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# Ultrabroadband Quantum-Secured Communication

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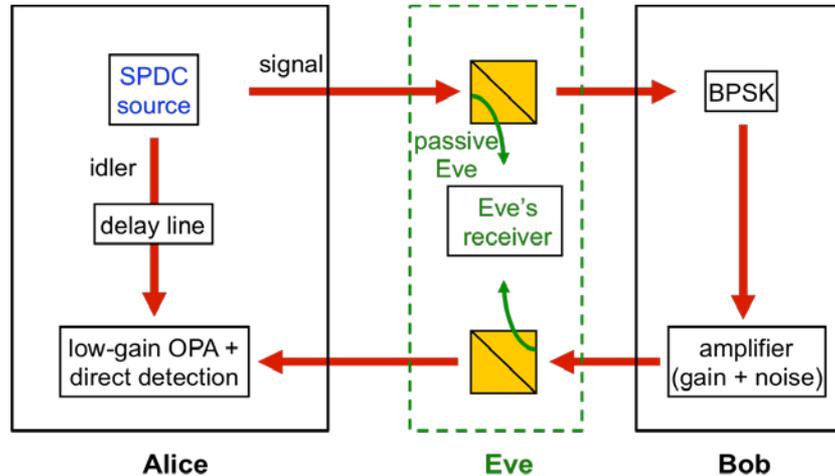


# Ultrabroadband Quantum-Secured Communication

- Defeating passive eavesdropping with quantum illumination
  - security from entanglement on an entanglement-breaking channel
  - high secure rate from multiple modes per bit → many photons per bit
  - weakness of the quantum illumination (QI) protocol: idler-storage loss
  - vulnerability of the QI protocol: active-eavesdropping attack
- Amplified spontaneous emission quantum communication
  - security from low-brightness signal transmission + no-cloning theorem
  - high secure rate from multiple modes per bit → many photons per bit
  - high-brightness reference eliminates QI's idler-storage loss problem
  - entanglement-based channel monitoring defeats active eavesdropping
- Conclusions

# Defeating Passive Eavesdropping with Quantum Illumination: Theory

- QI setup for immunity to passive eavesdropping



- Alice and Eve's Error Probabilities

Alice's best known receiver

$$\Pr(e)_{\text{Alice}}^{\text{OPA}} \sim \exp(-2W\kappa_S^3 G_B N_S / RN_B) / 2$$

Eve's optimum quantum

$$\Pr(e)_{\text{Eve}}^{\text{opt}} \sim \exp(-4W\kappa_S G_B N_S^2 / RN_B) / 2$$

$N_S$  = Alice's SPDC signal brightness (photons/sec-Hz)  $\ll 1$

$W$  = Alice's SPDC phase-matching bandwidth (Hz)

$\kappa_S$  = one-way channel transmissivity  $\ll 1$

$G_B$  = Bob's amplifier gain  $\gg 1$

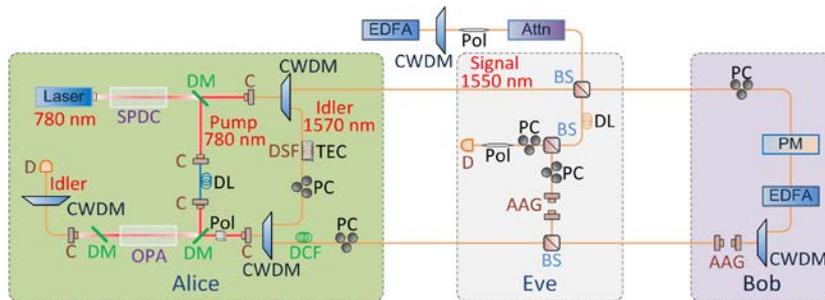
$N_B$  = Bob's amplified spontaneous emission output-noise brightness  $\gg 1$

