



# REFIMEVE+ project: a tool at hand for ultra-stable and accurate measurements

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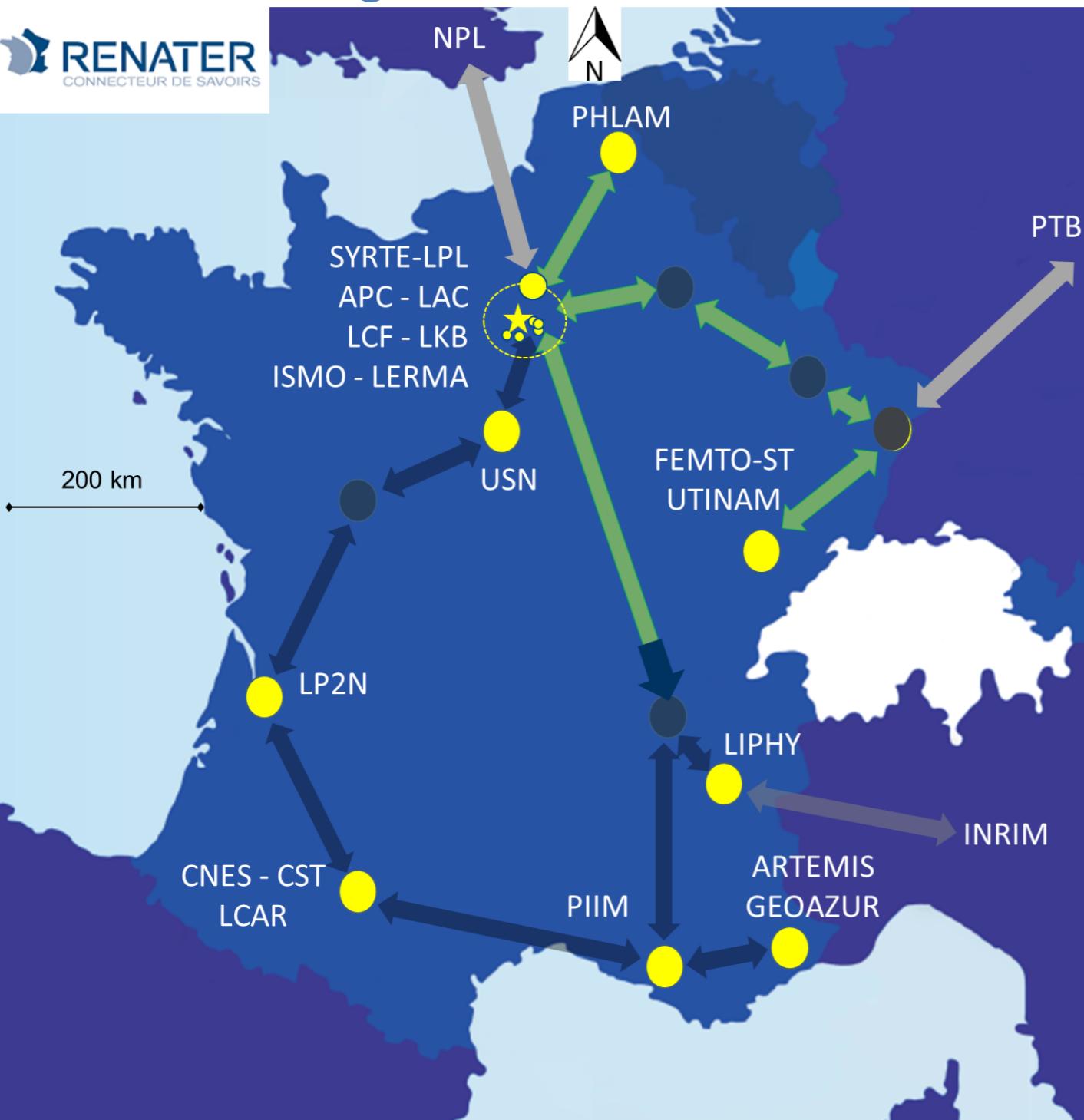
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# REFIMEVE+ network

## Metrological fiber network



- **Objective:** Distribution of an ultra-stable frequency reference (@1542nm) to academic laboratories for precision measurements
- **20 partners laboratories** all over France  
→ Metrological service to laboratories
- **Signal of stability and accuracy** at the level of the **best atomic clocks** of SYRTE
  - Frequency stability and accuracy  $\sim 10^{-15}$
  - Traceable to UTC(OP)
- Network Architecture
  - Collaboration with **RENATER**
  - Signal in parallel of data traffic = **fiber sharing**
- **Sustainability**
  - Dedicated Fiber  $\approx 200\text{€} / \text{km}$
  - **Fiber sharing**  $\approx \text{cost} / 10$
  - + **Supervision** embedded in a Network Operation Center

