



# Actors and Blockchains, Together



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# Bitcoin: A Peer-to-Peer Electronic Cash System

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**Abstract.** A purely peer-to-peer version of electronic payments is sent directly from one party to another without the need for a central authority or a third party to act as a trusted intermediary. Digital signatures provide proof of ownership, but the resulting transactions remain untraceable without the cooperation of the network nodes. We propose a solution to the double-spending problem. The network timestamps transactions by hashing the current data into a previous block of a chain of blocks. A decentralized peer-to-peer network of nodes relays the blocks to the network and they are accepted by the network as proof of what happened within the network.

## 1. Introduction

Commerce on the Internet has come to rely almost exclusively on trusted third parties to process electronic payments. While most transactions, it still suffers from the inherent weaknesses of the trust based model. Completely non-reversible transactions are not really possible without a trusted third party. The cost of mediation in conventional transactions is usually the cost of a minimum practical transaction size and cutting off the post is not a solution because there is a broader cost in the loss of ability to make reversible services. With the possibility of reversal, the need for a third party to act as a trusted intermediary is not a certain percentage of fraud is accepted as unavoidable. It can be avoided in person by using physical currency, but not over a communications channel without a trusted party.

What is needed is an electronic payment system based on a distributed network of nodes. The system should allow any two willing parties to transact directly with each other without the need for a trusted third party. Transactions that are computationally impractical to falsify, and routine escrow mechanisms could easily be implemented. We propose a solution to the double-spending problem: a peer-to-peer network of nodes relays the blocks to the network and they are accepted by the network as proof of what happened within the network.

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**Abstract.** This paper provides an architectural overview of the Ethereum platform. The platform is a generalised state machine designed when coupled with cryptographic primitives. It is a simple application on a decentralised, but singleton, compute resource. We discuss its design, implementation issues, the opportunities it provides and the challenges it faces.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

With ubiquitous internet connections in most places of the world, global information transmission has become incredibly cheap. Technology-rooted movements like Bitcoin have demonstrated through the power of the default, consensus mechanisms, and voluntary respect of the social contract, that it is possible to use the internet to make a decentralised value-transfer system that can be shared across the world and virtually free to use. This system can be said to be a very specialised version of a cryptographic secure, transaction-based state machine. Forward-up systems such as Namecoin adapted this original "currency application" of the technology into other applications, albeit rather simplistic ones.

Ethereum is a project which attempts to build the generalised technology; technology on which all transaction-based state machine concepts may be built. Moreover it aims to provide to the end-developer a tightly integrated end-to-end system for building software on a hitherto unexplored compute paradigm in the mainstream: a trustful object messaging compute framework.

**1.1. Driving Factors.** There are many goals of this project; one key goal is to facilitate transactions between consenting individuals who would otherwise have no means to trust one another. This may be due to geographical separation, interfacing difficulty, or perhaps the incompatibility, incompetence, unwillingness, expense, uncertainty, inconvenience, or corruption of existing legal systems. By specifying a state-change system through a rich and unambiguous language, and furthermore architecting a system such that we can reasonably expect that an agreement will be thus enforced autonomously, we can provide a means to this end.

Dealings in this proposed system would have several attributes not often found in the real world. The inconvertibility of judgement, often difficult to find, comes naturally from a disinterested algorithmic interpreter. Transparency, or being able to see exactly how a state or judgement came about through the transaction log and rules or instructional codes, never happens perfectly in human-based systems since natural language is necessarily vague, information

is often lackluster.

Overall, we can be guarantors of the system, but we do so with abhorrence and how those

**1.2. Previous kernel** of this evolved in my chain with a "unlimited" state machine.

Dwork and usage of a cryptocurrency ("proof-of-work") signal over the network as a span of data of currency, but allowing a recipient to have to rely on the system in a similar

The first strong economic incentive of used to keep "consumers" vs "suppliers" for by the proof-of-work and a ledger couldn't be copied. Five years such proof-of-work scope. The first widely adopted protocol introduced us to the protocol. Primecoin, designed to be a tool and report

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**Abstract.** This paper provides an architectural overview of the Avalanche Borealis. For details on the economics of the platform, see the accompanying token dynamics paper [2]. **Disclosure:** The information described in this paper is preliminary. Furthermore, this paper may contain "forward-looking statements

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## 1 Introduction

This paper provides an architectural overview of the Avalanche platform differentiators of the platform: the engine, the architectural model

