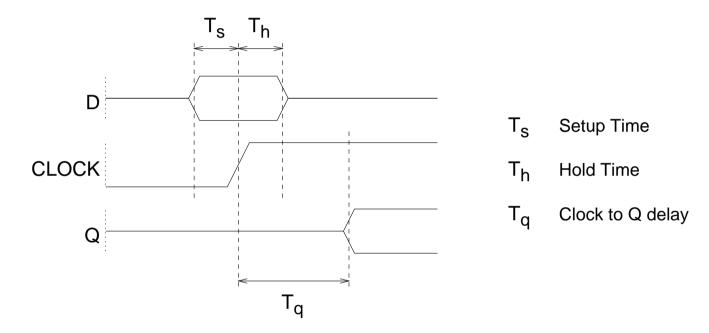
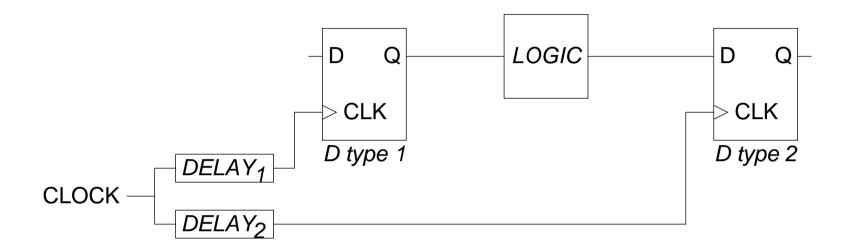
#### • Timing



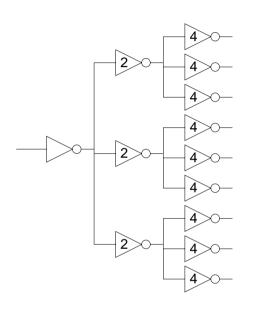
- Valid data should be present on D input for at least  $T_s$  before the active clock edge and at least  $T_h$  after the clock edge.
- The minimum D type cycle time will be limited by the sum  $T_s + T_q$ .

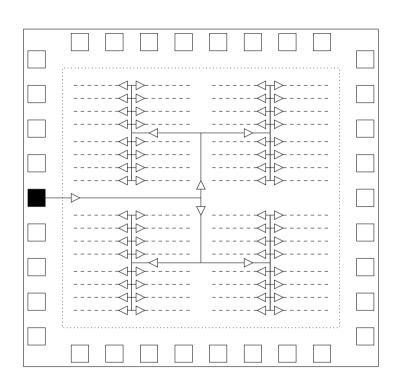


- Hold violation caused by clock skew
  - *D-type 1* clocks first, D input of *D-type 2* changes too early May occur if difference in clock delays (clock skew) is greater than the delay due to logic and wiring between  $Q_1$  and  $D_2$ .<sup>1</sup>

 $<sup>\</sup>overline{\,}^1$ A certain amount of leeway is possible determined by the D-Type characteristics,  $T_q$  -  $T_h$ 

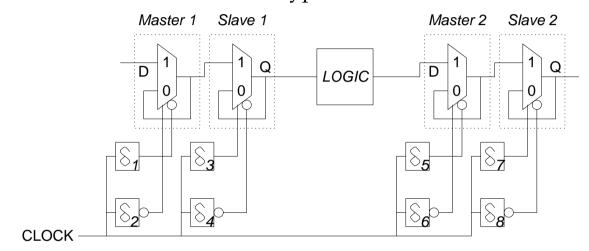
#### • Skew reduction





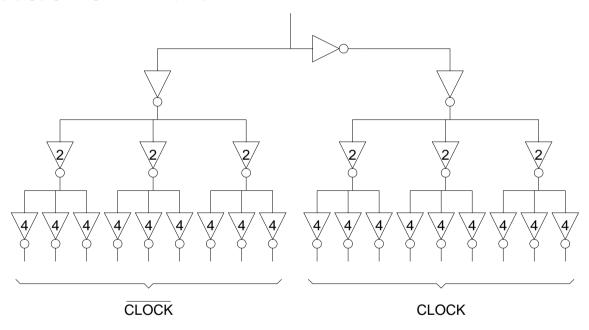
- clock distribution tree
- match all clock paths
- greater clock buffer drive strength will reduce the skew due to imbalance in buffer loadings

• Race hazards with Master Slave D-Types



- Rising CLOCK edge
  - Delayed latching of *master 2* may leave *slave 1* and *master 2* transparent simultaneously. Data is then transferred in error from *master 1* to *slave 2*.
- Falling CLOCK edge
  Delayed latching of *slave 1* may leave *master 1* and *slave 1* transparent simultaneously. Q<sub>1</sub> will then change in error mid-cycle.

