

## QKD in the GÉANT network

Performance of multiplexed QKD

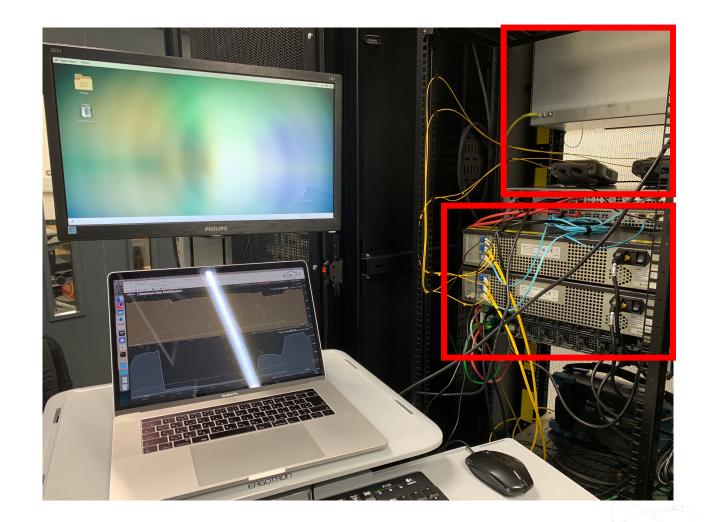
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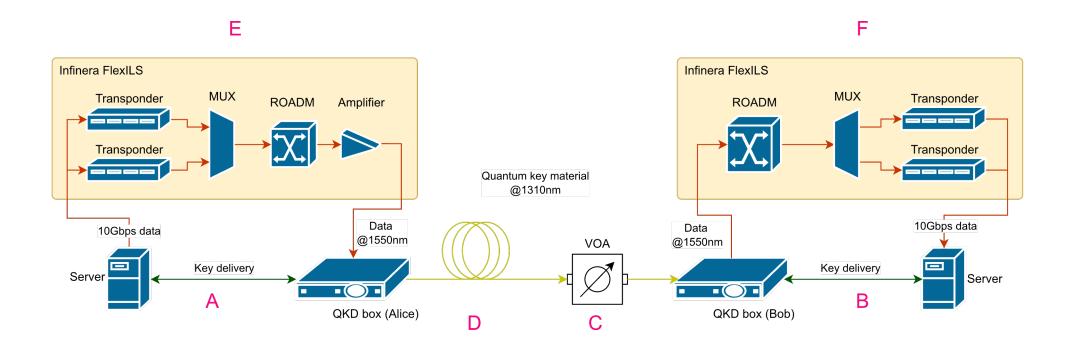
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### **Experiments**

- QKD in C-band, no data
- QKD in O-band, data in C-band
- Multiplex data at multiple power levels
  - →Secret Key Rate →QBER
- Maximum sustainable attenuation
  - →Which link spans could we cover currently?



