



# Making Bitcoin Exchanges Transparent

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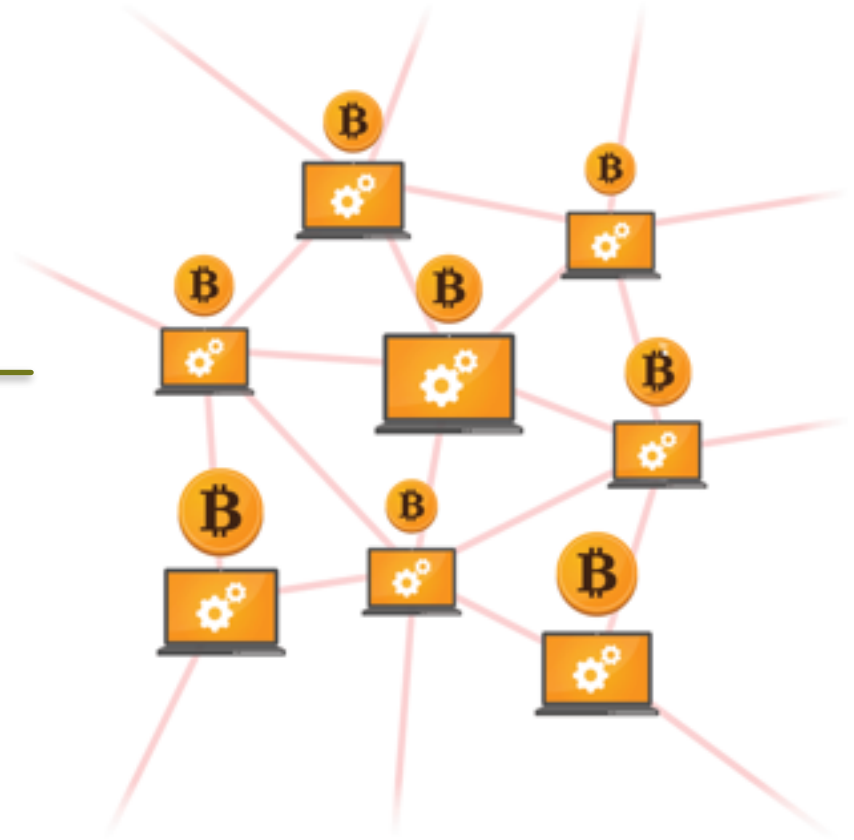
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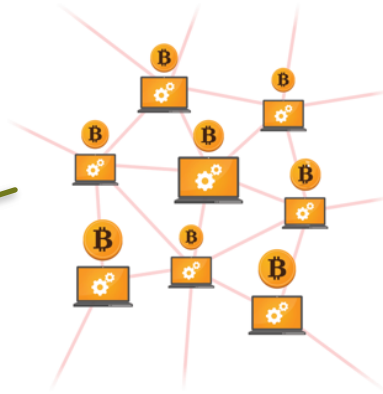
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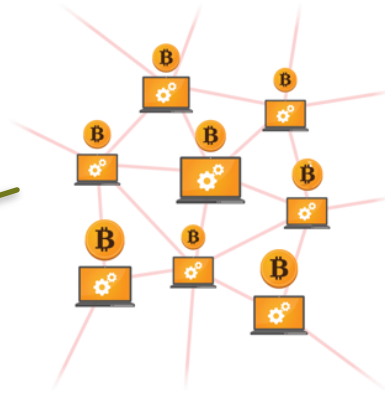


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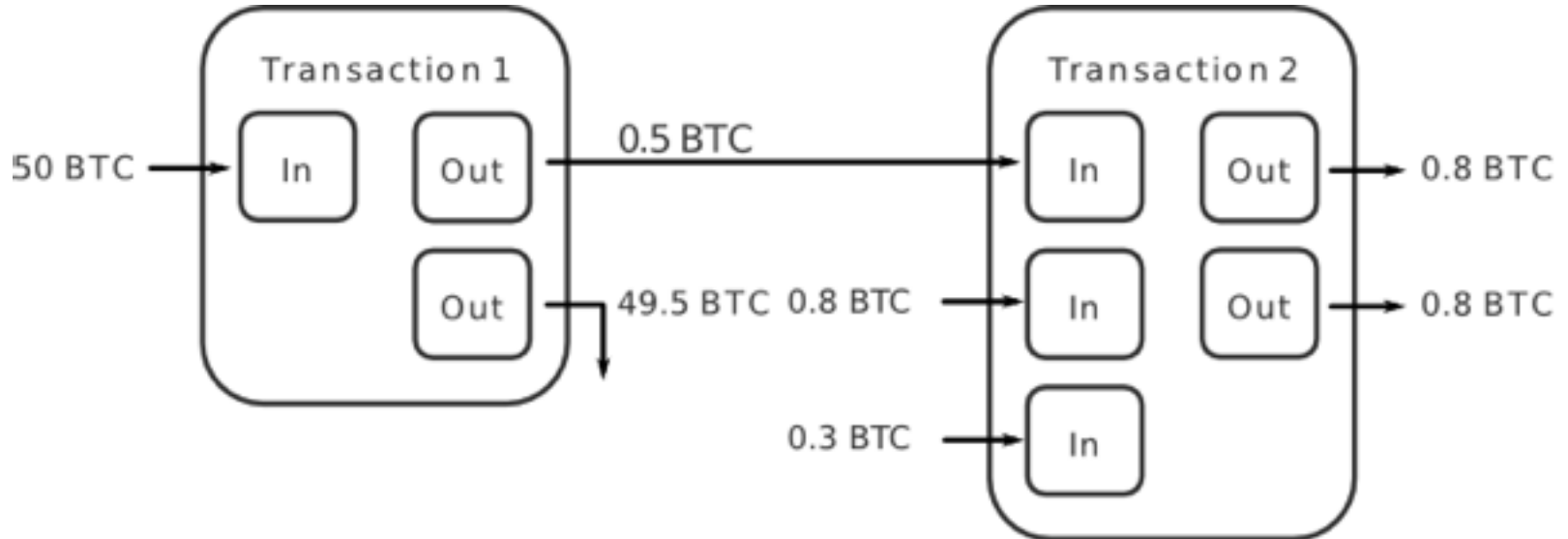


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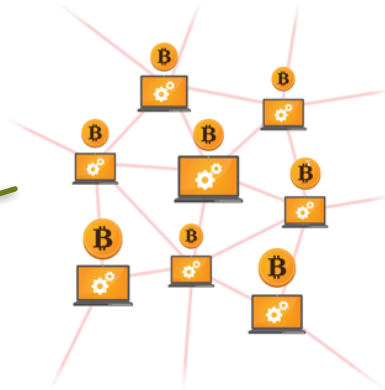
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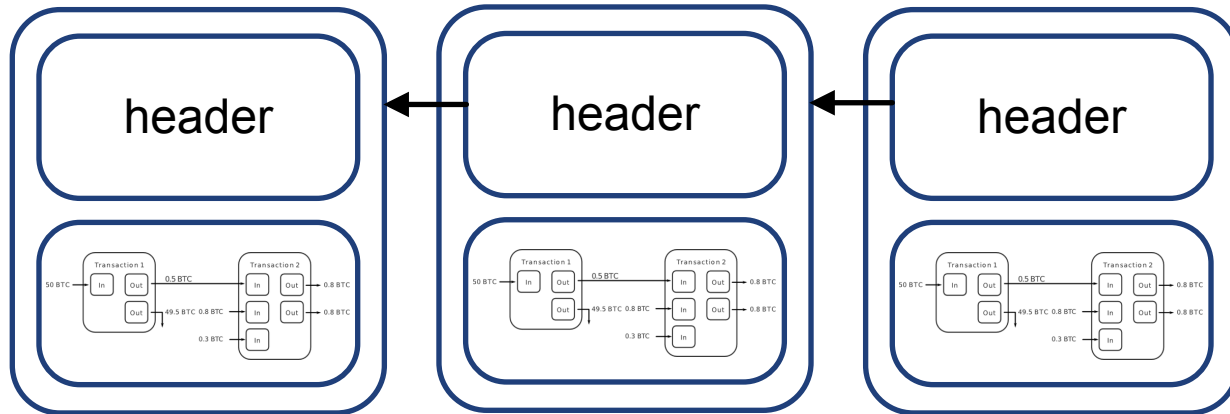
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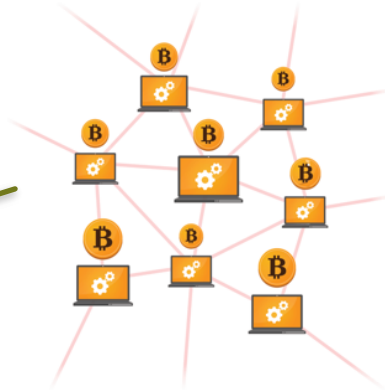
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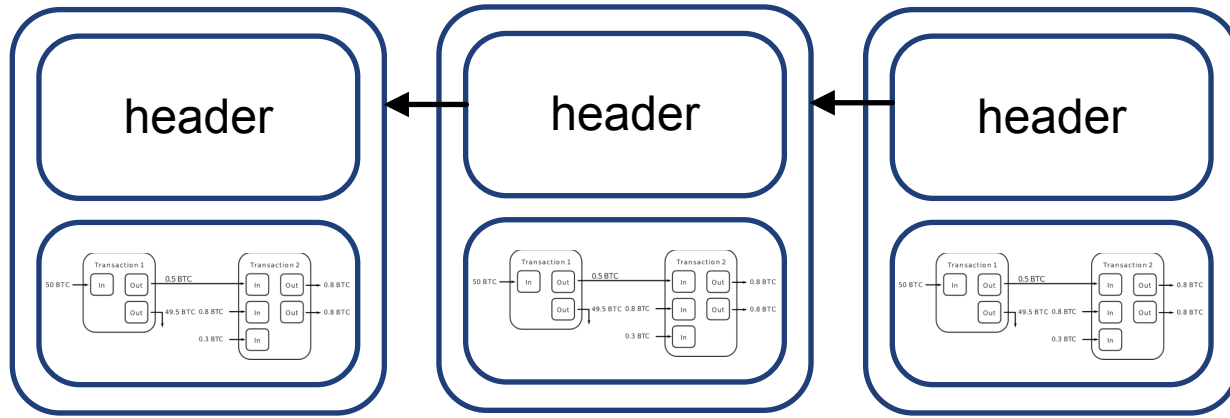
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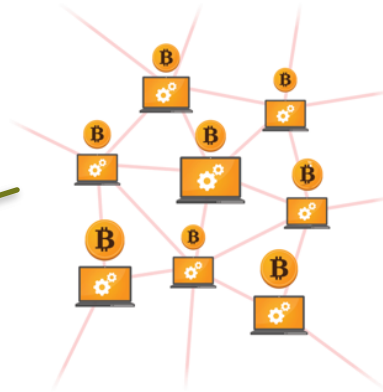


