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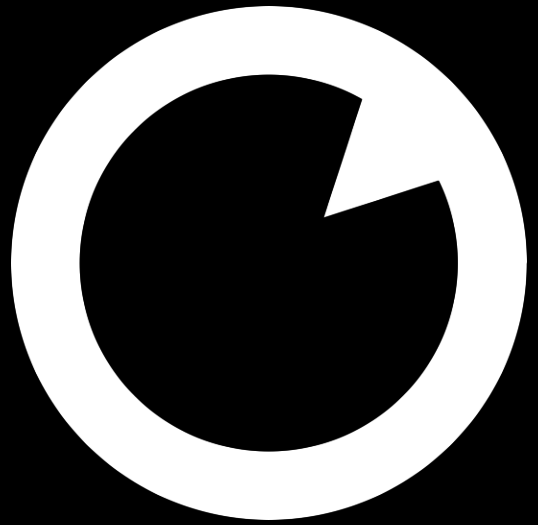

Impact of SNR thresholds on BER for Coherent and Non-Coherent transceivers

1 Intro and recap

2 Bit Error Rate dependency

3 External Tester

4  Temperature

5 Distance

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6 Take Away

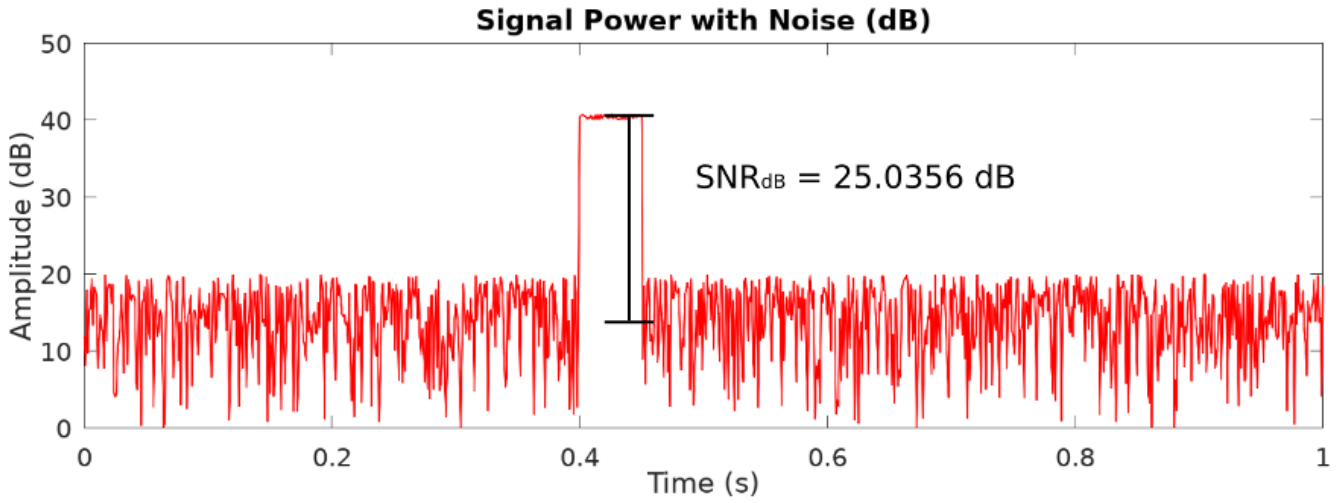
Measuring Link Quality

- **BER** = Bit Error Rate
- **SNR** = Signal-to-Noise-Ratio
- Convenience of using decibels for **small** and **large** values
- (e)SNR vs OSNR:
  electrical vs **optical**

Data POV

$$\text{BER} = \frac{Number\ of\ Erroneous\ Bits}{Total\ of\ Bits}$$

Communication POV



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+ FEC
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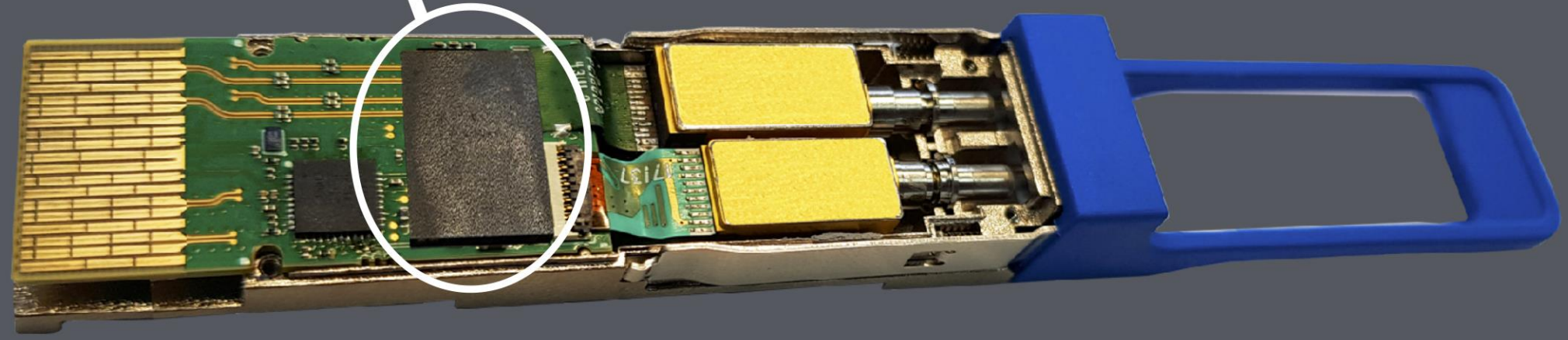
+ OSNR
+ ...



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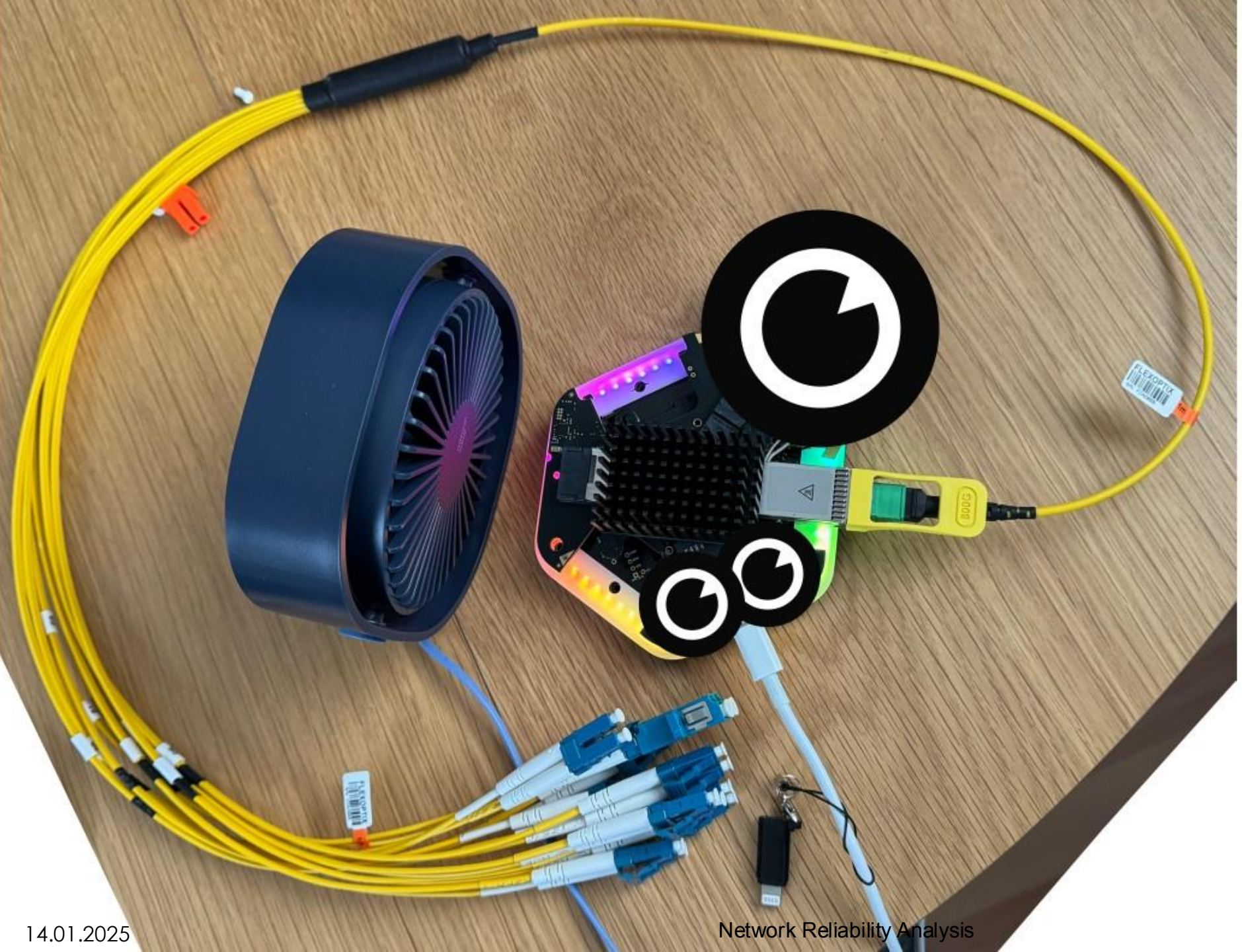

FLEXBOX5 with 800G DD, heat sink and fan

DUTs are

1. 100G QSFP28 Single Lambda DR 500m
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3. 400G QSFP-DD Coherent ZR low power
4. 400G QSFP-DD LR4 10km
5. 400G **QSFP112** DR4 500m
6. 800G QSFP-DD DR8 500m

lab setup – our cable drums

10 + 20km G.652.D
@1310nm <= 0.35 dB/km

Watch for attenuation with short cables!

100G QSFP28 ER WITH DUAL CDR

40 km, λ1310 nm, LC-Duplex, Singlemode

Q.13S1HG.40
QSFP28
ER

- Universal QSFP28 Transceiver
- Use FLEXBOX to configure to almost any vendor
- For 100GBASE-ER Ethernet links
- Integrated Clock-Data-Recovery (CDR)
- PAM4 modulated signal
- Supported Data Rates: 106.25 Gbit/s
- Up to 40 km via Singlemode OS2
- LC-Duplex Connector

CAUTION: you may damage the photodiodes of long range transceivers!

