

# Supplementary Information for: Implementation and Evaluation of a Dilithium-Based Post-Quantum Blockchain Prototype

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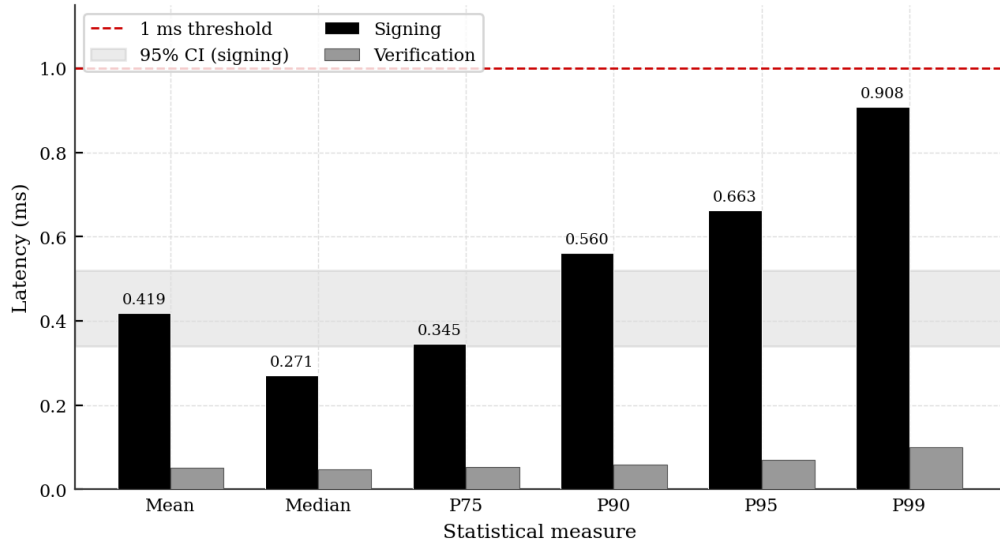
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This file follows the order of the main Results and provides the supporting distributions, scenario definitions, and reproducibility details cited at the relevant points in the article.

## Original prototype baseline



Supplementary Figure S1: Legacy baseline latency. Signing and verification latency in the original  $n = 1,000$  four-thread Dilithium2 run; the shaded band is the preserved 95% confidence interval and the dashed line marks 1 ms.

Supplementary Table S1: Dilithium2 latency statistics in the original single-machine prototype.

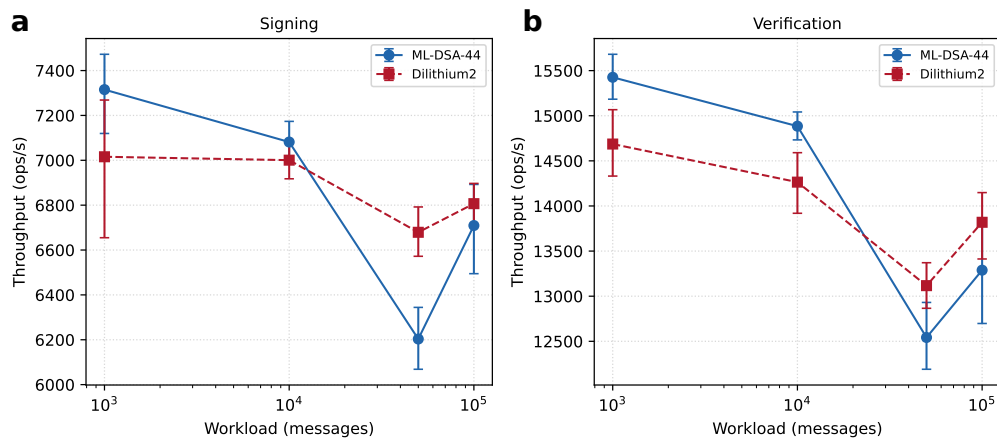
| Statistic     | Sign (ms)      | Verify (ms)    |
|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| Mean          | 0.4186         | 0.0507         |
| Median        | 0.2712         | 0.0470         |
| P75           | 0.4030         | 0.0504         |
| P90           | 0.5605         | 0.0589         |
| P95           | 0.6631         | 0.0690         |
| P99           | 0.9080         | 0.0996         |
| 95% CI (mean) | [0.339, 0.519] | [0.050, 0.051] |
| Std. dev.     | 1.5283         | 0.0107         |

Supplementary Table S2: Original  $n = 1,000$  scale-test results with four threads.

| Metric                                     | Value                    |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Sign throughput                            | 8,541.5 signatures/s     |
| Verify throughput                          | 18,714.4 verifications/s |
| P95 sign latency                           | 0.663 ms                 |
| P95 verify latency                         | 0.069 ms                 |
| Combined mean service time (sign + verify) | 0.469 ms                 |
| Valid signatures                           | 1,000 / 1,000            |

The combined mean service time is the sum of separately measured signing and verification means, not a separately timed end-to-end request path.

