

# PCIe 7.0 Introduction PCIe 6.0 Anritsu/Tektronix Solution

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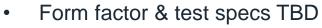
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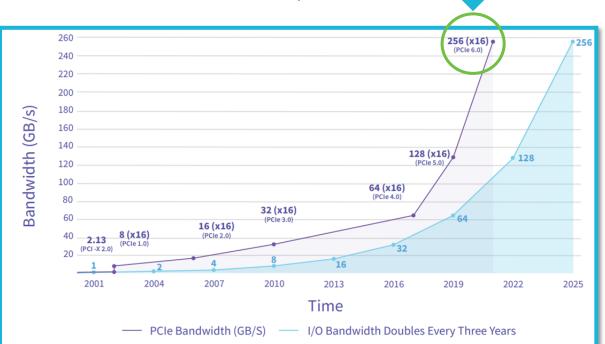
# PCIe 7.0 Introduction

## **PCI Express Evolution**

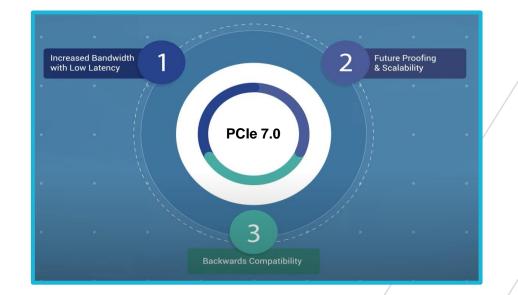
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- !!! PCIe 7.0 Development Underway !!!
  - HPC & AI/ML applications
  - Increasing network bandwidths
- Specification Status
  - Base specification expected 2025





	Bit Rate / Lane	Link BW	Lane BW	x16 bi BW
PCle 1.x	2.5 GT/s	2.0 Gb/s	250 MB/s	8 GB/s
PCIe 2.x	5.0 GT/s	4.0 Gb/s	500 MB/s	16 GB/s
PCIe 3.x	8.0 GT/s	8.0 Gb/s	~1 GB/s	32 GB/s
PCIe 4.x	16.0 GT/s	16.0 Gb/s	~2 GB/s	64 GB/s
PCIe 5.x	32.0 GT/s	32.0 Gb/s	~4 GB/s	128 GB/s
PCIe 6.x	64.0 GT/s	64.0 Gb/s	~8 GB/s	256 GB/s
PCIe 7.x	128.0 GT/s	128.0 Gb/s	~16 GB/s	512 GB/s



## PCIe 7.0 Specification Snapshot



- PCIe 7.0 Base Specification Rev 0.5 under development
  - Describes chip-level behavior on all levels of the stack
- PCle 7.0 CEM Specification Pathfinding to start 2024
  - Card electro-mechanical (CEM) defines system and Add-in Card level
- PCIe 6.0 PHY Test Specification Rev 0.7 under development
  - Describes electrical compliance tests for Tx, Rx LEQ, & PLL Bandwidth





## PCle 5.0 to 7.0 Base Specification Updates



	PCle 5.0	PCIe 6.0	PCle 7.0 (TBD)
Data Rate	Data Rate 32 GT/s		128 GT/s (PAM4)
Add-in Card Loss	9.5dB @ 16GHz	8.5dB @ 16GHz	~9dB @ 32GHz
Rx Test (Channel Loss)	- (34 to 37) dB @ 16GHz	- (30 to 33) dB @ 16GHz	- (36 to 40) dB @ 32GHz
Reference CTLE	4 Poles; 2 Zero; DC Gain Range (-5 to -15) dB	6 Poles; 3 Zero; DC Gain Range (-5 to -15) dB	6 Poles; 3 Zero; DC Gain Range (-5 to -15) dB
Reference DFE	3-Taps	16-Taps	ADC Architecture
Reference FFE	Reference FFE N/A		Expected
Eye Width (Rx Test)	9.375 ps	3.125 ps (top eye)	~1.5 ps (top eye)
Eye Height (Rx Test)	15 mV	6 mV (top eye)	~3 mV (top eye)
Lane Margining	Required timing/voltage	Required timing/voltage	Required timing/voltage
Refclk Jitter Limits	Refclk Jitter Limits <= 150 fs		<=67 fs

Increase in complexity of PCIe specifications



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# PCIe 5.0 Background



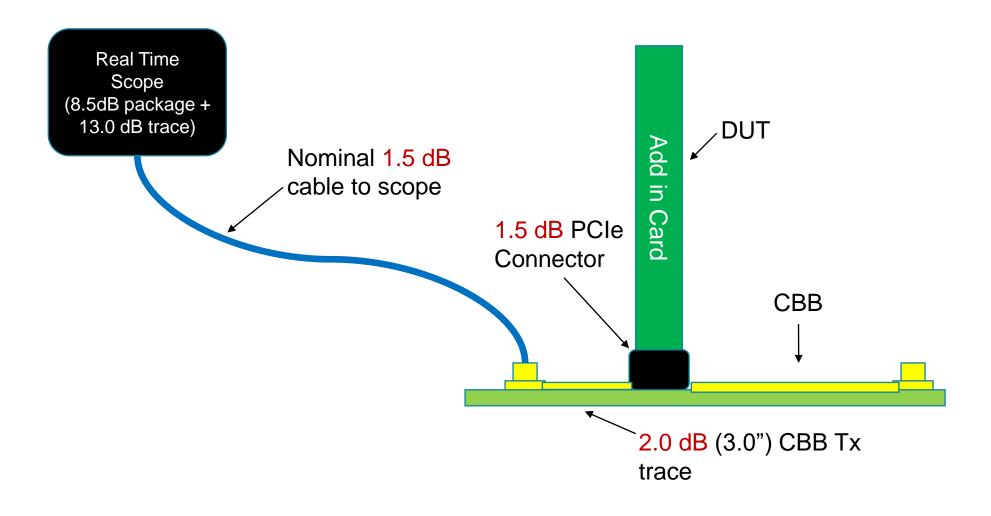
## PCIe® 5.0 Electrical Tests

- Transmitter (Tx) Signal Quality Test at 32GT/s
  - End of channel eye diagram (eye width & eye height) @ BER E-12
- Tx Preset Equalization Test at 32GT/s
  - Measures voltage levels for Preset 0 to Preset 10 (new AC method)
- Tx Uncorrelated Jitter at 32GT/s (Add-in Card)
  - Intrinsic jitter of the Tx after removing channel impact removed for systems
- Tx Pulse Width Jitter (PWJ) at 32GT/s (Add-in Card)
  - Measure of the variation between adjacent rising & falling edges removed for systems
- Tx PLL Bandwidth (Add-in Cards)
  - Verifies an Add-in Cards Tx PLL bandwidth and peaking
- Link Equalization at 32GT/s
  - Tx starts with correct preset requested through protocol
  - Tx responds to protocol changes and adjusts
  - Receiver (Rx) correctly adjusts the link Tx and meets error criteria with a stressed signal



