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Standardization Roadmap on Quantum Technologies

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Standardization outlook and technology maturity: Network aspects of QIT

QIT4N terminology: QKDN

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Module-Lattice-Based Key-Encapsulation Mechanism Standard (ML-KEM)

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QKD – Components and Internal Interfaces

QKD – Vocabulary

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QKD – Application Interface

QKD – Security Proofs

QKD – QKD Module Security Specification

QKD – Implementation security: protection against Trojan horse attacks

QKD – Component characterization: characterizing optical components fo

QKD – Device and Communication Channel Parameters for QKD Deploym

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QKD – Protocol and data format of REST-based key delivery API

QKD – Control Interface for Software Defined Networks

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Information security – Security requirements, test and evaluation method

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QKD networks – Requirements for quality of service assurance

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QKD network interworking – Framework

QKD networks – Functional architecture for quality of service assurance

QKD networks – Requirements for machine learning based quality of serv

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QKD networks – Functional requirements and architecture for machine le.

QKD networks – Overview of resilience

QKD networks – Functional architecture enhancement of machine learnin

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QKD networks – Requirements and architectural model for autonomic ma

QKD network interworking – Software-defined networking control

QKD networks – Requirements for resilience

Quantum noise random number generator architecture

Security framework for QKD networks

Security requirements and measures for QKD networks – key management

Security requirements for the protection of QKD nodes

Key combination and confidential key supply for quantum key distribution

Security requirements and measures for integration of QKD network and

Security considerations for QKD network (Corrigendum)

CYBER – Quantum Computing Impact on security of ICT Systems; Recommendation

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## Scope

The purpose of the FGQT is to ensure interaction, such as workshops, between all relevant European stakeholders and to map potential standardization in the field of QT to map ongoing standardization activities, define needs and opportunities for further action to ensure that standards support the deployment of QT in industry. The FGQT does not develop standard deliverables.

### One-pager to call for participation

This text provides some of the central ideas underlying the FGQT Standardization Roadmap. It gives a more detailed overview and accompanies the FGQT Work Programme (FGQT Q02). Its purpose is to encourage people to read, comment, and contribute to the FGQT Standardization Roadmap (FGQT Q04).

This document outlines the activities of the Focus Group on Quantum Technologies (FGQT) established by the European Committee for Standardization (CEN) and the European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization (CENELEC). Over 100 experts have joined, with around 200 experts participating in 30 meetings, covering various domains of quantum technologies. The document aims to inform about standardization needs, opportunities, and ongoing activities related to quantum technologies and encourages participation from National Standardization Bodies. The roadmap document is structured into chapters: historical context, challenges, the role of quantum technologies in the economy, and the ecosystem of standardization. It delves into the state of quantum technologies, types of standards, ongoing standardization platforms, and examples of standardization in quantum technologies like nanodiamond color centers and superconducting quantum circuits are discussed, along with quantum communication components and subsystems. Specific analysis is provided for quantum communication, computing, simulation and metrology. The document concludes with a description of the composite system of the quantum internet and the next steps.

The use cases presented in this document are unstructured, both in topic and in the readiness or implication of the use case. Each subsection contains a separate use case and starts with a description, enabling technologies and standardization requirements. The use cases follow with a deeper discussion of the aspects where standards are needed or might be beneficial.

This technical report is a deliverable of the ITU-T Focus Group on Quantum Information Technology for Networks (FG QIT4N). Based on existing work of various Standards Development Organizations (SDOs) and academic literature, it surveys terminology and aspects of quantum information technology, studies their overlap and divergence and provides a list of terms that need to be standardized. Future efforts to standardize terminology on network aspects of quantum information technology should be informed by this technical report.

This technical report is a deliverable of the ITU-T Focus Group on Quantum Information Technology for Networks (FG QIT4N) and analyses QIT for network use cases gathered during the lifetime of the ITU-T Focus Group on Quantum Information Technology for Networks (FG QIT4N). The use cases which are only applied by QITs are collected, investigated and summarized. The report analyses by current bottlenecks, application scenarios, technical requirements and solutions. This Technical Report provides analyses and suggestions for future applications and potential standardization requirements.