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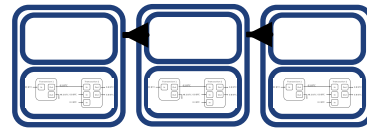




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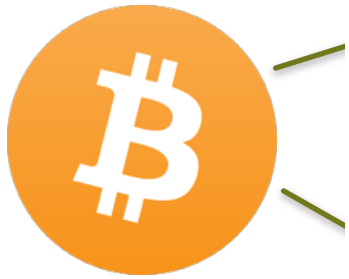


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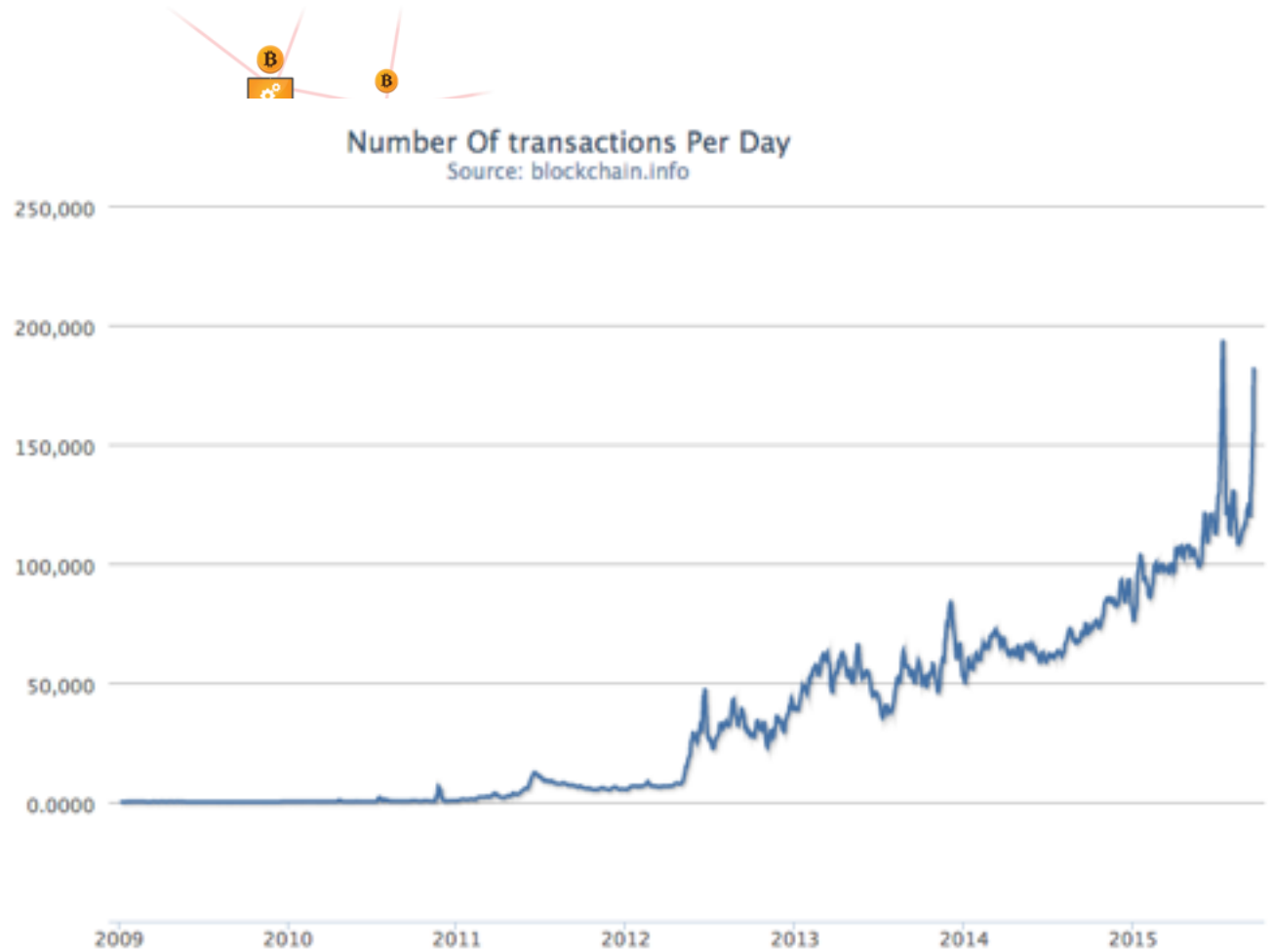


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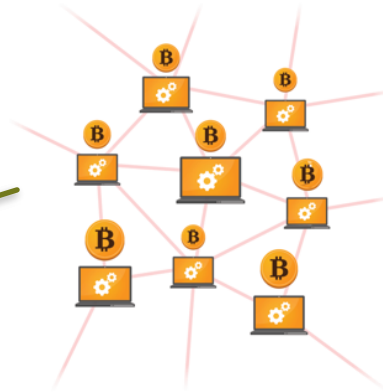
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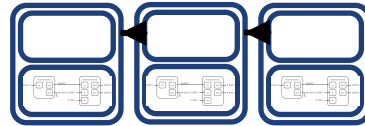
Number of Transactions



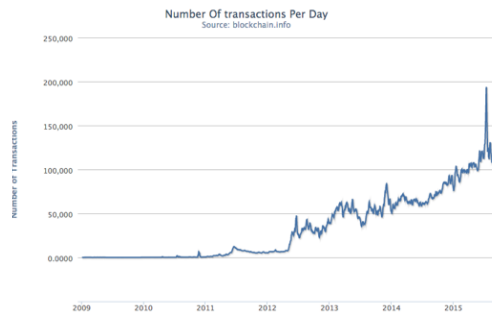
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Peer to Peer



Transaction History



Growth

# Bitcoin Exchanges



Buyers



Exchange

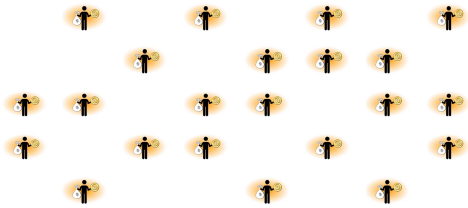


Sellers

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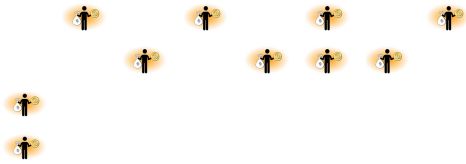


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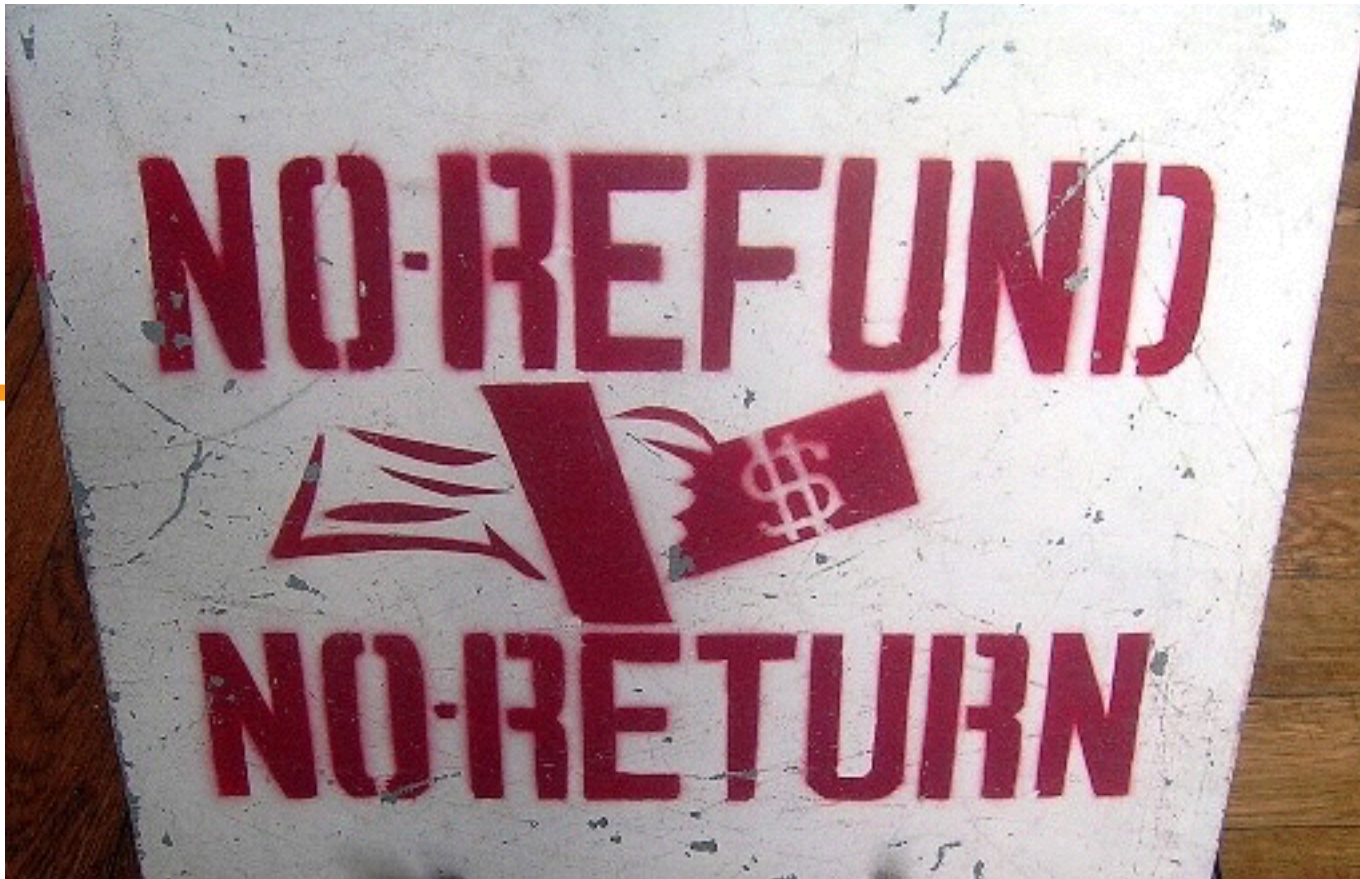




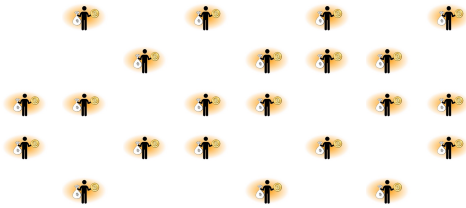
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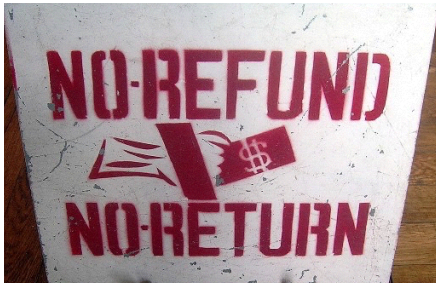
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650k bitcoins lost/stolen



No higher power

No help from law enforcement

# Trust in Bitcoin Exchanges



storing your financial assets with unregulated "financial institutions" is a bad idea.

