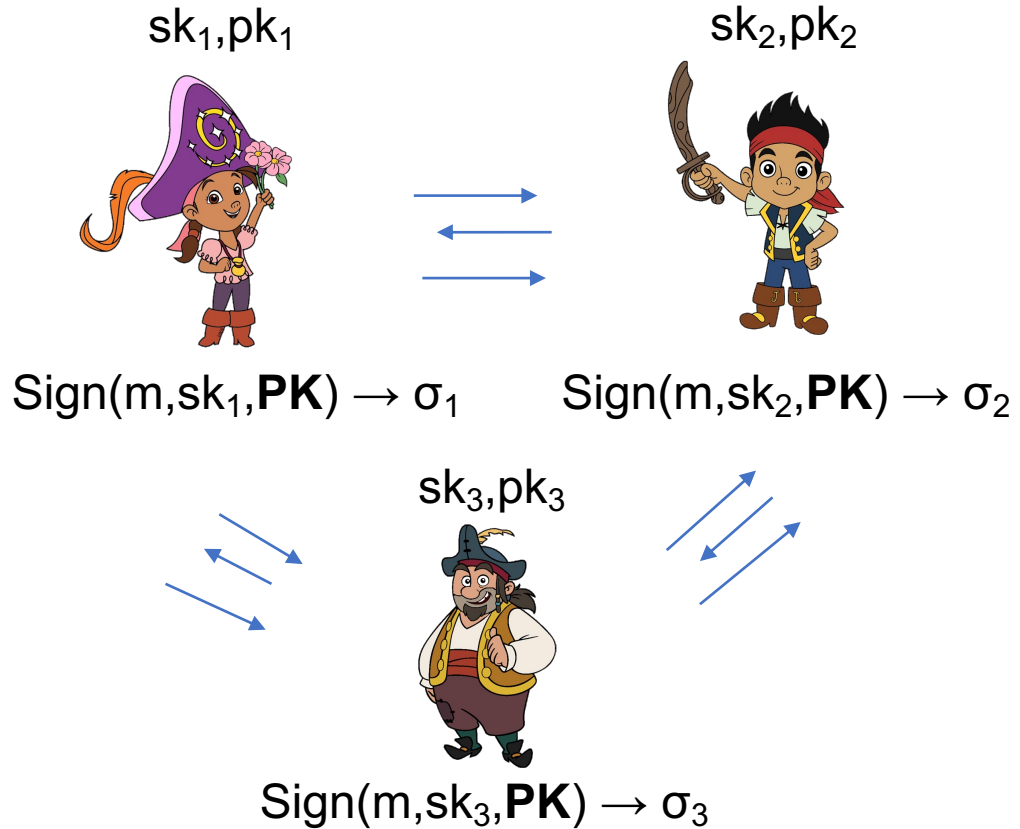


Subset-optimized BLS Multi-signature with Key Aggregation

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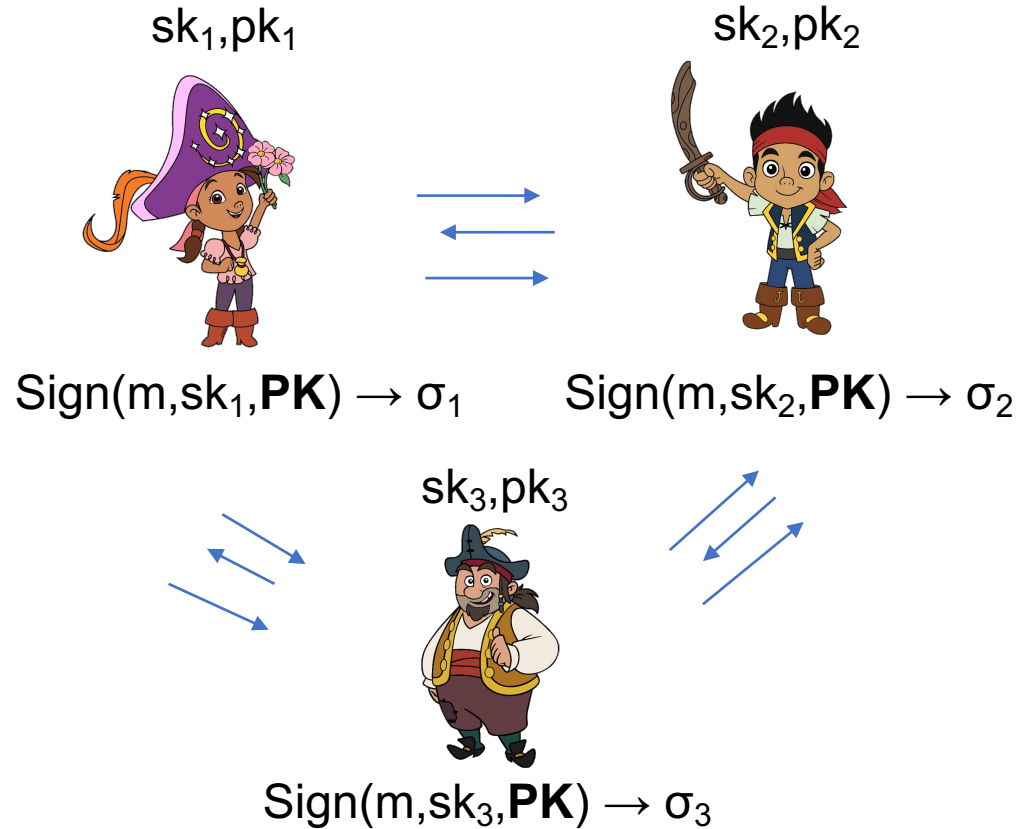
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Create a **short** σ via:

