

Delay-locked loop

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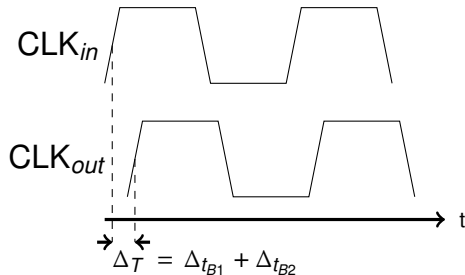
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- Where you need a **PVT robust** clock distribution.

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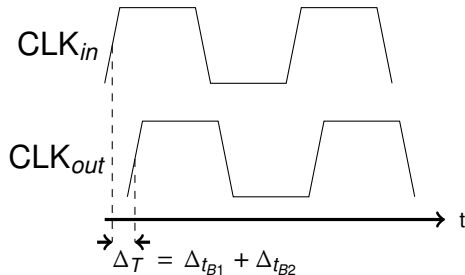
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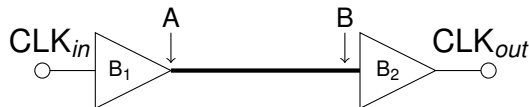
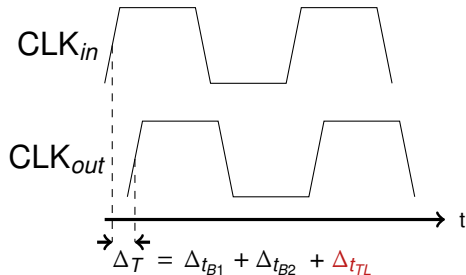
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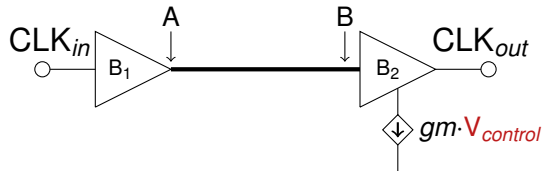


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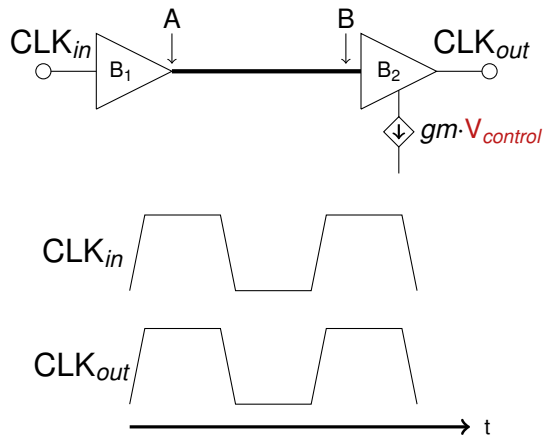
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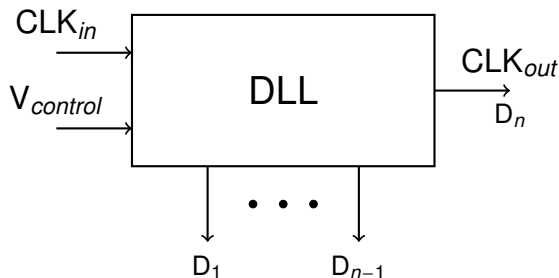
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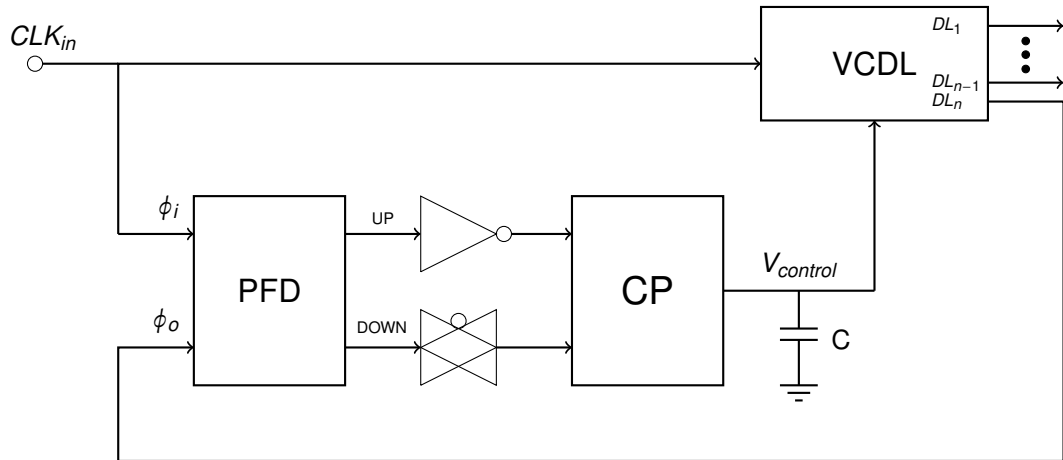
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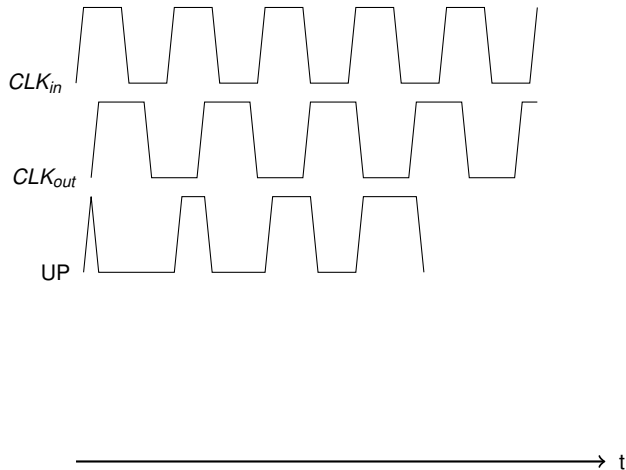
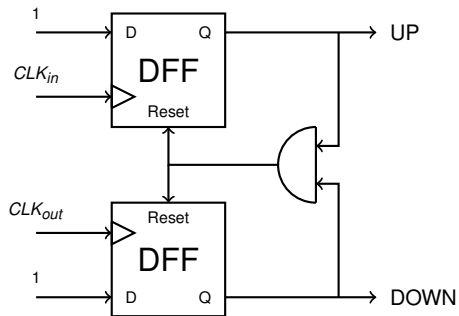
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Because of Δt_{TL} and the DLL's ability to generate multiple phases.

DLL block diagram



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Example

This is a cp deign example.

two column design

lkadjhv;kaj;vkja;vn;;;ncolum1
column1
akj;akj;av;asadbadaab

column2
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