

I wonder if the slashing conditions could be flawed in [paper v4](#)?

Here is the demonstration(which is a modification of figure 3 in the paper):

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In the figure the purple arcs are supermajority links.  $a_1$ ,  $a_2$ ,  $a_3$ ,  $b_4$ ,  $b_5$

are justified, and in which  $a_2$ ,  $b_4$

are finalized while you can see that  $a_2$

and  $b_4$

are conflicting. Less than  $1/3$  validators violate the slashing conditions.

In the proof of Theorem 1 we didn't consider the edge case that chain  $\{a_i\}$

can overlap the chain  $\{b_i\}$

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To be more specific, In the proof, "We know that no  $h(b_i)$

equals either  $h(a_m)$

or  $h(a_{m+1})$

"

is not true when  $b_i$

is  $a_m$

or  $a_{m+1}$

. So in the proof,  $b_{j-1}$

can be  $a_{m+1}$

or  $a_m$

(in the figure above, take  $m=2$ ,  $j=4$

, then  $b_3=b_{j-1}=a_{m+1}=a_3$

)

Maybe we should add slashing condition that the source and target of a vote are conflicting?

I would like to beg your pardon and please correct my errors if my understanding is wrong.