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FLASH-DRAM HYBRID MEMORY MODULE

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Flash-DRAM Hybrid Memory Module

PRIORITY CLAIM

[0001] This application claims the benefit of provisional patent application serial no. 61/512,871, filed July 28, 2011, titled "HIGH-DENSITY DIMMS", and is a continuation-in-part (CIP) of US patent application serial no. 12/240,916, filed September 29, 2008, titled "NON-VOLATILE MEMORY MODULE", the contents of both of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

TECHNICAL FIELD

[0002] The present disclosure relates generally to computer memory devices, and more particularly, to devices that employ different types of memory devices such as combinations of Flash and random access memories.

BACKGROUND

[0003] As technology advances and the usage of portable computing devices, such as tablet notebook computers, increases, more data needs to be transferred among data centers and to/from end users. In many cases, data centers are built by clustering multiple servers that are networked to increase performance.

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[0004] Although there are many types of networked servers that are specific to the types applications envisioned, the basic concept is generally to increase server performance by dynamically allocating computing and storage resources. In recent years, server technology has evolved to be specific to particular applications such as 'finance transactions' (for example, point-of-service, inter-bank transaction, stock market transaction), 'scientific computation' (for example, fluid dynamic for automobile and ship design, weather prediction, oil and gas expeditions), 'medical diagnostics' (for example, diagnostics based on the fuzzy logic, medical data processing), 'simple information sharing and searching' (for example, web search, retail store website, company home page), 'email' (information distribution and archive), 'security service', 'entertainment' (for example, video-on-demand), and so on. However, all of these applications suffer from the same information transfer bottleneck due to the inability of a high speed CPU (central processing unit) to efficiently transfer data in and out of relatively slower speed storage or memory subsystems, particularly since data transfers typically pass through the CPU input/output (I/O) channels.

[0005] The data transfer limitations by the CPU are exemplified by the arrangement shown in FIG. 1, and apply to data transfers between main storage (for example the hard disk (HD) or solid state drive (SSD) and the memory subsystems (for example DRAM DIMM (Dynamic Random Access Memory Dual In-line Memory Module) connected to the front side bus (FSB)). In arrangements such as that of FIG. 1, the SSD/HD and DRAM DIMM of a conventional memory arrangement are connected to the CPU via separate memory control ports (not shown). FIG. 1 specifically shows, through the double-headed arrow, the data flow path between the computer or server main storage (SSD/HD) to the DRAM DIMMs. Since the SSD/HD data I/O and the DRAM DIMM data I/O are controlled by the CPU, the CPU needs to allocate its process

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cycles to control these I/Os, which may include the IRQ (Interrupt Request) service which the CPU performs periodically. As will be appreciated, the more time a CPU allocates to controlling the data transfer traffic, the less time the CPU has to perform other tasks. Therefore, the overall performance of a server will deteriorate with the increased amount of time the CPU has to expend in performing data transfer.

[0006] There have been various approaches to increase the data transfer throughput rates from/to the main storage, such as SSD/HD, to local storage, such as DRAM DIMM. In one example as illustrated in FIG. 2, EcoRAM™ developed by Spansion provides a storage SSD based system that assumes a physical form factor of a DIMM . The EcoRAM™ is populated with Flash memories and a relatively small memory capacity using DRAMs which serve as a data buffer. This arrangement is capable of delivering higher throughput rate than a standard SSD based system since the EcoRAM™ is connected to the CPU (central processing unit) via a high speed interface, such as the HT (Hyper Transport) interface, while an SSD/HD is typically connected via SATA (serial AT attachment), USB (universal serial bus), or PCI Express (peripheral component interface express). For example, the read random access throughput rate of EcoRAM™ is near 3GB/s compared with 400MB/s for a NAND SSD memory subsystem using the standard PCI Express-based. This is a 7.5X performance improvement. However, the performance improvement for write random access throughput rate is less than 2X (197MBs for the EcoRAM vs. 104MBs for NAND SSD). This is mainly due to the fact that the write speed is cannot be faster than the NAND Flash write access time. Figure 2 is an example of EcoRAM™ using SSD with the form factor of a standard DIMM such that it can be connected to the FSB (front side bus). However, due to the interface protocol difference between DRAM and Flash, an interface device, EcoRAM Accelerator™), which occupies one of the server's CPU sockets is

used, and hence further reducing server's performance by reducing the number of available CPU sockets available, and in turn reducing the overall computation efficiency. The server's performance will further suffer due to the limited utilization of the CPU bus due to the large difference in the data transfer throughput rate between read and write operations.

[0007] The EcoRAM™ architecture enables the CPU to view the Flash DIMM controller chip as another processor with a large size of memory available for CPU access.

[0008] In general, the access speed of a Flash based system is limited by four items: the read/write speed of the Flash memory, the CPU's FSB bus speed and efficiency, the Flash DIMM controller's inherent latency, and the HT interconnect speed and efficiency which is dependent on the HT interface controller in the CPU and Flash DIMM controller chip.

[0009] The published results indicate that these shortcomings are evident in that the maximum throughput rate is 1.56 GBs for the read operation and 104 MBs for the write operation. These access rates are 25% of the DRAM read access speed, and 1.7% of the DRAM access speed at 400MHz operation. The disparity in the access speed (15 to 1) between the read operation and write operation highlight a major disadvantage of this architecture. The discrepancy of the access speed between this type of architecture and JEDEC standard DRAM DIMM is expected to grow wider as the DRAM memory technology advances much faster than the Flash memory.

OVERVIEW

[0010] Described herein is a memory module couplable to a memory controller of a host system. The memory module includes a non-volatile memory subsystem, a data manager coupled to the non-volatile memory subsystem, a volatile memory subsystem coupled to the data manager and operable to exchange data with the non-volatile memory subsystem by way of the data manager, and a controller operable to receive commands from the memory controller and to direct (i) operation of the non-volatile memory subsystem, (ii) operation of the volatile memory subsystem, and (iii) transfer of data between any two or more of the memory controller, the volatile memory subsystem, and the non-volatile memory subsystem based on at least one received command from the memory controller.

[0011] Also described herein is a method for managing a memory module by a memory controller, the memory module including volatile and non-volatile memory subsystems. The method includes receiving control information from the memory controller, wherein the control information is received using a protocol of the volatile memory subsystem. The method further includes identifying a data path to be used for transferring data to or from the memory module using the received control information, and using a data manager and a controller of the memory module to transfer data between any two or more of the memory controller, the volatile memory subsystem, and the non-volatile memory subsystem based on at least one of the received control information and the identified data path.

[0012] Also described herein is a memory module wherein the data manager is operable to control one or more of data flow rate, data transfer size, data buffer size, data error monitoring,

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and data error correction in response to receiving at least one of a control signal and control information from the controller.

[0013] Also described herein is a memory module wherein the data manager controls data traffic between any two or more of the memory controller, the volatile memory subsystem, and the non-volatile memory subsystem based on instructions received from the controller.

[0014] Also described herein is a memory module wherein data traffic control relates to any one or more of data flow rate, data transfer size, data buffer size, data transfer bit width, formatting information, direction of data flow, and the starting time of data transfer.

[0015] Also described herein is a memory module wherein the controller configures at least one of a first memory address space of the volatile memory subsystem and a second memory address space of the non-volatile memory subsystem in response to at least one of a received command from the memory controller and memory address space initialization information of the memory module.

[0016] Also described herein is a memory module wherein the data manager is configured as a bi-directional data transfer fabric having two or more sets of data ports coupled to any one of the volatile and non-volatile memory subsystems.

[0017] Also described herein is a memory module wherein at least one of the volatile and non-volatile memory subsystems comprises one or more memory segments.

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[0018] Also described herein is a memory module wherein each memory segment comprises at least one memory circuit, memory device, or memory die.

[0019] Also described herein is a memory module wherein the volatile memory subsystem comprises DRAM memory.

[0020] Also described herein is a memory module wherein the non-volatile memory subsystem comprises flash memory.

[0021] Also described herein is a memory module wherein at least one set of data ports is operated by the data manager to independently and/or concurrently transfer data to or from one or more memory segments of the volatile or non-volatile memory subsystems.

[0022] Also described herein is a memory module wherein the data manager and controller are configured to effect data transfer between the memory controller and the non-volatile memory subsystem in response to memory access commands received by the controller from the memory controller.

[0023] Also described herein is a memory module wherein the volatile memory subsystem is operable as a buffer for the data transfer between the memory controller and non-volatile memory.

[0024] Also described herein is a memory module wherein the data manager further includes a data format module configured to format data to be transferred between any two or more of the

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memory controller, the volatile memory subsystem, and the non-volatile memory subsystem based on control information received from the controller.

[0025] Also described herein is a memory module wherein the data manager further includes a data buffer for buffering data delivered to or from the non-volatile memory subsystem.

[0026] Also described herein is a memory module wherein the controller is operable to perform one or more of memory address translation, memory address mapping, address domain conversion, memory access control, data error correction, and data width modulation between the volatile and non-volatile memory subsystems.

[0027] Also described herein is a memory module wherein the controller is configured to effect operation with the host system in accordance with a prescribed protocol.

[0028] Also described herein is a memory module wherein the prescribed protocol is selected from one or more of DDR, DDR2, DDR3, and DDR4 protocols.

[0029] Also described herein is a memory module wherein the controller is operable to configure memory space in the memory module based on at least one of a command received from the memory controller, a programmable value written into a register, a value corresponding to a first portion of the volatile memory subsystem, a value corresponding to a first portion of the non-volatile memory subsystem, and a timing value.

[0030] Also described herein is a memory module wherein the controller configures the memory space of the memory module using at least a first portion of the volatile memory subsystem and a first portion of the non-volatile memory subsystem, and the controller presents a unified memory space to the memory controller.

[0031] Also described herein is a memory module wherein the controller configures the memory space in the memory module using partitioning instructions that are application-specific.

[0032] Also described herein is a memory module wherein the controller is operable to copy booting information from the non-volatile to the volatile memory subsystem during power up.

[0033] Also described herein is a memory module wherein the controller includes a volatile memory control module, a non-volatile memory control module, data manager control module, a command interpreter module, and a scheduler module.

[0034] Also described herein is a memory module wherein commands from the volatile memory control module to the volatile memory subsystem are subordinated to commands from the memory controller to the controller.

[0035] Also described herein is a memory module wherein the controller effects pre-fetching of data from the non-volatile to the volatile memory.

[0036] Also described herein is a memory module wherein the pre-fetching is initiated by the memory controller writing an address of requested data into a register of the controller.

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[0037] Also described herein is a memory module wherein the controller is operable to initiate a copy operation of data of a closed block in the volatile memory subsystem to a target block in the non-volatile memory subsystem.

[0038] Also described herein is a memory module wherein, if the closed block is re-opened, the controller is operable to abort the copy operation and to erase the target block from the non-volatile memory subsystem.

[0039] Also described herein is a method for managing a memory module wherein the transfer of data includes a bidirectional transfer of data between the non-volatile and the volatile memory subsystems.

[0040] Also described herein is a method for managing a memory module further comprising operating the data manager to control one or more of data flow rate, data transfer size, data width size, data buffer size, data error monitoring, data error correction, and the starting time of the transfer of data.

[0041] Also described herein is a method for managing a memory module further comprising operating the data manager to control data traffic between the memory controller and at least one of the volatile and non-volatile memory subsystems.

[0042] Also described herein is a method for managing a memory module wherein data traffic control relates to any one or more of data transfer size, formatting information, direction of data flow, and the starting time of the transfer of data.

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[0043] Also described herein is a method for managing a memory module wherein data traffic control by the data manager is based on instructions received from the controller.

[0044] Also described herein is a method for managing a memory module further comprising operating the data manager as a bi-directional data transfer fabric with two or more sets of data ports coupled to any one of the volatile and non-volatile memory subsystems.

[0045] Also described herein is a method for managing a memory module wherein at least one of the volatile and non-volatile memory subsystems comprises one or more memory segments.

[0046] Also described herein is a method for managing a memory module wherein each memory segment comprises at least one memory circuit, memory device, or memory die.

[0047] Also described herein is a method for managing a memory module wherein the volatile memory subsystem comprises DRAM memory.

[0048] Also described herein is a method for managing a memory module wherein the non-volatile memory subsystem comprises Flash memory.

[0049] Also described herein is a method for managing a memory module further comprising operating the data ports to independently and/or concurrently transfer data to or from one or more memory segments of the volatile or non-volatile memory subsystems.

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[0050] Also described herein is a method for managing a memory module further comprising directing transfer of data bi-directionally between the volatile and non-volatile memory subsystems using the data manager and in response to memory access commands received by the controller from the memory controller.

[0051] Also described herein is a method for managing a memory module further comprising buffering the data transferred between the memory controller and non-volatile memory subsystem using the volatile memory subsystem.

[0052] Also described herein is a method for managing a memory module further comprising using the controller to perform one or more of memory address translation, memory address mapping, address domain conversion, memory access control, data error correction, and data width modulation between the volatile and non-volatile memory subsystems.

[0053] Also described herein is a method for managing a memory module further comprising using the controller to effect communication with a host system by the volatile memory subsystem in accordance with a prescribed protocol.

[0054] Also described herein is a method for managing a memory module wherein the prescribed protocol is selected from one or more of DDR, DDR2, DDR3, and DDR4 protocols.

[0055] Also described herein is a method for managing a memory module further comprising using the controller to configure memory space in the memory module based on at least one of a command received from the memory controller, a programmable value written into a register, a

value corresponding to a first portion of the volatile memory subsystem, a value corresponding to a first portion of the non-volatile memory subsystem, and a timing value.

[0056] Also described herein is a method for managing a memory module wherein the controller configures the memory space of the memory module using at least a first portion of the volatile memory subsystem and a first portion of the non-volatile memory subsystem, and the controller presents a unified memory space to the memory controller.

[0057] Also described herein is a method for managing a memory module wherein the controller configures the memory space in the memory module using partitioning instructions that are application-specific.

[0058] Also described herein is a method for managing a memory module further comprising using the controller to copy booting information from the non-volatile to the volatile memory subsystem during power up.

[0059] Also described herein is a method for managing a memory module wherein the controller includes a volatile memory control module, the method further comprising generating commands by the volatile memory control module in response to commands from the memory controller, and transmitting the generated commands to the volatile memory subsystem.

[0060] Also described herein is a method for managing a memory module further comprising pre-fetching of data from the non-volatile memory subsystem to the volatile memory subsystem.

[0061] Also described herein is a method for managing a memory module wherein the pre-fetching is initiated by the memory controller writing an address of requested data into a register of the controller.

[0062] Also described herein is a method for managing a memory module further comprising initiating a copy operation of data of a closed block in the volatile memory subsystem to a target block in the non-volatile memory subsystem.

[0063] Also described herein is a method for managing a memory module further comprising aborting the copy operation when the closed block of the volatile memory subsystem is re-opened, and erasing the target block in the non-volatile memory subsystem.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0064] The accompanying drawings, which are incorporated into and constitute a part of this specification, illustrate one or more examples of embodiments and, together with the description of example embodiments, serve to explain the principles and implementations of the embodiments.

[0065] In the drawings:

FIG. 1 is a block diagram illustrating the path of data transfer, via a CPU, of a conventional memory arrangement;

FIG. 2 is a block diagram of a known EcoRAM™ architecture;

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FIGS. 3A and 3B are block diagrams of a non-volatile memory DIMM or NVDIMM;

FIGS. 4A and 4B are block diagrams of a Flash-DRAM hybrid DIMM or FDHDIMM;

FIG. 5A is a block diagram of a memory module 500 in accordance with certain embodiments described herein;

FIG. 5B is a block diagram showing some functionality of a memory module such as that shown in FIG. 5A;

FIG. 6 is a block diagram showing some details of the data manager (DMgr);

FIG. 7 is a functional block diagram of the on-module controller (CDC);

FIG. 8A is a block diagram showing more details of the prior art Flash-DRAM hybrid DIMM (FDHDIMM) of FIGS. 4A and 4B;

FIG. 8B is a block diagram of a Flash-DRAM hybrid DIMM (FDHDIMM) in accordance with certain embodiments disclosed herein;

FIG. 9 is a flow diagram directed to the transfer of data from Flash memory to DRAM memory and vice versa in an exemplary FDHDIMM;

FIG. 10 is a block diagram showing an example of mapping of DRAM address space to Flash memory address space; and

FIG. 11 is a table showing estimates of the maximum allowed closed blocks in a queue to be written back to Flash memory for different DRAM densities using various average block use time.

DESCRIPTION OF EXAMPLE EMBODIMENTS

[0066] Example embodiments are described herein in the context of a system of computers, servers, controllers, memory modules, hard disk drives and software. Those of ordinary skill in the art will realize that the following description is illustrative only and is not intended to be in any way limiting. Other embodiments will readily suggest themselves to such skilled persons having the benefit of this disclosure. Reference will now be made in detail to implementations of the example embodiments as illustrated in the accompanying drawings. The same reference indicators will be used to the extent possible throughout the drawings and the following description to refer to the same or like items.

[0067] In the interest of clarity, not all of the routine features of the implementations described herein are shown and described. It will, of course, be appreciated that in the development of any such actual implementation, numerous implementation-specific decisions must be made in order to achieve the developer's specific goals, such as compliance with application- and business-related constraints, and that these specific goals will vary from one implementation to another and from one developer to another. Moreover, it will be appreciated that such a development effort might be complex and time-consuming, but would nevertheless be a routine undertaking of engineering for those of ordinary skill in the art having the benefit of this disclosure.

[0068] In accordance with this disclosure, the components, process steps, and/or data structures described herein may be implemented using various types of operating systems, computing platforms, computer programs, and/or general purpose machines. In addition, those

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of ordinary skill in the art will recognize that devices of a less general purpose nature, such as hardwired devices, field programmable gate arrays (FPGAs), application specific integrated circuits (ASICs), or the like, may also be used without departing from the scope and spirit of the inventive concepts disclosed herein. Where a method comprising a series of process steps is implemented by a computer or a machine and those process steps can be stored as a series of instructions readable by the machine, they may be stored on a tangible medium such as a computer memory device (e.g., ROM (Read Only Memory), PROM (Programmable Read Only Memory), EEPROM (Electrically Eraseable Programmable Read Only Memory), Flash memory, Jump Drive, and the like), magnetic storage medium (e.g., tape, magnetic disk drive, and the like), optical storage medium (e.g., CD-ROM, DVD-ROM, paper card, paper tape and the like) and other types of program memory.

[0069] The term "exemplary" where used herein is intended to mean "serving as an example, instance or illustration." Any embodiment described herein as "exemplary" is not necessarily to be construed as preferred or advantageous over other embodiments.

[0070] Disclosed herein are arrangements for improving memory access rates and addressing the high disparity (15 to 1 ratio) between the read and write data throughput rates. In one arrangement, a Flash-DRAM-hybrid DIMM (FDHDIMM) with integrated Flash and DRAM is used. Methods for controlling such an arrangement are described.

[0071] In certain embodiments, the actual memory density (size or capacity) of the DIMM and/or the ratio of DRAM memory to Flash memory are configurable for optimal use with a particular application (for example, POS, inter-bank transaction, stock market transaction,

scientific computation such as fluid dynamics for automobile and ship design, weather prediction, oil and gas expeditions, medical diagnostics such as diagnostics based on the fuzzy logic, medical data processing, simple information sharing and searching such as web search, retail store website, company home page, email or information distribution and archive, security service, and entertainment such as video-on-demand).

[0072] In certain embodiments, the device contains a high density Flash memory with a low density DRAM, wherein the DRAM is used as a data buffer for read/write operation. The Flash serves as the main memory. Certain embodiments described herein overcome the needs of having a long separation period between an Activate command (may be referred to as RAS) and a corresponding read or write command (may be referred to as first CAS command).

[0073] In accordance with one embodiment, described with reference to FIGS. 3A and 3B, a memory system 300 includes a non-volatile (for example Flash) memory subsystem 302 and a volatile (for example DRAM) memory subsystem 304. The examples of FIGS. 3A and 3B are directed to architectures of a non-volatile DIMM (NVDIMM) NVDIMM system that may use a power subsystem (not shown) that can include a battery or a capacitor as a means for energy storage to copy DRAM memory data into Flash memory when power loss occurs, is detected, or is anticipated to occur during operation. When normal power is restored, a restore NVDIMM operation is initiated and the data stored in the Flash memory is properly restored to the DRAM memory. In this architecture, the density of the Flash is about the same as the DRAM memory size or within a few multiples, although in some applications it may be higher. This type of architecture may also be used to provide non-volatile storage that is connected to the FSB (front side bus) to support RAID (Redundant Array of Independent Disks) based systems or other type

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of operations. An NVDIMM controller 306 receives and interprets commands from the system memory controller hub (MCH). The NVDIMM controller 306 control the NVDIMM DRAM and Flash memory operations. In FIG. 3A, the DRAM 304 communicates data with the MCH, while an internal bus 308 is used for data transfer between the DRAM and Flash memory subsystems. In FIG. 3B, the NVDIMM controller 306' of NVDIMM 300' monitors events or commands and enables data transfer to occur in a first mode between the DRAM 304' and Flash 302' or in a second mode between the DRAM and the MCH.

[0074] In accordance with one embodiment, a general architecture for a Flash and DRAM hybrid DIMM (FDHDIMM) system 400 is shown in FIG. 4A. The FDHDIMM interfaces with an MCH (memory controller hub) to operate and behave as a high density DIMM, wherein the MCH interfaces with the non-volatile memory subsystem (for example Flash) 402 is controlled by an FDHDIMM controller 404. Although the MCH interfaces with the Flash via the FDHDIMM controller, the FDHDIMM overall performance is governed by the Flash access time. The volatile memory subsystem (for example DRAM) 406 is primarily used as a data buffer or a temporary storage location such that data from the Flash memory 402 is transferred to the DRAM 406 at the Flash access speed, and buffered or collected into the DRAM 406, which then transfers the buffered data to the MCH based on the access time of DRAM. Similarly, when the MCH transfers data to the DRAM 406, the FDHDIMM controller 404 manages the data transfer from the DRAM 406 to the Flash 402. Since the Flash memory access speed (both read and write) is relatively slower than DRAM, (e.g. for example a few hundred microseconds for read access), the average data throughput rate of FDHDIMM 400 is limited by the Flash access speed. The DRAM 406 serves as a data buffer stage that buffers the MCH read or write data. Thus, the DRAM 406 serves as a temporary storage for the data to be transferred from/to

the Flash 402. Furthermore, in accordance with one embodiment, the MCH recognizes the physical density of an FDHDIMM operating as a high density DIMM as the density of Flash alone.

[0075] In accordance with one embodiment, a read operation can be performed by the MCH by sending an activate command (may be simply referred to as RAS, or row address strobe) to the FDHDIMM 400 to conduct a pre-fetch read data operation from the Flash 402 to the DRAM 406, with the pre-fetch data size being for example a page (1KB or 2KB, or may be programmable to any size). The MCH then sends a read command (may be simply referred to as CAS, or column address strobe) to read the data out input of the DRAM. In this embodiment, the data transfer from Flash to DRAM occurs at Flash access speed rates, while data transfer from DRAM to MCH occurs at DRAM access speed rates. In this example, data latency and throughput rates are the same as any DRAM operation as long as the read operations are executed onto the pages that were opened with the activate command previously sent to pre-fetch data from the Flash to DRAM. Thus, a longer separation time period between the RAS (e.g. Activate command) and the first CAS (column address strobe e.g. read or write command) is required to account for the time it takes to pre-fetch data from the Flash to DRAM.

[0076] An example of FDHDIMM operating as a DDR DIMM with SSD is shown in FIG. 4B, wherein the FDHDIMM 400'supports two different interface interpretations to the MCH. In the first interface interpretation, the MCH views the FDHDIMM 400' as a combination of DRAM DIMM and SSD (not illustrated). In this mode the MCH needs to manage two address spaces, one for the DRAMs 402' and one for the Flash 404'. The MCH is coupled to, and controls, both of the DRAM and Flash memory subsystems. One advantage of this mode is that

the CPU does not need to be in the data path when data is moved from DRAM to Flash or from Flash to DRAM. In the second interface interpretation, the MCH views the FDHDIMM 400' as an on-DIMM Flash with the SSD in an extended memory space that is behind the DRAM space. Thus, in this mode, the MCH physically fetches data from the SSD to the DDR DRAM and then the DRAM sends the data to the MCH. Since all data movement occurs on the FDHDIMM, this mode will provide better performance than if the data were to be moved through or via the CPU.

[0077] In accordance with one embodiment and as shown in FIG. 4B, the FDHDIMM 400' receives control signals 408 from the MCH, where the control signals may include one or more control signals specifically for the DRAM 402' operation and one or more control signals specifically for the Flash 404' operation. In this embodiment, the MCH or CPU is coupled to the FDHDIMM via a single data bus interface 410 which couples the MCH to the DRAM.

[0078] FIGS. 5A and 5B are block diagrams of a memory module 500 that is couplable to a host system (not shown). The host system may be a server or any other system comprising a memory system controller or an MCH for providing and controlling the read/write access to one or more memory systems, wherein each memory system may include a plurality of memory subsystems, a plurality of memory devices, or at least one memory module. The term "read/write access" means the ability of the MCH to interface with a memory system or subsystem in order to write data into it or read data from it, depending on the particular requirement at a particular time.

[0079] In certain embodiments, memory module 500 is a Flash-DRAM hybrid memory subsystem which may be integrated with other components of a host system. In certain

embodiments, memory module 500 is a Flash-DRAM hybrid memory module that has the DIMM (dual-inline memory module) form factor, and may be referred to as a FDHDIMM, although it is to be understood that in both structure and operation it may be different from the FDHDIMM discussed above and described with reference to FIGS. 4A and 4B. Memory module 500 includes two on-module intermediary components: a controller and a data manager. These on-module intermediary components may be physically separate components, circuits, or modules, or they may be integrated onto a single integrated circuit or device, or integrated with other memory devices, for example in a three dimensional stack, or in any one of several other possible expedients for integration known to those skilled in the art to achieve a specific design, application, or economic goal. In the case of a DIMM, these on-module intermediary components are an on-DIMM Controller (CDC) 502 and an on-DIMM data manager (DMgr) 504. While the DIMM form factor will predominate the discussion herein, it should be understood that this is for illustrative purposes only and memory systems using other form factors are contemplated as well. CDC 502 and data manager DMgr 504 are operative to manage the interface between a non-volatile memory subsystem such as a Flash 506, a volatile memory subsystem such as a DRAM 508, and a host system represented by MCH 510.

[0080] In certain embodiments, CDC 502 controls the read/write access to/from Flash memory 506 from/to DRAM memory 508, and to/from DRAM memory from/to MCH 510. Read/write access between DRAM 508, Flash 506 and MCH 510 may be referred to herein generally as communication, wherein control and address information C/A 560 is sent from MCH 510 to CDC 502, and possible data transfers follow as indicated by Data 550, Data 555, and/or Data 556. In certain embodiments, the CDC 502 performs specific functions for memory address transformation, such as address translation, mapping, or address domain conversion,

Flash access control, data error correction, manipulation of data width or data formatting or data modulation between the Flash memory and DRAM, and so on. In certain embodiments, the CDC 502 ensures that memory module 500 provides transparent operation to the MCH in accordance with certain industry standards, such as DDR, DDR2, DDR3, DDR4 protocols. In the arrangement shown in FIGS. 5A and 5B, there is no direct access from the MCH 510 to the Flash 506 memory subsystem. Thus in accordance with certain embodiments, the Flash access speed has minimal impact on the overall FDHDIMM access speed. In the schematic illustration of FIG. 5B and in accordance with one embodiment, the CDC controller 502 receives standard DDR commands from the MCH, interprets, and produces commands and/or control signals to control the operation of the Data manager (DMgr), the Flash memory and the DRAM memory. The DMgr controls the data path routing amongst DRAMs, Flash and MCH, as detailed below. The data path routing control signals are independently operated without any exclusivity.

[0081] An exemplary role of DMgr 504 is described with reference to FIG. 6. In certain embodiments and in response to communication from CDC 502, DMgr 504 provides a variety of functions to control data flow rate, data transfer size, data buffer size, data error monitoring or data error correction. For example, these functions or operations can be performed on-the-fly (while data is being transferred via the DMgr 504) or performed on buffered or stored data in DRAM or a buffer. In addition, one role of DMgr 504 is to provide interoperability among various memory subsystems or components and/or MCH 510.

[0082] In one embodiment, an exemplary host system operation begins with initialization. The CDC 502 receives a first command from the MCH 510 to initialize FDHDIMM 500 using a certain memory space. The memory space as would be controlled by MCH 510 can be

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configured or programmed during initialization or after initialization has completed. The MCH 510 can partition or parse the memory space in various ways that are optimized for a particular application that the host system needs to run or execute. In one embodiment, the CDC 502 maps the actual physical Flash 506 and DRAM 508 memory space using the information sent by MCH 510 via the first command. In one embodiment, the CDC 502 maps the memory address space of any one of the Flash 506 and DRAM 508 memory subsystems using memory address space information that is received from the host system, stored in a register within FDHDIMM 500, or stored in a memory location of a non-volatile memory subsystem, for example a portion of Flash 506 or a separate non-volatile memory subsystem. In one embodiment, the memory address space information corresponds to a portion of initialization information of the FDHDIMM 500.

[0083] In one embodiment, MCH 510 may send a command to restore a certain amount of data information from Flash 506 to DRAM 508. The CDC 502 provides control information to DMgr 504 to appropriately copy the necessary information from Flash 506 to the DRAM 508. This operation can provide support for various host system booting operations and/or a special host system power up operation.

[0084] In one embodiment, MCH 510 sends a command which may include various fields comprising control information regarding data transfer size, data format options, and/or startup time. CDC 502 receives and interprets the command and provides control signals to DMgr 504 to control the data traffic between the Flash 506, the DRAM 508, and the MCH 510. For example, DMgr 504 receives the data transfer size, formatting information, direction of data flow (via one or more multiplexers such as 611, 612, 621, 622 as detailed below), and the starting time of the actual data transfer from CDC 502. DMgr 504 may also receive additional control information

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from the CDC 502 to establish a data flow path and/or to correctly establish the data transfer fabric. In certain embodiments, DMgr 504 also functions as a bi-directional data transfer fabric. For example, DMgr 504 may have more than 2 sets of data ports facing the Flash 506 and the DRAM 508. Multiplexers 611 and 612 provide controllable data paths from any one of the DRAMs 508(1) and 508(2) (DRAM-A and DRAM-B) to any one of the MCH 510 and the Flash 506. Similarly multiplexers 621 and 622 provide controllable data paths from any one of the MCH and the Flash memory to any one of the DRAMs 508(1) and 508(2) (DRAM-A and DRAM-B). In one embodiment, DRAM 508(1) is a segment of DRAM 508, while in other embodiments, DRAM 508(1) is a separate DRAM memory subsystem. It will be understood that each memory segment can comprise one or more memory circuits, a memory devices, and/or memory integrated circuits. Of course other configurations for DRAM 508 are possible, and other data transfer fabrics using complex data paths and suitable types of multiplexing logic are contemplated.

[0085] In accordance with one embodiment, the two sets of multiplexors 611, 612 and 621, 622 allow independent data transfer to Flash 506 from DRAM-A 508(1) and DRAM-B 508(2). For example, in response to one or more control signals or a command from CDC 502, DMgr 504 can transfer data from DRAM-A 508(1) to MCH 510, via multiplexer 611, at the same time as from DRAM-B 508(2) to the Flash 506, via multiplexer 612; or data is transferred from DRAM-B 508(2) to MCH 510, via multiplexer 611, and simultaneously data is transferred from the Flash 506 to DRAM-A 508(1), via multiplexer 621. Further, in the same way that data can be transferred to or from the DRAM in both device-wide or segment-by-segment fashion, data can be transferred to or from the flash memory in device-wide or segment-by-segment fashion, and the flash memory can be addressed and accessed accordingly.

[0086] In accordance with one embodiment the illustrated arrangement of data transfer fabric of DMgr 504 also allows the CDC 502 to control data transfer from the Flash memory to the MCH by buffering the data from the Flash 506 using a buffer 602, and matching the data rate and/or data format of MCH 510. The buffer 602 is shown in FIG. 6 as a portion of a data format module 604; however, buffer 602 may also be a distributed buffer such that one buffer is used for each one of the set of multiplexer logic elements shown as multiplexers 611, 612, 621, and 622. Various buffer arrangements may be used, such as a programmable size buffer to meet the requirement of a given system design requirement, for example the disparity between read/write access time; or overall system performance, for example latency. In certain embodiments, the buffer 604 may introduce one or more clock cycle delays into a data communication path between MCH 510, DRAM 508, and Flash 506.

[0087] In certain embodiments, data format module 604 contains a data formatting subsystem (not shown) to enable DMgr 504 to format and perform data transfer in accordance with control information received from CDC502. Data buffer 604 of data format module 602, discussed above, also supports a wide data bus 606 coupled to the Flash memory 506 operating at a first frequency, while receiving data from DRAM 508 using a relatively smaller width data bus 608 operating at a second frequency, the second frequency being larger than the first frequency in certain embodiments. The buffer 602 is designed to match the data flow rate between the DRAM 508 and the Flash 506.

[0088] A register 690 provides the ability to register commands received from MCH 510 via C/A 560 (FIG. 5A). The register 690 may communicate these commands to CDC 502 and/or to the DRAM 508 and/or Flash 506. The register 690 communicates these registered commands to

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CDC 502 for processing. The register 690 may also include multiple registers (not shown), such that it can provide the ability to register multiple commands, a sequence of commands, or provide a pipeline delay stage for buffering and providing a controlled execution of certain commands received form MCH 510.

[0089] In certain embodiments, the register 690 may register commands from MCH 510 and transmit the registered commands to DRAM 508 and/or Flash 506 memory subsystems. In certain embodiments, the CDC 502 monitors commands received from MCH 510, via control and address bus C/A 560, and provides appropriate control information to DMgr 504, DRAM 508, or Flash 506 to execute these commands and perform data transfer operations between MCH 510 and FDHDIMM 500 via MCH data bus 610.

[0090] FIG. 7 illustrates a functional block diagram of the CDC 502. In certain embodiments, the major functional blocks of the CDC 502 are a DRAM control block DRAMCtrl 702, Flash control block FlashCtrl 704, MCH command interpreter CmdInt 706, DRAM-Flash interface scheduler Scheduler 708, and DMgr control block (DMgrCtrl) 710.

[0091] In accordance with one embodiment, DRAMCtrl 702 generates DRAM commands that are independent from the commands issued by the MCH 510. In accordance with one embodiment, when the MCH 510 initiates a read/write operation from/to the same DRAM 508 that is currently executing a command from the DRAMCtrl 702, then the CDC 502 may choose to instruct DRAMCtrl 702 to abort its operation in order to execute the operation initiated by the MCH. However, the CDC 502 may also pipeline the operation so that it causes DRAMCtrl 702 to either halt or complete its current operation prior to executing that of the MCH. The CDC 502

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may also instruct DRAMCtrl 702 to resume its operation once the command from MCH 510 is completed.

