

# Wtf are based rollups and preconfs?

(And why they're awesome)

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# **how did we get here?**



# how did we get here?

- gas is too expensive
  - rollup-centric roadmap
    - off-load execution to L2s
      - gas is cheaper, TPS increases
        - ETH is dead...?

CT: "No ETH value accrual"  
"L2s vampire Ethereum"  
"Solana will outcompete"  
Me:



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## what's the deal?

- L2s are not interoperable
  - fragmented liquidity
  - fragmented users
- developers need to
  - pick a winning chain/ecosystem
  - deploy across many chains
- ETH has lost value
  - DA fees are [temporarily] low
  - execution is where the money is
  - issuance has increased
- "intraop" is coming instead of "interop"

this is a *negative-sum* game



## how to fix fragmentation?

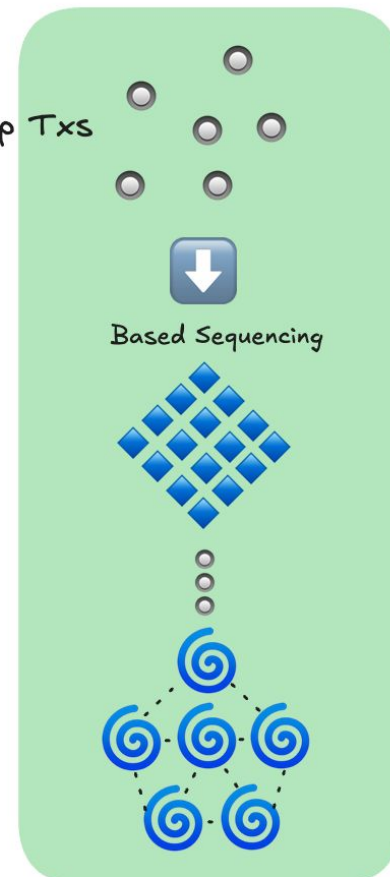
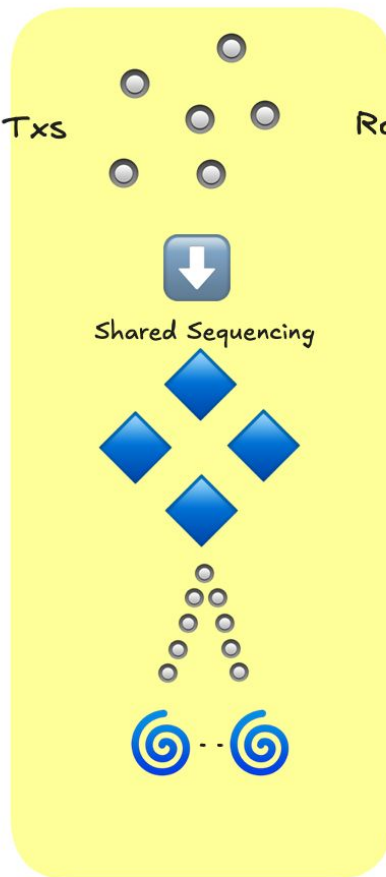
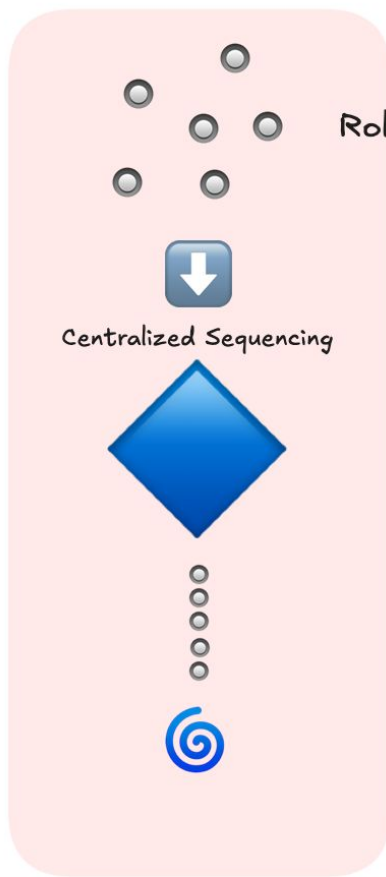
1. agree on one entity to sequence all the rollups
2. ... that's it

