BTRD TD#: ? ISSUE TITLE: IBIS-AMI Flow Correction REQUESTER: Walter Katz, Signal Integrity Software, Inc. Ken Willis, Sigrity, Inc. Ambrish Varma, Cadence Design Systems, Inc., DATE SUBMITTED: October 4, 2010 Deleted: September DATE REVISED: Deleted: 24 DATE ACCEPTED BY IBIS OPEN FORUM: STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE: Section 2.3 of Section 10 (NOTES ON ALGORITHMIC MODELING INTERFACE AND PROGRAMMING GUIDE) describes a flawed reference flow. While the intent was to support non-LTI algorithms in the AMI_GetWave functions of the AMI models, Step 4 and Step 5, as described in Section 2.3 will only yield correct results with LTI AMI_GetWave algorithms. In addition, Sections 2.1 and 2.2 allude to the existence of LTI (statistical) and non-LTI (Time Domain) flows, the specification contains only one detailed reference flow in Section 2.3 which does not differentiate between LTI Statistical, LTI Time Domain and non-LTI Time Domain flows. Also, the IBIS ATM subcommittee, in attempting to incorporate Use_Init_Output into the correct flows concluded that Use_Init_Output added unnecessary complications to the flows, and decided to deprecate this AMI parameter. STATEMENT OF THE RESOLVED SPECIFICATIONS: Replace this text: | 2 APPLICATION SCENARIOS _____ | 2.1 Linear, Time-invariant Equalization Model _____ | 1. From the system netlist, the EDA platform determines that a given [[Model] is described by an IBIS file. | 2. From the IBIS file, the EDA platform determines that the [Model] is | described at least in part by an algorithmic model, and that the | AMI_Init function of that model returns an impulse response for that | [Model]. | 3. The EDA platform loads the shared library containing the algorithmic | model, and obtains the addresses of the AMI_Init, AMI_GetWave, and | AMI_Close functions.

4. The EDA platform assembles the arguments for AMI_Init. These arguments
include the impulse response of the channel driving the [Model], a
handle for the dynamic memory used by the [Model], the parameters for
configuring the [Model], and optionally the impulse responses of any
crosstalk interferers.

| 5. The EDA platform calls AMI_Init with the arguments previously prepared.

| 6. AMI_Init parses the configuration parameters, allocates dynamic | memory, places the address of the start of the dynamic memory in | the memory handle, computes the impulse response of the block and | passes the modified impulse response to the EDA tool. The new | impulse response is expected to represent the filtered response.

7. The EDA platform completes the rest of the simulation/analysis using
1 the impulse response from AMI_Init as a complete representation of the
1 behavior of the given [Model].

8. Before exiting, the EDA platform calls AMI_Close, giving it the address
in the memory handle for the [Model].

| 9. AMI_Close de-allocates the dynamic memory for the block and performs | whatever other clean-up actions are required.

| 10. The EDA platform terminates execution.

| 2.2 Nonlinear, and / or Time-variant Equalization Model

 \mid 1. From the system netlist, the EDA platform determines that a given block \mid is described by an IBIS file.

| 2. From the IBIS file, the EDA platform determines that the block is | described at least in part by an algorithmic model.

| 3. The EDA platform loads the shared library or shared object file | containing the algorithmic model, and obtains the addresses of the | AMI_Init, AMI_GetWave, and AMI_Close functions.

4. The EDA platform assembles the arguments for AMI_Init. These arguments
include the impulse response of the channel driving the block, a handle
for the dynamic memory used by the block, the parameters for
configuring the block, and optionally the impulse responses of any
crosstalk interferers.

| 5. The EDA platform calls AMI_Init with the arguments previously prepared.

6. AMI_Init parses the configuration parameters, allocates dynamic
memory and places the address of the start of the dynamic memory in
the memory handle. AMI_Init may also compute the impulse response
of the block and pass the modified impulse response to the EDA tool.
The new impulse response is expected to represent the filtered
response.

| 7. A long time simulation may be broken up into multiple time segments. | For each time segment, the EDA platform computes the input waveform to | the [Model] for that time segment. For example, if a million bits are
| to be run, there can be 1000 segments of 1000 bits each, i.e., one time
| segment comprises 1000 bits.