## 32 GT/s Signal Quality Test: Add-in Card



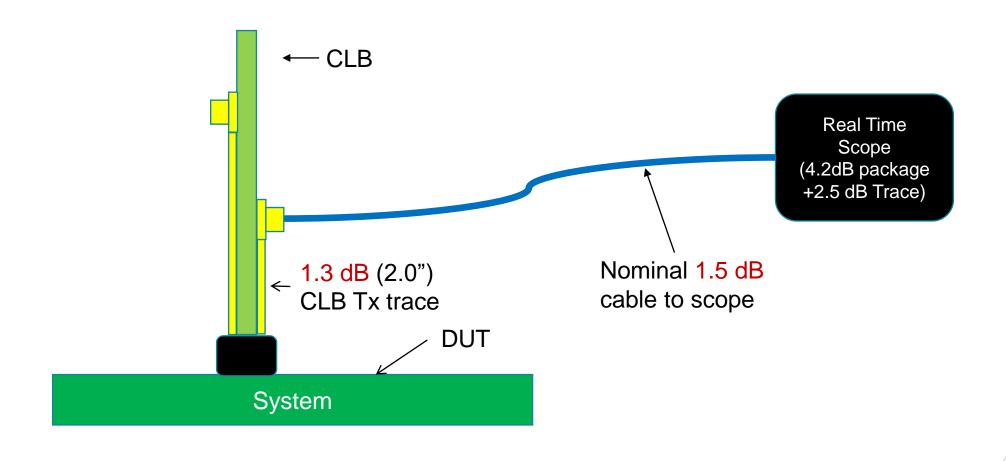






## 32 GT/s Signal Quality Test: System

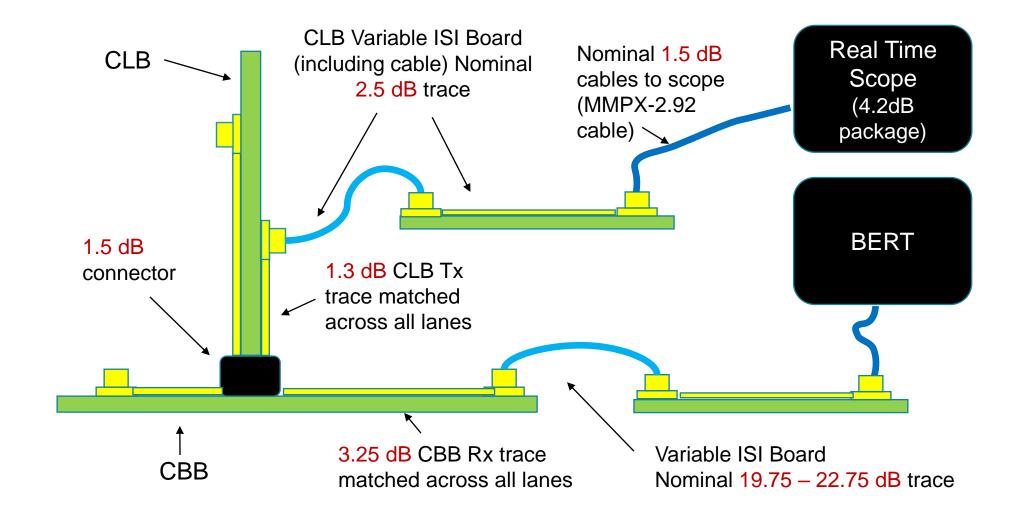






#### 32 GT/s Rx Calibration: Add-in Card

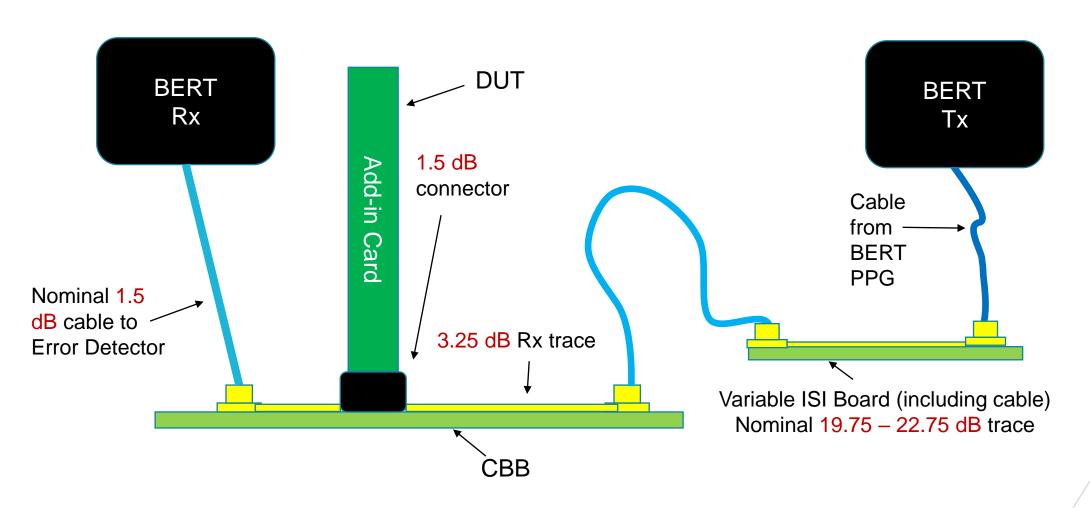






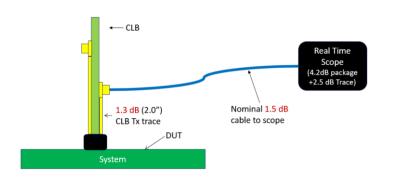


### 32 GT/s Rx Link Equalization: Add-in Card



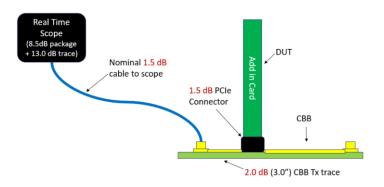
#### **Test Fixture Characterization at 32 GT/s**

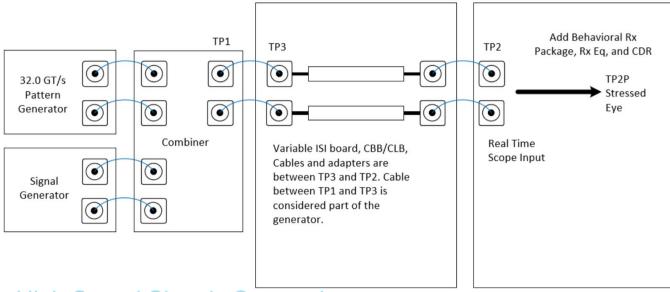




#### **Transmitter**

- Signal Quality (EW/EH) @ TP2P
- System: 9.5dB added
  - CLB, cable, add-in card trace, NRC package
- Add-in Card: 26.5dB added
  - CBB, cable, system trace, RC package
- VNA to identify embedded trace loss
  - Trace & package





#### Receiver

- Stressed Eye Calibration @ TP2P
- Loss Range: 34dB 37dB
  - TP3 to TP2P
- Embedded NRC or RC Package
- System: RC Package
- VNA to identify Variable ISI Pair
  - Correct Location of CEM Connector

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PCIe 5.0 PHY Test Spec Appendix A & B

