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Choosing an Optimum Reference Receiver for 200Gbps/Lane KR and CR

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Outline

- ❑ Investigation Highlights
- ❑ Update to CR and KR Link Simulation based on COM 4.5beta3
- ❑ Reference Receiver Parameters Study
- ❑ Proposed Changes to Table 178–13 and Table 179-16

Investigation Highlights

- A wide range of reference receiver parameters were used for CR & KR analysis
 - Contributions used reference receiver framework of RxFFE + 1-tap DFE and MMSE methodology

	COM	f_r	eta_0	b_max (1)	d_w	N_fix	N_g	N_f	MLSE	Note
lim_3dj_02_2403	4.3	0.5	5e-9	0.85	6	67	0	-	1	
healey_3dj_01_2401	4.2beta	0.58	6e-9	0.85	5	10	[0, 1]	4	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No guarantee 40 dB loss budget• Short PKG effect haven't been studied
lit_3dj_01a_2403	4.4beta	0.58	6e-9	0.75	5	10	1	4	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No guarantee 40 dB loss budget

- This presentation will investigate the effect on reference receiver parameters
 - Number of Rx FFE fixed-position taps: [16:4:24 30 40:20:120]
 - Requirement of Rx FFE floating taps: [2:2:10] groups* 4 taps per group
 - Requirement of MLSE

Channel Test Cases

- Channel source: [Tools & Channels](#)

CR/KR Channel Source	Test Cases
shanbhag_3dj_01_2305	6
kocsis_3dj_02_2305	5
lim_3dj_03_230629	1
lim_3dj_04_230629	1
lim_3dj_07_2309	1
akinwale_3dj_02_2311	4
weaver_3dj_02_2311	12
mellitz_3dj_02_elec_230504	27
weaver_3dj_02_2305	36
shanbhag_3dj_02_2305	4
weaver_3dj_elec_01_230622	4
akinwale_3dj_01_2310	7
Total	108

- Package model follows 802.3dj D1.0 Table 179–15

Table 179–15—Device, package, and PCB model parameters

Parameter	Symbol	Value	Units
Device model			
Single-ended device capacitance for stage 1	$C_d^{(1)}$	40×10^{-6}	nF
Single-ended device capacitance for stage 2	$C_d^{(2)}$	90×10^{-6}	nF
Single-ended device capacitance for stage 3	$C_d^{(3)}$	110×10^{-6}	nF
Single-ended device series inductance for stage 1	$L_s^{(1)}$	0.13	nH
Single-ended device series inductance for stage 2	$L_s^{(2)}$	0.15	nH
Single-ended device series inductance for stage 3	$L_s^{(3)}$	0.14	nH
Single-ended bump capacitance	C_b	30×10^{-6}	nF
Class A package model			
Transmission line parameter γ_0	γ_0	5×10^{-4}	1/mm
Transmission line parameter a_1	a_1	8.9×10^{-4}	ns ^{1/2} /mm
Transmission line parameter a_2	a_2	2×10^{-4}	ns ^{1/2} /mm
Transmission line parameter τ	τ	6.141×10^{-4}	6.141e-3
Transmission line 1 length, Test 1	$z_p^{(1)}$	33	mm
Transmission line 1 length, Test 2	$z_p^{(1)}$	12	mm
Transmission line 1 characteristic impedance	$Z_c^{(1)}$	87.5	Ω
Transmission line 2 length	$z_p^{(2)}$	1.8	mm
Transmission line 2 characteristic impedance	$Z_c^{(2)}$	92.5	Ω
Single-ended package capacitance at package-to-board interface	C_p	40×10^{-6}	nF
Class B package model			
Transmission line parameter γ_0	γ_0	5×10^{-4}	1/mm
Transmission line parameter a_1	a_1	6.5×10^{-4}	ns ^{1/2} /mm
Transmission line parameter a_2	a_2	2.93×10^{-4}	ns ^{1/2} /mm
Transmission line parameter τ	τ	6.141×10^{-4}	6.141e-3
Transmission line 1 length, Test 1, Tx / Rx	$z_p^{(1)}$	45 / 44	mm
Transmission line 1 length, Test 2, Tx / Rx	$z_p^{(1)}$	30 / 29	mm
Transmission line 1 characteristic impedance	$Z_c^{(1)}$	87.5	Ω
Transmission line 2 length	$z_p^{(2)}$	2	mm
Transmission line 2 characteristic impedance	$Z_c^{(2)}$	95	Ω
Transmission line 3 length	$z_p^{(3)}$	1.3	mm
Transmission line 3 characteristic impedance	$Z_c^{(3)}$	100	Ω
Transmission line 4 length	$z_p^{(4)}$	1.5	mm
Transmission line 4 characteristic impedance	$Z_c^{(4)}$	78	Ω
Single-ended package capacitance at package-to-board interface	C_p	40×10^{-6}	nF

