

# A Composable Security Treatment of the Lightning Network

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**Abstract**—The high latency and low throughput of blockchain protocols constitute one of the fundamental barriers for their wider adoption. Overlay protocols, notably the *lightning network*, have been touted as the most viable direction for rectifying this in practice. In this work we present for the first time a full formalisation and security analysis of the lightning network in the (global) universal composition setting that leverages a global ledger functionality, for which realisability by the Bitcoin blockchain protocol has been demonstrated in previous work [Badertscher et al., Crypto’17]. As a result, our treatment delineates exactly how the security guarantees of the protocol depend on the properties of the underlying ledger and the frequent availability of the protocol participants. Moreover, we provide a complete and modular description of the core of the lightning protocol that highlights precisely its dependency to underlying basic cryptographic primitives such as digital signatures, pseudorandom functions, identity-based signatures and a less common two-party primitive, which we term a combined digital signature, that were originally hidden within the lightning protocol’s implementation.

## 1. Introduction

Improving the latency of blockchain protocols, in the sense of the time it takes for a transaction to be “finalised”, as well as their throughput, in the sense of the number of transactions they can handle per unit of time, are perhaps the two most crucial open questions in the area of permissionless distributed ledgers and remain fundamental barriers for their wider adoption in applications that require large scale and reasonably expedient transaction processing, cf. [1]. The Bitcoin blockchain protocol, introduced by Nakamoto [2], provides settlement with probability of error that drops exponentially in the number of blocks  $k$  that accumulate over a transaction of interest. This has been informally argued in the original white paper, and further formally demonstrated in [3], from where it can be inferred that the total delay in actual time for a transaction to settle is linear in  $k$  in the worst case. These results were subsequently generalised to the setting of partial synchrony [4] and variable difficulty [5]. Interestingly, this latency “deficiency” is intrinsic to the blockchain

approach (see below), i.e., latency’s dependency on  $k$  is not a side-effect of the security analysis but rather a characteristic of the underlying protocol and the threat model it operates in.

Given the above state of affairs, one has to either change the underlying settlement protocol or devise some other mechanism that, in conjunction with the blockchain protocol, achieves high throughput and low latency. A number of works proceeded with the first direction, e.g., hybrid consensus [6], Algorand [7]. A downside of this approach is that the resulting protocols fundamentally change the threat model within which Bitcoin is supposed to operate, e.g., by reducing the threshold of corrupted players, strengthening the underlying cryptographic assumptions or complicating the setup assumption required (e.g., from a public to a private setup).

The alternative approach is to build an *overlay* protocol that utilises the blockchain protocol as a “fall back” layer and does not relax the threat model in any way while it facilitates fast “off-chain” settlement under certain additional assumptions. We note that in light of the impossibility result regarding protocol “responsiveness” from [6] that states that no protocol can provide settlement in time proportional to actual network delay (i.e., fast settlement) and provide a security threshold over  $1/3$ , we know that maintaining Bitcoin’s threat model will require some additional assumption for the overlay protocol to offer fast settlement.

The first instance of this approach and by far the most widely known and utilised so far, came with the *lightning network* [8]<sup>1</sup> that provides an overlay mechanism over the Bitcoin blockchain that introduces and takes advantage of the concept of a bilateral payment channel. The latency for a transaction becomes linear to actual network delay and another factor that equals the number of bilateral payment channel hops in the path that connects the two end-points of the transaction. If a payment is confirmed by the implicated parties then it is guaranteed that, should they wish it, *eventually* the ledger will record “gross” settlement transactions that are consistent with the payment. Deviations from this guarantee are cryptographically feasible but dein-

1. The specification available online is a more descriptive reference for the inner workings of the protocol, see <https://github.com/lightningnetwork/lightning-rfc/blob/master/02-peer-protocol.md>. See also the raiden network that implements Lightning over Ethereum, <https://raiden.network>.

centivised via on-chain penalties. Moreover, note that no record of a specific payment transaction need ever appear on-chain thus the number of lightning transactions that can be exchanged can reach the maximum capacity the network allows between the parties, without being impeded by any restrictions of the underlying blockchain protocol.

The lightning network has been very influential in the space and spun a number of follow up research and implementations (see below for references). We note that the lightning network is not the only option for building an overlay over a blockchain. See e.g., [9] for an alternative approach focusing on reducing latency, where it is shown that if the assumption is raised to a security threshold of  $3/4$  plus the honesty of an additional special player, it is possible to obtain optimal latency. Nevertheless, this approach does not offer the throughput benefits that are intrinsic to the lightning network.

Despite the importance of the lightning network for blockchain scalability there is still no work so far providing a thorough formal security analysis. This is a dire state of affairs given the fact that the protocol is actually currently operational<sup>2</sup> and its complexity makes it difficult to extract precise statements regarding the level of security it offers.

**Our Results.** We present the first, to our knowledge, complete security analysis of the lightning network, which we carry out in the universal composition (UC) setting. We model the payment overlay that the lightning network provides as an ideal functionality and we demonstrate how it can be implemented in a hybrid world which assumes a global ledger functionality. Our treatment is general and does not assume any specific implementation for the underlying ledger functionality. The “paynet” functionality that we introduce abstracts all the salient security features achieved by the lightning network. We subsequently describe the whole lightning protocol in this setting and we prove that it realises our paynet functionality under standard cryptographic assumptions; the security guarantees of the functionality reflect specific environmental conditions regarding the availability of the honest parties to poll the status of the network. In more details our results are as follows.

- 1) We present the  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  functionality which abstracts the syntax and security properties provided by the lightning network. We describe our  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  assuming a global ledger functionality  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}$  as defined in [10], and further refined in [11], which we know that is realised by the Bitcoin blockchain. Our approach not only captures lightning, but it is also general as it can be applied to any payment network by finely tuning the following parts of the functionality: the exact channel opening message sequence, the details of the on-chain checks per-

formed by  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$ , the negligence time bounds and the penalty in case of a malicious closure being caught. Using  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$ , parties can open and close channels, forward payments along channel paths in the network as well as poll its status. Importantly, the functionality keeps track of all the off-chain and on-chain balances and ensures that when a channel closes, the on-chain balances are in line with the off-chain ones. In order to handle realistic adversarial deviations,  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  allows the adversary to choose one of the following outcomes for each multi-hop payment: (i) let it go through as requested, (ii) charge it to an adversarial party along the path, (iii) charge it to a *negligent* honest party along the path. This last outcome is a crucial security characteristic of the lightning network: honest parties are required to poll the functionality with a frequency that corresponds to their level of involvement in the network and the properties of the underlying ledger. If a party does not poll often enough,  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  identifies it as negligent and it may lose funds.

- 2) We identify for the first time the exact polling requirements so that honest parties do not lose funds, as a function of the parameters of  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}$ . The polling requirements for each party are two-fold: (i) the first type refers to monitoring for closures of channels of which the party is a member, and is specified by the parameter “delay” (chosen by the party), (ii) the second type refers to monitoring for specific events related to receiving and relaying payments. In detail, let *Alice* be an intermediary of a multi-hop payment. When the payment starts, she specifies two blockheights  $h, h'$ . Also, let  $a$  the upper bound to the number of blocks that may be finalised in the ledger from the time a certain transaction is emitted to the time it becomes finalised (i.e. it is included in a block in the “stable” part of the ledger). *Alice* should then poll twice while her local view of the chain advances from blockheight  $h$  to blockheight  $h' - a$ . Moreover, the two pollings should be separated by a time window so that the chain can grow by at least  $a$  blocks.
- 3) We provide a complete pseudocode description of the lightning network protocol  $\Pi_{\text{LN}}$  and prove that it realises  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  in the Random Oracle model. We identify a number of underlying cryptographic primitives that have been used in the specification of the lightning network in a non-black-box fashion and without reference. Interestingly, while most of these primitives are quite standard (a PRF, a Digital Signature scheme and an Identity Based Signature scheme), the remaining one is slightly less standard. The *combined digital signature* – as we chose to call it – is a special case of an asymmetric two-party digital signature primitive (e.g., see [12] and references therein) with the following characteristic: One of the two parties, the shareholder, generates and stores a share of the signing key. The public key

<sup>2</sup> For current deployment statistics see e.g., <https://1ml.com/statistics>.

of the combined signature can be determined non-interactively from public information produced by both parties. Issuing signatures requires the availability of the share, which is verifiable given the public information provided by the shareholder. We formalise the combined digital signature primitive and show that the construction lying within the lightning specification realises it under standard cryptographic assumptions. In summary, the realisation of  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  is achieved assuming the security of the underlying primitives, which in turn can be based on EC-DLOG and the Random Oracle model.

- 4) We prove that a more idealized ledger functionality, i.e. a ledger with instant finality, is unrealisable even assuming a synchronous multicast network. This result supports our decision to use the more realistic ledger functionality of [10], since it establishes that if our analysis was based on such a perfect ledger, it would not be relevant for any real world deployment of a payment network since such software would – necessarily – depend on a non-perfect ledger. This choice also distinguishes our work compared to previous attempts [13], [14], [15], [16] to formalize payment networks.

**Related Work.** A first suggestion for building a uni-directional payment channel appeared in [17]. Bidirectional payment channels were developed in [18] and of course as part of the lightning network [8]. Subsequent work on the topic dealt with either improving payment networks by utilising more expressive blockchains such as Ethereum [16], hardware assumptions, see e.g., [19], or extending its functionality beyond payments, to smart contracts, [15] or finally enhancing their privacy, see e.g., [14], [20], [21]. Additional work looked into developing supporting protocols for the payment networks such as rebalancing [22] or finding routes in a decentralised fashion [23], [24]. With respect to idealising the payment network functionality in the UC setting, a number of previous papers [13], [14], [15], [16] presented ideal functionalities abstracting the concept, but they did not prove that the lightning network realises them. The main advantage of our approach however here is that, for the first time, we present a payment network functionality that interoperates with a global ledger functionality for which we know, in light of the results of [10], that is realisable by the Bitcoin blockchain and hence also reflects the actual parameters that can be enforced by the implementation and the exact participation conditions needed for security. In contrast, previous work [13], [14], [16] utilized “too idealised” ledger functionalities for their analysis which offer instant finality; as we prove in Theorem 3, a representative variant of these functionalities (Fig. 5) is unrealisable even under strong network assumptions (cf. Section 8). On the other hand, in [15] the ledger is not explicitly specified as a functionality, but only informally described. Several smart contracts are formally defined instead as UC ITMs, which are the

entities with which protocols ultimately interact. The execution model of these contracts and their interaction with the blockchain is explained in an intuitive way, but a complete formalization of the ledger is missing.

**Organisation.** In Section 2 we present preliminaries for the model we employ and the relevant cryptographic primitives. In Section 3 we present an overview of the lightning network and in Section ?? a concrete example of an open channel is given, accompanied by figures of the relevant transactions. Our payment network functionality is given an overview description in Section 4. Our abstraction of the core lightning protocol is provided in Section 5. We give more details about the combined digital signature primitive in Section 6. In Section 7 we provide an overview of the security proof. Finally, in Section 8 we formalise our claim that a ledger functionality with instant finality is unrealisable. In the appendix, we first give more details on the preliminary primitives, specifically in Sections A,B,C we discuss digital signatures, identity based signatures and pseudorandom functions. Subsequently in Section D we go into more details about combined digital signatures. The transaction structure that is assumed to be recognised by the underlying distributed ledger is discussed in Section E. The paynet functionality is presented in detail in Section F. An exhaustive list of the data a channel party needs to keep is shown in Section G and the complete description of protocol  $\Pi_{\text{LN}}$  is presented in Section H. Further, the ledger functionality is presented in Section I. Subsequently the security proof of the payment channels is presented in Section J and finally we prove our claim on the unrealisability of a perfect ledger in Section K.

## 2. Preliminaries

In this section we give a brief overview of the tools and frameworks used in this work.

**Universal Composability framework.** In simulation-based security, cryptographic tasks are defined via an ideal “functionality”  $\mathcal{F}$ , which can be thought of as an uncorruptible entity that gets the inputs of all parties and returns the expected outputs while also interacting with the adversary in a prescribed manner. In this way, the functionality expresses the essence of a cryptographic task and its security features. A protocol  $\Pi$  realises the functionality  $\mathcal{F}$  if for any real world adversary we can define a “simulator”  $\mathcal{S}$ , acting as an ideal world adversary, such that any environment  $\mathcal{E}$  cannot distinguish between the real world and the ideal world executions. Albeit a powerful tool, simulation-based security only works when a single instance of the protocol is run in isolation. However, real-world systems almost always run several programs concurrently, which furthermore may run different instances of the same protocol. To facilitate this, the Universal Composability [25] framework allows us to analyse a single instance of the protocol and then

take advantage of a generic composition theorem to infer the security of the protocol more broadly. This is achieved by allowing arbitrary interactions between the environment and the real-world adversary.

**Hybrid functionalities used.** Both our main protocol and the corresponding functionality use  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}$  [10], [11] as a hybrid.  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}$  formalizes an ideal distributed append-only data structure akin to a blockchain. Any participating party can read from  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}$ , which returns an ordered list of transactions. Furthermore parties can submit new transactions which, if valid, will be added to the ledger and made visible to all parties at the discretion of the adversary, but necessarily within a predefined time window. This property is called liveness. Once a transaction is added to the ledger, it becomes visible to all parties at the discretion of the adversary, but within another predefined time window, and cannot be removed or reordered. This is called persistence. The exact definition can be found in Appendix I.

Furthermore,  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}$  needs the  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Clock}}$  functionality, which models the notion of time. Every participating party can request to read the current time (which is initialized to 0) and inform  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Clock}}$  that her round is over.  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Clock}}$  increments the time by one once all parties have declared the end of their round.

The protocol and functionality defined in the current work do not make direct use of  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Clock}}$ . Indeed, the only notion of time both in the lightning protocol and in our work is provided by the height of the blockchain, as reported respectively by the underlying Bitcoin node and  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}$ . We therefore omit it in the statements of Lemmas 4-8 and Theorem 2 for simplicity of notation; it should normally appear as hybrid along with  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}$ . Its exact definition can be found in Appendix I. We also note that  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}$  and  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Clock}}$  are global functionalities [26] and therefore can be accessed directly by the environment, whereas  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  is not.

**Transaction structure.**  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}$  does not define what is a valid transaction, but leaves it as a system parameter. Importantly, no notion of coins is built in  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}$ . We therefore specify a valid transaction, closely following concepts put forth in Bitcoin [2], but avoiding specifying the entire Bitcoin script.

At a high level, every transaction consists of inputs and outputs. Each output has an associated value in coins and a number of “spending methods”. A spending method specifies the exact requirements for spending the output. Each input must be connected to exactly one output and satisfy one of its spending methods.

Transactions in  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}$  form a DAG. A new transaction is valid only if each of its inputs correctly spends an output with no other connected input and the sum of the values of its outputs does not exceed the sum of the values of the outputs connected to its inputs. We refer the reader to Appendix E for a complete overview.

**Cryptographic Primitives.** In the Lightning Network specification, a custom scheme for deriving keys is used. Its syntax and security aims closely match those of pre-

viously studied Identity Based Signature schemes [27], [28], thus we use the latter to abstract away the complexity of the construction and highlight the security requirements it satisfies. We slightly modify previous IBS schemes by adding an algorithm that, on input of the public parameters  $mpk$  and a label  $l$ , returns the verification key  $pk_l$ . Such an IBS scheme provides 5 algorithms:

- $(mpk, msk) \leftarrow \text{SETUP}(1^k)$ : master keypair generation
- $(pk_l, sk_l) \leftarrow \text{KEYDER}(mpk, msk, l)$ : keypair derivation with label  $l$
- $pk_l \leftarrow \text{PUBKEYDER}(mpk, l)$ : verification key derivation with label  $l$
- $\sigma \leftarrow \text{SIGNIBS}(m, sk_l)$ : signature generation with signing key  $sk_l$
- $\{0, 1\} \leftarrow \text{VERIFYIBS}(\sigma, m, pk_l)$ : signature verification

We refer the reader to [28] for more details. Other cryptographic primitives used are digital signatures and pseudorandom functions, see Appendices A, B, and C. Finally, a less common two-party cryptographic primitive is employed that we formalise as *combined digital signatures*, see Section 6.

### 3. Lightning Network overview

**Two-party channels.** The aim of LN is to enable fast, cheap, off-chain transactions, without compromising security. Specifically no trust between counterparties is needed. This is achieved as follows: Two parties that plan to have recurring monetary exchanges lock up some funds with one special on-chain transaction. We say that they opened a new channel. They can then transact with the locked funds multiple times solely by interacting privately, without informing the blockchain. If they want to use their funds in the usual, on-chain way again, they have to close the channel and unlock the funds with one more on-chain transaction. Each party can unilaterally close the channel and retrieve the coins they are entitled to – according to the latest channel state – and thus neither party has to trust the other.

In more detail, to open a channel *Alice* and *Bob* first exchange a number of keys and desired timelocks  $\text{relDel}_A, \text{relDel}_B$  (explained below) and then build locally some transactions. The “funding transaction”  $F$  contains a 2-of-2 multisig output with one “funding” public key  $pk_{F,A}, pk_{F,B}$  for each counterparty. This multisig output needs signatures for both designated public keys in order to be spent.  $F$  is funded with  $c_F$  coins that belong only to one of the two parties, say *Alice*.

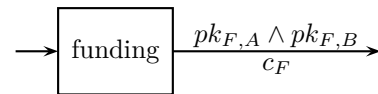


Figure 1. Funding TX (on-chain): Rules over, coins below output.



Each party also builds a slightly different version of the “commitment transaction”  $C_A, C_B$ . *Alice* uses her “delayed payment” key  $pk_{dcom,A}$  and *Bob*’s “revocation” key  $pk_{rev,B}$  (received before), whereas *Bob* uses *Alice*’s “payment” key  $pk_{com,A}$  (received before). Both  $C_A$  and  $C_B$  spend the funding output of  $F$  and allow *Alice* to retrieve her funds if she acts honestly, as we will explain shortly. *Alice* sends *Bob* the signature of  $C_B$  made with her  $sk_{F,A}$  and vice-versa.

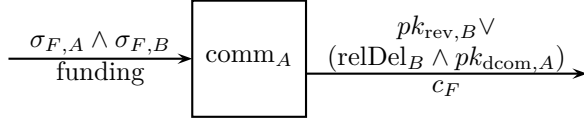


Figure 2. *Alice*’s initial commitment TX (off-chain): Required data over input, spent output below input.

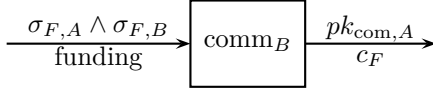


Figure 3. *Bob*’s initial commitment TX (off-chain): All coins belong to *Alice*, so she can immediately spend them if *Bob* closes.

She now broadcasts  $F$ ; once both parties see that it is confirmed, they generate and exchange new “commitment” keys (used for updating the channel later) and the channel is open.

Every time they want to make a payment to each other, they exchange a series of messages that have two effects. First, a new pair of commitment transactions, along with their signatures by the funding keys, is created, one for each counterparty. Each of these transactions ensures that, if broadcast, each party will be able to spend the appropriate share from the coins contained in the funding output. Second, the two old commitment transactions are revoked. This ensures that no party can close a channel using an old commitment transaction which may be more beneficial to her than the latest one.

Invalidating past commitments requires some care. The reason is that it is impossible to actually make past commitments invalid without spending the funding output on-chain; doing this for every update would however defeat the purpose of LN. The following idea is leveraged instead: If *Alice* broadcasts an old commitment and *Bob* sees it, he can punish *Alice* by taking all the money in the channel. Therefore *Alice* is technically able to broadcast an old commitment, but has no financial benefit in doing so. The same reasoning holds if *Bob* broadcasts an old commitment. On the downside this imposes the requirement that parties must observe the blockchain periodically — see below the explanation of timelocks and how they facilitate a time window within which parties should react.

The punishing mechanism operates as follows. Suppose *Alice* considers posting her old local commitment

which has an output that carries her old share of the funds. This output can be spent in two ways: either with a signature by *Alice*’s “delayed payment” secret key  $sk_{dcom,A}$  which is a usual ECDSA key, or with a signature by *Bob*’s “revocation” secret key  $sk_{rev,B}$ , which is also an ECDSA key, but with an additional characteristic that we will explain soon. Thus, if *Alice* broadcasts an old commitment, *Bob* will be able to obtain her funds by spending her output using his “revocation” key. This privilege of course opens the possibility for *Bob* to abuse it (in particular, when a channel is closed — see below — *Bob* may steal *Alice*’s funds by using such a revocation key) and hence this side effect should also be carefully mitigated. The mitigation has the following form. At the time of creation of a new commitment, both parties will know *Bob*’s “revocation” public key  $pk_{rev,B}$ , but no party knows its corresponding secret — the key can only be computed by combining one secret value that *Alice* knows  $sk_{com,n,A}$  and one secret value that *Bob* knows  $sk_{com,n,B}$ . *Alice* therefore can prevent *Bob* from using his revocation key until she sends him  $sk_{com,n,A}$ . Therefore, *Alice* will send *Bob*  $sk_{com,n,A}$  only after the new commitment transaction is built and signed. Thus *Bob* cannot abuse his revocation key on a commitment before this transaction is revoked. We note that the underlying cryptographic mechanism that enables such “revocation keys” is not straightforward and, as part of our contributions, we formalise it as a new two-party cryptographic primitive. We call it “combined signature” and we prove that the construction hidden in the LN implementation realizes it in the random oracle model under the assumption that the underlying digital signature scheme is secure in Appendix D.

The last element needed to make channel updates secure is the already mentioned “relative timelock”. If *Alice* broadcasts a commitment transaction, she is not allowed to immediately spend her funds with her “delayed payment” key. Instead, she has to wait for the transaction to reach a pre-agreed block depth (the relative timelock, negotiated during the opening of the channel and hardcoded in the output script of the commitment transaction) in order to give some time to *Bob* to see the transaction and, if it does not correspond to the latest version of the channel, punish her with his “revocation” key. This avoids a scenario in which *Alice* broadcasts an old commitment transaction and immediately spends her output, which would prevent *Bob* from ever proving that this commitment was old.

Lastly, if *Alice* wants to unilaterally close a channel, all she has to do is broadcast her latest local commitment (the only one not revoked) and any outstanding HTLC transactions (explained below) and wait for the timelock to expire in order to spend her funds. The LN specification further allows for cooperative channel closure, achieved by negotiating and broadcasting the “closing transaction” which is not encumbered with a timelock, providing immediate availability of funds.

As mentioned timelocks provide specific time win-

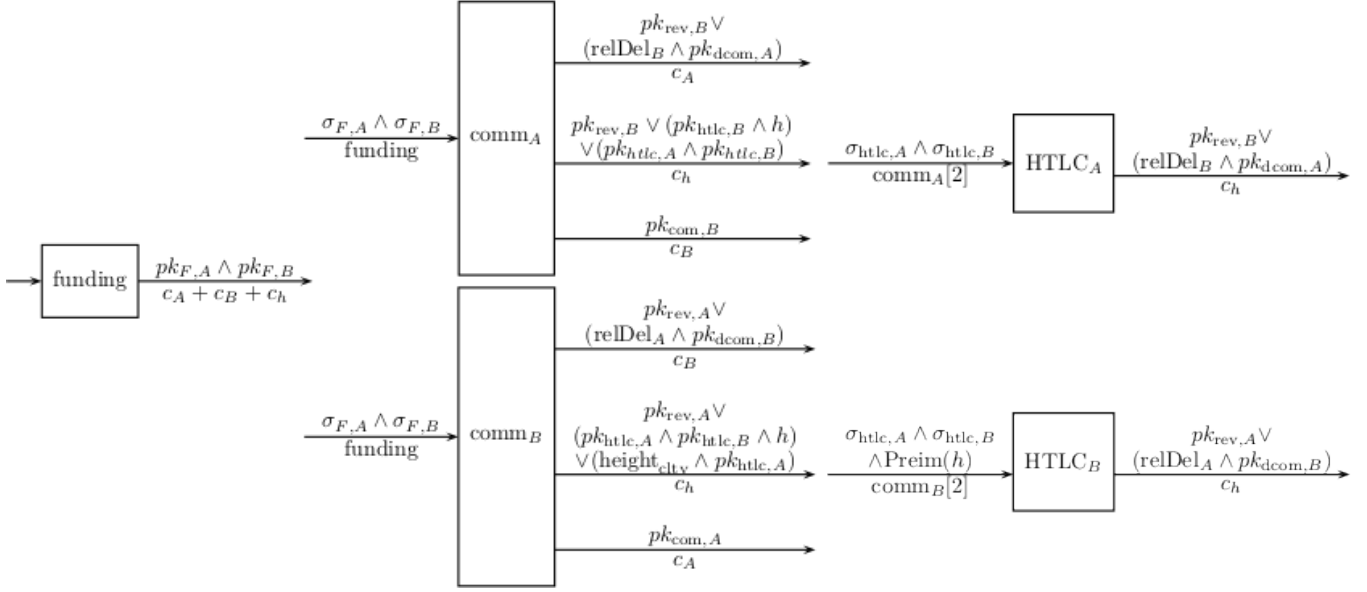


Figure 4. All transactions of an open channel with an HTLC in flight. *Alice* owns  $c_A$  coins, *Bob*  $c_B$  coins, and  $c_h$  coins will be transferred to *Bob* if he discloses the preimage of  $h$  until the ledger has  $\text{height}_{\text{cltv}}$  blocks, otherwise they will return to *Alice*. “funding” is in the ledger, *Alice* keeps locally “comm<sub>A</sub>” and “HTLC<sub>A</sub>”, and *Bob* keeps “comm<sub>B</sub>” and “HTLC<sub>B</sub>”.

dows within which both parties have to check the blockchain in order to punish a misbehaving counterparty who broadcasts an old commitment transaction. This means that parties have to be regularly online to safeguard against theft. Furthermore, LN makes it possible to trustlessly outsource this to so-called watchtowers, but this mechanism is not analyzed in the current work.

**Multi-hop payments.** Having funds locked down for exclusive use with a particular counterparty would be a serious limitation. LN goes beyond that by allowing multi-hop payments. In a situation where *Alice* has a channel with *Bob* and he has another channel with *Charlie*, it is possible for *Alice* to pay *Charlie* off-chain by leveraging *Bob*’s help. Remarkably, this can be achieved without any one party trusting any of the other two. One can think of *Alice* giving some “marked” money to *Bob*, who in turn either delivers it to *Charlie* or returns it to *Alice* – it is impossible for *Bob* to keep the money. It is also impossible for *Alice* and *Charlie* to make *Bob* pay for this transaction out of his pocket.

We will now give a brief overview of how this counterintuitive dynamic is made possible. *Alice* initiates the payment by asking *Charlie* to create a new hash for a payment of  $x$  coins. *Charlie* chooses a random secret, hashes it and sends the hash to *Alice*. *Alice* promises *Bob* to pay him  $x$  in their channel if he shows her the preimage of this particular hash within a specific time frame. *Bob* makes the same promise to *Charlie*: if *Charlie* tells *Bob* the preimage of the same hash within a specific time frame (shorter than the one *Bob* has agreed with *Alice*), *Bob* will pay him  $x$  in their common channel. *Charlie* then sends him the preimage (which is the secret

he generated initially) and *Bob* agrees to update the channel to a new version where  $x$  is moved from him to *Charlie*. Similarly, *Bob* sends the preimage to *Alice* and once again *Alice* updates their channel to give *Bob*  $x$  coins. Therefore  $x$  coins were transmitted from *Alice* to *Charlie* and *Bob* did not gain or lose anything, he just increased his balance in the channel with *Alice* and reduced his balance by an equal amount in the channel with *Charlie*.

This type of promise where a preimage is exchanged for money is called Hashed Time Locked Contract (HTLC). It is enforceable on-chain in case the payer does not cooperatively update upon disclosure of the preimage, thus no trust is needed. It is realised as an additional output of the commitment transactions, which contains the specified hash and transfers its funds either to the party that should provide the preimage or to the other party after a timeout. A corresponding “HTLC transaction” that can spend this output is built by each party. In the previous example with *Alice*, *Bob* and *Charlie*, two HTLC transactions were signed and fulfilled in total for the payment to go through. Two updates happened in each channel: one to sign the HTLC and one to fulfill it. The time frames were chosen so that every intermediary has had the time to learn the preimage and give it to the previous party on the path. Figure 4 shows all transactions implicated in a channel that has an HTLC in flight.

In LN zero-hop payments are also carried out using HTLCs.

LN gives the possibility for intermediaries to charge a fee for their service, but such fees are not incorporated

in the current analysis. Furthermore, LN leverages the Sphinx onion packet scheme [29] to increase the privacy of payments, but we do not formally analyze the privacy of LN in this work – we just use it in our protocol description to syntactically match the message format used by LN.

#### 4. Overview of $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$

One of our contributions is the specification of  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  (Appendix F), a functionality that describes the functional and security guarantees given by an ideal payment network. The central aim of  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  is opening payment channels, keeping track of their state, updating them according to requested payments and closing them, as requested by honest players, all in a secure manner. In particular, the three main messages it can receive from *Alice* are (OPENCHANNEL), (PAY), (CLOSECHANNEL) and (FORCECLOSECHANNEL).

When  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  receives (OPENCHANNEL, *Alice*, *Bob*, *x*, *tid*) from *Alice*, it informs simulator  $\mathcal{S}$  of the intention of environment  $\mathcal{E}$  to create a channel between *Alice* and *Bob* where *Alice* owns *x* coins. When it receives (PAY, *Bob*, *x*, path, receipt) from *Alice*, it informs  $\mathcal{S}$  that  $\mathcal{E}$  asked to perform a multi-hop payment of *x* coins from *Alice* to *Bob* along the path. In the same vein, when  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  receives (CLOSECHANNEL, receipt, *pchid*) or (FORCECLOSECHANNEL, receipt, *pchid*) from *Alice* (for a cooperative or unilateral close respectively), it leaks to  $\mathcal{S}$  the fact that  $\mathcal{E}$  wants to close the relevant channel.

In order to provide security guarantees, there are various moments when  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  verifies whether certain expected events have actually taken place. A number of messages prompt  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  to read from  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}$  and perform these checks. In the actual implementations of LN these checks are done periodically by a polling daemon. Such checks are done by  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  in the following cases:

- On receiving (POLL) by *Alice*,  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  asks  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}$  for *Alice*’s latest state  $\Sigma_{\text{Alice}}$  and verifies that no bad events have happened. In particular,  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  halts if any of *Alice*’s channels has been closed maliciously with a transaction at height *h* and, even though *Alice* has POLLED within  $[h, h + \text{delay}(\text{Alice}) - 1]$ , she did not manage to punish the counterparty. Refer to lines 5 and 10 of Fig. 22 for more details. If  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  does not halt, it leaks to  $\mathcal{S}$  the polling details (including the identity of the poller and the state of the ledger in their view).
- $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  expects  $\mathcal{S}$  to send a (RESOLVEPAYS, charged) message that gives details on the outcome of one or more multi-hop payments that include the identity of the party that is charged. Moreover, for each resolved payment, the message includes two expiry values in block height: OutgoingCltvExpiry, which is the highest block in which the charged party could claim money

from the previous hop (closer to the payer) and IncomingCltvExpiry, which is the lowest block in which the charged party could claim money from the next hop (closer to the payee).  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  checks that for each payment the charged party was one of the following: (a) the one that initiated the payment, (b) a malicious party or (c) an honest party that is negligent. The latter case happens when the honest party either:

- 1) did not POLL in time to catch a malicious closure (similarly to the check performed when a POLL message is handled, as described above) (Fig. 17, line 18) or
- 2) did not POLL twice while the block height in the view of the player was in  $[\text{OutgoingCltvExpiry}, \text{IncomingCltvExpiry} - (2 + r)\text{windowSize}]$  with a distance of at least  $(2 + r)\text{windowSize}$  between the two POLLS or
- 3) did not enforce the retrieval of the funds lost as a result of this payment when the chain in her view had height  $\text{IncomingCltvExpiry} - (2 + r)\text{windowSize}$  (Fig. 18) with a FULFILLONCHAIN message, as discussed below.

Note that  $(2 + r)\text{windowSize}$  is the maximum number of blocks an honest party needs to wait from the moment a valid transaction is submitted until it is added to the ledger state (Proposition 1).  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  also ensures that the two expiries (OutgoingCltvExpiry and IncomingCltvExpiry) have a distance of at least  $\text{relayDelay}(\text{Alice}) + (2 + r)\text{windowSize}$ , otherwise it halts. In case the charged party was honest and non-negligent,  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  halts. It also halts if a particular payment resulted in a channel update for which  $\mathcal{S}$  did not inform  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  (Fig. 19, line 10).

- $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  executes the function checkClosed( $\Sigma_{\text{Alice}}$ ) every time it receives  $\Sigma_{\text{Alice}}$  from  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}$  (Fig. 21, lines 1-35). In this case, it checks that every channel that  $\mathcal{E}$  has asked to be closed or  $\mathcal{S}$  designated as closed indeed has a closing transaction that corresponds to its latest state in  $\Sigma_{\text{Alice}}$ . Enough time is given for that transaction to settle in  $\Sigma_{\text{Alice}}$ , but if that time passes and the channel is still open or it is closed to a wrong version and no opportunity for punishment was given,  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  halts.

A number of messages that support the protocol progress are also handled:

- Every player has to send (REGISTER, delay, relayDelay) before participating in the network. This informs  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  how often the player has to POLL. “delay” corresponds to the maximum time between POLLS so that malicious closures will be caught. “relayDelay” is useful when the player is an intermediary of a multi-hop payment. It roughly represents the size of the time window the player has to learn a preimage from the next and reveal it to the previous node. Subsequently  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  asks  $\mathcal{S}$  to create and

send a public key that will hold the player’s funds. This public key is subsequently sent back to the player.

- To complete her registration, *Alice* has to send the (TOPPEDUP) message. It lets  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  know that the desired amount of initial funds have been transferred to *Alice*’s public key.  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  reads *Alice*’s state on  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}$  to retrieve this number and subsequently allows *Alice* to participate in the payment network after it updates her **onChainBalance**.
- When  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  receives (CHECKFORNEW, *Alice*, *Bob*, *tid*) from *Alice*, it asks  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}$  for *Alice*’s latest state  $\Sigma_{\text{Alice}}$  and looks for a funding transaction  $F$  in it. If one is found,  $\mathcal{S}$  is asked to complete the opening procedure.
- (PUSHFULFILL, *pchid*), (PUSHADD, *pchid*) and (COMMIT, *pchid*) all nudge  $\mathcal{S}$  to carry on with the protocol that updates the state of a specific channel.  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  simply forwards these messages to  $\mathcal{S}$ .
- (FULFILLONCHAIN) prompts  $\mathcal{S}$  to close channels in which the counterparty is not willing to pay, even though they have promised to do so upon disclosure of a particular preimage. This message is simply forwarded to  $\mathcal{S}$ , but  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  takes a note that such a message was received and the current blockheight in the view of the calling party.

