

OpenQKD & EuroQCI Quantum Networks in Madrid



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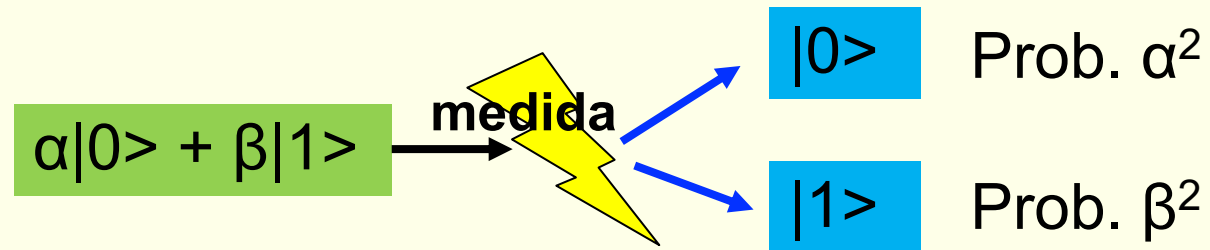
- Quantum Communications from a network perspective.
 - Why is it urgent to do Quantum Communications?
 - Why is difficult to do networked quantum comms?
- European and Worldwide Quantum Networks Panorama.
 - Quantum testbeds in Madrid and the OpenQKD project
 - EuroQCI and Madrid Quantum

What is Quantum communications?

- Quantum Communications:
 - The ability to **transport information encoded in the states of quantum systems.**
 - E.g. a **qubit** (the analogous of a bit in quantum information) encoded in the polarization states of light (any two-states quantum system could do)
- It allows to do **things that cannot be done using only classical resources:**
 - Quantum Cryptography
 - Quantum state teleportation
 - Quantum Sensing/metrology
 - Communications between quantum computers
 - ...

► El Qubit.

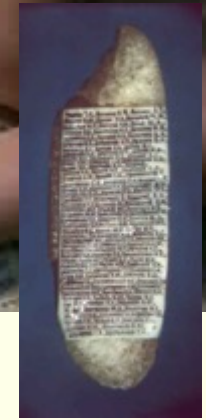
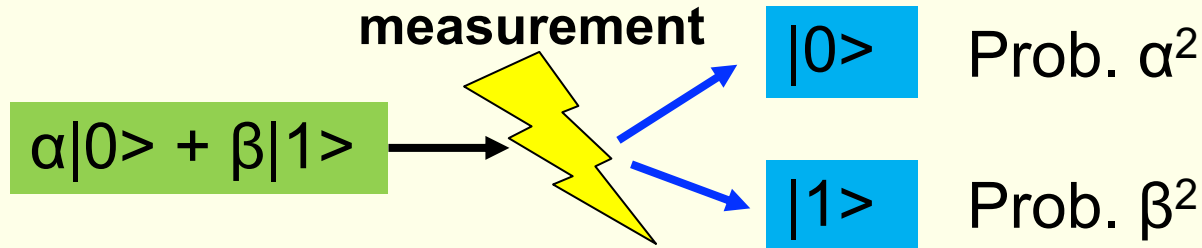
- Definamos dos estados cuánticos como 0 y 1: $|0\rangle$ y $|1\rangle$
 - $|0\rangle$ significa “el estado cuántico que representa al valor 0 del qubit”... Sea cual sea su implementación física: la polarización de un fotón, estados de espín...
- Un estado genérico de un qubit se escribe: $|\phi\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle$
- Lectura (medida):



- $(\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = 1)$
- Nótese que la lectura modifica el estado del qubit.
- Teorema de la No-clonación: **No se puede copiar un estado cuántico desconocido.**

Resources: The Qubit.

- Reading the state of a qubit (measurement):



- $(\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = 1)$, measurement done in the $\{|0\rangle, |1\rangle\}$ basis.
- Note: **measurement modifies the state of the qubit.**
- We do not have access to α or β

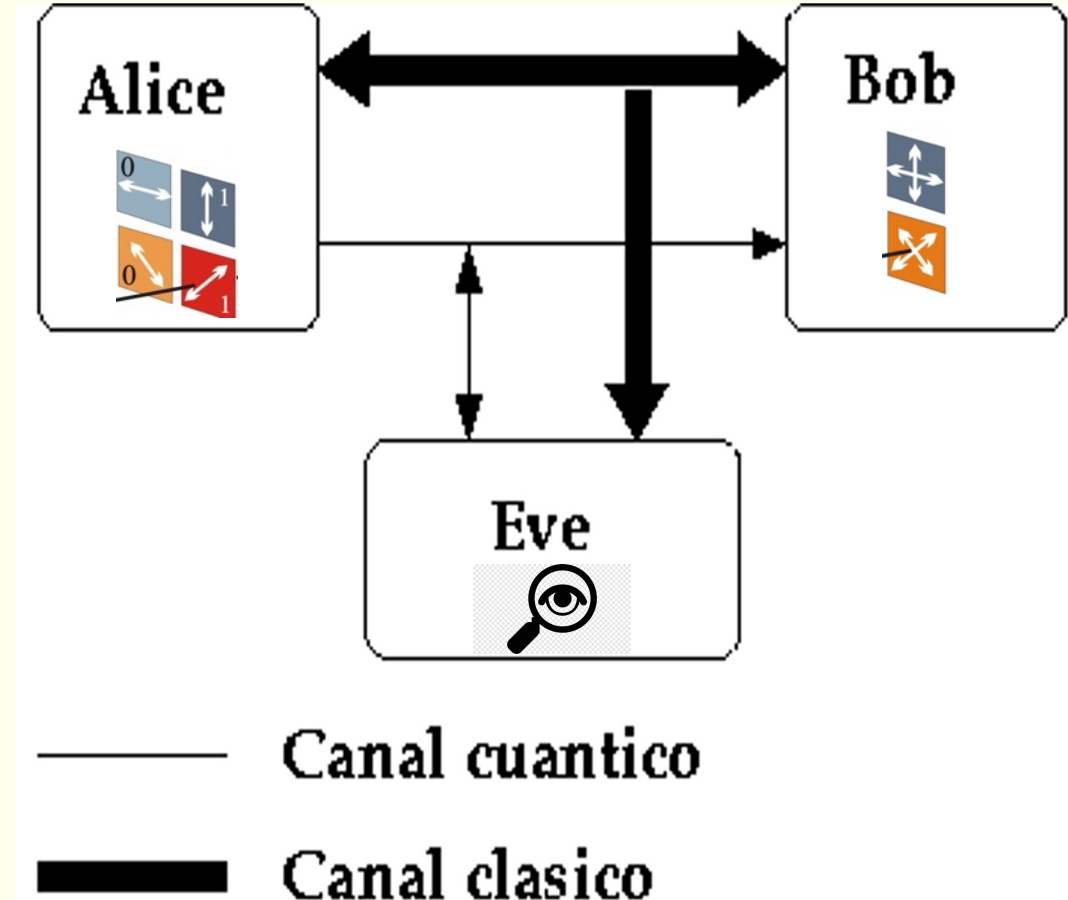
It is not like this!!... Cannot store a gazillion bits in α or β !!

“A qubit cannot be cloned* ”

* Naive statement with shades of gray...

Ingredients:

- A **qubit emitter** (think photons): Alice.
 - Can prepare qubits in different states and basis.
- A **qubit receiver**: Bob
 - Can measure qubits in different basis
- A **quantum channel** (able to transport the qubits from Alice to Bob)
- A **classical channel** (public but **authentic**)
- ... and the spy (Eve)



Quantum communications are not easy

The Quantum channel

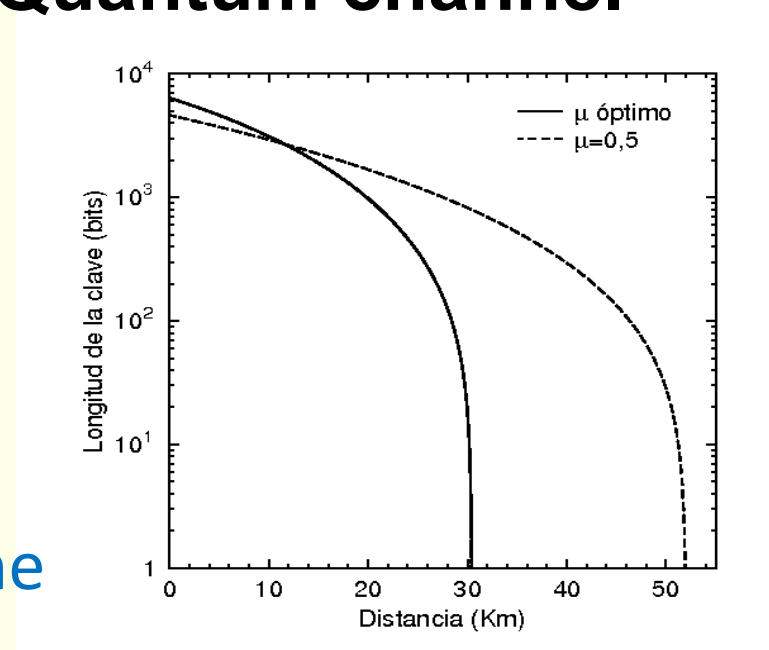
Signals are always absorbed.

