High Bandwidth Memory Cube (HBM) Memory Model

Overview

Memory is a major part of every electronic product. Every system on chip (SoC) contains embedded memories and must also interface with external memory components. The operation of these interfaces impacts both SoC functionality and performance, making memory interface verification a crucial step in the SoC development process.

Cadence® Memory Models are the gold standard for memory interface verification. Used by more than 500 customers, Cadence Memory Models provide support for 6,500 memories spanning 60 memory interface types and 85 memory manufacturers.

Vendor Certification

Memory models for commercial memory components are based on the manufacturer’s datasheets and are then provided to the manufacturer for certification. This closed-loop quality control process means that you can trust your simulation results. Models for new external memory standards that do not yet have commercial component providers and models for internal memory standards are based upon the specifications provided by the controlling standards body, such as JEDEC, ONFi, and SD Association. Cadence works closely with our early-adopter customers to ensure the quality of these models.

Accurate Timing Analysis

When memory models represent actual memory chips and modules, the memory models include full timing parameters that support accurate gate-level simulations. Timing specs are conveniently displayed in the PureView tool and can be overridden for what-if analysis.

Second Source Evaluation

Memory models are inserted into a testbench as generic models that are then associated with a personality file to represent a specific component. This makes it easy to do second-source evaluation of memory components.
**Specification Support**

The HBM Memory Model VIP supports single-channel implementation version of the HBM DRAM specification, and can be used 8 times to model a single 8-channel device.

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**Key Features**

- I/O signals and buses: data, control, address
- Initialization sequence and skip initialization
- Mode Registers: The command is used to load the Mode Registers of the HBM device.
- Support for 1GB, 2GB, and 4GB legacy modes
- The stack ID (SID) acts as a bank address bit in command execution.
- Implements internal HBM state machine and performs specified timing checks.
- Device density support: The model supports a wide range of device densities.
- All bank, per-bank and self-refresh. Refresh timing check.

- Clocking and reset
- Initialization sequence and skip initialization
- Activate and precharge commands
- Support for pseudo channel mode - 2GB, 4GB, 8GB
- Support for some IEEE 1500/DFT features: LFSR, Lane repair.
- Data Width: 128-bit wide data bus. Pseudo channel mode with 64-bit data. DDR.
- Differential ck/rdqs/wdqs