

# Use-cases in the Open European Quantum Key Distribution Testbed

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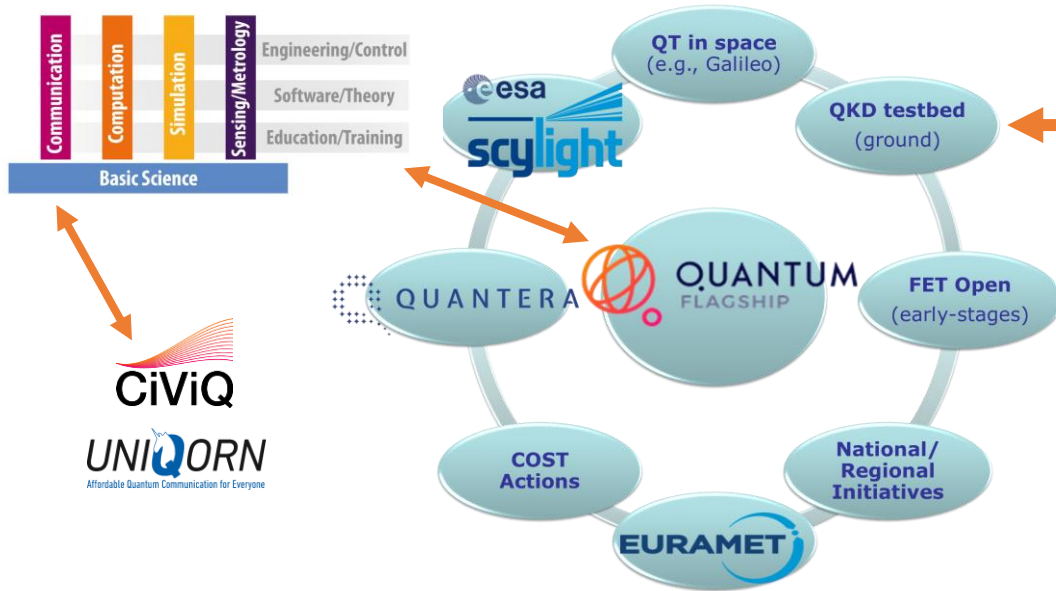
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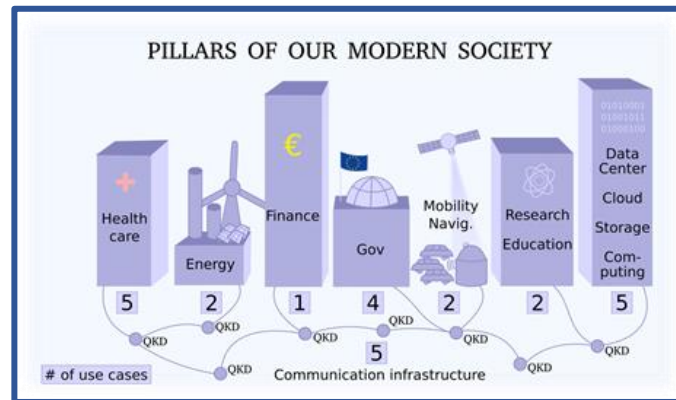
# Framework Programme H2020 + EU Project OpenQKD



## QKD Testbed Infrastructure:

- Sep. 2019 – Feb. 2023
- Project size: 18 M€

- More than 35 QKD systems in field deployments
- Free-space and simulation of satellite QKD
- Open calls to attract external partners





# Objectives of OpenQKD

## Wide spectrum of 38 partners with different background:

- Telco operators
- QKD developers
- Suppliers of classical network equipment (encryption)
- End-users
- Academic groups

## Motivation and benefits:

- Experimental testing platform to **increase TRL** of components, devices and systems
- Kick-start European QKD industry
- Demonstrate high maturity of technology
- OpenQKD support standardisation and certification
- Cooperation with **end-users to demonstrate real world applications**
- Pilot for pan-European quantum communication infrastructure



- TRL 4 – technology validated in lab
- TRL 5 – technology validated in relevant environment (industrially relevant environment in the case of key enabling technologies)
- TRL 6 – technology demonstrated in relevant environment (industrially relevant environment in the case of key enabling technologies)

