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# **Improved Results for both 56 and 112Gb/s PAM4 Signals**

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## Goals

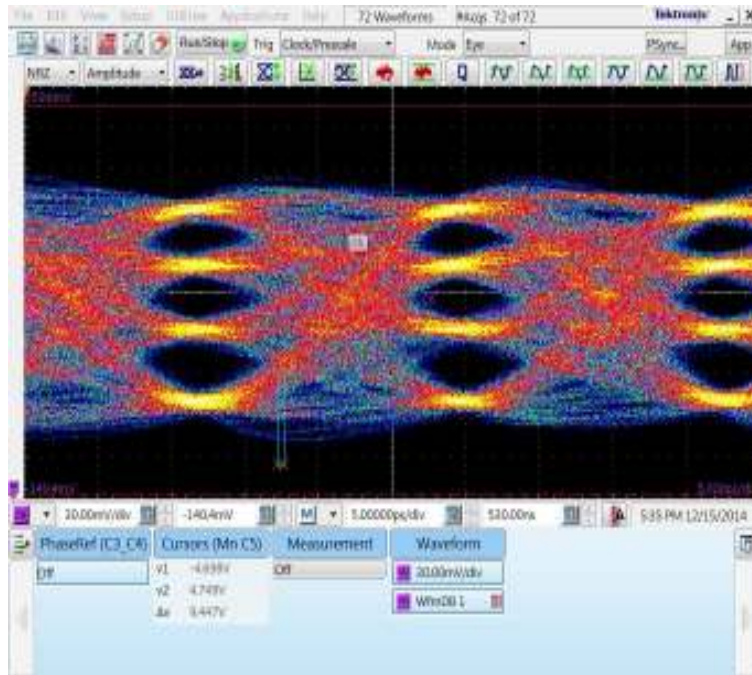
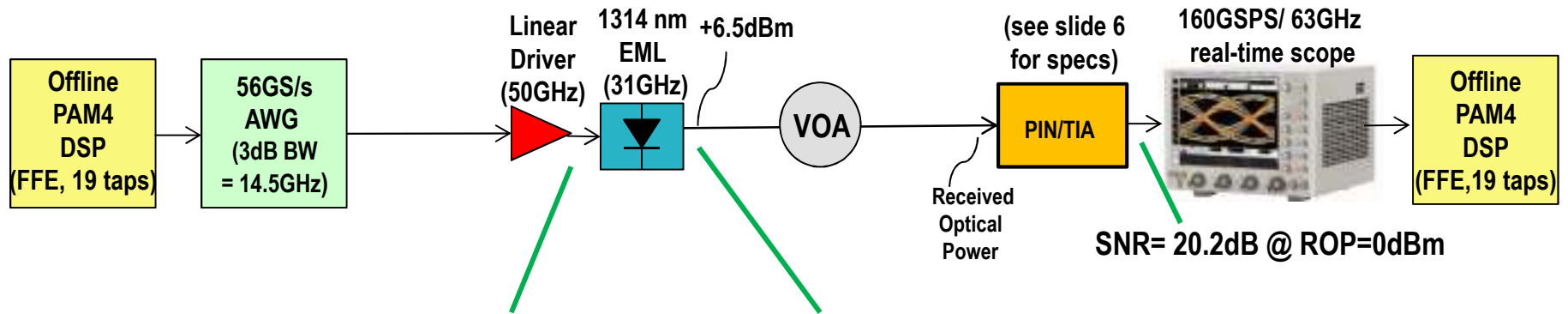
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- Improve the BER vs ROP performance of 112Gb/s PAM4
- Set bandwidth requirements on electrical and optical components
- Investigate penalty caused by SSPR over PRBS15

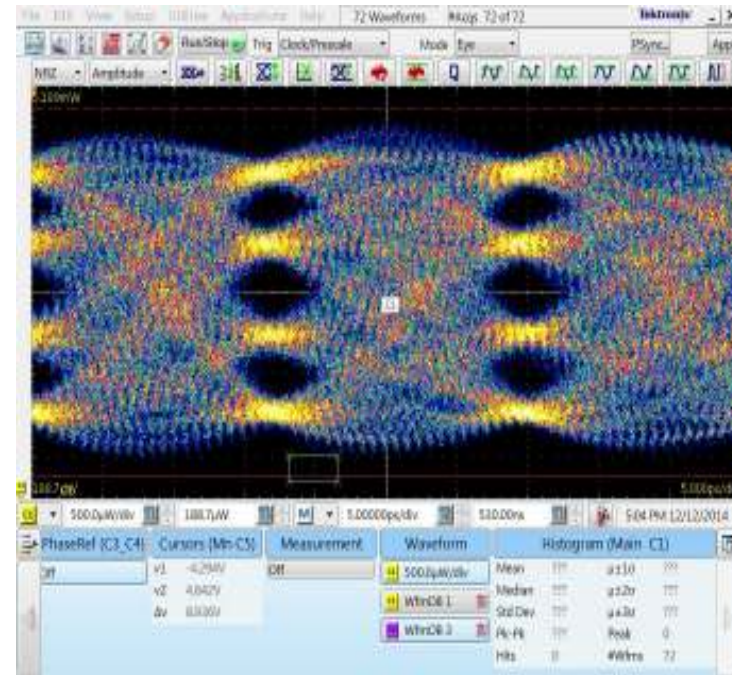
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# 112Gb/s PAM4

