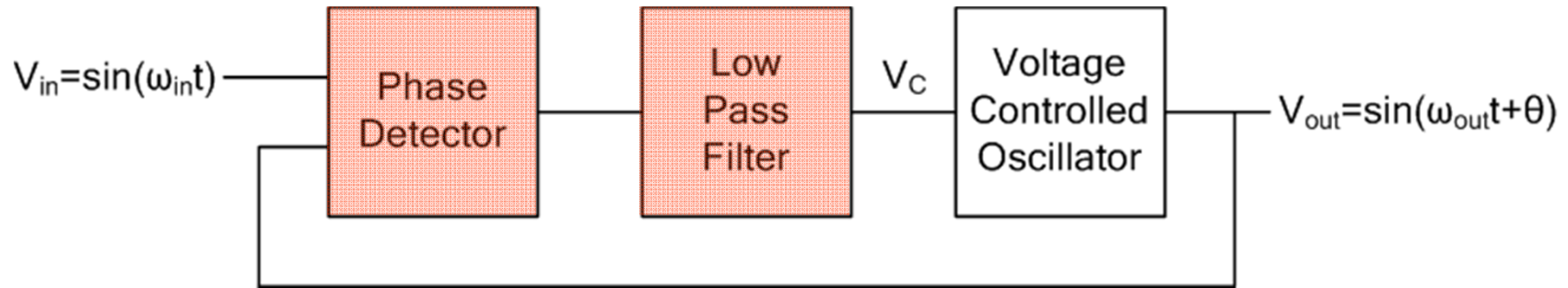


# Frequency Demodulation with PLL

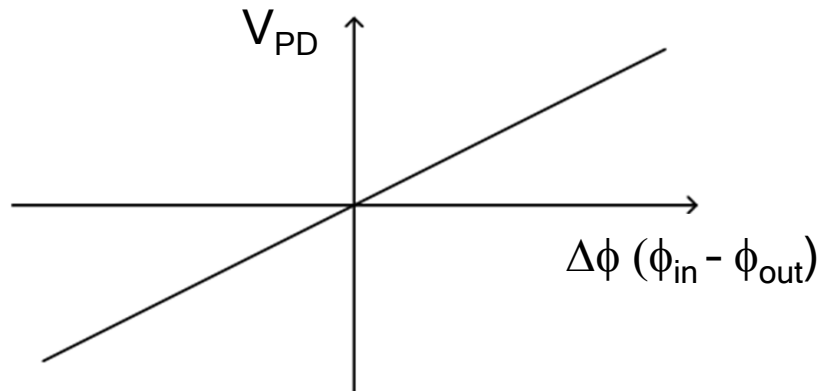




# PLL Dynamics: Linear Model



Linear approximation for PD characteristics

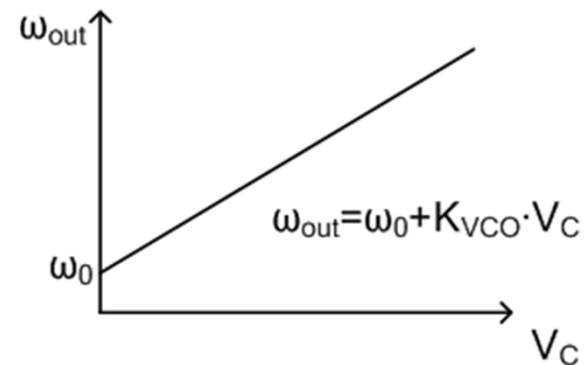
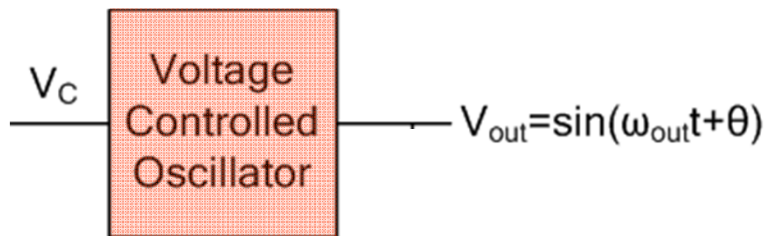
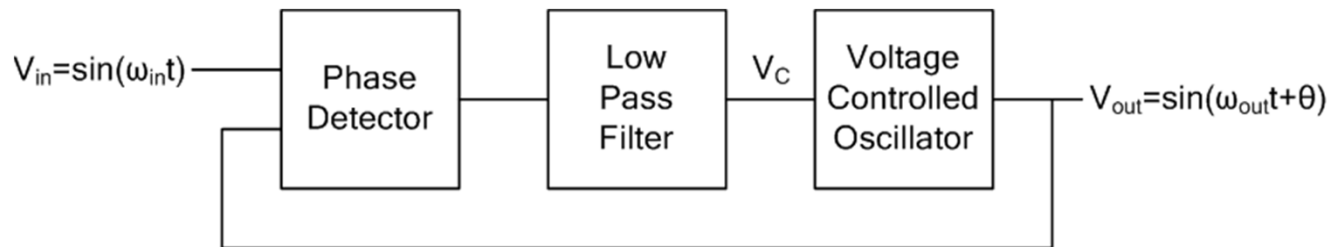