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if you're banking your bitcoin with the exchange then you're a dolt,



only use money you can afford to lose.

I'm a trader and I don't keep my coins in exchanges lol



You leave BTC on an EXCHANGE? U crazy?

# Legitimacy of Bitcoin Exchanges

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## Third-party audit

### Audit by PricewaterhouseCoopers company

Digital Financial Services s.r.o., operator of BitStock bitcoin exchange, decided to perform regular audits of its client balances every three months. We have chosen [PricewaterhouseCoopers](#) (PwC) a renowned international audit company to be our partner in the overall auditing process.

#### What is the subject of an audit

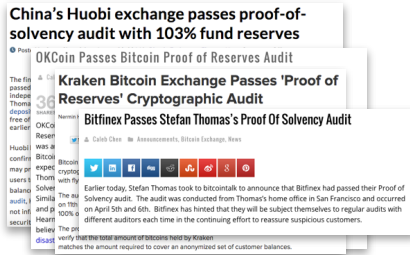
We provide the PwC audit team bank statements of all our company bank accounts that are being used to accept deposits from our clients. Next we also send anonymous exact balances of clients accounts on BitStock. The sum of balances on all of our company bank accounts must be sufficient to satisfy immediate withdraw of all deposits of all our clients to given day.



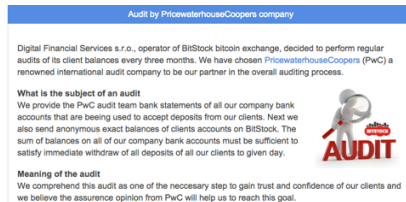
#### Meaning of the audit

We comprehend this audit as one of the necessary step to gain trust and confidence of our clients and we believe the assurance opinion from PwC will help us to reach this goal.

# Legitimacy of Bitcoin Exchanges



Third-party audit



Renowned third-party audit (PwC)

Trust in third party



Cost



Frequency



Privacy





# Automated Software-Based Audit



Assets



Solvency

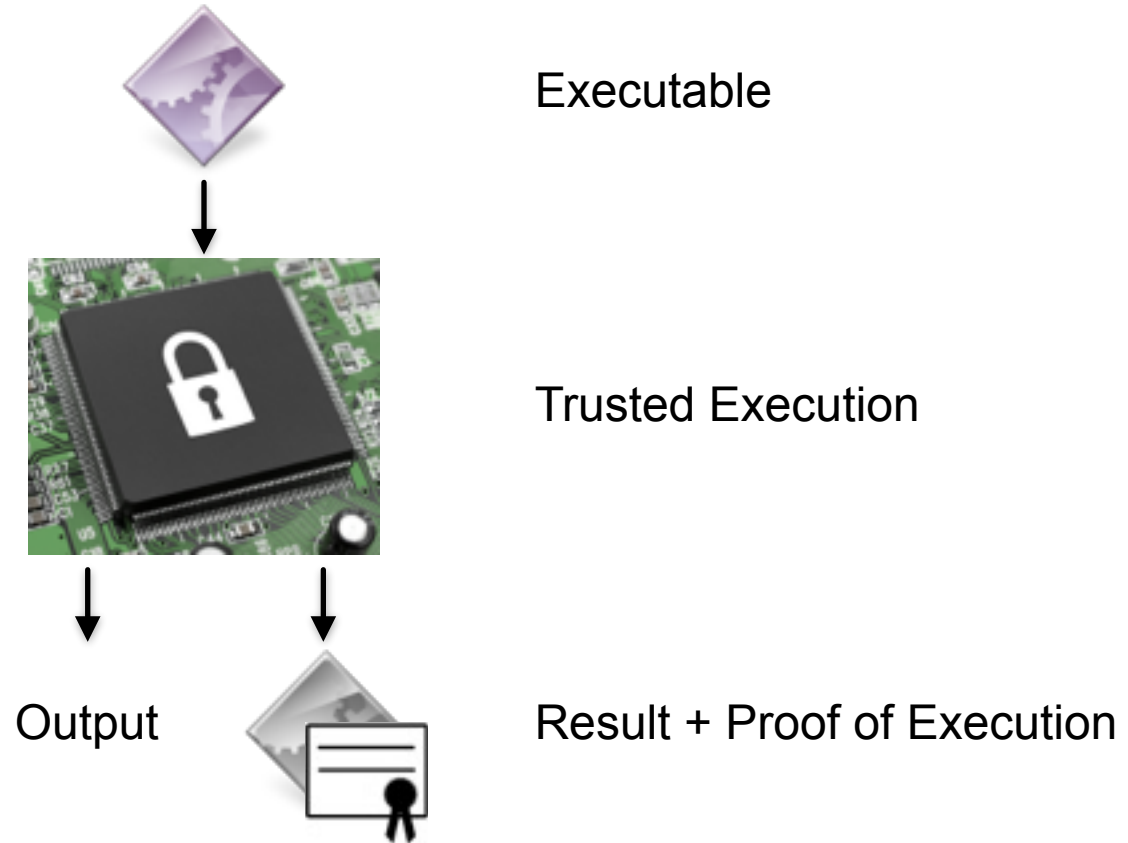


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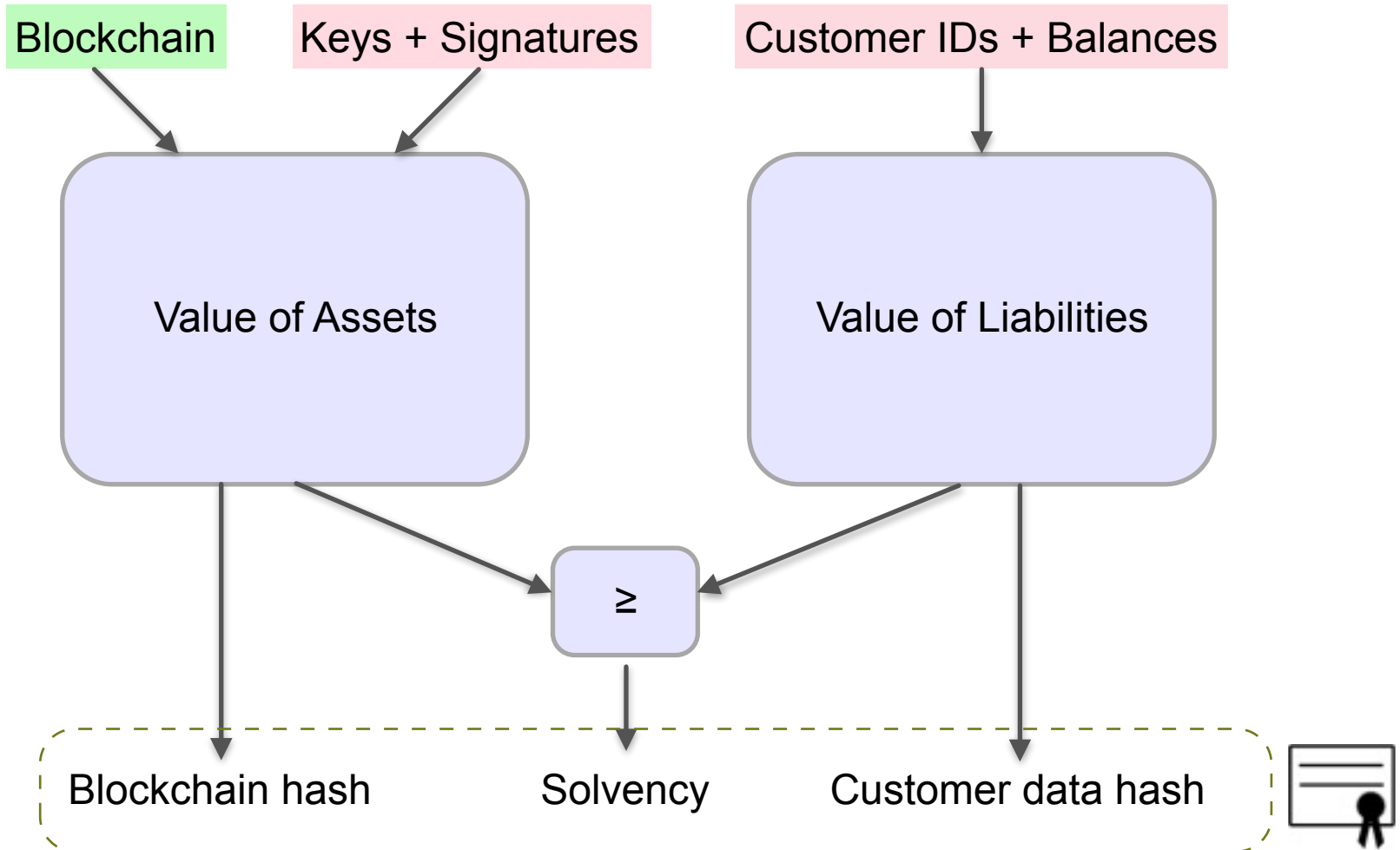


