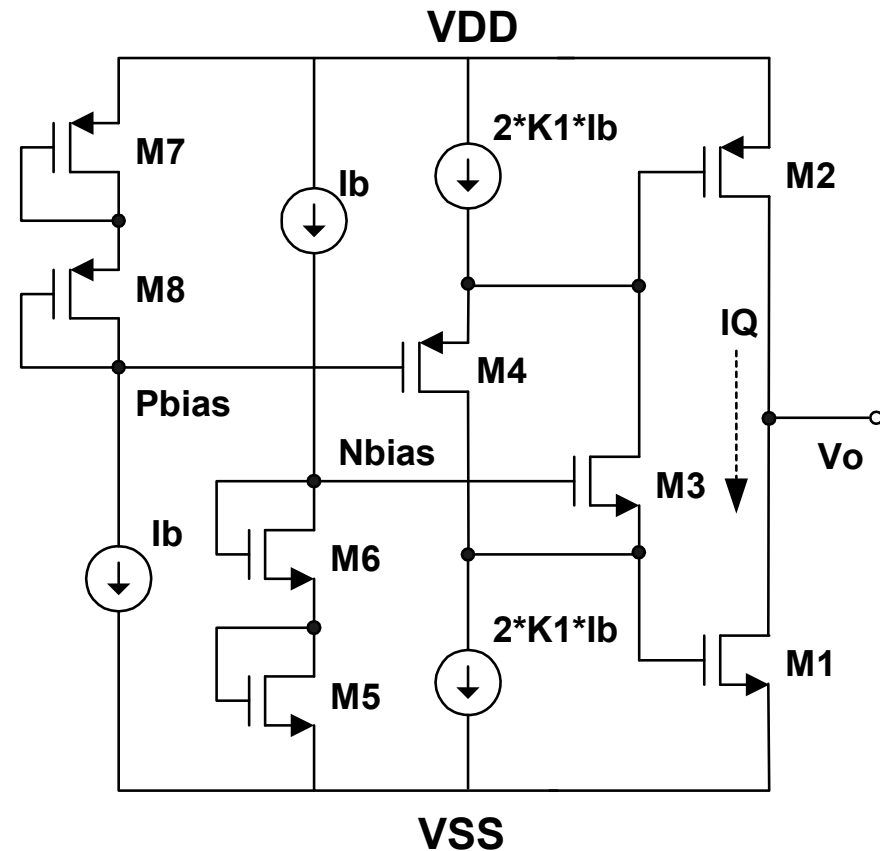


Class-AB bias circuit

- Introduced by Monticelli †
- Transistor M3,4 acts as a “floating current mirror”
- Biasing is based on Quadratic translinear principle (QTL) ††
- $V_{gs5} + V_{gs6} = V_{gs1} + V_{gs3}$
- If $\left(\frac{W}{L}\right)_3 = K1 * \left(\frac{W}{L}\right)_6$ and $\left(\frac{W}{L}\right)_1 = K2 * \left(\frac{W}{L}\right)_5$

then $I_Q = K2 * I_b$



Monticelli's Class-AB biasing scheme

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