

# **S-Parameter Stop Frequency Impact on COM and ERL for CR/KR and C2M Channels**

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Unresolved D1.3 comment Reference# 47

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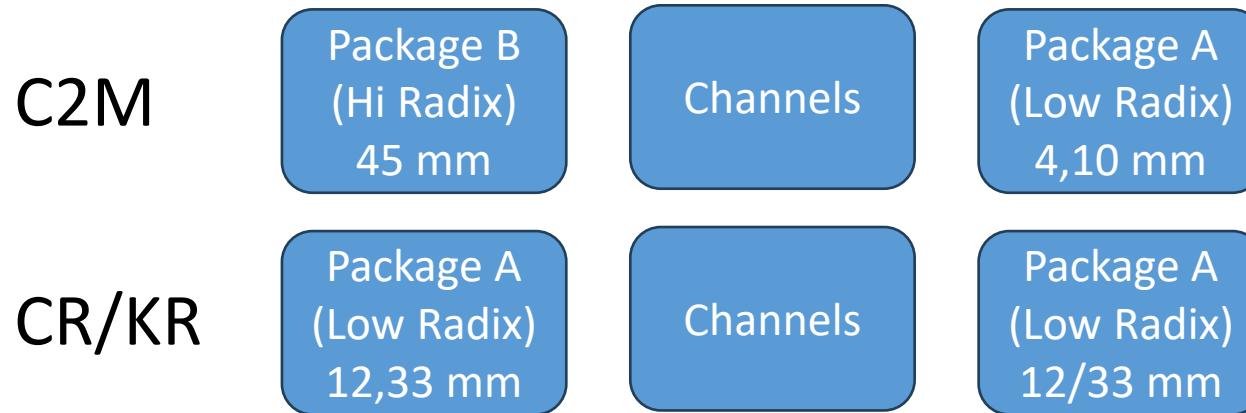
# Purpose – Considerations for D2.0 Comments

- Evaluate the impact of s-parameter frequency range on COM and ERL computations
- Address Unresolved D1.3 comment Reference# 47
  - [https://www.ieee802.org/3/dj/public/25\\_03/mellitz\\_3dj\\_01\\_2503.pdf](https://www.ieee802.org/3/dj/public/25_03/mellitz_3dj_01_2503.pdf)
  - Same presentation with some added data

# Process

- ❑ Compute COM for a collection of posted s-parameter channel files
  - COM 4.8beta3 was modified to limit s-parameters stop frequency using a parameter called “flim”
- ❑ Channels were used where s-parameter channels stop frequency were greater than or equal to 100 GHz
  - C2M configuration parameter were based .3dj D1.3
  - CR/KR configuration parameter were based .3dj D1.3
- ❑ Compute COM using flim set to 67, 80, 85, 90, and greater than 100 GHz
- ❑ Compute delta COM and delta ERL
  - $\Delta\text{COM} = \text{COM}(\text{flim} > 100 \text{ GHz}) - \text{COM}(\text{flim})$
  - $\Delta\text{ERL} = \text{ERL}(\text{ERL} > 100 \text{ GHz}) - \text{ERL}(\text{flim})$

# COM setup



- Since this is an existence proof, only the above configurations were utilized
  - Many more are possible
- C2M COM Parameters were taken from d1.4 Annex 176D.6.2 (COM reference model) with Tx FFE turned off.
- CR/KR COM Parameters were taken from d1.4 178.10.1 (COM reference model) with Tx FFE turned off.
- COM configurtaiions are at end

