

Module on-die termination model for COM

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Overview

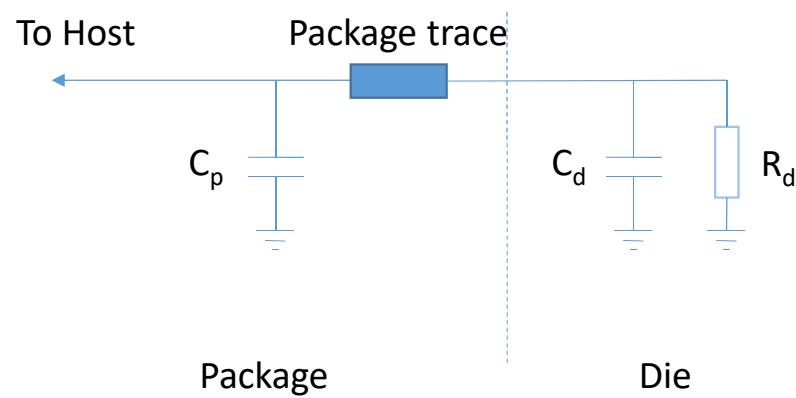
- This presentation includes information that has been presented to the small group working on C2M and updates from the August 29th presentation to the small group.
- Aim is to get consensus for a new die termination model for the module chip (CDR/DSP/Retimer)
- Various values for C_d and L_d have been simulated and presented to the small group
 - This presentation focuses on the latest values presented where consensus is closer
 - $C_d = 85 \text{ fF}$ or 100 fF
 - $L_d = 100 \text{ pH}$ or 120 pH

Motivation

- The die termination model for the ASIC has been updated to include some inductance
 - Gives better COM channel performance without reducing Cd significantly
 - See healey_3ck_adhoc_01_061219
- Apply the same approach in the module on-die termination
- Improve the COM channel performance to keep the reference equalizer simple and low power
- Keep die termination reasonably model simple
- Model does not reflect an actual implementation
 - Actual implementation should give better performance to allow for design margin

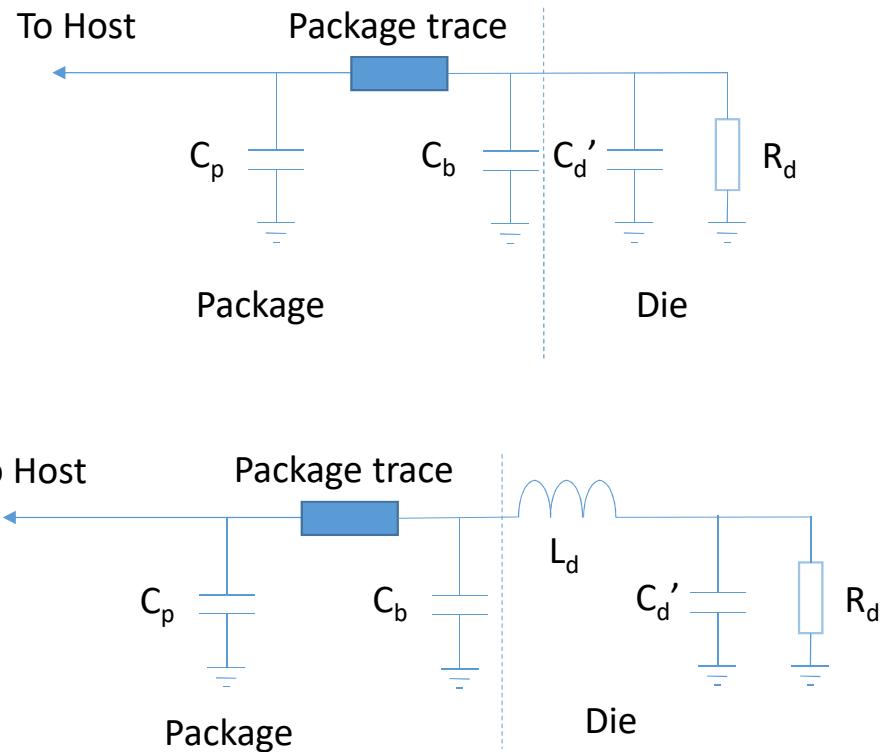
Current module on-die termination

- Simple model
- Current values
 - $C_d = 85 \text{ fF}$
 - $C_p = 75 \text{ fF}$
 - Package trace
 - $Z_0 = 92.5\Omega$ differential
 - Length 2 – 8 mm
- C_d includes contributions from die-package interface, bond pad, ESD diodes, output transistors, etc
 - C_d is lower than reality to account for T-coil implementations



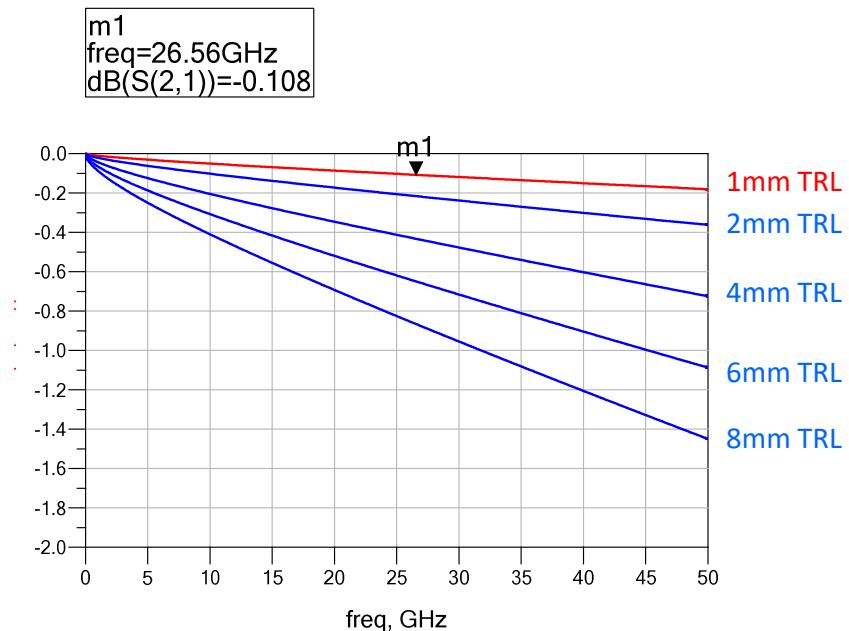
Proposed on-die termination

- As per healey_3ck_adhoc_01_061219, split out fraction of C_d that represents die-package interface
- Improve bandwidth and return loss by compensating excess on-die capacitance with an inductor
- Simpler than full T-coil model
- Actual implementation should still give better performance allowing some design margin
- Proposed in healey_3ck_adhoc_01_061219 and presently in COM 2.70 are:

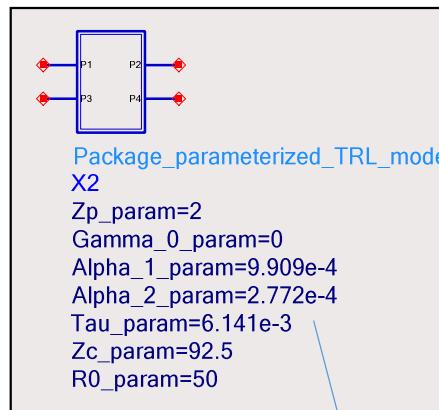


Termination	R_d	C_d	L_s/L_d	C_b	Comment
Host ASIC (slide 4 of healey_3ck_adhoc_061219)	50Ω	120 fF	120 pH	30 fF	Implemented in COM ver 2.70

