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**Growing demand for secure chips:**

Banking industry, service providers, military applications, etc.

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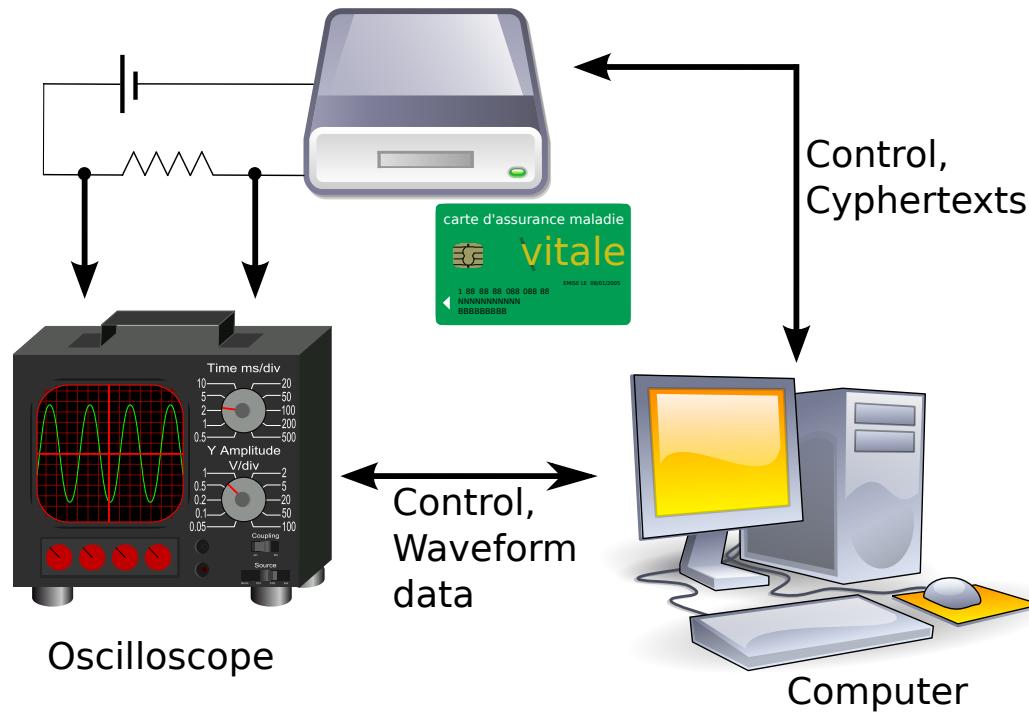
## Non-invasive

Side-channel

Power / Clock Glitches

Software

Cryptographic device  
(e.g., smart card and reader)



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## Semi-invasive

### Laser Fault injection

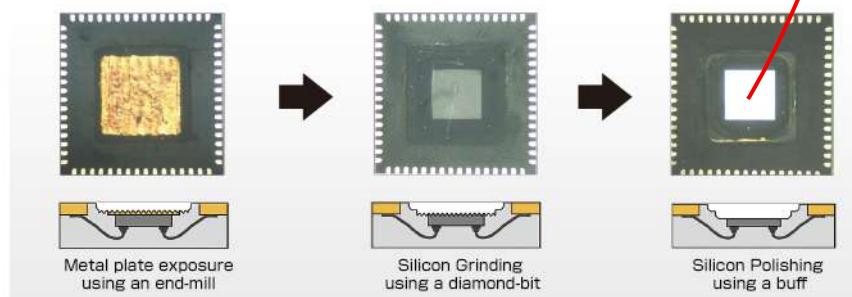
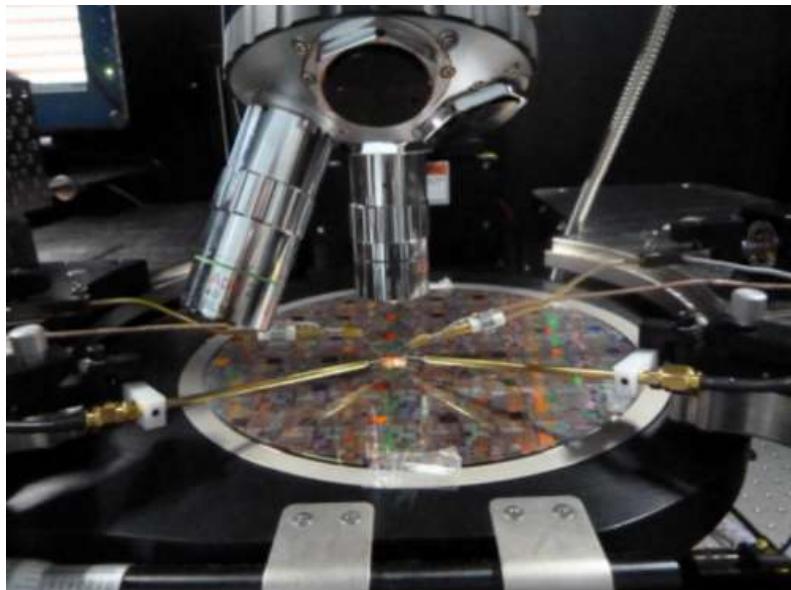


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## Invasive

### Microprobing

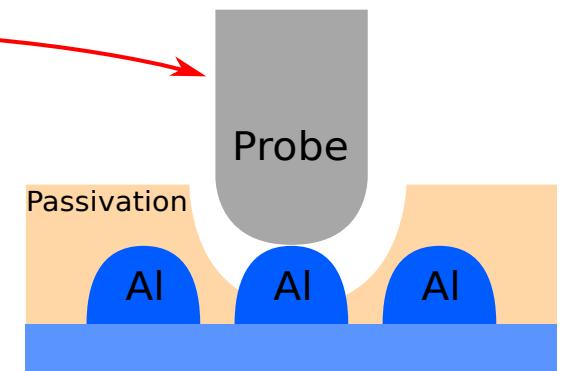
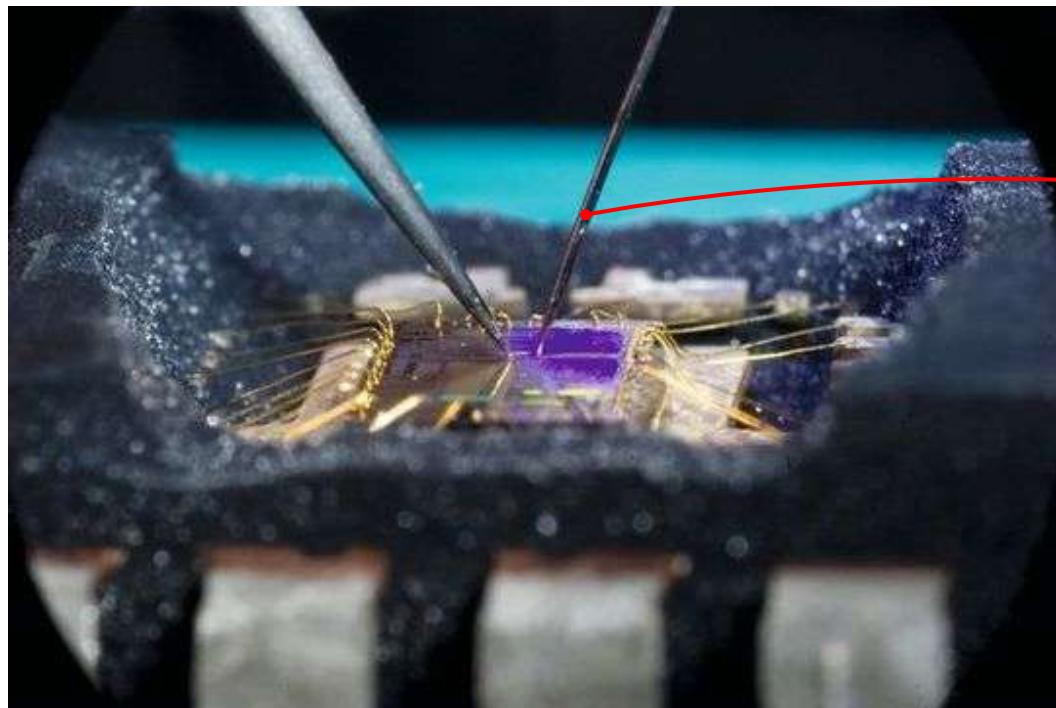
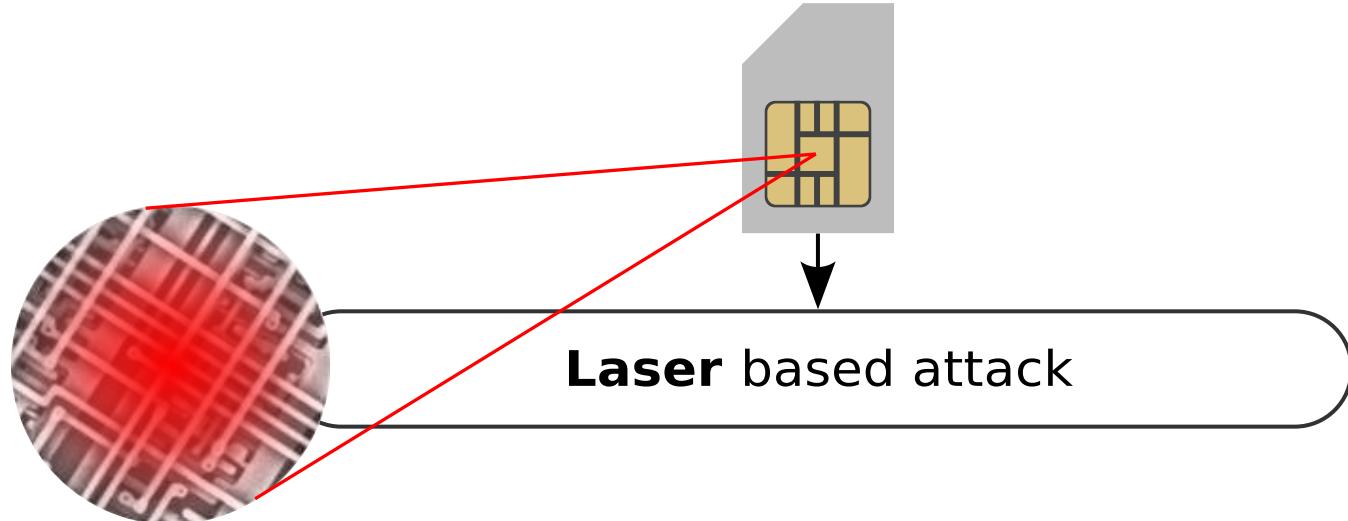
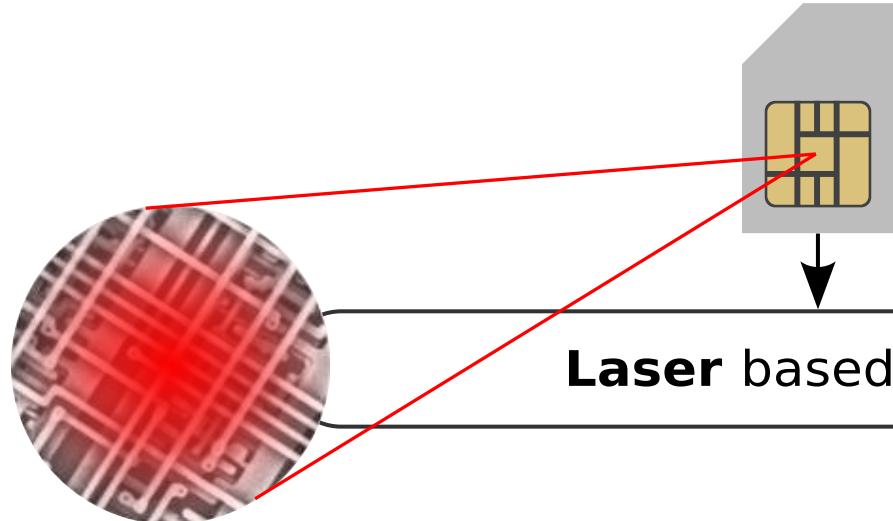


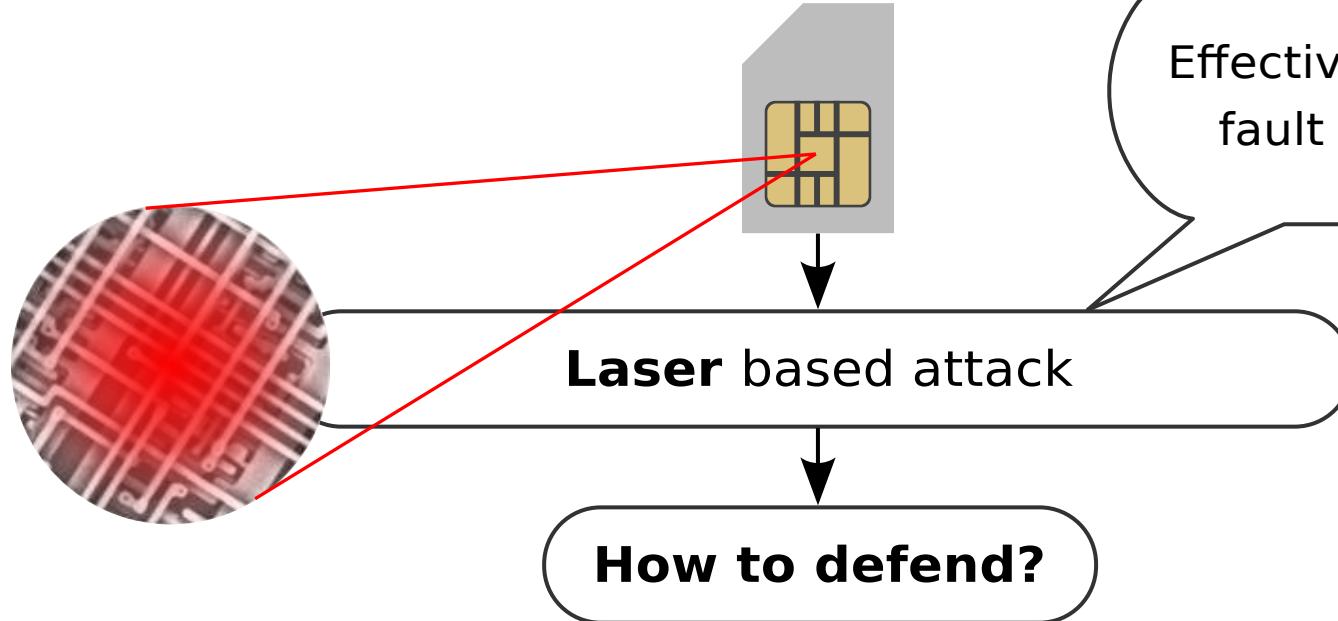
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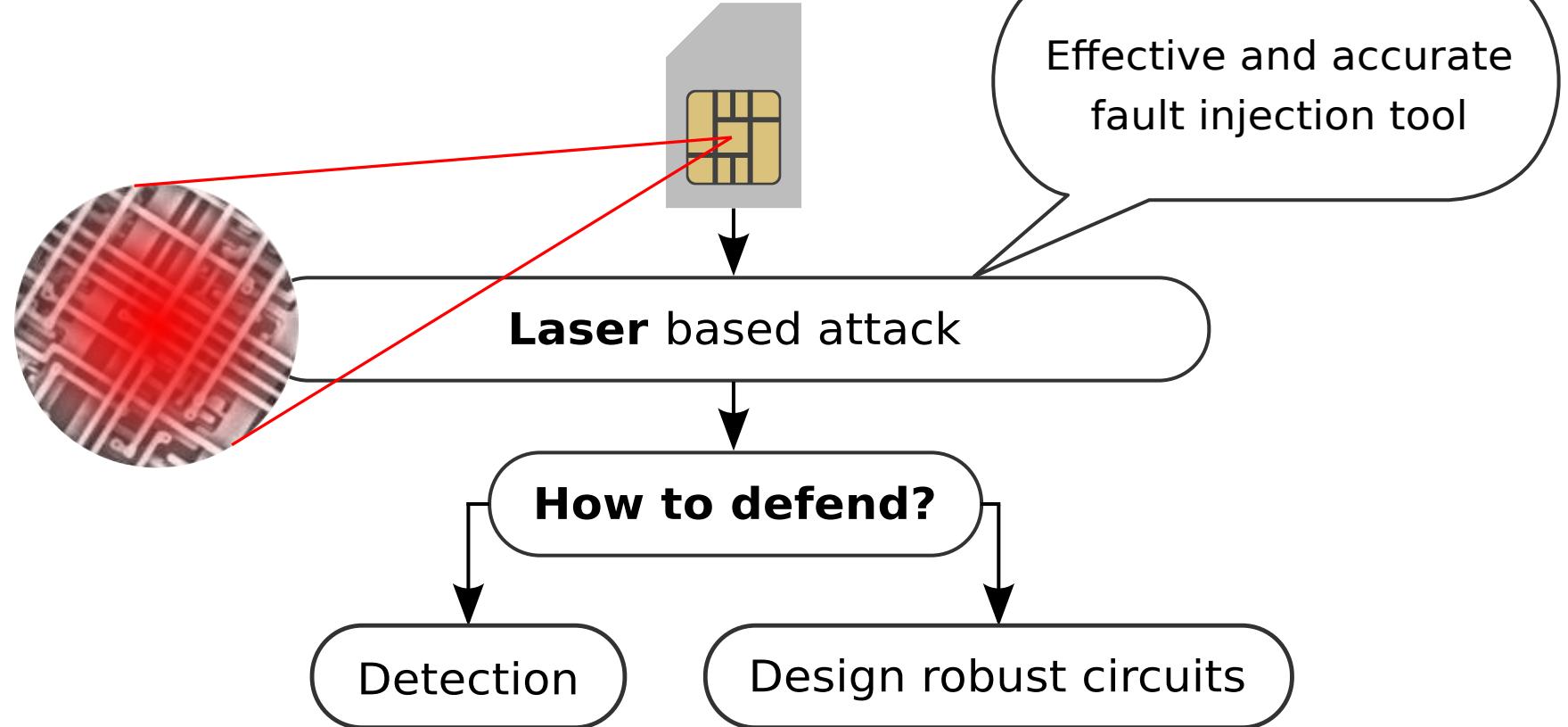
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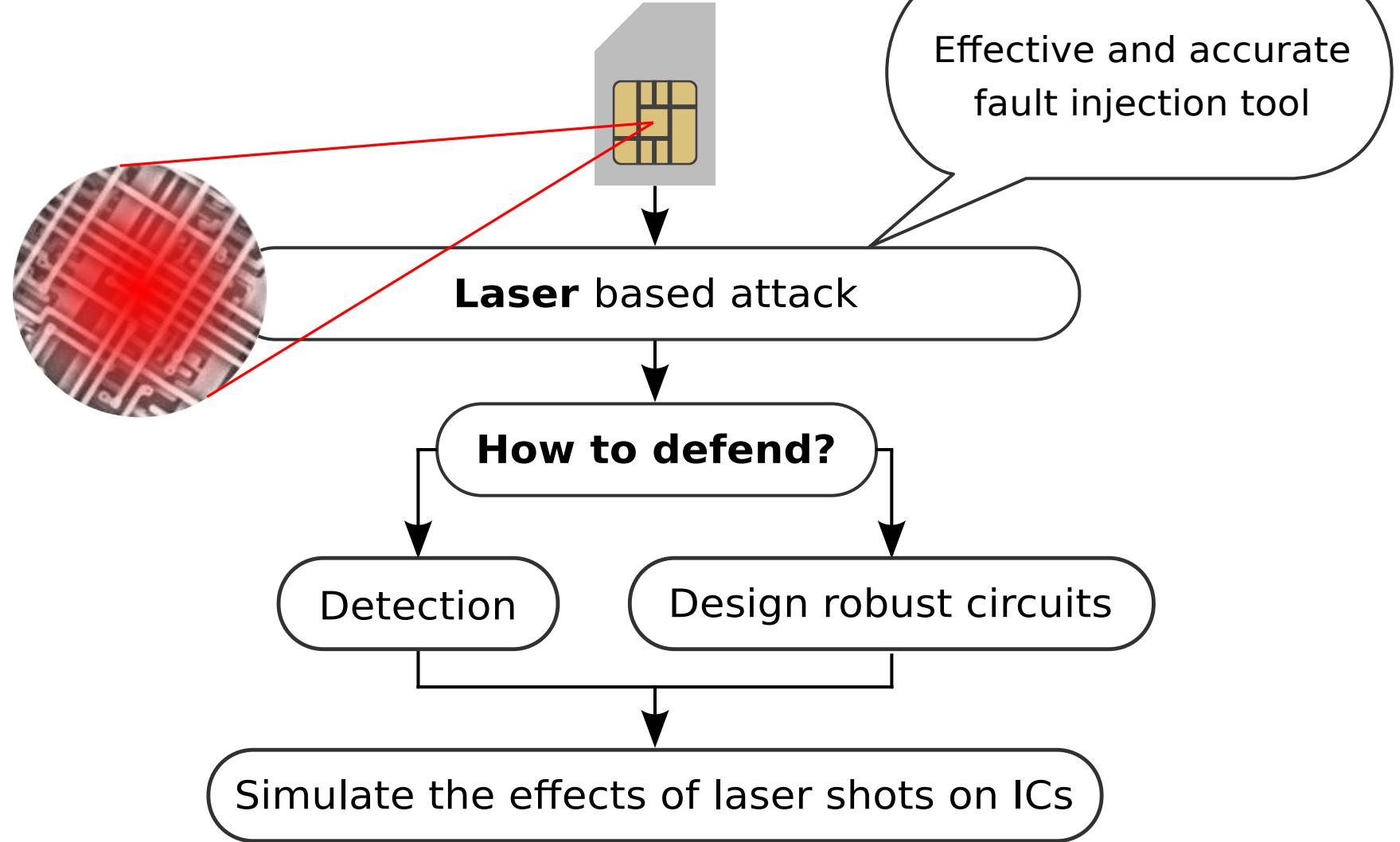


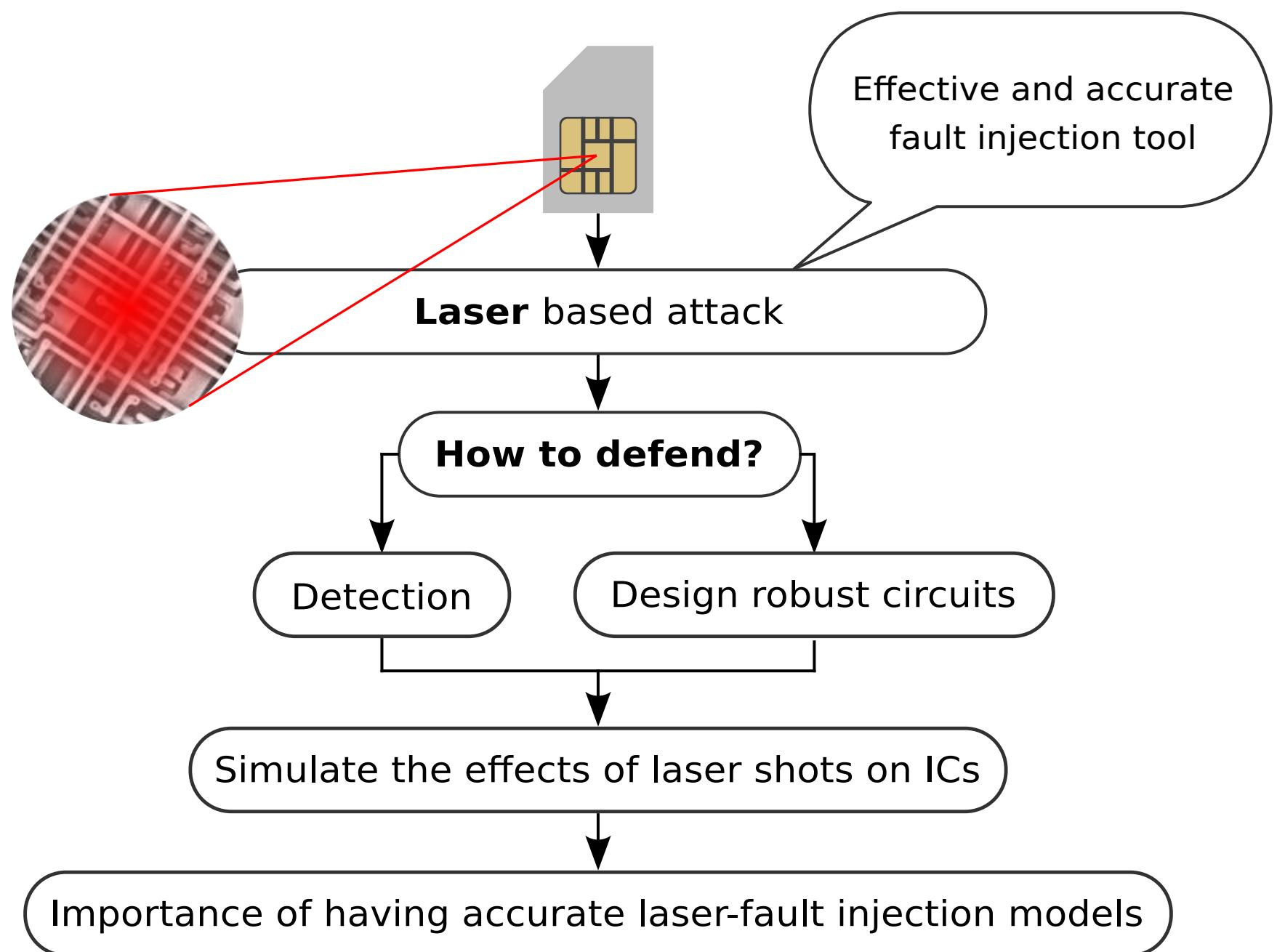


Effective and accurate  
fault injection tool









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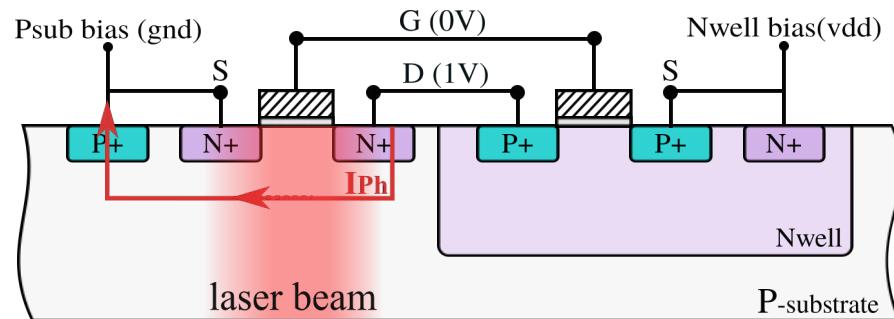
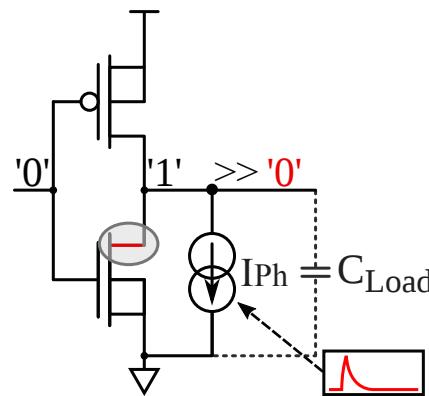
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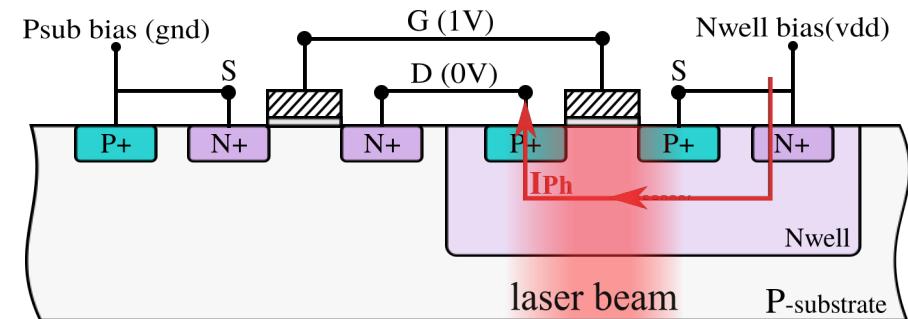
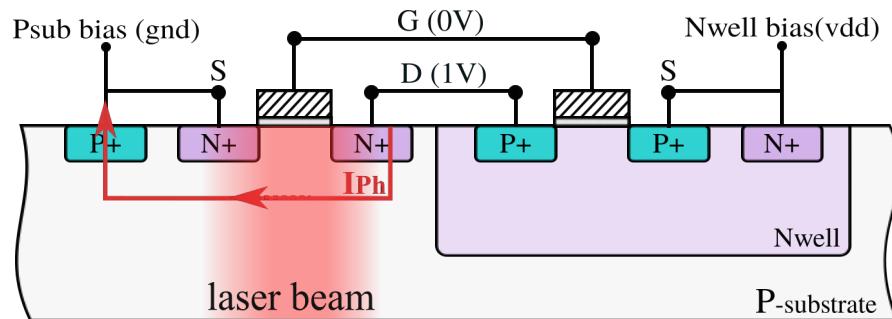
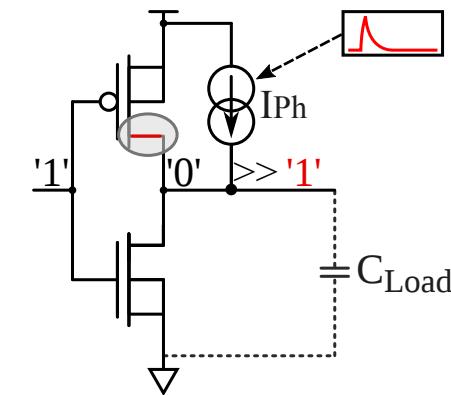
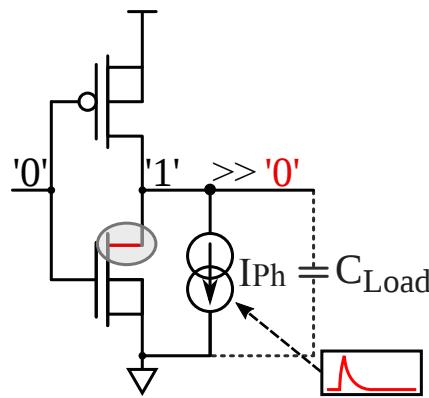
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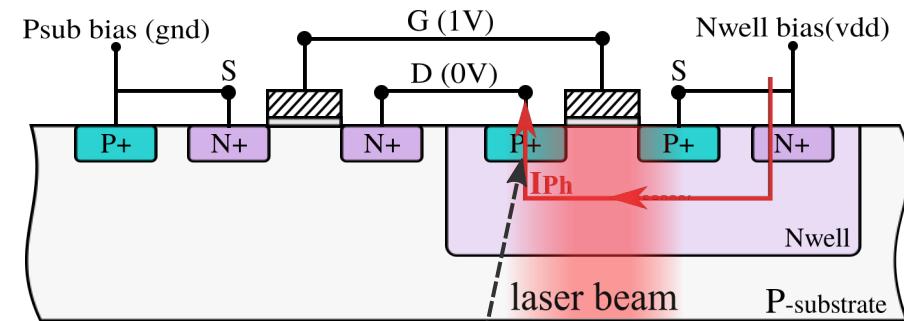
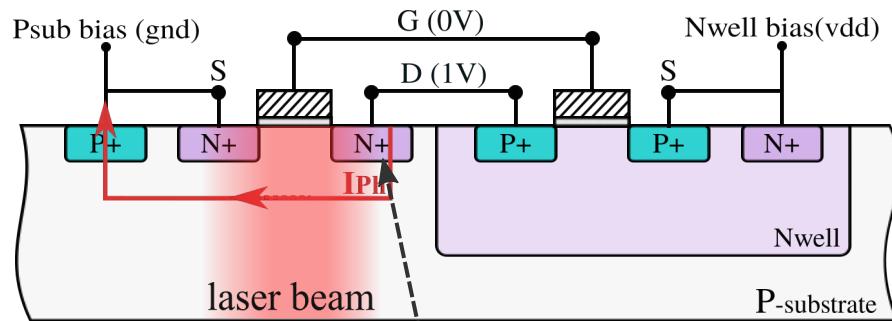
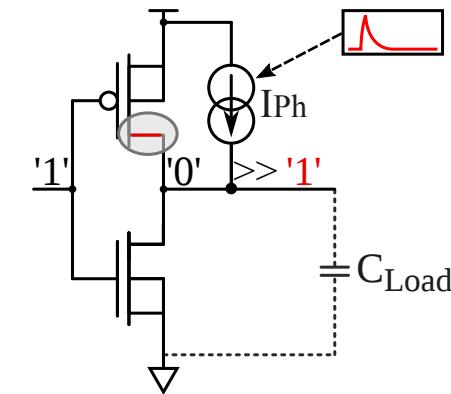
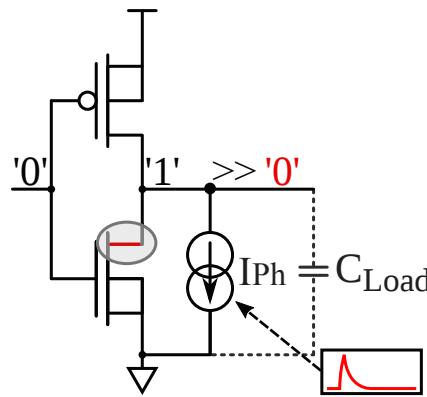
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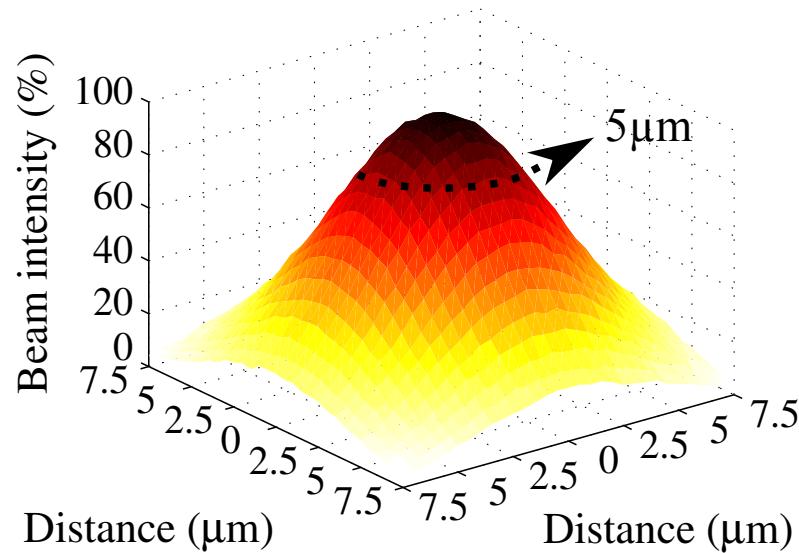
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sensitive areas (reverse biased PN junction  
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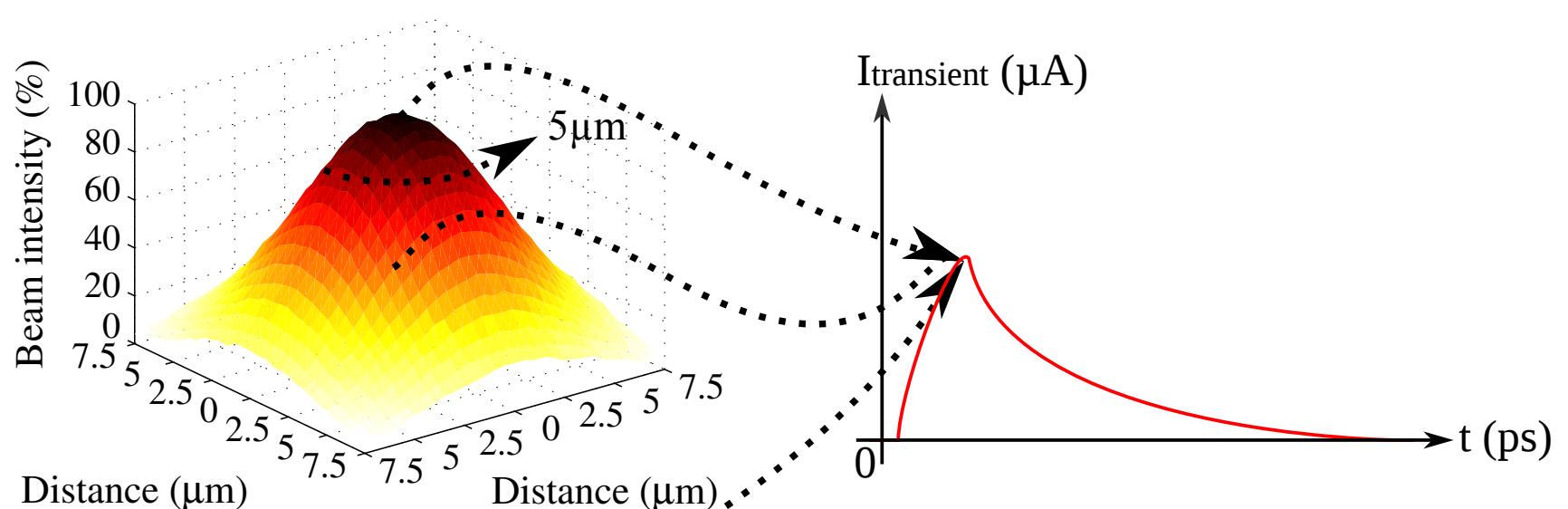
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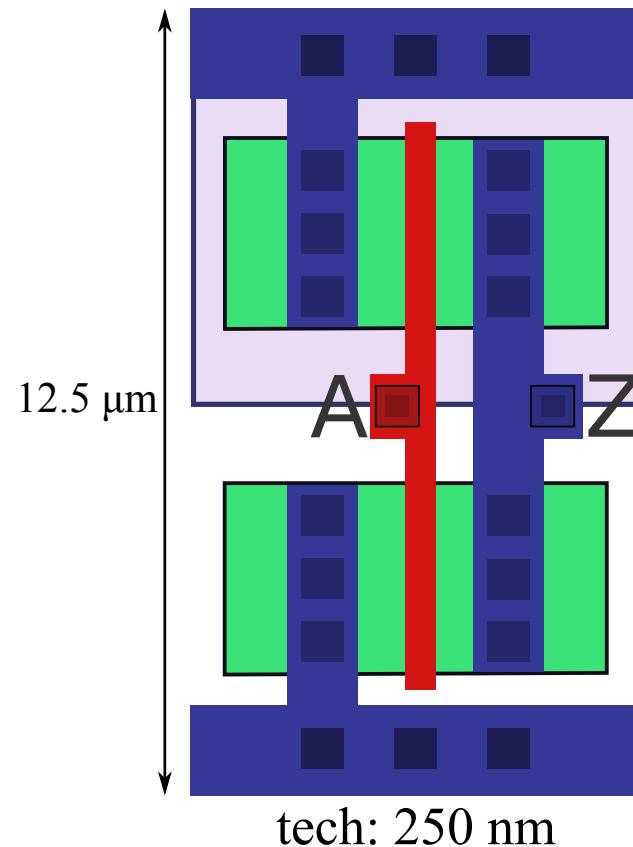