$$V_{PD}(s) = K_{PD} \times \Delta\phi(s)$$

LPF: First order with pole at  $s = -\omega_p$

$$T(s) = \frac{V_C(s)}{V_{PD}(s)} = \frac{\omega_p}{s + \omega_p}$$

# PLL Dynamics: Linear Model



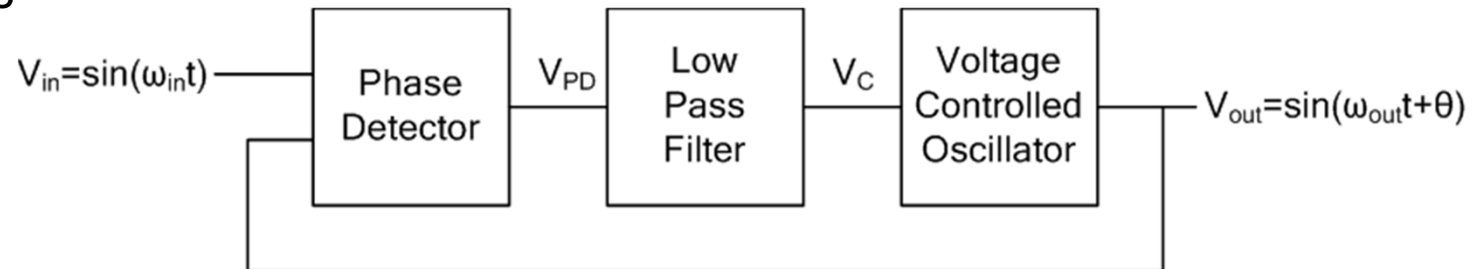
For simplicity let  $\omega_0 = 0$

Since  $d\phi/dt = \omega$

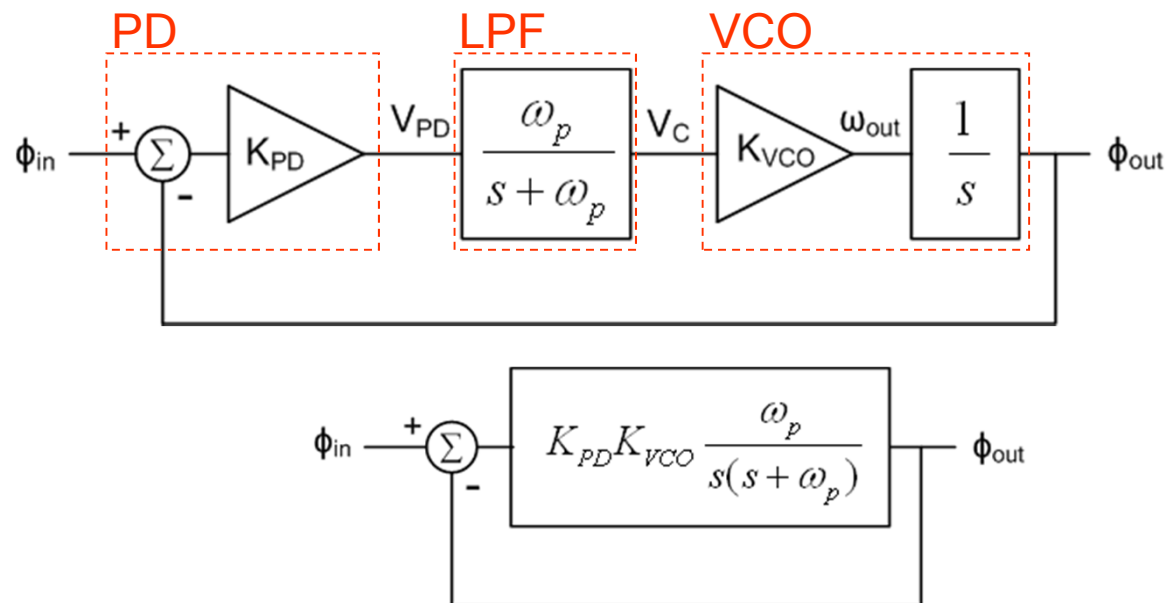
$$\phi_{out}(s) = (1/s) K_{VCO} \times V_C(s)$$

