

The Secret Lives of Cryptocurrencies: Time Travel, Regulation, Whales & Refugees

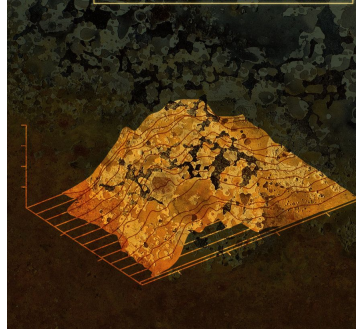
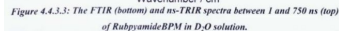
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A Question or Two for You.

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> Why does Cryptocurrency Matter?

Cryptocurrency, Decentralisation & the Network Stack

- > Apples-to-Apples Comparisons in a sea of Fruit Salad**
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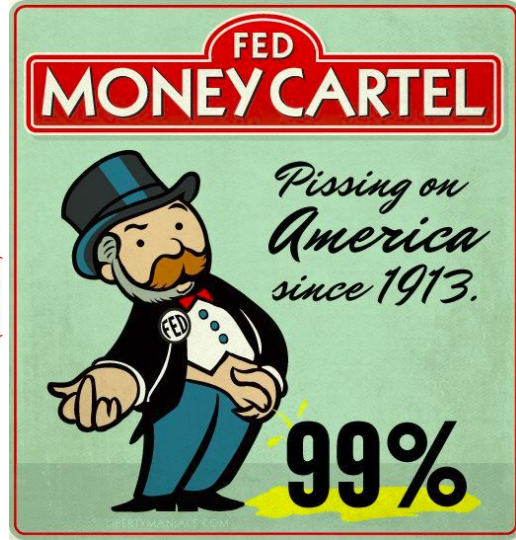
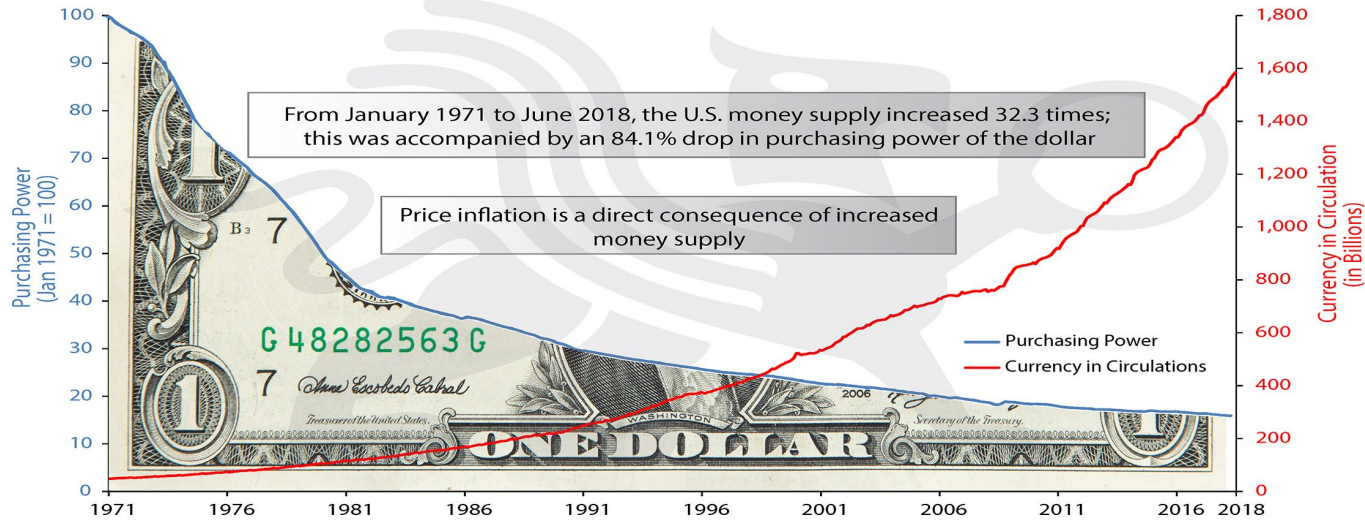
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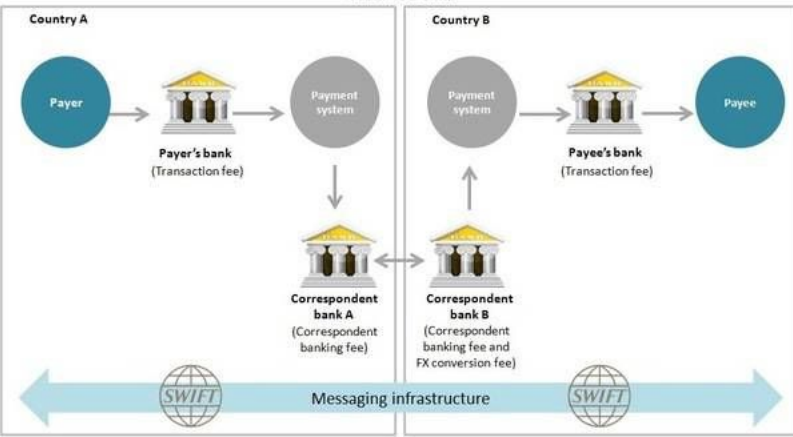
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USD - Purchasing Power & Currency in Circulation



The Correspondent Banking Model

Source: Alte Group





BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGY STACK

Application Layer

Acts as the User Interface that combines business logic and customer interactions.



dApp Browsers



Decentralized Applications



Application Hosting



Programming Languages

Services and Optional Components

Serves to enable application operations with a view to connecting with other technologies and platforms.



Data Feeds



Off-chain Computing



Governance/
DAOs



State Channels



Multi signatures



Oracles



Wallets



Digital Assets



Smart Contracts



Digital IDs

Protocol Layer

Decides the methods of consensus and network participation.



Consensus Algorithms



Side Chains



Permissioned and
Permissionless



EVMs

Network Layer

Acts as a transportation medium and interface for the Peer-to-Peer network and decides how data is packetized, addressed, transmitted, routed and received.



RPLx



Roll Your Own



Block Delivery
Networks



Trusted Execution
Environment



Peer-to-Peer

Infrastructure Layer

In-house infrastructure or Blockchain as a Service (BaaS) to control the nodes.



Mining



Network



Virtualization



Nodes



Tokens



Storage

Social/Political:

Decision-making & interests arising from network participants

Monetary:

Transactions, addresses, incentives and issuance. Emergent economic characteristics within a value transfer system

Protocol:

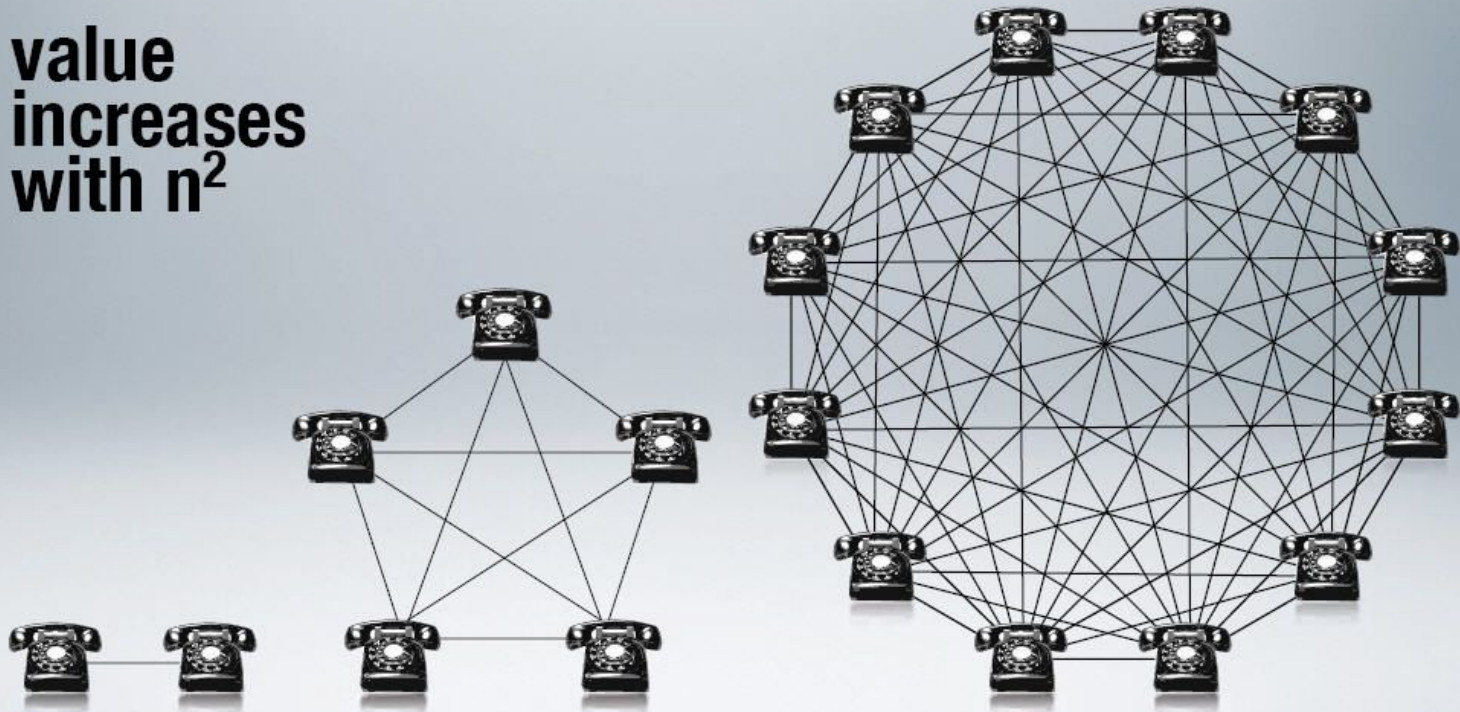
Cryptographic primitives, software specifications, consensus rules & message broadcasting

Logical:

Data storage & structure. Redundancy, scalability externalities on infrastructure, reliance on central points of failure