COM Configuration

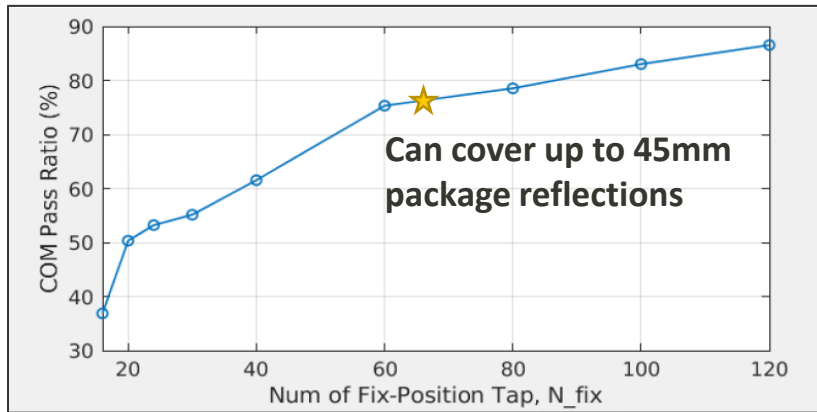
- Simulator: [COM 4.50beta3](#)

Table 93A-1 parameters				I/O control			Operational		
Parameter	Setting	Units	Information						
f_b	106.25	GBd		DIAGNOSTICS	0	logical	ERL Pass threshold	10	dB
f_min	0.05	GHz		DISPLAY_WINDOW	0	logical	COM Pass threshold	3	db
Delta f	0.01	GHz		CSV_REPORT	0	logical	DER_0	2.00E-04	
C_d	[0.4e-4 0.9e-4 1.1e-4 ; 0.4e-4 0.9e-4 1.1e-4]	nF	[TX RX]	RESULT_DIR	.\results\CRKR_(date)		T_r	0.004	ns
L_s	[0.13 0.15 0.14; 0.13 0.15 0.14]	nH	[TX RX]	SAVE FIGURES	0	logical	FORCE_TR	1	logical
C_b	[0.3e-4 0.3e-4]	nF	[TX RX]	Port Order	[1 3 2 4]		PMD_type	C2C	
R_0	50	Ohm		RUNTAG	KR_set1_eval_		EW	1	
R_d	[50 50]	Ohm	[TX RX]	COM_CONTRIBUTION	1	logical	MLSE	0	logical
PKG_NAME	PKG_LowR_CLASSA PKG_LowR_CLASSA		TX RX	TDR and ERL options			ts_anchor	1	
A_v	0.413	V		TDR	1	logical	sample_adjustment	[-16 16]	
A_fe	0.413	V		ERL	1	logical	Local Search	0	
A_ne	0.608	V		ERL_ONLY	0	ns	Filter: Rx FFE		
z_p select	[1 2]			TR_TDR	0.01		ffe_pre_tap_len	6	UI
L	4			N	7000	logical	ffe_post_tap_len	24	UI
M	32			TDR_Butterworth	1		ffe_pre_tap1_max	1	
Filter and Eq				beta_x	0		ffe_post_tap1_max	1	
f_r	0.58	*fb		rho_x	0.618		ffe_tapn_max	1	
c(0)	0.5		min	TDR_W_TXPKG	0	UI	FFE_OPT_METHOD	MMSE	
c(-1)	-0.34:0.02:0		[min:step:max]	N_bx	0		num_ui_RXFF_noise	4096	
c(-2)	0:0.02:0.12		[min:step:max]	fixture delay time	[0 0]		Floating Tap Control		
c(-3)	0		[min:step:max]	Tukey Window	1		N_bfg	0	0 1 2 or 3 groups
c(1)	-0.2:0.02:0		[min:step:max]	Noise, jitter			N_bf	4	taps per group
N_b	1	UI		sigma_RJ	0.01	UI	N_f	80	UI span for floating taps
b_max(1)	0.75		As/dffe1	A_DD	0.02	V^2/GHz	bmaxg	1	max DFE value for floating taps
b_max(2..N b)	0		As/dfe2..N_b	eta_0	6.00E-09	dB	B_float_RSS_MAX	1	rss tail tap limit
b_min(1)	0		As/dffe1	SNR_TX	33		N_tail_start	25	(UI) start of tail taps limit
b_min(2..N b)	0	S	As/dfe2..N_b	R_LM	0.95		RXFFE_FLOAT_CTL	FOM	
g_DC	0	dB	[min:step:max]						
f_z	42.5	GHz							
f_p1	42.5	GHz							
f_p2	106.25	GHz							
g_DC_HP	[-6:1:0]		[min:step:max]						
f_HP_PZ	1.328125	GHz							
Butterworth	1	logical	include in fr						