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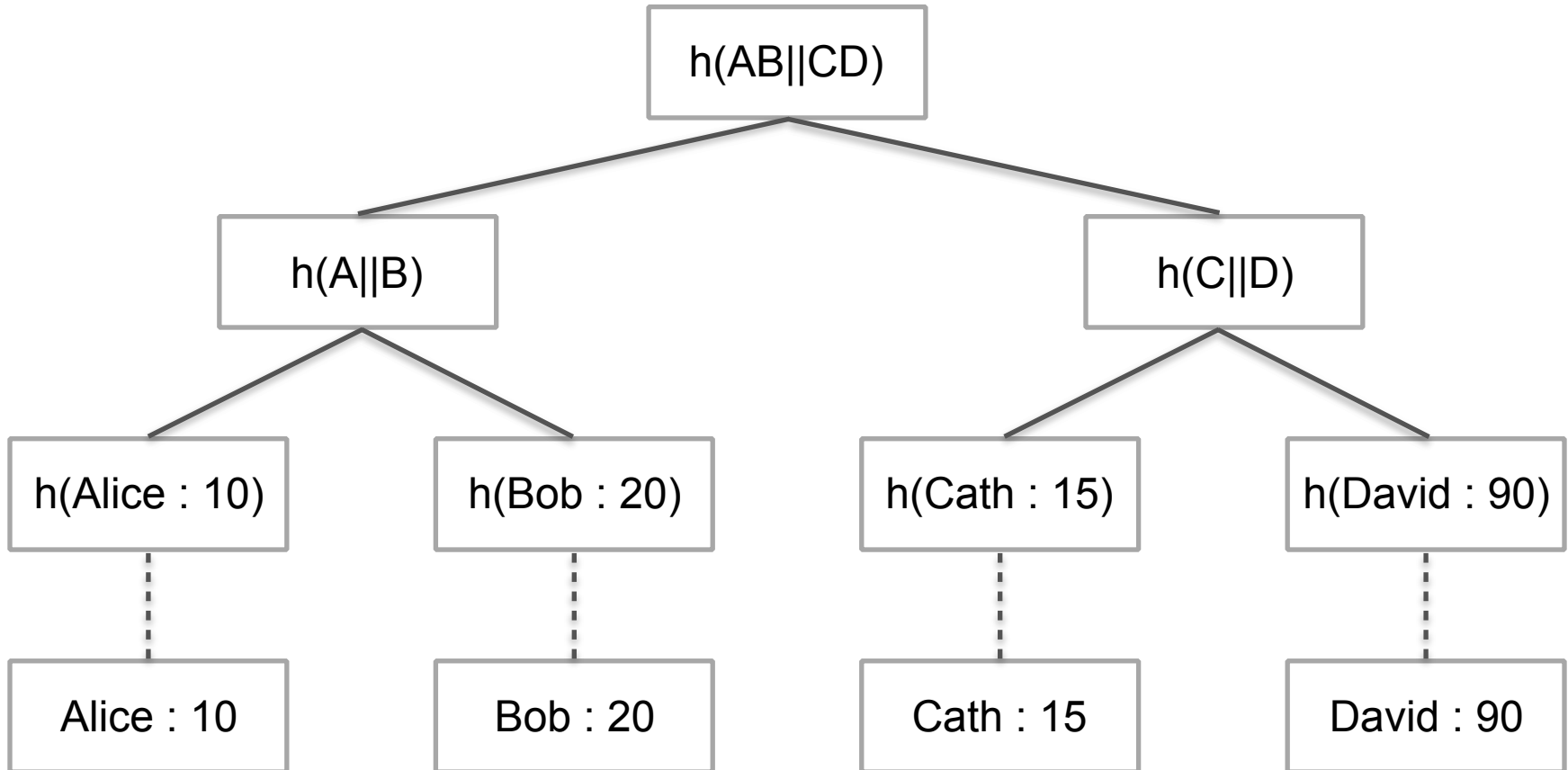
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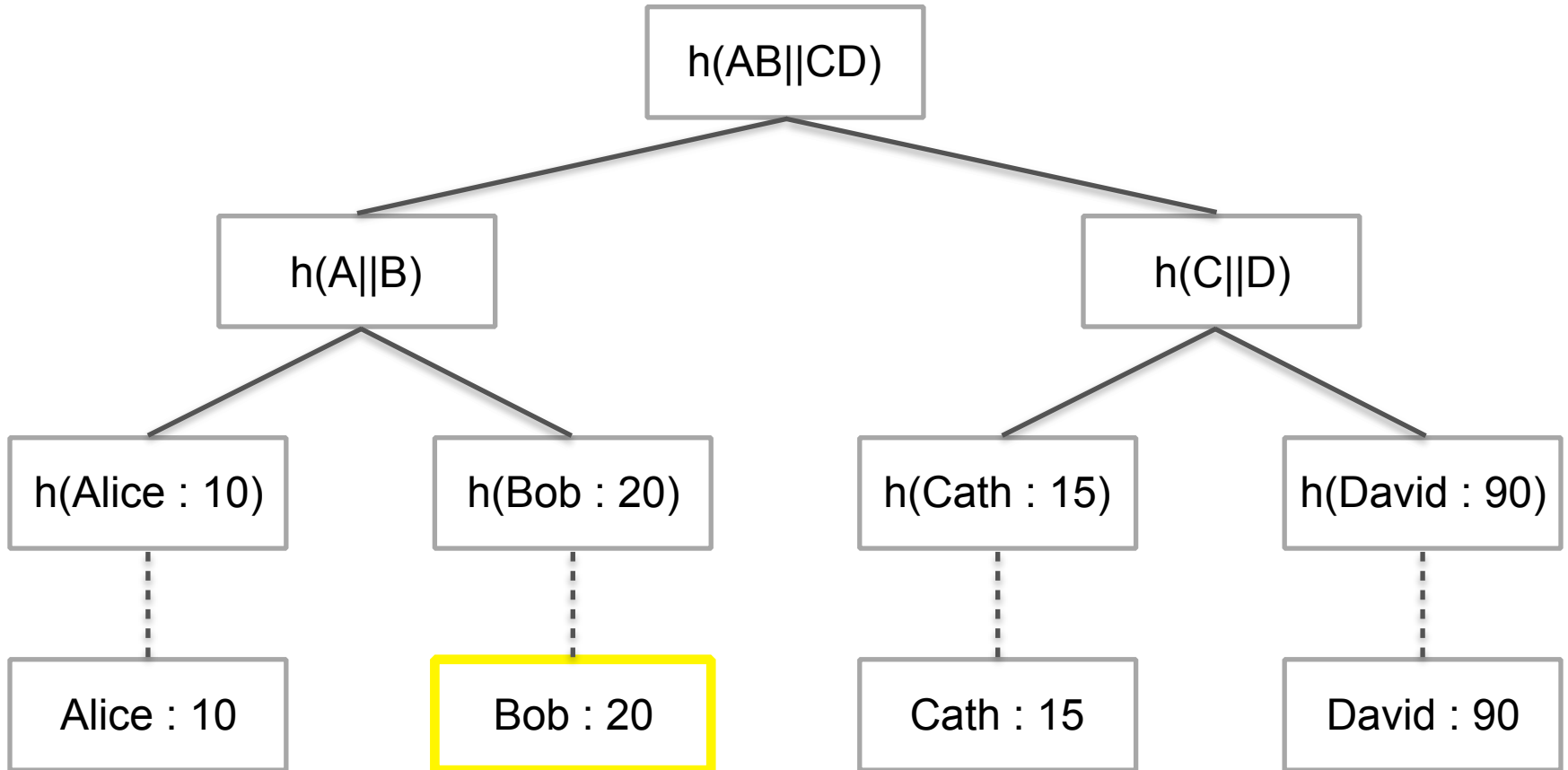
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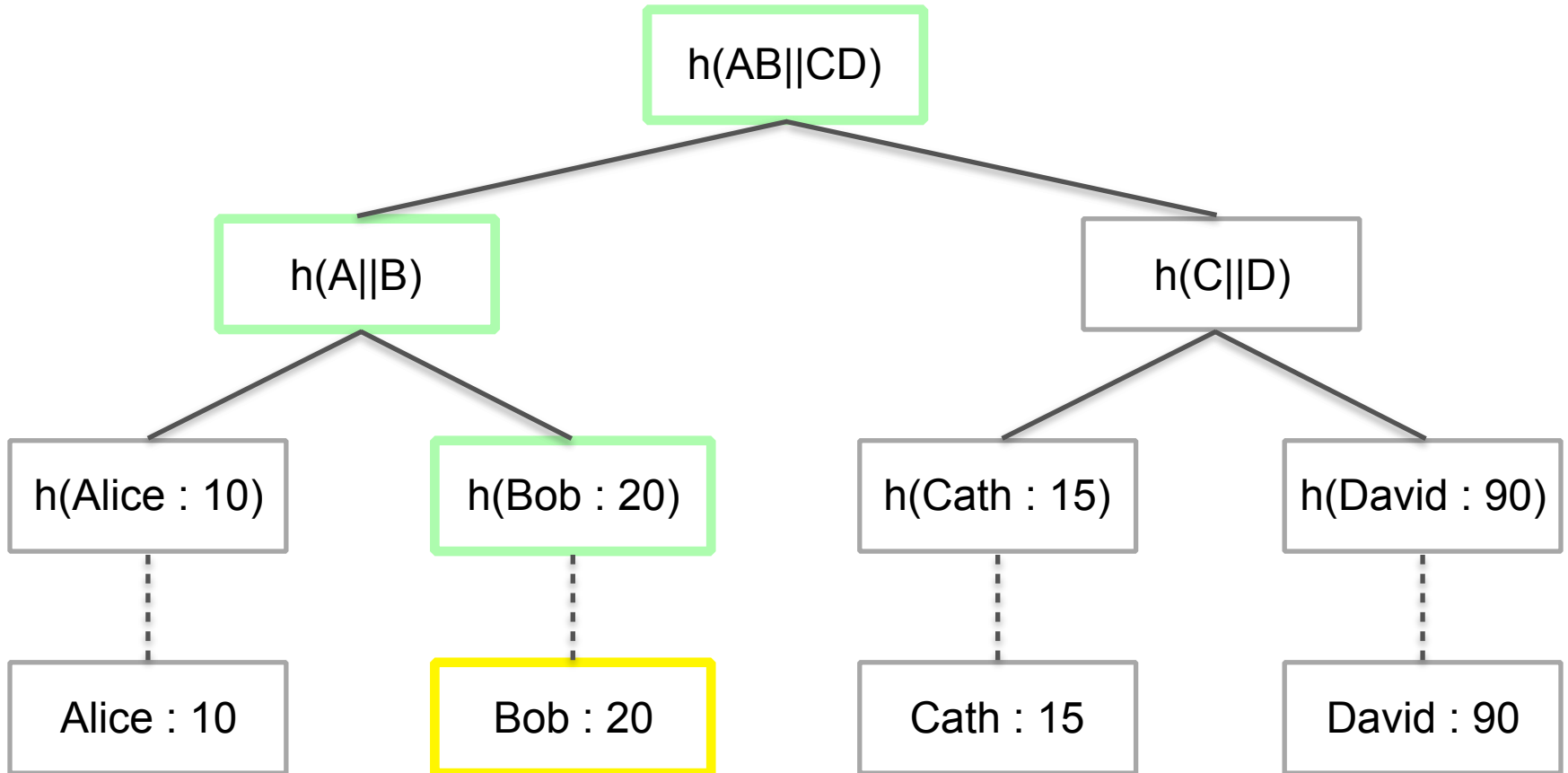
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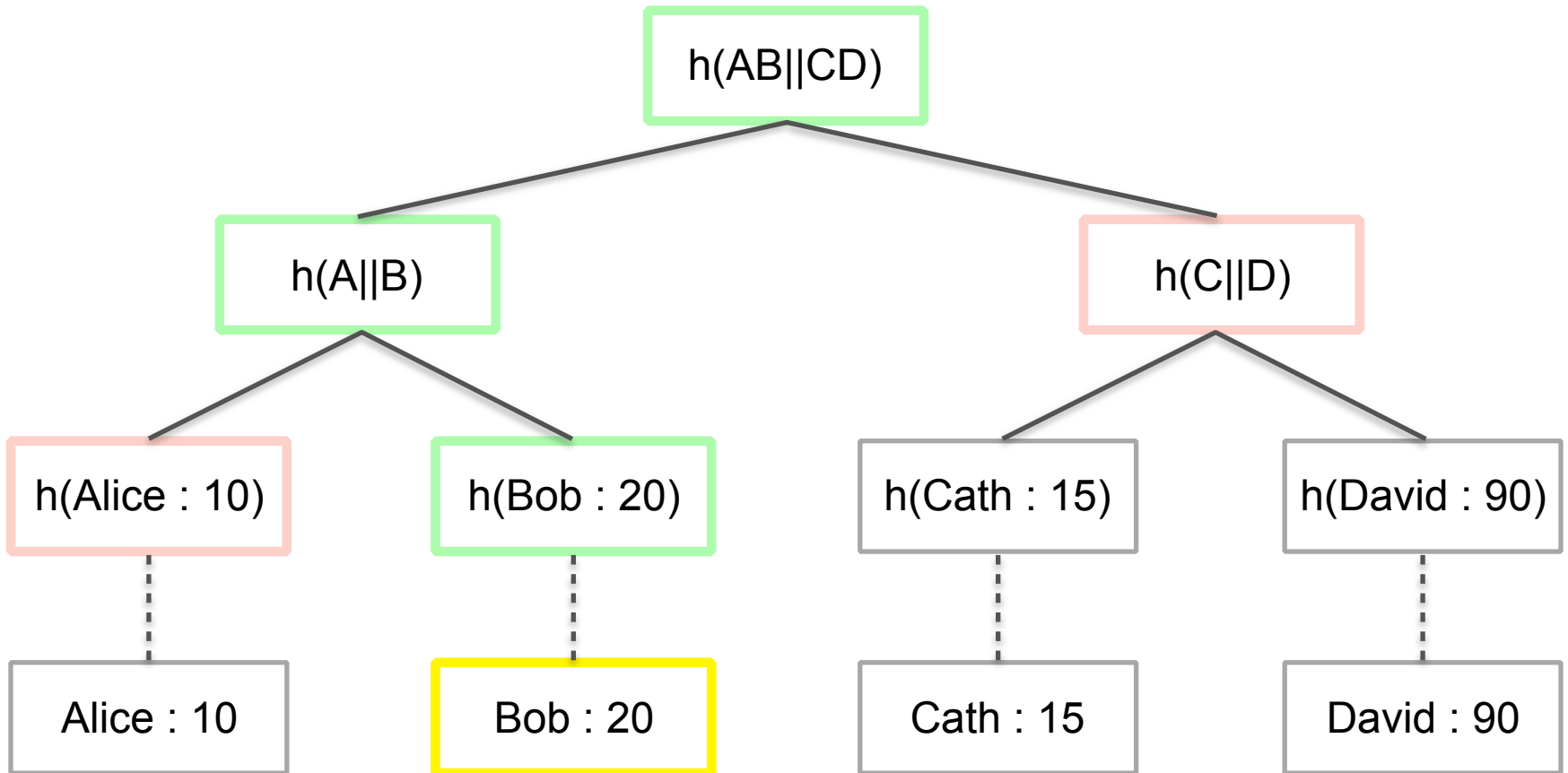
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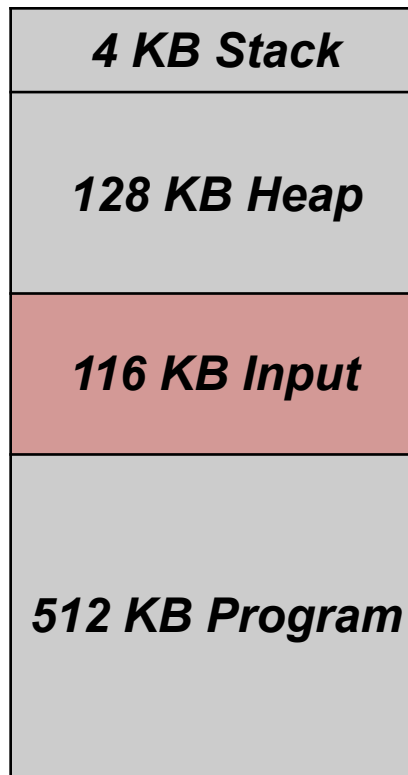


