

**RL, ERL, COM, & PTDR alternative
*to remedies for comments 16, 21, 22, 25 for D2.2
and unsatisfied comments 21037,21049. 21050, 21052, and 20113***

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How much impact does return loss have on the electrical standards?

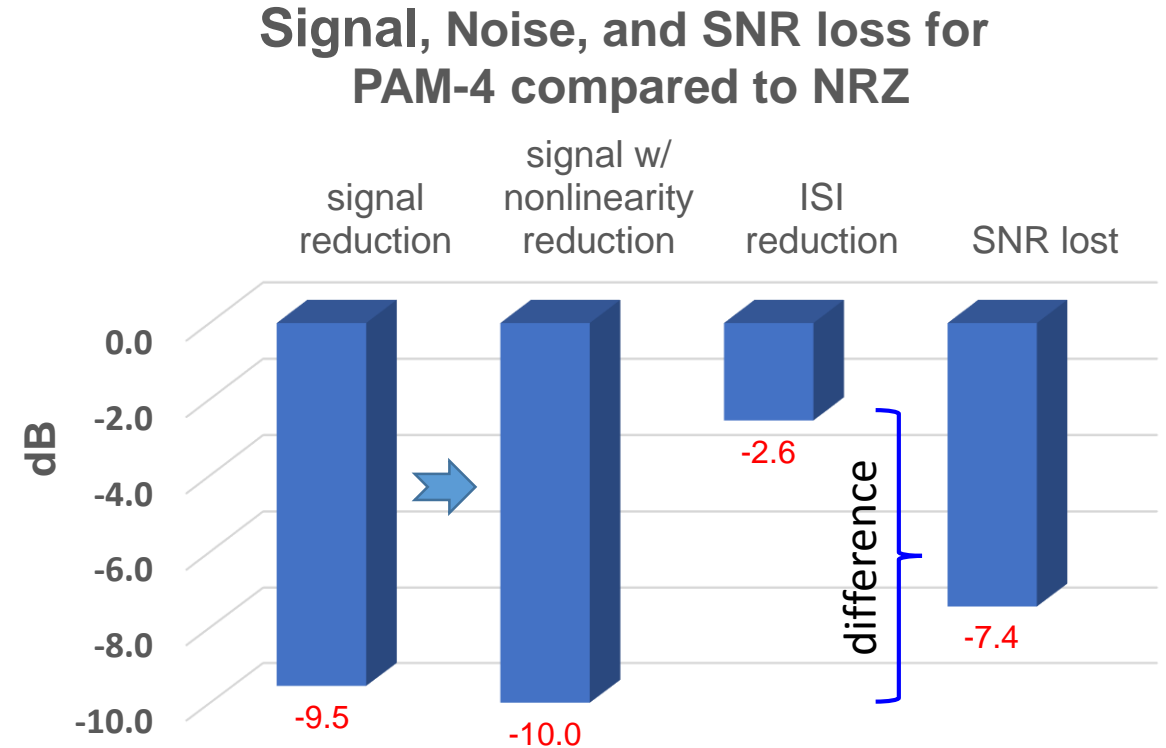
- ❑ Much of the analysis in past standards is rooted in broadband concepts which specify a combination of computation from the following concepts
 - Magnitude of frequency domain (FD) insertion loss (IL)
 - Magnitude of FD return loss (RL)
 - Magnitudes of FD crosstalk (NEXT, FEXT)
- ❑ COM specifies a minimum signal to noise ratio computed in the time domain (TD)
 - COM analysis is rooted in baseband concepts
 - Computed from
 - The IFFT of complex s-parameters models for the reference package and the channel
 - Device specification
 - These inheritably include return loss and crosstalk
- ❑ Problem:
 - It is possible that a channel fails in practice even though it passes the specification analysis using the appropriate device and channel characteristics. From the point of view of the specification, this is a “False Positive” result.
 - It is also possible that a channel passes in practice even though it fails the specification analysis using the appropriate device and channel characteristics. This is a “False Negative” result.
 - Identify the connection between a device return loss analysis results and the time domain COM results

What will be shown

- ❑ PAM 4 is more sensitive to return loss than NRZ
- ❑ Package reflections and channel reflections interplay with a DFE
- ❑ Channel reflections from near device locations have worse (COM) performance
- ❑ Channel reflections near electrically short packages may be absorbed if a DFE is present
 - Suggests presence of DFE alters RL requirements
- ❑ Return loss has components of insertion loss and re-reflections making it a poor metric for the prediction of channel performance.
 - Short packages have worse return loss than long package but perform better
- ❑ A return loss specification is improved by adjusting for a DFE and insertion loss
- ❑ A method to compute a single value metric based on reflected voltage at a chosen test point... called Effective Return Loss (ERL).

Why return loss is more of an issue for PAM-4

- ❑ Required signal bandwidth reduces by about $\frac{1}{2}$
- ❑ Signals goes down by $\frac{2}{3}$
- ❑ The impact of non-linearity reduces the signal by another 5 %
- ❑ ISI noise only goes down by about $\frac{1}{4}$, not $\frac{2}{3}$
- ❑ That means RL impairment is 7.4 dB worse for PAM-4 vs NRZ



- ❑ Hence the RL impact can be expected to be more critical and worsen the problem of the false positives
- ❑ So let's look closer at how return loss effects performance

Isolating impact of Return Loss and Reflections

- ❑ Consider a channel whose only impairment besides loss are reflections
 - Keep loss constant and only alter reflections
- ❑ Evaluate pulse response at the receiver for reflection choices
- ❑ Perform comparisons between
 - Channel operating margin (COM)
 - Effective Return loss (ERL)
 - Effective Return loss (ERL) with time gated weighting filter
 - FD Return Loss

Channel RL Experiment

Consider a channel with just 2 impairments

- 1) Loss ~27 dB @ 13.3 GHz
- 2) Two reflections

Determine ISI impact by using a COM computation

- Signaling: 50Gbs PAM4 – IEEE802.3 cd clause 137 equalization and the 30 mm COM package
 - For COM computation, remove all noise sources and jitter except SNR_Tx
 - Adjust SNR_Tx to achieve just slightly higher than 3 dB COM
 - For these experiments 24 dB was used for SNR_Tx
- ☐ Access correlation between COM and channel PTDR computation into a single number called ERL
 - ☐ Access computation methods for ERL
 - ☐ Tie ERL to parameters in the device and channel specifications together

Reflection experiment using a 27* dB IL channel and 2 reflections

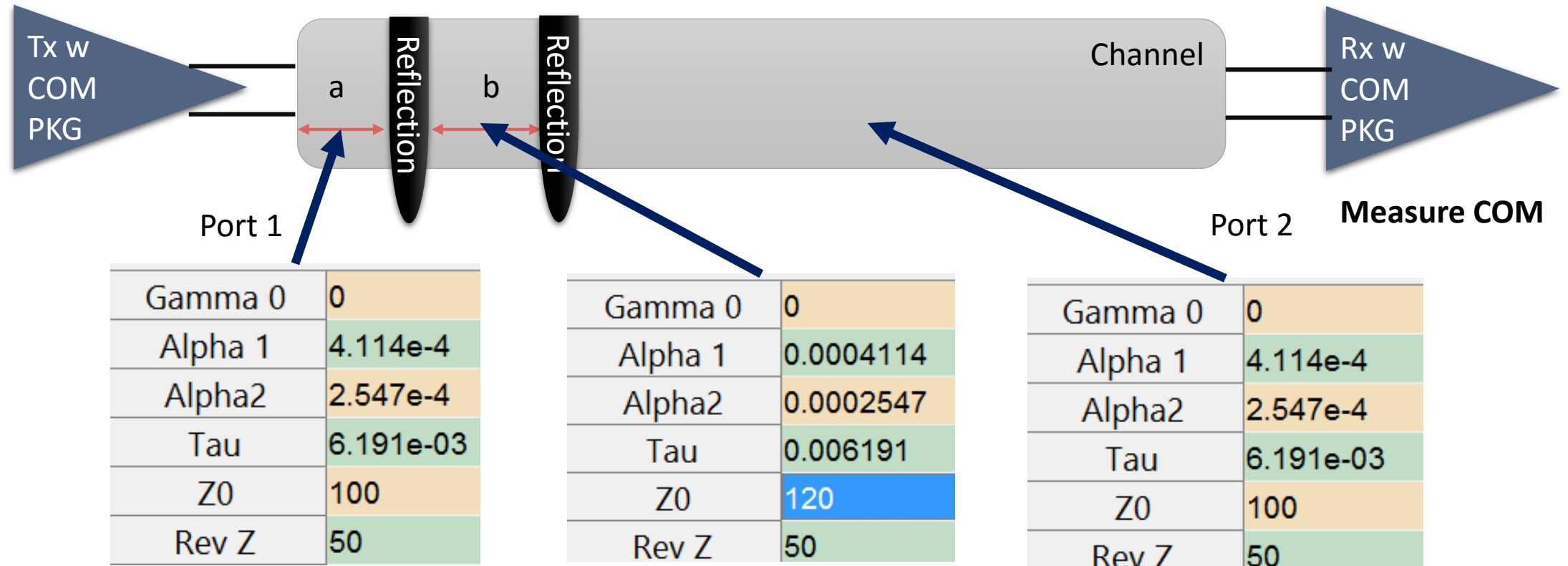
“a” is lead in to reflection features
“b” is separation between reflections



