

# ERL for Parameter Update

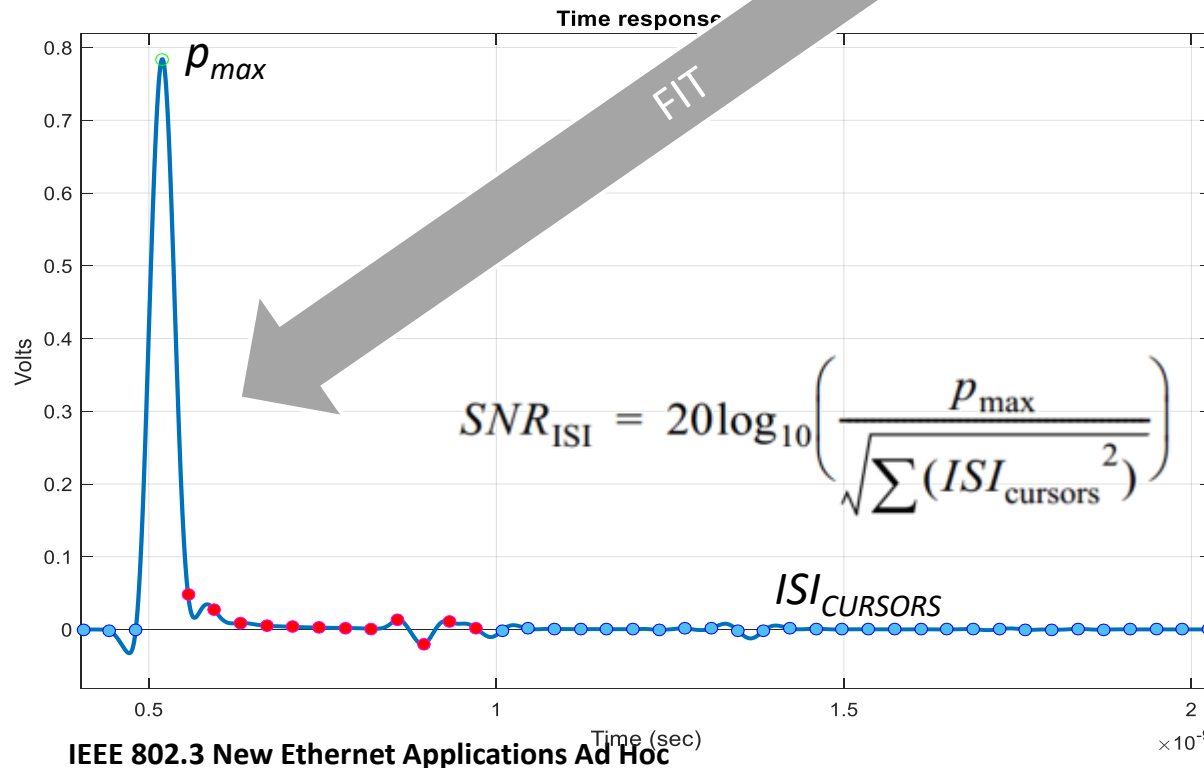
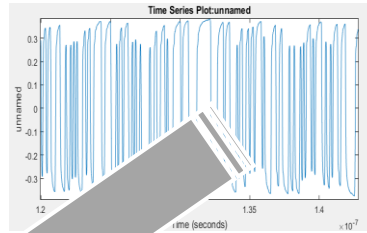
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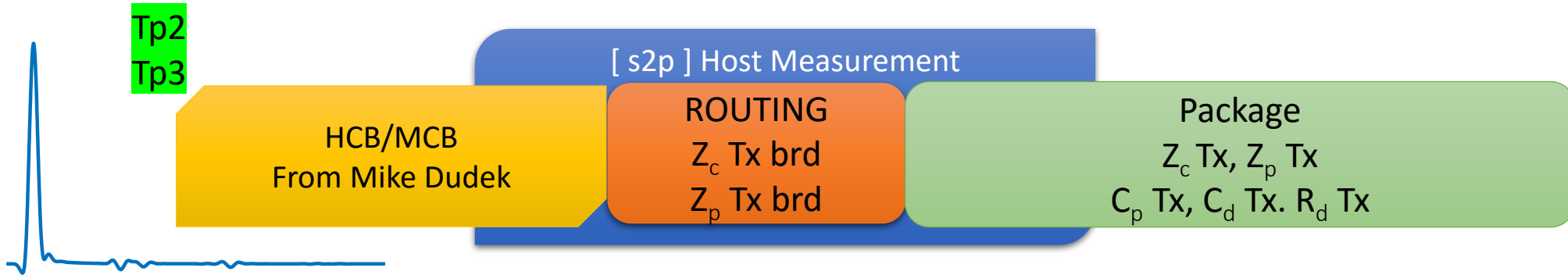
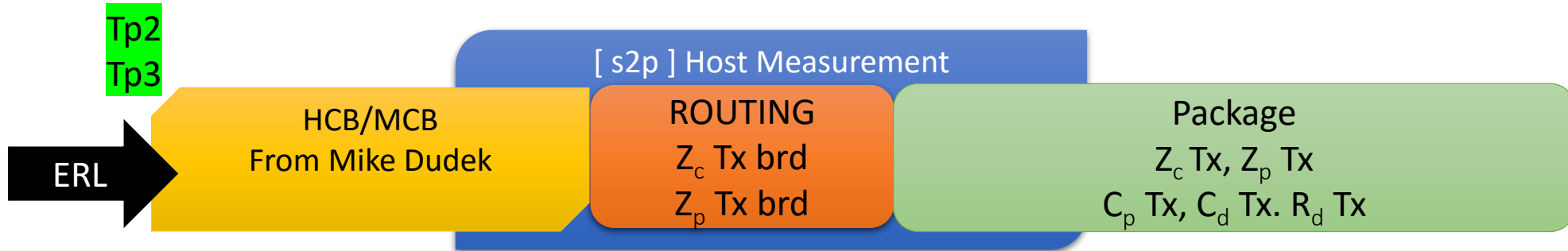
- ❑ Review  $\text{SNR}_{\text{ISI}}$
- ❑ Clause 136 host transmitter and receiver
  - DOE experiment
  - $\text{SNR}_{\text{ISI}}$  comparison
  - $\text{ERL}_{\text{min}}$  decision
- ❑ Clause 136 cable assembly
  - ERL for a variety of cables
- ❑ Clause 137 transmitter and receiver
  - DOE experiment
  - $\text{SNR}_{\text{ISI}}$  comparison
- ❑ Clause 137 channel
  - See work from Howard Heck
- ❑ Proposal summary

