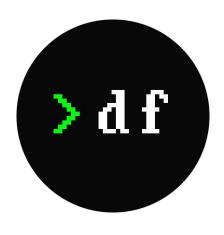
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## What is 0xPARC?

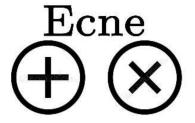


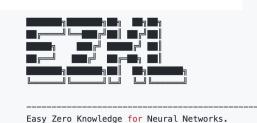


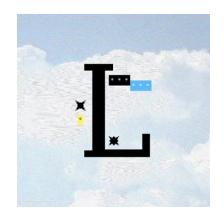




zkSNARK circuits for crypto primitives









## we think a lot about applied ZK.

At 0xPARC,

Here are two things

that ZK allows us to do.

COOL THING #1:

# ZK gives us an expressive language for claims

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J know a private key corresponding to Alice, Bob, OR Charlie's public keys.

- myHash := mimc(secret)
- (myHash hash1)(myHash hash2)(myHash hash3)... == 0
- msgAttestation := mimc(msg, secret)

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zkSNARKs turn math problems

into programming tasks.

COOL THING #2:

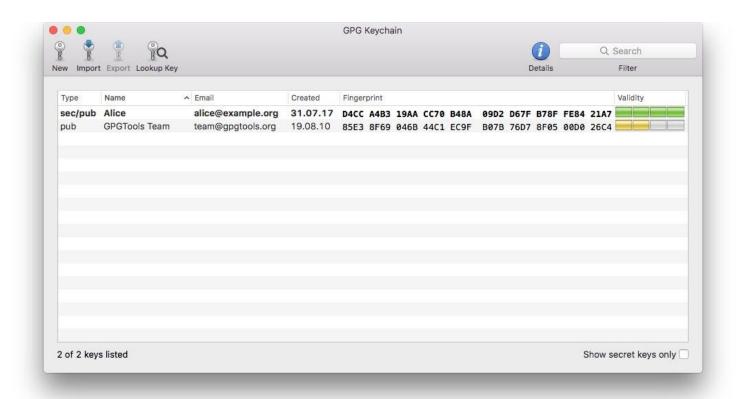
# ZK adds interoperability to cryptographic systems

## SNARK-friendly vs. SNARK-compatible

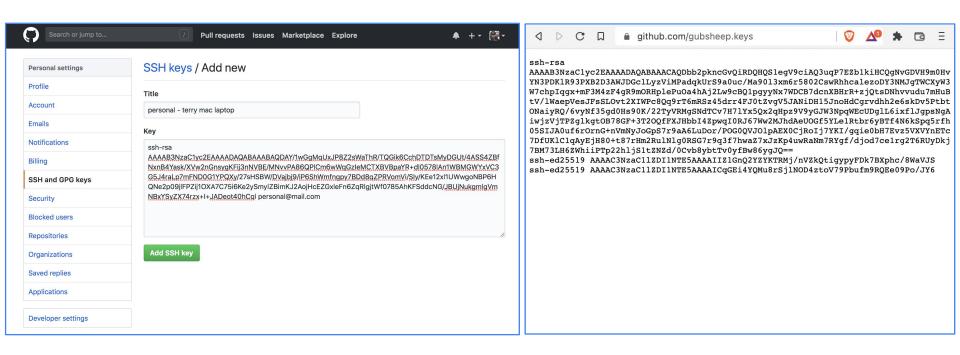
At least in the near-term, our most widely-used cryptographic systems will not be SNARK-friendly.

The underlying cryptography for many of these systems was invented before SNARK constructions were known!

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### View Wallet Info

YOUR ADDRESS

0x698042d6233042632711C86452A53A8E9637F585

PRIVATE KEY (UNENCRYPTED)

A2fc86c38a1a7fb6c0eaea9696d6434cd977dbef46fba3183ac99ad

Lots of existing cryptography

can at least be made SNARK-compatible.

Both of these features are examples of

the power of "programmable cryptography."

# is cryptography that can be "layered" on top of arbitrary computations.

Programmable cryptography

## Cryptography

For most of cryptography's (short) history, the set of mechanisms we've been able to instantiate with it has been extremely narrow.

- This message originated from Alice.
- This message can only be read by Bob.

Every new mechanism needed a special-purpose-built mathematical protocol!

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## Witness Encryption

- Charlie has published some secret vote that only a coordinator can read
- Charlie has committed to some secret vote, that only attestors with a certain permission level can decrypt today, but which a class of auditors with a lower permission level will be able to partially decrypt in one week.

