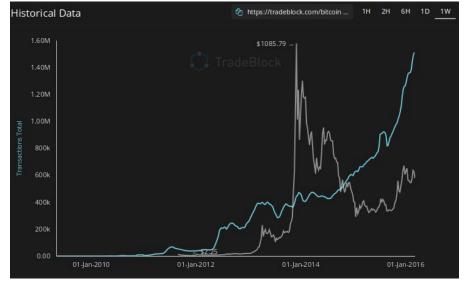


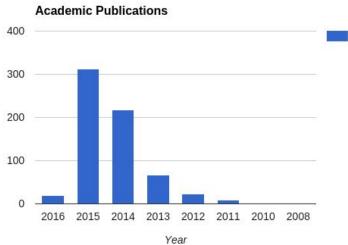


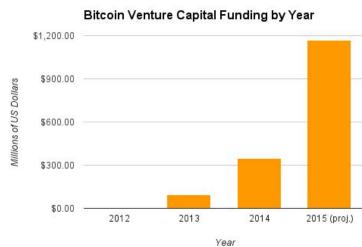
Building the blockchain ecosystem

Bitcoin: A Peer-to-Peer Electronic Cash System

- Solves double spending problem without a trusted third party
- Blockchain: public database of transactions
- Secured by miners
- Controlled inflation via mining reward

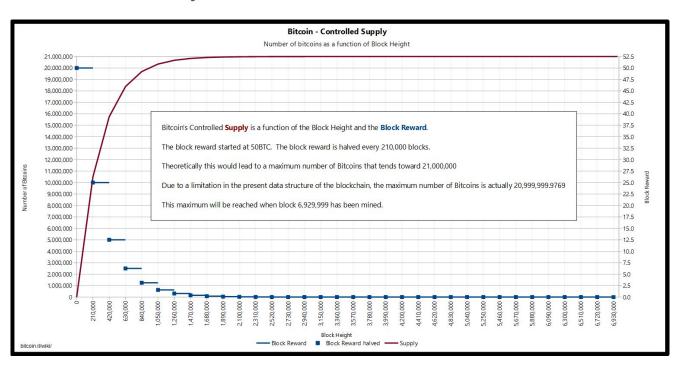




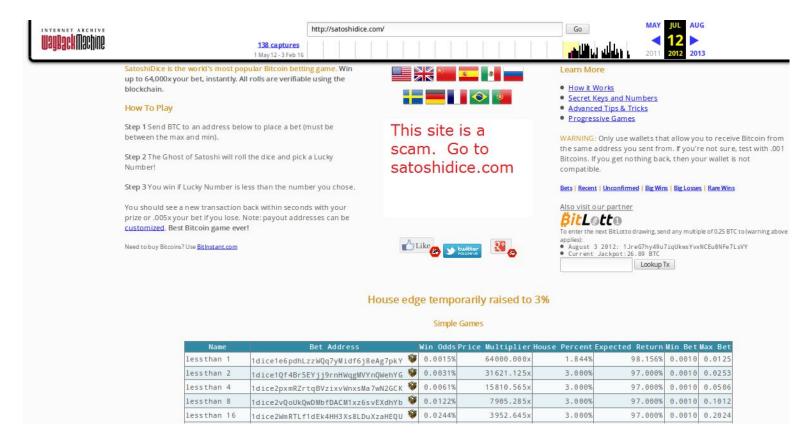


Store of value

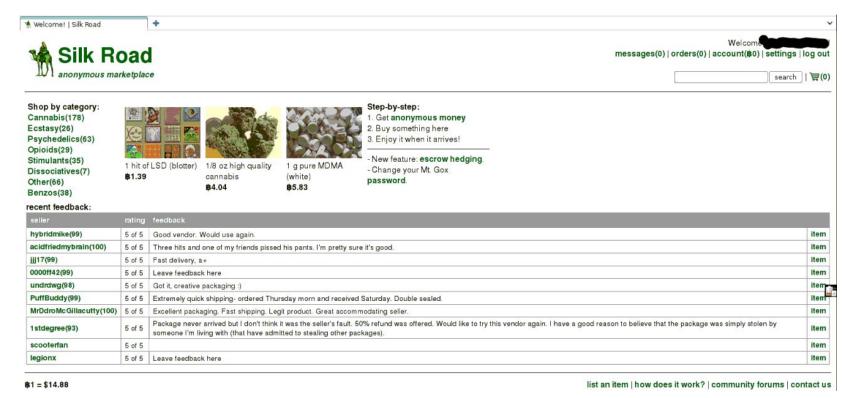
• properties of a currency: scarce, durable, transferable



