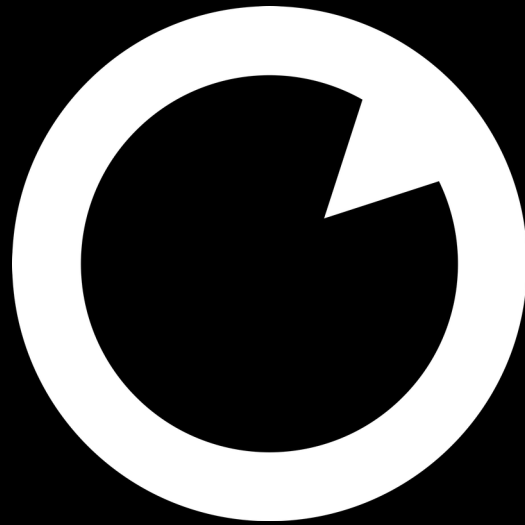


# coherent optical transceivers



current capabilities and  
future possibilities

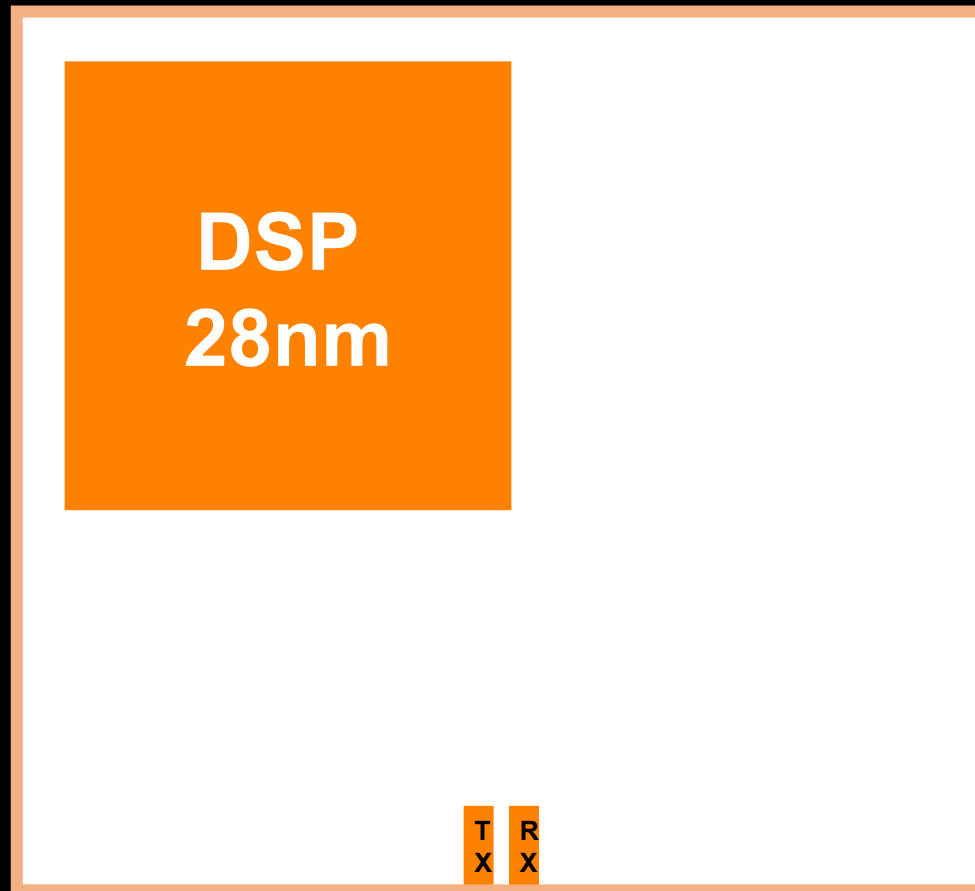
# 100G ecosystem limits ...



- ratio of **power consumption** to formfactor
  - focus on **inner datacenter links**
- **variation** of diverse hardware

# ... sorted now with 400G

## DWDM transponder card

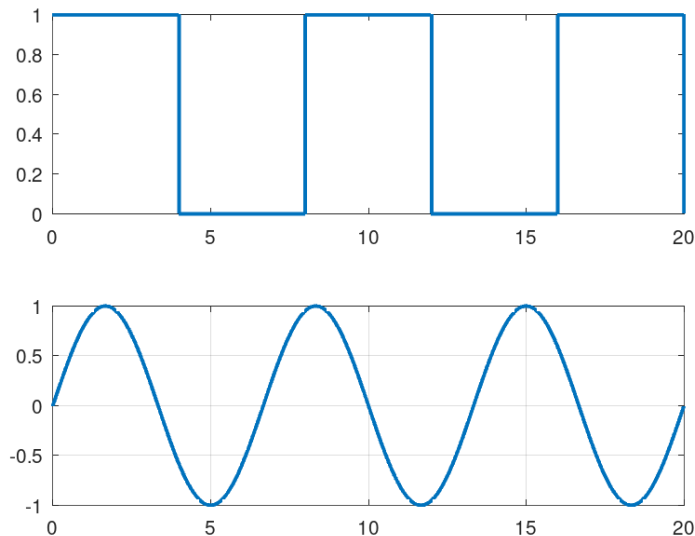


## pluggable QSFP-DD



# Direct Detection Transceiver limits

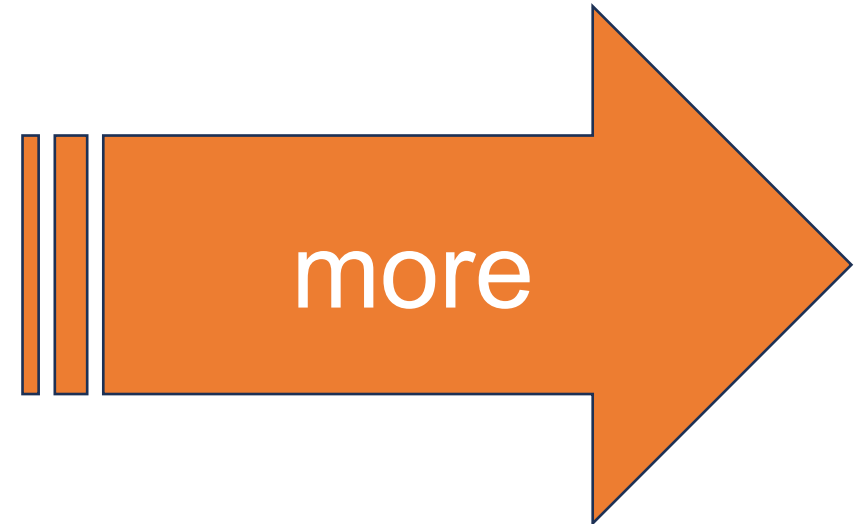
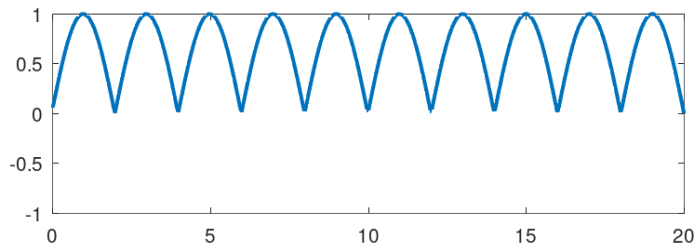
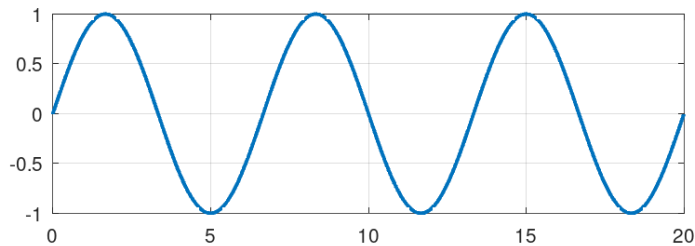
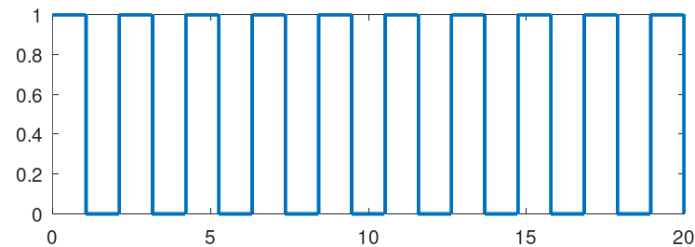
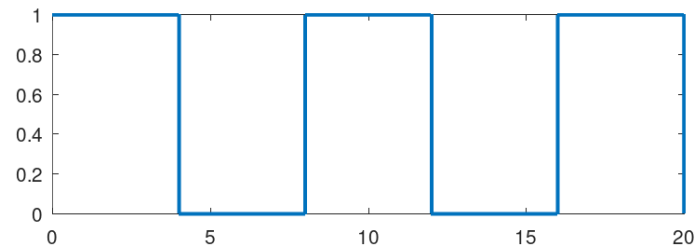
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Missed Opportunity: **Light** has more **Properties**