# Review SNR<sub>ISI</sub>



- ❑ SNR<sub>isi</sub> is determined from a pulse response derived from a measured data pattern response
- ❑ SNR<sub>ISI</sub> captures reflection outside their reach of a specified DFE
- ❑ In theory its sound good.
  - It misses re-reflections from the rest of the pulse response
  - For devices ( CL 136), SNR<sub>ISI</sub> represents a small amount of noise which is difficult to measure
- ❑ It should correlate to ERL because both are measure reflections.
- ❑ Since reflection are caused from physical channel parameter, both should correlate to them

# Experiment: Compare Host ERL and $SNR_{ISI}$ for wide parameter sweep variations



$$SNR_{ISI} = 20 \log_{10} \left( \frac{P_{max}}{\sqrt{\sum (ISI_{cursors}^2)}} \right)$$

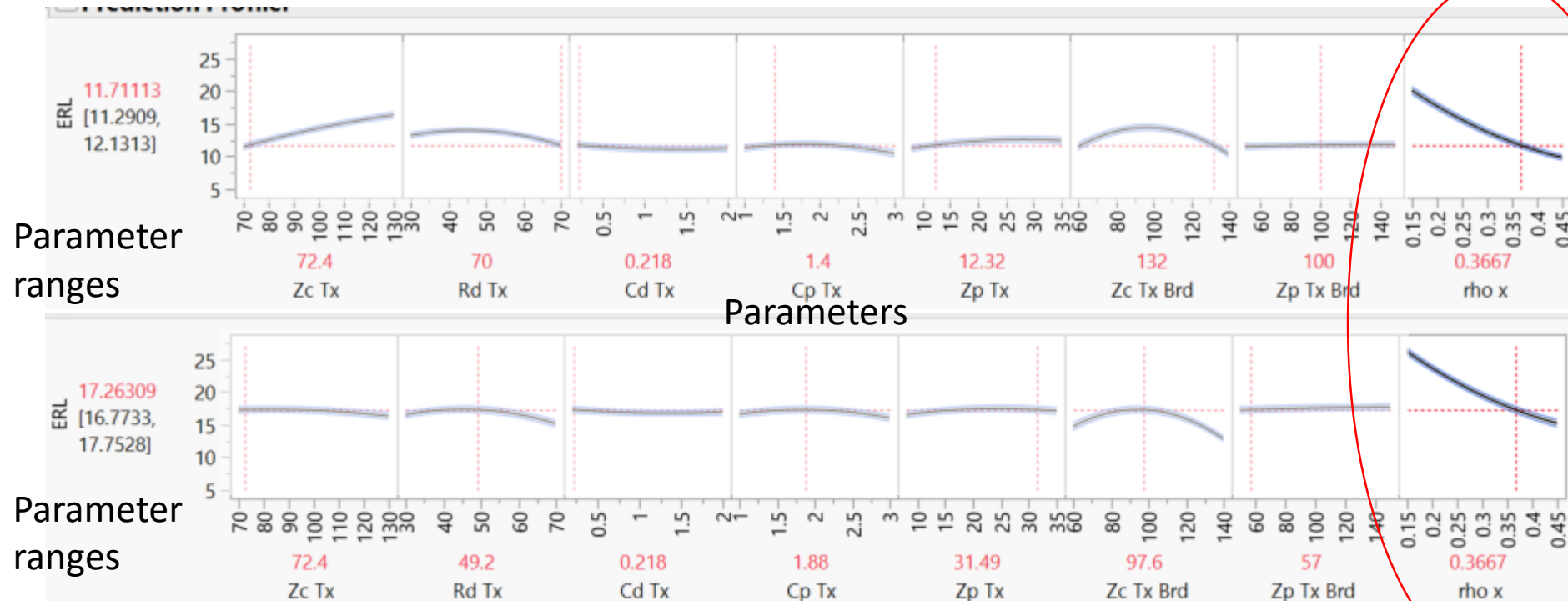
Swept Parameters

$Z_c Tx, Z_p Tx, C_p Tx, C_d Tx, R_d Tx, Z_c Tx brd, Z_p Tx brd$

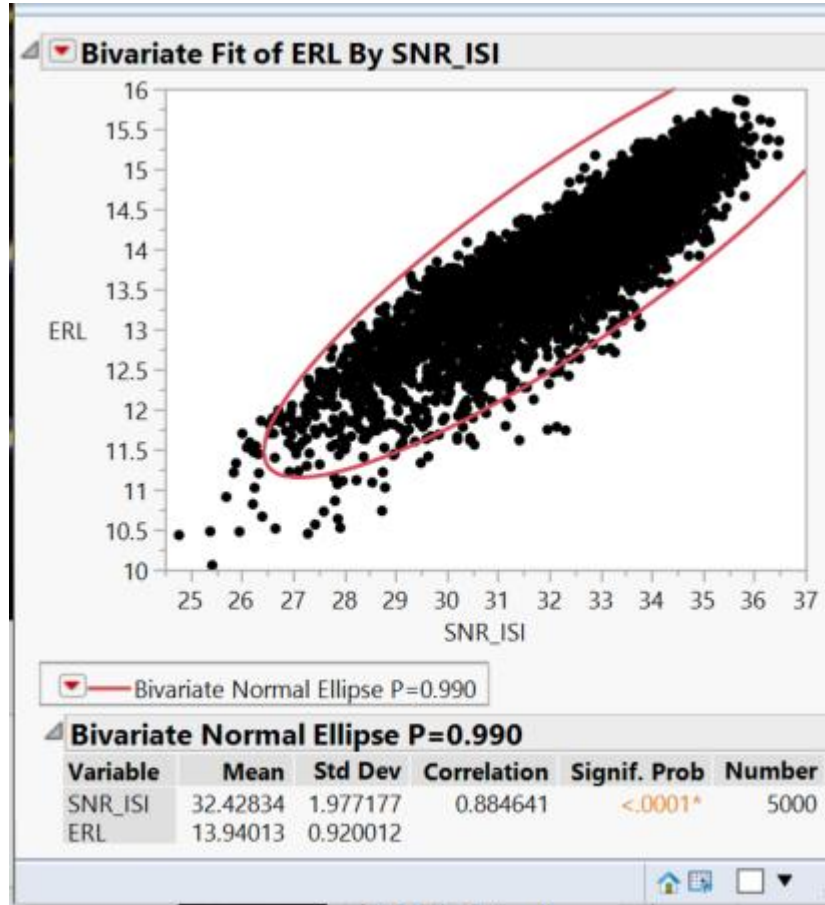
*\*This is a physical parameter experiment: Ranges we chosen to cause reflections and not to comply with particular standard*

Choose  $\rho_x = 0.44$  (which is used in the calculation of ERL)

- ❑ Dependence on  $\rho_x$  does not change with choice for other parameters
- ❑ Recommendation: choose one value,  $\rho_x = 0.44$ , for all clause and set  $ERL_{min}$  to accommodate performance



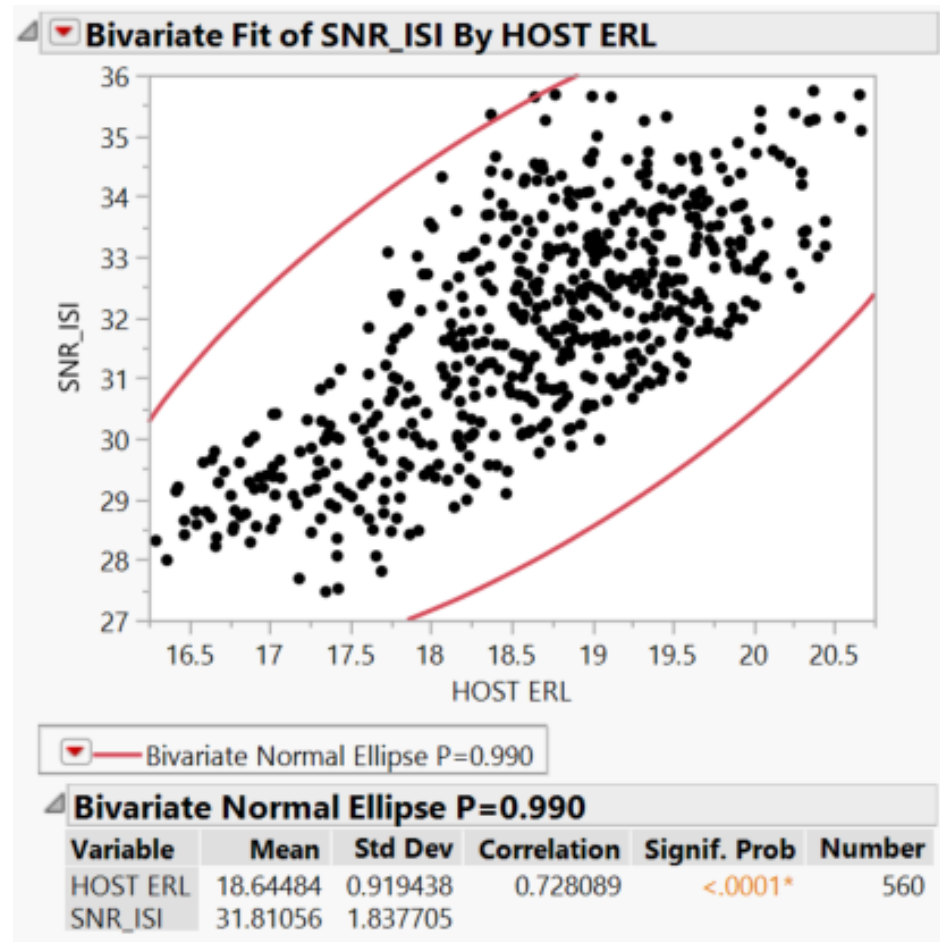
# SNR<sub>ISI</sub> and ERL are correlated as expected ... both are measure of reflections