Adjust channel length by “a” and ‘b’ to keep IL constant

*27.1 dB @ 13.3 GHz

Channel model is similar to IEEE802.3bj CR host board model

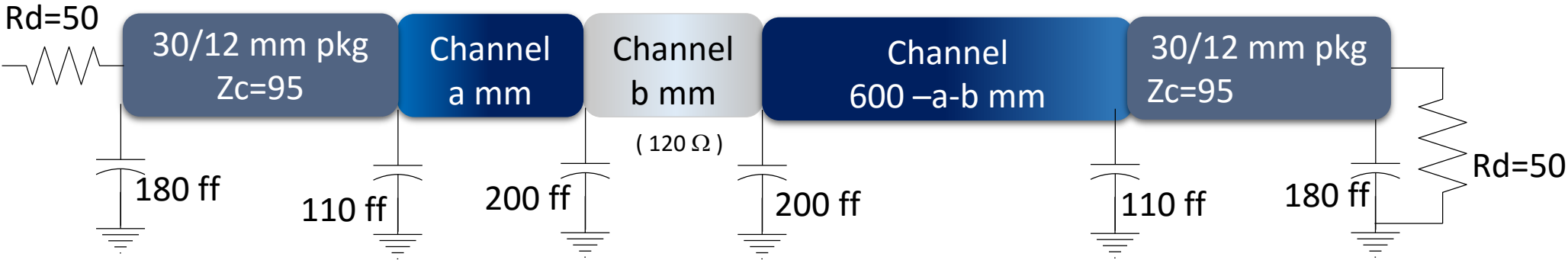


Details, Keys, and Example ~ 27 dB @ 13.3 GHz

Differential
RL11 and ERL11
are associated
with Port 1

One side of a differential channel

Differential
RL22 and ERL22
are associated
with Port 2

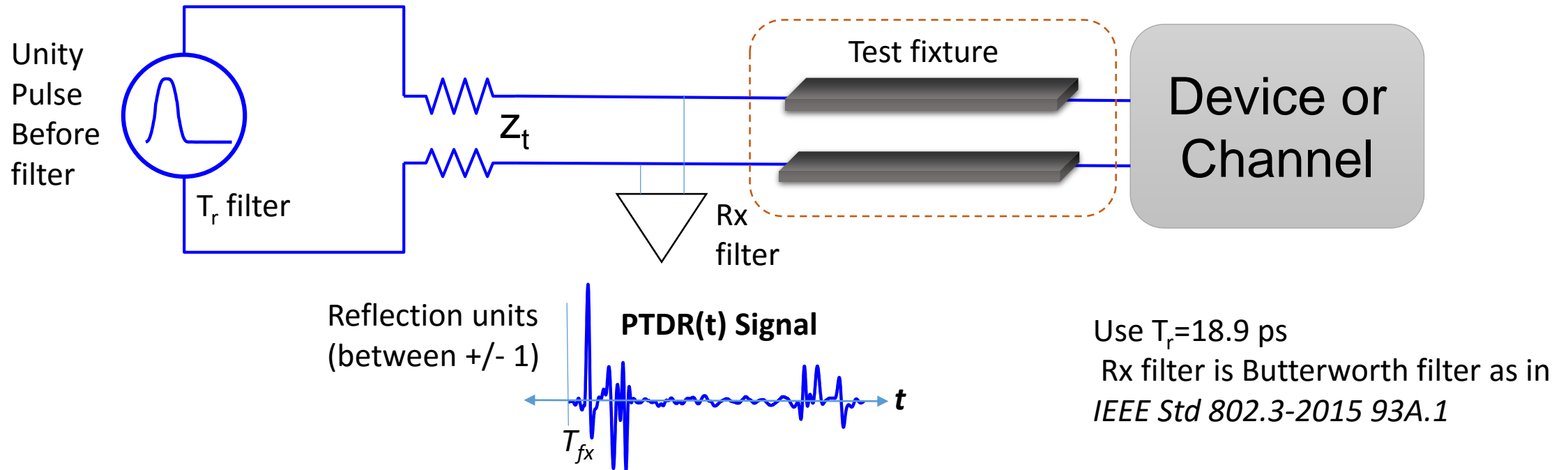


~27 dB @ 13.3 GHz

mm	ff	Ω	mm	ff	mm	ff	mm	ff	mm	ff	mm	Ω	ff	Ω
30	180	95	12	110	a	200	b	200	600 -a-b	110	30	95	180	50

Introduction Pulse Time Domain Reflectometry (PTDR)

- ❑ PTDR is time domain reflectometry using a pulse as a source
- ❑ T_{fx} is the time associated with the end of the test fixture
- ❑ For this work the test fixture is not included but will be revisited later
 - i.e. $T_{fx} = 0$.



Effective reflection $R_{\text{eff}}(t)$ and ERL Computation

- ❑ $R_{\text{eff}}(t)$ is computed by time gating and weighting the PTDR waveform, $\text{PTDR}(t)$
 - where $T_{fx} < t < T_b(N_b + 1)$
 - N_b is the number for DFE taps
 - T_b is the time for one symbol (aka UI)
 - t is time in seconds
 - T_{fx} is the time associated with the end of the test fixture
- ❑ $\text{reff}_{i,m}$ is the time sampled waveform of $R_{\text{eff}}(t)$
 - Samples per UI (T_b) is represented by “i”
 - Number of UI (T_b) is represented by “m”
- ❑ Method 1: $\text{ERL} = \text{RMS}(\text{reff}_{i,1:m})$
- ❑ Method 2: $\text{ERL} = \text{Greatest CDF}(\text{PDF}(\text{reff}_{i,1:m} \otimes {}^1\text{Constellation})) @ \text{BER}$
- ❑ Converting ERL to positive dB makes ERL somewhat similar to RL in the frequency domain

${}^1\text{Constellation for PAM-4} = [-1 \ -1/3 \ 1/3 \ 1]$

Effective reflection waveform, $R_{eff}(t)$, is a $PTDR(t)$ filtered with a time gated weighting function

$$R_{eff}(t) = PTDR(t) \left(\underbrace{1 - \rho_x(1 + \rho_x)}_{\text{DFE compensation and re-reflection}} e^{-\left(\frac{t-T_{fx}}{T_b} - N_b - 1\right)^2} \right) \underbrace{10^{\frac{\beta_x(t-T_{fx}-T_b(N_b+1))}{20}}}_{\text{Loss compensation}}$$

$$\beta_x = 10.7 \text{e}9, \rho_x = 10^{-\frac{ERL_{cx}}{20}} = 0.31, \\ ERL_{cx} = 10.2 \text{ dB}$$

N_b is the number for DFE taps

T_b is the time for one symbol (aka UI)

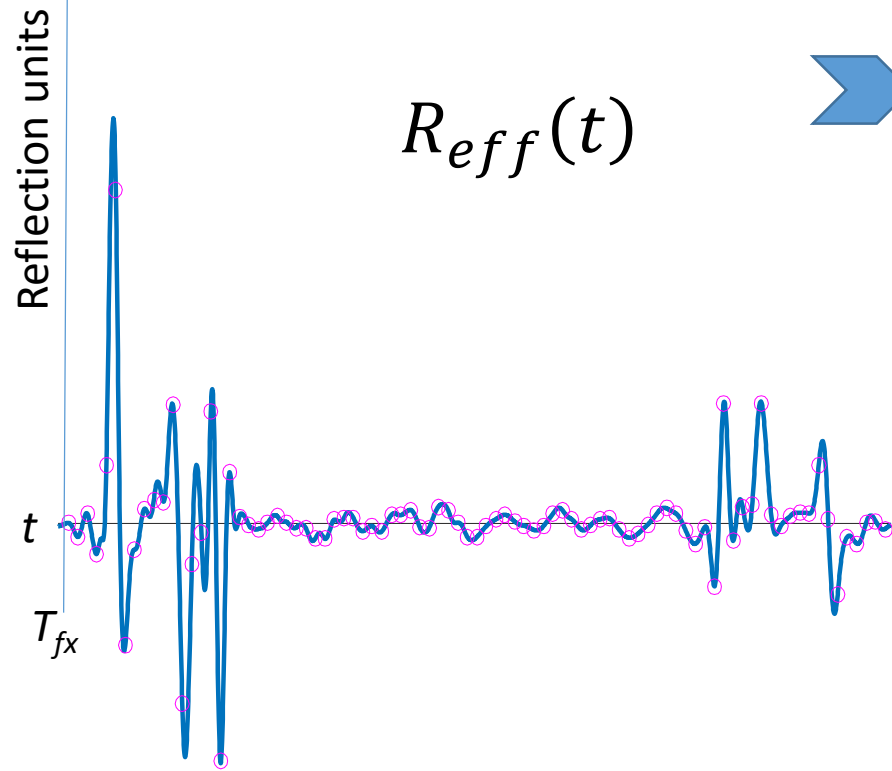
t is time in seconds

T_{fx} is the time associated with the end of the test fixture

ERL_{cx} is the minimum channel ERL

Gate and weighing accounting for Loss and DFE

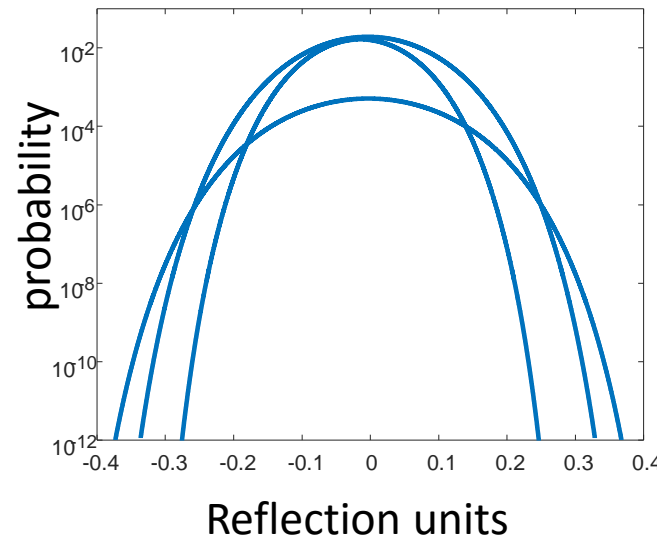
ERL Method 2: Convolution method



Single reflection
symbol/ bit



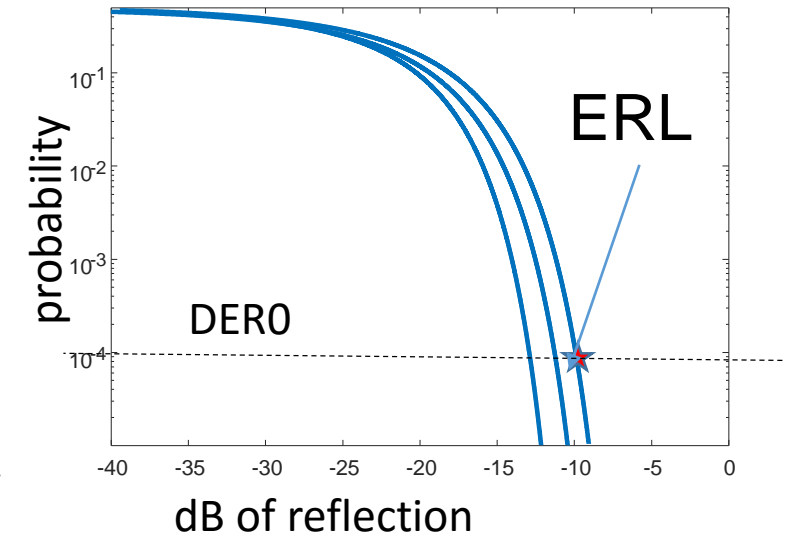
PDF for each
sample



Superposition of reflections
from many bits/symbols (PRBS)
determines a probability for
aggregate reflections

