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Link Segment Insertion Loss Measurements

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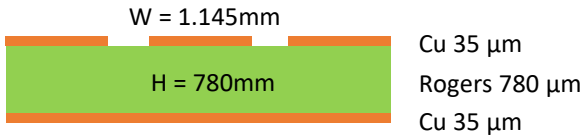
Purpose of the Analysis

- Measure insertion loss of available automotive cables with attached connectors up to 10 GHz
- Consider various operating temperatures and environmental conditions
- Focus on 11 m link segments without inline connectors

Fixture description and de-embedding

- PCB Trace length: 20mm
- PCB Stackup:



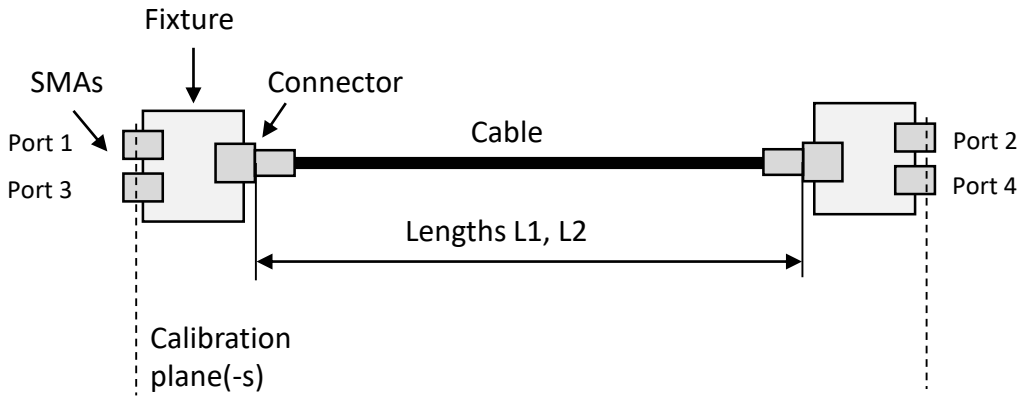
- PCB total loss (x2 to consider loss at both sides)

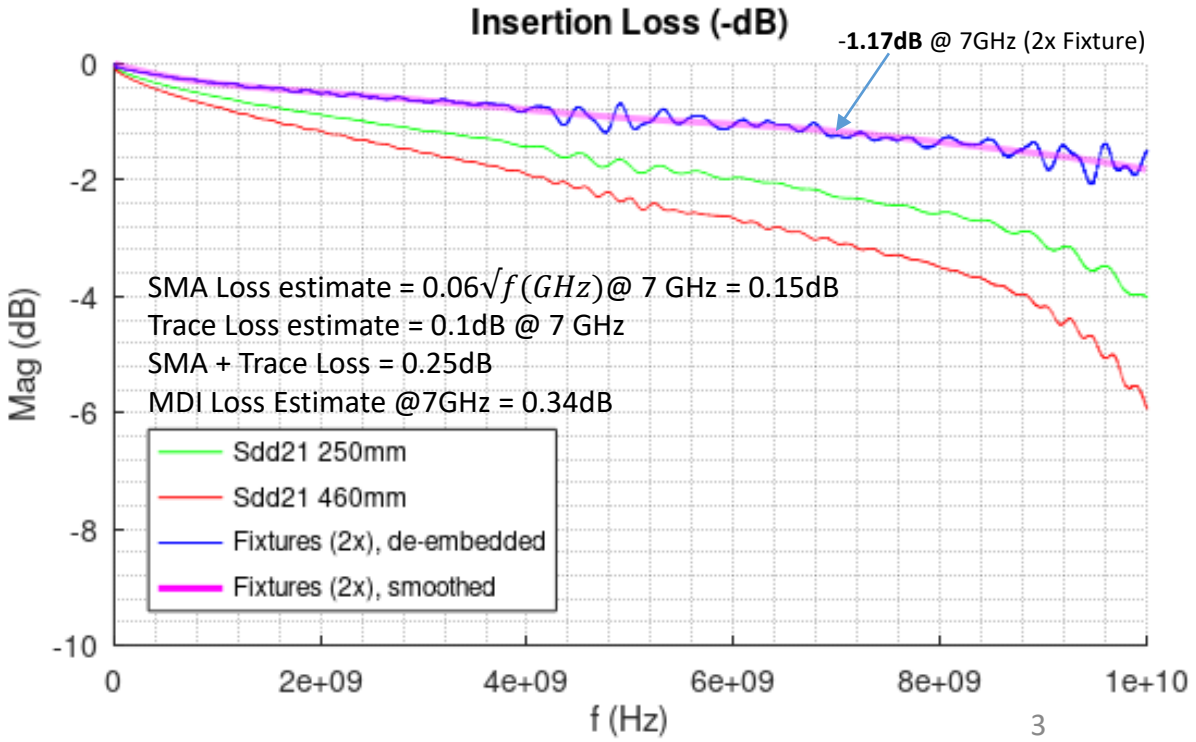
  - simple de-embedding by measuring 2 cable lengths incl. fixtures and subtraction of LogMag ILs:

$$IL_{2x\,Fixture} = IL_{Cable\,1+2xFix} - \frac{L1}{L2 - L1}\left(IL_{Cable\,2+2xFix} - IL_{Cable\,1+2xFix}\right)$$