- Except in perfect vacuum.
 - Exponential decay
- Free space: aperture

Quantum systems interact with the environment

- Decoherence: Loss of information

... just a couple of many problems...



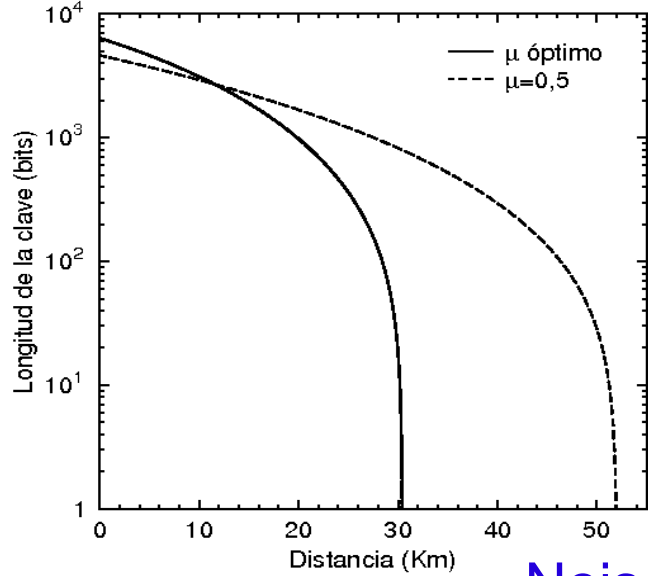
Quantum cryptography directly sending Quantum systems is fundamentally limited in reach

0 km	10^9 photons/sec.
15 km	$5 \cdot 10^8$
150 km	10^6
300 km	1000
600 km	1 p per 20 min.
900 km	1 p per 36 years

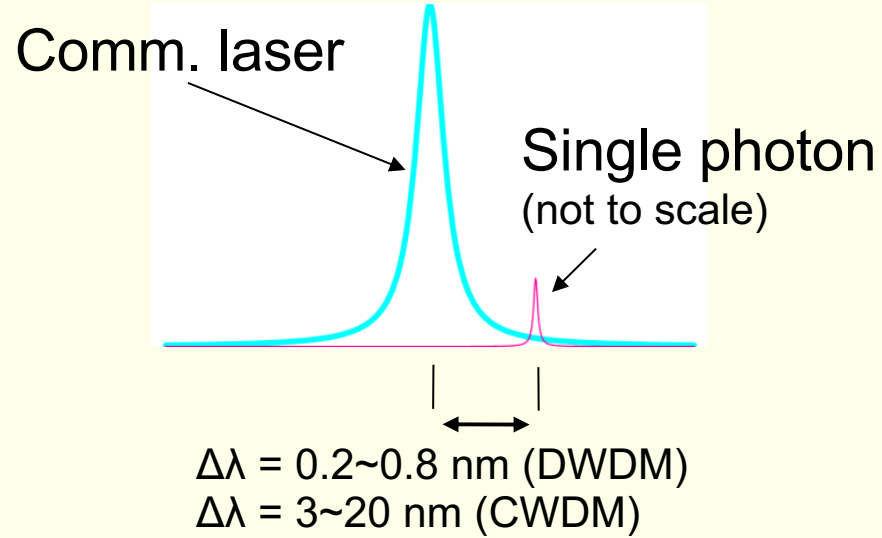
Losses in fibre 0.2 dB/km

... and losses is not the only problem?

Limited reach, point to point.

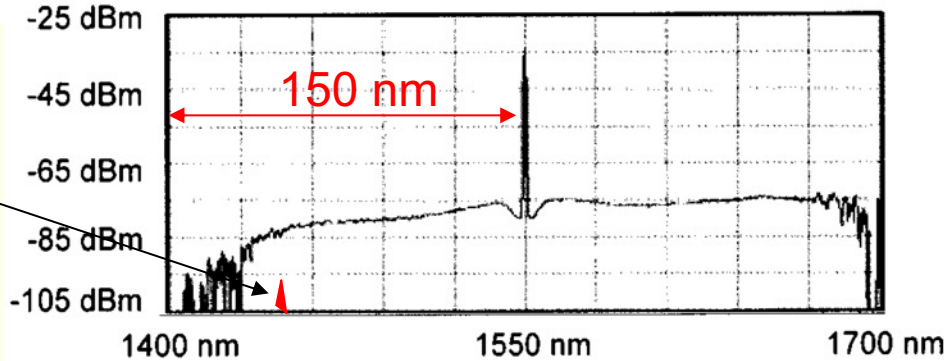


extremely weak signals.



Noise in the fibre: Raman

Single Photon
(approx. scale)



Raman backscattering of a signal at 1549 nm [DOI: 10.1063/1.1842862]

- Difficult to detect.
- Absorptions
- Masked by the noise

We know that quantum information is “more powerful” than classical information.

We know that we can do more things... but dealing with quantum signals is not easy, and in a network is even worse...

- Quantum crypto is the most mature application.
 - Information Theoretic Security : “invulnerable” to computational attacks.

... but, is it worth?

Let's concentrate just in quantum cryptanalysis.

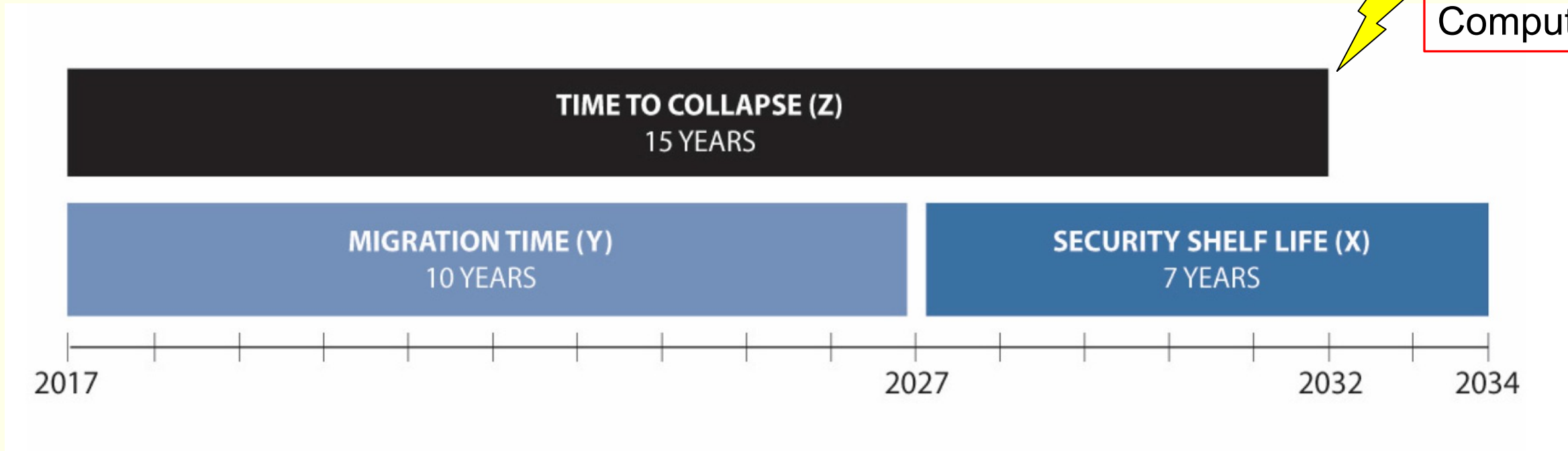
Quantum Computing and Crypto: Do we have a problem?