# Single-wavelength 112Gb/s PAM-4 Experiment: Pre- and Post-DSP

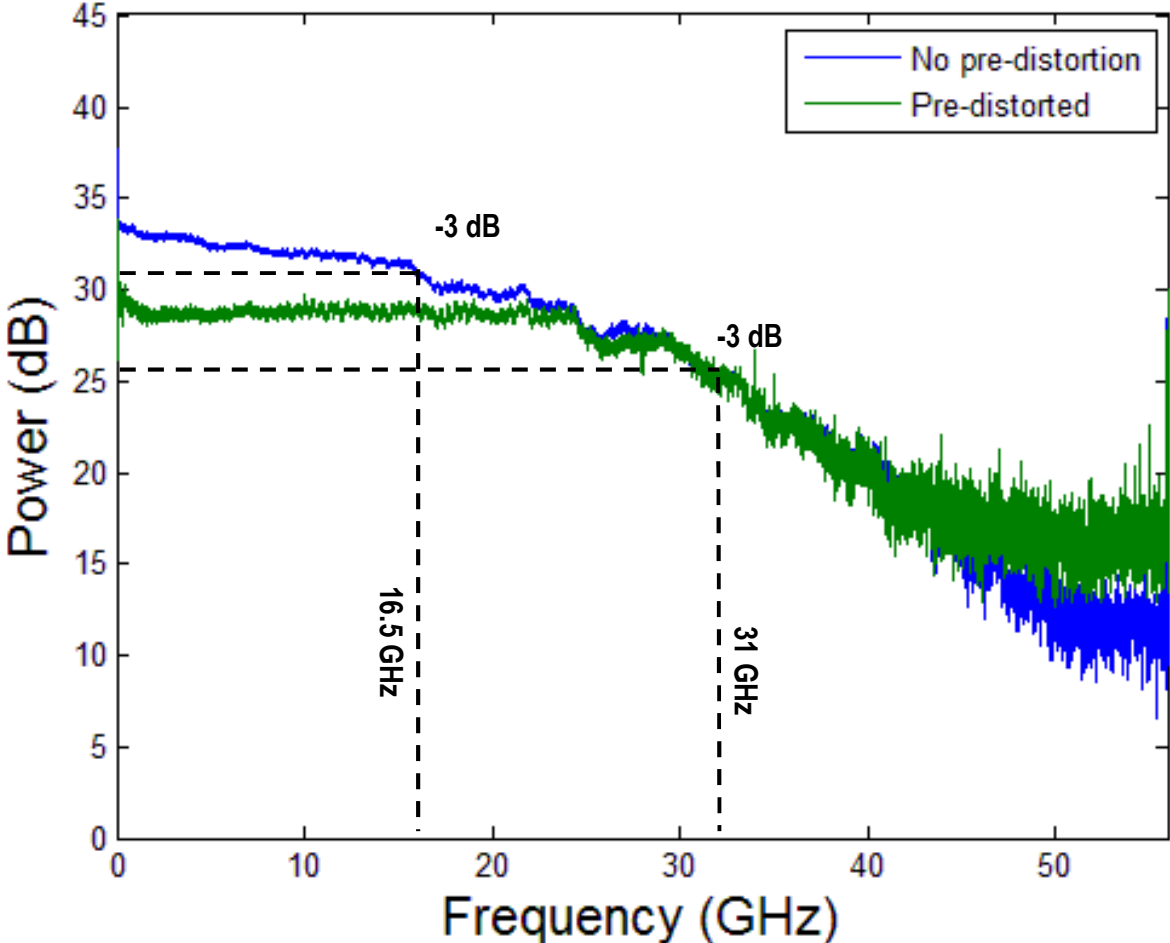


SNR= 22.5dB



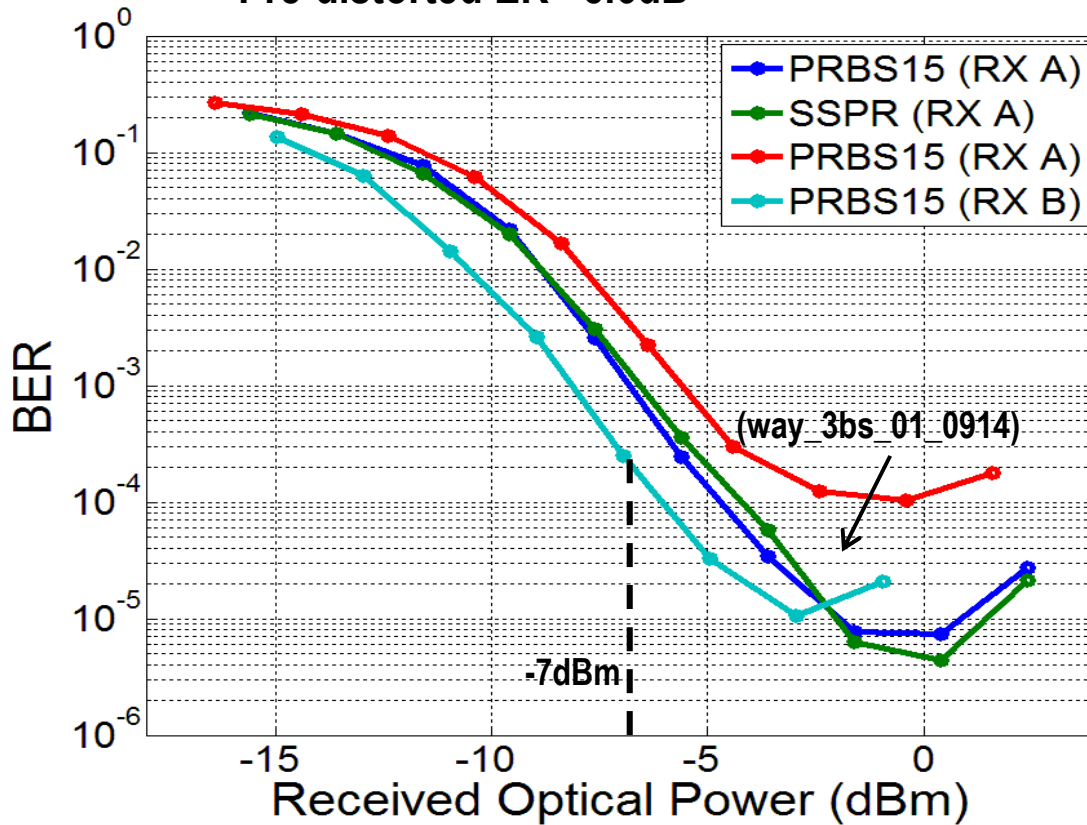
SNR= 22.0dB @ ROP= 4.5dBm

# Overall Transmitter Bandwidth (DAC+Driver+EML)



# 112Gb/s PAM4 Experimental Results

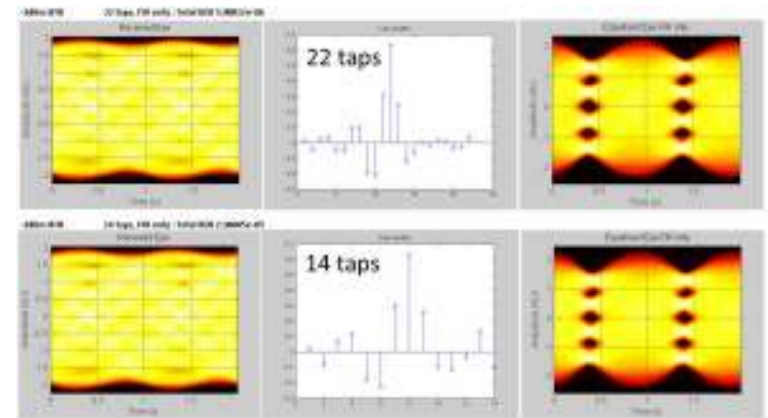
