

**THÈSE POUR OBTENIR LE GRADE DE DOCTEUR  
DE L'UNIVERSITÉ DE MONTPELLIER**

**En Informatique**

**École doctorale : Information, Structures, Systèmes**

**Unité de recherche LIRMM**

**Vérification d'une méthodologie pour la conception de  
systèmes numériques critiques**

**Présenté par Vincent IAMPIETRO**

**Le Date de la soutenance**

**Sous la direction de David Delahaye  
et David Andreu**

**Devant le jury composé de**

|                               |               |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| [Nom Prénom], [Titre], [Labo] | [Statut jury] |
| [Nom Prénom], [Titre], [Labo] | [Statut jury] |
| [Nom Prénom], [Titre], [Labo] | [Statut jury] |



**UNIVERSITÉ  
DE MONTPELLIER**



# *Acknowledgements*

The acknowledgments and the people to thank go here, don't forget to include your project advisor...



# Contents

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| <b>Acknowledgements</b>  | <b>iii</b> |
| <b>1 <math>\mathcal{H}</math>-VHDL: a target hardware description language</b> | <b>1</b>   |
| 1.1 Choosing a Formal Semantics for VHDL                                       | 1          |
| 1.1.1 Specifying our needs: HILECOP and VHDL                                   | 2          |
| 1.1.2 Looking for an existing formal semantics                                 | 4          |
| 1.2 Abstract syntax for $\mathcal{H}$ -VHDL                                    | 10         |
| 1.3 Abstract syntax for $\mathcal{H}$ -VHDL.                                   | 10         |
| 1.3.1 Design declaration   | 10         |
| 1.3.2 Generic constant, port and internal signal declaration.                  | 10         |
| 1.3.3 Concurrent statements.   | 10         |
| Process statement.   | 11         |
| Component instantiation statement.   | 11         |
| 1.3.4 Sequential statement.  | 11         |
| 1.3.5 Expressions, names and types.  | 11         |
| 1.4 Preliminaries to $\mathcal{H}$ -VHDL semantics                             | 11         |
| 1.4.1 Semantics Domains  | 11         |
| 1.5 Elaboration rules.   | 14         |
| 1.5.1 Design elaboration.  | 14         |
| 1.5.2 Generic clause elaboration.  | 15         |
| 1.5.3 Port clause elaboration.   | 15         |
| 1.5.4 Architecture declarative part elaboration.                               | 16         |
| 1.5.5 Type indication elaboration.   | 16         |
| 1.5.6 Behavior elaboration.  | 17         |
| Elaboration of concurrent statements.  | 17         |
| Process elaboration.   | 18         |
| Process declarative part elaboration.  | 18         |
| Component instantiation elaboration.   | 18         |
| 1.5.7 Implicit default value.  | 19         |
| 1.6 Static type-checking rules.  | 20         |
| 1.6.1 Typing relation.   | 20         |
| 1.6.2 Static expressions.  | 20         |
| Locally static expressions.  | 20         |
| Globally static expressions.   | 20         |
| 1.6.3 Valid port map.  | 21         |
| 1.6.4 Valid sequential statements.   | 24         |

|       |   |    |
|-------|---|----|
|       | Well-typed signal assignment. . . . .                             | 24 |
|       | Well-typed variable assignment. . . . .                           | 24 |
|       | Well-typed if statements. . . . .                                 | 24 |
|       | Well-typed loop statement. . . . .                                | 25 |
|       | Well-typed rising and falling edge blocks . . . . .               | 25 |
|       | Well-typed rst blocks . . . . .                                   | 25 |
|       | Well-typed null statement . . . . .                               | 25 |
| 1.7   | Simulation rules. . . . .   | 25 |
| 1.7.1 | Full Simulation . . . . .   | 25 |
| 1.7.2 | Simulation loop. . . . .  | 27 |
| 1.7.3 | Simulation cycle. . . . .   | 27 |
| 1.7.4 | Initialization rules . . . . .                                    | 28 |
|       | Evaluation of a process statement . . . . .                       | 28 |
|       | Evaluation of a component instantiation statement . . . . .       | 28 |
|       | Evaluation of the composition of concurrent statements . . . . .  | 29 |
| 1.7.5 | Clock phases rules . . . . .                                      | 30 |
|       | Evaluation of a process statement . . . . .                       | 30 |
|       | Evaluation of a component instantiation statement . . . . .       | 31 |
|       | Evaluation of the composition of concurrent statements . . . . .  | 31 |
| 1.7.6 | Stabilization rules . . . . .                                     | 32 |
|       | Evaluation of a process statement . . . . .                       | 32 |
|       | Evaluation of a component instantiation statement . . . . .       | 33 |
|       | Evaluation of the composition of concurrent statements . . . . .  | 33 |
| 1.7.7 | Evaluation of input and output port maps . . . . .                | 34 |
| 1.7.8 | Evaluation of sequential statements . . . . .                     | 35 |
|       | Signal assignment statement . . . . .                             | 35 |
|       | Variable assignment statement . . . . .                           | 36 |
|       | If statement . . . . .  | 36 |
|       | Loop statement . . . . .  | 36 |
|       | Rising and falling edge block statements . . . . .                | 37 |
|       | Rst block statement . . . . .                                     | 37 |
|       | Composition of sequential statements and null statement . . . . . | 37 |
| 1.7.9 | Evaluation of expressions . . . . .                               | 37 |

# List of Figures





# List of Tables

|     |  |    |
|-----|--|----|
| 1.1 | A comparative summary on VHDL formal semantics. . . . .    | 9  |
| 1.2 | The <i>type</i> and <i>value</i> semantical types. . . . . | 12 |



# List of Abbreviations

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| <b>SITPN</b> | <b>S</b> ynchronously executed <b>I</b> nterpreted <b>T</b> ime <b>P</b> etri <b>N</b> et with priorities |
| <b>VHDL</b>  | <b>V</b> ery high speed integrated circuit <b>H</b> ardware <b>D</b> escription <b>L</b> anguage          |
| <b>PCI</b>   | <b>P</b> lace <b>C</b> omponent <b>I</b> nstance  |
| <b>TCI</b>   | <b>T</b> ransition <b>C</b> omponent <b>I</b> nstance   |
| <b>GPL</b>   | <b>G</b> eneric <b>P</b> rogramming <b>L</b> anguage  |
| <b>HDL</b>   | <b>H</b> ardware <b>D</b> escription <b>L</b> anguage   |



*For/Dedicated to/To my...*



## Chapter 1

# $\mathcal{H}$ -VHDL: a target hardware description language

### 1.1 Choosing a Formal Semantics for VHDL

When considering the choice of a formal semantics for the language VHDL, it is important to remember the first aim of our work. Indeed, we want to prove that the transformation in the HILECOP methodology that generates VHDL code from SITPNs preserves the behavior of the initial model (i.e, the SITPN model) into the generated VHDL program. A formal semantics for the VHDL language is therefore a necessary element to be able to reason about the generated VHDL program, and moreover to be able to compared its behavior with the behavior of the source SITPN model. Keeping that in mind, which formal semantics should we consider for VHDL?

Same as for all research tasks, there exists a tradeoff between finding a tool designed by others that will fit our needs, and creating our own tool that will mitigate the gaps between our needs and what is available in the literature. In the present case, the tool is a formal semantics for VHDL. Adopting a fully-set semantics found in the literature as a baseground for the implementation of a formal semantics for VHDL has multiple perks. First, it reduces the formalization effort, which is not a lesser point considering that the proof ahead might be long and must still be completed within the time span of the thesis. Still, the semantics would need to be implemented in Coq, if no implementation exists (or not written in Coq). Second, the formal semantics of programming languages found in the literature are often general in their approach, this to provide others with a generic framework for reasoning about programs. However, we must not loose sight of our goal which is to prove behavior preservation; a generic formal semantics could turn out to be too complex, or necesitate too much tweaking and thus hinder the fullfillment of our task. On the other side, creating our own formal semantics for VHDL, based on the work of others, is the best way to fit our needs in compliance with our final aim. However, the pitfalls are that the resulting semantics might prove to be very specific, therefore preventing others from using it. Also, a work of formalization would be necessary which, as we already stated, would be time consuming. In order to determine whether we ought to use an existing semantics or design a new one, we must first clearly specify our needs pertaining to the VHDL language.

### 1.1.1 Specifying our needs: HILECOP and VHDL

Two elements are of major influence to the specification of our needs for a formal semantics: first, the context of HILECOP and the specificities of the VHDL programs that are generated; second, the context of theorem proving. These two aspects entail the following considerations.

#### The need for coverage

The HILECOP methodology generates particular VHDL programs. Even if some transformations can be operated on the generated programs to simplify them, the looked-for formal semantics must be able to deal with a certain subset of the VHDL language. Especially, this subset must include:

- 0-delay (or  $\delta$ -delay) signal assignments (equivalent to transport-delay signal assignment with a “0 ns” after clause).
- component instantiation statements with generic constant and port mapping.
- entity’s generic constant clauses (declaration of generic constants in a design entity).

HILECOP’s VHDL programs only deal with 0-delay signal assignments because they are the only kind of signal assignments that can be synthesized. As a matter of fact, the industrial compiler/synthesizer used in the HILECOP methodology only accepts VHDL programs with no timing constructs (i.e, no wait statements or delayed signal assignments) as input.

Concerning component instantiation statement, the VHDL LRM describes a way to transform these statements into equivalent process statements [12, p. 141]. However, we want to preserve the hierarchical structure provided by the component instance statements arguing that the state of a given SITPN model will be more easily compared to a VHDL design state with explicit hierarchical structure. Indeed, there exists a mapping between places and transitions of an SITPN and their mirror (generated by the transformation) place and transition component instances. This one-to-one correspondence might turn out to be handy to perform the proof of behavior preservation. Obviously, the semantics must cover the evaluation of process statements which are the core concurrent statements of VHDL programs.

The types of signals and variables used in HILECOP VHDL designs must have finite ranges of values. For instance, a VHDL signal that ranges over  $\mathbb{N}$  cannot be synthesized on a physical circuit. Indeed,  $\mathbb{N}$  has an infinite number of values, and would therefore require an infinite number of latches to be physically implemented; that we cannot do or allow. Moreover, as the number of latches used to implement a digital circuit greatly impacts the power consumption of the circuit, the types of signals and variables must be as constrained as possible to optimize the dimensioning of the circuit. The generic constant clauses of the HILECOP place and transition designs (see Section Presentation of the VHDL language) play such a rôle of limiting type ranges. The generic constants define the bound of the array and natural range types for the different signals and variables



declared in the place and transition designs' architecture. When a place or a transition component is instantiated, that is during the translation of the SITPN model into VHDL code, its generic constants receive values via a generic map; we call it the dimensioning of the component instance. Therefore, generic constant clauses must belong to the subset of the VHDL language covered by the semantics (although it could seem as a kind of trivial formalization task compared to the core of the VHDL semantics).

### The need for synchronous execution

The second property of HILECOP's generated VHDL programs is their synchronous execution. Indeed, the digital circuits designed with the HILECOP methodology are all synchronously executed on physical target. Therefore, the generated VHDL designs all declare a clock signal as an input port of their entity port interface. Thus, the behavioral part of the designs contains two kinds of processes: *synchronous* processes, i.e processes that are sensitive to the clock signal, and *combinational* processes, i.e processes that are not sensitive to the clock signal, and that execute permanently until the stabilization of the signal values. Synchronous processes react to the events of the clock signal, i.e the rising and the falling edge, and possess blocks of sequential statements that are only executed at the precise moment of the clock event<sup>1</sup>. Therefore, we are in a strong need of a semantics that deal with synchronism, and that explicitly integrates the synchronization with a clock signal into the expression of the simulation cycle. Thus, the two dimensions of time, respectively delta time and "real" time [18], that are part of the VHDL language, must be handled by our semantics. Delta time pertains to delta-cycles, which are triggered by the execution of delta-delay signal assignments, that is, the only kind of signal assignments found in HILECOP VHDL programs. Real time pertains to time-steps. When all signal values are stable (when there are no more delta-cycles), the simulation advances the current time value to the next time point where a relevant event happens. A relevant event could be the execution of the next pending signal assignment that was associated with a delay, or the end of a `wait for x` statement (where `x` specifies a time delay). In our case, neither delayed signal assignments nor wait statements are part the covered VHDL language subset. The only two relevant events to which the simulation advances during a time-step are the rising edge and the falling edge of the clock signal.

### Other considerations

Considering the kind of proof that needs to be established, we would rather consider an operational semantics for VHDL than a denotational one. The reason is that in the CompCert project [14], which is one of our major inspiration source, the whole C compiler toolchain be reasoning over the operational semantics of the source and target languages. A last consideration pertains to whether or not the VHDL semantics must explicitly handle errors. As the SITPN semantics does not include the production of error values, the handling of errors by the VHDL semantics is not a mandatory aspect.

<sup>1</sup>These blocks are guarded by the expressions `rising_edge(clk)` and `falling_edge(clk)`.

## Qualifying criteria

### 1.1.2 Looking for an existing formal semantics

Here, we give an overview of the work found in the literature pertaining to the formalization of the VHDL language semantics. Articles are gathered and presented depending on the type of semantics that is used in the formalization (operational, denotational, axiomatic...). Each semantics is analyzed regarding the needs that were previously expressed.

#### Denotational semantics

Some authors have been interested in giving a formal denotational semantics to VHDL. In a general manner, these authors want to reason about VHDL programs: prove properties over a VHDL program, prove that two programs are equivalent... Such tasks that are more fit for a denotational semantics.

In [9], the authors give a denotational semantics for VHDL language, this leveraging the Focus [6] method for the development of distributed systems. Signal values and their evolution through time are represented as streams of values. Statements are denoted as stream-processing functions. Processes are stream-processing functions that takes input signal streams (signals of the sensitivity list) and yields transaction traces (i.e, waveforms) over output signals (i.e, signal that are written by the process). Transaction traces are merged together as the result of the concurrent execution of processes. Resolution functions are used in case of multiply-driven signals (i.e, signals that receive a value from multiple processes). The authors only consider 0-delay signal assignment in their semantics, stating that it is sufficient to “consider time at a logical level to model both synchronous and asynchronous designs”. However, it necessitates some transformations on a design that has a synchronous execution to express it only with 0-delay signal assignments. Therefore, this semantics does not express synchronicity of execution in an explicit manner. Moreover, the component instantiation statement is not treated by the semantics.

In [3], the authors give a denotational, yet relational, semantics for VHDL. A state of a VHDL design is represented by a function binding signals to values; a worldline is a time-ordered list of states. Statements (including processes) are denoted in the semantics by a relation that binds an input couple, composed of a time point and a worldline, to an output couple of the same type. Multiple input and output couples possibly satisfy the relation denoting a particular statement; thus, the semantics is undeterministic. The semantics tries to abstract from the formalization of the simulation cycle as it is done in the LRM. The authors want to establish a semantics that is abstract enough to be able to compare all other works of formalization with the authors semantics. The authors also give an axiomatic semantics (i.e, in the Hoare logic style) which is proved to be sound and complete with the first denotational semantics; an Prolog [5] implementation of the axiomatic semantics is given. Regarding our needs, the semantics only deals with unit-delay signal assignments (no 0-delay), and therefore does not cover the VHDL subset that we are interested in. The hierarchical structure of designs is also not preserved, and,

although expressible, the semantics does not purpose to explicitly express a synchronous simulation cycle.

The denotational semantics expressed in [Pandey1999a] uses interval temporal logic as an underlying model. Leveraging this underlying model, the authors are interested in proving some properties over VHDL designs to help compilers to optimize the code, for instance, by using rewrite rules proved to be valid against the model. Some of the proofs laid out by the authors are embedded in PVS [16]. The expression of the dynamic model uses many concepts described in the LRM, like drivers, port association, driving and effective values for signals. The semantics deals with both unit-delay and  $\delta$ -delay. The semantics works on fully-elaborated designs, therefore, it does not deal with component instance statements. Moreover, interval temporal logic is useful to reason on the VHDL designs in the presence of delays, however, it loses its interest for designs presenting only 0-delay assignments.

In the same manner as for the authors of other denotational semantics, in [1], the author states that “denotational semantics is more adequate for mathematical reasoning”. The author formalizes VHDL semantics to prove equivalence between VHDL programs (for instance, a specification and an implementation). What is of major interest regarding our needs is that the author is interested in expressing a simulation cycle for synchronous designs. Therefore, a distinction is made between combinational and synchronous processes in the abstract syntax. Moreover, this work formalizes the elaboration part of a VHDL design former to the simulation; however, the elaboration keeps the hierarchical setting of the VHDL design, that is component instantiation statements are not replaced by processes. Due to the time abstraction, the semantics only deals with 0-delay; it is explained by the fact that the reference time-unit is the clock period (i.e, the only known time-step), and the advancing of time, which happens in the simulation cycle as described in the LRM, is captured within the setting of the simulation cycle. Also, the semantics takes primary inputs into account (i.e, input ports of the top-level design); to preserve a synchronous behavior for the simulated design, the hypothesis is made that the values of the primary inputs are stable between two clock events. The only critic that can be made to this semantics regarding our needs is that it is expressed in denotational style.

### Operational semantics

Multiple works formalize an operational semantics for VHDL. Naturally, these works are interested in the formal description of the VHDL simulator, more or less closely to the description of the LRM.

In [2], a formal description of a *functional* semantics for VHDL is laid out based on stream-processing functions. The semantics is expressed with the functional programming language Gofer [13], thus enabling the computation of execution traces, that is, the computation of the streams representing the values taken by signals over time. As in the former work of the same author [3], only unit-delay signal assignments are dealt with, however, this time the author describes a deterministic operational semantics. Regarding our needs, this work is neither interested in preserving the hierarchical structure of VHDL

designs, and no mention is made regarding how a design is elaborated, nor in expressing an explicit synchronous simulation cycle.