- interactive protocol
- signature aggregation

efficient
verification

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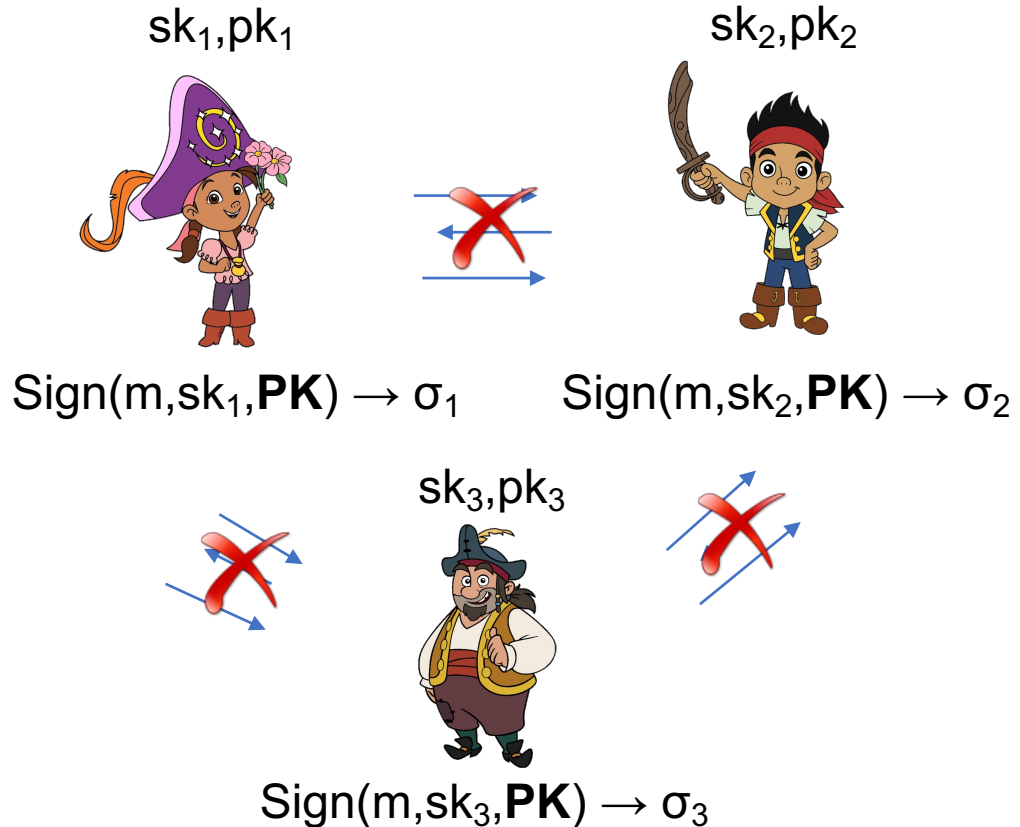
Additional goal: **Key Aggregation**

