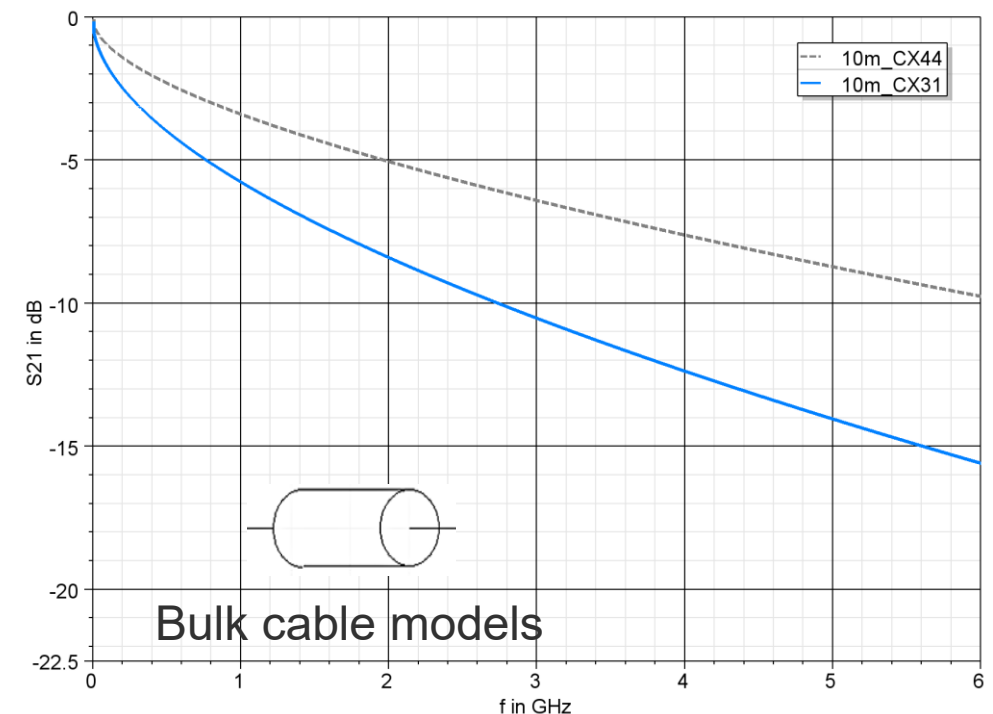


## IEEE 802.3dm adhoc meeting Return loss of automotive coaxial link segments

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## Scope and cable model

- Share simulation results on automotive coaxial link segment return loss (RL) to support defining appropriate RL requirements
- Physical model of automotive coaxial cable type RTK044 at -40°C including loss, propagation delay without micro-reflections ( $\mu$ R) and RTK031 at room temperature
- Nominal impedance  $50 \pm 3 \Omega$  (6%)  
with max./min. alteration between segments of  $52.5 / 47 \Omega$ , to consider comments from adhoc discussions about the impedance increase over length and micro-reflexions ripple within the cable impedance evaluation window in TDR measurements



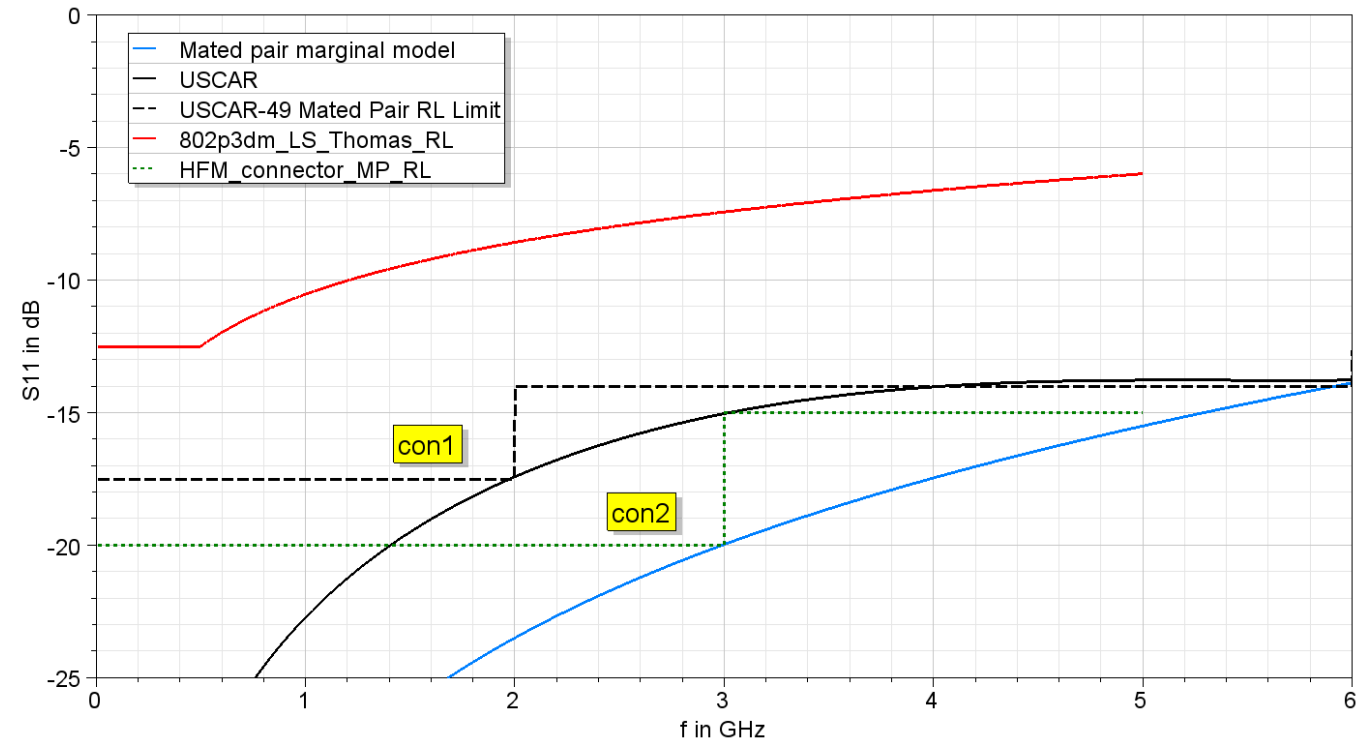
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## Connector models

- Component models based on physical transmission line model valid for RL, IL and delay
- Two types of mated connector pairs with RL marginal to USCAR-49 mini coax requirements [2022-09] (connector con1) and tighter specified typical mini coax connector type as like HFM (con2)



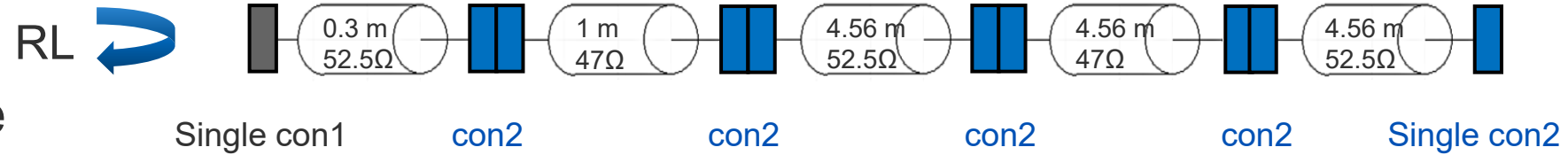
Mated connector pair model



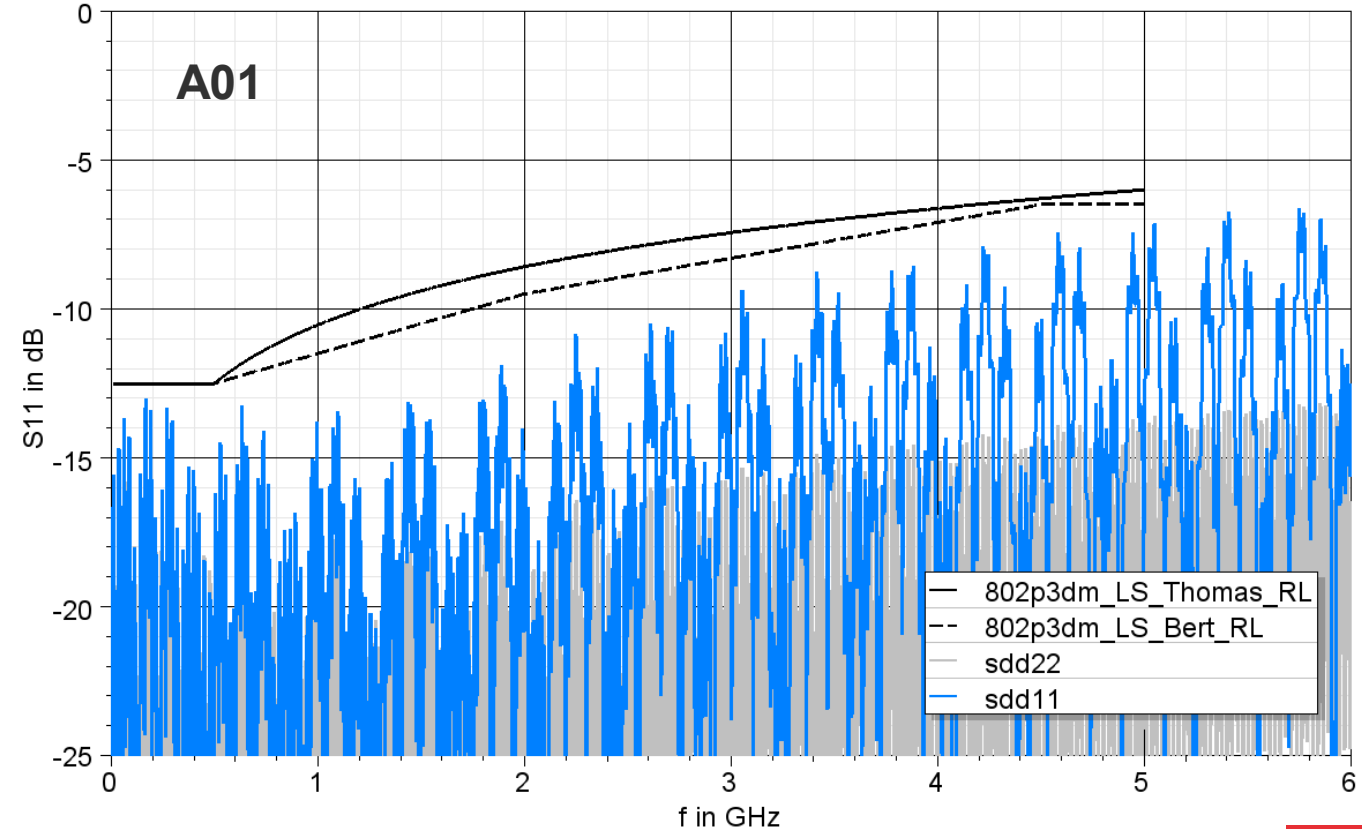
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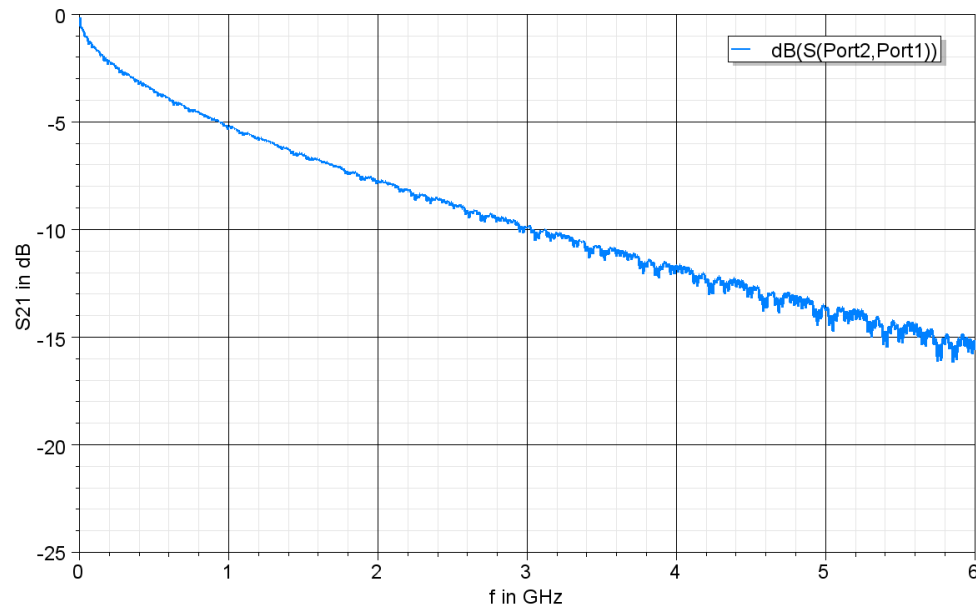
- Link segment RL with connector 1 at the sensor and connector 2 along the channel along the channel



