**IBIS Open Forum Minutes**

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Meeting Location: **Taipei, Taiwan**

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The bridge numbers for future IBIS teleconferences are as follows:

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**OFFICIAL OPENING**

The Asian IBIS Summit took place on Friday, November 13, 2015 at the Sherwood Hotel in Taipei. About 73 people representing 30 organizations attended.

The notes below capture some of the content and discussions. The meeting presentations and other documents are available at:

<http://www.ibis.org/summits/nov15b/>

Mike LaBonte welcomed participants on behalf of the IBIS Open Forum and convened the meeting, noting that only technical presentations would be on the agenda, and there would be no voting.

Mike continued by thanking the co-sponsors: IO Methodology, Keysight Technologies and Synopsys.

**IBIS CHAIR’S REPORT**

Mike LaBonte (Signal Integrity Software (SiSoft), USA)

Mike LaBonte described the activities of the IBIS Open Forum including its various specifications and formal standards, as well as the passage of IBIS 6.1. He introduced the new IBIS website and gave information on how to participate in IBIS activities. Mike said one of his goals as chair is to reduce the time that some BIRDs remain unresolved.

**INTRODUCING IBIS VERSION 6.1**

Michael Mirmak (Intel Corporation, USA)

[Presented by Mike LaBonte (Signal Integrity Software (SiSoft), USA)]

Mike LaBonte gave a brief overview of the major changes in IBIS Version 6.1, covering both the AMI and traditional IBIS portions.  For the IBIS-AMI areas, model dependencies are supported, PAM4 is included, and bi-directionality is explicitly included. For traditional IBIS, initial delays are explicitly defined to assist with overclocking, and clarifications are made to package diagonals and package pin assignments for power delivery.

**ENABLING FULL POWER-AWARE BUS SIMULATION WITH NON-IBIS DEVICE MODEL – A KIT USING IBIS [EXTERNAL MODEL]**

Skipper Liang (Cadence Design Systems, ROC)

Skipper Liang presented template IBIS files crafted to easily allow the use of [External Circuits]s implementing an entire complex DDR circuit to be analyzed in SPICE, not just a single buffer in a traditional IBIS simulation. Templates for both read and write modes are provided, with a [Model Selector] to choose between them. The template IBIS files need to have the correct voltages set for each application. The read mode SPICE circuits require only the addition of a 1:1 voltage dependent voltage source to isolate the SPICE circuit from any load produced by the IBIS input buffer.

**A PRACTICAL DOE APPLICATION IN STATISTICAL SI ANALYSIS USING IBIS & HOW CAN WE MAKE IBIS WORK BEYOND BEST CASE/WORST CASE?**

Feng Shi\*, Anders Ekholm\*\*, Zilwan Mahmod\*\* and David Zhang\* (Ericsson, \*PRC, \*\*Sweden)

[Presented by Feng Shi (Ericsson, PRC)]

Feng Shi gave a brief overview of design of experiments (DOE) methodology in the context of a specific example of finding acceptable network topology and other settings using very fast response surface model technology. Step by step elimination of settings that did not matter much and settings that produced unacceptable results led to eye diagrams that were reasonably open in best and worst cases. She concluded by saying that engineers should increasingly use statistical/probability methods and that IBIS should allow for parameters that are expressed with confidence interval ranges and not only as “100% confidence” values.

**IBIS INTERCONNECT BIRD UPDATE**

Walter Katz (Signal Integrity Software (SiSoft), USA)

[Presented by Mike LaBonte (Signal Integrity Software (SiSoft), USA)]

Mike LaBonte gave an overview of the new IBIS [Interconnect Model] syntax proposed to allow IBIS-ISS subcircuits to be used as both on-die and package interconnect models. Mike showed a number of examples illustrating that broadband S-parameter models in Touchstone format would be supported, as well as diverse subsets of models for on-die and package interconnect, for signal nets and for power nets. Model makers would not be constrained to produce a single model for the whole device and could directly use the various circuits they already have on hand.

**PAM4 SYSTEM SIMULATION USING AMI MODELS**

Fangyi Rao (Keysight Technologies, USA)

[Presented by Ming-Chih Lin (Keysight Technologies, ROC)]

Ming-Chih Lin presented an introduction to Pulse Amplitude Modulation 4 (PAM4) signaling, how it differs from Non-Return to Zero (NRZ) signaling, and the implementation of PAM4 in IBIS-AMI.

**SOME RESULTS FOR GENERAL K-TABLE EXTRACTION PROPOSAL USING SPICE**

Bob Ross\* and Xuefeng Chen\*\* (\*Teraspeed Labs, USA, \*\*Synopsys, PRC)

[Presented by Lance Wang (IO Methodology, USA)]

Lance Wang showed how to use SPICE to prototype the generation of IBIS K-table data. This approach is based on the standard push-pull IBIS model approach, where power is fixed, not variable.  The approach assumes fixed C\_comp and known pin R, L, and C information.  The approach also assumes iterative or looped feedback to convergence.  This requires SPICE features that are not universal (not part of IBIS-ISS), such as tables and feedback loops.  Source code for SPICE was shown, including transmission line loads and pulse (step) stimulus patterns.