[0092] In accordance with one embodiment, the FlashCtrl 704 generates appropriate Flash commands for the proper read/write operations. The CmdInt 706 intercepts commands received from MCH 510 and generates the appropriate control information and control signals and transmit them to the appropriate FDHDIMM functional block. For example, CmdInt 706 issues an interrupt signal to the DRAMCtrl 702 when the MCH issues a command that collides (conflicts) with the currently executing or pending commands that DRAMCtrl 702 has initiated independently from MCH 510, thus subordinating these commands to those from the MCH. The Scheduler 708 schedules the Flash–DRAM interface operation such that there is no resource conflict in the DMgr 504. In accordance with one embodiment, the Scheduler 708 assigns time slots for the DRAMCtrl 702 and FlashCtrl 704 operation based on the current status and the pending command received or to be received from the MCH. The DMgrCtrl 710 generates and sends appropriate control information and control signals for the proper operation and control of the data transfer fabric to enable or disable data paths between Flash 506, DRAM 508, and the MCH 510.

[0093] FIG. 8A is a block diagram showing a Flash-DRAM hybrid DIMM (FDHDIMM) 801. As seen from FIG. 8A, this Flash-DRAM hybrid DIMM requires two separate and independent address buses to separately control the address spaces: one for the Flash memory Flash 803 and the other for the DRAM memory DRAM 805. The MCH 810 treats the DRAM 805 and Flash 803 as separate memory subsystems, for example DRAM and SSD/HD memory subsystems. The memory in each address space is controlled directly by the MCH. However,

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the on-DIMM data path 807 between Flash 803 and DRAM 805 allows for direct data transfer to occur between the Flash 803 and the DRAM 805 in response to control information from Ctrl 830. In this embodiment, this data transfer mechanism provides direct support for executing commands from the MCH without having the MCH directly controlling the data transfer, and thus improving data transfer performance from Flash 803 to the DRAM 805. However, the MCH needs to manage two address spaces and two different memory protocols simultaneously. Moreover, the MCH needs to map the DRAM memory space into the Flash memory space, and the data interface time suffers due to the difference in the data access time between the Flash memory and the DRAM memory.

[0094] In accordance with one embodiment, a memory space mapping of a Flash-DRAM hybrid DIMM is shown in FIG. 8B. A memory controller of a host system (not shown) controls both of the DRAM 508 address space and the Flash 506 address space using a single unified address space. The CDC 502 receives memory access commands from the MCH and generates control information for appropriate mapping and data transfer between Flash and DRAM memory subsystem to properly carry out the memory access commands. In one embodiment, the memory controller of the host system views the large Flash memory space as a DRAM memory space, and accesses this unified memory space with a standard DDR (double data rate) protocol used for accessing DRAM. The unified memory space in this case can exhibit overlapping memory address space between the Flash 506 and the DRAM 508. The overlapping memory address space may be used as a temporary storage or buffer for data transfer between the Flash 506 and the DRAM 508. For example, the DRAM memory space may hold a copy of data from the selected Flash memory space such that the MCH can access this data normally via DDR memory access commands. The CDC 502 controls the operation of the Flash 506 and

DRAM 508 memory subsystems in response to commands received from a memory controller of a host system.

[0095] In one embodiment, the unified memory space corresponds to a contiguous address space comprising a first portion of the address space of the Flash 506 and a first portion of the address space of the DRAM 508. The first portion of the address space of the Flash 506 can be determined via a first programmable register holding a first value corresponding to the desired Flash memory size to be used. Similarly, the first portion of the address space of the DRAM 508 can be determined via a second programmable register holding a second value corresponding to the desired DRAM memory size to be used. In one embodiment, any one of the first portion of the address space of the Flash 506 and the first portion of the address space of the DRAM 508 is determined via a first value corresponding to a desired performance or memory size, the first value being received by the CDC 502 via a command sent by memory controller of the host system.

[0096] In accordance with one embodiment, a flow diagram directed to the transfer of data from Flash memory to DRAM memory and vice versa in an exemplary FDHDIMM is shown in Fig. 9. In certain embodiments, data transfer from the Flash 506 to the DRAM 508 occurs in accordance with memory access commands which the CDC 502 receives from the memory controller of the host system. In certain embodiments, the CDC 502 controls the data transfer from the DRAM 508 to the Flash 506 so as to avoid conflict with any memory operation that is currently being executed. For example, when all the pages in a particular DRAM memory block are closed. The CDC 502 partitions the DRAM memory space into a number of blocks for the purpose of optimally supporting the desired application. The controller can configure memory

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space in the memory module based on at least one of one or more commands received from the MCH, instructions received from the MCH, a programmable value written into a register, a value corresponding to a first portion of the volatile memory subsystem, a value corresponding to a first portion of the non-volatile memory subsystem, and a timing value. Furthermore, the block size can be configurable by the memory controller of the host system, such that the number pages in a block can be optimized to support a particular application or a task. Furthermore, the block size may be configured on-the-fly, e.g. CDC 502 can receive instruction regarding a desired block size from the memory controller via a memory command, or via a programmable value.

[0097] In certain embodiments, a memory controller can access the memory module using a standard access protocol, such as JEDEC's DDR DRAM, by sending a memory access command to the CDC 502 which in turn determines what type of a data transfer operation it is and the corresponding target address where the data information is stored, e.g. data information is stored in the DRAM 508 or Flash 506 memory subsystems. In response to a read operation, if the CDC 502 determines that data information, e.g. a page (or block), does not reside in the DRAM 508 but resides in Flash 506, then the CDC 502 initiates and controls all necessary data transfer operations from Flash 506 to DRAM 508 and subsequently to the memory controller. In one embodiment, once the CDC 502 completes the data transfer operation of the requested data information from the Flash 506 to the DRAM 508, the CDC 502 alerts the memory controller to retrieve the data information from the DRAM 508. In on embodiment, the memory controller initiates the copying of data information from Flash 506 to DRAM 508 by writing, into a register in the CDC 502, the target Flash address along with a valid block size. The CDC 502 in turn, executes appropriate operations and generates control information to copy the data information

to the DRAM 508. Consequently, the memory controller can access or retrieve the data information using standard memory access commands or protocol.

[0098] An exemplary flow chart is shown in FIG. 9, a starting step or power up 902, is followed by an initialization step 904, the memory controller initiates, at step 906, a data move from the Flash 506 to the DRAM 508 by writing target address and size, to a control register in the CDC 502, which then copies, at 908, data information from the Flash 506 to the DRAM 508 and erases the block in the Flash. Erasing the data information from Flash may be accomplished independently from (or concurrently with) other steps that CDC 502 performs in this flow chart, i.e. other steps can be executed concurrently with the Erase the Flash block step. Once the data information or a block of data information is thus moved to the DRAM 508, the memory controller can operate on this data block using standard memory access protocol or commands at 910. The CDC 502 checks, at 912, if any of the DRAM 508 blocks, or copied blocks, are closed. If the memory controller closed any open blocks in DRAM 508, then the CDC 502 initiate a Flash write to write the closed block from the DRAM 508 to the Flash 506, at 914. In addition, the memory controller, at 916, reopens the closed block that is currently being written into the Flash 506, then the CDC 502 stops the Flash write operation and erases the Flash block which was being written to, as shown at 918. Otherwise, the CDC 502 continues and completes the writing operation to the Flash at 920.

[0099] The dashed lines in FIG. 9 indicate independent or parallel activities that can be performed by the CDC 502. At any time the CDC 502 receives a DRAM load command from a memory controller which writes a Flash target address and/or block size information into the RC register(s) at 922, as described above, then the CDC 502 executes a load DRAM w/RC step 906

and initiates another branch (or a thread) of activities that includes steps 908 – 922. In one embodiment, the CDC 502 controls the data transfer operations between DRAM 508 and Flash 506 such that the Flash 506 is completely hidden from the memory controller. The CDC 502 monitors all memory access commands sent by the memory controller using standard DRAM protocol and appropriately configures and manipulate both Flash 506 and DRAM 508 memory subsystems to perform the requested memory access operation and thus achieve the desired results. The memory controller does not interface directly with the Flash memory subsystem. Instead, the memory controller interfaces with the CDC 502 and/or DMgr 504 as shown in Fig. 5 and Fig. 6. Moreover, the memory controller may use one or more protocol, such as DDR, DDR2, DDR3, DDR4 protocols or the like.

[00100] In accordance with one embodiment, an example of mapping a DRAM address space to Flash memory address space is shown in FIG. 10. Two sets (1002, 1004) of address bits AD6 to AD17, forming a 24 bit extended memory page address, are allocated for the block address. For example, assuming a Block size of 256K Bytes, then a 24-bit block address space (using the two sets of AD6 to AD17 1002 and 1004) would enable access to 4TB of Flash memory storage space. If a memory module has 1GB of DRAM storage capacity, then it can hold approximately 4K Blocks of data in the DRAM memory, each Block comprise 256 K Bytes of data. The DRAM address space, corresponding to the 4K blocks, can be assigned to different virtual ranks and banks, where the number of virtual ranks and banks is configurable and can be manipulated to meet a specific design or performance needs. For example, if a 1G Bytes memory module is configured to comprise two ranks with eight banks per rank, then each bank would hold two hundred fifty (250) blocks or the equivalent of 62 M Bytes or 62K pages, where each page correspond to a 1K Bytes. Other configurations using different page, block, banks, or ranks

numbers may also be used. Furthermore, an exemplary mapping of 24-bit DDR DIMM block address to Flash memory address, using Block addressing as described above, is shown in Fig. 10. The 24-bit can be decomposed into fields, such as a logical unit number LUN address 1060 field, a Block address 1050 field, a Plane address 1040, a Page address 1030, and a group of least significant address bits A_0A_1 1020. The Plane address 1040 is a sub address of the block address, and it may be used to support multiple page IO so as to improve Flash memory subsystem operation. In this example, it is understood that different number of bits may be allocated to each field of the 24-bit

[00101] The CDC 502 manages the block write-back operation by queuing the blocks that are ready to be written back to the Flash memory. As described above, if any page in a queued block for a write operation is reopened, then the CDC 502 will stop the queued block write operation, and remove the block from the queue. Once all the pages in a block are closed, then the CDC 502 restarts the write-back operation and queue the block for a write operation.

[00102] In accordance with one embodiment, an exemplary read operation from Flash 506 to DRAM 508 can be performed in approximately 400μs, while a write operation from DRAM 508 to Flash 506 can be performed in approximately 22ms resulting in a read to write ratio of 55 to 1. Therefore, if the average time a host system's memory controller spends accessing data information in a Block of DRAM is about 22ms (that is the duration that a Block comprises one or more pages that are open), then the block write-back operation from DRAM to Flash would not impact performance and hence the disparity between read and write access may be completely hidden from the memory controller. If the block usage time is 11ms instead of 22ms, then the CDC 502 control the data transfer operation between DRAM 508 and Flash 506 such

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that there are no more than 9 closed blocks in the queue to be written-back to the Flash memory, hence approximately an average of 100ms can be maintained for a standard DDR DRAM operation. Moreover, the number of closed Blocks in the queue to be written-back to the Flash memory subsystem varies with the average block usage time and the desired performance for a specific host system or for a specific application running using the host system resources.

[00103] Consequently, the maximum number of closed Blocks to be written-back to Flash can be approximated to be

((#of blocks per bank)/(ratio of 'Flash_block_write_time' to 'Flash_read_time'))*(
(Block usage time)/('Flash_block_write_time'))

[00104] In order to maintain less than 100ms time period for queued write-back Blocks, then using a Flash memory subsystem having 22ms write access time per Block would results in a maximum number of four Blocks to be queued for write operation to Flash 506. Therefore, on average approximately 88ms (= 22ms * 4) for blocks means that each bank should not have more than four Blocks that need to be written back to the Flash 506.

[00105] The above equation also indicates that bigger DRAM memory space can support shorter block usage times. For example, 2GB of DRAM memory allows the 8 closed blocks to be written-back to Flash. The table in FIG. 11 provides an estimation of the maximum allowed closed blocks in the queue to be written back to the Flash memory for different DRAM density using various average block use time.

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[00106] While embodiments and applications have been shown and described, it would be apparent to those skilled in the art having the benefit of this disclosure that many more modifications than mentioned above are possible without departing from the inventive concepts disclosed herein. The invention, therefore, is not to be restricted except in the spirit of the appended claims.

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CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A memory module couplable to a memory controller of a host system, comprising:

a non-volatile memory subsystem;

a data manager coupled to the non-volatile memory subsystem;

a volatile memory subsystem coupled to the data manager and operable to exchange data with the non-volatile memory subsystem by way of the data manager; and

a controller operable to receive commands from the memory controller and to direct (i) operation of the non-volatile memory subsystem, (ii) operation of the volatile memory subsystem, and (iii) transfer of data between any two or more of the memory controller, the volatile memory subsystem, and the non-volatile memory subsystem based on at least one received command from the memory controller.

2. The memory module of claim 1, wherein the data manager is operable to control one or more of data flow rate, data transfer size, data buffer size, data error monitoring, and data error correction in response to receiving at least one of a control signal and control information from the controller.

3. The memory module of claim 1, wherein the data manager controls data traffic between any two or more of the memory controller, the volatile memory subsystem, and the non-volatile memory subsystem based on instructions received from the controller.

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4. The memory module of claim 3, wherein data traffic control relates to any one or more of data flow rate, data transfer size, data buffer size, data transfer bit width, formatting information, direction of data flow, and the starting time of data transfer.

5. The memory module of claim 1, wherein the controller configures at least one of a first memory address space of the volatile memory subsystem and a second memory address space of the non-volatile memory subsystem in response to at least one of a received command from the memory controller and memory address space initialization information of the memory module.

6. The memory module of claim 1, wherein the data manager is configured as a bi-directional data transfer fabric having two or more sets of data ports coupled to any one of the volatile and non-volatile memory subsystems.

7. The memory module of claim 6, wherein at least one of the volatile and non-volatile memory subsystems comprises one or more memory segments.

8. The memory module of claim 7, wherein each memory segment comprises at least one memory circuit, memory device, or memory die.

9. The memory module of claim 1, wherein the volatile memory subsystem comprises DRAM memory.

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10. The memory module of claim 7, wherein at least one set of data ports is operated by the data manager to independently and/or concurrently transfer data to or from one or more memory segments of the volatile or non-volatile memory subsystems.

11. The memory module of claim 6, wherein the data manager further includes a data format module configured to format data to be transferred between any two or more of the memory controller, the volatile memory subsystem, and the non-volatile memory subsystem based on control information received from the controller.

12. The memory module of 11, wherein the data manager further includes a data buffer for buffering data delivered to or from the non-volatile memory subsystem.

13. A method for managing a memory module by a memory controller, the memory module including volatile and non-volatile memory subsystems, the method comprising:

receiving control information from the memory controller, wherein the control information is received using a protocol of the volatile memory subsystem;

identifying a data path to be used for transferring data to or from the memory module using the received control information; and

using a data manager and a controller of the memory module to transfer data between any two or more of the memory controller, the volatile memory subsystem, and the non-volatile memory subsystem based on at least one of the received control information and the identified data path.

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14. The method of claim 13, further comprising operating the data manager to control one or more of data flow rate, data transfer size, data width size, data buffer size, data error monitoring, data error correction, and the starting time of the transfer of data.

15. The method of claim 13, further comprising operating the data manager as a bi-directional data transfer fabric with two or more sets of data ports coupled to any one of the volatile and non-volatile memory subsystems.

16. The memory module of claim 13, wherein at least one of the volatile and non-volatile memory subsystems comprises one or more memory segments.

17. The method of claim 15, further comprising operating the data ports to independently and/or concurrently transfer data to or from one or more memory segments of the volatile or non-volatile memory subsystems.

18. The method of claim 13, further comprising directing transfer of data bi-directionally between the volatile and non-volatile memory subsystems using the data manager and in response to memory access commands received by the controller from the memory controller.

19. The method of claim 18, further comprising buffering the data transferred between the memory controller and non-volatile memory subsystem using the volatile memory subsystem.

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20. The method of claim 13, further comprising using the controller to perform one or more of memory address translation, memory address mapping, address domain conversion, memory access control, data error correction, and data width modulation between the volatile and non-volatile memory subsystems.

21. The method of claim 13, further comprising using the controller to configure memory space in the memory module based on at least one of a command received from the memory controller, a programmable value written into a register, a value corresponding to a first portion of the volatile memory subsystem, a value corresponding to a first portion of the non-volatile memory subsystem, and a timing value.

22. The method of claim 21, wherein the controller configures the memory space of the memory module using at least a first portion of the volatile memory subsystem and a first portion of the non-volatile memory subsystem, and the controller presents a unified memory space to the memory controller.

23. The method of claim 21, wherein the controller configures the memory space in the memory module using partitioning instructions that are application-specific.

24. The method of claim 13, further comprising:

operating the volatile memory subsystem at a first clock frequency when the memory system is in a first mode of operation in which data is communicated between the volatile memory subsystem and the host system;

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operating the non-volatile memory subsystem at a second clock frequency when the memory system is in a second mode of operation in which data is communicated between the volatile memory subsystem and the non-volatile memory subsystem; and

operating the volatile memory subsystem at a third clock frequency when the memory system is in the second mode of operation, the third clock frequency being less than the first clock frequency.

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ABSTRACT

A memory module that is couplable to a memory controller hub (MCH) of a host system includes a non-volatile memory subsystem, a data manager coupled to the non-volatile memory subsystem, a volatile memory subsystem coupled to the data manager and operable to exchange data with the non-volatile memory subsystem by way of the data manager, and a controller operable to receive read/write commands from the MCH and to direct transfer of data between any two or more of the MCH, the volatile memory subsystem, and the non-volatile memory subsystem based on the commands.

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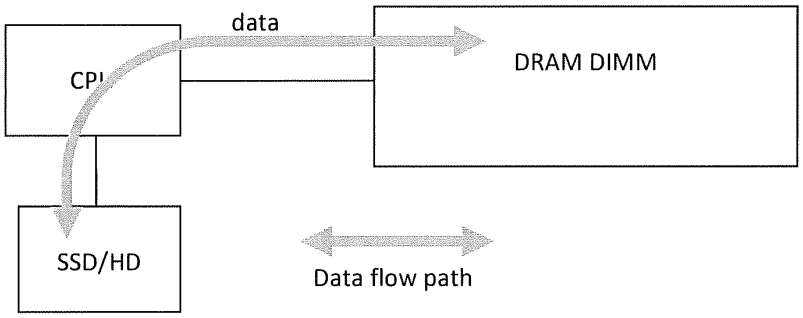


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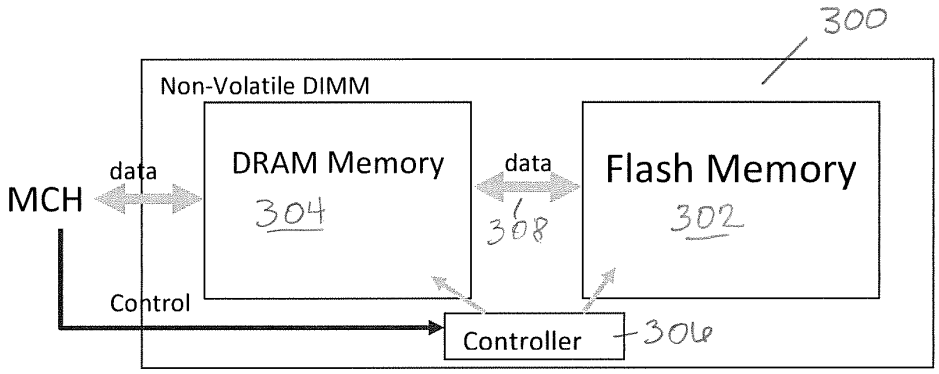
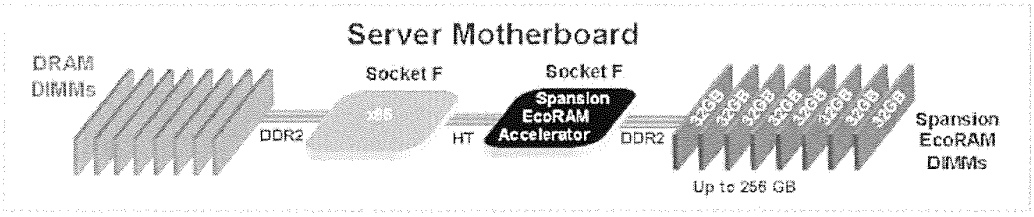


FIG. 3A

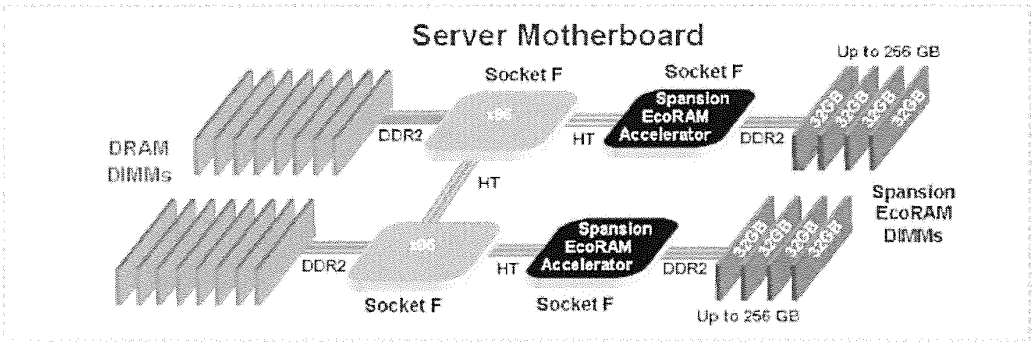
Spansion EcoRAM Configurations

256GB Spansion EcoRAM Solution – Single Accelerator



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FIG. 2
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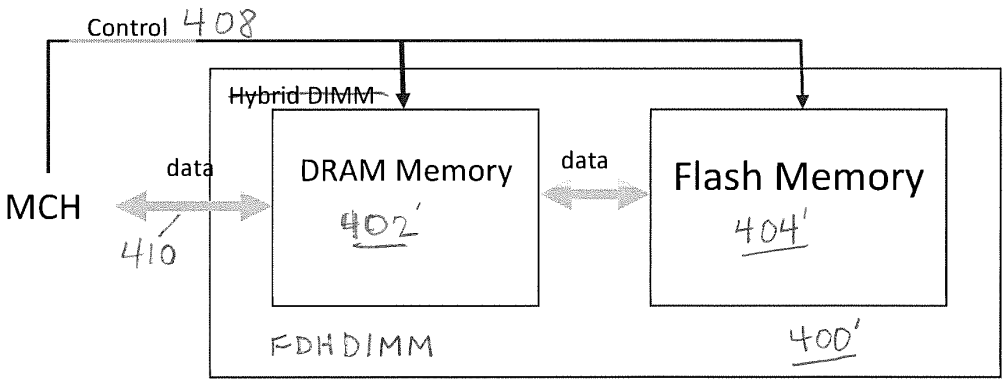


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FIG. 3B

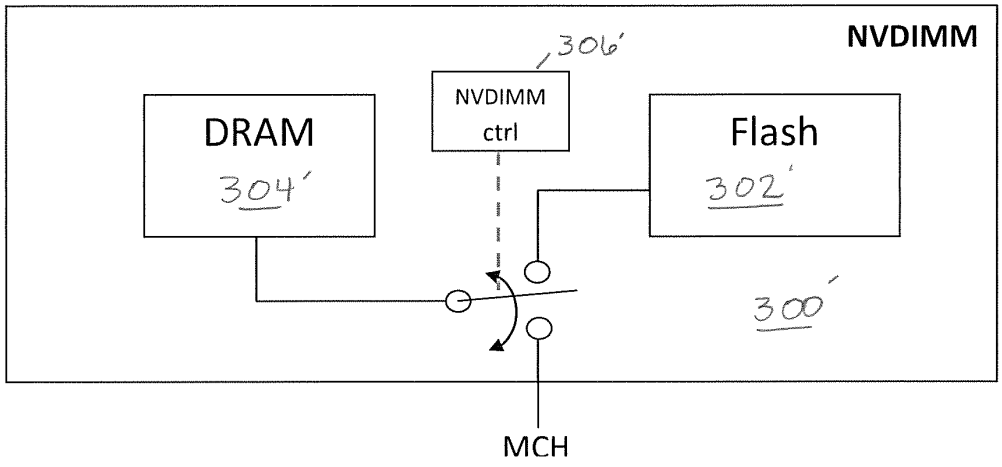
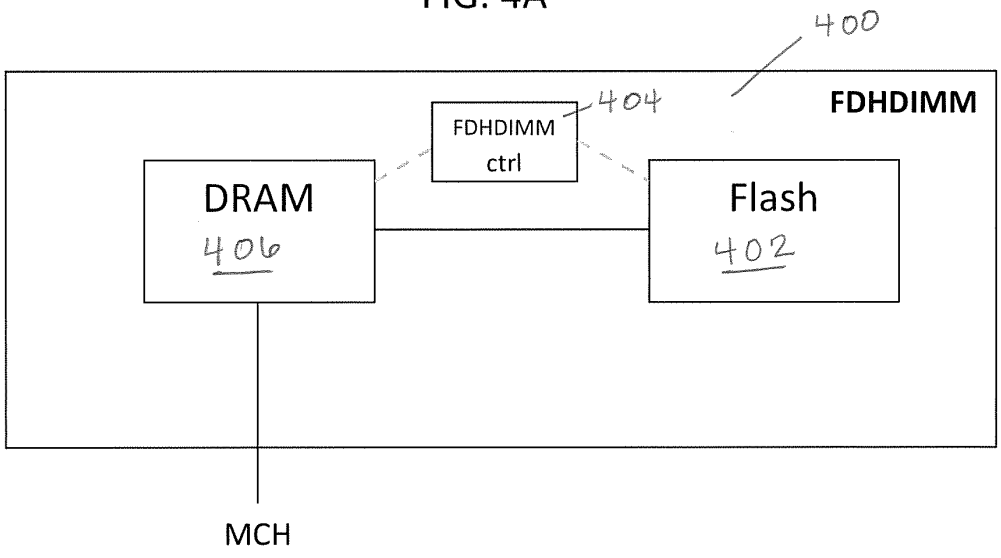

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ctrl
DRAM
304'
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MCH

FIG. 4A


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Flash
402
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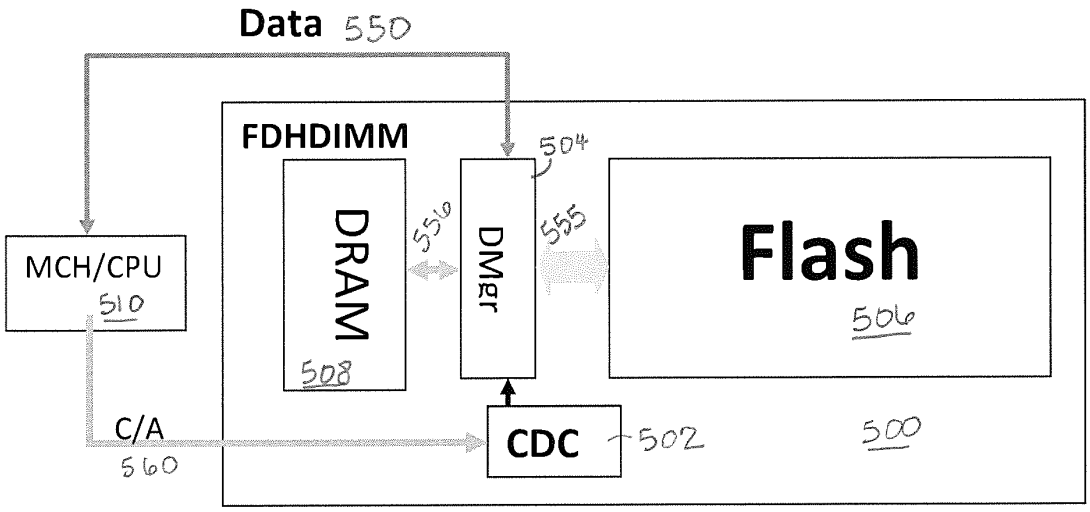

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FDHDIMM
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FIG. 5A

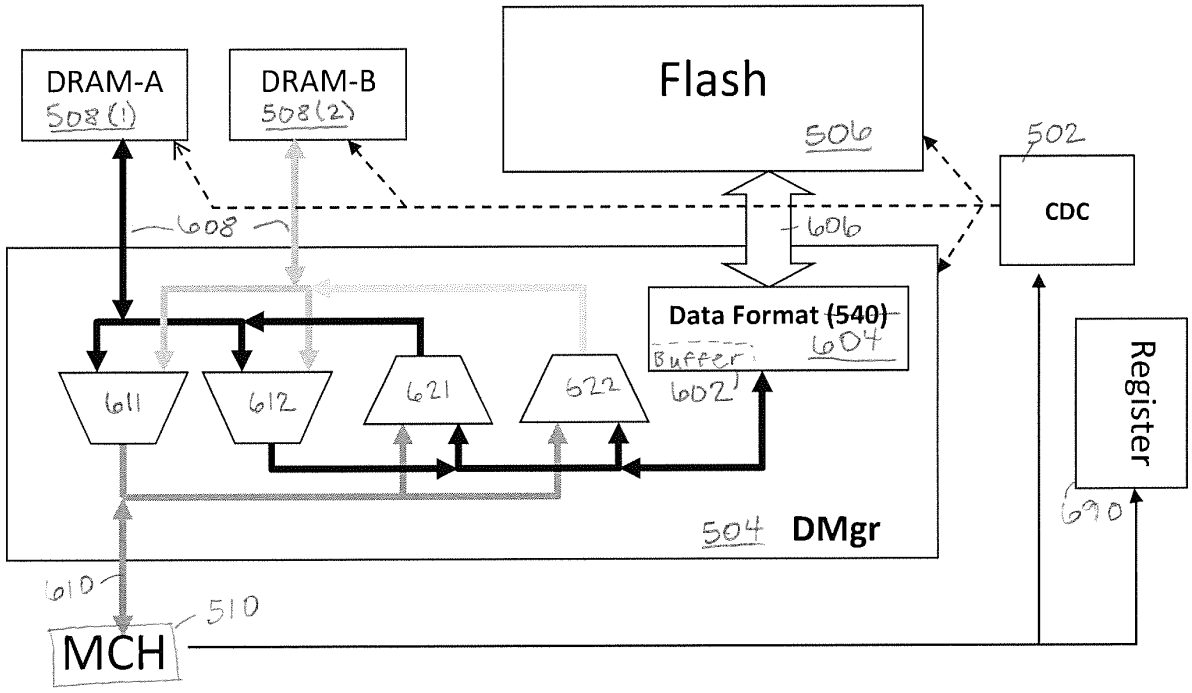
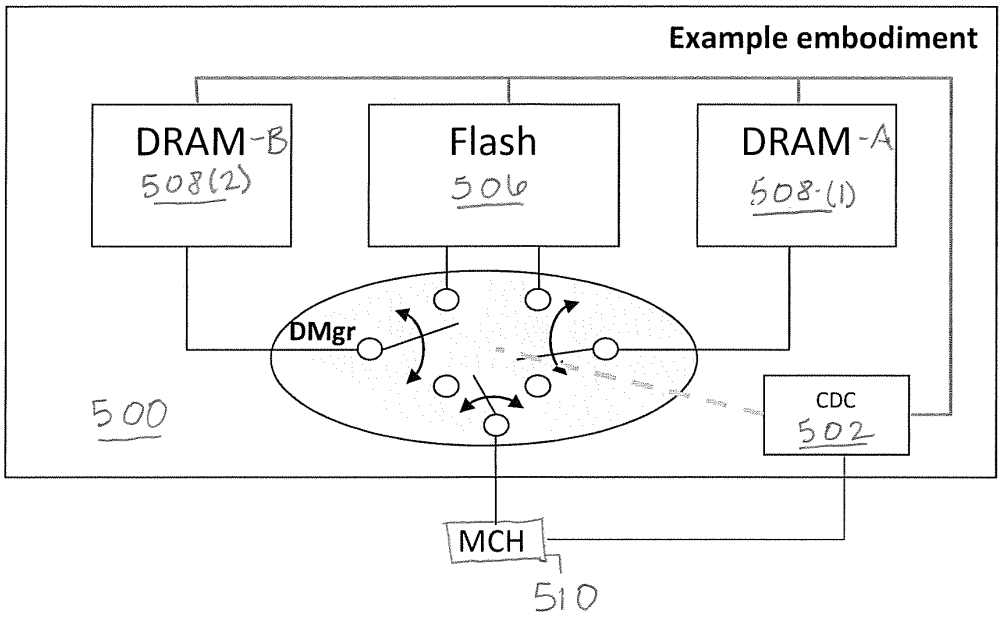

DRAM-A
508(1)
DRAM-B
508(2)
Flash
506
502
CDC
608
606
Data Format (540)
Buffer
604
602
611
612
621
622
Register
690
504 DMgr
610
510
MCH

FIG. 6

FIG. 5B


Example embodiment
DRAM-B
508(2)
Flash
506
DRAM-A
508-(1)
DMgr
500
CDC
502
MCH
510

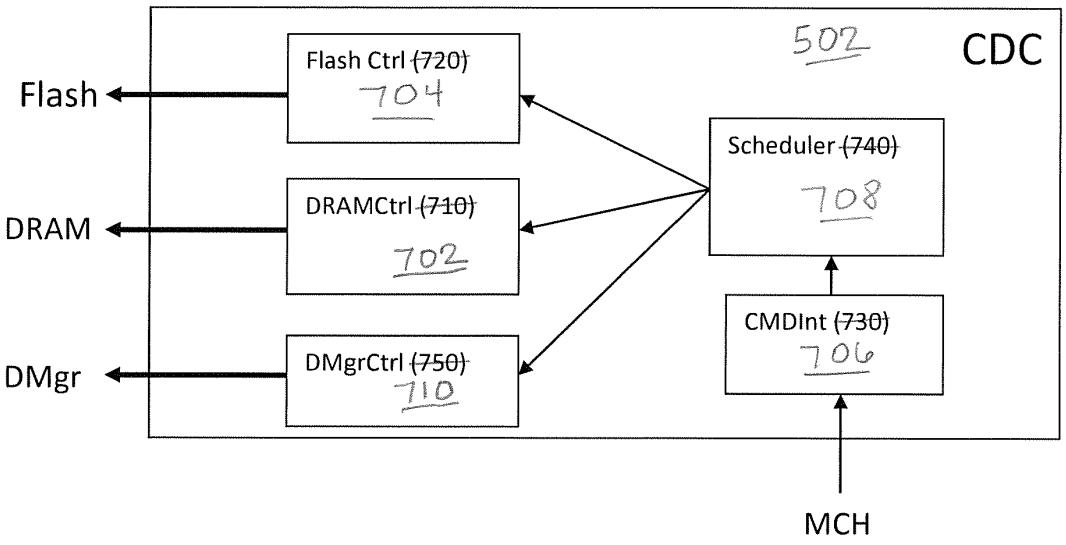


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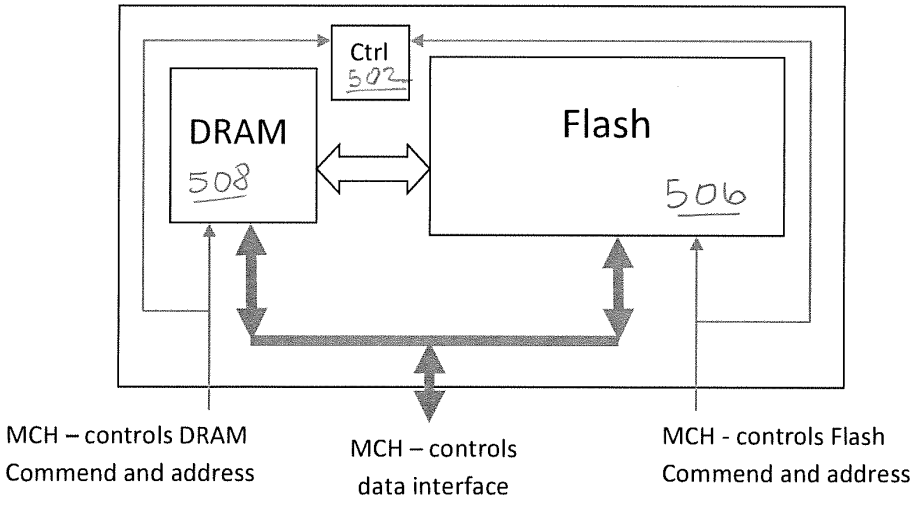