**HORIZON 2020 – WORK PROGRAMME 2014-2015**

**General Annexes**



# Use-cases

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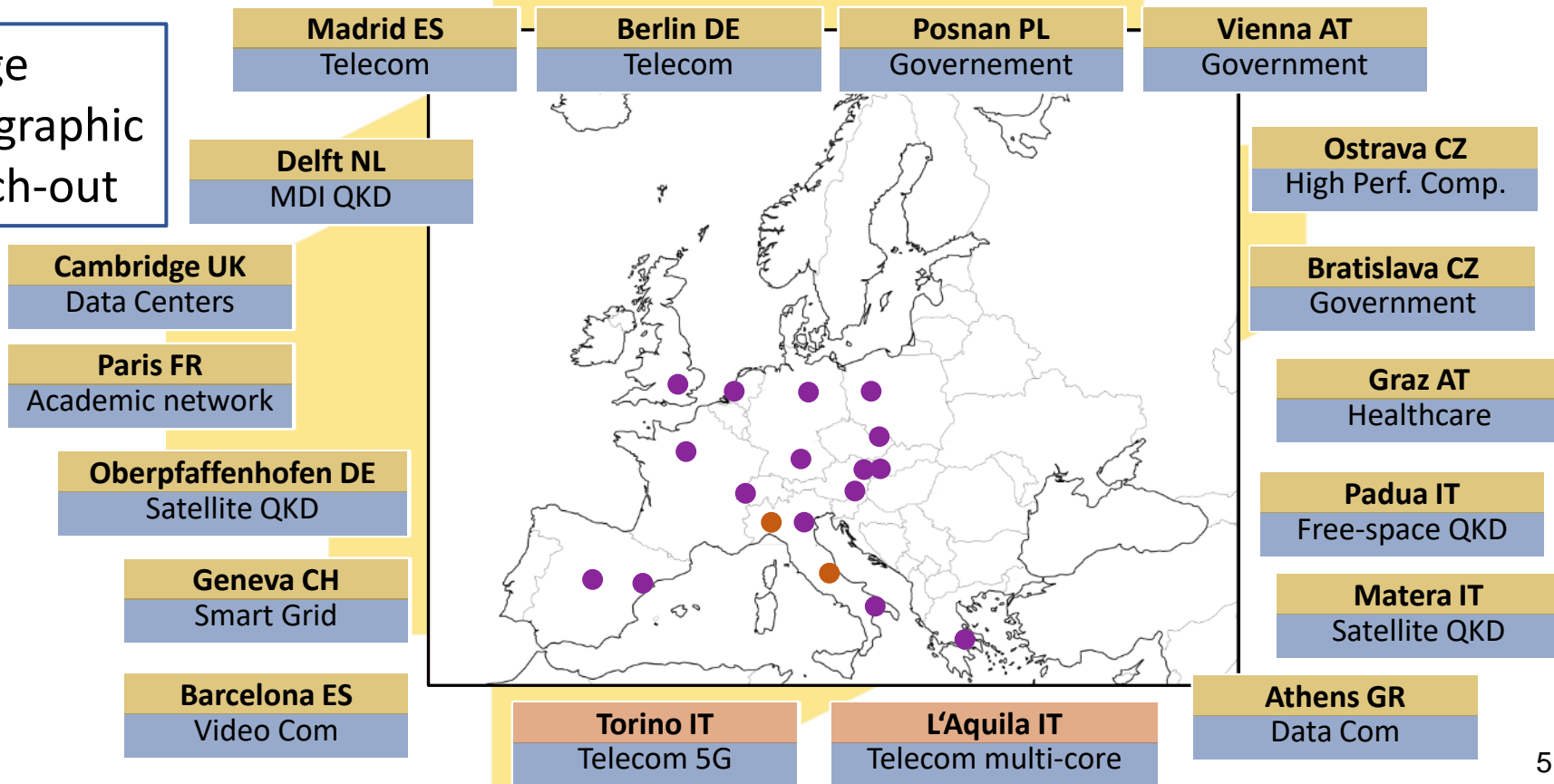
**Within OpenQKD we will demonstrate different kinds of use-cases:**

- **32** different official use-cases defined in the original proposal of OpenQKD
  - List at our project homepage <https://openqkd.eu/openqkd-in-action/>
  - Will be operated at 16 different sites
  - Use-cases with the numbers **UC01 – UC32**
- **7** additional use-cases born in the project
  - Partners at 3 different locations agreed to extend their demonstrations
  - Use-cases with the numbers **UC33 – UC39**
- **9** additional funded use-cases from the first wave of open calls **UC40 - UC48**
- **X** use-cases from the second round of open calls ( $X > 7$ )



