IBIS-AMI & COM Co-design for 25G Serdes

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• COM Overview
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• Two example channels
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IBIS-AMI OVERVIEW

- IBIS is Input/output Buffer Information Specification
- AMI stands for Algorithmic Modeling Interface
- Analog model: drive strength/amplitude, rise/fall time, impedance
- Algorithmic model: Equalizer (CTLE, FFE, DFE), clock data recovery

End to End Channel
Network Characterization

Analog Channel

Analog Channel Pulse Response

Bit Sequence

IBIS-AMI FLOW

TX(Init) ➔ RX(Init) ➔ Statistical Analysis ➔ Statistical Eye

TX(EQ) ➔ RX(EQ) ➔ Time Domain Analysis ➔ Persistent Eye

TX(GetWave) ➔ RX(GetWave)
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COM OVERVIEW

The Channel Operating Margin (COM) is a figure of merit for a channel derived from a measurement of its scattering parameters. COM is related to the ratio of a calculated signal amplitude to a calculated noise amplitude as defined by Equation

\[ COM = 20 \times \log_{10}(As/An) \]

Where \( As \) is the signal amplitude, \( An \) is the noise amplitude. COM has been adapted by various standards:

- IEEE 802.3
- OIF CEI
- JEDEC 204C

\[ An \text{ (Peak BER Noise)} = As - \text{Peak BER Height} \]
\[ H(f) = H_{TX}(f) \times H_{TXFFE}(f) \times H_{ch}(f) \times H_{RX}(f) \times H_{RXCTLE}(f) \]
COM OPTIMAL EQ SETTINGS

- COM is a figure of merit (FOM), which calculates the ratio of peak signal level to the peak noise level at the receiver sampling latch, comprehending device Tx characteristics (i.e., driver filter, FFE filter, package S-parameters), channel characteristics (i.e., S-parameters) and receiver characteristics (i.e., Rx filter, CTLE filter, package S-parameters and DFE)

- Determine optimal equalization settings
  - An exhaustive search for the best SNR used as a FOM for finding the best FFE and CTLE setting
  - FFE and CTLE are optimized jointly
  - The DFE is only used to gate the SBR

\[
FOM = 10 \log_{10}\left(\frac{A_S^2}{\sigma_{TX}^2 + \sigma_{ISI}^2 + \sigma_J^2 + \sigma_{XT}^2 + \sigma_N^2}\right)
\]

- \(A_S\) – peak signal amplitude
- \(\sigma_{TX}\) - transmitter noise
- \(\sigma_{ISI}\) - residual ISI
- \(\sigma_J\) – jitter contribution to amplitude noise
- \(\sigma_{XT}\) – peak crosstalk
- \(\sigma_N\) – spectral noise at the output of CTLE
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IBIS-AMI COMBINE WITH COM

- Can we use COM to evaluate the channel margin in early design phase of a project?
- Are the COM recommended equalization parameters suitable for the Channel?
- How can we combine the advantages of COM with IBIS-AMI?
25G CO-SIMULATION PROCESS

- Extraction of passive S parameter model of the simulation channel
- Use S parameter to do COM simulation
- IBIS simulation using COM recommended EQ parameter
- IBIS simulation to sweep EQ parameter
- Comparing the eye diagram in time domain
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Simulation Topology Configuration

- Signal Rate: 25Gbps
- PCB Material: Mid-loss FR4
- PCB Channel Length: 20 cm
### COM SIMULATION CONFIGURATION

All parameters come from IEEE 802.3bj

#### Table 93A-1 parameters

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### Operational control

COM Pass threshold 3 dB
Include PCB 0 logical
COM SIMULATION RESULT
IBIS-AMI SIMULATION WITH COM RECOMMENDED PARAMETER

Eye Diagram after RX EQ

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EQ Parameters: COM Recommend
TX: C(-1)=-0.12
C(0)=0.8
C(1)=-0.08
RX: CTLE=-5
DFE off
COM recommended EQ parameters produce an acceptable eye opening, but possibly less optimal than the eye opening obtained by time domain simulation.

Sweep parameter:
TX: C(-1),C(0),C(1)
RX: CTLE
Total case: 80
Time Domain Simulation

In the red circle is COM recommend EQ parameters
Simulation Topology Configuration

- Signal Rate: 25Gbps
- PCB Material: Mid-loss FR4
- PCB Channel Length: 60 cm
COM SIMULATION RESULT
IBIS-AMI SIMULATION WITH COM RECOMMENDED PARAMETER

Eye Diagram after RX EQ

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EQ Parameters: Use COM Recommended
COM recommended EQ parameters produce a good time domain eye diagram

Sweep parameter:
TX: C(-1), C(0), C(1)
RX: CTLE&DFE
Total case: 100
Time Domain Simulation

In the red circle is COM recommended EQ parameters
Use COM simulation to optimize total transportation channel

**CO-DESIGN SIMULATION FLOW**

1. **Build Simulation Topology**
2. **Extract Channel S parameter**
3. **Run COM Simulation**
4. **Result PASS**
   - Yes: **Run IBIS-AMI Simulation**
   - No: **Optimize Channel**

**SIMULATION FLOW**
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CO-SIMULATION CONCLUSION

• COM enables passive channel evaluation of high-speed signals at early design phase

• COM recommended EQ parameters are suitable for same channel in time domain simulation

• COM simulation is faster, making them more suitable for the post-layout phase of large designs to sweep EQ parameters
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- Model crosstalk in actual link
- Co-simulation for 56G PAM-4
- Accuracy of IBIS-AMI model
- Correlation of Co-simulation with measurement