



QKD with Entangled Photons

How Noble Prize Physics Revolutionize Cybersecurity

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One-Stop Solution

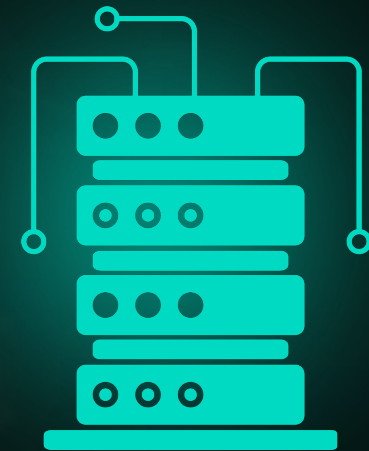
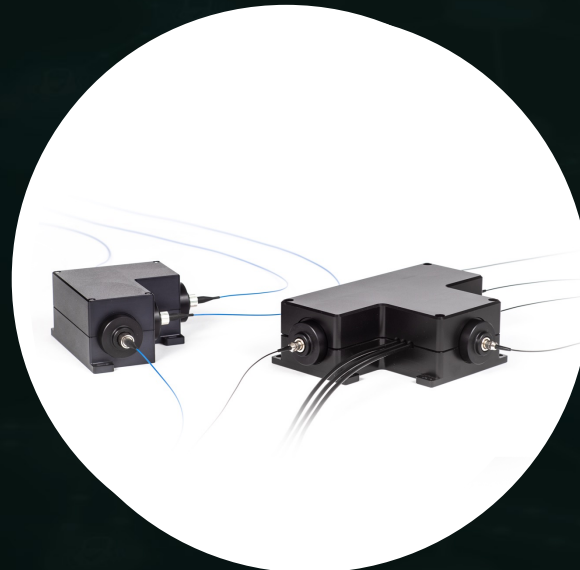
Hardware, Software, & Service for post-quantum security

Entangled Photon Pair Sources

Quantum State Analyzers

Key Management System

Crypto Box / Network



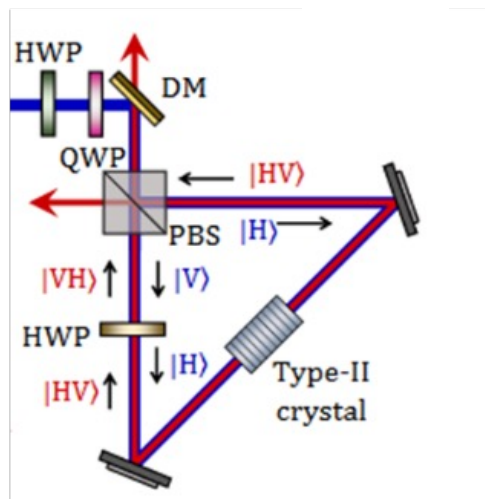
Quantum Key Distribution Systems

Quantum
Secure

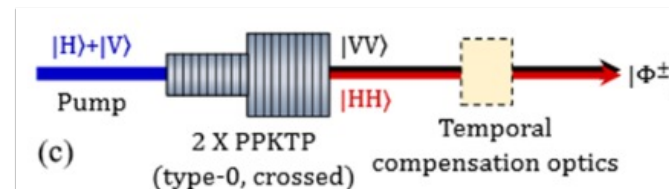
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Entangled Photon Pair Source

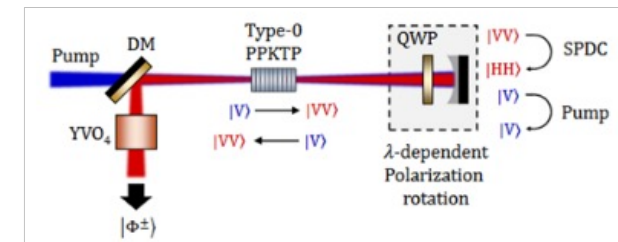
Sagnac-Cavity Configuration



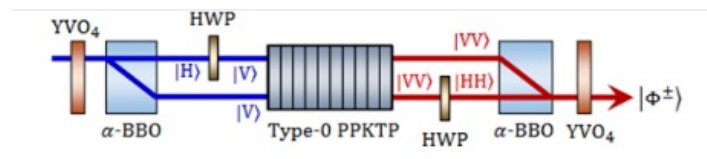
Crossed-Crystal Configuration



Double-Pass Configuration



Parallel MZI Configuration



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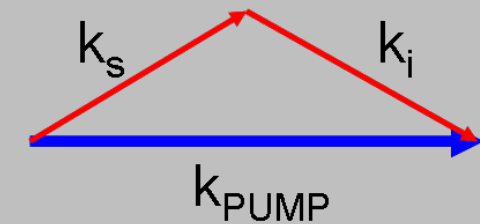
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QKD-Systems with Entangled Photons