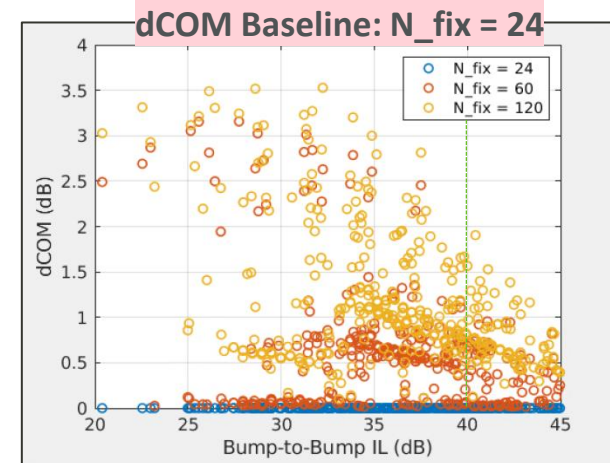
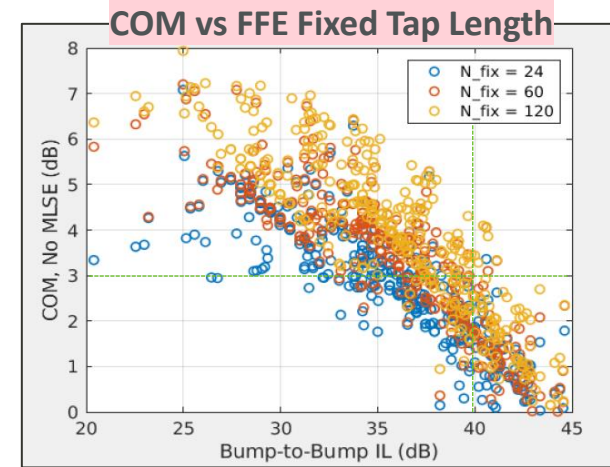
* Was 0.45 in [lit_3dj_01a_2403](#)

COM vs RX FFE Fixed-Tap Length

- For this set of data, $d_w = 6$ and $MLSE = 0$
- Short/reflective channels can comfortably exceed COM of 3dB with increasing number of taps
- Increasing N_{fix} to 60 or 120 doesn't make 40dB loss channels pass

