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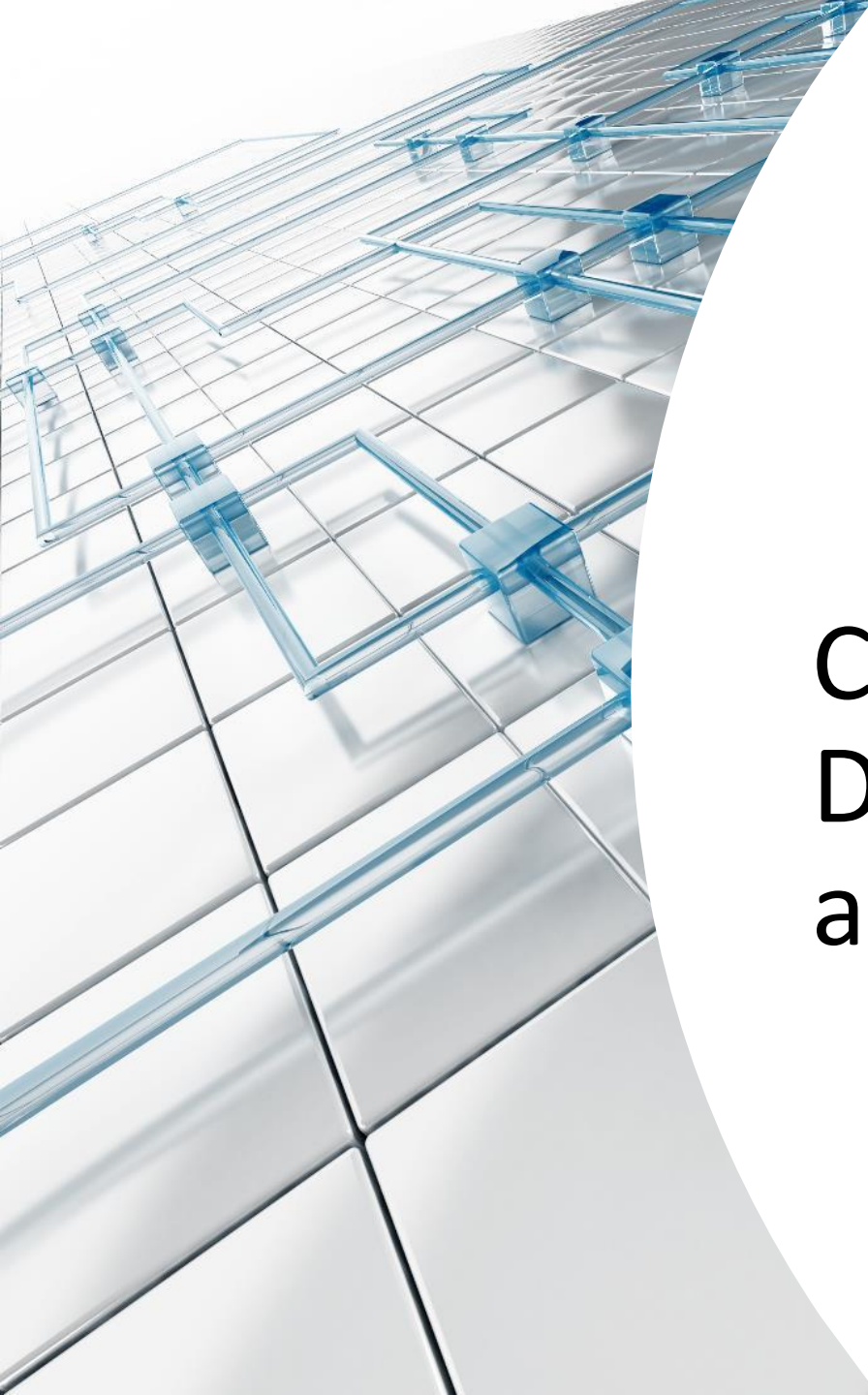
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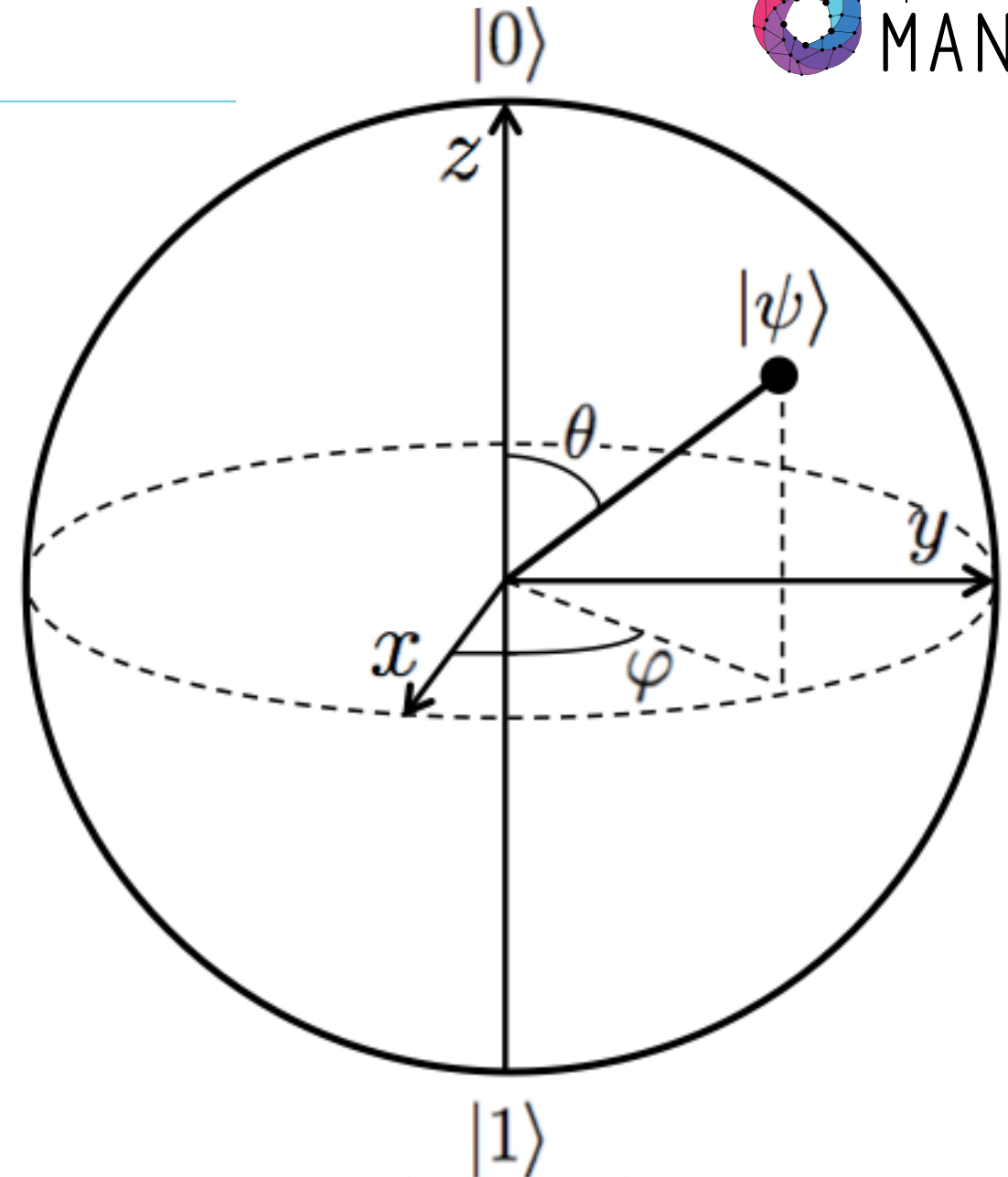
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Could Quantum Key
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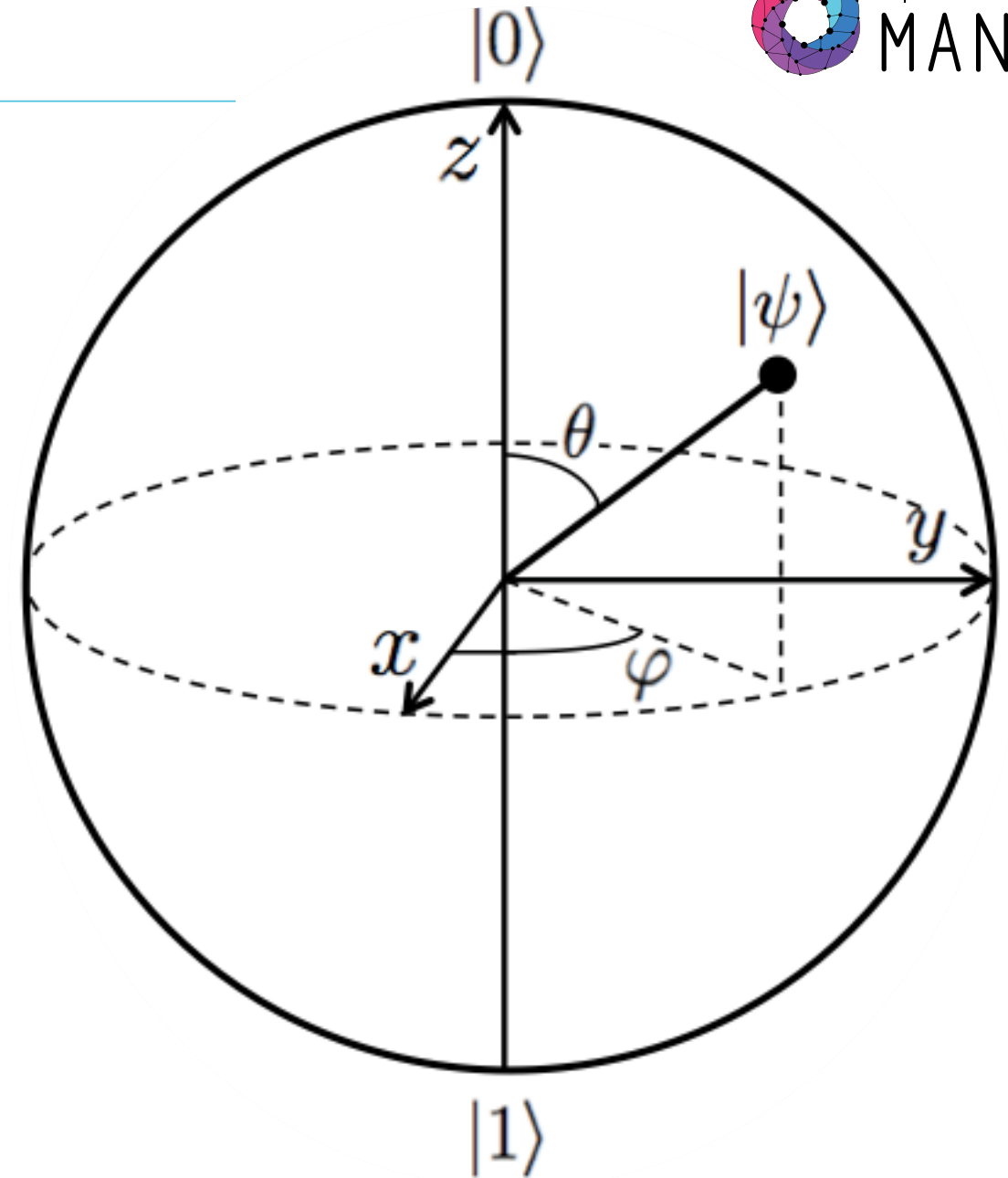
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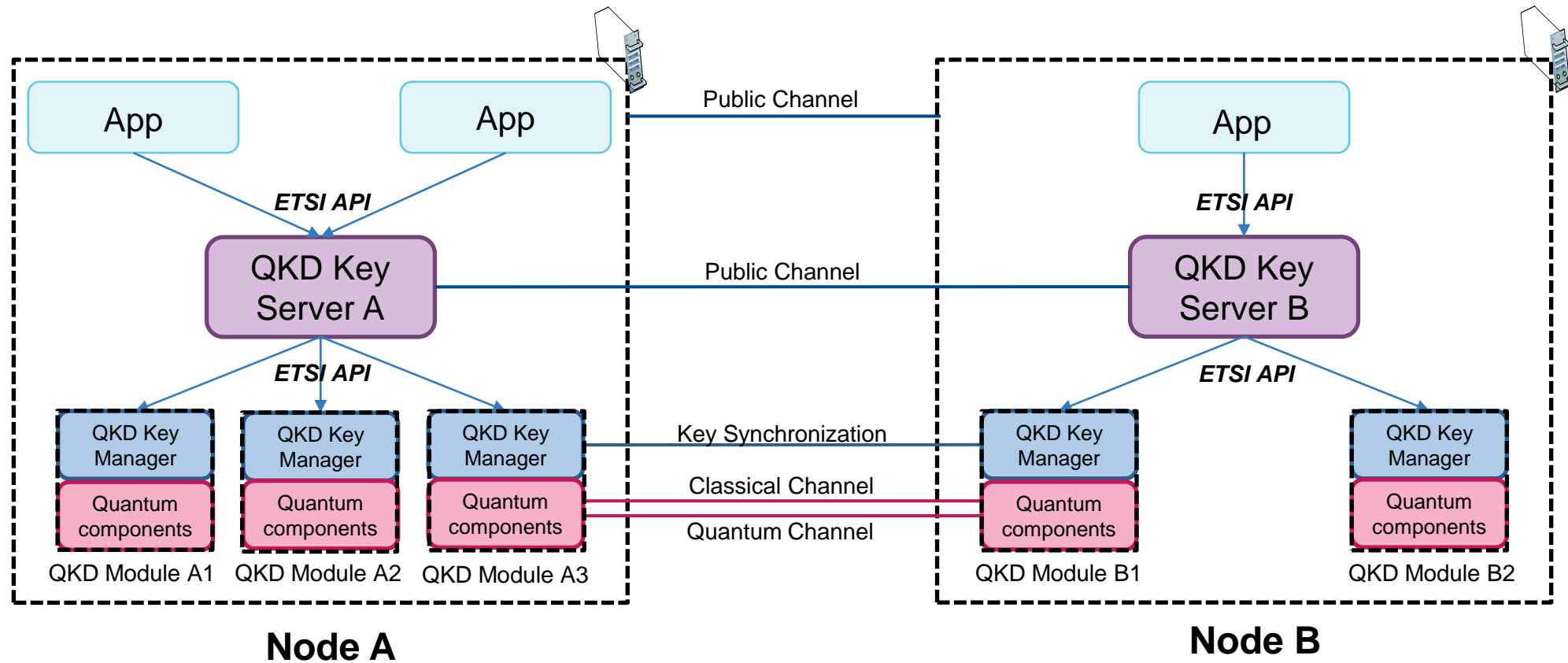


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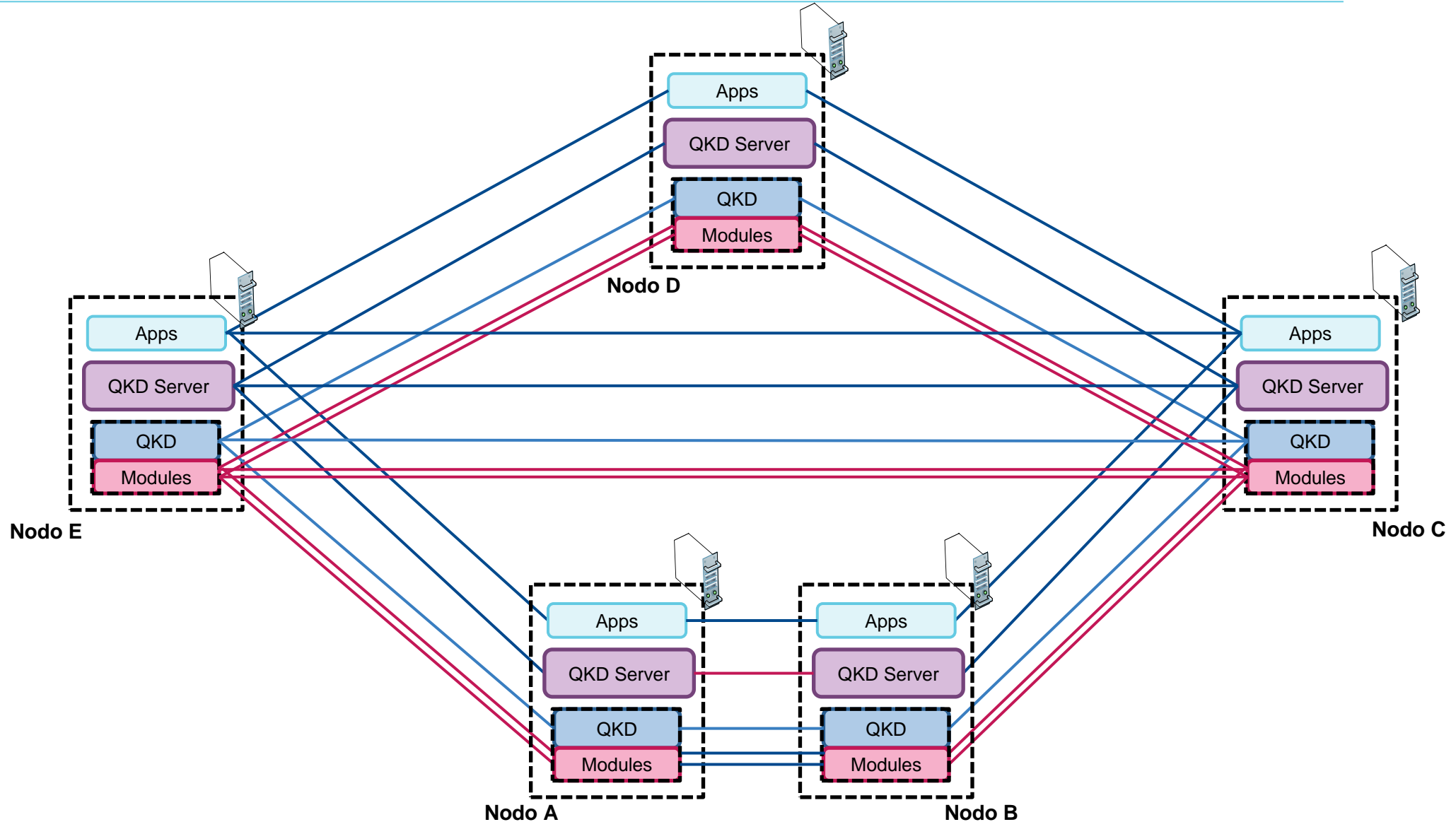
