

zkNFT: our adventures with zkSNARKs

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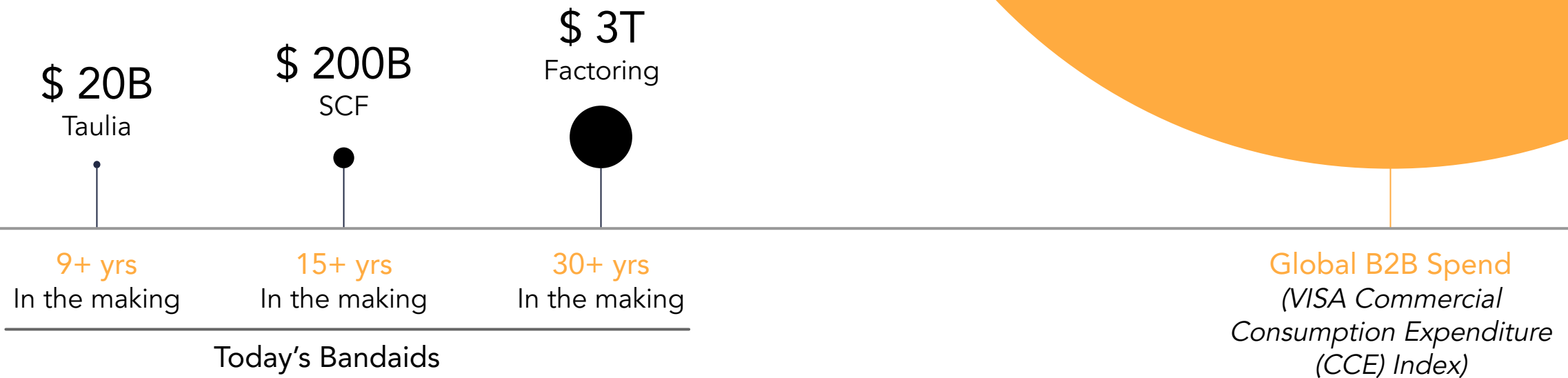
We ❤️ Supply Chain Finance

Years of working in this space



Last quarter
we delivered a
record-breaking
\$4.5 billion in
early payments
to suppliers

The size of the issue



LIBOR + 50bps

The Global 2000

15% APR

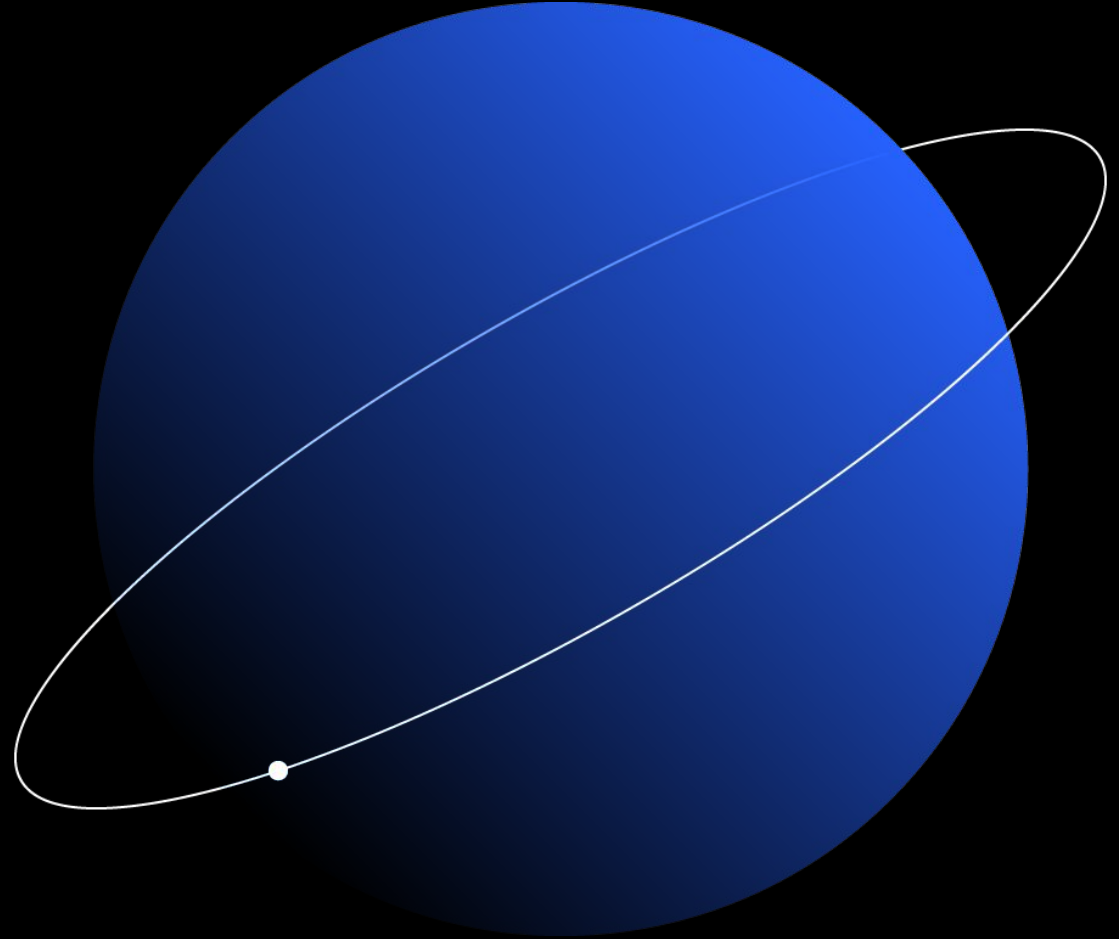
Lisa's Pizza Joint

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1. My adventures with snarks

