

Resource-efficient quantum key distribution with using integrated silicon photonics

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Fully chip-based decoder for polarization- encoding quantum key distribution

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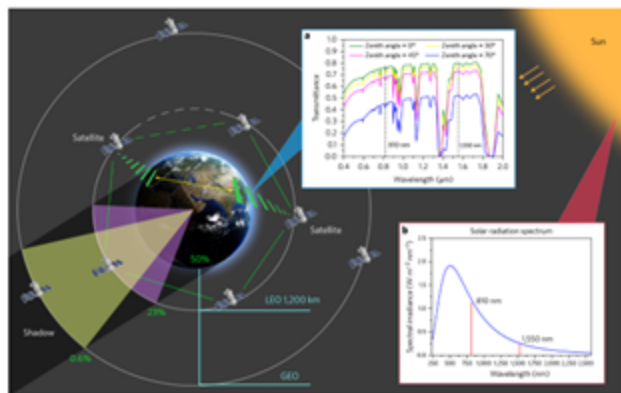
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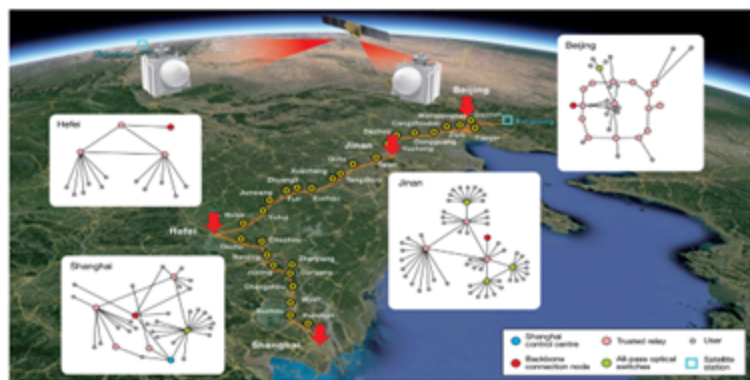
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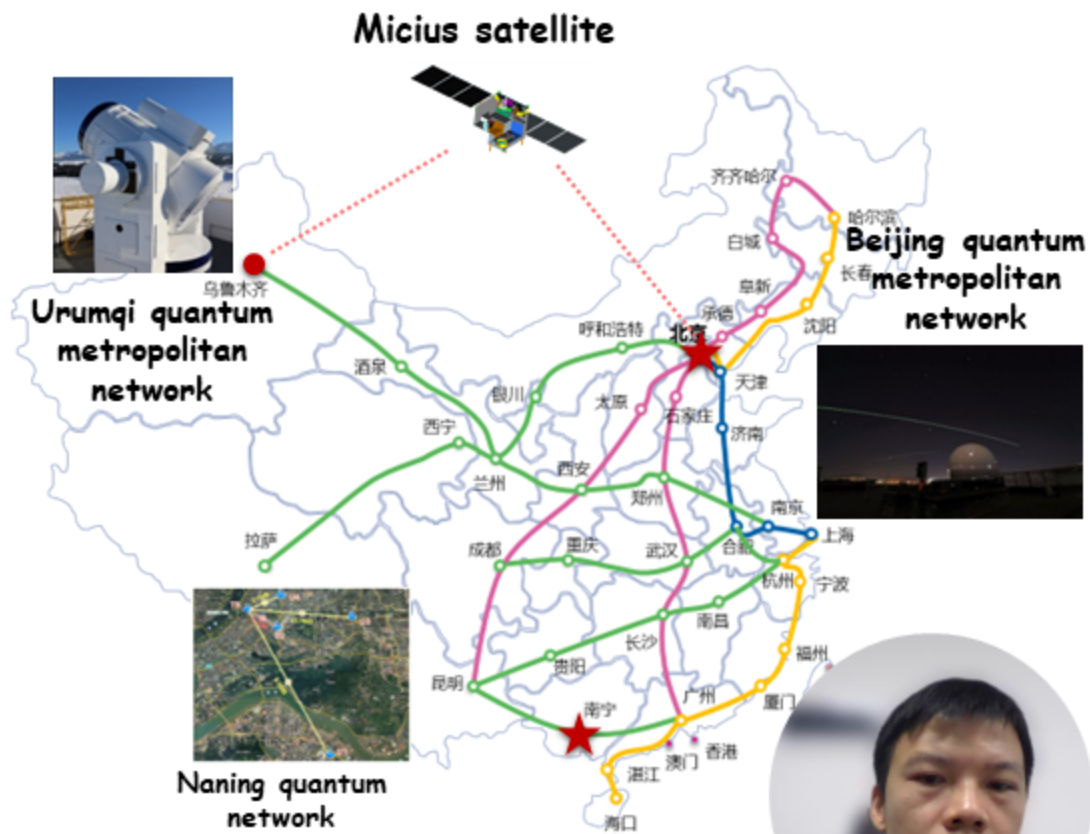
QKD Achievements