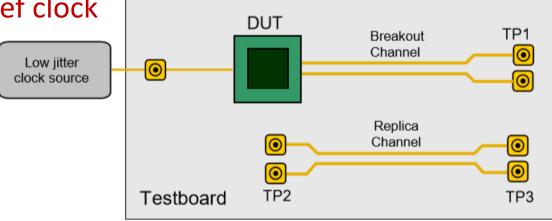
## PCIe 6.0 Tx Validation



#### **Base Tx Signal Access & Test Points**

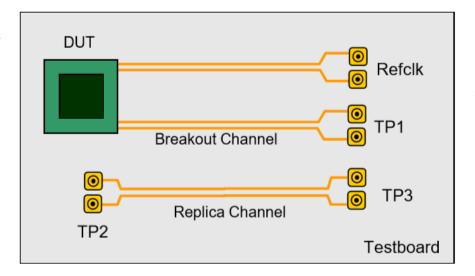


#### Non embedded ref clock



A low jitter Refclk source is used when the silicon supports using an external reference clock

#### Embedded ref clock



Transmitter using an embedded reference clock





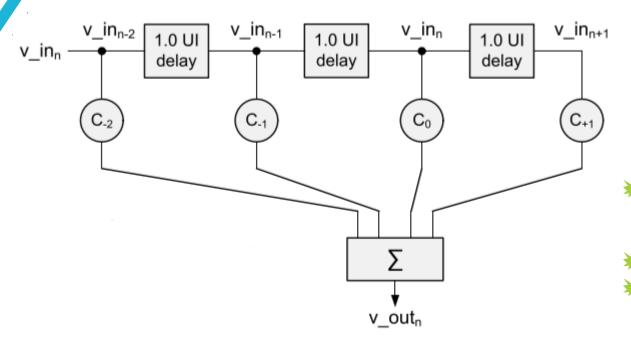


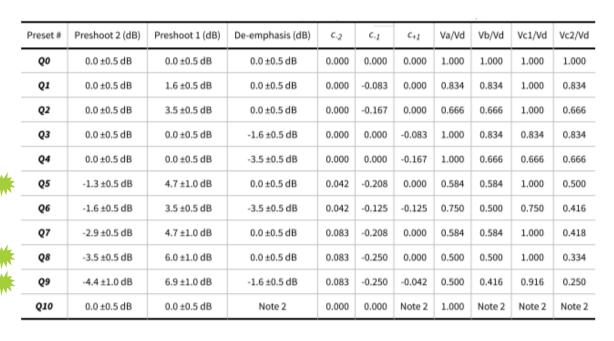
TX Test	Pattern	CEM	Notes
SNDR	Compliance	AIC & System?	Signal Noise Distortion Ratio
Voltage Differential Peak-to-Peak	Compliance	N/A	Measured with 64 level 3s & 64 level 0s
Transmit Equalization	Compliance	AIC & System	Q0-Q10 (PAM4) with AC step method
Tx Equalization Boost	Compliance	N/A	Q10 (full swing) & Q4 (reduced swing)
EIEOS Min Voltage Swing Compliance		N/A	Include package loss impact
Ratio Level Mismatch	Compliance	AIC & System?	PAM4 measurement only
Uncorrelated Tj	52UI Jitter Measurement	AIC	Jitter computed on each unique transition
Uncorrelated Dj	52UI Jitter Measurement	AIC	Jitter computed on each unique transition
Uncorrelated Rj	52UI Jitter Measurement	AIC	Informative
Pulse Width Jitter Tj	High Swing Toggle	AIC	0303 level patten; noise comp included
Pulse Width Jitter Dj_dd	High Swing Toggle	AIC	0303 level patten; noise comp included
Pulse Width Jitter Rj High Swing Toggle		AIC	Informative
PS21	Compliance	N/A	Pseudo package loss



## **Transmitter Equalization Updates**







- Cursor Expansion: 2<sup>nd</sup> Precursor Added
  - o 2 pre-cursors
  - o 1 post-cursor
- Presets: Q0 to Q10
  - o Heavier pre-cursor weighting
  - o Numerous optimal presets for Rx Calibration

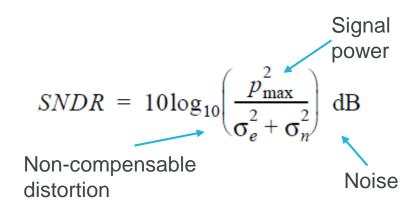
#### Measurement Method: AC Fit Method

- Step response captured
  - Equalized & Non-Equalized
- Cursors applied to Non-Equalized step
- o Minimized Mean Square Error (MSE)

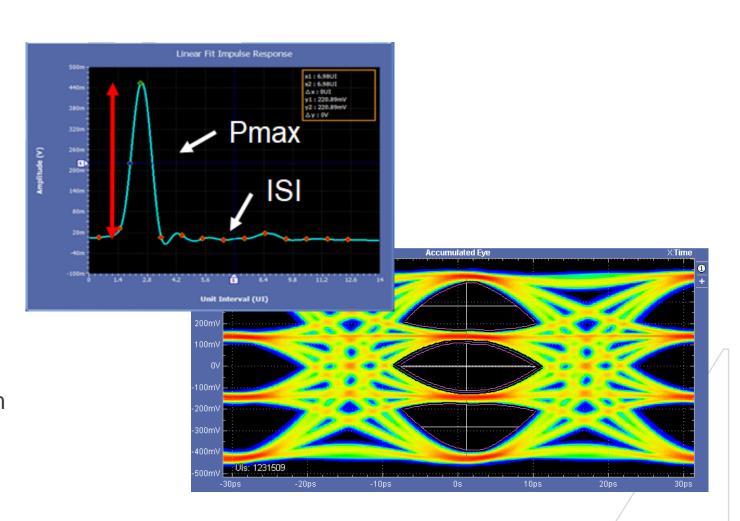


## Signal to Noise Distortion Ration (SNDR)





 $p_{max}$  = peak of linear fit pulse  $\sigma_e$  = standard deviation of error waveform  $\sigma_n$  = standard deviation of noise



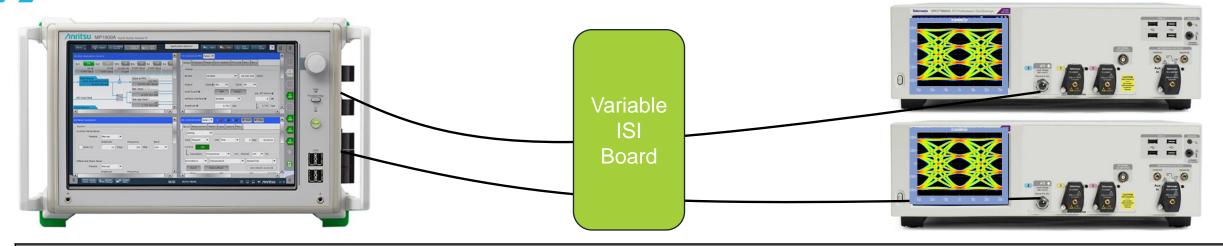
## PCIe 6.0 SNDR Requirements



- Pattern: 6.0 compliance pattern (SSC considered for SRIS)
- Tx Equalization: Q0 (C-2 = C-1 = C+1 = 0.0)
- RT Scope waveform capture
  - BW of 50GHz (minimum)
  - Record Length: min of 250 pattern repetitions
  - Filtering: 4<sup>th</sup> order Bessel-Thomson (3dB roll-off from DC at 33GHz)
- Sigma E
  - Pulse Length = Np = 600UI
  - Pulse Delay = Dp = 4
  - 32 points/UI (resampling)
  - PRBS portion of compliance pattern only
- Clock Recovery Applied (DSP implementation not explicitly defined)
- Sigma N
  - 61st UI of 64 UI run for each PAM4 voltage level considered
  - Eight evenly spaced points within 61<sup>st</sup> UI averaged
  - Instrument Noise compensation