# Direct Detection Transceiver limits

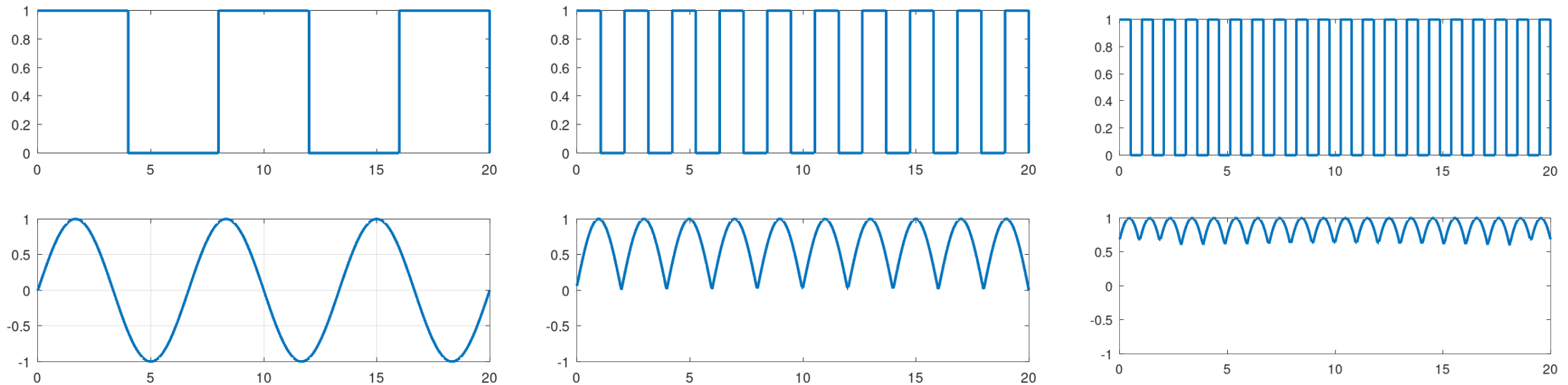
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Missed Opportunity: **Light** has more **Properties**

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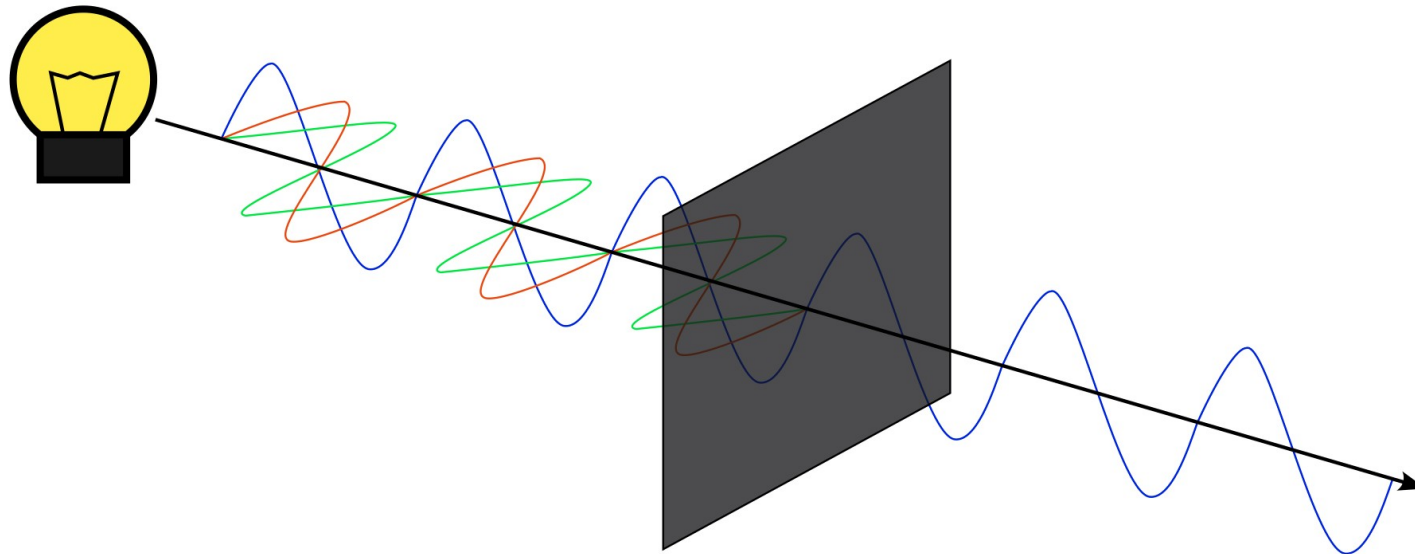
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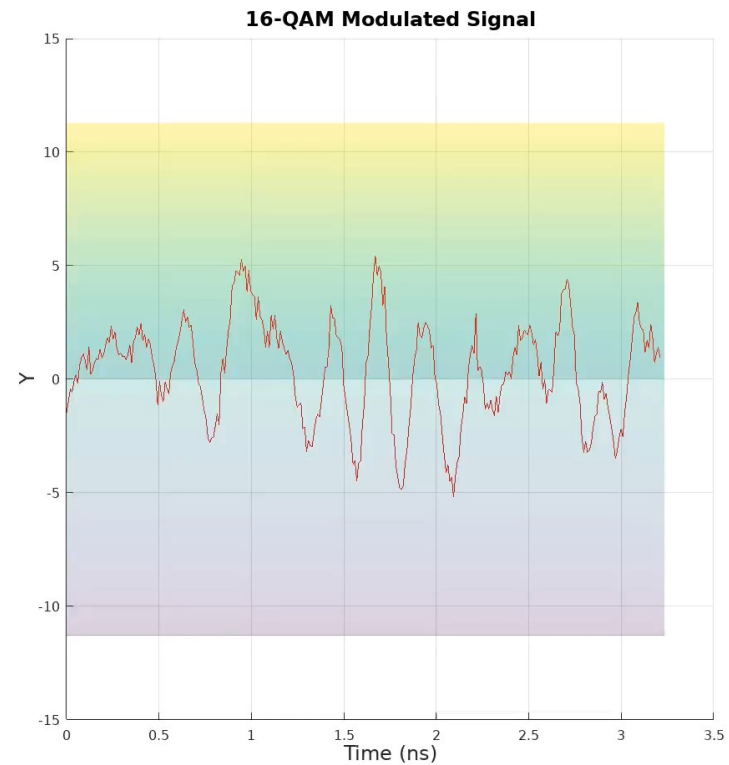
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# Main Properties of Photonic Waves

- Besides **Amplitude**, also **Phase** and **Polarisation**
- More properties per Carrier = Higher Bandwidth

