

Figure 1_1 to 1_4 can be found under VFI_Results_3 → Waveform

Figures 2-5 can be found under VFI_Results_3 → Glitch, 64Mhz

Improvements to timing accuracy:

- Glitch and Delay durations are more accurate now
- Glitch duration has a min of 160ns (≤ 140 and the glitch is too short for the voltage to be pulled below 1.8v, the min operating voltage of the STM32)
- Delay duration has a min of 140ns in my current implementation.
- Figures 1_1 to 1_4 can be found in the folder VFI_Results at a higher quality

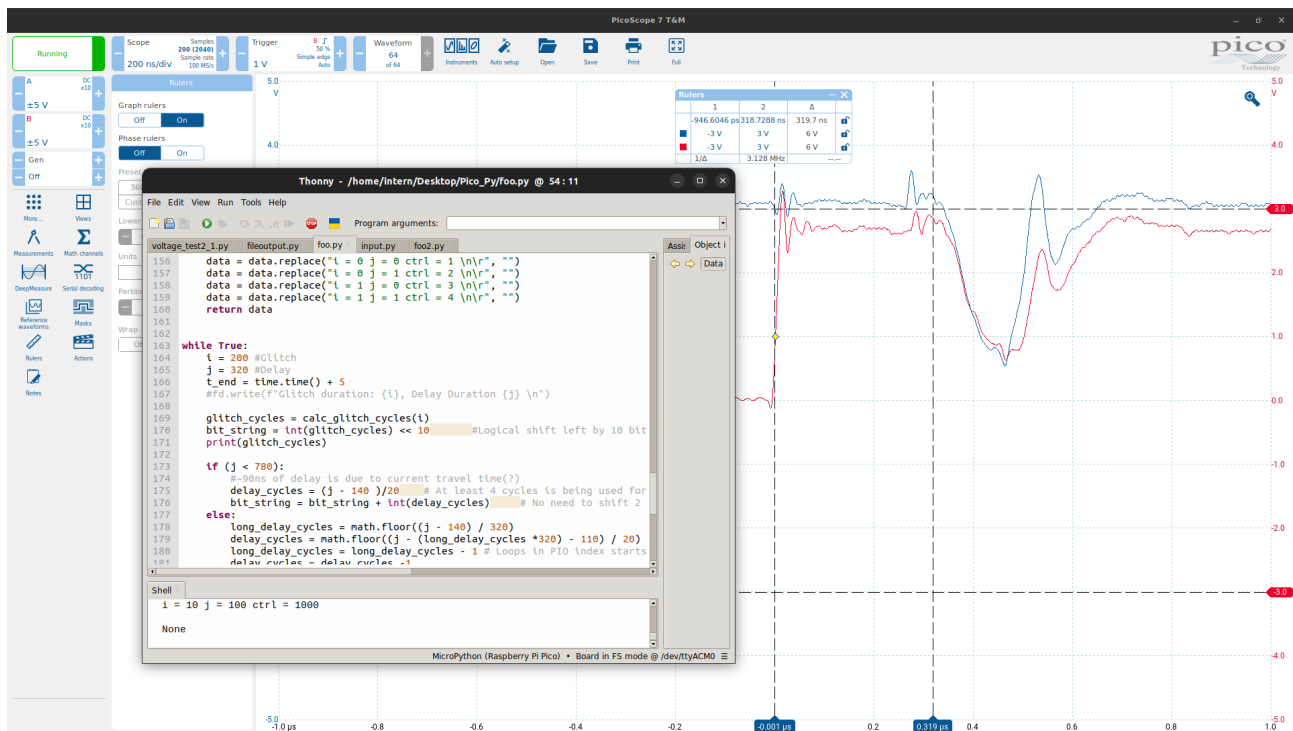
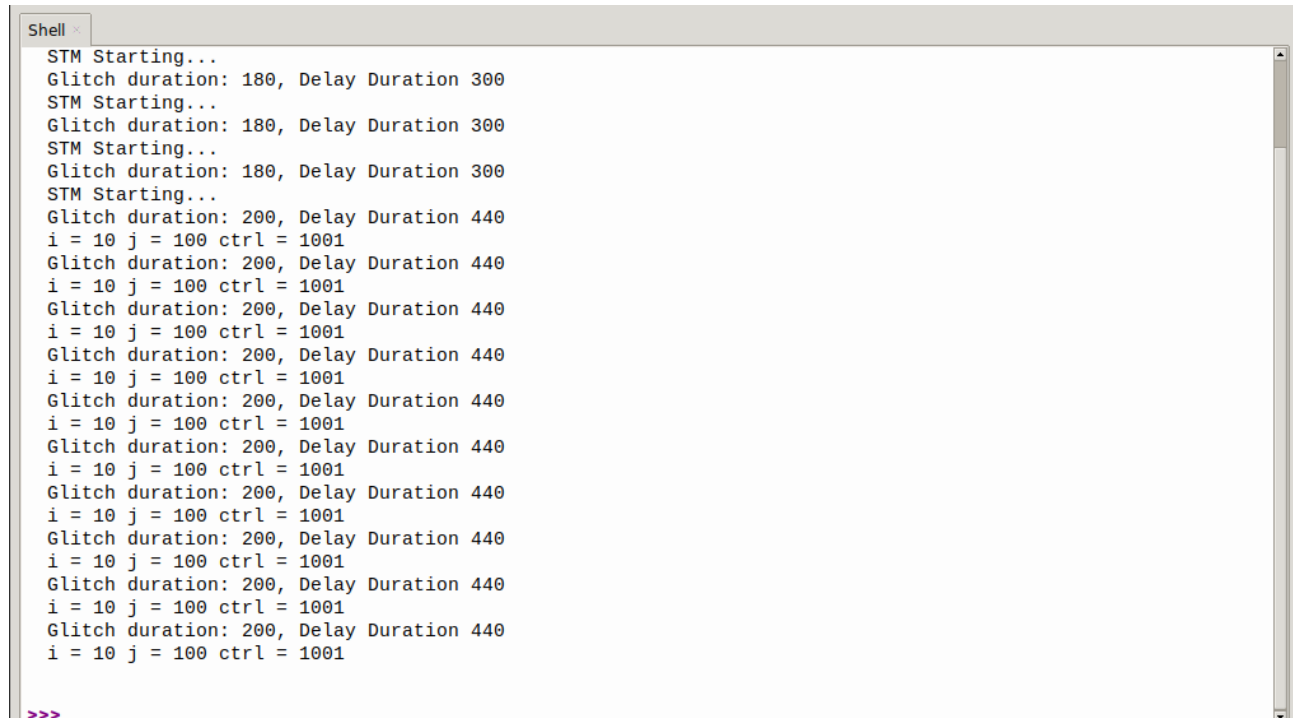


