



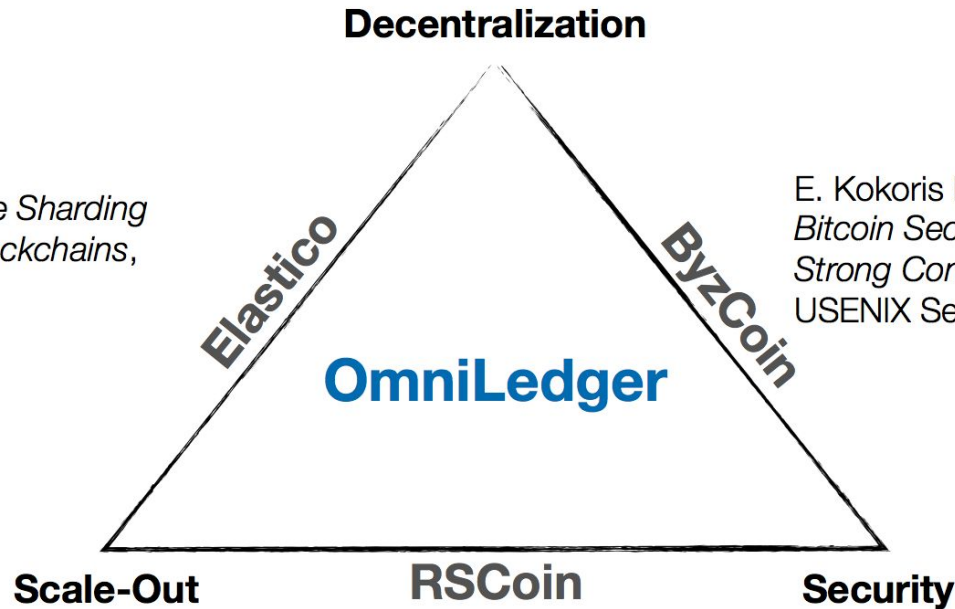
Open consensus for 10B People

Scaling Smart Contracts via Systems and Language Design

Stephen Tse  
[harmony.one/law](https://harmony.one/law)

# Bring Research Results to Production!

L. Luu et al., *A Secure Sharding Protocol for Open Blockchains*, CCS 2016

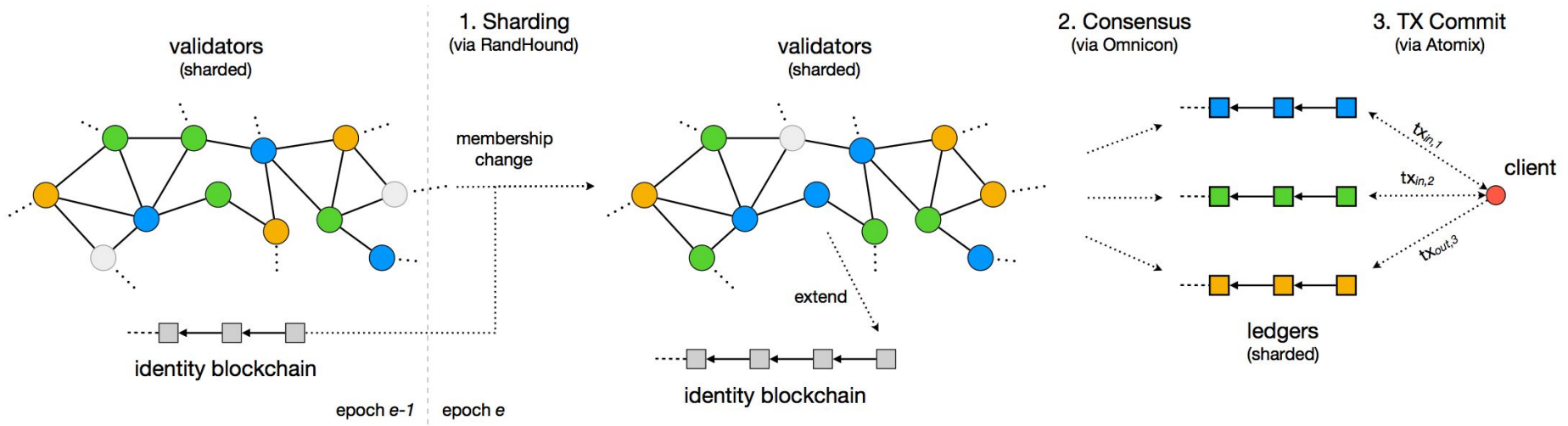


E. Kokoris Kogias et al., *Enhancing Bitcoin Security and Performance with Strong Consistency via Collective Signing*, USENIX Security 2016

G. Danezis and S. Meiklejohn, *Centrally Banked Cryptocurrencies*, NDSS 2016

Backtesting with historical data?  
Adversarial simulation, parameter optimizations?

