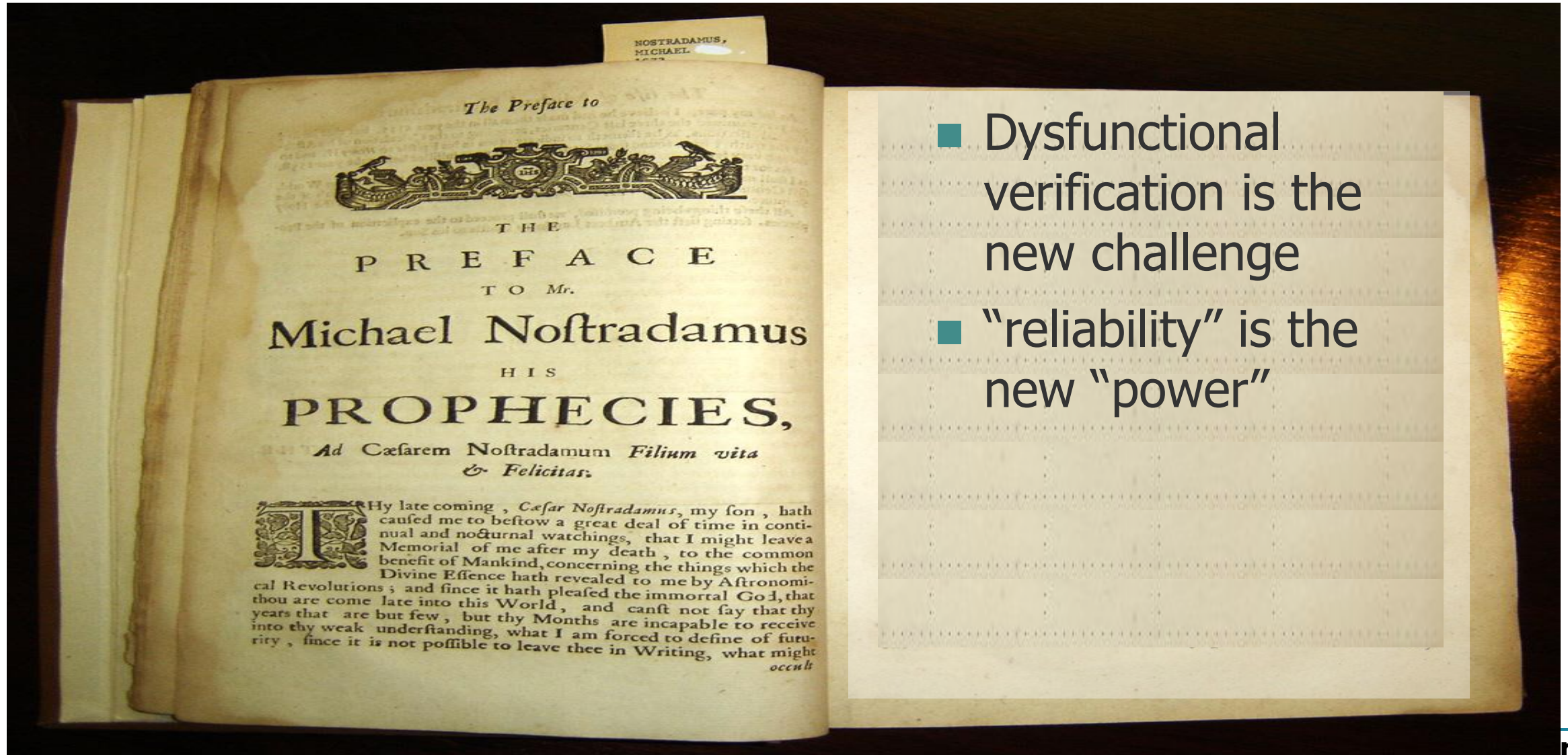




Fault analysis – what is your real FIT size?

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Verification Futures



- Dysfunctional verification is the new challenge
- "reliability" is the new "power"