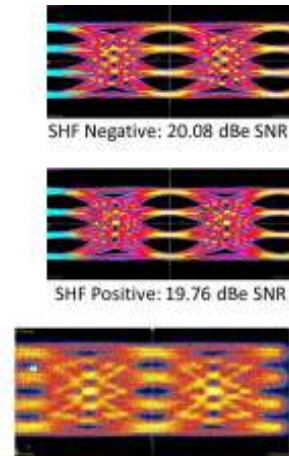
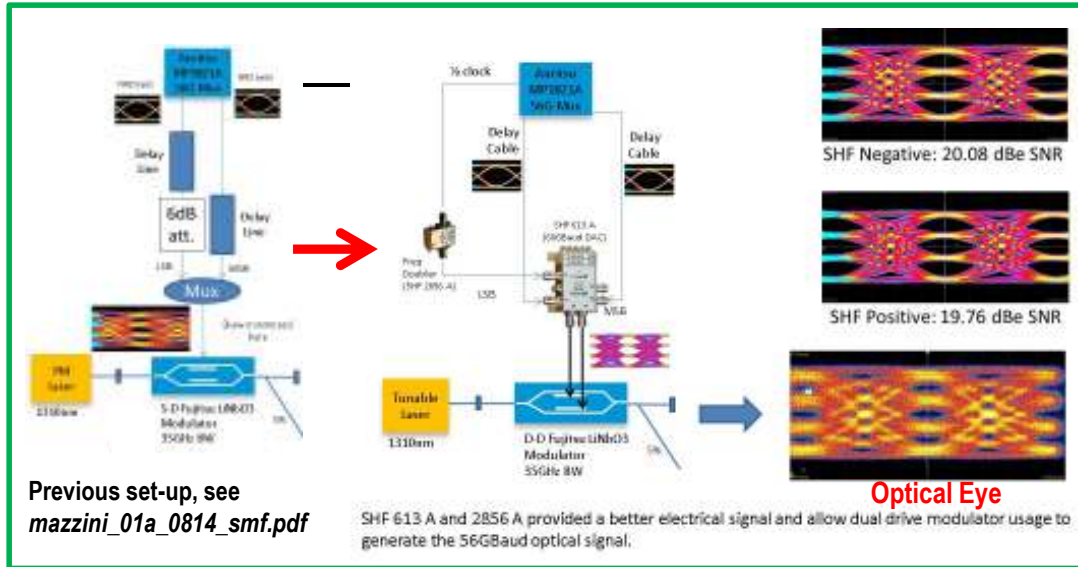
Low-end cutoff frequency <50KHz  
Pre-distorted ER= 5.6dB



	RX A	RX B
Responsivity (A/W)	0.4	0.7
3dB BW (GHz)	40	30
Spectral noise density (pA/√Hz)	40	35

2~3 times BER improvement can be done by further equalizing the three inner eye amplitudes

