

Analyzing MARCH

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1 MARCH Tests

1.1 March C-nv-SRAM

In this example, we are investigating a 128kx8 SRAM that was exposed to radiation in March C & D tests. Hence, the content inside the memory was continuously written and read. At any rate, from the point of view of statistical analysis, this test is equivalent to a pseudostatic one, with two different patterns and with addresses in switching order.

1.2 Loading packages

The very first thing we must do is to load the packages required to load files (*DelimitedFiles*) as well as the LELAPE module. I suppose you have installed both. Load is done with:

```
[4]: push!(LOAD_PATH, "/home/francisco/Escritorio/LELAPE-main/LELAPE/src")  
      using DelimitedFiles, LELAPE
```

1.3 Defining variables

Previous paragraph allows us to define several variables for checking the tests:

- Word width : 8 bits
- Memory size in words: 2M is just 2^{21} .
- In SRAMs, it seems more likely to succeed the XOR operation.
- Tests were pseudostatic. Therefore, it is intelligent to keep information about the different cycles.

Ok, let us use this information to set these variables:

```
[5]: LA = 2^17 # Memory size in words  
      WordWidth = 8 # Selfexplaining.  
      Operation = "XOR" # Only "XOR" or "POS" are allowed.  
      KeepCycles = true # This is a Bool variable and only true false are accepted.
```

```
[5]: true
```

1.4 Loading data

Results are stored in three different files following the required format: * CSV files * Every row is formed as WORD ADDRESS, READ VALUE, PATTERN, CYCLE. Besides, the first row contains

column heading (must be skipped), separators are commas and EOL character is the standard.

We will use the *readdlm* function provided by the *DelimitedFiles* package to load the first CSV file and to store everything in the new variable, DATA. Finally, it is important to indicate that DATA must be an array of UInt32 numbers.

```
[7]: DATA1 = readdlm("March C-nv-SRAM.csv", ',', UInt32, '\n', skipstart=1)
```

```
[7]: 429×4 Matrix{UInt32}:
 0x00000536 0x00000004 0x00000000 0x00000001
 0x00000e66 0x00000040 0x00000000 0x00000001
 0x00003588 0x00000080 0x00000000 0x00000001
 0x0000362d 0x00000010 0x00000000 0x00000001
 0x00005611 0x00000080 0x00000000 0x00000001
 0x000063bc 0x00000002 0x00000000 0x00000001
 0x000065d6 0x00000002 0x00000000 0x00000001
 0x000095e9 0x00000010 0x00000000 0x00000001
 0x0000c6ca 0x00000010 0x00000000 0x00000001
 0x0000d161 0x00000002 0x00000000 0x00000001
 0x0000d629 0x00000001 0x00000000 0x00000001
 0x0000d9f7 0x00000080 0x00000000 0x00000001
 0x0000ec57 0x00000001 0x00000000 0x00000001

 0x0001a815 0x00000020 0x00000000 0x0000000a
 0x0001a8dc 0x00000010 0x00000000 0x0000000a
 0x0001ad05 0x00000040 0x00000000 0x0000000a
 0x0001afb1 0x00000004 0x00000000 0x0000000a
 0x0001bcc4 0x00000004 0x00000000 0x0000000a
 0x0001cca5 0x00000020 0x00000000 0x0000000a
 0x0001d95b 0x00000001 0x00000000 0x0000000a
 0x0001e15e 0x00000008 0x00000000 0x0000000a
 0x0001e467 0x00000080 0x00000000 0x0000000a
 0x0001e8c3 0x00000010 0x00000000 0x0000000a
 0x0001fbbc 0x00000002 0x00000000 0x0000000a
 0x0001fcdc 0x00000010 0x00000000 0x0000000a
```

1.5 Looking for MBUs

This analysis is quite simple. We will call the *CheckMBUs* function that returns the MBUs present in DATA. Input arguments are the second and third columns, and the wordwidth.