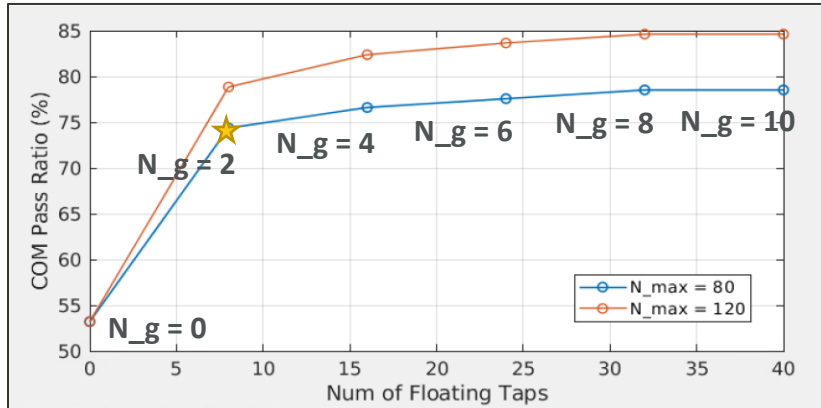


* Pass criteria: $COM \geq 3dB$ & Channel bump-to-bump $IL \leq 40dB$

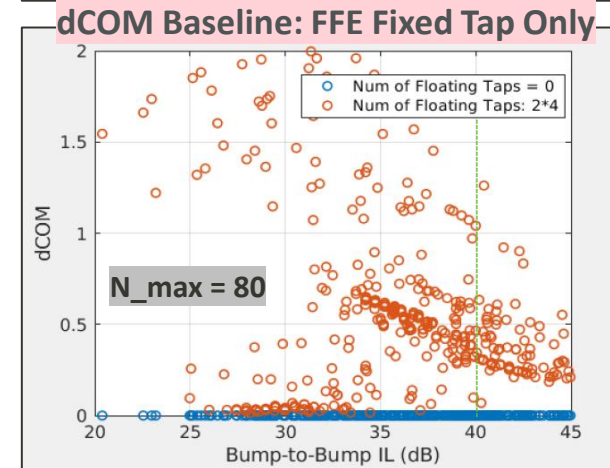
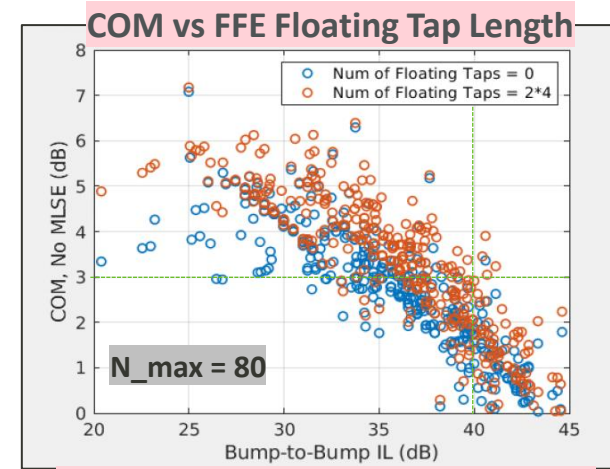


COM vs RX FFE Floating-Tap Length

- For this set of data, $d_w = 6$, $N_{fix} = 24$, $N_f = 4$, and $MLSE = 0$
- Floating taps can provide higher flexibility and can use a fewer taps to achieve comparable performance as long FFE fixed taps

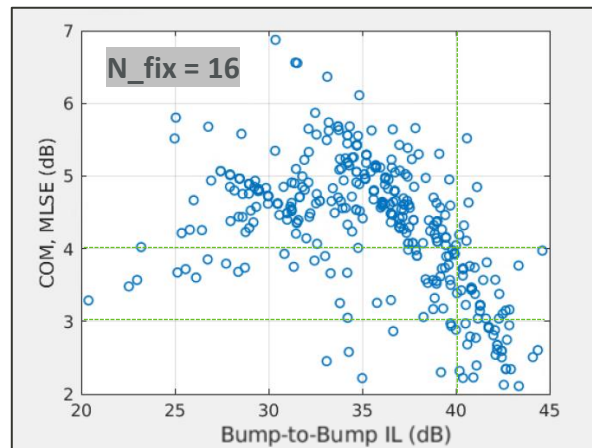
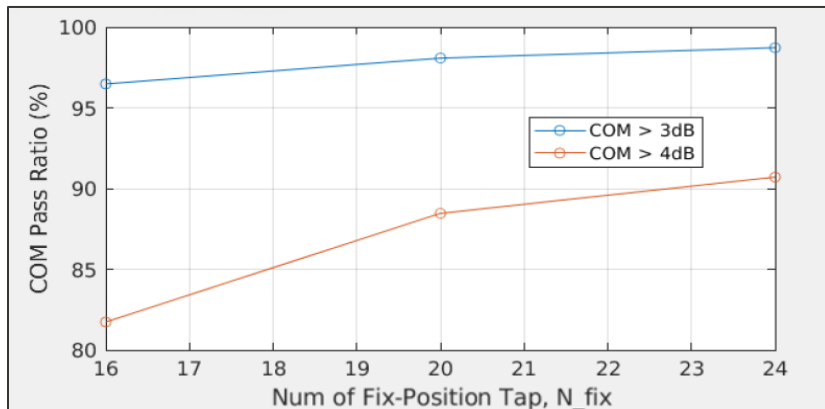


