



AUTOMATED VACUUM CLEANER USING VLSI DESIGN

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ABSTRACT

The first attempts to provide a mechanical solution to floor cleaning were begun in England in 1599. Before vacuum cleaners, rugs were hung over a wall or line and hit repeatedly with a carpet beater to pound out as much dirt as possible. The Project deals with development of an automated vacuum cleaner that monitors various parameters such as dust availability, space limit, presence of light and obstacle[4] detection. The Space can be measured using a servobot. A System on Chip is developed for the same using VLSI Design and a Verilog code[7] is written for the same. The code is simulated on XILINX tool and Altera Quartus II. Also the synthesized output is observed for the desired System On Chip.

KEYWORDS: SoC, Servobot, Xilinx.

I. INTRODUCTION

Vacuum cleaners, which are used in homes as well as in industry, exist in a variety of sizes and models—small battery-powered hand-held devices, wheeled canister models for home use, domestic central vacuum cleaners, huge stationary industrial appliances that can handle several hundred litres of dust before being emptied, and self-propelled vacuum trucks for recovery of large spills or removal of contaminated soil. Specialized shop vacuums can be used to suck up both dust and liquids. System on Chip [1] is one such emerging methodology where the components of a computer or other electronic systems are integrated into a single chip. High performance, good process technology, size reduction, efficient battery life time and cost effectiveness result in use of System on Chip design [7] and help in achieving highest level of integration. Due to complexity, designers had to come up with higher level of design abstraction [5].

Due to consumer demands for cost effectiveness and high performance, multiple complex components into a single chip are integrated by a semiconductor manufacturing industry. The requirement for a greater telecommanding capability and efficiency arises with the increased complexity of the remotely located physical devices.

II. HISTORY OF VACUUM CLEANER

On June 8, 1869, [2] Chicago inventor, Ives McGaffey patented a "sweeping machine". This was the first patent for a device that cleaned rugs, however, it was not a motorized vacuum cleaner. McGaffey called his machine the Whirlwind and it was the first hand-pumped vacuum cleaner in the United States, a wood and canvas contraption.

III. DESIGN OF VACUUM CLEANER

A) Block Diagram of SoC for Vacuum Cleaner

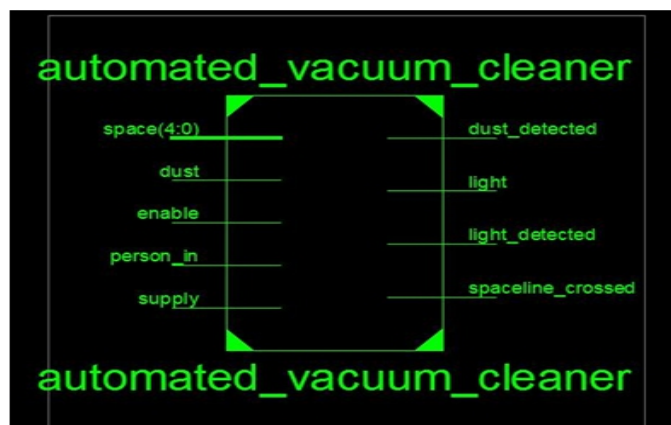


Fig.1 SoC for Vacuum Cleaner

B) Dust Sensors in Vacuum Cleaner. [6]

A vacuum cleaner with a dust sensor comprising a light-emitting element and a light-receiving element for receiving light emitted from the light emitting element. The dust sensor is provided in a suction passage between a suction nozzle and a dust collector of the vacuum cleaner for detecting dust in air drawn through the suction nozzle to generate a current corresponding to the detection result. A manual switch decreases sensitivity to dust detection while a rotatable cleaning member.

This prevents variations in dust detection from influencing operation of the rotatable cleaning member.

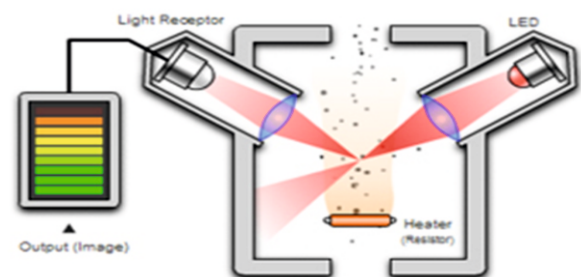


Fig.2 Optical Dust Sensor

Description known is a vacuum cleaner with a dust sensor provided in an air passage between a suction opening and a dust collecting device. When dust is included in the drawn air, the dust sensor senses the dust and indicates the presence of the dust by means of an indication lamp, for example, and heightens the rotational speed of an electrical blower for a predetermined time period.