# PLL Dynamics: Linear Model

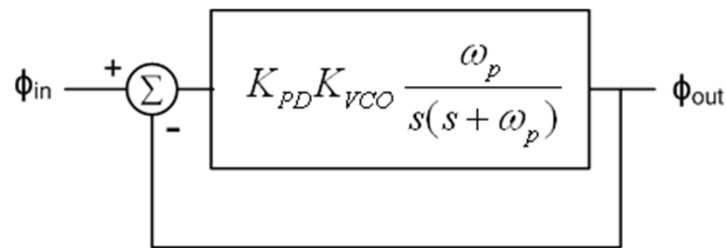
PLL Block Diagram



Linear Model for  $\phi_{out}(s) / \phi_{in}(s)$



# PLL Dynamics: Linear Model



Open loop gain:

$$G(s) = K_{PD}K_{VCO} \frac{\omega_p}{s(s + \omega_p)}$$

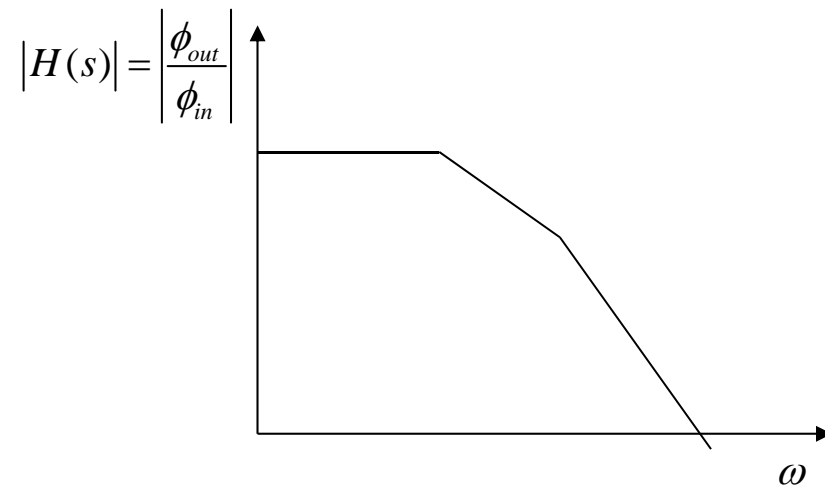
Closed loop gain

$$H(s) = \frac{\phi_{out}(s)}{\phi_{in}(s)} = \frac{G(s)}{1 + G(s)} = \frac{K_{PD}K_{VCO} \frac{\omega_p}{s(s + \omega_p)}}{1 + K_{PD}K_{VCO} \frac{\omega_p}{s(s + \omega_p)}} = \frac{K_{PD}K_{VCO}\omega_p}{s^2 + \omega_p s + K_{PD}K_{VCO}\omega_p}$$

→ 2nd order LPF!

# PLL Dynamics: Linear Model

$$H(s) = \frac{\phi_{out}(s)}{\phi_{in}(s)} = \frac{K_{PD}K_{VCO}\omega_p}{s^2 + \omega_p s + K_{PD}K_{VCO}\omega_p}$$