8. For each time segment, the EDA platform calls the AMI_GetWave function, giving it the input waveform and the address in the dynamic memory handle for the block.

9. The AMI_GetWave function computes the output waveform for the block. Inthe case of a transmitter, this is the Input voltage to the receiver.In the case of the receiver, this is the voltage waveform at thedecision point of the receiver.

| 10. The EDA platform uses the output of the receiver AMI_GetWave function | to complete the simulation/analysis.

| 11. Before exiting, the EDA platform calls AMI_Close, giving it the address | in the memory handle for the block.

| 12. AMI_Close de-allocates the dynamic memory for the block and performs | whatever other clean-up actions are required.

13. The EDA platform terminates execution.

| 2.3 Reference system analysis flow

| System simulations will commonly involve both Tx and Rx algorithmic | models, each of which may perform filtering in the AMI_Init call, the | AMI_GetWave call, or both. Since both LTI and non-LTI behavior can be | modeled with algorithmic models, the manner in which models are | evaluated can affect simulation results. The following steps are | defined as the reference simulation flow. Other methods of calling | models and processing results may be employed, but the final simulation | waveforms are expected to match the waveforms produced by the reference | simulation flow.

 \mid The steps in this flow are chained, with the input to each step being \mid the output of the step that preceded it.

Step 1. The simulation platform obtains the impulse response for the analog channel. This represents the combined impulse response of the transmitter's analog output, the channel and the receiver's analog front end. This impulse response represents the transmitter's output characteristics without filtering, for example, equalization.

| Step 2. The output of Step 1 is presented to the Tx model's AMI_Init | call. If Use_Init_Output for the Tx model is set to True, the | impulse response returned by the Tx AMI_Init call is passed | onto Step 3. If Use_Init_Output for the Tx model is set to | False, the same impulse response passed into Step 2 is passed | on to <u>Step 3</u>.

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| Step 3. The output of Step 2 is presented to the Rx model's AMI_Init | call. If Use_Init_Output for the Rx model is set to True, the

impulse response returned by the Rx AMI_Init call is passed onto Step 4. If Use_Init_Output for the Rx model is set to False, the same impulse response passed into Step 3 is passed	
on to <u>Step</u> 4.	Deleted: step
<pre> Step 4. The simulation platform takes the output of <u>Step 3 and combines</u> (for example by convolution) the input bitstream and a unit pulse to produce an analog waveform.</pre>	Deleted: step
Step 5. The output of <u>Step</u> 4 is presented to the Tx model's AMI_GetWave call. If the Tx model does not include an AMI_GetWave call,	Deleted: step
this step is a pass-through step, and the input to Step 5 is	Deleted: step
passed directly to <u>Step</u> 6.	Deleted: step
Step 6. The output of <u>Step 5</u> is presented to the Rx model's AMI_GetWave call. If the Rx model does not include an AMI_GetWave call,	Deleted: step
this step is a pass-through step, and the input to <u>Step 6</u> is	Deleted: step
passed directly to <u>Step</u> 7.	Deleted: step
<pre>Step 7. The output of Step 6 becomes the simulation waveform output at the Rx decision point, which may be post-processed by the simulation tool. Steps 4 though 7 can be called once or can be called multiple times to process the full analog waveform. Splitting up the full analog waveform into multiple calls minimized the memory requirement when doing long simulations, and allows AMI_GetWave to return model status every so many bits. Once all blocks of the input waveform have been processed, Tx AMI_Close and Rx AMI_Close are called to perform any final processing and release allocated memory.</pre>	Deleted: step
with the following text (due to the high percentage of modified or new text, the changes are not marked by the usual "*" characters at the beginning of each line):	
2 APPLICATION SCENARIOS	
<pre> The next two sections provide an overview of the two simulation types supported by the IBIS-AMI specification. Statistical simulations require that the algorithm in the [Algorithmic Model] is linear and time-invariant (LTI). Time domain simulations do not have this requirement, therefore</pre>	
[Algorithmic Model]s used in time domain simulations may also contain non-linear and/or time-variant (non-LTI) algorithms.	Deleted:]-s

