Advanced Sequential Circuit Design

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- ✓ Section 2- Designware

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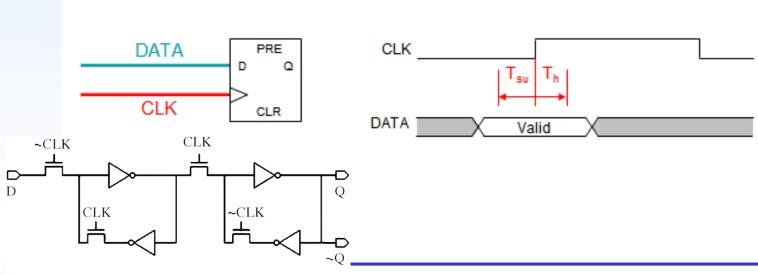
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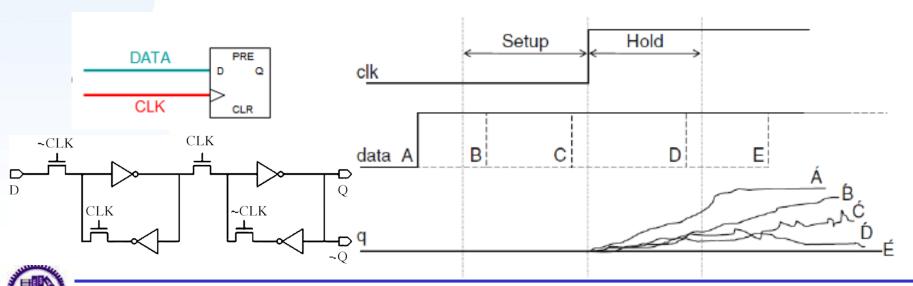
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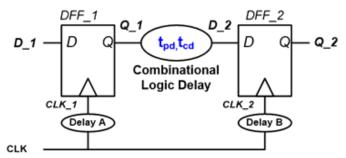
The minimum amount of time from an input changes until any output starts to change its value.

 D_2

- Clk-to-Q contamination delay (t_{ccq})
- Logic contamination delay (t_{cd})
- Propagation delay

The maximum amount of time from input changes until all output reaches steady state.

- Clk-to-Q propagation delay (t_{pcq})
- Logic propagation delay (t_{pd})





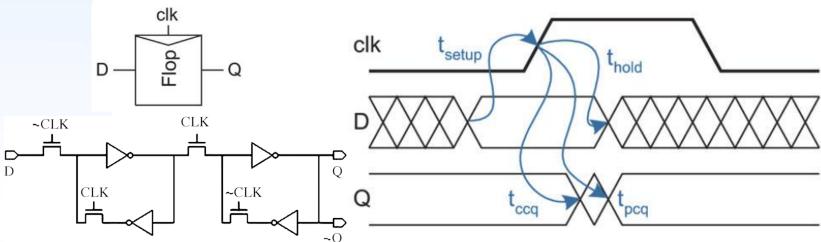
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- Clk-to-Q contamination delay (t_{ccq})

The minimum amount of time from an clock edge until Q starts to change its value.

- Clk-to-Q propagation delay (t_{pcq})

The maximum amount of time from an clock edge until Q reaches steady state.



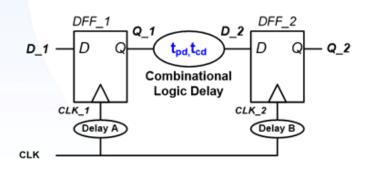
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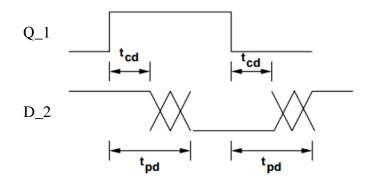
- Logic contamination delay (t_{cd})

The minimum amount of time from a combinational logic input (Q_1) changes until combinational logic output (D_2) starts to change its value.

- Logic propagation delay (t_{pd})

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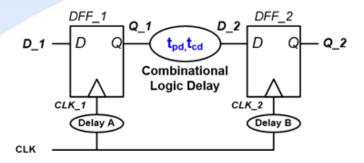


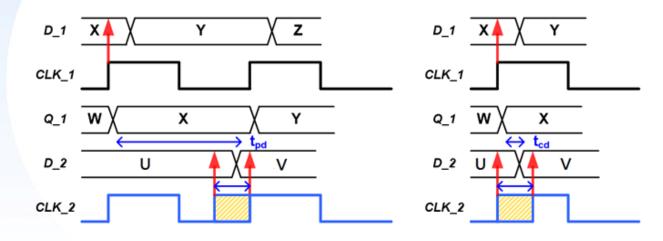




Timing Violation

✓ Timing violation





Setup Time Violation

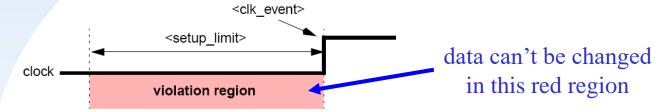
Hold Time Violation



Timing Check (1/2)

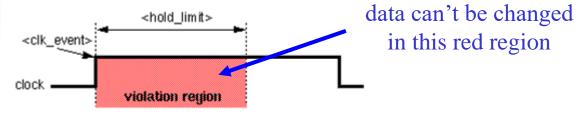
✓ Setup time check

 The tool determines whether a data signal remains stable for a minimum specified time (i.e., violation region) before a transition in an enabling signal, such as a clock event.



