

UCle vs. BoW: Your Essential Guide to Choosing the Right Chiplet Standard

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Agenda: Comparing UCle and BoW in a Case Study



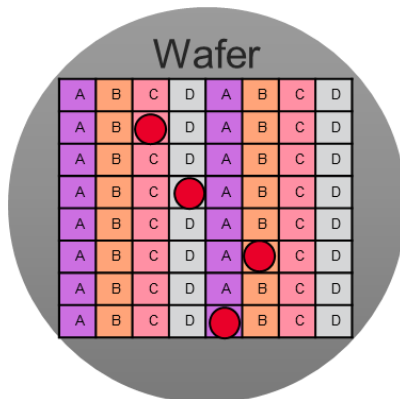
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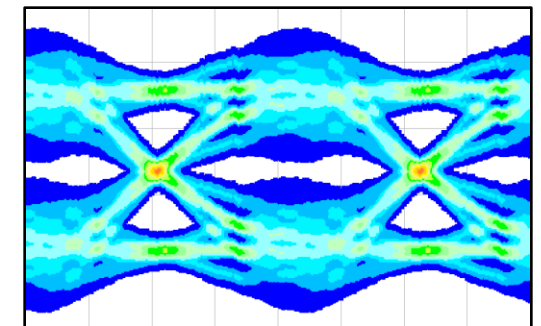
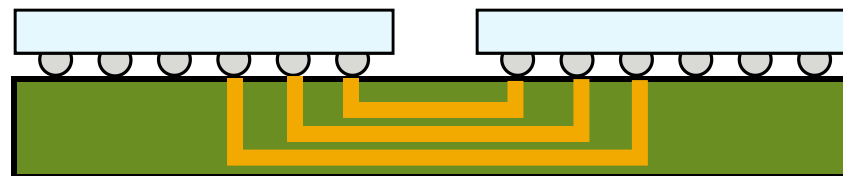
Comparison between UCle and BoW



The importance of signal integrity and EDA in the chiplet era

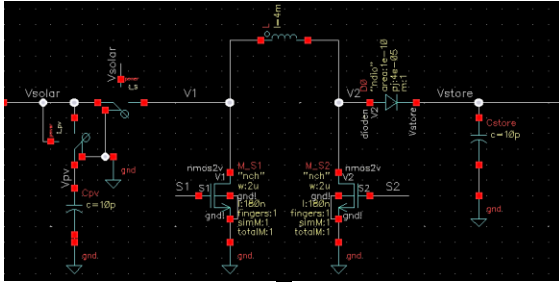


Example channel

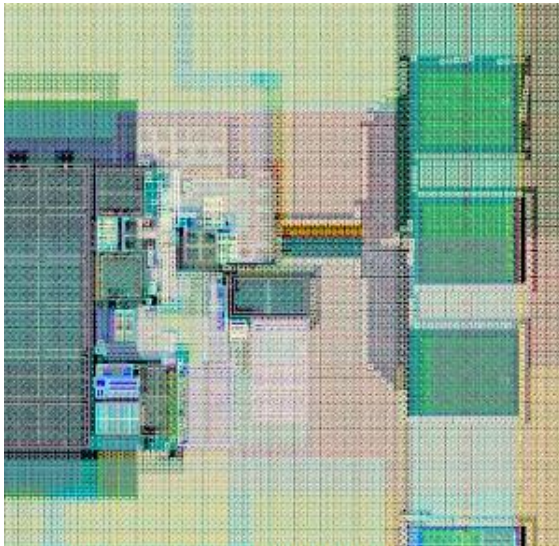


IC Design from the Schematic, Wafer to the Package

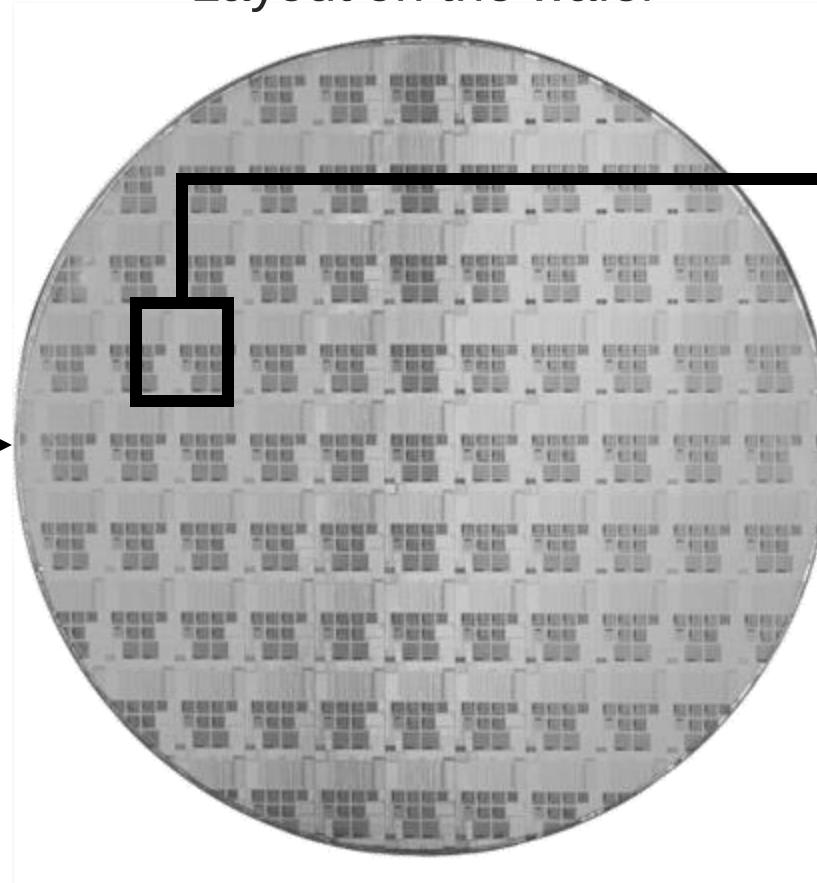
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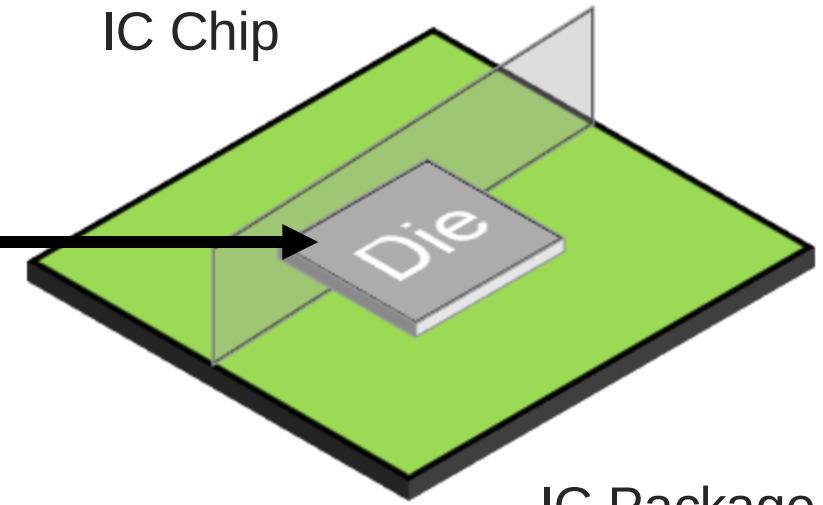
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Layout on the wafer

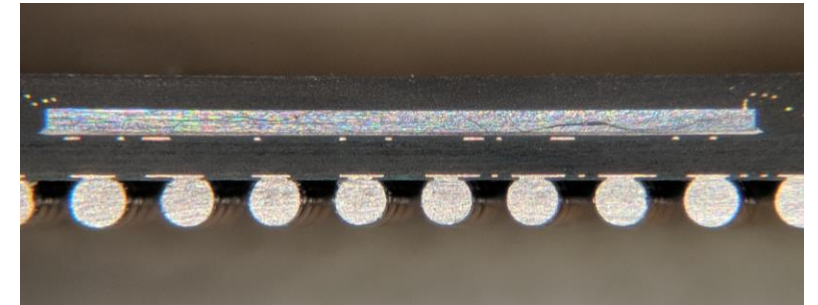


IC Chip



IC Package

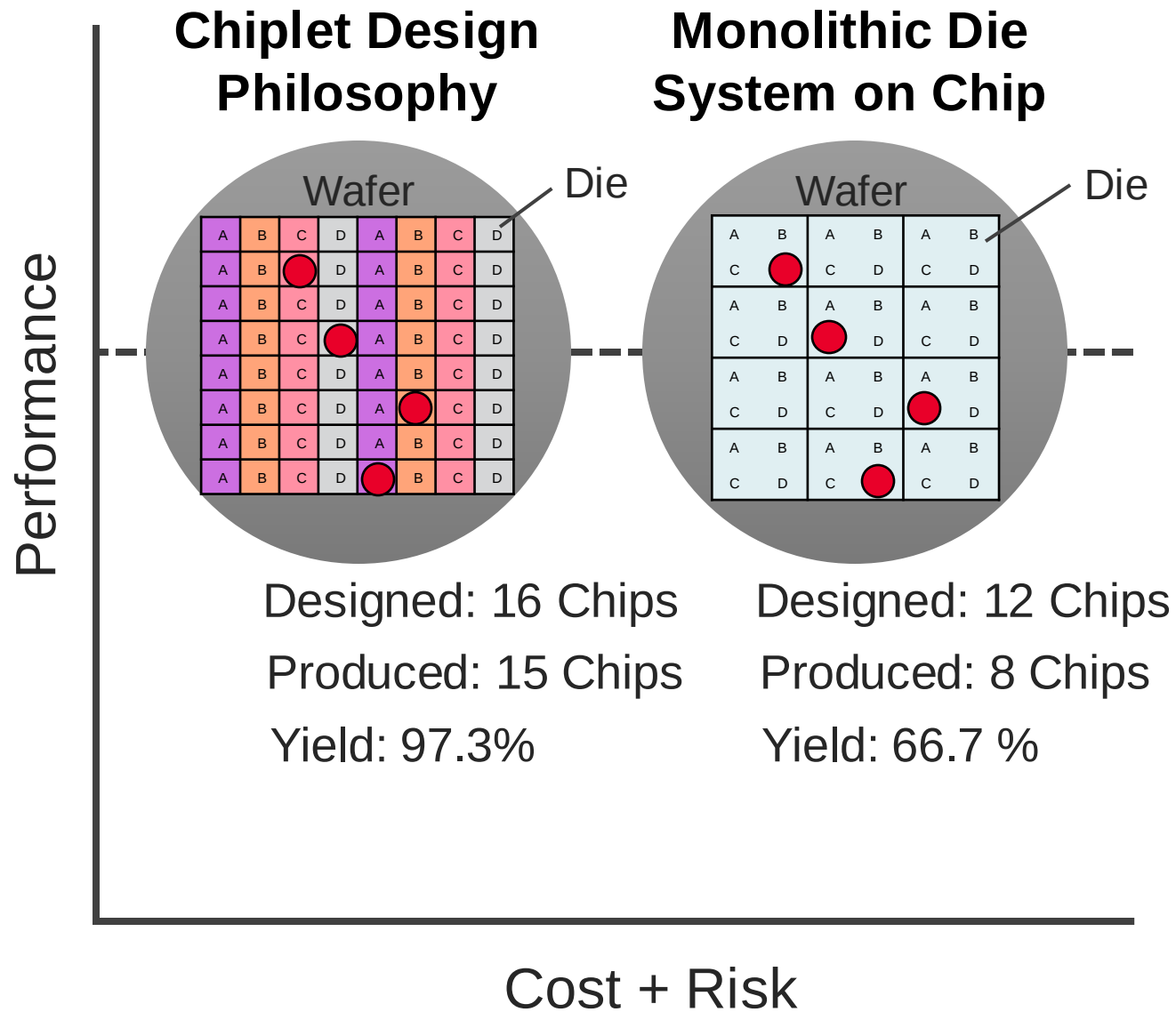
Cross-sectional view



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Chiplets Improve the Cost vs. Performance of Chip Production



Monolithic approach
4 different functions in one big die

Fn: A (CPU)	Fn: B (Memory)
Fn: C (I/O)	Fn: D (Power)

Chiplet approach
4 different dies for 4 different functions

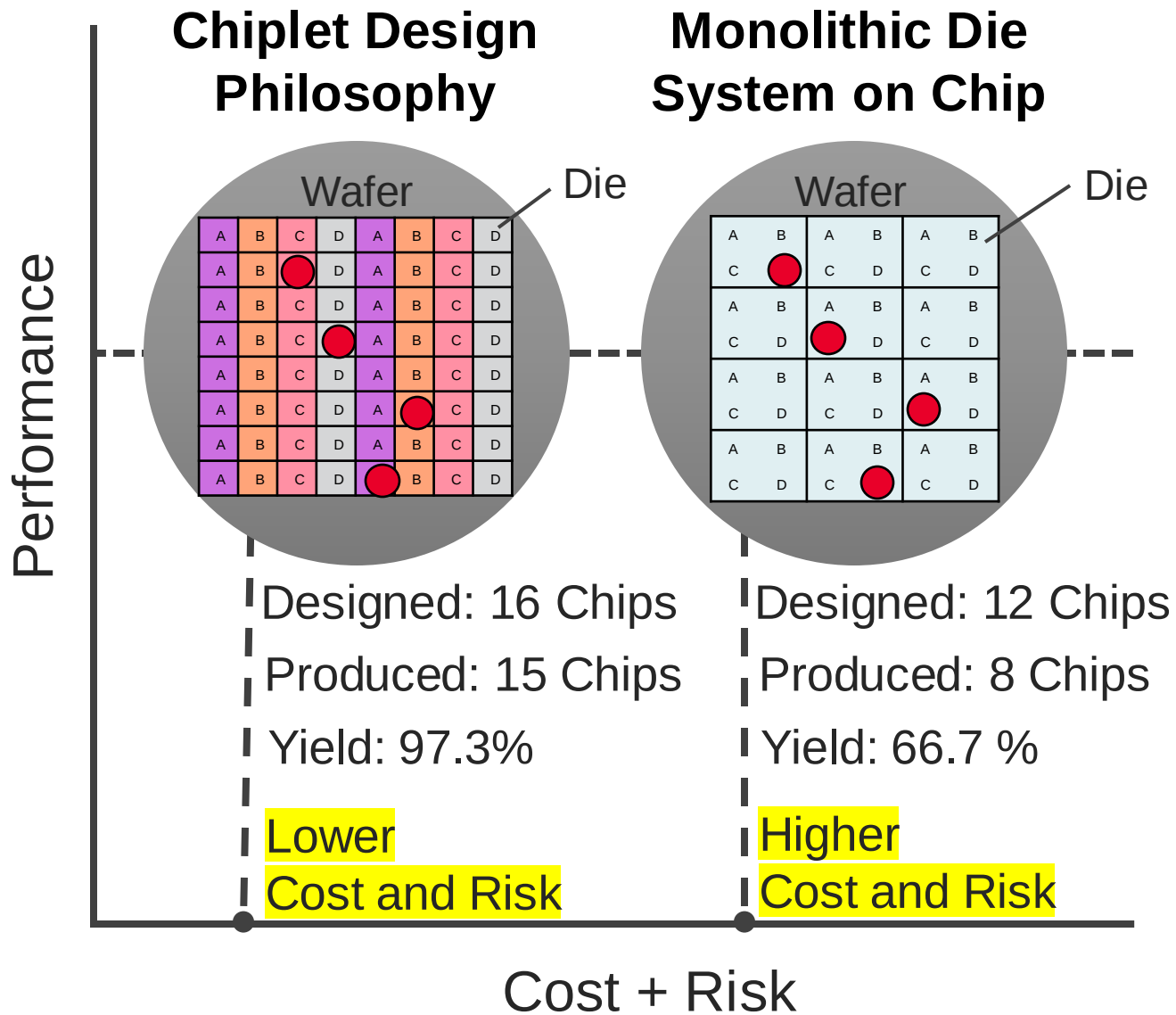
Die: A

Die: B

Die: C

Die: D

Chiplets Improve the Cost vs. Performance of Chip Production



A	B	A	B	A	B
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C	D	C	D	C	D
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A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D
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Monolithic Die SoC

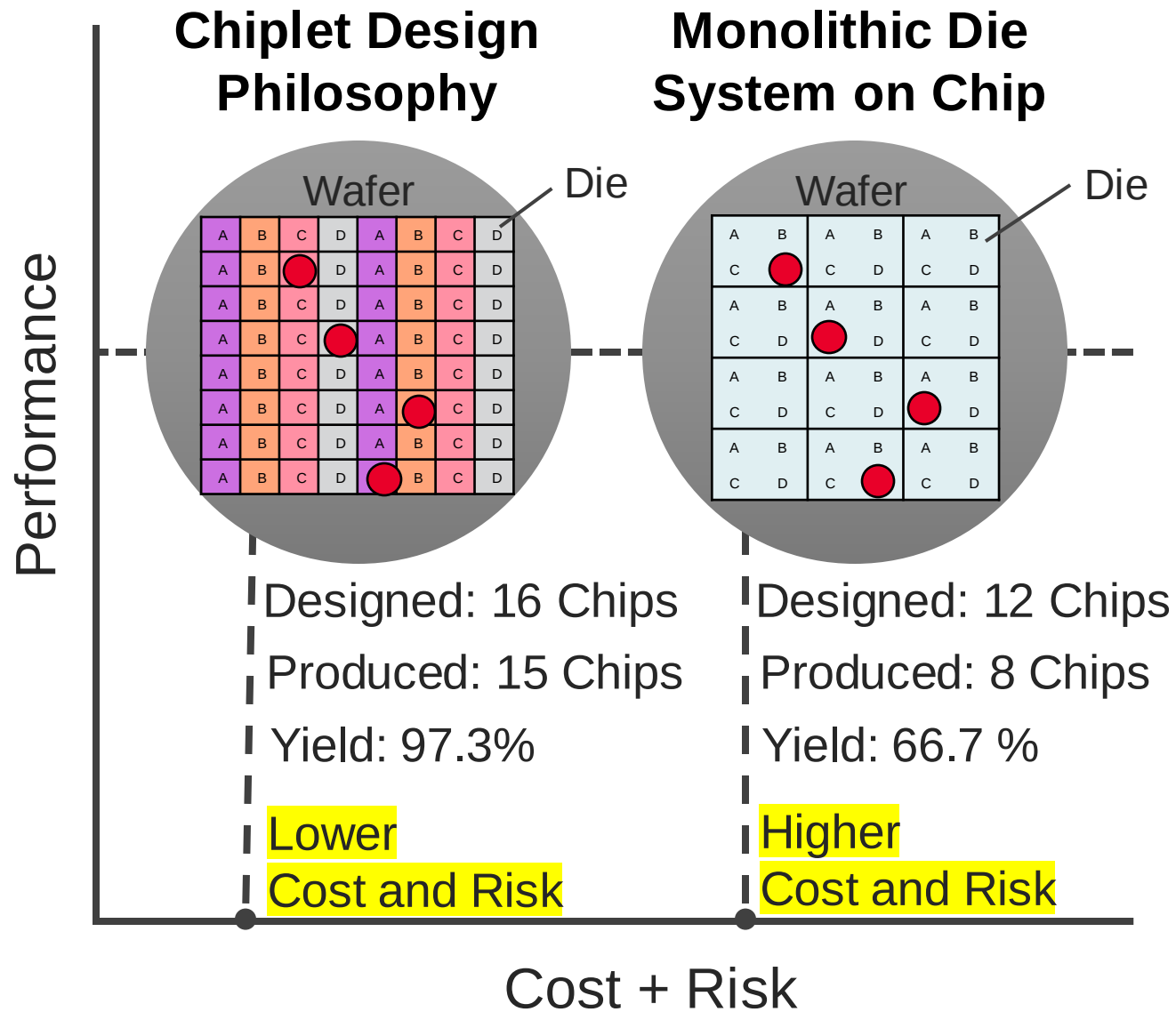
- Requires large mask (reticle) close to fabrication limit
- Has a lower yield
- Higher cost

Chiplet Design Philosophy

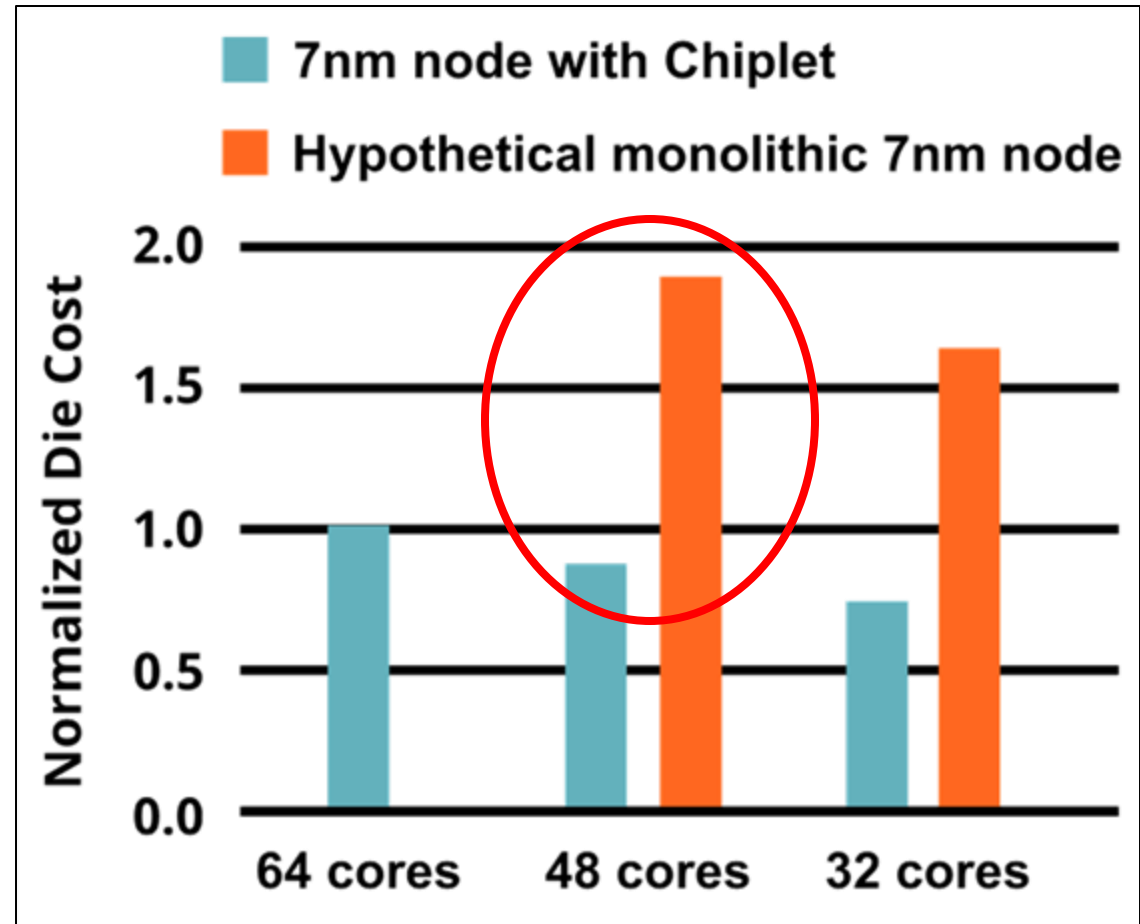
- Maximizes wafer usage
- Has a higher yield
- **Has a lower cost**
- **Easy to scale!**

The chiplet approach reduces cost, risk and improves the scaling ability.

Chiplets Improve the Cost vs. Performance of Chip Production

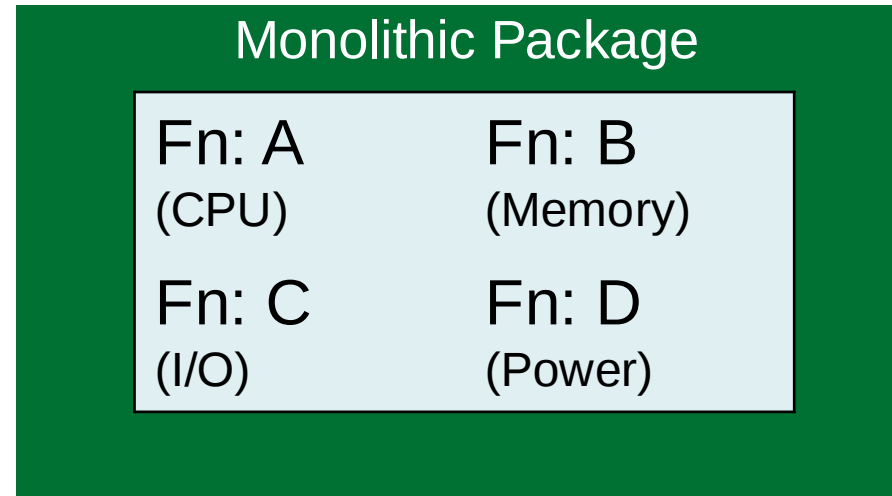
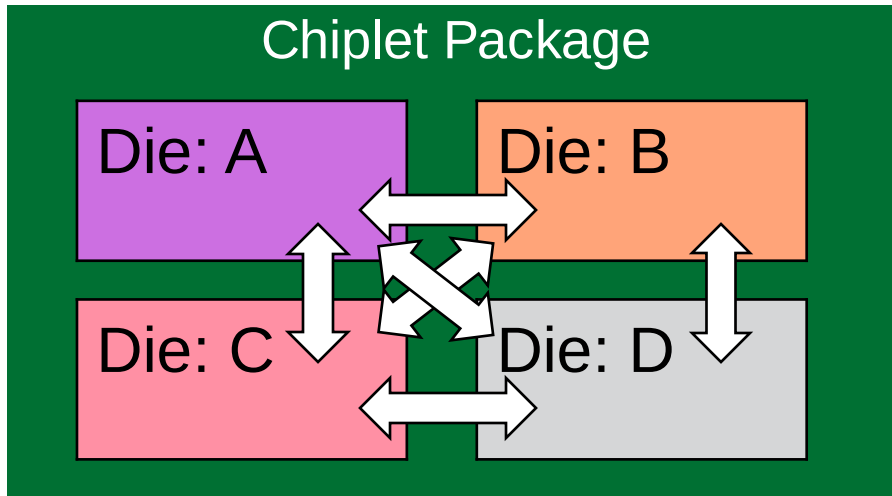


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Ref [1]

The Catch: Die-to-Die Communication is Important for Chiplets



The standards for the die-to-die interface between chiplets

- **UCle (Universal Chiplet Interconnect express)**
- **BoW (Bunch of Wires)**



Comparing UCle and BoW Standards

UCIe vs. BoW: One-word Review Comparison



Interoperability



Cost-efficiency

UCle vs. BoW: Top Level Features Comparison



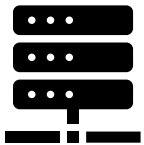
Category



Signal mapping priority

Bump map

Wire order



Data transmission

Serial – adjacent

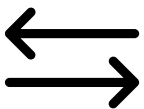
Parallel



Basic design unit

Module

Slice



Directionality

Unidirectional

Can be bi-directional

UCle vs. BoW: Key Attributes Comparisons for Applications

Ease of implementation

A higher score means it is easier to implement.