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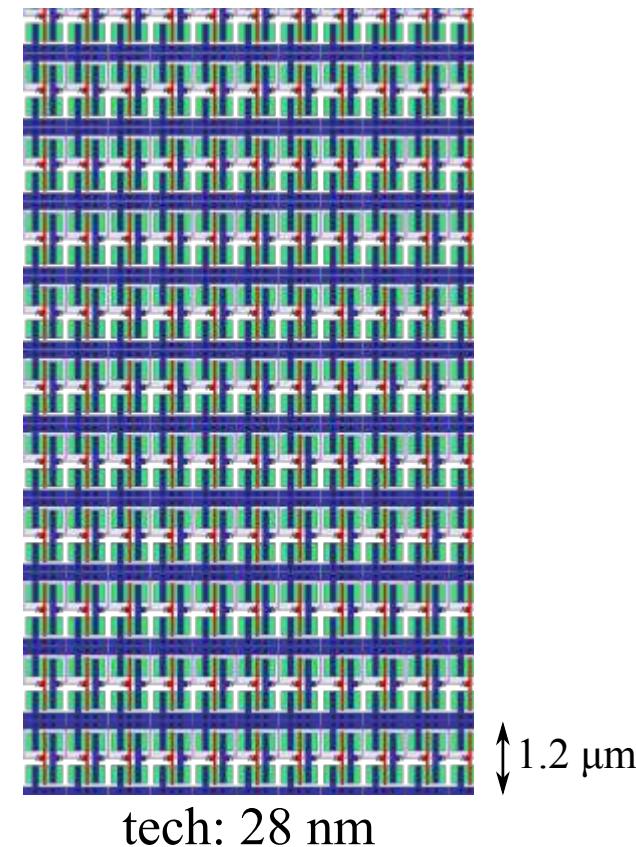
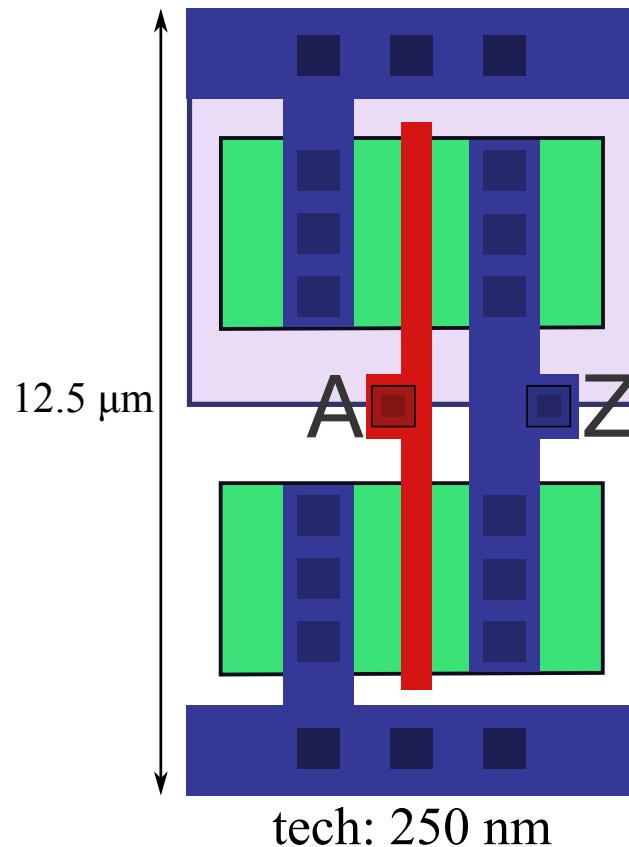
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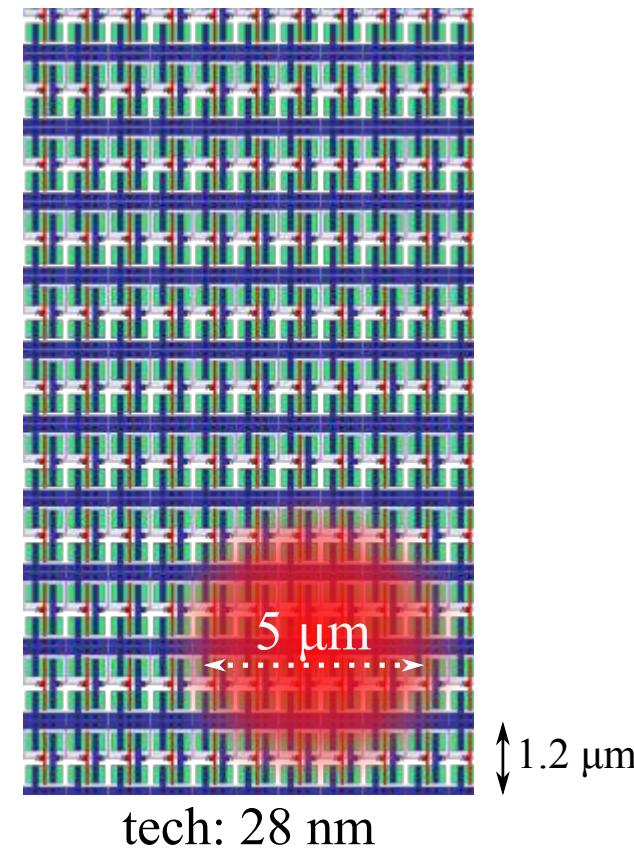
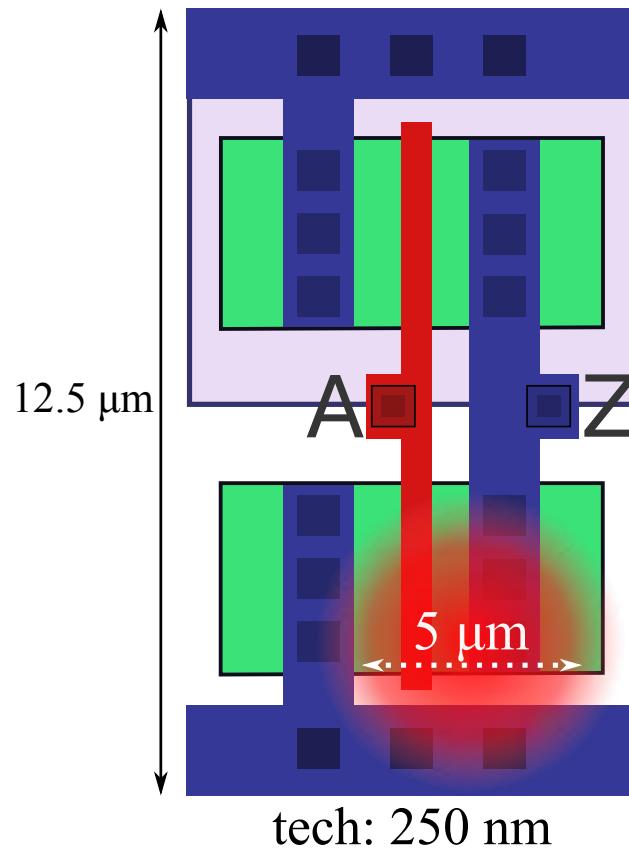
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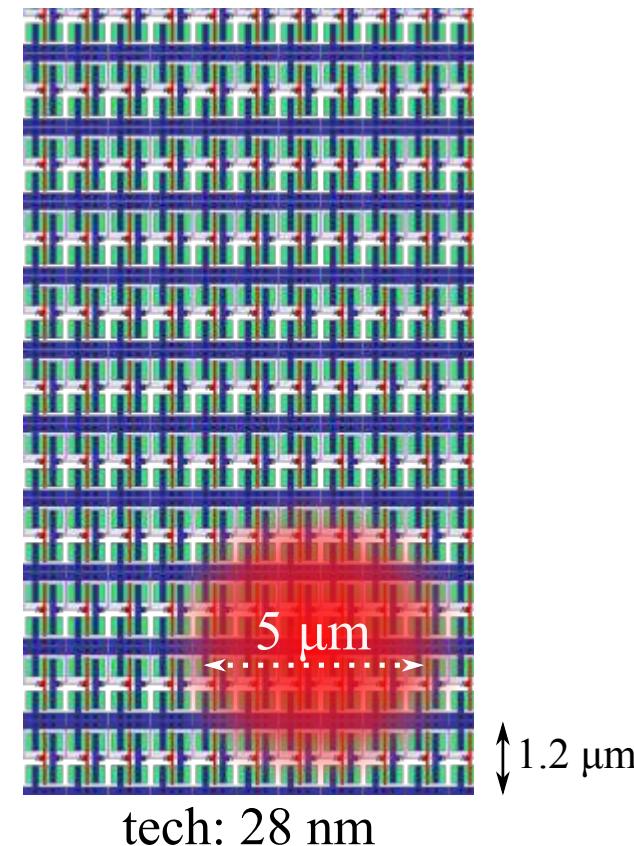
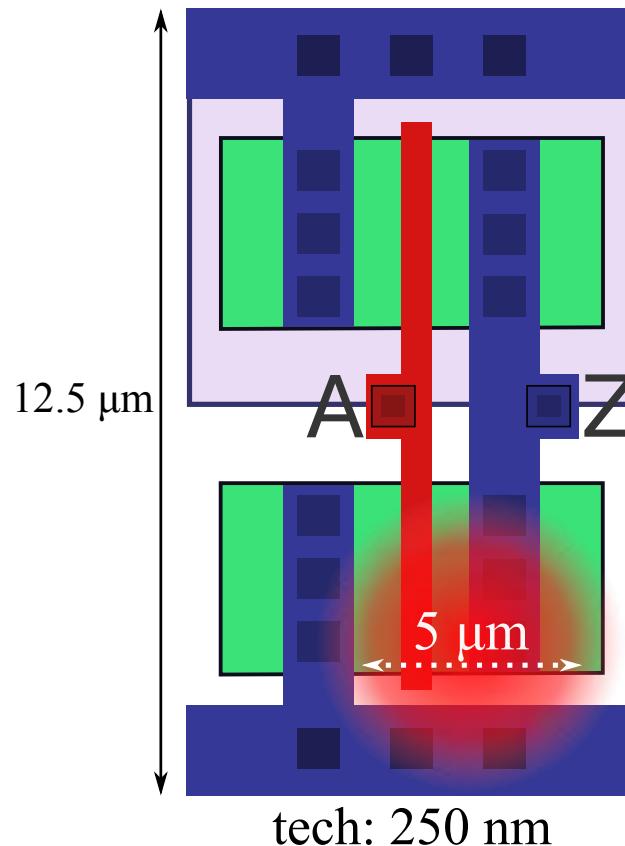
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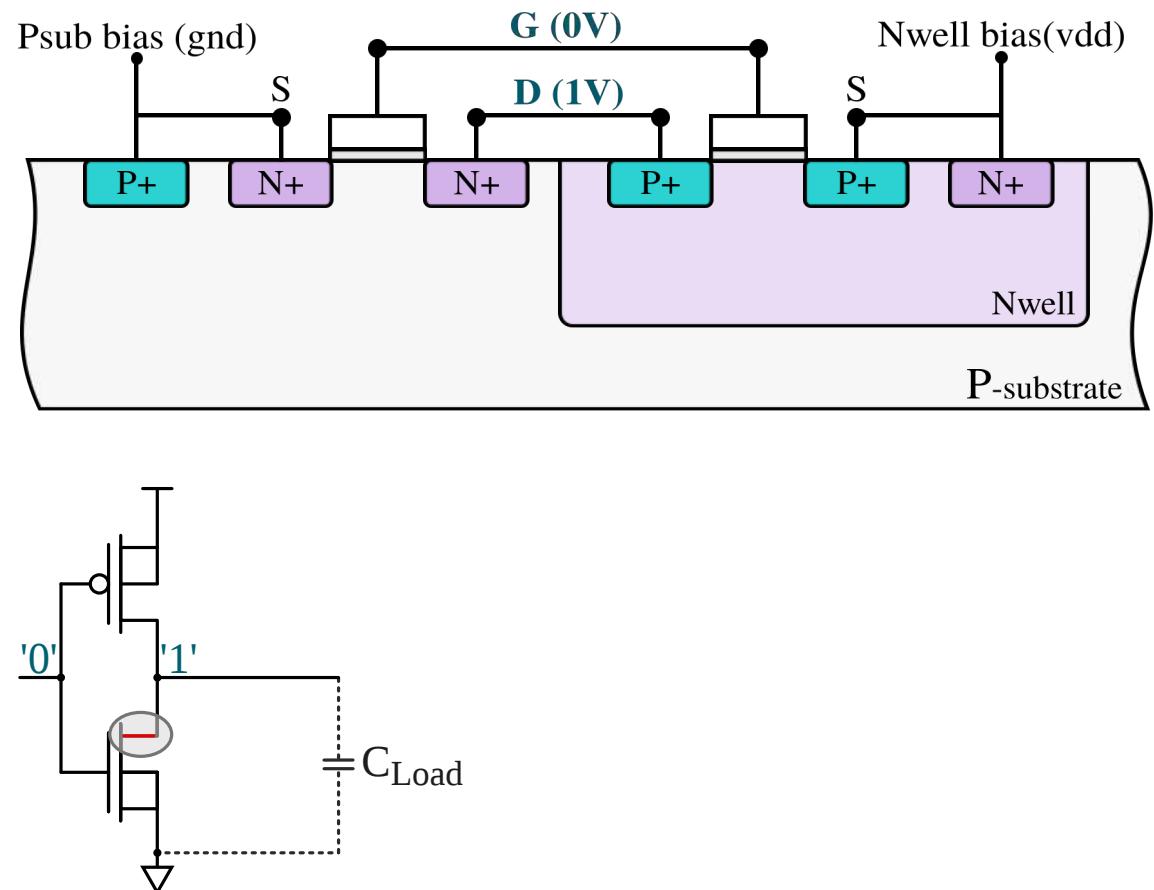
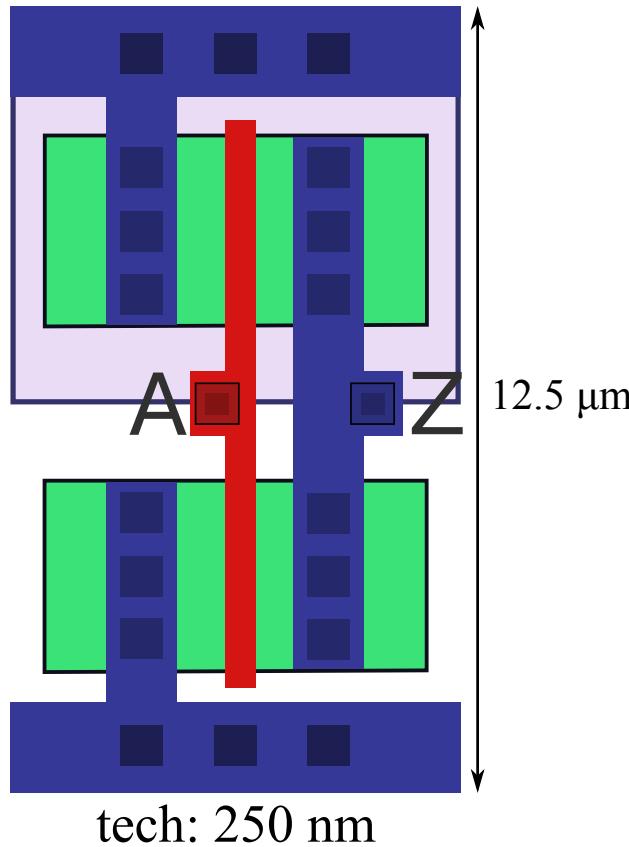


How does the standard cell height influence  
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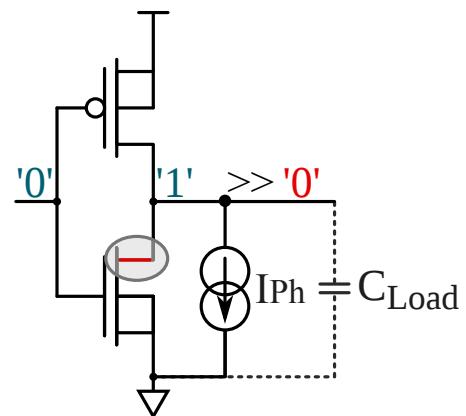
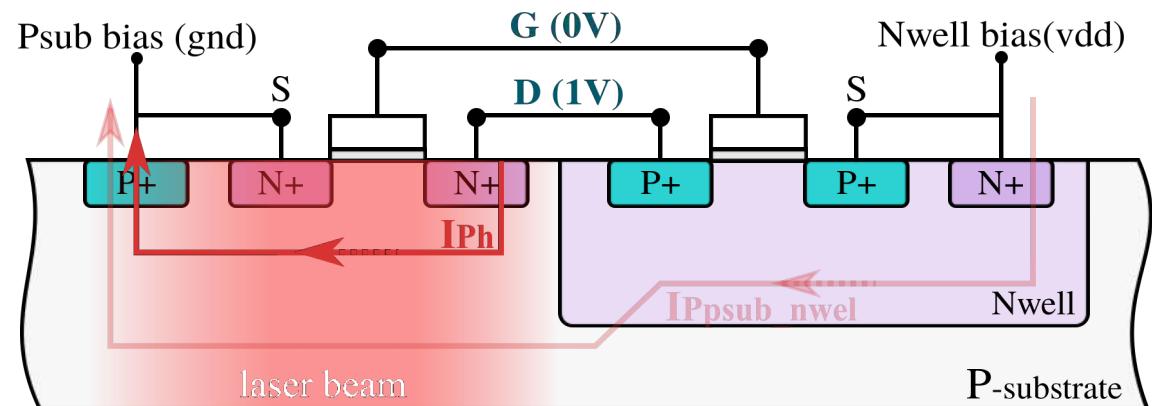
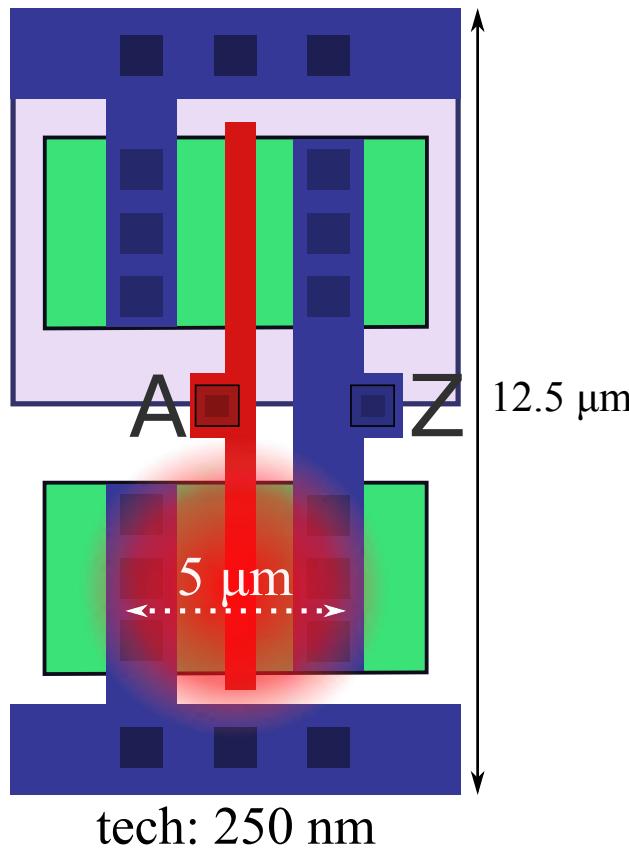
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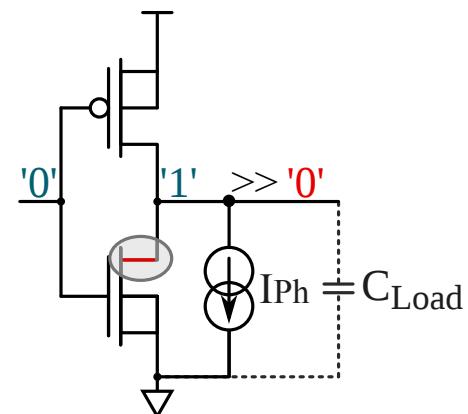
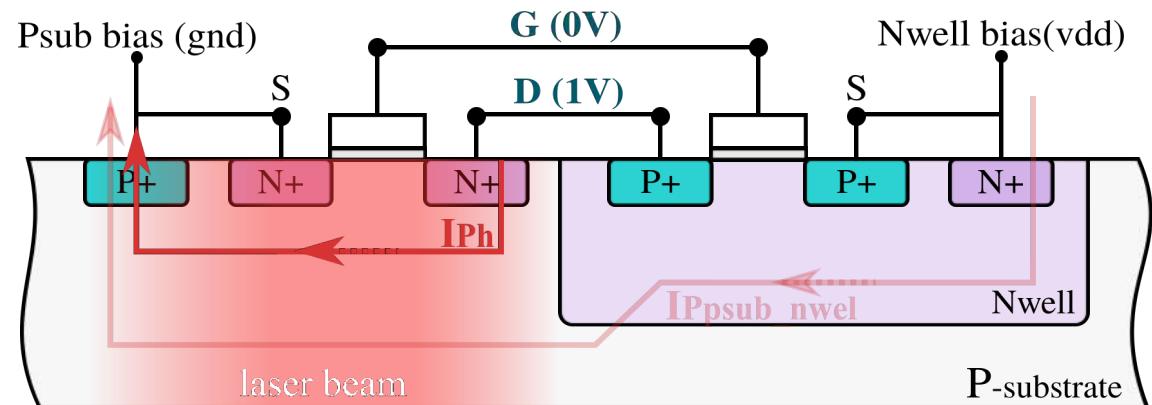
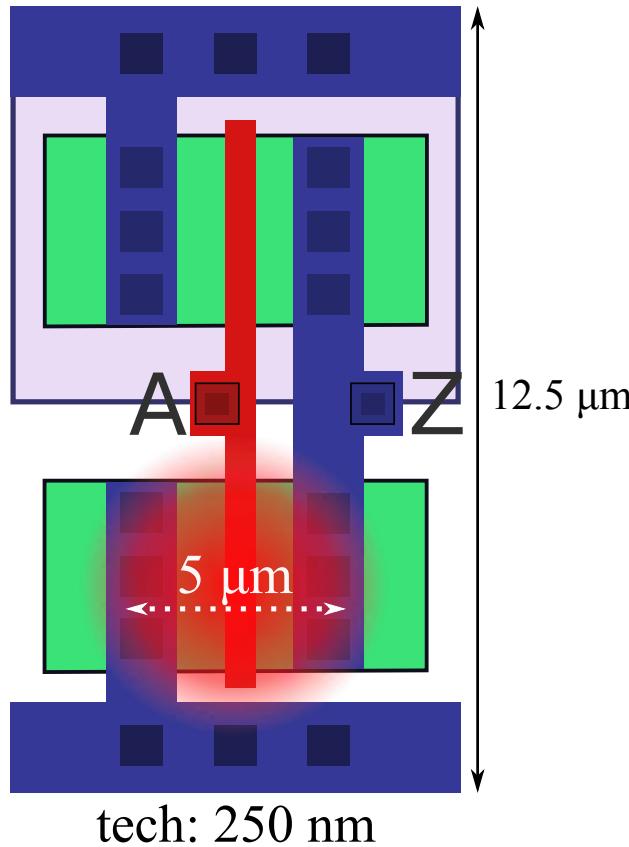
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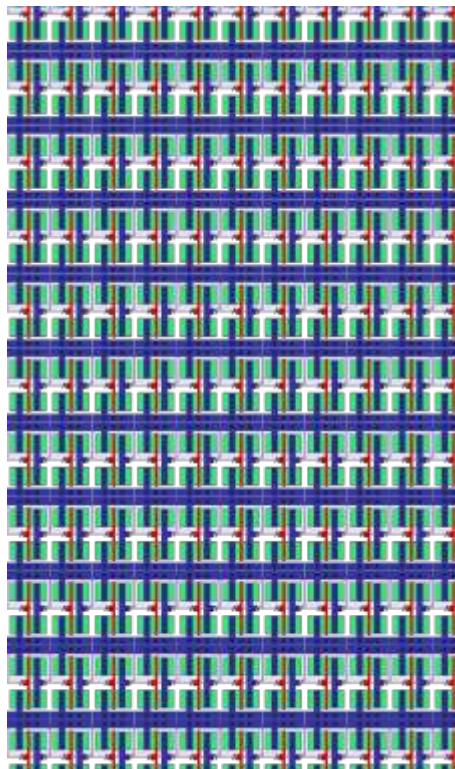
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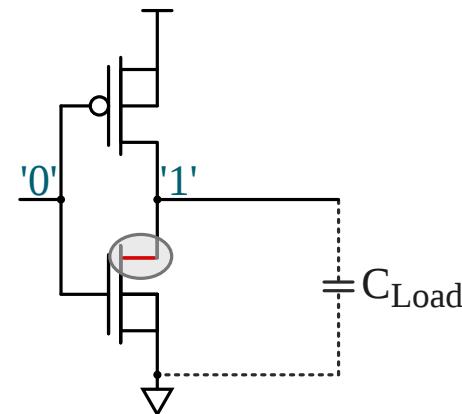
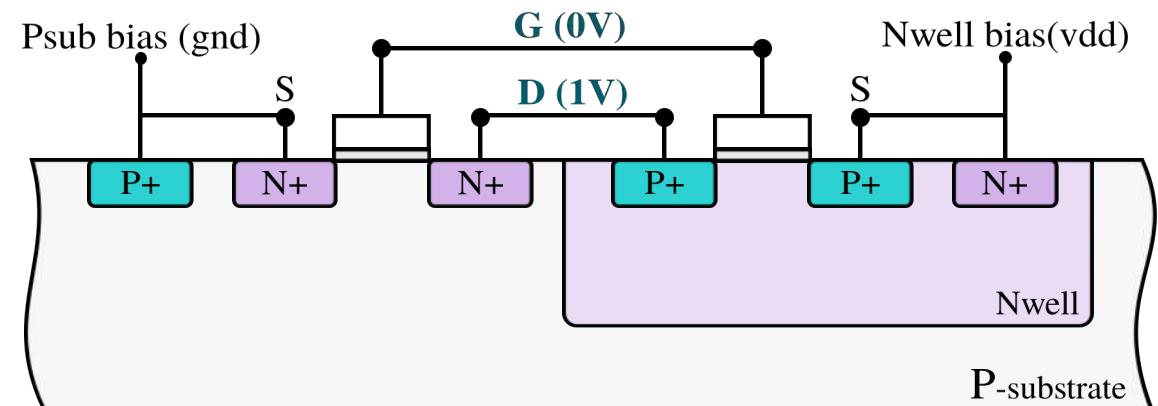
Weak laser-induced currents  
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(classical model is OK)

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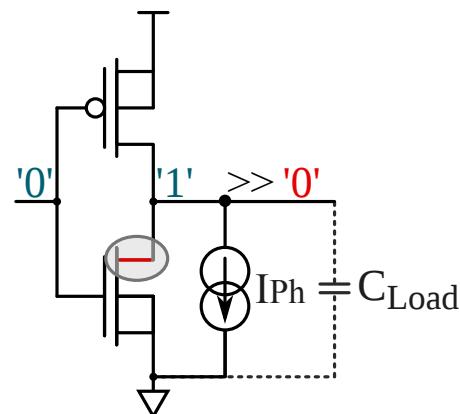
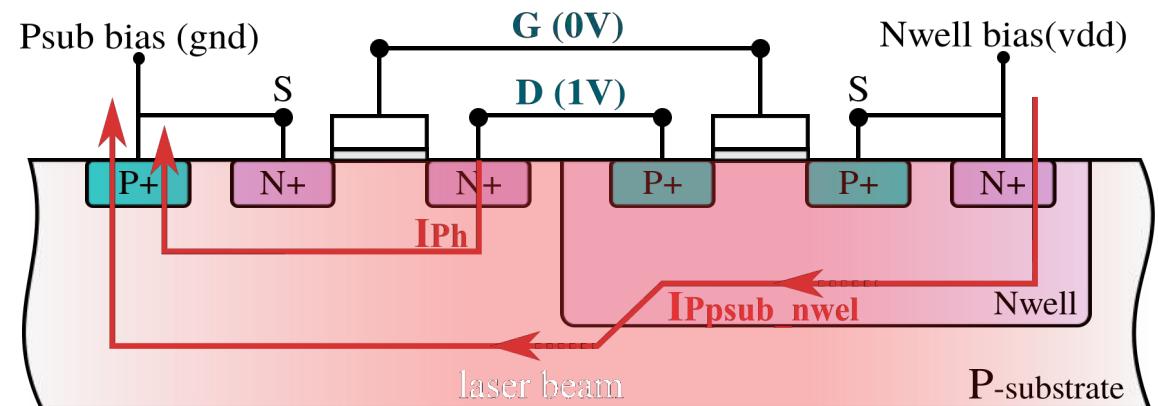
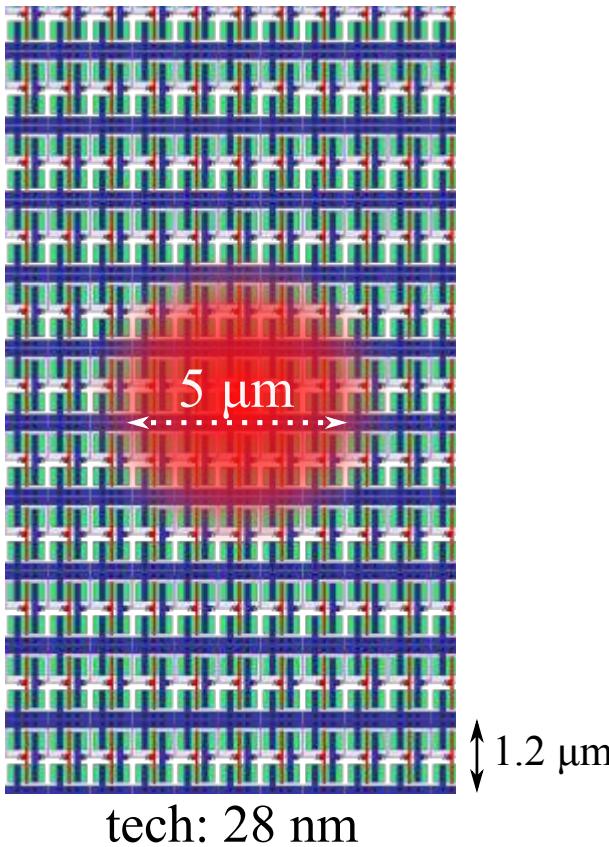
NMOS and PMOS transistors are **always** illuminated by the laser beam

tech: 28 nm



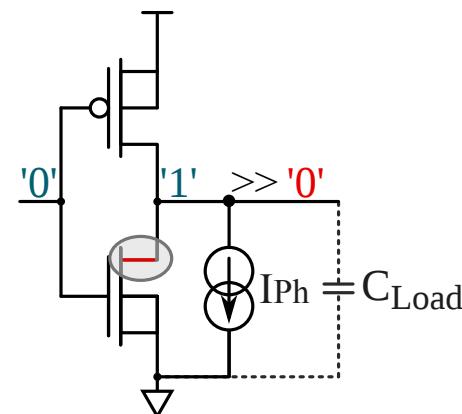
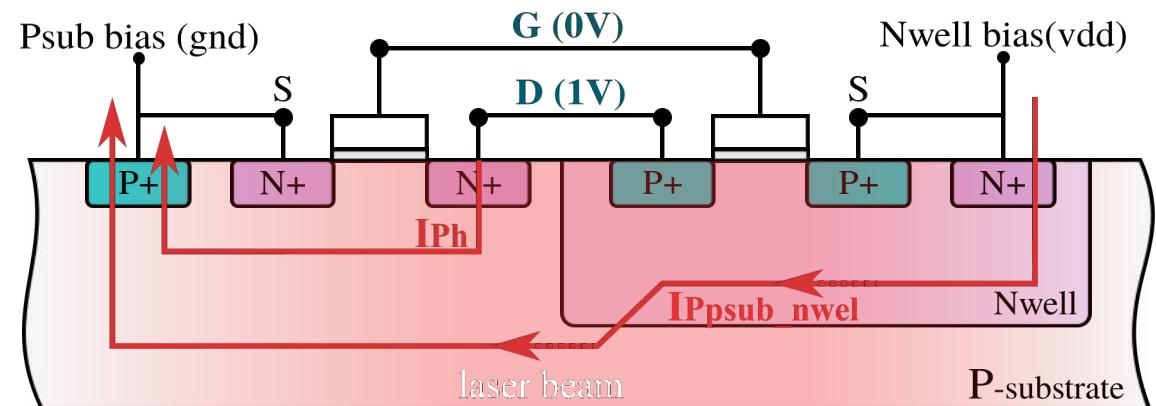
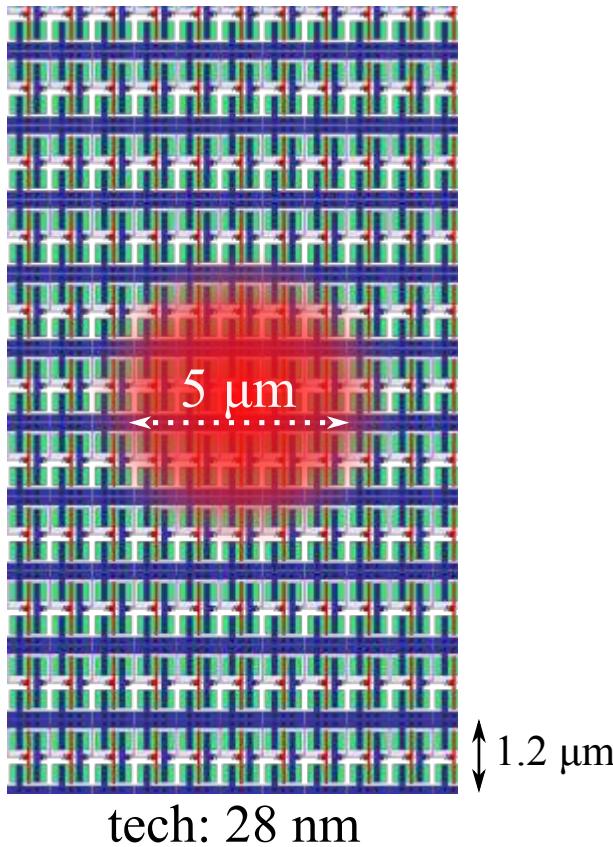
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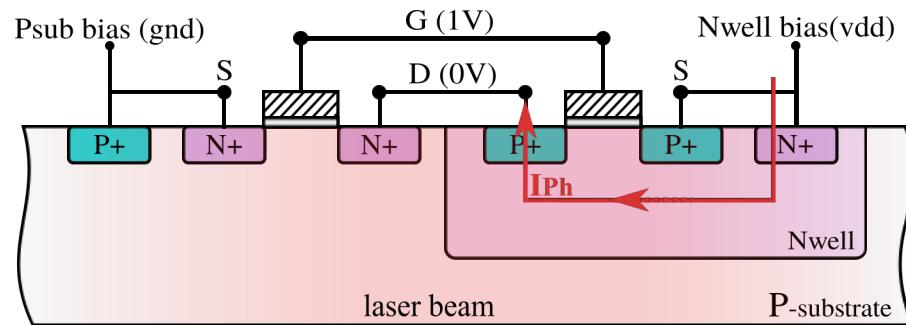
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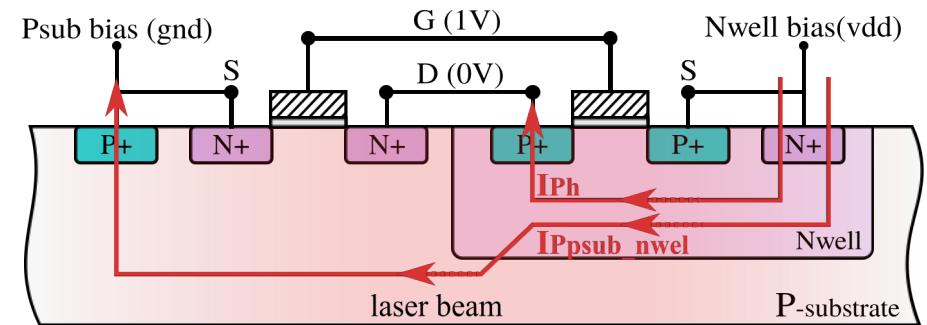
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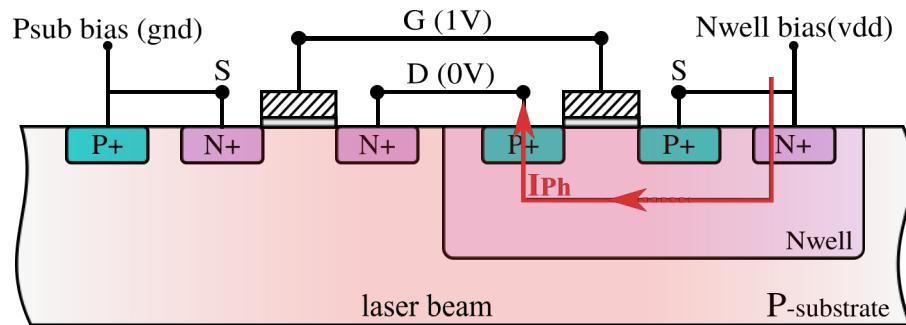