2. Practical Use Case

3. Where to from here



Disclosure: I'm not a cryptographer

My perspective: get something into Ethereum Mainnet



Feb 2017

Zk-SNARKs: Under the Hood



Vitalik Buterin [Follow](#)

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This is the third part of a series of articles explaining how the technology behind zk-SNARKs works; the previous articles on quadratic arithmetic programs and elliptic curve pairings are required reading, and this article will assume knowledge of both concepts. Basic knowledge of what zk-SNARKs are

Nov 2017: Let's try ZoKrates

First example:

prove that you know secret values a , b
such that $a+b < 15$

As easy as pie



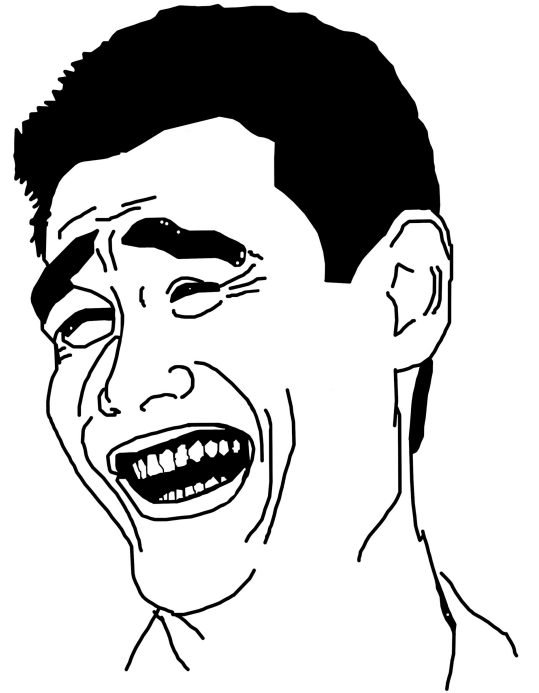
zokrates.github.io

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Second example:

prove that you know secret value a such that
 $a < b$ and $\text{sha256}(a) = b$

As easy as pie? In 2017: NOT.



Jun 2018: Still trying to get SHA256 into a SNARK

Presented at Zcon0 in Montreal:

SHA256 now ~27'000 Constraints instead of ~270'000

Almost optimal.

Jun 2018: JubJub & Embedded Curves

Pedersen Hashes? Embedded Curves? EDDSA?

45s to 4s 🤯



ZcashSapling

Jun 2019: zokrates-pycrypto and stdlib

ZoKrates implements over Baby_jubjub:

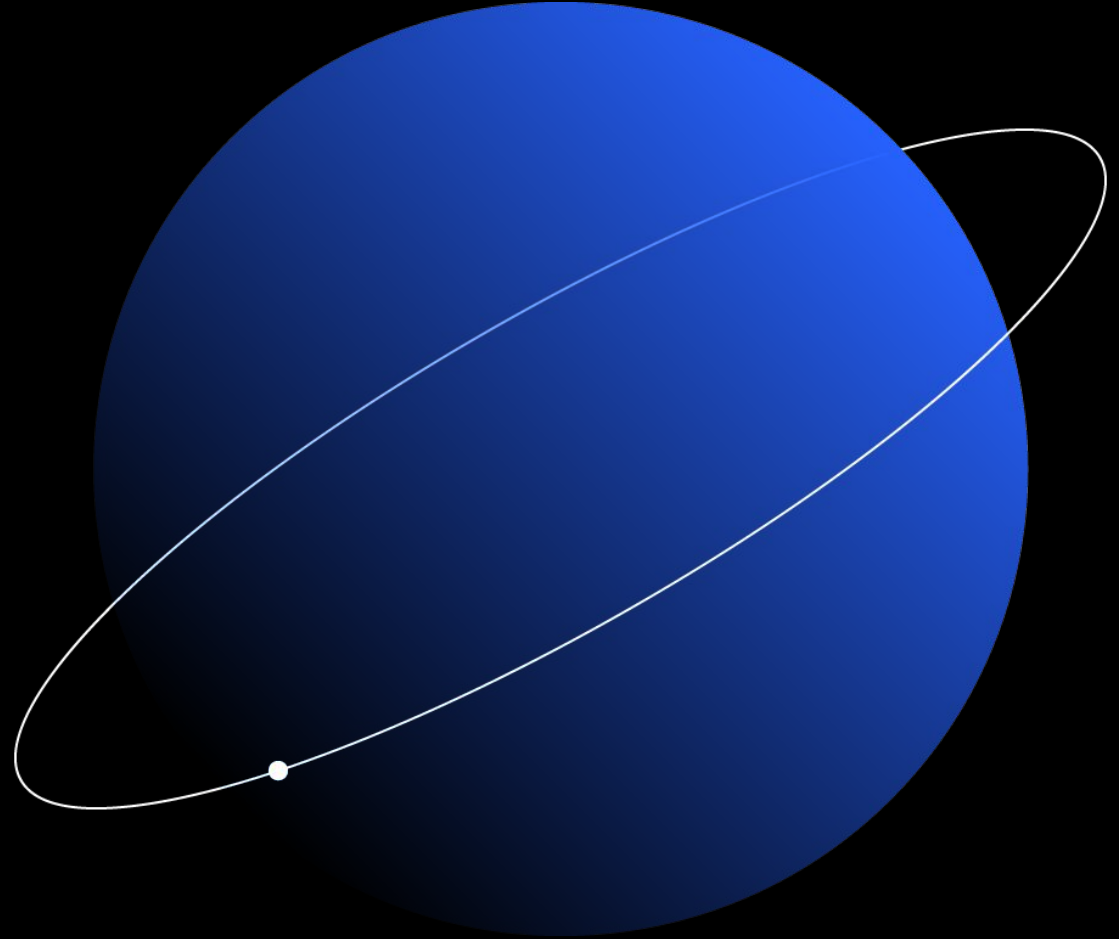
- EDDSA
- Pedersen

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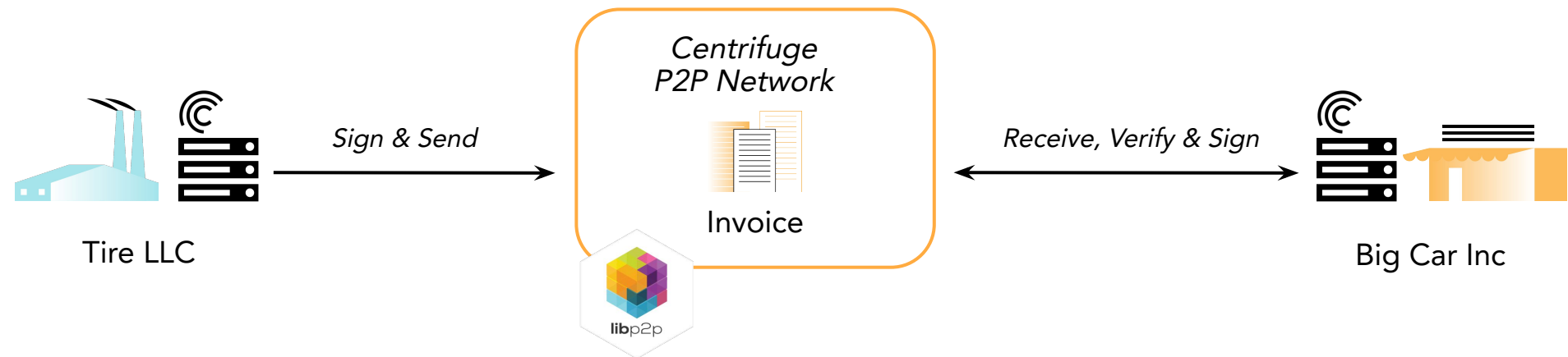
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