## 64 GT/s SNDR Study





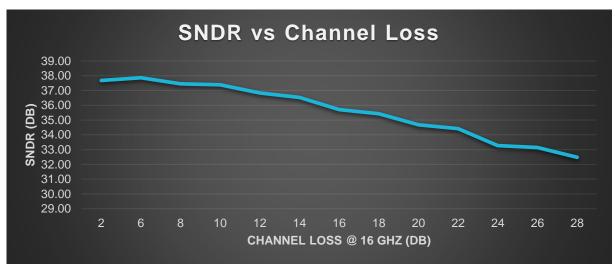
					Scope Noise		Sigma	Sigma
Channel Loss	SSC	Scope BW	Pattern	Np	Removal	<b>SNDR Pmax</b>	Е	N
1.5 dB (cable only)	On	33 GHz BT	Gen6 Compliance	600	3.8	40.7 369.6	3.31	0.84
II .	Off	II .	II	II	II .	40.0 367.0	3.47	1.18
7.43 dB (4" Replica)	On	"	II .	II .	II	39.6 239.4	2.18	1.25
II .	Off	"	II	II .	"	40.0 239.4	2.26	0.79
10.79 dB (8" Replica)	On	II .	II .	II .	II	39.4 195.1	1.88	0.91
II	Off	II .	II	II	II	39.8 195.1	1.95	0.41
14.33 dB (12" Replica)	On	II .	II .	II	II	39.0 162.0	1.71	0.62
"	Off	II .	II	II	II	39.0 161.9	1.76	0.41

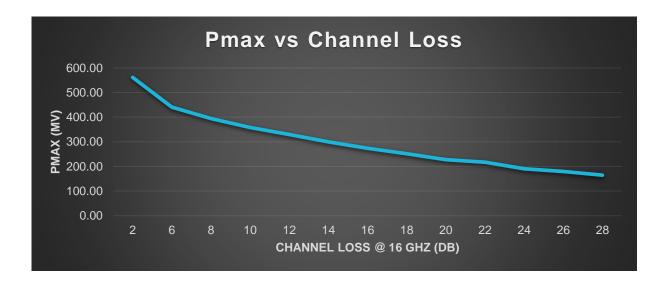
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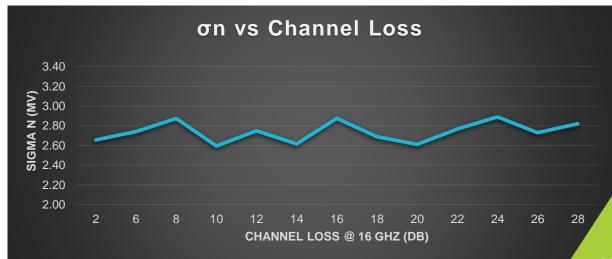
## 64 GT/s CEM SNDR Study











#### PCIe 6.0 Uncorrelated Jitter Requirements



- Pattern: 52UI Jitter Measurement Pattern
  - Four instances of all 12 PAM4 transitions & DC balancing bits
- Tx Equalization: Q0 (C-2 = C-1 = C+1 = 0.0)
- RT Scope waveform capture
  - BW of 50GHz (minimum)
  - Record Length: min of 2E6 UI (37.5 UI per unique edge)
  - Filtering: 4<sup>th</sup> order Bessel-Thomson (3dB roll-off from DC at 33GHz)
- Jitter measured on all 48 edges separately and then averaged
- Select CTLE or No CTLE resulting in lowest Rj
- Scope noise removed separately for each transition type

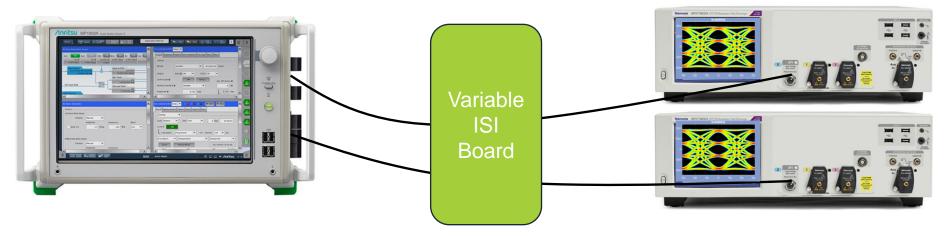


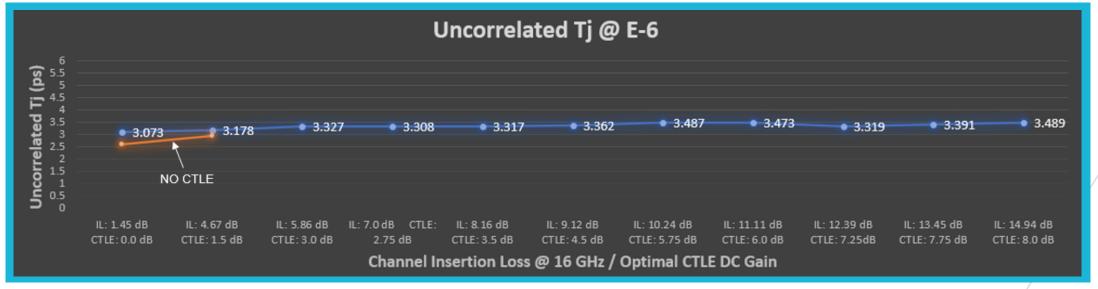
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## 64 GT/s Uncorrelated Jitter Study









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## PCIe 6.0 Pulse Width Jitter



High Low "0303" Pattern

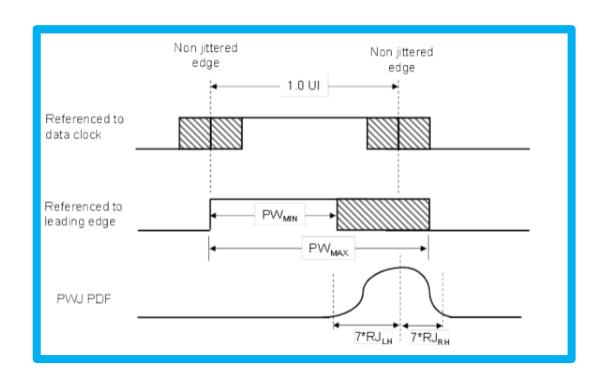
Scope BW 50 GHz

4th Order 33GHz BT filter

Optimize ADC (max signal)

CTLE 5 to 15 dB allowed

Capture Instrument noise



**Tektronix PAMJET** 

No ISI (pattern ensures)

Edge to Edge (pulse width)