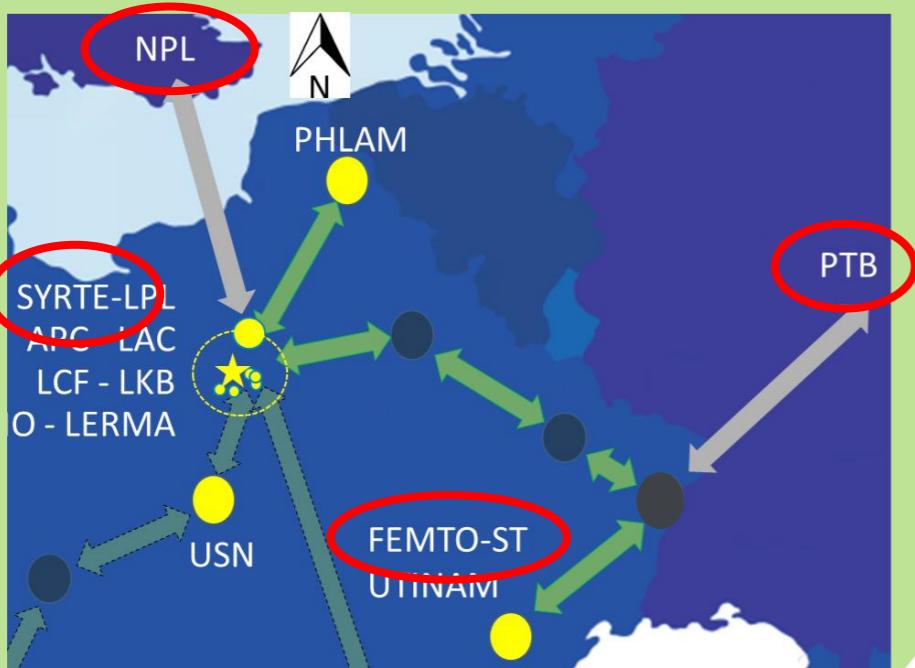
# Examples of applications (1)

## Clocks and cavities comparaison

SYRTE – PTB – NPL – FEMTO-ST

→ See  
Rodolphe Le  
Targat's talk

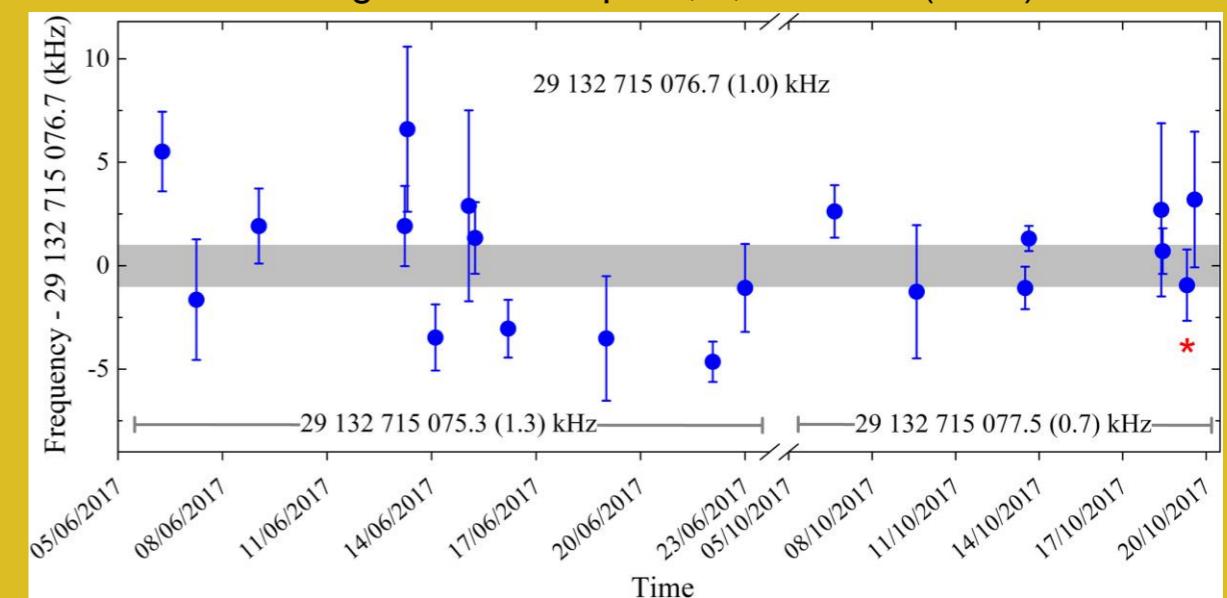
C. Lisdat and al.  
Nat. Com. 7,  
12443 (2016)