➤ Global quantum networks based on satellites
[Nature Photon. 11, 509-513 (2017)]



➤ Space-to-ground quantum network [Nature 589, 214 (2021)]



Chip-based QKD

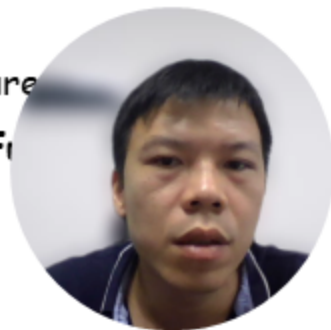


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- C. Ma et al., *Optica* 3, 1274 (2016) (**BB84**)
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- G. Zhang et al., *Nat. Photon.* 13, 839 (2019) (**CV-QKD**)
- G. Zhang et al *J. Lightwave. Technol.* 40, 2052-2059 (2022)
- C.-X. Zhu et al *Phys. Rev. Appl.* 17, 064034 (2022)
- R. Sax, et al *Photon. Res.* 11, 1007-1014 (2023)

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- P. Sibson et al., *Nat. Commun.* 8, 13984 (2017) (**COW, BB84, DPS**)
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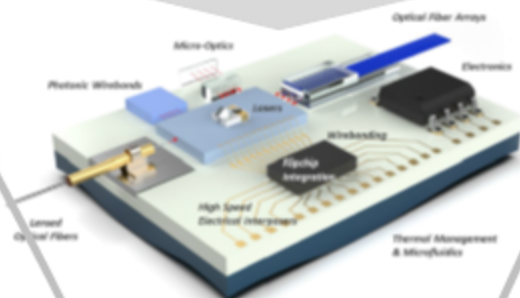


QKD with silicon photonics

Classical
QKD
devices

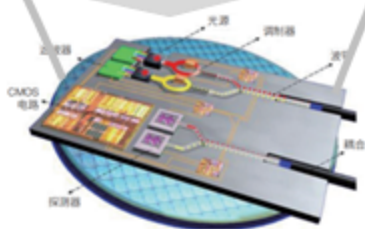


Silicon
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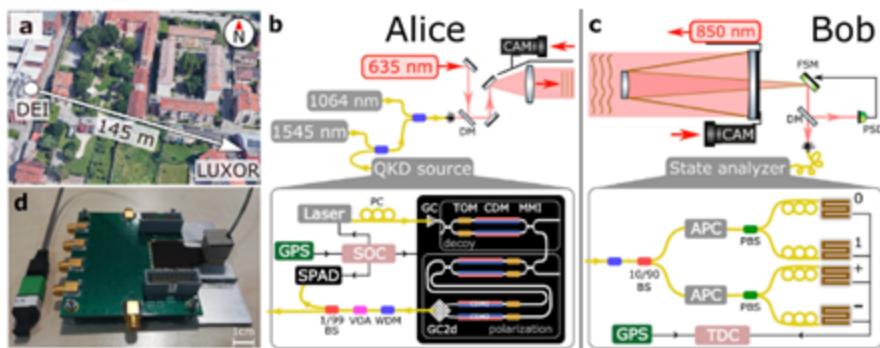


- ✓ Large-scale integration
- ✓ Mature fabrication
- ✓ CMOS Comparability

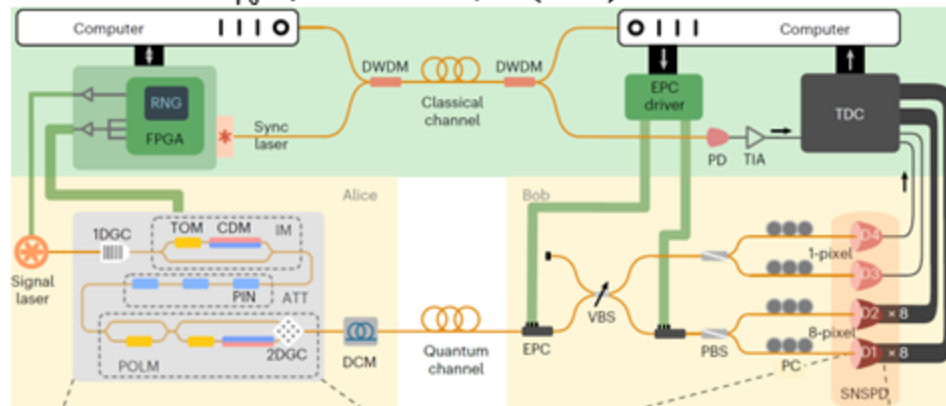
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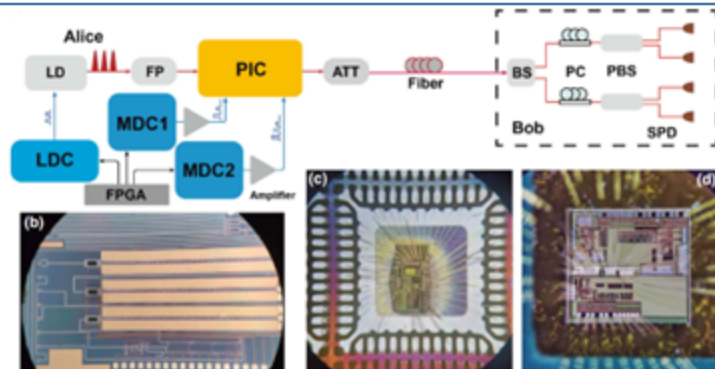
Silicon-based polarization-encoding QKD