Even Odd Jitter included

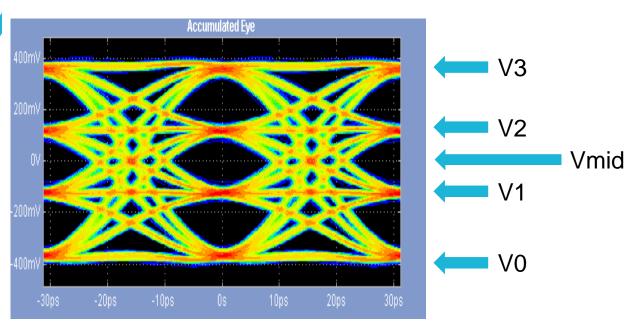
Separate PDFs & Medians

Total PWJ < 4 ps @/E-6



## Tx Ratio Level Mismatch (RLM)





#### RLM Equation

$$V_{mid} = \left(V_0 + V_3\right) / 2$$

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$$ES_1 = \begin{pmatrix} V_1 - V_{mid} \end{pmatrix} / \begin{pmatrix} V_0 - V_{mid} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$ES_2 = \begin{pmatrix} V_2 - V_{mid} \end{pmatrix} / \begin{pmatrix} V_3 - V_{mid} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_{LM} = min(3 \times ES_1), (3 \times ES_2), (2 - 3 \times ES_1), (2 - 3 \times ES_2)$$

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#### Nominal Values

- V3 = 400 mV
- •V2 = 133 mV
- $\bullet$ Vmid = 0 mV
- •V1 = -133 mV
- •V0 = -400 mV

#### •**ES1&ES2**

- •ES1 =  $(-133 \text{ mV} 0 \text{ mV}) / (-400 \text{ mV} 0 \text{ mV}) = \sim 1/3$
- •ES2 = $(133 \text{ mV} 0 \text{ mV}) / (400 \text{ mV} 0 \text{ mV}) = \sim 1/3$

•RLM

- •RLM = min[ (3 \* 1/3), (3 \* 1/3), (2 3 \* 1/3), (2 3 \* 1/3)]
- •RLM = min[ 1, 1, 1, 1 ] = 100%

#### **Ideal RLM Result**



## **Applying CTLE or De-embedding**



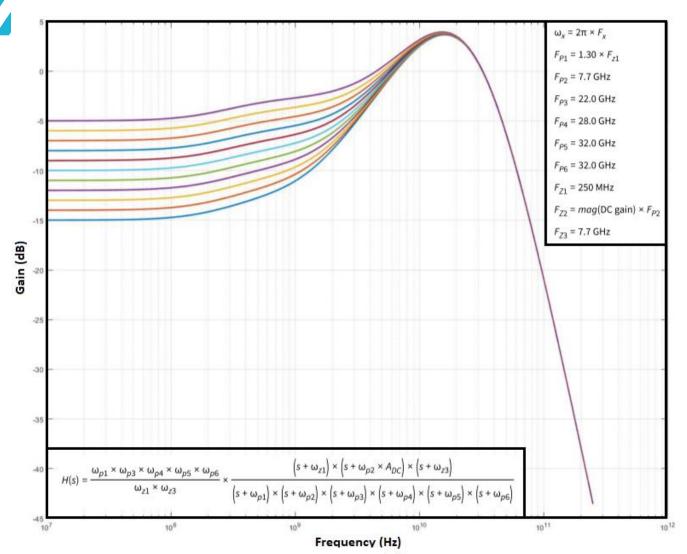
Measurement	Pattern	De-embedding	CTLE
Uncorrelated Jitter	2.5 to 16 GT/s: Compliance 32 & 64 GT/s: Jitter pattern (1010)	2.5 to 8 GT/s 16 GT/s (de-embed or CTLE) – pick lowest jitter result	16 GT/s (-12dB) 32 & 64 GT/s (-5 to -15dB)
Pulse Width Jitter	2.5 to 16 GT/s: Compliance 32 & 64 GT/s: Jitter pattern (1010)	2.5 to 8 GT/s 16 GT/s (de-embed or CTLE) – pick lowest jitter result	16 GT/s (-12dB) 32 & 64 GT/s (-5 to -15dB)
Data Dependent Jitter	Compliance Pattern	Yes	No
SNDR	64 GT/s Compliance Pattern	No	No
RLM (level separation)	64 GT/s Compliance Pattern	No	No
PS21 (package loss)	Compliance Pattern	Yes	No
EIEOS	FS (P10/Q10 Compliance Pattern) RS (P1/Q4 Compliance Pattern)	Yes	No
AC Common Mode	Compliance Pattern	No	No
Voltage Swing	Compliance Pattern	No	No

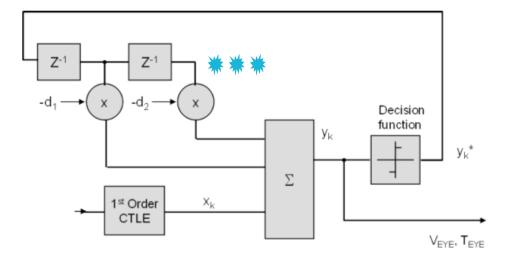


## PCIe 6.0 Rx Validation

## Receiver Equalization Updates





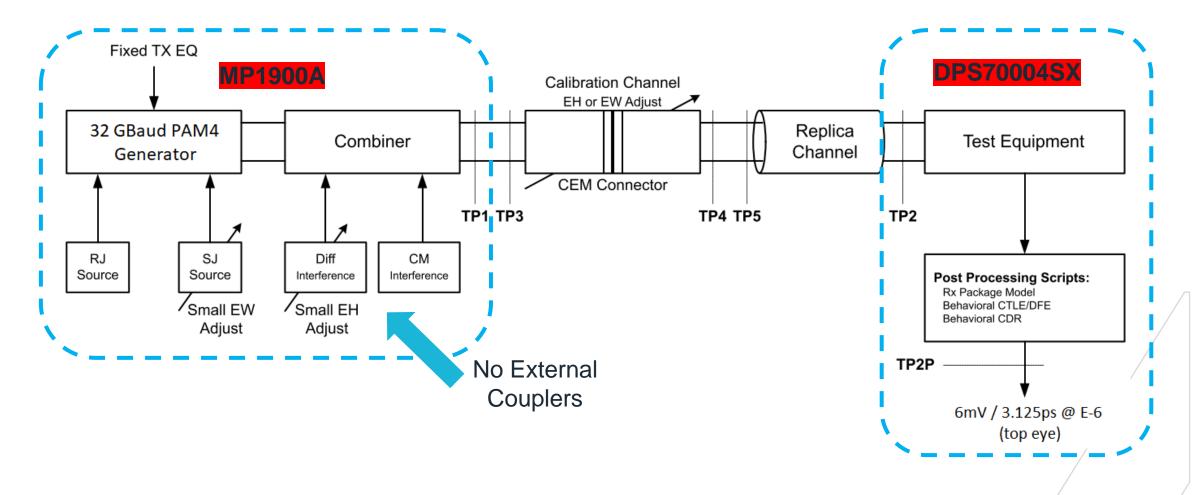


- **CTLE**: 64 GT/s
  - o 6 Poles & 3 Zeros
  - o DC Gain: -5dB to -15dB (1dB steps)
- **DFE**: 64 GT/s
  - o 16 taps (-d1, -d2, ..., -d16)☀
  - DFE taps constrained to min burst errors
  - o Empirical formula in spec