Box with different Attenuators in our Webshop

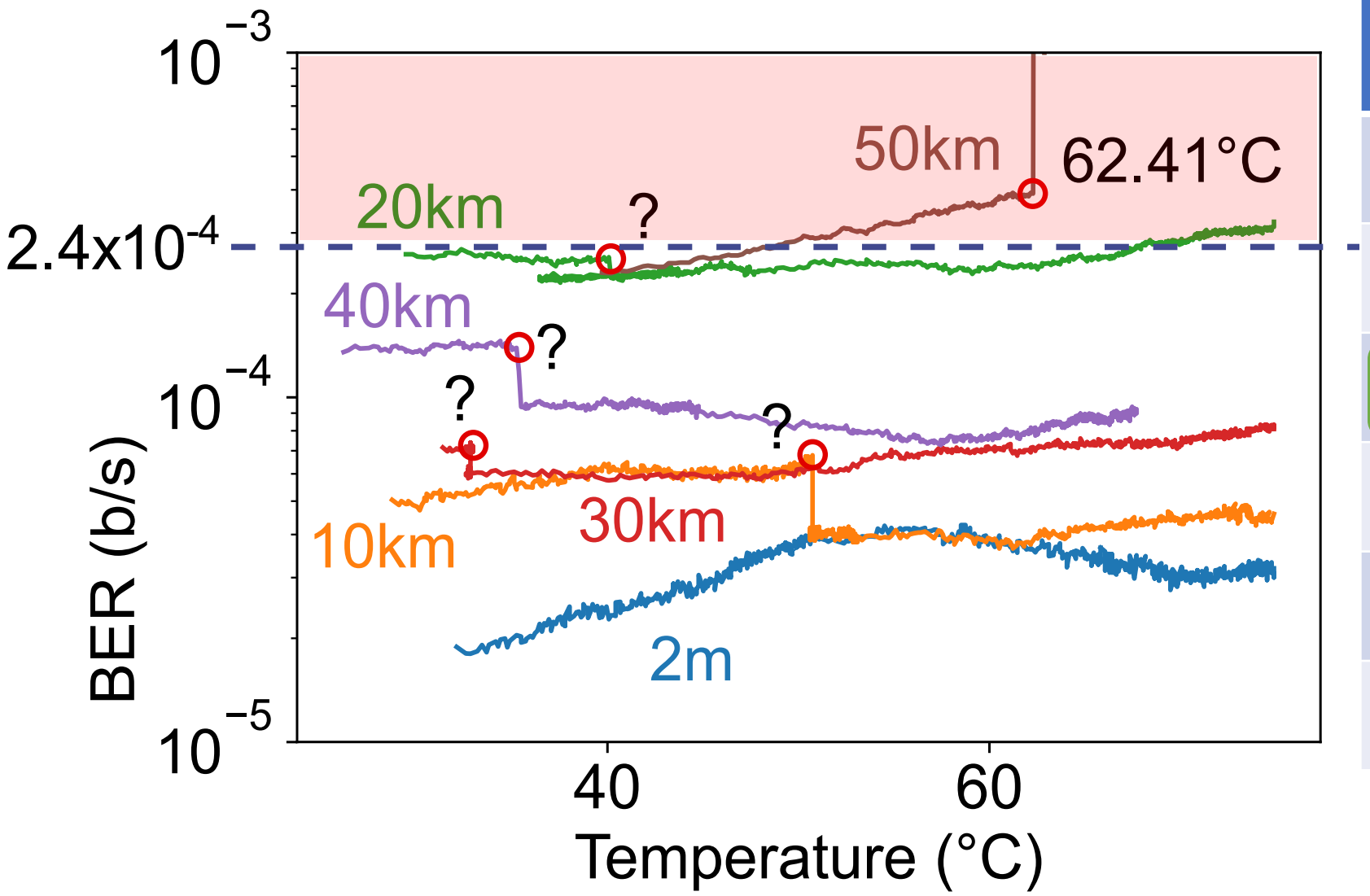
Q.13S1HG.40 attenuation calculation

fiber length + attenuator	cable (0.35 dB/km)	used attenuator
2 meter	about 0 dB	11 dB
10 km	3.5 dB	11 dB
20 km	7 dB	11 dB
30 km	10.5 dB	5 dB
40 km	14 dB	2 dB
50 km	17.5 dB	2 dB

TRANSMIT MIN/MAX PER LANE	4.5 dBm / 7.9 dBm
RECEIVER MIN/MAX PER LANE	-14 dBm / -3 dBm (overload) @100G
WAVELENGTH TX (TYPICAL)	1310 nm
WAVELENGTH TX (RANGE)	1308.1 - 1310.2 nm
WAVELENGTH RX (TYPICAL)	1310 nm

At least **11dB** attenuation is required to ensured safety

100G BER on attenuation



fiber length + attenuator	TX Power (dBm)	RX Power (dBm)
2 m 11 dB	+ 4.8	- 7.1
10 km 11 dB	+ 4.8	- 10.0
20 km 11 dB	+ 4.8	- 13.4
30 km 5 dB	+ 4.8	- 11.9
40 km 2 dB	+ 4.8	- 11.1
50 km 2 dB	+ 4.8	- 14.6

Q.13S1HG.40

IEEE 802.3db BER range : max. 2.4x10-4

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About BER max. 2.4E-4 b/s

- PreFEC value

$$BER = \frac{N_e}{B\,\Delta T}$$

- Assume N_e = 100 errors, B = 100 Gbps and BER = 1.0×10^{-12} b/s
  - Gating Time ΔT is about 16 min
  - But with BER = 2.4E-4 b/s you get ΔT = 4 µs!

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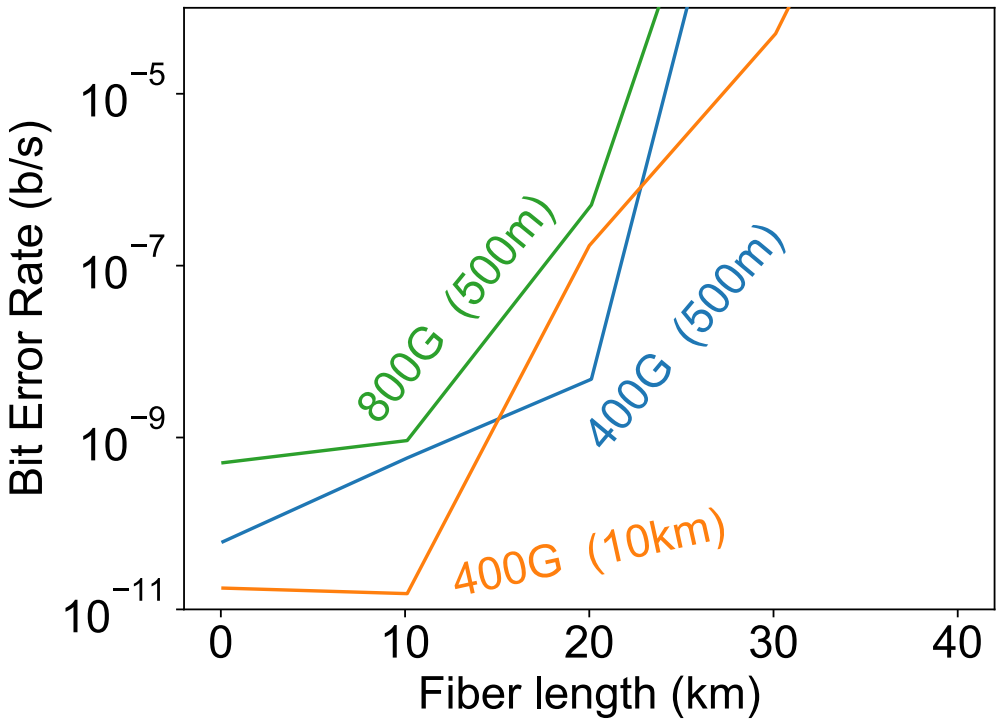
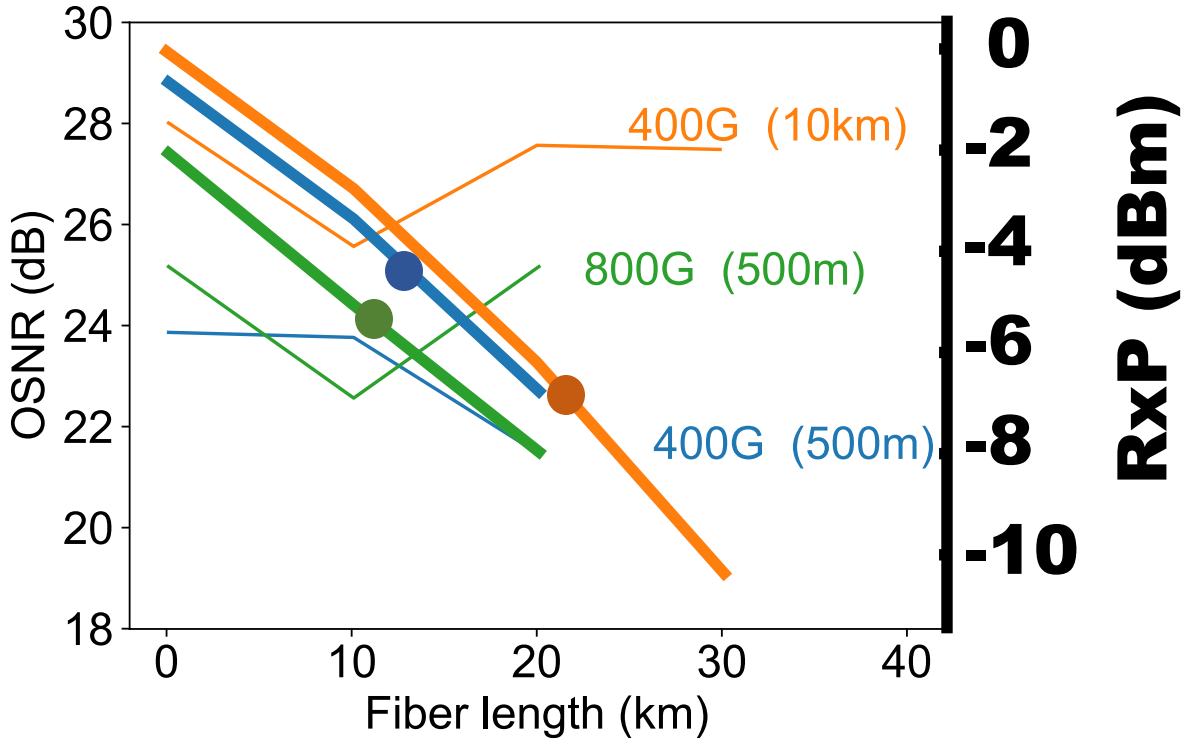
Reference Test Setup