In [4], the authors formalize the simulation loop of the LRM using Evolving Algebra machines (EA-machines). All important constructs of the VHDL language are represented as records; processes are represented as concurrent agents running pseudo-codes, and the simulation control flow is passed to and fro between the kernel process (i.e, the simulation orchestrator) and the remainder of the processes that execute the design behavior. This semantics implements closely the simulation loop as described in the LRM. Therefore, it is very rich and deals with most of the VHDL constructs, including the two time paradigms of the language. Moreover, the semantics works on fully-elaborated designs, therefore, component instantiation statements are omitted. However, a synchronous execution is fully expressible even if not explicitly embedded is the expression of the simulation loop.

In [20], the author presents a natural semantics for VHDL. The simulation loop is expressed by inference rules, and the execution of processes is based on the events over signals of their corresponding sensitivity lists. The execution of statements computes transaction traces, that is, the projected waveforms for signals over the future of the simulation. The semantics deals both with unit and delta delays. Regarding our needs, this semantics covers the subset of the VHDL language that we are interested in, even if, it also covers some constructs pertaining to unit delays that are irrelevant to us (like wait and unit-delay signal assignment statements). A synchronous execution is expressible within the semantics, although it would be hidden in the inference rule formalizing the generic simulation loop. Also, the semantics does not provide its simulation loop with a simulation horizon (a maximum number of simulation cycle to be computed). The simulation ends when signal values evolve no more. The question of the influence of the environment, measured through the values of the primary inputs of a design, is not discussed.

In [10], the author presents an operational semantics for VHDL in the small-step style. The semantics follows closely the simulation cycle described in the LRM; however it is very concise and clear. The covered VHDL subset comprises arbitrary wait statements, and both unit and delta-delay signal assignments. There is an interested discussion about the non-determinism of VHDL, since it is a concurrent programming language: It entails that non-determinism is only existent at the processes level, that is, internal sequential statement of processes can be executed in an undeterministic manner (referred to by the author as *A* actions, that is, *internal* actions). But at every delta or time step (referred to as  $\delta$  and *T* actions) of the execution, the design state can be computed in a deterministic manner, since all processes have reached a wait statement that stayed the execution of their inner body. The author is interested in the comparison of the behavior, and therefore, the equivalence between VHDL programs. He describes two strategies to compare VHDL programs. The first one is bisimulation; it is based on the comparison of the sequence of actions (either *A*,  $\delta$  or *T* actions) performed by the two programs. The second one is observational equivalence; it is based on the observation of the value of the output signals of two VHDL programs (the observees), that receive values in their input signals for another VHDL program (the observer). The observer stimulates the entries of the

observees and reaches a success state based on its observations of the value of the outputs. Regarding our needs, this semantics permits the description of our synchronous simulation cycle. However, like most of the semantics presented here, the component instantiation statement is not supported as it stands, but it is rather transformed into the equivalent processes statements. Small-step semantics is not needed in our case because we are only interested in the values of signals at the delta and time steps (for us, time steps correspond to clock events). We are not interested to capture the design states in the middle of the execution of a process body. We are more interested in "weak bisimulation", therefore forsaking the internal actions (i.e.,  $\Delta$  actions, execution of a process body that does not end in a wait statement) performed by a VHDL program. Indeed, a natural operational semantics in the style of Van Tassel's [20] is sufficient in our case. In [19], the authors extend the work of [10], especially by handling shared variables, in the presence of which a VHDL program can have a concrete underterministic behavior. The authors are also interested in the equivalence between two VHDL programs, and they are interested in determining a unique meaning property for VHDL programs; the unique meaning property states that the execution of a VHDL design in the presence of shared variables is unique. This work is interesting as it points out the fact that VHDL is not only subject to benign undeterminism. However, we are not interested in dealing with constructs so advanced as shared variables or postponed processes, therefore, this work is not really relevant to us.

### Translational semantics

Another kind of semantics, called "translational", is interested in establishing a formal semantics for VHDL by translating a VHDL design into another formal model. Thus, the semantics of VHDL is modeled by the translation and the formal semantics of the target model. The target model has the ability to model concurrency, which is one of the specificity of VHDL. Moreover, target models are chosen because of the tools that they provide for analysis, and thus, a translational semantics for VHDL is often related to model checking considerations.

In [18], the author expresses the formal semantics of VHDL by translating a VHDL design into a corresponding flowgraph. All VHDL constructs, ranging from sequential statements to concurrent processes, are expressed with individual flowgraphs that are then composed leveraging their interfaces. The simulation cycle of VHDL is also encoded by means of connected flow graphs: one for the "execution part" of the semantics, that is, all processes run until blocked in a wait configuration, and one for the update part (i.e., the kernel process in the semantics of [4]). Flowgraphs come with a large amount of tools for analysis, and this translational semantics is involved in the building of a framework to reason about VHDL programs using multiple technics (automatic theorem proving, model checking...). All these technics rest on the flowgraph formalism.

In [8], the author introduces a translational semantics for VHDL based on deterministic finite-state automata. Again, the reason for using such automata lies in the existence of many analysis tools. Moreover, forcing the generation of deterministic automata improves the time execution of model-checking technics. The translation is



performed on an elaborated VHDL design; a data space stores the values of signals and variables, and automata represent the control-flow of VHDL statements. Each VHDL statement is associated to a specific automaton; sequence of statements are achieved by automaton composition. The simulation kernel is also represented by a specific automaton. Processes are composed together with respect to synchronization states; states that permit to pass the control from one process to another (for instance, after a wait statement), therefore achieving determinism is the control flow of the overall automaton.

In [15], the author presents a translation from VHDL to Coloured Petri Nets (CPNs) thus giving a formal semantics to VHDL constructs. The author approach to VHDL semantics is a strict translation of the “event-based” VHDL simulator by means of Petri nets. The author translate VHDL execution models (sea of processes) into CPNs, and also translate the kernel process into a CPN. The kernel process has previously been expressed as a VHDL process so that the translation into CPN is similar to the translation of other processes. Signals are not represented in the subnets, instead, three shared variables depict the signal states: one variable for the driving, one for the effective and one for the current value of a given signal. Colour domains of places in the subnets represent the different types of VHDL domains. Variables are represented by tokens. Values in drivers are represented by sequences of transactions (or waveforms, or string of transactions in this paper); the author defines a set of functions that are convenient to handle sequences of transactions. Sequential statements are partitioned into two kinds: control flow (if, loop, case...) and notation (operations on signals and variables) nets. Processes subnets are made by the fusing of each sequential statements in the process body. There is a special Resume place that can be set by the kernel process to resume the activity of a process. Concurrency is not discussed here, as the Petri net models are inherently concurrent models. The kernel process is a broad CPN having some of its places interfaced with the process subnets. The decoloration of the Petri net avails the analysis of the model and the detection of dead-locks.

In [7], the author gives a formal semantics to VHDL by transforming a VHDL design an abstract machine, i.e defined by a set of inputs, outputs, states and transition function over states and outputs. The author is interested in the verification of properties over VHDL designs (temporal properties) or to prove equivalence between designs (bisimulation). To operate this transformation, only a subset of VHDL is considered, otherwise a finite-state representation is not reachable. The covered VHDL subset consists of objects with finite types, and no quantitative timing constructs (no after clause in sig. assign. or for clause in wait statements). The author claims that a VHDL design is implemented by an abstract machine if they have the same observational behavior, i.e, for the same value in their inputs they yield the same values in their outputs. Each process statement part is transformed into a decision diagram (control flow graph); then, the decision diagram encodes the transition functions over states and outputs in the abstract machine implementing the corresponding process. Process statements are composed in relation to some composition operator. Moreover, the article lays out a method to transform a block statement into an abstract machine. The initiative is to be noticed as there are few papers of the VHDL semantics that are interested in such hierarchical constructs as block or component instantiation statements. The article concludes with an expression of the space of

complexity entailed by the transformation of a VHDL design into an abstract machine.

Although the translational semantics described above meet most of the qualifying criteria in relation to our needs, we are not especially interested in implementing one of these. The main reason being that it would imply the implementation of the transformation from abstract VHDL syntax to the target model in addition to the implementation of the semantics of the target model.

|               |               | Fuchs and Mandler<br>[9] | Breuer et al.<br>[3] | Pandey et al.<br>[17] | Bortone and Salem<br>[1] | Breuer et al.<br>[2] | Böger et al.<br>[4] | Van Tassel<br>[20] | Goossens<br>[10] | Reetz and Kropf<br>[18] | Döhmen and Herrmann<br>[8] | Oleoz<br>[15] | Déharbe and Bortone<br>[7] |
|---------------|---------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| Semantics     | Kind          | D                        | D, A                 | D                     | D                        | O                    | O                   | O                  | O                | T                       | T                          | T             | T                          |
| Description   | Purpose       | AR, ATP                  | AR                   | AR                    | AR                       | SS                   | SS                  | SS, ITP            | SS, MC           | ATP, MC, ITP            | MC, ITP                    | MC            | MC                         |
| Qualifying    | Component     | T                        | T                    | T                     | N                        | T                    | T                   | T                  | T                | T                       | T                          | T             | N                          |
| Criteria      | Instantiation | T                        | T                    | T                     | N                        | T                    | T                   | T                  | T                | T                       | T                          | T             | N                          |
|               | Synchronism   | NE                       | NE                   | NE                    | Ex                       | E                    | E                   | E                  | E                | E                       | E                          | E             | NE                         |
|               | Elaboration   | ×                        | ×                    | ×                     | ✓                        | ×                    | ×                   | ✓                  | ×                | ×                       | ×                          | ×             | ✓                          |
| Extra.        | Impl.         | Focus [6]                | Prolog [5]           | PVS [16]              | ?                        | Gofer [13]           | ?                   | HOL [11]           | ?                | HOL [11]                | ?                          | ?             | ?                          |
| Informations. | Particular    | Stream                   | No                   | Interval              | No                       | Stream               | Evolving            | Natural            | Structural       | Flow                    | Finite-State               | Colored       | Abstract                   |
|               | Model or      | Processing               |                      | Temporal              |                          | Processing           | Algebra             | Semantics          | Semantics        | Graphs                  | Automatons                 | Petri         | Machines                   |
|               | Data Types    |                          |                      | Logic                 |                          |                      | Machines            | (big-step)         | (small-step)     |                         |                            | Nets          | and                        |
|               |               |                          |                      |                       |                          |                      |                     |                    |                  |                         |                            |               | Decision                   |
|               |               |                          |                      |                       |                          |                      |                     |                    |                  |                         |                            |               | Diagrams                   |

TABLE 1.1: A comparative summary on VHDL formal semantics.

- Kind : D (Denotational) - A (Axiomatic) - O (Operational) - T (Translational).
- Purpose : AR (Abstract Reasoning) - ATP (Automatic Theorem Proving) - SS (Simulator Specification) - ITP (Interactive Theorem Proving) - MC (Model Checking).
- Component Instantiation : T (statement is *Transformed* into equivalent processes) - N (statement is *Natively* taken into account in the semantics).
- Synchronism : E (Expressible within the semantics) - NE (Not Expressible within the semantics) - Ex (Explicitly built in the semantics).

To summarize, we are interesting in a semantics with an operational setting, built for the purpose of interactive theorem proving (ideally, with an existing implementation in the Coq proof assistant). Most important, the formal semantics must be able to deal with the expression of synchronous designs, that is, designs synchronized with a clock signal. Therefore, a synchronous simulation cycle must be at least expressible within the semantics. Moreover, the semantics must handle component instantiation statements as they are, that is, without transforming them into equivalent processes. As a bonus, the semantics should formalize the elaboration part of VHDL semantics.

In Table 1.1, cells are colored in green when the cell's content foster the adoption of the semantics, in yellow when the content does not go towards the adoption of the semantics

but is not disqualifying, and red when the content is a disqualifying criterion. Cells are labelled in light grey when their content is neutral in relation to the semantics adoption. Now comparing the entries of Table 1.1 with the expression of our needs, we can discard the semantics with a cell labelled in red, that is most of the denotational semantics; moreover, all translational semantics are let aside for the reasons cited before. The candidate semantics are the operational semantics, plus the denotational semantics by Borrione and Salem [1], the only semantics that formalizes an explicitly synchronous simulation cycle. The semantics that is the most likely to be adopted is the Borrione and Salem's semantics. However, we prefer an operational setting for our semantics because it is more fit to our task. However, to lower down the complexity of proofs, we really need a semantics that builds the synchronism into its simulation cycle, therefore putting aside all the intricacies of the full-blown VHDL simulation cycle. Moreover, the big-step style for an operational semantics is more relevant to us; as stated before, we are not interested in the intermediary states of computation that a small-step style semantics considers. Based on the observations, we have decided to formalize our own VHDL semantics inspired from the semantics of Borrione and Salem's [1] and Van Tassel's [20].

## 1.2 Abstract syntax for $\mathcal{H}$ -VHDL

### 1.3 Abstract syntax for $\mathcal{H}$ -VHDL.

Terminals of the language will be written in typewriter font, or will be enclosed in simple quotes for symbols with no typewriter representation. The  $a^*$  denotes a possibly empty repetition of the element  $a$ ; the  $a^+$  denotes a non-empty repetition of  $a$ .

#### 1.3.1 Design declaration

As in [VanTassel95], we define the *design* construct in the  $\mathcal{H}$ -VHDL's abstract syntax which has no equivalent in the concrete syntax of VHDL.

```

design ::= design ide ida gens ports sigs cs
gens   ::= gdecl*
ports  ::= pdecl*
sigs   ::= sdecl*
```

#### 1.3.2 Generic constant, port and internal signal declaration.

```

gdecl ::= (id,  $\tau$ , e)
pdecl ::= ((in|out), id,  $\tau$ )
sdecl ::= (id,  $\tau$ )
```

#### 1.3.3 Concurrent statements.

```

cs ::= psstmt | cistmt | cs || cs | null
```



**Process statement.**

$\text{psstmt} ::= \text{process } (\text{id}_p, \text{sl}, \text{vars}, \text{ss})$   
 $\text{sl} ::= \text{id}^*$   
 $\text{vars} ::= \text{vdecl}^*$   
 $\text{vdecl} ::= (\text{id}, \tau)$

**Component instantiation statement.**

$\text{cistmt} ::= \text{comp } (\text{id}_c, \text{id}_e, \text{gmap}, \text{ipmap}, \text{opmap})$   
 $\text{gmap} ::= \text{assoc}_g^*$   
 $\text{ipmap} ::= \text{assoc}_{ip}^*$   
 $\text{opmap} ::= \text{assoc}_{op}^*$   
 $\text{assoc}_g ::= (\text{id}, e)$   
 $\text{assoc}_{ip} ::= (\text{name}, e)$   
 $\text{assoc}_{op} ::= (\text{id}, (\text{name} \mid \text{open})) \mid (\text{id}(e), \text{name})$

**1.3.4 Sequential statement.**

$\text{ss} ::= \text{name} \Leftarrow e \mid \text{name} := e \mid \text{if } (e) \text{ ss } [\text{ss}] \mid \text{for } (\text{id}, e, e) \text{ ss}$   
 $\quad \mid \text{falling ss} \mid \text{rising ss} \mid \text{rst ss ss}' \mid \text{ss}; \text{ss} \mid \text{null}$

**1.3.5 Expressions, names and types.**

$e ::= e \text{ and } e \mid e \text{ or } e \mid \text{not } e \mid e = e \mid e \neq e \mid e < e \mid e \leq e \mid e > e \mid e \geq e \mid e + e \mid e - e$   
 $\quad \mid \text{name} \mid \text{natural} \mid \text{boolean} \mid (e^+)$   
 $\text{name} ::= \text{id} \mid \text{id}(e)$   
 $\text{boolean} ::= \text{true} \mid \text{false}$   
 $\tau ::= \text{boolean} \mid \text{natural } (e, e) \mid \text{array } (\tau, e, e)$

Under the expression entry, the natural non-terminal represents the set of natural numbers ( $\mathbb{N}$ ). The id non-terminal represents the set of identifiers.

**1.4 Preliminaries to  $\mathcal{H}$ -VHDL semantics****1.4.1 Semantics Domains**

Let  $\text{id}$  denote the set of identifiers in the semantical domain. We write *prefix-id* to denote arbitrary subsets of the  $\text{id}$  set. The *type* and *value* semantical types are defined as follows:

|         |       |  |
|---------|-------|--|
| $type$  | $::=$ | $bool \mid nat(nat, nat) \mid array(type, nat, nat)$ |
| $value$ | $::=$ | $bool \mid nat \mid array$                           |
| $bool$  | $::=$ | $'\top' \mid '\perp'$                                |
| $nat$   | $::=$ | $0 \mid 1 \mid \dots \mid NATMAX$                    |
| $array$ | $::=$ | $(value^+)$  |

TABLE 1.2: The  $type$  and  $value$  semantical types.

In Table 1.2, the  $type$  type is in any way similar to the  $\tau$  entry of the abstract syntax, however, all constraint bounds in the  $nat$  and  $array$  types have been evaluated to natural numbers.  $NATMAX$  denotes the maximum value for a natural number. The  $NATMAX$  value depends on the implementation of the VHDL language;  $NATMAX$  must at least be equal to  $2^{31} - 1$ . Note that the  $array$  value contains at least one value as an array's index range contains at least one index (that is index 0).