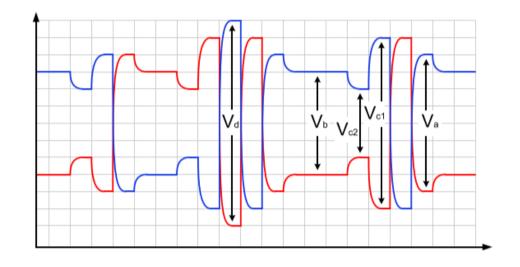




## **TP3 Calibration Updates**



Tx Coefficient Dependencies								
	C <sub>-2</sub>	C <sub>-1</sub>	C <sub>+1</sub>					
Pre-shoot 2	Yes	Yes	<mark>Yes</mark>					
Pre-shoot 1	No	Yes	No					
De-emphasis	No	No	Yes					



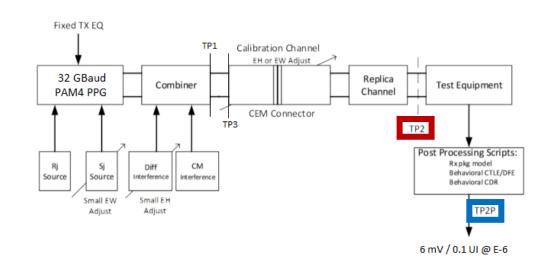
- TP3 include V<sub>peak-peak</sub>, AC/DC Balance, Tx EQ, Rj, & Sj
- Cable (TP1 to TP3) excluded from 30 to 33 dB channel loss
- Tx Equalization: C<sub>-2</sub> depends on C<sub>-1</sub> & C<sub>+1</sub>
- Rj (250 fs) & Sj (1 to 3 ps) Calibration with 52 UI pattern & noise compensation
- Sj Multi-tone Calibration 33 KHz (SSC) & 400 KHz to 100 MHz



## **TP2 Calibration Updates**



- DMI (2.1 GHz): 5 to 25 mV @ TP2
  - Seasim injects at TP2P
  - BERT calibration at TP2 (no CTLE or package)
  - Conversion factor required
- Seasim SNDR (input) noise compensation
- Channel Loss: 30 to 33 dB (TP3 to TP2P)
- Step Response includes Tx EQ
- Stress
  - Sj: 1 to 3 ps
  - Rj: 250 fs



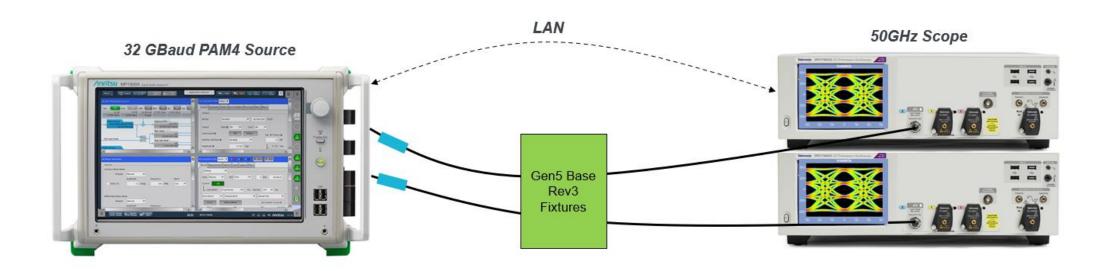
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CTLE Curve DC Gain	-15	-14	-13	-1	2 -11	-10	-9	-8	-7	-6	-5	-4	-3	-2
CTLE Loss @ 2.1 GHz	-7.611	-7.288	-6.912	-6.48	-5.994	-5.449	-4.848	-4.193	-3.488	-2.737	-1.946	-1.120	-0.263	0.620
CTLE Conversion Factor	2.402	2.314	2.216	2.10	9 1.994	1.873	1.747	1.621	1.494	1.370	1.251	1.138	1.031	0.931
RC Package Rev0p7 Conversion Factor	1.241	1.241	1.241	1.24	1.241	1.241	1.241	1.241	1.241	1.241	1.241	1.241	1.241	1.241
NRC Package Rev0p7 Conversion Factor	1.105	1.105	1.105	1.10	5 1.105	1.105	1.105	1.105	1.105	1.105	1.105	1.105	1.105	1.105
DMSI Conversion Factor RC Package	2.982	2.873	2.751	2.61	.8 2.475	2.325	2.169	2.012	1.855	1.701	1.553	1.412	1.280	1.156
DMSI Conversion Factor NRC Package	2.654	2.557	2.449	2.33	2.203	2.069	1.931	1.791	1.651	1.514	1.383	1.257	1.139	1.029

- Sassim adaptation



## PAM4 Stressed Eye Example





- Source: PAM4 PPG
  - 64 GT/s (32 GBaud PAM4) Step Response
  - Tx EQ Pre Cursor 1 & 2 optimized
- Channel: 33.1dB @ 16GHz
  - Gen5 Base Rx Fixtures

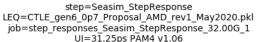
- Scope: Real Time Scope (50 GHz)
  - 50 GHz with 200 GS/s
  - Root Complex package embedded
- Post Processing: Seasim 1.0.6
  - CTLE/DFE
  - Sj, Rj, & Crosstalk (DMI)

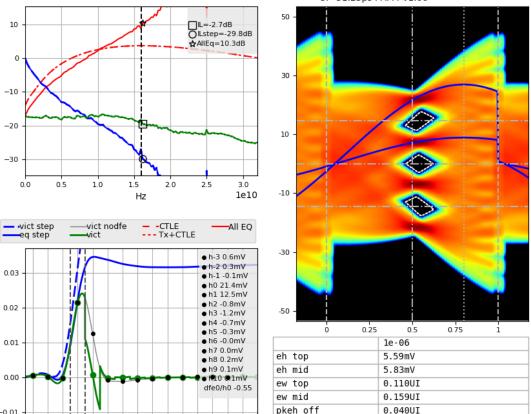




#### Successful 64 GT/s Rx Calibration

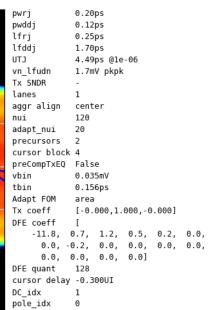






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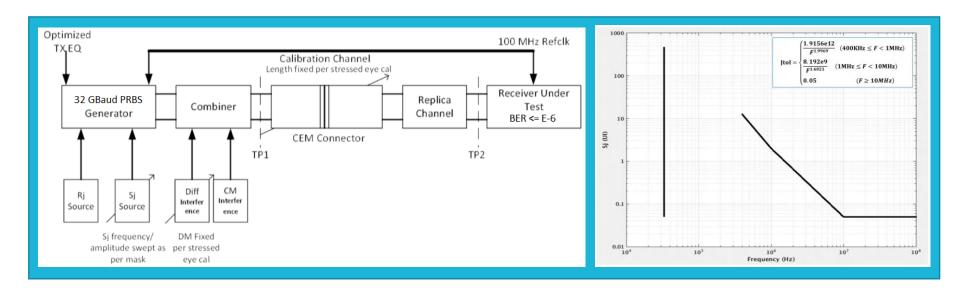
14.5mV