$\text{KAgg}(pk_1, pk_2, pk_3) \rightarrow apk$

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Security:

- Correctness
- Unforgeability (special attention to rogue key attacks)

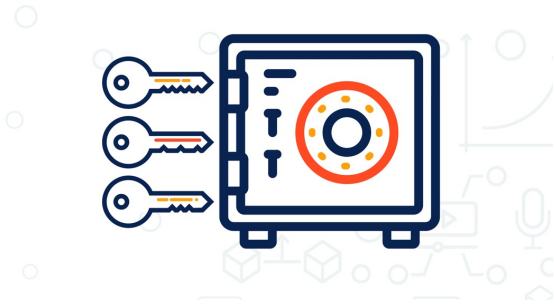
Constructions:

- A variety of constructions with various trade-offs, secure under different assumptions
- Our focus is BLS

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Multi-signatures Applications:

Multi-user wallets



Collective Signing of Digital Certificates



Layer-2 protocols



BITCOIN LIGHTNING NETWORK

Block Validation in PoS/
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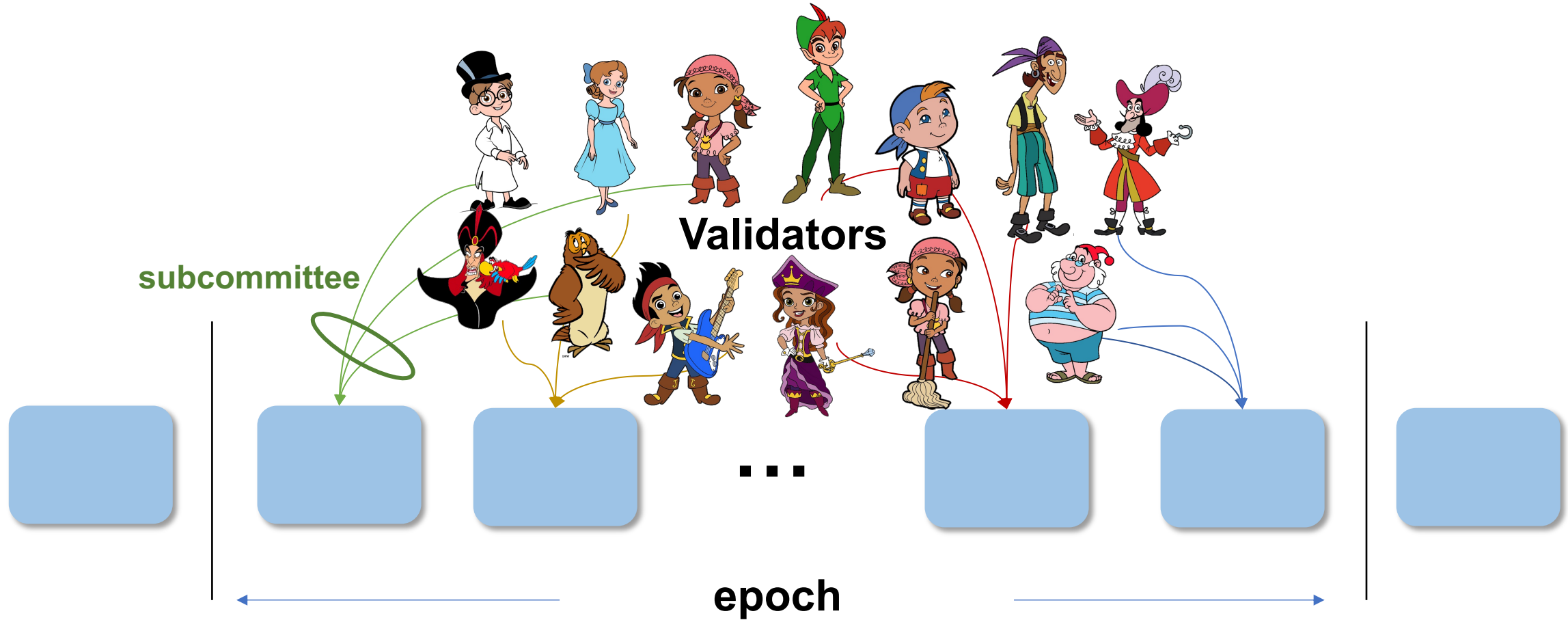
