Blockchain analysis and Liquid

A guide to understanding privacy



Blockchain analysis...

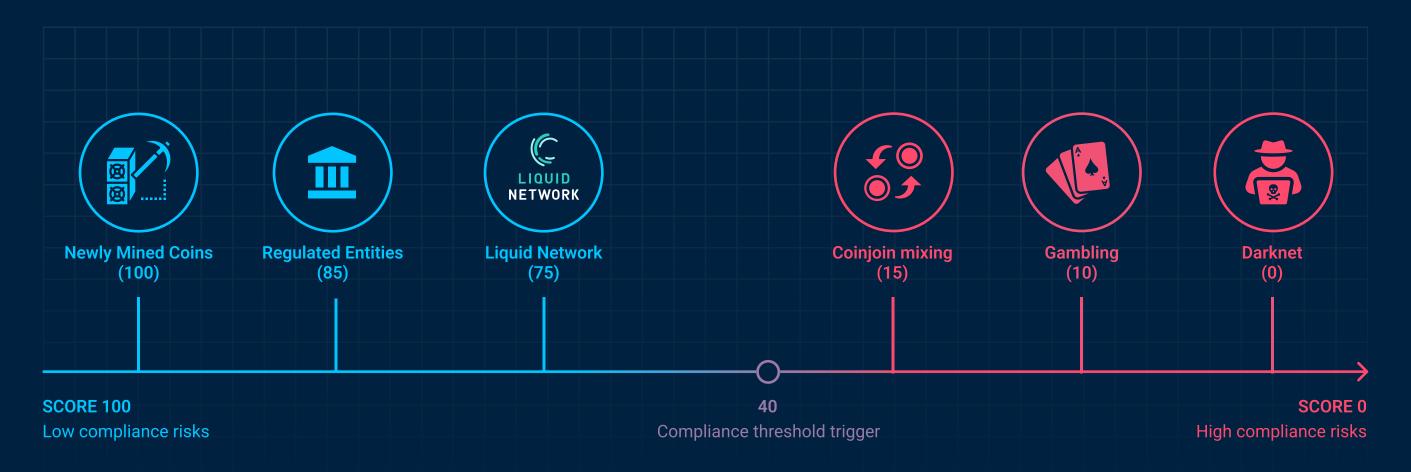
 Attempts to discover useful information about different actors transacting in cryptocurrency

 Clusters entities and assigns scores based on their activity

 Relies on publicly visible asset and amounts for common-input-ownership and change address detection



Assigns "cleanliness" scores to entities





*Scores are approximations

Liquid and privacy

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Bitcoin as its native currency

- Permissionless issuance of assets and securities
- Confidential Transactions publicly conceal assets and amounts
- User may unblind transaction for regular assets
- User and issuer may unblind transaction for AMP assets





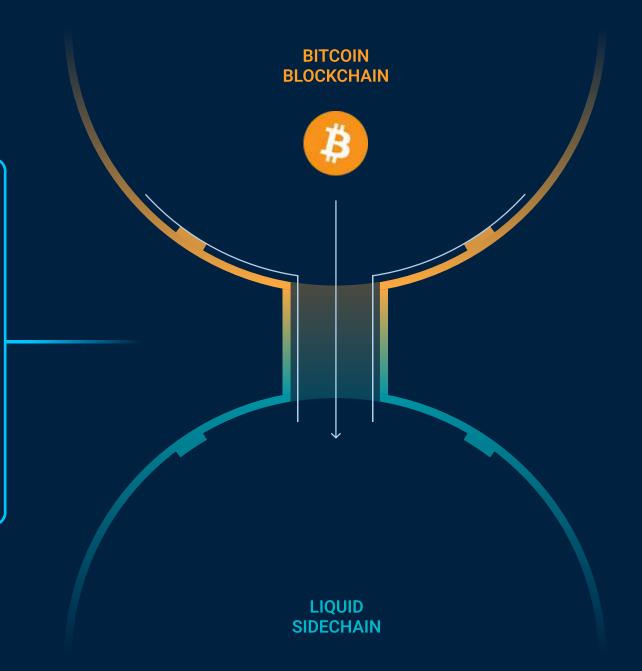
Peg-in transactions...

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Bind BTC to a Federation multi-sig address
Issues L-BTC on the Liquid Network

Are executed as non-confidential to ensure circulating amount integrity

Treats all BTC as fungible





Peg-out transactions...