# 18 OpenQKD testbed sites

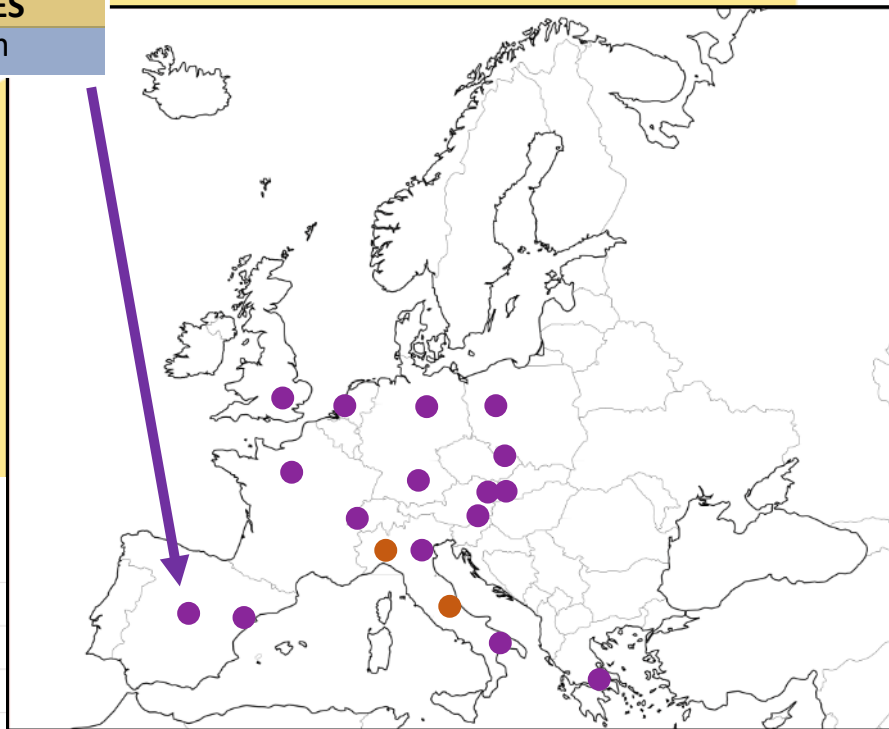
Large  
geographic  
reach-out





# Operation of SDN with QKD

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Telecom



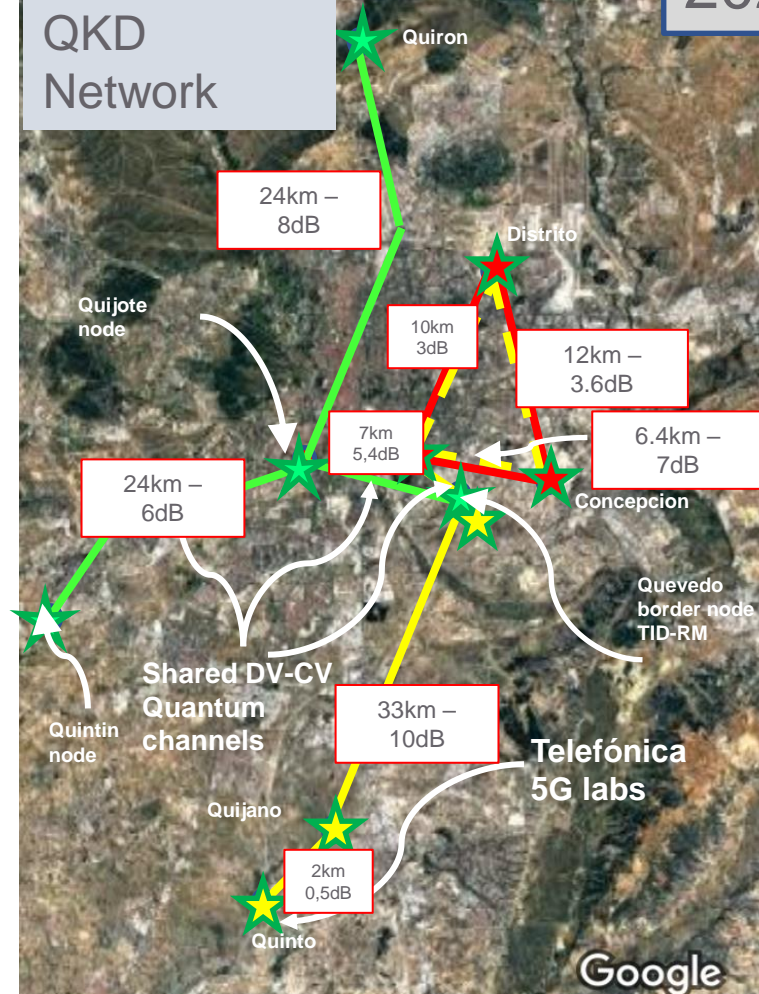
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- + Network security and attestation (Use-Case 15)
- + Critical infrastructure protection (Use-Case 16)
- + QKD as a cloud service (Use-Case 17)
- + Security in e-health services (Use-Case 18)
- + Quantum cryptography for B2B and 5G networks (Use-Case 25)
- + Self-healed network management (Use-Case 26)



# Madrid SDN QKD Network

2021



OPEN  QKD



Deployed, full installation.



Moving, (prev. Lab. installation)



Expected, (summer)



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"Ingeniamos el futuro"



## BoM:

- 8 QKD pairs (DV: 2xC & 1xO band, 5 CV, O Band)
- 5 QKD pairs pending (Before summer)
- Optical transport equipment.
- Level 1 & Level 2 encryptors

## Important: A real world network.

Shared quantum and Classical infrastructure, including optical fibre. CV+DV systems on the same Fibre. Two connected operators. Several manufacturers (quantum and Classical, QKD & encrypt.) Production facilities.