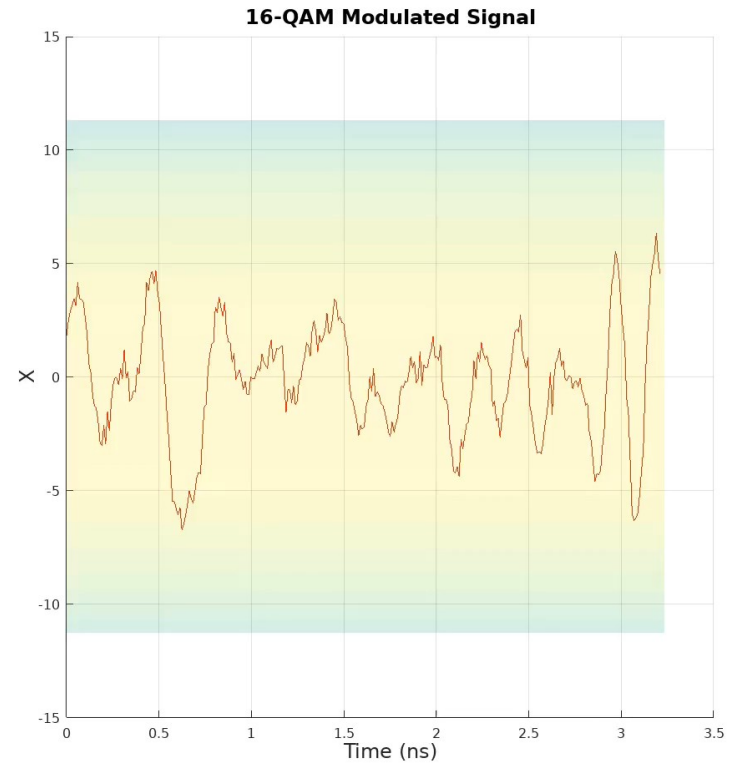


# Polarisation Signal on X and Y Plane

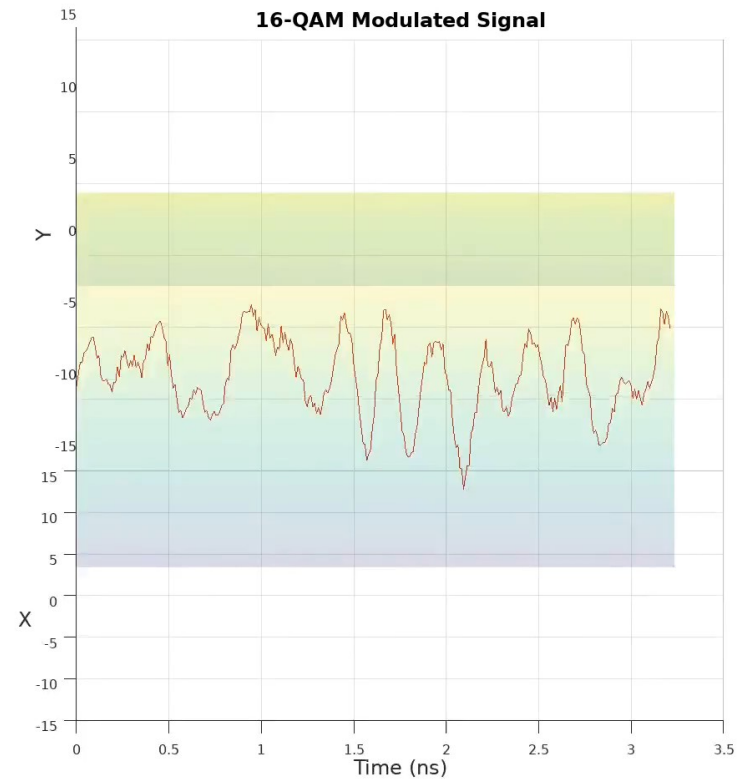




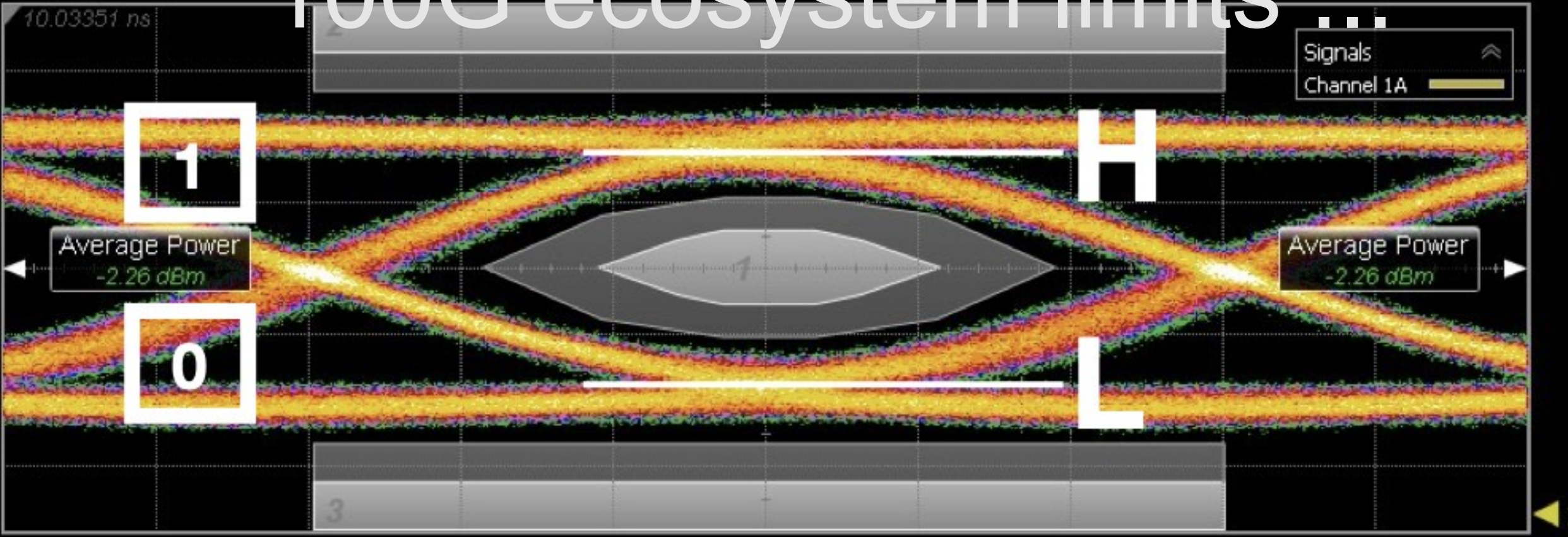
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# Polarisation Signal on X and Y Plane

