

Demonstration of a Silicon Photonic Transceiver for Polarization-Based Discrete Variable Quantum Key Distribution

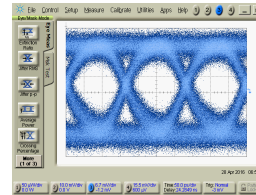
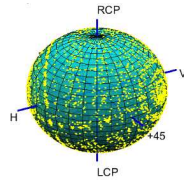
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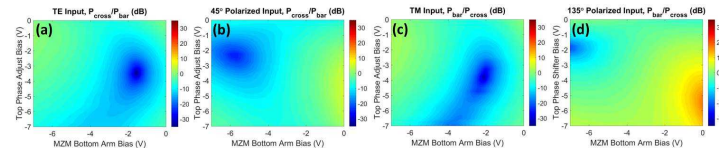
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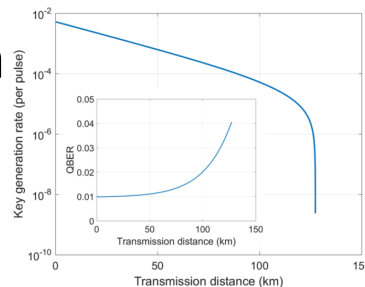
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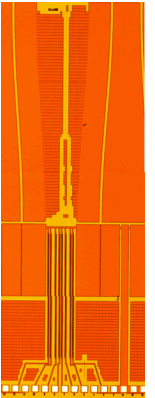
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- Discussion



- Summary



Motivation

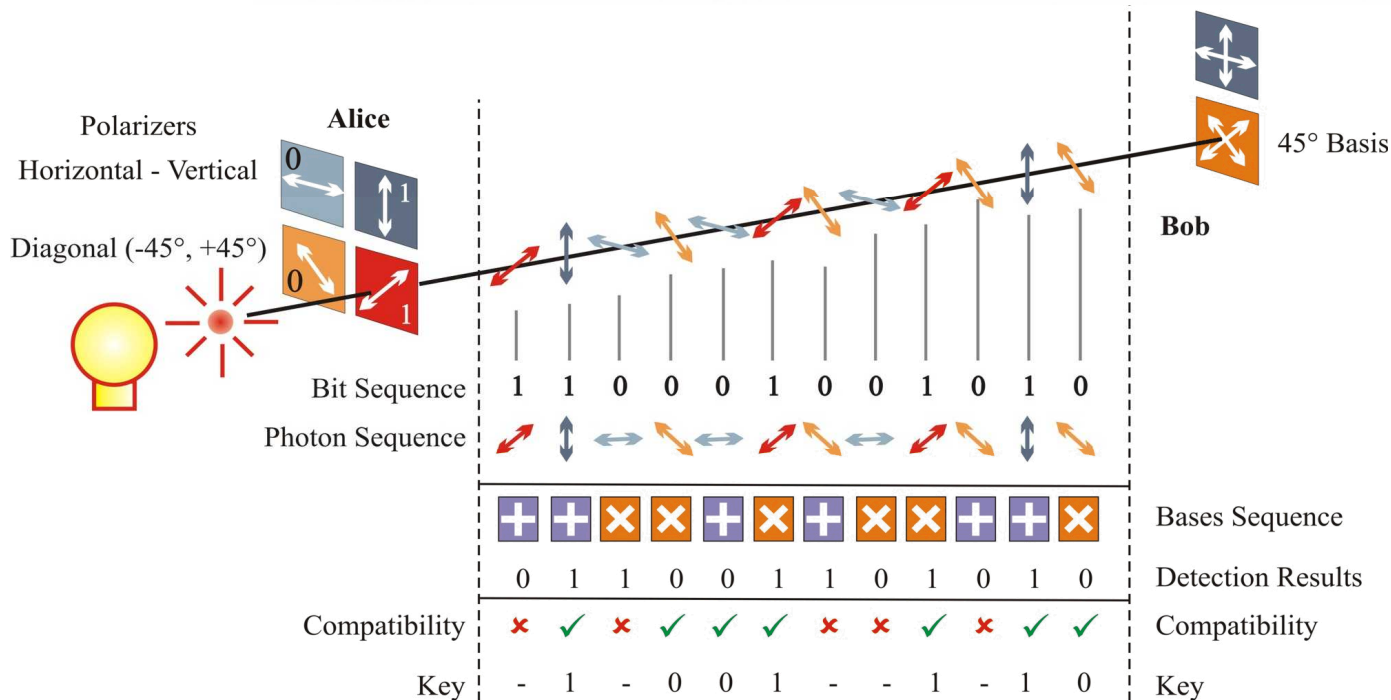
- Quantum Key Distribution (QKD)
- BB84

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A Discrete Variable QKD (DV-QKD) Protocol, A Polarization-Based QKD Protocol....

