

## APPENDIX A TECHNICAL DETAILS

More technical details of Section III are provided below.

### A. Adaptive Pipeline Scheduling

**APS.** First is the triple-decoupling. ❶ For decoupling broadcast from consensus: After preparing a proposal, the primary first enqueues the proposal into a broadcast queue. A dedicated thread then handles broadcasting to all replicas, allowing the primary to proceed without blocking on the broadcast. Broadcast messages are pre-validated to ensure correctness. This step can be completed in advance, before actual participation in consensus, thereby reducing the waiting time when entering the consensus phase. After asynchronously receiving and validating the proposal, each replica immediately sends a preliminary acknowledgment to the primary. This process uses non-blocking transmission and does not require waiting for responses from all replicas. The primary establishes a dynamic threshold based on received acknowledgments and proceeds to the next consensus computation once the number reaches  $\mathcal{N} - f$ . It also records the status of replicas that fail to respond in time for later compensation. ❷ For decoupling ordering from consensus: After completing local pre-ordering, each replica asynchronously sends its local ordering result along with the merged global candidate sequence (including version metadata) to the primary. The primary does not wait for responses from all replicas; instead, it sets a dynamic confirmation threshold of  $\mathcal{N} - f$  and asynchronously accepts ordering results from a majority. Once sufficient preliminary confirmations are received, the primary generates the final order using predefined validation rules, such as version matching, timestamps, or consistent hashing, and broadcasts the result for secondary verification. Upon successful validation, replicas proceed to the next stage of consensus. The system verifies replica-submitted orderings to ensure consistency using digital signatures and hash digests. Lightweight validation reduces computation overhead while maintaining consistency and fairness in ordering. If discrepancies are detected in some replicas' results, the primary triggers local reordering and promptly updates the confirmation status, ensuring the final consensus order remains unaffected by delayed or malicious replicas. ❸ For decoupling computation from communication: Computation and communication tasks are assigned to separate threads or processes. Modules exchange data via shared memory or high-performance message queues using an event-driven model (e.g., asynchronous I/O or non-blocking message queues) for inter-task communication. Tasks such as signature verification and state updates are strictly decoupled from message transmission and vote aggregation, ensuring that the completion of any task can immediately trigger the next stage without waiting for all tasks to finish.

### B. Flexible Decoupling Design

Specific descriptions are presented in Algorithm 7.

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### Algorithm 7 Flexible Decoupling Design

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**Input:**  $R_i \in \mathcal{R}$ , *Primary*, MINORMESSAGE

**Output:** REPROPOSAL

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► TRANSACTION DISSEMINATION
1: for each  $R_i \in \mathcal{R}$  do
2:   upon receiving committed  $TX_k$  do ▷ new  $TX_k$ 
3:     if  $TXVerify(TX_k) \wedge TX_k \notin \mathcal{MEM}$  then
4:       sign  $\mathcal{MEM} := \mathcal{MEM} \cup \{TX_k\}$  ▷ state update
5:       update MINORMESSAGE.Abstract  $\leftarrow$ 
6:         Extract( $\mathcal{MEM}$ ) ▷ generate TX abstracts
7:       broadcast MINORMESSAGE ▷ synchronization
8:     end if
9:   end upon
10: end for

► TRANSACTION PRE-VALIDATION CALL
11: for each  $R_i \in \mathcal{R}$  do
12:   upon receiving MINORMESSAGE do
13:     execute Transaction PRE-VALIDATION in Algorithm 3
14:     update MINORMESSAGE.Abstract  $\leftarrow$ 
15:       Extract( $\mathcal{MEM}^*$ ) ▷ update TX abstracts
16:     return  $\mathcal{MEM}^*$  ▷ mempool update
17:   end upon
18: end for

► TRANSACTION PRIORITY-QUEUE CALL
19: for each  $R_i \in \mathcal{R}$  do
20:   upon receiving MINORMESSAGE do
21:     execute TRANSACTION PRIORITY-QUEUE in Algo-
22:       rithm 4 ▷ buffer update
23:   end upon
24: end for