Results from external test device

Bit Error Rate over Fiber Length



Optical SNR and **Rx Power** over Fiber Length



*Mean values over 80 secs. measurement

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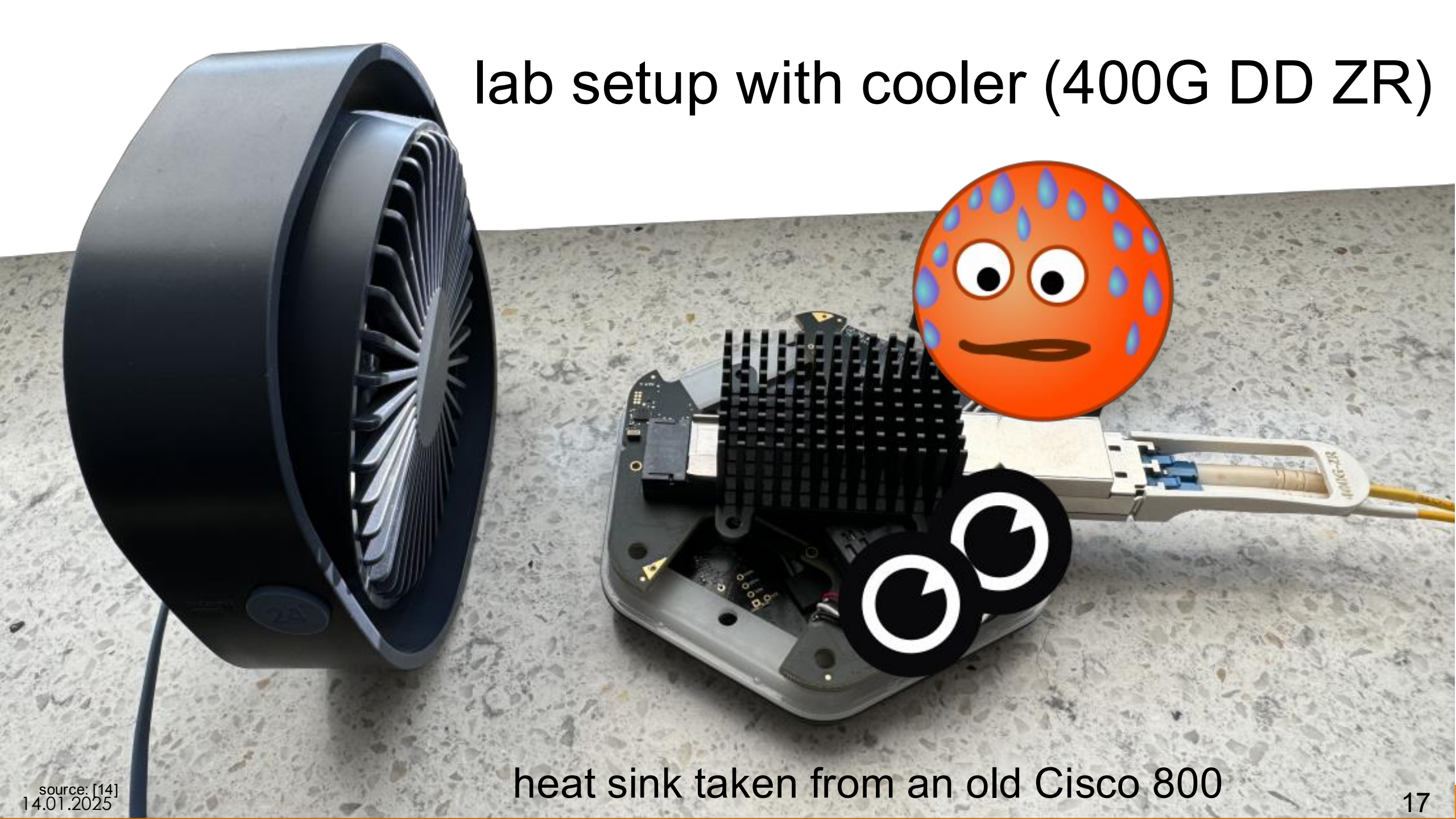
lab setup with cooler (400G DD ZR)



heat sink taken from an old Cisco 800

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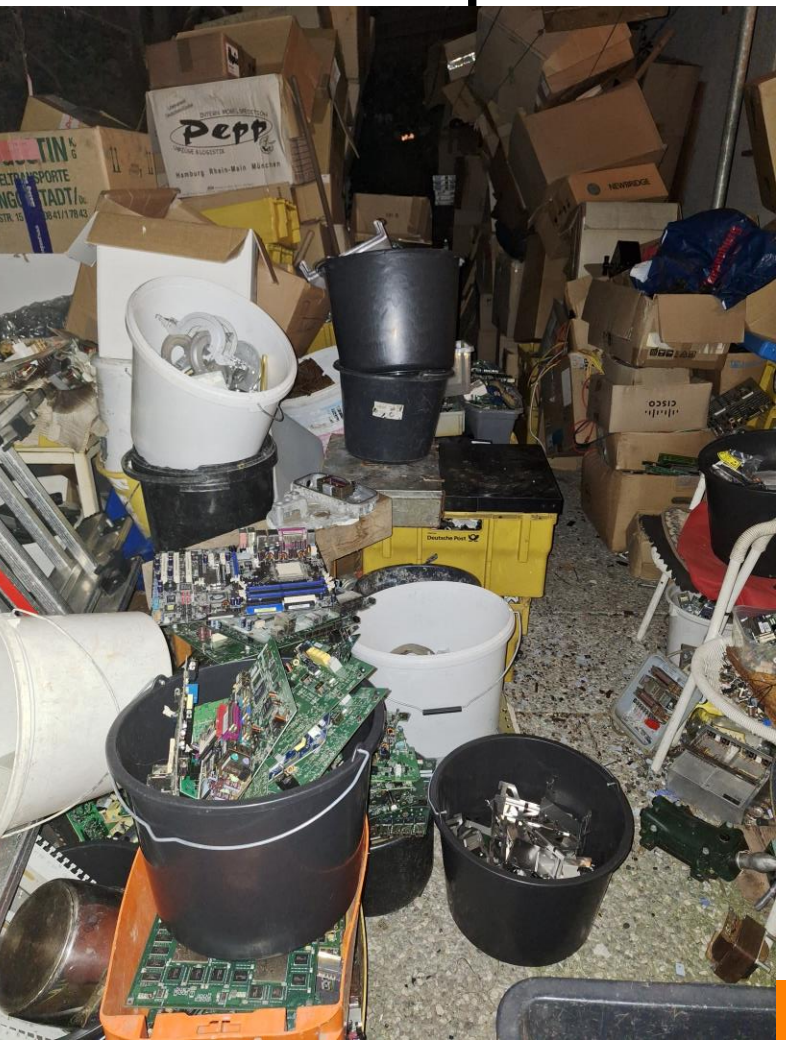
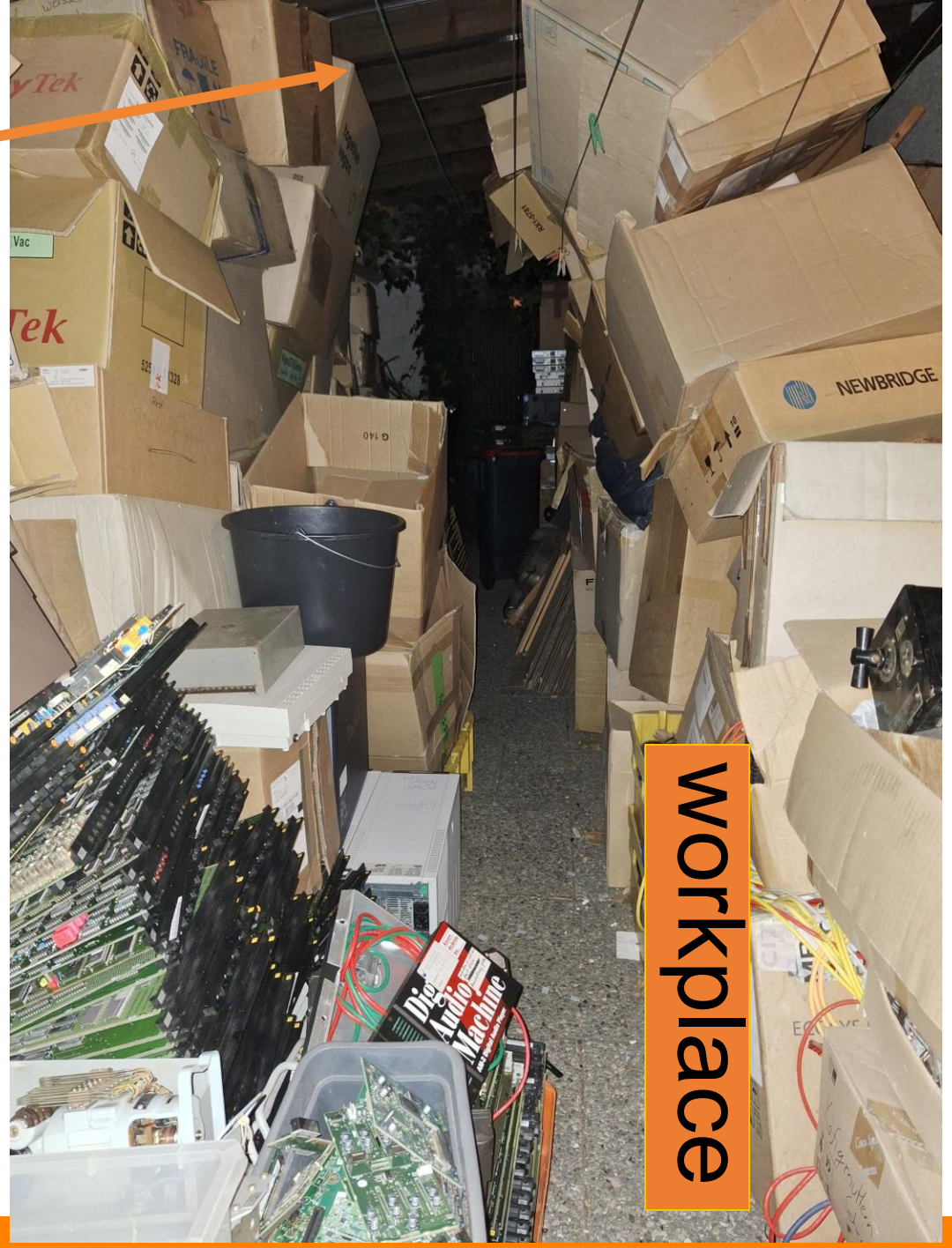
roof top

