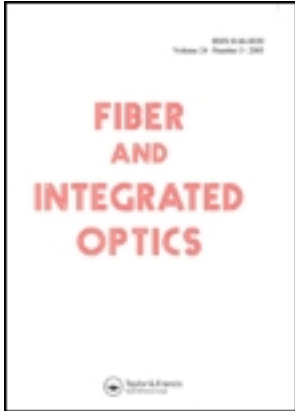


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**Abstract** *On-chip integrated photonic circuits are crucial for further progress toward quantum technologies and in the science of quantum optics. The quantum controlled-Z gate is an example of the maximally entangling gate, which is universal for quantum computing when coupled with single-qubit gates. This article demonstrates a deterministic controlled-Z photonic quantum gate based on titanium in-diffused channel waveguides in which polarization and modal degrees of freedom of a single photon are used for encoding the control and target qubits, respectively.*

**Keywords** polarization-dependent mode analyzer, quantum controlled-Z gate, quantum photonic circuits

## 1. Introduction

Presently, information processing is commonly implemented using quantities such as charges, voltages, or currents in electronic devices that operate on the basis of classical physics. Quantum information processing (QIP), instead, employs the laws of quantum mechanics in data storage, processing, and transmission, promising exponential improvement and new functionality for particular tasks in computation, metrology, lithography, and communication [1–6]. Integrated photonic circuits are crucial for further progress toward quantum technology. Achieving desired scalability, stability, and miniaturization in optical schemes consisting of many elements requires the introduction of waveguide technology [5].

Lithium niobate (LiNbO<sub>3</sub>) is one of the most attractive materials for quantum integrated circuits. LiNbO<sub>3</sub> quantum photonic circuits have the distinct advantage of permitting the generation, transmission, and processing of photons, all achieved on a single chip [7–9]. Moreover, LiNbO<sub>3</sub> also has other important advantages, including:

- (1) its properties are well understood [7, 10, 11];
- (2) it allows the fabrication of low-loss (<0.2 dB/cm) planar and channel waveguides by titanium indiffusion or proton exchange [12];

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- (3) it exhibits an electro-optic (EO) effect that can modify the refractive index at rates up to tens of GHz and is polarization sensitive [10];
- (4) consistency between simulation and experimental measurements has been demonstrated in a whole host of configurations [7]; and
- (5) periodic polling of the second-order non-linear optical coefficient is straightforward so that phase-matched parametric interactions, such as spontaneous parametric down conversion (SPDC) and the generation of entangled-photon pairs, can readily be achieved [11, 13].

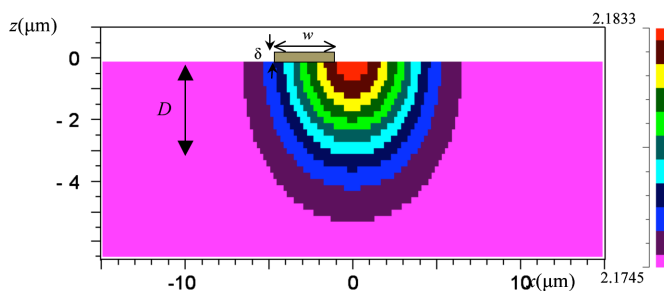
These attributes have led to the current interest in the use of LiNbO<sub>3</sub> in the rapidly advancing field of quantum photonics [5, 7].

All arbitrary quantum computation operations can be performed by one-qubit and any two-qubit gates [14]. Conceptually, the simplest two-qubit gate is the controlled-Z (CZ) gate, which is considered to be one of the most fundamental quantum gates [15]. Recently, with the emergence of one-way quantum computation [16], interest in the realization of the optical CZ gate has increased greatly, and much effort has been devoted to the realization of such a gate in many physical systems, especially in optical systems [17]. However, an integrated photonic quantum CZ gate, which is needed for further advancement on the way to quantum computation technologies, has not been reported so far.

This article is organized as follows. Section 2 describes the structure and properties of Ti:LiNbO<sub>3</sub>-diffused channel waveguides and the coupling of modes between two adjacent waveguides. Section 3 briefly reviews some basic concepts of quantum computation. Section 4 describes a polarization-dependent mode analyzer, which separates the even and odd components of the TE-polarization incoming state into two separate spatial paths while the TM-polarization even and odd modes remain unchanged. Section 5 reports, for the first time, a deterministic integrated Ti:LiNbO<sub>3</sub> photonic quantum CZ gate in which the polarization and mode number of a single photon serve as the control and target qubits, respectively.

## 2. Diffused Channel Ti:LiNbO<sub>3</sub> Waveguides

LiNbO<sub>3</sub> is used as a wafer material, and Ti:LiNbO<sub>3</sub> is used for waveguides. To form a waveguide, a stripe of titanium is deposited on the LiNbO<sub>3</sub> substrate (see Figure 1). For a given stripe width, identified with waveguide width  $w$ , the amount of titanium is characterized by the stripe thickness  $\delta$  before diffusion [18]. The titanium lithium niobate sample is heated for a few hours at temperatures that range from hundreds to 1,000°C.



**Figure 1.** Simulated distribution of refractive index in Ti:LiNbO<sub>3</sub> channel waveguide;  $D = 3 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $\delta = 50 \text{ nm}$ . (color figure available online)

The titanium ions penetrate the host substrate and form a graded index waveguide. The graded waveguide has a bell-shaped refractive index distribution in the lateral and in-depth directions. The index distribution can be characterized phenomenologically by diffusion lengths or, as an alternative, by diffusion constants, diffusion temperature, and a diffusion temperature coefficient [18].

