

# **Equivalent system time constant**

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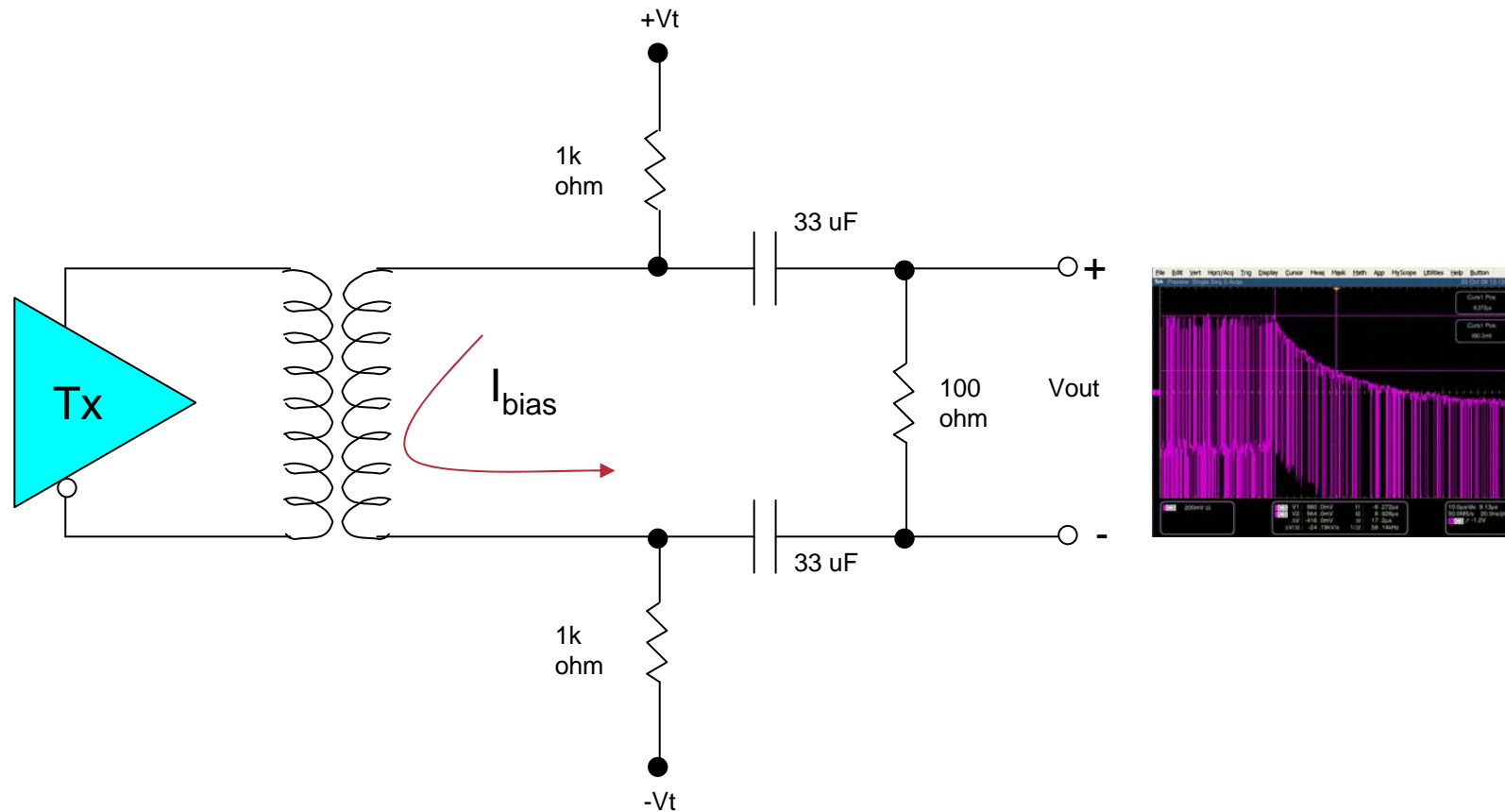
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# Agenda

