Evolved Manner for Show Up Ahead Clock Gating Utilising Digital Networks

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Abstract- *Clock gating could be very worthwhile for reducing the power consumed through digital approaches. Three gating approaches are well-known. Almost the most standard is synthesis-established, deriving clock enabling alerts established on the logic of the underlying method. It lamentably leaves nearly all of the clock pulses using the flip-flops (FFs) redundant. A knowledge-pushed process stops most of these and yields larger power economic savings, however its implementation is not easy and software stylish. A third procedure referred to as auto-gated FFs (AGFF) is discreet nevertheless yields rather small power fiscal savings. This paper supplies a novel system known as Adavanced appear-forward Clock Gating (ALACG), which combines the entire three. ALACG computes the clock enabling indicators of every FF one cycle ahead of time, established on the gift cycle knowledge of those FFs on which it's elegant. It avoids the tight timing constraints of AGFF and information-driven by way of meting out a full clock cycle for the computation of the enabling indications and their propagation. A closed-kind mannequin characterizing the vigor saving per FF is provided. It can be established on information-to-clock toggling chances, capacitance parameters and FFs' fan-in. The mannequin implies a breakeven curve, dividing the FFs space into two areas of positive and horrible gating return on investment. Even as the vast majority of the FFs fall within the constructive subject and consequently need to be gated, these falling within the terrible discipline ought to not. Experimentation on enterprise-scale knowledge validated 22.6% reduction of the clock power, translated to 12.5% power discount of the complete method.*

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I. INTRODUCTION

One of the major dynamic vigour shoppers in computing and consumer electronics merchandise is the procedure's clock signal, typically in charge for 30% to 70% of the complete dynamic (switching) vigour consumption [1]. A couple of methods to scale down the dynamic power had been developed, of which clock gating is predominant. Particularly most likely, when a original feel unit is clocked, its underlying sequential causes collect the clock signal in spite of whether or not or now not or no longer their expertise will toggle within the subsequent cycle. With clock gating, the clock indicators are AND with explicitly predefined enabling signals. Clock gating is employed at all phases: system structure, block design, original feel design and gates [2], [3]. Just a few tactics to take advantage of this way are described in [4]–[6], with all of them depending on various heuristics in an attempt to develop clock gating possibilities.We call the above methods synthesis-headquartered.

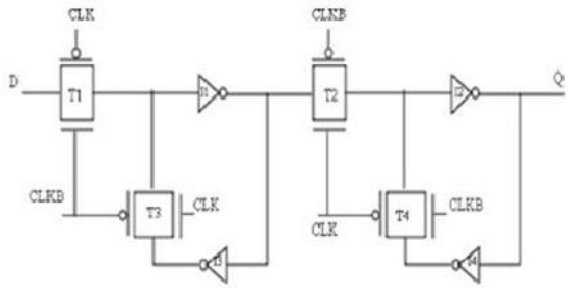

Fig 1: Conventional D Flip-flop

Synthesis-established clock gating is more commonly essentially the most largely used system by way of EDA devices [7]. The utilization of the clock pulses, measured with the aid of data-to-clock toggling ratio, left after the employment of synthesis based gating should still be very low. Fig. 1 depicts the ordinary competencies-to-clock toggling ratio, received by huge power simulations of 61 blocks comprising 200 okay FFs, taken from a32 nm immoderate-end sixty four-bit microprocessor. Those are almost always manipulate blocks of the info-direction, register-file and memory administration gadgets of the processor. The technology parameters used within the path of the papers are of twenty-two nm low-leakage approach technological know-how. Their clock enabling signals had been derived by way of a combination of fine judgment synthesis and guide definitions. The clock capacitive load is 70% of their entire load. The blocks are more and more ordered through their expertise-to-clock undertaking ratio. It is naturally proven that the data toggles in an extraordinarily low price in assessment with the gated clocks. Element (a) means that in 87% of the blocks (fifty three/sixty one) the data toggles a lot less than 6% in assessment with the gated clock, the place the long-established proven with the aid of the horizontal dashed line is three%. Fig. 1 moreover plots the corresponding cumulative

clock capacitive load. Component (b) indicates that the above 87% blocks are in cost for ninety five% of the whole clock load. For that reason, the switching of a big aspect of the approach's clock load is redundant, however consumes most of its vigour. This calls for instead then synthesis-based techniques to discontinue the ninety seven% redundant clock pulses. An exceedingly low data-to-clock toggling ratio used to be as soon as also recounted in [8], the place vast vigour simulations of a big sort of commercial designs showed usual toggling ratios of 0.02 to zero.05.