► PROPOSAL GENERATION
25: for Primary do
26:   compute TEPROPOSAL  $\leftarrow$  ▷ generate tentative proposal
27:     ProposalGenerate(BUFFER)
28:   broadcast TEPROPOSAL
29: end for
30: for each  $R_i \in \mathcal{R}$  do
31:   upon receiving TEPROPOSAL do ▷ validate proposal
32:     if QCVerify(TEPROPOSAL.QC) then
33:       compute REPROPOSAL  $\leftarrow$ 
34:         ReGenerate(TEPROPOSAL)
35:     end if ▷ generate complete proposal
36:     broadcast REPROPOSAL
37:     return REPROPOSAL ▷ for next step vote
38:   end upon
39: end for

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## APPENDIX B SECURITY ANALYSIS

Numerous state-of-the-art consensus protocols have now unanimously chosen to employ threshold signatures to reduce the communication overhead and simplify the verification process. However, it is extremely difficult to guarantee a consensus protocol's adaptive security if it employs a static threshold cryptographic primitive. Therefore, to achieve dynamic defence against adaptive adversaries and high-performance scaling, we adopt an adaptively secure BLS threshold signature, AdaptiveBLS [57], and reimplement it in a large-scale scenario. We follow the mathematical assumptions and proof principles presented in [9], [34], [36], [37], [57]–[59]. Formal

proofs of adaptive security for AdaptiveBLS and AdaptiveBFT are as follows.

**Reimplementation of AdaptiveBLS [57].** Let  $\tilde{g}_1, \tilde{g}_1, \hat{g}_1 \in \mathbb{G}_1$  be uniformly random independent generators of  $\mathbb{G}_1$ .  $H_0, H_1$ , and  $H_2 : \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_2$  are different cryptographic hash functions modeled as random oracles. Let  $sk_i := (u(i), v(i), w(i))$ ,  $\{pk_j := \tilde{g}_1^{u(j)} \tilde{g}_1^{v(j)} \hat{g}_1^{w(j)}\}_{j \in [n]}$ ,  $pk := \tilde{g}_1^{u(0)} \tilde{g}_1^{v(0)} \hat{g}_1^{w(0)} = \tilde{g}_1^{u(0)}$ , where  $u(\cdot)$ ,  $v(\cdot)$ , and  $w(\cdot)$  are different uniformly random polynomials of degree  $t$  and  $v(0) = w(0) = 0$ . We introduce Bulletproof, a zero-knowledge proof construction without trustworthy setup, transforming the signature  $\sigma_i$  of  $i$  for  $m$  into  $(\pi_i, \sigma_i)$ , where  $\pi_i$  is the correctness proof for verification of  $\sigma_i$  provided by Bulletproof. Let the reimplemented AdaptiveBLS be AdaptiveBLS\*.

Next, we prove the adaptive security of AdaptiveBLS\* with a series of games SEUF – CMA $_{\Sigma}^A$ .

**GAME  $G_0$ :** Define the security game SEUF – CMA $_{\Sigma}^A$ , which follows the honest protocol and allows an adaptive adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  to access random oracle. Let  $\mathcal{A}$  always output the forgery  $(\tilde{\sigma}, \tilde{m})$  after querying  $H_0(\tilde{m})$ , w.l.o.g., the advantage of  $\mathcal{A}$  follows:

$$\text{Adv}_{\text{SEUF-CMA}}^{\mathcal{A}, \Sigma}(\lambda) = \Pr[G_0 \Rightarrow 1] = \varepsilon_{\sigma}$$

**GAME  $G_1$ :** Let  $\tilde{m}_r$  be input to  $r$ -th random oracle query and  $s \xleftarrow{\$} [q_h]$ . If  $\mathcal{A}$  forges a message  $\tilde{m}_r$  with  $r \neq s$  or queries over  $t - |C|$  partial signatures for  $\tilde{m}_s$ , the game aborts.  $G_1$  is identical to  $G_0$ , by standard argument, there:

$$\Pr[G_1 \Rightarrow 1] \geq 1/q_h \cdot \Pr[G_0 \Rightarrow 1]$$

**GAME  $G_2$ :** Let  $\xi_{\tilde{g}_1}, \xi_{\hat{g}_1} \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_p$ ,  $\tilde{g}_1 := \tilde{g}_1^{\xi_{\tilde{g}_1}}$ , and  $\hat{g}_1 := \hat{g}_1^{\xi_{\hat{g}_1}}$ .  $G_2$  is identical to  $G_1$ , by the standard argument, there:

$$\Pr[G_1 \Rightarrow 1] = \Pr[G_2 \Rightarrow 1]$$

**GAME  $G_3$ :** Let  $\xi := \xi_{\tilde{g}_1} + \omega \xi_{\hat{g}_1}$ , where  $\omega \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_p$ . Others are identical to  $G_2$ . Let  $\mu_r \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_p$ . Only for the  $r$ -th random oracle query, the following changes are made to the random oracles:

$$\begin{aligned} H_0(\tilde{m}_r) &:= g_2^{\mu_r} \\ H_1(\tilde{m}_r) &:= g_2^{\xi \cdot \mu_r} \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 4.**  $|\Pr[G_2 \Rightarrow 1] - \Pr[G_3 \Rightarrow 1]| \leq \varepsilon_{\text{DDH}} + 1/|\mathbb{Z}_p|$ .

*Proof.* Based on Lemma 2 and Lemma 3 of AdaptiveBLS, distributions  $D_0$  and  $D_1$  are indistinguishable;  $D_0$  and  $D_{1,r}$  are indistinguishable, respectively:

$$\begin{aligned} \xi &\xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_p, (\mu_s, \nu_s) \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_p^2; \quad D_0 := g_2, g_2^{\xi}, \{(g_2^{\mu_s}, g_2^{\nu_s})\}_{s \in [q_h]} \\ \xi &\xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_p, \mu_s \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_p; \quad D_1 := g_2, g_2^{\xi}, \{(g_2^{\mu_s}, g_2^{\xi \cdot \mu_s})\}_{s \in [q_h]} \\ \xi, \mu_s &\xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_p, \nu_s := \xi \cdot \mu_s; \quad D_{1,r} := g_2, \{(g_2^{\mu_s}, g_2^{\nu_s})\}_{s \in [q_h]} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, samples from distributions  $D_0$  and  $D_{1,s}$  are computationally indistinguishable with:

$$|\Pr[G_2 \Rightarrow 1] - \Pr[G_3 \Rightarrow 1]| \leq \varepsilon_{\text{DDH}} + 1/|\mathbb{Z}_p|$$

□

**GAME  $G_4$ :**  $G_4$  is identical to  $G_3$ . Simulated Bulletproof provides proof of correctness for partial signatures without revealing information about  $sk_i$ . Denote the random oracle query of  $\mathcal{A}$  conflicts with the  $H_2$  query as  $\mathcal{I}$ , then the game abort probability is:

$$\begin{aligned} |\Pr[G_3 \Rightarrow 1] - \Pr[G_4 \Rightarrow 1]| &= |\Pr[G_3 \Rightarrow 1 : \mathcal{I}] \\ &\quad - \Pr[G_4 \Rightarrow 1 : \mathcal{I}]| \cdot \Pr[\mathcal{I}] \\ &\leq \Pr[\mathcal{I}] \\ &\leq (n \cdot q_s \cdot q^*)/|\mathbb{Z}_p|^2 \end{aligned}$$

where  $q^*$  is the maximum count of random oracle queries from  $\mathcal{A}$  to  $H_2$ , and  $q_s$  is the maximum count of signature queries (up to  $n$  partial signatures per simulation) from  $\mathcal{A}$ .

**GAME  $G_5$ :** Change only the sampling method of the keys for signing. Based on Lemma 6 of AdaptiveBLS, sampling the signature key polynomials for  $G_4$  and  $G_5$ , respectively, both of which are random degree  $t$  polynomials. Thus, the view of  $\mathcal{A}$  is identical in  $G_4$  as in  $G_5$ , i.e.,

$$\Pr[G_4 \Rightarrow 1] = \Pr[G_5 \Rightarrow 1]$$

**GAME  $G_6$ :**  $G_6$  is identical to  $G_5$ . Change only the simulated Bulletproof to actual Bulletproof for partial signatures. Thus, the view of  $\mathcal{A}$  is identical in  $G_5$  as in  $G_6$ , i.e.,

$$|\Pr[G_5 \Rightarrow 1] - \Pr[G_6 \Rightarrow 1]| \leq (n \cdot q_s \cdot q^*)/|\mathbb{Z}_p|^2$$

