The Creonic AWGN Channel IP implements an AWGN noise generator capable of working up to a maximum of 512 symbols in parallel. The IP was developed with the aim of allowing the performance evaluation of a digital communication system in the presence of Additive White Noise and with a major emphasis on dealing with low bit-error-rates. Unlike a software-based AWGN generator, which might take several hours and even days for the stated purpose, a hardware-based AWGN generator requires significantly less time (reduces time by several orders of magnitude).

Benefits

- Design-time configuration of the number of symbols in parallel, quantization of input and output and pre-calculation of standard variation, for adjustment of resource utilization.
- Low-power and low-complexity design.
- AXI4-Stream for easy integration
- Available for ASIC and FPGAs (Xilinx).

Performance Figures

- Symbol rate of 122.9 Gsymb/s at 240 MHz.
- Latency of 37.5 ns at 240 MHz.

Channel Performance

The following figures depict bit-error-rate (BER) of the AWGN Channel as well as the SNR estimation.

Features

- Support for up to 512 symbols in parallel @ 240 MHz
- Support for SNR \( E_b/N_0 \) in the range from -10 to 41 \( \text{dB} \) with steps of 0.1
- Synchronous design with one clock
- Noise sequence periodically generated at \( 2^{64} \approx 2 \times 10^{19} \) samples
- Based on Box-Muller algorithm

Applications

- Digital communication systems for which an AWGN channel is required

Deliverables

- VHDL source code or synthesized netlist
- HDL simulation models e.g. for Aldec’s Riviera-PRO
- VHDL testbench
- bit-accurate Matlab, C or C++ simulation model
- comprehensive documentation

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