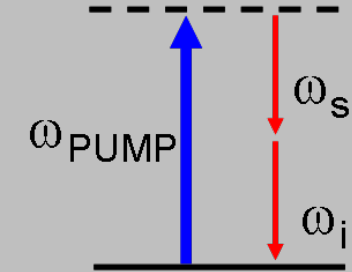
- SPDC (spontaneous parametric down conversion) process



Momentum Conservation



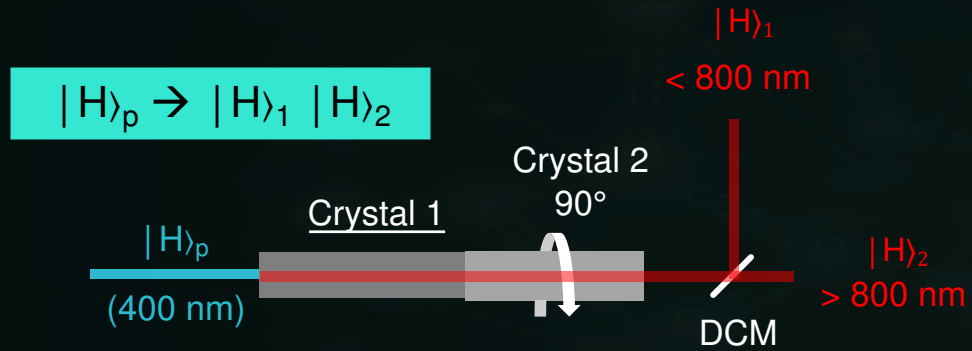
Energy conservation



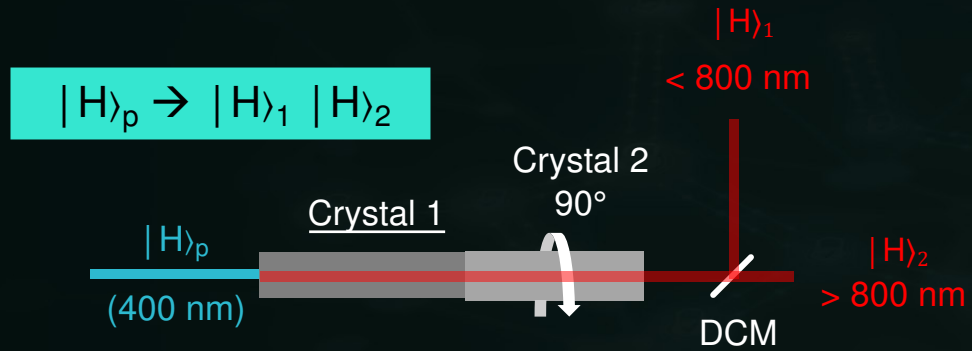
$$\varphi_{\text{PUMP}} = \varphi_s + \varphi_i$$

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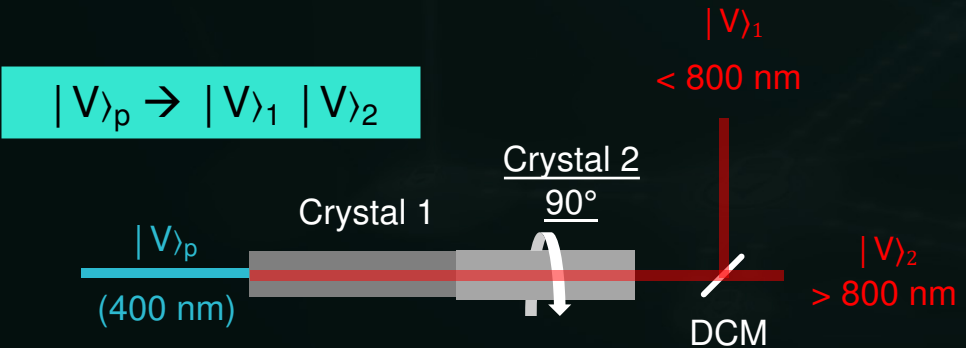
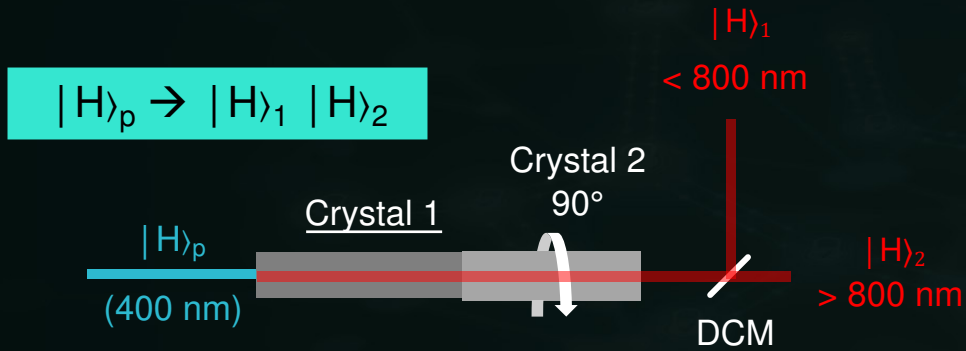
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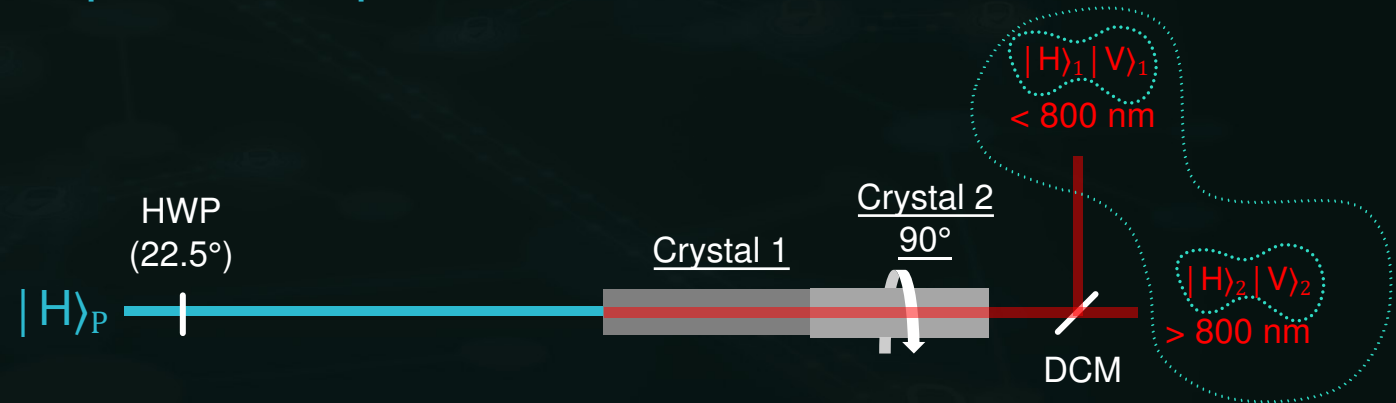