To handle the above redundancy, a method known as data-pushed clock gating was proposed for flip-flops (FFs). There, the clock sign riding a FF, is disabled (gated) when the FF's state isn't area to alter in the subsequent clock cycle [9]. In an try to curb the overhead of the gating good judgment, a couple of FFs are pushed by way of the identical clock signal, generated through ORing the enabling indicators of the individual FFs [8]. Headquartered on the know-how-to-clock toggling probability, a model to derive the personnel dimension maximizing the power savings used to be developed.

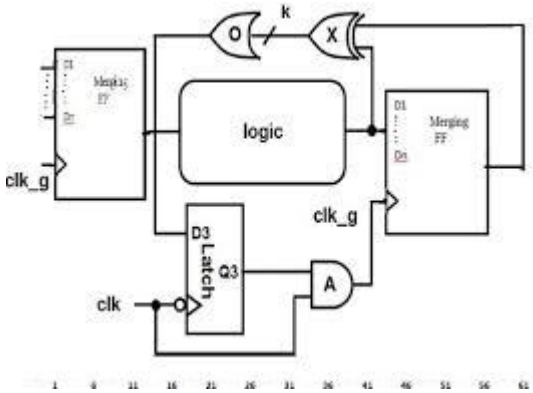

Fig. 2. Circuit implementation of data-driven clock gating.

A assessment between the synthesis-situated and capabilities-pushed gating ways showed that the latter outperforms for manage and arithmetic circuits, even as the prior outperforms for register file established circuits [10]. Understanding-driven gating is illustrated in Fig. 2. A FF finds out that its clock can also be disabled in the next cycle with the help of XORing its output with the gift enter data with a motive to show up at its output inside the following cycle. The outputs of XOR gates are ORed to generate a joint gating sign for FFs, which is then latched to preclude method faults. The combo of a latch with AND gate is used by means of business devices and is known as developed-in Clock Gate (ICG) [11]. It's useful to staff FFs whose switching routine are significantly correlated. The work in [10] addressed the questions of which FFs must be positioned in a group to maximise the energy discount, and the fine method to in finding these businesses.

Expertise-pushed gating suffers from an incredibly temporary time-window the location the gating circuitry can absolutely work. That is illustrated in Fig. Three. The cumulative prolong of the XOR, OR, latch and the AND gater ought to now not exceed the setup time of the FF. Such constraints would exclude 5%-10% of the FFs from being gated as a result of their presence on timing fundamental paths [10]. The exclusion percent raises with the develop of significant paths, a quandary happening by means of downsizing or turning transistors of non-valuable route to excessive threshold voltage (HVT) for additonal vigour financial savings. Yet another task of information-pushed gating is its design methodology. To maximise the power financial savings, the FFs will have got to be grouped such that their toggling is totally correlated. This requires going for walks huge simulations characterizing the ordinary features anticipated via the top-person. These purposes are in plenty of situations unknown and the number of redundant clock pulses might tremendously increase for distinctive purposes. Furthermore, IP providers who're supplying RTL code have received to solid the gating circuitry per customer, which requires preserving special types of the same IP.

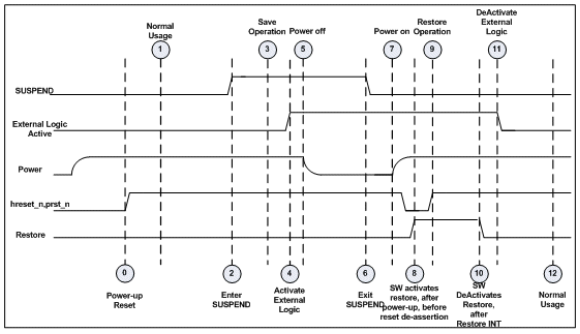

Fig. 3. Sequencing of gating logic in data-driven clock gating.