### **Smart Contracts**

 Bob can decrement his balance by 100 ether, to increment Alice's balance by 100 ether.

At block B, 100 ether will be available for withdrawal by Bob, so long as Bob has closed his position in X smart contract and no one has submitted a fraud challenge, though an early withdrawal may be initiated if 2 of the 3 solvency conditions are met...

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#### FHE, MPC, IO, ...

and Blockchains

## Ethereum: the global stream of consciousness



A 1gbps "coaxial cable" streaming canonical data: humanity's promises, bets, secrets, debts, dreams,

...that any person or computing device in the world can hook into.

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Right now, this stream is completely transparent.

This is currently necessary to build acceptance that the stream is canonical —"don't trust, verify."

Privacy is important,

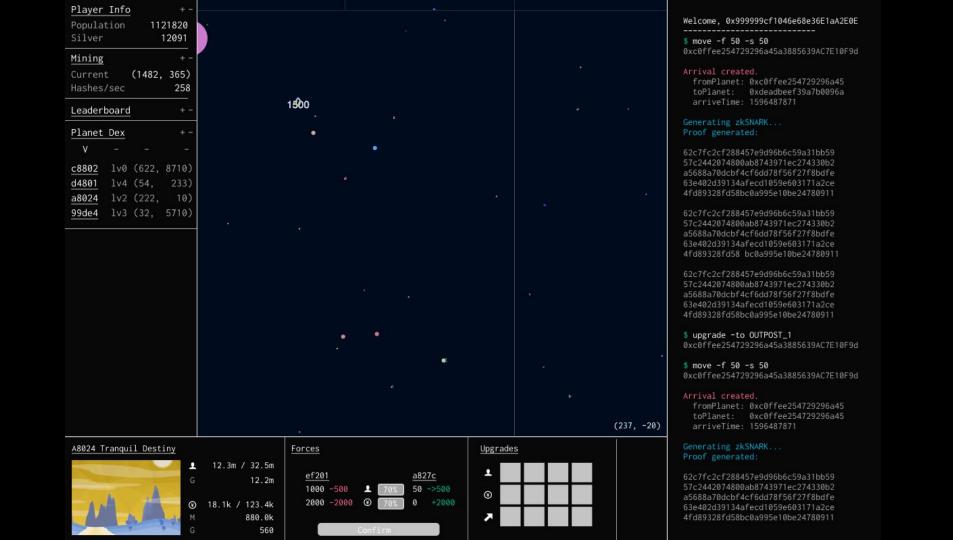
not just as a matter of ideology,

but as a matter of mechanics

## Blockchains and Programmable Cryptography

rwx permissions on this canonical data stream are enabled by programmable cryptography.

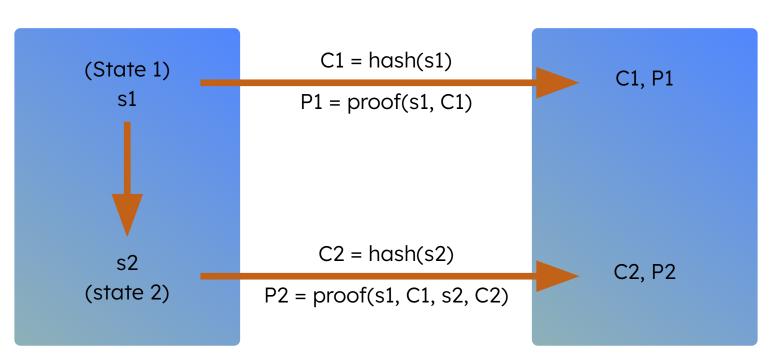
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- - no permissions
- - x only execute
- w - only write
- w x write and execute
         only read
r - x read and execute
r w - read and write
  w x read, write and execute
```



## Player

Network
Public, verifiable by anyone

Private, locally stored



## Blockchains and Programmable Cryptography

"I walk into a store and perform a cryptographic handshake with the merchant and an identity provider. After verifying their identity, I give them one token that permissions them to access some specific data on my preferences for 60m, and another that allows them to transfer a limited amount from my balance. Then, I update my transaction history which is committed to on-chain but only visible to myself."

```
no permissions
                only execute
                only write
                 write and execute
                 only read
4
                 read and execute
                read and write
6
                read, write and execute
```





As more of our social and

economic activity move online,

we'll need digital "ender chests."

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