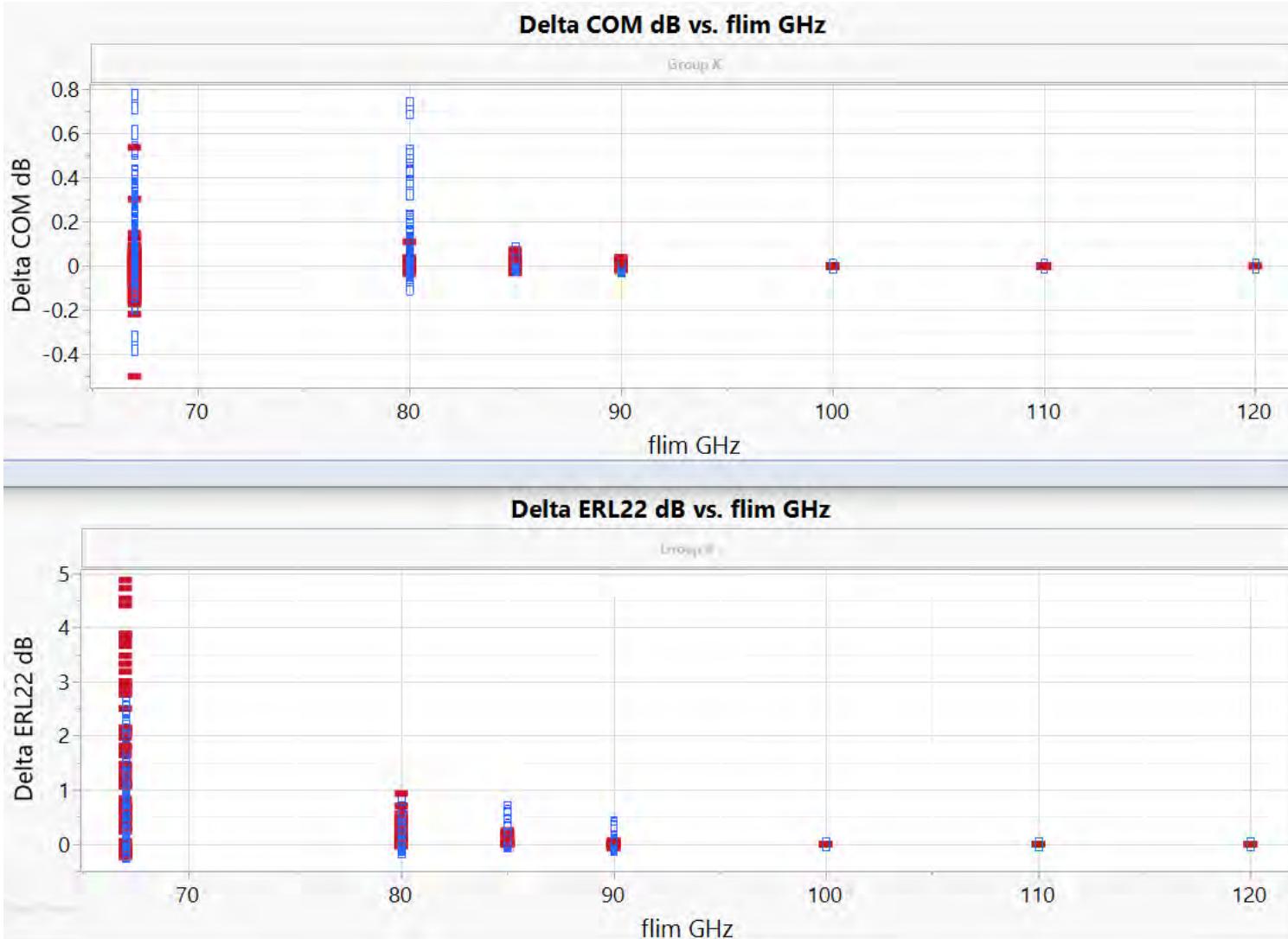
# C2M Channel Contribution List (220 Channels)

- akinwale\_3df\_01\_2307
- gore\_3dj\_elec\_02\_231026a
- kareti\_3dj\_02\_2309
- kareti\_3dj\_elec\_02\_240111
- rabinovich\_3dj\_01\_230116
- weaver\_3dj\_elec\_02\_230831
- sekel\_3dj\_02\_2407

# CR Channel Contribution List (91 Channels)

- akinwale\_3dj\_01\_2311
- kocsis\_3dj\_02\_2305
- lim\_3dj\_03n04\_2306205
- mellitz\_3dj\_02\_elec\_230504
- weaver\_3dj\_02\_2303
- weaver\_3dj\_02\_2305
- weaver\_3dj\_02\_2311
- weaver\_3dj\_elec\_01\_230622
- weaver\_3dj\_elec\_01\_230622a