✓ Hold time check

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Timing Check (2/2)

✓ Timing report: setup time

slack (MET)		0.00
data arrival time		-3.08
data required time		3.08
data required time		3.08
library setup time	-0.42	3.08
<pre>IN_A_reg[0]/CK (EDFFXL)</pre>	0.00	3.50 1
clock uncertainty	-0.50	3.50
clock network delay (ideal)	2.00	4.00
clock CLK_1 (rise edge)	2.00	2.00

✓ Timing report: hold time

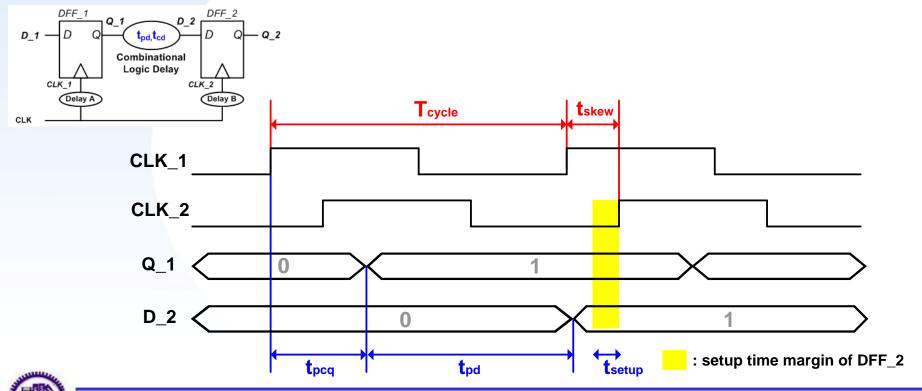
Slacks should be MET! (non-negative)

clock CLK 2 (rise edge)	0.00	0.00
clock network delay (ideal)	4.00	4.00
clock uncertainty	1.00	5.00
<pre>IN_B_reg[20]/CK (EDFFXL)</pre>	0.00	5.00 r
library hold time	-0.19	4.81
data required time		4.81
data required time		4.81
data arrival time		-4.82
slack (MET)		0.01



Setup Time Criterion

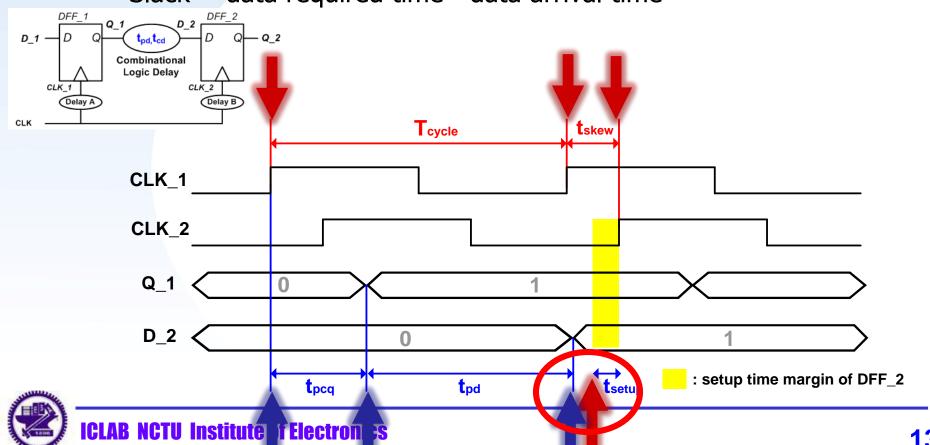
- ✓ Setup time criterion: $(T_{cycle} + t_{skew}) > (t_{pcq} + t_{pd} + t_{setup})$
 - data required time = $T_{cycle} + t_{skew} t_{setup}$
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 - Slack = data required time data arrival time





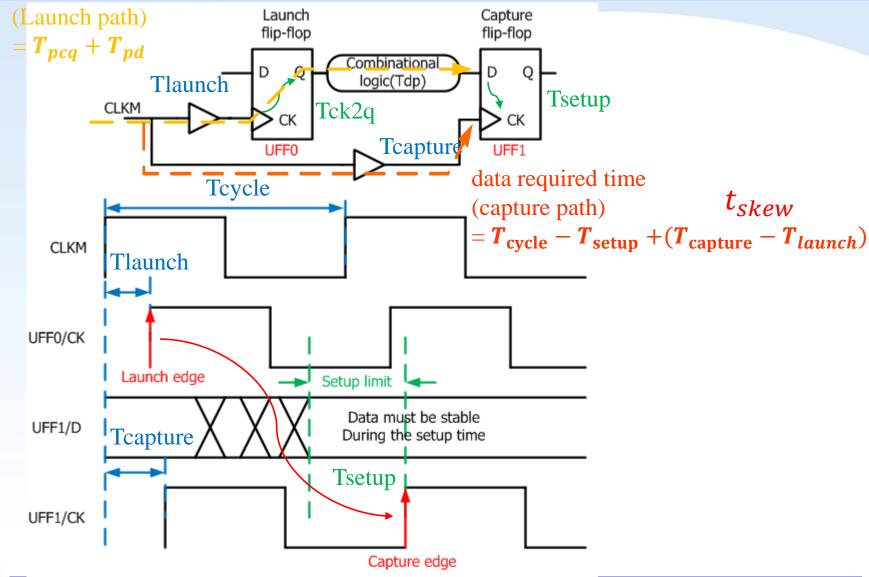
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Setup time issue