Last but not least,  $\mathcal{E}$  sends (GETNEWS) to obtain the latest changes regarding newly opened or closed channels, along with updates to the state of existing ones. Here we make an interesting observation: The most complex part of LN is arguably the negotiations that happen when a multi-hop payment takes place, due to the many channel updates needed; indeed, two complete channel updates for each hop are needed for a successful payment to go through. The fact that a proposal for an update can happen asynchronously with the commitment to this update, along with the fact that a single commitment may commit to many individual update proposals only adds to the complexity. It is therefore only natural to want  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  to be unaware of these details. In order to disentangle the abstraction of  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  from such minutiae, we allow the adversary full control of the updates that are reported back to  $\mathcal{E}$  via  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$ . Nevertheless,  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  enforces that any reporting deviations induced by the adversary will be caught when a channel closes. This is quite intuitive: Consider a user of the payment network that does not understand its inner workings but can read  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}$  and count her funds there.  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  provides no guarantees regarding any specific interim reporting but the user is assured that in case she chooses to close the relevant channel, her state in  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}$  will be consistent with all the payments that went through.

## 5. Lightning Protocol $\Pi_{\text{LN}}$ Overview

In order to prove that software adhering to the LN specification fulfills the security guarantees given by

$\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$ , a concrete protocol that implements LN in the UC model is needed. To that end we define the formal protocol  $\Pi_{\text{LN}}$ , an overview of which is given here.

For the rest of this section, we will assume that *Alice*, *Bob* and *Charlie* are interactive Turing machine instances (ITIs) [25] that honestly execute  $\Pi_{\text{LN}}$ . Similarly to the ideal world, the main functions of  $\Pi_{\text{LN}}$  are triggered when it receives (OPENCHANNEL), (PAY), (CLOSECHANNEL) and (FORCECLOSECHANNEL) from  $\mathcal{E}$ . These three messages along with (GETNEWS) informally correspond to actions that a “human user” would instruct the system to perform. (REGISTER) and (TOPPEDUP) are sent by  $\mathcal{E}$  for player initialization. The rest of the messages sent from  $\mathcal{E}$  prompt  $\Pi_{\text{LN}}$  to perform actions that a software implementation would spontaneously perform periodically. All messages sent between *Alice*, *Bob* and *Charlie* correspond to messages specified by LN. For clarity of exposition, we avoid mentioning the exact name and contents of every message. We refer the reader to the formal definition of  $\Pi_{\text{LN}}$  for further details (Appendix H).

**Registration.** Before *Alice* can use the network,  $\mathcal{E}$  first has to send her a (REGISTER, delay, relayDelay) message. She generates her persistent key and sends it back to  $\mathcal{E}$ . The latter may choose to add some funds to this key and then send (TOPPEDUP) to *Alice*, who checks her state in  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}$  and records her on-chain balance.

**Channel opening.** When she receives (OPENCHANNEL, *Alice*, *Bob*, *x*, *tid*) from  $\mathcal{E}$ , *Alice* initiates the message sequence needed to open a channel with *Bob*, funded by her with *x* coins. After following the steps described in Section 3, the funding transaction has been submitted to  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}$ . However the channel is not open yet.

At a later point  $\mathcal{E}$  may send (CHECKFORNEW, *Alice*, *Bob*, *tid*) to *Alice*. She then checks if her state in  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}$  contains the funding transaction with the temporary ID *tid* and in that case she exchanges new commitment keys with *Bob*, as per Section 3. The channel is now open. Both parties keep a note to give  $\mathcal{E}$  a receipt of the new channel the next time they receive (GETNEWS).

**Channel closing.** When sent by  $\mathcal{E}$ , the messages CLOSECHANNEL and FORCECLOSECHANNEL prompt *Alice* to close the channel cooperatively or unilaterally respectively, as explained in Section 3. In both cases she takes a note to notify  $\mathcal{E}$  that the channel is closed when she receives (GETNEWS).

**Performing payments.** We will now follow the exact steps needed for a multi-hop payment, filling in many details that we omitted from Section 3. When she receives (PAY, *Charlie*, *x*, *path*) from  $\mathcal{E}$ , *Alice* attempts to pay *Charlie* *x* coins, using the provided *path*. Let us assume that the path is *Alice* – *Bob* – *Charlie*. *Alice* asks *Charlie* for an “invoice” with the HTLC hash, to which *Charlie* reacts by choosing a random preimage and sending back to *Alice* its hash. *Alice* then prepares a Sphinx [29] onion packet with the relevant information for each party on the *path* and sends it to *Bob*. *Bob* peels his layer of the onion and, after performing sanity checks and extracting



the hash, he takes a note of this pending HTLC. He does not yet forward the onion to *Charlie*, because *Alice* is not yet committed to paying *Bob*. The latter happens if *Alice* subsequently receives (COMMIT,  $pchid_{AB}$ ) from  $\mathcal{E}$ , where  $pchid_{AB}$  is the ID of the *Alice* – *Bob* channel. She then sends *Bob* all the signatures needed to make the new commitment transaction spendable, who replies with the secret commitment key of the old commitment transaction (thus revoking it), along with the public commitment key of the future commitment transaction (to allow *Alice* to prepare the next update, when that happens). LN demands that before *Bob* forwards the onion to *Charlie*, he must commit as well to the HTLC to *Alice*. This happens if he receives the relevant COMMIT message from  $\mathcal{E}$ . Now that both parties have the HTLC in their commitment transaction and all past commitment transactions are revoked, they consider this HTLC “irrevocably committed”.

*Bob* may then receive (PUSHADD,  $pchid_{AB}$ ) from  $\mathcal{E}$ . *Bob* sends the onion to *Charlie*, who in turn peels it, recognizes that the payment is for him and that indeed he knows the preimage (since he generated it himself) and waits for the HTLC between him and *Bob* to be irrevocably committed. After both *Bob* and *Charlie* receive (COMMIT), *Charlie* awaits for a (PUSHFULFILL,  $pchid_{BC}$ ) message from  $\mathcal{E}$ . If it arrives, *Charlie* sends the preimage to *Bob*, who sends it back to *Alice*. Once more every party has to receive a (COMMIT) message for each of the channels it participates in in order to remove the HTLC and update the definitive balance of each player to the appropriate value after the payment is complete. After this last update, each party keeps a note to inform  $\mathcal{E}$  about the new balance when it receives (GETNEWS).

Observe that while locked up in an HTLC, funds do not belong to either player; they are rather in a temporary, transitive state. If one party learns the preimage, the funds become theirs, whereas if it does not learn the preimage after some time, the other party is entitled to the funds. Also observe that within the UC framework the necessary messages COMMIT, PUSHFULFILL and PUSHADD may never arrive, but in a correct software implementation the corresponding actions happen automatically, without waiting for a prompt by the user. **Polling.** Lastly,  $\mathcal{E}$  may send (POLL) to *Alice*. She then reads her state in  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}$  and checks for closed channels. If she finds maliciously closed channels (closed using old commitments), she punishes the counterparty and takes all the funds in the channel. If she finds in an honestly closed channel a preimage of an HTLC that she has previously signed and for which she is an intermediary, she records it and prepares to send it when she receives (PUSHFULFILL). Finally, if she finds an honestly closed channel with an HTLC output for which she knows the preimage, she spends it immediately. For every closed channel she finds, she keeps a note to report it to  $\mathcal{E}$  the next time she receives (GETNEWS).

*Remark 1 (Differences between LN and  $\Pi_{\text{LN}}$ ).* In LN, a custom construction for generating a new secret during

each channel update is used. It reduces the space needed to maintain a channel from  $O(n)$  to  $O(\log n)$  in the number of updates. As far as we know, its security has not been formally analyzed. In the current paper we use instead a PRF [30].

As mentioned earlier, LN uses a custom construction that takes advantage of elliptic curve homomorphic properties in order to derive any number of keypairs by combining a single “basepoint” with different “labels”. We instead use Identity Based Signatures [27], [28] (IBS) to abstract the properties provided by the construction. We also prove that it actually implements an IBS, see Appendix B.

Additionally, we have chosen to simplify the protocol in a number of ways in order to keep the analysis tractable. In particular LN defines several additional messages that signal various types of errors in transmission. It also specifies exactly how message retransmission should happen upon reconnection, specifically for the case of connection failure while updating a channel. This allows for a more robust system by excluding many cases of accidental channel closures. What is more, an LN user can change their “delay” and “relayDelay” parameters even after registration, which is not the case in  $\Pi_{\text{LN}}$ .

Lastly, in order to incentivize users to act as intermediaries or check for channel closures on behalf of others, LN provides for fees for these two roles. Furthermore, in order to reduce transaction size and ensure that bitcoin nodes relay the transactions, it specifies exact rules for pruning outputs of too low value (known as “dust outputs”). In the current analysis we do not consider these features.

## 6. Overview of the Combined Signature primitive

As previously mentioned, we define a new primitive for combining keys and generating signatures, which is leveraged in the revocation and punishment mechanism of channel updates. Furthermore, we prove that the construction designed by the creators of LN realizes this primitive. We here provide the intuition behind it and refer the reader to Appendix D for the exact syntax, correctness and security definitions, concrete construction and proof of security.

Previous work on the subject of multi-party signatures [12], [31], [32], [33], [34], [35] focuses on use-cases where some parties desire to generate a signature without revealing their private information; the latter is created using an interactive protocol. The resulting signatures can be verified by a single verification key, which is also included in the output of the key generation protocol. As we will see however, the primitive defined here has different aims and limitations and, to our knowledge, has not been formalized yet.

A combined signature is a two-party primitive, say between *Alice* and *Bob*, with *Bob* being the signer and

*Alice* the holder of a share of the secret key. This share is essential for issuing signatures, which in turn are verifiable with the “combined” verification key. The verification key is generated using public information drawn from *Alice* and *Bob* and is feasible without any party knowing the corresponding signing key. *Bob* will be able to construct the signing key only if *Alice* shares her secret information with him.

Beyond correctness, combined signatures have two security properties expressed as follows. **Share-EUF** security expresses security from the point of view of *Alice*, and establishes that *Bob* cannot issue a valid combined signature if he does not possess *Alice*’s corresponding secret share. In Appendix D we prove the following:

**Lemma 1.** *The construction defined in Appendix D is share-EUF-secure in the Random Oracle model under the assumption that the underlying signature scheme is strongly EUF-CMA-secure and the range of the Random Oracle coincides with that of the underlying signature scheme signing keys.*

On the other hand, **master-EUF-CMA** security is modeled very similarly to standard EUF-CMA security, with the difference that *Bob* (the signer) combines malicious shares into his public key and issues signatures with respect to such combined keys. The security property ensures that these signatures provide no advantage to the adversary in terms of producing a forged message for a combined key of its choice. In this respect we prove:

**Lemma 2.** *The construction of Appendix D is master-EUF-CMA-secure in the Random Oracle model under the assumption that the underlying signature scheme is strongly EUF-CMA-secure and the range of the Random Oracle coincides with that of the underlying signature scheme signing keys.*

The two results can then be combined to obtain the desired security property:

**Theorem 1.** *The construction of Appendix D is combine-EUF-secure in the Random Oracle model under the assumption that the underlying signature scheme is strongly EUF-CMA-secure.*

## 7. Security proof overview

**Theorem 2** (Lightning Payment Network Security). *The protocol  $\Pi_{\text{LN}}$  realises  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  given a global functionality  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}$  and assuming the security of the underlying digital signature, identity-based signature, combined digital signature and PRF. Specifically,*

$$\begin{aligned} & \forall k \in \mathbb{N}, \text{PPT } \mathcal{E}, \\ & |\Pr[\text{EXEC}_{\Pi_{\text{LN}}, \mathcal{A}_{\text{d}}, \mathcal{E}}^{\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}} = 1] - \Pr[\text{EXEC}_{\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{E}}^{\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}, \mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}} = 1]| \leq \\ & \quad 2nm\text{E-ds}(k) + 6np\text{E-ids}(k) + 2nmp\text{E-share}(k) + \\ & \quad + 2nm\text{E-master}(k) + 2\text{E-prf}(k), \end{aligned}$$

where  $n$  is the maximum number of registered users,  $m$  is the maximum number of channels that a user is involved

in,  $p$  is the maximum number of times that a channel is updated and the “E-” terms correspond to the insecurity bounds of the primitives.

*Proof Sketch:* The proof is done in 5 steps. In Lemma 4 we define a simulator  $\mathcal{S}_{\text{LN}}$  that internally simulates a full execution of  $\Pi_{\text{LN}}$  for each player, and a “dummy” functionality that acts as a simple relay between  $\mathcal{E}$  and  $\mathcal{S}_{\text{LN}}$ . We argue that this version of the ideal world trivially produces the exact same messages for  $\mathcal{E}$  as the real world.

In each subsequent step, we incrementally move responsibilities from the simulator to the functionality. Each step defines a different functionality that handles some additional messages from  $\mathcal{E}$  exactly like  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$ , until the last step (Lemma 8) where we use  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  itself. Correspondingly, the simulator of each step is adapted so that the new ideal execution is computationally indistinguishable from the previous one.

Lemma 5 lets  $\mathcal{F}$  handle registration messages, along with the corruption messages from  $\mathcal{S}$ . In Lemma 6 the functionality additionally handles messages related to channel opening. It behaves like  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$ , but does not execute `checkClosed()`. Lemma 7 has the functionality handle all messages sent during channel updates. Lastly, Lemma 8 has the entire  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  as its functionality, by incorporating the message for closing a channel, executing `checkClosed()` normally and handing the message that returns to  $\mathcal{E}$  the receipts for newly opened, updated and closed channels. The last two steps introduce a probability of failure in case the various types of signatures used in  $\Pi_{\text{LN}}$  are forged. We analyze these cases separately and argue that, if such forgeries do not happen, the emulation is perfect. Therefore we can calculate the concrete security bounds shown in the theorem.  $\square$

For the formal proof, we refer the reader to Appendix J.

## 8. A ledger with instant finality is unrelaisable

As already mentioned, previous attempts at formalising payment channels in UC [13], [14], [15], [16] assume a variant of a ledger functionality with instant finality. We here define a representative variant of this approach  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PerfectL}}$  (Fig. 5) where all submitted transactions are instantly added to the ledger and immediately available to be read by all players. Subsequently we argue that, albeit an attractive abstraction, such a functionality is unrealisable, even under strong network assumptions, i.e. a multicast synchronous network  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{N-MC}}^1$ . Such a network ensures that messages sent by honest parties will be instantly delivered to all other parties; no delays can be introduced by the adversary. We refer the reader to Appendix I for the formal definition of  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{N-MC}}^1$ .

The adversary however may choose to send its own messages only to specific parties. This allows the adversary to spread conflicting information or withhold data

from some parties. As we will see, this adversarial ability precludes the possibility of the ledger of Fig. 5 to be realised.

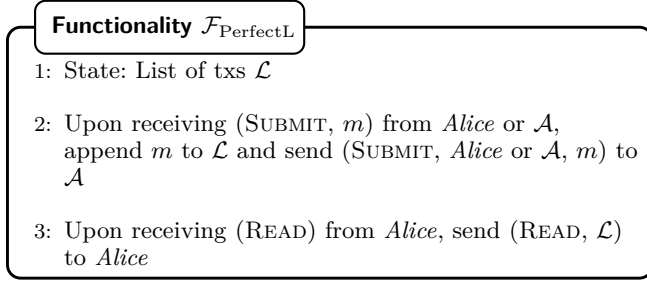


Figure 5.

**Theorem 3** (Perfect Ledger is Unrealisable). *For any ITM  $\Pi_{\text{PerfectL}}$  there exist ITMs  $\mathcal{E}_{\text{PL}}$ ,  $\mathcal{A}_{\text{PL}}$  such that for any ITM  $\mathcal{S}$*

$$\text{EXEC}_{\Pi_{\text{PerfectL}}, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E}}^{\mathcal{F}_{\text{N-MC}}, \bar{\mathcal{G}}_{\text{CLOCK}}} \not\approx \text{EXEC}_{\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{E}}^{\mathcal{F}_{\text{PerfectL}}, \bar{\mathcal{G}}_{\text{CLOCK}}}$$

*Proof Sketch:* We take advantage of  $\mathcal{A}$ 's ability to selectively send messages to specific players. In particular,  $\mathcal{E}$  starts an execution with two players and generates a random message  $m$ . In half of the executions (randomly selected), the adversary simulates a “broken”  $\Pi_{\text{PerfectL}}$  execution where the effects of submitting  $m$  are only shared with one of the two players, say *Alice* by  $\mathcal{A}$  (in the real world). The environment then sends READ to the other player, say *Bob*. If *Bob* returns a ledger containing  $m$ , then  $\mathcal{E}$  concludes that it is the ideal world, otherwise it sends READ to *Alice*. If she returns a ledger with  $m$ , then  $\mathcal{E}$  concludes it is in the real world, otherwise it concludes it is in the ideal world.

The above is not sufficient since a protocol may choose to return an empty ledger; to counter this, in the other half of the executions,  $\mathcal{E}$  sends (SUBMIT,  $m$ ) to *Alice* and then (READ) to *Bob*. If, and only if, *Bob* knows  $m$ , then  $\mathcal{E}$  concludes this is the ideal world. This forces the  $\Pi_{\text{PerfectL}}$  protocol to achieve instant finality and will establish that a distinguishing advantage exists no matter how  $\Pi_{\text{PerfectL}}$  is implemented.  $\square$

The full proof can be found in Appendix K.

With regards to models where the ledger provides instant finality but the adversary can delay any message to the ledger by up to a predetermined number of rounds [13], we can define an adversary that adds no delay and thus make the communication synchronous. Therefore our result applies equally to such models.

## Appendix A. Digital Signatures

Digital signatures [30] enable a party to authenticate messages to other parties. A signature on a message is created by the signing party using the secret “signing key”; other parties can later verify that the signature was indeed made on the message using the public “verification key”. Transactions in Bitcoin [2] are signed using digital signatures and are considered valid only if signatures verify correctly, thus ensuring that only parties entitled to particular funds can spend them. Bitcoin uses ECDSA signatures over the secp256k1 curve<sup>3</sup>.

To ensure compatibility, LN uses ECDSA over the same curve as its basic signature scheme. In this work, we abstract the particular construction away and use instead the established primitive that a secure construction must realize.

The three algorithms used by a Digital Signatures scheme are:

- $(pk, sk) \leftarrow \text{KEYGEN}(1^k)$
- $\sigma \leftarrow \text{SIGNDS}(m, sk)$
- $\{0, 1\} \leftarrow \text{VERIFYDS}(\sigma, m, pk)$

We demand that the following holds for a scheme to have correctness:

$$\forall k \in \mathbb{N}, m \in \mathcal{M}, \\ \Pr[(pk, sk) \leftarrow \text{KEYGEN}(1^k), \\ \text{VERIFYDS}(\text{SIGNDS}(m, sk), m, pk) = 1] = 1$$

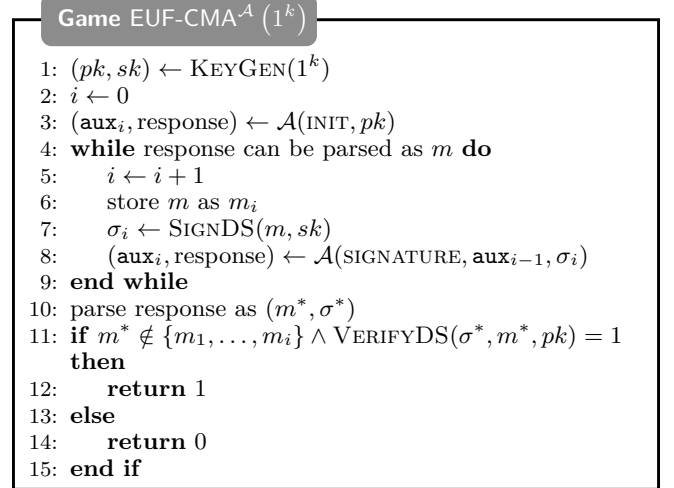


Figure 6.

**Definition 1.** A Digital Signatures scheme is strongly EUF-CMA-secure if

$$\forall k \in \mathbb{N}, \forall \mathcal{A} \in \text{PPT}, \Pr \left[ \text{EUF-CMA}^{\mathcal{A}}(1^k) = 1 \right] = \text{negl}(k) \\ \text{or equivalently} \\ \forall k \in \mathbb{N}, \text{E-ds}(k) = \text{negl}(k) ,$$

3. <https://en.bitcoin.it/wiki/Secp256k1>

where  $E\text{-ds}(k) = \sup_{\mathcal{A} \in \text{PPT}} \{\Pr[\text{EUF-CMA}^{\mathcal{A}}(1^k) = 1]\}$ .

## Appendix B.

### Identity Based Signatures primitive

As we mentioned previously, LN uses a custom construction to derive three new keys on each update. We abstract this construction using a slight modification to the previously established Identity Based Signatures primitive [28], [27]. Our version augments the scheme with explicit verification keys, which are generated together with the signing keys. Furthermore a new key derivation algorithm is introduced, which returns only the verification key of an identity, given its label. We furthermore prove that the custom construction used in LN realizes the primitive.

The five algorithms used by an Identity Based Signatures scheme (with our modification) are:

- $(mpk, msk) \leftarrow \text{SETUP}(1^k)$
- $(pk_l, sk_l) \leftarrow \text{KEYDER}(mpk, msk, l)$
- $pk_l \leftarrow \text{PUBKEYDER}(mpk, l)$
- $\sigma \leftarrow \text{SIGNIBS}(m, sk_l)$
- $\{0, 1\} \leftarrow \text{VERIFYIBS}(\sigma, m, pk_l)$

Observe that  $mpk$  is not part of the input to  $\text{SIGNIBS}$  and  $\text{VERIFYIBS}$ . In our case, this input is not needed. In fact, because of the underlying similarity of these two algorithms with their counterparts from standard Digital Signatures, such an input would rather complicate the exposition.

We demand that the following holds for a scheme to have correctness:

- $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}, l \in \mathcal{L},$   
 $\Pr[(mpk, msk) \leftarrow \text{SETUP}(1^k),$   
 $(pk_1, sk_1) \leftarrow \text{KEYDER}(mpk, msk, l),$   
 $pk_2 \leftarrow \text{PUBKEYDER}(mpk, l),$   
 $pk_1 = pk_2] = 1$
- $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}, m \in \mathcal{M},$   
 $\Pr[(mpk, msk) \leftarrow \text{SETUP}(1^k),$   
 $(pk, sk) \leftarrow \text{KEYDER}(mpk, msk, l),$   
 $\text{VERIFYIBS}(\text{SIGNIBS}(m, sk), m, pk) = 1] = 1$

**Definition 2.** An Identity Based Signatures scheme is IBS-EUF-CMA-secure if

$$\forall k \in \mathbb{N}, \forall \mathcal{A} \in \text{PPT},$$

$$\Pr \left[ \text{IBS-EUF-CMA}^{\mathcal{A}}(1^k) = 1 \right] = \text{negl}(k)$$

or equivalently

$$\forall k \in \mathbb{N}, E\text{-ibs}(k) = \text{negl}(k),$$

where  $E\text{-ibs}(k) = \sup_{\mathcal{A} \in \text{PPT}} \{\Pr[\text{IBS-EUF-CMA}^{\mathcal{A}}(1^k) = 1]\}$ .

#### B.1. Construction

We here define the particular construction for Identity Based Signatures used in LN and prove its security.

Parameters: hash function  $\mathcal{H}$ , group generator  $G$

#### Game IBS-EUF-CMA<sup>A</sup>(1<sup>k</sup>)

```

1: (mpk, msk) ← SETUP(1k)
2: i, j ← 0
3: (aux0, response) ← A(INIT, mpk)
4: while response can be parsed as (m, l) or l do
5:   if response can be parsed as (m, l) then
6:     i ← i + 1
7:     store (m, l) as (m, l)i
8:     (pk, sk) ← KEYDER(mpk, msk, l)
9:     σ ← SIGNIBS(m, sk)
10:
11:   (auxi+j, response) ← A(SIGNATURE, auxi+j-1, σ)
12:   else // response can be parsed as l
13:     j ← j + 1
14:     store l as lj
15:     (pk, sk) ← KEYDER(mpk, msk, l)
16:
17:   (auxi+j, response) ← A(KEYPAIR, auxi+j-1, (pk, sk))
18:   end if
19: end while
20: parse response as (m*, l*, σ*)
21: if (m*, l*) ∉ {(m, l)1, ..., (m, l)i} ∧ l* ∉ {l1, ..., lj} ∧
22:   VERIFYIBS(σ*, m*, PUBKEYDER(mpk, l*)) = 1
23:   then
24:     return 1
25:   else
26:     return 0
27:   end if

```

Figure 7.

SETUP(1<sup>k</sup>, rand):

return (G · rand, rand)

KEYDER(mpk, msk, l):

pk ← mpk +  $\mathcal{H}(l \parallel mpk) \cdot G$

sk ← msk +  $\mathcal{H}(l \parallel mpk)$

return (pk, sk)

PUBKEYDER(mpk, l):

return mpk +  $\mathcal{H}(l \parallel mpk) \cdot G$

SIGNIBS(m, sk<sub>l</sub>):

return SIGNDS(m, sk<sub>l</sub>)

VERIFYIBS(σ, m, pk<sub>l</sub>):

return VERIFYDS(σ, m, pk<sub>l</sub>)

**Lemma 3.** The construction above is IBS-EUF-CMA-secure in the Random Oracle model under the assumption that the underlying signature scheme is strongly EUF-CMA-secure and the range of the Random Oracle coincides with that of the underlying signature scheme signing keys.

*Proof:* Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}, \mathcal{B}$  PPT algorithm such that

$$\Pr \left[ \text{IBS-EUF-CMA}^{\mathcal{B}}(1^k) = 1 \right] = a > \text{negl}(k).$$

We construct a PPT distinguisher  $\mathcal{A}$  (Fig. 8) such that

$$\Pr \left[ \text{EUF-CMA}^{\mathcal{A}}(1^k) = 1 \right] > \text{negl}(k)$$



that breaks the assumption, thus proving Lemma 3.

**Algorithm  $\mathcal{A}(vk)$**

```

1:  $k \xleftarrow{\$} U[1, T(\mathcal{B}) + T(\mathcal{A})]$  //  $T(M)$  is the maximum
   running time of  $M$ 
2: Random Oracle: for every first-seen query  $q$  from
    $\mathcal{B}$  set  $\mathcal{H}(q)$  to a random value
3: return  $\mathcal{H}(q)$  to  $\mathcal{B}$ 
4:  $(mpk, msk) \leftarrow \text{SETUP}(1^k)$ 
5: Random Oracle: Let  $q$  be the  $k$ th first-seen query
   from  $\mathcal{B}$  or  $\mathcal{A}$ :
6: if  $q = (l \parallel mpk)$  then
7:   set  $\mathcal{H}(l \parallel mpk)$  to  $(vk - mpk) \cdot G^{-1}$ 
8: else
9:   set  $\mathcal{H}(q)$  to a random value
10: end if
11: return  $\mathcal{H}(q)$  to  $\mathcal{B}$  or  $\mathcal{A}$ 
12:  $i \leftarrow 0$ 
13:  $j \leftarrow 0$ 
14:  $(\text{aux}_0, \text{response}) \leftarrow \mathcal{B}(\text{INIT}, mpk)$ 
15: while response can be parsed as  $(m, l)$  or  $l$  do
16:   if response can be parsed as  $(m, l)$  then
17:      $i \leftarrow i + 1$ 
18:     store  $(m, l)$  as  $(m, l)_i$ 
19:      $(pk, sk) \leftarrow \text{KEYDER}(mpk, msk, l)$ 
20:      $\sigma \leftarrow \text{SIGNIBS}(m, sk)$ 
21:    $(\text{aux}_{i+j}, \text{response}) \leftarrow \mathcal{B}(\text{SIGNATURE}, \text{aux}_{i+j-1}, \sigma)$ 
22:   else // response can be parsed as  $l$ 
23:      $j \leftarrow j + 1$ 
24:     store  $l$  as  $l_j$ 
25:      $(pk, sk) \leftarrow \text{KEYDER}(mpk, msk, l)$ 
26:    $(\text{aux}_{i+j}, \text{response}) \leftarrow \mathcal{B}(\text{KEYPAIR}, \text{aux}_{i+j-1}, (pk, sk))$ 
27:   end if
28: end while
29: parse response as  $(m^*, l^*, \sigma^*)$ 
30: if  $vk = \text{PUBKEYDER}(mpk, l^*) \wedge \mathcal{B}$  wins the
   IBS-EUF-CMA game then //  $\mathcal{A}$  won the EUF-CMA
   game
31:   return  $(m^*, \sigma^*)$ 
32: else
33:   return FAIL
34: end if

```

Figure 8.

Let  $Y$  be the range of the random oracle. The modified random oracle used in Fig. 8 is indistinguishable from the standard random oracle by PPT algorithms since the statistical distance of the standard random oracle from the modified one is at most  $\frac{1}{2|Y|} < \text{negl}(k)$  as they differ in at most one element.

Let  $E$  denote the event in which neither  $\text{KEYDER}(mpk, msk, l^*)$  or  $\text{PUBKEYDER}(mpk, l^*)$  is invoked. In that case the value  $\mathcal{H}(l \parallel mpk)$  is decided after  $\mathcal{B}$

terminates (Fig. 8, line 30) and thus

$$\begin{aligned}
& \Pr[vk \in \text{KEYDER}(mpk, msk, l^*) \vee \\
& vk = \text{PUBKEYDER}(mpk, l^*) \mid E] < \text{negl}(k) \Rightarrow \\
& \Pr[(vk \in \text{KEYDER}(mpk, msk, l^*) \vee \\
& vk = \text{PUBKEYDER}(mpk, l^*)) \wedge E] < \text{negl}(k) \Rightarrow \\
& \Pr[vk = \text{PUBKEYDER}(mpk, l^*) \wedge E] < \text{negl}(k) .
\end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

It is

$$\begin{aligned}
& (\mathcal{B} \text{ wins}) \rightarrow (vk = \text{PUBKEYDER}(mpk, l^*)) \Rightarrow \\
& \Pr[\mathcal{B} \text{ wins}] \leq \Pr[vk = \text{PUBKEYDER}(mpk, l^*)] \Rightarrow \\
& \Pr[\mathcal{B} \text{ wins} \wedge E] \leq \\
& \leq \Pr[vk = \text{PUBKEYDER}(mpk, l^*) \wedge E] \stackrel{(1)}{\Rightarrow} \\
& \Pr[\mathcal{B} \text{ wins} \wedge E] < \text{negl}(k) .
\end{aligned}$$

But we know that  $\Pr[\mathcal{B} \text{ wins}] = \Pr[\mathcal{B} \text{ wins} \wedge E] + \Pr[\mathcal{B} \text{ wins} \wedge \neg E]$  and  $\Pr[\mathcal{B} \text{ wins}] = a$  by the assumption, thus

$$\Pr[\mathcal{B} \text{ wins} \wedge \neg E] > a - \text{negl}(k) . \tag{2}$$

We now focus at the event  $\neg E$ . Let  $F$  the event in which the call of to  $\text{KEYDER}(mpk, msk, l^*)$  or  $\text{PUBKEYDER}(mpk, l^*)$  results in the  $k$ th invocation of the Random Oracle. Since  $k$  is chosen uniformly at random and using Proposition 2,  $\Pr[F \mid \neg E] = \frac{1}{T(\mathcal{B}) + T(\mathcal{A})}$ . Observe that  $\Pr[F \mid E] = 0 \Rightarrow \Pr[F] = \Pr[F \mid \neg E] = \frac{1}{T(\mathcal{B}) + T(\mathcal{A})}$ .

In the case where the event  $(F \wedge \mathcal{B} \text{ wins} \wedge \neg E)$  holds, it is

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{PUBKEYDER}(mpk, l^*) = \\
& mpk + \mathcal{H}(l^* \parallel mpk) \cdot G = \\
& mpk + (vk - mpk) \cdot G^{-1} \cdot G = vk
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $F$  holds, the  $k$ th invocation of the Random Oracle queried  $\mathcal{H}(l^* \parallel mpk)$ . Therefore it is  $\text{PUBKEYDER}(mpk, l^*) = vk$ . This means that the verification is successful:  $\text{VERIFYIBS}(\sigma^*, m^*, vk) = 1$ . We conclude that, if  $(F \wedge \mathcal{B} \text{ wins} \wedge \neg E)$ ,  $\mathcal{A}$  wins the EUF-CMA game. A final observation is that the probability that the events  $(\mathcal{B} \text{ wins} \wedge \neg E)$  and  $F$  are almost independent, thus

$$\begin{aligned}
& \Pr[F \wedge \mathcal{B} \text{ wins} \wedge \neg E] = \\
& = \Pr[F] \Pr[\mathcal{B} \text{ wins} \wedge \neg E] \pm \text{negl}(k) \stackrel{(2)}{=} \\
& \frac{a - \text{negl}(k)}{T(\mathcal{A}) + T(\mathcal{B})} \pm \text{negl}(k) > \text{negl}(k)
\end{aligned}$$

□

## Appendix C. Pseudorandom Functions

A “pseudorandom function” [30]  $F$  is informally a function with two inputs: a secret seed and a bitstring.

Given that the seed is randomly selected, no PPT algorithm can distinguish  $F$  from a randomly selected function.

In the current work a PRF is used in  $\Pi_{LN}$  to generate the randomness used for  $\text{KEYSHAREGEN}()$ , which returns the so-called “per commitment” keypairs  $(s_{\text{Alice}, \text{com}, n}, p_{\text{Alice}, \text{com}, n})$  (Fig. 26, line 5, Fig. 27, line 4, Fig. 31, line 5, Fig. 32, line 7 and Fig. 41, line 19).