# Snapshot: $\Delta\text{COM}$ and $\Delta\text{ERL}$ vs. flim



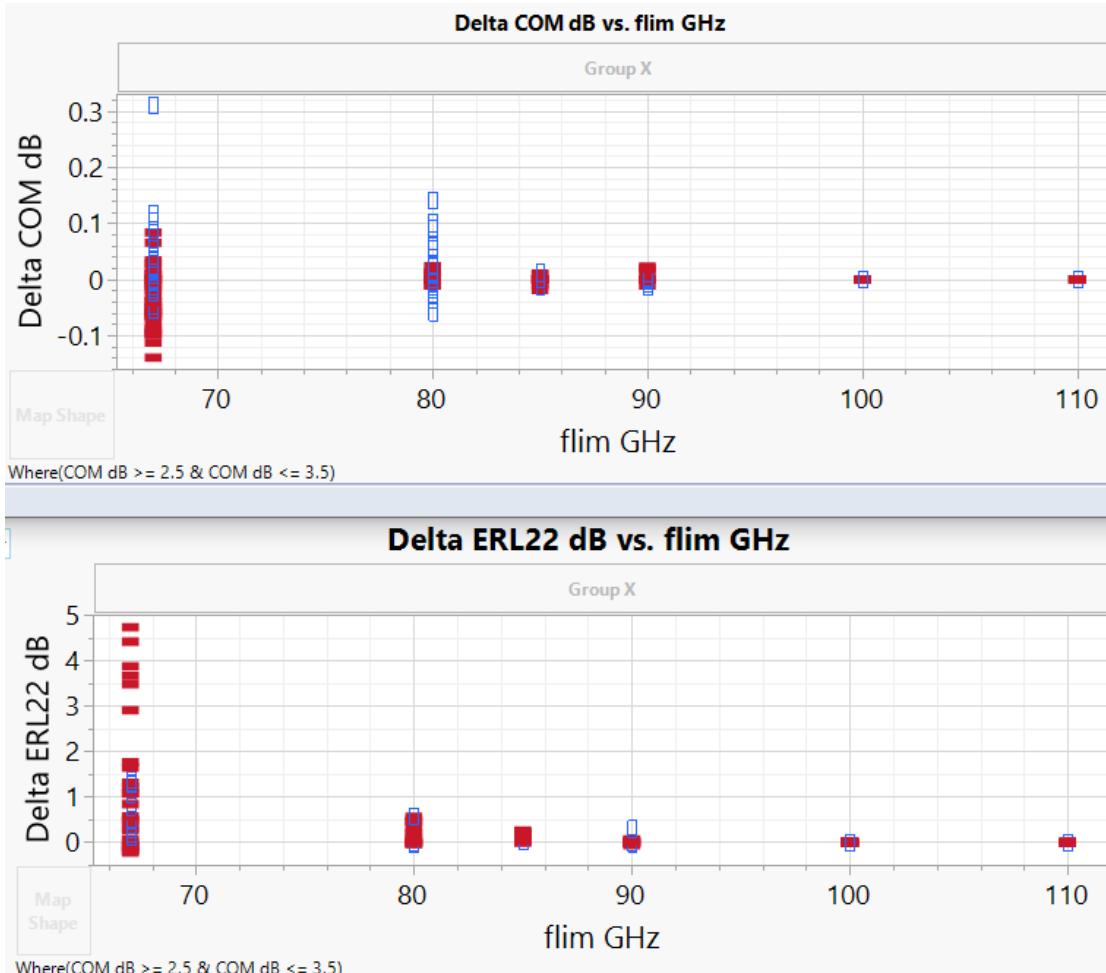
- The s-parameter stop frequency (flim) to 67 GHz may have a impact on  $\Delta\text{COM}$  and  $\Delta\text{ERL}$
- Setting flim to 80 GHz does not appear to be high enough to significantly tighten the limits  $\Delta\text{COM}$
- CR/KR channel had less variation
- What if COM is between 2.5 and 3.5 dB?

RED marker – CR/KR

BLUE marker -C2M

# Snapshot: $\Delta$ COM and $\Delta$ ERL vs. flim

COM between 2.5 dB and 4 dB



- Less a  $\Delta$ COM variation is evident for channel between 2.5 and 4 dB
- $\Delta$ ERL is variation is still significant using flim at 67 GHz

RED marker – CR/KR  
BLUE marker -C2M

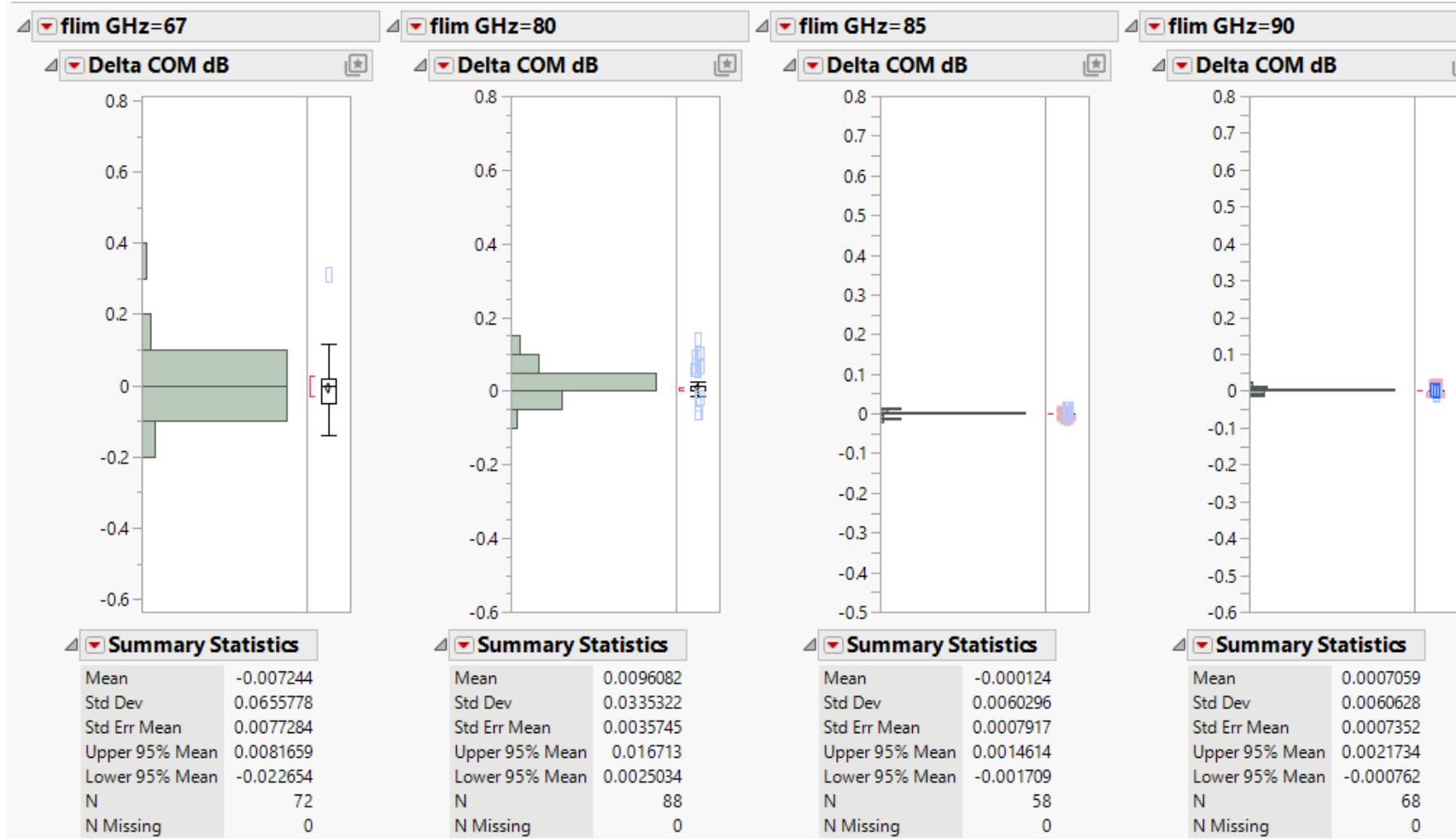
# $\Delta$ COM vs. Stop Frequency (flim)