## High Resolution Spectroscopy

Example of precision spectroscopy with methanol

R. Santagata and al. Optica, 6, 411–423 (2019)

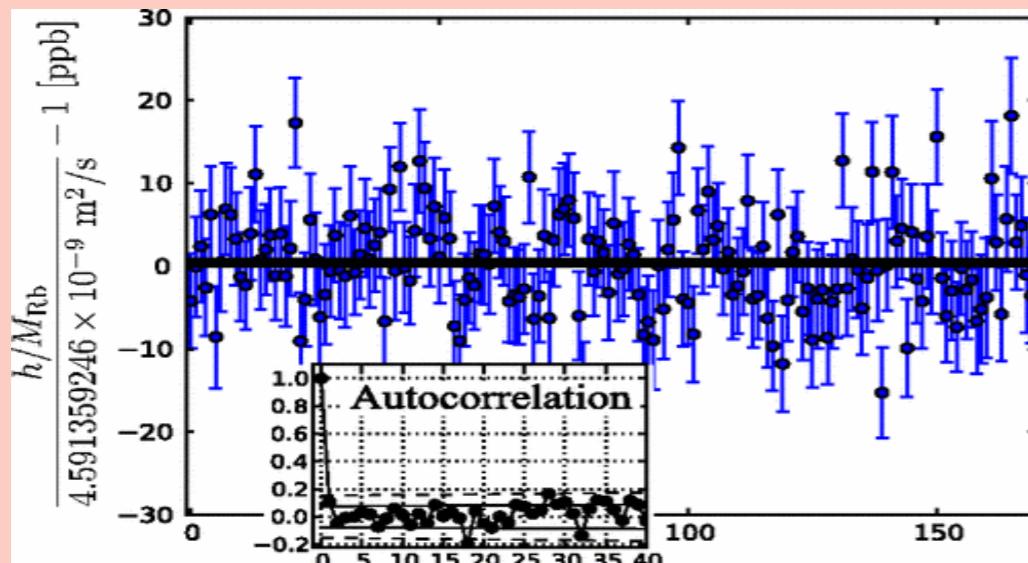


P(E,co,0,2,33) ro-vibrational methanol line

→ See Benoit Darquie's talk

## Determination of h/m at LKB

→ See PRL  
106, 080801  
(2011)



## Test of Lorentz invariance

$$\Delta_\alpha = \alpha c^{-2} [2\vec{w} \cdot (\vec{v}_A - \vec{v}_B) + (v_A^2 - v_B^2)] + \mathcal{O}(c^{-3})$$

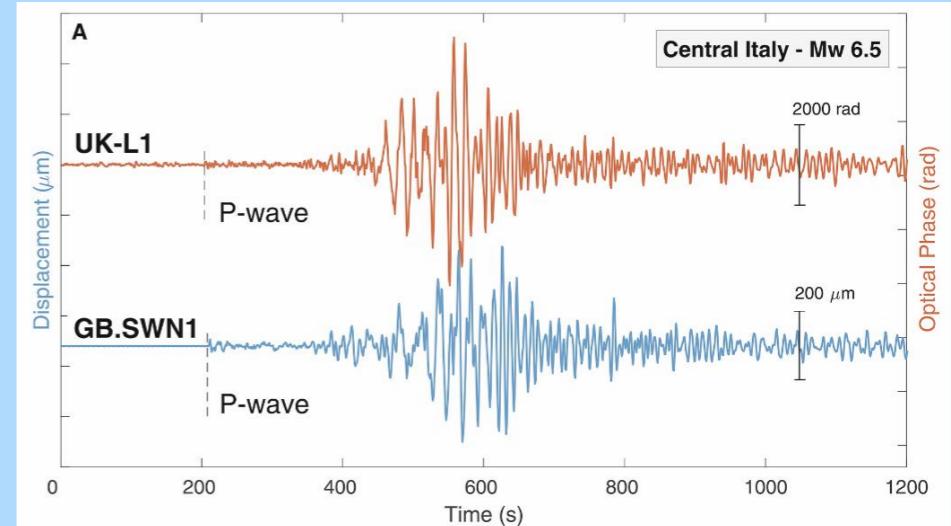
P. Delva et al., Phys. Rev. Lett., vol. 118, no. 22, (2017)

# Examples of applications (2)

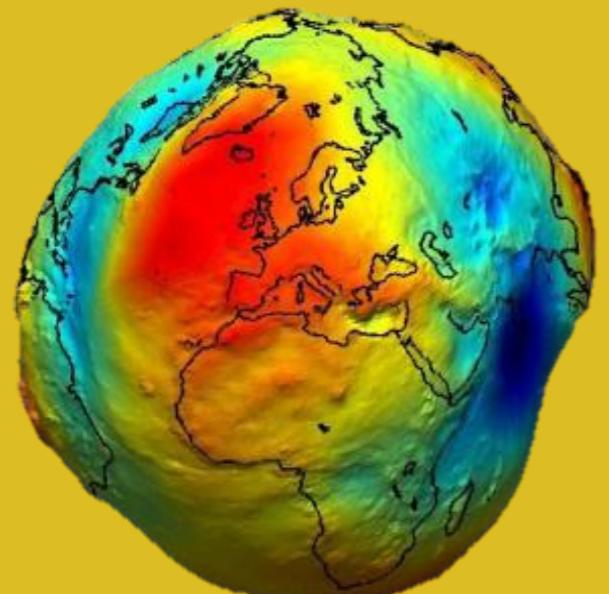
## Seismic sensing

Central Italy earthquake  
– 30/10/2016

→ G. Marra et al., Science  
10.1126/science.aat4458  
(2018)