The 2018 versión:

"The Engineering of a SDN Quantum Key Distribution Network"

IEEE Comms. Mag. July 2019, doi: 10.1109/MCOM.2019.1800763;

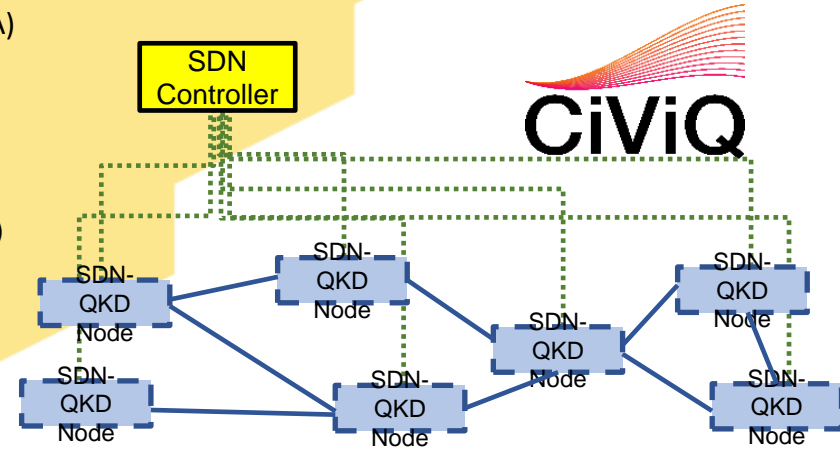
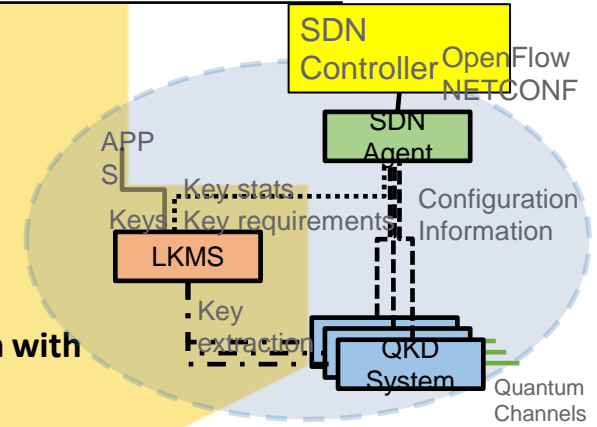
<http://arxiv.org/abs/1907.00174>



# Key Basic Technologies Deployed

## SDN-based software stack

- **Transparent routing** of keys, **end-to-end**, over the whole network.
  - Among different vendors
  - Among different networks (border nodes)
- **Network-wide Key Manager**
  - The objective is actually the integration in existing industria grade KM
- Integration of **QKD keys in the main L2&L3 protocols** (including **hybridization with classical keys** and derived services)
  - TLS → Https, pop, imap, smtp etc.
  - IPSec → Any E2E protocol/application IP service (Eg. VPN, SCADA)
    - Also used for 5G channel securization
  - Can mix QKD keys with D-H either RSA or PQC
- High level (external and internal) **services integration**
  - Network Function Virtualization protection based on QKD
  - Secure Ordered Proof of Transit (Quantum service chain verification on the fly)
  - Self-healed infrastructure protection
  - ZeroQonf: Auto QKD link-up







R&S L2 encryptor

OADM+programm.  
Switch (add/drop  
Quantum Channels)

SDN server

ADVA OTN +  
Link encryptor

2 idQ DV QKD (C and O-band,  
1550 nm + 1310nm)  
OpenQKD systems



2 HWDU  
CV QKD +  
2 servers  
From CiViQ

## Quijote a “central” Node



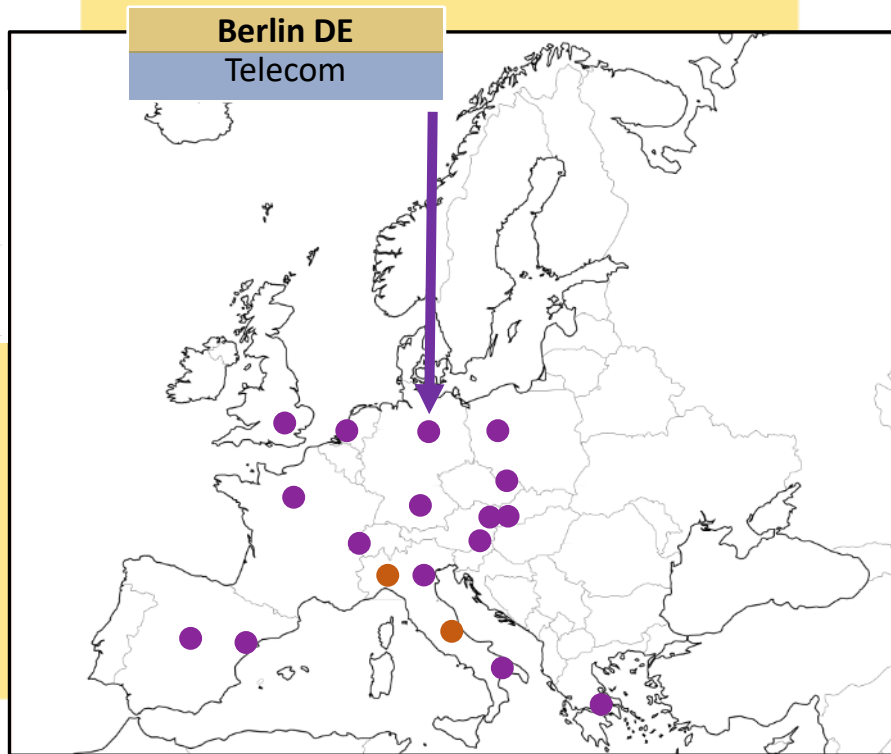
- 2 Quantum & service channels DV and CV from/to previous/next node. Compatibility in C & O bands in same fiber.
- Classical communications in bidi fiber, cyphered L1, L2 & L3 traffic.



