A 212.5 Gbps-PAM4 1 Meter DAC Long Reach Channel and Its Characteristics: Design A

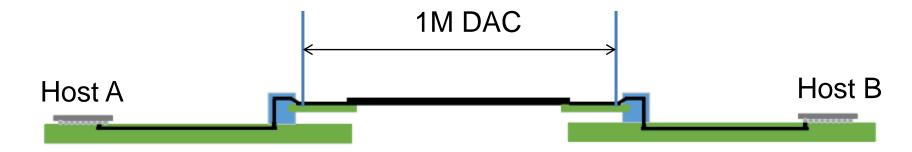
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Background and Introduction (I)

 An important use case of 212.5 Gbps-PAM4 is the cable reach (CR) with a 1 Meter DAC.



 The channel loss budget between the host bump-to-bump (or TP0d-TP5d) is determined/bounded by the SERDES technology and capability, which is trending <=40 dB, for 212.5 Gbps-PAM4 signaling.

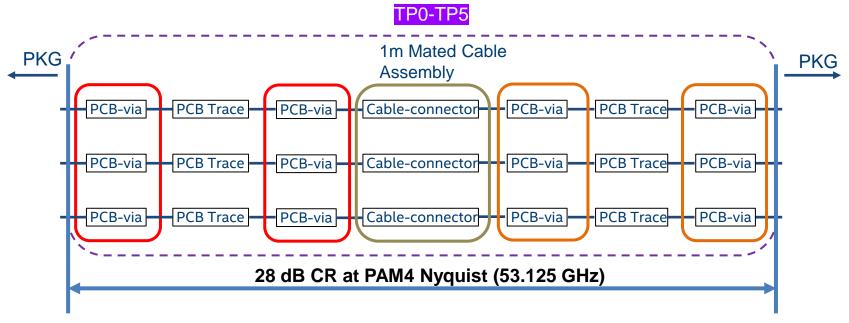
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Background and Introduction (II)

• We leveraged our established/validated CR channel design tool-flow-methodology (TFM) (e.g., oif2022.066.00) and the latest connector and DAC technologies to create this CR ball-to-ball channel Design A to support 1 Meter DAC with 212.5 Gbps-PAM4 signaling.



212.5 Gbps-PAM4 CR Channel Structure



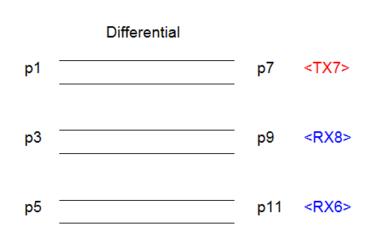
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ТХ	victim	RX
TX	aggressor	RX

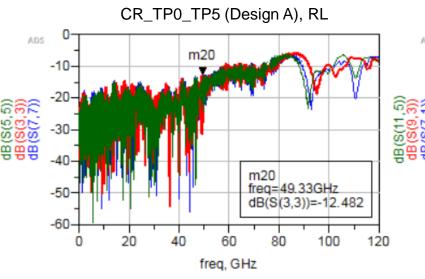
Component	TP0-TP5 Insertion Loss (dB) @ 53.125GHz	
	Design A	
PCB via	1.5 dB	
PCB Trace	8.5 inch (TX+RX, 1.27 dB/inch)	
Cable Assembly	15.7 dB	
Total *	28.0 dB	