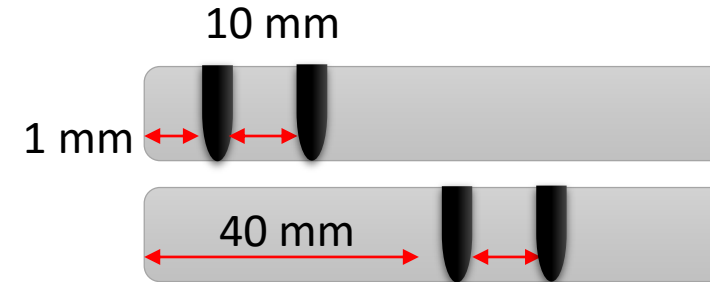
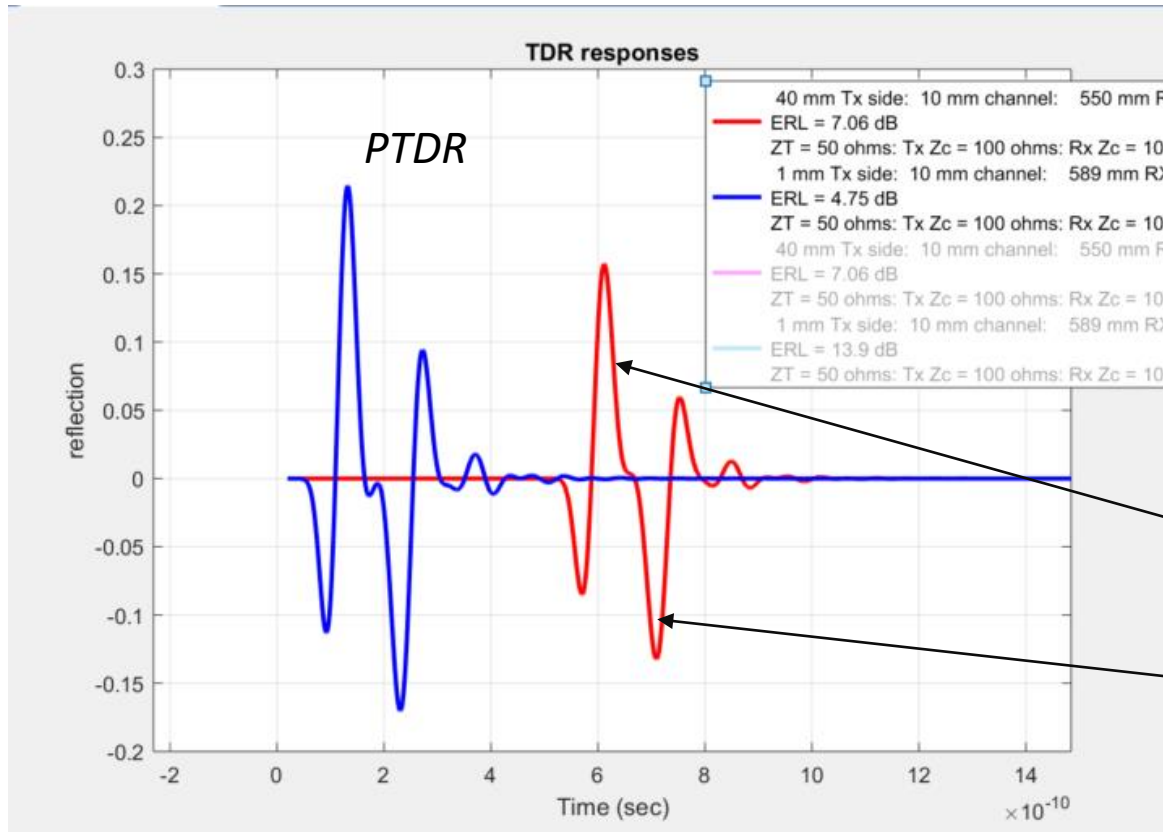


CDF for each
sample



Cumulative reflection probability
for many bits/symbols (PRBS)

PTDR for 1 mm and 40 mm lead in (a) 10 mm space (b): same insertion loss no gating

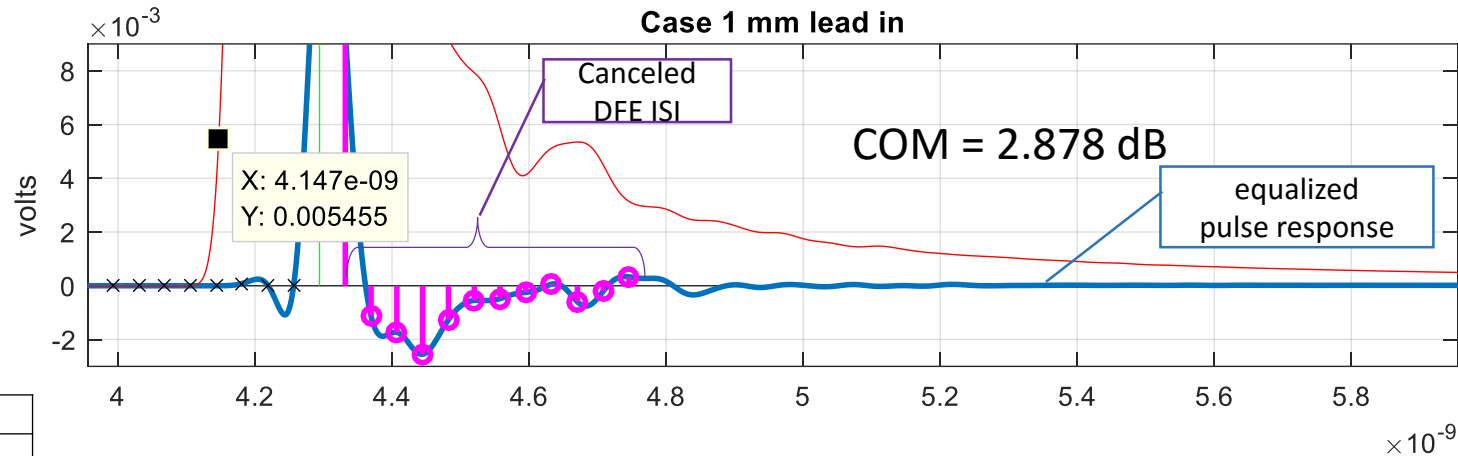


mm	ff	mm	ff	mm
1	200	10	200	589
40	200	10	200	550

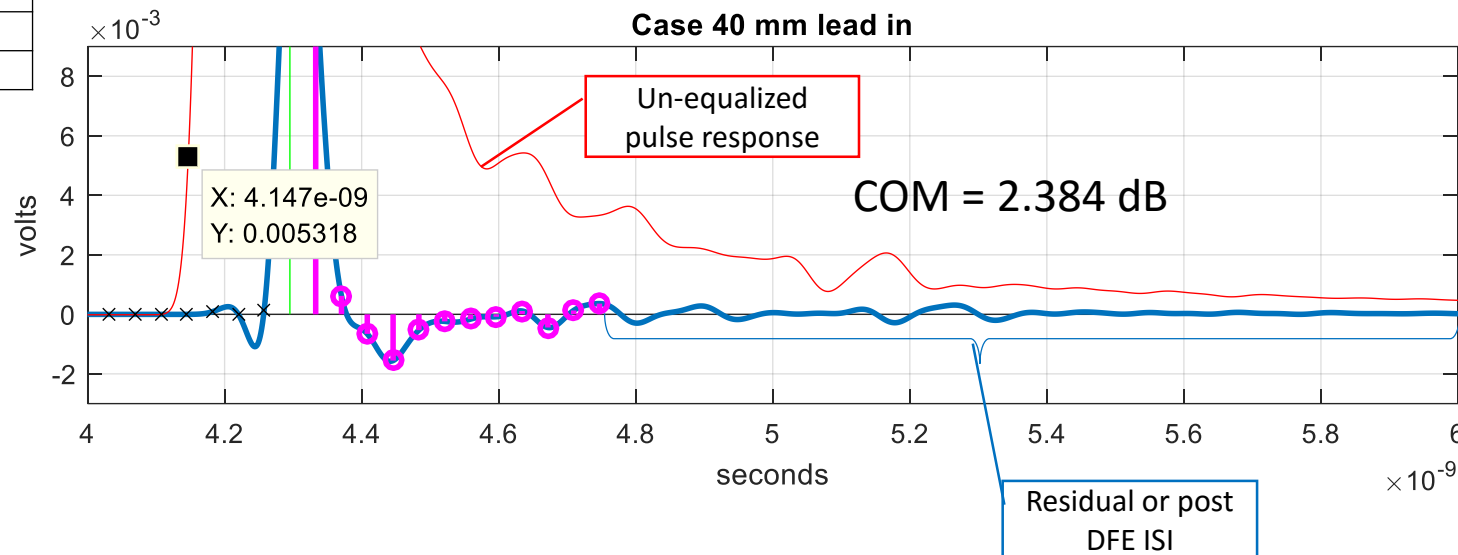
Observation: More post DFE ISI in a=40 mm case, but less ISI in DFE region