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QKD Networks (an example from ETSI GS QKD 004)



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Building a Digital Twin to ease the QKD networks development

Features sought in our DT

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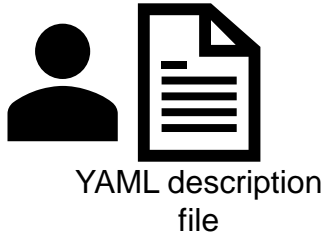
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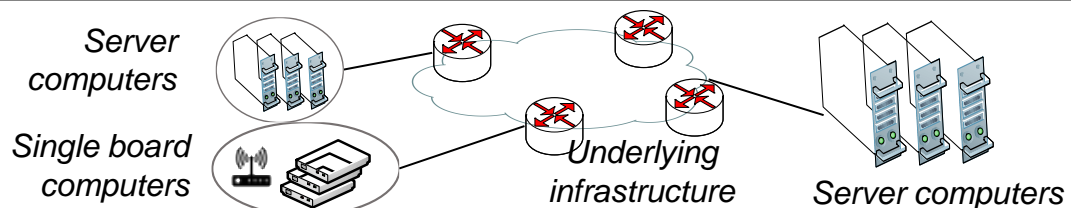
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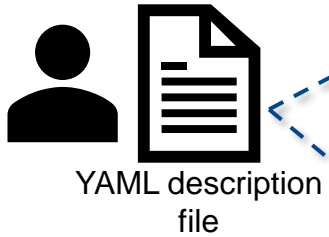
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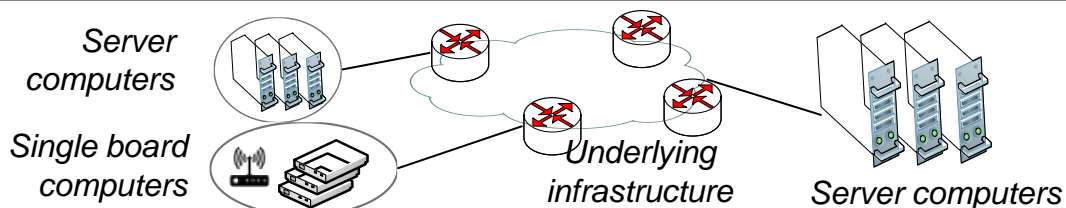


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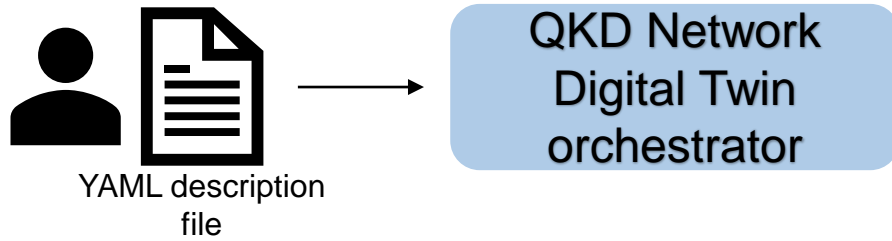


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qmts_version: 0.1.0
config:
  application_interface: etsi-gs-qkd-004
  qkd_protocol: e91
nodes:
  - node_name: munich
    node_ip: 10.4.16.115
    neighbour_nodes:
      - salzburg
      - nuremberg
  - node_name: nuremberg