## Chronometric geodesy



→ T. Takano et al., *Nat. Phot.*, vol. 10,  
no. 10 (2016)

→ G. Lion et al., *J Geod.*, vol. 91, no. 6,  
(2017)

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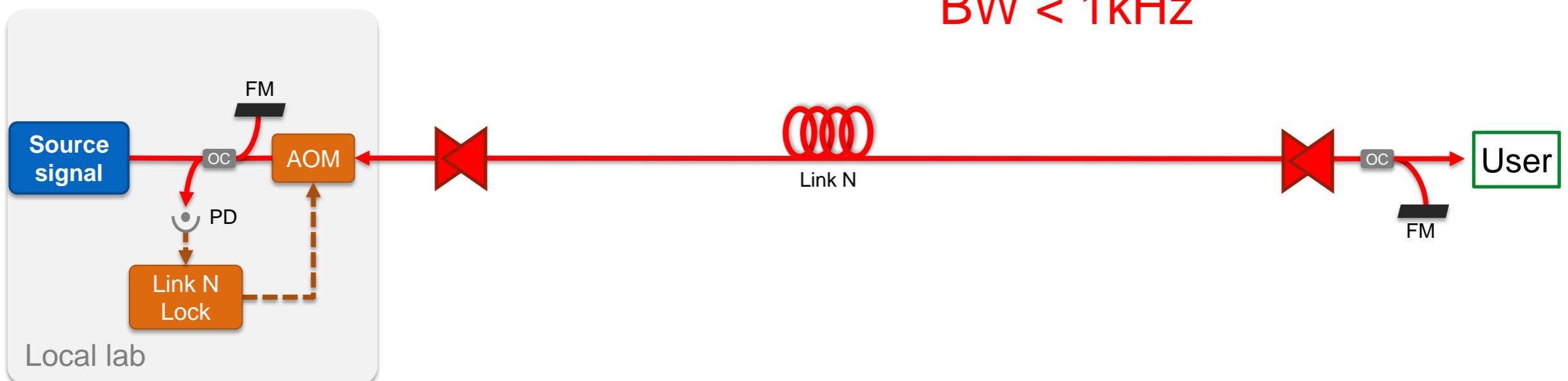


# Frequency transfer through fiber links

- **Attenuation of the fiber:** 25-30dB for 100 km  
→ Bi-directional amplification EDFA 
- **Accumulated noise:** it can vary for orders of magnitude depending on the fiber location (outside, buried, aerial,...)  
→ Active Noise compensation → Limited by propagation time

