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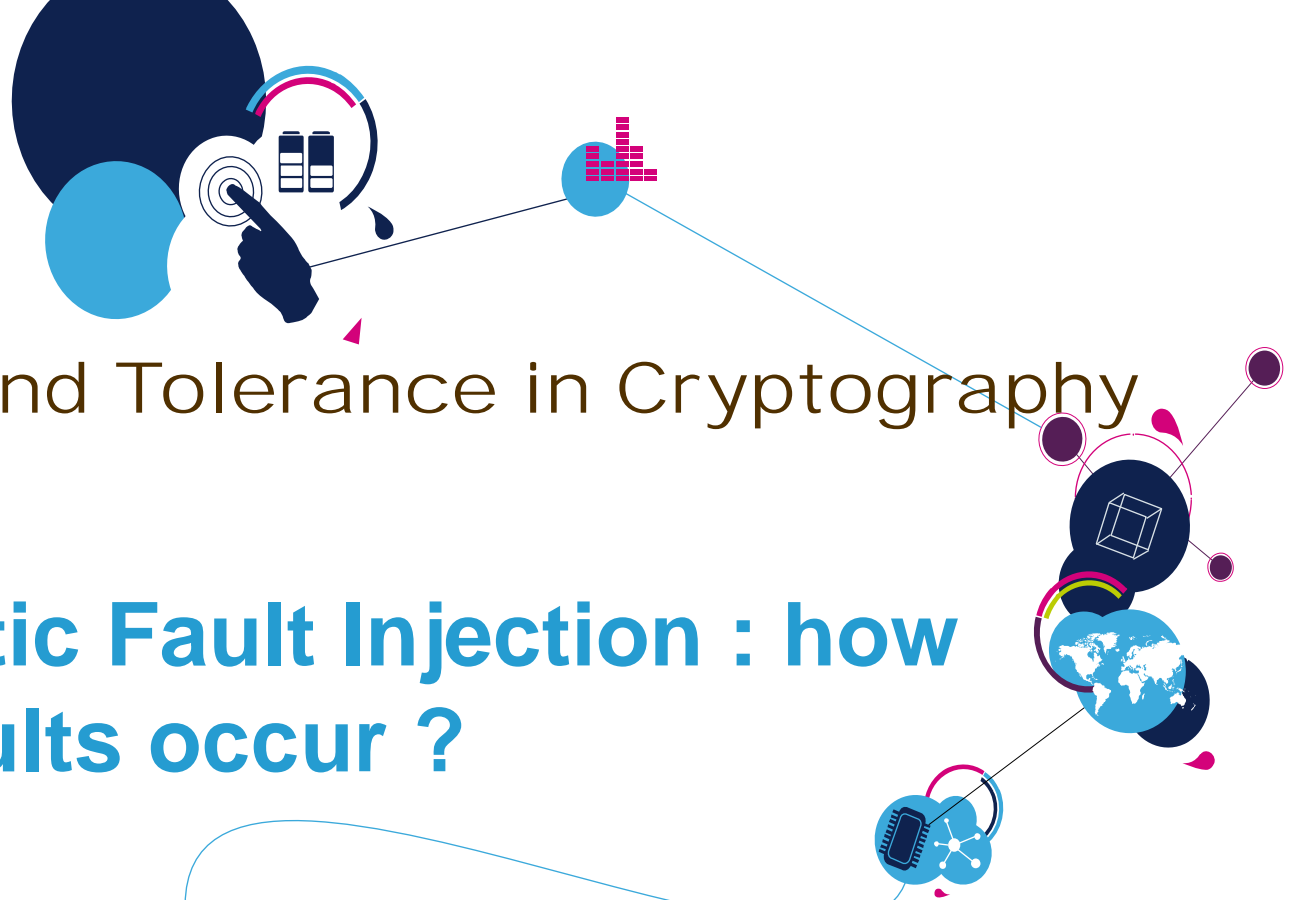
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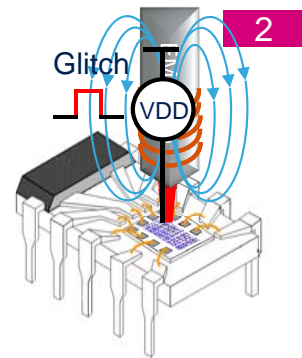
Introduction

- Context :

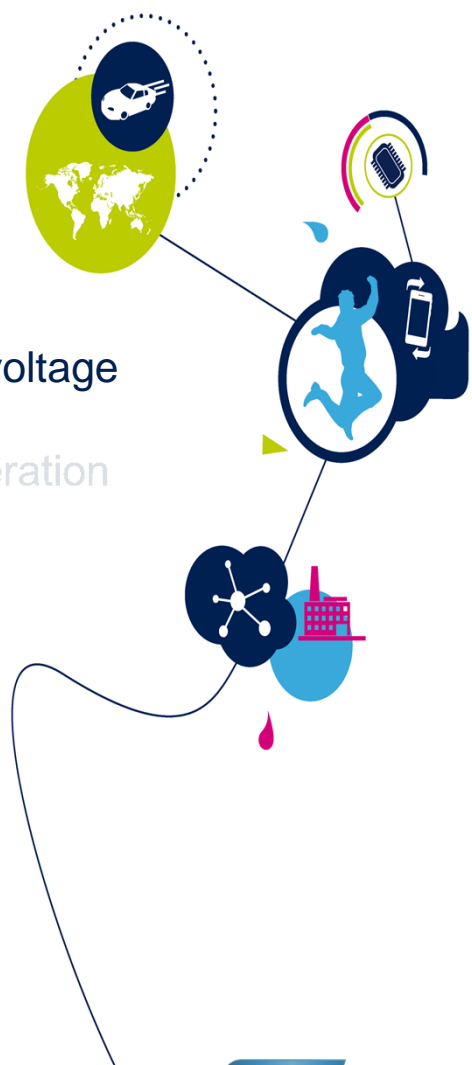
- Attack by Fault injection : Glitch attack, Laser attack, **Electromagnetic Fault injection (EMFI)**.
- EMFI Fault model : Timing Fault (2012) by A.Dehibaoui ; **Sampling fault** (2016) S.Ordas.