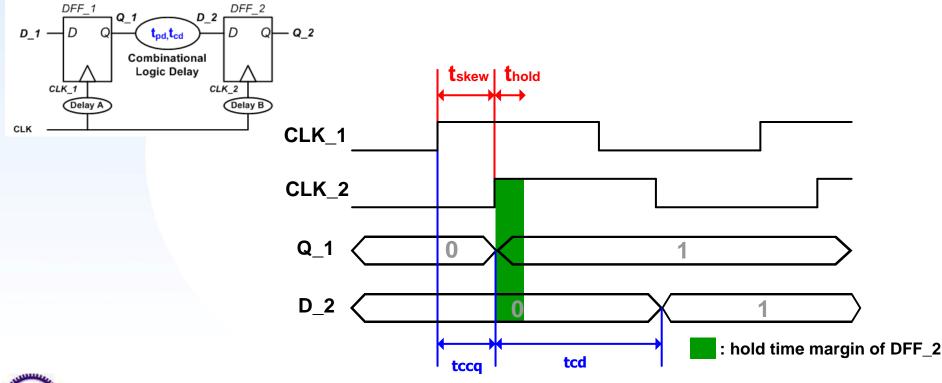
data arrival time





Hold Time Criterion

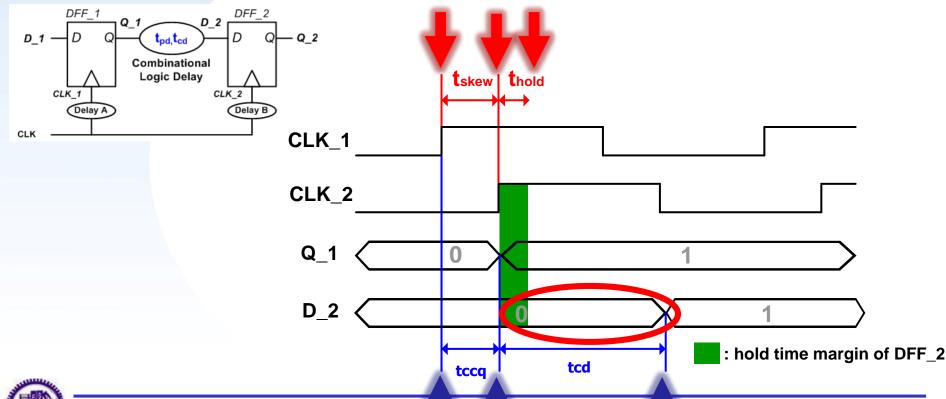
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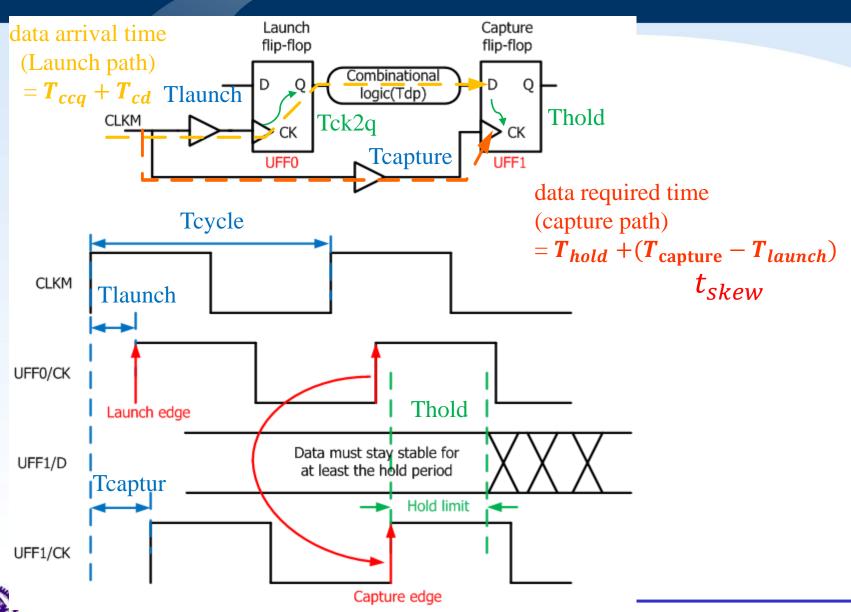


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Hold time issue



When Timing Violation Occurs...

- ✓ Adjust data path to meet the constraints
 - Setup violation

 too many works in one cycle
 - Apply pipelining
 - Hold violation
 insufficient delay
 - add delays to the violated path, such as buffers/inverters/Muxes
- ✓ Increase clock period for setup violation
- ✓ In most practical cases, hold violations are fixed during the backend work (after clock tree synthesis)

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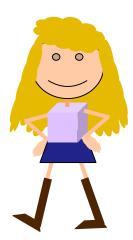
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Time: 40 mins (Wash: 20 mins + Dry: 20 mins)







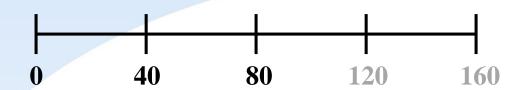








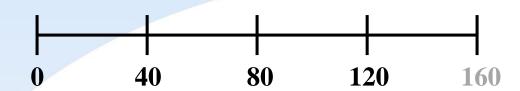






Wash and Dry = 40 mins

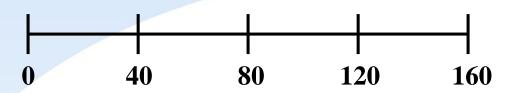






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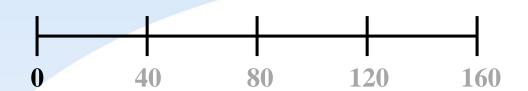


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Area: 1 unit

Time: 160 mins





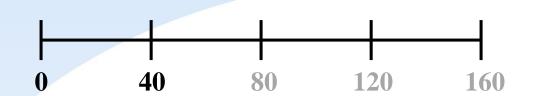
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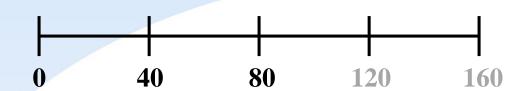
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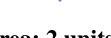


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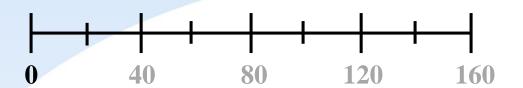