Figure from <http://swissquantum.idquantique.com/?Key-Sifting>

Motivation

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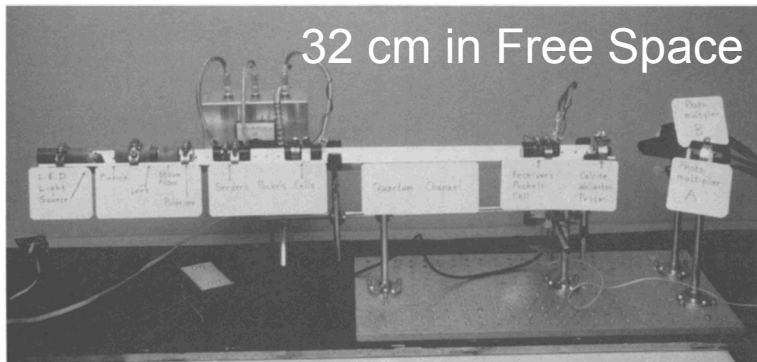
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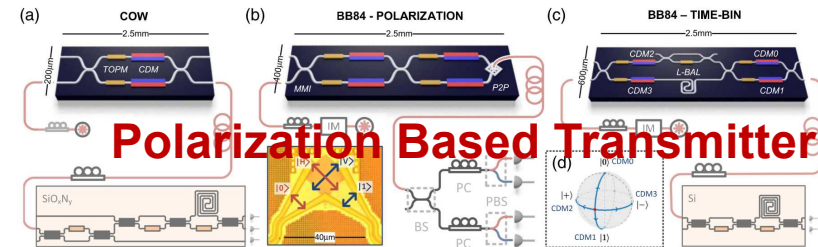
32 cm in Free Space

> 200 km in Fiber

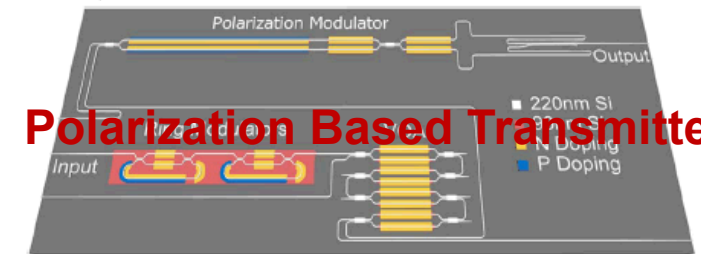
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Polarization Based Transmitter