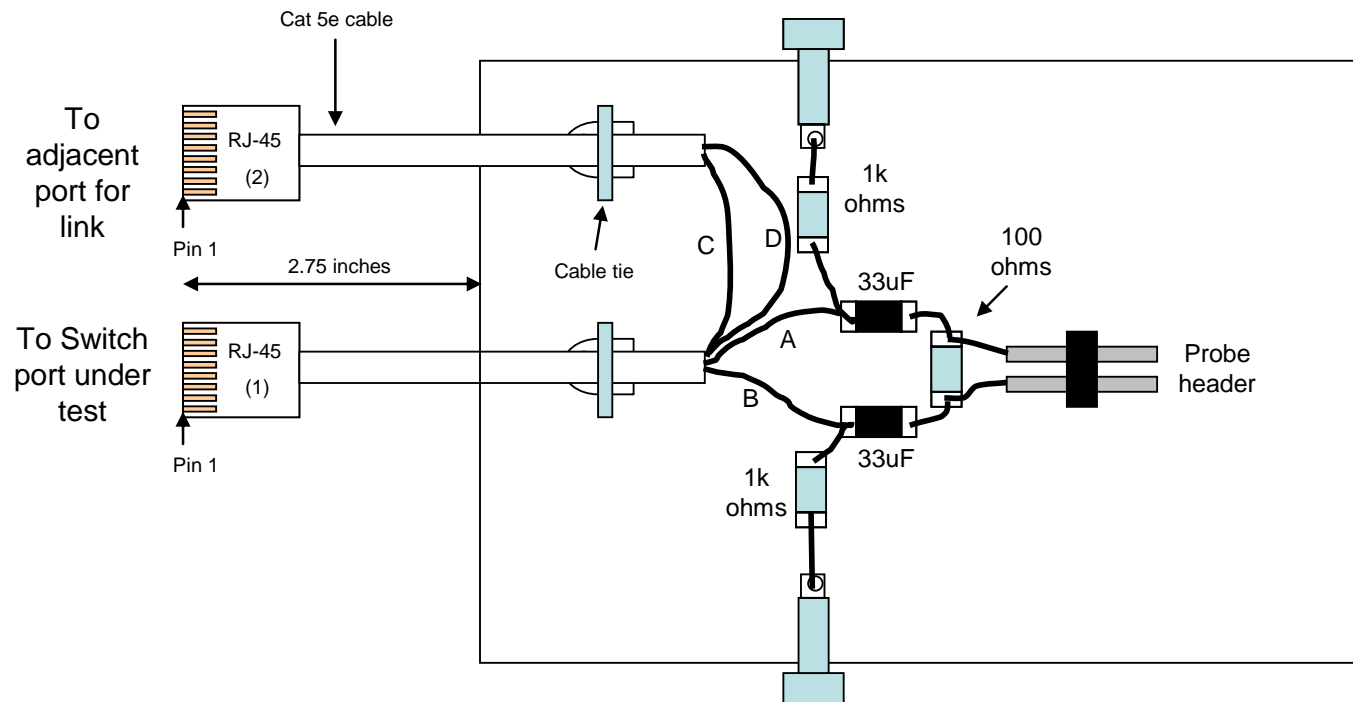
- **Test Jig**
- **The problem**
- **Suggested Improvements**

