

# An Efficient Identity-Based Aggregate Signcryption Scheme With Blockchain for IoT-Enabled Maritime Transportation System

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**Abstract**—Maritime transportation has ushered in a period of vigorous development and has been the most critical mode of transport in international trade. Maritime communication is also becoming increasingly complex. This trend needs the IoT-enabled Maritime Transportation System (IMTS) to enhance its ability of privacy-preserving, performance continuously, and add the function of joint management. Although many aggregate signcryption (ASC) schemes have been presented to satisfy this requirement, they still suffer from performance deficiencies or security weaknesses. To address these issues, we design a more practical “Perception-Network-Application” IoT-enabled MTS (PNA-IMTS) network structure. Then, we propose an efficient identity-based aggregate signcryption scheme with blockchain (B-ID-ASC) for PNA-IMTS based on this network model. The security analysis shows that the B-ID-ASC scheme is capable of providing confidentiality and unforgeability. It also can resist existing known attacks (impersonation attack, modification attack, man-in-the-middle attack). The performance analysis indicates that our B-ID-ASC scheme, having lower computation

and communication costs than current ASC schemes, is more applicable for PNA-IMTS.

**Index Terms**—IMTS, PNA-IMTS, blockchain, B-ID-ASC, confidentiality, unforgeability.

## I. INTRODUCTION

RECENTLY, maritime transportation [1]–[3] has gradually become one of the essential import-export-trading means due to its advantages of large transportation volume and low unit price [4]. With the continuous development of marine transportation, the communication, rescue, and regulatory demands are also increasing. Therefore, relevant maritime authorities (including Monitoring Center (MC), Maritime Bureau (MB), Relief Center (RC), etc.) have established the IoT-enabled Maritime Transportation System (IMTS) [5], [6]. The IMTS is responsible for integrating and storing ship navigation data, daily monitoring data, and ship sensor data. Furthermore, this service can help relevant entities to carry out comprehensive maritime management [7]–[10]. Its core technology is to collect the dynamic parameters (ocean velocity, regional vessel density, temperature, etc.) through sensors, and then carry out data storage, calculation and message transmission through a unified platform, and finally unified scheduling. An efficient IMTS not only concerns the security of vessels, but also can greatly save the transportation cost of shipping companies.

A traditional structure of IMTS [11]–[13] is displayed in Fig. 1. There are four layers: detecting devices layer, patrol vessels layer, relay stations layer, and organizations layer [14]:

- *Detecting devices layer*: In this layer, detecting devices (boats, buoys, etc.) are responsible for collecting maritime traffic information (e.g., traffic density, weather condition, rescue condition) and hydrological information (e.g., water quality, water temperature, flow rate). The boats (IoT devices) use wireless sensors to get maritime information and send these information through wireless network. The buoys use specific sensors, being incapable of communicating, to get and store maritime information.
- *Patrol vessels layer*: In this layer, patrol vessels are responsible for getting maritime information from detecting devices and transmitting them to the relay stations via the wireless network. The patrol vessels from MB and RC get maritime information from IoT-enabled boats

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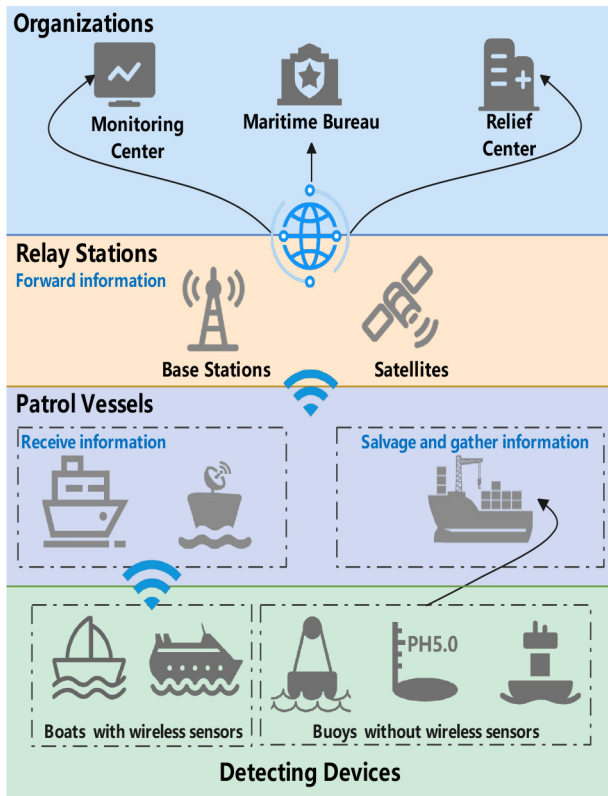


Fig. 1. A Traditional Structure of IoT-enabled Maritime Transportation System.

through the wireless network. The patrol vessels from MC salvage buoys to get navigational information. After gathering navigational information, the patrol vessels from MC reposition buoys.

- *Relay stations layer*: In this layer, relay stations (seaside base stations, satellites, etc.) are responsible for forwarding the information received to the appropriate organizations. When the patrol vessels are at the seaside, choosing seaside base stations as a relay station. When the patrol vessels are far from the seaside, choosing satellites as a relay station.
- *Organizations layer*: In this layer, organizations (MC, MB, RC, etc.) are responsible for doing maritime management according to corresponding maritime information from relay stations.

This structure has two practical downsides: one is that buoys need to be picked up and reset regularly by patrol vessels, and the other is that relay stations need to forward different information to the corresponding organizations. These two downsides make it difficult for these organizations to do joint maritime management.

In addition, with the increasing of marine density and navigational complexity, IMTS's communication security and efficiency problems are becoming more and more prominent [15], [16]. The IMTS often uses digital signature schemes to ensure the non-repudiation of information senders [17]. But there are no effective protection measures for the sensitive data (rescue information, ship locations, etc.). When this data is eavesdropped by criminals, ships in IMTS will risk a hostage

situation. Meanwhile, if the IMTS adds encryption schemes to protect sensitive data, there will be low efficiency.

The aggregate signcryption (ASC) schemes can balance the communication security and efficiency [18]. They could generate a signature and encrypt a message in one logical process and support aggregation. So far, many researchers have proposed ASC schemes [19]–[27]. However, when these ASC schemes are applied in IMTS, the following challenges are not addressed:

- *Effectiveness*: Current ASC schemes often use bilinear pairing, which needs large computation cost in IMTS.
- *Validation*: The receiver can not verify the validity of devices. If the device in IMTS is invalid, the collected information may be inaccurate, affecting organizations' management.
- *Computational complexity*: The receiver usually needs to calculate all the values before deciding whether to receive the corresponding plaintext message.

Then, Blockchain comes into view. It is a distributed ledger technology relying on smart contracts and other logical control functions to evolve into a complete storage system. Our goal is introducing blockchain [28]–[30] to resolve these challenges. In IMTS, the patrol vessels and organizations can be nodes of the blockchain to strengthen management capacity because of the following characteristics [31] of blockchain:

- *Decentralized*: It can ensure nodes on the blockchain (the patrol vessels, organizations, etc.) jointly maintain the data in real time.
- *Openness*: It can ensure patrol vessels and organizations in IMTS query data stored on the blockchain and develop related management.
- *Independence*: It can ensure patrol vessels and organizations in IMTS exchange data on the blockchain without any human intervention.

This work is motivated by the privacy-preserving and efficiency challenges of the IMTS and addresses the core problem of “could we build a secure and efficient messages transmission channel in IMTS?”

#### A. Contributions

Our contributions are mainly described in the following three aspects:

- 1) We design a more practical “Perception-Network-Application” IMTS (PNA-IMTS) network structure. Based on this structure, we propose an efficient ID-based ASC scheme with blockchain (B-ID-ASC) to ensure IMTS's communication security and efficiency. Moreover, we use the predictive calculation method to reduce the computation cost for IoT devices in our proposed scheme.
- 2) We introduce blockchain to improve the performance and security of B-ID-ASC scheme for PNA-IMTS. Blockchain plays three specific roles in our proposed scheme. First, verifying the validity of IoT devices ensuring that signcryption generated by invalid devices can not be forwarded. Second, making a preliminary verification on the signcryption, and receivers will start to decrypt the

signcryption only after the primary verification is correct. Third, reducing the communication cost with shortening signcryption size.