Transmission line model



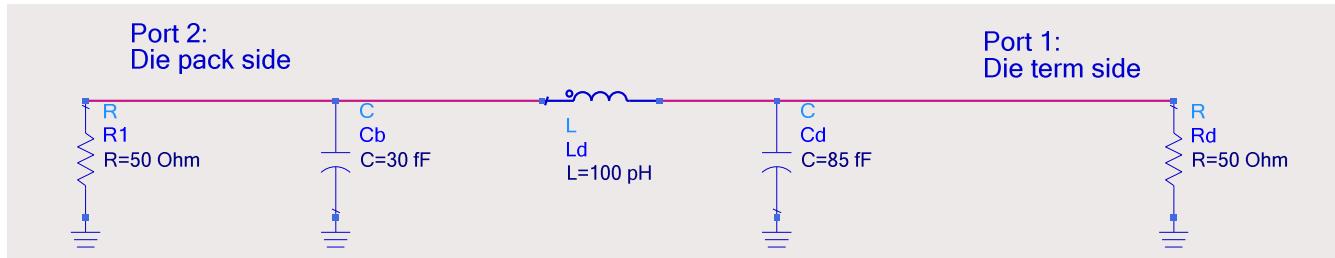
COM TRL parameters (same as COM version 2.70)



- TRL loss is $\sim 0.108 \text{ dB/mm}$
- Same α_1 , α_2 , and τ parameters as present COM host package TRL model

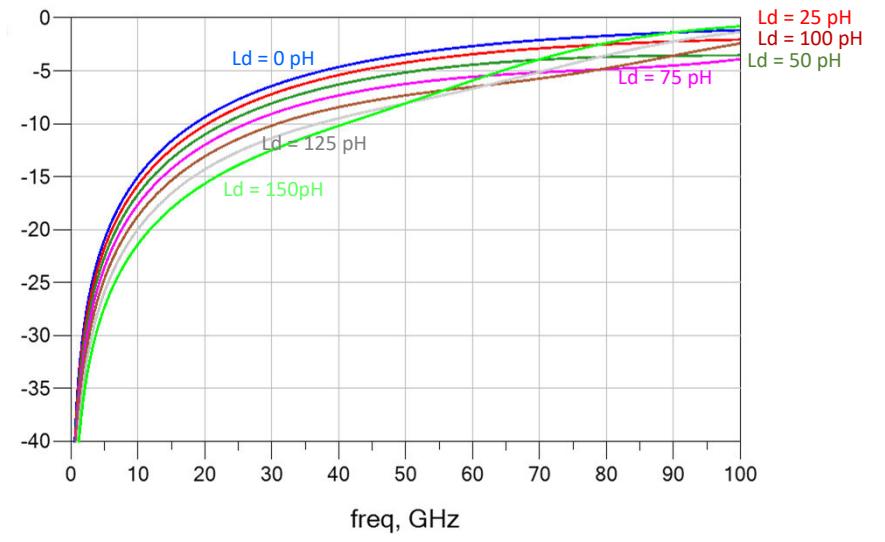
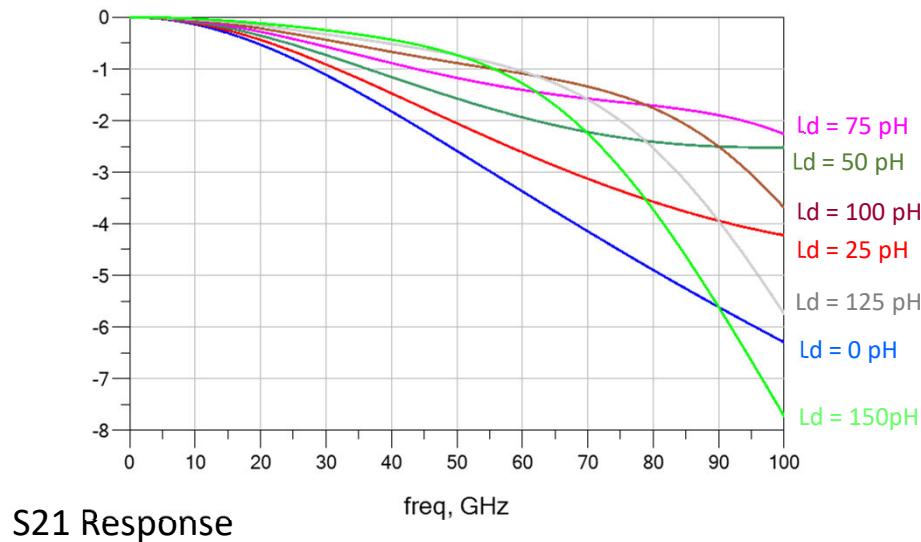
Table 93A-3 parameters		
Parameter	Setting	Units
package_tl_gamma0_a1_a2	[0 0.0009909 0.0002772]	
package_tl_tau	6.141E-03	ns/mm
package_Z_c	[87.5 87.5 ; 92.5 92.5]	Ohm

Die Termination Only Simulation Circuit



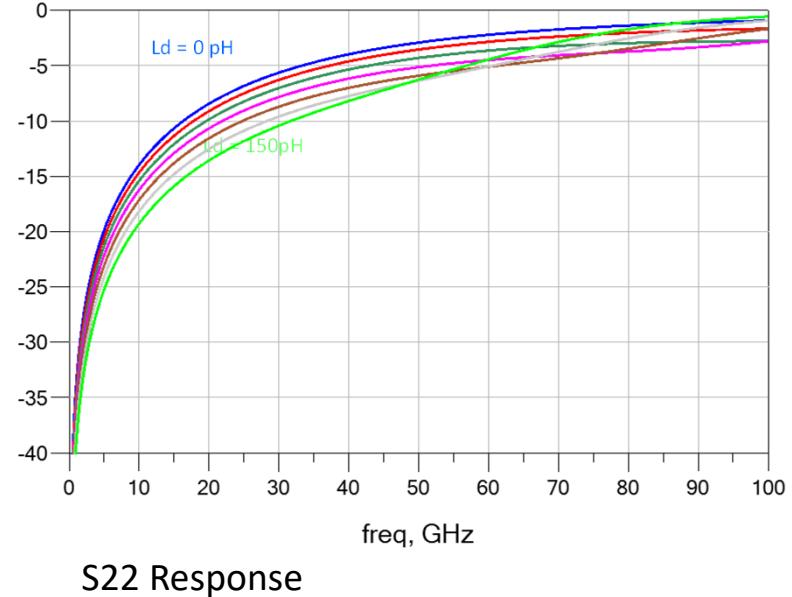
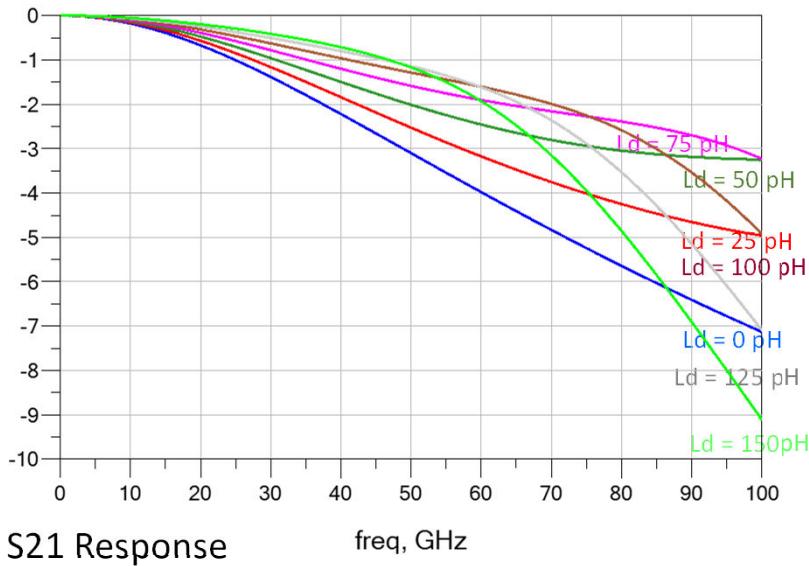
- Three cases were considered:
 1. $C_d = 85 \text{ fF}$ and sweeping L_d from 0 – 150 pH in steps of 25 pH
 2. $C_d = 100 \text{ fF}$ and sweeping L_d from 0 – 150 pH in steps of 25 pH
- L_d having values > 150 pH becomes challenging and likely not required from a performance perspective
 - Needs a more complex model