This paper proposes appear-forward Clock Gating (LACG). It computes the clock enabling alerts of every FF one cycle forward of time, headquartered on the present cycle know-how of those FFs on which it's elegant. In a similar fashion to know-how-pushed gating, it is competent of stopping the sizeable majority of redundant clock pulses. It has however a significant talents of fending off the tight timing constraints of AGFF and talents-driven, by means of dispensing a full clock cycle for the enabling indicators to be computed and propagate to their gaters. Moreover, not like information-pushed gating whose optimization requires the potential of FFs' expertise toggling vectors, LACG is impartial of these. The embedding of LACG fashioned sense in the RTL priceless code is uniquely defined and without problems derived from the underlying logic, independently of the intention utility. This simplification is tremendous as it broadly simplifies the gating implementation.

The rest of the paper discusses the modeling, analysis, circuits, optimization and implementation of LACG. Section II grants the LACG circuits. Part III develops its vigour financial savings model. Section IV minimizes the common sense overhead required to generate the clock enabling indicators. Experimental final result are shown in section V. We conclude in part VI.

A. Dynamic vigour reduction

Vigor and vigour are mainly outlined in phrases of the work that a method performs. Vigour is the entire amount of labor a technique performs over a period of time, whilst vigour is the price at which the process performs that work. In formal phrases,

$$P = W/T \quad (1)$$
$$E = P * T, \quad (2)$$

the place P is vigour, E is energy, T is a exact time interval, and W is the entire work implemented in that interval. Power is measured in joules, even as vigour is measured in watts. These principles of labor, vigour, and energy are used otherwise in exotic contexts. Within the context of desktops, work entails movements associated with jogging applications (e.G., addition, subtraction, memory operations), vigour is the fee at which the desktop consumes electrical energy (or dissipates it inside the form of heat) whilst performing these goals, and vigor is the entire electrical power the computer consumes (or dissipates as heat) over time. This distinction between vigor and energy is predominant on the grounds that systems that reduce vigour do not perpetually cut back vigour.

B. Dynamic energy Consumption

There are two types of vigour consumption, dynamic power consumption and static energy consumption. Dynamic vigor consumption arises from circuit endeavor such because the variations of inputs in an adder or values in a register. It has two sources, switched capacitance and transient circuit present. Switched capacitance is the primary give of dynamic energy consumption and arises from the charging and discharging of capacitors at the outputs of circuits. Short-circuit present is a secondary source of dynamic vigor consumption and costs for many mighty 10-15% of the whole energy consumption. It arises seeing that circuits are composed of transistors having reverse polarity, bad or NMOS and optimistic or PMOS.

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

Optimization for energy is most commonly one in all the primary imperative form, ambitions in brand new nanometer laptop circuit type. The clock habits reproduced in an relatively successive circuit through a Quaternary variable and makes use of this illustration to advocate and analyze 2 clock-gating systems. It makes use of the protecting relationship between the triggering transition of the clock and thus the undertaking cycles of quite a lot of flip flops to come up with a derived clock for each flip-flop inside the circuit. A system for clock gating is additionally given, that generates a derived clock synchronous with the seize clock type. The undertaking description of a clock is that the basis to learn its triggering action on flip flops supported it, 2 forms of clock-gating had been offered to make a derived clock. They generally tend to confirmed that the technique for planning a derived clock could also be systematized therefore on isolate the prompted flip flop from the take hold of enter its idle cycles. The comprehensive power saving is also tremendous. Nevertheless, the additional clock skew would lower the most operation frequency supported inspecting the temporal order relation in clock gating, then given a alternative manner for producing the derived clock, that is synchronous with the grasp clock. Circuit simulation evidenced the standard of the new derived clock, and its potential to scale back vigour dissipation. A lot of work is required to lift a scientific kind procedure related an algorithmic rule for realizing the projected type standards for clock gating in tremendous successive circuits. The engineering problems acknowledged, in having as a end result been decided.

