Zapper: Smart Contracts with Data and Identity Privacy

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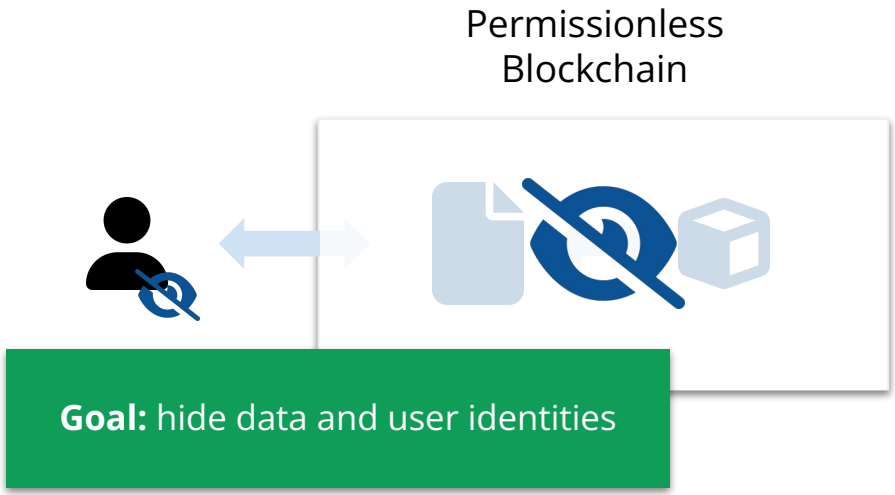
Introduction: Privacy for Smart Contracts



Existing work

- weak privacy guarantees
- strong trust assumptions
- manual instantiation of crypto