- 3) Through security analysis and performance analysis, it demonstrates that our proposed scheme is more suitable for PNA-IMTS than existing ID-ASC schemes.

## B. Organization

Section II discusses some related work on ASC schemes. Section III shows some basic concepts and security model in ID-ASC schemes. Section IV gives the description of our B-ID-ASC scheme. Section V analyzes the security of our B-ID-ASC scheme and Section VI compares our B-ID-ASC scheme with current ID-ASC schemes in performance. Section VII concludes what we have done.

## II. RELATED WORK

In public key cryptography, encryption can ensure the confidentiality of information and the digital signature [32] can ensure messages integrity, non-repudiation, authentication. In order to satisfy some applications needing both encryption and digital signature, the signcryption scheme, a vital cryptographic mechanism, was introduced by Zheng [18]. The core of signcryption scheme is a logical process to realize two functions (digital signatures and secure encryption). Its efficiency is higher than the traditional method of sign-then-encrypt. Recently, Identity(ID)-based cryptography [33]–[35] was studied widely because of its advantage of solving the certificate management problem and a lot of ID-based signcryption schemes [19]–[27], [36], [37] had been proposed.

Lee's scheme [36] is the first ID-based signcryption scheme defining the indistinguishability under chosen ciphertext attack (IND-ISC-CCA) security and existential unforgeability under adaptive chosen message attack (EF-ISC-ACMA) security in every ID-based signcryption scheme. Then an ID-based signcryption scheme having strong forward-security was published by Muñiz and Laud [19]. The first ID-based aggregate signcryption scheme, having an advantage on full aggregation, was proposed by Gentry and Ramzan [20]. Then the analysis of current aggregate signature schemes by Selvi *et al.* [21], [22] were presented. It shows that these schemes, having limited efficiency, can not be used well in practical applications. Basing on these analysis, Selvi *et al.* [21], [22] also proposed a novel identity-based aggregate signature schemes. But Selvi *et al.*'s schemes [21], [22] lacked detailed security proof. Then many ID-based aggregate signcryption schemes having complete security analysis and performance analysis [23], [24] were proposed. However, these schemes usually have some weaknesses on the performance.

In such a scenario, an efficient ID-based aggregate signcryption scheme without pairing was proposed by Abouelkheir and El-Sherbiny [27]. This scheme used an elliptic curve instead of bilinear pairing to improve efficiency. Unfortunately, although the authors showed detailed security analysis of their scheme, we find Abouelkheir and Elsherbiny's scheme [27] fails to protect the master secret key and ensure confidentiality [38]. Then, many researchers [39], [40] presented

multi-receiver signcryption Schemes. However, these schemes are not suitable well for IMTS.

## III. PRELIMINARIES

We introduce basic concepts including bilinear pairing, hard problems, definitions and security model in this section.

### A. Bilinear Pairing

There is a mapping  $e$  on  $G_1, G_2, G_T$ , which is  $e : G_1 \times G_2 \rightarrow G_T$ . The  $G_1, G_2$  are two additive cyclic group and the  $G_T$  is a multiplicative cyclic group. If  $G_1 = G_2$ , the bilinear pairing is symmetrical. Otherwise, it's asymmetric. This mapping  $e$  has three features:

- **Bilinearity:** For any  $X \in G_1, Y \in G_2$  and  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ , the equation  $e(xX, yY) = e(X, Y)^{xy}$  holds.
- **No Degeneracy:** The equation  $e(X, Y) \neq 1_{G_T}$  holds for  $X \in G_1, Y \in G_2$ .
- **Computability:**  $Y \in G_2, e(X, Y)$  is calculable for any  $X \in G_1$ .

### B. Bilinear Diffie-Hellman Problem (BDHP)

Giving  $(P, aP, bP, cP) \in G$ , at the same time, unknowing  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}_q^*$ , it is hard to compute  $e(P, P)^{abc}$ .

### C. Modified Diffie-Hellman Problem (MBDHP)

Giving  $(P, aP, bP) \in G$ , at the same time, unknowing  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}_q^*$ , it is hard to compute  $e(P, P)^{a^2b}$ .

### D. Security Model

A normal ID-ASC scheme has three entities: 1) the Private Key Generator (PKG); 2) the sender and 3) receiver. There are five algorithms: **Setup** (system setup algorithm), **KeyExtract** (key generating algorithm), **Signcryption** (signcryption generating algorithm), **Aggregation** (signcryption aggregating algorithm), **Unsigncryption** (unsigncryption algorithm):

- 1)  $(par, msk) \leftarrow Setup(\lambda)$ : Inputting a security parameter  $\lambda$ , the PKG generates the system parameter  $par$ , the master secret key  $msk$ , the master public key  $mpk$ . Then the PKG publish  $par, mpk$  and stores  $msk$  in secret.
- 2)  $(s_{ID}) \leftarrow KeyExtract(msk, ID)$ : Inputting  $msk$  and the user's identity  $ID$ , the PKG generates user's private key  $(s_{ID})$  and sends it to the user in a secure channel.
- 3)  $(\sigma_A) \leftarrow Signcryption(M, s_{ID_A}, ID_B)$ : Inputting a message  $M$ , the sender's private key  $s_{ID_A}$  and the receiver's identity  $ID_B$ , the sender  $A$  generates the signcryption  $\sigma_A$  and sends it to the receiver  $B$ .
- 4)  $(\sigma_{agg}) \leftarrow Aggregation(ID_B, \{\sigma_i\}_{i=1, \dots, n})$ : Inputting a set of  $(ID_B, \{\sigma_i\}_{i=1, \dots, n})$ , a member in system outputs the aggregating signcryption  $\sigma_{agg}$ .
- 5)  $(M / \perp) \leftarrow Unsigncryption(\sigma_{agg}, s_{ID_B}, \{ID_i\}_{i=1, \dots, n})$ : Inputting the signcryption  $\sigma$ , the receiver's private key  $s_{ID_B}$  and the senders' identities  $\{ID_i\}_{i=1, \dots, n}$ , the receiver  $B$  unsigncrypt to get  $M = \{M_i\}_{i=1, \dots, n}$  or  $\perp$  (indicating that  $\sigma$  is invalid).

In a secure ID-ASC scheme, only the specified receiver can get the real message and the sender cannot deny the act of

sending the signcryption. That means a secure ID-ASC scheme need have the properties confidentiality and unforgeability. There are 2 games to formalize confidentiality (*IND-IBAS-CCA2-Game*) and unforgeability (*EUF-IBAS-CMA-Game*) of the ID-ASC scheme. In these two games, the adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  initiates some oracle queries to the challenger  $\mathcal{C}$  and acquires the corresponding responses.

The entire processes of *IND-IBAS-CCA2-Game* are as below.