  - smoothing to eliminate ripples

  → sufficient accuracy to consider the fixtures IL





Test Sequence and Samples

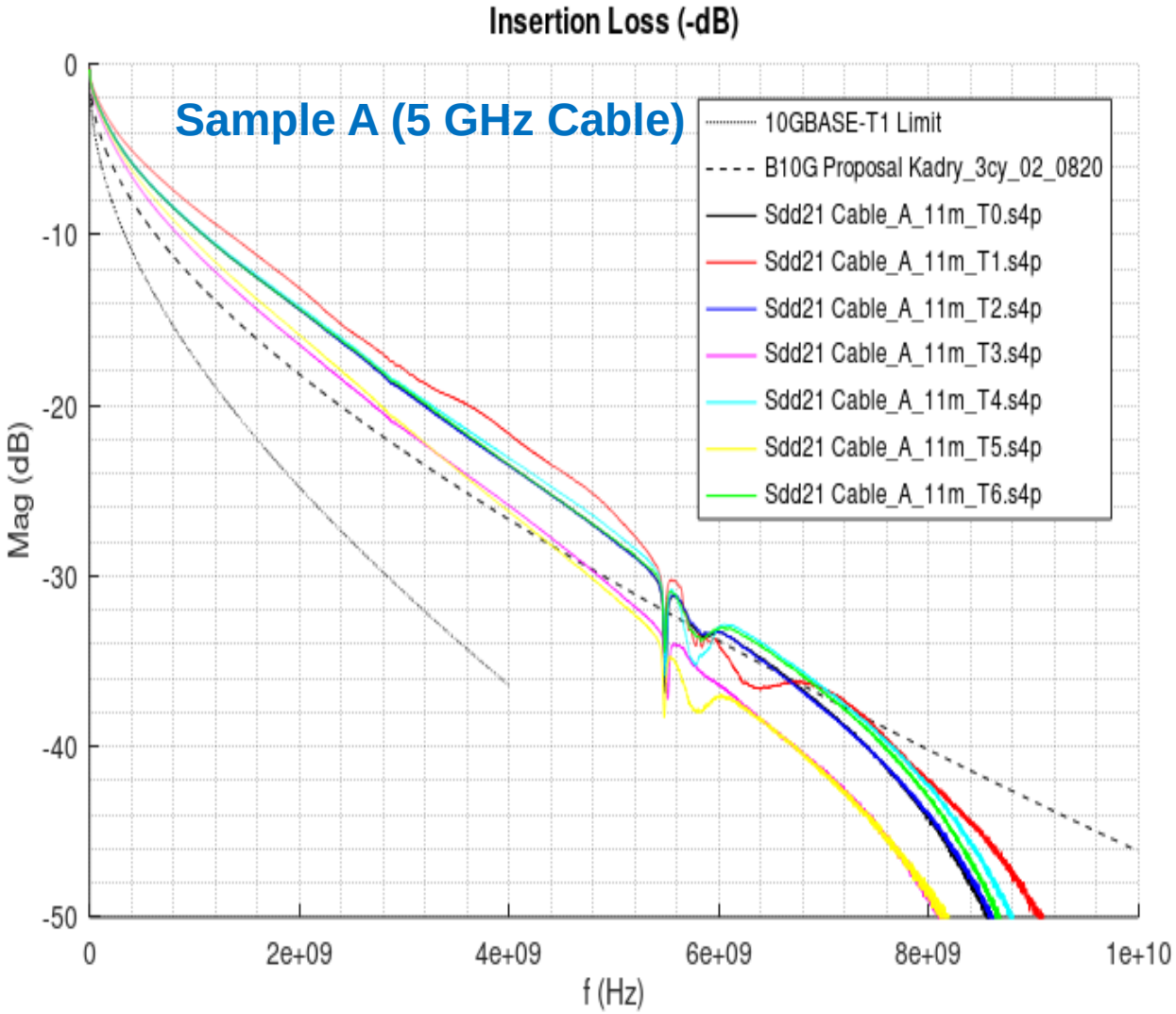
- S-parameter were captured at different temperatures in the following sequence (same cable assemblies):
  - T0 = 23°C
  - T1 = -40°C
  - T2 = 23°C
  - T3 =105°C
  - T4 = 23°C
  - T5 = 23°C, measurements done after 10 days storage at 95% relative humidity and 40°C
    (90 min relaxation at room temperature after taking samples out of climate chamber to allow temperature adaptation)
  - T6 = 23°C, measurements done after another 7 days storage at < 45% relative humidity and 23°C