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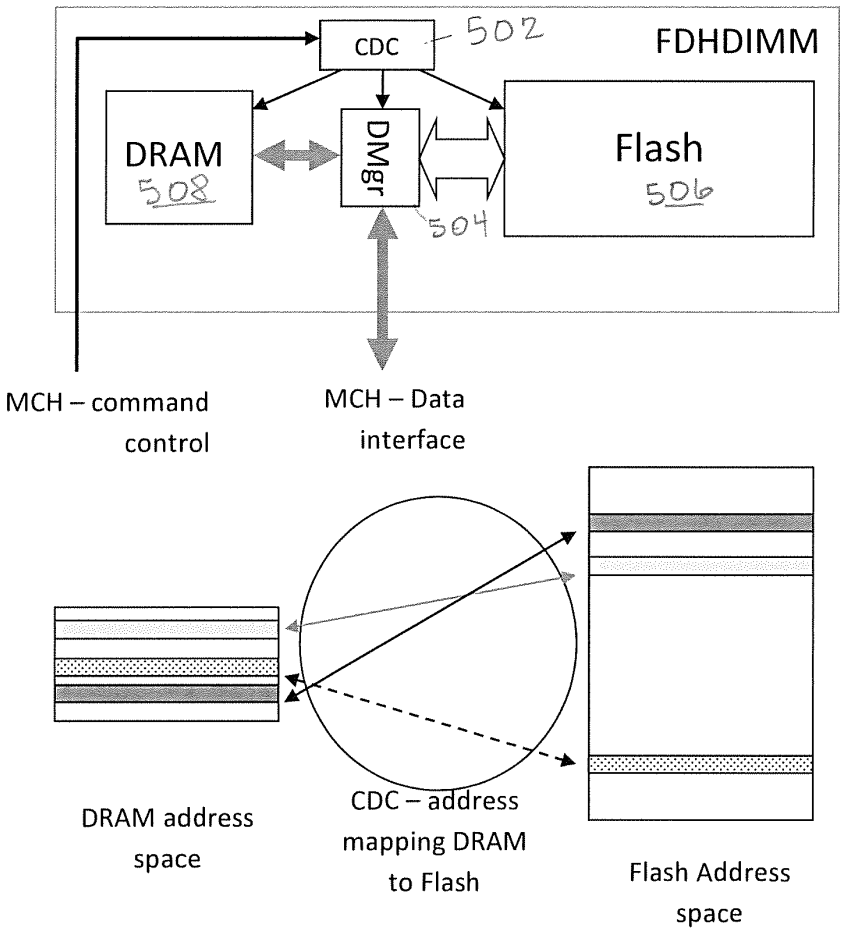

CDC
502
FDHDIMM
DRAM
508
DMgr
504
Flash
506
MCH – command control
MCH – Data interface
DRAM address space
CDC – address mapping DRAM to Flash
Flash Address space

FIG. 8B

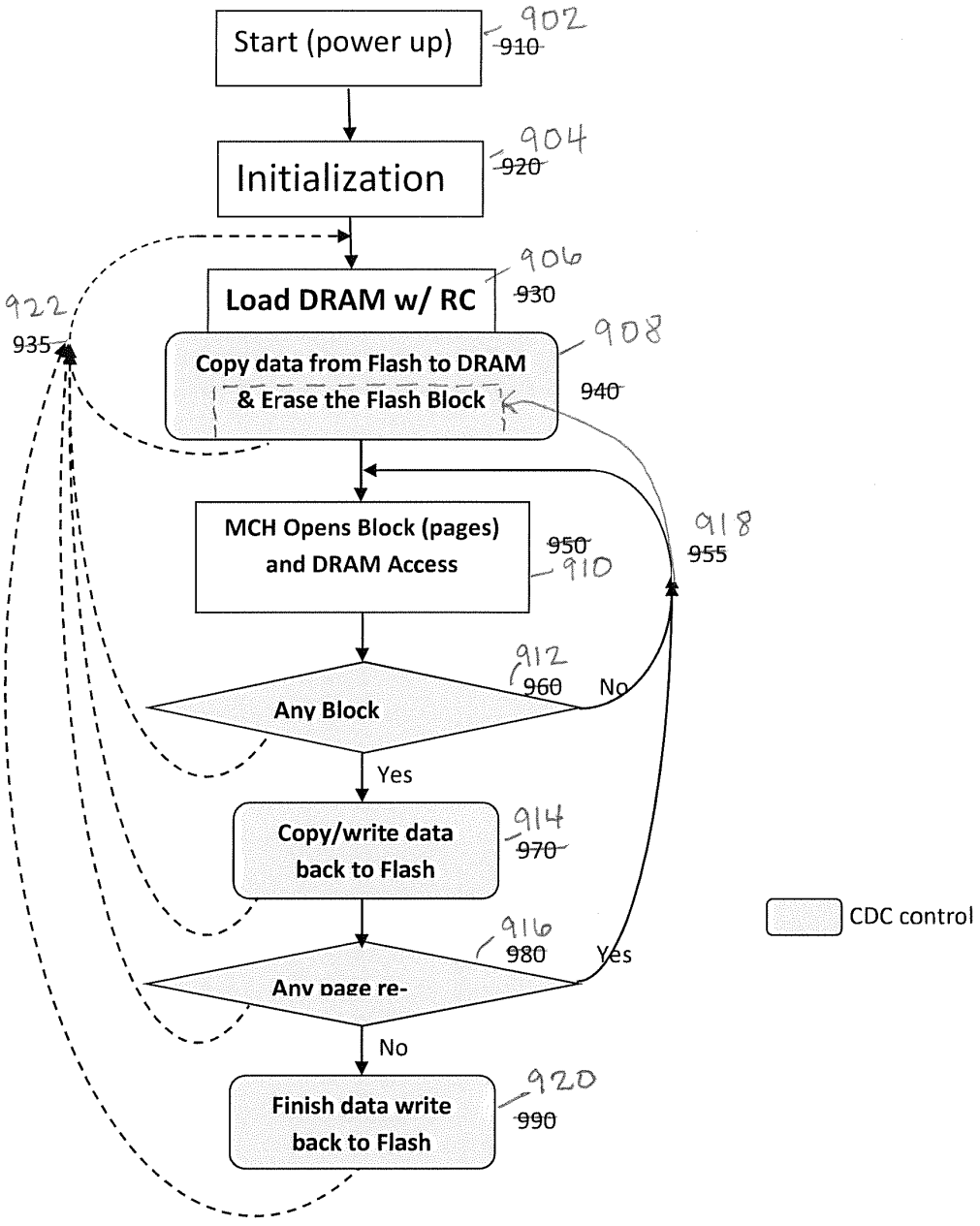

Start (power up)
902
910
Initialization
904
920
Load DRAM w/ RC
906
930
922
935
Copy data from Flash to DRAM & Erase the Flash Block
908
940
MCH Opens Block (pages) and DRAM Access
950
910
918
955
Any Block
912
960
No
Yes
Copy/write data back to Flash
914
970
Any page re-
916
980
Yes
No
Finish data write back to Flash
920
990
CDC control

FIG. 9

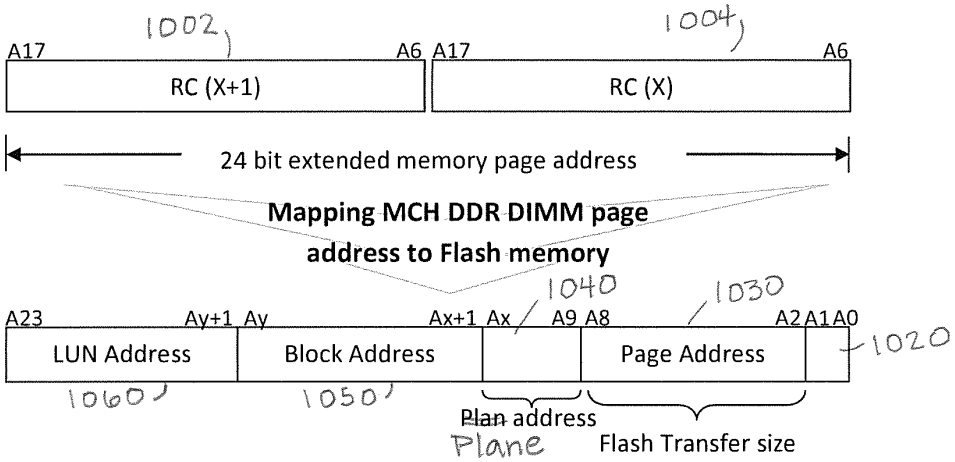

1002
1004
A17
A6
A17
A6
RC (X+1)
RC (X)
24 bit extended memory page address
Mapping MCH DDR DIMM page address to Flash memory
1040
1030
A23
Ay+1
Ay
Ax+1
Ax
A9
A8
A2
A1
A0
1020
LUN Address
Block Address
Page Address
1060
1050
Plan address
Plane
Flash Transfer size

FIG. 10

DRAM density (GB)	# of blocks per bank	Flash wr-time to rd-time ratio	Avg block use time (sec)	Flash write time (sec)	Max allowed Closed Blk in queue to be written back to Flash
1	250	55	1.00E-03	2.00E-02	0
1	250	55	1.00E-02	2.00E-02	2
1	250	55	2.00E-02	2.00E-02	5
1	250	55	5.00E-02	2.00E-02	11
2	500	55	1.00E-03	2.00E-02	0
2	500	55	1.00E-02	2.00E-02	5
2	500	55	2.00E-02	2.00E-02	9
2	500	55	5.00E-02	2.00E-02	23
4	1000	55	1.00E-03	2.00E-02	1
4	1000	55	1.00E-02	2.00E-02	9
4	1000	55	2.00E-02	2.00E-02	18
4	1000	55	5.00E-02	2.00E-02	45

FIG. 11

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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page **2** of this paper.

Remarks begin on page **3** of this paper.

In the Specification

Please amend paragraph [0001] as follows:

[0001] This application claims the benefit of provisional patent application serial no. 61/512,871, filed July 28, 2011, ~~titled "HIGH-DENSITY DIMMS",~~ and of U.S. patent application serial 13/559,476, filed July 26, 2012,~~and~~which is a continuation-in-part (CIP) of US patent application serial no. 12/240,916, filed September 29, 2008 ~~, titled "NON-VOLATILE MEMORY MODULE"~~which is a continuation of U.S. patent application serial no. 12/131,873, filed June 2, 2008, which claims the benefit of U.S. provisional patent application serial no. 60/941,586, filed June 1, 2007, the contents of ~~both~~all of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

This application may also be considered to be related to co-pending U.S. patent application serial no. 13/536,173, filed on June 28, 2012, and commonly owned herewith.

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to more accurately reflect priority and related application information.

Early consideration and allowance of this application is earnestly solicited.

Please charge any additional required fees, including those necessary to obtain extensions of time to render timely the filing of the instant Amendment and/or Reply to Office Action, or credit any overpayment not otherwise credited, to our deposit account no. 50-3557.

Respectfully submitted,
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My correct city and state of residence, my post office address and my citizenship are stated below next to my name.

I believe myself to be an original and joint inventor of the subject matter which is disclosed and claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

"FLASH-DRAM HYBRID MEMORY MODULE"

The specification of this subject matter:

- □ is attached hereto.
- x was filed on July 26, 2012 as United States Application Number 13/559,476
- x and was amended on August 20, 2012 (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified patent application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) referred to above. I do not know and do not believe that the claimed invention was ever known or used in the United States of America before my invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application, that the same was not in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application, and that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months (for a utility patent application) or six months (for a design patent application) prior to this application.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56.

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Title of Invention:	FLASH-DRAM HYBRID MEMORY MODULE
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(PCT Rule 44.1)

	Date of mailing *(day/month/year)* 10 OCT 2012
Applicant's or agent's file reference 062453-0011	**FOR FURTHER ACTION** See paragraphs 1 and 4 below
International application No. PCT/US12/48750	International filing date *(day/month/year)* 28 July 2012 (28.07.2012)
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1. **Basis of the report**

a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of:

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b. ☐ This international search report has been established taking into account the **rectification of an obvious mistake** authorized by or notified to this Authority under Rule 91 (Rule 43.6*bis*(a)).

c. ☐ With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (see Box No. II).

3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box No. III).

4. With regard to the **title**,

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.
PCT/US12/48750

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X -- Y	US 2008/0104344 A1, (SHIMOZONO, N., et al.), May 1, 2008, figures 19, paragraphs [0017], [0053], [0055], [0057], [0061], [0065], [0067], [0080]	1-6, 9, 11-15, 18-23 --- 7, 8, 10, 16, 17, 24
Y	US 2010/0274953 A1, (LEE, T., et al.), October 28, 2010, figures 1, 2, 4B, 10, paragraphs [0005], [0007], [0046], [0053], [0058], [0062], [0065], [0066], [0071], [0080], [0115]	7, 8, 10, 16, 17, 24

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"X" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone
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(PCT Rule 43*bis*.1)

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- [x] Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- [ ] Box No. II Priority
- [ ] Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- [ ] Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- [x] Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43*bis*.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- [ ] Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- [ ] Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- [ ] Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

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2. ☐ This opinion has been established taking into account the **rectification of an obvious mistake** authorized by or notified to this Authority under Rule 91 (Rule 43*bis*.1(a))

3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, this opinion has been established on the basis of a sequence listing filed or furnished:

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      ☐ on paper

      ☐ in electronic form

   b. (time)

      ☐ in the international application as filed

      ☐ together with the international application in electronic form

      ☐ subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search

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Box No. V **Reasoned statement under Rule 43*bis*.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	7, 8, 10, 16, 17, 24	YES
	Claims	1-6, 9, 11-15, 18-23	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	NONE	YES
	Claims	1-24	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-24	YES
	Claims	NONE	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Claims 1-6, 9, 11-15 and 18-23 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by US 2008/0104344 A1, SHIMOZONO, N., et al (hereinafter 'Shimozono').

As per Claim 1, Shimozono discloses a memory module (storage system 101 (a memory module), Figure 19, paragraph [0053]) couplable to a memory controller of a host system (is connected to storage system input/output (memory controller) of host 200 through front end I/F 307, Figure 19, paragraphs [0017] and [0080]), comprising: a non-volatile memory subsystem (non-volatile memory 313 (non-volatile memory subsystem), NM, Figure 19, paragraph [0055]); a data manager coupled to the non-volatile memory subsystem (microprocessor 303, MP, comprising the functionality of a data manager, is connected to non-volatile memory 313, through switch 309, SW, Figure 19, paragraph [0055]); a volatile memory subsystem coupled to the data manager (cache memory 311, CM, is volatile memory (a volatile memory subsystem) connected to microprocessor 303 through switch 309, SW, Figure 19, paragraphs [0055] and [0057]) and operable to exchange data with the non-volatile memory subsystem by way of the data manager (microprocessor 303 can copy data on the volatile memory, CM311, to the non-volatile memory 313, paragraphs [0055], [0057], [0065]); and a controller operable to receive commands from the memory controller (controller 301 communicates with the storage system input/output (the memory controller) of host 200 and uses microprocessor 303 to process read and write commands, paragraphs [0017], [0055], [0056], [0061]) and to direct (i) operation of the non-volatile memory subsystem (processes read and write commands with non-volatile memory 313, paragraphs [0055], [0065], [0067]), (ii) operation of the volatile memory subsystem (processes read and write commands with volatile memory 311, paragraphs [0055], [0057], [0065], [0067]), and (iii) transfer of data between any two or more of the memory controller, the volatile memory subsystem, and the non-volatile memory subsystem based on at least one received command from the memory controller (based on a read command from the storage system input/output (memory controller) of host 200, transmits data between volatile memory 311 and non-volatile memory 313 with the storage system input/output of host 200, paragraphs [0017], [0055], [0057], [0065], [0067]).

As per Claim 2, Shimozono discloses the memory module of claim 1; additionally, Shimozono discloses wherein the data manager is operable to control one or more of data flow rate, data transfer size, data buffer size, data error monitoring, and data error correction in response to receiving at least one of a control signal and control information from the controller (microprocessor 303 (the data manager) processes commands received from the storage system input/output (the memory controller) of host 200 and allocates the volatile memory into a fixed length segment size (controls data buffer size), paragraphs [0017], [0057], [0061], [0114]).

As per Claim 3, Shimozono discloses the memory module of claim 1; additionally, Shimozono discloses wherein the data manager controls data traffic between any two or more of the memory controller, the volatile memory subsystem, and the non-volatile memory subsystem based on instructions received from the controller (microprocessor 303 (the data manager) specifies the access address information from the read and write commands of the storage system input/output (the memory controller) of host 200 and controls the transmission of data (controls data traffic) between volatile memory 311, non-volatile memory 313, and the storage system input/output of host 200, paragraphs [0017], [0055], [0057], [0065], [0067]).

As per Claim 4, Shimozono discloses the memory module of claim 3; additionally, Shimozono discloses wherein data traffic control relates to any one or more of data flow rate, data transfer size, data buffer size, data transfer bit width, formatting information, direction of data flow, and the starting time of data transfer (microprocessor 303 processes host 200 commands indicating the type of command, transfer address, and transfer length (data transfer size), paragraphs [0055], [0061], [0083]).

As per Claim 5, Shimozono discloses the memory module of claim 1; additionally, Shimozono discloses wherein the controller configures at least one of a first memory address space of the volatile memory subsystem and a second memory address space of the non-volatile memory subsystem in response to at least one of a received command from the memory controller and memory address space initialization information of the memory module (the host 200 through the storage system input/output (the memory controller) can control the memory regions of volatile sub-regions (a first memory address space of the volatile memory subsystem) and non-volatile sub-regions (a second memory address space of the non-volatile memory subsystem), in units called host volumes when the microprocessor executes commands from the controller 301 regarding the configuration of the memory regions, paragraph [0017], [0055]-[0059], [0086], [0102]).

As per Claim 6, Shimozono discloses the memory module of claim 1; additionally, Shimozono discloses wherein the data manager is configured as a bidirectional data transfer fabric having two or more sets of data ports coupled to any one of the volatile and non-volatile memory subsystems (microprocessor 303 (the data manager) provides read and write command processing with the storage system input/output of host 200 by utilizing one or more ports (two or more sets of data ports) to the volatile cache memory of the multiplexed storage devices (a bidirectional data transfer fabric), paragraphs [0017], [0061], [0077], claim 15).
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As per Claim 9, Shimozono discloses the memory module of claim 1; additionally, Shimozono discloses wherein the volatile memory subsystem comprises DRAM memory (CM 311 is volatile memory may be DRAM, Dynamic Random Access Memory, paragraph [0057]).

As per Claim 11, Shimozono discloses the memory module of claim 6; additionally, Shimozono discloses wherein the data manager further includes a data format module configured to format data to be transferred between any two or more of the memory controller, the volatile memory subsystem, and the non-volatile memory subsystem based on control information received from the controller (microprocessor 303 (the data manager) processes volatile memory 311 and non-volatile memory 313 commands between the storage system input/output (the memory controller) of host 200, using Fiber Channel Protocol, Ethernet and iSCSI, Internet Small Computer System Interface, protocols (a data format module to format data), paragraphs [0017], [0057], [0061], [0077], [0078]).

As per Claim 12, Shimozono discloses the memory module of 11; additionally, Shimozono discloses wherein the data manager further includes a data buffer for buffering data delivered to or from the non-volatile memory subsystem (microprocessor 303 (the data manager) copies volatile memory 311 to the non-volatile cache region 391 (data buffer for buffering data) of the non-volatile memory 313, Figure 19, paragraphs [0055], [0057], [0068]).

As per Claim 13, Shimozono discloses a method for managing a memory module by a memory controller, the memory module including volatile and non-volatile memory subsystems (a process of receiving commands on storage system 101 (a memory module) from storage system input/output (a memory controller) of host 200 and reading or writing data to volatile memory 311 and non-volatile memory 313, Figure 19, paragraph [0017], [0055], [0057], [0061]), the method comprising: receiving control information from the memory controller (commands are transceived between the storage system input/output (the memory controller) of host 200 and storage system 101 using a selected protocol, paragraphs [0017], [0077]-[0079]), wherein the control information is received using a protocol of the volatile memory subsystem (using the protocol, the storage system 101 provides volatile memory, CM 311 sub-regions, for processing read and write commands and data, paragraphs [0057], [0065], [0067] [0077]); identifying a data path to be used for transferring data to or from the memory module using the received control information (microprocessor 303 specifies access address information (identifying a data path) from the read and write commands sent from storage system input/output (the memory controller) of host 200, paragraph [0017], [0055], [0065], [0067]); and using a data manager and a controller of the memory module to transfer data between any two or more of the memory controller, the volatile memory subsystem, and the non-volatile memory subsystem based on at least one of the received control information and the identified data path (storage system 101 (the memory module) comprises controller 301 and using microprocessor 303, recognized as comprising the functionality of a data manager, specifies access address information (the identified data path) and transmits data between volatile memory 311 and non-volatile memory 313 with the storage system input/output (the memory controller) of host 200, Figure 19, paragraphs [0017], [0055], [0057], [0065], [0067]).

As per Claim 14, Shimozono discloses the method of claim 13; additionally, Shimozono discloses further comprising operating the data manager to control one or more of data flow rate, data transfer size, data width size, data buffer size, data error monitoring, data error correction, and the starting time of the transfer of data (microprocessor 303 (the data manager) processes commands received from the storage system input/output (the memory controller) of host 200 and allocates the volatile memory into a fixed length segment size (controls data buffer size), paragraphs [0017], [0057], [0061], [0114]).

As per Claim 15, Shimozono discloses the method of claim 13; additionally, Shimozono discloses further comprising operating the data manager as a bidirectional data transfer fabric with two or more sets of data ports coupled to any one of the volatile and non-volatile memory subsystems (microprocessor 303 (the data manager) provides read and write command processing with the storage system input/output of host 200 by utilizing one or more ports (two or more sets of data ports) to the volatile cache memory of the multiplexed storage devices (a bidirectional data transfer fabric), paragraphs [0017], [0061], [0077], claim 15).

As per Claim 18, Shimozono discloses the method of claim 13; additionally, Shimozono discloses further comprising directing transfer of data bi-directionally between the volatile and non-volatile memory subsystems using the data manager and in response to memory access commands received by the controller from the memory controller (microprocessor 303 (the data manager) copies data from volatile memory 311 to non-volatile memory 313 and to volatile memory from non-volatile memory 313 (directing transfer of data bi-directionally) using the access address information from the storage system input/output (the memory controller) of host 200, [0017], [0055]-[0058]).

As per Claim 19, Shimozono discloses the method of claim 18; additionally, Shimozono discloses further comprising buffering the data transferred between the memory controller and non-volatile memory subsystem using the volatile memory subsystem (microprocessor 303 processes the commands received from the storage system input/output (the memory controller) of host 200 in volatile memory 311 and copy the data to non-volatile memory 313 by executing the specific computer program, paragraphs [0017], [0055], [0057], [0061], [0065]).

As per Claim 20, Shimozono discloses the method of claim 13; additionally, Shimozono discloses further comprising using the controller to perform one or more of memory address translation, memory address mapping, address domain conversion, memory access control, data error correction, and data width modulation between the volatile and nonvolatile memory subsystems (controller 301 comprises an access control unit in storage system 101 and when executed by microprocessor 303, allows memory to be used (memory access control), Figure 19, paragraphs [0014] and [0055]).

As per Claim 21, Shimozono discloses the method of claim 13; additionally, Shimozono discloses further comprising using the controller to configure memory space in the memory module based on at least one of a command received from the memory controller, a programmable value written into a register, a value corresponding to a first portion of the volatile memory subsystem, a value corresponding to a first portion of the non-volatile memory subsystem, and a timing value (the host 200 through the storage system input/output (the memory controller) can control the memory regions of volatile sub-regions and non-volatile sub-regions (configure memory space) in units called host volumes through the microprocessor executing commands from the controller 301 regarding the configuration of the memory regions, paragraph [0017], [0055]-[0059], [0086], [0102]).

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As per Claim 22, Shimozono discloses the method of claim 21; additionally, Shimozono discloses wherein the controller configures the memory space of the memory module using at least a first portion of the volatile memory subsystem and a first portion of the non-volatile memory subsystem, and the controller presents a unified memory space to the memory controller (controller 301 executes a program with microprocessor 303 to control volatile memory 311 or non-volatile memory 313 sub-region address information (configures the memory space using a first portion of the memory subsystem) in storage system 101 (the memory module) by converting the access address information designated in an access address command (the controller presents a unified memory space) from the storage system input/output (the memory controller) of host 200, Figure 19, paragraphs [0017], [0055], [0057], [0058]).

As per Claim 23, Shimozono discloses the method of claim 21; additionally, Shimozono discloses wherein the controller configures the memory space in the memory module using partitioning instructions that are application-specific (microprocessor executes the controller 301 cache control program 454 to control the forming of volatile memory 311 sub-region in storage system 101 (configures the memory space in the memory module), based on the command processing program 451 and the RAID control program 453 (instructions that are application-specific), Figures 3 and 19, paragraphs [0057], [0102]-[0106]).

Claims 7, 8, 10, 16, 17 and 24 lack an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over Shimozono in view of US 2010/0274953 A1, LEE, T., et al (hereinafter 'Lee').

As per Claim 7, Shimozono discloses the memory module of claim 6. Shimozono does not disclose wherein at least one of the volatile and non-volatile memory subsystems comprises one or more memory segments. Lee discloses wherein at least one of the volatile and non-volatile memory subsystems comprises one or more memory segments (the memory system of solid state disk 120 comprises a non-volatile, flash memory interface 240 connected to a plurality of non-volatile flash memory devices groups 123 through 125 (non-volatile memory subsystem), each containing memory devices (one or more memory segments), Figures 1 and 2, paragraphs [0007] and [0046]). At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, having the teachings of Shimozono and Lee before him or her, to modify the volatile cache and non-volatile storage system and method of Shimozono to include the data storage performance system and method of Lee because of more granular control of memory storage functions. The suggestion/motivation for doing so would have been to provide a process to selectively activate memory channels and adjust the degree of interleaving of the activated channels to provide a more efficient and reliable memory access.

As per Claim 8, Shimozono, in combination with Lee, discloses the memory module of claim 7; additionally, Lee discloses wherein each memory segment comprises at least one memory circuit, memory device, or memory die (each of the memory device groups 123 through 125 contains memory devices MEM_11 through MEM_1m, which may be NAND flash memory devices, Figure 3, paragraphs [0058] and [0071]).

As per Claim 10, Shimozono, in combination with Lee, discloses the memory module of claim 7; additionally, Lee discloses wherein at least one set of data ports is operated by the data manager to independently and/or concurrently transfer data to or from one or more memory segments of the volatile or non-volatile memory subsystems (solid state disk controller 121 (the data manager) can activate some or all (independently and/or concurrently) of the channels (one set of data ports) to the non-volatile memory devices (non-volatile memory subsystem) for read and write transfer control, paragraphs [0053] and [0062]).

As per Claim 16, Shimozono discloses the memory module of claim 13. Shimozono does not disclose wherein at least one of the volatile and non-volatile memory subsystems comprises one or more memory segments. Lee discloses wherein at least one of the volatile and non-volatile memory subsystems comprises one or more memory segments (the memory system of solid state disk 120 comprises a non-volatile, flash memory interface 240 connected to a plurality of non-volatile flash memory devices groups 123 through 125 (non-volatile memory subsystem), each containing memory devices (one or more memory segments), Figures 1 and 2, paragraphs [0007] and [0046]). At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, having the teachings of Shimozono and Lee before him or her, to modify the volatile cache and non-volatile storage system and method Shimozono to include the data storage performance system and method of Lee because of more granular control of memory storage functions. The suggestion/motivation for doing so would have been to provide a process to selectively activate memory channels and adjust the degree of interleaving of the activated channels to provide a more efficient and reliable memory access.

As per Claim 17, Shimozono discloses the method of claim 15. Shimozono does not disclose further comprising operating the data ports to independently and/or concurrently transfer data to or from one or more memory segments of the volatile or nonvolatile memory subsystems. Lee discloses further comprising operating the data ports to independently and/or concurrently transfer data to or from one or more memory segments of the volatile or nonvolatile memory subsystems (solid state disk controller 121 (the data manager) can activate some or all (independently and/or concurrently) of the channels (one set of data ports) to the non-volatile memory devices (non-volatile memory subsystem) for read and write transfer control, paragraphs [0053] and [0062]). At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, having the teachings of Shimozono and Lee before him or her, to modify the volatile cache and non-volatile storage system and method of Shimozono to include the data storage performance system and method of Lee because of more granular control of memory storage functions. The suggestion/motivation for doing so would have been to provide a process to selectively activate memory channels and adjust the degree of interleaving of the activated channels to provide a more efficient and reliable memory access.

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As per Claim 24, Shimozono discloses the method of claim 13. Shimozono does not disclose further comprising: operating the volatile memory subsystem at a first clock frequency when the memory system is in a first mode of operation in which data is communicated between the volatile memory subsystem and the host system; operating the non-volatile memory subsystem at a second clock frequency when the memory system is in a second mode of operation in which data is communicated between the volatile memory subsystem and the non-volatile memory subsystem; and operating the volatile memory subsystem at a third clock frequency when the memory system is in the second mode of operation, the third clock frequency being less than the first clock frequency. Lee discloses further comprising: operating the volatile memory subsystem at a first clock frequency, when the memory system is in a first mode of operation in which data is communicated between the volatile memory subsystem and the host system (SDRAM, volatile buffer memory 522 (the volatile memory subsystem) clock frequencies, fb, (a first clock frequency) are controlled by different internal clock signals in the solid state disk 520 (the memory system) when temporarily storing data involving read and write operations with host 510 (the host system), Figures 4B and 10, paragraphs [0065], [0080], [0115]); operating the non-volatile memory subsystem at a second clock frequency when the memory system is in a second mode of operation in which data is communicated between the volatile memory subsystem and the non-volatile memory subsystem (the flash clock frequency, fi, (a second clock frequency) controls the rate of the non-volatile flash interface 240 for exchanging data between the SDRAM volatile buffer memory 122 (the volatile memory subsystem) and the non-volatile flash memory device groups (non-volatile memory subsystem), Figure 4B, paragraphs [0005], [0066], [0080]); and operating the volatile memory subsystem at a third clock frequency when the memory system is in the second mode of operation, the third clock frequency being less than the first clock frequency (solid state disk (the memory system) controller 121 can adjust the clock frequency driving SDRAM volatile memory 122 (the volatile memory subsystem) by lowering its clock frequency (the third clock frequency being less than the first clock frequency) to reduce its power consumption, when activating some or all of the non-volatile flash memory device groups (the second mode of operation), paragraphs [0005], [0053], [0065]). At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, having the teachings of Shimozono and Lee before him or her, to modify the volatile cache and non-volatile storage system and method of Shimozono to include the data storage performance system and method of Lee because of selective component clock frequencies. The suggestion/motivation for doing so would have been to provide a method to lower clock frequencies of selective components to enable better power consumption and redirect the limited available power to other storage components to ensure proper data storage and retention.

Claims 1-24 have industrial applicability as defined by PCT Article 33(4) because the subject matter can be made or used in industry.

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EXAMINER:	unassigned	
ART UNIT:	2189	

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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page **2** of this paper.

Remarks begin on page **3** of this paper.

In the Specification

Please amend paragraph [0001] as follows:

[0001] This application claims the benefit of provisional patent application serial no. 61/512,871, filed July 28, 2011, and ~~of U.S. patent application serial 13/559,476, filed July 26, 2012,which is a continuation-in-part (CIP)~~ of US patent application serial no. 12/240,916, filed September 29, 2008 which is a continuation of U.S. patent application serial no. 12/131,873, filed June 2, 2008, which claims the benefit of U.S. provisional patent application serial no. 60/941,586, filed June 1, 2007, the contents of all of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

This application may also be considered to be related to co-pending U.S. patent application serial no. 13/536,173, filed on June 28, 2012, and commonly owned herewith.

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to more accurately reflect priority and related application information.

Early consideration and allowance of this application is earnestly solicited.

Please charge any additional required fees, including those necessary to obtain extensions of time to render timely the filing of the instant Amendment and/or Reply to Office Action, or credit any overpayment not otherwise credited, to our deposit account no. 50-3557.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims, if any, are reflected in the Listing of Claims beginning on page **2**.

Remarks begin on page **7** of this paper.

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In the Claims

The following Listing of Claims replaces all prior versions in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A memory module couplable to a memory controller of a host system, comprising:

a non-volatile memory subsystem;

a data manager coupled to the non-volatile memory subsystem;

a volatile memory subsystem coupled to the data manager and operable to exchange data with the non-volatile memory subsystem by way of the data manager; and

a controller operable to receive commands from the memory controller and to direct (i) operation of the non-volatile memory subsystem, (ii) operation of the volatile memory subsystem, and (iii) transfer of data between any two or more of the memory controller, the volatile memory subsystem, and the non-volatile memory subsystem based on at least one received command from the memory controller, wherein:

at least one of the volatile and non-volatile memory subsystems comprises one or more memory segments, each memory segment comprising at least one memory circuit, memory device, or memory die, and

the data manager is configured as a bi-directional data transfer fabric having two or more sets of data ports, a first set of data ports of the two or more sets of data ports is coupled to the volatile memory subsystem, a second set of data ports of the two or more sets of data ports is coupled to the non-volatile memory subsystem, the two or more sets of data ports being operable by the data manager to transfer data to or from one or more memory segments of the volatile or non-volatile memory subsystems, the data manager further including a data buffer for buffering data delivered to or from the non-volatile memory subsystem, and a data format module configured to format data to be transferred between any two or more of the memory controller, the volatile memory subsystem, and the non-volatile memory subsystem based on control information received from the controller.

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2. (Previously Presented) The memory module of claim 1, wherein the data manager is operable to control one or more of data flow rate, data transfer size, data buffer size, data error monitoring, and data error correction in response to receiving at least one of a control signal and control information from the controller.

3. (Previously Presented) The memory module of claim 1, wherein the data manager controls data traffic between any two or more of the memory controller, the volatile memory subsystem, and the non-volatile memory subsystem based on instructions received from the controller.