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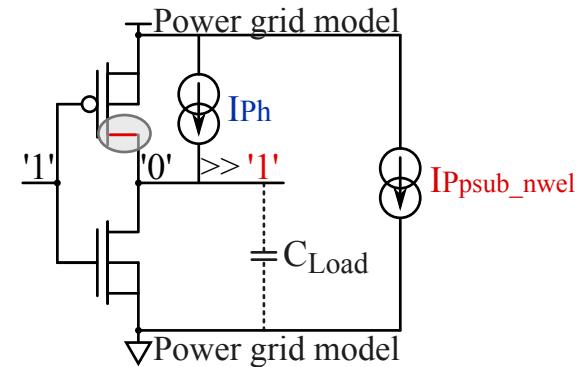
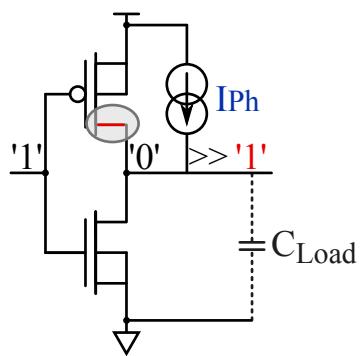
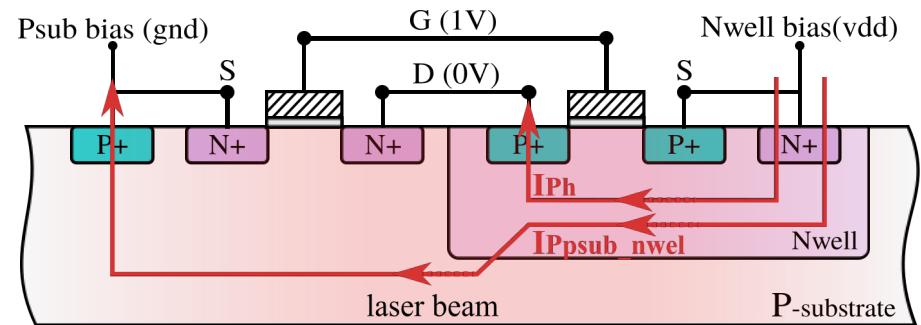


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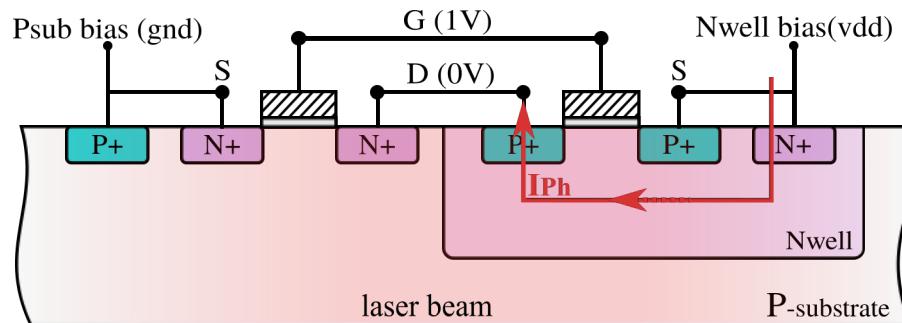


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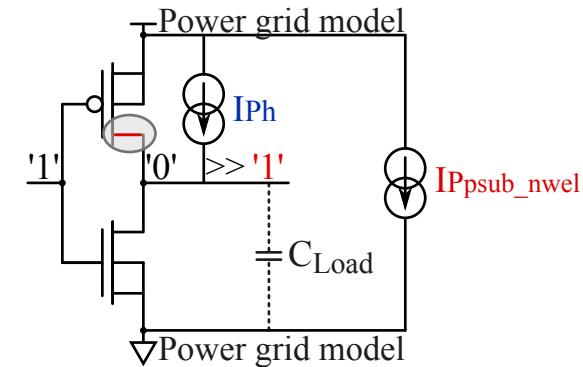
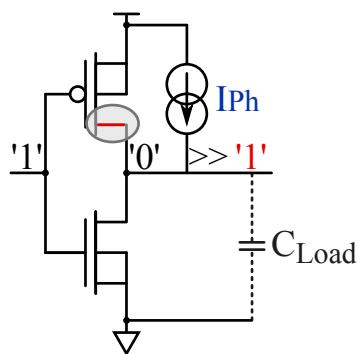
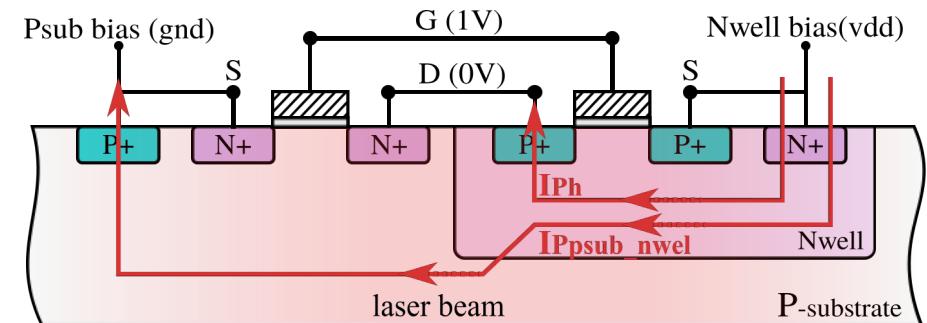
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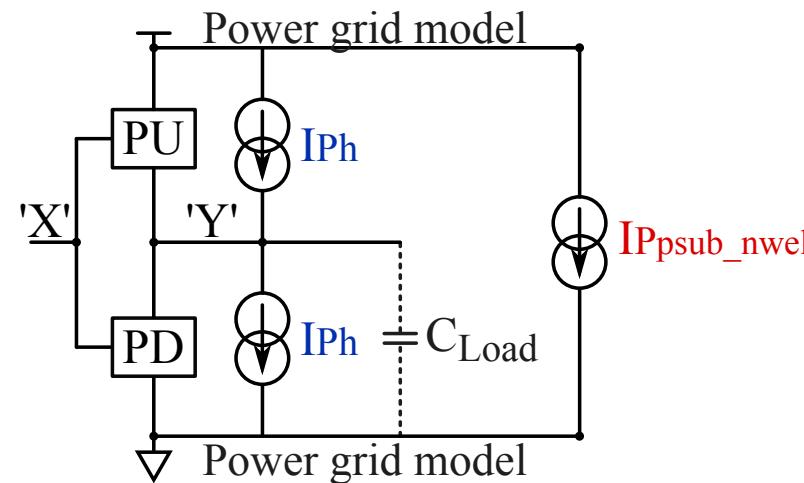
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↓ → (>10)

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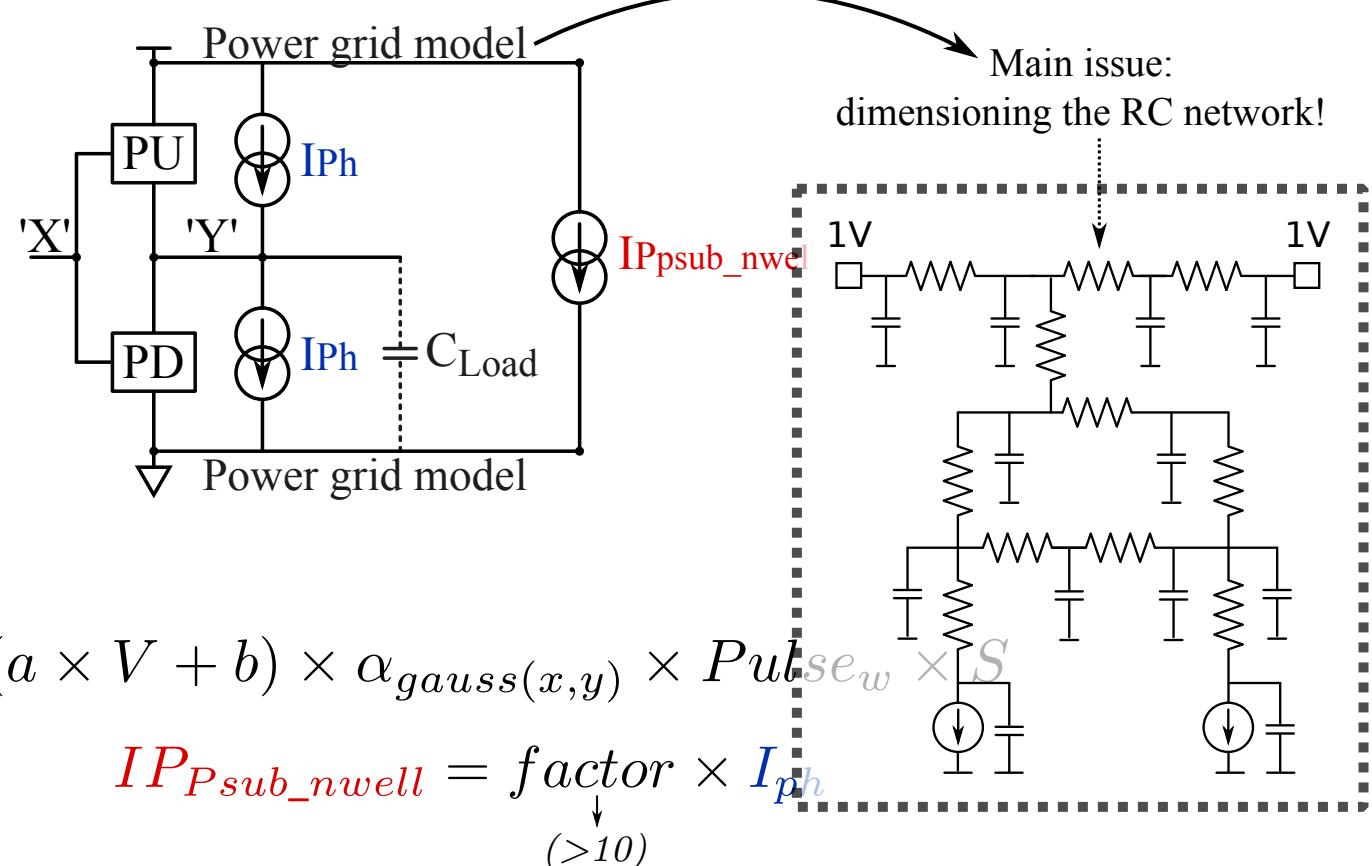


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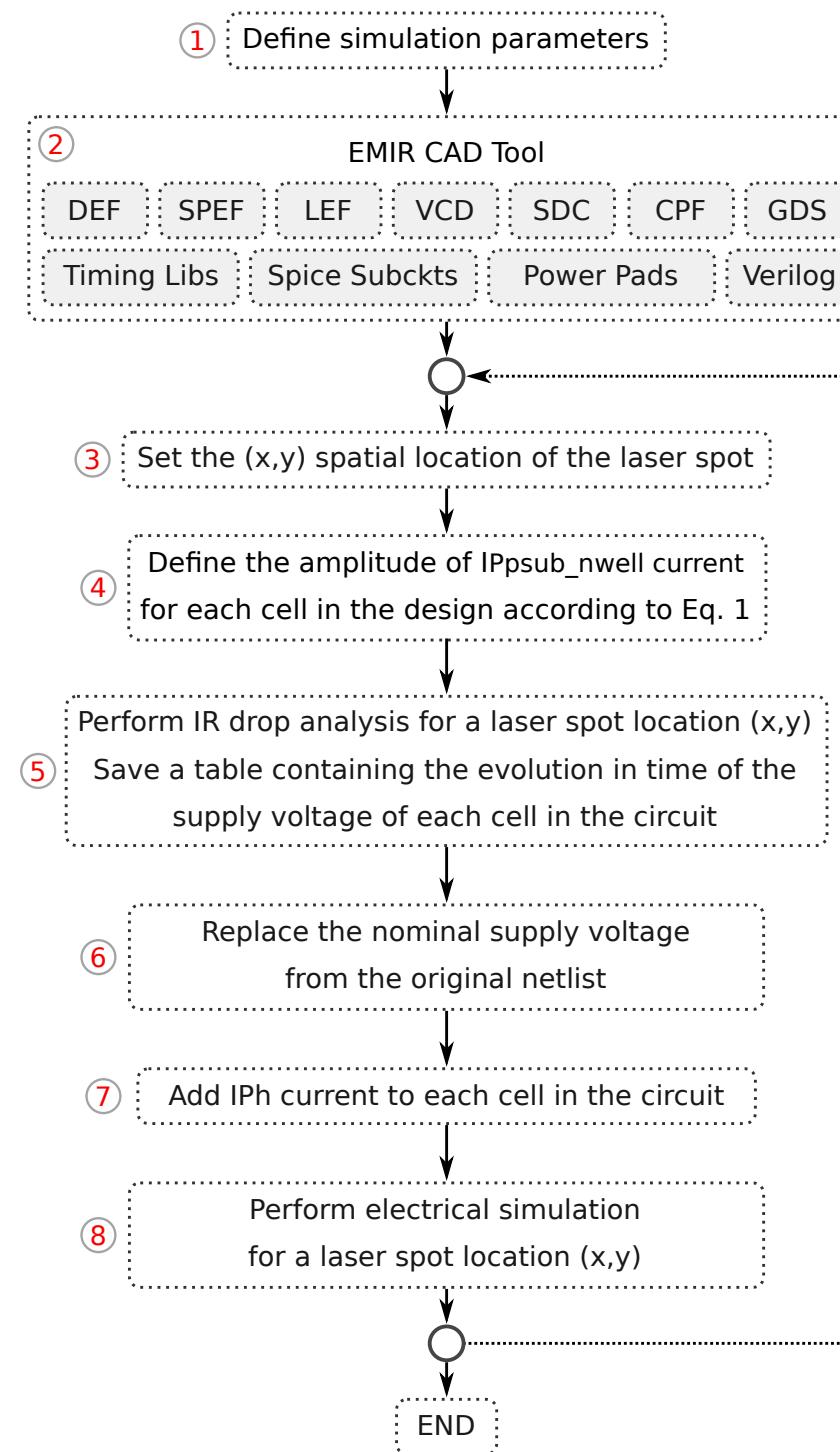
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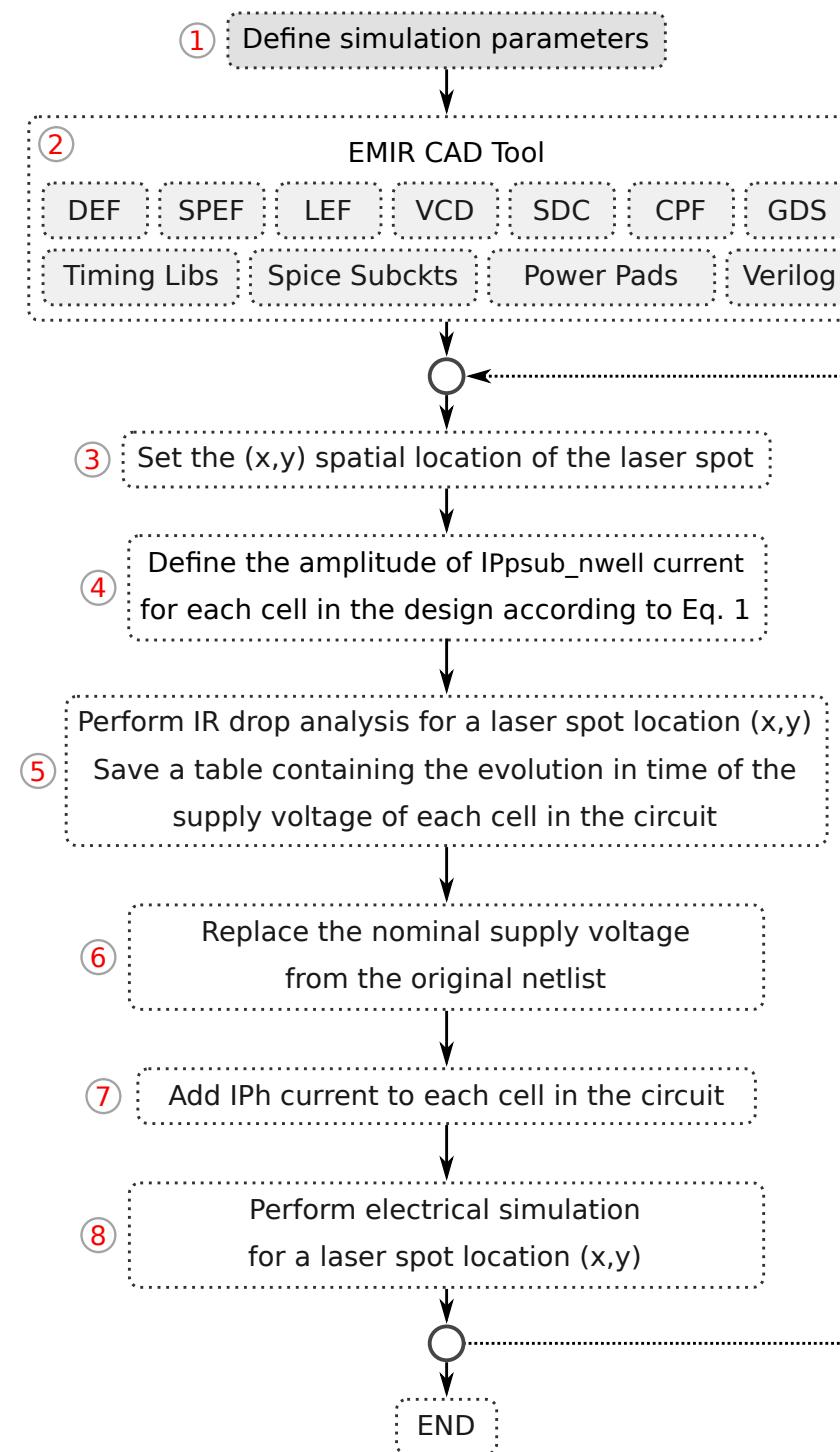
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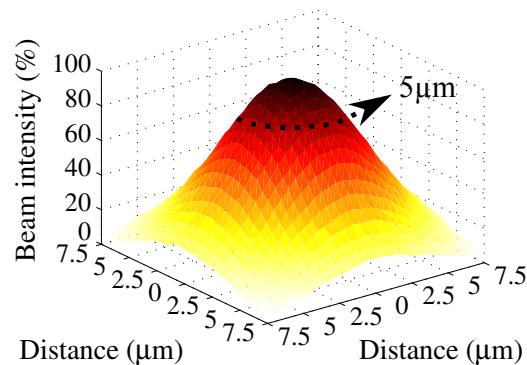
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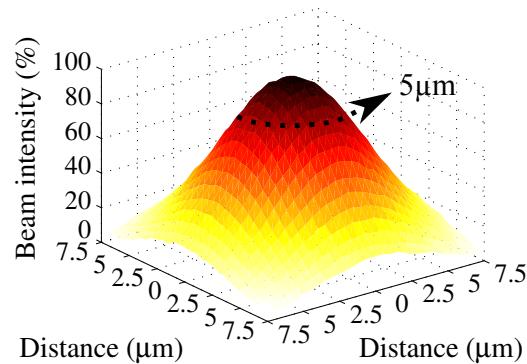
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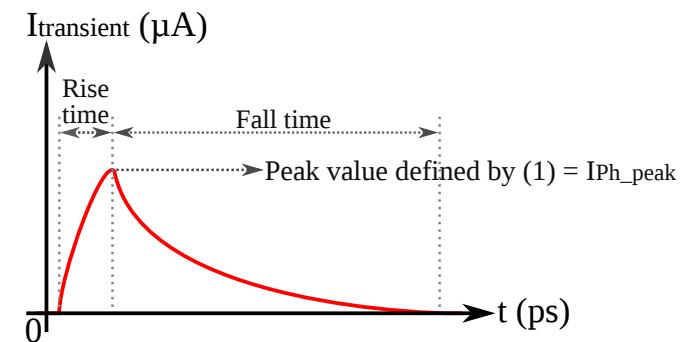
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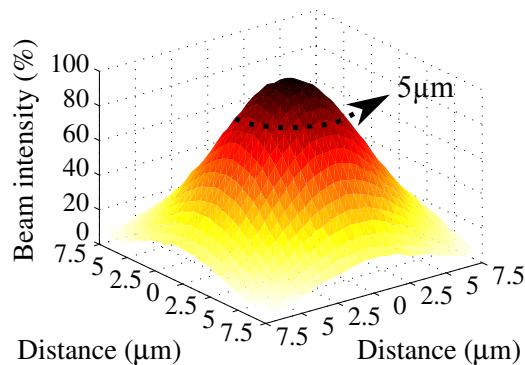


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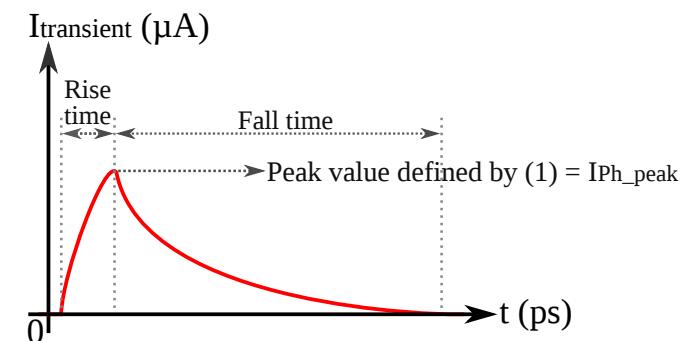
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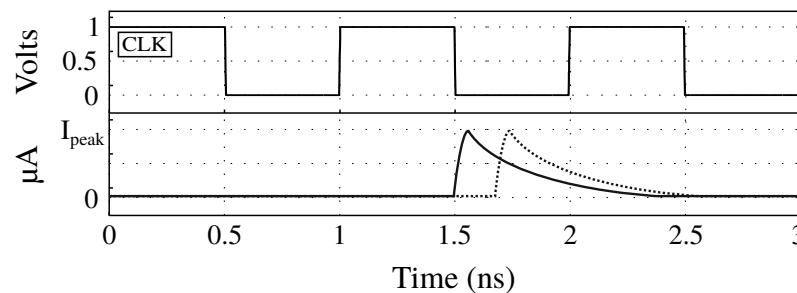
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Time at which the laser shot occurs w.r.t. the zero of the simulation

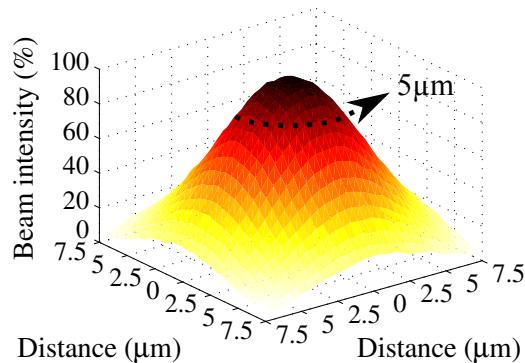


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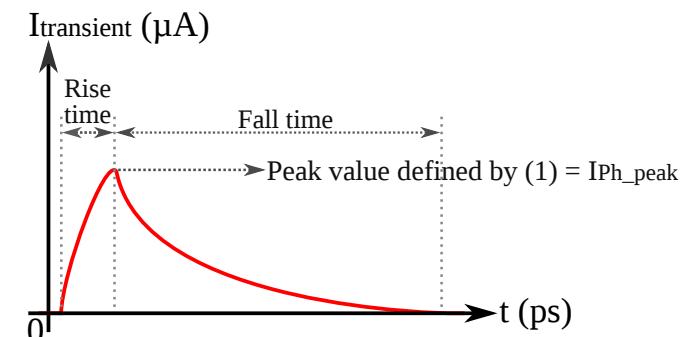
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Define simulation parameters

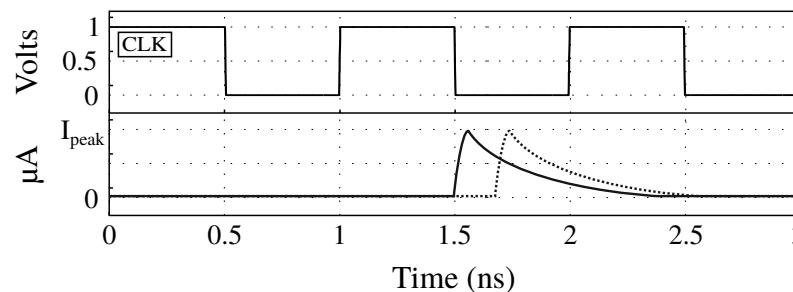
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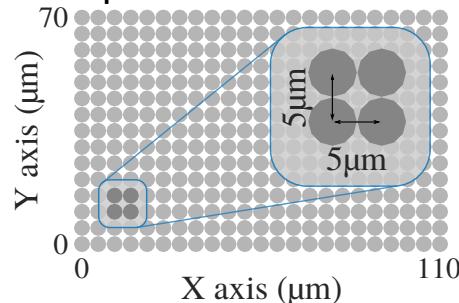
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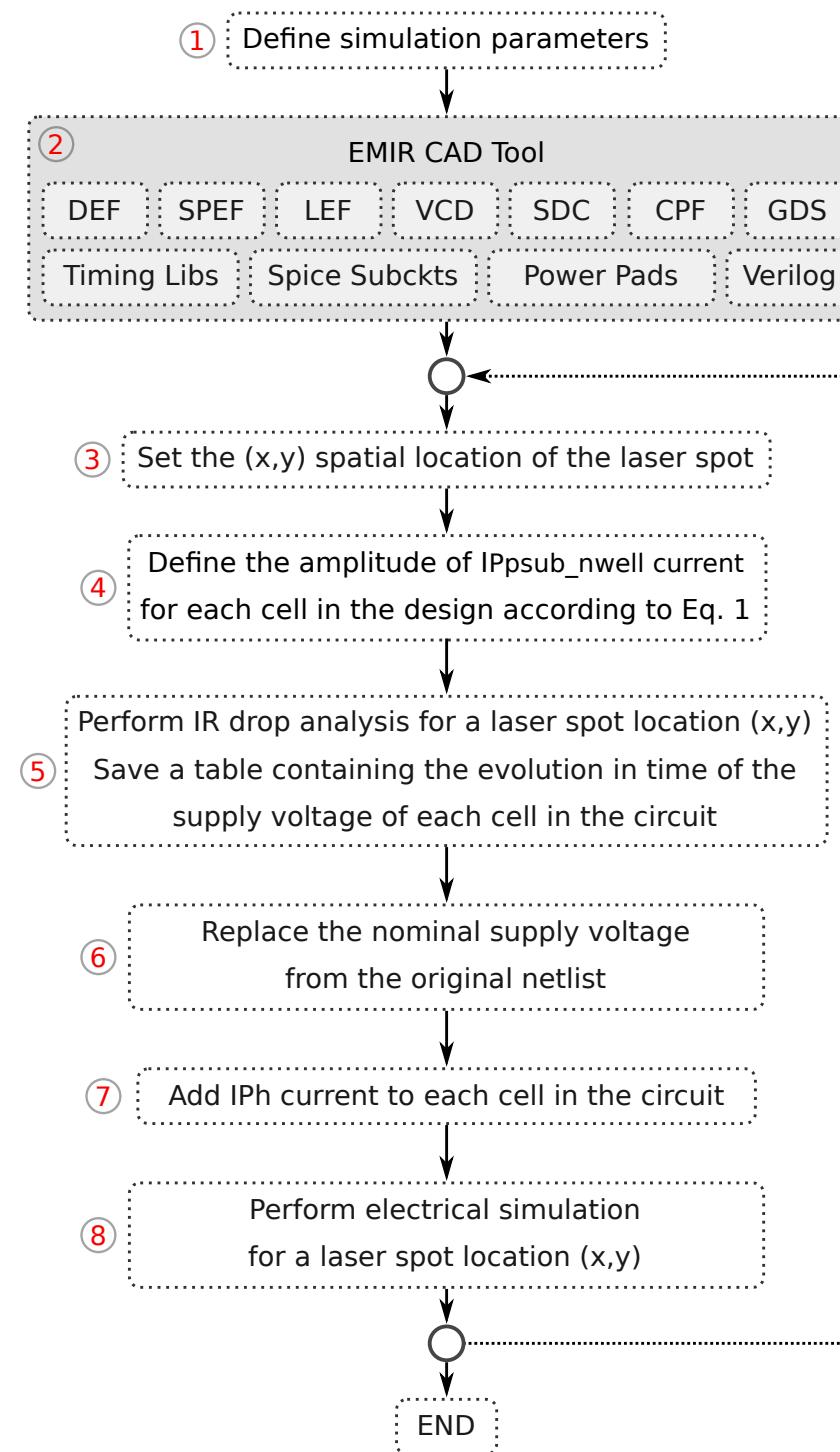
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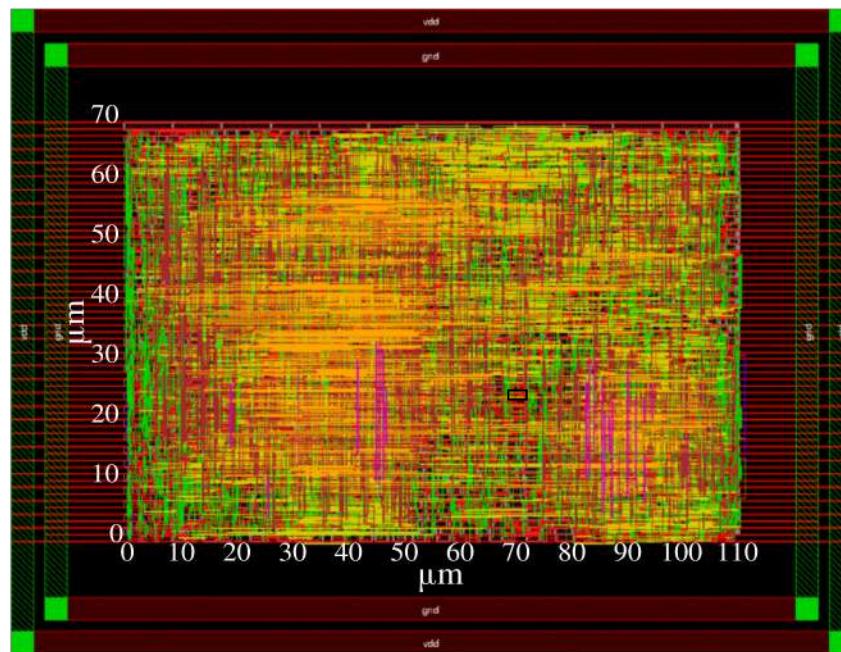
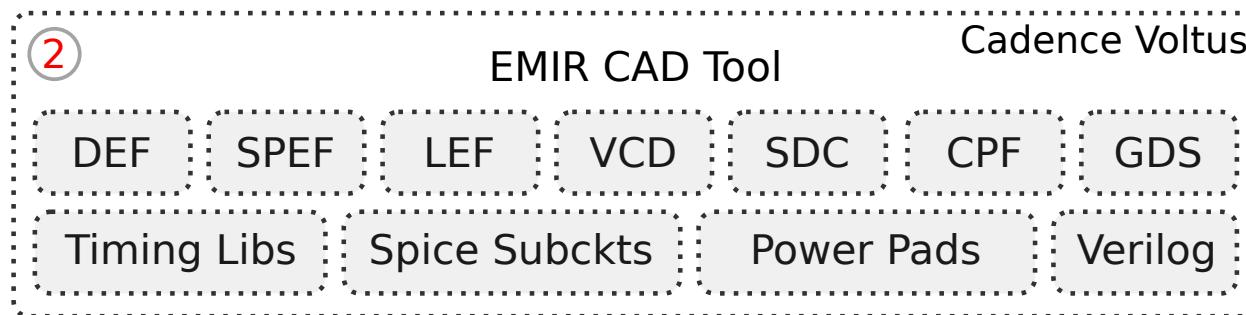
(X, Y ) displacement step of the laser spot when one aims to draw a fault sensitivity map



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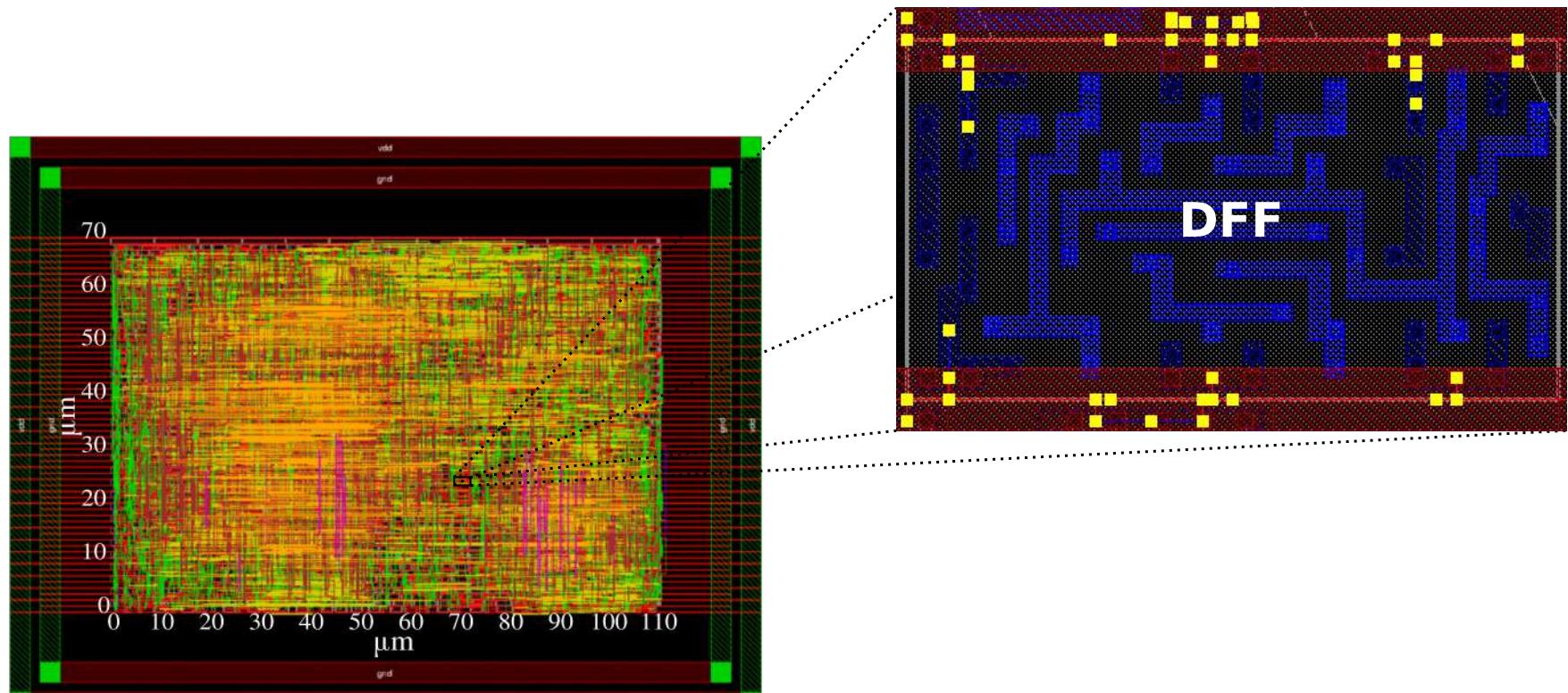
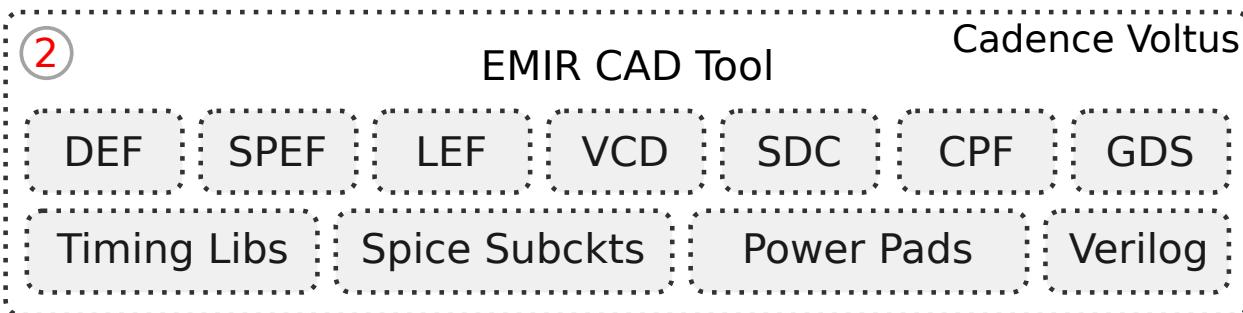