* Pass criteria: $COM \geq 3dB$ & Channel bump-to-bump IL $\leq 40dB$



COM with MLSE Enabled

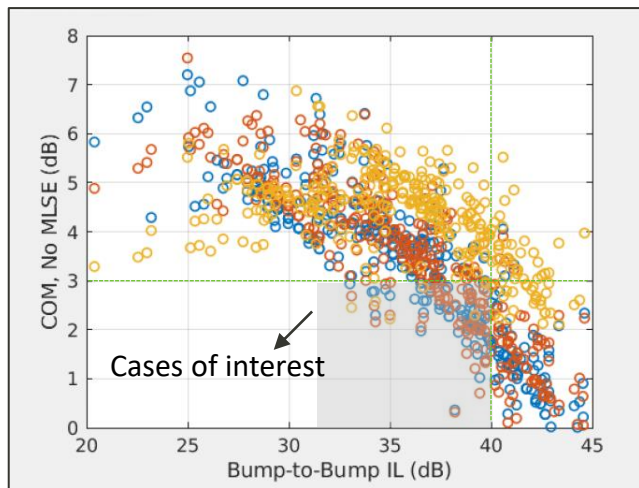
- For this set of data, $d_w = 6$, $N_g = 0$, and $MLSE = 1$
- Most of the channels can meet 3 dB COM by using MLSE + short FFE fixed taps
 - MLSE has proven to be successful in compensating additional loss due to higher Nyquist frequency
 - In real world, MLSE gain for 40dB channels is a little over 1dB \rightarrow MLSE penalty ~ 1 dB



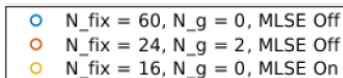
- *Pass criteria: COM ≥ 3 dB (or 4dB) & Channel bump-to-bump IL ≤ 40 dB*

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	d_w	N_fix	N_g*N_f	N_max	MLSE	COM Pass Ratio	EQ Power
FFE Fixed Tap Only	6	60	0	-	0	75%	High
FFE Fixed Taps + Floating Taps	6	24	2*4	80	0	74%	Low (If small N_g)
FFE Fixed Taps + MLSE	6	16	0	-	1	96% for COM \geq 3dB 82% for COM \geq 4dB	Low



- Further increasing number of taps seems less helpful in link budget expansion
- Most of the outlier channels are with either lower ICR or relatively low channel ERL, see [Appendix](#)
- Suggest using short FFE fixed taps together with
 - A few floating groups or MLSE



Proposal: Option A

- Ref RX: RxFFE fixed taps + MLSE
- Proposed COM parameter values to Table 178–13 and Table 179-16

Parameter	Symbol	Value	Units
Random jitter, RMS	σ_{RJ}	TBD	UI
Dual-Dirac jitter, peak	A_{DD}	TBD	UI
Level separation mismatch ratio	R_{LM}	0.95	—
Number of samples per unit interval	M	32	—
Receiver discrete-time equalizer parameters			
Number of pre-cursor taps	d_w	6	—
Number of fixed-position taps	N_{fix}	16	—
Number of floating tap groups	N_g	0	—
Number of taps per floating tap group	N_f	TBD	—
Highest allowed tap index	N_{max}	TBD	—
Normalized upper limit on feed-forward coefficient $w(j)$	$w_{max}(j)$	TBD	—
Normalized lower limit on feed-forward coefficient $w(j)$			—
Number of feedback taps	$w_{min}(j)$	TBD	—
Normalized upper limit on feedback coefficient $b(j)$			—
Normalized lower limit on feedback coefficient $b(j)$	N_b	1	—
	$b_{max}(j)$	0.75	—
	$b_{min}(j)$	0	—
Target detector error ratio	DER_0	2×10^{-4}	—

