

# Introduction: GreenArrays Status and some Relevant Modules

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### Today's Topics

- Status and Relevant modules Greg (15)
- EVB001 Studio Stefan Mauerhofer (30)
- Binaural obstacle detection Daniel Kalny (60)
  - Bat-inspired binaural obstacle detection is a biomimetic approach to building maps for mobile robots. Daniel will show how to implement it in GreenArrays chips. His presentaion will include introduction to a gaussian mixture model, useful programing tips for GA144, and a live demo.
- Sunrise Project (AN019, 020) Greg (15)

#### **GreenArrays Status**

- 2015-16 Sunrise design exercise
  - Successful first prototype
  - Product cancelled, more than customers required
- 2017 Efforts
  - Moving software development environment to run on the chip itself
  - Considering our own chip-consuming products

#### **Relevant Modules**

- Used in the work presented today
- Covered in recently published materials
  - AB006: Transparent Port Bridge
  - AN017: Ganglia Mark 2
  - AB005: Delay Lines (or buffers)
  - AN002: Simple Oscillators



#### AB006: Transparent Port Bridge

- Purpose: Connect two GA144s to look like a double sized chip
- Transparent: Looks like 400.UP on one chip is connected to 400.UP on the other
- Flow control implemented in this version
- Implementation: 2-wire sync between 300s
- Setup: Boot 2<sup>nd</sup> chip 300, set same code in 300 of 1<sup>st</sup> chip.

### AN017: Ganglia Mark 2

- Extends message format of Ganglia to handle arbitrary number of path segments
- Can reach across port bridge into 2<sup>nd</sup> chip
- array-Forth 3 uses this to implement internal IDE from inside polyFORTH on chip
- Path is created and destroyed for each transaction
- No path crossing issues

### AB005: Delay Lines (or buffers)

- Needed 1920 word FIFO buffer
- Chain 30 nodes as single large buffer
- No room for code in nodes
- No time to pump 30 nodes of code in stream
- Store instructions on stack
- Push 3 words in one end (2 instr 1 data)
- Receive 3 words other end (2 instr 1 data)

### AN002: Simple Oscillators

- Previous work with crystals could not excite high freq high q crystals (loop granularity). We were only able to excite 10MHz with 20 turn pot varying V<sub>DD</sub>
- Stefan tried Bresenham interpolation to give average periods in 1/64 loop iterations
- Crystal is able to filter this crummy, phase jittery signal and take excitation!
- We now routinely design with 9 and 10 MHz crystals from pin to ground.

For More Information on GreenArrays and These Modules

- Primary Website
  - <u>http://www.greenarraychips.com</u>
- Announcement Blog
  - Technical <u>http://www.greenarraychips.com/blog2</u>
- Tech Support on e-mail, Skype, Phone



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