**Definition 3.** Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $\text{Func}_k$  the set of all functions mapping  $k$ -bitstrings to  $k$ -bitstrings. We say that function  $F : \{0, 1\}^k \times \{0, 1\}^k \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^k$  is pseudorandom if  $\forall$  PPT  $\mathcal{A}$ ,

$$\left| \Pr_{\substack{s \in \{0, 1\}^k \\ \mathcal{A}'\text{'s coins}}} [\mathcal{A}^{F(s, \cdot)}(1^k) = 1] - \Pr_{\substack{f \in \text{Func}_k \\ \mathcal{A}'\text{'s coins}}} [\mathcal{A}^{f(\cdot)}(1^k) = 1] \right| = \text{negl}(k) ,$$

where  $\mathcal{A}$  is given oracle access to  $F(s, \cdot)$  and  $f(\cdot)$  in each of the probability expressions above respectively. Equivalently,  $F$  is pseudorandom if

$$\begin{aligned} \forall k \in \mathbb{N}, \text{E-prf}(k) &= \text{negl}(k) , \\ \text{where } \text{E-prf}(k) &= \sup_{\mathcal{A} \in \text{PPT}} \left\{ \Pr_{\substack{s \in \{0, 1\}^k \\ \mathcal{A}'\text{'s coins}}} [\mathcal{A}^{F(s, \cdot)}(1^k) = 1] - \Pr_{\substack{f \in \text{Func}_k \\ \mathcal{A}'\text{'s coins}}} [\mathcal{A}^{f(\cdot)}(1^k) = 1] \right\} . \end{aligned}$$

## Appendix D. Combined Signatures primitive

The seven algorithms used by a Combined Signatures scheme are:

- $(mpk, msk) \leftarrow \text{MASTERKEYGEN}(1^k)$
- $(pk, sk) \leftarrow \text{KEYSHAREGEN}(1^k)$
- $cpk_i \leftarrow \text{COMBINEPUBKEY}(mpk, pk)$
- $(cpk_i, csk_i) \leftarrow \text{COMBINEKEY}(mpk, msk, pk, sk)$
- $\{0, 1\} \leftarrow \text{TESTKEY}(pk, sk)$
- $\sigma \leftarrow \text{SIGNCS}(m, csk)$
- $\{0, 1\} \leftarrow \text{VERIFYCS}(\sigma, m, cpk)$

We demand that these three properties hold for a scheme to have correctness:

- $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  
 $\Pr[(pk, sk) \leftarrow \text{KEYSHAREGEN}(1^k),$   
 $\text{TESTKEY}(pk, sk) = 1] = 1$   
 I.e.  $\text{KEYSHAREGEN}()$  must always generate a valid keypair.
- $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  
 $\Pr[(mpk, msk) \leftarrow \text{MASTERKEYGEN}(1^k),$   
 $(pk, sk) \leftarrow \text{KEYSHAREGEN}(1^k),$   
 $(cpk_1, csk_1) \leftarrow \text{COMBINEKEY}(mpk, msk, pk, sk),$   
 $cpk_2 \leftarrow \text{COMBINEPUBKEY}(mpk, pk),$   
 $cpk_1 = cpk_2] = 1$   
 I.e. for suitable input,  $\text{COMBINEPUBKEY}()$  and  $\text{COMBINEKEY}()$  produce the same public key.

- $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}, m \in \mathcal{M}$ ,  
 $\Pr[(mpk, msk) \leftarrow \text{MASTERKEYGEN}(1^k),$   
 $(pk, sk) \leftarrow \text{KEYSHAREGEN}(1^k),$   
 $(cpk, csk) \leftarrow \text{COMBINEKEY}(mpk, msk, pk, sk),$   
 $\text{VERIFYCS}(\text{SIGNCS}(m, csk), m, cpk) = 1] = 1$   
 I.e. for suitable input, honestly generated signatures always verify correctly.

Last but not least, the security of the scheme is defined in terms of two games:

### Game share-EUF<sup>A</sup>(1<sup>k</sup>)

```

1: (aux, mpk, n) ← A (INIT)
2: for i ← 1 to n do
3:   (pk_i, sk_i) ← KEYSHAREGEN(1^k)
4: end for
5: (cpk*, pk*, m*, σ*) ← A (KEYS, aux, pk_1, ..., pk_n)
6: if pk* ∈ {pk_1, ..., pk_n} ∧
   cpk* = COMBINEPUBKEY(mpk, pk*) ∧
   VERIFYCS(σ*, m*, cpk*) = 1 then
7:   return 1
8: else
9:   return 0
10: end if

```

Figure 9. Key Share: Existential Unforgeability – Key-Only Attack

**Definition 4.** A Combined Signatures scheme is share-EUF-secure if

$$\begin{aligned} \forall k \in \mathbb{N}, \forall \mathcal{A} \in \text{PPT}, \Pr[\text{share-EUF}^{\mathcal{A}}(1^k) = 1] &= \text{negl}(k) \\ \text{or equivalently} \\ \forall k \in \mathbb{N}, \text{E-share}(k) &= \text{negl}(k) , \\ \text{where } \text{E-share}(k) &= \sup_{\mathcal{A} \in \text{PPT}} \{\Pr[\text{share-EUF}^{\mathcal{A}}(1^k) = 1]\} \\ &\quad (\text{cf. Fig 9}) . \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 5.** A Combined Signatures scheme is master-EUF-CMA-secure if

$$\begin{aligned} \forall k \in \mathbb{N}, \forall \mathcal{A} \in \text{PPT}, \\ \Pr[\text{master-EUF-CMA}^{\mathcal{A}}(1^k) = 1] &= \text{negl}(k) \\ \text{or equivalently} \\ \forall k \in \mathbb{N}, \text{E-master}(k) &= \text{negl}(k) , \\ \text{where} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{E-master}(k) &= \sup_{\mathcal{A} \in \text{PPT}} \{\Pr[\text{master-EUF-CMA}^{\mathcal{A}}(1^k) = 1]\} \\ &\quad (\text{cf. Fig 10}) . \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 6.** A Combined Signatures scheme is combine-EUF-secure if it is both share-EUF-secure and master-EUF-CMA-secure.

In conclusion, a collection of algorithms is said to be a secure Combined Signatures scheme if it conforms to the syntax of the seven aforementioned algorithms,

### Game master-EUF-CMA<sup>A</sup> (1<sup>k</sup>)

```

1: (mpk, msk) ← MASTERKEYGEN (1k)
2: i ← 0
3: (auxi, response) ← A (INIT, mpk)
4: while response can be parsed as (pk, sk, m) do
5:   i ← i + 1
6:   store pk, sk, m as pki, ski, mi
7:   (cpki, cski) ← COMBINEKEY (mpk, msk, pki, ski)
8:   σi ← SIGNCS (mi, cski)
9:   (auxi, response) ← A (SIGNATURE, auxi-1, σi)
10: end while
11: parse response as (cpk*, pk*, m*, σ*)
12: if m* ∉ {m1, ..., mi} ∧
    cpk* = COMBINEPUBKEY (mpk, pk*) ∧
    VERIFYCS (σ*, m*, cpk*) = 1 then
13:   return 1
14: else
15:   return 0
16: end if

```

Figure 10. Master Key: Existential Unforgeability – Chosen Message Attack

it satisfies the three correctness properties and provides existential unforgeability against key-only attacks with respect to key shares and existential unforgeability against chosen message attacks with respect to master keys.

### D.1. Construction

We here define the particular construction for Combined Signatures used in LN and prove its security.

Parameters: hash function  $\mathcal{H}$ , group generator  $G$

MASTERKEYGEN(1<sup>k</sup>, rand):

**return** ( $G \cdot \text{rand}$ , rand)

KEYSHAREGEN(1<sup>k</sup>, rand):

**return** ( $G \cdot \text{rand}$ , rand)

COMBINEPUBKEY(mpk, pk):

**return**  $mpk \cdot \mathcal{H}(mpk \parallel pk) + pk \cdot \mathcal{H}(pk \parallel mpk)$

COMBINEKEY(mpk, msk, pk, sk):

**return** (COMBINEPUBKEY(mpk, pk), msk ·  $\mathcal{H}(mpk \parallel pk) + sk \cdot \mathcal{H}(pk \parallel mpk)$ )

TESTKEY(pk, sk):

**if**  $pk = G \cdot sk$  **then**

**return** 1

**else**

**return** 0

**end if**

SIGNCS(m, csk):

**return** SIGNDS(m, csk)

VERIFYCS(σ, m, cpk):

**return** VERIFYDS(σ, m, cpk)

One can check by inspection that the syntax above matches the one required by the Combined Signatures scheme definition. Furthermore, assuming that SIGNDS() and VERIFYDS() are provided by a correct Digital Signature construction, it is straightforward to confirm that the construction here satisfies the Combined Signatures correctness properties. We now move on to proving that the construction is also secure.

*Proof of Lemma 1:* Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathcal{B}$  PPT algorithm such that

$$\Pr [\text{share-EUF}^{\mathcal{B}}(1^k) = 1] = a > \text{negl}(k) .$$

We construct a PPT distinguisher  $\mathcal{A}$  (Fig. 11) such that

$$\Pr [\text{EUF-CMA}^{\mathcal{A}}(1^k) = 1] > \text{negl}(k)$$

that breaks the assumption, thus proving Lemma 1.

### Algorithm $\mathcal{A}(vk)$

```

1:  $j \xleftarrow{\$} U[1, T(\mathcal{B})]$  //  $T(M)$  is the maximum running
   time of  $M$ 
2: Random Oracle: for every first-seen query  $q$  from
    $\mathcal{B}$  set  $\mathcal{H}(q)$  to a random value
3: return  $\mathcal{H}(q)$  to  $\mathcal{B}$ 
4: (aux, mpk, n) ← A (INIT)
5: for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $n$  do
6:   (pki, ski) ← KEYSHAREGEN (1k)
7: end for
8: Random Oracle: Let  $q$  be the  $j$ th first-seen query
   from  $\mathcal{B}$ :
9:   if  $q = (mpk \parallel x)$  then
10:    if  $\mathcal{H}(x \parallel mpk)$  unset then
11:      set  $\mathcal{H}(x \parallel mpk)$  to a random value
12:    end if
13:    set  $\mathcal{H}(mpk \parallel x)$  to
     $(vk - x \cdot \mathcal{H}(x \parallel mpk)) \cdot mpk^{-1}$ 
14:   else if  $q = (x \parallel mpk)$  then
15:     if  $\mathcal{H}(mpk \parallel x)$  unset then
16:       set  $\mathcal{H}(mpk \parallel x)$  to a random value
17:     end if
18:     set  $\mathcal{H}(x \parallel mpk)$  to
     $(vk - mpk \cdot \mathcal{H}(mpk \parallel x)) \cdot x^{-1}$ 
19:   else
20:     set  $\mathcal{H}(q)$  to a random value
21:   end if
22: return  $\mathcal{H}(q)$  to  $\mathcal{B}$ 
23: (cpk*, pk*, m*, σ*) ← B (KEYS, aux, pk1, ..., pkn)
24: if  $vk = cpk^* \wedge \mathcal{B}$  wins the share-EUF game then //
   A won the EUF-CMA game
25:   return (m*, σ*)
26: else
27:   return FAIL
28: end if

```

Figure 11.

Let  $Y$  be the range of the random oracle. The modified random oracle used in Fig. 11 is indistinguishable from the standard random oracle by PPT algorithms since the statistical distance of the standard random

oracle from the modified one is at most  $\frac{1}{2|Y|} < \text{negl}(k)$  as they differ in at most one element.

Let  $E$  denote the event in which  $\mathcal{B}$  does not invoke COMBINEPUBKEY to produce  $cpk^*$ . In that case the values  $\mathcal{H}(pk^* \parallel mpk)$  and  $\mathcal{H}(mpk \parallel pk^*)$  are decided after  $\mathcal{B}$  terminates (Fig. 11, line 24) and thus

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr[cpk^* = \text{COMBINEPUBKEY}(mpk, pk^*) \mid E] &= \\ &= \frac{1}{|Y|} < \text{negl}(k) \Rightarrow \\ \Pr[cpk^* = \text{COMBINEPUBKEY}(mpk, pk^*) \wedge E] &< \\ &< \text{negl}(k) . \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

It is

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathcal{B} \text{ wins}) &\rightarrow (cpk^* = \text{COMBINEPUBKEY}(mpk, pk^*)) \Rightarrow \\ &\Pr[\mathcal{B} \text{ wins}] \leq \\ &\leq \Pr[cpk^* = \text{COMBINEPUBKEY}(mpk, pk^*)] \Rightarrow \\ &\Pr[\mathcal{B} \text{ wins} \wedge E] \leq \\ &\leq \Pr[cpk^* = \text{COMBINEPUBKEY}(mpk, pk^*) \wedge E] \stackrel{(3)}{\Rightarrow} \\ &\Pr[\mathcal{B} \text{ wins} \wedge E] < \text{negl}(k) . \end{aligned}$$

But we know that  $\Pr[\mathcal{B} \text{ wins}] = \Pr[\mathcal{B} \text{ wins} \wedge E] + \Pr[\mathcal{B} \text{ wins} \wedge \neg E]$  and  $\Pr[\mathcal{B} \text{ wins}] = a$  by the assumption, thus

$$\Pr[\mathcal{B} \text{ wins} \wedge \neg E] > a - \text{negl}(k) . \quad (4)$$

We now focus at the event  $\neg E$ . Let  $F$  the event in which the call of  $\mathcal{B}$  to COMBINEPUBKEY to produce  $cpk^*$  results in the  $j$ th invocation of the Random Oracle. Since  $j$  is chosen uniformly at random and using Proposition 2,  $\Pr[F \mid \neg E] = \frac{1}{T(\mathcal{B})}$ . Observe that  $\Pr[F \mid E] = 0 \Rightarrow \Pr[F] = \Pr[F \mid \neg E] = \frac{1}{T(\mathcal{B})}$ .

In the case where the event  $(F \wedge \mathcal{B} \text{ wins} \wedge \neg E)$  holds, it is

$$\begin{aligned} cpk^* &= \text{COMBINEPUBKEY}(mpk, pk^*) = \\ &mpk \cdot \mathcal{H}(mpk \parallel pk^*) + pk^* \cdot \mathcal{H}(pk^* \parallel mpk) \end{aligned}$$

Since  $F$  holds, the  $j$ th invocation of the Random Oracle queried either the value  $\mathcal{H}(mpk \parallel pk^*)$  or  $\mathcal{H}(pk^* \parallel mpk)$ . In either case (Fig. 11, lines 9-18), it is  $cpk^* = vk$ . This means that  $\text{VERIFYCS}(\sigma^*, m^*, vk) = 1$ . We conclude that in the event  $(F \wedge \mathcal{B} \text{ wins} \wedge \neg E)$ ,  $\mathcal{A}$  wins the EUF-CMA game. A final observation is that the probability that the events  $(\mathcal{B} \text{ wins} \wedge \neg E)$  and  $F$  are almost independent, thus

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr[F \wedge \mathcal{B} \text{ wins} \wedge \neg E] &= \\ &= \Pr[F] \Pr[\mathcal{B} \text{ wins} \wedge \neg E] \pm \text{negl}(k) \stackrel{(4)}{=} \\ &= \frac{a - \text{negl}(k)}{T(\mathcal{B})} \pm \text{negl}(k) > \text{negl}(k) \end{aligned}$$

□

*Proof of Lemma 2:* Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathcal{B}$  PPT algorithm such that

$$\Pr[\text{master-EUF-CMA}^{\mathcal{B}}(1^k) = 1] = a > \text{negl}(k) .$$

We construct a PPT distinguisher  $\mathcal{A}$  (Fig. 12) such that

$$\Pr[\text{EUF-CMA}^{\mathcal{A}}(1^k) = 1] > \text{negl}(k)$$

that breaks the assumption, thus proving Lemma 2.

**Algorithm  $\mathcal{A}(vk)$**

```

1:  $j \xleftarrow{\$} U[1, T(\mathcal{B}) + T(\mathcal{A})]$  //  $T(M)$  is the maximum
   running time of  $M$ 
2: Random Oracle: for every first-seen query  $q$  from
    $\mathcal{B}$  set  $\mathcal{H}(q)$  to a random value
3: return  $\mathcal{H}(q)$  to  $\mathcal{B}$ 
4:  $(mpk, msk) \leftarrow \text{MASTERKEYGEN}(1^k)$ 
5: Random Oracle: Let  $q$  be the  $j$ th first-seen query
   from  $\mathcal{B}$  or  $\mathcal{A}$ :
6: if  $q = (mpk \parallel x)$  then
7:   if  $\mathcal{H}(x \parallel mpk)$  unset then
8:     set  $\mathcal{H}(x \parallel mpk)$  to a random value
9:   end if
10:  set  $\mathcal{H}(mpk \parallel x)$  to
    $(vk - x \cdot \mathcal{H}(x \parallel mpk)) \cdot mpk^{-1}$ 
11: else if  $q = (x \parallel mpk)$  then
12:   if  $\mathcal{H}(mpk \parallel x)$  unset then
13:     set  $\mathcal{H}(mpk \parallel x)$  to a random value
14:   end if
15:  set  $\mathcal{H}(x \parallel mpk)$  to
    $(vk - mpk \cdot \mathcal{H}(mpk \parallel x)) \cdot x^{-1}$ 
16: else
17:   set  $\mathcal{H}(q)$  to a random value
18: end if
19: return  $\mathcal{H}(q)$  to  $\mathcal{B}$  or  $\mathcal{A}$ 
20:  $i \leftarrow 0$ 
21:  $(\text{aux}_i, \text{response}) \leftarrow \mathcal{B}(\text{INIT}, mpk)$ 
22: while response can be parsed as  $(pk, sk, m)$  do
23:    $i \leftarrow i + 1$ 
24:   store  $pk, sk, m$  as  $pk_i, sk_i, m_i$ 
25:    $(cpk_i, csk_i) \leftarrow \text{COMBINEKEY}(mpk, msk, pk_i, sk_i)$ 
26:    $\sigma_i \leftarrow \text{SIGNCS}(m_i, csk_i)$ 
27:    $(\text{aux}_i, \text{response}) \leftarrow \mathcal{B}(\text{SIGNATURE}, \text{aux}_{i-1}, \sigma_i)$ 
28: end while
29: parse response as  $(cpk^*, pk^*, m^*, \sigma^*)$ 
30: if  $vk = cpk^* \wedge \mathcal{B}$  wins the master-EUF-CMA game
   then //  $\mathcal{A}$  won the EUF-CMA game
31:   return  $(m^*, \sigma^*)$ 
32: else
33:   return FAIL
34: end if

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Figure 12.

The modified random oracle used in Fig. 12 is indistinguishable from the standard random oracle for the same reasons as in the proof of Lemma 1.

Let  $E$  denote the event in which COMBINEPUBKEY is not invoked to produce  $cpk^*$ . In that case the values  $\mathcal{H}(pk^* \parallel mpk)$  and  $\mathcal{H}(mpk \parallel pk^*)$  are decided after  $\mathcal{B}$



terminates (Fig. 12, line 30) and thus

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr[cpk^* = \text{COMBINEPUBKEY}(mpk, pk^*) | E] &< \\ &< \text{negl}(k) \Rightarrow \\ \Pr[cpk^* = \text{COMBINEPUBKEY}(mpk, pk^*) \wedge E] &< \text{negl}(k) . \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

We can reason like in the proof of Lemma 1 to deduce that

$$\Pr[\mathcal{B} \text{ wins} \wedge \neg E] > a - \text{negl}(k) . \quad (6)$$

We now focus at the event  $\neg E$ . Let  $F$  the event in which the call of  $\text{COMBINEPUBKEY}$  that produces  $cpk^*$  results in the  $j$ th invocation of the Random Oracle. Since  $j$  is chosen uniformly at random and using Proposition 2,  $\Pr[F | \neg E] = \frac{1}{T(\mathcal{B}) + T(\mathcal{A})}$ . Observe that  $\Pr[F | E] = 0 \Rightarrow \Pr[F] = \Pr[F | \neg E] = \frac{1}{T(\mathcal{B}) + T(\mathcal{A})}$ .

Once more we can reason in the same fashion as in the proof of Lemma 1 to deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr[F \wedge \mathcal{B} \text{ wins} \wedge \neg E] &= \\ = \Pr[F] \Pr[\mathcal{B} \text{ wins} \wedge \neg E] \pm \text{negl}(k) &\stackrel{(6)}{=} \\ \frac{a - \text{negl}(k)}{T(\mathcal{B}) + T(\mathcal{A})} \pm \text{negl}(k) &> \text{negl}(k) \end{aligned}$$

□

*Proof of Theorem 1:* The construction is **combine-EUF**-secure as a consequence of Lemma 1, Lemma 2 and the definition of **combine-EUF**-security. □

## Appendix E. Transaction Structure

A well-formed transaction consists of a list of inputs and a list of outputs. For the transaction to be valid, each input must be connected to a single valid, previously unconnected (unspent) output of another transaction in  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}$ .

A well-formed output consists of a value in coins and a list of “spending methods”. A well-formed input consists of a reference to a previously unconnected output and a reference to a single of the latter’s spending methods, along with the data needed to satisfy that method. A well-formed spending method contains any combination of the following:

- Public keys in disjunctive normal form. An input that spends using this spending method must contain signatures valid by the public keys of one of the conjunctions. If no public keys are specified in the output, no signatures are needed in the input.
- Absolute locktime  $d_a$ , in block height or time. An input that spends this output can only be in block of height at least  $d_a$  if  $d_a$  is a block height, or enter the ledger on or after time  $d_a$  otherwise. Zero means no absolute locktime.
- Relative locktime  $d_r$ , in block height or time. The distance of an input that spends this output must

be at least  $d_r$ , counted in block height or time. Zero means no relative locktime.

- Hashlock value. The output can be spent by an input that contains a preimage that hashes to the hashlock value. If no hashlock value is specified in the output, no preimage is needed in the spending input.

Lastly, the sum of coins of the outputs referenced by the inputs of the transaction (to-be-spent outputs) should be greater than or equal to the sum of coins of the outputs of the transaction.

We say that an unspent output is currently exclusively spendable by a player *Alice* with a public key  $pk$  and a hash list  $hl$  if for each spending method one of the following two holds:

- It still has a locktime that has not expired and thus is currently unspendable, or
- The only specified public key is  $pk$  and if there is a hashlock, its hash is contained in  $hl$ .

If an output is exclusively spendable, we say that its coins are exclusively spendable.

## Appendix F.

### Payment Network Functionality

#### Functionality $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$ – interface

- from  $\mathcal{E}$ :
  - (REGISTER, delay, relayDelay)
  - (TOPPEDUP)
  - (OPENCHANNEL, *Alice*, *Bob*, *x*, *tid*)
  - (CHECKFORNEW, *Alice*, *Bob*, *tid*)
  - (PAY, *Bob*, *x*, path, receipt)
  - (CLOSECHANNEL, receipt, *pchid*)
  - (FORCECLOSECHANNEL, receipt, *pchid*)
  - (POLL)
  - (PUSHFULFILL, *pchid*)
  - (PUSHADD, *pchid*)
  - (COMMIT, *pchid*)
  - (FULFILLONCHAIN)
  - (GETNEWS)
- to  $\mathcal{E}$ :
  - (REGISTER, *Alice*, delay(*Alice*), relayDelay(*Alice*), pubKey)
  - (REGISTERED)
  - (NEWS, newChannels, closedChannels, updatesToReport)
- from  $\mathcal{S}$ :
  - (REGISTERDONE, *Alice*, pubKey)
  - (CORRUPTED, *Alice*)
  - (CHANNELANNOUNCED, *Alice*,  $p_{\text{Alice},F}$ ,  $p_{\text{Bob},F}$ , *fchid*, *pchid*, *tid*)
  - (UPDATE, receipt, *Alice*)
  - (CLOSECHANNEL, channel, *Alice*)
  - (RESOLVEPAYS, *payid*, charged)
- to  $\mathcal{S}$ :
  - (REGISTER, *Alice*, delay, relayDelay)
  - (OPENCHANNEL, *Alice*, *Bob*, *x*, *fchid*, *tid*)
  - (CHANNELOPENED, *Alice*, *fchid*)
  - (PAY, *Alice*, *Bob*, *x*, path, receipt, *payid*)
  - (CONTINUE)
  - (CLOSECHANNEL, *fchid*, *Alice*)
  - (FORCECLOSECHANNEL, *fchid*, *Alice*)
  - (POLL,  $\Sigma_{\text{Alice}}$ , *Alice*)
  - (PUSHFULFILL, *pchid*, *Alice*)
  - (PUSHADD, *pchid*, *Alice*)
  - (COMMIT, *pchid*, *Alice*)
  - (FULFILLONCHAIN, *t*, *Alice*)

Figure 13.

All players need to register in order to use channels. The registration of *Alice* works as follows: *Alice* inputs her desired delay and relayDelay that will be used for all her future channels. The first denotes how often she has to check the blockchain for revoked commitments and the second defines the minimum time distance between incoming and outgoing CLTV expiries.  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  then informs  $\mathcal{S}$ , who sends back a long-lived public key for *Alice*. This key represents *Alice*'s account, from where

$\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  can get coins to open new channels on her behalf and to place coins of closed channels. The key is sent to *Alice* who moves some initial funds to it and notifies  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$ . She is now registered. The exact logic is found in Fig. 14, which also contains the actions of  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  related to corruptions.

Additionally, the procedure `checkClosed()` is called after `READING` from  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}$ , with the received state  $\Sigma$  as input. This call happens every time  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  `READS` from  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}$ . The formal definition of `checkClosed()` can be found in Fig. 21, along with a discussion of its purpose.

**Functionality  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  – registration and corruption**

```

1: Initialisation:
2:   channels, pendingPay, pendingOpen, corrupted,  $\Sigma \leftarrow \emptyset$ 

3: Upon receiving (REGISTER, delay, relayDelay) from Alice:
4:   delay(Alice)  $\leftarrow$  delay // Must check chain at least once every delay(Alice) blocks
5:   relayDelay(Alice)  $\leftarrow$  relayDelay
6:   updatesToReport(Alice), newChannels(Alice)  $\leftarrow \emptyset$ 
7:   polls(Alice)  $\leftarrow \emptyset$ 
8:   focs(Alice)  $\leftarrow \emptyset$ 
9:   send (READ) to  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}$  as Alice, store reply to  $\Sigma_{\text{Alice}}$ , add  $\Sigma_{\text{Alice}}$  to  $\Sigma$  and add largest block number to polls(Alice)
10:  checkClosed( $\Sigma_{\text{Alice}}$ )
11:  send (REGISTER, Alice, delay, relayDelay) to  $\mathcal{S}$ 

12: Upon receiving (REGISTERDONE, Alice, pubKey) from  $\mathcal{S}$ :
13:  pubKey(Alice)  $\leftarrow$  pubKey
14:  send (REGISTER, Alice, delay(Alice), relayDelay(Alice), pubKey) to Alice

15: Upon receiving (TOPPEDUP) from Alice:
16:  send (READ) to  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}$  as Alice and store reply to  $\Sigma_{\text{Alice}}$ 
17:  checkClosed( $\Sigma_{\text{Alice}}$ )
18:  assign the sum of all output values that are exclusively spendable by Alice to onChainBalance
19:  send (REGISTERED) to Alice

20: Upon receiving any message (M) except for (REGISTER) or (TOPPEDUP) from Alice:
21:   if if haven't received (REGISTER) and (TOPPEDUP) from Alice (in this order) then
22:     send (INVALID, M) to Alice and ignore message
23:   end if

24: Upon receiving (CORRUPTED, Alice) from  $\mathcal{S}$ :
25:  add Alice to corrupted
26:  for the rest of the execution, upon receiving any message for Alice, bypass normal execution and simply forward it to  $\mathcal{S}$ 

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Figure 14.

The process of *Alice* opening a channel with *Bob* is as follows: First *Alice* asks  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  to open and  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  informs  $\mathcal{S}$ .  $\mathcal{S}$  provides the necessary keys and IDs for the new channel to  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$ . *Alice* asks  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  to check if  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}$  contains the funding transaction from *Alice*'s point of view. If it does,  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  activates  $\mathcal{S}$ , who in turn returns control to  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$ . Now  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  checks that the funding transaction is in the  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}$  also from

*Bob*'s point of view and in case it does, it notifies  $\mathcal{S}$ .  $\mathcal{S}$  then confirms that to  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  that the channel is open and  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  finally stores the channel as open. This last exchange is needed to match the real-world interaction.

### Functionality $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}} - \text{open}$

- 1: Upon receiving (OPENCHANNEL, *Alice*, *Bob*, *x*, *tid*) from *Alice*:
- 2:   ensure *tid* hasn't been used by *Alice* for opening another channel before
- 3:   choose unique channel ID *fchid*
- 4:   **pendingOpen**(*fchid*)  $\leftarrow$  (*Alice*, *Bob*, *x*, *tid*)
- 5:   send (OPENCHANNEL, *Alice*, *Bob*, *x*, *fchid*, *tid*) to  $\mathcal{S}$
- 6: Upon receiving (CHANNELANNOUNCED, *Alice*,  $p_{\text{Alice},F}$ ,  $p_{\text{Bob},F}$ , *fchid*, *pchid*, *tid*) from  $\mathcal{S}$ :
- 7:   ensure that there is a **pendingOpen**(*fchid*) entry with temporary id *tid*
- 8:   add  $p_{\text{Alice},F}$ ,  $p_{\text{Bob},F}$ , *pchid* and mark "*Alice* announced" to **pendingOpen**(*fchid*)
- 9: Upon receiving (CHECKFORNEW, *Alice*, *Bob*, *tid*) from *Alice*:
- 10:   ensure there is a matching **channel** in **pendingOpen**(*fchid*), marked with "*Alice* announced"
- 11:   (*funder*, *fundee*, *x*,  $p_{\text{Alice},F}$ ,  $p_{\text{Bob},F}$ )  $\leftarrow$  **pendingOpen**(*fchid*)
- 12:   send (READ) to  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}$  as *Alice* and store reply to  $\Sigma_{\text{Alice}}$
- 13:   **checkClosed**( $\Sigma_{\text{Alice}}$ )
- 14:   ensure that there is a TX  $F \in \Sigma_{\text{Alice}}$  with a (*x*, ( $p_{\text{funder},F} \wedge p_{\text{fundee},F}$ )) output
- 15:   mark **channel** with "waiting for FUNDINGLOCKED"
- 16:   send (FUNDINGLOCKED, *Alice*,  $\Sigma_{\text{Alice}}$ , *fchid*) to  $\mathcal{S}$
- 17: Upon receiving (FUNDINGLOCKED, *fchid*) from  $\mathcal{S}$ :
- 18:   ensure a **channel** is in **pendingOpen**(*fchid*), marked with "waiting for FUNDINGLOCKED" and replace mark with "waiting for CHANNELOPENED"
- 19:   send (READ) to  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}$  as *Bob* and store reply to  $\Sigma_{\text{Bob}}$
- 20:   **checkClosed**( $\Sigma_{\text{Bob}}$ )
- 21:   ensure that there is a TX  $F \in \Sigma_{\text{Bob}}$  with a (*x*, ( $p_{\text{funder},F} \wedge p_{\text{fundee},F}$ )) output
- 22:   add **receipt**(**channel**) to **newChannels**(*Bob*)
- 23:   send (FUNDINGLOCKED, *Bob*,  $\Sigma_{\text{Bob}}$ , *fchid*) to  $\mathcal{S}$
- 24: Upon receiving (CHANNELOPENED, *fchid*) from  $\mathcal{S}$ :
- 25:   ensure a **channel** is in **pendingOpen**(*fchid*), marked with "waiting for CHANNELOPENED" and remove mark
- 26:   offChainBalance(*funder*)  $\leftarrow$  offChainBalance(*funder*) + *x*
- 27:   onChainBalance(*funder*)  $\leftarrow$  onChainBalance(*funder*) - *x*
- 28:   **channel**  $\leftarrow$  (*funder*, *fundee*, *x*, 0, 0, *fchid*, *pchid*)
- 29:   add **channel** to **channels**
- 30:   add **receipt**(**channel**) to **newChannels**(*Alice*)
- 31:   clear **pendingOpen**(*fchid*) entry

Figure 15.

When instructed to perform a payment,  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  sim-

ply takes note of the message and forwards it to  $\mathcal{S}$ . It also remembers to inform the payer that the payment has been completed when  $\mathcal{S}$  says so. Observe here that  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  trusts  $\mathcal{S}$  to correctly carry out channel updates. While counterintuitive, it allows  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  to ignore the details of channel updates, signatures, key and transaction handling. Nevertheless, as we will see  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  keeps track of requested and ostensibly carried out updates and ensures that upon channel closure the balances are as expected, therefore ensuring funds security.

### Functionality $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}} - \text{pay}$

- 1: Upon receiving (PAY, *Bob*, *x*,  $\vec{\text{path}}$ ) from *Alice*:
- 2:   choose unique payment ID *payid*
- 3:   add (*Alice*, *Bob*, *x*,  $\vec{\text{path}}$ , *payid*) to **pendingPay**
- 4:   send (PAY, *Alice*, *Bob*, *x*,  $\vec{\text{path}}$ , *payid*, STATE,  $\Sigma$ ) to  $\mathcal{S}$
- 5: Upon receiving (UPDATE, **receipt**, *Alice*) from  $\mathcal{S}$ :
- 6:   add **receipt** to **updatesToReport**(*Alice*) // trust  $\mathcal{S}$  here, check on RESOLVEPAYS
- 7:   send (CONTINUE) to  $\mathcal{S}$

Figure 16.

The message RESOLVEPAYS, sent by  $\mathcal{S}$ , is supposed to contain a list of resolved payments, along with who was charged for each payment after all. For each entry there are four "happy paths" that do not lead to  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  halting ( $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  halts when it cannot uphold its security guarantees anymore): if the payment failed and no balance is changed, if the charged player is the one who initiated the payment, if the charged player is corrupted or if she has not checked the blockchain at the right times, i.e. was negligent (as discussed in Section 4 and formally defined in Figures 17 and 18). In case the payment was completed in a legal manner, the balance of all channels involved is updated accordingly (Fig. 19). Conversely,  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  halts if the charged player was not on the payment path (Fig. 17, l. 8), if a signature forgery has taken place (Fig. 17, l. 16), if the charged player has not been negligent (Fig. 17, ll. 19 and 27), or if any one of the individual channel updates needed to carry out the whole payment has not been previously reported with an UPDATE message by  $\mathcal{S}$  (Fig. 19, l. 10).