**Additionally, set MLSE = 1
MLSE penalty shall be considered**

* Proposed for COM parameters only, not for TX training

Parameter	Symbol	Value	Units
Signaling rate	f_b	106.25	GBd
Maximum start frequency	f_{min}	0.05	GHz
Maximum frequency step	Δf	0.01	GHz
Receiver 3 dB bandwidth	f_r	0.58 * f_b ~62GHz	
Transmitter equalizer, coefficient -3 Minimum value Maximum value Step size	$c(-3)$	Remove it*	—
Transmitter equalizer, coefficient -2 Minimum value Maximum value Step size	$c(-2)$	0:0.02:0.12	—
Transmitter equalizer, coefficient -1 Minimum value Maximum value Step size	$c(-1)$	-0.34:0.02:0	—
Transmitter equalizer, coefficient 0 Minimum value	$c(0)$	0.5	—
Transmitter equalizer, coefficient 1 Minimum value Maximum value Step size	$c(1)$	-0.2:0.02:0	—
Continuous time filter, gain 1 Minimum value Maximum value Step size	g_1	-20 0 1	dB dB dB
Continuous time filter, gain 2 Minimum value Maximum value Step size	g_2	-6 0 1	dB dB dB
Continuous time filter, zero 1 frequency for $g_1=0$ Continuous time filter, zero 1 frequency for $g_2=0$	f_{z1} f_{z2}	$f_b / 2.5$ $f_b / 80$	GHz GHz
Continuous time filter, pole 1 frequency Continuous time filter, pole 2 frequency Continuous time filter, pole 3 frequency	f_{p1} f_{p2} f_{p3}	$f_b / 2.5$ f_b $f_b / 80$	GHz GHz GHz
Transmitter differential peak output voltage Victim Far-end aggressor Near-end aggressor	A_v A_{fe} A_{ne}	0.413 0.413 0.608	V V V
Transmitter transition time	T_r	0.004	ns
Number of signal levels	L	4	—
One-sided noise spectral density	η_0	6e-9	V ² /GHz
Transmitter signal-to-noise ratio	SNR_{TX}	331	dB

Proposal: Option B

- Ref RX: RxFFE fixed taps + floating taps
- Proposed COM parameter values to Table 178–13 and Table 179-16

Parameter	Symbol	Value	Units
Random jitter, RMS	σ_{RJ}	TBD	UI
Dual-Dirac jitter, peak	A_{DD}	TBD	UI
Level separation mismatch ratio	R_{LM}	0.95	—
Number of samples per unit interval	M	32	—
Receiver discrete-time equalizer parameters			
Number of pre-cursor taps	d_w	6	—
Number of fixed-position taps	N_{fx}	24	—
Number of floating tap groups	N_g	2	—
Number of taps per floating tap group	N_f	4	—
Highest allowed tap index	N_{max}	65	—
Normalized upper limit on feed-forward coefficient $w(j)$	$w_{max}(j)$	TBD	—
Normalized lower limit on feed-forward coefficient $w(j)$			—
Number of feedback taps	$w_{min}(j)$	TBD	—
Normalized upper limit on feedback coefficient $b(j)$			—
Normalized lower limit on feedback coefficient $b(j)$	N_b	1	—
	$b_{max}(j)$	0.75	—
	$b_{min}(j)$	0	—
Target detector error ratio	DER_0	2×10^{-4}	—