METCALFE'S LAW

value
increases
with n^2



$$M \times V = P \times Q$$

$$M: M2 + C + I - L - S$$

$$P: P(\text{BTCe}) + P(\text{Ee})$$

$$Q: Q(\text{BTCe}) + P(\text{Ee})$$

$$V: PQ/M$$

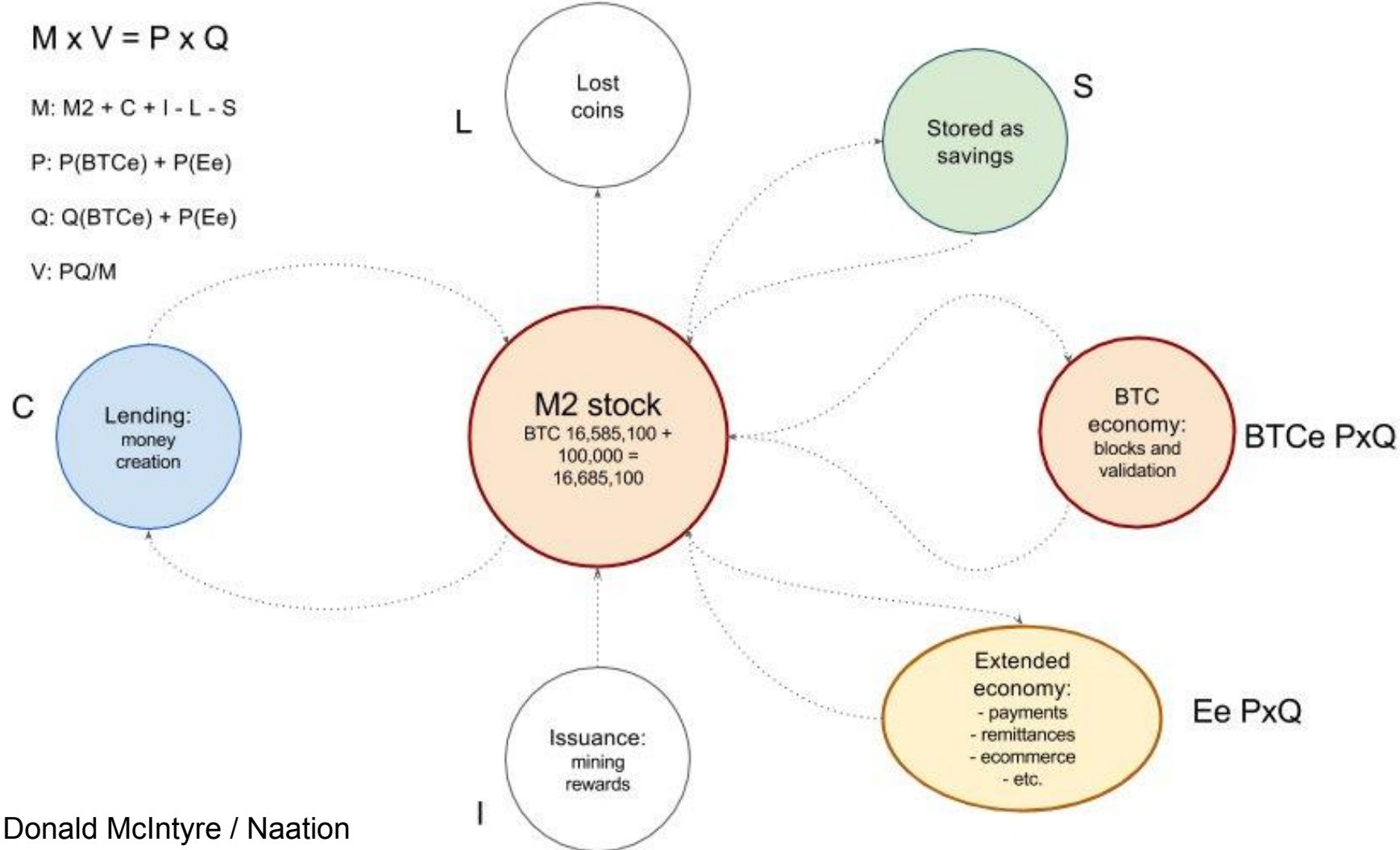


Fig: Donald McIntyre / Naation

Why is the token valuable?

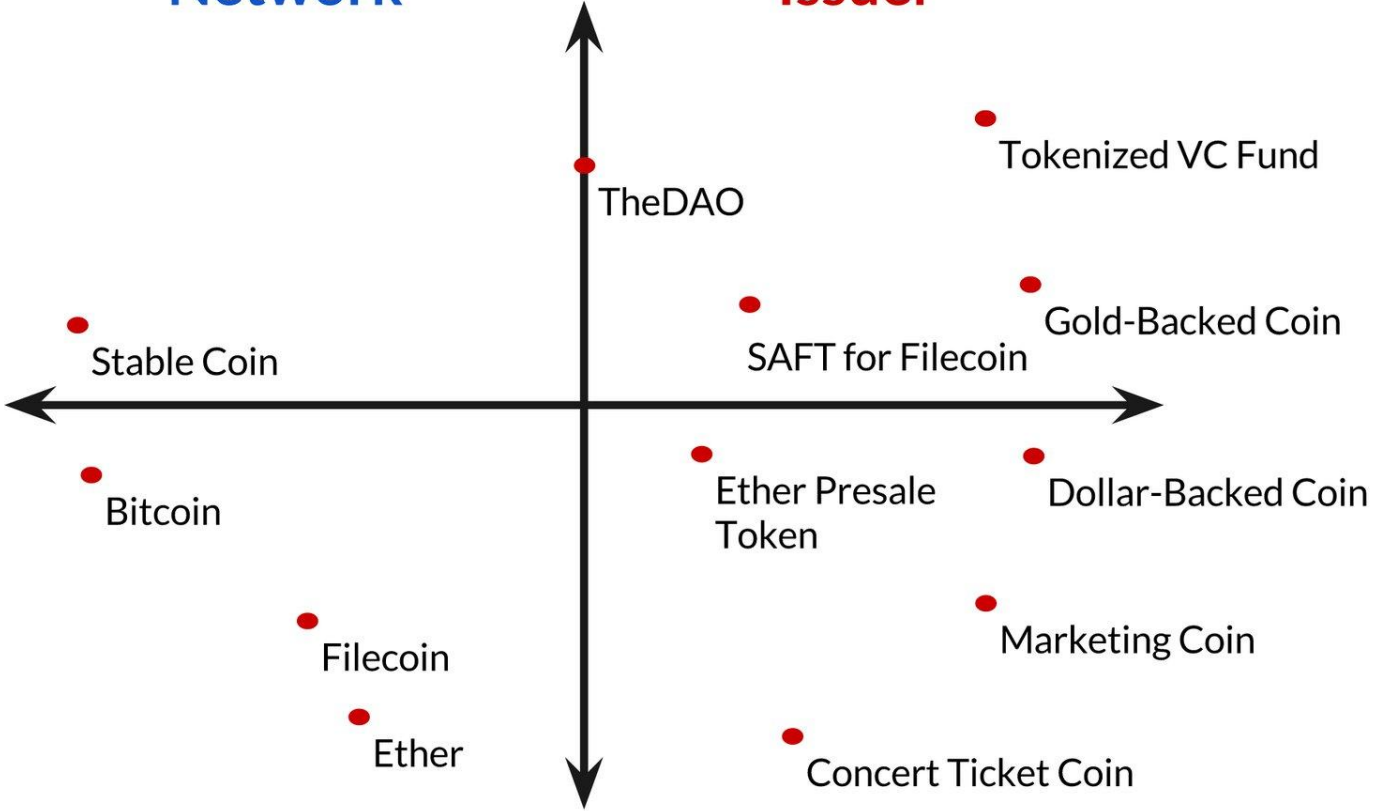
Investment

Utility

What creates that value?

Network

Issuer



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WTF IS FORKONOMY?

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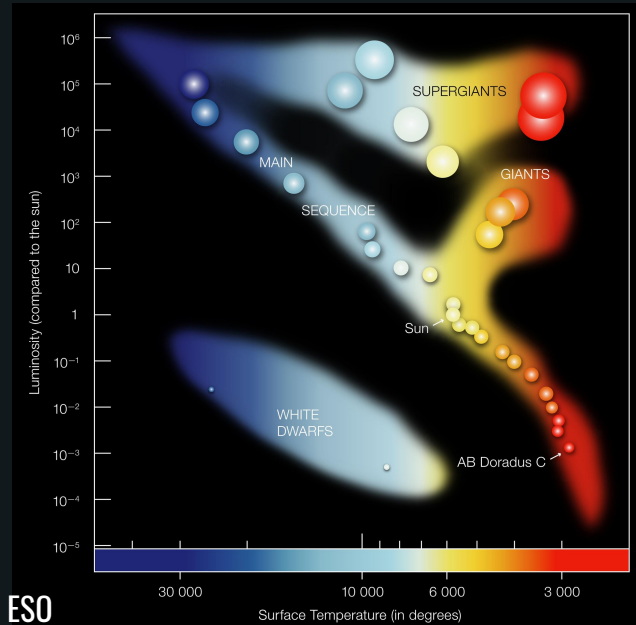


Credit: NASA, ESA, and S. Beckwith (STScI) and the HUDF Team
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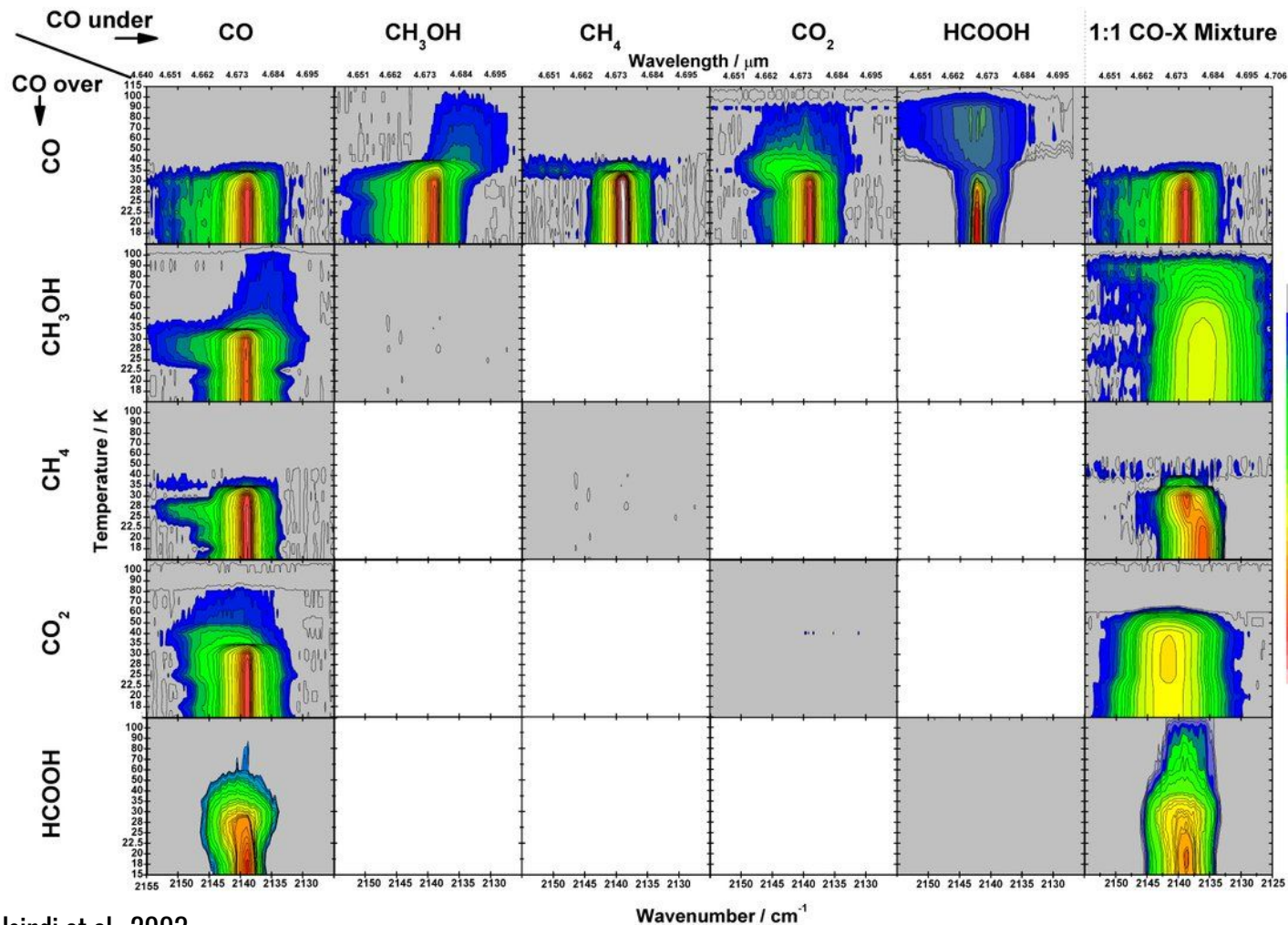


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<https://blog.goodaudience.com/gravity-10e1a25d2ab2>



Credit: W. Z. Alsindi et al., 2003.



Testimonial Review: "Just a bunch of jargon"



Forks and Forkability

WTF is forkonomy?