- *Setup*:  $\mathcal{C}$  generates master secret key  $s$ , public parameters  $\text{Par}$ . Then  $\mathcal{C}$  stores  $s$  in secret and sends  $\text{Par}$  to  $\mathcal{A}$ .
- *Phase 1*:  $\mathcal{C}$  chooses target identities (senders' identities  $\{ID_i\}_{i=1,\dots,n}$ , a receivers' identity  $ID_B$ ) and sends them to  $\mathcal{A}$ .
- *Phase 2*:  $\mathcal{A}$  adaptively makes the oracle queries, but  $\mathcal{A}$  can not queries to get  $ID_B$ 's private key. Then  $\mathcal{C}$  gives the corresponding responses. The basic oracle queries are described as follows:
  - *Key Extraction Query*:  $\mathcal{A}$  inputs the identity  $ID$ . Then  $\mathcal{A}$  gets its private key  $s_{ID} = \text{KeyExtract}(ID)$ .
  - *Signcryption Query*:  $\mathcal{A}$  inputs senders' identity  $ID_i$ , a receivers' identity  $ID_B$  and message  $M_i$ . Then  $\mathcal{C}$  computes  $s_{ID_i} = \text{KeyExtract}(ID_i)$ ,  $\sigma_i = \text{Signcryption}(M_i, s_{ID_i}, ID_B)$  and sends  $\sigma_i$  to  $\mathcal{A}$ .
  - *Aggregate Signcryption Query*:  $\mathcal{A}$  inputs senders' identities  $\{ID_i\}_{i=1,\dots,n}$ , a receivers' identity  $ID_B$  and messages  $\{M_i\}_{i=1,\dots,n}$ . Then  $\mathcal{C}$  computes:  $s_{ID_i} = \text{KeyExtract}(ID_i)$  for  $i = 1$  to  $n$ ,  $\sigma_{agg} = \text{Aggregate}(\{M_i, s_{ID_i}\}_{i=1,\dots,n}, ID_B)$ , and sends  $\sigma_{agg}$  to  $\mathcal{A}$ .
  - *Unsigncryption Query*:  $\mathcal{A}$  inputs  $(\sigma_{agg}, ID_B)$ . Then  $\mathcal{C}$  computes:  $s_{ID_B} = \text{KeyExtract}(ID_B)$ ,  $\text{Result} = \text{Unsigncryption}(\sigma_{agg}, s_{ID_B}, ID)$ , and sends  $\text{Result}$  to  $\mathcal{A}$ .
- *Challenge*:  $\mathcal{A}$  chooses some challenge messages  $\{(M_0)_i, (M_1)_i, ID_i\}_{i=1,\dots,n}, ID_B$  to  $\mathcal{C}$ . Then  $\mathcal{C}$  randomly chooses the  $b \in \{0, 1\}$  and signcrypts  $\{(m_b)_i\}_{i=1,\dots,n}$  using the private keys of senders and the receiver. At the last,  $\mathcal{C}$  returns the aggregate signcryption  $\sigma_{agg}^*$  to  $\mathcal{A}$ .
- *Phase 3*:  $\mathcal{A}$  adaptively makes some oracle queries, but  $\mathcal{A}$  cannot initiate the unsigncryption query with  $\sigma_{agg}^*$ .
- *Guess*:  $\mathcal{A}$  outputs a series of guess bit  $b' \in \{0, 1\}$ . If  $b'$  and  $b$  are equal,  $\mathcal{A}$  wins the game.
- *Probability Advantage*:  $\text{Adv}_{\text{ID-ASC}}^{\text{IND-CCA2}}(\mathcal{A}) = |\Pr[b' = b] - 1/2|$

The entire processes of *EUF-IBAS-CMA-Game* are as below.

- *Setup*:  $\mathcal{C}$  generates master secret key  $s$ , public parameters  $\text{Par}$ . Then  $\mathcal{C}$  stores  $s$  in secret and sends  $\text{Par}$  to  $\mathcal{A}$ .
- *Query*:  $\mathcal{A}$  adaptively makes oracle queries, and  $\mathcal{C}$  gives the corresponding responses.
- *Forgery*:  $\mathcal{A}$  outputs a forged signature  $\sigma_{agg}^*$ . If  $\sigma_{agg}^*$  can be unsigncrypted correctly by any receiver identity,  $\mathcal{A}$  wins the game.
- *Probability Advantage*:  $\text{Adv}_{\text{ID-ASC}}^{\text{EUF-CMA}}(\mathcal{A}) = \Pr[\text{Unsigncrypt}(\sigma^*) \neq \perp]$

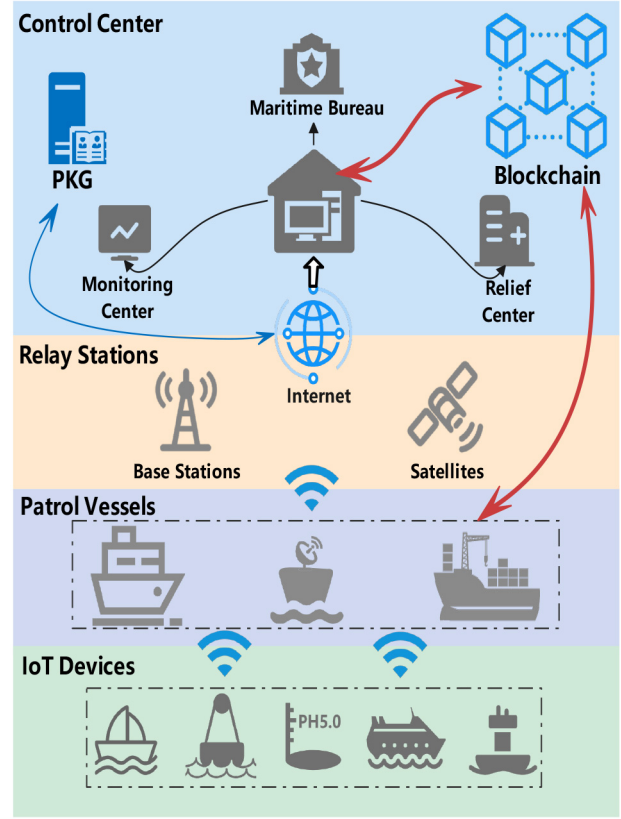


Fig. 2. The Network Model of Our Designed "Perception-Network-Application" IMTS.

Based on above security definitions, if the probability advantage of any polynomial-time (PPT) adversary winning *IND-IBAS-CCA2-Game* and *EUF-IBAS-CMA-Game* is negligible, the ID-ASC scheme is secure. Denoting  $\epsilon$  is a negligible probability, the following inequalities hold in a secure ID-ASC scheme:

- $\text{Adv}_{\text{ID-ASC}}^{\text{IND-CCA2}}(\mathcal{A}) \leq \epsilon,$
- $\text{Adv}_{\text{ID-ASC}}^{\text{EUF-CMA}}(\mathcal{A}) \leq \epsilon.$

#### IV. THE B-ID-ASC SCHEME FOR PNA-IMTS

We detailed show the network model of PNA-IMTS and our proposed B-ID-ASC scheme in this section. It can demonstrate the applicability of our proposed B-ID-ASC scheme for PNA-IMTS.

##### A. Network Model

We introduce the blockchain into IMTS to form an improved PNA-IMTS. The network model is as shown in Fig. 2. There are six roles in PNA-IMTS: Private Key Generator (PKG), Blockchain, Control Center (CC), Relay Station (RS), Patrol Vessel (PV), IoT Device (DE). In Fig. 2, the red lines indicate CC and PV have the ability to access the blockchain. The blue lines among RS, PV and DE indicate they communicate through wireless networks. Comparing with the traditional

