

Exercise 07: *PyVSC* Coverage in *cocotb* test

Objective: Introduction to coverage collection using the *PyVSC* library.

Task: Implementation of a coverage collector in the *cocotb* test exercise using the *PyVSC* library.

Locate the *cocotb* exercise in <ROOT>/*exercises/E03_sat_cocotb_test*. Create a file to implement the *coverage collection* with the name *sat_filter_coverage.py*. Inside the file, create a *covergroup* called *covergroup_ssdt*. The *covergroup* must contain a *coverpoint* for the *data*. The *coverpoint* must cover the following bins:

- *data* when is 0;
- *data* when is the maximum value;
- *data* in the range between 0 and the maximum value.

Read more in the *PyVSC* Coverage documentation.

Now, the coverage collector must be introduced in a test. Locate the random test which randomizes the input data (*sat_random_test_pyvsc_rnd*), implemented using the constraints and create the coverage collector implemented. The coverage collector must sample the *out_data* signal when *out_valid* goes high.

The test should generate a coverage report before ending. From *utilities.py*, located in <ROOT>/*exercises/E03_sat_cocotb_test*, import the *create_coverage_report*. The method requires as input the name of the test case, e.g., *create_coverage_report("sat_random_test_pyvsc_rnd")*.

Look at the coverage results for each test inside <ROOT>/*exercises/E03_sat_cocotb_test/sim_build* directory. Analyze the files <test-name>*_cov.txt* generated. The PyUCIS-viewer tool can also be used to visualize the coverage results, by running, e.g.:

```
(.venv) [<username>@<servername> tb]$ pyucis-viewer  
sim_build/sat_random_test_pyvsc_rnd_cov.xml
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Analyze the coverage report. How good are the results for the coverage using the test?