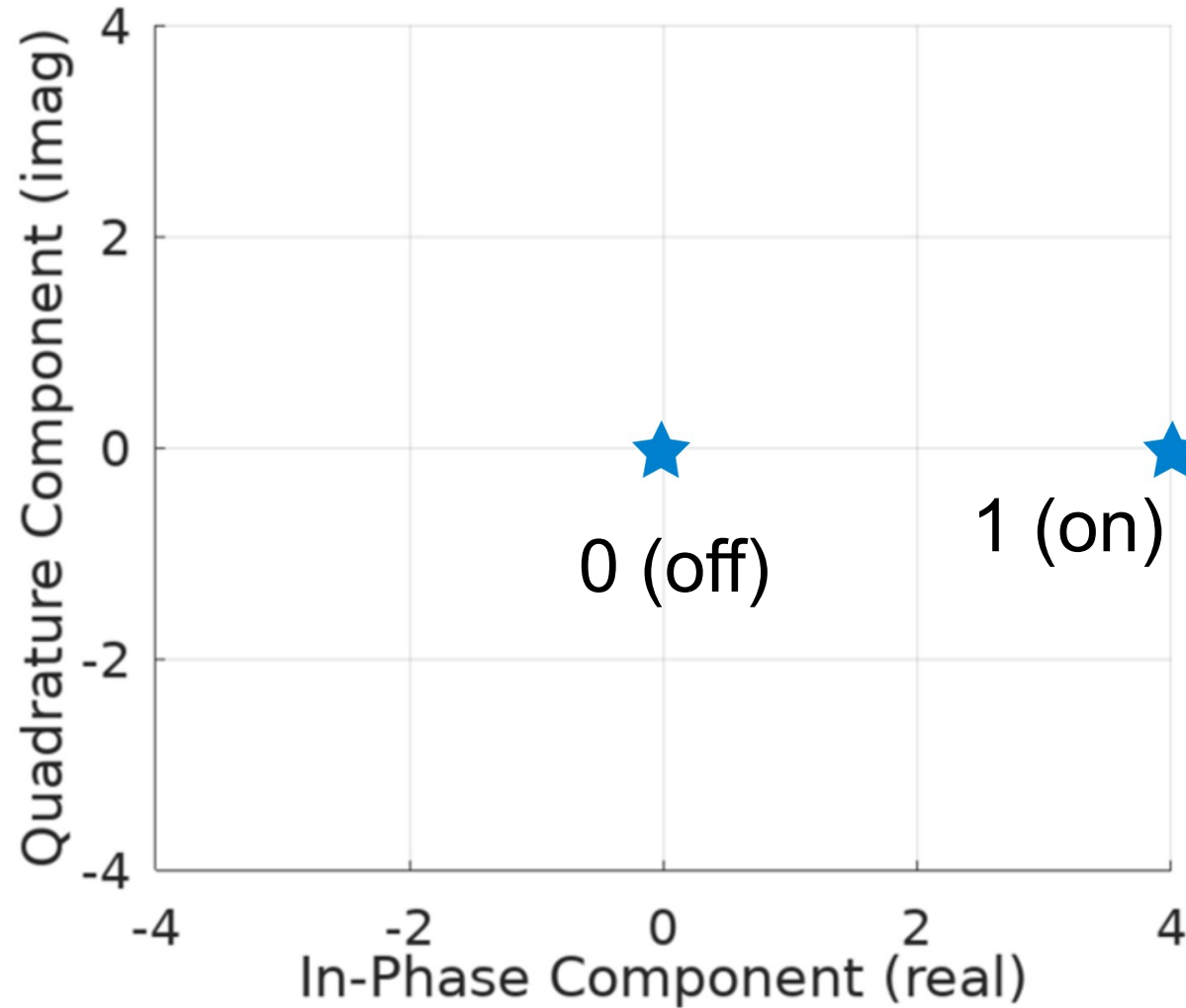


# 100G ecosystem limits

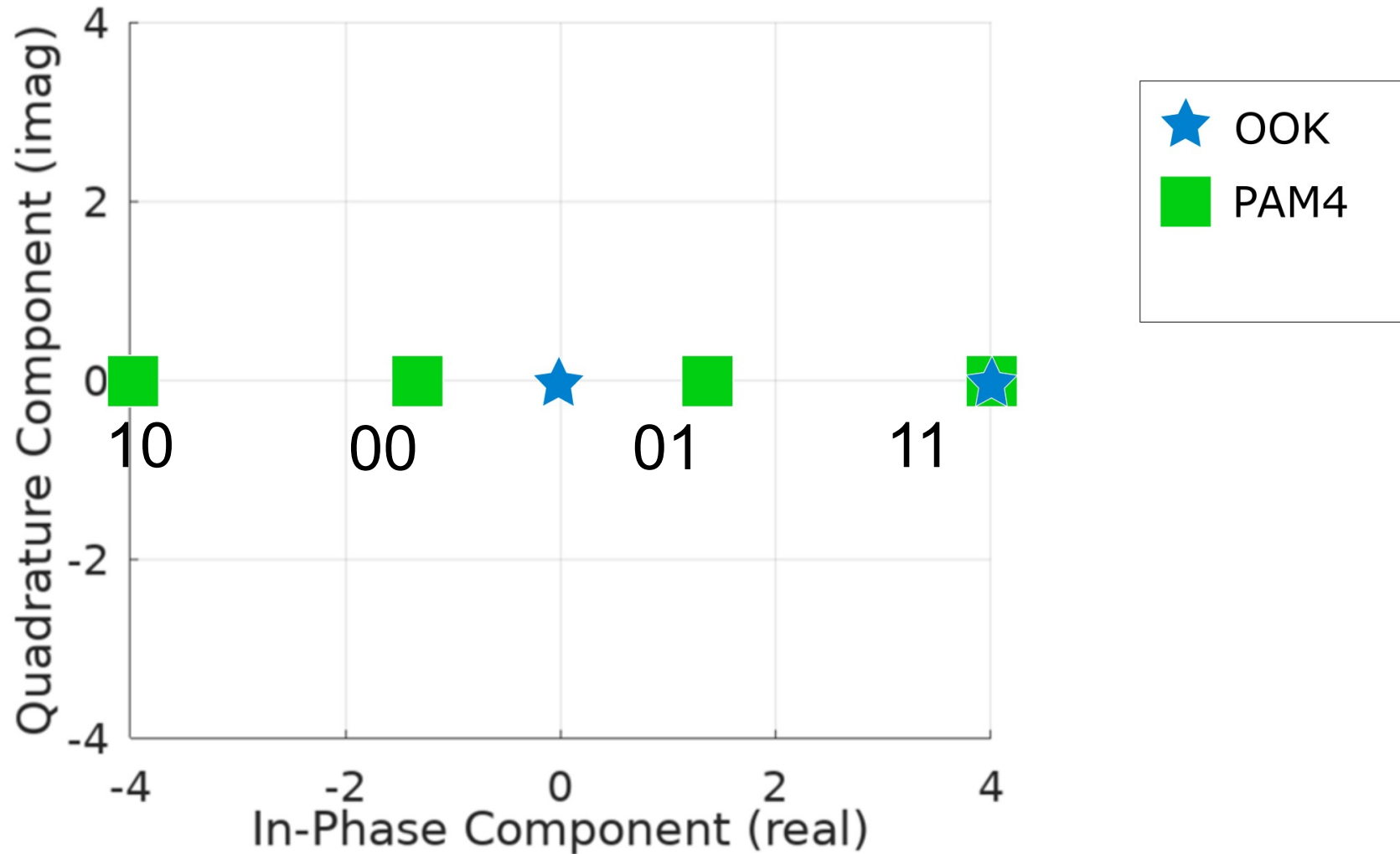


eye diagram does not cover phase

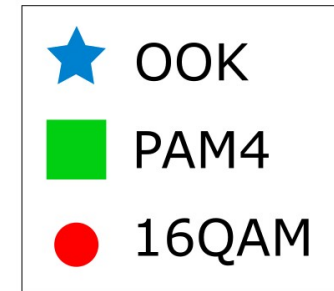
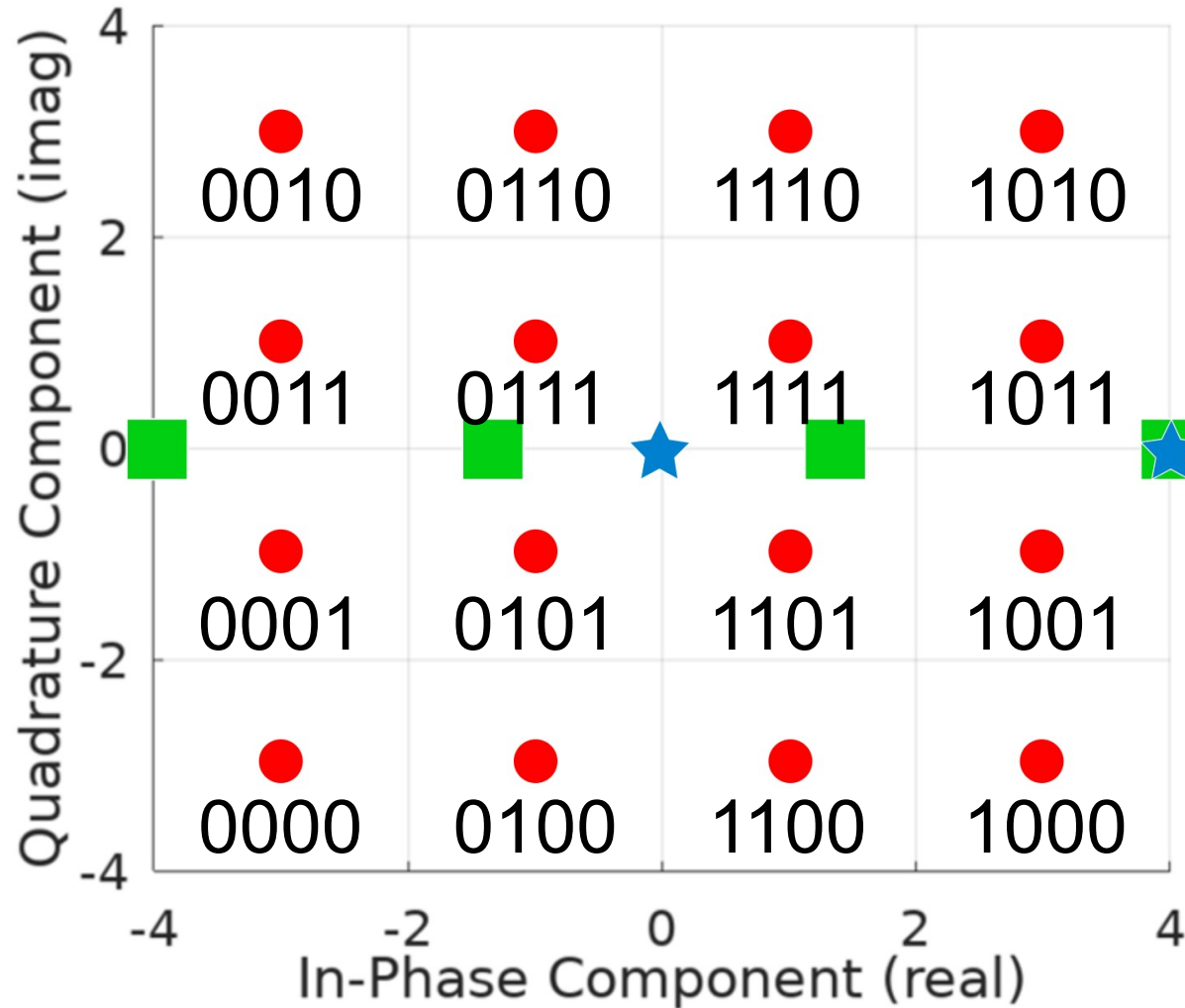
# Constellation Diagram



