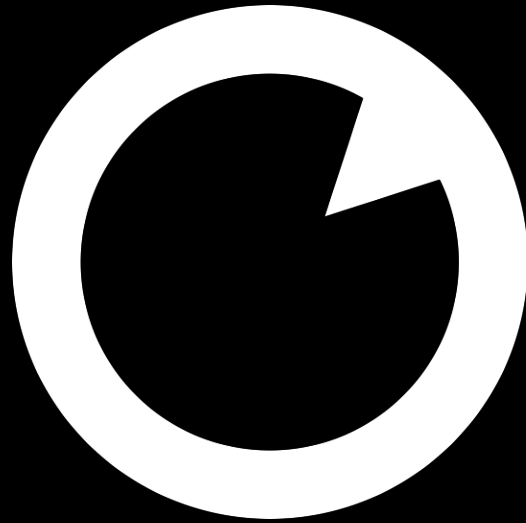


Analyzing network reliability up to 800G



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

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**Intro and
recap**

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**Bit Error Rate
dependency**

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**External
Tester**

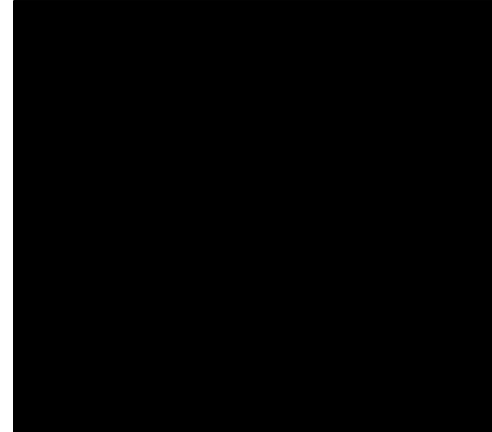
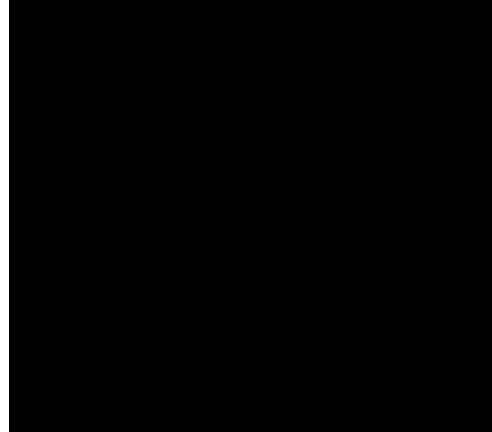
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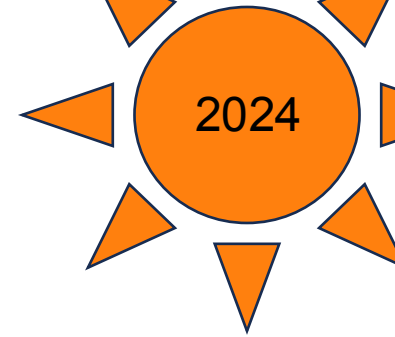
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Distance