Area: 2 units

Time: 80 mins





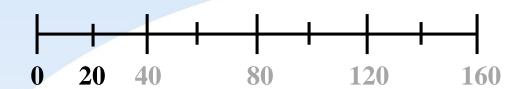
Wash 20 mins Area 0.7 units



Time: 160 mins



Dry 20 mins Area 0.7 units





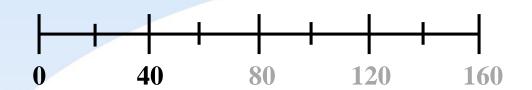


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Time: 160 mins



Dry 20 mins





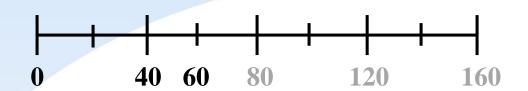














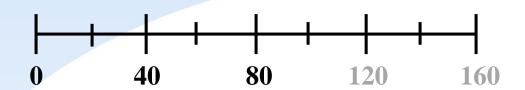




Time: 160 mins









Wash 20 mins



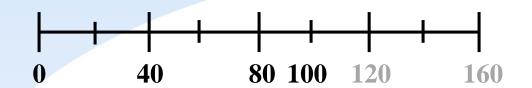




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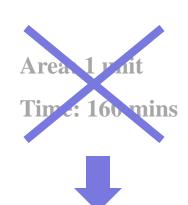


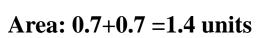












Time: 100 mins



Basic



Area: 1 unit

Time: 160 mins

Parallel





Area: 2 units

Time: 80 mins

Pipeline:





Area: 0.7+0.7 = 1.4 units

Time: 100 mins

- √ a [7:0], b [7:0], c [3:0], d [3:0]
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Basic

Parallel

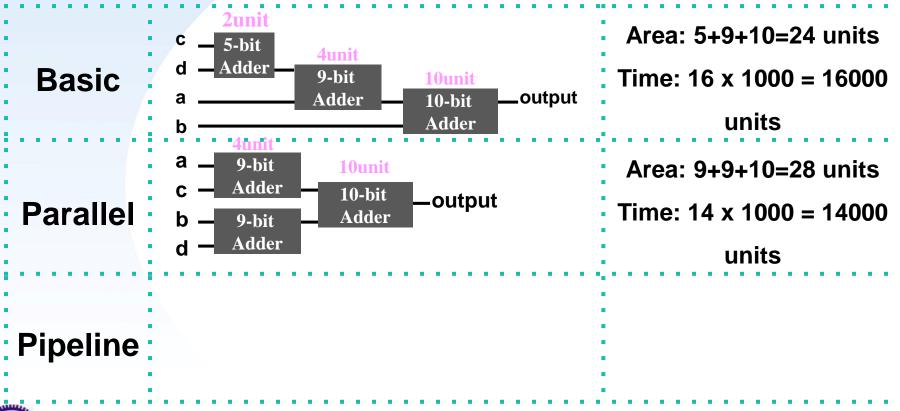
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Area: 24 units 4unit 5-bit 10unit Adder 9-bit **Basic** Time: $16 \times 1000 = 16000$ output 10-bit Adder Adder units **Parallel** Pipeline:



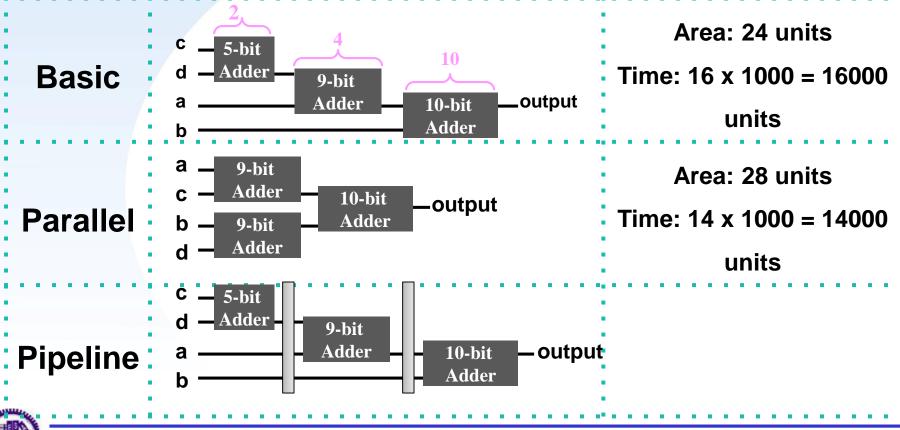
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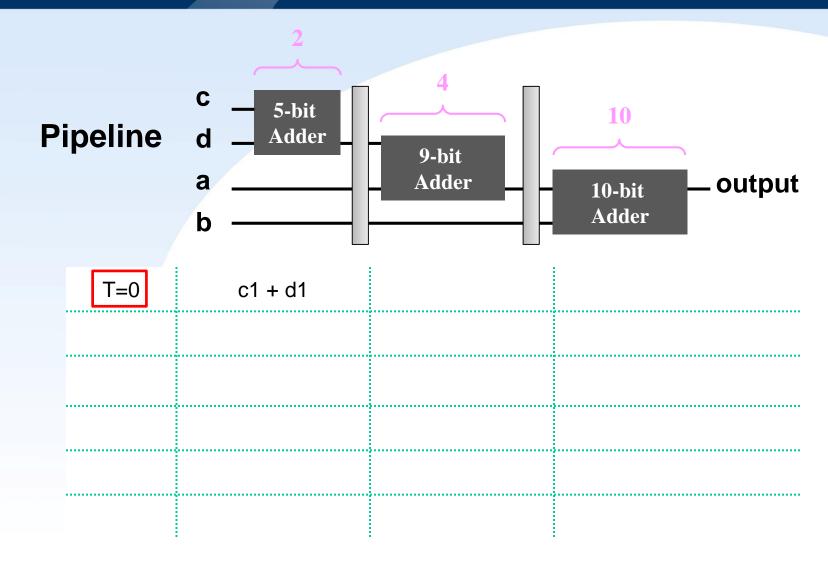
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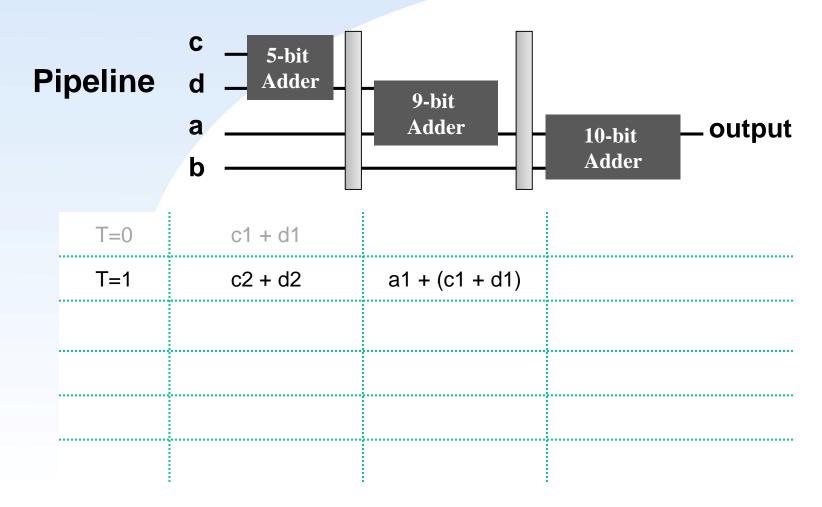