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$$|H\rangle_p \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|H\rangle_p + e^{i\phi} |V\rangle_p) \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|H\rangle_1 |H\rangle_2 + e^{i\phi} |V\rangle_1 |V\rangle_2)$$

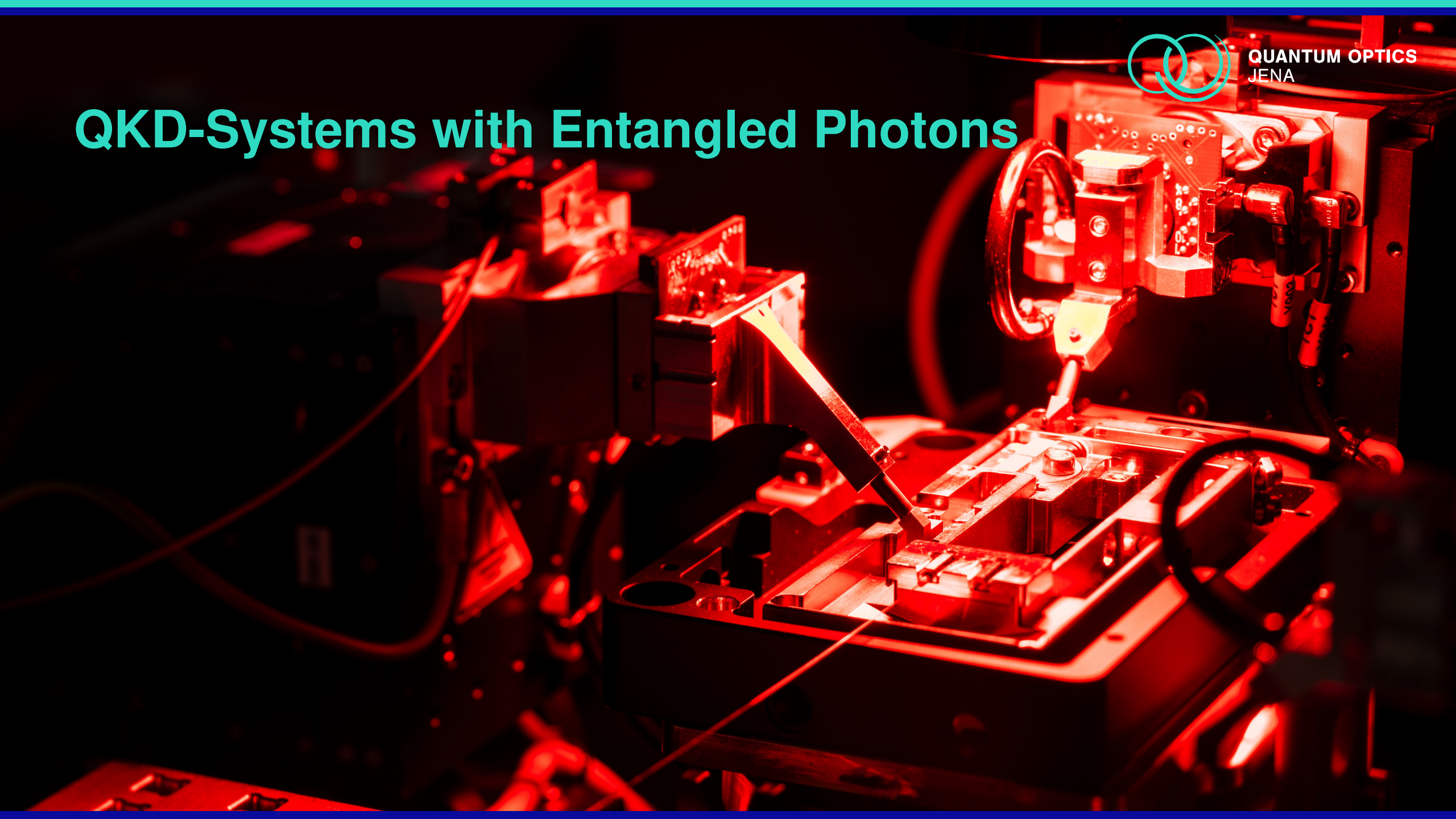
Pump Pump + HWP Entangled photons pair





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System Architecture