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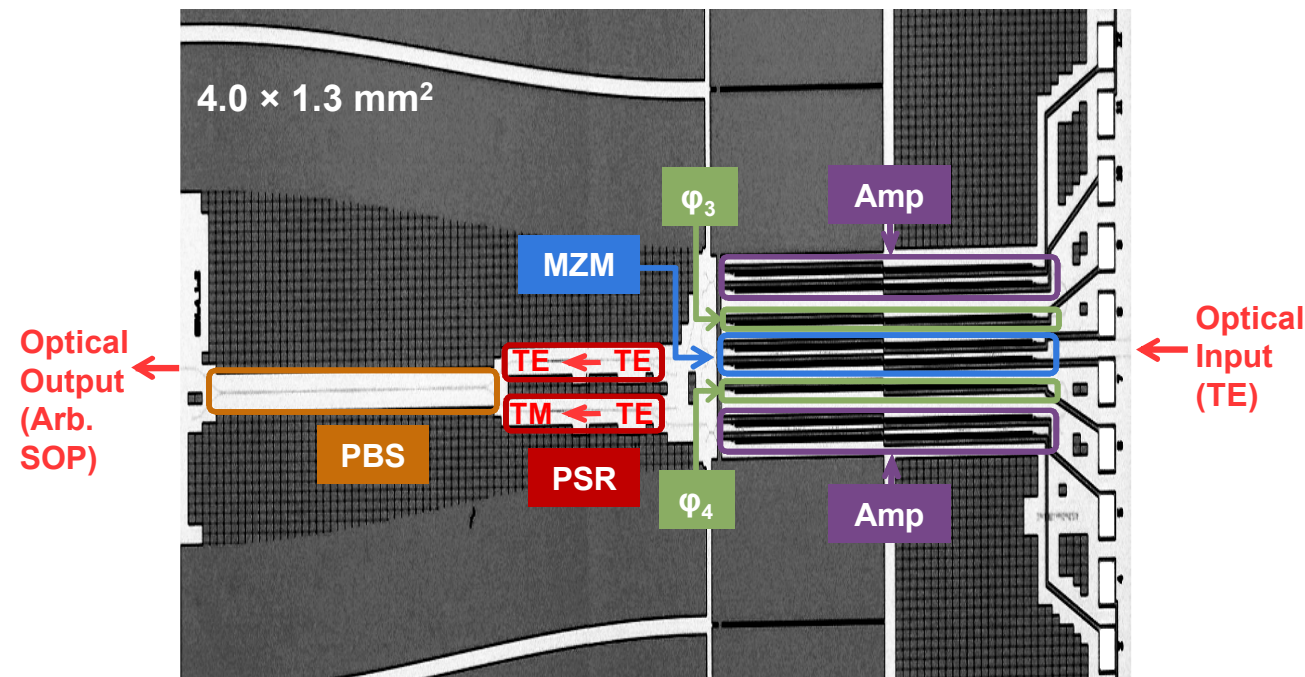
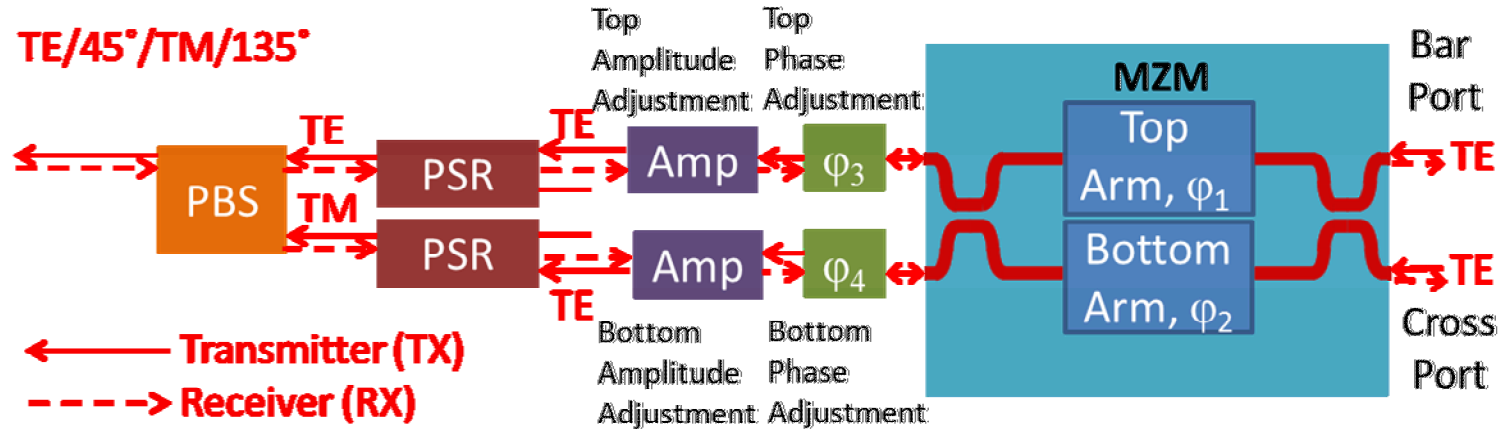
Silicon photonic transmitter for polarization-encoded quantum key distribution