Link segment Return Loss



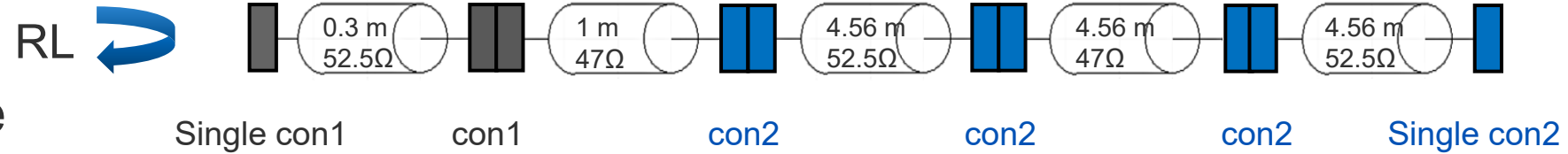
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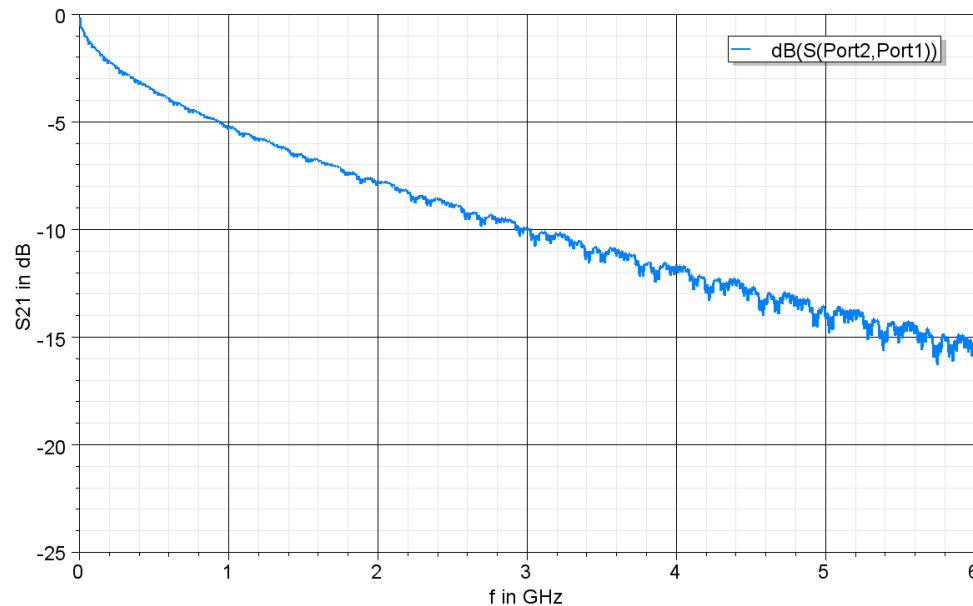
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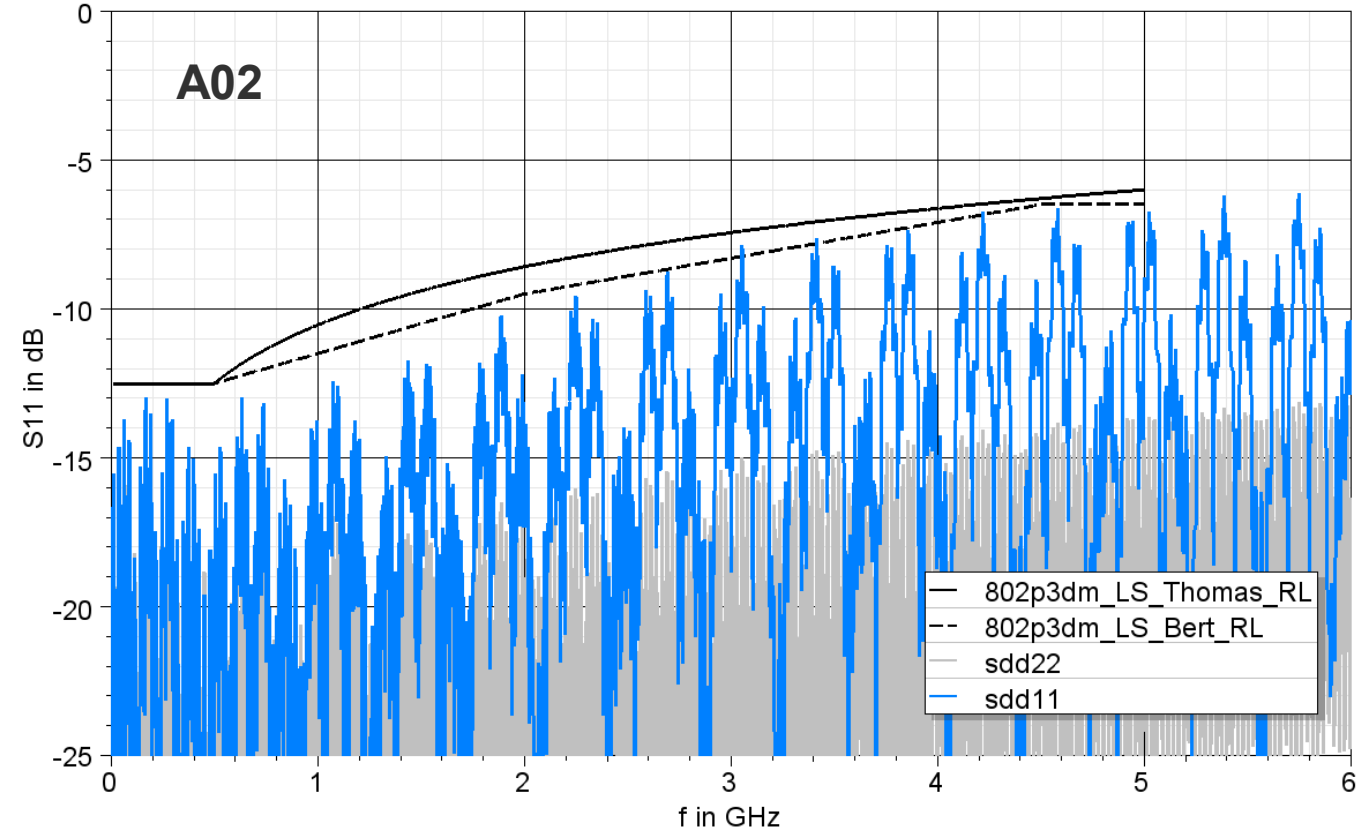
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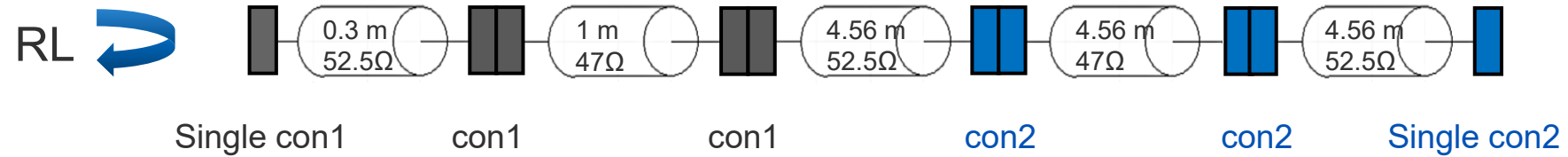
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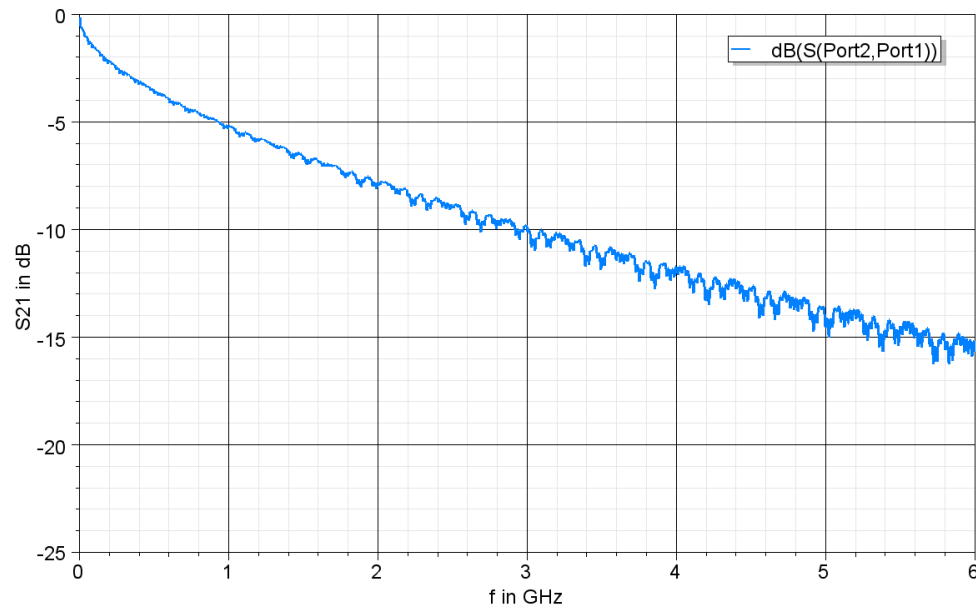
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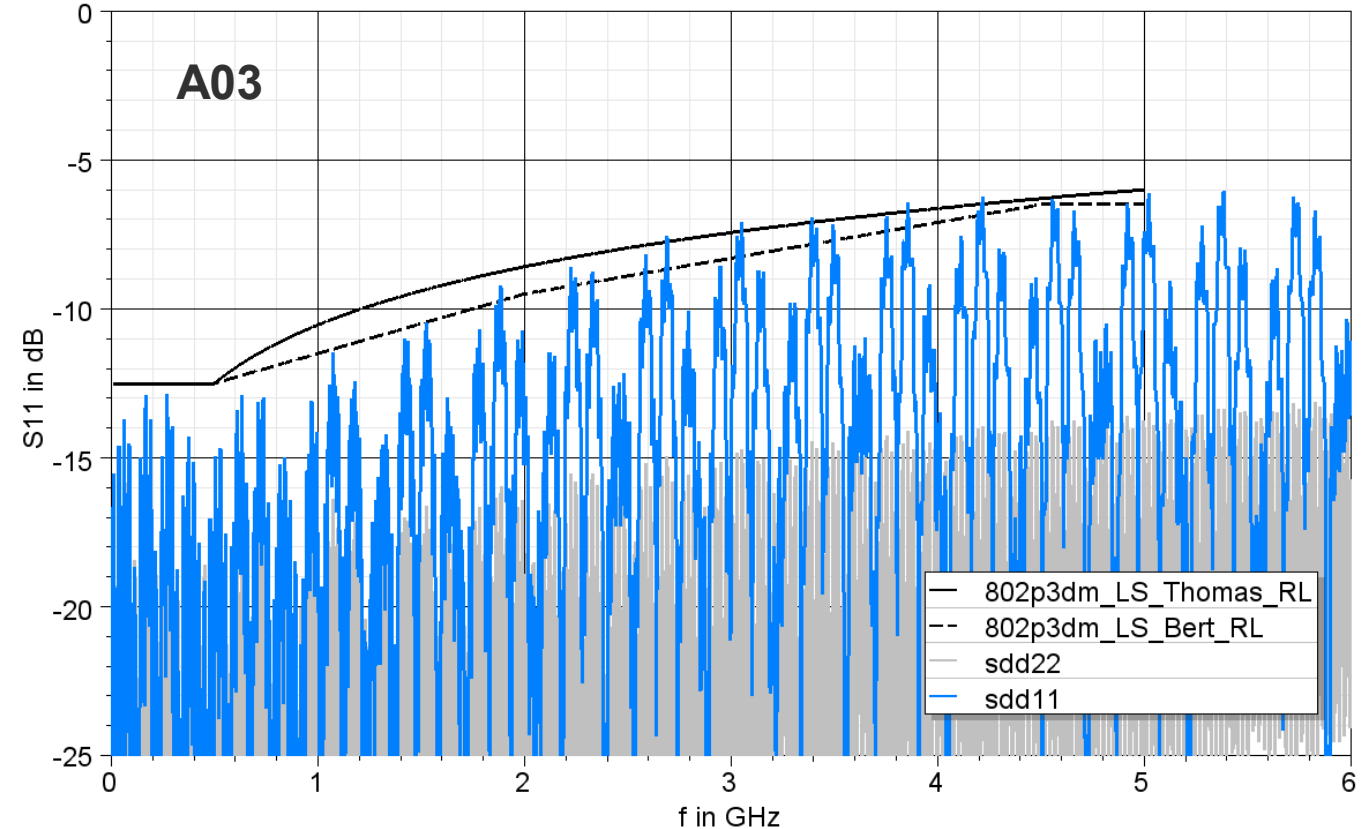
- Link segment RL with connector types as shown in the topology