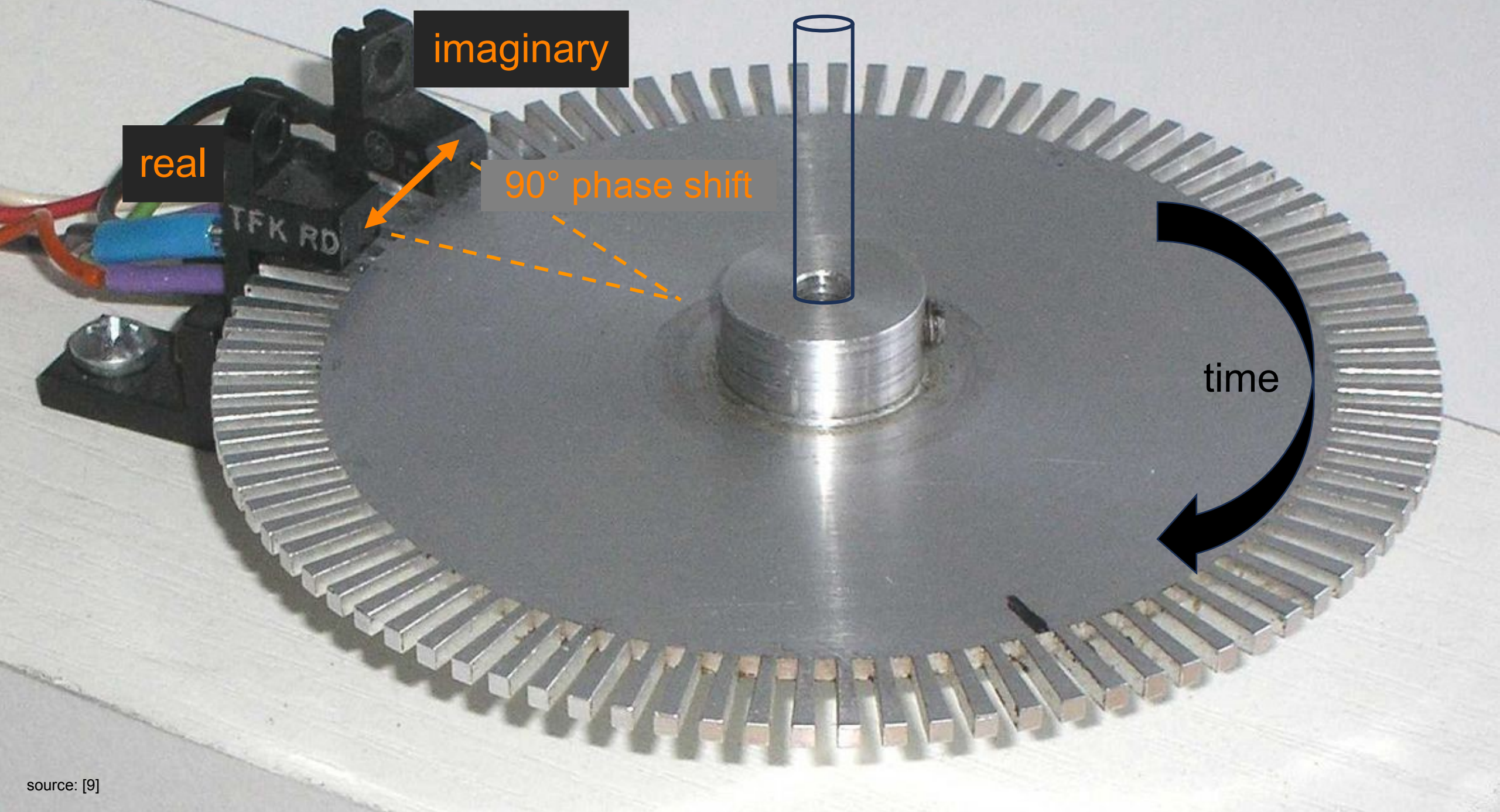
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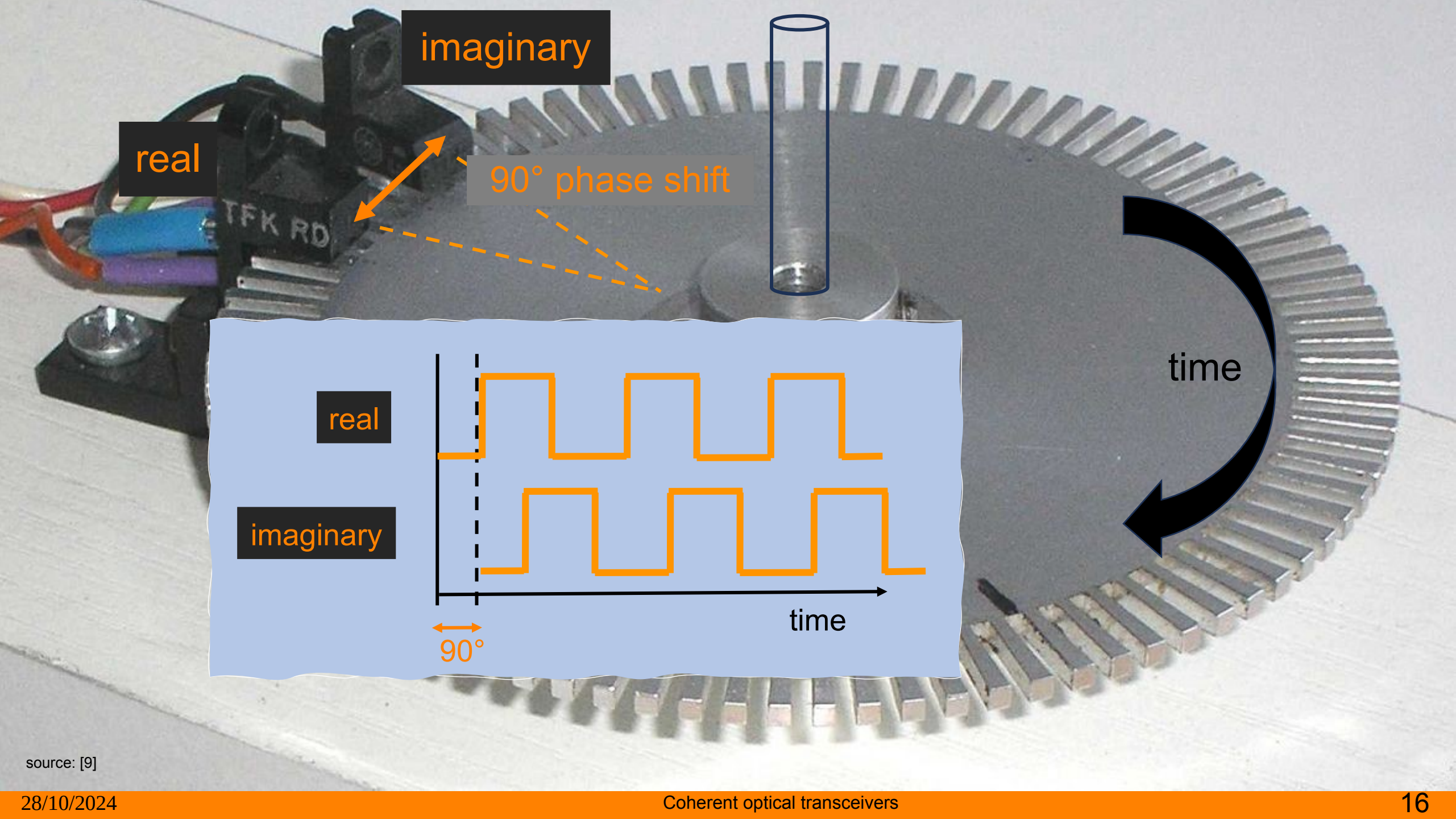
# Constellation Diagramm



90°  
phase  
shifted  
amplitude



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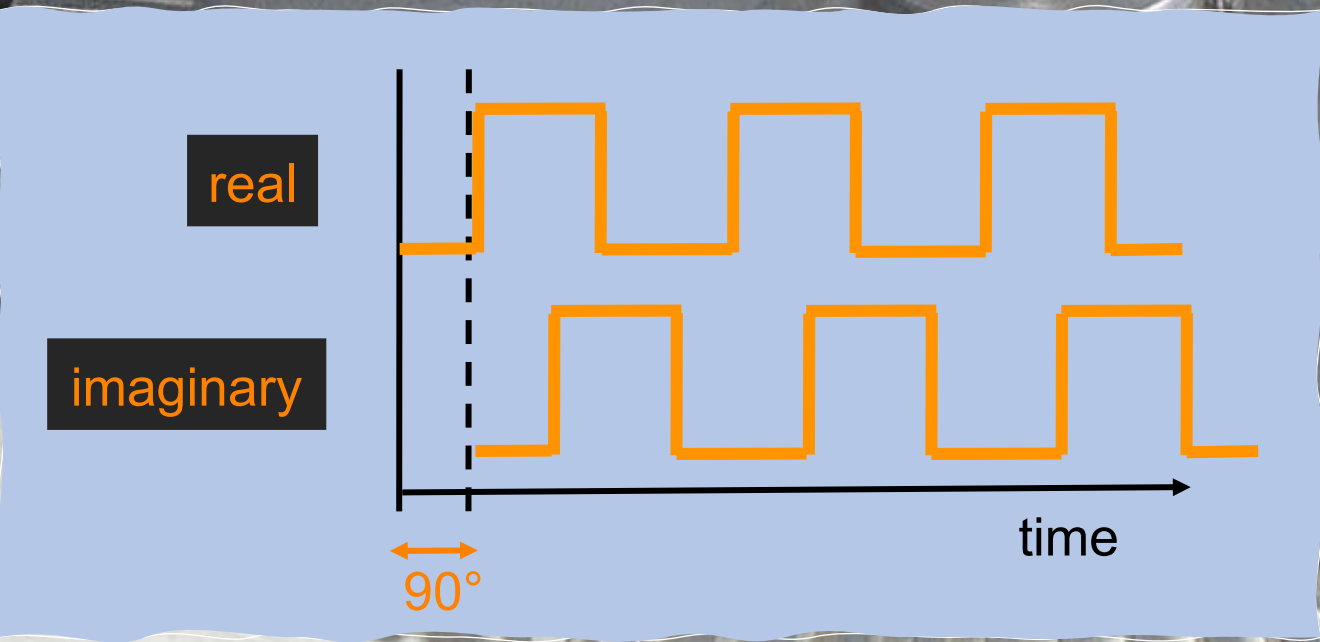


