

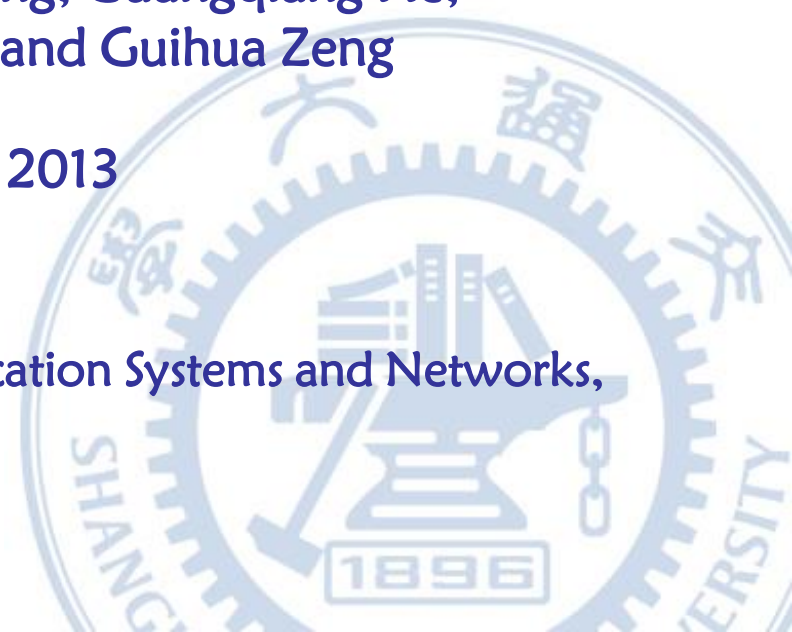


A wideband balanced homodyne detector for high speed continuous variable quantum key distribution systems

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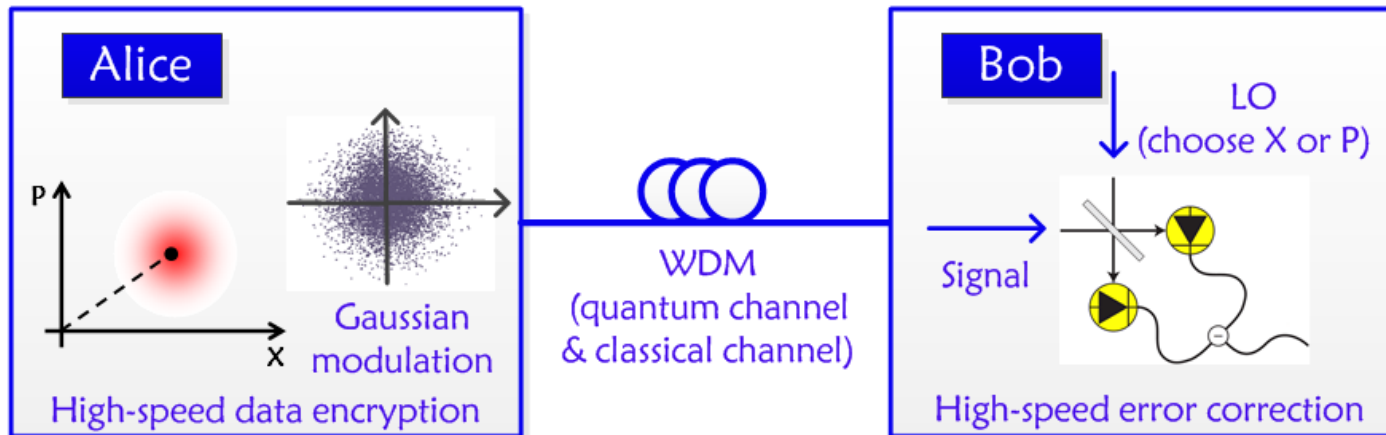
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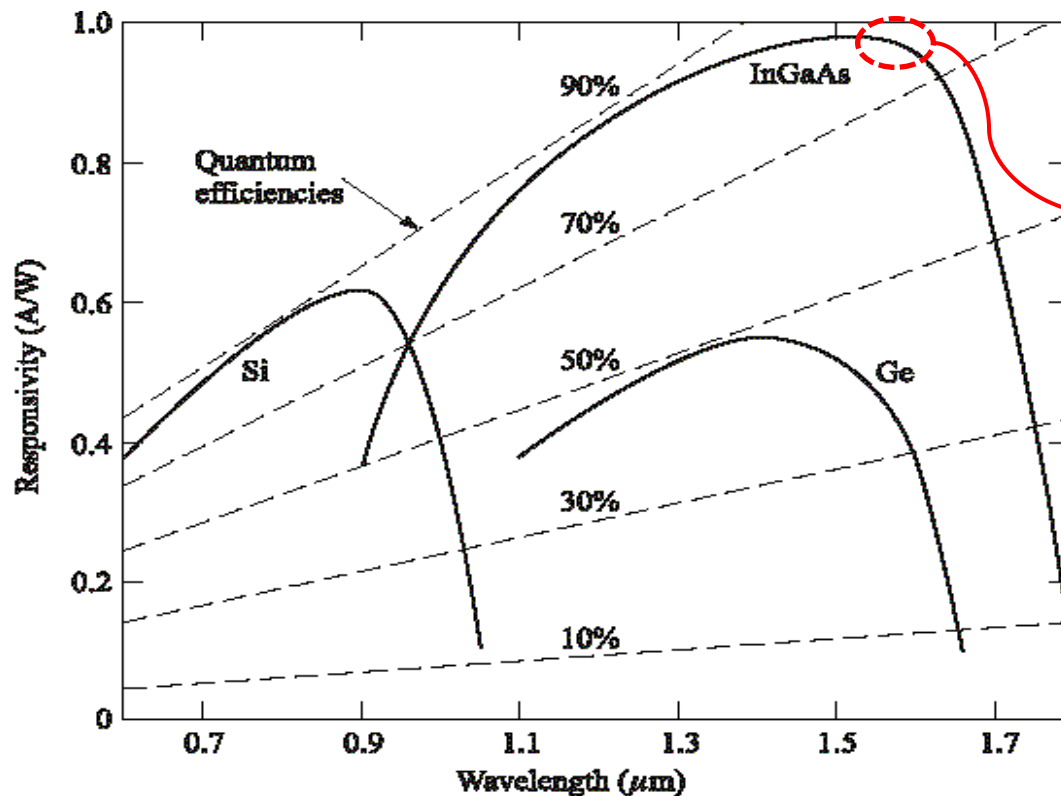
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Wideband homodyne detector in high-speed CV-QKD system