Link segment Insertion Loss



Link segment Return Loss



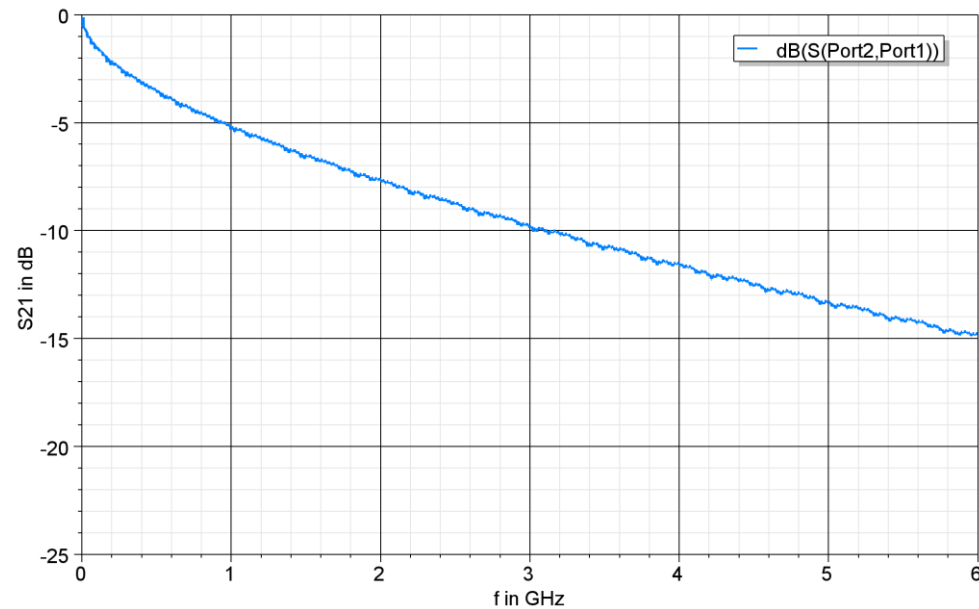
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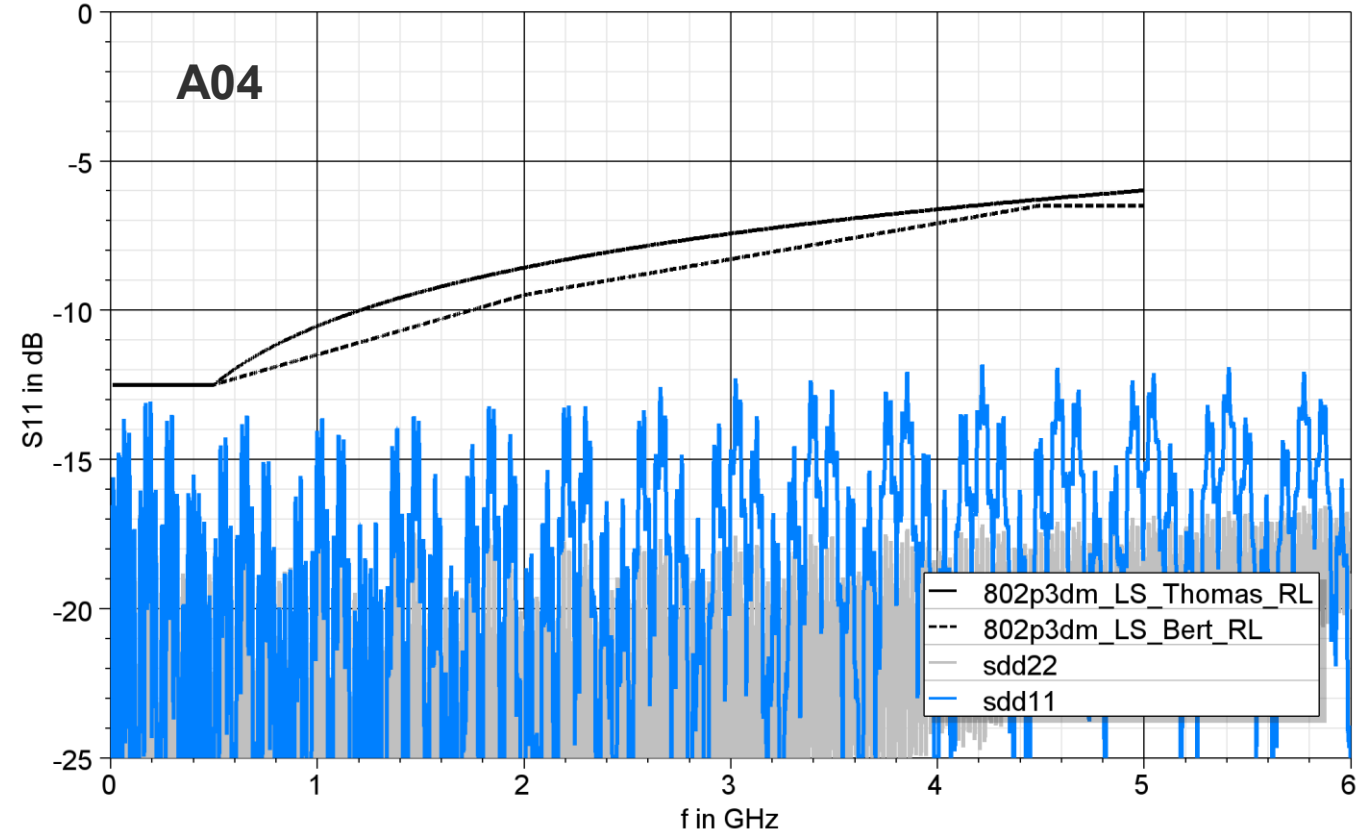
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Link segment Insertion Loss



Link segment Return Loss



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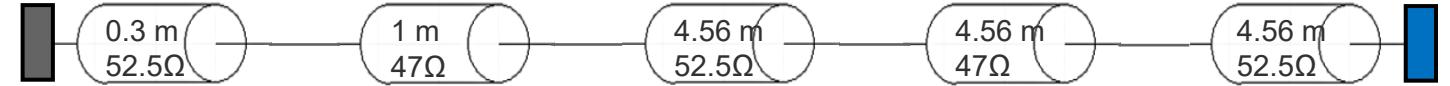
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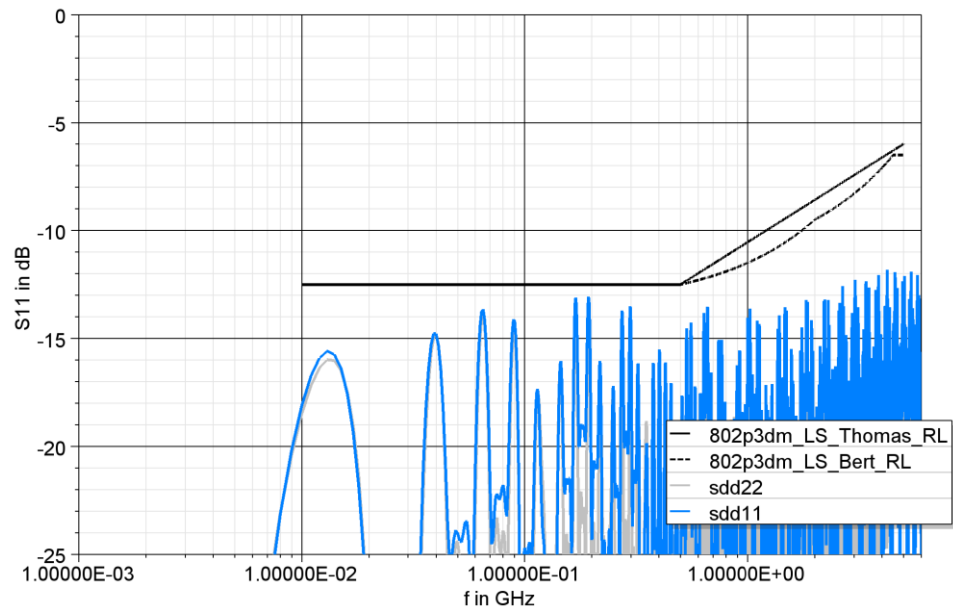


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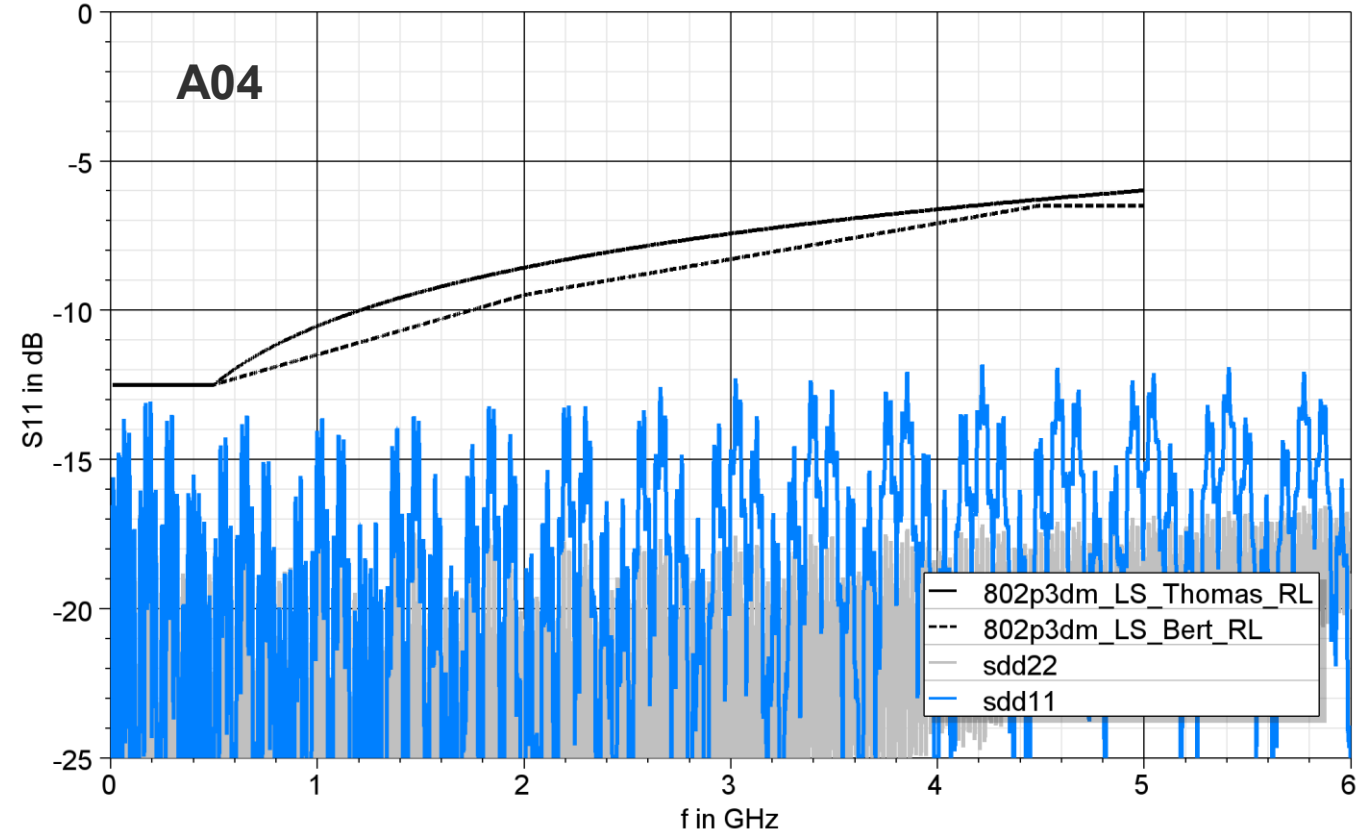
Single con2