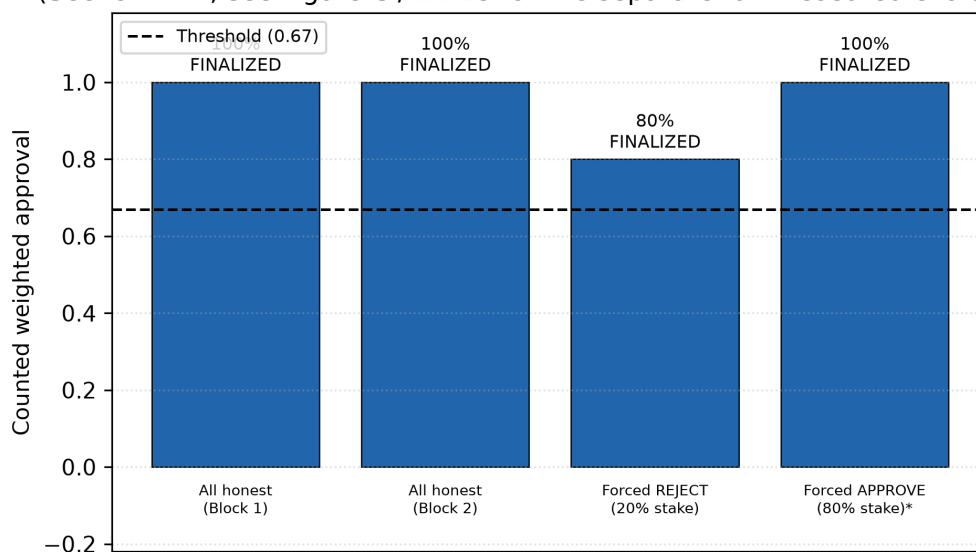
## Workload scaling



Supplementary Figure S2: Single-worker workload scaling. (a) Signing throughput from 1,000 to 100,000 messages for ML-DSA-44 and legacy Dilithium2. (b) Verification throughput over the same workloads. Bars show 95% bootstrap confidence intervals.

## Weighted-approval support

Original single-machine weighted-approval configuration check, R1-R4 (Section~4.4; see Figure C / E1-E8 for the separate full measured evaluation)



Supplementary Figure S3: Original R1-R4 weighted-approval checks.

Supplementary Table S3: Original R1-R4 weighted-approval configuration check.

| Round | Scenario                                              | Approval | Verdict   |
|-------|-------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| R1    | All validators honest (Block 1)                       | 100%     | FINALIZED |
| R2    | All validators honest (Block 2)                       | 100%     | FINALIZED |
| R3    | 1 faulty validator, forced REJECT (20% stake)         | 80%      | FINALIZED |
| R4    | Forced-decision check: A+B forced APPROVE (80% stake) | 100%     | FINALIZED |

R4 uses a valid block and is therefore a configuration check, not evidence that an invalid block can be finalized.

E5 in Supplementary Table S4 tests that boundary directly.

Supplementary Table S4: Measured E1–E8 weighted-approval configurations at the 0.67 acceptance threshold ( $V_A = 0.50$ ,  $V_B = 0.30$ ,  $V_C = 0.20$ ).

| <b>Scenario</b> | <b>Block</b>         | <b><math>V_A</math> message</b> | <b><math>V_B</math> message</b> | <b><math>V_C</math> message</b> | <b>Counted approval</b> | <b>Threshold</b> | <b>Outcome</b> |
|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| E1              | Valid                | APPROVE                         | APPROVE                         | APPROVE                         | 1.00                    | MET              | ACCEPT         |
| E2              | Mechanically invalid | REJECT                          | REJECT                          | REJECT                          | 0.00                    | NOT MET          | REJECT         |
| E3              | Valid                | APPROVE                         | APPROVE                         | REJECT                          | 0.80                    | MET              | ACCEPT         |
| E4              | Mechanically invalid | REJECT                          | REJECT                          | APPROVE                         | 0.20                    | NOT MET          | REJECT         |
| E5              | Mechanically invalid | APPROVE                         | APPROVE                         | REJECT                          | 0.80                    | MET              | ACCEPT         |
| E6              | Valid                | APPROVE                         | APPROVE                         | APPROVE                         | 0.70                    | MET              | ACCEPT         |
| E7              | Valid                | APPROVE                         | REJECT                          | REJECT                          | 0.50                    | NOT MET          | REJECT         |
| E8              | Valid                | APPROVE+REJECT                  | APPROVE                         | APPROVE                         | 0.50                    | NOT MET          | REJECT         |

Each scenario contains 20,000 measured rounds combined across both algorithms (10,000 per algorithm). In E5,  $V_A$  and  $V_B$  are forced to approve a block with a mechanically invalid stored Merkle root. In E6,  $V_B$  signs an approval bound to a different block hash and is excluded. E7 submits the same valid  $V_A$  approval twice, so it is counted once. In E8,  $V_A$  signs both APPROVE and REJECT and is excluded as equivocating. ML-DSA-44 and Dilithium2 produced identical logical outcomes in all scenarios.