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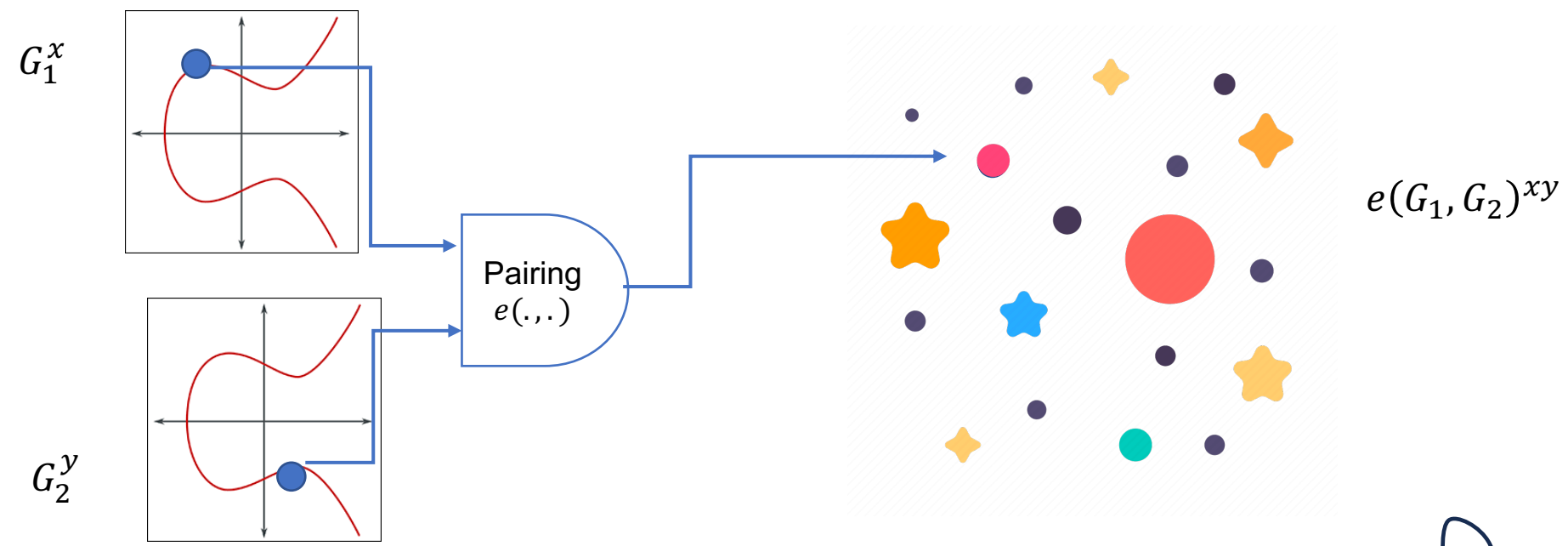
Proof of Stake

Multi-signatures in Proof-of-Stake:



- Fixed committee of n validators/epoch
- Subset/subcommittee of k validators multi-signs each block

BLS signature [BLS04]: A digital signature over bilinear groups*



* (Type-III) Bilinear Groups:

- There exists an efficient map $e: \mathbb{G}_1 \times \mathbb{G}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_T$:
- **Bilinearity:** $e(G_1^x, G_2^y) = e(G_1, G_2)^{xy}, \forall x, y \in \mathbb{Z}_q$
- **Non-degenerate:** $e(G_1, G_2) \neq 1_{\mathbb{G}_T}$
- $\mathbb{G}_1 = \langle G_1 \rangle, \mathbb{G}_2 = \langle G_2 \rangle, \mathbb{G}_T = \langle e(G_1, G_2) \rangle$

