

Open QKD Network

- An Open Source QKD Network Project

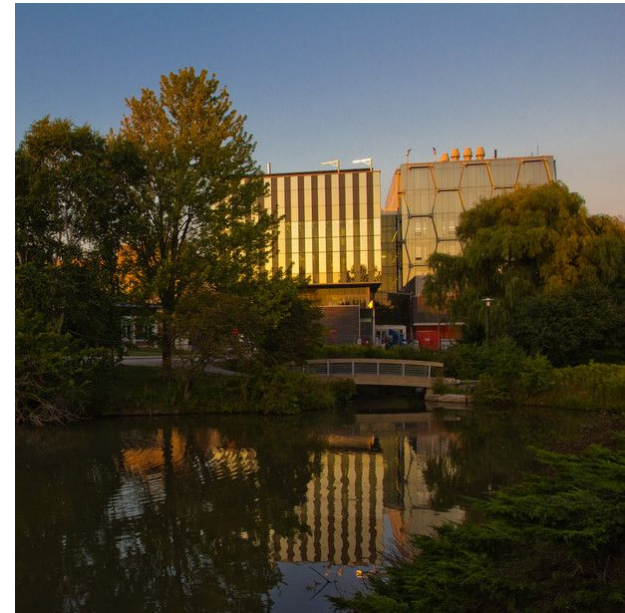
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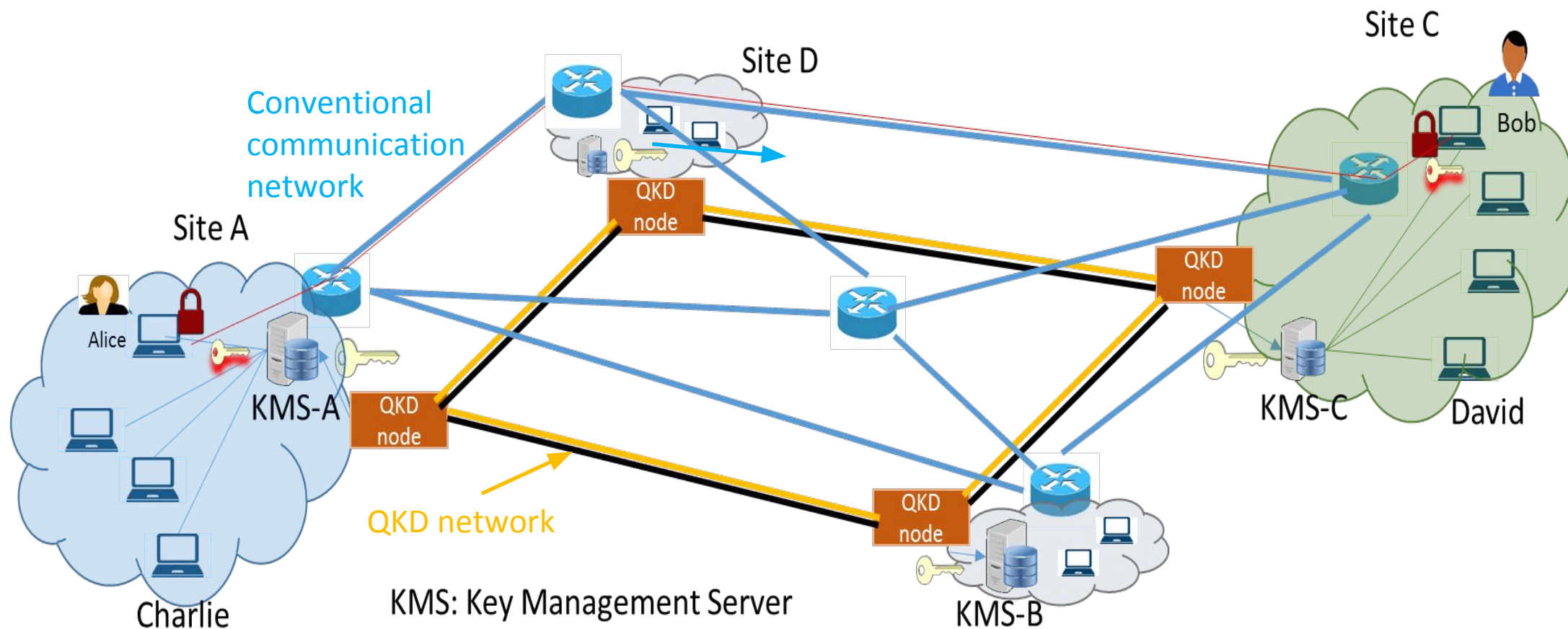
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Project Goals

