IBIS Open Forum Minutes

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

The bridge numbers for future IBIS teleconferences are as follows:

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http://www.cisco.com/web/about/doing business/conferencing/index.html

NOTE: "AR" = Action Required.

INTRODUCTIONS AND MEETING QUORUM

Feras Al-Hawari introduced himself. He has worked for Cadence for over 16 years in the high speed group and is a senior member of the consulting staff. He is working on simulation and high speed flows.

Mahbubul Bari of Maxim introduced himself. He is working in simulation modeling in the lab at Maxim. His recent focus has been on IBIS-AMI modeling, and he has been doing IBIS modeling for awhile. He has experienced a wide variety of implementation issues with AMI and is looking to learn more about AMI issues.

Kent Dramstad of IBM introduced himself. He is working with SerDes modeling. He is interested in learning about problems with AMI modeling to help solve customer issues.

Yingxin Sun of Sigrity introduced himself. He is working at on simulation tools using IBIS models.

CALL FOR PATENTS

Michael Mirmak called for any patents or pending patents related to the IBIS 3.2, IBIS 4.2, IBIS 5.0, Touchstone 2.0 or ICM 1.1 specifications. No patents were declared.

REVIEW OF MINUTES AND ARS

Randy Wolff called for comments regarding the minutes of the October 28, 2011 IBIS Open Forum teleconference. Bob Ross noted that the next meeting was to be held December 9, not December 2 as indicated in the minutes. Minutes were approved with the noted change.

MEMBERSHIP STATUS AND TREASURER'S REPORT

Bob Ross reported that we are now listing Foxconn as a new IBIS member. We are at 31 members now, but we have no report from TechAmerica to confirm all membership payments. We will need to address funding at the next meeting and potentially any increases in membership dues.

WEB PAGE UPDATES

Mike LaBonte reported that he made updates to the Summits page. He is looking for ways to use scripting to generate better views and readme information for the Summits page.

MAILING LIST ADMINISTRATION

Mike LaBonte reported that he has had some trouble with the mailing list. There are 5 different SMTP servers at Stanford, and one of those servers every few years has a problem where it is used for spam. So, some member's email servers pay attention to spam server scores and start blocking emails from the Stanford server. Mike has contacted eda.org support people, but apparently nothing can be done to remedy the situation.

MODEL LIBRARY UPDATE

Anders Ekholm reported that he has no update this meeting, but he is planning to go through links to look for broken ones before the next teleconference.

MISCELLANY/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

OPENS FOR NEW ISSUES

None.

INTERNATIONAL/EXTERNAL ACTIVITIES

- IEEE DASC

Michael Mirmak reported that efforts are ongoing to form a group within DASC so that IBIS has a path through IEEE for international standardization. IBIS was tentatively granted 1852 as the working group number. Group approval is not official yet, because some documentation has to be signed by TechAmerica related to copyright issues. We should see some announcements from DASC in the near future. This group is formed specifically for reviewing IBIS 4.2, but the same group should be able to work with future specifications.

- VHDL-AMS Table-Driven Models

Arpad Muranyi noted that the last meeting was cancelled. The next meeting is next Monday. Hassan Rafat asked if Verilog-AMS was supported. Arpad confirmed that IBIS supports both

languages, and Verilog already supports table driven modeling. More information can be found at:

http://www.eda.org/twiki/bin/view.cgi/P10761/ProjectsArea#Table_driven_Modeling_Champion_J

- Conferences

EDAPS (Electrical Design of Advanced Packaging & Systems) will be held December 12-14 in Hangzhou, PRC. More information can be found at:

http://www.edaps2011.org

SPI2012 (18th IEEE Workshop on Signal and Power Integrity) will be held May 13-16, 2012 in Sorrento, Italy. We are offered a free room on Wednesday afternoon for hosting an IBIS Summit meeting. More information can be found at:

http://www.spi2012.org

Official IBIS participation is not planned for all of the events above, though individual papers and discussion on IBIS are encouraged. These are events with refereed submissions, with deadlines either pending or already passed.