This technical report is a deliverable of the ITU-T Focus Group on Quantum Information Technology for Networks (FG QIT4N) and provides: • a snapshot of the standardization landscape of quantum information technology (QIT) for networks; • an analysis of barriers to the development and adoption of standards for QIT for networks; • a review of methodologies for assessing the maturity and standardization readiness of QIT for networks. This document studies the standardization outlook and the maturity of quantum information technologies which either comprise or impact the requirements for a quantum information network (QIN), at the period of performance of the ITU-T Focus Group on Quantum Information Technology for Networks (FG QIT4N).

This technical report is a deliverable of the ITU-T Focus Group on Quantum Information Technology for Network. This technical report provides a survey of terminology relevant to QKDN currently published or under development by ITU-T, ISO/IEC JTC1 SC27 WG3 and ITU-T SG13/17. Based on the survey, the terms are categorized according to the technical directions they fall under.

This Technical Report is a deliverable of the ITU-T Focus Group on Quantum Information Technology for Network. It consolidates the QKDN use cases gathered during the lifetime of the ITU-T FG QIT4N. The QKDN use cases are categorized into classes and the report highlights the competitive advantage of the use cases brought by QKDN and provides suggestions for standardization efforts.

This technical report is a deliverable of the ITU-T Focus Group on Quantum Information Technology for Network. It studies and reviews protocols in the quantum layer of a quantum key distribution network (QKDN). It mainly focuses on quantum key distribution (QKD) protocols in the quantum layer, where QKD is an essential part of the QKDN and is an emerging technology expected to strengthen the security of the current communication network. This technical report endeavours to provide a review of the QKD protocols, including different types of QKD protocols, their workflows, protocol features, parameters, and commercialization status. For this reason, it briefly discusses the security of QKD, specifically the security of protocols in real world QKD systems. More generally, this technical report discusses the potential of integration of QKD into classical networks and provides an overview of considerations and suggestions for future work on QKDN protocols.

This technical report is a deliverable of the ITU-T Focus Group on Quantum Information Technology for Network. It studies classical communication protocols in the quantum key distribution network (QKDN) which include protocols in the key management layer, QKDN control layer, and QKDN management layer. The QKDN protocols are classified according to main functions of each layer. Representative operational procedures and corresponding message protocols are provided for some protocols.

This technical report is a deliverable of the ITU-T Focus Group on Quantum Information Technology for Network. It discusses QKDN transport technologies such as transport system components, technical solutions, the typical scenarios of co-existence of quantum and classical signals in a common fibre (CEQC). Analysis about the impact of the classical signals on quantum signals is given. Furthermore, some CEQC schemes are shown in the document, both for DV-QKD systems and DV-QKD systems.

This Technical Report is a deliverable of the ITU-T Focus Group on Quantum Information Technology for Network. It provides an overview of quantum key distribution (QKD) technology, including frontier research, system experiments, and commercialized products. It conducts a summary of QKD industry status, including market players such as system integrators, providers, and end users, project and opinions from different countries and regions, and other aspects. It contains QKD standardization landscape, conducts gap analysis, and provides future standardization suggestions.

This Technical Report provides guidelines for quantum-safe distributed ledger technologies (DLT) systems, including:

- security assessments of cryptographic algorithms used in current DLT systems when large scale quantum computers are available;
- construction requirements and guidelines for a quantum-safe DLT system; and
- measures for migration at the cryptographic algorithm level from the current to a quantum-safe DLT system.

This Technical Report provides a landscape of the standardization activities on hybrid approaches for migration towards quantum-safe algorithms or protocols within international, regional and national organizations. The hybrid approach that is covered by this Technical Report is for key exchange. Hybrid approaches for key exchange consist of generating a key exchange functionality by combining at least two different key exchange methods.

This Technical Report studies the possible way forward to accommodate quantum key distribution protocols in the context of hybrid approaches for key exchange. This compatibility is studied for generic hybrid key exchange and hybrid key exchange that is specific to certain communication protocols.

The present document is a preparatory action for the definition of properties of components and internal interfaces. Irrespective of the underlying technologies, there are certain devices that appear in most QKD Systems. These are physical devices such as photon sources and detectors, or classical equipment such as protocol processing components and operating systems. For these components, relevant properties should be identified that will subsequently be subject to standardization. Furthermore, a catalogue of relevant requirements for interfaces between components should be developed to support the upcoming definition of internal interfaces.

