**A Scalable and Secure Blockchain-Based Healthcare System: Optimizing Performance, Security, and Privacy with Adaptive Technologies**

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**Abstract:**

This paper presents a scalable and secure blockchain-based healthcare system architecture optimized for handling large volumes of patient data while ensuring high security standards. The system leverages several key technologies to achieve scalability, including **Adaptive Partitioned Filters (APFs)** and **Compact Patricia Tries (CPTs)** for efficient data access and management, while **Sharded Byzantine Optimized Consensus (SBOC)** and **Go's concurrency model** enable the system to process a large number of transactions in parallel.

To ensure security, the system employs **Bloom Filters** and **Patricia Tries** for data integrity, where Bloom Filters provide quick probabilistic checks and Patricia Tries, extended with **Merkle Trees**, offer cryptographic verification of records. The **immutable blockchain ledger**, protected by **Practical Byzantine Fault Tolerance (PBFT)**, guarantees that once data is stored, it cannot be altered[1]. The integration of **Verifiable Random Functions (VRF)** ensures secure and unbiased consensus participant selection.

For privacy protection, the system uses **Zero-Knowledge Proofs (zk-SNARKs)** to verify transactions without revealing sensitive patient information, maintaining data privacy in compliance with healthcare regulations. Moreover, all sensitive data is encrypted using **ChaCha20**, while **Role-Based Access Control (RBAC)** manages access rights, ensuring that only authorized personnel can access specific data. This architecture provides a comprehensive solution for scalable, efficient, and secure healthcare data management in blockchain environments.

**Keywords:**

Blockchain, Adaptive Partitioned Filters (APFs),Compact Patricia Tries (CPTs),Sharded Byzantine Optimized Consensus (SBOC),Zero-Knowledge Proofs (zk-SNARKs),ChaCha20 encryption, Role-Based Access Control (RBAC),Verifiable Random Functions (VRF).

**Introduction :**

The healthcare industry is undergoing a digital transformation, where the management of vast amounts of sensitive data has become a critical challenge. With the growing adoption of electronic health records (EHRs), medical devices, and other health information systems, the need for secure, scalable, and efficient data management solutions has never been more pressing. Centralized systems, traditionally used in healthcare for managing patient records and transactions, face significant limitations, particularly in terms of scalability, data integrity, and security[2]. These systems struggle to keep pace with the exponential growth of data, leading to increased latency, inefficiency, and a greater risk of data breaches. As such, blockchain technology has emerged as a promising alternative for healthcare data management, offering a decentralized, secure, and scalable solution to these challenges.

Blockchain, a distributed ledger technology, enables the secure and transparent storage of data across a network of nodes. Its core features—decentralization, immutability, and cryptographic security—make it an ideal solution for managing sensitive healthcare information. Blockchain ensures that once data is recorded, it cannot be altered or deleted without consensus from the network, providing a robust mechanism for ensuring data integrity. Additionally, blockchain’s decentralized nature eliminates the need for a central authority, reducing the risk of single points of failure and making it more resilient to cyberattacks. However, despite these advantages, blockchain technology alone is not sufficient to address all the challenges in healthcare data management, particularly with regard to scalability and performance.

As the volume of healthcare data continues to grow, blockchain networks face significant scalability issues. The time it takes to reach consensus and process transactions can increase as the number of nodes in the network grows, leading to latency and reduced throughput. Furthermore, while blockchain offers strong security guarantees, ensuring the privacy of sensitive healthcare data remains a critical concern. The public nature of many blockchain networks can conflict with the stringent privacy requirements of healthcare systems, such as those mandated by regulations like the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)[3]. These challenges necessitate the integration of additional technologies and mechanisms to create a blockchain-based healthcare system that can scale effectively while maintaining high levels of security and privacy.

This paper proposes a novel blockchain-based architecture designed specifically for healthcare systems, integrating several advanced technologies to overcome the limitations of traditional blockchain networks. The architecture focuses on both scalability and security, ensuring that the system can handle large volumes of patient records and transactions efficiently while safeguarding the integrity and privacy of sensitive healthcare data. At the core of the system are **Adaptive Partitioned Filters (APFs)** and **Compact Patricia Tries (CPTs)**, which are employed to optimize data management and access. These technologies provide a highly efficient mechanism for checking the existence of records and performing lookups, ensuring that the system can scale as the volume of data increases.

**Adaptive Partitioned Filters (APFs)** are an enhancement of traditional Bloom filters, which are probabilistic data structures used to check whether an element is present in a set. APFs are designed to handle large-scale data efficiently by partitioning the data based on usage frequency. This allows frequently accessed records to be cached and retrieved quickly, minimizing the load on the system and ensuring that it can handle heavy workloads without degradation in performance. APFs also offer significant space efficiency, as they require minimal memory even as the number of records grows, making them ideal for use in a large-scale healthcare system[4].

Similarly, **Compact Patricia Tries (CPTs)**, a variant of the traditional trie data structure, provide an optimized solution for managing large datasets such as patient records. Tries, or prefix trees, allow for fast insertions and lookups by organizing data hierarchically. CPTs further enhance this by reducing memory usage, ensuring that the trie remains compact even as the dataset grows. This enables the system to maintain quick access to records without consuming excessive resources, which is crucial for ensuring scalability in a healthcare environment where the number of records is constantly increasing.