- ▶ Quantum computers break, in polynomial time, the most used algorithms for public key cryptography and key distribution.
 - RSA
 - Elliptic curve cryptography
 - Diffie–Hellman (RSA/ECC)
- ▶ But, you know, building a quantum computer **will take forever...**
 - Or, at least, so many years that you do not need to worry...

Shor's Algorithm

Quantum Computing and Crypto: Do we have a problem?

Quantum Computer



From : Quantum Computing: Progress & Prospects 2018. A Consensus Report. National Academy of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine (adapted from M. Mosca, 2015)

... write your own answer:

- ▶ **Z:** Time to a quantum computer: ?
- ▶ **Y:** Time to fully change the security infrastructure:
Estimate (NIST) 20yrs.
- ▶ **X:** Shelf life: 1–50 yrs. (what is your application?)

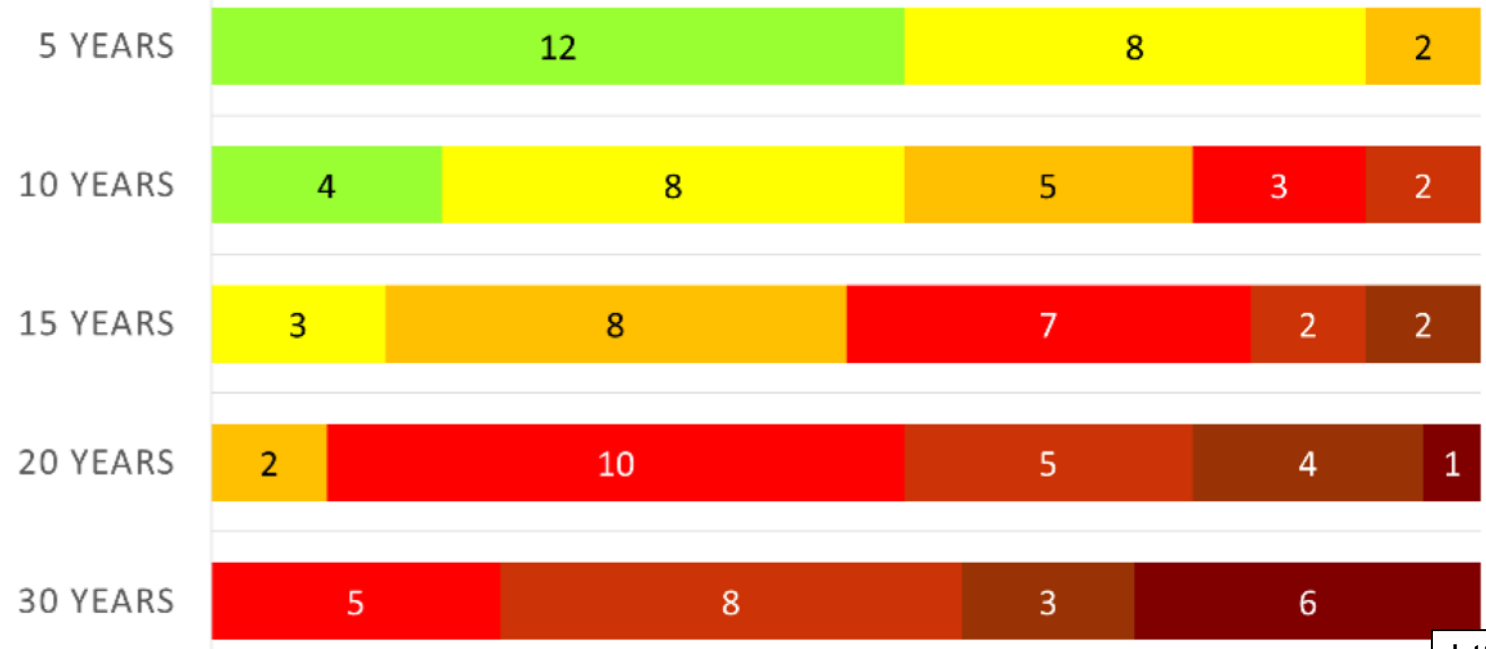
If $X+Y > Z$... you have problems.

... people think that in 30 years conventional public crypto as we know it will be killed by Quantum Computing.

EXPERT OPINIONS ON THE LIKELIHOOD OF A SIGNIFICANT QUANTUM THREAT TO PUBLIC-KEY CYBERSECURITY AS FUNCTION OF TIME



TIME



Numbers reflect how many experts (out of 22) assigned a certain probability range.

Solution as an experts opinion poll

(Global Risk Institute, 2019)

Please indicate how likely you estimate that a quantum computer, able to factorize a 2048-bit number in less than 24 hours, will be built within the next 5 years, 10 years, 15 years, 20 years, and 30 years,

<https://globalriskinstitute.org/download/quantum-threat-timeline-full-report-2/>

European Quantum Scenario (and beyond)



QUANTUM
FLAGSHIP

- 10 years Framework.
- First Calls 2018
 - 1000 M€
- All Quantum Tech.



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Similar programs in US.

- Last developments on networks: Quantum Cybersecurity Preparedness Act of April 2022. Quantum Chicago Exchange Network, Q-NEXT (DoE Research Centre at Argonne Nat. Lab.)



Japan, China, Australia, S. Korea, Russia also have nation-wide quantum programs.



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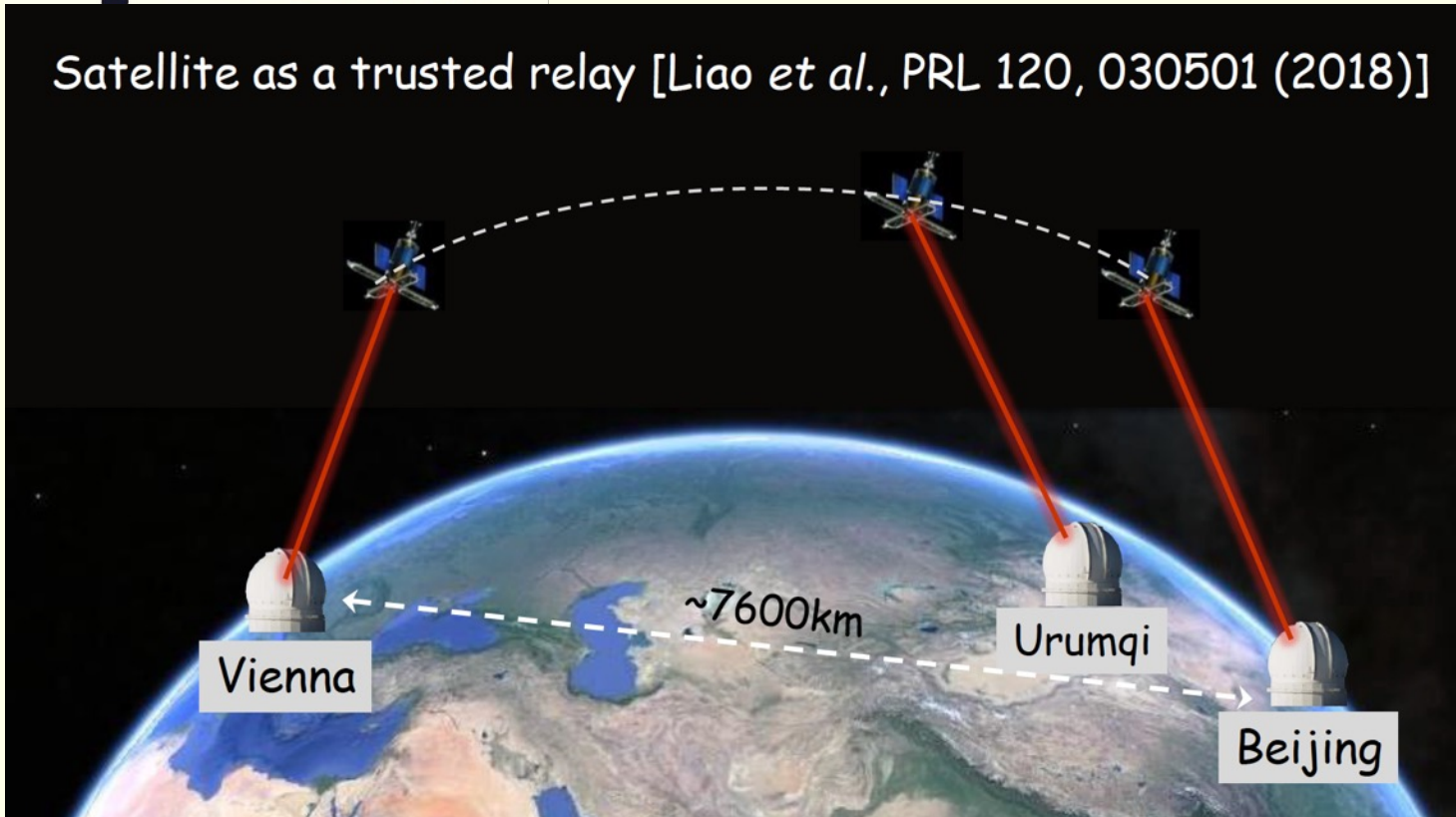