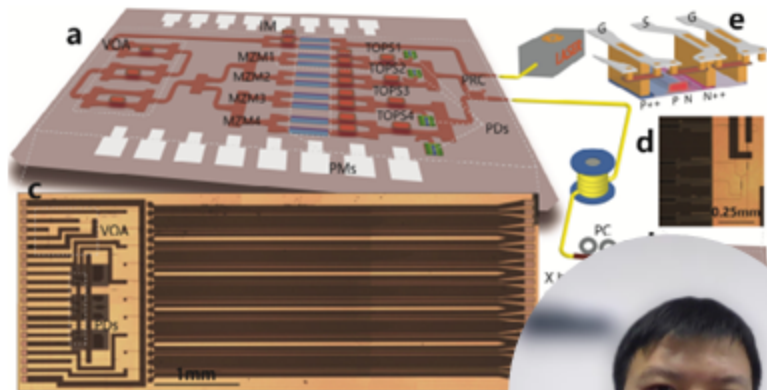
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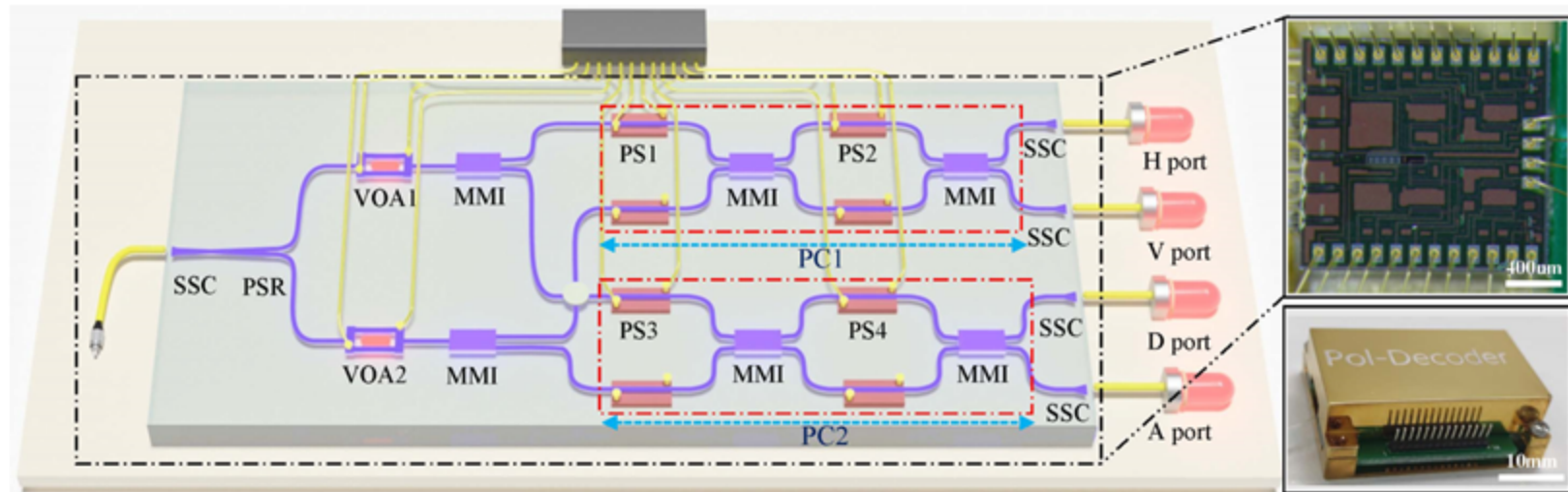


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A silicon-based fully integrated decoder have no yet reported!