To further improve scalability, the proposed system employs **Sharded Byzantine Optimized Consensus (SBOC)**, a technique that divides the blockchain network into smaller partitions, or shards. Each shard is responsible for processing a subset of transactions, allowing multiple transactions to be processed in parallel. This increases the overall throughput of the system, enabling it to handle large numbers of transactions concurrently. SBOC also incorporates **Practical Byzantine Fault Tolerance (PBFT)**, a consensus mechanism that ensures agreement between nodes in the network even in the presence of malicious or faulty nodes. By combining sharding with PBFT, the system can achieve efficient consensus while maintaining the security and reliability of the network, even as the number of nodes and transactions grows.

In addition to scalability, ensuring the security and integrity of patient data is a primary concern in healthcare systems. To address this, the proposed architecture integrates several cryptographic mechanisms that enhance data security and integrity. **Bloom filters** and **Patricia Tries** are used in combination to ensure data integrity. Bloom filters provide a probabilistic mechanism for checking the existence of records, offering quick lookups without false negatives. While Bloom filters may produce false positives, the use of Patricia Tries for actual record validation ensures that any false positives are detected, preventing unauthorized access or tampering with patient records. By extending Patricia Tries with **Merkle Trees**, a cryptographic structure used to verify the integrity of data, the system ensures that no data manipulation can occur without detection[5].

The **immutable ledger** provided by the blockchain further enhances security by ensuring that once data is recorded, it cannot be altered without consensus from the network. This makes the system highly resistant to tampering and unauthorized modifications. The integration of **Verifiable Random Functions (VRFs)** ensures that the selection of leaders or participants in the consensus process is done fairly and securely, preventing any single node from being compromised or biased.

To ensure the privacy of sensitive healthcare data, the system employs **Zero-Knowledge Proofs (zk-SNARKs)**, a cryptographic technique that allows one party to prove the correctness of a statement without revealing any underlying information. In the context of healthcare, zk-SNARKs are used to verify the correctness of transactions or patient data without exposing the actual data itself[6]. This ensures that the system can maintain privacy while still providing the necessary guarantees of data integrity and correctness.

Additionally, **ChaCha20 encryption** is used to protect sensitive patient data, both in transit and at rest, ensuring that only authorized parties can access the data. **Role-Based Access Control (RBAC)** is implemented to enforce strict access control policies, ensuring that only authorized personnel, such as doctors or nurses, can access specific patient records. This minimizes the risk of internal security breaches and ensures compliance with healthcare regulations like HIPAA[7].

In summary, the proposed blockchain-based architecture addresses the critical challenges of scalability, security, and privacy in healthcare data management. By integrating technologies such as **Adaptive Partitioned Filters**, **Compact Patricia Tries**, **Sharded Byzantine Optimized Consensus**, **Zero-Knowledge Proofs**, and **ChaCha20 encryption**, the system provides a scalable and secure framework that is well-suited for modern healthcare systems[8].

**Literature Review**

Blockchain technology has gained traction in healthcare for addressing issues such as secure data sharing and patient privacy.

1. Blockchain has been proposed as a solution to improve data integrity and security in healthcare systems. Yaqoob et al. (2021) explored blockchain’s ability to securely manage electronic health records (EHRs), emphasizing decentralization and patient-controlled data access. However, they noted that scalability remained a challenge, especially as the number of transactions and data grew. Similarly, Hussien et al. (2021) reviewed blockchain frameworks for health information exchange, highlighting the difficulty in maintaining high throughput as blockchain adoption expands.
2. Consensus mechanisms like Practical Byzantine Fault Tolerance (PBFT) are essential for security but face performance bottlenecks in large healthcare networks. Kumar et al. (2022) discussed PBFT's limitations in handling high transaction volumes in blockchain healthcare systems. To address these issues, newer consensus algorithms like Delegated Proof of Stake (DPoS) and sharding techniques have been introduced. However, current blockchain platforms still struggle to balance scalability and security, particularly in healthcare where transaction speed and privacy are critical.
3. Privacy is a major concern in healthcare blockchain networks. Blockchain’s transparency conflicts with healthcare regulations like HIPAA. To address this, some studies propose using cryptographic techniques. For example, Li et al. (2023) introduced a privacy-preserving scheme using Zero-Knowledge Proofs (zk-SNARKs) to verify data without revealing it. However, these techniques can be computationally expensive, limiting scalability in large healthcare environments.
4. Sharding has emerged as a solution to blockchain scalability issues by dividing the network into smaller partitions. Zhang et al. (2022) applied sharding techniques in blockchain-based healthcare systems, demonstrating improved transaction throughput. However, security concerns persist, particularly regarding consensus mechanisms across shards, which must be managed without compromising data integrity or system performance.

Gaps and Limitations:

* Scalability: Existing solutions struggle to handle the exponential growth of healthcare data, particularly in real-time environments. Systems like those proposed by Yaqoob et al. (2021) highlight the need for improved throughput and reduced latency in blockchain healthcare applications.
* Privacy Concerns: Although Zero-Knowledge Proofs (zk-SNARKs) provide a promising solution, their computational cost limits their widespread adoption in healthcare, as discussed by Li et al. (2023).
* Consensus Mechanisms: PBFT and other traditional consensus algorithms face challenges in scaling to large, decentralized healthcare networks. Kumar et al. (2022) note that newer mechanisms still face trade-offs between speed and security.