- Show the feasibility of integrating QKD technology with classical communication networks
- Provide a reference implementation of the 4-layer architecture
- Make it easy for people to showcase QKD technologies at a network scale
- Make it easy for people to deploy pilot QKD networks

Integrate Communication Networks with QKD



In Scope

4-Layer Architecture: QKD technology-independent design

User

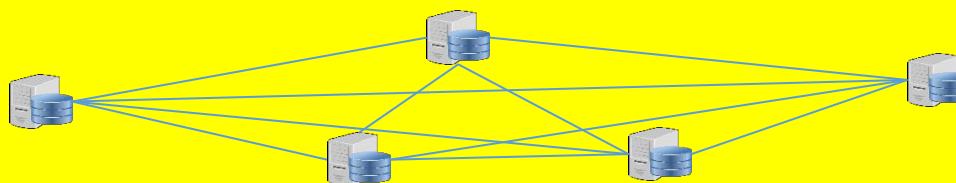
(classical commun. net.)



Requests and uses keys

KMS

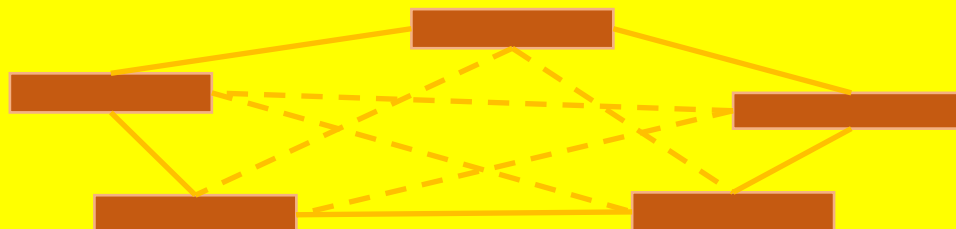
(Key Management Service)



Manages and Issues Keys to User applications

QNL

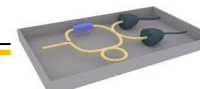
(QKD Network Layer)



Extends QKD from Point-to-Point Links to a Network

QLL

(QKD Link Layer)



Produces Raw Key Bits using QKD technologies

Out-of-Scope

User Layer

User utilizes QKD keys at its wish

- can be **any** of the layers 2-5 entities in classical networks, e.g.
- enterprise applications (L5)
- TLS/DTLS (L4)
- IPsec (L3)
- link encryptor (L2)

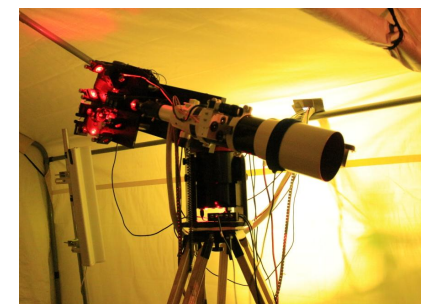


Note: It's the enterprise's responsibility to develop User Layer, thus beyond the scope of the project.

QLL (QKD Link Layer)

All about QKD Technologies

- A plethora of protocols and platforms to choose from
- Optical fiber based QKD
- Satellite QKD
- ...