Idea

Zerocash [Sasson et al., 2014] / Zcash

strong privacy guarantees

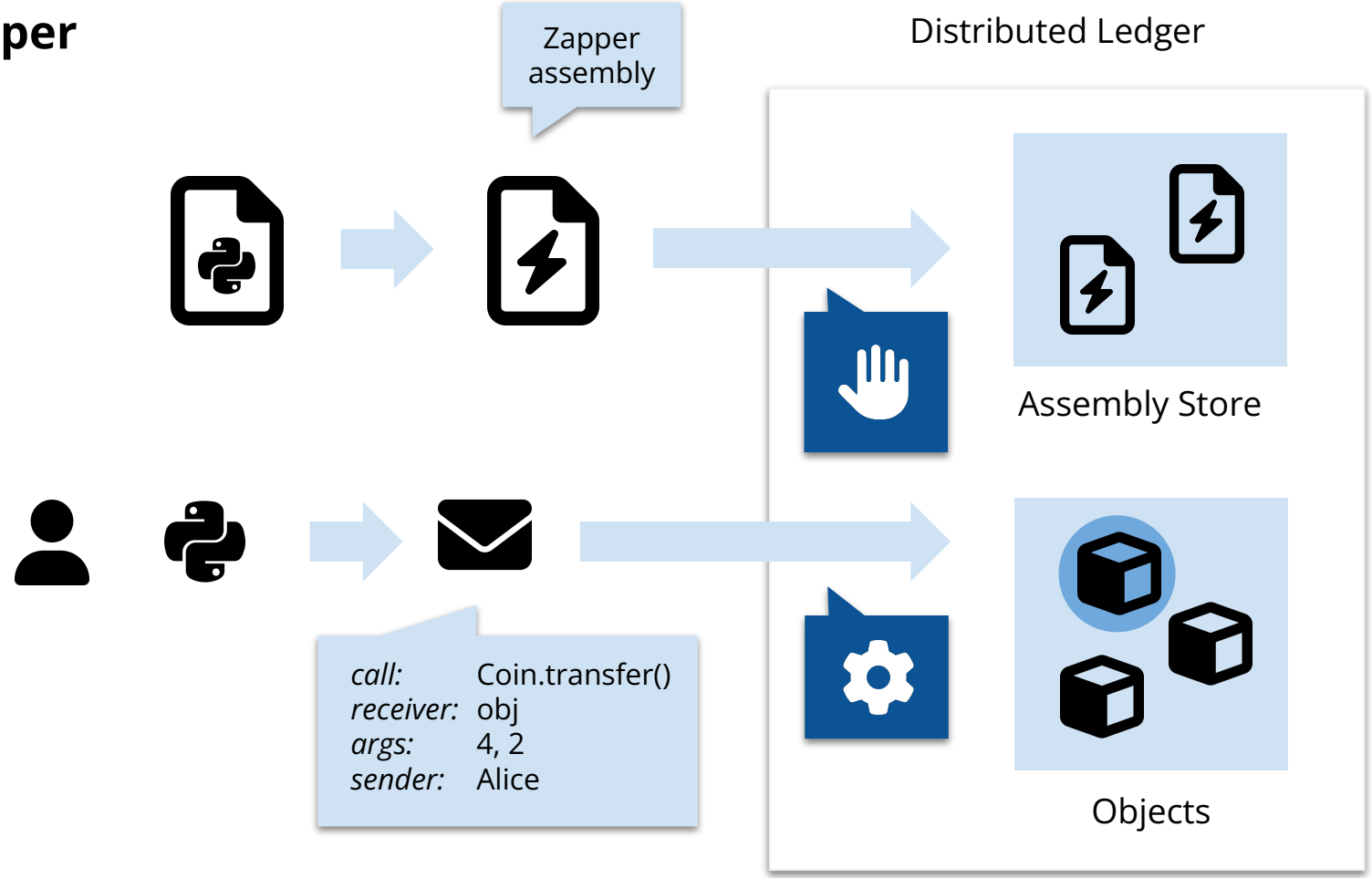
not programmable

make programmable

⚡ **Zapper**

but avoid limitations of previous work (e.g., ZEXE [Bowe et al., 2020])

Zapper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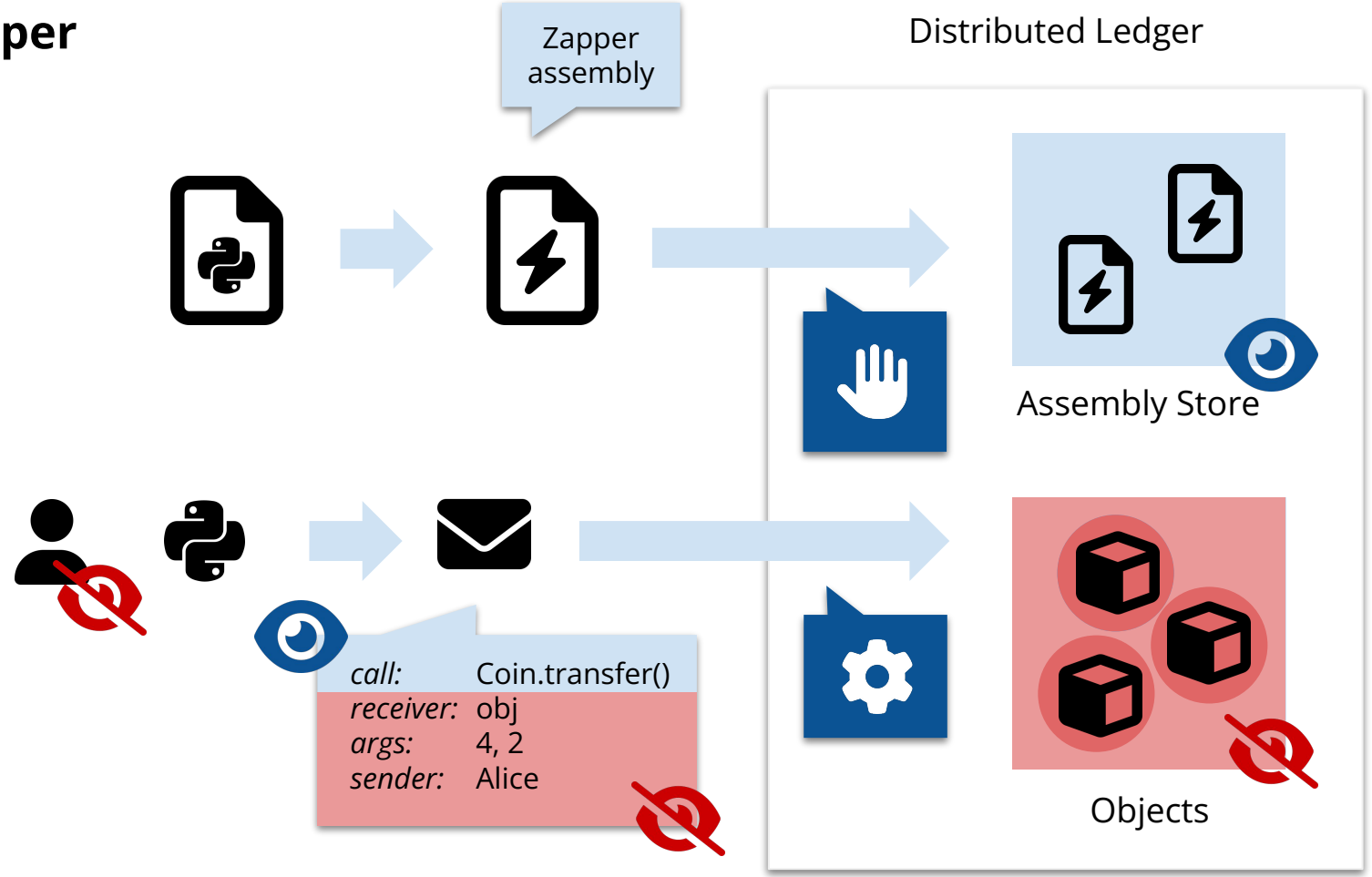
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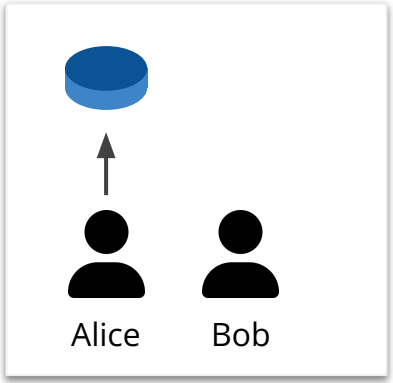