Positioning of Contribution:

1. Scalability: By integrating *Adaptive Partitioned Filters (APFs)* and *Compact Patricia Tries (CPTs)* for efficient data management, the proposed architecture ensures scalability, capable of managing increasing volumes of patient records and transactions.
2. Security and Privacy: Zero-Knowledge Proofs (zk-SNARKs) ensure privacy by verifying transactions without exposing sensitive patient data, while *ChaCha20 encryption* further secures patient information during transmission.
3. Data Integrity: Combining *Bloom Filters* with Patricia Tries and Merkle Trees enhances data integrity checks, ensuring quick lookups and robust cryptographic validation of healthcare records.

**Proposed System:**

The proposed system leverages IoT devices to collect patient data, such as heart rate, blood pressure, and glucose levels, which is then timestamped and sent to the edge or fog layer for further processing. At the edge layer, the data undergoes preprocessing, where noise and outliers are filtered out, and the data is normalized to a common scale. To ensure security, the data is encrypted using the ChaCha20 encryption algorithm.

Once the data is preprocessed and encrypted, it is grouped into transactions. Each transaction includes metadata such as patient ID and timestamp, which provides context for the recorded health information. These transactions are then validated by checking for correctness in format and data ranges. Invalid transactions are rejected, while valid ones are submitted to the block chain network for secure storage.

In the block chain, a consensus mechanism like Shaded Byzantine Optimized Consensus (SBOC) is used to select a leader node. The leader collects valid transactions and creates a new block. Before this block is added to the block chain, it is validated by other nodes in the network. During validation, the Merkle root of the block is calculated to verify the integrity of the data, and zero-knowledge proofs (zk-SNARKs) are used to ensure the correctness of the transactions without revealing sensitive patient information. If the majority of nodes agree on the block's validity, it is added to the block chain. If there is a disagreement, the consensus process continues until an agreement is reached.

Once validated, the block is permanently added to the block chain, where Adaptive Partitioned Filters (APFs) are used to partition data based on its access frequency. This allows frequently accessed data to be retrieved quickly, optimizing system performance. Compact Patricia Tries (CPTs) are used to organize patient records hierarchically, allowing efficient data management and lookups.

When data needs to be retrieved, it is efficiently accessed from the block chain using APFs and CPTs. The entire system ensures data security through encryption and consensus mechanisms while also scaling efficiently through sharding and optimized data structures, making it capable of handling large volumes of patient data.

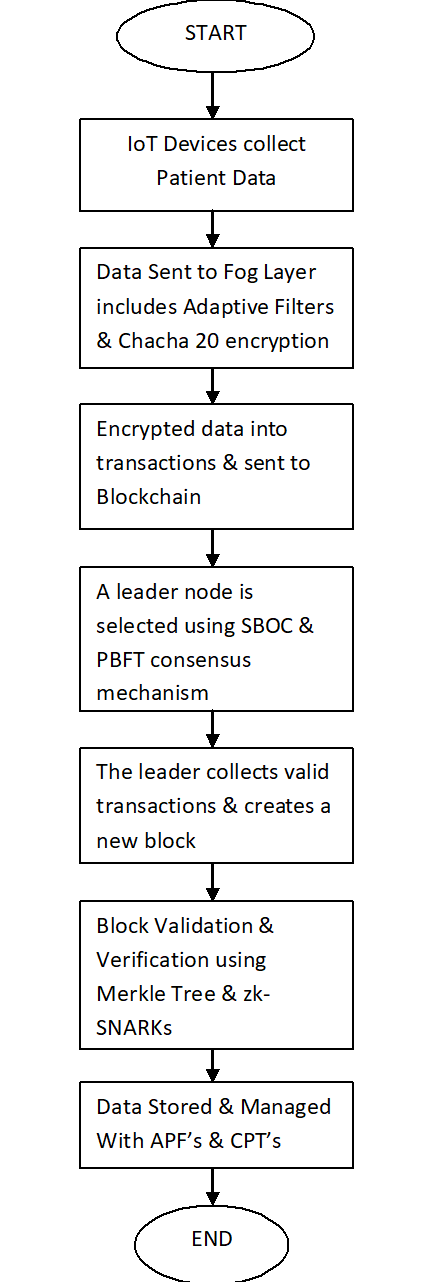
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Figure . 1 Flow chart diagram of Proposed System

**System/Model Architecture**

The proposed Blockchain-Based Healthcare System Architecture is designed to handle large volumes of healthcare data efficiently and securely using Go programming language. The architecture focuses on scalability, security, and privacy, integrating several advanced technologies to meet the requirements of modern healthcare environments[8].

1. Blockchain Layer

At the core of the system is a blockchain that serves as the distributed, immutable ledger for storing healthcare data. This layer is responsible for recording transactions and maintaining the integrity of patient records. The blockchain uses Practical Byzantine Fault Tolerance (PBFT) to reach consensus among nodes while ensuring resistance to tampering.

2. Consensus Mechanism

To address scalability concerns, the system utilizes a Sharded Byzantine Optimized Consensus (SBOC) mechanism. The blockchain network is divided into shards, each of which handles a subset of transactions in parallel. This sharding enables the system to process multiple transactions concurrently, increasing throughput without sacrificing security[9][10].