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Take Away



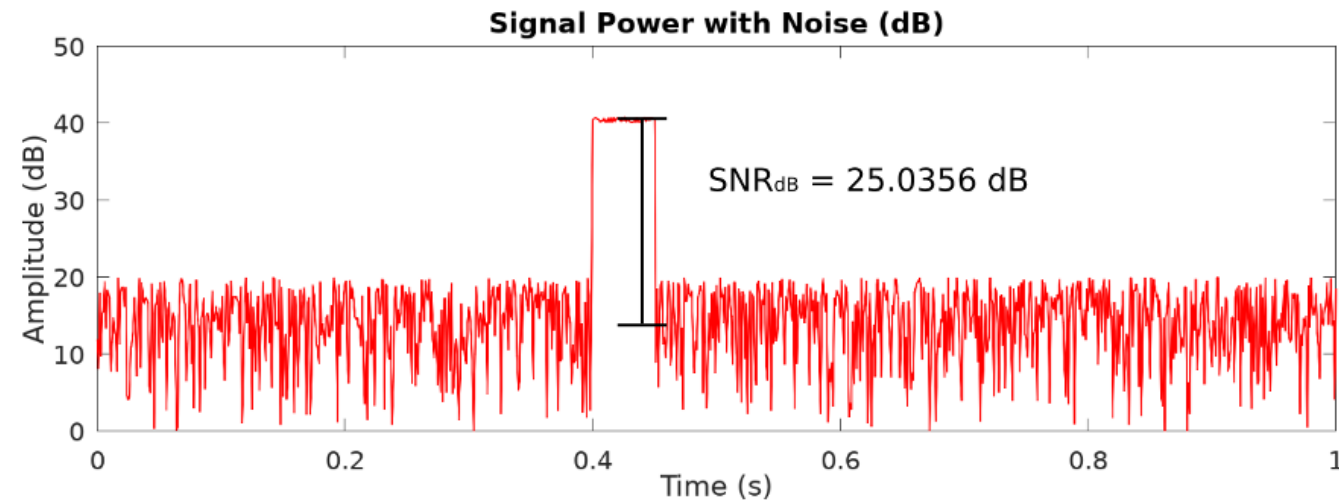
Measuring Link Quality

- **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

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

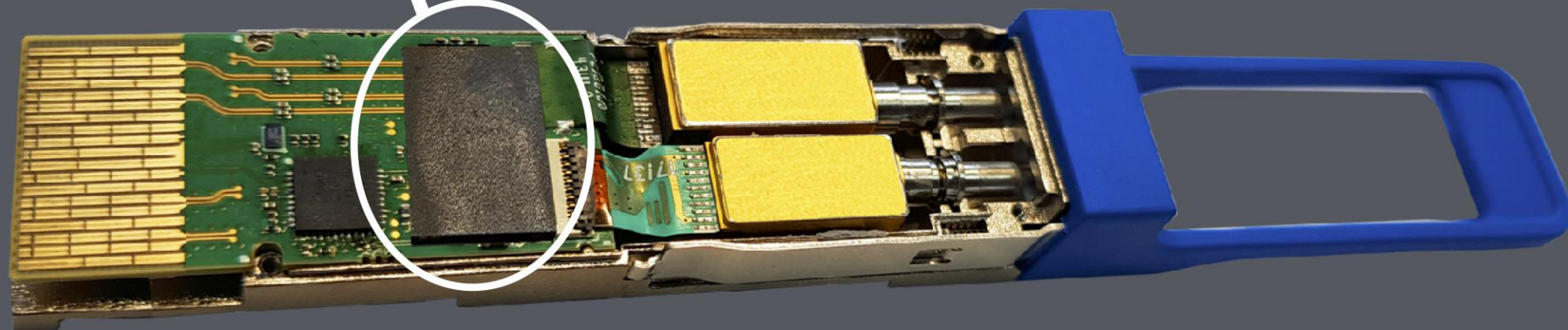
Communication POV



Digital Signal Processor

2019

- + FEC
- + BERT
- + OSNR
- + ...



lab setup

FLEXBOX5
with
800G DD,
heat sink
and fan



DUTs are

1. 100G QSFP28 Single Lambda DR 500m
2. 100G QSFP28 Single Lambda ER 40km
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 \leq 0.35 dB/km

Watch for attenuation with short cables!