Main Functionalities Implemented

- KMS

- Interface with user applications
 - ETSI GS QKD 014 V1.1.1 REST API (new feature)
 - University of Waterloo API
- Basic key management capabilities
- Interface with the QNL

- QNL

- Establish shared keys across a network via trusted relay nodes
- A routing module that can react to QKD network topology dynamics and hide it from KMS
- Key relaying hop by hop via OTP using QLL generated keys
- All QNL requests/responses are HMAC protected (new feature)

U of Waterloo API vs ETSI REST API

	U of Waterloo API	ETSI API
client A	api/getkey?siteid=B&index=&blockid=	api/v1/keys/B/dec_keys?key_ID=index-blockid
server B	api/newkey?siteid=A returns index/blockid/hexkey in JSON	api/v1/keys/A/enc_keys returns index/blockid/hexkey in JSON

Demo Applications Provided

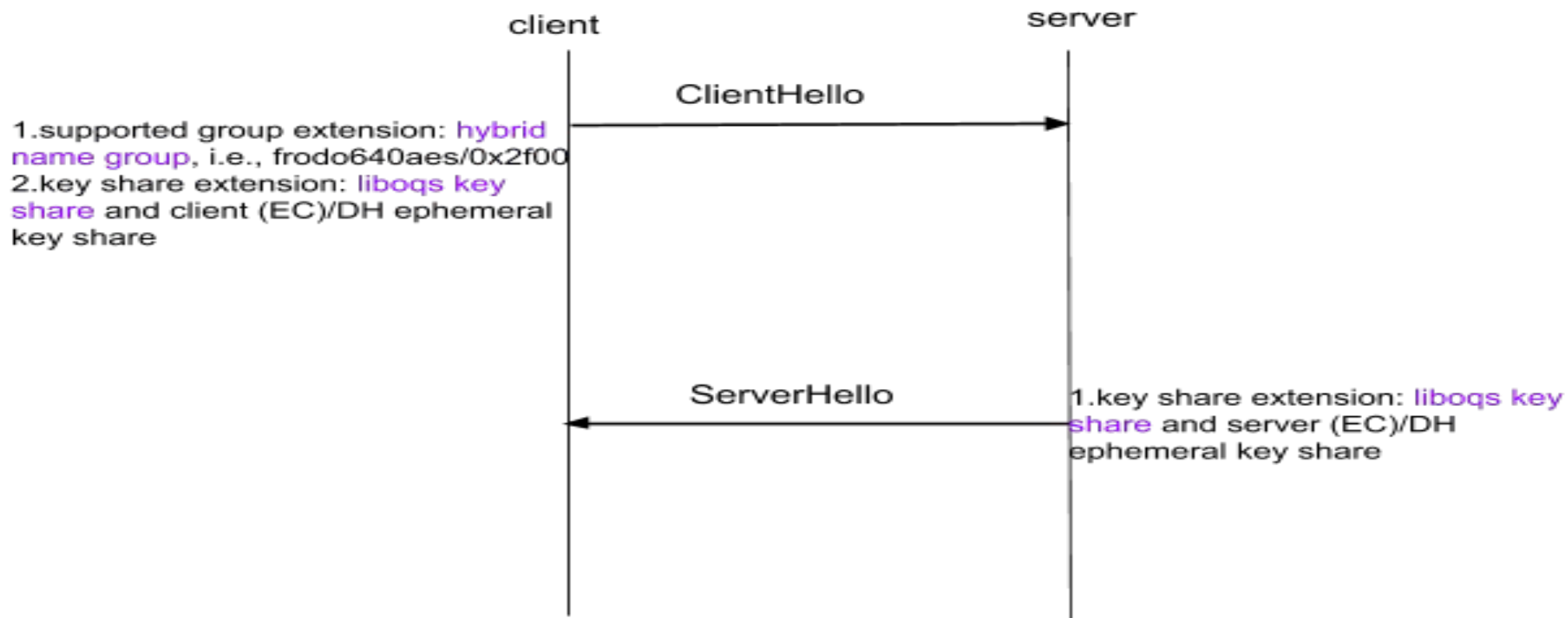
- To showcase how (easy it is) to get and use QKD-generated keys
 - Not the main effort of this project
- Demo 1: TLS with PSK
 - A TLS tunnel is established between a client and a server, with QKD keys as the pre-shared key (PSK)
 - A file is transferred over the TLS tunnel
- Demo 2: video chat
 - using qTox* between two users
 - using QKD Keys to protect the confidentiality of the session