$$l \leq nq - \underbrace{n_x h_2(\delta_x) - n_z h_2(\delta_z) - leak_{EC}}_{\text{QBER}} - \underbrace{\log \frac{2}{\epsilon_{cor}} - 2 \log \frac{1}{2\epsilon_{sec}}}_{\text{Verify correctness \& security}}$$

Secure Key Length

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Number of Photons
Uncertainty

- QBER

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Public Information

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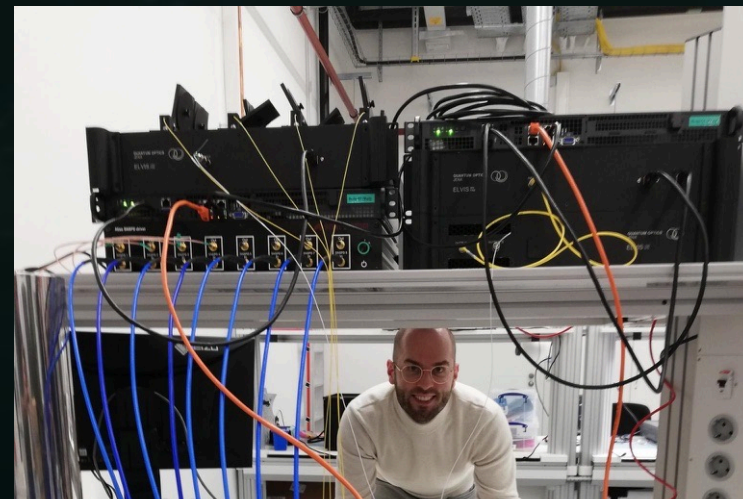
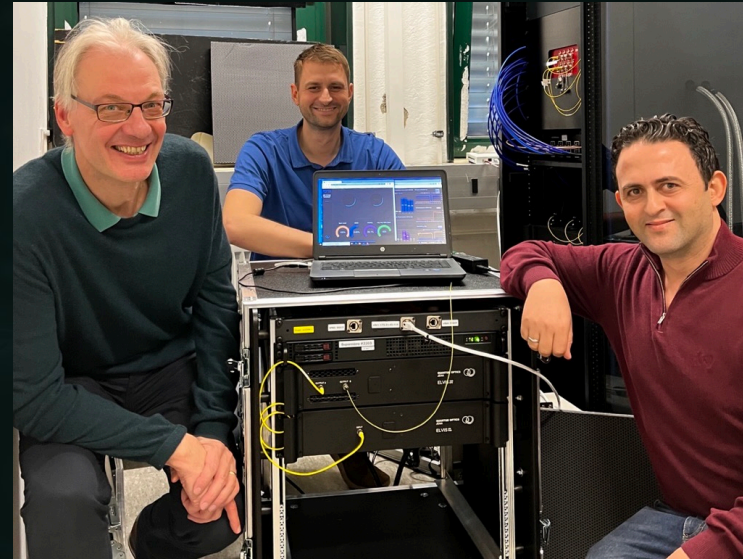
Verify correctness
& security