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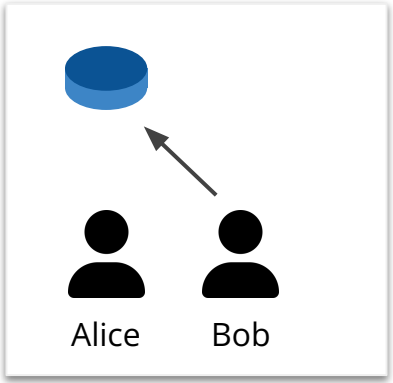

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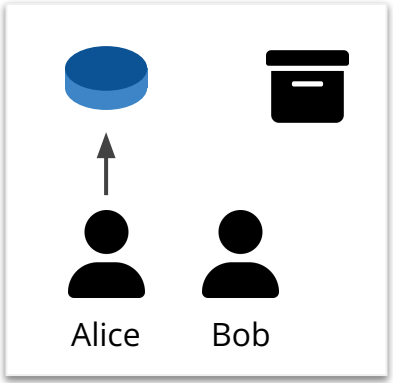


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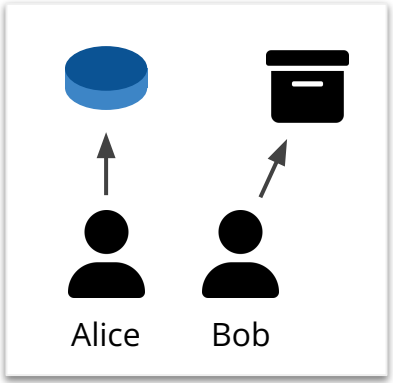


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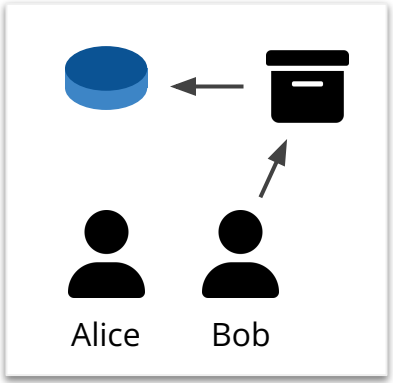


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pointers and *function calls*

objects can be owners

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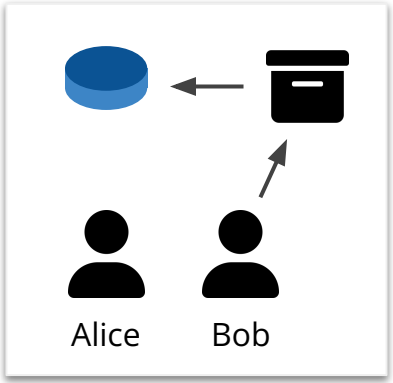


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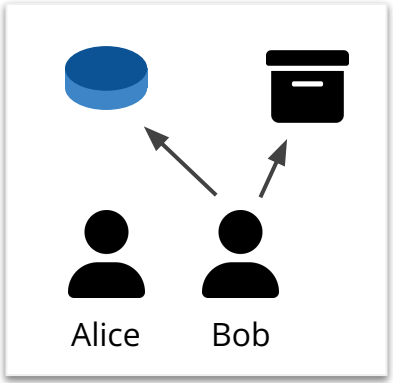