However, for adequate cleaning, the adjustment of the sensitivity of the dust sensor is required in accordance with the kind of object to be cleaned by vacuum cleaner.

For example, when cleaning a shaggy carpet, the dust detection sensitivity is required to be lowered as compared with the sensitivity for a board floor, because the dust sensor tends to detect the pile of the shaggy carpet as dust.

C) Obstacle Detection In Vacuum Cleaner

Obstacle detection is an important task for many mobile robot applications. Most mobile robots rely on range data for obstacle detection. Popular sensors for range-based obstacle detection systems include ultrasonic sensors, laser range finders, radar, stereo vision, optical flow, and depth focus.

A real-time obstacle avoidance method for mobile robots which has been developed and implemented is described. This method, named the vector field histogram (VFH), permits the detection of unknown obstacles and avoids collisions

while simultaneously steering the mobile robot toward the target. The VFH method uses a two-dimensional Cartesian histogram grid as a world model. This world model is updated continuously with range data sampled by onboard range sensors. The VFH method subsequently uses a two-stage data-reduction process to compute the desired control commands for the vehicle. Experimental results from a mobile robot traversing densely cluttered obstacle courses in smooth and continuous motion and at an average speed of 0.6-0.7 m/s are shown.[9]

D) Survobot Implementation [10]

The purpose of this system is to how it helps to trounce the limitations of conventional land surveying methods. The construction and working of Survobot is explained below.

I) Construction The Survobot as seen in figure is a 2 wheeled robot which has an omni-directional wheel attached to the front portion. The body material of the robot is made of ply wood which is of 12mm thickness, having dimensions of 15 x 5 inches.

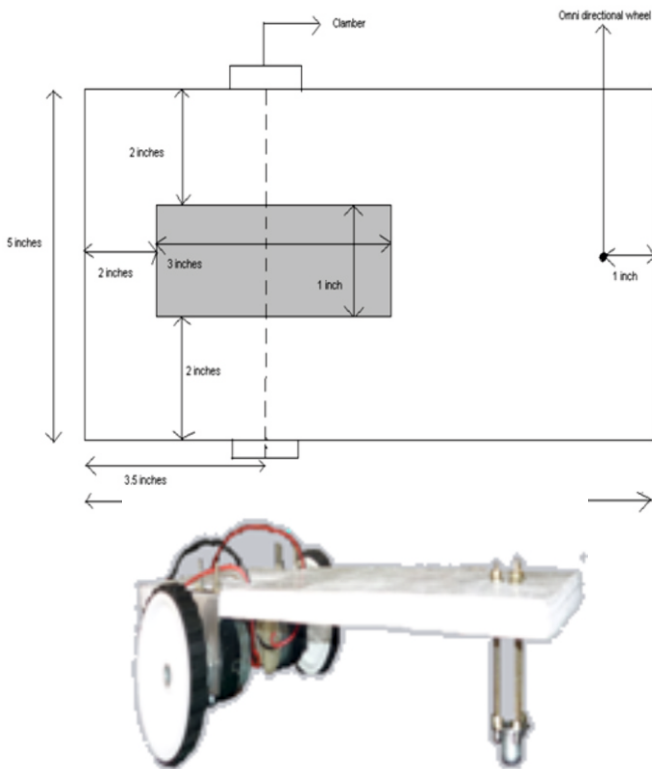


Fig.4 Side view of the Chasis

Here, the ply wood of such a dimension is used to neatly place the micro controller which provides the control mechanism, Zigbee module for transmission and the various drivers used to driver their respective motors. Also it provides a suitable space to insert the marker used in subdivision of plot. We have a rectangular slot of dimension 3 x 1 inches which has been cut in as shown in figure. This slot serves as an opening wherein we place a marker that will be later used, when we have to divide the plot into subplot. In the front portion on the Survobot, three holes are drilled 1 inch from the side of the ply wood, which is used to hold the omni directional wheel using three screws. Here this omni directional wheel is used to provide direction to the Survobot, that is, it enables the robot to take turns at an easier pace. At the rear end, pair of clampers is connected at opposite sides. It is used to hold the chassis wheels and the DC motors onto the plywood. The geared DC motors is used to provide controlled motion for the Survobot.

ii) Control Mechanism

For area measurement and sub-division of plots there is a need to control the motor appropriately.

To control the Survobot's movement in appropriate direction, a controlled operation of wheels and geared DC motor is required. The condition of motors under various movements

1) Forward motion: Forward motion is obtained by connecting the motors to power so that both motors make the wheels move forward. Motor M1 is connected to the power supply to turn the motor in positive direction; motor M is connected to the power in reverse.