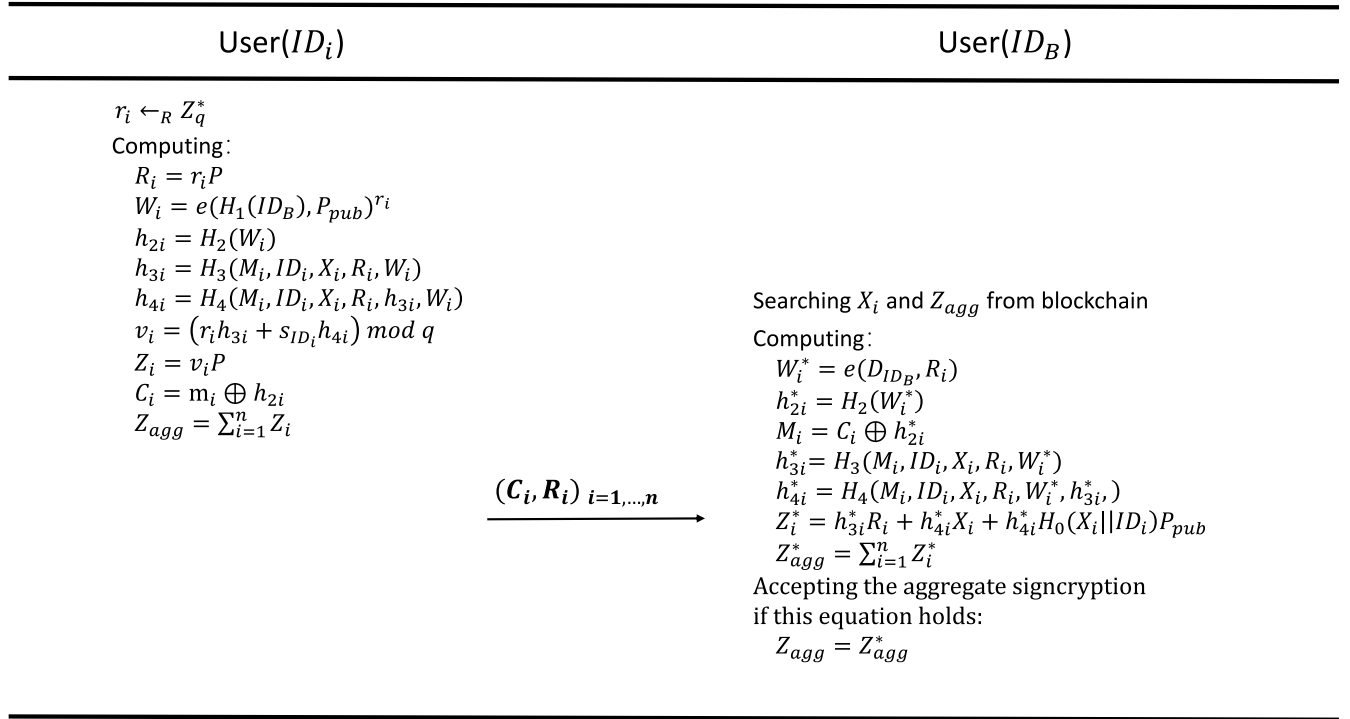


Fig. 3. Generating Signcryption.

IMTS, it not only adds blockchain, but also enriches the functions of each role. Their specific differences are described as follows.

- **PKG**: Generating private keys of signcrypting for DE, CC, and organizations in CC (MC, MB and RC). And PKG is trusted.
- **Blockchain**: Enhancing the security and shortening the signcryption size. There are some public information of DE, part of signcryption making a preliminary verification on the blockchain. Thus, through the blockchain, PV can verify the validity of DE to ensure that signcryption generated by invalid devices can not be forwarded. And CC can make a preliminary verification on the signcryption. CC decrypts the signcryption only after the preliminary verification is correct.
- **CC**: Carrying out the joint management and overall arrangement for MC, MB and RC according to received maritime messages. Usually, CC has great computing and storage power. After the primary verification passed, CC does different operations according to different receivers. If the receiver in signcryption is CC, CC unsigncrypts these signcryption. If the receiver in signcryption is MC, MB or RC, CC sends signcryption to the receiver. This method can not only ensure that CC can carry out normal joint management, but also ensure that MC, MB and RC can get maritime information separately when necessary. And CC is semi-honest.
- **RS**: Forwarding all information from PV to the CC without judging. This method can speed up the safe flow of maritime information. And RS is semi-honest.
- **PV**: Verifying the validity of DE through blockchain and aggregates signcryption from DE. This method

can increase efficiency in B-ID-ASC. And RS is semi-honest.

- **DE**: Every DE (boat or buoy) has wireless sensors to collect maritime information and send them to PV through the wireless network. And DE may be malicious.

Our designed PNA-IMT have two advantages. The one is that PNA-IMT can ensure the security and timeliness of the marine information collection and feedback through the full deployment of DE, B-ID-ASC scheme, and blockchain. The other one is that in PNA-IMT, CC obtains information collected by DE, and then sends relevant information and instructions to the corresponding departments (MC, MB, RC, etc.), which is conducive to the unified management of IMT and promotes the cooperation among departments.

### B. Our Proposed Scheme

Before introducing our proposed scheme, some preliminaries in our B-ID-ASC scheme are presented in Table I for better understanding.

Then, we describe our B-ID-ASC scheme. It is about the initialization phase, extraction and uploading phase, signcryption phase, aggregation phase, unsigncryption phase. The flow chart of generating signcryption is shown in Fig. 3. It is worth noting that in B-ID-ASC scheme, before being put into use, every DE stores the value of bilinear pairing  $W = e(H_1(ID_B), P_{pub})$ , where  $ID_B$  is CC's identity or corresponding organization's identity. This method can reduce the computation cost when generating signcryption.

1) **Initialization**: In this phase, PKG generates the system parameters and sends them into each users in PNA-IMTS. The specific operations are as follows.



TABLE I  
NOTATIONS AND THEIR DESCRIPTIONS

Notations	Descriptions
$p, q$	two large prime numbers
$E$	an elliptic curve $y^2 = x^3 + ax + b \mod p$
$P$	a random non-zero base point in $E$
$\mathbb{G}$	an additive group having the order $q$ , all points which are on the elliptic curve $E$ over $F_p$
$\mathbb{G}_T$	an multiplicative group having the order $q$ , all points which are on the elliptic curve $E$ over $F_p$
$e$	a bilinear pairing, $\mathbb{G} \times \mathbb{G} \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_T$
$H_0$	hash function, $\mathbb{G} \times \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow Z_q^*$
$H_1$	hash function, $\{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{G}$
$H_2$	hash function, $\mathbb{G} \rightarrow Z_q^*$
$H_3$	hash function, $\{0, 1\}^* \times \{0, 1\}^* \times \mathbb{G} \times \mathbb{G} \times \mathbb{G}_T \rightarrow Z_q^*$
$H_4$	hash function, $\{0, 1\}^* \times \{0, 1\}^* \times \mathbb{G} \times \mathbb{G} \times \mathbb{G}_T \times Z_q^* \rightarrow Z_q^*$
$s$	master secret key of PKG
$P_{pub}$	master public key of PKG, $P_{pub} = sP$
$M_i$	the message
$\sigma_i$	the signcryption
$\sigma_{agg}$	the aggregate signcryption
$Z_{agg}$	aggregate $\sum_{i=1}^n Z_i$

- Choose large prime number  $p, q$  and a non-singular elliptic curve  $E$  defined over  $F_p$ .
- Choose a generator  $P$  with order  $q$  of the elliptic curve point group  $\mathbb{G}$ .
- Select hash functions  $\{H_0, H_1, H_2, H_3, H_4\}$  as defined in table I.
- Choose a random number  $s \in Z_q^*$  as its master secret key, and computes the  $P_{pub} = sP$  as its master public key.

Next, PKG sends system parameters:

$$\{q, \mathbb{G}, \mathbb{G}_T, e, P, H_0, H_1, H_2, H_3, H_4, P_{pub}\}$$

to all users.

2) *Extraction and Uploading*: In this phase, PKG generates private keys for users. When the user is DE, PKG pre-load private key into DE's tamper-proof device. When the user is CC or an organization in CC, PKG sends private key to this user through a secure channel. Taking an user's identity  $ID_i$  as an example, the PKG executes following operations.

- Randomly choose  $x_i \in Z_q^*$ ,
- Compute:

$$\begin{aligned} X_i &= x_i P, \\ h_{0i} &= H_0(X_i || ID_i), \\ h_{1i} &= H_1(ID_i), \\ s_{ID_i} &= x_i + sh_{0i}, \\ D_{ID_i} &= sh_{1i}. \end{aligned}$$

PKG sets  $T_i \in \{0, 1\}^*$  as this user's period of validity and sends  $(ID_i, X_i, T_i)$  to blockchain through smart contract. Then, PKG sends  $(s_{ID_i}, X_i, D_{ID_i})$  to the user. Next, PKG gets the identity of CC ( $ID_C$ ), MC ( $ID_{MC}$ ), MB ( $ID_{MB}$ ), RC ( $ID_{RC}$ ) and executes following operations.