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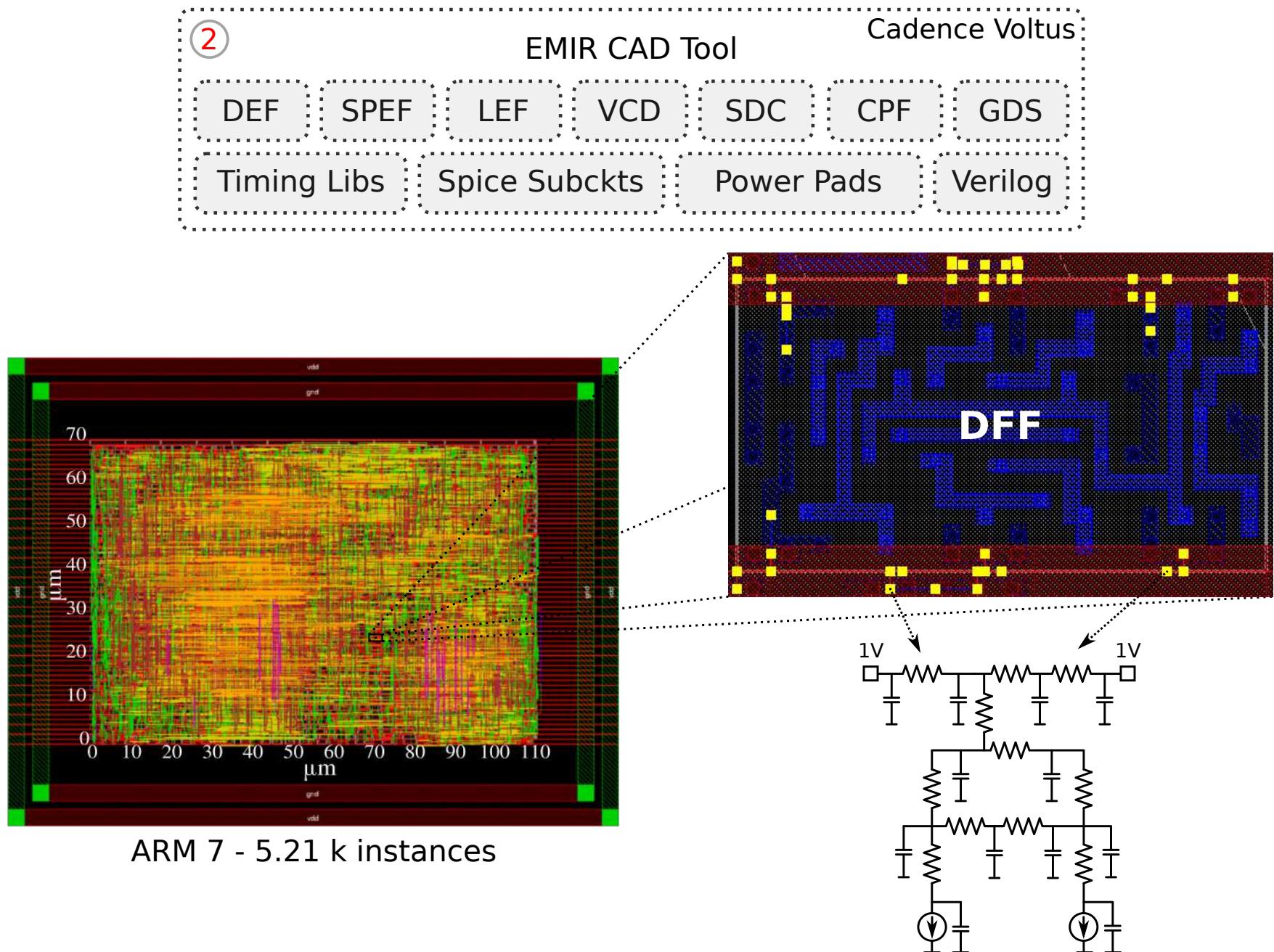
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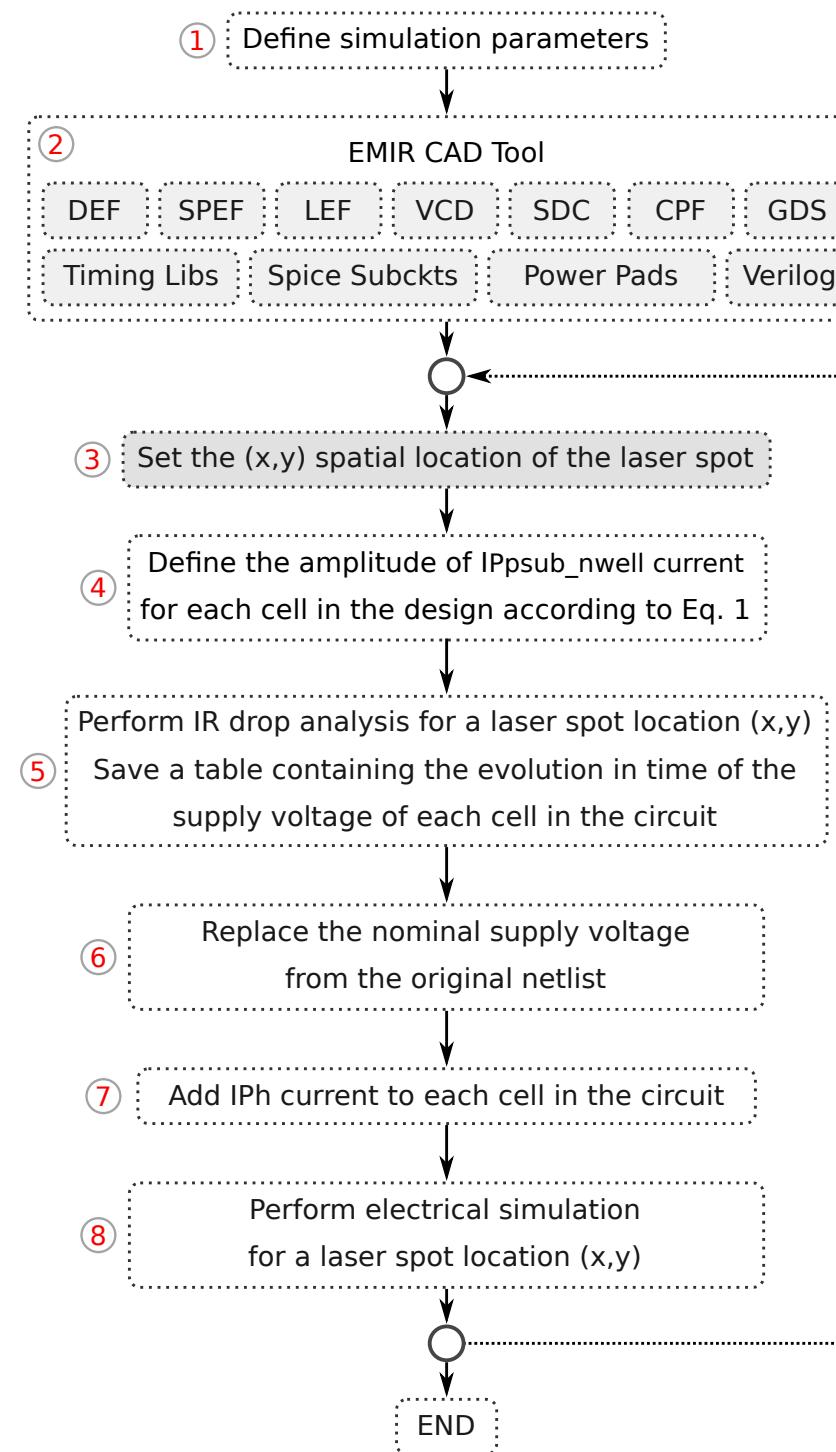


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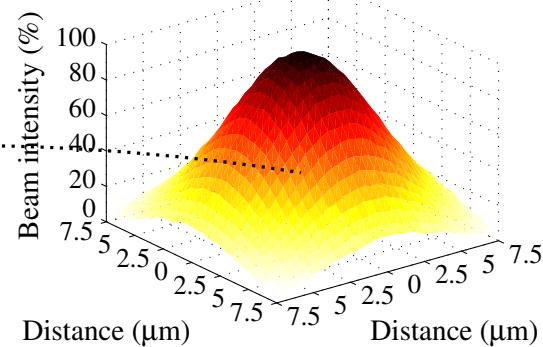
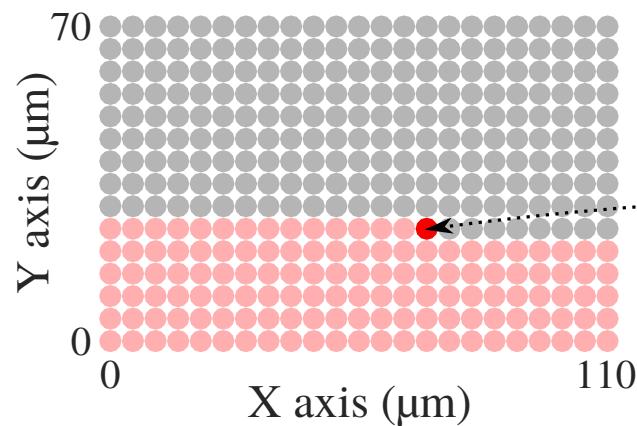


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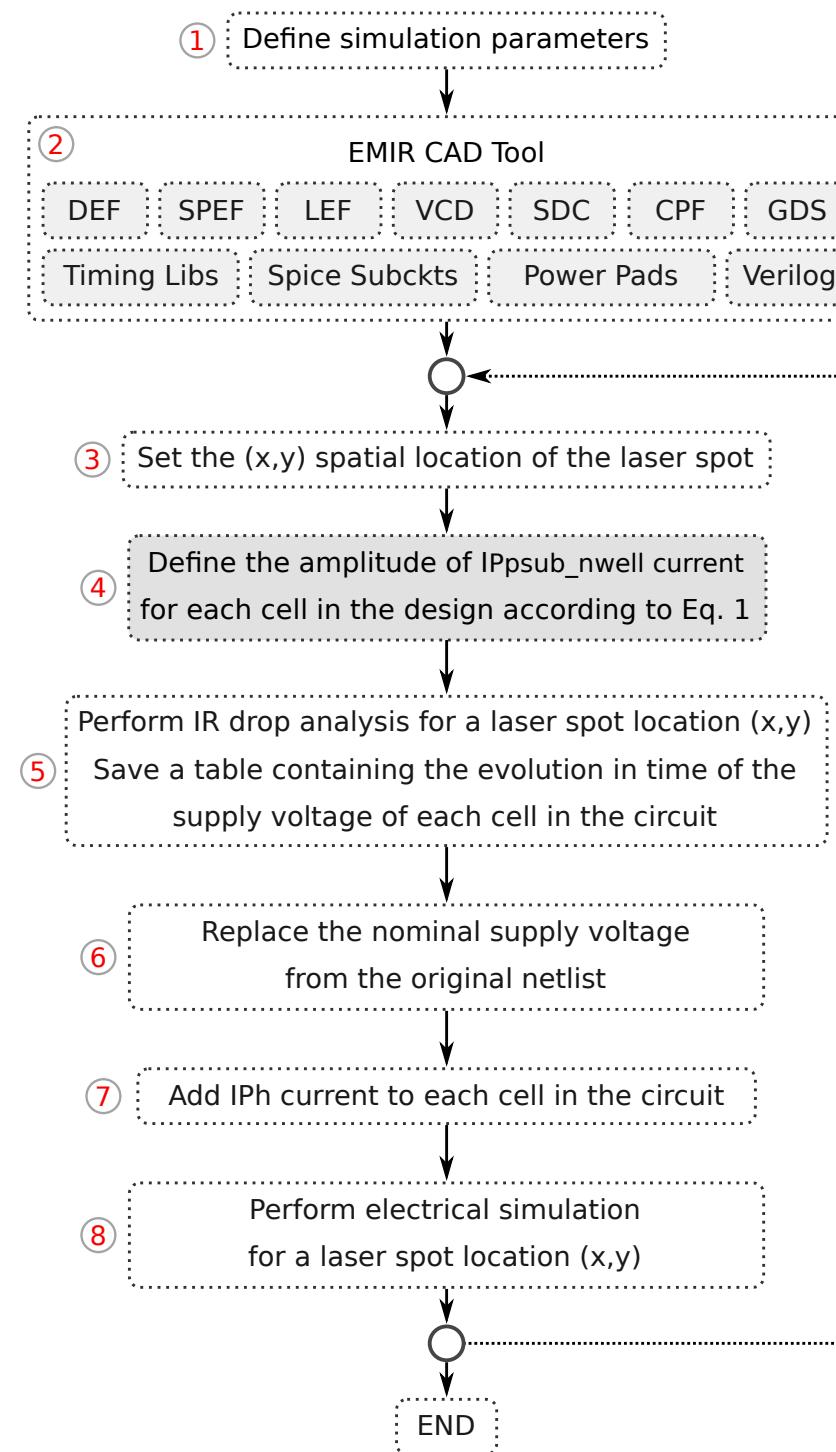


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Set the (x,y) spatial location of the laser spot



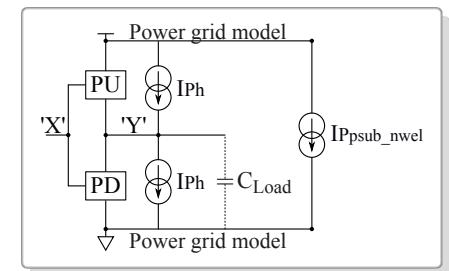
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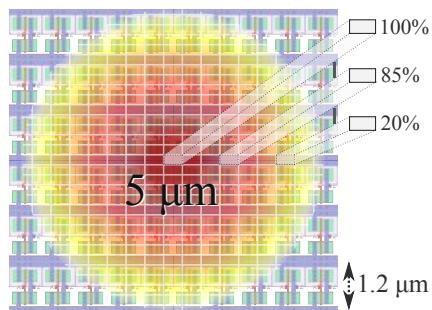
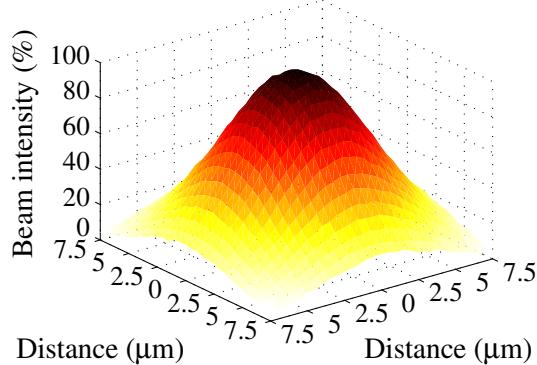
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Define the amplitude of IPpsub\_nwell current for each cell in the design according to Eq. 1



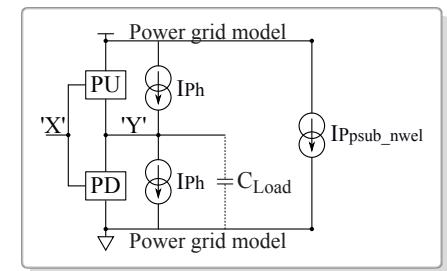
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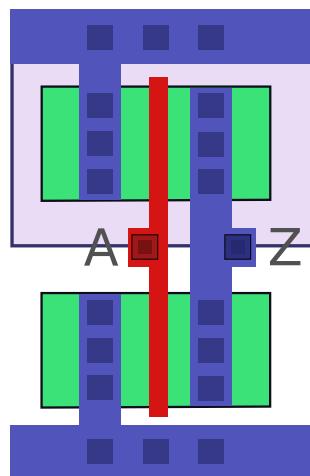
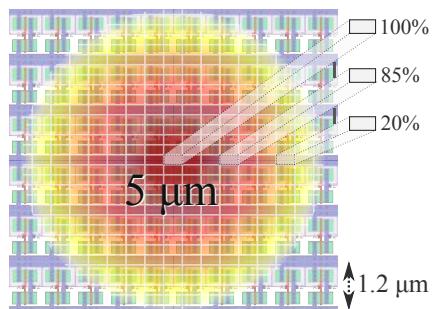
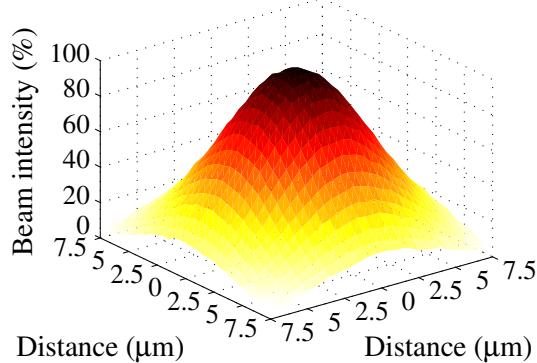
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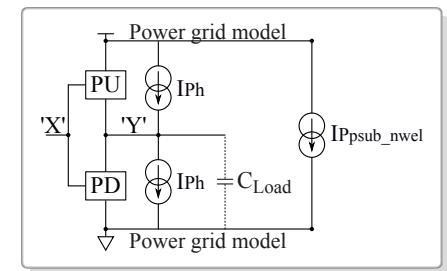
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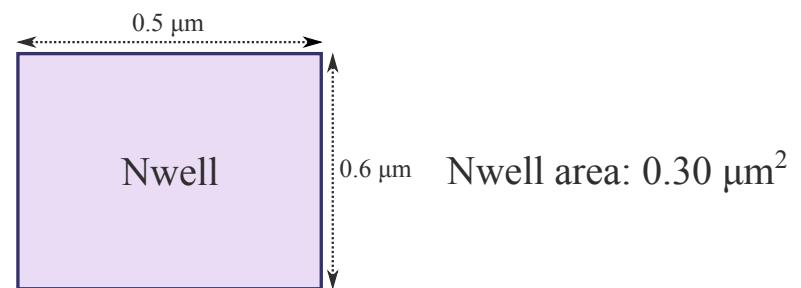
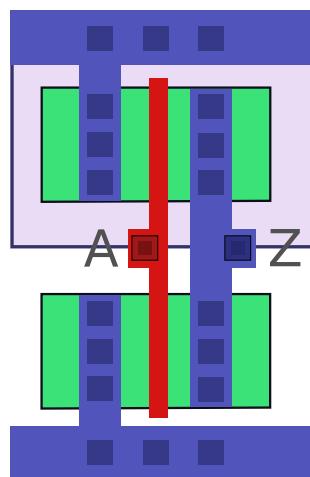
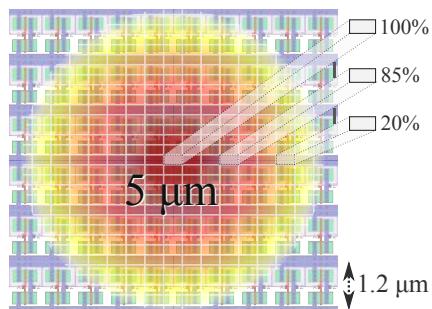
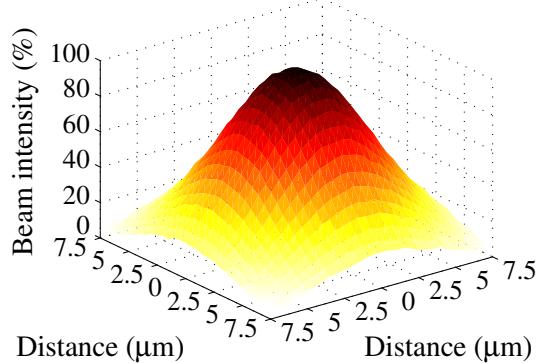
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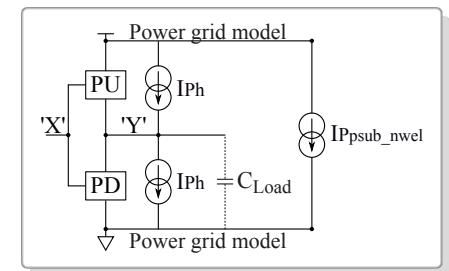
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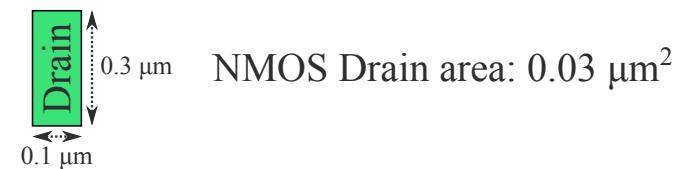
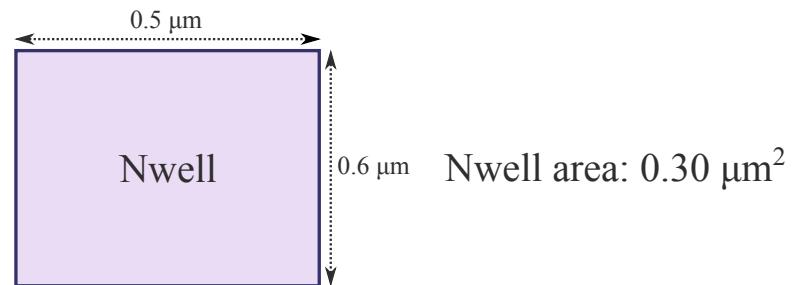
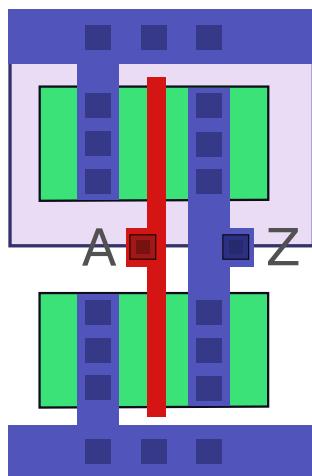
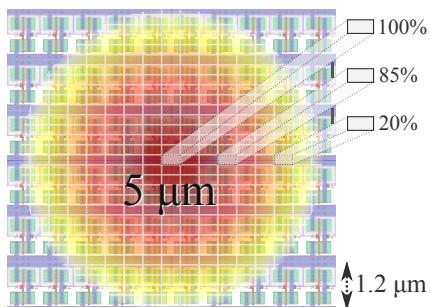
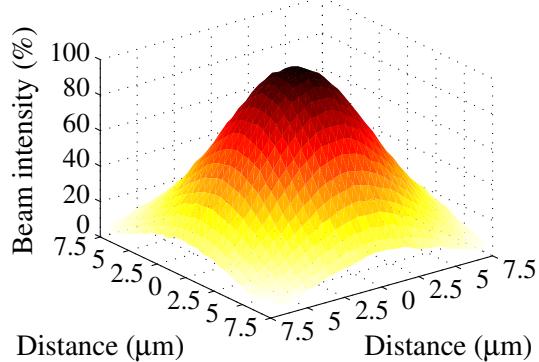
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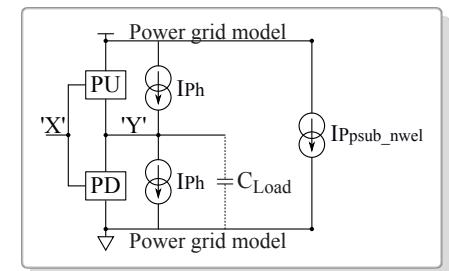
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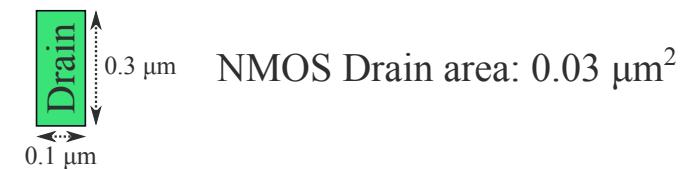
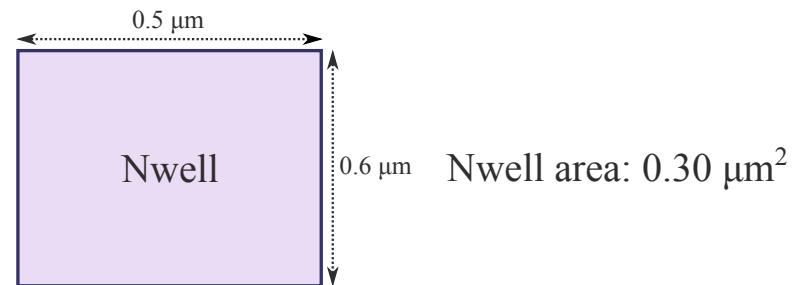
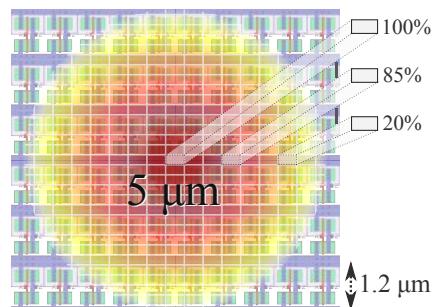
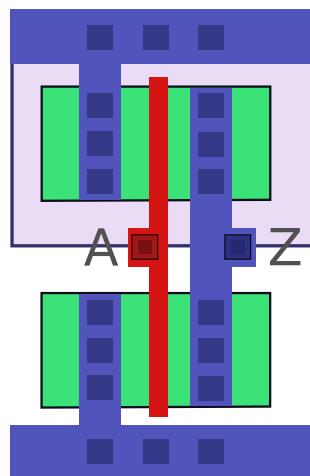
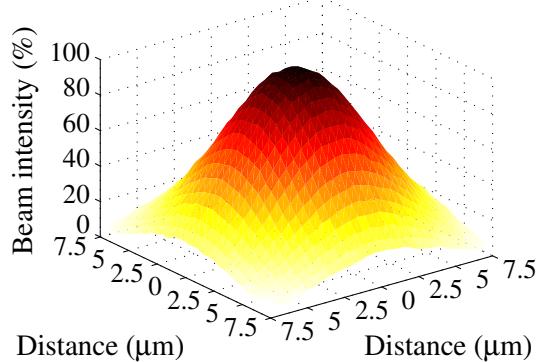
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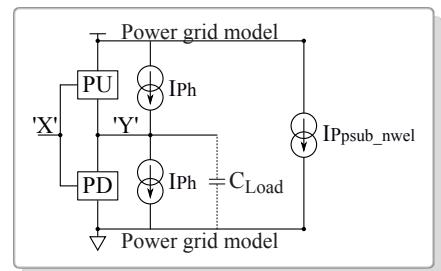


$$factor = \frac{0.30 \mu\text{m}^2}{0.03 \mu\text{m}^2} = 10.00$$

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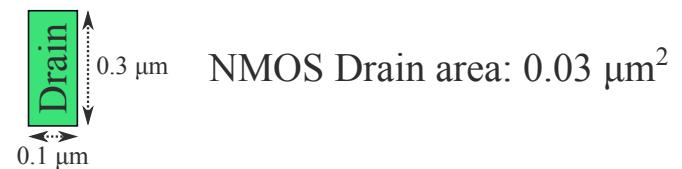
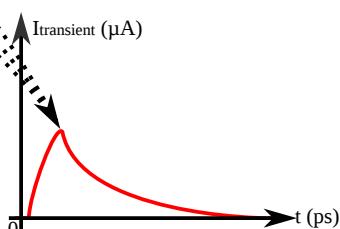
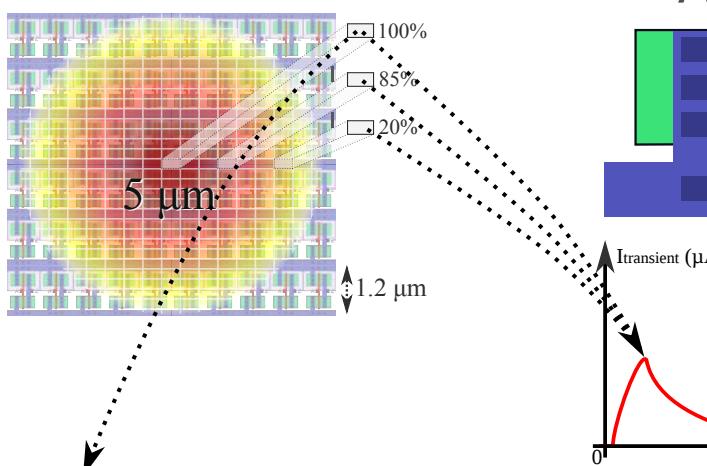
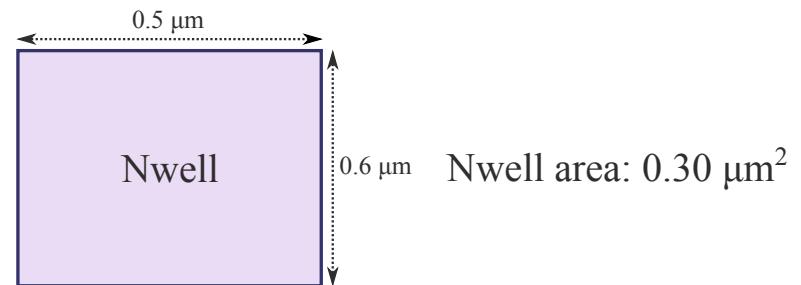
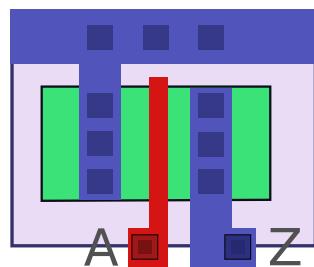
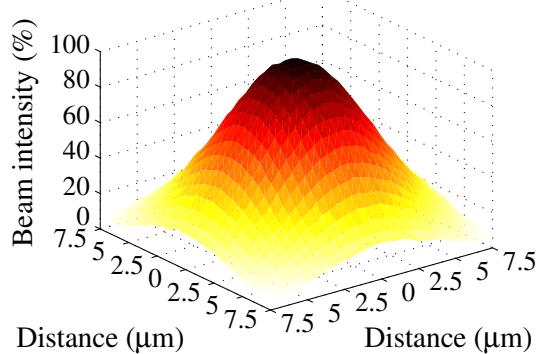
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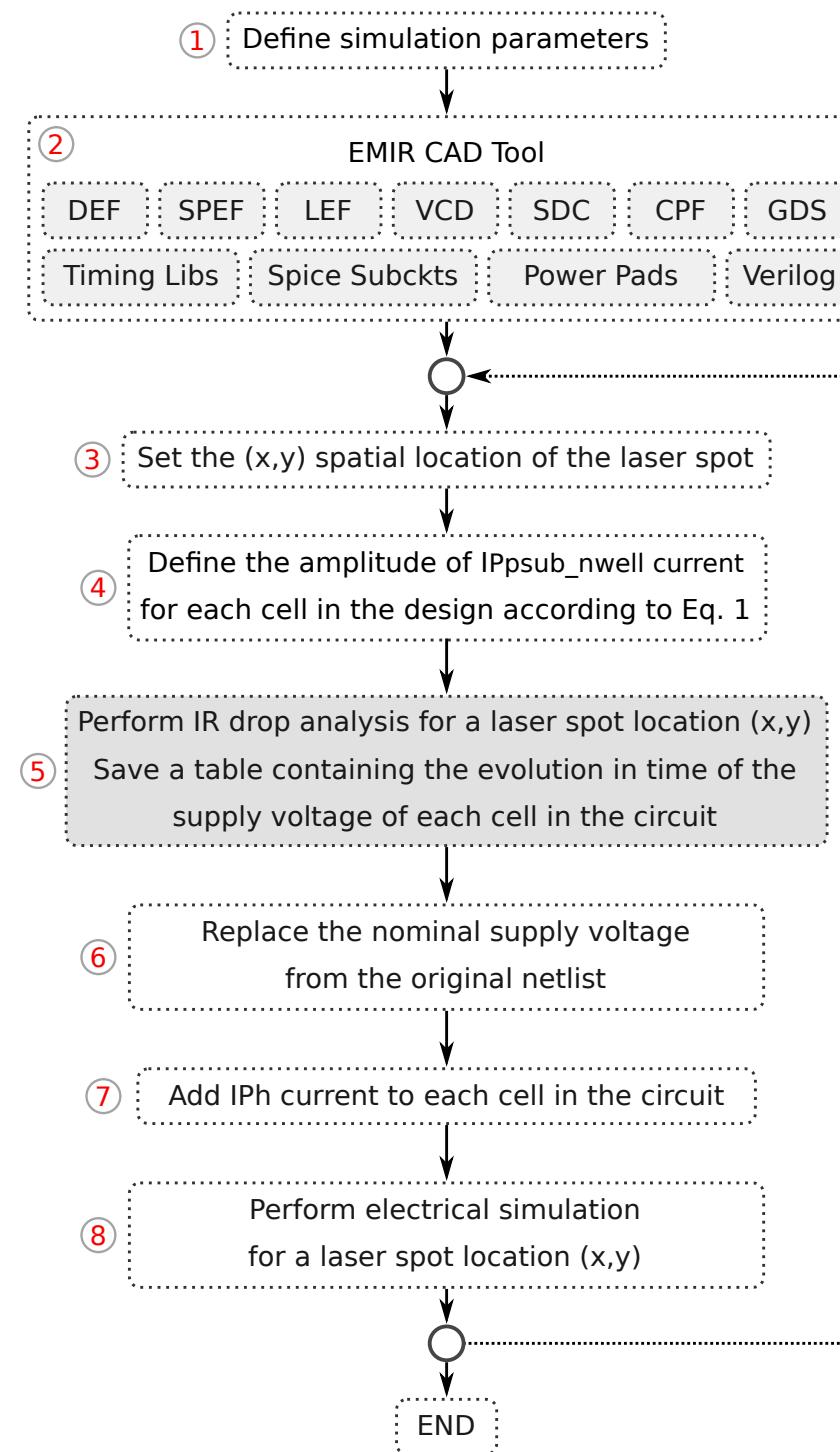
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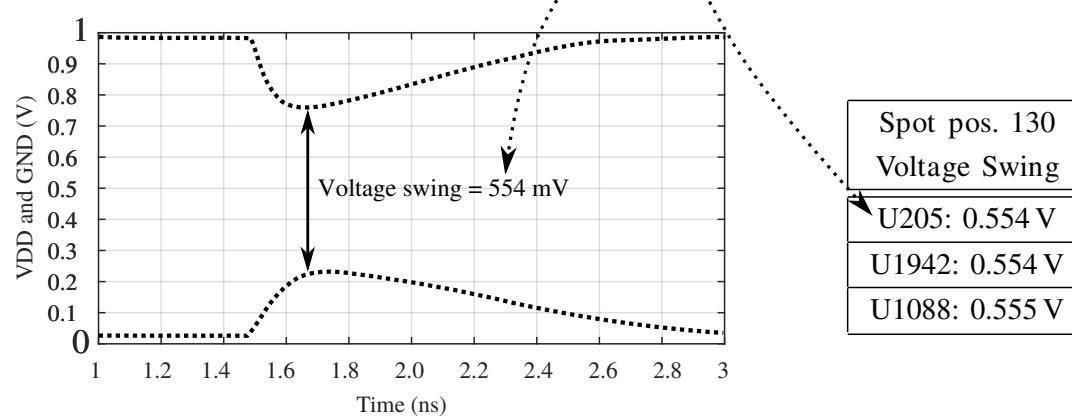
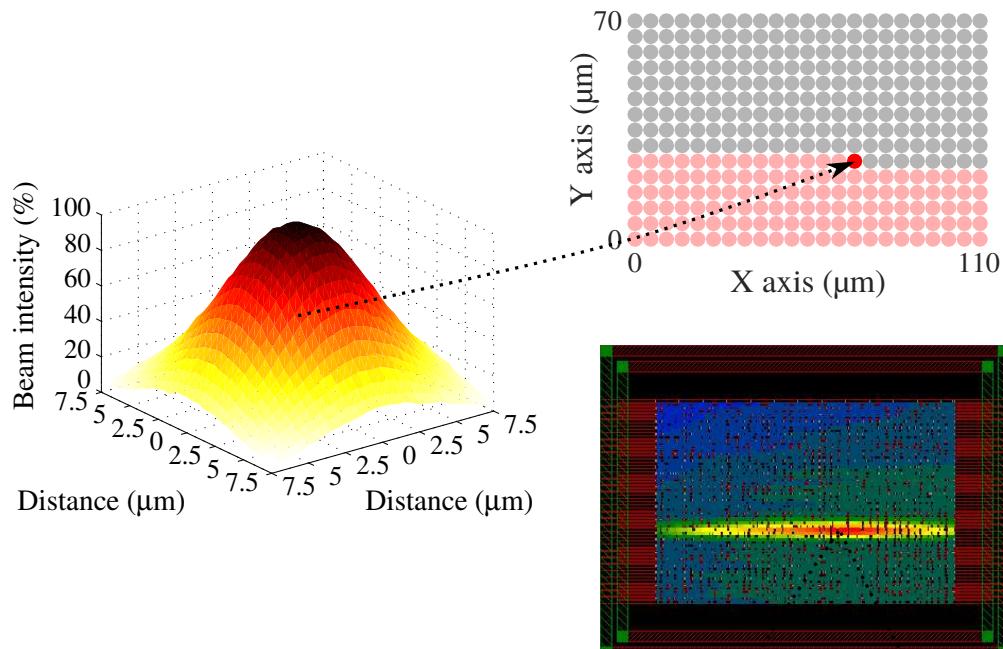
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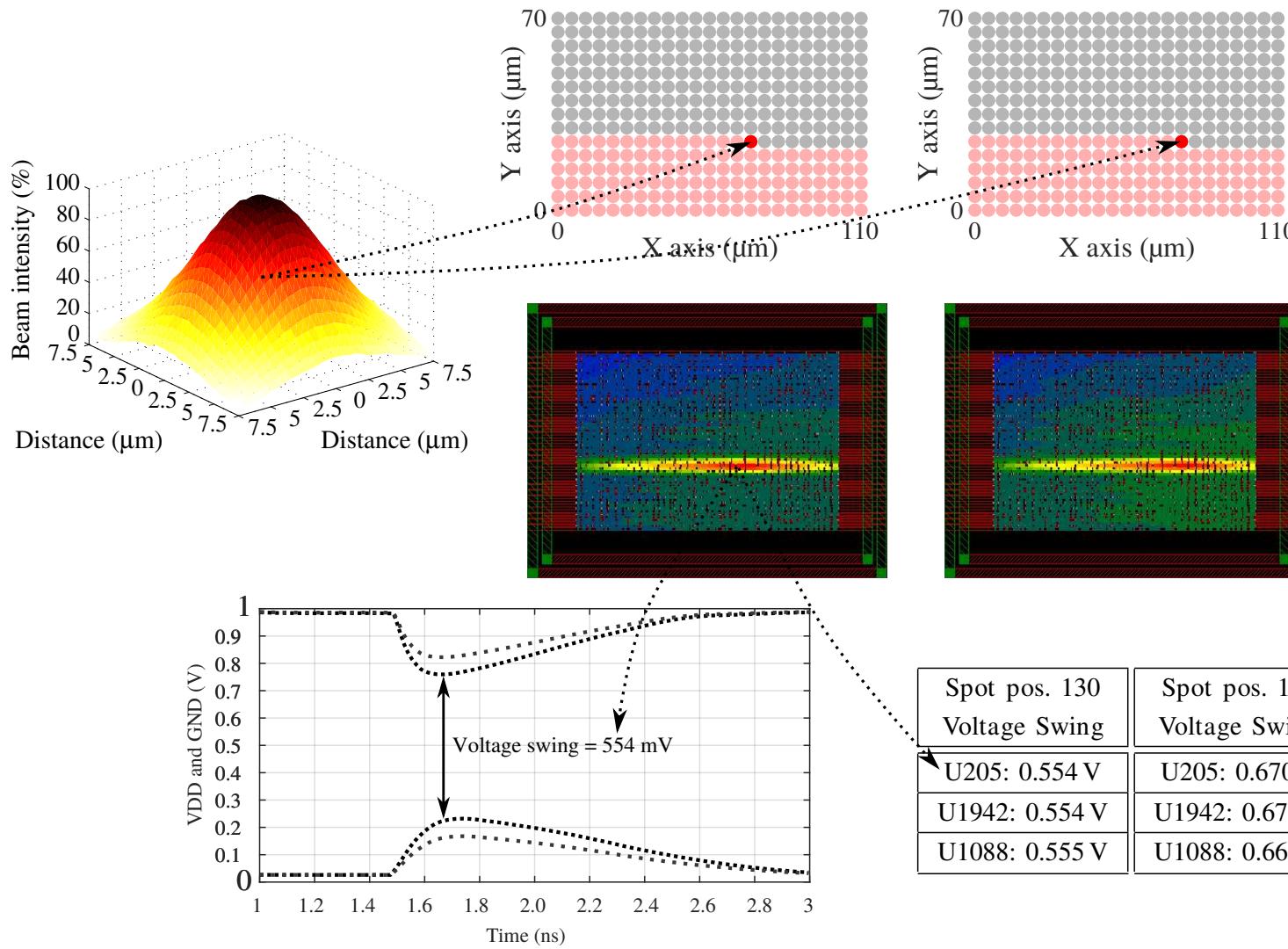
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Save a table containing the evolution in time of the supply voltage of each cell in the circuit