## Security-control support

Supplementary Table S5: Toy-scale cryptographic illustrations and signature-rejection checks.

| Experiment        | Target     | Outcome                      |
|-------------------|------------|------------------------------|
| Toy factoring     | RSA-32     | Key recovered (toy)          |
| Toy factoring     | RSA-48     | Key recovered (toy)          |
| Toy factoring     | RSA-64     | Key recovered (toy)          |
| BKZ-40            | Dilithium2 | Toy-scale reduction exercise |
| EUFCMA $\times 4$ | Dilithium2 | All rejected                 |

BKZ-40 is retained only as a toy-scale reduction exercise. It was not an attack on production Dilithium2 parameters and is not used to estimate a security margin.

## Scope of the toy-scale illustration

The RSA-32/48/64 and BKZ-40 items are deliberately toy-scale demonstrations and are not used to estimate production security. The four forgery trials test implementation-level rejection of invalid signatures only. None of these exercises is treated as primary security evidence in the main article.

Supplementary Table S6: Outcomes of the original 550-input adversarial suite.

| Attack                             | n   | Blocked | Speed    | Layer                   |
|------------------------------------|-----|---------|----------|-------------------------|
| Wrong-election-ID payload mutation | 5   | 5       | 5,775/s  | PQC (payload integrity) |
| Vote flood                         | 500 | 500     | 16,336/s | PQC                     |
| Sig stripping                      | 15  | 15      | 13,392/s | App                     |
| Bit corrupt                        | 25  | 25      | 11,173/s | Hash+PQC                |
| Sig swap                           | 5   | 5       | 5,768/s  | PQC                     |
| TOTAL                              | 550 | 550     | —        | —                       |

The row was originally labeled “Replay.” Source inspection confirms that the test mutates the signed `election_id` before verification, so rejection reflects payload integrity rather than a dedicated replay or election-context control.

Supplementary Table S7: Phase F security-control outcomes by scenario.

| Scenario | Test                                          | Control origin         | Expected | Observed | Correct handling | Rate |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------|----------|----------|------------------|------|
| F0       | Benign control                                | Legacy reused          | ACCEPT   | ACCEPT   | 20,000/20,000    | 100% |
| F1       | Duplicate valid vote (identical resubmission) | Legacy reused          | REJECT   | REJECT   | 20,000/20,000    | 100% |
| F2       | Conflicting valid votes from one voter        | Legacy reused          | REJECT   | REJECT   | 20,000/20,000    | 100% |
| F3       | Cross-voter signature reuse                   | Legacy reused          | REJECT   | REJECT   | 20,000/20,000    | 100% |
| F4       | Signed timestamp modification                 | Legacy reused          | REJECT   | REJECT   | 20,000/20,000    | 100% |
| F5       | Unmodified cross-election replay              | Experimental safeguard | REJECT   | REJECT   | 20,000/20,000    | 100% |
| F6       | Polling-window / clock-skew violation         | Experimental safeguard | REJECT   | REJECT   | 20,000/20,000    | 100% |
| F7       | Unauthorized voter                            | Experimental safeguard | REJECT   | REJECT   | 20,000/20,000    | 100% |
| F8       | Claimed-voter / key mismatch                  | Mixed                  | REJECT   | REJECT   | 20,000/20,000    | 100% |
| F9       | Isolated Merkle-root tampering                | Legacy reused          | REJECT   | REJECT   | 20,000/20,000    | 100% |
| F10      | Isolated previous-block-hash tampering        | Legacy reused          | REJECT   | REJECT   | 20,000/20,000    | 100% |

Each Phase F scenario contains 20,000 measured rounds combined across both algorithms. For F5–F7, source inspection showed that the corresponding safeguards were absent from the original implementation; legacy-path behavior is therefore characterized from code inspection rather than from separate measured legacy-only trials, and the reported rejection outcomes come from the added safeguards. F8 is the measured exception: the reproduced pattern is localized to the standalone legacy function `03_verify.py::verify_vote`, which used the caller-supplied voter identifier for public-key selection without explicitly comparing it with the identifier in the signed payload. This pattern accepted all 20,000 identity-mismatch attempts (0/20,000 detected), whereas the added identity-equality safeguard rejected all 20,000 corresponding attempts. The internal `04_blockchain.py::VotingChain._verify_vote` method derives the voter identifier from the signed payload and does not expose the identical caller-supplied mismatch interface. Rates apply only to the defined scenarios.

## **Supplementary Methods**

### **Phase D2 concurrency validation**

Phase D2 throughput, latency, speedup, and efficiency were recomputed from the raw repetition-level JSON records and checked against the final archived summaries.

### **Phase H defect discovery and revalidation**

Phase H exposed one pre-fix deadline-handling error: a response arriving after the decision deadline was marked late but still entered the approval calculation in 1 of 8,000 measured rounds. After the response-absorption logic was corrected, 11 focused unit tests passed and a targeted 2,400-round re-measurement produced no outcome mismatches. Both the pre-fix data and the post-fix revalidation are preserved.

### **Bootstrap methodology**

Confidence intervals for the extended evaluation use a percentile bootstrap with 2,000 resamples and seed 42 on repetition-level observations. The original  $n = 1,000$  prototype baseline is the exception: because independent repetitions were not available, its preserved interval is an operation-level bootstrap within that run. Algorithms were resampled independently when their repetitions were not paired.