OmniLedger Whitepaper Sharing

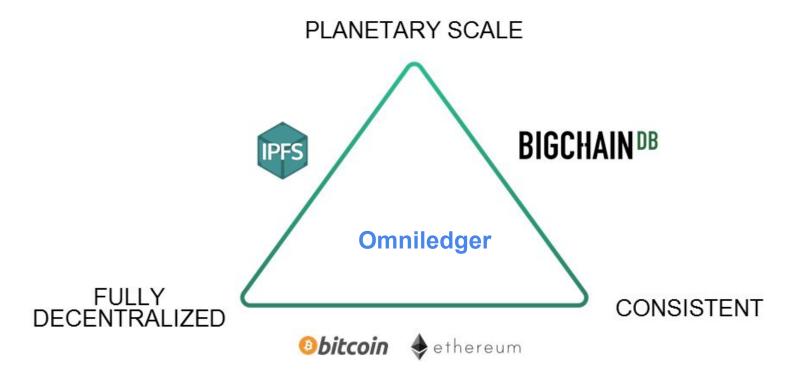
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Review: background





Are you kidding me?

Omniledger can Omniledger up, no can no bb :-P



Bitcoin vs OmniLedger

	Bitcoin	OmniLedger*	
Throughput	~4 TPS	~20.000 TPS	
1-st Confirmation	~10 minutes	~1 second	
Full Security	~60 minutes ~42 second		
More Available Resources	No performance Gain	Linear Increase in Throughput	

^{*} Configuration with 1120 validators against a 12.5% adversary

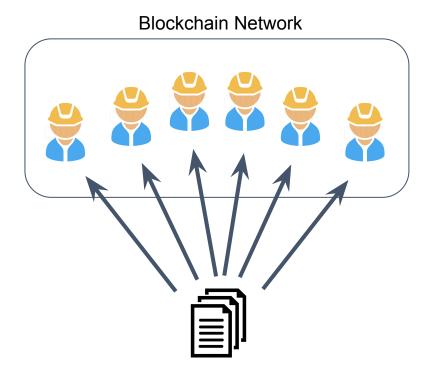


Omniledger System Goals

- Full decentralization
- Shard robustness
- Secure transactions
- Scale-out
- Low storage overhead
- Low latency