Simulated S21 and S22 Performance with $C_d=85\text{fF}$



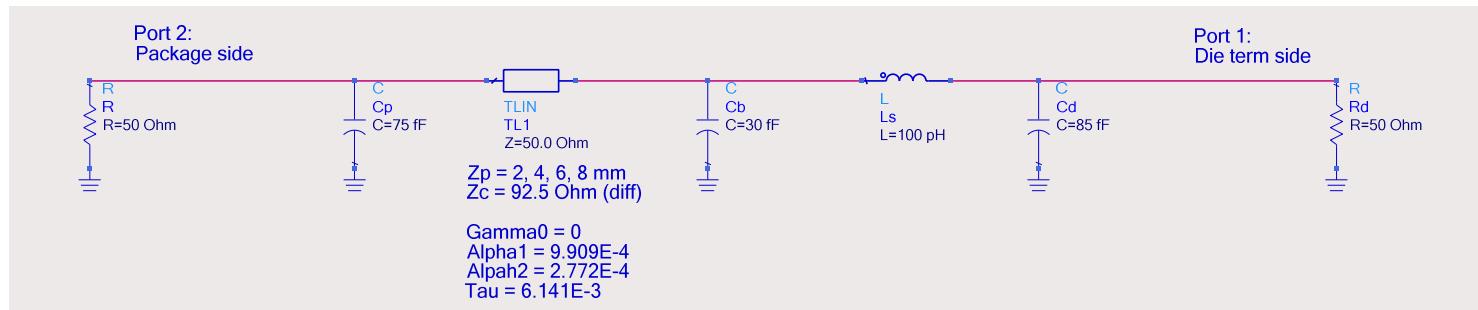
- For $C_d = 85 \text{ fF}$ case L_d in range of 100 – 125 pH is suitable depending upon targeted performance parameter
- Lower L_d values (i.e. L_d in 50 – 75 pH range) do provide higher bandwidths but have other undesirable effects

Simulated S21 and S22 Performance with Cd=100fF



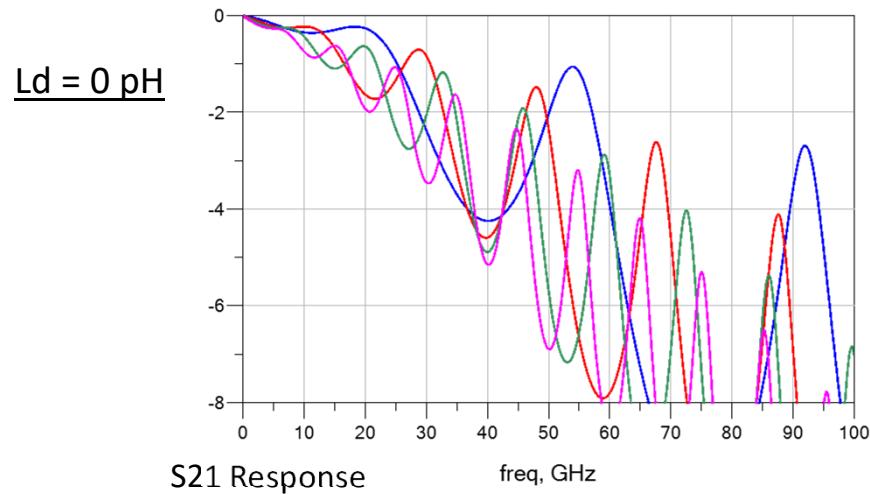
- For $C_d = 100 \text{ fF}$ case $L_d = 100 - 150 \text{ pH}$ is suitable depending upon targeted performance parameter
- L_d lower than 75 pH are not recommended although termination bandwidth would be larger

Complete Package Model



- Four termination cases simulated
 - $C_d = 85 \text{ and } 100 \text{ fF}$
 - $L_d = 100 \text{ and } 120 \text{ pH}$
- For each of the termination cases:
 - TRL lengths of 2mm to 8mm were considered in steps of 2mm
 - TRL had 92.5Ω nominal impedance with $\alpha_1 = 9.909E-4$ and $\alpha_2 = 2.772E-4$

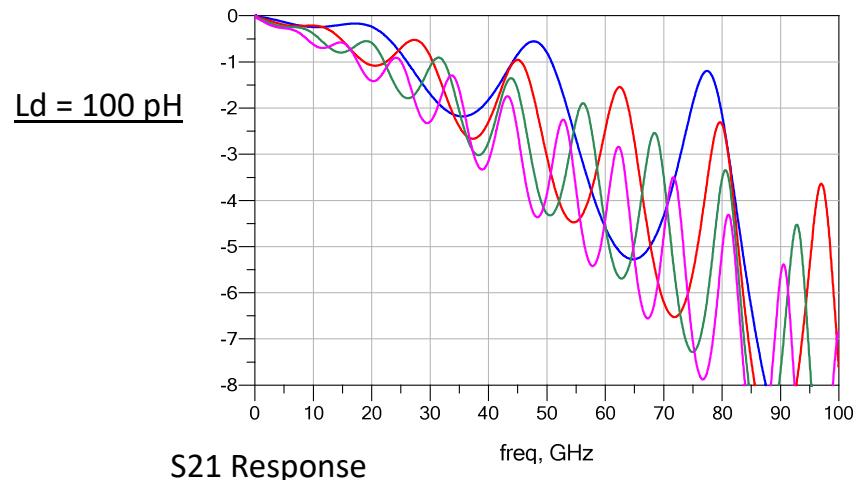
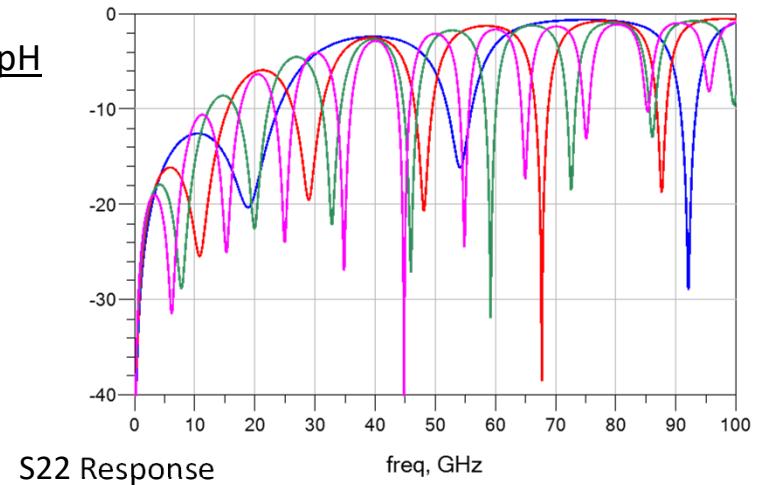
Package simulations for Cd = 85 fF (1/2)