Dysfunctional verification

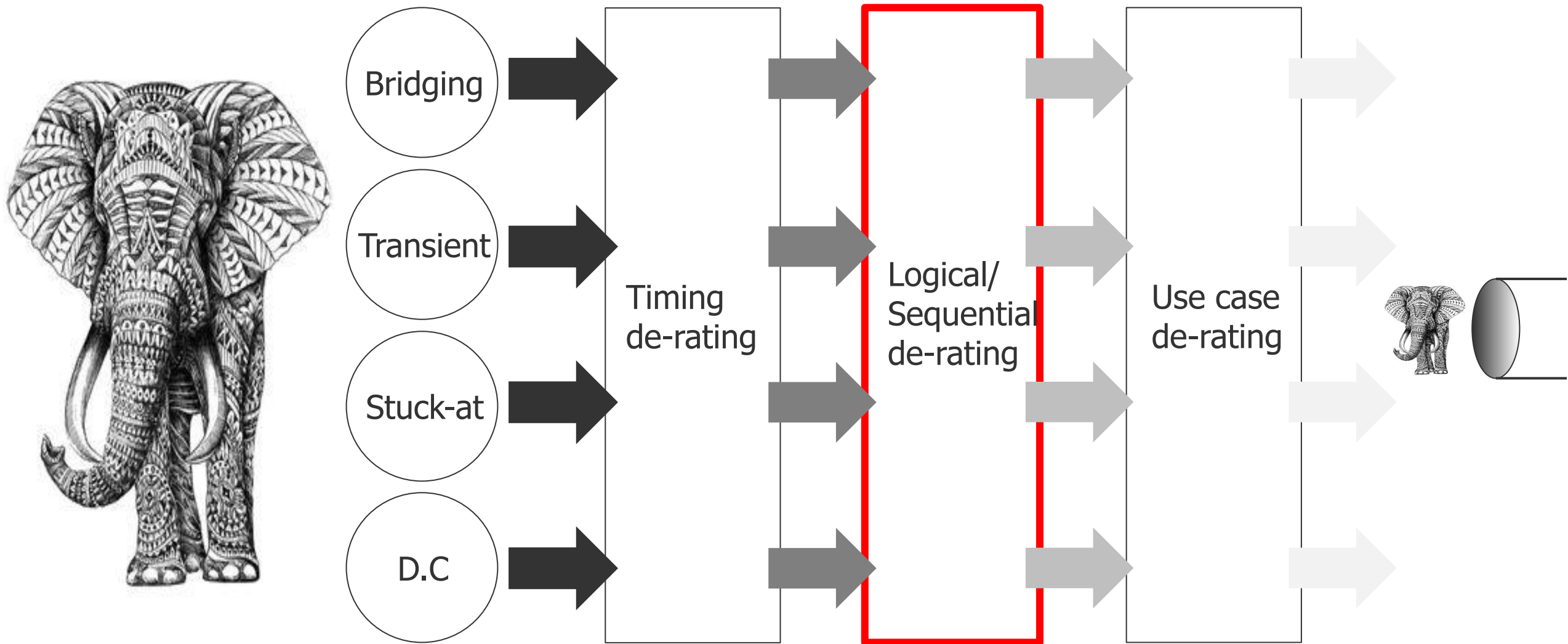
- Functional verification
 - Focuses on specified conditions
 - Even errors are “specified errors”
 - “non-specified” errors below cutline
- Dysfunctional verification
 - All non-specified errors
 - SM changes state without reason
 - Memory address changes
- Nothing is the same
 - What is the stimuli?
 - What is meaningful coverage?
 - How do you analyze results?



Dysfunctional verification basics

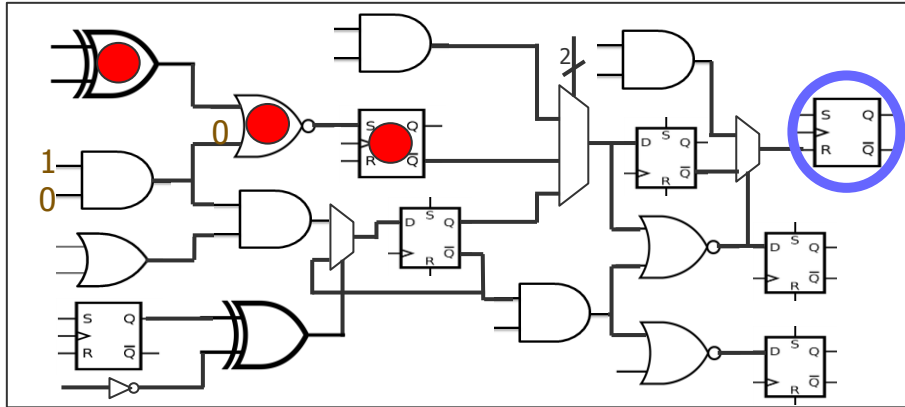
- Aim:
 - FIT/MTBF < threshold
- Means:
 - Check statistical sample of faults
 - Determine safe/dangerous per fault
- Vocabulary:
 - Fault/error/failure
 - Fault model
 - Base FIT
 - De-rating