# QKD integration in 5G and PQC

## Berlin, DE

- + Interoperability of QKD and PQC using 5G and fiber link (Use-Case 27)
- + Integration of QKD to a telecoms core network architecture (Use-Case 28)



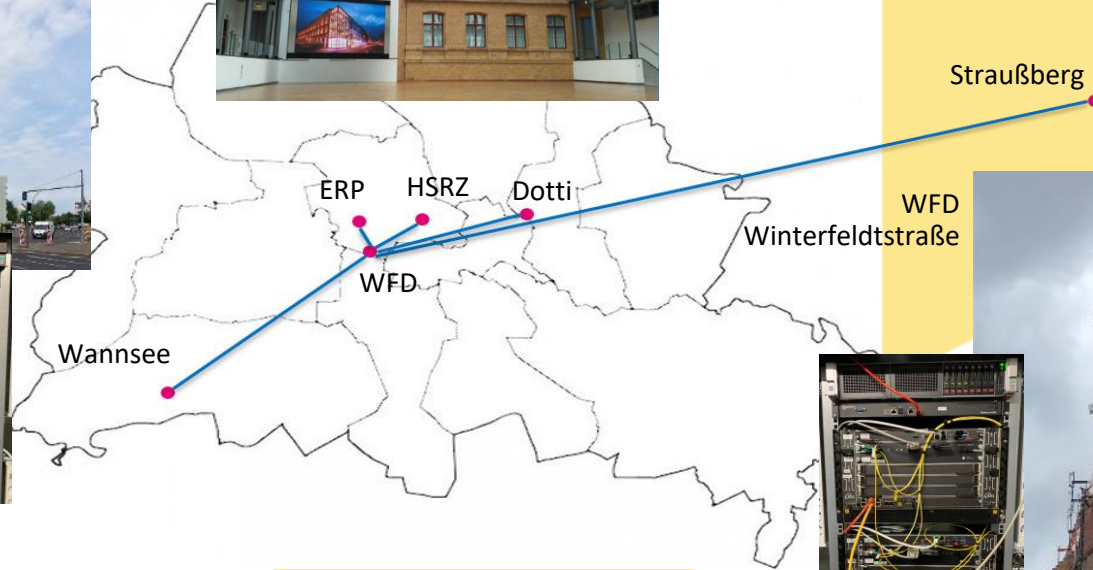


# Berlin Testbed Overview

ERP – Ernst-Reuter-Platz



HSRZ  
Deutsche Telekom  
Hauptstadt  
Repräsentanz



WFD

Winterfeldtstraße





# OpenQKD – TestNet Berlin – UC#28/#27

## Architecture

- Layered network
- Network domains
- Network functionalities
- Network performance
- Applications
- Key performance