- Objectives :

- Modelling : impact of an EMFI on IC supply voltage
- SPICE simulation : impact of an EMFI on IC operation
- Experimental validation

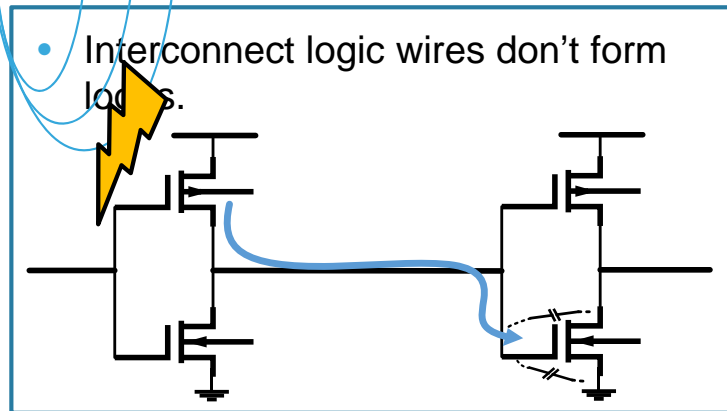
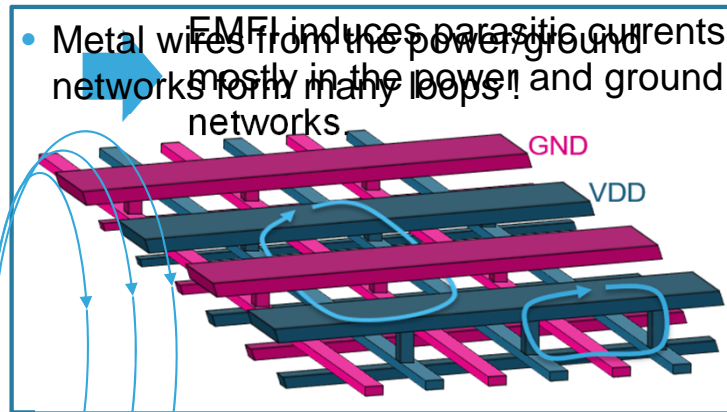
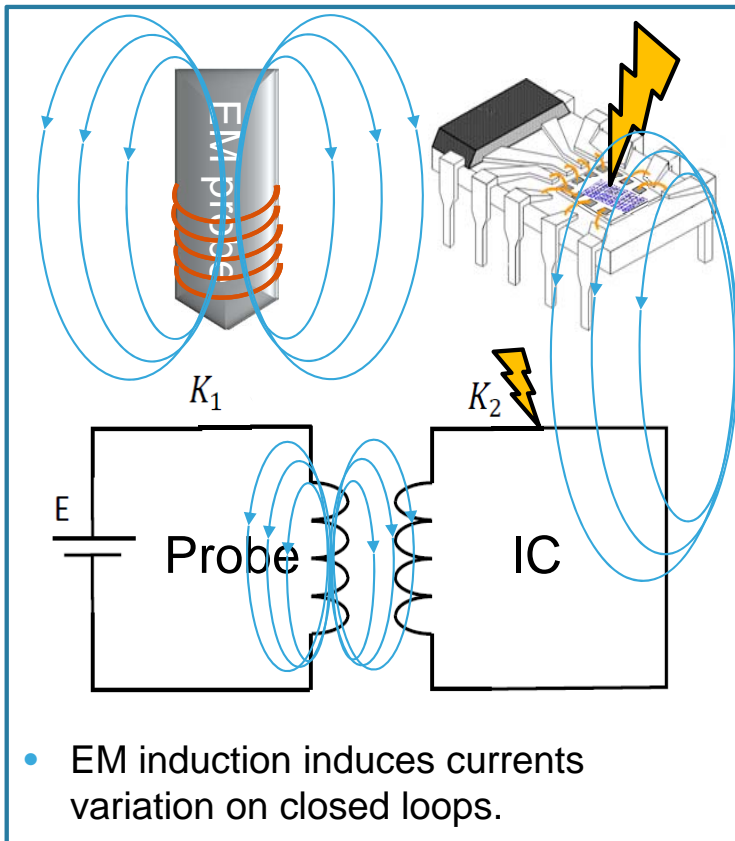


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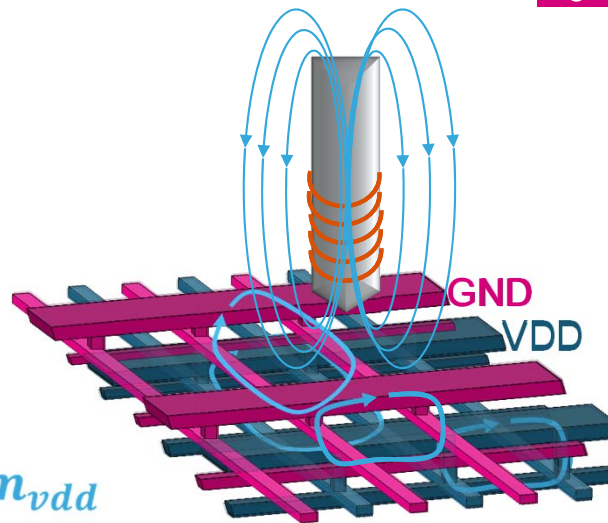
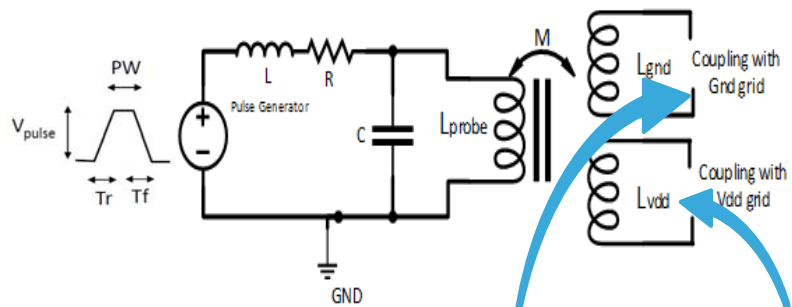
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- EM Induction: hypothesis ?