This function returns two vectors. The first one indicates in position k the number of bitflips observed in the k th word. The second one is a vector of vectors and contains more detailed information: not only the number of bitflips per word but the position of the flipped bit (0 = LSB, WordWidth-1 = MSB).

```
[8]: MBUSize, MBU_bit_pos = CheckMBUs(DATA1[:,2], DATA1[:,3], WordWidth)
```

```
[8]: ([1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1 ... 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1], Any[[2], [6],
[7], [4], [7], [1], [1], [4], [4], [1] ... [6], [2], [2], [5], [0], [3], [7],
[4], [1], [4]])
```

The following loop will show how many MBUs per number of flipped bits were observed:

```
[9]: for size = 1: WordWidth
      println("$size-bit MBUs: ", length(findall(MBUSize.==size)))
    end
```

```
1-bit MBUs: 429
2-bit MBUs: 0
3-bit MBUs: 0
4-bit MBUs: 0
5-bit MBUs: 0
6-bit MBUs: 0
7-bit MBUs: 0
8-bit MBUs: 0
```

1.6 Looking for MCUs

As modern memories are interleaved, it is not worth investigating MBUs but MCUs. Now, the system will combine addresses in all the possible pairs and operate them to create a DV set. If there were no MCUs, their characteristics are known.

In particular, we can state that if the expected number of elements repeated k times in this set is lower than a very low positive number, it is impossible to observe this number of repetitions unless the Only SBU assumption fails. We will define this threshold as 0.001 (default, 0.05).

Although without a solid theoretical background, it seems that using pseudoaddress instead of word address provides better results.

Some experiments seem to show that if an element with very few number of 1s in binary format is too often repeated, it is indicative of the presence of MCUs. This is the Trace Rule and, in our analysis, we want to keep all those too often repeated elements such that contain 2 ones or less in binary format.

Finally, perhaps we know that MCUs will not very large. For example, we may guess that MCUs with more than 20 bitflips are totally rejected. Therefore, to help the software and to avoid running out of memory, we will say the program “*Don’t be silly and do not expect events larger than 20!!*” If somehow this idea was wrong, we can change this value again and repeat the calculations.

```
[10]: = 0.001    # If the expected number of elements repeated k times is lower than
      ↪ ,
          # we can affirm that this is virtually impossible.
      UsePseudoAddress = true
      TraceRuleLength = 2
      LargestMCUSize = 20
```

```
[10]: 20
```

Time to test!!! We will call the function. Depending on the set size or even if this is your first test, it will take you more or less time (Don't get up from your chair, though!!!!)

The following instruction will look for: 1. Values that pass the self-consistency test (C1_SCY) 2. Values found after inspecting MCUs derived from self-consistency-test (C1_MCU). 3. Values with less than or equal to *TraceRuleLength* 1s in binary format that appear too often in the DV set (C1_TRC). 4. Values that, after combining in pairs the union of all the previous three sets and applying the operation and that appear too many times within the DV set (C1_SHF).

The first column of each matrix are the possible values and the second one the times it appeared.

```
[11]: C1_SCY, C1_MCU, C1_TRC, C1_SHF = DetectAnomalies_FullCheck(DATA1, WordWidth,
    ↳LA, Operation, TraceRuleLength, UsePseudoAddress, KeepCycles, ,
    ↳LargestMCUSize)
```

```
[11]: (Matrix{UInt32}(undef, 0, 2), Matrix{UInt32}(undef, 0, 2), Matrix{UInt32}(undef,
    0, 2), Matrix{UInt32}(undef, 0, 2))
```

Perhaps these matrices are hard to read since, for efficiency, they were returned in UInt32 format, even the number of occurrences!!! Execute the following instruction for a better comprehension.

```
[12]: println("Elements appearing more than expected and passing the Self-Consistency
    ↳test:\n")
for index in 1:length(C1_SCY[:, 1])
    println("Value: 0x", string(C1_SCY[index, 1], base=16, pad = 6), " --> ",
    ↳Int(C1_SCY[index, 2]),".")
end

UsePseudoAddress ? L = LA*WordWidth : L = LA

print("\nOnly up to ", MaxExpectedRepetitions(NPairs(DATA1, UsePseudoAddress,
    ↳WordWidth, KeepCycles), L, Operation, )-1, " repetitions are explained by
    ↳randomness.")
```

Elements appearing more than expected and passing the Self-Consistency test:

Only up to 4 repetitions are explained by randomness.