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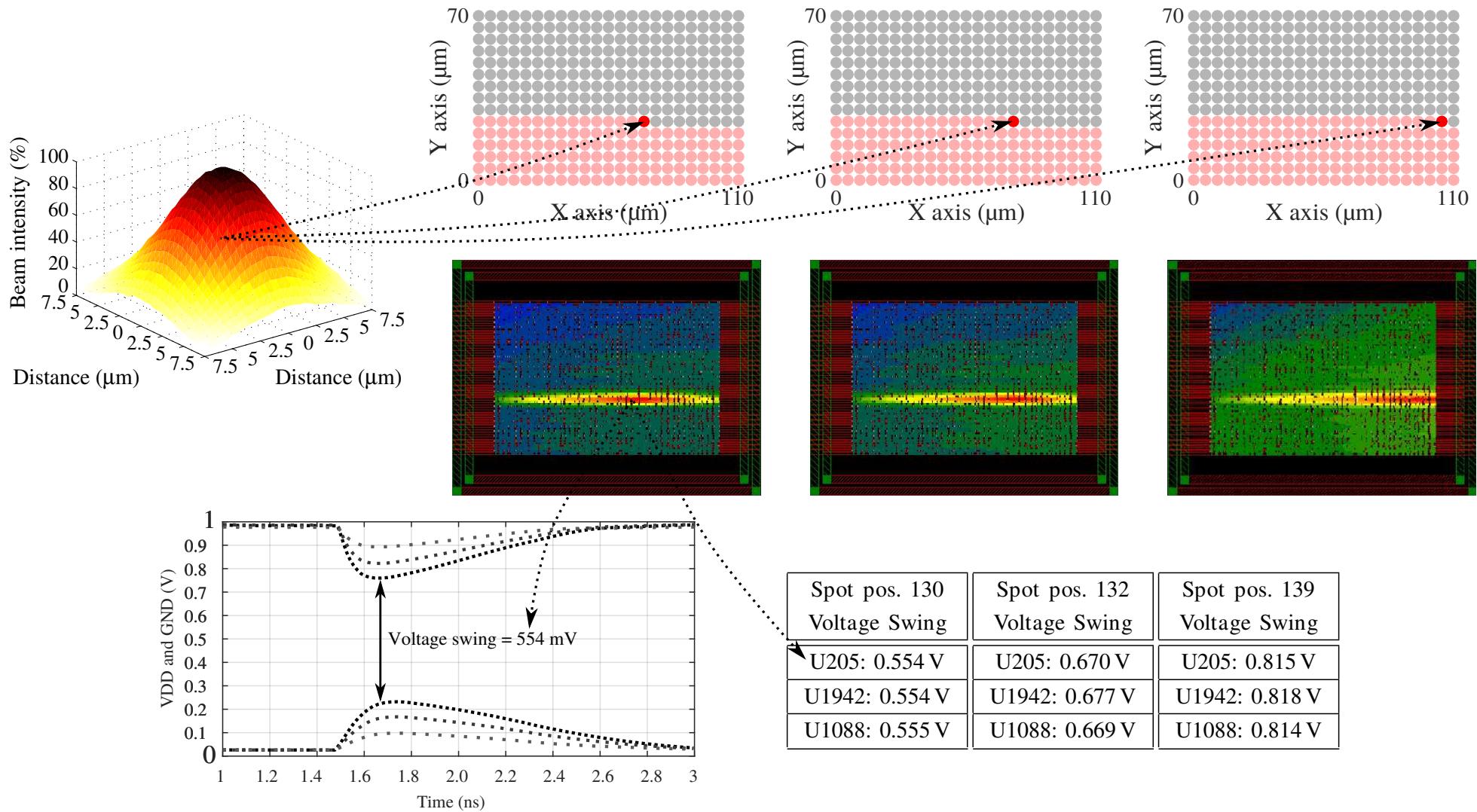
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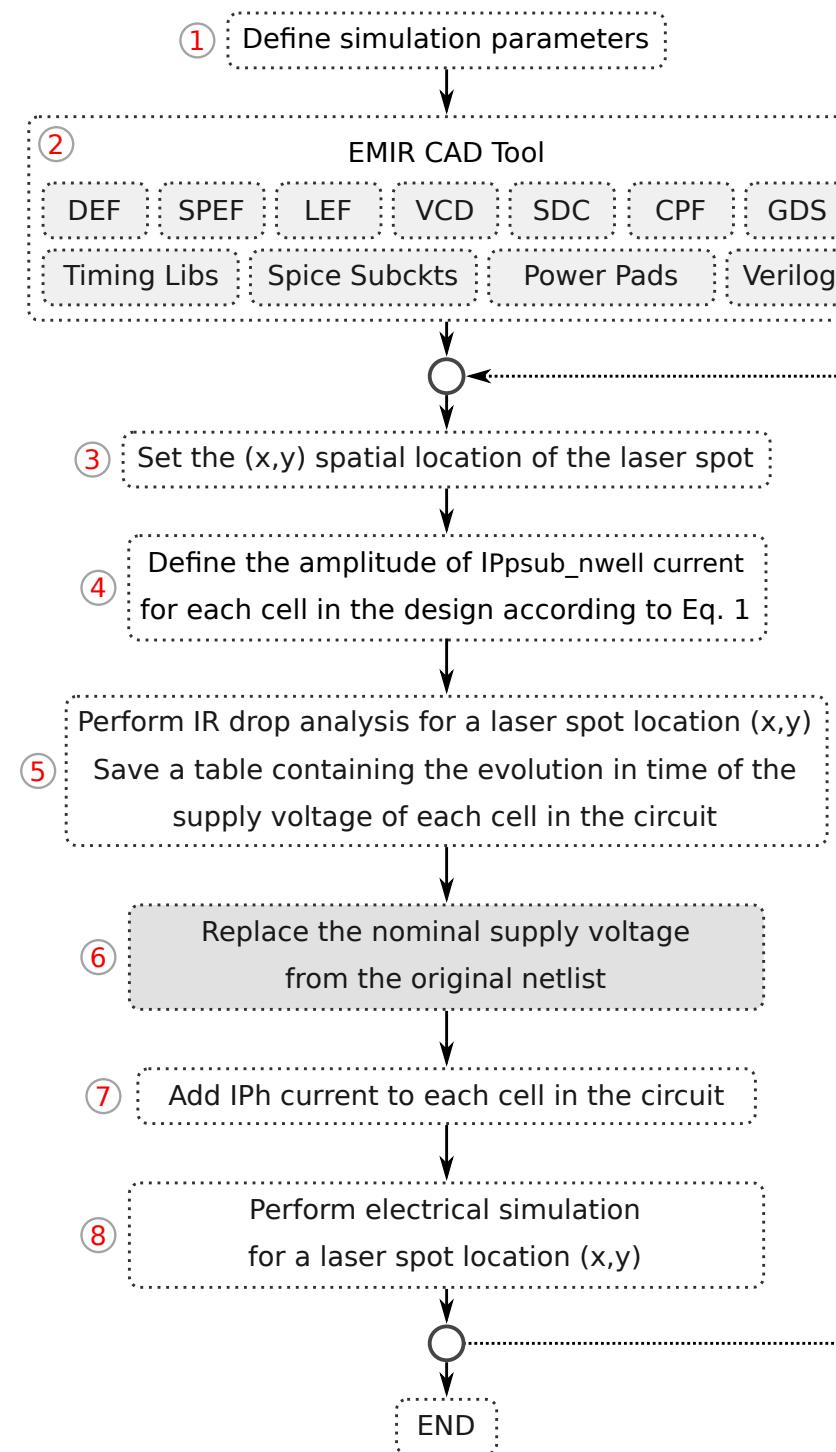
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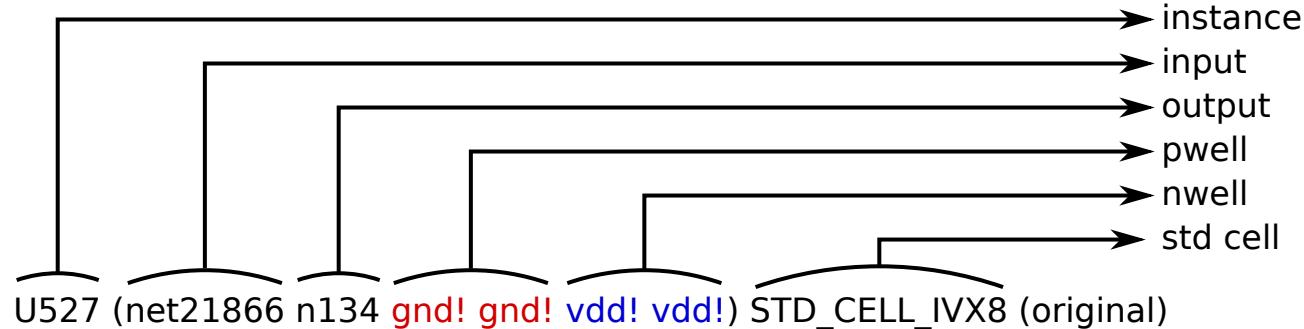


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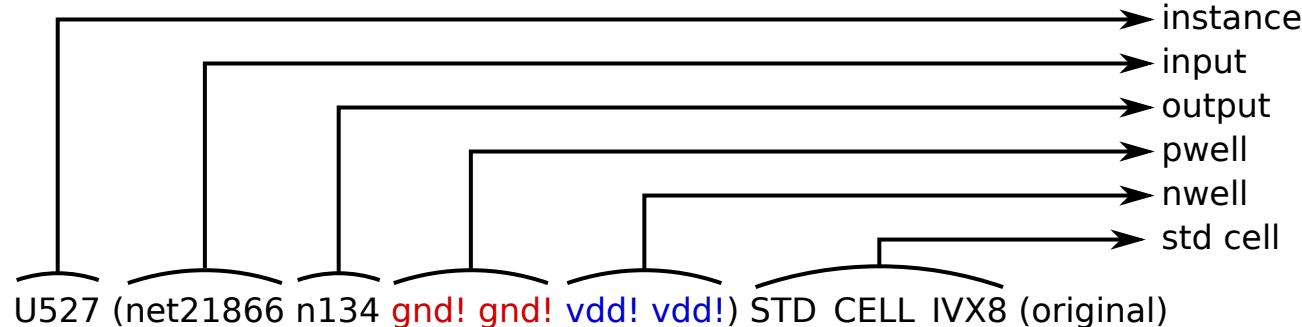
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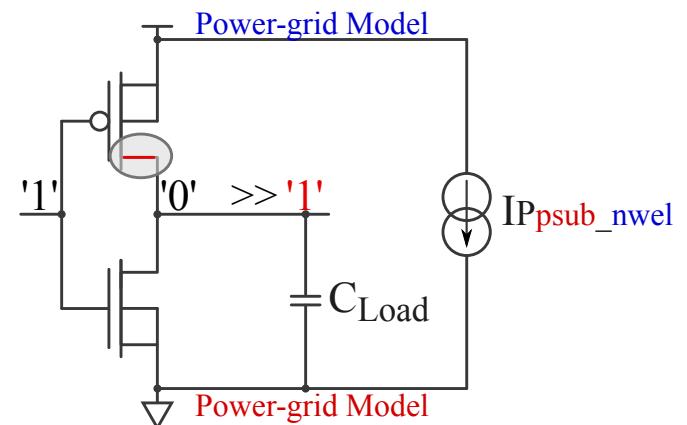
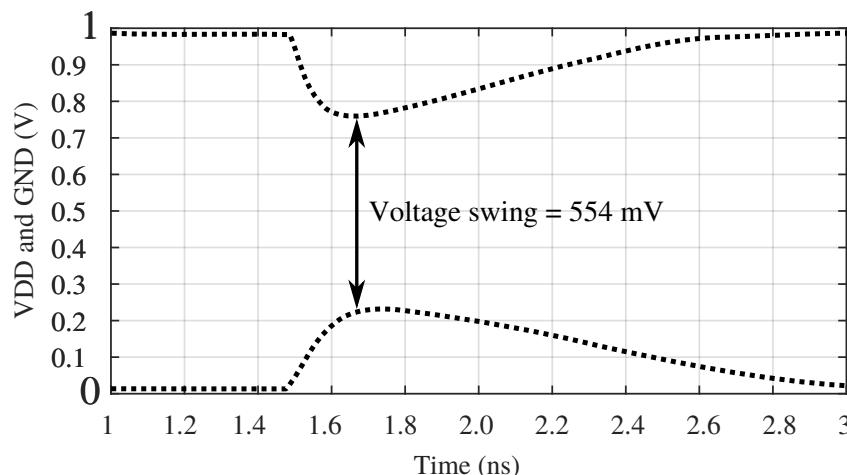


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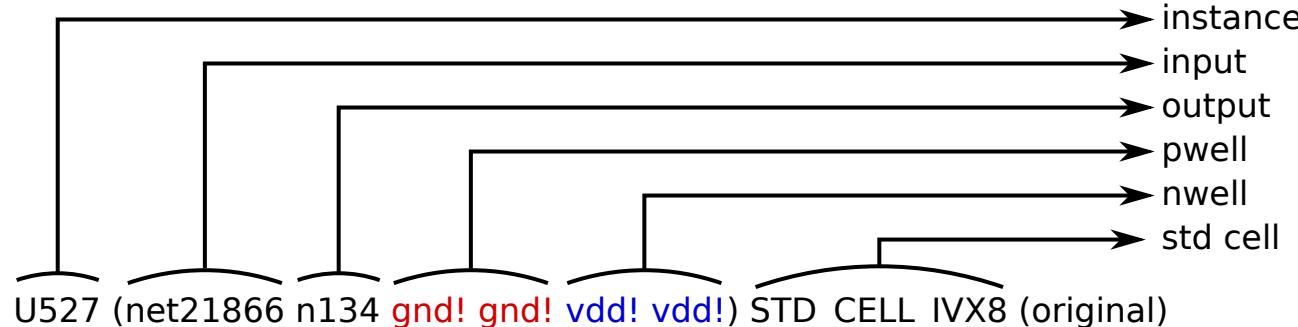


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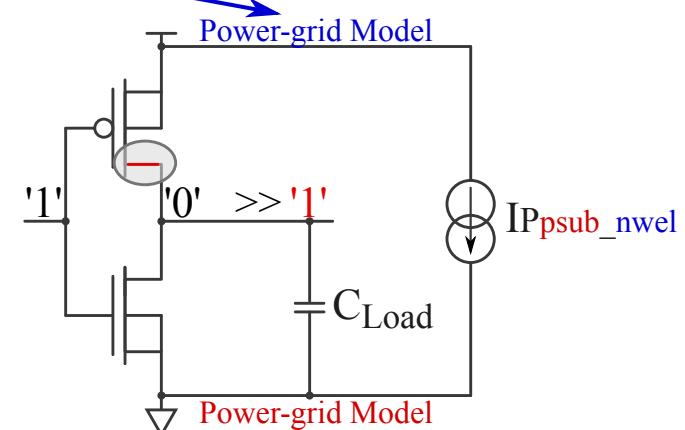
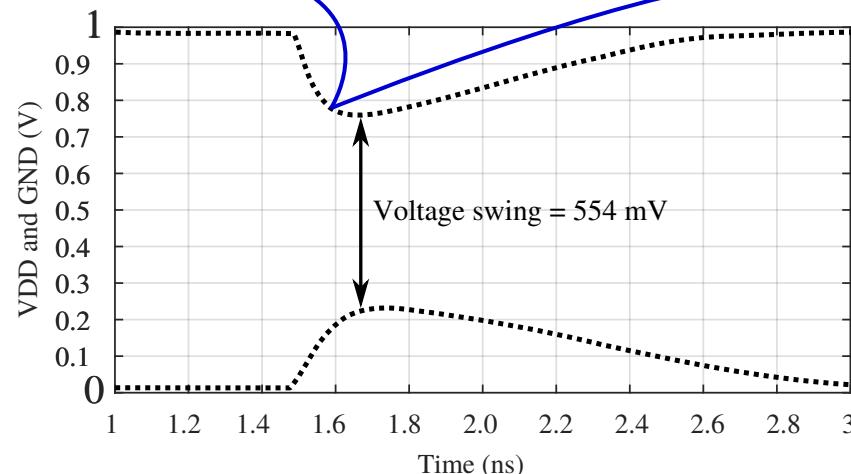
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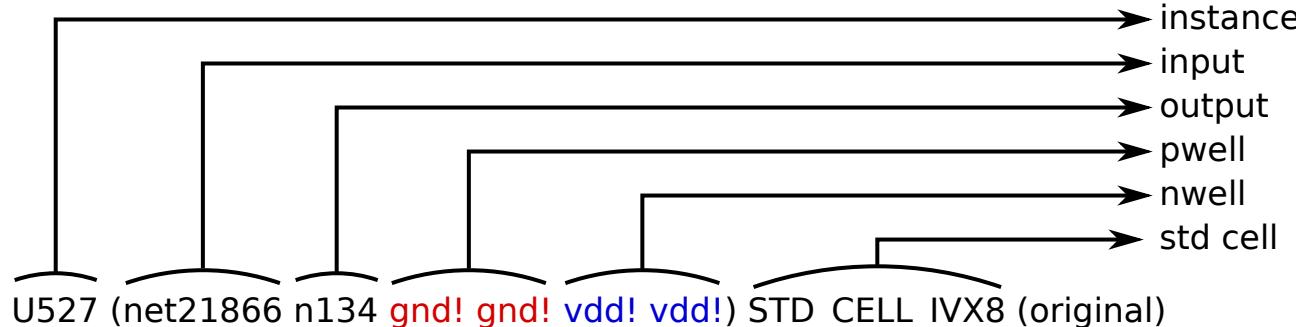
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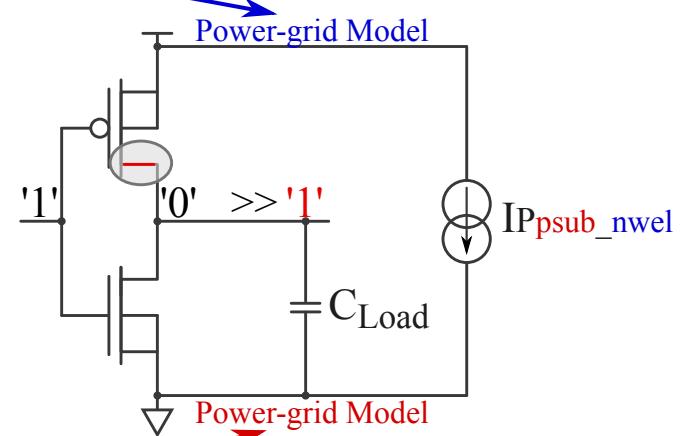
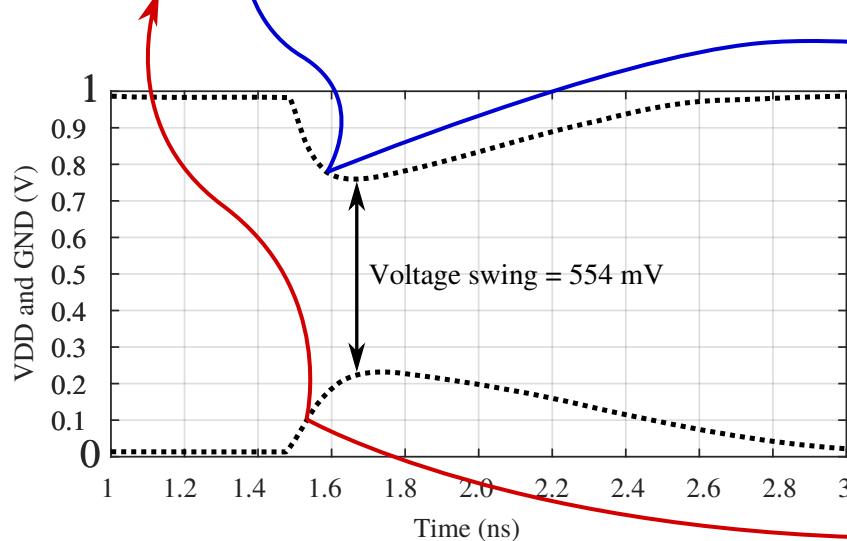
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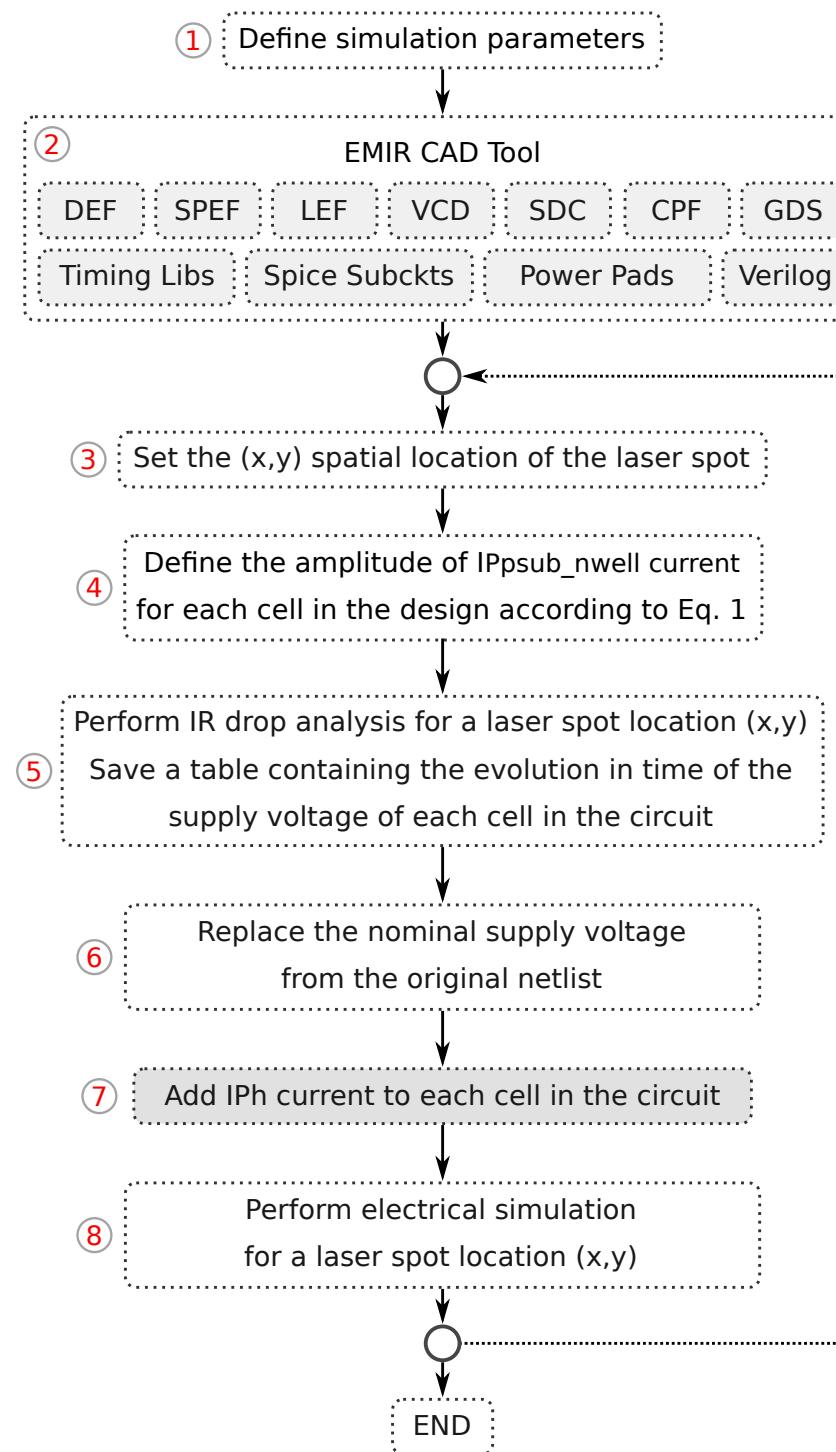
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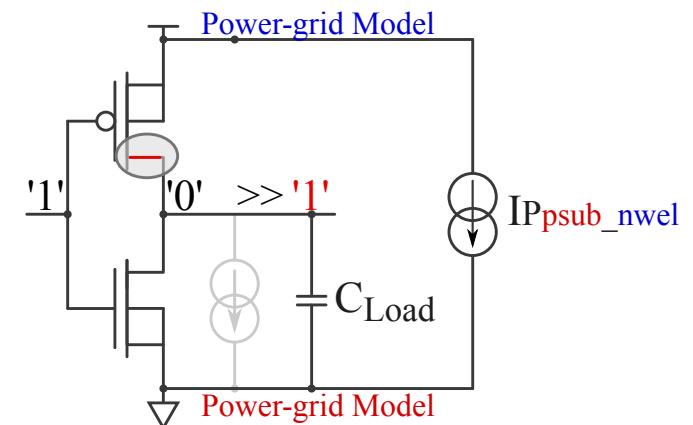
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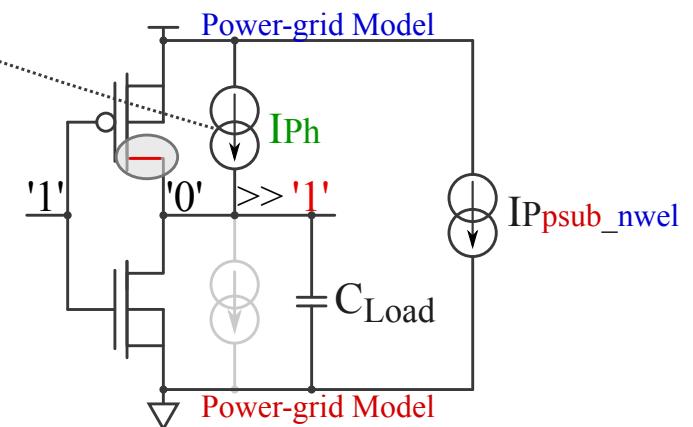
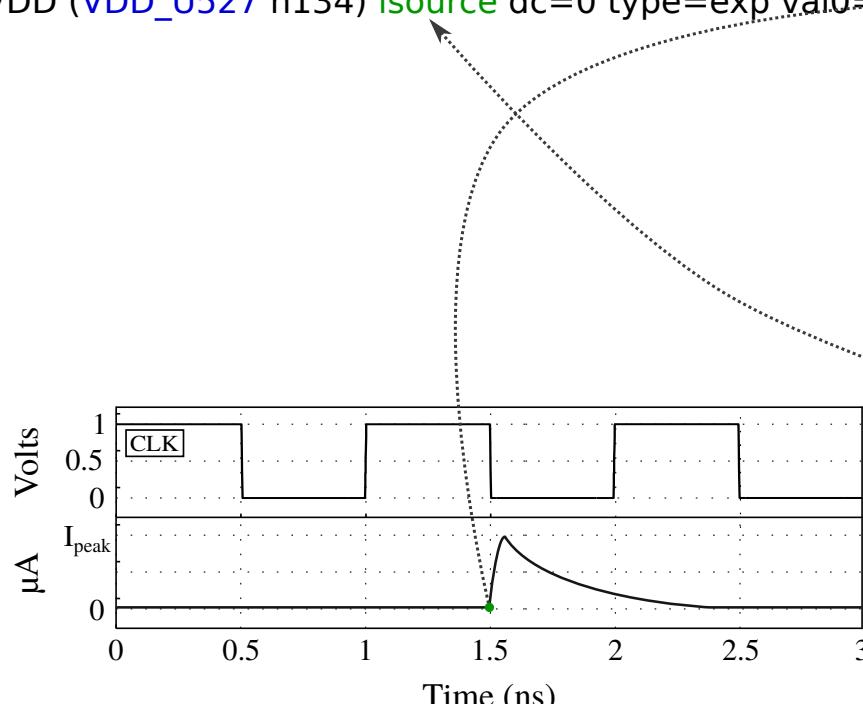
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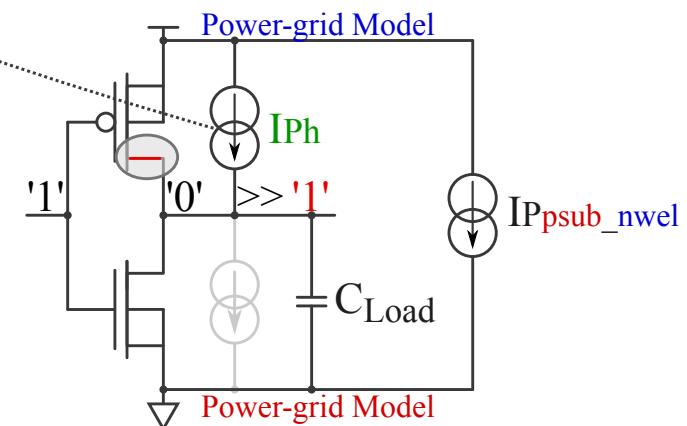
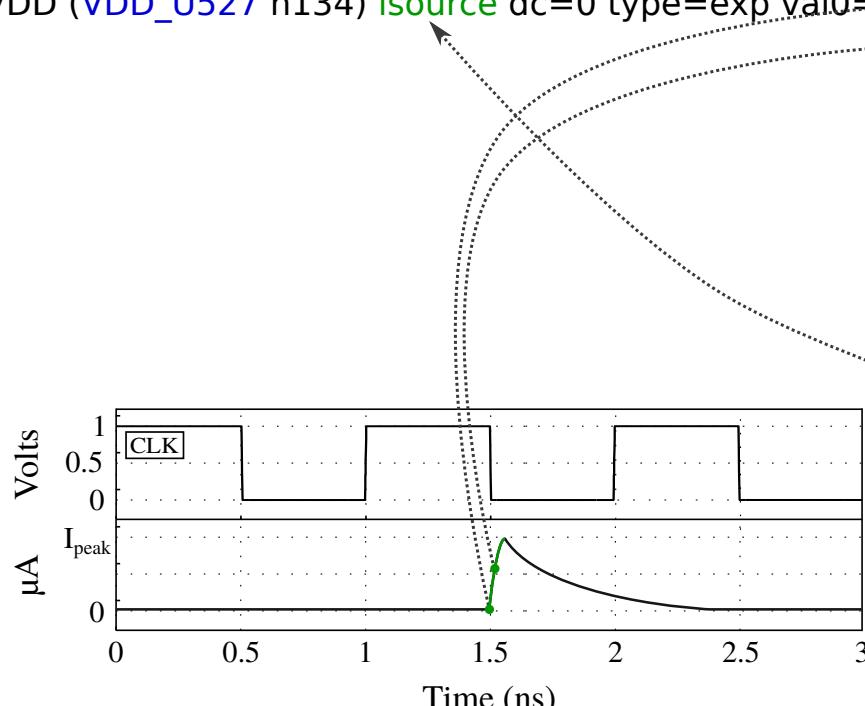
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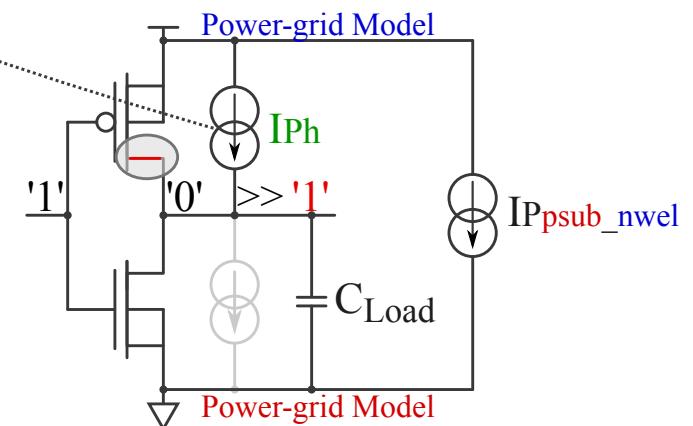
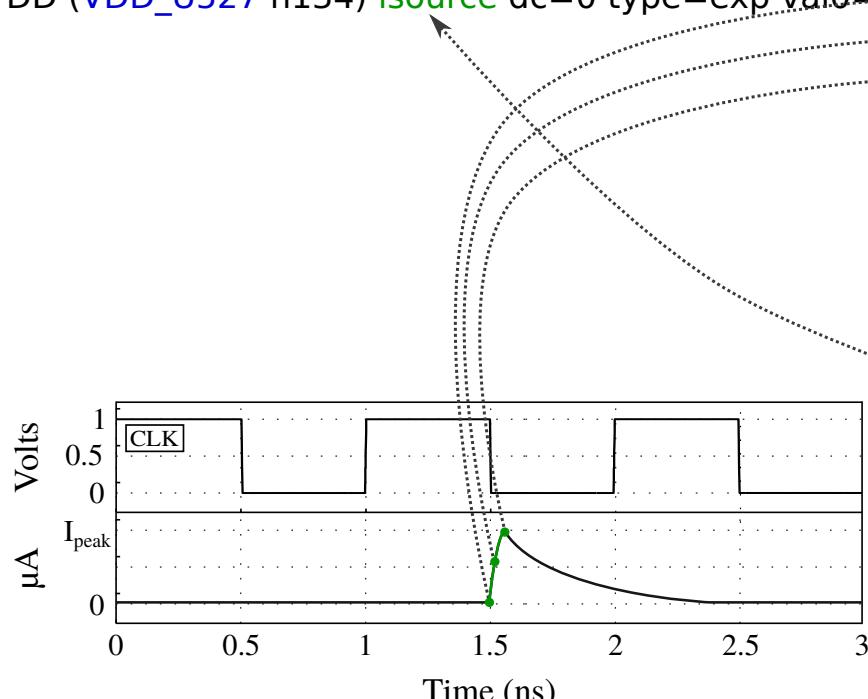
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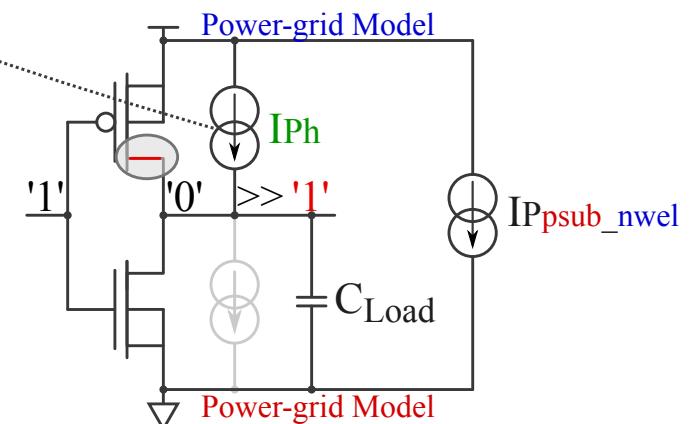
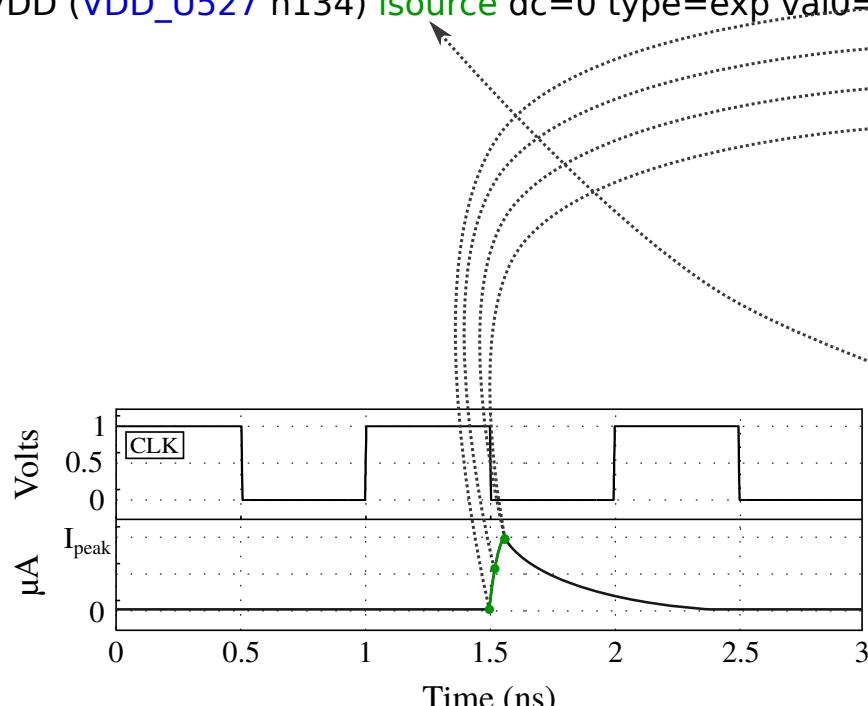
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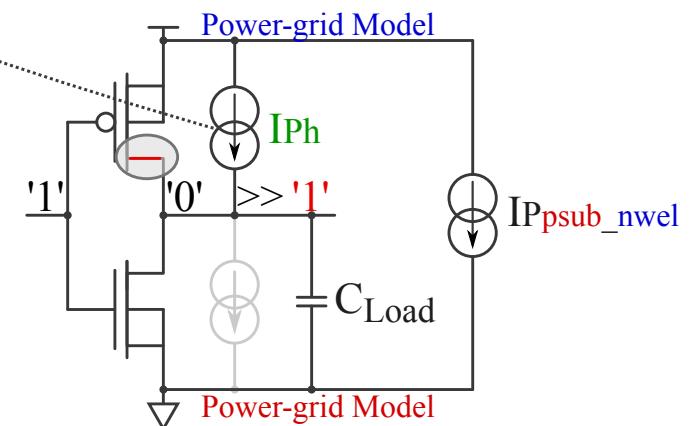
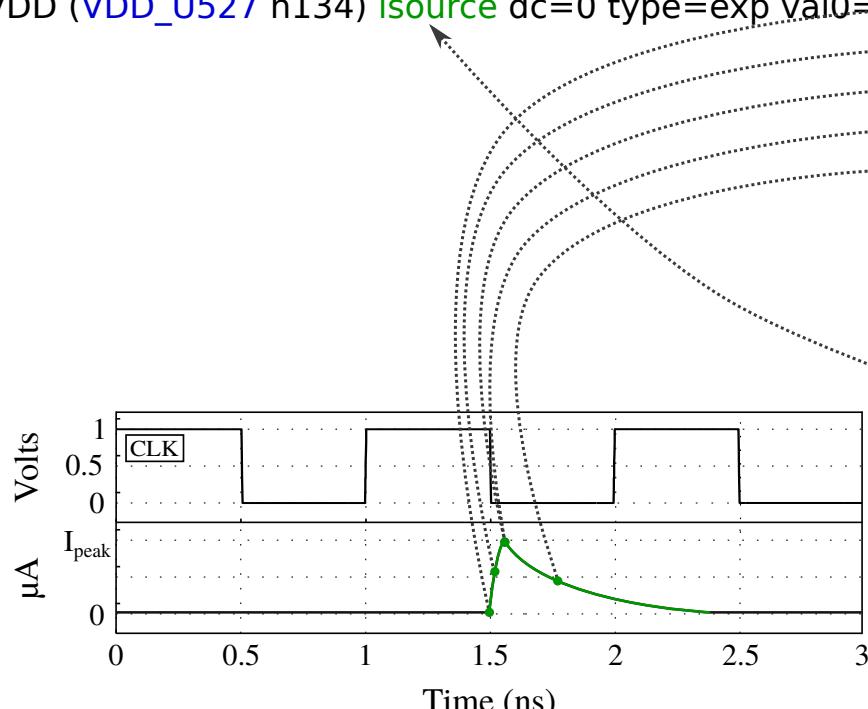
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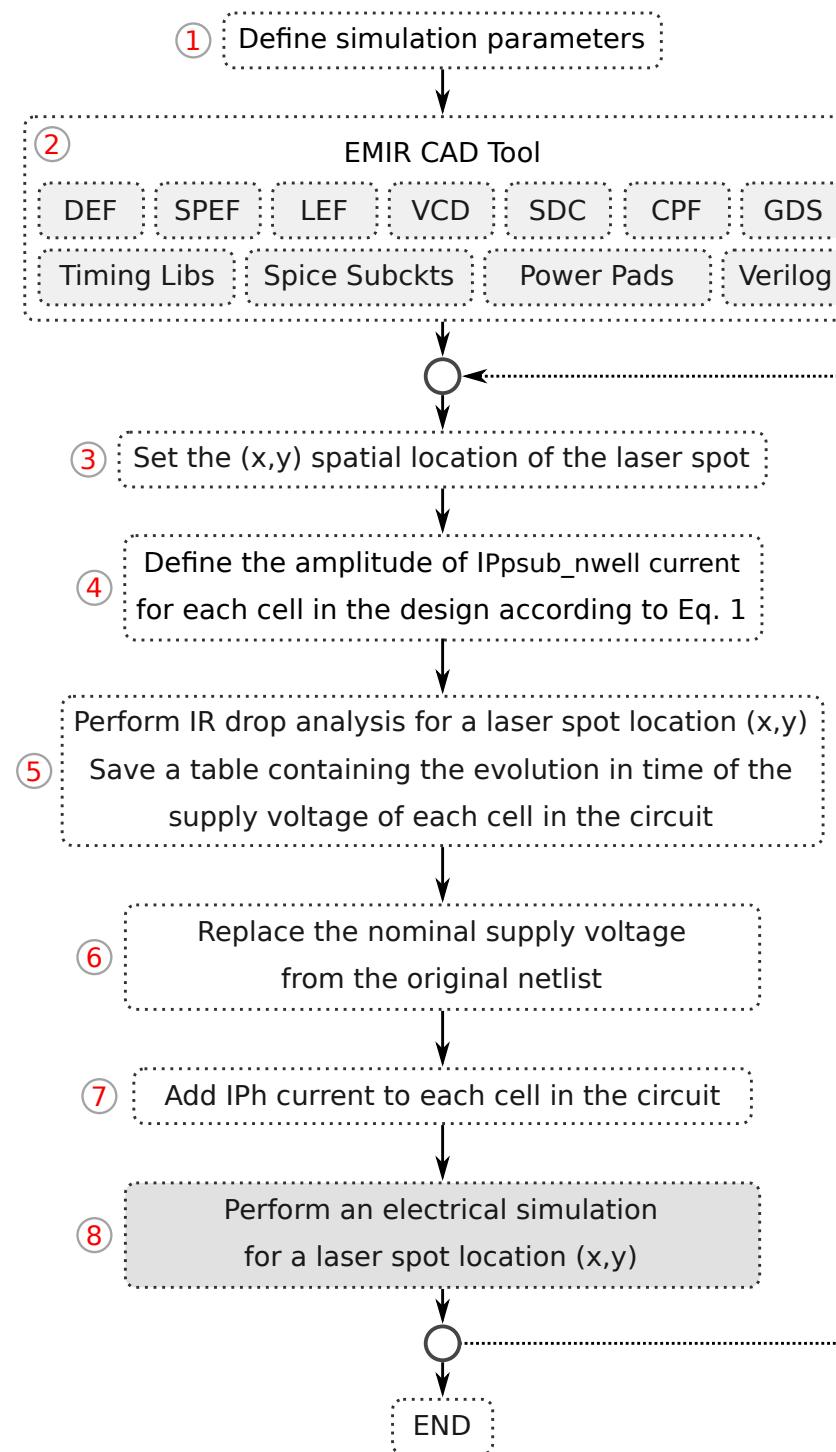
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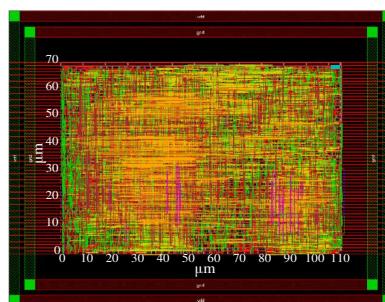