The present document collects together definitions and abbreviations used in relation to Quantum Key Distribution (QKD) and ETSI ISG-QKD documents. QKD introduces new concepts and technologies to the field of telecommunications and considerable related vocabulary. Many terms derive from the wider fields of quantum and classical cryptography but in some cases terms assume a modified or more specific meaning when applied to QKD. The main objectives of the present document are:

- to improve the consistency with which terminology and abbreviations are used within ISG-QKD documents;
- to provide a reference document to reduce confusion by readers who may not be familiar with QKD.

Most definitions and abbreviations come from ISG-QKD Group Specifications and Group Reports or are expected to be used in future documents. The terms included have been selected to focus the present document on those that are expected to be of widespread use or where consistency is felt to be particularly important, e.g. due to a specific area of confusion. Terms introduced in a single ISG-QKD document for a specific purpose that is local to that document are excluded unless of particular importance.

The Use Cases Document shall provide an overview of possible application scenarios in which Quantum Key Distribution (QKD) systems can be used as building blocks for high security Information and communication technology (ICT) systems.

The present document is intended to specify an Application Programming Interface (API) between a QKD key manager and applications. The function of a QKD key manager is to manage the secure keys produced by an implemented QKD protocol and to deliver the identical set of keys, via this API, to the associated applications at the communicating end points.

The goals of the present document are as follows:

- to make precise the nature of the security claim, including its statistical component;
- to list meaningful restrictions of adversarial action;
- to clarify the difference between security claim of a protocol (based on models) and the security claim of its implementation;
- to carefully list all the usual components of a QKD protocol with their critical characterizations.

The present document is developed by the QKD ISG group in which participate experts of QKD theory and practice. With the goals identified above, the present document shall help to:

- clarify the role QKD devices can play in a security infrastructure given the exact nature of their security claim;
- classify QKD devices regarding the security level they can achieve;
- clarify which parameters need to be monitored continuously or periodically to assure the generation of a secure key for the different security levels.

On the other hand, the present document will not try to do the following:

- to give specific parameters for successful QKD as these numbers change with time;
- to endorse particular security proofs.

The present document aims to establish the necessary requirements for a QKD module to have a high probability of detecting and responding precisely and timely to attempts of direct physical access, and use or modification of memory inside. The principal objective is to detect any possible penetration with high probability, and resulting in the immediate zeroization of all Critical Security Parameters in plain text.

The present document specifies protection of QKD modules against Trojan horse attacks launched against a time-varying polarisation or intensity modulator that encodes or decodes at least one of bit values, basis values or the intensity or vacuum states from the quantum channel.

The present document gives specifications and procedures for the characterization of optical components for use in QKD systems. Examples of specific tests and procedures for performing such tests are given. Due to their importance for the security of a QKD system, particular attention is given to active optical components such as optical sources and single photon detectors.



The present document describes the Mayn communication resources involved in a QKD system and the possible architectures that can be adopted when performing a QKD deployment over an optical network infrastructure. The scope of the present document is restricted to QKD deployments over fibre optical networks. Architectural are also restricted to point-to-point communication.

The different entities that can take part in a QKD deployment and the possible contexts of deployment capturing roles played by the different entities are defined. One specific context (context1) is then addressed where one e (QKD\_O), operating QKD Modules, plans a QKD deployment over an optical network infrastructure, operated by another entity (NET\_O).

The information regarding the QKD system parameters and the network parameters to be exchanged (in context listed and prioritized. The corresponding tables, placed at the end of the present document, can be used as a sta template for the exchange of information between QKD\_O entities and NET\_O entities involved in the QKD deployment.

The present document defines procedures for characterising specific properties of complete QKD transmitter m procedures shall be limited to characterising the signals emitted by the transmitter under operational conditions

The present document specifies a communication protocol and data format for a quantum key distribution (QKD network to supply cryptographic keys to an application.

It is in the form of an API (Application Programming Interface) that allows application developers to make simple method calls to a QKD network and to be delivered key material. It is intended to allow interoperability of equip from different vendors.

The QKD network can consist of a single link between a single QKD transmitter and a single QKD receiver, or it ca an extended network involving many such QKD links. The API defines a single interface for the delivery of key material to applications in both scenarios. It is beyond the scope of the present document to describe how a QK network generates key material shared between distant nodes.

The present document provides a definition of management interfaces for the integration of QKD in disaggregat network control plane architectures, in particular with Software-Defined Networking (SDN). It defines abstraction models and workflows between an SDN-enabled QKD node and the SDN controller, including resource discovery capabilities dissemination and system configuration operations. Application layer interfaces and quantum-chann interfaces are out of scope.