    node_ip: 10.4.16.74
    neighbour_nodes:
      - salzburg
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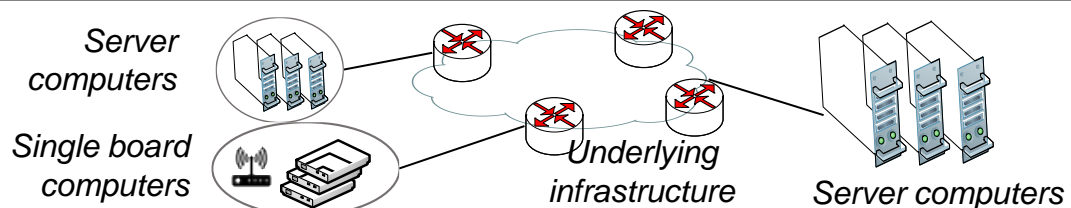
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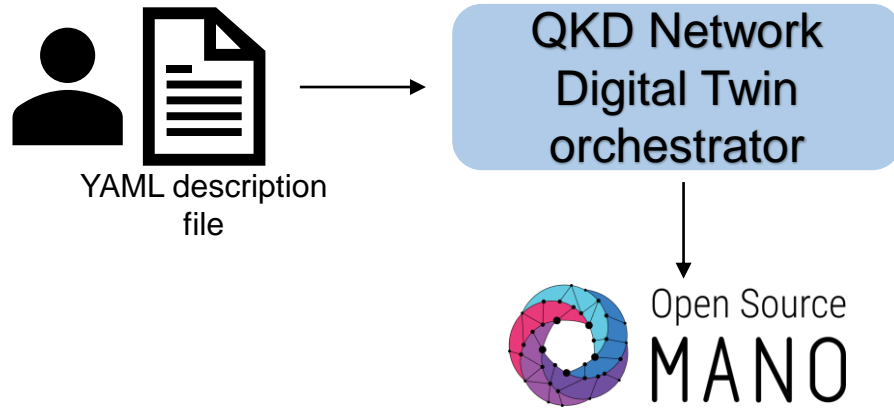
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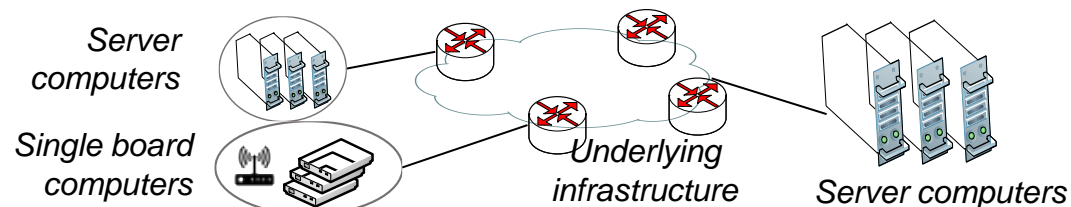
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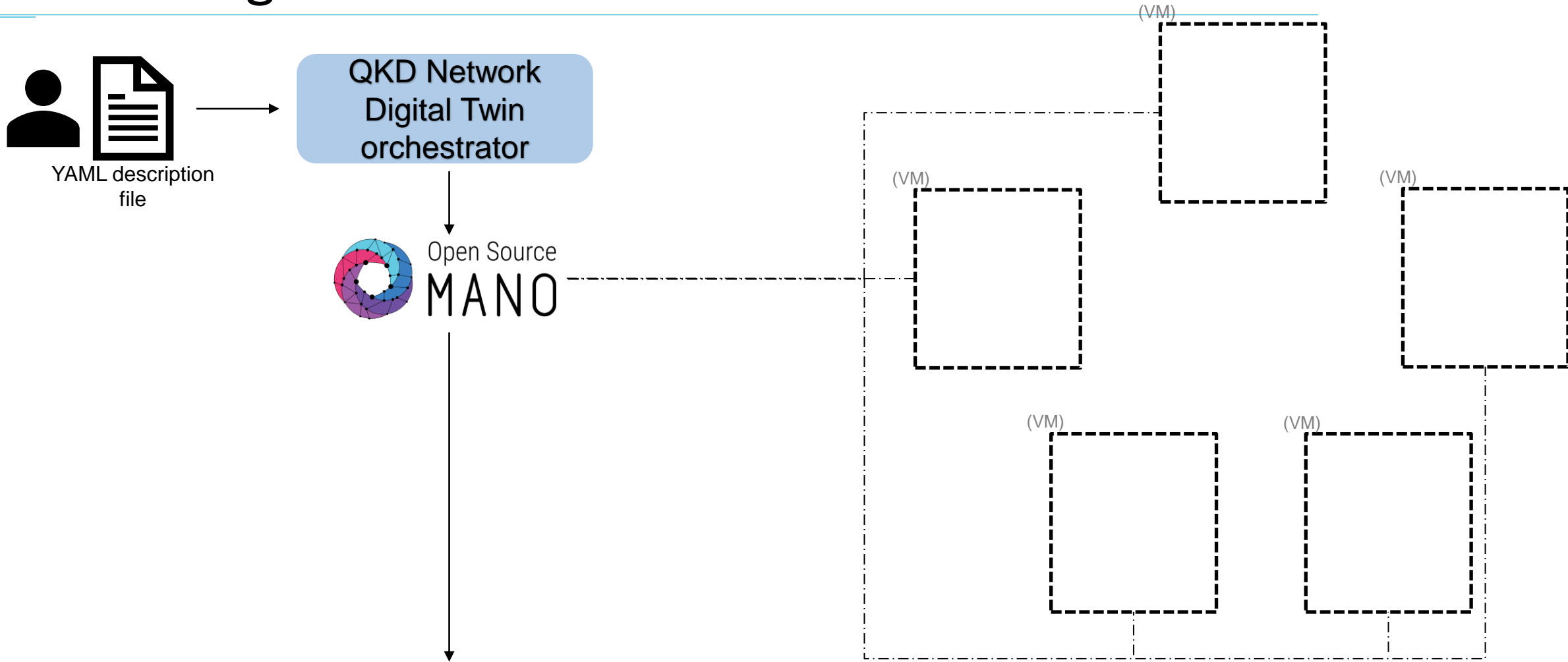
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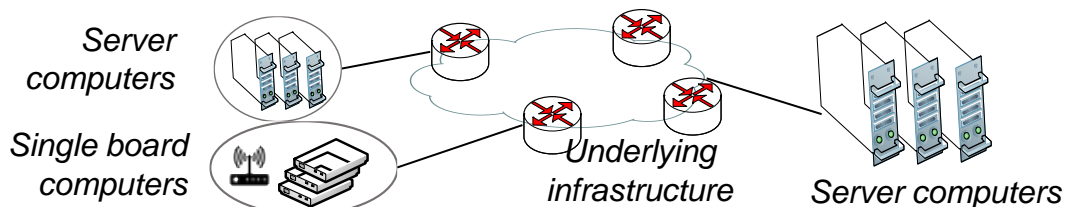