* qTox is an open source peer-to-peer communication tool

OpenQKD Network/OpenQuantumSafe/openSSL integration

- TLS 1.3 liboqs + (EC)DH hybrid key exchange
- TLS 1.3 OpenQKD Network + liboqs + (EC)DH triple key exchange
- New OpenSSL APIs and libopenqkd
- Overall process

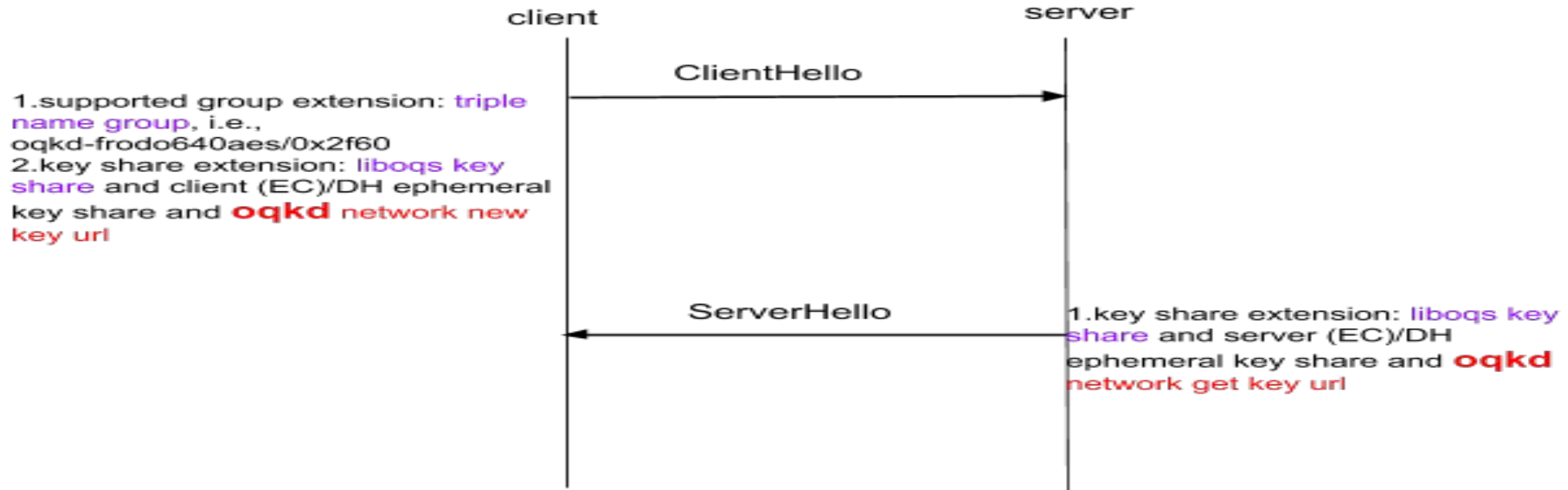
TLS 1.3 liboqs + (EC) DH hybrid key exchange