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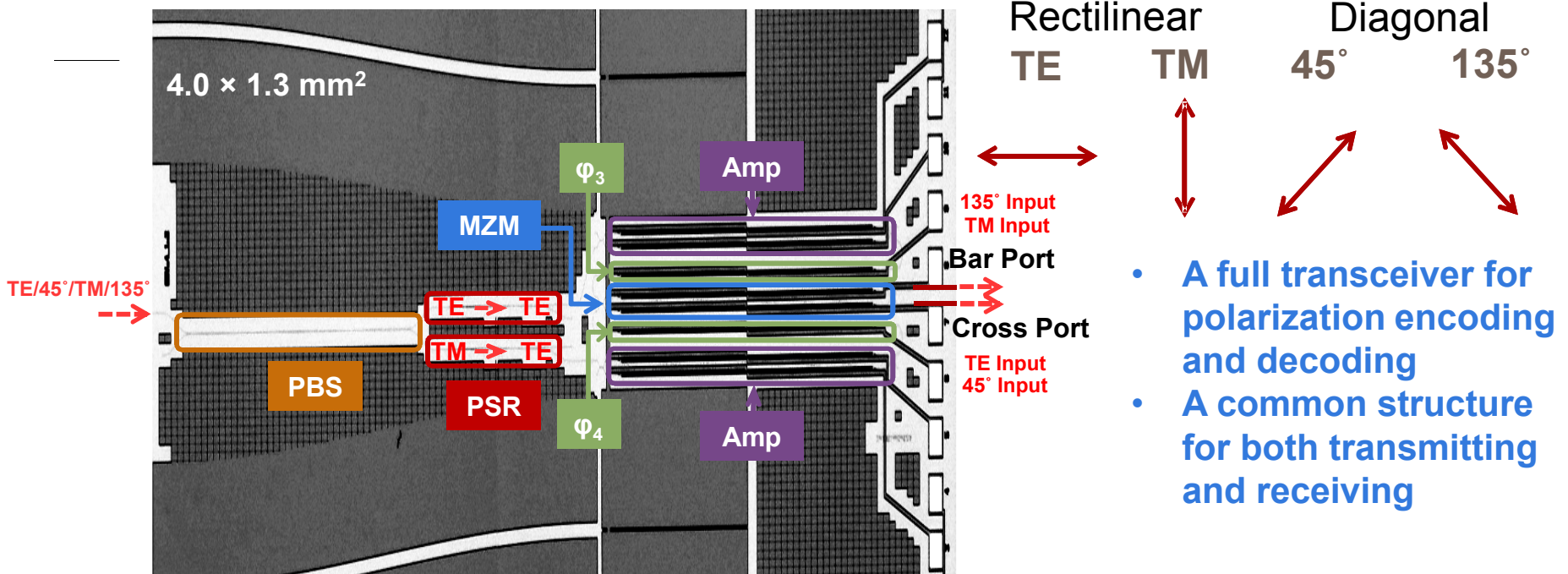
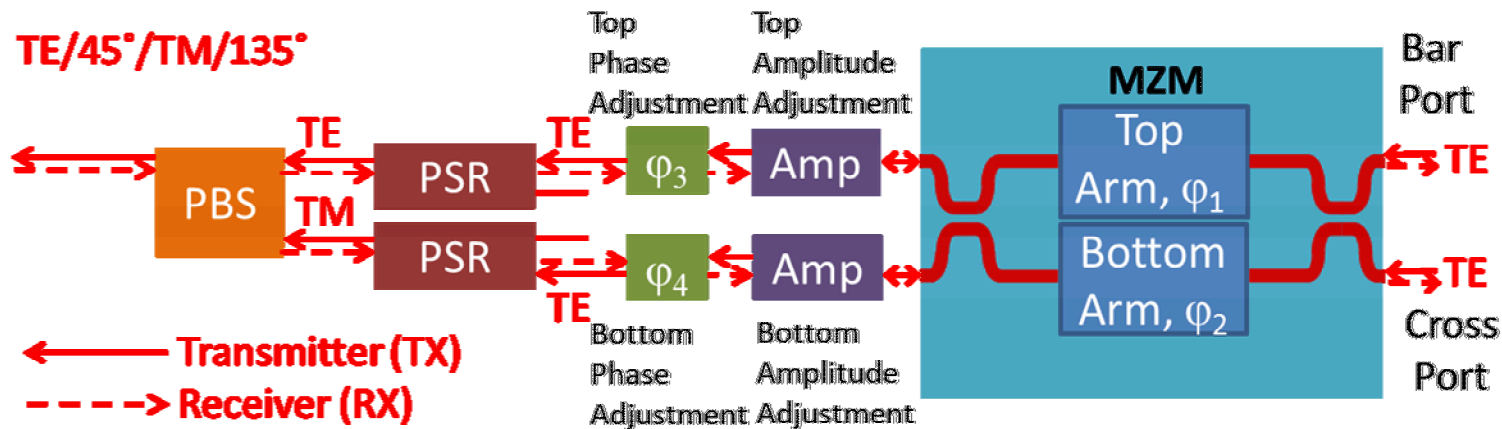
A Full SiP Transceiver for Polarization-Based DV-QKD?

Here it is!