detailed separation





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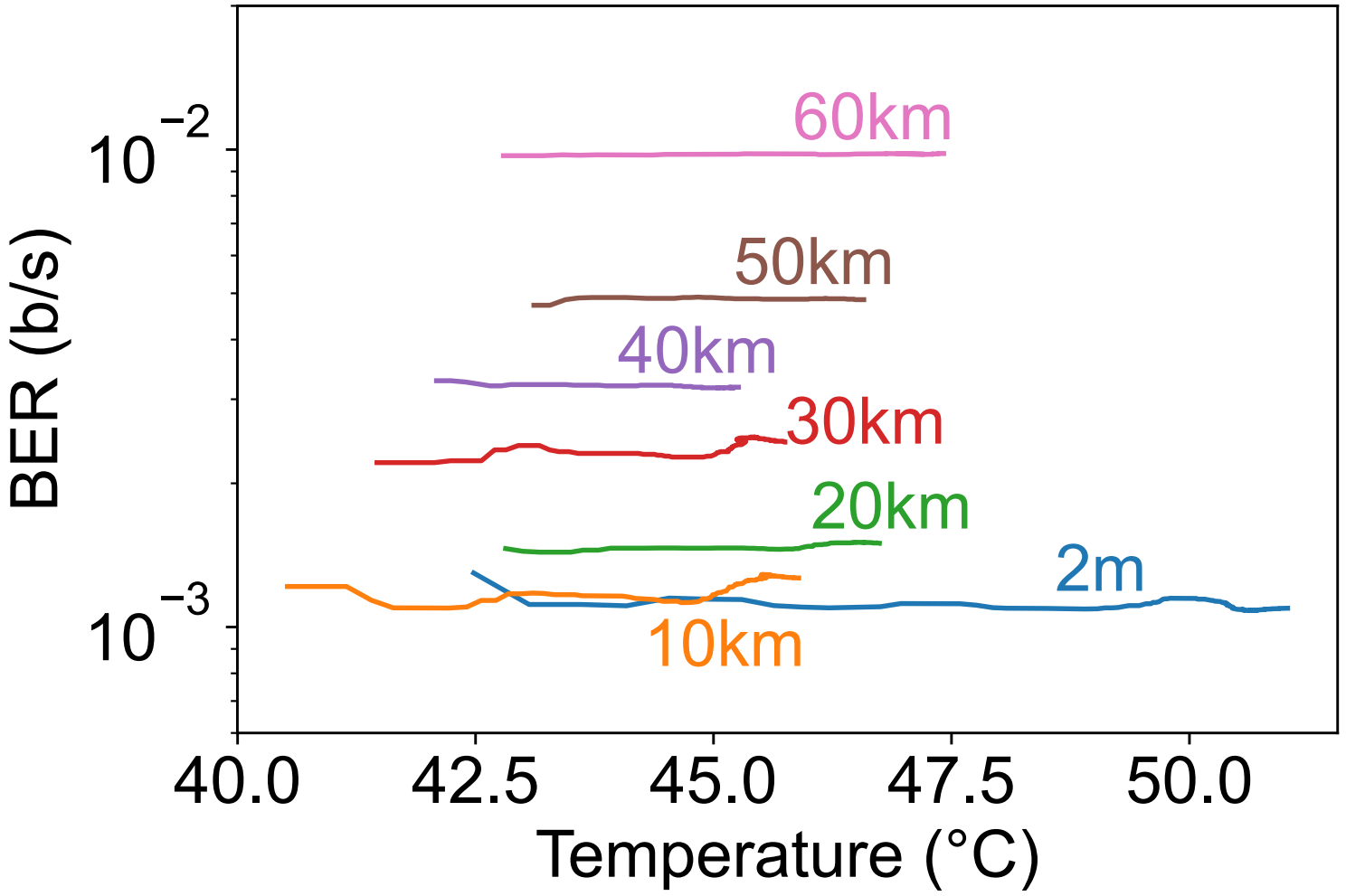
The coherent DD with cooling



Note: cFEC

Fiber Length	TX Power (dBm)	RX Power (dBm)
2 m	-10.0	-10.2
10 km	-10.0	-11.7
20 km	-10.0	-13.1
30 km	-10.0	-14.9
40 km	-10.0	-16.7
50 km	-10.0	-18.5
60 km	-10.0	-20.9

OIF BER Range:
1.5E-4 to 1.3E-2

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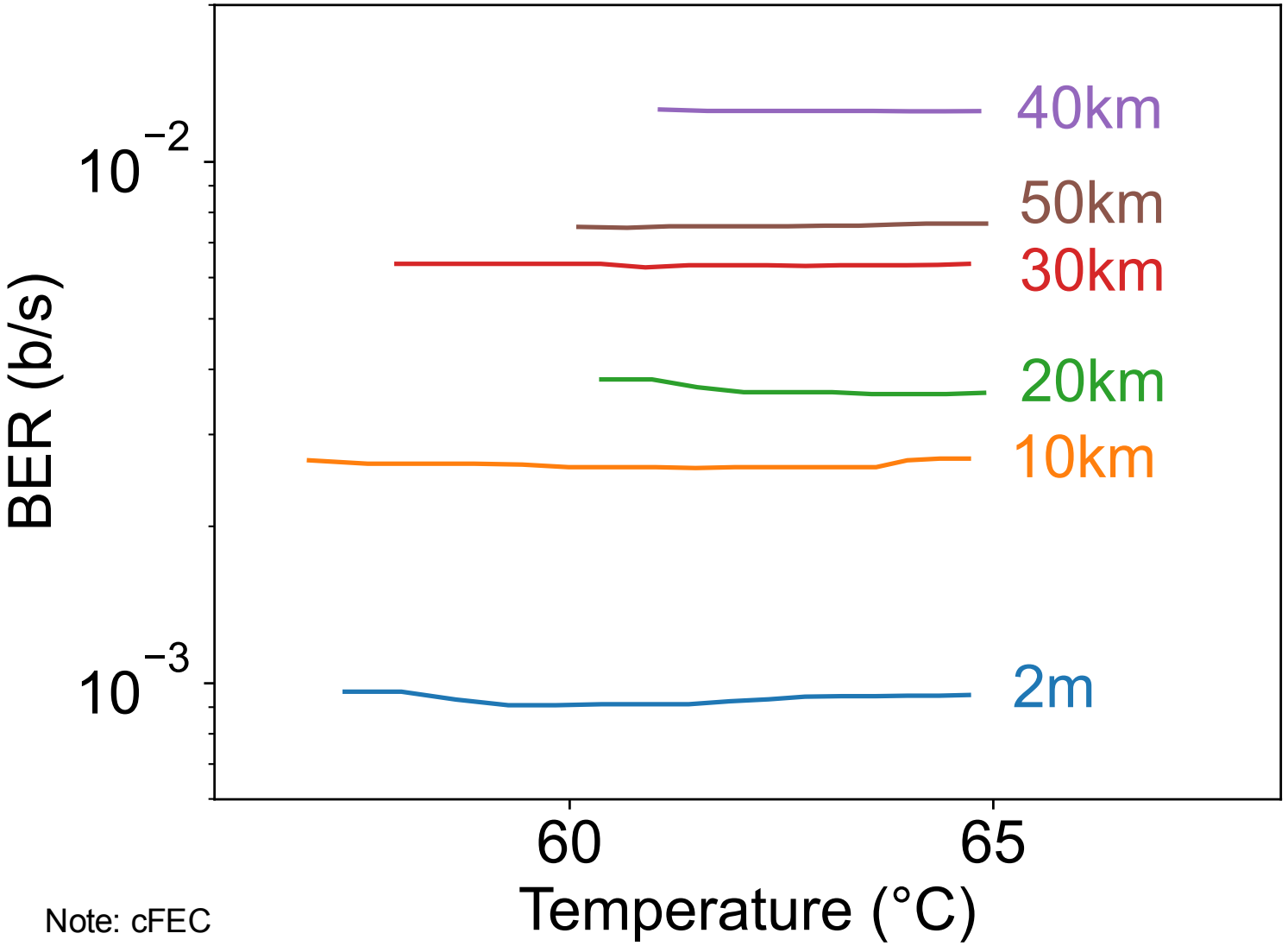
The coherent DD without cooling