- Requirements for wideband homodyne detector for high-speed CV-QKD system:
 - ✓ High quantum efficiency
 - ✓ High resolution in time domain (or high Bandwidth)
 - ✓ Shot-noise-limited & low electronic noise

Quantum efficiency



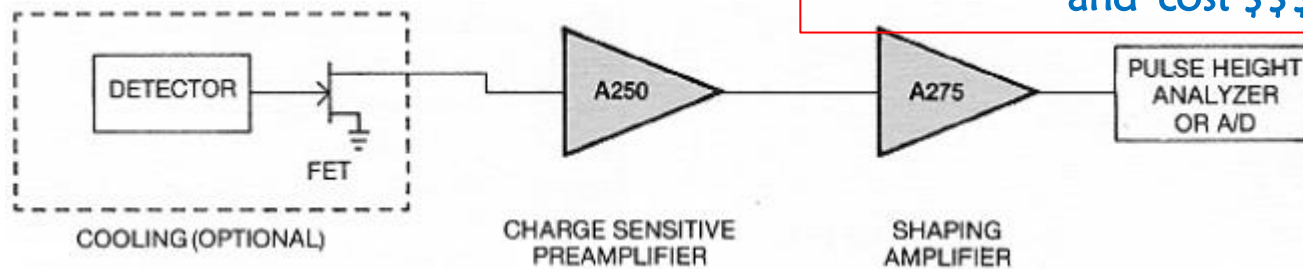
Typical value at 1550 nm
Responsivity: 1 A/W
(quantum efficiency: 80%)

Focus on:
Electronic design

InGaAs Analog Photodiode: Limited quantum efficiency

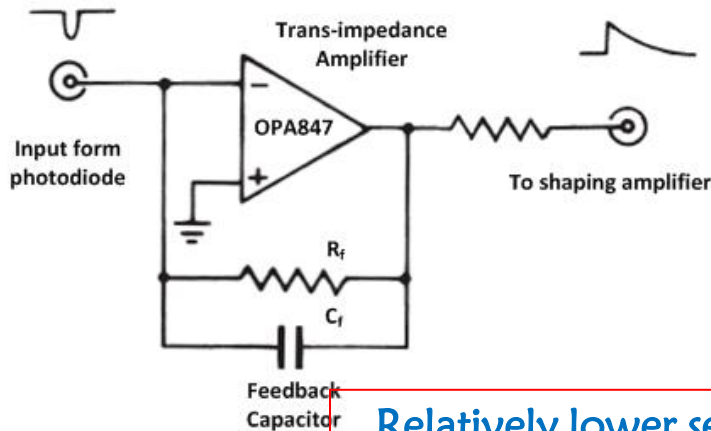
Electronic design for homodyne detector

➤ Charge-sensitive preamplifier

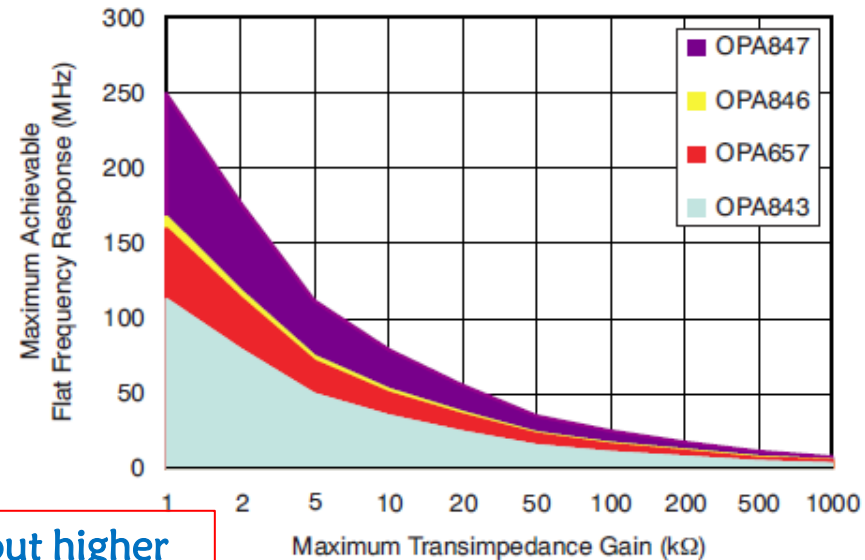


High sensitivity but Limited bandwidth and cost \$\$\$

➤ Voltage-feedback operational amplifier



Relatively lower sensitivity but higher bandwidth and lower cost \$\$\$



Maximum Achievable Bandwidth for Selected Op Amps (10pF Source Capacitance)