Adjusted values to achieve around 3 dB COM

sigma_RJ	0
A_DD	0
eta_0	1.64E-99
SNR_TX	24

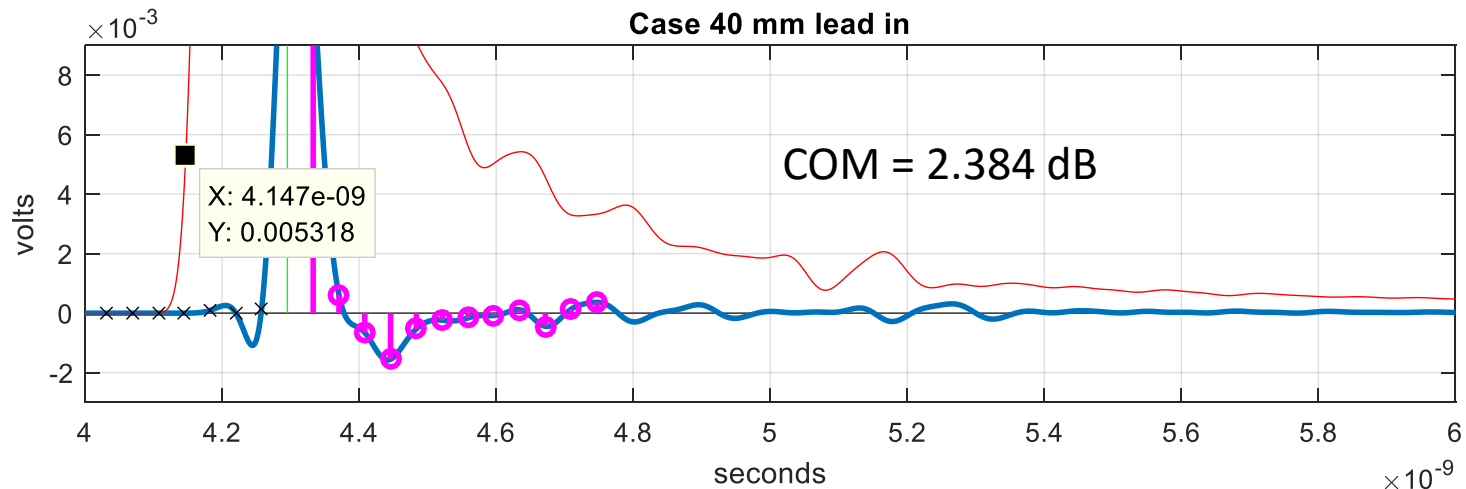
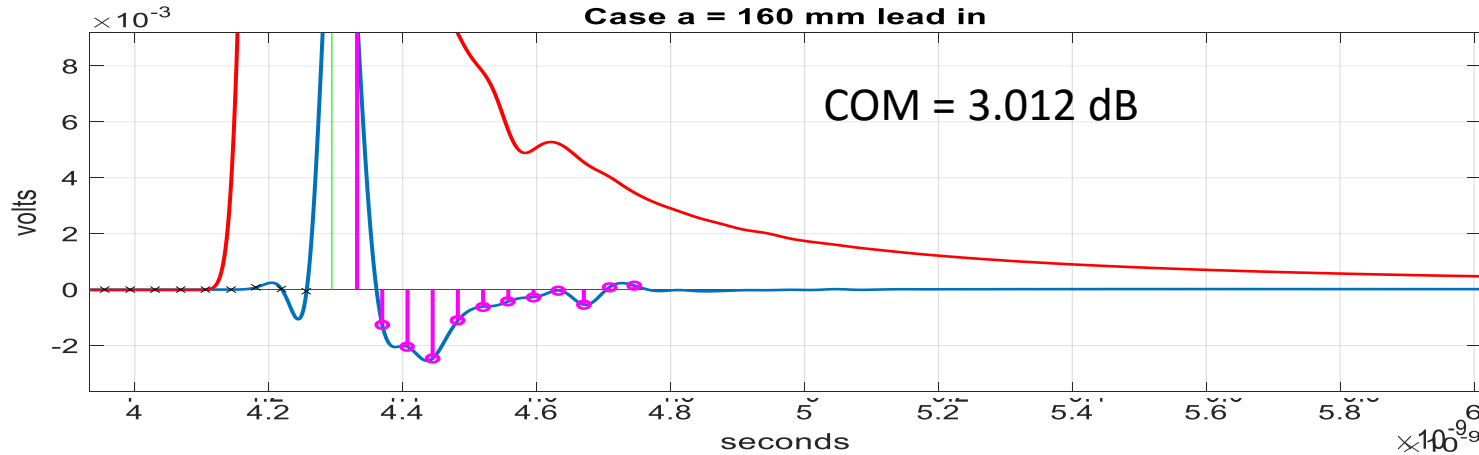


a=1 mm b=10 mm

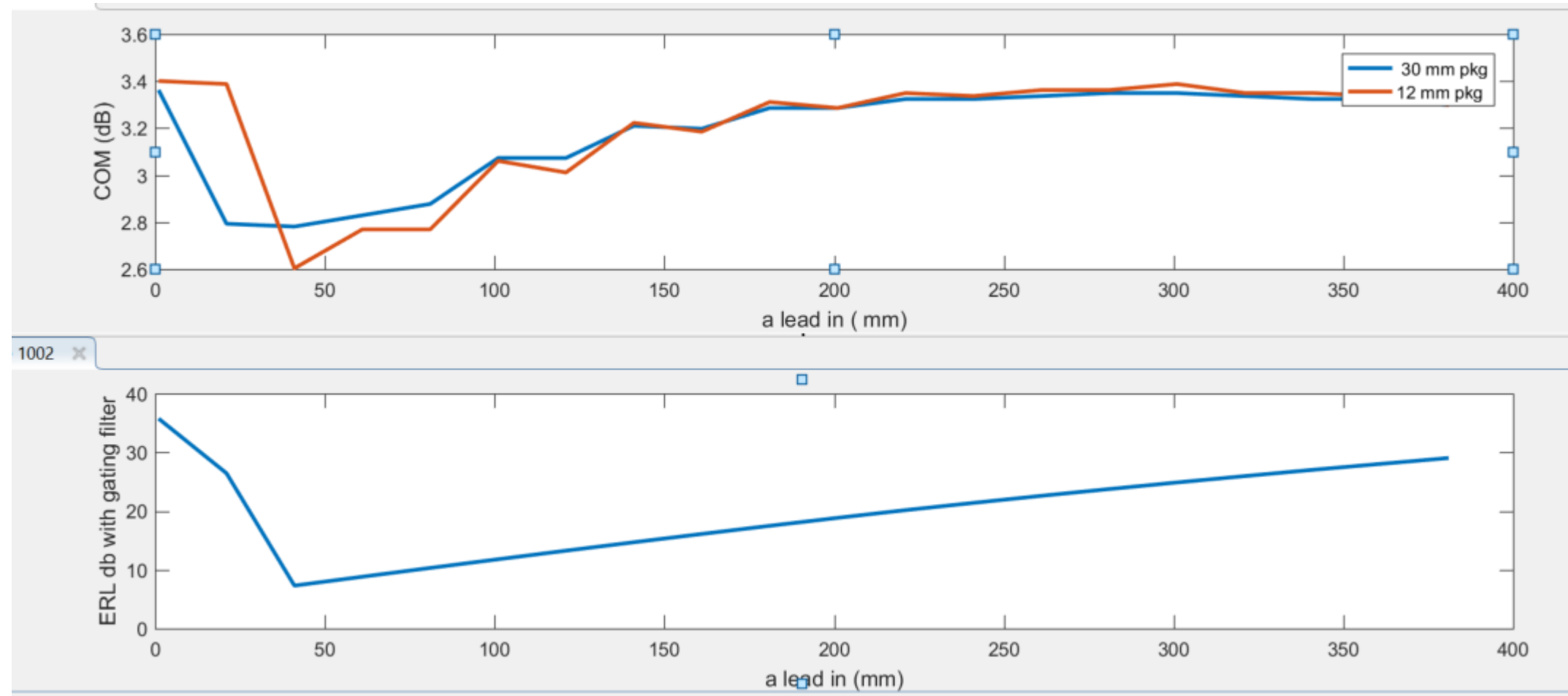


a=40 mm b=10 mm

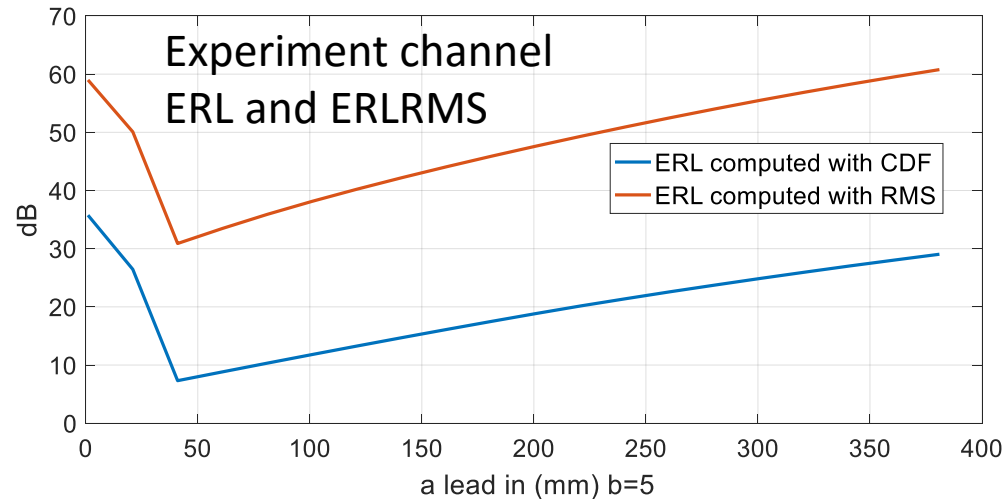
When $a = 160$ mm COM improves, However ISI is worse in DFE region