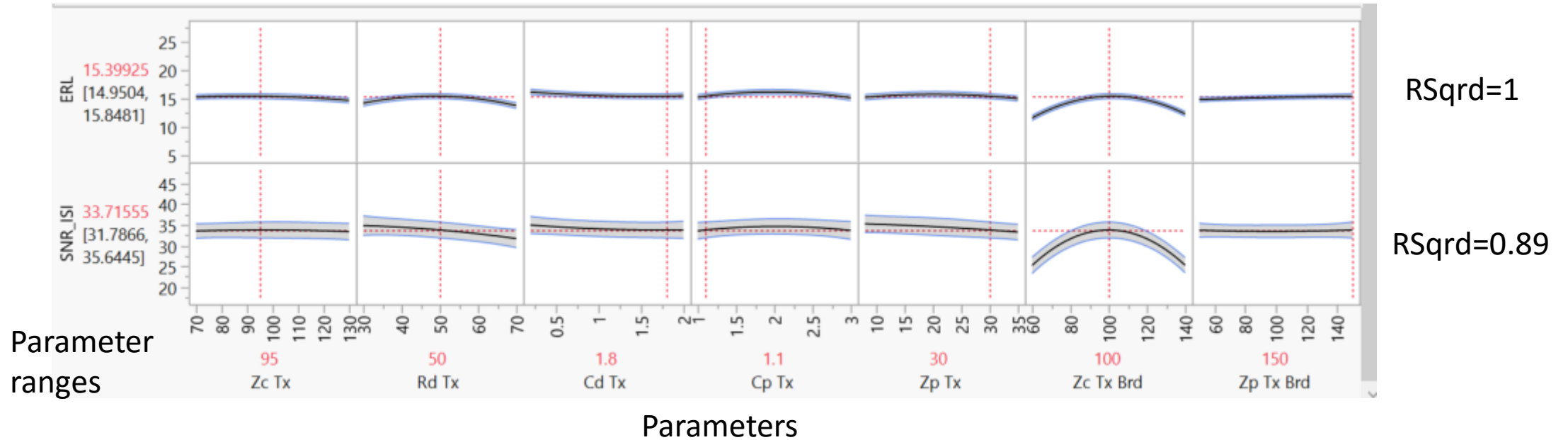
Zc Tx	Rd Tx	Cd Tx	Cp Tx	Zp Tx	Zc Tx	Brd Zp Tx	Brd rho x	ERL	SNR_ISI
113.03	56.07	1.70	2.42	14.72	96.88	104.92	0.44	14.68	33.73
99.09	58.46	0.99	2.50	19.58	123.62	119.54	0.44	13.81	32.15
109.21	63.78	0.62	1.97	16.57	102.66	65.31	0.44	14.89	35.55
105.20	63.08	1.31	1.94	17.75	84.43	118.15	0.44	14.08	32.27
103.93	61.12	1.29	2.76	14.23	102.01	112.75	0.44	14.02	33.72
112.20	48.16	0.44	1.41	19.75	99.92	116.23	0.44	15.61	35.47
76.71	50.23	1.29	1.80	18.32	127.14	70.25	0.44	12.87	30.44
95.68	56.97	0.88	1.34	21.09	84.88	132.07	0.44	14.60	32.81
105.81	42.26	0.73	1.86	21.50	130.94	106.99	0.44	13.34	31.00
79.35	42.76	1.13	2.69	18.56	120.03	61.22	0.44	12.99	31.81
76.56	56.36	0.99	1.77	30.88	77.00	66.23	0.44	13.71	30.81
76.47	38.45	1.30	1.84	26.35	82.31	65.85	0.44	14.67	33.62
92.27	42.65	0.71	2.13	13.88	126.12	67.52	0.44	13.12	32.06
97.58	36.15	1.32	1.52	23.80	102.03	131.30	0.44	14.75	34.94
115.02	63.52	1.42	1.46	23.41	97.88	83.39	0.44	14.53	34.03
88.30	47.11	1.46	1.99	23.08	105.44	114.00	0.44	15.37	34.53
123.89	35.82	0.43	1.39	25.29	91.43	127.37	0.44	13.40	33.42
93.12	54.90	1.75	1.78	13.11	111.76	115.10	0.44	14.77	34.28
79.25	46.22	1.37	2.06	25.23	76.50	124.15	0.44	14.65	32.36
110.84	64.10	1.63	2.02	25.16	76.31	83.49	0.44	12.72	29.27
88.14	42.36	0.38	1.65	23.27	120.90	95.39	0.44	14.51	33.35
107.28	39.26	0.60	2.70	17.69	69.85	109.83	0.44	12.14	27.88
109.48	38.13	0.42	2.72	20.22	69.74	99.09	0.44	11.85	27.44
121.80	38.65	0.85	2.21	23.33	114.84	87.33	0.44	13.49	33.03
78.04	48.06	1.44	1.75	15.01	106.94	85.04	0.44	14.81	34.59
108.43	43.77	1.12	2.35	16.63	77.06	110.33	0.44	13.48	30.53
87.73	50.96	0.65	2.39	23.59	130.66	67.96	0.44	12.68	29.88
122.97	60.28	0.74	1.74	19.74	101.59	92.51	0.44	15.39	35.49
110.81	43.87	0.76	1.25	23.49	102.38	100.26	0.44	14.80	34.65