$R$  = Bob's BPSK bit rate

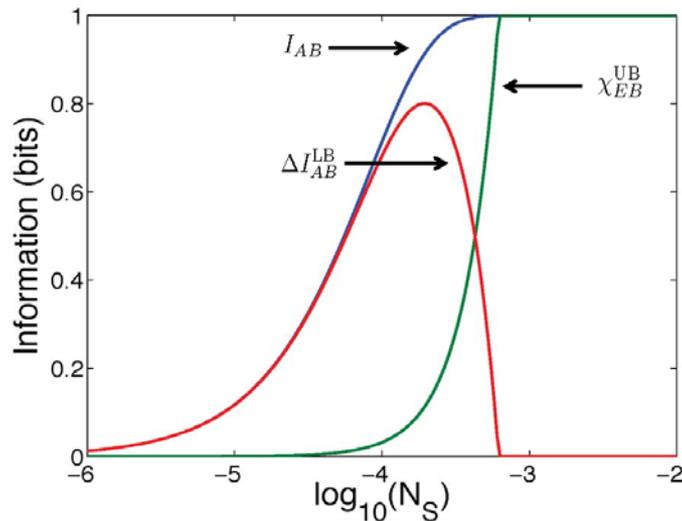
$W/R$  = modes per bit  $\gg 1$

# Defeating Passive Eavesdropping with Quantum Illumination: Proof-of-Principle Experiment

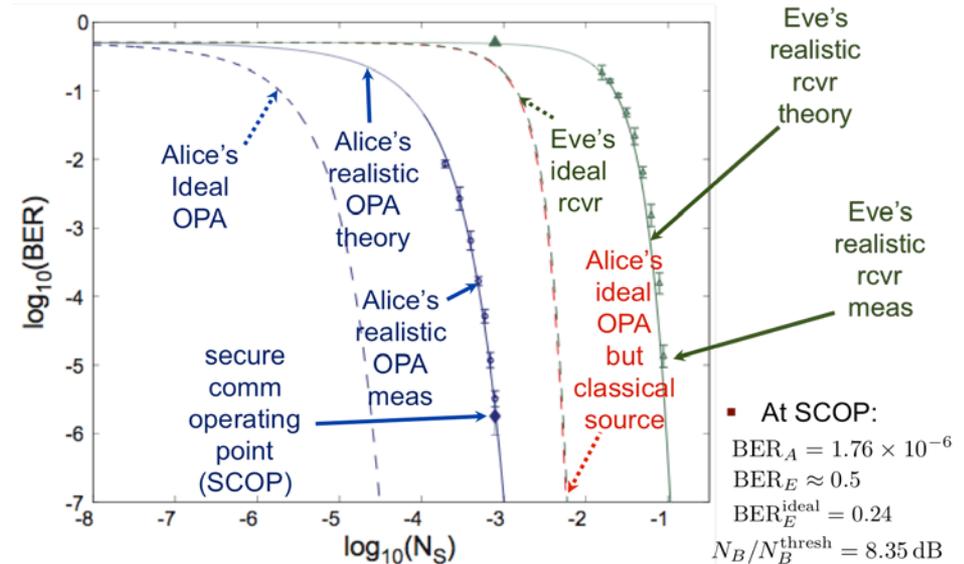
## ■ QI experimental setup



## ■ Alice and Bob's information advantage over Eve



## ■ Alice versus Eve's Pr(e)'s

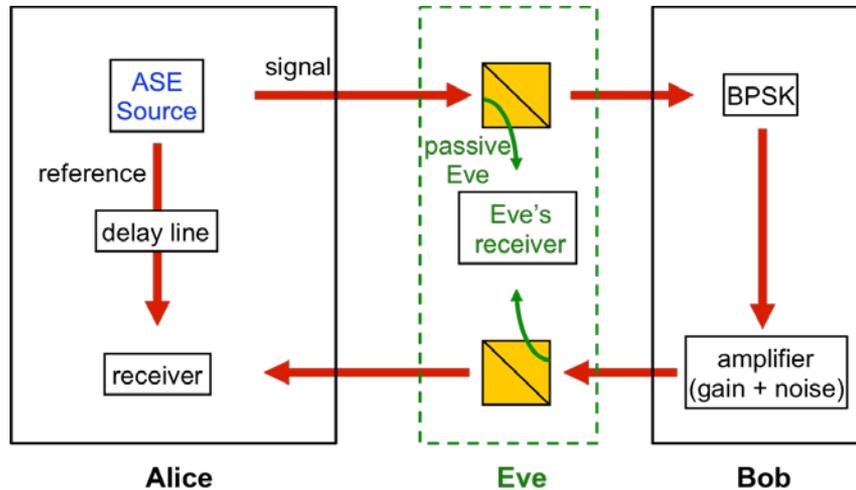


- **All bits are received**
  - direct communication possible
  - QKD possible
- **Idler-storage loss a problem**
- **Active-eavesdropping a problem**

Zhang, Tengner, Zhong, Wong, and Shapiro,  
*Phys. Rev. Lett.* **111**, 010501 (2013)