- Most of the time delta com is small when flim is 67 GHz

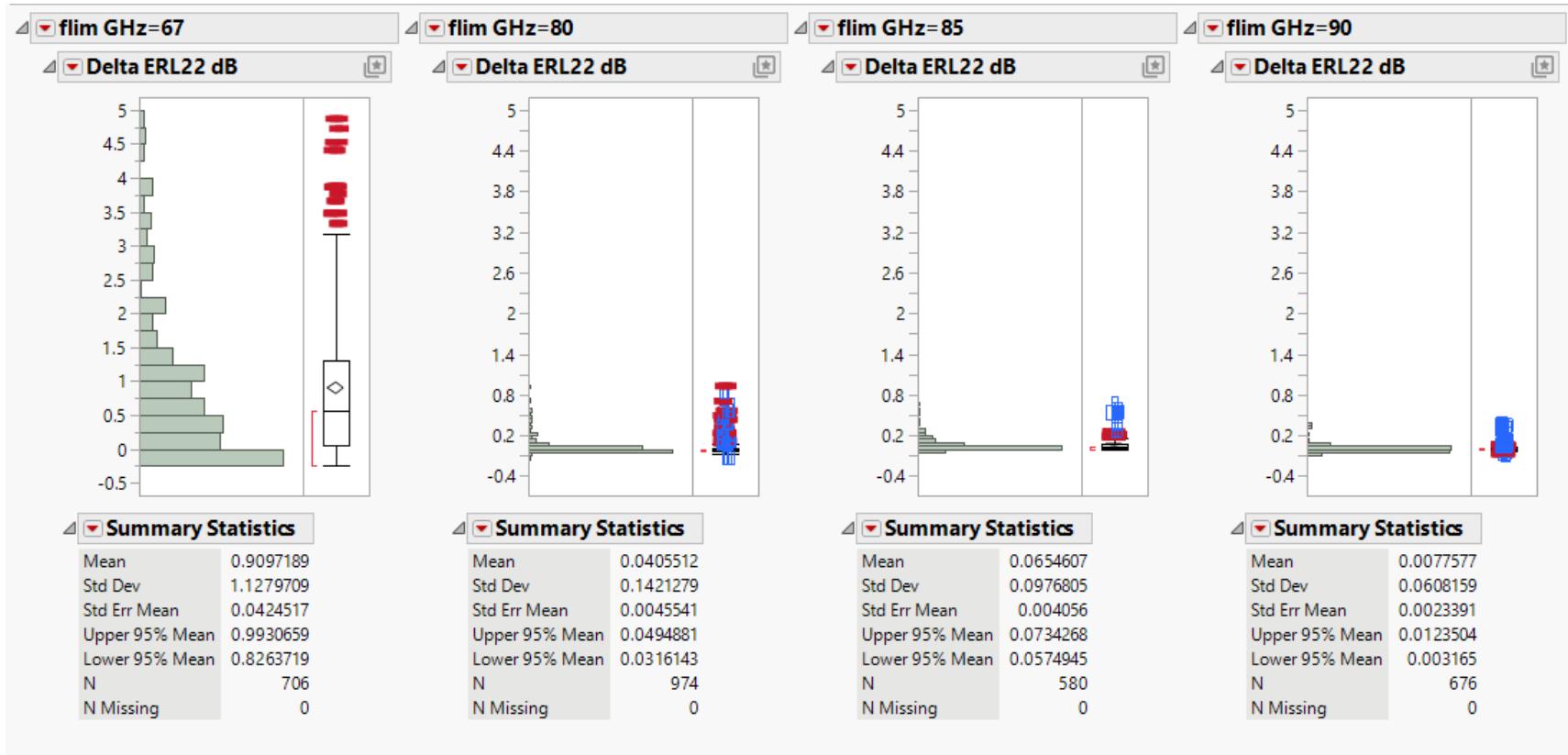
# $\Delta$ COM vs. Stop Frequency (flim)