100G QSFP28 ER WITH DUAL CDR

40 km, λ 1310 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



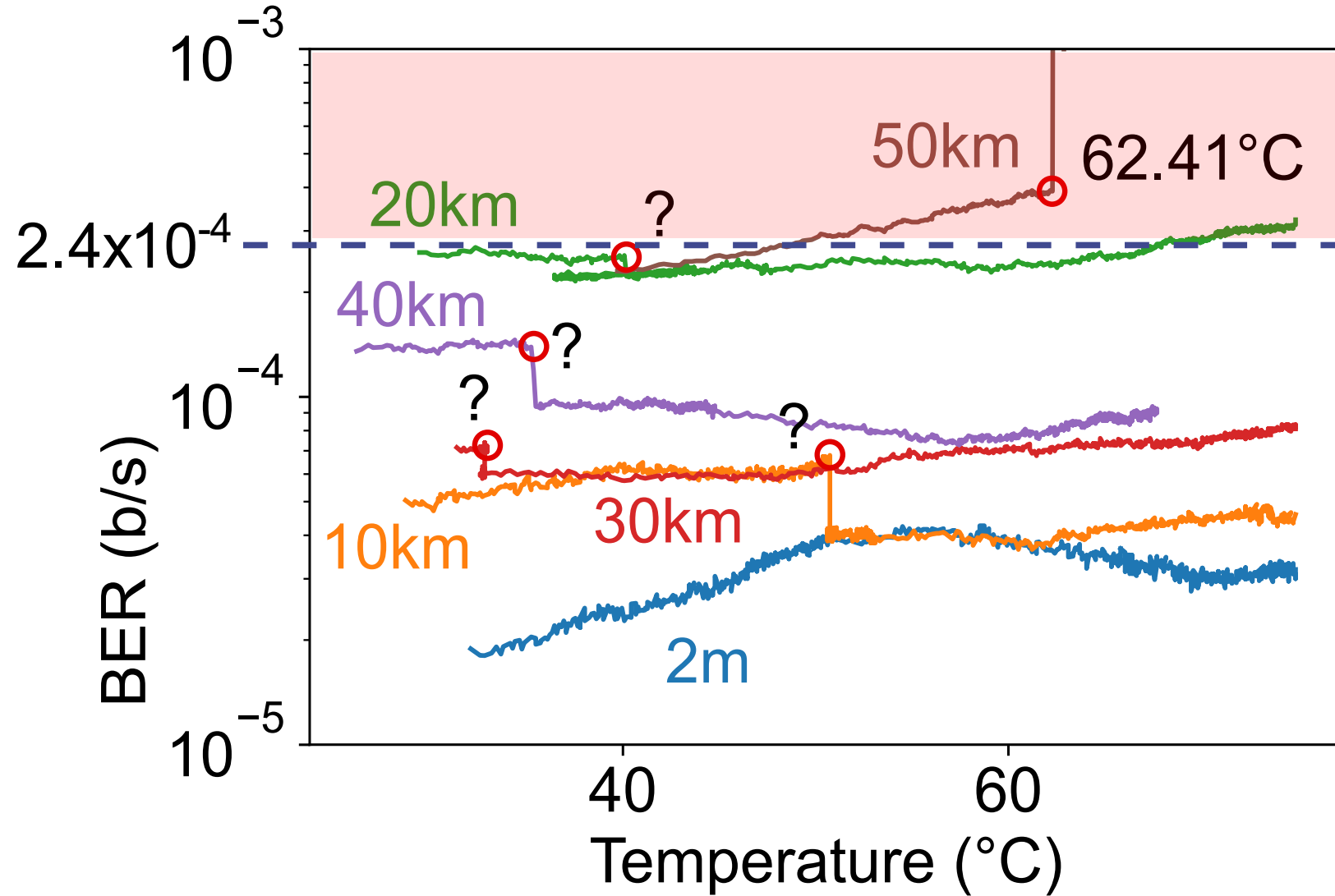
Q.13S1HG.40 attenuation calculation

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. 2.4×10^{-4}

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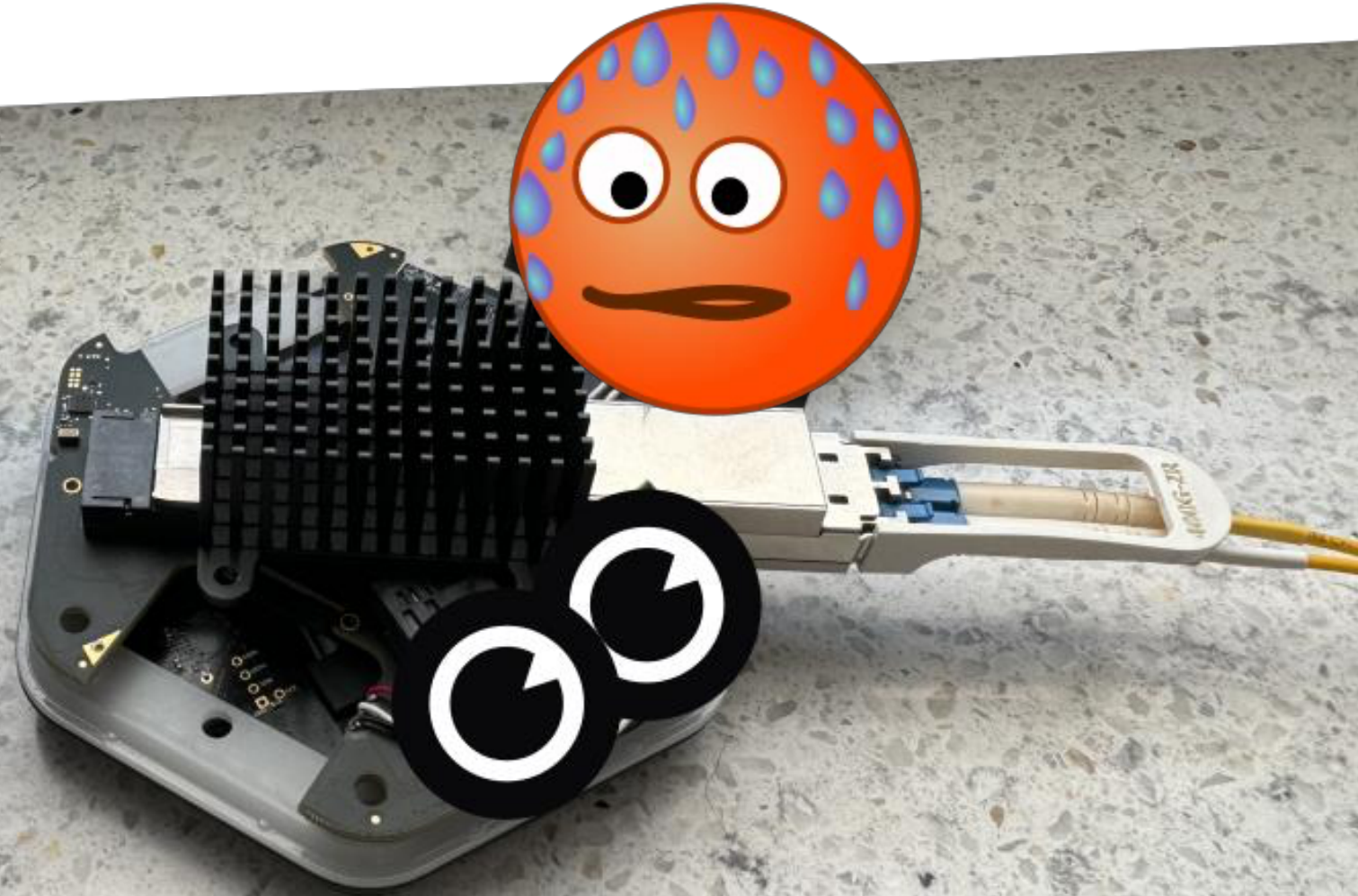
About BER max. 2.4×10^{-4} b/s

- PreFEC value

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

- Assume $N_e = 100$ errors, $B = 100$ Gbps and $BER = 1.0 \times 10^{-12}$ b/s
 - gating time ΔT is about 16 min
 - But with $BER = 2.4 \times 10^{-4}$ b/s you get $\Delta T = \underline{\underline{4 \mu s}}$!

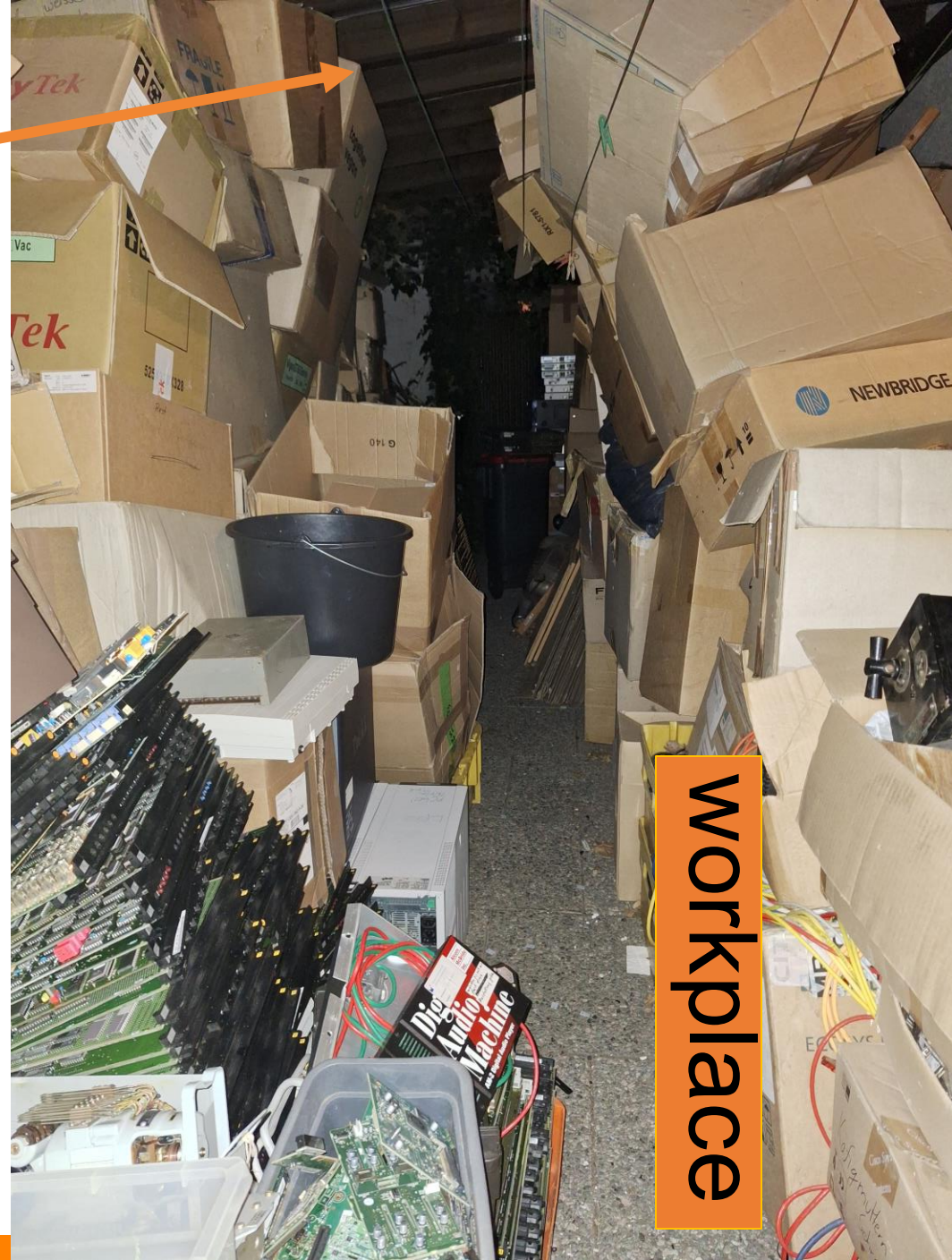
lab setup with cooler (400G DD ZR)