4. (Previously Presented) The memory module of claim 3, wherein data traffic control relates to any one or more of data flow rate, data transfer size, data buffer size, data transfer bit width, formatting information, direction of data flow, and the starting time of data transfer.

5. (Previously Presented) The memory module of claim 1, wherein the controller configures at least one of a first memory address space of the volatile memory subsystem and a second memory address space of the non-volatile memory subsystem in response to at least one of a received command from the memory controller and memory address space initialization information of the memory module.

6-8. (Cancelled)

9. (Previously Presented) The memory module of claim 1, wherein the volatile memory subsystem comprises DRAM memory.

10-12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) A method for managing a memory module by a memory controller, the memory module including volatile and non-volatile memory subsystems, the method comprising:

receiving control information from the memory controller, wherein the control information is received using a protocol of the volatile memory subsystem;

identifying a data path to be used for transferring data to or from the memory module using the received control information; ~~and~~

using a data manager and a controller of the memory module to transfer data between any two or more of the memory controller, the volatile memory subsystem, and the non-volatile memory subsystem based on at least one of the received control information and the identified data path;

operating the data manager as a bi-directional data transfer fabric with two or more sets of data ports, wherein a first set of data ports of the two or more sets of data ports is coupled to the volatile memory subsystems, and a second set of data ports of the two or more sets of data ports is coupled to the non-volatile memory subsystem;

operating the two or more sets of data ports to transfer data to or from one or more memory segments of the volatile or non-volatile memory subsystems based on control information received from the controller of the memory module; and

using the controller of the memory module to perform one or more of memory address translation, memory address mapping, address domain conversion, memory access control, data error correction, and data width modulation between any two or more of the memory controller, the volatile memory subsystem, and the non-volatile memory subsystem.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, further comprising operating the data manager to control one or more of data flow rate, data transfer size, data width size, data buffer size, data error monitoring, data error correction, and the starting time of the transfer of data.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Previously Presented) The memory module of claim 13, wherein at least one of the volatile and non-volatile memory subsystems comprises one or more memory segments.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, further comprising directing transfer of data bi-directionally between the volatile and non-volatile memory subsystems using the data manager and in response to memory access commands received by the controller from the memory controller.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, further comprising buffering the data transferred between the memory controller and non-volatile memory subsystem using the volatile memory subsystem.

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, further comprising using the controller to configure memory space in the memory module based on at least one of a command received from the memory controller, a programmable value written into a register, a value corresponding to a first portion of the volatile memory subsystem, a value corresponding to a first portion of the non-volatile memory subsystem, and a timing value.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, wherein the controller configures the memory space of the memory module using at least a first portion of the volatile memory subsystem and a first portion of the non-volatile memory subsystem, and the controller presents a unified memory space to the memory controller.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, wherein the controller configures the memory space in the memory module using partitioning instructions that are application-specific.

24. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, further comprising:

operating the volatile memory subsystem at a first clock frequency when the memory ~~system~~ module is in a first mode of operation in which data is communicated between the volatile memory subsystem and the ~~host system~~memory controller;

operating the non-volatile memory subsystem at a second clock frequency when the memory ~~system~~ module is in a second mode of operation in which data is communicated between the volatile memory subsystem and the non-volatile memory subsystem; and

operating the volatile memory subsystem at a third clock frequency when the memory ~~system~~ module is in the second mode of operation, the third clock frequency being less than the first clock frequency.

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REMARKS

Applicants have amended Claims 1, 13 and 24 and have cancelled Claims 6-8, 10-12, 15, 17 and 20. Applicants reserve the right to further pursue the cancelled claims in a continuation and/or divisional application as well as for appeal purposes. Early consideration and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited.

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❑ Applicant asserting small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)
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Section 1(h)(2) of the AIA Technical Corrections Act amended 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(3)(B)(i) to eliminate the requirement that the Office provide a patent term adjustment determination with the notice of allowance. See Revisions to Patent Term Adjustment, 78 Fed. Reg. 19416, 19417 (Apr. 1, 2013). Therefore, the Office is no longer providing an initial patent term adjustment determination with the notice of allowance. The Office will continue to provide a patent term adjustment determination with the Issue Notification Letter that is mailed to applicant approximately three weeks prior to the issue date of the patent, and will include the patent term adjustment on the patent. Any request for reconsideration of the patent term adjustment determination (or reinstatement of patent term adjustment) should follow the process outlined in 37 CFR 1.705.

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	Examiner STEPHEN ELMORE	Art Unit 2188	AIA (First Inventor to File) Status No

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to *the Application filed 7/26/2012*.
   ☐ A declaration(s)/affidavit(s) under **37 CFR 1.130(b)** was/were filed on_____.
2. ☐ An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on _____; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.
3. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are *1-5,9,13,14,16,18,19 and 21-24*. As a result of the allowed claim(s), you may be eligible to benefit from the **Patent Prosecution Highway** program at a participating intellectual property office for the corresponding application. For more information, please see http://www.uspto.gov/patents/init_events/pph/index.jsp or send an inquiry to PPHfeedback@uspto.gov .
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date See Continuation Sheet
3. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
4. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____ .
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/STEPHEN ELMORE/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2188

Continuation of Attachment(s) 2. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date: 9/27/12, 12/10/12, 5/21/13, 7/12/13.

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EXAMINER'S COMMENT and REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The present application is being examined under the pre-AIA first to invent provisions.

Priority

Applicant's claim for the benefit of one or more prior-filed applications under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) or under 35 U.S.C. 120, 121, or 365(c) is acknowledged. However, Applicant has not complied with one or more conditions for receiving the benefit of an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) or 120 as follows: the inventive entity of each of the prior-filed applications is/are not the same inventive entity of the present application. Prior filed provisional application 61/512871 has single inventor, Hyun Lee (a distinct inventive entity), and prior filed CIP application 12/240916 has four inventors: Chi-She Chen, Jeffrey Solomon, Scott Milton, and Jayesh Bhakta (a different distinct inventive entity), while the present application has five inventors: Hyun Lee, Chi-She Chen, Jeffrey Solomon, Scott Milton, and Jayesh Bhakta (another different distinct inventive entity). The priority date granted to the examination of the present application is 7/26/2012.

Drawings

The drawings Figures 2, 8B, and 9 filed on 7/26/2012 are objected-to subject to correction of the informalities indicated below. In order to avoid abandonment of this application, correction is required in reply to the Office action. The correction will not be held in abeyance.

Figure 2 is objected to because graphic shading elements in the figure obscure text in the drawing.

Figure 8B is objected-to because the multiple drawing elements composed of graphical shading are unidentified.

Figure 9 is objected-to because flowchart element 916 contains an incomplete descriptive labeling/statement.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

In independent claims 1 and 13 the following features taken **in combination with** the remaining limitations of the independent claim are not found in and/or are not obvious in view of the closest prior art of record, Song et al., US 8,102,614,

Claim 1,

"a controller operable to receive commands from the memory controller and to direct (i) operation of the non-volatile memory subsystem, (ii) operation of the volatile memory subsystem, and (iii) transfer of data between any two or more of the memory controller, the volatile memory subsystem, and the non-volatile memory subsystem based on at least one received command from the memory controller, wherein: at least one of the volatile and non-volatile memory subsystems comprises one or more memory segments, each memory segment comprising at least one memory circuit, memory device, or memory die, and the data manager is configured as a bi-directional data transfer fabric having two or more sets of data ports, a first set of data ports of the two or more sets of data ports is coupled to the volatile memory subsystem, a second set of data ports of the two or more sets of data ports is coupled to the non-volatile memory subsystem, the two or more sets of data ports being operable by the data manager to transfer data to or from one or more memory segments of the volatile or non-volatile memory subsystems, the data

manager further including a data buffer for buffering data delivered to or from the non-volatile memory subsystem" and *"a data format module configured to format data to be transferred between any two or more of the memory controller, the volatile memory subsystem, and the non-volatile memory subsystem based on control information received from the controller";*

Claim 13,

"*identifying a data path to be used for transferring data to or from the memory module using the received control information; and using a data manager and a controller of the memory module to transfer data between any two or more of the memory controller, the volatile memory subsystem, and the non-volatile memory subsystem based on at least one of the received control information and the identified data path; operating the data manager as a bi-directional data transfer fabric with two or more sets of data ports, wherein a first set of data ports of the two or more sets of data ports is coupled to the volatile memory subsystems, and a second set of data ports of the two or more sets of data ports is coupled to the non-volatile memory subsystem; operating the two or more sets of data ports to transfer data to or from one or more memory segments of the volatile or non-volatile memory subsystems based on control information received from the controller of the memory module"* and *"using the controller of the memory module to perform one or more of memory address translation, memory address mapping, address domain conversion, memory access control, data error correction, and data width modulation between any two or more of the memory controller, the volatile memory subsystem, and the non-volatile memory subsystem".*

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mano Padmanabhan can be reached on (571) 272-4210. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/STEPHEN ELMORE/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2188

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Box No. V **Reasoned statement under Rule 43*bis*.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	7, 8, 10, 16, 17, 24	YES
	Claims	1-6, 9, 11-15, 18-23	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	NONE	YES
	Claims	1-24	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-24	YES
	Claims	NONE	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Claims 1-6, 9, 11-15 and 18-23 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by US 2008/0104344 A1, SHIMOZONO, N., et al (hereinafter 'Shimozono').

As per Claim 1, Shimozono discloses a memory module (storage system 101 (a memory module), Figure 19, paragraph [0053]) couplable to a memory controller of a host system (is connected to storage system input/output (memory controller) of host 200 through front end I/F 307, Figure 19, paragraphs [0017] and [0080]), comprising: a non-volatile memory subsystem (non-volatile memory 313 (non-volatile memory subsystem), NM, Figure 19, paragraph [0055]); a data manager coupled to the non-volatile memory subsystem (microprocessor 303, MP, comprising the functionality of a data manager, is connected to non-volatile memory 313, through switch 309, SW, Figure 19, paragraph [0055]); a volatile memory subsystem coupled to the data manager (cache memory 311, CM, is volatile memory (a volatile memory subsystem) connected to microprocessor 303 through switch 309, SW, Figure 19, paragraphs [0055] and [0057]) and operable to exchange data with the non-volatile memory subsystem by way of the data manager (microprocessor 303 can copy data on the volatile memory, CM311, to the non-volatile memory 313, paragraphs [0055], [0057], [0065]); and a controller operable to receive commands from the memory controller (controller 301 communicates with the storage system input/output (the memory controller) of host 200 and uses microprocessor 303 to process read and write commands, paragraphs [0017], [0055], [0056], [0061]) and to direct (i) operation of the non-volatile memory subsystem (processes read and write commands with non-volatile memory 313, paragraphs [0055], [0065], [0067]), (ii) operation of the volatile memory subsystem (processes read and write commands with volatile memory 311, paragraphs [0055], [0057], [0065], [0067]), and (iii) transfer of data between any two or more of the memory controller, the volatile memory subsystem, and the non-volatile memory subsystem based on at least one received command from the memory controller (based on a read command from the storage system input/output (memory controller) of host 200, transmits data between volatile memory 311 and non-volatile memory 313 with the storage system input/output of host 200, paragraphs [0017], [0055], [0057], [0065], [0067]).

As per Claim 2, Shimozono discloses the memory module of claim 1; additionally, Shimozono discloses wherein the data manager is operable to control one or more of data flow rate, data transfer size, data buffer size, data error monitoring, and data error correction in response to receiving at least one of a control signal and control information from the controller (microprocessor 303 (the data manager) processes commands received from the storage system input/output (the memory controller) of host 200 and allocates the volatile memory into a fixed length segment size (controls data buffer size), paragraphs [0017], [0057], [0061], [0114]).

As per Claim 3, Shimozono discloses the memory module of claim 1; additionally, Shimozono discloses wherein the data manager controls data traffic between any two or more of the memory controller, the volatile memory subsystem, and the non-volatile memory subsystem based on instructions received from the controller (microprocessor 303 (the data manager) specifies the access address information from the read and write commands of the storage system input/output (the memory controller) of host 200 and controls the transmission of data (controls data traffic) between volatile memory 311, non-volatile memory 313, and the storage system input/output of host 200, paragraphs [0017], [0055], [0057], [0065], [0067]).

As per Claim 4, Shimozono discloses the memory module of claim 3; additionally, Shimozono discloses wherein data traffic control relates to any one or more of data flow rate, data transfer size, data buffer size, data transfer bit width, formatting information, direction of data flow, and the starting time of data transfer (microprocessor 303 processes host 200 commands indicating the type of command, transfer address, and transfer length (data transfer size), paragraphs [0055], [0061], [0083]).

As per Claim 5, Shimozono discloses the memory module of claim 1; additionally, Shimozono discloses wherein the controller configures at least one of a first memory address space of the volatile memory subsystem and a second memory address space of the non-volatile memory subsystem in response to at least one of a received command from the memory controller and memory address space initialization information of the memory module (the host 200 through the storage system input/output (the memory controller) can control the memory regions of volatile sub-regions (a first memory address space of the volatile memory subsystem) and non-volatile sub-regions (a second memory address space of the non-volatile memory subsystem), in units called host volumes when the microprocessor executes commands from the controller 301 regarding the configuration of the memory regions, paragraph [0017], [0055]-[0059], [0086], [0102]).

As per Claim 6, Shimozono discloses the memory module of claim 1; additionally, Shimozono discloses wherein the data manager is configured as a bidirectional data transfer fabric having two or more sets of data ports coupled to any one of the volatile and non-volatile memory subsystems (microprocessor 303 (the data manager) provides read and write command processing with the storage system input/output of host 200 by utilizing one or more ports (two or more sets of data ports) to the volatile cache memory of the multiplexed storage devices (a bidirectional data transfer fabric), paragraphs [0017], [0061], [0077], claim 15).

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As per Claim 9, Shimozono discloses the memory module of claim 1; additionally, Shimozono discloses wherein the volatile memory subsystem comprises DRAM memory (CM 311 is volatile memory may be DRAM, Dynamic Random Access Memory, paragraph [0057]).

As per Claim 11, Shimozono discloses the memory module of claim 6; additionally, Shimozono discloses wherein the data manager further includes a data format module configured to format data to be transferred between any two or more of the memory controller, the volatile memory subsystem, and the non-volatile memory subsystem based on control information received from the controller (microprocessor 303 (the data manager) processes volatile memory 311 and non-volatile memory 313 commands between the storage system input/output (the memory controller) of host 200, using Fiber Channel Protocol, Ethernet and iSCSI, Internet Small Computer System Interface, protocols (a data format module to format data), paragraphs [0017], [0057], [0061], [0077], [0078]).

As per Claim 12, Shimozono discloses the memory module of 11; additionally, Shimozono discloses wherein the data manager further includes a data buffer for buffering data delivered to or from the non-volatile memory subsystem (microprocessor 303 (the data manager) copies volatile memory 311 to the non-volatile cache region 391 (data buffer for buffering data) of the non-volatile memory 313, Figure 19, paragraphs [0055], [0057], [0068]).

As per Claim 13, Shimozono discloses a method for managing a memory module by a memory controller, the memory module including volatile and non-volatile memory subsystems (a process of receiving commands on storage system 101 (a memory module) from storage system input/output (a memory controller) of host 200 and reading or writing data to volatile memory 311 and non-volatile memory 313, Figure 19, paragraph [0017], [0055], [0057], [0061]), the method comprising: receiving control information from the memory controller (commands are transceived between the storage system input/output (the memory controller) of host 200 and storage system 101 using a selected protocol, paragraphs [0017], [0077]-[0079]), wherein the control information is received using a protocol of the volatile memory subsystem (using the protocol, the storage system 101 provides volatile memory, CM 311 sub-regions, for processing read and write commands and data, paragraphs [0057], [0065], [0067] [0077]); identifying a data path to be used for transferring data to or from the memory module using the received control information (microprocessor 303 specifies access address information (identifying a data path) from the read and write commands sent from storage system input/output (the memory controller) of host 200, paragraph [0017], [0055], [0065], [0067]); and using a data manager and a controller of the memory module to transfer data between any two or more of the memory controller, the volatile memory subsystem, and the non-volatile memory subsystem based on at least one of the received control information and the identified data path (storage system 101 (the memory module) comprises controller 301 and using microprocessor 303, recognized as comprising the functionality of a data manager, specifies access address information (the identified data path) and transmits data between volatile memory 311 and non-volatile memory 313 with the storage system input/output (the memory controller) of host 200, Figure 19, paragraphs [0017], [0055], [0057], [0065], [0067]).

As per Claim 14, Shimozono discloses the method of claim 13; additionally, Shimozono discloses further comprising operating the data manager to control one or more of data flow rate, data transfer size, data width size, data buffer size, data error monitoring, data error correction, and the starting time of the transfer of data (microprocessor 303 (the data manager) processes commands received from the storage system input/output (the memory controller) of host 200 and allocates the volatile memory into a fixed length segment size (controls data buffer size), paragraphs [0017], [0057], [0061], [0114]).

As per Claim 15, Shimozono discloses the method of claim 13; additionally, Shimozono discloses further comprising operating the data manager as a bidirectional data transfer fabric with two or more sets of data ports coupled to any one of the volatile and non-volatile memory subsystems (microprocessor 303 (the data manager) provides read and write command processing with the storage system input/output of host 200 by utilizing one or more ports (two or more sets of data ports) to the volatile cache memory of the multiplexed storage devices (a bidirectional data transfer fabric), paragraphs [0017], [0061], [0077], claim 15).

As per Claim 18, Shimozono discloses the method of claim 13; additionally, Shimozono discloses further comprising directing transfer of data bi-directionally between the volatile and non-volatile memory subsystems using the data manager and in response to memory access commands received by the controller from the memory controller (microprocessor 303 (the data manager) copies data from volatile memory 311 to non-volatile memory 313 and to volatile memory from non-volatile memory 313 (directing transfer of data bi-directionally) using the access address information from the storage system input/output (the memory controller) of host 200, [0017], [0055]-[0058]).

As per Claim 19, Shimozono discloses the method of claim 18; additionally, Shimozono discloses further comprising buffering the data transferred between the memory controller and non-volatile memory subsystem using the volatile memory subsystem (microprocessor 303 processes the commands received from the storage system input/output (the memory controller) of host 200 in volatile memory 311 and copy the data to non-volatile memory 313 by executing the specific computer program, paragraphs [0017], [0055], [0057], [0061], [0065]).

As per Claim 20, Shimozono discloses the method of claim 13; additionally, Shimozono discloses further comprising using the controller to perform one or more of memory address translation, memory address mapping, address domain conversion, memory access control, data error correction, and data width modulation between the volatile and nonvolatile memory subsystems (controller 301 comprises an access control unit in storage system 101 and when executed by microprocessor 303, allows memory to be used (memory access control), Figure 19, paragraphs [0014] and [0055]).

As per Claim 21, Shimozono discloses the method of claim 13; additionally, Shimozono discloses further comprising using the controller to configure memory space in the memory module based on at least one of a command received from the memory controller, a programmable value written into a register, a value corresponding to a first portion of the volatile memory subsystem, a value corresponding to a first portion of the non-volatile memory subsystem, and a timing value (the host 200 through the storage system input/output (the memory controller) can control the memory regions of volatile sub-regions and non-volatile sub-regions (configure memory space) in units called host volumes through the microprocessor executing commands from the controller 301 regarding the configuration of the memory regions, paragraph [0017], [0055]-[0059], [0086], [0102]).
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As per Claim 22, Shimozono discloses the method of claim 21; additionally, Shimozono discloses wherein the controller configures the memory space of the memory module using at least a first portion of the volatile memory subsystem and a first portion of the non-volatile memory subsystem, and the controller presents a unified memory space to the memory controller (controller 301 executes a program with microprocessor 303 to control volatile memory 311 or non-volatile memory 313 sub-region address information (configures the memory space using a first portion of the memory subsystem) in storage system 101 (the memory module) by converting the access address information designated in an access address command (the controller presents a unified memory space) from the storage system input/output (the memory controller) of host 200, Figure 19, paragraphs [0017], [0055], [0057], [0058]).

As per Claim 23, Shimozono discloses the method of claim 21; additionally, Shimozono discloses wherein the controller configures the memory space in the memory module using partitioning instructions that are application-specific (microprocessor executes the controller 301 cache control program 454 to control the forming of volatile memory 311 sub-region in storage system 101 (configures the memory space in the memory module), based on the command processing program 451 and the RAID control program 453 (instructions that are application-specific), Figures 3 and 19, paragraphs [0057], [0102]-[0106]).

Claims 7, 8, 10, 16, 17 and 24 lack an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over Shimozono in view of US 2010/0274953 A1, LEE, T., et al (hereinafter 'Lee').

As per Claim 7, Shimozono discloses the memory module of claim 6. Shimozono does not disclose wherein at least one of the volatile and non-volatile memory subsystems comprises one or more memory segments. Lee discloses wherein at least one of the volatile and non-volatile memory subsystems comprises one or more memory segments (the memory system of solid state disk 120 comprises a non-volatile, flash memory interface 240 connected to a plurality of non-volatile flash memory devices groups 123 through 125 (non-volatile memory subsystem), each containing memory devices (one or more memory segments), Figures 1 and 2, paragraphs [0007] and [0046]). At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, having the teachings of Shimozono and Lee before him or her, to modify the volatile cache and non-volatile storage system and method of Shimozono to include the data storage performance system and method of Lee because of more granular control of memory storage functions. The suggestion/motivation for doing so would have been to provide a process to selectively activate memory channels and adjust the degree of interleaving of the activated channels to provide a more efficient and reliable memory access.

As per Claim 8, Shimozono, in combination with Lee, discloses the memory module of claim 7; additionally, Lee discloses wherein each memory segment comprises at least one memory circuit, memory device, or memory die (each of the memory device groups 123 through 125 contains memory devices MEM_11 through MEM_1m, which may be NAND flash memory devices, Figure 3, paragraphs [0058] and [0071]).

As per Claim 10, Shimozono, in combination with Lee, discloses the memory module of claim 7; additionally, Lee discloses wherein at least one set of data ports is operated by the data manager to independently and/or concurrently transfer data to or from one or more memory segments of the volatile or non-volatile memory subsystems (solid state disk controller 121 (the data manager) can activate some or all (independently and/or concurrently) of the channels (one set of data ports) to the non-volatile memory devices (non-volatile memory subsystem) for read and write transfer control, paragraphs [0053] and [0062]).

As per Claim 16, Shimozono discloses the memory module of claim 13. Shimozono does not disclose wherein at least one of the volatile and non-volatile memory subsystems comprises one or more memory segments. Lee discloses wherein at least one of the volatile and non-volatile memory subsystems comprises one or more memory segments (the memory system of solid state disk 120 comprises a non-volatile, flash memory interface 240 connected to a plurality of non-volatile flash memory devices groups 123 through 125 (non-volatile memory subsystem), each containing memory devices (one or more memory segments), Figures 1 and 2, paragraphs [0007] and [0046]). At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, having the teachings of Shimozono and Lee before him or her, to modify the volatile cache and non-volatile storage system and method Shimozono to include the data storage performance system and method of Lee because of more granular control of memory storage functions. The suggestion/motivation for doing so would have been to provide a process to selectively activate memory channels and adjust the degree of interleaving of the activated channels to provide a more efficient and reliable memory access.

As per Claim 17, Shimozono discloses the method of claim 15. Shimozono does not disclose further comprising operating the data ports to independently and/or concurrently transfer data to or from one or more memory segments of the volatile or nonvolatile memory subsystems. Lee discloses further comprising operating the data ports to independently and/or concurrently transfer data to or from one or more memory segments of the volatile or nonvolatile memory subsystems (solid state disk controller 121 (the data manager) can activate some or all (independently and/or concurrently) of the channels (one set of data ports) to the non-volatile memory devices (non-volatile memory subsystem) for read and write transfer control, paragraphs [0053] and [0062]). At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, having the teachings of Shimozono and Lee before him or her, to modify the volatile cache and non-volatile storage system and method of Shimozono to include the data storage performance system and method of Lee because of more granular control of memory storage functions. The suggestion/motivation for doing so would have been to provide a process to selectively activate memory channels and adjust the degree of interleaving of the activated channels to provide a more efficient and reliable memory access.

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As per Claim 24, Shimozono discloses the method of claim 13. Shimozono does not disclose further comprising: operating the volatile memory subsystem at a first clock frequency when the memory system is in a first mode of operation in which data is communicated between the volatile memory subsystem and the host system; operating the non-volatile memory subsystem at a second clock frequency when the memory system is in a second mode of operation in which data is communicated between the volatile memory subsystem and the non-volatile memory subsystem; and operating the volatile memory subsystem at a third clock frequency when the memory system is in the second mode of operation, the third clock frequency being less than the first clock frequency. Lee discloses further comprising: operating the volatile memory subsystem at a first clock frequency, when the memory system is in a first mode of operation in which data is communicated between the volatile memory subsystem and the host system (SDRAM, volatile buffer memory 522 (the volatile memory subsystem) clock frequencies, fb, (a first clock frequency) are controlled by different internal clock signals in the solid state disk 520 (the memory system) when temporarily storing data involving read and write operations with host 510 (the host system), Figures 4B and 10, paragraphs [0065], [0080], [0115]); operating the non-volatile memory subsystem at a second clock frequency when the memory system is in a second mode of operation in which data is communicated between the volatile memory subsystem and the non-volatile memory subsystem (the flash clock frequency, fi, (a second clock frequency) controls the rate of the non-volatile flash interface 240 for exchanging data between the SDRAM volatile buffer memory 122 (the volatile memory subsystem) and the non-volatile flash memory device groups (non-volatile memory subsystem), Figure 4B, paragraphs [0005], [0066], [0080]); and operating the volatile memory subsystem at a third clock frequency when the memory system is in the second mode of operation, the third clock frequency being less than the first clock frequency (solid state disk (the memory system) controller 121 can adjust the clock frequency driving SDRAM volatile memory 122 (the volatile memory subsystem) by lowering its clock frequency (the third clock frequency being less than the first clock frequency) to reduce its power consumption, when activating some or all of the non-volatile flash memory device groups (the second mode of operation), paragraphs [0005], [0053], [0065]). At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, having the teachings of Shimozono and Lee before him or her, to modify the volatile cache and non-volatile storage system and method of Shimozono to include the data storage performance system and method of Lee because of selective component clock frequencies. The suggestion/motivation for doing so would have been to provide a method to lower clock frequencies of selective components to enable better power consumption and redirect the limited available power to other storage components to ensure proper data storage and retention.

Claims 1-24 have industrial applicability as defined by PCT Article 33(4) because the subject matter can be made or used in industry.

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SERIAL NO.:	13/559,476	CONFIRMATION NO: 1046
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EXAMINER:	Elmore, Stephen C.	
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the notice mailed June 24, 2014. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page **2** of this paper.

Remarks begin on page **3** of this paper.

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In the Specification

Please amend paragraph [0001] as follows:

[0001] This application claims the benefit of provisional patent application serial no. 61/512,871, filed July 28, 2011, and is a continuation-in-part of US patent application serial no. 12/240,916, filed September 29, 2008 which is a continuation of U.S. patent application serial no. 12/131,873, filed June 2, 2008, which claims the benefit of U.S. provisional patent application serial no. 60/941,586, filed June 1, 2007, the contents of all of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

This application may also be considered to be related to co-pending U.S. patent application serial no. 13/536,173, filed on June 28, 2012, and commonly owned herewith.

REMARKS

In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed June 24, 2014, Applicants amend the specification as set out in the Amendments of the Specification section herein to include an amended paragraph [0001] to amend the priority listing for the purposes of improving the readability of the application. Applicants added no new matter through the amendment.

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This application has been accorded an Allowance Date and is being prepared for issuance. The application, however, is incomplete for the reasons below.

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The application is not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.78, as indicated in the attachment. The consequences of failure to respond within the above-identified time period are set forth in the attachment.

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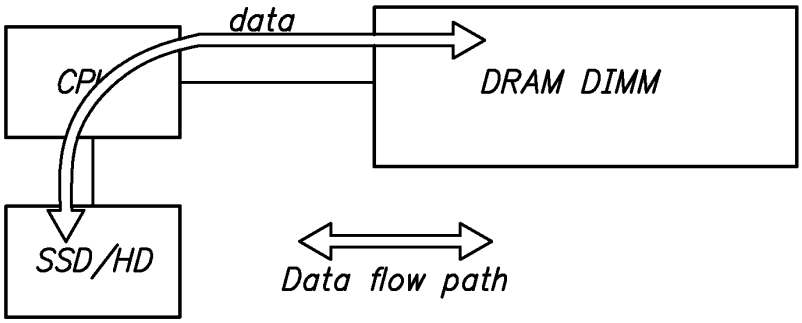


FIG. 1
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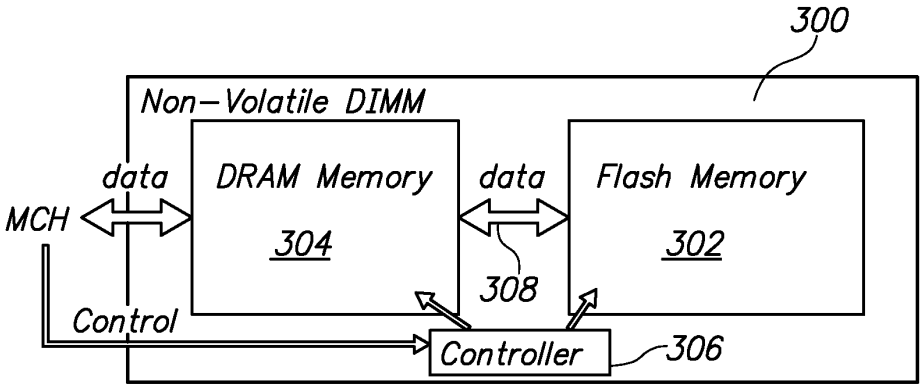
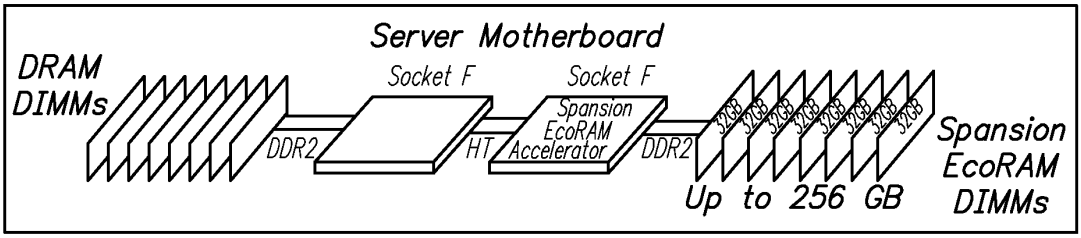


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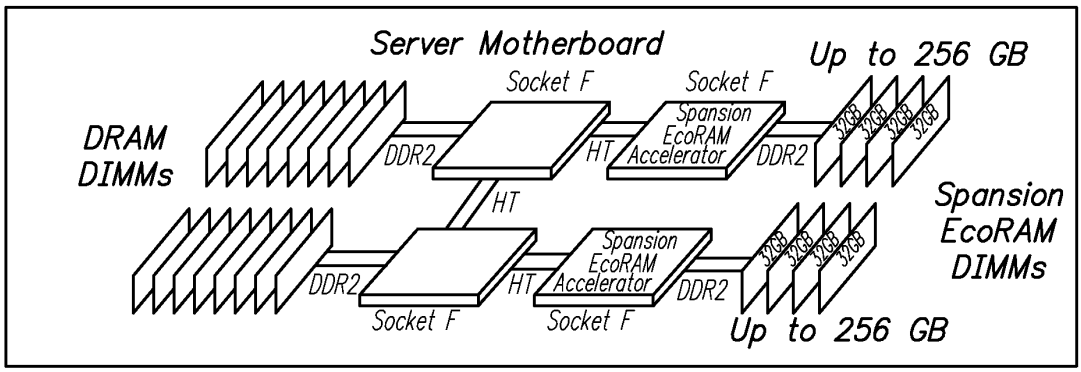
Spansion EcoRAM Configurations

256GB Spansion EcoRAM Solution – Single Accelerator



256GB Single Accelerator Spansion EcoRAM Solution

256GB Spansion EcoRAM Solution – Dual Accelerator



256GB Single Accelerator Spansion EcoRAM Solution

FIG. 2
(PRIOR ART)

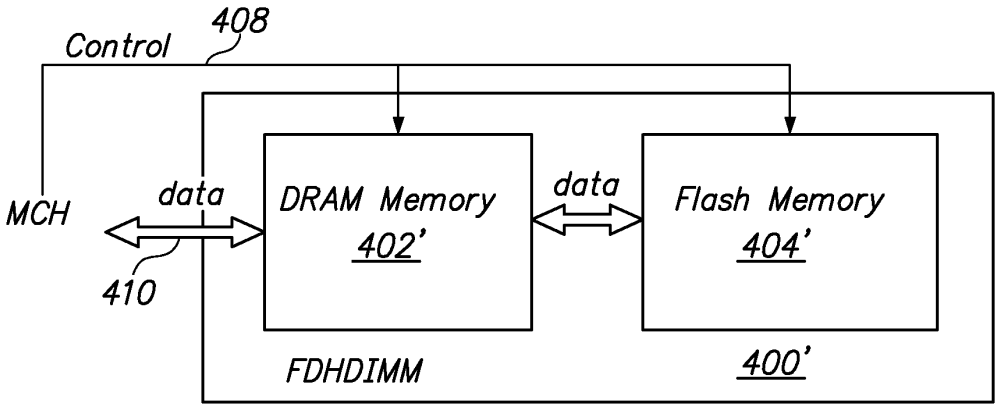


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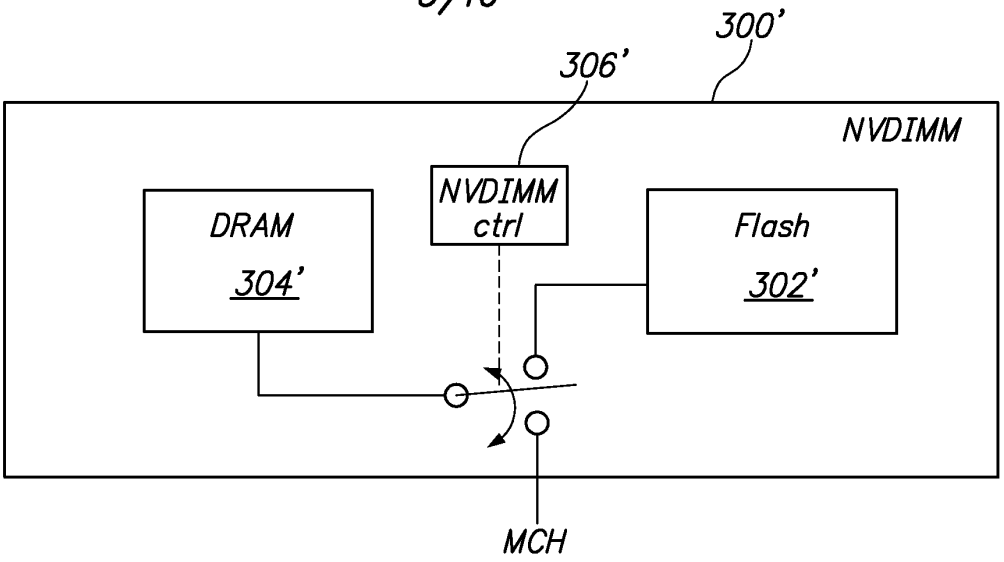