Thus, from the series of games above, there:

$$\begin{aligned} |\Pr[G_0 \Rightarrow 1] - \Pr[G_6 \Rightarrow 1]| &\leq (1 - 1/q_h) \cdot \Pr[G_0 \Rightarrow 1] \\ &\quad + \varepsilon_{\text{DDH}} + 1/|\mathbb{Z}_p| \\ &\quad + 2(n \cdot q_s \cdot q^*)/|\mathbb{Z}_p|^2 \\ \Rightarrow \Pr[G_6 \Rightarrow 1] &\geq 1/q_h \cdot \varepsilon_{\sigma} \\ &\quad - \varepsilon_{\text{DDH}} - 1/|\mathbb{Z}_p| \\ &\quad - 2(n \cdot q_s \cdot q^*)/|\mathbb{Z}_p|^2 \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 3** (Adaptive Security of AdaptiveBLS\*). *Let  $(\mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2, \mathbb{G}_T, \mathbb{F}_p, p)$  be the public parameters of AdaptiveBLS\*. Assuming any PPT adaptive adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  that conducts at most  $q_s$  signature queries (maximum  $n$  partial signatures per session), at most  $q_h$  hash queries (also known as random oracle queries) to  $H_0$  and  $H_1$ , and at most  $q^*$  random oracle queries to  $H_2$  wins the game SEUF – CMA $_{\Sigma}^A$  with probability:*

$$\varepsilon_{\sigma} \leq q_h \cdot (\varepsilon_{\text{DDH}} + \varepsilon_{\text{CDH}} + 1/|\mathbb{Z}_p| + 2(n \cdot q_s \cdot q^*)/|\mathbb{Z}_p|^2)$$

*Proof.* Based on the formal analysis of  $G_0 - G_6$  above, it is clear that for an adaptive adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  that outputs a forgery on message  $\tilde{m}_s$  with probability  $\varepsilon_{\sigma}/q_h - \varepsilon_{\text{DDH}} - 1/|\mathbb{Z}_p| - 2(n \cdot q_s \cdot q^*)/|\mathbb{Z}_p|^2$ , we can compute the co – CDH solution efficiently using the forgery on  $\tilde{m}_s$ . And  $\varepsilon_{\sigma}$  is negligible. Thus, our AdaptiveBLS\* is  $(T, q_h, q_s, \varepsilon)$ -secure against strong existential forgery under adaptive chosen message attacks (SEUF-CMA). This demonstrates that AdaptiveBLS\* realizes adaptive security. □

AdaptiveBLS\* enhances and ensures the adaptive security of AdaptiveBFT under strong adaptive adversaries, which is proved as follows.

**Theorem 4** (Adaptive Security of AdaptiveBFT). *Let  $0 < \varepsilon_{\mathcal{A}} < 1$ . Assume that AdaptiveBFT is a partially synchronous BFT consensus protocol with the threshold signature using AdaptiveBLS\*. Then AdaptiveBFT is secure up to  $\mathcal{T} \leq (1 - \varepsilon_{\mathcal{A}}) \mathcal{N}/2$  adaptive corruptions, where  $\varepsilon_{\mathcal{A}}^{min} = 1 - 2t/\mathcal{N}$ .*

*Proof.* Denote the case where the honest replica  $R^* \in \mathcal{H}$  is corrupted by an adaptive adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  as  $\mathcal{I}^*$ . Then, the advantage of  $\mathcal{A}$  in the AdaptiveBFT is:

$$\text{Adv}_{\text{BFT}}^{\mathcal{A}}(\lambda) = \Pr[\mathcal{I}^*] = \varepsilon_{\text{BFT}}$$

Therefore, we have:

$$\varepsilon_{\text{BFT}} \leq q_h \cdot (\varepsilon_{\text{DDH}} + \varepsilon_{\text{CDH}} + 1/|\mathbb{Z}_p| + 2(n \cdot q_s \cdot q^*)/|\mathbb{Z}_p|^2)$$

Thus, AdaptiveBFT is  $(T, q_h, q_s, \varepsilon)$ -secure against strong existential forgery under adaptive chosen message attacks (SEUF-CMA). This demonstrates that our AdaptiveBFT realizes adaptive security.  $\square$