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Performance of Flip-Flop Using 22nm CMOS Technology

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ABSTRACT: This paper enumerates low power, high speed design of C2CMOS Flip-Flop. As this flip flop topologies have small area and low power consumption, they can be used in various applications like digital VLSI clocking system, buffers, registers, microprocessors etc. The Flip-Flop is analyzed at 22nm technologies. The above designed Flip-Flop is compared in terms of its area, transistor count, power dissipation and propagation delay using DSCH and Microwind tools with C2CMOS Flip-Flop using 90nm. As chip manufacturing technology is suddenly on the threshold of major evaluation, which shrinks chip in size and performance is implemented in layout level which develops the low power consumption chip using recent CMOS micron layout tools.

KEYWORDS: C2CMOS, 22nm technology, Power dissipation, Propagation delay

I. INTRODUCTION

For high performance VLSI chip-design, the choice of the back-end methodology has a significant impact on the design time and the design cost. Latches and flip-flops have a direct impact on power consumption and speed of VLSI systems. Therefore various following flip flop topologies were designed for some dedicated applications.

A flip-flop is bistable multivibrator. The circuit can be made to change state by signals applied to one or more control inputs and will have one or two outputs. It is the basic storage element in sequential logic. Flip-flops and latches are a fundamental building block of digital electronic systems used in computers, communications, and many other types of systems.

Flip-flops and latches are used as data storage elements. Such data storage can be used for storage of state, and such a circuit is described as sequential logic. When used in a finite-state machine, the output and next state depend not only on its current input, but also on its current state (and hence, previous inputs). It can also be used for counting of pulses, and for synchronizing variably-timed input signals to some reference timing signal.

Flip-flops can be either simple (transparent or opaque) or clocked (synchronous or edge-triggered); the simple ones are commonly called latches. The word latch is mainly used for storage elements, while clocked devices are described as flip-flops. A latch is level-sensitive, whereas a flip-flop is edge-sensitive. That is, when a latch is enabled it becomes transparent, while a flip flop's output only changes on a single type (positive going or negative going) of clock edge.

In digital CMOS circuits there are three sources of power dissipation, the first is due to signal transition, the second comes from short circuit current which flows directly from supply to ground terminal and the last is due to leakage currents. As technology scales down the short circuit power becomes comparable to dynamic power dissipation. Furthermore, the leakage power also becomes highly significant. High leakage current is becoming a significant contributor to power dissipation of CMOS circuits as threshold voltage, channel length and gate oxide thickness are reduced. When technology scales down, total power dissipation will decrease and at the same time delay varies depends upon supply voltage, threshold voltage, aspect ratio, oxide thickness, load capacitance.

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II. RELATED WORK

Design of Flip-Flops for High Performance VLSI Applications using Deep Submicron CMOS Technology Rishikesh V. Tambat^{*} and Sonal A. Lakhotiya[†] Electronics & Telecommunication, G.H. Rasoni College of Engg, Amravati, India. Accepted 01 April 2014, Available online 10 April 2014, Vol.4, No.2 (April 2014)

In this paper, an exhaustive analysis and design methodology for commonly used high-speed flip-flops topologies in 90nm CMOS technologies has been carried out. The comparison has been performed with area, delay and power dissipation. The impact of layout parasitic has been included in the transistor-level design phase. The flip-flops chosen for a thorough comparative analysis, whose results are reported in result section. According to the presented results, the fastest topology are the C2CMOS and DET since the delay, with respect to area and number of transistor count TSPC and C2CMOS are better while with respect to power dissipation SET shows better result, the best low-power flip-flops are the SET. Moreover, the best topology under clock skew and less propagation delay are DET and C2CMOS.

They conclude that efficient design architecture based on power dissipation, propagation delay and transistor counts for portable applications are TSPC, SET, DET and C2CMOS Flip-flop. Considerate the suitability of flip-flops and selecting the best topology for a given application is an important issue; the low power design SET is suitable for portable applications.

Above performance comparison shows that the C2CMOS and TSPC flip flop architecture shows better result on given key parameters compared with SET and DET. This means that both architectures are suitable in low power, fast switching and minimum area applications.

III. PROPOSED ALGORITHM

An ingenious negative edge-triggered register that is based on a master-slave concept insensitive to clock overlap is shown in figure 1. This circuit is called the C2CMOS (Clocked CMOS) flip-flop which operates in two phases: when $clk=1$, the first driver is turned on, and the master stage acts as an inverter sampling the inverted version of D. The master stage is in the evaluation mode. When $clk=0$, the master stage section is in hold mode, while the second section evaluates. The previous value stored is propagated to the output node through the slave stage, which acts as an inverter.