# Harmony: Production Network of 100k Nodes



A high-performance blockchain demands **10x innovations** in transport networks, consensus protocols & systems tools.

We bring **proven innovations** to *large-scale* production [OmniLedger\*, RapidChain, Blockmania, Avalanche].

# Million Users, Billion Actions

## Fair Games

Own your game assets; all *game mechanics* are open in public for everyone to check **against cheating**

## Private Lives

Every place you visit, things you eat to be recorded with privacy; aggregated models gives *personalized recommendation*

## Equal Matches

Control your **match making** in dating & job search; disclose your *photos, bio or salary* only to the chosen ones

Harmony facilitates building *real* applications for millions.  
To bring **fairness, privacy and equity** to all.

# AI Data Marketplaces: Wellness News & Job Recruit

## N-to-N Transactions

Bitcoin 1-to-1 for transfer, Ethereum 1-to-N for tokenize; versus *millions of consumer data* to thousands of models

## Store & Compute

Storage providers with analytics and *structured queries*; use **influence functions** in training for data appraisal

## Access Revocation

*Right to be Forgotten* #GDPR via key burning, *auditable access control* with **privacy-preserving computation**

Harmony is a new **public chain** redesigned with top performance and integrated feature layers.

For real-world decentralized applications.

# Scaling Trust to 10B people & 100B devices

Can we *agree* now but foresee **inconsistency** in practice?

Can we *rely* on **intuition** when expressing terms & conditions?

Can we *iterate* without lawyers, regional laws, or **penalties**?

Can smart contracts be **safe, easy, fast**?

# Trusting Contracts: As **SAFE** as Java

Java Virtual Machine makes web applications so *boringly* reliable for teams of 100+ developers

# Trusting Contracts: As **SAFE** as Java

Run-time checks maintain **global constraints** (termination, resource consumption, balance flow)



# Trusting Contracts: As **SAFE** as Java

Formal verification via **dependent types** (Twelf, ProVerif, Coq)  
guarantees *hacker-proof* before deploy

# Trusting Contracts: As **SAFE** as Java

Java Virtual Machine makes web applications so *boringly* reliable for teams of 100+ developers

Run-time checks maintain **global constraints** (termination, resource consumption, balance flow)

Formal verification via **dependent types** (Twelf, ProVerif, Coq) guarantees *hacker-proof* before deploy

Tse/TOPLAS: Verified interoperable implementations of security protocols

Tse/IEEE-SP: Run-time principals in information-flow type systems

# Writing Contracts: As **EASY** as Python

Minimal syntax (no distraction!), human has limited cognitive focus for abstractions such as *invariants* & *isomorphism*

# Writing Contracts: As **EASY** as Python

Functional and *process calculi* to avoid managing states, **type inference** as theorem proving to tame structures & complexity

# Writing Contracts: As **EASY** as Python

Understand theories behind dependencies (information flow) & **parametricity** (higher-order polymorphism) vs “fat languages”

# Writing Contracts: As **EASY** as Python

Minimal syntax (no distraction!), human has limited cognitive focus for abstractions such as *invariants & isomorphism*

Functional and *process calculi* to avoid managing states, **type inference** as theorem proving to tame structures & complexity

Understand theories behind dependencies (information flow) & **parametricity** (higher-order polymorphism) vs “fat languages”

Tse/Penn: Concise concrete syntax (generalized LR parser), [min-lang.com](http://min-lang.com)

Tse/ICFP: Translating dependency into parametricity

# Running Contracts: As **FAST** as OCaml

Compile to native code & run tests in 200 ms

Tezos, Zilliqa's Scilla, Coda's SNARK, **Coq** are written in OCaml

Declarative style leaves freedom for memory management, parallelism strategies, graph executions, [sharding algorithms](#)

# Beautiful and Secure Code

```
black_scholes
```

```
  s : ℝ # stock price
```

```
  x : ℝ # strike price
```

```
  t : ℝ # expiration time in years
```

```
  r : ℝ # risk-free interest rate
```

```
  σ : ℝ # volatility
```

```
  : ℝ
```

```
= s φ(d1) - x e(-r t)φ(d2) @
```

```
φ = Normal.cdf
```

```
d0 = log s/x + (r + σ2/2)t
```

```
d1 = d0 / σ√t
```

```
d2 = d1 - σ√t
```

[harmony.one/type-checks](https://harmony.one/type-checks)