A Payment System

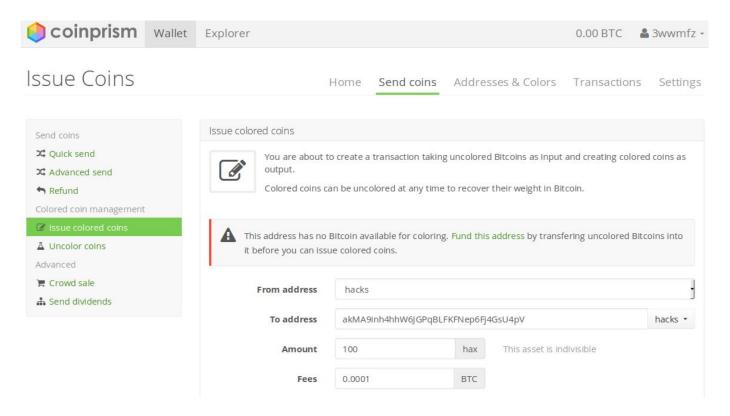


Permissionless Innovation

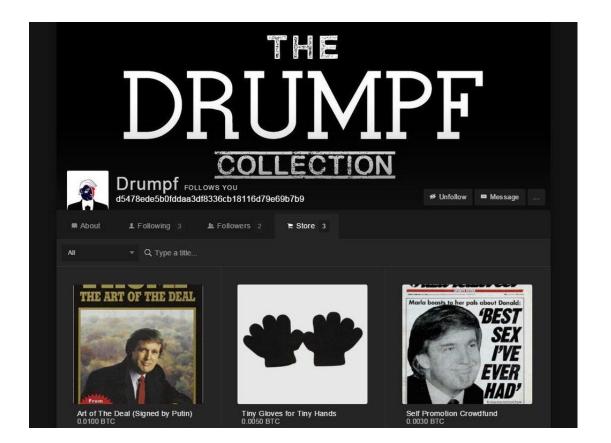


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A protocol layer



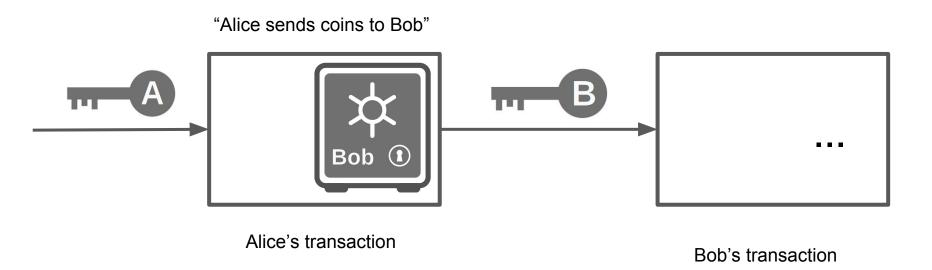
A Smart Contract Platform



Cryptography Basics

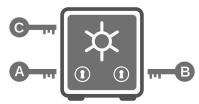
- cryptographic hash functions
 - o hash: {0,1}* -> {0,1}^n
 - collision resistant
- public key cryptography
 - keypair: secret key sk and public key pk
 - cryptographic signature over message m
 - sign(message, sk) -> sig
 - verify(message, pk, sig) -> {0, 1}