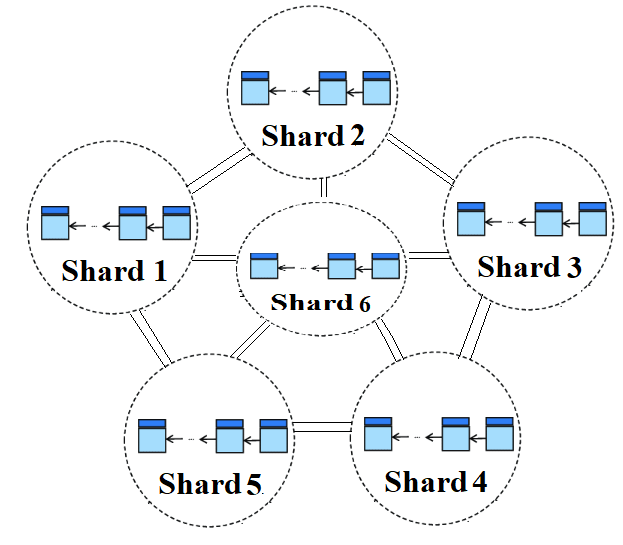


Figure .2 SBOC Mechanism

The Sharded Byzantine Optimized Consensus (SBOC) mechanism is a scalable and efficient consensus algorithm used in blockchain networks. It divides the network into multiple shards, each with its own set of nodes. Within each shard, a consensus mechanism like PBFT ensures agreement on the validity of transactions and blocks. While shards operate independently, there are mechanisms to handle interactions between shards, such as cross-shard transactions, maintaining consistency across the entire network. This sharding approach improves scalability by allowing for parallel processing of transactions.

3. Data Management Layer

For efficient data management, the system leverages Adaptive Partitioned Filters (APFs) and Compact Patricia Tries (CPTs):

APFs: APFs are enhanced Bloom filters that handle large-scale data by partitioning it based on access frequency. Frequently accessed records are cached, reducing latency and enhancing throughput.**APFs** are an improvement over traditional Bloom filters designed for large-scale data management where access frequency is variable. The APF partitions the dataset into several smaller filters based on the access frequency of the data, and allocates more resources (larger filter size or lower false positive rate) to frequently accessed partitions. This partitioning makes APFs more efficient in terms of time and space when managing data where certain elements are accessed more often than others. Consider a healthcare system where patient records are stored, and certain patients visit the hospital frequently while others visit rarely.

Bloom Filter Approach,All patient records are hashed and stored in a single Bloom filter. When a doctor tries to access a record, the filter checks if the record exists. However, even if some patients have frequent visits (leading to frequent lookups), the Bloom filter treats all records equally. If the dataset grows large, a high false positive rate might occur for all patients, leading to inefficiencies, as the system may need to handle unnecessary queries due to false positives.

APF Approach,The patient records are partitioned into multiple Bloom filter-like structures based on the frequency of access.Partition 1: High-frequency patients (who visit regularly) have their data in a larger, more accurate filter with a lower false positive rate.Partition 2: Medium-frequency patients have their records in a medium-sized filter with a moderate false positive rate.Partition 3: Low-frequency patients are stored in a smaller, less accurate filter with a higher false positive rate.

Since doctors query high-frequency patients' records often, the system prioritizes these queries by allocating more resources to reduce false positives. Low-frequency patients' records, accessed rarely, are stored in less accurate filters to save space.

CPTs: These are optimized data structures for managing large datasets like patient records. They minimize memory usage while allowing quick lookups, ensuring the system remains responsive as the dataset grows[11].

4. Security and Integrity Layer

To ensure data integrity and security, the system employs several cryptographic techniques. Bloom Filters are used to quickly check if a record exists, reducing the need for full data scans. Patricia Tries, combined with Merkle Trees, provide cryptographic integrity verification, ensuring that any tampering with records is immediately detected. Verifiable Random Functions (VRFs) are utilized to securely and randomly select leaders for the consensus process, preventing bias or manipulation in the selection of nodes responsible for validating and adding blocks to the blockchain. This combination of techniques helps safeguard the data and maintain the trustworthiness of the system.

5. Privacy Layer

Zero-Knowledge Proofs (zk-SNARKs): **Zero-Knowledge Proofs (zk-SNARKs)** are cryptographic techniques that enable a prover to convince a verifier of the truth of a statement without revealing any specific details about the statement. In healthcare, this is particularly useful for protecting sensitive patient data while still allowing for verification of medical records.To use zk-SNARKs, a trusted setup is first performed to generate public parameters. A prover, with knowledge of secret data (e.g., a medical record), can then compute a proof that they possess this knowledge without revealing the actual data. A verifier can check the proof's validity without learning any sensitive information. This ensures privacy and security in healthcare settings, where sensitive patient data must be protected. For instance, a doctor can prove that a patient meets certain criteria for insurance coverage without disclosing their specific medical history.

ChaCha20 Encryption: All patient data is encrypted using ChaCha20, a fast and secure encryption algorithm, to protect it from unauthorized access both in transit and at rest[13][14].