First 30 points of a 5000 point sweep

# Alex Rysin (Mellanox) shows correlation between $SNR_{ISI}$ and ERL

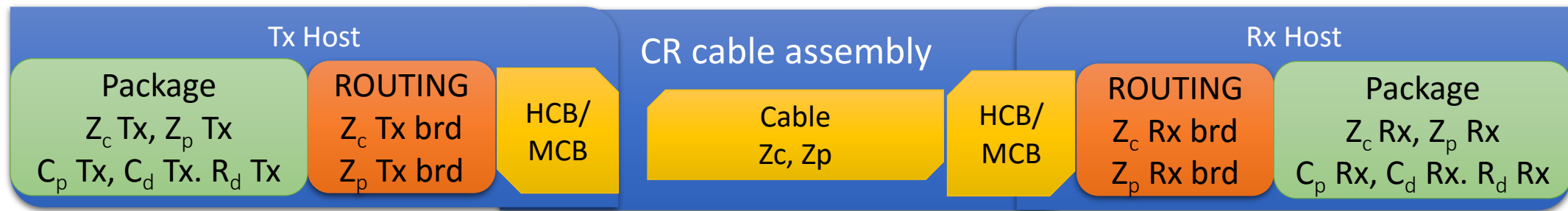


ERL is correlated to physical parameters slightly better than  $SNR_{ISI}$





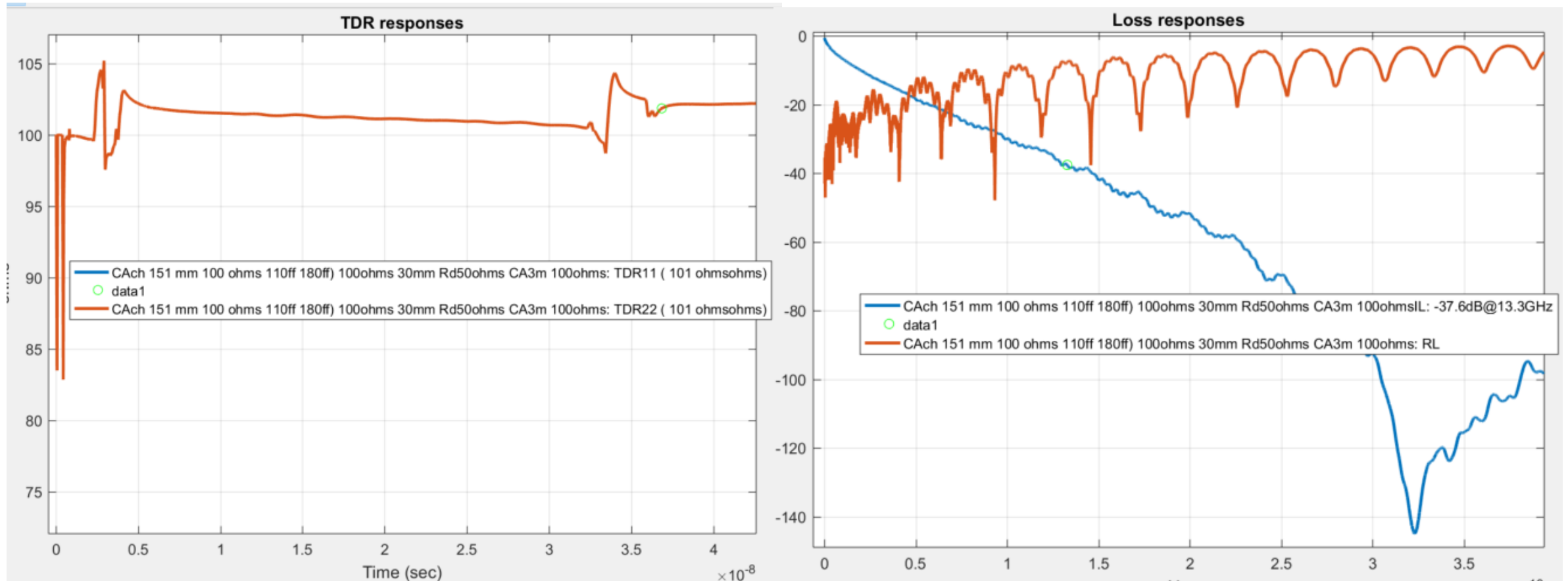
# Setup: COM computation with synthesized cable (full channel Die to Die)