China

From J. Pan

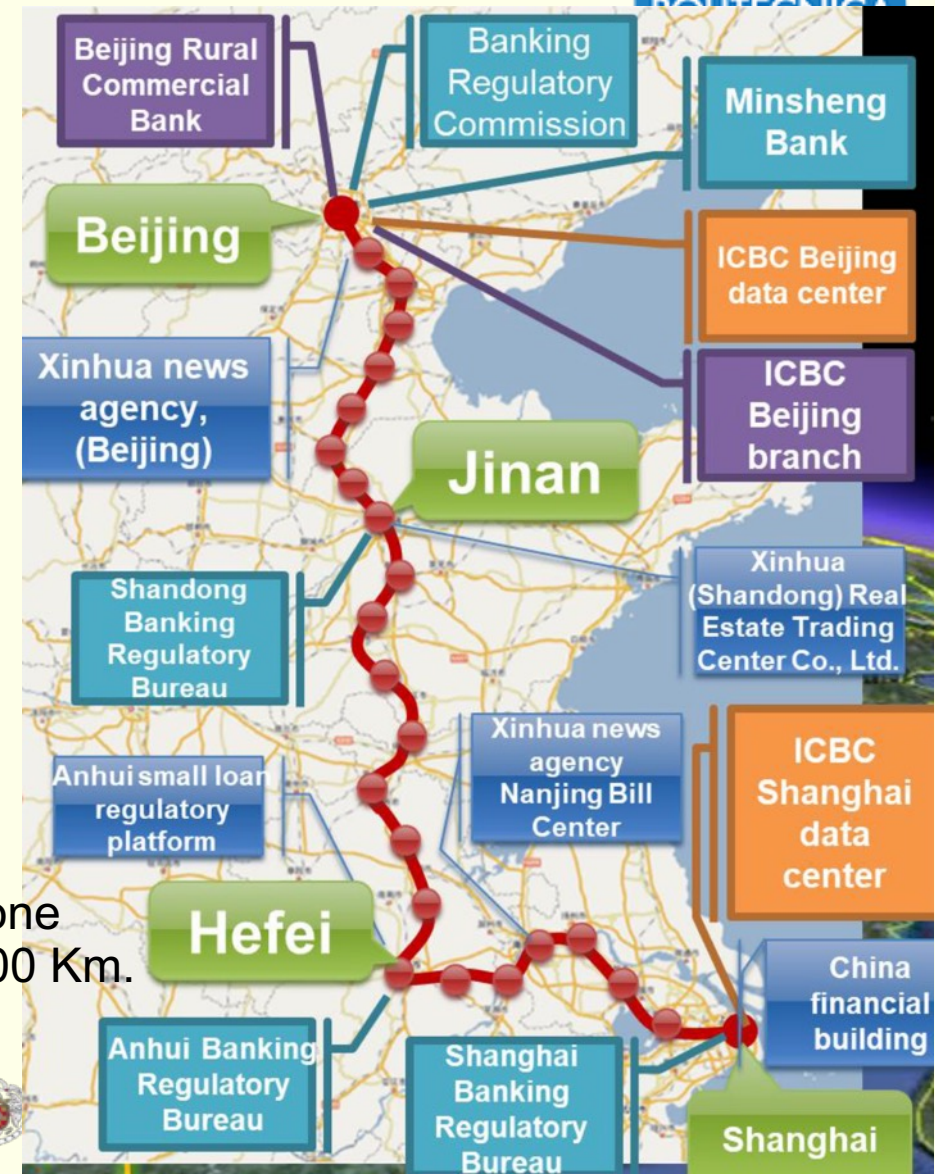


Satellite as a trusted relay [Liao et al., PRL 120, 030501 (2018)]

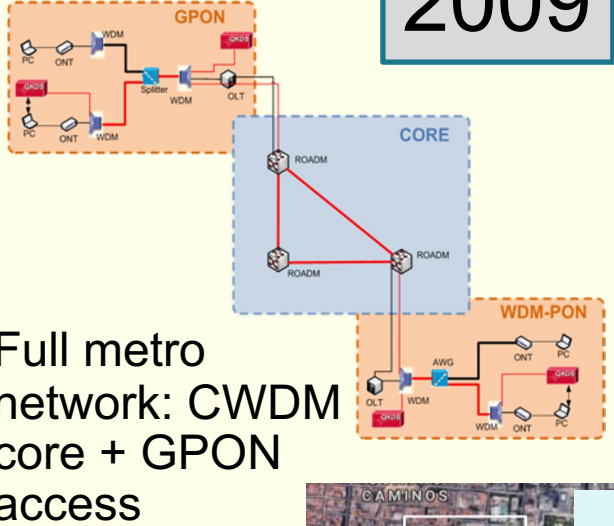


“Micius” satellite. Intercontinental QKD

National Quantum Backbone Beijing-Shanghai 2016. 2000 Km. 32 trusted relays



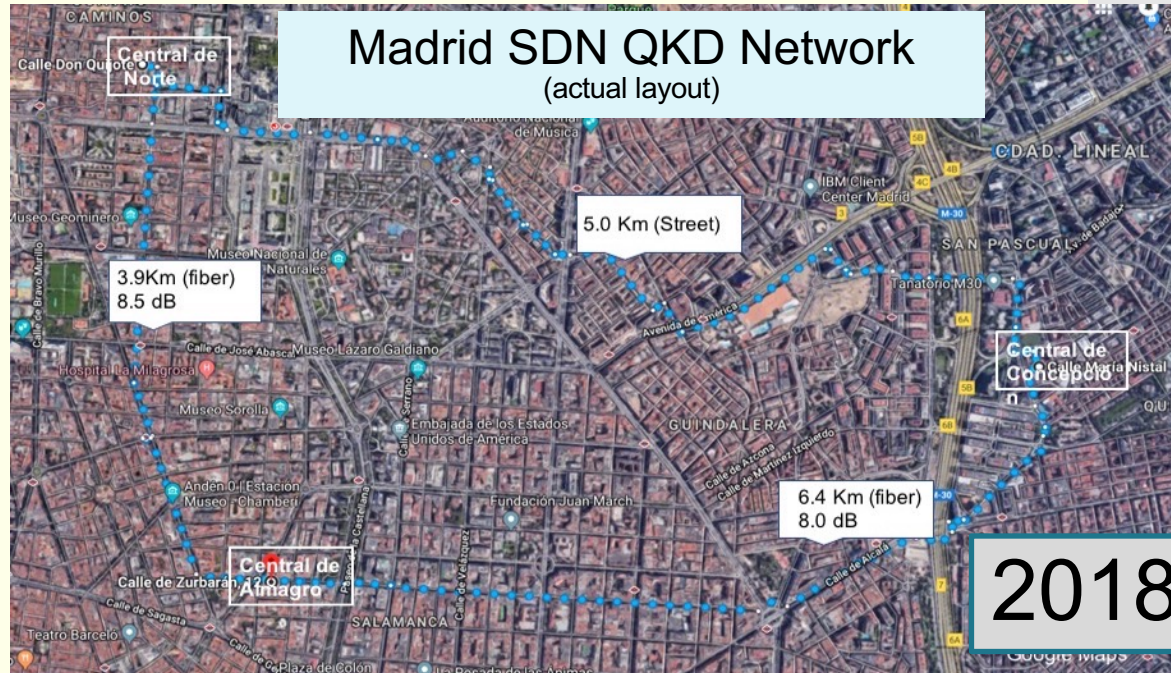
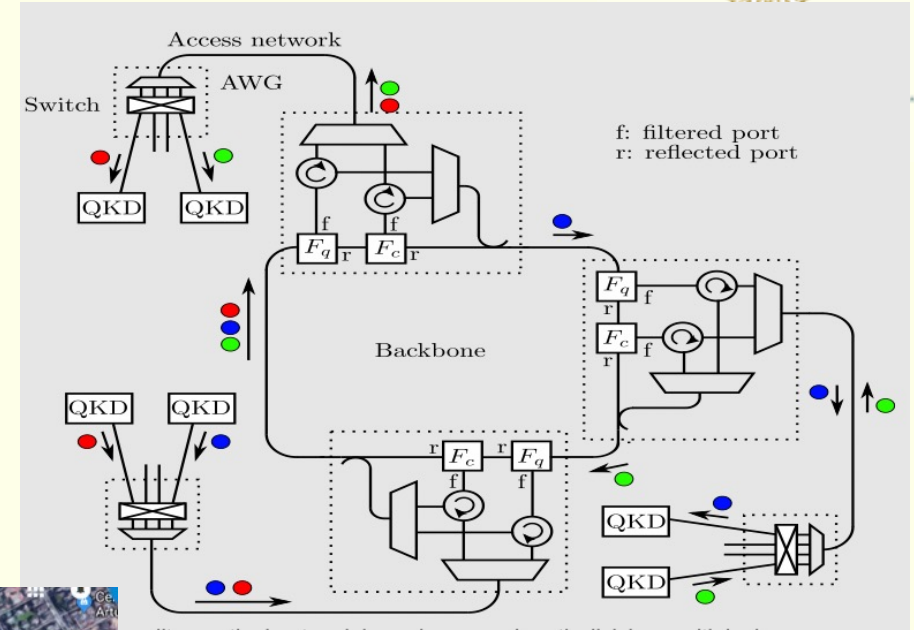
UPM & Quantum Networks