Additionally, set MLSE = 0

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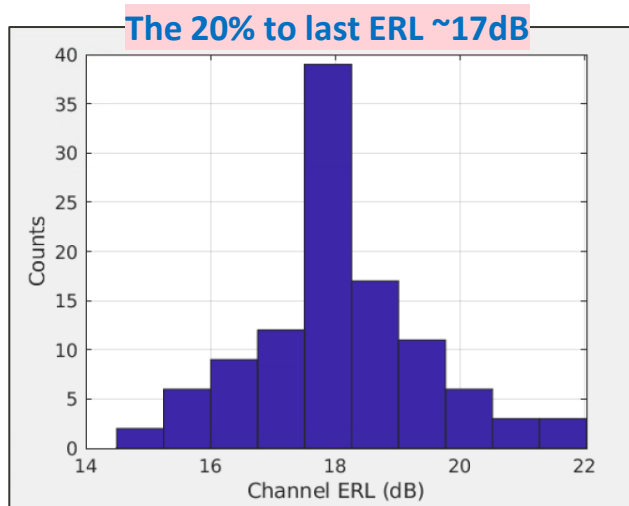
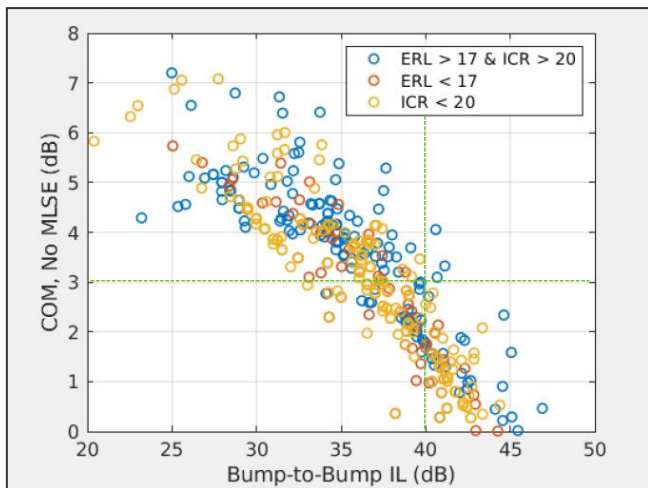
Parameter	Symbol	Value	Units
Signaling rate	f_b	106.25	GBd
Maximum start frequency	f_{min}	0.05	GHz
Maximum frequency step	Δf	0.01	GHz
Receiver 3 dB bandwidth	f_r	0.58 * f_b ~62GHz	
Transmitter equalizer, coefficient -3 Minimum value Maximum value Step size	$c(-3)$	Remove it*	—
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Transmitter equalizer, coefficient 0 Minimum value	$c(0)$	0.5	—
Transmitter equalizer, coefficient 1 Minimum value Maximum value Step size	$c(1)$	-0.2:0.02:0	—
Continuous time filter, gain 1 Minimum value Maximum value Step size	g_1	-20 0 1	dB dB dB
Continuous time filter, gain 2 Minimum value Maximum value Step size	g_2	-6 0 1	dB dB dB
Continuous time filter, zero 1 frequency for $g_1=0$ Continuous time filter, zero 1 frequency for $g_2=0$	f_{z1} f_{z2}	$f_b / 2.5$ $f_b / 80$	GHz GHz
Continuous time filter, pole 1 frequency Continuous time filter, pole 2 frequency Continuous time filter, pole 3 frequency	f_{p1} f_{p2} f_{p3}	$f_b / 2.5$ f_b $f_b / 80$	GHz GHz GHz
Transmitter differential peak output voltage Victim Far-end aggressor Near-end aggressor	A_v A_{fe} A_{ne}	0.413 0.413 0.608	V V V
Transmitter transition time	T_r	0.004	ns
Number of signal levels	L	4	—
One-sided noise spectral density	η_0	6e-9	V ² /GHz
Transmitter signal-to-noise ratio	SNR_{TX}	33!	dB

Appendix

Channel Characteristics vs COM

- Ref RX: RxFFE fixed taps only
- ERL and ICR are used for relative comparison, not a baseline proposal

	d_w	N_fix	N_g*N_f	N_max	MLSE	COM Pass Ratio
FFE Fixed Tap Only	6	60	0	-	0	75%

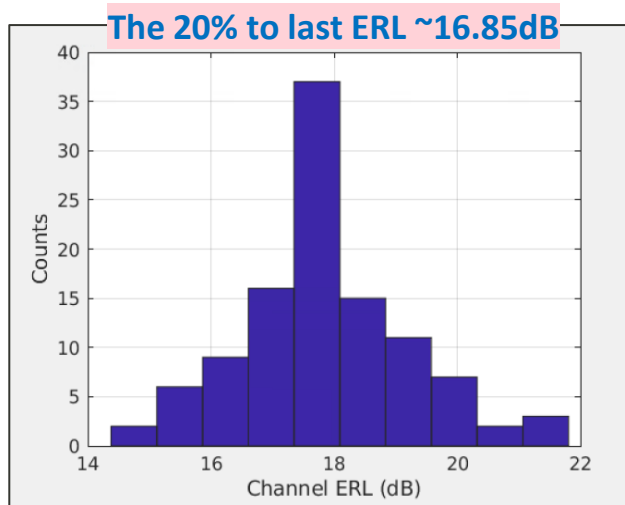
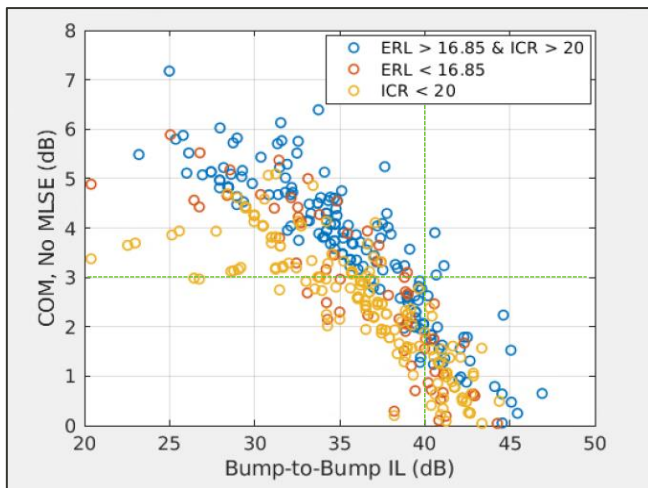


