

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Synaptics Incorporated

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(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$0.001 par value

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(Title of Class of Securities)

87157D109

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(CUSIP Number)

April 14, 2005

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(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the following box to designate the rule pursuant to which the Schedule is filed:

- Rule 13d-1(b)  
 Rule 13d-1(c)  
 Rule 13d-1(d)

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The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

CUSIP No. 87157D109

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS  
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

D. E. Shaw Meniscus Portfolios, L.L.C.  
51-0481096

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2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*

(a)   
(b)

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3. SEC USE ONLY

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4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

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NUMBER OF 5. SOLE VOTING POWER  
SHARES -0-

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BENEFICIALLY 6. SHARED VOTING POWER  
OWNED BY 1,330,032

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EACH 7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
REPORTING -0-

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PERSON 8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
WITH 1,330,032

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9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
1,330,032

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10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*

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11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)  
5.1%

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12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*  
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\*SEE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE FILLING OUT!

CUSIP No. 87157D109

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS  
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)  
  
D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C.  
13-3799946

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2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*  
  
(a)   
(b)

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3. SEC USE ONLY

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4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
  
Delaware

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NUMBER OF 5. SOLE VOTING POWER  
SHARES -0-

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BENEFICIALLY 6. SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY 1,330,032

EACH 7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING -0-

PERSON 8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH 1,330,032

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

1,330,032

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11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

5.1%

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS  
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P.  
13-3695715

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*

(a)

(b)

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF 5. SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES -0-

BENEFICIALLY 6. SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY 1,709,794

EACH 7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING -0-

PERSON 8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
WITH 1,709,794

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
1,709,794

10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*

11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

6.5%

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

IA, PN

\*SEE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE FILLING OUT!

CUSIP No. 87157D109

1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS  
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

David E. Shaw

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*

(a)   
(b)

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

United States

NUMBER OF 5. SOLE VOTING POWER  
SHARES -0-

BENEFICIALLY 6. SHARED VOTING POWER  
OWNED BY 1,709,794

EACH 7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
REPORTING -0-

PERSON 8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
WITH 1,709,794

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
1,709,794

10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*

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11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

6.5%

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

IN

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ITEM 1.

(a) NAME OF ISSUER  
Synaptics Incorporated

(b) ADDRESS OF ISSUER'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES  
2381 Bering Drive  
San Jose, California 95131

ITEM 2.

(a) NAME OF PERSON FILING  
D. E. Shaw Meniscus Portfolios, L.L.C.  
D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C.  
D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P.  
David E. Shaw

(b) ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE OR, IF NONE, RESIDENCE  
The business address for each reporting person is:  
120 W. 45th Street, Tower 45, 39th Floor  
New York, NY 10036

(c) CITIZENSHIP  
D. E. Shaw Meniscus Portfolios, L.L.C. is a limited liability company organized under the laws of the state of Delaware.  
D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C. is a limited liability company organized under the laws of the state of Delaware.  
D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P. is a limited partnership organized under the laws of the state of Delaware.  
David E. Shaw is a citizen of the United States of America.

(d) TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES  
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value

(e) CUSIP NUMBER  
87157D109

ITEM 3. IF THIS STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 13D-1(B) OR 13D-2(B) OR (C), CHECK WHETHER THE PERSON FILING IS A:

Not applicable

ITEM 4. OWNERSHIP.

As of April 18, 2005:

(a) Amount beneficially owned:

D. E. Shaw Meniscus Portfolios, L.L.C.: 1,330,032 shares

D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C.: 1,330,032 shares in the name of  
D. E. Shaw Meniscus Portfolios,  
L.L.C.

D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P.: 1,709,794 shares  
This is composed of (i)  
1,330,032 shares in the name of  
D. E. Shaw Meniscus Portfolios,  
L.L.C., (ii) 25,600 shares in  
the name of D. E. Shaw  
Investment Group, L.L.C., (iii)  
7,800 shares that D. E. Shaw  
Investments, L.P. has the right  
to acquire through the exercise  
of listed call options, (iv)  
275,862 shares in the name of D.  
E. Shaw Valence Portfolios,  
L.L.C., and (v) 70,500 shares  
that D. E. Shaw Valence, L.L.C.  
has the right to acquire through  
the exercise of listed call  
options.