Link segment Return Loss low frequency (x-axis log)



Link segment Return Loss

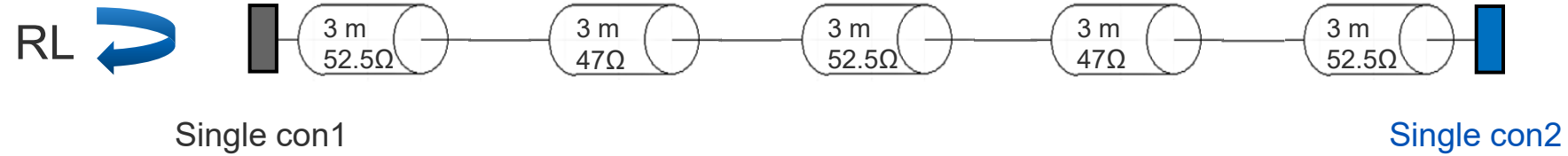




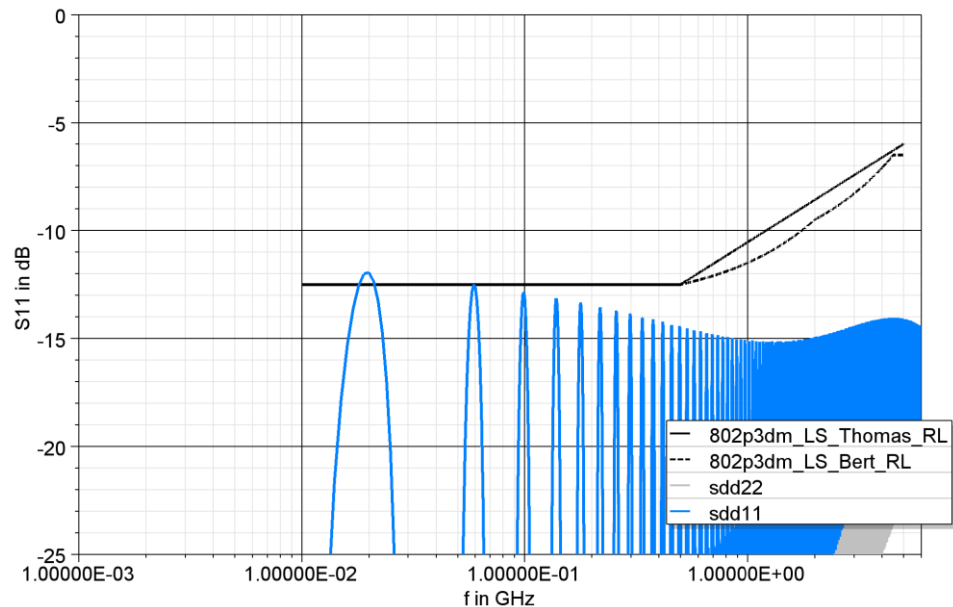
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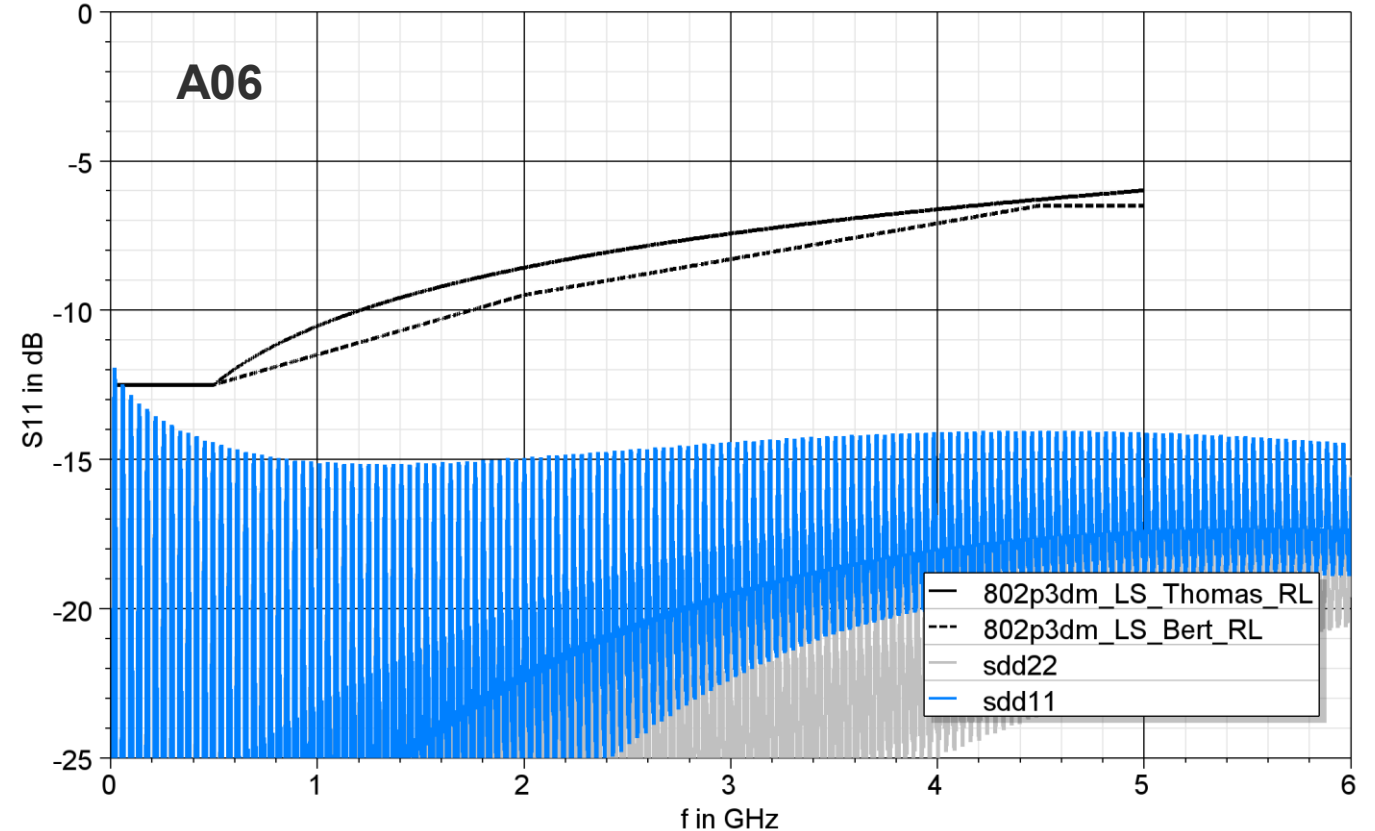
- Low frequency RL worst case if cable segment lengths are identical



Link segment Return Loss low frequency (x-axis log)



Link segment Return Loss



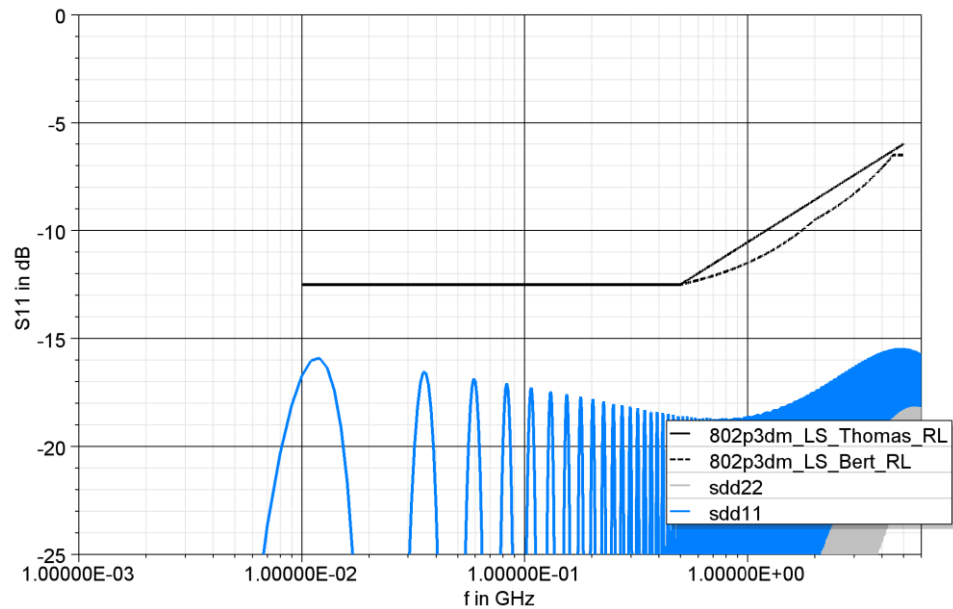
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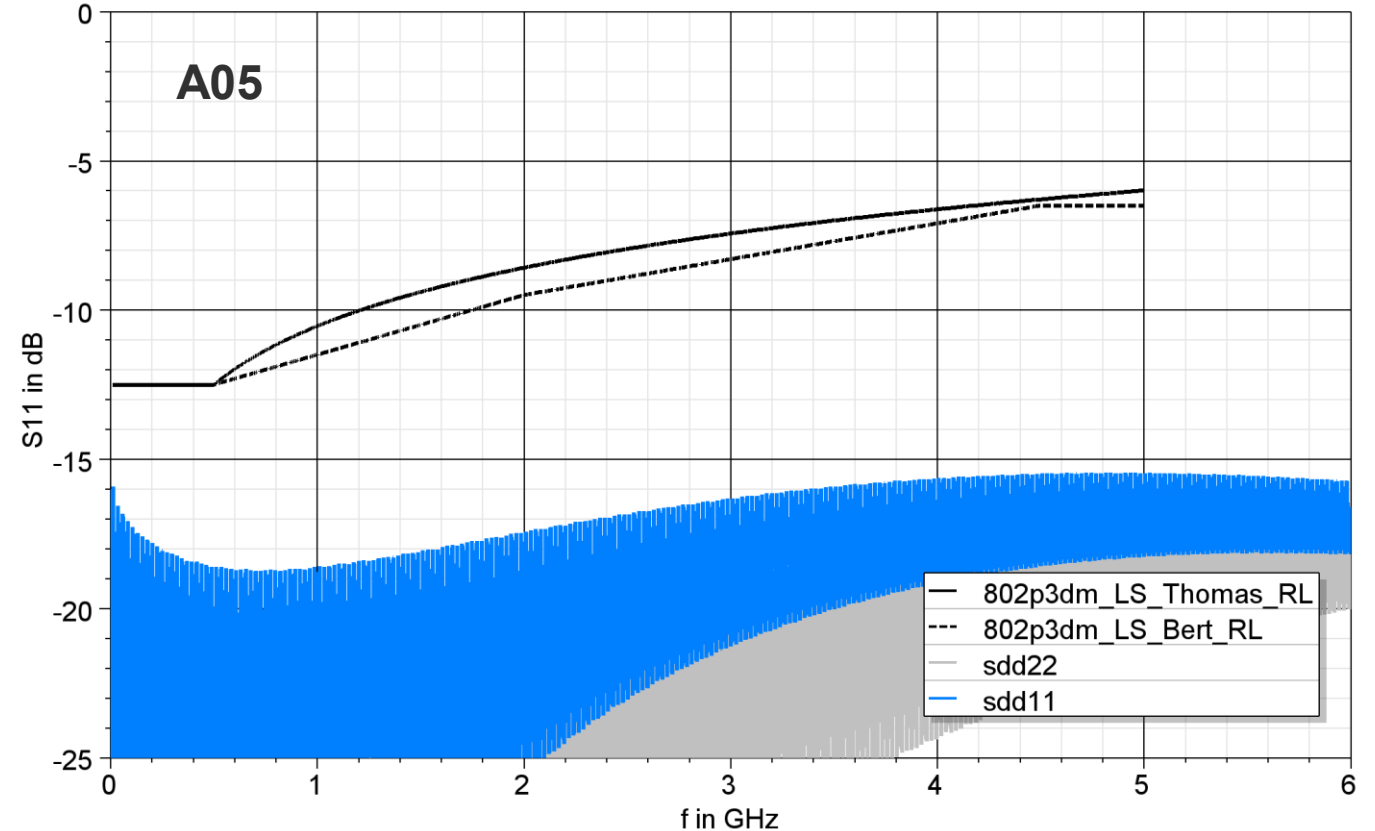
- Reducing number of cable segments improves RL