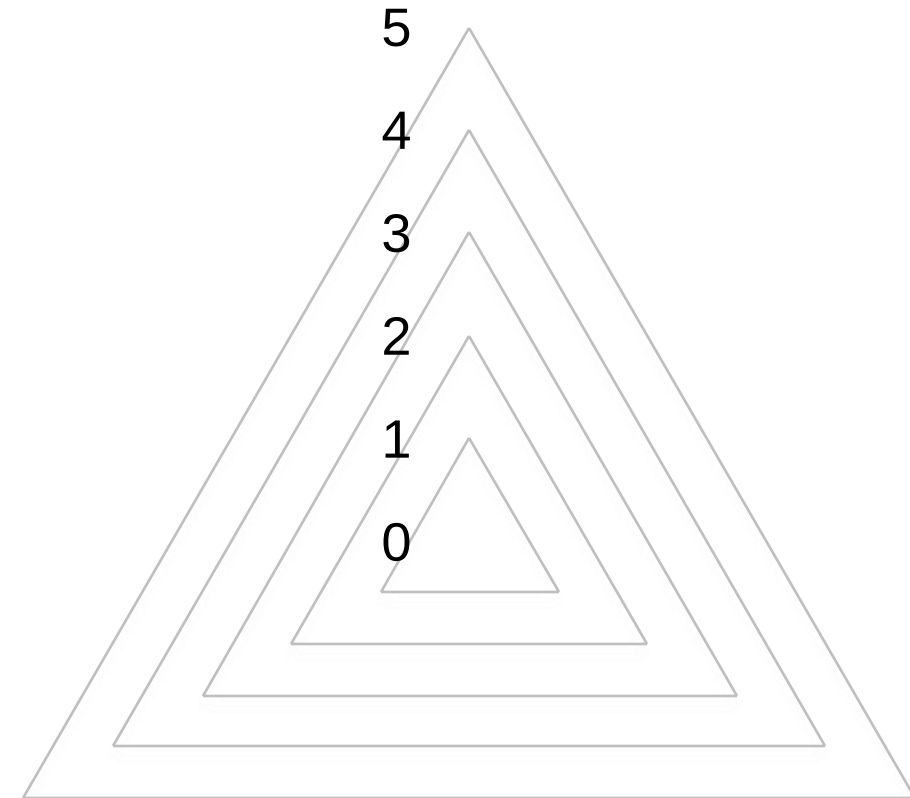
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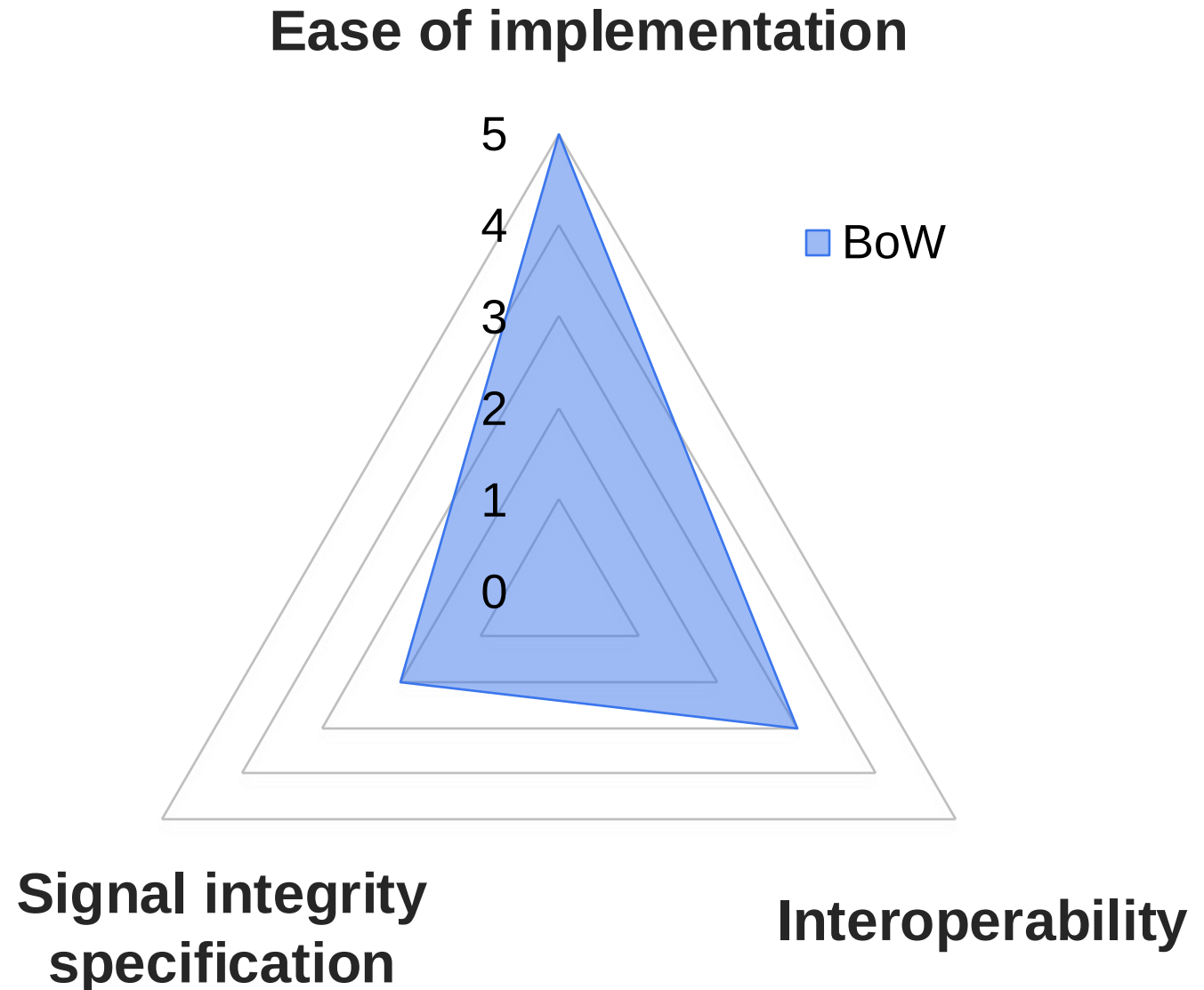
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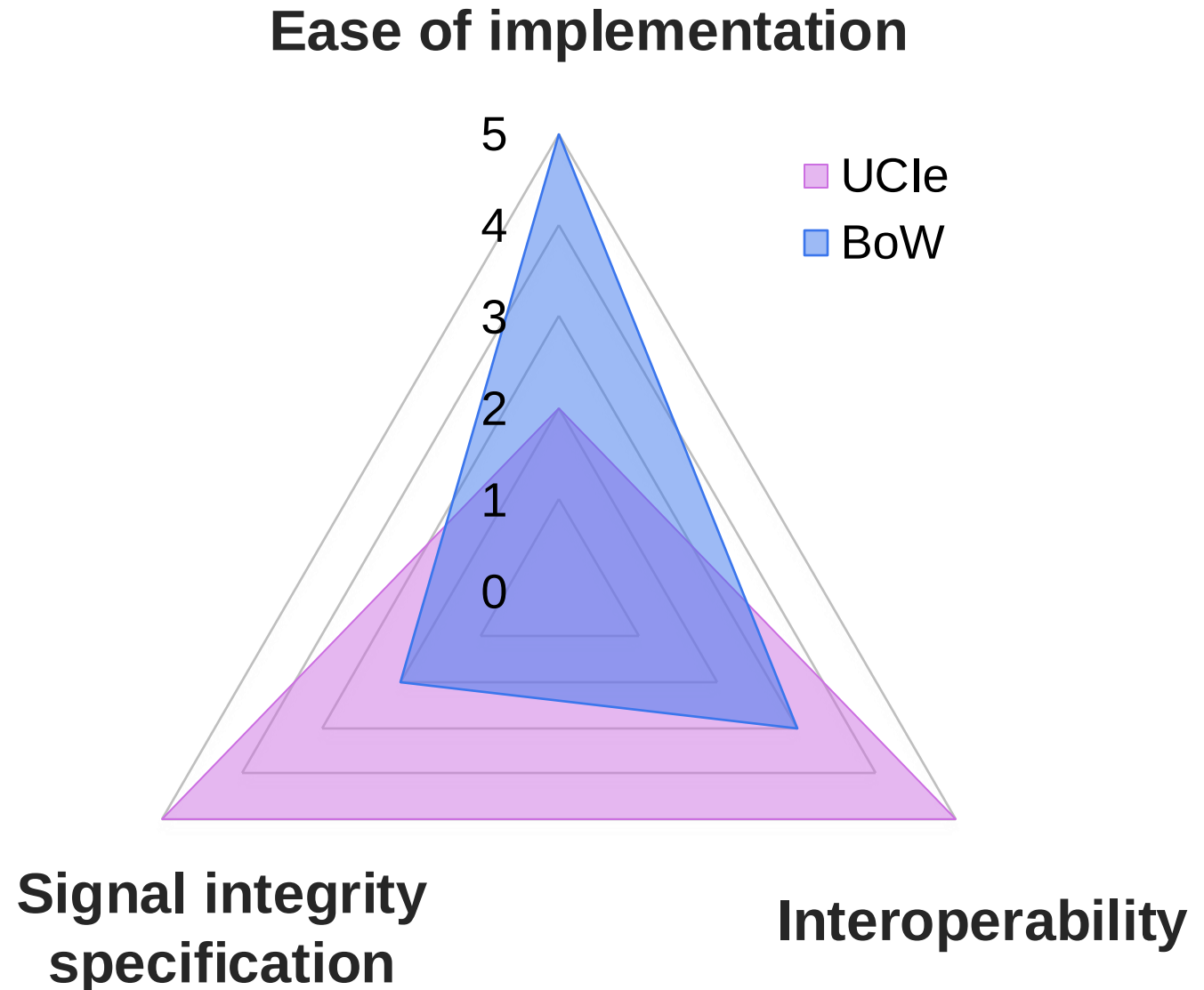
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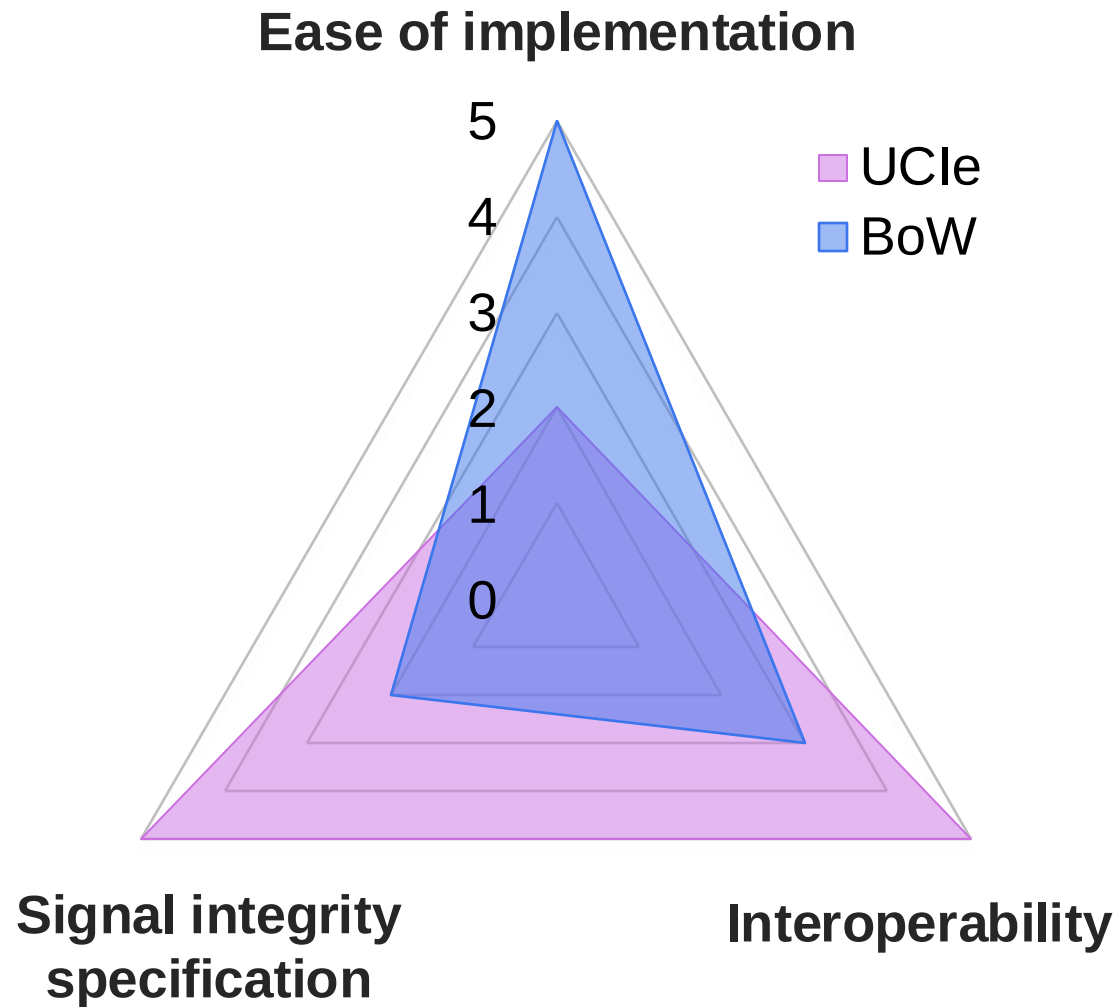
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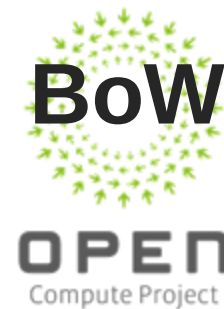
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UCIe vs. BoW: Application Implementation Selection



Create ultimate Plug-and-Play applications



Create low-cost applications with implementation flexibility

What Would the Standard Say (WWSS) to justify the radar chart

What Would the Standard Say?

Comparing UCle and BoW Standard with an Example Channel

UCle vs. BoW: Technical Comparison with a Case Study



Example channel



UCle data rates [2]:

4 GT/s	12 GT/s	24 GT/s
8 GT/s	16 GT/s	32 GT/s



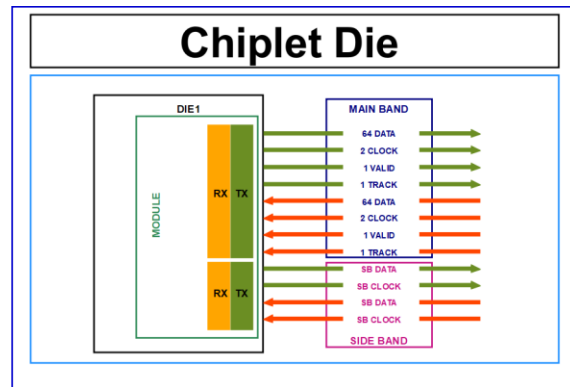
BoW wire bit rates [3]:

2 Gb/s	8 Gb/s	24 Gb/s
4 Gb/s	16 Gb/s	32 Gb/s

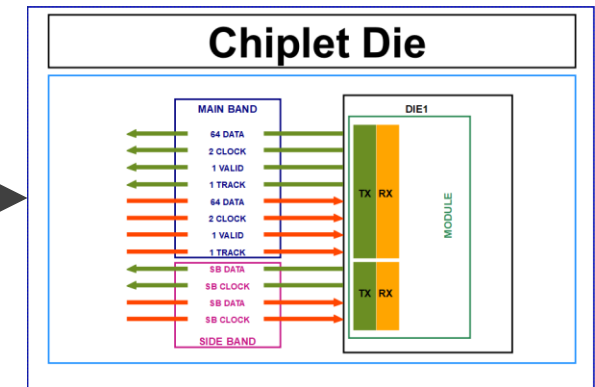
BoW Mode:
BoW-384

BoW has 2 Gb/s but not UCle

What Would the Standard Say: a Comparative Case Study

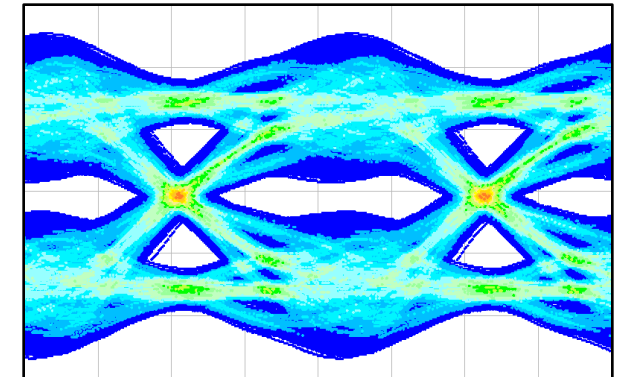


TxData6 RxData6
TxData7 RxData7
TxData8 RxData8

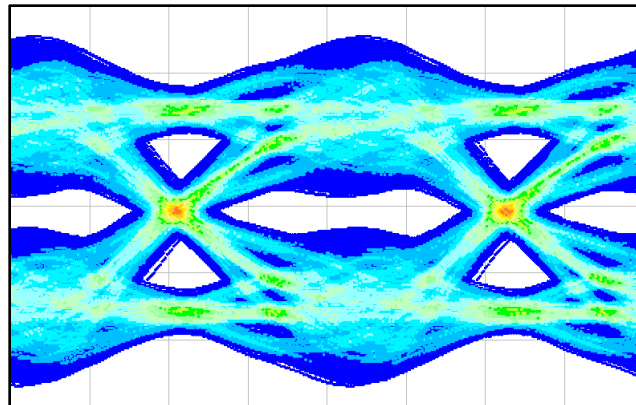
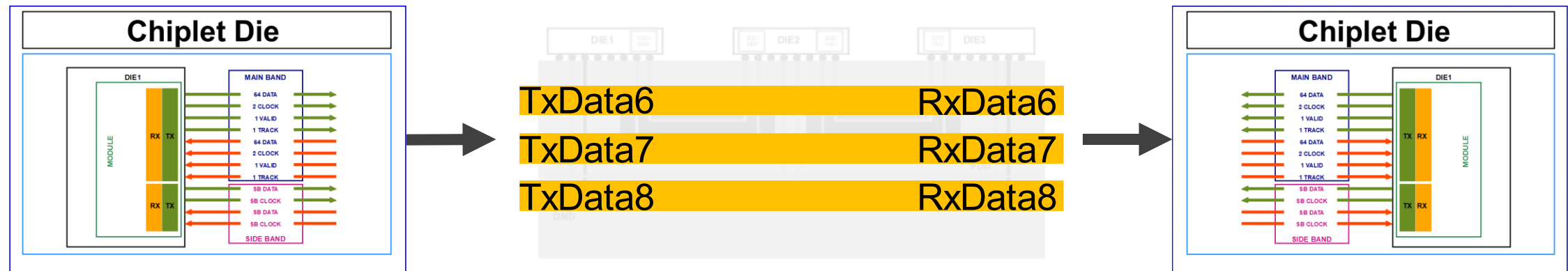


What Would the Standards Say:

- Voltage and timing margins
- Loss, and crosstalk level



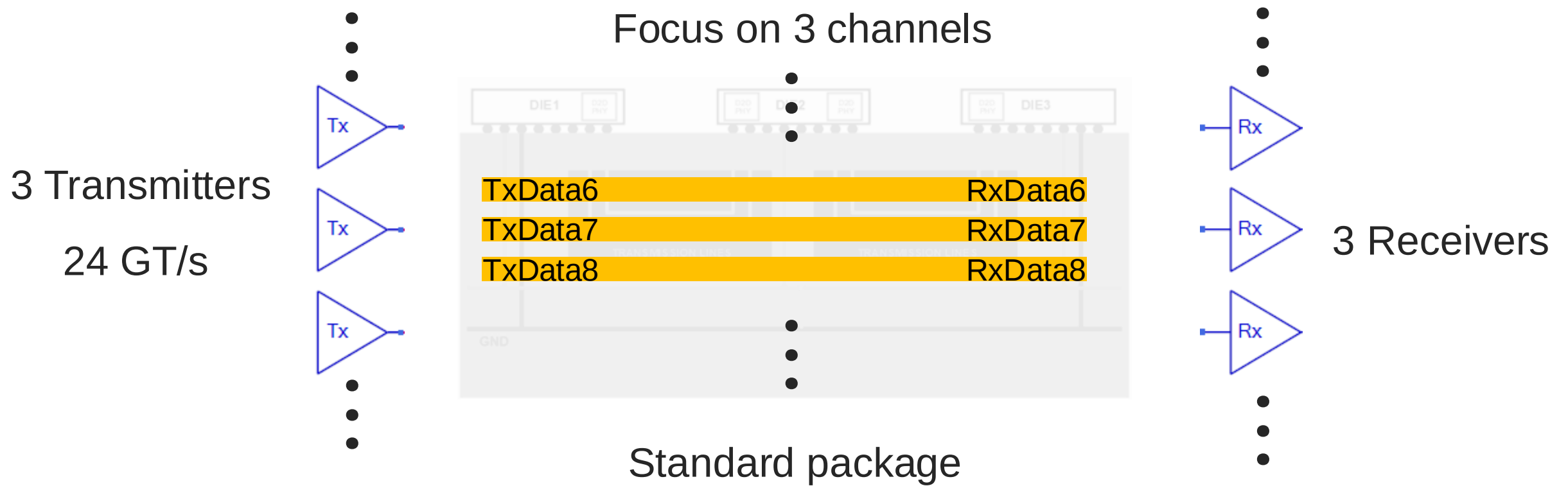
A Comparative Case Study to Gain Signal Integrity Insights



The impact on the eye diagram from

- Reflection
- Crosstalk
- Frequency-dependent loss

Focus on 3 Channels, 24 GT/s and Standard Package



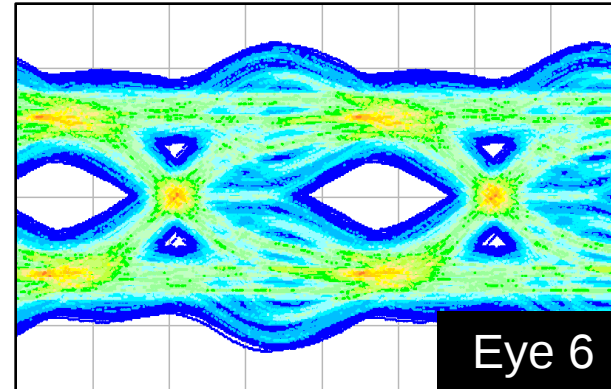
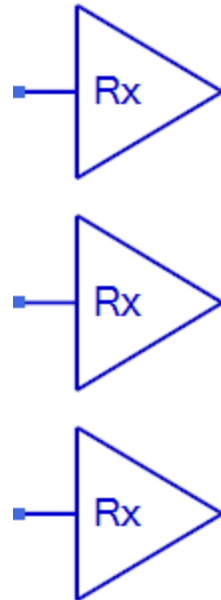
This study focuses on what would the standard say about the three channels in the middle of 16 data lines running at 24 GT/s.

Qualitative Assessment of the Eye Diagram Is Not Positive

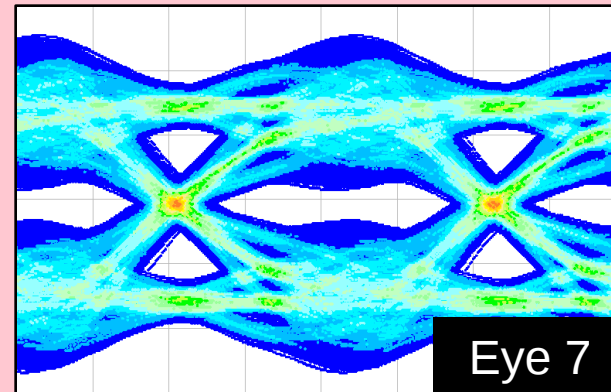
3 Transmitters
Standard package
24 GT/s



3 Receivers
No EQ
Terminated

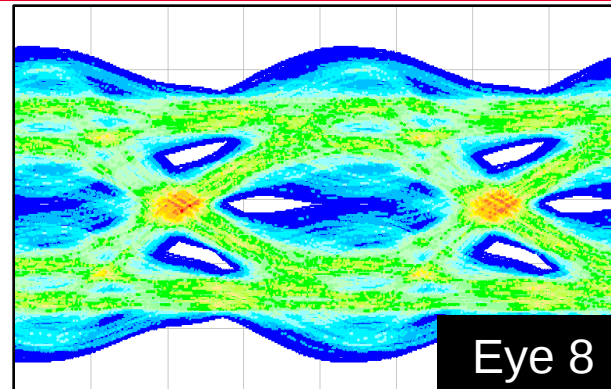


Not good



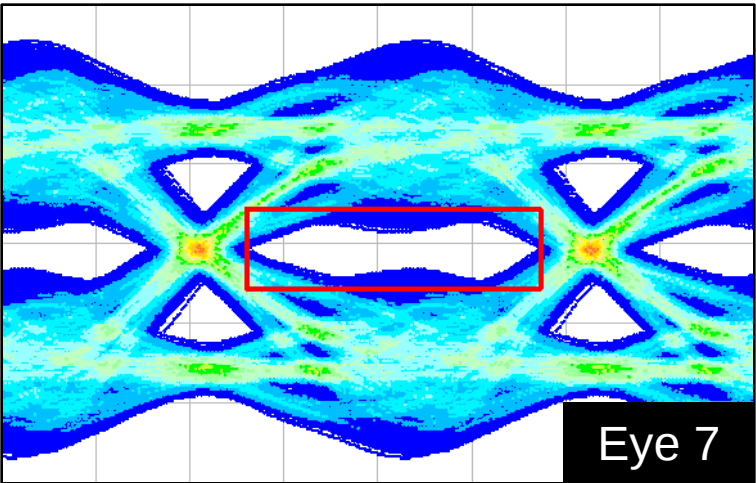
Bad

Let's ask the standards



Very bad

WWSS-Eye: Standards with Different Descriptions of the Eye



Data Rate (GT/s)	Eye Height (mV)	Eye Width (UI)
4, 8, 12, 16 ^{1, 3}	40	0.75
24, 32 ^{1,2,3}	40	0.65

1. Rectangular mask.
 2. With equalization enabled.
 3. Based on minimum Tx swing specification.
- [2] Table 5-10

24 GT/s

TxData6

RxData6

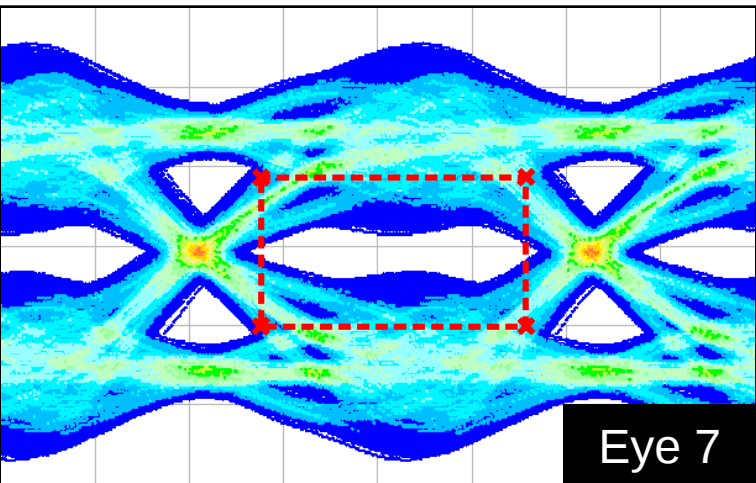
TxData7

RxData7

TxData8

RxData8

Standard package

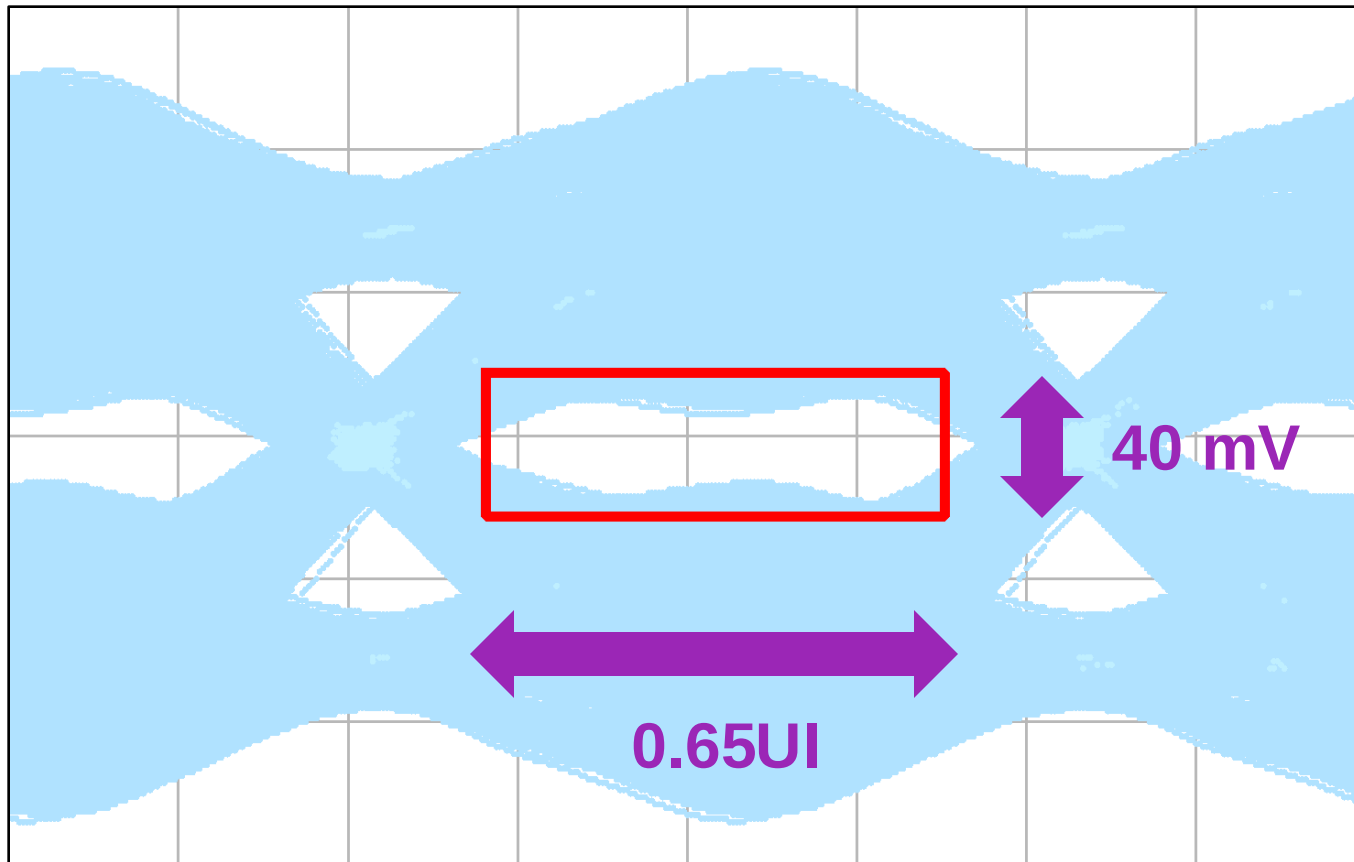


BoW Mode	$V_{err, tot, RX}$ (mV)	$t_{err, tot, RX}$ (T_{bit})
BoW-384	75	32.5%

- $V_{err, tot, RX}$:
Maximum total required Rx voltage margin
- $t_{err, tot, RX}$:
Maximum total Rx timing error
- [3] Table 15

It was easier to find the eye height and width from UCle.

WWSS-Eye: UCle and Bow Have Different Margin Requirements

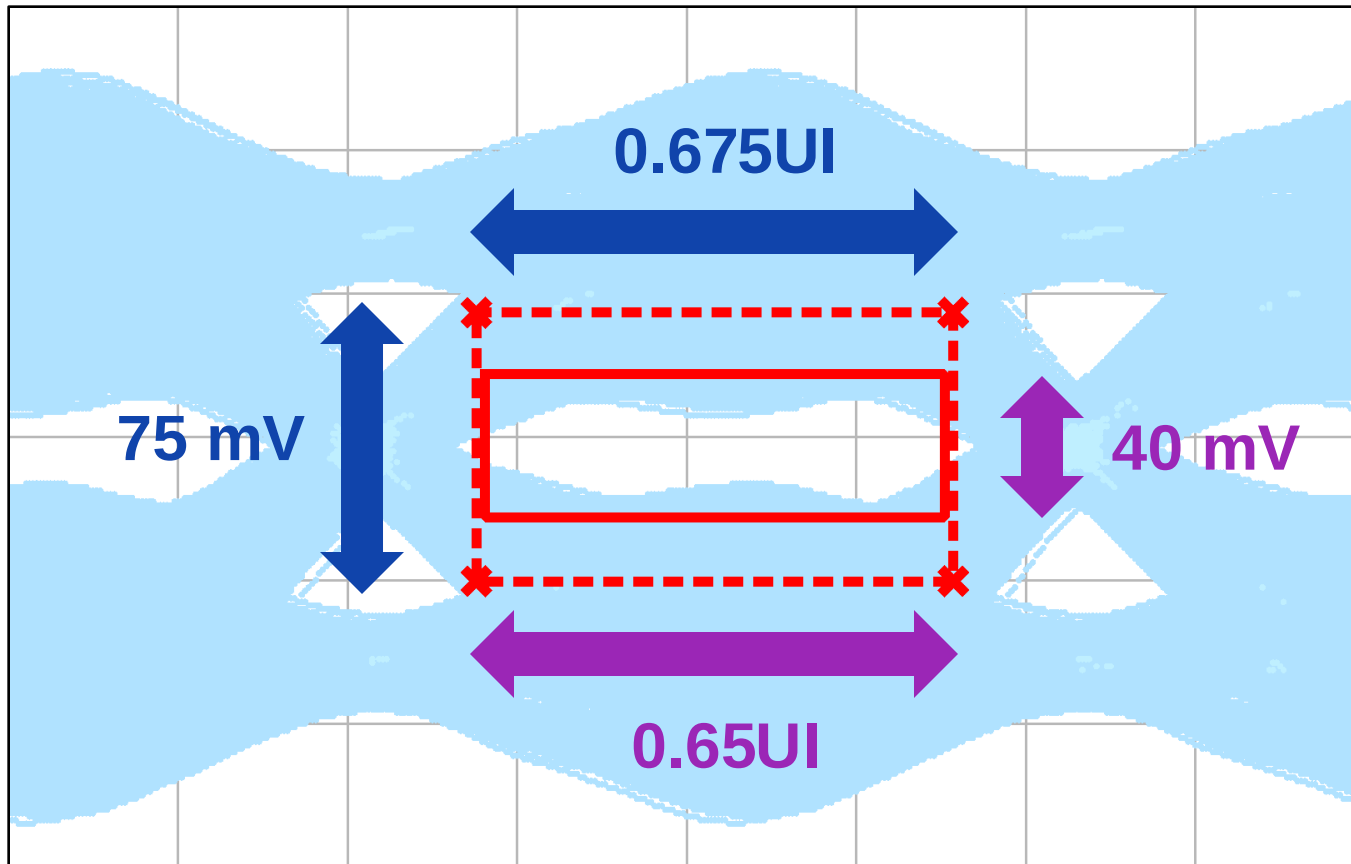


UCle™
Universal Chiplet
Interconnect Express



Standard package
24 GT/s

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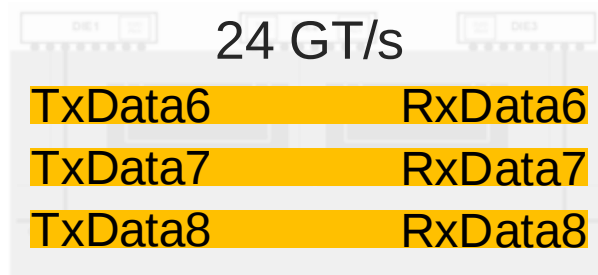
BoW
OPEN
Compute Project

Standard package
24 GT/s

BoW requires more voltage margins and slightly more timing margin.