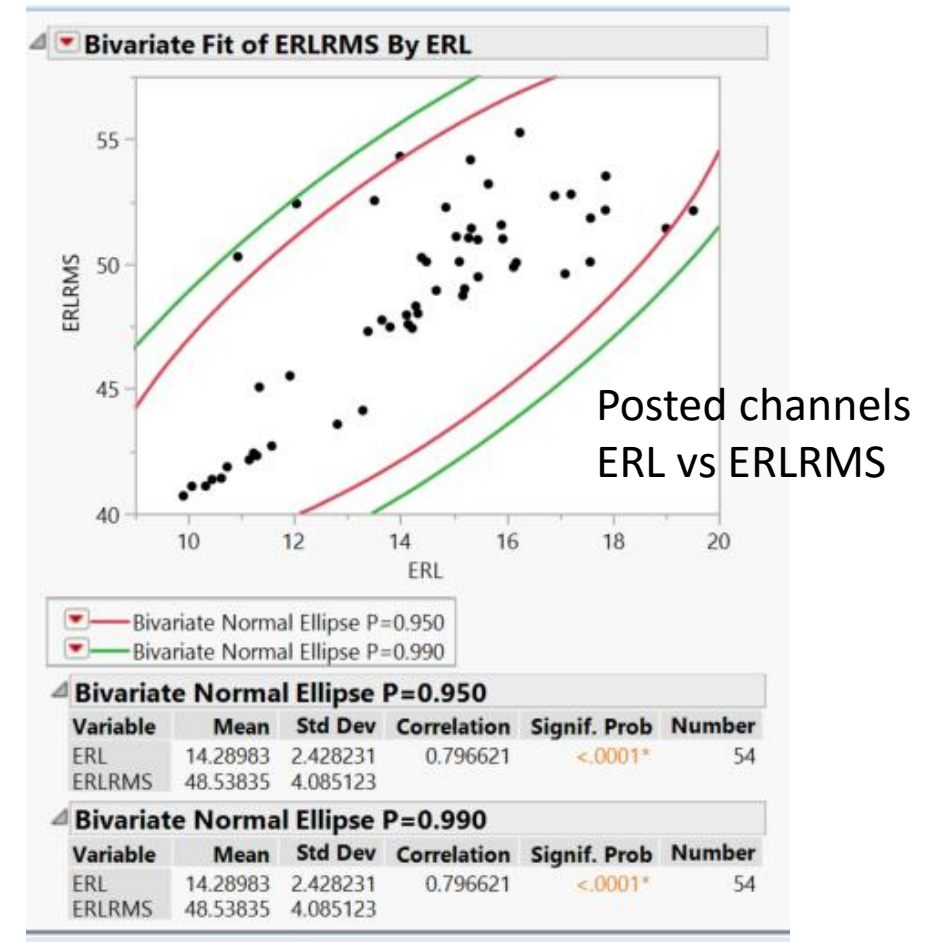
Plot COM, ERL11 gated vs lead in (a) for b=10 mm and package length = 12 mm and 30 mm



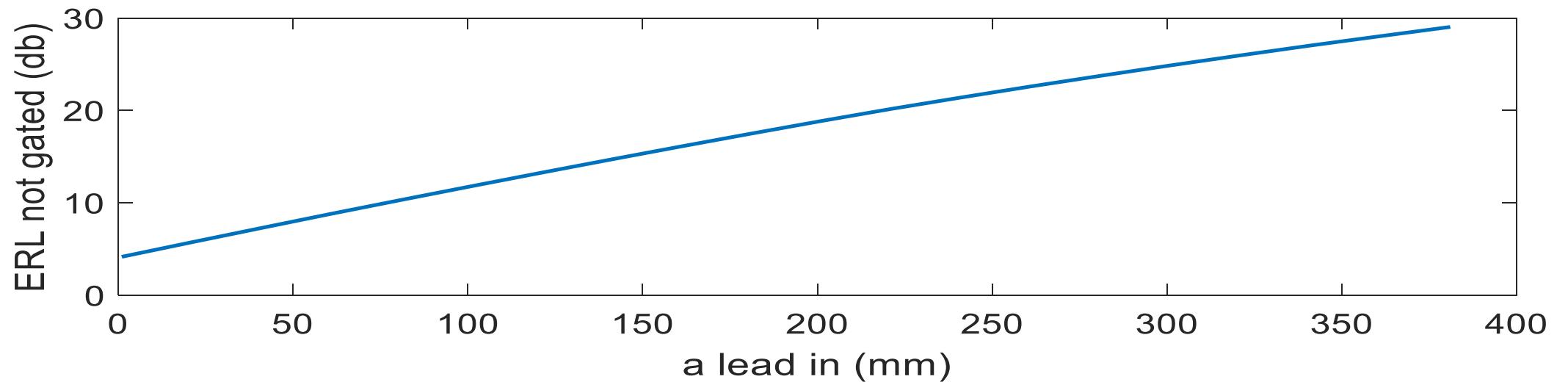
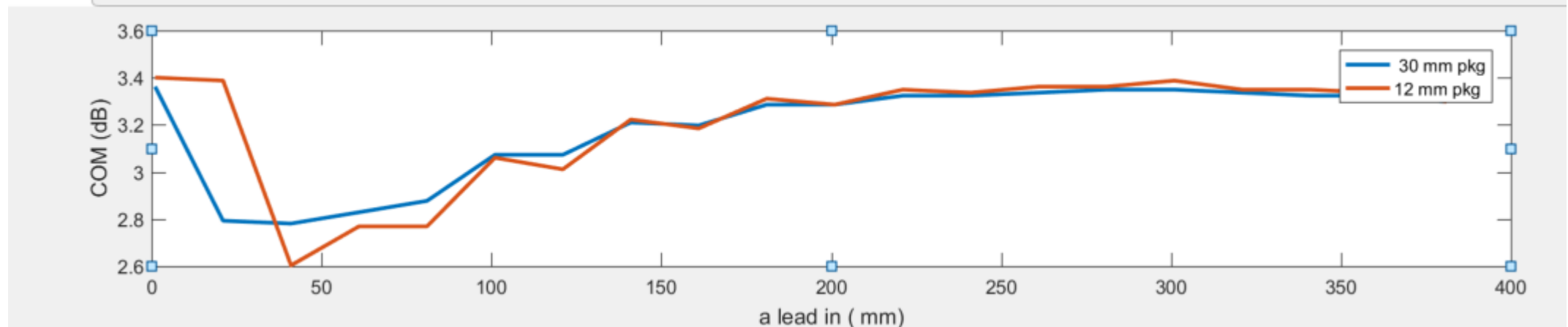
ERLRMS seems to correlate well to ERL for channels with simple reflections... However



- ❑ Reference package with parameters variations are 90% correlated
- ❑ Posted channel only seem to be 80% correlated
- ❑ Recommendation use convolution method

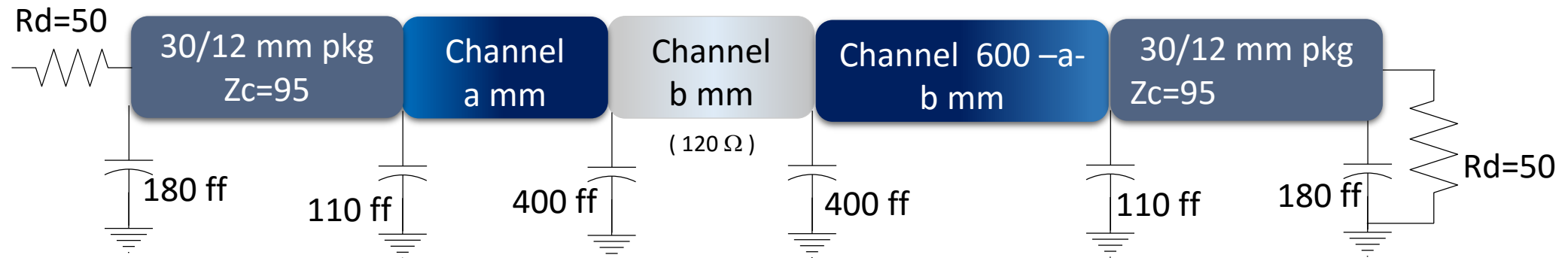


Ungated ERL does not track COM because of DFE effects



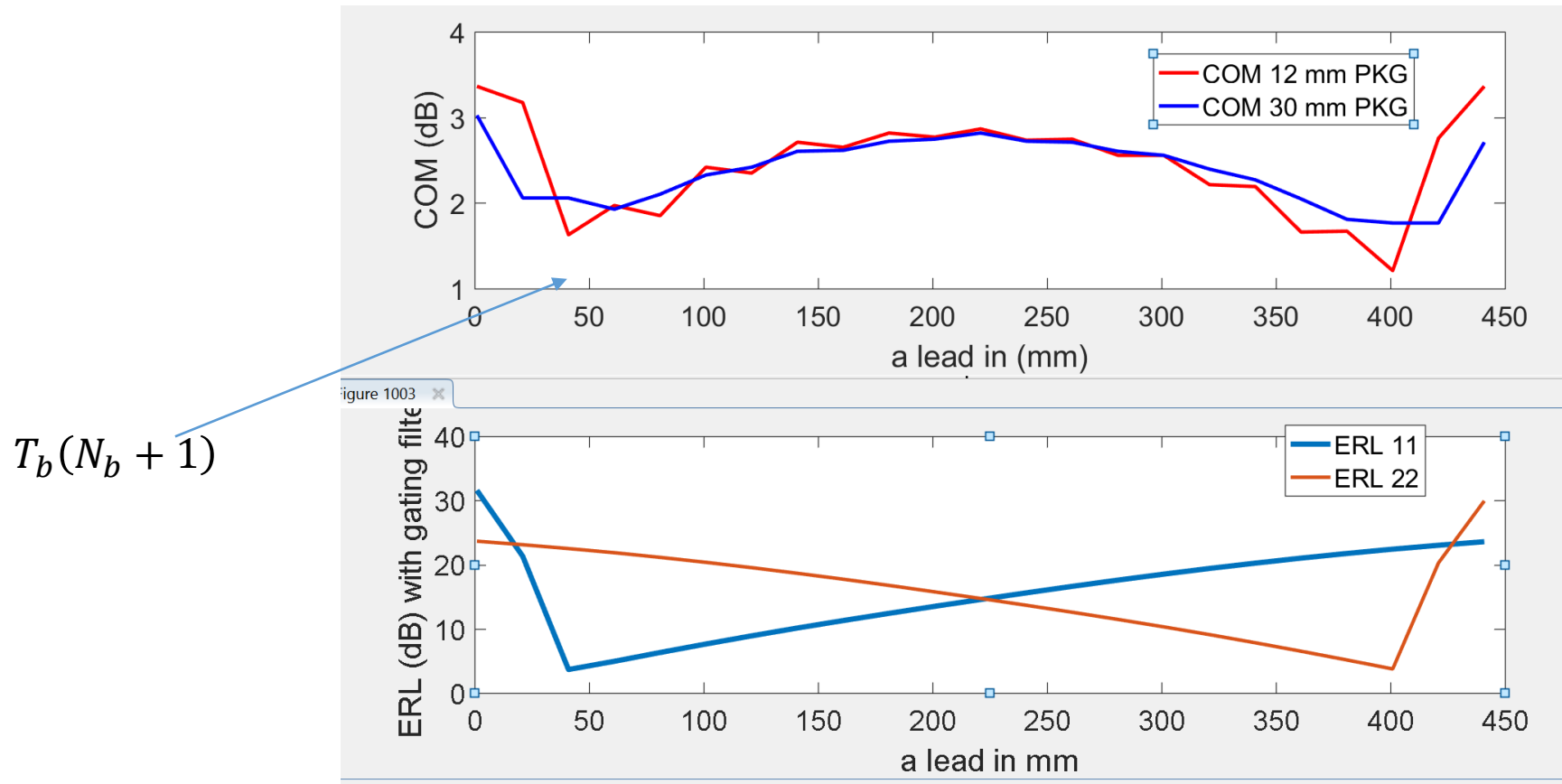
Would changing the amount of reflection alter the trends of the results?