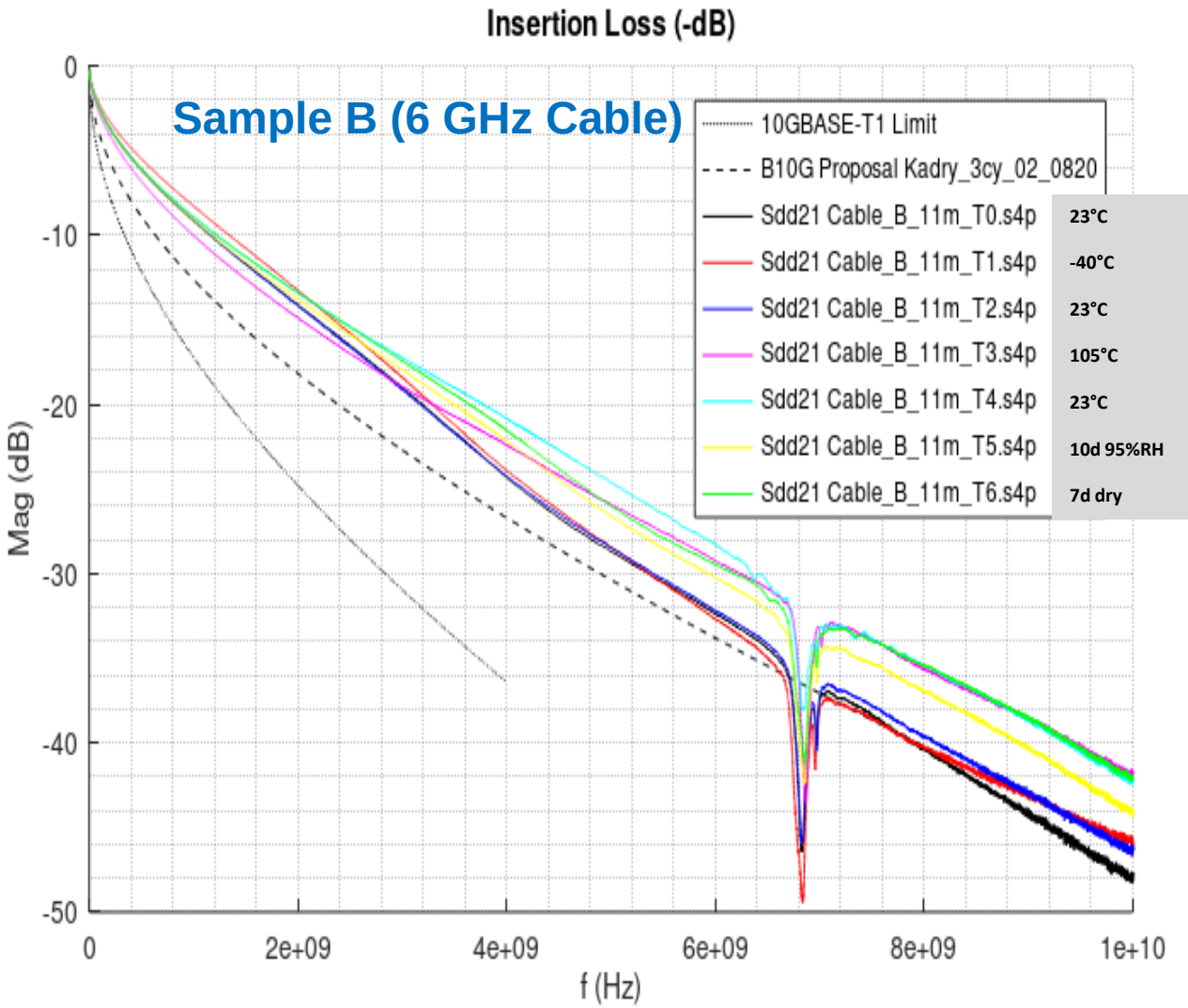
- Samples:
  (available automotive cables / cable prototypes)