David E. Shaw: 1,709,794 shares  
This is composed of (i)  
1,330,032 shares in the name of  
D. E. Shaw Meniscus Portfolios,  
L.L.C., (ii) 25,600 shares in  
the name of D. E. Shaw  
Investment Group, L.L.C., (iii)  
7,800 shares that D. E. Shaw  
Investments, L.P. has the right  
to acquire through the exercise  
of listed call options, (iv)  
275,862 shares in the name of D.  
E. Shaw Valence Portfolios,  
L.L.C., and (v) 70,500 shares  
that D. E. Shaw Valence, L.L.C.  
has the right to acquire through  
the exercise of listed call  
options.

(b) Percent of class:  
D. E. Shaw Meniscus Portfolios, L.L.C.: 5.1%  
D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C.: 5.1%  
D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P.: 6.5%  
David E. Shaw: 6.5%

(c) Number of shares to which the person has:  
(i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote:  
D. E. Shaw Meniscus Portfolios, L.L.C.: -0- shares  
D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C.: -0- shares  
D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P.: -0- shares  
David E. Shaw: -0- shares  
(ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote:  
D. E. Shaw Meniscus Portfolios, L.L.C.: 1,330,032 shares  
D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C.: 1,330,032 shares  
D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P.: 1,709,794 shares  
David E. Shaw: 1,709,794 shares  
(iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:  
D. E. Shaw Meniscus Portfolios, L.L.C.: -0- shares  
D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C.: -0- shares  
D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P.: -0- shares  
David E. Shaw: -0- shares  
(iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:  
D. E. Shaw Meniscus Portfolios, L.L.C.: 1,330,032 shares  
D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C.: 1,330,032 shares  
D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P.: 1,709,794 shares  
David E. Shaw: 1,709,794 shares

David E. Shaw does not own any shares directly. By virtue of David E. Shaw's position as President and sole shareholder of D. E. Shaw & Co., Inc., which is the general partner of D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P., which in turn is the investment adviser of D. E. Shaw Meniscus Portfolios, L.L.C., the managing member and investment adviser of D. E. Shaw Investment Group, L.L.C. and D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C., the general partner of D. E. Shaw Investments, L.P., and the managing member of D. E. Shaw Valence, L.L.C., and by virtue of David E. Shaw's position as President and sole shareholder of D. E. Shaw & Co. II, Inc., which is the managing member of D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C., which in turn is the managing member of D. E. Shaw Meniscus Portfolios, L.L.C., David E. Shaw may be deemed to have the shared power to vote or direct the vote of, and the shared power to dispose or direct the disposition of, the 1,709,794 shares as described above constituting 6.5% of the outstanding shares and, therefore, David E. Shaw may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of such shares. David E. Shaw disclaims beneficial ownership of such 1,709,794 shares.

ITEM 5. OWNERSHIP OF FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLASS  
Not Applicable

ITEM 6. OWNERSHIP OF MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON.  
Not Applicable

ITEM 7. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY WHICH ACQUIRED THE SECURITY BEING REPORTED ON BY THE PARENT HOLDING COMPANY OR CONTROL PERSON.  
Not Applicable

ITEM 8. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP  
Not Applicable

ITEM 9. NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF GROUP  
Not Applicable

ITEM 10. CERTIFICATION  
By signing below, each of D. E. Shaw Meniscus Portfolios, L.L.C., D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C., D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P., and David E. Shaw certify that, to the best of such reporting person's knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purposes or effect.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of their knowledge and belief, the undersigned certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct. Powers of Attorney, dated February 24, 2004, granted by David E. Shaw in favor of Eric Wepsic, are attached hereto.

Dated: April 25, 2005

D. E. Shaw Meniscus Portfolios, L.L.C.  
By: D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C., as  
managing member

By: /s/Eric Wepsic  
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Eric Wepsic  
Managing Director

D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C.