Symbol	Value	Units
T_r	0.01	ns
β_x	0	GHz
ρ_x	0.618	—
N	7000	UI
N_{bx}	60	UI
T_{fx}	0	ns
η_v	1	—

Channel Characteristics vs COM

- Ref RX: RxFFE fixed taps + floating taps
- ERL and ICR are used for relative comparison, not a baseline proposal

	d_w	N_fix	N_g*N_f	N_max	MLSE	COM Pass Ratio
FFE Fixed Tap + Floating Tap	6	24	2*4	80	0	74%



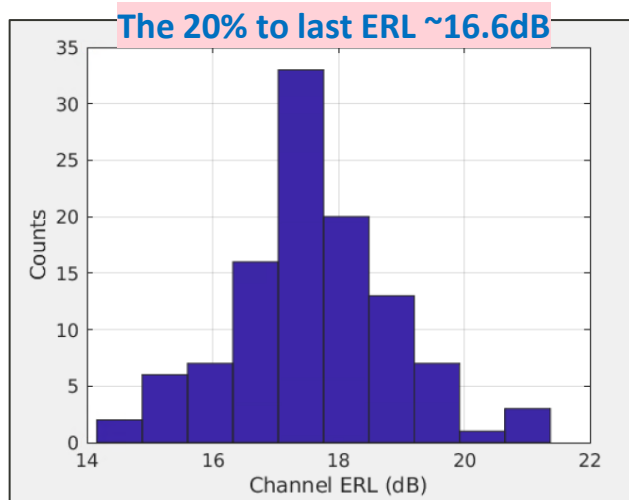
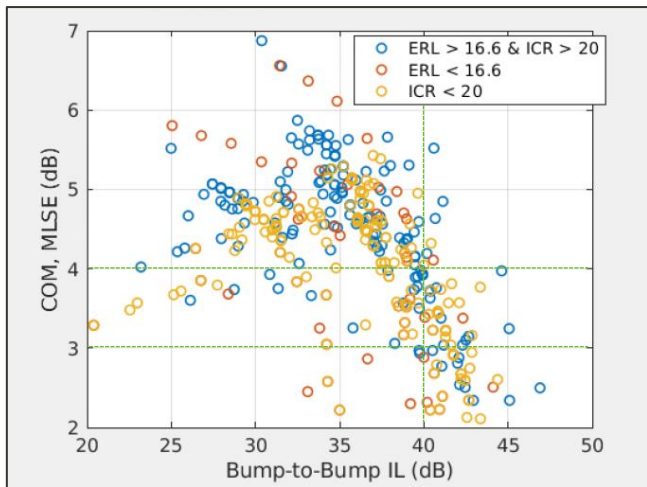
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β_x	0	GHz
ρ_x	0.618	—
N	7000	UI
N_{bx}	32	UI
T_{fx}	0	ns
η_w	1	—



Channel Characteristics vs COM

- Ref RX: RxFFE fixed taps + MLSE
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	d_w	N_fix	N_g*N_f	N_max	MLSE	COM Pass Ratio
FFE Fixed Tap + MLSE	6	16	0	-	1	96% for COM \geq 3dB 82% for COM \geq 4dB



• ERL Parameters

Symbol	Value	Units
T_r	0.01	ns
β_x	0	GHz
ρ_x	0.618	—
N	7000	UI
N_{bx}	16	UI
T_{fx}	0	ns
ηw	1	—

Thank you

Questions and Discussions