The present document specifies a Protection Profile (PP) for the security evaluation of pairs of Quantum Key Distribution (QKD) modules under the Common Criteria for Information Technology Security Evaluation (CC v3.1 rev5). The present document is applicable to a pair of QKD modules operating a prepare and measure QKD prot that can form a complete QKD system when connected by an appropriate point-to-point QKD link. The PP specif high-level requirements for the physical implementation through to the output of final secret keys.

This work item will review the variety of architectures that have been proposed for QKD networking. It will further explore basic functionalities that the mentioned architectures implement as well as the commonalities between the architectures.

The present document provides a definition of an orchestration interface between an SDN orchestrator and an SDN controller of a QKD network. This orchestration interface defines the abstract information models and workflow for QKD network resource management, configuration management, performance management, service provisioning, notifications and management of multi-domain QKD networks. Interfaces between an SDN orchestrator and SDN controllers of classical optical transport networks are out of scope.

This work item will be a technical report on the design of classical interfaces for QKD systems that include authentication protocols used in discussion channels, auxiliary channels, management interfaces and key delivery interfaces. Aspects of information security or physical security will be discussed. Research on information-theoretic secure (e.g. Wegman Carter) and quantum authentication for QKD discussion channels will be reviewed as well as the use of other cryptographic algorithms (e.g. key) to augment protocols. Standard principles, frameworks and analytical tools from the cryptographic domain will be used. Design principles specific to authenticated QKD, including protection of authentication keys against denial of service attacks, will be discussed citing existing literature.

This work item will specify a REST API that allows key management systems to interoperate to pass keys horizontally between systems located in a common trusted node. The API will enable QKD networks to serve applications that request keys from key management systems that are not linked by a contiguous chain of systems from the same vendor. It is the purpose of the document to describe how the underlying QKD network agrees on key material between nodes. URI formats, communication protocols (HTTPS), and the JSON data format encoding of posted parameters and responses (including key material) will be specified. An OpenAPI description of the API will be included.

This work item deals with the interface between the SDN Orchestrator and the SDN Controller of QKD networks and their management systems. It defines abstraction models and workflows between the SDN Orchestrator and SDN Controller for QKD networks, including resource management, system configuration management, performance management, alarm management, provisioning, and management of multi-domain QKD networks to allow for the operation and management of various usage patterns.

This work item will specify a QKD network architecture building on analysis in DGR/QKD-017NwkArch (GR QKD Network Architecture) network functionalities and interfaces aligned with modern communication networking paradigms suitable for deployment in critical infrastructures and integration with general telecommunications networks.

This work item will provide an interface and data model definition for QKD monitoring, consistent with the existing interfaces. It will define monitoring and telemetry interactions with QKD modules, covering information about the modules and link(s) attached to them.

The present document gives an overview of the current understanding and best practice in academia and industry on quantum-safe cryptography (QSC). It focuses on identifying and assessing cryptographic primitives that have been proposed for quantum-safe establishment and authentication applications, and which may be suitable for standardization by ETSI and subsequent development of quantum-safe solutions for real-world applications.

The present document examines a number of real-world use cases for the deployment of quantum-safe cryptography. Specifically, it examines some typical applications where cryptographic primitives are deployed today and discusses their consideration by developers, highlighting features that may need change to accommodate quantum-safe cryptography. The focus of the document is on options for upgrading public-key primitives for key establishment and authentication. Alternative, non-public-key options are also discussed.

The present document presents the results of a simplified threat assessment following the guidelines of ETSI TR 103 40. The number of use cases. The method and key results of the analysis is described in clause 4.

The present document concludes that there are existing and widely used symmetric (AES-256) and hash primitives (with an output length of at least 256 bits) that will withstand quantum computer attacks until way after 2050.

The ISO/IEC 23837 series specifies the security requirements, test and evaluation methods for quantum key distribution under the framework of the ISO/IEC 15408 series. This document focuses on specifying the common baseline set of security requirements (SFRs) of QKD modules.

The ISO/IEC 23837 series specifies security requirements, test and evaluation methods for quantum key distribution under the framework of the ISO/IEC 15408 series. This document specifies an evaluation method and relevant test cases for the security evaluation of QKD modules in a relatively general way. The evaluation activities that are necessary for the evaluation of QKD modules include supplementary evaluation activities for the QKD-related security functional requirements specified in ISO/IEC 23837-1 and the supplementary evaluation activities for security assurance requirements (SFRs) with assurance levels ranging from evaluation assurance level (EAL) 1 to EAL 5+.