**Functionality  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  – resolve payments**

```

1: Upon receiving (RESOLVEPAYS, charged) from  $\mathcal{S}$ : //
   after first sending PAY, PUSHFULFILL, PUSHADD,
   COMMIT
2:   for all  $Alice$  keys  $\in$  charged do
3:     for all  $(Dave, payid) \in$  charged( $Alice$ ) do
4:       retrieve  $(Alice, Bob, x, \overrightarrow{\text{path}})$  with ID  $payid$ 
       and remove it from pendingPay
5:       if  $Dave = \perp$  then // Payment failed
6:         continue with next iteration of inner
       loop
7:       else if  $Dave \notin \overrightarrow{\text{path}}$  then
8:         halt // Only players on path may be
       charged
9:       else if  $Dave \in$  corrupted then
10:        run code of Fig. 19
11:        offChainBalance( $Bob$ )  $\leftarrow$ 
offChainBalance( $Bob$ ) +  $x$ 
12:      else //  $Dave$  honest
13:        send (READ) to  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}$  as  $Dave$  and
store reply to  $\Sigma_{Dave}$ 
14:        checkClosed( $\Sigma_{Dave}$ )
15:        if  $\Sigma_{Dave}$  contains a tx that is not a
localComn or a remoteComn and spends a funding tx
for an open channel that contains  $Dave$  then
16:          halt // DS forgery
17:        else if  $\Sigma_{Dave}$  contains in block  $h_{tx}$  an
old remoteComm that does not contain the HTLC
and a tx that spends the delayed output of
remoteComm then
18:          if polls( $Dave$ ) contains an element
in  $[h_{tx}, h_{tx} + \text{delay}(Dave) - 1]$  then
19:            halt //  $Dave$  POLLED, but
successful malicious closure
20:          else
21:            negligent( $Dave$ )  $\leftarrow$  true
22:            end if
23:          else if  $Dave \neq Alice$  then
24:            calculate IncomingCltvExpiry,
OutgoingCltvExpiry of  $Dave$  (as in Fig. 36, l. 8)
25:            if  $\Sigma_{Dave}$  does not contain an old
remoteComm then
26:              if failure condition of Fig. 18 is
true then
27:                halt //  $Dave$  POLLED and
fulfilled, but charged
28:              else
29:                negligent( $Dave$ )  $\leftarrow$  true
30:                end if
31:              end if
32:            end if
33:            run code of Fig. 19
34:            offChainBalance( $Dave$ )  $\leftarrow$ 
offChainBalance( $Dave$ ) -  $x$ 
35:            offChainBalance( $Bob$ )  $\leftarrow$ 
offChainBalance( $Bob$ ) +  $x$ 
36:            end if
37:          end for
38:        end for

```

Figure 17.  $r$ , windowSize as in Proposition 1

**Absolute delay failure condition**

```

IncomingCltvExpiry - OutgoingCltvExpiry <
relayDelay( $Alice$ ) +  $(2 + r)$  windowSize  $\vee$ 
(polls( $Dave$ ) contains two elements in
[OutgoingCltvExpiry, IncomingCltvExpiry -
 $(2 + r)$  windowSize] that have a difference of at least
 $(2 + r)$  windowSize  $\wedge$ 
focs( $Dave$ ) contains
IncomingCltvExpiry -  $(2 + r)$  windowSize  $\wedge$ 
the element in polls( $Dave$ ) was added before the
element in focs( $Dave$ ))

```

Figure 18.

**Loop over payment hops for update and check**

```

1: for all open channels  $\in \overrightarrow{\text{path}}$  that are not in any
closedChannels, starting from the one where  $Dave$ 
pays do
2:   in the first iteration, payer is  $Dave$ . In
subsequent iterations, payer is the unique player
that has received but has not given. The other
channel party is payee
3:   if payer has  $x$  or more in channel then
4:     update channel to the next version and
transfer  $x$  from payer to payee
5:   else
6:     revert all updates done in this loop
7:   end if
8: end for
9: for all updated channels in the previous loop do
10:  ensure that a corresponding element has been
added to the updatesToReport of each honest
counterparty, otherwise halt
11: end for

```

Figure 19.

Similarly to payment instructions, when  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  receives a message instructing it to close a channel (Fig. 20), it takes a note of the pending closure, it stops serving any more requests for this channel and it forwards the request to  $\mathcal{S}$ . In turn  $\mathcal{S}$  notifies  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  of a closed channel with the corresponding message, upon which  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  takes a note to inform the corresponding player. Depending on whether the message instructed for a unilateral or a cooperative close,  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  will either put or not a time limit respectively to the service of the request. In particular, in case of cooperative close, the time limit is infinity (l. 4). As we will see, in case a unilateral close request was made and the time limit for servicing it is reached,  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  halts (Fig. 21, l. 27). Once more  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  trusts  $\mathcal{S}$ , but later checks that the chain contains the correct transactions with checkClosed() (Fig. 21).

**Functionality  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}} - \text{close}$** 

- 1: Upon receiving (CLOSECHANNEL, **receipt**, *pchid*) from *Alice*
- 2: ensure that there is a  $\text{channel} \in \text{channels} : \text{receipt}(\text{channel}) = \text{receipt}$  with ID *pchid*
- 3: retrieve *fchid* from **channel**
- 4: add (*fchid*, **receipt**(**channel**),  $\infty$ ) to **pendingClose**(*Alice*)
- 5: do not serve any other (PAY, CLOSECHANNEL) message from *Alice* for this channel
- 6: send (CLOSECHANNEL, **receipt**, *pchid*, *Alice*) to  $\mathcal{S}$
- 7: Upon receiving (FORCECLOSECHANNEL, **receipt**, *pchid*) from *Alice*
- 8: retrieve *fchid* from **channel**
- 9: add (*fchid*, **receipt**(**channel**),  $\perp$ ) to **pendingClose**(*Alice*)
- 10: do not serve any other (PAY, CLOSECHANNEL, FORCECLOSECHANNEL) message from *Alice* for this channel
- 11: send (FORCECLOSECHANNEL, **receipt**, *pchid*, *Alice*) to  $\mathcal{S}$
- 12: Upon receiving (CLOSEDCHANNEL, **channel**, *Alice*) from  $\mathcal{S}$ :
- 13: remove any (*fchid* of **channel**, **receipt**(**channel**),  $\infty$ ) from **pendingClose**(*Alice*)
- 14: add (*fchid* of **channel**, **receipt**(**channel**),  $\perp$ ) to **closedChannels**(*Alice*) // trust  $\mathcal{S}$  here, check on **checkClosed**()
- 15: send (CONTINUE) to  $\mathcal{S}$

Figure 20.

After every READ  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  sends to  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}$  and its response is received, **checkClosed**() (Fig. 21) is called.  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  checks the input state  $\Sigma$  for transactions that close channels and, in case no security violation has taken place, it updates the on- and off-chain balances of the player accordingly (ll. 6-15). The possible security violations are: signature forgery (l. 17), malicious closure even though the player was not negligent (l. 20), no closing transaction in  $\Sigma$  even though the player asked for channel closure a substantial amount of time before (l. 27) and incorrect on- or off-chain balance after the closing of all of the player's channels (l. 32).

**Functionality  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}} - \text{checkClosed}()$** 

- 1: **function** **checkClosed**( $\Sigma_{\text{Alice}}$ ) // Called after every (READ), ensures requested closes eventually happen
- 2: **if** there is any closing/commitment transaction in  $\Sigma_{\text{Alice}}$  with no corresponding entry in **pendingClose**(*Alice*)  $\cup$  **closedChannels**(*Alice*) **then**
- 3: add (*fchid*, **receipt**,  $\perp$ ) to **closedChannels**(*Alice*), where *fchid* is the ID of the corresponding **channel**, **receipt** comes from the latest **channel** state
- 4: **end if**
- 5: **for all** entries (*fchid*, **receipt**, *h*)  $\in$  **pendingClose**(*Alice*)  $\cup$  **closedChannels**(*Alice*) **do**
- 6: **if** there is a closing/commitment transaction in  $\Sigma_{\text{Alice}}$  for open **channel** with ID *fchid* with a balance that corresponds to **receipt** **then**
- 7: let *x, y* *Alice*'s and **channel** counterparty *Bob*'s balances respectively
- 8: **offChainBalance**(*Alice*)  $\leftarrow$  **offChainBalance**(*Alice*) - *x*
- 9: **onChainBalance**(*Alice*)  $\leftarrow$  **onChainBalance**(*Alice*) + *x*
- 10: **offChainBalance**(*Bob*)  $\leftarrow$  **offChainBalance**(*Bob*) - *y*
- 11: **onChainBalance**(*Bob*)  $\leftarrow$  **onChainBalance**(*Bob*) + *y*
- 12: remove **channel** from **channels** & entry from **pendingClose**(*Alice*)
- 13: **if** there is an (*fchid*,  $\_, \_$ ) entry in **pendingClose**(*Bob*) **then**
- 14: remove it from **pendingClose**(*Bob*)
- 15: **end if**
- 16: **else if** there is a tx in  $\Sigma_{\text{Alice}}$  that is not a closing/commitment tx and spends the funding tx of the **channel** with ID *fchid* **then**
- 17: halt // DS forgery
- 18: **else if** there is a commitment transaction in block of height *h* in  $\Sigma_{\text{Alice}}$  for open **channel** with ID *fchid* with a balance that does not correspond to the **receipt** and the delayed output has been spent by the counterparty **then**
- 19: **if** **polls**(*Alice*) contains an entry in [*h*, *h* + **delay**(*Alice*) - 1] **then**
- 20: halt
- 21: **else**
- 22: **negligent**(*Alice*)  $\leftarrow$  true
- 23: **end if**
- 24: **else if** there is no such closing/commitment transaction  $\wedge h = \perp$  **then**
- 25: assign largest block number of  $\Sigma_{\text{Alice}}$  to *h* of entry
- 26: **else if** there is no such closing/commitment transaction  $\wedge h \neq \perp \wedge$  (largest block number of  $\Sigma_{\text{Alice}} \geq h + (2 + r) \text{windowSize}$ ) **then**
- 27: halt
- 28: **end if**
- 29: **end for**
- 30: **if** *Alice* has no open channels in  $\Sigma_{\text{Alice}}$  AND **negligent**(*Alice*) = false **then**
- 31: **if** **offChainBalance**(*Alice*)  $\neq$  0 OR **onChainBalance**(*Alice*) is not equal to the total funds exclusively spendable by *Alice* in  $\Sigma_{\text{Alice}}$  **then**
- 32: halt
- 33: **end if**
- 34: **end if**
- 35: **end function**

Figure 21.

POLL is a request that every player has to make to  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  periodically (once every `delay` blocks, as set on registration) in order to remain non-negligent. In a software implementation, such a request would be automatically sent at safe time intervals. When receiving POLL (Fig. 22),  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  checks the ledger for maliciously closed channels and halts in case of a forgery (l. 6) or in case of a successful malicious closing of a channel whilst the offended player was non-negligent (l. 11). If on the other hand a channel has been closed maliciously but the offended player did not POLL in time, she is marked as negligent (l. 13).

#### Functionality $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}} - \text{poll}$

```

1: Upon receiving (POLL) from Alice:
2:   send (READ) to  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}$  as Alice and store reply
   to  $\Sigma_{\text{Alice}}$ 
3:   add largest block number in  $\Sigma_{\text{Alice}}$  to
    $\text{polls}(\text{Alice})$ 
4:   checkClosed( $\Sigma_{\text{Alice}}$ )
5:   if  $\exists \text{channel} \in \Sigma_{\text{Alice}}$  that contains Alice and is
   closed by a tx that is not a commitment transaction
   then
6:     halt // DS forgery
7:   end if
8:   for all channels  $\in \Sigma_{\text{Alice}}$  that contain Alice and
   are maliciously closed by a remote commitment tx
   (one with an older channel version than the
   irrevocably committed one) in block with height  $h_{\text{tx}}$ 
   do
9:     if the delayed output (of the counterparty)
   has been spent then
10:      if  $\text{polls}(\text{Alice})$  has an element in
    $[h_{\text{tx}}, h_{\text{tx}} + \text{delay}(\text{Alice}) - 1]$  then
11:        halt // Alice wasn't negligent but
   couldn't punish
12:      else
13:         $\text{negligent}(\text{Alice}) \leftarrow \text{true}$ 
14:      end if
15:    end if
16:  end for
17:  send (POLL,  $\Sigma_{\text{Alice}}$ , Alice) to  $\mathcal{S}$ 

```

Figure 22.

The last part of  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  (Fig. 23) contains some additional “daemon” messages that help various processes carry on. PUSHFULFILL, PUSHADD and COMMIT are simply forwarded to  $\mathcal{S}$ . They exist because the “token of execution” in the protocol does not follow the strict order required by UC, and thus some additional messages are needed for the protocol to carry on. In other words, they are needed due to the incompatibility of the serial execution of UC and the asynchronous nature of LN.

FULLFILLONCHAIN has to be sent by a multi-hop payment intermediary that has not been paid by the previous player off-chain in order to close the channel.

The request is noted and forwarded to  $\mathcal{S}$ . GETNEWS requests from  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  information on newly opened, closed and updated channels.

#### Functionality $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}} - \text{daemon messages}$

```

1: Upon receiving (PUSHFULFILL, pchid) from Alice:
2:   send (PUSHFULFILL, pchid, Alice, STATE,  $\Sigma$ ) to  $\mathcal{S}$ 

3: Upon receiving (PUSHADD, pchid) from Alice:
4:   send (PUSHADD, pchid, Alice, STATE,  $\Sigma$ ) to  $\mathcal{S}$ 

5: Upon receiving (COMMIT, pchid) from Alice:
6:   send (COMMIT, pchid, Alice, STATE,  $\Sigma$ ) to  $\mathcal{S}$ 

7: Upon receiving (FULFILLONCHAIN) from Alice:
8:   send (READ) to  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}$  as Alice, store reply to
    $\Sigma_{\text{Alice}}$  and assign largest block number to t
9:   add t to  $\text{focs}(\text{Alice})$ 
10:  checkClosed( $\Sigma_{\text{Alice}}$ )
11:  send (FULFILLONCHAIN, t, Alice) to  $\mathcal{S}$ 

12: Upon receiving (GETNEWS) from Alice:
13:  clear  $\text{newChannels}(\text{Alice})$ ,
    $\text{closedChannels}(\text{Alice})$ ,  $\text{updatesToReport}(\text{Alice})$ 
   and send them to Alice with message name NEWS,
   stripping fchid and h from  $\text{closedChannels}(\text{Alice})$ 

```

Figure 23.

## Appendix G. Channel data

- *Alice's* secret keys:
  - $s_{Alice}$ : key for on-chain funds (DS)<sup>a</sup>
  - $s_{Alice,F}$ : funding (DS)
  - $sb_{Alice,pay}$ : payment basepoint (IBS)<sup>b</sup>
  - $sb_{Alice,dpay}$ : delayed payment basepoint (IBS)
  - $sb_{Alice,htlc}$ : htlc basepoint (IBS)
  - $sb_{Alice,rev}$ : revocation basepoint (CS<sup>c</sup> – master)
- *Bob's* public keys: public counterparts to 5 keys above
- **seed**: for deriving *Alice's* per commitment keys  $s_{Alice,com,i}$  with PRF
- *Bob's* per commitment points:
  - $\forall i \in [1, \dots, n]$ ,  $s_{Bob,com,i}$ : one secret per REVOKEANDACK received (CS – share)
  - $p_{Bob,com,n+1}$  and  $p_{Bob,com,n+2}$ : current and next points (CS – share)
- *Alice's* coins
- *Bob's* coins
- for every HTLC that is included in the latest irrevocably committed (local or remote) commitment:
  - direction (*Alice*  $\rightarrow$  *Bob* or *Bob*  $\rightarrow$  *Alice*)
  - hash
  - preimage (if known)
  - coins
  - Is it included in latest  $localCom_n$ ? (boolean)
  - HTLC number
- signatures:
  - signature resulting from  $SIGNS(localCom_{n+1}, s_{Bob,F})$  (DS)
  - for every HTLC included in  $localCom_{n+1}$ , if HTLC is outgoing, a signature for HTLC-timeout, else a signature for HTLC-success with  $s_{Bob,htlc,n+1}$  (IBS)

- a. basic Digital Signature  
 b. Identity Based Signature  
 c. Combined Signature

Figure 24. Data *Alice* holds in an *Alice* – *Bob* channel with  $n$  updates

## Appendix H. Lightning Protocol

Simiarly to Fig. 14 of  $\mathcal{F}_{PayNet}$ , the registration of a new player consists of the generation a new keypair, the topping up of the public key with some initial funds and the non-serving of any other messages until registration

is complete. The main difference is that here the keypair is generated locally.

### Protocol $\Pi_{LN}$ (self is *Alice* always) – support

```

1: Initialisation:
2:   channels, pendingOpen, pendingPay  $\leftarrow \emptyset$ 
3:   pendingClose, newChannels  $\leftarrow \emptyset$ 
4:   closedChannels, updatesToReport  $\leftarrow \emptyset$ 
5:   unclaimedOfferedHTLCs  $\leftarrow \emptyset$ 
6:   unclaimedReceivedHTLCs, pendingGetPaid  $\leftarrow \emptyset$ 

7: Upon receiving (REGISTER, delay, relayDelay) from  $\mathcal{E}$ :
8:   delay  $\leftarrow$  delay // Must check chain at least once every delay blocks
9:   relayDelay  $\leftarrow$  relayDelay
10:  send (READ) to  $\mathcal{G}_{Ledger}$  and assign reply to  $\Sigma_{Alice}$ 
11:  ( $pk_{Alice}, sk_{Alice}$ )  $\leftarrow$  KEYGEN()
12:  send (REGISTER, Alice, delay, relayDelay,  $pk_{Alice}$ ) to  $\mathcal{E}$ 

13: Upon receiving (TOPPEDUP) from  $\mathcal{E}$ :
14:  send (READ) to  $\mathcal{G}_{Ledger}$  and assign reply to  $\Sigma_{Alice}$ 
15:  assign the sum of all output values that are exclusively spendable by Alice to onChainBalance
16:  send (REGISTERED) to  $\mathcal{E}$ 

17: Upon receiving any message ( $M$ ) except for (REGISTER) or (TOPPEDUP):
18:   if if haven't received (REGISTER) and (TOPPEDUP) from  $\mathcal{E}$  (in this order) then
19:     send (INVALID,  $M$ ) to  $\mathcal{E}$  and ignore message
20:   end if

21: function GetKeys
22:   ( $p_F, s_F$ )  $\leftarrow$  KEYGEN() // For  $F$  output
23:   ( $p_{pay}, s_{pay}$ )  $\leftarrow$  SETUP() // For com output to remote
24:   ( $p_{dpay}, s_{dpay}$ )  $\leftarrow$  SETUP() // For com output to self
25:   ( $p_{htlc}, s_{htlc}$ )  $\leftarrow$  SETUP() // For htlc output to self
26:   seed  $\xleftarrow{\$} U(k)$  // For per com point
27:   ( $p_{rev}, s_{rev}$ )  $\leftarrow$  MASTERKEYGEN() // For revocation in com
28:   return (( $p_F, s_F$ ), ( $p_{pay}, s_{pay}$ ), ( $p_{dpay}, s_{dpay}$ ), ( $p_{htlc}, s_{htlc}$ ), seed, ( $p_{rev}, s_{rev}$ ))
29: end function
30: end function

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Figure 25.

When a player receives OPENCHANNEL from  $\mathcal{E}$ , she generates a number of base keypairs (funding, payment, delayed payment, HTLC), along with a seed for the per-update key shares, a master keypair and a share keypair used for revocation. She then sends the public keys along with the desired delay and initial funds to the counterparty as specified by  $\mathcal{E}$  in a message labeled also OPENCHANNEL.



**Protocol  $\Pi_{LN}$  – OPENCHANNEL from  $\mathcal{E}$** 

- 1: Upon receiving (OPENCHANNEL, *Alice*, *Bob*, *x*, *tid*) from  $\mathcal{E}$ :
- 2: ensure *tid* hasn't been used for opening another channel before
- 3: // Keys marked with "b" are called basepoint keys. Their use reduces from three to one the public keys that have to be exchanged on each update.
- 4:  $((ph_F, sh_F), (ph_{b_{pay}}, sh_{b_{pay}}), (ph_{b_{dpay}}, sh_{b_{dpay}}), (ph_{b_{htlc}}, sh_{b_{htlc}}), seed, (ph_{b_{rev}}, sh_{b_{rev}})) \leftarrow \text{GetKeys}()$
- 5:  $prand_1 \leftarrow \text{PRF}(seed, 1)$
- 6:  $(ph_{com,1}, sh_{com,1}) \leftarrow \text{KEYSHAREGEN}(1^k; prand_1)$
- 7: associate keys with *tid*
- 8: add (*Alice*, *Bob*, *x*, *tid*,  $(ph_F, sh_F)$ ,  $(ph_{b_{pay}}, sh_{b_{pay}})$ ,  $(ph_{b_{dpay}}, sh_{b_{dpay}})$ ,  $(ph_{b_{htlc}}, sh_{b_{htlc}})$ ,  $(ph_{b_{com,1}}, sh_{b_{com,1}})$ ,  $(ph_{b_{rev}}, sh_{b_{rev}})$ , *tid*) to **pendingOpen**
- 9: send (OPENCHANNEL, *x*, **delay** +  $(2 + r) \text{windowSize}$ ,  $ph_F$ ,  $ph_{b_{pay}}$ ,  $ph_{b_{dpay}}$ ,  $ph_{b_{htlc}}$ ,  $ph_{com,1}$ ,  $ph_{b_{rev}}$ , *tid*) to *Bob*

Figure 26.

When he receives OPENCHANNEL by a funding party, the same steps are followed by the counterparty. The only difference is that he labels his reply with ACCEPTCHANNEL instead.

**Protocol  $\Pi_{LN}$  – OPENCHANNEL from *Bob***

- 1: Upon receiving (OPENCHANNEL, *x*, **remoteDelay**,  $pt_F$ ,  $ptb_{pay}$ ,  $ptb_{dpay}$ ,  $ptb_{htlc}$ ,  $pt_{com,1}$ ,  $ptb_{rev}$ , *tid*) from *Bob*:
- 2: ensure *tid* has not been used yet with *Bob*
- 3:  $((ph_F, sh_F), (ph_{b_{pay}}, sh_{b_{pay}}), (ph_{b_{dpay}}, sh_{b_{dpay}}), (ph_{b_{htlc}}, sh_{b_{htlc}}), seed, (ph_{b_{rev}}, sh_{b_{rev}})) \leftarrow \text{GetKeys}()$
- 4:  $prand_1 \leftarrow \text{PRF}(seed, 1)$
- 5:  $(ph_{com,1}, sh_{com,1}) \leftarrow \text{KEYSHAREGEN}(1^k; prand_1)$
- 6: associate keys with *tid* and store in **pendingOpen**
- 7: send (ACCEPTCHANNEL, **delay** +  $(2 + r) \text{windowSize}$ ,  $ph_F$ ,  $ph_{b_{pay}}$ ,  $ph_{b_{dpay}}$ ,  $ph_{b_{htlc}}$ ,  $ph_{com,1}$ ,  $ph_{b_{rev}}$ , *tid*) to *Bob*

Figure 27.

When she receives ACCEPTCHANNEL by the counterparty, the funding party creates the funding transaction and the first commitment transaction, signs the funding transaction and sends this signature to the counterparty with a message labelled FUNDINGCREATED.

**Protocol  $\Pi_{LN}$  – ACCEPTCHANNEL**

- 1: Upon receiving (ACCEPTCHANNEL, **remoteDelay**,  $pt_F$ ,  $ptb_{pay}$ ,  $ptb_{dpay}$ ,  $ptb_{htlc}$ ,  $pt_{com,1}$ ,  $ptb_{rev}$ , *tid*) from *Bob*:
- 2: ensure there is a temporary ID *tid* with *Bob* in **pendingOpen** on which ACCEPTCHANNEL hasn't been received
- 3: associate received keys with *tid*
- 4: send (READ) to  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}$  and assign reply to  $\Sigma_{\text{Alice}}$
- 5: assign to **prevout** a transaction output found in  $\Sigma_{\text{Alice}}$  that is currently exclusively spendable by *Alice* and has value  $y \geq x$
- 6:  $F \leftarrow \text{TX}$  {input spends **prevout** with a **SIGNDS**(TX,  $sk_{\text{Alice}}$ ), output 0 pays  $y - x$  to  $pk_{\text{Alice}}$ , output 1 pays  $x$  to *tid*. $ph_F \wedge pt_F$ }
- 7:  $pchid \leftarrow \mathcal{H}(F)$
- 8: add *pchid* to **pendingOpen** entry with id *tid*
- 9:  $pt_{rev,1} \leftarrow \text{COMBINEPUBKEY}(ptb_{rev}, ph_{com,1})$
- 10:  $(ph_{dpay,1}, sh_{dpay,1}) \leftarrow \text{KEYDER}(ph_{b_{dpay}}, sh_{b_{dpay}}, ph_{com,1})$
- 11:  $(ph_{pay,1}, sh_{pay,1}) \leftarrow \text{KEYDER}(ph_{b_{pay}}, sh_{b_{pay}}, ph_{com,1})$
- 12:  $(ph_{htlc,1}, sh_{htlc,1}) \leftarrow \text{KEYDER}(ph_{b_{htlc}}, sh_{b_{htlc}}, ph_{com,1})$
- 13: **remoteCom**  $\leftarrow \text{TX}$  {input: output 1 of *F*, outputs: (*x*,  $ph_{pay,1}$ ), ( $0, ph_{rev,1} \vee (pt_{dpay,1}, \text{delay} + (2 + r) \text{windowSize}$  relative))}
- 14: **localCom**  $\leftarrow \text{TX}$  {input: output 1 of *F*, outputs: ( $x, pt_{rev,1} \vee (ph_{dpay,1}, \text{remoteDelay}$  relative)), ( $0, pt_{pay,1}$ )}
- 15: add **remoteCom** and **localCom** to channel entry in **pendingOpen**
- 16:  $sig \leftarrow \text{SIGNDS}(\text{remoteCom}_1, sh_F)$
- 17: **lastRemoteSigned**  $\leftarrow 0$
- 18: send (FUNDINGCREATED, *tid*, *pchid*, *sig*) to *Bob*

Figure 28.

When he receives FUNDINGCREATED by the funding party, the counterparty creates the funding transaction and then checks the validity of the received signature. If it is valid, he then creates the first commitment transaction as well, signs the funding transaction and sends this signature to the funding party with a message labelled FUNDINGSIGNED.

### Protocol $\Pi_{LN}$ – FUNDINGCREATED

- 1: Upon receiving (FUNDINGCREATED,  $tid$ ,  $pchid$ ,  $BobSig_1$ ) from  $Bob$ :
- 2: ensure there is a temporary ID  $tid$  with  $Bob$  in **pendingOpen** on which we have sent up to **ACCEPTCHANNEL**
- 3:  $ph_{rev,1} \leftarrow \text{COMBINEPUBKEY}(ph_{rev}pt_{com,1})$
- 4:  $pt_{dpay,1} \leftarrow \text{PUBKEYDER}(ptb_{dpay}, pt_{com,1})$
- 5:  $pt_{pay,1} \leftarrow \text{PUBKEYDER}(ptb_{pay}, pt_{com,1})$
- 6:  $pt_{htlc,1} \leftarrow \text{PUBKEYDER}(ptb_{htlc}, pt_{com,1})$
- 7:  $localCom \leftarrow localCom_1 \leftarrow \text{TX}$  {input: output 1 of  $F$ , outputs:  $(x, pt_{pay,1})$ ,  $(0, pt_{rev,1} \vee (ph_{dpay,1}, \text{remoteDelay relative}))$ }
- 8: ensure  $\text{VERIFYDS}(BobSig_1, localCom_1, pt_F) = \text{True}$
- 9:  $remoteCom \leftarrow remoteCom_1 \leftarrow \text{TX}$  {input: output 1 of  $F$ , outputs:  $(x, ph_{rev,1} \vee (pt_{dpay,1}, \text{delay} + (2 + r) \text{windowSize relative}))$ ,  $(0, ph_{pay,1})$ }
- 10: add  $BobSig_1$ ,  $remoteCom_1$  and  $localCom_1$  to channel entry in **pendingOpen**
- 11:  $sig \leftarrow \text{SIGNDS}(remoteCom_1, sh_F)$
- 12: mark channel as “broadcast, no FUNDINGLOCKED”
- 13:  $lastRemoteSigned, lastLocalSigned \leftarrow 0$
- 14: send (FUNDINGSIGNED,  $pchid$ ,  $sig$ ) to  $Bob$

Figure 29.

When the funding party receives FUNDINGSIGNED, she verifies the validity of the received signature. If it is valid, it broadcasts the funding transaction.

### Protocol $\Pi_{LN}$ – FUNDINGSIGNED

- 1: Upon receiving (FUNDINGSIGNED,  $pchid$ ,  $BobSig_1$ ) from  $Bob$ :
- 2: ensure there is a channel ID  $pchid$  with  $Bob$  in **pendingOpen** on which we have sent up to **FUNDINGCREATED**
- 3: ensure  $\text{VERIFYDS}(BobSig_1, localCom, ph_F) = \text{True}$
- 4:  $localCom_1 \leftarrow localCom$
- 5:  $lastLocalSigned \leftarrow 0$
- 6: add  $BobSig_1$  to channel entry in **pendingOpen**
- 7:  $sig \leftarrow \text{SIGNDS}(F, sk_{Alice})$
- 8: mark  $pchid$  in **pendingOpen** as “broadcast, no FUNDINGLOCKED”
- 9: send (SUBMIT, (sig,  $F$ )) to  $\mathcal{G}_{Ledger}$

Figure 30.

When either party (say  $Alice$ ) receives CHECKFORNEW from  $\mathcal{E}$ , she checks if the funding transaction is in the ledger. If it is, it generates the keyshare for the next update and sends it to  $Bob$  in a message labelled FUNDINGLOCKED. When  $Alice$  receives a similar message from  $Bob$ , she considers the channel open.

### Protocol $\Pi_{LN}$ – CHECKFORNEW

- 1: Upon receiving (CHECKFORNEW,  $Alice$ ,  $Bob$ ,  $tid$ ) from  $\mathcal{E}$ : // lnd polling daemon
- 2: ensure there is a matching **channel** in **pendingOpen** with id  $pchid$ , with a “broadcast” and a “no FUNDINGLOCKED” mark, funded with  $x$  coins
- 3: send (READ) to  $\mathcal{G}_{Ledger}$  and assign reply to  $\Sigma_{Alice}$
- 4: ensure  $\exists$  unspent TX in  $\Sigma_{Alice}$  with ID  $pchid$  and a  $(x, ph_F \wedge pt_F)$  output
- 5:  $prand_2 \leftarrow \text{PRF}(\text{seed}, 2)$
- 6:  $(ph_{com,2}, sh_{com,2}) \leftarrow \text{KEYSHAREGEN}(1^k; prand_2)$
- 7: add TX to **channel** data
- 8: replace “broadcast” mark in **channel** with “FUNDINGLOCKED sent”
- 9: send (FUNDINGLOCKED,  $pchid$ ,  $ph_{com,2}$ ) to  $Bob$

Figure 31.

### Protocol $\Pi_{LN}$ – FUNDINGLOCKED

- 1: Upon receiving (FUNDINGLOCKED,  $pchid$ ,  $pt_{com,2}$ ) from  $Bob$ :
- 2: ensure there is a **channel** with ID  $pchid$  with  $Bob$  in **pendingOpen** with a “no FUNDINGLOCKED” mark
- 3: **if** **channel** is not marked with “FUNDINGLOCKED sent” **then** // i.e. marked with “broadcast”
- 4: send (READ) to  $\mathcal{G}_{Ledger}$  and assign reply to  $\Sigma_{Alice}$
- 5: ensure  $\exists$  unspent TX in  $\Sigma_{Alice}$  with ID  $pchid$  and a  $(x, ph_F \wedge pt_F)$  output
- 6: add TX to **channel** data
- 7:  $prand_2 \leftarrow \text{PRF}(\text{seed}, 2)$
- 8:  $(ph_{com,2}, sh_{com,2}) \leftarrow \text{KEYSHAREGEN}(1^k; prand_2)$
- 9: generate 2nd remote delayed payment, htlc, payment keys
- 10: **end if**
- 11: replace “no FUNDINGLOCKED” mark in **channel** with “FUNDINGLOCKED received”
- 12: move channel data from **pendingOpen** to **channels**
- 13: add receipt of channel to **newChannels**, where  $\text{receipt} \leftarrow (Alice : x, Bob : 0, pchid)$
- 14: **if** **channel** is not marked with “FUNDINGLOCKED sent” **then**
- 15: replace “broadcast” mark in **channel** with “FUNDINGLOCKED sent”
- 16: send (FUNDINGLOCKED,  $pchid$ ,  $ph_{com,2}$ ) to  $Bob$
- 17: **end if**

Figure 32.

When a player receives POLL, she checks the ledger for closed channels and acts upon them. In particular, she retrieves funds from failed HTLC payments and punishes counterparties that closed their channel maliciously. She also takes note of honestly closed channels. When she receives GETNEWS, she sends back a list of all

unreported channels that opened or closed, along with payments that were carried out successfully.

#### Protocol $\Pi_{LN}$ – poll

```

1: Upon receiving (POLL) from  $\mathcal{E}$ :
2:   send (READ) to  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}$  and assign reply to  $\Sigma_{\text{Alice}}$ 
3:   toSubmit  $\leftarrow \emptyset$ 
4:   for all  $\tau \in \text{unclaimedOfferedHTLCs}$  do
5:     if input of  $\tau$  has been spent then // by
remote HTLC-success
6:       remove  $\tau$  from unclaimedOfferedHTLCs
7:       if we are intermediary then
8:         retrieve preimage  $R$ ,  $pchid'$  of previous
channel on the path of the HTLC, and HTLCNo' of
the corresponding HTLC' in  $pchid'$ 
9:         add (HTLCNo',  $R$ ) to
pendingFulfills $pchid'$ 
10:      end if
11:    else if input of  $\tau$  has not been spent and
timelock is over then
12:      remove  $\tau$  from unclaimedOfferedHTLCs
13:      add  $\tau$  to toSubmit
14:    end if
15:  end for
16:  run loop of Fig. 34
17:  for all honestly closed remoteCom $n$  that were
processed above, with channel id  $pchid$  do
18:    for all received HTLC outputs  $i$  of
remoteCom $n$  do
19:      if there is an entry in
pendingFulfills $pchid$  with the same HTLCNo and  $R$ 
then
20:        TX  $\leftarrow$  {input:  $i$  HTLC output of
remoteCom $n$  with ( $ph_{\text{htlc},n}$ ,  $R$ ) as method, output:
 $pk_{\text{Alice}}$ }
21:        sig  $\leftarrow$  SIGNIBS (TX,  $sh_{\text{htlc},n}$ )
22:        add (sig, TX) to toSubmit
23:        remove entry from
pendingFulfills $pchid$ 
24:      end if
25:    end for
26:  end for
27:  send (SUBMIT, toSubmit) to  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}$ 

28: Upon receiving (GETNEWS) from  $\mathcal{E}$ :
29:   clear newChannels, closedChannels,
updatesToReport and send them to  $\mathcal{E}$  with message
name NEWS

```

Figure 33.

#### Loop over closed channels for poll