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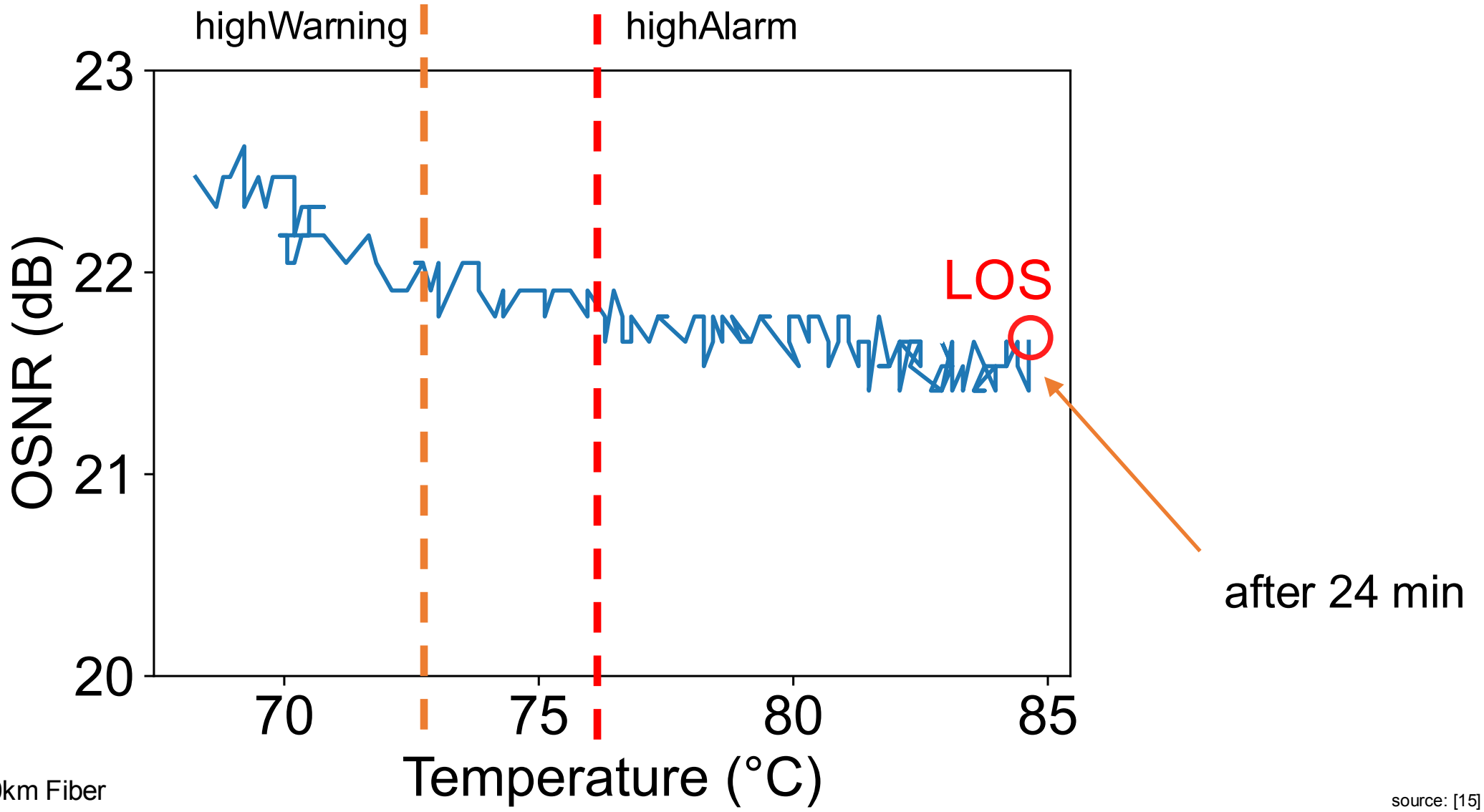

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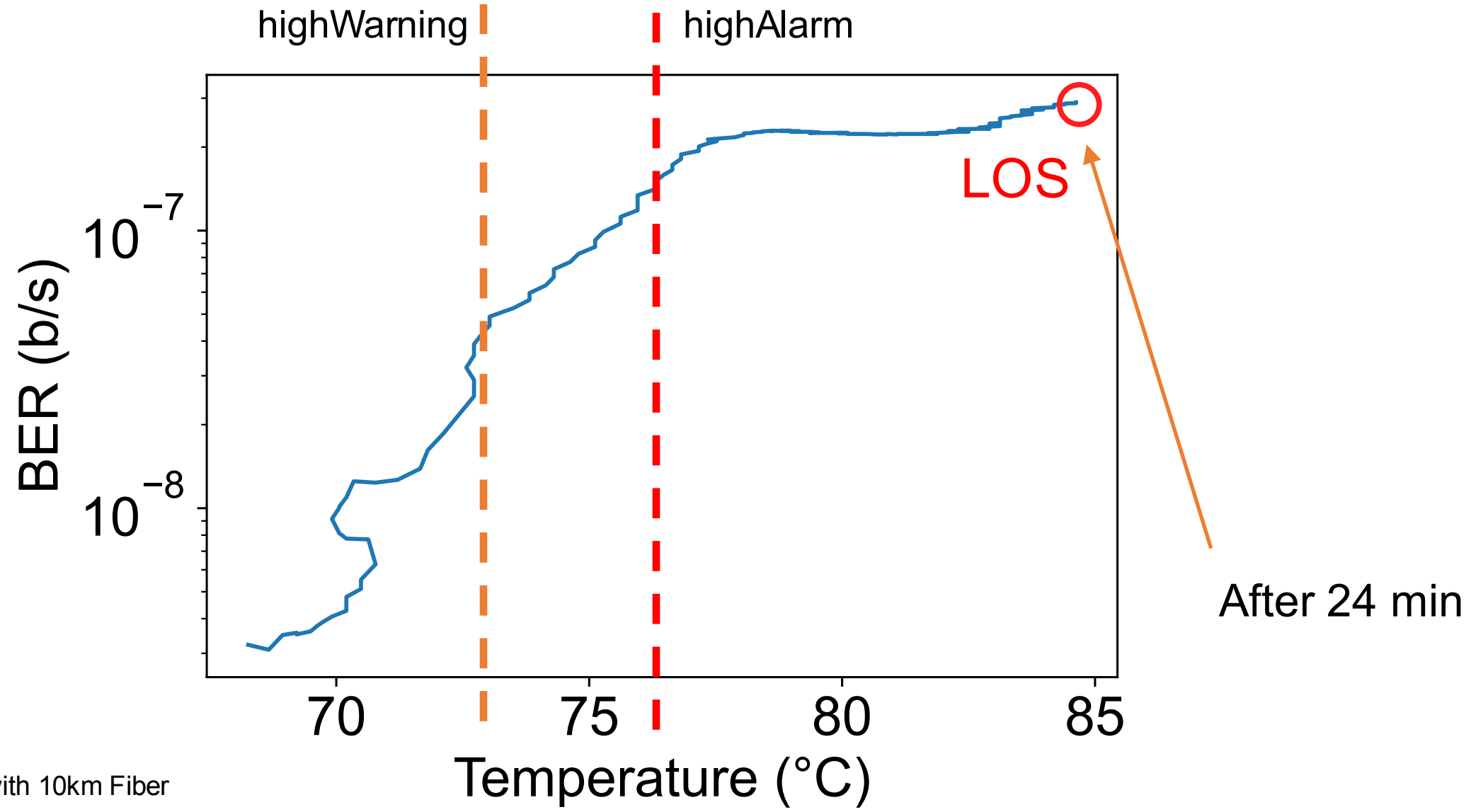

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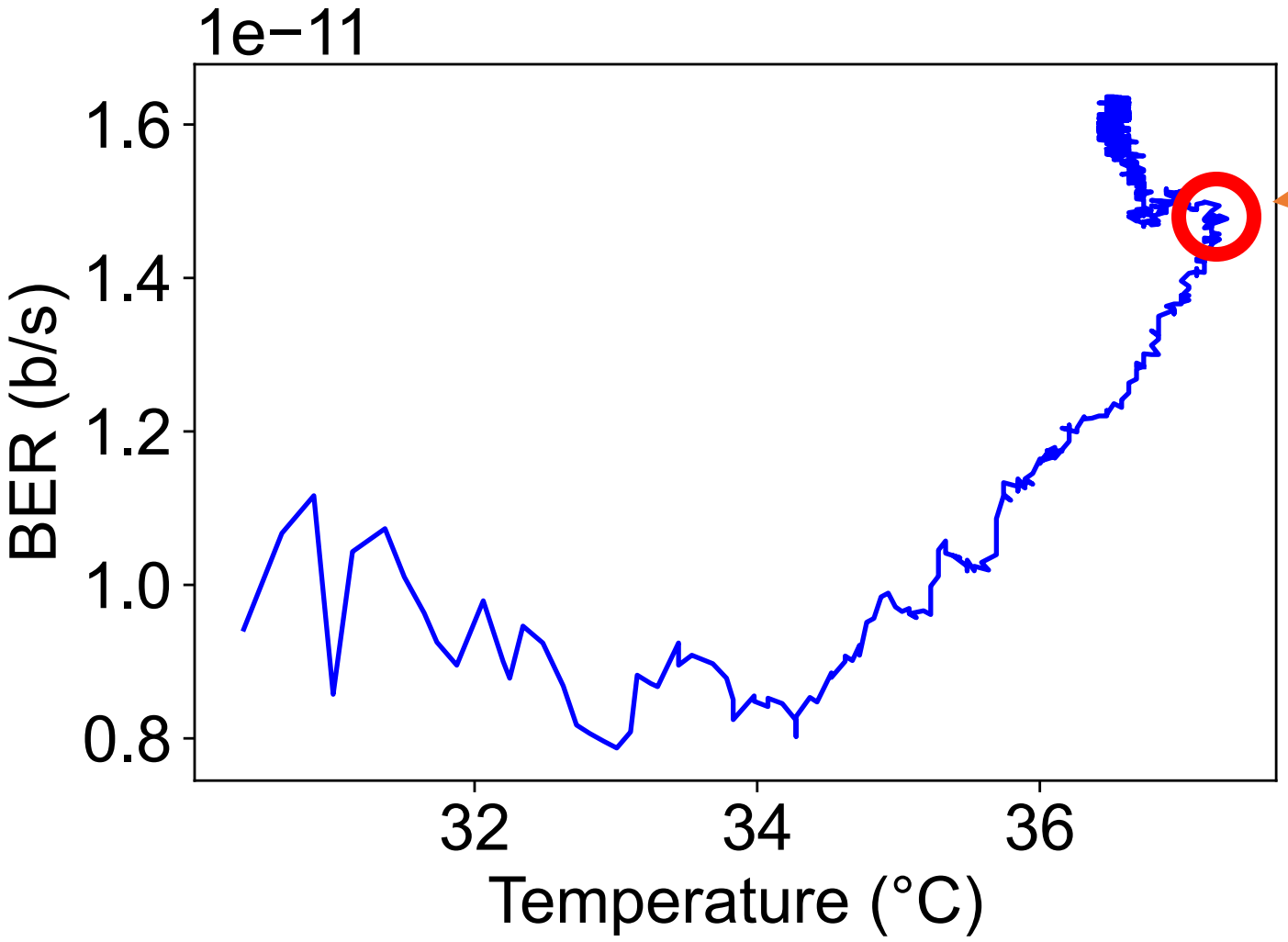
At constant temperature how much does time influence BER?

