# Homework 1

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#### How to

- In PUF/ and Bonus/
- make sim file=testbench\_file.v
- Data collected on 140.115.71.44 server, using my\_ta\_tb.v , my\_tb.v , and my\_UQ\_tb.v to simulate and output as my\_ta\_tb.fsdb , my\_tb.fsdb , and UQ\_tb.fsdb
- make view file=target\_file.fsdb
- UF calculation by when ready == 1, check the response
- UQ calculation by the program, when all\_ready have collected, then display the response and calculate the UQ by the formula

```
// To get which PUF is ready
always @(posedge ready[0])begin
  if(ready[0]) begin
    all_ready[0] = 1;
    all_response[0]=response[0];
  end
end
// To calculate UQ and show response
always @(*) begin
     if (all_ready == 10'b1111111111) begin // If all PUF is ready
       $display("CHIP 0 : at time %t, chall_in = %h, response = %h, ready = %b", $tim
       $display("CHIP 1: at time %t, chall_in = %h, response = %h, ready = %b", $time
       $display("CHIP 2: at time %t, chall_in = %h, response = %h, ready = %b", $tim
       $display("CHIP 3: at time %t, chall_in = %h, response = %h, ready = %b", $tim
       $display("CHIP 4: at time %t, chall_in = %h, response = %h, ready = %b", $tim
       $display("CHIP 5 : at time %t, chall_in = %h, response = %h, ready = %b", $tim
       $display("CHIP 6: at time %t, chall_in = %h, response = %h, ready = %b", $tim
       $display("CHIP 7: at time %t, chall_in = %h, response = %h, ready = %b", $tim
       $display("CHIP 8: at time %t, chall_in = %h, response = %h, ready = %b", $tim
       $display("CHIP 9: at time %t, chall_in = %h, response = %h, ready = %b", $tim
       // Calculate UQ for all PUF
       UQ = 0;
```

```
total_hd=0;
    for (i=0;i<10;i=i+1) begin
       for(j=i+1;j<10;j=j+1)begin
         hd = 0;
         for (b = 0; b<9;b=b+1)begin
            if(all_response[i][b] != all_response[j][b])begin
              hd = hd+1;
            end
         end
         total_hd = total_hd + hd;
       end
    end
    UQ = (2.0/(10.0*9.0))*(total_hd / 8.0);
    $display("UQ = %0.2f",UQ);
    all_ready<=0;
  end
end
```

## **Design Philosophy**

- Scrambler
  - Create a state to store the input for LSFR feedback, a feedback new\_bit for feedback loop
  - new\_bit use XOR(^) from state to generate another new bit for state in next cycle
  - o check if rst ? state = in : shift state
  - output = state XOR in
- MUX
  - output = in[set], sel is 0~15 and it is to select which input should go to output, so just select in[set] to output
- Counter
  - create a reg count\_reg for count to maximum and output 1 when it reach maximum
  - Follow the instruction in template to done everything else
- Race\_Arbiter
  - o if rst then result is 0 else
    - if a == 1 then result is 1, else if b == 1 then result is 0 else stay
  - if rst then done is 0 else

- if a or b then is 1
- Buffer
  - create a reg bit\_count to count if all bit collected
  - o if rst then all set to 0 and buf\_rst set to 1 (to reset counter and race\_arbiter) else
    - if arbiter done then buf\_rst=1, put arbiter result into response and shift,
       bit\_count ++, if bit\_count to max then ready set to 1 else ready set to 0 else
      - buf\_rst = 0

### Simulation waveform

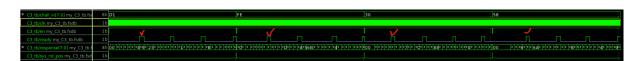
- Using C1\_tb.v , C2\_tb.v , and C3\_tb.v and output as my\_C1\_tb.fsdb , my\_C2\_tb.fsdb , and my\_C3\_tb.fsdb
- 1. Simulated by C1\_tb.v
- Output is when ready = 1, so first response = 1B (hexadecimal)