2009

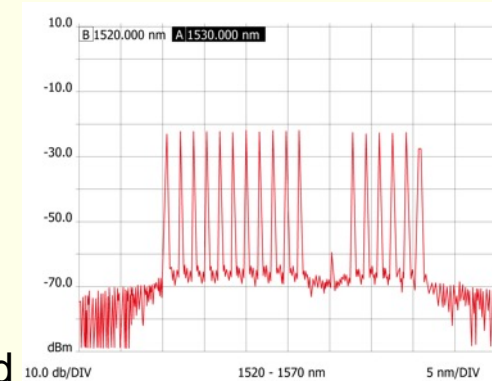


2014



2018

- Largest Quantum Network in Europe ever.
- Industrial participation.
- Real world network installed in production facilities.
- Full network stack developed by UPM



1.7Tbps classical / Quantum C-Band copropagation

“The Engineering of a SDN Quantum Key Distribution Network” IEEE Comms. Mag. July 2019, Special number “The Future of Internet” doi: 10.1109/MCOM.2019.1800763 ; <http://arxiv.org/abs/1907.00174>

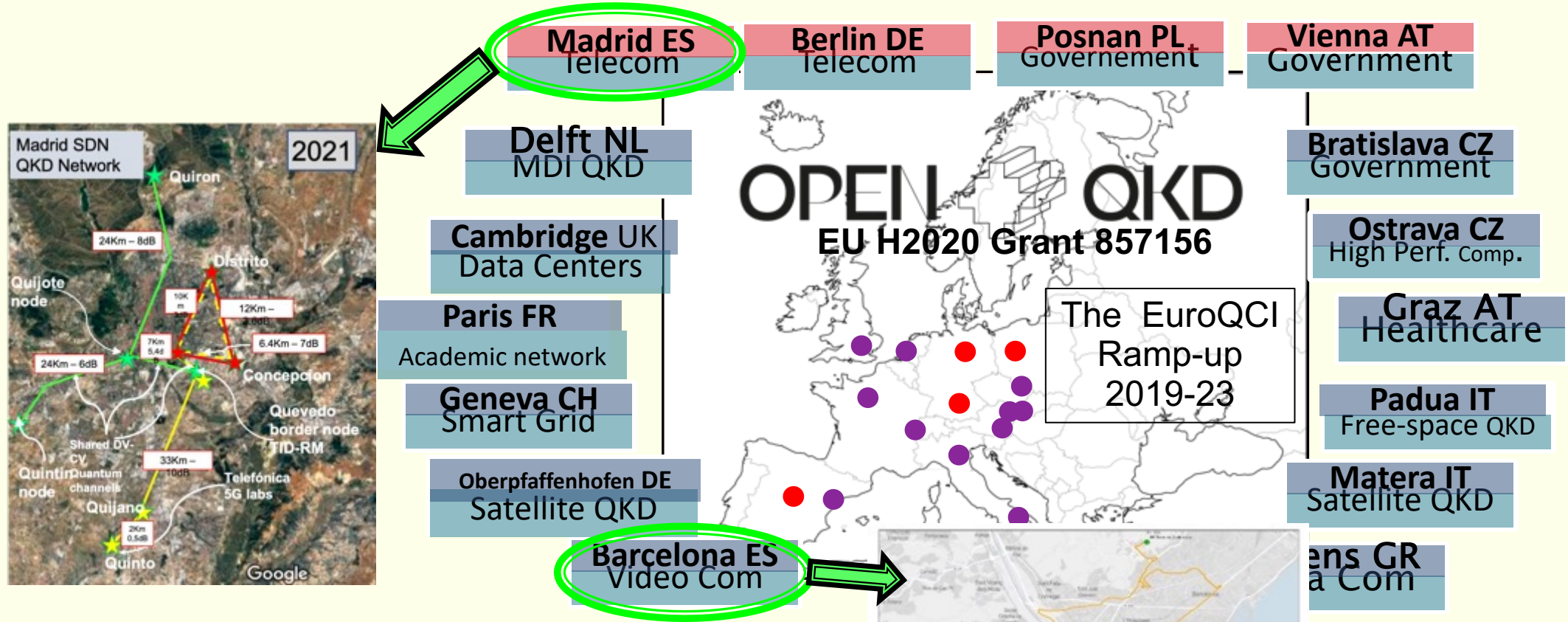
Madrid Quantum Network. The OpenQKD project

- ▶ Considered as the “EuroQCI Ramp up”
- ▶ European Open QKD Network
- ▶ Testbeds to **demonstrate** the feasibility and **maturity of Quantum Communications technologies.**
- ▶ 33 Use-cases
- ▶ OpenCalls to increase the exposure to Quantum Communications of new players.
 - 4 calls runs in the Madrid testbed



OPEN QKD : The EuroQCI Ramp-up

- Demonstrating real world use-cases in real deployments
- 38 partners /18 M€
- 16 Test Sites.
- 4 large Major testbeds
- OpenCalls (1M€)



Additional Industrial Spanish participation through the OpenCalls





- Deployed, full installation.
- Telefonica Ring
- Under deployment

BoM: (26 Q devices installed)

