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Design and Implementation of a Distributed Quantum Key Management System for Three-Node QKD Systems – Project & Thesis Topics for Students

1. Project Background

Quantum Key Distribution (QKD) is a core technology in the field of quantum communication, enabling theoretically unconditionally secure key distribution. However, with the rapid development of QKD technologies, quantum key management has become a critical research topic, especially in multi-node networks where key management faces challenges distinct from those in classical communication systems. This project aims to design and implement a distributed quantum key management system for three-node QKD systems, providing technical support for the future construction of quantum communication networks.

2. Project Objectives

- Investigate the challenges and existing solutions in quantum key management systems.
- Design and implement a distributed quantum key management system for three-node QKD systems.
- Address core issues such as key distribution, storage, updating, and security.
- Validate the system's functionality and performance through simulation or experimentation.

3. Research Content

- 1. Challenges and Existing Solutions in Quantum Key Management Systems:
 - Study the core issues in quantum key generation, distribution, storage, and updating.
 - Analyze the strengths and weaknesses of existing QKD key management solutions.
- 2. Design of a Distributed Quantum Key Management System:
 - Design the key management architecture for three-node QKD systems.
 - Implement efficient key distribution and relaying mechanisms.
 - Design secure key storage and updating schemes.
- 3. Security Assurance:
 - Research quantum-resistant key management protocols.
 - Implement security measures for key transmission and storage.
- 4. System Implementation and Testing:
 - Implement the distributed quantum key management system.
 - Validate the system's functionality and performance through simulation or experimentation.









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4. Requirements for Applicants

- 1. Academic Background:
 - Major in Computer Science, Electronic Engineering, Communication Engineering, or related fields.
- 2. Technical Skills:
 - Familiarity with network communication protocols (e.g., TCP/IP, HTTP) and distributed systems.
 - Proficiency in programming (e.g., Python, C++, Java).
 - Database related knowledge is preferred.
 - Experience in distributed systems or key management is a plus.
- 3. Attitude:
 - Proactive, with strong learning ability and teamwork spirit.

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*Outstanding research results may be published in relevant academic journals or conferences.