real

imaginary

90° phase shift

time

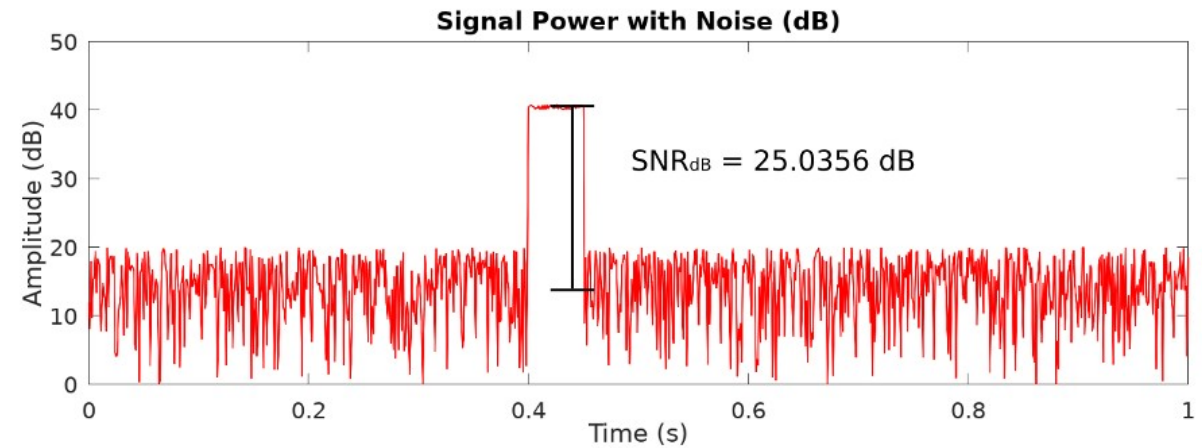


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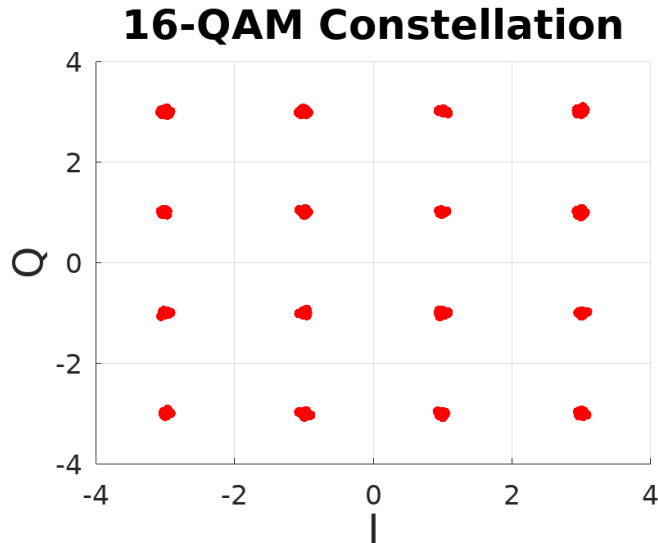


# Measuring Signal Quality

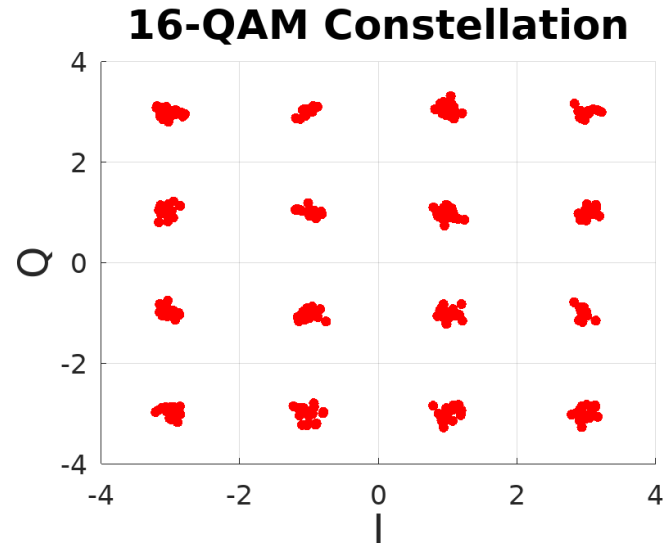
- **SNR** = Signal-to-Noise-Ratio
- Convenience of using decibels for **small** and **large** values
- (e)SNR vs OSNR:  
**electrical vs optical**



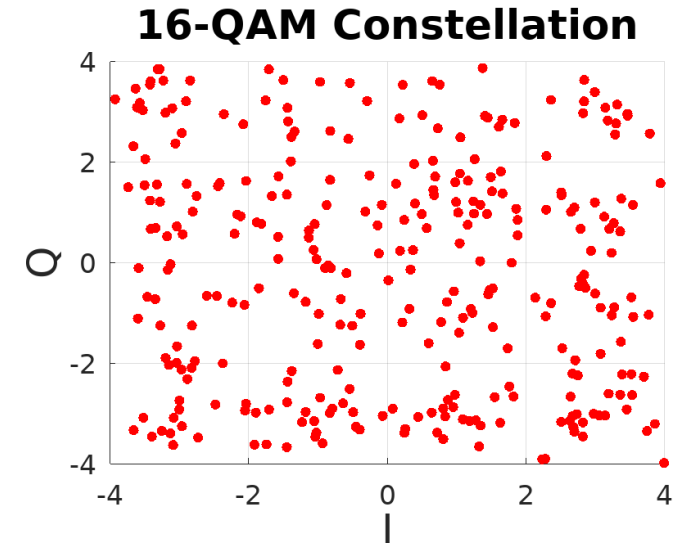
# Phase and Amplitude Errors



SNR = 30 dB



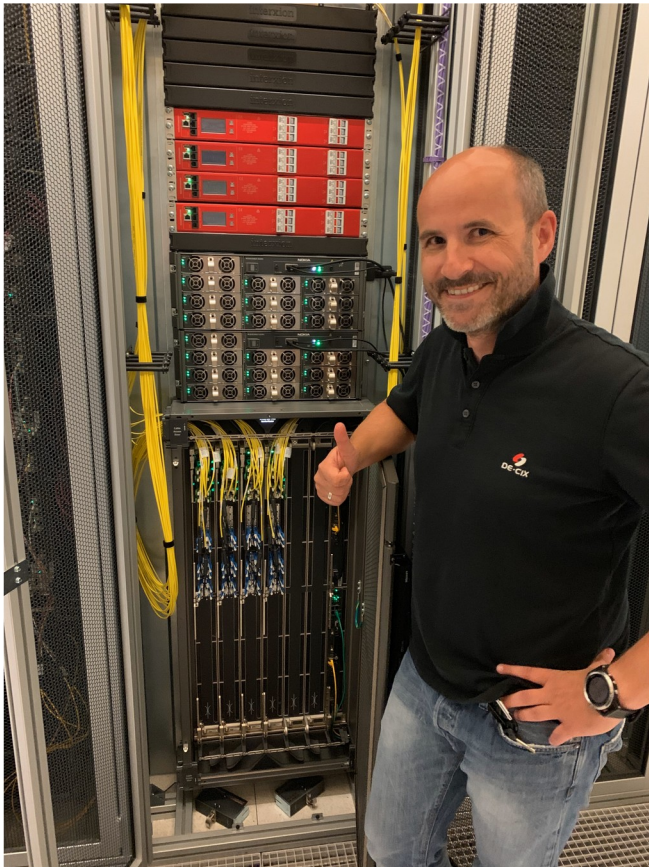
SNR = 20 dB



SNR = 5 dB

NOTE: Polarisation Error not considered

# NOKIA SR-OS and 400G ZR Transceiver



source: Daniel Melzer; DE-CIX

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terrific  
coherent  
workshop  
with



DE CIX

source: <https://www.flexoptix.net/en/d-co164hg-2-yt.html>

# config with the CLI

```
Nokia 7950 XRS# show port 8/1/c7
```

```
=====
QSFP-DD Connector
=====
```

```
Description      : -
Interface        : 8/1/c7
FP Number        : 2                               MAC Chip Number : 3
...
Breakout         : c1-400g
RS-FEC Config Mode : None
```

## Transceiver Data

```
Transceiver Status : operational
Transceiver Type   : QSFP-DD                       DCO                : Enabled
Model Number       : 3HE16564AARA01 NOK INUIAPHHAA
TX Laser Wavelength: 1558.983 nm                    Present Channel    : 23
                                                         Configured Chann* : 23
```

```
Laser Tunability   : flex-tunable
```

```
Config Freq (MHz)  : 0
```

```
Min Freq(MHz) : 191300000
```

```
Oper Freq(MHz) : 192300000
```

```
Max Freq(MHz) : 196100000
```

```
Fine Tune Range    : 6000 MHz
```

```
Fine Tune Resolu* : 1 MHz
```

```
Supported Grids: 100GHz 75GHz 50GHz 25GHz 12.5GHz 6.25GHz
```

```
Diag Capable      : yes
```

```
Number of Lanes   : 1
```

```
Connector Code    : LC
```

```
Vendor OUI       : 20:20:20
```

```
Manufacture date  : 2021/12/12
```

```
Media            : Ethernet
```

```
...
```