# Cisco Results with LiNb03 modulator PAM 4 TX



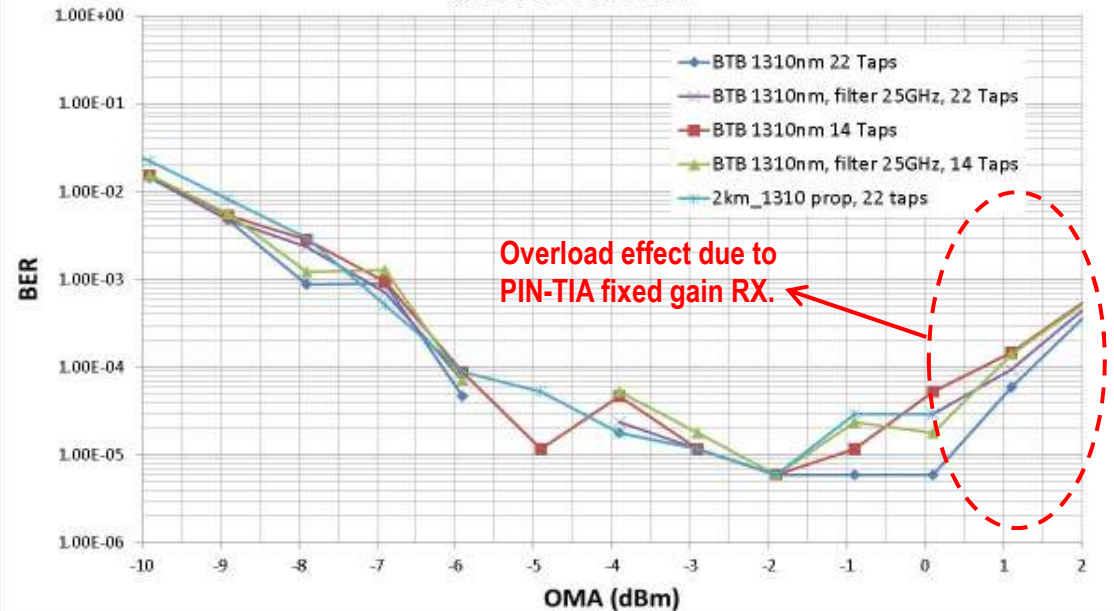
14 (T/2 spaced) RX FIR equalizer is now enough to equalize the signal.

BER floor < 1E-5, one decade better than previous results, as forecasted by Alan (see [tipper\\_01\\_3bs\\_1114](#)), in line with Winston's results.

-6dBm OMA (ER=6dB) at 1E-4 BER.

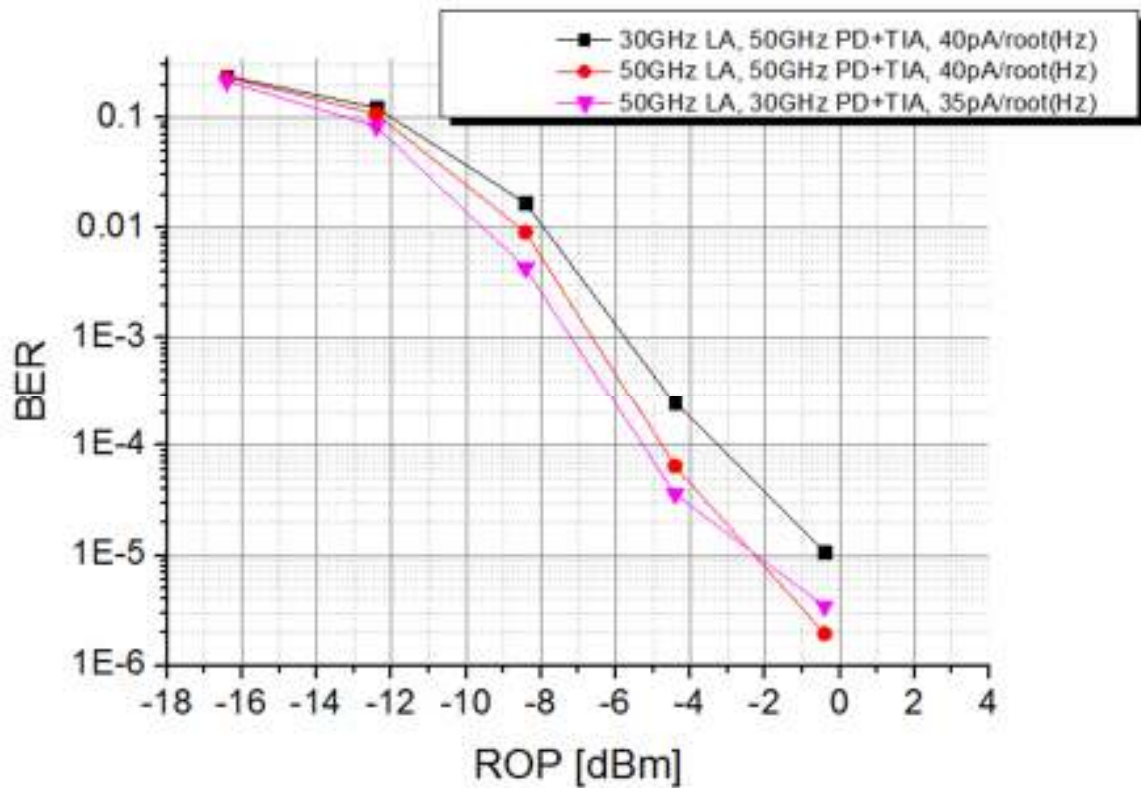
No penalty observed between BTB and fiber propagation ( $\approx$  1dB penalty at 50ps/nm dispersion was measured)