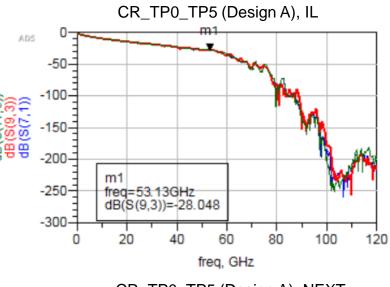
^{*} Not lineally added



212.5 Gbps-PAM4 CR Channel Characteristics (I)

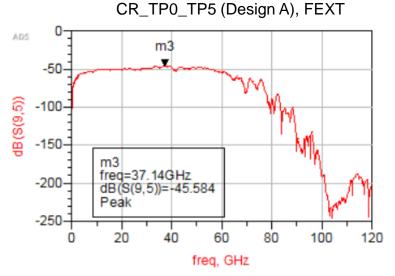


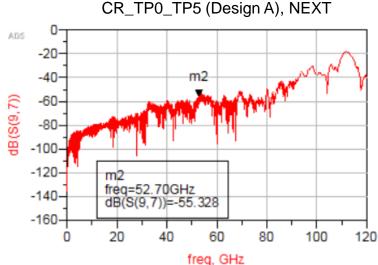




TP0-TP5 Characteristics (DC-53.125GHz)

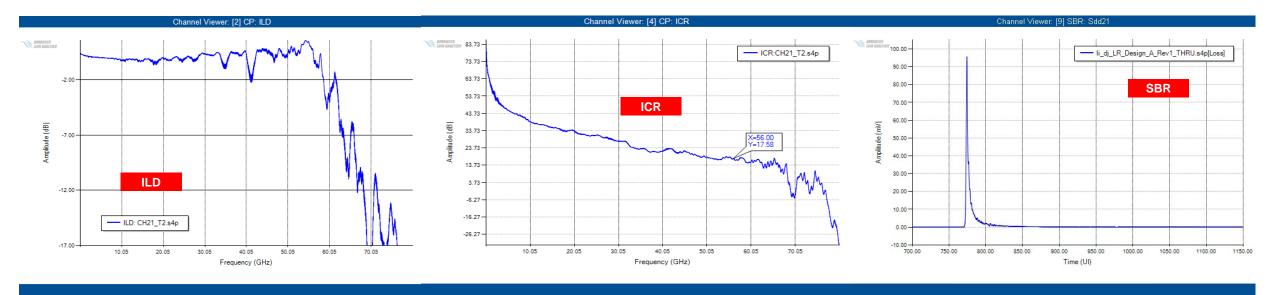
- IL: 28.05dB @ 53.125GHz
- RL ~= 12dB (<53.125GHz)
- FEXT < 45.5dB (<53.125GHz)
- NEXT < 55.0dB (<53.125GHz)





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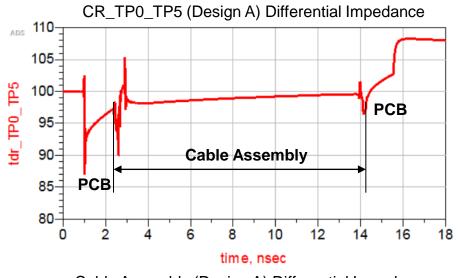
212.5 Gbps-PAM4 CR Channel Characteristics (II)



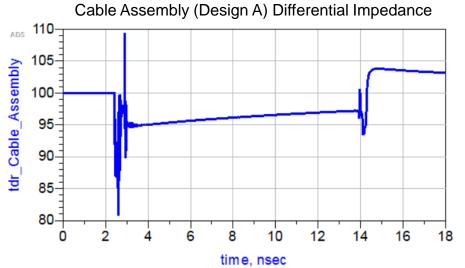
- ILD ~< +- 2 dB (<53.125 GHz)
- ICR > 17.6 dB (<53.125 GHz) (2FEXT+1NEXT used)



212.5 Gbps-PAM4 CR Channel Characteristics (III)



- > Cable Assembly p-p discontinuity 29 Ω
- \triangleright PCB p-p discontinuity 16 Ω



[S] parameter BW DC-120GHz



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Summary

- We have created a CR channel Design A supporting 1 Meter DAC at 212.5 Gbps-PAM4
- This CR channel includes PCB-Vias, PCBs traces, connectors, and 1 Meter DAC.
- This CR channel has:
 - An IL (TP0-TP5) of 28 dB at 53.125 GHz
 - $RL <^{\sim} 12 dB at <= 53.125 GHz$
 - FEXT < 45.5 dB, NEXT < 55.0dB, at <= 53.125 GHz</p>