Link segment Return Loss low frequency (x-axis log)



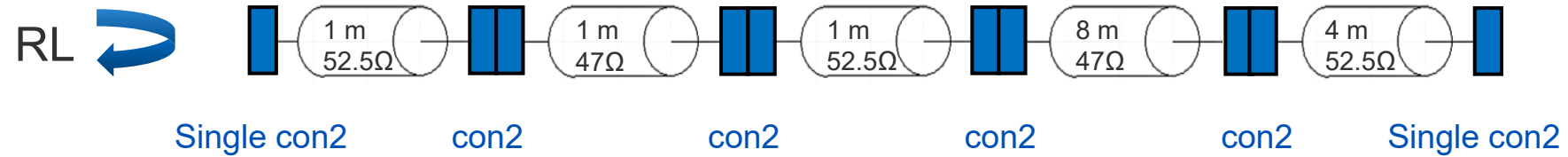
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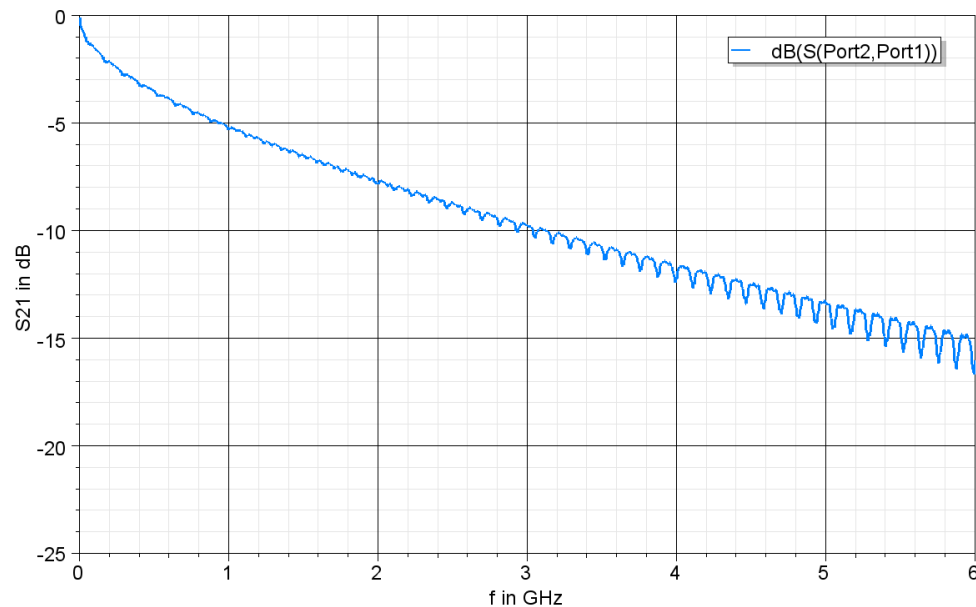
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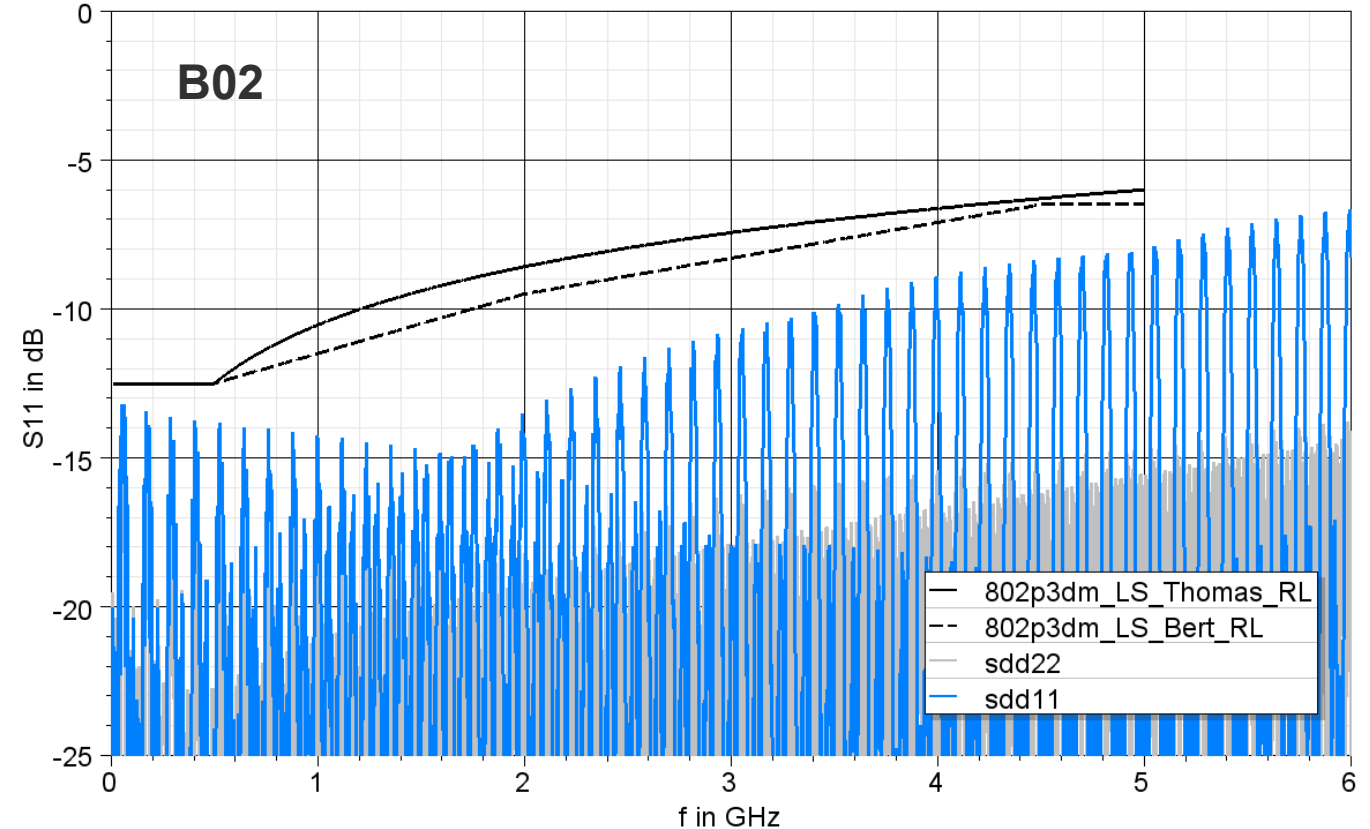
- Link segment RL with connector type 2 as shown in the topology with cable type **CX044**