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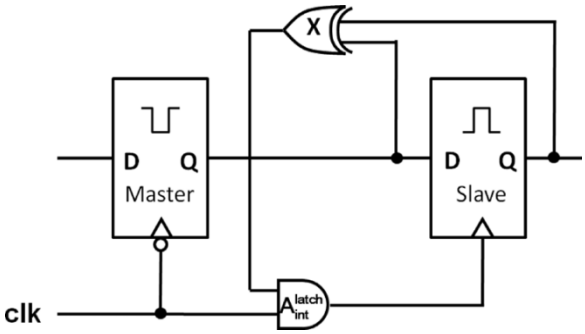

Fig. 4. An auto-gated flip-flop.

III. AUTO-GATED FLIP-FLOPS

The elemental circuit used for LACG is Auto-Gated Flip-Flip (AGFF) illustrated in Fig. 4 [12].The FF's grasp latch turns into obvious on the falling fringe of the clock, the situation its output have got to stabilize no later than a setup time prior to the arrival of the clock's rising section, when the grasp latch turns into opaque and the XOR gate suggests whether or not or now not the slave latch must trade its state. If it does no longer, its clock pulse is stopped and or else it's handed. In [12] a gigantic power discount was acknowledged for register-situated small circuits, corresponding to counters, the place the input of every FF is determined by the output of its predecessor inside the register. AGFF can also be used for usual good judgment, however with two predominant drawbacks.

First of all, most effective the slave latches are gated, leaving half of of of the clock load not gated. Secondly, critical timing constraints are imposed on these FFs residing on major paths, which prevent their gating.

LACG takes AGFF a soar ahead, addressing three pursuits; stopping the clock pulse also inside the take hold of latch, making it relevant for big and natural designs and heading off the tight timing constraints. LACG is founded on utilizing the XOR output in Fig. Four to generate clock enabling symptoms of exceptional FFs within the method, whose expertise rely on that FF. There may be a main issue even though. The XOR output is legitimate most robust within the path of a slim window (-t setup, tccq) of across the clock rising field, the place and are the FF's setup time and clock to output contamination extend, respectively. After a lengthen the XOR output is corrupted and turns ultimately to zero. To be legitimate in the course of the whole positive half of cycle it ought to be latched as verified in Fig. 5(a).Fig. 5(b) is the emblem of the increased AGFF with the XOR output.

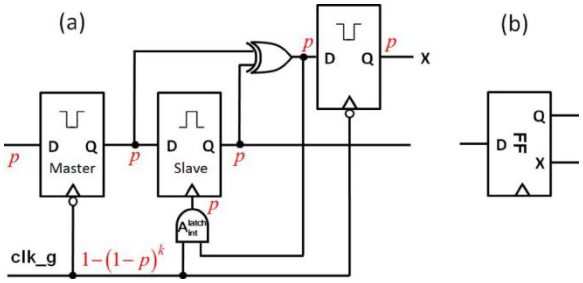

Fig. 5. Enhanced AGFF with XOR output used for LACG.

The vigor consumed by means of the company new latch can be diminished through gating its clock enter. Such gating has been proposed in [16] and it entails one other XOR and OR gates, priceless for top clock switching likelihood. It's because of this fact confirmed that probability could be very low and it's hence now not additional being gated. Fig. 6 illustrates how LACG works. We call intention and supply. A target FF relies on okay>=1source FFs. It is required that the fashioned experience making use of a purpose FF does not have an input externally of the block. Let X(D'') denote the set of the XOR outputs of the supply FFs, and denote through Q(D") the set of their corresponding outputs. The supply FFs will even be decided by way of a traversal of the good judgment paths from D" back to Q(D") , which may also be performed both within the RTL or the web-record descriptions of the underlying system.

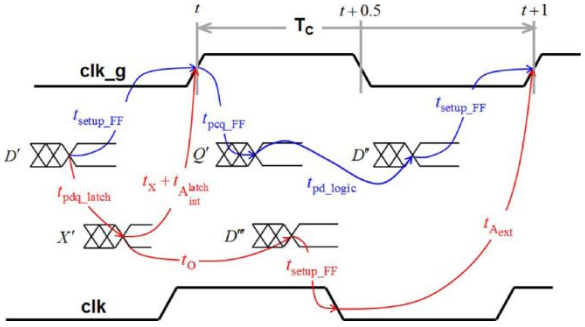

Fig. 7. Timing sequencing of LACG clock gating.