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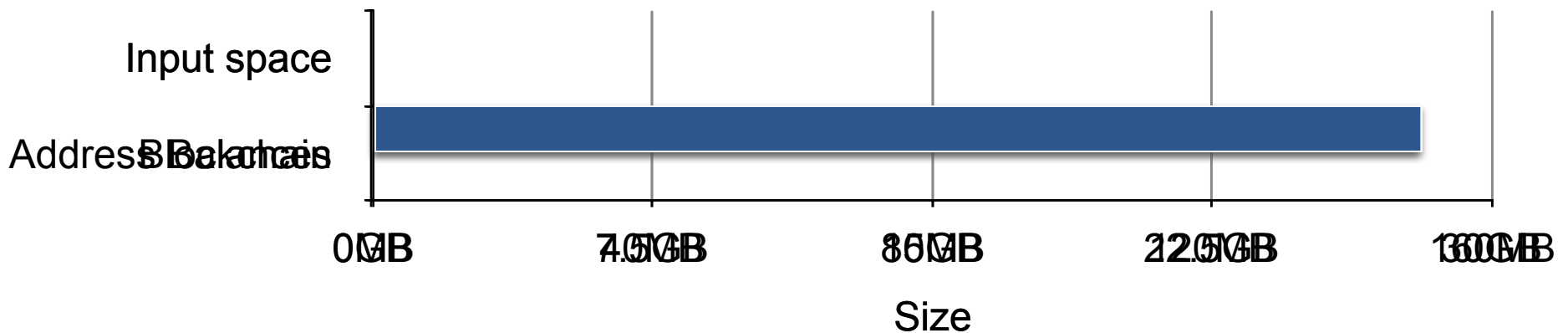


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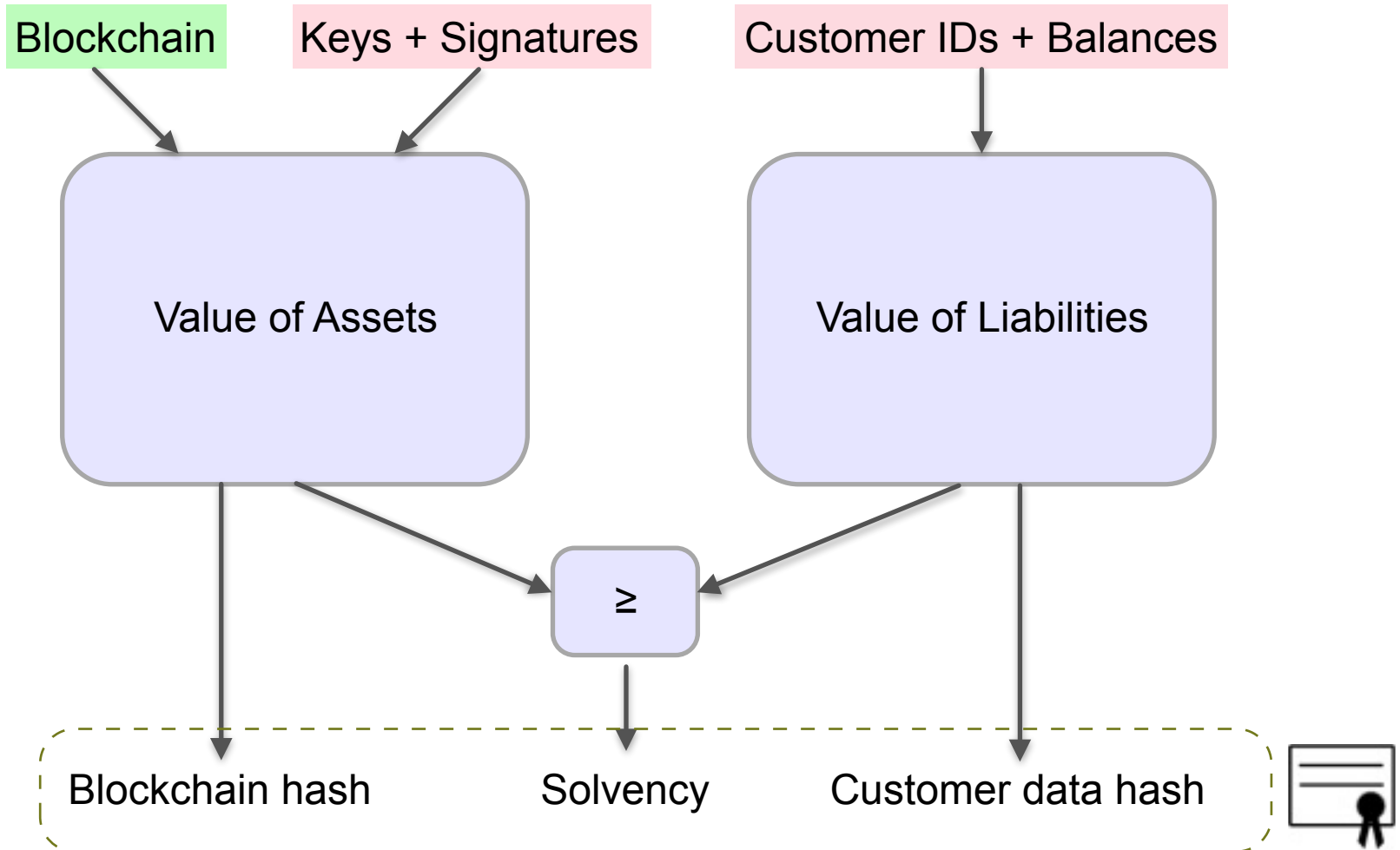
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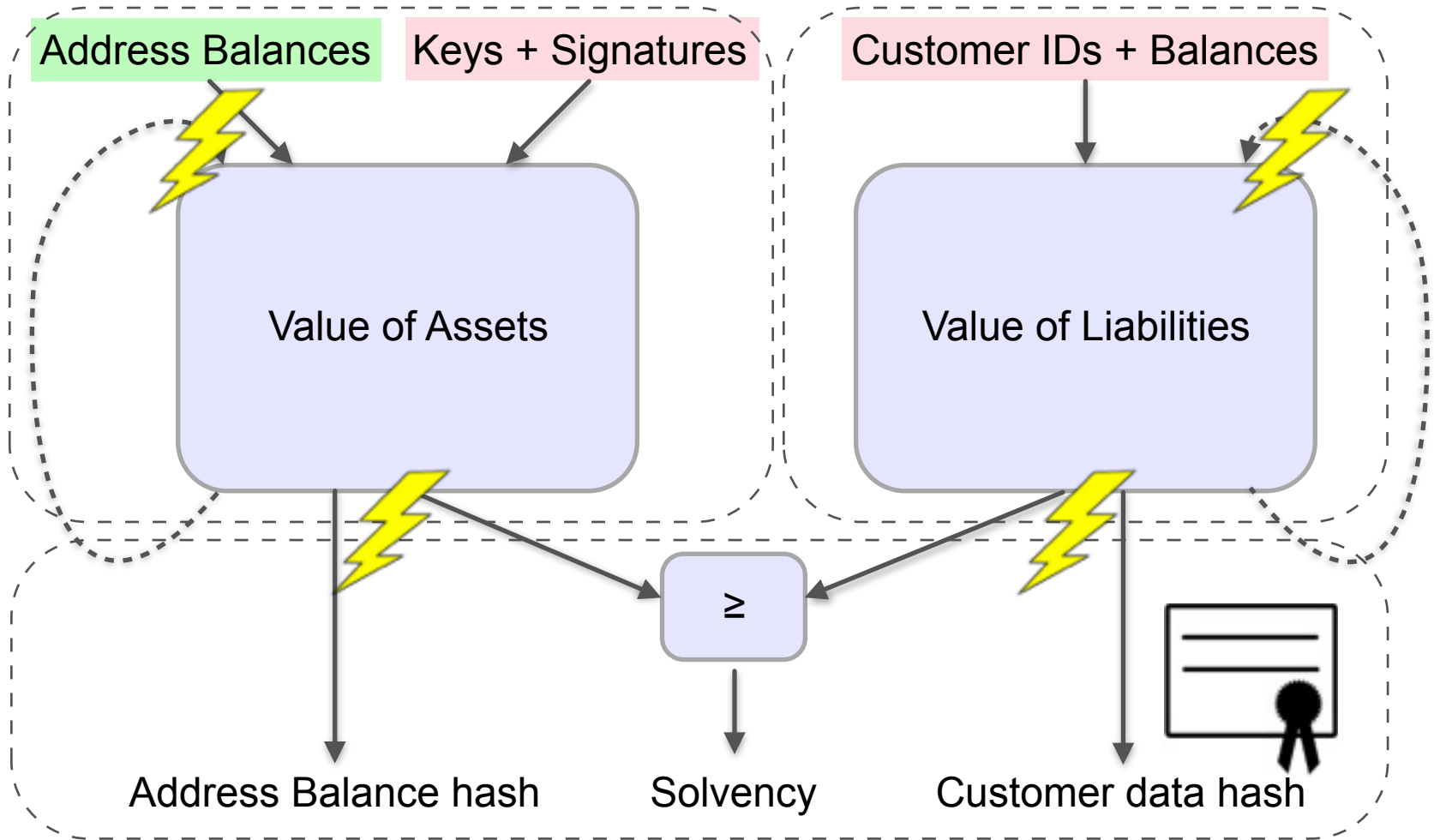
Time constraints