- Press Update

Bob Ross noted an article by Lynne Green that discusses IBIS models. The article is "Top 10 Issues in IBIS Models", October 19, 2011 on the PCB Design 007 site. See the article at:

http://www.pcbdesign007.com/pages/zone.cgi?a=79617

IEC APPROVAL ACTIVITIES

Randy Wolff reported that the IEEE DASC announced approval of the IBIS PAR on October 26 with a 15-0 vote tally among eligible DASC voters and 22-0-1 among all DASC members who voted. See the IEEE DASC topic for further information.

SUMMIT STATUS

- Asian IBIS Summits Report

Michael Mirmak reported that all three events were very successful. There was significant sponsorship and presentation material. All presentations are found on the IBIS Summits page. We had 131 attendees in Shanghai, 152 in Yokohama and 131 in Taipei. Minutes have been released for all meetings. Power delivery and AMI were dominant topics in the Summits.

- DesignCon 2012 Planning

The IBIS Summit is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, February 2, 2012. The tentative contract is very similar to last year. Announcements will go out soon. Michael Mirmak encouraged people to start thinking about presentations. Lance Wang will be the official contact for sign-ups.

Sponsorship opportunities for all upcoming IBIS summits are available, with sponsors receiving free mentions in the minutes, agenda, and other announcements. This includes upcoming events in Asia. Contact the IBIS Board for further details.

QUALITY TASK GROUP

Mike LaBonte reported that the group is discussing additions of quality checks for AMI models in the Quality specification. Progress has been slow, partly due to all the changes in the AMI specification. Until certain clarifications are approved, some checks that could be in the ibischk parser have been withheld. The group might start looking at ibischk to see what further checks could be included. The group meets weekly on Tuesdays at 8:00AM Pacific time.

The Quality Task Group checklist and other documentation can be found at:

http://www.eda.org/ibis/quality_wip/

MODEL REVIEW TASK GROUP

No update.

ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY MODELING TASK GROUP

Arpad Muranyi reported that the group is now meeting on its regular schedule after the Summits. They have finished all the small correction BIRDs. There has been a lot of discussion on a jitter BIRD and the analog BIRDs.

Task group material can be found at:

http://www.eda.org/ibis/macromodel_wip/

EDITORIAL TASK GROUP

Michael Mirmak reported that there have been no regular meetings since before the Summits. The group is waiting on a request from TechAmerica about using the technical writer for some further editorial work. Michael thinks that we will need to start the editorial work of stitching together the IBIS 5.1 document ourselves if we do not hear from TechAmerica in the next day. The group will resume meetings next week hopefully.

The current IBIS 5.0 reformatting documentation can be reviewed at the following new location:

http://www.eda.org/ibis/editorial_wip/

SPECIFICATION RELEASE SCHEDULE DISCUSSION

Michael Mirmak noted that we need a faster way to update IBIS more regularly so that new features get into industry more quickly. A period of two years or so between major updates is too slow. Anders Ekholm brought up at the Summits the idea of going to regular release schedules of every 6 months so that everyone can plan more easily to implement new features. IBIS 5.1 is the next scheduled release, but after that, more minor releases could be done every 6 months on May 1 and November 1. Michael plans to have more details in future meetings

and Summits.

Bob Ross noted that IBIS 5.1 is close to completion. He added that we need to limit how many changes go out with each minor release.

NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

None.

BIRD127.4: IBIS-AMI TYPOGRAPHICAL CORRECTIONS

Arpad Muranyi noted that there have been no new comments or questions related to the BIRD127.4 revision. Bob Ross noted this is a critical BIRD for moving ahead with IBIS-AMI. Bob said that there is a leaf/value pair terminology that may need to be changed in the editorial process when wrapping into IBIS 5.1. Radek Biernacki commented that he thought the BIRD was ready for a vote.

Arpad moved to vote on the BIRD. Radek Biernacki seconded. The vote passed with the following vote tally:

Agilent – yes
Cadence – yes
Ericsson – yes
IBM – yes
Intel – yes
IO Methodology – yes
LSI – yes
Mentor – yes
Micron – yes
Nokia Siemens Networks – yes
SiSoft – yes
Sigrity – yes
Teraspeed – yes

BIRD146: CLARIFY SAMPLE_INTERVAL FOR IBIS-AMI

There were no comments on the BIRD.