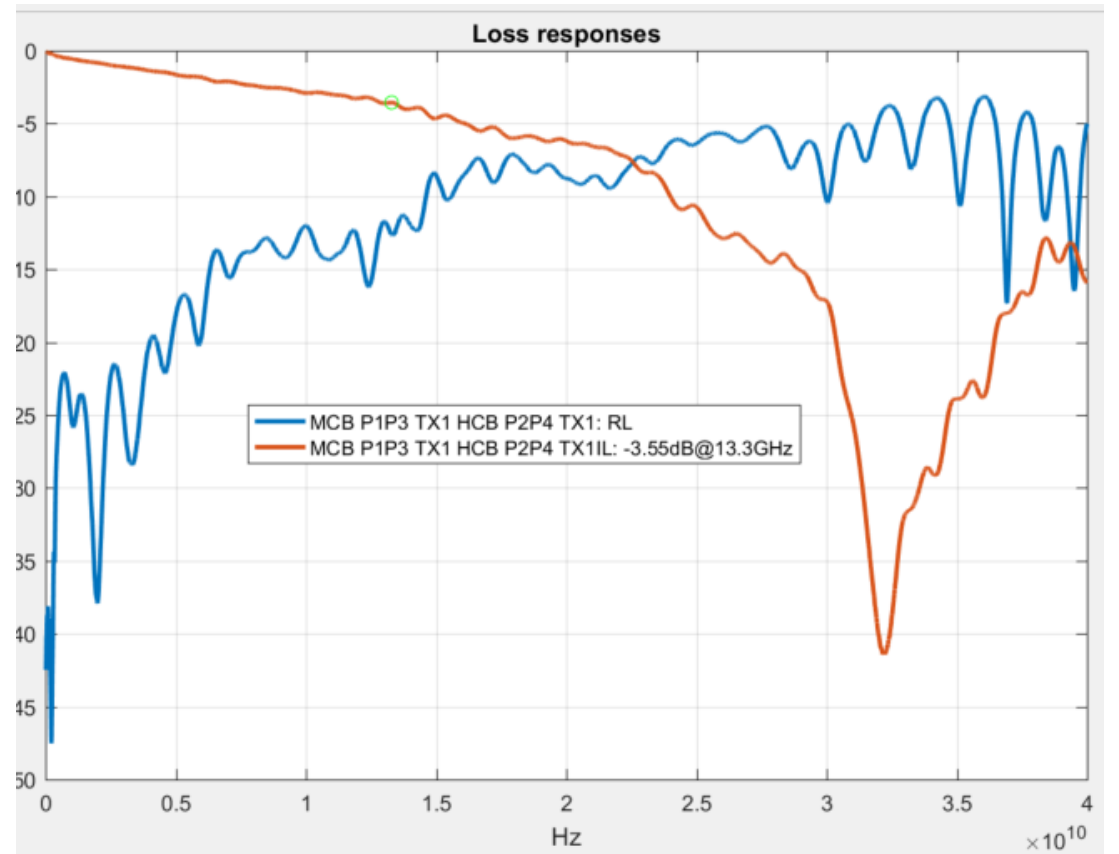
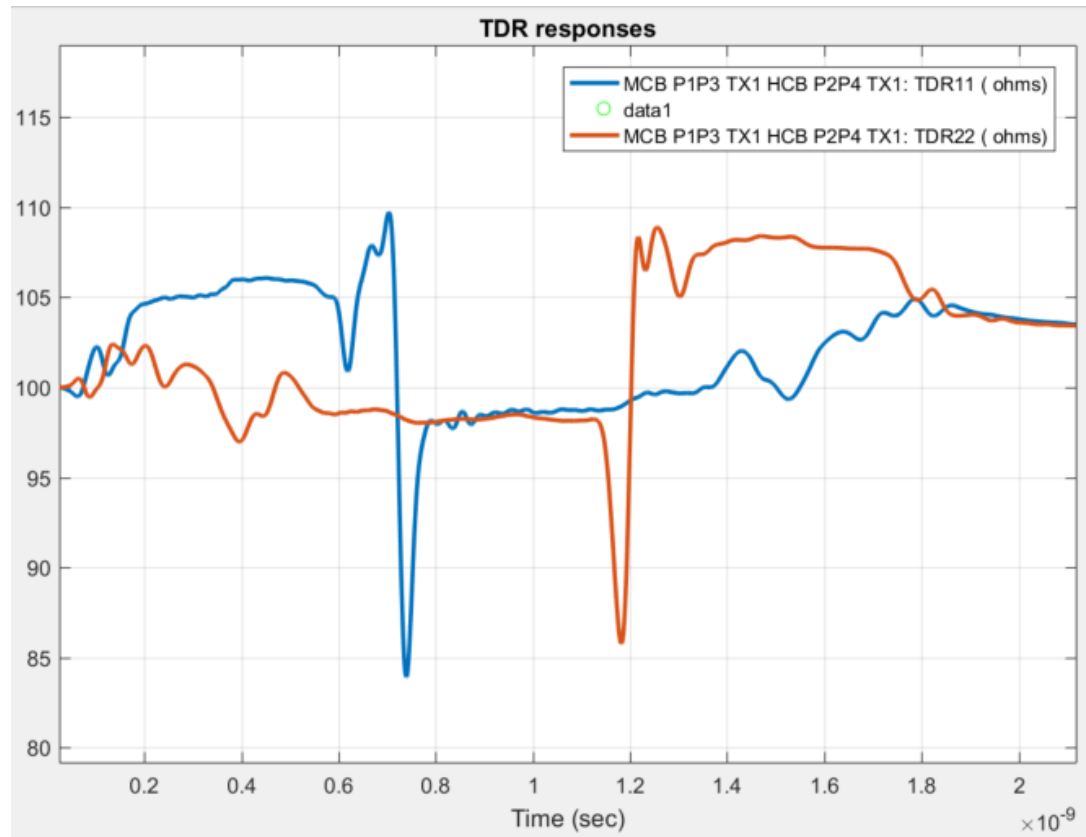
(No crosstalk)

- MCB/HCb from Mike Dudek
- Test fixture differences will affect required margin
- Host and cable use the same test fixture

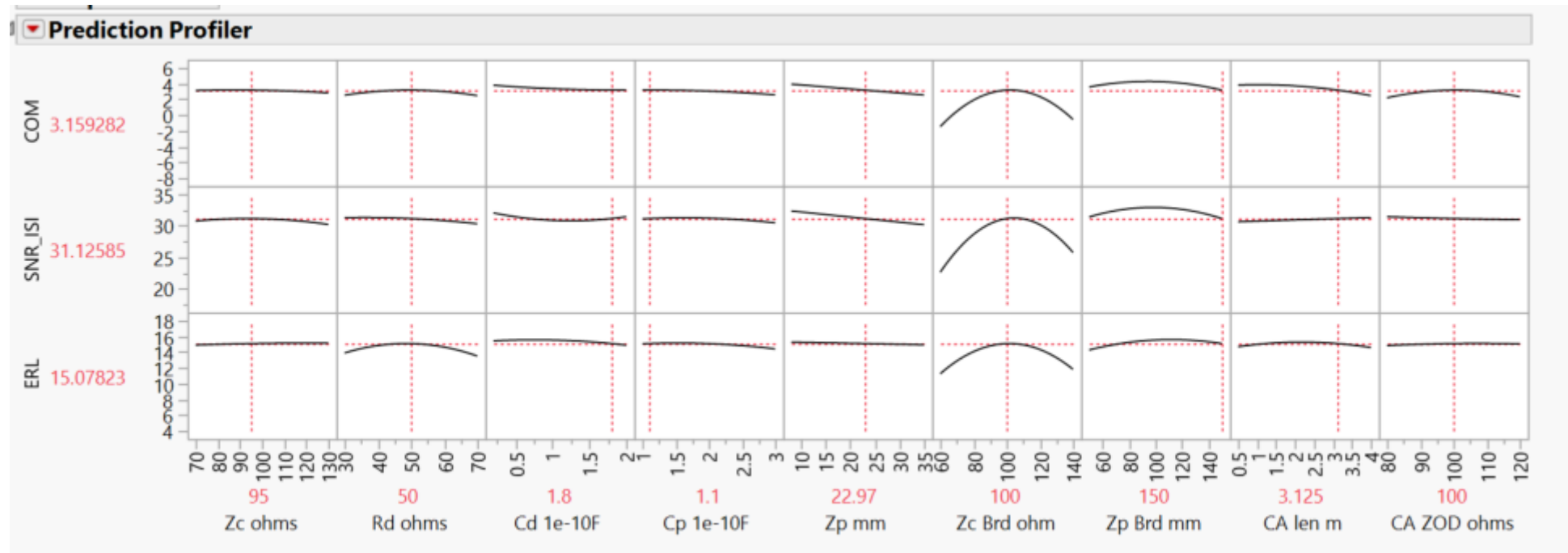
# Example of Die to Die TDR and Loss Responses for full cable channel