Modelling: Impact of an EMFI on IC

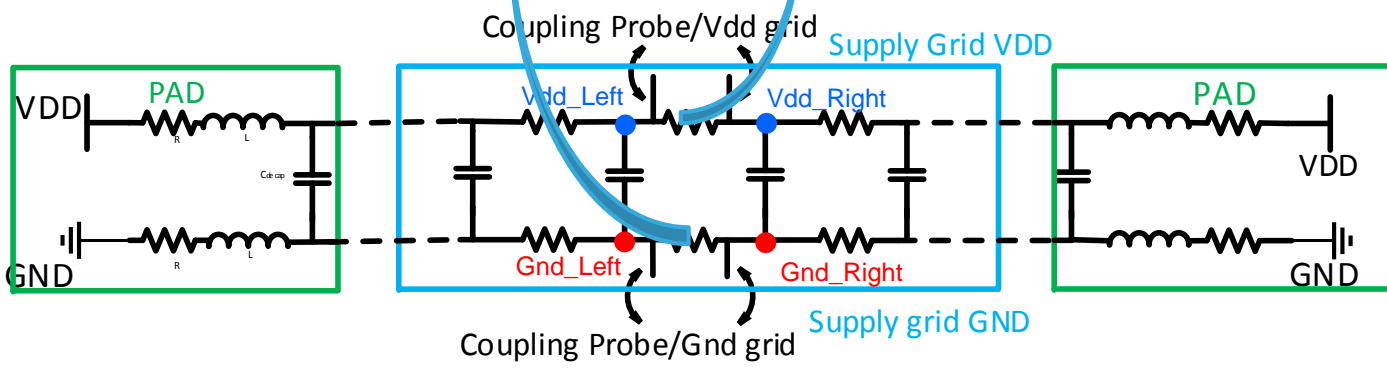
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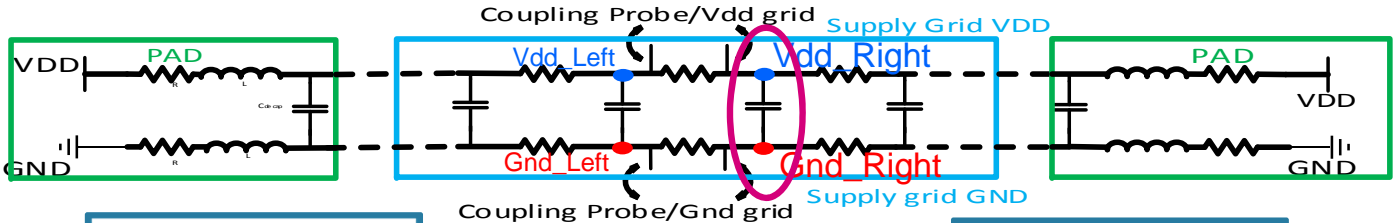
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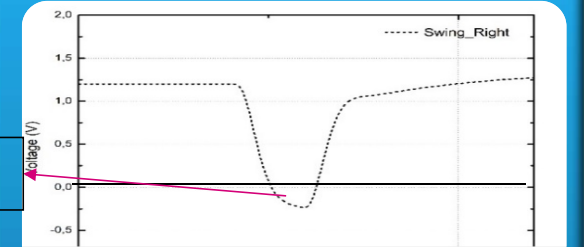
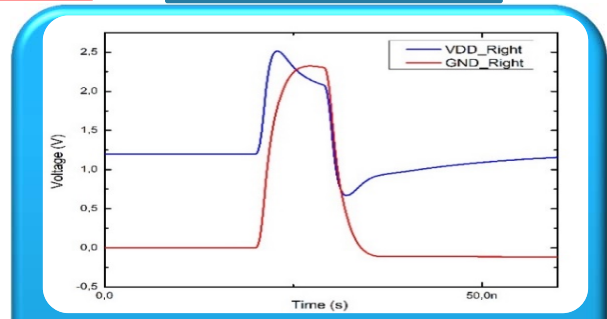
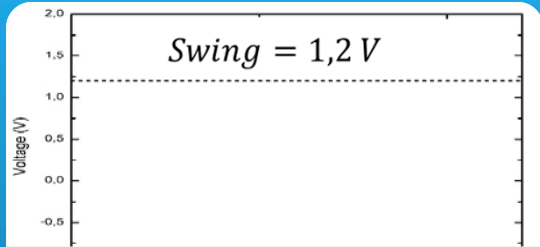
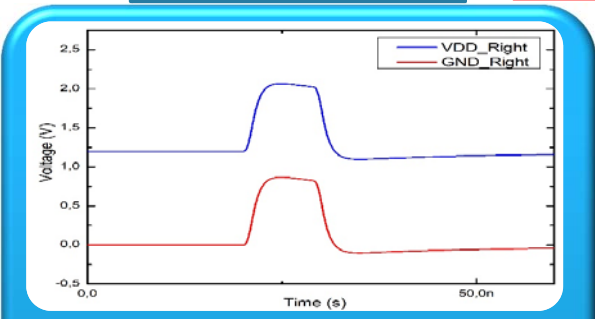
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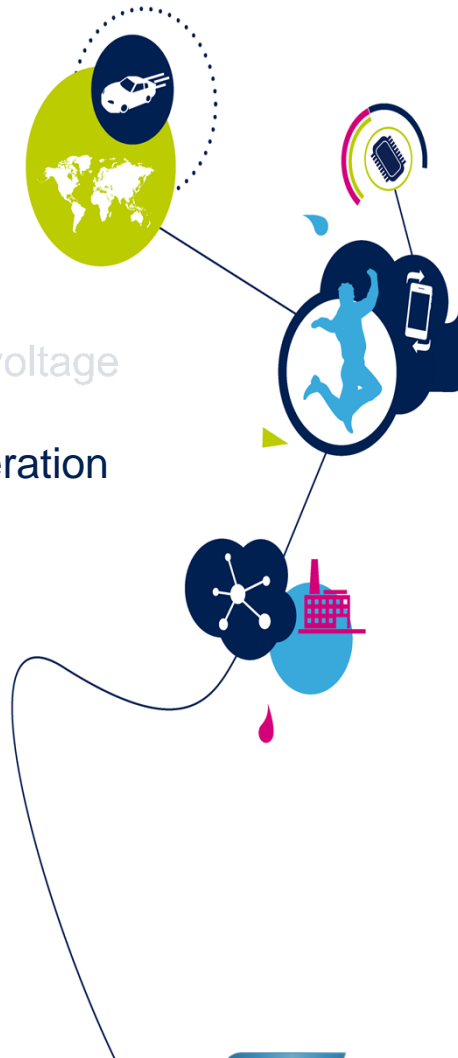
Swing = Vdd - Gnd

$m_{vdd} \neq m_{gnd}$



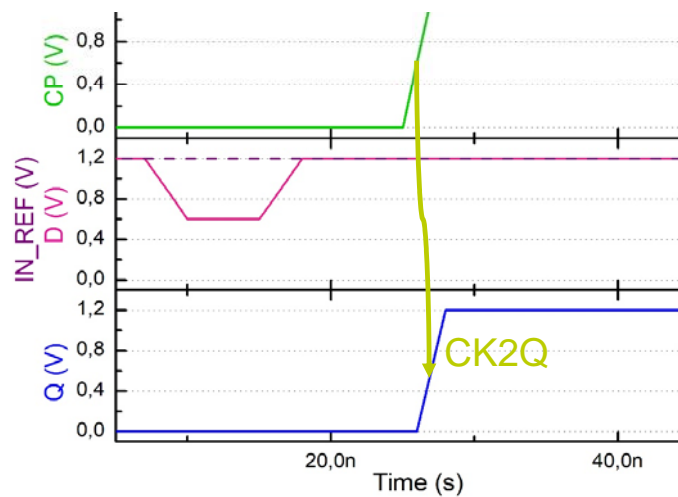
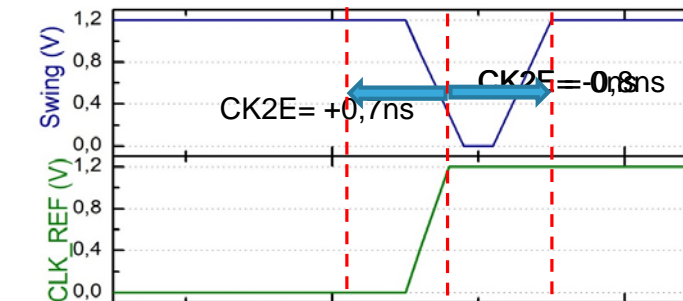
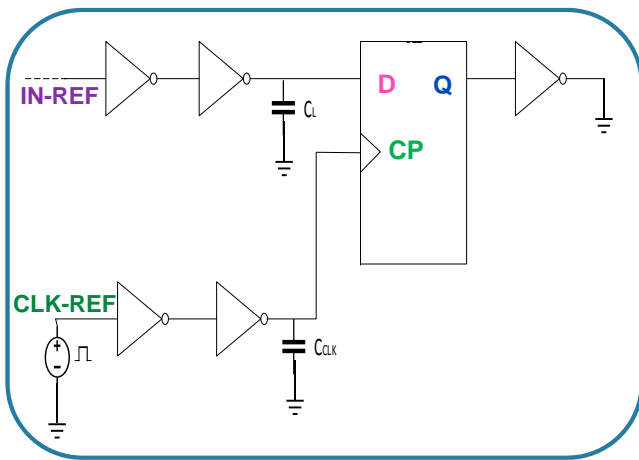
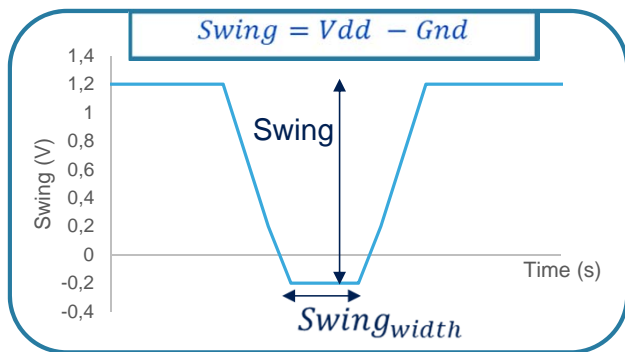
Swing is negative for few ns !