SiP Transceiver Design and Operation



SiP Transceiver Design and Operation



Polarization Encoding

Stokes Vector

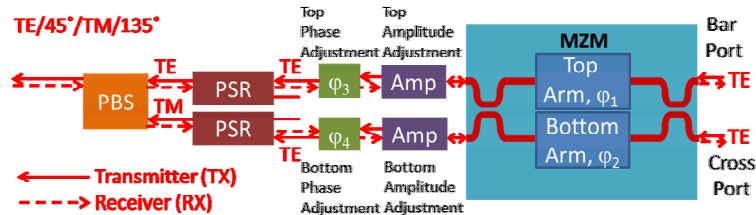
$$S = (s_0 \ s_1 \ s_2 \ s_3)^T$$

$$s_0 = I$$

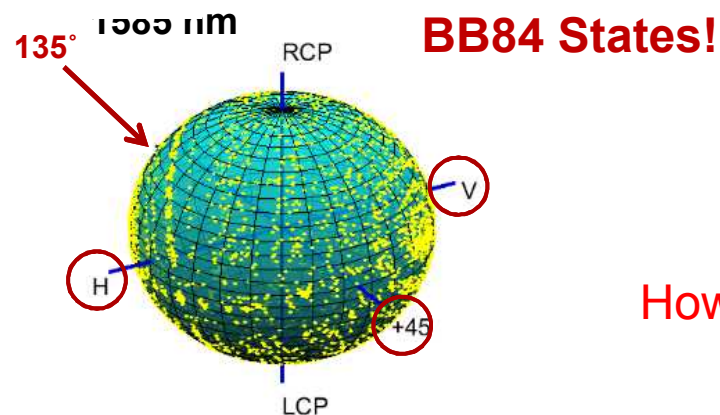
$$s_1 = H - V$$

$$s_2 = 45^\circ - 135^\circ$$

$$s_3 = RCP - LCP$$

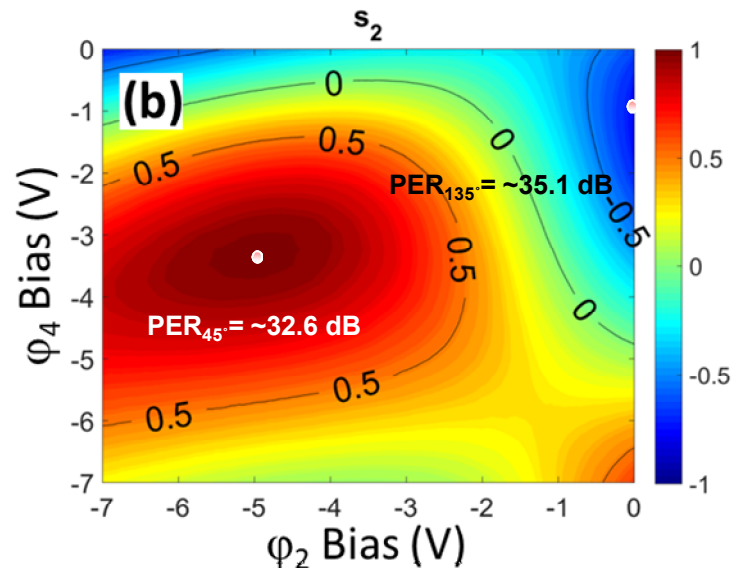
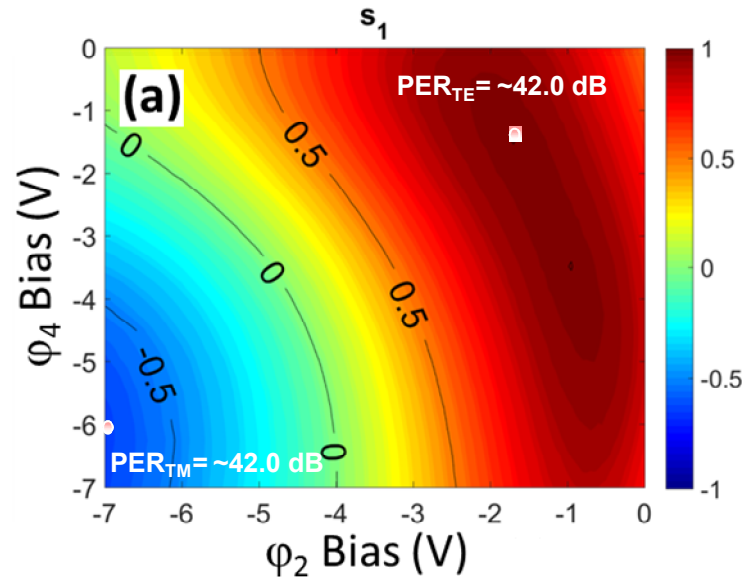


BB84 States	S			
	s_0	s_1	s_2	s_3
TE	1	1	0	0
45°	1	0	1	0
TM	1	-1	0	0
135°	1	0	-1	0



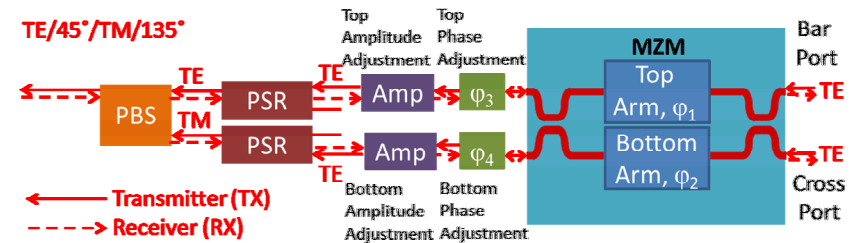
How "pure"?