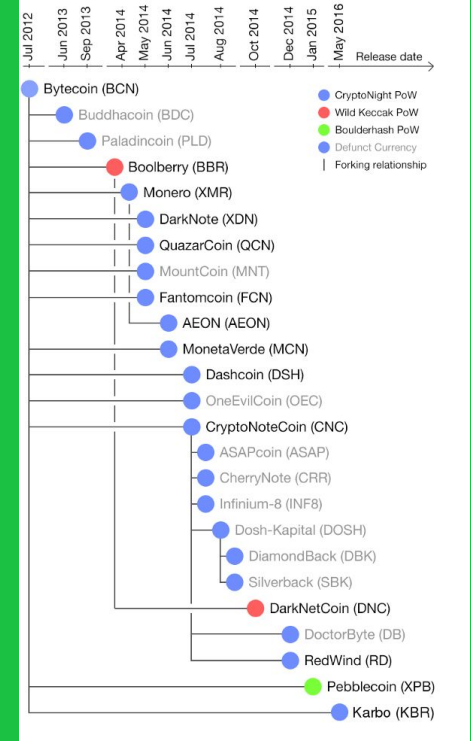
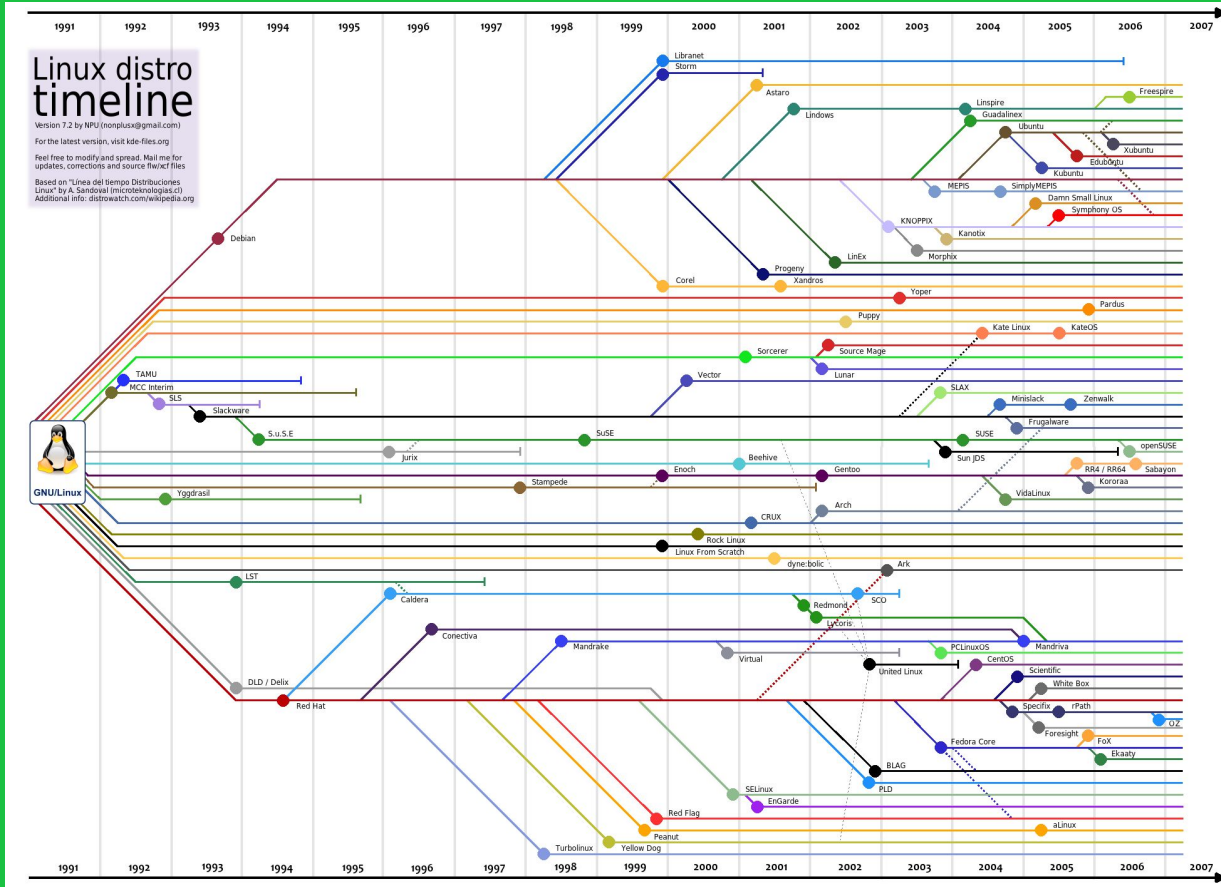
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FORKS IN THE ROAD

PARALLEL DIMENSIONS?

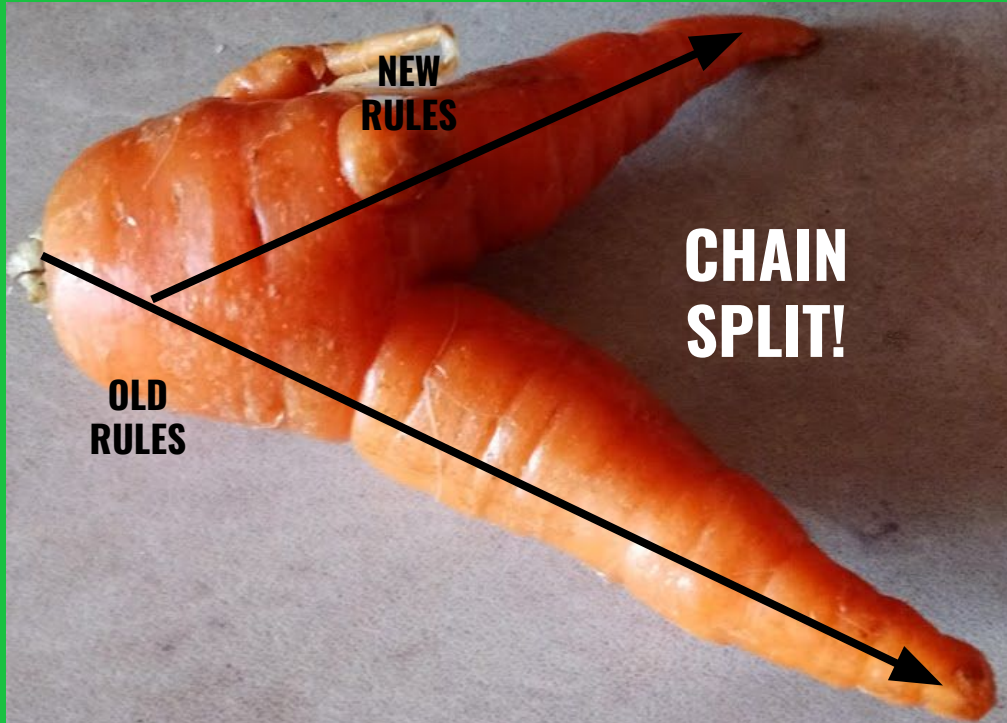
CODEBASE FORKS



Credit: Kun Woo

<https://medium.com/@favakrypt/the-long-fork-story-of-monero-xmr-cryptonote-code-forks-chain-splits-and-network-upgrades-bc5250b4db>

LEDGER FORKS



- > DYNAMIC PROCESS
 - > PARAMETER / CONSENSUS TWEAKS*
 - > NETWORK FRAGMENTATION
 - > REPLAY ATTACKS*
 - > CHAIN REORGs / WIPEOUTS*
-
- > **HARD** - RULE RELAXATION / IRREV.
 - > **SOFT** - RULE CONSTRICTION / OPT-IN
 - > **VELVET** - MIN. CONSENSUS-BREAKING

*SOMETIMES / GENERALLY SPEAKING



Credit: <http://thecreativeadventurer.com/blog/exploring-glasgows-buchanan-street>



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WHAT MAKETH A FORK?
INTENTION, SUPPORT, POLITICS



Chandler Guo

@ChandlerGuo

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I am Chandler Guo, a 51% attack on Ethereum Classic (ETC) is coming with my 98G hashrate



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powtopos.com

1:33 PM - 24 Jul 2016



Chandler Guo @ChandlerGuo · 31 Jul 2016

Today i will turn on my 120GH for the ETC chain to protect ETC

ETC would definitely harm innocent people. Countless numbers of ETC holders would be harmed financially. Right now an attack on ETC by 51pool.org is the equivalent to the DAO hacker. Whoever does bad/evil, i'll attack. Today i will turn on my 120gh for the ETC chain to protect ETC

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And so I joined Ethereum Classic initially mostly as a protest. And I wanted to say, 'Listen, this is not ok. Not everybody agrees. You don't have 99% of the community behind you. There is certainly a subset of your population that thinks you have betrayed the social contract you raised the money for, and you have, in a way, damaged your community. And we're not going to take it. We're going to make sure that you understand that the decisions you have made are not free and they have some form of consequence.'

But then after interacting with the Classic community and having a lot of conversations and getting to know them, I've come to the conclusion that it is a self-sustaining ecosystem if it wants to be. Meaning that there is a tremendous amount of opportunity for Ethereum Classic to diverge from ETH and actually become its own coin and chart its own course and have a different philosophy and different roadmap. And that, in and of itself, is actually a really exciting thing. Whenever you find a good ecosystem, a good value, good developers, good community you don't just throw that away. That's something you keep, cherish, and grow and see where it goes."



Credit: <https://www.ethnews.com/charles-hoskinson-tells-us-why-he-is-100-etc>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f9YDXaVTXkg>
<https://toshitimes.com/ouroboros-vs-casper-vitalik-buterin-and-charles-hoskinson-in-a-heated-debate/>



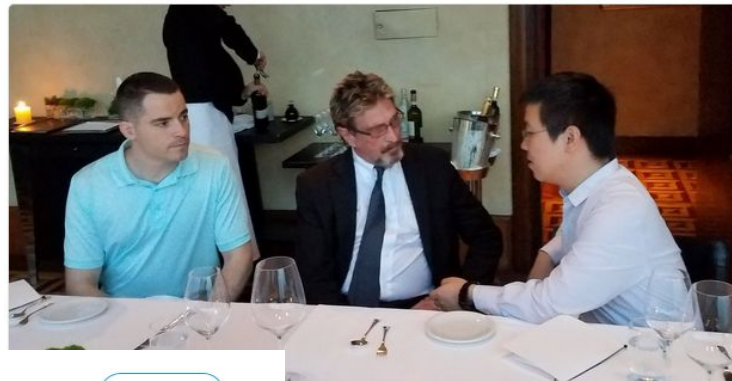
John McAfee ✓

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Jihan Wu, Roger Ver and myself discussing how to put marriage and divorce on the blockchain.



Dr Craig S Wright ✓

@ProfFaustus

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The fact, Bitcoin was never anti-banking. It was opposed to anti-free-market intervention.

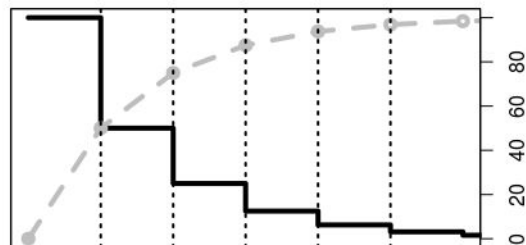
The purpose of Bitcoin is to stop just the thing that Jihan, ABC and others are now calling for.