LiNbO<sub>3</sub> is a uniaxial crystal in which one special direction of symmetry, called the optic axis (e.g., the  $z$ -axis), exists. The plane containing the optic axis and the wave vector of the light wave is termed as the principal plane. The light beam whose polarization is normal to the principal plane (or TE-polarized light) experiences the ordinary refractive index  $n_o$ , while the beam polarized in the principal plane (or TM-polarized light) experiences the extraordinary refractive index  $n_e$ . The refractive index of TE-polarized light does not depend on the propagation direction, whereas for the TM-polarized light, it does;  $n_e = n_e(\theta)$ , where  $\theta$  is the angle between the optic axis and the wave vector of the light [10].

Here, a thin film of titanium (Ti) was used, with thickness  $\delta = 50$  nm and width  $w$ , for diffusing into a  $z$ -cut,  $y$ -propagating LiNbO<sub>3</sub> crystal. The diffusion length  $D$  is taken to be the same in the two transverse directions:  $D = 3 \mu\text{m}$  (see Figure 1). The TM mode polarized in the  $z$ -direction (along the optic axis) sees the extraordinary refractive index  $n_e$  whereas the TE mode polarized in the  $x$ -direction sees the ordinary refractive index  $n_o$ . The ordinary and extraordinary refractive indices can be calculated by making use of the Sellmeier equations [10, 19, 20]. Applying a steady electric field to this structure in the  $z$ -direction (along the optic axis) changes the ordinary and extraordinary refractive indices of this uniaxial material as follows [10]:

$$n_o(E) \approx n_o - \frac{1}{2}n_o^3 r_{13} V/d, \quad n_e(E) \approx n_e - \frac{1}{2}n_e^3 r_{33} V/d, \quad (1)$$

where  $V$  is the applied voltage,  $d$  is the separation between the electrodes, and  $r_{13}$  and  $r_{33}$  are the tensor elements of the Pockels coefficient.

### 2.1. Mode Coupling Between Adjacent Waveguides

According to coupled-mode theory, the set of equations, which can be used to analyze transferred energy from one lossless and single-mode waveguide to another when the guiding structures are brought into proximity, are [10]

$$\begin{aligned} a_1(y) &= A(y)a_1(0) - jB(y)a_2(0), \\ a_2(y) &= -jB^*(y)a_1(0) + B^*(y)a_2(0), \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where  $a_1(y)$  and  $a_2(y)$  are the amplitudes of guided modes in two waveguides, and

$$\begin{aligned} A(y) &= \exp\left(j \frac{\Delta\beta y}{2}\right) \left(\cos \gamma y - j \frac{\Delta\beta}{2\gamma} \sin \gamma y\right), \\ B(y) &= \frac{\kappa}{\gamma} \exp\left(j \frac{\Delta\beta y}{2}\right) \sin \gamma y; \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

here,  $\Delta\beta$  is the phase mismatch per unit length between two coupled modes;  $y$  is the coupling interaction length;  $\kappa$  is the coupling coefficient, which depends on the widths

of the waveguides and their separation as well as on the mode profiles;  $\gamma^2 = \kappa^2 + \frac{1}{4}\Delta\beta^2$ ; and the symbol \* presents complex conjugation [10].

Equation (2) can also be described by unitary matrix  $\mathbf{T}$ , which takes the form [10]

$$\mathbf{T} = \begin{pmatrix} A & -jB \\ -jB^* & A^* \end{pmatrix}. \quad (4)$$

For perfect phase matching between the coupled modes, i.e., for  $\Delta\beta = 0$ , and an interaction coupling length  $L = q\pi/2\kappa$ , where  $q$  is an odd positive integer, the coupling matrix  $\mathbf{T}$  reduces to

$$\mathbf{T} = \exp\left(\frac{jq\pi}{2}\right) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (5)$$

indicating that the modes are flipped. Applying this operation twice serves to double flip the vector, thereby reproducing the input but with a phase shift twice that of  $q\pi/2$  [7].

If it is assumed that no light enters waveguide 2 so that  $a_2(0) = 0$ , then optical powers  $P_1(z) \propto |a_1(z)|^2$  and  $P_2(z) \propto |a_2(z)|^2$  with respect to Eqs. (2) and (3) can be written as [10]:

$$P_1(y) = P_1(0) \left( \cos^2 \gamma y + \left( \frac{\Delta\beta}{2\gamma} \right)^2 \sin^2 \gamma y \right), \quad (6)$$

$$P_2(y) = P_1(0) \frac{|\kappa|^2}{\gamma^2} \sin^2 \gamma y.$$

Thus, power is exchanged periodically between two waveguides; the period is  $\pi/\gamma$ .

When the waveguides are identical, i.e.,  $n_1 = n_2$ ,  $\beta_1 = \beta_2$ , and  $\Delta\beta = 0$ , the equations then simplify to

$$P_1(y) = P_1(0) \cos^2 \kappa y, \quad (7)$$

$$P_2(y) = P_1(0) \sin^2 \kappa y.$$

The exchange of power between the waveguides can then be completed. At the interaction length  $y = q\pi/2\kappa$ , the odd integer multiple of the coupling length, the power is transferred completely from waveguide 1 into waveguide 2. The application of a voltage to the EO modulator introduces a phase mismatch ( $\Delta\beta \neq 0$ ) between the two interacting modes, which results in partial, rather than full, optical power transfer [10].