### 1.1 Avalanche Goals and Principles

**Avalanche** is a high-performance, scalable, customizable, and secure platform for building applications. Its broad use cases:

- Building application-specific blockchains, spanning permissioned and public deployments.
- Building and launching highly scalable and decentralized applications.
- Building arbitrarily complex digital assets with custom rules, and

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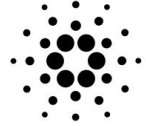
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# WHY WE ARE BUILDING CARDANO

A Subjective Approach

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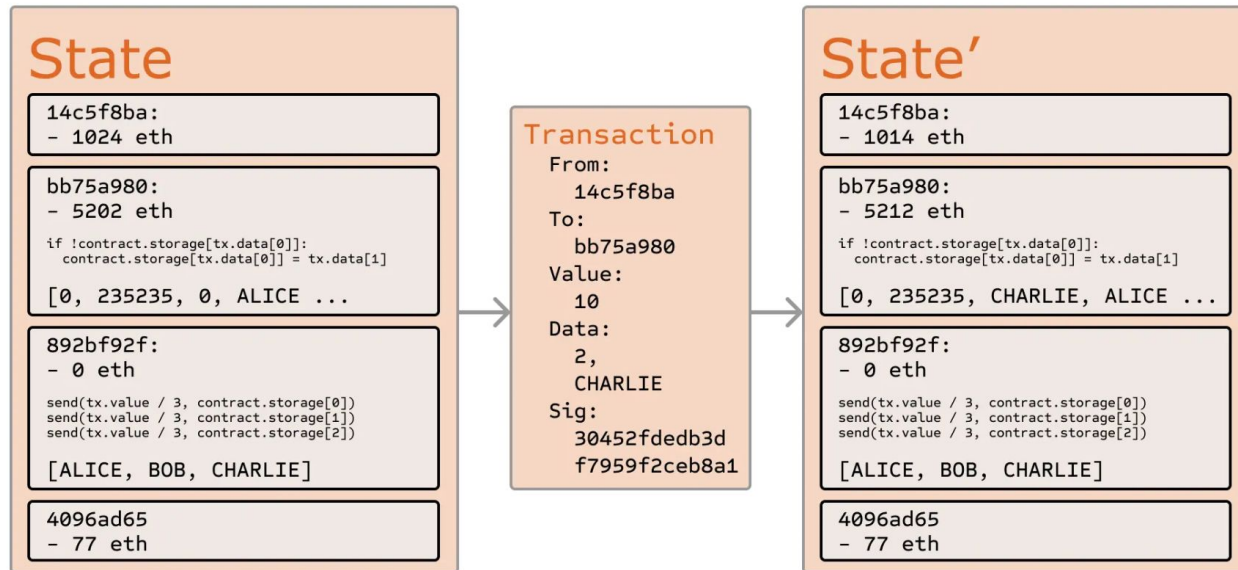
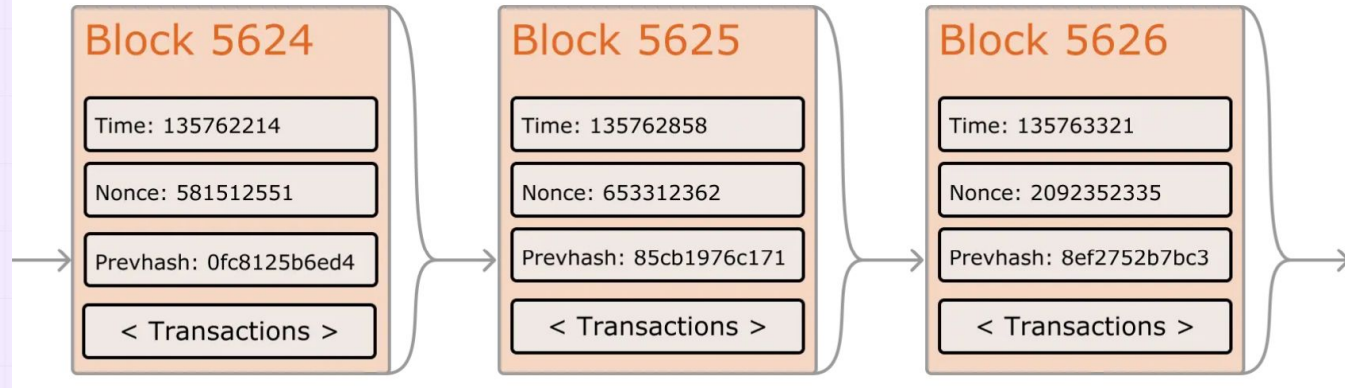
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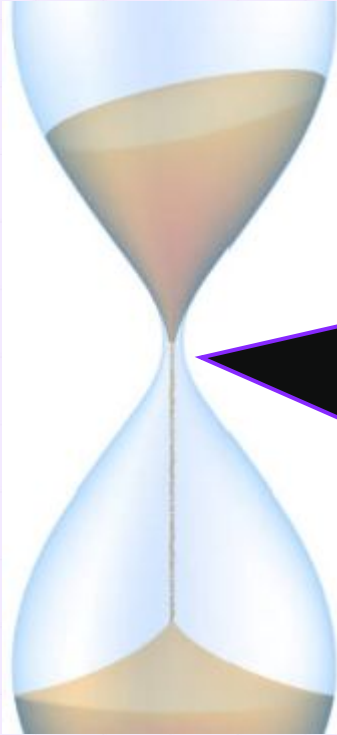
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# Blockchain