Polarization QKD receiver



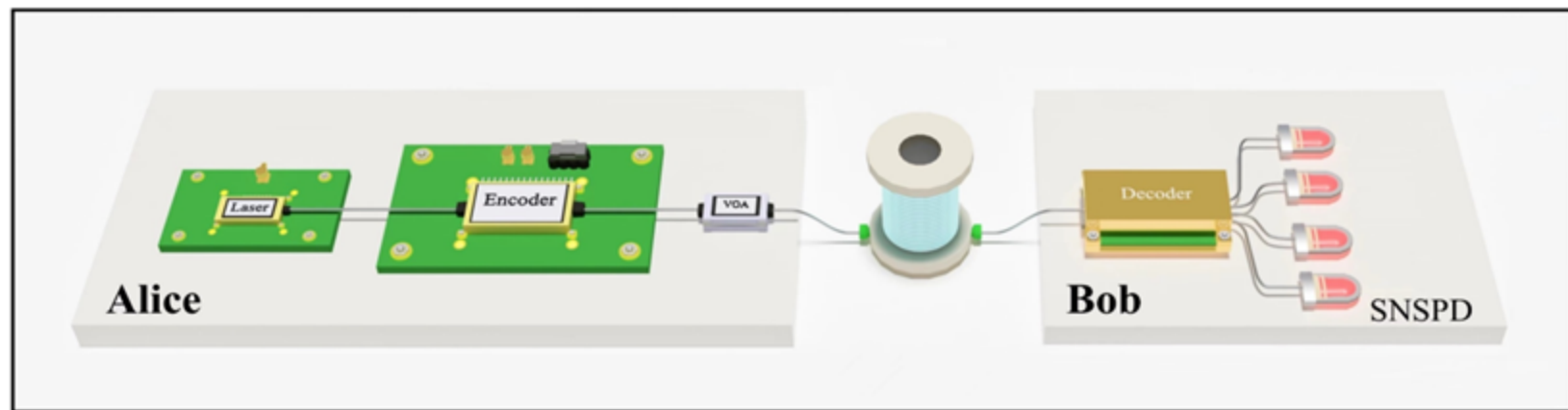
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- ✓ **Size of the packaged device:** 40mm × 22mm × 9mm
- ✓ **Rate of Polarization compensation:** 3kHz
- ✓ **Extinction ratio:** 28dB
- ✓ **Insertion loss:** ~4.6dB

- Performance is comparable with the state-of-the-art bulk devices
- Active compensation of the polarization drift using chip

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Resource-efficient QKD with integrated chips



- ✓ Transmitter: Pulsed laser, intensity and polarization modulation
- ✓ Receiver: Polarization decoder
- ✓ Electronic control: PCB
- ✓ Detector: Free-running SNSPD, InGaAs, Ge-Si
- ✓ Auxiliary tasks: Synchronization, polarization compensation



Laser chip

Thorlabs Semiconductor Manufacturing

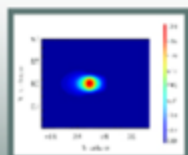
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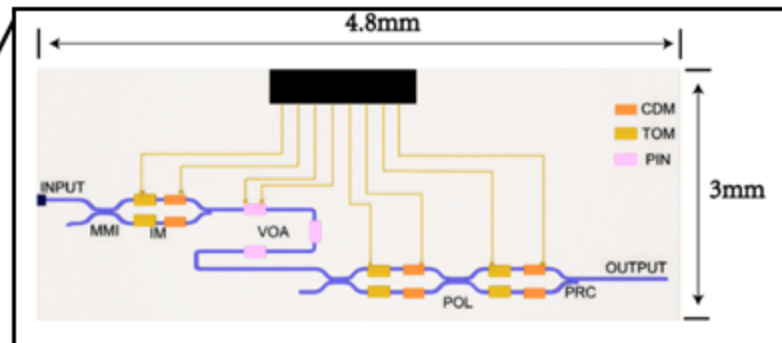
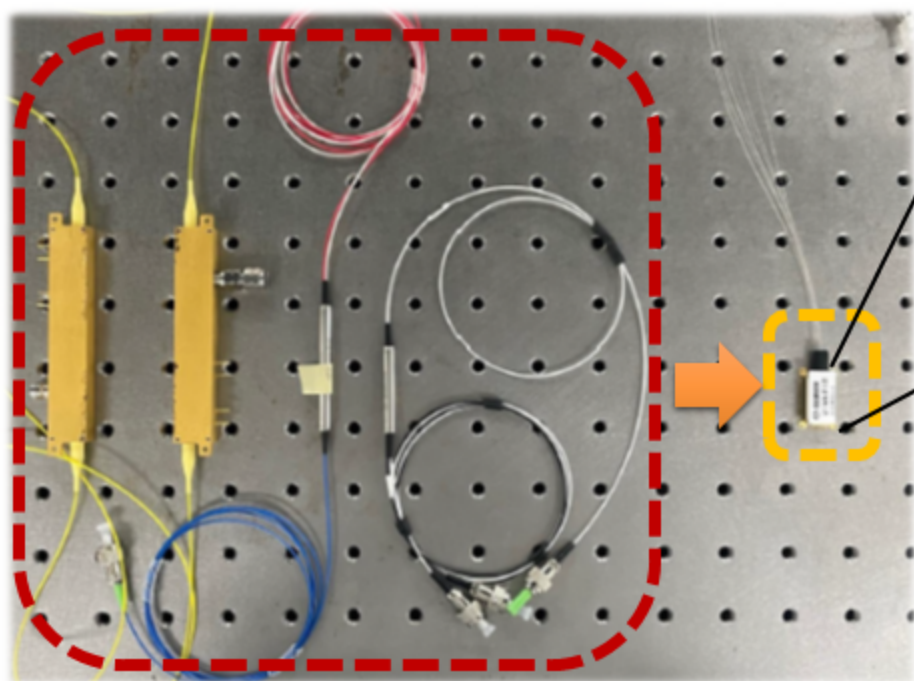
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Single-Frequency Lasers chip is commercially available