| System simulations will commonly involve a transmitter (Tx) and a receiver | (Rx) [Algorithmic Model], each of which may perform filtering in the | AMI_Init function, the AMI_GetWave function, or both (i.e., a "dual" | algorithmic model). In the case of a "dual" algorithmic model, the | filtering functionality in the AMI_Init and AMI_GetWave functions are each | intended to be independent representations of the device's equalization. | Users of a dual model can elect to use either the AMI_Init or AMI_GetWave | filtering functionality, but not combine both simultaneously.

| While the primary purpose of the AMI_Init function is to perform the

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| required initialization steps, it may also include LTI signal | processing algorithms. Therefore, statistical simulations may be | performed using the AMI_Init function alone.

Even though time domain simulations may also be performed with the LTI AMI_Init and/or LTI AMI_GetWave functions, AMI_GetWave functions containing non-LTI algorithms may only be simulated in the time domain.

| 2.1 Statistical simulations

| 1. From the system netlist, the EDA platform determines that a given buffer | is described by an IBIS [Model].

| 2. From the IBIS [Model], the EDA platform determines that the buffer | is described in part by an [Algorithmic Model].

| 3. The EDA platform loads the shared library or shared object file | containing the [Algorithmic Model], and obtains the addresses of the | AMI_Init, AMI_GetWave, and AMI_Close functions.

4. The EDA platform loads the corresponding parameter file (.ami file) and assembles the arguments for the AMI_Init function. These arguments include an impulse response matrix, a memory handle for the dynamic memory used by the [Algorithmic Model], the parameters for configuring the [Algorithmic Model], and optionally the impulse response(s) of any crosstalk interferers.

| 5. The EDA platform calls the AMI_Init function with the arguments
| previously prepared. The AMI_Init function of the transmitter and
| receiver [Algorithmic Model]s are called separately as described in
| the reference flow below.

6. The AMI_Init function parses the configuration parameters, allocates
| dynamic memory, places the address of the start of the dynamic memory
| into the memory handle and modifies the impulse response by the filter
| response of the [Algorithmic Model].

7. The EDA platform completes the rest of the simulation/analysis using
1 the impulse response calculated by the AMI_Init function which is a
1 complete representation of the behavior of a given [Algorithmic Model]
1 combined with the channel.

| 8. Before exiting, the EDA platform calls the AMI_Close function, giving
| it the address in the memory handle for the [Algorithmic Model].

9. The AMI_Close function de-allocates the dynamic memory used by the
[Algorithmic Model] and performs whatever other clean-up actions are
| required.