Ld = 0 pH

Legend

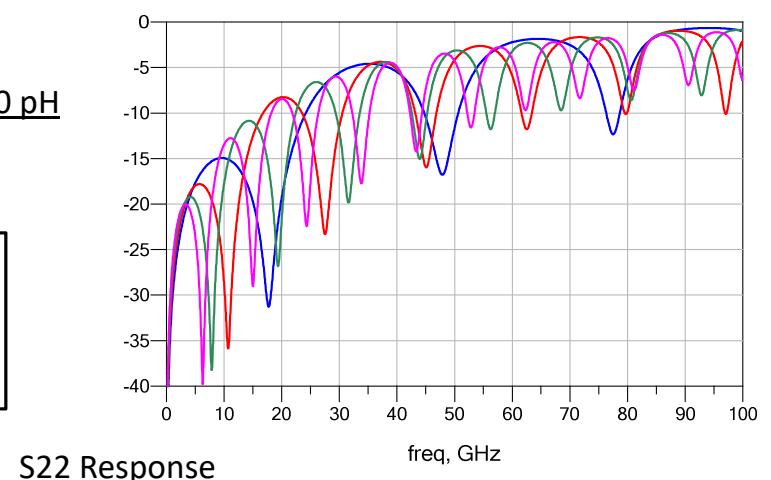
- 2mm TRL
- 4mm TRL
- 6mm TRL
- 8mm TRL



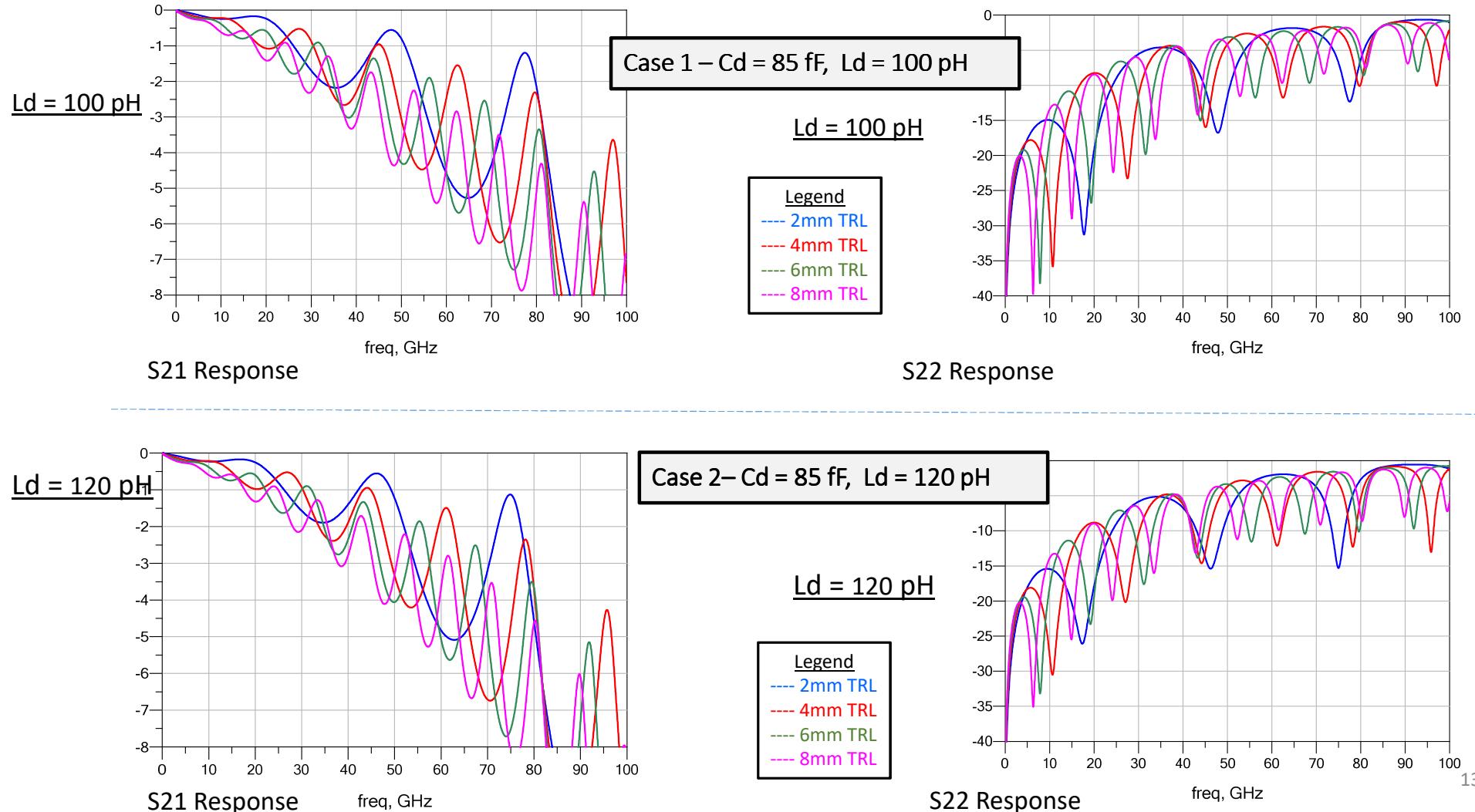
Ld = 100 pH

Legend

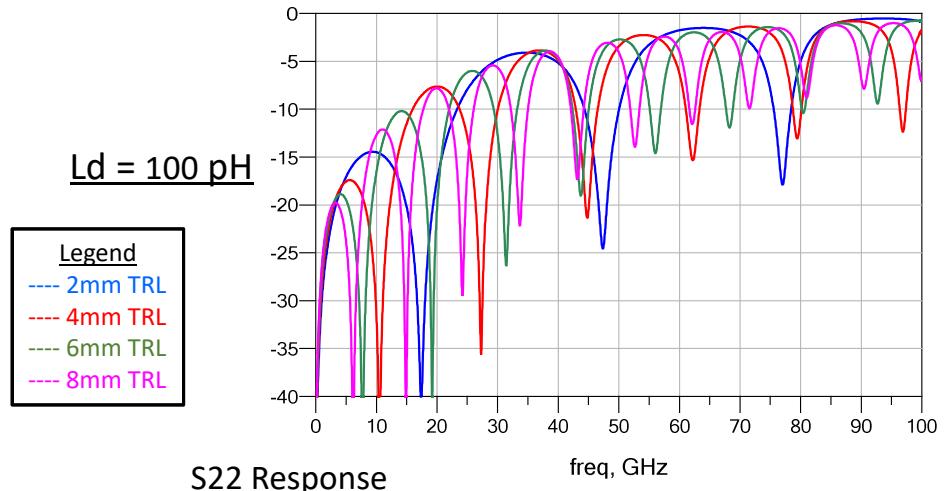
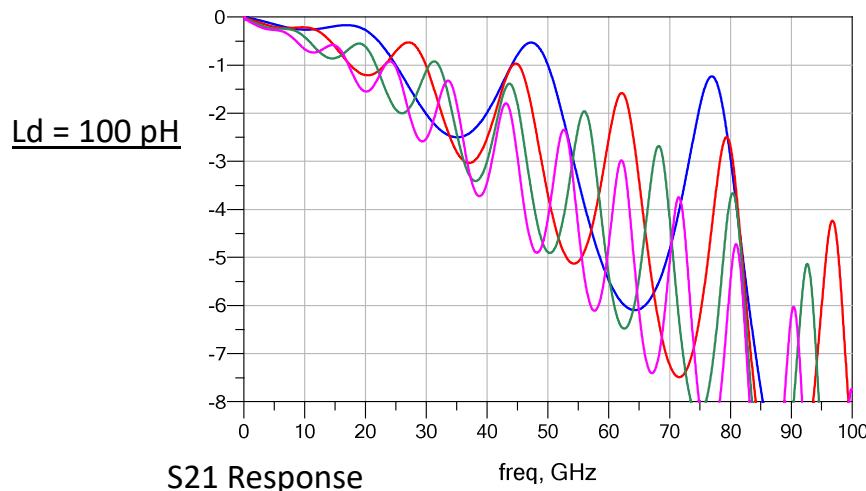
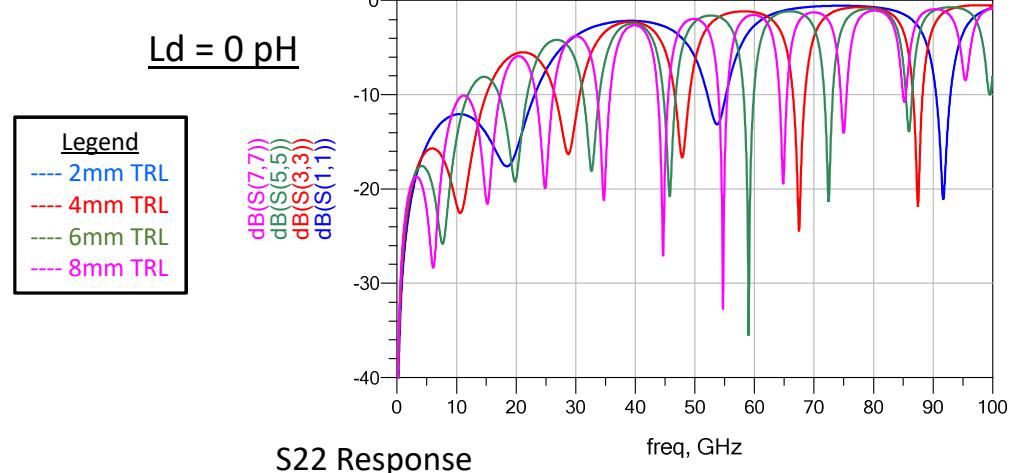
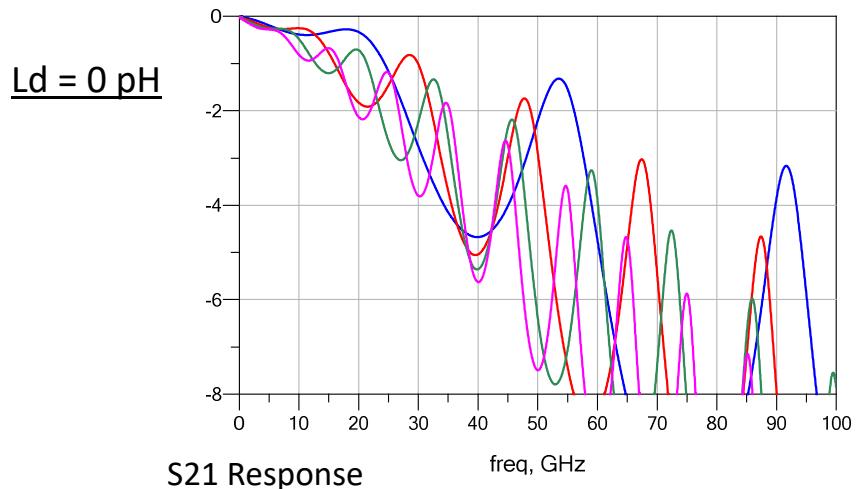
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- 8mm TRL