Link segment Insertion Loss



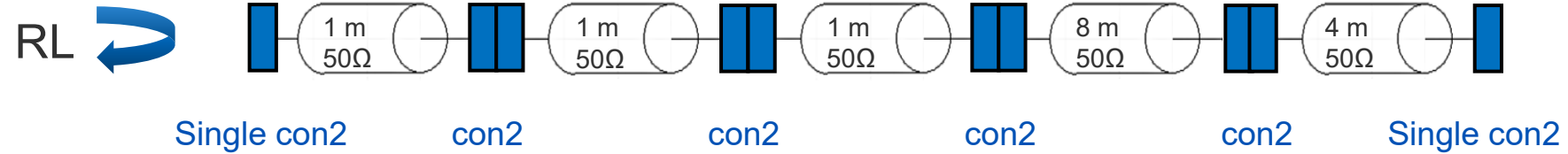
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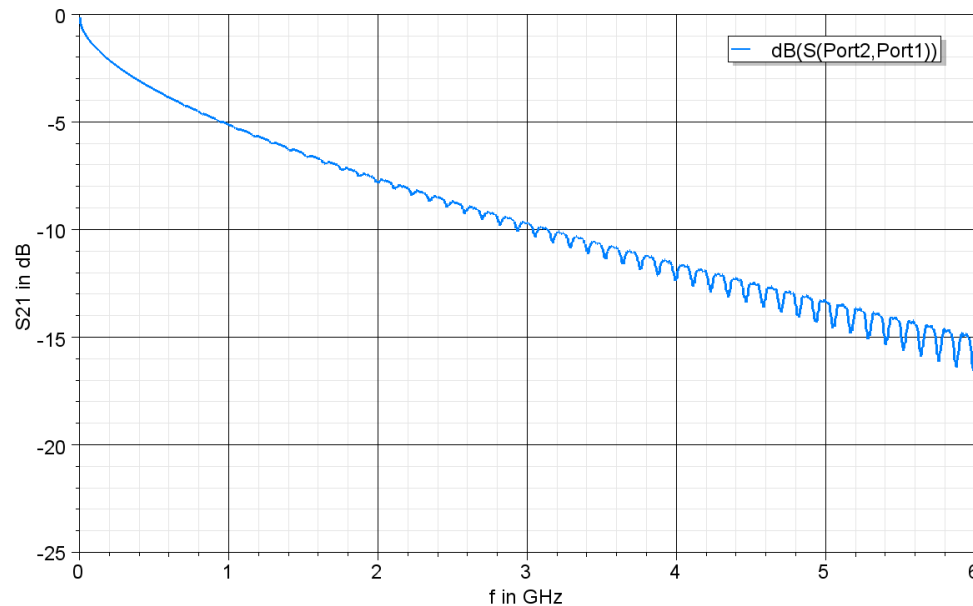
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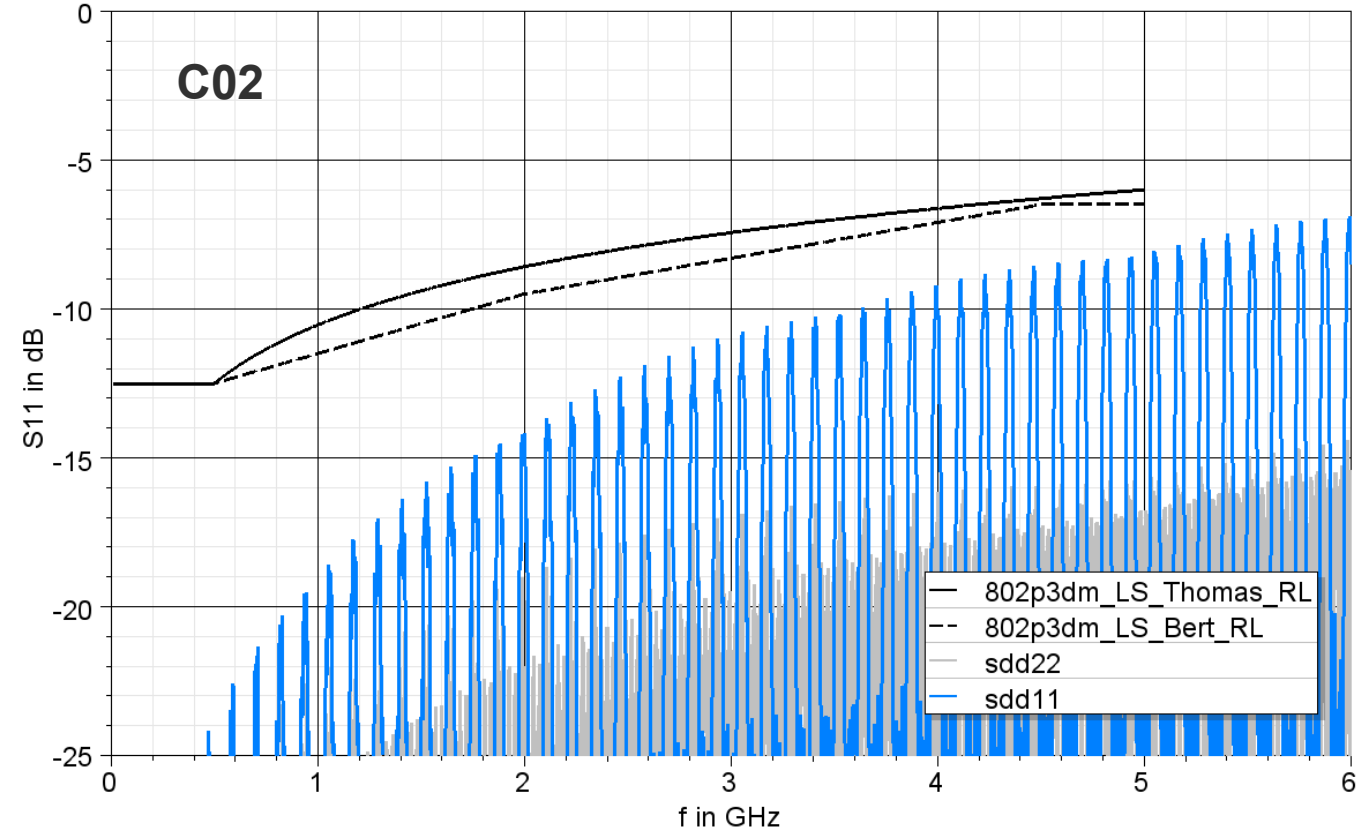
- Link segment RL with connector type 2 as shown in the topology with cable type **CX044** and ideal cable segment impedance



Link segment Insertion Loss



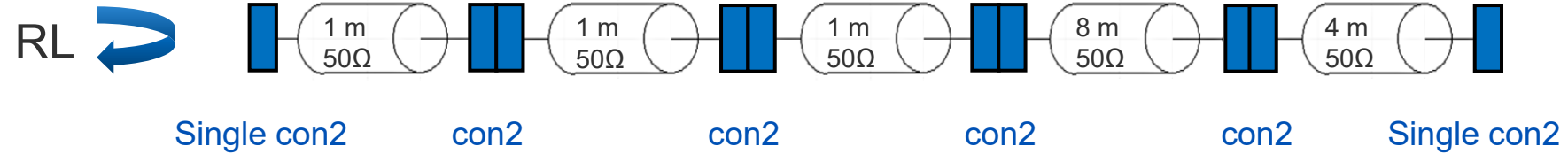
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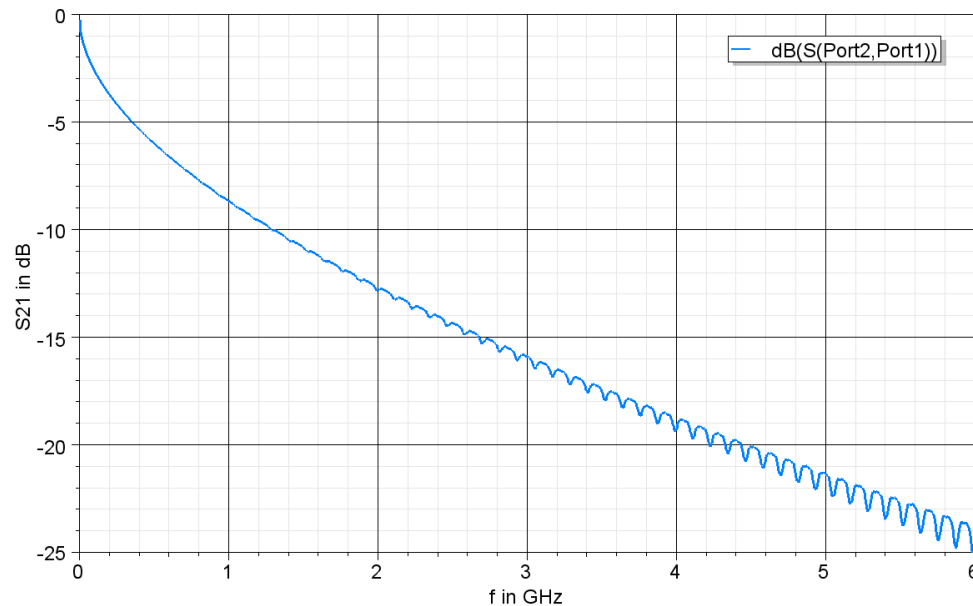
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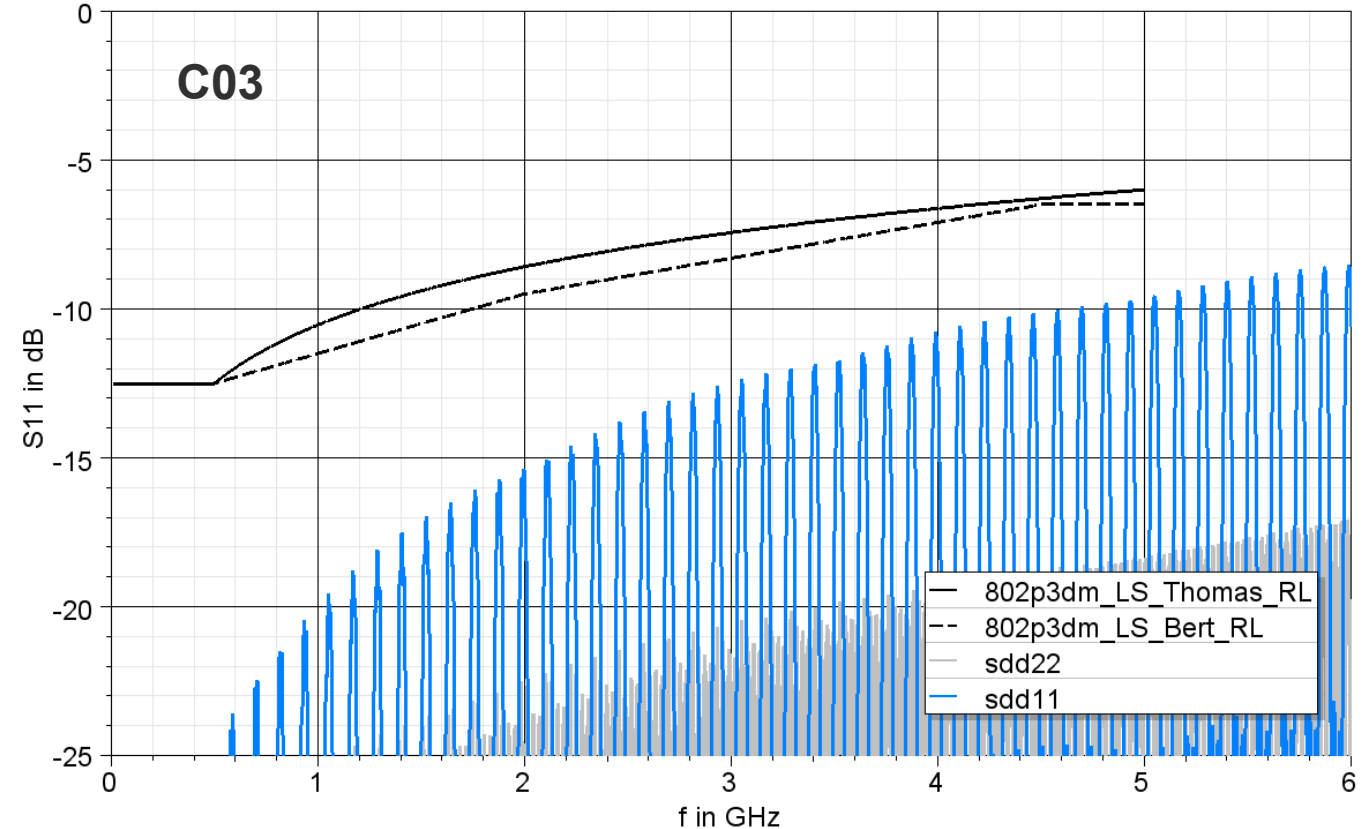
- Link segment RL with connector type 2 as shown in the topology with cable type **CX031** and ideal cable segment impedance