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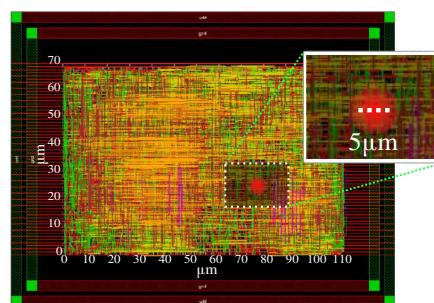
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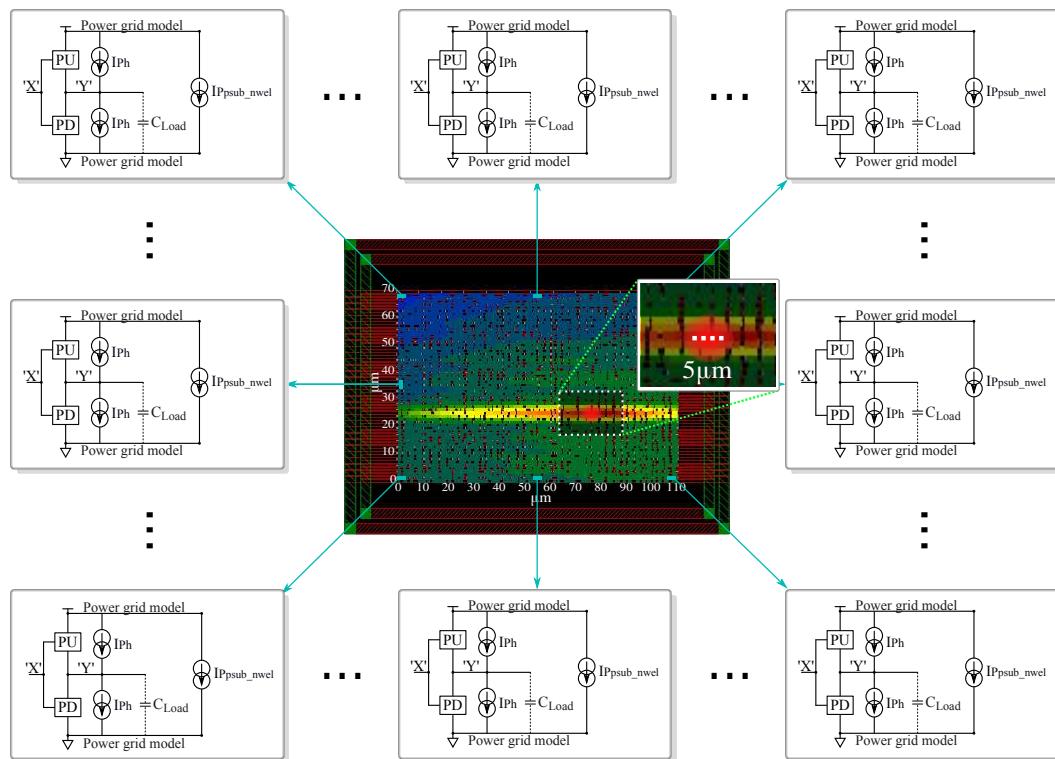
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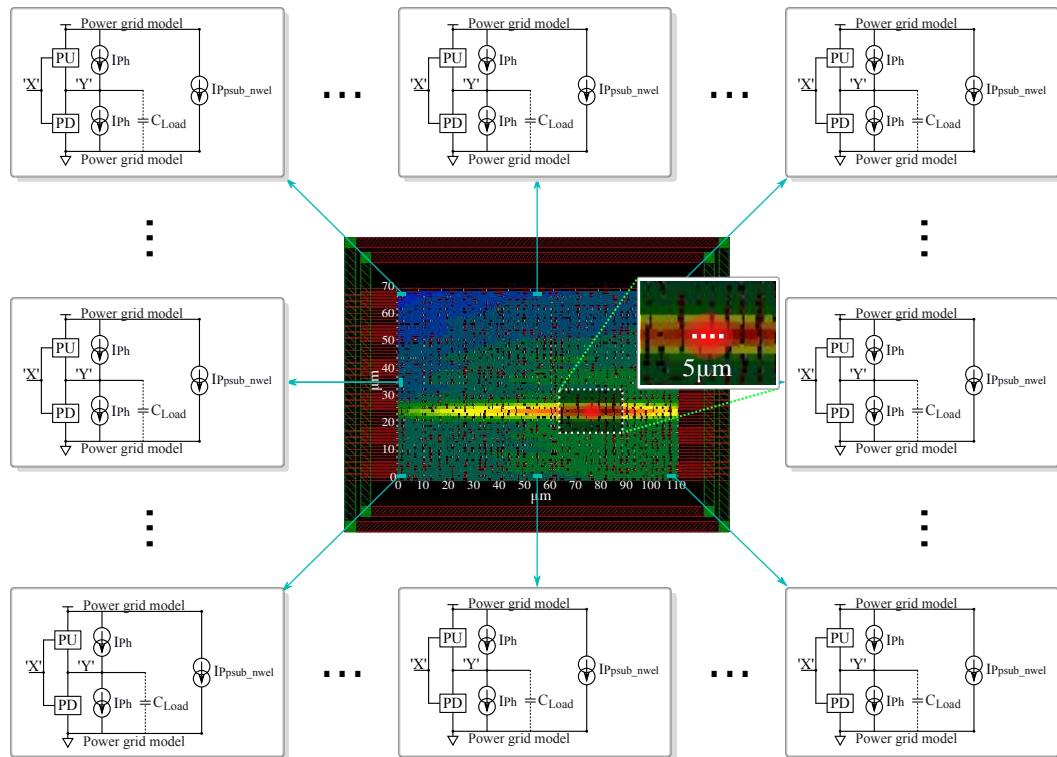
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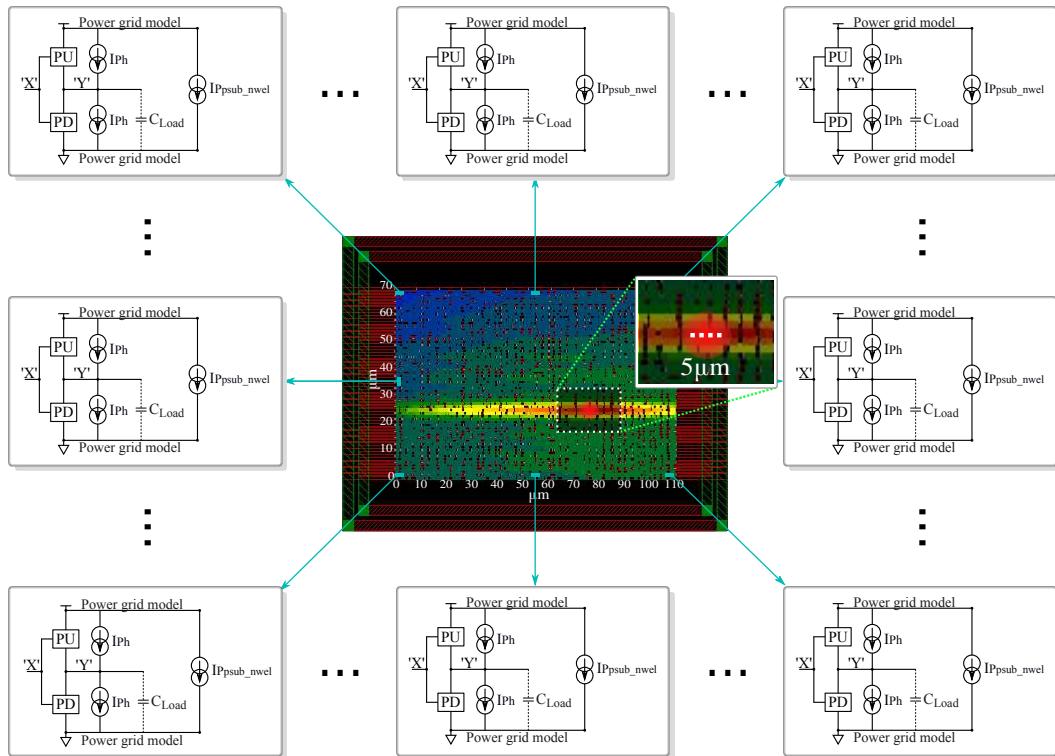


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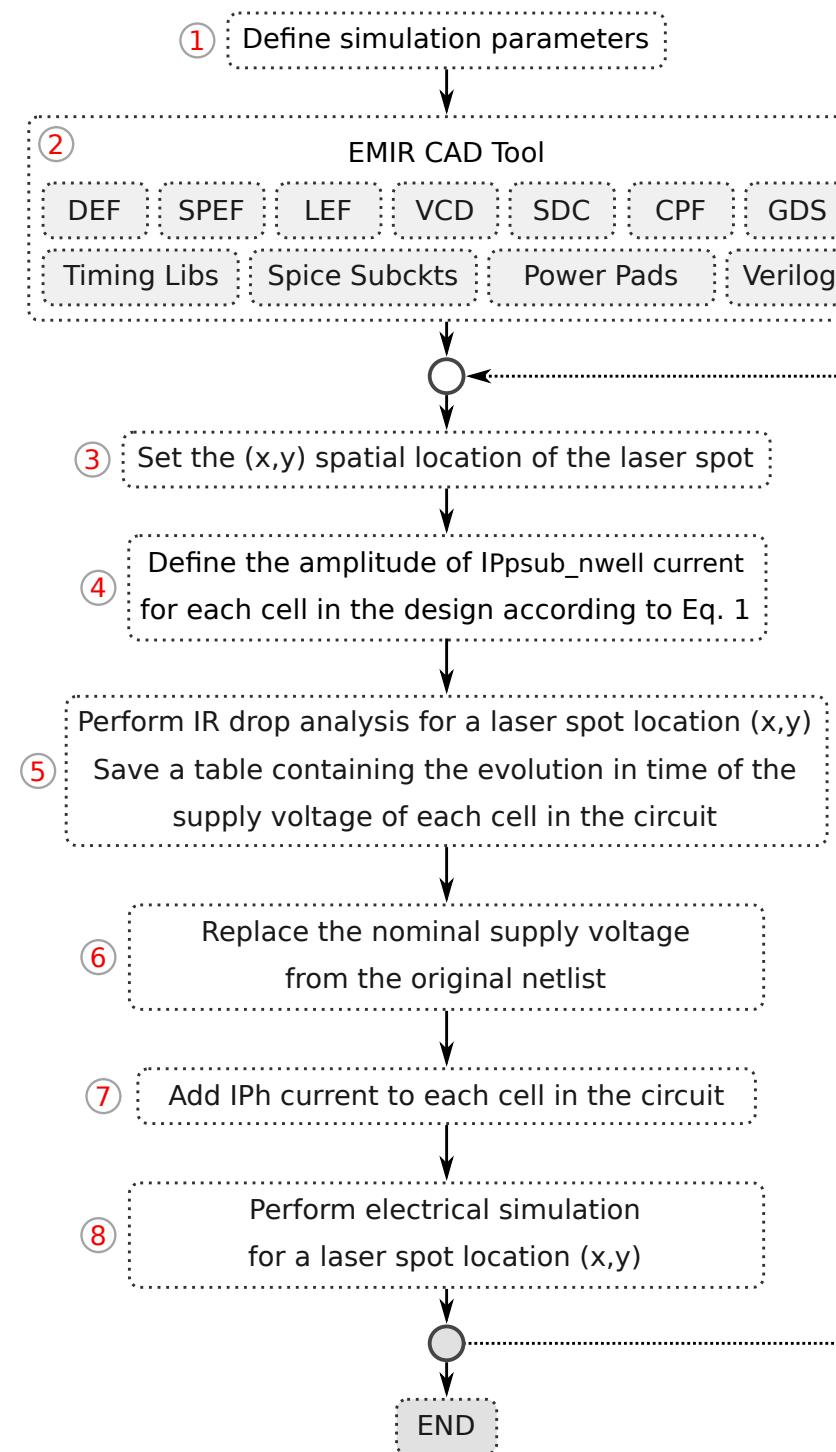
Hybrid simulation

Number of instances simulated with the logic abstraction level  
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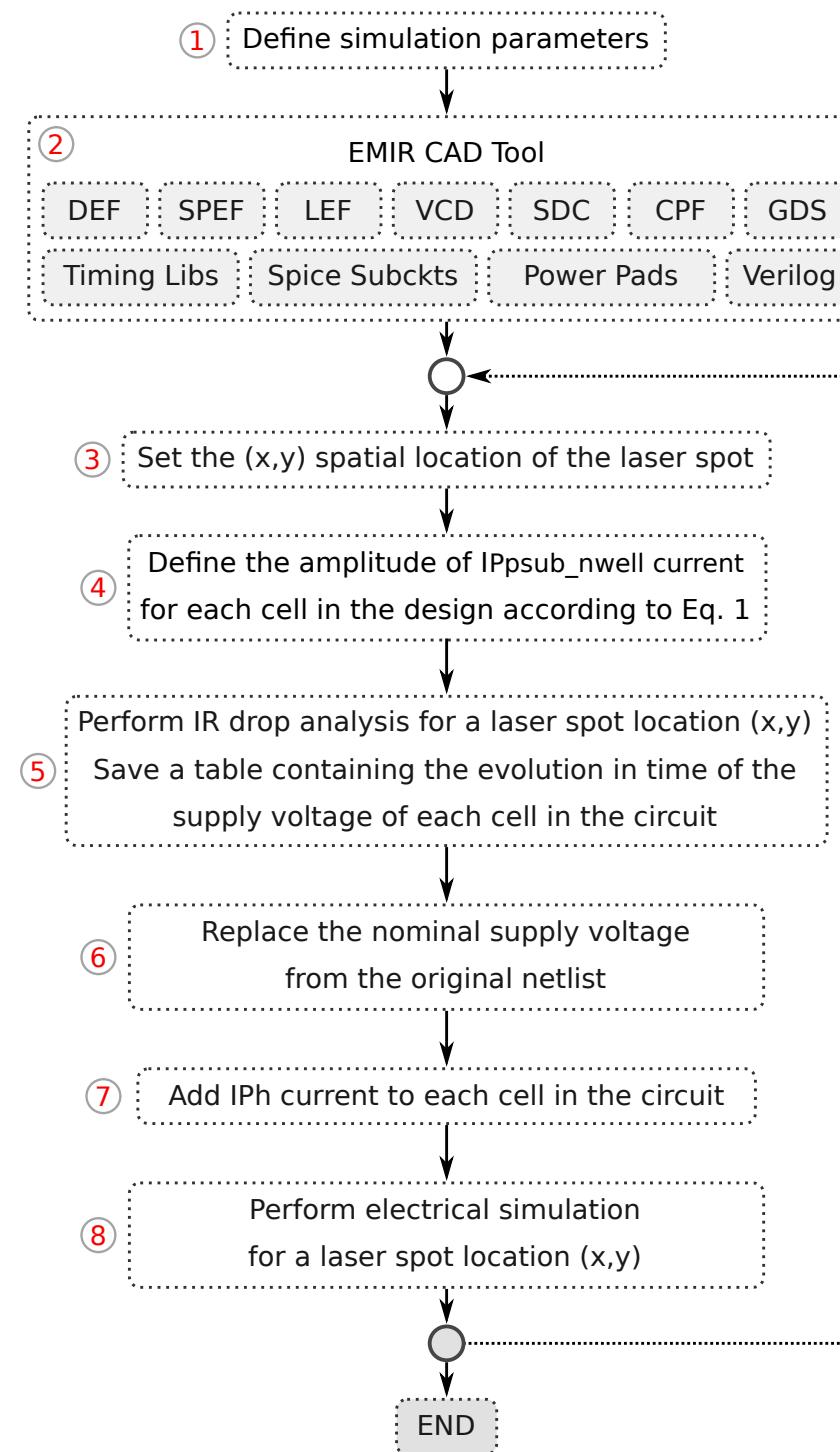
Threshold (IR drop + bounce)	No. of cells (spot loc.130)	No. of cells (spot loc.133)
5%	1676	1646
10%	4744	4866
15%	4878	5033

No. of instances: 5.21k

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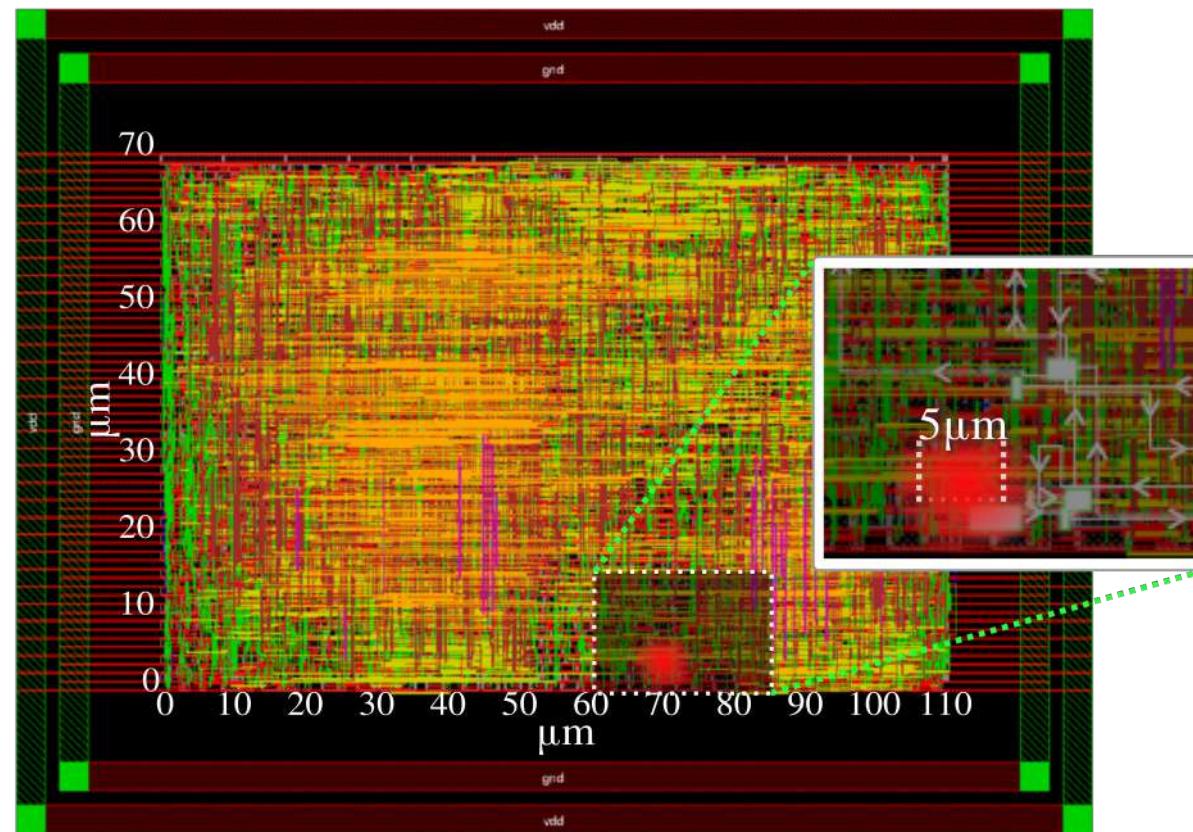
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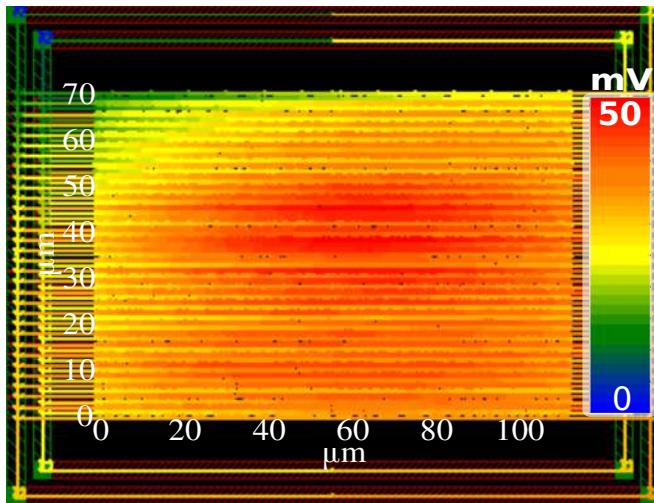
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CMOS 28 nm  
 $VDD = 1 V$   
 $110 \mu m \times 70 \mu m$   
Laser spot diameter = 5 μm

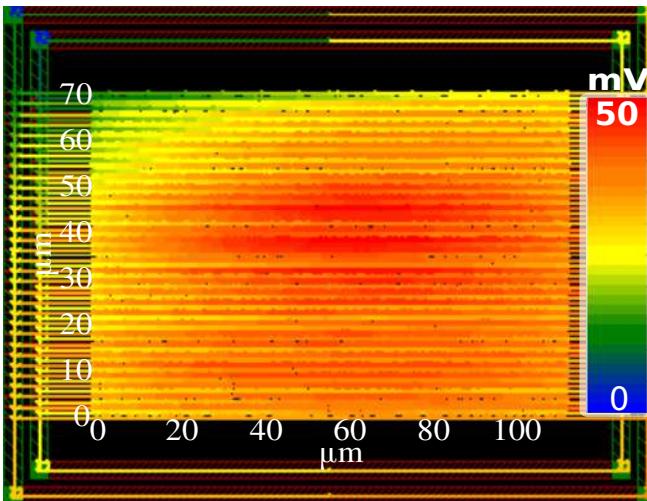
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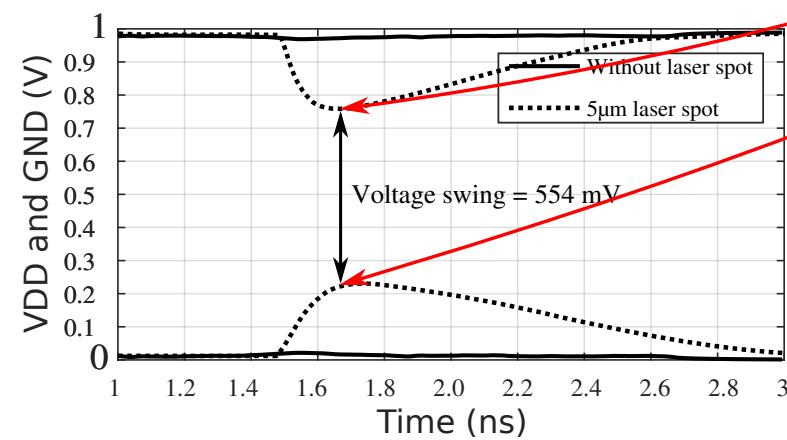
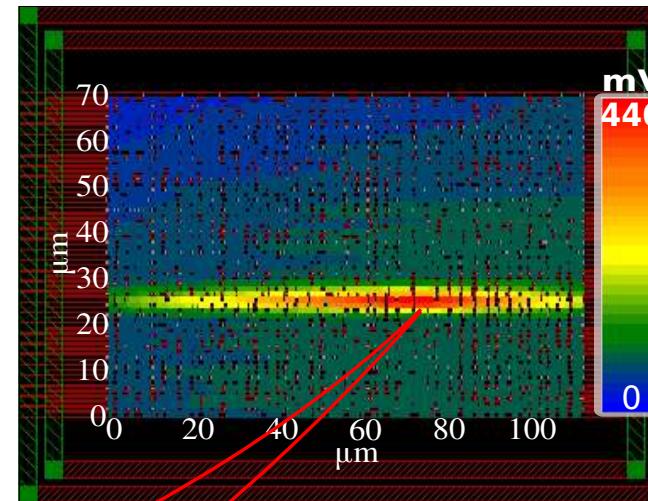