Polarization-encoding encoder

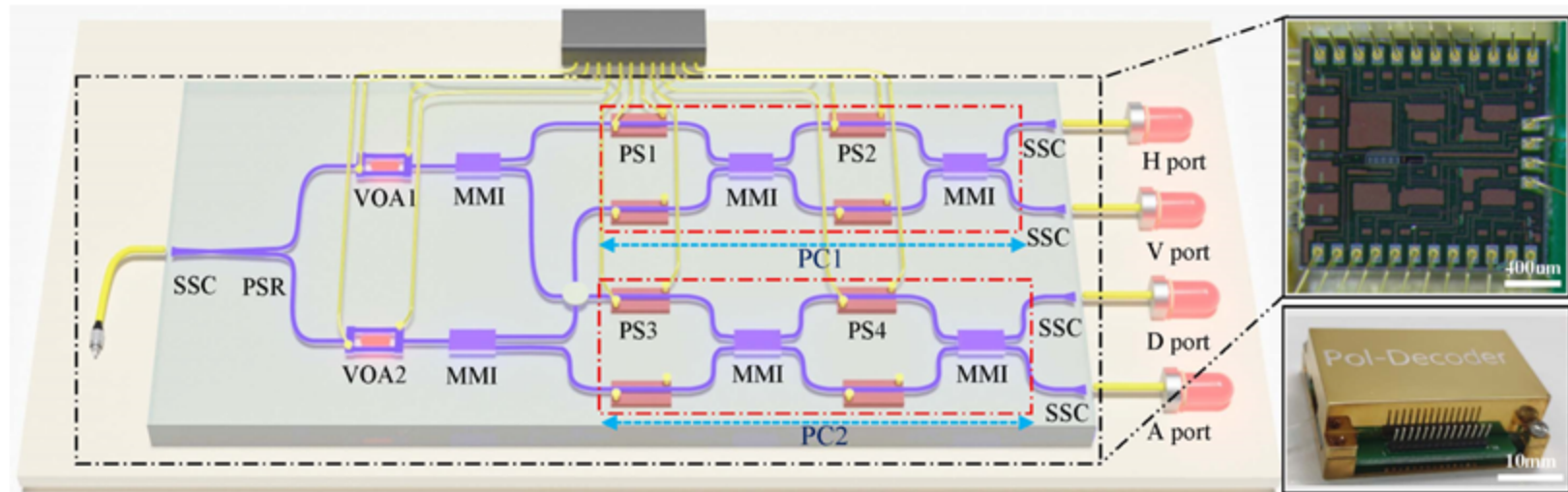


- ✓ **Size of the chip:** 4.8mm × 3mm
- ✓ **Size of the packaged device:** 24mm × 15mm × 5mm
- ✓ **Intensity modulator ER:** static 30dB, dynamic 20dB@1.25GHz
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Polarization QKD receiver