Source groups Target group



BLS signature [BLS04]:

KeyGen



$$sk \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \mathbb{Z}_q^*$$



$$pk := G_2^{sk}$$

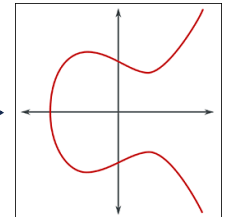
Signing



Arbitrary Message



Hash-to-curve function
 $H(\cdot): \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_1$

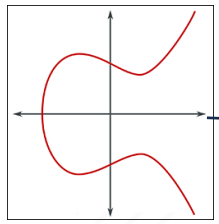


$H(\text{message})$



$$\sigma := H(\text{message})^{sk}$$

Verify



$H(\text{message})$

$$e(\sigma, G_2) = e(H(\text{message}), pk)$$

First Attempt: Rogue-key attack

$$\sigma_{agg} := \prod \sigma_i$$

$$apk := \prod pk_i$$

$$e(\sigma_{agg}, G_2) = e(H(m), apk)$$

$$e(H(m)^{sk_3}, G_2) = e(H(m), apk)$$



sk_1, pk_1



sk_2, pk_2



$sk_3, pk_3 = G_2^{sk_3} (pk_1)^{-1} (pk_2)^{-1}$

BLS Multi-signatures [BDN18]:

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Verify(m, apk, σ) \rightarrow Check if $e(\sigma, G_2) = e(H(m), \text{apk})$

In PoS, this process repeats for each subset of k validators

Motivation:



Run KeyAgg **once** per epoch for the **full set** of n committee members.

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Beginning of epoch, all n committee members run:

KeyReRand: $pk_i^* = pk_i^{a_i}$ where $a_i = H_1(\{pk_1, \dots, pk_n\}, pk_i)$
 $sk_i^* = sk_i a_i$ **once**

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q-EUF-Chosen Message Attack (EUF-CMA): standard definition



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$\longrightarrow pk, pp$



M
 σ

$Q_S \leftarrow Q_S \cup \{M\}$
 $\sigma \leftarrow \text{Sign}(pp, sk, M)$
Signing Oracle

$\longleftarrow \sigma^*, M^*$

Return 1 if:

1. $\text{Verify}(pk, M^*, \sigma^*)=1$
2. $M^* \notin Q_S$
3. $|Q_S| \leq q$

q-EUF-CMA for SMSKR: **Weak** and Strong



$(pk_0, sk_0) \leftarrow \text{KeyGen}(pp)$

$\longrightarrow pk_0, pp$

$$PK = \overrightarrow{PK}_A \cup \{pk_0\}$$

$(pk_0^*, sk_0^*) \leftarrow \text{RandKey}(pp, sk_0, PK)$


$\overrightarrow{PK}_A, I_0^*$

pk_0^*

I^*, σ^*, M^*



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3. $|Q_S| \leq q$
4. $I^* = I_0^*$

Proving Security of Our Construction:

[BDN'18]: Multi-BLS is secure under CDH in ROM

Our Scheme

Proof 1: secure under CDH in ROM for a weak adversary

Proof 2: secure under DL in AGM+ROM with a 2^n security loss 😞

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Our Scheme

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Proof 2: secure under DL+ RMSS in AGM+ROM