- Compute:

$$\begin{aligned} h_C &= H_1(ID_C), \\ h_{MC} &= H_1(ID_{MC}), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} h_{MB} &= H_1(ID_{MB}), \\ h_{RC} &= H_1(ID_{RC}), \end{aligned}$$

- Compute:

$$\begin{aligned} W_C &= e(h_C, P_{pub}), \\ W_{MC} &= e(h_{MC}, P_{pub}), \\ W_{MB} &= e(h_{MB}, P_{pub}), \\ W_{RC} &= e(h_{RC}, P_{pub}). \end{aligned}$$

Next, PKG pre-loads  $W_C$  into all DE. After that, PKG pre-loads  $W_C$  into DE if it belongs to MC,  $W_{MB}$  into DE if it belongs to MB, or  $W_{RC}$  into DE if it belongs to RC.

3) *Signcryption*: In this phase, the DE with an identity  $ID_i$  generates signcryption for the message  $M_i$  and the  $ID_B \in \{ID_C, ID_{MC}, ID_{MB}, ID_{RC}\}$  is a receiver. The specific operations are as follows.

- Randomly choose  $r_i \in Z_q^*$ .
- Compute:

$$\begin{aligned} R_i &= r_i P, \\ W_i &= (W_B)^{r_i}, \\ h_{2i} &= H_2(W_i), \\ h_{3i} &= H_3(M_i, ID_i, X_i, R_i, W_i), \\ h_{4i} &= H_4(M_i, ID_i, X_i, R_i, W_i, h_{3i}), \\ v_i &= (r_i h_{3i} + s_{ID_i} h_{4i}) \mod q, \\ Z_i &= v_i P, \\ C_i &= M_i \oplus h_{2i}, \\ \sigma_i &= (R_i, Z_i, C_i). \end{aligned}$$

Then, DE ( $ID_i$ ) sends signcryption  $\sigma_i$  to PV.

4) *Aggregation*: In this phase, PV aggregates signcryption. First, PV receives signcryption from a set of DE with identities  $\{ID_i\}_{i=1, \dots, n}$  and searches  $\{ID_i, T_i\}_{i=1, \dots, n}$  on blockchain. If they are existing and within the period of validity, PV aggregates this set of signcryption from  $\{ID_i\}_{i=1, \dots, n}$  for  $ID_B$  as follows.

- compute:

$$\begin{aligned} Z_{agg} &= \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i, \\ \sigma_{agg} &= (\sigma_{agg1}, \sigma_{agg2}) = (\{C_i\}_{i=1, \dots, n}, \{R_i\}_{i=1, \dots, n}). \end{aligned}$$

Then PV sends  $(\sigma_{agg1}, \sigma_{agg2})$  to RS and sends  $Z_{agg}$  to blockchain through the smart contract. Next, RS honestly forwards  $(\sigma_{agg1}, \sigma_{agg2})$  to CC.

5) *Unsigncryption*: In this phase, the receiver  $ID_B \in \{ID_C, ID_{MC}, ID_{MB}, ID_{RC}\}$  unsigncrypt to get messages  $\{M_i\}_{i=1, \dots, n}$ .

First, CC queries on the blockchain to get  $Z_{agg}$  and  $\{X_i\}_{i=1, \dots, n}$  according to  $\{ID_i\}_{i=1, \dots, n}$ . If they are on blockchain, CC passes the preliminary verification and executes the following operations. Otherwise, CC rejects these signcryption.

Second, if the receiver  $ID_B$  is  $ID_C$ , CC decrypts and verifies the aggregate signcryption. If the receiver  $ID_B$  is  $ID_{MC}$ ,  $ID_{MB}$  or  $ID_{RC}$ , CC stores and sends the aggregate signcryption to MC, MB or RC.

Then  $ID_B$  unsigncrypts and verifies the aggregate signcryption as follows.

- Compute:

$$\begin{aligned} W_i^* &= e(D_{ID_B}, R_i), \\ h_{2i}^* &= H_2(W_i^*), \\ h_{3i}^* &= H_3(M_i, ID_i, X_i, R_i, W_i^*), \\ h_{4i}^* &= H_4(M_i, ID_i, X_i, R_i, W_i^*, h_{3i}^*), \\ Z_i^* &= h_{3i}^* R_i + h_{4i}^* X_i + h_{4i}^* h_{0i} P_{pub}, \\ Z_{agg}^* &= \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i^*. \end{aligned}$$

- Check the correctness of equation  $Z_{agg}^* = Z_{agg}$ . If this equation holds, the receiver  $ID_B$  will accept the signcryption and computes  $M_i = C_i \oplus h_{2i}^*$  to get all messages.

6) *Correctness*: If the phases described above are carried out honestly, the following equations hold.

$$\begin{aligned} W_i &= e(H_1(ID_B), P_{pub})^{r_i} \\ &= e(sH_1(ID_B), r_i P) \\ &= e(D_{ID_B}, R_i), \\ Z_i &= v_i P \\ &= (r_i h_{3i} + s_{ID_i} h_{4i}) P \\ &= h_{3i} R_i + (x_i + sH_0(X_i || ID_i)) h_{4i} P \\ &= h_{3i} R_i + h_{4i} X_i + h_{4i} H_0(X_i || ID_i) P_{pub}. \end{aligned}$$

In unsigncryption phase, the receiver:

$$ID_B \in \{ID_C, ID_{MC}, ID_{MB}, ID_{RC}\}$$

computes:

$$\begin{aligned} W_i^* &= e(D_{ID_B}, R_i), \\ Z_i^* &= h_{3i}^* R_i + h_{4i}^* X_i + h_{4i}^* h_{0i} P_{pub}. \end{aligned}$$

Namely,  $W_i^* = W_i, Z_i^* = Z_i$ . That is, as long as the generation method of signcryption is correct, the receiver can successfully verify the signcryption and get the message. Thus, our proposed B-ID-ASC scheme is correct.

## V. SECURITY ANALYSIS

We prove the B-ID-ASC scheme is secure through proving following theorems in this section. We take generating a single signcryption as a pointcut, and extend to prove the security of B-ID-ASC scheme. There are five hash oracle queries ( $H_0$  - Query,  $H_1$  - Query,  $H_2$  - Query,  $H_3$  - Query,  $H_4$  - Query) with five lists ( $L_0, L_1, L_2, L_3, L_4$ ) in our security proof.

- $H_0$  - Query:  $\mathcal{A}$  inputs  $(X_i, ID_i)$ . If  $(X_i, ID_i, (y_0)_i)$  is not in  $L_0$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  chooses a random number  $(y_0)_i \in Z_q^*$  and stores it in  $L_0$ . Otherwise,  $\mathcal{C}$  returns  $(y_0)_i$  to  $\mathcal{A}$ .
- $H_1$  - Query:  $\mathcal{A}$  inputs  $(ID_i)$ . If  $(ID_i, (y_1)_i)$  is not in  $L_1$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  chooses a random number  $(y_1)_i \in G$  and stores it in  $L_1$ . Otherwise,  $\mathcal{C}$  returns  $(y_1)_i$  to  $\mathcal{A}$ .
- $H_2$  - Query:  $\mathcal{A}$  inputs  $(W_i)$ . If  $(W_i, (y_2)_i)$  is not in  $L_2$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  chooses a random number  $(y_2)_i \in Z_q^*$  and stores it in  $L_2$ . Otherwise,  $\mathcal{C}$  returns  $(y_2)_i$  to  $\mathcal{A}$ .

- $H_3$  - Query:  $\mathcal{A}$  inputs  $(M_i, ID_i, X_i, R_i, W_i)$ . If  $(M_i, ID_i, X_i, R_i, W_i, (y_3)_i)$  is not in  $L_3$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  chooses a random number  $(y_3)_i \in Z_q^*$  and stores it in  $L_3$ . Otherwise,  $\mathcal{C}$  returns  $(y_3)_i$  to  $\mathcal{A}$ .
- $H_4$  - Query:  $\mathcal{A}$  inputs  $(M_i, ID_i, X_i, R_i, W_i, (y_3)_i)$ . If  $(M_i, ID_i, X_i, R_i, W_i, (y_3)_i, (y_4)_i)$  is not in  $L_4$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  chooses a random number  $(y_4)_i \in Z_q^*$  and stores it in  $L_4$ . Otherwise,  $\mathcal{C}$  returns  $(y_4)_i$  to  $\mathcal{A}$ .