- 200ms-1s overhead
- 0.5-1s cooldown

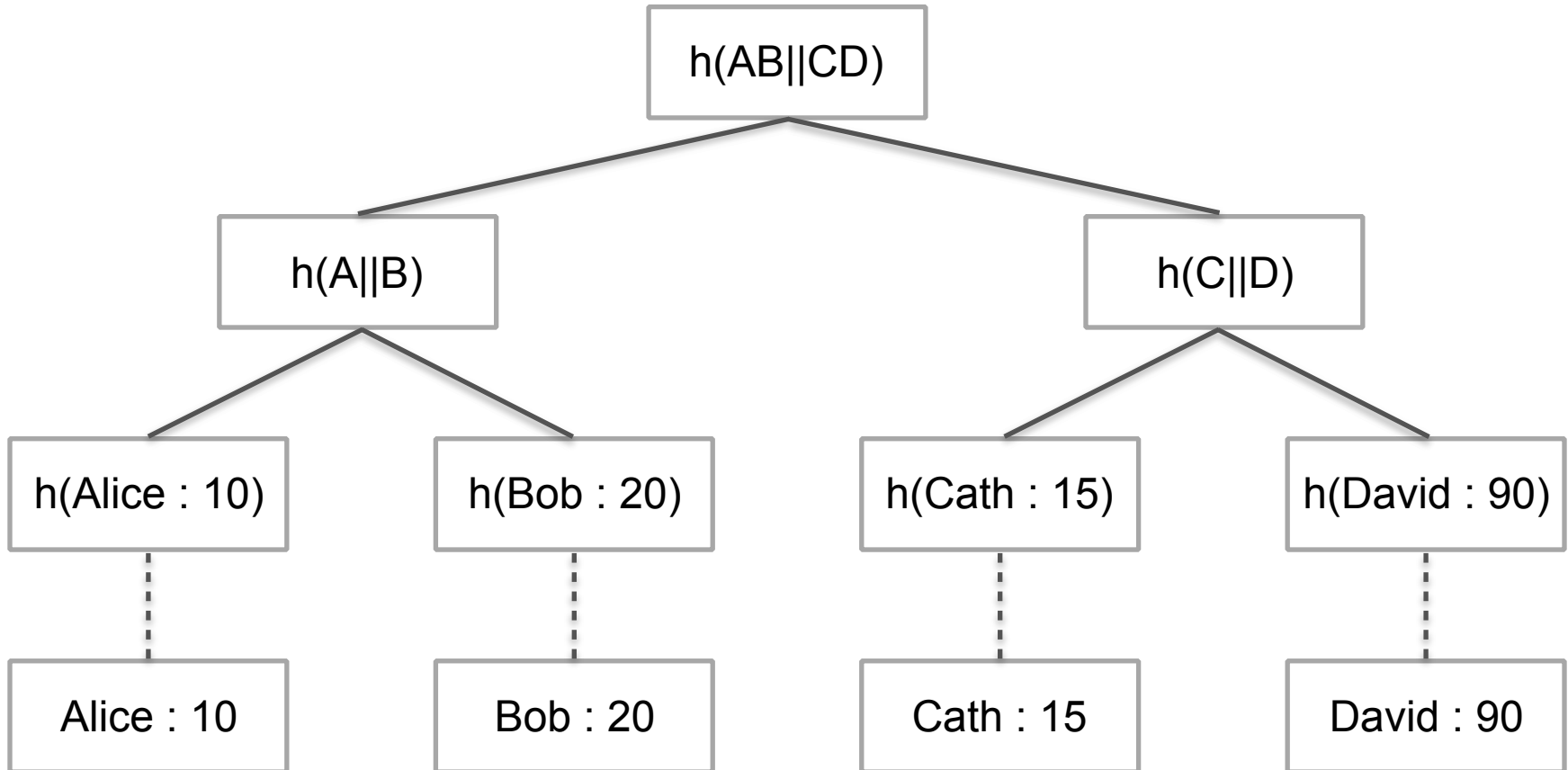
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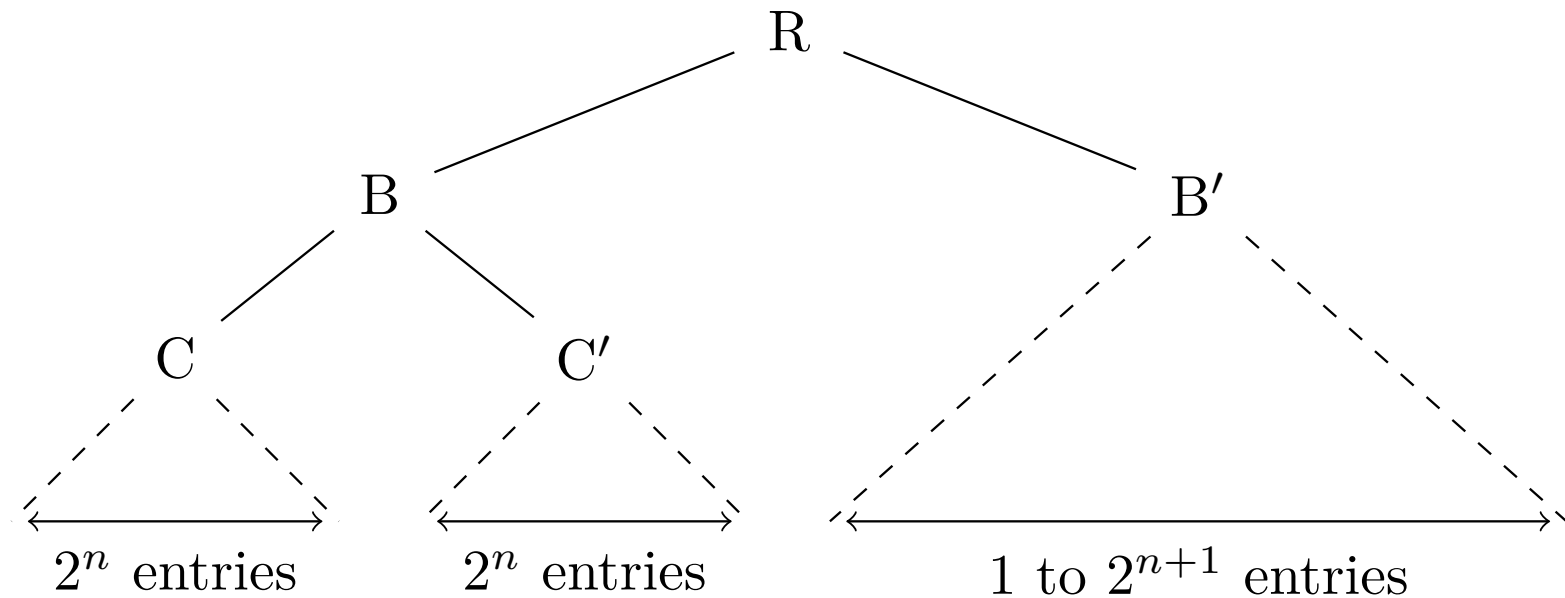