300'
306'
NVDIMM
NVDIMM ctrl
DRAM
304'
Flash
302'
MCH

FIG. 3B

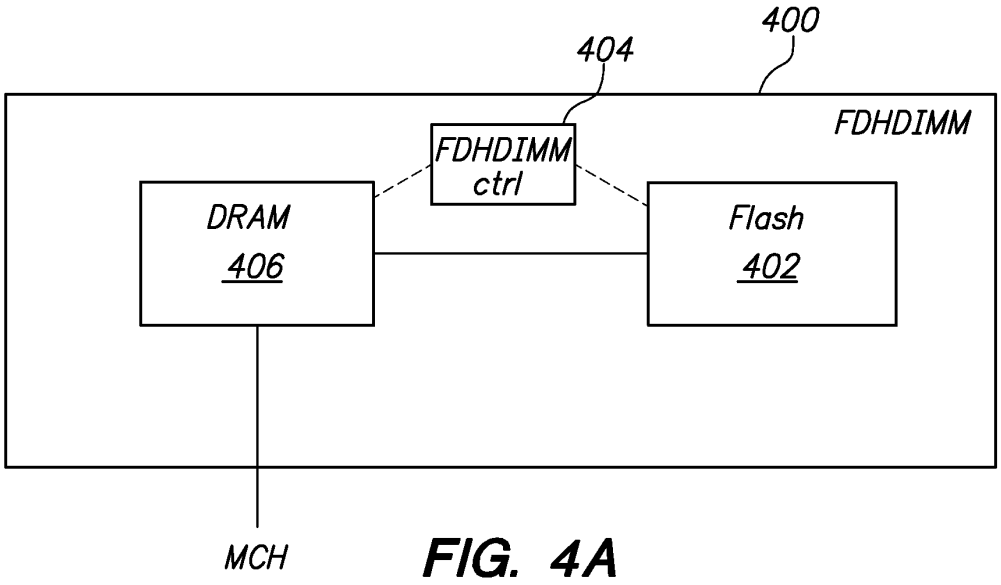

400
404
FDHDIMM
FDHDIMM ctrl
DRAM
406
Flash
402
MCH

FIG. 4A

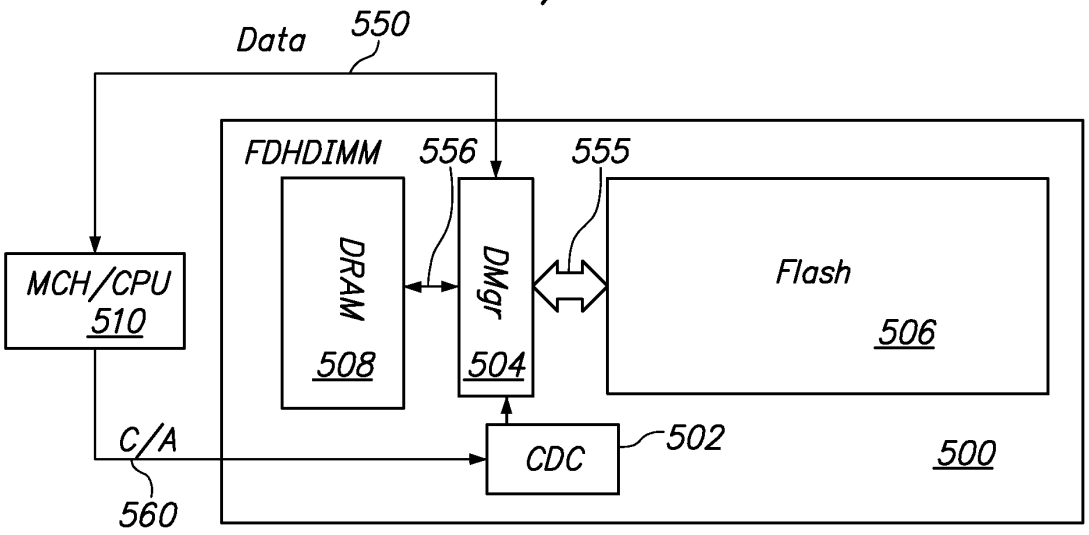

Data
550
FDHDIMM
556
555
DRAM
508
DMgr
504
Flash
506
MCH/CPU
510
C/A
560
CDC
502
500

FIG. 5A

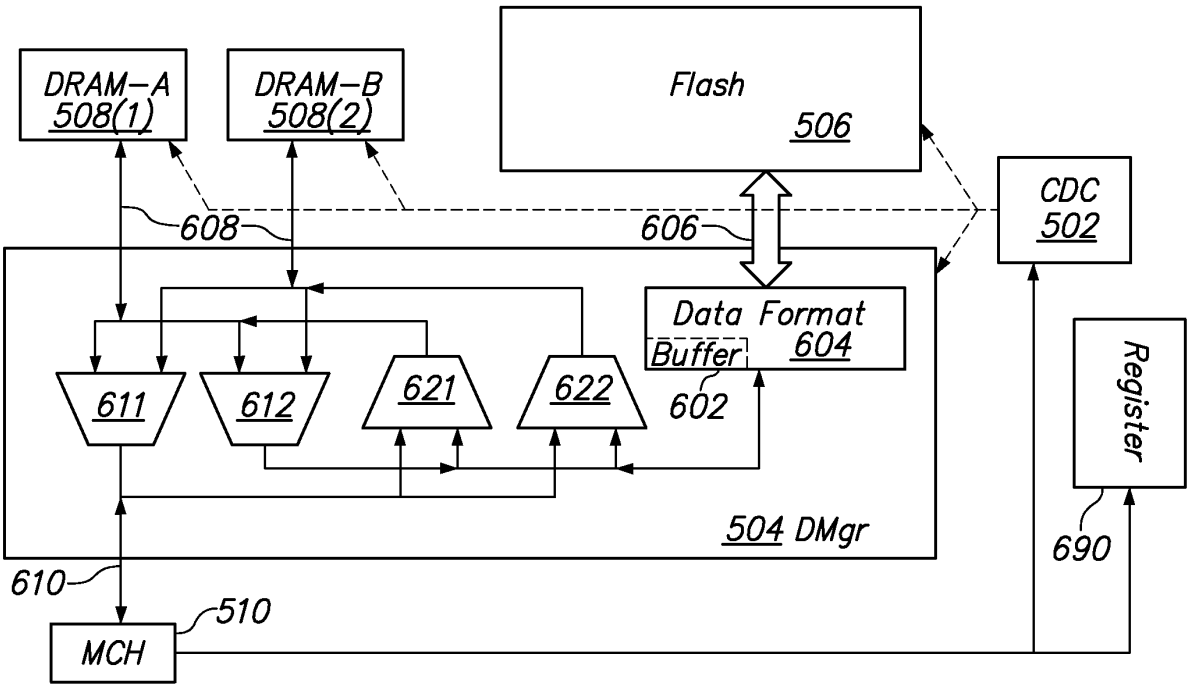

DRAM–A
508(1)
DRAM–B
508(2)
Flash
506
CDC
502
608
606
Data Format
604
Buffer
602
611
612
621
622
Register
690
504 DMgr
610
MCH
510

FIG. 6

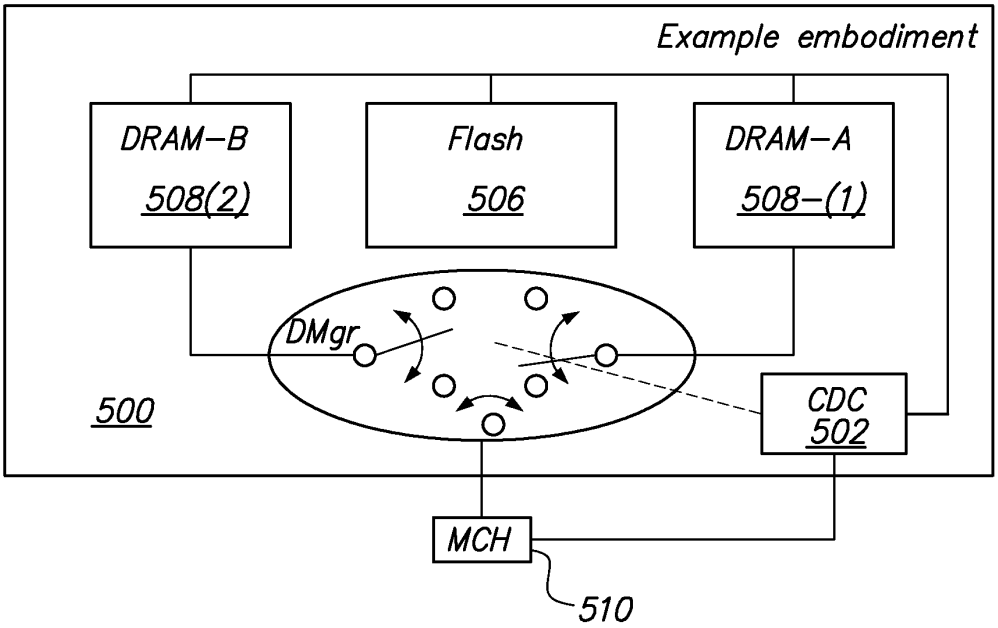

Example embodiment
DRAM–B
508(2)
Flash
506
DRAM–A
508–(1)
DMgr
500
CDC
502
MCH
510

FIG. 5B

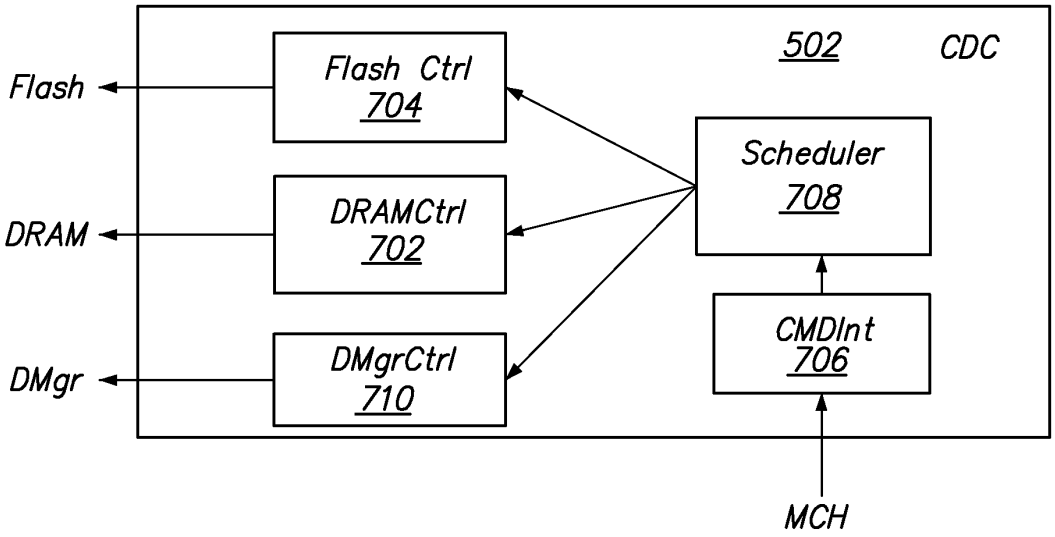

502
CDC
Flash
Flash Ctrl
704
DRAM
DRAMCtrl
702
DMgr
DMgrCtrl
710
Scheduler
708
CMDInt
706
MCH

FIG. 7

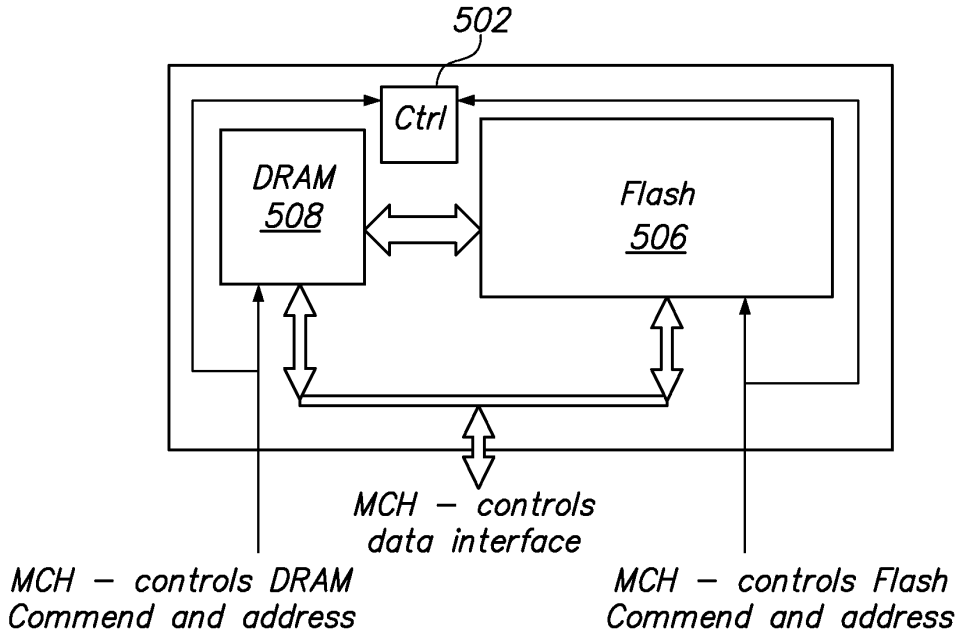

502
Ctrl
DRAM
508
Flash
506
MCH – controls
data interface
MCH – controls DRAM
Commend and address
MCH – controls Flash
Commend and address

FIG. 8A

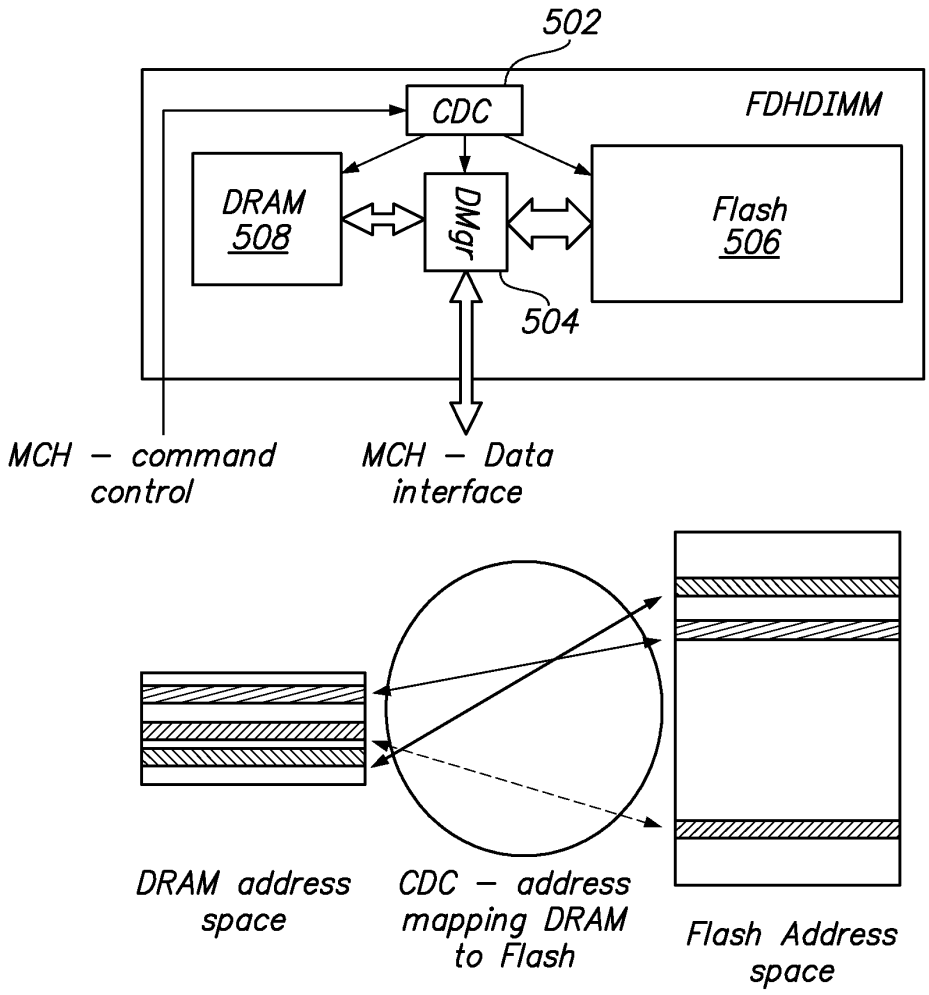

502
CDC
FDHDIMM
DRAM
508
DMgr
Flash
506
504
MCH – command control
MCH – Data interface
DRAM address space
CDC – address mapping DRAM to Flash
Flash Address space

FIG. 8B

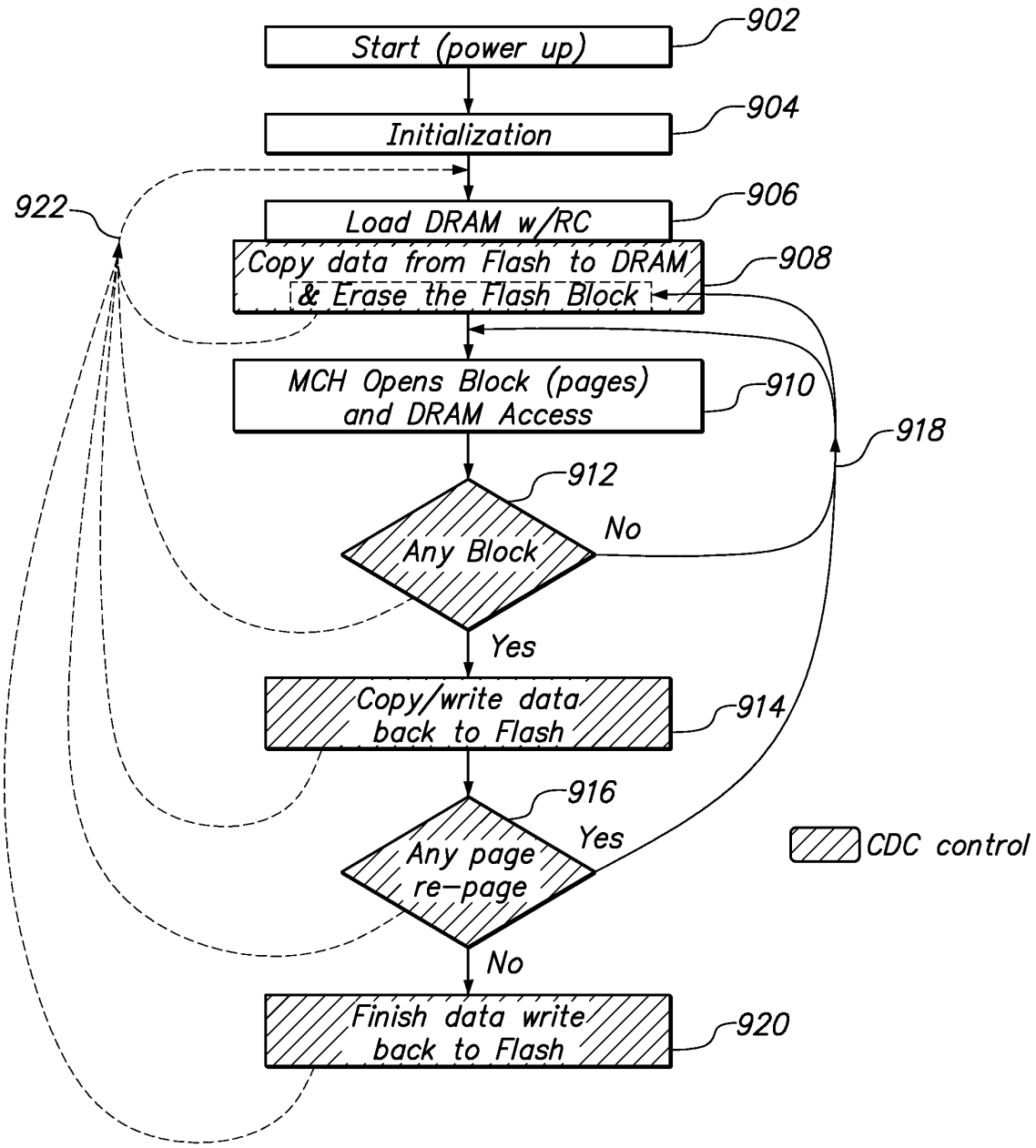

Start (power up)
902
Initialization
904
Load DRAM w/RC
906
Copy data from Flash to DRAM
& Erase the Flash Block
908
MCH Opens Block (pages)
and DRAM Access
910
Any Block
912
No
Yes
Copy/write data
back to Flash
914
Any page
re-page
916
Yes
No
Finish data write
back to Flash
920
922
918
CDC control

FIG. 9

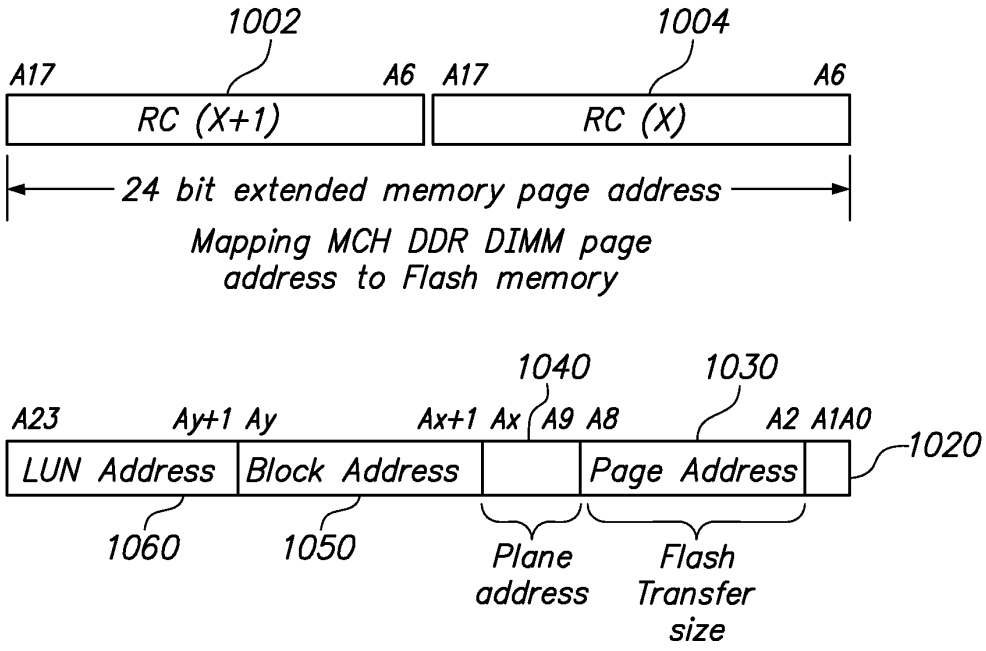

1002
1004
A17
A6
A17
A6
RC (X+1)
RC (X)
24 bit extended memory page address
Mapping MCH DDR DIMM page address to Flash memory
1040
1030
A23
Ay+1
Ay
Ax+1
Ax
A9
A8
A2
A1A0
1020
LUN Address
Block Address
Page Address
1060
1050
Plane address
Flash Transfer size

FIG. 10

DRAM density (GB)	# of blocks per bank	Flash wr–time to rd–time ratio	Avg block use time (sec)	Flash write time (sec)	Max allowed Closed Blk in queue to be written back to Flash
1	250	55	1.00E–03	2.00E–02	0
1	250	55	1.00E–02	2.00E–02	2
1	250	55	2.00E–02	2.00E–02	5
1	250	55	5.00E–02	2.00E–02	11
2	500	55	1.00E–03	2.00E–02	0
2	500	55	1.00E–02	2.00E–02	5
2	500	55	2.00E–02	2.00E–02	9
2	500	55	5.00E–02	2.00E–02	23
4	1000	55	1.00E–03	2.00E–02	1
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FIG. 11

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APPLICANT'S COMMENTS ON REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

These comments are responsive to the Notice of Allowance, mailed on May 6, 2014.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication of allowance of Claims 1-5, 9, 13, 14, 16, 18, 19 and 21-24. Applicant respectfully urges that additional and/or alternative reasons for allowance may exist apart from those advanced by the Examiner and the Applicant, and these reasons may each be independently sufficient to establish the patentability of the allowed claims.

Applicant respectfully reserves the right to introduce, articulate, or otherwise comment on any such additional reasons for allowance as may be appropriate in any future proceedings concerning the one or more claimed embodiments.

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CERTIFICATION AND REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF AN INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT FILED AFTER PAYMENT OF THE ISSUE FEE UNDER THE QPIDS PILOT PROGRAM

Non-Provisional Application Number: 13/559,476	Filing Date: 2012-08-26
First Named Inventor: Hyun LEE	Title of Invention: FLASH-DRAM HYBRID MEMORY MODULE

THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY CERTIFIES AND REQUESTS THE FOLLOWING FOR THE ABOVE-IDENTIFIED APPLICATION.

1. Consideration is requested of the information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted herewith, which is being filed after payment of the issue fee.
2. Check the box next to the appropriate selection:

   ☐ Each item of information contained in the IDS was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the IDS. See 37 CFR 1.97(e)(1).

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4. A Petition to Withdraw from Issue After Payment of the Issue Fee (37 CFR 1.313(c)(2)), including the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(h), is submitted herewith as a **Web-based ePetition**.
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5. A request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 and the RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) are submitted herewith.
6. The RCE will be treated as a "conditional" RCE. In the event the examiner determines that any item of information contained in the IDS necessitates the reopening of prosecution in the application, the undersigned understands that (i) the RCE will be processed and treated as an RCE under 37 CFR 1.114 and therefore (ii) the IDS fee under 37 CFR 1.17(p) will be returned in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(b)(4). In the event that no item of information in the IDS necessitates reopening prosecution, the undersigned understands that the RCE will not be processed and the RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) will be returned.
7. This certification and request is being filed as a **Web-based ePetition** and is not accompanied by an amendment to the application. Inclusion of an amendment will result in automatic entry of the RCE.

Signature /Khaled Shami/	Date 2014-09-05
Name (Print/Typed) Khaled Shami	Practitioner Registration Number (If applicable) 38,745

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Electronic Petition Request	**PETITION TO WITHDRAW AN APPLICATION FROM ISSUE AFTER PAYMENT OF THE ISSUE FEE UNDER 37 CFR 1.313(c)**
Application Number	13559476
Filing Date	26-Jul-2012
First Named Inventor	Hyun Lee
Art Unit	2188
Examiner Name	STEPHEN ELMORE
Attorney Docket Number	062453-010
Title	FLASH-DRAM HYBRID MEMORY MODULE

An application may be withdrawn from issue for further action upon petition by the applicant. To request that the Office withdraw an application from issue, applicant must file a petition under this section including the fee set forth in § 1.17(h) and a showing of good and sufficient reasons why withdrawal of the application from issue is necessary.

APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS TO WITHDRAW THIS APPLICATION FROM ISSUE UNDER 37 CFR 1.313(c).

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(1) Petition fee; and
(2) One of the following reasons:
(a) Unpatentability of one or more claims, which must be accompanied by an unequivocal statement that one or more claims are unpatentable, an amendment to such claim or claims, and an explanation as to how the amendment causes such claim or claims to be patentable;
(b) Consideration of a request for continued examination in compliance with § 1.114 (for a utility or plant application only); or
(c) Express abandonment of the application. Such express abandonment may be in favor of a continuing application, but not a CPA under 37 CFR 1.53(d).

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Reason for withdrawal from issue

◯ One or more claims are unpatentable ◉ Consideration of a request for continued examination (RCE) (List of Required Documents and Fees) ◯ Applicant hereby expressly abandons the instant application (any attorney/agent signing for this reason must have power of attorney pursuant to 37 CFR 1.32(b)).
RCE request,submission, and fee. ☐ I certify, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.4(d)(4) that : The RCE request ,submission, and fee have already been filed in the above-identified application on ☒ Are attached.
THIS PORTION MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE SIGNATORY OR SIGNATORIES I certify, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.4(d)(4) that I am: ◉ An attorney or agent registered to practice before the Patent and Trademark Office who has been given power of attorney in this application. ◯ An attorney or agent registered to practice before the Patent and Trademark Office, acting in a representative capacity. ◯ A sole inventor ◯ A joint inventor; I certify that I am authorized to sign this submission on behalf of all of the inventors as evidenced by the power of attorney in the application ◯ A joint inventor; all of whom are signing this e-petition

Signature	/Khaled Shami/
Name	Khaled Shami
Registration Number	38745

Electronic Patent Application Fee Transmittal

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Filing Date:	26-Jul-2012
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First Named Inventor/Applicant Name:	Hyun Lee
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DECISION ON PETITION
UNDER CFR 1.313(c)(2)

Application No : 13559476

Filed : 26-Jul-2012

Attorney Docket No : 062453-010

This is an electronic decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2), filed September 5, 2014 to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is **GRANTED.**

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination). See 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid in this application cannot be refunded. If, however, this application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the Patent Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197.

This application file is being referred to Technology Center AU 2188 for processing of the request for continuing examination under 37 CFR 1.114 .

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First Named Inventor/Applicant Name:	Hyun Lee
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SK HYNIX INC., SK HYNIX AMERICA INC., and
SK HYNIX MEMORY SOLUTIONS INC.,
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v.

NETLIST, INC.,
Patent Owner.

Case IPR2017-00692
Patent 8,874,831 B2

Before STEPHEN C. SIU, MATTHEW R. CLEMENTS, and SHEILA F. McSHANE, *Administrative Patent Judges.*

CLEMENTS, *Administrative Patent Judge.*

DECISION
Instituting *Inter Partes* Review
35 U.S.C. § 314 and 37 C.F.R. § 42.108

I. INTRODUCTION

SK hynix Inc., SK hynix America Inc. and SK hynix memory solutions Inc. ("Petitioner") filed a Petition requesting *inter partes* review of claims 1–15 ("the challenged claims") of U.S. Patent No. 8,874,831 B2 (Ex. 1001, "the '831 patent"). Paper 1 ("Pet."). Netlist, Inc. ("Patent Owner") filed a Preliminary Response. Paper 6 ("Prelim. Resp."). We review the Petition pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 314, which provides that an *inter partes* review may be authorized only if "the information presented in the petition . . . and any [preliminary] response . . . shows that there is a reasonable likelihood that the petitioner would prevail with respect to at least 1 of the claims challenged in the petition." 35 U.S.C. § 314(a); 37 C.F.R. § 42.4(a).

Upon consideration of the Petition and the Preliminary Response, we determine that the information presented by Petitioner establishes that there is a reasonable likelihood that Petitioner would prevail in showing the unpatentability of at least one of the challenged claims of the '831 patent. Accordingly, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 314, we institute an *inter partes* review of claims 1–15 of the '831 patent.

A. Related Proceedings

The '831 patent is involved in *Netlist, Inc. v. Smart Modular Technologies, Inc. et al,* Case No. 2:13-cv-02613 (E.D. Cal.). Paper 4, 3. Related patents have been asserted in *Netlist, Inc. v. SMART Modular Technologies, Inc.*, Case No. 8-13-cv-00996 (C.D. Cal.), *Smart Modular Technologies, Inc. v. Netlist, Inc.*, Case No. 4-13-cv-03916 (N.D. Cal.), *Diablo Technologies, Inc. v. Netlist, Inc.*, Case No. 4-13-cv-03901 (N.D. Cal.), and *Netlist, Inc. v. Smart Modular Technologies, Inc.*, 4-13-cv-05889

(N.D. Cal.). Pet. 2. Related patents are also the subject of *SanDisk Corp. v. Netlist, Inc.*, Case No. IPR2014-00982 (PTAB) (institution denied), *SanDisk Corp. v. Netlist, Inc.*, Case No. IPR2014-00994 (PTAB) (institution denied), *Smart Modular Technologies, Inc. v. Netlist, Inc.*, Case No. IPR2014-01370 (PTAB) (institution denied); *Smart Modular Technologies, Inc. v. Netlist, Inc.*, Case No. IPR2014-01371 (PTAB) (institution denied), *SK hynix Inc., et al. v. Netlist, Inc.*, Case No. IPR2017-00587 (PTAB) (instituted June 22, 2017), and *SK hynix Inc., et al. v. Netlist, Inc.*, Case No. IPR2017-00649 (PTAB). Pet. 2; Paper 4, 3.

B. The '831 patent

The '831 patent, titled "Flash-Dram Hybrid Memory Module," issued October 28, 2014, from U.S. Patent Application No. 13/559,476. Ex. 1001 at [54], [45], [21]. The '831 patent generally relates to a memory module with a non-volatile memory, a volatile memory, and a data manager through which the volatile memory and non-volatile memory may exchange data, and a controller to receive read/write commands from a memory controller hub ("MCH") and transfer data between any two or more of the MCH, volatile memory, and non-volatile memory. *Id.* at Abstract. Figure 4A is reproduced below.

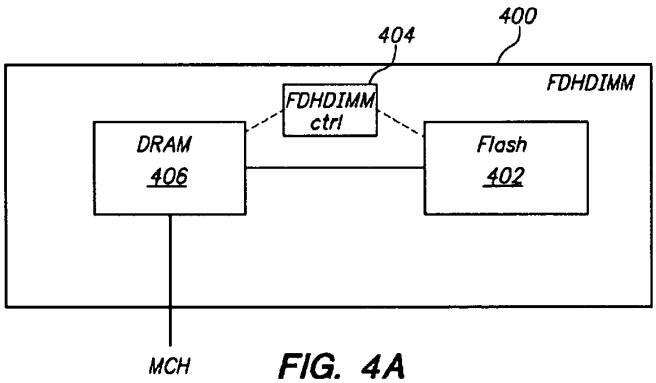


FIG. 4A

Figure 4A is a block diagram of a Flash-DRAM hybrid dynamic random access memory dual in-line memory module (DIMM). In this embodiment, volatile memory subsystem 406 (e.g. DRAM) is used as a data buffer such that data from Flash memory 402 is transferred to DRAM 406 at the Flash access speed, and buffered or collected into DRAM 406, which then transfers the buffered data to the MCH based on the access time of DRAM. *Id.* at 9:15–21. Similarly, when the MCH transfers data to DRAM 406, controller 404 manages the data transfer from DRAM 406 to Flash 402. *Id.* at 9:21–23.

Figure 5 is reproduced below.