# Blockchains' Pain Point



Imposes total order on all transactions!

Blockchains' major pain point: do not scale, ie slow and expensive.

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# 93% of transactions on Ethereum do not need a blockchain!



I need a blockchain !?  
[for payments and settlement ...]



I need a blockchain !?  
[for assets store and transfer ...]



I need a blockchain !?  
[for permanent record settlement ...]



**No, you don't !**

**You need fast, cheap & verifiable payments and settlement.**

**You need a SET!**

# SET

New Web3 Infra Category for  
Fast, Verifiable Settlement  
(250k+ TPS, sub-100ms finality)

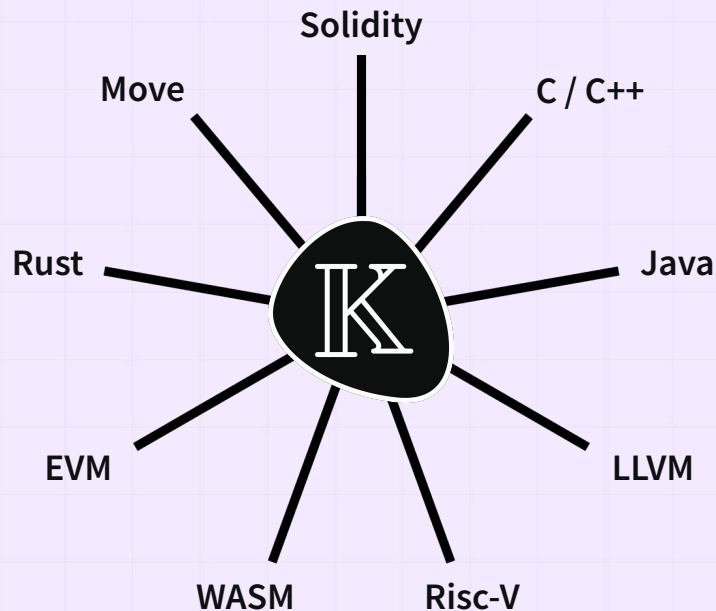
Ultimate verifiability for payments and

- Blockchains
- AI agents
- Centralized / mobile apps (e.g. trading)

Bring all languages & VMs to Web3 & AI

- Correctly (no assumptions, only proofs)
- Efficiently (verify once, use everywhere)

Fast. All Languages. All Proofs.



# Core Pi Squared Technology

(see [Appendix](#) and [Papers](#))