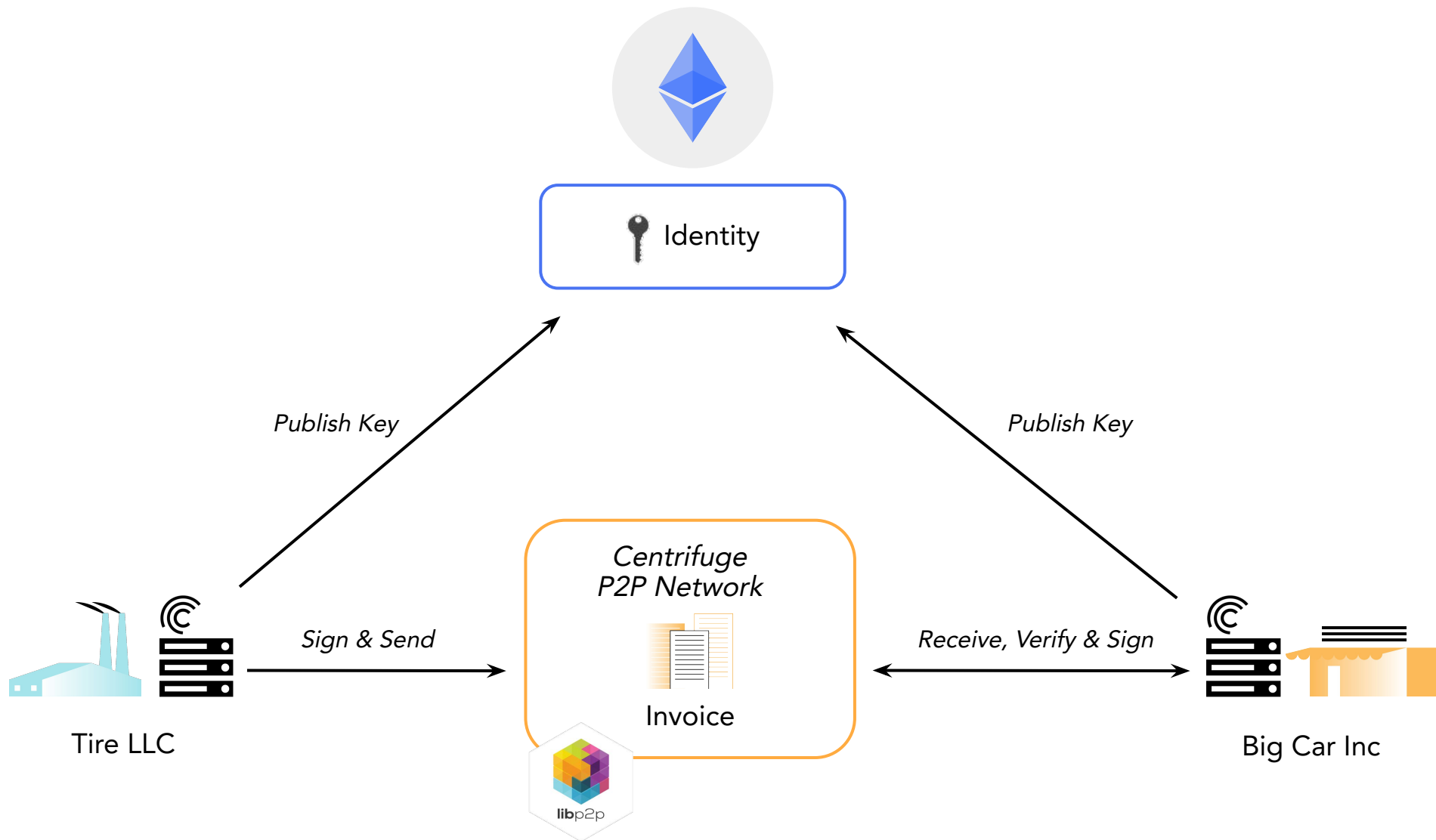
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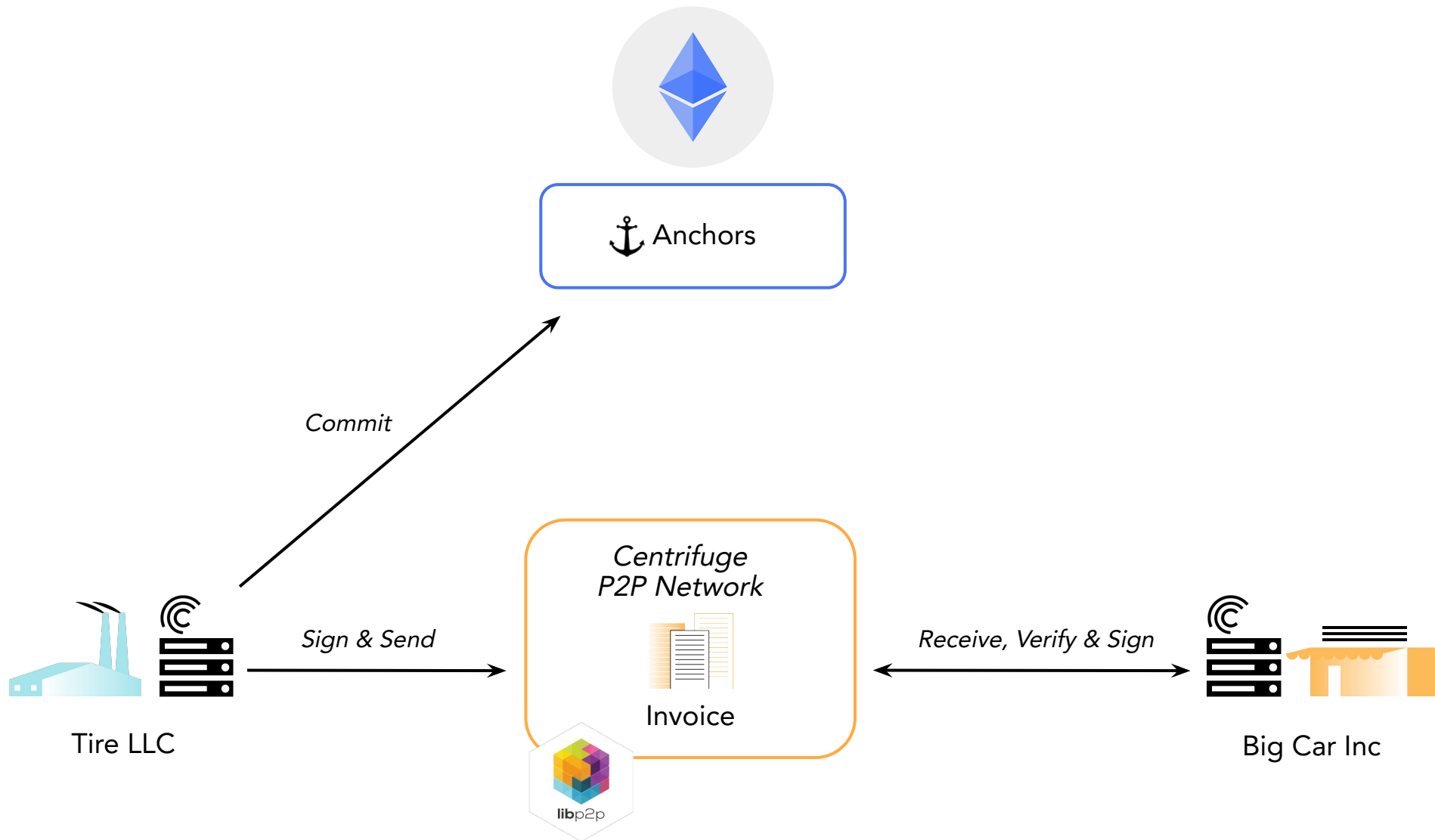
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Base Protocol