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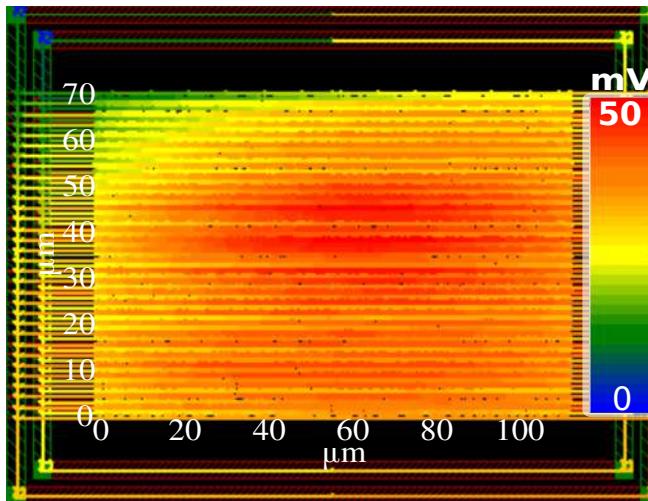


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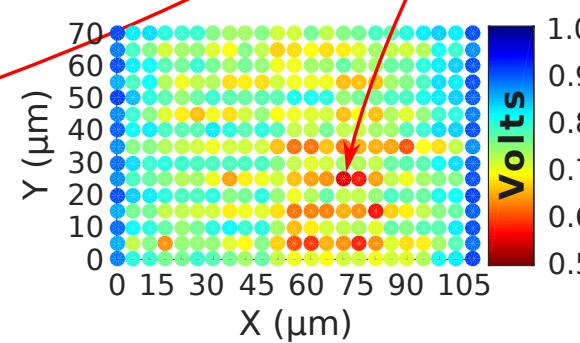
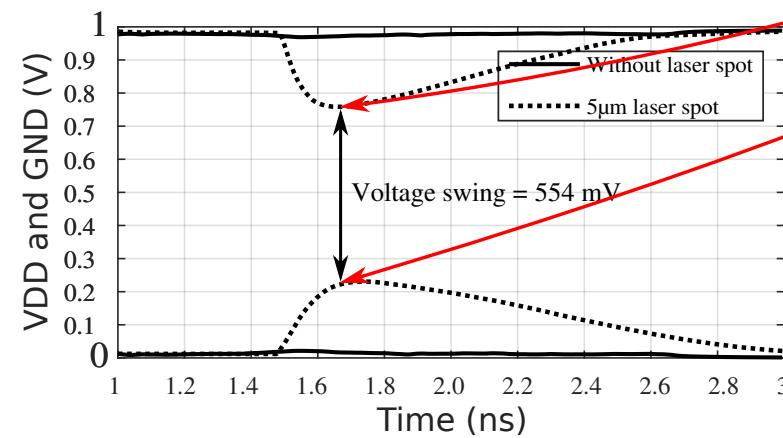
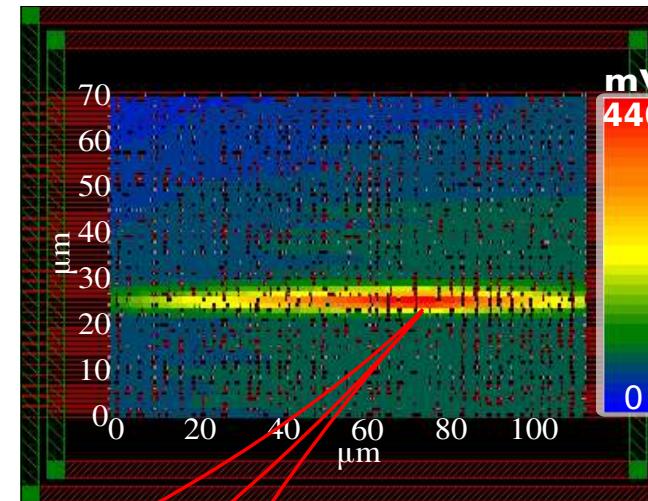


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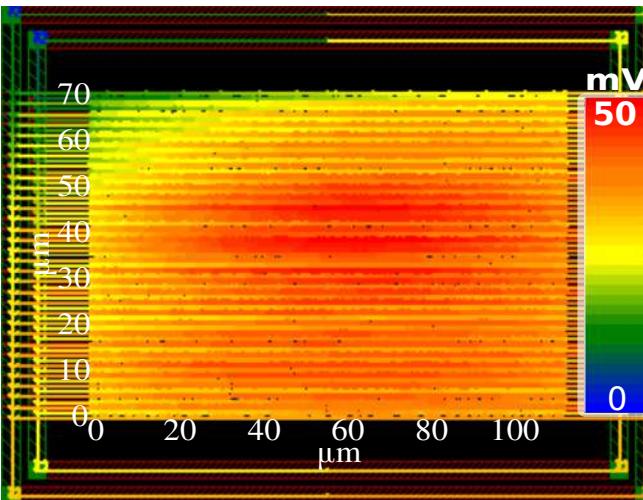


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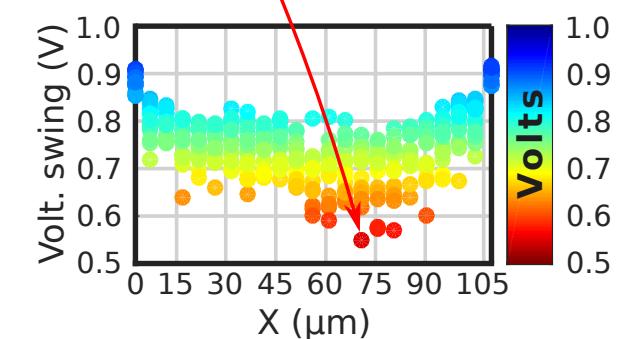
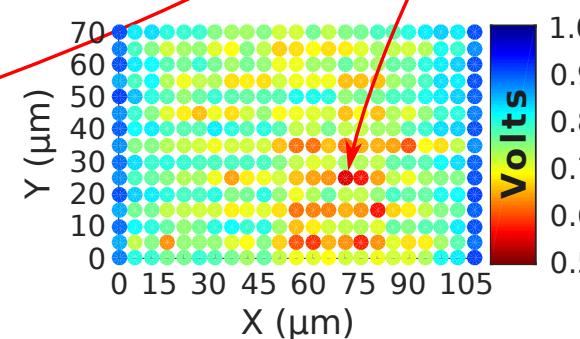
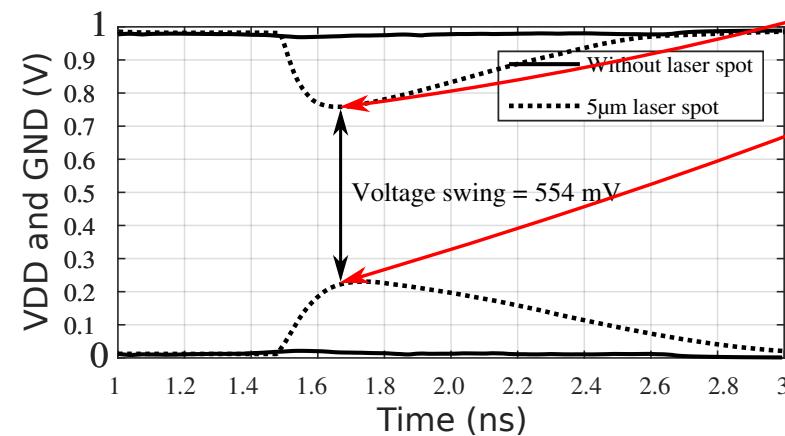
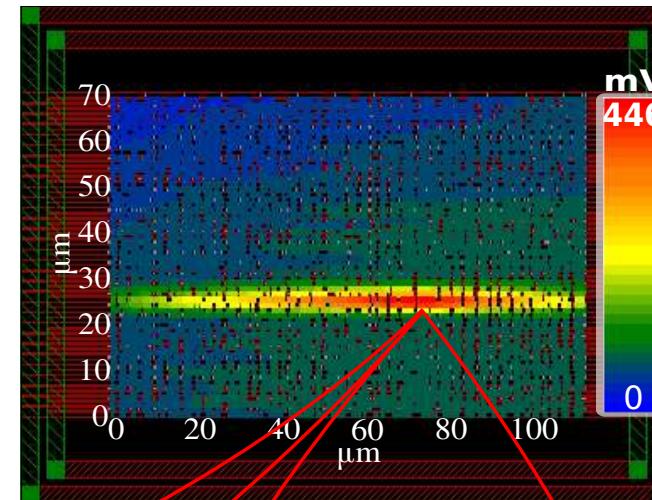


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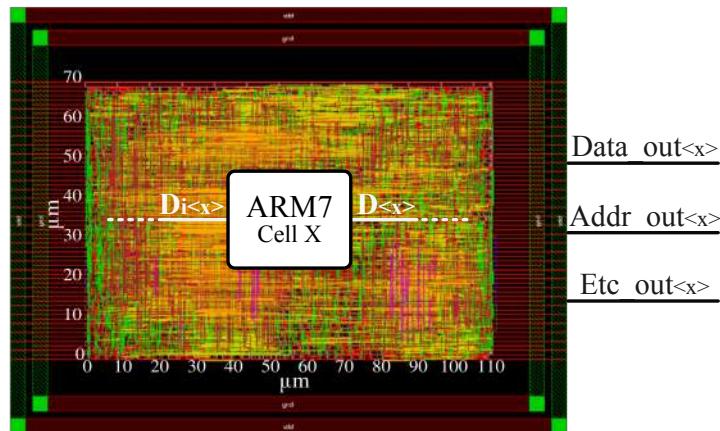
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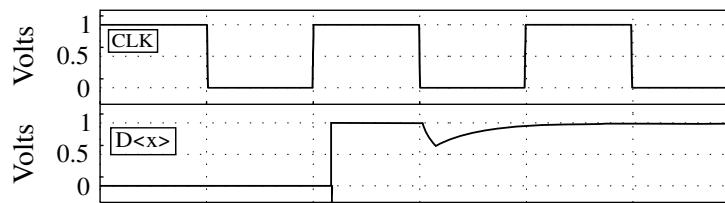
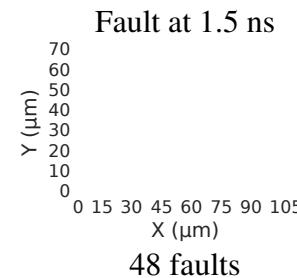
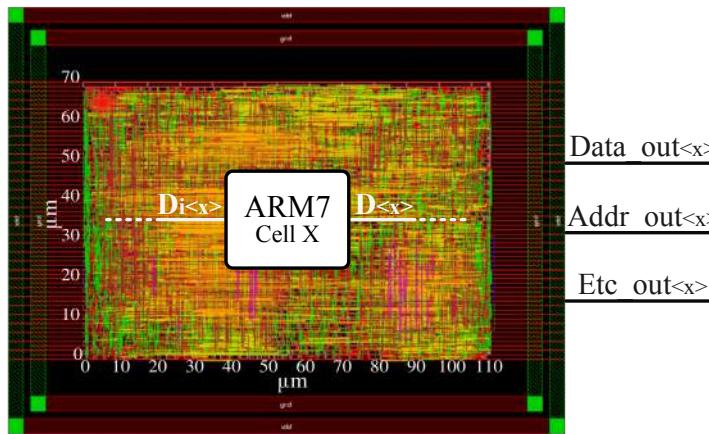
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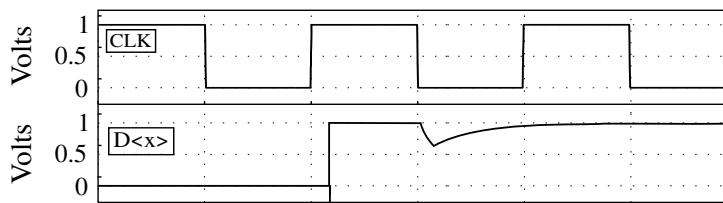
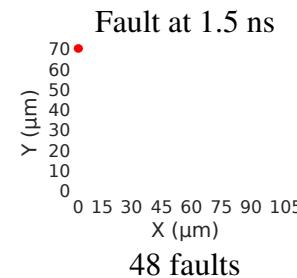
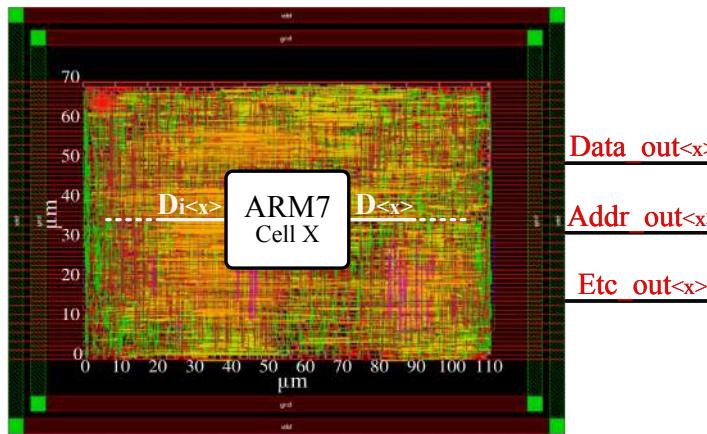
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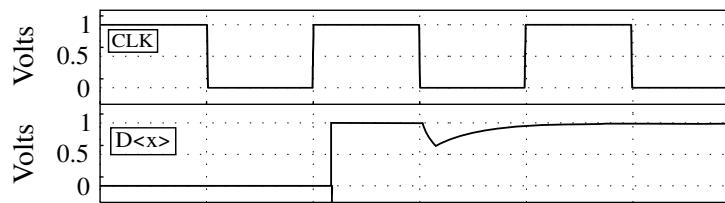
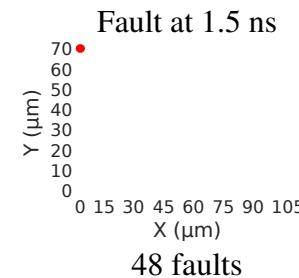
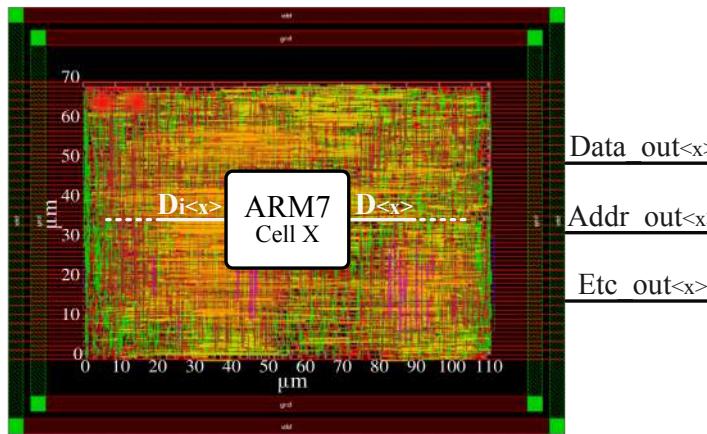
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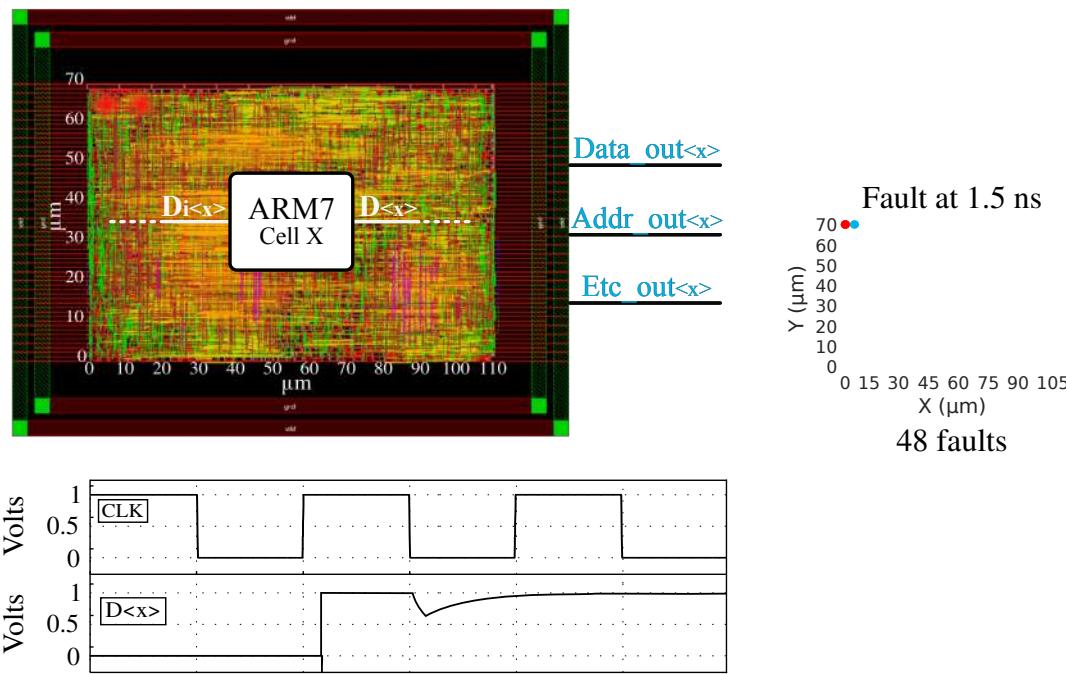
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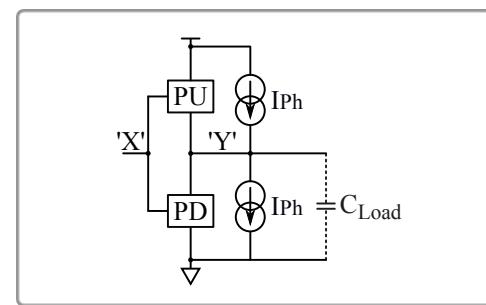
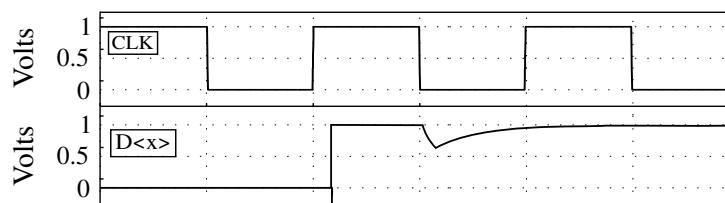
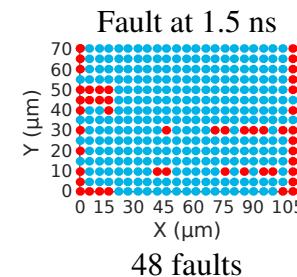
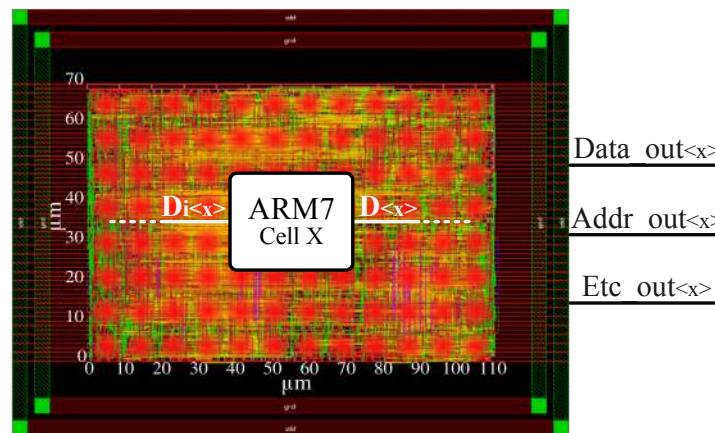
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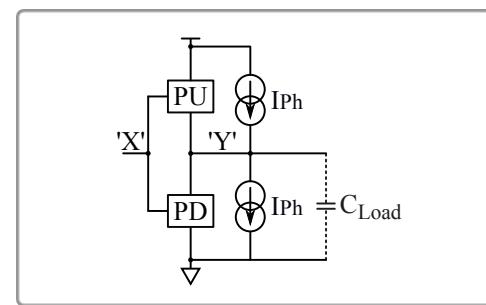
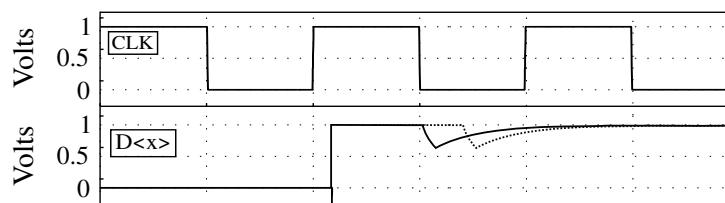
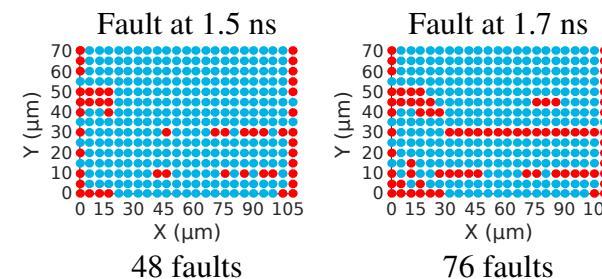
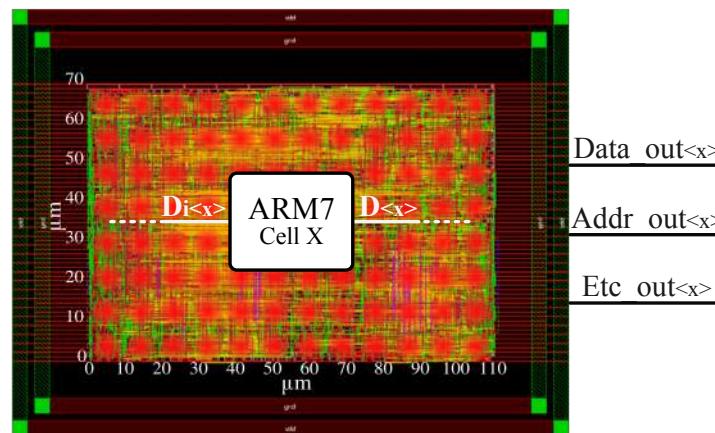
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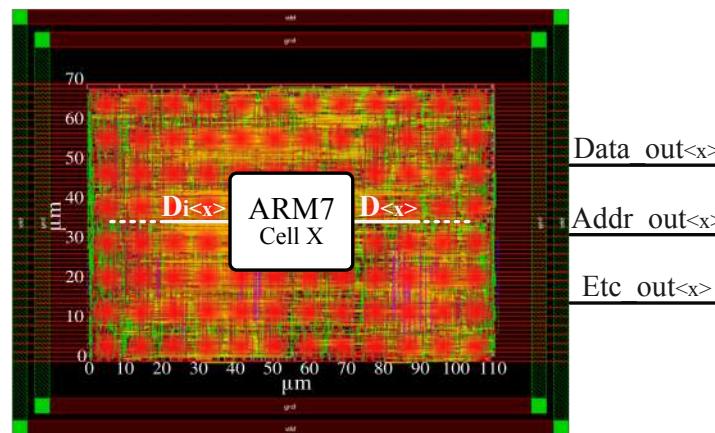
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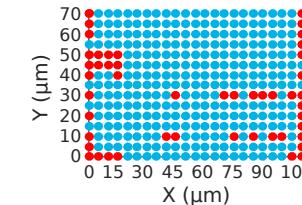
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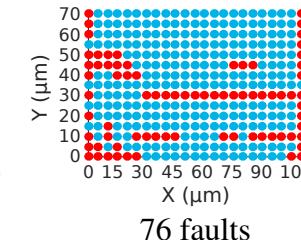
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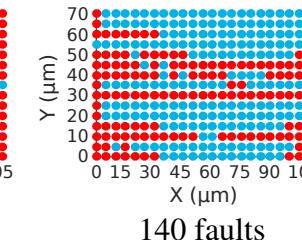
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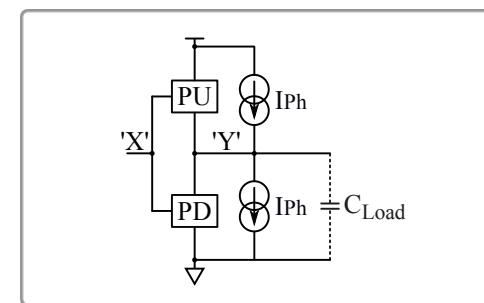
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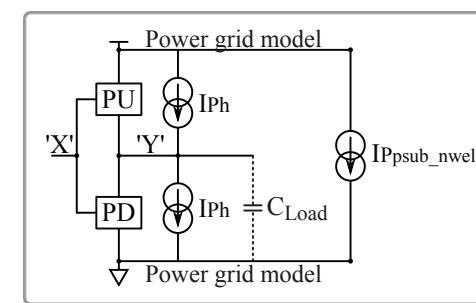
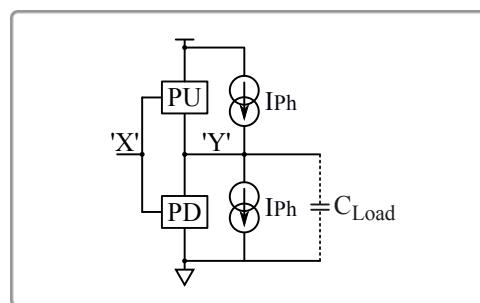
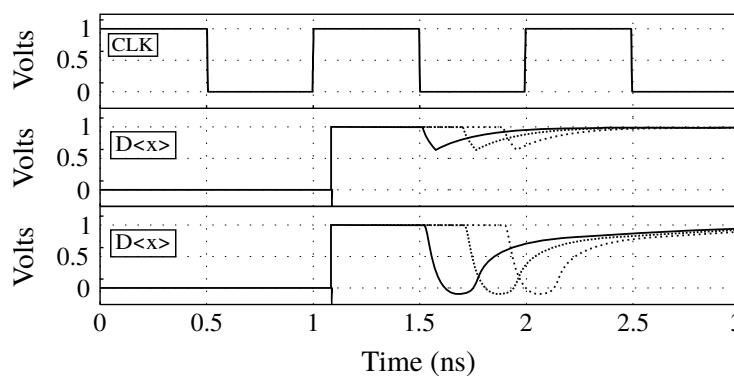
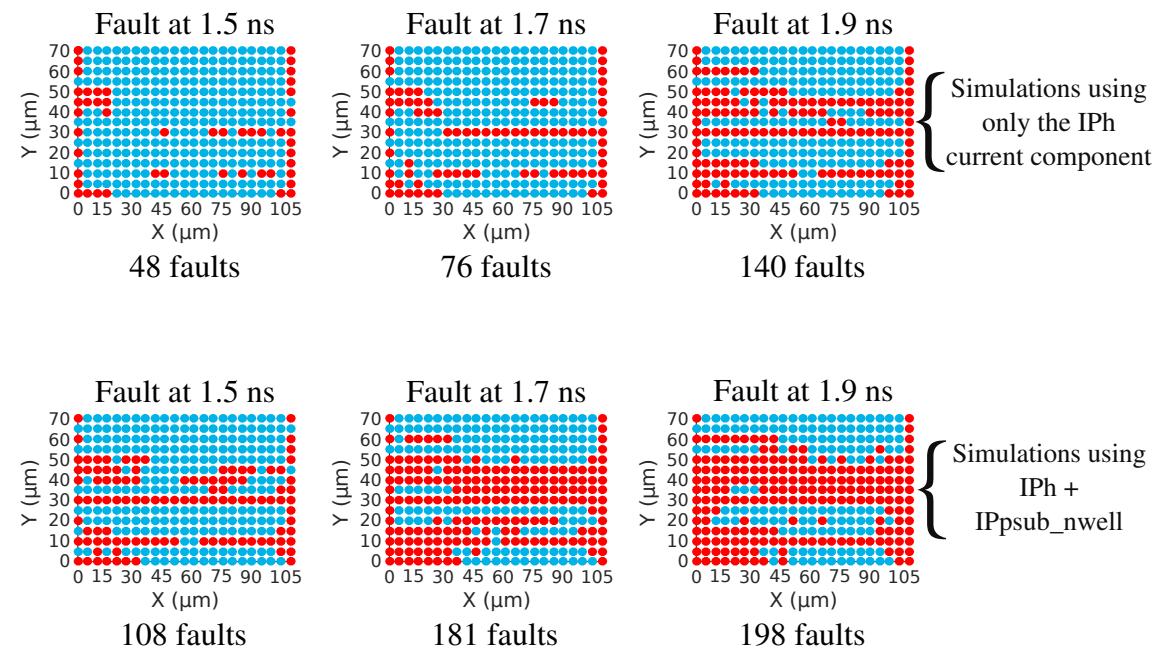
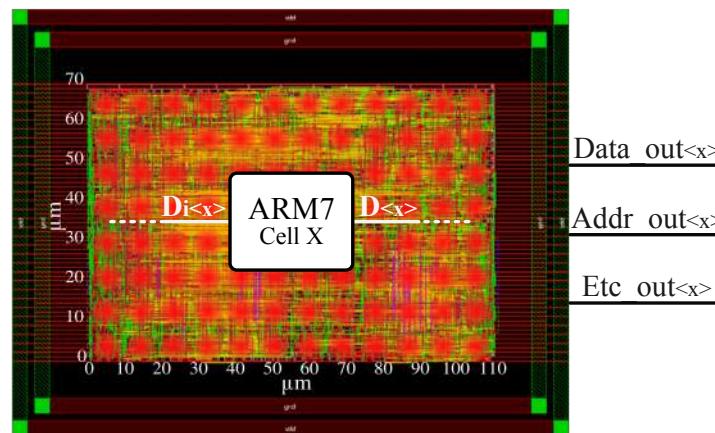
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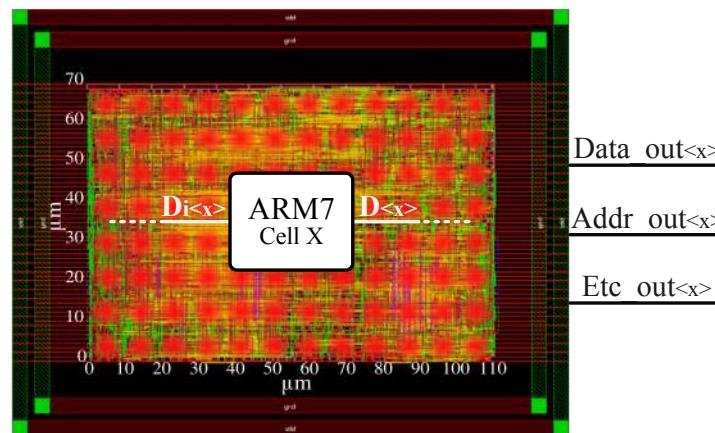
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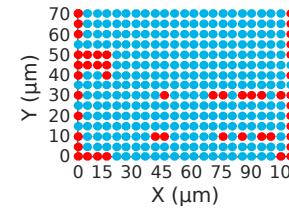
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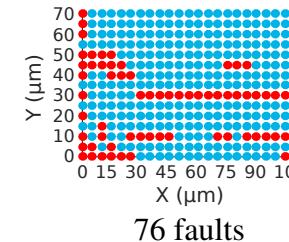
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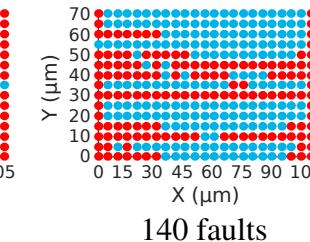
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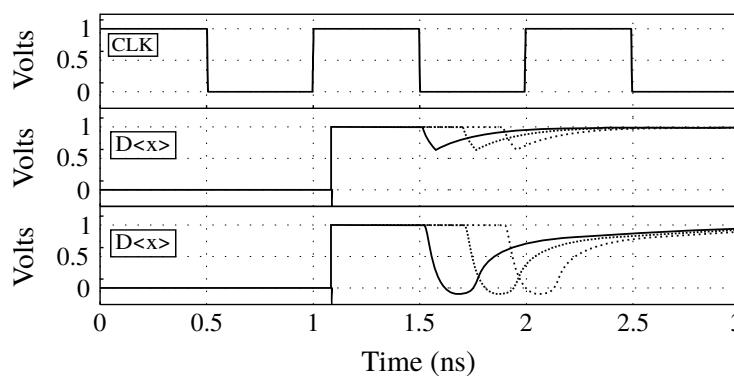
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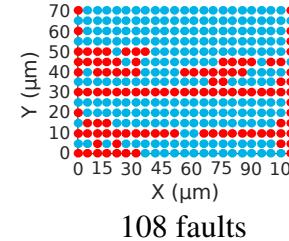
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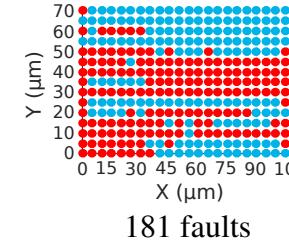
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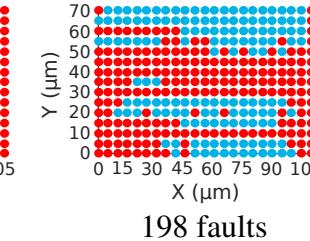
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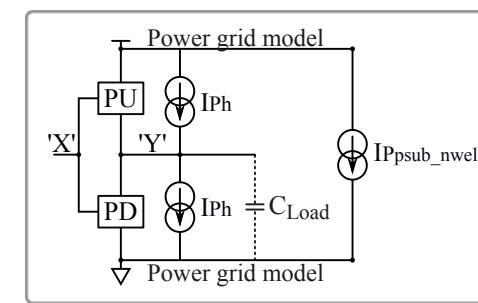
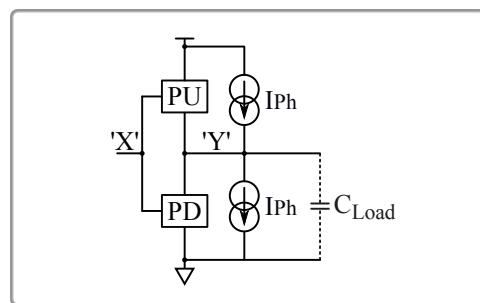


Simulations using  
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$$108/48 = 2.25$$

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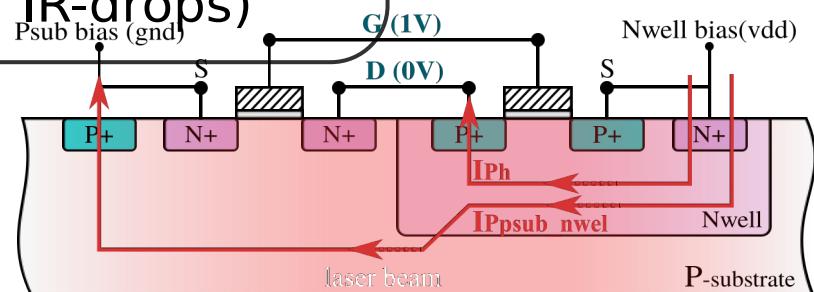
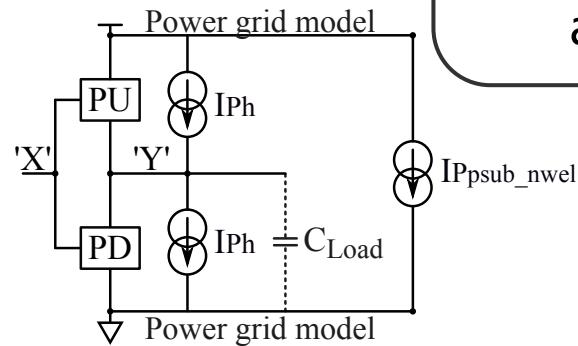
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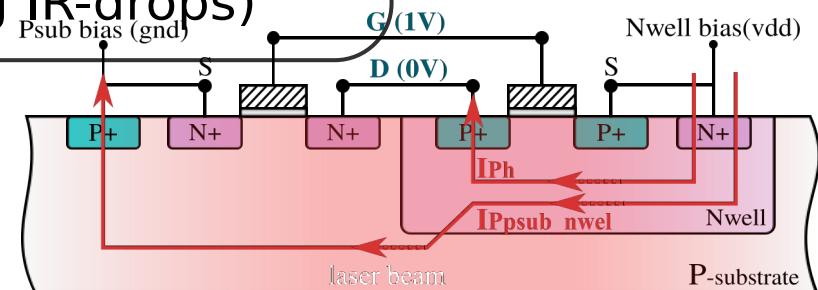
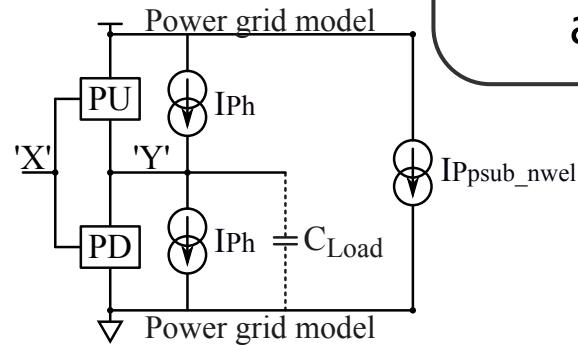
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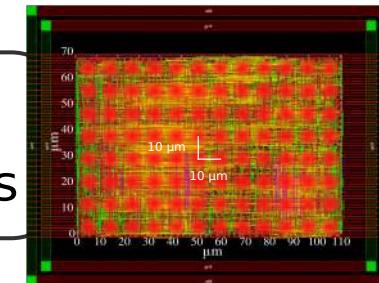