2. Simulated by C2\_tb.v



3. Simulated by C2\_tb.v



• tick is the first output from different challenges after reset

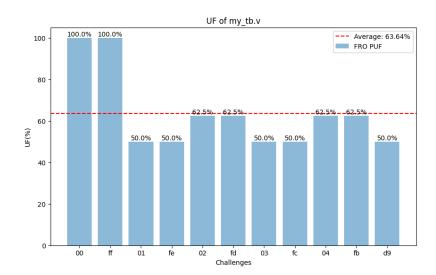
## Feedforward Ring Oscillator PUF Result (UF&UQ)

## Uniformity(UF)

**1.** my\_tb.v

```
1 challenge
At time
2 challenge
                         1355000, chall in = 00, response = ff, ready = 1
At time
3 challenge
                         3375000, chall_in = ff, response = ff, ready = 1
At time
4 challenge
At time
5 challenge
                         5135000, chall in = 01, response = 1b, ready = 1
                         7155000, chall in = fe, response = 1b, ready = 1
At time
6 challenge
At time
7 challenge
                         9255000, chall_in = 02, response = 8f, ready = 1
                        11275000, chall in = fd, response = 8f, ready = 1
At time
8 challenge
                        13245000, chall_in = 03, response = 53, ready = 1
At time
9 challenge
At time
10 challenge
                        15265000, chall_in = fc, response = 53, ready = 1
                        17365000, chall_in = 04, response = 97, ready = 1
                        19385000, chall_in = fb, response = 97, ready = 1
At time
11 challenge
                        21385000, chall_in = d9, response = 1b, ready = 1
   time
challenge
                        23405000, chall_in = d9, response = 1b, ready = 1
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- Including 00 and ff challenge, using 1 FRO PUF and 12 challenges
- 8/8 +8/8 + 4/8+4/8 + 5/8+5/8 +4/8 + 4/8 + 4/8 + 5/8 + 5/8 + 4/8 + 4/8
- Average = **64.5**%
- Oxd9 and Ox01 challenge have same response
- (01,fe) , (02,fd) , (
   03,fc) , (04,fb) have same result infer that maybe at most 2^7 results

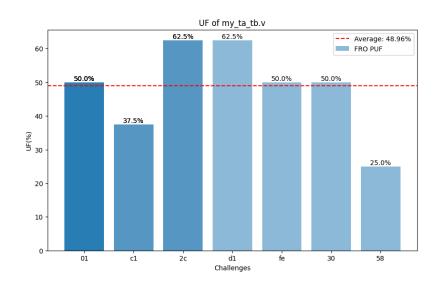


Same input have same output → Stability

2. my\_ta\_tb.v

```
1 challenge
At time
2 challenge
                         1095000, chall in = 01, response = 1b, ready = 1
At time
3 challenge
At time
4 challenge
                        3515000, chall_in = c1, response = 15, ready = 1
                        5315000, chall_in = 2c, response = 9b, ready = 1
                        7155000, chall_in = 01, response = 1b, ready = 1
At time
5 challenge
At time
6 challenge
                        9175000, chall_in = 01, response = 1b, ready = 1
At time
7 challenge
                       11595000, chall_in = c1, response = 15, ready = 1
At time
8 challenge
                       13395000, chall_in = 2c, response = 9b, ready = 1
                       15235000, chall_in = 01, response = 1b, ready = 1
At time
9 challenge
At time
10 challenge
                       17325000, chall_in = d1, response = c7, ready = 1
At time
11 challenge
                       19275000, chall_in = fe, response = 1b, ready = 1
   time
challenge
time
                       21365000, chall_in = 30, response = 1d, ready = 1
                       23355000, chall_in = 58, response = 11, ready = 1
```

- Use C1 to C3 as challenges, using 1 FRO PUF and 12 challenges
- 50% + 37.5% + 62.5% + 50% + 50% + 37.5% + 62.5% + 50% + 62.5% + 50% + 50% + 25%
- Average: 48.96%

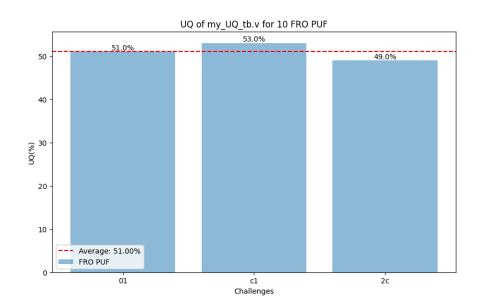


# **Uniqueness (UQ)**

1. my\_UQ\_tb.v

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*Verdi* : Create FSDB file 'UQ_tb.fsdb'
*Verdi* : Begin traversing the scope (UQ_tb), layer (0).
*Verdi* : End of traversing.
  *Verd1* : End of
First challenge
CHIP 0 : at time
CHIP 1 : at time
CHIP 2 : at time
CHIP 3 : at time
CHIP 4 : at time
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CHIP 7 : at time
CHIP 8 : at time
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CHIP 1 : at time
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CHIP 4: at time
CHIP 5: at time
CHIP 6: at time
CHIP 7: at time
CHIP 8: at time
CHIP 9: at time
UQ = 0.53
Third challenge
CHIP 0: at time
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CHIP 1 : at time
CHIP 2 : at time
CHIP 3 : at time
CHIP 4 : at time
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CHIP 6: at time
CHIP 7: at time
CHIP 8: at time
CHIP 9: at time
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5455000, chall_in = 2c, response = 61,
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       UQ = 0.49
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7545000, chall_in = 01, response = 7e,
7545000, chall_in = 01, response = 73,
7545000, chall_in = 01, response = 73,
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CHIP 1 : at time
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     00 = 0.51
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./my_UQ_tb.v:462 $finish;
```