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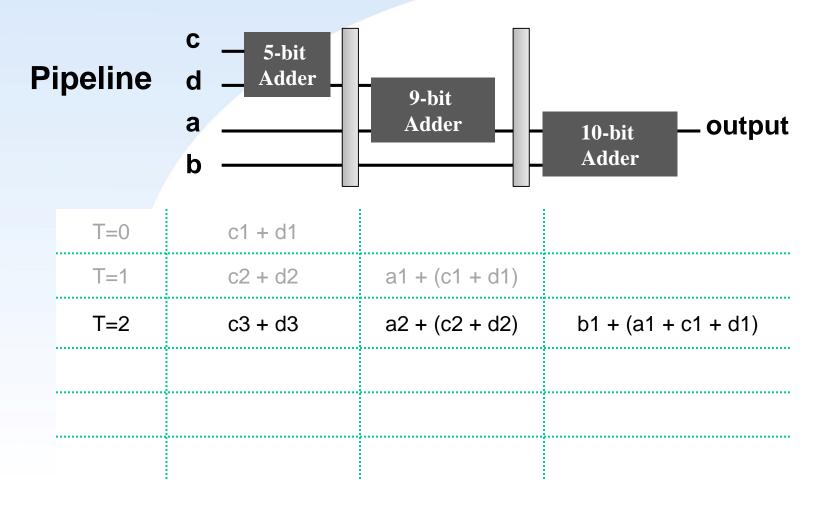