$$\text{QBER} \leq 11\%$$

Security of an entanglement-based QKD protocol without parameter estimation

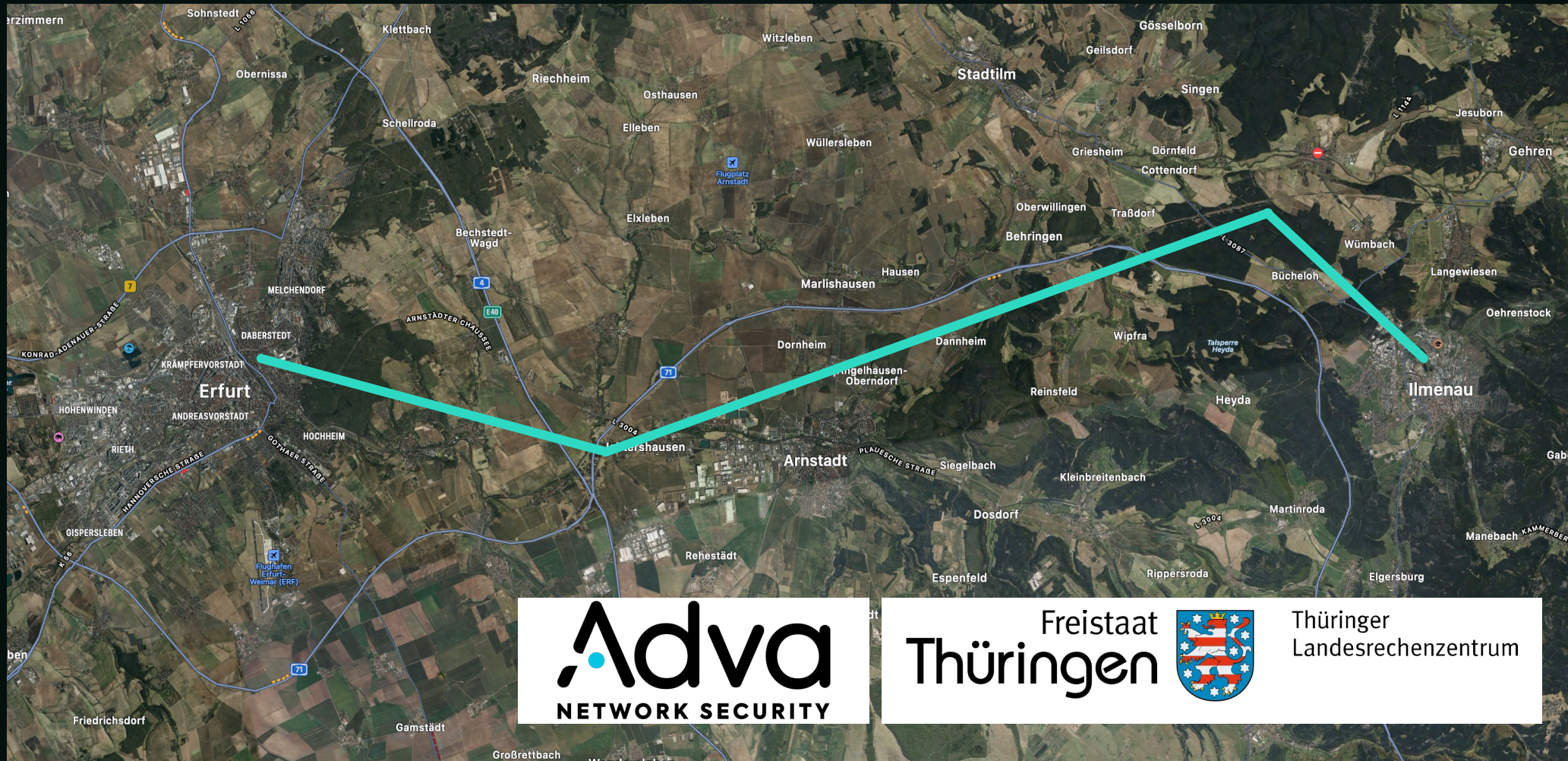
Demonstration





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56 km, optical loss approx. 13 dB @ 1550 nm