**Notation 1** (Partial functions). *Here, we present our notations pertaining to partial functions:*

- The  $\rightarrow$  arrow denotes a partial function.
- The  $\rightarrow$  denotes an application (i.e, a total function).
- For all  $f \in A \rightarrow B$ ,  $x \in f$  states that  $x$  is in the domain of function  $f$ .
- For all  $f \in A \rightarrow B$  and  $g \in A \rightarrow C$ ,  $f \subseteq g$  states that the domain of  $f$  is a subset of the domain of  $g$ .
- For all  $X \subset A$  and  $f \in A \rightarrow B$ ,  $X \subseteq f$  states that  $X$  is a subset of the domain of  $f$ .

Now, let us define the structure of an elaborated design which is a structure bound to a given  $\mathcal{H}$ -VHDL design and to a design store, i.e a global environment mapping identifiers to  $\mathcal{H}$ -VHDL designs. Only the designs referenced into the global design store can be instantiated as subcomponents of a given design. The elaborated design structure is used in the expression of the elaboration relation presented in Section **Elaboration rules**, as well as in the expression of the simulation rules. Let  $ElDesign(d, \mathcal{D})$  be the set of the elaborated designs for a given  $\mathcal{H}$ -VHDL design  $d$  and a design store  $\mathcal{D}$ . An elaborated design is a composite environment built out of multiple sub-environments. Each sub-environment is a table, represented as a partial function, mapping identifiers of a certain category of constructs (e.g, input port identifiers) to their declaration information (e.g, type indication for input ports). We represent an elaborated design as a record where the fields are the sub-environments. An elaborated design is defined as follows:

**Definition 1** (Elaborated Design). *For a given  $\mathcal{H}$ -VHDL design  $d \in design$  s.t.  $d = design\ id_{ent}\ id_{arch}\ gens\ ports\ sigs\ behavior$  and a given design store  $\mathcal{D} \in entity-id \rightarrow design$ , an elaborated design  $\Delta \in ElDesign(d, \mathcal{D})$  is a record  $\langle Gens, Ins, Outs, Sigs, Ps, Comps \rangle$  where:*

- $Gens \in generic-id \rightarrow (type \times value)$  where  $generic-id = \{id \mid (id, \tau, e) \in gens\}$ , is the partial function yielding the type and the value of generic constants.

- $Ins \in input-id \rightarrow type$  where  $input-id = \{id \mid (in, id, \tau) \in ports\}$ , is the partial function yielding the type of input ports.
- $Outs \in output-id \rightarrow type$  where  $output-id = \{id \mid (out, id, \tau) \in ports\}$ , the partial function yielding the type of output ports.
- $Sigs \in declared-signal-id \rightarrow type$  where  $declared-signal-id = \{id \mid (id, \tau) \in sigs\}$ , the partial function yielding the type of declared signals.
- $Ps \in process-id \rightarrow (variable-id(id_p) \rightarrow (type \times value))$  where  $process-id = \{id_p \mid process(id_p, sl, va, behavior)\}$ , the partial function associating processes to their local environment. Local environments are functions mapping local variable identifiers to their corresponding type and value. Therefore, each set of local variable identifiers  $variable-id(id_p)$  depends on the process identifier (represented by  $id_p$ ) passed as the first argument of the  $Ps$  function.
- $Comps \in component-id \rightarrow ElDesign(d_e, \mathcal{D})$ , where  $component-id = \{id_c \mid comp(id_c, id_e, gm, ipm, opm, behavior)\}$ , the partial function mapping component instance ids to their elaborated design version. The set  $ElDesign(d_e, \mathcal{D})$  depends on the design  $d_e$  from which the component identifier  $id_c$ , passed as the first argument of the  $Comps$  function, is an instance. Design  $d_e$  is retrieved from the design store  $\mathcal{D}$  s.t.  $d_e = \mathcal{D}(id_e)$ .

We assume that there are no overlapping between the identifiers of the sub-environments (i.e, an identifier belongs to at most one sub-environment). We note  $\Delta(x)$  to denote the value returned for identifier  $x$ , where  $x$  is looked up in the appropriate field of  $\Delta$ . We note  $x \in \Delta$  to state that identifier  $x$  is defined in one of  $\Delta$ 's fields. We note  $\Delta(x) \leftarrow v$  the overriding of the value associated to identifier  $x$  with value  $v$  in the appropriate field of  $\Delta$ ,  $\Delta \cup (x, v)$  to note the addition the mapping from identifier  $x$  to value  $v$  in the appropriate field of  $\Delta$ , that assuming  $x \notin \Delta$ . We note  $x \in \mathcal{F}(\Delta)$ , where  $\mathcal{F}$  is a field of  $\Delta$ , when more precision is needed regarding the lookup of identifier  $x$  in the record  $\Delta$ .

Let  $\Sigma(\Delta)$  be the set of design states for a given elaborated design  $\Delta$ . A design state of  $\Delta$  is defined as follows:

**Definition 2** (Design state). A design state  $\sigma \in \Sigma(\Delta)$ , for a given design  $d \in design$ , a given design store  $\mathcal{D}$  and an elaborated design  $\Delta \in ElDesign(d, \mathcal{D})$ , is a record  $\langle \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{E} \rangle$  where:

- $\mathcal{S} \in signal-id \rightarrow value$ , the partial function yielding the current values of the design's signals (ports and declared signals).
- $\mathcal{C} \in component-id \rightarrow \Sigma(\Delta_c)$ , the partial function yielding the current state of design's component instances, where  $\Delta_c = \Delta(id_c)$  and  $id_c \in component-id$  is the component identifier passed to function  $\mathcal{C}$ .
- $\mathcal{E} \subseteq signal-id \cup component-id$ , the set of signal and component instance ids that generated an event at the current simulation cycle.

The *signal-id* subset is the disjoint union of *input-id*, *output-id* and *declared-signal-id*. We use  $\sigma(id)$  to denote the value associated to an identifier in the signal store  $\mathcal{S}$  or in

the component store  $\mathcal{C}$  fields.  $id \in_{\mathcal{E}} \sigma$  states that an identifier belongs to the event set  $\mathcal{E}$ , whereas  $id \in \sigma$  states that an identifier is defined in either the signal store  $\mathcal{S}$  or the component store  $\mathcal{C}$  fields.  $\sigma \cup_{\mathcal{E}} \{id\}$  denotes a new design state, in all points similar to  $\sigma$  but enriched with the identifier  $id$  in its events set.

**Notation 2** (No events design state). *For a given  $\mathcal{H}$ -VHDL design  $d$ , a design store  $\mathcal{D}$ , and an elaborated design  $\Delta \in ElDesign(d, \mathcal{D})$ , the function  $NoEv \in \Sigma(\Delta) \rightarrow \Sigma(\Delta)$  returns a design state similar to the one passed in parameter only with an empty set of events. I.e, for all design state  $\sigma \in \Sigma(\Delta)$  s.t.  $\sigma = \langle \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{E} \rangle$ ,  $NoEv(\sigma) = \langle \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{C}, \emptyset \rangle$ .*

## 1.5 Elaboration rules.

The goal of the elaboration phase is to build an elaborated design  $\Delta$  along with a *default* state  $\sigma_e$ , out of a  $\mathcal{H}$ -VHDL design  $d$ . The elaboration relation also covers type-checking operations for the declarative and behavioral parts of design  $d$ .

### 1.5.1 Design elaboration.

**Definition 3** (Design store).  $\mathcal{D} \in entity-id \rightarrow design$  is the partial function mapping entity ids to their corresponding representation in abstract syntax. As a prerequisite to the elaboration of HILECOP-generated designs (i.e, resulting from the transformation of a SITPN into an  $\mathcal{H}$ -VHDL design), a particular design store  $\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{H}}$  is defined. Design store  $\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{H}}$  holds the description of the *place* and *transition* designs which full definition in abstract syntax are given in appendices ?? and ??.

At the beginning of the elaboration phase, a function  $\mathcal{M}_g \in generic-id \rightarrow value$  mapping the top-level design's generic constants to values is passed as an element of the environment. The  $\mathcal{M}_g$  function is referred to as the *dimensioning* function.

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{DESIGNELAB} \\
 \Delta_{\emptyset}, \mathcal{M}_g \vdash gens \xrightarrow{egens} \Delta \\
 \Delta, \sigma_{\emptyset} \vdash ports \xrightarrow{eports} \Delta', \sigma \\
 \Delta', \sigma \vdash sigs \xrightarrow{esigs} \Delta'', \sigma' \\
 \mathcal{D}, \Delta'', \sigma' \vdash cs \xrightarrow{ebeh} \Delta''', \sigma'' \\
 \hline
 \mathcal{D}, \mathcal{M}_g \vdash design \ id_e \ id_a \ gens \ ports \ sigs \ cs \xrightarrow{elab} \Delta''', \sigma''
 \end{array}$$

where  $\Delta_{\emptyset}$  denotes an empty elaborated design, that is an elaborated design initialized with empty fields (empty tables). In the same manner,  $\sigma_{\emptyset}$  denotes an empty design state. The effect of the *egens*, *eports*, *esigs* and *ebeh* that respectively deal with the elaboration of the generic constants, the ports, the architecture declarative part and the behavioral part of the design, are explicated in the following sections.

### 1.5.2 Generic clause elaboration.

#### Premises

- $etype_g$  transforms a subtype indication, specifically attached to a generic constant declaration, into a *type* instance and checks its well-formedness (see 1.5.5).
- The  $e$  relation evaluates expression  $e$  to value  $v$  (see 1.7.9).
- $SE_l$  states that an expression is *locally* static (see 1.6.2).
- $v \in_c T$  and  $\mathcal{M}(\text{id}_g) \in_c T$  checks that the default value and the value of yielded by the dimensioning function belongs to the type of the declared generic constant (see 1.6.1).

GENELABDIMEN

$$\frac{\vdash \tau \xrightarrow{etype_g} T \quad \Delta_\emptyset, \sigma_\emptyset, \Lambda_\emptyset \vdash e \xrightarrow{e} v \quad SE_l(e) \quad \begin{array}{l} v \in_c T \\ \mathcal{M}(\text{id}_g) \in_c T \end{array}}{\Delta, \mathcal{M} \vdash (\text{id}_g, \tau, e) \xrightarrow{egens} \Delta \cup (\text{id}_g, (T, \mathcal{M}(\text{id}_g)))} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{id}_g \notin \Delta \\ \text{id}_g \in \mathcal{M} \end{array}$$

GENELABDEFAULT

$$\frac{\vdash \tau \xrightarrow{etype_g} T \quad \Delta_\emptyset, \sigma_\emptyset, \Lambda_\emptyset \vdash e \xrightarrow{e} v \quad SE_l(e) \quad v \in_c T}{\Delta, \mathcal{M} \vdash (\text{id}_g, \tau, e) \xrightarrow{egens} \Delta \cup (\text{id}_g, (T, v))} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{id}_g \notin \Delta \\ \text{id}_g \notin \mathcal{M} \end{array}$$

GENELABCOMP

$$\frac{\Delta, \mathcal{M} \vdash \text{gdecl} \xrightarrow{egens} \Delta' \quad \Delta', \mathcal{M} \vdash \text{gens} \xrightarrow{egens} \Delta''}{\Delta, \mathcal{M} \vdash \text{gdecl}; \text{gens} \xrightarrow{egens} \Delta''}$$

### 1.5.3 Port clause elaboration.

#### Premises

The  $defaultv$  relation yields the implicit *default* value for a given type.

INPORTELAB

$$\frac{\Delta \vdash \tau \xrightarrow{etype} T \quad \Delta \vdash T \xrightarrow{defaultv} v}{\Delta, \sigma \vdash (\text{in}, \text{id}, \tau) \xrightarrow{eports} \Delta \cup (\text{id}, T), \sigma \cup (\text{id}, v)} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{id} \notin \Delta \\ \text{id} \notin \sigma \end{array}$$

OUTPORTELAB

$$\frac{\Delta \vdash \tau \xrightarrow{etype} T \quad \Delta \vdash T \xrightarrow{defaultv} v}{\Delta, \sigma \vdash (\text{out}, \text{id}, \tau) \xrightarrow{eports} \Delta \cup (\text{id}, T), \sigma \cup (\text{id}, v)} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{id} \notin \Delta \\ \text{id} \notin \sigma \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
\text{PORTELABCOMP} \\
\Delta, \sigma \vdash \text{pdecl} \xrightarrow{eports} \Delta', \sigma' \quad \Delta', \sigma' \vdash \text{ports} \xrightarrow{eports} \Delta'', \sigma'' \\
\hline
\Delta, \sigma \vdash \text{pdecl}; \text{ports} \xrightarrow{eports} \Delta'', \sigma''
\end{array}$$

### 1.5.4 Architecture declarative part elaboration.

$$\begin{array}{c}
\text{SIGELAB} \\
\Delta \vdash \tau \xrightarrow{etype} T \quad \Delta \vdash T \xrightarrow{defaultv} v \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{id} \notin \Delta \\ \text{id} \notin \sigma \end{array} \\
\hline
\Delta, \sigma \vdash (\text{id}, \tau) \xrightarrow{esigs} \Delta \cup (\text{id}, T), \sigma \cup (\text{id}, v)
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
\text{SIGELABCOMP} \\
\Delta, \sigma \vdash \text{sdecl} \xrightarrow{esigs} \Delta', \sigma' \quad \Delta', \sigma' \vdash \text{sigs} \xrightarrow{esigs} \Delta'', \sigma'' \\
\hline
\Delta, \sigma \vdash \text{sdecl}; \text{sigs} \xrightarrow{esigs} \Delta'', \sigma''
\end{array}$$

### 1.5.5 Type indication elaboration.

The *etype* relation checks the well-formedness of a type indication  $\tau$ , and transforms it into a semantical *type* (as defined in Table 1.2). A subtype indication  $\tau$  is well-formed in the context  $\Delta$  if  $\tau$  denotes the boolean keyword or the nat or array keywords with a *well-formed* constraint, and a well-formed element type in the array case.

$$\begin{array}{c}
\text{ETYPEBOOL} \qquad \qquad \qquad \text{ETYPENAT} \\
\hline
\Delta \vdash \text{boolean} \xrightarrow{etype} \text{bool} \qquad \Delta \vdash (\text{e}, \text{e}') \xrightarrow{econstr} (v, v') \\
\hline
\Delta \vdash \text{natural}(\text{e}, \text{e}') \xrightarrow{etype} \text{nat}(v, v') \\
\\
\text{ETYPEARRAY} \\
\hline
\Delta \vdash \tau \xrightarrow{etype} T \quad \Delta \vdash (\text{e}, \text{e}') \xrightarrow{econstr} (v, v') \\
\hline
\Delta \vdash \text{array}(\tau, \text{e}, \text{e}') \xrightarrow{etype} \text{array}(T, v, v')
\end{array}$$

The *econstr* relation checks that a constraint is well-formed and evaluates the constraint bounds. A constraint  $c$  is well-formed in the context  $\Delta$  if:

- its bounds are globally static expressions [VHDL00] of the nat type.
- its lower bound value is inferior or equal to its upper bound value.

**Remark 1** (Type of constraints). *As the VHDL language reference stays unclear about the type of range and index constraints [VHDL00], we add the restriction that range and index constraints must have bounds of the nat type (i.e, value of type nat).*

**Premises**

$SE_g$  states that an expression is *globally* static (see 1.6.2).

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{ECONSTR} \\
 \frac{\Delta \vdash SE_g(e) \quad \Delta, \sigma_\emptyset, \Lambda_\emptyset \vdash e \xrightarrow{e} v \quad v \in_c \text{nat}(0, \text{NATMAX}) \quad \Delta \vdash SE_g(e') \quad \Delta, \sigma_\emptyset, \Lambda_\emptyset \vdash e' \xrightarrow{e} v' \quad v' \in_c \text{nat}(0, \text{NATMAX})}{\Delta \vdash (e, e') \xrightarrow{econstr} (v, v')} \quad v \leq v'
 \end{array}$$

When considering a type indication in a generic constant declaration, the definition of well-formedness differs slightly from the general definition. A type indication  $\tau$  associated to a generic constant declaration is well-formed if  $\tau$  denotes the `boolean` keyword, or the `nat` keyword with a *well-formed* constraint.

The  $etype_g$  relation is specially defined to check the well-formedness of a subtype indication associated with a generic constant declaration.

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{ETYPEGBOOL} \qquad \qquad \qquad \text{ETYPEGNAT} \\
 \frac{}{\vdash \text{boolean} \xrightarrow{etype} \text{bool}} \quad \frac{\Delta \vdash (e, e') \xrightarrow{econstr_g} (v, v')}{\vdash \text{natural}(e, e') \xrightarrow{etype} \text{nat}(v, v')}
 \end{array}$$

The  $econstr_g$  relation checks that a *generic* constraint (i.e, a constraint appearing in a type indication associated with a generic constant declaration) is well-formed and evaluates the constraint bounds.

A *generic* constraint  $c$  is well-formed if:

- its bounds are locally static expressions [VHDL00] of the `nat` type.
- its lower bound value is inferior or equal to its upper bound value.

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{ECONSTRG} \\
 \frac{SE_l(e) \quad \Delta_\emptyset, \sigma_\emptyset, \Lambda_\emptyset \vdash e \xrightarrow{e} v \quad v \in_c \text{nat}(0, \text{NATMAX}) \quad SE_l(e') \quad \Delta_\emptyset, \sigma_\emptyset, \Lambda_\emptyset \vdash e' \xrightarrow{e} v' \quad v' \in_c \text{nat}(0, \text{NATMAX})}{\vdash (e, e') \xrightarrow{econstr_g} (v, v')} \quad v \leq v'
 \end{array}$$

**1.5.6 Behavior elaboration.****Elaboration of concurrent statements.**

As it is, the elaboration of the composition of concurrent statements is performed in a sequential manner.

