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#### WHAT IS COM?

- COM is a figure of merit (FOM) determined from a minimum reference PHY architecture and channel's S-parameters
- COM allows designers to explore physical design budget (choices) between loss, reflection ISI, crosstalk, and device specifications
- COM is the ratio of available signal amplitude (As) to statistical noise amplitude (An) in dB

## COM=20\*log10(As/An)

Similar to signal to noise ratio (SNR)



## **Highlights of ADS COM Flow**

### BENEFITS OF ADS COM FLOW

Support both AMI and COM flow on the same schematic





- Automatic generation of channel's s-matrix and provide it to Matlab
- First release supports COM version 1.54, 1.65 and 2.28 but easily expandable
- Now supports COM 2.6 and Matlab R2018B



### **COM Setup in Channel Sim**

#### INTUITIVE SETUP AND FLOW

- Specify the number of aggressors (NEXT and FEXT) used
- Assign Thru and Aggressor channels with appropriate instance names
- Choose COM version, one of 1.54, 1.65, 2.28, 2.6 versions
- Specify COM configuration file

   Default location is ./data
   \$HPEESOF\_DIR/lib/COM\_Calc provides additional configurations
- Choose Matlab, either runtime or full Matlab (w/ .m file)
  - Runtime support R2016b and R2018B
- Specify frequency plan, typically 2x of data rate

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### **Complete Flow – AMI and COM**

#### SINGLE PLATFORM SOLUTION



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