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- Testbench Simulation



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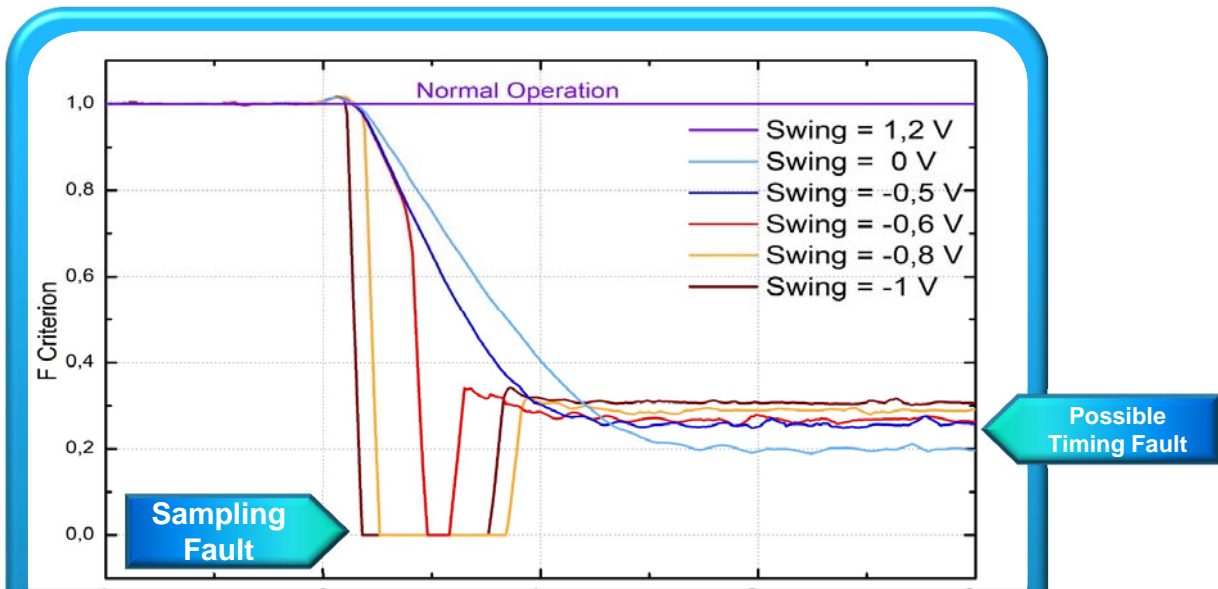
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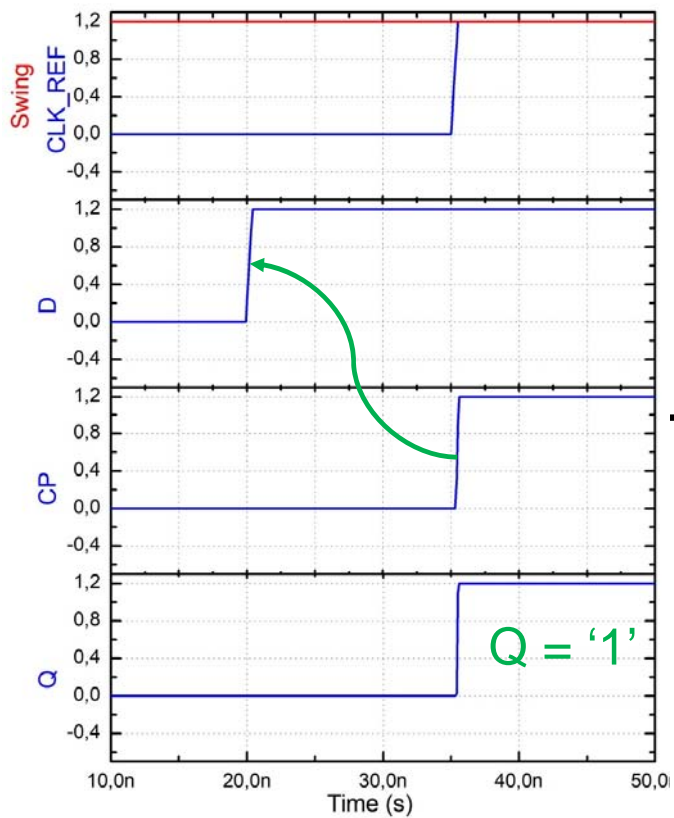
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$$(CK2Q)_{inj} \Rightarrow (CK2Q)_{ref}$$