```

1: for all remoteCom $n$   $\in \Sigma_{\text{Alice}}$  that spend  $F$  of a
channel  $\in \text{channels}$  do
2:   if we do not have  $sh_{\text{rev},n}$  then // Honest closure
3:     for all unspent offered HTLC outputs  $i$  of
remoteCom $n$  do
4:       TX  $\leftarrow$  {input:  $i$  HTLC output of
remoteCom $n$  with  $ph_{\text{htlc},n}$  as method, output:  $pk_{\text{Alice}}$ }
5:       sig  $\leftarrow$  SIGNIBS (TX,  $sh_{\text{htlc},n}$ )
6:       if timelock has not expired then
7:         add (sig, TX) to
unclaimedOfferedHTLCs
8:       else if timelock has expired then
9:         add (sig, TX) to toSubmit
10:      end if
11:    end for
12:    for all spent offered HTLC output  $i$  of
remoteCom $n$  do
13:      if we are intermediary then
14:        retrieve preimage  $R$ ,  $pchid'$  of previous
channel on the path of the HTLC, and HTLCNo' of
the corresponding HTLC' in  $pchid'$ 
15:        add (HTLCNo',  $R$ ) to
pendingFulfills $pchid'$ 
16:      end if
17:    end for
18:  else // malicious closure
19:    rev  $\leftarrow$  TX {inputs: all remoteCom $n$  outputs,
choosing  $ph_{\text{rev},n}$  method, output:  $pk_{\text{Alice}}$ }
20:    sig  $\leftarrow$  SIGNCS (rev,  $sh_{\text{rev},n}$ )
21:    add (sig, rev) to toSubmit
22:  end if
23:  add receipt(channel) to closedChannels
24:  remove channel from channels
25: end for

```

Figure 34.

When a player (say *Alice*) receives PAY along with a payee (say *Bob*), a payment amount and a path, she informs *Bob* of the upcoming payment with a SEND-INVOICE message. He then generates a secret preimage and sends back its hash and his desired minimum slack between the present and the moment he has to disclose the preimage (known as “relay delay”) in a message labelled INVOICE. Subsequently *Alice* prepares a Sphinx onion packet [29] with one message for each path member, taking into account each hop’s desired relay delay. Afterwards she creates an HTLC that transfers the payment amount and adds it to her channel with the first path member. She then sends the onion, the payment amount and the hash to the first hop in a message labelled UPDATEADDHTLC.

**Protocol  $\Pi_{LN} - \text{pay}$** 

- 1: Upon receiving  $(\text{PAY}, \text{Bob}, x, \overrightarrow{\text{path}})$  from  $\mathcal{E}$ :
- 2: ensure that  $\overrightarrow{\text{path}}$  consists of syntactically valid  $(\text{pchid}, \text{CltvExpiryDelta})$  pair // Payment completes only if  $\forall$  honest  $i \in \overrightarrow{\text{path}}, \text{CltvExpiryDelta}_i \geq 3k + \text{RelayDelay}_i$
- 3: ensure that the first  $\text{pchid} \in \overrightarrow{\text{path}}$  corresponds to an open  $\text{channel} \in \text{channels}$  in which we own at least  $x$  in the irrevocably committed state.
- 4: choose unique payment ID  $\text{payid}$  // unique for *Alice* and *Bob*
- 5: add  $(\text{Bob}, x, \overrightarrow{\text{path}}, \text{payid}, \text{"waiting for invoice"})$  to  $\text{pendingPay}$
- 6: send  $(\text{SENDINVOICE}, \text{payid})$  to *Bob*
- 7: Upon receiving  $(\text{SENDINVOICE}, \text{payid})$  from *Bob*:
- 8: ensure there is no  $(\text{Bob}, \text{payid})$  entry in  $\text{pendingGetPaid}$
- 9: choose random, unique preimage  $R$
- 10: add  $(\text{Bob}, R, \text{payid})$  to  $\text{pendingGetPaid}$
- 11: send  $(\text{INVOICE}, \mathcal{H}(R), \text{relayDelay} + (2 + r) \text{windowSize}, \text{payid})$  to *Bob*

Figure 35.

**Protocol  $\Pi_{LN} - \text{invoice}$** 

- 1: Upon receiving  $(\text{INVOICE}, h, \text{minFinalCltvExpiry}, \text{payid})$  from *Bob*:
- 2: ensure there is a  $(\text{Bob}, x, \overrightarrow{\text{path}}, \text{payid}, \text{"waiting for invoice"})$  entry in  $\text{pendingPay}$
- 3: ensure  $h$  is valid (in the range of  $\mathcal{H}$ )
- 4: retrieve  $\text{CltvExpiryDeltas}$  from  $\overrightarrow{\text{path}}$  and remove entry from  $\text{pendingPay}$
- 5: send  $(\text{READ})$  to  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}$  and assign largest block number to  $t$
- 6:  $l \leftarrow |\overrightarrow{\text{path}}|$
- 7:  $\text{CltvExpiry}_l \leftarrow t + \text{minFinalCltvExpiry}$
- 8:  $\forall i \in \{1, \dots, l-1\}, \text{CltvExpiry}_{l-i} \leftarrow \text{CltvExpiry}_{l-i+1} + \text{CltvExpiryDelta}_{l-i+1}$
- 9: ensure  $\text{CltvExpiry}_1 \geq \text{CltvExpiry}_2 + \text{relayDelay} + (2 + r) \text{windowSize}$
- 10:  $m \leftarrow$  the concatenation of  $l(x, \text{CltvExpiry})$
- 11:  $(\mu_0, \delta_0) \leftarrow \text{SphinxCreate}(m, \text{public keys of } \overrightarrow{\text{path}} \text{ parties})$
- 12: let  $\text{remoteCom}_n$  the latest signed remote commitment tx with first  $\overrightarrow{\text{path}}$  member
- 13: reduce simple payment output in  $\text{remoteCom}$  by  $x$
- 14: add an additional  $(x, \text{ph}_{\text{rev}, n+1} \vee (\text{ph}_{\text{htlc}, n+1} \wedge \text{pt}_{\text{htlc}, n+1}, \text{on preimage of } h) \vee \text{ph}_{\text{htlc}, n+1}, \text{CltvExpiry}_1 \text{ absolute})$  output (all with  $n+1$  keys) to  $\text{remoteCom}$ , marked with  $\text{HTLCNo}$
- 15: reduce delayed payment output in  $\text{localCom}$  by  $x$
- 16: add an additional  $(x, \text{pt}_{\text{rev}, n+1} \vee (\text{pt}_{\text{htlc}, n+1}, \text{on preimage of } h) \vee (\text{ph}_{\text{htlc}, n+1} \wedge \text{pt}_{\text{htlc}, n+1}, \text{CltvExpiry}_1 \text{ absolute}))$  output (all with  $n+1$  keys) to  $\text{localCom}$ , marked with  $\text{HTLCNo}$
- 17: increment  $\text{HTLCNo}_{\text{pchid}}$  by one and associate  $x, h, \text{pchid}$  with it
- 18: mark  $\text{HTLCNo}$  as "sender"
- 19: send  $(\text{UPDATEADDHTLC}, \text{first pchid of } \overrightarrow{\text{path}}, \text{HTLCNo}_{\text{pchid}}, x, h, \text{CltvExpiry}_1, (\mu_0, \delta_0))$  to  $\text{pchid}$  channel counterparty

Figure 36.

When a player receives  $\text{UPDATEADDHTLC}$ , she peels the outermost onion layer and extracts the CLTV expiry, the next channel ID (or  $\perp$  if she is the payee) and the payment amount. She checks that the CLTV expiry is within her desired relay delay and adds to the incoming channel an HTLC that pays her the payment amount. If she is the payee, she prepares to disclose the preimage. Otherwise, she creates an HTLC that transfers the payment amount from her to the next party of the path, prepares the next onion and takes a note to send it to the next party.

**Protocol  $\Pi_{LN}$  – UPDATEADDHTLC**

- 1: Upon receiving (UPDATEADDHTLC,  $pchid$ , HTLCNo,  $x$ ,  $h$ , IncomingCltvExpiry,  $M$ ) from *Bob*:
- 2: run code of Fig. 38 – UPDATEADDHTLC checks
- 3: increment HTLCNo $_{pchid}$  by one
- 4: let  $\text{remoteCom}_n$  the latest signed remote commitment tx
- 5: reduce delayed payment output in  $\text{remoteCom}$  by  $x$
- 6: add an  $(x, ph_{\text{rev},n+1} \vee (ph_{\text{htlc},n+1} \wedge pt_{\text{htlc},n+1}, \text{IncomingCltvExpiry absolute}) \vee ph_{\text{htlc},n+1}$ , on preimage of  $h$ ) htlc output (all with  $n+1$  keys) to  $\text{remoteCom}$ , marked with HTLCNo
- 7: reduce simple payment output in  $\text{localCom}$  by  $x$
- 8: add an  $(x, pt_{\text{rev},n+1} \vee pt_{\text{htlc},n+1}, \text{IncomingCltvExpiry absolute}) \vee ((pt_{\text{htlc},n+1} \wedge ph_{\text{htlc},n+1}, \text{on preimage of } h))$  htlc output (all with  $n+1$  keys) to  $\text{remoteCom}$ , marked with HTLCNo
- 9: if  $\delta = \text{receiver}$  then
- 10: retrieve  $R : \mathcal{H}(R) = h$  from pendingGetPaid and clear entry
- 11: add (HTLCNo,  $R$ ) to pendingFulfills $_{pchid}$
- 12: else if  $\delta \neq \text{receiver}$  then // Send HTLC to next hop
- 13: retrieve  $pchid'$  data
- 14: let  $\text{remoteCom}'_n$  the latest signed remote commitment tx
- 15: reduce simple payment output in  $\text{remoteCom}'$  by  $x$
- 16: add an additional  $(x, ph_{\text{rev},n+1} \vee (ph_{\text{htlc},n+1} \wedge pt_{\text{htlc},n+1}, \text{on preimage of } h) \vee ph_{\text{htlc},n+1} \text{OutgoingCltvExpiry absolute})$  output (all with  $n+1$  keys) to  $\text{remoteCom}'$ , marked with HTLCNo'
- 17: reduce delayed payment output in  $\text{localCom}'$  by  $x$
- 18: add an additional  $(x, pt_{\text{rev},n+1} \vee (pt_{\text{htlc},n+1}, \text{on preimage of } h) \vee (pt_{\text{htlc},n+1} \wedge ph_{\text{htlc},n+1} \text{OutgoingCltvExpiry absolute}))$  output (all with  $n+1$  keys) to  $\text{remoteCom}'$ , marked with HTLCNo'
- 19: increment HTLCNo' by 1
- 20:  $M' \leftarrow \text{SphinxPrepare}(M, \delta, sk_{\text{Alice}})$
- 21: add (HTLCNo',  $x, h, \text{OutgoingCltvExpiry}, M'$ ) to pendingAdds $_{pchid'}$
- 22: end if

Figure 37.

**Protocol  $\Pi_{LN}$  – UPDATEADDHTLC checks**

- 1: ensure  $pchid$  corresponds to an open channel in channels where *Bob* has at least  $x$
- 2: ensure HTLCNo = HTLCNo $_{pchid} + 1$
- 3:  $(pchid', x', \text{OutgoingCltvExpiry}, \delta) \leftarrow \text{SphinxPeel}(sk_{\text{Alice}}, M)$
- 4: send (READ) to  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}$  and assign largest block number to  $t$
- 5: if  $\delta = \text{receiver}$  then
- 6: ensure  $pchid' = \perp, x = x', \text{IncomingCltvExpiry} \geq \text{OutgoingCltvExpiry} = \text{minFinalCltvExpiry}$
- 7: mark HTLCNo as “receiver”
- 8: else // We are an intermediary
- 9: ensure  $x = x', \text{IncomingCltvExpiry} \geq \max\{\text{OutgoingCltvExpiry}, t\} + \text{relayDelay} + 2(2+r)\text{windowSize}$
- 10: ensure  $pchid'$  corresponds to an open channel in channels where we have at least  $x$
- 11: mark HTLCNo as “intermediary”
- 12: end if

Figure 38.

When a player receives a preimage for a particular HTLC in an UPDATEFULFILLHTLC message, she verifies the validity of the preimage, she removes the HTLC and incorporates the new balance to the commitment transactions and, if she is an intermediary, she sends the preimage to the previous party on the path if the channel is still open, or publishes the preimage on-chain otherwise.



**Protocol  $\Pi_{LN}$  – UPDATEFULFILLHTLC**

```

1: Upon receiving (UPDATEFULFILLHTLC,  $pcid$ , HTLCNo,  $R$ ) from Bob:
2:   if HTLCNo > lastRemoteSigned  $\vee$  HTLCNo > lastLocalSigned  $\vee \mathcal{H}(R) \neq h$ , where  $h$  is the hash in the HTLC with number HTLCNo then
3:     close channel (as in Fig. 44)
4:     return
5:   end if
6:   ensure HTLCNo is an offered HTLC (localCom has  $h$  tied to a public key that we own)
7:   add value of HTLC to delayed payment of remoteCom
8:   remove HTLC output with number HTLCNo from remoteCom
9:   add value of HTLC to simple payment of localCom
10:  remove HTLC output with number HTLCNo from localCom
11:  if we have a channel  $pcid'$  that has a received HTLC with hash  $h$  with number HTLCNo' then // We are intermediary
12:    send (READ) to  $\mathcal{G}_{Ledger}$  and assign reply to  $\Sigma_{Alice}$ 
13:    if latest remoteCom'_n  $\in \Sigma_{Alice}$  then // counterparty has gone on-chain
14:      TX  $\leftarrow$  {input: (remoteCom' HTLC output with number HTLCNo',  $R$ ), output:  $pk_{Alice}$ }
15:      sig  $\leftarrow$  SIGNIBS (TX,  $sh_{htlc,n}$ )
16:      send (SUBMIT, (sig, TX)) to  $\mathcal{G}_{Ledger}$  // shouldn't be already spent by remote HTLCTimeout
17:    else // counterparty still off-chain
18:      // Not having the HTLC irrevocably committed is impossible (Fig. 43, l. 15)
19:      send (UPDATEFULFILLHTLC,  $pcid'$ , HTLCNo',  $R$ ) to counterparty
20:    end if
21:  end if

```

Figure 39.

When a player receives COMMIT from  $\mathcal{E}$  accompanied by a channel ID, she generates and signs a new commitment tx and all new HTLC txs that correspond to unsigned added HTLCs. She then sends the signatures to the channel counterparty in a message labelled COMMITMENTSIGNED.

**Protocol  $\Pi_{LN}$  – COMMIT**

```

1: Upon receiving (COMMIT,  $pcid$ ) from  $\mathcal{E}$ :
2:   ensure that there is a channel  $\in$  channels with ID  $pcid$ 
3:   retrieve latest remote commitment tx remoteCom_n in channel
4:   ensure remoteCom  $\neq$  remoteCom_n // there are uncommitted updates
5:   ensure channel is not marked as “waiting for REVOKEANDACK”
6:   send (READ) to  $\mathcal{G}_{Ledger}$  and assign largest block number to  $t$ 
7:   undo adding all outgoing HTLCs in remoteCom for which we are intermediary and IncomingCltvExpiry <  $t + \text{relayDelay} + (2 + r) \text{windowSize}$ 
8:   remoteCom_{n+1}  $\leftarrow$  remoteCom
9:   ComSig  $\leftarrow$  SIGNDS (remoteCom_{n+1},  $sh_F$ )
10:  HTLCSigs  $\leftarrow \emptyset$ 
11:  for  $i$  from lastRemoteSigned + 1 to HTLCNo do
12:    remoteHTLC_{n+1,i}  $\leftarrow$  TX {input: HTLC output  $i$  of remoteCom_{n+1}, output: ( $c_{htlc,i}$ ,  $ph_{rev,n+1} \vee (pt_{dpay,n+1}, \text{delay} + (2 + r) \text{windowSize}$  relative))}
13:    add SIGNIBS (remoteHTLC_{n+1,i},  $sh_{htlc,n+1}$ ) to HTLCSigs
14:  end for
15:  lastRemoteSigned  $\leftarrow$  HTLCNo
16:  mark channel as “waiting for REVOKEANDACK”
17:  send (COMMITMENTSIGNED,  $pcid$ , ComSig, HTLCSigs) to  $pcid$  counterparty

```

Figure 40.

When a player receives COMMITMENTSIGNED with some signatures for a particular channel, she verifies that the signatures correspond to the expected HTLCs (i.e. the added but unsigned ones) and that the signatures for the new commitment tx and said HTLCs are valid. She then generates the keyshare pair and sends its public part to the counterparty along with the secret part of the old keyshare in a message labelled REVOKEANDACK.

### Protocol $\Pi_{LN}$ – COMMITMENTSIGNED

```

1: Upon receiving (COMMITMENTSIGNED,  $pchid$ ,
    $comSig_{n+1}$ ,  $HTLCSigs_{n+1}$ ) from Bob:
2:   ensure that there is a  $channel \in channels$  with
   ID  $pchid$  with Bob
3:   retrieve latest local commitment tx  $localCom_n$  in
   channel
4:   ensure  $localCom \neq localCom_n$  and
    $localCom \neq pendingLocalCom$  // there are
   uncommitted updates
5:   if  $VERIFYDS(comSig_{n+1}, localCom, pt_F) =$ 
    $false \vee |HTLCSigs_{n+1}| \neq HTLCNo - lastLocalSigned$ 
   then
6:     close channel (as in Fig. 44)
7:     return
8:   end if
9:   for  $i$  from  $lastLocalSigned + 1$  to  $HTLCNo$  do
10:     $localHTLC_{n+1,i} \leftarrow TX \{input: HTLC \text{ output}$ 
    $i \text{ of } localCom, output: (c_{htlc,i}, ph_{rev,n+1} \vee$ 
    $(pt_{dpay,n+1}, remoteDelay \text{ relative}))\}$ 
11:    if  $VERIFYIBS(HTLCSigs_{n+1,i},$ 
    $localHTLC_{n+1,i}, pt_{htlc,n+1}) = false$  then
12:      close channel (as in Fig. 44)
13:      return
14:    end if
15:  end for
16:   $lastLocalSigned \leftarrow HTLCNo$ 
17:   $pendingLocalCom \leftarrow localCom$ 
18:  mark  $pendingLocalCom$  as “irrevocably
   committed”
19:   $prand_{n+2} \leftarrow PRF(seed, n + 2)$ 
20:   $(ph_{com,n+2}, sh_{com,n+2}) \leftarrow$ 
    $KEYSHAREGEN(1^k; prand_{n+2})$ 
21:  send (REVOKEANDACK,  $pchid$ ,
    $prand_n, ph_{com,n+2}$ ) to Bob

```

Figure 41.

When a player receives REVOKEANDACK from a counterparty for a particular channel, she checks that the secret keyshare received corresponds to the public keyshare that had been received in the last REVOKEANDACK (or in the FUNDINGLOCKED if this is the first REVOKEANDACK received for this channel) and then generates all the necessary new keys for the next update. There are now no more outstanding updates. Furthermore, if a closing of the channel is pending, execution continues with the closing sequence.

### Protocol $\Pi_{LN}$ – REVOKEANDACK

```

1: Upon receiving (REVOKEANDACK,  $pchid$ ,
    $st_{com,n}, pt_{com,n+2}$ ) from Bob:
2:   ensure there is a  $channel \in channels$  with Bob
   with ID  $pchid$  marked as “waiting for
   REVOKEANDACK”
3:   if  $TESTKEY(pt_{com,n}, st_{com,n}) \neq 1$  then //
   wrong  $st_{com,n}$  - closing
4:     close channel (as in Fig. 44)
5:     return
6:   end if
7:   mark  $remoteCom_{n+1}$  as “irrevocably committed”
8:    $localCom_{n+1} \leftarrow pendingLocalCom$ 
9:   unmark channel
10:  add  $receipt(channel)$  to  $updatesToReport$ 
11:   $sh_{rev,n} \leftarrow$ 
    $COMBINEKEY(phb_{rev}, shb_{rev}, pt_{com,n}, st_{com,n})$ 
12:   $ph_{rev,n+2} \leftarrow COMBINEPUBKEY(phb_{rev}, pt_{com,n+2})$ 
13:   $pt_{rev,n+2} \leftarrow COMBINEPUBKEY(ptb_{rev}, ph_{com,n+2})$ 
14:   $(ph_{dpay,n+2}, sh_{dpay,n+2}) \leftarrow$ 
    $KEYDER(phb_{dpay}, shb_{dpay}, ph_{com,n+2})$ 
15:   $pt_{dpay,n+2} \leftarrow PUBKEYDER(ptb_{dpay}, pt_{com,n+2})$ 
16:   $(ph_{pay,n+2}, sh_{pay,n+2}) \leftarrow$ 
    $KEYDER(phb_{pay}, shb_{pay}, ph_{com,n+2})$ 
17:   $pt_{pay,n+2} \leftarrow PUBKEYDER(ptb_{pay}, pt_{com,n+2})$ 
18:   $(ph_{htlc,n+2}, sh_{htlc,n+2}) \leftarrow$ 
    $KEYDER(phb_{htlc}, shb_{htlc}, ph_{com,n+2})$ 
19:   $pt_{htlc,n+2} \leftarrow PUBKEYDER(ptb_{htlc}, pt_{com,n+2})$ 
20:  if no outstanding HTLCs remain for this channel
   and the sequence for CLOSECHANNEL or SHUTDOWN
   (Fig. 45) has been initiated then
21:    continue execution at Fig. 45, l. 6 or l. 13
   respectively
22:  end if

```

Figure 42.

The following code defines a player’s actions when she receives from  $\mathcal{E}$  one of the three messages needed to “nudge” her to carry on with some particular part of the protocol. PUSHFULFILL makes the player read a preimage of a hash from  $\mathcal{G}_{Ledger}$  and use it to fulfill the relevant HTLC that pays her, PUSHADD has the player send an UPDATEADDHTLC message that is ready but has not yet been sent and FULFILLONCHAIN requests that the player publish all HTLC txs that are about to expire on-chain. A player that does not receive such messages in time may end up losing funds albeit being honest; such a player is dubbed “negligent”.

### Protocol $\Pi_{LN}$ – PUSH

- 1: Upon receiving (PUSHFULFILL,  $pchid$ ) from  $\mathcal{E}$ :
- 2: ensure that there is a **channel**  $\in$  **channels** with ID  $pchid$
- 3: choose a member (HTLCNo,  $R$ ) of **pendingFulfills** <sub>$pchid$</sub>  that is both in an “irrevocably committed” **remoteCom** <sub>$n$</sub>  and **localCom** <sub>$n$</sub>
- 4: send (READ) to  $\mathcal{G}_{Ledger}$  and assign reply to  $\Sigma_{Alice}$
- 5: remove (HTLCNo,  $R$ ) from **pendingFulfills** <sub>$pchid$</sub>
- 6: **if** **remoteCom** <sub>$n$</sub>   $\notin \Sigma_{Alice}$  **then** // counterparty cooperative
- 7: send (UPDATEFULFILLHTLC,  $pchid$ , HTLCNo,  $R$ ) to  $pchid$  counterparty
- 8: **else** // counterparty gone on-chain
- 9: TX  $\leftarrow$  {input: (**remoteCom** <sub>$n$</sub>  HTLC output with number HTLCNo,  $R$ ), output:  $pk_{Alice}$ }
- 10: sig  $\leftarrow$  SIGNIBS (TX,  $sh_{htlc,n}$ )
- 11: send (SUBMIT, (sig, TX)) to  $\mathcal{G}_{Ledger}$  // shouldn't be already spent by remote HTLCTimeout
- 12: **end if**
- 13: Upon receiving (PUSHADD,  $pchid$ ) from  $\mathcal{E}$ :
- 14: ensure that there is a **channel**  $\in$  **channels** with ID  $pchid$
- 15: choose a member (HTLCNo,  $x, h, CltvExpiry, M$ ) of **pendingAdds** <sub>$pchid$</sub>  that is both in an “irrevocably committed” **remoteCom** <sub>$n$</sub>  and **localCom** <sub>$n$</sub>
- 16: remove chosen entry from **pendingAdds** <sub>$pchid$</sub>
- 17: send (UPDATEADDHTLC,  $pchid$ , HTLCNo,  $x, h, CltvExpiry, M$ ) to  $pchid$  counterparty
- 18: Upon receiving (FULFILLONCHAIN) from  $\mathcal{E}$ :
- 19: send (READ) to  $\mathcal{G}_{Ledger}$  and assign largest block number to  $t$
- 20: **toSubmit**  $\leftarrow \emptyset$
- 21: **for all** channels **do**
- 22: **if** there exists an HTLC in latest **localCom** <sub>$n$</sub>  for which we have sent both UPDATEFULFILLHTLC and COMMITMENTSIGNED to a transaction without that HTLC to counterparty, but have not received the corresponding REVOKEANDACK AND the HTLC expires within  $[t, t + (2 + r) \text{windowSize}]$  **then**
- 23: add **localCom** <sub>$n$</sub>  of the channel and all corresponding valid HTLC-successes and HTLC-timeouts (for both **localCom** <sub>$n$</sub>  and **remoteCom** <sub>$n$</sub> <sup>a</sup>), along with their signatures to **toSubmit**
- 24: **end if**
- 25: **end for**
- 26: send (SUBMIT, **toSubmit**) to  $\mathcal{G}_{Ledger}$

a. Ensures funds retrieval if counterparty has gone on-chain

Figure 43.

When a player receives FORCECLOSECHANNEL for a particular channel, she signs and publishes the latest commitment and HTLC txs for this particular channel, in effect unilaterally closing the channel.

### Protocol $\Pi_{LN}$ – close unilaterally

- 1: Upon receiving (FORCECLOSECHANNEL, **receipt**,  $pchid$ ) from  $\mathcal{E}$ :
- 2: ensure **receipt** corresponds to an open **channel**  $\in$  **channels** with ID  $pchid$
- 3: **if** the sequence for CLOSECHANNEL has been initiated and is pending on clearing all outstanding HTLCs **then**
- 4: forget this “hook”
- 5: **end if**
- 6: assign latest **channel** sequence number to  $n$
- 7: HTLCs  $\leftarrow \emptyset$
- 8: **for every** HTLC output  $\in$  **localCom** <sub>$n$</sub>  with number  $i$  **do**
- 9: sig  $\leftarrow$  SIGNIBS (**localHTLC** <sub>$n,i$</sub> ,  $sh_{htlc,n}$ )
- 10: add (sig, HTLCsigs <sub>$n,i$</sub> , **localHTLC** <sub>$n,i$</sub> ) to HTLCs
- 11: **end for**
- 12: sig  $\leftarrow$  SIGNDS (**localCom** <sub>$n$</sub> ,  $sh_F$ )
- 13: add **receipt**(**channel**) to **closedChannels**
- 14: remove **channel** from **channels**
- 15: send (SUBMIT, (sig, **remoteSig** <sub>$n$</sub> , **localCom** <sub>$n$</sub> ), HTLCs) to  $\mathcal{G}_{Ledger}$

Figure 44.

When a player receives CLOSECHANNEL for a particular channel, she initiates the cooperative channel close sequence with the counterparty. The sequence includes completing all outstanding updates and creating, signing and publishing the “closing” transaction that spends the funding transaction and distributes the funds to the counterparties without timelocks.

**Protocol  $\Pi_{LN}$  – close cooperatively**

```

1: Upon receiving (CLOSECHANNEL, receipt, pchid)
   from  $\mathcal{E}$ :
2:   ensure receipt corresponds to an open
   channel  $\in$  channels with ID pchid
3:   stop serving any (PAY, CLOSECHANNEL) message
   from  $\mathcal{E}$  for this channel.
4:   mark channel as “coop closing”
5:   if there are outstanding HTLC outputs in the
   latest localComn then continue from here when
   there are none left
6:   end if
7:   send (SHUTDOWN, pkAlice, pchid) to Bob

8: Upon receiving (SHUTDOWN, pkBob, pchid) from Bob:
9:   ensure there is an open channel  $\in$  channels with
   Bobwith ID pchid
10:  if channel is not marked “coop closing” then
11:    mark channel as “coop closing”
12:    if there are outstanding HTLC outputs in the
   latest localComn then continue from here when
   there are none left
13:  end if
14:  send (SHUTDOWN, pkAlice, pchid) to Bob
15:  else
16:     $Cl \leftarrow$  TX {input spends channel funding TX
   output, outputs pay  $x, y$  to pkAlice, pkBob
   respectively, alphabetically ordered by some fixed
   encoding of the keys, where  $x$  is Alice’s and  $y$  is
   Bob’s balance in the latest channel state
17:    sig  $\leftarrow$  SIGNDS( $Cl, sk_{Alice}$ )
18:    send (CLOSINGSIGNED, sig, pchid) to Bob
19:  end if

20: Upon receiving (CLOSINGSIGNED, bobSig, pchid)
   from Bob:
21:  ensure there is an open channel  $\in$  channels with
   Bobwith ID pchid
22:  ensure channel is marked as “coop closing”
23:  add receipt(channel) to closedChannels
24:  remove channel from channels
25:   $Cl \leftarrow$  TX {input spends channel funding TX
   output, outputs pay  $x, y$  to pkAlice, pkBob
   respectively, alphabetically ordered by some fixed
   encoding of the keys, where  $x$  is Alice’s and  $y$  is
   Bob’s balance in the latest channel state
26:  ensure VERIFYDS(bobSig,  $Cl, pk_{Bob}$ ) = True
27:  aliceSig  $\leftarrow$  SIGNDS( $Cl, sk_{Alice}$ )
28:  sort aliceSig, bobSig according to the ordering of
   the respective keys to produce sig1, sig2
29:  send (SUBMIT, ((sig1, sig2),  $Cl$ )) to  $\mathcal{G}_{Ledger}$ 

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Figure 45.

## Appendix I.

### The Ledger, Clock and Network Functionality

We next provide the complete description of the ledger functionality as well as the clock and network

functionalities that are drawn from the UC formalisation of [10], [11].

The key characteristics of the functionality are as follows. The variable **state** maintains the current immutable state of the ledger. An honest, synchronised party considers finalised a prefix of **state** (specified by a pointer position  $\mathbf{pt}_i$  for party  $U_i$  below). The functionality has a parameter **windowSize** such that no finalised prefix of any player will be shorter than  $|\mathbf{state}| - \mathbf{windowSize}$ . On any input originating from an honest party the functionality will run the **ExtendPolicy** function that ensures that a suitable sequence of transactions will be “blockified” and added to **state**. Honest parties may also find themselves in a desynchronised state: this is when honest parties lose access to some of their resources. The resources that are necessary for proper ledger maintenance and that the functionality keeps track of are the global random oracle  $\mathcal{G}_{RO}$ , the clock  $\mathcal{G}_{CLOCK}$  and network  $\mathcal{F}_{N-MC}$ . If an honest party maintains registration with all the resources then after **Delay** clock ticks it necessarily becomes synchronised.

The progress of the **state** variable is guaranteed via the **ExtendPolicy** function that is executed when honest parties submit inputs to the functionality. While we do not specify **ExtendPolicy** in our paper (we refer to the citations above for the full specification) it is sufficient to note that **ExtendPolicy** guarantees the following properties:

- 1) in a period of time equal to  $\mathbf{maxTime}_{\mathbf{window}}$ , a number of blocks at least **windowSize** are added to **state**.
- 2) in a period of time equal to  $\mathbf{minTime}_{\mathbf{window}}$ , no more blocks may be added to **state** if **windowSize** blocks have been already added.
- 3) each window of **windowSize** blocks has at most  $\mathbf{advBlcks}_{\mathbf{window}}$  adversarial blocks included in it.
- 4) any transaction that (i) is submitted by an honest party earlier than  $\frac{\mathbf{Delay}}{2}$  rounds before the time that the block that is **windowSize** positions before the head of the **state** was included, and (ii) is valid with respect to an honest block that extends **state**, then it must be included in such block.

Given a synchronised honest party, we say that a transaction **tx** is finalised when it becomes a part of **state** in its view.

**Proposition 1.** *Consider a synchronised honest party that submits a transaction **tx** to the ledger functionality by the time the block indexed by  $h$  is added to **state** in its view. Then **tx** is guaranteed to be included in the block range  $[h + 1, h + (2 + r)\mathbf{windowSize}]$ , where  $r = \lceil (\mathbf{maxTime}_{\mathbf{window}} + \frac{\mathbf{Delay}}{2}) / \mathbf{minTime}_{\mathbf{window}} \rceil$ .*

*Proof:* Consider  $\tau_h^U$  to be the round that a party  $U$  becomes aware of the  $h$ -th block in the **state**. It follows that  $\tau_h \leq \tau_h^U$  where  $\tau_h$  is the round block  $h$  enters **state**. Note that by time  $\tau_h + \mathbf{maxTime}_{\mathbf{window}}$  another **windowSize** blocks are added to **state** and thus  $\tau_h^U \leq \tau_h + \mathbf{maxTime}_{\mathbf{window}}$ .

Suppose  $U$  submits the transaction  $\mathbf{tx}$  to the ledger at time  $\tau_h^U$ . Observe that as long as  $\tau_h + \text{maxTime}_{\text{window}} \leq \text{Delay}/2$  before the time that block with index  $h + t - 2\text{windowSize}$  enters **state**, then  $\mathbf{tx}$  is guaranteed to enter the **state** in a block with index up to  $h + t$  where since  $\text{advBlcks}_{\text{window}} < \text{windowSize}$ . It follows we need  $\tau_h + \text{maxTime}_{\text{window}} < \tau_{h+t-2\text{windowSize}} - \frac{\text{Delay}}{2}$ . Let  $r = \lceil (\text{maxTime}_{\text{window}} + \frac{\text{Delay}}{2}) / \text{minTime}_{\text{window}} \rceil$ . Recall that in a period of  $\text{minTime}_{\text{window}}$  rounds at most  $\text{windowSize}$  blocks enter **state**. As a result  $r \cdot \text{windowSize}$  blocks require at least  $r \cdot \text{minTime}_{\text{window}} \geq \text{maxTime}_{\text{window}} + \frac{\text{Delay}}{2}$  rounds. We deduce that if  $t \geq (2 + r)\text{windowSize}$  the inequality follows.  $\square$

### Functionality $\mathcal{G}_{\text{LEDGER}}$

**General:** The functionality is parameterized by four algorithms, **Validate**, **ExtendPolicy**, **Blockify**, and **predict-time**, along with three parameters:  $\text{windowSize}, \text{Delay} \in \mathbb{N}$ , and  $\mathcal{S}_{\text{initStake}} := \{(U_1, s_1), \dots, (U_n, s_n)\}$ . The functionality manages variables **state** (the immutable state of the ledger), **NxtBC** (a list of transaction identifiers to be added to the ledger), **buffer** (the set of pending transactions),  $\tau_L$  (the rules under which the state is extended), and  $\vec{\tau}_{\text{state}}$  (the time sequence where all immutable blocks were added). The variables are initialized as follows: **state** :=  $\vec{\tau}_{\text{state}}$  := **NxtBC** :=  $\varepsilon$ , **buffer** :=  $\emptyset$ ,  $\tau_L = 0$ . For each party  $U_p \in \mathcal{P}$  the functionality maintains a pointer  $\mathbf{pt}_i$  (initially set to 1) and a current-state view  $\mathbf{state}_p := \varepsilon$  (initially set to empty). The functionality also keeps track of the timed honest-input sequence in a vector  $\vec{\mathcal{I}}_H^T$  (initially  $\vec{\mathcal{I}}_H^T := \varepsilon$ ).