# Iterative Customer Verification





# Iterative Merkle Tree



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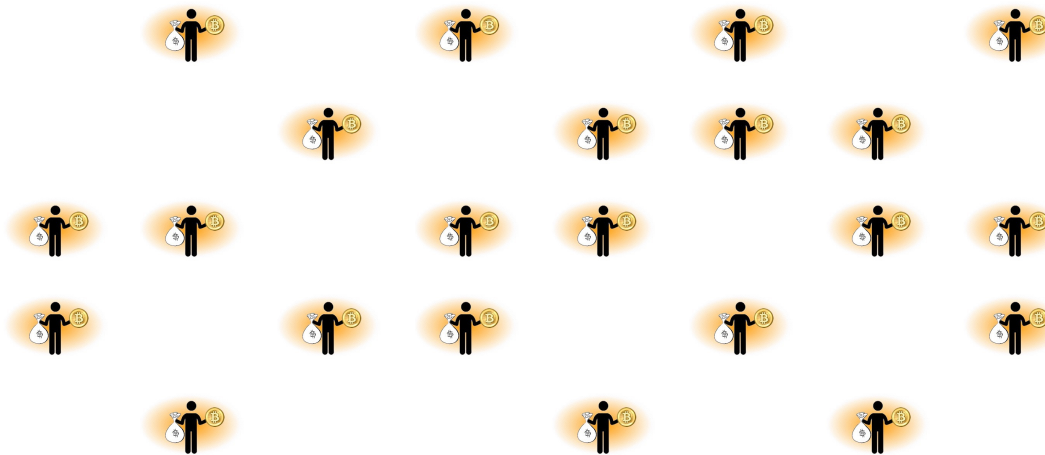
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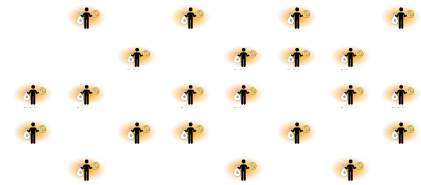
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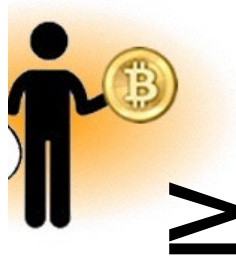
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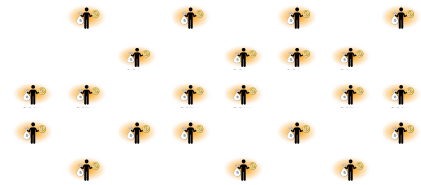
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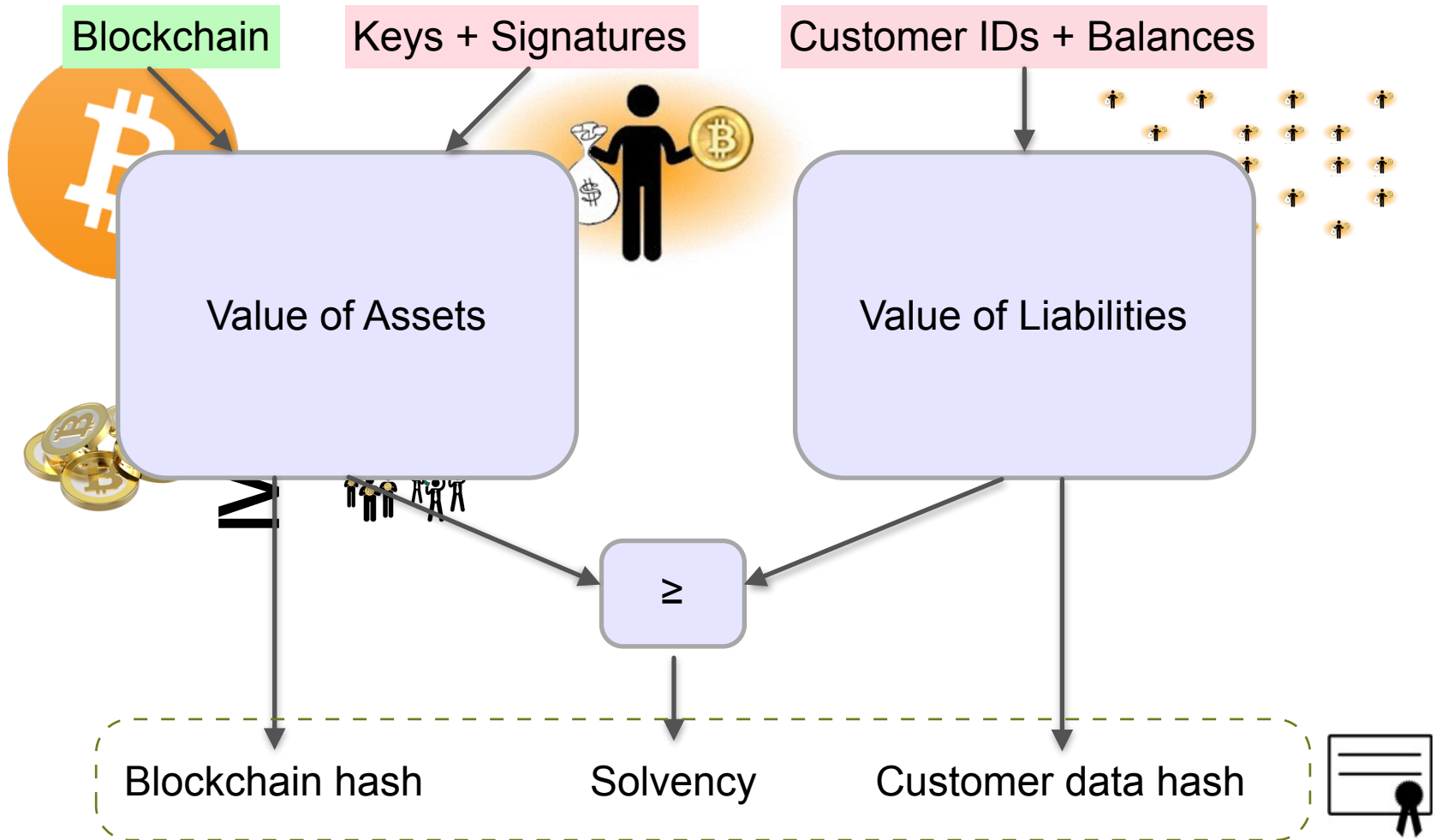
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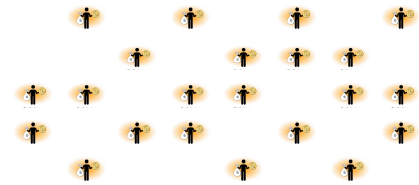
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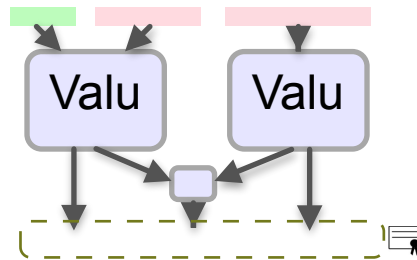
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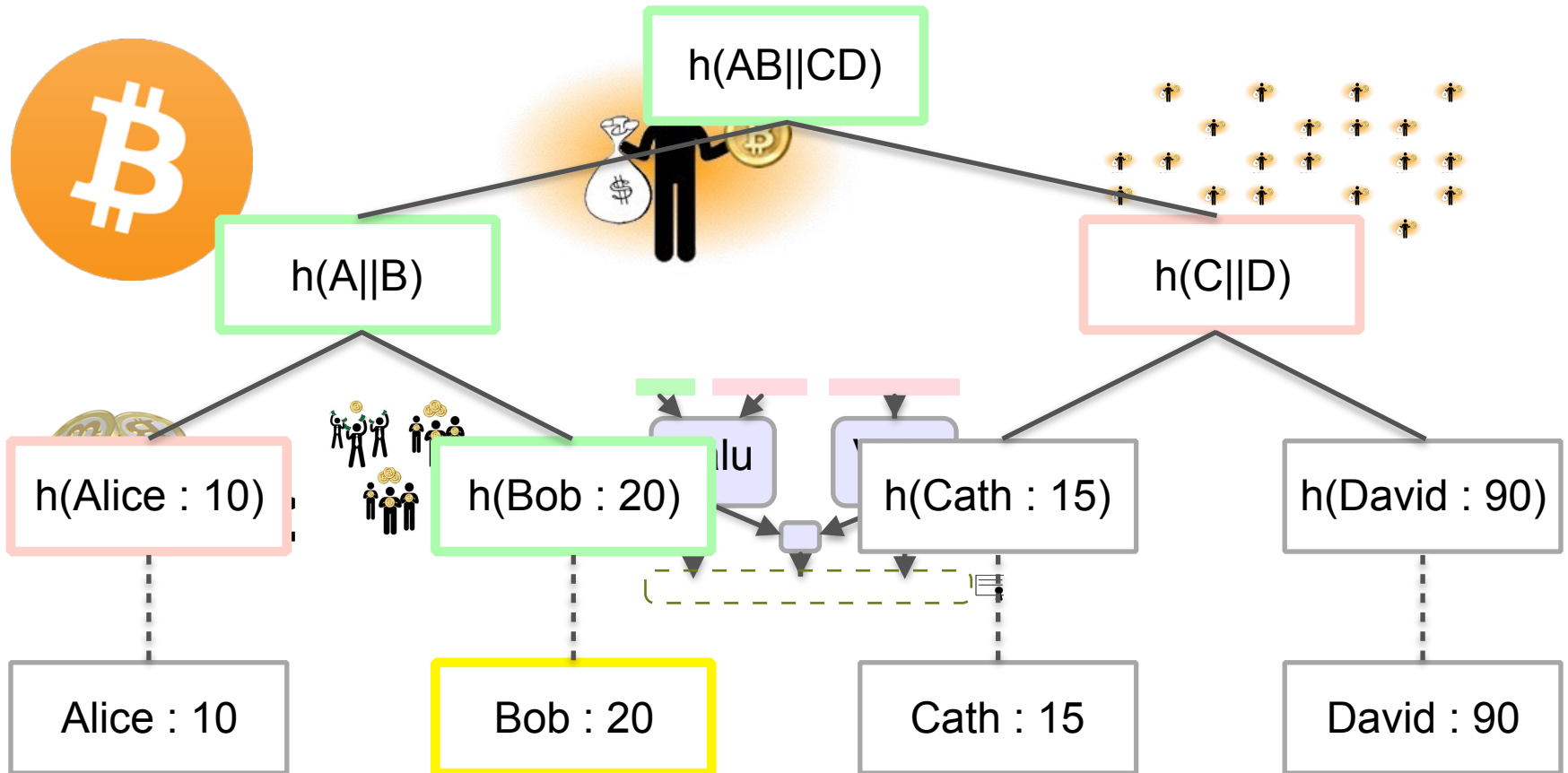
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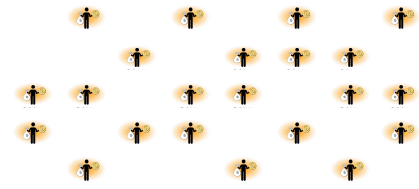