**based rollups**

# wtf are based rollups?

“A rollup is said to be based, or L1-sequenced, when its sequencing is driven by the base L1. More concretely, a based rollup is one where the next L1 proposer may, in collaboration with L1 searchers and builders, permissionlessly include the next rollup block as part of the next L1 block.” - [Justin Drake](#)



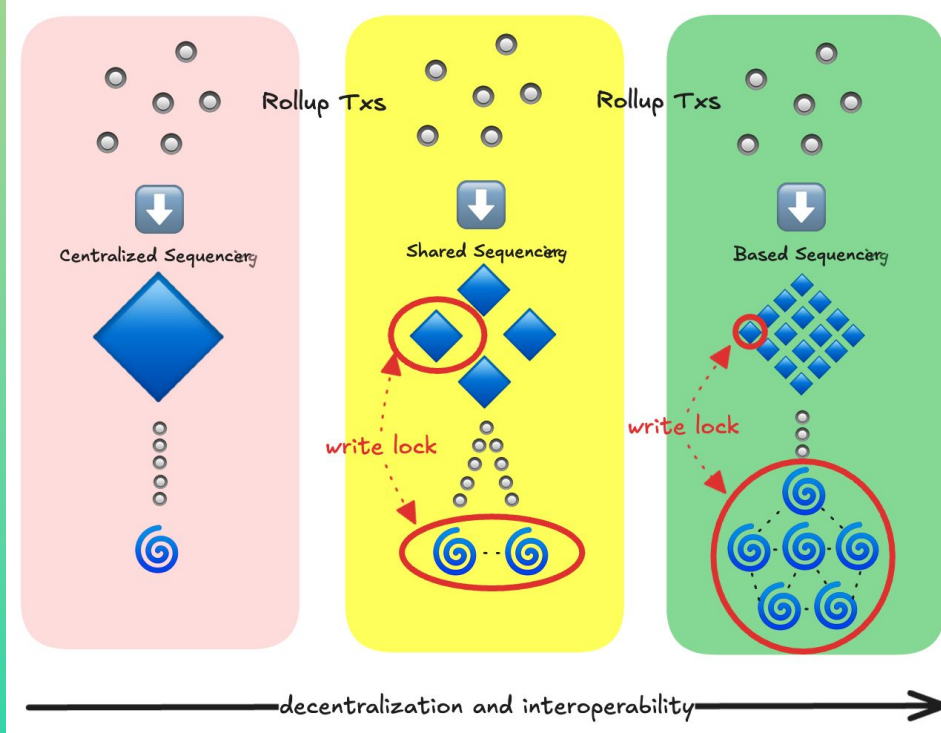


decentralization and interoperability →



## how does it help?

- > L2 interop requires write-locks over L2 state
- > shared sequencing enables this
- > based sequencing is the most credible form



# limitations



# based rollups have bad UX

## what's the problem?

- based sequencing operates at L1 block times
- L2 users don't want to wait 12s tx confirmations
- we don't want to hardfork to reduce slot times
  - centralization vector
  - R&D time
  - client bugs

Enter

- **preconfirmations**

# preconfs



# preconfs are commitments from validators to users

1. user wants to send a tx
2. validator promises to do **something** when proposing
  - a. include the tx
  - b. execute with guaranteed post-state
3. user can slash validator who breaks their promise