**Party Management:** The functionality maintains the set of registered parties  $\mathcal{P}$ , the (sub-)set of honest parties  $\mathcal{H} \subseteq \mathcal{P}$ , and the (sub-)set of de-synchronized honest parties  $\mathcal{P}_{DS} \subset \mathcal{H}$  (as discussed below). The sets  $\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{P}_{DS}$  are all initially set to  $\emptyset$ . When a (currently unregistered) honest party is registered at the ledger, if it is registered with the clock and the global RO already, then it is added to the party sets  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $\mathcal{P}$  and the current time of registration is also recorded; if the current time is  $\tau_L > 0$ , it is also added to  $\mathcal{P}_{DS}$ . Similarly, when a party is deregistered, it is removed from both  $\mathcal{P}$  (and therefore also from  $\mathcal{P}_{DS}$  or  $\mathcal{H}$ ). The ledger maintains the invariant that it is registered (as a functionality) to the clock whenever  $\mathcal{H} \neq \emptyset$ .

**Handling initial stakeholders:** If during round  $\tau = 0$ , the ledger did not receive a registration from each initial stakeholder, i.e.,  $U_p \in \mathcal{S}_{\text{initStake}}$ , the functionality halts.

**Upon receiving any input  $I$**  from any party or from the adversary, send **(CLOCK-READ, sid<sub>C</sub>)** to  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{CLOCK}}$  and upon receiving response **(CLOCK-READ, sid<sub>C</sub>,  $\tau$ )** set  $\tau_L := \tau$  and do the following if  $\tau > 0$  (otherwise, ignore input):

- 1) Updating synchronized/desynchronized party set:

- a) Let  $\hat{\mathcal{P}} \subseteq \mathcal{P}_{DS}$  denote the set of desynchronized honest parties that have been registered (continuously) to the ledger, the clock, and the GRO since time  $\tau' < \tau_L - \text{Delay}$ . Set  $\mathcal{P}_{DS} := \mathcal{P}_{DS} \setminus \hat{\mathcal{P}}$ .
- b) For any synchronized party  $U_p \in \mathcal{H} \setminus \mathcal{P}_{DS}$ , if  $U_p$  is not registered to the clock, then consider it desynchronized, i.e., set  $\mathcal{P}_{DS} \cup \{U_p\}$ .
- 2) If  $I$  was received from an honest party  $U_p \in \mathcal{P}$ :
  - a) Set  $\vec{\mathcal{I}}_H^T := \vec{\mathcal{I}}_H^T || (I, U_p, \tau_L)$ ;
  - b) Compute  $\vec{N} = (\vec{N}_1, \dots, \vec{N}_\ell) := \text{ExtendPolicy}(\vec{\mathcal{I}}_H^T, \text{state}, \text{NxtBC}, \text{buffer}, \vec{\tau}_{\text{state}})$  and if  $\vec{N} \neq \varepsilon$  set **state** := **state** || **Blockify**( $\vec{N}_1$ ) || ... || **Blockify**( $\vec{N}_\ell$ ) and  $\vec{\tau}_{\text{state}} := \vec{\tau}_{\text{state}} || \tau_L^\ell$ , where  $\tau_L^\ell = \tau_L || \dots || \tau_L$ .
  - c) For each  $\text{BTX} \in \text{buffer}$ : if **Validate**(**BTX**, **state**, **buffer**) = 0 then delete **BTX** from **buffer**. Also, reset **NxtBC** :=  $\varepsilon$ .
  - d) If there exists  $U_j \in \mathcal{H} \setminus \mathcal{P}_{DS}$  such that  $|\text{state}| - \mathbf{pt}_j > \text{windowSize}$  or  $\mathbf{pt}_j < |\text{state}_j|$ , then set  $\mathbf{pt}_k := |\text{state}|$  for all  $U_k \in \mathcal{H} \setminus \mathcal{P}_{DS}$ .
- 3) If the calling party  $U_p$  is *stalled* or *time-unaware* (according to the defined party classification), then no further actions are taken. Otherwise, depending on the above input  $I$  and its sender's ID,  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{LEDGER}}$  executes the corresponding code from the following list:
  - *Submitting a transaction:*  
If  $I = (\text{SUBMIT}, \text{sid}, \mathbf{tx})$  and is received from a party  $U_p \in \mathcal{P}$  or from  $\mathcal{A}$  (on behalf of a corrupted party  $U_p$ ) do the following
    - a) Choose a unique transaction ID  $\text{txid}$  and set **BTX** := (**tx**,  $\text{txid}$ ,  $\tau_L$ ,  $U_p$ )
    - b) If **Validate**(**BTX**, **state**, **buffer**) = 1, then **buffer** := **buffer**  $\cup$  {**BTX**}.
    - c) Send **(SUBMIT, BTX)** to  $\mathcal{A}$ .
  - *Reading the state:*  
If  $I = (\text{READ}, \text{sid})$  is received from a party  $U_p \in \mathcal{P}$  then set **state<sub>p</sub>** := **state** <sub>$\min\{\mathbf{pt}_p, |\text{state}|\}$</sub>  and return **(READ, sid, state<sub>p</sub>)** to the requester. If the requester is  $\mathcal{A}$  then send (**state**, **buffer**,  $\vec{\mathcal{I}}_H^T$ ) to  $\mathcal{A}$ .
  - *Maintaining the ledger state:*  
If  $I = (\text{MAINTAIN-LEDGER}, \text{sid}, \text{minerID})$  is received by an honest party  $U_p \in \mathcal{P}$  and (after updating  $\vec{\mathcal{I}}_H^T$  as above) **predict-time**( $\vec{\mathcal{I}}_H^T$ ) =  $\hat{\tau} > \tau_L$  then send **(CLOCK-UPDATE, sid<sub>C</sub>)** to  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{CLOCK}}$ . Else send  $I$  to  $\mathcal{A}$ .
  - *The adversary proposing the next block:*  
If  $I = (\text{NEXT-BLOCK}, \text{hFlag}, (\text{txid}_1, \dots, \text{txid}_\ell))$  is sent from the adversary, update **NxtBC** as follows:
    - a) Set **listOfTxid**  $\leftarrow \varepsilon$
    - b) For  $i = 1, \dots, \ell$  do: if there exists **BTX** := ( $x$ ,  $\text{txid}$ ,  $\text{minerID}$ ,  $\tau_L$ ,  $U_j$ )  $\in$  **buffer** with ID  $\text{txid} = \text{txid}_i$  then set **listOfTxid** := **listOfTxid** ||  $\text{txid}_i$ .



- c) Finally, set  $\text{NxtBC} := \text{NxtBC} \parallel (\text{hFlag}, \text{listOfTxid})$  and output  $(\text{NEXT-BLOCK}, \text{ok})$  to  $\mathcal{A}$ .
- *The adversary setting state-slackness:*  
If  $I = (\text{SET-SLACK}, (U_{i_1}, \widehat{\text{pt}}_{i_1}), \dots, (U_{i_\ell}, \widehat{\text{pt}}_{i_\ell}))$ , with  $\{U_{p_{i_1}}, \dots, U_{p_{i_\ell}}\} \subseteq \mathcal{H} \setminus \mathcal{P}_{DS}$  is received from the adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  do the following:
  - a) If for all  $j \in [\ell] : |\text{state}| - \widehat{\text{pt}}_{i_j} \leq \text{windowSize}$  and  $\widehat{\text{pt}}_{i_j} \geq |\text{state}_{i_j}|$ , set  $\text{pt}_{i_1} := \widehat{\text{pt}}_{i_1}$  for every  $j \in [\ell]$  and return  $(\text{SET-SLACK}, \text{ok})$  to  $\mathcal{A}$ .
  - b) Otherwise set  $\text{pt}_{i_j} := |\text{state}|$  for all  $j \in [\ell]$ .
- *The adversary setting the state for desynchronized parties:*  
If  $I = (\text{DESYNC-STATE}, (U_{i_1}, \text{state}'_{i_1}), \dots, (U_{i_\ell}, \text{state}'_{i_\ell}))$ , with  $\{U_{i_1}, \dots, U_{i_\ell}\} \subseteq \mathcal{P}_{DS}$  is received from the adversary  $\mathcal{A}$ , set  $\text{state}_{i_j} := \text{state}'_{i_j}$  for each  $j \in [\ell]$  and return  $(\text{DESYNC-STATE}, \text{ok})$  to  $\mathcal{A}$ .

#### Functionality $\mathcal{G}_{\text{CLOCK}}$

The functionality manages the set  $\mathcal{P}$  of registered identities, i.e., parties  $U_p = (\text{pid}, \text{sid})$ . It also manages the set  $F$  of functionalities (together with their session identifier). Initially,  $\mathcal{P} := \emptyset$  and  $F := \emptyset$ .

For each session  $\text{sid}$  the clock maintains a variable  $\tau_{\text{sid}}$ . For each identity  $U_p := (\text{pid}, \text{sid}) \in \mathcal{P}$  it manages variable  $d_{U_p}$ . For each pair  $(\mathcal{F}, \text{sid}) \in F$  it manages variable  $d_{(\mathcal{F}, \text{sid})}$  (all integer variables are initially 0).

*Synchronization:*

- Upon receiving  $(\text{CLOCK-UPDATE}, \text{sid}_C)$  from some party  $U_p \in \mathcal{P}$  set  $d_{U_p} := 1$ ; execute *Round-Update* and forward  $(\text{CLOCK-UPDATE}, \text{sid}_C, U_p)$  to  $\mathcal{A}$ .
- Upon receiving  $(\text{CLOCK-UPDATE}, \text{sid}_C)$  from some functionality  $\mathcal{F}$  in a session  $\text{sid}$  such that  $(\mathcal{F}, \text{sid}) \in F$  set  $d_{(\mathcal{F}, \text{sid})} := 1$ , execute *Round-Update* and return  $(\text{CLOCK-UPDATE}, \text{sid}_C, \mathcal{F})$  to this instance of  $\mathcal{F}$ .
- Upon receiving  $(\text{CLOCK-READ}, \text{sid}_C)$  from any participant (including the environment on behalf of a party, the adversary, or any ideal—shared or local—functionality) return  $(\text{CLOCK-READ}, \text{sid}, \tau_{\text{sid}})$  to the requester (where  $\text{sid}$  is the  $\text{sid}$  of the calling instance).

*Procedure Round-Update:* For each session  $\text{sid}$  do: If  $d_{(\mathcal{F}, \text{sid})} := 1$  for all  $\mathcal{F} \in F$  and  $d_{U_p} = 1$  for all honest parties  $U_p = (\cdot, \text{sid}) \in \mathcal{P}$ , then set  $\tau_{\text{sid}} := \tau_{\text{sid}} + 1$  and reset  $d_{(\mathcal{F}, \text{sid})} := 0$  and  $d_{U_p} := 0$  for all parties  $U_p = (\cdot, \text{sid}) \in \mathcal{P}$ .

#### Functionality $\mathcal{F}_{\text{N-MC}}^\Delta$

The functionality is parameterized with a set possible senders and receivers  $\mathcal{P}$ . Any newly registered (resp. deregistered) party is added to (resp. deleted from)  $\mathcal{P}$ .

- **Honest sender multicast.** Upon receiving  $(\text{MULTICAST}, \text{sid}, m)$  from some  $U_p \in \mathcal{P}$ , where  $\mathcal{P} = \{U_1, \dots, U_n\}$  denotes the current party set, choose  $n$  new unique message-IDs  $\text{mid}_1, \dots, \text{mid}_n$ , initialize  $2n$  new variables  $D_{\text{mid}_1} := D_{\text{mid}_1}^{\text{MAX}} \dots := D_{\text{mid}_n} := D_{\text{mid}_n}^{\text{MAX}} := 1$ , set  $\vec{M} := \vec{M} \parallel (m, \text{mid}_1, D_{\text{mid}_1}, U_1) \parallel \dots \parallel (m, \text{mid}_n, D_{\text{mid}_n}, U_n)$ , and send  $(\text{MULTICAST}, \text{sid}, m, U_p, (U_1, \text{mid}_1), \dots, (U_n, \text{mid}_n))$  to the adversary.
- **Adversarial sender (partial) multicast.** Upon receiving  $(\text{MULTICAST}, \text{sid}, (m_{i_1}, U_{i_1}), \dots, (m_{i_\ell}, U_{i_\ell}))$  from the adversary with  $\{U_{i_1}, \dots, U_{i_\ell}\} \subseteq \mathcal{P}$ , choose  $\ell$  new unique message-IDs  $\text{mid}_{i_1}, \dots, \text{mid}_{i_\ell}$ , initialize  $\ell$  new variables  $D_{\text{mid}_{i_1}} := D_{\text{mid}_{i_1}}^{\text{MAX}} := \dots := D_{\text{mid}_{i_\ell}} := D_{\text{mid}_{i_\ell}}^{\text{MAX}} := 1$ , set  $\vec{M} := \vec{M} \parallel (m_{i_1}, \text{mid}_{i_1}, D_{\text{mid}_{i_1}}, U_{i_1}) \parallel \dots \parallel (m_{i_\ell}, \text{mid}_{i_\ell}, D_{\text{mid}_{i_\ell}}, U_{i_\ell})$ , and send  $(\text{MULTICAST}, \text{sid}, (m_{i_1}, U_{i_1}, \text{mid}_{i_1}), \dots, (m_{i_\ell}, U_{i_\ell}, \text{mid}_{i_\ell}))$  to the adversary.
- **Honest party fetching.** Upon receiving  $(\text{FETCH}, \text{sid})$  from  $U_p \in \mathcal{P}$  (or from  $\mathcal{A}$  on behalf of  $U_p$  if  $U_p$  is corrupted):
  - 1) For all tuples  $(m, \text{mid}, D_{\text{mid}}, U_p) \in \vec{M}$ , set  $D_{\text{mid}} := D_{\text{mid}} - 1$ .
  - 2) Let  $\vec{M}_0^{U_p}$  denote the subvector  $\vec{M}$  including all tuples of the form  $(m, \text{mid}, D_{\text{mid}}, U_p)$  with  $D_{\text{mid}} = 0$  (in the same order as they appear in  $\vec{M}$ ). Delete all entries in  $\vec{M}_0^{U_p}$  from  $\vec{M}$ , and send  $\vec{M}_0^{U_p}$  to  $U_p$ .
- **Adding adversarial delays.** Upon receiving  $(\text{DELAYS}, \text{sid}, (T_{\text{mid}_{i_1}}, \text{mid}_{i_1}), \dots, (T_{\text{mid}_{i_\ell}}, \text{mid}_{i_\ell}))$  from the adversary do the following for each pair  $(T_{\text{mid}_{i_j}}, \text{mid}_{i_j})$ :  
If  $D_{\text{mid}_{i_j}}^{\text{MAX}} + T_{\text{mid}_{i_j}} \leq \Delta$  and  $\text{mid}$  is a message-ID registered in the current  $\vec{M}$ , set  $D_{\text{mid}_{i_j}} := D_{\text{mid}_{i_j}} + T_{\text{mid}_{i_j}}$  and set  $D_{\text{mid}_{i_j}}^{\text{MAX}} := D_{\text{mid}_{i_j}}^{\text{MAX}} + T_{\text{mid}_{i_j}}$ ; otherwise, ignore this pair.
- **Adversarially reordering messages.** Upon receiving  $(\text{SWAP}, \text{sid}, \text{mid}, \text{mid}')$  from the adversary, if  $\text{mid}$  and  $\text{mid}'$  are message-IDs registered in the current  $\vec{M}$ , then swap the triples  $(m, \text{mid}, D_{\text{mid}}, \cdot)$  and  $(m, \text{mid}', D_{\text{mid}'}, \cdot)$  in  $\vec{M}$ . Return  $(\text{SWAP}, \text{sid})$  to the adversary.

## Appendix J. Security Proof

**Lemma 4.**  $\text{EXEC}_{\Pi_{\text{LN}}, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E}}^{\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}} = \text{EXEC}_{\mathcal{S}_{\text{LN}}, \mathcal{E}}^{\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}, \text{dummy}, \mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}}$

*Proof:* Consider a message that  $\mathcal{E}$  sends. In the real world, the protocol ITIs produce an output. In the ideal world, the message is given to  $\mathcal{S}_{\text{LN}}$  through  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}, \text{dummy}}$ . The former simulates the protocol ITIs of the real world (along with their coin flips) and so produces an output from the exact same distribution,

### Functionality $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet,dummy}}$

- 1: Upon receiving any message  $M$  from *Alice*:
- 2:   **if**  $M$  is a valid  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  message from a player **then**
- 3:     send  $(M, \text{Alice})$  to  $\mathcal{S}$
- 4:   **end if**
- 5: Upon receiving any message  $(M, \text{Alice})$  from  $\mathcal{S}$ :
- 6:   **if**  $M$  is a valid  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  message from  $\mathcal{S}$  **then**
- 7:     send  $M$  to *Alice*
- 8:   **end if**

Figure 46.

### Simulator $\mathcal{S}_{\text{LN}}$

Expects the same messages as the protocol, but messages that the protocol expects to receive from  $\mathcal{E}$ , the simulator expects to receive from  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet,dummy}}$  with the name of the player appended. The simulator internally executes one copy of the protocol per player. Upon receiving any message, the simulator runs the relevant code of the protocol copy tied to the appended player name. Mimicking the real-world case, if a protocol copy sends a message to another player, that message is passed to  $\mathcal{A}$  as if sent by the player and if  $\mathcal{A}$  allows the message to reach the receiver, then the simulator reacts by acting upon the message with the protocol copy corresponding to the recipient player. A message sent by a protocol copy to  $\mathcal{E}$  will be routed by  $\mathcal{S}$  to  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet,dummy}}$  instead. To distinguish which player it comes from,  $\mathcal{S}$  also appends the player name to the message. Corruption messages in the backdoor tapes of simulated parties are also forwarded to  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet,dummy}}$ .

Figure 47.

which is given to  $\mathcal{E}$  through  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet,dummy}}$ . Thus the two outputs are indistinguishable.  $\square$

### Lemma 5.

$$\text{EXEC}_{\mathcal{S}_{\text{LN}}, \mathcal{E}}^{\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet,dummy}}, \mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}} = \text{EXEC}_{\mathcal{S}_{\text{LN-Reg}}, \mathcal{E}}^{\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet,Reg}}, \mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}}$$

*Proof:* When  $\mathcal{E}$  sends (REGISTER, delay, relayDelay) to *Alice*, it receives as a response (REGISTER, *Alice*, delay, relayDelay,  $pk_{\text{Alice}}$ ) where  $pk_{\text{Alice}}$  is a public key generated by  $\text{KeyGen}()$  both in the real (c.f. Fig. 25, line 11) and in the ideal world (c.f. Fig. 49, line 4).

Furthermore, one (READ) is sent to  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}$  from *Alice* in both cases (Fig. 25, line 10 and Fig. 14, line 9).

Additionally,  $\mathcal{S}_{\text{LN-Reg}}$  ensures that the state of *Alice* ITI is exactly the same as what would have been in the case of  $\mathcal{S}_{\text{LN}}$ , as lines 8-11 of Fig. 25 change the state of *Alice* ITI in the same way as lines 2-4 of Fig. 49.

Lastly, the fact that the state of the *Alice* ITIs are changed in the same way in both worlds, along with the same argument as in the proof of Lemma 4 ensures that the rest of the messages are responded in an indistin-

### Functionality $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet,Reg}}$

- 1: For messages REGISTER, REGISTERDONE, TOPPEDUP and CORRUPTED, act like  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$ , but skip lines that call  $\text{checkClosed}()$ .
- 2: Upon receiving any other message  $M$  from *Alice*:
- 3:   **if**  $M$  is a valid  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  message from a player **then**
- 4:     send  $(M, \text{Alice})$  to  $\mathcal{S}$
- 5:   **end if**
- 6: Upon receiving any other message  $(M, \text{Alice})$  from  $\mathcal{S}$ :
- 7:   **if**  $M$  is a valid  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  message from  $\mathcal{S}$  **then**
- 8:     send  $M$  to *Alice*
- 9:   **end if**

Figure 48.

### Simulator $\mathcal{S}_{\text{LN-Reg}}$

Like  $\mathcal{S}_{\text{LN}}$ , but it does not accept (TOPPEDUP) from  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet,Reg}}$ . Additional differences:

- 1: Upon receiving (REGISTER, *Alice*, delay, relayDelay) from  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet,Reg}}$ :
- 2:   delay of *Alice* ITI  $\leftarrow$  delay
- 3:   relayDelay of *Alice* ITI  $\leftarrow$  relayDelay
- 4:    $(pk_{\text{Alice}}, sk_{\text{Alice}})$  of *Alice* ITI  $\leftarrow$   $\text{KeyGen}()$
- 5:   send (REGISTERDONE, *Alice*,  $pk_{\text{Alice}}$ ) to  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet,Reg}}$
- 6: Upon receiving (CORRUPT) on the backdoor tape of *Alice*'s simulated ITI:
- 7:   add *Alice* to **corrupted**
- 8:   for the rest of the execution, upon receiving any message for *Alice*, bypass normal execution and simply forward it to *Alice*
- 9:   send (CORRUPTED, *Alice*) to  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet,Reg}}$

Figure 49.

guishable way in both worlds.  $\square$

### Lemma 6.

$$\text{EXEC}_{\mathcal{S}_{\text{LN-Reg}}, \mathcal{E}}^{\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet,Reg}}, \mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}} = \text{EXEC}_{\mathcal{S}_{\text{LN-Reg-Open}}, \mathcal{E}}^{\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet,Open}}, \mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}}$$

*Proof:* When  $\mathcal{E}$  sends (OPENCHANNEL, *Alice*, *Bob*,  $x$ ,  $fchid$ ,  $tid$ ) to *Alice*, the interaction of Figures 26-30 will be executed in both the real and the ideal world. In more detail, in the ideal world the execution of the honest parties will be simulated by the respective ITIs run by  $\mathcal{S}_{\text{LN-Reg-Open}}$ , so their state will be identical to that of the parties in the real execution. Furthermore, since  $\mathcal{S}_{\text{LN-Reg-Open}}$  executes faithfully the protocol code, it generates the same messages as would be generated by the parties themselves in the real-world setting.

We observe that the input validity check executed by  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet,Open}}$  (Fig. 15, line 2) filters only messages that

### Functionality $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet,Open}}$

- 1: For messages REGISTER, REGISTERDONE, TOPPEDUP, OPENCHANNEL, CHANNELANNOUNCED and CHECKFORNEW, act like  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$ , but skip lines that call `checkClosed()`.
- 2: Upon receiving any other message  $M$  from *Alice*:
- 3:   **if**  $M$  is a valid  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  message from a player **then**
- 4:     send  $(M, \text{Alice})$  to  $\mathcal{S}$
- 5:   **end if**
- 6: Upon receiving any other message  $(M, \text{Alice})$  from  $\mathcal{S}$ :
- 7:   **if**  $M$  is a valid  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  message from  $\mathcal{S}$  **then**
- 8:     send  $M$  to *Alice*
- 9:   **end if**

Figure 50.

would be ignored by the real protocol as well and would not change its state either (Fig. 26, line 2).

We also observe that, upon receiving the message OPENCHANNEL or CHANNELANNOUNCED,  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet,Open}}$  does not send any messages to parties other than  $\mathcal{S}_{\text{LN-Reg-Open}}$ , so we don't have to simulate those.

When  $\mathcal{E}$  sends (CHECKFORNEW, *Alice*, *Bob*, *tid*) to *Alice* in the real world, line 2 of Fig. 31 will allow execution to continue if there exists an entry with temporary id *tid* in `pendingOpen` marked as “broadcast”. Such an entry can be added either in Fig. 26, line 8 or in Fig. 27, line 6. The former event can happen only in case *Alice* received a valid OPENCHANNEL message from *Bob* with temporary id *tid*, which in turn can be triggered only by a valid OPENCHANNEL message with the same temporary id from  $\mathcal{E}$  to *Bob*, whereas the latter only in case *Alice* received a valid OPENCHANNEL message from  $\mathcal{E}$  with the same temporary id. Furthermore, in the first case the “broadcast” mark can be added only before *Alice* sends (FUNDINGSIGNED, *pchid*, *sig*) to *Bob* (Fig. 29, line 12) (which needs a valid *Alice-Bob* interaction up to that point), and in the second case the “broadcast” mark can be added only before *Alice* sends (SUBMIT, (sig, *F*)) to  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}$  (Fig. 30, line 8) (which also needs a valid *Alice-Bob* interaction up to that point).

When  $\mathcal{E}$  sends (CHECKFORNEW, *Alice*, *Bob*, *tid*) to *Alice* in the ideal world, line 10 of Fig. 15 will allow execution to continue if there exists an entry with temporary ID *tid* and one member *Alice*, marked as “*Alice* announced” in `pendingOpen(fchid)` for some *fchid*. This can only happen if line 8 of Fig. 15 is executed, where `pendingOpen(fchid)` contains *tid* as the temporary ID. This line in turn can only be executed if  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet,Open}}$  received (CHANNELANNOUNCED, *Alice*, *pAlice,F*, *pBob,F*, *fchid*, *pchid*, *tid*) from  $\mathcal{S}_{\text{LN-Reg-Open}}$  such that the entry `pendingOpen(fchid)` exists and has temporary ID *tid*, as mandated by line 7 of

### Simulator $\mathcal{S}_{\text{LN-Reg-Open}}$

Like  $\mathcal{S}_{\text{LN-Reg}}$ . Differences:

- 1: Upon receiving (OPENCHANNEL, *Alice*, *Bob*, *x*, *fchid*, *tid*) from  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet,Open}}$ :
- 2:   **if** both *Alice* and *Bob* are honest **then**
- 3:     Simulate the interaction between *Alice* and *Bob* in their respective ITI, as defined in Figures 26-30. All messages should be handed to and received from  $\mathcal{A}$ , as in the real world execution.
- 4:     After sending (FUNDINGSIGNED) as *Bob* to *Alice*, send (CHANNELANNOUNCED, *Bob*, *pAlice,F*, *pBob,F*, *fchid*, *pchid*, *tid*) to  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet,Open}}$ .
- 5:     After submitting *F* to  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}$  as *Alice*, send (CHANNELANNOUNCED, *Alice*, *pAlice,F*, *pBob,F*, *fchid*, *pchid*) to  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet,Open}}$ .
- 6:     **else if** *Alice* is honest, *Bob* is corrupted **then**
- 7:       Simulate *Alice*'s part of the interaction between *Alice* and *Bob* in *Alice*'s ITI, as defined in Figures 26, 28, and 30. All messages should be handed to and received from  $\mathcal{A}$ , as in the real world execution.
- 8:       After submitting *F* to  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}$  as *Alice*, send (CHANNELANNOUNCED, *Alice*, *pAlice,F*, *pBob,F*, *fchid*, *pchid*) to  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet,Open}}$ .
- 9:     **else if** *Alice* is corrupted, *Bob* is honest **then**
- 10:       send (OPENCHANNEL, *Alice*, *Bob*, *x*, *fchid*, *tid*) to simulated (corrupted) *Alice*
- 11:       Simulate *Bob*'s part of the interaction between *Alice* and *Bob* in *Bob*'s ITI, as defined in Figures 27 and 29. All messages should be handed to and received from  $\mathcal{A}$ , as in the real world execution.
- 12:       After sending (FUNDINGSIGNED) as *Bob* to *Alice*, send (CHANNELANNOUNCED, *Bob*, *pAlice,F*, *pBob,F*, *fchid*, *pchid*) to  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet,Open}}$ .
- 13:     **else if** both *Alice* and *Bob* are corrupted **then**
- 14:       forward message to  $\mathcal{A}$  //  $\mathcal{A}$  may open the channel or not
- 15:     **end if**
- 16: Upon receiving (FUNDINGLOCKED, *Alice*,  $\Sigma_{\text{Alice}}$ , *fchid*) from  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet,Open}}$ :
- 17:   execute lines 5-9 of Fig. 31 with *Alice*'s ITI, using  $\Sigma_{\text{Alice}}$  from message
- 18:   **if** *Bob* is honest **then**
- 19:     expect the delivery of *Alice*'s (FUNDINGLOCKED) message from  $\mathcal{A}$
- 20:     send (FUNDINGLOCKED, *fchid*) to  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet,Open}}$
- 21:   upon receiving (FUNDINGLOCKED, *Bob*,  $\Sigma_{\text{Bob}}$ , *fchid*) from  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet,Open}}$ :
- 22:   simulate Fig. 32 with message from *Alice* in *Bob*'s ITI, using  $\Sigma_{\text{Bob}}$  from  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet,Open}}$ 's message
- 23:   **end if**
- 24: Upon receiving the (FUNDINGLOCKED) message with the simulated *Alice* ITI:
- 25:   simulate Fig. 32 receiving the message with *Alice*'s ITI
- 26:   send (CHANNELOPENED, *fchid*) to  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet,Open}}$

Figure 51.

Fig. 15. Such a message is sent by  $\mathcal{S}_{\text{LN-Reg-Open}}$  of Fig. 51 either in lines 5/8, or in lines 4/12. One of the first pair of lines is executed only if  $\mathcal{S}_{\text{LN-Reg-Open}}$  receives (OPENCHANNEL, *Alice*, *Bob*, *x*, *fchid*, *tid*) from  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet,Open}}$  and the simulated  $\mathcal{A}$  allows a valid *Alice-Bob* interaction up to the point where *Alice* sends (SUBMIT) to  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}$ , whereas one of the second pair of lines is executed only if  $\mathcal{S}_{\text{LN-Reg-Open}}$  receives (OPENCHANNEL, *Bob*, *Alice*, *x*, *fchid*, *tid*) from  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet,Open}}$  and the simulated  $\mathcal{A}$  allows a valid *Alice-Bob* interaction up to the point where *Alice* sends (FUNDINGSIGNED) to *Bob*.

The last two points lead us to deduce that line 10 of Fig. 15 in the ideal and line 2 of Fig. 31 in the real world will allow execution to continue in the exact same cases with respect to the messages that  $\mathcal{E}$  and  $\mathcal{A}$  send. Given that execution continues, *Alice* subsequently sends (READ) to  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}$  and performs identical checks in both the ideal (Fig. 15, lines 13-14) and the real world (Fig. 31, lines 3-4).

Moving on, in the real world lines 5-9 of Fig. 31 are executed by *Alice* and, given that  $\mathcal{A}$  allows it, the code of Fig. 32 is executed by *Bob*. Likewise, in the ideal world, the functionality executes lines 15-16 of Fig. 31 and as a result it (always) sends (FUNDINGLOCKED, *Alice*,  $\Sigma_{\text{Alice}}$ , *fchid*) to  $\mathcal{S}_{\text{LN-Reg-Open}}$ . In turn  $\mathcal{S}_{\text{LN-Reg-Open}}$  simulates lines 5-9 of Fig. 31 with *Alice*'s ITI and, if  $\mathcal{A}$  allows it,  $\mathcal{S}_{\text{LN-Reg-Open}}$  simulates the code of Fig. 32 with *Bob*'s ITI. Once more we conclude that both worlds appear to behave identically to both  $\mathcal{E}$  and  $\mathcal{A}$  under the same inputs from them.  $\square$

#### Functionality $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet,Pay}}$

- 1: For messages REGISTER, REGISTERDONE, TOPPEDUP, OPENCHANNEL, CHANNELANNOUNCED, CHECKFORNEW, POLL, PAY, PUSHADD, PUSHFULFILL, FULFILLONCHAIN and COMMIT, act like  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$ , but skip lines that call `checkClosed()`.
- 2: Upon receiving any other message *M* from *Alice*:
- 3:   **if** *M* is a valid  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  message from a player **then**
- 4:     send (*M*, *Alice*) to  $\mathcal{S}$
- 5:   **end if**
- 6: Upon receiving any other message (*M*, *Alice*) from  $\mathcal{S}$ :
- 7:   **if** *M* is a valid  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  message from  $\mathcal{S}$  **then**
- 8:     send *M* to *Alice*
- 9:   **end if**

Figure 52.

#### Simulator $\mathcal{S}_{\text{LN-Reg-Open-Pay}} - \text{pay}$

Like  $\mathcal{S}_{\text{LN-Reg-Open}}$ . Differences:

- 1: Upon receiving (FULFILLONCHAIN, *t*, *Alice*) from  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet,Pay}}$ :
- 2:   execute lines 20-26 of Fig. 43 as *Alice*, using *t* from message
- 3: Upon receiving (PAY, *Alice*, *Bob*, *x*,  $\overrightarrow{\text{path}}$ , *receipt*, *payid*) from  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet,Pay}}$ :
- 4:   add ( $\overrightarrow{\text{path}}$ , *payid*) to *payids*
- 5:   strip *payid*, simulate receiving the message with *Alice* ITI and further execute the parts of  $\Pi_{\text{LN}}$  that correspond to honest parties (Fig. 35- Fig. 39)
- 6:   **if** any “ensure” in  $\Pi_{\text{LN}}$  fails until *Bob* processes UPDATEADDHTLC **then** // payment failed
- 7:     add ( $\perp$ , *payid*) to *charged*(*Alice*)
- 8:     remove ( $\overrightarrow{\text{path}}$ , *payid*) from *payids*
- 9:   **end if**
- 10: Upon receiving (POLL,  $\Sigma_{\text{Alice}}$ , *Alice*) from  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet,Pay}}$ :
- 11:   simulate Fig. 33, lines 3-27 receiving (POLL), using  $\Sigma_{\text{Alice}}$  from the message, with *Alice*'s ITI

Figure 53.