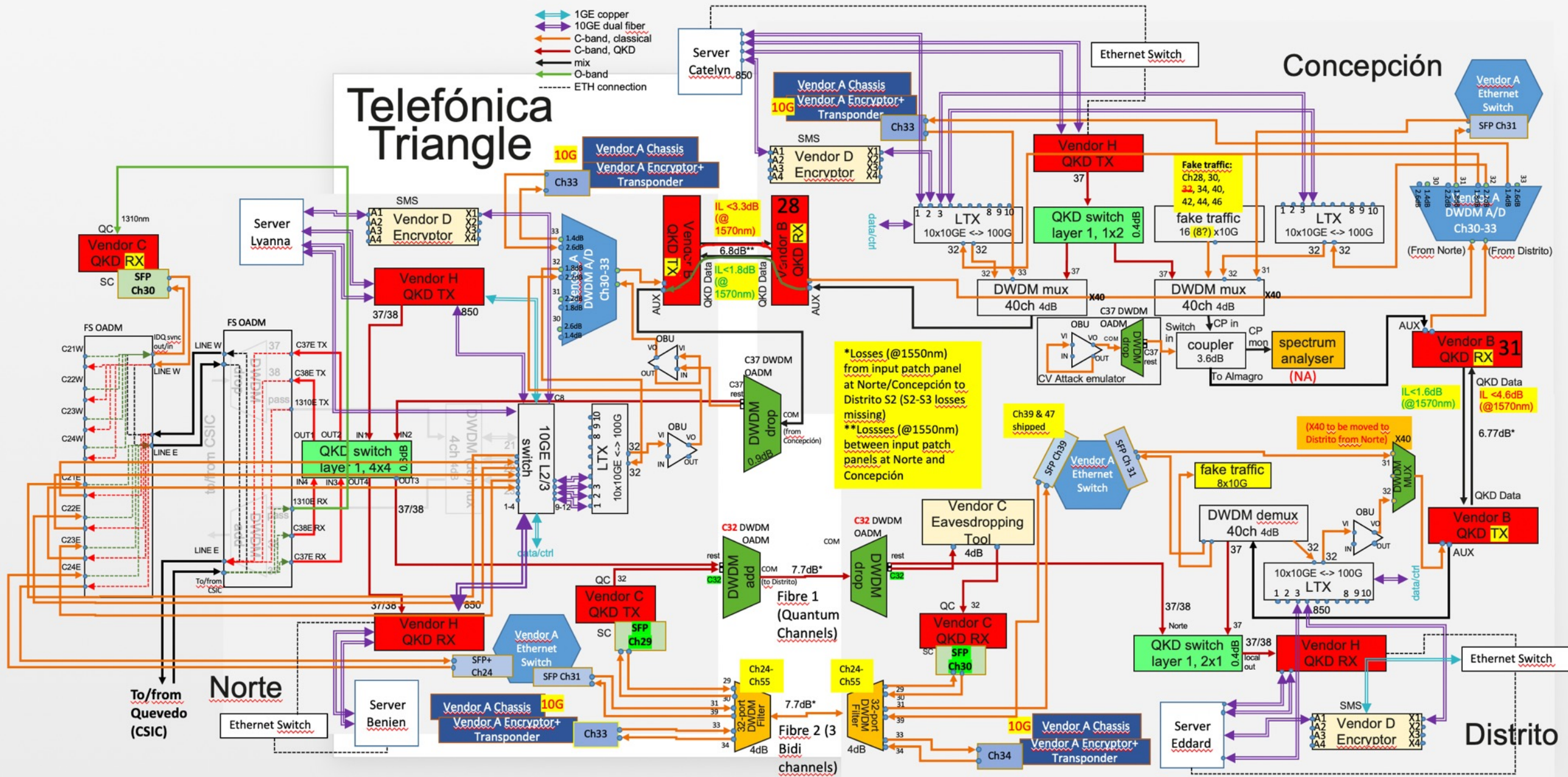
- 4 QKD pairs idQ systems (3xC & 2xO band)
- 4 QKD pairs Toshiba (O band)
- ADVA optical transport equipment.
- 2 ADVA Level 1 encryptors.
- 5 R&S Level 2 SITLine encryptors
- Plus 5 HWDU CV QKD pairs (from CiViQ)

Important: A real world network.

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

Telefónica Triangle

- ↔ 1GE copper
- ↔ 10GE dual fiber
- ↔ C-band, classical
- ↔ C-band, QKD
- ↔ mix
- ↔ O-band
- ETH connection



*Losses (@1550nm) from input patch panel at Norte/Concepción to Distrito S2 (S2-S3 losses missing)
 **Losses (@1550nm) between input patch panels at Norte and Concepción

Concepción

Distrito

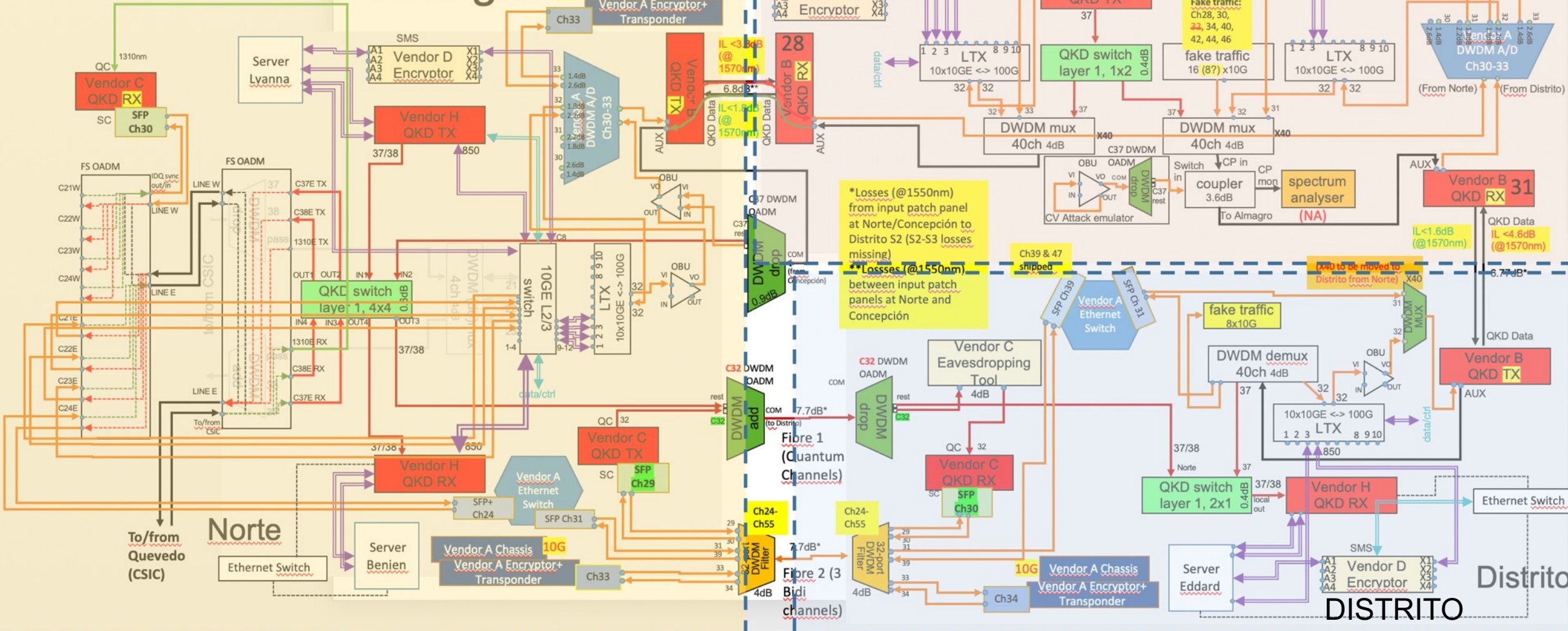
Norte

NORTE

CONCEPCION
Concepción

Telefónica Triangle

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DISTRITO



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



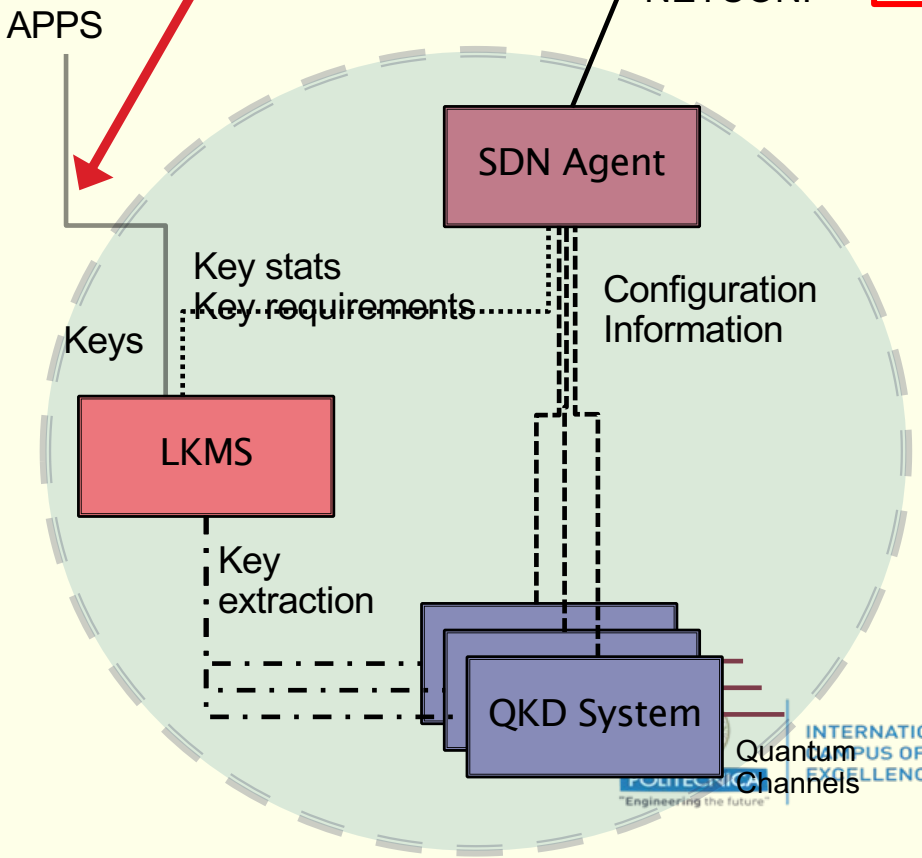
- 2 Quantum & service channels DV and CV from/to previous/next node. Compatibility in C & O bands in same fiber.
- Classical communications in bidi fiber, cyphered L1, L2 & L3 traffic.

