Electro Optical Probing Unit

Localize failure points through transistor frequency mapping and waveform characterization

EOP

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Instant capture of operating waveforms



Features

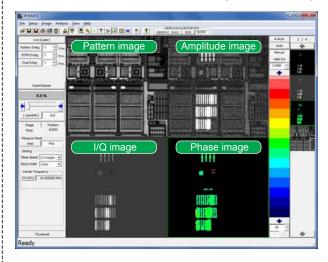
- Wide range of operating frequency 10 kHz - 1 GHz
- Maximum 500 000 sampling points for a long test loop
- Capture EOP waveforms in 2 seconds

Applications

- Measurement of transistors' operating waveforms
- Characterization and debug of active circuit

EOFMElectro Optical Frequency Mapping

Visualization of transistors out of targeted frequency



Features

- Save EOP target identification time by acquiring multiple images simultaneously
- Quick detection of timing delay using phase animation images
- High quality pattern image with no interference fringes

Applications

- Observation on structural failure of scan chain
- Identification of a probing point from EOFM images
- Validation of digital and analog circuits
 - Oscillating circuit
 Timing defect check of IO circuit



Failure Analysis Systems Option

Case study

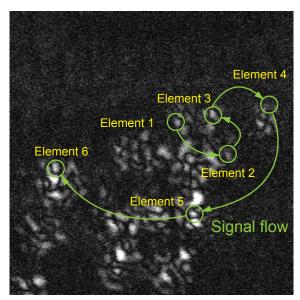
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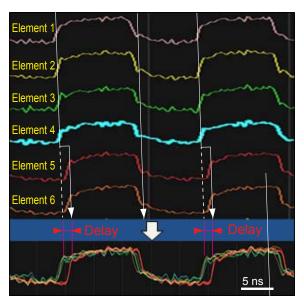
Check the delay in paths on a 28 nm TEG operated at 400 MHz. To identify the delay points, the measurement positions of the target paths were defined with the EOFM function and the delay was measured by EOP.

Method

Operated the device at a 400 MHz clock rate. Acquired EOFM images at 50 MHz data rate to define positions of suspect elements in a defective circuit. Checked operating waveform of suspect elements (1 to 6) by EOP.

■ Results





EOFM image

EOP waveform

Results showed an error in the duty ratio at elements 5 and 6. Examining the waveforms in detail confirmed a delay in the pulse rising edge between elements 4 and 5. However, no delay was found in the pulse falling edge.

■ Conclusion

Since a large delay only occurs between elements 4 and 5 in the pulse rising edge, the result indicates there are high resistance defects in the wiring or in the via hole.

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