WWSS-Loss: Evaluate Your Channel's Loss with the Standards

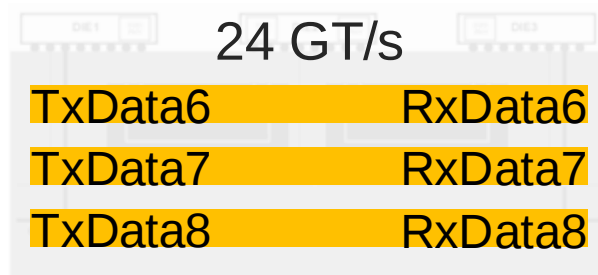
[2] Section 5.7.1



Standard package

Data Rate (GT/s)	4, 8	12, 16	24, 32
VTF Loss (dB)	$L(0) > -4.5$ $L(f_N) > -7.5$	$L(0) > -4.5$ $L(f_N) > -6.5$	$L(0) > -4.5$ $L(f_N) > -7.5$

- f_N = Nyquist frequency
- Voltage Transfer Function for 4 GT/s and 8 GT/s (Tx: 30 ohm / 0.3pF; Rx: 50 ohm / 0.3pF)
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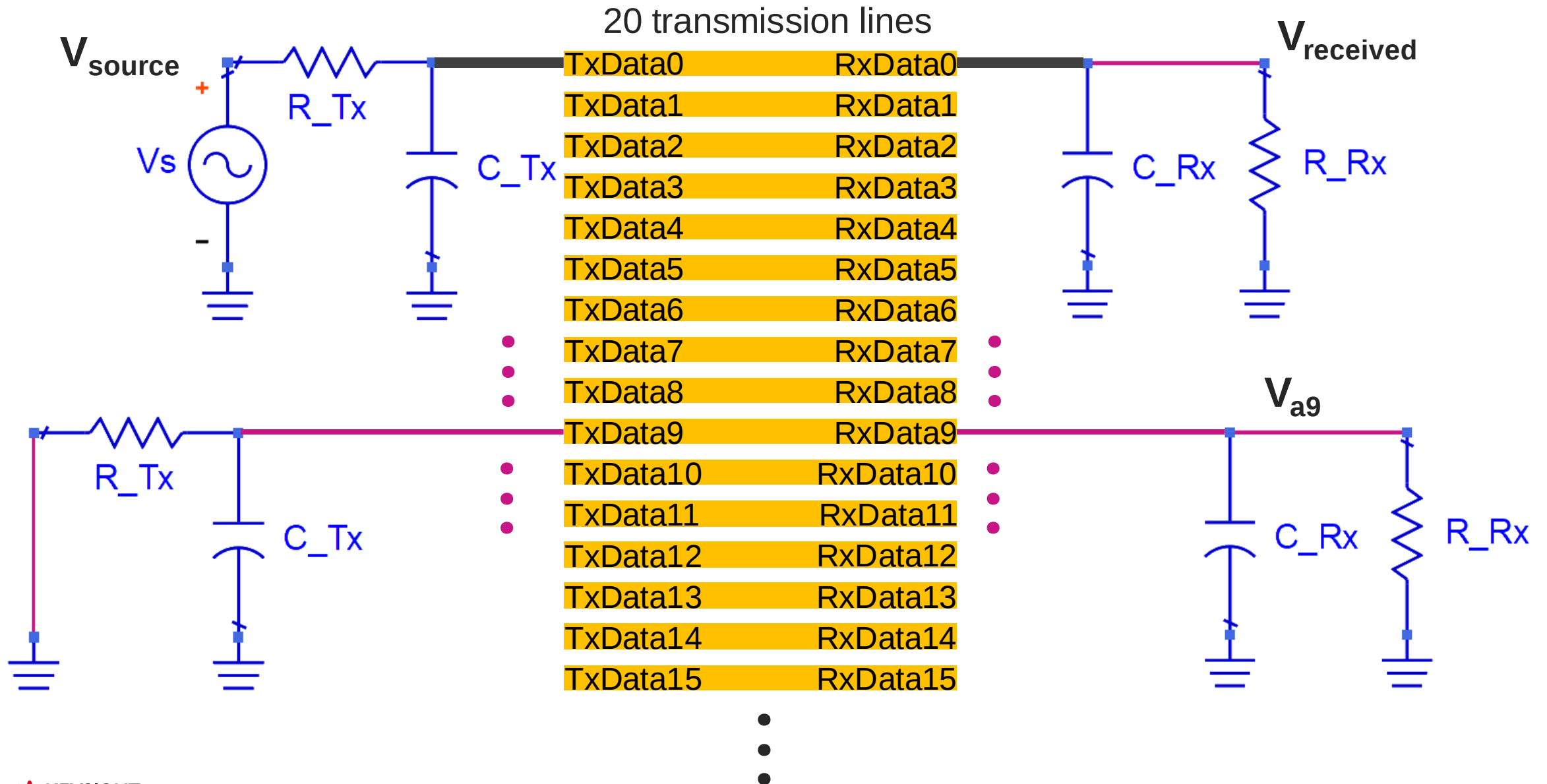
[3] Section 12

BoW does not place any direct requirements on characteristics such as channel loss or crosstalk.

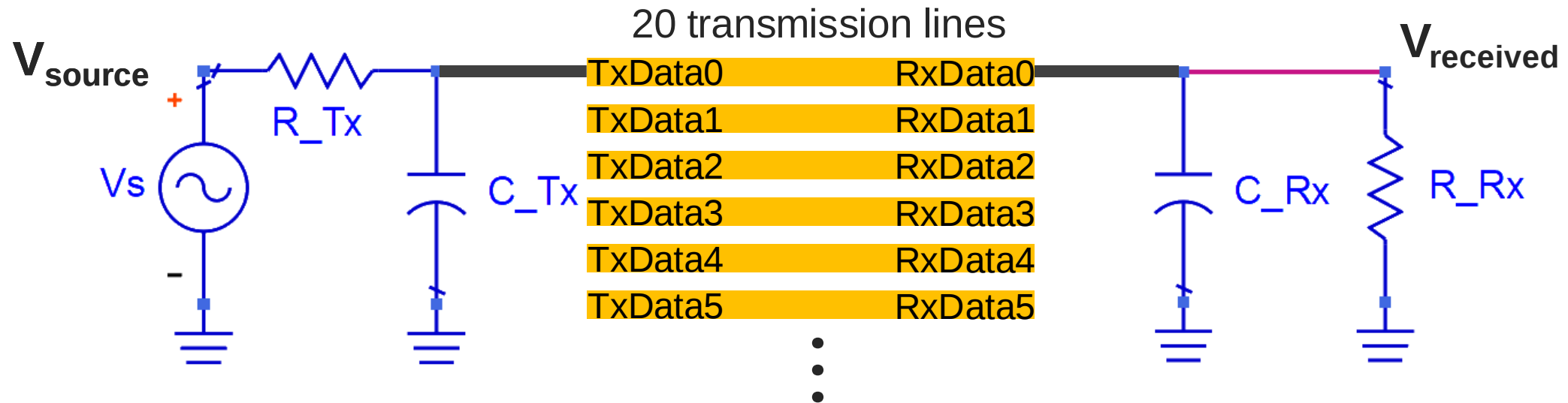
12.3. Example BoW Channel for Doubly-Terminated Links

We expect both loss evaluations to fail because the eye mask was violated.

Voltage Transfer Function in the UCle Standard



VTF Loss Definition in the UCle Standard



Given C_{Tx} , R_{Tx} , C_{Rx} , R_{Rx} for different data rates

$$L(f) = 20 \log \left(\left| \frac{V_{received}(f)}{V_{source}(f)} \right| \right)$$

$$L(0) = 20 \log \left(\frac{R_{Rx}}{R_{Tx} + R_{channel} + R_{Rx}} \right)$$

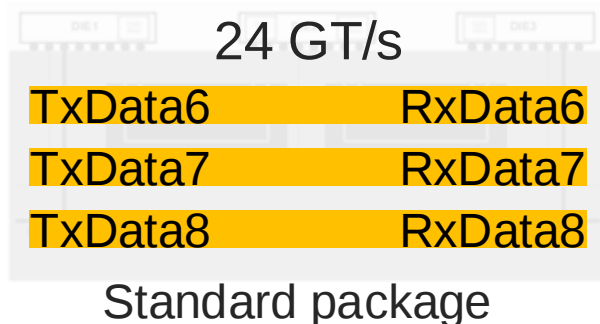
👉 For terminated channel. $L(0) = 0$ for unterminated channels

Standard package (f_N = Nyquist frequency)

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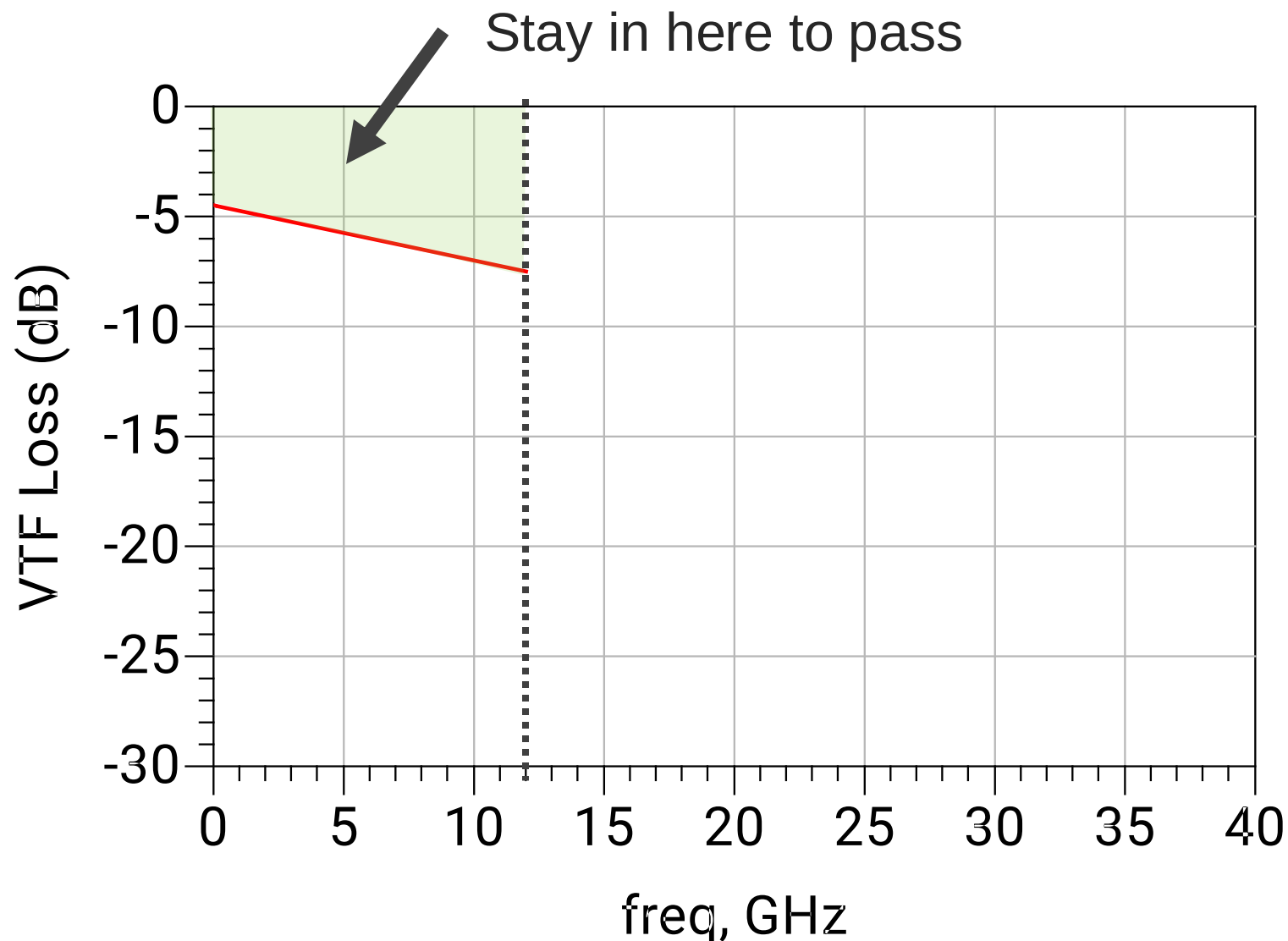
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UCle's VTF Loss Limit Line and Passing Criteria

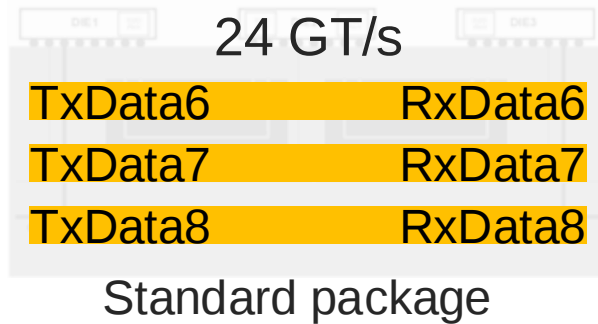


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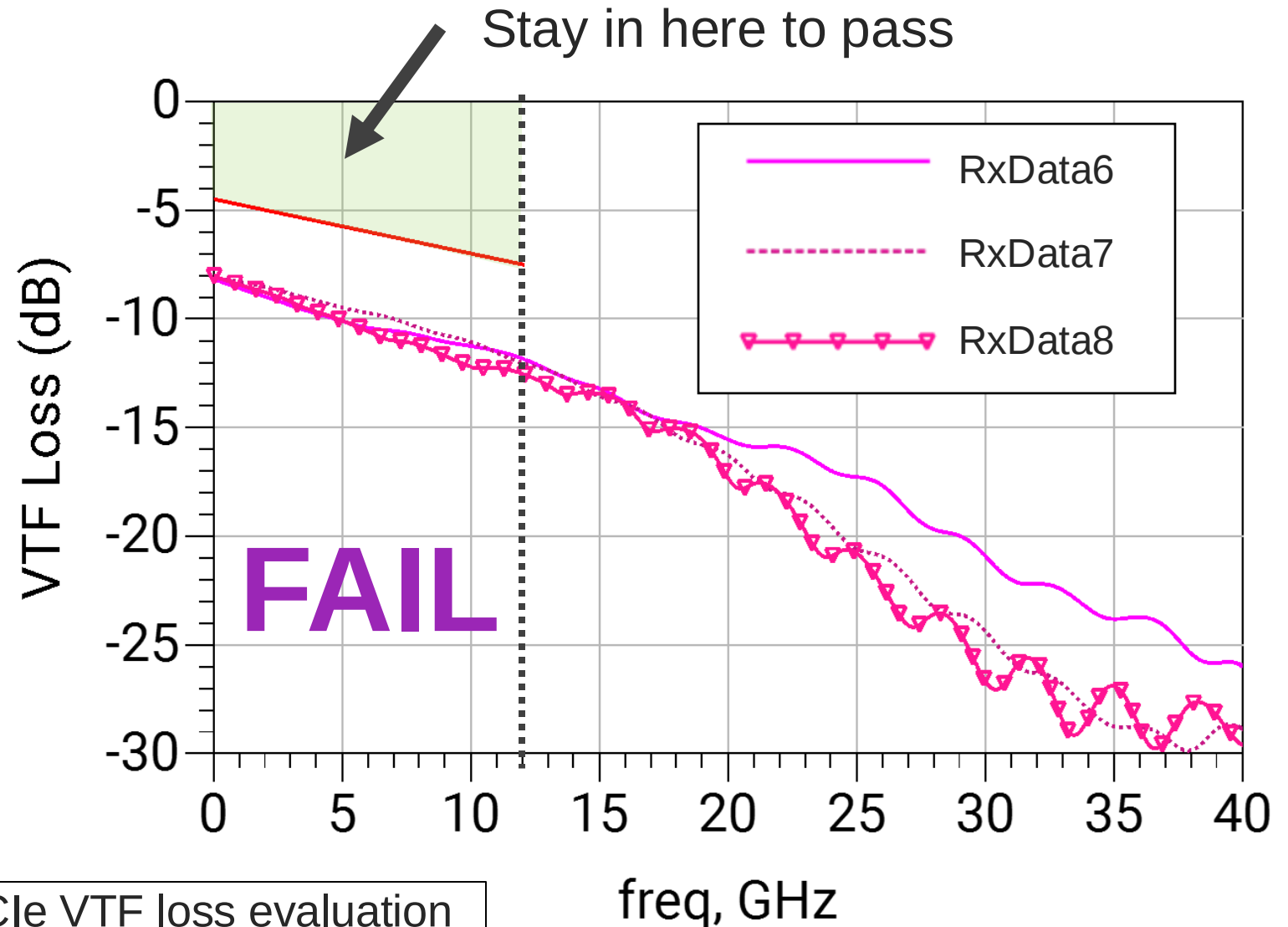


UCIe's VTF Loss Evaluation Indicates a Failing Channel



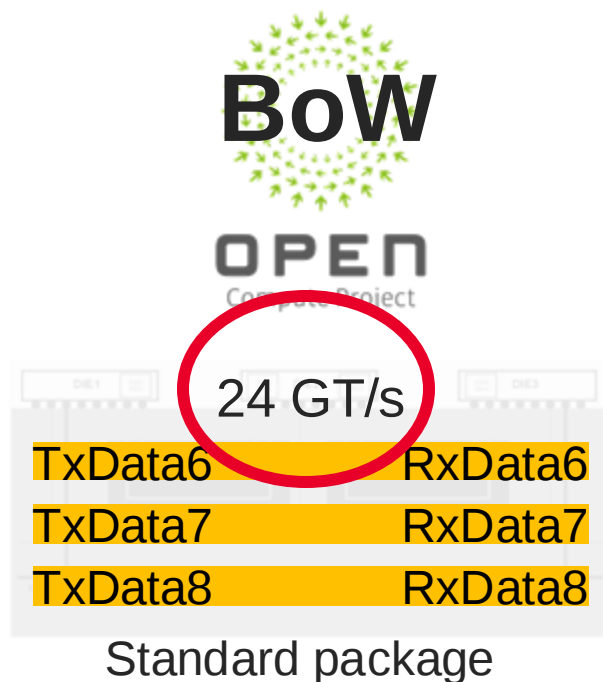
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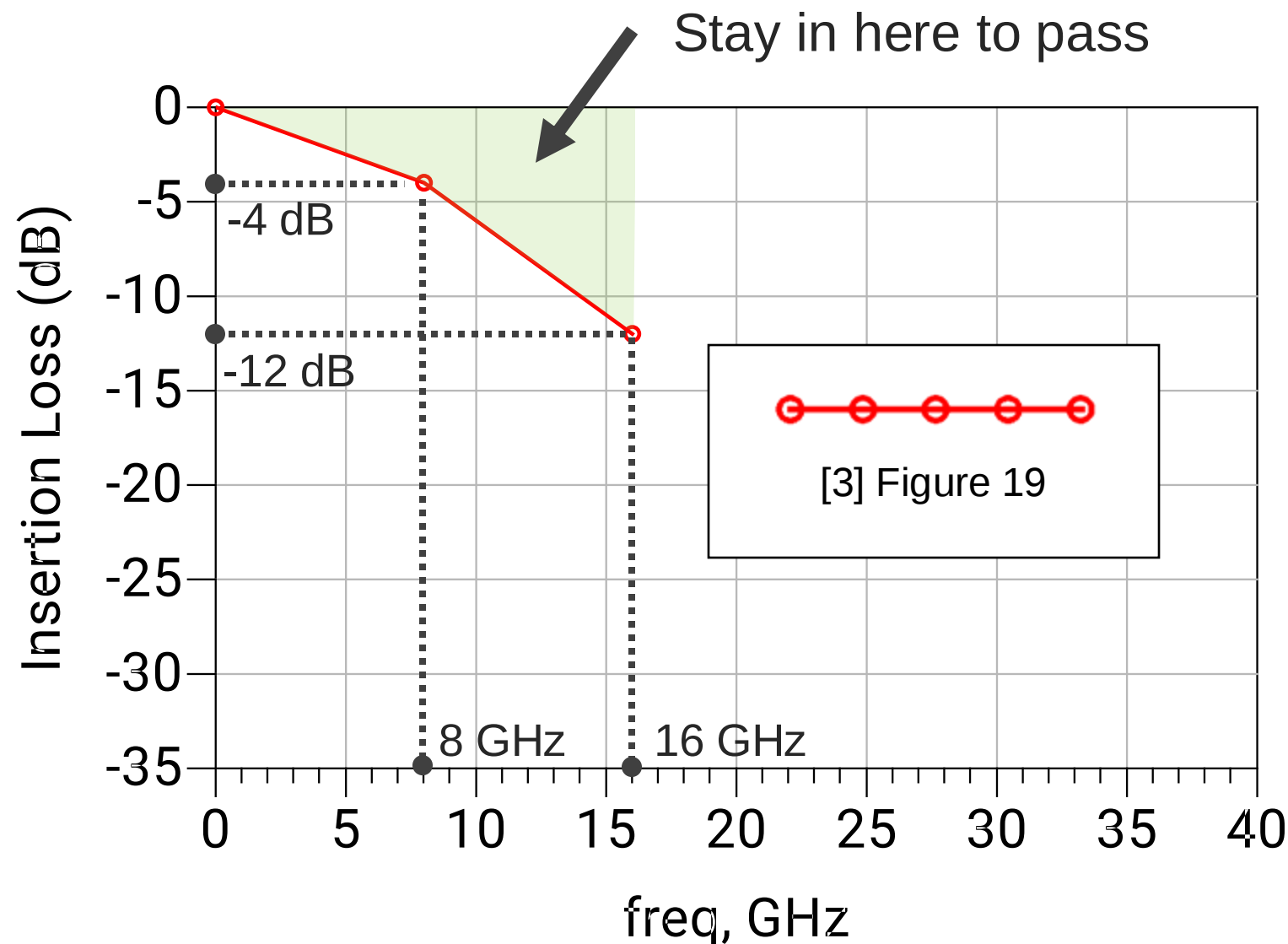
UCIe VTF loss evaluation
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Examination of BoW's Example Channel from 12.3

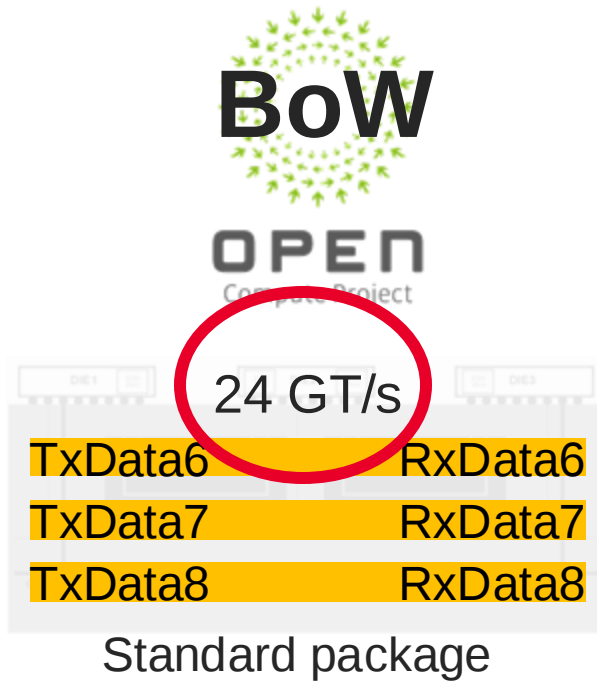


BoW Mode	BoW-256 (16 Gbps)
Insertion Loss (dB)	$IL(f_N) > -4$ $IL(2 \cdot f_N) > -12$

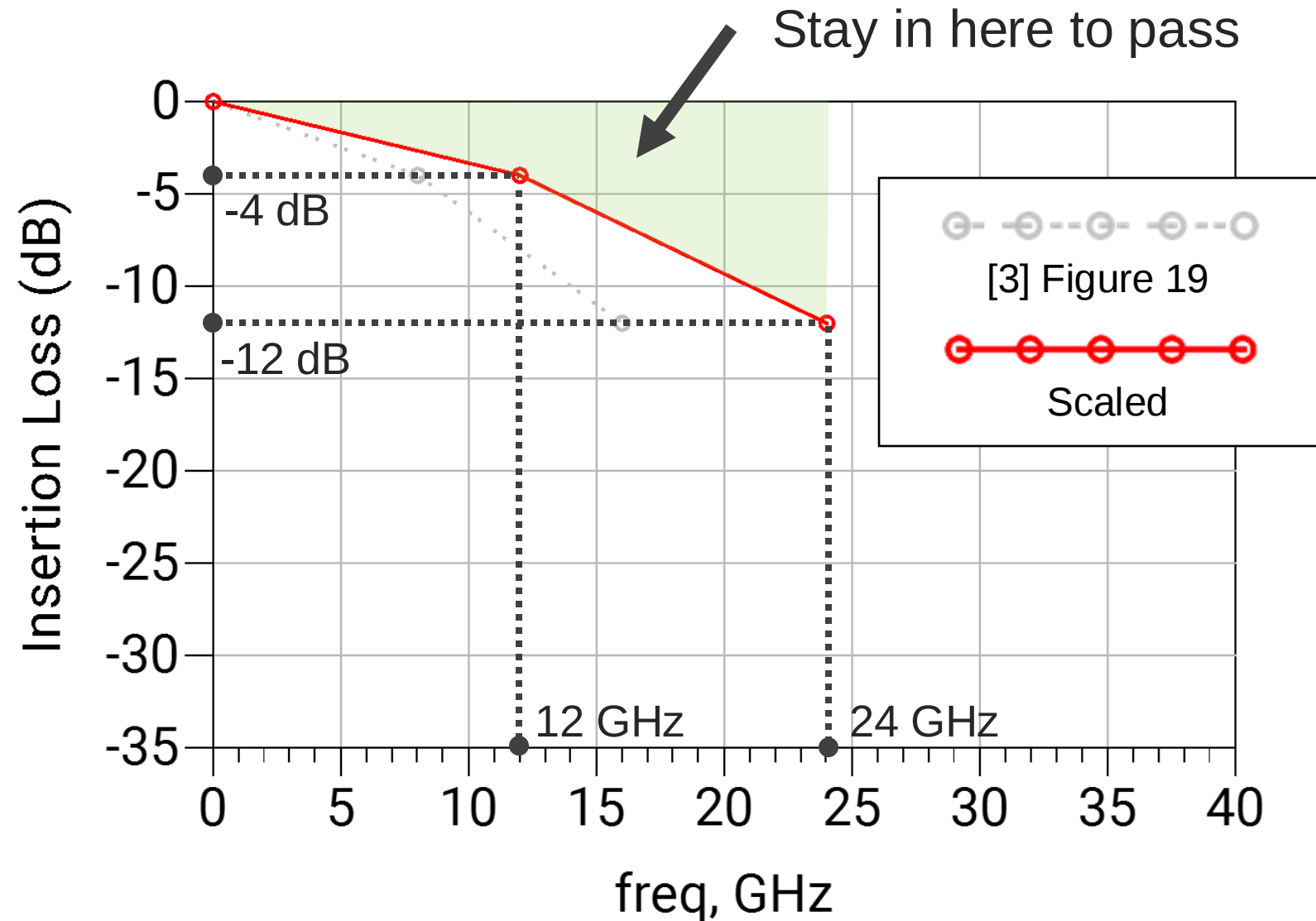
[3] Figure 19



Scale BoW's Example to Create the Right Limit Line



BoW Mode	BoW-384 (24 Gbps)
Insertion Loss (dB)	$IL(f_N) > -4$ $IL(2*f_N) > -12$



BoW's Evaluation Indicates a Failing Channel

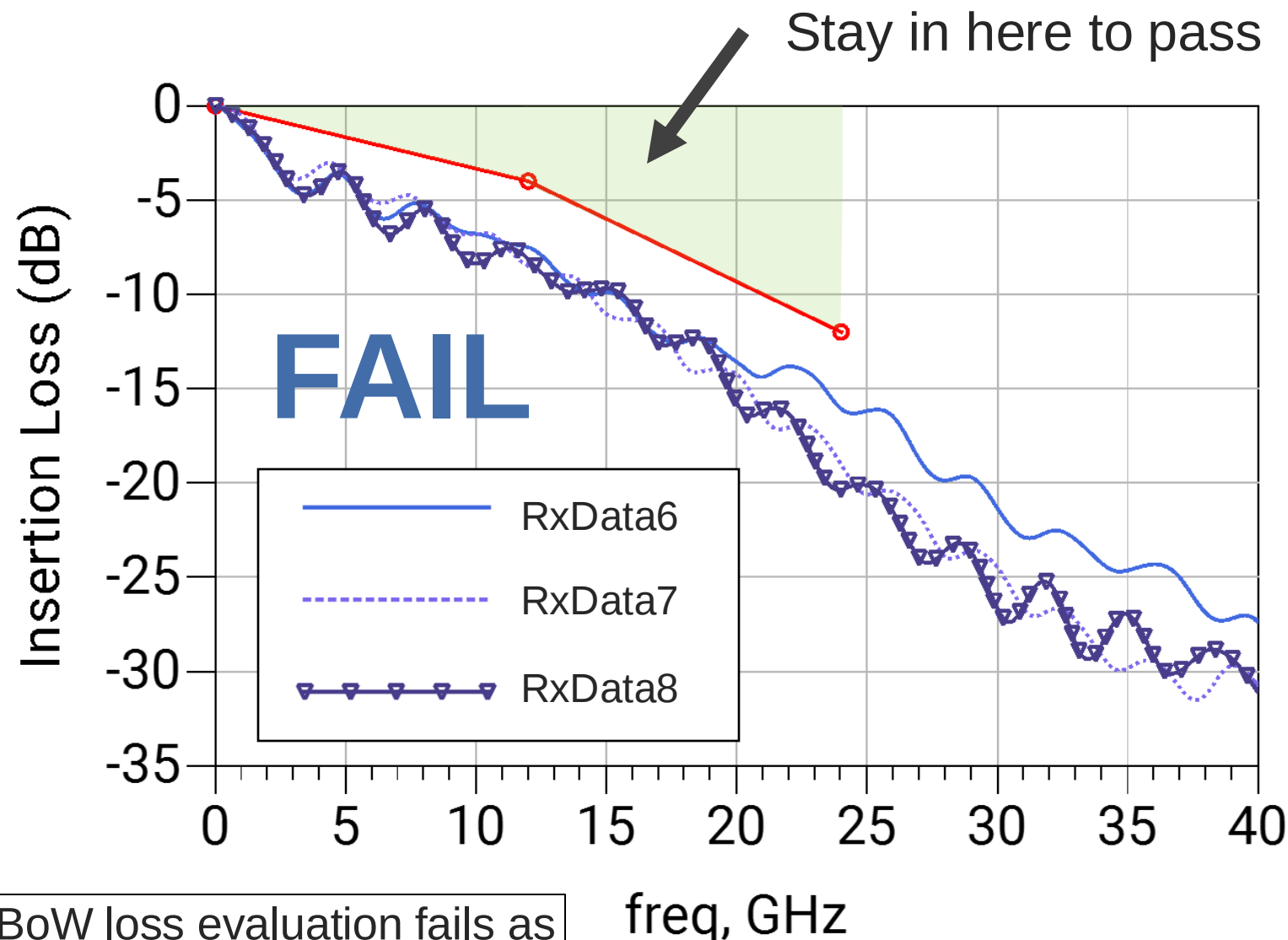


24 GT/s

TxData6 RxData6
TxData7 RxData7
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Standard package

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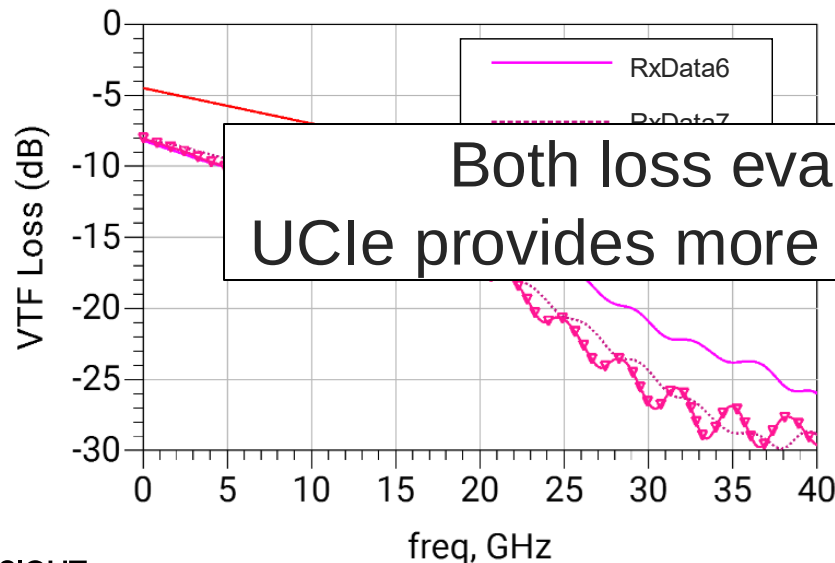
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UCle Provides More Accessible Loss Metrics Than BoW



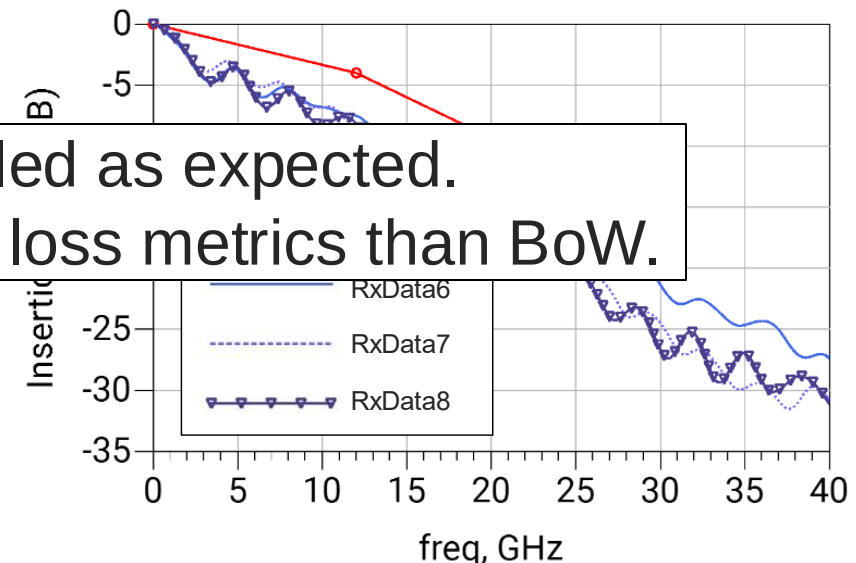
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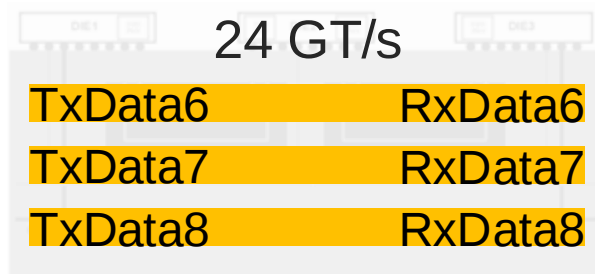
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Open-source software evaluating signal integrity [...] will be provided at a future date [3].