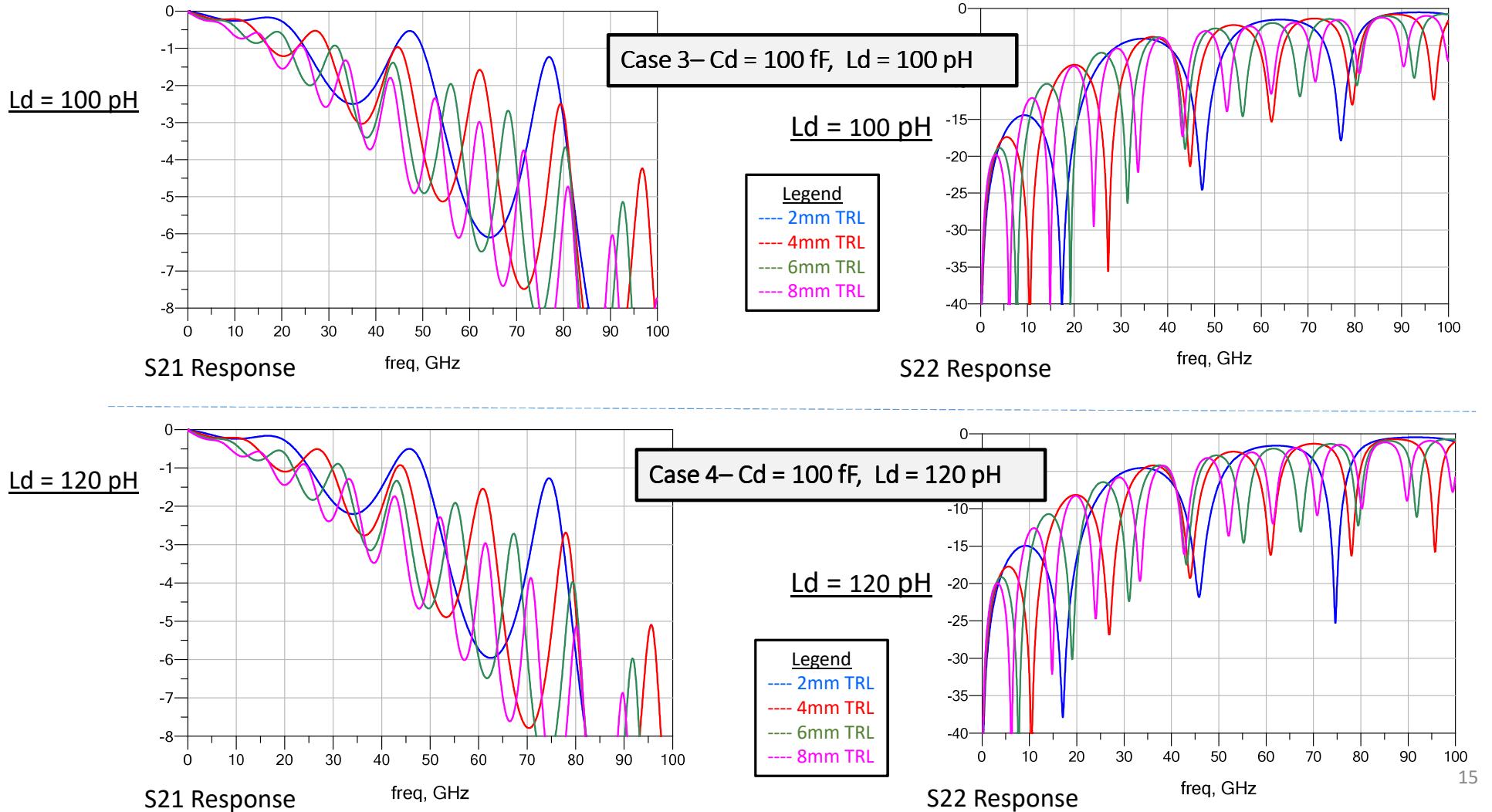
Package + Die simulations for Cd = 85 fF



Package simulations for Cd = 100 fF (1/2)



Package + Die simulations for Cd = 100 fF



Package + Die simulation observations (1/2)

2 mm CDR package + die performance:

Case	Cd (fF)	Ls (pH)	Bandwidth (GHz)	10 dB Return Loss Range (GHz)	ERL (dB)
1	85	100	55.7 GHz	f < 24.2 GHz	15.3
2	85	120	54.3 GHz	f < 24.1 GHz	15.2
3	100	100	54.2 GHz	f < 23.3 GHz	15.1
4	100	120	52.8 GHz	f < 23.2 GHz	15.0

4 mm CDR package + die performance:

Case	Cd (fF)	Ls (pH)	Bandwidth (GHz)	10 dB Return Loss Range (GHz)	ERL (dB)
1	85	100	49.9 GHz	f < 16.7 GHz	12.3
2	85	120	49.3 GHz	f < 17.2 GHz	12.3
3	100	100	48.9 GHz	f < 16.0 GHz	12.0
4	100	120	48.3 GHz	f < 16.3 GHz	12.1

6 mm CDR package + die performance:

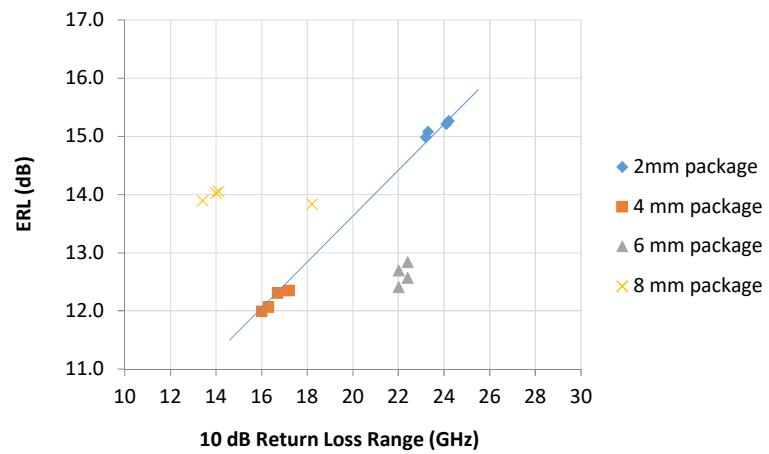
Case	Cd (fF)	Ls (pH)	Bandwidth (GHz)	10 dB Return Loss Range (GHz)	ERL (dB)
1	85	100	47.2 GHz	f < 22.4 GHz	12.6
2	85	120	46.8 GHz	f < 22.4 GHz	12.8
3	100	100	46.5 GHz	f < 22.0 GHz	12.0
4	100	120	36.5 GHz	f < 22.0 GHz	12.7