Polarization Encoding, PER



DOP > 0.9885

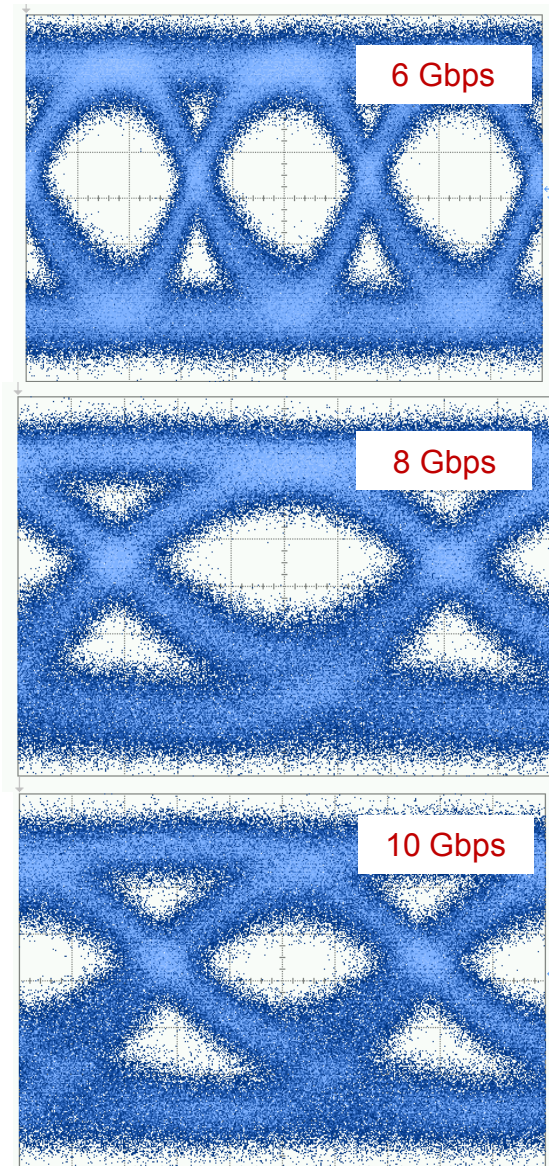
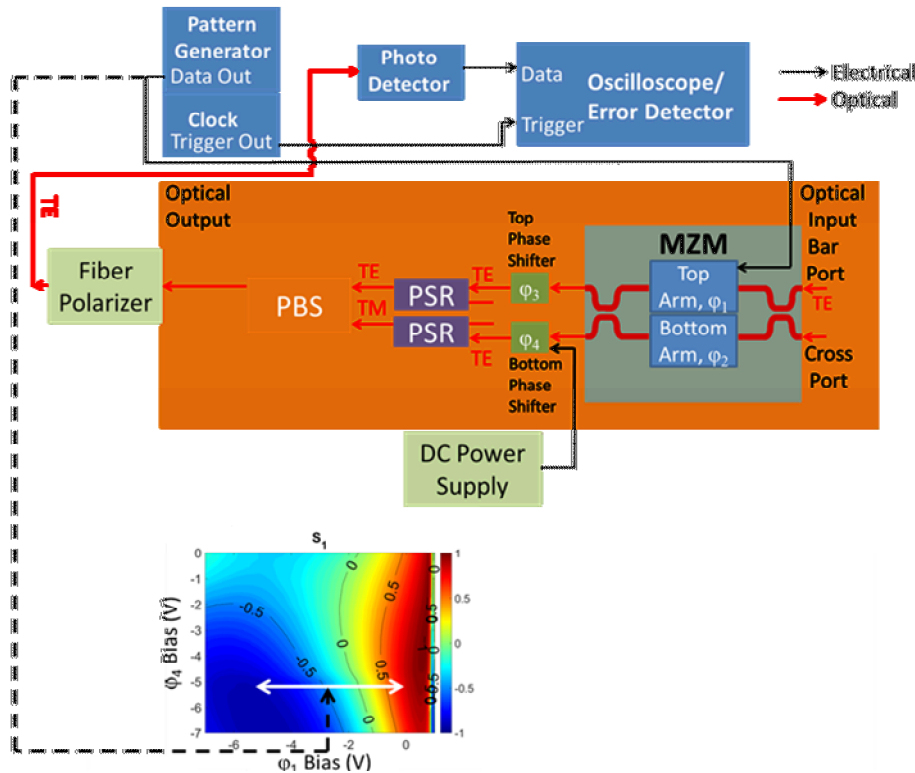
- Flexibilities in operation....
 - ✓ Combination of phase shifters,
 - ✓ and Bias Polarity for Each BB84 State



