Comparison of transmitter metrics for 100GBASE-SR4 (continued)

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Introduction

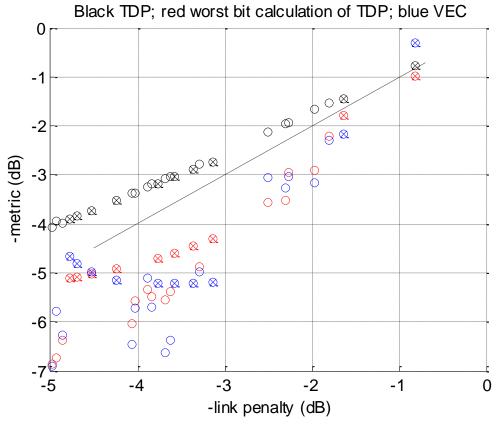
- Last week I showed that TDP correlates very well to link penalty
- This week I look more closely at the scatter in VEC and Tx penalty and look for mitigations

TDP, VEC, Tx penalty

- Traditionally TDP is defined with a reference Tx and reference Rx, with scope and power meter for finding OMA
 - For BER = 5e-5, reference Rx could be a scope
 - Well chosen reference Rx BW means TDP correlates to link penalty
 - Sensitivity method does the error statistics correctly
- VEC is defined with scope
 - Need to find OMA anyway
 - Scope BW taken as the default Cause of error
 - Need to choose the "all but" level correctly to have even poor correlation to link penalty

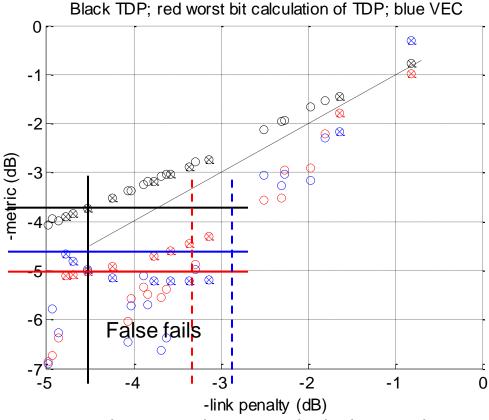
 Cause of error
- Tx penalty (aka TP2 penalty) could be defined with a reference Tx and reference Rx, with scope and power meter for finding OMA
 - For BER = 5e-5, reference Rx can be the scope
 - Reference BW is the default Cause of error
 - Sensitivity method does the error statistics correctly

Three metrics for predicting link penalty



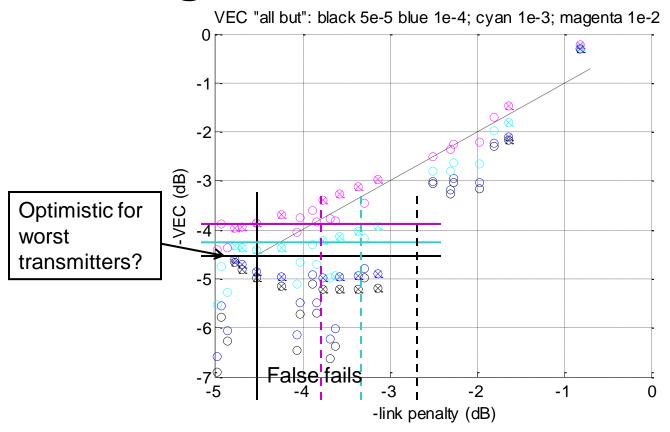
- Gaussian (x) and laser-like waveforms
- TDP correlates well to link penalty
- Worst bit calculation of TDP not well
- VEC badly

Three metrics



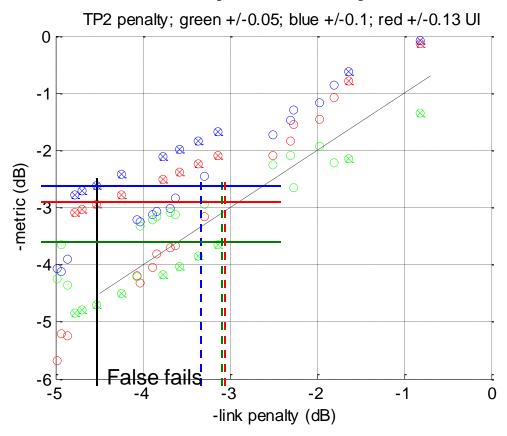
- If we wanted to reject transmitters with more than 4.5 dB link penalty
- With TDP, correlation is good: practical calibration issues dominate
 - A gradient just less than 1 is ideal
- With this VEC metric, we would have to set the bar around -4.6 dB on the vertical scale, rejecting some transmitters with 3 to 4 dB penalty
- i.e. building around 1.5 dB of inaccuracy
- Can we do better?

Setting the "all but" value in VEC



 Setting the "all but" value better improves correlation and reduces the range of false fails significantly

Tx penalty



Scatter caused by non-optimum Rx BW

Eye examples

- In the next two slides there are:
- 8 Gaussian transmitters arranged in order of increasing link penalty (not the same DJ as the previous set)
- 10 laser-like transmitters arranged in order of increasing link penalty
- 2 Gaussian reference transmitters
- Waveforms seem to pass or are close to limit for Tx mask at TP2
- All seem to pass the SRS mask at TP3a