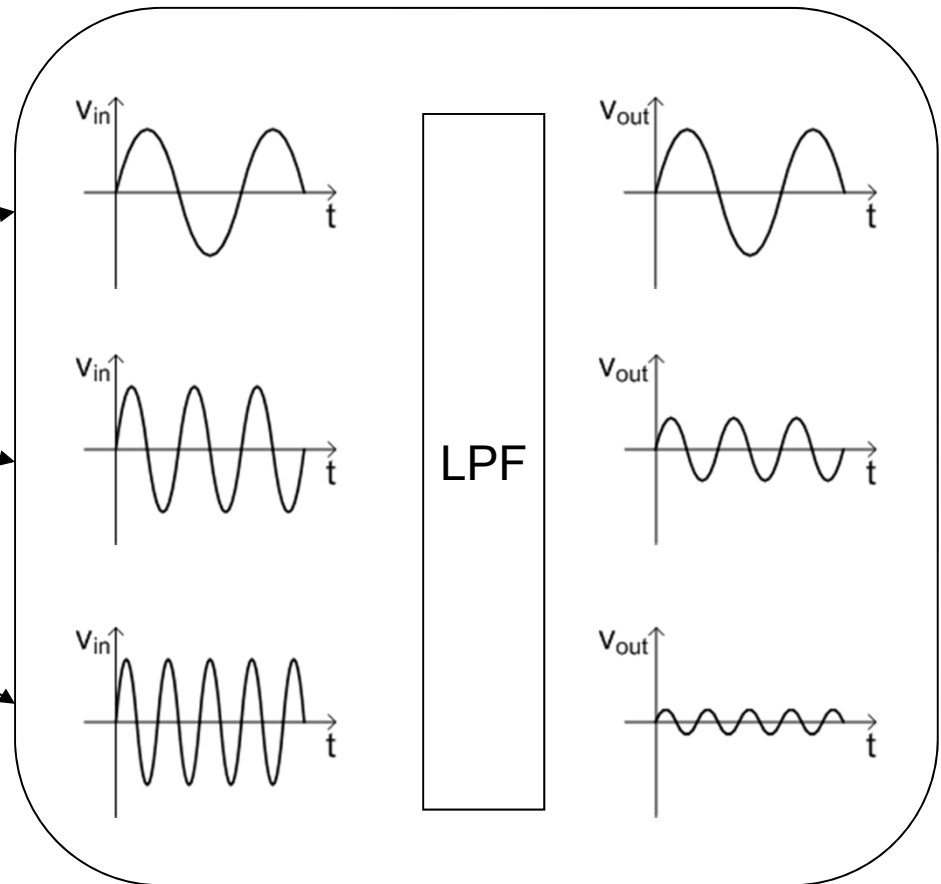
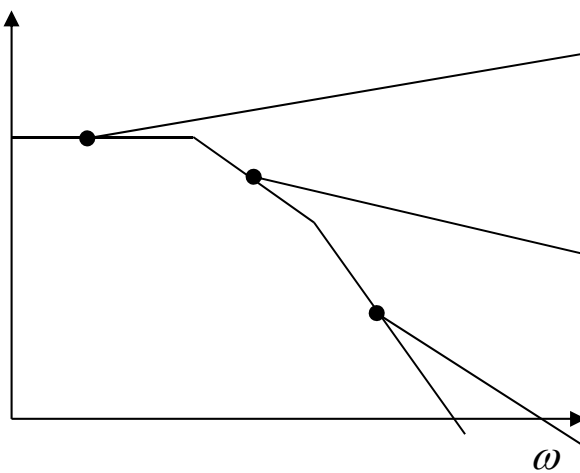
Note that input and output are '*phase*'

(Assuming two real poles)