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Assembly Code and Access Control

Distributed Ledger

no control-flow (but **CMOV**)
no loops

```
def foo(self, to: Address):
    require(self.owner == self.me)
    self.other.bar()
    self.owner = to
```

```
LOAD tmp0 self 'owner'
EQ tmp1 tmp0 me
REQ tmp1
LOAD tmp2 self 'other'
CALL 'Bar.bar' tmp2
STORE arg0 self 'owner'
```

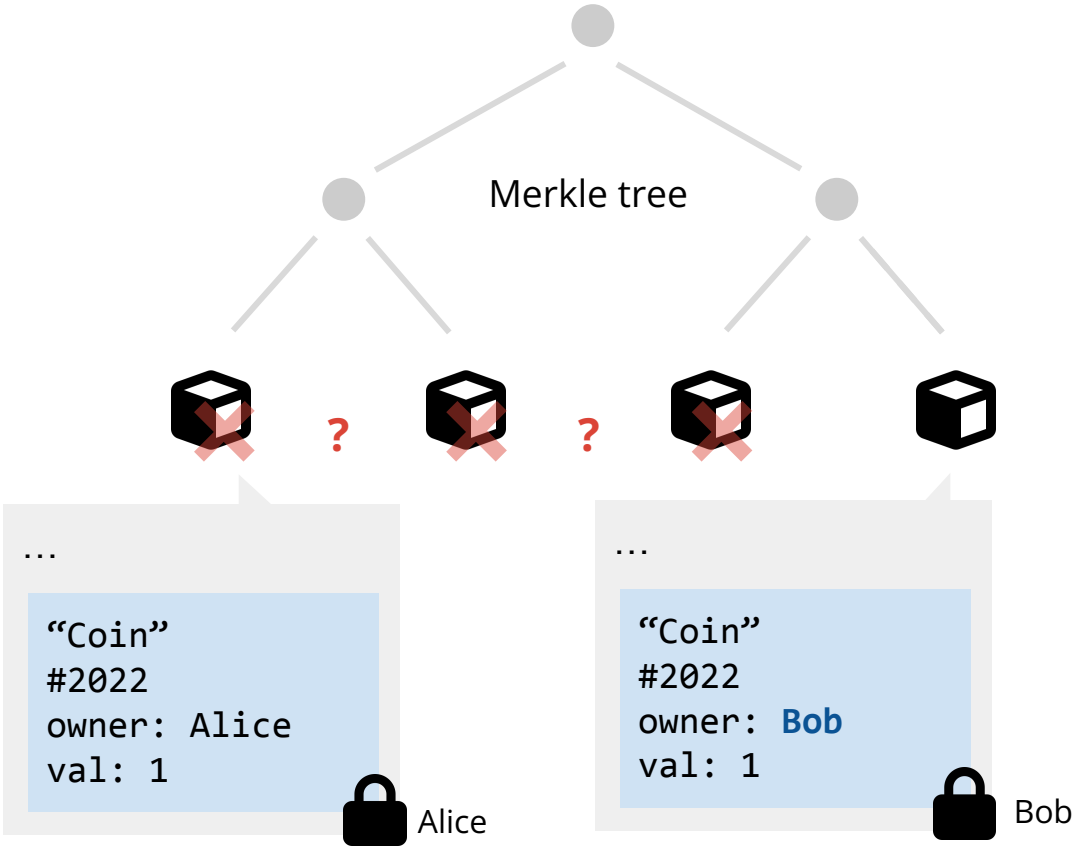
```
CID tmp0 self
EQ tmp1 tmp0 'Foo'
REQ tmp1
LOAD tmp2 self 'owner'
EQ tmp3 tmp2 me
REQ tmp3
LOAD tmp4 self 'other'

STORE arg0 self 'owner'
```

static checks,
insert necessary runtime checks

- type check
- access control
- inline calls

interaction between classes
only via *function calls*

Storing and Updating Objects



generalize Zerocash / Zcash to *objects*

avoid *pitfalls* (very technical)

