



# Exercise: **VCO / PLL**

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# VCO

- Design a Voltage Controlled Oscillator (VCO) based on a ring oscillator
- Choose a voltage controlled delay element
  - Inverter with variable capacitive load
  - Gain stages with variable bias
  - Differential stages with variable bias
- Aim at a frequency range of 100 MHz ... 2 GHz
- Assume you have a supply independent voltage or current to bias
- Try to obtain a good power supply rejection
- In simulation, best start up with a clear initial condition