CS<sub>PARELAB</sub>

$$\frac{\mathcal{D}, \Delta, \sigma \vdash \text{cs} \xrightarrow{ebch} \Delta', \sigma' \quad \mathcal{D}, \Delta', \sigma' \vdash \text{cs}' \xrightarrow{ebch} \Delta'', \sigma''}{\mathcal{D}, \Delta, \sigma \vdash \text{cs} \parallel \text{cs}' \xrightarrow{ebch} \Delta'', \sigma''}$$

CS<sub>NULLELAB</sub>

$$\frac{}{\mathcal{D}, \Delta, \sigma \vdash \text{null} \xrightarrow{ebch} \Delta, \sigma}$$

**Process elaboration.****Premises**

$\text{valid}_{ss}$  states that a sequential statement is well-typed.

**Side conditions**

$sl \subseteq \text{Ins}(\Delta) \cup \text{Sigs}(\Delta)$  indicates that the sensitivity list  $sl$  must only contain signal identifiers that are readable, that is, *input* ports and declared signals.

PS<sub>ELAB</sub>

$$\frac{\Delta, \Lambda_{\emptyset} \vdash \text{vars} \xrightarrow{evars} \Lambda \quad \Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash \text{valid}_{ss}(ss) \quad \text{id}_p \notin \Delta}{\mathcal{D}, \Delta, \sigma \vdash \text{process}(\text{id}_p, sl, \text{vars}, ss) \xrightarrow{ebch} \Delta \cup (\text{id}_p, \Lambda), \sigma} \quad sl \subseteq \text{Ins}(\Delta) \cup \text{Sigs}(\Delta)$$

**Process declarative part elaboration.**

The *evars* relation builds a local environment out of a process declarative part.

V<sub>ARELAB</sub>

$$\frac{\Delta \vdash \tau \xrightarrow{etype} T \quad \vdash T \xrightarrow{defaultv} v \quad \text{id} \notin \Lambda, \text{id} \notin \Delta}{\Delta, \Lambda \vdash (\text{id}, \tau) \xrightarrow{evars} \Lambda \cup (\text{id}, (T, v))}$$

V<sub>ARELABCOMP</sub>

$$\frac{\Delta, \Lambda \vdash \text{vdecl} \xrightarrow{evars} \Lambda' \quad \Delta, \Lambda' \vdash \text{vars} \xrightarrow{evars} \Lambda''}{\Delta, \Lambda \vdash \text{vdecl}, \text{vars} \xrightarrow{evars} \Lambda''}$$

**Component instantiation elaboration.****Premises**

- The *emapg* relation binds a generic map to a function  $\mathcal{M} \in \text{id} \nrightarrow \text{value}$  (see definition below).
- $\text{valid}_{ipm}$  (resp.  $\text{valid}_{opm}$ ) states that a in port map (resp. out port map) is valid, i.e. well-formed and well-typed (see 1.6.3).



**Side conditions**

$\mathcal{M} \subseteq \text{Gens}(\Delta_c)$  checks that the generic map  $\text{gmap}$  contains references to known generic constant identifiers only.

COMPELAB

$$\frac{\mathcal{M}_\emptyset \vdash \text{gmap} \xrightarrow{\text{emapg}} \mathcal{M} \quad \mathcal{D}, \mathcal{M} \vdash \mathcal{D}(\text{id}_e) \xrightarrow{\text{elab}} \Delta_c, \sigma_c \quad \begin{array}{l} \Delta, \Delta_c, \sigma \vdash \text{valid}_{ipm}(\text{ipmap}) \\ \Delta, \Delta_c \vdash \text{valid}_{opm}(\text{opmap}) \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{id}_c \notin \Delta, \text{id}_c \notin \sigma \\ \text{id}_e \in \mathcal{D} \end{array}}{\mathcal{D}, \Delta, \sigma \vdash \text{comp}(\text{id}_c, \text{id}_e, \text{gmap}, \text{ipmap}, \text{opmap}) \xrightarrow{\text{ebch}} \Delta \cup (\text{id}_c, \Delta_c), \sigma \cup (\text{id}_e, \sigma_c) \quad \mathcal{M} \subseteq \text{Gens}(\Delta_c)}$$

A port map is a mapping between signals coming from an embedding design ( $\Delta$ ) and ports of an internal component instance ( $\Delta_c$ ). The formal part of an port map entry (i.e, left of the arrow) belongs to the internal component, whereas the actual part (i.e, right of the arrow) refers to the embedding design. Therefore, we need both  $\Delta$  and  $\Delta_c$  to verify if a port map is well-typed leveraging the  $\text{valid}_{pm}$  predicate.

**Remark 2** (Valid generic map). *Note that we are not checking the validity of the generic map. In case of an ill-formed generic map, a inconsistent mapping  $\mathcal{M}$  is generated by the  $\text{emapg}$  that will make the  $\text{elab}$  relation, taking  $\mathcal{M}$  as a parameter, never derivable. Therefore, the  $\text{elab}$  relation does an implicit validity check on the generic map.*

ASSOCGELAB

GMAPELABCOMP

$$\frac{\text{SE}_I(e) \quad \Delta_\emptyset, \sigma_\emptyset, \Lambda_\emptyset \vdash e \xrightarrow{e} v \quad \text{id}_g \notin \mathcal{M}}{\mathcal{M} \vdash \text{id}_g \Rightarrow e \xrightarrow{\text{emapg}} \mathcal{M} \cup (\text{id}_g, v)} \quad \frac{\mathcal{M} \vdash \text{assoc}_g \xrightarrow{\text{emapg}} \mathcal{M}' \quad \mathcal{M}' \vdash \text{gmap} \xrightarrow{\text{emapg}} \mathcal{M}''}{\mathcal{M} \vdash \text{assoc}_g, \text{gmap} \xrightarrow{\text{emapg}} \mathcal{M}''}$$

An  $\text{assoc}_g$  entry doesn't allow indexed  $\text{id}$  in its formal part, due to the restriction of generic constants to scalar types. Note that this restriction is not imposed by the VHDL language reference; it is our stance towards a simplification of the VHDL semantics.

**1.5.7 Implicit default value.**

According to the VHDL reference, when declaring a port, a signal or a variable, these items must receive an implicit default value depending on their types [VHDL00]. The  $\text{defaultv}$  relation determines the default value for a given type.

$$\frac{\text{DEFAULTVBOOL}}{\text{bool} \xrightarrow{\text{defaultv}} \perp} \quad \frac{\text{DEFAULTVCNAT}}{\text{nat}(n, m) \xrightarrow{\text{defaultv}} n} \quad n \leq m$$

$$\frac{\text{DEFAULTVCARR} \quad T \xrightarrow{\text{default}v} v}{\text{array}(T, n, m) \xrightarrow{\text{default}v} \text{create\_array}(\text{size}, T, v)} \quad \begin{array}{l} n \leq m \\ \text{size} = (m - n) + 1 \end{array}$$

$\text{create\_array}(\text{size}, T, v)$  creates an array of size  $\text{size}$ , containing element of type  $T$ , where each element is initialized with the value  $v$ .

## 1.6 Static type-checking rules.

### 1.6.1 Typing relation.

$$\frac{\text{ISBOOL} \quad b \in \mathbb{B}}{b \in_c \text{bool}} \quad \frac{\text{ISCNAT} \quad n \in [l, u]}{n \in_c \text{nat}(l, u)} \quad \frac{\text{ARRAY} \quad v_i \in_c T \quad i = 1, \dots, n}{\Delta \vdash (v_1, \dots, v_n) \in_c \text{array}(T, l, u)} \quad n = (u - l) + 1$$

### 1.6.2 Static expressions.

Static expressions are either locally static or globally static.

#### Locally static expressions.

An expression is *locally* static if:

- It is composed of operators and operands of a *scalar* type (i.e, natural or boolean).
- It is a *literal* of a scalar type.

$$\frac{\text{LSENNAT} \quad n \in \mathbb{N}}{SE_l(n)} \quad \frac{\text{LSEBOOL} \quad b \in \mathbb{B}}{SE_l(b)} \quad \frac{\text{LSENOT} \quad SE_l(e)}{SE_l(\text{not } e)} \quad \frac{\text{LSEBINOP} \quad SE_l(e) \quad SE_l(e')}{SE_l(e \text{ op } e')} \quad \text{op} \in \{ +, -, =, \neq, <, \leq, >, \geq, \text{and}, \text{or} \}$$

#### Globally static expressions.

An expression is *globally* static in the context  $\Delta$  if:

- It is a generic constant.
- It is an array aggregate composed of globally static expressions.
- It is a locally static expression.

$$\frac{\text{GSELOCAL} \quad SE_l(e)}{\Delta \vdash SE_g(e)} \quad \frac{\text{GSEGEN} \quad \text{id}_g \in \text{Gens}(\Delta)}{\Delta \vdash SE_g(\text{id}_g)} \quad \frac{\text{GSEAGGREGATE} \quad \Delta \vdash SE_g(e_i)}{\Delta \vdash SE_g((e_1, \dots, e_n))} \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

### 1.6.3 Valid port map.

The  $\text{valid}_{ipm}$  predicate states that an *in* port map is valid in the context  $\Delta, \Delta_c$ , where  $\Delta$  is the embedding design structure and  $\Delta_c$  denotes the component instance owner of the port map, if:

- All ports defined in  $\Delta_c$  are exactly mapped once in the portmap.
- For each port map entry, the formal and actual part are of the same type.

#### Premises

- $\text{list}_{ipm}$  builds a set  $\mathcal{L} \subset id \sqcup (id \times \mathbb{N})$  out of the port map association list.
- $\text{check}_{pm}$  checks the validity of a port map based on the corresponding port list and the set built by the  $\text{list}_{ipm}$  relation.

$$\frac{\text{VALIDIPM} \quad \Delta, \Delta_c, \sigma, \mathcal{L}_\emptyset \vdash \text{ipmap} \xrightarrow{\text{list}_{ipm}} \mathcal{L} \quad \text{check}_{pm}(\text{Ins}(\Delta_c), \mathcal{L})}{\Delta, \Delta_c, \sigma \vdash \text{valid}_{ipm}(\text{ipmap})}$$

#### Side conditions

$\text{id}_p \notin \mathcal{L}$  checks that the port identifier  $\text{id}_p$  is not already mapped.

LISTIPMSIMPLE

$$\frac{\Delta, \sigma \vdash e \xrightarrow{e} v \quad v \in_c T}{\Delta, \Delta_c, \sigma, \mathcal{L} \vdash \text{id}_p \Rightarrow e \xrightarrow{\text{list}_{ipm}} \mathcal{L} \cup \{\text{id}_p\}} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{id}_p \notin \mathcal{L}, \text{id}_p \in \text{Ins}(\Delta_c) \\ \Delta_c(\text{id}_p) = T \end{array}$$

#### Premises

$v_i \in_c \text{nat}(n, m)$  checks that the index value stays in the array bounds.

#### Side conditions

$\text{id}_p \notin \mathcal{L}$  and  $(\text{id}_p, v_i) \notin \mathcal{L}$  checks that neither the port identifier  $\text{id}_p$  nor the couple port identifier  $\text{id}_p$  and index  $v_i$  are already mapped.

LISTIPMPARTIAL

$$\frac{
\begin{array}{c}
\vdash e_i \xrightarrow{e} v_i \quad v_i \in_c \text{nat}(n, m) \\
SE_l(e_i) \quad \Delta, \sigma \vdash e \xrightarrow{e} v \quad v \in_c T
\end{array}
}{
\Delta, \Delta_c, \sigma, \mathcal{L} \vdash \text{id}_p(e_i) \Rightarrow e \xrightarrow{\text{list}_{ipm}} \mathcal{L} \cup \{ (id_p, v_i) \} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{id}_p \notin \mathcal{L}, (id_p, v_i) \notin \mathcal{L} \\ \text{id}_p \in \text{Ins}(\Delta_c) \\ \Delta_c(\text{id}_p) = \text{array}(T, n, m) \end{array}
}$$

LISTIPMCONS

$$\frac{
\Delta, \Delta_c, \sigma, \mathcal{L} \vdash \text{assoc}_{ip} \xrightarrow{\text{list}_{ipm}} \mathcal{L}' \quad \Delta, \Delta_c, \sigma, \mathcal{L}' \vdash \text{ipmap} \xrightarrow{\text{list}_{ipm}} \mathcal{L}''
}{
\Delta, \Delta_c, \sigma, \mathcal{L} \vdash \text{assoc}_{ip}, \text{ipmap} \xrightarrow{\text{list}_{ipm}} \mathcal{L}''
}$$

The  $\text{check}_{pm}(\text{Ports}, \mathcal{L})$  predicate states that all port identifiers referenced in the domain of  $\text{Ports} \in id \rightsquigarrow \text{type}$  appear in  $\mathcal{L}$  as a simple identifier, or if the port identifier is of type `array`, then all couples  $(id, i)$  must belong to  $\mathcal{L}$ , where  $i$  denotes all indexes of the array range and  $id$ , the port id.

$$\text{check}_{pm}(\text{Ports}, \mathcal{L}) \equiv \forall id_p \in \text{dom}(\text{Ports}), id_p \in \mathcal{L} \vee (\text{Ports}(id_p) = \text{array}(T, n, m) \wedge \forall i \in [n, m], (id_p, i) \in \mathcal{L})$$

The  $\text{valid}_{opm}$  predicate states that an *output* port map is valid in the context  $\Delta, \Delta_c$ , where  $\Delta$  is the embedding design structure and  $\Delta_c$  denotes the component instance owner of the port map, if:

- An output port appears at most once in the output port map.
- Two different output ports cannot be connected to the same signal.
- For each port map entry, the formal and the actual part are of the exact same type (i.e, in the sense of the Leibniz equality).

We allow partially connected output port map; i.e, an output port map where all output ports might not be present in the mapping. Such output ports are open by default.

### Premises

$\text{list}_{opm}$  builds two sets  $\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{L}_{ids} \subseteq id \sqcup (id \times \mathbb{N})$  out of the port map `opmap`.  $\mathcal{L}_{ids}$  is built incrementally to check that there are no multiply-driven signals resulting of the port map connection.

VALIDOPM

$$\frac{
\Delta, \Delta_c, \mathcal{L}_\emptyset, \mathcal{L}_{ids\emptyset} \vdash \text{opmap} \xrightarrow{\text{list}_{opm}} \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{L}_{ids}
}{
\Delta, \Delta_c \vdash \text{valid}_{opm}(\text{opmap})
}$$

**Side conditions**

- $\text{id}_p \notin \mathcal{L}$  checks that the port identifier  $\text{id}_p$  is not already mapped (i.e, is not already in the formal part of the port map).
- $\text{id}_s \notin \mathcal{L}_{ids}$  checks that the signal identifier  $\text{id}_s$  is not already mapped (i.e, is not already in the actual part of the port map).
- $\Delta_c(\text{id}_p) = \Delta(\text{id}_s) = T$  checks that  $\text{id}_p$  and  $\text{id}_s$  are exactly of the same type.

LISTOPMSIMPLETOSIMPLE

$$\Delta, \Delta_c, \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{L}_{ids} \vdash \text{id}_p \Rightarrow \text{id}_s \xrightarrow{\text{list}_{opm}} \mathcal{L} \cup \{\text{id}_p\}, \mathcal{L}_{ids} \cup \{\text{id}_s\}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{id}_p \notin \mathcal{L}, \text{id}_s \notin \mathcal{L}_{ids} \\ \text{id}_p \in \text{Outs}(\Delta_c) \\ \text{id}_s \in \text{Sigs}(\Delta) \cup \text{Outs}(\Delta) \\ \Delta_c(\text{id}_p) = \Delta(\text{id}_s) = T \end{array}$$

**Side conditions**

$\text{Outs}_c(\text{id}_p) = T$  and  $\text{Sigs}(\text{id}_s) = \text{array}(T, n, m)$  checks that the type of  $\text{id}_p$  and the type of the elements of  $\text{id}_s$  are the same. Note that  $\text{id}_s$  must denote an array as  $\text{id}_p$  is mapped to one of  $\text{id}_s$ 's partial.

LISTOPMSIMPLETOPARTIAL

$$SE_l(e_i) \vdash e_i \xrightarrow{e} v_i \quad v_i \in_c \text{nat}(n, m)$$

$$\Delta, \Delta_c, \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{L}_{ids} \vdash \text{id}_p \Rightarrow \text{id}_s(e_i) \xrightarrow{\text{list}_{opm}} \mathcal{L} \cup \{\text{id}_p\}, \mathcal{L}_{ids} \cup \{(\text{id}_s, v_i)\}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{id}_p \notin \mathcal{L}, \text{id}_s, (\text{id}_s, v_i) \notin \mathcal{L}_{ids} \\ \text{id}_p \in \text{Outs}(\Delta_c) \\ \text{id}_s \in \text{Sigs}(\Delta) \cup \text{Outs}(\Delta) \\ \Delta_c(\text{id}_p) = T \\ \Delta(\text{id}_s) = \text{array}(T, n, m) \end{array}$$

LISTOPMSIMPLETOOPEN

$$\Delta, \Delta_c, \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{L}_{ids} \vdash \text{id}_p \Rightarrow \text{open} \xrightarrow{\text{list}_{opm}} \mathcal{L} \cup \{\text{id}_p\}, \mathcal{L}_{ids}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{id}_p \notin \mathcal{L} \\ \text{id}_p \in \text{Outs}(\Delta_c) \end{array}$$

**Remark 3** (Unconnected output port.). We forbid the case where an indexed formal part corresponding to the subelement of a composite output port is unconnected, i.e  $\text{id}_p(e_i) \Rightarrow \text{open}$ , as it could lead to the case where some subelements of a composite output port are connected while others are not (error case in [VHDL00]).