- ✓ Channel Loss: 33.1 dB
- ✓ Tx Preset: Q8
- ✓ Rj: 250 fs
- ✓ Sj: 1.7 ps
- ✓ DMI: 4.8 mV @ TP2







- Modified Compliance pattern
  - SSC disabled on data signal
- Tx Eq may be optimized for Rx
- Independently swept 33 KHz tone
  - Common Clock swept to 1ns
  - SRIS swept to 15ns

- JTOL mask 400 KHz and 100 MHz
- Additional 210 MHz tone (Sj > 0.05UI)
- FBER target of E-6
  - Without accounting for burst errors

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## Tektronix PCIe 6.0 Solutions

## **Tektronix PCI Express 6.0 Solution**



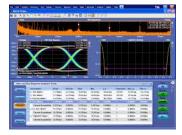




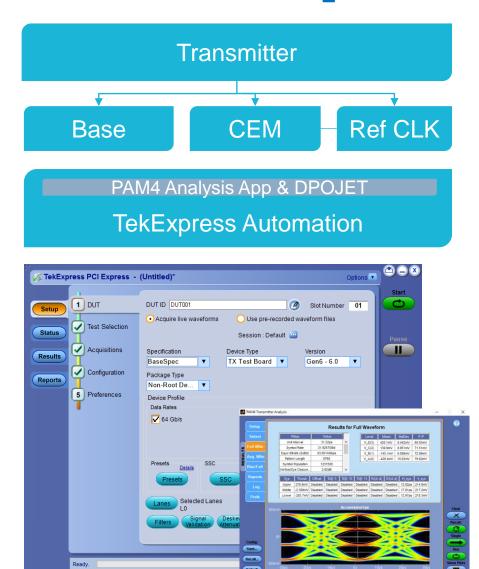
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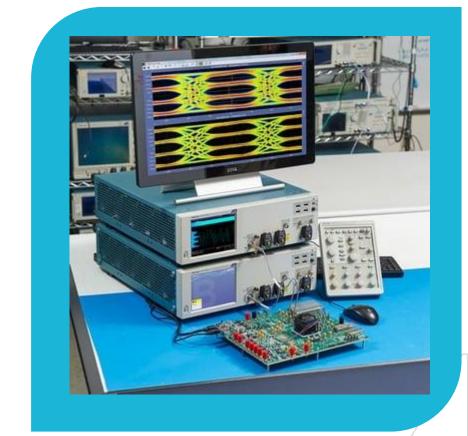


#### DPOJET Plugin for Debug



Tektronix Innovative Gen6 DSP Tools







PCIe Gen5 CEM Fixtures Enable Early Gen6 Signal Access



# Tektronix TMT4 (Margin Tester)

### **Tektronix TMT4 Margin Tester**





#### Simple setup and configuration

minimizes the need for senior engineers to perform margin testing

#### **Targeted Tx/Rx capability**

to capture high-level design issues with PCIe Gen 3 and Gen 4 communication technologies on both ends of the link in a single box

#### **Multi-lane testing**

reduces testing times for preliminary link health evaluation of link health and gain insights into potential design margins issues

#### **Margin-specific testing solution**

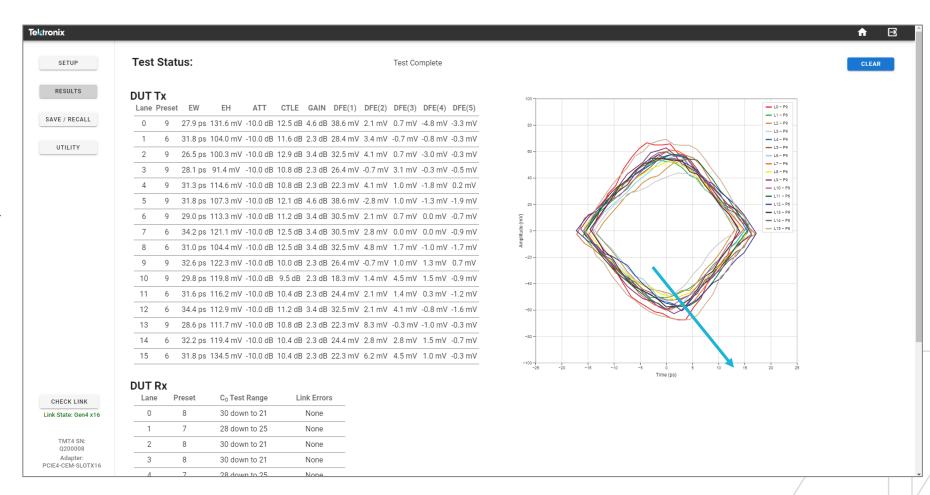
to assist in more frequent testing of PCIe Gen 3 and Gen 4 devices in development to build confidence in validation and compliance



#### TMT4 Margin Tester Quick Scan – Tx and Rx



- 1 DUT and Margin
  Tester train naturally
  and negotiate presets
  for Tx test
  - Display eye diagram & link training parameters
- 2 DUT and Margin
  Tester train naturally
  and negotiate presets
  for Rx Test
  - Display outputs of Rx test range and link errors by lane/preset combination

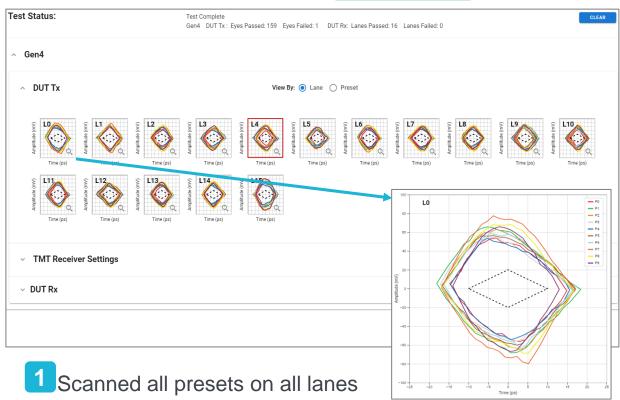


Est. Test Time for Gen4 x16 DUTs: ~2 minutes

#### TMT4 Margin Tester Custom Scan – Tx Eye Diagrams

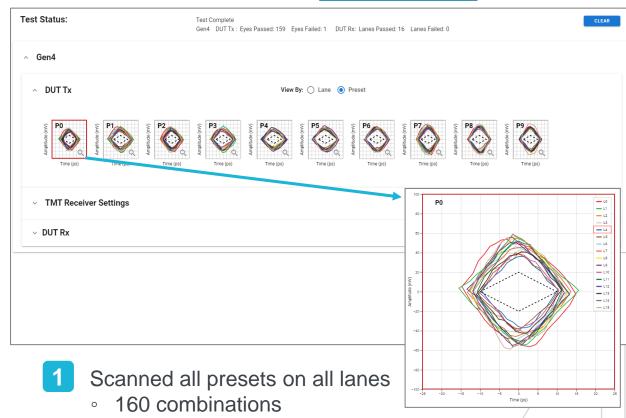


#### **Presets Plotted Per Lane**



- - 160 combinations
- All presets plotted together for each lane
- Very clear that there are lane to lane variations