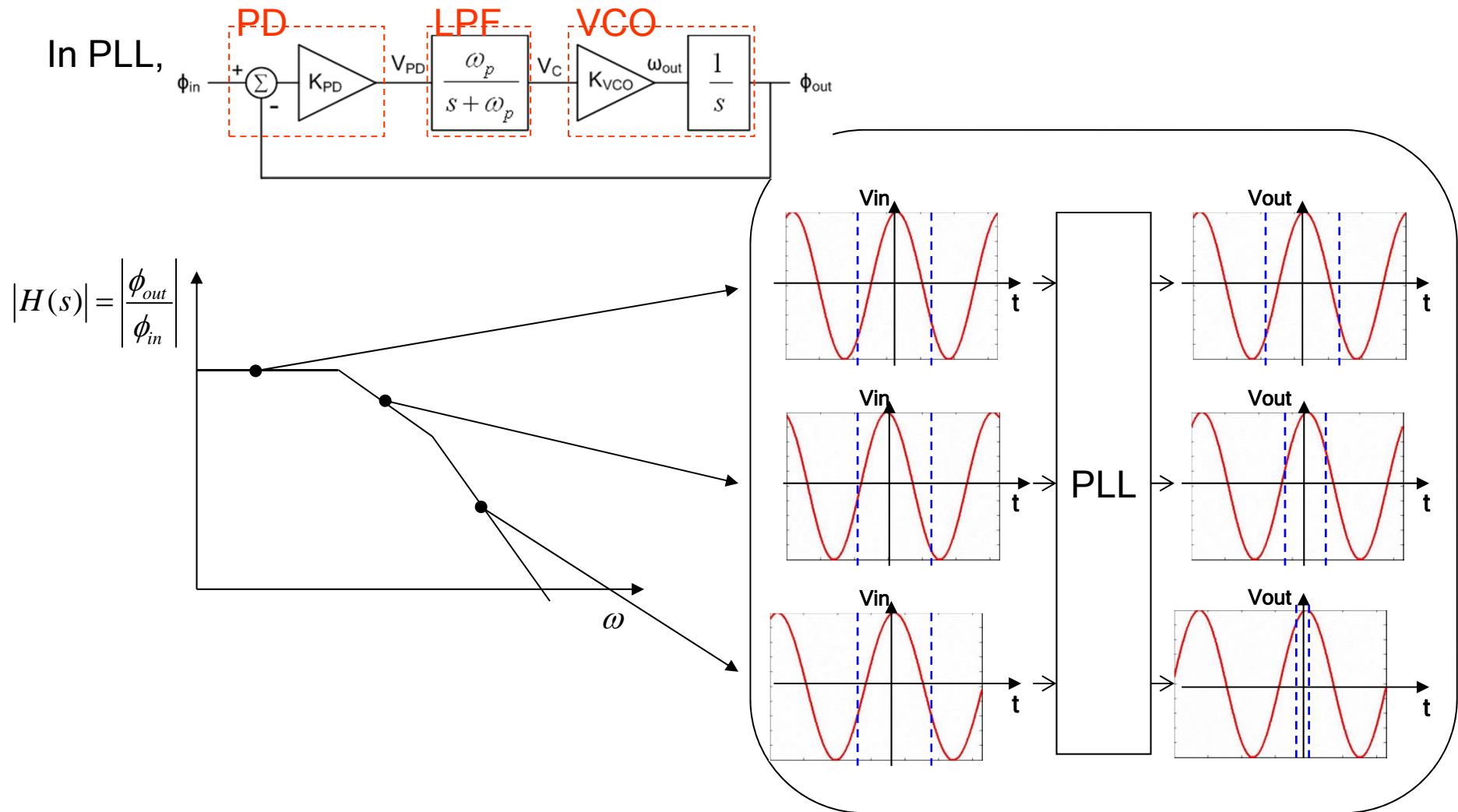
# Magnitude Response vs Phase Response

In LPF,

$$|H(s)| = \left| \frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}} \right|$$



# Magnitude Response vs Phase Response



# Second-Order System

$$H(s) = \frac{\phi_{out}(s)}{\phi_{in}(s)} = \frac{K_{PD} K_{VCO} \omega_p}{s^2 + \omega_p s + K_{PD} K_{VCO} \omega_p}$$

2<sup>nd</sup> order system

$$H(s) = \frac{\omega_n^2}{s^2 + (\omega_n / Q)s + \omega_n^2} \quad H(s) = \frac{\omega_n^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2}$$

$$\omega_n = \sqrt{K_{PD} K_{VCO} \omega_p} \quad Q = \sqrt{\frac{K_{PD} K_{VCO}}{\omega_p}} \quad \zeta = \frac{1}{2Q} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\omega_p}{K_{PD} K_{VCO}}}$$

Where are the poles?

$$(-\zeta \pm \sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1})\omega_n.$$