LISTOPMPARTIALTOSIMPLE

$$SE_l(e_i) \vdash e_i \xrightarrow{e} v_i \quad v_i \in_c \text{nat}(n, m)$$

$$\Delta, \Delta_c, \mathcal{L} \vdash \text{id}_p(e_i) \Rightarrow \text{id}_s \xrightarrow{\text{list}_{opm}} \mathcal{L} \cup \{(\text{id}_p, v_i)\}, \mathcal{L}_{ids} \cup \{\text{id}_s\}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{id}_p, (\text{id}_p, v_i) \notin \mathcal{L}, \text{id}_s \notin \mathcal{L}_{ids} \\ \text{id}_p \in \text{Outs}(\Delta_c) \\ \text{id}_s \in \text{Sigs}(\Delta) \cup \text{Outs}(\Delta) \\ \Delta_c(\text{id}_p) = \text{array}(T, n, m) \\ \Delta(\text{id}_s) = T \end{array}$$

LISTOPMPARTIALTOPARTIAL

$$\begin{array}{c}
\frac{SE_l(e'_i) \quad \vdash e'_i \xrightarrow{e} v'_i \quad v'_i \in_c \mathbf{nat}(n', m') \quad \text{id}_p, (\text{id}_p, v_i) \notin \mathcal{L}, \text{id}_s, (\text{id}_s, v'_i) \notin \mathcal{L}_{ids} \\
SE_l(e_i) \quad \vdash e_i \xrightarrow{e} v_i \quad v_i \in_c \mathbf{nat}(n, m) \quad \text{id}_p \in \text{Outs}(\Delta_c) \\
\hline
\Delta, \Delta_c, \mathcal{L} \vdash \text{id}_p(e_i) \Rightarrow \text{id}_s(e'_i) \xrightarrow{\text{list}_{opm}} \mathcal{L} \cup \{(\text{id}_p, v_i)\}, \mathcal{L}_{ids} \cup \{(\text{id}_s, v'_i)\} \quad \text{id}_s \in \text{Sigs}(\Delta) \cup \text{Outs}(\Delta) \\
\Delta_c(\text{id}_p) = \mathbf{array}(T, n, m) \\
\Delta(\text{id}_s) = \mathbf{array}(T, n', m')
\end{array}$$

LISTOPMCONS

$$\begin{array}{c}
\Delta, \Delta_c, \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{L}_{ids} \vdash \text{assoc}_{po} \xrightarrow{\text{list}_{opm}} \mathcal{L}', \mathcal{L}'_{ids} \quad \Delta, \Delta_c, \mathcal{L}', \mathcal{L}'_{ids} \vdash \text{opmap} \xrightarrow{\text{list}_{opm}} \mathcal{L}'', \mathcal{L}''_{ids} \\
\hline
\Delta, \Delta_c, \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{L}_{ids} \vdash \text{assoc}_{po}, \text{opmap} \xrightarrow{\text{list}_{opm}} \mathcal{L}'', \mathcal{L}''_{ids}
\end{array}$$

### 1.6.4 Valid sequential statements.

The  $\text{valid}_{ss}$  predicate states that a sequential statement is well-typed.

#### Well-typed signal assignment.

WELLTYPEDSIGASSIGN

$$\frac{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash e \xrightarrow{e} v \quad v \in_c T \quad \text{id}_s \in \text{Sigs}(\Delta) \cup \text{Outs}(\Delta)}{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash \text{valid}_{ss}(\text{id}_s \Leftarrow e) \quad \Delta(\text{id}_s) = T}$$

WELLTYPEDIDXSIGASSIGN

$$\frac{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash e \xrightarrow{e} v \quad v \in_c T \quad \Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash e_i \xrightarrow{e} v_i \quad v_i \in_c \mathbf{nat}(n, m) \quad \text{id}_s \in \text{Sigs}(\Delta) \cup \text{Outs}(\Delta)}{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash \text{valid}_{ss}(\text{id}_s(e_i) \Leftarrow e) \quad \Delta(\text{id}_s) = \mathbf{array}(T, n, m)}$$

#### Well-typed variable assignment.

WELLTYPEDVARASSIGN

$$\frac{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash e \xrightarrow{e} v \quad v \in_c T \quad \text{id}_v \in \Lambda}{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash \text{valid}_{ss}(\text{id}_v := e) \quad \Lambda(\text{id}_v) = (T, \text{val})}$$

WELLTYPEDIDXVARASSIGN

$$\frac{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash e \xrightarrow{e} v \quad v \in_c T \quad \Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash e_i \xrightarrow{e} v_i \quad v_i \in_c \mathbf{nat}(n, m) \quad \text{id}_v \in \Lambda}{\Delta, \Lambda \vdash \text{valid}_{ss}(\text{id}_v(e_i) := e) \quad \Lambda(\text{id}_v) = (\mathbf{array}(T, n, m), \text{val})}$$

#### Well-typed if statements.

WELLTYPEDIF

$$\frac{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash e \xrightarrow{e} v \quad v \in_c \mathbf{bool} \quad \Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash \text{valid}_{ss}(\text{ss})}{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash \text{valid}_{ss}(\text{if } (e) \text{ ss})}$$

WELLTYPEDIFELSE

$$\frac{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash e \xrightarrow{e} v \quad v \in_c \mathbf{bool} \quad \Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash \text{valid}_{ss}(\text{ss}) \quad \Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash \text{valid}_{ss}(\text{ss}')}{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash \text{valid}_{ss}(\text{if } (e) \text{ ss ss'})}$$

**Well-typed loop statement.**

WELLTYPEDLOOP

$$\frac{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash e \xrightarrow{e} v \quad v \in_c \text{nat}(0, \text{NATMAX}) \quad \Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash e' \xrightarrow{e} v' \quad v' \in_c \text{nat}(0, \text{NATMAX}) \quad \Delta, \sigma, \Lambda' \vdash \text{valid}_{ss}(ss)}{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash \text{valid}_{ss}(\text{for } (\text{id}_v, e, e') ss)} \quad \Lambda' = \Lambda \cup (\text{id}_v, (\text{nat}(v, v'), v))$$

**Well-typed rising and falling edge blocks**

WELLTYPEDRISING

$$\frac{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash \text{valid}_{ss}(ss)}{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash \text{valid}_{ss}(\text{rising } ss)}$$

WELLTYPEDFALLING

$$\frac{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash \text{valid}_{ss}(ss)}{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash \text{valid}_{ss}(\text{falling } ss)}$$

**Well-typed rst blocks**

WELLTYPEDRST

$$\frac{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash \text{valid}_{ss}(ss) \quad \Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash \text{valid}_{ss}(ss')}{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash \text{valid}_{ss}(\text{rst } ss \ ss')}$$

**Well-typed null statement**

WELLTYPEDNULL

$$\frac{}{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash \text{valid}_{ss}(\text{null})}$$

**1.7 Simulation rules.****1.7.1 Full Simulation**

The full simulation process is decomposed in two steps. The first step is the elaboration phase that builds an elaborated version of a  $\mathcal{H}$ -VHDL design along with its default state, and type-checks the design. Previous to the elaboration phase, the top-level design receives a value for each of its generic constant; we refer to it as the *dimensioning* of the top-level design. The second step is the simulation phase that executes the behavioral part of the top-level design starting from an initial state. The simulation is decomposed into simulation cycles. Each simulation cycle is divided in four parts entailed by the *synchronous* execution of  $\mathcal{H}$ -VHDL top-level designs, i.e designs whose behavior depend on a clock signal. The four parts are, first, the execution of concurrent statements responding to the rising edge of the clock signal, then, a phase of signal stabilization followed by the execution of concurrent statements responding to the falling edge of the clock signal,

and finally another phase of signal stabilization. At each clock event, the value of the primary inputs of the design being currently simulated are captured and injected in the simulation; primary inputs receive values from the design environment. Here, the environment is represented by a function mapping input port identifiers to values depending on the current count of simulation cycles and the considered clock event. This leads to the following hypothesis:

**Hypothesis 1** (Stable primary inputs). *The values of primary inputs (i.e, input ports of the top-level design) are captured at each clock event, and therefore are stable (i.e, their values do not change) between two contiguous clock events.*

Hypothesis **Stable primary inputs** arises from the fact that the clock signal sample rate respects the Nyquist-Shannon sampling theorem. Therefore, the sample rate of the design's clock is sufficient to capture all events possibly arising in the environment. We only need to settle the values of the primary inputs at the clock edges.

Also, after each clock event phase follows a signal stabilization phase in the proceedings of a simulation cycle. One more hypothesis is needed here:

**Hypothesis 2** (Stabilization). *All signals have enough time to stabilize during the signal stabilization phase that happens between two clock events.*

As a  $\mathcal{H}$ -VHDL design represents a physical circuit, one can assume that the represented circuit is analyzed former to the simulation. Therefore, one knows exactly how much time is needed to propagate signal values through the longest physical path; as a consequence, a proper clock frequency is set ensuring signal stabilization between two clock events. Thus, Hypothesis **Stabilization** arises from the previous facts.

The *full* simulation relation takes in parameter a top-level design  $d$ , a design store  $\mathcal{D} \in id \multimap design$ , an elaborated design  $\Delta \in ElDesign(d)$ , a dimensioning function  $\mathcal{M}_g \in Gens(\Delta) \multimap value$ , a primary input environment  $E_p \in (\mathbb{N} \times Clk) \rightarrow (Ins(\Delta) \rightarrow value)$ , a simulation cycle count  $\tau \in \mathbb{N}$ , and a simulation trace  $\theta \in list(\Sigma(\Delta))$ , corresponding to the list of states yielded by design  $d$  after  $\tau$  simulation cycles. Note that we use the pointed notation to access the behavioral part of design  $d$ , written  $d.cs$ . It is this part of the design that is executed during the simulation, and therefore is passed as a parameter of the initialization and simulation relations.

FULLSIM

$$\frac{\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{M}_g \vdash d \xrightarrow{elab} \Delta, \sigma \quad \mathcal{D}, \Delta, \sigma \vdash d.cs \xrightarrow{init} \sigma_0 \quad \mathcal{D}, E_p, \Delta, \tau, \sigma_0 \vdash d.cs \rightarrow \theta}{\mathcal{D}, \Delta, \mathcal{M}_g, E_p, \tau \vdash d \xrightarrow{full} (\sigma_0 :: \theta)}$$

where:

- $\mathcal{M}_g \in Gens(\Delta) \multimap value$ , the function yielding the values of generic constants for a given top-level design, referred to as the *dimensioning* function.



- $E_p \in (\mathbb{N} \times Clk) \rightarrow (ident \rightarrow value)$ , the function yielding a mapping from primary inputs (i.e, input ports of the top-level design) to values at a given simulation cycle count (i.e, the  $\mathbb{N}$  argument), and a given clock event (i.e, the  $Clk$  argument, where  $Clk = \{\uparrow, \downarrow\}$ ).
- $\tau$ , the number of simulation cycles to execute. The value of  $\tau$  is decremented at each clock cycle until it reaches zero (see Section 1.7.2).

### 1.7.2 Simulation loop.

$$\frac{\text{SIMEND}}{\mathcal{D}, E_p, \Delta, 0, \sigma \vdash cs \rightarrow []} \quad \frac{\text{SIMLOOP} \quad \mathcal{D}, E_p, \Delta, \tau, \sigma \vdash cs \xrightarrow{\uparrow, \downarrow} \sigma', \sigma'' \quad \mathcal{D}, E_p, \Delta, \tau - 1, \sigma'' \vdash cs \rightarrow \theta}{\mathcal{D}, E_p, \Delta, \tau, \sigma \vdash cs \rightarrow (\sigma' :: \sigma'' :: \theta)} \quad \tau > 0$$

### 1.7.3 Simulation cycle.

To ease the reading of forward simulation rules, we need to introduce two notations.

**Notation 3** (Overriding union). For all partial function  $f, f' \in X \rightarrow Y$ ,  $f \overset{\leftarrow}{\cup} f'$  denotes the overriding union of  $f$  and  $f'$  such that  $f \overset{\leftarrow}{\cup} f' = \lambda x. \begin{cases} f'(x) & \text{if } x \in \text{dom}(f') \\ f(x) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

**Notation 4** (Differentiated intersection domain). For all partial function  $f, f' \in X \rightarrow Y$ ,  $f \overset{\neq}{\cap} f'$  denotes the intersection of the domain of  $f$  and  $f'$  for which  $f$  and  $f'$  yields different values.

That is,  $f \overset{\neq}{\cap} f' = \{ x \in \text{dom}(f) \cap \text{dom}(f') \mid f(x) \neq f'(x) \}$ .

**Definition 4** (Input port values update). Given an  $\mathcal{H}$ -VHDL design  $d \in \text{design}$ , a design store  $\mathcal{D} \in id \rightarrow \text{design}$ , an elaborated design  $\Delta \in \text{ElDesign}(d, \mathcal{D})$ , a simulation environment  $E_p \in (\mathbb{N} \times \{\uparrow, \downarrow\}) \rightarrow (\text{Ins}(\Delta) \rightarrow \text{value})$ , let us define the relation expressing the update of the values of the input ports of  $\Delta$  at a given design state  $\sigma \in \Sigma(\Delta)$ , clock cycle count  $\tau \in \mathbb{N}$ , and clock event  $clk \in \{\uparrow, \downarrow\}$ , and thus resulting in a new state  $\sigma_i \in \Sigma(\Delta)$ . The relation is written  $\text{Inject}_{clk}(\sigma, E_p, \tau, \sigma_i)$  and verifies that:  $\sigma = \langle \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{E} \rangle$  and  $\sigma_i = \langle \mathcal{S} \overset{\leftarrow}{\cup} E_p(\tau, clk), \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{E} \rangle$ .

The cycle relation states that the design state  $\sigma''$  is the result of the execution of concurrent statement  $cs$  over one simulation cycle, this starting from state  $\sigma$ . As told in Hypothesis 1, we update the input port values at each clock event. Fresh input port values are coming from the environment  $E_p$ . The updates are made in the definitions of  $\sigma_i$  and  $\sigma'_i$ . These definitions are expressed as side conditions.

$$\frac{\text{SIMCYC} \quad \mathcal{D}, \Delta, \sigma_i \vdash cs \xrightarrow{\uparrow} \sigma_r \quad \mathcal{D}, \Delta, \sigma_r \vdash cs \xrightarrow{\rightsquigarrow} \sigma' \quad \mathcal{D}, \Delta, \sigma'_i \vdash cs \xrightarrow{\downarrow} \sigma_f \quad \mathcal{D}, \Delta, \sigma_f \vdash cs \xrightarrow{\rightsquigarrow} \sigma''}{\mathcal{D}, E_p, \Delta, \tau, \sigma \vdash cs \xrightarrow{\uparrow, \downarrow} \sigma', \sigma''} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Inject}_{\uparrow}(\sigma, E_p, \tau, \sigma_i) \\ \text{Inject}_{\downarrow}(\sigma', E_p, \tau, \sigma_f) \end{array}$$

**Remark 4** (Input ports and signal store). For a given  $\Delta \in \text{Design}$ ,  $\sigma \in \Sigma(\Delta)$ ,  $E_p \in \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \text{Clk} \rightarrow (\text{Ins}(\Delta) \rightarrow \text{value})$ ,  $\tau \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\text{clk} \in \text{Clk}$ , we have  $\text{dom}(E_p(\tau, \text{clk})) \subseteq \text{dom}(\mathcal{S})$ , where  $\sigma = \langle \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{E} \rangle$ . Indeed, the input ports of  $\Delta$  that constitutes the domain of  $E_p(\tau, \text{clk})$  are a subset of the set of signals. The set of signals constitutes the domain of the signal store of  $\sigma$  (i.e.,  $\mathcal{S}$ ); thus we have  $\text{dom}(E_p(\tau, \text{clk})) \subseteq \text{dom}(\mathcal{S})$ .

### 1.7.4 Initialization rules

INIT

$$\frac{\mathcal{D}, \Delta, \sigma \vdash \text{cs} \xrightarrow{\text{runinit}} \sigma' \quad \mathcal{D}, \Delta, \sigma' \vdash \text{cs} \xrightarrow{\rightsquigarrow} \sigma''}{\mathcal{D}, \Delta, \sigma \vdash \text{cs} \xrightarrow{\text{init}} \sigma''}$$

At the initialization phase, the block of sequential instructions of all processes is executed exactly once (*runinit*), then a stabilization phase follows (*stabilize*). It is during the initialization phase that the first part of *rst* blocks is executed. A block (*rst ss ss'*) is equivalent to (*if (rst = false) then ss else ss'*) where *rst* is a reserved signal identifier. Therefore, when considering a *rst* block, the *runinit* relation executes the *ss* block; at every other moment of the simulation, the *ss'* block is executed. This mimicks the conventional proceeding of a simulation where the *rst* signal (for *reset* signal) is set to false during the initialization (only during the *runinit* phase, not during the stabilization phase), and then is set to true for the rest of the simulation.

#### Evaluation of a process statement

##### Premises

- The *i* flag of the  $ss_i$  relation indicates that all sequential instructions responding to the initialization phase (i.e., *rst* blocks) will be executed.
- The set of events of state  $\sigma$  is emptied ( $\text{NoEv}(\sigma)$ ) before the evaluation of the process statement body.