- ❑ Change the capacitor to 400 ff from 200 ff
- ❑ Shorten the total length to 450 mm from 600 mm to keep around 3 dB of COM



mm	ff	Ω	mm	ff	mm	ff	mm	ff	mm	ff	mm	Ω	ff	Ω
30	180	95	12	110	a	400	b	400	450 -a-b	110	30	95	180	50

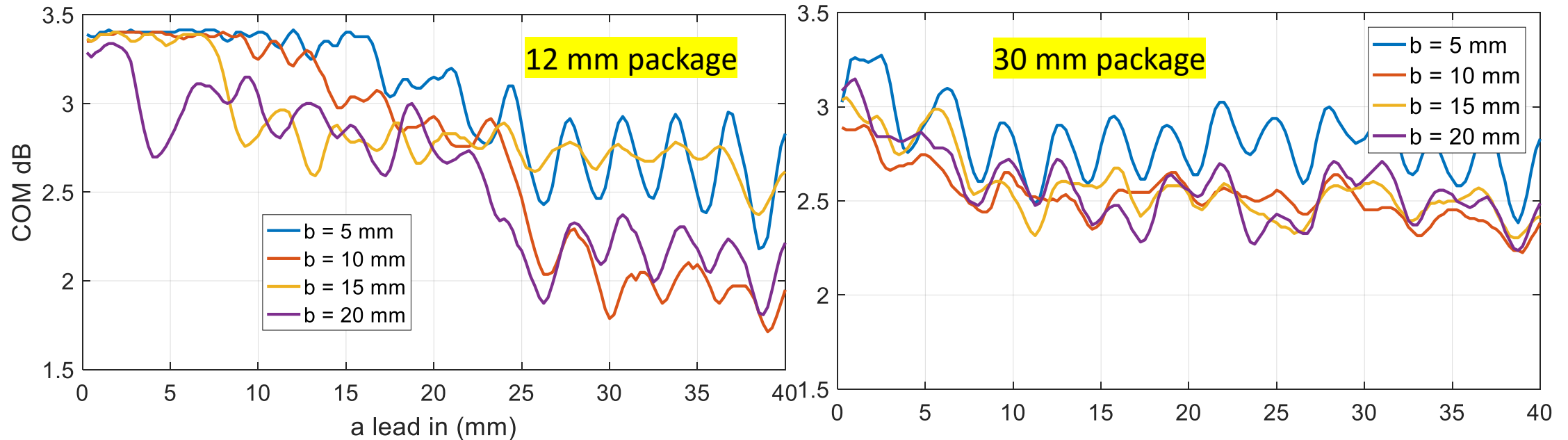
Similar trends regardless of reflection magnitude



Takeaway:

- Similar effects on either end of the channel
- A key factor is the distance a channel reflection is from either Tx or Rx package

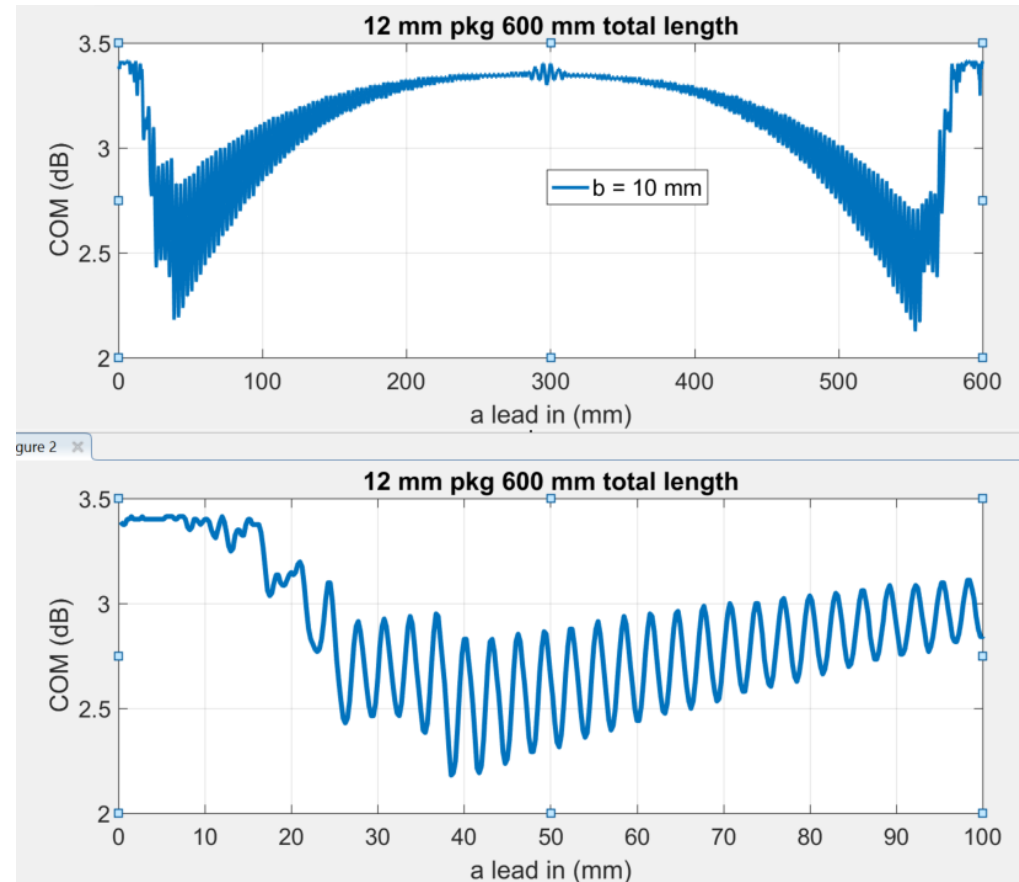
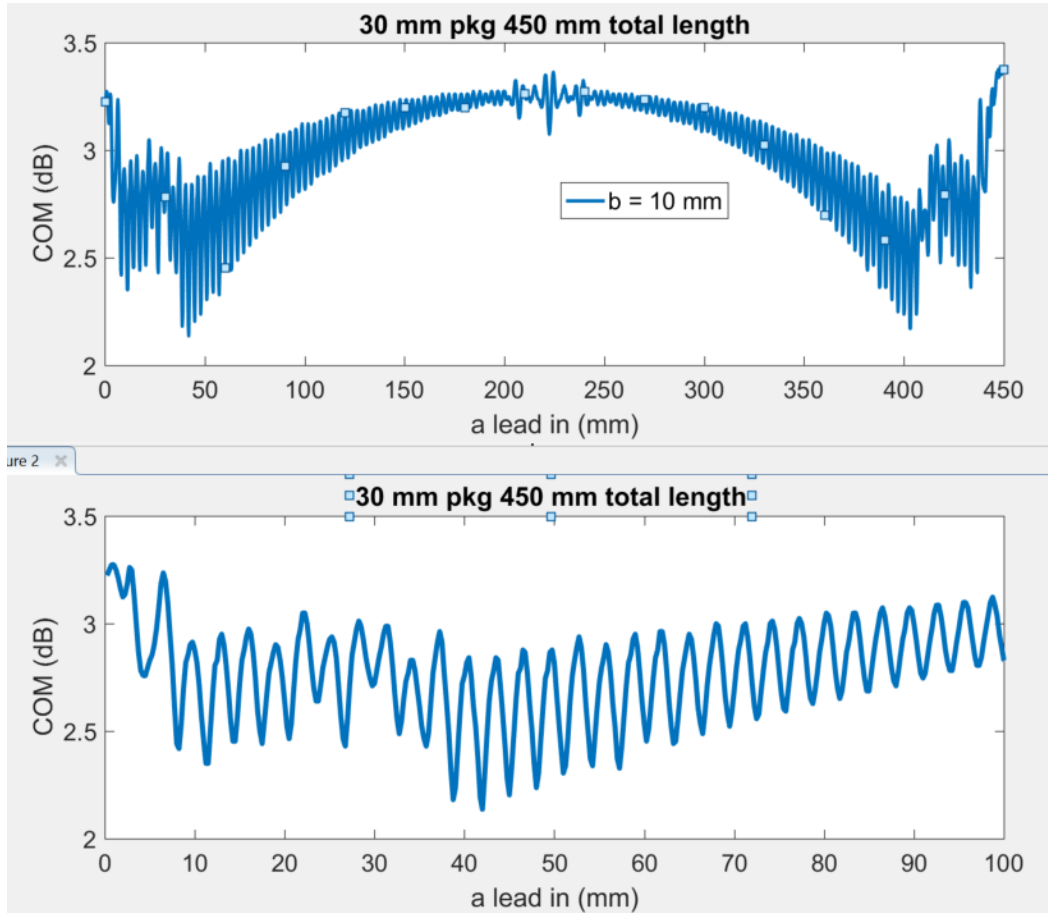
Finer “lead in” (a) step sizes show DFE effects