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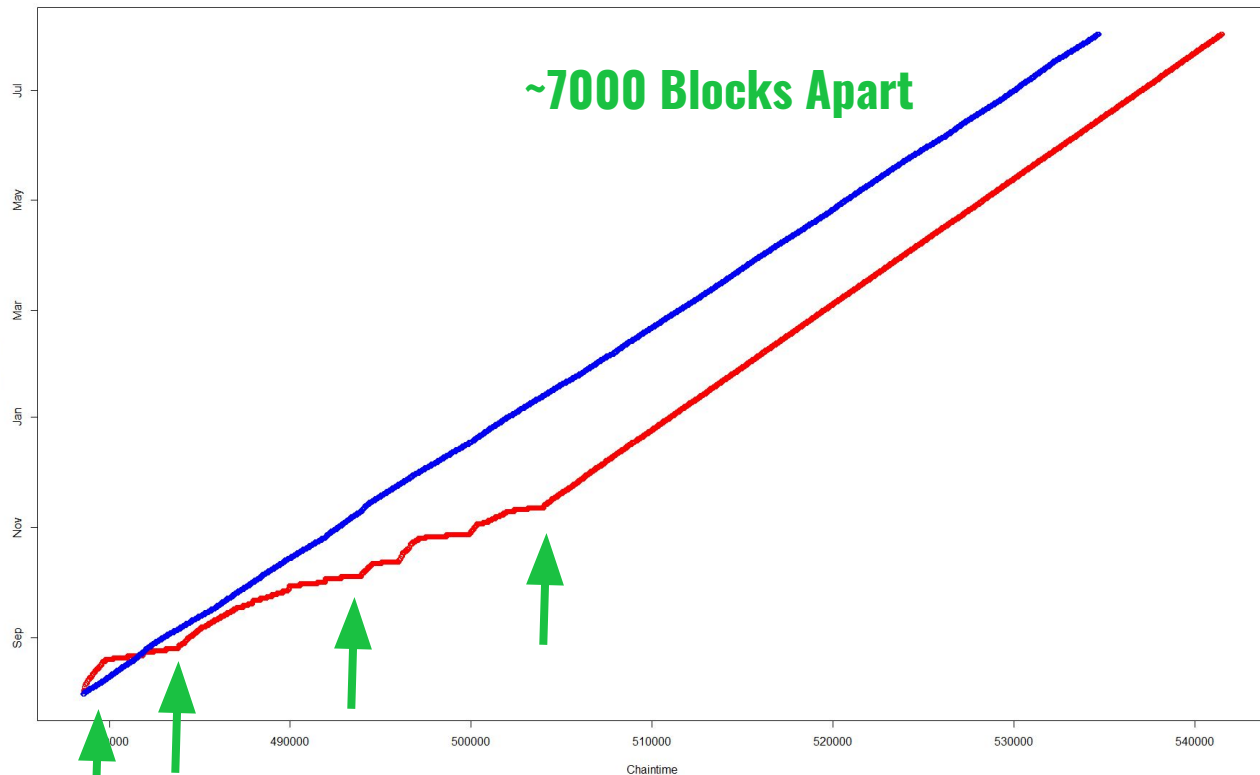
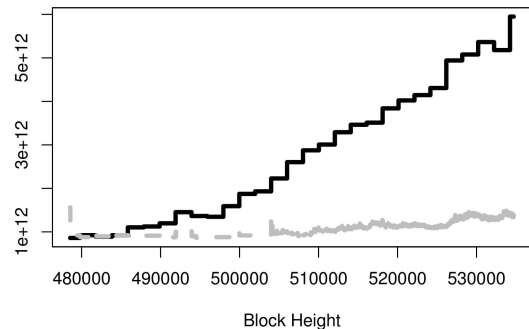
BTC & BCH

R: "Chain dynamics"
D1: Supply inflation &
% issued over time,
D2: Mining Difficulty

Mining Subsidy Per Block



Mining Difficulty



BCH Difficulty Algorithm "Adjustments"

Data: <http://blockchair.com>, Image: Parallel Industries, <http://forkonomy.pllel.com>

Bitcoin Cash double spends

Double spend is when a set of coins is spent in more than one transaction. This can happen for various reasons, but one of the reasons **is fraud attempts**.

If you are accepting 0-conf payments, it's in your interest to detect double spend attempts. If you want merchants to accept your 0-conf payments, it's in your interest to help detect double spend attempts.

Bitcoin XT detects double spends relayed to it. It allows you to react to double spends. It's also the only Bitcoin Cash node that forwards double spends to allow other nodes to detect them.

Help gathering double spends here and detecting them network wide by running Bitcoin XT and connecting to at least one other Bitcoin XT node, such as `responds.thinlink.com:8333`

Below are double spends detected with Bitcoin XT. Tags are applied to some as analysis for cause or motivation of the double spend.

Last updated 2018-08-29 17:57:56.354944

Original 🏆

[Raw data](#)

Hash: 8a 

First seen: 2018-08-29 17:47:10

Status: Confirmed!

Fee: 1.64444444 sat / bytes

Tags:

Inputs:

0.05765851 BCH from a6 

Outputs:

0.00000700 BCH to qpzfq6ptdnnngmaz5jl9s3xe24rhj58xwv0unyud9

0.05764781 BCH to qrkzmsdyw6dzl7c5zv4c8lw58czfxtau5nv9pu3l6

Double

[Raw data](#)

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Fee: 1.63716814 sat / bytes

Tags:

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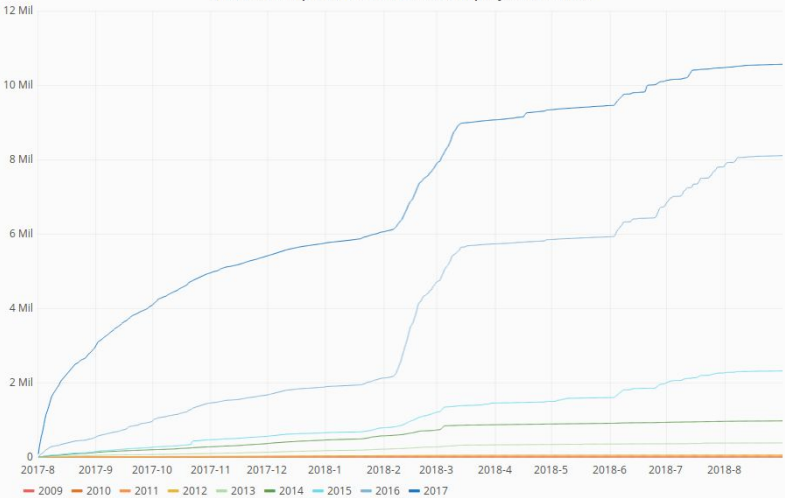
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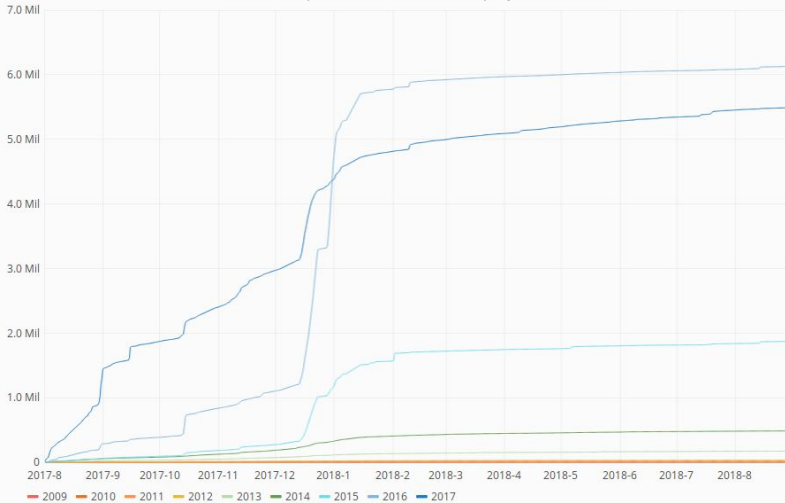
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Number of outputs moved on the BTC side per year of creation