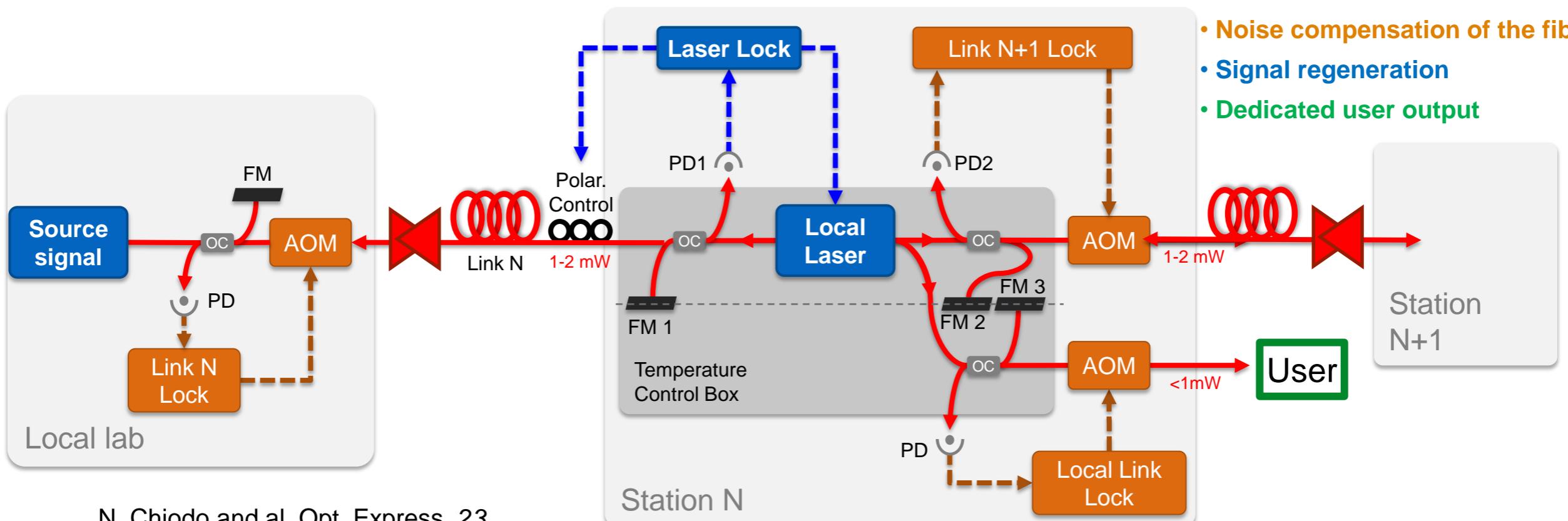
$L > 50 \text{ km}$

$\text{BW} < 1\text{kHz}$



# Frequency transfer through fiber links

- Attenuation of the fiber: 25-30dB for 100 km  
→ Bi-directional amplification EDFA ↗
- Accumulated noise: it can vary for orders of magnitude depending on the fiber location (outside, buried, aerial,...)  
→ Active Noise compensation + Regeneration Laser Station



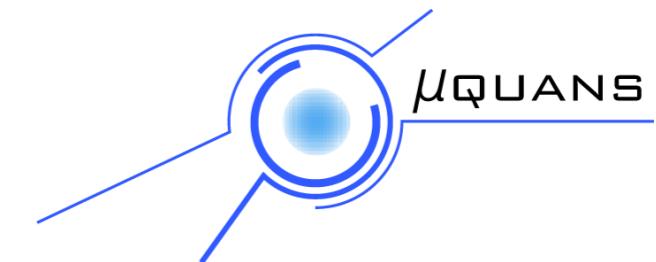
→ Cascaded link with a remote station

# First industrial-grade optical fiber link



## First industrial-grade coherent fiber link for optical frequency standard dissemination

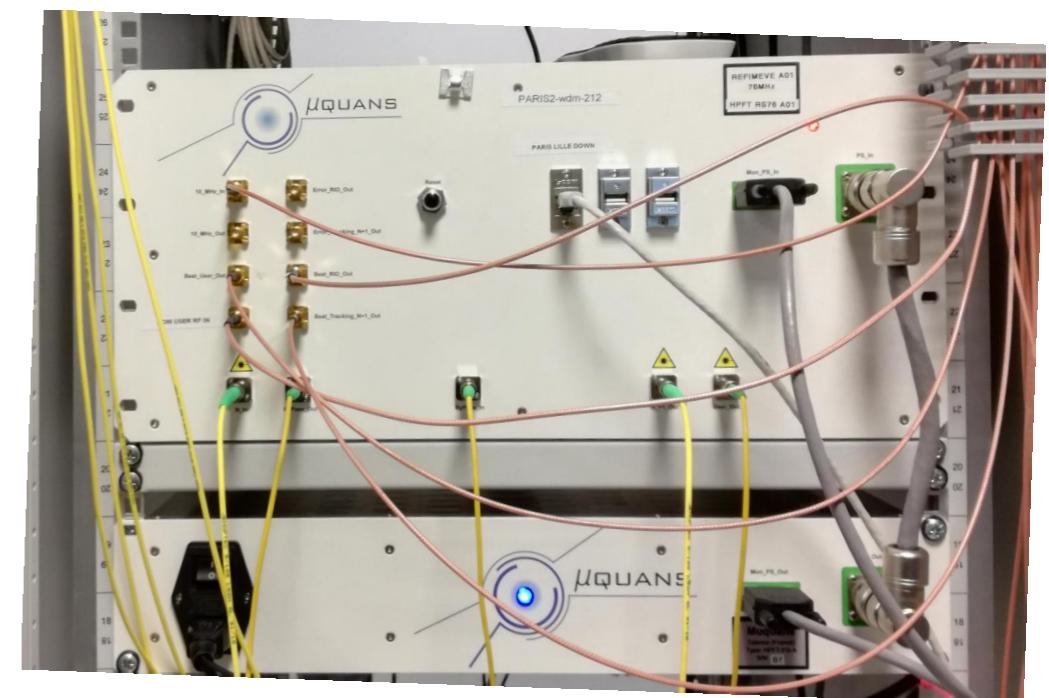
F. GUILLOU-CAMARGO,<sup>1</sup> V. MÉNORET,<sup>1</sup> E. CANTIN,<sup>2,3</sup> O. LOPEZ,<sup>2</sup> N. QUINTIN,<sup>2,4</sup> E. CAMISARD,<sup>4</sup> V. SALMON,<sup>5</sup> J.-M. LE MERDY,<sup>5</sup> G. SANTARELLI,<sup>3,6</sup> A. AMY-KLEIN,<sup>2</sup> P.-E. POTTIE,<sup>3</sup>  
B. DESRUELLE,<sup>1,\*</sup> AND C. CHARDONNET<sup>2</sup>