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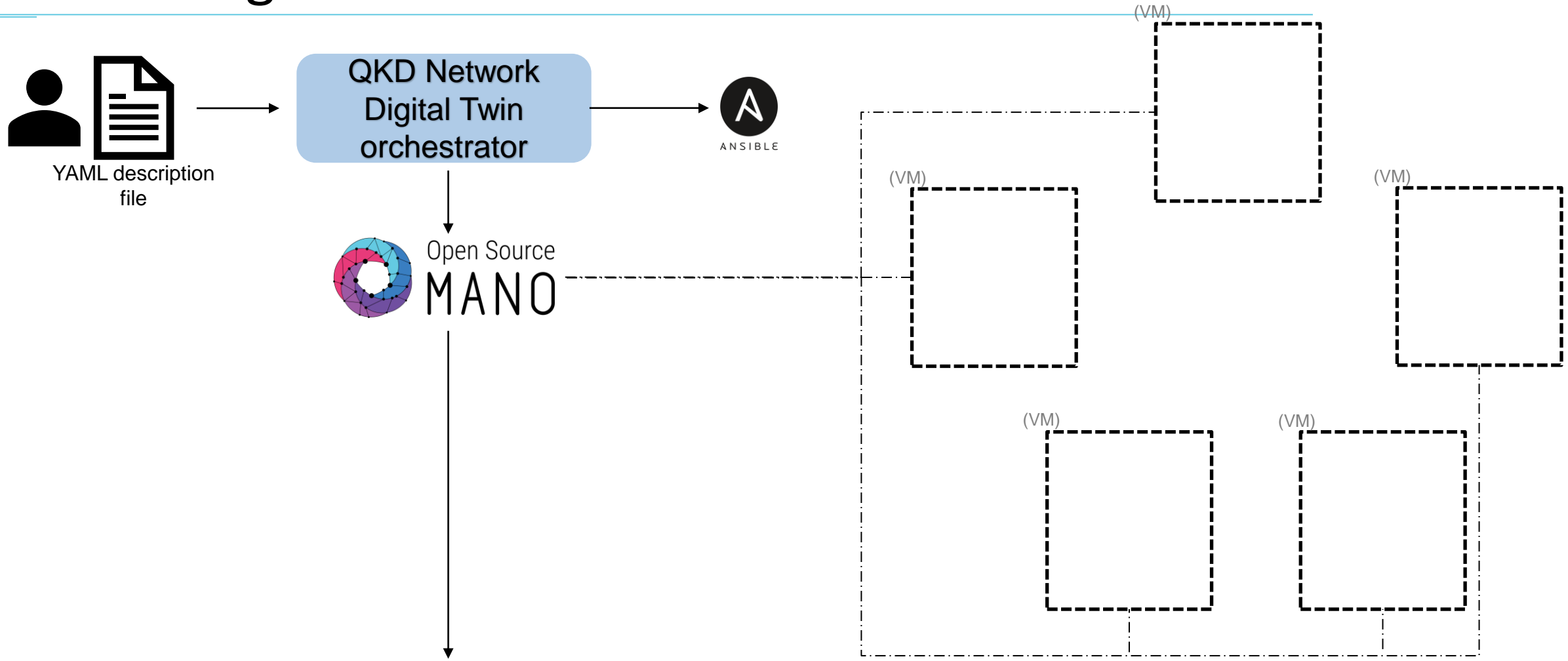
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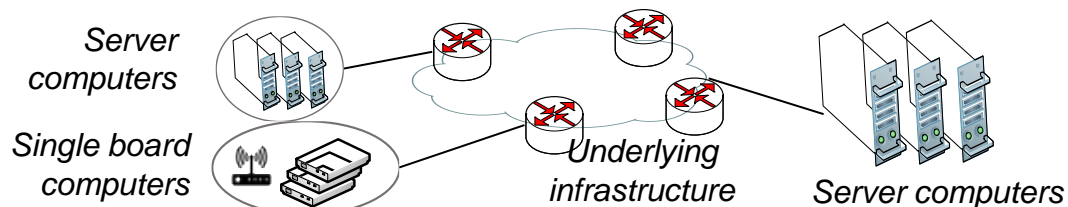
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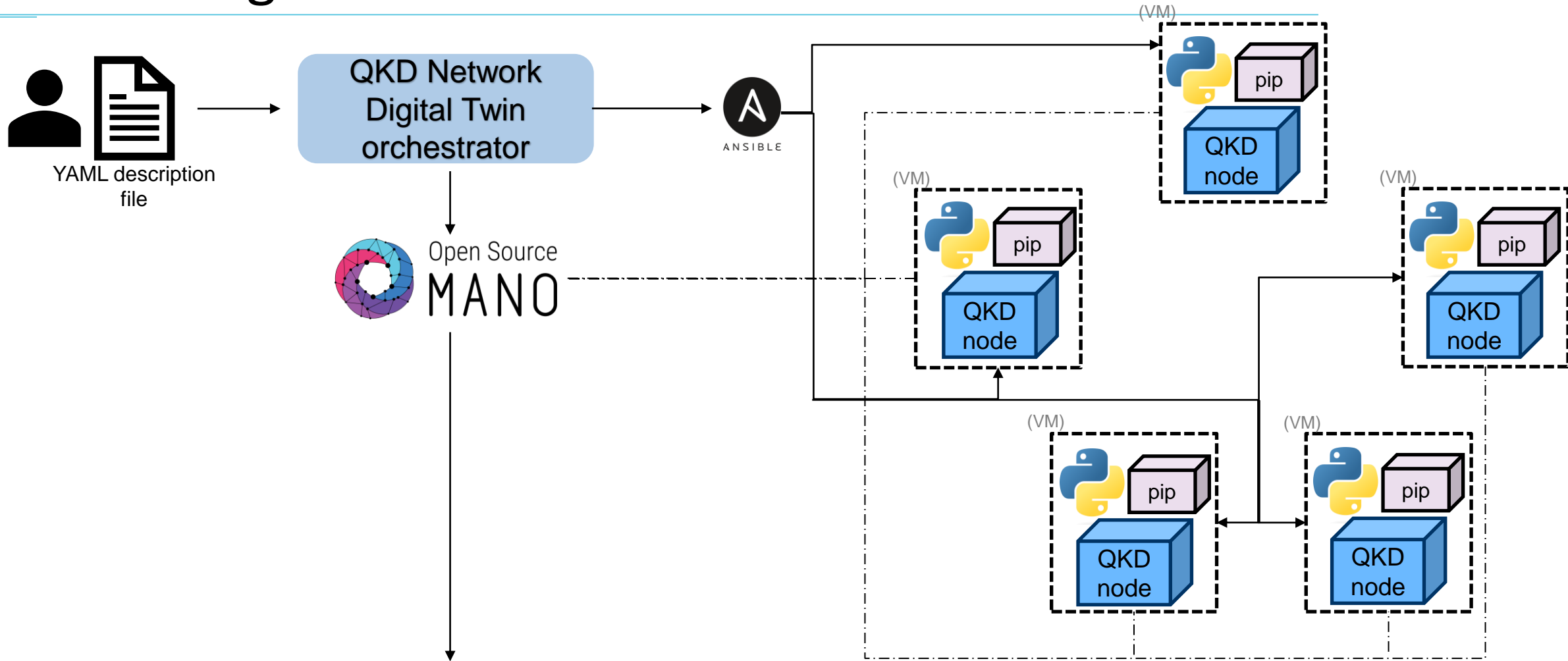
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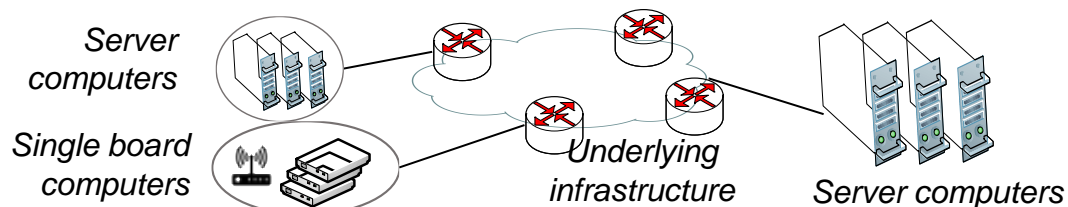
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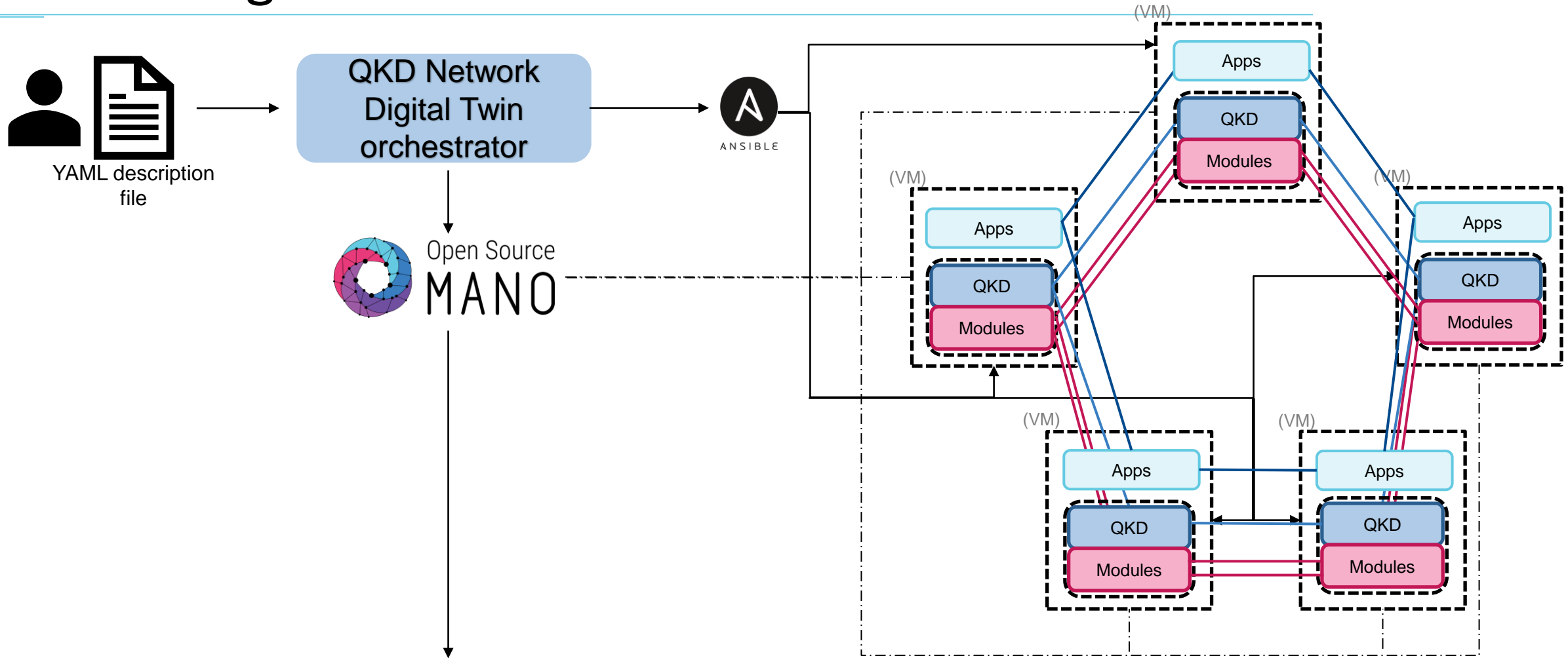