# analysis with the CLI

```
still show port 8/1/c7, DDM should be known by now
```

```
...
```

```
=====  
Transceiver Digital Diagnostic Monitoring (DDM)  
=====
```

	Value	High Alarm	High Warn	Low Warn	Low Alarm
Temperature (C)	+48.0	+80.0	+75.0	+15.0	-5.0
Supply Voltage (V)	3.26	3.46	3.43	3.17	3.13

```
=====  
Transceiver Lane Digital Diagnostic Monitoring (DDM)  
=====
```

	High Alarm	High Warn	Low Warn	Low Alarm
Lane Tx Output Power (dBm)	0.00	-2.00	-13.00	-14.00
Lane Rx Optical Pwr (avg dBm)	2.00	0.00	-21.02	-23.01

```
-----  
Lane ID Temp(C)/Alm      Tx Bias(mA)/Alm      Tx Pwr(dBm)/Alm      Rx Pwr(dBm)/Alm  
-----  
1          -          -          -8.20          0.01/H-W  
=====
```

```
...
```

# analysis with the CLI

```
still show port 8/1/c7, DDM should be known by now

...

=====
Transceiver Digital Diagnostic Monitori
=====
Value Hig
-----
Temperature (C) +48.0
Supply Voltage (V) 3.26
=====

Transceiver Lane Digital Diagnostic Mon
=====
High A
-----
Lane Tx Output Power (dBm)
Lane Rx Optical Pwr (avg dBm)
-----
Lane ID Temp(C)/Alm Tx Bias(mA)/A
-----
1 - - -8.20 0.01/H-W
-----

...
```

The diagram illustrates the energy flow in a transceiver. It shows an input of 17 W of power. This power is converted into 16,999 W of heat and 0,001 W of light. The heat output is significantly larger than the light output, indicating that most of the input power is dissipated as heat.

Energy Type	Value (W)
Input Power	17 W
Heat Output	16,999 W
Light Output	0,001 W

# the interesting part

```
still show port 8/1/c7, now it becomes tricky

...

=====
Coherent Optical Module
=====
Cfg Tx Target Power:   1.00 dBm           Present Rx Channel : 23
Cfg Rx LOS Thresh   : -23.00 dBm        Cfg Rx Channel    : 23

Disp Control Mode   : automatic          Sweep Start Disp  : -25500 ps/nm
Cfg Dispersion      : 0 ps/nm            Sweep End Disp    : 2000 ps/nm
CPR Window Size     : 32 symbols         Rx LOS Reaction   : squelch
Compatibility       : openZrpOfec1
Cfg Tx Power Min    : -22.90 dBm        Cfg Tx Power Max  : 4.00 dBm

Cfg Alarms          : modflt mod netrx nettx hosttx
Alarm Status        :
Defect Points       :

Rx Q Margin         : 2.4 dB              Chromatic Disp    : 220 ps/nm
SNR/OSNR X Polar    : 17.4 dB / 34.4 dB   Diff Group Delay  : 2 ps
SNR/OSNR Y Polar    : 17.4 dB / 34.4 dB   Pre-FEC BER       : 1.213E-03

Module State        : ready
Tx Turn-Up States   : init laserTurnUp laserReadyOff laserReady
                    : modulatorConverge outputPowerAdjust
Rx Turn-Up States   : init laserReady waitForInput adcSignal opticalLock
                    : demodLock

=====
```

# RX Channel

```
still show port 8/1/c7, the receiver requires its own laser
...
=====
Coherent Optical Module
=====
Cfg Tx Target Power:   1.00 dBm           Present Rx Channel : 23
Cfg Rx LOS Thresh   : -23.00 dBm        Cfg Rx Channel    : 23
```

required to establish the link, no sweeping

```
Rx Q Margin      : 2.4 dB           Chromatic Disp   : 220 ps/nm
SNR/OSNR X Polar : 17.4 dB / 34.4 dB  Diff Group Delay : 2 ps
SNR/OSNR Y Polar : 17.4 dB / 34.4 dB  Pre-FEC BER     : 1.213E-03

Module State     : ready
Tx Turn-Up States : init laserTurnUp laserReadyOff laserReady
                  modulatorConverge outputPowerAdjust
Rx Turn-Up States : init laserReady waitForInput adcSignal opticalLock
                  demodLock
=====
```



# Chromatic Dispersion (CD)

```
still show port 8/1/c7, back in the past with 10G and CWDM this was a major issue
...
=====
Coherent Optical Module
=====
Cfg Tx Target Power:   1.00 dBm           Present Rx Channel : 23
Cfg Rx LOS Thresh  : -23.00 dBm          Cfg Rx Channel    : 23

Disp Control Mode   : automatic
```

If **Disp Control Mode** is manual:  
Configure a target dispersion, where  
the switch may decide whether  
to raise warnings or not.

**Sweep:** With **start** and **end** you  
indicate a range of allowed dispersion  
that can be handled by a compensator  
(DSP in this case)

```
Sweep Start Disp: -25500 ps/nm
```

```
Sweep End Disp  : 2000 ps/nm
```

```
Rx LOS Reaction  : squelch
```

```
Cfg Tx Power Max : 4.00 dBm
```

```
hosttx
```

```
Chromatic Disp  : 220 ps/nm
```

```
Diff Group Delay : 2 ps
```

```
Pre-FEC BER      : 1.213E-03
```

```
ReadyOff laserReady
```

```
utPowerAdjust
```

```
rInput adcSignal opticalLock
```

```
=====
```

Difference in propagation time for X and Y polarisation

```
still show port 8/1/c7, don't be to late

...

=====
Coherent Optical Module
=====
Cfg Tx Target Power:   1.00 dBm           Present Rx Channel : 23
Cfg Rx LOS Thresh   : -23.00 dBm        Cfg Rx Channel    : 23

Disp Control Mode   : automatic          Sweep Start Disp  : -25500 ps/nm
Cfg Dispersion      :      0 ps/nm       Sweep End Disp    :   2000 ps/nm
                                           Rx LOS Reaction   : squelch

                                           Cfg Tx Power Max  :    4.00 dBm

hosttx

Chromatic Disp      :    220 ps/nm
Diff Group Delay:  2 ps
Pre-FEC BER         : 1.213E-03

ReadyOff laserReady
utPowerAdjust
rInput adcSignal opticalLock

=====
```

# Signal-to-Noise Ratio (SNR)

```
still show port 8/1/c7, almost done
...
=====
Coherent Optical Module
=====
Cfg Tx Target Power:   1.00 dBm           Pres
Cfg Rx LOS Thresh   : -23.00 dBm         Cfg

Disp Control Mode   : automatic           Swee
Cfg Dispersion      :    0 ps/nm          Swee
CPR Window Size     : 32 symbols          Rx I
Compatibility       : openZrpOfec1
Cfg Tx Power Min    : -22.90 dBm         Cfg

Cfg Alarms          : modflt mod netrx nettx hosttx
Alarm Status        :
Defect Points       :
```

**Rx Q Margin : 2.4 dB**

**OSNR X Polar: 34.4 dB**

**OSNR Y Polar: 34.4 dB**

```
Module State       : ready
Tx Turn-Up States  : init laserTurnUp laserReadyOff laserReady
                   : modulatorConverge outputPowerAdjust
Rx Turn-Up States  : init laserReady waitForInput adcSignal opticalLock
                   : demodLock
```

**OSNR:** check datasheet,  
depends on application mode

**Q Margin (Q Factor):** gap  
between the current pre-FEC  
BER value and error-free  
threshold in dB

**Pre-FEC BER: 1.213E-03**

# Compatibility / Application Mode

```

still show port 8/1/c7, !??

...

=====
Coherent Optical Module
=====
Cfg Tx Target Power:   1.00 dBm           Present Rx Channel : 23
Cfg Rx LOS Thresh   : -23.00 dBm        Cfg Rx Channel    : 23

Disp Control Mode   : automatic          Sweep Start Disp  : -25500 ps/nm
Cfg Dispersion      : 0 ps/nm           Sweep End Disp    : 2000 ps/nm
CPR Window Size     : 32 symbols         Rx LOS Reaction   : squelch

Compatibility: openZrpOfec1

Cfg Tx Power Min    : -22.90 dBm        Cfg Tx Power Max  : 4.00 dBm