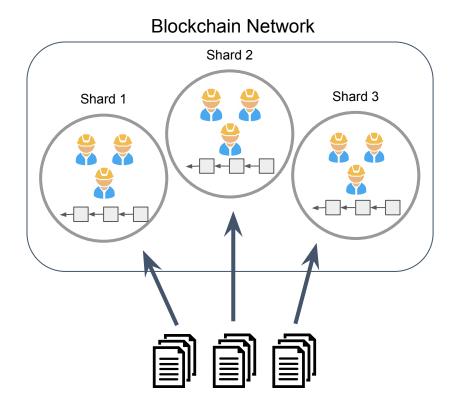


Review: Non-sharded Blockchain

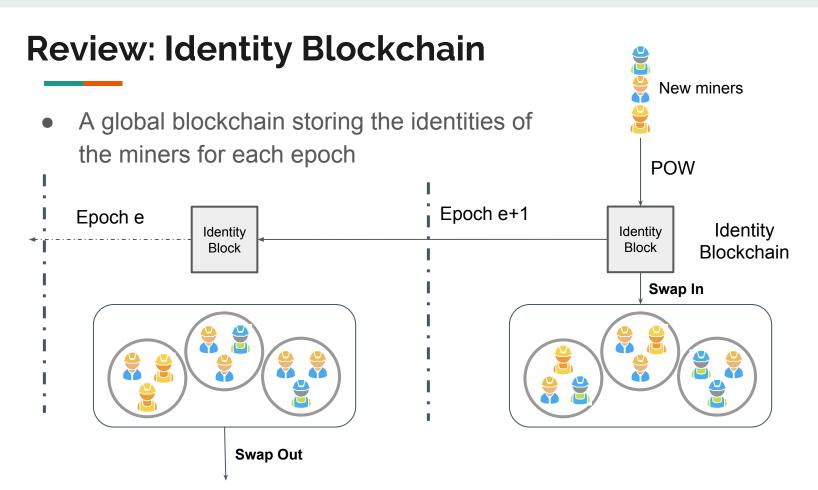




Review: Sharded Blockchain









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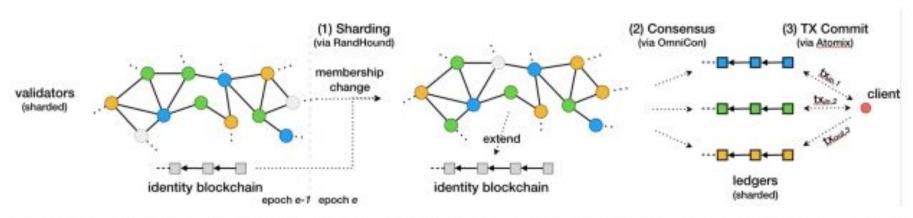


Fig. 2: OmniLedger architecture overview: At the beginning of an epoch e, validators (1) use RandHound to randomly remove old validators from shards and assign new validators who registered to the identity blockchain in epoch e-1. Afterwards, validators ensure (2) consistency of the shards' ledgers via Omnicon while clients ensure (3) consistency of their cross-shard transactions via Atomix (here the client spends inputs from shards 1 and 2 and outputs to shard 3).

How are validator assigned to different shards?

- Randomly!
- But hmm... purely random?
- Randomness on 1 machine is based on seed, which is risky
- Can we leverage the whole network?





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Shard Validator Assignment

1. Temp. leader election (Can be biased)



2. Randomness generation (Output is unbiasable)

Temp. leader

Verifiable randomness rnde

Validators



(sharded)

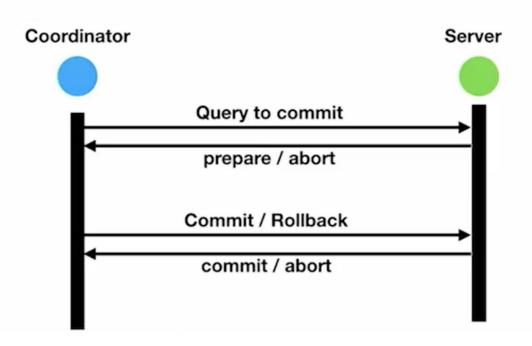
How about cross-shards transactions?





Review

Two-Phase Commit





Cross-shards transactions

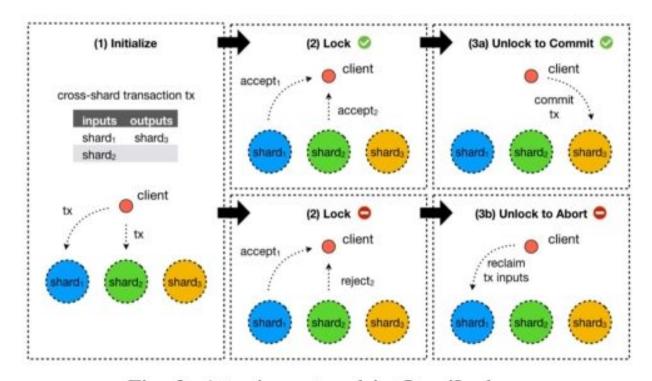


Fig. 3: Atomix protocol in OmniLedger.



Latency vs. Throughput trade-off

- Larger block size -> more throughput, but more latency too! :-(
- Smaller block size -> less latency, but less throughput as well! X-(



Introducing the HACK:

Trust-but-Verify Transaction Validation





Trust-but-Verify Transaction Validation

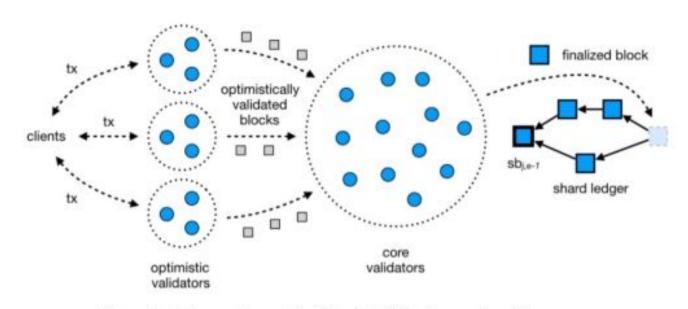


Fig. 4: Trust-but-Verify Validation Architecture



Trust-but-Verify Transaction Validation

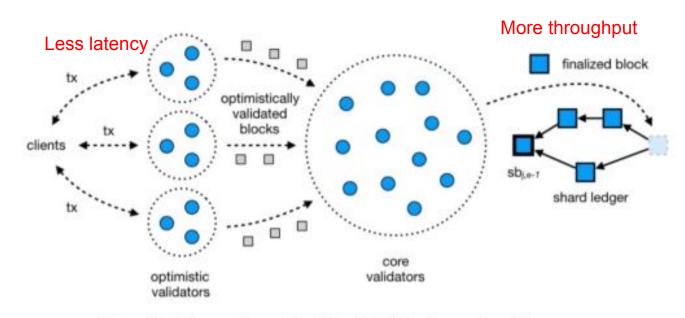
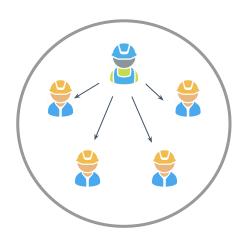


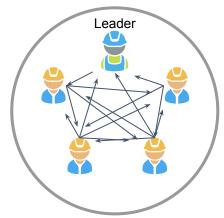
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Consensus 101: PBFT

- Practical Byzantine Fault Tolerance
- Voting-based consensus: consensus reached with 2/3 majority votes
- Instant Finality (vs. probabilistic finality in POW)
- Assumes < 1/3 of malicious nodes (vs. < 1/2 in POW)
- Requires a leader to initiate the consensus process (similar to block proposer in POW)
- O(n²) Network Complexity
- Only scale to 10-20 nodes

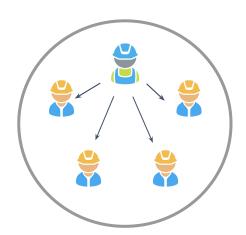


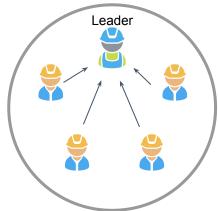




Consensus 101: Scalable BFT

- Rely on Schnorr Multi-Signature
- Aggregate O(n) votes (signatures) into a O(1)-sized multi-signature proof
- Miners check the multi-signature proof instead of directly receiving votes from each other
- Scales to hundreds of nodes:
- O(n) complexity instead of O(n^2) in traditional PBFT





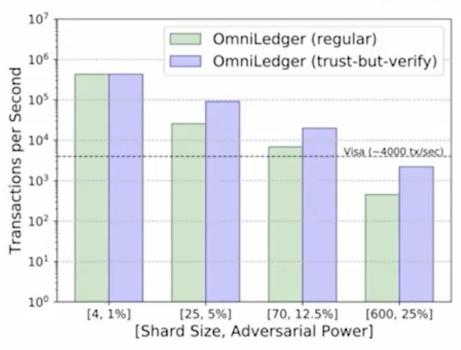


Consensus

- ByzCoin -> ByzCoinX
- Demo



Evaluation: **Throughput**



Results for 1800 validators



Evaluation: Latency

Transaction confirmation latency in seconds for regular and mutli-level validation

#shards, adversary	4, 1%	25, 5%	70, 12.5%	600, 25%	
regular validation	1.38	5.99	8.04	14.52	1 MB blocks
1st lvl. validation	1.38	1.38	1.38	4.48	500 KB blocks
2nd Ivl. validation	1.38	55.89	41.89	62.96	16 MB blocks
Bitcoin	600	600	600	600	

latency increase since optimistically validated blocks are batched into larger blocks for final validation to get better throughput



Omniledger Limitations

- The cost of epoch bootstrap is significant
 - Extra overhead
- The actual throughput is dependent on the workload.
 - E.g. If all transactions touch all the shards before committing, then the system is better off with only one shard.



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OmniLedger: a secure, scale-out decentralized ledger via sharding

OmniLedger's talk on 2018 IEEE Symposium on Security & Privacy

Philipp Jovanovich introduces OmniLedger

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Q&A