10. The EDA platform terminates execution.

| 2.2 Time domain simulations

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| 1. From the system netlist, the EDA platform determines that a given buffer | is described by an IBIS [Model]. | 2. From the IBIS [Model], the EDA platform determines that the buffer | is described in part by an [Algorithmic Model]. | 3. The EDA platform loads the shared library or shared object file | containing the [Algorithmic Model], and obtains the addresses of the | AMI_Init, AMI_GetWave, and AMI_Close functions. | 4. The EDA platform loads the corresponding parameter file (.ami file) \mid and assembles the arguments for the AMI_Init function. These arguments include an impulse response matrix, a memory handle for the dynamic | memory used by the [Algorithmic Model], the parameters for configuring | the [Algorithmic Model], and optionally the impulse response(s) of any crosstalk interferers. | 5. The EDA platform calls the AMI_Init function with the arguments | previously prepared. The AMI_Init function of the transmitter and | receiver [Algorithmic Model]s are called separately as described in Deleted:]-s | the reference flow below. | 6. The AMI_Init function parses the configuration parameters, allocates \mid dynamic memory, places the address of the start of the dynamic memory into the memory handle and (optionally) modifies the impulse response | by the filter response of the [Algorithmic Model]. The EDA platform | may make use of the impulse response returned by the AMI_Init function in its further analysis if needed. | 7. The EDA platform generates a time domain digital input waveform bit | pattern (stimulus). A long bit pattern (and simulation) may be broken up into multiple time segments by the EDA platform. For example, if one million bits are to be simulated, there can be 1000 segments of 1000 bits each, i.e., one time segment comprises 1000 bits. | 8. For each time segment, the EDA platform calls the AMI_GetWave function | of the transmitter (if it exists), giving it the digital input waveform | and the address in the memory handle for the [Algorithmic Model]. | 9. For the AMI_GetWave function of the receiver, the EDA platform takes the | output from the transmitter AMI_GetWave function (if it exists) and | combines it (for example by convolution) with the channel impulse response | to produce an analog waveform and passes this result to the receiver | AMI_GetWave function for each time segment of the simulation. If the | transmitter AMI_GetWave function doesn't exist, the EDA platform takes the | output of the transmitter AMI_Init function and combines that (for example | by convolution) with the digital stimulus bit pattern to produce the analog waveform for the receiver AMI_GetWave function. 10. The output waveform of the receiver AMI_GetWave function Deleted: | 1 represents the voltage waveform at the decision point of the receiver. The EDA platform completes the simulation/analysis with this waveform. | 11. Before exiting, the EDA platform calls the AMI_Close function, giving | it the address in the memory handle for the [Algorithmic Model]. | 12. The AMI_Close function de-allocates the dynamic memory used by the

| [Algorithmic Model] and performs whatever other clean-up actions are
| required.

13. The EDA platform terminates execution.

3 Reference Flows

| The next two sections define a reference simulation flow for statistical | and time domain system analysis simulations. Other methods of calling | models and processing results may be employed, but the final simulation | waveforms are expected to match the waveforms produced by this reference | simulation flow.

 \mid A system simulation usually involves a transmitter (Tx) and a receiver \mid (Rx) model with a passive channel placed between them.

| 3.1 Statistical simulation reference flow

Step 1. The simulation platform obtains the impulse response for the analog channel. This represents the combined impulse response of the transmitter's analog output, the channel and the receiver's analog front end. The transmitter's output or receiver's input characteristics must not include any filtering effects, for example equalization, in this impulse response, although it may include any parasitics which are included in the Tx or Rx analog model.

| Step 2. The output of Step 1 is presented to the Tx model's AMI_Init | function and the Tx AMI_Init function is executed. The impulse response | returned by the Tx AMI_Init function is passed onto Step 3.

| Step 3. The output of Step 2 is presented to the Rx model's AMI_Init
| function and the Rx AMI_Init function is executed. The impulse response
| returned by the Rx AMI_Init function is passed onto Step 4.

| Step 4. The EDA platform completes the rest of the simulation/analysis | using the impulse response calculated in Step 3 by the Rx model's AMI_Init | function which is a complete representation of the behavior of a given | [Algorithmic Model] combined with the channel.

| 3.2 Time domain simulation reference flow

Step 1. The simulation platform obtains the impulse response for the analog channel. This represents the combined impulse response of the transmitter's analog output, the channel and the receiver's analog front end. The transmitter's output or receiver's input characteristics must not include any filtering effects, for example equalization, in this impulse response, although it may include any parasitics which are included in the Tx or Rx analog model.

| Step 2. The output of Step 1 is presented to the Tx model's AMI_Init
| function and the Tx AMI_Init function is executed. The Tx AMI_Init
| function may modify the impulse response or choose to leave it unchanged.