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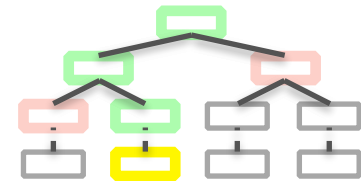
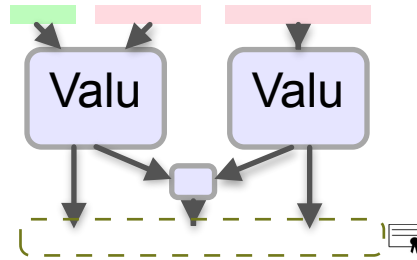
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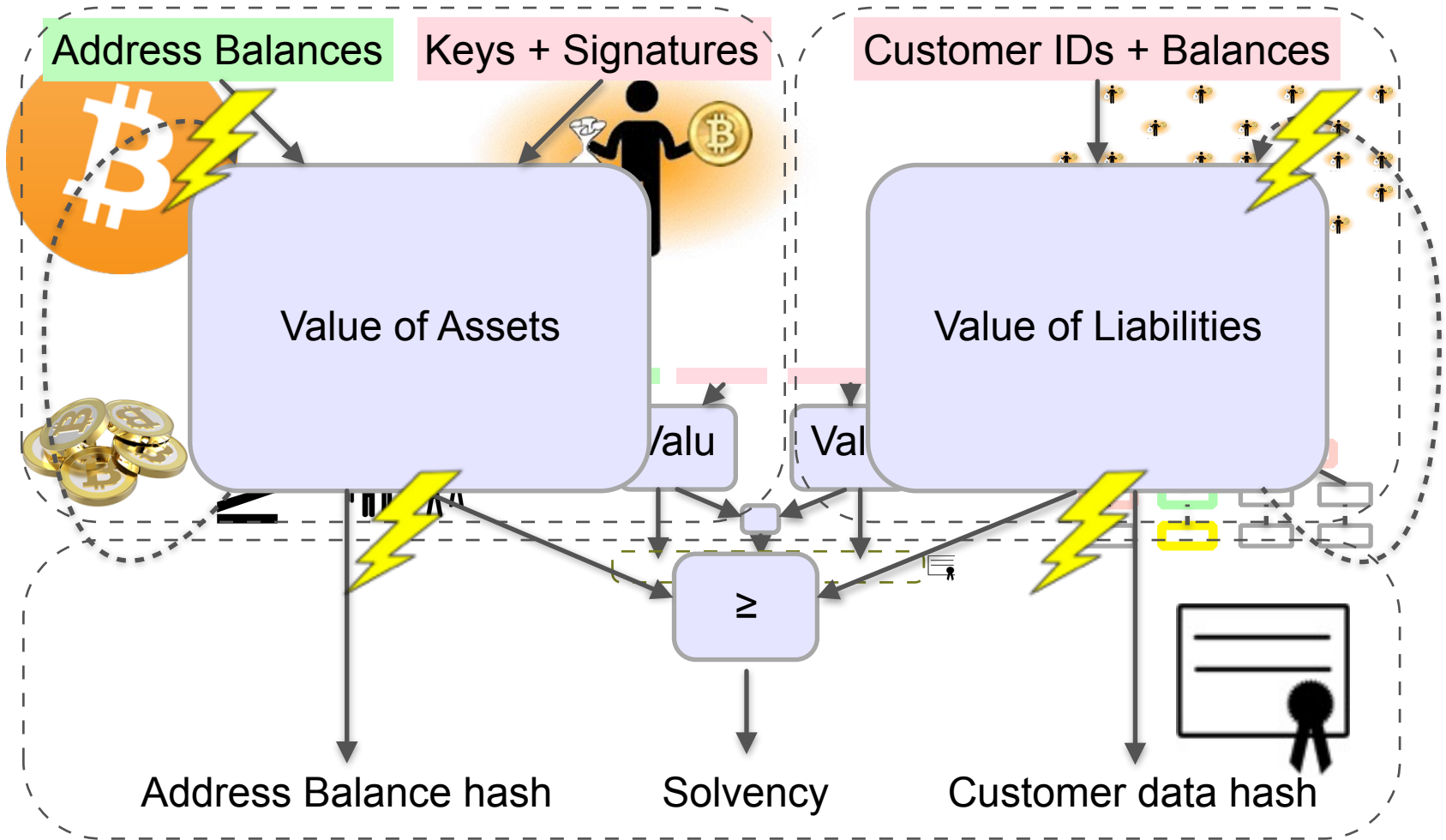
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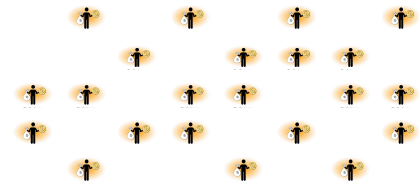
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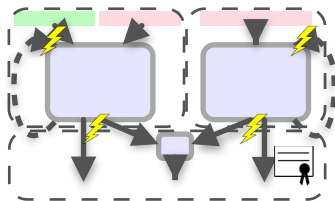
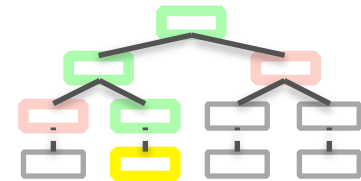
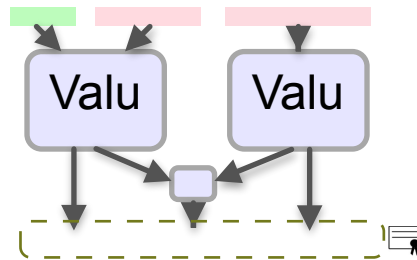
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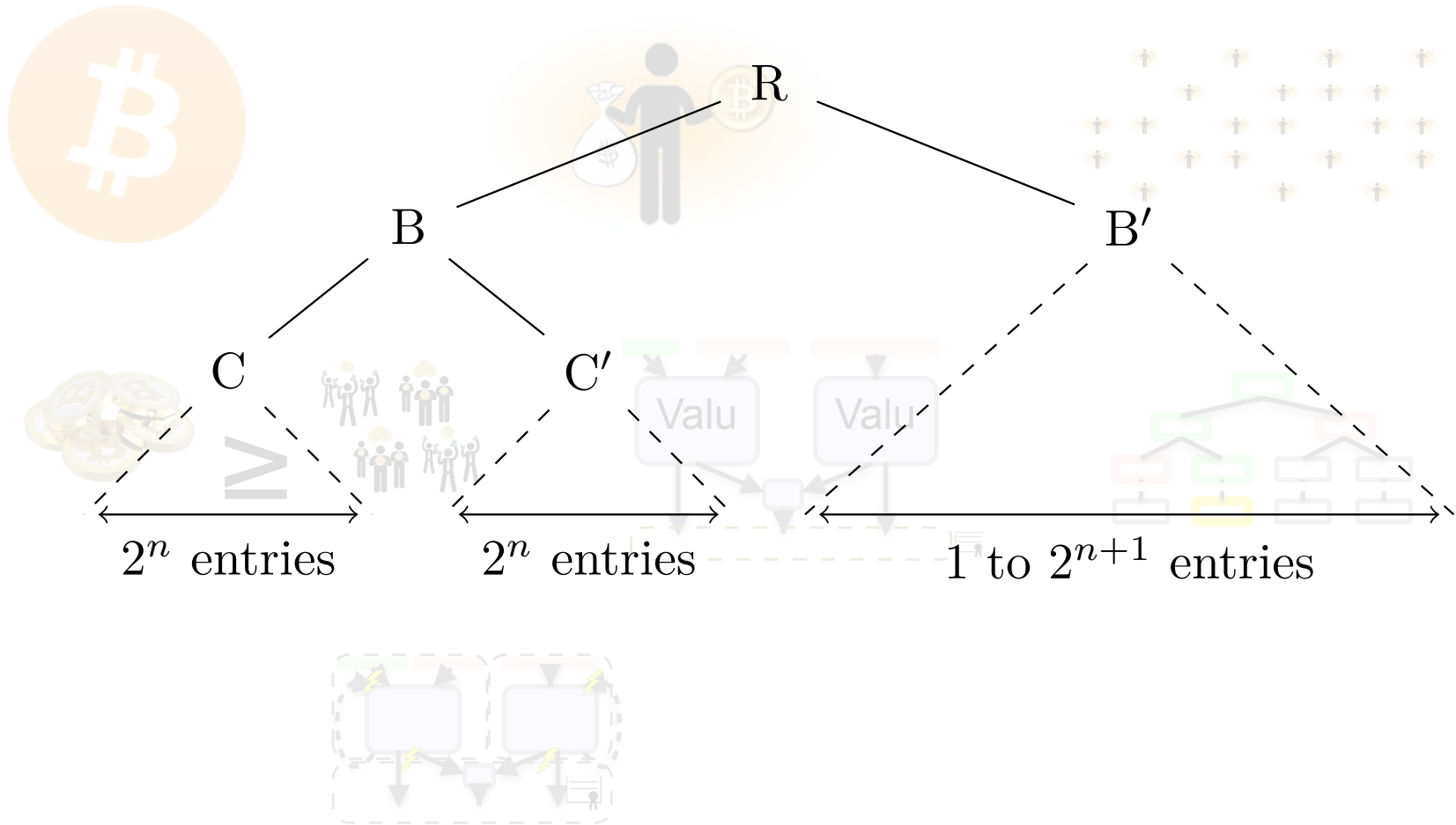
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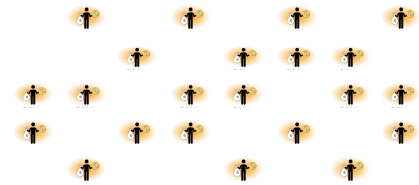


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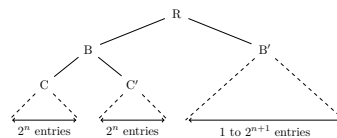
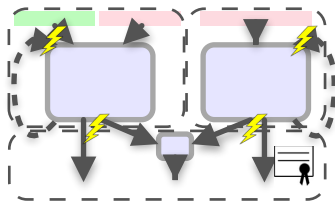
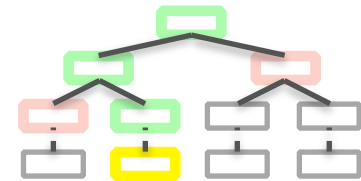
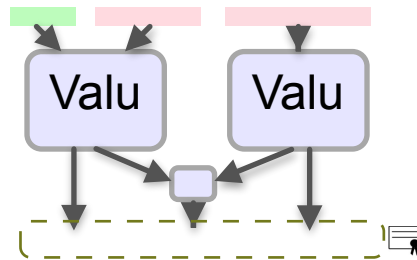




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