concatenated_shared_secret = (EC)DH key || liboqs key *

*<https://tools.ietf.org/html/draft-ietf-tls-hybrid-design-00>

TLS 1.3 OpenQKD Network/liboqs/DH triple key exchange

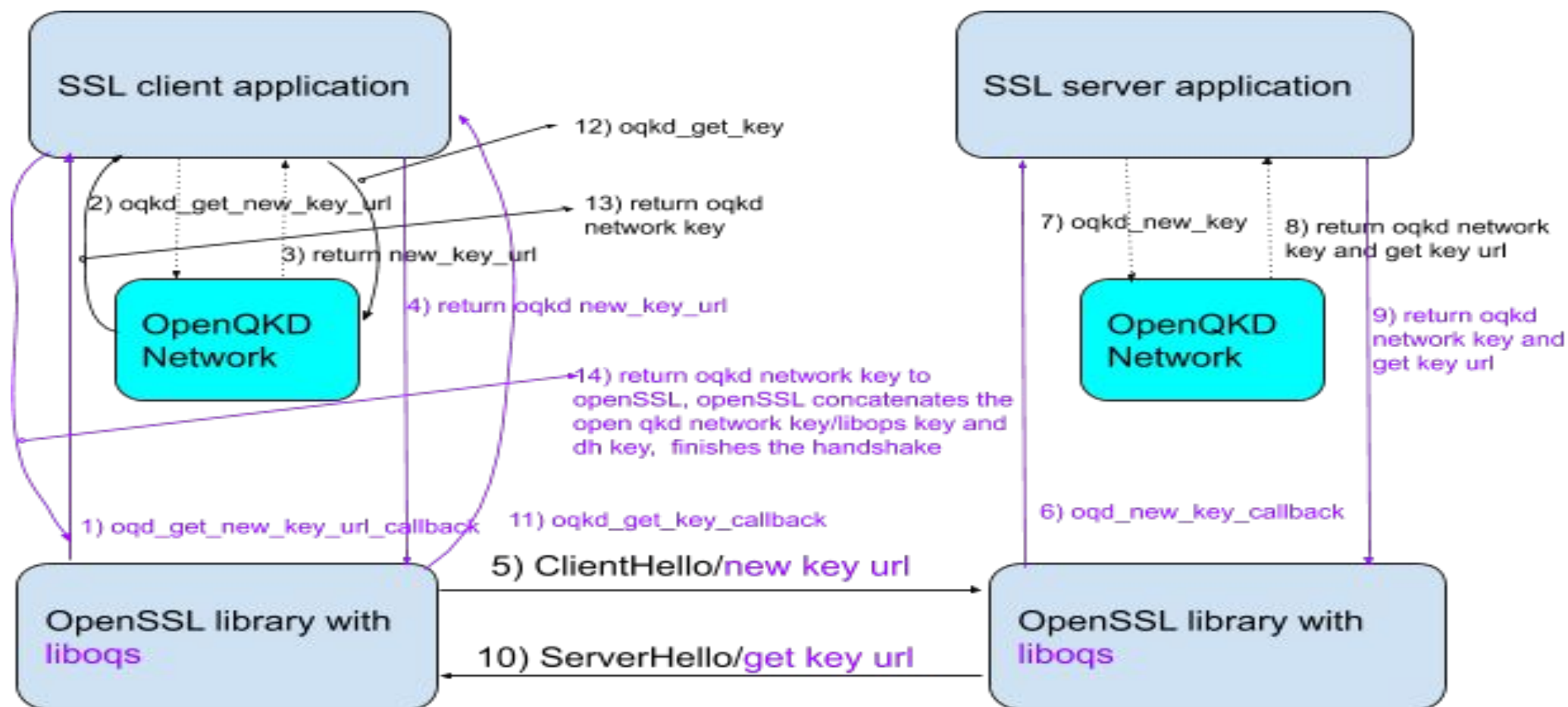


- OpenQKD Network key is **NOT** sent in the SSL ClientHello/ServerHello message
- OpenQKD Network new_key_url/get_key_url is sent in ClientHello/ServerHello respectively
- Client and server news key and gets key from new_key_url/get_key_url via OpenQKD Network REST API
- $concatenated_shared_secret = (EC)DH \text{ key} || \text{liboqs key} || \text{OpenQKD Network key}$

New OpenSSL APIs & libopenqkd

- New OpenSSL APIs
 - Client side
 - *SSL_set_oqkd_new_key_url_callback*
 - *SSL_set_oqkd_get_key_callback*
 - Server side
 - *SSL_set_oqkd_new_key_callback*
- OpenQKD Network library/libopenqkd
 - Client side
 - *oqkd_get_new_key_url*
 - *oqkd_get_key*
 - Server side
 - *oqkd_new_key*
- Sample application
 - Updated OpenSSL built-in s_client/s_server

Overall process



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