The good judgment tree with root D" and leaves Q(D") is customarily known as the common sense cone of [13]. Let t and t+1 be two successive clock cycles proven in Fig. 7, the position the time tics consult with the rising fringe of the clock pulses.We use the notation t-zero.5 andt+zero.5 to

denote the clock's earlier and succeeding falling edges, respectively. Obviously, ∑X(D")X(t)=zero is a abundant for F" to not alternate state at t+1 , the place the summation method logical OR operation. FF"'s clock pulse would thus be disabled at t+1 to save lots of lots of the switching vigour. To generate the enabling sign bought from knowledge at t and make particular its validity at t+1, an oppositely clocked FF is offered as proven in Fig. 6. Upon the clock's falling side at t+zero.5 there exists D"'(t+zero.5)=∑X(D")X(t). Considering the fact that FF"' is oppositely clocked, there exists Q"'(t+zero.5)=d"'(t+zero.5)=∑X(D")X(t) . The signal Q"' is consistent throughout the time interval [t+0.5,t+1] , obtaining Q"'(t+1)=∑X(D")X(t). The gater Aext can then appropriately gate the clock's rising part at t+1 which drives FF"'.

Utilising a FF for gating is a large overhead with the intention to consume energy of its own. This may occasionally drastically be lowered by way of gating FF"' as established in Fig. 6. Realize that due to the fact FF"' is oppositely clocked and its information is sampled on the clock's falling aspect, its clock enabling sign X"' need to be negated. Also, is an ordinary FF the location the internal XOR gate is hooked up between D"' and Q"'. The sign sequencing of LACG is illustrated in Fig. 7. The delays of the traditional just right judgment are coloured in blue, even as these of the gating common sense overhead are coloured in crimson. LACG is high-high-quality over know-how-pushed. While the latter need to complete gating analysis within tsetup extend, LACG has a full clock cycle to check clk_en from X(D"). Specific implementation might require prolonged wires to generate the clock enabling alerts, so the grace of a full cycle is a substantial comfort. The timing constraints imposed on LACG are derived from Fig. 7. A primary constraint is

where , and are respectively the info to output propagation extend of the FF's interior latch, the extend of the FF's interior XOR gate and the FF's inside AND gater established in Fig. 5. Is the FF's setup time. A 2nd constraint is (2)

where is the extend of the OR usual experience required to grab the FFs' outputs on which the gating of a FF is dependent, and is the lengthen of the clock using network generating the gated clock sign. The constraint in (2) is independent of timing crucial paths and hence can effortlessly be satisfied. It is a tremendous rest over the constraints in Fig. Three, where the clock enabling analysis and propagation is restricted to a time window. As mentioned earlier than is a plentiful clock disabling concern of at . This lamentably will not be a vital , due to the fact that it is manageable that consequently of the special customary feel throughout which is evaluated, there may be whilst . The clock pulse utilizing at will consequently be redundant. A key query is therefore how huge is. It's going to need to ideally be zero, however close to it isn't. Assuming the worst-case challenge where the FFs toggle independently of each different, it is due to this fact confirmed that the probability of clock redundancy to come up by the use of LACG is small. LACG vigour fiscal financial savings is analyzed beneath a worst-case toggling independence mannequin, so actuality could yield higher vigour savings than the following analysis does..

IV. MDELING THE POWER SAVINGS

Let be a random variable of the FF's data-to-clock toggling (hereby data toggling) and let $p = \Pr[X = 1]$ be its probability. Assuming that FFs are toggling their data independently of each other, there exists

$$\Pr\left[\sum_{\mathbf{X}(D'')} X(t) = 0\right] = (1-p)^k. \quad (3)$$

Notice that independency is a worst case assumption. In reality toggling correlation exists, which may increase the actual power savings obtained by the subsequent analysis [10]. It follows from independency that the probability of enabling the clock while it could be disabled is

$$\Pr\left[\sum_{\mathbf{X}(D'')} X(t) = 1 \wedge X''(t+1) = 0\right] = \left[1-(1-p)^k\right](1-p). \quad (4)$$

We subsequently formulate the power savings in terms of capacitance and data toggling probability, since frequency and voltage do not matter for relative savings calculation. The product of capacitance and data toggling probability is called in VLSI jargon as *dynamic capacitance* or *cdyn* for short. We will use the terms power and cdyn interchangeably.