- QKD Prov 01: idQuantique
- QKD Prov 02: Toshiba

- ENC Prov 11: tbd
- ENC Prov 12: ADVA

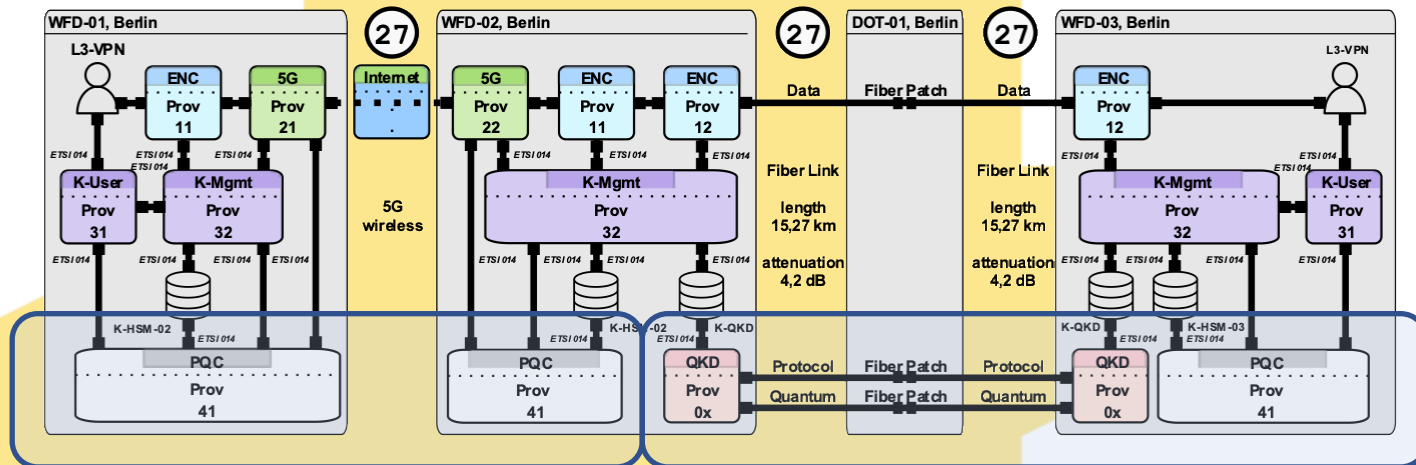
- 5G Prov 21: DTAG
- 5G Prov 22: DTAG

- K-User Prov 31: DTAG
- K-Mgmt Prov 32: DTAG

- PQC Prov 41: DTAG

- K-HSM-xy: DTAG

- N-Mgmt Prov 51: DTAG



- QKD Prov 01 – idQuantique

- QKD-01 Cerberis System  
Quantum channel at 1310 nm  
1 x 10GBASE Protocol channel

- QKD-02 Cerberis System  
Quantum channel at 1552,72 nm  
1 x 10GBASE Protocol channel

- QKD Prov 02 – Toshiba

- QKD-03 Toshiba-01 (TREL#3)  
Quantum channel at 1310 nm  
3 x 10GBASE Protocol channels  
as  $\lambda_s$ , or as DWDM data channels?

- QKD-04 Toshiba-02 (TREL#4)  
Quantum channel at 1550,12 nm  
3 x 10GBASE Protocol channels  
as  $\lambda_s$ , or as DWDM data channels?

- Encrytor Prov 12 – ADVA

- ENC-01-0x ADVA-01  
FSP3000 DWDM System  
10x10-100G Muxponder  
C-Band tunable

- User application L3-VPN – Thales
- User devices, L3-VPN getting Keys

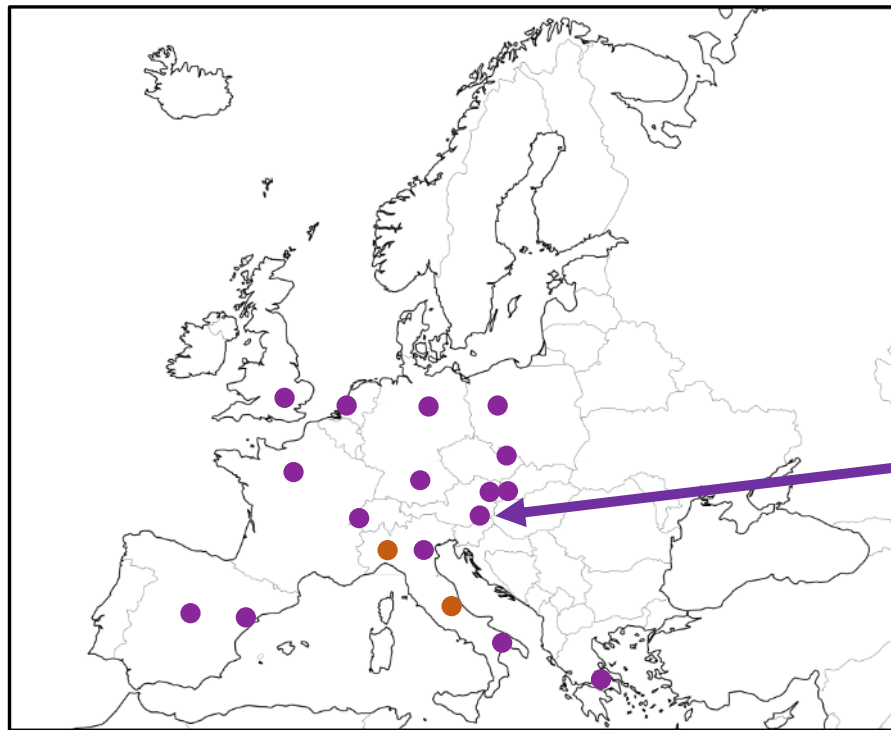
QKD: Quantum Key Distribution PQC: Post Quantum Cryptography