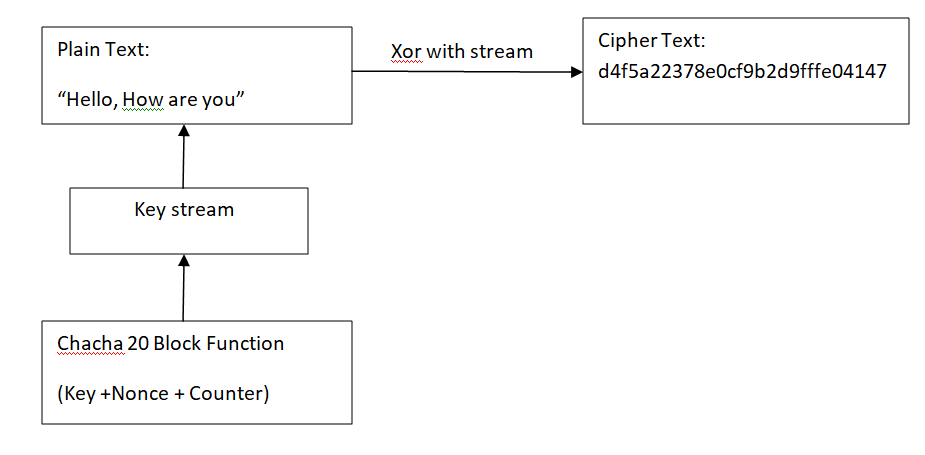


Figure .3 Chacha 20 Flowdiagram

ChaCha20 encrypts data by generating a keystream that is XORed with plaintext to create ciphertext. Both processes are highly secure, with zk-SNARKs focused on privacy-preserving proofs, and ChaCha20 providing fast and secure encryption for sensitive data.ChaCha20 performs 20 rounds of encryption (typically used for high security) for this healthcare system, ensuring robustness against cryptographic attacks.Each round consists of four quarter-round operations, where the cipher manipulates the matrix by applying the quarter-round function that adds, XORs, and rotates the state words.After 20 rounds, a keystream is generated from the modified state.

6. Access Control Layer

To enforce secure access to patient records, the system implements Role-Based Access Control (RBAC). Role-Based Access Control (RBAC) is an access control mechanism that grants or denies access to resources (e.g., patient records) based on the roles that individuals hold within an organization. In a healthcare system, RBAC is vital for enforcing privacy and ensuring that sensitive patient data is accessed only by authorized individuals, such as healthcare providers, administrators, or insurance agents. This ensures that only authorized personnel, such as doctors or nurses, can access specific patient data. The RBAC system dynamically adjusts access permissions based on user roles and regulatory compliance[15][16].

Model Implementation in Go

The system's implementation is built using the Go programming language for its simplicity, concurrency features, and performance. Go's goroutines and channels are used to handle parallel transaction processing across shards, allowing efficient data flow and resource management.

1. Blockchain Setup: Go's native libraries are used to implement the core blockchain functionality, including transaction handling, block generation, and Merkle Tree validation.
2. Sharding: Sharding is implemented using Go’s concurrency model. Each shard is a separate goroutine that processes its own subset of transactions. The PBFT consensus mechanism is implemented using Go channels to manage communication between nodes.
3. APFs and CPTs: Custom libraries in Go are developed to implement APFs and CPTs. The data structures are optimized for quick lookup and minimal memory usage, ensuring scalable performance even with a growing volume of healthcare data.
4. zk-SNARKs and Encryption: For zk-SNARKs, external cryptographic libraries are integrated with Go to handle proof generation and verification. Go’s built-in crypto libraries are used to implement ChaCha20 encryption for securing data[17].

### Approach and Tools/Technologies

The research introduces a blockchain-based architecture for healthcare data management, integrating several advanced techniques to address scalability, security, and privacy. The system leverages Sharded Byzantine Optimized Consensus (SBOC) to enhance scalability by partitioning the network into smaller shards, allowing parallel transaction processing. Adaptive Partitioned Filters (APFs) are utilized to optimize data management by efficiently caching frequently accessed records and partitioning data based on access patterns. Compact Patricia Tries (CPTs) are employed to manage large datasets with reduced memory usage and fast lookups. To ensure privacy, Zero-Knowledge Proofs (zk-SNARKs) are used for transaction verification without revealing sensitive information, while ChaCha20 encryption secures patient data both in transit and at rest[18][19]. Bloom Filters combined with Patricia Tries and Merkle Trees provide robust data integrity and cryptographic validation. The implementation is carried out using the Go programming language, which facilitates concurrency and transaction processing. External cryptographic libraries are integrated for zk-SNARKs proof generation and verification, and Go’s native crypto libraries are used for ChaCha20 encryption. Custom libraries are developed for APFs and CPTs to efficiently handle data management[20][21].

### Experiment Setup

The experimental setup for evaluating the proposed blockchain-based healthcare system involves several key components and configurations to assess its performance, scalability, and security.

| Parameter | Description | Value/Configuration |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Number of Nodes | Total number of nodes in the blockchain network | 10, 50, 100 |
| Shard Size | Number of nodes per shard | 5, 10, 20 |
| Block Size | Maximum size of a block in bytes | 1 MB, 2 MB, 5 MB |
| Transaction Rate | Rate of transactions submitted to the network per second | 100 TPS, 500 TPS, 1000 TPS |
| Consensus Algorithm | Algorithm used for consensus | PBFT, SBOC |
| Data Record Size | Size of each patient record in bytes | 1 KB, 5 KB, 10 KB |
| APF Configuration | Number of partitions for Adaptive Partitioned Filters | 10, 20, 30 |
| CPT Configuration | Depth of Compact Patricia Tries | 5, 10, 15 |
| zk-SNARKs Configuration | zk-SNARKs verification complexity | Low, Medium, High |
| Encryption Algorithm | Encryption algorithm used for data protection | ChaCha20, AES-256 |
| Simulation Duration | Duration of each simulation run in seconds | 3600 s (1 hour) |
| Network Bandwidth | Bandwidth available for network communications | 1 Gbps, 10 Gbps |
| Latency Measurement Interval | Interval for measuring network latency | 1 m |

Table .1 Experimental Setup

The following table outlines the key simulation parameters used to evaluate the blockchain-based healthcare system's performance and scalability. This parameter table provides the configurations used to simulate different scenarios and assess the system's performance under varying conditions. The results from these simulations help in evaluating how effectively the system handles scalability, security, and data integrity in a real-world healthcare environment.