heat sink taken from an old Cisco 800

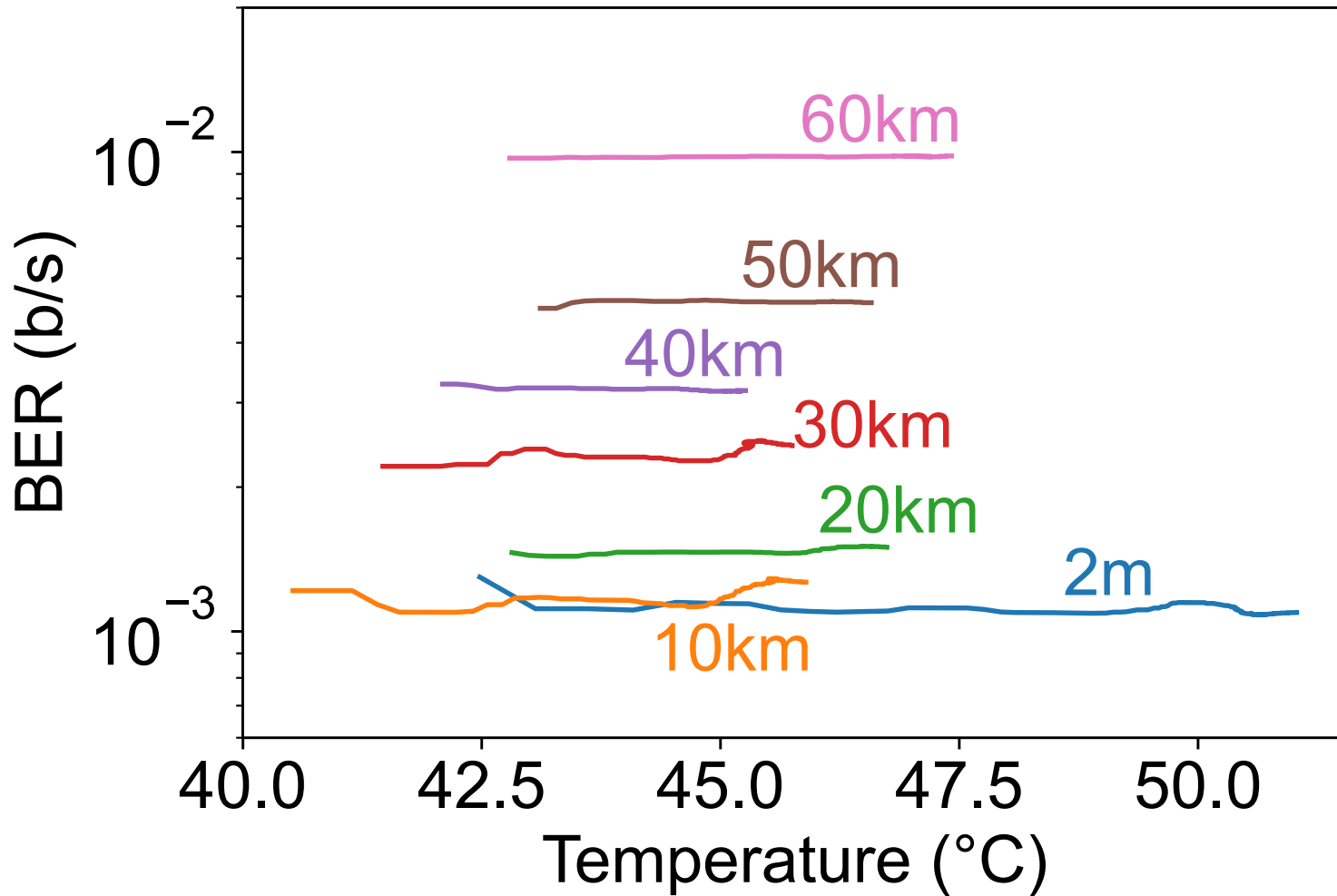
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detailed separation