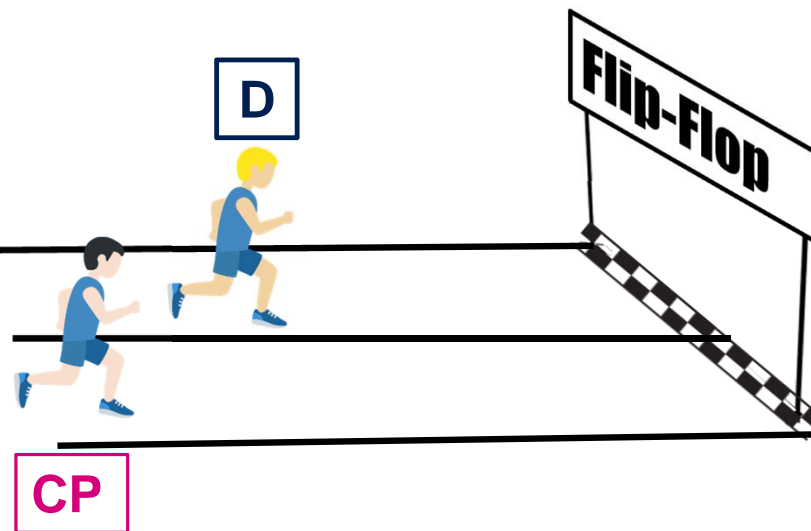
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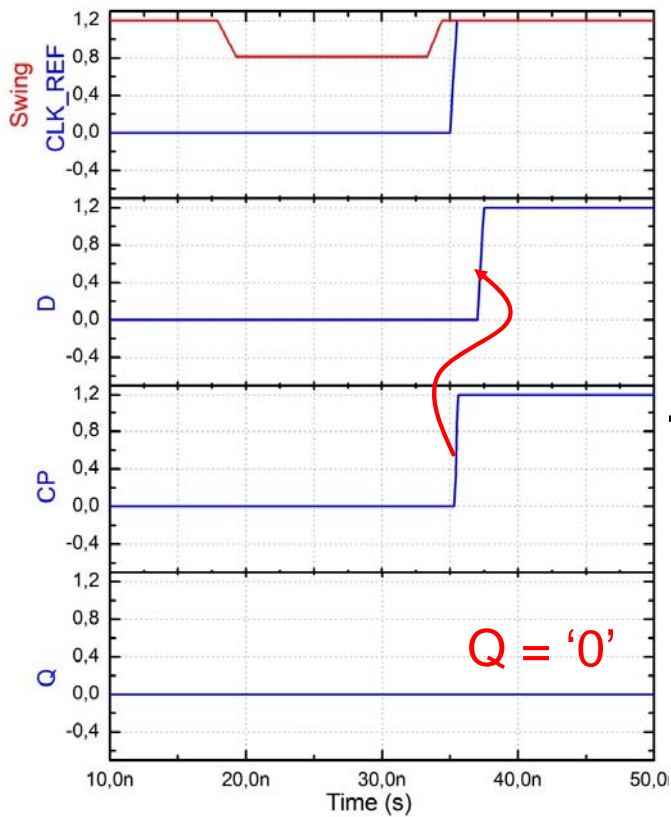
Normal Operation

■ NO FAULT

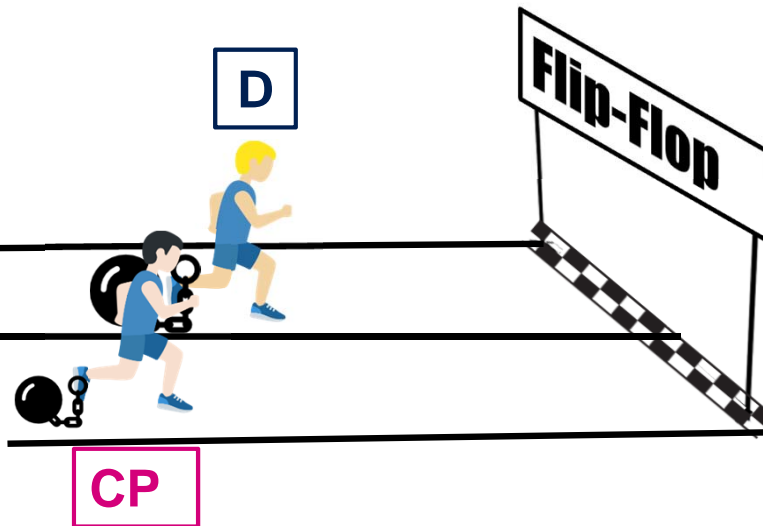


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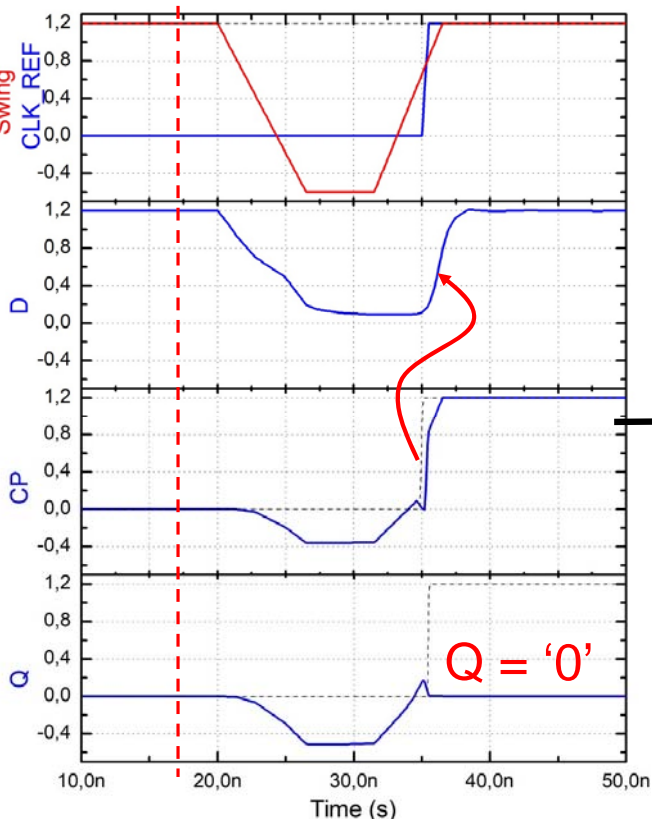