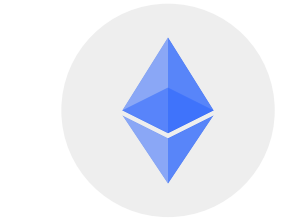
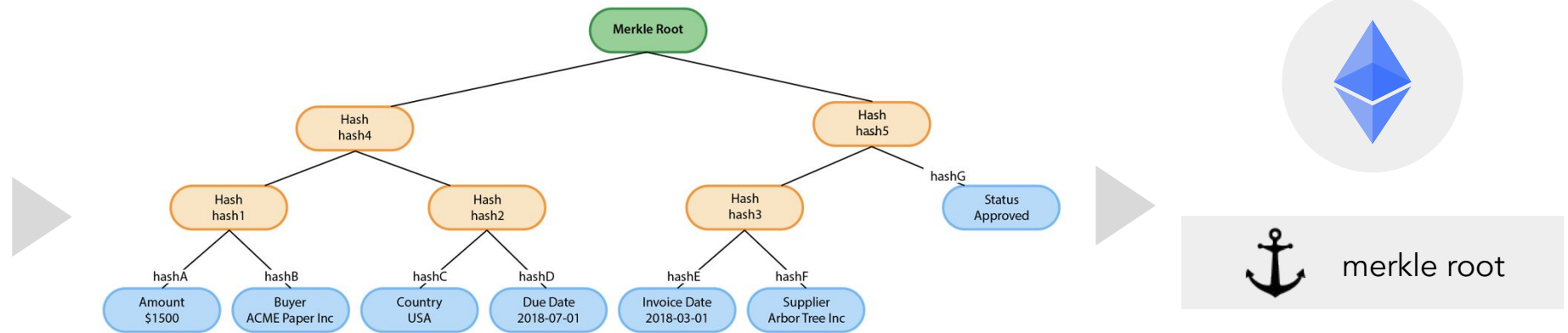




