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Thanks Jeff

These are all good comments. Let me know if its ok to send them on to Lily or if you want Nelson to send them.

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Matt,

Nelson asked me to give it a once over. I haven't given him feedback yet but here it is;

- it seems to sensationalize the deployment model of 5g jumping right to a pretty advanced microservices deployment discussion.
- It definitively states that devices will no longer require a UICC/SIM. While this might be possible for a standalone network it is a hot topic and still a bit fuzzy.
- The whole notion of networks going 'All In on PKI' is over stated and once again sensationalized. Most likely if an operator already has a PKI they will utilize it to enable network functions (nfs) to use something like tls to securely communicate. Just as the case with LTE there is a broad cop out in the specification saying none of that is needed if these NFs reside in a trusted environment with adequate physical security.
- PKI exists in today's cellular networks and is used heavily by many operators from an operational perspective to manage their networks securely.
- It might make sense to include a note in this paper that the group responsible for specifying 5G security is very aware of and closely following the NIST PQC project.

Jeff

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This is a paper for QCrypt submission.

I want to be sure you have seen it before I hit the verb button

Thanks

Matt