Link segment Insertion Loss



Link segment Return Loss



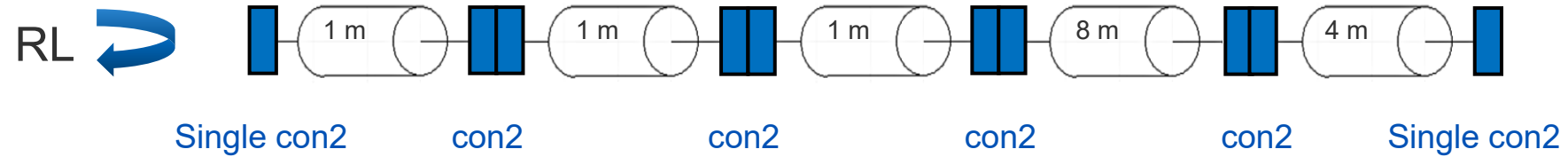
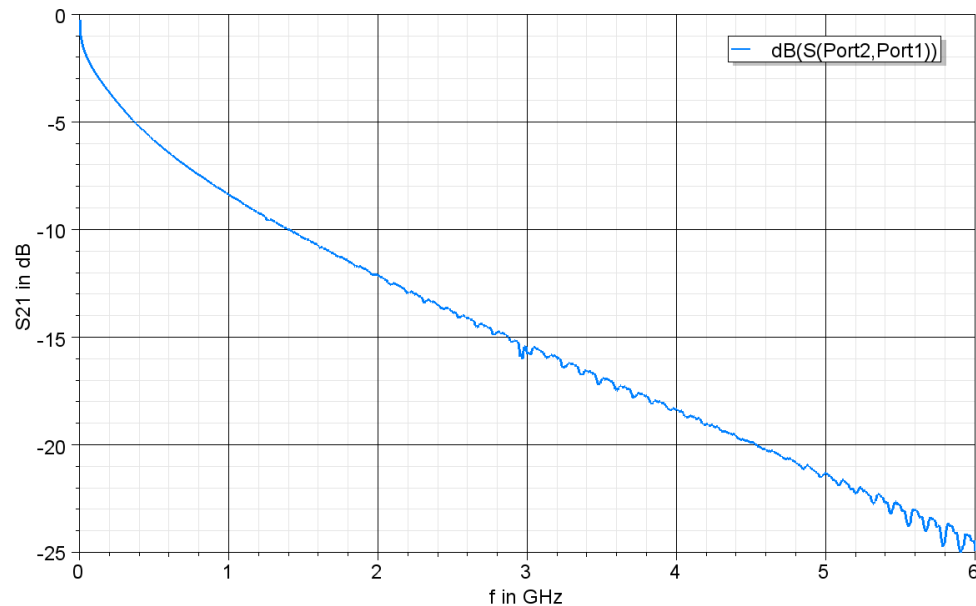
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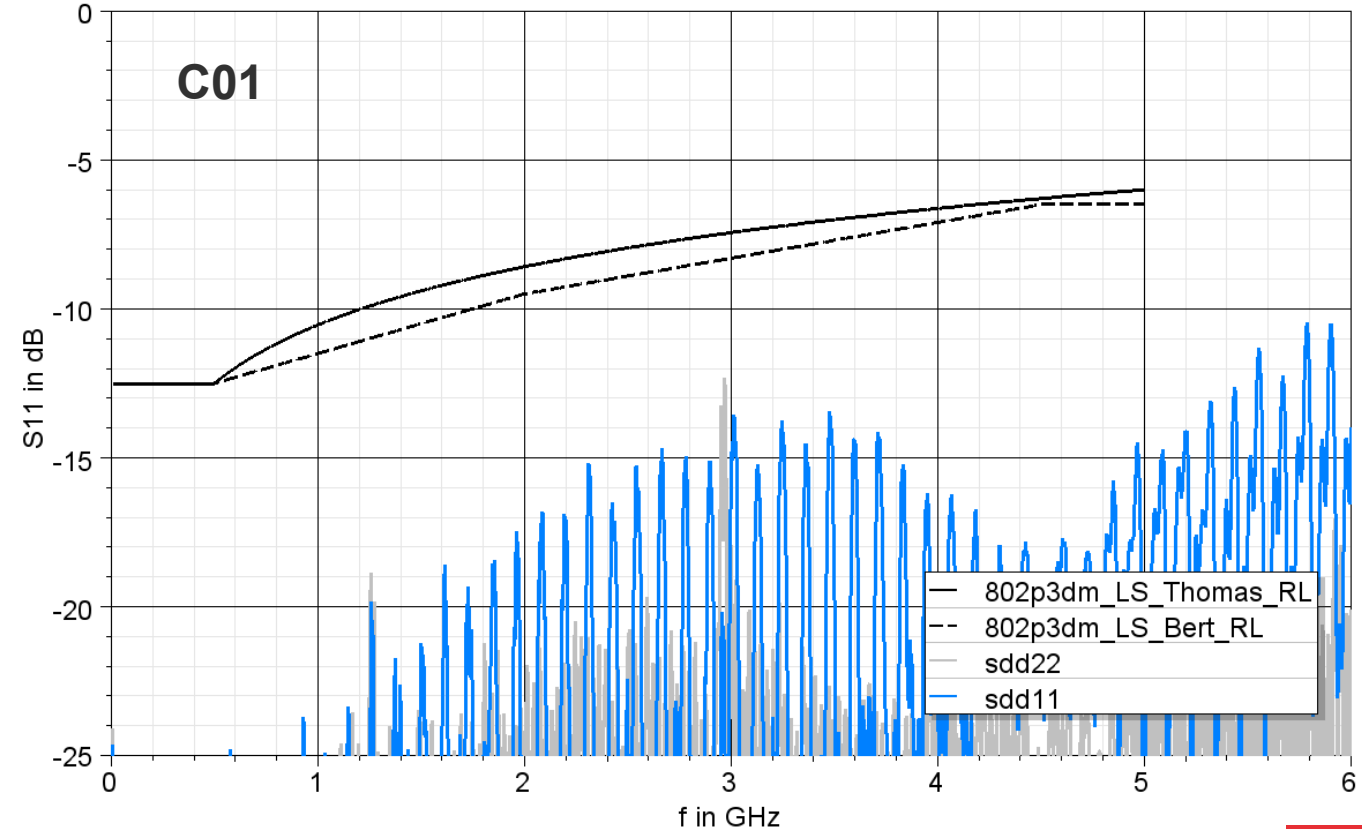
## ■ Measured

Link segment RL  
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with cable type **CX031**

Link segment Insertion Loss



Link segment Return Loss



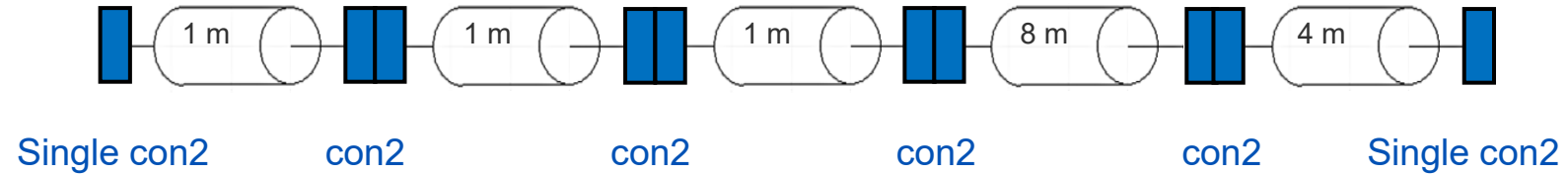
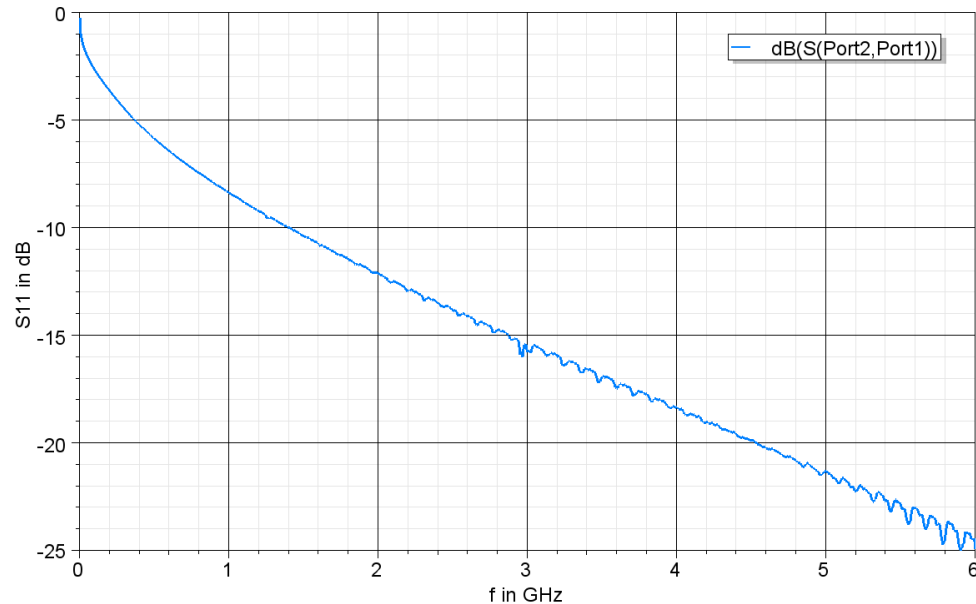
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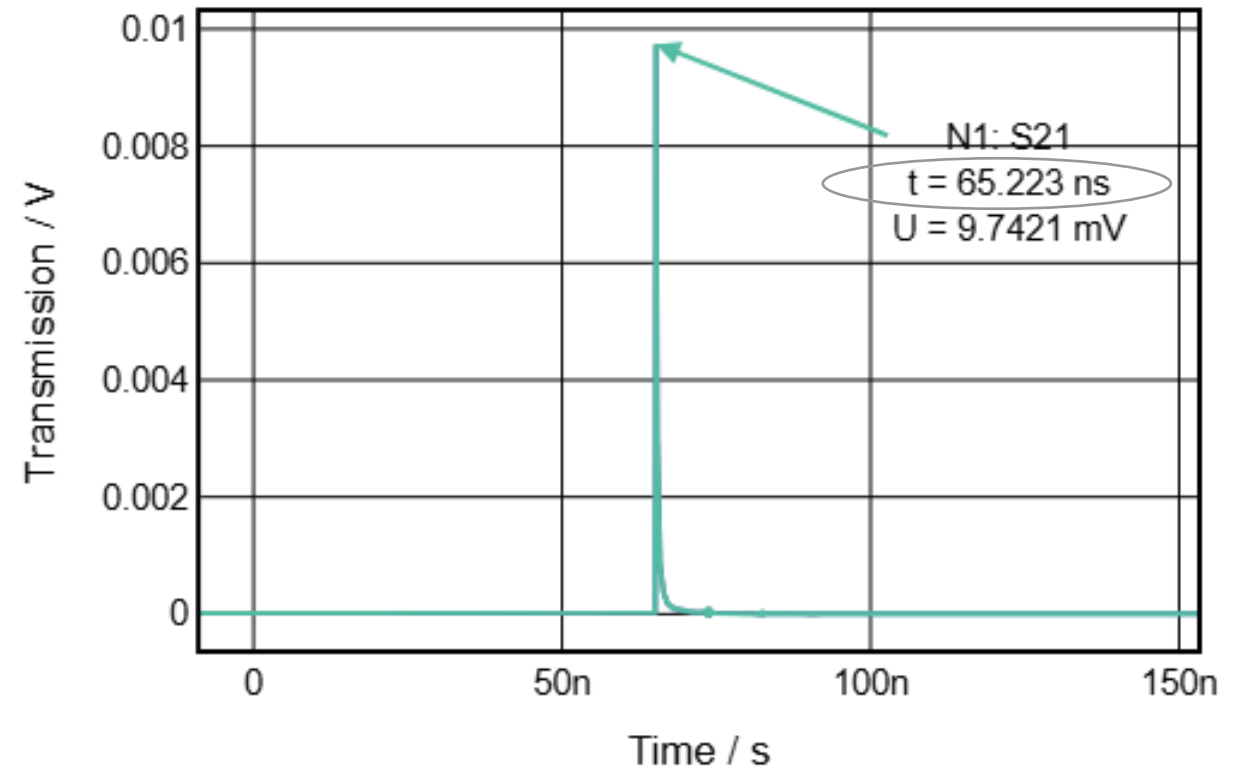
## ■ Measured

Link segment propagation delay with connector types as shown in the topology with cable type **CX031**

