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#### **Acronyms**

5G The fifth generation of cellular networks

AAU Active Antenna Unit

AES Advanced Encryption Standard
AIT Austrian Institute of Technology
API Application Programmers Interface
ASMT Arbitrarily Secure Message Transmission

ATM Asynchronous Transfer Mode BBN Bolt Beranek and Newman

BBU Base Band Unit BF Bellman-Ford

BGP Border Gateway Protocol CAC Call Admission Control

CC Common Criteria

CIA Confidentiality-Integrity-Availability

CLI Command Line Interface

CO Central Office

CV-QKD Continuous-Variable QKD

CVSS Common Vulnerability Scoring System

DDoS Distributed Denial-of-Service

DH Diffie-Hellman key agreement primitive
DHE Ephemeral Diffie-Hellman (DHE)

DiffServ Differentiated Services

DIQKD Device-Independent Quantum Key Distribution

DoS Denial-of-Service

DSCP Differentiated Services Code Point
DSDV Destination-Sequenced Distance-Vector

DU Digital Unit
DV Distance Vector

DV-QKD Discrete Variables QKD

E2E End-to-End

ECN Explicit Congestion Notification

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eCPRI Enhanced Common Public Radio Interface

ERO Explicit Route Object

ESP Encapsulating Security Payload FEC Forwarding Equivalence Class

Fi-Wi Fiber/Wireless

FQKD Flexible QoS model for QKD Networks

FR Frame Relay

GMPLS Generalized Multi-Protocol Label Switching

GPL GNU Public License

GPSR Greedy Perimeter Stateless Routing in Wireless Networks

GPSRQ Greedy Perimeter Stateless Routing Protocol for QKD Networks

GUI Graphical User Interface

HARQ Hybrid Automatic Retransmit reQuest HMAC Hash Message Authentication Code

HOM Hong-Ou-Mandel

IETF Internet Engineering Task Force

IKE Internet Key Exchange IntServ Integrated Services IoT Internet of Things

IPComp IP payload compression protocol

IPsec Internet Protocol security

ISAKMP Internet Security Association and Key Management Protocol

IS-IS Intermediate System to Intermediate System

ISP Internet Service Provider
ITS Information-Thoeretic Security

IV Initialization Vector KMS Key Manager System KSID Key Stream ID

LDPC Low Density Parity Check LER Label Edge Routers

LKMS Local Key Manager System

LP Linear Program
LS Link-State

LSA Link-State Advertisement

LSP Label Switch Path LSU Link-State Update

MAC Message Authentication Code
MACsec Media Access Control security
MANET Mobile Ad Hoc Network

MANO Management and Orchestration

MDI-QKD Measurement Device Independent Quantum Key Distribution

MGSS Multi-Goal Security Strategy
MPLS Multi-Protocol Label Switching

MPT Multipath Transmission
MSS Maximum Segment Size

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MTU Maximum Transmission Unit
NAT Network Address Translation
NFV Network Function Virtualization

NIST National Institute of Standards and Technology

NR New Radio

NVD National Vulnerability Database OLA Operational Level Agreement

OS Operating System

OSPF Open Shortest Path First

OTP One-Time Pad
P2MP Point-to-MultiPoint
P2P Point-to-Point

PCE Path Computation Element

PCEP Path Computation Element Protocol

PER Provider Edge Router
PFS Perfect Forward Secrecy
PITM Person-in-the-Middle
PKI Public Key Infrastructure
PON Passive Optical Network
PPP Point-to-Point Protocol

PSMT Perfectly Secure Message Transmission

Q3P Quantum Point-to-Point Protocol

QBER Quantum Bit Error Rate
QKD Quantum Key Distribution
QKDNetSim QKD Network Simulator

QKRA Quantum Key Reservation Approach

QoS Quality of Service

QPFS Quantum Perfect Forward Secrecy
QRNG Quantum Random Number Generator

QSIP QKD Signaling Protocol

QUANTUM5 Quantum Cybersecurity in 5G Networks

RAN Radio Access Network
RAT Radio Access Technology
REST REpresentational State Transfer
RIP Routing Information Protocol

RRH Remote Radio Head RRU Remote Radio Unit

RSVP Resource Reservation Protocol

RTT Round-Trip Time RU Radio Unit

SAD Security Association Database SAE Secure Application Entity SDN Software Defined Networking

SECOQC Secure Communication based on Quantum Cryptography

SeQKEIP Secure Quantum Key Exchange Internet Protocol

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SIP Session Initiation Protocol

SKEYID Session Key ID

SLA Service Level Agreement

SPAD Single-Photon Avalanche Diodes

SPD Security Policy Database
SPD Single-Photon Detector
SPI Security Parameter Index
TCP Transmission Control Protocol
TLS Transport Layer Security

TTL Time to Live

TVA Topological Vulnerability Analysis

UDP User Datagram Protocol

UE User Equipment

URI Uniform Resource Identifier VANET Vehicular Ad Hoc Network

vCPE Virtual Customer Premise Equipment

vEPC Virtual Evolved Packet Core

VoIP Voice over IP

VPN Virtual Private Network

vRAN Virtual Radio Access Network VSB Technical University of Ostrava WDM Wavelength Division Multiplexing

#### **List of Symbols**

```
\{0, 1\}^n
           Set of bitstrings of length n
           Set of bitstrings of any length (= \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \{0, 1\}^n)
\{0, 1\}^*
|m|
           Length of bitstring m \in \{0, 1\}^*
\oplus
           Bitwise XOR between two strings
           Path, represented as ordered subset \pi \subseteq E of edges in a graph G = (V, E)
\pi
V(\pi)
           Nodes along a path \pi
|\pi|
           Length of a path \pi as number of edges (hops)
\mathscr{A}
           Adversary structure; a family (set) of sets
\mathscr{P}(X)
           Power-set of the set X
\mathbb{Z}_p
           Finite field of prime order p, with modulo arithmetic
```