**Theorem 1:** If a PPT adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  can win the IND-IBAS-CCA2-Game in a non-negligible advantage  $\epsilon$ , the challenger  $\mathcal{C}$  can solve the Bilinear Diffie-Hellman Problem (BDHP) in a non-negligible advantage  $\epsilon'$ .

*Proof:* Giving a BDHP instance  $(P, aP, bP, cP) \in G$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  solve the BDHP by interaction with  $\mathcal{A}$ .

- *Setup*:  $\mathcal{C}$  generates public parameters and sets  $P_{pub} = aP$ . Then sending  $Par$  to  $\mathcal{A}$ .
- *Phase 1*:  $\mathcal{C}$  chooses target identities  $\{ID_i\}_{i=1,\dots,n}$  (senders),  $ID_B^*$  (receiver) and  $k \in [1, n]$ . Then  $\mathcal{A}$  takes hash oracle queries. When  $ID = ID_B^*$  in  $H_1$  - Query,  $\mathcal{C}$  randomly chooses  $\xi_i \in Z_q^*$  and set  $(y_1)_i = \xi_i bP$ . Next,  $\mathcal{C}$  updates the list  $L_1$ .
- *Phase 2*:
  - 1) Key-extract-query. Inputting  $ID_i$ , if  $ID_i$  is not the target identity,  $\mathcal{C}$  returns  $X_i = x_i P$ , where  $x_i$  is from  $L_0$ . Otherwise,  $\mathcal{C}$  returns "failure".
  - 2) Signcryption-query. Inputting sender's identity  $ID_i$ , receiver's identity  $ID_B$  and message  $M_i$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  searches them in  $L_U$  and signcrypts the message:
    - If  $ID_i$  is the target identity,  $\mathcal{C}$  get  $X_i, (y_0)_i$  from  $L_0$  and randomly chooses  $(y_3)_i, (y_4)_i, z_i \in Z_P^*$  and computes:

$$\begin{aligned} R_i &= (y_3)_i^{-1} (z_i P - (y_4)_i (X_i) + (y_0)_i P_{pub}) \\ W_i &= e(R_i, D_{ID_B}). \end{aligned}$$

$\mathcal{C}$  get  $(y_2)_i$  from  $L_2$  and computes:

$$C_i = (M_i || ID_i) \oplus (y_2)_i.$$

Then,  $\mathcal{C}$  outputs  $\sigma_i = (X_i, C_i, R_i, Z_i)$  and store them in the list.

- Otherwise,  $\mathcal{C}$  performs the normal signcryption algorithm to return  $\sigma_i$ .
  - 3) Aggregate signcryption-query. Inputting senders' identities  $\{ID_i\}_{i=1,\dots,n}$ , a receivers' identity  $ID_B$  and messages  $\{M_i\}_{i=1,\dots,n}$ . For every  $i$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  does operations in signcryption-query. Then  $\mathcal{C}$  computes  $Z_{agg} = \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i$ , and sets  $\sigma_{agg} = (\{X_i, C_i, R_i\}_{i=1,\dots,n}, Z_{agg})$ .  $\mathcal{C}$  outputs  $\sigma_{agg}$ .
  - 4) Unsigncryption-query. Inputting the senders' identities  $\{ID_i\}_{i=1,\dots,n}$ , the receiver's identity  $ID_B$  and aggregate signcryption ciphertext  $\sigma_{agg}$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  computes  $M_i || ID_i = C_i \oplus (y_2)_i$ . Then  $\mathcal{C}$  return  $M_i$  to  $\mathcal{A}$ .
- $\mathcal{A}_1$  adaptively take some queries to  $\mathcal{C}$  in this phase.  $\mathcal{C}$  creates a empty list  $L_U$  and responds queries as follows.
- *Challenge*:  $\mathcal{A}$  sends  $\{[(M_0)_i, (M_1)_i, ID_i]_{i=1,\dots,n}, ID_B\}$  to  $\mathcal{C}$ .  $\mathcal{C}$  checks  $ID_B$ . If  $ID_B = ID_B^*$ , abort. Otherwise,  $\mathcal{C}$  does the following operations for each  $i$ .

- If  $i = k$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  randomly chooses  $(y_3)_i, (y_4)_i \in Z_q^*$ ,  $A_i \in G$  and sets:

$$\begin{aligned} R_i &= cP \\ (h_3)_i &= (y_3)_i \\ (h_4)_i &= (y_4)_i \\ (h_2)_i &= A_i \oplus (M_i || ID_i) \\ Z_i &= (h_3)_i R_i + (h_4)_i (X_i) + (h_0)_i P_{pub} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the  $\sigma_i = (X_i, A_i, R_i, Z_i)$

- Otherwise,  $\mathcal{C}$  chooses a random number  $b \in \{0, 1\}$ . Then  $\mathcal{C}$  signcrypts  $(M_b)_i$  using the sender's private key and receiver's public key to generate the signcryption.

Then  $\mathcal{C}$  aggregates all signcryption  $\sigma_i^*$  from  $i = 1$  to  $i = n$  and returns challenge aggregate signcryption  $(\sigma_{agg}^*, Z_{agg}^*) = (\{C_i^*\}_{i=0,\dots,n}, \{R_i^*\}_{i=0,\dots,n}, Z_{agg}^*)$  to  $\mathcal{A}$

- *Phase 3:* It is the same with the phase 2. But  $\mathcal{A}_1$  can not take the unsigncryption query for  $(\sigma_{agg}^*, Z_{agg}^*)$ .
- *Guess:*  $\mathcal{A}$  outputs guess bit  $b' \in \{0, 1\}$  for each  $i = 1$  to  $i = n$ .

If  $\mathcal{A}$  can win the game in a non-negligible advantage  $\epsilon$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  can get  $W_k$  from list  $L_2$ ,  $\xi_k$  from list  $L_U$  and outputs  $W_k^{-\xi_k}$  as the solution of BDHP:

$$\begin{aligned} W_k^{-\xi_k} &= e(D_{ID_B}, R_k)^{-\xi_k} \\ &= e(\xi_k abP, cP)^{-\xi_k} \\ &= e(P, P)^{abc} \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\mathcal{C}$  can solve BDHP with an advantage  $\epsilon' = \epsilon$ . ■

**Theorem 2:** If a PPT adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  can win the EUF-IBAS-CMA-Game in a non-negligible advantage  $\epsilon$ , the challenger  $\mathcal{C}$  can solve the Bilinear Modified Diffie-Hellman Problem (MBDHP) in a non-negligible advantage  $\epsilon'$ .

*Proof:* Giving a BDHP instance  $(P, aP, bP) \in G$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  solve the BDHP by interaction with  $\mathcal{A}_2$ .

- *Setup:*  $\mathcal{C}$  generates public parameters and sets  $P_{pub} = aP$ . Then sending  $Par$  to  $\mathcal{A}$ .
- *Query*  $\mathcal{C}$  chooses target identities  $\{ID_i\}_{i=1,\dots,n}$  (senders),  $ID_B^*$  (receiver) and  $k \in [1, n]$ . Then  $\mathcal{A}$  takes hash oracle queries. When  $ID = ID_B^*$  in  $H_1 - Query$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  randomly chooses  $\xi_i \in Z_q^*$  and set  $(y_1)_i = \xi_i bP$ . Next,  $\mathcal{C}$  updates the list  $L_1$ .
  - 1) Key-extract-query. Inputting  $ID_i$ , if  $ID_i$  is not the target identity,  $\mathcal{C}$  returns  $X_i = x_i P$ , where  $x_i$  is from  $L_0$ . Otherwise,  $\mathcal{C}$  returns "failure".
  - 2) Signcryption-query. Inputting sender's identity  $ID_i$ , receiver's identity  $ID_B$  and message  $M_i$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  searches them in  $L_U$  and signcrypts the message:
    - If  $ID_i$  is the target identity,  $\mathcal{C}$  get  $X_i, (y_0)_i$  from  $L_0$  and randomly chooses  $(y_3)_i, (y_4)_i, z_i \in Z_P^*$  and computes:

$$\begin{aligned} R_i &= (y_3)_i^{-1} (z_i P - (y_4)_i (X_i) + (y_0)_i P_{pub}) \\ W_i &= e(R_i, D_{ID_B}). \end{aligned}$$

$\mathcal{C}$  get  $(y_2)_i$  from  $L_2$  and computes:

$$C_i = (M_i || ID_i) \oplus (y_2)_i.$$

Then,  $\mathcal{C}$  outputs  $\sigma_i = (X_i, C_i, R_i, Z_i)$  and store them in the list.