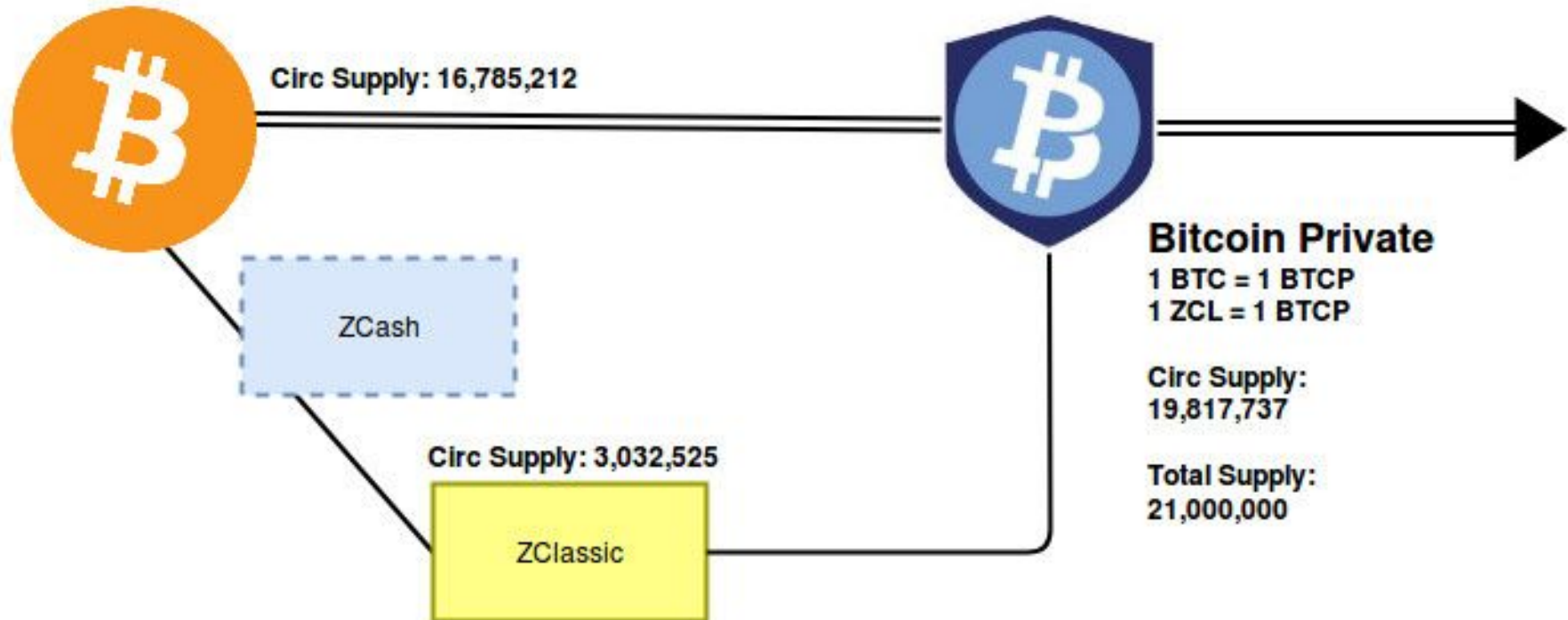


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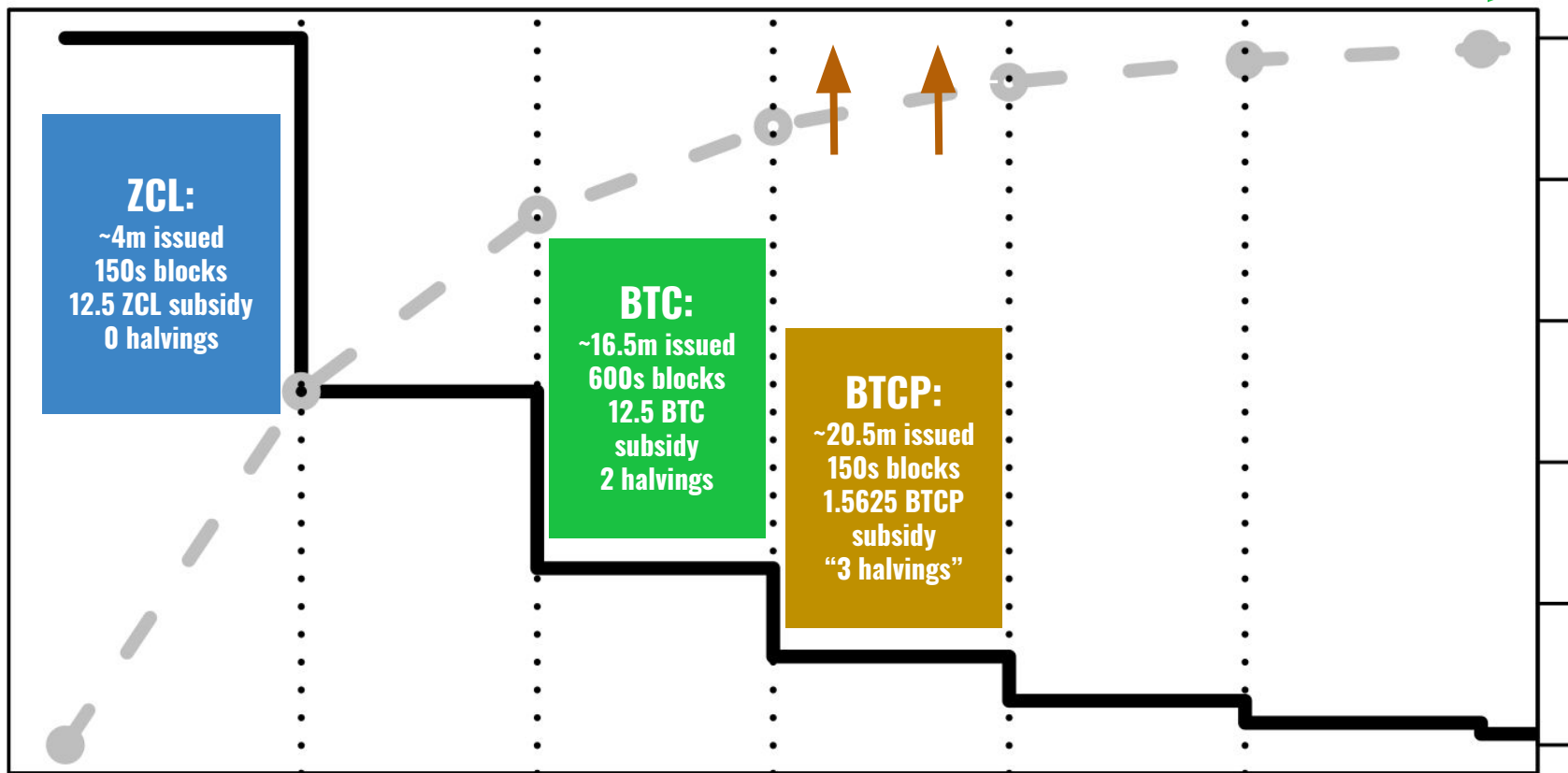
FORK-MERGE

**HOW TO BREED CHAINS TOGETHER
(BADLY)**



BTC, ZCL & BTCP Supply inflation / % issued over time

Increasing "Network Maturity" (Young / Mature / Elderly) →



(all three networks have 21m supply cap)

Credit: Parallel Industries, <http://forkonomy.pllel.com>

2018-08-31 16:30:50

Bittrex - ZCL/BTC (D)

O: 0.00104892 H: 0.00120000 L: 0.00102416 C: 0.00109540

BTCP/BTC, H1TB



charts by TradingView

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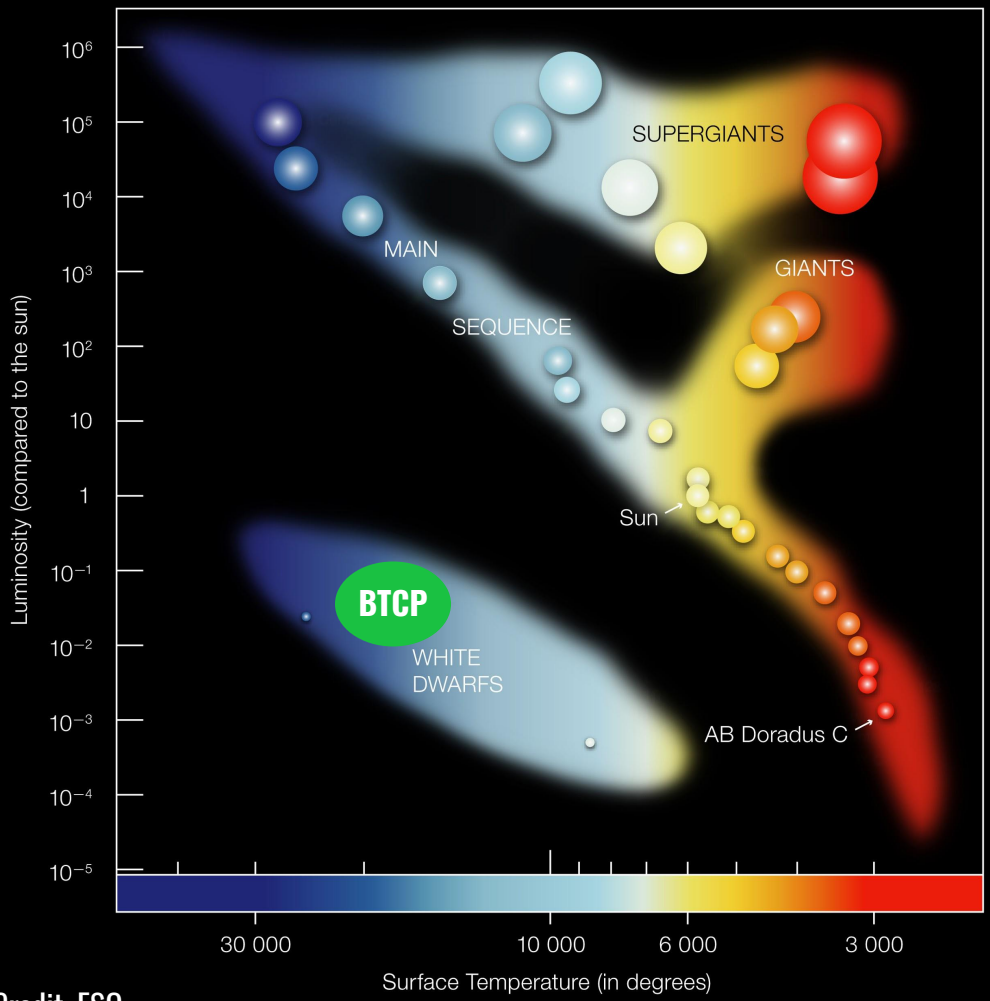
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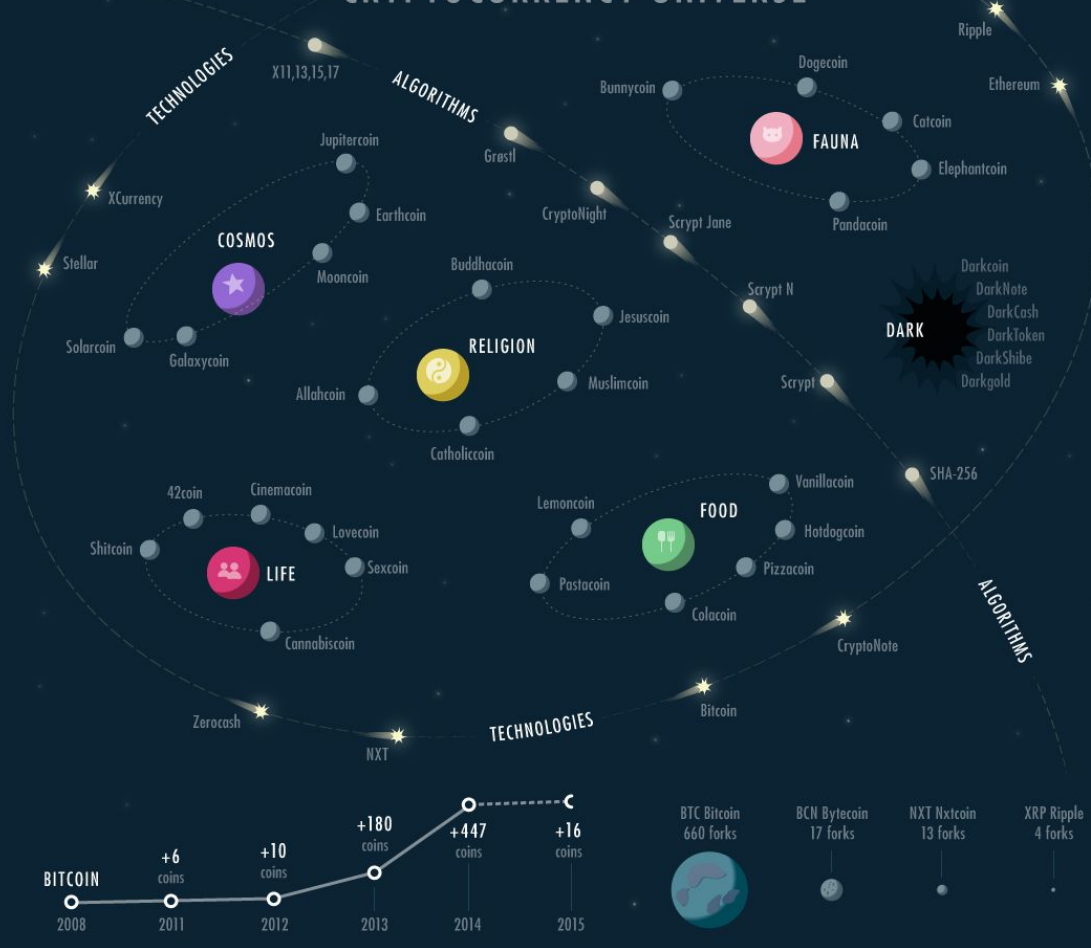
WHITE DWARF CHAIN?