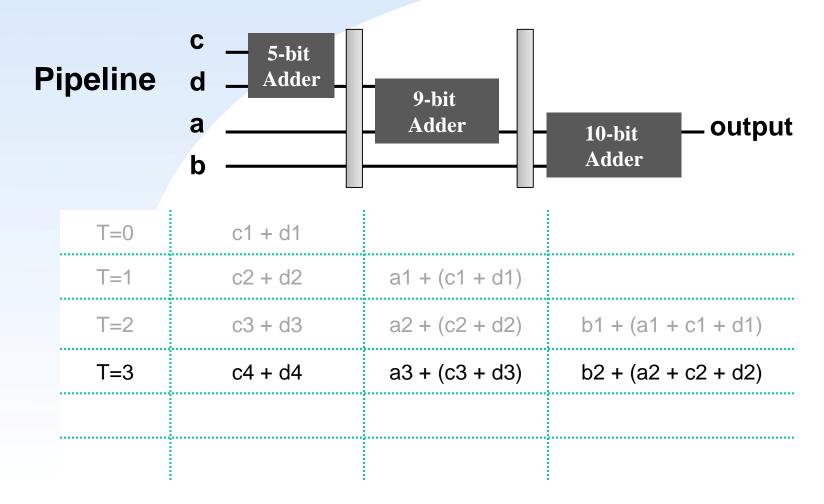




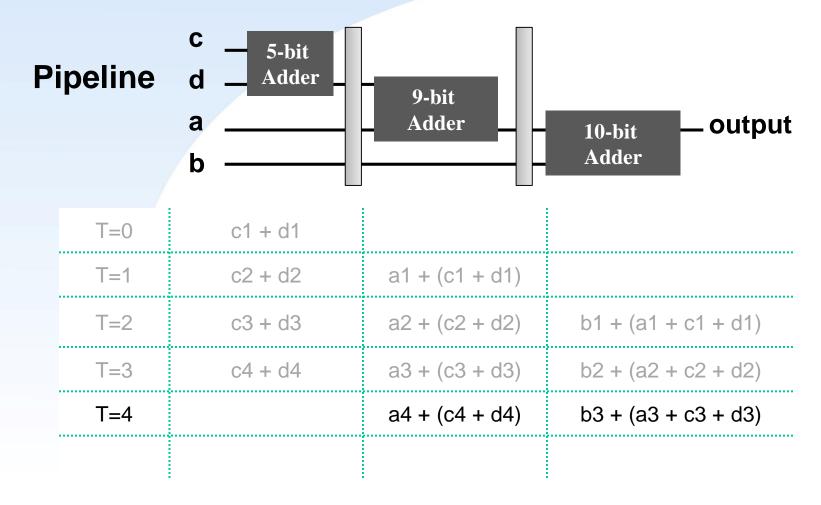




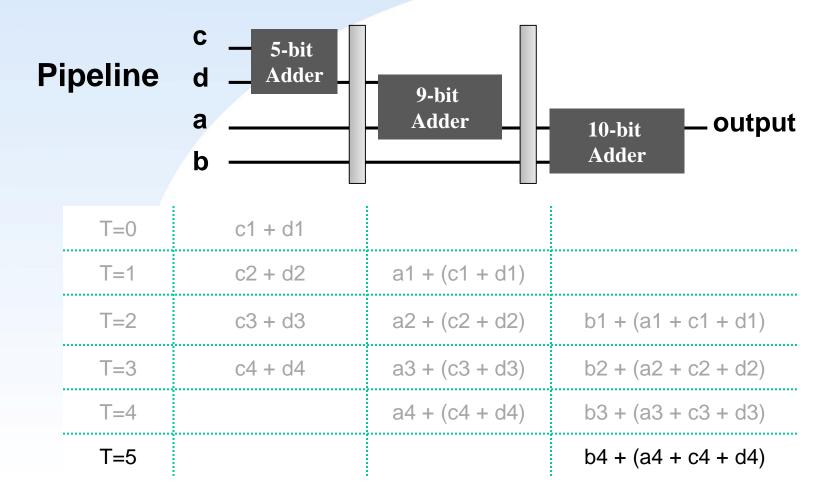






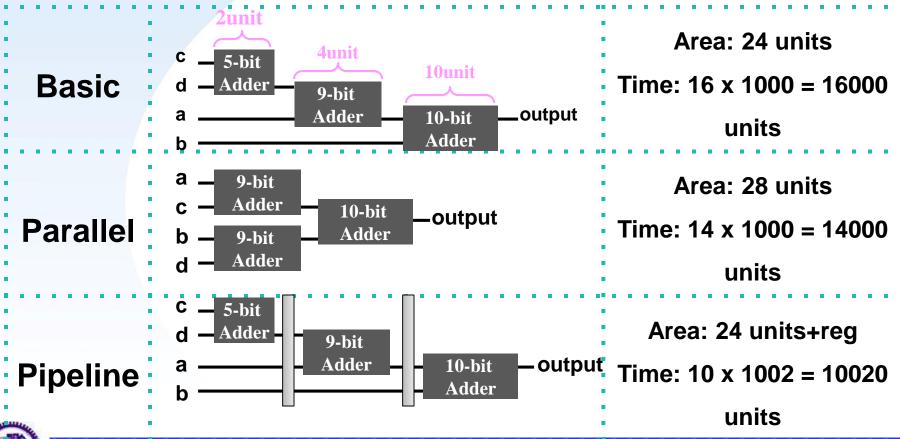








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Pipeline Speedup

- Doesn't help latency of single task, but throughput of entire.
- ✓ Pipeline rate limited by slowest stage.
- ✓ Potential speedup = Number pipe stages, if all stages are balanced.

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Clock cycle

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

1w $s0, 20($sp)

1w $s1, 24($sp)

1w $s2, 28($sp)

1w $s3, 32($sp)

IF ID EX ME WB

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- ✓ Section 1- Timing
- **✓** Section 2- Designware

Overview of DesignWare

✓ IP (Intellectual Property)

- Hard IP: GDSII format, high performance but technology dependent.
- Firm IP : Netlist resource, less used.
- Soft IP : RTL design, requires verification.

DesignWare library

- Provides synthesizable and verification IPs.
- Supports the method to optimize the area or the speed and reduce the timing.

DesignWare IP library categories

- Building Block IPs (formally called Foundation Library)
- CoreTools
- Implementation IPs
- Smart Model Library
- Memory Models
- AMBA OCB Family
- Verification IPs



DesignWare Building Block IPs (1/2)

✓ DesignWare building block IPs

 A collection of reusable IP blocks integrated into the SYNOPSYS synthesis environment.

✓ Characteristics

- Pre-verified for quality and better quality of results (QOR) in synthesis, decreasing design and technology risk.
- Allows high-level optimization of performance during synthesis.
- Increased design reusability, productivity
- Parameterized in size and also in functionality for some IP
- Technology-independent
- Provide synthesizable models, simulation models, datasheets, and examples.

DesignWare Building Block IPs (2/2)

✓ Library categories

Basic Library : A set of components bundled with HDL

Compiler that implements several common

arithmetic and logic functions.

Logic : Combinational and sequential components

Math : Arithmetic and trigonometric components

Memory : Registers, FIFOs, and FIFO controllers, sync. And

async. RAMs and stack components.

DSP Library : Digital filters for digital signal processing (DSP)

applications, ex: FIR, IIR filter

Application Specific: Data integrity, interface, and JTAG components.

GTECH Library : Genetic technology library, a technology-

Independent, gate-level library.

Usage of DesignWare Building Block IP

✓ Usage of DesignWare Building Block IP

- Operator inference
 - Convenient, but sometimes it is inefficient when synthesizing.
 - Supply default function only, can not use special function.
- Instantiate IP
 - Use SYNOPSYS design compiler shell script.
 - Supply different architecture for implementation.
 - Applying pre-compiling sub-blocks speeds up the synthesis for large design.





DW02 mult

Multiplie

Version, STAR and Download Information: IP Directory

Features and Benefits

- Parameterized word length
- Unsigned and signed (two's-complement) data operation

Description

DW02_mult is a multiplier that multiplies the operand \mathtt{A} by \mathtt{B} to produce the output, PRODUCT.

The control signal TC determines whether the input and output data is interpreted as unsigned (TC=0) or signed (TC=1) numbers.