## 1. $\text{Pi}^2$ = Proof of Proof — universal verifiability

Zero Knowledge Proof

Mathematical Proof

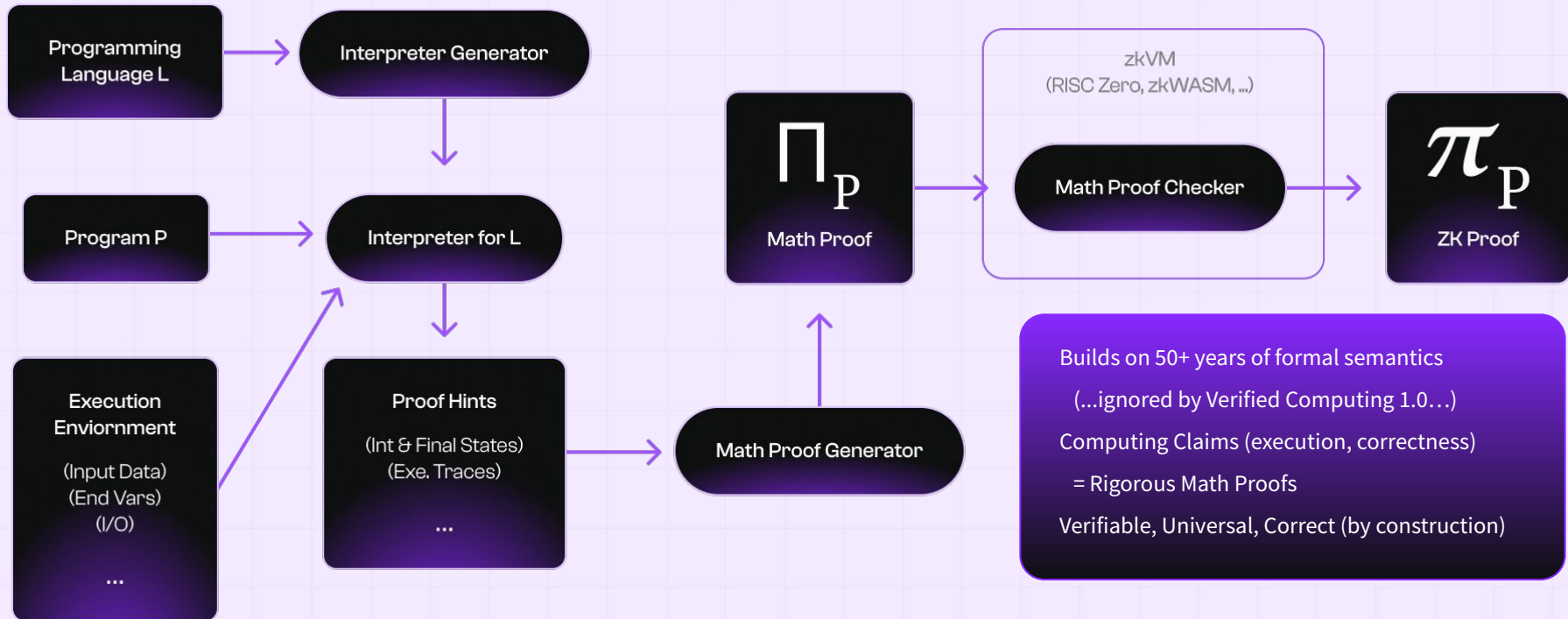
All Languages  
All Proofs

## 2. FastSet — weak consensus protocol

> 250k TPS  
< 100ms finality

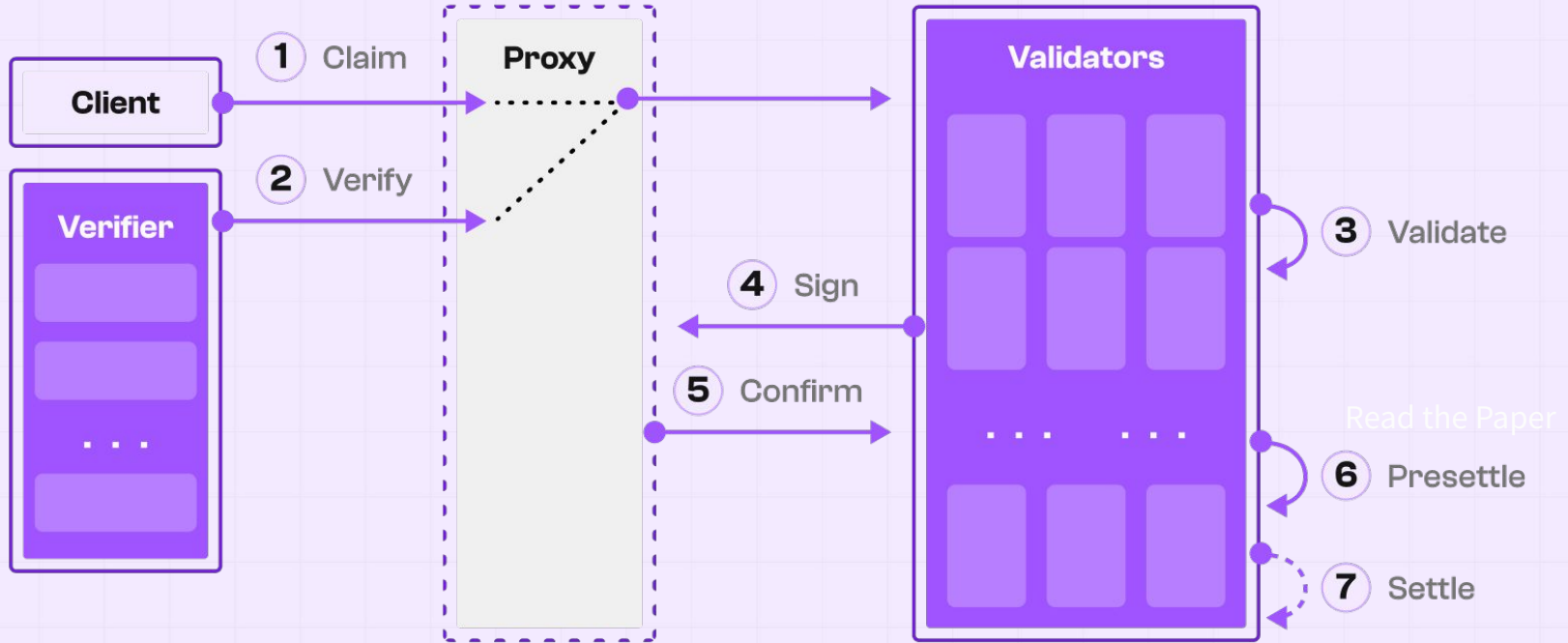
# Secret Sauce: $\mathbb{K}$

## Verifiable Computing 2.0



# FastSet in a Nutshell

Validators = Actors replicating global state



# Example: Voting

```
BASIC_VOTE [MIN] :  
  voted : Set; // users who voted  
  constructor {  
    voted := {};  
  }  
  instance constructor {  
    not(instance.owner in voted); // guard: must be true  
    verify(contract.owner, 1); // authority verifies voter  
    voted.add(instance.owner);  
  }  
  passed() { size(voted) >= MIN; }
```

$\text{MOTION} = \langle \text{contract}(\text{BASIC\_VOTE}) \rangle_{\text{gov}}$

All a voter has to do in order to vote is create an instance of this contract:

```
 $\langle \text{instance}(\text{MOTION}) \rangle_{\text{alice}}$   
 $\langle \text{instance}(\text{MOTION}) \rangle_{\text{bob}}$   
 $\langle \text{instance}(\text{MOTION}) \rangle_{\text{charlie}}$   
...
```

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# Example: Auctions

```
AUCTION[ITEM,BIDDING_TIME]:
  stopBiddingTime : Int;
  highestBidder : Address;
  highestBid : Int;

  constructor {
    ITEM.transfer_token(contract, 1);