- > UTXO MERGE = “FULL LEDGER”
- > INSUFFICIENT MINING SUBSIDY
- > NO TX FEE MARKET
- > TINY HASHRATE (EQUIHASH = ASICs)
- > 51% ATTACKS TRIVIAL (<\$50/HR)
- > NO SoV / MoE PROPOSITION
- > NO “ECONOMIC GRAVITY”

**TLDR: MATING CHAINS
REKT BTCP**

PEERING BEHIND THE VEIL
BLOCKCHAINS AS TIME MACHINES

CRYPTOCURRENCY UNIVERSE



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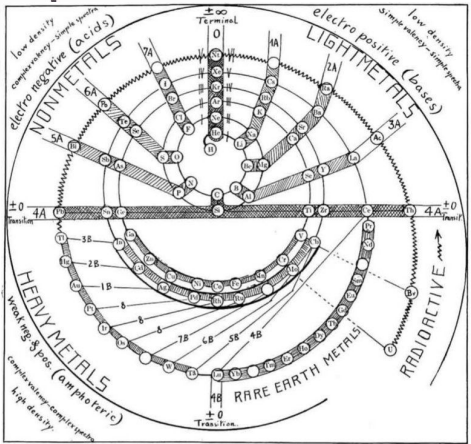
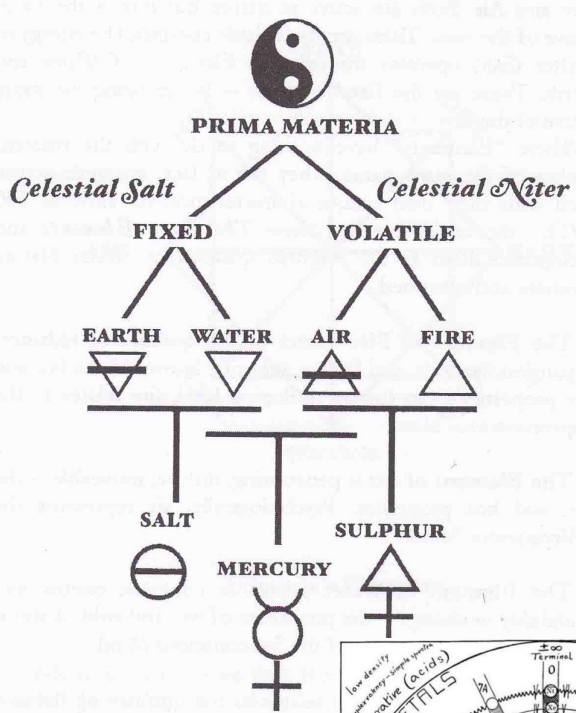
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| 49 114.82 In INDIUM | 50 118.71 Sn TIN | 51 121.76 Sb ANTIMONY | 52 127.60 Te TELLURIUM | 53 126.90 I IODINE |
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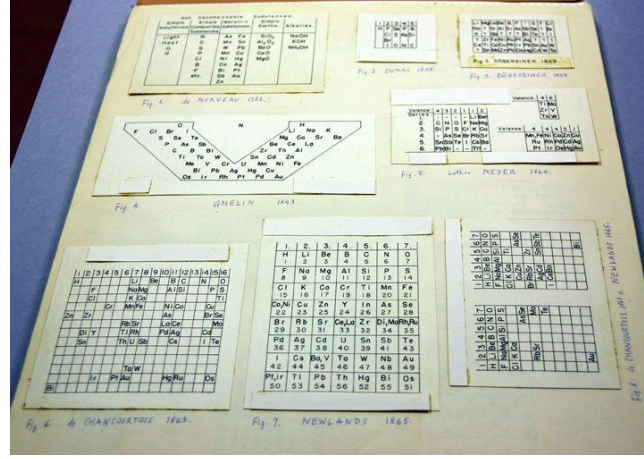
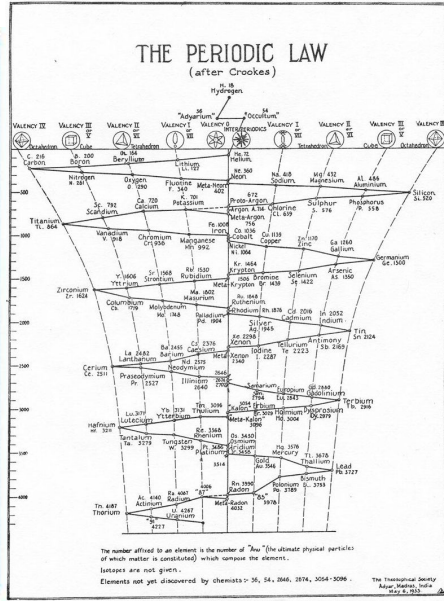
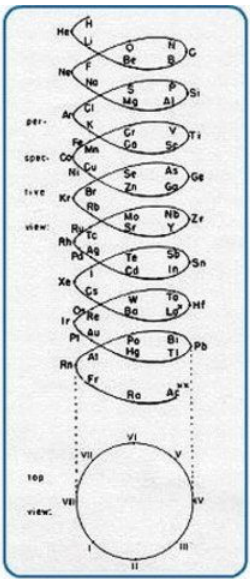
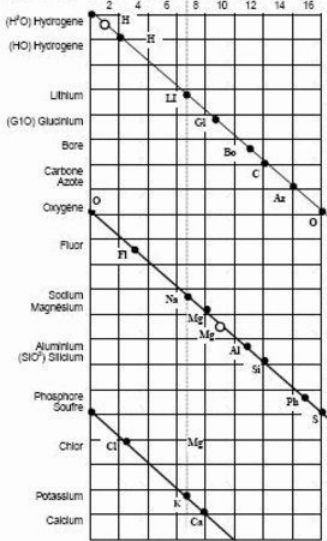
SISTEMA PERIODICO DOS ELEMENTOS

Diagrama no modo simplificado

Adaptação de Harry D. Hubbard

The diagram shows a simplified periodic table with elements arranged in groups and periods. The elements are labeled with their symbols and atomic numbers. The diagram is divided into sections for 'Metals', 'Nonmetals', and 'Gases'.

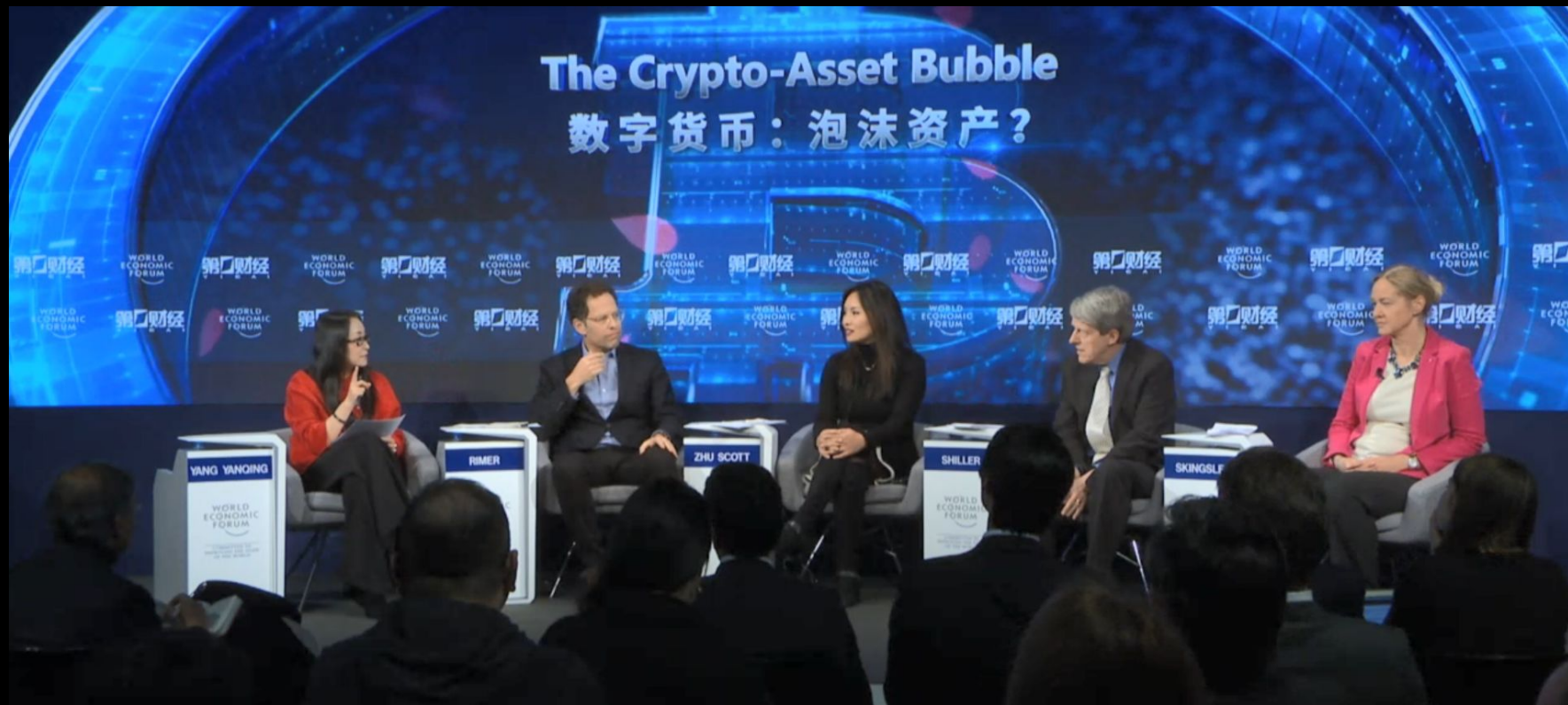
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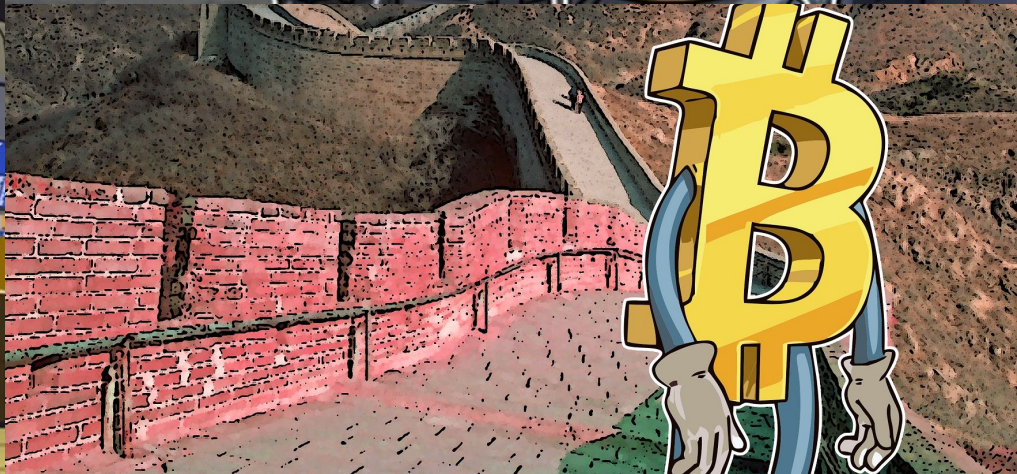
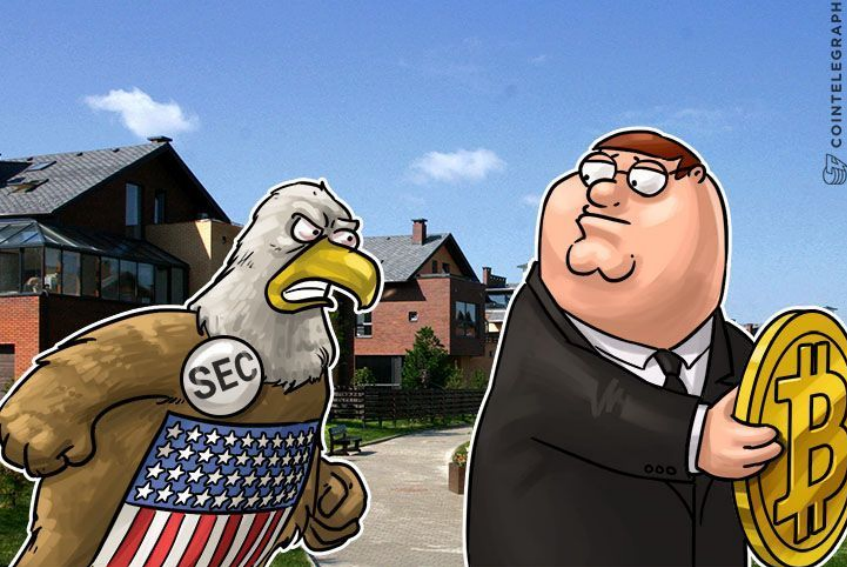


TOKENSPACE

**WHY DO WE NEED TAXONOMIES
ANYWAY?**

Regulation, Risk, Hacks, Law





Bitcoin draws calls for more regulation at Davos



‘We will all lose out’ Will Philip Hammond announce a Bitcoin Budget?

PHILIP Hammond should use the Budget to capitalise on the huge growth in cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin, a former senior banker at JP Morgan has said.