Dysfunctional verification flow

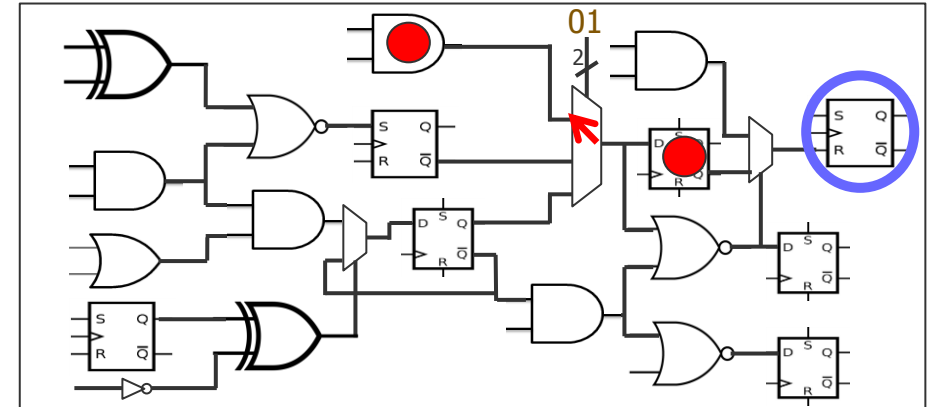


Dysfunctional verification analysis

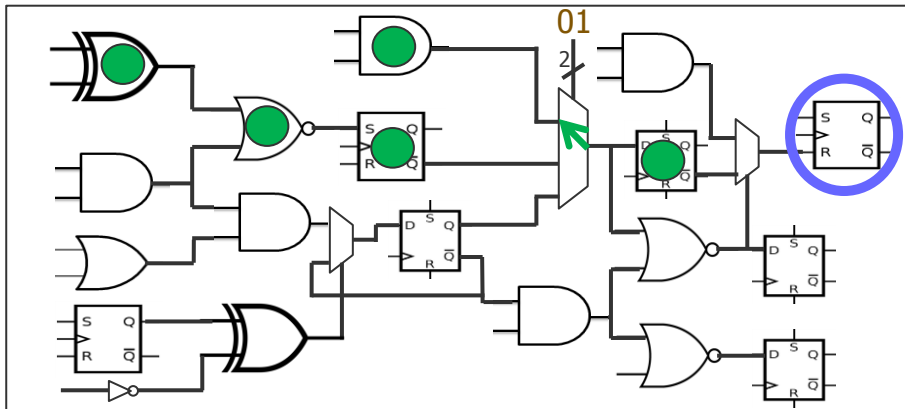
T=0
Fault->
Error



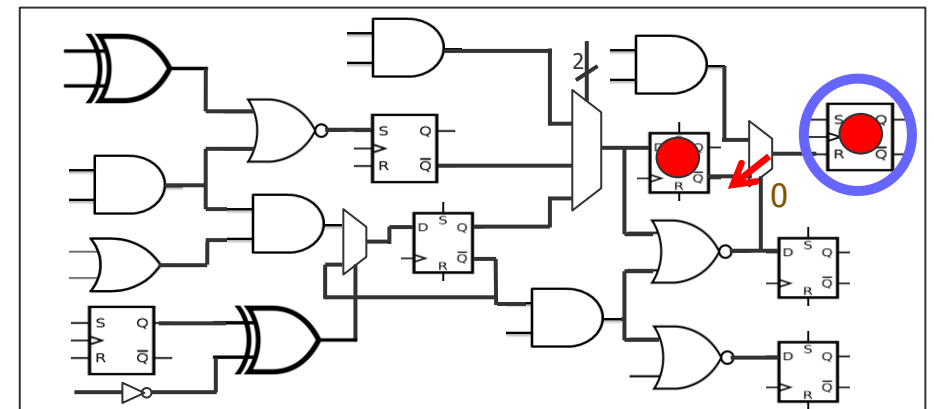
T=100
Fault->
Error



T=1
Error
masked

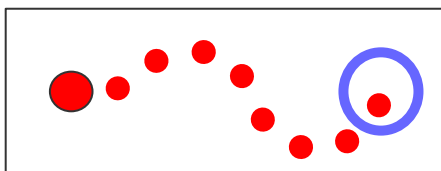


T=101
Error->
Failure

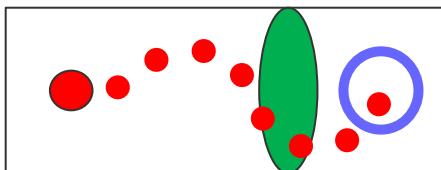


- Similar to x-propagation problem
 - X propagates to flop -> Error
 - X propagates to outputs -> Failure

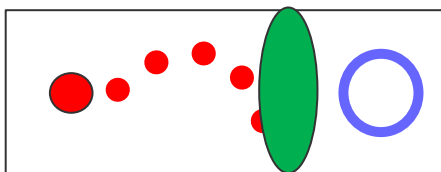
Dysfunctional verification metrics



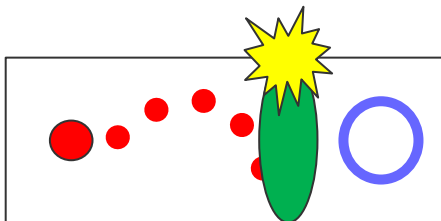
- Single Point Fault
 - No safety mechanism