The standard covers quantum computing performance metrics for standardizing performance benchmarking of quantum hardware and software. These metrics and performance tests include everything necessary to benchmark quantum computers (alone and by/for comparison) and to benchmark quantum computers against classical computers using a method that accounts for factors such as dedicated solvers.

This standard addresses quantum technologies specific terminology and establishes definitions necessary to facilitate understanding to enable compatibility and interoperability.

This standard defines the Software-Defined Quantum Communication (SDQC) protocol that enables configuration of quantum endpoints in a communication network in order to dynamically create, modify, or remove quantum protocols on demand.

This standard defines a post-quantum optimized version of network security protocols. It is based on a multi-layered architecture and allows data packets to be quantum resistant to future cryptographically relevant quantum computers (CRQCs).

This recommended practice describes multi-step processes that can be used to implement hybrid mechanisms (combining classical quantum-vulnerable and quantum-resistant public-key algorithms). Existing post-quantum cryptographic algorithms are described. Desired characteristics of the hybrid mechanisms, such as crypto agility are also described.

Recommendation ITU-T Q.4160 specifies a framework for signalling and protocols for quantum key distribution networks.

Recommendation ITU-T Q.4161 specifies protocols for Ak interfaces in quantum key distribution networks.

Recommendation ITU-T Q.4162 specifies protocols for Kq-1 interfaces in quantum key distribution networks.

Recommendation ITU-T Q.4163 specifies protocols for Kx interfaces for quantum key distribution networks.

Recommendation ITU-T Q.4164 specifies protocols for Ck interfaces in quantum key distribution networks.

This Recommendation is an overview that provides basic QKDN conceptual structures with a clear security boundary. It is part of a series of QKDN Recommendations that cover various aspects such as network architecture, security, and management. Requirements will be for further study.

In the context of quantum key distribution networks (QKDNs), Recommendation ITU-T Y.3801 specifies the functional architecture for quantum layer, the key management layer, the QKDN control layer and the QKDN management layer.

Recommendation ITU-T Y.3802 defines a functional architecture model of quantum key distribution (QKD) networks. To realize this model, it specifies detailed functional elements and reference points, architectural configurations and operational procedures of QKD networks (QKDN).

Recommendation ITU-T Y.3803 provides help for the design, deployment, and operation of key management of quantum key distribution network (QKDN).

To realize secure, stable, efficient, and robust operations of and services by a quantum key distribution (QKD) network, Recommendation ITU-T Y.3804 provides an overview of how to manage a QKD network (QKDN) as a whole and support user network management, Recommendation ITU-T Y.3804 specifies the functional architecture, reference points, and procedures for QKDN control and management based on the requirements specified in Recommendation ITU-T Y.3801.

Recommendation ITU-T Y.3805 specifies the requirements, functional architecture, reference points, hierarchical structure, and overall operational procedures of SDN control.

Recommendation ITU-T Y.3806 specifies the high-level and functional requirements of quality of service (QoS) and network performance (NP) on quantum key distribution networks (QKDN). The functional requirements include QoS planning, QoS monitoring, QoS optimization, QoS provisioning, QoS protection and recovery.

Recommendation ITU-T Y.3807 describes QoS and network performance (NP) on QKDN and specifies the associated parameters for QoS and their definitions. This Recommendation helps to quantify what kind of QoS requirements should be monitored and measured for QKDN. It also defines the parameters.

Recommendation ITU-T Y.3808 provides an overview of secure storage networks (SSNs) for quantum key distribution networks (QKDNs). It specifies the functional requirements, functional architecture model, reference points and operational procedures for SSNs.

Recommendation ITU-T Y.3809 describes roles, a role-based model and service scenarios in quantum key distribution networks (QKDN) from different deployment and operation perspectives within existing user networks for supporting secure services. This Recommendation can be used as a guideline for applying QKDN from a role point of view as well as for deployment and operation of QKDN from a telecom operators' point of view.

For quantum key distribution networks (QKDN), Recommendation ITU-T Y.3810 specifies the framework of QKDN interworking (QKDNi). This Recommendation describes the overview of interworking QKDNs, the reference models, and the functional architecture of gateway functions (GWFs) and interworking functions (IWFs). The configurations for QKDNi are specified. Appendix A provides configurations for QKDNi with different key relay schemes.