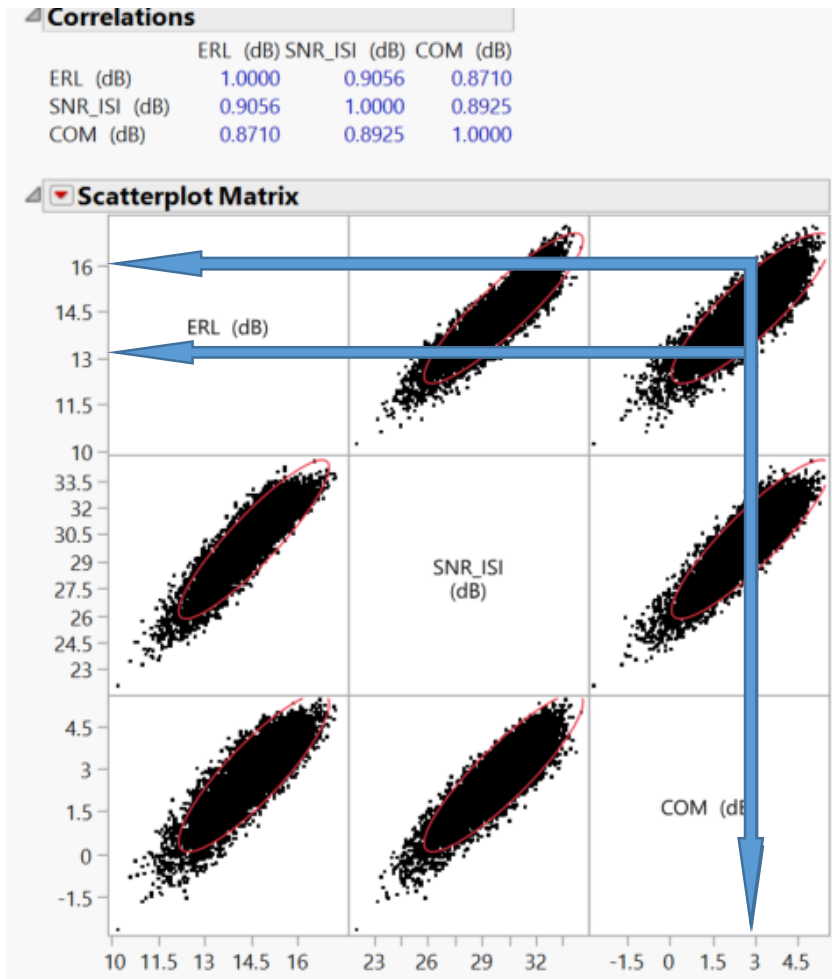
# Example of MCB/HCB fixture TDR and Loss Responses ( Fixture from Mike Dudek)