workplace

The coherent DD with cooling



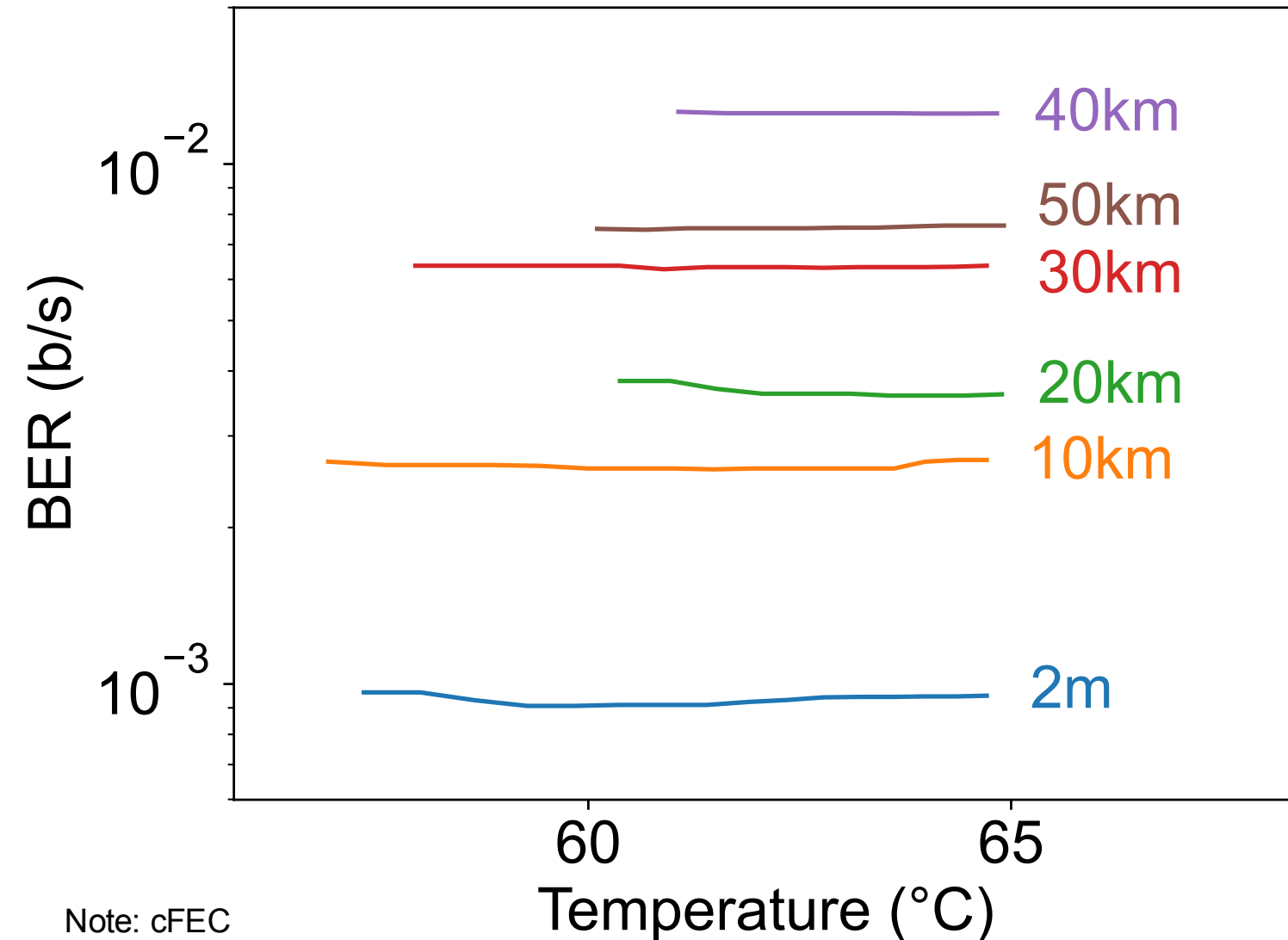
Note: cFEC

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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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