PSRUNINIT

$$\frac{\Delta, \text{NoEv}(\sigma), \Lambda \vdash ss \xrightarrow{ss_i} \sigma', \Lambda'}{\mathcal{D}, \Delta, \sigma \vdash \text{process}(\text{id}_p, \text{sl}, \text{vars}, \text{ss}) \xrightarrow{\text{runinit}} \sigma'} \quad \Delta(\text{id}_p) = \Lambda$$

#### Evaluation of a component instantiation statement

##### Side conditions

If  $\sigma''$  has a non-empty set of events, then the state of component  $\text{id}_c$  must be overridden in the target state of the *runinit* relation. Moreover,  $\text{id}_c$  must be added to the set

of events of the embedding design. This is expressed by the side condition:  $\sigma'' = (\sigma'(\text{id}_c) \leftarrow \sigma_c'') \cup_{\mathcal{E}} \{\text{id}_c\}$

COMPRUNINITEVENTS

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \Delta, \Delta_c, \sigma, \sigma_c \vdash \text{ipmap} \xrightarrow{\text{mapip}} \sigma'_c \\
 \mathcal{D}, \Delta_c, \sigma'_c \vdash \mathcal{D}(\text{id}_e).cs \xrightarrow{\text{runinit}} \sigma''_c \\
 \Delta, \Delta_c, \text{NoEv}(\sigma), \sigma''_c \vdash \text{opmap} \xrightarrow{\text{mapop}} \sigma' \\
 \hline
 \mathcal{D}, \Delta, \sigma \vdash \text{comp}(\text{id}_c, \text{id}_e, \text{gmap}, \text{ipmap}, \text{opmap}) \xrightarrow{\text{runinit}} \sigma''
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{l}
 id_e \in \mathcal{D} \\
 \Delta(\text{id}_c) = \Delta_c, \sigma(\text{id}_c) = \sigma_c \\
 \sigma''_c = \langle \mathcal{S}_c'', \mathcal{C}_c'', \mathcal{E}_c'' \rangle, \mathcal{E}_c'' \neq \emptyset \\
 \sigma'' = (\sigma'(\text{id}_c) \leftarrow \sigma''_c) \cup_{\mathcal{E}} \{\text{id}_c\}
 \end{array}$$

COMPRUNINITNOEVENT

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \Delta, \Delta_c, \sigma, \sigma_c \vdash \text{ipmap} \xrightarrow{\text{mapip}} \sigma'_c \\
 \mathcal{D}, \Delta_c, \sigma'_c \vdash \mathcal{D}(\text{id}_e).cs \xrightarrow{\text{runinit}} \sigma''_c \\
 \Delta, \Delta_c, \text{NoEv}(\sigma), \sigma''_c \vdash \text{opmap} \xrightarrow{\text{mapop}} \sigma' \\
 \hline
 \mathcal{D}, \Delta, \sigma \vdash \text{comp}(\text{id}_c, \text{id}_e, \text{gmap}, \text{ipmap}, \text{opmap}) \xrightarrow{\text{runinit}} \sigma'
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{l}
 id_e \in \mathcal{D} \\
 \Delta(\text{id}_c) = \Delta_c, \sigma(\text{id}_c) = \sigma_c \\
 \sigma''_c = \langle \mathcal{S}_c'', \mathcal{C}_c'', \emptyset \rangle
 \end{array}$$

**Remark 5** (No event on component execution). *If, after the injection of fresh input values and the execution of its internal behavior, a component instance displays an empty set of events, then its state stayed the same ( $\sigma_c = \sigma'_c = \sigma''_c$ ). Then, no need to override the component instance state in the embedding design state, and no need to propagate the values coming from the output ports of the component instance to the embedding design.*

### Evaluation of the composition of concurrent statements

PARRUNINIT

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \mathcal{D}, \Delta, \sigma \vdash cs \xrightarrow{\text{runinit}} \sigma' \quad \mathcal{D}, \Delta, \sigma \vdash cs' \xrightarrow{\text{runinit}} \sigma'' \quad \sigma' = \langle \mathcal{S}', \mathcal{C}', \mathcal{E}' \rangle \\
 \hline
 \mathcal{D}, \Delta, \sigma \vdash cs \parallel cs' \xrightarrow{\text{runinit}} \text{merge}(\sigma, \sigma', \sigma'') \quad \sigma'' = \langle \mathcal{S}'', \mathcal{C}'', \mathcal{E}'' \rangle \\
 \mathcal{E}' \cap \mathcal{E}'' = \emptyset
 \end{array}$$

NULLRUNINIT

$$\Delta, \sigma \vdash \text{null} \xrightarrow{\text{runinit}} \text{NoEv}(\sigma)$$

The merge function computes a new state based on the original state  $o$ , and the states  $s$  and  $s'$  yielded by the computation of two concurrent statements. In the resulting state, the signal value store  $\mathcal{S}_m$  is a function merging together the signal store functions at state  $o$ ,  $s$  and  $s'$ .  $\mathcal{S}_m$  yields values from the signal store  $\mathcal{S}$  (resp.  $\mathcal{S}'$ ) for all signal that belongs to the set of events at state  $s$  (resp.  $s'$ ), and yields values from the original signal store  $\mathcal{S}_o$  for all unchanged signals. The same goes for the resulting component instance state store  $\mathcal{C}_m$ . The new set of events  $\mathcal{E}_m$  is the union between set of events at state  $s$  and  $s'$ .

```

1 Definition merge(o,s,s') :=
2   let o = (So,Co,Eo) in
3   let s = (S,C,E) in
4   let s' = (S',C',E') in
5   let Sm = λid. if id ∈ E then S(id) else if id ∈ E' then S'(id) else So(id)
6   let Cm = λid. if id ∈ E then C(id) else if id ∈ E' then C'(id) else Co(id)
7   let Em = E ∪ E' in (Sm,Cm,Em).

```

**Remark 6** (No multiply-driven signals). For all states  $\sigma = (S, C, E)$  and  $\sigma' = (S', C', E')$  resulting from the execution of two concurrent statements  $cs$  and  $cs'$ ,  $E \cap E' = \emptyset$ . Otherwise, there exists some multiply-driven signals, which are forbidden in our semantics.

### 1.7.5 Clock phases rules

The following rules express the evaluation of concurrent statements at clock phases, i.e, the  $\uparrow$  and  $\downarrow$  phases. The clock signal, triggering the evaluation of synchronous process statements, is represented by the reserved signal identifier `clk`. Thus, synchronous processes are processes containing the `clk` in their sensitivity list.

#### Evaluation of a process statement

PsRENoCLK

$$\frac{}{\mathcal{D}, \Delta, \sigma \vdash \text{process}(\text{id}_p, \text{sl}, \text{vars}, \text{ss}) \xrightarrow{\uparrow} \sigma} \quad \text{clk} \notin \text{sl}$$

##### Premises

The  $\uparrow$  flag in the  $ss_{\uparrow}$  relation indicates that rising blocks will be executed.

PsRECLK

$$\frac{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash \text{ss} \xrightarrow{ss_{\uparrow}} \sigma'}{\mathcal{D}, \Delta, \sigma \vdash \text{process}(\text{id}_p, \text{sl}, \text{vars}, \text{ss}) \xrightarrow{\uparrow} \sigma'} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{clk} \in \text{sl} \\ \Delta(\text{id}_p) = \Lambda \end{array}$$

PsFENoCLK

$$\frac{}{\mathcal{D}, \Delta, \sigma \vdash \text{process}(\text{id}_p, \text{sl}, \text{vars}, \text{ss}) \xrightarrow{\downarrow} \sigma} \quad \text{clk} \notin \text{sl}$$

##### Premises

The  $\downarrow$  flag in the  $ss_{\downarrow}$  relation indicates that falling blocks will be executed.

PSFEC<sub>CLK</sub>

$$\frac{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash ss \xrightarrow{ss \downarrow} \sigma'}{\mathcal{D}, \Delta, \sigma \vdash \text{process}(\text{id}_p, \text{sl}, \text{vars}, ss) \xrightarrow{\downarrow} \sigma'} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{clk} \in \text{sl} \\ \Delta(\text{id}_p) = \Lambda \end{array}$$

**Evaluation of a component instantiation statement**

COMPREEVENTS

$$\frac{\begin{array}{l} \Delta, \Delta_c, \sigma, \sigma_c \vdash \text{ipmap} \xrightarrow{\text{mapip}} \sigma'_c \\ \mathcal{D}, \Delta_c, \sigma'_c \vdash \mathcal{D}(\text{id}_e).cs \xrightarrow{\uparrow} \sigma''_c \\ \Delta, \Delta_c, \sigma, \sigma''_c \vdash \text{opmap} \xrightarrow{\text{mapop}} \sigma' \end{array}}{\mathcal{D}, \Delta, \sigma \vdash \text{comp}(\text{id}_c, \text{id}_e, \text{gmap}, \text{ipmap}, \text{opmap}) \xrightarrow{\uparrow} \sigma''} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{id}_e \in \mathcal{D} \\ \Delta(\text{id}_c) = \Delta_c, \sigma(\text{id}_c) = \sigma_c \\ \sigma''_c = \langle \mathcal{S}''_c, \mathcal{C}''_c, \mathcal{E}''_c \rangle, \mathcal{E}''_c \neq \emptyset \\ \sigma'' = (\sigma'(\text{id}_c) \leftarrow \sigma''_c) \cup_{\mathcal{E}} \{\text{id}_c\} \end{array}$$

COMPREENOEVENT

$$\frac{\begin{array}{l} \Delta, \Delta_c, \sigma, \sigma_c \vdash \text{ipmap} \xrightarrow{\text{mapip}} \sigma'_c \\ \mathcal{D}, \Delta_c, \sigma'_c \vdash \mathcal{D}(\text{id}_e).cs \xrightarrow{\uparrow} \sigma''_c \\ \Delta, \Delta_c, \sigma, \sigma''_c \vdash \text{opmap} \xrightarrow{\text{mapop}} \sigma' \end{array}}{\mathcal{D}, \Delta, \sigma \vdash \text{comp}(\text{id}_c, \text{id}_e, \text{gmap}, \text{ipmap}, \text{opmap}) \xrightarrow{\uparrow} \sigma'} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{id}_e \in \mathcal{D} \\ \Delta(\text{id}_c) = \Delta_c, \sigma(\text{id}_c) = \sigma_c \\ \sigma''_c = \langle \mathcal{S}''_c, \mathcal{C}''_c, \emptyset \rangle \end{array}$$

COMPFEEVENTS

$$\frac{\begin{array}{l} \Delta, \Delta_c, \sigma, \sigma_c \vdash \text{ipmap} \xrightarrow{\text{mapip}} \sigma'_c \\ \mathcal{D}, \Delta_c, \sigma'_c \vdash \mathcal{D}(\text{id}_e).cs \xrightarrow{\downarrow} \sigma''_c \\ \Delta, \Delta_c, \sigma, \sigma''_c \vdash \text{opmap} \xrightarrow{\text{mapop}} \sigma' \end{array}}{\mathcal{D}, \Delta, \sigma \vdash \text{comp}(\text{id}_c, \text{id}_e, \text{gmap}, \text{ipmap}, \text{opmap}) \xrightarrow{\downarrow} \sigma''} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{id}_e \in \mathcal{D} \\ \Delta(\text{id}_c) = \Delta_c, \sigma(\text{id}_c) = \sigma_c \\ \sigma''_c = \langle \mathcal{S}''_c, \mathcal{C}''_c, \mathcal{E}''_c \rangle, \mathcal{E}''_c \neq \emptyset \\ \sigma'' = (\sigma'(\text{id}_c) \leftarrow \sigma''_c) \cup_{\mathcal{E}} \{\text{id}_c\} \end{array}$$

COMPFENOEVENT

$$\frac{\begin{array}{l} \Delta, \Delta_c, \sigma, \sigma_c \vdash \text{ipmap} \xrightarrow{\text{mapip}} \sigma'_c \\ \mathcal{D}, \Delta_c, \sigma'_c \vdash \mathcal{D}(\text{id}_e).cs \xrightarrow{\downarrow} \sigma''_c \\ \Delta, \Delta_c, \sigma, \sigma''_c \vdash \text{opmap} \xrightarrow{\text{mapop}} \sigma' \end{array}}{\mathcal{D}, \Delta, \sigma \vdash \text{comp}(\text{id}_c, \text{id}_e, \text{gmap}, \text{ipmap}, \text{opmap}) \xrightarrow{\downarrow} \sigma'} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{id}_e \in \mathcal{D} \\ \Delta(\text{id}_c) = \Delta_c, \sigma(\text{id}_c) = \sigma_c \\ \sigma''_c = \langle \mathcal{S}''_c, \mathcal{C}''_c, \emptyset \rangle \end{array}$$

**Evaluation of the composition of concurrent statements**

**Side conditions**

- As the set of events of the source state  $\sigma$  is not emptied during the evaluation of concurrent statements at clock phases, we have  $\mathcal{E} \subseteq \mathcal{E}'$  and  $\mathcal{E} \subseteq \mathcal{E}''$ . Thus, the side condition  $\mathcal{E}' \cap \mathcal{E}'' = \emptyset$ , used to prevent multiply driven signals in the evaluation rules of the initialization and stabilization phases, only holds here if  $\mathcal{E} = \emptyset$ , which is not always the case. So, we have to remove the set  $\mathcal{E}$  from the intersection of  $\mathcal{E}'$  and  $\mathcal{E}''$  before checking that there are no multiply-driven signals:  $(\mathcal{E}' \cap \mathcal{E}'') \setminus \mathcal{E} = \emptyset$ .

$$\begin{array}{c}
\text{PARFE} \\
\frac{\mathcal{D}, \Delta, \sigma \vdash \text{cs} \xrightarrow{\downarrow} \sigma' \quad \mathcal{D}, \Delta, \sigma \vdash \text{cs}' \xrightarrow{\downarrow} \sigma''}{\mathcal{D}, \Delta, \sigma \vdash \text{cs} \parallel \text{cs}' \xrightarrow{\downarrow} \text{merge}(\sigma, \sigma', \sigma'')} \quad \begin{array}{l} \sigma = \langle S, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{E} \rangle \\ \sigma' = \langle S', \mathcal{C}', \mathcal{E}' \rangle \\ \sigma'' = \langle S'', \mathcal{C}'', \mathcal{E}'' \rangle \\ (\mathcal{E}' \cap \mathcal{E}'') \setminus \mathcal{E} = \emptyset \end{array} \quad \frac{\text{NULLFE}}{\Delta, \sigma \vdash \text{null} \xrightarrow{\downarrow} \sigma}
\end{array}$$
  

$$\begin{array}{c}
\text{PARRE} \\
\frac{\mathcal{D}, \Delta, \sigma \vdash \text{cs} \xrightarrow{\uparrow} \sigma' \quad \mathcal{D}, \Delta, \sigma \vdash \text{cs}' \xrightarrow{\uparrow} \sigma''}{\mathcal{D}, \Delta, \sigma \vdash \text{cs} \parallel \text{cs}' \xrightarrow{\uparrow} \text{merge}(\sigma, \sigma', \sigma'')} \quad \begin{array}{l} \sigma = \langle S, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{E} \rangle \\ \sigma' = \langle S', \mathcal{C}', \mathcal{E}' \rangle \\ \sigma'' = \langle S'', \mathcal{C}'', \mathcal{E}'' \rangle \\ (\mathcal{E}' \cap \mathcal{E}'') \setminus \mathcal{E} = \emptyset \end{array} \quad \frac{\text{NULLRE}}{\Delta, \sigma \vdash \text{null} \xrightarrow{\uparrow} \sigma}
\end{array}$$

**Remark 7** (Events at clock phases). *Considering that an  $\uparrow$  (or  $\downarrow$ ) phase, is always preceded by a stabilization phase during the full simulation of an  $\mathcal{H}$ -VHDL design, we are always able to state that the set of events of source state  $\sigma$  is a subset of input port identifiers, i.e  $\mathcal{E} \subseteq \text{Ins}(\Delta)$ . Thus, withdrawing the set  $\mathcal{E}$  from  $\mathcal{E}' \cap \mathcal{E}''$  will never overshadow cases of multiply-driven signals. Indeed, only input port identifiers will be withdrawn from the set by the minus operation. And, input port identifiers are not subject to the problem of multiply-driven signals, because they are read-only constructs.*

**1.7.6 Stabilization rules**

$$\begin{array}{c}
\text{STABILIZEEND} \\
\frac{}{\mathcal{D}, \Delta, \sigma \vdash \text{cs} \xrightarrow{\sim\sim} \sigma} \quad \sigma = \langle S, \mathcal{C}, \emptyset \rangle
\end{array}$$
  

$$\begin{array}{c}
\text{STABILIZELOOP} \\
\frac{\mathcal{D}, \Delta, \sigma \vdash \text{cs} \xrightarrow{\text{comb}} \sigma' \quad \mathcal{D}, \Delta, \sigma' \vdash \text{cs} \xrightarrow{\sim\sim} \sigma''}{\mathcal{D}, \Delta, \sigma \vdash \text{cs} \xrightarrow{\sim\sim} \sigma''} \quad \begin{array}{l} \sigma = \langle S, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{E} \rangle \\ \mathcal{E} \neq \emptyset \\ \sigma'' = \langle S'', \mathcal{C}'', \emptyset \rangle \end{array}
\end{array}$$

**Evaluation of a process statement**

$$\begin{array}{c}
\text{PSCOMBSTABLE} \\
\frac{}{\mathcal{D}, \Delta, \sigma \vdash \text{process}(\text{id}_p, \text{sl}, \text{vars}, \text{ss}) \xrightarrow{\text{comb}} \text{NoEv}(\sigma)} \quad \begin{array}{l} \sigma = \langle S, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{E} \rangle \\ \text{sl} \cap \mathcal{E} = \emptyset \end{array}
\end{array}$$

**Premises**

The  $c$  flag (for *combinational*) on the  $ss_c$  relation indicates that instructions responding to clock events (falling and rising blocks) and instructions executed during the initialization phase only (rst blocks) will not be considered.