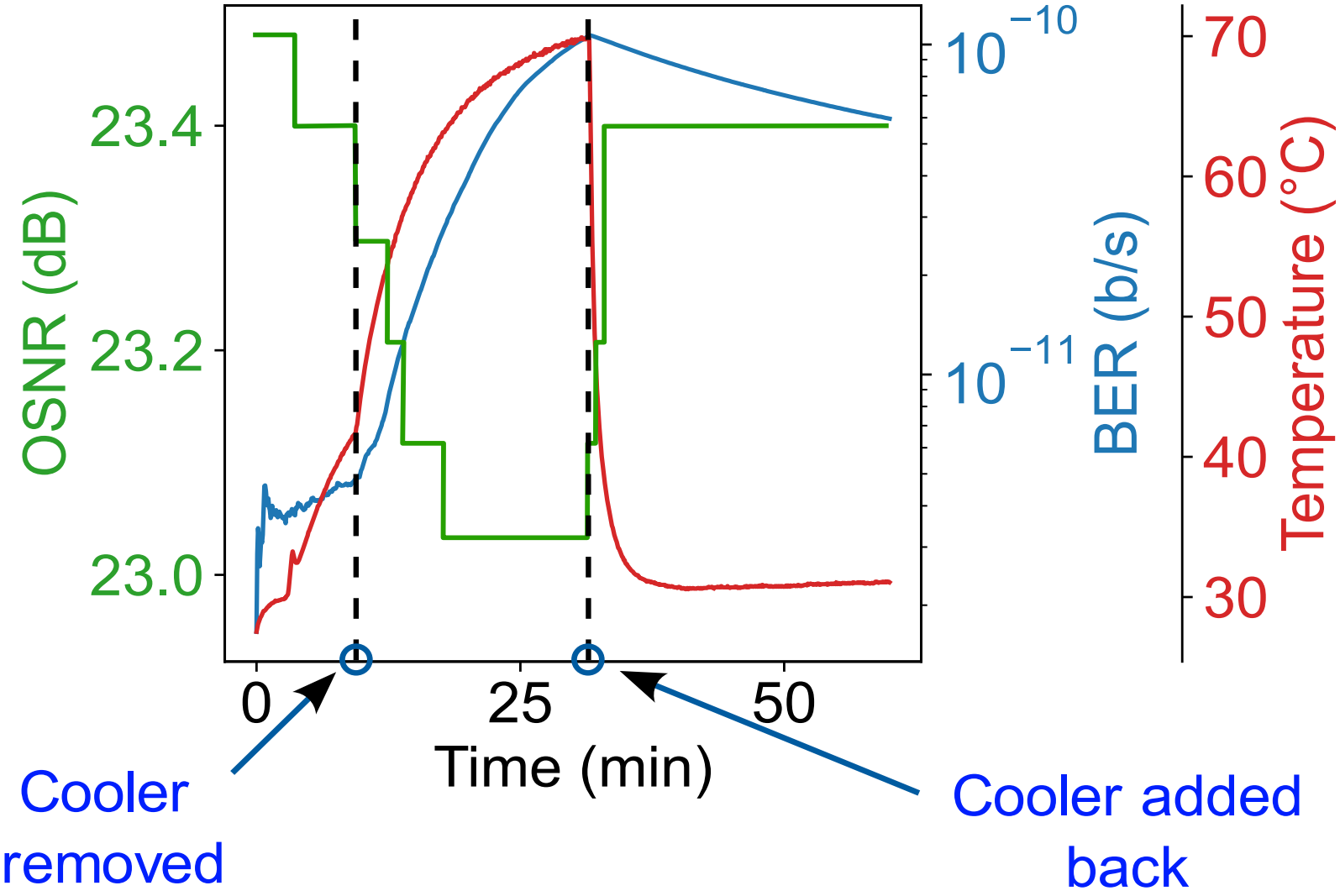


37.0 °C were reached after 4 min.

Example with Q.13S1HG.05, 2m cable and a fan with heat sink constantly cooling.
1 hour of BER measured.

Note: PostFEC values (KP4 FEC)

Initial BER recoverable?



after recovering
10 times worse!

Example with Q.13S1HG.05 and PostFEC values.

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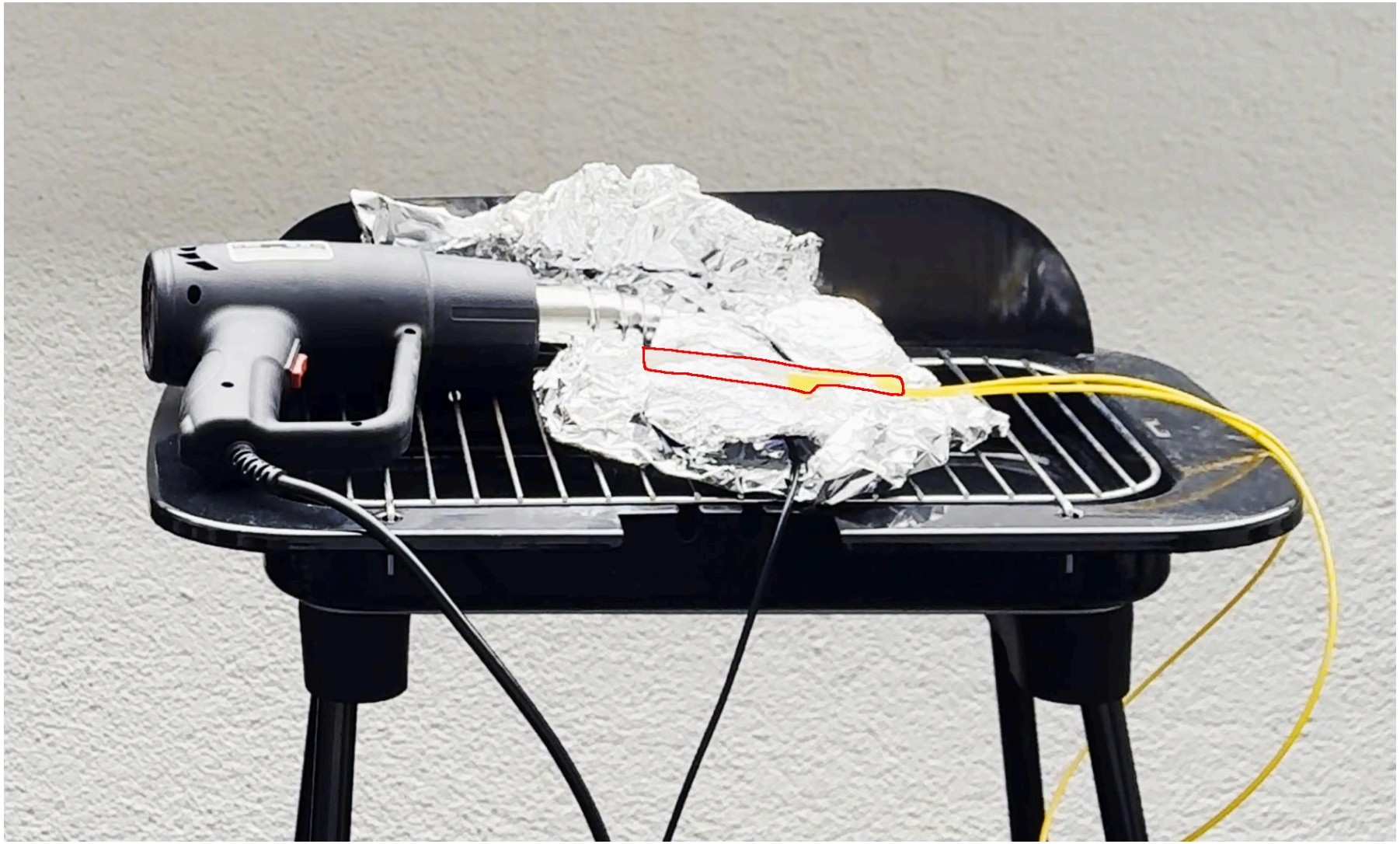

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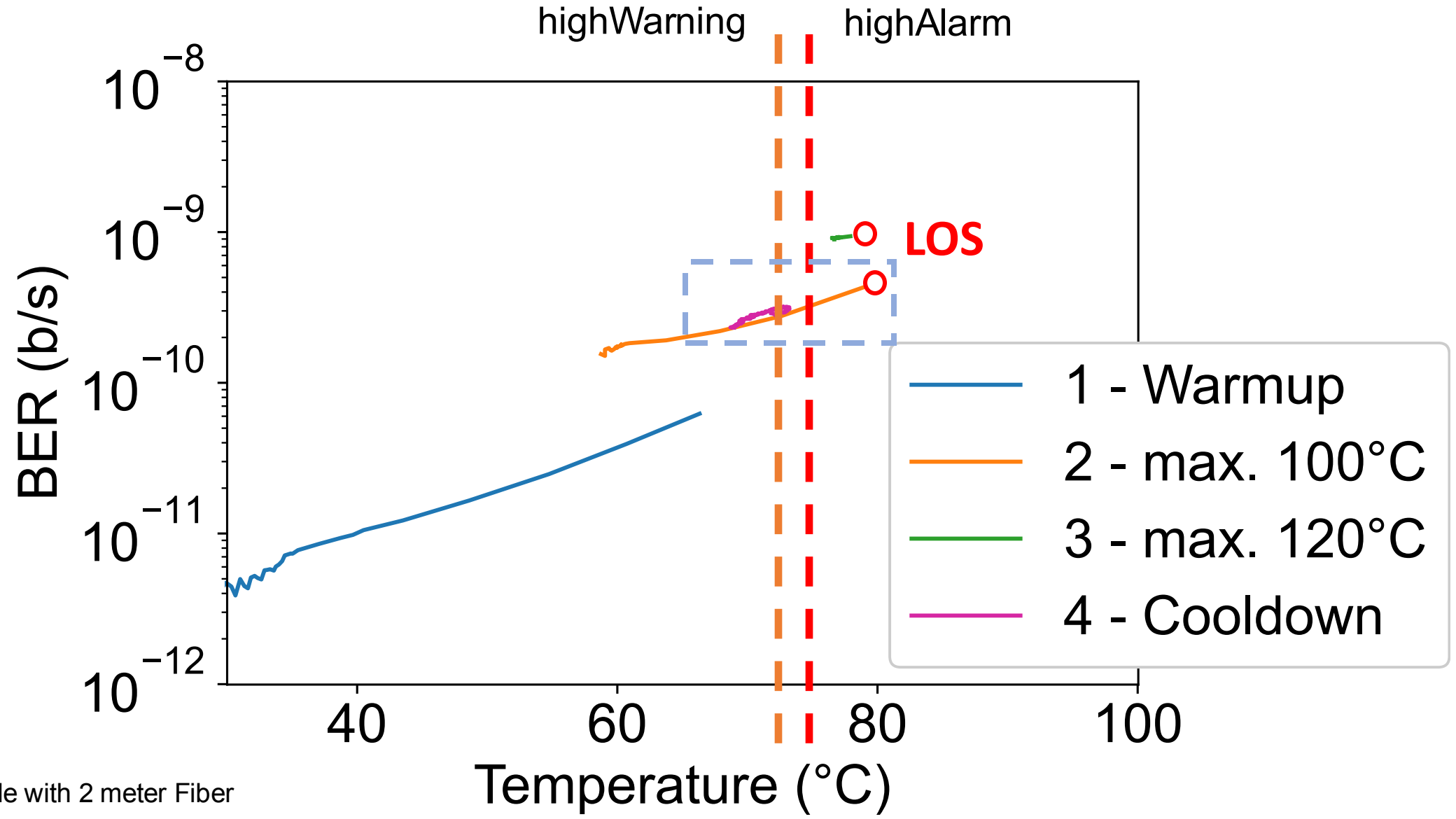