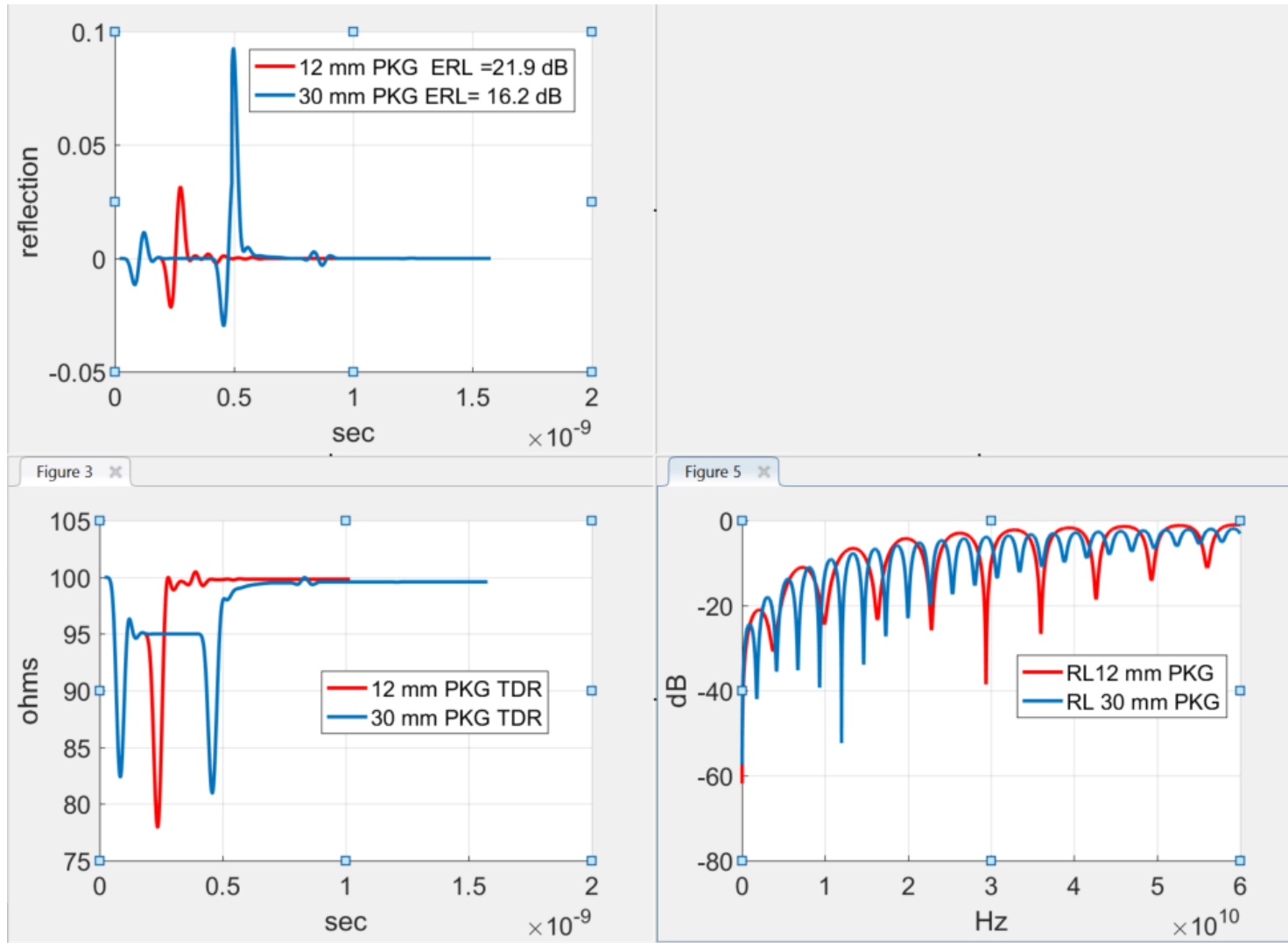
- ❑ COM packages seem somewhat interactive with the lead in (a) distance
- ❑ DFE effect can clearly be seen as COM is constant for $b=5, 10,$ and 15 for progressively shorter lead in (a) values for the 12 mm package
- ❑ This suggests there are two components of package return loss:
 - Loss
 - Reflections

0.25 mm steps lead in (a) also show reflection placement sensitivity

□ COM reference package used



TDR and ERL for COM reference package



Experiment* is with 27 posted channels** and wide variations of COM package parameters

- ❑ Determine COM and device ERL for
 - Each channel
 - 50G Base KR channels** without crosstalk
 - Each package parameter combination
- ❑ Use design of experiments (DOE) to create a distribution of 1 million package parameter combinations for each channel
- ❑ Limit package ERL and observe variability of COM

*http://www.ieee802.org/3/cd/public/adhoc/archive/mellitz_083017_3cd_adhoc.pdf

**<http://www.ieee802.org/3/cd/public/channel/index.html>

27 Channel Key

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number	Channel designator
1	'5F3N--Ch1_10_5F3N_t
2	'TEC_STRADAWhisper11p75in_Meg6_Channel_IEEE802_3_cd_Cu_07282016--TEC_Whisper11p75in_THRU_G14G15-07212016
3	'mellitz_01_021716_10dB_6_channels--PAM4_2conn_MP_v2_100ohm_10dB_Nom_thru
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9	'5F3N--Ch4_20_5F3N_t
10	'TEC_STRADAWhisper27in_Meg6_Channel_IEEE802_3_cd_Cu_07282016--TEC_Whisper27in_THRU_G14G15_07202016
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25	'20dB_HghZ--20dB_HighZ_thru
26	'20dB_HghZ_Nom_HighZ--20dB_HighZ_Nom_HighZ_thru
27	'30dB_HighZ--30dB_HighZ_thru

COM and ERL

- ❑ No crosstalk
- ❑ 30 mm and 12 mm package
- ❑ “Reference” COM for each channel

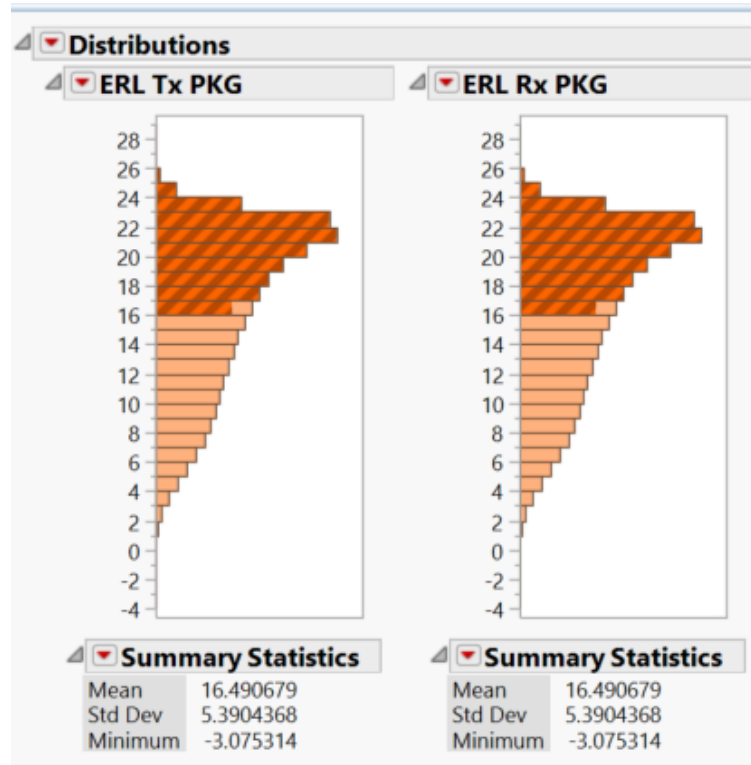
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2	_THRU_G14G15-07212016	7.0	7.4	14.7	15.1
3	_100ohm_10dB_Nom_thru	5.6	5.6	11.1	10.9
4	00ohm_10dB_HzLzHz_thru	5.9	5.9	10.4	10.3
5	00ohm_10dB_LzHzLz_thru	4.9	4.7	9.8	10.0
6	2_85ohm_10dB_Nom_thru	7.8	7.9	12.8	13.0
7	85ohm_10dB_HzLzHz_thru	7.2	7.2	11.2	10.5
8	85ohm_10dB_LzHzLz_thru	7.2	6.9	10.0	11.3
9	'5F3N--Ch4_20_5F3N_t	5.8	6.0	10.9	13.5
10	_THRU_G14G15_07202016	5.4	6.0	15.6	14.8
11	_100ohm_20dB_Nom_thru	6.5	6.8	15.3	14.7
12	00ohm_20dB_HzLzHz_thru	5.9	6.2	14.3	13.3
13	00ohm_20dB_LzHzLz_thru	5.9	6.5	13.9	13.7
14	2_85ohm_20dB_Nom_thru	7.4	7.7	16.1	15.6
15	85ohm_20dB_HzLzHz_thru	6.9	7.1	14.0	13.0
16	85ohm_20dB_LzHzLz_thru	6.7	7.1	13.6	13.9
17	'5F3N--Ch8_30_5F3N_t	3.5	4.5	12.0	14.0
18	_THRU_G14G15_07202016	3.0	4.1	16.2	15.3
19	_100ohm_30dB_Nom_thru	4.3	5.1	16.6	15.2
20	00ohm_30dB_HzLzHz_thru	4.1	4.8	15.4	13.9
21	00ohm_30dB_LzHzLz_thru	3.9	4.9	15.5	14.5
22	2_85ohm_30dB_Nom_thru	5.0	5.9	17.7	16.5
23	85ohm_30dB_HzLzHz_thru	4.7	5.5	15.2	13.9
24	85ohm_30dB_LzHzLz_thru	4.6	5.4	15.2	14.5
25	lB_HghZ--20dB_HighZ_thru	6.3	6.7	17.6	17.1
26	B_HighZ_Nom_HighZ_thru	6.6	6.9	19.5	19.0
27	B_HighZ--30dB_HighZ_thru	4.2	4.9	17.9	17.6