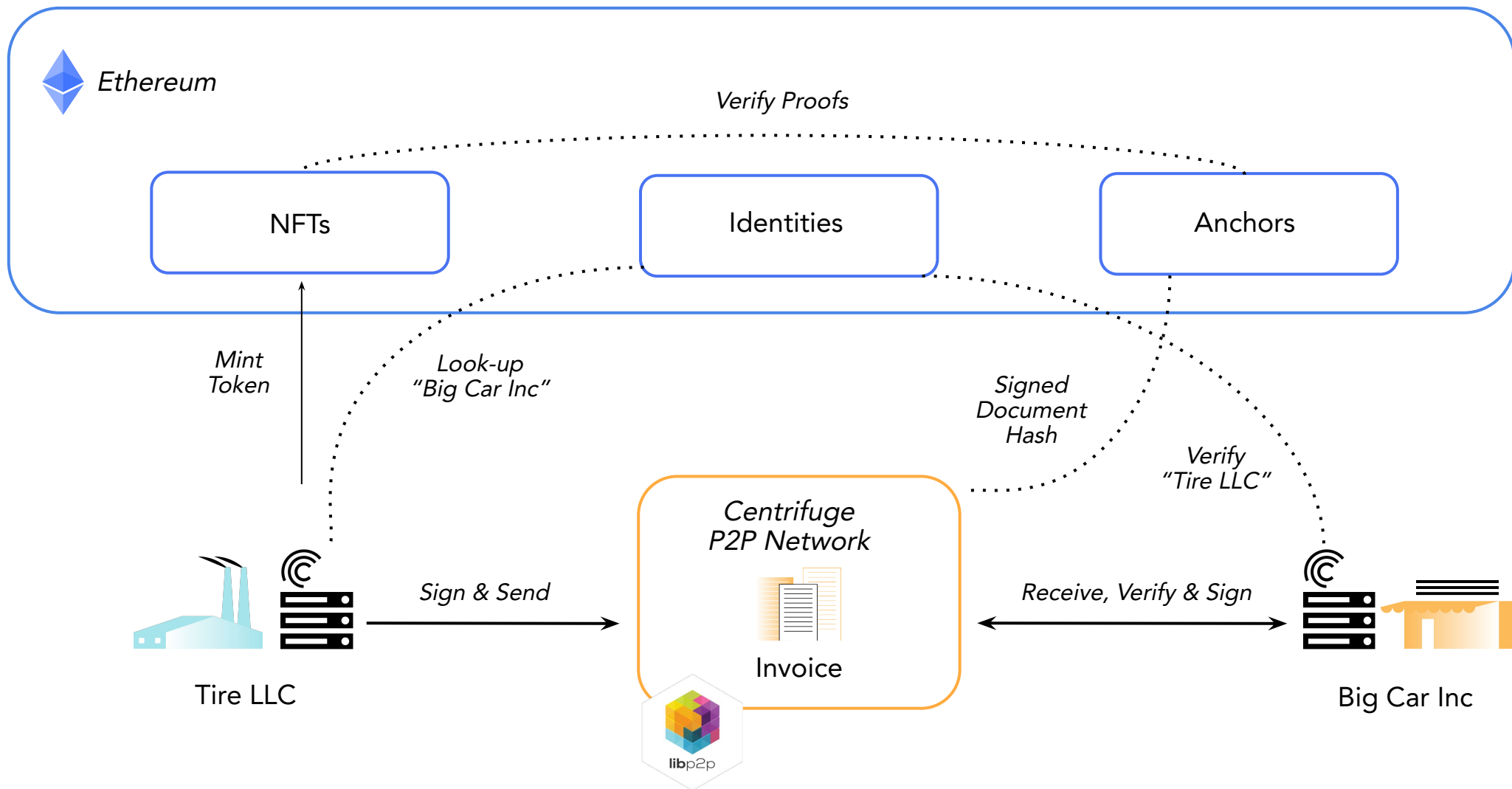
Off Chain Data

invoice

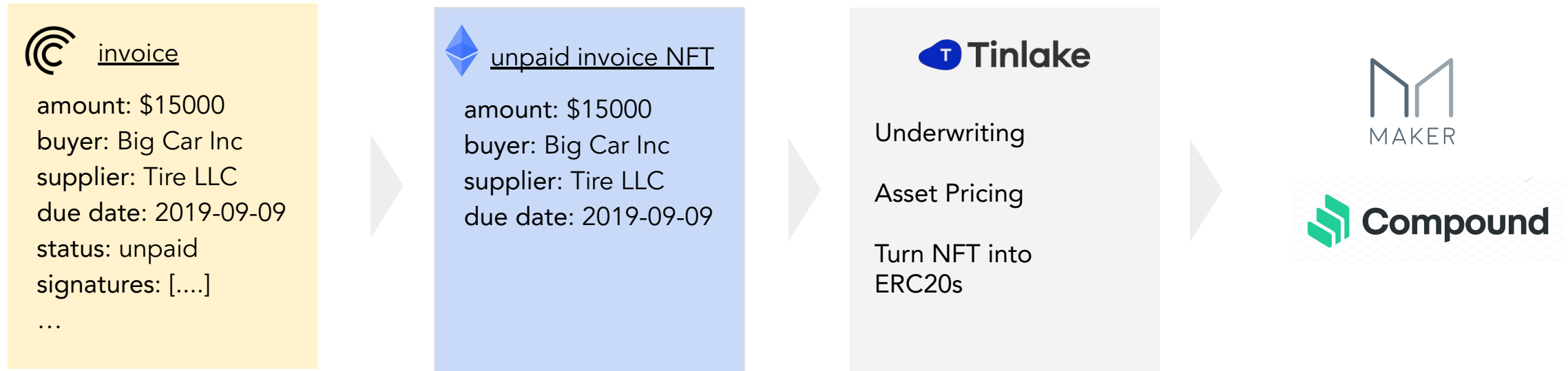
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buyer: Big Car Inc
supplier: Tire LLC
due date: 2019-09-09
...