Reported homodyne detector

➤ Existing homodyne detector

◆ Based on charge-sensitive preamplifier

Shot noise to electronic noise ratio: 14 dB at 3×10^8 photons per pulse

Bandwidth : ~ 1 MHz

Test laser repetition rate : 204 kHz , can be up to 1 MHz

H. Hansen, et al., OPTICS LETTERS, 26, 001714 (2001)

◆ Based on voltage-feedback operational amplifiers

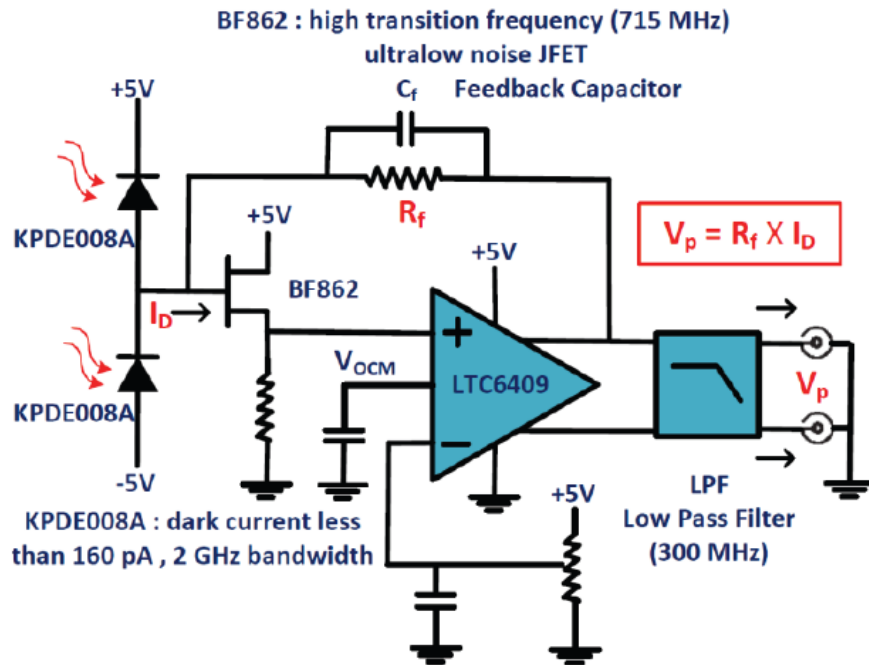
Shot noise to electronic noise ratio: 13 dB at 8.5×10^8 photons per pulse

Bandwidth : ~ 100 MHz

Test laser repetition rate : 32 MHz (optimal repetition rate in consideration of excess noise)

Yue-Meng Chi, et al., New J. Phys. 13, 013003 (2011)

A 300 MHz bandwidth shot-noise-limited homodyne detector



Simplified electronic circuit of homodyne detector

➤ Improvements in electronic structure

- ✓ FET :reduce current noise
- ✓ New type of amplifier :LTC6409

	OPA847	LTC6409
Gain-Bandwidth Product (GHz)	3.9	10
Slew rate (V/ns)	0.95	3.3
Input voltage noise density (nV/\sqrt{Hz})	0.85	1.1