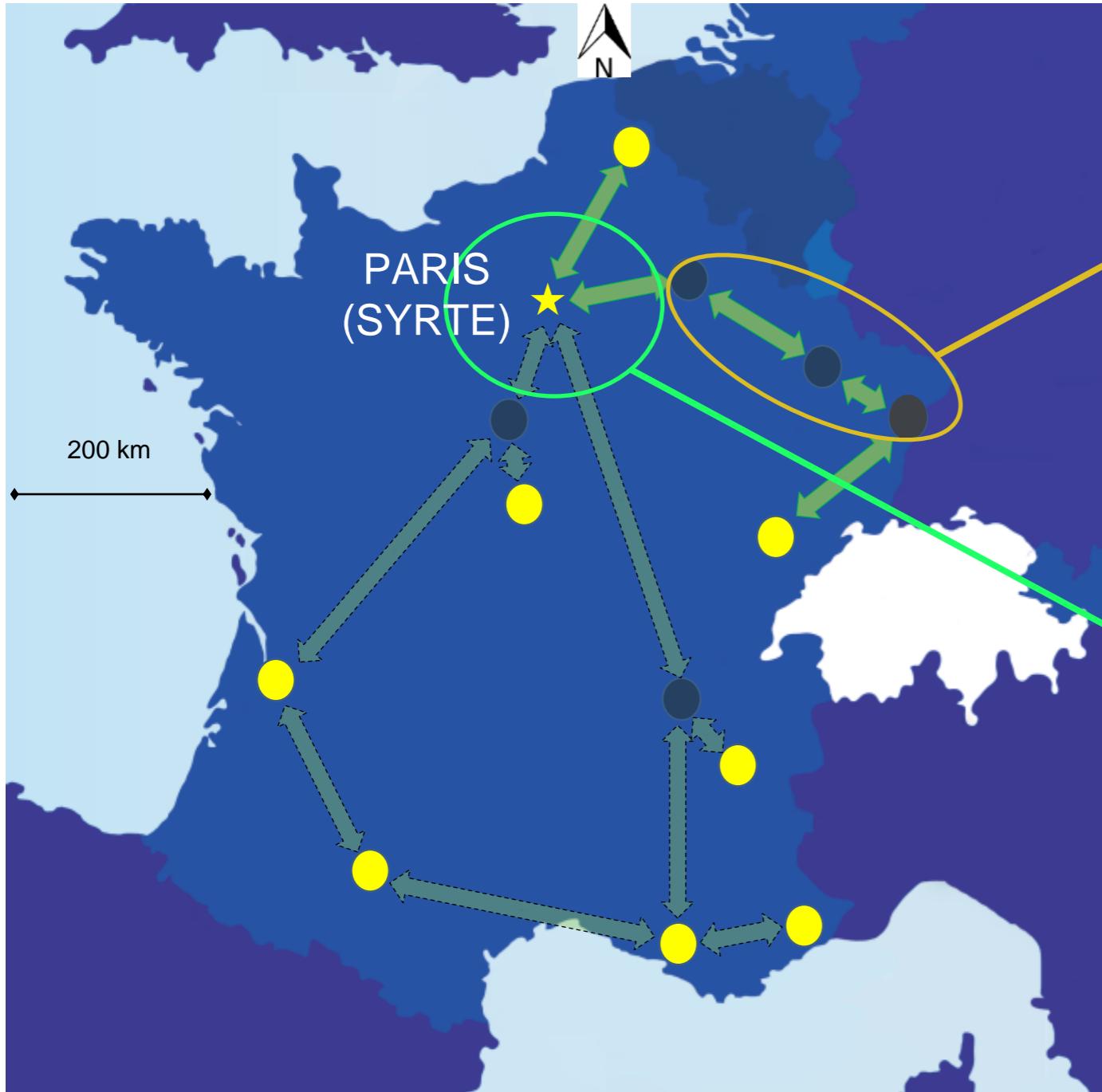
Construction, installation,  
operation, maintenance  
and supervision of the link

→ Uptime of **99.5%** during 1 month  
(08/2018)

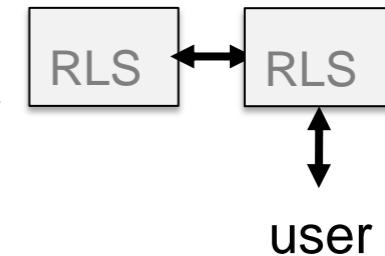
→ Stability and accuracy at the state-of-the-art