Table 1-1 Pin Description

Pin Name	Width	Direction	Function
A	A_width bit(s)	Input	Multiplier
В	B_width bit(s)	Input	Multiplicand
тс	1 bit	Input	Two's complement control 0 = unsigned 1 = signed
PRODUCT	A_width + B_width bit(s)	Output	Product A×B

Table 1-2 Parameter Description

Parameter	Values	Description	
A_width	≥1	Word length of A	
B_width	≥1	Word length of B	



Operator Inference (1/3)

✓ Operator inference

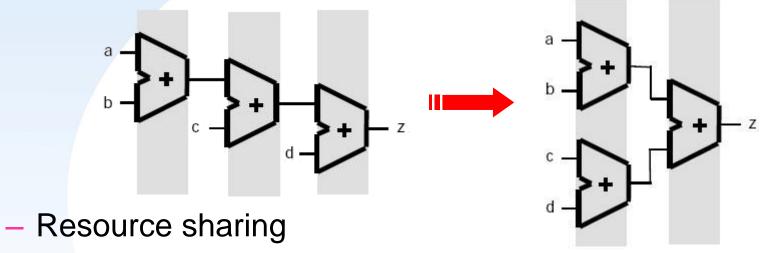
- Use the HDL operator in description, and the operator must include in *synthetic operator* definition.
- HDL compiler will infer synthetic operator in HDL code.
- HDL compiler supply high-level synthesis.
- The " / " operator is required for the DesignWare license.
- The HDL operator defined in standard synthetic operator:

Synthetic Operators	HDL Operator	
adder	+, +1	
subtractor	-, -1	
comparator	==, <, <=, >, >=	
multiplier	*	
selector	If, case	

Operator Inference (2/3)

✓ High-level synthesis

- Arithmetic optimization
 - Arithmetic level optimization, ex: a+b+c+d -> (a+b)+(c+d)



 Allows similar operations that do not overlap in time to be carried out by the same physical hardware.

Operator inference (3/3)

✓ High-level synthesis flow

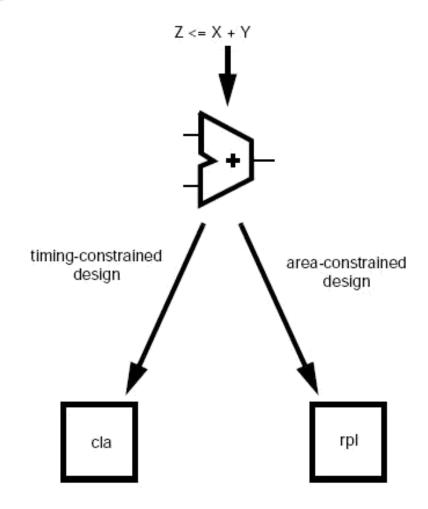
Your HDL Source Code

Operator Inference

Synthetic Operator

Automatic Implementation Selection Based on Overall Design Constraints

Appropriate Implementation Selected in Each Case





Instantiate IP (1/9)

Instantiation IP

- To instantiate a synthetic module manually and explicitly.
- Need to include a reference to the synthetic module in HDL code.

SYNOPSYS online document

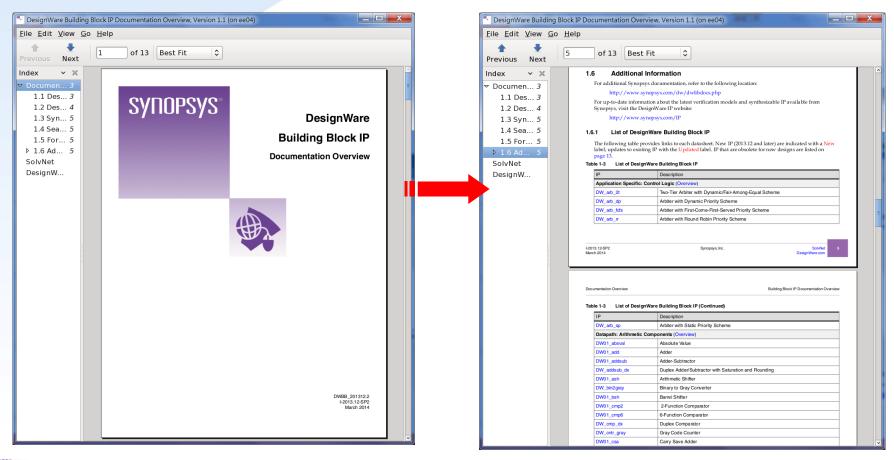
Command:

evince /RAID2/EDA/synopsys/synthesis/cur/dw/doc/dwbb_overview.pdf & remember execute Xwin and setenv DISPLAY your_IP:0



Instantiate IP (2/9)

- SYNOPSYS online document
 - Select section 1.6



Instantiate IP (3/9)

1.6.1 List of DesignWare Building Block IP

The following table provides links to each datasheet. New IP (2013.12 and later) are indicated with a New label; updates to existing IP with the Updated label. IP that are obsolete for new designs are listed on page 13.

Table 1-3 List of DesignWare Building Block IP

IP	Description	
Application Specific: Con	trol Logic (Overview)	
DW_arb_2t	Two-Tier Arbiter with Dynamic/Fair-Among-Equal Scheme	
DW_arb_dp	Arbiter with Dynamic Priority Scheme	
DW_arb_fcfs	Arbiter with First-Come-First-Served Priority Scheme	
DW_arb_rr	Arbiter with Round Robin Priority Scheme	
IP	Description	
DW_arb_sp	Arbiter with Static Priority Scheme	
Datapath: Arithmetic Com	ponents (Overview)	
DW01_absval	Absolute Value	
DW01_add	Adder	
DW01_addsub	Adder-Subtractor	
DW_addsub_dx	Duplex Adder/Subtractor with Saturation and Rounding	
DW01_ash	Arithmetic Shifter	
DW_bin2gray	Binary to Gray Converter	
DW01_bsh	Barrel Shifter	
DW01_cmp2	2-Function Comparator	
DW01_cmp6	6-Function Comparator	
DW_cmp_dx	Duplex Comparator	
DW_cntr_gray	Gray Code Counter	
DW01_csa	Carry Save Adder	
DW01_dec	Decrementer	
DW_div	Combinational Divider	
DW_div_sat	Combinational Divider with Saturation (New)	
DW_div_pipe	Stallable Pipelined Divider	
DW_exp2	Base 2 Exponential (2a)	
DW_gray2bin	Gray to Binary Converter	
DW01_inc	Incrementer	
DW01_incdec	Incrementer-Decrementer	
DW_inc_gray	Gray Incrementer	
DW_inv_sqrt	Reciprocal of Square-Root	
DW_lbsh	Barrel Shifter with Preferred Left Direction	
DW_In	Natural Logarithm (In(a))	
DW_log2	Base 2 Logarithm (log ₂ (a)) (Updated datasheet)	
DW02_mac	Multiplier-Accumulator	
DW_minmax	Minimum/Maximum Value	
DW02_mult	nult Multiplier	
DW02_multp	Partial Product Multiplier	