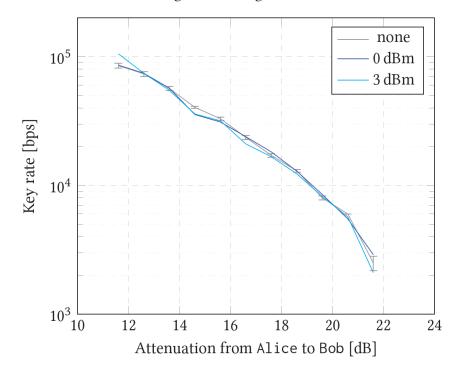
### Lab Setup

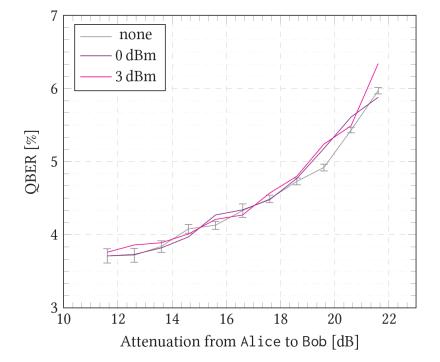




### **Results (Single Data Wave)**

Average bit-rate against attenuation



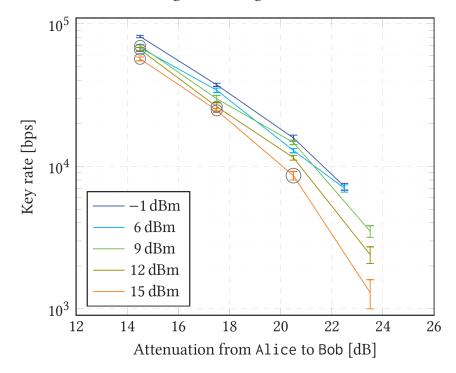


Average QBER against attenuation

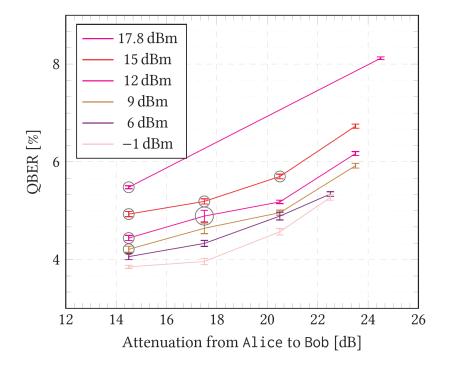


### **Results (Two Data Waves)**

Average bit-rate against attenuation



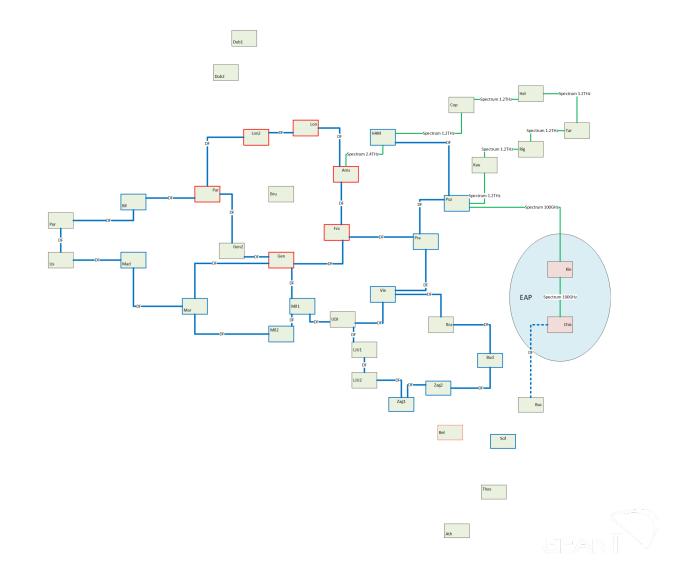
#### Average QBER against attenuation





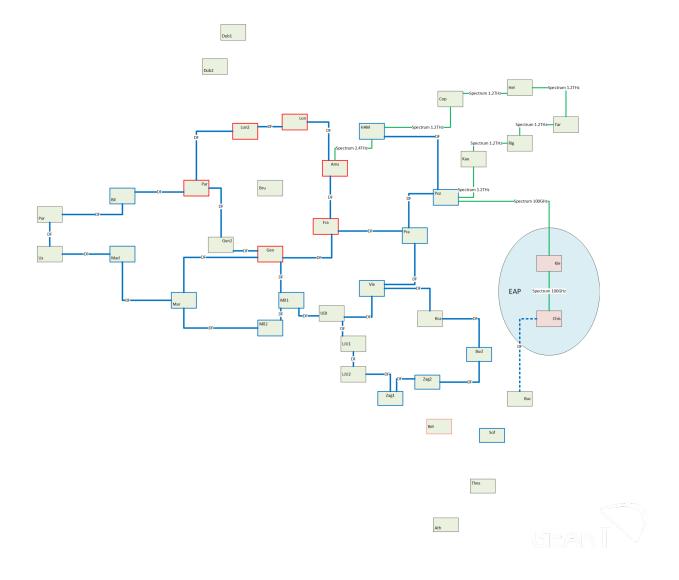
### **Feasibility of Implementation**

- Multiplex QKD traffic at 1310nm with data at 1550nm
- Use dedicated dark fibre with QKD at 1550nm
- ... or something else



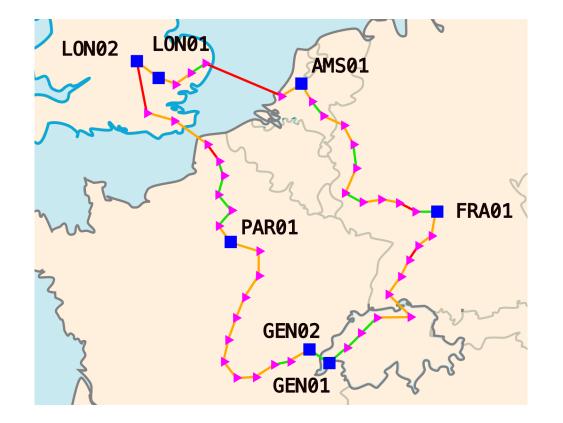
### **Feasibility of Implementation**

- GÉANT network:
  - •~30% @1310nm
  - •~90% @1550nm



### **Feasibility of Implementation**

- Western ring:
  - ~23% @1310nm
  - •~90% @1550nm



Green: multiplexing possible Orange: dark fibre possible Red: alternative needed





# Thank You

Any questions?

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