COM between 2.5 dB and 3.5 dB



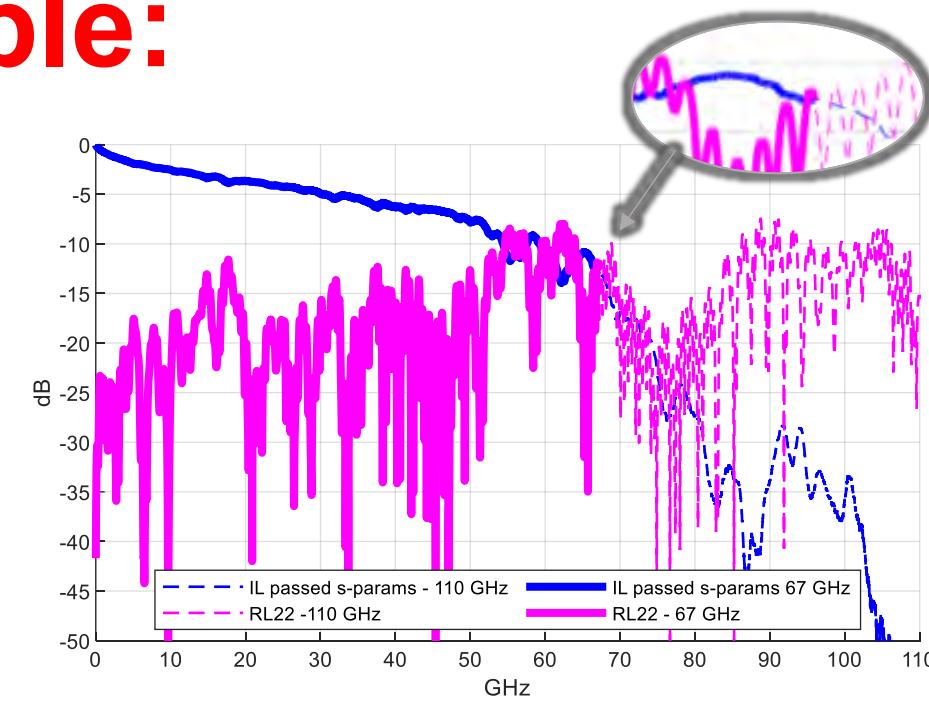
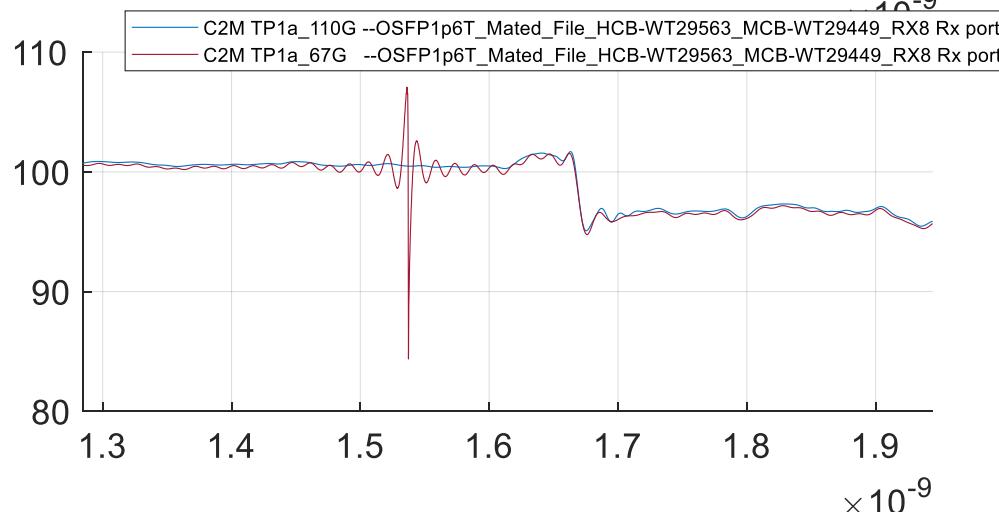
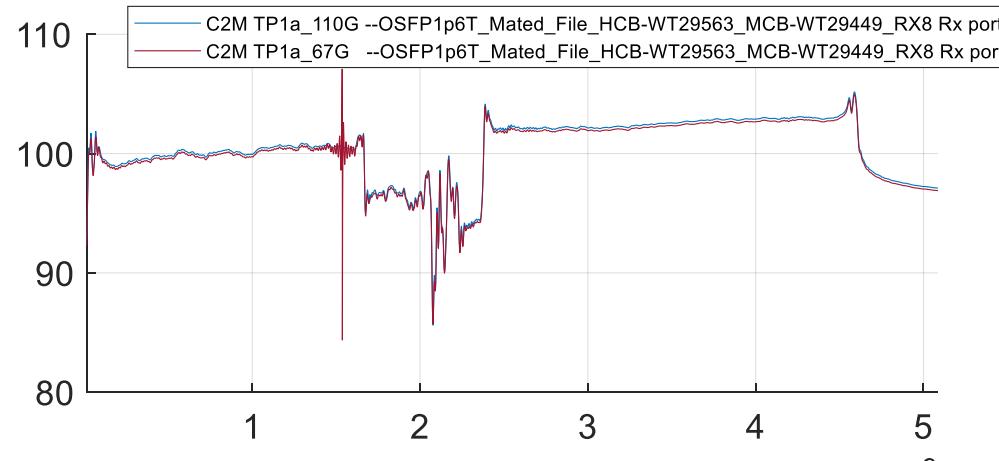
- $\Delta$ COM is cut by about  $\frac{1}{2}$  when COM is between 2.5 dB and 3.5 dB