- Otherwise,  $\mathcal{C}$  performs the normal signcryption algorithm to return  $\sigma_i$ .
  - 3) Aggregate signcryption-query. Inputting senders' identities  $\{ID_i\}_{i=1,\dots,n}$ , a receivers' identity  $ID_B$  and messages  $\{M_i\}_{i=1,\dots,n}$ . For every  $i$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  does operations in signcryption-query. Then  $\mathcal{C}$  computes  $Z_{agg} = \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i$ , and sets  $\sigma_{agg} = (\{X_i, C_i, R_i\}_{i=1,\dots,n}, Z_{agg})$ .  $\mathcal{C}$  outputs  $\sigma_{agg}$ .
  - 4) Unsigncryption-query. Inputting the senders' identities  $\{ID_i\}_{i=1,\dots,n}$ , the receiver's identity  $ID_B$  and aggregate signcryption ciphertext  $\sigma_{agg}$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  computes  $M_i || ID_i = C_i \oplus (y_2)_i$ . Then  $\mathcal{C}$  return  $M_i$  to  $\mathcal{A}$ .
  - *Forgery:*  $\mathcal{C}$  outputs a forged signcryption  $\sigma_{agg} = (\{X_i, C_i, R_i\}_{i=1,\dots,n}, Z_{agg}^*)$  on  $ID_i^*$ . If  $\mathcal{A}$  wins, the equation:  $Z_{agg}^* - \sum_{i=k+1}^n \sum_{i=1}^n (y_4)_i (X_i + (y_0)_i P_{pub}) = \sum_{i=1}^n r_i (y_3)_i + \sum_{i=1}^k (y_4)_i (X_i + (y_0)_i P_{pub})$  holds.
- If  $\mathcal{A}$  can win the game in a non-negligible advantage  $\epsilon$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  can outputs  $e(D_i, P_{pub})^{-\xi_i}$  as the solution of MBDHP:

$$\begin{aligned} e(D_i, P_{pub}) &= e(\xi_i abP, aP)^{-\xi_i} \\ &= e(P, P)^{a^2 b} \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\mathcal{C}$  can solve BDHP with an advantage  $\epsilon' = \epsilon$ . ■

- 1) *Confidentiality:* According to Theorem 1, there is no PPT adversary can win the IND-IBAS-CCA2-Game in a non-negligible advantage  $\epsilon$  if the BDHP is hard. Therefore, only the receiver can get the message  $M_i$  by computing  $M_i = C_i \oplus h_{2i}$ . Thus, our proposed B-ID-ASC scheme provides confidentiality.
- 2) *Unforgeability:* According to Theorem 2, there is no PPT adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  can win the EUF-IBAS-CMA-Game in a non-negligible advantage  $\epsilon$  if the MBDHP is hard. Therefore, the receiver can check the validity and integrity of signcryption by verifying whether the equation  $Z_{agg}^* = Z_{agg}$  holds. Thus, our proposed B-ID-ASC scheme provides unforgeability.
- 3) *Resisting against current attacks:* Our proposed B-ID-ASC scheme for PNA-IMTS could withstand impersonation attack, modification attack, man-in-the-middle attack.
  - *Impersonation attack:* According to Theorem 1 and Theorem 2, the attacker cannot generate a correct signcryption. CC can detect this attack by computing equation  $Z_i = h_{3i} R_i + h_{4i} X_i + h_{4i} h_{0i} P_{pub}$  and checking the correctness of equation  $Z_{agg}^* = Z_{agg}$ . Thus, our proposed B-ID-ASC scheme can withstand impersonation attack.
  - *Man-in-the-middle attack:* According to above analysis of confidentiality and unforgeability, even if the attacker play a role of man-in-the-middle, he can not



**Algorithm 1** Uploading

```

func (t *ABstore)
Set(ctx contractapi.TransactionContextInterface, A string, Aval int)
error
{
    err := ctx.GetStub().PutState(A, []byte(strconv.Itoa(Aval)))
    if err != nil
    {
        return err
    }
    return nil
}

```

TABLE II  
COSTS OF THE SMART CONTRACTS

Operations	Time Cost(ms)	TPS(n/10 <sup>3</sup> ms)
Upload	0.06	1601.57
Query	0.03	2984.18
Delete	0.06	1615.53

get any plain text message. Thus, our proposed B-ID-ASC scheme can withstand the man-in-the-middle attack.

- *Modification attack*: According to Theorem 2, any modification of signcryption could be found by checking the equation  $Z_i = h_{3i}R_i + h_{4i}X_i + h_{4i}h_{0i}P_{pub}$ . Thus, our proposed B-ID-ASC scheme can withstand the modification attack.

## VI. PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

First, we describe how to implement the blockchain system for B-ID-ASC scheme and count the execution time of uploading, querying and deleting. Second, we compare the performance of our proposed B-ID-ASC scheme with current ID-ASC schemes.

### A. Implementation of Blockchain System for B-ID-ASC Scheme

The PKG, PV and CC are nodes of blockchain in B-ID-ASC scheme. They have the ability to upload information to blockchain and have searching function, deleting function. Based on these requirements, we implement the blockchain system (Fabric 2.2.1) on Wuhan University cloud server having Quad-core CPU, 8G memory, 50G SSD. Deploying and invoking smart contracts relying on Go language and the core codes are shown as Algorithm 1-3. The user sends information to blockchain with Algorithm 1. The user searches corresponding information with Algorithm 2. The user deletes information send by himself with Algorithm 3.

After realizing functions of blockchain in B-ID-ASC scheme, we provide related statistics. As shown in the table II, the time to execute a transaction for uploading is 0.06ms. The time to execute a transaction for querying is 0.03ms and the time to execute a transaction for deleting is 0.06ms. In addition, we have measured the time of executing 10000 transactions simultaneously for uploading, querying and deleting in Fig.4. It indicates that operations on delegating can proceed quickly when multiple transactions are executed concurrently.

**Algorithm 2** Querying

```

func (t *ABstore)
Query(ctx contractapi.TransactionContextInterface, A string) (string,
error)
{
    var err error
    % Getting the state from the ledger.
    Avalbytes, err := ctx.GetStub().
    GetState(A)
    if err != nil
    {
        jsonResp := {"Error": "Failed to get state for " + A + ""}
        return "", errors.New(jsonResp)
    }
    if Avalbytes == nil
    {
        jsonResp := {"Error": "Nil amount for " + A + ""}
        return "", errors.New(jsonResp)
    }
    jsonResp := {"Name": "" + A + "", "Amount": "" +
    string(Avalbytes) + ""}
    fmt.Printf("Query Response: % s\n", jsonResp)
    return string(Avalbytes), nil
}

```

**Algorithm 3** Deleting

```

func (t *ABstore)
Delete(ctx contractapi.TransactionContextInterface, A string) error
{
    % Deleting the state in ledger.
    err := ctx.GetStub().DelState(A)
    if err != nil
    {
        return fmt.Errorf("Failed to delete state")
    }
    return nil
}

```



Fig. 4. Execution Time on Blockchain.