- Challenges =
   O1,c1,2c,01,
   using 10
   different FRO
   PUF with 3
   groups of
   challenges and
   1 group to
   check stability.
- Average UQ = (51+53+49) / 3 = **51**%



## **Bonus**

## Simulation waveform

Only show part of challenge of waveform, because is too long

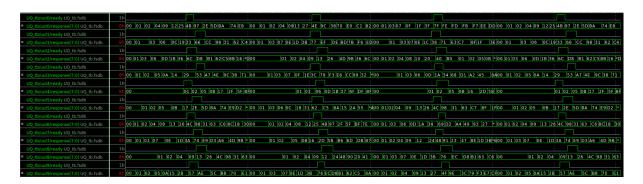
1. Simulated by my\_ta\_tb.v



2. Simulated by my\_tb.v

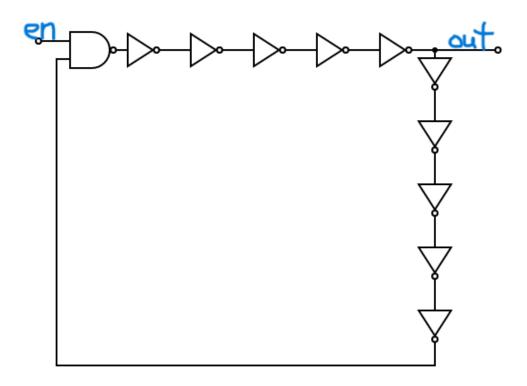


3. Simulated by my\_UQ\_tb.v



# **RO PUF Result (UF&UQ)**

## **RO** design



#### Scrambler

$$m(x) = x^8 + x^4 + x^3 + x + 1$$

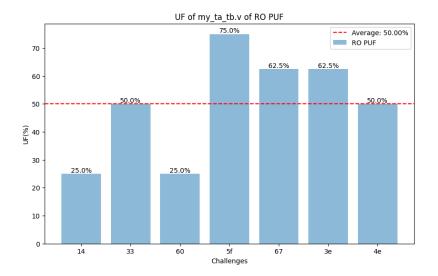
## Uniformity(UF)