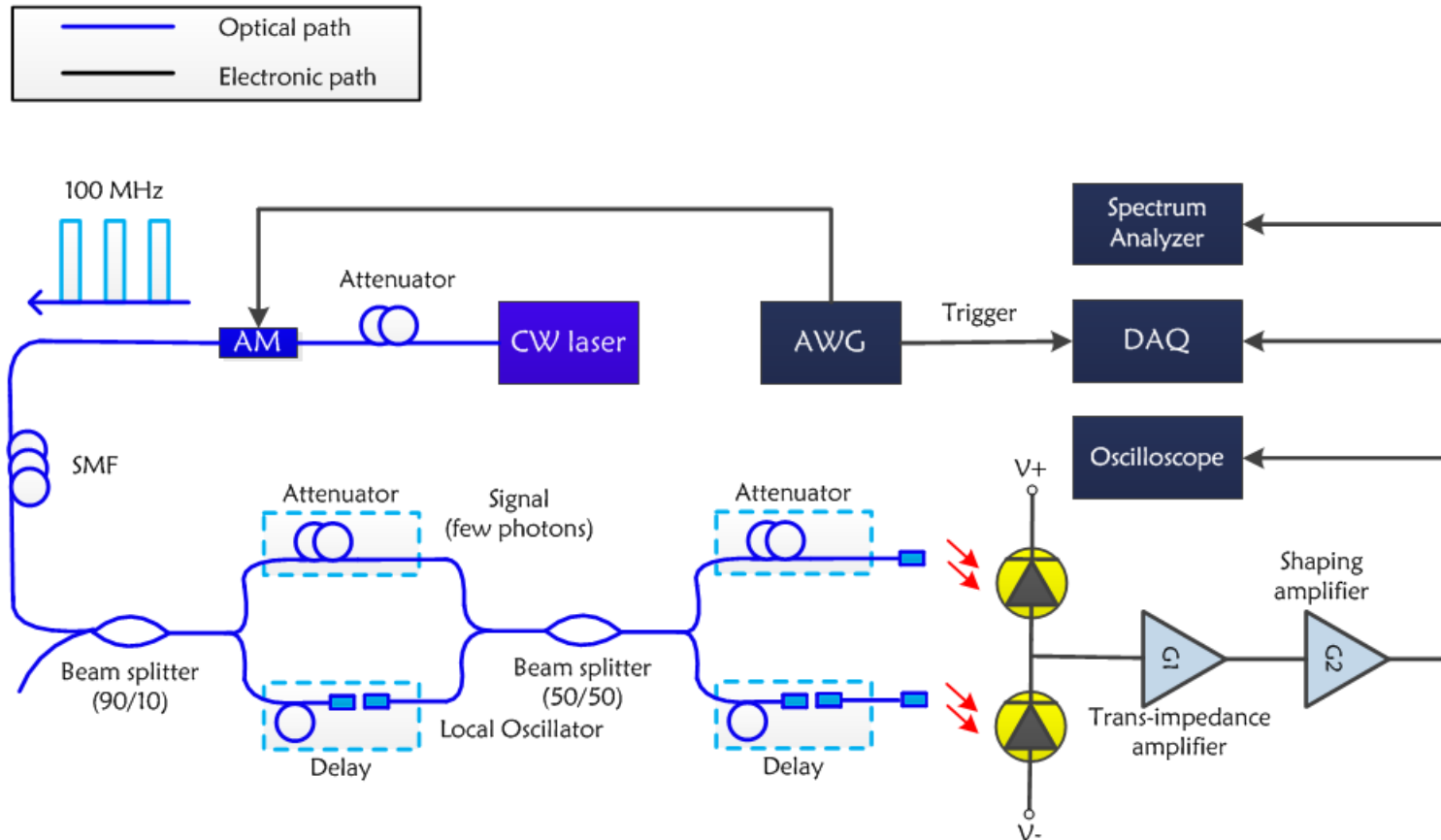
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A 300 MHz bandwidth shot-noise-limited homodyne detector