The matrix described in Eq. (4) is not adequate for describing the coupling between two-mode waveguides (TMWs), which is of interest in this article; in this case, a  $4 \times 4$  matrix is required. However, for the particular cases considered here, the coupling between the two waveguides is such that only a single mode in each waveguide participates; this is because the phase-matching conditions between the interacting modes are either satisfied—or not satisfied. As an example for identical waveguides, similar modes couple whereas dissimilar modes fail to couple as a result of the large phase mismatch. So the general matrix described in Eq. (4) reduces to submatrices of size  $2 \times 2$ , each characterizing the coupling between a pair of modes [7, 10].

### 3. Qubits and Quantum Computation

Classical information is in binary format, stored as 0 and 1, and the computation operations are performed on these binary bits. At the heart of quantum computation lies the ability to represent information as qubits, superposition states of both 0 and 1. Before measurement, the qubit can be considered to be in two states at the same time. Upon measurement, the superposition state collapses into one of the base states (being 0 or 1 in this case), with a probability defined by the superposition state. For quantum systems with many qubits, the size of the superposition state increases with the number of qubits such that a system with  $n$  qubits can be considered as being in  $2^n$  states simultaneously. This is the key to the exponential computational power of a quantum computer [21].

Over the last few years, single particles of light photons have emerged as one of the several leading approaches for realizing qubits. Any of several degrees of freedom of a single photon, such as polarization, spatial parity, or the mode number of a single photon confined to a TMW, can be used for encoding qubit [7–9]. Polarization is an intrinsically binary basis. In this case, an arbitrary state of a single qubit can be expressed as  $|\Psi\rangle = \alpha_1|H\rangle + \alpha_2|V\rangle$ , where a horizontal ( $H$ ) photon represents a logical “0” and a vertical ( $V$ ) photon represents a logical “1”:  $|0\rangle \equiv |H\rangle$  and  $|1\rangle \equiv |V\rangle$ .  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$  are their weights, respectively. The spatial modes of a photon in a TMW, one of which is even and the other odd, are also binary and can therefore be used to represent a qubit. Similar to a polarization qubit,  $|\Psi\rangle = \beta_1|e\rangle + \beta_2|o\rangle$  can be used for representing a modal qubit, where  $|e\rangle$  and  $|o\rangle$  represent the even and odd basis states and  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$  are their weights, respectively. Modal qubits are particularly suited to photonic quantum circuits, since they can both be generated and easily transformed on-chip. The modal space of a TMW is therefore an appealing choice for representing qubits in quantum photonic circuits.

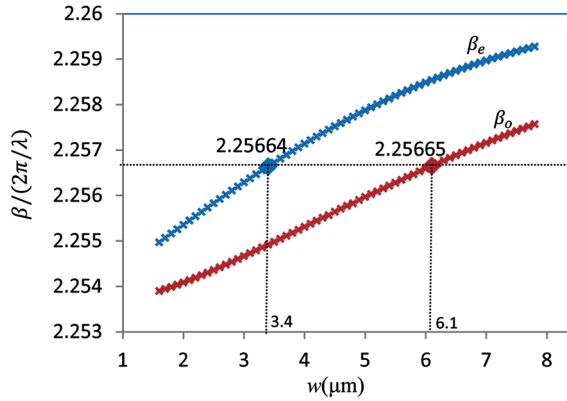
A universal quantum computer could be implemented by using only arbitrary one-qubit operations and any two-qubit gates [14], the same way that classical computers can be constructed from a very limited gate set. A two-qubit quantum logic gate requires qubits to interact with one another. A set of one-qubit gates, which turns out to be of fundamental importance in quantum computation, is known as Pauli gates [21]. There are three Pauli gates, denoted by  $X$ ,  $Y$ , and  $Z$ . The Pauli operators are both Hermitian and unitary. These one-qubit gates act on the superposition state  $|\Psi\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle$  in the following way [21]:

$$X(|\Psi\rangle) = \alpha|1\rangle + \beta|0\rangle, \quad (|\Psi\rangle) = -i\alpha|1\rangle + i\beta|0\rangle, \quad Z(|\Psi\rangle) = \alpha|0\rangle - \beta|1\rangle. \quad (8)$$

Two-qubit (or controlled unitary) gates work in a similar fashion, using a control qubit to determine whether or not a specified unitary action is applied to a target qubit. One of the most important two-qubit gates, the CZ gate, acts on the logical basis  $|00\rangle$ ,  $|01\rangle$ ,  $|10\rangle$ , and  $|11\rangle$  as follows [21]:

$$|00\rangle \rightarrow |00\rangle, \quad |01\rangle \rightarrow |01\rangle, \quad |10\rangle \rightarrow |10\rangle, \quad |11\rangle \rightarrow -|11\rangle. \quad (9)$$

If the control qubit (first qubit) is  $|0\rangle$ , then nothing happens to the target qubit (second qubit); but when the control qubit is  $|1\rangle$ , it produces a  $\pi$  phase shift on the target qubit  $|1\rangle$ . CZ is a maximally entangling gate, which, when coupled with single-qubit rotations, is universal for quantum computing [22].

