An overview of Plasma

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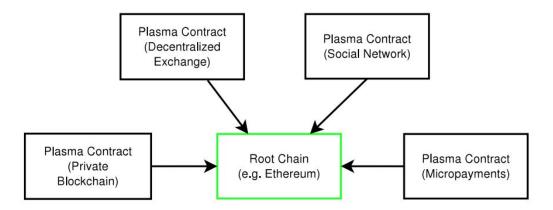
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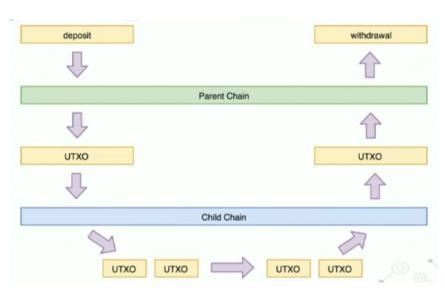
What is Plasma?

- Layer 2 scaling solution for Ethereum
- Framework for sidechains (Plasma chains)
- Sidechains are usually less secure than root chain
- Transactions executed on Plasma chain, but enforceable on root chain



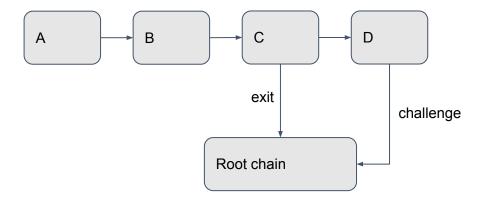
Minimal Viable Plasma

- First Plasma implementation
- Plasma Contract on root chain
- Users deposit Eth to contract and receive utxo on Plasma chain
- Users transact with these utxos
- Operator periodically submits blocks to the root chain
- Users can withdraw (exit) utxos and receive Eth on root chain



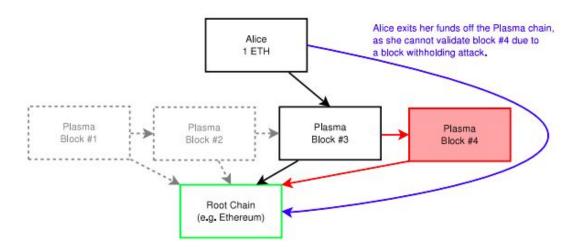
MVP Security

- Security against malicious users
 - Merkle proof of ownership at exit
 - Exit can be challenged with proof of spend



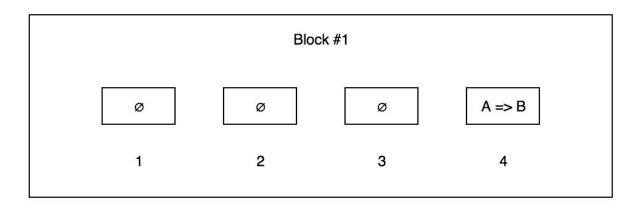
MVP Security

- Security against malicious operators
 - Users can exit at any time
 - Exit priority based on utxo ordering
 - Double signing transactions (confirmations)



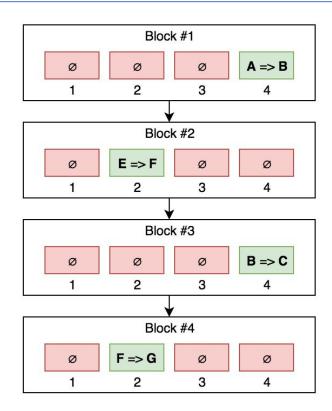
Plasma Cash

- Deposited Eth/tokens are represented as NFTs
- Sparse Merkle Trees to store all tokens on chain
- Users only need to watch their own tokens



Plasma Cash

- Proof of ownership needs token transaction history
- Exit request (with latest token history)
- Exit can be challenged
 - By providing proof of spend
 - By providing proof that history is invalid



The future of Plasma

- Loom Network / Zombie Battlegrounds
- More Viable Plasma / Plasma Debit / Plasma XT

Resources / Further Reading

- https://plasma.io/plasma.pdf
- https://media.consensys.net/the-state-of-plasma-1-6b48c1e4b295
- https://www.learnplasma.org/
- https://github.com/loomnetwork/plasma-cash
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uyuA11PDDHE
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