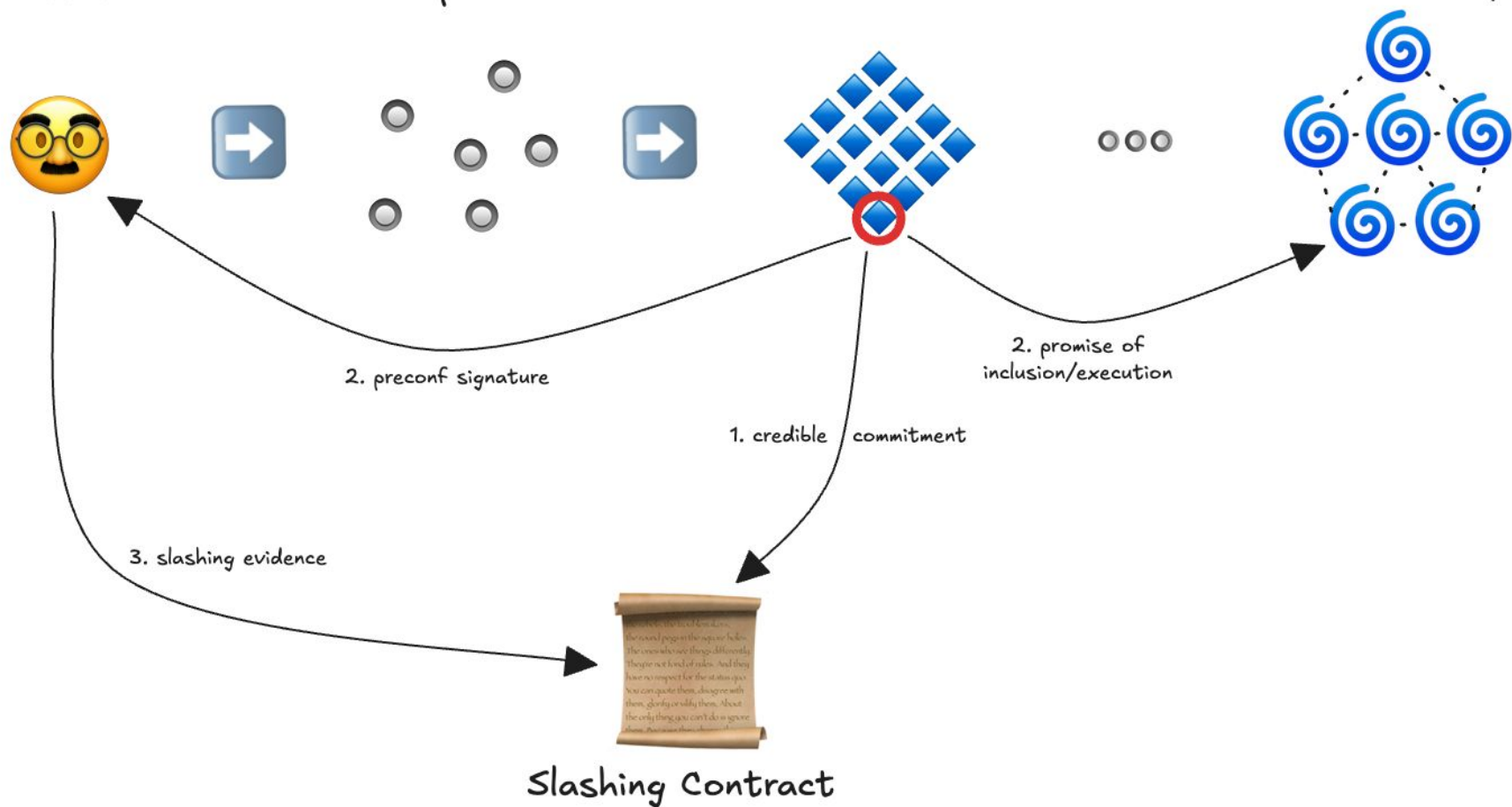


Users

Rollup Txs

Ethereum Validators

Based Rollups





**we can be faster than solana**  
**(without centralized sequencers)**

# Thank you!

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