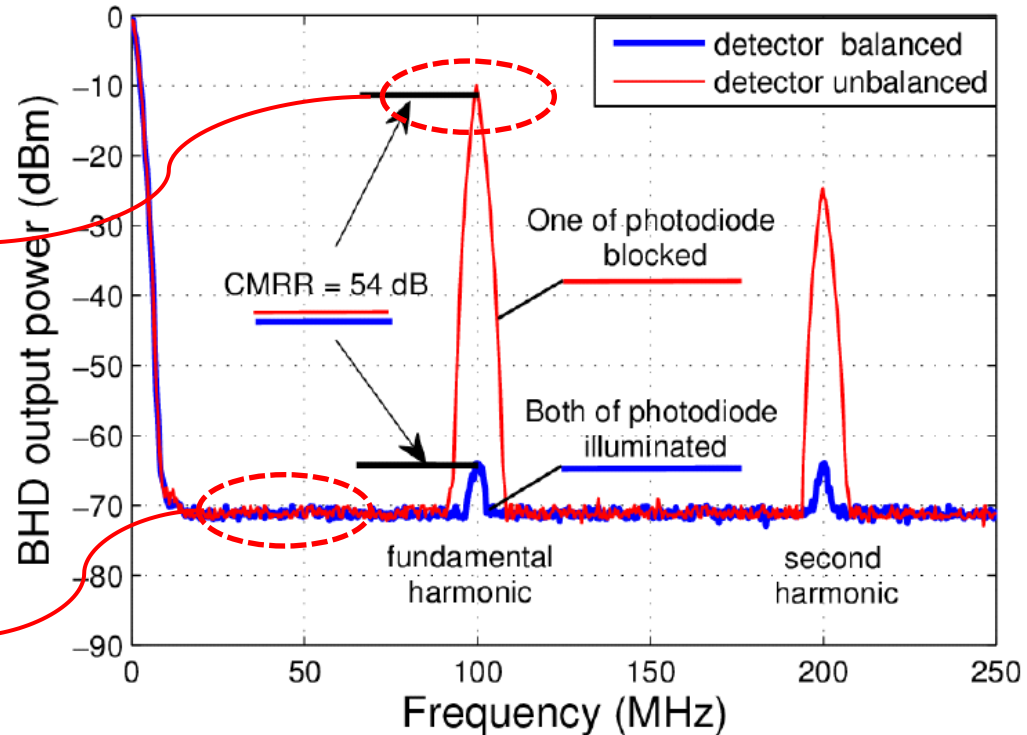


Small size & Low \$\$\$

Experimental setup



Experimental results

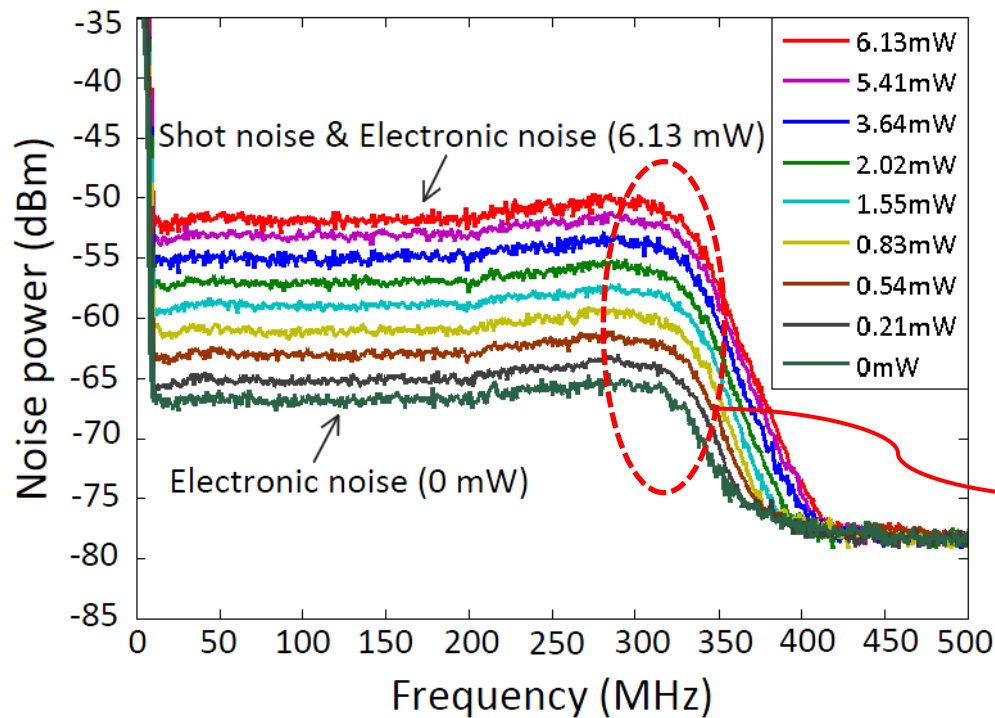


Maximum value of CMRR :
Detector is well balanced

the first stage amplifier output noise:
Less than -70 dBm

Common-mode rejection ratio (CMRR) test
(Spectrum Analyzer output in frequency domain)