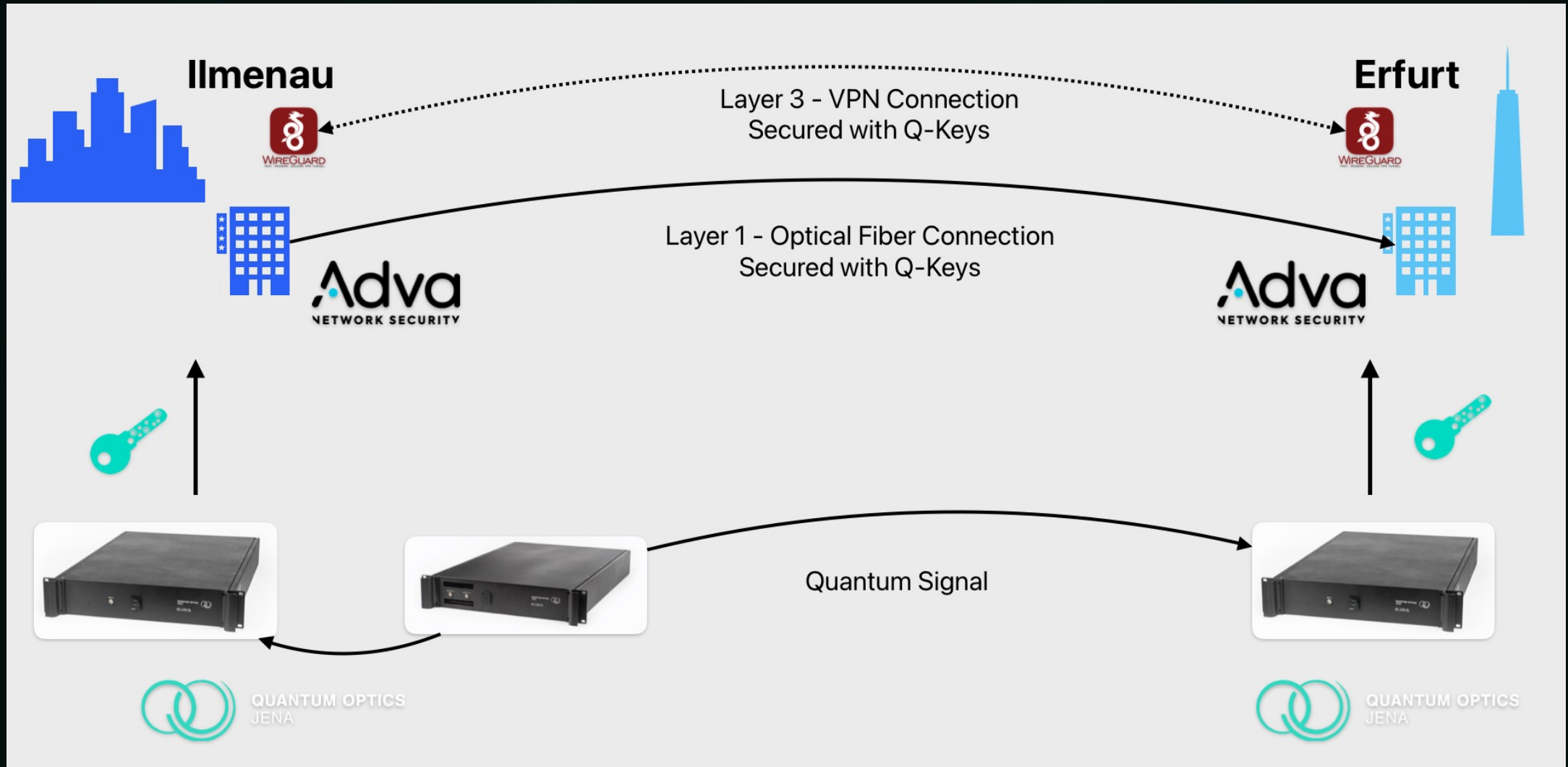


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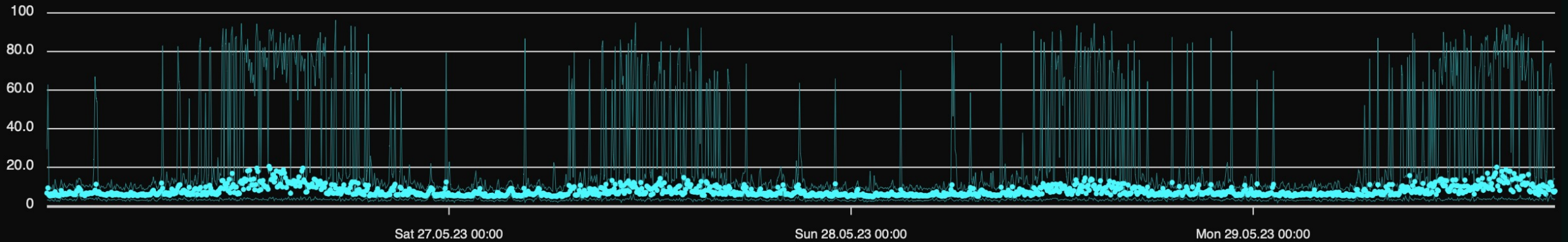




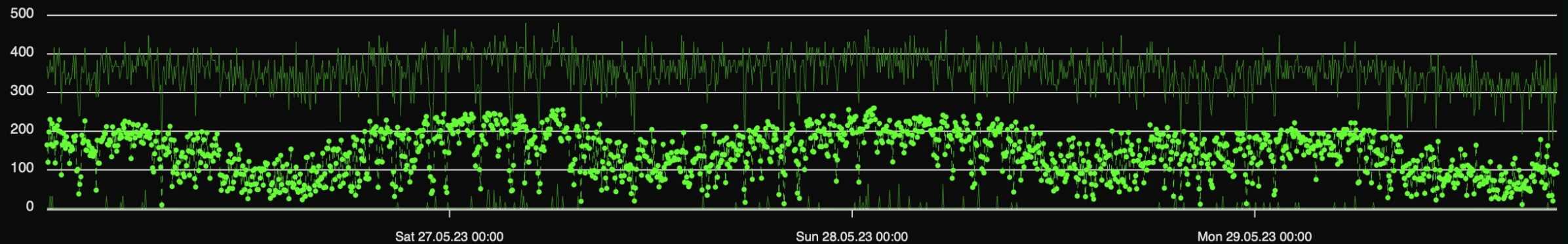
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Average key-rate: 137 bit/s