	<pre>Step 3. The output of Step 2 is presented to the Rx model's AMI_Init function and the Rx AMI_Init function is executed. The Rx AMI_Init function may modify the impulse response or choose to leave it unchanged. Under certain circumstances, for example when the Rx_AMI_Init function includes an optimization algorithm, the impulse response presented to the Rx_AMI_Init function must include the Tx equalization effects for the optimization to work correctly. However, when the Tx AMI model contains an</pre>	
	AMI_GetWave function that performs a similar or better equalization than	
l	the Tx AMI_Init function, there is a possibility for 'double-counting' the equalization effects in the Tx model. To allow for such models to work	Deleted: (see Step 5)
-	correctly, the EDA tool can operate in one of several ways, two of which are documented here:	Deleted: 1
I -	– not utilize the Tx AMI_GetWave functionality, by treating the Tx AMI	Deleted:
	<pre>model as if the Tx GetWave_Exists was False. - use deconvolution to obtain the impulse response of the Rx filter.</pre>	Deleted: 1
	Since the AMI_Init function contains a linear and time invariant	
	algotithm, the Rx equalization can be represented as an impulse response. Since the output of the Rx AMI_Init function (output of	
	Step 3) is an impulse response modified by the Rx equalization (e.g. by convolving the input of the Rx AMI_Init function with the impulse	
	response of the Rx filter), the impulse response of the Rx filter can	
1	be obtained by deconvolving the output of Step 3 with the input presented to Step 3.	Deleted. To this see the
1	Note: The Rx Model writer should keep in mind that it is not guaranteed that the impulse response that is presented to the Rx AMI_init function will always include the effects of the Tx filter. Therefore the Rx AMI_Init function may not be able to perform accurate optimization under	Deleted: In this case, the output of Step 3 will include only the impulse response of the Rx filter. ¶
	all circumstances. For this reason, the parameters of the Rx AMI_Init function should always default to valid values or have a mechanism to accept user defined coefficients and allow the user to turn off any automatic optimization routines to ensure successful simulations.	
	Step 4. The simulation platform produces a digital stimulus waveform. A digital stimulus waveform is 0.5 when the stimulus is "high", -0.5 when the stimulus is "low", and may have a value between -0.5 and 0.5 such that transitions occur when the stimulus crosses 0.	
-	Step 5. If Tx GetWave_Exists is True the output of Step 4 is presented to the Tx model's AMI_GetWave function and the Tx AMI_GetWave function is executed. The output of the Tx AMI_GetWave function is passed on to Step 6.	
-	Step 6a. If Tx GetWave_Exists is True and Rx GetWave_Exists is True, the output of Step 5 is convolved with the output of Step 1 by the simulation platform and the result is passed on to Step 7.	
-	Step 6b. If Tx GetWave_Exists is False and Rx GetWave_Exists is True, the output of Step 4 is convolved with the output of Step 2 by the	
-	simulation platform and the result is passed on to Step 7.	
-	Step 6c. If Tx GetWave_Exists is False and Rx GetWave_Exists is False, the output of Step 4 is convolved with the output of Step 3 by the simulation platform and the result is passed on to Step 8.	
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Step 6d. If Tx GetWave_Exists is True and Rx GetWave_Exists is False, theoutput of Step 5 is convolved with the output of Step 1 and theImpulse Response of the Rx filter by the simulation platform andthe result is passed on to Step 8. (The Impulse Response of theRx filter may be obtained by deconvolving the output of Step 3 bythe input of Step 3).

 Step 7. If Rx GetWave_Exists is True the output of Step 6 is presented to

 the Rx model's AMI_GetWave function and the Rx AMI_GetWave

 function is executed. The output of the Rx AMI_GetWave function

 is passed on to Step 8.

Step 8. The output of Step 6c, 6d or 7 becomes the simulation waveformoutput at the Rx decision point. Step 7 optionally may alsoreturn clock ticks, which may be post-processed by the simulationtool or presented to the user as is.