Key structure: SD-QKD-Node Abstraction

ISG-QKD 004 "Application Interface"

SDN Controller

ISG-QKD 015 "Quantum Key Distribution Control Interface for Software Defined Networks"



ETSI: Industry Specification Group on QKD.

NW people is familiar with this way of doing things.

The background diagram shows a network architecture. At the top is the 'App Layer' with an 'SDN Controller' (University of Madrid logo) and the slogan 'Ingeniamos el futuro'. Below it is the 'SD-QKD Node' which contains 'QKD Iface' components. These nodes are connected to 'Quantum Channels'. Logos for 'UNIVERSIDAD COMPLUTENSE MADRID', 'UNIVERSIDAD AUTONOMA DE MADRID', and 'fundaciónhm investigación' are visible at the bottom.

Use-cases

Madrid, ES

- + 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)

+ OpenCalls successful submissions:

- **Q-KaaS: QKD Keys as a Service**
 - Up and Running –SME (Spain)
- **Phylogenetic Trees** (Quantum Secure Multiparty)
 - Coimbra Genomics -SME (Portugal)
 - U. Aveiro (Portugal)
 - HWDU Research (Germany, also CiViQ partner)
- **QGeKO** GMV- Access to Galileo Public Regulated Services

+ New approved OpenQKD use case:

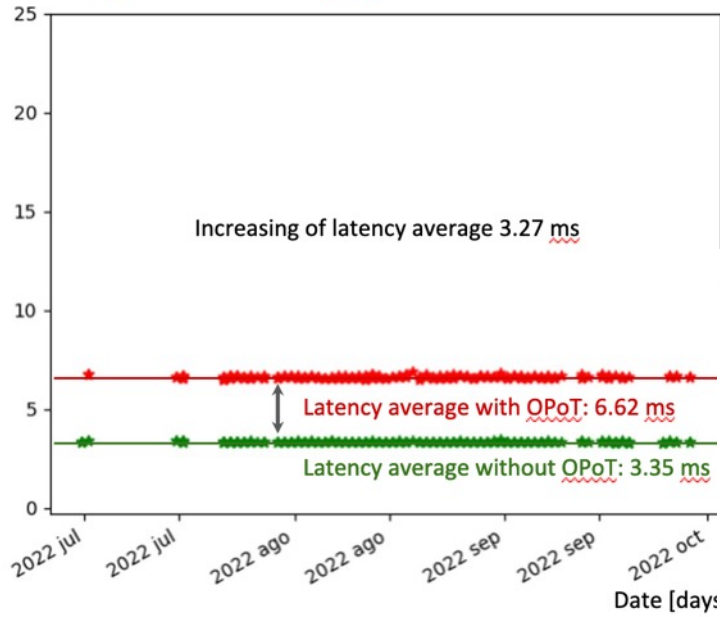
- Private transactions and permissioning in DLT networks. (UC-35, Telefónica)

Check www.openqkd.eu for many more use-cases

15. Network security and attestation. KPI 29

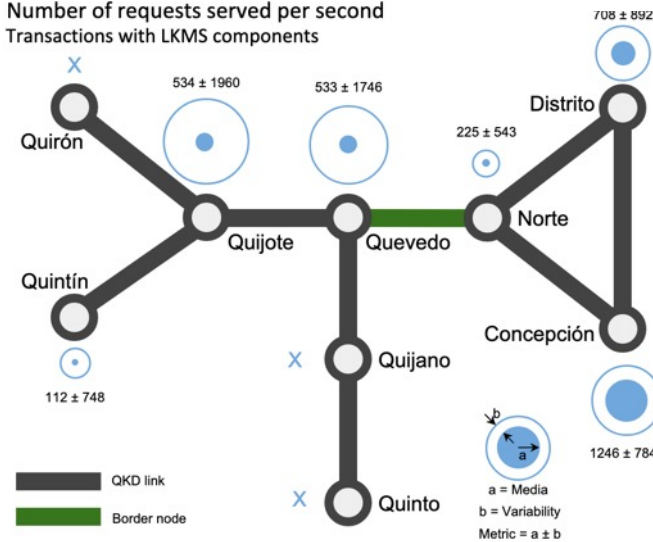
Increased latency, in milliseconds

Latency [ms] with and without OPoT. Quintín-Quijote-Quevedo scenario.



17. QKD as a Cloud Service. KPI 17

Number of requests served per second
Transactions with LKMS components

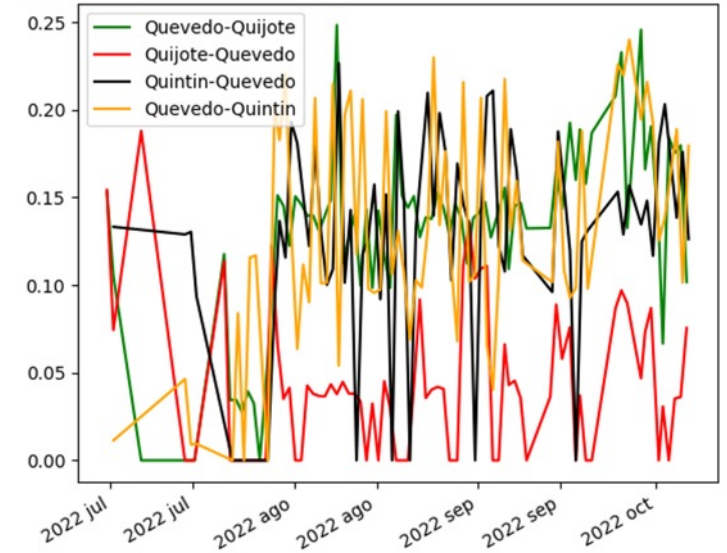


18 y 25. e-Health, B2B and 5G services. KPI 30_31

Latency in serving a request, in microseconds

LATENCIA ENTRE MM. VV

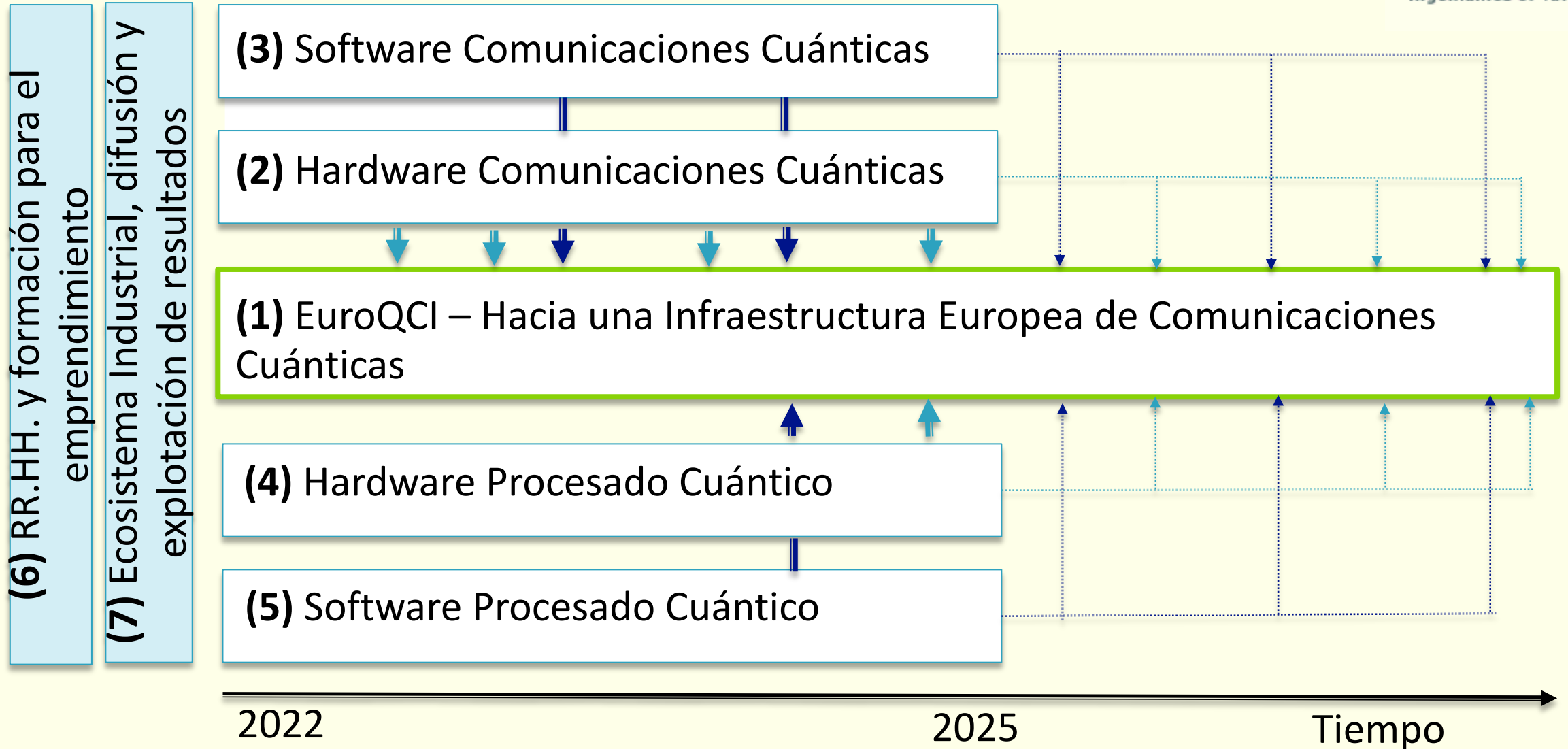
Latency [ms]