Figure 1_1 to Figure 1_4 shows the usage of the Picoscope to capture the accuracy of glitch and delay durations.

VFI first observed:



```
Shell
STM Starting...
Glitch duration: 180, Delay Duration 300
STM Starting...
Glitch duration: 180, Delay Duration 300
STM Starting...
Glitch duration: 180, Delay Duration 300
STM Starting...
Glitch duration: 200, Delay Duration 440
i = 10 j = 100 ctrl = 1001
Glitch duration: 200, Delay Duration 440
i = 10 j = 100 ctrl = 1001
Glitch duration: 200, Delay Duration 440
i = 10 j = 100 ctrl = 1001
Glitch duration: 200, Delay Duration 440
i = 10 j = 100 ctrl = 1001
Glitch duration: 200, Delay Duration 440
i = 10 j = 100 ctrl = 1001
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Glitch duration: 200, Delay Duration 440
i = 10 j = 100 ctrl = 1001
Glitch duration: 200, Delay Duration 440
i = 10 j = 100 ctrl = 1001
>>>
```

Figure 2: First Glitch Occurrence

Parameters used:

Pico:

- Glitch duration: 200ns
- Delay duration: 100ns to 500ns

STM32:

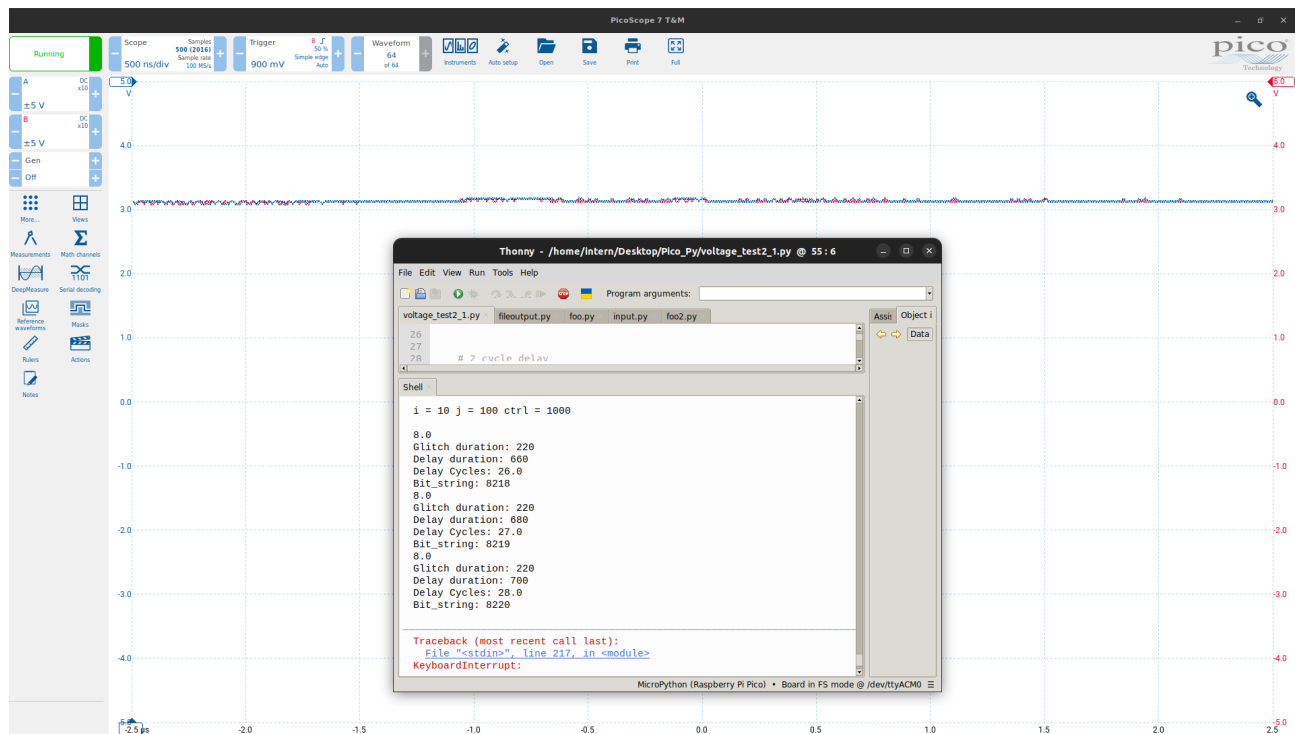
- 64Mhz
- Rising edge contains only for loop

A few parameters to test:

- Glitch duration → Pico
- Clock speed → STM32
- Temperature of processor → STM32
- Glitch Waveform (pending) → Pico

Word bank:

- In this report, the word “crash” will be used to describe the occurrence whereby the Rising edge (output of GPIO of STM) does not fall.
- STM32 also stops sending data through serial port
- Figure below



Possible Explanations:

- Registers used in BXL instructions got corrupted and the program jumped to a random place in memory
- Glitch was too strong and caused the board to fail, similar to the video here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Pf3pY3GxBM&t=685s>

Glitch duration

Objective: Find out how the glitch duration affects the results obtained during VFI

Current procedure:

- 1) Find a glitch duration directly below when the STM32 constantly restarts. Eg If 280ns restarts STM32, I will use 260ns.
- 2) Find a period where there is a good density of glitches.
- 3) Vary the glitch duration by 10ns and find out its impact on the STM32's operations
- 4) When a crash is observed, redid that timing 3 times to ensure consistency

Parameters changed:

- Glitch duration only
- Each reading differs by 10ns. Although my program can only increase in increments of 20ns, I can manually add a nop() instruction in the PIO program to induce a 10ns increase

Constants:

- STM32's clock speed - 64Mhz
- Delay duration's range - 500ns to 1000ns
- Room temp

Glitch duration ceiling: 220ns

Observations:

220ns:

Figures 3_1 to 3_7 are the glitches for 220ns.

```
Glitch duration: 220
Delay duration: 640
Delay Cycles: 25.0
Bit_string: 8217
i = 10 j = 100 ctrl = 1000

i = 10 j = 100 ctrl = 1000

i = 10 j = 100 ctrl = 1000

i = 10 j = 100 ctrl = 1000

i = 10 j = 100 ctrl = 1063

Writing
i = 10 j = 100 ctrl = 1063

8.0
Glitch duration: 220
Delay duration: 660
Delay Cycles: 26.0
Bit_string: 8218
8.0
Glitch duration: 220
Delay duration: 680
Delay Cycles: 27.0
Bit_string: 8219
8.0
```

Figure 3_1: 220ns Glitch

Observation:

Some bit flips observed.