Table 1-3 List of DesignWare Building Block IP (Continued)

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DW02_mult_2_stage	Two-Stage Pipelined Multiplier
DW02_mult_3_stage	Three-Stage Pipelined Multiplier
DW02_mult_4_stage	Four-Stage Pipelined Multiplier
DW02_mult_5_stage	Five-Stage Pipelined Multiplier
DW02_mult_6_stage	Six-Stage Pipelined Multiplier
DW_mult_dx	Duplex Multiplier
DW_mult_pipe	Stallable Pipelined Multiplier
DW_norm	Normalization for Fractional Input
DW_norm_rnd	Normalization and Rounding
DW_piped_mac	Pipelined Multiplier-Accumulator
DW02_prod_sum	Generalized Sum of Products
DW02_prod_sum1	Multiplier-Adder
DW_prod_sum_pipe	Stallable Pipelined Generalized Sum of Products
DW_rash	Arithmetic Shifter with Preferred Right Direction
DW_rbsh	Barrel Shifter with Preferred Right Direction
DW01_satrnd	Arithmetic Saturation and Rounding Logic
DW_shifter	Combined Arithmetic and Barrel Shifter
DW_sla	Arithmetic Shifter with Preferred Left Direction (VHDL style)
DW_sra	Arithmetic Shifter with Preferred Right Direction (VHDL style)
DW_square	Integer Squarer
DW_squarep	Partial Product Integer Squarer
DW_sqrt	Combinational Square Root
DW_sqrt_pipe	Stallable Pipelined Square Root
DW01_sub	Subtractor
DW02_sum	Vector Adder
DW02_tree	Wallace Tree Compressor
Datapath: Floating Point (O	verview)
DW_fp_add	Floating Point Adder
DW_fp_addsub	Floating Point Adder/Subtractor
DW_fp_cmp	Floating Point Comparator
DW_fp_div	Floating Point Divider
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Instantiate IP (4/9)





DW02_mult

Module name

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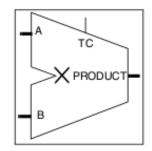


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Argument assignment: DW02_ mult #(N,N)

mult01(..., ..., ...);

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Parameter		Values	Description
A_width		≥1	Word length of A
B_width	_	≥1	Word length of B



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Table 1-3	Synthesis Implementations
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Implementation Name	Function	License Feature Required
csa ^a	Carry-save array synthesis model	none
pparch ^b	Delay-optimized flexible Booth Wallace	DesignWare
apparch ^b	Area-optimized flexible Booth Wallace	DesignWare

User implementation type specification

Table 1-4 Simulation Models

Model		Function	
DW02.DW02_MULT_CFG_SIM		Design unit name for VHDL simulation	
dw/dw02/src/DW02_mult_sim.vhd		VHDL simulation model source code	
dw/sim_ver/DW02_multv		Verilog simulation model source code	

Simulation model path specification

Table 1-5 Functional Description

тс	A B F		PRODUCT
0	A (unsigned)	B (unsigned)	A × B (unsigned)
1	A (two's complement)	B (two's complement)	A × B (two's complement)

Functional parameter specification

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✓ Instantiate module

 Instantiate the synthetic module and specify parameters defined in document.

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✓ RTL behavior simulation

- Specify the behavioral simulation models (Table1-4).
 - Absolute path
 - Relative path

Absolute path

- `include "/usr/synthesis/dw/sim_ver/<model_name>.v "

`include /usr/synthesis/dw/sim_ver/DW02_mult.v"

Relative path

- `include "<model_name>.v "

```
'include "DW02 mult.v"
```

- Command: irun <file_name>.v –incdir <directory>
 - Ex: irun DW02_multi_inst.v –incdir /usr/synthesis/dw/sim_ver/

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Synthesis

Apply //synopsys translate_off //synopsys translate_on

```
//synopsys translate_off (DA synthesis off)
..... (the code won't be synthesis)
//synopsys translate_on (DA synthesis on)
```

✓ Set the implementation type of IP

User specify the implementation type of IP manually.

```
//synopsys dc_script_begin
//set_implementation wall U1 (instance name of IP)
implementation type from (Table1-3)
//synopsys dc_script_end
.....
```

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✓ Example

RTL/Gate simulation description

```
//synopsys translate_off
`include "/usr/synthesis/dw/sim_ver/DW02_mult.v" (Table1-4)
//synopsys translate_on
module SignedMultiplier(a, b, product);
 input [7:0] a;
 input [7 : 0] b;
 output [15: 0] product;
 DW02_mult #(8, 8) U1 (.A(a), .B(b), .TC(1'b1), .PRODUCT(product));
 (cell name) (Table1-2)
                                                (Table1-1)
//synopsys dc_script_begin
//set_implementation csa U1
                   (Table1-3)
//synopsys dc_script_end
                                         Note: If you use Designware, you should use clean
                                         command after each simulation. (./09 clean up)!
endmodule
```