Transactions



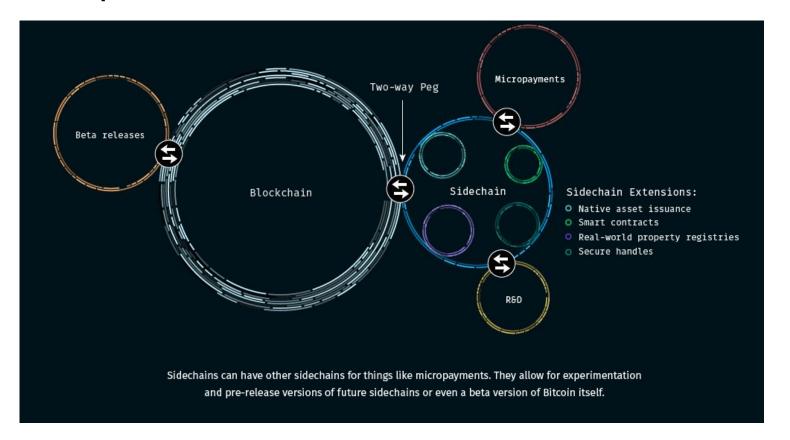
Smart Contract platform

- Transactions contain Bitcoin Script
 - o Key: <Signature>
 - Tresor: <Public Key> OP CHECKSIGVERIFY
- multisig



- multisig wallets
- o escrow
- sidechains

Interoperable Blockchains



Sidechains

- Use case: Create blockchain with new features
- Altcoins not ideal
 - Network effect
 - Security
- Pegged Sidechains
 - transfer Bitcoins to sidechain and back without trusted third party
 - o no separate token, uses Bitcoin mining power
 - federated peg
 - Elements Alpha

Project Inspiration: Build your own blockchain

Features

- opcodes for specific protocols, covenants
- Turing Complete Script Language

(WARNING: insecure and stupid)

src/script/interpreter.cpp

Project Inspiration: Atomic Cross Chain Swap (ACCS)

- Problem: transfer between chains is either centralized or slow
 - o implement ACCS protocol to allow trustless transfer between blockchains
 - decentralized exchange
- Coordination layer: "Alice wants exchange Bitcoins on a sidechain with Bob's zcash coins"

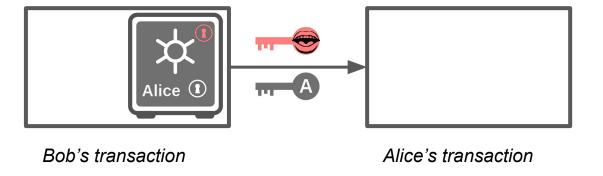
Atomic Cross Chain Swap

Alice hashes secret:

Alice's transaction

Bob's transaction

zcash chain



Project Inspiration: Leverage Elements Alpha features

- CT coinjoin
 - coinjoin is mechanism to merge transactions of multiple users into a single one to improve privacy
 - Elements Alpha has Confidential Transactions (CT) which means that transaction values are encrypted
 - CT makes coinjoin much more practical
- Sidechain-aware blockchain analytics
 - visualize peg-specific smart contracts
 - represent chain specific features (Confidential transactions, ...)

Resources

- Bitcoin Developer Documentation (RPC API etc.)
 - https://bitcoin.org/en/developer-documentation
- Elements Alpha
 - https://github.com/ElementsProject/elements
 - https://elementsproject.org/
 - Guide http://blog.cryptoiq.ca/?p=395
 - Create new sidechain https://github.com/bitcoin-s/elements#building-a-new-sidechain-with-elements

Resources

- Covenants
 - http://hackingdistributed.com/2016/02/26/how-to-implement-secure-bitcoin-vaults/
- ACCS
 - https://en.bitcoin.it/wiki/Atomic_cross-chain_trading
 - https://bitcointalk.org/index.php?topic=946174.0
- Coinjoin
 - https://bitcointalk.org/index.php?topic=279249.0
 - https://github.com/JoinMarket-Org/joinmarket
- existing block explorers
 - blockchain.info, insight.bitpay.com, tradeblock.com/bitcoin, kaiko.com, blockbin.com, blockseer.com

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