```

Application Mode	MSA format	Nokia Compatibility	Host format	Nokia Config	Electrical interface	FEC	Modulation	Line Symbol Baud Rate
1	OIF 400ZR, amplified	oif-400g-zr	400GBASE-R	c1-400g	1x 400GAUI-8 (8x 50G)	CFEC	DP-16QAM	59.8GBd
2	OIF 400ZR, unamplified		400GBASE-R		1x 400GAUI-8 (8x 50G)	CFEC	DP-16QAM	59.8GBd
3	OpenZR+ MSA	openZrpOfec1	400GBASE-R	c1-400g	1x 400GAUI-8 (8x 50G)	oFEC	DP-16QAM	60.1GBd
4	OpenZR+ MSA		2x 200GBASE-R		2x 200GAUI-4 (4x 50G)	oFEC	DP-16QAM	60.1GBd
5	OpenZR+ MSA	openZrpOfec1	4x 100GBASE-R	c4-100g	4x 100GAUI-2 (2x 50G)	oFEC	DP-16QAM	60.1GBd
6	OpenZR+ MSA, Enhanced	openZrpOfec2	400GBASE-R	c1-400g	1x 400GAUI-8 (8x 50G)	oFEC	DP-16QAM	60.1GBd
7	OpenZR+ MSA, Enhanced		2x 200GBASE-R		2x 200GAUI-4 (4x 50G)	oFEC	DP-16QAM	60.1GBd
8	OpenZR+ MSA, Enhanced	openZrpOfec2	4x 100GBASE-R	c4-100g	4x 100GAUI-2 (2x 50G)	oFEC	DP-16QAM	60.1GBd
9	OpenZR+ MSA	openZrpOfec1	2x 100GBASE-R	c2-100g- aui2	2x 100GAUI-2 (2x 50G)	oFEC	DP-QPSK	60.1GBd
10	OpenZR+ MSA	openZrpOfec2	1x 100GBASE-R	c1-100g- aui2	1x 100GAUI-2 (2x 50G)	oFEC	DP-QPSK	30.1GBd
11	OpenZR+ MSA	openZrpOfec1	3x 100GBASE-R	c3-100g	3x 100GAUI-2 (2x 50G)	oFEC	DP-8QAM	60.1GBd
12	OpenZR+ MSA, Enhanced		3x 100GBASE-R		3x 100GAUI-2 (2x 50G)	oFEC	DP-8QAM	60.1GBd
13	OIF 400ZR, amplified	oif-400g-zr	4x 100GBASE-R	c4-100g	4x 100GAUI-2 (2x 50G)	CFEC	DP-16QAM	59.8GBd

# Compatibility / Application Mode

```
still show port 8/1/c7, !??
```

```
...
```

```
=====  
Coherent Optical Module  
=====
```

```
Cfg Tx Target Power: 1.00 dBm Present Rx Channel : 23  
Cfg Rx LOS Thresh : -23.00 dBm Cfg Rx Channel : 23
```

```
Disp Control Mode : automatic  
Cfg Dispersion : 0 ps/nm  
CPR Window Size : 32 symbols
```

```
Compatibility: openZr
```

```
Cfg Tx Power Min : -22.90 dBm
```

Application Mode	MSA format	Nokia Compatibility
1	OIF 400ZR, amplified	oif-400g-zr
2	OIF 400ZR, unamplified	
3	OpenZR+ MSA	openZrpOfec1
4	OpenZR+ MSA	
5	OpenZR+ MSA	openZrpOfec1
6	OpenZR+ MSA, Enhanced	openZrpOfec2
7	OpenZR+ MSA, Enhanced	
8	OpenZR+ MSA, Enhanced	openZrpOfec2
9	OpenZR+ MSA	openZrpOfec1
10	OpenZR+ MSA	openZrpOfec2
11	OpenZR+ MSA	openZrpOfec1
12	OpenZR+ MSA, Enhanced	
13	OIF 400ZR, amplified	oif-400g-zr

```
Nokia 7950 XRS# show port 8/1/c7
```

```
=====  
QSFP-DD Connector  
=====
```

```
Description : -  
Interface : 8/1/c7  
FP Number : 2  
...  
Breakout : c1-400g  
RS-FEC Config Mode : None
```

```
Transceiver Data
```

```
...  
Laser Tunability : flex-tunable  
Config Freq (MHz) : 0  
Oper Freq (MHz) : 192300000  
Fine Tune Range : 6000 MHz  
Supported Grids : 100GHz 75GHz 50GHz 25GHz
```

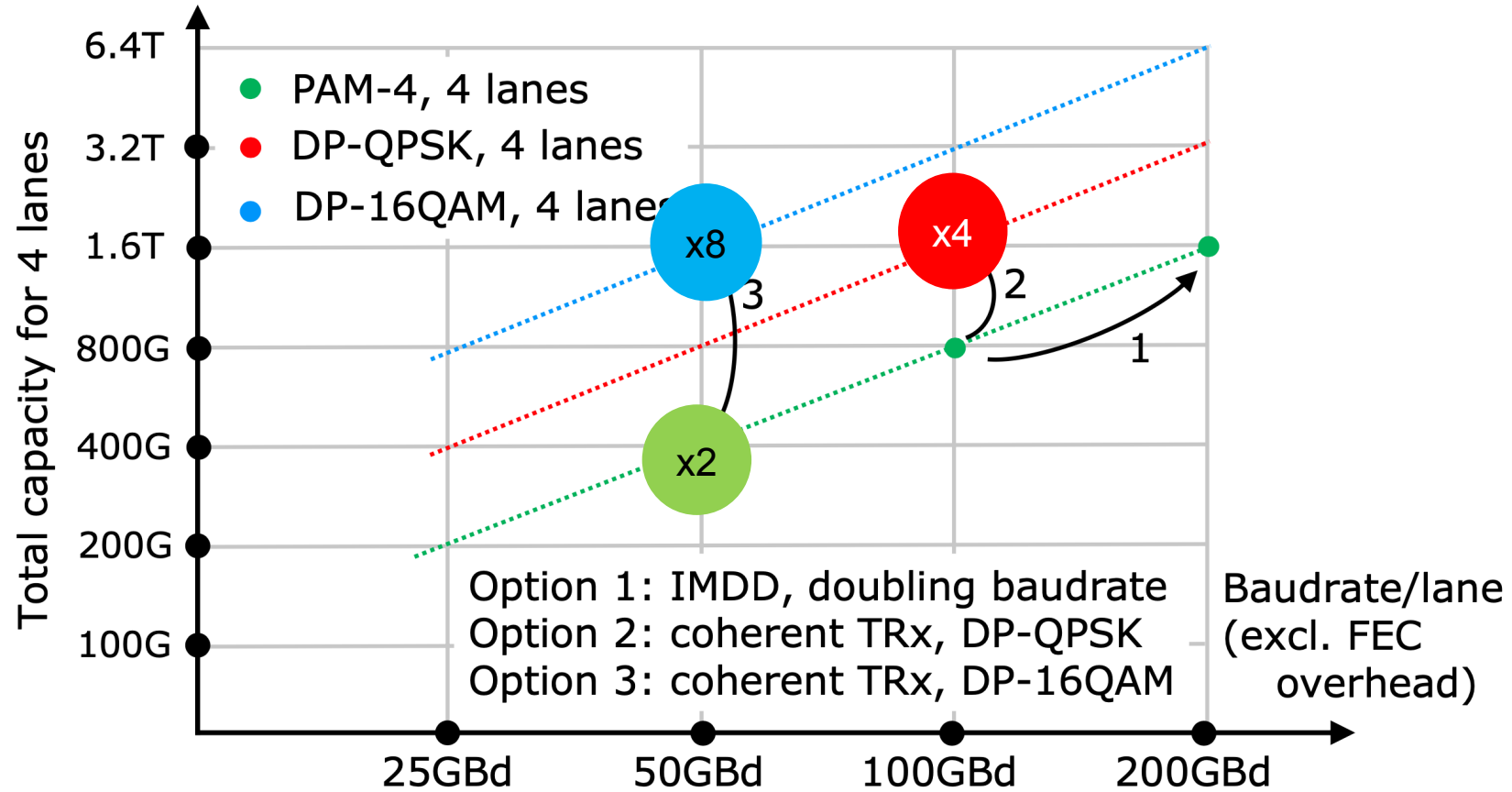
```
Optical Compliance: 400G-ZR-Amp 400G-ZR-Unamp
```

```
Link Length support: Unknown  
...
```

# OIF 400ZR vs. OpenZR+ MSA optical parameters

	OIF 400ZR	OpenZR+ MSA	
		60LA	60HA
<i>max. TX power</i>	-6 dBm	-10 dbm	0 dBm
<i>min. RX power</i>	-12 dBm	-12 dBm	-12 dBm
<i>CD Tolerance</i>	2,400 ps/nm	20,000 ps/nm	
<i>PMD Tolerance</i>	10 ps	20 ps	
<i>OSNR Tolerance</i>	26 dB	24 dB	

# more bandwidth for 800G, 1.6T or 3.2T with coherent



source: [1]

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