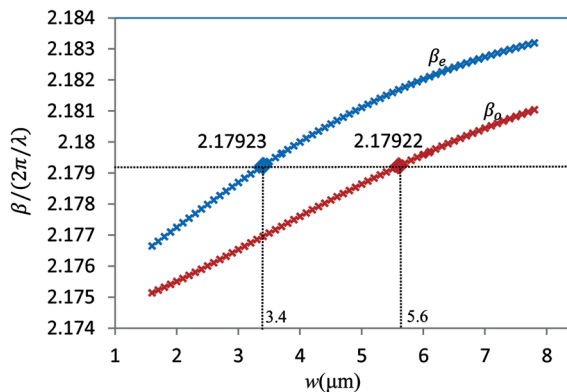


**Figure 2.** Normalized propagation constants of TE polarization even ( $\beta_e$ ) and odd ( $\beta_o$ ) modes for diffused channel Ti:LiNbO<sub>3</sub> waveguides as a function of the waveguide width  $w$ . (color figure available online)

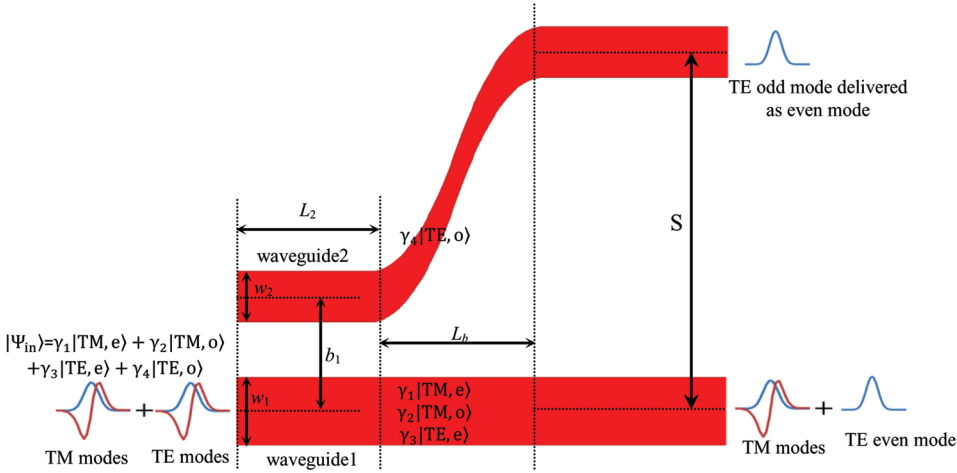
#### 4. Polarization-Dependent Mode Analyzer

Since Ti:LiNbO<sub>3</sub> waveguides have different refractive indices values  $n$ , dependent upon the polarization of the input light, a mode analyzer can be designed that separates the even and odd components of an incoming state into two separate spatial paths according to its polarization. The even ( $m = 0$ ) and odd ( $m = 1$ ) modes of a Ti:LiNbO<sub>3</sub> waveguide are characterized by different propagation constants:  $\beta_e$  and  $\beta_o$ , respectively. Figures 2 and 3 show the behavior of the normalized propagation constants  $\beta_e$  and  $\beta_o$  as a function of the waveguide width  $w$  for TE and TM polarization, respectively (at a wavelength of  $\lambda = 0.812 \mu\text{m}$ ). The horizontal dotted line, crossing the two curves, represents the phase-matching condition for an even and odd mode in two waveguides of different widths.

The operating principle of the designed polarization-dependent mode analyzer, shown in Figure 4, is based on the selective coupling between two adjacent waveguides of different widths  $w_1$  and  $w_2$ . A waveguide with appropriate width  $w_2$ , length  $L_2$ , and



**Figure 3.** Normalized propagation constants of TM polarization even ( $\beta_e$ ) and odd ( $\beta_o$ ) modes for diffused channel Ti:LiNbO<sub>3</sub> waveguides as a function of the waveguide width  $w$ . (color figure available online)

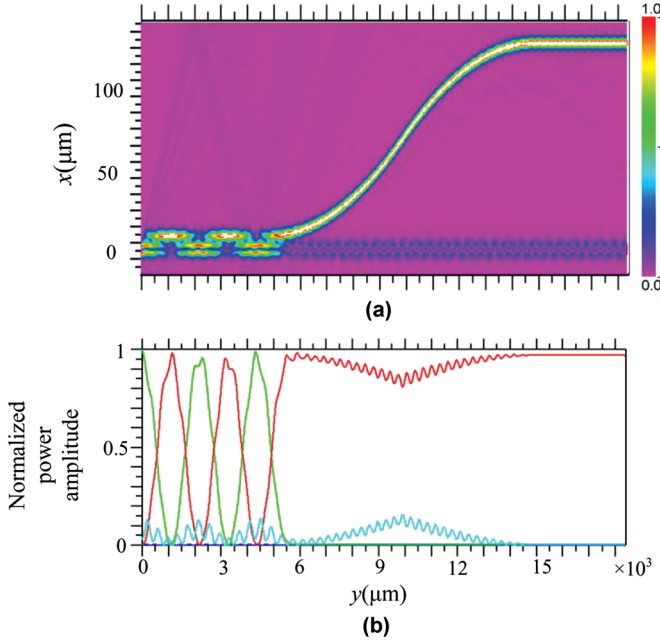


**Figure 4.** Sketch of a photonic circuit that serves as polarization-dependent mode analyzer (not to scale). TE and TM even and odd mode pathways are shown in this diagram. The TE odd mode is separated and delivered as an even mode. Dimensions of the device are  $w_1 = 6.1 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $w_2 = 3.4 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $L_2 = 4.87 \text{ mm}$ , and  $b_1 = 8.6 \mu\text{m}$ . (color figure available online)