#### Simulator $\mathcal{S}_{\text{LN-Reg-Open-Pay}} - \text{resolve payments}$

- 1: Upon receiving any message with a concatenated (STATE,  $\Sigma$ ) part from  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet,Pay}}$ : // PAY, PUSHFULFILL, PUSHADD, COMMIT
- 2:   handle first part of the message normally
- 3:   **if** at the end of the simulation above, control is still held by  $\mathcal{S}_{\text{LN-Reg-Open-Pay}}$  **then**
- 4:     **for all**  $\Sigma_{\text{Alice}} \in \Sigma$  **do**
- 5:       **for all** ( $\overrightarrow{\text{path}}$ , *payid*)  $\in \text{payids} : \text{Alice} \in \overrightarrow{\text{path}}$  **do**
- 6:          **if** condition in Fig. 56 is met **then** // no or bad communication with *Bob*'s previous player
- 7:            execute effect in Fig. 56
- 8:          **else if** condition in Fig. 57 is met **then** // *Alice* did not fulfill in time
- 9:            execute effect in Fig. 57
- 10:         **else if** condition in Fig. 58 is met **then** // honest payment completed
- 11:            execute effect in Fig. 58
- 12:          **end if**
- 13:        **end for**
- 14:      **end for**
- 15:    **end if**
- 16:    clear *charged* and send (RESOLVEPAYS, *charged*) to  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet,Pay}}$

Figure 55.

**Simulator  $\mathcal{S}_{\text{LN-Reg-Open-Pay - push}}$**

- 1: Upon receiving (PUSHFULFILL,  $pchid$ ,  $Alice$ ) from  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet,Pay}}$ :
- 2: simulate Fig. 43, lines 1-12 on input (PUSHFULFILL,  $pchid$ ) with  $Alice$ 's ITI and handle subsequent messages by simulating respective ITIs of honest players or sending to  $\mathcal{A}$  the messages for corrupted players
- 3: Upon receiving (PUSHADD,  $pchid$ ,  $Alice$ ) from  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet,Pay}}$ :
- 4: simulate Fig. 43, lines 13-17 on input (PUSHADD,  $pchid$ ) with  $Alice$ 's ITI and handle subsequent messages by simulating respective ITIs of honest players or sending to  $\mathcal{A}$  the messages for corrupted players
- 5: Upon receiving (COMMIT,  $pchid$ ,  $Alice$ ) from  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet,Pay}}$ :
- 6: simulate Fig. 40 on input (COMMIT,  $pchid$ ) with  $Alice$ 's ITI and handle subsequent messages by simulating respective ITIs of honest players or sending to  $\mathcal{A}$  the messages for corrupted players
- 7: **if** during the simulation above, line 10 of Fig. 42 is simulated in  $Alice$ 's ITI **then**
- 8: send (UPDATE,  $\text{receipt}$ ,  $Alice$ ) to  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet,Pay}}$ , where  $\text{receipt}$  is the receipt just added to the simulated **updatesToReport** (Fig. 42, line 10)
- 9: upon receiving (CONTINUE) from  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet,Pay}}$ , carry on with the simulation
- 10: **end if**

Figure 54.

**Simulator  $\mathcal{S}_{\text{LN-Reg-Open-Pay - corrupted charged}}$**

*Condition:*

- 1:  $Alice$  sent UPDATEFULFILLHTLC to a corrupted player and either (got the fulfillment of the HTLC irrevocably committed OR fulfilled the HTLC on-chain (i.e. HTLC-success is in  $\Sigma_{Alice}$ )), AND the next honest player  $Bob$  down the line successfully timed out the HTLC on-chain (i.e. HTLC-timeout is in  $\Sigma_{Bob}$ )

*Effect:*

- 2: add to **charged**( $Alice$ ) a tuple (**corrupted**,  $\text{payid}$ ) where **corrupted** is set to one of the corrupted parties between  $Alice$  and  $Bob$
- 3: remove ( $\text{path}$ ,  $\text{payid}$ ) from **payids**

Figure 56.

**Simulator  $\mathcal{S}_{\text{LN-Reg-Open-Pay - no timely fulfill}}$**

*Condition:*

- 1:  $\Sigma_{Alice}$  contains an old **remoteCom<sub>m</sub>** of the channel before  $Alice$  (closer to payer) on the **path** that does not contain the relevant HTLC and a tx that spends the delayed output of **remoteCom<sub>m</sub>**  $\vee$  ( $\Sigma_{Alice}$  contains the most recent **remoteCom<sub>n</sub>** or **localCom<sub>n</sub>** of the channel before  $Alice$  and the HTLC-success of the relevant HTLC  $\vee$   $Alice$ 's latest irrevocably committed **remoteCom<sub>n</sub>** for the channel before  $Alice$  does not contain the HTLC)  $\wedge$   $\Sigma_{Alice}$  contains the most recent **remoteCom<sub>i</sub>** or **localCom<sub>i</sub>** and (the HTLC-timeout or an HTLC-success that pays the counterparty) for HTLC of the channel after  $Alice$ )

*Effect:*

- 2: add ( $Alice$ ,  $\text{payid}$ ) to **charged**( $Alice$ )
- 3: remove ( $\text{path}$ ,  $\text{payid}$ ) from **payids**

Figure 57.

**Simulator  $\mathcal{S}_{\text{LN-Reg-Open-Pay - honest payment}}$**

*Condition:*

- 1:  $Alice$  is the payer in  $\text{path}$  AND ((she has received UPDATEFULFILLHTLC AND has subsequently sent COMMIT and REVOKEANDACK) OR player after  $Alice$  has irrevocably fulfilled the HTLC on-chain (i.e. his HTLC-success is in  $\Sigma_{Alice}$ ))

*Effect:*

- 2: add ( $Alice$ ,  $\text{payid}$ ) to **charged**( $Alice$ )
- 3: remove ( $\text{path}$ ,  $\text{payid}$ ) from **payids**

Figure 58.

**Lemma 7.**

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \forall k \in \mathbb{N}, \text{PPT } \mathcal{E}, \\
 & |\Pr[\text{EXEC}_{\text{LN-Reg-Open-Pay}, \mathcal{E}}^{\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet,Open}}, \mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}} = 1] - \\
 & \Pr[\text{EXEC}_{\text{LN-Reg-Open-Pay}, \mathcal{E}}^{\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet,Pay}}, \mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}} = 1]| \leq \\
 & nm \cdot \text{E-ds}(k) + 3np \cdot \text{E-ibs}(k) + \\
 & nmp \cdot \text{E-share}(k) + \text{E-prf}(k) + nm \cdot \text{E-master}(k) .
 \end{aligned}$$

*Proof:* Before focusing on individual messages sent by  $\mathcal{E}$ , we will first prove that four particular forgery events happen with negligible probability. Let  $P$  be the event in which at some point during the execution a transaction that has the following two characteristics appears in  $\Sigma_{Alice}$ , for some honest player  $Alice$ : it spends a funding transaction of a channel that contains  $Alice$  (and thus has a  $p_{Alice,F}$  public key) and it was never signed by  $Alice$ . Suppose that  $m$  is the maximum number of channels that a player can open and  $\exists \text{PPT } \mathcal{E}_P : \Pr[P] = a$ . We show in Proposition 3 that  $\forall \mathcal{E}, \Pr[P] \leq nm \cdot \text{E-ds}(k)$ .

Let  $Q$  be the event in which at some point during the execution a transaction that has the following two



characteristics appears in  $\Sigma_{Alice}$ , for some honest player *Alice*: it spends a simple output, delayed output or htlc output tied with a public key that was created by *Alice* ( $p_{Alice, \text{pay}, n}$ ,  $p_{Alice, \text{dpay}, n}$ ,  $p_{Alice, \text{htlc}, n}$  respectively) and it was never signed by *Alice*. Suppose that  $p$  is the maximum total number of opens and updates that a player can perform and that  $\exists \text{PPT } \mathcal{E}_Q : \Pr[Q] = b$ . We show in Proposition 4 that  $\forall \mathcal{E}, \Pr[Q] \leq 3np \cdot \text{E-ibs}(k)$ .

Let  $R$  be the event in which at some point during the execution a transaction that has the following characteristic appears in  $\Sigma_{Alice}$ , for some honest player *Alice*: it spends the revocation output of a local (for *Alice*) commitment transaction for a channel that contains *Alice* and *Bob* (and thus has a  $p_{Bob, \text{rev}, n}$  key). Observe that, since *Alice* is honest and according to both the real and the ideal execution, if *Alice* submits her local commitment transaction  $\text{localCom}_n$  to the ledger, under no circumstances does she subsequently go on to send  $s_{Alice, \text{com}, n}$  to any party. (This secret information could be used by *Bob* to efficiently compute  $s_{Bob, \text{rev}, n}$  with  $\text{COMBINEKEY}(pb_{Bob, \text{rev}}, sb_{Bob, \text{rev}}, p_{Alice, \text{com}, n}, s_{Alice, \text{com}, n})$ .) Suppose that  $p$  is the maximum total number of opens and updates that a player can perform,  $m$  is the maximum number of opens a player can perform and  $\exists \text{PPT } \mathcal{E}_R : \Pr[R] = c$ . We show in Proposition 5 that  $\forall \mathcal{E}, \Pr[R] \leq nmp \cdot \text{E-share}(k) + \text{E-prf}(k)$ .

Lastly, let  $S$  be the event in which at some point during the execution a transaction that has the following two characteristics appears in  $\Sigma_{Alice}$ , for some honest player *Alice*: (a) it spends the revocation output of a remote (for *Alice*) commitment transaction for a channel that contains *Alice* (and thus has a  $p_{Alice, \text{rev}, n}$  key) and (b) it was never signed by *Alice*. Observe that, since *Alice* is honest, she has never sent  $s_{Alice, \text{rev}, n}$  to any party. Suppose that  $m$  is the maximum total number of opens and updates that a player can perform and that  $\exists \text{PPT } \mathcal{E}_S : \Pr[S] = d$ . We show in Proposition 6 that  $\forall \mathcal{E}, \Pr[S] \leq nm \cdot \text{E-master}(k)$ .

We can now move on to treating individual messages sent by  $\mathcal{E}$  during the execution. When  $\mathcal{E}$  sends  $(\text{PAY}, \text{Bob}, x, \overrightarrow{\text{path}}, \text{payid})$  to *Alice* in the ideal world,  $\mathcal{S}_{\text{LN-Reg-Open}}$  is always notified (Fig. 16, line 4) and simulates the relevant execution of the real world (Fig. 53, line 5). No messages to  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}$  or  $\mathcal{E}$  that differ from the real world are generated in the process. At the end of this simulation, no further messages are sent (and the control returns to  $\mathcal{E}$ ). Therefore, when  $\mathcal{E}$  sends  $\text{PAY}$ , no opportunity for distinguishability arises.

When  $\mathcal{E}$  sends any message of  $(\text{PUSHADD}, \text{pchid})$ ,  $(\text{PUSHFULFILL}, \text{pchid})$ ,  $(\text{COMMIT}, \text{pchid})$  to *Alice* in the ideal world, it is forwarded to  $\mathcal{S}_{\text{LN-Reg-Open}}$  (Fig. 23, lines 2, 4, 6 respectively), who in turn simulates *Alice*'s real-world execution with her simulated ITI and the handling of any subsequent messages sent by *Alice*'s ITI (Fig. 54, lines 2, 4, 6). Neither  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet, Pay}}$  nor  $\mathcal{S}_{\text{LN-Reg-Open}}$  alter their state as a result of these mes-

sages, apart from the state of *Alice*'s simulated ITI and the state of other simulated ITIs that receive and handle messages that were sent as a result of *Alice*'s ITI simulation. The states of these ITIs are modified in the exact same way as they would in the real world. We deduce that these three messages do not introduce any opportunity for  $\mathcal{E}$  to distinguish the real and the ideal world.

When  $\mathcal{E}$  sends  $(\text{FULFILLONCHAIN})$  to *Alice* in the real world, lines 18-26 of Fig. 43 are executed by *Alice*. In the ideal world on the other hand,  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet, Pay}}$  sends  $(\text{READ})$  to  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}$  (Fig. 23, line 8) as *Alice* and subsequently instructs  $\mathcal{S}_{\text{LN-Reg-Open}}$  to simulate the receiving of  $(\text{FULFILLONCHAIN})$  with *Alice*'s ITI (Fig. 53, lines 1-2). Observe that during this simulation a second  $(\text{READ})$  message to  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}$  (that would not match any message in the real world) is avoided because  $\mathcal{S}_{\text{LN-Reg-Open}}$  skips line 19 of Fig. 43, using as  $t$  the one received from  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet, Pay}}$  in the message  $(\text{FULFILLONCHAIN}, t, \text{Alice})$ . Since  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet, Pay}}$  sends  $(\text{READ})$  to  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}$  as *Alice* and given that after  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}$  replies, control is given directly to  $\mathcal{S}_{\text{LN-Reg-Open}}$ , the  $t$  used during the simulation of *Alice*'s ITI is identical to the one that *Alice* would obtain in the real-world execution. The rest of the simulation is thus identical with the real-world execution, therefore  $\text{FULFILLONCHAIN}$  does not introduce any opportunity for distinguishability.

When  $\mathcal{E}$  sends  $(\text{POLL})$  to *Alice*, the first action is sending  $(\text{READ})$  as *Alice* to  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}$  both in the ideal (Fig. 22, line 4) and the real (Fig. 33, line 2) worlds. Subsequently, in the real world lines 3-27 of Fig. 33 are executed by *Alice*, whereas in the ideal world, given that the checks of lines 10 and 5 do not lead to a bad event (and thus given that the functionality does not halt in lines 11 or 6), a  $(\text{POLL})$  message is sent to  $\mathcal{S}_{\text{LN-Reg-Open}}$ . We will prove later that  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet, Pay}}$  does not halt here. Upon receiving  $(\text{POLL})$ ,  $\mathcal{S}_{\text{LN-Reg-Open}}$  simulates receiving  $(\text{POLL})$  with *Alice*'s ITI (Fig. 53, line 11), but does not  $\text{READ}$  from  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}$  and uses instead the  $\Sigma_{Alice}$  provided along with the message. A reasoning identical to that found in the previous paragraph shows that this  $\Sigma_{Alice}$  is exactly the same as that which *Alice*'s ITI would obtain had it executed line 2 of Fig. 33 and thus the simulation of *Alice*'s ITI is identical to what would happen in the same case in the real world, up to and including line 27 of Fig. 33.

The event  $E$  in which  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet, Pay}}$  executes line 6 of Fig. 22 and halts can only happen if there is a non-commitment transaction that contains a valid signature by the  $p_{Alice, F}$  key that is needed to spend the funding transaction of an open channel. According to  $\Pi_{\text{LN}}$ , *Alice* signs with her  $s_{Alice, F}$  key only commitment transactions. Therefore  $E \subset P \Rightarrow \Pr[E | \neg P] = 0$ .

Let  $E'$  the "bad" event in which  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet, Pay}}$  executes line 11 of Fig. 22 and halts. We will now prove that, during  $\text{EXEC}_{\mathcal{S}_{\text{LN-Reg-Open- Pay}}, \mathcal{E}}$ , it is  $\Pr[E' | \neg P \wedge \neg Q \wedge \neg R \wedge \neg S] = 0$ . The condition of Fig. 22, line 10 is trig-

gered if the delayed output (that of the malicious party) of  $\mathbf{tx}_1$  has been spent by the transaction  $\mathbf{tx}_2$  in  $\Sigma_{Alice}$  (event  $E'_1$ ) and  $\text{polls}(Alice)$  contains an element in  $[h_1, h_1 + \text{delay}(Alice) - 1]$ , where  $h_1$  is the block height where  $\mathbf{tx}_1$  is (event  $E'_2$ ). Observe that  $E' = E'_1 \wedge E'_2$ . We note that the elements in  $\text{polls}(Alice)$  correspond to the block heights of  $\Sigma_{Alice}$  at the moments when  $Alice$  POLLS (Fig. 22, line 3). Consider the following two events:  $E'_{1,1} : \mathbf{tx}_2$  spends the delayed output with a signature valid by the delayed payment public key after the lock-time expires.  $E'_{1,2} : \mathbf{tx}_2$  spends the delayed output with a signature valid by the revocation public key  $p_{Alice,rev}$ . Note that  $E'_1 = E'_{1,1} \vee E'_{1,2}$  and  $E'_{1,1}, E'_{1,2}$  are mutually exclusive (since the same output cannot be spent twice). Observe that  $E'_{1,2} \subset S$ , thus  $\Pr[E'_{1,2} | \neg S] = 0$ . We now concentrate on the event  $E'_{1,1}$ . Due to the fact that  $\mathbf{tx}_2$  spends an output locked with a relative timelock of length  $\text{delay}(Alice) + (2 + r)\text{windowSize}$ , the commitment transaction  $\mathbf{tx}_1$  can reside in a block of maximum height  $h_1 \leq h_2 - \text{delay}(Alice) - (2 + r)\text{windowSize}$ , where  $h_2$  is the block height where  $\mathbf{tx}_2$  is. If  $Alice$  POLLS on a moment when  $|\Sigma_{Alice}| \geq h_1$ ,  $\Sigma_{Alice}$  necessarily contains  $\mathbf{tx}_1$ . Furthermore, if  $Alice$  POLLS on a moment when  $|\Sigma_{Alice}| \leq h_1 + \text{delay}(Alice) - 1 \leq h_2 - (2 + r)\text{windowSize} - 1$ , she sees  $\mathbf{tx}_1$  and directly submits the punishment transaction  $\mathbf{tx}_3$  (which she has, given that a maliciously closed channel is defined as one where the non-closing party has the punishment transaction) (Fig. 34, lines 19-21). Given that  $\mathbf{tx}_3$  is broadcast when  $|\Sigma_{Alice}| \leq h_2 - (2 + r)\text{windowSize}$ , it is guaranteed to be on-chain in a block  $h_3 \leq h_2$  (according to Proposition 1). Since  $\mathbf{tx}_3$  spends the same funds as  $\mathbf{tx}_2$ , the two cannot be part of the chain simultaneously. Since  $E'_{1,1} \Rightarrow \Sigma_{Alice}$  contains  $\mathbf{tx}_2$  and  $E'_2 \Rightarrow \Sigma_{Alice}$  contains  $\mathbf{tx}_3$ ,  $E'_{1,1}$  and  $E'_2$  are mutually exclusive. Therefore, assuming  $\neg P \wedge \neg Q \wedge \neg R \wedge \neg S$ , it is  $\Pr[E'] = \Pr[(E'_{1,1} \vee E'_{1,2}) \wedge E'_2] = \Pr[(E'_{1,1} \wedge E'_2) \vee (E'_{1,2} \wedge E'_2)] \leq \Pr[E'_{1,1} \wedge E'_2] + \Pr[E'_{1,2} \wedge E'_2] = \Pr[E'_{1,2} \wedge E'_2] \leq \Pr[E'_{1,2}] = 0$ . We conclude that, given  $\neg P \wedge \neg Q \wedge \neg R \wedge \neg S$  POLL introduces no opportunity for distinguishability.

We now treat the effects of the (STATE,  $\Sigma$ ) message that  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet,Pay}}$  sends to  $\mathcal{S}_{\text{LN-Reg-Open}}$ , appended to PAY, PUSHFULFILL, PUSHADD and COMMIT messages. We first observe that the (STATE) message is handled after handling the first message (which is of one of the four aforementioned types) (Fig. 55, line 2). It may be the case that at the end of the handling of line 2,  $\mathcal{S}_{\text{LN-Reg-Open}}$  does not have control of the execution. That can happen if a simulated ITI sends a message to a corrupted player and that player does not respond (e.g. in Fig. 35, line 6, when the first message is  $(\text{PAY}, Bob, x, \text{path})$  and  $Bob$  is corrupted), or if the handling of the message results in sending (SUBMIT) to  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}$  (e.g. in Fig. 43, line 11 when the first message is (PUSHFULFILL,  $pchid$ ) and counterparty has gone on-chain). In that case, the (STATE) message is simply ignored (Fig. 55, line 3) and does not influence execution

in any way.

In the case when (STATE,  $\Sigma$ ) is handled,  $\mathcal{S}_{\text{LN-Reg-Open}}$  attempts to specify who was charged for each pending payment, based on the information that the potentially paying party sees in its view of the  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}$  state (Fig. 55, lines 4-14). The resolution is then sent to  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet,Pay}}$  with the message (RESOLVEPAYS, charged).  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet,Pay}}$  handles this message in Fig. 17 and 19, where, if it does not halt (Fig. 17, lines 16, 19 and 27 and Fig. 19, line 10), it updates the state of each affected channel (Fig. 19, line 4) and does not send any message, thus control returns to  $\mathcal{E}$ . We will prove that, under  $\neg P \wedge \neg Q \wedge \neg R \wedge \neg S$ ,  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet,Pay}}$  does not halt and thus conclude that the handling of a (STATE) message does not introduce opportunity for distinguishability.

$\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet,Pay}}$  halts in line 16 of Fig. 17 if the honest player  $Dave$  was charged for a payment over a channel that was closed without using a commitment transaction. Like  $E$ , this event is a subset of  $P$ , thus cannot happen given  $\neg P$ .

$\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet,Pay}}$  halts in line 19 of Fig. 17 if the player  $Dave$  charged is an honest member of the payment path, has POLLED in time to catch a malicious closure (event  $A$ ) but a malicious closure succeeded (event  $B$ ).  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet,Pay}}$  halts in line 27 of Fig. 17 if  $Dave$  is not the payer, no malicious closure succeeded ( $\neg B$ ) and  $Dave$  has POLLED in time twice to learn the preimage of the HTLC early enough (event  $C$ ) and has attempted to fulfill on chain at the right moment (event  $D$ ).  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet,Pay}}$  also halts if the two expiries do not have the expected distance (event  $F$ ) – i.e. halts in the event  $(A \wedge B) \vee (\neg B \wedge (F \vee (C \wedge D)))$ .  $\mathcal{S}_{\text{LN-Reg-Open}}$  decides that  $Dave$  is charged if his previous counterparty did a malicious closure to a channel version without the HTLC and spent their (delayed) output ( $B$ ), or if his next counterparty fulfilled (event  $G$ ) and his previous counterparty timed out the HTLC (event  $H$ ) (Fig. 55, line 8), – i.e.  $Dave$  is charged in the event  $B \vee (G \wedge H)$ .

We will now show that  $\Pr[A \wedge B | \neg P \wedge \neg Q \wedge \neg R \wedge \neg S] = 0 \wedge \Pr[(C \wedge D) \wedge (G \wedge H) | \neg P \wedge \neg Q \wedge \neg R \wedge \neg S] = 0 \wedge \Pr[F \wedge (G \wedge H) | \neg P \wedge \neg Q \wedge \neg R \wedge \neg S] = 0$ , from which we can deduce that  $\Pr[(A \wedge B) \vee ((F \vee (C \wedge D)) \wedge (G \wedge H)) | \neg P \wedge \neg Q \wedge \neg R \wedge \neg S] = 0$  and thus  $\Pr[((A \wedge B) \vee (\neg B \wedge (F \vee (C \wedge D)))) \wedge (B \vee (G \wedge H)) | \neg P \wedge \neg Q \wedge \neg R \wedge \neg S] = 0$ . This last step holds because  $(A \wedge B) \vee ((F \vee (C \wedge D)) \wedge (G \wedge H)) = (A \wedge B) \vee ((F \vee (C \wedge D)) \wedge G \wedge H)$  and  $((A \wedge B) \vee (\neg B \wedge (F \vee (C \wedge D)))) \wedge (B \vee (G \wedge H)) = (A \wedge B) \vee (\neg B \wedge (F \vee (C \wedge D))) \wedge G \wedge H$  and the latter is a subset of the former.

The analysis of the event  $A \wedge B$  is identical to the one we did previously for the events  $E'_1, E'_2$ , with  $A$  corresponding to  $E'_2$  and  $B$  to  $E'_1$ . We thus deduce that  $\Pr[A \wedge B | \neg P \wedge \neg Q \wedge \neg R \wedge \neg S] = 0$ .

Event  $F$  is true only if  $\text{IncomingCltvExpiry} - \text{OutgoingCltvExpiry} < \text{relayDelay}(Alice) + (2 + r)\text{windowSize}$ . This cannot happen however for any honest  $Alice$ , since  $S$  will simulate line 9 of Fig. 38

with *Alice*'s ITI before having her agree to participate as an intermediary in the multi-hop payment. Therefore  $\Pr[F \wedge (G \wedge H) | \neg P \wedge \neg Q \wedge \neg R \wedge \neg S] = 0$ .

The only way for event  $C$  to be true is if  $\mathcal{E}$  sends (POLL) to *Dave* during the prescribed time period (Fig. 22, line 3) – note that the addition to `polls(Dave)` during registration (Fig. 14, line 9) cannot be within the desired range due to the fact that `OutgoingCltvExpiry` is not smaller than the chain height when the corresponding (INVOICE) was received (Fig. 36, line 8), registration happens necessarily before handling (INVOICE) (Fig. 14, line 23) and the element added to `polls(Dave)` at registration is the chain height at that time (Fig. 14, line 9). When *Dave* receives (POLL),  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}, \text{Pay}}$  always sends (GETCLOSEDFUNDS) to  $\mathcal{S}_{\text{LN-Reg-Open}}$  (Fig. 22, line 17) (since, as we saw earlier,  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}, \text{Pay}}$  never halts).

Event  $H$  happens only when the previous counterparty successfully appends HTLC-timeout to  $\Sigma_{\text{Dave}}$ , which is a valid transaction only from the block of height `IncomingCltvExpiry` + 1 and on, or if the previous counterparty learns the preimage of the HTLC and forges a signature valid by *Dave*'s public HTLC key, or if the previous counterparty forges a signature valid by *Dave*'s public revocation key; the two latter scenarios can never happen. Thus, given that  $G$  happens until a moment when  $|\Sigma_{\text{Dave}}| \leq \text{IncomingCltvExpiry} - (2 + r)\text{windowSize}$ , *Dave* has the time to successfully fulfill the HTLC. Given  $C$ , *Dave* has POLLED at two moments  $h_1, h_2 \in [\text{OutgoingCltvExpiry}, \text{IncomingCltvExpiry} - (2 + r)\text{windowSize}]$ , such that  $h_2 \geq h_1 + (2 + r)\text{windowSize}$ . If  $\Sigma_{\text{Dave}}$  contains the preimage at moment  $h_1$  or  $h_2$ , then *Dave* may try to update the previous channel off-chain if he receives a (PUSHFULFILL) for that channel (Fig. 43, lines 1-11), and if the off-chain update is never attempted (because (PUSHFULFILL) and (COMMIT) are not received) or fails (because the previous counterparty does not send (REVOKEANDACK)), then the (FULFILLONCHAIN) that he receives according to  $D$  will make him submit HTLC-success (Fig. 43, lines 18-26) and have it on-chain by block of height `IncomingCltvExpiry` (Proposition 1). Furthermore, in the case that the HTLC-success is not found at the (POLL) of  $h_1$ , *Dave* immediately submits HTLC-timeout (Fig. 34, line 9), which either ends up in  $\Sigma_{\text{Dave}}$  by block height  $h_1 + (2 + r)\text{windowSize}$  (Proposition 1) or is rejected because the counterparty managed to append HTLC-success before it. In the first case, *Dave* is not charged for the payment. In the second case, the second (POLL) (at block height  $h_2$ ) necessarily reveals the HTLC-success to *Dave* and subsequently the (FULFILLONCHAIN) causes *Dave* to fulfill the HTLC with the previous counterparty, as argued above. Therefore in no case *Dave* is charged for the payment, i.e.  $\Pr[(C \wedge D) \wedge (G \wedge H) | \neg P \wedge \neg Q \wedge \neg R \wedge \neg S] = 0$ .

It remains to be proven that the halt of line 10 in Fig. 19 does not occur with non-negligible probability. Indeed,  $\mathcal{S}$  only reports the payment as resolved in RE-

SOLVEPAYS if a party has been irrevocably charged for it (Fig. 55, lines 6, 8, or 10). In all three cases, all channels that follow the **charged** party on the `path` have either been closed or irrevocably updated to a newer version that includes the new balance. Since  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  may only halt for a `channel` that has not been declared or confirmed as closed (Fig. 19, lines 1 and 9), all channels that can cause a halt are channels that have the update of this payment irrevocably committed. This only happens when both sides send a REVOKEANDACK that updates the channel from a version that contains the relevant HTLC to a version that doesn't; and when an honest party receives such a REVOKEANDACK message, it logs the update in `updatesToReport` (Fig. 42, line 10) which causes  $\mathcal{S}$  to report the update to  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  (Fig. 54, line 8). We therefore conclude that  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  never halts on line 10 of Fig. 19.

To conclude, given  $\neg P \wedge \neg Q \wedge \neg R \wedge \neg S$ , it is  $\text{EXEC}_{\mathcal{S}_{\text{LN-Reg-Open}}, \mathcal{E}}^{\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}, \text{Open}}, \mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}} = \text{EXEC}_{\mathcal{S}_{\text{LN-Reg-Open-Pay}}, \mathcal{E}}^{\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}, \text{Pay}}, \mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}}$ . If we allow for forgeries again, i.e. if we allow the event  $P \vee Q \vee R \vee S$ , we observe that  $\Pr[P \vee Q \vee R \vee S] \leq nm \cdot \text{E-ds}(k) + 3np \cdot \text{E-ibs}(k) + nmp \cdot \text{E-share}(k) + \text{E-prf}(k) + nm \cdot \text{E-master}(k)$ , where  $n$  is the number of players,  $m$  is the maximum channels a player can open and  $p$  is the maximum number of updates a player can perform. We thus deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} & \forall k \in \mathbb{N}, \text{PPT } \mathcal{E}, \\ & |\Pr[\text{EXEC}_{\mathcal{S}_{\text{LN-Reg-Open}}, \mathcal{E}}^{\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}, \text{Open}}, \mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}} = 1] - \\ & - \Pr[\text{EXEC}_{\mathcal{S}_{\text{LN-Reg-Open-Pay}}, \mathcal{E}}^{\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}, \text{Pay}}, \mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}} = 1]| \leq \\ & nm \cdot \text{E-ds}(k) + 3np \cdot \text{E-ibs}(k) + \\ & nmp \cdot \text{E-share}(k) + \text{E-prf}(k) + nm \cdot \text{E-master}(k) . \end{aligned}$$

□

**Lemma 8.**

$$\begin{aligned} & \forall k \in \mathbb{N}, \text{PPT } \mathcal{E}, \\ & |\Pr[\text{EXEC}_{\mathcal{S}_{\text{LN-Reg-Open-Pay}}, \mathcal{E}}^{\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}, \text{Pay}}, \mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}} = 1] - \\ & - \Pr[\text{EXEC}_{\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{E}}^{\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}, \mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}} = 1]| \leq \\ & nm \cdot \text{E-ds}(k) + 3np \cdot \text{E-ibs}(k) + \\ & nmp \cdot \text{E-share}(k) + \text{E-prf}(k) + nm \cdot \text{E-master}(k) . \end{aligned}$$

*Proof:* Like in the previous proof, we here also assume that  $\neg P \wedge \neg Q \wedge \neg R \wedge \neg S$  holds.

When  $\mathcal{E}$  sends (FORCECLOSECHANNEL, `receipt`, `pchid`) to *Alice*, in the ideal world, if it is not the first such message to *Alice* for this channel, the message is ignored (Fig. 20, line 10). Similarly in the real world, if there has been another such message, *Alice* ignores it (Fig. 44, lines 14 and 2).

In the case that it is indeed the first FORCECLOSECHANNEL message for this channel, in the ideal world  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  takes note that this close is pending (Fig. 20, lines 8-9) and stops serving more requests for this channel (line 10), before asking  $\mathcal{S}$  to carry out



### Simulator $\mathcal{S}$

Like  $\mathcal{S}_{\text{LN-Reg-Open-Pay}}$ . Differences:

- 1: Upon receiving (**FORCECLOSECHANNEL**, **receipt**, *pchid*, *Alice*) from  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$ :
- 2:     simulate Fig. 44 receiving (**FORCECLOSECHANNEL**, **receipt**, *pchid*) with *Alice*'s ITI
- 3: Upon receiving (**CLOSECHANNEL**, **receipt**, *pchid*, *Alice*) from  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$ :
- 4:     simulate the interaction between *Alice* and *Bob* in Fig. 45, starting with *Alice* receiving (**CLOSECHANNEL**, **receipt**, *pchid*) with *Alice*'s ITI. If *Bob* is honest, simulate his part as well; if not, let  $\mathcal{A}$  handle his part.
- 5: every time **closedChannels** of *Alice* is updated with data from a **channel** (Fig. 44, line 13, Fig 45, line 23 and Fig. 34, line 23), send (**CLOSECHANNEL**, **channel**, *Alice*) to  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  and expect (**CONTINUE**) from  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  to resume simulation

Figure 59.

channel closing (Fig. 20, line 11).  $\mathcal{S}$  then simulates the response to the original message from  $\mathcal{E}$  with *Alice*'s ITI (Fig. 59). Observe that, since  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  has ensured that this is the first request for closing this particular channel, the simulated check of line 2 in Fig. 44 always passes and the rest of Fig. 44 is executed. In the real world, the check also passes (since we are in the case where this is the first closing message) and Fig. 44 is executed by the real *Alice* in its entirety. Therefore, when  $\mathcal{E}$  sends **FORCECLOSECHANNEL**, no opportunity for distinguishability arises.

When  $\mathcal{E}$  sends (**CLOSECHANNEL**, **receipt**, *pchid*) to *Alice*, in both the ideal and the real world the request will be further processed only if the identical checks of Fig. 20, line 2 and Fig. 45, line 2 respectively pass. Further, in the ideal world, if *Alice* has already received a closing message for this channel (either **CLOSECHANNEL** or **FORCECLOSECHANNEL**), the message is ignored (Fig. 20, lines 5 and 10). Likewise in the real world, if *Alice* has received another such message, she ignores it (Fig. 45, line 3 and Fig. 44, line 14).

In the case that this is the first closing message for this channel, in the ideal world  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  takes note that this close is pending (Fig. 20, lines 3-4) and stops serving more **CLOSECHANNEL** requests for this channel (Fig. 20, line 5), before asking  $\mathcal{S}$  to carry out the cooperative channel closing negotiation (Fig. 20, line 6).  $\mathcal{S}$  then simulates the negotiation, respecting the fact that the counterparty may be corrupted (Fig. 59, line 4 and Fig. 45). Observe that all checks of Fig. 45 (lines 2, 6, 13, 21, 22 and 26) will either succeed or fail in both the real and the ideal world in the same manner, since the same code is run in both cases (simulated in the ideal, directly in

the real) and the inputs and state are, as we have seen, indistinguishable up to that point. Furthermore, for the same reason, if *Bob* is corrupted in the ideal world at the moment when *Alice* sends him **SHUTDOWN**, he would also be corrupted in the real world at the corresponding moment. Therefore, when  $\mathcal{E}$  sends **CLOSECHANNEL**, no opportunity for distinguishability arises.