# Test Jig Schematic



**Note: A 1 uF by-pass capacitor was placed across the supply connection—not shown above.**

# Test Jig

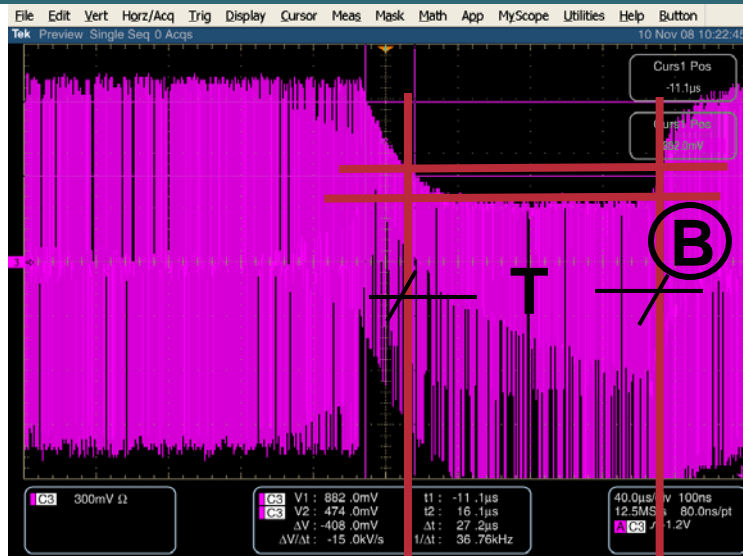


**\*Switch Port in MDIX mode**

Wire A goes to RJ-45 (1) pin 3 Tx+  
Wire B goes to RJ-45 (1) pin 6 Tx-  
Wire C goes from RJ-45 (1) pin 1 Rx+ to RJ-45 (2) pin 3 Tx+  
Wire D goes from RJ-45 (1) pin 2 Rx- to RJ-45 (2) pin 6 Tx-

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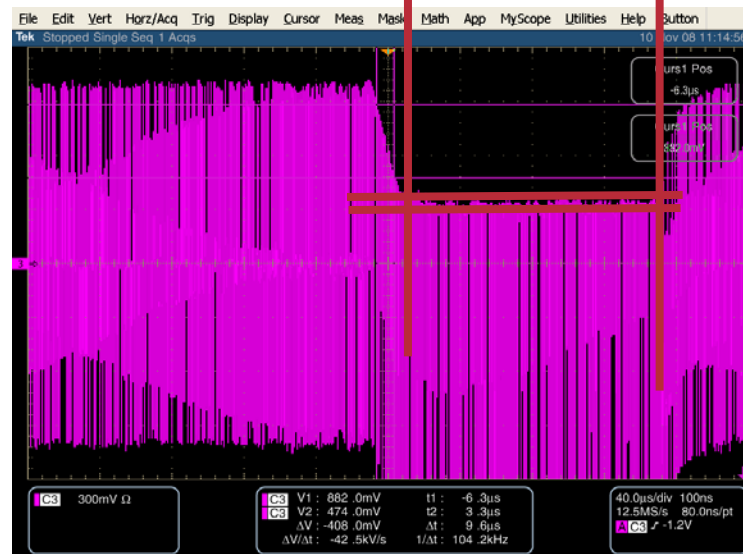
# BLW Waveform



**VA – VB  
OCL1**

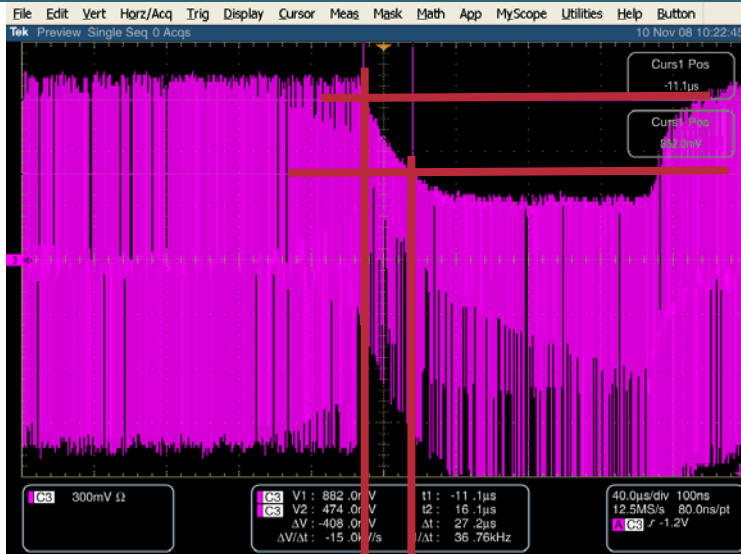
**PROBLEM:** In D3.2, T is fixed from point B.

