IBIS Model as De-Facto Standard

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When do you do SI simulation by using same IBIS model but different SI simulators, do you think the results will be same?

I did an experiment.
The experiments.

Using Same circuit

- \( F = 530 \text{MHz} \)
- \( R = 100 \Omega \)
- \( Z_o = 40 \Omega \)
- Length = 0.2mm
The experiments.

Different SI simulators

Using

Same IBIS

Compare the Results
Compare point

Compare the voltage of cross point

900 ps @ 0.75 V
The Results

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The results are all different
The Results

Simulator A

Simulator B

Simulator C

Simulator D
The Results

All of 6 simulator’s results are different!!

(MAX 160mV difference)
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What can I believe?
We are in era of

Can get IBIS model easily

Can trust IBIS model

Many Thanks for JEITA

IBIS Quality Framework
But,
In order to use IBIS model as real **de-facto standard**, Now, we may need to have

The quality framework for SI simulators
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Many thanks for helping to do the experiment.

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Epilogue

I did another experiment.

Same IBIS and same SI simulator but different Engineer.

The result was.......
The result was……

Different!

Engineer Mr. A

Engineer Mr. B

Engineer’s skill makes the result difference
Today, IBIS model is getting to be real de-facto standard.

Every body can get good IBIS.

So many engineers (From beginner to expert) are using IBIS model.

But, SI simulator is not magical tool yet.
It still depends on engineer’s skill.

We need
- GOOD IBIS and GOOD TOOL
- GOOD Engineer and GOOD support.