Cable A
- construction A
- 5 GHz type
- 2x 0.14mm² (AWG 26) stranded

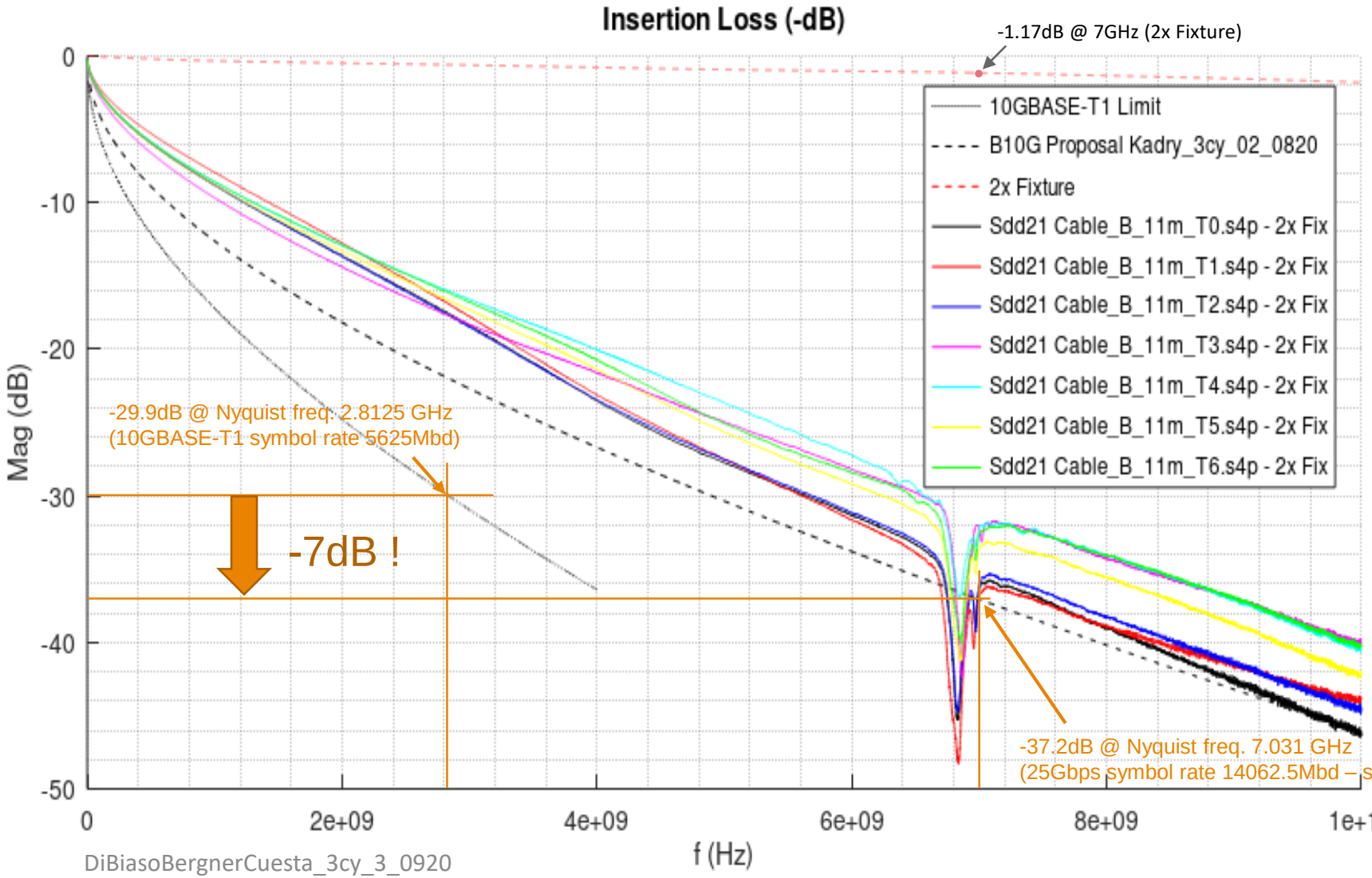
Cable B
- construction B
- 6 GHz type
- 2x 0.14mm² (AWG 26) stranded

Insertion Losses (fixtures *not* removed)





Insertion Losses – Sample B (fixtures removed)



~7dB IL increase

at Nyquist frequency compared to 10GBASE-T1 when same PAMx and data rate ratio is assumed even when link segment length is decreased to 11m.

Conclusions / T.b.d.‘s

- IL proposal in Kadry_3cy_02_0820.pdf can be met with Sample B, but only up to its maximum specified frequency of 6GHz
- Using existing AWG26 cables results in -7 dB IL compared to the 10GBASE-T1 link segment budget at corresponding Nyquist frequency for same data modulation ratio
- Potential for achieving higher frequencies with changed cable constructions (moving “notch” toward higher frequencies)
  - Discuss which max. frequency is needed (Kadry_3cy_02_0820.pdf proposes 7 GHz)
  - Discuss PAMx modulation level to reduce Nyquist frequency
- Reduction of IL requirement by defining 2 link segment options (Ex. 0-8m / 8-11m)
- What additional IL margin may be needed?
  - Additional permanent long term degradation
    → see https://standards.ieee.org/content/dam/ieee-standards/standards/web/documents/presentations/d2-07_ohni_influence_of_aging_effects_v2.0.pdf
  - IL dips due to corresponding RL peaks (connectors, cable bends, cable squeezing)

Thank You!!!