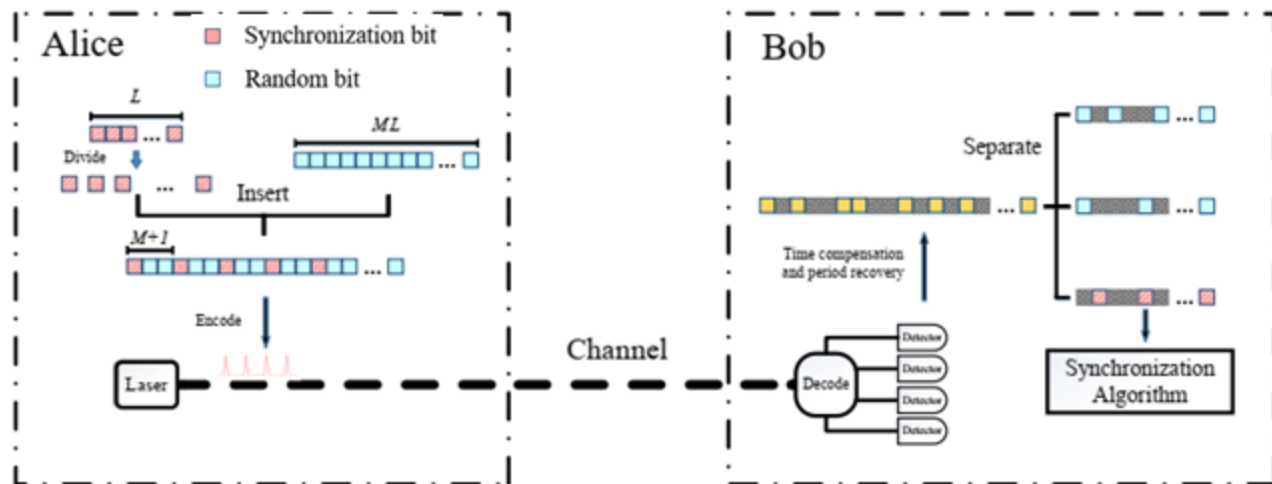
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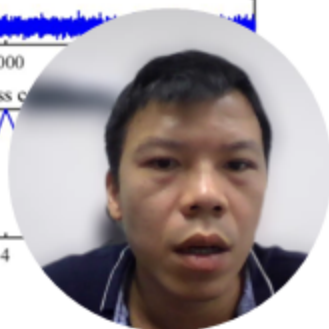
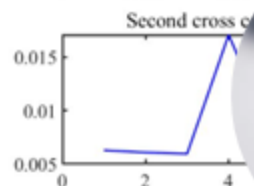
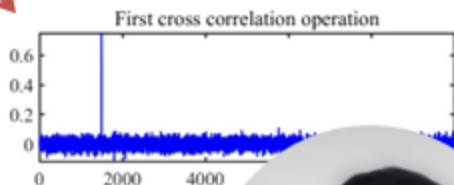
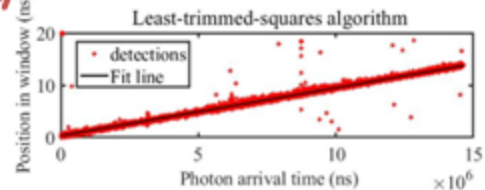
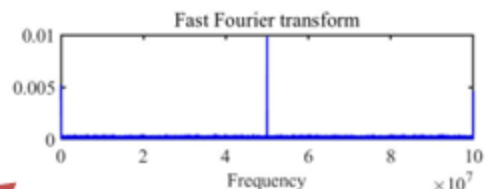


Qubit-based frame distributed synchronization

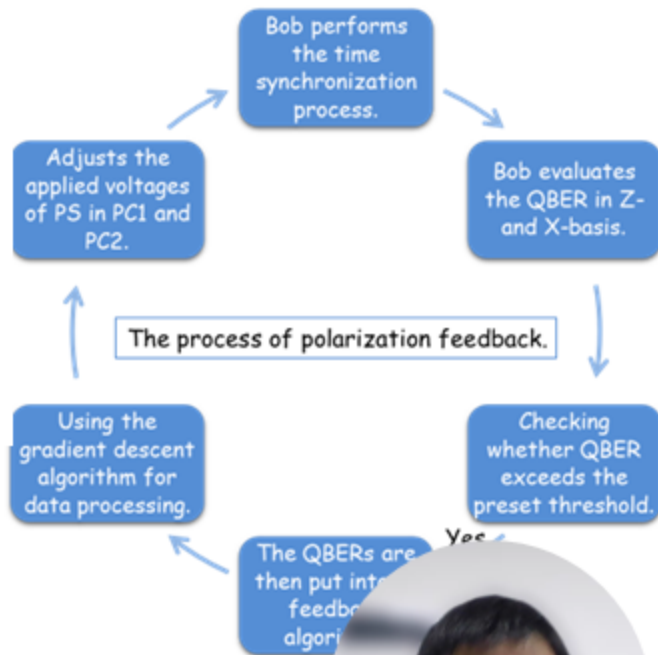
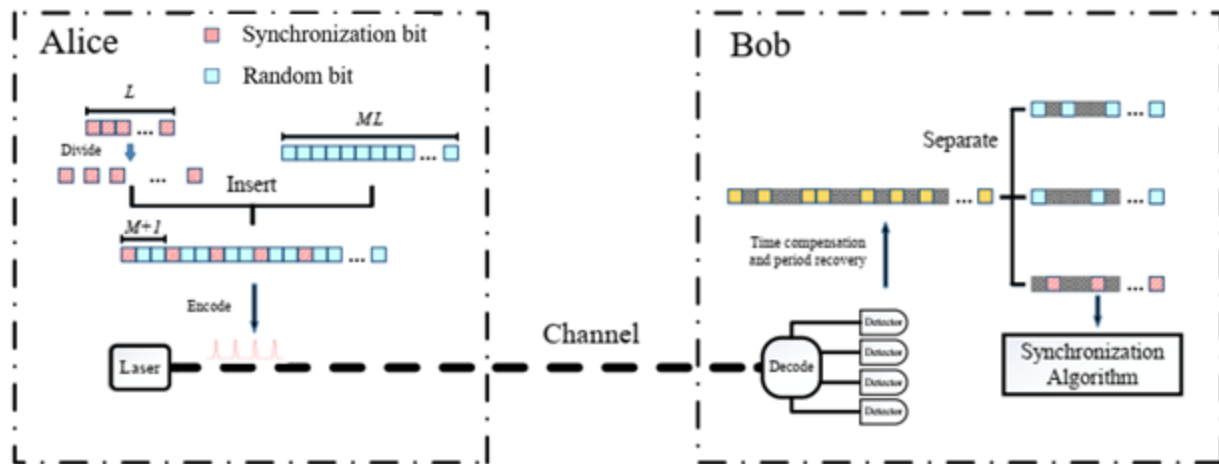