Experimental results

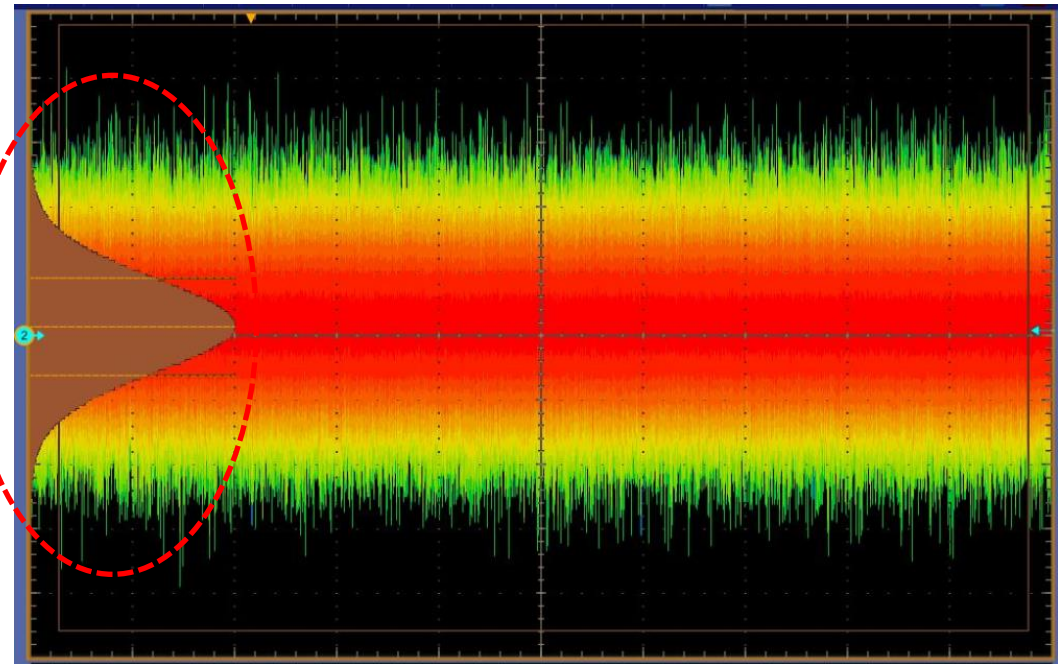


Bandwidth: 300 MHz

Shot noise power increases with the LO power

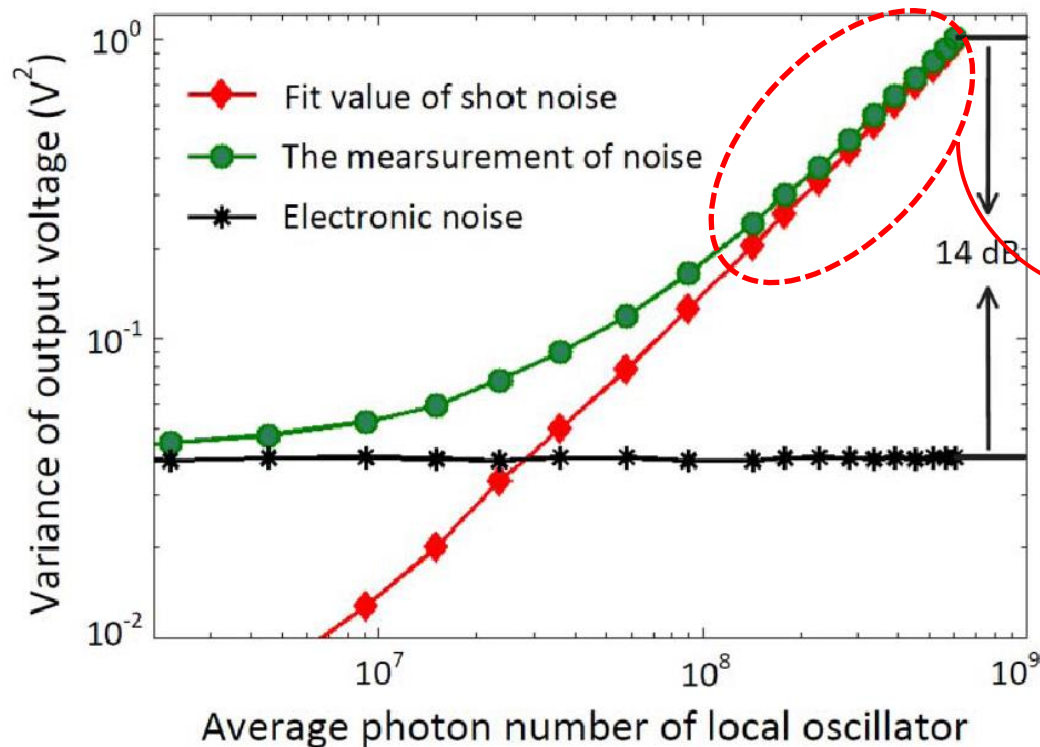
Bandwidth test
(Spectrum Analyzer output in frequency domain)

Experimental results



Shot noise estimation
(Oscilloscope output in time domain)

Experimental results



Linear range:

$$1 \times 10^8 \sim 6 \times 10^8$$

Shot noise to electronic noise ratio:

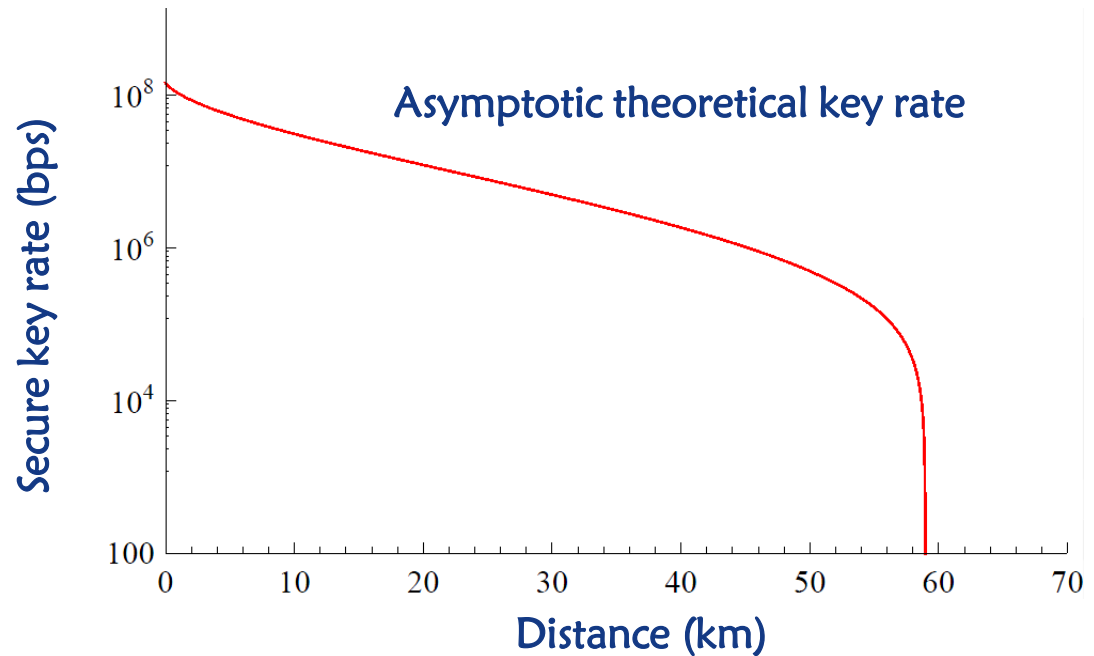
14 dB at 8.5×10^8 photons per pulse

Shot noise & Electronic noise measurement

Theoretical high-speed QKD system

➤ Parameters related to detector

- ✓ Repetition rate
- ✓ quantum efficiency: η
- ✓ Electronic noise (in shot noise unit): V_{elec}
- ◆ Alice modulation variance: V_A (system optimal process, minimum variance is determined by the detector)



Repetition rate: 100 MHz

Parameters: $\varepsilon = 0.01$, $\eta = 0.6$, $V_{elec} = 0.04$, $V_A = 20$, $\beta = 0.94$