- From Other Tests on the Same Device

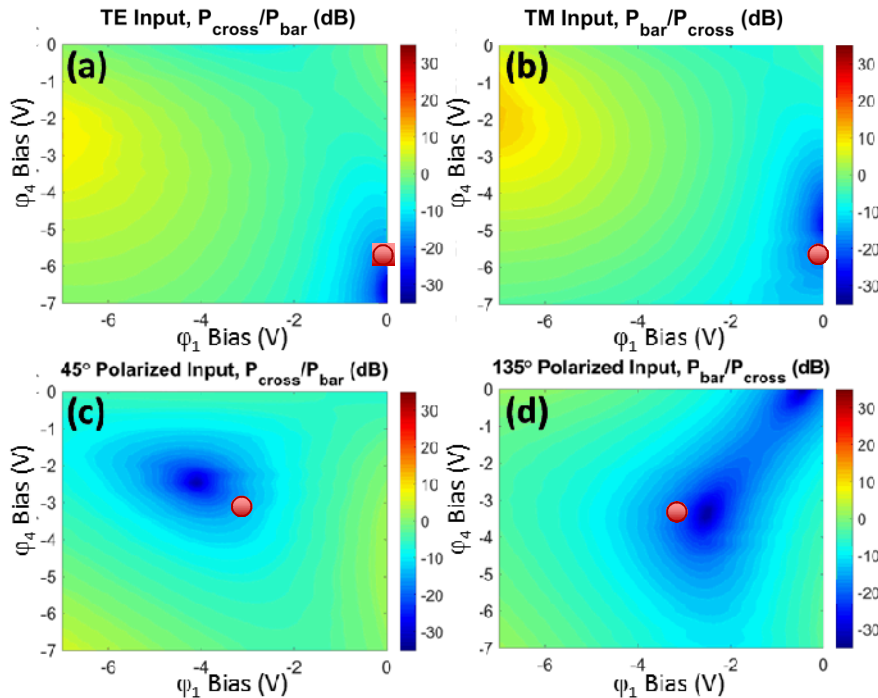
State of Polarization (SOP)	PER (dB)
TE	~31.2
45°	~34.2
TM	~37.3
135°	~37.6

High Speed Polarization Modulation



Data Rate (Gbps)	Conventional Bit Error Rate (s^{-1})
≤ 6	Error Free for > 5 min
8	2.5×10^{-11}
10	9.0×10^{-11}

Polarization Decoding



$$ER_{TE} = 10 \cdot \log_{10} \left(\frac{P_{cross}}{P_{bar}} \right)$$

Operational ER, Lower ER of the Two Polarizations in a basis with the Same Phase Shifter Settings

RX Decoding for Reverse Bias Condition

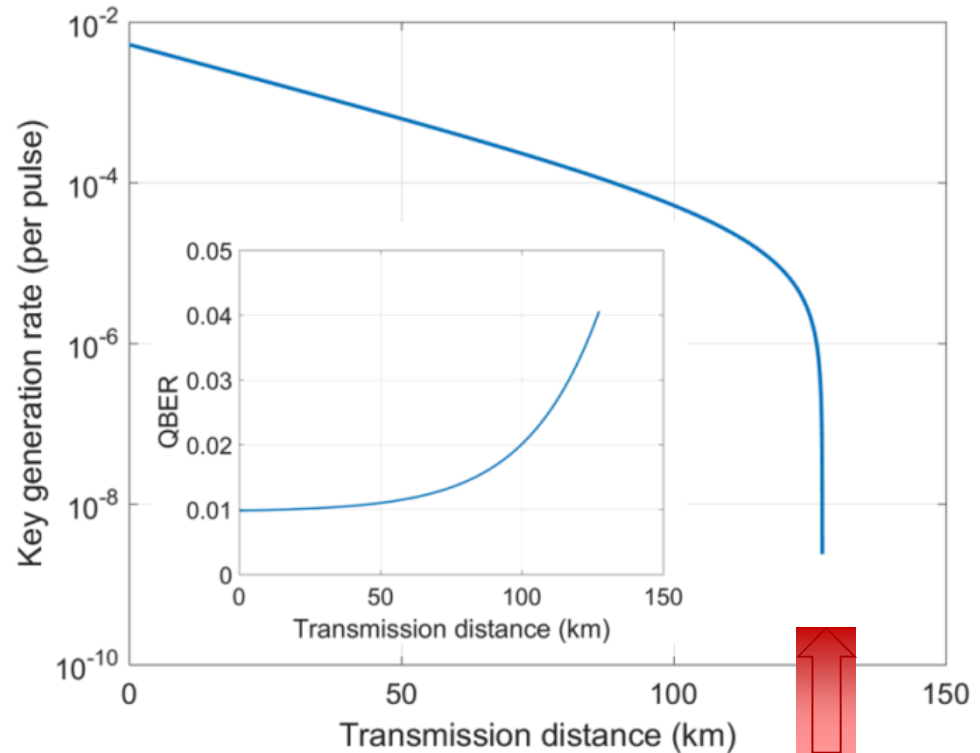
Polarization	Optimal operational ER of polarization basis (dB)	Insertion loss at optimal operational ER setting (dB)
TE	18.4	3.7
TM		6.7
45°	16.5	4.6
135°		5.4

RX Decoding for Mixed Bias Condition

Polarization	Optimal operational ER of polarization basis (dB)	Insertion loss at optimal operational ER setting (dB)
TE	20.7	5.5
TM		7.5
45°	20.5	6.3
135°		6.5

Discussion, Simulation of Key Generation Rate

Parameter	Value	Unit
Expected photon number of the signal [1]	0.81	
Detection Efficiency [2]	70	%
Dark count probability [2]	1.2×10^{-5}	
Fiber loss [3]	0.18	dB/km
TX PER	31.2	dB
RX ER	20.5	dB
RX insertion loss	7.6	dB (coupling loss not included)
Fiber to Waveguide coupling loss	1.5	dB/interface



[1] X. Ma, B. Qi, Y. Zhao, and H.-K. Lo, "Practical decoy state for quantum key distribution," Phys. Rev. A 72, 012326 (2005).