#### **Lanes Plotted Per Preset**



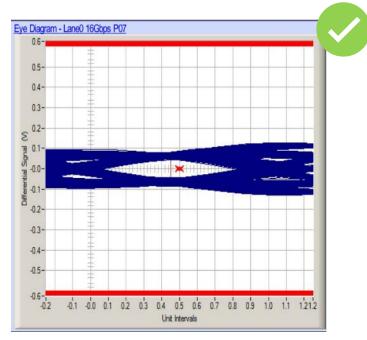
- All lanes plotted together for each <u>preset</u>
- Alternative view makes the lane-to-lane variations even clearer

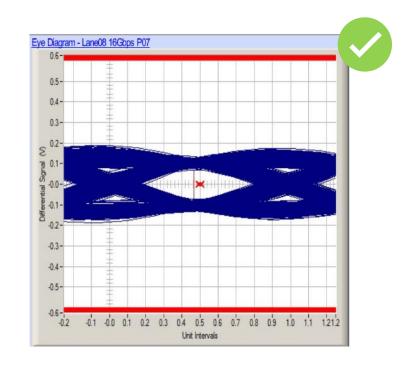
#### TekExpress Results – Gen 4 Re-Driver Design

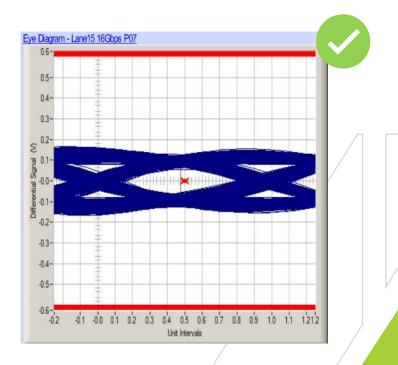


A motherboard manufacturer was attempting to resolve an issue they were seeing with their re-driver gain setup.

They had used the reference design from their silicon vendor and were seeing passing results using Tektronix's TekExpress software and oscilloscope as shown in the diagrams below for lanes 0, 8, and 15.







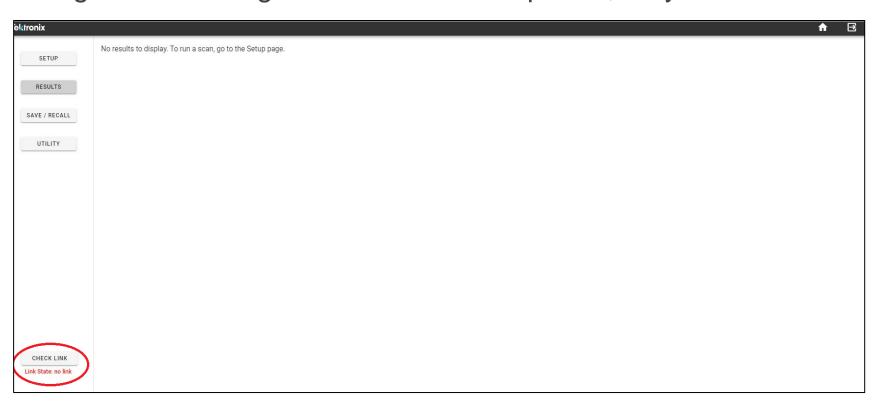


#### TMT4 Margin Tester Results – Scanning at Gen 4



Despite these passing results, the manufacturer has been experiencing interoperability issues that they were unable to root-cause.

Using a TMT4 Margin Tester at Gen 4 speeds, they also ran into interop issues:

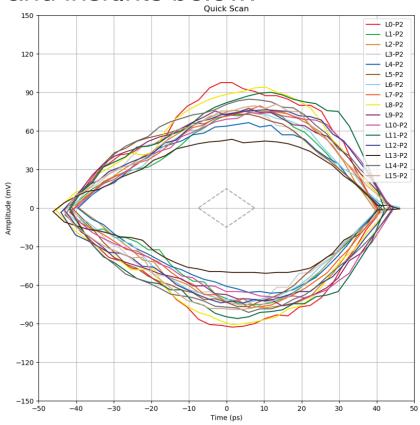




#### TMT4 Margin Tester Results – Gen 3



To try to draw insight into the interop issues, TMT4 Margin Tester was used to run a Quick Scan at Gen 3 speeds. TMT4 Margin Tester was able to link and test at Gen 3. Results and insights below:



lane	preset	eye_width	eye_height	att	vga	ctle	dfe1	dfe2	dfe3	dfe4	dfe5
0	2	82.6	190.3	-8.86	2.28	3.67	-2.04	0	7.21	1	1.71
1	2	82.3	150.3	-8.86	1.71	4.51	-12.19	8.25	5.15	0.25	0.68
2	2	79.9	153.0	-10	1.14	4.09	-6.1	0.68	2.06	1	0.85
3	2	81.5	152.3	-8.86	1.14	4.09	-10.16	1.37	1.03	-2	2.75
4	2	80.9	132.0	-7.72	1.14	3.25	4.06	4.12	2.4	1.5	3.78
5	2	83.0	149.6	-8.86	1.14	3.67	-2.04	3.43	3.78	2	3.26
6	2	89.3	150.3	-8.86	1.14	3.25	2.03	1.37	2.06	-0.25	3.26
7	2	82.2	156.4	-7.72	1.14	3.67	0	2.06	3.09	-0.25	2.92
8	2	88.5	182.1	-7.72	0	2	-18.29	-4.82	-1.04	-3.25	1.03
9	2	87.5	148.3	-5.43	0.57	2	-12.19	-4.13	-0.69	-3.25	-0.69
10	2	85.9	144.2	-7.72	0	2	-14.22	2.75	-1.38	-1.75	0.34
11	2	83.9	172.0	-7.72	0	2	-20.32	-3.44	-3.44	-1.25	-2.07
12	2	87.3	149.0	-7.72	0.57	2	-2.04	0.68	1.12	-2.25	1.2
13	2	92.3	103.6	-8.86	0	2	-2.04	3.43	-2.41	-1.5	-0.52
14	2	87.0	165.9	-7.72	0	2	-8.13	-2.75	-1.04	9.75	0.51
15	2	86.3	157.1	-7.72	0.57	2	-8.13	6.87	2.4	-1.25	1.03

Equalization of lanes 8-11 and eye height of lane 13 indicate potential issues with the back 8 lanes of the re-driver design

Lane 13 eye almost half the height of Lane 0 eye

Higher levels of DFE 1 equalization for lanes 8-11 compared to all other lanes



#### Conclusions



In just 5 minutes of testing, the user was able to identify that the problems with their re-driver setup likely lies in the back 8 lanes of their re-driver setup.

The TMT4 Margin Tester also replicated the interoperability issues that were seen at Gen 4 speeds, but, with a quick Gen 3 test, were able to identify lanes 8-11 and 13 as the primary lanes of interest for causing their interop issues at Gen 4 speeds.

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