separation distance  $b_1$  from the waveguide  $w_1$  has been used to extract only the odd component of the TE-polarized input state. For this reason,  $w_1 = 6.1 \mu\text{m}$  and  $w_2 = 3.4 \mu\text{m}$  have been chosen, because in this case, the propagation constant of the TE odd mode in  $w_1$  is equal to the TE even mode in  $w_2$ , as is specified in Figure 2. Thus, power can be coupled between these two modes and considering that  $L_2 = 4.87 \text{ mm}$  and  $b_1 = 8.6 \mu\text{m}$  mode analyzer can separate them, deliver the TE odd mode as an even distribution, as shown in Figure 4. Note that according to [23],  $b_1 < 8.25 \mu\text{m}$  is experimentally not suitable because titanium diffusion to the surface will lead to partial fusion of two channels.  $b_1$  has been chosen to be  $8.6 \mu\text{m}$  to complete the exchange of TE odd mode power between  $w_1$  and  $w_2$ . The end of the waveguide 2 is attached to an S-bend waveguide with standard spatial separation  $S = 127 \mu\text{m}$  and optimal length  $L_b = 10 \text{ mm}$  [23] to obviate the possibility of further unwanted coupling to waveguide 1 and to provide a well-separated output port for the extracted mode.

Figure 5a shows the propagation of guided modes amplitude in the polarization-dependent mode analyzer when its input is a TE odd mode, and Figure 5b presents the normalized power amplitude of guided modes in the device. The amplitude of the even excited mode in waveguide 2 exhibits a dip that is associated with the tapered nature of the S-bend.

For TM-polarized light, the propagation constants in two waveguides of widths  $w_1 = 6.1 \mu\text{m}$  and  $w_2 = 3.4 \mu\text{m}$  are not matched; therefore, an exchange of power between waveguides cannot be complete. But interaction length  $L_2$  has been adjusted such that the TM-polarized odd mode completely remains in waveguide 1. Figure 6a shows the propagation of guided-modes amplitude in the polarization-dependent mode analyzer when its input is a TM odd mode. Figure 6b presents the normalized power amplitude of guided modes in the device. The results have been obtained by using the commercial photonic and network design software package RSoft (RSoft Design Group, Inc., Ossining, New York, USA).



**Figure 5.** (a) Propagation of guided-modes amplitude in the polarization-dependent mode analyzer when its input is a TE odd mode. (b) The green curve represents the power evolution with distance of the TE odd mode in waveguide 1, and the red and cyan curves are related to TE even and odd modes, respectively, in waveguide 2. The dip in the curves is the result of the tapered nature of the S-bend. (color figure available online)

## 5. CZ Gate

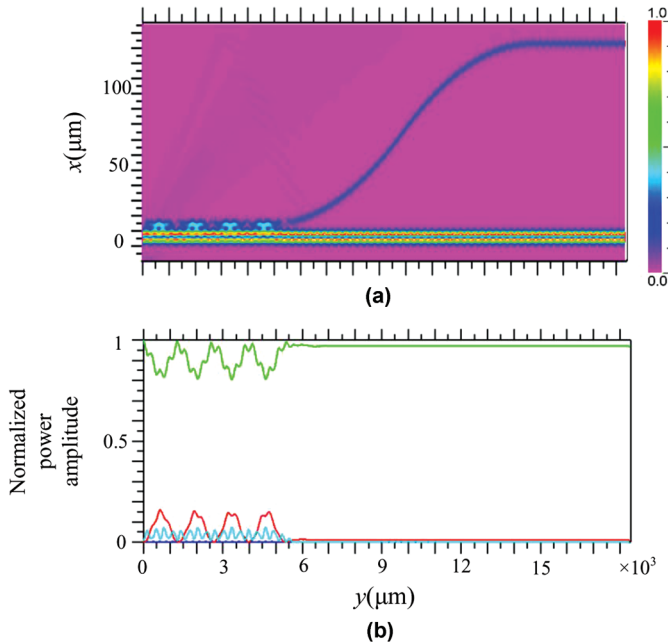
Deterministic quantum computation that involves several degrees of freedom of a single photon for encoding multiple qubits is not scalable because it requires resources that grow exponentially [24]. A novel deterministic, two-qubit, single-photon, CZ gate implemented by Ti:LiNbO<sub>3</sub> photonic quantum circuit is proposed here. In this device, polarization of the photon has been used as a control qubit such that  $|TM\rangle = |0\rangle$  and  $|TE\rangle = |1\rangle$ , and the mode number of photon as target qubit is  $|e\rangle = |0\rangle$  and  $|o\rangle = |1\rangle$ . In general, when the control and target qubits are both in the superposition state, the quantum state of input  $|\Psi_{in}\rangle$  is expressed as the tensor product of two superposition states as

$$|\Psi_{in}\rangle = (\alpha_1|TM\rangle + \alpha_2|TE\rangle) \otimes (\beta_1|e\rangle + \beta_2|o\rangle) = \gamma_1|TM, e\rangle + \gamma_2|TM, o\rangle + \gamma_3|TE, e\rangle + \gamma_4|TE, o\rangle, \quad (10)$$