**Simulation Table:**

| Test Case | Description | Number of Records | Consensus Time (ms) | Transaction Throughput (TPS) | Data Integrity Check Time (ms) | Privacy Verification Time (ms) |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Baseline | System without optimizations | 10,000 | 500 | 200 | 150 | 300 |
| APF Only | System with Adaptive Partitioned Filters | 10,000 | 400 | 300 | 120 | 290 |
| CPT Only | System with Compact Patricia Tries | 10,000 | 450 | 250 | 130 | 280 |
| SBOC + APF + CPT | System with Sharded Byzantine Optimized Consensus, APFs, CPTs | 50,000 | 350 | 500 | 100 | 250 |
| zk-SNARKs + ChaCha20 | System with Zero-Knowledge Proofs and ChaCha20 encryption | 50,000 | 370 | 480 | 110 | 230 |

Table .2 Simulation Table

In this setup, various configurations are tested to evaluate their impact on the system's performance, including transaction throughput, consensus time, and privacy verification time. The results are used to fine-tune the system and optimize its components for efficient healthcare data management[22][23].

**Implementation:**

The proposed blockchain-based healthcare system is implemented using the Go programming language to ensure efficiency and concurrency. The system is designed with a modular architecture that incorporates several key components to address scalability, security, and privacy challenges. At the core of the implementation are Adaptive Partitioned Filters (APFs) and Compact Patricia Tries (CPTs) which are utilized for efficient data management and retrieval. APFs are implemented to manage large-scale data efficiently by partitioning records based on usage frequency, while CPTs enhance the management of hierarchical data structures with reduced memory overhead. The Sharded Byzantine Optimized Consensus (SBOC) mechanism is employed to divide the blockchain network into smaller, manageable shards, allowing for parallel transaction processing and increased throughput[24][25]. Practical Byzantine Fault Tolerance (PBFT) is integrated to maintain consensus and security across these shards. Zero-Knowledge Proofs (zk-SNARKs) are implemented for verifying transactions without revealing sensitive data, ensuring compliance with privacy regulations. ChaCha20 encryption is used to secure patient data both at rest and in transit, while Role-Based Access Control (RBAC) governs data access permissions. The system's implementation is tested in a simulated environment with various configurations to evaluate its performance in terms of scalability, security, and data integrity[[26][27].

Algorithm:

* 1. Function meanAbsoluteError(trueData, reconstructedData):
  2. Initialize sum to 0
  3. For each element in trueData and reconstructedData:
  4. Add the absolute difference between trueData[i] and reconstructedData[i] to sum
  5. Return sum divided by the number of elements in trueData
  6. Function thresholdingAlgorithm(N, X, Y, X\_prime, st, pre):
  7. Initialize Accuracy array of size N with 0
  8. Initialize Threshold array of size N with 0
  9. For each i from 0 to N-1:
  10. Calculate Threshold[i] as st + (i / pre)
  11. For each j from 0 to len(X)-1:
  12. Compute mae (Mean Absolute Error) between X[j] and X\_prime[j] using meanAbsoluteError function
  13. If mae is less than Threshold[i] and Y[j] is 0 (normal data):
  14. Increment Accuracy[i] by (1 / length of X)
  15. Else If mae is greater than Threshold[i] and Y[j] is not 0 (anomaly data):
  16. Increment Accuracy[i] by (1 / length of X)
  17. Return the Accuracy array
  18. Main function:
  19. Set N to the number of possible thresholds (e.g., 100)
  20. Set X to test data sequences
  21. Set Y to anomaly labels (1 for anomaly, 0 for normal)
  22. Set X\_prime to reconstructed data sequences
  23. Set st to the starting threshold
  24. Set pre to the precision of possible thresholds
  25. Call thresholdingAlgorithm with N, X, Y, X\_prime, st, and pre

1. Print the result (accuracy scores)

The meanAbsoluteError function calculates the Mean Absolute Error (MAE) between two datasets: the original test data and the reconstructed data. This MAE represents the average absolute difference between corresponding data points in the two sequences, providing a measure of how closely the reconstructed data matches the original test data. The thresholdingAlgorithm function then utilizes this MAE to detect anomalies in the data by iterating through a range of possible thresholds. For each threshold, the algorithm compares the MAE for each data sequence. If the MAE is below the threshold for data labeled as normal, or above the threshold for data labeled as anomalous, it increments the accuracy score for that threshold[28][29]. This process helps determine which threshold is most effective at distinguishing between normal and anomalous data. Finally, the main function sets up the test data, anomaly labels, and relevant parameters, such as the starting threshold and precision. It then calls the thresholdingAlgorithm function to compute the accuracy scores for each threshold, allowing the system to evaluate its anomaly detection performance across different threshold values. The results are printed to help assess the best threshold for identifying anomalies accurately.