No skips observed

High chance of causing a crash.

210ns

Figures 4_1 to 4_2 are the glitches for 210ns.

*Glitch duration is shown as 200ns as I manually added a nop() instruction in the PIO but did not change the main program

```
Shell x
>>> %Run -c $EDITOR_CONTENT

MPY: soft reboot
Glitch duration: 200, Delay Duration 500
STM Starting...
Glitch duration: 200, Delay Duration 500
STM Starting...
Glitch duration: 200, Delay Duration 640
i = 10 j = 100 ctrl = 1064
Glitch duration: 200, Delay Duration 640
i = 10 j = 100 ctrl = 1064
Glitch duration: 200, Delay Duration 640
i = 10 j = 100 ctrl = 1064
Glitch duration: 200, Delay Duration 640
i = 10 j = 100 ctrl = 1064
Glitch duration: 200, Delay Duration 640
i = 10 j = 100 ctrl = 1064
Glitch duration: 200, Delay Duration 640
i = 10 j = 100 ctrl = 1064
Glitch duration: 200, Delay Duration 700
i = 10 j = 100 ctrl = 1001
Glitch duration: 200, Delay Duration 700
i = 10 j = 100 ctrl = 1001
Glitch duration: 200, Delay Duration 700
i = 10 j = 100 ctrl = 1001
Glitch duration: 200, Delay Duration 700
i = 10 j = 100 ctrl = 1001
Glitch duration: 200, Delay Duration 700
i = 10 j = 100 ctrl = 1001
Glitch duration: 200, Delay Duration 700
i = 10 j = 100 ctrl = 1001
Glitch duration: 200, Delay Duration 700
i = 10 j = 100 ctrl = 1001
Glitch duration: 200, Delay Duration 700
i = 10 j = 100 ctrl = 1001
```

Figure 4_1: 210ns Glitch

Observation:

Bits flipping

I don't think its skipping of instructions

Significantly less crashes compared to 220ns

200ns

Figures 5_1 to 5_2 are the glitches for 200ns.

```
Shell x
8.0
Glitch duration: 220
Delay duration: 640
Delay Cycles: 25.0
Bit_string: 8217
i = 10 j = 100 ctrl = 1000

i = 10 j = 100 ctrl = 1000

i = 10 j = 100 ctrl = 1000

i = 10 j = 100 ctrl = 1000

i = 10 j = 100 ctrl = 1000

i = 10 j = 100 ctrl = 1064

Writing
i = 10 j = 100 ctrl = 1064

i = 10 j = 100 ctrl = 1000

i = 10 j = 100 ctrl = 1000

i = 10 j = 100 ctrl = 1000

i = 10 j = 100 ctrl = 1000

i = 10 j = 100 ctrl = 1000

i = 10 j = 100 ctrl = 1000

i = 10 j = 100 ctrl = 1000

i = 10 j = 100 ctrl = 1063
```

Figure 5_1: 200ns Glitch

Observations:

Almost Similar to 210ns glitch

Delay duration of 920ns: Results were slightly more stable than 210ns glitch but both have high rates of crashes here

190ns and below:

- No glitches were found in this range.

Some conclusions:

- There is a range whereby the glitch can occur
- Similar delay durations with different glitch duration can flip different bits.

Eg refer to Figures 3_1, 4_1, 5_1

3_1 has only 1063

4_1 has only 1064

5_1 has a combination of both, but skewed towards 1064

- There is likely no “optimal” glitch duration, although some would be more stable than others.
- Differing glitch durations can flip different bits

Additional:

Under VFI_Results_2, Second_Glitch_2_2, skipping of instructions can be found.

However, VFI_Results_2 was taken before wire wrapping was done and thus, the waveform was different.

Clock Frequency

Objective: Find out how STM32's clock frequency affects the glitch rate

Parameters changed:

- Clock Frequency of STM32
- Delay Duration (in order to keep in line with current known results)

Observations:

- 32Mhz still had some glitches
- 16Mhz had no glitches
- Slight increase in glitch duration ceiling to 260ns.
- 260ns ceiling was similar for both 32Mhz and 16Mhz
- Inline with current known literature: Higher frequency, better chance of VFI success