    stopBiddingTime := time + BIDDING_TIME;
    highestBidder := contract.owner;
    highestBid := 0;
  }

  instance bid(amount) {
    time <= stopBiddingTime;
    if (amount > highestBid) {
      transfer(highestBidder, highestBid);
      transfer(contract, amount - highestBid);
      highestBidder := instance;
      highestBid := amount;
    }
  }
}
```

```
instance withdraw(amount) {
  transfer(instance.owner, amount);
}

end() {
  time > stopBiddingTime;
  ITEM.transfer_token(highestBidder.owner, 1);
  transfer(contract.owner, highestBid);
}
```

AliceTicket =  $\langle \text{contract}(\text{AUCTION}[\text{ticket\_item}, 1000]) \rangle_{\text{alice}}$

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```
auction3 =  $\langle \text{instance}(\text{AliceTicket}) \rangle_{\text{bob}}$ 
 $\langle \text{transfer}(\text{auction3}, 100) \rangle_{\text{bob}}$  — bob sends 100 to its instance
 $\langle \text{auction3.bid}(25) \rangle_{\text{bob}}$  — bob sends 25 to AliceTicket (not alice)
tk_alice =  $\langle \text{instance}(\text{AliceTicket}) \rangle_{\text{charlie}}$ 
 $\langle \text{transfer}(\text{tk\_alice}, 50) \rangle_{\text{charlie}}$  — charlie sends 50 to its instance
 $\langle \text{tk\_alice.bid}(30) \rangle_{\text{charlie}}$  — sends 25 to auction3 and 5 to AliceTicket
 $\langle \text{auction3.bid}(40) \rangle_{\text{bob}}$  — sends 30 to tk_alice and 10 to AliceTicket
```