For a blockchain system, the performance evaluation is measured by the number of transactions completed per second, also called Transaction Per Second (TPS). The higher TPS is, the better performance of the system will be. But at the same time, the server will be under greater pressure. The table II and Fig.5 describe TPSs for uploading, querying and deleting in our blockchain system. It indicates that our blockchain system can be suitable for PNA-IMTS. Furthermore, system performance can be improved by further optimizing cloud server configuration, which is what we can do in the future.

TABLE III  
COMPARISON OF COMPUTATION COSTS (MS) AND COMMUNICATION COSTS (BITS)

Schemes	Signcryption	Unsigncryption	Ciphertext Length
[25]	$4nT_{exe-t} + nT_{bp}$ $= 5.138n$	$6nT_{bp} + nT_{mi}$ $= 8.891n$	$4n G  + n G_T $ $= 3072n$
[26]	$4nT_{exe-t}$ $= 3.66n$	$2nT_{exe-t} + 2nT_{bp} + 2nT_{mi}$ $= 4.832n$	$2n G  + 2n G_T  + n Z_q $ $= 3097n$
[27]	$2nT_{sm} + nT_{pa} + 3nT_{pm} + 3nT_h$ $= 0.451n$	$nT_{pa} + 4nT_{pm} + 3nT_h$ $= 0.594n$	$(2n+1) G  + n Z_q $ $= 1280n + 512$
Proposed Approach	$2nT_{sm} + nT_{pa} + 2nT_{pm} + nT_{exp-t} + 3nT_h$ $= 2.699n + 0.645$	$nT_{sm} + 3nT_{pa} + 3nT_{pm} + nT_{bp} + 3nT_h$ $= 2.848n$	$n G  + n M $ $= 768n$

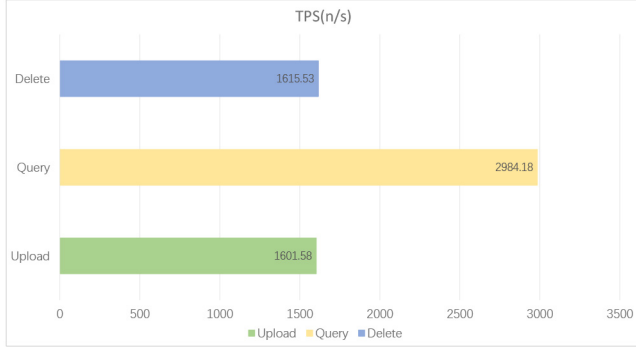


Fig. 5. TPS on Blockchain.

### B. Performance of B-ID-ASC Scheme

We analyze the performance of our B-ID-ASC scheme for PNA-IMTS in this section. We carry out a comprehensive analysis through statistics data of computation cost and communication cost. In addition, we compare the performance of our B-ID-ASC scheme for PNA-IMTS with three current efficient ID-ASC schemes [25]–[27].

Initially, we set  $\lambda = 128$  as the system secure parameter. Then, we use  $e : G \times G \rightarrow G_T$  to reach the security level, where  $G$  is an additive group generated by a point  $P$  with the order  $q$  on the elliptic curve parameters “BN-256”.  $p$  is a 256-bit prime number.  $q$  is a 256-bit prime number. Based on the secure length 128bits, we set  $|Z_q| = 256bits$ ,  $|G| = 512bits$ ,  $|G_T| = 1024bits$ .

We get the execution time of above cryptographic operations using RELIC library, a famous cryptographic library and having been widely used to implement cryptographic operations, to compare computation costs of related ID-ASC schemes. Our hardware platform are a notebook PC having Intel Core i7-8850U 1.80 GHz processor, 16GB RAM and Window 10 (64 bit) operating system. Defining the execution time of corresponding operations and make statistic. The results are as follows:

- $T_{sm}$ : The scalar multiplication operation time in  $Z_q$ , 0.001ms.
- $T_{pa}$ : The point addition operation time in  $G$ , 0.002ms.
- $T_{pm}$ : The point multiplication operation time in  $G$ , 0.145ms.
- $T_{mi}$ : The inversion operation time in  $Z_q$ , 0.023.
- $T_{bp}$ : The bilinear pairing operation time, 1.478ms.

- $T_{exp-t}$ : The modular exponentiation operation time in  $G_T$ , 0.915ms.
- $T_h$ : The map to  $Z_q$  hash operation time, 0.004ms.
- $T_H$ : The map to point hash operation time, 0.645ms.

Table III shows the comparison of computation costs and communication costs between our proposed B-ID-ASC scheme with current ID-ASC schemes.

On aspect of computation costs, for  $n$  number senders, our proposed B-ID-ASC scheme’s computation cost in signcryption is  $2nT_{sm} + nT_{pa} + 2nT_{pm} + nT_{exp-t} + 3nT_h = 1.239n$  and in unsigncryption is  $nT_{sm} + 3nT_{pa} + 3nT_{pm} + nT_{bp} + 3nT_h = 1.941n$ . Li *et al.*’s scheme [25] in signcryption is  $5.138n$  and in unsigncryption is  $8.891n$ . Karati *et al.*’s scheme [26] in signcryption is  $3.66n$  and in unsigncryption is  $4.832n$ . Abouelkheir and El-Sherbiny’s scheme [27] in signcryption is  $0.451n$  and in unsigncryption is  $0.594n$ .

According to the above computation costs, it shows that our proposed scheme’s computation cost is much lower than Li *et al.* [25] and Karati *et al.* [26] in terms of both signcryption and unsigncryption processes. The computation cost of Abouelkheir and Elsherbiny’s scheme [27] is slightly lower than ours, but their scheme has defects on the master secret key protection and confidentiality protection (showing in the appendices) and is not secure enough. In practical application, the scheme performance can not be improved at the expense of security.

On aspect of communication costs, for  $n$  number senders, our proposed B-ID-ASC scheme’s communication cost is  $n|G| + n|M| = 768n - bit$ . Li *et al.*’s scheme [25] is  $3072n - bit$ . Karati *et al.*’s scheme [26] is  $3097 - bit$ . And Abouelkheir and El-sherbiny’s scheme [27] is  $(1280n + 512) - bit$ . It is clear that our B-ID-ASC scheme’s communication cost is the lowest of all presented ID-ASC schemes.

Due to the introduction of blockchain, the communication costs of our B-ID-ASC scheme are significantly reduced, and its security is greatly increased. Fig. 6 describes how the communication costs of our B-ID-ASC scheme and other current ID-ASC schemes changes in the different number of senders. It is evident that as the number of senders increases, the communication cost advantage of our B-ID-ASC scheme increases.

According to the above analysis, it could be concluded that our B-ID-ASC scheme has advantages in comprehensive performance and is more suitable for PNA-IMTS.

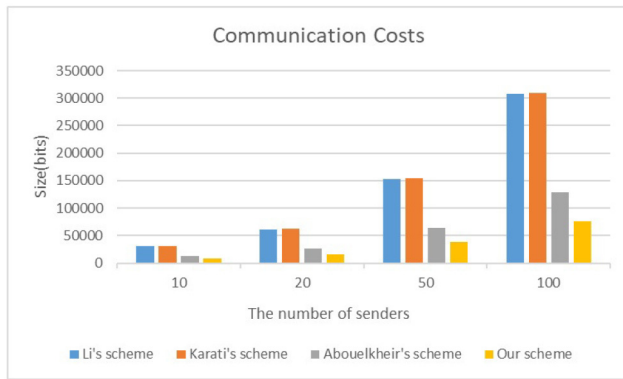


Fig. 6. Communication Costs Comparison.

## VII. CONCLUSION

In order to better joint management for maritime transportation, we design a fusing network model PNA-IMTS and propose an efficient B-ID-ASC scheme with blockchain. We introduce blockchain to improve security and reduce communication costs. Finally, compared with current ID-ASC schemes in security, computation costs, and communication costs, the results show that our scheme is suitable for PNA-IMTS. In the future, we will design a novel and secure ID-ASC scheme without using bilinear pairing. Furthermore, we will study more possibilities of joint management for maritime transportation.

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