PSCOMBUNSTABLE

$$\frac{\Delta, NoEv(\sigma), \Lambda \vdash ss \xrightarrow{ss_c} \sigma'}{\mathcal{D}, \Delta, \sigma \vdash \text{process}(\text{id}_p, \text{sl}, \text{vars}, \text{ss}) \xrightarrow{comb} \sigma'} \quad \begin{array}{l} \sigma = \langle \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{E} \rangle \\ \text{sl} \cap \mathcal{E} \neq \emptyset \\ \Delta(\text{id}_p) = \Lambda \end{array}$$

**Evaluation of a component instantiation statement**

COMPCOMBEVENTS

$$\frac{\begin{array}{l} \Delta, \Delta_c, \sigma, \sigma_c \vdash \text{ipmap} \xrightarrow{\text{mapip}} \sigma'_c \\ \mathcal{D}, \Delta_c, \sigma'_c \vdash \mathcal{D}(\text{id}_e).cs \xrightarrow{comb} \sigma''_c \\ \Delta, \Delta_c, NoEv(\sigma), \sigma''_c \vdash \text{opmap} \xrightarrow{\text{mapop}} \sigma' \end{array}}{\mathcal{D}, \Delta, \sigma \vdash \text{comp}(\text{id}_c, \text{id}_e, \text{gmap}, \text{ipmap}, \text{opmap}) \xrightarrow{comb} \sigma''} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{id}_e \in \mathcal{D} \\ \Delta(\text{id}_c) = \Delta_c, \sigma(\text{id}_c) = \sigma_c \\ \sigma''_c = \langle \mathcal{S}''_c, \mathcal{C}''_c, \mathcal{E}''_c \rangle, \mathcal{E}''_c \neq \emptyset \\ \sigma'' = (\sigma'(\text{id}_c) \leftarrow \sigma''_c) \cup_{\mathcal{E}} \{\text{id}_c\} \end{array}$$

COMPCOMBNOEVENT

$$\frac{\begin{array}{l} \Delta, \Delta_c, \sigma, \sigma_c \vdash \text{ipmap} \xrightarrow{\text{mapip}} \sigma'_c \\ \mathcal{D}, \Delta_c, \sigma'_c \vdash \mathcal{D}(\text{id}_e).cs \xrightarrow{comb} \sigma''_c \\ \Delta, \Delta_c, NoEv(\sigma), \sigma''_c \vdash \text{opmap} \xrightarrow{\text{mapop}} \sigma' \end{array}}{\mathcal{D}, \Delta, \sigma \vdash \text{comp}(\text{id}_c, \text{id}_e, \text{gmap}, \text{ipmap}, \text{opmap}) \xrightarrow{comb} \sigma'} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{id}_e \in \mathcal{D} \\ \Delta(\text{id}_c) = \Delta_c, \sigma(\text{id}_c) = \sigma_c \\ \sigma''_c = \langle \mathcal{S}''_c, \mathcal{C}''_c, \emptyset \rangle \end{array}$$

**Evaluation of the composition of concurrent statements**

PARCOMB

$$\frac{\mathcal{D}, \Delta, \sigma \vdash cs \xrightarrow{comb} \sigma' \quad \mathcal{D}, \Delta, \sigma \vdash cs' \xrightarrow{comb} \sigma'' \quad \begin{array}{l} \sigma' = \langle \mathcal{S}', \mathcal{C}', \mathcal{E}' \rangle \\ \sigma'' = \langle \mathcal{S}'', \mathcal{C}'', \mathcal{E}'' \rangle \end{array}}{\mathcal{D}, \Delta, \sigma \vdash cs \parallel cs' \xrightarrow{comb} \text{merge}(\sigma, \sigma', \sigma'')} \quad \mathcal{E}' \cap \mathcal{E}'' = \emptyset$$

NULLCOMB

$$\frac{}{\Delta, \sigma \vdash \text{null} \xrightarrow{\downarrow} NoEv(\sigma)}$$

### 1.7.7 Evaluation of input and output port maps

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{MAPIPSIMPLE} \\
 \hline
 \Delta, \sigma \vdash e \xrightarrow{e} v \quad v \in_c T \\
 \Delta, \Delta_c, \sigma, \sigma_c \vdash \text{id}_s \Rightarrow e \xrightarrow{\text{mapip}} \langle S', \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{E}' \rangle
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{l}
 \Delta_c(\text{id}_s) = T \\
 \sigma_c = \langle S, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{E} \rangle \\
 S' = S(\text{id}_s) \leftarrow v \\
 \mathcal{E}' = \mathcal{E} \cup (S \dot{\cap} S')
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{MAPIPPARTIAL} \\
 \hline
 \Delta, \sigma \vdash e \xrightarrow{e} v \quad v \in_c T \\
 \vdash e_i \xrightarrow{e} v_i \quad v_i \in_c \text{nat}(n, m) \\
 \Delta, \Delta_c, \sigma, \sigma_c \vdash \text{id}_s(e_i) \Rightarrow e \xrightarrow{\text{mapip}} \langle S', \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{E}' \rangle
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{l}
 \Delta_c(\text{id}_s) = \text{array}(T, n, m) \\
 \sigma_c = \langle S, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{E} \rangle \\
 S' = S(\text{id}_s) \leftarrow \text{set\_at}(v, v_i, S(\text{id}_s)) \\
 \mathcal{E}' = \mathcal{E} \cup (S \dot{\cap} S')
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{MAPIPCOMP} \\
 \hline
 \Delta, \Delta_c, \sigma, \sigma_c \vdash \text{assoc}_{ip} \xrightarrow{\text{mapip}} \sigma'_c \quad \Delta, \Delta_c, \sigma, \sigma'_c \vdash \text{ipmap} \xrightarrow{\text{mapip}} \sigma''_c \\
 \Delta, \Delta_c, \sigma, \sigma_c \vdash \langle \text{assoc}_{ip}, \text{ipmap} \rangle \xrightarrow{\text{mapip}} \sigma''_c
 \end{array}$$

**Remark 8** (Out ports and  $e$ ). We can not use the  $e$  relation to interpret the values of output ports, because output ports are write-only constructs. We append the flag  $o$  to the  $e$  relation (i.e.,  $e_o$ ) to permit the evaluation of output port identifiers as regular signal identifier expressions.

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{MAPOPOPEN} \\
 \hline
 \Delta, \Delta_c, \sigma, \sigma_c \vdash \text{id}_f \Rightarrow \text{open} \xrightarrow{\text{mapop}} \sigma_c
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{MAPOPSIMPLETOSIMPLE} \\
 \hline
 \Delta_c, \sigma_c \vdash \text{id}_f \xrightarrow{e_o} v \quad v \in_c T \\
 \Delta, \Delta_c, \sigma, \sigma_c \vdash \text{id}_f \Rightarrow \text{id}_a \xrightarrow{\text{mapop}} \langle S', \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{E}' \rangle
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{l}
 \text{id}_a \in \text{Sigs}(\Delta) \cup \text{Outs}(\Delta) \\
 \Delta(\text{id}_a) = T \\
 \sigma = \langle S, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{E} \rangle \\
 S' = S(\text{id}_a) \leftarrow v, \mathcal{E}' = \mathcal{E} \cup (S \dot{\cap} S')
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{MAPOPSIMPLETOPARTIAL} \\
 \hline
 \vdash e_i \xrightarrow{e} v_i \quad v \in_c T \\
 \Delta_c, \sigma_c \vdash \text{id}_f \xrightarrow{e_o} v \quad v_i \in_c \text{nat}(n, m) \\
 \Delta, \Delta_c, \sigma, \sigma_c \vdash \text{id}_f \Rightarrow \text{id}_a(e_i) \xrightarrow{\text{mapop}} \langle S', \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{E}' \rangle
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{l}
 \text{id}_a \in \text{Sigs}(\Delta) \cup \text{Outs}(\Delta) \\
 \Delta(\text{id}_a) = \text{array}(T, n, m) \\
 \sigma = \langle S, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{E} \rangle \\
 S' = S(\text{id}_a) \leftarrow \text{set\_at}(v, v_i, S(\text{id}_a)) \\
 \mathcal{E}' = \mathcal{E} \cup (S \dot{\cap} S')
 \end{array}$$



$$\begin{array}{c}
\text{MAPOPARTIALTOSIMPLE} \\
\frac{\Delta_c, \sigma_c \vdash \text{id}_f(e'_i) \xrightarrow{e_o} v \quad v \in_c T}{\Delta, \Delta_c, \sigma, \sigma_c \vdash \text{id}_f(e'_i) \Rightarrow \text{id}_a \xrightarrow{\text{mapop}} \langle \mathcal{S}', \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{E}' \rangle} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{id}_a \in \text{Sigs}(\Delta) \cup \text{Outs}(\Delta) \\ \Delta(\text{id}_a) = T \\ \sigma = \langle \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{E} \rangle \\ \mathcal{S}' = \mathcal{S}(\text{id}_a) \leftarrow v, \mathcal{E}' = \mathcal{E} \cup (\mathcal{S} \overset{\neq}{\cap} \mathcal{S}') \end{array} \\
\\
\text{MAPOPARTIALTOPARTIAL} \\
\frac{\vdash e_i \xrightarrow{e} v_i \quad \Delta_c, \sigma_c \vdash \text{id}_f(e'_i) \xrightarrow{e_o} v \quad v_i \in_c \text{nat}(n, m)}{\Delta, \Delta_c, \sigma, \sigma_c \vdash \text{id}_f(e'_i) \Rightarrow \text{id}_a(e_i) \xrightarrow{\text{mapop}} \langle \mathcal{S}', \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{E}' \rangle} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{id}_a \in \text{Sigs}(\Delta) \cup \text{Outs}(\Delta) \\ \Delta(\text{id}_a) = \text{array}(T, n, m) \\ \sigma = \langle \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{E} \rangle \\ \mathcal{S}' = \mathcal{S}(\text{id}_a) \leftarrow \text{set\_at}(v, v_i, \mathcal{S}(\text{id}_a)) \\ \mathcal{E}' = \mathcal{E} \cup (\mathcal{S} \overset{\neq}{\cap} \mathcal{S}') \end{array} \\
\\
\text{MAPOPCOMP} \\
\frac{\Delta, \Delta_c, \sigma, \sigma_c \vdash \text{assoc}_{p0} \xrightarrow{\text{mapop}} \sigma' \quad \Delta, \Delta_c, \sigma', \sigma_c \vdash \text{opmap} \xrightarrow{\text{mapop}} \sigma''}{\Delta, \Delta_c, \sigma, \sigma_c \vdash \langle \text{assoc}_{p0}, \text{opmap} \rangle \xrightarrow{\text{mapop}} \sigma''}
\end{array}$$

The  $e_o$  relation is only defined to retrieve the value of out ports from a store signal  $\mathcal{S}$  under a design state  $\sigma = \langle \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{E} \rangle$ .

$$\begin{array}{c}
\text{OUTO} \\
\frac{}{\Delta_c, \sigma_c \vdash \text{id}_s \xrightarrow{e_o} \sigma_c(\text{id}_s)} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{id}_s \in \text{Outs}(\Delta_c) \\ \text{id}_s \in \sigma_c \end{array} \\
\\
\text{IDXOUTO} \\
\frac{\vdash e_i \xrightarrow{e} v_i \quad v_i \in_c \text{nat}(n, m)}{\Delta_c, \sigma_c \vdash \text{id}_s(e_i) \xrightarrow{e_o} \text{get\_at}(i, \sigma_c(\text{id}_s))} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{id}_s \in \text{Outs}(\Delta_c) \\ \text{id}_s \in \sigma_c \\ \Delta_c(\text{id}_s) = \text{array}(T, n, m) \\ i = v_i \bmod n \end{array}
\end{array}$$

### 1.7.8 Evaluation of sequential statements

The  $ss$  symbol indicates that the evaluation of the considered sequential statement does not depend on a specific flag (i.e, the  $c$ ,  $i$ ,  $\uparrow$  or  $\downarrow$  flag). In the rules of the  $ss$  relation, a  $ss$  flag is tranferred from the conclusion to the premises when an sequential statement is composed of inner sequential blocks.

#### Signal assignment statement

A signal assignment generates a new state  $\sigma'$  with a modified signal value store  $\mathcal{S}'$  and a new event set  $\mathcal{E}'$ .

$$\begin{array}{c}
\text{SIGASSIGN} \\
\frac{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash e \xrightarrow{e} v \quad \mathcal{S}(\text{id}_s) \in_c T \quad v \in_c T}{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash \text{id}_s \Leftarrow e \xrightarrow{ss} \langle \mathcal{S}', \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{E}' \rangle, \Lambda} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{id}_s \in \text{Sigs}(\Delta) \cup \text{Outs}(\Delta) \\ \Delta(\text{id}_s) = T \\ \sigma = \langle \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{E} \rangle \\ \mathcal{S}' = \mathcal{S}(\text{id}_s) \leftarrow v, \mathcal{E}' = \mathcal{E} \cup (\mathcal{S} \overset{\neq}{\cap} \mathcal{S}') \end{array}
\end{array}$$

## IDXSIGASSIGN

$$\begin{array}{c}
\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash e_i \xrightarrow{e} v_i \quad v \in_c T \quad v_i \in_c \text{nat}(n, m) \quad \text{id}_s \in \text{Sigs}(\Delta) \cup \text{Outs}(\Delta) \\
\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash e \xrightarrow{e} v \quad \mathcal{S}(\text{id}_s) \in_c \text{array}(T, n, m) \quad \Delta(\text{id}_s) = \text{array}(T, n, m) \\
\hline
\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash \text{id}_s(e_i) \leftarrow e \xrightarrow{ss} \langle \mathcal{S}', \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{E}' \rangle, \Lambda \quad \sigma = \langle \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{E} \rangle \\
\mathcal{S}' = \mathcal{S}(\text{id}_s) \leftarrow \text{set\_at}(v, v_i, \mathcal{S}(\text{id}_s)) \\
\mathcal{E}' = \mathcal{E} \cup (\mathcal{S} \setminus \mathcal{S}')
\end{array}$$

**Variable assignment statement**

## VARASSIGN

$$\begin{array}{c}
\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash e \xrightarrow{e} v \quad val \in_c T \quad v \in_c T \quad \text{id}_v \in \Lambda \\
\hline
\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash \text{id}_v := e \xrightarrow{ss} \sigma, \Lambda(\text{id}_v) \leftarrow (T, v) \quad \Lambda(\text{id}_v) = (T, val)
\end{array}$$

## IDXVARASSIGN

$$\begin{array}{c}
\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash e_i \xrightarrow{e} v_i \quad v_i \in_c \text{nat}(n, m) \\
\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash e \xrightarrow{e} v \quad v \in_c T \\
\hline
\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash \text{id}_v(e_i) := e \xrightarrow{ss} \sigma, \Lambda(\text{id}_v) \leftarrow (T, \text{set\_at}(v, v_i, val)) \quad \text{id}_v \in \Lambda \\
\Lambda(\text{id}_v) = (\text{array}(T, n, m), val)
\end{array}$$

**If statement**IF $\top$ 

$$\begin{array}{c}
\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash e \xrightarrow{e} \top \quad \Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash ss \xrightarrow{ss} \sigma', \Lambda' \\
\hline
\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash \text{if } (e) \text{ ss } \xrightarrow{ss} \sigma', \Lambda'
\end{array}$$

IF $\perp$ 

$$\begin{array}{c}
\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash e \xrightarrow{e} \perp \\
\hline
\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash \text{if } (e) \text{ ss } \xrightarrow{ss} \sigma, \Lambda
\end{array}$$

IFELSE $\top$ 

$$\begin{array}{c}
\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash e \xrightarrow{expr} \top \quad \Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash ss \xrightarrow{ss} \sigma', \Lambda' \\
\hline
\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash \text{if } (e) \text{ ss } ss' \xrightarrow{ss} \sigma', \Lambda'
\end{array}$$

IFELSE $\perp$ 

$$\begin{array}{c}
\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash e \xrightarrow{e} \perp \quad \Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash ss' \xrightarrow{ss} \sigma', \Lambda' \\
\hline
\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash \text{if } (e) \text{ ss } ss' \xrightarrow{ss} \sigma', \Lambda'
\end{array}$$

**Loop statement**LOOP $\perp$ 

$$\begin{array}{c}
\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda_i \vdash ss \xrightarrow{ss} \sigma', \Lambda' \\
\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda_i \vdash \text{id}_v = e' \xrightarrow{e} \perp \quad \Delta, \sigma', \Lambda' \vdash \text{for } (\text{id}_v, e, e') \text{ ss } \xrightarrow{ss} \sigma'', \Lambda'' \quad \text{id}_v \in \Lambda \\
\hline
\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash \text{for } (\text{id}_v, e, e') \text{ ss } \xrightarrow{ss} \sigma'', \Lambda'' \quad \Lambda(\text{id}_v) = (T, val) \\
\Lambda_i = \Lambda(\text{id}_v) \leftarrow (T, val + 1)
\end{array}$$