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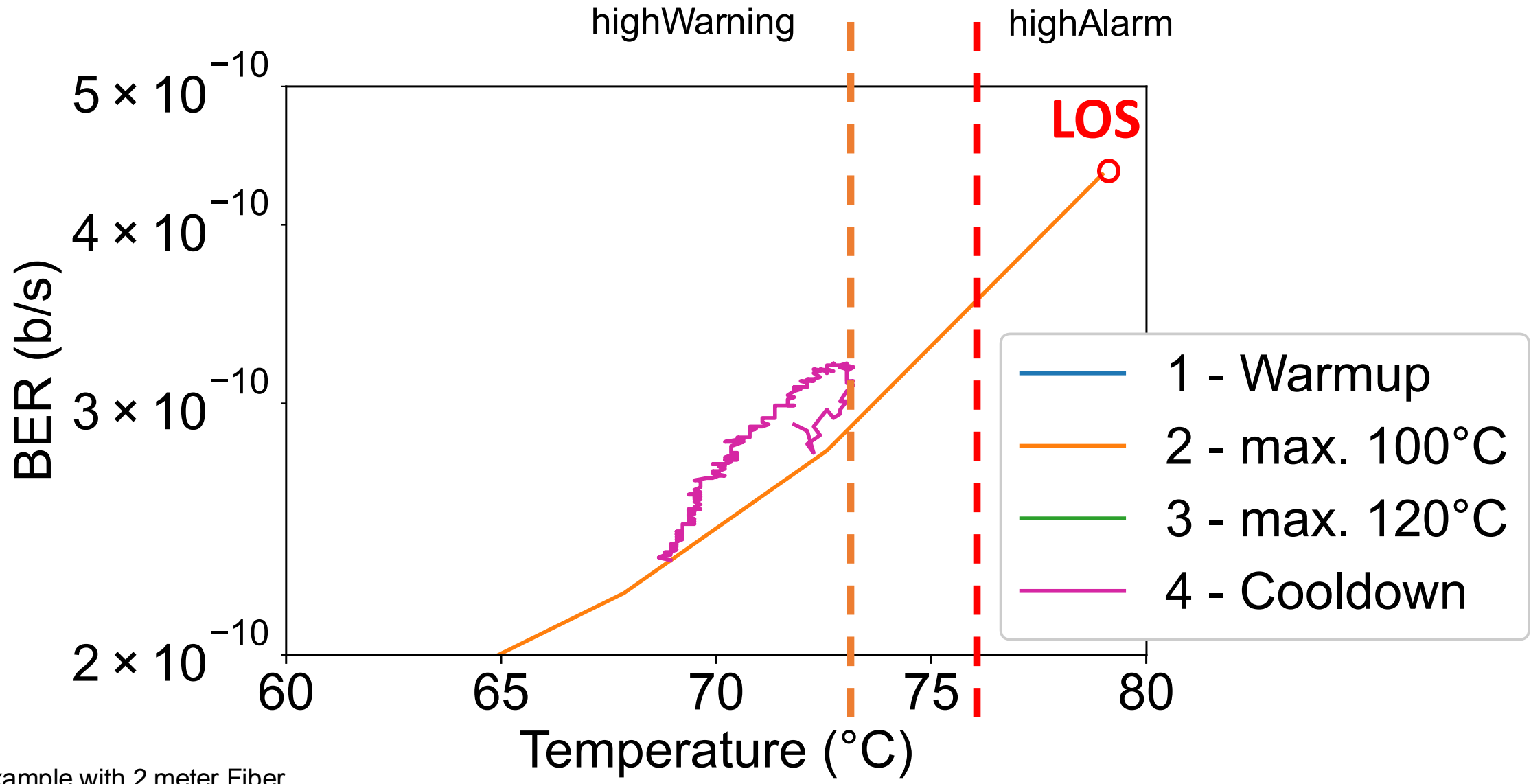