In this example, it is not worth to check the other sets since they did not yield any positive result. If you had had success, you would only have to do the following:

```
[13]: C1_All = [C1_SCY; C1_MCU; C1_TRC; C1_SHF]
```

```
[13]: 0x2 Matrix{UInt32}
```

1.7 Grouping bitflips

Now, we have discovered those values relating pairs of pseudoaddresses. Now, let us go to group events in DATA.

The first step consists in labeling all the pseudoadresses and grouping their assigned indexes to a matrix containing information for the possible MCUs. It is an intermediate step and is done with the instruction *MCU_Indexes* with the required and already defined parameters.

```
[14]: Labeled_addresses = MCU_Indexes(DATA1, Operation, C1_All[:, 1],  
    ↪UsePseudoAddress, WordWidth)
```

```
[14]: 0x2 Matrix{Int64}
```

Using this information, we can group the addresses.

```
[15]: Events = Classify_Addresses_in_MCU(DATA1, Labeled_addresses, UsePseudoAddress,  
    ↪WordWidth)
```

```
[15]: 2-element Vector{Any}:  
    0x2 Matrix{UInt32}  
    UInt32[0x000029b2, 0x00007336, 0x0001ac47, 0x0001b16c, 0x0002b08f, 0x00031de1,  
    0x00032eb1, 0x0004af4c, 0x00063654, 0x00068b09 ... 0x000d682e, 0x000d7d8a,  
    0x000de622, 0x000e652d, 0x000ecad8, 0x000f0af3, 0x000f233f, 0x000f461c,  
    0x000fdde1, 0x000fe6e4]
```

Difficult to read, isn't it? The following instruction makes the content more readable:

```
[16]: for k = 1:length(Events)  
    NMCUs = length(Events[k][:, 1])  
    println("Pseudoadresses involved in $(length(Events)-k+1)-bit MCUs ($NMCUs_  
    ↪events):")  
    for row = 1:NMCUs  
        for bit = 1:length(Events)-k+1  
            print("0x", string(Events[k][row, bit], base=16, pad = 6), )  
  
            bit != length(Events)-k+1 ? print(", ") : print("\n")  
  
        end  
    end  
    println()  
end
```

Pseudoadresses involved in 2-bit MCUs (0 events):

Pseudoadresses involved in 1-bit MCUs (429 events):

```
0x0029b2  
0x007336  
0x01ac47  
0x01b16c  
0x02b08f  
0x031de1
```

0x032eb1
0x04af4c
0x063654
0x068b09
0x06b148
0x06cfbf
0x0762b8
0x078795
0x07ceec
0x082482
0x0829af
0x08d10e
0x0945be
0x096016
0x09789d
0x09bd00
0x0b13e6
0x0b197d
0x0b550b
0x0b703b
0x0b7e2b
0x0b918a
0x0be79b
0x0cdd6c
0x0d71e7
0x0da1f5
0x0e44d0
0x0ed88a
0x0f357c
0x0f3afc
0x0f424b
0x0fe99e
0x0ff398
0x0036c3
0x003a44
0x0144be
0x015819
0x016120
0x01ce04
0x01fcc6
0x026c15
0x02926b
0x02a099
0x035549
0x038e12
0x03b13d
0x04b8d1
0x04c359

0x058ae5
0x05adfd
0x05bac4
0x063803
0x063e34
0x0652a3
0x067bb9
0x06b13d
0x06cd51
0x06fd7d
0x076cda
0x07c0cf
0x07c28a
0x07e9c0
0x09120b
0x0abbfd
0x0ad4f5
0x0add44
0x0c1530
0x0c3dbd
0x0c7f97
0x0cbff7
0x0cc5d0
0x0cdce1
0x0cf786
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0x0dbb73
0x0dfe84
0x0e18c1
0x0e80ef
0x0e8797
0x0ead21
0x0facc6
0x0fad2b
0x0fe13a
0x0deb01
0x0d620a
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0x0859f7
0x082b89
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0x07da1f
0x0759a2

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0x0585ec
0x050377
0x04fceb
0x04d85f
0x04986f
0x04836a
0x046cf8
0x044719
0x042d44
0x041e5f
0x041b0f
0x03c83f
0x02fc77
0x02e560
0x02b9f3
0x02b9e3
0x02838b
0x027ad1
0x0265ef
0x02644f
0x022318
0x01dbb3
0x01dac9
0x01c69a
0x01b7fe
0x017fb3
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1.8 Analysis completed!