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## **FLIP-FLOPS**



















## Metastability

- In practical circuits, there is sufficient noise to move the device output of the metastable state and into one of the two legal ones. This time can not be bound. It is statistical.
- Factors that affect a flip-flop's metastable "performance" include the circuit design and the process the device is fabricated on.
- The resolution time is not linear with increased circuit time and the MTBF is an exponential function of the available slack time.

## Metastability - Calculation

• MTBF =  $e^{K2*t}$  / (K1 x F<sub>CLK</sub> x F<sub>DATA</sub>)

t is the slack time available for settling

K1 and K2 are constants that are characteristic of the flip-flop

Fclock and Fdata are the frequency of the synchronizing clock and asynchronous data.

- Software is available to automate the calculations with built-in tables of parameters.
- Not all manufacturers provide data.

























