MEV 2.0: The Rise of MPSVs

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https://explore.flashbots.net/

TL;DR

- The merge will drastically change the MEV ecosystem and will allow users to earn profits in this area by moving the market towards a perfectly competitive market structure
- Due to the differences in Solana's and Ethereum's transaction fees it won't be easy to use Solana's validator methods.
- This ecosystem is in its infancy stage and the winner most likely has not been decided yet by the market.

MEV = Maximal Extractable Value

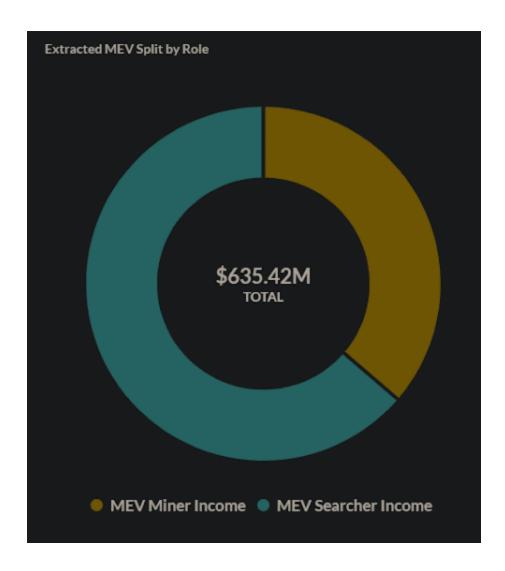
MPSVs = MEV Profit Sharing Validators

MEV in PoW Mechanism

- Focuses on two players: Miners and MEV Searchers
 - The creation of flashbots helps democratize MEV for them
- PoS has the opportunity to allow users to be included in MEV profits
- MEV is the extraction of value from users by reordering, inserting, and censoring transactions within blocks
- About \$28mm worth of MEV has been extracted over the last 30 days, with the highest profitable day happening around the Terra crash on May 12th



• Searchers take home most of the rewards for MEV

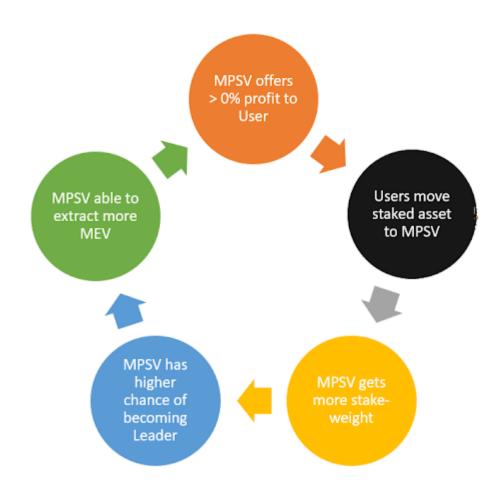


- Searchers are defined as the members that go deep into transactions within blocks to find MEV
- Currently the MEV market is compared to an oligopoly structure when looked at from a high level view.
 - Blockspace is the commodity produced and it is monetized by MEV
 - There are only a small amount of players in the ecosystem (Miners and Searchers) that get to decide how the profit structure is defined and at what price

MEV in PoS Mechanism

 miners will no longer be competing with each other to validate and confirm transactions

- validators are instead randomly chosen to verify transactions based on each validators staking levels
- Allowing users to decided which validators to stake their assets breaks the oligopolistic competition and pushes the market structure towards a perfect competition market
 - Which benefits users as well as validators and searchers
- through MPSVs users are able to earn a portion of MEV rewards
- The reasoning behind this is because it is game theory optimal for validators to offer profits to users in order to guarantee max profit for themselves.
 - They do a great job walking you through this in the article if you want to see their thinking through this game theory exercise



• The users force this by deciding where to stake by choosing the validator that earns the highest APY with the lowest fees

Solana MEV

- Uses Proof of History (PoH) which is its own PoS consensus mechanism
- Validator rewards are broken down in 3 categories:
 - Protocol Based Rewards issued from a protocol defined inflation rate where rewards are given on top of transaction fees earned
 - Staking stakers are rewarded for helping validate a transaction on the ledger and delegating their stake to validator nodes
 - Staking yields are based on current inflation rate, total number of SOL staked, and individual validator uptime and commission
 - Stake Pools liquid staking solutions like Marinade Finance and Lido
- Currently most of the MEV on Solana goes to MEV searchers because spam bots are constantly trying to find arbitrage opportunities and front-running NFT launches
 - This is a problem on solana because of the small transaction fees
- Future Plans:
 - Jito Labs is building a sealed silent bid auction to allow searches to bid on blockspace
 - MEV transactions will run off-chain in a public mempool and will be prioritized by the validators. This will cause the following benefits:
 - Killing Spam Bots
 - Better UX
 - Unclog the Solana network

Author's Hopes

- 1. Create a new shift in MEV where Users can benefit from MEV passively
- 2. For smaller MPSVs, this could serve as a way to compete with larger Validators if they are able to share more profits with Users vs. say the Top 10 or largest

- Validators or even band together and pool MEV profits with other small MPSVs.
- 3. In the extremely competitive case where all Validators pass on 100% of their MEV share of profits to Users, Users end up benefiting overall. [Note: Validators still can make revenue via transactions & priority fees].
- 4. Everyone is better off in this world including MEV Searchers, Validators, and Users in this model.