By: /s/Eric Wepsic  
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Eric Wepsic  
Managing Director

D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P.

By: /s/Eric Wepsic

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Eric Wepsic  
Managing Director

David E. Shaw

By: /s/Eric Wepsic

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Eric Wepsic  
Attorney-in-Fact for David E. Shaw

EXHIBIT 1

POWER OF ATTORNEY  
FOR CERTAIN FILINGS  
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

I, David E. Shaw, hereby make, constitute and appoint each of:

Anne Dinning,

Julius Gaudio,

Lou Salkind,

Stuart Steckler, and

Eric Wepsic,

acting individually, as my agent and attorney-in-fact, with full power of substitution, for the purpose of, from time to time, executing in my name and/or my capacity as President of D. E. Shaw & Co., Inc. (acting for itself or as the general partner of D. E. Shaw & Co., L. P. and general partner or managing member of other entities, any which in turn may be acting for itself or other entities) all documents, certificates, instruments, statement, other filings, and amendments to the forgoing (collectively, "documents") determined by such person to be necessary or appropriate to comply with ownership or control-person reporting requirements imposed by any United States or non-United States governmental or regulatory authority, including without limitation Forms 3, 4, 5, 13D, 13F, and 13G required to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission; and delivering, furnishing or filing any such documents with the appropriate governmental or regulatory authority. Any such determination shall be conclusively evidenced by such person's execution, delivery, furnishing, and/or filing of the applicable document.

This power of attorney shall be valid from the date hereof and replaces the power granted on February 5, 2001, which is hereby cancelled.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, I have executed this instrument as of the date set forth below.

Date: February 24, 2004

DAVID E. SHAW, as President of  
D. E. Shaw & Co., Inc.  
/s/David E. Shaw  
New York, New York

EXHIBIT 2

POWER OF ATTORNEY  
FOR CERTAIN FILINGS  
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934



I, David E. Shaw, hereby make, constitute and appoint each of:

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acting individually, as my agent and attorney-in-fact, with full power of substitution, for the purpose of, from time to time, executing in my name and/or my capacity as President of D. E. Shaw & Co. II, Inc. (acting for itself and as the managing member of D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C., which in turn may be acting for itself or as the managing member of other companies) all documents, certificates, instruments, statement, other filings and amendments to the forgoing (collectively, "documents") determined by such person to be necessary or appropriate to comply with ownership or control-person reporting requirements imposed by any United States or non-United States governmental or regulatory authority, including without limitation Forms 3, 4, 5, 13D, 13F and 13G required to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission; and delivering, furnishing or filing any such documents with the appropriate governmental or regulatory authority. Any such determination shall be conclusively evidenced by such person's execution and delivery, furnishing or filing of the applicable document.

This power of attorney shall be valid from the date hereof and replaces the power granted on February 5, 2001, which is hereby cancelled.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, I have executed this instrument as of the date set forth below.

Date: February 24, 2004

DAVID E. SHAW, as President of  
D. E. Shaw & Co. II, Inc.  
/s/David E. Shaw  
New York, New York

### EXHIBIT 3

#### JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

In accordance with Rule 13d-1(k)(1) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, each of the undersigned Reporting Persons hereby agrees to the joint filing, along with all other such Reporting Persons, on behalf of each of them of a statement on Schedule 13G (including amendments thereto) with respect to the Common Stock, \$0.001 par value, of Synaptics Incorporated, and that this Agreement be included as an Exhibit to such joint filing. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the undersigned hereby executes this Agreement as of this 25th day of April, 2005.

D. E. Shaw Meniscus Portfolios, L.L.C.  
By: D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C., as  
managing member

By: /s/Eric Wepsic  
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Eric Wepsic  
Managing Director

D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C.

By: /s/Eric Wepsic

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Eric Wepsic  
Managing Director

D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P.

By: /s/Eric Wepsic

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Eric Wepsic  
Managing Director

David E. Shaw

By: /s/Eric Wepsic

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Eric Wepsic  
Attorney-in-Fact for David E. Shaw