CONTEXTO:

- **Plan de Recuperación, Transformación y Resiliencia** incluye un paquete de medidas para el fortalecimiento de las capacidades del Sistema Español de Ciencia, Tecnología e Innovación.
- **Planes Complementarios de I+D+I** constituyen una nueva herramienta de **coordinación y co-gobernanza** de la programación de la **Admin. General del Estado** y las **Comunidades Autónomas**.
- Inicialmente priorizadas **8 áreas** (EECTI 21-27). **Comunicaciones Cuánticas** es una.
 - Asignación inicial aproximada para todas las áreas ~ **250M€ + Contribuciones CCAA**
- **Status Comunicaciones Cuánticas:** Últimos pasos: **Pendiente de firma de convenios. 6 CCAA** involucradas: Castilla y León, Cataluña, Galicia, Madrid, País Vasco + CSIC + Valencia
 - **Estimado total Comunicaciones Cuánticas: +50M€**
 - **Comienzo** esperado: **2022**
- **Participación Industrial:** Llamadas competitivas

Esquema General: Coordination with the EC framework

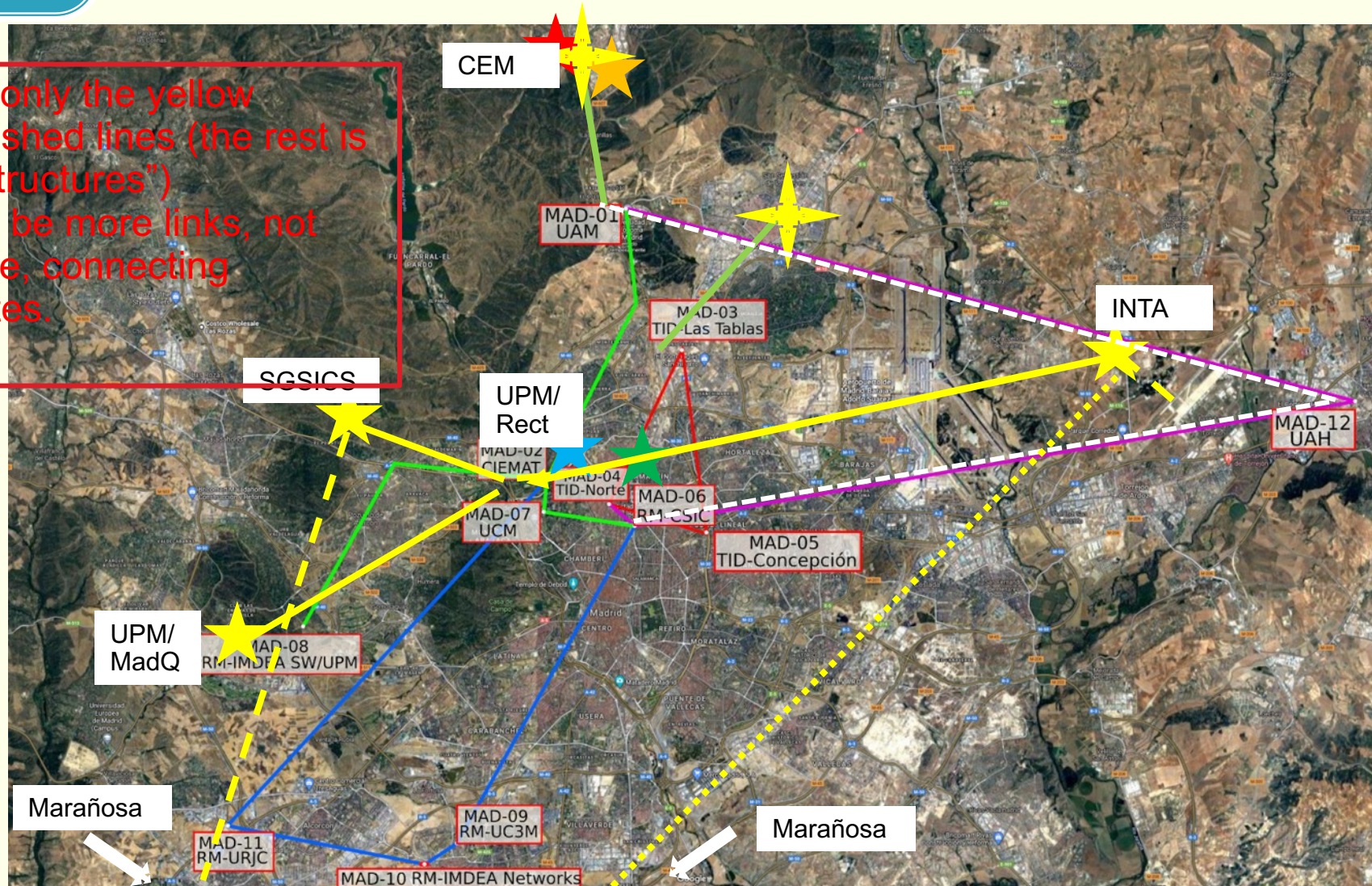


- Demonstration and capability creation.

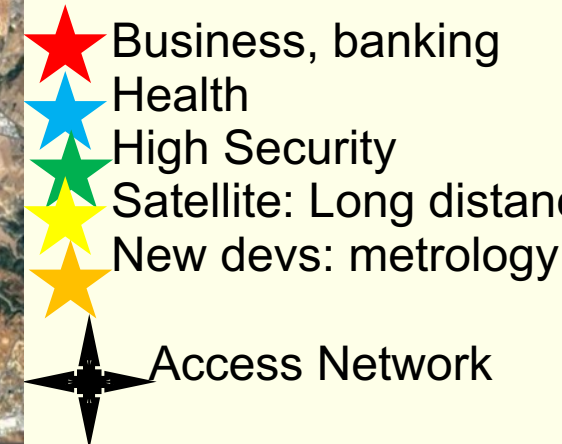
1ST phase: 2 years Qualitative growth



- Consider only the yellow Solid and dashed lines (the rest is "other Infrastructures")
- There will be more links, not depicted here, connecting academic sites.

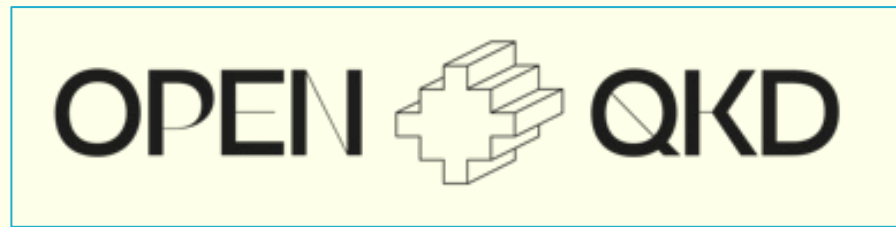


- Connection with EuroQCI Space segment
- Connecting users with Qualitatively different needs
- Evolve the infrastructure from research and demonstration to services





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