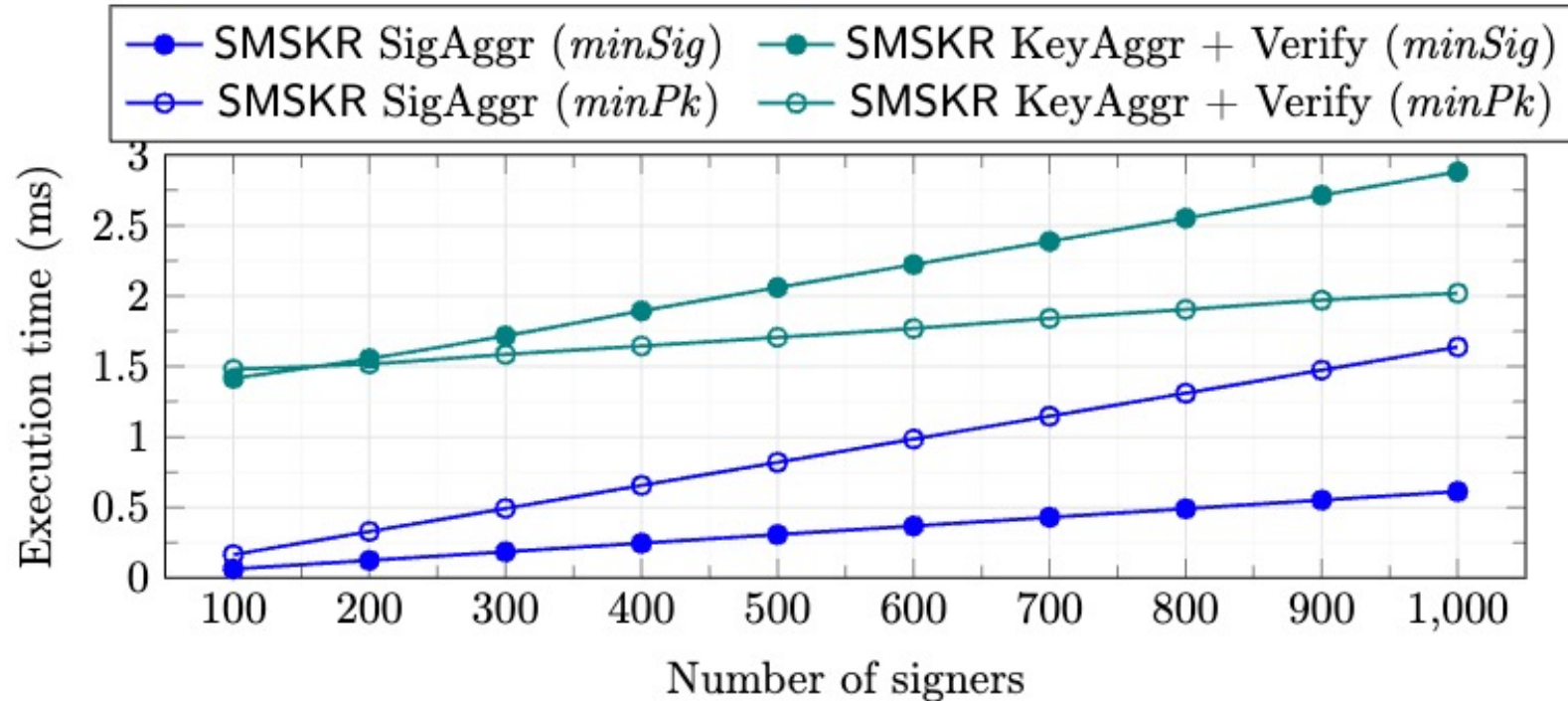
Random Modular Subset Sum (RMSS) assumption:

Given a set $S = \{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n\}$ of integers and an integer target t , determine if there exists a subset $I \subseteq S$ that sums to the target t .

If the number of possible subsets is negligibly smaller than the size of the output space of H_1 , then the probability of existence of a subset sum solution is negligible 😊

Implementation of our SMSKR:

- less than 0.2 ms to aggregate signatures
- and less than 1.5 ms to verify signatures in a setting with less than 100 signers



A product-ready implementation.
Over bls12-381 written in Rust
using blst library.

On a t3.medium AWS instance with 2 virtual CPUs (1 physical core) on a 2.5 GHz Intel Xeon Platinum 8259 and 4GB of RAM.

Conclusion and Open Problems:

- Multi-Signatures and applications to Proof-of-Stake.
- Subset-Optimized Multi-Signature with Key Randomization.
- Security properties and used proof techniques.
- Performance analysis.

Potential open questions and subsequent works:

- 1) Extend the concept of SMSKR to other multi-signatures like Schnorr, Musig, Musig2, PS.
- 2) Remove the RMSS assumption.



Thank you!

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Baseline Comparisons:

Our SMSKR minSig and minPk implementations respectively, save 25 ms and 50 ms when compared to the baseline for aggregating 100 signatures!