TIMING FAULT

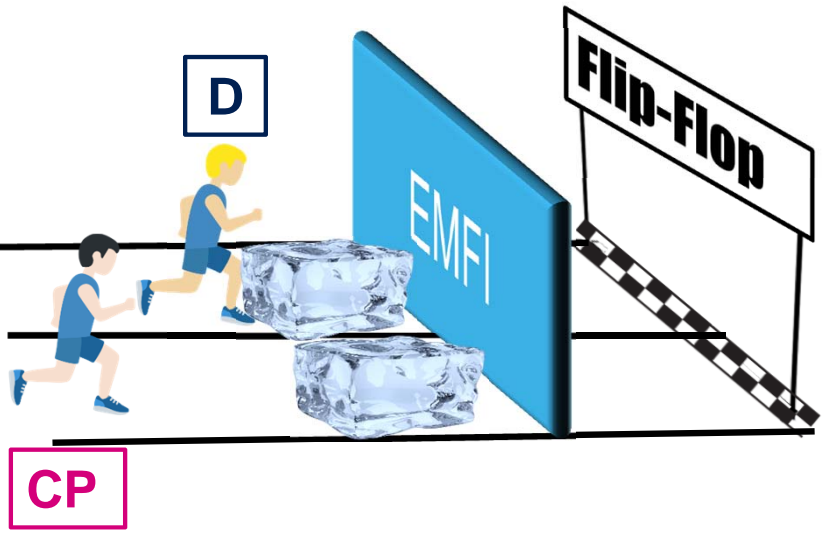


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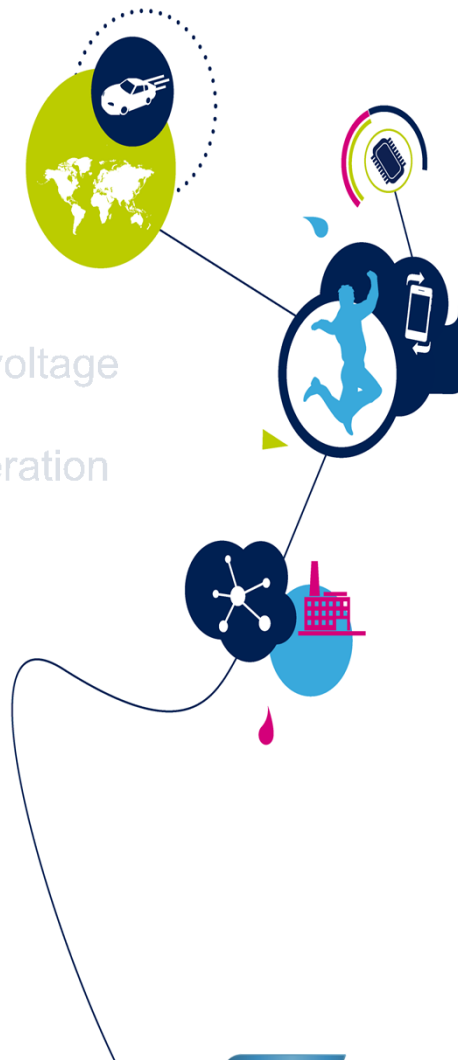
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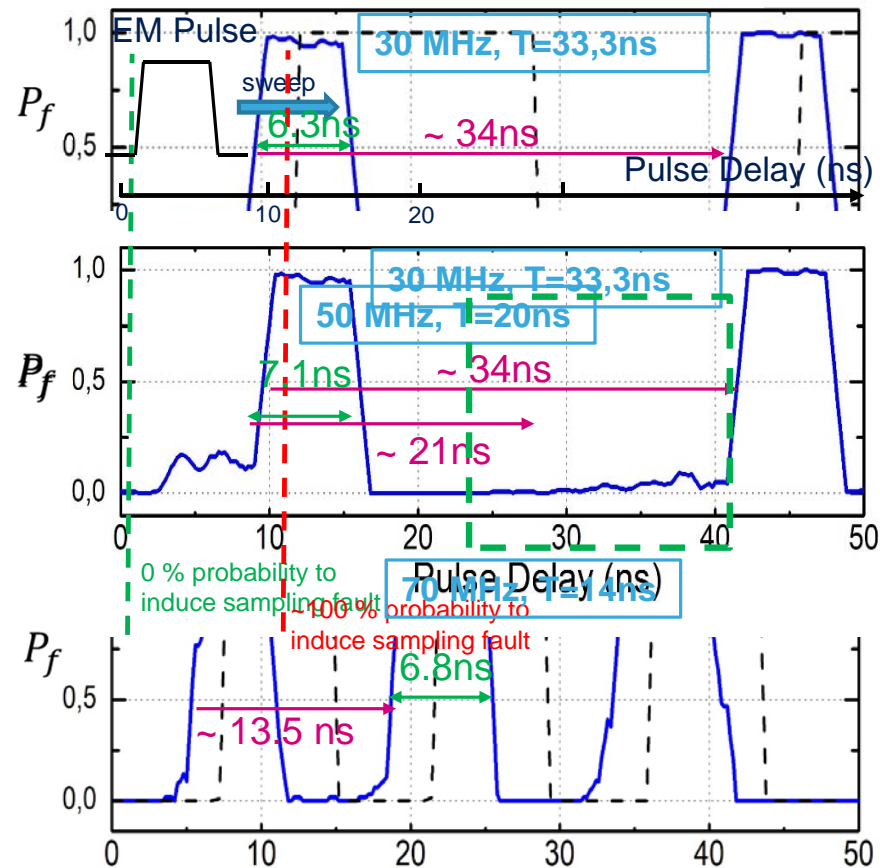
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EMFI experimental validation

Effect of F_{CLK} variations

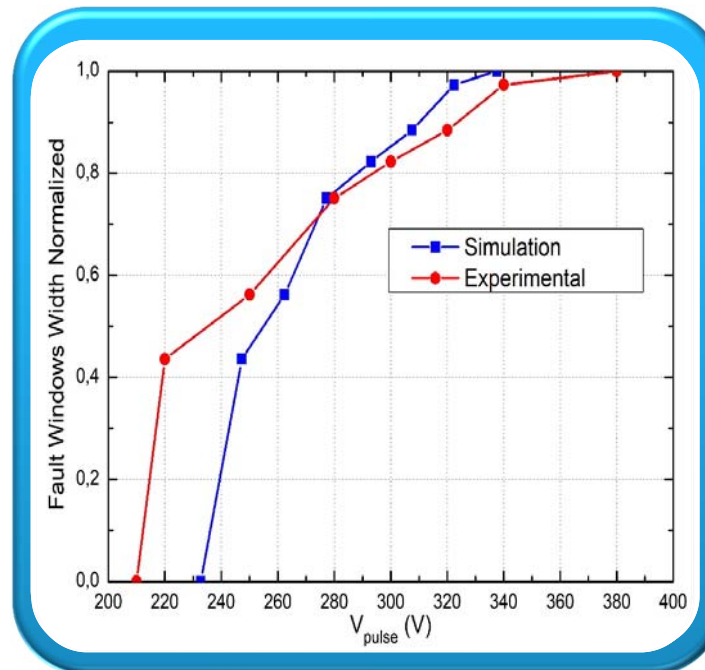
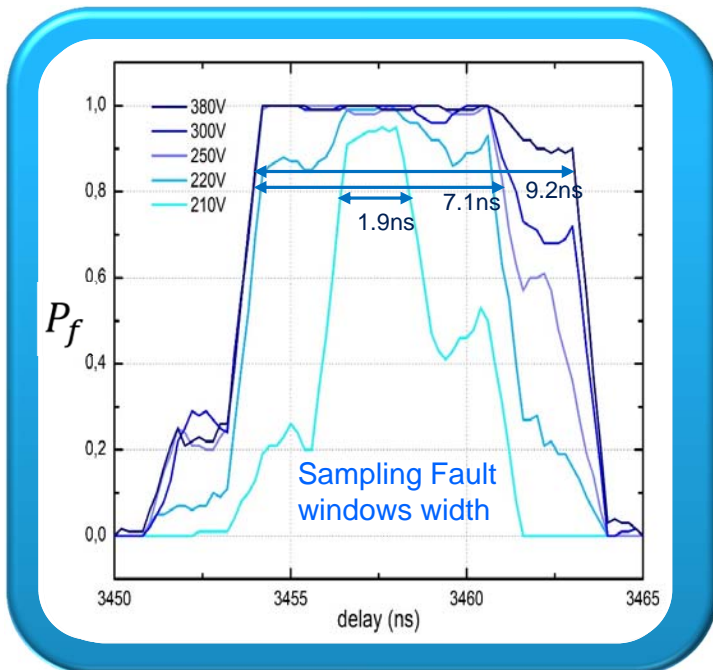
- Target : AES 128bits.
- EM pulse sweeps, for few periods, with a pulse delay step of 100ps.
- 50 EMFI shots are performed at each sweep to determine fault probability P_f ($0 < P_f < 1$).
- As expected Sampling Fault Windows appear with a period equal to that of the IC.
- Their width are independent of the frequency.