8 mm CDR package + die performance:

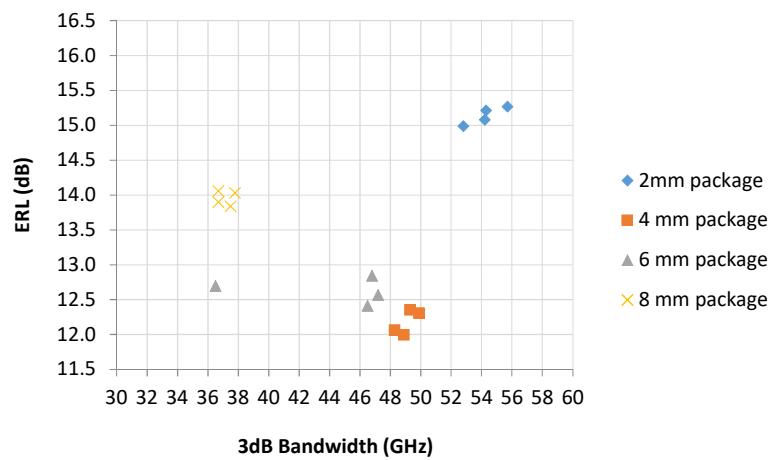
Case	Cd (fF)	Ls (pH)	Bandwidth (GHz)	10 dB Return Loss Range (GHz)	ERL (dB)
1	85	100	37.5 GHz	f < 18.2 GHz	13.8
2	85	120	37.8 GHz	f < 18.4 GHz	14.0
3	100	100	36.7 GHz	f < 17.7 GHz	13.4
4	100	120	36.7 GHz	f < 17.8 GHz	14.1

Correlation of ERL to 10dB Return Loss Range (2/2)

ERL vs Return Loss Range Plot



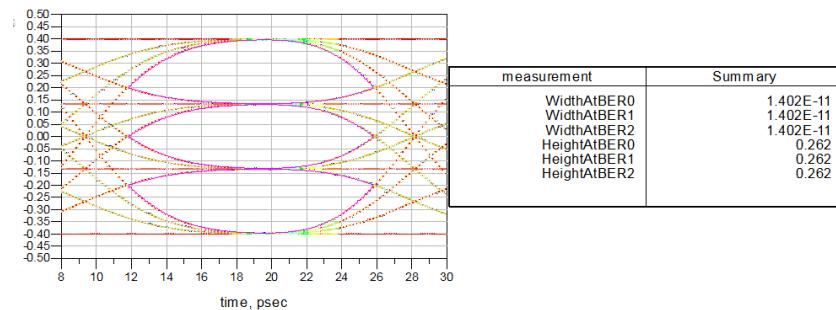
ERL vs Bandwidth Plot



- ERL values are correlated with RL ranges for the shorter 2mm and 4mm packages
- No evidence of strong correlation of ERL with bandwidth

Time domain simulations

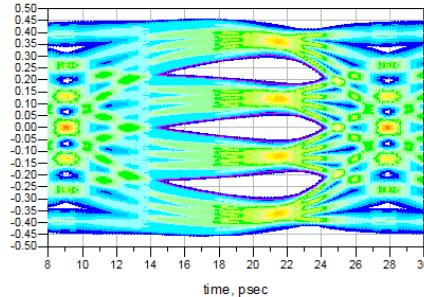
- Source eye diagram
 - Generated by a Gaussian filter with 800mV output swing (resulting in $t_{r/f}(20-80) \sim 6 \text{ ps}$)
 - Source driving into 100Ω ideal termination with no Rx equalization
 - No observation filter at receiver (e.g. neither Bessel-Thomson nor Butterworth)



Case	TRL (mm)	Cd (fF)	Ls (pH)	EH (mV)	VEC (dB)	EW (UI)
Tx eye	0	0	0	262	0.09	0.745

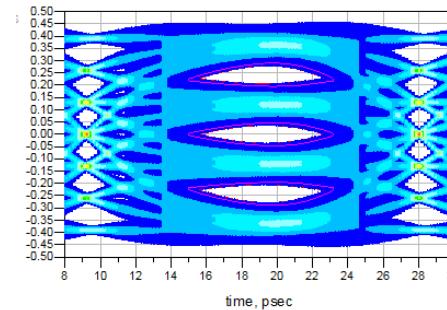
Case 1 Time domain simulations ($C_d = 85 \text{ fF}$, $L_s = 100 \text{ pH}$)

1a



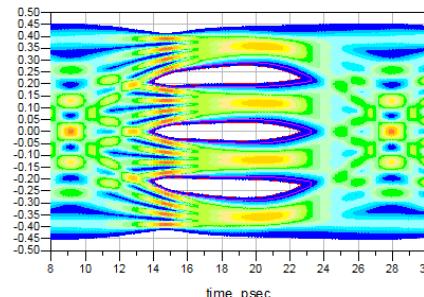
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WidthAtBER1	9.882E-12
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HeightAtBER0	0.120
HeightAtBER1	0.120
HeightAtBER2	0.120

1b



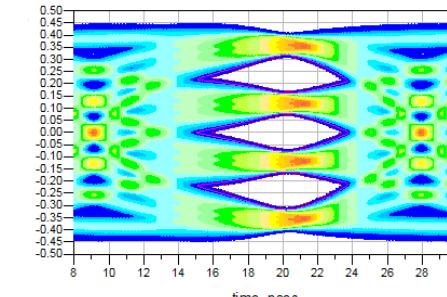
measurement	Summary
WidthAtBER0	8.282E-12
WidthAtBER1	8.282E-12
WidthAtBER2	8.282E-12
HeightAtBER0	0.094
HeightAtBER1	0.094
HeightAtBER2	0.094

1c



measurement	Summary
WidthAtBER0	9.600E-12
WidthAtBER1	9.600E-12
WidthAtBER2	9.600E-12
HeightAtBER0	0.101
HeightAtBER1	0.101
HeightAtBER2	0.101

1d

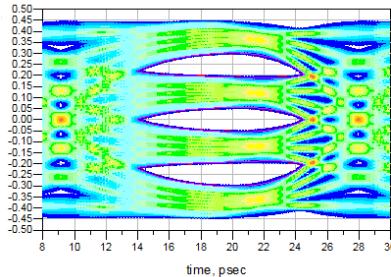


measurement	Summary
WidthAtBER0	8.753E-12
WidthAtBER1	8.753E-12
WidthAtBER2	8.753E-12
HeightAtBER0	0.156
HeightAtBER1	0.156
HeightAtBER2	0.156

Case	TRL (mm)	Cd (fF)	Ls (pH)	EH (mV)	VEC (dB)	EW (UI)
1a	2	85	100	120	6.94	0.525
1b	4	85	100	94	9.06	0.440
1c	6	85	100	101	8.43	0.510
1d	8	85	100	156	4.66	0.465

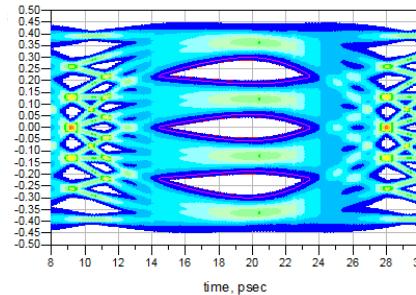
Case 2 Time domain simulations ($C_d = 85 \text{ fF}$, $L_s = 120 \text{ pH}$)

2a



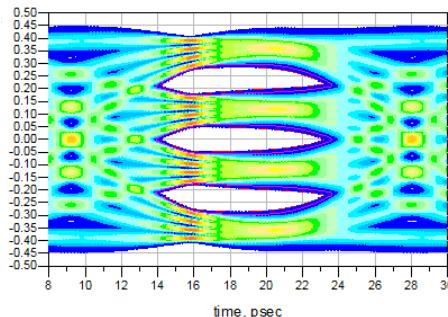
measurement	Summary
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WidthAtBER1	1.064E-11
WidthAtBER2	1.064E-11
HeightAtBER0	0.112
HeightAtBER1	0.112
HeightAtBER2	0.112