INDY/TECH

BITCOIN LATEST: THERESA MAY 'VERY

SERIOUSLY' CONSIDERING TAKING

ACTION AGAINST DIGITAL CURRENCIES

OPINION

Op Ed: Exploring the SEC's New "Sufficiently Decentralized" Test

Digital Asset Transactions
Met Gary (Plastic)



William Hinman

Director, Division of Corporation Finance

San Francisco, CA

June 14, 2018

Remarks at the Yahoo Finance A

**'MONEY HAS CHANGED OVER TIME': US
SUPREME COURT CITES BITCOIN IN
POSITIVE LIGHT**



WILMA WOO | JUN 22, 2018 | 08:00

MOST REASONABLE PEOPLE AGREE THAT:

CRYPTO-ASSETS ARE NOT “MUH TULIPS”

Money

EX ANTE



1. Durable
2. Portable
3. Fungible
4. Intrinsic value



Aristotle
IV BC

1. Store of value
2. Medium of exchange
3. Unit of account



W.S.
Jevons
XIX AD



Bitcoin Obituaries

Bitcoin has died 245 times

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"Bitcoin price THREAT: Bitcoin WON'T last past 2018" – Express | \$11,582.56

Bitcoin will not survive but that does not mean the entire cryptocurrency craze is dead with useful cryptos like Ripple...

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"The end of bitcoin" – The Week | \$11,582.56

To really work as money, bitcoin needs to be widely used. There need to be lots of actors providing a...

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"Bitcoin could be here for 100 years but it's more likely to 'totally collapse,' Nobel laureate says" – CNBC | \$11,582.56

Bitcoin will likely "totally collapse," Nobel Prize-winning economist Robert Shiller has told CNBC, adding that it reminds him of "tulip..."

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| Money | Tulips | Fiat | Gold | Bitcoin |
|--------------------|--------|------|-------|---------|
| Store of value | * | **** | ***** | **** |
| Medium of exchange | **** | **** | *** | ***** |
| Unit of account | * | **** | ** | ** |



Naval
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Following

Tulips are not durable, not scarce, not programmable, not fungible, not verifiable, not divisible, and hard to transfer. But tell me more about your analogy...

2:11 AM - 9 Dec 2017

2,959 Retweets 7,305 Likes



257

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7.3K



Value [\[edit\]](#)

In 2006, the House of Commons Library published a research paper which included an index of prices in po

Regarding the period 1750–1914 the document states: "Although there was considerable year on year fluct since 1945". It goes on to say that "Since 1945 prices have risen in every year with an aggregate rise of ove

The value of the index in 1751 was 5.1, increasing to a peak of 16.3 in 1813 before declining very soon afte

25.3 in 1920, before declining to 15.8 in 1933 and 1934—prices were only about three times as high as the

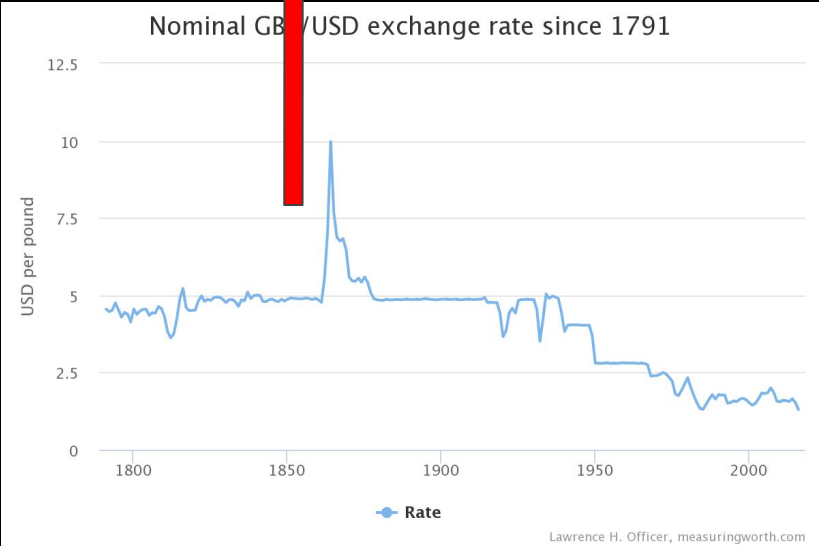
Inflation had a dramatic effect during and after World War II—the index was 20.2 in 1940, 33.0 in 1950, 49.5

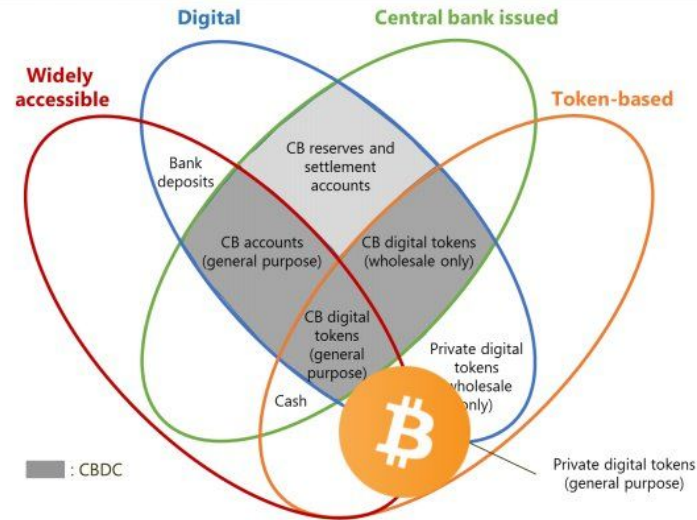
The following table shows the equivalent amount of goods and services that, in a particular year, could be p

The table shows that from 1971 to 2015 the British pound lost about 92% of its buying power.

| Buying power of one British pound compared to 1971 GBP | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------------|------|-------------------------|------|-------------------------|------|-------------------------|
| Year | Equivalent buying power | Year | Equivalent buying power | Year | Equivalent buying power | Year | Equivalent buying power |
| 1971 | £1.00 | 1981 | £0.271 | 1991 | £0.152 | 2001 | £0.117 |
| 1972 | £0.935 | 1982 | £0.250 | 1992 | £0.146 | 2002 | £0.115 |
| 1973 | £0.855 | 1983 | £0.239 | 1993 | £0.144 | 2003 | £0.112 |
| 1974 | £0.735 | 1984 | £0.227 | 1994 | £0.141 | 2004 | £0.109 |
| 1975 | £0.592 | 1985 | £0.214 | 1995 | £0.136 | 2005 | £0.106 |
| 1976 | £0.510 | 1986 | £0.207 | 1996 | £0.133 | 2006 | £0.102 |
| 1977 | £0.439 | 1987 | £0.199 | 1997 | £0.123 | 2007 | £0.0980 |
| 1978 | £0.407 | 1988 | £0.190 | 1998 | £0.125 | 2008 | £0.0943 |
| 1979 | £0.358 | 1989 | £0.176 | 1999 | £0.123 | 2009 | £0.0952 |
| 1980 | £0.303 | 1990 | £0.161 | 2000 | £0.119 | 2010 | £0.0910 |
| | | | | | | 2011 | £0.0900 |
| | | | | | | 2012 | £0.0850 |
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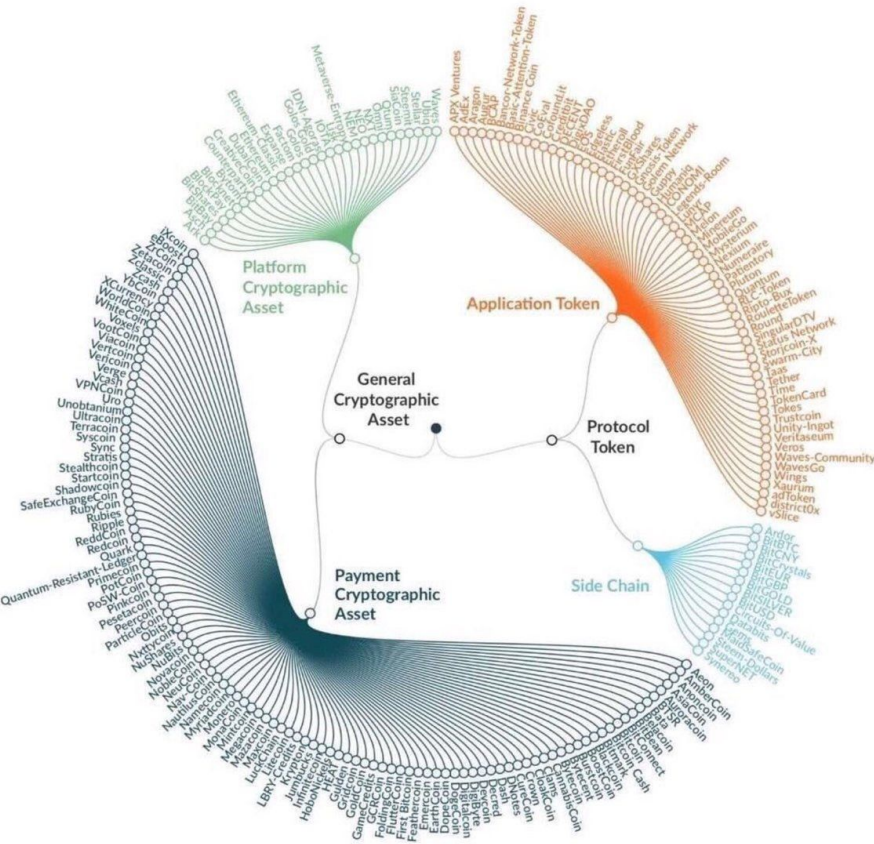
| Money | Tulips | Fiat | Gold | Bitcoin |
|--------------------|--------|------|-------|---------|
| Store of value | * | **** | ***** | **** |
| Medium of exchange | **** | *** | *** | ***** |
| Unit of account | * | ** | ** | ** |





Notes: The Venn-diagram illustrates the four key properties of money: *issuer* (central bank or not); *form* (digital or physical); *accessibility* (widely or restricted) and *technology* (account-based or token-based). **CB** = central bank, **CBDC** = central bank digital currency (excluding digital central bank money already available to monetary counterparties and some non-monetary counterparties). *Private digital tokens (general purpose)* include crypto-assets and currencies, such as bitcoin and ethereum. *Bank deposits* are not widely accessible in all jurisdictions. For examples of how other forms of money may fit in the diagram, please refer to the source.

Source: Based on Bech and Garratt (2017).



The background of the entire image is a collage of financial data. It includes several line charts with various colored lines (blue, green, red, yellow) and moving averages. There are also candlestick charts and tables of data. One table in the upper right shows 'Offer' and 'Prod. P.' with values ranging from 18.14 to 230.00. Another table in the middle left shows '%Chg.' with values from -0.85% to 0.00%. The overall theme is financial markets and economics.

CRYPTO -

From Ancient Greek κρυπτός (*kruptós*, “hidden, secret”).

ECONOMICS -

From *economy*, from Latin *oeconomia*, from Ancient Greek οἰκονομία (*oikonomía*, “management of a household administration”), from οἶκος (*oîkos*, “house”) + νέμω (*némō*, “distribute, allocate”).

A Multi-Disciplinary Field

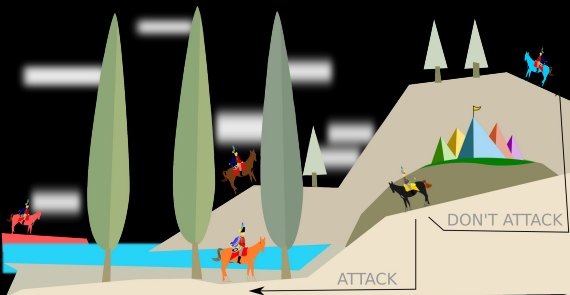
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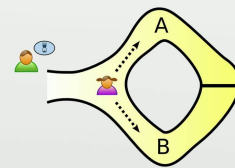
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Zero-knowledge proof







**CRYPTOGRAPHIC TOKENS CAN BE USED TO CREATE THE
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**NATIVELY DIGITAL MONEY BUILT UPON FOSS PROTOCOLS
HAS LED TO A “CAMBRIAN EXPLOSION” IN MONETARY
EXPERIMENTS & TECHNOLOGICAL ABSTRACTIONS OF
VALUE.**

**How are crypto-assets
different from traditional
financial instruments?**

How are crypto-assets different from traditional financial instruments?