#### 1. my\_ta\_tb.v

```
*Verdi* : Create FSDB file 'my_ta_tb.fsdb'
*Verdi* : Begin traversing the scope (my_ta_tb), layer (0).
*Verdi* : End of traversing.
1 challenge
At time
2 challenge
                        1095000, chall in = 01, response = 14, ready = 1
At time
                        3205000, chall in = c1, response = 33, ready = 1
3 challenge
At time
4 challenge
                        5105000, chall_in = 2c, response = 60, ready = 1
                        7155000, chall_in = 01, response = 14, ready = 1
At time
5 challenge
At time
6 challenge
                        9175000, chall_in = 01, response = 14, ready = 1
At time
                       11285000, chall_in = c1, response = 33, ready = 1
7 challenge
At time
8 challenge
                       13185000, chall in = 2c, response = 60, ready = 1
At time
                       15235000, chall_in = 01, response = 14, ready = 1
9 challenge
At time
10 challenge
                       17195000, chall_in = d1, response = 5f, ready = 1
                       19355000, chall_in = fe, response = 67, ready = 1
At time
11 challenge
                       21235000, chall_in = 30, response = 3e, ready = 1
At time
   challenge
                       23375000, chall in = 58, response = 4e, ready = 1
   time
```

### Using 1 RO PUF and 12 challenges

- (0x14)25% + (0x33)50% + (0x60)25% + (0x5f)75% + (0x67)62.5% + (3e)62.5% + (0x4e)50%
- Average = **50**%

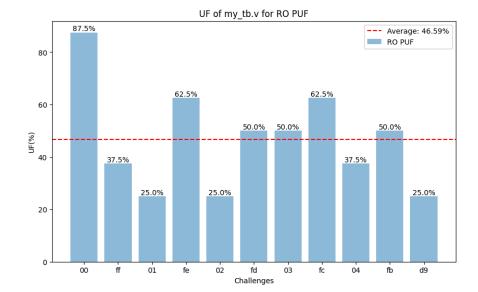


#### 2. my\_tb.v

```
*Verdi* : Create FSDB file 'my_tb.fsdb'
*Verdi* : Begin traversing the scope (my_tb), layer (0).
*Verdi* : End of traversing.
1 challenge
                         1195000, chall_in = 00, response = 7f, ready = 1
At time
2 challenge
At time
3 challenge
                         3025000, chall in = ff, response = 19, ready = 1
                        5135000, chall in = 01, response = 14, ready = 1
At time
4 challenge
At time
5 challenge
At time
                        7235000, chall in = fe, response = 67, ready = 1
                        9145000, chall in = 02, response = 42, ready = 1
6 challenge
At time
7 challenge
                       11165000, chall_in = fd, response = 4b, ready = 1
                       13275000, chall_in = 03, response = 35, ready = 1
At time
8 challenge
At time
9 challenge
                       15195000, chall in = fc, response = 37, ready = 1
At time
                       17225000, chall in = 04, response = 64, ready = 1
10 challenge
At time
11 challenge
                       19205000, chall_in = fb, response = 78, ready = 1
At time
                       21395000, chall_in = d9, response = 0c, ready = 1
12 challenge
                       23415000, chall_in = d9, response = 0c, ready = 1
   time
```

## Using 1 RO PUF and 12 challenges

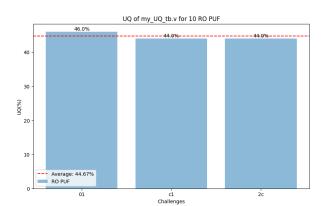
- 87.5% + 37.5% + 25% + 62.5% + 25% + 50% + 50% + 62.5% + 37.5% + 50% + 25%
- Average UF = 46.59%