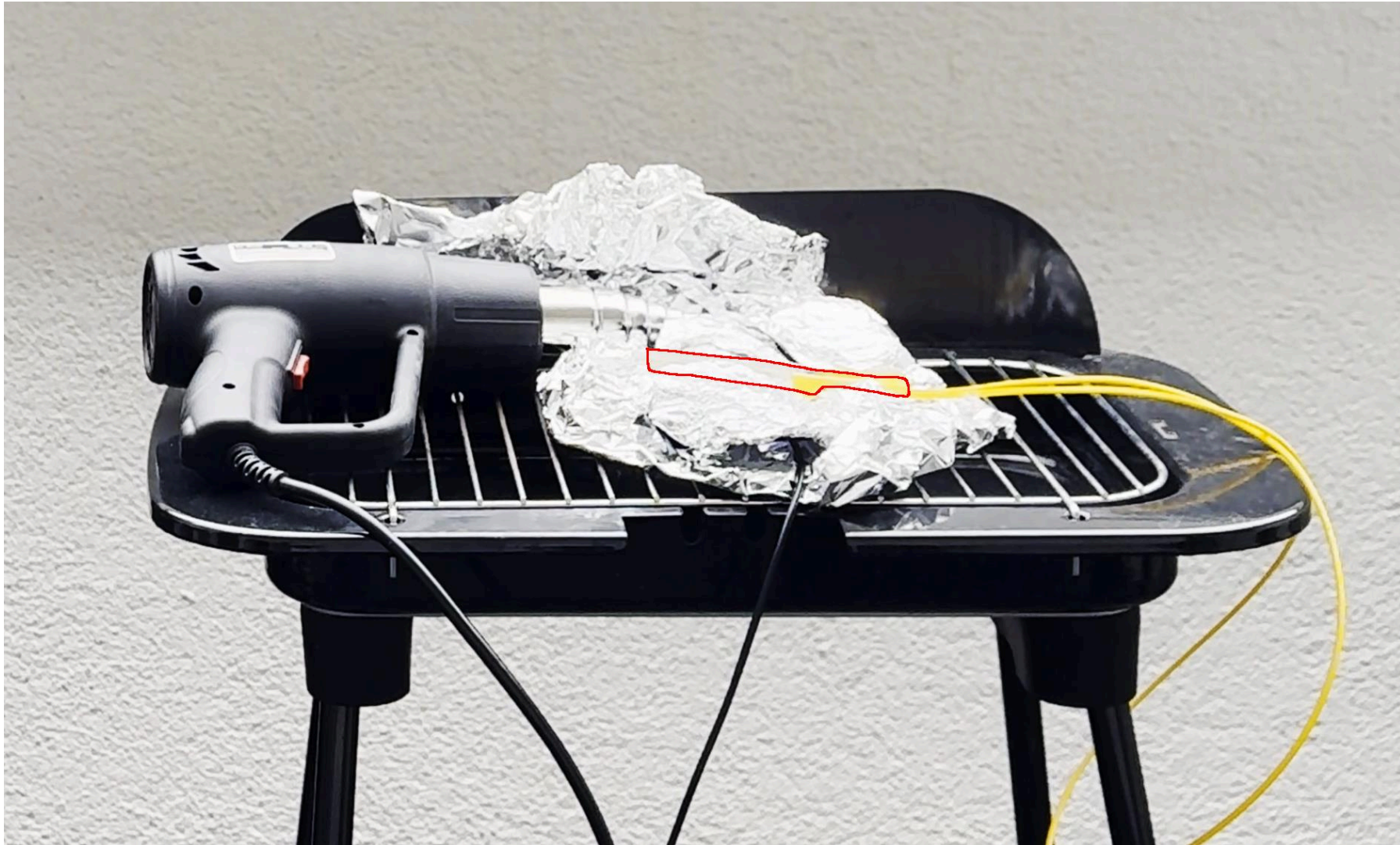
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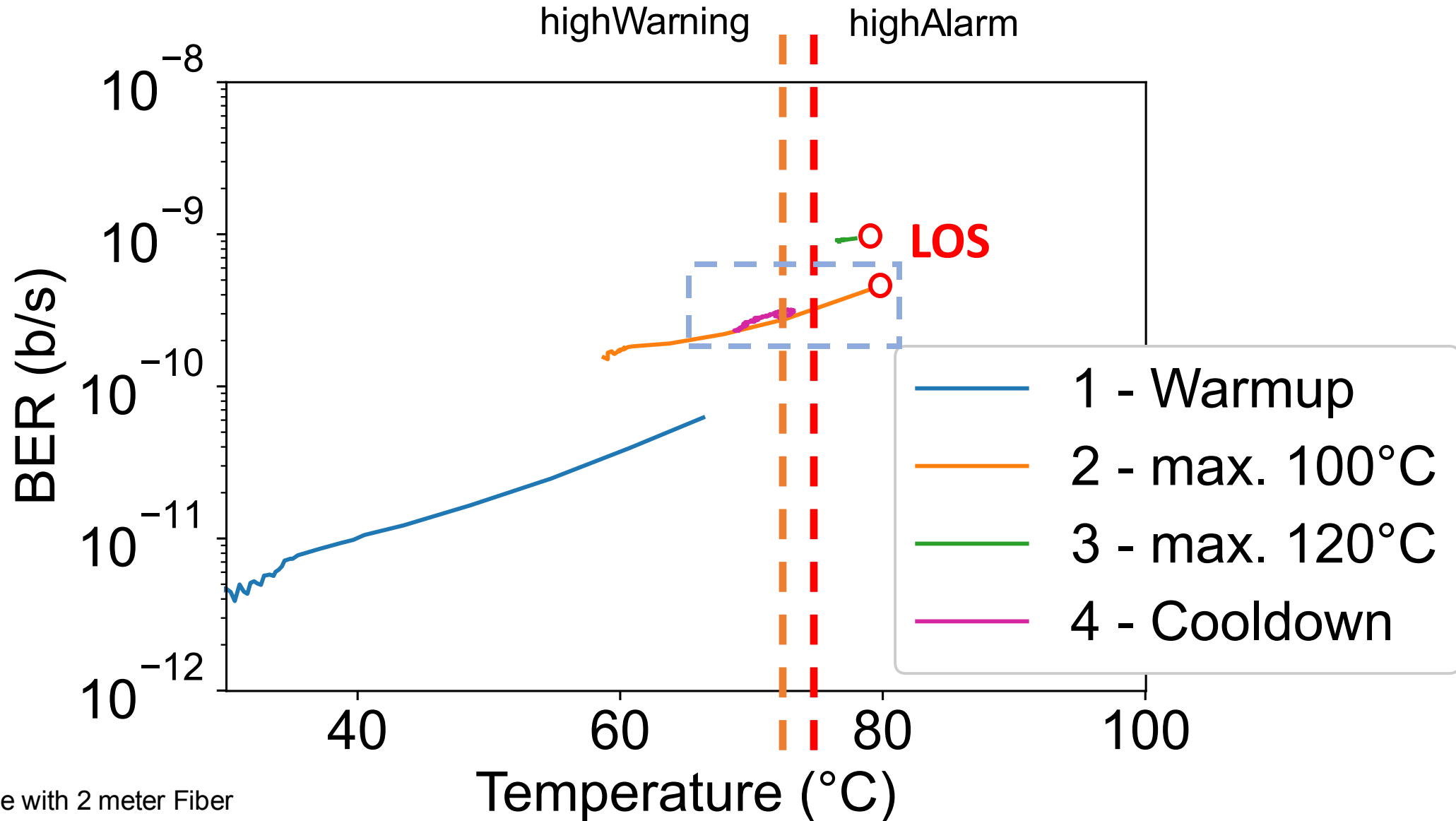
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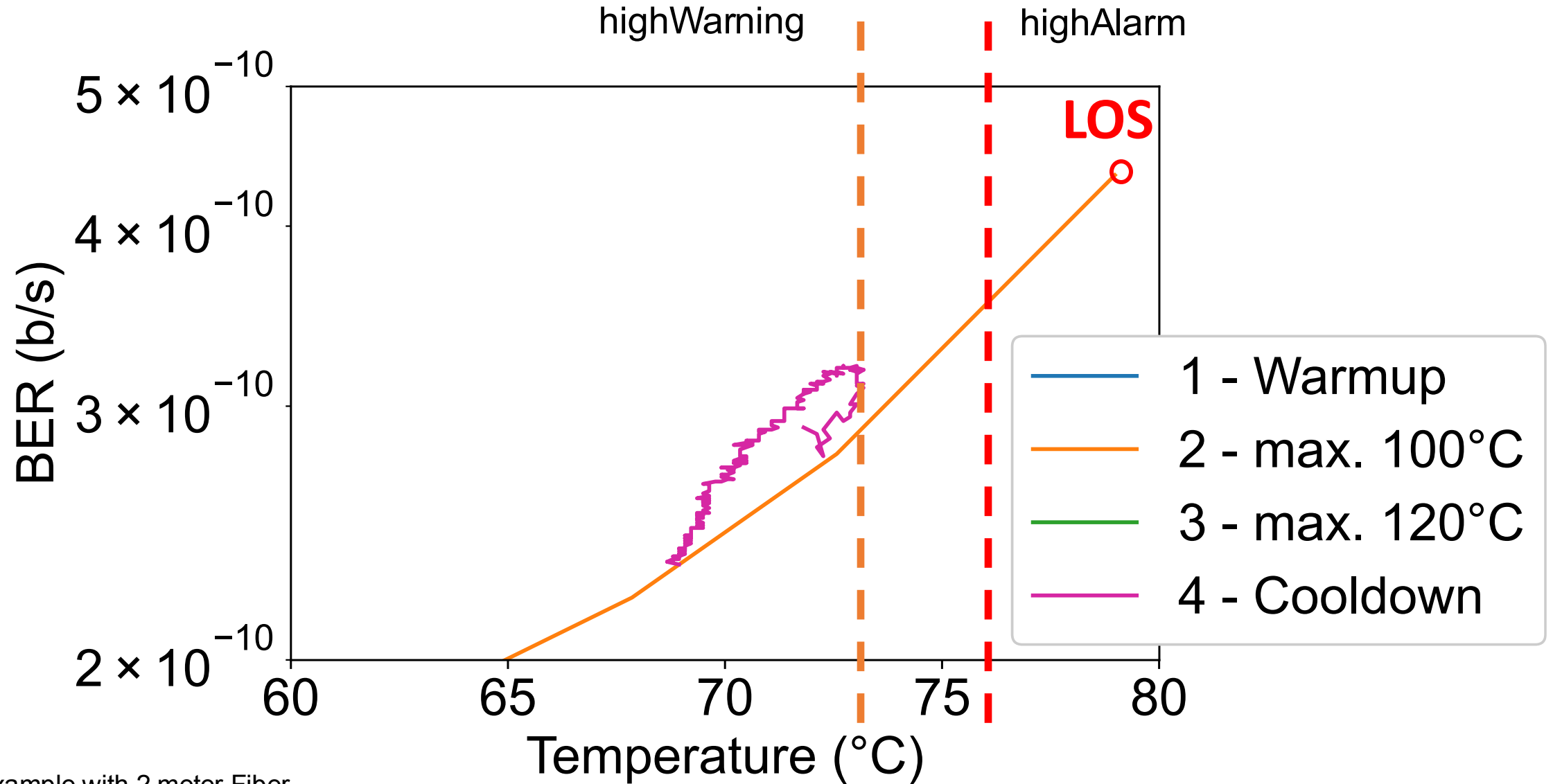