$\zeta > 1$ : Over damped

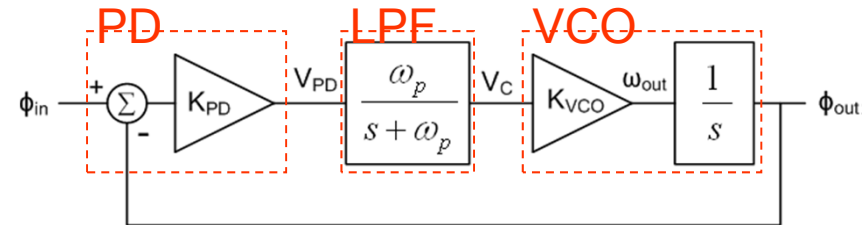
$\zeta < 1$ : Under damped

$\zeta = 1$ : Critically damped

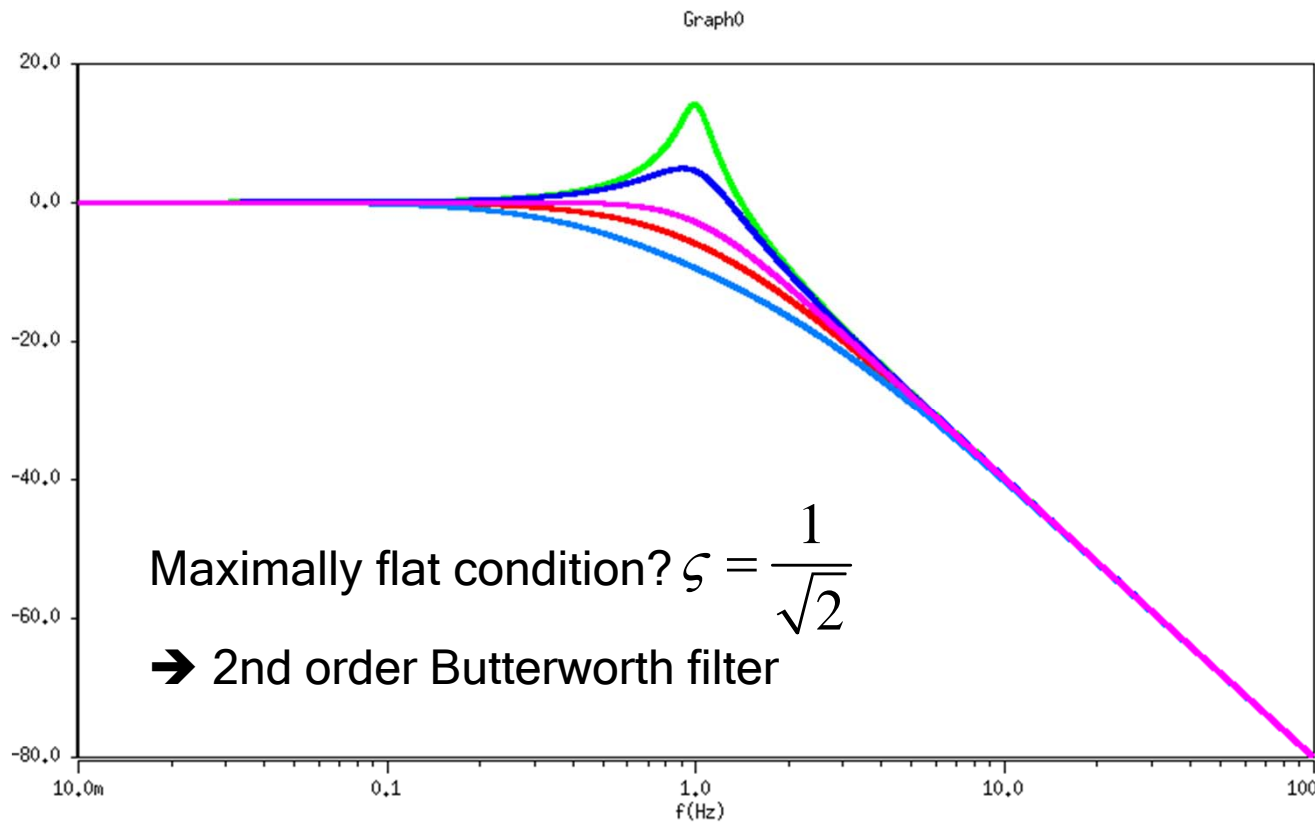


# Second-Order System

$$H(s) = \frac{\phi_{out}(s)}{\phi_{in}(s)} = \frac{\omega_n^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2}$$