`Coin#2022.transfer(Bob)`

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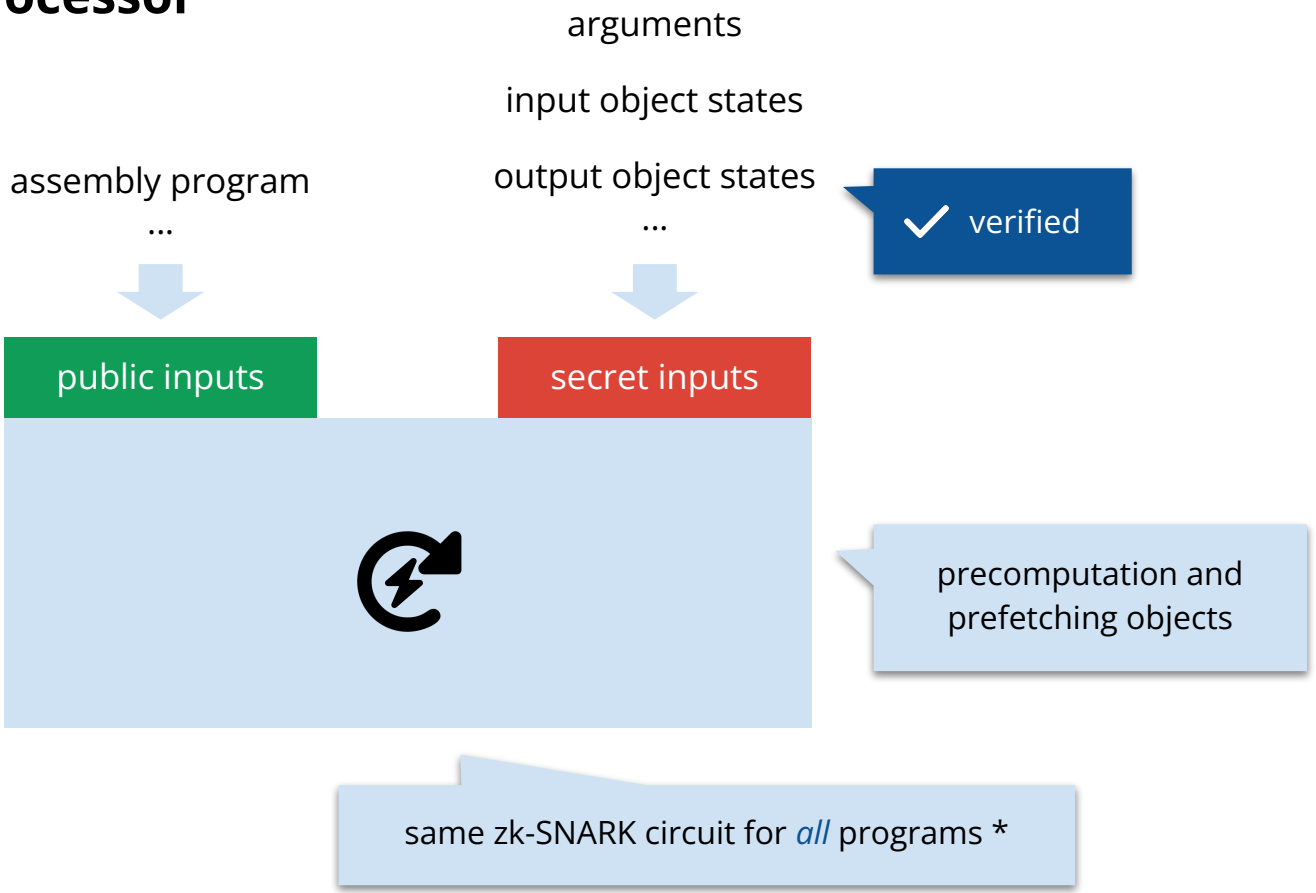
I correctly...
- *accessed* the required object states
- *invalidated* these states
- *updated* the states according to the called function
- *encrypted* the new states

Zero-knowledge Processor



Security Properties

simulation-based indistinguishability proof

Data and Identity Privacy

Object accesses, data, sender, and arguments *hidden*

Correctness

Cannot violate class logic

Integrity

Cannot *tamper with* or *replay* transactions

Availability

Cannot *block* valid transactions

identified and fixed 2 attacks on ZEXE

Evaluation

Available on : eth-sri/zapper

on idealized ledger

Expressiveness

- Coin
- Decentralized Exchange
- Private Auction
- Double-blind Peer-review
- ...

Efficiency

On commodity desktop

- **< 0.01 s** compilation
- **≈ 22 s** tx generation
  - 99.9 % proof generation
- **< 0.03 s** tx verification
  - w/o consensus

Summary

eth-sri/zapper

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