Arpad Muranyi moved to vote on the BIRD. Bob Ross seconded. The vote passed with the following vote tally:

Agilent – yes Cadence – yes Ericsson – yes IBM – yes Intel – yes IO Methodology – yes LSI – yes Mentor – yes Micron – yes Nokia Siemens Networks – yes SiSoft – yes Sigrity – yes Teraspeed – yes

BIRD140.1: FORMAT CORNER AND RANGE CLARIFICATION FOR IBIS-AMI

Arpad Muranyi noted that after long discussion in the ATM group, it was decided that there is enough information in IBIS to make an association between typ/min/max corners of legacy IBIS and fast/typ/slow corners of AMI. This BIRD is tied closely to the new BIRD148 which limits allowable model types related to IBIS-AMI. Bob Ross noted that this BIRD has been discussed extensively and would be ready for a vote at the next meeting.

Radek Biernacki commented that this does leave the Range format up to the user. Arpad commented that typ/min/max values in Range have no association to corners in IBIS. This is clarified in the BIRD. Radek felt like the BIRD should note if there is an implied connection between Range and corner. Bob felt Range should not have an association with corners, as it should be used for values that can be selected by the user through the EDA software. Arpad noted that there may be other parameter types besides Range and Increment that need to be included in one sentence in the BIRD. Bob felt these small editorial changes are not clear until all the BIRDs are integrated into one document for review. Radek felt that the BIRD will be ready to go with some minor editorial changes that could be done faster by working offline and not in the ATM committee. Radek and Arpad will work together to revise the BIRD.

Bob moved to schedule a revised BIRD140.2 for a vote at the next meeting. Arpad seconded the motion. The motion passed without objection.

BIRD148: ALLOWABLE MODEL_TYPES WITH IBIS-AMI

Arpad Muranyi noted this is a new BIRD to limit the model types with which algorithmic models can be used. This helps addressing corners in BIRD140.1 as well as eliminating the possibility of weird models that don't make sense. AMI models are now not allowed under Model_type Terminator, Series or Series_switch. Another BIRD may need to be written to clarify I/O Model_type usage, since these algorithmic models need to be split into two models for use as an RX and a TX.

Bob Ross moved to schedule the BIRD for a vote at the next meeting. Arpad seconded. There were no objections.

BIRD144.1: ADD TOUCHSTONE TO [EXTERNAL MODEL] AND [EXTERNAL CIRCUIT] AS A SUPPORTED LANGUAGE

Feras Al-Hawari re-introduced the BIRD. It allows for a direct connection of Touchstone files in IBIS without the need to wrap and instantiate such models in a SPICE-like

subcircuit such as IBIS-ISS. Arpad Muranyi noted that the BIRD was discussed in the ATM group this week. Bob Ross added that he supported the idea of a direct connection of Touchstone to IBIS. He noted that you have to be careful with handling of DC voltage when using Touchstone. Radek Biernacki felt that this was a good idea, but he wasn't convinced that going through IBIS-ISS wasn't the best long term solution. Arpad noted that this simplifies the model-maker's life by removing the need for an S-element wrapper, but it can also limit the flexibility. However, he wondered if adding several options for doing the same thing adds too much complexity to the IBIS specification. Feras said that most simulators already support Touchstone directly, so why not make this easy for model makers.

Ambrish Varma wondered how IBIS-ISS allows for corners. Arpad clarified that you can parameterize Touchstone file names easily when using IBIS-ISS as suggested in BIRDs 116-118, thereby implementing a mechanism for unlimited corner simulations.

Michael Mirmak asked if discussions could be taken off-line. Arpad noted that this BIRD could be brought up in ATM. Also, the BIRD will need some way of defining terminations for unused ports of the Touchstone file.

BIRD145.1: CASCADING IBIS I/O BUFFERS WITH [EXTERNAL CIRCUIT]S USING THE [MODEL CALL] KEYWORD

Feras Al-Hawari noted that this BIRD augments the [External Circuit] format with a way to connect a regular IBIS buffer to other [External Circuit] blocks. This BIRD adds a new keyword [Model Call]. This allows cascading of Models. Bob Ross noted that he supported the idea, but it needs more discussion to look at an integrated solution with AMI, AMS, etc.