Both loss evaluations failed as expected.
UCle provides more accessible loss metrics than BoW.

WWSS-Crosstalk: Evaluate Your Channel's Crosstalk

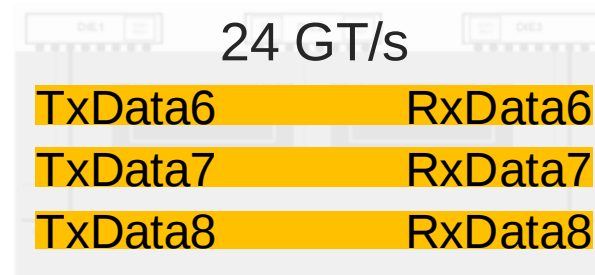


Standard package

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Data Rate (GT/s)	12, 16	24, 32
VTF Xtalk (dB)	$XT(f_N) < 3 * L(f_N) - 11.5$ and $XT(f_N) < -25$	$XT(f_N) < 2.5 * L(f_N) - 10$ and $XT(f_N) < -26$

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- Voltage Transfer Function for 4 GT/s and 8 GT/s (Tx: 30 ohm / 0.3pF; Rx: 50 ohm / 0.3pF)
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- Voltage Transfer Function for 24 GT/s and 32 GT/s (Tx: 30 ohm / 0.125pF; Rx: 50 ohm / 0.125pF)



Standard package

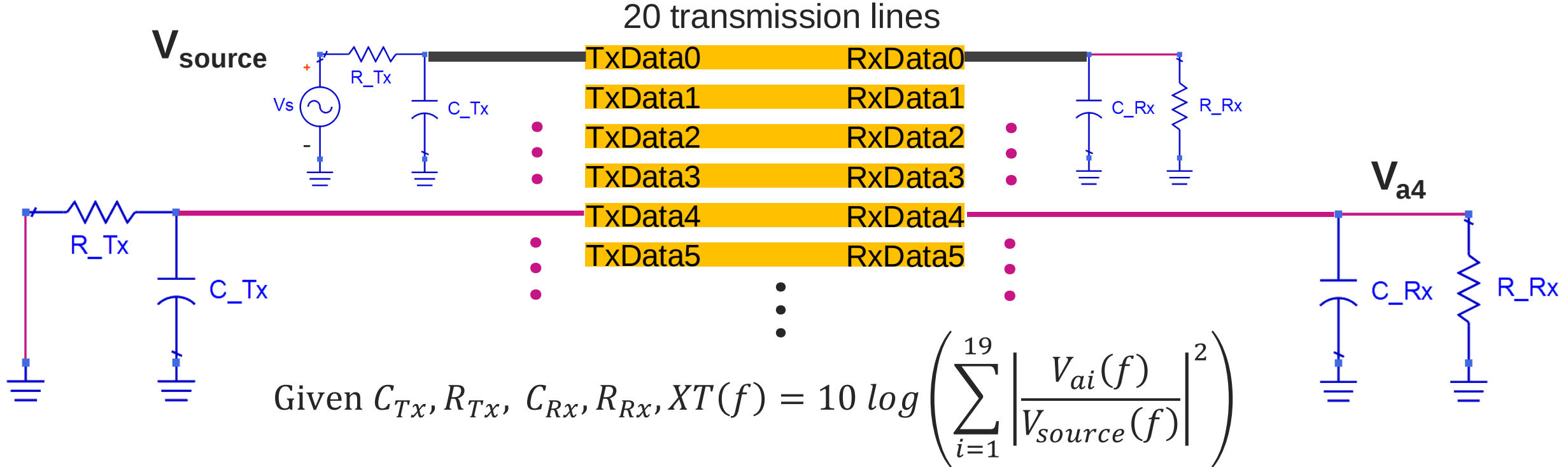
[3] Section 12

BoW does not place any direct requirements on characteristics such as channel loss or crosstalk.

12.3.2 Crosstalk

We expect both crosstalk evaluations to fail because the eye mask was violated.

VTF Crosstalk Definition in the UCle Standard

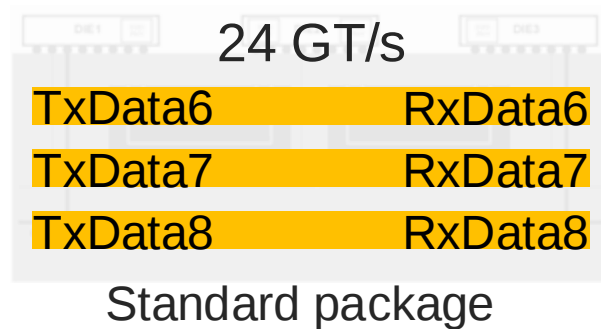


Standard package (f_N = Nyquist frequency)

Data Rate (GT/s)	4, 8	12, 16	24, 32
VTF Xtalk (dB)	$XT(f_N) < 3 * L(f_N) - 11.5$ and $XT(f_N) < -25$	$XT(f_N) < 3 * L(f_N) - 11.5$ and $XT(f_N) < -25$	$XT(f_N) < 2.5 * L(f_N) - 10$ and $XT(f_N) < -26$

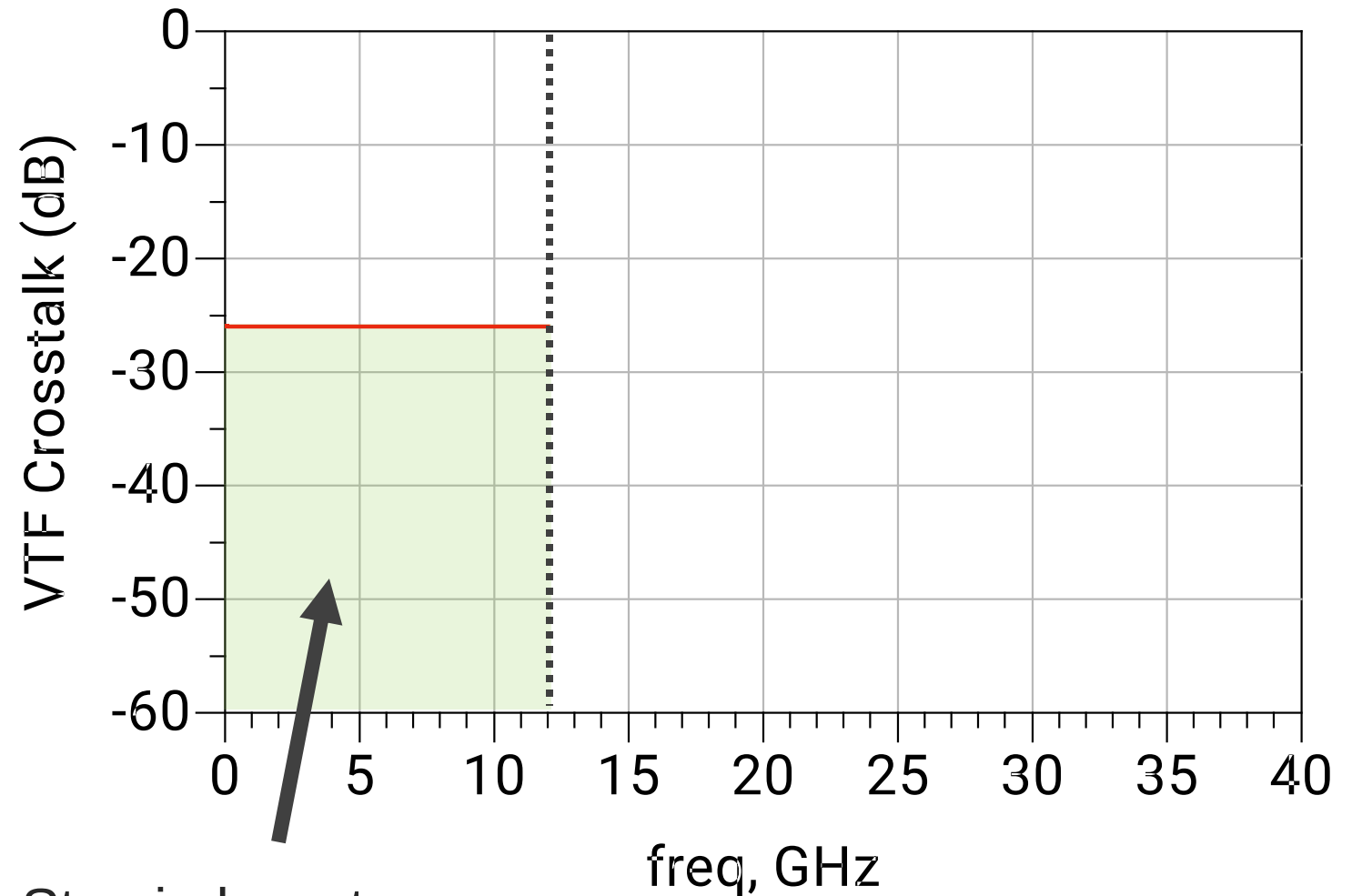
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UCle's VTF Crosstalk Limit Line and Passing Criteria

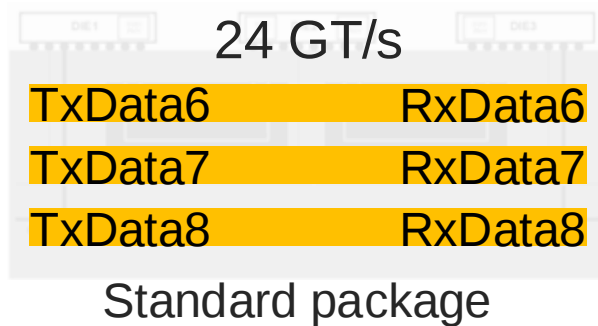


Data Rate (GT/s)	24, 32
VTF Xtalk (dB)	$XT(f_N) < 2.5 * L(f_N) - 10$ and $XT(f_N) < -26$

- f_N = Nyquist frequency
- Voltage Transfer Function for 24 GT/s and 32 GT/s (Tx: 30 ohm / 0.125pF; Rx: 50 ohm / 0.125pF)
- [2] Section 5.7.1



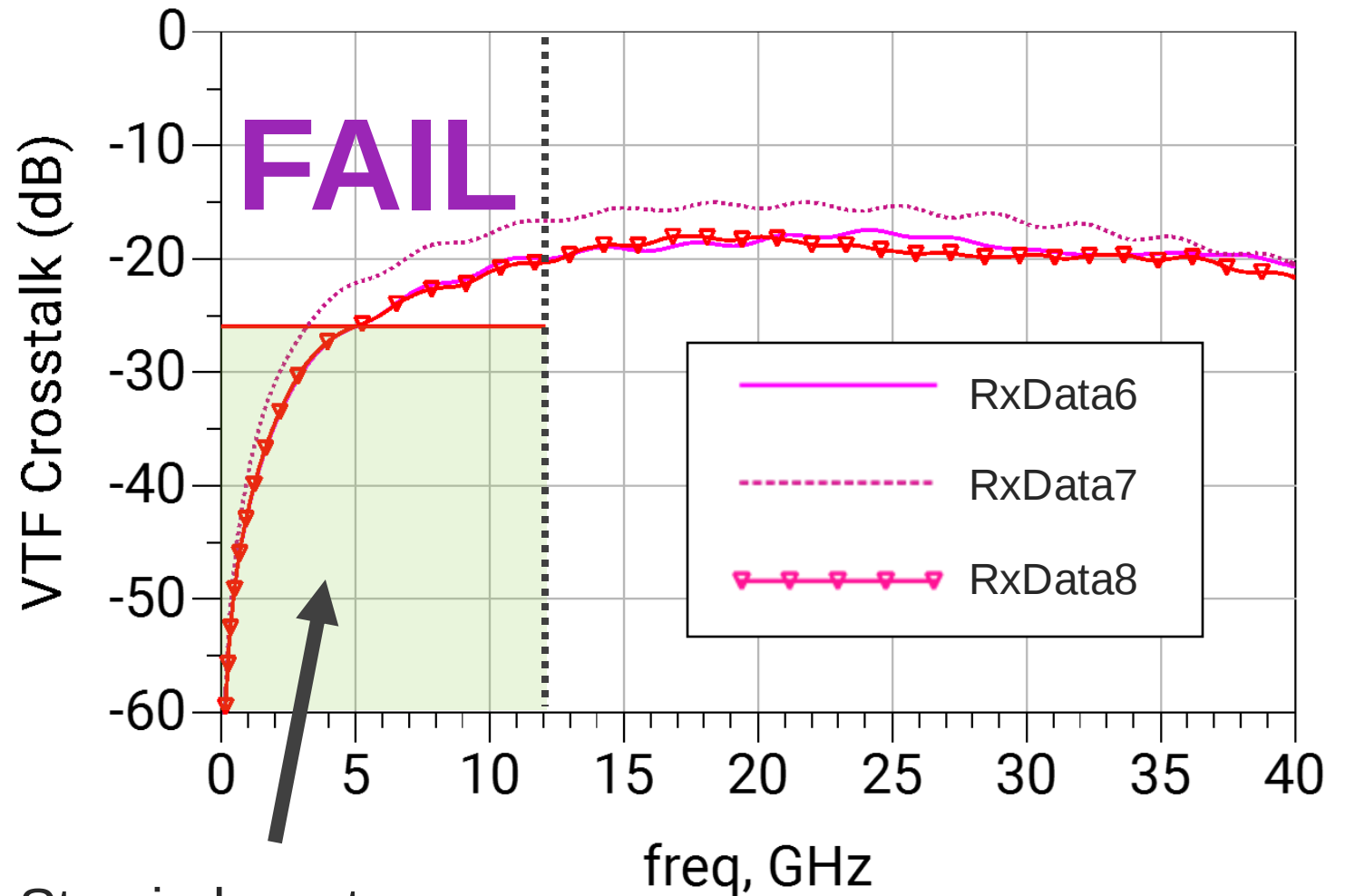
UCle's VTF Crosstalk Evaluation Indicates a Failing Channel



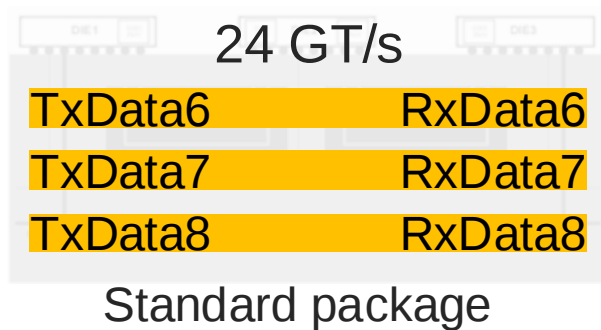
Data Rate (GT/s)	24, 32
VTF Xtalk (dB)	$XT(f_N) < 2.5 * L(f_N) - 10$ and $XT(f_N) < -26$

- f_N = Nyquist frequency
- Voltage Transfer Function for 24 GT/s and 32 GT/s (Tx: 30 ohm / 0.125pF; Rx: 50 ohm / 0.125pF)
- [2] Section 5.7.1

UCle VTF crosstalk evaluation fails as expected.

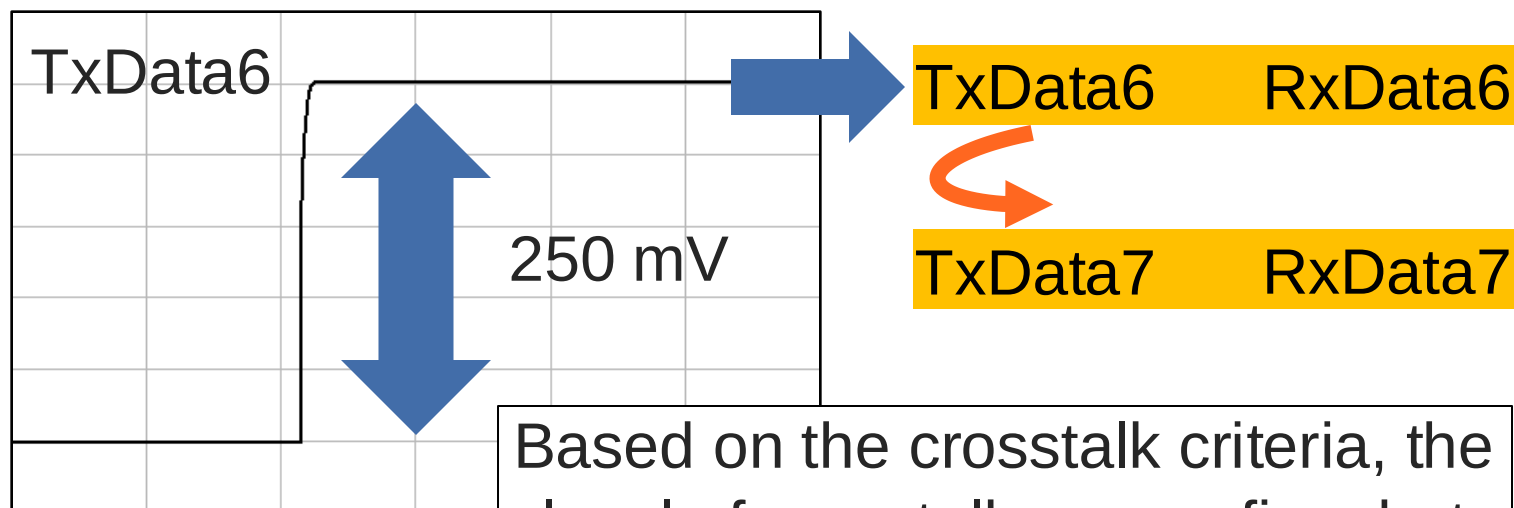


BoW's Crosstalk Criteria: Less Than 35% of Voltage Swing

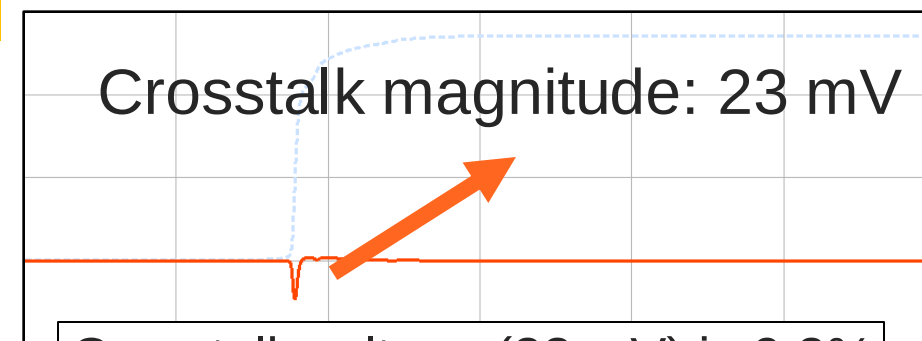
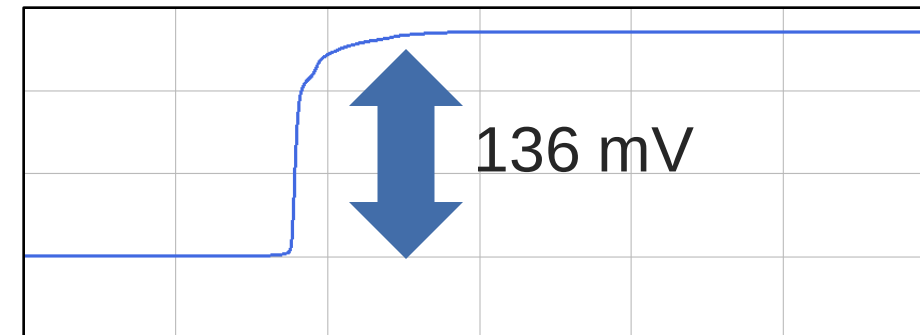


12.3.2 Crosstalk [3]

The total crosstalk observed on an individual signal within a BoW-256 channel should typically be less than ~35% of the signal swing.

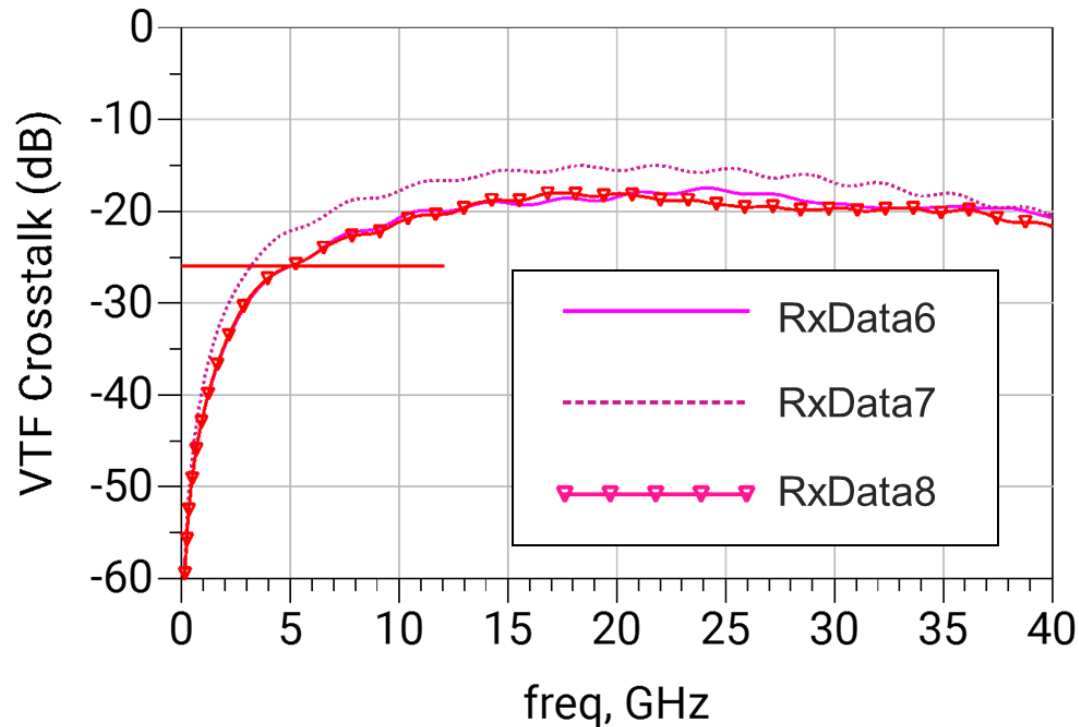


Based on the crosstalk criteria, the level of crosstalk seems fine, but we know the eye is closed and we expect it to fail.



Crosstalk voltage (23 mV) is 9.2% of the swing (250 mV).

UCIe Provides More Consistent Crosstalk Metrics Than BoW



BoW does not place any direct requirements on characteristics such as channel loss or crosstalk.

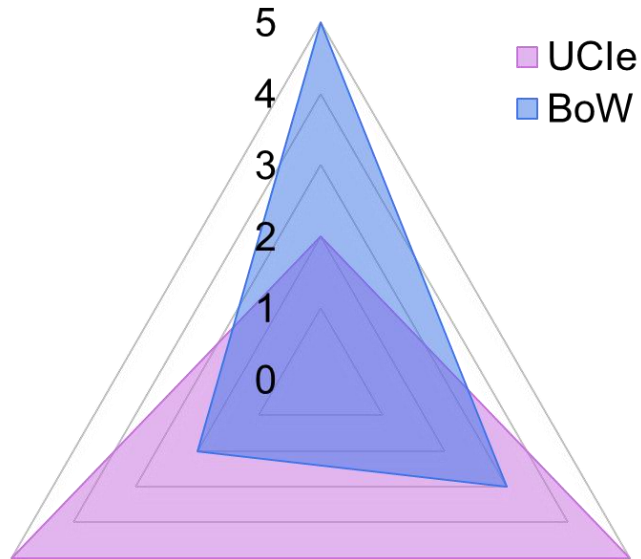
12.3.2 Crosstalk

The total crosstalk observed on an individual signal within a BoW-256 channel should typically be less than ~35% of the signal swing.

We failed UCIe crosstalk evaluations failed as expected.
However, BoW provides us with an evaluation inconsistent with our expectation.

UCIe vs. BoW: Overall UCIe Is More SI-Friendly

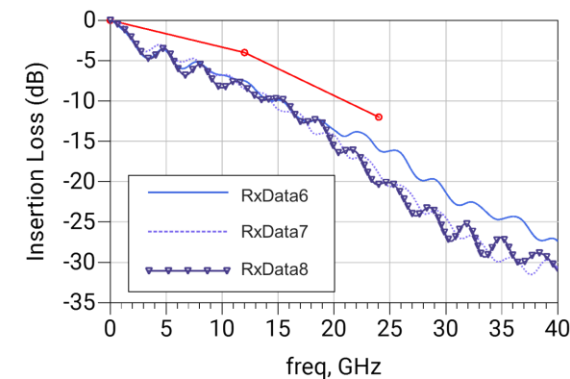
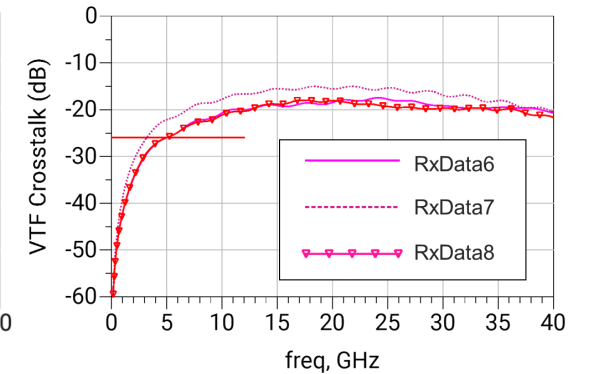
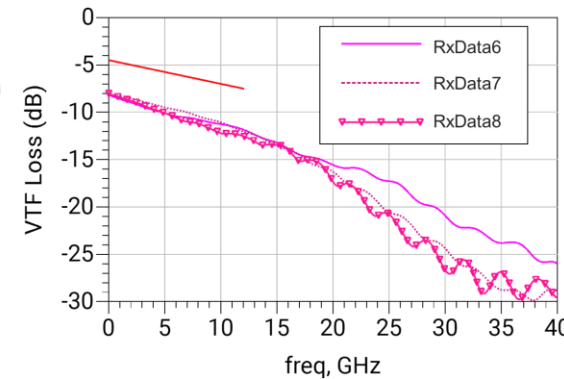
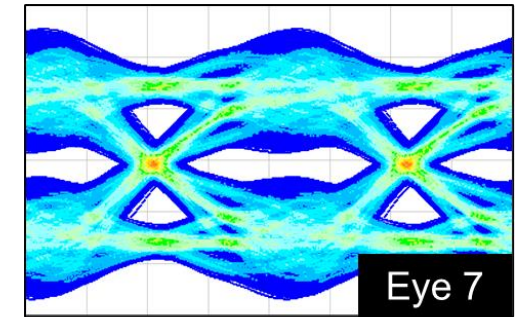
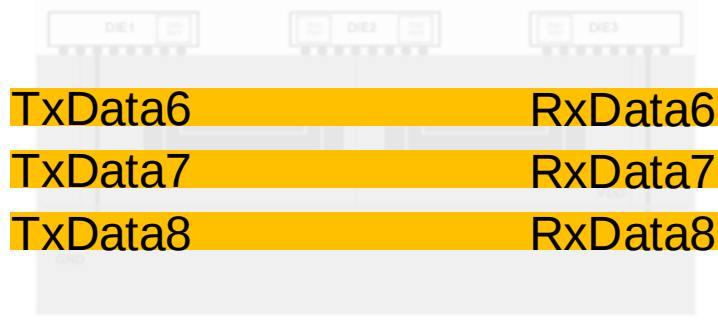
Ease of implementation



Signal integrity
specification

Interoperability

A channel case study
showed that UCIe provides
more SI metrics.