# $\Delta$ ERL vs. Stop Frequency (flim)



- $\Delta$ ERL is affected by flim more than  $\Delta$ COM

# Outlier Case Example:



- ❑ ERL impact can greater than COM for a limited stop frequency range.
- ❑ TDR example illustrates phantom alias around 1.5 ns
- ❑ Making up data after the stop frequency can be challenging and not specified in the standard
  - Sloping up .. Sloping down ... in hole???

# Options

- Option A: Change 178A.1.3

It is recommended that the scattering parameters be measured with a uniform frequency step from a start frequency no greater than 10 MHz to a stop frequency of at least 67 GHz. The measurement frequency step corresponds to the time span of the pulse response derived from the S- parameters (see 178A.1.6). The frequency step should be chosen to be small enough so that all significant components of the pulse response are included.

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- Pro: Allows use of current equipment
- Con: More burden shifted to users

- Option B: Require S-parameter stop frequency of at least 100 GHz

- Pro: Not hard to do in simulation
- Con: Hard on equipment requirements

- Option D: Require S-parameter stop frequency of at least 85 GHz

- Pro: little COM or ERL impact
- Con: Still hard on instrument requirements

- Option C: Require Rx Device to ignore bandwidth above 67 GHz

- Pro: Easy on equipment requirements
- Con: Not practical for Rx devices

# Summary

- ❑ A 67 GHz stop frequency for s-parameters can impact COM and ERL results
- ❑ Most of the time it not an issue
- ❑ Recommendation and Discussion: Option A

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# Thank You!

# COM Spreadsheets

# COM C2M Configuration Spreadsheet

Parameter	Setting	Units	Information
f_b	106.25	GBd	
f_min	0.05	GHz	
Delta_f	0.01	GHz	
PKG_NAME	PKG_HiR_CLASSB PKG_Module		TX RX
z_p select	[ 1 2 ]		
R_0	50		
L	4		
M	32		
filter and Eq			
f_r	0.55	*fb	
c(0)	0.55		min
c(-1)	0		[min:step:max]
c(-2)	0		[min:step:max]
c(-3)	0		[min:step:max]
c(-4)	0		[min:step:max]
c(1)	0		[min:step:max]
N_b	1	UI	
b_max(1)	0.75		As/dffe1
b_max(2..N_b)	0.3		As/dfe2..N_b
b_min(1)	0		As/dffe1
b_min(2..N_b)	-0.15	S	As/dfe2..N_b
g_DC	0	dB	[min:step:max]
f_z	42.50	GHz	
f_p1	42.50	GHz	
f_p2	106.25	GHz	
g_DC_HP	[-5:1:0]		[min:step:max]
f_HP_PZ	1.328125	GHz	
Butterworth	1	logical	include in fr