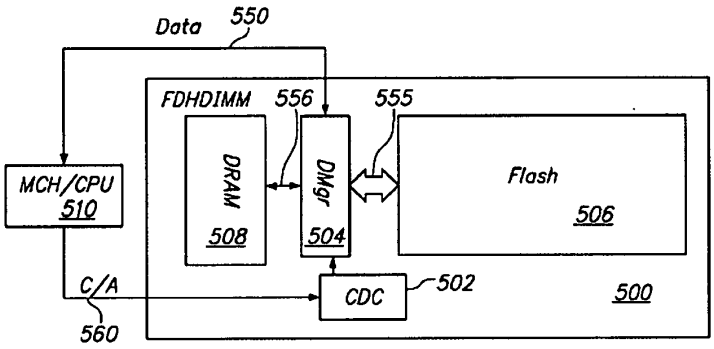


FIG. 5A

Figure 5A is a block diagram of memory module 500 in accordance with certain embodiments. Ex. 1001, 7:7–8. As shown in Figure 5, memory module 500 includes two on-module intermediary components: controller (CDC) 502 and data manager (DMgr) 504. *Id.* at 10:35–46. These components "manage the interface between a non-volatile memory subsystem such as a Flash 506, a volatile memory subsystem such as a DRAM 508, and a host system represented by MCH 510." *Id.* at 10:49–53. "In certain embodiments, CDC 502 controls the read/write access to/from Flash memory 506 from/to DRAM memory 508, and to/from DRAM

memory from/to MCH 510." *Id.* at 10:54–56. "In certain embodiments and in response to communication from CDC 502, DMgr 504 provides a variety of functions to control data flow rate, data transfer size, data buffer size, data error monitoring or data error correction." *Id.* at 11:18–21.

Figure 6 is reproduced below.

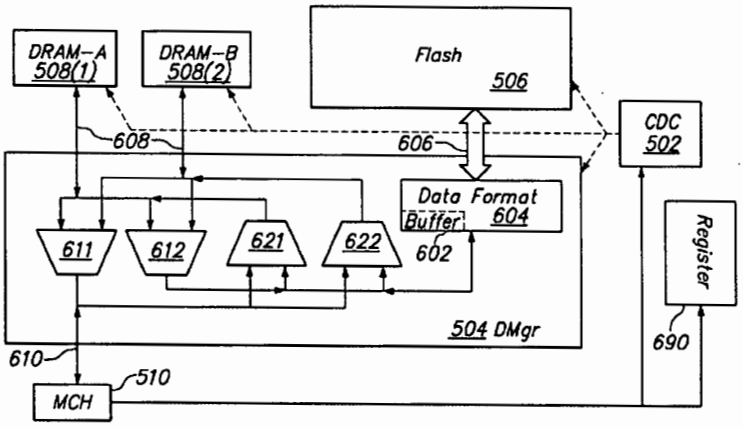


FIG. 6

Figure 6 is a block diagram showing some details of data manager 504. Ex. 1001, 7:11–12. "In certain embodiments, DMgr 504 also functions as a bi-directional data transfer fabric." *Id.* at 12:1–3. "For example, DMgr 504 may have more than 2 sets of data ports facing the Flash 506 and the DRAM 508." *Id.* at 12:3–5. "Multiplexers 611 and 612 provide controllable data paths from any one of the DRAMs 508(1) and 508(2) (DRAM-A and DRAM-B) to any one of the MCH 510 and the Flash 506." *Id.* at 12:5–8. "Similarly multiplexers 621 and 622 provide controllable data paths from any one of the MCH and the Flash memory to any one of the DRAMs 508(1) and 508(2) (DRAM-A and DRAM-B)." *Id.* at 12:8–11.

C. Illustrative Claim

Of the challenged claims, claims 1 and 7 are independent, claims 2–6 depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 1, and claims 8–15 depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 7. Independent claim 1 is illustrative of the challenged claims and is reproduced below:

> 1. A memory module couplable to a memory controller of a host system, comprising:
>
> a non-volatile memory subsystem;
>
> a data manager coupled to the non-volatile memory subsystem;
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> a volatile memory subsystem coupled to the data manager and operable to exchange data with the non-volatile memory subsystem by way of the data manager; and
>
> a controller operable to receive commands from the memory controller and to direct (i) operation of the non-volatile memory subsystem, (ii) operation of the volatile memory subsystem, and (iii) transfer of data between any two or more of the memory controller, the volatile memory subsystem, and the non-volatile memory subsystem based on at least one received command from the memory controller, wherein:
>
> at least one of the volatile and non-volatile memory subsystems comprises one or more memory segments, each memory segment comprising at least one memory circuit, memory device, or memory die, and
>
> the data manager is configured as a bi-directional data transfer fabric having two or more sets of data ports, a first set of data ports of the two or more sets of data ports is coupled to the volatile memory subsystem, a second set of data ports of the two or more sets of data ports is coupled to the non-volatile memory subsystem, the two or more sets of data ports being operable by the data manager to transfer data to or from one or more memory segments of the volatile or non-volatile memory subsystems, the data manager further including a data buffer for buffering data delivered to or from the non-volatile memory subsystem, and a

> data format module configured to format data to be transferred between any two or more of the memory controller, the volatile memory subsystem, and the non-volatile memory subsystem based on control information received from the controller.

Ex. 1001, 17:44–18:13.

D. Evidence Relied Upon

Petitioner relies upon the following prior art references:

Best	US 2010/0110748 A1	May 6, 2010	Ex. 1006
Roy	US 6,065,092	May 16, 2000	Ex. 1008
Tsunoda	US 2003/0028733 A1	Feb. 6, 2003	Ex. 1009
Ashmore	US 2006/0212651 A1	Sept. 21, 2006	Ex. 1011
Bonella	US 2007/0136523 A1	June 14, 2007	Ex. 1013
Roohparvar	US 2005/0273548 A1	Dec. 8, 2005	Ex. 1019

Pet. 3. Petitioner also relies upon the Declaration of Ron Maltiel ("Maltiel Decl.") (Ex. 1003).

E. Asserted Grounds of Unpatentability

Petitioner asserts that the challenged claims are unpatentable based on the following grounds (Pet. 3):

Reference(s)	**Basis**	**Claim(s) challenged**
Best	§ 102	1–14
Best and Roy	§ 103	1–14
Best and Tsunoda, with or without Roy	§ 103	2 and 8
Best and Roohparvar, with or without Roy	§ 103	5 and 12–14
Best and Bonella, with or without Roy	§ 103	15
Best, Bonella, and Ashmore, with or without Roy	§ 103	15

Petitioner also relies upon the Declaration of Ron Maltiel. Ex. 1003 ("Maltiel Decl.").

II. ANALYSIS

A. Claim Construction

In an *inter partes* review, a claim in an unexpired patent shall be given its broadest reasonable construction in light of the specification of the patent in which it appears. 37 C.F.R. § 42.100(b). Under the broadest reasonable construction standard, claim terms are given their ordinary and customary meaning, as would be understood by one of ordinary skill in the art in the context of the entire disclosure. *In re Translogic Tech., Inc.*, 504 F.3d 1249, 1257 (Fed. Cir. 2007). Any special definition for a claim term must be set forth in the specification with reasonable clarity, deliberateness, and precision. *In re Paulsen*, 30 F.3d 1475, 1480 (Fed. Cir. 1994). We must be careful not to read a particular embodiment appearing in the written description into the claim if the claim language is broader than the embodiment. *See In re Van Geuns*, 988 F.2d 1181, 1184 (Fed. Cir. 1993). Only terms that are in controversy need to be construed, and then only to the extent necessary to resolve the controversy. *Vivid Techs., Inc. v. Am. Sci. & Eng'g, Inc.*, 200 F.3d 795, 803 (Fed. Cir. 1999).

Petitioner proposes constructions for "bi-directional data transfer fabric," "set of data ports," "format data," and "operable at a . . . clock frequency." Pet. 10–14. Patent Owner argues that no construction is necessary for "bi-directional data transfer fabric," "set of data ports," and "operable at a . . . clock frequency." Prelim. Resp. 21–24. Patent Owner proposes a different construction of "format data," and offers constructions

for the terms "memory module," "memory address mapping," "address domain conversion," and "data width modulation." *Id.* at 21, 23–28. On this record, and for purposes of this Decision, we determine that only the term "memory module" requires express construction.

1. "memory module" (claim 1)

Petitioner does not propose a construction for "memory module." Patent Owner contends that "memory module" should be construed to mean "a carrier that contains one or more memory chips." Prelim. Resp. 21. Specifically, Patent Owner contends that a "memory module" is a removable circuit board and does not refer to an integrated circuit by itself. *Id.* (citing Ex. 2001 (Microsoft Computer Dictionary, 5th ed.), 334 ("**memory module** *n.* A removable circuit board, cartridge, or other carrier that contains one or more RAM memory chips."); *see also* Prelim. Resp. 32–33 (arguing that Best's integrated circuit package is not a "memory module" because it is not a circuit board). Patent Owner also relies upon our construction of "memory module" in a prior proceeding involving a different patent to mean "a carrier that contains one or more memory chips." *Id.* (citing *Diablo Technologies, Inc. v. Netlist, Inc.*, Case IPR2014-00882 (PTAB Dec. 14, 2015) (Paper 33 ("882 FWD"), 8–11 (construing "memory module" as used in U.S. Patent No. 7,881,150 B2) ("the '150 patent")).

The '831 patent does not define a "memory module." The '831 patent depicts a memory module 500 in Figures 5A and 5B, and describes how "[i]n certain embodiments, memory module 500 is a Flash-DRAM hybrid memory module that has the DIMM (dual-inline memory module) form factor" (Ex. 1001, 10:28–31), but the '831 patent also expressly contemplates other form factors (*see, e.g., id.* at 10:32–34 ("it is to be

understood that in both structure and operation [memory module 500] may be different from the FDHDIMM discussed above and described with reference to FIGS. 4A and 4B"), 10:46–49 ("While the DIMM form factor will predominate the discussion herein, it should be understood that this is for illustrative purposes only and memory systems using other form factors are contemplated as well.").

Moreover, our construction of "memory module" in IPR2014-00882 is informative, but not dispositive, because the '150 patent has a different Specification than the '831 patent, and our construction in that case was based, in part, on disclosures in the '150 patent that are not found in the '831 patent. *See, e.g.,* 882 FWD, 10 (citing teachings of a printed circuit board on which memory devices are mounted). The '831 patent, in contrast, does not use the terms "printed circuit board" or "circuit board" even once, much less limit explicitly a "memory module" to a removable printed circuit board, as Patent Owner suggests. Because the '831 patent is open-ended regarding the form factor that a "memory module" may take, and because it makes no mention of a printed circuit board, much less a removable printed circuit board, we also are not persuaded by Patent Owner's extrinsic evidence (Ex. 2001) such that we should import such a limitation into our construction of this term.

On this record, and for purposes of this decision, we construe "memory module" to mean "a carrier that contains one or more memory chips," where "carrier" encompasses an integrated circuit package.

B. Claims 1–14: Anticipation by Best

Petitioner argues that the claims 1–14 are unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Best. Pet. 11–35. In light of the

arguments and evidence of record, we are persuaded that Petitioner has established a reasonable likelihood that the claims 1–14 are unpatentable as anticipated by Best.

1. Best (Ex. 1006)

Best is directed to a hybrid volatile and non-volatile memory device. Ex. 1006, Abstract. Specifically, Best discloses "[a]composite, hybrid memory device including a first storage die having an array of volatile storage cells and a second storage die having an array of non-volatile storage cells disposed within an integrated circuit package." *Id.* "The hybrid memory device includes a shared interface circuit to receive memory access commands directed to the first storage die and the second storage die and to convey read and write data between an external data path and the first and second storage dice." *Id.*

Figure 2 of Best is reproduced below.

FIG. 2

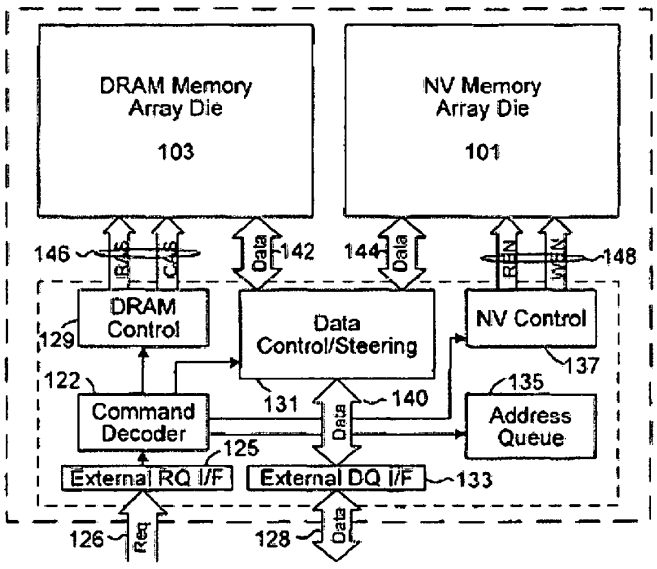


Figure 2 illustrates an embodiment of a hybrid, composite memory device with shared interface circuitry, volatile memory, and non-volatile memory. *Id.* ¶ 17. "[T]he shared interface circuitry includes an external request interface 125, external data interface 133, command decoder 122, address queue 135, DRAM control circuit 129, Flash control circuit 137, and data control/steering circuit 131." *Id.* "[I]ncoming control signals and addresses . . . are received in the external request interface 125 via control/address (CA) path 126, reformatted as necessary (e.g., deserialized to form a parallel command word and one or more address values) and then forwarded to the command decoder 122." *Id.* "The command decoder 122 in turn forwards address to the address queue 135 and stores memory access commands." *Id.* "[M]emory access operations may be automatically directed to either the volatile storage die or non-volatile storage die according to the memory address to be accessed." *Id.* "[C]ommand decoder 122 outputs, from the head of the command queue, an enable signal and corresponding memory access control signals to the DRAM control circuit 129 and NV control circuit 137." *Id.* ¶ 18. "[D]ata control/steering circuit 131 is used to control the transfer of data between a shared internal data bus and dedicated internal data buses associated with the volatile and non-volatile storage dice, respectively." *Id.* ¶ 20.

Figure 3 of Best is reproduced below.

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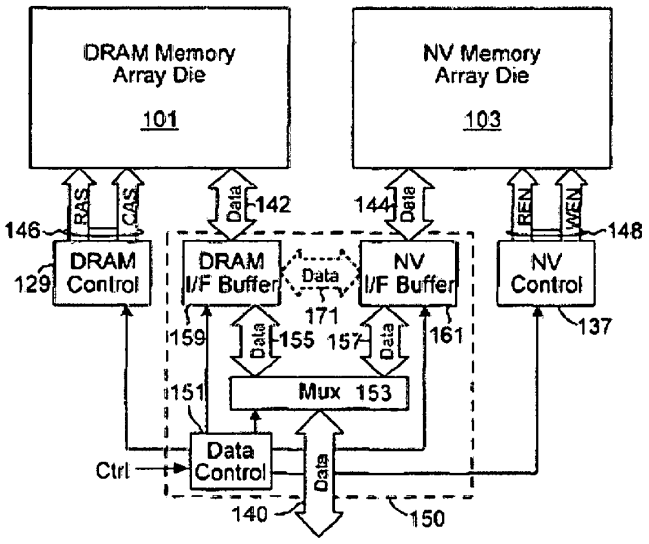


Figure 3 illustrates an embodiment of a data control/steering circuit 150 that may be used to implement the data control/steering circuit 131 of Figure 2. *Id.* ¶ 21. "[D]ata control circuit 151 receives control signals from the command decoder that indicate the direction of data flow during a memory access operation (read or write) and whether the volatile or non-volatile storage die is the target of the memory access." *Id.*

2. *Independent claims 1 and 7*

Claim 1 recites "[a] memory module couplable to a memory controller of a host system." Petitioner relies upon Best's disclosure of "a 'hybrid composite memory device having non-volatile and volatile memories implemented in distinct integrated circuit (IC) dice that are packaged together and accessed through a shared interface.'" Pet. 20 (quoting Ex. 1006 ¶ 12). Claim 1 further recites "a non-volatile memory subsystem."

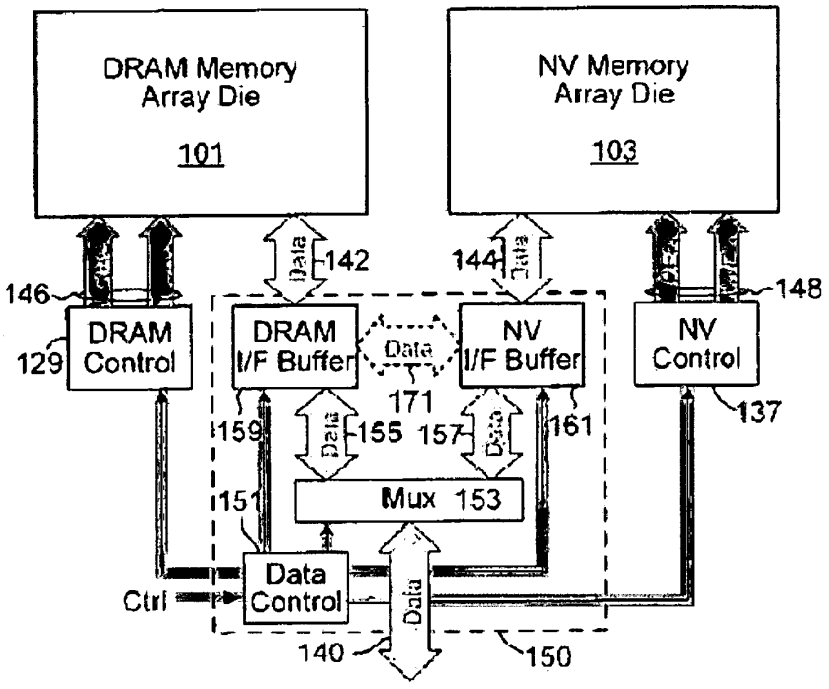
Petitioner relies upon Best's disclosure of a Flash memory. Pet. 21. Claim 1 further recites "a data manager coupled to the non-volatile memory subsystem." Petitioner relies upon Best's data control/steering circuit in combination with the external interface. Pet. 21–22 (citing Ex. 1006, Figure 3). Claim 1 further recites "a volatile memory subsystem." Petitioner relies upon Best's disclosure of a DRAM. Pet. 22–23. Claim 1 further recites "a controller." Petitioner relies upon Best's command decoder 122, which receives "incoming control signals and addresses" and directs operation of the volatile and non-volatile memories by "output[ting] . . . an enable signal and corresponding memory access control signals to the DRAM control circuit . . . and NV control circuit," and transfers data between the memories and memory controller. Pet. 23–24 (citing Ex. 1006 ¶¶ 17–19, 21, 29). Claim 1 further recites "at least one of the volatile and non-volatile memory subsystems comprises one or more memory segments." Petitioner relies upon Best's disclosure that "the volatile and non-volatile memories [are] implemented by a DRAM die 103 and Flash memory die 101, respectively," each of which, according to Petitioner, is a memory segment. Pet. 24–25. Claim 1 further recites

> the data manager is configured as a bi-directional data transfer fabric having two or more sets of data ports, a first set of data ports of the two or more sets of data ports is coupled to the volatile memory subsystem, a second set of data ports of the two or more sets of data ports is coupled to the non-volatile memory subsystem, the two or more sets of data ports being operable by the data manager to transfer data to or from one or more memory segments of the volatile or non-volatile memory subsystems.

Petitioner relies upon Best's disclosure of an interface to the primary volatile data path 142 between data control/steering circuit 150 and DRAM 101 ("a first set of data ports . . . coupled to the volatile memory subsystem"), and of an

interface to primary non-volatile data path 144 between data control steering circuit 150 and NV memory 103 ("a second set of data ports . . . coupled to the non-volatile memory subsystem"). Pet. 25–26. Petitioner contends that each set of interconnections is "bi-directional" because data can flow in either direction, and illustrates the point with an annotated version of Figure 3, reproduced below:

FIG. 3



Finally, claim 1 recites

> the data manager further including a data buffer for buffering data delivered to or from the non-volatile memory subsystem, and a data format module configured to format data to be transferred between any two or more of the memory controller, the volatile memory subsystem, and the non-volatile memory subsystem based on control information received from the controller.

Petitioner relies upon Best's disclosure of "non-volatile-storage-die interface buffer 161" as the recited "data buffer" (Pet. 27–28), and relies

upon Best's disclosure of logic for serializing/deserializing within data steering/control circuit and the external data interface as the recited "data format module" (*id.* at 28–30). We are persuaded that Petitioner's citations support its contentions.

We also are persuaded that Petitioner's citations support its contentions with respect to claim 7, for which Petitioner relies upon largely the same disclosures in Best (Pet. 38–43).

Patent Owner argues that Best does not disclose a "memory module" because it is implemented on a single integrated circuit package—i.e., a single chip. Prelim. Resp. 32–33. This argument is not persuasive, however, because it is based upon Patent Owner's proposed construction of "memory module," which we do not adopt. Because our broadest reasonable construction of "memory module," as discussed above, encompasses an integrated circuit package, we are persuaded that Best discloses this limitation.

Patent Owner also argues that "neither [Best's interface to the single volatile data path 142 nor its interface to the single nonvolatile data path 144 is] a 'set of data ports' because each interface is to a single data bus." Prelim. Resp. 33–34. This argument also is not persuasive. Patent Owner argues that no construction is necessary for the phrase "set of data ports." Prelim. Resp. 23. The claims require that the "first set of data ports" is "coupled to the volatile memory subsystem," and that the "second set of data ports" is "coupled to the non-volatile memory subsystem." The '831 patent explicitly describes non-volatile memory subsystem 506 as coupled to a single data bus, i.e., data bus 606. Ex. 1001, Fig. 6, 12:58 ("wide data bus

606 coupled to the Flash memory 506"). As a result, we are not persuaded that "set of data ports" excludes a single data bus, as disclosed by Best.

3. *Dependent claims 2–6 and 8–14*

We have reviewed Petitioner's explanations and supporting evidence regarding dependent claims 2–6 and 8–14, and find them persuasive. *See* Pet. 30–49. Patent Owner does not argue separately these claims. Based on the record before us, Petitioner has demonstrated a reasonable likelihood that it would prevail on its assertion that claims 2–6 and 8–14 are anticipated by Best.

4. *Conclusion*

On this record, we are persuaded that Petitioner has established a reasonable likelihood that it would prevail in showing that claims 1–14 are unpatentable as anticipated by Best.

C. Claim 1–14: Obviousness over Best[1]

As discussed above, we are persuaded that Petitioner has established a reasonable likelihood that it would prevail in showing that claims 1–14 are unpatentable as anticipated by Best. Inasmuch as "anticipation is the epitome of obviousness" (*In re McDaniel*, 293 F.3d 1379, 1385 (Fed. Cir. 2002)) and because there is no evidence of objective indicia of non-obviousness on the record, we determine that Petitioner has also established a reasonable likelihood of prevailing in showing that claims 1–14 would have been obvious over Best.

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[1] Although Petitioner challenges claims 1–14 as obvious over "Best in view of Roy" (Pet. 3), its other obviousness challenges are "with or without Roy" (*id.*). We, therefore, interpret the Petition to allege that claims 1–14 also are obvious over Best alone.

D. Claims 1–14: Obviousness over Best and Roy

Petitioner argues that claims 1–14 are unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over the combination of Best and Roy. Pet. 49–53. In light of the arguments and evidence of record, we are persuaded that Petitioner has established a reasonable likelihood that the claims 1–14 are unpatentable as obvious over the combination of Best and Roy.

1. Roy (Ex. 1008)

Roy is directed generally to an "independent and cooperative multichannel memory architecture" that includes a plurality of independent channels between a master device and one or more memory clusters. Ex. 1008, Abstract. Figure 1 of Roy is reproduced below.

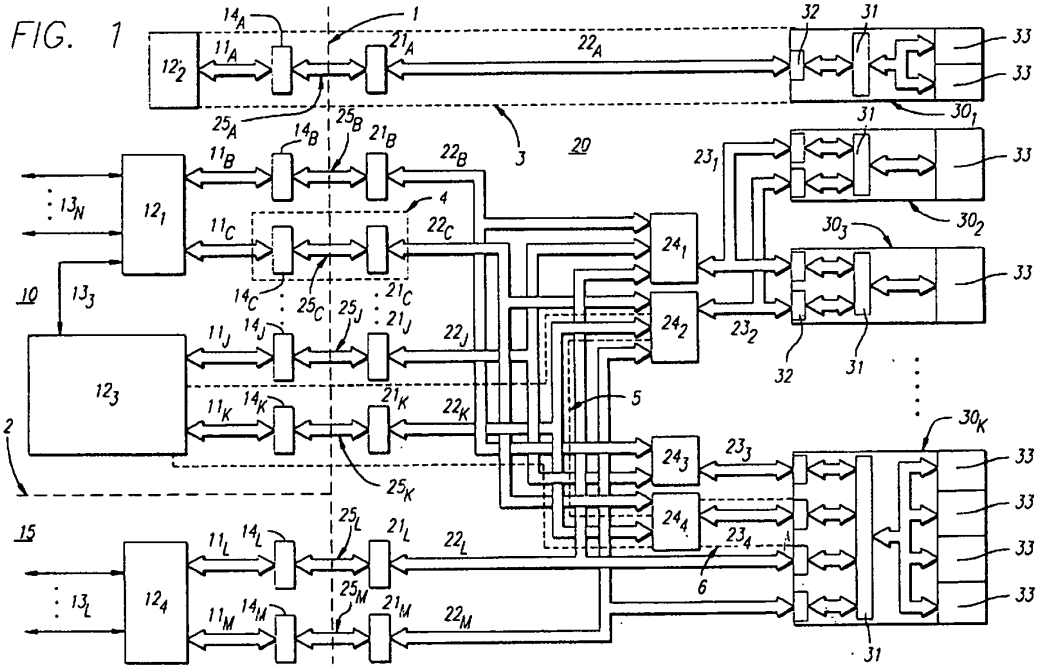
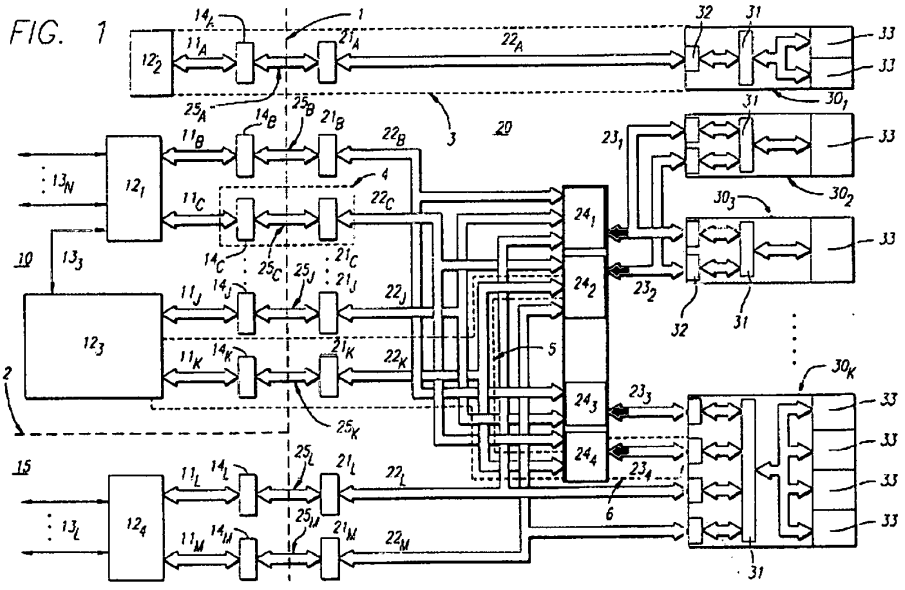


Figure 1 of Roy is a system level block diagram of a multichannel memory architecture disclosed in Roy. *Id.* at 7:59–60. As shown, "memory device 20 further includes multiplexer units 24_{1-4} which couple individual ones of a

plurality of the channels to one or more of the memory clusters 30." *Id.* at 11:52–54.

2. *Claims 1 and 7*

Independent claims 1 and 7 recite "a bi-directional data transfer fabric [having/with] two or more sets of data ports." Petitioner argues that, if this phrase is construed to require two or more independent read/write paths to each of the volatile and non-volatile memory subsystems, such a feature was taught by Roy. Pet. 49–51. In particular, Petitioner relies upon Roy's teaching of multiplexers 24_{1-4} ("a bi-directional data transfer fabric"), their interfaces to buses 23_{1-4} ("two or more sets of data ports"), some of which are coupled to memory cluster 30_3 ("a first set . . . coupled to") and others of which are coupled to memory cluster 30_K ("a second set . . . coupled to"). Pet. 50–51. Petitioner also annotates Figure 1 of Roy to indicate multiplexers (red), interfaces (green), and memory clusters to which they are coupled (yellow):



Id. at 50.

With respect to why a person of ordinary skill in the art would have modified Best in view of Roy, Petitioner argues:

> One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to implement this architecture for all the reasons Roy describes, including allowing independent and simultaneous transactions, Ex. 1008, 7:37-40, and increased performance by providing a wide effective channel, *id.*, 7:45-49; Ex. 1003, ¶173. Roy also teaches that a multichannel architecture provides substantial flexibility. Ex. 1008, 9:30-42; Ex. 1003, ¶173.
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> Roy discloses that "nearly identical address and control information" can be applied to each channel such that "[s]ubsequent transfer[s] of data on each of these channels can be synchronized to provide an effectively wider channel." Ex. 1008, 10:28-32. This provides particular motivation to combine with Best in light of Best's disclosure that "multiple non-volatile storage dice and/or multiple volatile storage dice may be ... selected ... based on incoming address and/or control signals." Ex. 1006, ¶15; Ex. 1003, ¶174.
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> Best suggests such a modification through his disclosure of overlapping and pipelined memory operations. Ex. 1006, ¶18. One of ordinary skill would understand that multiple channels allow for further overlapping or pipelining of operations, such as allowing Best to write data from volatile to non-volatile memory as part of the "Shadow Mode" operation while allowing the host to simultaneously write data to volatile memory, thus improving the operation and responsiveness of the system. Ex. 1003, ¶175.
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> Modifying Best to use a multichannel architecture such as Roy's would have been an arrangement of old elements (Best's hybrid memory, Roy's multichannel architecture) with each performing the same function it had been known to perform and yielding no more than what one would expect from such an arrangement, *i.e.*, Best's system with a multichannel architecture. Ex. 1003, ¶176. Multichannel architectures were known in the art, and using one in Best would have involved only routine skill to implement the functionality described by Roy. *Id.*

> Such a modification would have therefore been obvious. *Id.*, ¶¶176, 240.

Pet. 56–53. On this record, we are persuaded that Petitioner has provided an articulated reasoning with some rational underpinning that would support the legal conclusion of obviousness. *See KSR Int'l Co. v. Teleflex Inc.*, 550 U.S. 398, 418 (2017) (citing *In re Kahn*, 441 F.3d 977, 988 (Fed. Cir. 2006)).

Additionally, Patent Owner relies upon the same argument as for Ground 1—i.e., that Best does not teach a "memory module"—and argues that the Petition fails to show that Roy teaches a "memory module." Prelim. Resp. 35. We are not persuaded by that argument for the reasons discussed above.

3. Dependent claims 2–6 and 8–14

For dependent claims 2–6 and 8–14, Petitioner relies upon its explanations and supporting evidence from Ground 1. *See* Pet. 49–53. Patent Owner does not argue separately dependent claims 2–6 and 8–14. Based on the record before us, Petitioner has demonstrated a reasonable likelihood that it would prevail on its assertion that claims 2–6 and 8–14 would have been obvious over Best and Roy.

4. Conclusion

On this record, we are persuaded that Petitioner has established a reasonable likelihood that it would prevail in showing that claims 1–14 are unpatentable as obvious over the combination of Best and Roy.

E. Claim 15: Obviousness over Best, Mills, and Bonella, with or without Roy

Petitioner argues that claim 15 is unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Best, Mills, and Bonella, with or without

Roy.[2] Pet. 57–68. In light of the arguments and evidence of record, we are persuaded that Petitioner has established a reasonable likelihood that the claim 15 is unpatentable as obvious over the combination of Best and Bonella, and over the combination of Best, Roy, and Bonella.

1. Bonella (Ex. 1013)

Bonella describes "A memory module including a volatile memory, a non-volatile memory, and a controller that provides address, data, and control interfaces to the memories and to a host system." Ex. 1013, Abstract. Bonella teaches that, "[t]he memory module controller . . . is 'Power State Aware.'" *Id.* ¶ 45. At "Power Level 4," Bonella's controller "reduces power by limiting the DRAM performance and the PCIe transaction performance." *Id.* ¶ 48. Bonella teaches that "[r]eduction of power in the DRAM can be accomplished" by "reduc[ing] the frequency in which the DRAM is operating," which "reduces power and, in general, produces no noticeable decrease in system performance." *Id.* ¶ 49.

2. Claim 15

Claim 15 recites

> operating the volatile memory subsystem at a first clock frequency when the memory module is in a first mode of operation in which data is communicated between the volatile memory subsystem and the memory controller;

Ex. 1001, 20:12–15. Petitioner relies upon Best's teaching of a conventional DRAM, which one of ordinary skill in the art would have understood operates at a first clock frequency. Pet. 58–60.

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[2] Although Petitioner does not include Mills (Ex. 1010) explicitly in its ground (Pet. 3), we include it here because Petitioner's analysis relies upon it (*id.* at 61–64) for teaching part of a limitation.

Claim 15 further recites

> operating the non-volatile memory subsystem at a second clock frequency when the memory module is in a second mode of operation in which data is communicated between the volatile memory subsystem and the non-volatile memory subsystem; and

Ex. 1001, 20:16–20. Petitioner concedes that Best does not explicitly disclose this limitation, but relies upon Mills' teaching of a synchronous flash interface to argue that it would have been obvious to include this functionality in Best. Pet. 61 (citing Ex. 1010). Specifically, Petitioner argues that Mills teaches "a synchronous Flash interface where read and write operations are synchronized to the rising edge of a clock signal provided to the device and operating at a particular frequency." *Id.* at 62.

With respect to why a person of ordinary skill in the art would have combined Best and Mills, Petitioner argues

> it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to employ a synchronous flash memory, such as disclosed in Mills, in the system of Best because to do so would have been merely an arrangement of old elements with each performing the same function it had been known to perform and yielding no more than what one would expect from such an arrangement, *i.e.*, the non-volatile storage of data. . . .
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> A skilled artisan would have been motivated to make such a combination because, as Mills explains, a synchronous flash interface "creates an average access time for sequential read accesses that is significantly less than the access time of an asynchronous flash device." Ex. 1010, 17:6-9. In the context of Best, restoring data from the non-volatile flash memory would therefore have been faster by use of a synchronous flash memory, and reduced sequential read access times during other operations or uses of Best's Flash memory, motivating one of ordinary skill in the art to use a synchronous interface generally. Ex. 1003, ¶299.

> [O]ne of ordinary skill in the art would have therefore understood Best to suggest modification to work with any known Flash interface, including Mills' synchronous Flash interface. Ex. 1003, ¶300.

Pet. 62–64.

Patent Owner argues that Petitioner's reason to combine Mills and Best is insufficient because it "fails to show that Mills' interface provides any improvement for Best's write flushing to the alleged NVMS." This argument is not persuasive. Prelim. Resp. 36–40. Petitioner contends that there is an advantage when restoring, i.e., reading, data from the non-volatile memory, not when writing data to the non-volatile memory. Patent Owner does not explain why an advantage during reading would not be sufficient motivation. Patent Owner does not explain, for example, why a person of ordinary skill in the art would not make the proposed modification unless it also improved Best's write flushing.