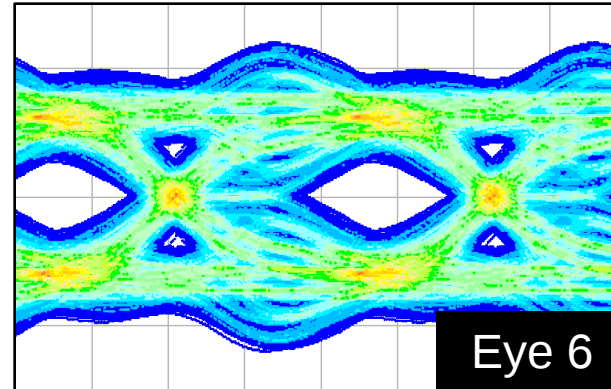
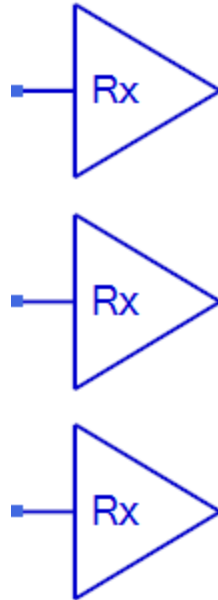
Gain SI Insights from the Broken Channel

Qualitative Assessment of the Eye Diagram Is Not Positive

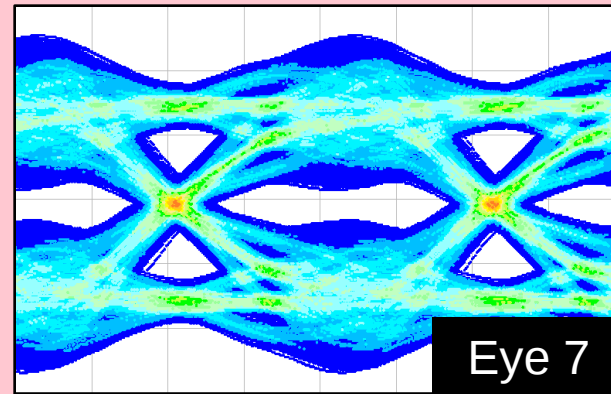
3 Transmitters
Standard package
24 GT/s



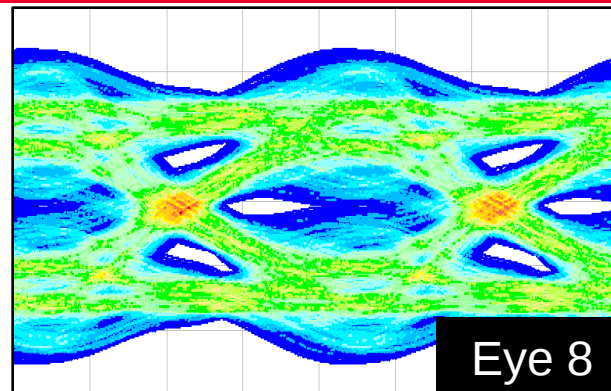
3 Receivers
No EQ
Terminated



Not good



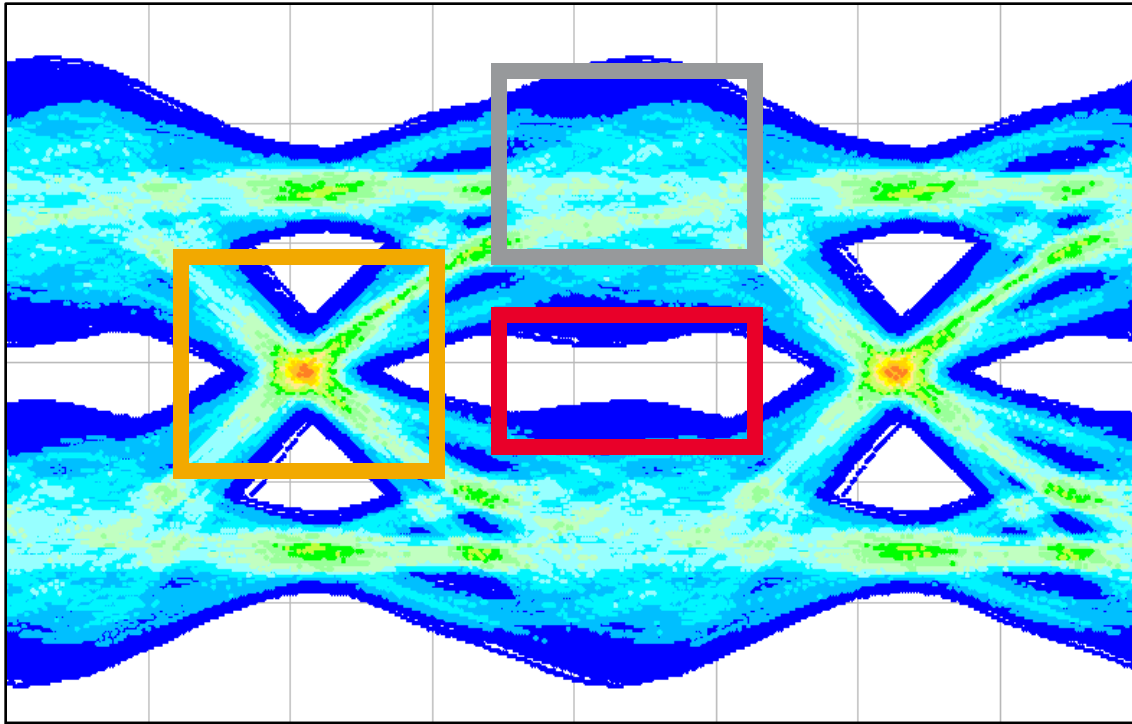
Bad



Very bad

Eye Shows Reflection, Crosstalk, and Considerable Loss

Received eye at RxData7 without equalization



1. Signs of reflection

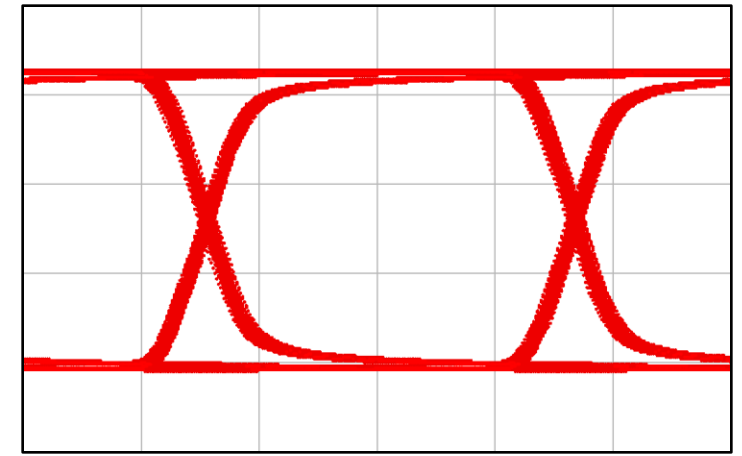
2. Signs of crosstalk

3. Signs of frequency-dependent loss

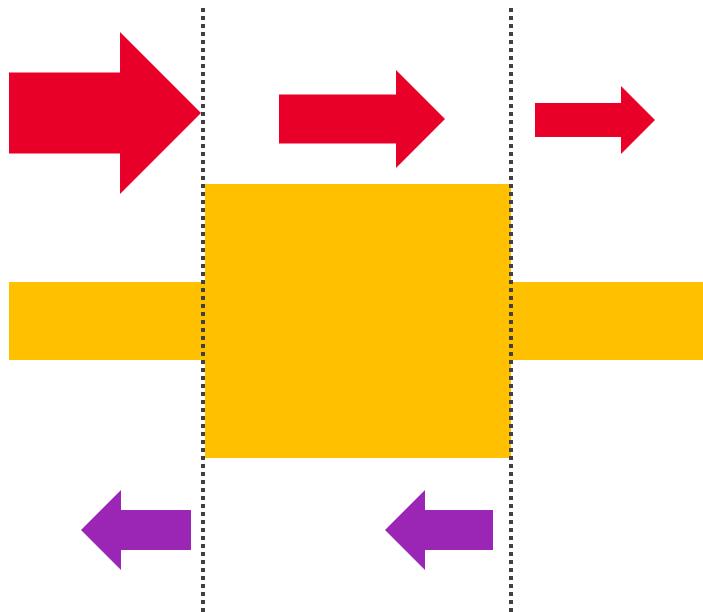
Rule Number 9: Anticipate Before You Measure or Simulate [4]

Reflection Degrades the Amplitude of the Transmitted Signal

Moderate loss channel
With no discontinuities



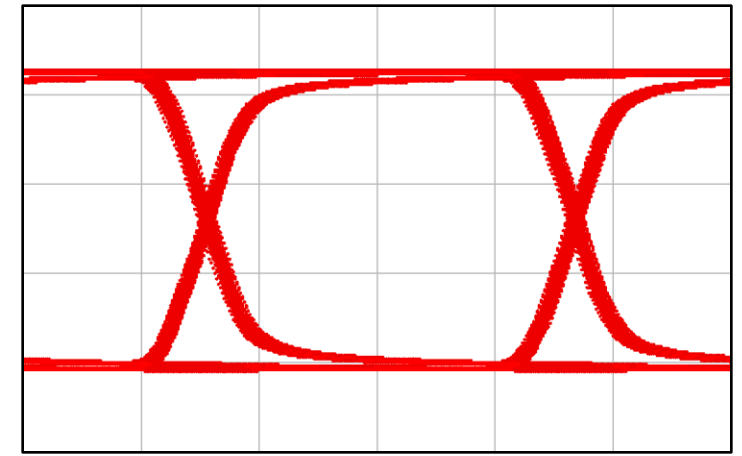
Moderate loss channel
With impedance discontinuities



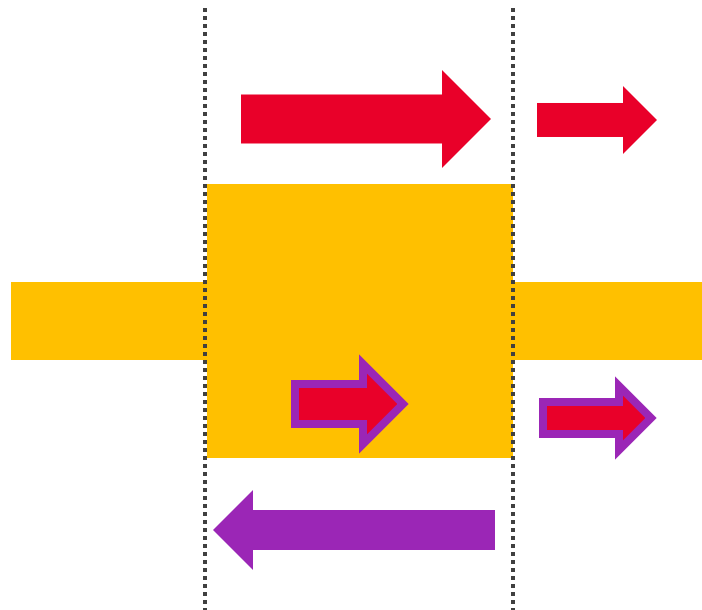
One expects the received amplitude to be smaller than intended because part of the transmitted amplitude is reflected.

Reflections in the System Deform the Received Eye Shape

Moderate loss channel
With no discontinuities



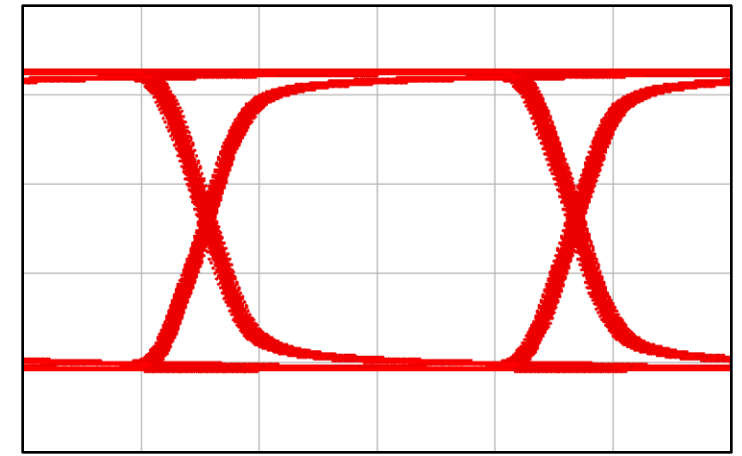
Moderate loss channel
With impedance discontinuities



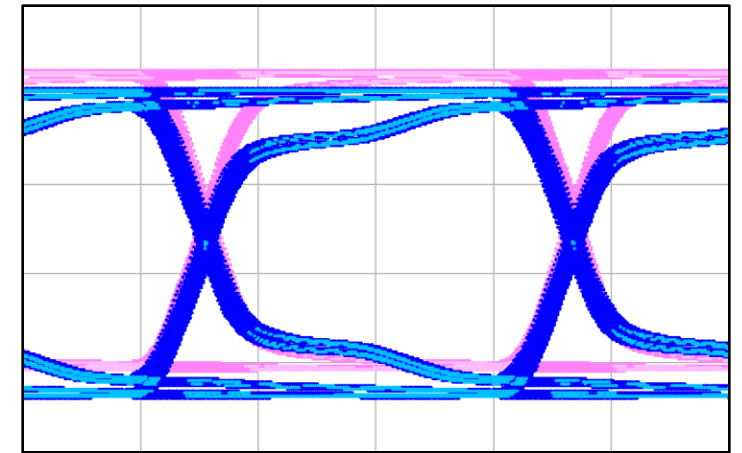
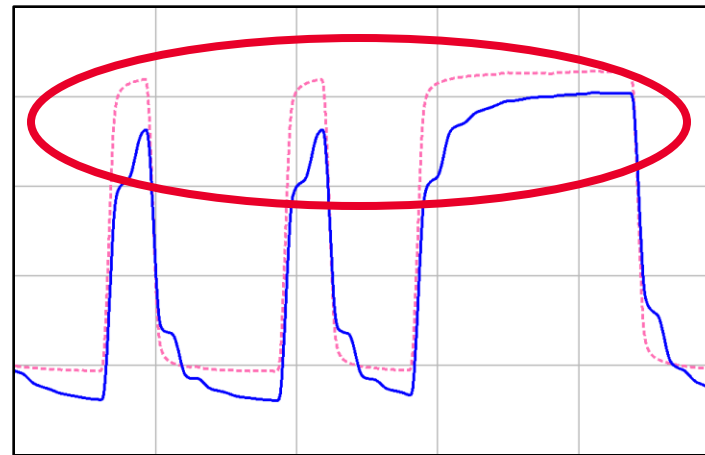
One expects the received eye shape to be deformed by the multiple reflections in the system.

Reflections in the System Deform the Received Eye Shape

Moderate loss channel
With no discontinuities



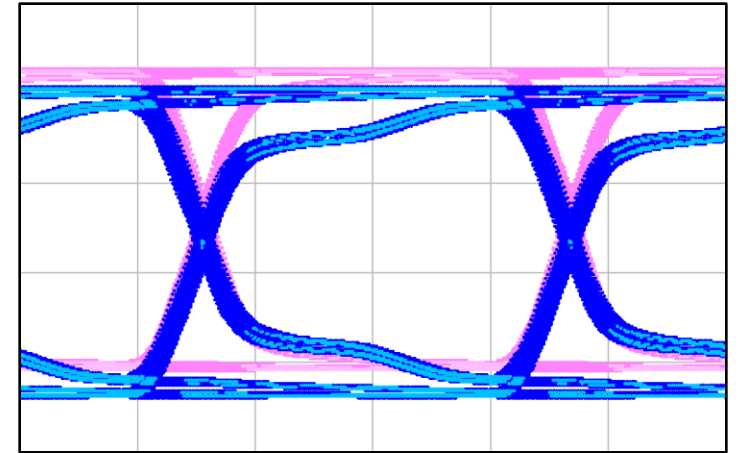
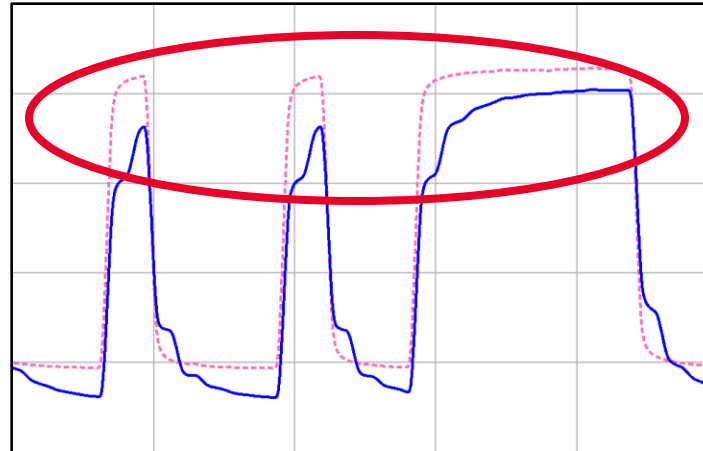
Moderate loss channel
With impedance discontinuities



As expected, impedance discontinuity degrades both the eye amplitude and shape.

Fix Eye Closure by Removing Impedance Discontinuities

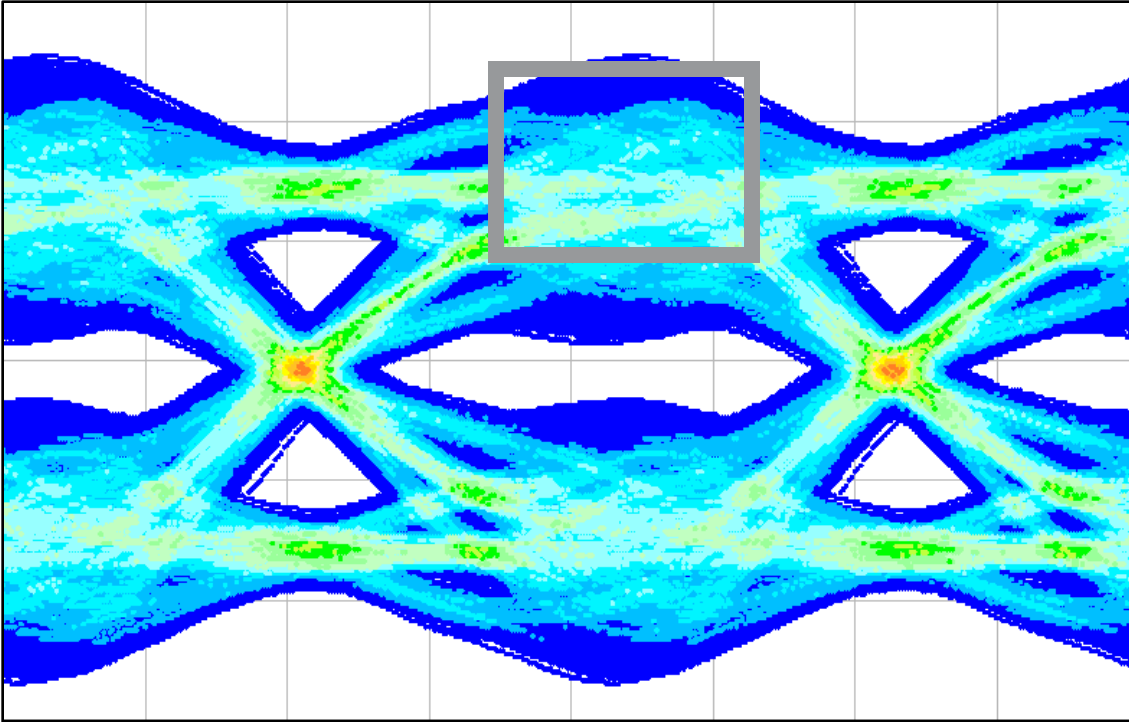
Moderate loss channel
With impedance discontinuities



Signs in the Eye	Root cause	Fixes
- Deformed eye shape - Reduced eye amplitude	Impedance discontinuities	Locate impedance discontinuity and match it with channel impedance

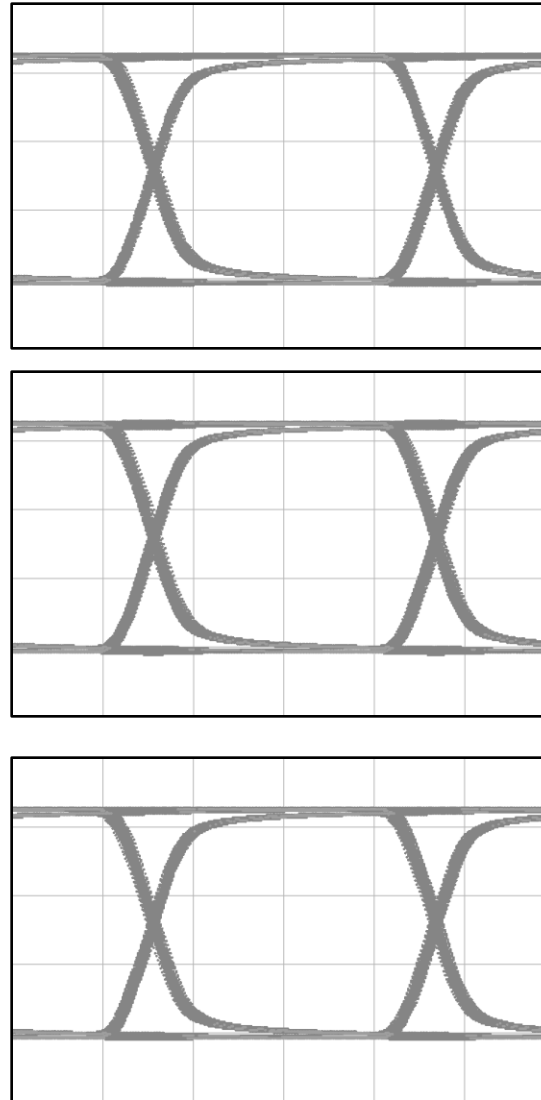
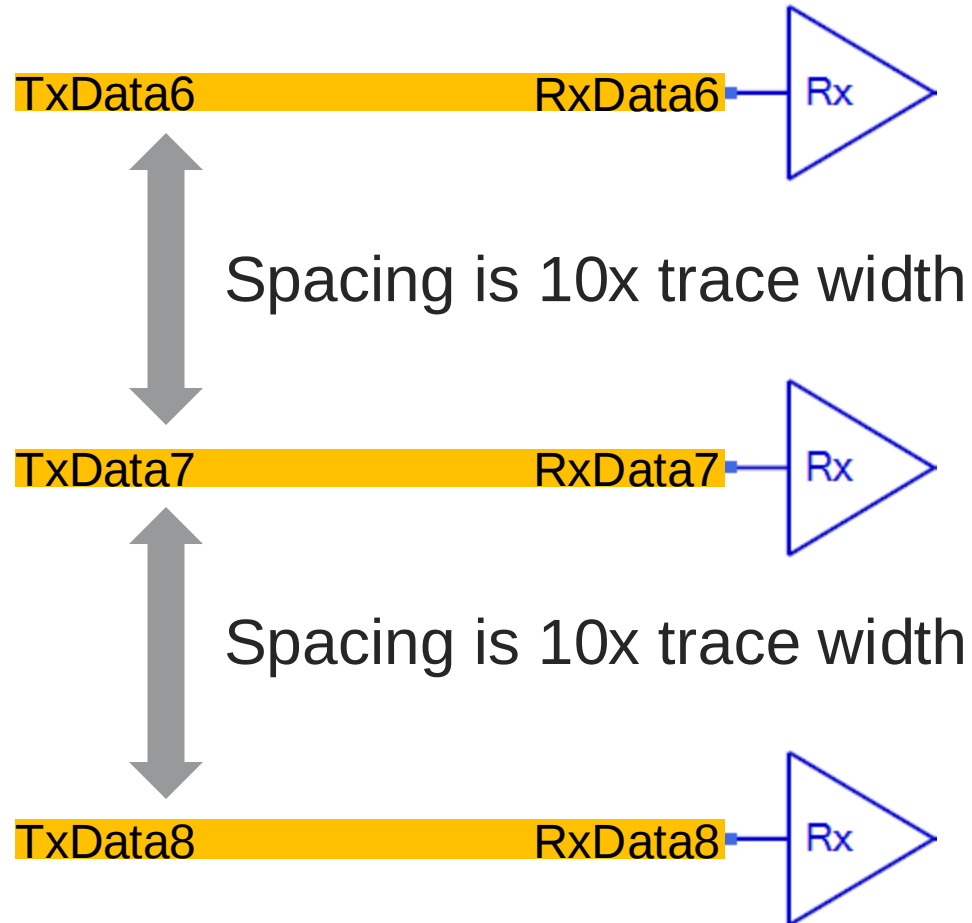
Eye Shows Reflection, Crosstalk, and Considerable Loss

Received eye at RxData7 without equalization



2. Signs of crosstalk

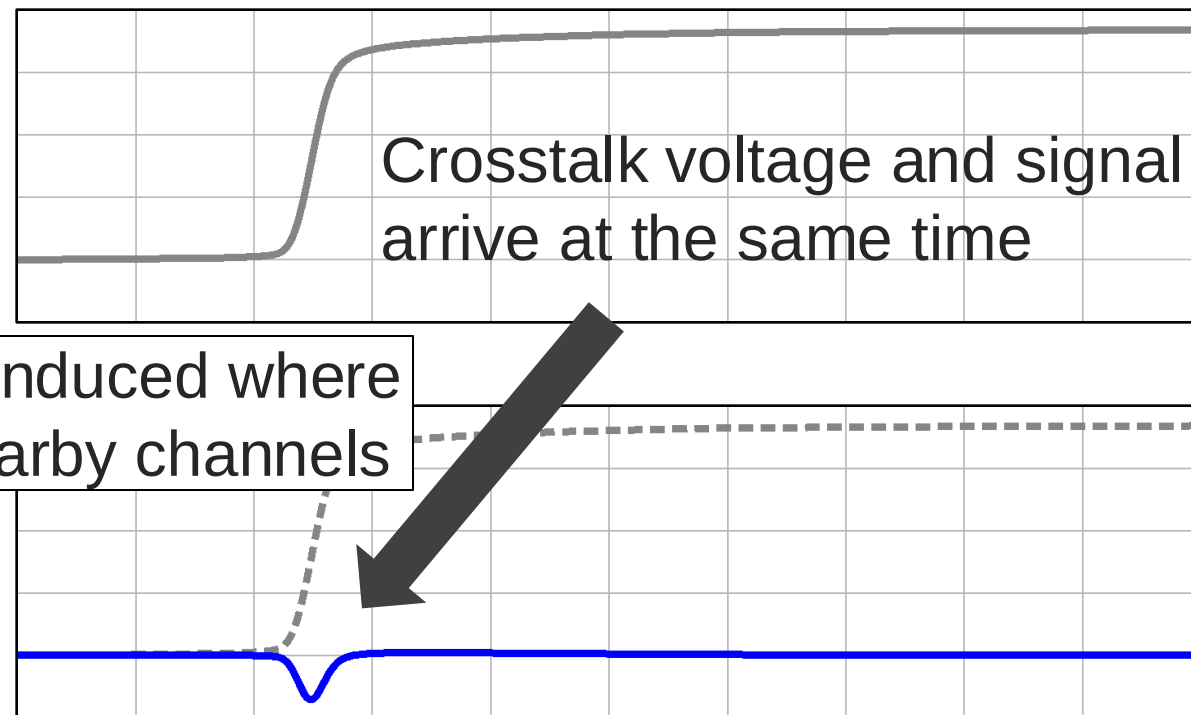
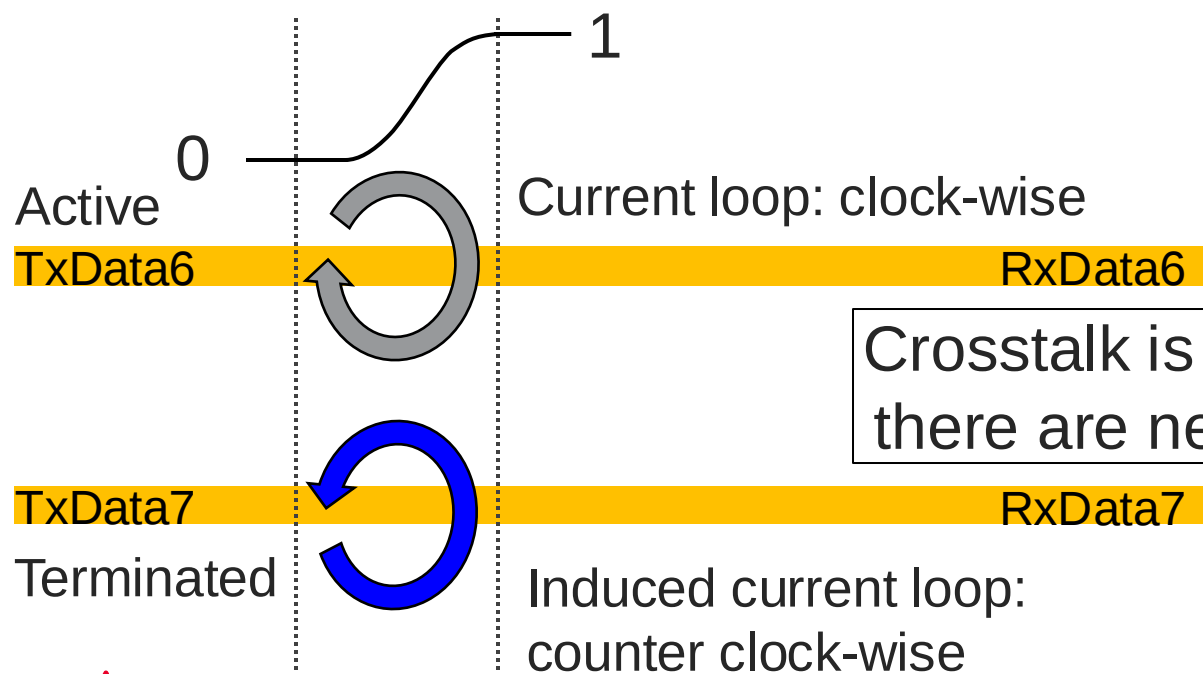
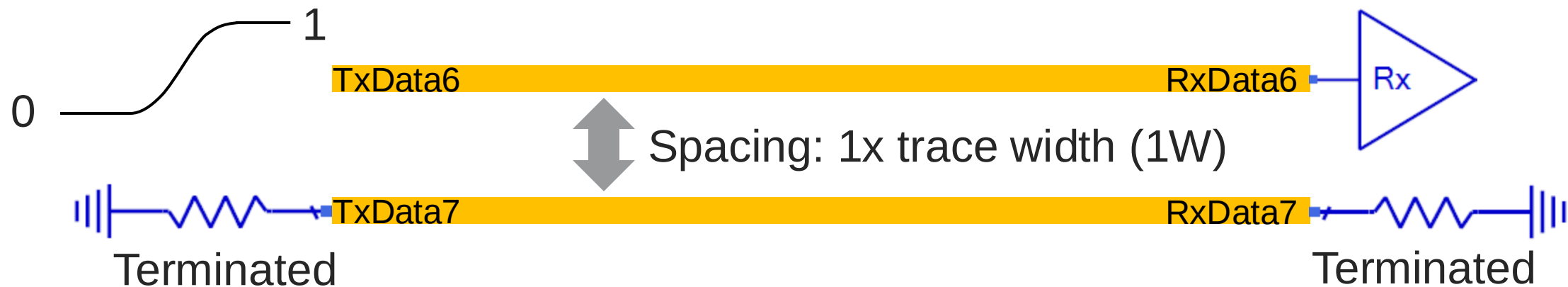
Eyes Are Open When the Channels Are 10 Trace-width Apart



Eyes are open when the channels are 10 trace width apart.

There is no crosstalk when the channels are far from each other.