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Effect of V_{pulse} variations

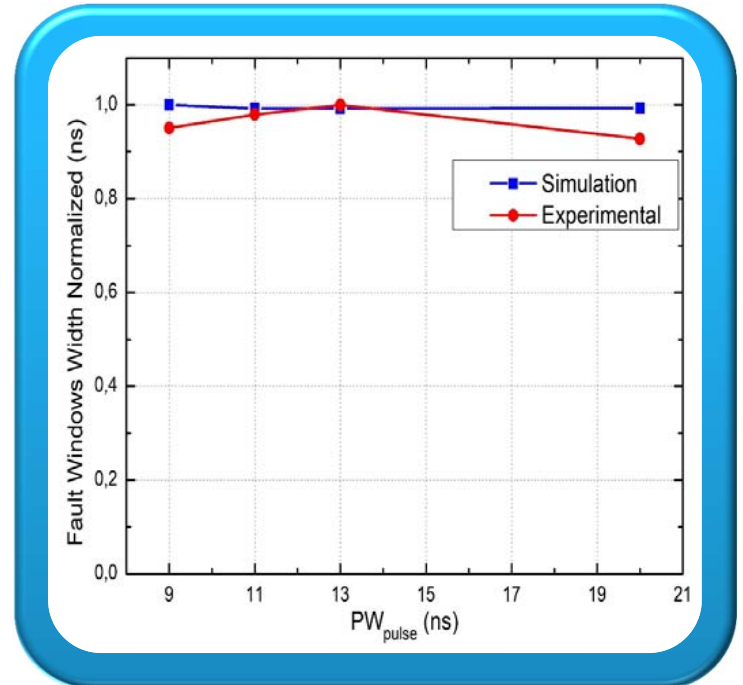
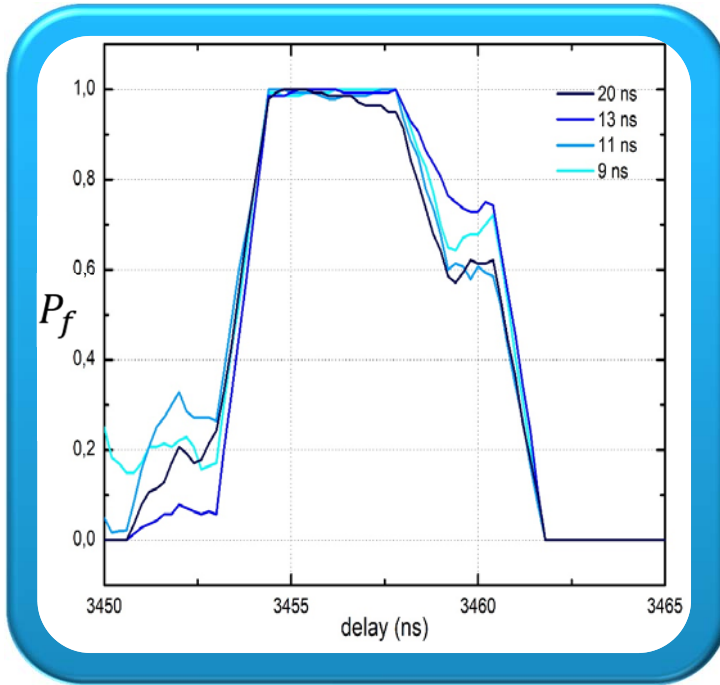
- Determine the evolution of the Sampling Fault Window width in function of V_{pulse} variations.
- The width of Sampling Fault Windows increases with V_{pulse} .



EMFI experimental validation

- Effect of PW variations

- Determine the evolution of the **Sampling Fault Window** width in function of **PW** variations.
- The Pulse Width does not affect much the sampling fault window.



Conclusion

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- Modelling simulations show that EMFI induces a voltage **bounces or drops** on **power networks Vdd and GND**. That could induce a **Swing drop**.
- Sampling Fault occurs when **EM Field** is applied during IC operation around rising CLK edge. In **simulation** and **experimentally**.

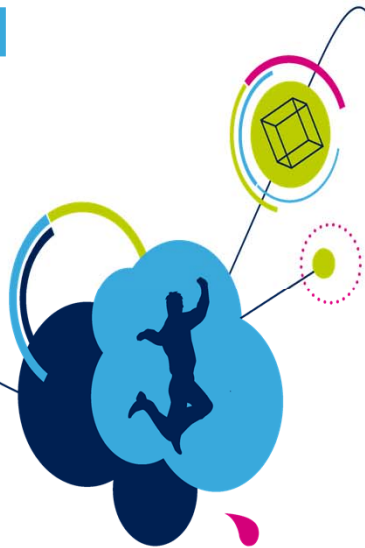


- Perspective

- More accurate **coupling model**.
- Experimental validation and parallel on **one register** only.