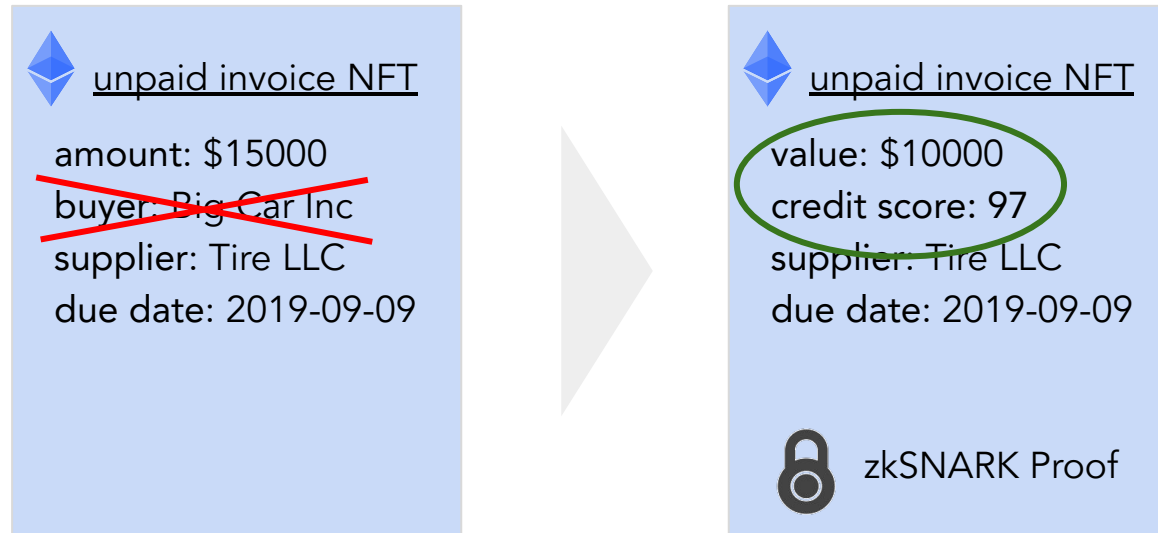
merkle root



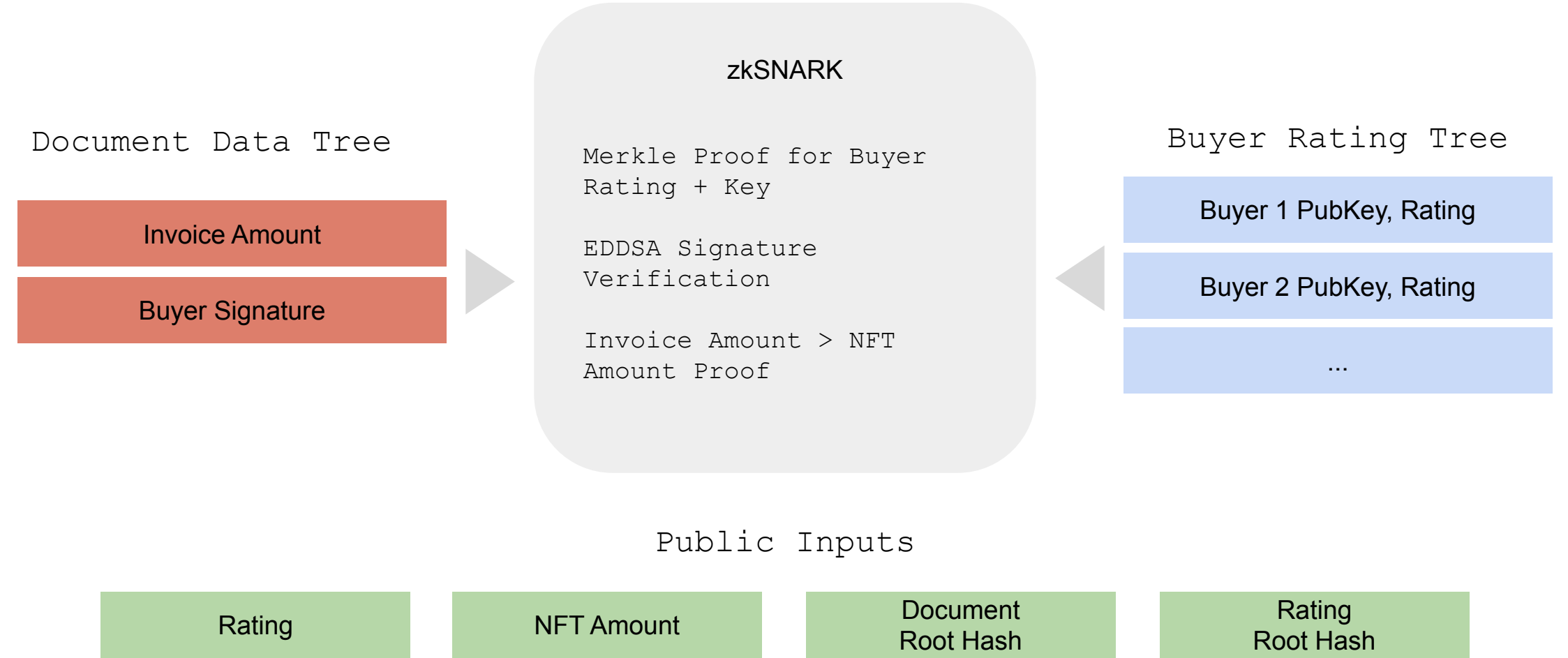
From Off-Chain Asset to Financing



Adding privacy & fungibility



Privacy-Preserving NFT using Trees and Signatures



The good news: it's possible in 2019

```
45 def main(field[2] creditRatingRootHashField, field buyerRatingField, privatefield[160] buyerID, privatefield[256] buyerPubkey, pri
46     context = context()
47
48     field[128] creditRatingRootHash0 = unpack128(creditRatingRootHashField[0])
49     field[128] creditRatingRootHash1 = unpack128(creditRatingRootHashField[1])
50     field[256] creditRatingRootHash = [...creditRatingRootHash0, ...creditRatingRootHash1]
51
52     // Verifies that the buyer is in the registry and the score matches
53     field[254] buyerRatingFieldBits = split(buyerRatingField)
54     field[8] buyerRating = buyerRatingFieldBits[246..254]
55     field[512] buyerRatingProofValue = concatBuyerRatingProofValue(buyerID, buyerPubkey, buyerRating)
56     field[256] leafCreditRatingTree = sha512(buyerRatingProofValue[0..256], buyerRatingProofValue[256..512])
57     field ratingTreeResult = verifyMerkleHash2(creditRatingRootHash, leafCreditRatingTree, directionCreditRatingTree, creditRa
58
59     // Verifies that the document is owned by the buyer
60     field[128] documentRootHash0 = unpack128(documentRootHashField[0])
61     field[128] documentRootHash1 = unpack128(documentRootHashField[1])
62     field[256] documentRootHash = [...documentRootHash0, ...documentRootHash1]
63
64     field[1024] invoiceAmountTreeValue = concatInvoiceAmountLeaf(invoiceAmountProperty, invoiceAmountValue, invoiceAmountSalt)
65     a, b, c, d = splitTo256bitChunks(invoiceAmountTreeValue)
66     field[256] leafInvoiceAmountTree = sha1024(a, b, c, d)
67     field invoiceAmountTreeResult = verifyMerkleHash8(documentRootHash, leafInvoiceAmountTree, invoiceAmountTreeDirection, inv
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69     field[1024] invoiceBuyerTreeValue = concatInvoiceBuyerLeaf(invoiceBuyerProperty, invoiceBuyerValue, invoiceBuyerSalt)
70     a, b, c, d = splitTo256bitChunks(invoiceBuyerTreeValue)
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72     field invoiceBuyerTreeResult = verifyMerkleHash8(documentRootHash, leafInvoiceBuyerTree, invoiceBuyerTreeDirection, invoic
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74     // Ensures that the signature is valid