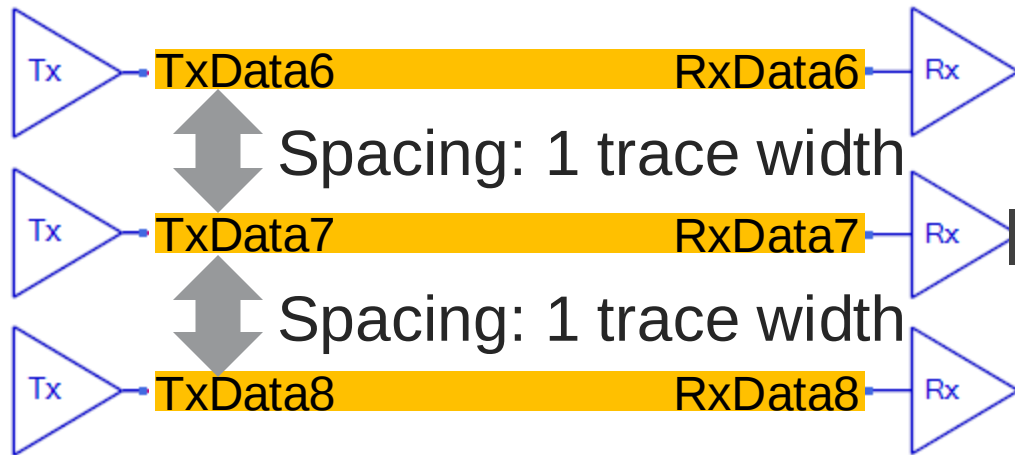
Expect Far-end Crosstalk When Channels Are Close



Far-end Crosstalk Signatures in the Waveform

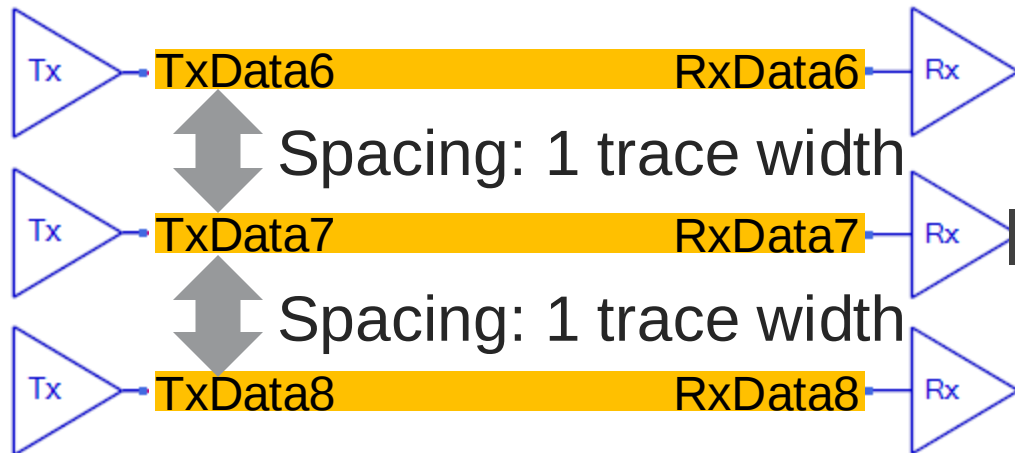
Crosstalk voltage signature in RxData7's waveforms

Channels are close and they are all active

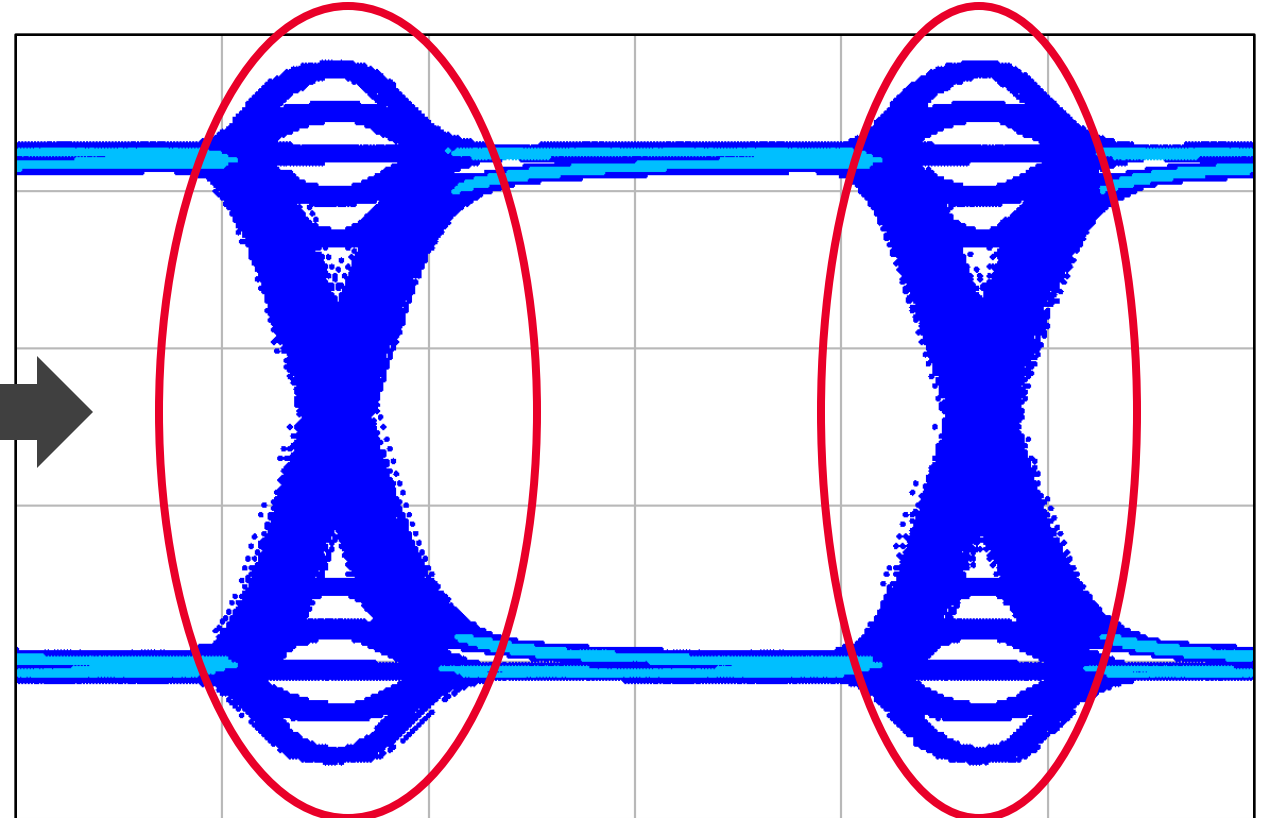


Far-end Crosstalk Signatures in the Eye

Channels are close and they are all active

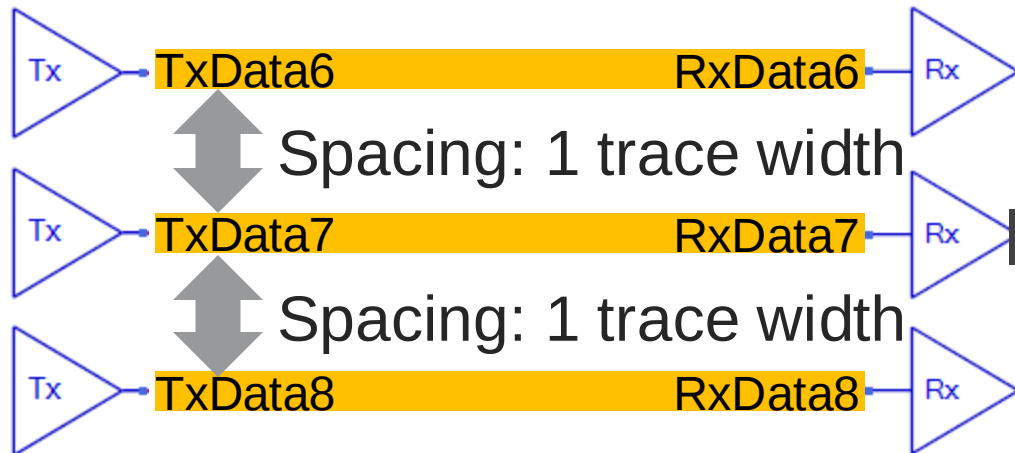


Crosstalk voltage signature in RxData7's waveforms



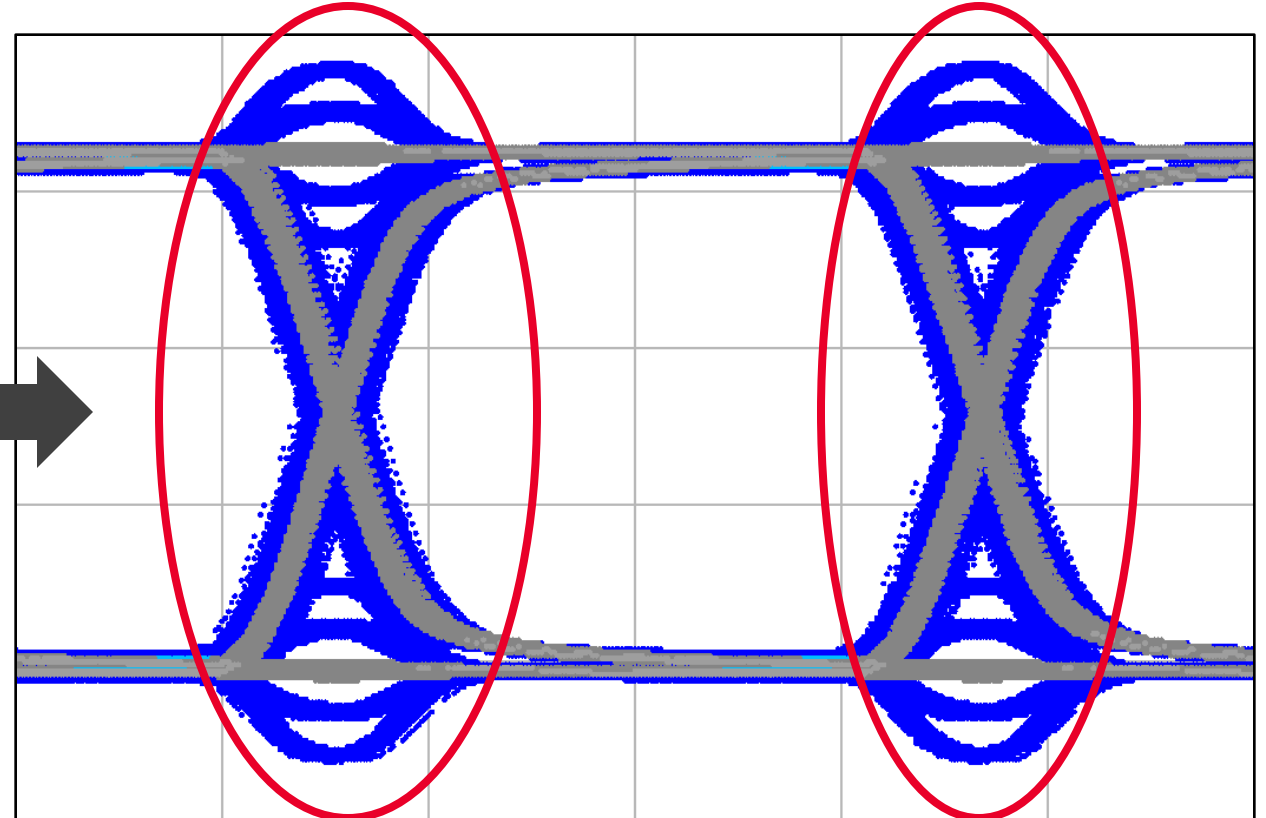
Far-end Crosstalk Signatures in the Eye

Channels are close and they are all active



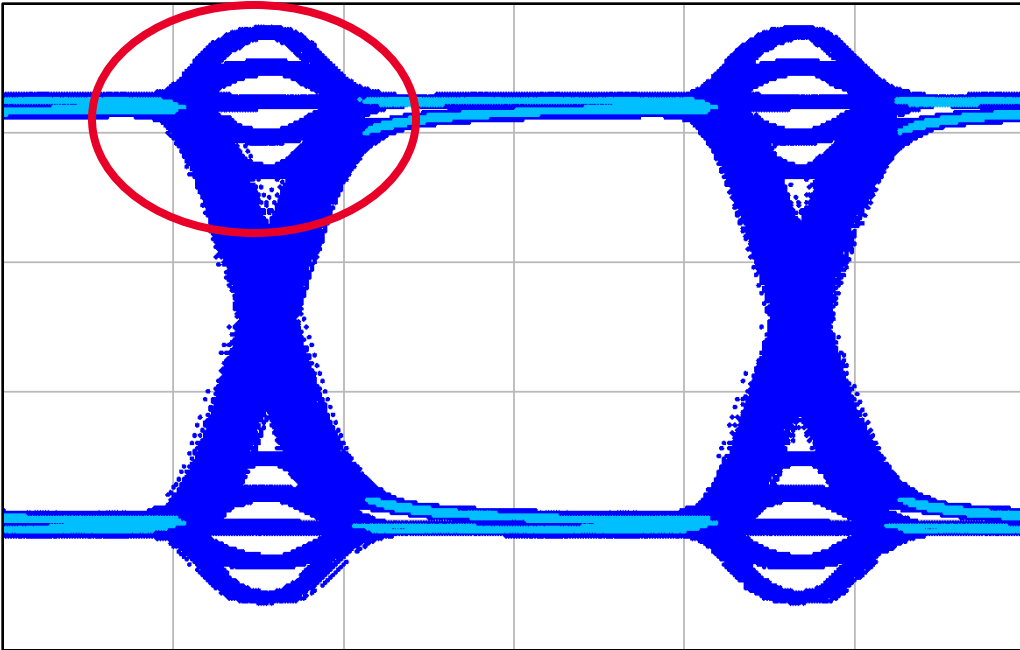
Far-end crosstalk shows up as peaks in the transitions

Crosstalk voltage signature in RxData7's waveforms

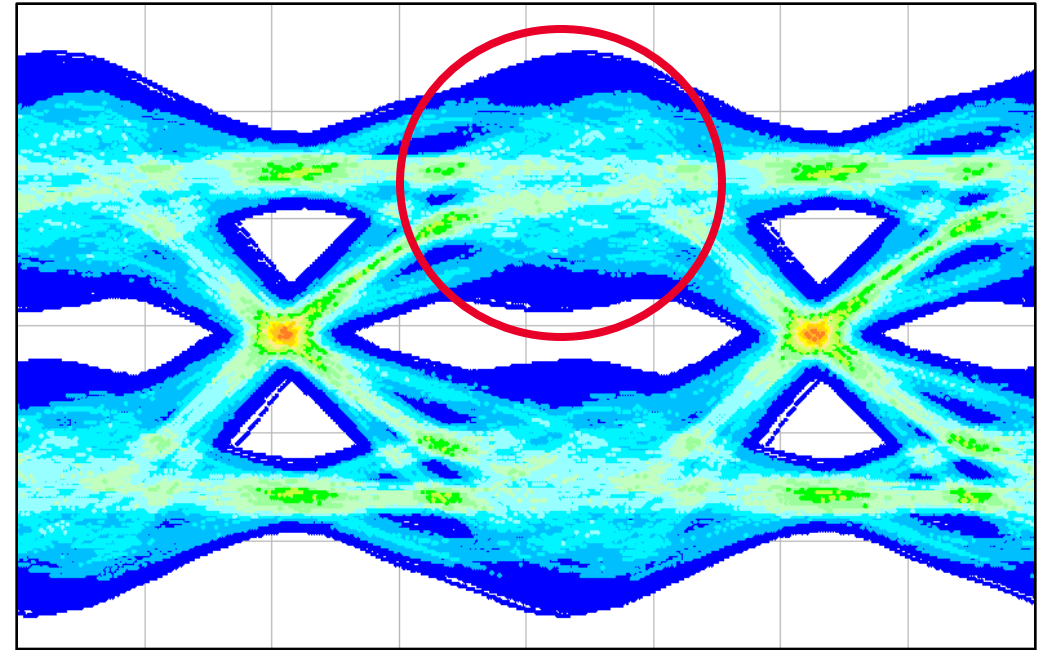


Far-end Crosstalk Signature Looks Different

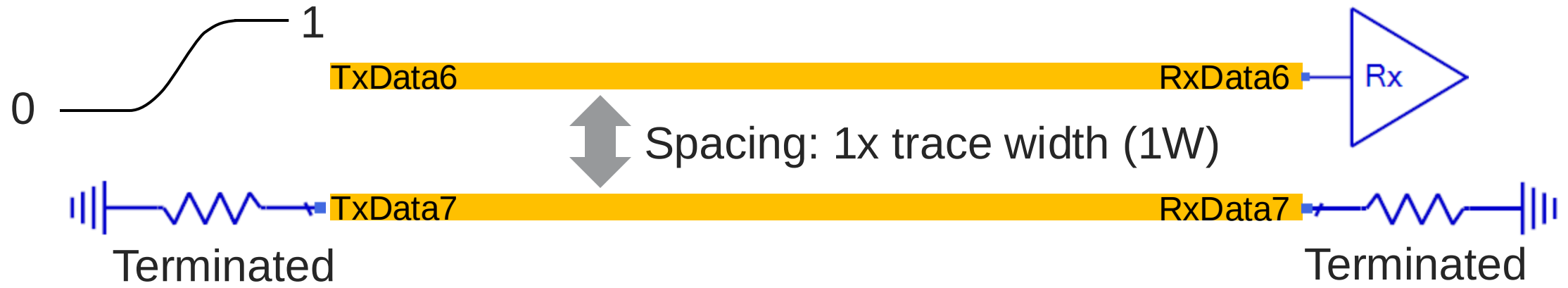
Received eye example



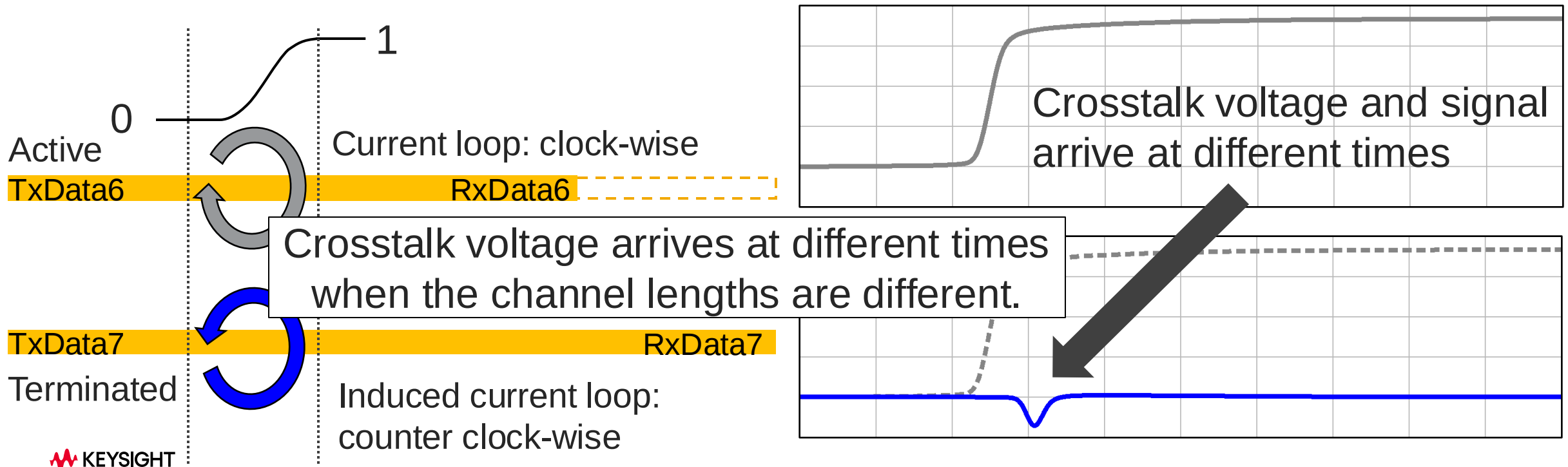
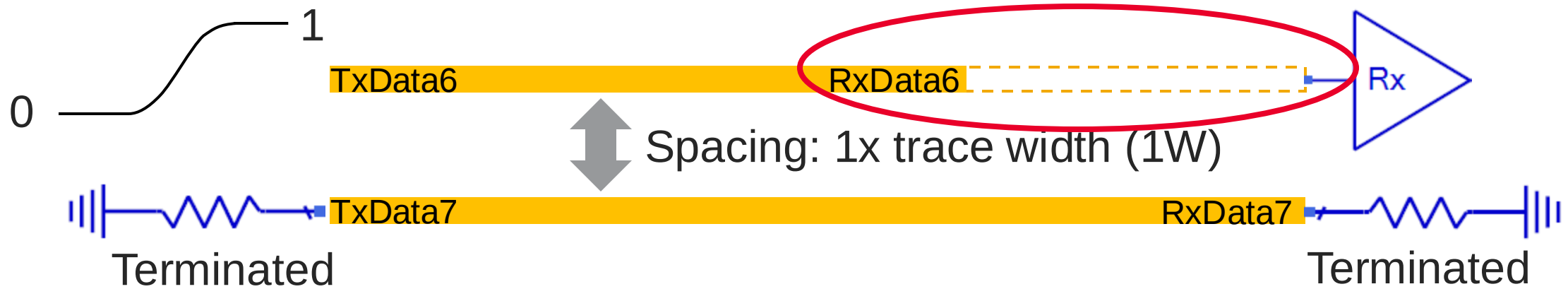
Received eye at RxData7
without equalization



Previous Channels Have the Same Lengths

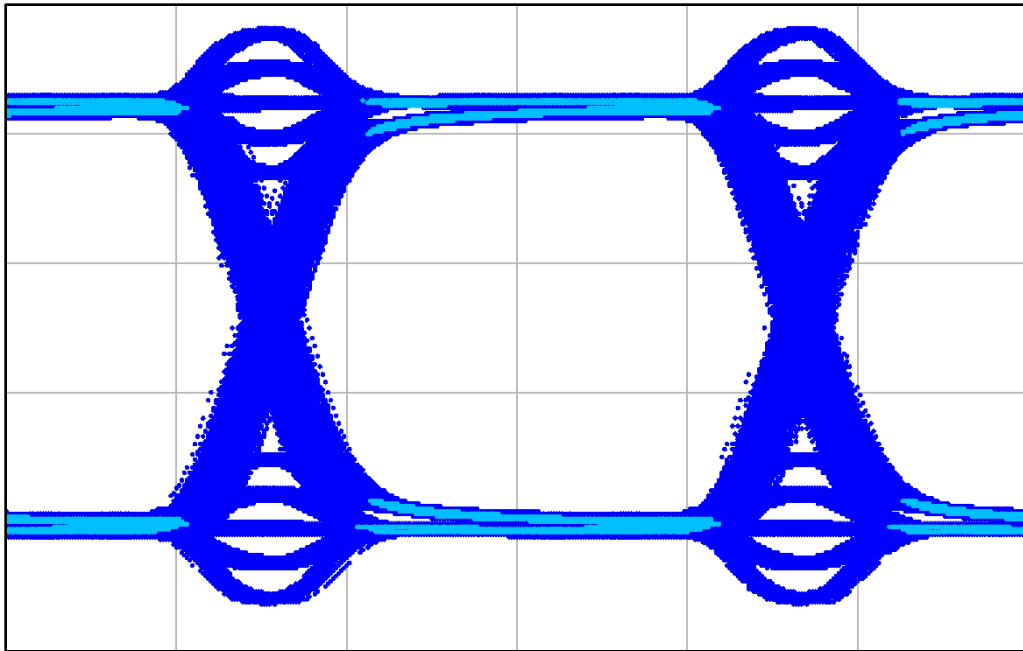


Change the Channel Length to Offset the Timing of Crosstalk

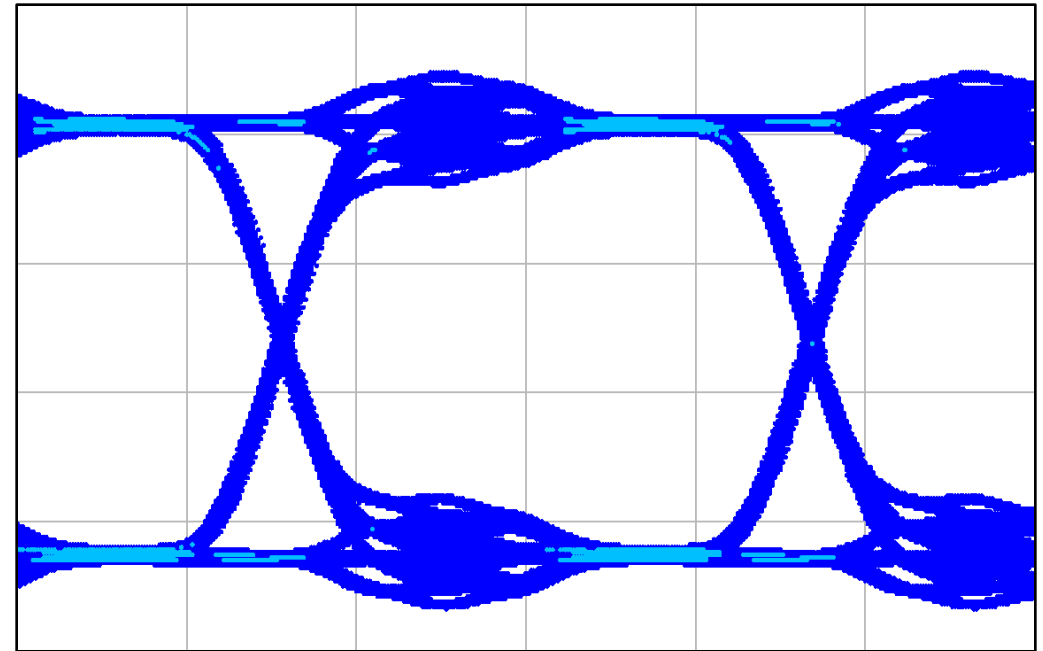


Xtalk and Length Variation Cause Vertical Eye Collapse

Received eye example
With **same channel lengths**



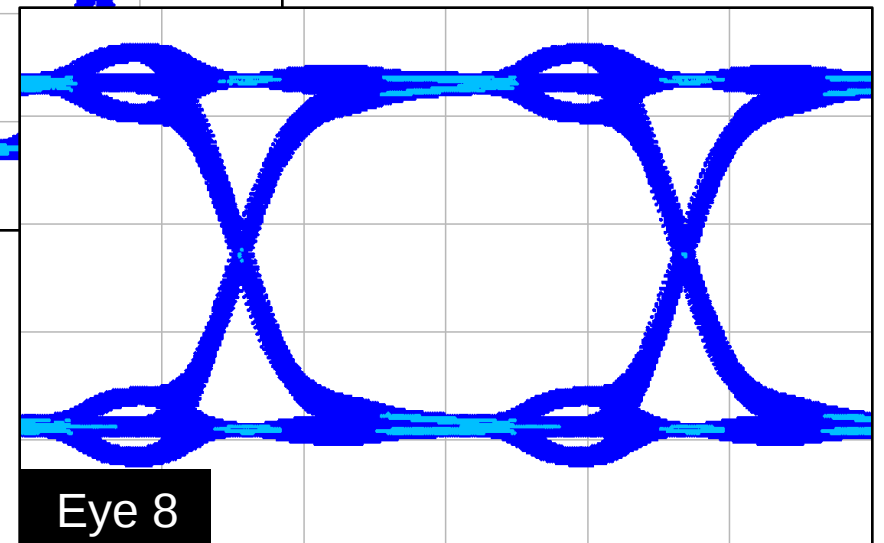
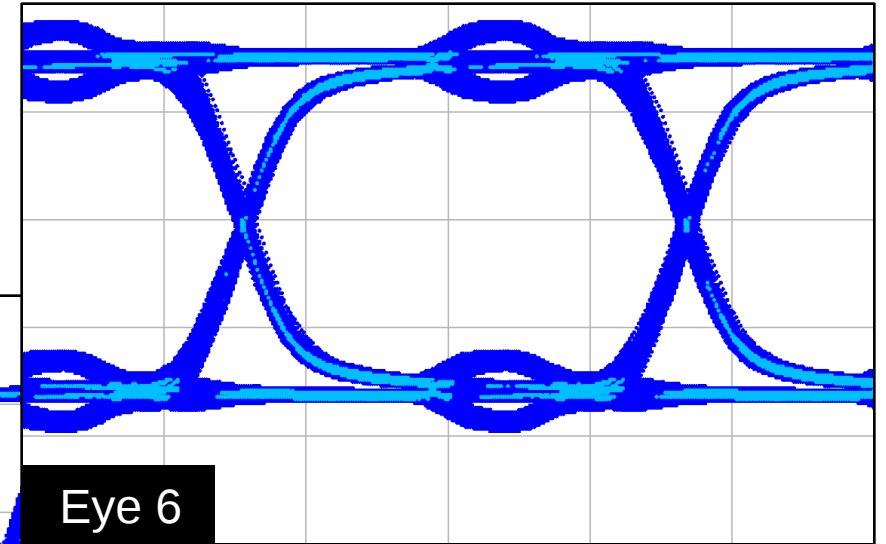
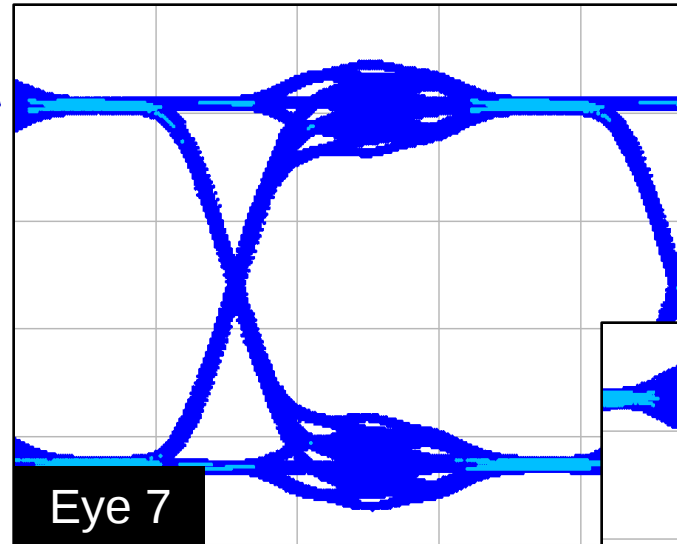
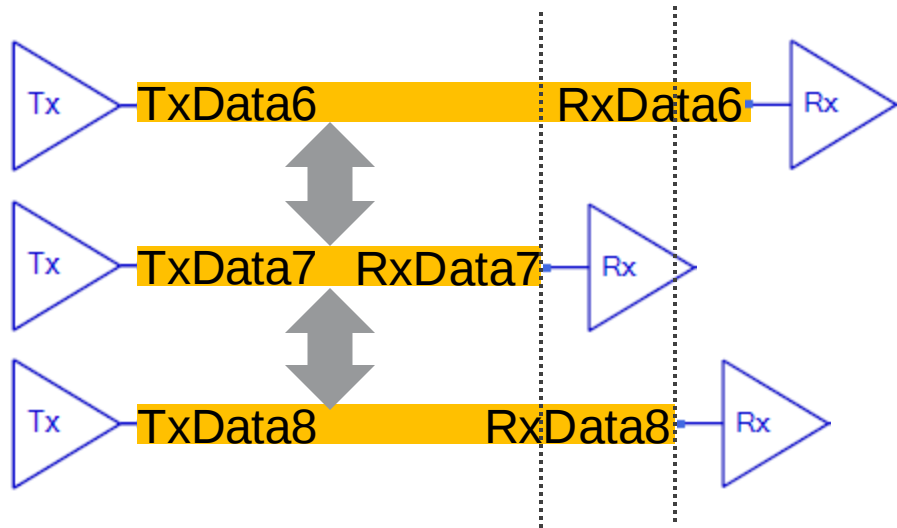
Received eye example
With **different channel lengths**



Crosstalk with channel length variations can cause vertical eye collapse!