In Figs. 5 and 6 the toggling probabilities of the various nodes in the AGFF and LACG are shown in red color. Let c_{FF} be the clock input capacitance of a FF, and let $c_{\mathrm{FF+CLK}}$ include also the clock driver and its interconnecting wire capacitance. We charge 1/3 of $c_{\mathrm{FF+CLK}}$ to each of the three latches comprising the AGFF in Fig. 5. The saved cdyn stems from the low clocking rate of the master and slave latches shown in Fig. 5, which due to the LACG has $1-(1-p)^k$ probability, while

otherwise those would have been clocked in one probability. It follows from (3) that the FF's cdyn savings in the master latch is $(1-p)^k c_{\mathrm{FF+CLK}}/3$. Unlike the master latch whose gating is determined by the related source FFs, the auto gating of the slave latch is determined by the toggling of the target itself, independently of . Nevertheless, being somewhat conservative we consider the internal AND gate $\mathrm{A}_{\mathrm{ipt}}^{\mathrm{latch}}$ as a part of the slave latch and charge a saving of $(1-p)^k c_{\mathrm{FF+CLK}}/3$ rather than $(1-p)\,c_{\mathrm{FF+CLK}}/3$.

The above savings does not come for free. To calculate the LACG overhead, consider the toggling probabilities shown in Figs. 5 and 6. Let c_{X} be the capacitance of the XOR gate, introducing pc_{X} cdyn overhead. We also added in Fig. 5 a latch, which introduces $\left[1-(1-p)^k\right] c_{\mathrm{FF+CLK}}/3$ cdyn overhead. The savings occurring within the target FF is therefore

$$\left\{2(1-p)^k - \left[1-(1-p)^k\right]\right\}\frac{c_{\mathrm{FF+CLK}}}{3} - pc_{\mathrm{X}} = \left[3(1-p)^k - 1\right]\frac{c_{\mathrm{FF+CLK}}}{3} - pc_{\mathrm{X}}. \quad (5)$$

Another cdyn overhead is introduced by in forming one cycle delay. While is gated and hence is multiplied by its clock enabling probability, is connected to the ungated clock and hence its toggling probability is one. The resulting overhead is therefore $\left[1-(1-p)^k\right] c_{\mathrm{FF}} + c_{\mathrm{A_{int}}}$. Another cdyn overhead occurs by the OR logic. Let be the capacitance per input of the k-way OR gate shown in Fig. 5, including the wire connected to the output of a source FF. Due to fan-in limits, the OR gate is usually implemented as a tree. The toggling probability of an OR gate input p, is , introducing a kpc_{O} cdyn overhead. This is somewhat pessimistic since OR sub-trees can be shared among different FFs, which EDA logic synthesis tools are capable of optimizing. This is discussed in Section IV. The toggling probability of the OR gate output is $1-(1-p)^k$. Summing up all the above components, the following cdyn overhead results in

$$\left[1-(1-p)^k\right] c_{\mathrm{FF}} + c_{\mathrm{A_{int}}} + \left[1-(1-p)^k + kp\right] c_{\mathrm{O}}. \quad (6)$$

The net cdyn savings per target FF, denoted by , is obtained by subtracting (6) from (5), which after rearrangement yields

$$c_{\mathrm{dyn}}^{\mathrm{save}} = (1-p)^k\left(c_{\mathrm{FF+CLK}} + c_{\mathrm{FF}} + c_{\mathrm{O}}\right) - p\left(c_{\mathrm{X}} + kc_{\mathrm{O}}\right) - \left(\frac{c_{\mathrm{FF+CLK}}}{3} - c_{\mathrm{A_{int}}} + c_{\mathrm{FF}} + c_{\mathrm{O}}\right). \quad (7)$$

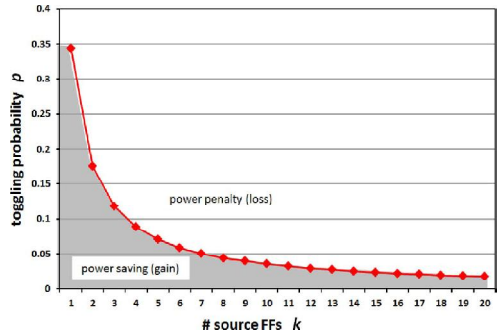

Fig.7: Power saving breakeven curve.