# The departure in Paris

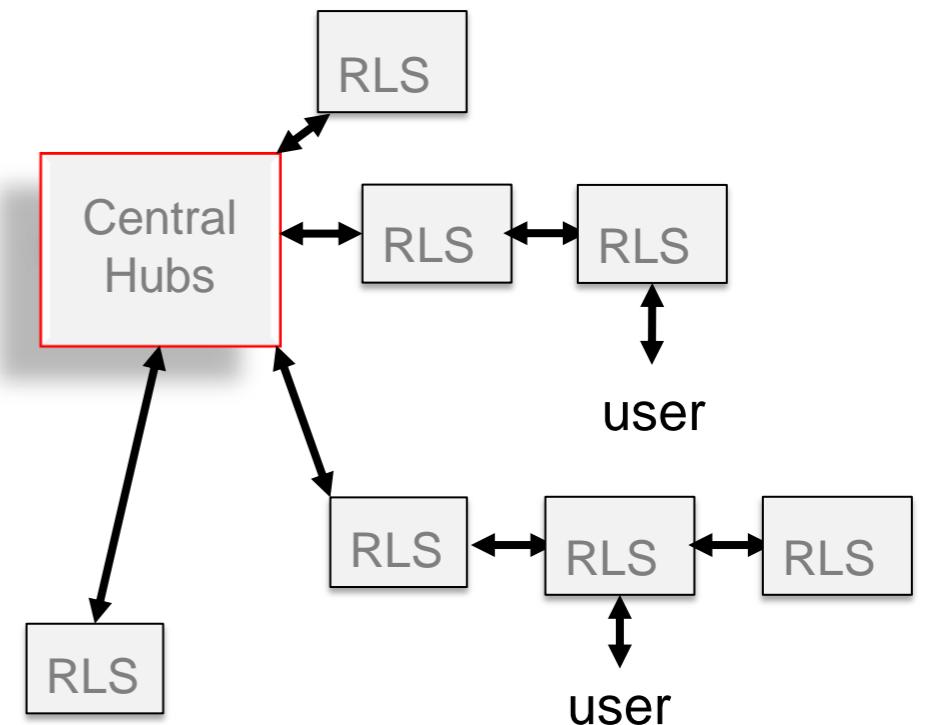


Point to point configuration



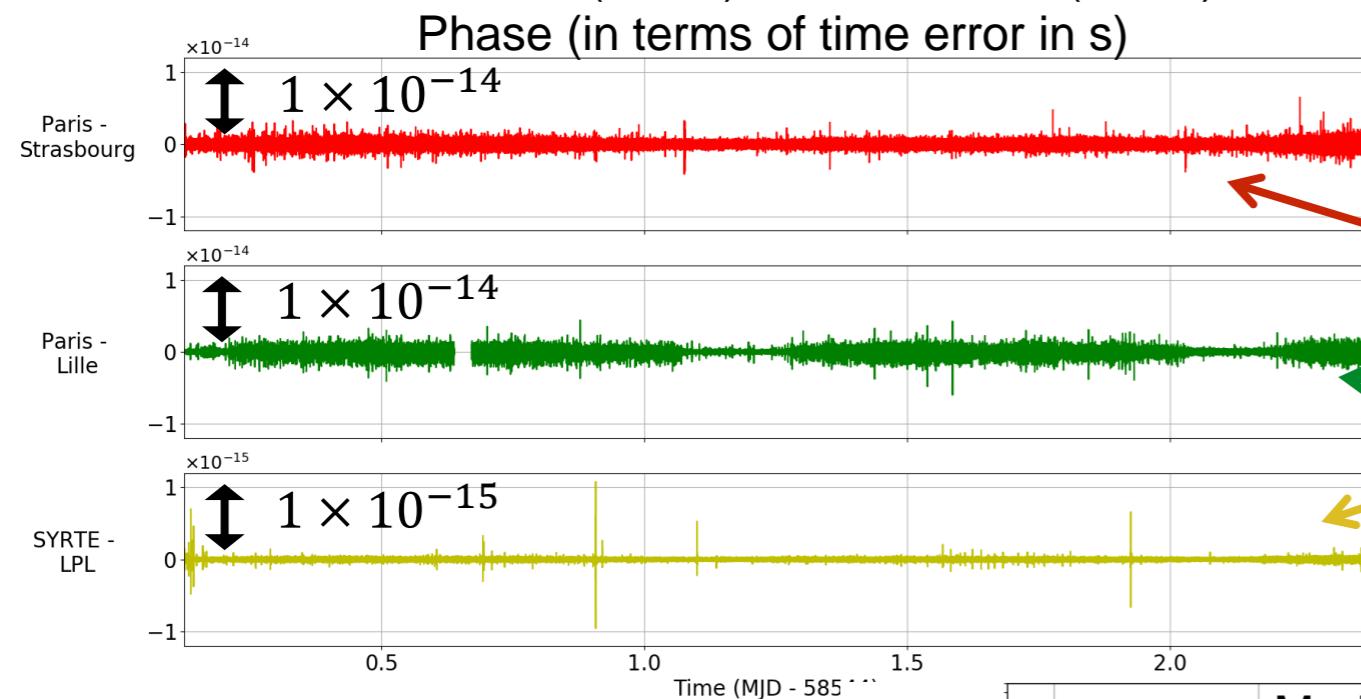
**Central hub required**  
for a dissemination of more than 2  
links/users