Collective attack: Secure key rate at 50 km will reach ~ 1 Mbps (theoretical)

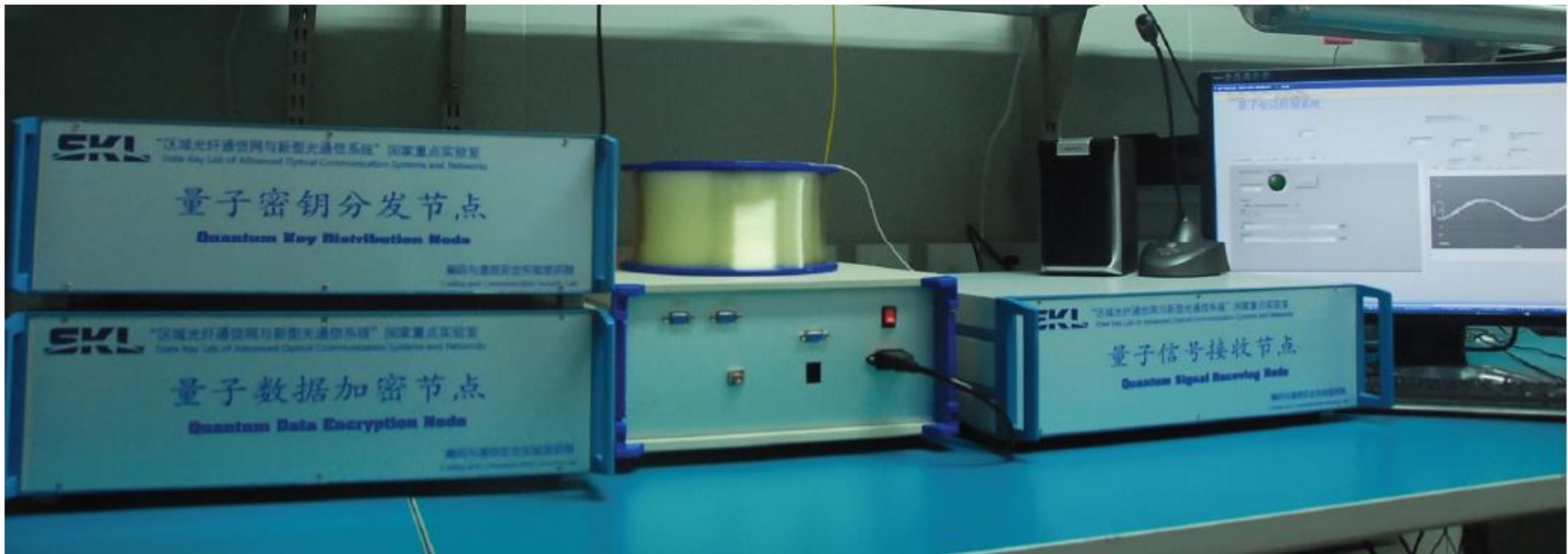
Practical system: Secure key rate at 50 km will reach 1~100 kbps (considering estimation loss)

Practical high-speed QKD system

➤ Main limitations

- ✓ High performance homodyne detector
- ✓ High speed DAQ & control system
- ◆ High speed & high efficiency error correction

CV-QKD & KCQ system (Existing work)

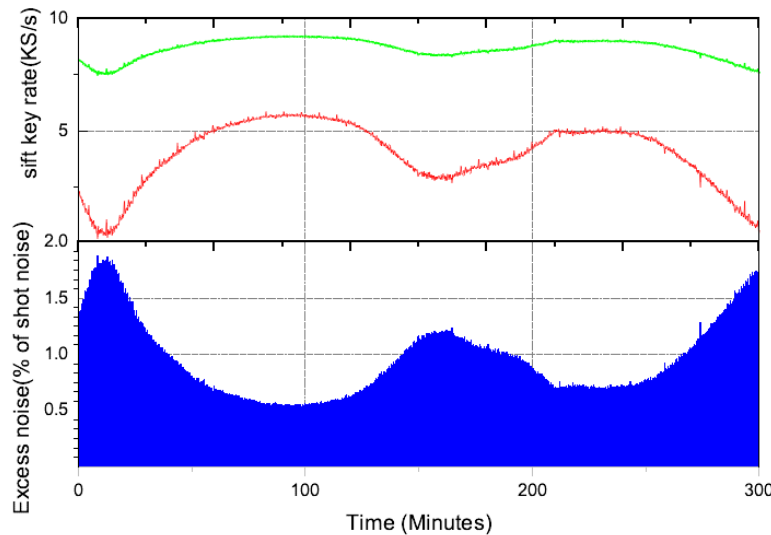


Our group:

repetition rate: 500 KHz

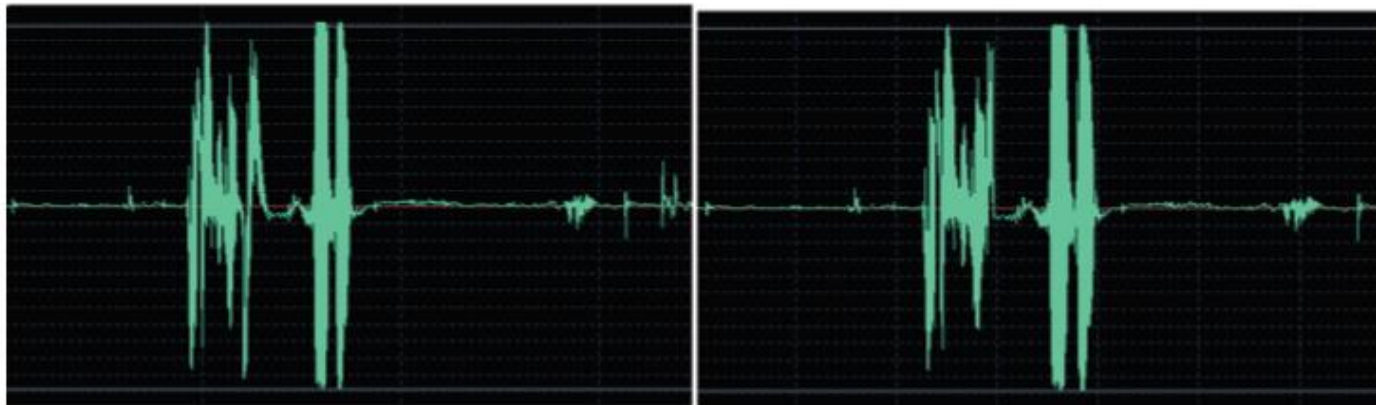
Secure key rate at 27.2 km: 2 kbps

CV-QKD & KCQ system (Existing work)



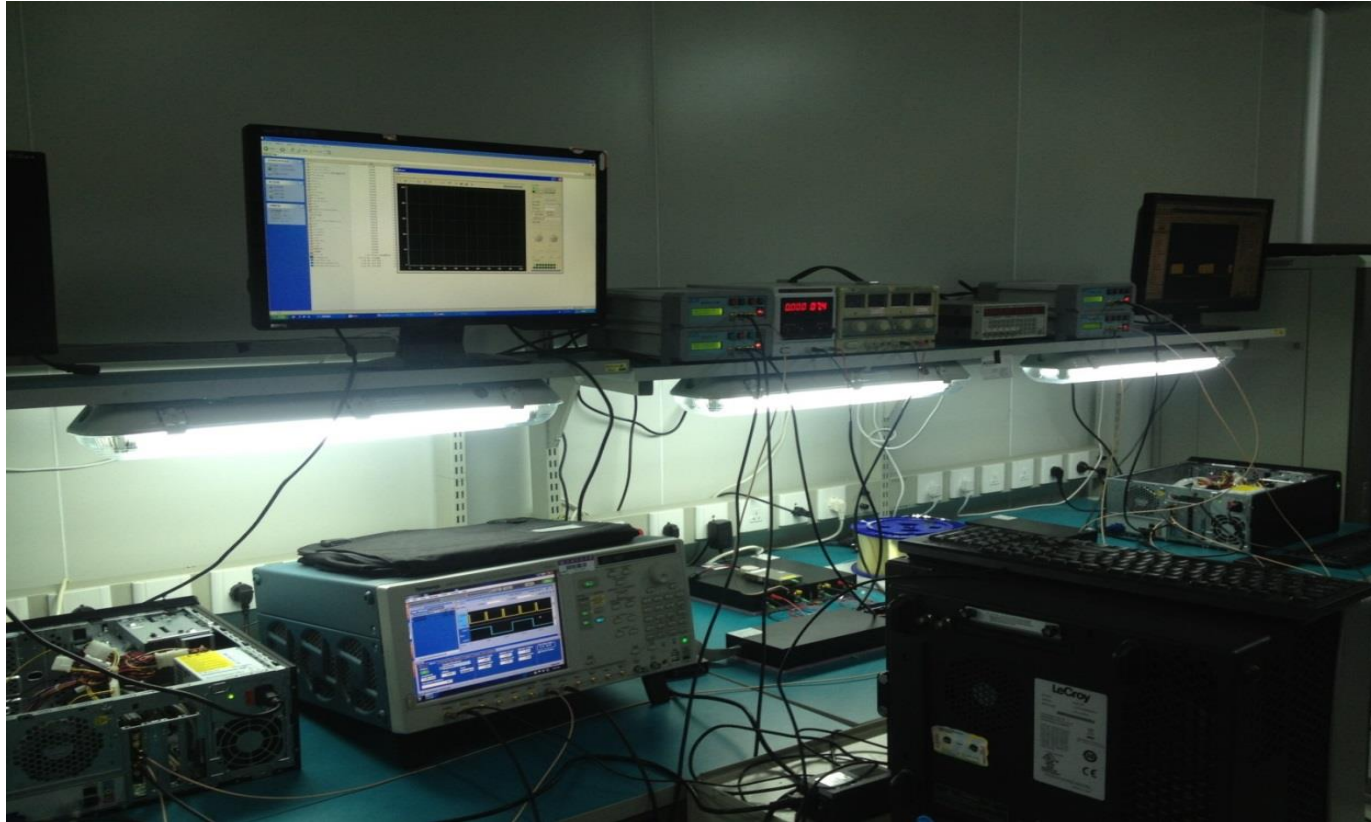
Real-time secure key rate

The measurement of excess noise as a function of time



The real-time compressed voice communication

Practical high-speed CV-QKD system



A new high-speed stable continuous variable QKD system has been finished

Practical tested distance: 25 km

Repetition rate: 25 MHz



Thank you !