where  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  represent the basis weights;  $\gamma_1 = \alpha_1\beta_1$ ,  $\gamma_2 = \alpha_1\beta_2$ ,  $\gamma_3 = \alpha_2\beta_1$ , and  $\gamma_4 = \alpha_2\beta_2$ ; and  $\otimes$  indicates the tensor product. Since the target (modal) qubit is flipped by a TE control qubit, the output state of CZ gate becomes

$$|\Psi_{out}\rangle = \gamma_1|TM, e\rangle + \gamma_2|TM, o\rangle + \gamma_3|TE, e\rangle - \gamma_r|TE, o\rangle. \quad (11)$$

It can be seen in what follows how the designed structure can be used for implementation of Eq. (11). As established in Eq. (5), perfect coupling between a pair of adjacent



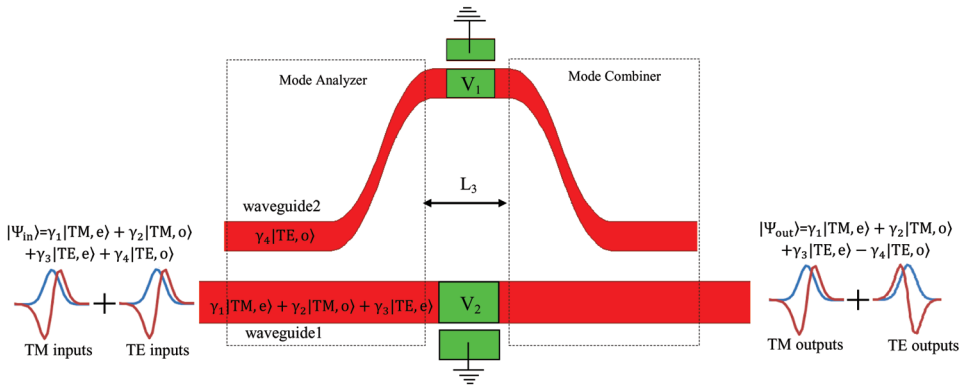
**Figure 6.** (a) Propagation of guided modes amplitude in the polarization-dependent mode analyzer when its input is a TM odd mode. (b) The green curve represents the power evolution with distance of the TM odd mode in waveguide 1, and the red and cyan curves are related to TM even and odd modes, respectively, in waveguide 2. (color figure available online)

waveguides over an interaction length  $L = q\pi/2\kappa$  introduces a phase shift of  $q\pi/2$ , where  $q$  is an odd positive integer. A cascade of two such couplings thus results in a phase shift  $q\pi$ . Since the mode analyzer in Figure 4 has been designed so that perfect coupling can only occur for the TE-polarized odd component, a  $q\pi$  phase shift for this component in interaction length  $L = 2(\frac{q\pi}{2\kappa})$  can be expected. Thus, by cascading a polarization-dependent mode analyzer and a mode combiner (can be seen in Figure 7) and an appropriate adjustment of length  $L_3$ , a device can be obtained that introduces a  $\pi$  phase shift to the odd component of the TE-polarized input state while leaving other components of the input state (i.e., TE-polarized even or TM-polarized even and odd modes), unchanged.

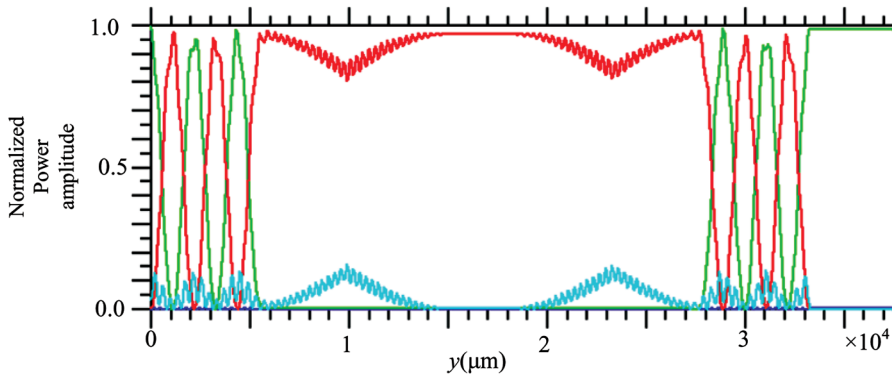
By making use of EO phase modulators  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  in waveguides 1 and 2, respectively (as shown in Figure 7), imperfection in fabrication can be compensated for or the undesired phase shift of corresponding modes can be partially modified.

Figures 8 and 9 show the propagation of the normalized power of guided modes in a CZ gate when its input is a TE and TM odd mode, respectively. Figure 10 shows the real and imaginary part of CZ gate outputs when its inputs are TE and TM even and odd modes. As expected, TM even and odd modes remain almost unchanged, as well as the TE even mode while the TE odd mode undergoes a  $\pi$  phase shift.