Patent Owner also argues that the proposed modification adds complexity and consumes a large amount of power. *Id.* at 38–40 (citing Ex. 1010, 16:49–59). The portion of Mills on which Patent Owner relies, however, relates only to the embodiment of Figure 3. Petitioner is not relying solely upon Mills' teachings with respect to Figure 3. Petitioner is relying, for example, upon Mills' teachings with respect to Figure 6, which relies upon "a single flash memory chip" (Ex. 1010, 16:63) rather than the "at least two flash memory chips" in Figure 3. *See, e.g.,* Pet. 61 (citing 16:60–63). On this record, we are persuaded that Petitioner has provided an articulated reasoning with some rational underpinning that would support the legal conclusion of obviousness. *See KSR*, 550 U.S. at 418 (citing *Kahn*, 441 F.3d at 988).

Finally, claim 15 recites

> operating the volatile memory subsystem at a third clock frequency when the memory module is in the second mode of operation, the third clock frequency being less than the first clock frequency.

Ex. 1001, 20:21–24. Petitioner concedes that Best does not explicitly disclose this limitation, but argues that "(1) reducing power during volatile to non-volatile flush operations prompted by a power loss was a well-known technique, and (2) one known way to reduce the power consumption of DRAM devices was to reduce their frequency of operation." Pet. 64–65 (citing Ex. 1011; Ex. 1013). As for why a person of ordinary skill in the art would have modified Best in view of this knowledge, Petitioner states

> One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to reduce the power consumption during Best's write flushing in response to a power loss. A skilled artisan would have been motivated to perform this power reduction technique for all the reasons that were known in the art: e.g., decreasing the risk of data loss due to insufficient backup power (Ex. 1011, ¶7) and enabling the use of a smaller-sized backup power source (Ex. 1012, 4:54-64). Reducing power consumption during write flushing in response to a power loss would also have been the arrangement of old elements, each performing the same function it had been known to perform, in a way that yields no more than one of ordinary skill in the art would expect from such an arrangement (reducing power consumption during a power loss event, as suggested by Long and Ashmore). Ex. 1003, ¶307
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> One of ordinary skill in the art would also have found it obvious to reduce power consumption during Best's write flushing in response to a power loss using any known or conventional means, and would have also considered power consumption reduction techniques other than those of Ashmore and Long to obtain the same benefits, including those described in Bonella.

Pet. 66–67. On this record, we are persuaded that Petitioner has provided an articulated reasoning with some rational underpinning that would support the legal conclusion of obviousness. *See KSR*, 550 U.S. at 418 (citing *Kahn*, 441 F.3d at 988).

Patent Owner additionally argues that Petitioner fails to show evidence of the volatile memory subsystem operation at a "third clock frequency" during the "second mode." Prelim. Resp. 40–43. Patent Owner argues that "[n]one of the references, however, teaches a reduction of the frequency of operation of DRAM devices prompted by the power loss" and "no one single reference, however, teaches all three requirements." *Id.* at 41–42. This argument is not persuasive because Petitioner is relying upon the combination of the references. Nonobviousness cannot be established by attacking references individually where, as here, the ground of unpatentability is based upon the teachings of *a combination* of references. *In re Keller,* 642 F.2d 413, 426 (CCPA 1981). Rather, the test for obviousness is whether the combination of references, taken as a whole, would have suggested the patentee's invention to a person of ordinary skill in the art. *In re Merck & Co., Inc.,* 800 F.2d 1091, 1097 (Fed. Cir. 1986).

Patent Owner also argues that Bonella teaches that "a reduction in the DRAM operation frequency would result in a write flush taking longer to complete" and "the total amount of power required for the write flush would not change." Prelim. Resp. 42–43. At this stage of the proceeding, however, this attorney argument is unsupported by evidence and is, therefore, also unpersuasive.

3. Conclusion

On this record, we are persuaded that Petitioner has established a reasonable likelihood that it would prevail in showing that claim 15 is unpatentable as obvious over the combination of Best, Mills, and Bonella, with or without Roy.

F. Other Grounds

Petitioner argues that (1) claims 2 and 8 are unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as obvious over Best and Tsunoda, with or without Roy (Pet. 53–54); (2) claims 5 and 12–14 are unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as obvious over Best and Roohparvar, with or without Roy (*id.* at 55–57); and (3) claim 15 is unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as obvious over Best, Bonella, and Ashmore, with or without Roy (*id.* at 68–69). The Board's rules for AIA *inter partes* proceedings, including those pertaining to institution, are "construed to secure the just, speedy, and inexpensive resolution of every proceeding." 37 C.F.R. § 42.1(b); *accord* 35 U.S.C. § 316(b) (regulations for AIA *inter partes* proceedings take into account "the efficient administration of the Office" and "the ability of the Office to timely complete [instituted] proceedings"). We institute an *inter partes* review of claims 1–15 based on the grounds discussed above. We exercise our discretion not to institute a review based on these other grounds. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.108(a) ("the Board may authorize the review to proceed . . . on all or some of the grounds of unpatentability asserted for each claim"); 35 U.S.C. § 314(a) (authorizing institution of an *inter partes* review under particular circumstances, but not requiring institution under any circumstances); *Harmonic Inc. v. Avid Tech., Inc.*, 815 F.3d 1356, 1368 (Fed. Cir. 2016) ("[U]nder [37 C.F.R. § 42.108(a)], it is clear that the Board

may choose to institute some grounds and not institute others as part of its comprehensive institution decision.").

III. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, we are persuaded that Petitioner has demonstrated that there is a reasonable likelihood that Petitioner would prevail in establishing the unpatentability of claims 1–15 of the '831 patent. At this stage of the proceeding, we have not made a final determination with respect to the patentability of these challenged claims or to the construction of any claim term.

IV. ORDER

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 314, an *inter partes* review is hereby instituted on the following grounds:

1. claims 1–14 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as anticipated by Best;
2. claims 1–14 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Best;
3. claims 1–14 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Best and Roy;
4. claim 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Best, Mills, and Bonella, with or without Roy;

FURTHER ORDERED that no other grounds are authorized for this *inter partes* review other than those specifically identified above; and

FURTHER ORDERED that pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 314(d), and 37 C.F.R. § 42.4, notice is hereby given of the institution of a trial; the trial commences on the entry date of this Decision.

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SK HYNIX INC., SK HYNIX AMERICA INC., and
SK HYNIX MEMORY SOLUTIONS INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

NETLIST, INC.,
Patent Owner.

Case IPR2017-00692
Patent 8,874,831 B2

Before STEPHEN C. SIU, MATTHEW R. CLEMENTS, and SHEILA F. McSHANE, *Administrative Patent Judges.*

CLEMENTS, *Administrative Patent Judge.*

FINAL WRITTEN DECISION
Inter Partes Review
35 U.S.C. § 318(a) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.73

I. INTRODUCTION

In this *inter partes* review, instituted pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 314, SK hynix Inc., SK hynix America Inc. and SK hynix memory solutions Inc. ("Petitioner") challenges claims 1–15 ("the challenged claims") of U.S. Patent No. 8,874,831 B2 (Ex. 1001, "the '831 patent"), owned by Netlist, Inc. ("Patent Owner"). We have jurisdiction under 35 U.S.C. § 6. This Final Written Decision is entered pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 318(a) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.73. For the reasons discussed below, Petitioner has shown by a preponderance of the evidence that the challenged claims are unpatentable. Petitioner's Motion to Exclude is *dismissed.*

A. Procedural History

Petitioner filed a Petition requesting an *inter partes* review of claims 1–15 of the '831 patent. Paper 1 ("Pet."). Patent Owner filed a Preliminary Response. Paper 6. On July 21, 2017, we instituted *inter partes* review of (1) claims 1–14 of the '831 patent as unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 102[1] as anticipated by Best;[2] (2) claims 1–14 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Best; (3) claims 1–14 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Best and Roy;[3] and (4) claim 15 over Bowie under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious

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[1] The Leahy-Smith America Invents Act, Pub. L. No. 112–29, 125 Stat. 284 (2011) ("AIA"), amended 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103. Because the '831 patent has an effective filing date before the effective date of the applicable AIA amendments, we refer to the pre-AIA versions of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103.

[2] U.S. Patent Publication No. 2010/0110748 A1 (Ex. 1006, "Best").

[3] U.S. Patent No. 6,065,092 (Ex. 1008, "Roy").

over Best, Mills,[4,5] and Bonella,[6] with or without Roy. Paper 7 ("Inst. Dec."), 28.

Thereafter, Patent Owner filed a Patent Owner Response (Paper 12, "PO Resp."), to which Petitioner filed a Reply (Paper 15, "Reply"). Petitioner filed a Motion to Exclude (Paper 17). Patent Owner filed an Opposition (Paper 20) to which Petitioner filed a Reply (Paper 22).

On April 24, 2018, we held a hearing and a transcript of the hearing is included in the record. Paper 24 ("Tr.").

On May 3, 2018, following the Supreme Court's decision in *SAS Inst., Inv. v. Iancu*, 138 S. Ct. 1348 (2018), we issued an Order (Paper 23) modifying our Institution Decision to include review of all challenged claims and all grounds presented in the Petition, including these grounds on which we had previously not instituted (Pet. 3, 28):

References	**Basis**	**Claim(s) challenged**
Best and Tsunoda, with or without Roy	§ 103	2 and 8
Best and Roohparvar,[7] with or without Roy	§ 103	5 and 12–14
Best, Mills,[8] Bonella, and Ashmore, with or without Roy	§ 103	15

[4] U.S. Patent No. 6,026,465 (Ex. 1010, "Mills").

[5] Although Petitioner does not include Mills (Ex. 1010) explicitly in its ground (Pet. 3), we include it because Petitioner's analysis relies upon it (*id.* at 61–64) for teaching part of a limitation.

[6] U.S. Patent Publication No. 2007/0136523 A1 (Ex. 1013, "Bonella").

[7] U.S. Patent Publication No. 2005/0273548 A1 (Ex. 1019, "Roohparvar").

[8] Although Petitioner does not include Mills (Ex. 1010) explicitly in its

In our order, we also stated that, "If, after conferring, the parties wish to submit further briefing, the parties must, within one week of the date of this Order, request a conference call with the panel to seek authorization for such briefing." Paper 23, 2. Neither party requested a conference call with the panel.

B. Related Proceedings

The parties indicate that the '831 patent is the subject of several district court cases and related *inter partes* reviews. Pet. 2; Paper 4, 3.

C. The '831 patent (Ex. 1001)

The '831 patent, titled "Flash-Dram Hybrid Memory Module," issued October 28, 2014, from U.S. Patent Application No. 13/559,476. Ex. 1001 at [54], [45], [21]. The '831 patent generally relates to a memory module with a non-volatile memory, a volatile memory, and a data manager through which the volatile memory and non-volatile memory may exchange data, and a controller to receive read/write commands from a memory controller hub ("MCH") and transfer data between any two or more of the MCH, volatile memory, and non-volatile memory. *Id.* at Abstract.

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Figure 4A is reproduced below.

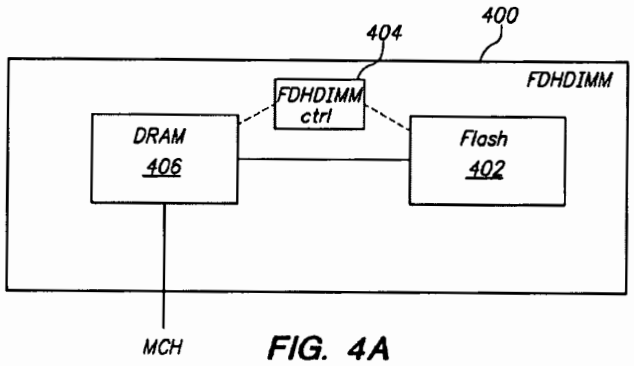


FIG. 4A

Figure 4A is a block diagram of a Flash-DRAM hybrid dynamic random access memory dual in-line memory module (DIMM). In this embodiment, volatile memory subsystem 406 (e.g. DRAM) is used as a data buffer such that data from Flash memory 402 is transferred to DRAM 406 at the Flash access speed, and buffered or collected into DRAM 406, which then transfers the buffered data to the MCH based on the access time of DRAM. *Id.* at 9:15–21. Similarly, when the MCH transfers data to DRAM 406, controller 404 manages the data transfer from DRAM 406 to Flash 402. *Id.* at 9:21–23.

Figure 5A is reproduced below.

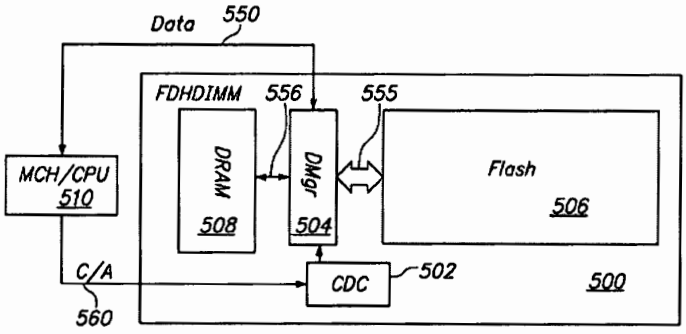


FIG. 5A

Figure 5A is a block diagram of memory module 500 in accordance with certain embodiments. Ex. 1001, 7:7–8. As shown in Figure 5, memory module 500 includes two on-module intermediary components: controller (CDC) 502 and data manager (DMgr) 504. *Id.* at 10:35–46. These components "manage the interface between a non-volatile memory subsystem such as a Flash 506, a volatile memory subsystem such as a DRAM 508, and a host system represented by MCH 510." *Id.* at 10:49–53. "In certain embodiments, CDC 502 controls the read/write access to/from Flash memory 506 from/to DRAM memory 508, and to/from DRAM memory from/to MCH 510." *Id.* at 10:54–56. "In certain embodiments and in response to communication from CDC 502, DMgr 504 provides a variety of functions to control data flow rate, data transfer size, data buffer size, data error monitoring or data error correction." *Id.* at 11:18–21.

Figure 6 is reproduced below.

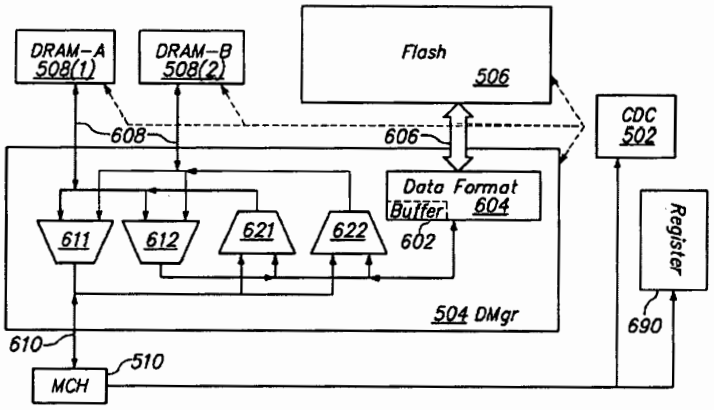


FIG. 6

Figure 6 is a block diagram showing some details of data manager 504. Ex. 1001, 7:11–12. "In certain embodiments, DMgr 504 also functions as a bi-directional data transfer fabric." *Id.* at 12:1–3. "For example, DMgr 504 may have more than 2 sets of data ports facing the Flash 506 and the DRAM

508." *Id.* at 12:3–5. "Multiplexers 611 and 612 provide controllable data paths from any one of the DRAMs 508(1) and 508(2) (DRAM-A and DRAM-B) to any one of the MCH 510 and the Flash 506." *Id.* at 12:5–8. "Similarly multiplexers 621 and 622 provide controllable data paths from any one of the MCH and the Flash memory to any one of the DRAMs 508(1) and 508(2) (DRAM-A and DRAM-B)." *Id.* at 12:8–11.

D. Illustrative Claim

Of the challenged claims, claims 1 and 7 are independent, claims 2–6 depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 1, and claims 8–15 depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 7. Independent claim 1 is illustrative of the challenged claims and is reproduced below:

> 1. A memory module couplable to a memory controller of a host system, comprising:
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> a non-volatile memory subsystem;
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> a data manager coupled to the non-volatile memory subsystem;
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> a volatile memory subsystem coupled to the data manager and operable to exchange data with the non-volatile memory subsystem by way of the data manager; and
>
> a controller operable to receive commands from the memory controller and to direct (i) operation of the non-volatile memory subsystem, (ii) operation of the volatile memory subsystem, and (iii) transfer of data between any two or more of the memory controller, the volatile memory subsystem, and the non-volatile memory subsystem based on at least one received command from the memory controller, wherein:
>
> at least one of the volatile and non-volatile memory subsystems comprises one or more memory segments, each memory segment comprising at least one memory circuit, memory device, or memory die, and

> the data manager is configured as a bi-directional data transfer fabric having two or more sets of data ports, a first set of data ports of the two or more sets of data ports is coupled to the volatile memory subsystem, a second set of data ports of the two or more sets of data ports is coupled to the non-volatile memory subsystem, the two or more sets of data ports being operable by the data manager to transfer data to or from one or more memory segments of the volatile or non-volatile memory subsystems, the data manager further including a data buffer for buffering data delivered to or from the non-volatile memory subsystem, and a data format module configured to format data to be transferred between any two or more of the memory controller, the volatile memory subsystem, and the non-volatile memory subsystem based on control information received from the controller.

Ex. 1001, 17:44–18:13.

E. Instituted Grounds of Unpatentability

Petitioner asserted that the challenged claims are unpatentable based on the following grounds (Pet. 3), and trial has been instituted on these grounds (*see supra* Section I.A):

Reference(s)	**Basis**	**Claim(s) challenged**
Best	§ 102	1–14
Best and Roy	§ 103	1–14
Best and Tsunoda, with or without Roy	§ 103	2 and 8
Best and Roohparvar, with or without Roy	§ 103	5 and 12–14
Best, Mills,[9] and Bonella, with or without Roy	§ 103	15
Best, Mills,[10] Bonella, and Ashmore, with or without Roy	§ 103	15

[9] Petitioner does not include Mills (Ex. 1010) explicitly (Pet. 3), but the analysis relies upon it (*id.* at 61–64) for teaching part of a limitation.

[10] *See* n.9, above.

II. ANALYSIS

A. Claim Construction

We interpret claims of an unexpired patent using the broadest reasonable construction in light of the specification of the patent in which they appear. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.100(b); *see Cuozzo Speed Techs., LLC v. Lee*, 136 S. Ct. 2131, 2142–46 (2016). Under the broadest reasonable construction standard, claim terms are given their ordinary and customary meaning, as would be understood by one of ordinary skill in the art in the context of the entire disclosure. *In re Translogic Tech., Inc.*, 504 F.3d 1249, 1257 (Fed. Cir. 2007). Any special definition for a claim term must be set forth in the specification with reasonable clarity, deliberateness, and precision. *In re Paulsen*, 30 F.3d 1475, 1480 (Fed. Cir. 1994). We must be careful not to read a particular embodiment appearing in the written description into the claim if the claim language is broader than the embodiment. *See In re Van Geuns*, 988 F.2d 1181, 1184 (Fed. Cir. 1993). Only terms that are in controversy need to be construed, and then only to the extent necessary to resolve the controversy. *Vivid Techs., Inc. v. Am. Sci. & Eng'g, Inc.*, 200 F.3d 795, 803 (Fed. Cir. 1999).

1. "memory module"

Each independent claim recites a "memory module." Petitioner did not propose a construction for "memory module" in the Petition. Patent Owner argued, in its Preliminary Response, that "memory module" should be construed to mean "a carrier that contains one or more chips." Prelim. Resp. 21. In our Decision on Institution, we construed "memory module" to mean "a carrier that contains one or more memory chips," where "carrier"

encompasses an integrated circuit package. Inst. Dec. 9–10. We observed that

> The '831 patent does not define a "memory module." The '831 patent depicts a memory module 500 in Figures 5A and 5B, and describes how "[i]n certain embodiments, memory module 500 is a Flash-DRAM hybrid memory module that has the DIMM (dual-inline memory module) form factor" (Ex. 1001, 10:28–31), but the '831 patent also expressly contemplates other form factors (*see, e.g., id.* at 10:32–34 ("it is to be understood that in both structure and operation [memory module 500] may be different from the FDHDIMM discussed above and described with reference to FIGS. 4A and 4B"), 10:46–49 ("While the DIMM form factor will predominate the discussion herein, it should be understood that this is for illustrative purposes only and memory systems using other form factors are contemplated as well.").

Id.

In its Patent Owner Response, Patent Owner argues that "memory module" should be construed to mean "one or more memory segments on a printed circuit board" ("PCB"). PO Resp. 14–34. According to Patent Owner, "[e]very embodiment of a 'memory module' disclosed by the '831 patent comprises a PCB" and its proposed construction "parallels how the term 'memory module' is used by those in the industry and standards bodies." *Id.* at 15. Specifically, Patent Owner annotates Figure 5A, arguing that it shows "a PCB (yellow)":

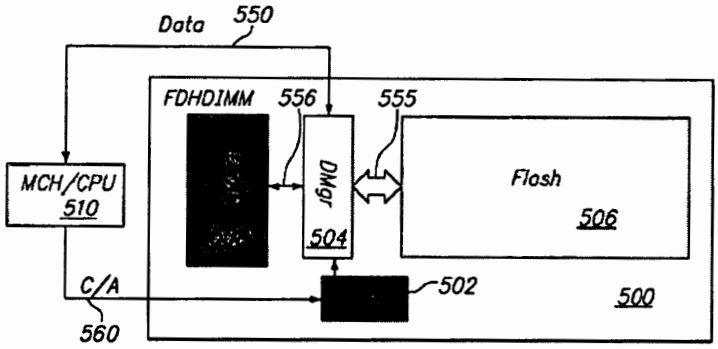


FIG. 5A

PO Resp. 16; *see also id.* at 20–23 ("Because the '831 specification only discloses embodiments including memory segments on a PCB, the claimed 'memory module' should be construed to cover such embodiments."). These arguments are not persuasive because the '831 patent does *not* describe 500, or any other embodiment, as a PCB. Instead, the '831 patent refers to 500 only as a "module." Ex. 1001, 10:14–15.

Patent Owner also argues that the '831 patent "repeatedly and consistently describes 'memory modules' as having a Dual In-Line Memory Module ('DIMM') form factor." PO Resp. 17. As Petitioner points out, however, claims are not limited to the embodiments described in the Specification. Pet. Reply 3–4 (citing *ACUMED LLC v. Stryker Corp.*, 483 F.3d 800, 805 (Fed. Cir. 2007)). Moreover, as we noted above, the '831 patent expressly contemplates other form factors for its "module" and, therefore, does not limit "module" to a DIMM form factor. *See, e.g.,* Ex. 1001, 10:32–49. The '831 patent states, for example

> These on-module intermediary components may be physically separate components, circuits, or modules, or they may be integrated onto a single integrated circuit or device, or integrated with other memory devices, for example in a three dimensional stack, or in any one of several other possible expedients for

> integration known to those skilled in the art to achieve a specific design, application, or economic goal.

Id. at 10:36–43.

For the same reasons, we are unpersuaded by Patent Owner's argument that boilerplate language cannot be used to broaden claims beyond what is disclosed in the Specification. PO Resp. 23–26.[11] The '831 patent's disclosure that "[w]hile the DIMM form factor will predominate the discussion herein, it should be understood that this is for illustrative purposes only and memory systems using other form factors are contemplated as well" (Ex. 1001, 10:46–49), is not mere boilerplate.

Patent Owner also relies upon disclosure in U.S. Patent Application No. 12/240,916 ("the '916 application"), of which the '831 patent is a continuation-in-part. PO Resp. 17–19; Ex. 1001 [63]. The '916 patent explicitly describes an embodiment in which memory system 10 comprises PCB 20. Ex. 2018 ¶ 31. This argument is not persuasive, however, because when the application leading to the '831 patent was filed, all references to "printed circuit board," "PCB," or even "board," were deleted from the Specification and the more generic word "module" was used instead. That the applicant for the '831 patent *removed* the words "PCB" and "printed circuit board" from the '916 application and used only the word "module" instead suggests, if anything, that applicant intended "module" *not* to be limited to a PCB.

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[11] Patent Owner's citation to the "ID at 5–6" and the quote in parenthetical (Pet. 23–24) appears to be a citation to our Institution Decision in IPR2017-00560, not to our Institution Decision in this proceeding. Pet. Reply 10–11.

Patent Owner also relies upon a Final Written Decision in *Diablo Techs., Inc. v. Netlist, Inc.*, Case No. IPR2014-00882, concerning U.S. Patent 7,881,150 ("the '150 patent"). PO Resp. 26–27; Ex. 2021. Patent Owner's reliance on this decision is not persuasive, however, because the '150 patent is not related to the '831 patent and the Specification for the '150 patent is different from the Specification of the '831 patent. For example, the '150 patent explicitly discloses a printed circuit board, whereas the '831 patent does not.

Patent Owner also relies upon extrinsic evidence as support for its proposed construction. PO Resp. 27–31. There is no doubt that the DIMM form factor, including a PCB, was well-known. The issue, however, is whether the applicant for the '831 patent intended the term "memory module" to require a PCB. In light of the intrinsic evidence that the applicant deleted the words "printed circuit board" and "PCB" from the Specification, explicitly contemplated non-DIMM form factors, and even contemplated a controller and data manager "integrated with other memory devices" (Ex. 1001, 10:39–40), Patent Owner's extrinsic evidence does not persuade us that applicant intended "memory module" to require a PCB.

Patent Owner also argues that our preliminary determination that "carrier" encompasses an integrated circuit package is overly broad because (a) the '831 patent "does not describe any IC package comprising a PCB" and (b) it lacks any support from the industry or standards bodies. PO Resp. 33–34. We disagree. As discussed, the '831 patent explicitly contemplates integrating the controller and data manager "with other memory devices, for example in a three dimensional stack, or in any one of several other possible

expedients for integration known to those skilled in the art to achieve a specific design, application, or economic goal." Ex. 1001, 10:36–43.

Finally, Patent Owner argues, with respect to Best, that our construction "requires two layers of IC packages, in which a first IC package (the Board's 'carrier') contains one or more second IC packages (the Board's memory chips)." PO Resp. 39. Petitioner counters that "[t]he Board's construction does no such thing." Pet. Reply 18–19. We agree with Petitioner. Patent Owner's argument is predicated upon the erroneous assertion that "[e]ach memory chip in the Board's 'carrier' requires a different IC package (*i.e.*, a second IC package) that encloses at least one memory die." PO Resp. 39. Each memory chip does *not* require its own integrated circuit package. On the contrary, it may be, as Best discloses, a die enclosed with another die in a single IC package.

Having considered the arguments and evidence, we maintain our construction of "memory module" to mean "a carrier that contains one or more memory chips," where "carrier" encompasses an integrated circuit package.

B. Level of Ordinary Skill in the Art

Petitioner contends that a hypothetical person of ordinary skill in the art, with respect to and at the time of the'831 patent, "would be a person with a Bachelor's degree in materials science, electrical engineering, computer engineering, computer science, or in a related field and at least one year of experience with the design or development of semiconductor non-volatile memory circuitry or systems." Pet. 7; Ex. 1003 ¶¶ 55–56.

Patent Owner contends that such a person "would have been a person with a Bachelor's degree in electrical and/or computer engineering and at

least five years of industry experience designing memory devices and controllers" but that "[a] Master of Science degree in electrical and/or computer engineering would substitute for two years of industry experience" and "[a] Doctorate degree in electrical and/or computer engineering would substitute for four years of industry experience." PO Resp. 43; Ex. 2016 ¶ 32.

Patent Owner argues that a degree in material science would *not* be equivalent to a degree in electrical and/or computer engineering, and that Petitioner's expert, Mr. Maltiel, who has only a degree in materials science, is not competent to testify to the understanding of a person of ordinary skill in the art. PO Resp. 43–44. Patent Owner did not, however, move to exclude the testimony of Mr. Maltiel. To the extent Patent Owner is arguing that we should accord Mr. Maltiel's testimony little to no weight based on his qualifications, we decline to do so. After earning three degrees, Mr. Maltiel joined Intel in 1980 to work on the first commercial non-volatile EEPROM devices and, therefore, had 27 years of industry experience as of the earliest priority date to which the '831 patent could be entitled. Ex. 1003 ¶¶ 3–9. Mr. Maltiel was recognized as a Senior Member of the IEEE in 2008 and is a named inventor on six United States patents covering various aspects of memory devices, including for combining non-volatile and DRAM memories. *Id.* ¶¶ 10–12. As a result, we are persuaded that Mr. Maltiel is qualified to testify as to the understanding of a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the '831 patent.

Otherwise, we determine that no express finding on a specific corresponding level of technical education and experience is necessary. Here, the level of ordinary skill in the art is reflected by the prior art of

record. *See Okajima v. Bourdeau*, 261 F.3d 1350, 1355 (Fed. Cir. 2001); *In re GPAC Inc.*, 57 F.3d 1573, 1579 (Fed. Cir. 1995); *In re Oelrich*, 579 F.2d 86, 91 (CCPA 1978).

C. Whether to Give Weight to Mr. Maltiel's Testimony

Patent Owner argues that Mr. Maltiel's testimony should be given no weight because it is neither reliable nor credible. PO Resp. 41–42; *see also id.* at 62–64. In support of the argument, Patent Owner directs attention to portions of Dr. Maltiel's cross examination testimony where he allegedly (1) "contradicted himself on critical matters;" (2) "made a number of statements that are simply incorrect;" and (3) "concede[d] that he did not consider the complete intrinsic record, including the '916 patent application." *Id.*

Petitioner counters that Mr. Maltiel is qualified, reliable, and credible. Pet. Reply 24–25.

We have reviewed the arguments provided by Patent Owner and determine such arguments are insufficient to have Mr. Maltiel's declaration excluded in its entirety. Rather, it is within our discretion to assign the appropriate weight to be accorded evidence. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.65(a); *see also, e.g.*, *Yorkey v. Diab*, 601 F.3d 1279, 1284 (Fed. Cir. 2010) (holding the Board has discretion to give more weight to one item of evidence over another "unless no reasonable trier of fact could have done so"); *In re Am. Acad. of Sci. Tech Ctr.*, 367 F.3d 1359, 1368 (Fed. Cir. 2004) ("[T]he Board is entitled to weigh the declarations and conclude that the lack of factual corroboration warrants discounting the opinions expressed in the declarations."); and *Velander v. Garner*, 348 F.3d 1359, 1371 (Fed. Cir. 2003) ("In giving more weight to prior publications than to subsequent conclusory statements by experts, the Board acted well within [its]

discretion."). Based on the record before us, we are not persuaded that we should give the entirety of Mr. Maltiel's declaration no weight.

D. The Parties' Post-Institution Arguments

In our Decision on Institution, we concluded that the arguments and evidence advanced by Petitioner demonstrated a reasonable likelihood that (1) claims 1–14 of the '831 patent are unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as anticipated by Best; (2) claims 1–14 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) are obvious over Best; (3) claims 1–14 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) are obvious over Best and Roy; and (4) claim 15 over Bowie under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is obvious over Best, Mills, and Bonella, with or without Roy. Inst. Dec. 28. We subsequently instituted on the remaining grounds asserted by Petitioner. Paper 23. We must now determine whether Petitioner has established by a preponderance of the evidence that claims 1–15 are unpatentable over the cited prior art. 35 U.S.C. § 316(e). We previously instructed Patent Owner that "any arguments for patentability not raised in the [Patent Owner Response] will be deemed waived." Paper 3, 3; *see also* 37 C.F.R. § 42.23(a) ("Any material fact not specifically denied may be considered admitted."); *In re Nuvasive, Inc.*, 842 F.3d 1376, 1379–1382 (Fed. Cir. 2016) (holding Patent Owner waived an argument addressed in Preliminary Response by not raising the same argument in the Patent Owner Response). Additionally, the Board's Trial Practice Guide states that the Patent Owner Response "should identify all the involved claims that are believed to be patentable and state the basis for that belief." Office Patent Trial Practice Guide, 77 Fed. Reg. 48,756, 48,766 (Aug. 14, 2012).

With a complete record before us, we note that we have reviewed arguments and evidence advanced by Petitioner to support its unpatentability

contentions where Patent Owner chose not to address certain limitations in its Patent Owner Response. In this regard, the record now contains persuasive, unrebutted arguments and evidence presented by Petitioner regarding the manner in which the asserted prior art teaches corresponding limitations of the claims against which that prior art is asserted. Based on the preponderance of the evidence before us, we conclude that the prior art identified by Petitioner teaches or suggests all uncontested limitations of the reviewed claims. The limitations that Patent Owner contests in the Patent Owner Response are addressed below.

E. Claims 1–14: Anticipation by Best

Petitioner argues that claims 1–14 are unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Best. Pet. 20–49.

1. Principles of Law

To establish anticipation, "all of the elements and limitations of the claim must be shown in a single prior reference, arranged as in the claim." *Karsten Mfg. Corp. v. Cleveland Golf Co.*, 242 F.3d 1376, 1383 (Fed. Cir. 2001). When evaluating a single prior art reference in the context of anticipation, the reference must be "considered together with the knowledge of one of ordinary skill in the pertinent art." *In re Paulsen*, 30 F.3d 1475, 1480 (Fed. Cir. 1994) (citing *In re Samour*, 571 F.2d 559, 562 (CCPA 1978)). "'[T]he dispositive question regarding anticipation[, therefore, i]s whether *one skilled in the art* would reasonably understand or infer from the [prior art reference's] teaching' that every claim element was disclosed in that single reference." *Dayco Prods., Inc. v. Total Containment, Inc.*, 329 F.3d 1358, 1368 (Fed. Cir. 2003) (alterations in original) (quoting *In re Baxter Travenol Labs.*, 952 F.2d 388, 390 (Fed. Cir. 1991)). We analyze

this asserted ground based on anticipation with the principles stated above in mind.

2. Best Overview

Best is directed to a hybrid volatile and non-volatile memory device. Ex. 1006, Abstract. Specifically, Best discloses "[a]composite, hybrid memory device including a first storage die having an array of volatile storage cells and a second storage die having an array of non-volatile storage cells disposed within an integrated circuit package." *Id.* "The hybrid memory device includes a shared interface circuit to receive memory access commands directed to the first storage die and the second storage die and to convey read and write data between an external data path and the first and second storage dice." *Id.*

Figure 2 of Best is reproduced below.

FIG. 2

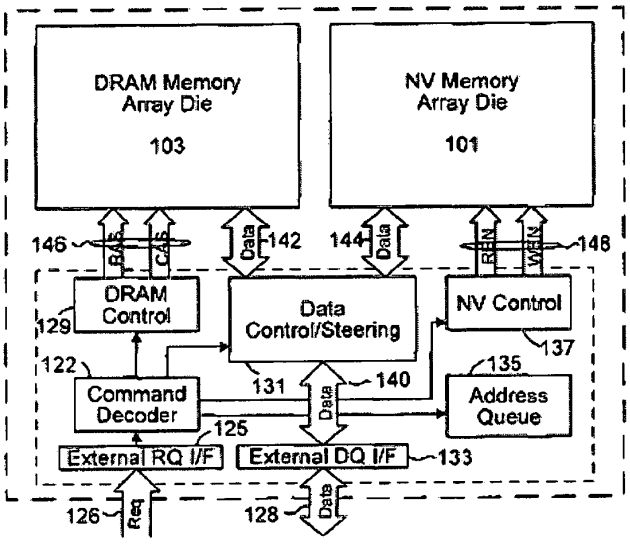


Figure 2 illustrates an embodiment of a hybrid, composite memory device with shared interface circuitry, volatile memory, and non-volatile memory.