Hub configuration

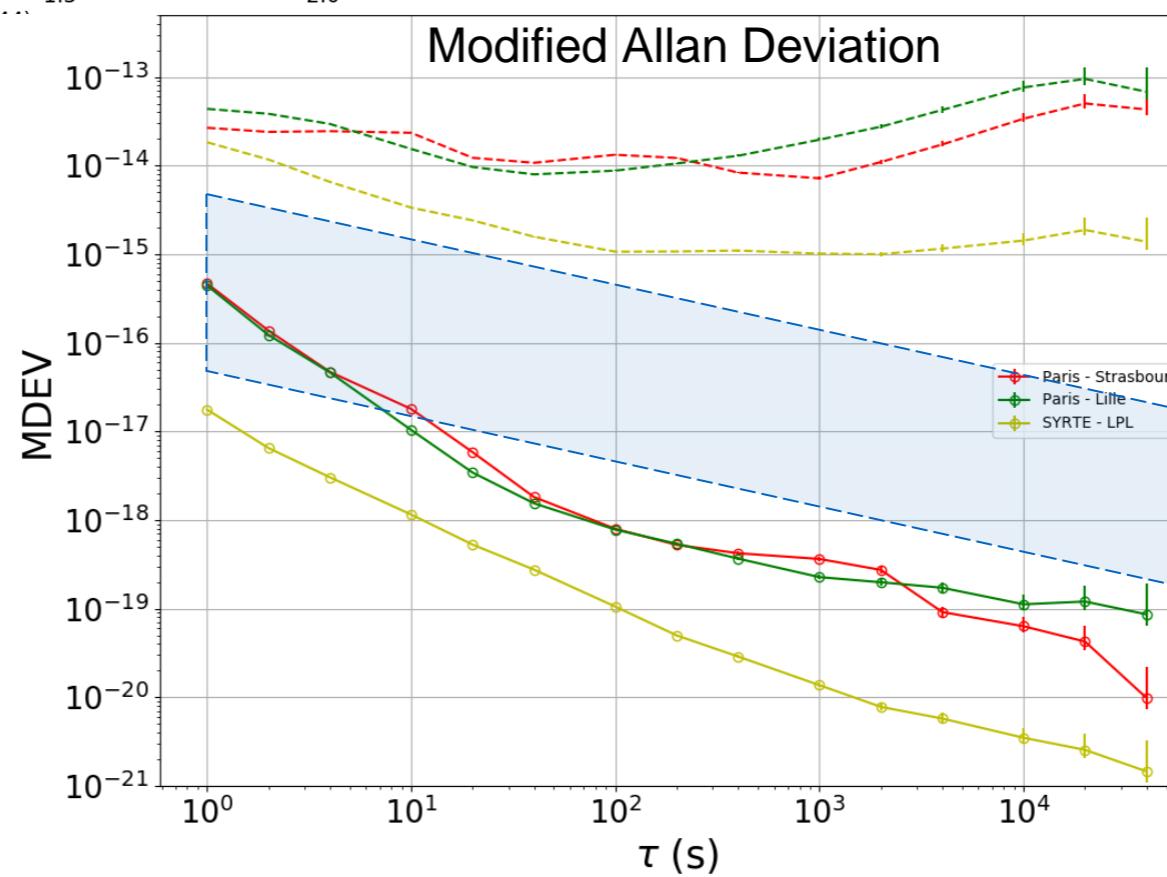


# Links stability and accuracy

2019-03-02 (02:45) to 2019-03-04 (09:05)



	Distance (km)	Uptime (%)	Accuracy
Paris – Strasbourg	$2 \times 705$	99.9	$6.93 \times 10^{-20}$
Paris – Lille	$2 \times 340$	99.4	$4.25 \times 10^{-20}$
SYRTE – LPL	$2 \times 43$	100	$3.1 \times 10^{-21}$



# Conclusion

- **A metrological service for academic laboratories**

- Applications in geophysics, spectroscopy, fundamental physics, metrology, precision measurements...

- **Reliable and sustainable network**

- **RENATER & industrial-grade equipment**
- “**Core**” of the network operational
- Deployment in progress