Quantum bit error rate (QBER) in %



Secure key rate in bit/s





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Performance in 24h:

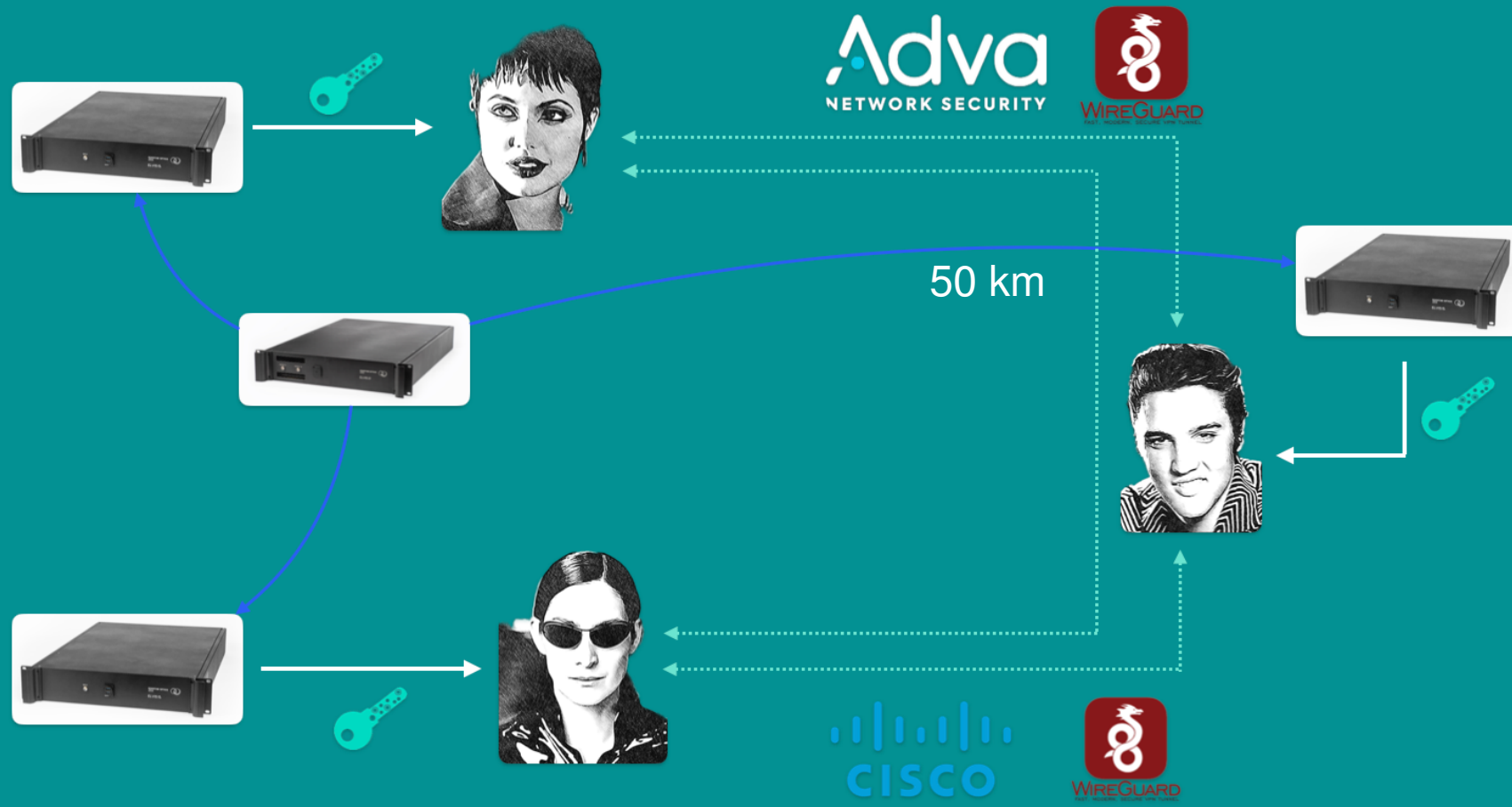
- 20 Bill. entangled photon-pairs sent
- 100 Mio. entangled photon-pairs measured
- 11.84 Mio. secure bits generated
- 46.260 x 256 bit keys established
- Average secure key rate 137 bit/s
- 1500 Keys (1x min) used – approx. 3% utilization