Id. ¶ 17. "[T]he shared interface circuitry includes an external request interface 125, external data interface 133, command decoder 122, address queue 135, DRAM control circuit 129, Flash control circuit 137, and data control/steering circuit 131." *Id.* "[I]ncoming control signals and addresses . . . are received in the external request interface 125 via control/address (CA) path 126, reformatted as necessary (e.g., deserialized to form a parallel command word and one or more address values) and then forwarded to the command decoder 122." *Id.* "The command decoder 122 in turn forwards address to the address queue 135 and stores memory access commands." *Id.* "[M]emory access operations may be automatically directed to either the volatile storage die or non-volatile storage die according to the memory address to be accessed." *Id.* "[C]ommand decoder 122 outputs, from the head of the command queue, an enable signal and corresponding memory access control signals to the DRAM control circuit 129 and NV control circuit 137." *Id.* ¶ 18. "[D]ata control/steering circuit 131 is used to control the transfer of data between a shared internal data bus and dedicated internal data buses associated with the volatile and non-volatile storage dice, respectively." *Id.* ¶ 20.

Figure 3 of Best is reproduced below.

FIG. 3

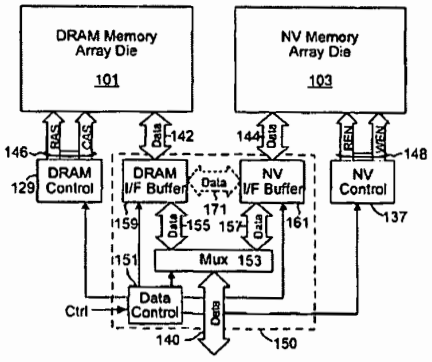


Figure 3 illustrates an embodiment of a data control/steering circuit 150 that may be used to implement the data control/steering circuit 131 of Figure 2. *Id.* ¶ 21. "[D]ata control circuit 151 receives control signals from the command decoder that indicate the direction of data flow during a memory access operation (read or write) and whether the volatile or non-volatile storage die is the target of the memory access." *Id.*

3. Petitioner's Initial Positions

Petitioner contends that Best anticipates claims 1–14 of the '831 patent. Pet. 20–49. We have reviewed the Petition, Patent Owner's Response, and Petitioner's Reply, as well as the relevant evidence discussed in those papers and other record papers, and are persuaded that the record establishes Petitioner's contentions for claims 1–14, and we adopt Petitioner's contentions discussed below as our own.

For example, Claim 1 recites "[a] memory module couplable to a memory controller of a host system." Petitioner relies upon Best's disclosure of "a 'hybrid composite memory device having non-volatile and volatile memories implemented in distinct integrated circuit (IC) dice that are packaged together and accessed through a shared interface.'" Pet. 20 (quoting Ex. 1006 ¶ 12). In light of our construction of "memory module" to mean "a carrier that contains one or more memory chips," where "carrier" encompasses an integrated circuit package, we are persuaded by Petitioner's showing and find that Best's integrated circuit package containing first and second storage die teaches the recited "memory module."

Claim 1 further recites "a non-volatile memory subsystem." Petitioner relies upon Best's disclosure of a Flash memory. Pet. 21. We are

persuaded by Petitioner's showing and find that Best's Flash memory teaches the recited "non-volatile memory subsystem."

Claim 1 further recites "a data manager coupled to the non-volatile memory subsystem." Petitioner relies upon Best's data control/steering circuit in combination with the external interface. Pet. 21–22 (citing Ex. 1006, Figure 3). We are persuaded by Petitioner's showing and find that Best's data control/steering circuit in combination with the external interface teaches the recited "data manager."

Claim 1 further recites "a volatile memory subsystem." Petitioner relies upon Best's disclosure of a DRAM. Pet. 22–23. We are persuaded by Petitioner's showing and find that Best's DRAM teaches this limitation.

Claim 1 further recites "a controller." Petitioner relies upon Best's command decoder 122, which receives "incoming control signals and addresses" and directs operation of the volatile and non-volatile memories by "output[ting] . . . an enable signal and corresponding memory access control signals to the DRAM control circuit . . . and NV control circuit," and transfers data between the memories and memory controller. Pet. 23–24 (citing Ex. 1006 ¶¶ 17–19, 21, 29). We are persuaded by Petitioner's showing and find that Best's command decoder 122 teaches the recited "controller."

Claim 1 further recites "at least one of the volatile and non-volatile memory subsystems comprises one or more memory segments." Petitioner relies upon Best's disclosure that "the volatile and non-volatile memories [are] implemented by a DRAM die 103 and Flash memory die 101, respectively," each of which, according to Petitioner, is a memory segment. Pet. 24–25. We are persuaded by Petitioner's showing and find that Best's

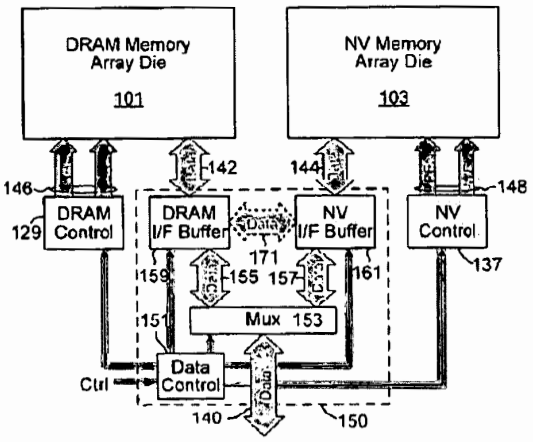
DRAM die 103 and Flash memory die 101 teach the recited "one or more memory segments."

Claim 1 further recites

> the data manager is configured as a bi-directional data transfer fabric having two or more sets of data ports, a first set of data ports of the two or more sets of data ports is coupled to the volatile memory subsystem, a second set of data ports of the two or more sets of data ports is coupled to the non-volatile memory subsystem, the two or more sets of data ports being operable by the data manager to transfer data to or from one or more memory segments of the volatile or non-volatile memory subsystems.

Petitioner relies upon Best's disclosure of an interface to the primary volatile data path 142 between data control/steering circuit 150 and DRAM 101 ("a first set of data ports . . . coupled to the volatile memory subsystem"), and of an interface to primary non-volatile data path 144 between data control steering circuit 150 and NV memory 103 ("a second set of data ports . . . coupled to the non-volatile memory subsystem"). Pet. 25–26. Petitioner contends that each set of interconnections is "bi-directional" because data can flow in either direction, and illustrates the point with an annotated version of Figure 3, reproduced below:

FIG. 3



We are persuaded by Petitioner's showing and find that Best's interfaces to primary volatile data path 142 and to primary non-volatile data path 144, respectively, as illustrated in annotated Figure 3 above, teach the recited "two or more sets of data ports."

Finally, claim 1 recites

> the data manager further including a data buffer for buffering data delivered to or from the non-volatile memory subsystem, and a data format module configured to format data to be transferred between any two or more of the memory controller, the volatile memory subsystem, and the non-volatile memory subsystem based on control information received from the controller.

Petitioner relies upon Best's disclosure of "non-volatile-storage-die interface buffer 161" as the recited "data buffer" (Pet. 27–28), and relies upon Best's disclosure of logic for serializing/deserializing within data steering/control circuit and the external data interface as the recited "data format module" (*id.* at 28–30). We are persuaded by Petitioner's showing and find that Best's non-volatile-storage-die interface buffer 161 teaches the recited "data buffer."

We also are persuaded that Petitioner's citations support its contentions with respect to claim 7, for which Petitioner relies upon largely the same disclosures in Best (Pet. 38–43).

Petitioner has provided a similar detailed analysis of claims 2–6 and 8–14. Pet. 30–37, 44–49. Notwithstanding Patent Owner's arguments, which we have considered and which we address below, we are persuaded by Petitioner's showing, which we adopt as our own findings and conclusions, that claims 1–14 are unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as anticipated by Best.

4. Patent Owner's Assertions Concerning Best

Patent Owner argues that Best does not disclose a "memory module" because it is implemented on a single integrated circuit package—i.e., a single chip. PO Resp. 34–41. Specifically, Patent Owner argues that (1) Petitioner's expert testified that a "memory module" and an "IC package" are "totally different terms;" (2) Best's dual-die chip teaches away from a memory module; (3) Best does not teach an IC package within another IC package; and (4) Best does not teach a PCB. *Id.*

Petitioner counters that (1) Mr. Maltiel testified specifically that Best's specific disclosure of an IC package teaches a "memory module" as a person of ordinary skill in the art would have understood it; and (2) Patent Owner's alleged "teaching away" is irrelevant in an anticipation analysis. Pet. Reply 17–18. We agree.

Moreover, Patent Owner's remaining arguments are not persuasive because they are based upon Patent Owner's proposed construction of "memory module," which we do not adopt for the reasons discussed above. Because our broadest reasonable construction of "memory module" encompasses an integrated circuit package and because Best discloses an integrated circuit package with two die, we are persuaded that Best discloses this limitation.

Patent Owner does not separately argue claims 2–14.

5. Summary

For the foregoing reasons, we are persuaded that Petitioner has established, by a preponderance of the evidence, claims 1–14 of the '831 patent are unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as anticipated by Best.

F. Claim 1–14: Obviousness over Best

Although Petitioner challenges claims 1–14 as obvious over "Best in view of Roy" (Pet. 3), its other obviousness challenges are "with or without Roy" (*id.*). We, therefore, interpret the Petition to allege that claims 1–14 also are obvious over Best alone.

As discussed above, we are persuaded that Petitioner has established, by a preponderance of the evidence, that claims 1–14 are unpatentable as anticipated by Best. Patent Owner relies upon the same argument as for Ground 1—i.e., that Best does not teach a "memory module"—and argues that the Petition fails to show that Roy teaches a "memory module." PO Resp. 45. We are not persuaded by that argument for the reasons discussed above.

Inasmuch as "anticipation is the epitome of obviousness" (*In re McDaniel*, 293 F.3d 1379, 1385 (Fed. Cir. 2002)) and because there is no evidence of objective indicia of non-obviousness on the record, we determine that Petitioner has also established, by a preponderance of the evidence, that claims 1–14 would have been obvious over Best.

G. Claims 1–14: Obviousness over Best and Roy

Petitioner argues that claims 1–14 are unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over the combination of Best and Roy. Pet. 49–53.

1. Principles of Law

A claim is unpatentable under § 103(a) if the differences between the claimed subject matter and the prior art are such that the subject matter, as a whole, would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains.

KSR Int'l Co. v. Teleflex Inc., 550 U.S. 398, 406 (2007). The question of obviousness is resolved on the basis of underlying factual determinations, including (1) the scope and content of the prior art; (2) any differences between the claimed subject matter and the prior art; (3) the level of skill in the art; and (4) when in evidence, objective indicia of non-obviousness (i.e., secondary considerations). *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 17–18 (1966). We analyze this asserted ground based on obviousness with the principles identified above in mind.

2. Roy Overview

Roy is directed generally to an "independent and cooperative multichannel memory architecture" that includes a plurality of independent channels between a master device and one or more memory clusters. Ex. 1008, Abstract. Figure 1 of Roy is reproduced below.

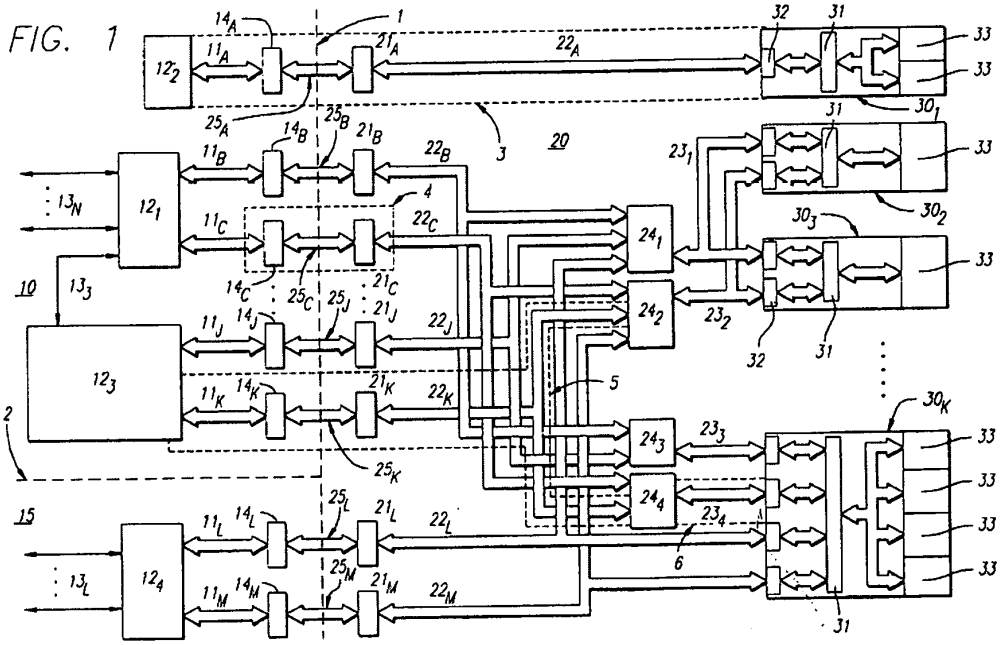


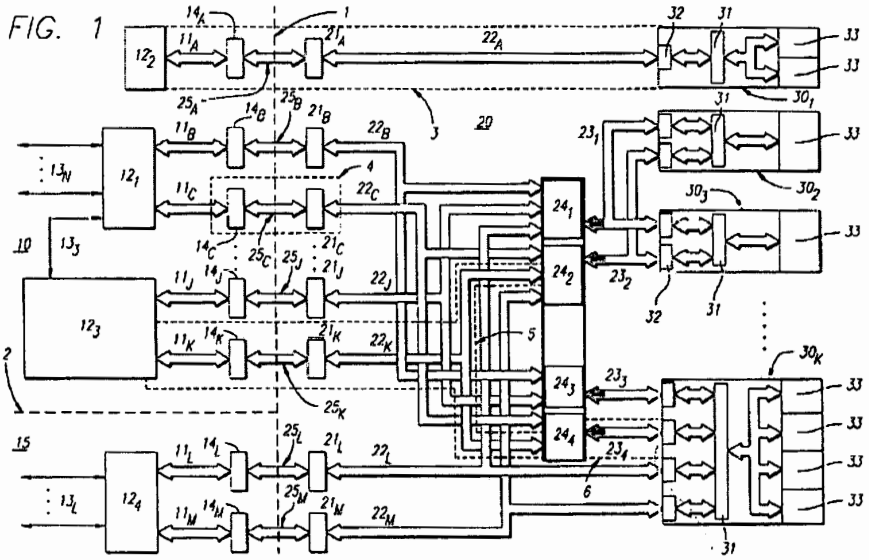
Figure 1 of Roy is a system level block diagram of a multichannel memory architecture disclosed in Roy. *Id.* at 7:59–60. As shown, "memory device 20 further includes multiplexer units 24_{1-4} which couple individual ones of a plurality of the channels to one or more of the memory clusters 30." *Id.* at 11:52–54.

3. Analysis

Petitioner contends that, to the extent the claims require "two or more" independent read or write paths to the "volatile memory subsystem" and "non-volatile memory subsystem," a combination of Best and Roy would have rendered obvious claims 1–14 of the '831 patent. Pet. 49–53. We have reviewed the Petition, Patent Owner's Response, and Petitioner's Reply, as well as the relevant evidence discussed in those papers and other record papers, and are persuaded that the record establishes Petitioner's contentions for claims 1–14, and we adopt Petitioner's contentions discussed below as our own.

For example, independent claims 1 and 7 recite "a bi-directional data transfer fabric [having/with] two or more sets of data ports." Petitioner argues that, if this phrase is construed to require two or more independent read/write paths to each of the volatile and non-volatile memory subsystems, such a feature was taught by Roy. Pet. 49–51. In particular, Petitioner relies upon Roy's teaching of multiplexers 24_{1-4} ("a bi-directional data transfer fabric"), their interfaces to buses 23_{1-4} ("two or more sets of data ports"), some of which are coupled to memory cluster 30_3 ("a first set . . . coupled to") and others of which are coupled to memory cluster 30_K ("a second set . . . coupled to"). Pet. 50–51. Petitioner also annotates Figure 1 of Roy to

indicate multiplexers (red), interfaces (green), and memory clusters to which they are coupled (yellow):



Id. at 50. An annotated version of Figure 1 of Roy is reproduced above.

We are persuaded by Petitioner's showing and find that Roy's multiplexers 24_{1-4}, buses 23_{1-4}, memory cluster 30_3, and memory cluster 30_K teach the recited "bi-directional data transfer fabric."

With respect to why a person of ordinary skill in the art would have modified Best in view of Roy, Petitioner argues:

> One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to implement this architecture for all the reasons Roy describes, including allowing independent and simultaneous transactions, Ex. 1008, 7:37-40, and increased performance by providing a wide effective channel, *id.*, 7:45-49; Ex. 1003, ¶173. Roy also teaches that a multichannel architecture provides substantial flexibility. Ex. 1008, 9:30-42; Ex. 1003, ¶173.
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> Roy discloses that "nearly identical address and control information" can be applied to each channel such that "[s]ubsequent transfer[s] of data on each of these channels can be synchronized to provide an effectively wider channel." Ex.

> 1008, 10:28-32. This provides particular motivation to combine with Best in light of Best's disclosure that "multiple non-volatile storage dice and/or multiple volatile storage dice may be ... selected ... based on incoming address and/or control signals." Ex. 1006, ¶15; Ex. 1003, ¶174.
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> Best suggests such a modification through his disclosure of overlapping and pipelined memory operations. Ex. 1006, ¶18. One of ordinary skill would understand that multiple channels allow for further overlapping or pipelining of operations, such as allowing Best to write data from volatile to non-volatile memory as part of the "Shadow Mode" operation while allowing the host to simultaneously write data to volatile memory, thus improving the operation and responsiveness of the system. Ex. 1003, ¶175.
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> Modifying Best to use a multichannel architecture such as Roy's would have been an arrangement of old elements (Best's hybrid memory, Roy's multichannel architecture) with each performing the same function it had been known to perform and yielding no more than what one would expect from such an arrangement, *i.e.*, Best's system with a multichannel architecture. Ex. 1003, ¶176. Multichannel architectures were known in the art, and using one in Best would have involved only routine skill to implement the functionality described by Roy. *Id.* Such a modification would have therefore been obvious. *Id.*, ¶¶176, 240.

Pet. 56–53. We determine that Petitioner has provided an articulated reasoning with some rational underpinning that would support the legal conclusion of obviousness. *See KSR Int'l Co. v. Teleflex Inc.*, 550 U.S. 398, 418 (2017) (citing *In re Kahn*, 441 F.3d 977, 988 (Fed. Cir. 2006)).

Patent Owner relies upon the same argument as for Ground 1—i.e., that Best does not teach a "memory module"—and argues that the Petition fails to show that Roy teaches a "memory module." PO Resp. 45. We are not persuaded by that argument for the reasons discussed above.

Having considered the arguments and evidence, we are persuaded by Petitioner's showing, which we adopt as our own findings and conclusions, that claims 1–14 are unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Best and Roy.

4. Summary

For the foregoing reasons, we are persuaded that Petitioner has established, by a preponderance of the evidence, that claims 1–14 of the '831 patent are unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Best and Roy.

H. Claim 15: Obviousness over Best, Mills, and Bonella, with or without Roy

Petitioner argues that claim 15 is unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Best, Mills, and Bonella, with or without Roy.[12] Pet. 57–69.

1. Bonella Overview

Bonella describes "A memory module including a volatile memory, a non-volatile memory, and a controller that provides address, data, and control interfaces to the memories and to a host system." Ex. 1013, Abstract. Bonella teaches that, "[t]he memory module controller . . . is 'Power State Aware.'" *Id.* ¶ 45. At "Power Level 4," Bonella's controller "reduces power by limiting the DRAM performance and the PCIe transaction performance." *Id.* ¶ 48. Bonella teaches that "[r]eduction of power in the DRAM can be accomplished" by "reduc[ing] the frequency in

[12] Although Petitioner does not include Mills (Ex. 1010) explicitly in its ground (Pet. 3), we include it here because Petitioner's analysis relies upon it (*id.* at 61–64) for teaching part of a limitation.

which the DRAM is operating," which "reduces power and, in general, produces no noticeable decrease in system performance." *Id.* ¶ 49.

2. Petitioner's Initial Contentions

Petitioner contends that claim 15 of the '831 patent is unpatentable as obvious over the combination of Best, Mills, and Bonella, and over the combination of Best, Mills, Roy, and Bonella. Pet. 57–68. We have reviewed the Petition, Patent Owner's Response, and Petitioner's Reply, as well as the relevant evidence discussed in those papers and other record papers, and are persuaded that the record establishes Petitioner's contentions for claim 15, and we adopt Petitioner's contentions discussed below as our own.

i. "first clock frequency"

For example, claim 15 recites

> operating the volatile memory subsystem at a first clock frequency when the memory module is in a first mode of operation in which data is communicated between the volatile memory subsystem and the memory controller;

Ex. 1001, 20:12–15. Petitioner relies upon Best's teaching of a conventional DRAM, which one of ordinary skill in the art would have understood operates at a first clock frequency. Pet. 58–60. We are persuaded by Petitioner's showing and find that a person of ordinary skill in the art would have understood that Best's DRAM operates at a first clock frequency.

ii. "second clock frequency"

Claim 15 further recites

> operating the non-volatile memory subsystem at a second clock frequency when the memory module is in a second mode of operation in which data is communicated between the volatile memory subsystem and the non-volatile memory subsystem;

Ex. 1001, 20:16–20. Petitioner concedes that Best does not explicitly disclose this limitation, but relies upon Mills' teaching of a synchronous flash interface to argue that it would have been obvious to include this functionality in Best. Pet. 61 (citing Ex. 1010). Specifically, Petitioner argues that Mills teaches "a synchronous Flash interface where read and write operations are synchronized to the rising edge of a clock signal provided to the device and operating at a particular frequency." *Id.* at 62. Petitioner also argues that "[a]s combined, Best's Flash interface would conform to Mills' synchronous Flash protocol and include a separate clock signal that controls read and write operations." *Id.* at 63. We are persuaded by Petitioner's showing and find that Mills teaches a synchronous Flash interface operating on a separate clock.

With respect to why a person of ordinary skill in the art would have combined Best and Mills, Petitioner argues

> it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to employ a synchronous flash memory, such as disclosed in Mills, in the system of Best because to do so would have been merely an arrangement of old elements with each performing the same function it had been known to perform and yielding no more than what one would expect from such an arrangement, *i.e.*, the non-volatile storage of data. . . .
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> A skilled artisan would have been motivated to make such a combination because, as Mills explains, a synchronous flash interface "creates an average access time for sequential read accesses that is significantly less than the access time of an asynchronous flash device." Ex. 1010, 17:6-9. In the context of Best, restoring data from the non-volatile flash memory would therefore have been faster by use of a synchronous flash memory, and reduced sequential read access times during other operations or uses of Best's Flash memory, motivating one of ordinary skill

> in the art to use a synchronous interface generally. Ex. 1003, ¶ 299.
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> [O]ne of ordinary skill in the art would have therefore understood Best to suggest modification to work with any known Flash interface, including Mills' synchronous Flash interface. Ex. 1003, ¶300.

Pet. 62–64. We determine that Petitioner has provided an articulated reasoning with some rational underpinning that would support the legal conclusion of obviousness. *See KSR Int'l Co. v. Teleflex Inc.*, 550 U.S. 398, 418 (2017) (citing *In re Kahn*, 441 F.3d 977, 988 (Fed. Cir. 2006)).

iii. "third clock frequency"

Finally, claim 15 recites

> operating the volatile memory subsystem at a third clock frequency when the memory module is in the second mode of operation, the third clock frequency being less than the first clock frequency.

Ex. 1001, 20:21–24. Petitioner concedes that Best does not explicitly disclose this limitation, but argues that Bonella teaches reducing DRAM operational frequency to reduce power. Pet. 66–67 (citing Ex. 1013 ¶ 50). The cited portion of Bonella teaches

> An improved power saving option is to slow the operating frequency of the device down and restrict the number of requests being serviced by the ExpressCard interface. By doing this a significant savings in power can be achieved. Voltage can be reduced to the DRAM, frequency is reduced to the DRAM, and the number of cycle requests to the DRAM are reduced making the device function in a very lower power state while maintaining a reasonable system performance level.

Ex. 1013 ¶ 50. We are persuaded by Petitioner's showing and find that Bonella teaches operating DRAM at a reduced frequency (i.e., the recited

"third clock frequency . . . less than the first clock frequency") to conserve power (i.e., in the recited "second mode of operation").

As for why a person of ordinary skill in the art would have modified Best in view of this knowledge, Petitioner states "(1) reducing power during volatile to non-volatile flush operations prompted by a power loss was a well-known technique, and (2) one known way to reduce the power consumption of DRAM devices was to reduce their frequency of operation." Pet. 64–65 (citing Ex. 1011; Ex. 1013). As evidence that reducing power during volatile to non-volatile flush operations was well-known, Petitioner cites U.S. Patent Publication 2006/0212651 A1 (Ex. 1011, "Ashmore"), which "reduc[es] battery power consumption during a main power loss to reduce the likelihood of loss of user write-cached data in a write-caching mass storage controller" and U.S. Patent No. 7,421,552 (Ex. 1012, "Long"), which discloses that "if there is a loss of primary power 34, ... provid[ing] a significantly slower clock signal to ... the controller 40 while the controller 40 moves data from the volatile-memory storage cache 42 to the flash-based memory vault 44." Pet. 65. As evidence that reducing power consumption of a DRAM by reducing its frequency of operation was well-known, Petitioner cites Bonella, which "explains that one way to reduce the power consumption of the memory module is to slow or reduce the operating frequency of the DRAM." Pet. 66. Petitioner further states that

> One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to reduce the power consumption during Best's write flushing in response to a power loss. A skilled artisan would have been motivated to perform this power reduction technique for all the reasons that were known in the art: e.g., decreasing the risk of data loss due to insufficient backup power (Ex. 1011, ¶7) and enabling the use of a smaller-sized backup power source (Ex.

> 1012, 4:54-64). Reducing power consumption during write flushing in response to a power loss would also have been the arrangement of old elements, each performing the same function it had been known to perform, in a way that yields no more than one of ordinary skill in the art would expect from such an arrangement (reducing power consumption during a power loss event, as suggested by Long and Ashmore). Ex. 1003, ¶307
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> One of ordinary skill in the art would also have found it obvious to reduce power consumption during Best's write flushing in response to a power loss using any known or conventional means, and would have also considered power consumption reduction techniques other than those of Ashmore and Long to obtain the same benefits, including those described in Bonella.

Pet. 66–67. On this record, we are persuaded that Petitioner has provided an articulated reasoning with some rational underpinning that would support the legal conclusion of obviousness. *See KSR*, 550 U.S. at 418 (citing *Kahn*, 441 F.3d at 988).

Notwithstanding Patent Owner's arguments, which we have considered and which we address below, we are persuaded by Petitioner's showing, which we adopt as our own findings and conclusions, that claim 15 is unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Best, Mills, and Bonella, and over the combination of Best, Mills, Roy, and Bonella.

3. Patent Owner's Assertions Concerning the References

Patent Owner relies upon the same argument as for Ground 1—i.e., that Best does not teach a "memory module"—and argues that the Petition fails to show that Roy teaches a "memory module." PO Resp. 45. We are not persuaded by that argument for the reasons discussed above.

Patent Owner also argues that claim 15 is not obvious in view of Bonella's Power Level 4. PO Resp. 46–47. Specifically, Patent Owner argues that Bonella does not indicate "what frequency the DRAM is operating at during a power loss" because "there is no suggestion in Bonella about what frequency the DRAM runs at when powered by the UPS battery." *Id.* at 46. Thus, concludes Patent Owner, Petitioner "fails to show evidence that operating in a 'power saving' mode prior to Bonella's 'power loss algorithm' has any effect on the clock frequencies during the 'power loss algorithm.'" *Id.* at 47.

Petitioner counters that it is relying upon Bonella's teaching to reduce power consumption by reducing DRAM operating frequency, not upon Bonella's Power Level 4 as a whole. Pet. Reply 21–22.

We agree with Petitioner. The Petition relies upon Bonella's teaching that reducing the operating frequency of a DRAM reduces power, and argues that a person of ordinary skill in the art would have known how, and been motivated, to apply that teaching to Best to reduce the power consumption of Best's DRAM during a power loss (i.e., in the "second mode of operation" recited in claim 15, when data is flushed from volatile memory subsystem to non-volatile memory subsystem) by operating it at a slower frequency (i.e., the "third clock frequency" recited in claim 15). Pet. 64–68. Although Bonella teaches frequency reduction in the context of Power Level 4, we are persuaded that a person of ordinary skill in the art would have known how to apply that teaching independent of the other aspects of Power Level 4 (e.g., limiting PCIe transaction performance). Pet. Reply 22.

Patent Owner also argues that claim 15 is not obvious in view of Petitioner's cited scenarios. PO Resp. 47–54. Specifically, Patent Owner

characterizes Petitioner's proposed combination as comprising "two scenarios [that] are independent of each other," one in which power is reduced to devices other than the volatile memory subsystem during a power loss, and another in which power is reduced to the volatile memory subsystem during normal operation (i.e., *not* during a power loss). *Id.* at 48. According to Patent Owner, Long teaches away from, and Ashmore does not teach, the "third clock frequency." PO Resp. 49–52.

These arguments are not persuasive because Petitioner relies upon Bonella, not upon Ashmore and Long, for teaching a "third clock frequency." Patent Owner also constructs a hypothetical system based on teachings of Ashmore, Long, and Bonella that is *not* relied upon by Petitioner and concludes that its hypothetical combination "does not reduce the DRAM clock frequency during power loss mode as Petitioner asserts." *Id.* at 52–53. This argument also is not persuasive because Petitioner is relying upon Long and Ashmore as evidence of what a person of ordinary skill in the art would have known and been motivated by (Pet. 65–68), not for teaching the "third clock frequency," much less for collateral teachings about the specific components in Long and Ashmore to which power is reduced during a power loss. Similarly, Petitioner relies upon Bonella's teaching that DRAM power consumption can be reduced by slowing the operating frequency down (Pet. 66–67 (Ex. 1013 ¶¶ 49–50), not upon Bonella's teaching of a power-loss algorithm.

Patent Owner also argues that "Bonella does not teach that power (or frequency) is reduced during a power loss." *Id.* at 56. This argument is misplaced, however, because Petitioner is not relying upon Bonella to show power reducing frequency *during a power loss*. Petitioner is relying upon

Bonella's teaching that DRAM power consumption can be reduced by slowing the operating frequency down (Pet. 66–67 (Ex. 1013 ¶¶ 49–50)), and arguing that "[o]ne of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to reduce the power consumption during Best's write flushing in response to a power loss" (*id.* at 66).

Finally, Patent Owner argues a person of ordinary skill in the art would not have been motivated to combine Best with Bonella to "enable[e] the use of a smaller-sized backup power source," as Petitioner contends (Pet. 66), because "[a person of ordinary skill in the art] would know that Petitioner's power reduction will not reduce the required battery capacity or increase the amount of data that can be transferred." PO Resp. 60. Specifically, Patent Owner argues that "reducing the clock frequency . . . reduces power dissipation but simply spreads the task out over time, thereby consuming the same total energy." *Id.* at 61. Thus, according to Patent Owner, "because Petitioner's power reduction technique extends the time required to back up the DRAM, energy requirements are not reduced." *Id.* at 62.

Petitioner counters that Patent Owner's argument "ignores the energy consumption of an idle DRAM as it transfers data to a much-slower Flash memory." Pet. Reply 22. Petitioner highlights Mr. Maltiel's testimony that "the transfer of data between DRAM and FLASH could not occur faster than the speed of the FLASH, which in the case of Best would be substantially slower than the DRAM." Pet. Reply 23 (quoting Ex. 1003 ¶ 312). Patent Owner's declarant, Dr. Baker, testified that "accessing the memory in the big flash array takes considerably longer -- microseconds, as I testified -- than accessing memory in a DRAM, which could take, say, 10 to 50

nanoseconds, for example. So the access portion in a DRAM is considerably faster." Ex. 1020, 15:14–19. Thus, according to Petitioner, reducing the operating frequency of the DRAM does *not* extend the time required to flush the DRAM to the Flash as long as the operating frequency of the DRAM is still faster than that of the Flash. *Id.* at 23–24.

We agree with Petitioner. Patent Owner's argument assumes that the time to flush the DRAM to the Flash is directly proportional to the operating frequency of the DRAM. That process, however, is actually limited by the much slower operating frequency of the Flash memory. Ex. 1003 ¶ 312. We are persuaded by the arguments and evidence that a person of ordinary skill in the art would have known that reducing the operating frequency of the DRAM would enable the use of a smaller-sized backup power source because doing so reduces power consumption without extending the time required to flush the DRAM to the Flash.

4. Summary

For the foregoing reasons, we are persuaded that Petitioner has established, by a preponderance of the evidence, that claim 15 of the '831 patent are unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Best, Mills, and Bonella, and over Best, Mills, Roy, and Bonella.

I. Other Grounds

Because claims 1–14 are unpatentable over Best, with or without Roy, and because claim 15 is unpatentable over Best, Mills, and Bonella, or Best, Mills, Roy, and Bonella, we need not reach Petitioner's other grounds for unpatentability of these claims.

J. Petitioner's Motion to Exclude

Petitioner filed a Motion to Exclude (Paper 17). Patent Owner filed an Opposition (Paper 20, "Opp."), and Petitioner filed a Reply in support of its Motion (Paper 22). As movant, Petitioner has the burden of proof to establish that it is entitled to the requested relief. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.20(c).

We decline to assess the merits of Petitioner's Motion to Exclude. Even without excluding the identified evidence, we have concluded that Petitioner has demonstrated, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the challenged claims are unpatentable. Accordingly, Petitioner's Motion to Exclude is dismissed.

III. CONCLUSION

Petitioner has demonstrated, by a preponderance of the evidence, that (1) claims 1–14 of the '831 patent are unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as anticipated by Best; (2) claims 1–14 are unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Best; (3) claims 1–14 are unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Best and Roy; and (4) claim 15 is unpatentable over Bowie under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Best, Mills, and Bonella, with or without Roy.

IV. ORDER

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that claims 1–15 of the '831 patent are held *unpatentable*;

FURTHER ORDERED that Petitioner's Motion to Exclude is *dismissed*; and

FURTHER ORDERED that, because this is a Final Written Decision, parties to the proceeding seeking judicial review of the decision must comply with the notice and service requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 90.2.

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AS A RESULT OF THE INTER PARTES REVIEW PROCEEDING, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT:

Claims **1-15** are cancelled.

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