

# Fabcoin crypto crash course Signatures and aggregate signatures

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- Signature algorithms
  - Digital signature algorithm (DSA)
  - Schnorr aggregate signatures
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• Given: aggregate public key: Pub, message: digest, aggregate signature: (challenge, solution).

Pub 
$$\stackrel{?}{=} \prod_{i} \text{pub}_{i}$$
  
challenge  $\stackrel{?}{=} H(\prod_{i} g^{\text{nonce}_{i}}, \text{Pub}, \text{digest}) = H(g^{\sum_{i} \text{nonce}_{i}}, \text{Pub}, \text{digest})$   
solution  $\stackrel{?}{=} \sum_{i} (\text{nonce}_{i} - \text{challenge} \cdot \text{secret}_{i})$ 

Compute

$$X=g^{ ext{solution}} ext{Pub}^{ ext{challenge}} \stackrel{?}{=} g^{ ext{solution}} \left(\prod_{i} ext{pub}_{i}\right)^{ ext{challenge}} = g^{ ext{solution}} \left(\prod_{i} g^{ ext{secret}_{i}}\right)^{ ext{challenge}} = g^{ ext{solution}} \prod_{i} g^{ ext{secret}_{i} \cdot ext{challenge}} = g^{\sum_{i} ( ext{nonce}_{i} - ext{secret}_{i} \cdot ext{challenge})} g^{\sum_{i} ext{secret}_{i} \cdot ext{challenge}} = g^{\sum_{i} ext{nonce}_{i}}.$$

• If H(X, Pub, digest) = challenge signature - valid (otherwise invalid).

- We present the aggregate signature scheme from [1, MPSW18].
- Different from Zilliga in one crypto step (makes it more secure).
- The scheme does not specify communication protocol.
- For signing, we propose to combine [1, MPSW18] with the signing protocol of Zilliqa.
- For initial setup and general outline of the networking we present our own setup that leverages the foundation chain.

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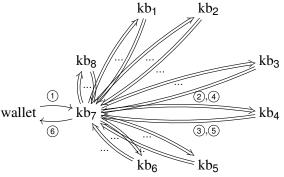
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• Signature verification for [1] is similar to Zilliqa's and we omit it.

 Intended use case: aggregate signature for each transaction, completed within 0-5 seconds after initiation. Sample networking:



- ① Wallet sends transaction "A sends B amount, signed by A". Node kb1 is designates itself as an aggregator.
- ② Aggregator starts protocol, requesting the q<sub>i</sub>'s
- ③ Signers report their  $q_i$ 's, proving they are online.
- (4) Aggregator sends challenges out.
- (5) Signers reply with solutions to their challenges.
- ⑥ Aggregator reports signature to wallet.

# Design goals for the Kanban protocol

The slide(s) list some of the design goals considered; will be udpated.

- KB's inherit authority from the foundation blockchain (POW).
- Except state between blocks, Kanban network's state aims to be function of longest foundation chain.
- Oata not directly in foundation chain: store error check (hash) in the found. chain. If no hash collisions, consistent with preceding.
  - EVM state can be used for storage.
  - A heavy-weight storage engine (callable by EVM) could be designed to reduce EVM state.
- Should Kanban networking be reverted (longest chain overtake), all transaction chains approved by Kanban that do not involve reverted coinbases/incentives should be recoverable.

#### Kanban-Fabcoin interface

- Each Kanban communicates with the fabcoin interface through a smart contract.
- Contracts may be user-defined.
- It is assumed that there is one or more "hard-coded" ("reserved") contracts, one of which is designated the "default" contract.
- The non-default "hard-coded" contracts may be used for older versions of the default.
- "Hard-coded" contracts can simply be contract addresses.
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# Default smart contract interface data representation

- We specify messages sent from KB to the smart contract in the JSON format.
- Suppose a wallet wants to fetch info on the KB network. Then the wallet sends a JSON that may look like:

```
{"request": "smartContract", "id": 1, "command": "KBinfo
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