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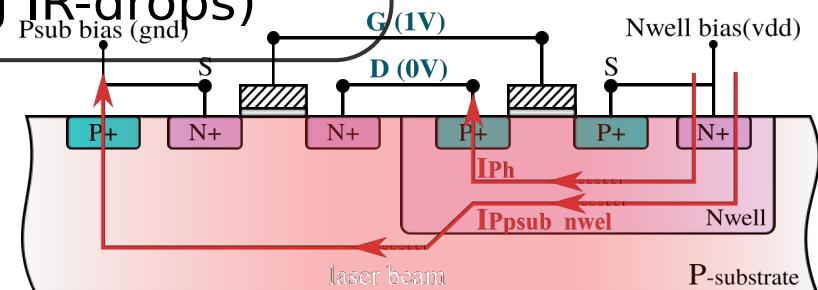
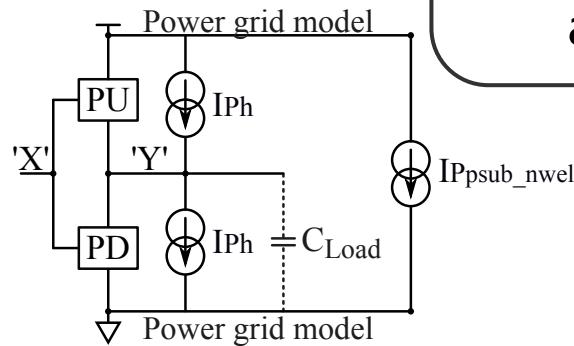


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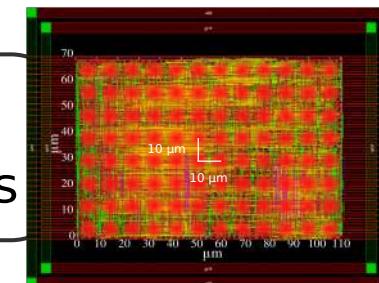


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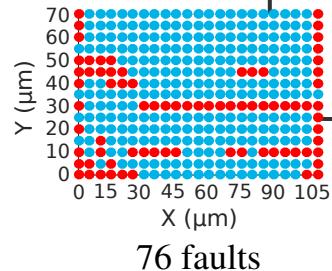
**I<sub>Ppsub\_nwell</sub> current component is always present (causing IR-drops)**



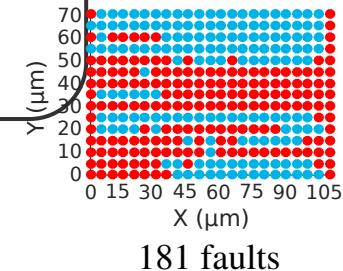
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**Ignoring the laser-induced IR drop may result in underestimating the risk of fault injection**



$$181/76 = 2.38$$





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# Standard CAD Tool-Based Method for Simulation of Laser-Induced Faults in Large-Scale Circuits

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**LIRMM**

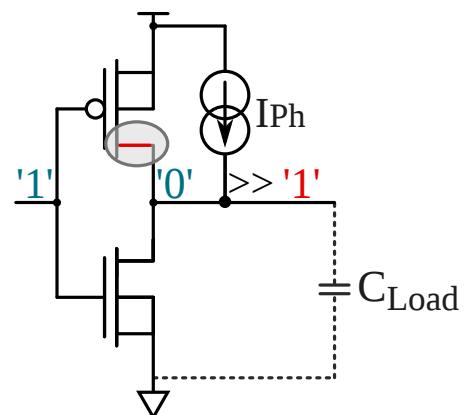
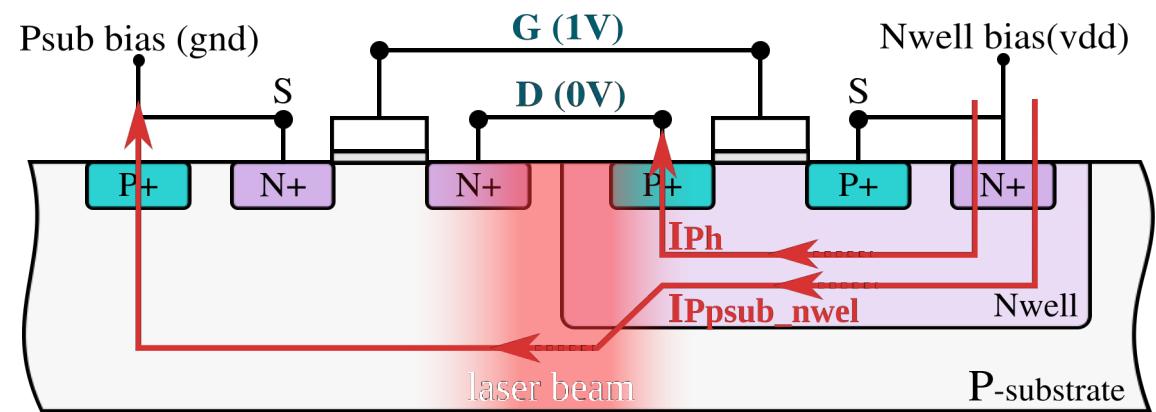
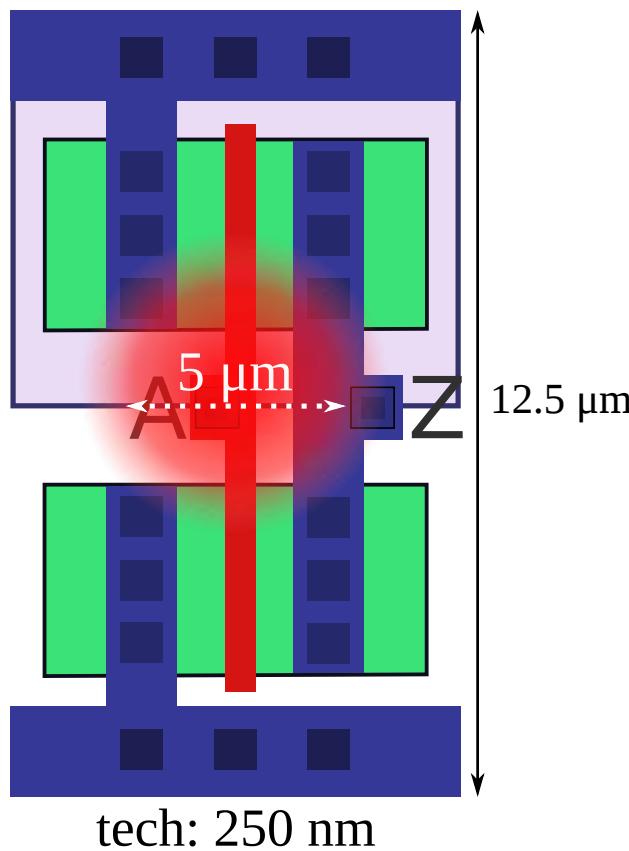


# Appendix

## └ 2.2 - Limits of the classical transient fault model

Case 4:

Both NMOS and PMOS transistors are illuminated by the laser beam

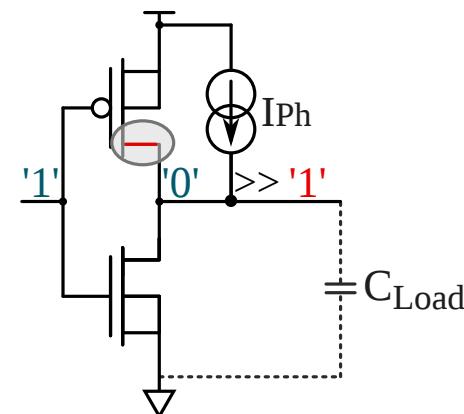
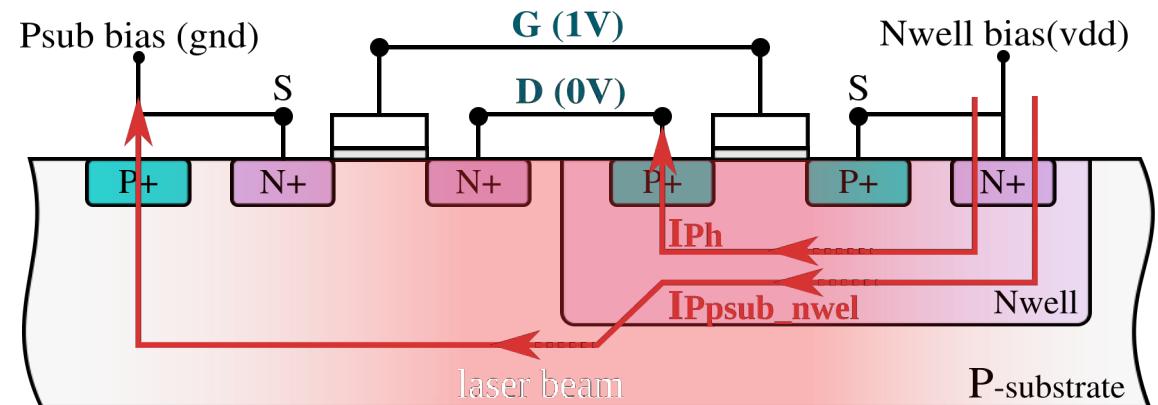
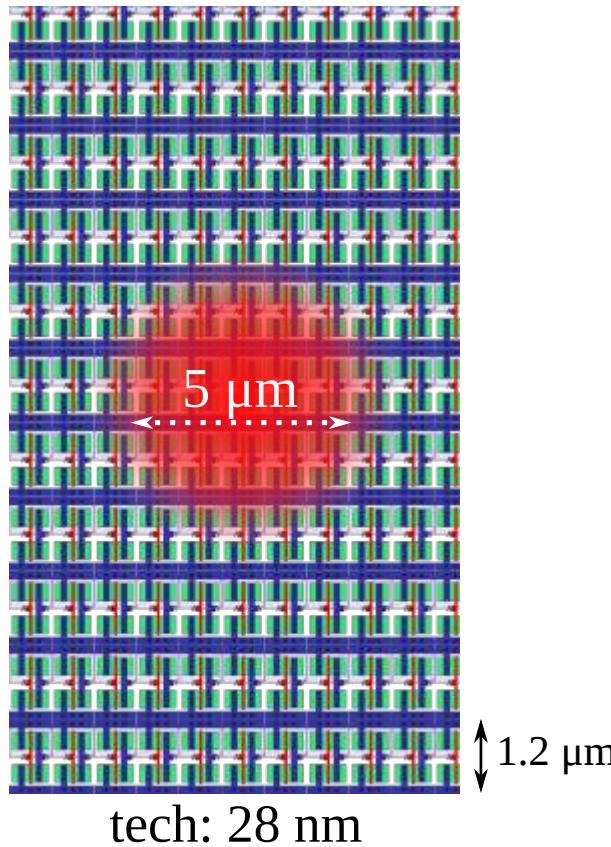


Laser-induced currents  
in the Nwell-Psub junction  
(classical model is **incomplete**)

## └ 2.2 - Limits of the classical transient fault model

Case 6:

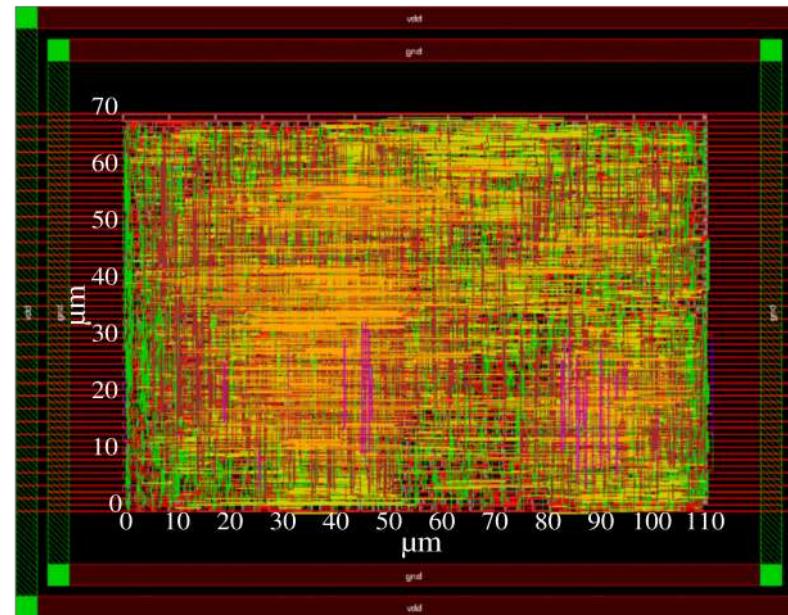
NMOS and PMOS transistors are **always** illuminated by the laser beam



Laser-induced currents  
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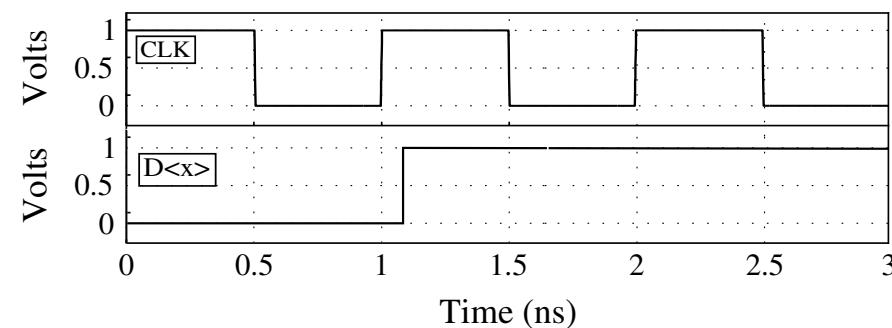
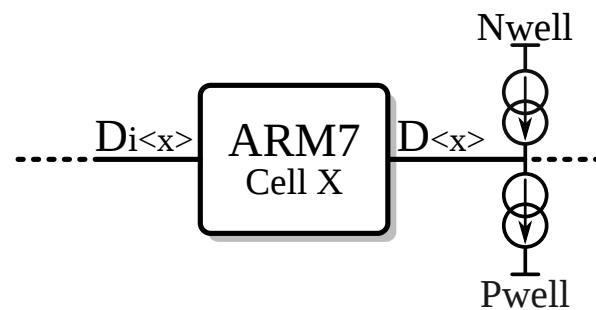
## └ 4.2 - 1st step

Run a fault free electrical simulation

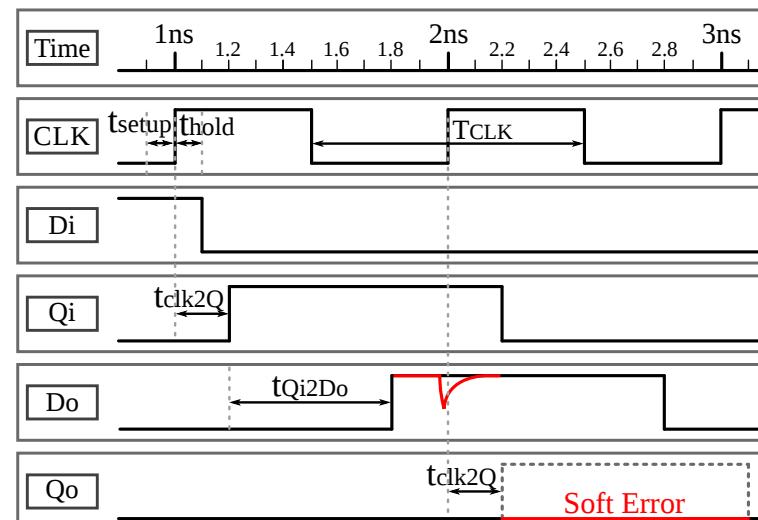
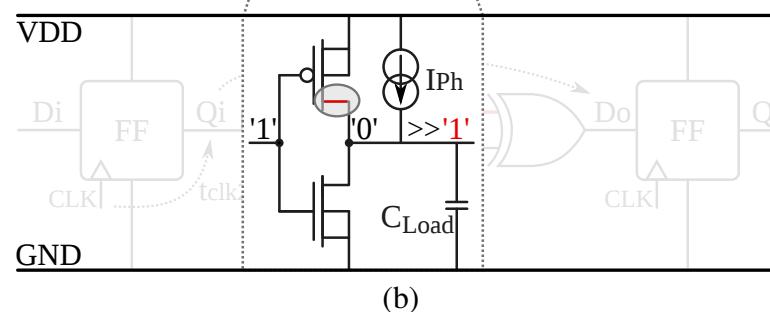
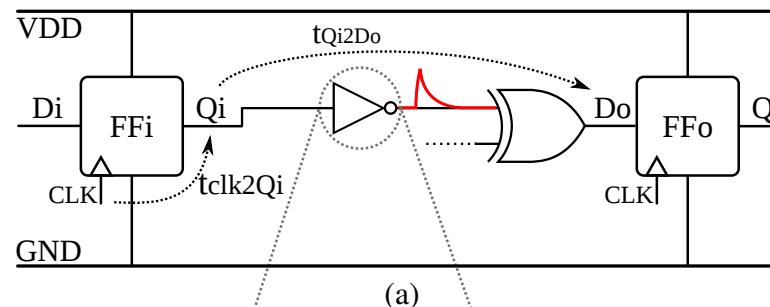


Upgraded model  
still not in use

Save a golden table with all inputs  
and outputs of each cell as a function of time

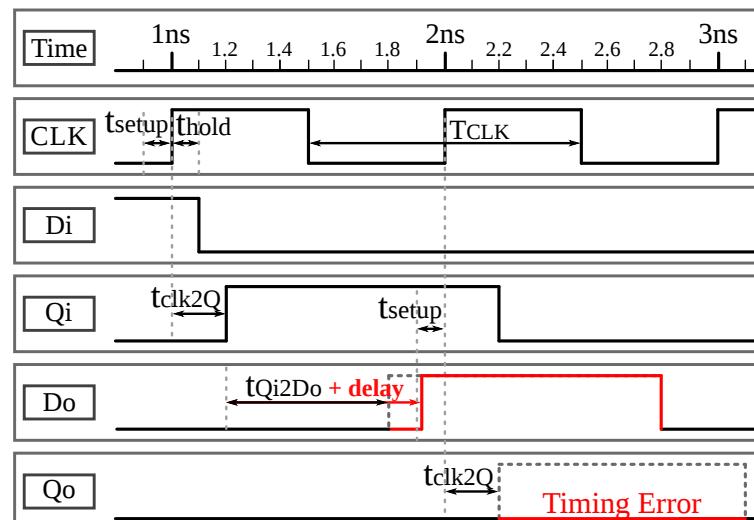
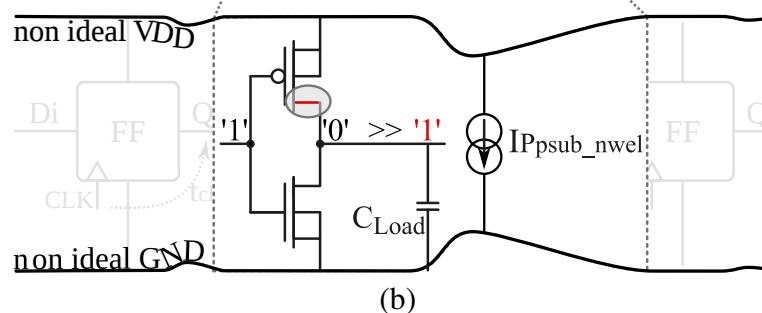
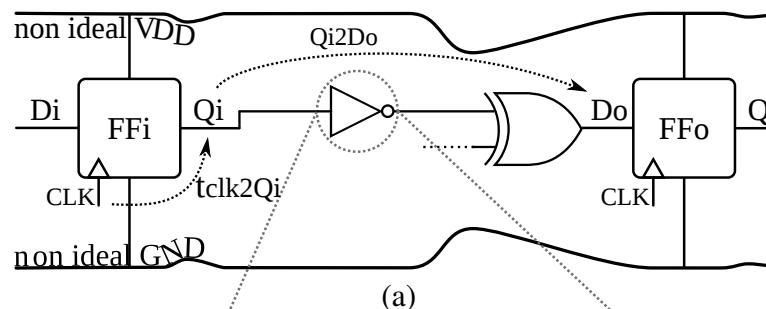


## 3.2 - Influence of the IPh current component

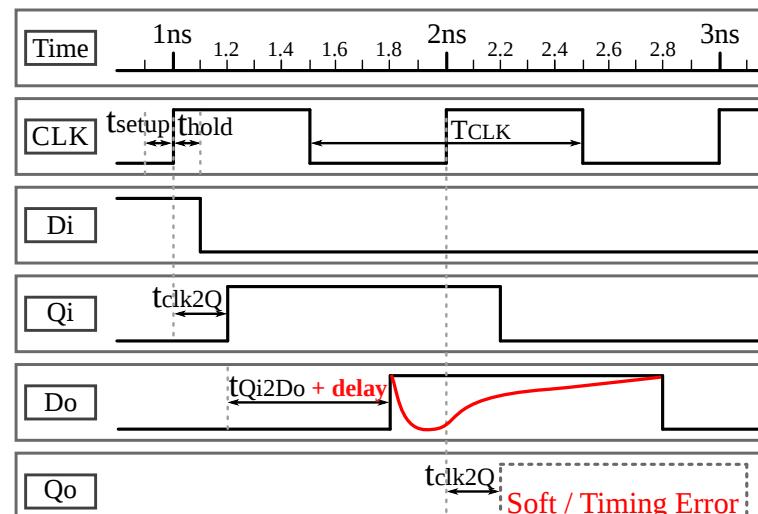
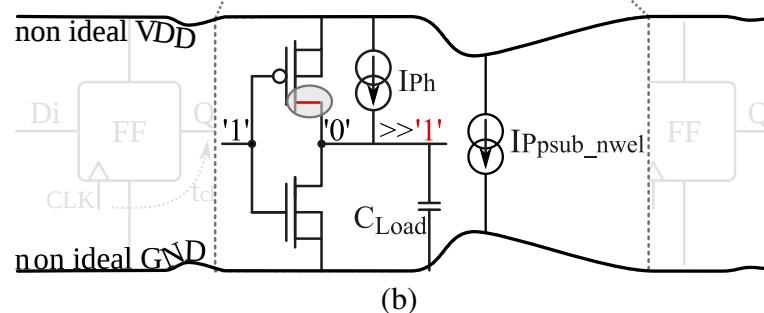
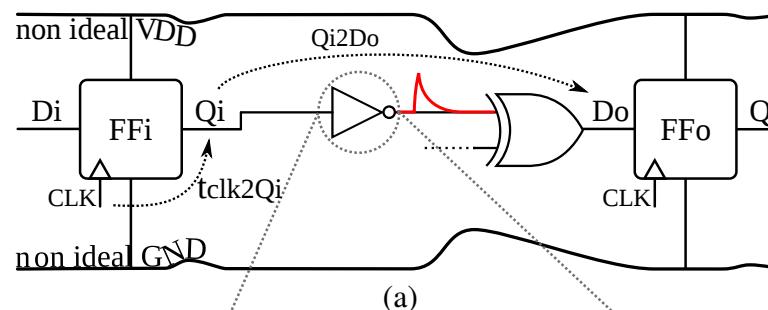


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### 3.3 - Influence of the IP<sub>psub\_nwell</sub> current component

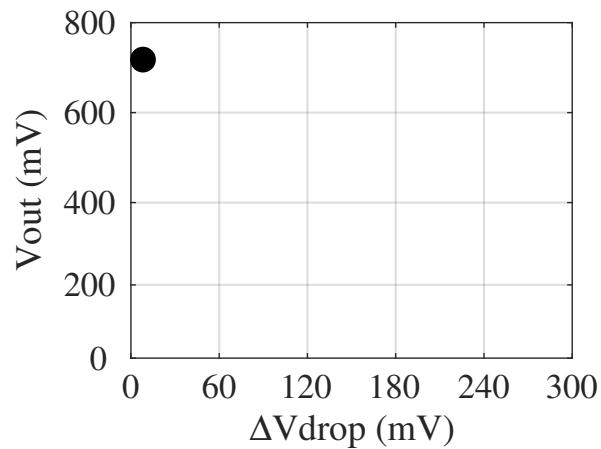
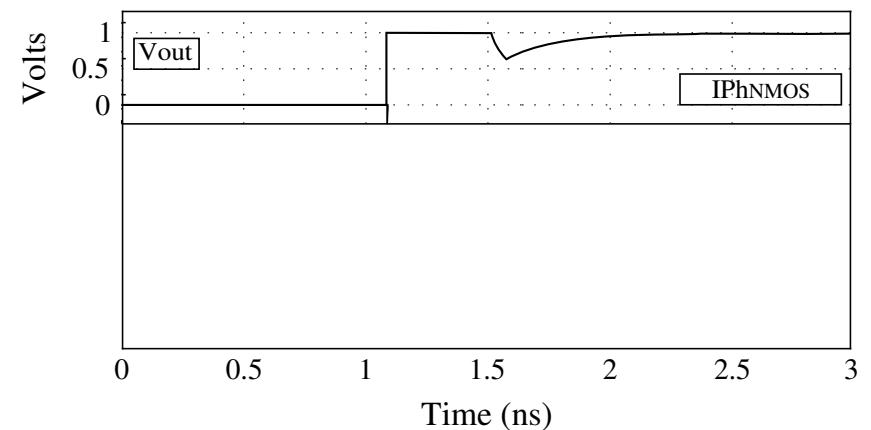
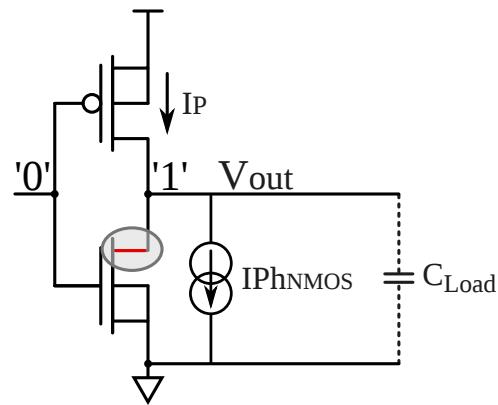


## 3.4 - Influence of IPh and IPpsub\_nwel current components



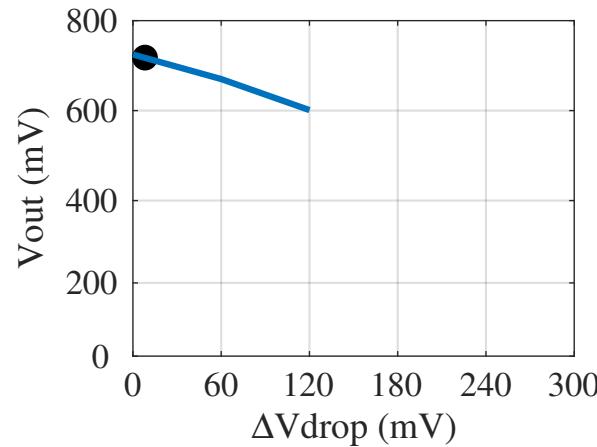
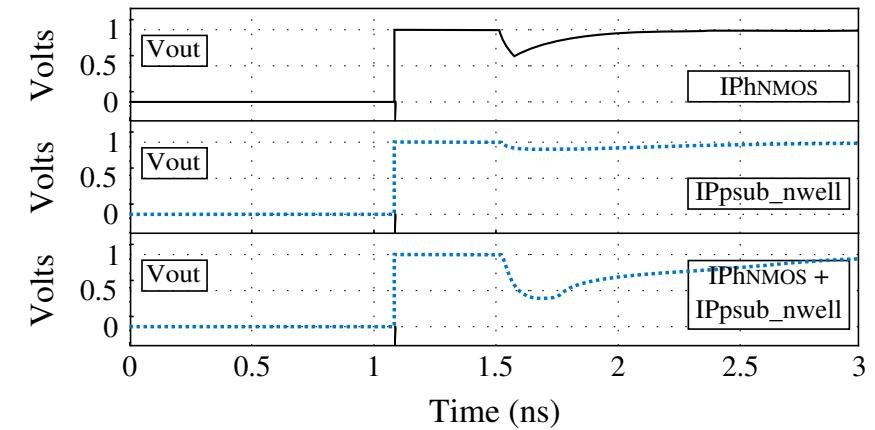
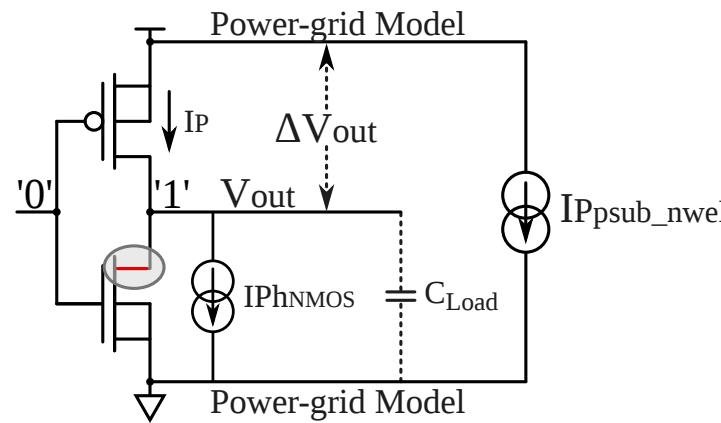
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## 5.3 - IR drop contribution to the fault injection mechanism



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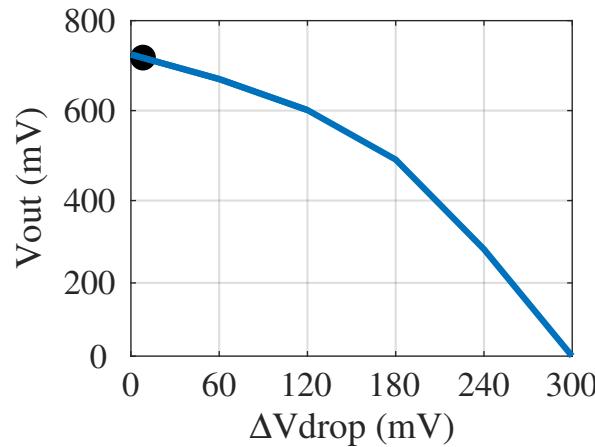
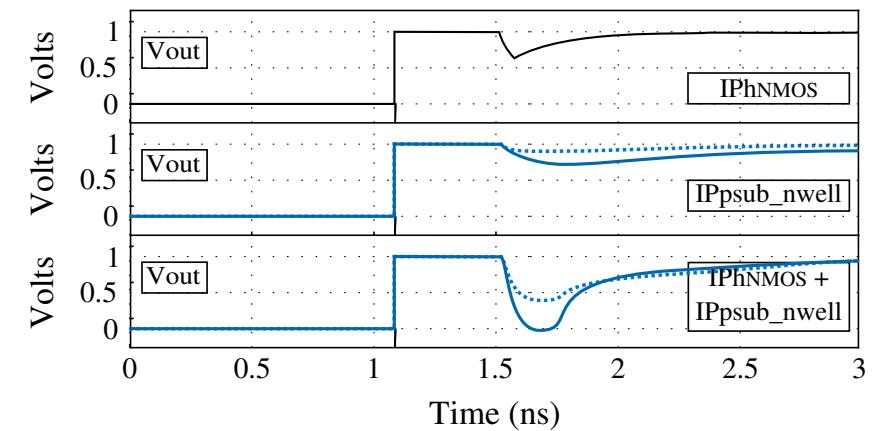
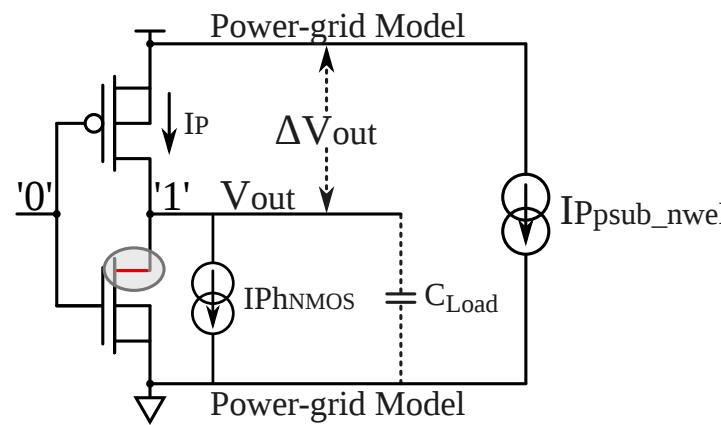
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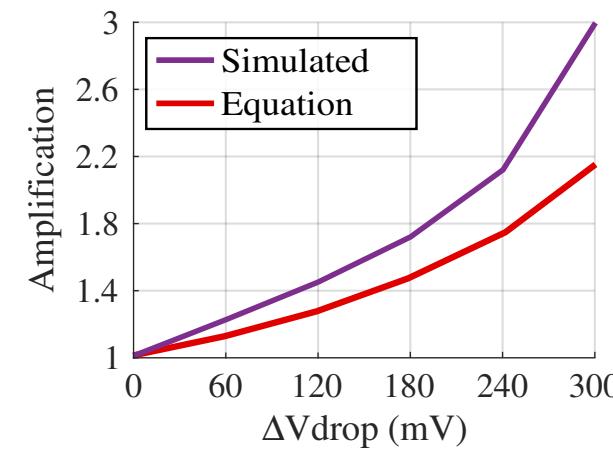
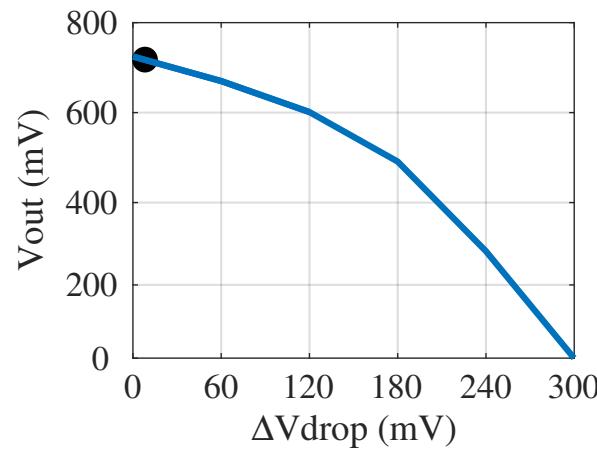
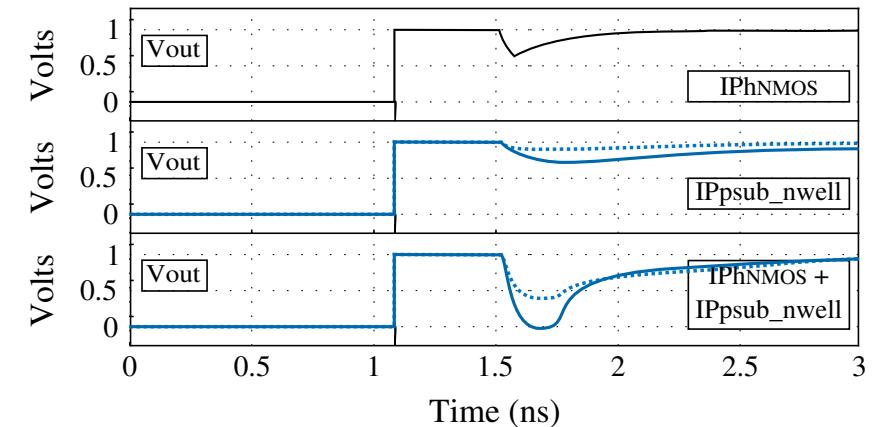
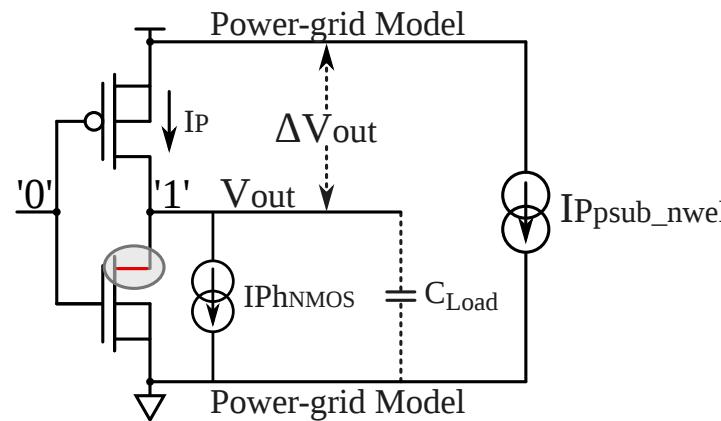
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$$\frac{\Delta V_{out}(\text{withIR})}{\Delta V_{out}(\text{withoutIR})} = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{V_{drop}}{V_{DD} - V_T}}$$

## └ 5.4 - Probability of soft error occurrence