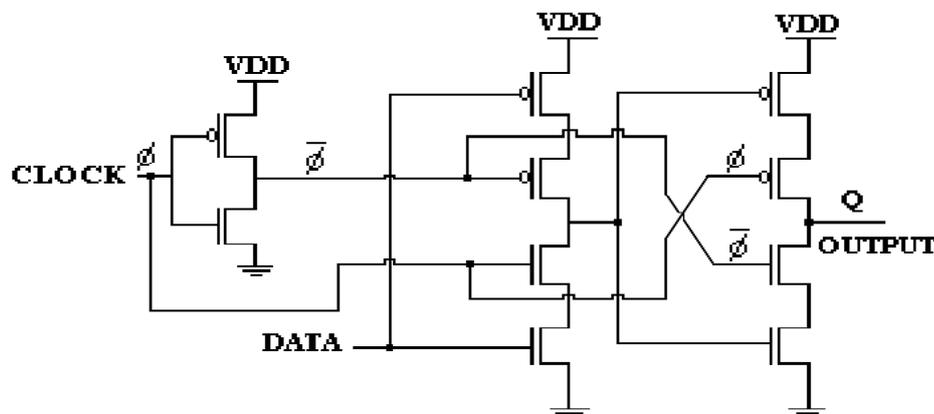


Fig.1 C2CMOS architecture

The above circuit diagram is of clock 2 CMOS flip flop topologies in that the data signal is applied to upper PMOS transistors lower NMOS transistor of the first stage of flip flop, clock signal ϕ is applied to NMOS of first stage & PMOS transistor of second stage of circuit and its inverted clock signal is applied to PMOS transistor of first stage & NMOS transistor of second stage. The output of the first stage is applied as input to the second stage of architecture the Output of C2CMOS flip flop is getting at the node 'Q'.

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IV. SIMULATION RESULTS

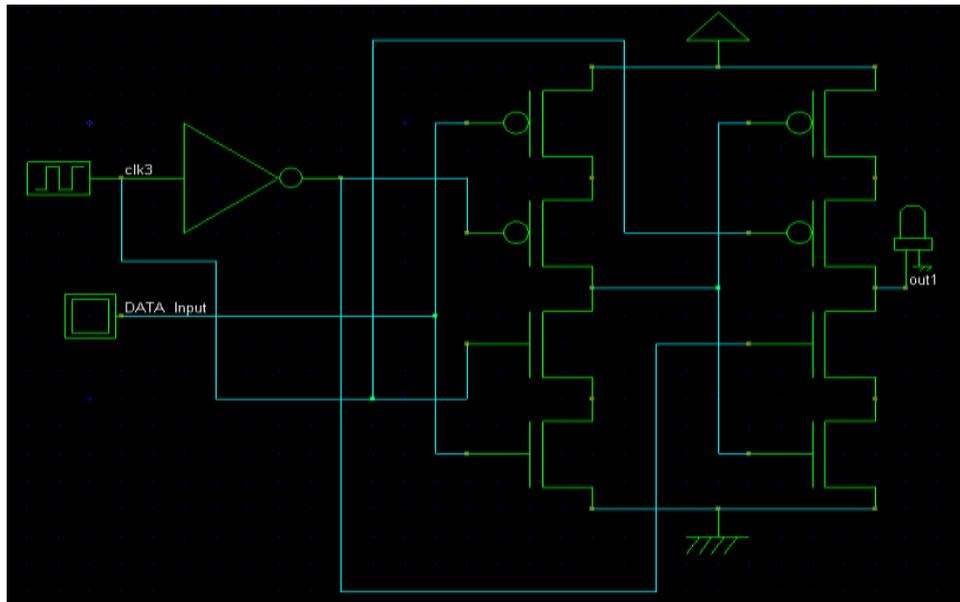


Fig.2 Schematic diagram of C2CMOS architecture

Above schematic of C2CMOS flip flop is drawn in layout structure with the help of Microwind simulation tool. When the input D is '1' and clock is '1' then master stage is ON & slave is OFF, when input D is '0' and clock is '0' then master stage is OFF & slave is ON

