UniCast: hooking on forward-looking events

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LP fees and positions should dynamically incorporate forecastable, forward-looking information to avoid predictable divergence loss

Context:

- **Volatilities rise predictably** during expected events like CPI releases, Fed rate announcements, SEC ETF approval dates, and TradFi "off-market" hours.
- **Price changes are predictable** and LP "impermanent losses" are permanent for tokens with coupon payments, such as liquid staking rebasing, bond coupons, and equity dividends.

Problem:

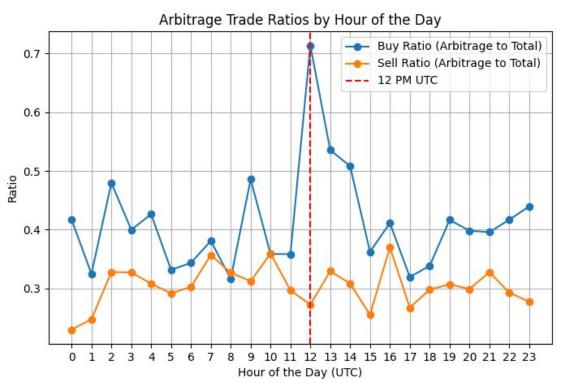
- Arbitrageurs capture all expected price and volatility changes at the expense of LPs.
- These predictable arbitrages **harm liquidity**, lead to MEV leaks, and deter swappers due to poor liquidity

Solution:

UniCast: A hook that adjusts LP fees and positions by incorporating:

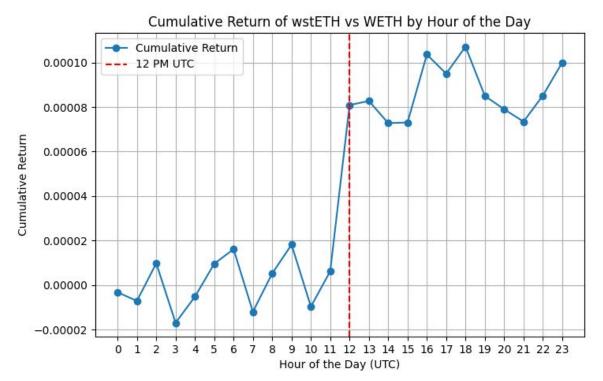
- Forward-looking volatility to enable dynamic fees and shift value capture from arbs to LPs
- Forward-looking price changes to rebalance LP positions

Motivation: Arb trade volume to buy wstETH vs wETH doubles around daily stETH rebasing (coupon payment) at ~12 pm UTC daily



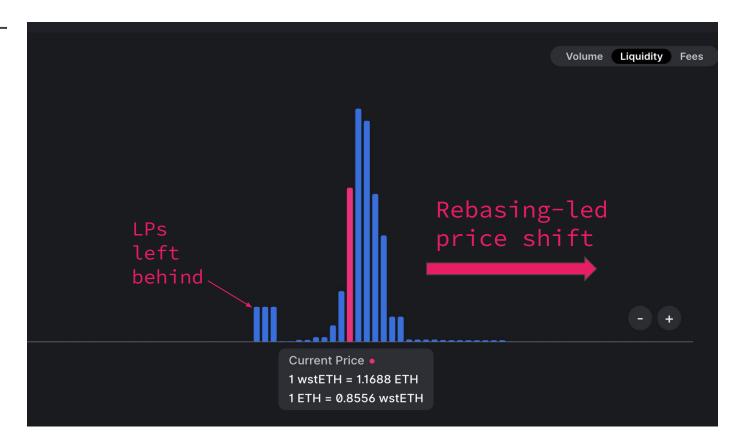
Arb trades are those executed by top 10 swapper addresses in the wstETH/wETH 1 bps pool; code

Motivation: wstETH returns jumps predictably from arbs Dynamic fees can capture most of the expected price movements



Data: wstETH/wETH 1 bps pool from July 2023 to June 2024; code

Essential Rebalancing: Ensuring LPs Stay in Range



UniCast reduces LP loss and increases liquidity

UniCast can be used immediately in DeFi and sets the
standard for RWA liquidity pools:

- Incorporate forward-looking (implied) volatility from on-chain markets (Panoptics) and off-chain markets
- Accounting for predictable price changes due to rebasing (LSTs) and coupon/dividend effects (yield-bearing RWAs)

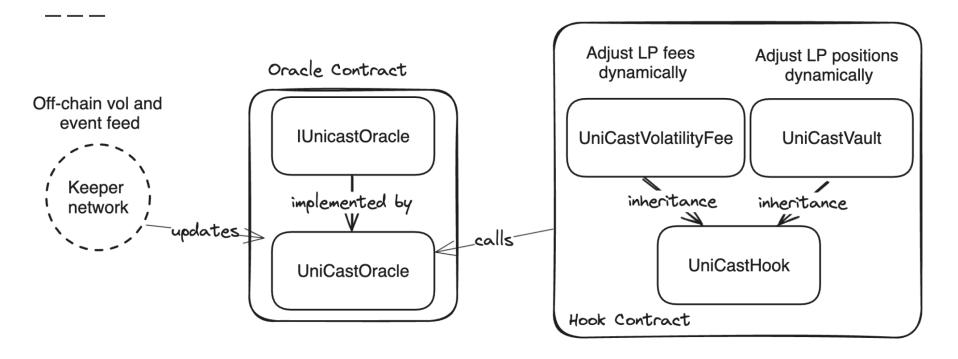
- Embedding differential fees for trading hours, economic stats releases, and macro event ______



UniCast optimizes LP adjustments for RWA markets

- RWA markets are estimated to reach over \$16 trillion by 2030 (BCG)
- Most RWA instruments yield dividends and their volatilities are influenced by events and trading hours
- UniCast expand Uniswap protocol's applicability in the RWA market

UniCast contracts



Github repos: <u>contracts</u>, <u>front-end</u>













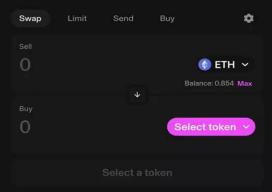












UniCast: Enhancing Benefits for LPs, Swappers, and Issuers





LPs

- Avoid predictable divergence loss with dynamic fee and auto-rebalancing
- Achieve higher
 overall returns



Swappers

Access the best liquidity with increased LP participation



Issuers
(LSTs or RWAs)

Higher auto-rebalancing liquidity and ability to incentivize deep liquidity through UniCast Vault contracts using points and token airdrops

Upcoming Enhancements in UniCast

Permissioning for RWA pools

UniCast will inherit access permissions for RWA tokens with permission controls. 2 LP vault incentive add-on

UniCast Vault to offer added features for issuers to deploy incentives for boosting liquidity and ensuring price stability for pegged pairs.