# Defeating Passive Eavesdropping with Amplified Spontaneous Emission (ASE) + Homodyne Detection

- ASE-homodyne setup for passive eavesdropping immunity



- Alice and Eve's Error Probabilities

Alice's homodyne receiver

$$\Pr(e)_{\text{Alice}}^{\text{ASE}} \sim \exp(-W \kappa_S G_B N_S / R N_B) / 2$$

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$$\Pr(e)_{\text{Eve}}^{\text{opt}} \sim \exp(-4W \kappa_S G_B N_S^2 / R N_B) / 2$$

$N_S$  = Alice's ASE signal brightness (photons/sec-Hz)  $\ll 1$

$W$  = Alice's ASE bandwidth (Hz)

$\kappa_S$  = one-way channel transmissivity  $\ll 1$

$G_B$  = Bob's amplifier gain  $\gg 1$

$N_B$  = Bob's ASE output-noise brightness  $\gg 1$

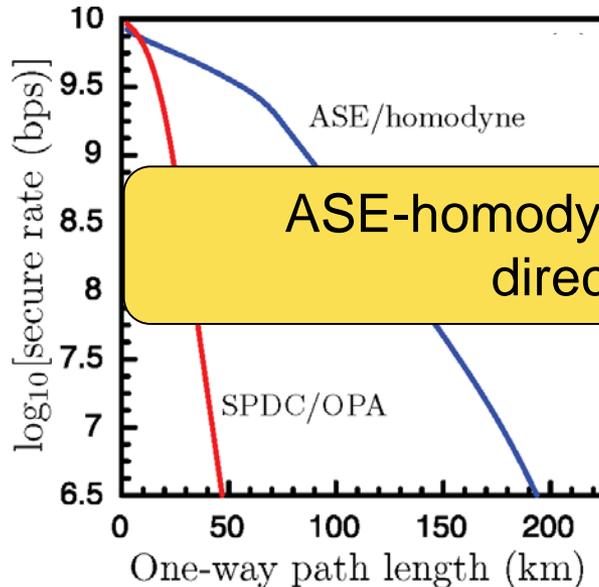
$R$  = Bob's binary phase-shift keying bit rate

$W/R$  = modes per bit  $\gg 1$

Zhuang, Zhang, Dove, Wong, and Shapiro,  
arXiv:1508.01471 [quant-ph]

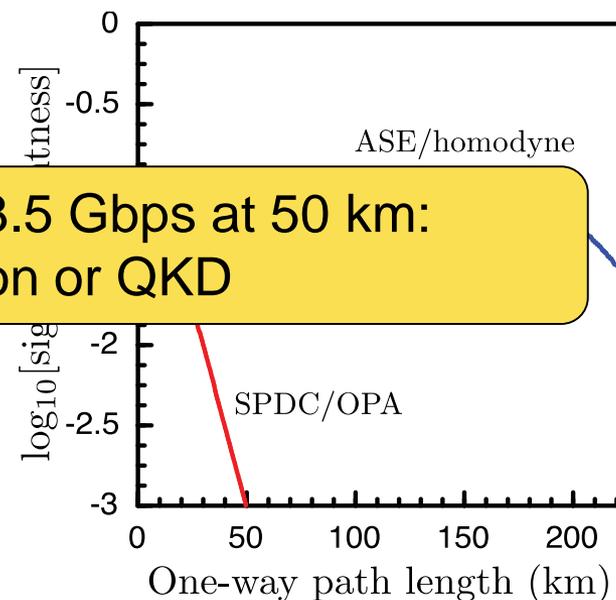
# Defeating Passive Eavesdropping: Quantum Illumination versus ASE-Homodyne

## Secure-rate comparison



ASE-homodyne capable of 3.5 Gbps at 50 km:  
direct communication or QKD

## Optimum signal brightness



$N_S$  = Alice's SPDC and ASE signal brightness, chosen for maximum secure rate

$W$  = Alice's SPDC and ASE bandwidth = 2 THz

$\kappa_S$  = one-way channel transmissivity for 0.2 dB/km fiber

$G_B$  = Bob's amplifier gain =  $10^4$

$N_B$  = Bob's ASE output-noise brightness =  $10^4$

$R$  = Bob's BPSK bit rate  $\leq 10$  Gbps, chosen for maximum secure rate with  $\Pr(e)_{\text{Alice}}^{\text{ASE}} \leq 0.1$