Multi-party QKD - ELVIS live on Stage

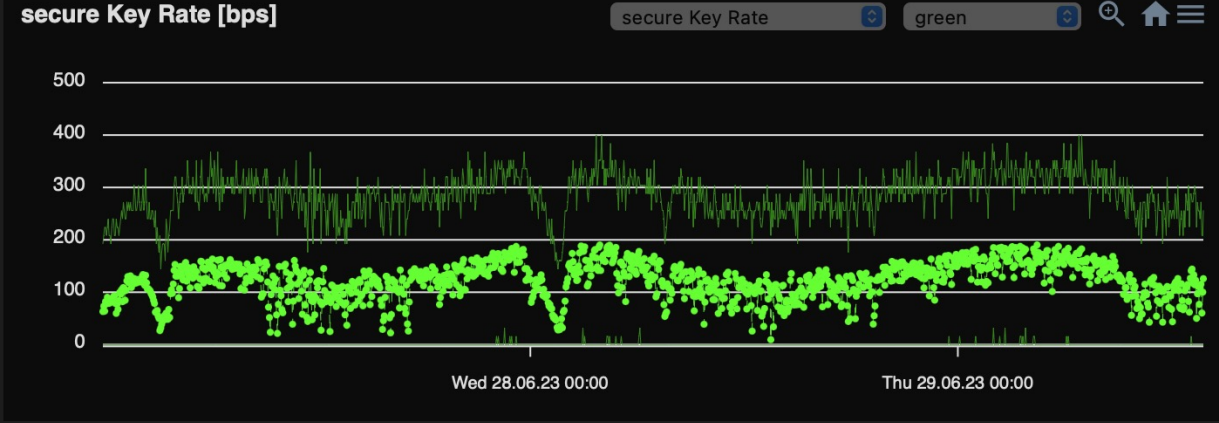
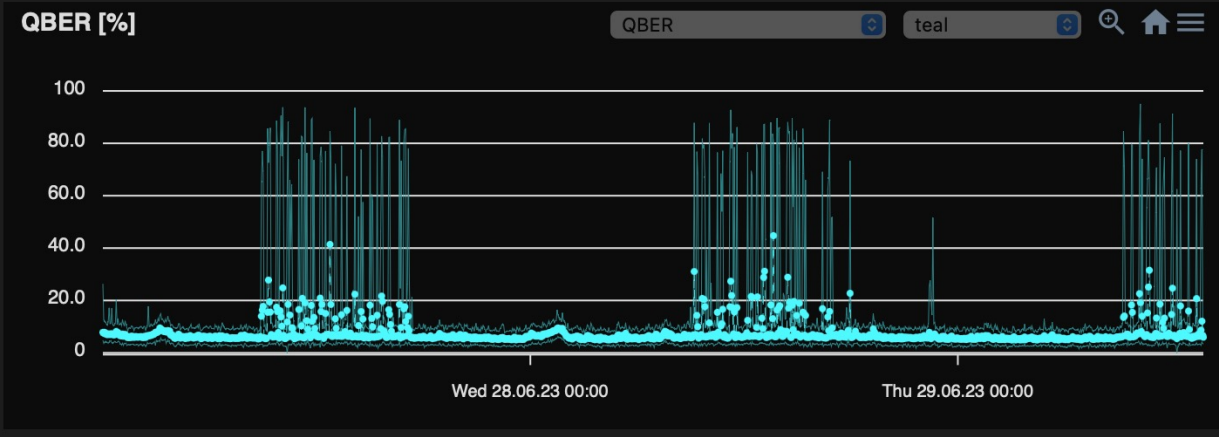
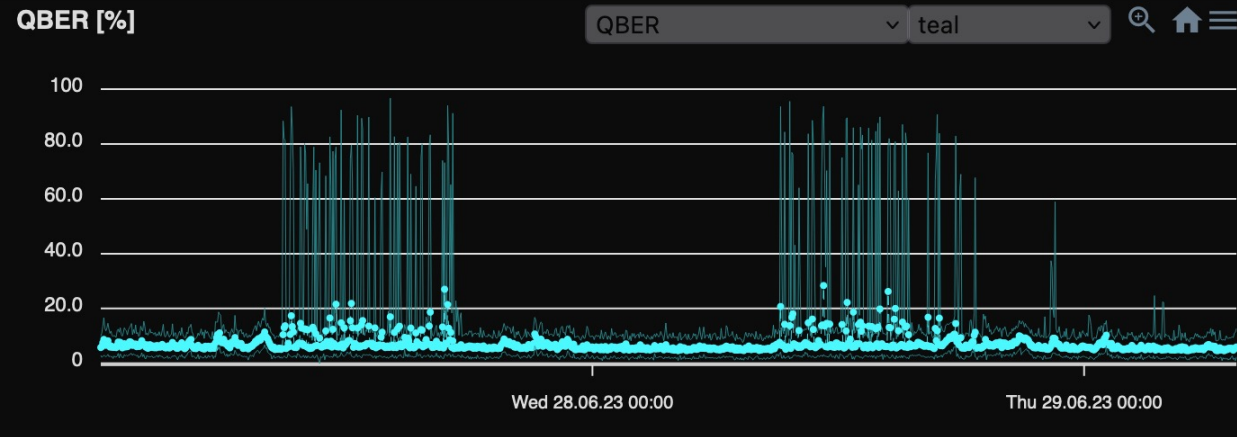
Three-party QKD Network

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