When the OCL is reduced, the system time constant is more difficult to calculate because the voltage difference between VA and VB is small.



**VA – VB  
OCL2 < OCL1**

# BLW Waveform



**VA – VC  
OCL1**

**Solution: Add point C at 20% of decay value and place point A at 80% of the decay value.**

**This ensures a measureable voltage and time difference.**



**VA – VC  
OCL2 < OCL1**

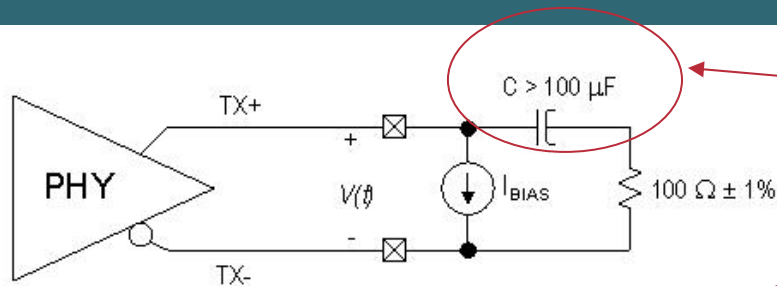
# Proposed Solution

## 25.4.4a.1 Equivalent system time constant¶

While transmitting the Data Dependent Jitter (DDJ) packet of TP-PMD A.2, using the fixture shown in Figure 25-1, the equivalent system time constant,  $\tau$ , shall be greater than  $2.4\ \mu\text{s}$  when calculated using measurement points A and C as defined in Figure 25-1. Point B is the point of maximum baseline wander droop. ~~Relative to a voltage axis having point B at its origin, Point~~ point A is a point earlier in time from Point B with a ~~magnitude voltage amplitude~~ ( $V_A$ ) that is 80% of the MLT-3 upper envelope value. ~~Relative to a voltage axis having point B at its origin, Point~~ point C is a point between A and B with a ~~magnitude voltage amplitude~~ ( $V_C$ ) that is 20% of the MLT-3 upper envelope value. ... The time between point A and C is T. ... These measurements are to be made for the transmitter pair and observing the differential signal output at the MDI with intervening cable less than 1 m long.¶

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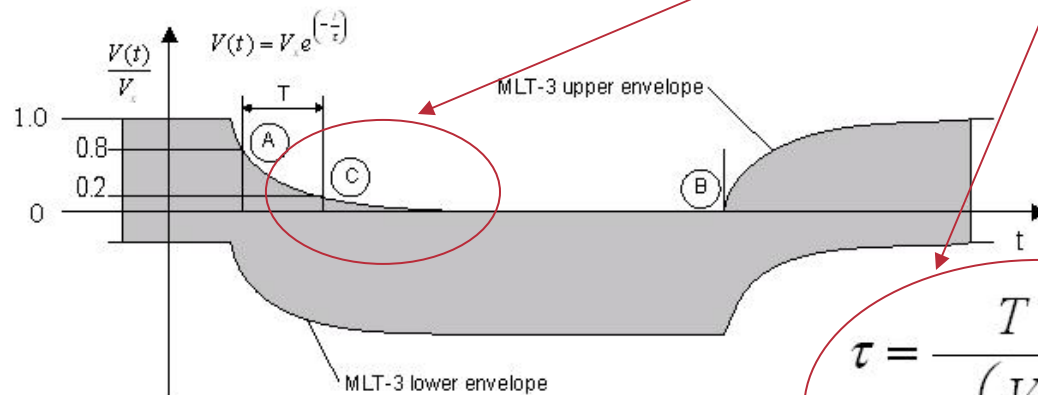
# Proposed Solution Continued



Improves accuracy of this calculation.

New point

Adjust equation to remove negative sign, and provide the time constant relative to operating parameters.



$$\tau = \frac{T}{\ln\left(\frac{V_A}{V_C}\right)} = \frac{2L}{R}$$

Note: The value of  $R$  represents the fixture resistance. The value of  $L$  represents the PHY block inductance.

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