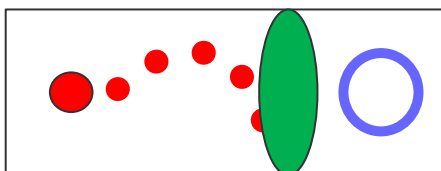
- Residual Fault
 - Safety mechanism miss




- Multi Point Fault
 - Safety mechanism hit*



- Detected MPF
 - MPF + alarm

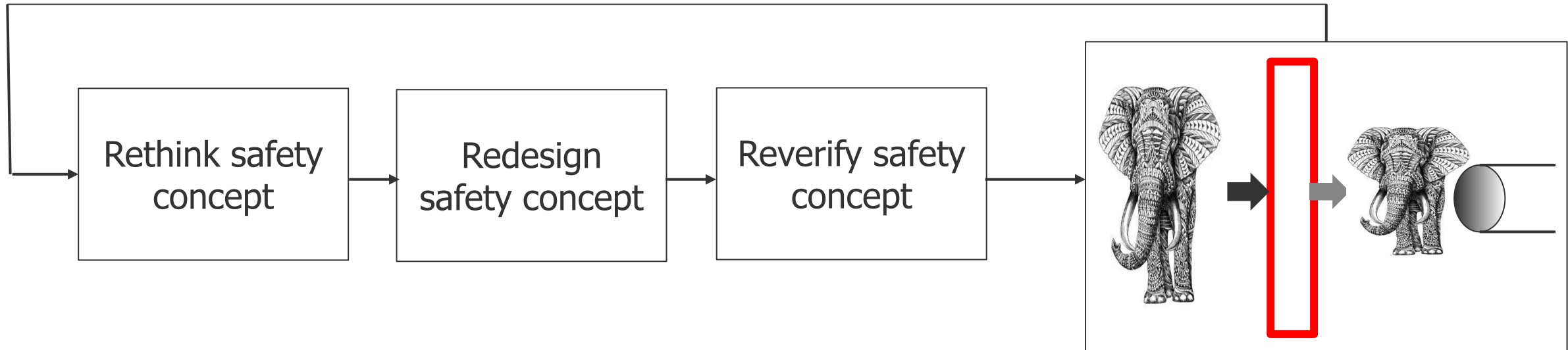


- Latent MPF
 - MPF + no alarm

- Mom's genius: 
 - Assume stuck-at and periodical test pattern. Is stuck-at detected MPF or SPF?
 - How would you categorize a transient that is logically masked? Sequentially masked?

Zoom out to complete flow

- What happens if we can't squeeze that elephant in the hole?



- Similarities with power:
 - Concept at high level
 - Successive refinement
 - Accurate measure at RTL/Gate
 - Problems discovered late

Wrap up

- Safety can't be added-on, must be built-into flow
 - A vertical concern that must be considered in every step of the flow
- Challenges:
 - Smooth safety flow across level of abstraction
 - Dysfunctional verification alongside functional verification
 - And many more not discussed here...
- Safety/Security concerns are great news for all of us!

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Fault analysis at RTL/Gate

- Metrics requirements
 - Produce report
 - ISO metrics
 - UCDB/VM integration
- Partner:
 - Yogitech
 - Astrel?
- Or build our own:
 - Little effort
 - Needs qual?

		Die		Package
		Permanent	Transient	Permanent
Total FIT (Raw FIT)		9.24	724.99	71.82
Safety related FIT		9.23	722.00	71.82
Probabilistic Metrics for random Hardware Failures - PMHF (in FIT)		0.06	2.00	0.13
Single Point Fault Metric - SPFM		99.36%	99.72%	99.81%
Latent Fault Metric - LFM		99.98%	NA	99.81%
ISO 26262 categorization as in ISO 26262:2011-10, 8.1.8				
		Die		Package
		Permanent	Transient	Permanent
Total faults	λ	9.24	724.99	71.82
Total Safety Related faults	λ_{SR}	9.23	722.00	71.82
Total Not Safety Related faults	λ_{nSR}	0.00	2.98	0.00
Total Safe faults	λ_S	4.71	361.82	35.94
Total not Safe faults	λ_{nS}	4.53	360.18	35.94
Total faults with prob. of violate the SG	λ_{PVSG}	4.38	355.79	35.94
Total single point faults	λ_{SPF}	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total residual faults	λ_{RF}	0.06	2.00	0.13
Total Multi Point ^(ad)	$\lambda_{MPF}^{(ad)}$	0.14	NA	0.00
Total Multi Point ^(t)	$\lambda_{MPF}^{(t)}$	4.32	358.18	35.81
Total Multi Point detected faults	λ_{MPF_det}	4.46	NA	35.81
Total Multi Point latent faults	$\lambda_{MPF,l}$	0.00	0.00	0.00