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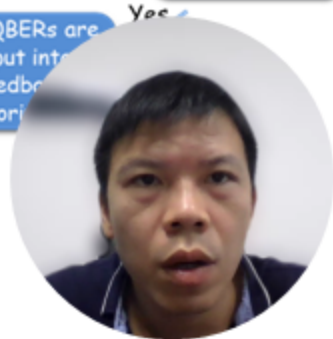
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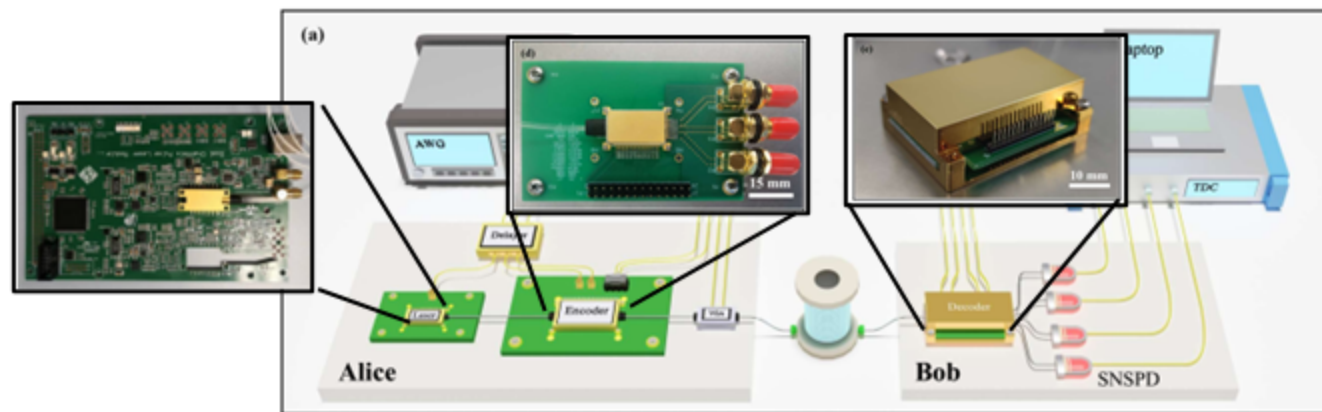
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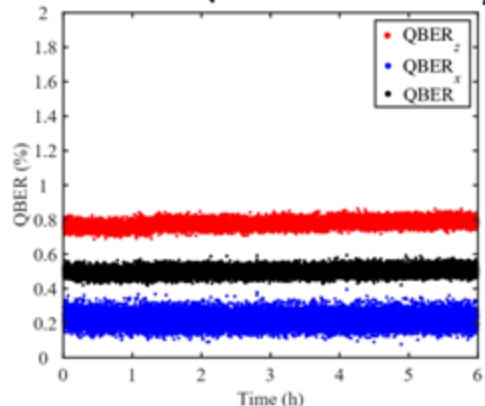
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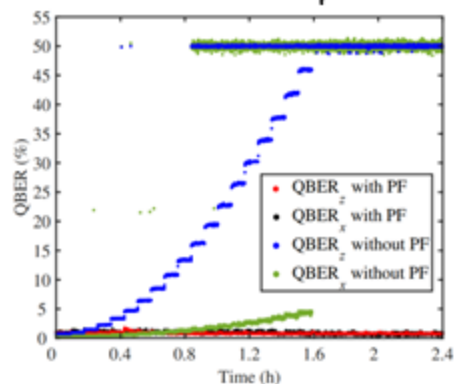
Resource-efficient BB84 QKD with integrated Chips