DIAGNOSTICS	1	logical		
DISPLAY_WINDOW	1	logical		
CSV_REPORT	0	logical		
RESULT_DIR	.\\results\\c2m_{date}\\			
SAVE FIGURES	0	logical		
Port Order	[ 1 3 2 4 ]			
RUNTAG	C2M_eval_			
COM_CONTRIBUTION	0	logical		
TDR and ERL options				
TDR	1	logical		
ERL	1	logical		
ERL_ONLY	0	ns		
TR_TDR	0.005			
N	1600	logical		
TDR_Butterworth	1			
beta_x	0			
rho_x	0.618			
TDR_W_TXPKG	0			
N_bx	20			
fixture delay time	[ 0 0 ]			
Tukey_Window	1			
Z_t	46.25	179B.4.2		
Noise_jitter		UI		
sigma_RJ	0.01	UI		
A_DD	0.02	V^2/GHz		
eta_0	1.00E-08	dB		
SNR_TX	33.5			
R_LM	0.95			
Operational				
ERL Pass threshold	10	dB		
COM Pass threshold	3	db		
VEC Pass threshold	10.69	db		
DER_0	2.00E-05			
T_r	0.00400	ns		
FORCE_TR	1	logical		
PMD_type	C2C			
samples_for_C2M	100			
T_O	50			
EW	0			
MLSE	0	logical		
ts_anchor	1			
sample_adjustment	[-16 16]			
Local Search	0			
Filter: Rx FFE				
ffe_pre_tap_len	5	UI		
ffe_post_tap_len	14	UI		
ffe_pre_tap1_max	0.7	(normalized)		
ffe_post_tap1_max	0.7	(normalized)		
ffe_tapn_max	0.7	(normalized)		
FFE_OPT_METHOD	MMSE		FV-LMS or MMSE	
num_ui_RXFF_noise	1024			
Floating Tap Control				
N_bg	2	0 1 2 or 3 groups		
N_bf	4	taps per group		
N_f	50	UI span for floating taps		
bmaxg	0.05	max DFE value for floating taps		
B_float_RSS_MAX	1	rss tail tap limit		
N_tail_start	15	(UI) start of tail taps limit		

# COM C2M Package Configuration Spreadsheet

.START	PKG_HiR_CLASSB	
Parameter	Setting	Units
C_d	[0.4e-4 0.9e-4 1.1e-4 ; 0.4e-4 0.9e-4 1.1e-4 ]	nF
L_s	[0.13 0.15 0.14; 0.13 0.15 0.14 ]	nH
C_b	[0.3e-4 0.3e-4 ]	nF
R_d	[ 46.25 46.25 ]	Ohm
package_tl_gamma0	[ 0.0005 0.00065 0.000293 ]	
_a1_a2		
package_tl_tau	0.006141	ns/mm
package_Z_c	[87.5 87.5; 95.95 ; 100 100; 78 78]	Ohm
z_p (TX)	[ 45 45 45 45 ; 2 2 2 2 ; 1.3 1.3 1.3 1.3 ; 1.5 1.5 1.5 1.5 ]	mm
z_p (NEXT)	[ 45 45 45 45 ; 2 2 2 2 ; 1.3 1.3 1.3 1.3 ; 1.5 1.5 1.5 1.5 ]	mm
z_p (FEXT)	[ 45 45 45 45 ; 2 2 2 2 ; 1.3 1.3 1.3 1.3 ; 1.5 1.5 1.5 1.5 ]	mm
z_p (RX)	[ 45 45 45 45 ; 2 2 2 2 ; 1.3 1.3 1.3 1.3 ; 1.5 1.5 1.5 1.5 ]	mm
C_p	[0.4e-4 0.4e-4]	nF
A_v	0.385	V
A_fe	0.385	V
A_ne	0.481	V
.END		

.START	PKG_Module	
Parameter	Setting	Units
C_d	[0.4e-4 0.9e-4 1.1e-4 ; 0.4e-4 0.9e-4 1.1e-4 ]	nF
L_s	[0.13 0.15 0.14; 0.13 0.15 0.14 ]	nH
C_b	[0.3e-4 0.3e-4 ]	nF
R_d	[ 46.25 46.25 ]	Ohm
package_tl_gamma0	[ 0.0005 0.00089 0.0002 ]	
_a1_a2		
package_tl_tau	0.006141	ns/mm
package_Z_c	[87.5 87.5; 92.5 92.5 ; 100 100; 100 100]	Ohm
z_p (TX)	[ 4 10 10 10 ; 1.8 1.8 1.8 1.8 ; 0 0 0 0 ; 0 0 0 0 ]	mm
z_p (NEXT)	[ 4 10 10 10 ; 1.8 1.8 1.8 1.8 ; 0 0 0 0 ; 0 0 0 0 ]	mm
z_p (FEXT)	[ 4 10 10 10 ; 1.8 1.8 1.8 1.8 ; 0 0 0 0 ; 0 0 0 0 ]	mm
z_p (RX)	[ 4 10 10 10 ; 1.8 1.8 1.8 1.8 ; 0 0 0 0 ; 0 0 0 0 ]	mm
C_p	[0.4e-4 0.4e-4]	nF
A_v	0.385	V
A_fe	0.385	V
A_ne	0.481	V
.END		