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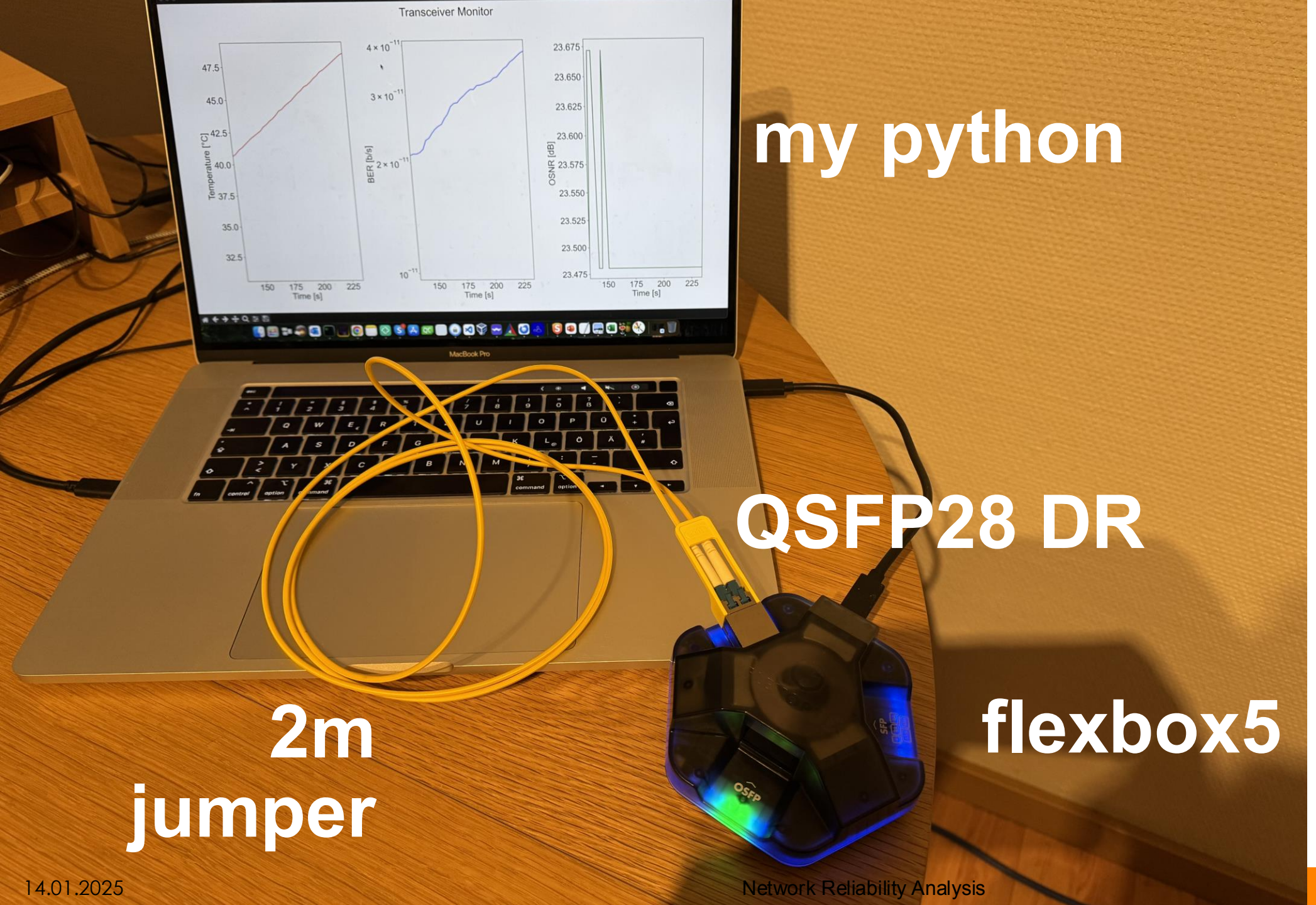
Transceiver Monitor
Temperature [°C]
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QSFP28 DR
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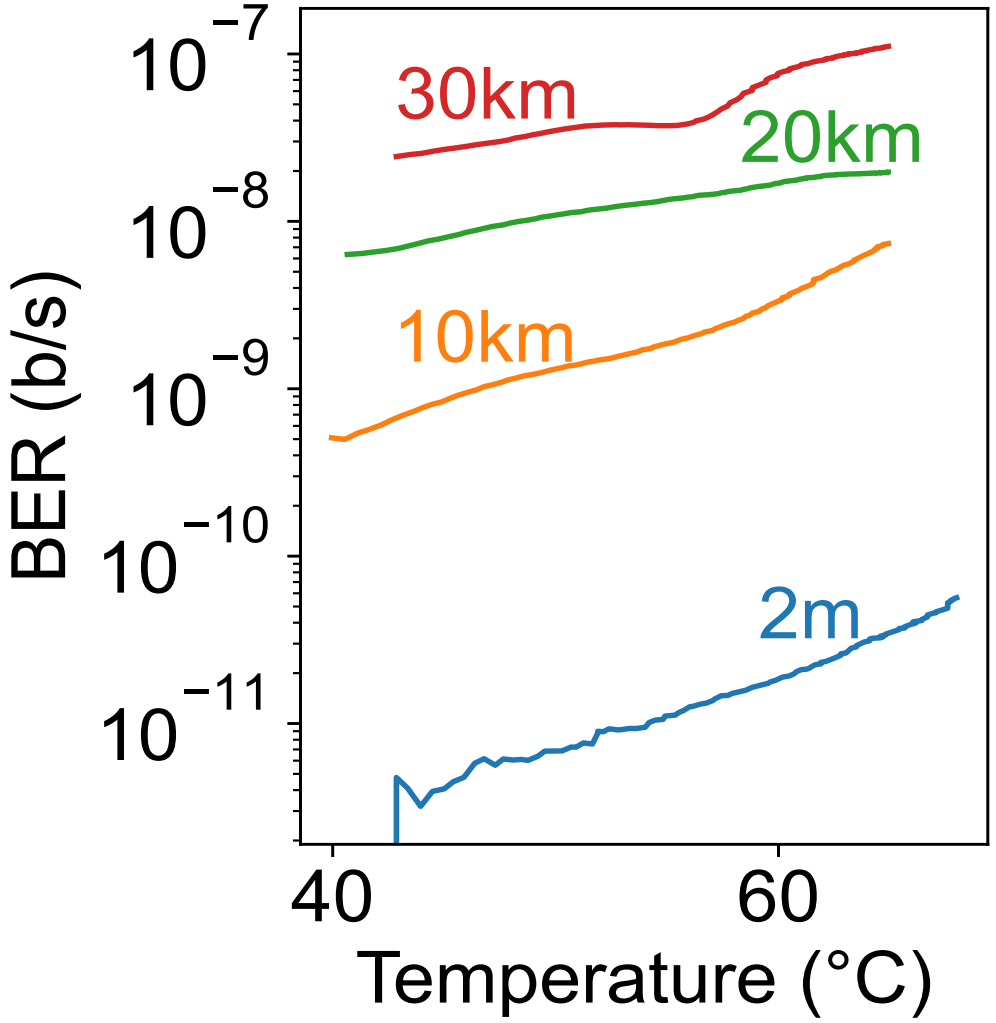
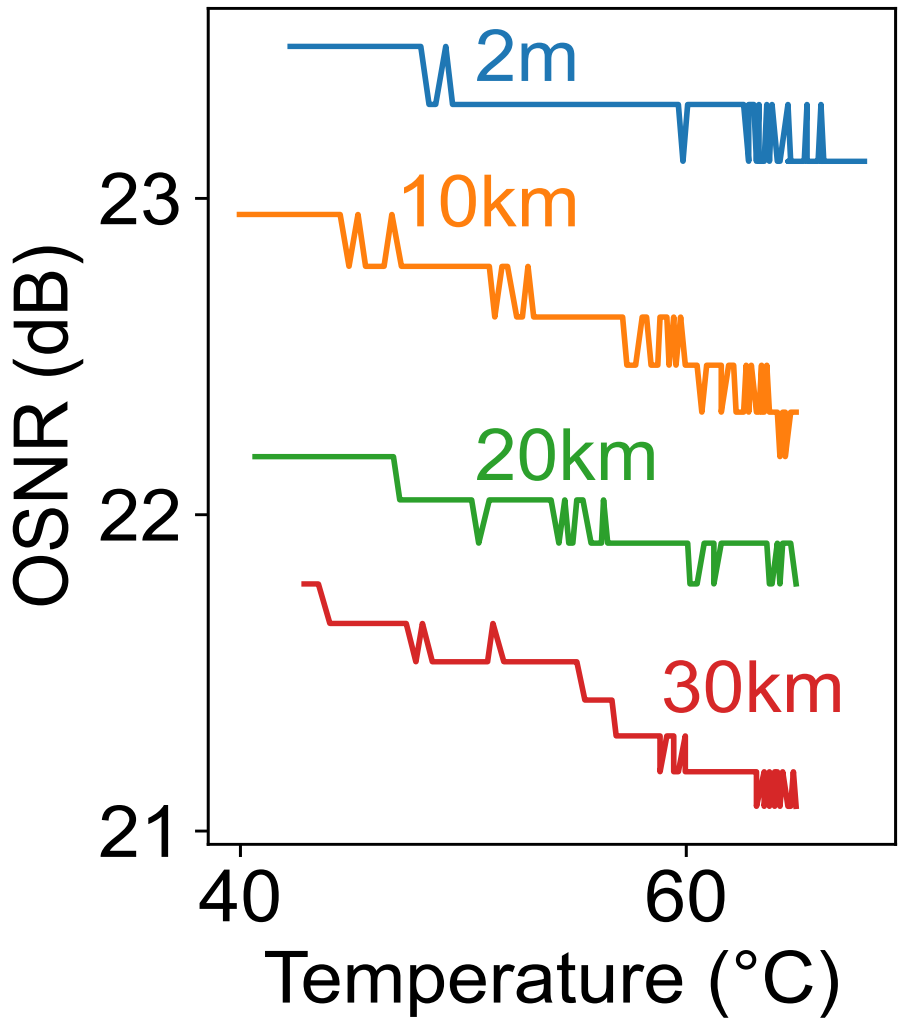
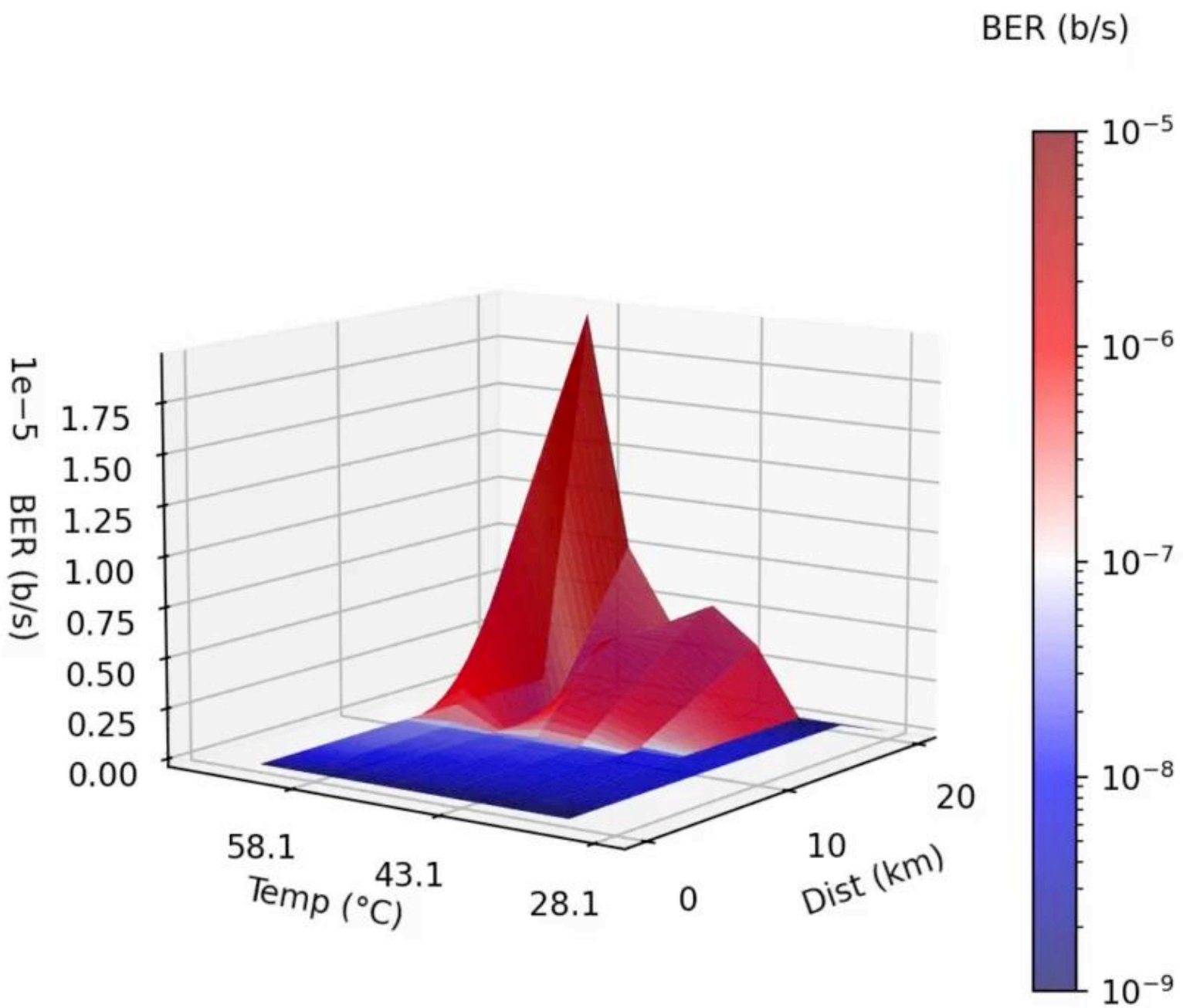
live demo

Error progression over fiber length





Q.13S1HG.05 uses KP4 FEC


BER (b/s)
10^{-5}
10^{-6}
10^{-7}
10^{-8}
10^{-9}
1e−5
BER (b/s)
1.75
1.50
1.25
1.00
0.75
0.50
0.25
0.00
58.1
43.1
28.1
Temp (°C)
0
10
20
Dist (km)

take aways

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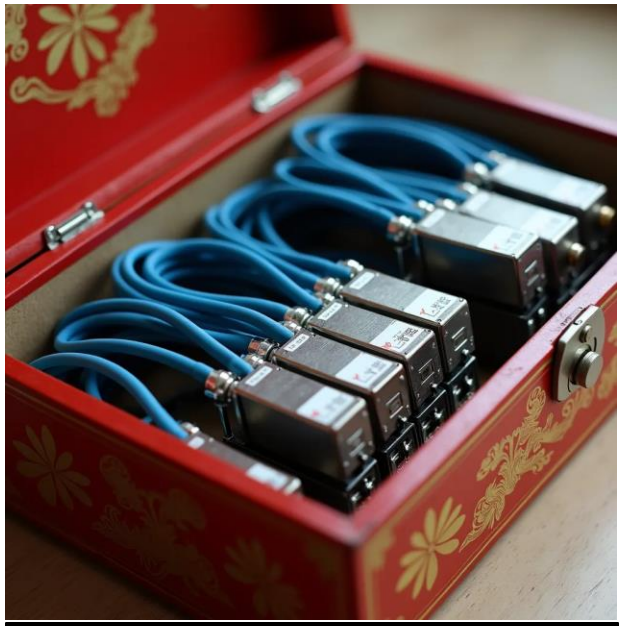

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