• Skew reduction for clock and  $\overline{clock}^2$ 



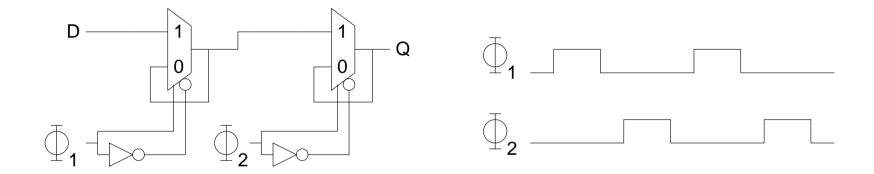
- minimum load on inverter creating skew
- note clock and  $\overline{clock}$  signals should be routed together to balance routing delays.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>we could alternatively generate  $\overline{clock}$  locally within each master slave D Type.

• Skew elimination

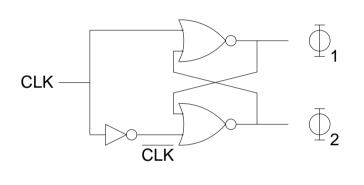
- eliminates skew caused by single inverter
- size transistors to equalize delay
- ensure that load and drive strengths are taken into account

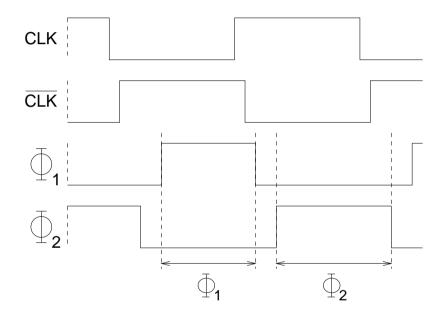
• Non-overlapping clocks



- guarantees only one latch transparent at any one time

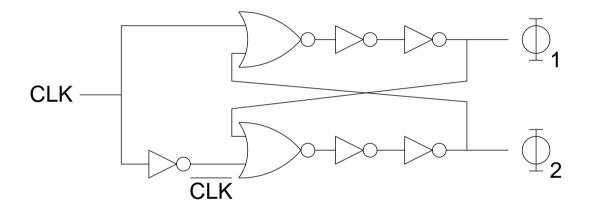
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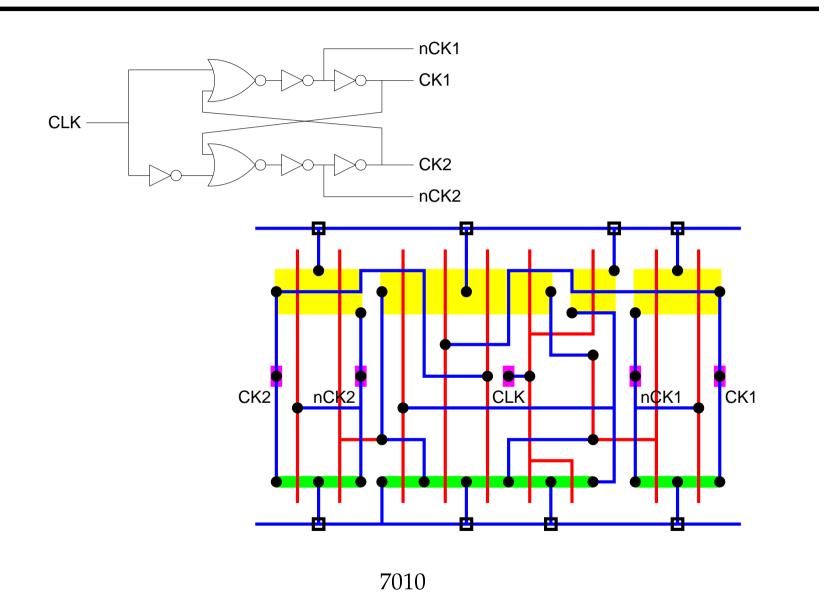
- clock generation circuit
- this circuit provides clocks which are non-overlapping active high, suitable for use with latches which are transparent with a high clock input.

• Non-overlapping clocks



- inverters provide additional delay to separate phases, may also be the clock buffers
- time between master transparent and slave transparent is wasted
- although we can now cope with large skew it is better to avoid it

# Two Phase Clock Generator (CLKGEN)



# Non-Inverting Buffer (BUF)