2b



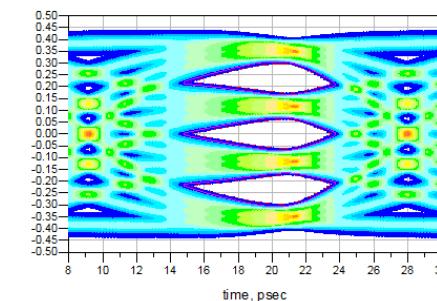
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WidthAtBER1	9.129E-12
WidthAtBER2	9.129E-12
HeightAtBER0	0.113
HeightAtBER1	0.113
HeightAtBER2	0.113

2c



measurement	Summary
WidthAtBER0	9.788E-12
WidthAtBER1	9.788E-12
WidthAtBER2	9.788E-12
HeightAtBER0	0.117
HeightAtBER1	0.117
HeightAtBER2	0.117

2d

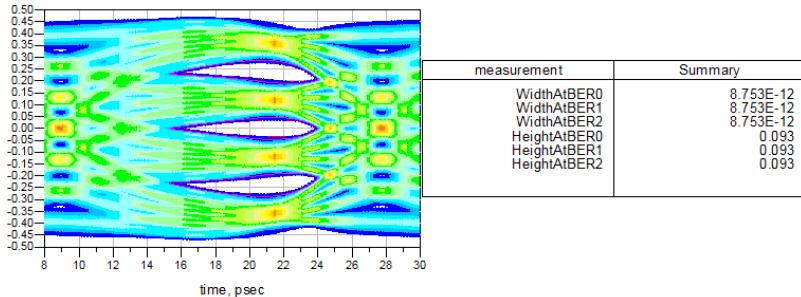


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WidthAtBER2	9.035E-12
HeightAtBER0	0.141
HeightAtBER1	0.141
HeightAtBER2	0.141

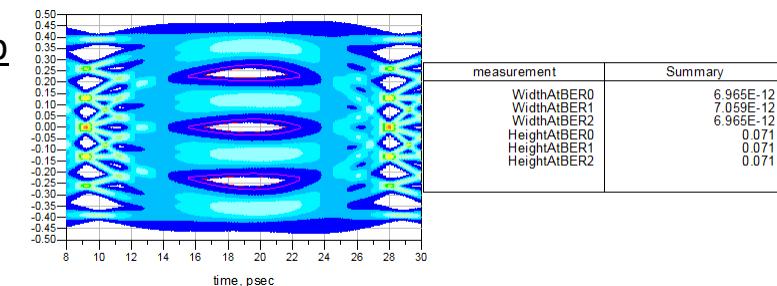
Case	TRL (mm)	C_d (fF)	L_s (pH)	EH (mV)	VEC (dB)	EW (UI)
2a	2	85	120	112	7.54	0.565
2b	4	85	120	113	7.46	0.485
2c	6	85	120	117	7.16	0.520
2d	8	85	120	141	5.53	0.480

Case 3 Time domain simulations ($C_d = 100 \text{ fF}$, $L_s = 100 \text{ pH}$)

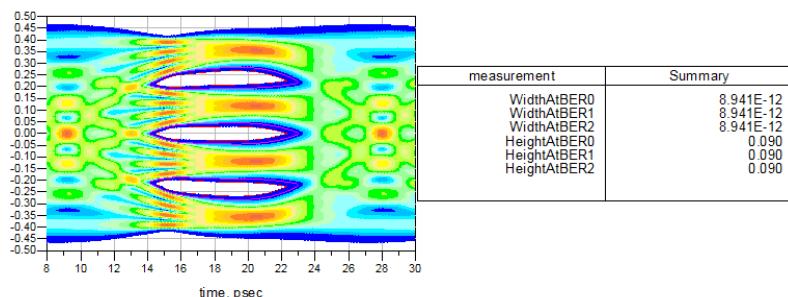
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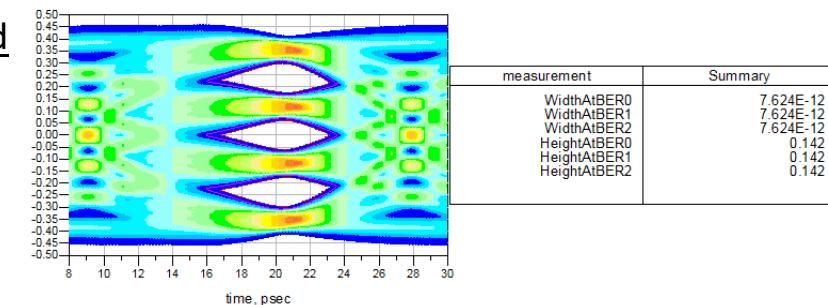
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3c



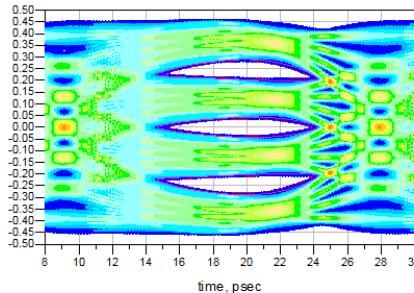
3d



Case	TRL (mm)	C_d (fF)	L_s (pH)	EH (mV)	VEC (dB)	EW (UI)
3a	2	100	100	93	9.15	0.465
3b	4	100	100	71	11.5	0.370
3c	6	100	100	90	9.43	0.475
3d	8	100	100	142	5.47	0.405

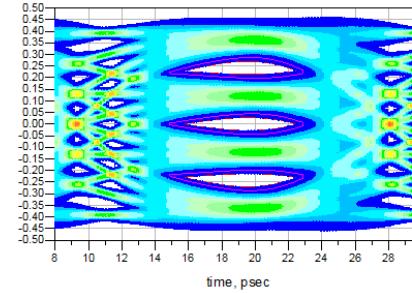
Case 4 Time domain simulations ($C_d = 100 \text{ fF}$, $L_s = 120 \text{ pH}$)

4a



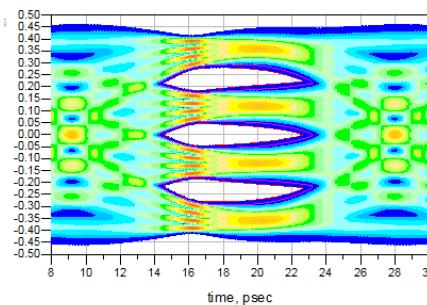
measurement	Summary
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WidthAtBER2	9.600E-12
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HeightAtBER2	0.087

4b



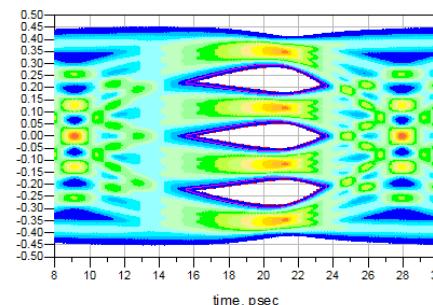
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WidthAtBER1	8.094E-12
WidthAtBER2	8.094E-12
HeightAtBER0	0.089
HeightAtBER1	0.089
HeightAtBER2	0.089

4c



measurement	Summary
WidthAtBER0	9.035E-12
WidthAtBER1	9.035E-12
WidthAtBER2	9.035E-12
HeightAtBER0	0.113
HeightAtBER1	0.113
HeightAtBER2	0.113

4d



measurement	Summary
WidthAtBER0	8.188E-12
WidthAtBER1	8.188E-12
WidthAtBER2	8.188E-12
HeightAtBER0	0.126
HeightAtBER1	0.126
HeightAtBER2	0.126