BTB, Filter and fiber propagation: BER comparison with different RX FIR





# Simulation Match With Experimental Results



DAC 3dB BW=14.5GHz, 2nd order Bessel for DAC

TX linear AMP BW=30GHz/50GHz

EML BW=32GHz

SNR before E/O =22.5dB, ER=6dB

WL=1310nm

RIN=-145dB/Hz

RX input noise density=35/40 pa/Hz<sup>(1/2)</sup>

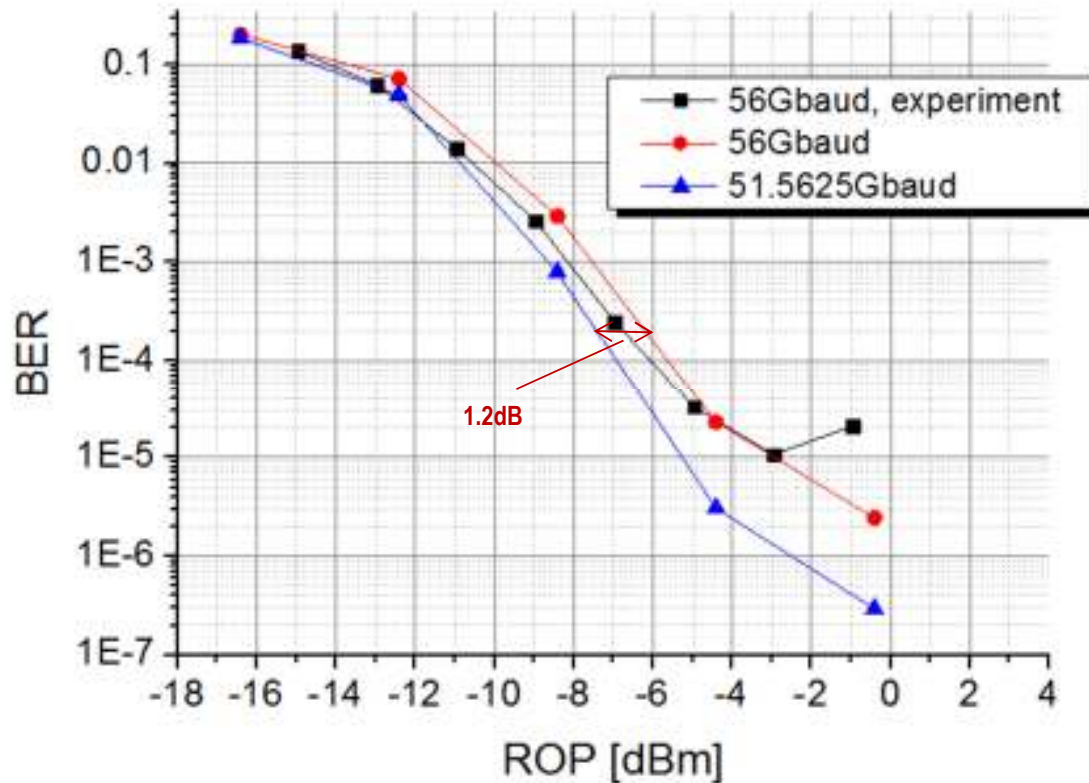
PD+TIA BW=30/50GHz, PD Respons.=0.8A/W

5th-order Bessel approximation of Tx amp, E/O, PD+TIA

5 bits A/D ENOB, 5<sup>th</sup> order Bessel A/D, 23GHz BW A/D

19 taps pre-correction T-spaced, 21-taps FFE Rx T/2-spaced

# 56 → 51.5625Gbaud: Receiver Sensitivity Improvement



Baud rate = 56Gbaud or 51.5625Gbaud

DAC 3dB BW=16.5GHz, 2nd order Bessel for DAC

TX linear AMP BW=30GHz

EML BW=32GHz

SNR before E/O =22.5dB, ER=6dB

RIN=-145dB/Hz

RX input noise density=30pA/Hz<sup>(1/2)</sup>