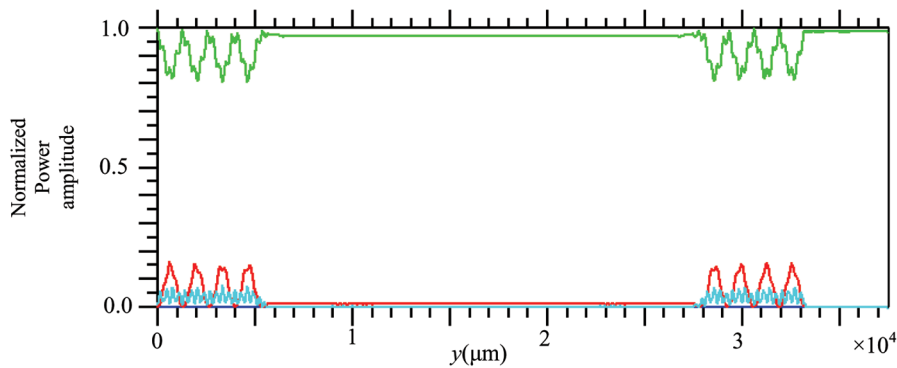
Getting a more accurate output for the TM odd mode (ideally imaginary part must be zero) than that shown in Figure 10b may not be possible in this structure, because modifying  $V_2$  will also change TE and TM even modes. The structure shown in Figure 11 is proposed for solving this problem. In this structure, the TM odd mode goes through



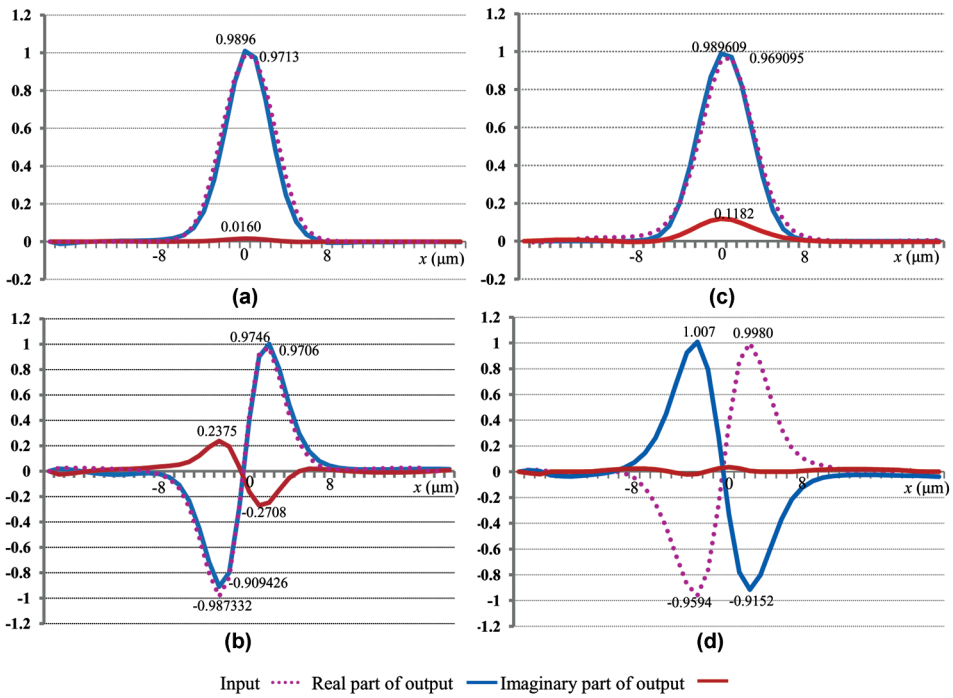
**Figure 7.** Sketch of a photonic circuit that serves as a CZ gate (not to scale). TE and TM even and odd modes path ways are shown in this diagram;  $L_3 = 3.5$  mm. (color figure available online)



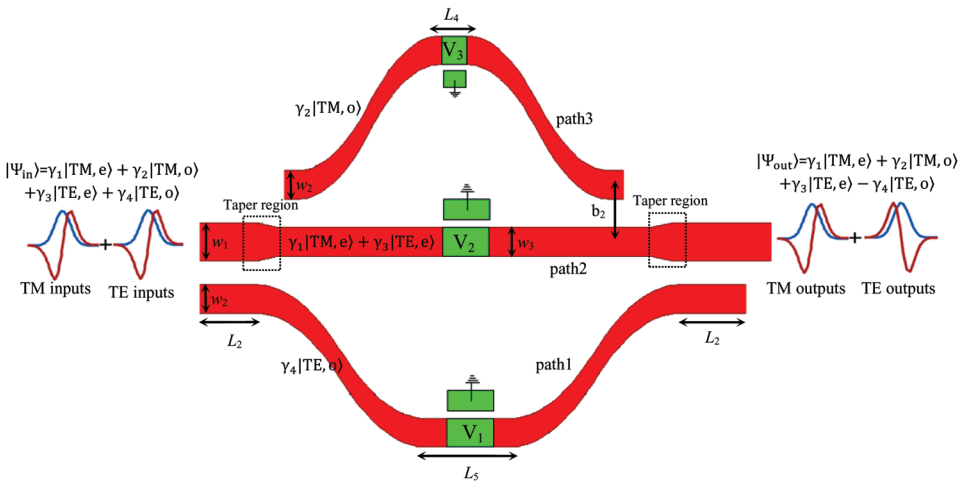
**Figure 8.** Propagation of normalized power in CZ gate when its input is a TE odd mode. The green curve represents the power evolution with distance of the TE odd mode in waveguide 1, and the red and cyan curves are related to TE even and odd modes, respectively, in waveguide 2. (color figure available online)