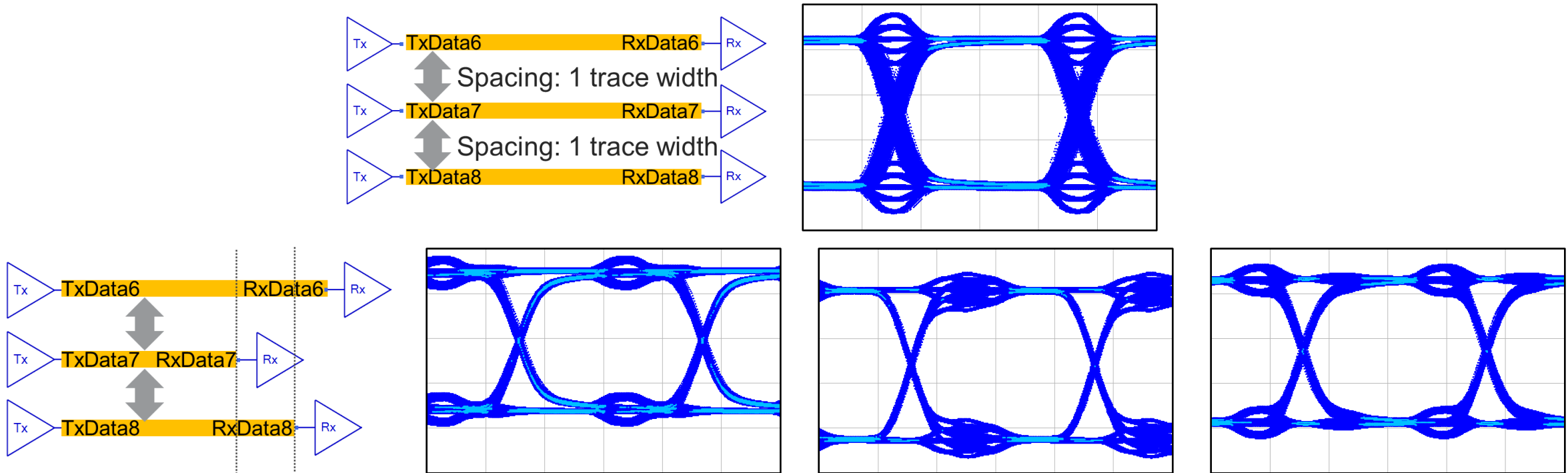
Xtalk and Length Variation Cause Vertical Eye Collapse

3 nearby channels separated by one trace-width and with all different lengths



Crosstalk from multiple channels with multiple channel length variations can cause vertical eye collapse.

Fix Vertical Eye Closure by Increasing Channel Spacing



Signs in the Eye

- Peaks in eye transitions
- Lumped peaks in the eyes

Root cause

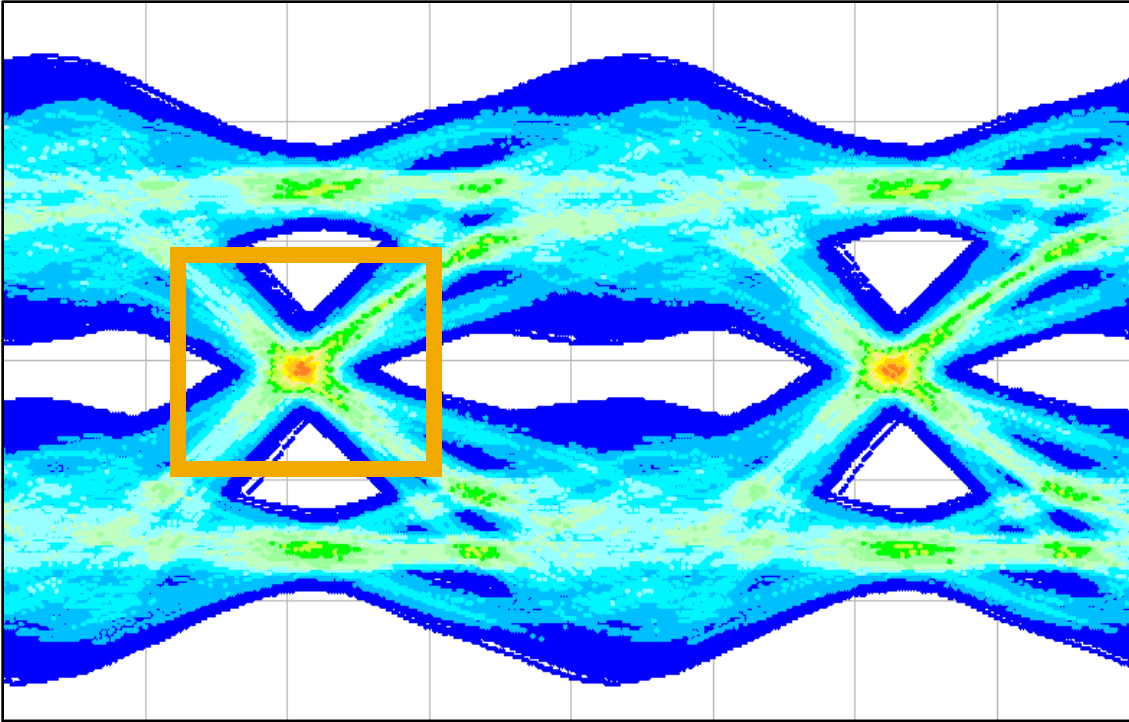
Crosstalk from adjacent channels

Fixes

- Move channels farther apart
- Maintain the same channel length

Eye Shows Reflection, Crosstalk, and Considerable Loss

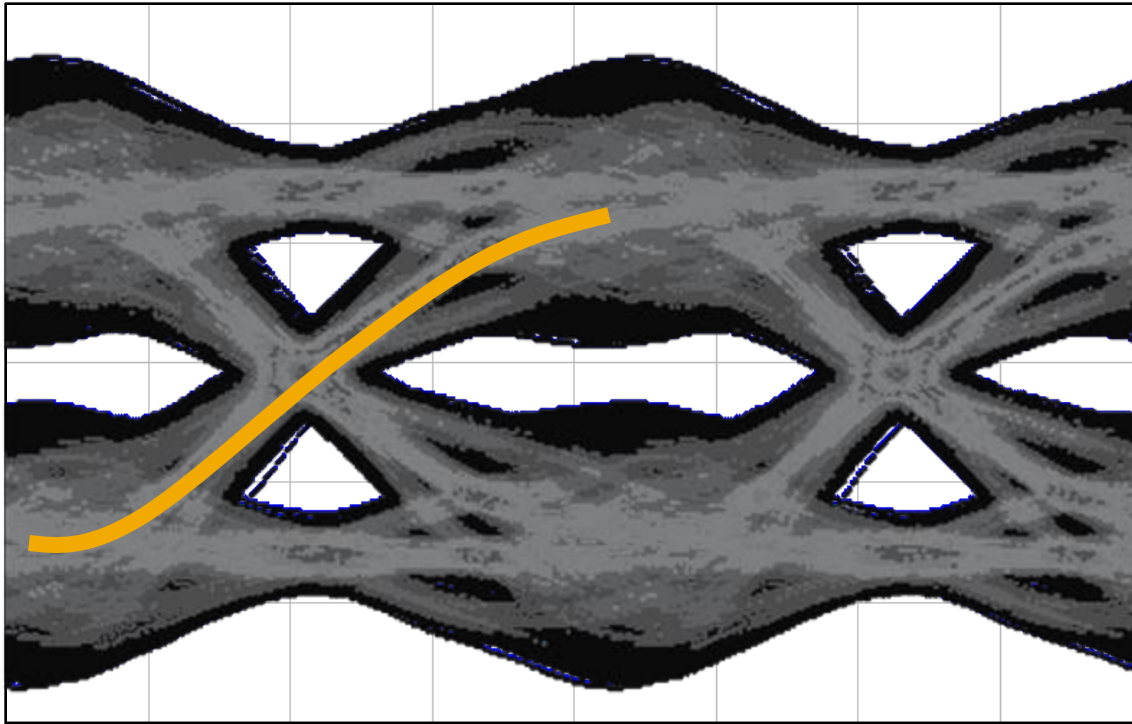
Received eye at RxData7 without equalization



3. Signs of frequency-dependent loss

Rise Time Degradation Indicates Loss in the Channel

Received eye at RxData7 without equalization



3. Signs of frequency-dependent loss

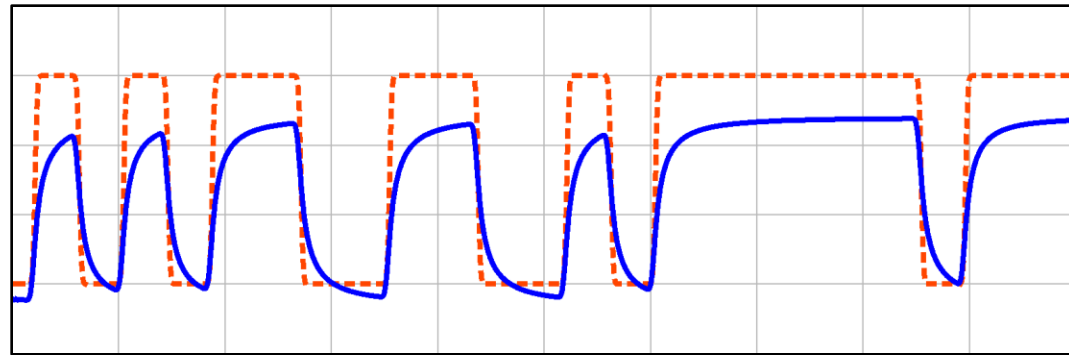
Frequency-dependent loss causes rise time degradation which reduces both timing margin and voltage margin.

Interconnects Attenuate High-frequency Components More

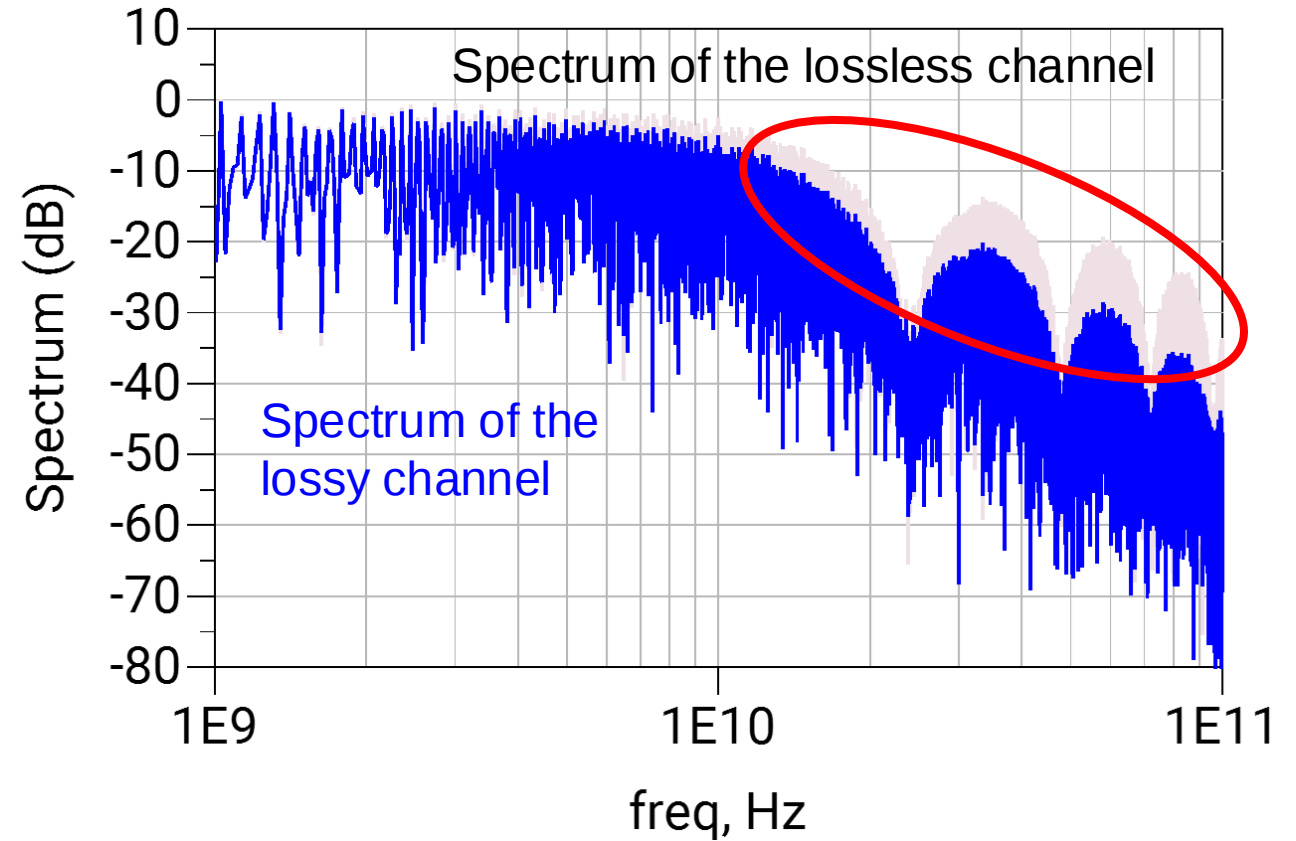
Received waveform after a lossless channel



Received waveform after a lossy channel



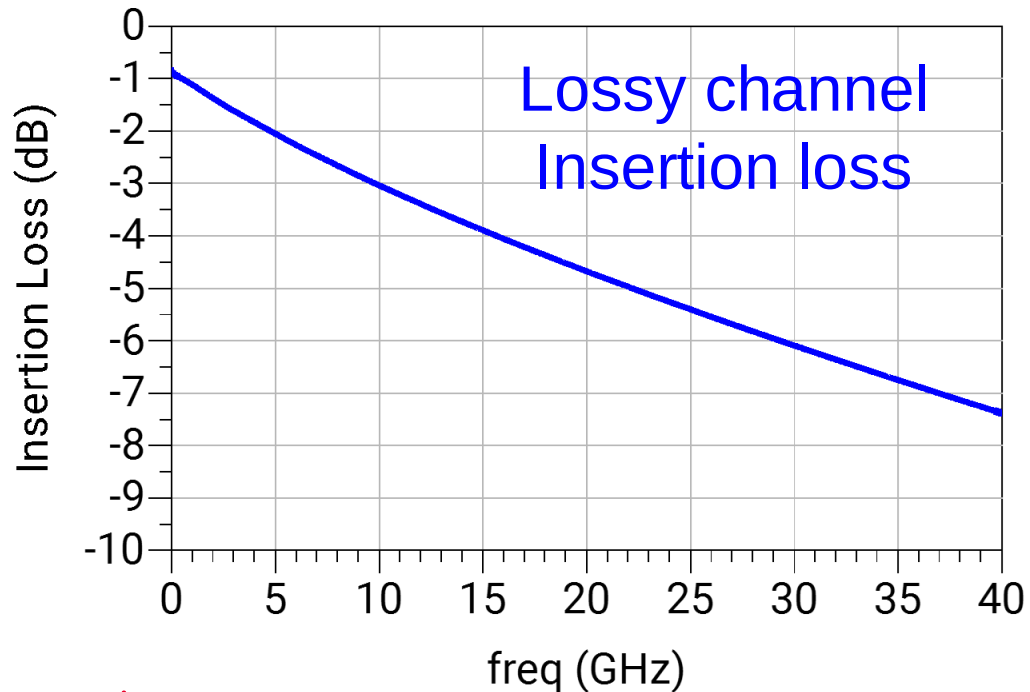
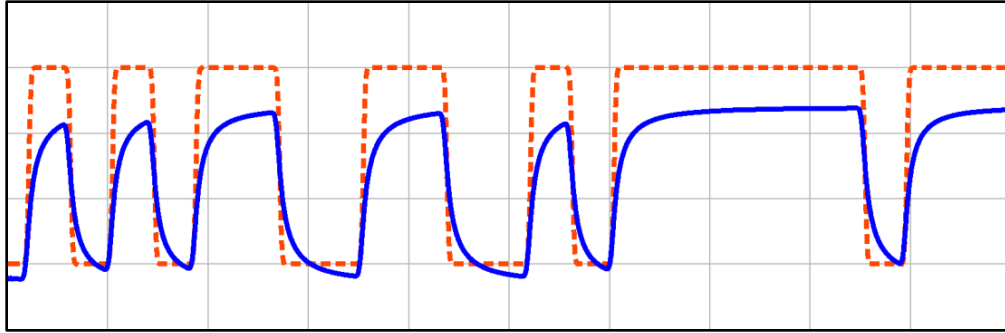
The lossy channel acts as a low-pass filter.



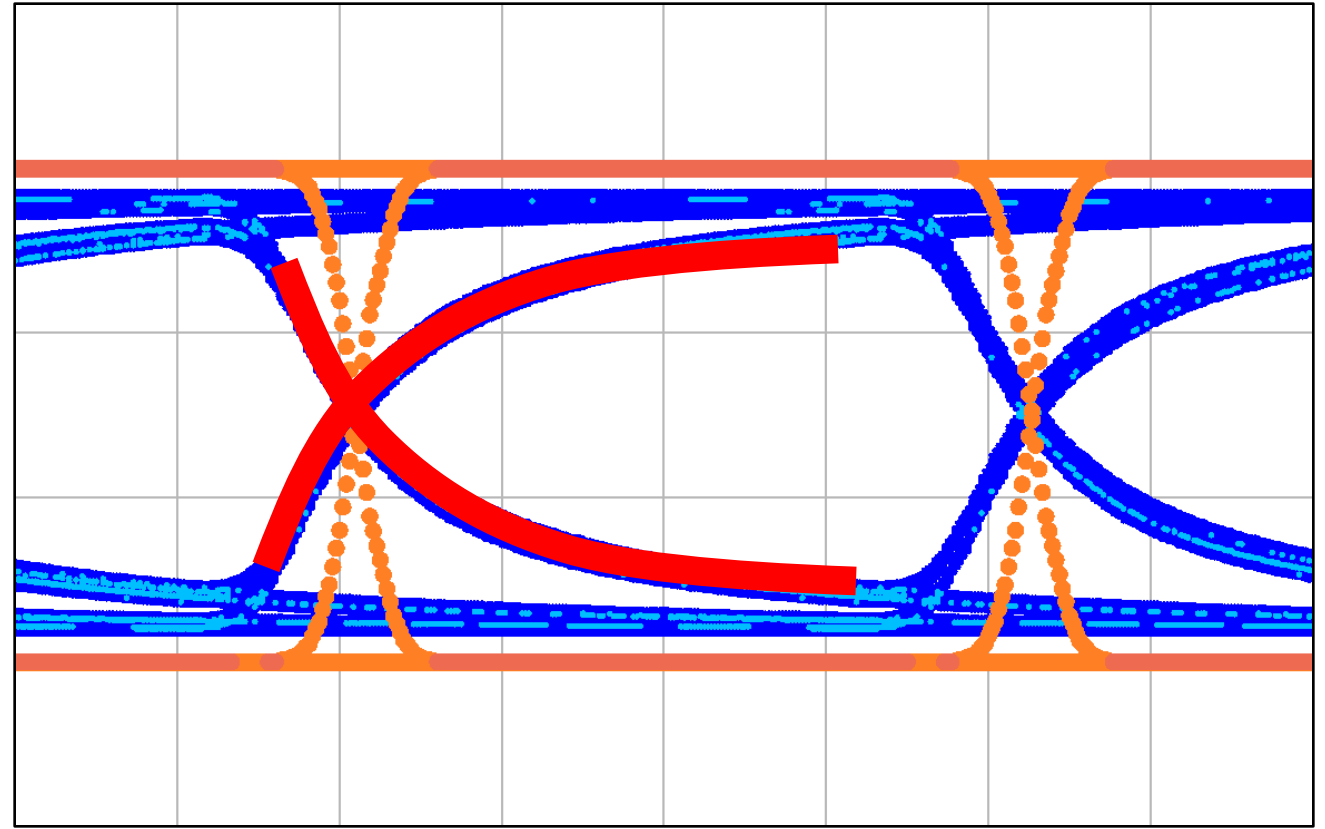
This low-pass filter degrades the fast rise time.

Interconnects Attenuate High-frequency Components More

Received waveform after a lossy channel

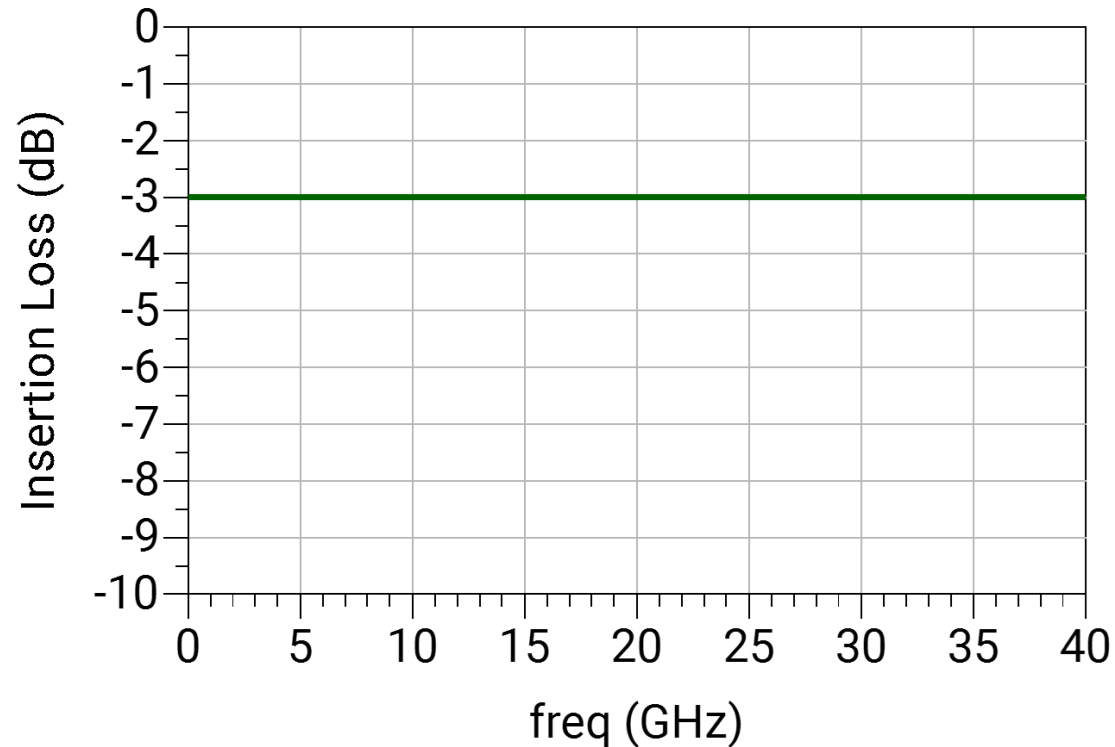


Frequency-dependent loss reduces eye height and width

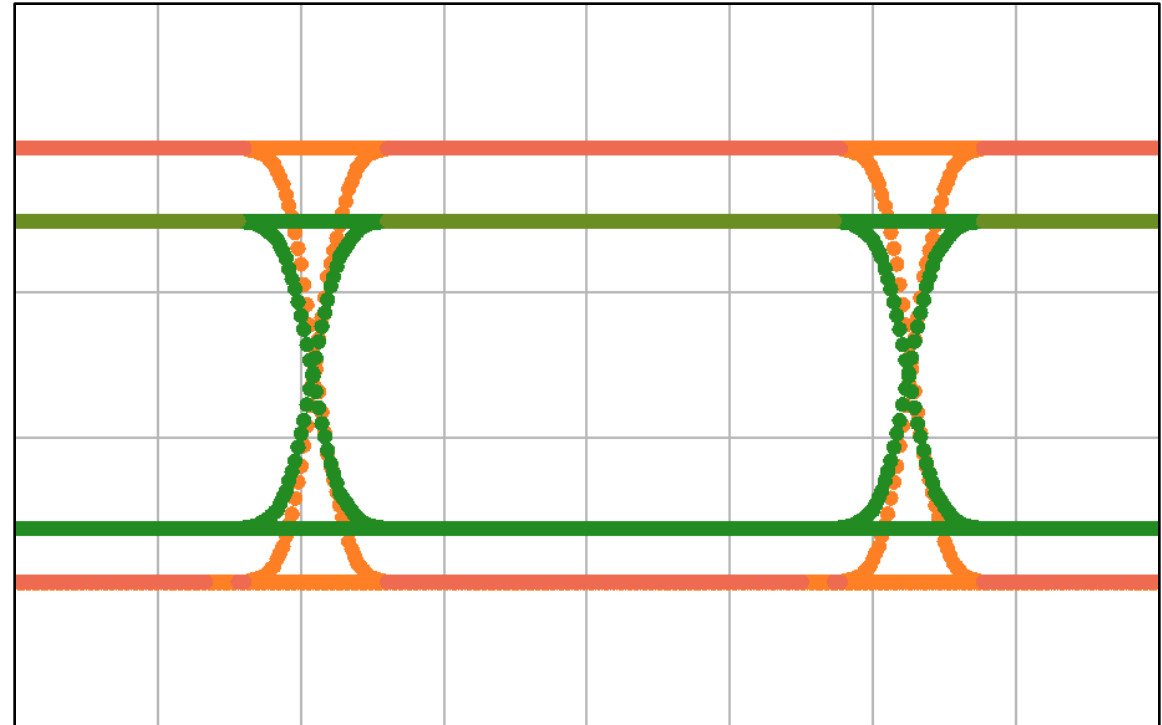


Constant Loss Over Frequency Only Reduces Eye Amplitude

Lossy channel with
constant Insertion loss

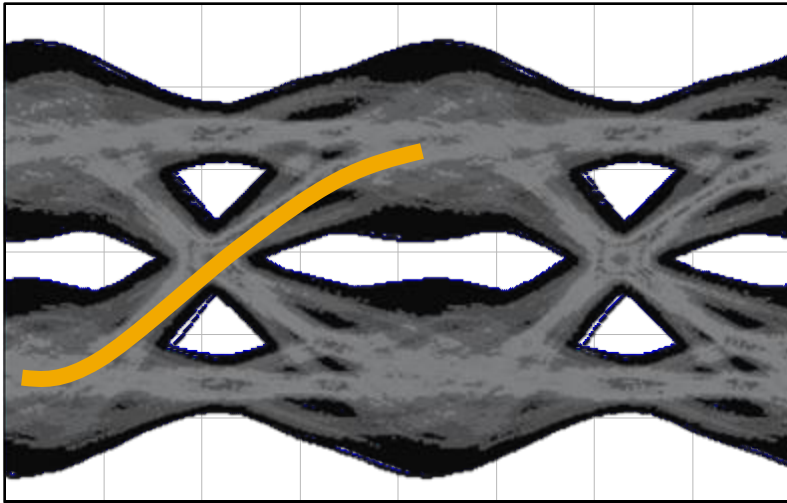


Frequency-independent loss
does not degrade rise time

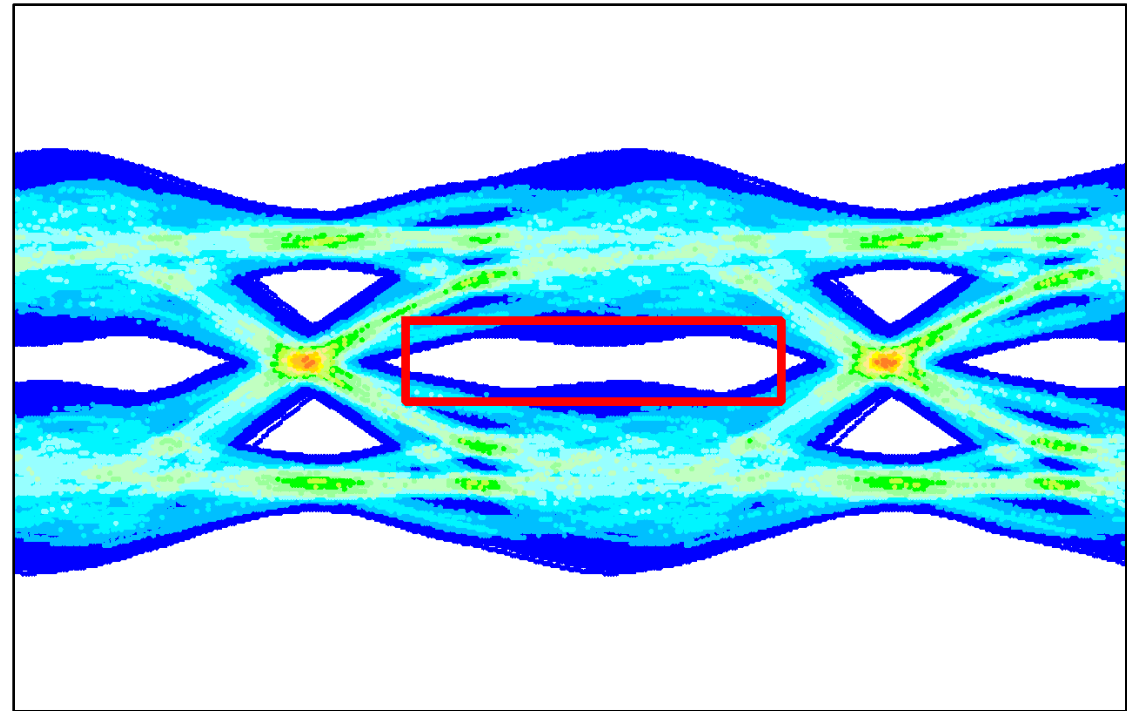


Reduces Loss by Reducing Channel Length

Received eye at RxData7
without equalization



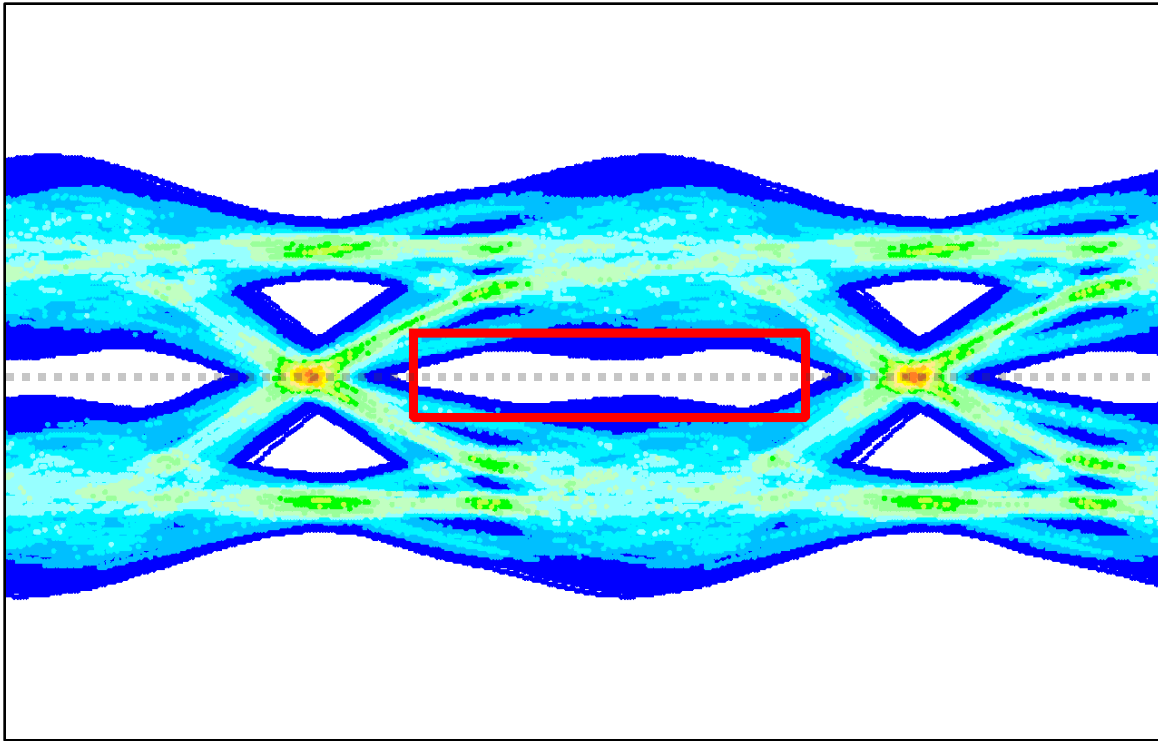
Use an eye mask as a reference
as the channel length reduces



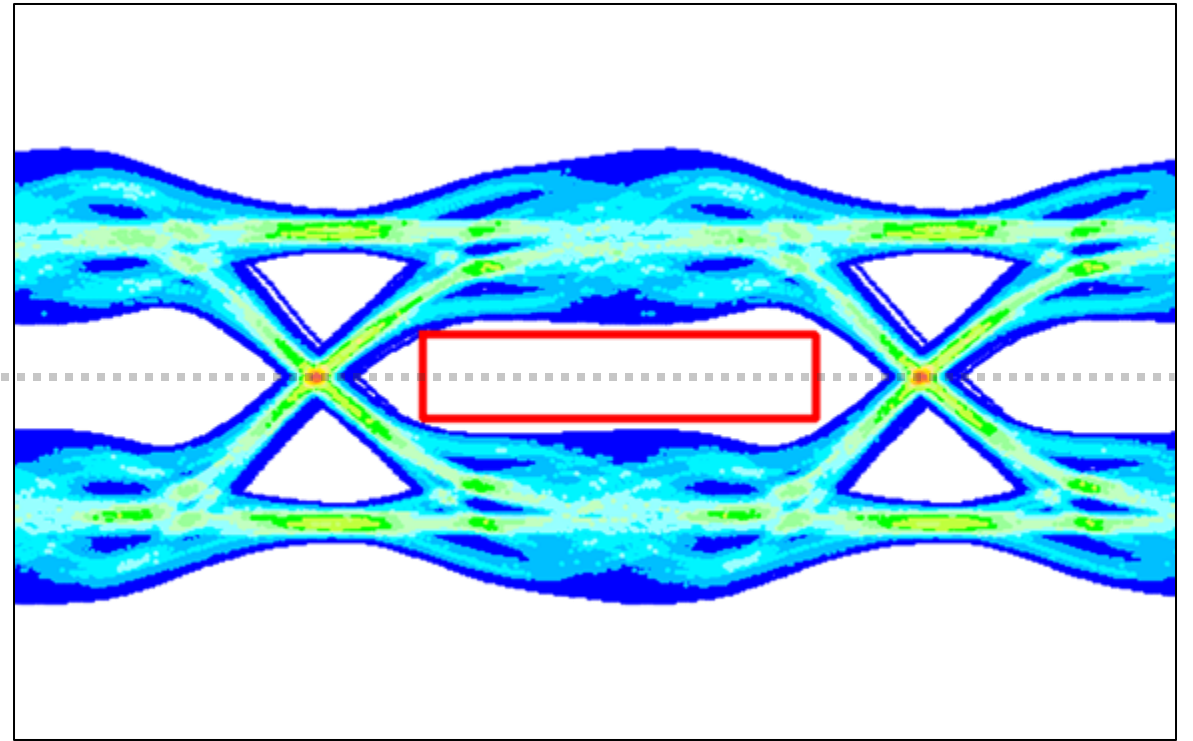
Expect a larger eye-opening as channel length decreases.