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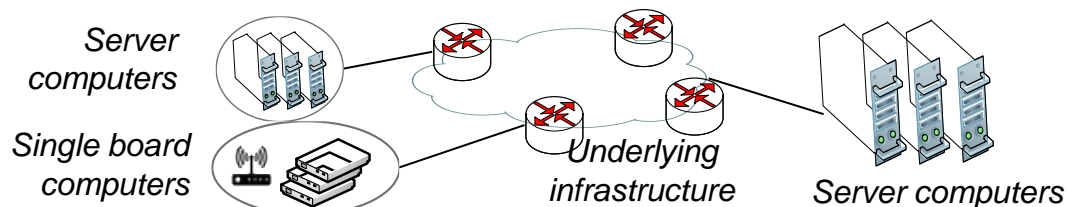
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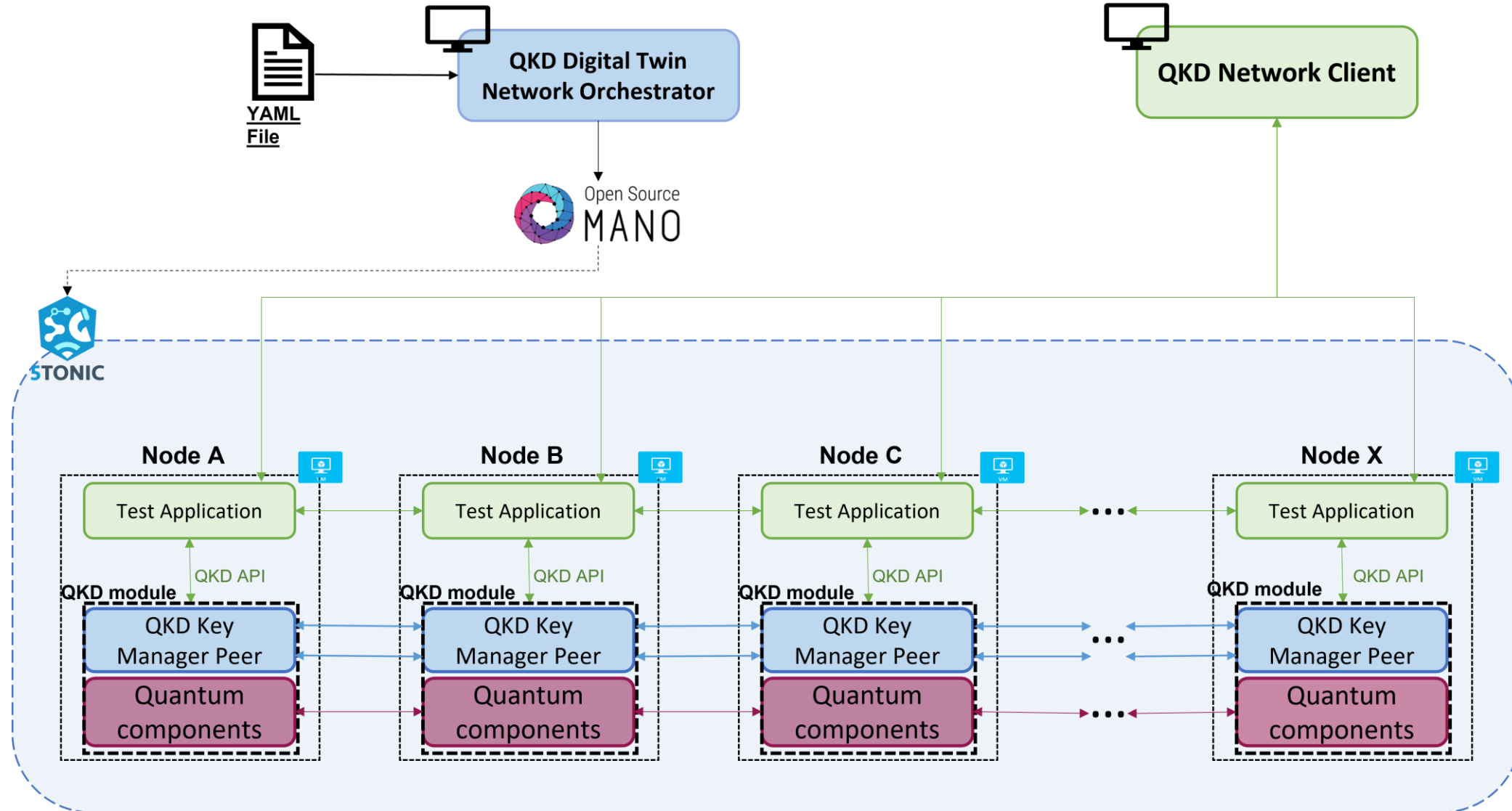
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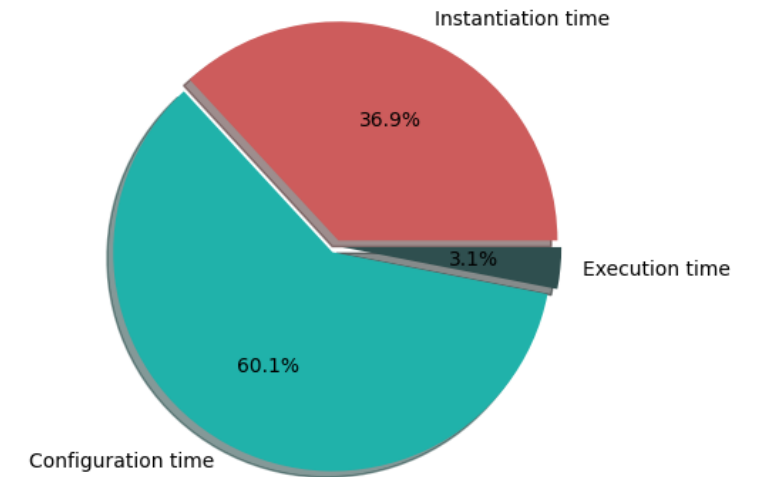
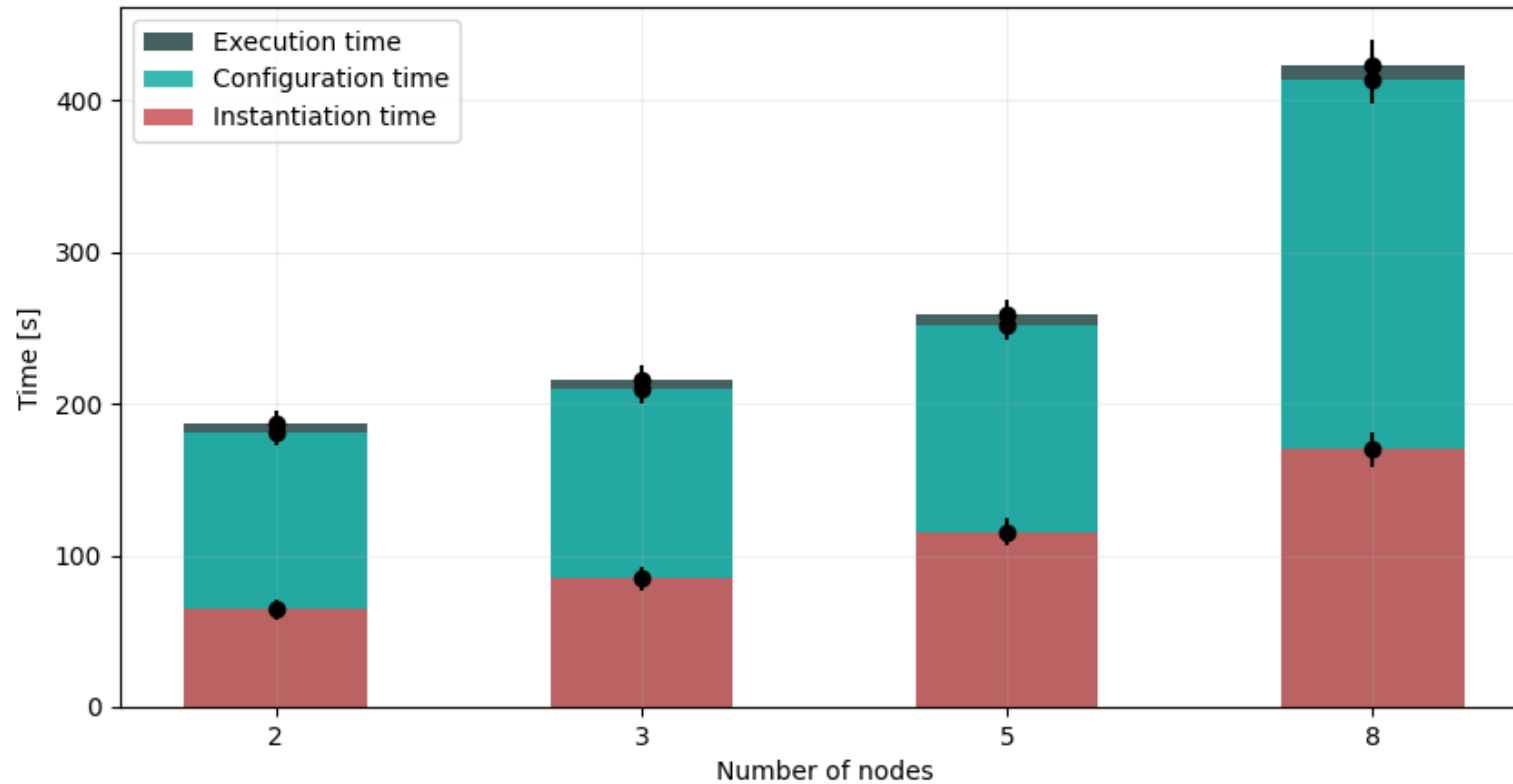
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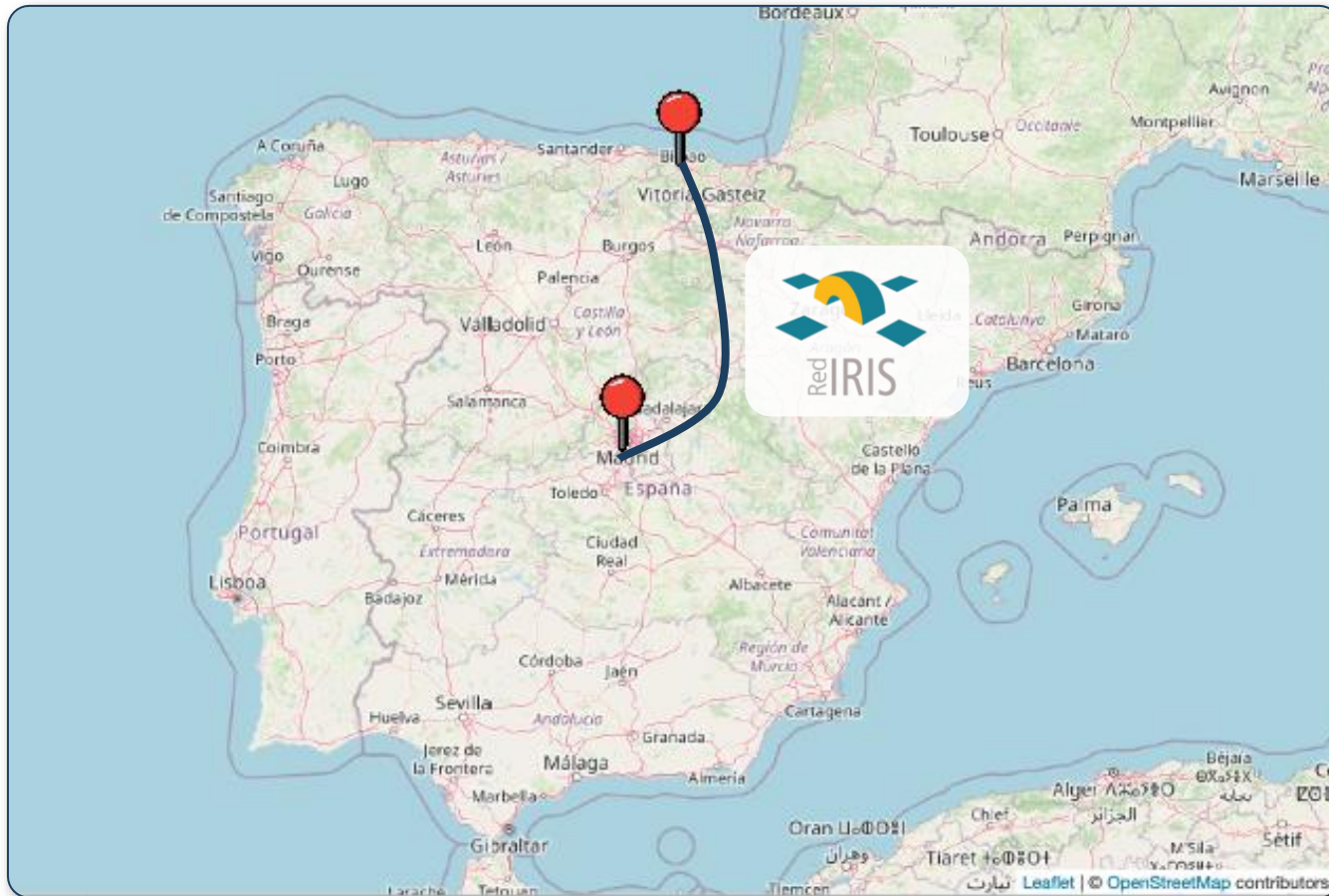
To sum up

- ✓ We now **have access to a digital twin environment for the development of QKD networking issues.**
- ✓ The service **can deploy, and start up, moderate sized networks (6-10 nodes) in 7 minutes** thanks to OSM.
- ✓ **Quantum applications can run over the QKD network digital twin using a standardized API.**

Next steps

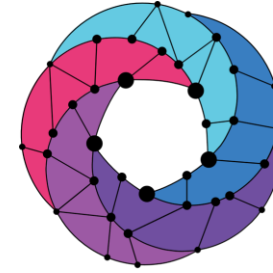
- ❑ Support **hybrid deployments**.
- ❑ Add **quantum parameters**.
- ❑ Emulate **channel authentication**.
- ❑ Incoming field test!

Use case: Collaboration with EHU/UPV



Objective: Deployment of a QKD network using the digital twin with network nodes in different locations (Madrid, Bilbao).

- Collaboration in the context of the Spanish national project TRUE5G:
 - Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
 - Universidad del País Vasco
- Use the digital twin to emulate the automated deployment of a QKD network in which the nodes involved may span across multiple locations
- Dedicated layer-2 link: VLAN provided by RedIRIS at national scale, with a transmission rate of 10 Gbps



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