PD+TIA BW=32GHz, PD responsivity=0.75, 400Ohm transimpedance

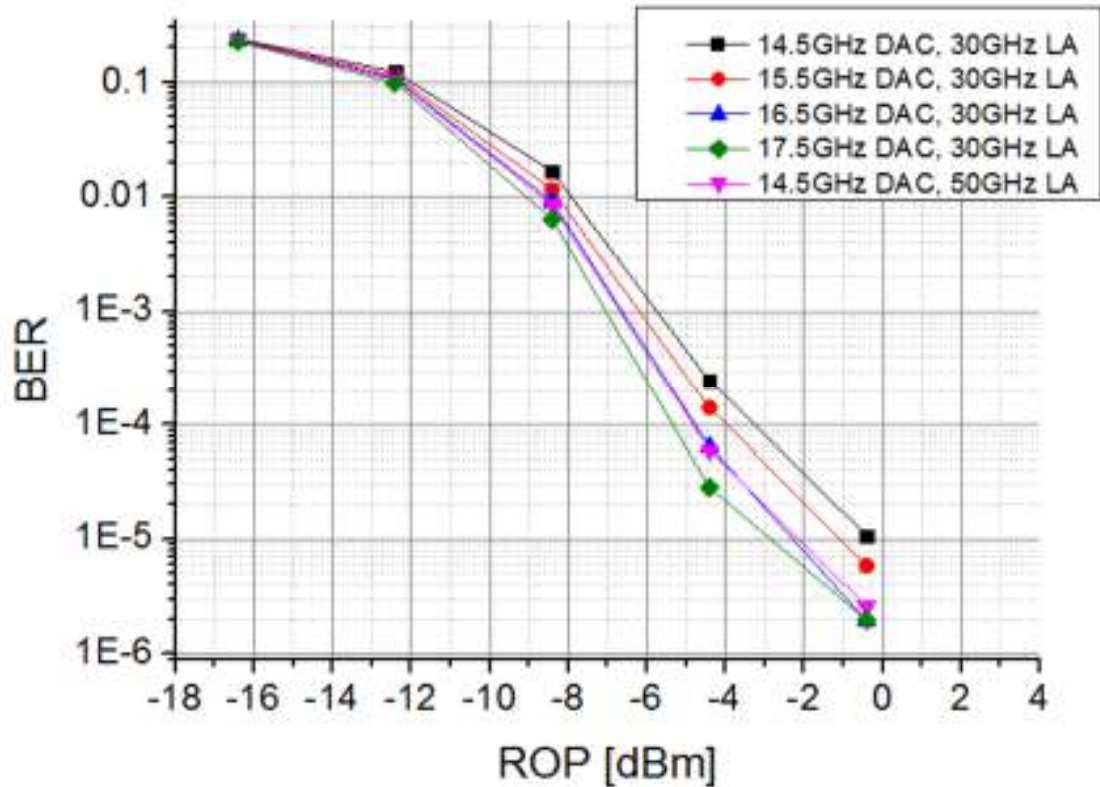
5th-order Bessel approximation of Tx amp, E/O, PD+TIA

5 bits A/D ENOB, 5<sup>th</sup> order Bessel A/D, 20GHz BW A/D

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Receiver sensitivity improved by 1.2dB @ BER=2.1e-4 when the baud rate is lowered from 56 to 51.5625Gbaud

# DAC and Linear Amplifier Bandwidth Tradeoff (Simulation)



DAC 3dB BW is varied, 2nd order Bessel for DAC

TX linear AMP BW=30GHz/50GHz

EML BW=32GHz

SNR before E/O =22.5dB, ER=6dB

WL=1310nm

RIN=-145dB/Hz

RX input noise density=40 pa/Hz^(1/2)

PD+TIA BW=50GHz, PD Respons.=0.8A/W

5th-order Bessel approximation of Tx amp, E/O, PD+TIA

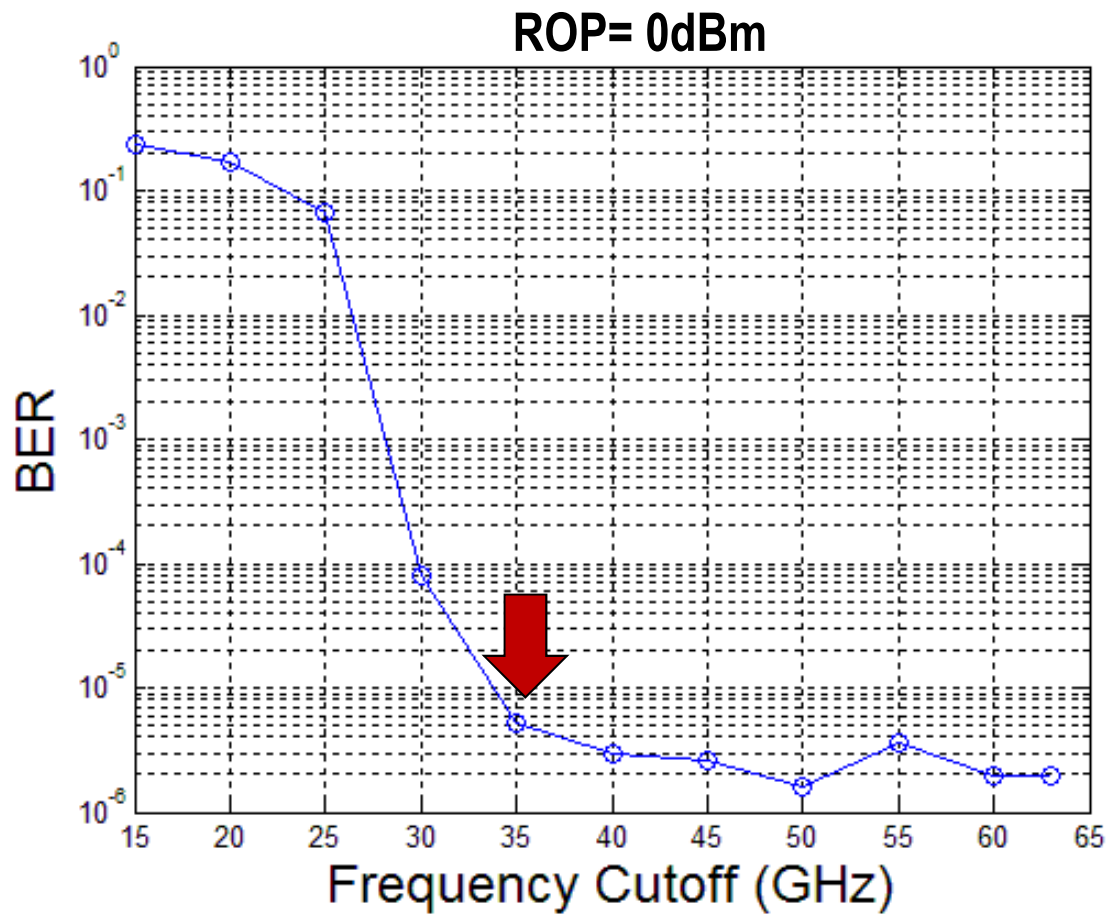
5 bits A/D ENOB, 5<sup>th</sup> order Bessel A/D, 23GHz BW A/D