# COM CR/KR Configuration Spreadsheet

Table 93A-1 parameters				I/O control			Operational		
Parameter	Setting	Units	Information	DIAGNOSTICS	1	logical	ERL Pass threshold	10	dB
f_b	106.25	GBd		DISPLAY_WINDOW	1	logical	COM Pass threshold	3	db
f_min	0.05	GHz		CSV_REPORT	0	logical	DER_0	2.00E-04	
Delta_f	0.01	GHz		RESULT_DIR	\results\CRKR_{date}\		T_r	0.00600	ns
C_d	[0.4e-4 0.9e-4 1.1e-4;0.4e-4 0.9e-4 1.1e-4]	nF	[TX RX]	SAVE_FIGURES	1	logical	FORCE_TR	1	logical
L_s	[0.13 0.15 0.14; 0.13 0.15 0.14 ]	nH	[TX RX]	Port Order	[1 3 2 4]		PMD_type	C2C	
C_b	[0.3e-4 0.3e-4]	nF	[TX RX]	RUNTAG	KR_pkgA_67g6ps		EW	1	
R_0	50	Ohm		COM_CONTRIBUTION	0	logical	MLSE	1	logical
PKG_NAME	PKG_LowR_CLASSA PKG_LowR_CLASSA		TX RX	TDR and ERL options			ts_anchor	1	
z_p select	[ 12 ]			TDR	1	logical	sample_adjustment	[-24 24]	
L	4			ERL	1	logical	Local Search	2	
M	32			ERL_ONLY	0	ns	Filter: Rx FFE		
filter and Eq				TR_TDR	0.005		ffe_pre_tap_len	6	UI
f_r	0.55	*fb		N	4000	logical	ffe_post_tap_len	15	UI
c(0)	0.55		min	TDR_Butterworth	1		ffe_pre_tap1_max	0.7	(normalized)
c(-1)	0	[-0.34..02:0]	[min:step:max]	beta_x	0		ffe_post_tap1_max	0.7	(normalized)
c(-2)	0	[ 0.14..02:0]	[min:step:max]	rho_x	0.618		ffe_tapn_max	0.7	(normalized)
c(-3)	0		[min:step:max]	TDR_W_TXPKG	0	UI	num_ui_RXFF_noise	2048	
c(-4)	0		[min:step:max]	N_bx	15	??	Floating Tap Control		
c(1)	0	[-0.2..02:0]	[min:step:max]	fixture_delay_time	[ 00 ]		N_bg	2	0 1 2 or 3 groups
N_b	1	UI		Tukey_Window	1		N_bf	4	taps per group
b_max(1)	0.85		As/dffe1	Z_t	42.5		N_f	80	UI span for floating taps
b_max(2..N_b)	0		As/dfe2..N_b	Noise, jitter			bmaxg	0.05	max FFE value for floating taps
b_min(1)	0		As/dffe1	sigma_RJ	0.01	UI	N_tail_start	16	(UI) start of tail taps limit
b_min(2..N_b)	0	S	As/dfe2..N_b	A_DD	0.02	V^2/GHz	pulse response truncation thres	0.00001	
g_DC	[-10:1:0]	dB	[min:step:max]	eta_0	1.00E-08	dB	flim	6.70E+10	
f_z	42.50	GHz		SNR_TX	33.5				
f_p1	42.50	GHz		R_LM	0.95				
f_p2	106.25	GHz							
g_DC_HP	[-6:1:0]		[min:step:max]						
f_HP_PZ	1.328125	GHz							

# COM CR/KR Package Configuration Spreadsheet

.START	PKG_LowR_CLASSA		
Table 93A-3 parameters			
Parameter	Setting	Units	Information
package_tl_gamma0_a1_a2	[ 0.0005 0.00089 0.0002 ]		
package_tl_tau	0.006141	ns/mm	
package_Z_c	[87.5 87.5 ; 95 95 ; 100 100; 100 100]	Ohm	
R_d	[ 46.25 46.25 ]	Ohm	[TX RX]
z_p (TX)	[ 12 33 33 33 ; 1.8 1.8 1.8 1.8 ; 0000 ; 0000 ]	mm	[test cases]
z_p (NEXT)	[ 12 33 33 33 ; 1.8 1.8 1.8 1.8 ; 0000 ; 0000 ]	mm	[test cases]
z_p (FEXT)	[ 12 33 33 33 ; 1.8 1.8 1.8 1.8 ; 0000 ; 0000 ]	mm	[test cases]
z_p (RX)	[ 12 33 33 33 ; 1.8 1.8 1.8 1.8 ; 0000 ; 0000 ]	mm	[test cases]
C_p	[0.4e-4 0.4e-4]	nF	[TX RX]
A_v	0.385	V	Vf=0.400
A_fe	0.385	V	Vf=0.399
A_ne	0.481	V	Vf=0.400
.END			