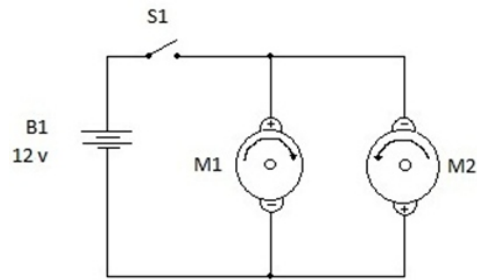


Fig.5 Forward motion

2) Backward motion: Backward motion is obtained by connecting the motors to power so that both motors make the wheels move backward.

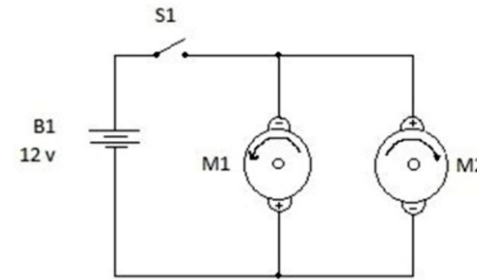


Fig. 6 Backward Motion

E) Light Sensor [8]

The APDS-9003 is a low cost analog-output ambient light photo sensor in miniature chipLED lead-surface mount package. It consists of a spectrally suited photo sensor, which provides excellent responsivity that is close to the response of human eyes. The APDS-9003 is ideal for applications in which the measurement of ambient light is used to control display backlighting.

Mobile appliances such as the mobile phones and PDAs that draw heavy current from display backlighting will benefit from incorporating these photo sensor products in their designs by reducing power consumption significantly.

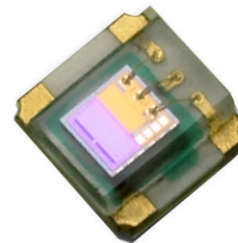


Fig.7 APDS-9003 Light Sensor

IV. SIMULATION RESULTS

In order to experimentally verify the proposed scheme, the desired System on Chip components are implemented in Xilinx 14.7 and Altera Quartus II Softwares. The algorithm is described in VHDL code[6][7][8]. The code is tested for data input of 8 bits and synthesized for SPARTAN 6 FPGA[3] Devices and Spartan 6 FPGA[3] Devices and on Cadence Tool.