# Join **Harmony** team! Bring Empathy, Passion, Excellence



Stephen: security protocols PhD

Nicolas: VR startup founder

Alok: **Apple Siri** ML

Rongjian: Google search

Minh: **Google infrastructure**

Nick: Stanford AI masters

Sahil: Harvard MBA

Eugene: Amazon networking

Leo: **Amazon Phone OS**

Hakwan: Rhode Scholars

Kayuet: Oxford PhD

Rust engineers, protocol researchers,  
compiler writers to **s@harmony.one**

See [harmony.one/law](https://harmony.one/law), /sharding and /tgi

# Roadmap for 2019 and Beyond

## Communities

Developers for protocols & apps, evangelize regional groups, *exchange listing in Q1*, tours

## Contracts & Apps

Sharding contract executions, WASM compatible, [verified security](#), incentivized consumer apps

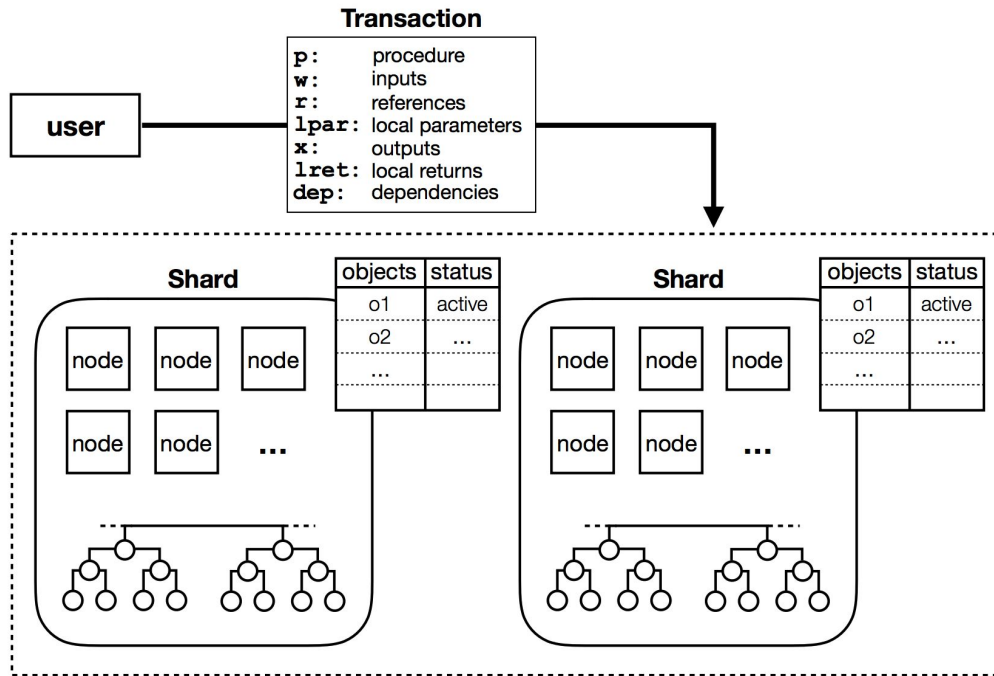
## More Scaling

Optimize network parameters, *simulate attacks*, implement RapidChain, launch **mainnet in Q2**

Harmony maintains a long-term view of product building tying *people, vision and technology* together.

The value of a network is **Strength in Numbers.**

# Sharding Contracts with Static Types



Age of **Open Development**: a *core team* to **productionize** research with protocol + application *communities*

[Chainspace\*, Scilla, Fraud Proofs].

# OmniLedger: Principles & Optimizations for Scaling

## Representative sharding

$O(1)$ -size multi-signatures for 10k nodes vs 16-node PBFT. Crypto sortition via randomness from [multi-party computation](#) and commit-then-reveal step.

## Gradual transition

*Sybil-resistant identities* to maintain liveness when swapping. A sliding window from a fixed permutation to ensure  $\frac{2}{3}$  honest majority.

## Atomic shard-commit

Each shard uses  $O(\log n)$  *multicast tree-based BFT* to unanimously accept cross-shard transactions with  $O(1)$ -size *coordination*.

## Parallelizing blocks

Acyclic graphs to capture transaction *dependencies transitively*. Divide each shard into groups to replace faulty nodes with a view-change.

## Pruning checkpoints

State blocks for storage and bootstrapping against [Byzantine DoS](#). Multi-hop, collectively signed back-pointers, 100x space savings.

## Optimistic confirms

Trust but verify low-value transactions with shard deposits. Guarantee finality in ~1s with *penalty linear to loss* and detection in minutes.