

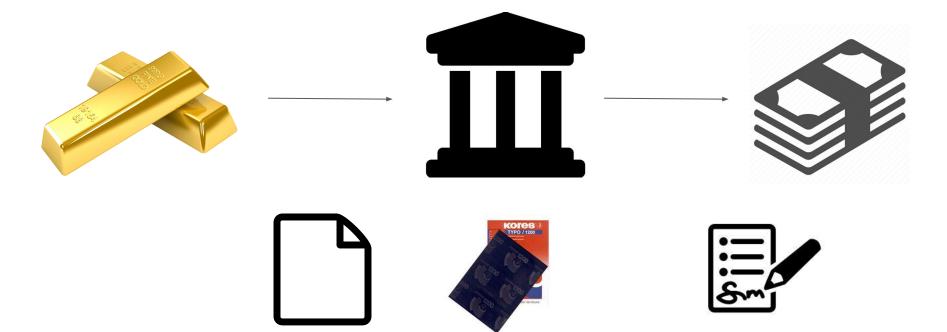
#### Chaum

- David Chaum
- Blind signatures (1982)
- **E-Cash** (1983)
- Helped start the cypherpunk movement
- Digicash company (1989, first payment sent
  1994, one US bank used for micropayments, defunct since 1998)



Image source: Wikipedia

# Mint



#### E-cash vs. Bitcoin

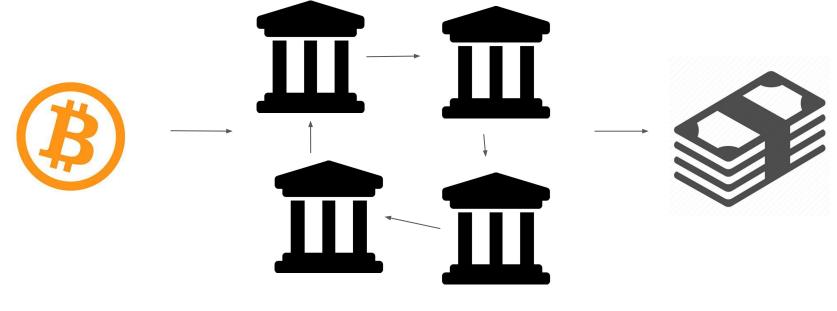
- Centralized
- Anonymous (due to blind signatures)
  - RSA with blinding factor that can be undone after signing
- Not UTXO or account based you have actual "notes" 100 sats, 200 sats etc.
  SCRIT calls it "digital bearer certificate"
- Different denominations = different signatures (since "bank" cannot see what it is signing)
- Double spending you need to go to bank with your banknote and (anonymously) replace it with a new one

### Idea

- Learn from history
- We don't want to replace bitcoin just make it easier to use
- With bitcoin you can have multisig -> replace centralized mint with "consortium"
- Lightning: custodial vs. non-custodial wallet spectrum
- Banknotes denominated in sats/bitcoin (but don't need any blockchain!)
- Bad: it's just a token (if consortium disappears notes are worthless)
- Easy "cashout" with lightning

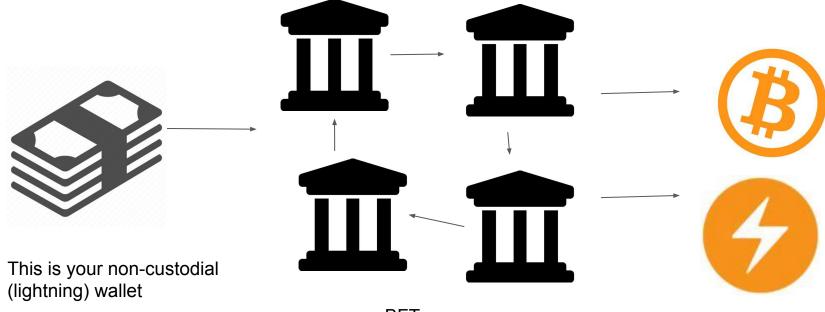


## **Schema**



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## **Examples**

- Fedimint.org resources
- SCRIT (2019 in Go) v1 and v2 Jonathan Logan, Frank Braun
- OpenTransactions multisig bitcoin
- **Minimint** (in Rust) from Eric Sirion
- Everything is alpha!