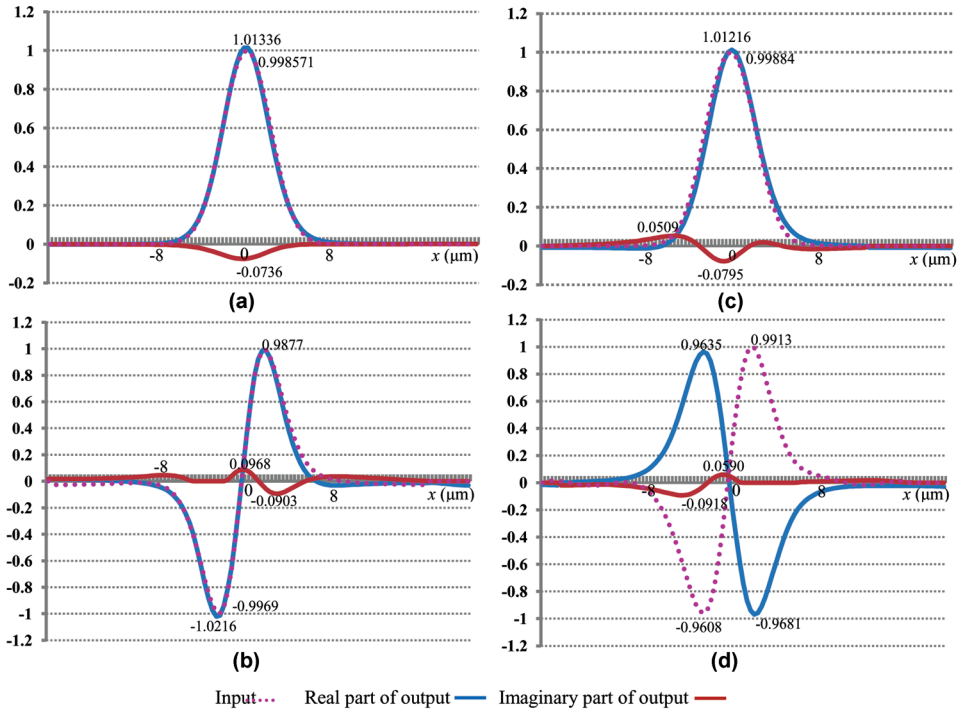
**Figure 9.** Propagation of normalized power in CZ gate when its input is a TM odd mode. The green curve represents the power evolution with distance of the TM odd mode in waveguide 1, and the red and cyan curves are related to TM even and odd modes, respectively, in waveguide 2. (color figure available online)



**Figure 10.** Real and imaginary parts of CZ gate output when its input is: (a) TM even mode:  $|TM, e\rangle$ , (b) TM odd mode:  $|TM, o\rangle$ , (c) TE even mode:  $|TE, e\rangle$ , and (d) TE odd mode:  $|TE, o\rangle$ . (color figure available online)



**Figure 11.** Sketch of the modified quantum photonic CZ gate (not to scale). TE and TM even and odd modes pathways are shown in this diagram;  $w_1 = 6.1 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $w_2 = 3.4 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $w_3 = 5.6 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $b_2 = 8.2 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $L_2 = 4.87 \text{ mm}$ ,  $L_4 = 500 \mu\text{m}$ , and  $L_5 = 10 \text{ mm}$ . (color figure available online)



**Figure 12.** Real and imaginary parts of CZ gate output when its input is: (a) TM even mode:  $|TM, e\rangle$ , (b) TM odd mode:  $|TM, o\rangle$ , (c) TE even mode:  $|TE, e\rangle$ , and (d) TE odd mode:  $|TE, o\rangle$ . (color figure available online)

path 3. It is thus possible to control the TM odd mode independently through adjusting  $L_4$  and  $V_3$ . For perfect coupling of the TM odd mode between waveguides 3 and 4,  $w_3 = 3.4 \mu\text{m}$  and  $w_4 = 5.6 \mu\text{m}$  have been chosen, as can be verified in Figure 3. A linear tapered region connects  $w_1 = 6.1 \mu\text{m}$  to  $w_4 = 5.6 \mu\text{m}$ . Figure 12 presents the real and imaginary parts of CZ gate outputs when its inputs are TE and TM even and odd modes. Comparing Figures 10b and 12b, it can be seen that the undesirable phase change of the output is omitted. A3D beam propagation method (BPM) simulation of the CZ gate shows that the propagation loss due to the device structure is well below 0.25 dB for both TE- and TM-polarization inputs.

## 6. Conclusions

This article presented a polarization-dependent mode analyzer based on Ti-diffusion waveguides, which separates the even and odd components of the TE-polarization incoming state into two separate spatial paths while TM-polarization even and odd modes remain unchanged. Based on this device, a 40-mm-long, 260- $\mu\text{m}$ -wide deterministic two-qubit CZ quantum gate acting on the polarization and modal degrees of freedom of photons was designed. The gate performance relies on the selective coupling between two adjacent waveguides of different widths and polarization sensitivities of the Pockels coefficients in  $\text{LiNbO}_3$ . Its simple structure and short length, compared to other previous photonic quantum two-qubit gates [7], can greatly reduce propagation losses and

fabrication difficulties. Simulations of these devices, carried out with the help of the commercial photonic and network design software package RSoft, provide support that they operate as intended.

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