75     field[256] padding = [0; 256]
76     field isVerified = verifyEddsa(SignatureR, SignatureS, BuyerPubKey, documentRootHash, padding, context)
77
78     // NFT amount needs to be smaller than invoice amount
79     invoiceAmountValueField = pack256(invoiceAmountValue)
80     field out = if invoiceAmountValueField > nftAmount then 1 else 0 fi
81
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<https://github.com/centrifuge/zk-nft-demo-contract/>

2:30min proving time
~ 900k Gas (less with Istanbul)
already comparable to similar on chain tx

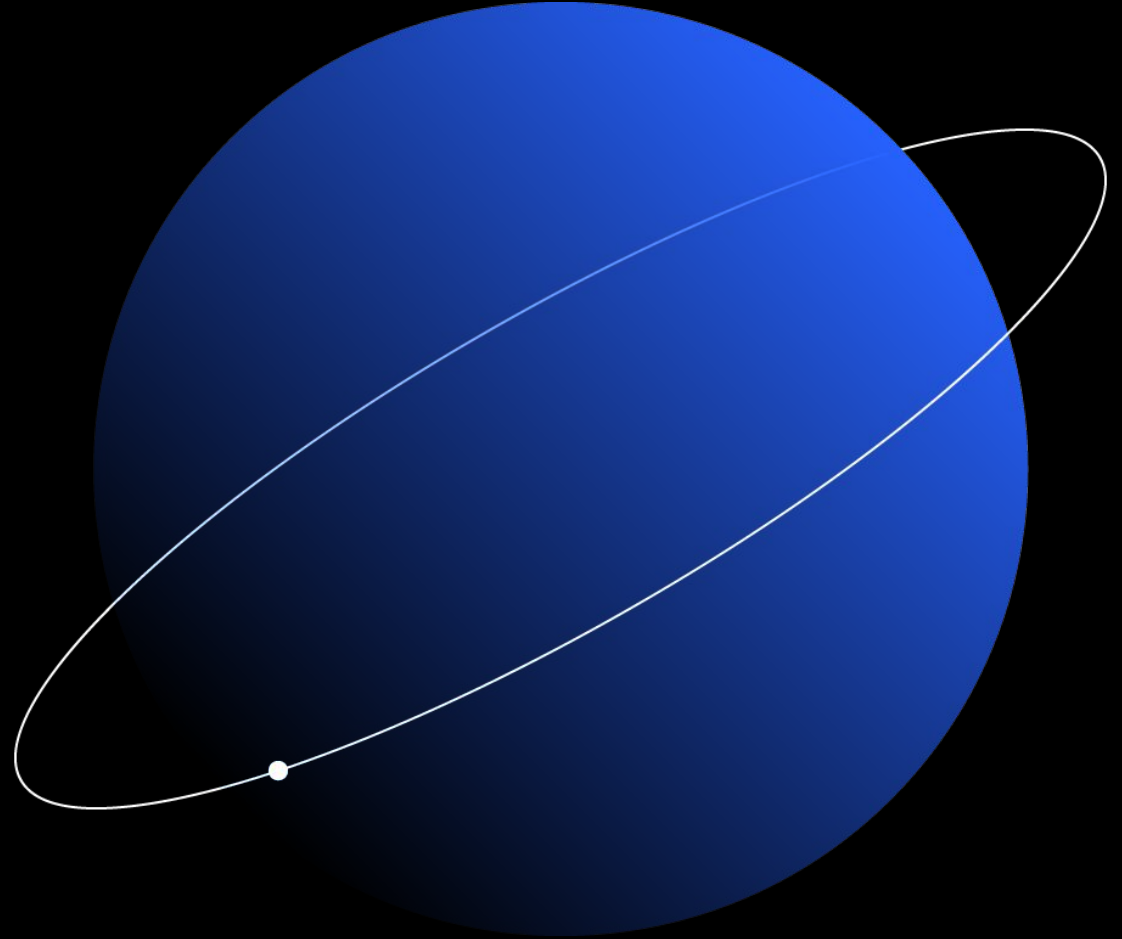
zokrates-pycrypto:

- Pedersen
- EDDSA

[illegible]

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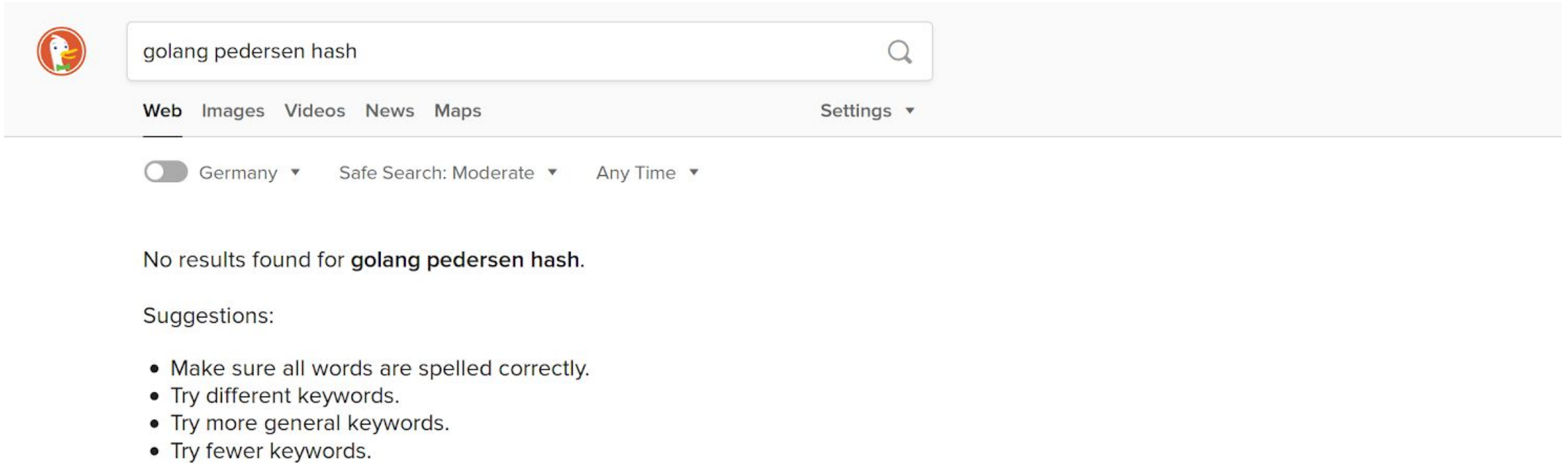
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ZoKrates & baby_JubJub

The future looks bright. ZoKrates shows how easy this can be made. But a lot of it is based on outdated technology.

About those primitives



The screenshot shows the DuckDuckGo search engine interface. At the top left is the DuckDuckGo logo. To its right is a search bar containing the text "golang pedersen hash" and a magnifying glass icon. Below the search bar are tabs for "Web", "Images", "Videos", "News", and "Maps", with "Web" being the active tab. To the right of these tabs is a "Settings" link with a downward arrow. Below the tabs, there are three toggleable settings: "Germany" (with a dropdown arrow), "Safe Search: Moderate" (with a dropdown arrow), and "Any Time" (with a dropdown arrow). The main content area displays the message "No results found for **golang pedersen hash**." followed by the heading "Suggestions:". Below this heading is a bulleted list of four suggestions:

- Make sure all words are spelled correctly.
- Try different keywords.
- Try more general keywords.
- Try fewer keywords.

Find the perfect hash function

	Ethereum Gas Cost	Constraints	Implementations
SHA256	60+12/word	25.8k	Everywhere
keccak256	30+6/word	-	Everywhere
Blake2	28'000 (now less with Istanbul)	21.5k	In most crypto libs
Pedersen	n/a	2k	Not available, not audited except ZCash' Rust Impl, Curve dependent
MiMC	16'000	< 1k	Not production ready

Signature Schemes

Standards

Support HSMs

HD Key Derivation





did someone say trusted setup?

Where next?

I can't wait for [insert your favorite proving scheme here].

Questions?

<https://centrifuge.io>

<https://twitter.com/lucasvo>

Medium Post on NFT: <https://bit.ly/2pj4Yyz>