Recommendation ITU-T Y.3811 specifies the functional architecture of quality of service (QoS) assurance for the quantum key distribution networks (QKDNs). This Recommendation first provides an overview of the functional architecture of QoS assurance for the QKDN. Then, it specifies the functional architecture of QoS assurance which includes functional entities such as QoS data collection, data processing, data analytics, QoS anomaly detection and prediction, QoS policy decision making, and enforcement and reporting. In addition to the functional entities described in the functional architecture, this Recommendation specifies a basic operational procedure for QoS assurance for the QKDN.

Recommendation ITU-T Y.3812 specifies high-level and functional requirements of machine learning (ML) based (QoS) assurance for quantum key distribution networks (QKDNs).

This Recommendation first provides an overview of requirements of ML based QoS assurance for the QKDN. It defines a model of ML based QoS assurance which is followed by associated high-level and functional requirements of ML based QoS assurance. Additionally, some use cases are described.

For quantum key distribution networks (QKDNs), Recommendation ITU-T Y.3813 specifies functional requirements for quantum key distribution network interworking (QKDNi). This Recommendation describes the functional requirements for the key management layer and QKDN management layer, for interworking using gateway nodes (GWNs) and/or interworking nodes (INs).

A quantum key distribution network (QKDN) is expected to maintain stable operations and meet the requirements for cryptographic applications efficiently. Due to the advantages of machine learning (ML) related to autonomous learning, ML is expected to overcome the challenges of QKDN in terms of quantum layer performances, key management layer performances, and management efficiency. Based on the functional requirements and architecture of QKDN stated in Recommendation ITU-T Y.3801 and ITU-T Y.3802, this Recommendation specifies one possible set of functional requirements and a possible architecture for an ML-enabled QKDN (QKDNml), including an overview and the functional requirements, architecture and operation of QKDNml.

Recommendation ITU-T Y.3815 gives an overview of resilience and conceptual models of protection and recovery for quantum key distribution networks for seamless key supply even in the case of network failure.

Recommendation ITU-T Y.3816 specifies functional architecture enhancement of quality of service (QoS) assurance for quantum key distribution networks (QKDNs) using machine learning (ML).

Recommendation ITU-T Y.3816 first provides an overview of functional architecture enhancement of ML-based QoS assurance for QKDNs. It then describes a functional architecture enhancement of QoS assurance that includes functional components such as data collection, data processing, data storage, data analytics, QoS anomaly detection and prediction, QoS policy enforcement and reporting. Based on the capabilities described in the functional architecture enhancement, Recommendation ITU-T Y.3816 specifies an operational procedure of QoS assurance for QKDNs.

Recommendation ITU-T Y.3817 specifies high-level and functional requirements for quality of service (QoS) assurance for quantum key distribution network interworking. The functional requirements include QoS information transfer, QoS negotiation, QoS management and QoS routing.

Recommendation ITU-T Y.3818 specifies functional architecture models for quantum key distribution network interworking, i.e., functional architectures with gateway and interworking nodes. In order to realize these two models, Recommendation ITU-T Y.3818 specifies detailed functional elements, basic operational procedures and architectural configurations for quantum key distribution network interworking.

This Recommendation specifies one possible set of functional requirements and a possible architectural model for machine learning (ML)-enabled quantum key distribution network management and control (AMC)-enabled QKDN (QKDNamc). In particular, the scope of this Recommendation includes:

- Overview of QKDNamc;
- Requirements for QKDNamc;
- Consideration for the cognition process of QKDNamc;
- Architectural model for QKDNamc;
- Example operational procedures of QKDNamc.

Recommendation ITU-T Y.3820 specifies the software-defined networking (SDN)-based quantum key distribution interworking control between QKDN providers. It provides an overview of the role of SDN control for the interworking between QKDN providers, the functional requirements for an SDN controller for interworking, the functional entities of an SDN controller for interworking, the interfaces of an SDN controller for interworking, the operational procedures of an SDN controller for interworking, as well as any security considerations.

For quantum key distribution networks (QKDN), Recommendation ITU-T Y.3821 specifies the general requirements for QKDN. Recommendation ITU-T Y.3822 separately specifies the requirements for supporting protection and recovery.

Recommendation ITU-T X.1702 defines a generic functional architecture of a quantum entropy source, a common method to estimate and validate the entropy of a noise source under evaluation, and a common method to specify random numbers that they are part of the implemented system.