LOOP $\top$ 

$$\frac{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda_i \vdash \text{id}_v = e' \xrightarrow{e} \top}{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash \text{for}(\text{id}_v, e, e') \text{ ss} \xrightarrow{\text{ss}} \sigma, \Lambda \setminus (\text{id}_v, \Lambda(\text{id}_v))} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{id}_v \in \Lambda \\ \Lambda(\text{id}_v) = (T, \text{val}) \\ \Lambda_i = \Lambda(\text{id}_v) \leftarrow (T, \text{val} + 1) \end{array}$$

LOOPINIT

$$\frac{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash e \xrightarrow{e} v \quad \Delta, \sigma, \Lambda_i \vdash \text{for}(\text{id}_v, e, e') \text{ ss} \xrightarrow{\text{ss}} \sigma', \Lambda' \quad \text{id}_v \notin \Lambda}{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash \text{for}(\text{id}_v, e, e') \text{ ss} \xrightarrow{\text{ss}} \sigma', \Lambda'} \quad \Lambda_i = \Lambda \cup (\text{id}_v, (\text{nat}(v, v'), v))$$

**Rising and falling edge block statements**

$$\frac{\text{RISINGEDGEDEFAULT}}{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash \text{rising ss} \xrightarrow{\text{ss}_f} \sigma, \Lambda} \quad f \neq \uparrow \quad \frac{\text{FALLINGEDGEDEFAULT}}{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash \text{falling ss} \xrightarrow{\text{ss}_f} \sigma, \Lambda} \quad f \neq \downarrow$$

$$\frac{\text{RISINGEDGEEXEC} \quad \Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash \text{ss} \xrightarrow{\text{ss}_\uparrow} \sigma', \Lambda'}{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash \text{rising ss} \xrightarrow{\text{ss}_\uparrow} \sigma', \Lambda'} \quad \frac{\text{FALLINGEDGEEXEC} \quad \Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash \text{ss} \xrightarrow{\text{ss}_\downarrow} \sigma', \Lambda'}{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash \text{falling ss} \xrightarrow{\text{ss}_\downarrow} \sigma', \Lambda'}$$

**Rst block statement**

$$\frac{\text{RSTDEFAULT} \quad \Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash \text{ss}' \xrightarrow{\text{ss}_f} \sigma', \Lambda'}{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash \text{rst ss ss}' \xrightarrow{\text{ss}_f} \sigma', \Lambda'} \quad f \neq i \quad \frac{\text{RSTEXEC} \quad \Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash \text{ss} \xrightarrow{\text{ss}_i} \sigma', \Lambda'}{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash \text{rst ss ss}' \xrightarrow{\text{ss}_i} \sigma', \Lambda'}$$

**Composition of sequential statements and null statement**

$$\frac{\text{SEQSTMT} \quad \Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash \text{ss} \xrightarrow{\text{ss}} \sigma', \Lambda' \quad \Delta, \sigma', \Lambda' \vdash \text{ss}' \xrightarrow{\text{ss}} \sigma'', \Lambda''}{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash \text{ss}; \text{ss}' \xrightarrow{\text{ss}} \sigma'', \Lambda''} \quad \frac{\text{NULLSTMT}}{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash \text{null} \xrightarrow{\text{ss}} \sigma, \Lambda}$$

**1.7.9 Evaluation of expressions**

$$\frac{\text{NAT} \quad n \in \mathbb{N}}{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash n \xrightarrow{e} n} \quad n \leq \text{NATMAX} \quad \frac{\text{FALSE}}{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash \text{false} \xrightarrow{e} \perp} \quad \frac{\text{TRUE}}{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash \text{true} \xrightarrow{e} \top}$$

AGGREG

$$\frac{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash e_i \xrightarrow{e} v_i}{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash (e_1, \dots, e_n) \xrightarrow{e} (v_1, \dots, v_n)} \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

SIG

$$\frac{}{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash \text{id}_s \xrightarrow{e} \sigma(\text{id}_s)} \quad \text{id}_s \in \text{Sigs}(\Delta) \cup \text{Ins}(\Delta)$$

VAR

$$\frac{}{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash \text{id}_v \xrightarrow{e} v} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{id}_v \in \Lambda \\ \Lambda(\text{id}_v) = (T, v) \end{array}$$

GEN

$$\frac{}{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash \text{id}_g \xrightarrow{e} v} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{id}_g \in \text{Gens}(\Delta) \\ \Lambda(\text{id}_g) = (T, v) \end{array}$$

IDXSIG

$$\frac{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash e_i \xrightarrow{e} v_i \quad v_i \in_c \text{nat}(n, m) \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{id}_s \in \text{Sigs}(\Delta) \cup \text{Ins}(\Delta) \\ \Delta(\text{id}_s) = \text{array}(T, n, m) \end{array}}{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash \text{id}_s(e_i) \xrightarrow{e} \text{get\_at}(i, \sigma(\text{id}_s))} \quad i = v_i \bmod n$$

IDXVAR

$$\frac{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash e_i \xrightarrow{e} v_i \quad v_i \in_c \text{nat}(n, m)}{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash \text{id}_v(e_i) \xrightarrow{e} \text{get\_at}(i, v)} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{id}_v \in \Lambda \\ \Lambda(\text{id}_v) = (\text{array}(T, n, m), v) \\ i = v_i \bmod n \end{array}$$

where  $\text{get\_at}(i, a)$  is a function returning the  $i$ -th element of array  $a$ .

NATADD

$$\frac{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash e \xrightarrow{e} v \quad \Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash e' \xrightarrow{e} v'}{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash e + e' \xrightarrow{e} v +_{\mathbb{N}} v'} \quad v +_{\mathbb{N}} v' \leq \text{NATMAX}$$

NATSUB

$$\frac{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash e \xrightarrow{e} v \quad \Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash e' \xrightarrow{e} v'}{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash e - e' \xrightarrow{e} v -_{\mathbb{N}} v'} \quad v \geq v'$$

ORDOP

$$\frac{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash e \xrightarrow{e} v \quad \Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash e' \xrightarrow{e} v'}{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash e \text{ op}_{\text{ordn}} e' \xrightarrow{e} v \text{ op}_{\text{ordn}} v'} \quad \text{op}_{\text{ordn}} \in \{<, \leq, >, \geq\}$$

BOOLBINOP

$$\frac{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash e \xrightarrow{e} v \quad \Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash e' \xrightarrow{e} v'}{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash e \text{ op}_{\text{bool}} e' \xrightarrow{e} v \text{ op}_{\text{bool}} v'} \quad \text{op}_{\text{bool}} \in \{\text{and}, \text{or}\}$$

NOTOP

$$\frac{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash e \xrightarrow{e} v}{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash \text{not } e \xrightarrow{e} \neg v}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
\text{EQOP} \\
\frac{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash e \xrightarrow{e} v \quad \Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash e' \xrightarrow{e} v'}{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash e = e' \xrightarrow{e} eq(v, v')}
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
\text{DIFFOP} \\
\frac{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash e = e' \xrightarrow{e} v}{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash e \neq e' \xrightarrow{e} \neg v}
\end{array}$$

where  $eq$  is the equality relation established for all types defined in the semantics.

$$\begin{array}{c}
\text{PARENTH} \\
\frac{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash e \xrightarrow{e} v}{\Delta, \sigma, \Lambda \vdash (e) \xrightarrow{e} v}
\end{array}$$



# Bibliography

- [1] Dominique Borrione and Ashraf Salem. “Denotational Semantics of a Synchronous VHDL Subset”. In: *Formal Methods in System Design* 7.1-2 (Aug. 1995), pp. 53–71. ISSN: 0925-9856, 1572-8102. DOI: [10.1007/BF01383873](https://doi.org/10.1007/BF01383873). URL: <http://link.springer.com/10.1007/BF01383873> (visited on 09/18/2019).
- [2] Peter T. Breuer, Luis Sánchez Fernández, and Carlos Delgado Kloos. “A Functional Semantics for Unit-Delay VHDL”. In: *Formal Semantics for VHDL*. Ed. by Carlos Delgado Kloos and Peter T. Breuer. Red. by Jonathan Allen. Vol. 307. Boston, MA: Springer US, 1995, pp. 43–70. ISBN: 978-1-4613-5941-8 978-1-4615-2237-9. DOI: [10.1007/978-1-4615-2237-9\\_3](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-1-4615-2237-9_3). URL: [http://link.springer.com/10.1007/978-1-4615-2237-9\\_3](http://link.springer.com/10.1007/978-1-4615-2237-9_3) (visited on 09/09/2019).
- [3] Peter T. Breuer, Luis Sánchez Fernández, and Carlos Delgado Kloos. “A Simple Denotational Semantics, Proof Theory and a Validation Condition Generator for Unit-Delay VHDL”. In: *Formal Methods in System Design* 7.1 (Aug. 1, 1995), pp. 27–51. ISSN: 1572-8102. DOI: [10.1007/BF01383872](https://doi.org/10.1007/BF01383872). URL: <https://doi.org/10.1007/BF01383872> (visited on 02/20/2020).
- [4] Egon Börger, Uwe Glässer, and Wolfgang Muller. “A Formal Definition of an Abstract VHDL’93 Simulator by EA-Machines”. In: *Formal Semantics for VHDL*. Ed. by Carlos Delgado Kloos and Peter T. Breuer. Red. by Jonathan Allen. Vol. 307. Boston, MA: Springer US, 1995, pp. 107–139. ISBN: 978-1-4613-5941-8 978-1-4615-2237-9. DOI: [10.1007/978-1-4615-2237-9\\_5](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-1-4615-2237-9_5). URL: [http://link.springer.com/10.1007/978-1-4615-2237-9\\_5](http://link.springer.com/10.1007/978-1-4615-2237-9_5) (visited on 09/12/2019).
- [5] Alain Colmerauer. “An Introduction to Prolog III”. In: *Computational Logic* (1990), pp. 37–79. DOI: [10.1007/978-3-642-76274-1\\_2](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-642-76274-1_2). URL: [https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-642-76274-1\\_2](https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-642-76274-1_2) (visited on 03/31/2020).
- [6] Frank Dederichs, Claus Dendorfer, and Rainer Weber. “Focus: A Formal Design Method for Distributed Systems”. In: *Parallel Computer Architectures* (1993), pp. 190–202. DOI: [10.1007/978-3-662-21577-7\\_14](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-662-21577-7_14). URL: [https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-662-21577-7\\_14](https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-662-21577-7_14) (visited on 03/31/2020).
- [7] David Déharbe and Dominique Borrione. “Semantics of a Verification-Oriented Subset of VHDL”. In: *Correct Hardware Design and Verification Methods*. Advanced Research Working Conference on Correct Hardware Design and Verification Methods. Springer, Berlin, Heidelberg, Oct. 2, 1995, pp. 293–310. DOI: [10.1007/3-540-60385-9\\_18](https://doi.org/10.1007/3-540-60385-9_18). URL: [https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/3-540-60385-9\\_18](https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/3-540-60385-9_18) (visited on 04/01/2020).

- [8] Gert Döhmen and Ronald Herrmann. “A Deterministic Finite-State Model for VHDL”. In: *Formal Semantics for VHDL*. Ed. by Carlos Delgado Kloos and Peter T. Breuer. The Kluwer International Series in Engineering and Computer Science. Boston, MA: Springer US, 1995, pp. 170–204. ISBN: 978-1-4615-2237-9. DOI: [10.1007/978-1-4615-2237-9\\_7](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-1-4615-2237-9_7). URL: [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-1-4615-2237-9\\_7](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-1-4615-2237-9_7) (visited on 03/02/2020).
- [9] Max Fuchs and Michael Mendler. “A Functional Semantics for Delta-Delay VHDL Based on Focus”. In: *Formal Semantics for VHDL*. Ed. by Carlos Delgado Kloos and Peter T. Breuer. Red. by Jonathan Allen. Vol. 307. Boston, MA: Springer US, 1995, pp. 9–42. ISBN: 978-1-4613-5941-8 978-1-4615-2237-9. DOI: [10.1007/978-1-4615-2237-9\\_2](https://link.springer.com/10.1007/978-1-4615-2237-9_2). URL: [http://link.springer.com/10.1007/978-1-4615-2237-9\\_2](http://link.springer.com/10.1007/978-1-4615-2237-9_2) (visited on 09/03/2019).
- [10] K. G. W. Goossens. “Reasoning about VHDL Using Operational and Observational Semantics”. In: *Correct Hardware Design and Verification Methods*. Advanced Research Working Conference on Correct Hardware Design and Verification Methods. Springer, Berlin, Heidelberg, Oct. 2, 1995, pp. 311–327. DOI: [10.1007/3-540-60385-9\\_19](https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/3-540-60385-9_19). URL: [https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/3-540-60385-9\\_19](https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/3-540-60385-9_19) (visited on 04/01/2020).
- [11] Graham Hutton. “Introduction to HOL: A Theorem Proving Environment for Higher Order Logic by Mike Gordon and Tom Melham (Eds.), Cambridge University Press, 1993, ISBN 0-521-44189-7”. In: *Journal of Functional Programming* 4.4 (Oct. 1994), pp. 557–559. ISSN: 1469-7653, 0956-7968. DOI: [10.1017/S0956796800001180](https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/journal-of-functional-programming/article/introduction-to-hol-a-theorem-proving-environment-for-higher-order-logic-by-gordon-mike-and-melham-tom-eds-cambridge-university-press-1993-isbn-0521441897/682CAD7058D7014549AE3F9580D0220B). URL: <https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/journal-of-functional-programming/article/introduction-to-hol-a-theorem-proving-environment-for-higher-order-logic-by-gordon-mike-and-melham-tom-eds-cambridge-university-press-1993-isbn-0521441897/682CAD7058D7014549AE3F9580D0220B> (visited on 04/22/2020).
- [12] IEEE Computer Society et al. *IEEE Standard VHDL Language Reference Manual*. New York, N.Y.: Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, 2000. ISBN: 978-0-7381-1948-9 978-0-7381-1949-6. URL: <http://ieeexplore.ieee.org/lpdocs/epic03/standards.htm> (visited on 09/16/2019).
- [13] Mark P. Jones. *The Implementation of the Gofer Functional Programming System*. Yale University, Department of Computer Science, May 1994, p. 52.
- [14] Xavier Leroy. “A Formally Verified Compiler Back-End”. In: *Journal of Automated Reasoning* 43.4 (Nov. 4, 2009), p. 363. ISSN: 1573-0670. DOI: [10.1007/s10817-009-9155-4](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10817-009-9155-4). URL: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10817-009-9155-4> (visited on 01/21/2020).
- [15] Serafín Olcoz. “A Formal Model of VHDL Using Coloured Petri Nets”. In: *Formal Semantics for VHDL*. Ed. by Carlos Delgado Kloos and Peter T. Breuer. The Kluwer International Series in Engineering and Computer Science. Boston, MA: Springer US, 1995, pp. 140–169. ISBN: 978-1-4615-2237-9. DOI: [10.1007/978-1-4615-2237-9\\_6](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-1-4615-2237-9_6). URL: [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-1-4615-2237-9\\_6](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-1-4615-2237-9_6) (visited on 03/02/2020).



- [16] S. Owre et al. “A Tutorial on Using PVS for Hardware Verification”. In: *Theorem Provers in Circuit Design*. International Conference on Theorem Provers in Circuit Design. Springer, Berlin, Heidelberg, Sept. 26, 1994, pp. 258–279. DOI: [10.1007/3-540-59047-1\\_53](https://doi.org/10.1007/3-540-59047-1_53). URL: [https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/3-540-59047-1\\_53](https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/3-540-59047-1_53) (visited on 03/31/2020).
- [17] S.L. Pandey, K. Umamageswaran, and P.A. Wilsey. “VHDL Semantics and Validating Transformations”. In: *IEEE Transactions on Computer-Aided Design of Integrated Circuits and Systems* 18.7 (July 1999), pp. 936–955. ISSN: 1937-4151. DOI: [10.1109/43.771177](https://doi.org/10.1109/43.771177).
- [18] Ralf Reetz and Thomas Kropf. “A Flow Graph Semantics of VHDL: A Basis for Hardware Verification with VHDL”. In: *Formal Semantics for VHDL*. Ed. by Carlos Delgado Kloos and Peter T. Breuer. The Kluwer International Series in Engineering and Computer Science. Boston, MA: Springer US, 1995, pp. 205–238. ISBN: 978-1-4615-2237-9. DOI: [10.1007/978-1-4615-2237-9\\_8](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-1-4615-2237-9_8). URL: [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-1-4615-2237-9\\_8](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-1-4615-2237-9_8) (visited on 03/02/2020).
- [19] Krishnaprasad Thirunarayan and Robert L. Ewing. “Structural Operational Semantics for a Portable Subset of Behavioral VHDL-93”. In: *Formal Methods in System Design* 18.1 (Jan. 1, 2001), pp. 69–88. ISSN: 1572-8102. DOI: [10.1023/A:1008786720393](https://doi.org/10.1023/A:1008786720393). URL: <https://doi.org/10.1023/A:1008786720393> (visited on 03/02/2020).
- [20] John P. Van Tassel. “An Operational Semantics for a Subset of VHDL”. In: *Formal Semantics for VHDL*. Ed. by Carlos Delgado Kloos and Peter T. Breuer. Red. by Jonathan Allen. Vol. 307. Boston, MA: Springer US, 1995, pp. 71–106. ISBN: 978-1-4613-5941-8 978-1-4615-2237-9. DOI: [10.1007/978-1-4615-2237-9\\_4](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-1-4615-2237-9_4). URL: [http://link.springer.com/10.1007/978-1-4615-2237-9\\_4](https://link.springer.com/10.1007/978-1-4615-2237-9_4) (visited on 09/12/2019).