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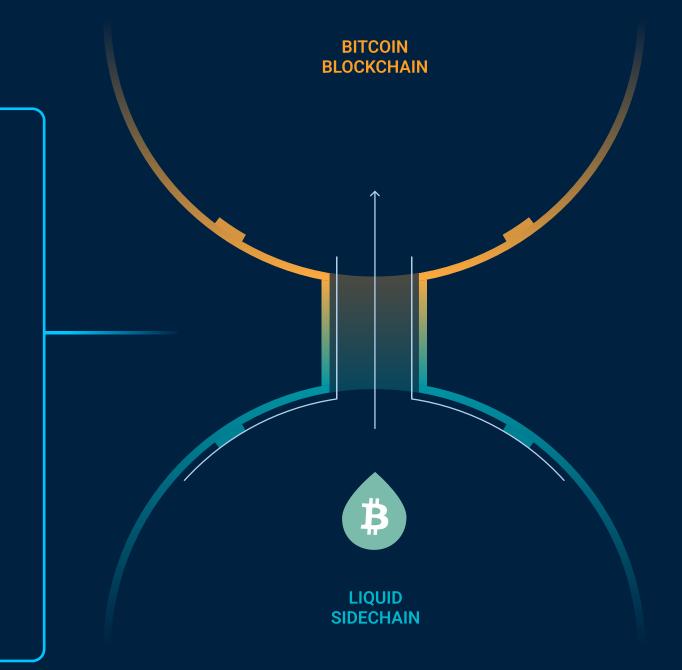
Removes L-BTC from circulation

Releases BTC from Federation multi-sig addresses

Conducted by Liquid Federation members

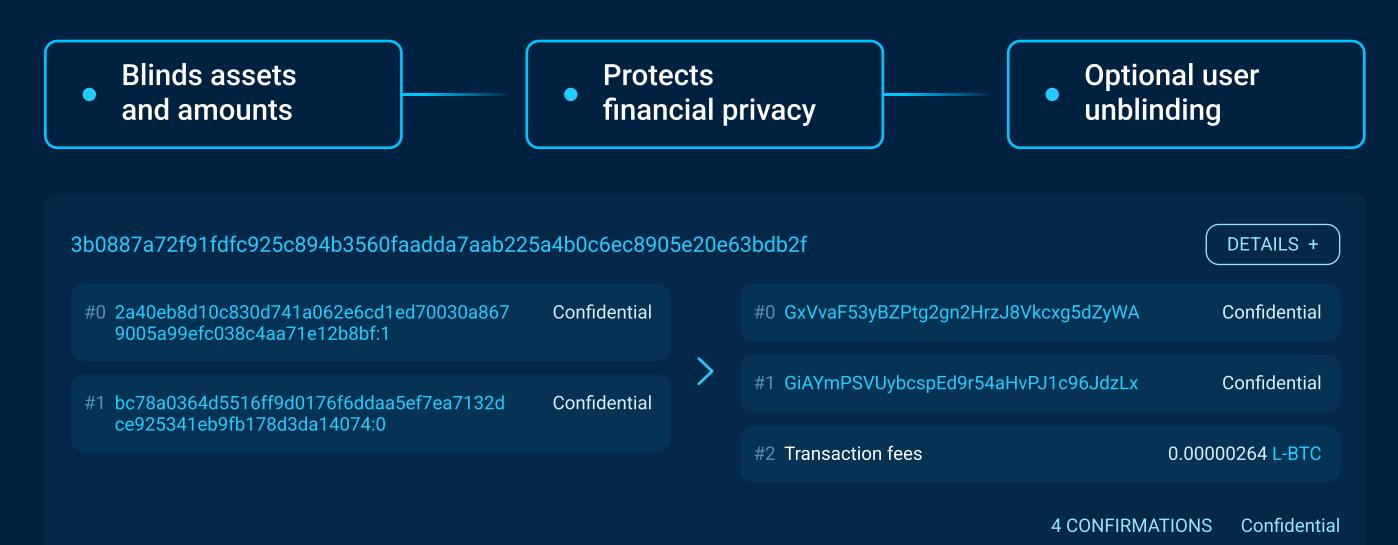
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Have auto-selected UTXOs without relation to peg-in transactions





Confidential Transactions





Swaps

 Allows two users to exchange assets without counterparty risks

 Invalidates common-input-ownership assumptions



AMP Assets

Require a server to co-sign the movement of assets

 Permit the issuer to whitelist who may hold the asset

Reveals transaction details to the issuer

Prevents outside analysis by using confidential transaction



In summary

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No restrictions on moving BTC between Bitcoin mainchain and Liquid sidechain

No relationship between pegged BTC and released L-BTC

Confidential Transactions permit user driven transaction disclosure

Swaps are trustless and obfuscate input and output ownership





Thank You!