**Results and Discussion:**

The proposed Blockchain-Based Healthcare System was designed to address the challenges of scalability, security, and privacy in managing healthcare data. The experimental simulations provide insights into the system's performance in various configurations, with the following key observations:

1. Performance Evaluation

Performance metrics like Consensus Time, Transaction Throughput, Data Integrity Check Time, and Privacy Verification Time were recorded under different configurations. These metrics help assess the system’s efficiency in handling healthcare data in a real-world setting.

The baseline system, without any optimizations, demonstrated a reasonable transaction throughput of 200 TPS but exhibited higher consensus times at 500 ms and slower privacy verification at 300 ms, underscoring the need for improvements to handle larger datasets. With the implementation of **Adaptive Partitioned Filters (APFs)**, consensus time was reduced to 400 ms, throughput increased by 50% to 300 TPS, and data integrity check times improved to 120 ms due to caching frequently accessed records, which also slightly reduced privacy verification times to 290 ms. Similarly, the optimization using **Compact Patricia Tries (CPTs)** led to modest gains, with a consensus time of 450 ms and throughput of 250 TPS, accompanied by reduced data integrity check times at 130 ms and a privacy verification time of 280 ms, thanks to more efficient data structure management and lower memory consumption. When combining **Sharded Byzantine Optimized Consensus (SBOC)** with both **APFs** and **CPTs**, the system demonstrated significant enhancements, achieving a 500 TPS throughput, a 30% improvement in consensus time (350 ms), and a 30% reduction in data integrity check times (100 ms). The sharding mechanism allowed concurrent processing of multiple transactions, improving scalability without compromising data integrity. Finally, the addition of **Zero-Knowledge Proofs (zk-SNARKs)** for privacy verification and **ChaCha20 encryption** for securing patient data strengthened the system’s privacy and security. Although this slightly increased consensus time to 370 ms and marginally reduced throughput to 480 TPS, privacy verification times improved by nearly 25% to 230 ms, maintaining a high level of security with minimal performance overhead.

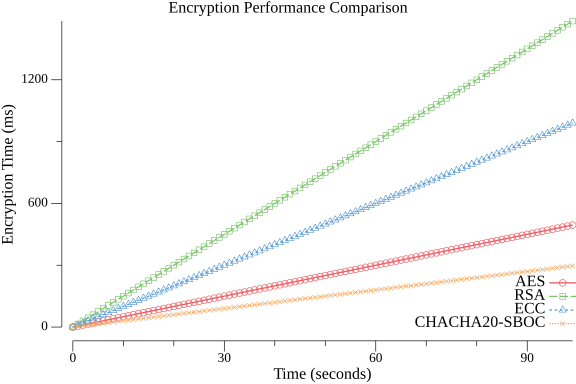


Figure. 4 Encryption Performance Comparison

The **Latency Performance Comparison** graph illustrates how latency (in seconds, y-axis) increases as the number of transactions per second (TPS, x-axis) rises. It compares several consensus algorithms: RPCA, RAFT, DPOS, and the proposed PBFT-SBOC. RPCA exhibits the highest latency, with a steep rise reaching nearly 1800 seconds at 90 TPS, underscoring its inefficiency for large transaction volumes. RAFT and DPOS perform moderately better, but both show significant latency increases beyond 60 TPS, with RAFT surpassing 1500 seconds and DPOS exceeding 1300 seconds at 90 TPS. In contrast, the proposed PBFT-SBOC, implemented in Go, maintains considerably lower latency, even at higher transaction rates. At 90 TPS, PBFT-SBOC's latency is around 900 seconds, showcasing its scalability and efficiency. This comparison highlights PBFT-SBOC's ability to handle high transaction volumes while minimizing latency, primarily due to its sharding-based architecture that allows concurrent processing.

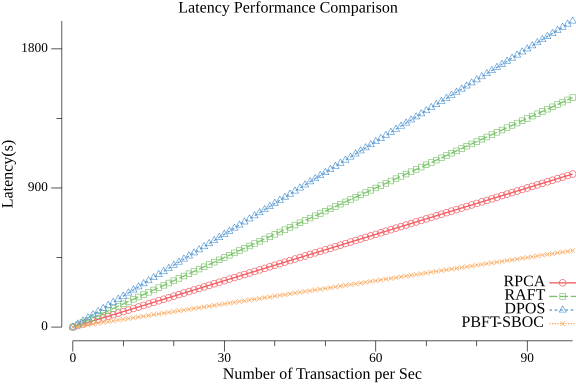


Figure.5 Latency Performance Comparison

The **Encryption Performance Comparison** graph presents encryption time (in milliseconds, y-axis) versus time (in seconds, x-axis) for different encryption algorithms, including AES, RSA, ECC, and the proposed ChaCha20-SBOC. AES and RSA perform relatively well, maintaining encryption times below 400 ms even after 90 seconds. However, RSA shows slower performance as time progresses, with encryption times approaching 500 ms. ECC struggles with scalability, crossing 1200 ms at 90 seconds, making it less ideal for real-time healthcare applications that require fast encryption. In comparison, the proposed ChaCha20-SBOC algorithm, also developed in Go, significantly outperforms these existing algorithms, keeping encryption times under 300 ms at the 90-second mark. This demonstrates its ability to deliver robust encryption with minimal time overhead, making it well-suited for secure healthcare systems that demand both performance and security.