# Medical use-case in Graz

## Graz, AT

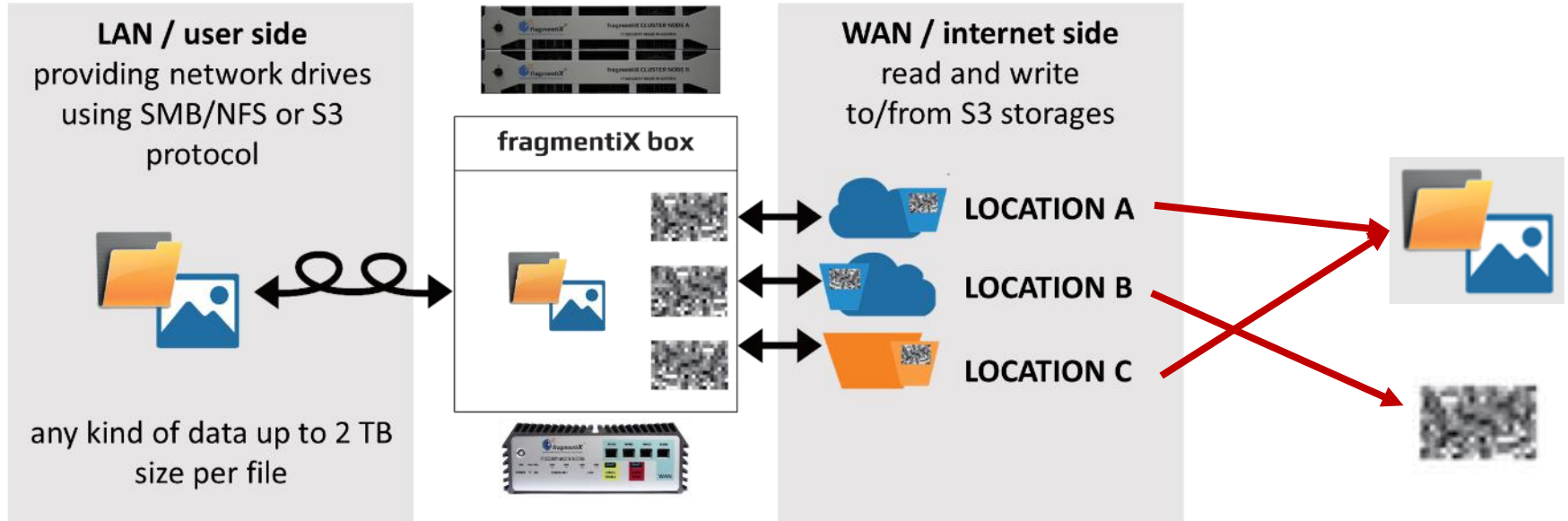
- + ITS securing sensitive medical data at rest and in transit (Use-Case 21)



**Graz AT**  
Healthcare



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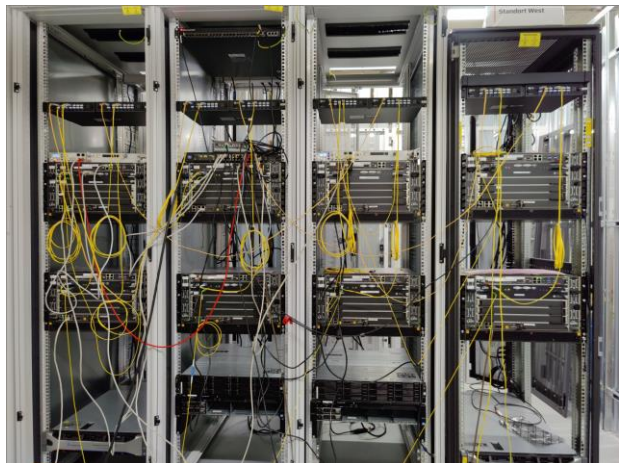
Need at least 2 shares to retrieve full data  
A single share yields no information



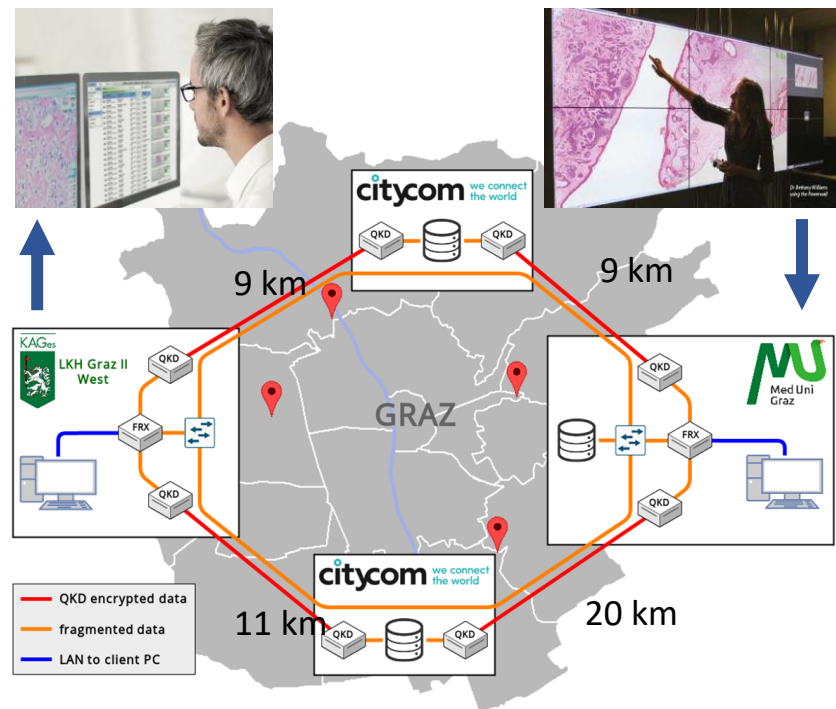
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## Deployment finalized in Graz:

- ❑ Test of QKD links (4 from IDQ, 2 from Toshiba) and completed under realistic conditions
- ❑ Fiber infrastructure characterized
- ❑ Interface to encryptors (ADVA) implemented
- ❑ Storage solution by FragmentiX



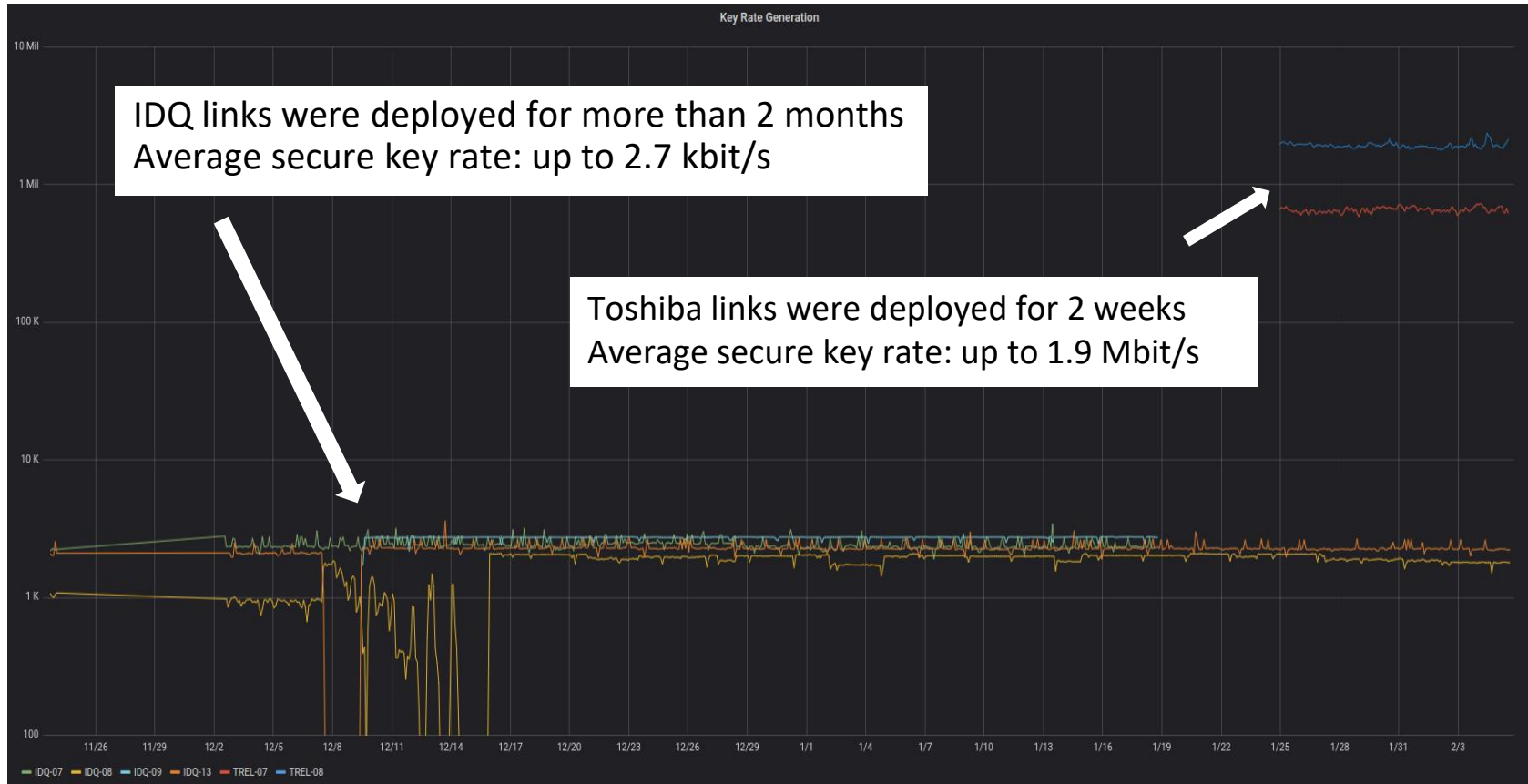
Dry-run of optical network



Geographic layout of network nodes



# Secure Key Rates from the Field Test





## Quantum Industry Board

- Industry discussion forum
- Up to date project info via newsletter
- Face-to-face meetings for QIB members

Register via:



bob@openqkd.eu

## Open Calls

- 1.000.000 € to expand project's innovation power
- 2<sup>nd</sup> round open now
- Up to 80.000€ per mini-projects
- Applications, use-cases, technological development (HW & SW)
- 2 stage process, brief project idea at stage 1
- Deadline stage 1: **04.06.2021**

More information on: [www.openqkd.eu/getinvolved](http://www.openqkd.eu/getinvolved)