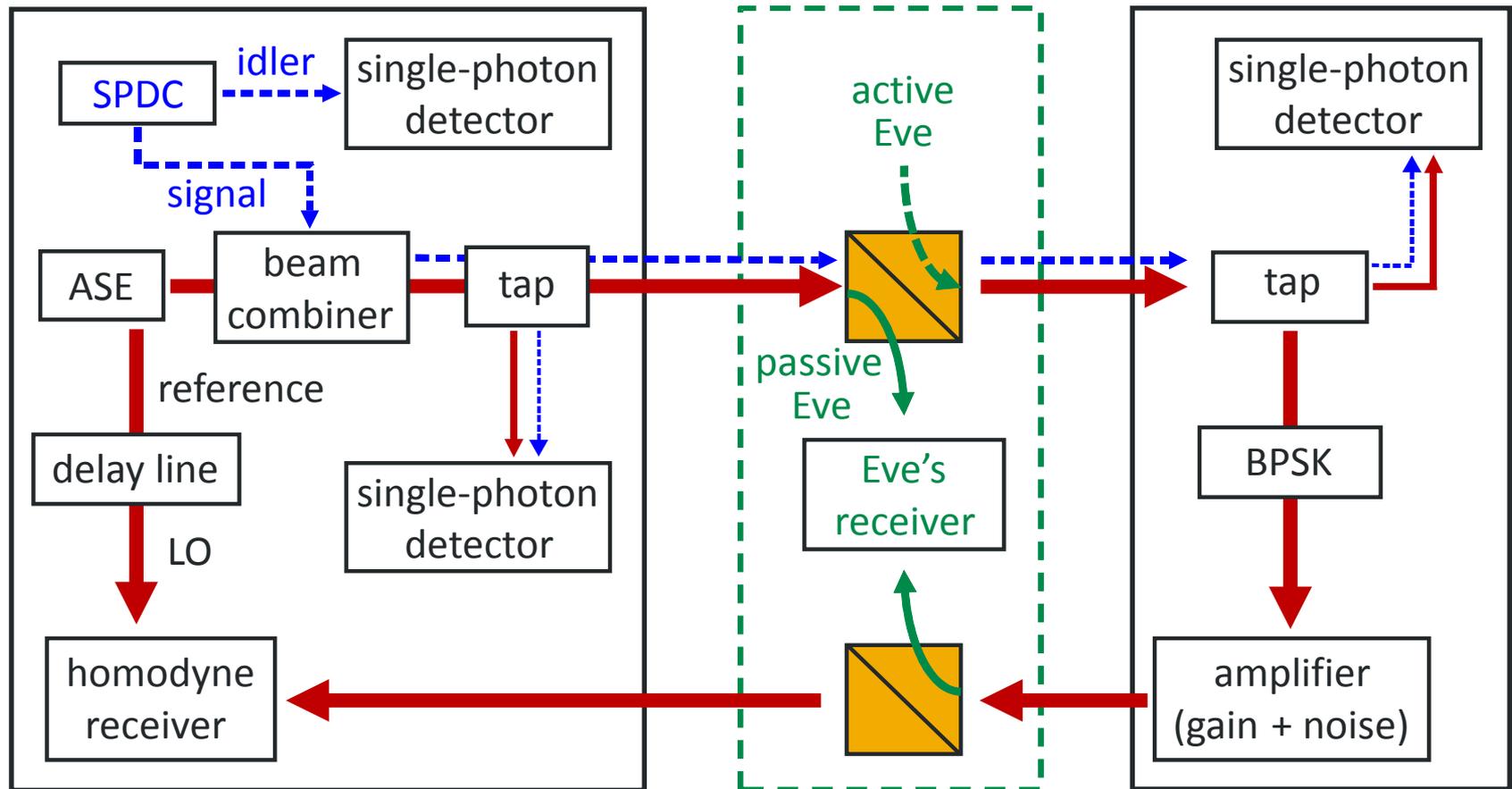
$\beta$  = ASE-homodyne's reconciliation efficiency = 0.94

# Defeating Active Eavesdropping on ASE-Homodyne Communication using Channel Monitoring

Eve injects her own light (SPDC, optimally) to decode Bob's message

Active monitor of channel integrity:

inject SPDC light; measure singles and coincidences; Alice's reference tap



# Bounding Eve's SPDC Injection

- Singles and coincidence rates

$S_I$  = Alice's idler singles rate

$S_A$  = Alice's signal-tap singles rate

$S_B$  = Bob's signal-tap singles rate

$C_{IA}$  = Alice's idler  $\times$  signal coincidence rate

$C_{IB}$  = Alice's idler  $\times$  Bob's signal-tap coincidence rate

- Light injection fraction

$$f_E = \frac{\text{Eve's optical power into Bob}}{\text{total optical power into Bob}}$$