Lance noted that generalized C\_comp can be supported, but any series R must be de-embedded.  A K-amplifier will adjust to zero out the difference between the load and the voltage at the sense point.  An alternative is to derive an IBIS model at the C\_comp subcircuit terminal with appropriate K-tables.

Lance showed several examples, including the standard IBIS ideal ramp, and reactive fixtures (L, C).  The unstable case involves a package subcircuit alone, with no C\_comp model but Lpkg and Cpkg defined and non-zero.  The voltage out requires a discontinuity to cover the continuous slope and both reactive elements.  S-parameter testing did in fact work, but only for delay-less structures.  Feedback multiplier values did not have an impact.  Having large L and C values are unlikely to generate smooth transitions in any case; the test may be unrealistic.  The entire scheme fails for t-line models due to delays in the feedback loops.

**IBIS SIMULATION CASE STUDY: UNEXPECTED GLITCH AND USING C\_FIXTURE**

Lance Wang (IO Methodology, USA)

Lance Wang presented simulation results showing artifacts that were dependent on the simulation time step used. The possible causes were explored, and it was found that not using C\_fixture for SPICE extraction or making certain modifications to extracted IBIS V/T curves could lessen the artifacts. Lance reported that it appears some IBIS simulators completely ignore C\_fixture values in IBIS files.

**LAPLACE TRANSFORM TIME RESPONSE UTILITY**

Bob Ross (Teraspeed Labs, USA)

[Presented by Anders Ekholm (Ericsson, Sweden)]

Anders Ekholm showed the spreadsheet utility produced by Bob Ross, explaining how it works and showing examples of the step responses produced by various Laplace input coefficients. The utility is fast and easy to use, but it requires some knowledge of Laplace transforms.

**DISCUSSION**

A number of topics were discussed over the course of the remaining hour. Participants were polled regarding their use of IBIS-AMI models, with a significant number responding that they are using IBIS-AMI. A smaller number were using Touchstone models. There were questions and discussion about model quality. It was suggested that model makers should more often pursue correlation checking, and that ibischk should be used more consistently before delivering models. Mike LaBonte gave an overview of important IBIS website pages, explaining the BIRD process for changing IBIS, and how to become involved.

**CLOSING REMARKS**

Mike LaBonte thanked the co-sponsors, presenters and attendees for their participation and support. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next IBIS Open Forum teleconference meeting will be held November 20, 2015. The following IBIS Open Forum teleconference meeting will be held December 18, 2015. The Asian IBIS Summit in Tokyo will be held November 16, 2015. No teleconferences will be available for the Summit meetings.

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<http://www.ibis.org/bugs/tschk/>   
<http://www.ibis.org/bugs/tschk/bugform.txt>

The BUG Report Form for icmchk resides along with reported BUGs at:

<http://www.ibis.org/bugs/icmchk/>   
<http://www.ibis.org/bugs/icmchk/icm_bugform.txt>

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<http://www.ibis.org/bugs/s2ibis/bugs2i.txt>   
<http://www.ibis.org/bugs/s2ibis2/bugs2i2.txt>   
<http://www.ibis.org/bugs/s2iplt/bugsplt.txt>

Information on IBIS technical contents, IBIS participants and actual IBIS models are available on the IBIS Home page:

<http://www.ibis.org/>

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<http://www.ibis.org/directory.html>

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| **Organization** | **Interest Category** | **Standards Ballot Voting Status** | **October 23, 2015** | **October 28, 2015** | **November 9, 2015** | **November 13, 2015** |
| Altera | Producer | Active | X | X | X | - |
| ANSYS | User | Inactive | X | - | - | - |
| Applied Simulation Technology | User | Inactive | - | - | - | - |
| Avago Technologies | Producer | Inactive | - | - | - | - |
| Cadence Design Systems | User | Active | X | - | X | X |
| Cisco Systems | User | Inactive | - | - | X | - |
| CST | User | Inactive | - | - | - | - |
| Ericsson | Producer | Active | - | - | X | X |
| Huawei Technologies | Producer | Inactive | - | - | X | - |
| IBM | Producer | Inactive | - | X | - | - |
| Infineon Technologies AG | Producer | Inactive | - | - | - | - |
| Intel Corp. | Producer | Inactive | - | X | - | X |
| IO Methodology | User | Active | X | - | X | X |
| Keysight Technologies | User | Active | X | X | X | X |
| Maxim Integrated Products | Producer | Inactive | X | - | - | - |
| Mentor Graphics | User | Inactive | X | X | - | - |
| Micron Technology | Producer | Inactive | X | - | - | - |
| Signal Integrity Software | User | Active | X | X | X | X |
| Synopsys | User | Active | X | X | X | - |
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| Toshiba | Producer | Inactive | - | - | - | - |
| Xilinx | Producer | Inactive | - | - | - | - |
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