Link segment Insertion Loss



Link segment propagation delay



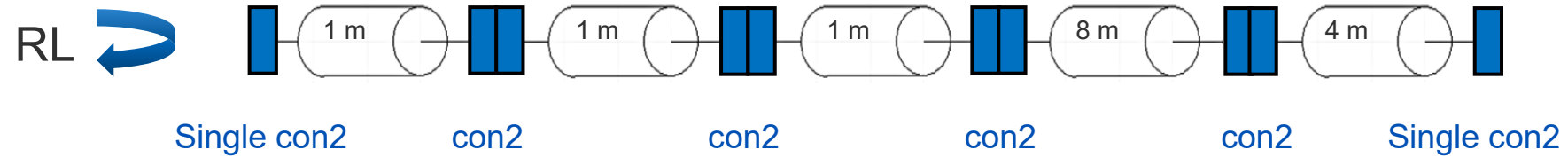
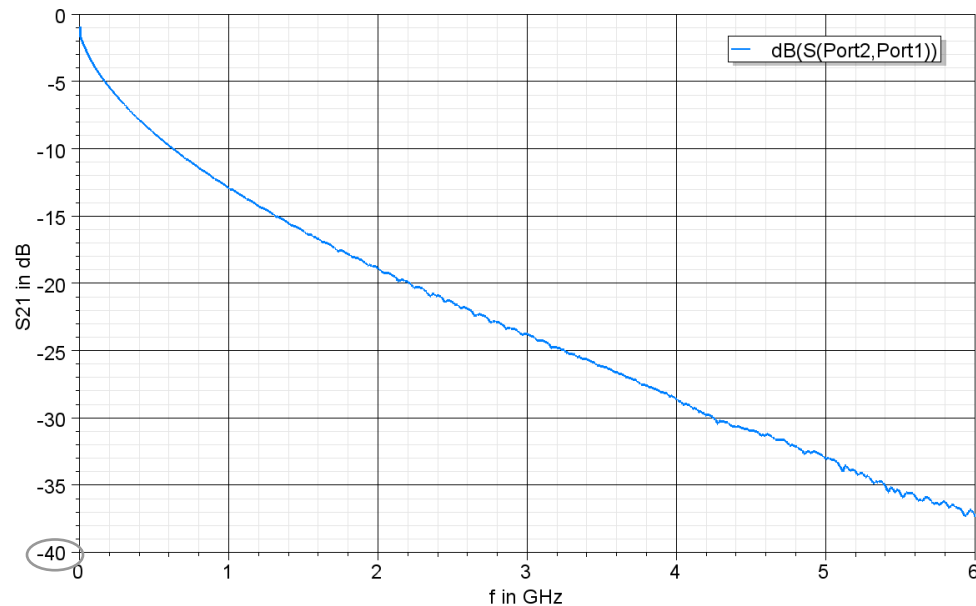
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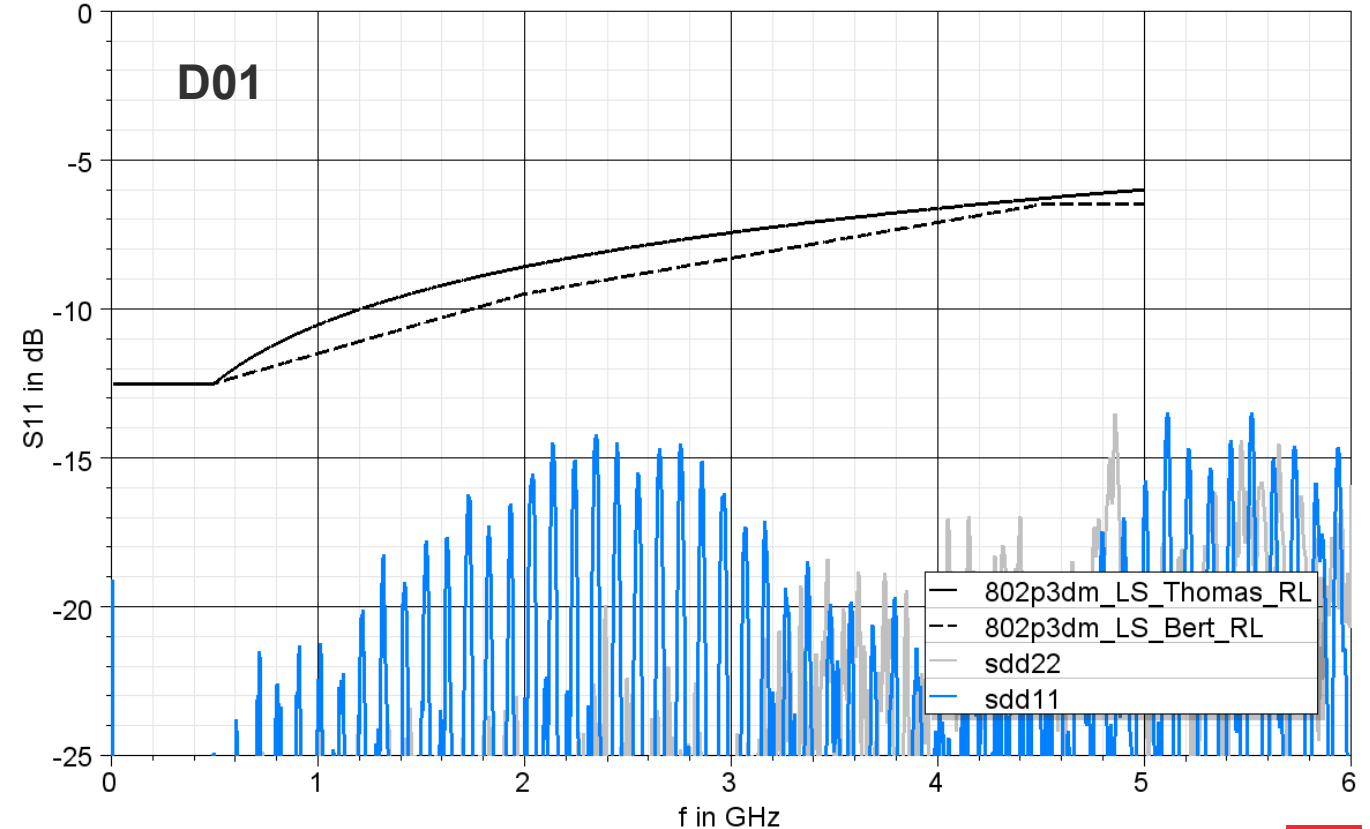
## ■ Measured

Link segment RL  
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with cable type **RG-174**

Link segment Insertion Loss



Link segment Return Loss





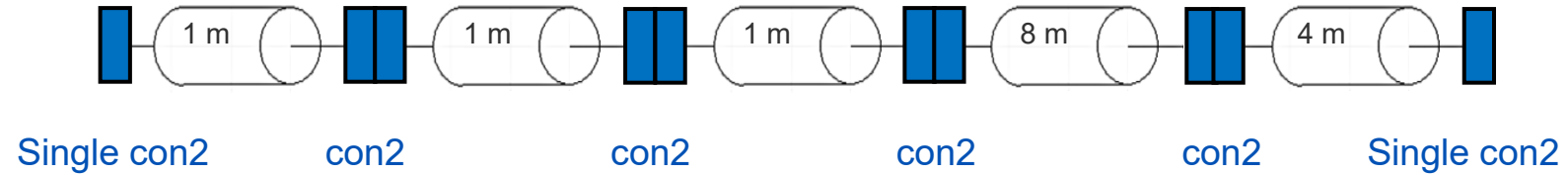
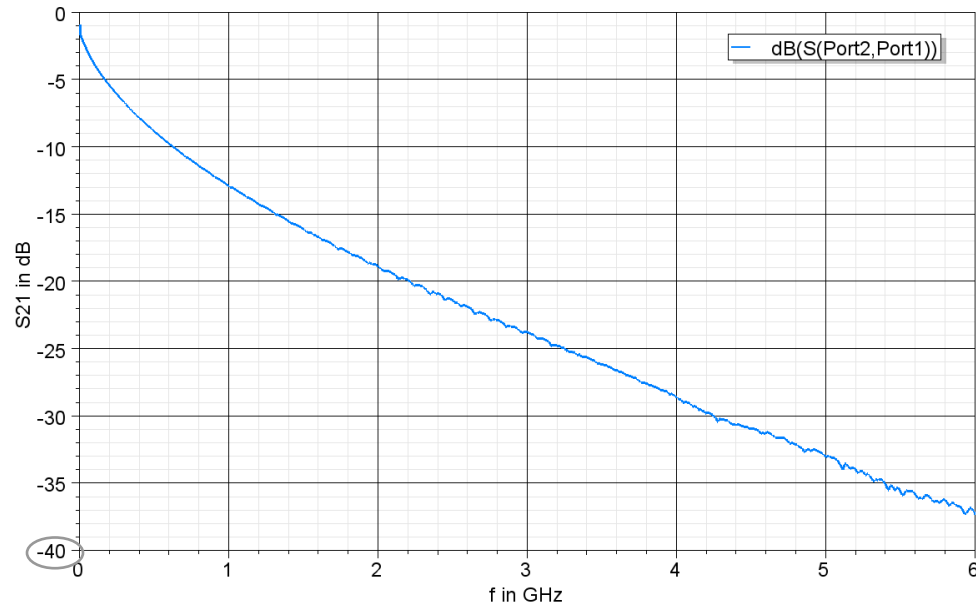
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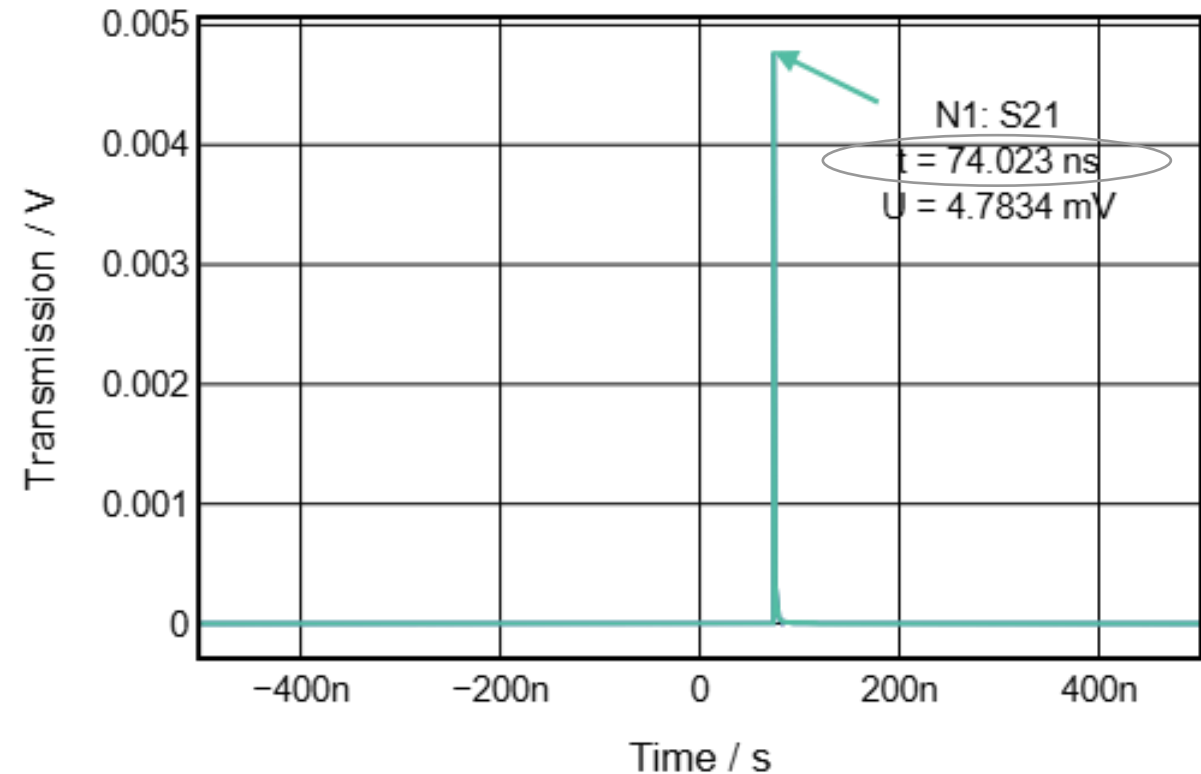
## ■ Measured

Link segment propagation delay with connector types as shown in the topology with cable type **RG-174**

Link segment Insertion Loss



Link segment propagation delay



## Summary

- Link segment RL results based on simulation and measurements for combinations of coaxial connectors marginal to USCAR-49 (mini coax) and a tighter specified connector based on Highspeed FAKRA Mini (HFM) with different cable types were presented.
- RL in the lower frequency range ( $\leq \sim 1.5$  GHz) is determined mainly by cable segment properties including number of segments and impedance deviations.
- RL in the higher frequency range is determined by number and quality of connectors.
- Propose to consider the following link segment return loss as baseline for the coaxial case with upper frequency depending on speed rate
- Some small additional margin for cable micro reflexions caused impedance variations along the cable due to manufacturing processes ( $\sim 2$  dB) is considered in the proposal
- Propagation delay varies with the dielectric insulation material with the cable, which may reach up to  $\epsilon_r \approx 2.2$  for solid PP material