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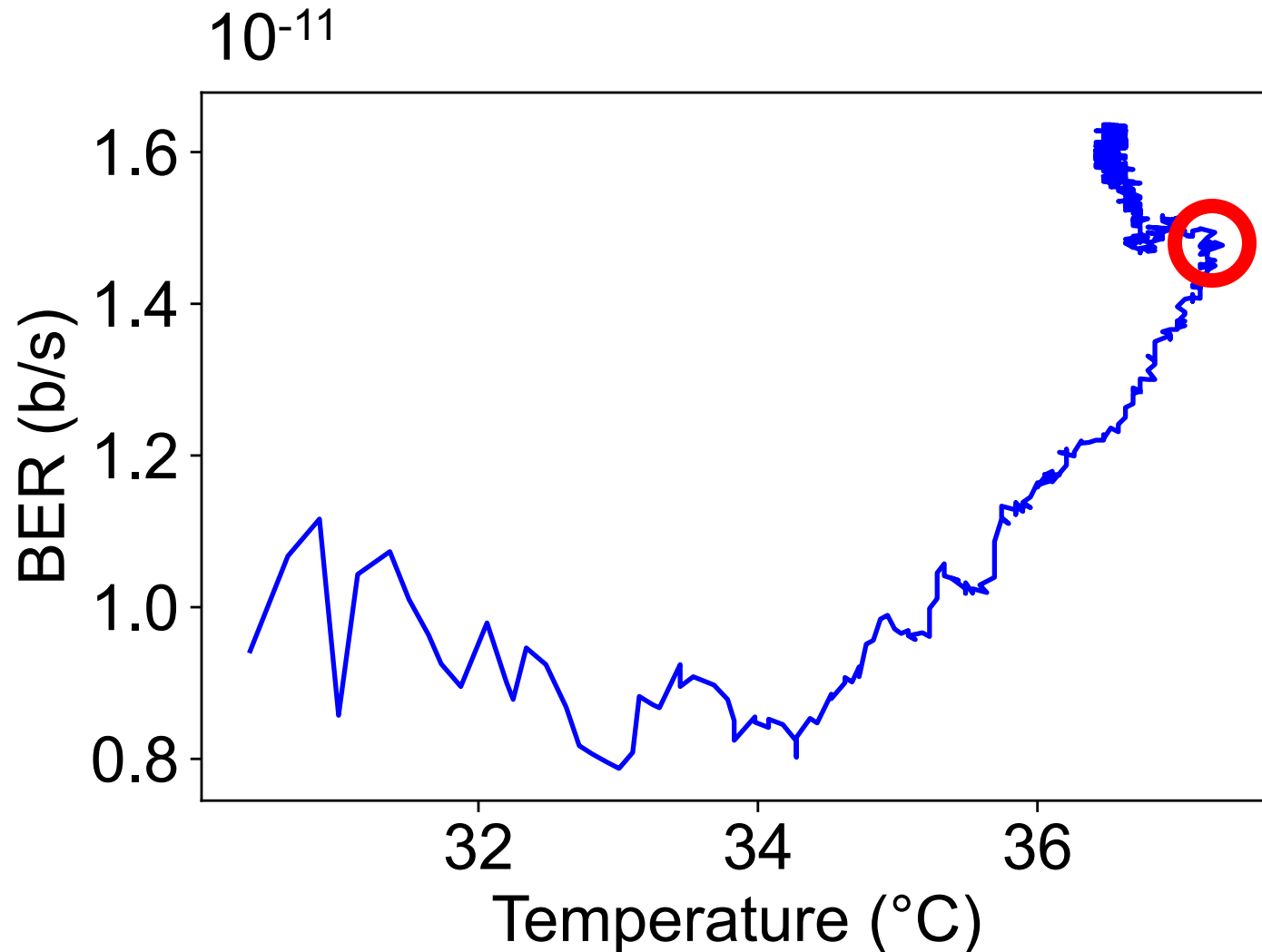
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At constant temperature how much does time influence BER?