TABLE I TYPICAL CAPACITANCES IN 22 NM PROCESS TECHNOLOGY, VALUES ARE IN 10^{-15} F.

C_{FF}	C_{CLK}	C_{FF+CLK}	C_X	C_O	$C_{A_{int}}$
25.7	33.5	36.9	2.9	3.1	1.7

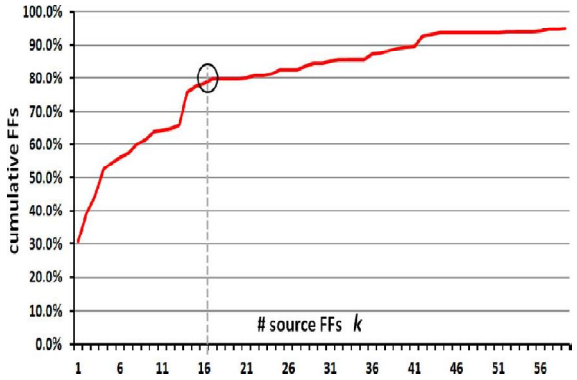

Fig.8: The cumulative distribution of in a block of 6 k FFs.

It is not difficult to verify from (7) that $c_{\mathrm{dyn}}^{\mathrm{save}}$ is decreasing with the increase of p and k. Clearly, large values of those may result in power loss rather than savings. We subsequently characterize the breakeven point. Substitute $c_{\mathrm{dyne}}^{\mathrm{save}} = 0$ in (7) implies a dependency between p and k, where the values of the various capacitances are known from the characterization of the cell library in use and by estimating the interconnecting wires. The dependency is shown by the Shmoo plot in Fig. 8 for the parameters in Table I, taken from a 22 nm process technology cell library. The capacitances are

measured in 10^{-15}F.Those FFswhose (k, p) point fall in the shaded area below the curve represent LACG that saves power, while for FFs whose (k, p) points fall above the curve LACG will lose power, and therefore they should not be gated. The smaller is the higher power savings can potentially be achieved. Fig. 9 shows the distribution of in a typical block comprising 6 k FFs, taken from a data cash control. With the reasonable assumption of average data toggling rate of 0.03 (see Fig. 1), Fig. 8 shows that LACG of FFs satisfying $k \leq 15$ will save power. According to Fig. 9 this applied for about 80% of the FFs.

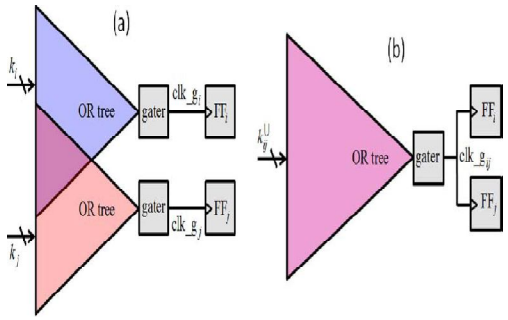

Fig.9: Merging OR logic for joint gating.

The dynamic energy overhead of LACG has been viewed within the above breakeven analysis. There is additionally static vigor overhead. It should be famous that as a result of the full cycle disbursed for the derivation of the enabling indicators, the logic worried makes use of excessive threshold voltage and smallest gadgets. In addition, as shown within the subsequent part, the gating logic can also be shared amongst a couple of goal FFs, which additional reduces the overhead. We decided on LACG for a FF if it falls some look after margin apart the curve to make amends for leakage overhead. The specified discussion of the design methodology is beyond the scope of this work.

V. CONCLUSION

Appear-forward clock gating has been established to be very useful in reducing the clock switching vigour. The computation of the clock enabling alerts one cycle ahead of time avoids the tight timing constraints current in distinctive gating approaches. A closed sort mannequin characterizing the power saving was as soon as provided and used in the implementation of the gating excellent judgment. The gating good judgment will also be additional optimized by means of utilizing matching target FFs for joint gating which will widely curb the hardware overheads. Even as this paper acknowledged the case of merging two target FFs for joint gating, clustering goal FFs in better organizations may just yield greater power economic savings. It is a topic of an additional research.

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