[2] Multi-channel SNSPD closed-cycle system (Single Quantum, <http://www.singlequantum.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Single-Quantum-Eos.pdf>).

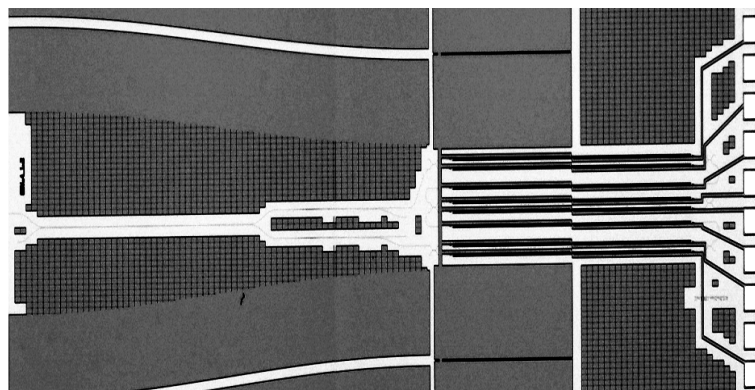
[3] Corning SMF-28 Ultra Optical Fiber (Corning Inc., <https://www.corning.com/media/worldwide/coc/documents/Fiber/SMF-28%20Ultra.pdf>).

**Maximal Transmission Distance, 127 km
Implementing BB84**

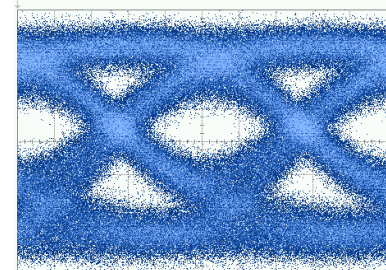
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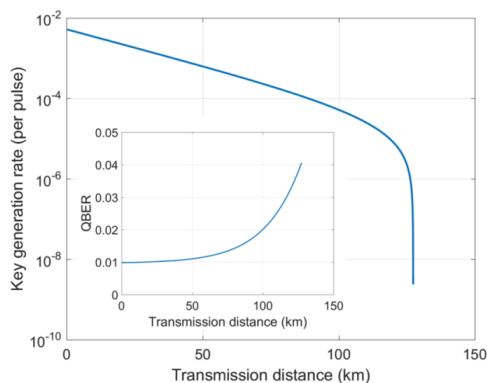
- ✓ A Common Structure for Polarization Encoding and Decoding
- ✓ Encoding PER > 30 dB
- ✓ Decoding ER > 20 dB
- ✓ Low Insertion Loss
- ✓ High Speed Operation



10 Gbps



- ~127 km Expected Maximal Transmission Distance



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Discussion, in the Fiber Channel

Question 1, Polarization Rotation

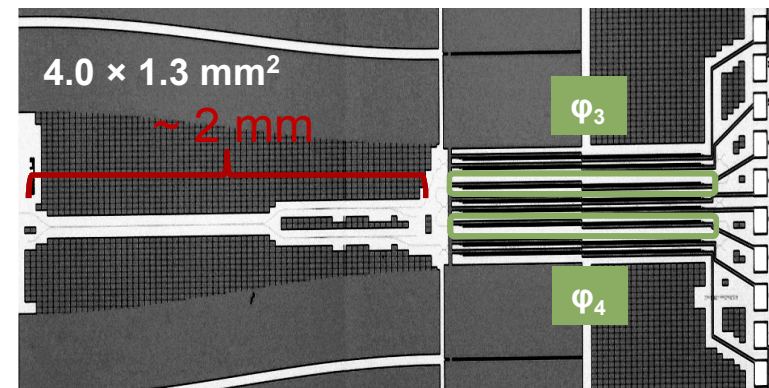
Polarization Basis	Optimal operational ER (dB)
Rectilinear	14.2
15°/105°	13.1
30°/120°	20.8
Diagonal	15.5
60°/150°	14.3
75°/165°	14.1

Question 2, Polarization Mode Dispersion (PMD)

~127 km Fiber



0.5 ps Temporal Delay



~2 mm Waveguide, $n_{g,TE} = 4.45$,
 $n_{g,TM} = 3.68$



5.0 ps Temporal Delay

Answer, Compensate using ϕ_3 and ϕ_4 !