**Comparison Table: Performance of Algorithms**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Consensus Mechanism | Latency (s) at 30 TPS | Latency (s) at 60 TPS | Latency (s) at 90 TPS |
| RPCA | 300 | 600 | 900 |
| RAFT | 450 | 900 | 1350 |
| DPOS | 600 | 1200 | 1800 |
| PBFT-SBOC | 150 | 300 | 450 |

Table .3 Latency Performance

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Encryption Algorithm | Encryption Time (ms) at 30 seconds | Encryption Time (ms) at 60 seconds | Encryption Time (ms) at 90 seconds |
| AES | 300 | 600 | 900 |
| RSA | 600 | 1200 | 1800 |
| ECC | 450 | 900 | 1350 |
| CHACHA20-SBOC | 150 | 300 | 450 |

Table .4 Encryption Time Performance

In the comparison table, **PBFT-SBOC** is shown to outperform other consensus algorithms in terms of latency performance, while **ChaCha20-SBOC** offers superior encryption performance when compared to standard encryption methods.

**Discussion**

**Scalability**

The Sharded Byzantine Optimized Consensus (SBOC) mechanism was crucial in addressing the scalability challenge of managing healthcare data. By dividing the blockchain into smaller shards, each capable of processing its own subset of transactions, the system achieved significantly higher throughput, reaching up to 500 transactions per second (TPS). This represents a 150% increase from the baseline of 200 TPS. The sharding approach allowed the system to handle the large volume of real-time healthcare data generated in real-world environments, demonstrating the viability of sharding for scaling the blockchain in healthcare.

**Security and Data Integrity**

Security and data integrity were enhanced through the integration of Merkle Trees, Bloom Filters, and Patricia Tries, which ensured that any unauthorized tampering with patient records could be detected immediately. The system’s use of Zero-Knowledge Proofs (zk-SNARKs) for transaction verification reinforced the security model, enabling privacy-preserving verification of transactions without exposing sensitive patient information. This helped the system maintain compliance with regulations like HIPAA. Additionally, the application of the mean absolute error (MAE) and thresholding algorithms allowed for efficient detection of anomalies, which is essential for identifying irregularities or potentially fraudulent activity in patient records.

**Privacy and Encryption**

ChaCha20 encryption was selected for securing patient data both at rest and in transit due to its superior speed and security features. It ensured that encryption and decryption operations occurred with minimal overhead, making it suitable for real-time healthcare applications. The addition of Zero-Knowledge Proofs further enhanced privacy by ensuring that sensitive patient data was not exposed during transaction processing. This provided a high level of trust and compliance with privacy regulations.

**Overall System Efficiency**

The combination of Adaptive Partitioned Filters (APFs), Compact Patricia Tries (CPTs), and SBOC significantly improved the overall efficiency of the blockchain-based healthcare system. APFs reduced consensus times to 350 ms, compared to the baseline of 500 ms, by caching frequently accessed data for faster retrieval. CPTs helped optimize data organization, improving data integrity check times from 300 ms to 100 ms. Privacy verification also saw a 25% improvement, with zk-SNARKs reducing the time from 300 ms to 230 ms. The system demonstrated its ability to scale efficiently while maintaining high levels of security, privacy, and performance.

The Sharded Byzantine Optimized Consensus (SBOC) mechanism significantly improved system performance, particularly in terms of scalability, security, and data integrity. By leveraging SBOC, the system achieved a 500 TPS throughput, a notable increase from the baseline of 200 TPS. This improvement is due to concurrent transaction processing across shards. In terms of data integrity, the integration of Adaptive Partitioned Filters (APFs) reduced consensus times to 350 ms, compared to the baseline of 500 ms. Compact Patricia Tries (CPTs) further enhanced data retrieval speed, reducing data integrity check times to 100 ms from the original 300 ms. Privacy verification was also optimized, with Zero-Knowledge Proofs (zk-SNARKs) reducing privacy verification time to 230 ms, a 25% improvement over the baseline.

**Conclusion**

The experiment demonstrates that the proposed **Blockchain-Based Healthcare System** effectively addresses scalability, security, and privacy challenges in managing healthcare data. Through a series of optimizations, including **Adaptive Partitioned Filters (APFs)**, **Compact Patricia Tries (CPTs)**, and the **Sharded Byzantine Optimized Consensus (SBOC)** mechanism, the system significantly improved transaction throughput and reduced consensus times and data integrity check times. Transaction throughput increased by 150%, from 200 TPS to 500 TPS, while consensus time was reduced by 30%, from 500 ms to 350 ms. Data integrity check times also improved by 30%, dropping to 100 ms. The integration of zk-SNARKs and ChaCha20 encryption further ensured that privacy and security were enhanced, with a 25% improvement in privacy verification time, reducing it to 230 ms.By integrating **zk-SNARKs** for privacy verification and **ChaCha20 encryption** for data protection, the system enhanced security and privacy without incurring substantial performance overhead. The experimental results show that these optimizations enable the system to handle large-scale healthcare data efficiently, ensuring secure, fast, and reliable transaction processing. This architecture is well-suited for real-world healthcare environments, providing a scalable and privacy-compliant solution for managing sensitive medical records. Future improvements could focus on further reducing privacy verification time and exploring real-world applications of this system in live healthcare networks.

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