Recommendation ITU-T X.1710 specifies a framework including requirements and measures to combat security threats in quantum key distribution networks (QKDNs).

It specifies a simplified QKDN structure for analysis of the relevant security threats. Security requirements and measures are then specified on that basis.

Recommendation ITU-T X.1712 specifies security threats and security requirements for key management in quantum key distribution networks (QKDNs), and security measures of key management to meet the security requirements.

This Recommendation also provides support for the design, implementation, and operation of key management systems that provide approved security.

Quantum key distribution (QKD) enables two remote parties to share a common random binary key that is unknown to any eavesdropper. QKD networks based on trusted nodes (QKD nodes) have been widely adopted to enlarge the key distribution network and enrich QKD-based applications. The trustworthiness of a QKD node is fundamental to ensure the overall security of the network.

Recommendation ITU-T X.1713 provides guidance for the secure implementation and operation of QKD nodes in quantum key distribution networks. Recommendation ITU-T X.1714 identifies security threats, provides security requirements for QKD nodes and provides specific measures to meet the requirements.

Recommendation ITU-T X.1714 describes key combination methods for quantum key distribution network (QKDN) and provides security requirements for both the key combination and the key supply from QKDN to cryptographic applications.

Recommendation ITU-T X.1715 specifies security requirements and measures for integrating a quantum key distribution network (QKDN) with a secure storage network (SSN) in the service layer (Recommendation ITU-T Y.3800) and public key cryptography (Recommendation ITU-T X.509).

This Technical Report only studies the perspective of QKD. Although QKD technologies have been developed for several decades, there is a need to develop a QKD framework to satisfy requirements from the telecom network's perspective.

The present document addresses business continuity arising from the concern that Quantum Computing (QC) is solving the problems that lie at the heart of both RSA and ECC asymmetric cryptography. The present document considers the post-quantum era of how to re-assert CAs in a PKI, the distribution of new algorithms, and the distribution of keys. The document advises that business continuity planning addresses the impact of QC on ICT.

The present document compares a selection of proposals for quantum-safe key exchanges taken from the academic literature. In particular, it includes key exchanges based on the Learning with Errors (LWE), Ring-LWE and Supersingular Isogeny Diffie-Hellman (SIDH) problems, as well as key exchanges constructed from the Niederreiter and NTRU key transport schemes.

The present document provides technical descriptions of the digital signature schemes submitted to the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) for the third round of their post-quantum cryptography standardization process.

The present document explores protocol requirements necessary to add quantum resistance to VPN technologies, server and architectural considerations. Specifically, requirements around protocols and key establishment are discussed for the multitude of systems that are at risk and require security updates before quantum computers that can attack classical cryptography are developed.

The present document describes a proposal for a quantum-safe hierarchical identity-based encryption scheme. It discusses the functionality provided by hierarchical identity-based encryption, outlines some example use cases and provides a description of a potential solution based on structured lattices. The description includes concrete proposals for performance estimates for performance in software and a practical security analysis.

The present document addresses the problem of migration to an environment in a Fully Quantum Safe Cryptographic State from a non-Quantum Safe Cryptographic State. The present document provides recommendations and guidance for the transition between the two (2) states.

The present document is limited to discussion of the characteristics of the state object, the reuse of the state in architectural and operational considerations for deploying stateful hash-based signatures. First, it discusses characteristics of the state object for S-HBS schemes and identifies potential security vulnerabilities and operational problems associated with state management. Second, it gives guidance on mitigating the issues identified. And third, it helps a prospective implementer determine if a S-HBS solution is suitable for their given application; examples of suitable and non-suitable applications are given.

The present document specifies several methods for deriving cryptographic keys from multiple shared secrets. These keys are established using existing classical key agreement schemes, like elliptic curve Diffie-Hellman (ECDH) in NIST SP800-56A, and quantum-safe key encapsulation mechanisms (KEMs).

The present document provides technical descriptions of the Public-Key Encryption (PKE) and Key Encapsulation Mechanism (KEM) schemes submitted to the National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST) for the third round of their Post-Quantum Cryptography (PQC) standardization process.

The present document reviews the state of deployment of cryptographic security mechanisms in Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) and Cooperative Intelligent Transport Systems (C-ITS) and their susceptibility to attack by a quantum computer. The document makes a number of recommendations regarding the adoption of Quantum Safe Cryptography in order to reduce the exposure of ITS and C-ITS to attack.

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