### 3. my\_UQ\_tb.v

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Verdi* : Create FSDB file 'UQ_tb.fsdb
*Verdi* : Begin traversing the scope (UQ_tb), layer (0).
*Verdi* : End of traversing.
First challenge
                                                                                                                          1155000, chall_in = 01, response = 4b, ready = 1155000, chall_in = 01, response = 66, ready = 1155000, chall_in = 01, response = 6c, ready = 1155000, chall_in = 01, response = 53, ready = 1155000, chall_in = 01, response = 01, ready = 1155000, chall_in = 01, response = 30, ready = 1155000, chall_in = 01, response = 30, ready = 1155000, chall_in = 01, response = 30, ready = 1155000, chall_in = 01, response = 30, ready = 1155000, chall_in = 01, response = 30, ready = 1155000, chall_in = 01, response = 30, ready = 1155000, chall_in = 01, response = 30, ready = 1155000, chall_in = 01, response = 30, ready = 1155000, chall_in = 01, response = 30, ready = 1155000, chall_in = 01, response = 30, ready = 1155000, chall_in = 01, response = 30, ready = 1155000, chall_in = 01, response = 30, ready = 1155000, chall_in = 01, response = 30, ready = 1155000, chall_in = 01, response = 30, ready = 1155000, chall_in = 01, response = 30, ready = 1155000, chall_in = 01, response = 30, ready = 1155000, chall_in = 01, response = 30, ready = 1155000, chall_in = 01, response = 30, ready = 1155000, chall_in = 01, response = 30, ready = 1155000, chall_in = 01, response = 30, ready = 1155000, chall_in = 01, response = 30, ready = 1155000, chall_in = 01, response = 30, ready = 1155000, chall_in = 01, response = 30, ready = 1155000, chall_in = 01, response = 30, ready = 1155000, chall_in = 01, response = 30, ready = 1155000, chall_in = 01, response = 30, ready = 1155000, chall_in = 01, response = 30, ready = 1155000, chall_in = 01, response = 30, ready = 115000, chall_in = 01, response = 30, ready = 115000, chall_in = 01, response = 30, ready = 115000, chall_in = 01, ready = 
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CHIP 1 : at time
CHIP 2 : at time
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 CHIP 4 : at time
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1155000, chall_in = 01, response = 4c, ready
1155000, chall_in = 01, response = 74, ready
1155000, chall_in = 01, response = 13, ready
1155000, chall_in = 01, response = 57, ready
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                                                time
 CHIP 6
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 CHIP
                    7 : at time
 CHIP 8
                            : at time
 CHIP 9 : at time
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: at time
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 CHIP 1
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3205000, chall_in = c1, response = 3c, ready
 CHIP 2 : at time
 CHIP 3 : at time
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3205000, chall_in = c1, response = 62, ready
3205000, chall_in = c1, response = 62, ready
3205000, chall_in = c1, response = 25, ready
3205000, chall_in = c1, response = 2d, ready
3205000, chall_in = c1, response = 12, ready
3205000, chall_in = c1, response = 76, ready
 CHIP 4 : at time
 CHIP
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                                                time
 CHIP 6 : at time
 CHIP
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 CHIP 8
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CHIP 9 : at time
UQ = 0.44
Third challenge
CHIP 0 : at time
CHIP 1 : at time
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CHIP
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 CHIP 8 : at time
 CHIP 9
                             : at
                                                time
 UQ = 0.44
 Fourth challenge
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CHIP 0 : at time
 CHIP 1 : at time
CHIP 2 : at time
CHIP 3 : at time
                                                                                                                           7215000, chall_in = 01, response = 53, ready
7215000, chall_in = 01, response = 01, ready
7215000, chall_in = 01, response = 2e, ready
 CHIP
                                                time
 CHIP 5
                            : at
                                                time
                                                                                                                          7215000, chall in = 01, response = 4c, ready
7215000, chall in = 01, response = 74, ready
7215000, chall in = 01, response = 13, ready
7215000, chall in = 01, response = 57, ready
 CHIP
                            : at
                                                 time
 CHIP
                             : at time
 CHIP 8 : at time
                            : at time
CHIP
                    9
110 = 0.46
```

- Challenges =
   O1,c1,2c,01,
   using 10
   different RO
   PUF and 3
   groups of
   challenges and
   1 for checking
   stability.
- Average UQ = (46+44+44)/3= 44.67%



# **Analysis**

- FRO PUF's UF and UQ is better (more close to 50%), but have small range of output domain ( 0x00==0xff , 0x01==0xfe ,...(symmetry)), and also different challenge may give same response in same chip
- **RO PUF** can still work even the input challenge is **0x00 or 0xff**, and not having same output in above experiments.
- RO PUF have more range of challenges domain and can still provide different response, while FRO PUF have better score in both UF and UQ.
  - BUT it may because of using too less sample to calculate the result
  - If sample large enough, both may reach 50% of UF and UQ
- RO PUF have simple structure, easy to design and low cost (only invertor), while FRO PUF have a complex design than RO PUF, and use multiple type of gate to implement(NOT,AND) so is more costly
- RO PUF are sensitive to environmental variations and noise sources such as temperature and voltage, 'confidence' of a 0/1 measurement are low