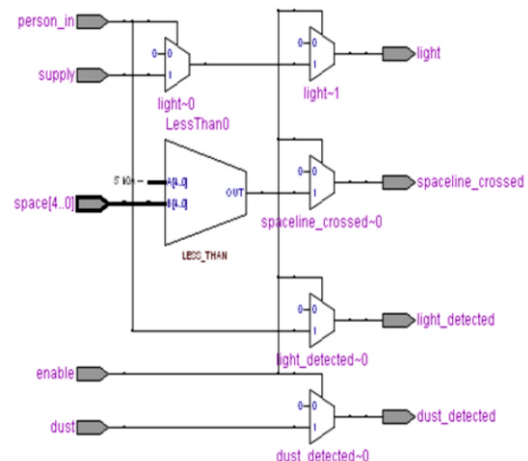


Fig.8 Top level Entity for Vacuum Cleaner SOC

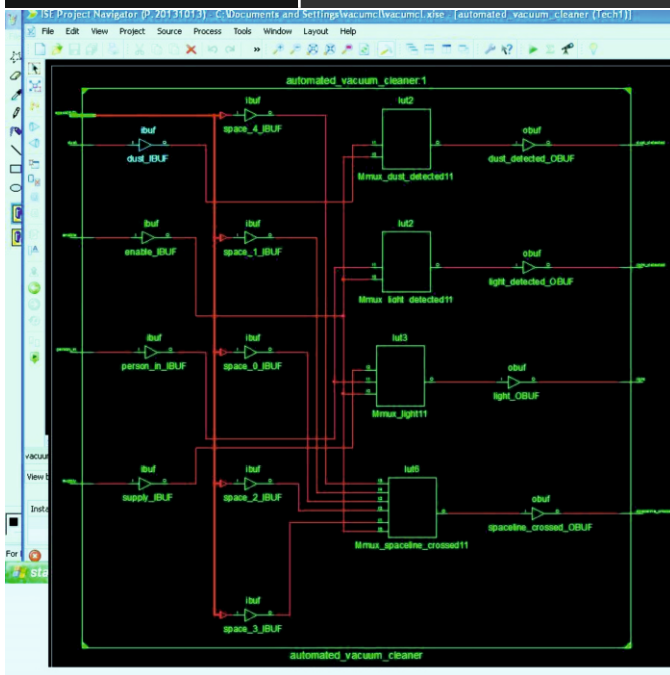


Fig.9Top level Entity for Vacuum Cleaner SoC

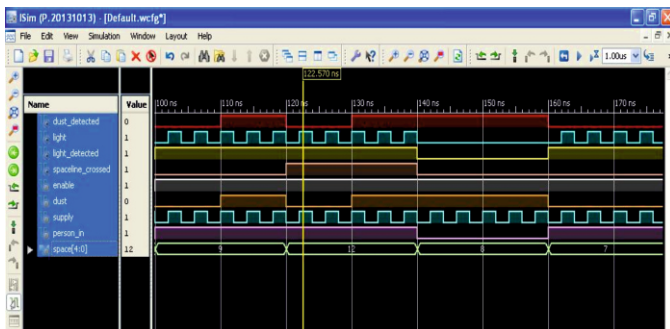


Fig.10 Simulation result of Top level RTL

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Timing Report

NOTE: THESE TIMING NUMBERS ARE ONLY A SYNTHESIS ESTIMATE.
FOR ACCURATE TIMING INFORMATION PLEASE REFER TO THE TRACE REPORT
GENERATED AFTER PLACE-and-ROUTE.

Clock Information:
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No clock signals found in this design

Asynchronous Control Signals Information:
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No asynchronous control signals found in this design

Timing Summary:
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Speed Grade: -3

Minimum period: No path found
Minimum input arrival time before clock: No path found
Maximum output required time after clock: No path found
Maximum combinational path delay: 5.622ns

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Fig.11 Timing Report1

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Timing Details:
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All values displayed in nanoseconds (ns)

Timing constraint: Default path analysis
Total number of paths / destination ports: 13 / 4

Delay: 5.622ns (Levels of Logic = 3)
Source: enable (PAD)
Destination: spaceline_crossed (PAD)

Data Path: enable to spaceline_crossed
Cell:in->out fanout Gate Delay Net Delay Logical Name (Net Name)
IBUF:I->O 4 1.222 1.048 enable_IBUF (enable_IBUF)
LUT6:I0->O 1 0.203 0.579 Mux_spaceline_crossed11 (spaceline_crossed)
OBUF:I->O 2.571 spaceline_crossed_OBUF (spaceline_crossed)
Total 5.622ns (3.996ns logic, 1.626ns route)
(71.1% logic, 28.9% route)

Cross Clock Domains Report:
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Fig.12 Timing Report2

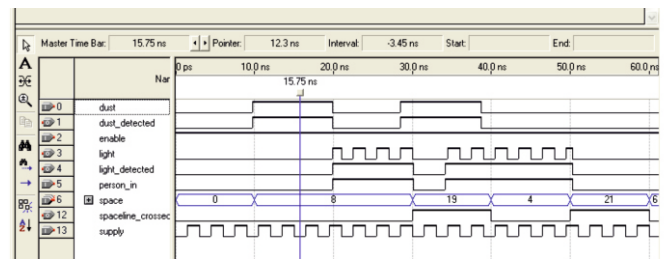


Fig. 13 Simulation Results of Vacuum Cleaner in Quartus II

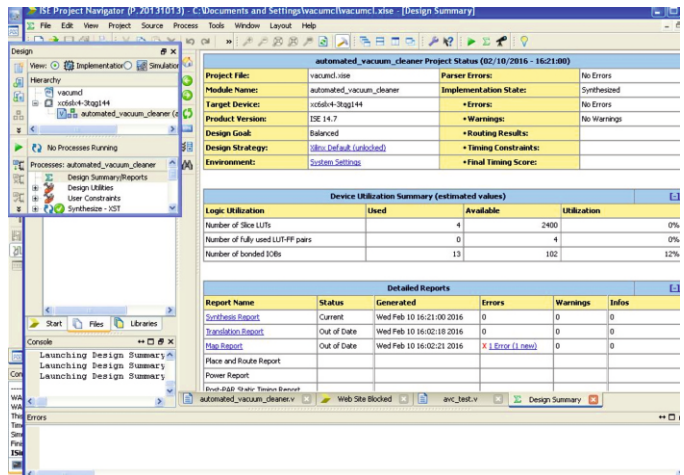


Fig. 14 Spartan 6 device utilization summary for SoC

IV. CONCLUSIONS

The role of the SoC designer is to integrate different components onto a single chip to implement complex functions instead of implementing each of these components separately. The simulation of each system is done separately and then integrated to produce final output. Design Summary and synthesized output is generated for the same using XILINX Tool and Altera Quartus II.

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