Steps 4 though 8 can be called once or can be called multiple times to process the full analog waveform. Splitting up the full analog waveform into multiple calls reduces the memory requirements when doing long simulations, and allows AMI_GetWave to return model status every so many bits. Once all blocks of the input waveform have been processed, Tx AMI_Close and Rx AMI_Close are called to perform any final processing and release allocated memory.

On pg. 144 replace thse lines:

Reserved Parameters:

Init_Returns_Impulse, Use_Init_Output, GetWave_Exists, Max_Init_Aggressors and Ignore_Bits

with the following lines:

Reserved Parameters:

Init_Returns_Impulse, GetWave_Exists, Max_Init_Aggressors and Ignore_Bits.

On pg. 144-145 remove these lines:

Use_Init_Output:

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	Use_Init_Output is of usage Info and type Boolean. When
	Use_Init_Output is set to "True", the EDA tool is
<u> </u>	instructed to use the output impulse response from the
<u> </u>	AMI_Init function when creating the input waveform
	presented to the AMI_Getwave function.
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1	If the Reserved Parameter, Use_Init_Output, is set to
	"False", EDA tools will use the original (unfiltered)
	impulse response of the channel when creating the input
1	waveform presented to the AMI_Getwave function.

Deleted: | Step 5a. If the Tx GetWave_Exists is True, the output of Step 4 is¶ presented to the Tx model's AMI_GetWave function and the $\mathsf{Tx}\P$ AMI_GetWave function is executed. The output of Step 5a is¶ convolved with the output of Step 1 by the simulation platform.¶ | Step 5b. If the Tx GetWave Exists is False, the output of Step 4 convolved¶ with the output of Step 2 by the simulation platform. However, if | Rx GetWave_Exists is also False, the output of Step 4 is convolved | with the output of Step 1.¶ IT ۱¶ | Step 6a. If the Rx GetWave_Exists is True, the output of Step 5 is¶ passed directly into the Rx AMI GetWave function and the Rx¶ AMI_GetWave function is executed.¶ | Step 6b. If the Rx GetWave Exists is False, the output of Step 5 is¶ convolved with the output of Step 3.¶ Deleted: | 1 | Step 7. The output of step 6 becomes the simulation waveform output at¶ | the Rx decision point. Step 6a optionally may also return clock ticks.¶ | which may be postprocessed by the simulation tool or presented to the user¶ | as is.¶ ۱¶

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place.
Use_Init_Output is optional. The default value for this
parameter is "True".
If Use Init Output is False, GetWave Exists must be True.

ANALYSIS PATH/DATA THAT LED TO SPECIFICATION

The IBIS-ATM Task Group spent several meetings to discuss the problems discovered in the AMI flow in the months of September, October and November of 2009. In November the IBIS-ATM Task Group arrived to a solution which was then considered the final version of the flow proposal.

When the topic was revisited in April 2010, several EDA vendors opposed the addition of the new Boolean parameter "Init_Returns_Filter", and it was also discovered that the flow diagram did not show the existing Boolean parameter "Init_Returns_Impulse". Several additional ambiguities and interpretation differences of the existing specification were discovered during these discussions. As a result, work started over in search for a flow diagram that was acceptable to the participants of the ATM Task Group.

The following will be <u>added to a deprecation section</u> when IBIS 5.1 is written.

The parameter Use Init Output was an optional reserved parameter in IBIS 5.0. The use of Use Init Output has been deprecated in IBIS 5.1, and EDA tools shall ignore the value of Use Init Output, and assume that models operate according to the flows as described in IBIS 5.1. In IBIS 5.0, Use Init Output only had application to time domain flows in conjunction with dual models (Init Returns Impulse=True, and GetWave Exists=True). Existing dual models that assumed the logic of Use init Output=True as specified in IBIS 5.0 may not work properly in the flows documented in IBIS 5.1.

ANY OTHER BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Documents AMI_Flows.ppt and AMI_Flows.xls are supporting documents that describe the flows using standard AMI Flow Conventions.

This BIRD removes the Reserved_parameter, Use_Init_Output, that was introduced in BIRD107.

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