# Example of full channel sweep responses showing ranges

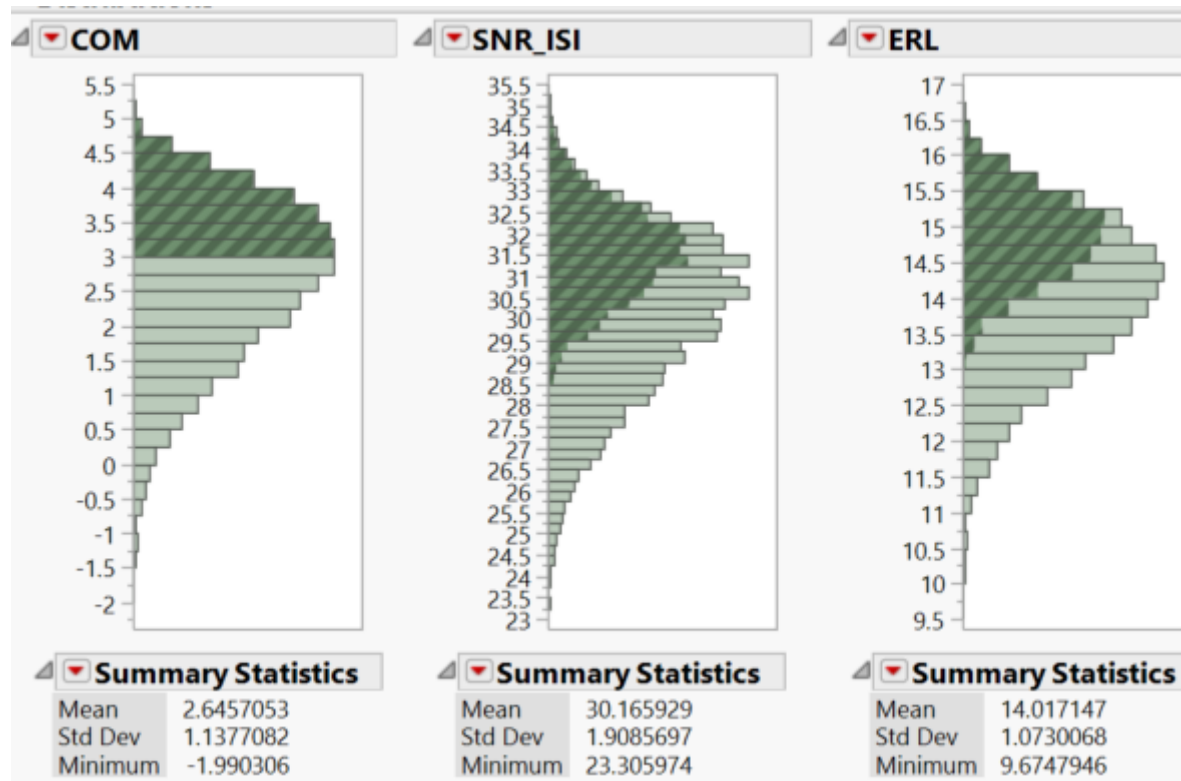


# Cable COM simulations w/o crosstalk correlates well to $\text{SNR}_{\text{ISI}}$ and ERL



- ❑  $\text{SNR}_{\text{ISI}}$  may be OK for a Tx host because compared to the CI 137 Tx  $\text{SNR}_{\text{ISI}}$ .
  - ISI noise is much larger for a host
  - It's more measurable
- ❑  $\text{SNR}_{\text{ISI}}$  does not exist for a Rx Host
- ❑ Recommendation: use  $\text{ERL}_{\text{min}} >$  between 13 and 16 dB for Rx and Tx Hosts.
  - More data to help decide later
- ❑ Replaces  $\text{SNR}_{\text{ISI}}$  and Return Loss

Correlation to COM can be use to access how may good parts fail ERL but work OK in a system (and Via Versa)



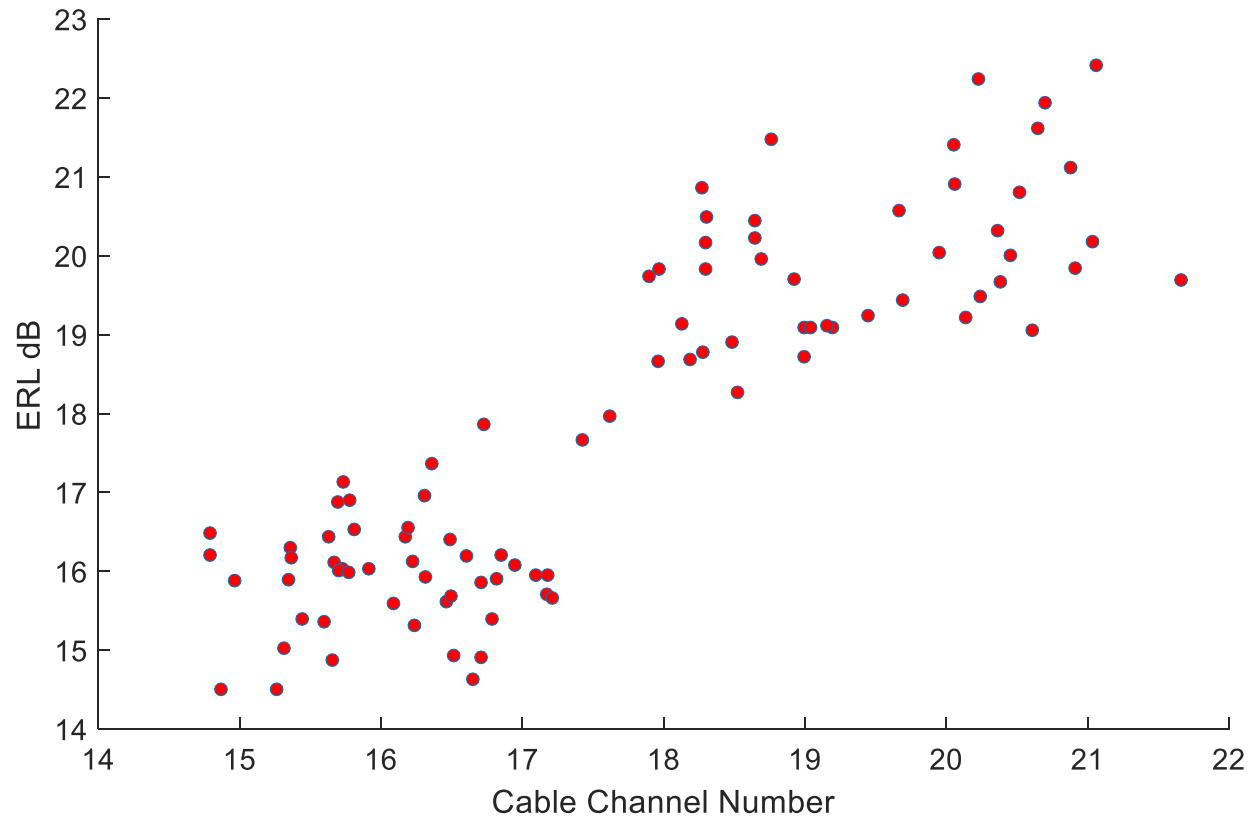
- ❑ Dark areas are all channels which pass COM
- ❑  $SNR_{ISI}$  and ERL dark area represent all hosts which pass COM.
- ❑ Using  $\rho_x = 0.44$
- ❑ See next slide for assesment

# The consensus problem: The spec verses manufacturing scrap

	ERL <sub>min</sub> (dB)	ERL passes but channels fail	ERL fails but channels pass
	15	1.3 %	24 %
recommendation →	14.5	5.6 %	12 %
	14	15 %	3.7 %
	13.5	28 %	0.74 %
	13	40 %	0.06 %

Perhaps a straw ballot to decide

ERL for all posted cable is greater than 14 dB  
(most all pass CR COM)





# Summary (Updated $ERL_{min}$ and parameters

- ERL replaces Return Loss and/or  $SNR_{ISI}$  for
  1. Devices (KR)
  2. Channels (KR)
  3. Hosts (CR)
  4. Cable Assemblies (CR)
  
- Use  $\beta_x = 10.7$  GHz, and  $\rho_x = 0.44$  ,  
 $T_{rp} = 0.0189$  ns for all clauses

Clause	ERL Min (dB)
136 Tx Host	14.5
136 Rx Host	14.5
136 Cable Assembly	14
137 Tx Device	16.1
137 Rx Device	16.1
137 Channel	11

# List of cables tested

# List of Cable tested for ERL with $\rho_x=0.44$

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