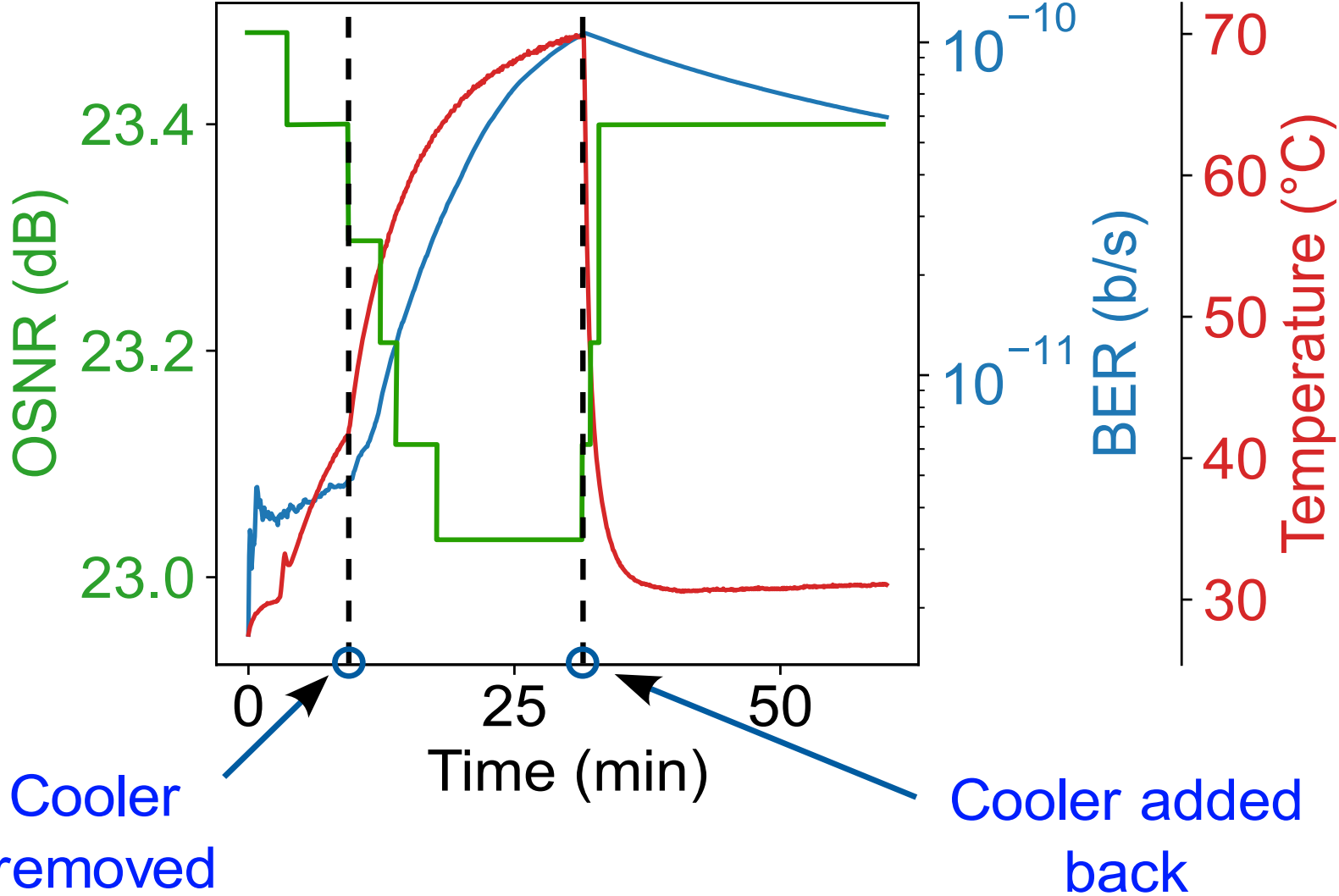


37.0 °C
were
reached
after 4 min.

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.



my python

QSFP28 DR

2m
jumper

flexbox5

live
demo



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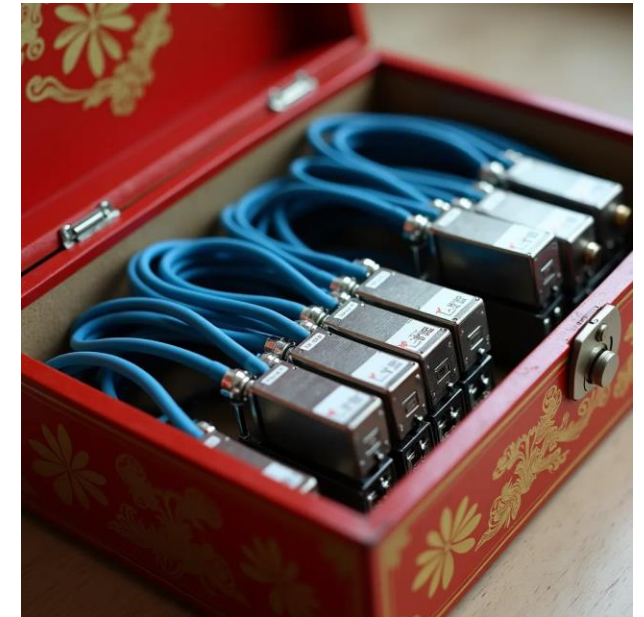
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Thank you



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