COM package parameter variations

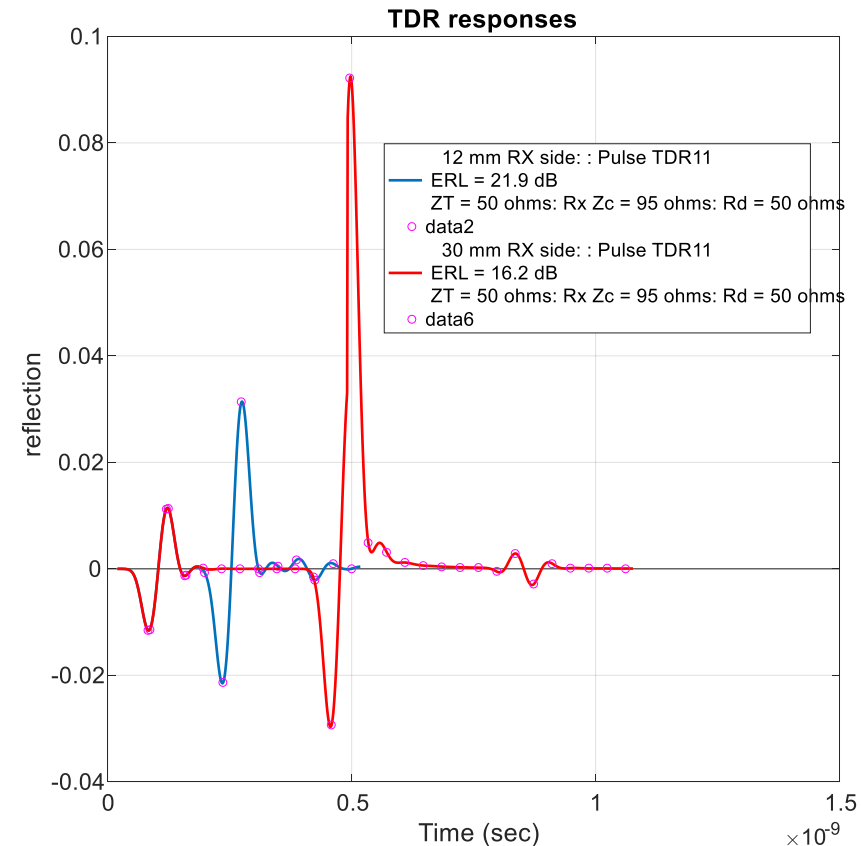
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105	35	65	0.9	1.8	1.8	0.3	40	40	105	65	35	0.9	0.9	1.8	0.3	40	40	95	50	35	0.9	0.9	0.3	1.8	10	40
85	65	65	2.7	2.7	1.8	1.8	40	40	105	35	35	0.9	2.7	1.8	1.8	10	25	95	65	65	2.7	0.9	0.3	0.3	10	40
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105	65	65	0.9	2.7	0.3	0.3	10	40	85	35	65	2.7	2.7	0.3	0.3	40	10	105	35	50	0.9	0.9	1.05	0.3	40	10
85	35	35	0.9	2.7	0.3	1.8	40	10	105	35	65	2.7	2.7	1.8	1.8	40	10	105	65	65	0.9	1.8	1.8	1.8	10	40
95	35	35	2.7	2.7	1.8	0.3	40	40	85	35	50	0.9	2.7	1.8	1.8	40	40	105	65	35	0.9	2.7	1.05	1.8	40	40
105	65	35	0.9	2.7	1.8	0.3	10	40	105	35	50	1.8	2.7	0.3	0.3	40	10	105	35	65	1.8	0.9	1.8	0.3	10	40
105	65	50	2.7	0.9	1.8	1.8	40	40	85	50	35	2.7	2.7	1.8	1.8	10	10	105	50	65	2.7	1.8	0.3	0.3	10	10
85	65	35	0.9	2.7	0.3	0.3	40	25	105	65	65	2.7	2.7	0.3	1.05	40	40	95	35	65	0.9	2.7	0.3	1.8	10	40
85	65	50	2.7	2.7	0.3	0.3	10	10	85	35	65	2.7	0.9	1.8	0.3	40	10	105	35	35	2.7	0.9	1.8	1.05	25	10
105	35	65	2.7	0.9	0.3	1.8	40	40	105	35	35	2.7	0.9	1.05	0.3	40	40	85	65	65	0.9	1.8	1.8	0.3	40	10
85	65	65	0.9	0.9	0.3	1.8	40	40	105	65	35	0.9	0.9	0.3	0.3	25	10	105	35	50	2.7	2.7	0.3	1.05	10	40
85	35	35	2.7	0.9	0.3	1.8	10	10	105	50	65	1.8	0.9	0.3	1.8	10	40	95	35	35	1.8	1.8	0.3	0.3	10	10
85	35	35	0.9	0.9	1.8	0.3	40	10	85	35	35	0.9	2.7	0.3	0.3	10	40	95	50	50	1.8	1.8	1.05	1.05	25	25
105	65	50	2.7	2.7	0.3	1.8	40	10	85	35	65	0.9	0.9	1.8	1.8	40	25	95	50	50	1.8	1.8	1.1	1.1	12	12
105	65	65	2.7	2.7	1.8	0.3	25	10	85	65	35	2.7	0.9	1.8	0.3	10	40	95	50	50	1.8	1.8	1.1	1.1	30	30
									85	65	65	0.9	0.9	0.3	0.3	10	10									

ERL for the 30 mm reference package is 16.2 dB

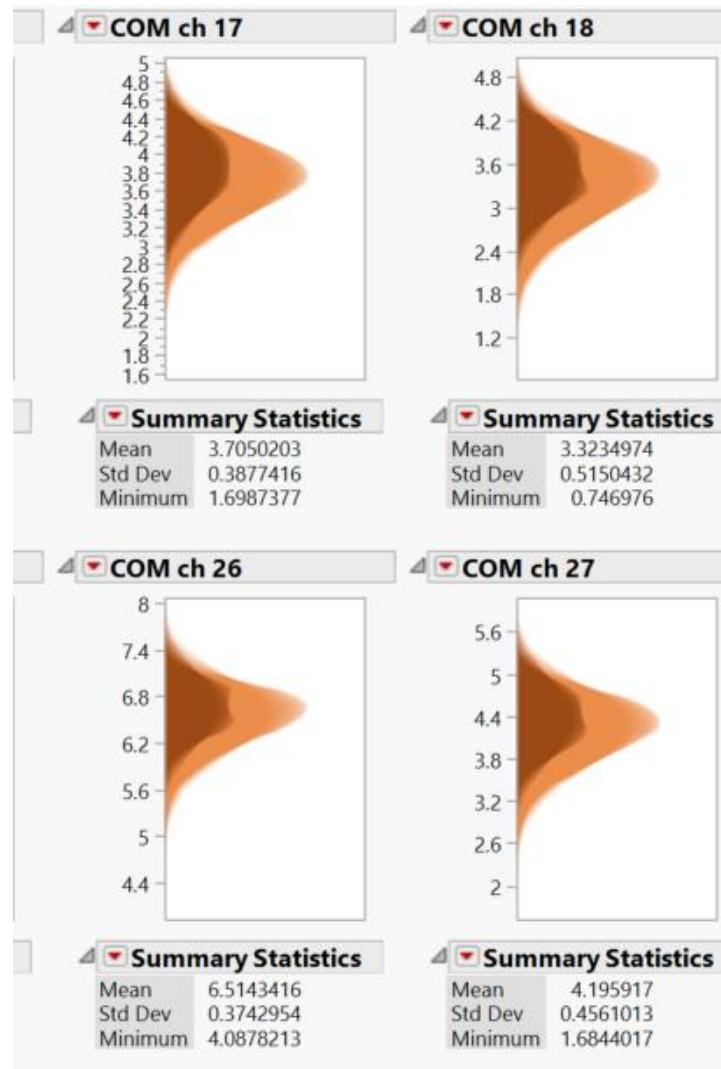


Dark area: Selection limit for ERL set to > 16.2 dB for the million cases
Light area: 1 million cases base on DOE



Example of gated PTDR for reference package

Distribution view of COM a few channels



- The value to watch is the minimum COM in the distribution.
- A low minimum COM compared to the reference COM can lead to false positives.
- Hence if the distribution's minimum COM increases as a result of ERL test limits the likelihood of false positives decrease

ERL limits raise the average COM minimum by an average of 0.3 dB

	COM (dB) 30 mm PKG	Mean all	mean passing	minimum COM all	minimum COM passing	change in minimum COM							
COM ch 1	6.16	6.15	6.26	2.76	3.49	-0.72	COM ch 15	6.94	6.72	6.83	4.22	4.59	-0.38
COM ch 2	6.98	7.05	7.20	4.06	4.48	-0.42	COM ch 16	6.71	6.42	6.58	4.08	4.23	-0.15
COM ch 3	5.61	5.54	5.52	2.33	2.51	-0.18	COM ch 17	3.54	3.70	3.85	1.50	1.80	-0.30
COM ch 4	5.94	5.55	5.51	1.84	1.84	0.00	COM ch 18	3.04	3.32	3.55	0.61	1.38	-0.76
COM ch 5	4.89	4.95	5.04	1.77	1.95	-0.18	COM ch 19	4.29	4.37	4.57	1.92	2.53	-0.61
COM ch 6	7.76	7.61	7.62	4.87	4.94	-0.07	COM ch 20	4.11	4.15	4.32	1.86	2.35	-0.49
COM ch 7	7.19	6.86	6.86	3.68	3.68	0.00	COM ch 21	3.94	3.95	4.20	1.10	1.90	-0.80
COM ch 8	7.18	6.79	6.88	3.44	3.44	0.00	COM ch 22	5.04	5.01	5.20	2.43	2.61	-0.19
COM ch 9	5.78	5.70	5.78	3.58	3.91	-0.33	COM ch 23	4.69	4.67	4.85	2.45	2.71	-0.26
COM ch 10	5.38	5.67	5.85	3.03	3.48	-0.45	COM ch 24	4.61	4.47	4.68	1.39	1.65	-0.26
COM ch 11	6.52	6.43	6.55	3.95	4.04	-0.09	COM ch 25	6.27	6.25	6.40	3.83	4.35	-0.52
COM ch 12	5.94	5.89	5.97	3.11	3.11	0.00	COM ch 26	6.58	6.51	6.68	4.21	4.80	-0.59
COM ch 13	5.88	5.79	5.96	3.04	3.14	-0.11	COM ch 27	4.18	4.20	4.39	1.53	1.94	-0.42
COM ch 14	7.45	7.24	7.36	5.19	5.31	-0.12							-0.31
													average minimum change

Not perfect, but would seem to reduce the likelihood of false positives

Summary

- ❑ ERL removes the penalty for short packages
 - Perhaps the most important step
- ❑ ERL incorporates the effects of DFE
- ❑ ERL may be computed from a gated and weighted PTDR with a convolution method
 - The ERL RMS method may be sufficient and is simpler but less accurate
- ❑ Need to adjust for test fixture and actual product packages
 - Tentatively require for a device ERL > 16.2 dB
 - $\beta_x=10.7\text{e}9, \rho_x = 10^{-\frac{ERL_{cx}}{20}} = 0.21$
- ❑ Require for a channel ERL > 10.2 dB
 - Use $\beta_x=10.7\text{e}9, \rho_x = 10^{-\frac{ERL_{px}}{20}} = 0.15$
- ❑ Consider an ERL for a test channel to be better. ERL > 20 dB... more work required here
- ❑ Refine for January Interim with decisions on
 - RMS vs convolution method
 - ERL limits
 - Test fixture data
 - Actual product package data