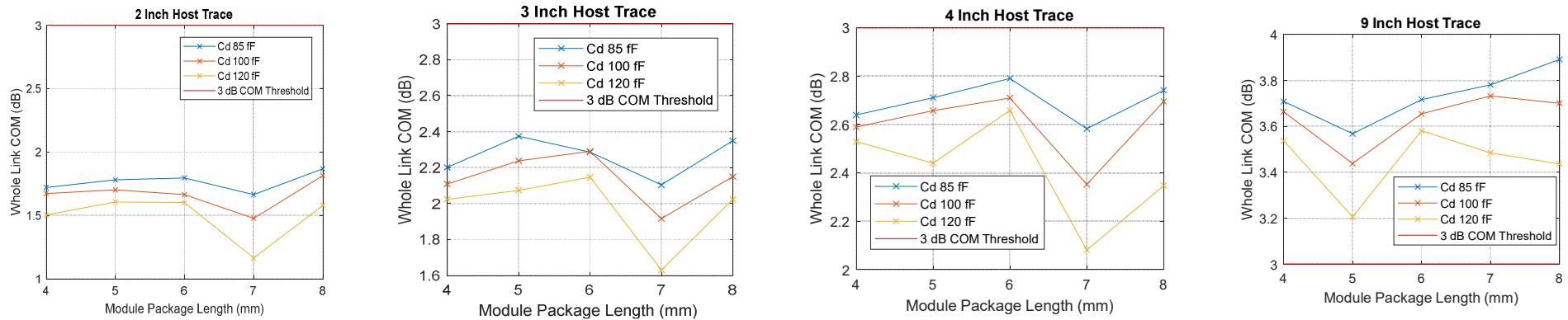
Case	TRL (mm)	C_d (fF)	L_s (pH)	EH (mV)	VEC (dB)	EW (UI)
4a	2	100	120	87	9.73	0.510
4b	4	100	120	89	9.53	0.430
4c	6	100	120	113	7.46	0.480
4d	8	100	120	126	6.51	0.435

Time domain simulation observations

- $C_d = 85 \text{ fF}$ provides more eye height and eye width than $C_d = 100 \text{ fF}$
 - While still giving a reasonable residual capacitance value
- $L_d = 120 \text{ pH}$ provides a more consistent eye shape across the package sizes than $L_s = 100 \text{ pH}$
 - Likely to be associated with better impedance matching through the package model
- For eye width 2mm package was generally best followed by the 6mm package
- Eye height is not well correlated to package size
- The 4mm case appears significantly different most likely due to reflections aligning around the eye centre

Host-to-module whole-link simulation

$$L_d = 120 \text{ pH}$$



- TX FIR is set by TP1a Reference receiver C2
- Module RX is assumed to be 4-tap DFE for whole-link simulation.
- TX package length is 13 mm, the worst for TP1a VEC.
- Existing short channel models are harder to whole link.
- Worst whole-link COM varies with module package length.

Courtesy of Phil Sun

Summary

- Approach used in healey_3ck_adhoc_01_061219 for the ASIC termination has been applied to the module die termination
- Case 2 ($C_d = 85 \text{ fF}$ with $L_d = 120 \text{ pH}$) is best performing
 - Total die + die bump = $85 \text{ fF} + 30 \text{ fF} = 115 \text{ fF}$
- Case 4 ($C_d = 100 \text{ fF}$ with $L_d = 120 \text{ pH}$) is second best performing
 - Total die + die bump = $100 \text{ fF} + 30 \text{ fF} = 130 \text{ fF}$
- Propose adoption of Case 2 for further analysis
 - Further analysis of TP1a + end-to-end channels

Termination	Rd	Cd	Ld	Cb	Comment
Host ASIC (slide 4 of healey_3ck_adhoc_061219)	50Ω	120 fF	120 pH	30 fF	Implemented in COM ver 2.70
Proposed Module Die Term	50Ω	85 fF	120 pH	30 fF	

Backup

COM settings for ERL calculation

Table 93A-1 parameters			
Parameter	Setting	Units	Information
f_b	53.125	GHz	
f_min	0.05	GHz	
Delta_f	0.01	GHz	
C_d	[1.2e-4 1.2e-4]	nF	[TX RX]
L_s	[0.12, 0.12]	nH	[TX RX]
C_b	[0.3e-4 0.3e-4]	nF	[TX RX]
z_p select	[1 2]		[test cases to run]
z_p (TX)	[12 31; 1.8 1.8]	mm	[test cases]
z_p (NEXT)	[12 29; 1.8 1.8]	mm	[test cases]
z_p (FEXT)	[12 31; 1.8 1.8]	mm	[test cases]
z_p (RX)	[12 29; 1.8 1.8]	mm	[test cases]
C_p	[0.87e-4 0.87e-4]	nF	[TX RX]
R_0	50	Ohm	
R_d	[45 45]	Ohm	[TX RX]
A_v	0.39	V	vp/vf=.694
A_fe	0.39	V	vp/vf=.694
A_ne	0.578	V	
L	4		
M	32		
filter and Eq			
f_r	0.75	*fb	
c[0]	0.5		min
c[-1]	[-0.3:0.02:0]		[min:step:max]
c[-2]	0		[min:step:max]
c[-3]	0		[min:step:max]
c[1]	[-0.2:0.05:0]		[min:step:max]
N_b	0	UI	
b_max(1)	0.85		
b_max(2,N_b)	0.3		
g_DC	[-20:1:0]	dB	[min:step:max]
f_z	21.25	GHz	
f_p1	21.25	GHz	
f_p2	53.125	GHz	
g_DC_HP	[-6:1:0]		[min:step:max]
f_HP_PZ	0.6640625	GHz	

ffe_pre_tap_len	0	UI
ffe_post_tap_len	4	UI
ffe_tap_step_size	0	
ffe_main_cursor_min	0.7	
ffe_pre_tap1_max	0.3	
ffe_post_tap1_max	0.3	
ffe_tapn_max	0.125	
ffe_backoff	0	

I/O control		
DIAGNOSTICS	1	logical
DISPLAY_WINDOW	1	logical
CSV_REPORT	1	logical
RESULT_DIR	\results\100GEL_KR_{date}\	
SAVE FIGURES	1	logical
Port Order	[1 3 2 4]	[1 3 2 4]
RUNTAG	KR_eval_	
COM_CONTRIBUTION	0	logical
Operational		
COM Pass threshold	3	dB
ERL Pass threshold	10	dB
DER_0	1.00E-04	
T_r	6.16E-03	ns
FORCE_TR	1	logical
Include PCB	0	logical
TDR and ERL options		
TDR	1	logical
ERL	1	logical
ERL_ONLY	1	logical
TR_TDR	0.01	ns
N	3000	
beta_x	2.53E+09	
rho_x	0.25	
fixture delay time	0	s
TDR_W_TXPKG	0	
N_bx	4	UI
Receiver testing		
RX_CALIBRATION	0	logical
Sigma BBN step	5.00E-03	V
Noise_jitter		
sigma_RJ	0.01	UI
A_DD	0.02	UI
eta_0	8.20E-09	V^2/GHz
SNR_TX	33	dB
R_LM	0.95	

Table 93A-3 parameters		
Parameter	Setting	Units
package_tl_gamma0_a1_a2	[0 0.0009909 0.0002772]	
package_tl_tau	6.141E-03	ns/mm
package_Z_c	[87.5 87.5 ; 92.5 92.5]	Ohm

Table 92-12 parameters 5.2dB at 26.56GHz		
Parameter	Setting	
board_tl_gamma0_a1_a2	[0 0.000599 0.0001022]	1.286 dB/in or 0.0506 dB/mm at 100 ohms
board_tl_tau	6.200E-03	ns/mm
board_Z_c	90	Ohm
z_bp (TX)	102.7	mm
z_bp (NEXT)	102.7	mm
z_bp (FEXT)	102.7	mm
z_bp (RX)	102.7	mm

Floating Tap Control		
N_bg	0	0 1 2 or 3 groups
N_bf	0	taps per group
N_f	0	UI span for floating taps
bmaxg	0.1	max DFE value for floating taps

yellow indicates WIP

Specific ERL-relevant COM parameters

T_r	6.16E-03	ns
FORCE_TR	1	logical
Include PCB	0	logical
TDR and ERL options		
TDR	1	logical
ERL	1	logical
ERL_ONLY	1	logical
TR_TDR	0.01	ns
N	3000	
beta_x	2.53E+09	
rho_x	0.25	
fixture delay time	0	s
TDR_W_TXPKG	0	
N_bx	4	UI