## Frequency Response



$$\omega_n = 2\pi$$

$$\xi = 0.1$$

$$\xi = 0.3$$

$$\xi = 0.7$$

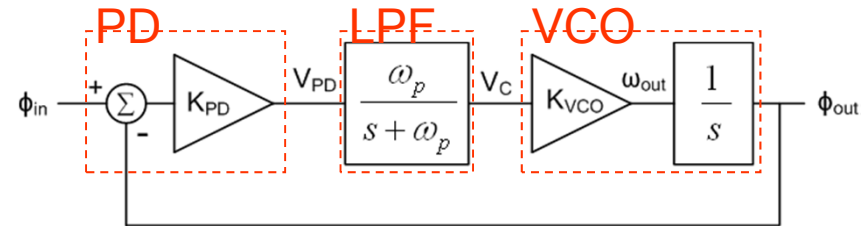
$$\xi = 1$$

$$\xi = 1.5$$

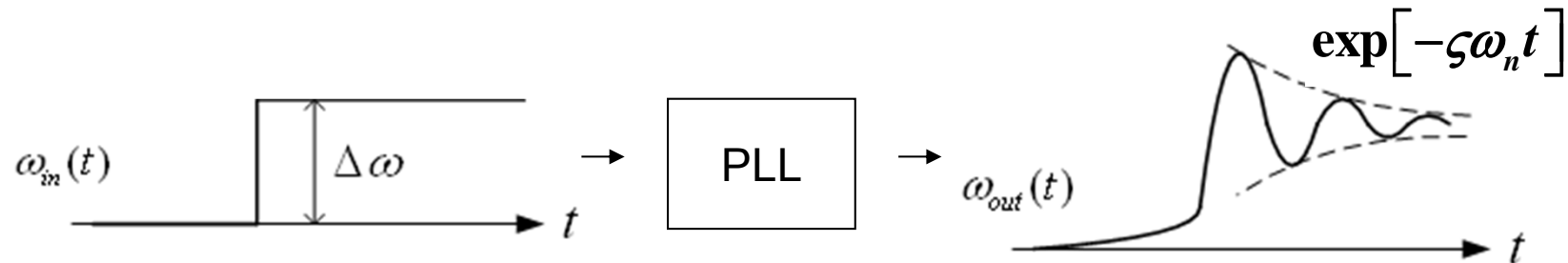
# Second-Order System

$$H(s) = \frac{\phi_{out}(s)}{\phi_{in}(s)} = \frac{\omega_n^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2}$$

$$\frac{\omega_{out}(s)}{\omega_{in}(s)} = \frac{s\phi_{out}(s)}{s\phi_{in}(s)} = \frac{\omega_n^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2}$$