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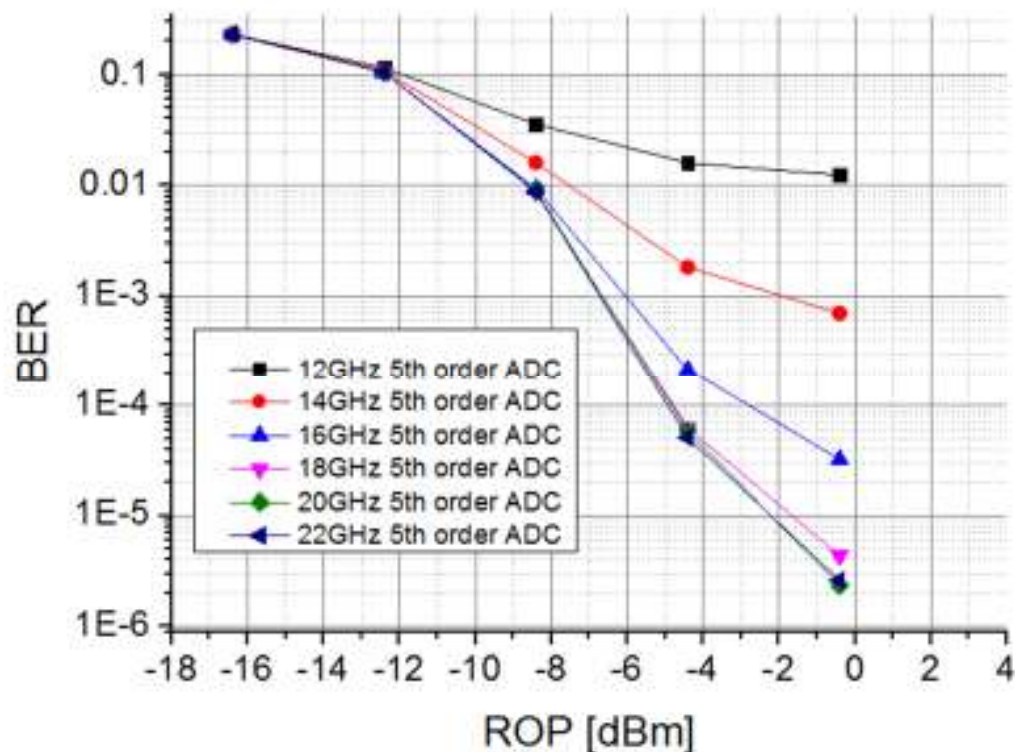
With pre-equalization, 16.5GHz DAC + 30GHz LA can achieve the same BER performance as in the experiment

## Measured 112Gb/s PAM4 BER vs ADC bandwidth (brick-wall)

- Pre-compensated SSPR
- Real-time scope frequency cutoff



## 112Gb/s PAM4 BER vs ADC bandwidth (Bessel 5<sup>th</sup>-order, Simulation)



DAC 3dB BW=16.5GHz, 2nd order Bessel for DAC

TX linear AMP BW=30GHz

EML BW=32GHz

SNR before E/O =22.5dB, ER=6dB

WL=1310nm

RIN=-145dB/Hz

RX input noise density=40 pa/Hz<sup>(1/2)</sup>

PD+TIA BW=50GHz, PD Respons.=0.8A/W

5th-order Bessel approximation of Tx amp, E/O, PD+TIA

5 bits A/D ENOB, 5<sup>th</sup> order Bessel A/D, A/D BW is varied

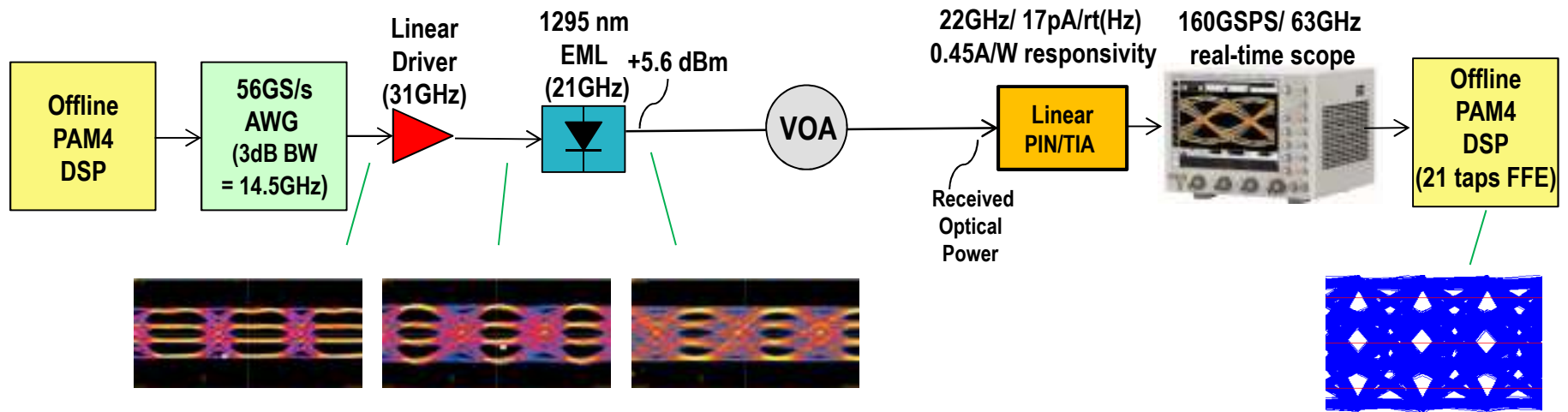
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Unlike brick-wall shaped, 5<sup>th</sup>-order Bessel-shaped ADC with a bandwidth >18GHz is sufficient