- Estimating  $f_E$  from these rates

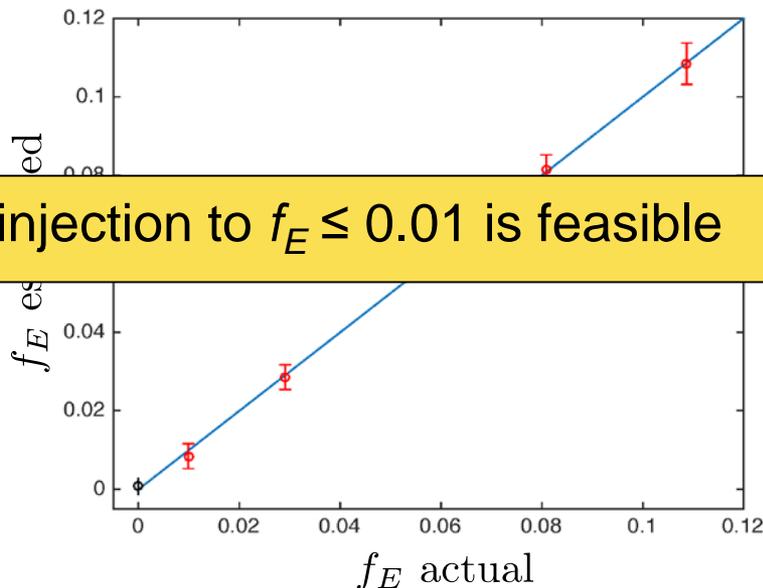
$$\Delta C_{IA} = C_{IA} - S_I S_A T_g$$

$$\Delta C_{IB} = C_{IB} - S_I S_B T_g$$

- Preliminary experiment

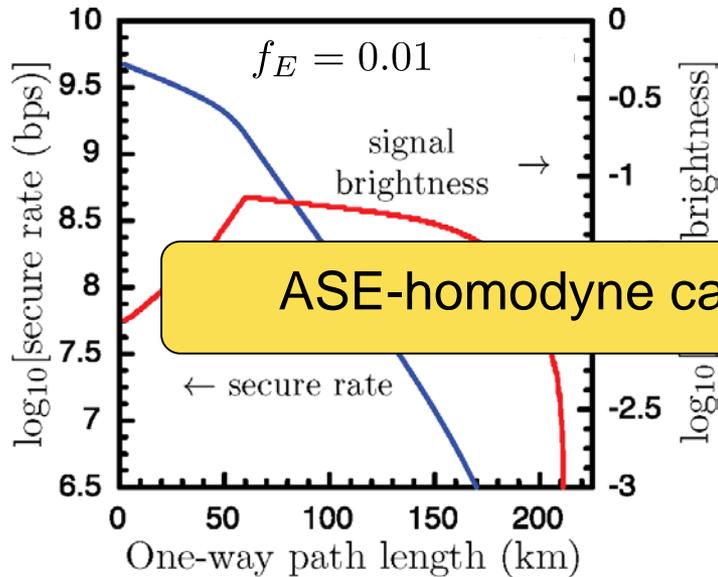
Channel monitoring to limit Eve's injection to  $f_E \leq 0.01$  is feasible

$T_g$  = coincidence gate (sec)



# ASE-Homodyne Quantum Key Distribution: Secure Rate versus a Collective Active Attack

## Secure rate and optimum source brightness



- Eve's beam-splitter active attack
  - SPDC is her optimum state for low-brightness injection
  - because Alice and Bob must verify  $f_E \leq 0.01$  to ensure security level

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$W$  = Alice's ASE bandwidth = 2 THz