Eye Opens Up as Channel Length Decreases

Channel length 25 mm

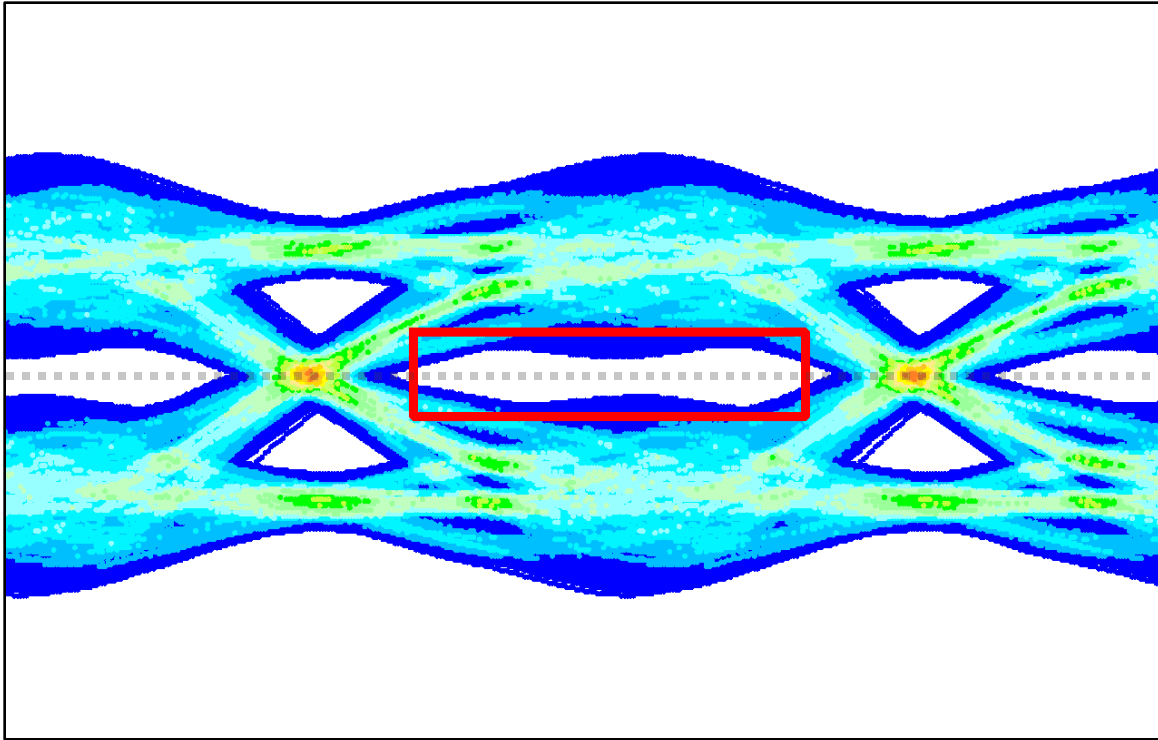


Channel length 18 mm

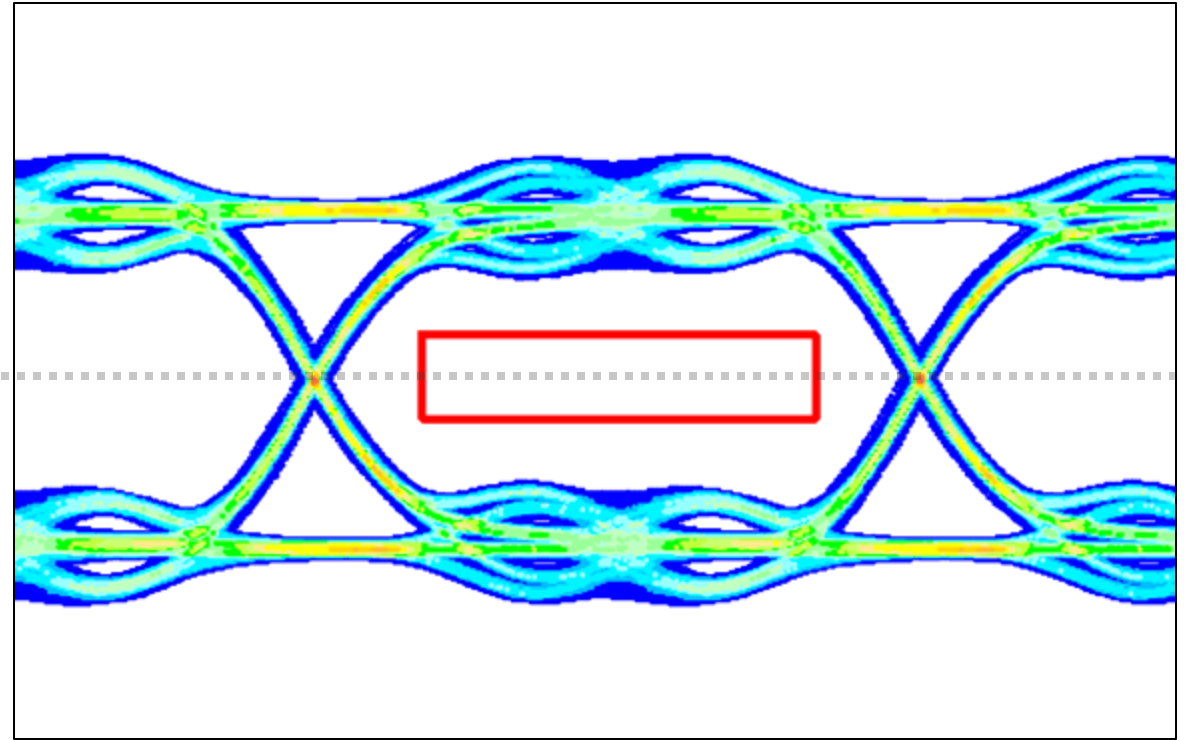


Eye Opens Up as Channel Length Decreases

Channel length 25 mm

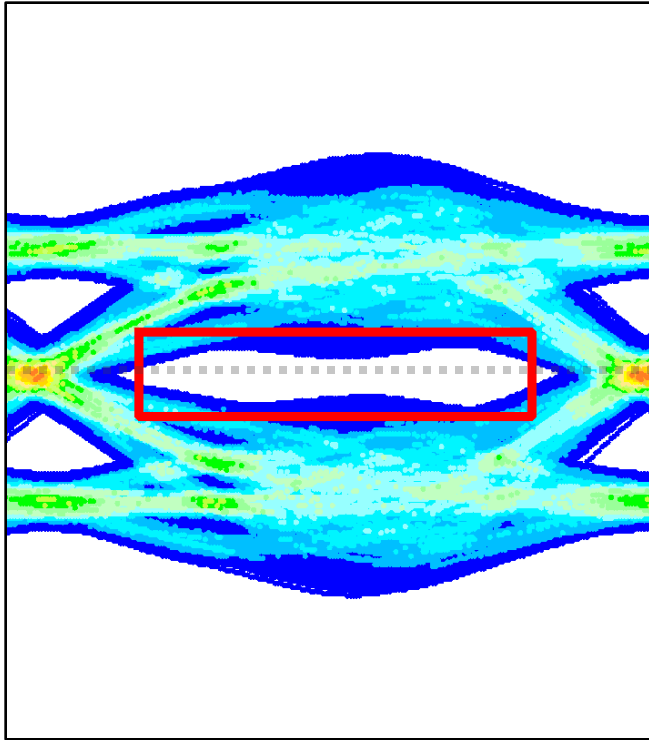


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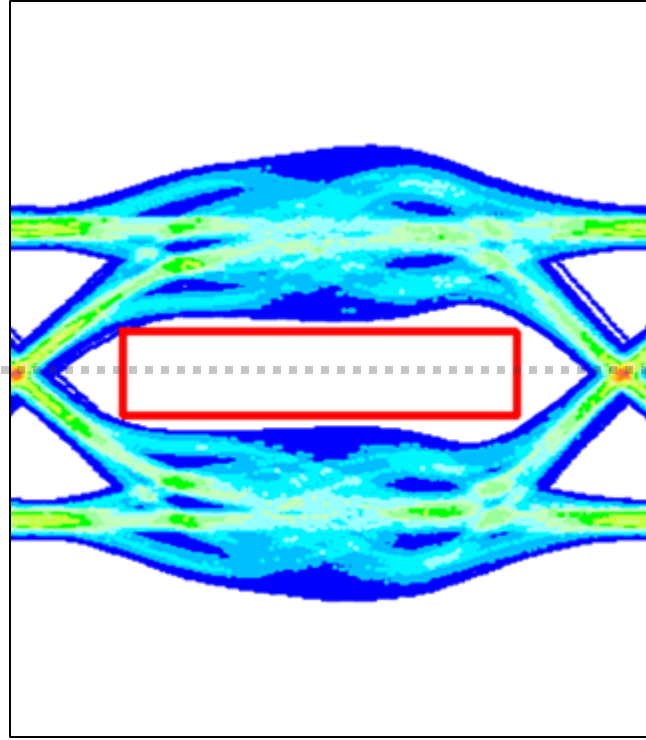


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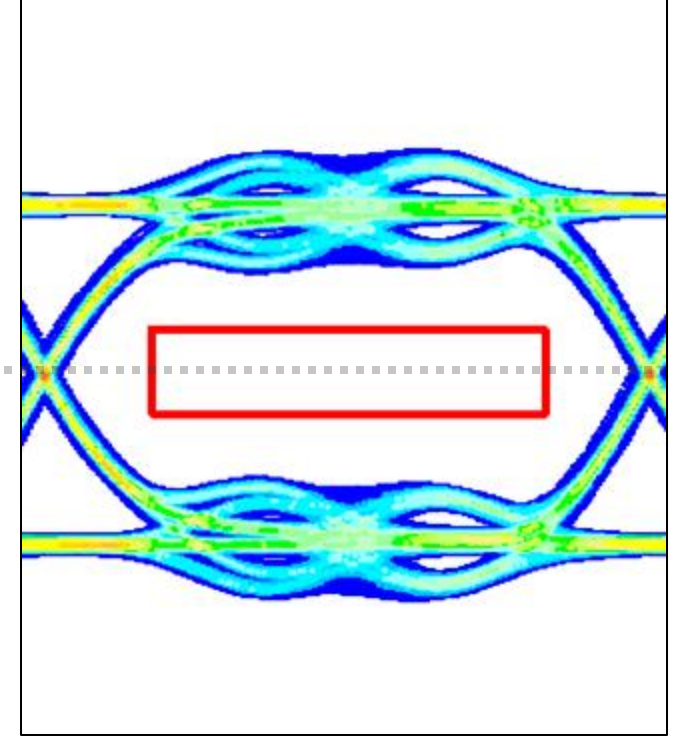
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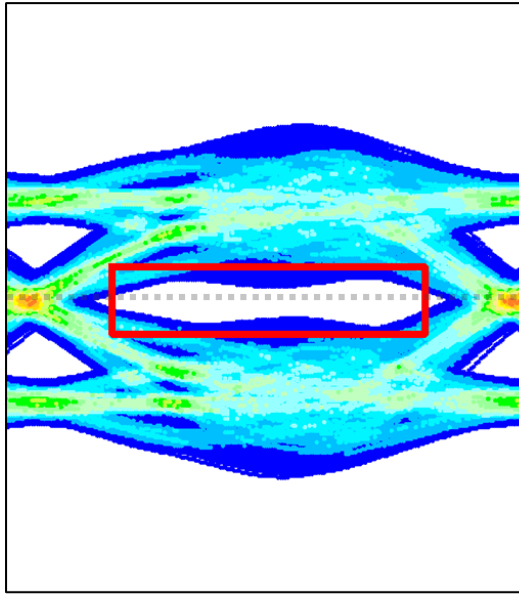


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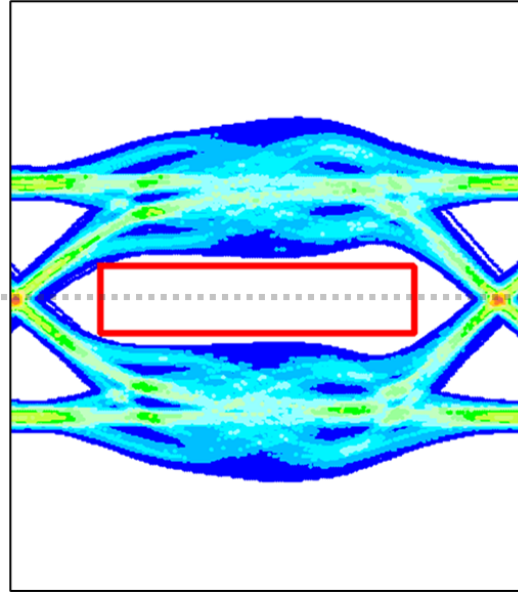


As expected, one achieves a larger eye-opening as channel length decreases.

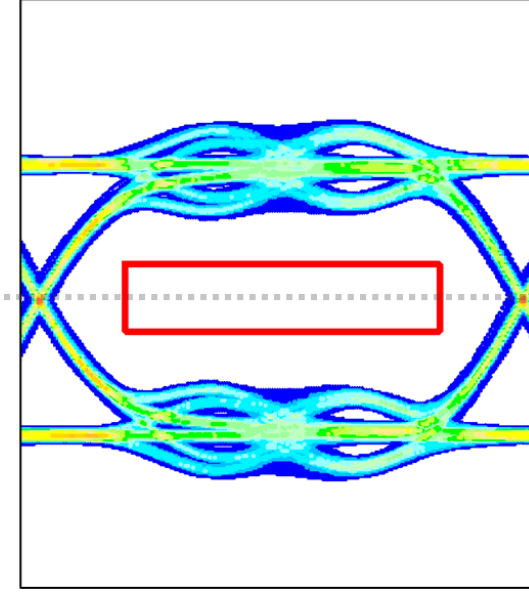
Fix Rise Time Degradation by Decreasing Channel Length



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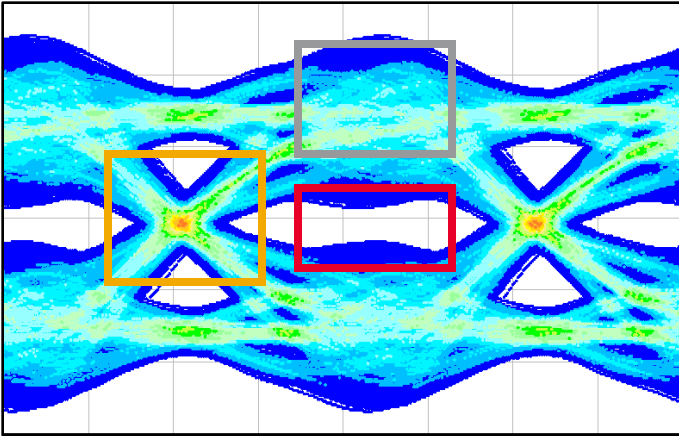
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Signs in the Eye	Root cause	Fixes
The transition edge slope is slow/gradual	Frequency-dependent loss from the channel	Reduce channel length to reduce loss

Improve Your Signal Integrity by Removing the Root Cause



1. Signs of reflection

2. Signs of crosstalk

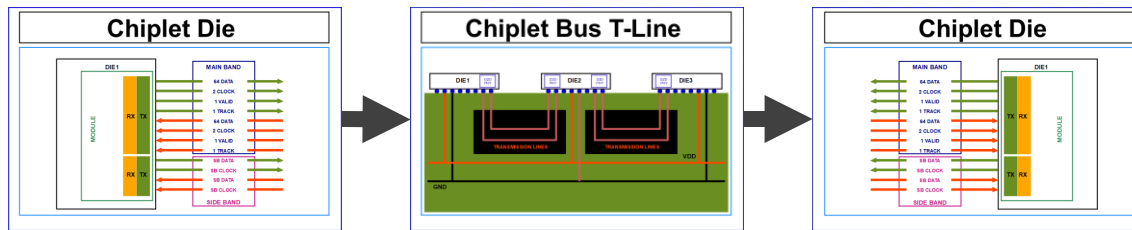
3. Signs of frequency-dependent loss

Signs in the Eye	Root cause	Fixes
- Deformed eye shape - Reduced eye amplitude	Impedance discontinuities	Locate impedance discontinuity and match it with channel impedance
- Peaks in eye transitions - Lumped peaks in the eyes	Crosstalk from adjacent channels	- Move channels farther apart - Maintain the same channel length
The transition edge slope is slow/gradual	Frequency-dependent loss from the channel	Reduce channel length to reduce loss

Key Attributes to a Chiplet System SI Analysis Software



Standard-focused
Let the software work for you



Die-to-Die Link and System Analysis
Identify problems early, reproduce existing problems



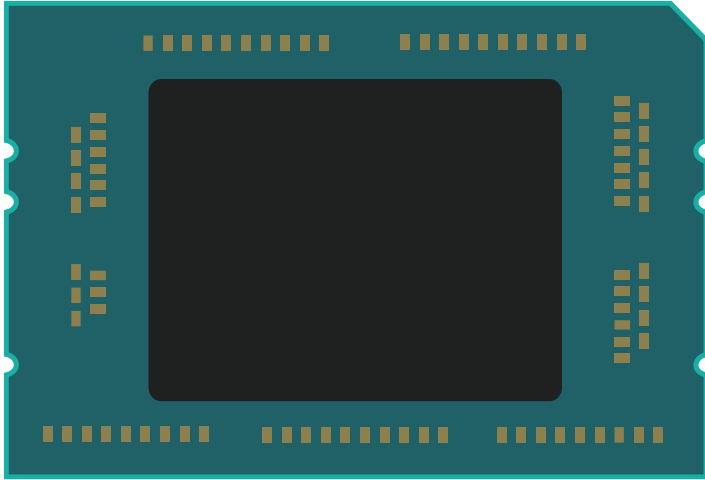
Usability and Integration
Don't work for the computer



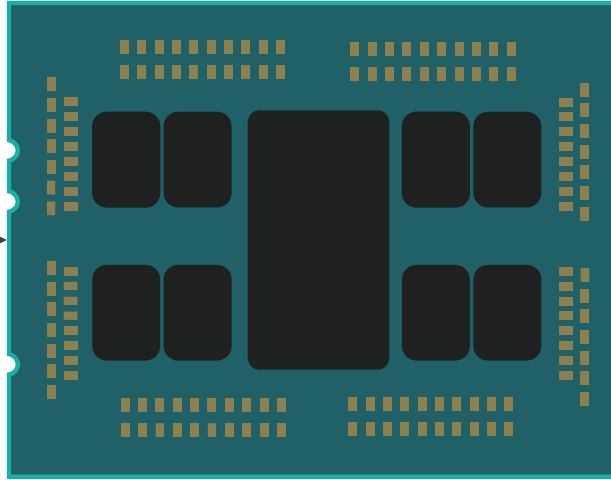
Chiplet PHY Designer Demo

Chiplet and UCle Standard Quick Recap

Monolithic Die Designs



Chiplet Designs



Chiplet Design Philosophy

- Maximizes wafer usage
- Has a higher yield
- Has a lower cost
- Easy to scale!

Die-to-die (D2D) communication is important

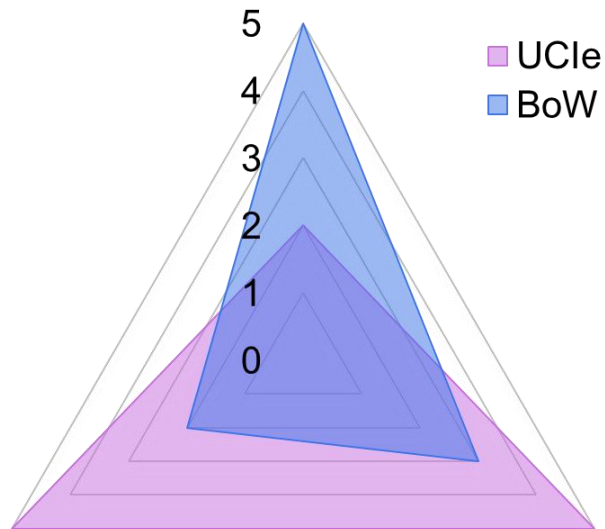


Standards to facilitate the adoption



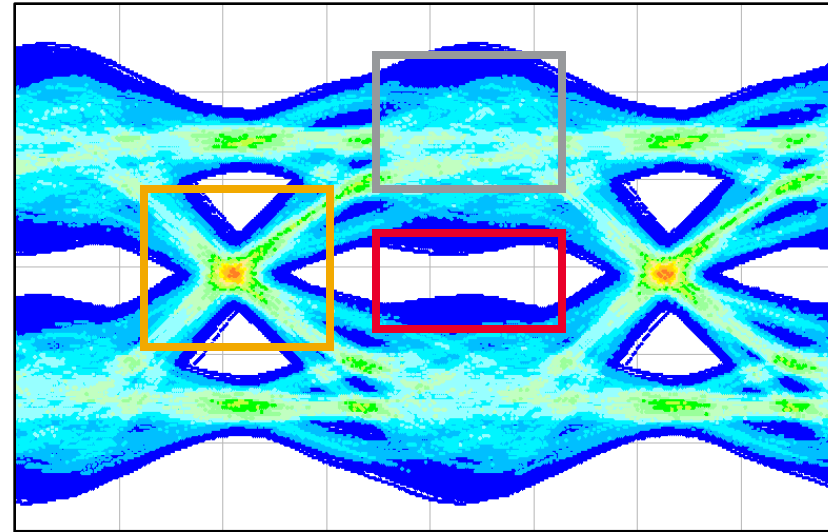
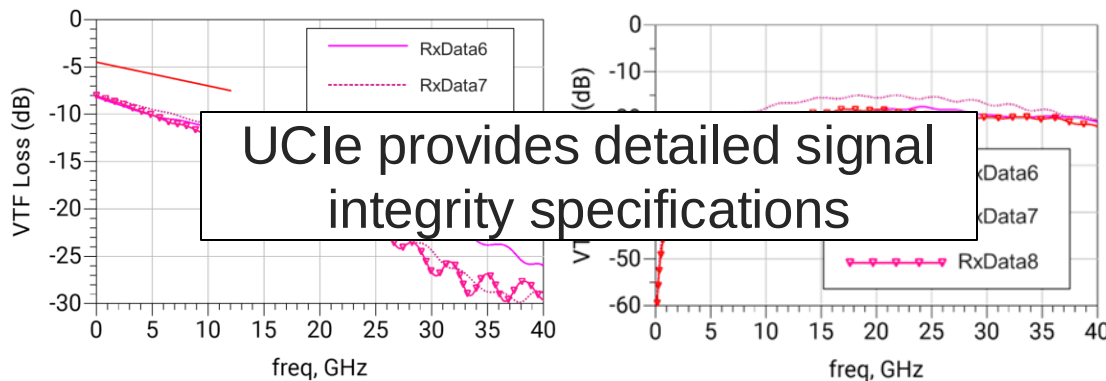
UCIe vs. BoW and Signal Integrity Insight Completed!

Ease of implementation



Signal integrity specification

Interoperability



Rule #9

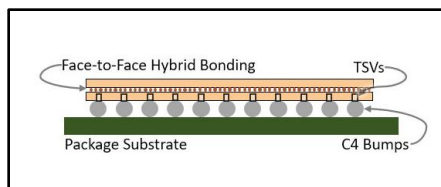
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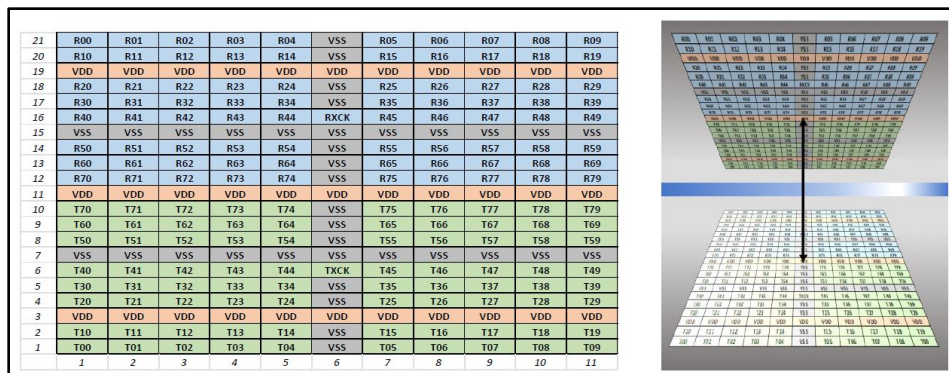
Future Direction of UCle and BoW



UCle 2.0: Higher performance



Example of 3D die stacking [2]



UCle-3D Module Bump Map [2]

BoW 2.1: Broader applications space

BoW.Optical

Provide a common set of recommended configurations for optical chiplets [5].

BoW.Memory

Allow dynamic bidirectional and mixed-direction slices for memory and DRAM chiplets [5].

BoW.FlexI

Offer a single data-rate, streamlined PHY for cost-sensitive and/or ultra-wide applications [5].

Why You Should Design UCle Systems with Keysight W3650B

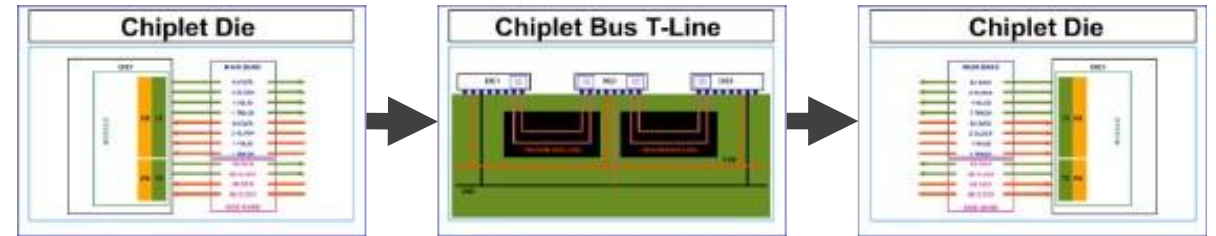
Standard-focused and Compliance

Improve productivity, ensure interoperability



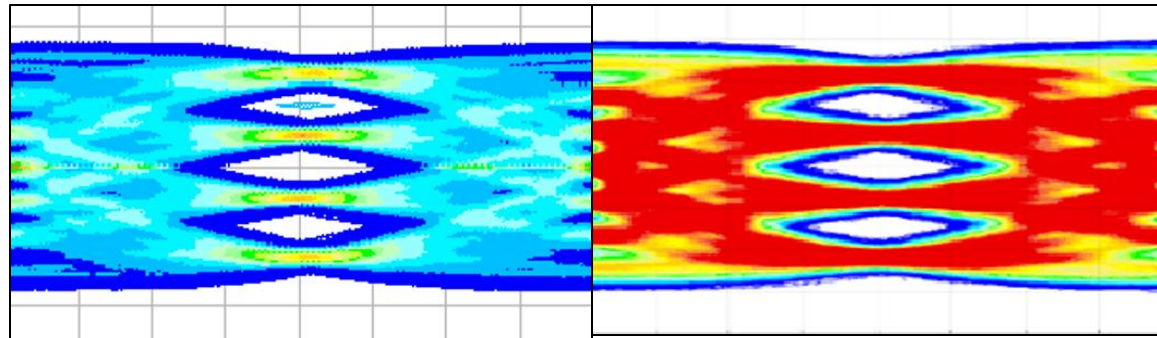
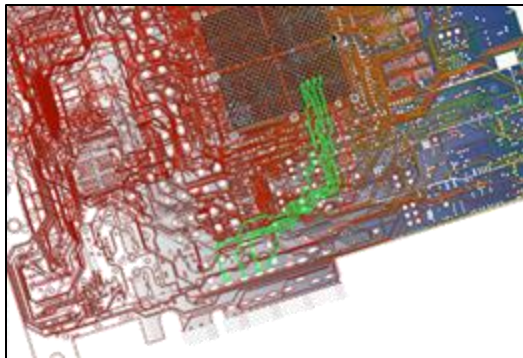
End-to-end UCle System Analysis

Identify system level issues, optimize performance



Simulation and Measurement Solutions

Enable practical design validation, secure first-pass design success



Simulate your UCle system with ADS2025 Update 2

Thank you

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