When  $\mathcal{E}$  sends (**GETNEWS**) to *Alice*, in the ideal world  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  sends (**NEWS**, **newChannels**(*Alice*), **closedChannels**(*Alice*), **updatesToReport**(*Alice*)) to  $\mathcal{E}$  and empties these fields (Fig. 23, lines 12-13). In the real world, *Alice* sends (**NEWS**, **newChannels**, **closedChannels**, **updatesToReport**) to  $\mathcal{E}$  and empties these fields as well (Fig. 33, lines 28-29). **newChannels**(*Alice*) in the ideal world is populated in two cases: First, when  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  receives (**CHANNELOPENED**) after *Alice* has previously received (**CHECKFORNEW**) (Fig. 15, line 30). This happens when the simulated *Alice* ITI handles a **FUNDINGLOCKED** message from *Bob* (Fig. 51, line 26). In the real world *Alice* would have modified her **newChannels** while handling *Bob*'s **FUNDINGLOCKED** (Fig. 32, line 13), thus as far as this case is concerned, **newChannels** has the same contents in the real world as does **newChannels**(*Alice*) in the ideal. The other case when **newChannels**(*Alice*) is populated is when  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  receives (**FUNDINGLOCKED**) after *Bob* has previously received (**CHECKFORNEW**) (Fig. 15, line 22). This (**FUNDINGLOCKED**) can only be sent by  $\mathcal{S}$  if *Alice* is honest and right before the receiving of (**FUNDINGLOCKED**) is simulated with her ITI (Fig. 51, lines 17-22). In the real world, *Alice*'s **newChannels** would be populated upon handling the same (**FUNDINGLOCKED**). Therefore the **newChannels** part of the message is identical in the real and the ideal world at every moment when  $\mathcal{E}$  can send (**GETNEWS**).

Moving on to **closedChannels**(*Alice*), we observe that  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  adds **channel** information when it receives (**CLOSECHANNEL**, **channel**, *Alice*) from  $\mathcal{S}$  (Fig. 20, line 14), which in turn happens exactly when the simulated *Alice* ITI adds the **channel** to her **closedChannels** (Fig. 59, line 5). Therefore the real and ideal **closedChannels** are always synchronized.

Regarding **updatesToReport**, in the real world it is populated exclusively in line 10 of Fig. 42. In the ideal world on the other hand, it is updated in line 6 of Fig. 16, which is triggered only by an (**UPDATE**) message by  $\mathcal{S}$ . This message is sent only when line 10 of Fig. 42 is simulated by  $\mathcal{S}$  (Fig. 54, line 8). In the real world, this happens only after receiving a valid (**REVOKEANDACK**) message from the channel counterparty and after first having sent a corresponding (**COMMITMENTSIGNED**) message (Fig. 42, line 2 and Fig. 41, lines 5 and 16), which happens only after receiving (**COMMIT**) from  $\mathcal{E}$ . In the ideal world a simulation of the same events can only happen in the exact same case, i.e. when  $\mathcal{E}$  sends an identical (**COMMIT**) to the same player. Indeed,  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  simply forwards this message to  $\mathcal{S}$  (Fig. 23, line 6), who

in turn simply simulates the response to the message with the simulated ITI that corresponds to the player that would receive the message in the real world (Fig. 54, line 6). We conclude that the `updatesToReport` sent to  $\mathcal{E}$  in either the real or the ideal world are always identical.

Lastly, in the ideal world, whenever (READ) is sent to  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}$  and a reply is received, the function `checkClosed` (Fig. 21) is called with the reply of the  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}$  as argument. This function does not generate new messages, but may cause the  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  to halt. We will now prove that this never happens.

$\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  halts in line 17 of Fig. 21 in case a channel is closed without using a commitment transaction. Similarly to event  $E$  in the proof of Lemma 7, this event is a subset of  $P$  and thus is impossible to happen given that we assume  $\neg P$ .

$\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  halts in line 20 of Fig. 21 in case a malicious closure by the counterparty was successful, in spite of the fact that *Alice* polled in time to apply the punishment. A (POLL) message to *Alice* within the prescribed time frame (line 19) would cause  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  to alert  $\mathcal{S}$  (Fig. 22, line 17), who in turn would submit the punishment transaction in time to prevent the counterparty from spending the delayed payment (Fig. 34, lines 19-21). Therefore the only way for a malicious counterparty to spend the delayed output before *Alice* has the time to punish is by spending the punishment output themselves. This however can never happen, since this event would be a subset of either  $R$ , if `remoteComn` (i.e. the counterparty closed the channel) is in  $\Sigma_{\text{Alice}}$ , or  $Q$ , if `localComn` is in  $\Sigma_{\text{Alice}}$  (i.e. *Alice* closed the channel).

$\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  halts in line 27 of Fig. 21 in case  $\mathcal{E}$  has asked for the channel to close, but too much time has passed since. This event cannot happen for two reasons. First, regarding elements in `pendingClose(Alice)`, because  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  forwards a (FORCECLOSECHANNEL) message to  $\mathcal{S}$  (Fig. 20, line 11) for every element that it adds to `pendingClose` (Fig. 20, line 9) and this causes  $\mathcal{S}$  to submit the commitment transaction to  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}$  (Fig. 44, line 15). This transaction is necessarily valid, because there is no other transaction that spends the funding transaction of the channel, according to the first check of line 26 of Fig. 21.  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  halts in this case only if it is sure that the chain has grown by  $(2+r)\text{windowSize}$  blocks, and thus if the closing transaction had been submitted when (FORCECLOSECHANNEL) was received, it should have been necessarily included (Proposition 1). Second, elements added to `pendingClose(Alice)` as a reaction to a (CLOSECHANNEL) message are built with an infinite waiting time (Fig. 20, line 4). Third, every element added to `closedChannels` (Fig. 44, line 13 and Fig. 34, line 23) corresponds to a submission of a closing transaction for the same channel (Fig. 44, line 15), or to a channel for which the closing transaction is already in the ledger state (Fig. 34, line 1). In both cases, the transaction has been submitted at least  $(2+r)\text{windowSize}$  blocks earlier, thus again by

Proposition 1 it is impossible for the transaction not to be in the ledger state. Therefore  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  cannot halt in line 27 of Fig. 21. We deduce that, given  $\neg P \wedge \neg Q \wedge \neg R$ , the execution of `checkClosed` by  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  does not contribute any increase to the probability of distinguishability. Put otherwise, given  $\neg P \wedge \neg Q \wedge \neg R$ , it is  $\text{EXEC}_{\mathcal{S}_{\text{LN-Reg-Open-Pay}}, \mathcal{E}}^{\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}, \text{Pay}, \mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}} = \text{EXEC}_{\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{E}}^{\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}, \mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}}$ .

$\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  halts in line 32 of Fig. 21 in case all *Alice*'s channels are closed on-chain and either *Alice*'s off-chain balance is not equal to zero, or if her on-chain balance is not the expected one, as reported by  $\mathcal{S}$ . This event can never happen for the following reasons. Firstly, as we have seen,  $\mathcal{S}$  reports all updates with an (UPDATE) message (Fig. 54, line 8) and a (RESOLVEPAYS) message; upon receiving the latter and given that it doesn't halt,  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  updates `offChainBalance(Alice)` if she is the payer or payee of one of the resolved payments (Fig. 17, lines 11, 34 and 35). Secondly, upon closure of each channel,  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  would have halted if the closing balance were not the expected one (Fig. 21, line 19), an event that cannot happen as we have already proven. Lastly, upon each channel opening and closing,  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  updates `offChainBalance(Alice)` and `onChainBalance(Alice)` to reflect the event (Fig. 15, lines 26 and 27 and Fig. 21, lines 9 or 11 respectively). Therefore, it is impossible for  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}$  to halt here.

Similarly to the previous proof, if we allow for forgeries again, i.e. if we allow the event  $P \vee Q \vee R \vee S$ , we observe that  $\Pr[P \vee Q \vee R \vee S] \leq nm \cdot \text{E-ds}(k) + 3np \cdot \text{E-ibs}(k) + nmp \cdot \text{E-share}(k) + \text{E-prf}(k) + nm \cdot \text{E-master}(k)$ , where  $n$  is the number of players,  $m$  is the maximum number of updates a player can open and  $p$  is the maximum number of updates a player can perform. We thus deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} & \forall k \in \mathbb{N}, \text{PPT } \mathcal{E}, \\ & |\Pr[\text{EXEC}_{\mathcal{S}_{\text{LN-Reg-Open-Pay}}, \mathcal{E}}^{\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}, \text{Pay}, \mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}} = 1] - \\ & \quad - \Pr[\text{EXEC}_{\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{E}}^{\mathcal{F}_{\text{PayNet}}, \mathcal{G}_{\text{Ledger}}} = 1]| \leq \\ & \quad nm \cdot \text{E-ds}(k) + 3np \cdot \text{E-ibs}(k) + \\ & \quad nmp \cdot \text{E-share}(k) + \text{E-prf}(k) + nm \cdot \text{E-master}(k) . \end{aligned}$$

□

*Proof of Theorem 2:* The theorem is a direct result of Lemmas 4-8. □

## J.1. Forgery algorithms

**Proposition 2.** *Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $p$  a polynomial an arbitrary distribution  $T$  and the uniform distribution  $U$  over a set  $A$  of size  $p(k)$ . It is*

$$\Pr[T = U] = \frac{1}{p(k)}$$



*Proof:*

$$\begin{aligned}
\Pr[T = U] &= \sum_{a \in A} \Pr[T = a \wedge U = a] = \\
&= \sum_{a \in A} \frac{1}{p(k)} \Pr[U = a] = \\
&= \frac{1}{p(k)} \sum_{a \in A} \Pr[U = a] = \frac{1}{p(k)}
\end{aligned}$$

□

**Algorithm EUF-CMA forgery**

$\mathcal{A}_{ds}(\text{INIT}, pk)$ :

- Choose uniformly at random *Alice* from the set of players  $\mathcal{P}$  of an execution  $\text{EXEC}_{\Pi_{LN}, \mathcal{A}_d, \mathcal{E}}^{\mathcal{G}_{Ledge}}$
- Choose uniformly at random  $i$  from  $\{1, \dots, m\}$
- Simulate internally  $\text{EXEC}_{\Pi_{LN}, \mathcal{A}_d, \mathcal{E}}^{\mathcal{G}_{Ledge}}$  with  $\mathcal{E}_P$
- When *Alice* opens her  $i$ -th channel, replace  $p_F$  of  $\text{KEYGEN}()$  in Fig. 25, line 22 with  $pk$
- Whenever  $\text{SIGNDS}(M, s_F)$  is called, ask challenger for the signature  $\sigma$  with (unknown)  $sk$  on  $M$  and use that instead
- If event  $P$  takes place and the forged signature is valid by  $pk$ , retrieve forged signature  $\sigma^*$  and the corresponding transaction  $m^*$  and output  $(m^*, \sigma^*)$
- If the simulated execution completes and *Alice* has opened less than  $i$  channels, or if no forgery happened, or if a forgery for another player/channel happened, return FAIL

Figure 60. wins EUF-CMA game

**Proposition 3.**  $\forall \mathcal{E}, \Pr[P] \leq nm \cdot \text{E-ds}(k)$

*Proof:* Let  $\Pr[P] = a$  for an unmodified execution.  $\mathcal{A}_{ds}$  simulates faithfully  $\text{EXEC}_{\Pi_{LN}, \mathcal{A}_d, \mathcal{E}}^{\mathcal{G}_{Ledge}}$ , since it does the following two changes. The first is to replace one  $p_F$  public key with the public key  $pk$  given by the challenger. Both keys are generated by  $\text{KEYGEN}()$ , thus their distribution is identical. The second is to replace signatures done by  $s_F$  with signatures done by the challenger with  $sk$ . Both signatures are generated with  $\text{SIGNDS}()$  and thus their distribution is identical. We deduce that, within the simulated execution,  $\Pr[P] = a$ .

At the beginning of an execution, *Alice* and  $i$  are chosen uniformly at random, therefore given  $P$ , by Proposition 2 we have that

$$\Pr[\mathcal{A}_{ds} \text{ chooses correct keypair}] = \frac{1}{nm}.$$

Since the selection happens independently from the forgery, we deduce that

$$\Pr[\mathcal{A}_{ds} \text{ wins EUF-CMA}] = \frac{a}{nm}$$

Since the Digital Signatures scheme used during the execution is assumed to be EUF-CMA-secure, it is

$$\begin{aligned}
\Pr[\mathcal{A}_{ds} \text{ wins EUF-CMA}] &\leq \text{E-ds}(k) \Rightarrow \\
&\Rightarrow \forall \mathcal{E}, a \leq nm \cdot \text{E-ds}(k).
\end{aligned}$$

**Algorithm IBS-EUF-CMA forgery**

$\mathcal{A}_{ibs}(\text{INIT}, mpk)$ :

- Choose uniformly at random *Alice* from the set of players  $\mathcal{P}$  of an execution  $\text{EXEC}_{\Pi_{LN}, \mathcal{A}_d, \mathcal{E}}^{\mathcal{G}_{Ledge}}$
- Choose uniformly at random  $i$  from  $\{1, \dots, p\}$
- Choose uniformly at random  $j$  from  $\{\text{pay}, \text{dpay}, \text{htlc}\}$
- Simulate internally  $\text{EXEC}_{\Pi_{LN}, \mathcal{A}_d, \mathcal{E}}^{\mathcal{G}_{Ledge}}$  with  $\mathcal{E}_Q$
- When *Alice* performs her  $i$ -th opening or update, replace the  $ph_{j,n}$  output of  $\text{KEYDER}(ph_{b_j}, sh_{b_j}, ph_{com,n})$  with  $pk \leftarrow \text{PUBKEYDER}(mpk, ph_{com,n})$
- Whenever  $\text{SIGNIBS}(M, sh_{j,n})$  is called, ask challenger for the signature  $\sigma$  with (unknown)  $sk \leftarrow \text{KEYDER}(mpk, msk, ph_{com,n})$  on  $M$  and use that instead
- If event  $Q$  takes place and the forged signature is valid by  $pk$ , retrieve forged signature  $\sigma^*$  and the corresponding transaction  $m^*$  and output  $(m^*, ph_{com,n}, \sigma^*)$
- If the simulated execution completes and *Alice* has updated or opened a channel less than  $i$  times, or if no forgery happened, or if a forgery for another player/opening/update happened, return FAIL

Figure 61. wins IBS-EUF-CMA game

**Proposition 4.**  $\forall \mathcal{E}, \Pr[Q] \leq 3np \cdot \text{E-ibs}(k)$

*Proof:* Let  $\Pr[Q] = b$  for an unmodified execution.  $\mathcal{A}_{ibs}$  simulates faithfully  $\text{EXEC}_{\Pi_{LN}, \mathcal{A}_d, \mathcal{E}}^{\mathcal{G}_{Ledge}}$ , since it does the following two changes. The first is to replace one  $ph_{j,n}$  public key with  $pk \leftarrow \text{PUBKEYDER}(mpk, ph_{com,n})$ , where  $mpk$  is given by the challenger. Both  $mpk$  and the normally used  $ph_{b_j}$  are generated by  $\text{KEYDER}()$ , thus their distribution is identical. The second is to replace signatures done by  $sh_{j,n}$  with signatures done by the challenger with  $sk \leftarrow \text{KEYDER}(mpk, msk, ph_{j,n})$ . Both signatures are generated with  $\text{SIGNIBS}()$  and thus their distribution is identical. We deduce that, within the simulated execution,  $\Pr[Q] = b$ .

At the beginning of an execution, *Alice*,  $i$  and  $j$  are chosen uniformly at random, therefore given  $Q$ , by Proposition 2 we have that

$$\Pr[\mathcal{A}_{ibs} \text{ chooses correct keypair}] = \frac{1}{3np}.$$

Since the selection happens independently from the forgery, we deduce that

$$\Pr[\mathcal{A}_{ibs} \text{ wins IBS-EUF-CMA}] = \frac{b}{3np}$$

Since the Identity Based Signatures scheme used during the execution is assumed to be IBS-EUF-CMA-secure, it is

$$\begin{aligned}
\Pr[\mathcal{A}_{ibs} \text{ wins IBS-EUF-CMA}] &\leq \text{E-ibs}(k) \Rightarrow \\
&\Rightarrow \forall \mathcal{E}, b \leq 3np \cdot \text{E-ibs}(k).
\end{aligned}$$

□ Proposition 2 we have that

$$\Pr[\mathcal{A}_{\text{share}} \text{ chooses correct keypair}] = \frac{1}{nmp}.$$

Since the selection happens independently from the forgery, we deduce that

$$\Pr[\mathcal{A}_{\text{share}} \text{ wins share-EUF}] \in \left[ \frac{c - \text{E-prf}(k)}{nmp}, \frac{c + \text{E-prf}(k)}{nmp} \right].$$

Since the Combined Signatures scheme used is assumed to be share-EUF-secure, it is

$$\Pr[\mathcal{A}_{\text{share}} \text{ wins share-EUF}] \leq \text{E-share}(k) \Rightarrow \forall \mathcal{E}, c \leq nmp \cdot \text{E-share}(k) + \text{E-prf}(k).$$

□

#### Algorithm share-EUF forgery

$\mathcal{A}_{\text{share}}(\text{INIT})$ :

- Choose uniformly at random *Alice* from the set of players  $\mathcal{P}$  of an execution  $\text{EXEC}_{\Pi_{\text{LN}}, \mathcal{A}_d, \mathcal{E}}^{\text{G}_{\text{Ledger}}}$
- Choose uniformly at random  $i$  from  $\{1, \dots, m\}$
- Choose uniformly at random  $j$  from  $\{1, \dots, p\}$
- Simulate internally  $\text{EXEC}_{\Pi_{\text{LN}}, \mathcal{A}_d, \mathcal{E}}^{\text{G}_{\text{Ledger}}}$  with  $\mathcal{E}_R$
- When *Alice* opens a channel for the  $i$ -th time, save  $(phb_{\text{rev}}, shb_{\text{rev}})$  (generated from  $\text{MASTERKEYGEN}()$  in Fig. 25, line 27) as  $(mpk, msk)$  and send  $(mpk, 1)$  to challenger, to receive key  $pk$
- The  $j$ -th time *Alice* calls  $\text{KEYSHAREGEN}()$  to produce a per commitment pair  $(ph_{\text{com}, j}, sh_{\text{com}, j})$  for the chosen channel (either during opening or during an update), replace its output with the next unused  $pk$
- If *Alice* attempts to update the chosen channel once more and has to send  $sh_{\text{com}, j}$  to the counterparty, stop simulation and return FAIL
- If event  $R$  takes place and the forged signature is valid by  $pk$ , retrieve forged signature  $\sigma^*$  and the corresponding transaction  $m^*$  and output  $(m^*, \sigma^*)$
- If the simulated execution completes and *Alice* has opened less than  $i$  channels, or if no forgery happened, or if a forgery for another player/channel happened, return FAIL

Figure 62. wins share-EUF game

**Proposition 5.**  $\forall \mathcal{E}, \Pr[R] \leq nmp \cdot \text{E-share}(k) + \text{E-prf}(k)$

*Proof:* First we observe that the halting of the simulation on an additional update does not interfere with the probability of the desired forgery taking place because such a forgery can only occur if *Alice* has broadcast `localCom`, which prevents her from further updating the channel. Therefore such halts happen only after an event that extinguishes the hope for a successful forgery.

Let  $\Pr[R] = c$  for the unmodified execution. While doing the simulation of  $\text{EXEC}_{\Pi_{\text{LN}}, \mathcal{A}_d, \mathcal{E}}^{\text{G}_{\text{Ledger}}}$ ,  $\mathcal{A}_{\text{share}}$  does the following change to the execution. It replaces a single  $ph_{\text{com}, j}$  public key with the public key  $pk$  which is given by the challenger.  $pk$  is generated by  $\text{KEYSHAREGEN}()$  with fresh randomness, whereas in an unmodified execution  $ph_{\text{com}, j}$  is generated by  $\text{KEYSHAREGEN}()$ , using as its randomness  $\text{prand} \leftarrow \text{PRF}(\text{seed}, j)$ . Given though that  $\text{prand}$  is not used anywhere else and the fact that the computational distance of an output of a PRF from true randomness is at most  $\text{E-prf}(k)$ , we deduce that the computational distance of an unmodified and the modified executions are at most  $\text{E-prf}(k)$ , therefore for the modified execution it is  $\Pr[R] \in [c - \text{E-prf}(k), c + \text{E-prf}(k)]$ .

At the beginning of an execution, *Alice*,  $i$  and  $j$  are chosen uniformly at random, therefore given  $R$ , by

#### Algorithm master-EUF-CMA forgery

$\mathcal{A}_{\text{master}}(\text{INIT}, mpk)$ :

- Choose uniformly at random *Alice* from the set of players  $\mathcal{P}$  of an execution  $\text{EXEC}_{\Pi_{\text{LN}}, \mathcal{A}_d, \mathcal{E}}^{\text{G}_{\text{Ledger}}}$
- Choose uniformly at random  $i$  from  $\{1, \dots, m\}$
- Simulate internally  $\text{EXEC}_{\Pi_{\text{LN}}, \mathcal{A}_d, \mathcal{E}}^{\text{G}_{\text{Ledger}}}$  with  $\mathcal{E}_S$
- When *Alice* opens a channel for the  $i$ -th time, replace  $phb_{\text{rev}}$  (generated from  $\text{MASTERKEYGEN}()$  in Fig. 25, line 27) with  $mpk$
- Ignore calls to  $\text{COMBINEKEY}()$  that need the missing  $msk$  and assume that the resulting combined secret key is known (to satisfy line 18 of Fig. 34 if needed).
- Whenever  $\text{SIGNCS}(M, sh_{\text{rev}, n})$  is called within this channel, ask challenger for the signature  $\sigma$  with signing key  $csk \leftarrow \text{COMBINEKEY}(mpk, msk, pt_{\text{com}, n}, st_{\text{com}, n})$  on  $M$  by sending them  $(pt_{\text{com}, n}, st_{\text{com}, n}, M)$  and use that instead
- If event  $S$  takes place and the forged signature is valid by  $cpk \leftarrow \text{COMBINEPUBKEY}(mpk, pt_{\text{com}, n})$  for some  $pt_{\text{com}, n}$  of the channel, retrieve forged signature  $\sigma^*$  and the corresponding transaction  $m^*$  and output  $(m^*, \sigma^*)$
- If the simulated execution completes and *Alice* has opened less than  $i$  channels, or if no forgery happened, or if a forgery for another player/channel happened, return FAIL

Figure 63. wins master-EUF-CMA game

**Proposition 6.**  $\forall \mathcal{E}, \Pr[S] \leq nm \cdot \text{E-master}(k)$

*Proof:* Let  $\Pr[S] = d$  hold for the unmodified execution. When it is simulating  $\text{EXEC}_{\Pi_{\text{LN}}, \mathcal{A}_d, \mathcal{E}}^{\text{G}_{\text{Ledger}}}$ ,  $\mathcal{A}_{\text{share}}$  does the following two changes to the execution. Firstly, it replaces a single  $phb_{\text{rev}}$  public master key with  $mpk$  which is given by the challenger. Both  $mpk$  and  $phb_{\text{rev}}$  are generated by  $\text{KEYSHAREGEN}()$  with fresh randomness, thus their distribution is identical. Secondly, it replaces signatures done by the secret key  $sh_{\text{rev}, n} \leftarrow \text{COMBINEKEY}(phb_{\text{rev}}, shb_{\text{rev}}, pt_{\text{com}, n}, st_{\text{com}, n})$  with signatures created by the challenger

with the secret key resulting from executing  $\text{COMBINEKEY}(mpk, msk, pt_{\text{com},n}, st_{\text{com},n})$ , thus the distribution of the two signatures is identical. We deduce that for the modified execution it is  $\Pr[S] = d$ .

At the beginning of an execution, *Alice* and *i* are chosen uniformly at random, therefore given  $S$ , by Proposition 2 we have that

$$\Pr[\mathcal{A}_{\text{share}} \text{ chooses correct keypair}] = \frac{1}{nm} .$$

Since the selection happens independently from the forgery, we deduce that

$$\Pr[\mathcal{A}_{\text{master}} \text{ wins master-EUF-CMA}] \geq \frac{d}{nm}$$

Since the Combined Signatures scheme used during the execution is assumed to be master-EUF-CMA-secure, it is

$$\Pr[\mathcal{A}_{\text{master}} \text{ wins master-EUF-CMA}] \leq \text{E-master}(k) \Rightarrow \forall \mathcal{E}, d \leq nm \cdot \text{E-master}(k) .$$

□

## Appendix K. Perfect Ledger Unrealisability Proof

*Proof of Theorem 3:* We first define the offending environment and adversary and subsequently show how they can distinguish the ideal from the real world.

### Environment $\mathcal{E}_{\text{PL}}$

Spawn two players, *Alice* and *Bob*. Flip a coin. If it returns 0, execute **writeWithPlayer**, otherwise execute **writeWithAdversary**.

```

1: procedure writeWithPlayer
2:   First activation:
3:     choose random number  $m \xleftarrow{\$} \{0,1\}^k$ 
4:     assign at random names Alice, Bob to two
       players
5:     send (SUBMIT,  $m$ ) to Alice
6:   Second activation:
7:     send (READ) to Bob
8:     if Bob does not give subroutine output then
9:       return 0 // real world
10:    else if Bob's subroutine output  $\mathcal{L}$  contains  $m$ 
       then
11:      return 1 // players communicated
12:    else if  $\mathcal{L}$  does not contain  $m$  then
13:      return 0 // players did not communicate
14:    end if
15: end procedure

16: procedure writeWithAdversary
17:   First activation:
18:     choose random number  $m \xleftarrow{\$} \{0,1\}^k$ 
19:     assign at random names Alice, Bob to two
       players
20:     send (LEAK,  $m$ , Alice) to  $\mathcal{A}$  // in real world  $\mathcal{A}$ 
       will MULTICAST to Alice
21:   Second activation:
22:     send (READ) to Bob
23:   Third activation:
24:     if Bob does not give subroutine output then
25:       return 0 // real world
26:     else if Bob's subroutine output  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{Bob}}$  contains
        $m$  then
27:       return 1 // ideal world
28:     end if
29:     send (READ) to Alice
30:     if Alice does not give subroutine output then
31:       return 0 // real world
32:     else if Alice's subroutine output  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{Alice}}$ 
       contains  $m$  then
33:       return 0 // real world
34:     else if  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{Alice}}$  does not contain  $m$  then
35:       return 1 // ideal world or real Alice
       misbehaving
36:     end if
37: end procedure

```

Figure 64.

### Adversary $\mathcal{A}_{\text{PL}}$

Upon receiving (LEAK,  $m$ , *Alice*) from  $\mathcal{E}_{\text{PL}}$ , simulate  $\Pi_{\text{PerfectL}}$  reacting to (SUBMIT,  $m$ ). If it attempts to send a message (MULTICAST,  $m'$ ) to  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{N-MC}}^1$ , send (MULTICAST, ( $m'$ , *Alice*)) to  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{N-MC}}^1$ .

Figure 65.

Since we quantify over all possible  $\mathcal{S}$  and  $\Pi_{\text{PerfectL}}$ , we have to refer to the probabilities of them taking specific actions of interest:

$$\begin{aligned} p_{\text{submits}}^{\Pi_{\text{PerfectL}}} &= \Pr[\text{Upon receiving (SUBMIT, } m) \text{ from } \mathcal{E}, \\ &\quad \Pi_{\text{PerfectL}} \text{ sends (MULTICAST, } f(m)) \text{ to} \\ &\quad \mathcal{F}_{\text{N-MC}}^1 \text{ for some function } f] \\ p_{\text{fetches}}^{\Pi_{\text{PerfectL}}} &= \Pr[\text{Upon receiving (READ) from } \mathcal{E}, \\ &\quad \Pi_{\text{PerfectL}} \text{ sends (FETCH) to } \mathcal{F}_{\text{N-MC}}^1 \text{ for data } m' \\ &\quad \text{and sends back to } \mathcal{E} \text{ a (READ, } \mathcal{L}) \text{ such that} \\ &\quad \text{if there is a unique element } m \text{ in } \mathcal{L}, \text{ it is } f(m) = m'] \end{aligned}$$

We first analyze the event in which the initial coin flip of  $\mathcal{E}$  results in 0,  $\text{Coin}_0$ . In the ideal world, the submitted message  $m$  always ends up in the ledger right away and therefore when  $\mathcal{E}$  has *Bob* READ, it always sees  $m$  in the answer, therefore (Fig. 64, line 11)

$$\Pr[\text{EXEC}_{\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{E}_{\text{PL}}}^{\mathcal{F}_{\text{PerfectL}}, \bar{\mathcal{G}}_{\text{CLOCK}}} = 1 | \text{Coin}_0] = 1 .$$

In the real world, in order for the submitted message  $m$  to be in *Bob*'s response to READ, he must have fetched from  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{N-MC}}^1$  and considered this data as a new ledger entry, and *Alice* must have sent some function of  $m$  to  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{N-MC}}^1$  when she received (SUBMIT,  $m$ ), except if he could guess  $m$ , which can happen with negligible probability, therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr[\text{EXEC}_{\Pi_{\text{PerfectL}}, \mathcal{A}_{\text{PL}}, \mathcal{E}_{\text{PL}}}^{\mathcal{F}_{\text{N-MC}}^1, \bar{\mathcal{G}}_{\text{CLOCK}}} = 1 | \text{Coin}_0] &< \\ &< p_{\text{submits}}^{\Pi_{\text{PerfectL}}} p_{\text{fetches}}^{\Pi_{\text{PerfectL}}} + \text{negl}(k) . \end{aligned}$$

We now move on to the event in which the initial coin flip results in 1,  $\text{Coin}_1$ . In the ideal world, if  $\mathcal{S}$  SUBMITS the received  $m$  to the ledger then  $\mathcal{E}$ 's READ request to *Bob* will be answered with an output that contains  $m$  and  $\mathcal{E}$  will output 1 (Fig. 64, line 27). If on the other hand  $\mathcal{S}$  does not SUBMIT it, then neither *Bob*'s nor *Alice*'s answer will contain  $m$ , so  $\mathcal{E}$ 's output will also be 1 (Fig. 64, line 35).

$$\Pr[\text{EXEC}_{\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{E}_{\text{PL}}}^{\mathcal{F}_{\text{PerfectL}}, \bar{\mathcal{G}}_{\text{CLOCK}}} = 1 | \text{Coin}_1] = 1 .$$

Lastly, in the real world, *Bob*'s buffer in  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{N-MC}}^1$  does not contain any information, so he may return a ledger containing  $m$  only with negligible probability. In case he returns a ledger without  $m$ , *Alice* will respond to  $\mathcal{E}$ 's READ query with a ledger containing  $m$  exactly in the case that the event that defines  $p_{\text{fetches}}^{\Pi_{\text{PerfectL}}}$  is true, therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr[\text{EXEC}_{\Pi_{\text{PerfectL}}, \mathcal{A}_{\text{PL}}, \mathcal{E}_{\text{PL}}}^{\mathcal{F}_{\text{N-MC}}^1, \bar{\mathcal{G}}_{\text{CLOCK}}} = 1 | \text{Coin}_1] &< \\ &< (1 - p_{\text{fetches}}^{\Pi_{\text{PerfectL}}}) + \text{negl}(k) . \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $\Pi_{\text{PerfectL}}$  cannot leverage knowledge of its own pid in order to have *Alice* behave differently from *Bob* in a manner that tricks  $\mathcal{E}_{\text{PL}}$  into believing that it interacts with the ideal world (i.e. make *Alice* also not return a ledger that contains  $m$ ) because the roles of *Alice*

and *Bob* are assigned and the coin is flipped secretly at random by  $\mathcal{E}_{\text{PL}}$ .

In aggregate,

$$\begin{aligned} &\Pr[\text{EXEC}_{\Pi_{\text{PerfectL}}, \mathcal{A}_{\text{PL}}, \mathcal{E}_{\text{PL}}}^{\mathcal{F}_{\text{N-MC}}^1, \bar{\mathcal{G}}_{\text{CLOCK}}} = 1] = \\ &\frac{1}{2} (\Pr[\text{EXEC}_{\Pi_{\text{PerfectL}}, \mathcal{A}_{\text{PL}}, \mathcal{E}_{\text{PL}}}^{\mathcal{F}_{\text{N-MC}}^1, \bar{\mathcal{G}}_{\text{CLOCK}}} = 1 | \text{Coin}_0] + \\ &\quad + \Pr[\text{EXEC}_{\Pi_{\text{PerfectL}}, \mathcal{A}_{\text{PL}}, \mathcal{E}_{\text{PL}}}^{\mathcal{F}_{\text{N-MC}}^1, \bar{\mathcal{G}}_{\text{CLOCK}}} = 1 | \text{Coin}_1]) < \\ &\frac{1}{2} (p_{\text{submits}}^{\Pi_{\text{PerfectL}}} p_{\text{fetches}}^{\Pi_{\text{PerfectL}}} + 1 - p_{\text{fetches}}^{\Pi_{\text{PerfectL}}}) + \text{negl}(k) = \\ &\frac{1}{2} + p_{\text{fetches}}^{\Pi_{\text{PerfectL}}} \frac{p_{\text{submits}}^{\Pi_{\text{PerfectL}}} - 1}{2} + \text{negl}(k) , \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} &\Pr[\text{EXEC}_{\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{E}_{\text{PL}}}^{\mathcal{F}_{\text{PerfectL}}, \bar{\mathcal{G}}_{\text{CLOCK}}} = 1] = \\ &\frac{1}{2} (\Pr[\text{EXEC}_{\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{E}_{\text{PL}}}^{\mathcal{F}_{\text{PerfectL}}, \bar{\mathcal{G}}_{\text{CLOCK}}} = 1 | \text{Coin}_0] + \\ &\quad + \Pr[\text{EXEC}_{\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{E}_{\text{PL}}}^{\mathcal{F}_{\text{PerfectL}}, \bar{\mathcal{G}}_{\text{CLOCK}}} = 1 | \text{Coin}_1]) = 1 . \end{aligned}$$

For these two probabilities to be equal (which is necessary and sufficient for indistinguishability to hold), it would have to be  $p_{\text{fetches}}^{\Pi_{\text{PerfectL}}} (p_{\text{submits}}^{\Pi_{\text{PerfectL}}} - 1) = 1$ . One can verify that there is no assignment to the two probabilities that satisfies this equation and maintains both values within  $[0, 1]$ . Therefore, the real and the ideal world are distinguishable.  $\square$

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