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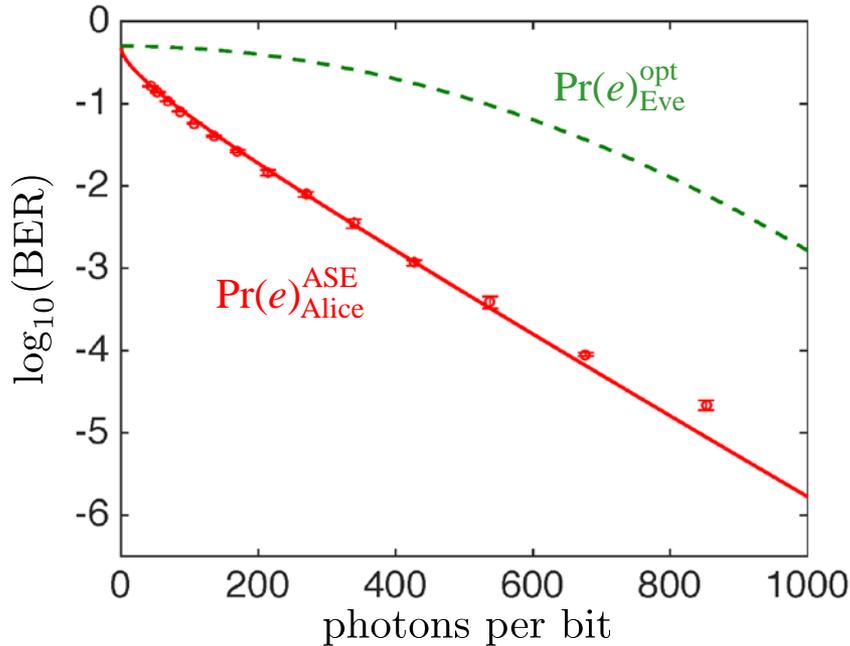
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# ASE Quantum-Secured Communication: Preliminary Experimental Result

## ■ Preliminary experiment

### ■ passive individual attack



$W = 2$  THz,  $\kappa_S = 0.1$ ,  $R = 100$  Mbps,

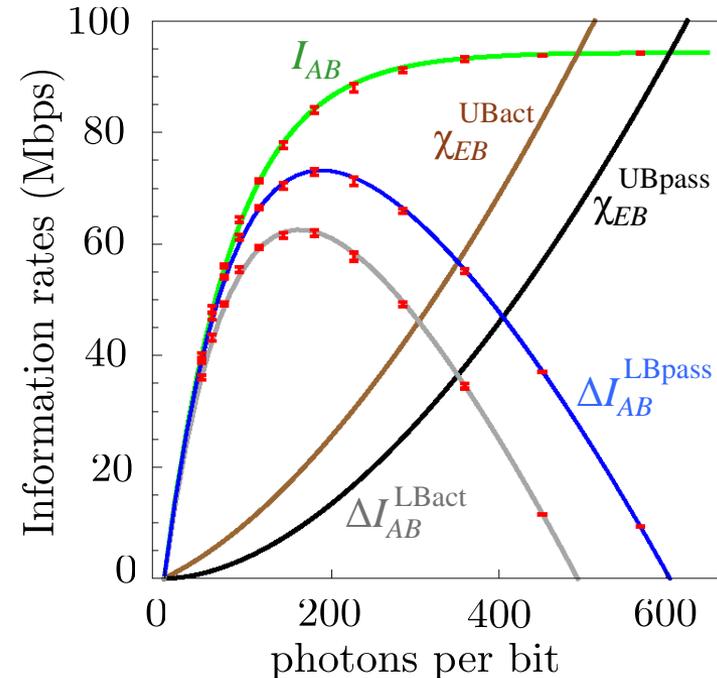
$G_B \sim 10^4$ ,  $N_B \sim 10^4$ , estimated  $f_E = 0.003$

Signal brightness =  $10^{-2}$  at 200 photons/bit

$\kappa_S = 0.1 \longleftrightarrow 50$  km of fiber

## ■ Predicted secure rates

### ■ passive or active collective attacks



### ■ Passive attack

- direct communication or QKD

### ■ Active attack

- QKD only

# Conclusions

- Quantum-secured communication
  - low-brightness source provides security via no-cloning theorem
  - many modes/bit provides high rate via many photons/bit
- ASE-homodyne capable of 3.5 Gbps at 50 km:  
direct communication or QKD against passive eavesdropping
  - Alice's high-brightness reference for homodyne detection
  - Bob
  - Bob ASE-homodyne capable of 2 Gbps QKD at 50 km  
against active eavesdropping
- Passive attack
  - No new technology is needed to implement the ASE-homodyne protocol
    - ASE-homodyne protocol can do direct communication and QKD
- Active attack
  - SPDC injection is optimal beam-splitter attack at low brightness
  - ASE-homodyne can only do QKD... *unless Bob has quantum memory*