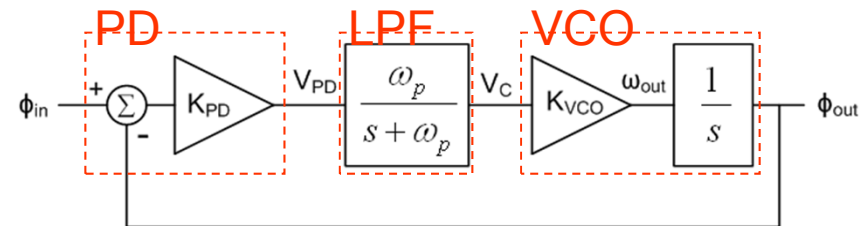


Step response:  $\omega_{in}(t) = \Delta\omega \cdot u(t)$

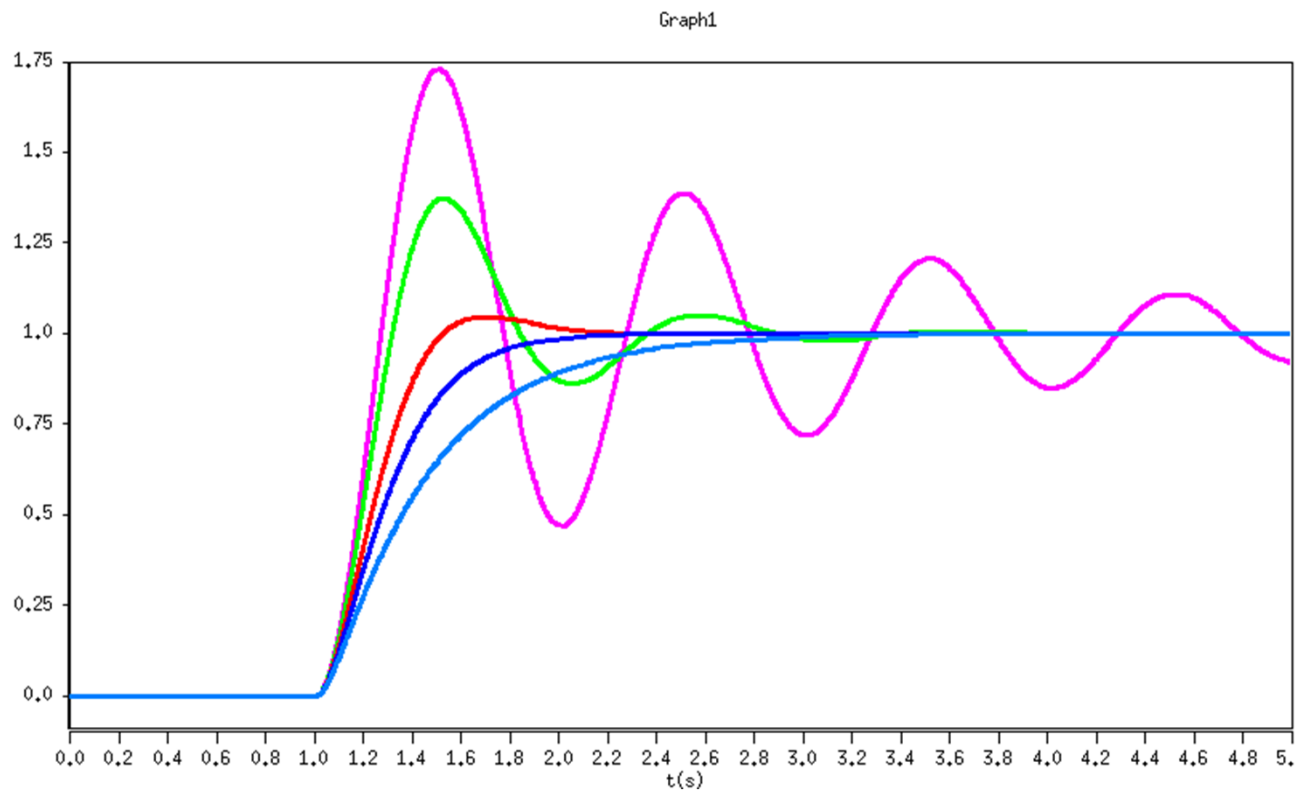


# Second-Order System

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Step response:  $\omega_{in}(t) = \Delta\omega \cdot u(t)$



$$\omega_n = 2\pi$$

$$\xi = 0.1$$

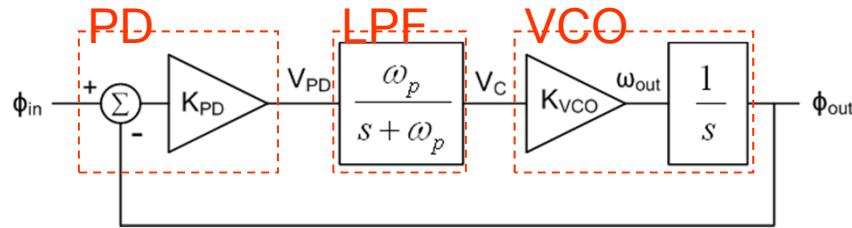
$$\xi = 0.3$$

$$\xi = 0.7$$

$$\xi = 1$$

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# Second-Order System



$$H(s) = \frac{\phi_{out}(s)}{\phi_{in}(s)} = \frac{\omega_n^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2}$$

- Transfer function for phase error?

$$H_e(s) = 1 - H(s) = \frac{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2}$$

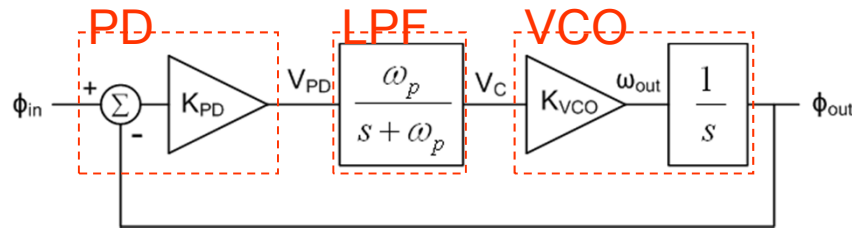
- Phase error due to phase step?

$$\phi_{in}(t) = \Delta\phi \cdot u(t) \quad \phi_{in}(s) = \frac{\Delta\phi}{s}$$

$$\phi_e(t = \infty) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \left[ s H_e(s) \frac{\Delta\phi}{s} \right]$$

- No steady-state phase error

# Second-Order System



$$H(s) = \frac{\phi_{out}(s)}{\phi_{in}(s)} = \frac{\omega_n^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2}$$

$$H_e(s) = \frac{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2}$$

- Phase error due to frequency step?

$$\omega_{in}(t) = \Delta\omega \cdot u(t)$$

$$\omega_{in}(s) = \frac{\Delta\omega}{s}$$

$$\phi_{in}(s) = \frac{\Delta\omega}{s^2}$$

$$\phi_e(t = \infty) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \left[ s H_e(s) \frac{\Delta\omega}{s^2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{2\zeta}{\omega_n} \Delta\omega$$

$$= \frac{\Delta\omega}{K_{PD} K_{VCO}}$$