Ethereum Sharding P2P Requirements

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Sharded P2P Networking

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Sharding Notaries

- are pseudo-randomly sampled to verify the block availability per period
 - goal: 5 sec block time
- need to jump between the shard chains

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	Period k + 4		Notary 1	Notary 4	Notary 1
			Notary 2	Notary 5	Notary 2
			Notary 4	Notary 6	Notary 6
	Period k + 3		Notary 2	Notary 2	Notary 3
			Notary 4	Notary 4	Notary 4
			Notary 5	Notary 6	Notary 5
	Period k + 2				
			Notary 1	Notary 2	Notary 1
			Notary 2	Notary 4	Notary 2
			Notary 4	Notary 6	Notary 5
	Period k + 1		Notary 2	Notary 1	Notary 3
			Notary 3	Notary 2	Notary 4
			Notary 4	Notary 6	Notary 5
	Period k		Notary 2	Notary 1	Notary 1
			Notary 4	Notary 3	Notary 3
			Notary 6	Notary 5	Notary 5
		Notary Pool			
	Notar	ry 1 Notary 2 N	Notary 3		
	Notar	ry 4 Notary 5 N	Notary 6		

Sharded P2P Networking

Network Requirements

- fast jump between
 - 100 networks or peer groups



Requirements

- Client can connect to multiple shards
 - Total shard chains: ~100 shards
 - Concurrent connections: ~10 shards
- Client can jump between shards
 - Clients should be able to find peers in other shards in a short time
- Latency and reliability
 - Beacon chain block time: 5 sec
 - High delivery guarantees

Proposals

- **Proposal 1** 100 separated networks for 100 shards Peer management and reputation system may be tricky for the validators.
- Proposal 2 Multiple gossip channels
 - One single transport layer network
 - Multiple shard-specific gossip channels.
 - $\circ~$ The validator can watch some specific channel
- Proposal 3 One gossip channel for all shards
 - Nodes gossip the shards which they are currently listening to

Attack Resistance (1/2)

- Sybil attack
 - $\circ~$ Node identity and authentication

• Eclipse attack

- $\circ~$ Node identity and authentication
- $\circ~$ Peer selection strategy and peer rounting
 - Recommend using current random-walk DHT discovery for sharding?
- $\circ~$ Minimum connection peers number
- $\circ~$ Indegree and outdegree method

Attack Resistance (2/2)

- Anti-spam and anit-DDoS attack on gossip channel
 - What's the strategy for DDoS attack now?



More Requirements

- Persistence layer
- Fast subscriptions
- Ease of maintenance