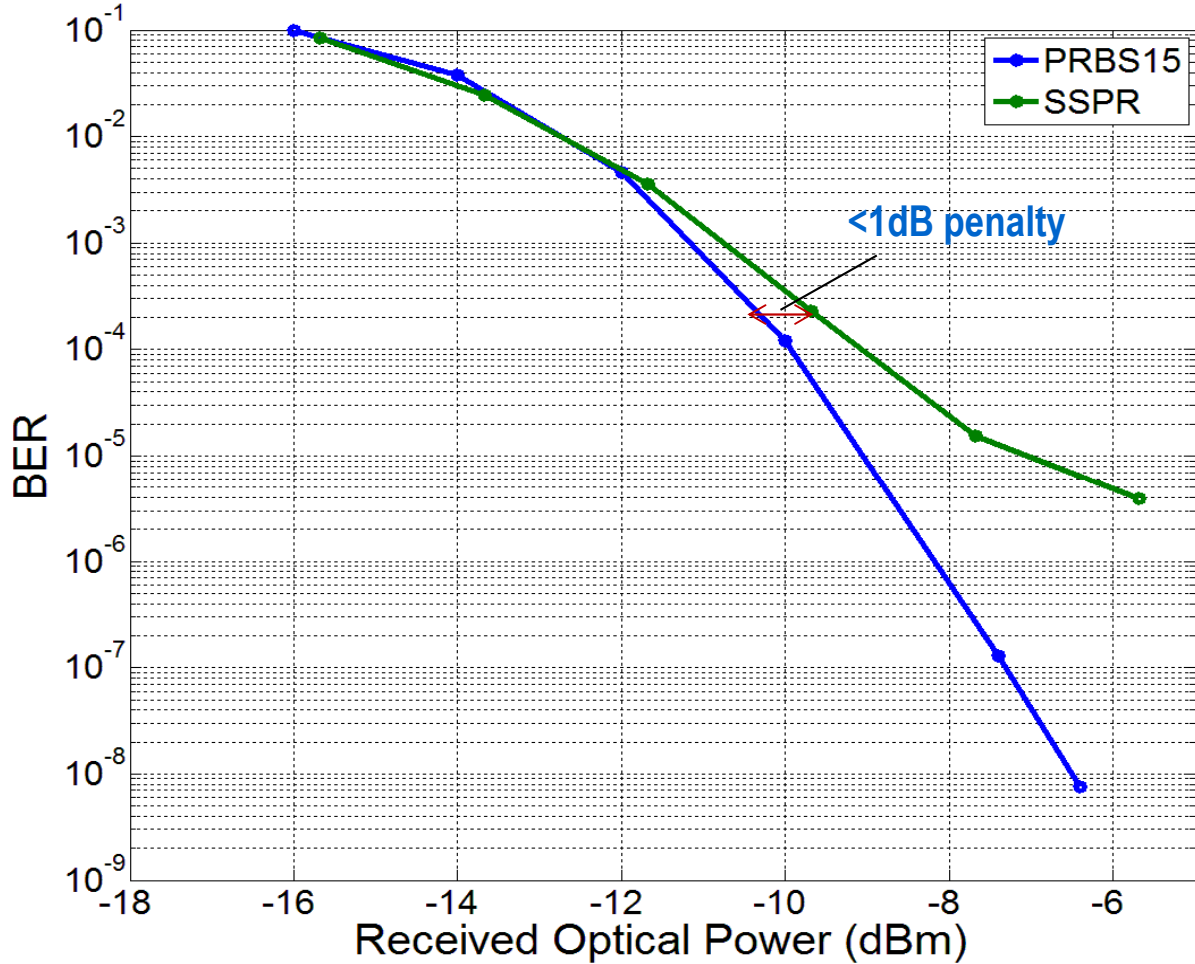
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# 56Gb/s PAM4

# Experimental Setup



# 56Gb/s PAM4 BER vs ROP



**TX**  
Extinction Ratio = 6.5 dB

**RX**  
Low-end cutoff < 50KHz  
Responsivity = 0.31 A/W



# Summary

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- **112Gb/s PAM4**

- Using practical electrical and optical components, an error floor  $< 1e-5$  and a receiver sensitivity of  $-7\text{dBm}$  (average power @  $\text{BER}=2.1e-4$ ) can be achieved by using pre- and post-FFE equalizations
- Pre-equalized TX bandwidth is  $\sim 30\text{GHz}$ , and receiver bandwidth is  $\sim 30\text{GHz}$
- DAC bandwidth  $> 16.5\text{GHz}$ , ADC bandwidth  $> 18\text{GHz}$
- No BER penalty is observed for SSPR over PRBS15 using components with  $< 100\text{KHz}$  cutoff frequencies

- **56Gb/s PAM4**

- $< 1\text{dB}$  ROP penalty is observed at a BER of  $2.1e-4$  comparing SSPR with PRBS15 for components with  $< 100\text{KHz}$  low-end cutoff frequencies