BIRD133: MODEL CORNER C COMP

Bob Ross moved to schedule the BIRD for a vote at the next meeting. Mike LaBonte seconded the motion. The motion passed with no objections.

BIRD116: ADD IBIS-ISS TO [EXTERNAL MODEL] AND [EXTERNAL CIRCUIT] AS A SUPPORTED LANGUAGE

Discussion was tabled.

BIRD117.3: PARAMETERIZE A_TO_D AND D_TO_A CONVERTERS

Discussion was tabled.

BIRD118.2: ANALOG PARAMETER ASSIGNMENTS

Discussion was tabled.

BIRD121.1: IBIS-AMI NEW RESERVED PARAMETERS FOR DATA MANAGEMENT

Discussion was tabled.

BIRD122: IBIS-AMI NEW RESERVED PARAMETERS FOR ANALOG MODELING

Discussion was tabled.

BIRD123.1: IBIS-AMI NEW RESERVED PARAMETERS FOR JITTER/NOISE

Discussion was tabled.

BIRD124: IBIS-AMI NEW RESERVED PARAMETERS FOR DEPENDENCY TABLES

Discussion was tabled.

BIRD125.1: MAKE IBIS-ISS AVAILABLE FOR IBIS PACKAGE MODELING

Discussion was tabled.

BIRD128: ALLOW AMI_PARAMETERS_OUT TO PASS AMI_PARAMETERS_IN DATA ON CALLS TO AMI_GETWAVE

Discussion was tabled.

BIRD129: ADD "POLARITY" ARGUMENT TO D_TO_A CONVERTERS

Discussion was tabled.

BIRD 131: IBIS-AMI REPEATERS

Discussion was tabled.

BIRD147: BACK-CHANNEL SUPPORT

Discussion was tabled.

IBISCHK5 BUG STATUS

Discussion was deferred due to time limitations.

TSCHK2 BUG STATUS

Discussion was deferred due to time limitations.

NEW TECHNICAL ISSUES

None.

NEXT MEETING

The next IBIS Open Forum teleconference will be held January 6, 2011 from 8:00 to 10:00 AM US Pacific Time. Votes on BIRD133, BIRD140.2 and BIRD148 are scheduled.

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Advanced Micro Devices	Producer	Inactive	-	Х	-	-
Agilent Technologies	User	Active	-	X	-	X
Altera	Producer	Inactive	-	-	-	-
ANSYS	User	Active	Χ	Χ	Χ	-
Apple Computer	User	Inactive	-	-	-	-
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Cisco Systems	User	Inactive	Χ	-	-	-
Ericsson	Producer	Active	X	Χ	Χ	Χ
Foxconn Technology Group	Producer	Inactive	-	-	X	-
Freescale	Producer	Inactive	-	Χ	-	-
Green Streak Programs	General Interest	Inactive	-	-	-	-
Huawei Technologies	Producer	Inactive	Χ	-	-	-
IBM	Producer	Active	-	-	Χ	Χ
Infineon Technologies AG	Producer	Inactive	-	-	-	-
Intel Corp.	Producer	Active	Χ	-	Χ	Χ
IO Methodology	User	Active	Χ	-	Χ	X
LSI	Producer	Inactive	-	-	-	Χ
Mentor Graphics	User	Active	-	Χ	-	Χ
Micron Technology	Producer	Inactive	-	-	-	Χ
Nokia Siemens Networks	Producer	Inactive	Χ	-	-	Χ
QLogic	Producer	Inactive	-	-	-	-
Signal Integrity Software	User	Inactive	-	-	-	Χ
Sigrity	User	Active	X	-	Χ	Χ
Synopsys	User	Inactive	X	-	-	_
Teraspeed Consulting	General Interest	Active	X	Χ	Χ	Χ
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Toshiba	Producer	Inactive	-	X	-	_
Xilinx	Producer	Inactive	-	-	-	_
ZTE	User	Inactive	X	-	-	_
Zuken	User	Inactive	-	X	-	_

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