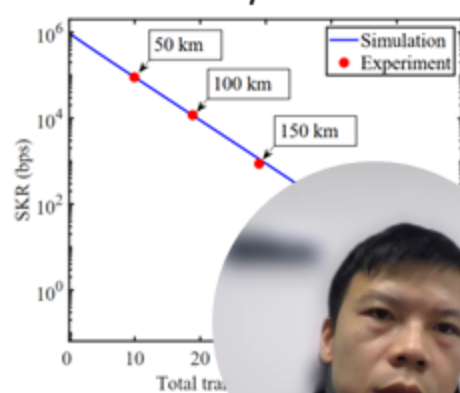
Intrinsic QBER and stability



Polarization compensation



Secure key distribution



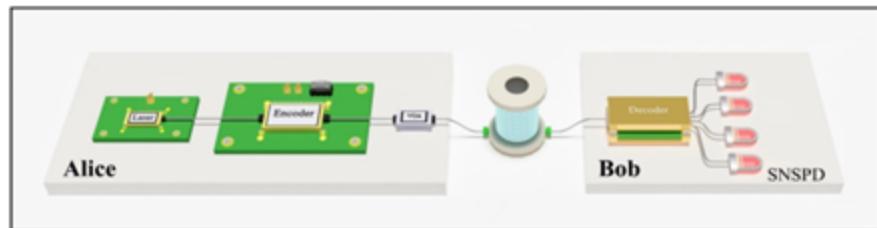
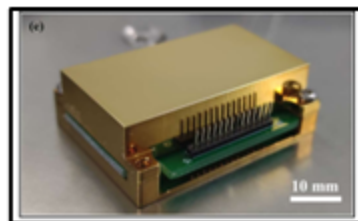
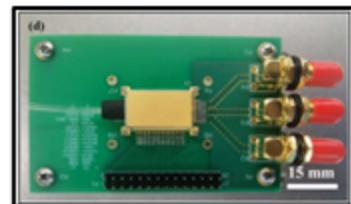
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Summary

➤ Chip-based QKD devices

- Encoder [Phys. Rev. X 10, 031030 (2020)]: intensity and polarization modulation
- Decoder [Chip, 2, 100039 (2023)]: polarization demodulation and drift compensation



➤ QKD demonstrations using STP

- BB84-QKD [Photon. Res. 11, 1



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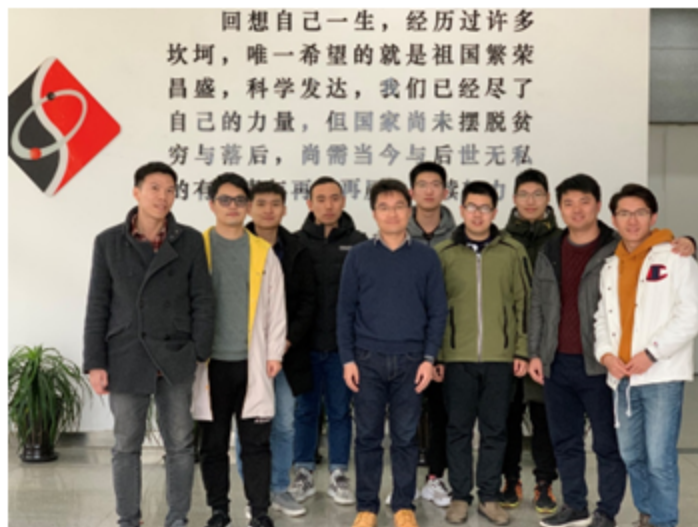
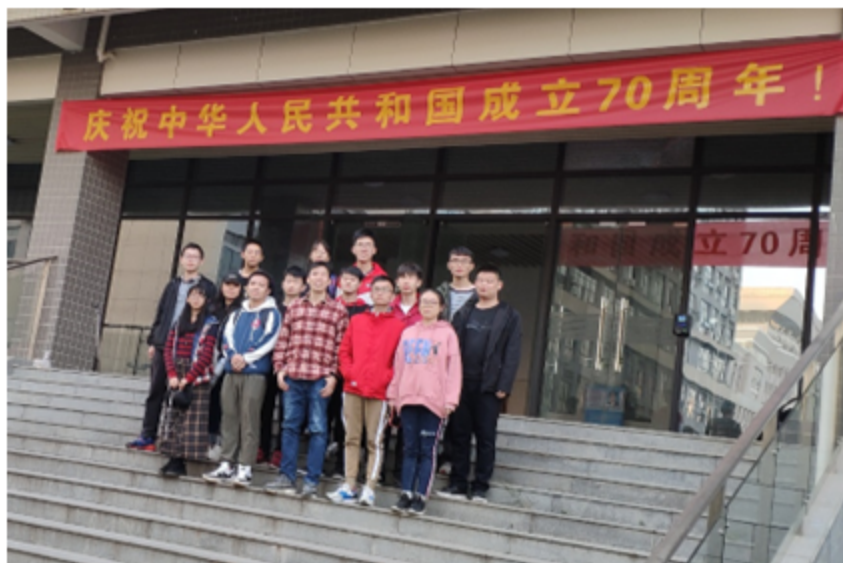
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