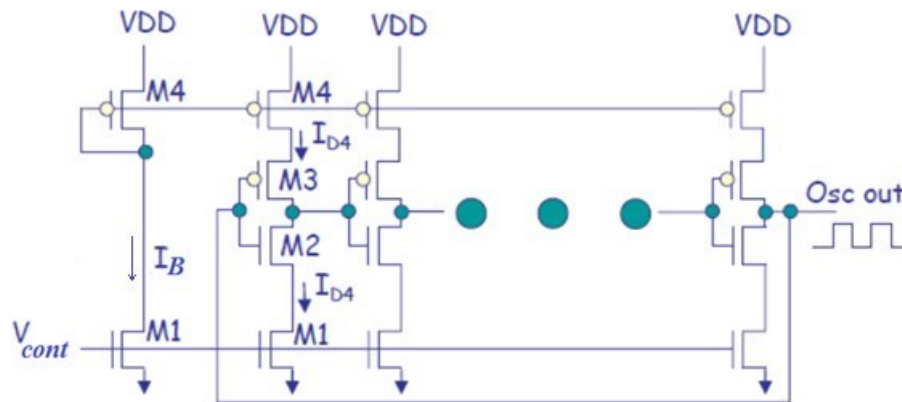


Task #3:

Design the CMOS ring oscillator shown with $V_{DD} = 1.2V$. The unit cell (stage) consists of a CMOS inverter (M_2 and M_3), an NMOS current source (M_1), and a PMOS current source (M_4). This is called a “Voltage Controlled Oscillator (VCO)”.



- Explain why this is called a Voltage Controlled Oscillator (VCO).
- Determine the dimensions of all the transistors (Use 1.2V devices N_12_HSL130E or P_12_HSL130E) to generate an output frequency of **20MHz** using **7-stages** with $V_{cont} = V_{DD}/2$.

The documentation of your design must include the following:

- 1- Schematic diagram showing dimensions of all transistors and bias current (I_B)
- 2- Simulate the ring oscillator and plot the transient waveforms at all inverter outputs showing the output frequency (you might need to add an initial condition to start the oscillation).
- 3- Vary V_{cont} from 0 to V_{DD} and record the output frequency versus V_{cont} in steps of 0.1V. Plot the oscillator output for 3 different steps.
- 4- Repeat (2) after doubling the width (W) and length (L) of the inverters (M_2 & M_3) of all stages.
- 5- Provide your observations and conclusion.

Assessment:

- The total grade of this project is 15 points.
- Maximum number of students per group is 2.
- You are required to deliver a pdf report that clearly describes your work, including all the required items.
- Report size should not exceed 15 pages.
- Delivery details will be shared with you later.