# List of Abbreviations

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<tr>
<td>ANSI</td>
<td>American National Standards Institute</td>
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<td>ANSI/ETSI PDH</td>
<td>Plesiochronous Digital Hierarchy (There are two interoperable versions of PDH, ratified by ANSI and ETSI)</td>
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<td>ASN.1</td>
<td>Abstract Syntax Notation One</td>
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<td>ATM</td>
<td>Asynchronous Transfer Mode</td>
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<td>BGP</td>
<td>Border Gateway Protocol</td>
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<td>CIM</td>
<td>Common Information Model</td>
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<td>CPU</td>
<td>Central Processing Unit</td>
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<td>DAS-3</td>
<td>Distributed ASCI Supercomputer 3</td>
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<td>DMTF</td>
<td>Distributed Management Task Force[38]</td>
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<td>DRAGON</td>
<td>Dynamic Resource Allocation over GMPLS Optical Networks</td>
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<td>ETSI</td>
<td>European Telecommunications Standard Institute</td>
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<td>e-VLBI</td>
<td>Very Long Baseline Interferometry</td>
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<td>GLIF</td>
<td>Global Lambda Integrated Facility[20]</td>
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GMPLS Generalized Multi-Protocol Label Switching
GOLE GLIF Open Lightpath Exchange
GPS Global Positioning System
IEEE Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers[104]
IETF Internet Engineering Task Force[105]
IP Internet Protocol
ITU-T Telecommunication Standardization Sector (coordinates standards on behalf of the ITU)
ITU International Telecommunication Union
LHC Large Hadron Collider
LSA Link State Announcement (Messages that are exchanged in OSPF)
MST Minimum Spanning Tree
MTU Maximum Transmission Unit (The largest data unit size that a data protocol (e.g. IP) can carry)
NDL Network Description Language
NEC network enabled capabilities
NM-WG Network Measurements Working Group
NREN national research and education network
OGF Open Grid Forum[106]
OSPF Open Shortest Path First
OSPF-TE Open Shortest Path First - Traffic Engineering (An extension of OSPF)
PNNI Private Network-to-Network Interface
pynt Python NDL Toolkit
RDF Resource Description Framework
RFC  Request For Comments (an IETF memorandum on Internet systems and standards)

RST  Random Spanning Tree

SDH  Synchronous Digital Hierarchy

SNMP  Simple Network Management Protocol

SONET  Synchronous Optical Networking

SPARQL  SPARQL Protocol and Query Language for RDF

SQL  Structured Query Language

STP  Spanning Tree protocol

STS  Synchronous Transport Signal (Part of the SONET standard)

TCP  Transmission Control Protocol

TDM  Time-Division Multiplexing

TITAAN  the Theatre Independent Tactical Army & Airforce Network

TL1  Transaction Language 1

UML  User-Mode Linux

UML  Unified Modeling Language

URI  Uniform Resource Identifier

URL  Uniform Resource Locator

UTF-8  Unicode Transformation Format 8-bit

VLAN  Virtual Local Area Network

VNE  Virtual Network Experiments

WDM  Wavelength-Division Multiplexing (A technology which multiplexes several wavelengths over the same optical fiber)

XML  Extensible Markup Language