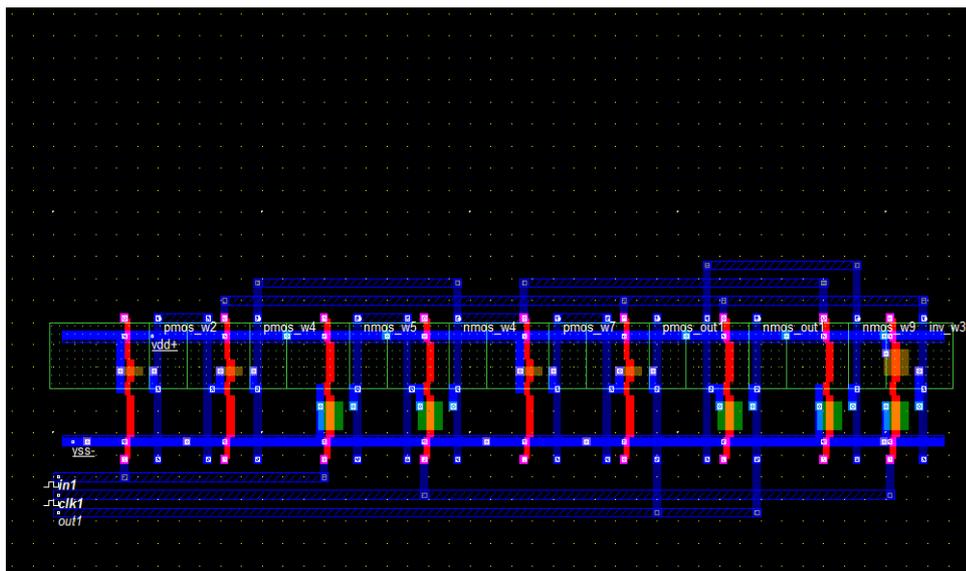


Fig.3 Layout of C2CMOS architecture

In above C2CMOS layout design we used only three metal layers and the complete design required only 10 transistors which is less as compares with other.

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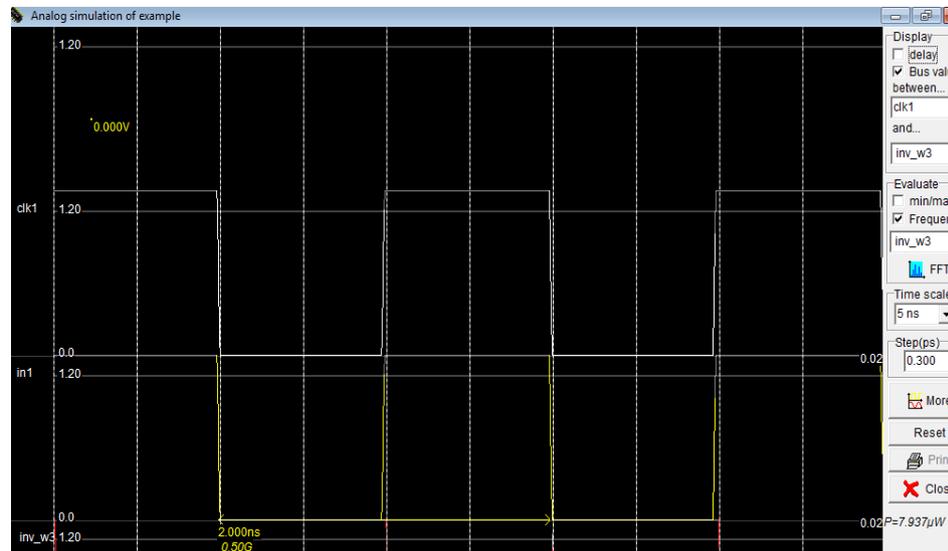


Fig.4 Simulation output

Simulation output of the C2CMOS flip flop as shown in above figure 4. From the simulation it clear that the output 'Q' follows the input 'D' at negative (falling) edge of the clock. The total power required by the C2CMOS flip flop is near $8\mu\text{w}$ is very low as compared with other architectures, it operates on 1.2V and the propagation delay is of 5ps.

V. CONCLUSION

One of the most serious problems in VLSI circuit is the area, power dissipation and propagation delay. The Flip-Flop design using C2CMOS architecture with 22nm technology decreases the power dissipation and propagation delay of the Flip-Flop compared with the 90nm technology. C2CMOS with 90nm had $11\mu\text{w}$ power dissipation and 6ps delay but 22nm C2CMOS has only $8\mu\text{w}$ and 5ps delay. So it is more efficient architecture for low power VLSI application.

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