Thank you



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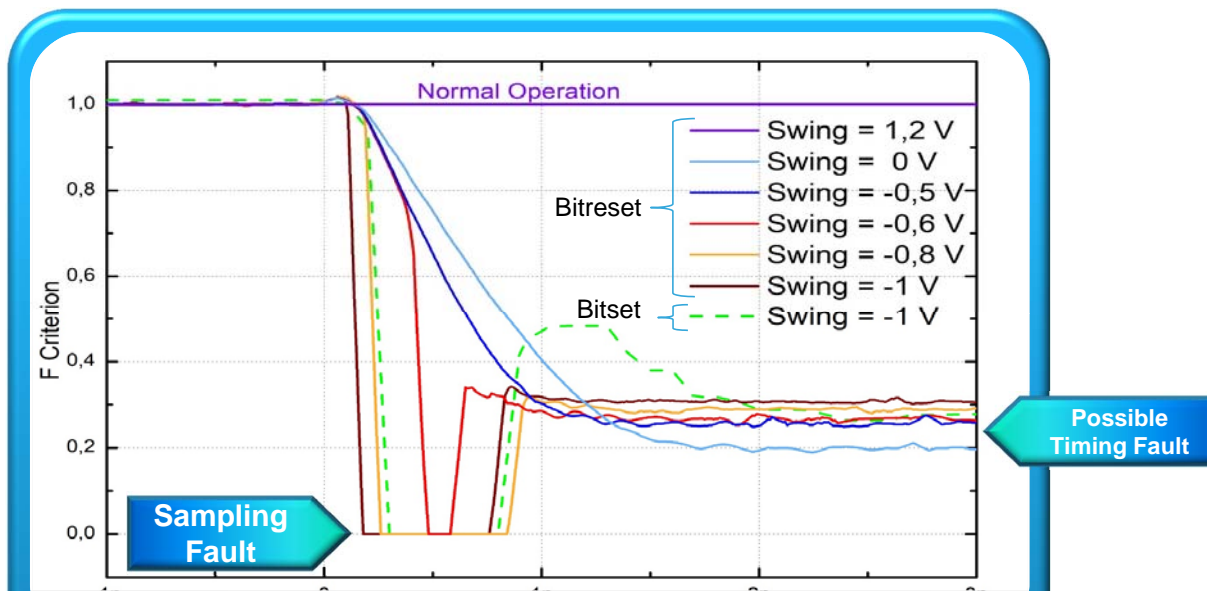
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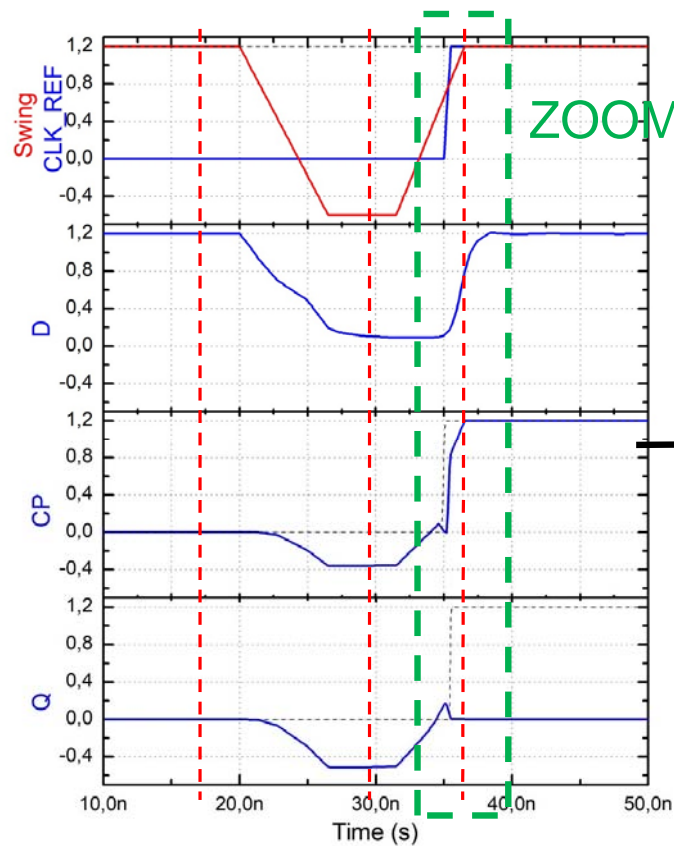
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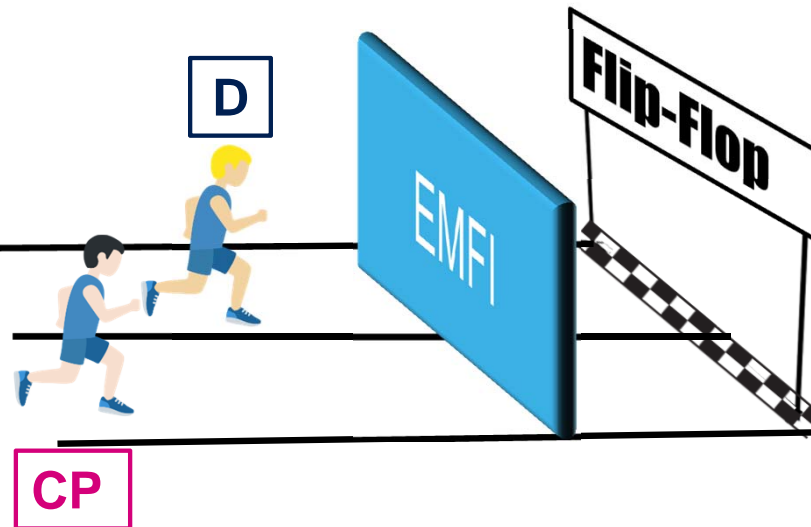
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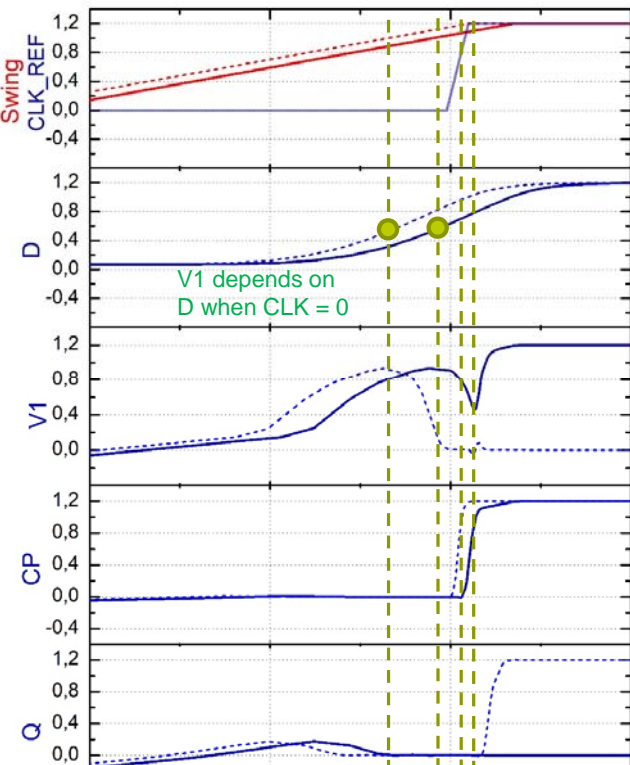
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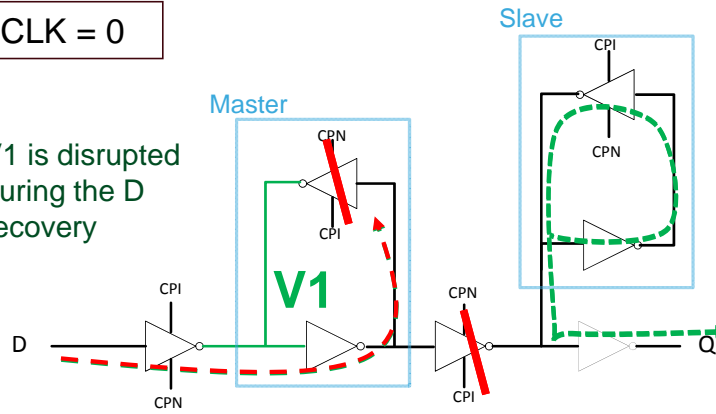
Sampling Fault explanation

..... : CK2Swing = 0 ns ; No Fault
 — : CK2Swing = 0,3 ns ; Sampling Fault



CLK = 0

V1 is disrupted during the D recovery



CLK = 1

If CLK edge occurs during V1 alteration : wrong value is sampled and stored in Master loop.