(Monetary | Commodity | Capital / CFs)

(NOT Fractional | Debt-Based | No Counterparty Liability)

(Incompatible Value Proposition Models)

(Bearer assets like metals *sans specie* w/ programmability)

(Decentralised / Borderless)

(Culture)

Bitcoin: A Protocol and a Currency

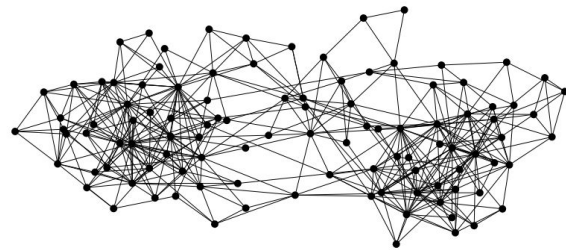
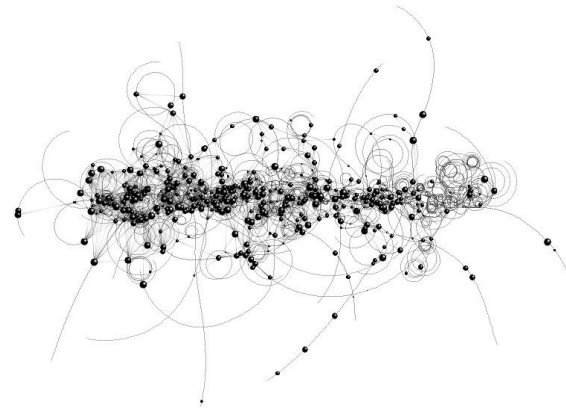
- Bitcoin: protocol, software, and community
- bitcoins: units of the currency

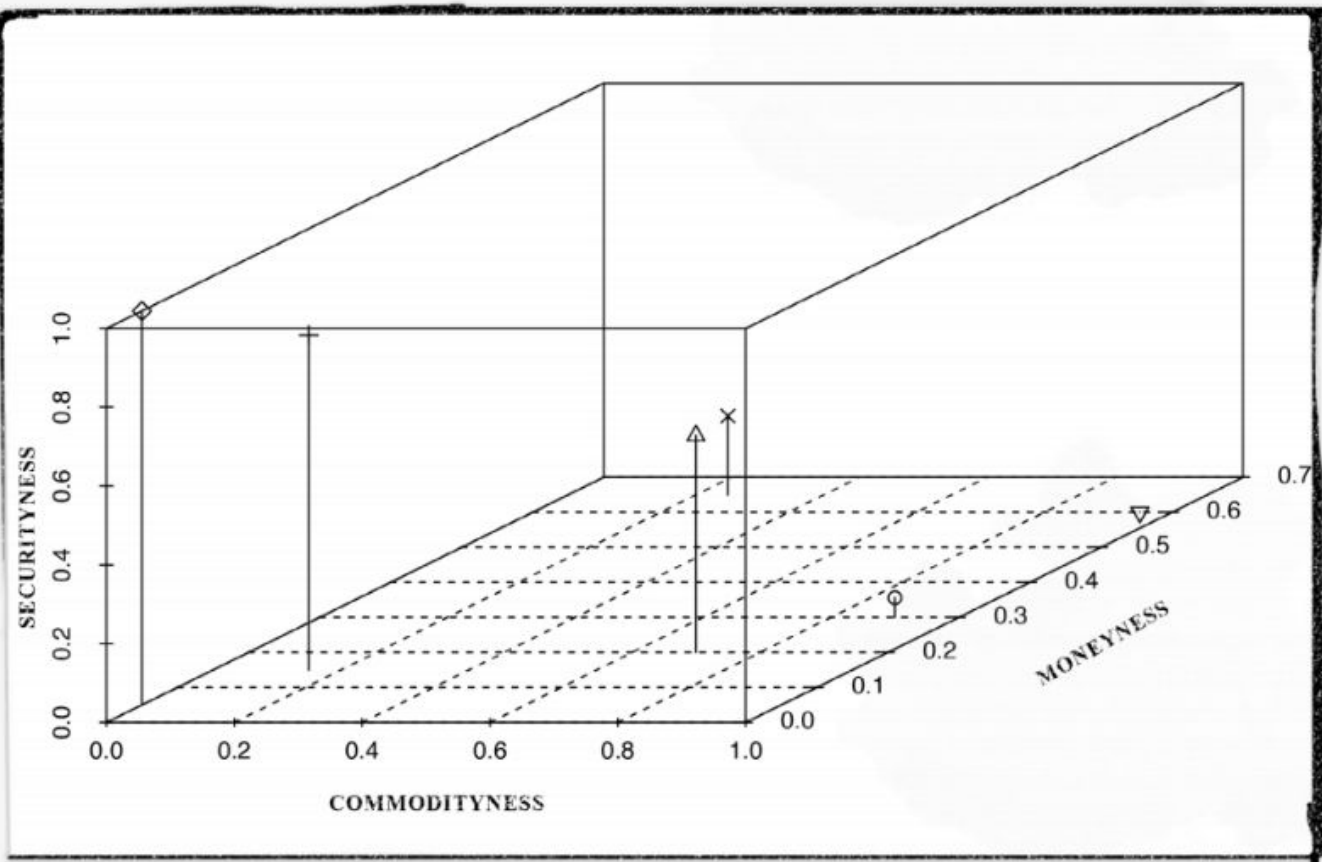
bitcoins are sent using Bitcoin

- bitcoins are the first powerful Bitcoin protocol application: a native digital asset created inside the protocol

Ferdinando Ametrano 2017

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{ TokenSpace Example }

- BTC
- △ ETH
- + XRP
- x USD
- ◇ AAPL
- ▽ GOLD

OPINION

Op Ed: Exploring the SEC's New "Sufficiently Decentralized" Test

Digital Asset Transactions
Met Gary (Plastic)



William Hinman

Director, Division of Corporation Finance

San Francisco, CA

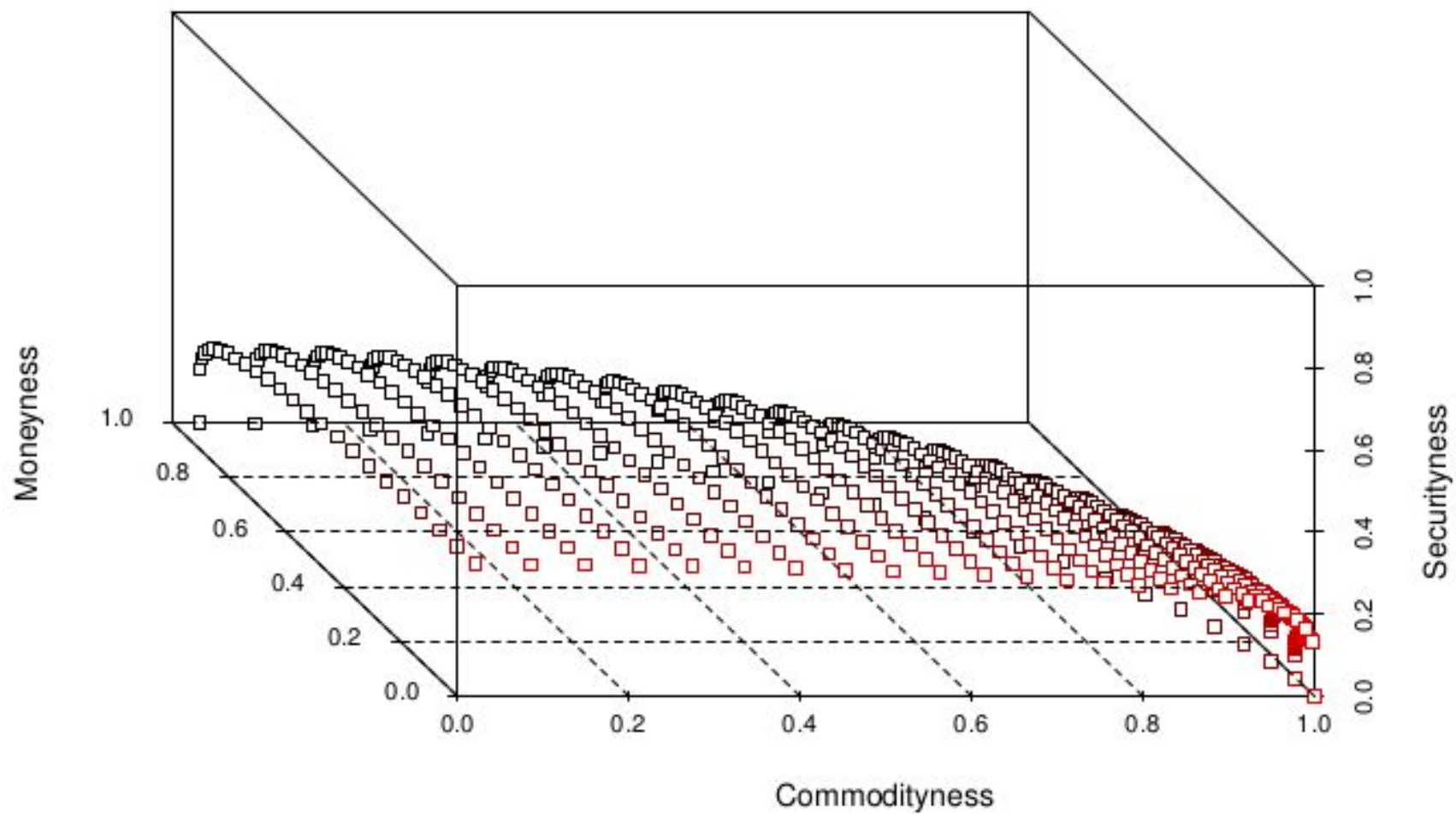
June 14, 2018

Remarks at the Yahoo Finance A

**'MONEY HAS CHANGED OVER TIME': US
SUPREME COURT CITES BITCOIN IN
POSITIVE LIGHT**



WILMA WOO | JUN 22, 2018 | 08:00



Securityness: Example Scores as of October 2018

| Asset | \bar{S} | Notes |
|--------------|-----------|--|
| AAPL | 1.0 | Ideal type for securitised asset.* |
| XRP | 0.85 | Supply concentration & nodes insider-heavy, no validation reward, missing ledger history |
| DAO | 0.9 | Collective investment vehicle |
| BTC | 0.05 | Leaderless, permissionless |
| ETH (2014) | 0.85 | Token sale of pre-functional network utility |
| ETH (2018) | 0.55 | <i>"sufficiently decentralised"</i> ** |
| Gold (metal) | 0.0 | Ideal type for non-securitised asset |
| Soy beans | 0.0 | Ideal type for non-securitised asset |
| USD | 0.2 | Reliance on faith in government and fiscal prudence of Federal Reserve. Unlikely to still be fully collateralised/backed by gold, no audit. |

Moneyiness: Example Scores as of October 2018

| Asset | \overline{M} | Notes |
|--------------------------------|----------------|---|
| AAPL | 0.05 | Ideal type of non-monetary asset, limited utility as MoE due to liquidity. |
| XRP | 0.15 | Used as reg-arb vehicle and speculative asset. Utility limited to friction-increasing applications. Central parties can censor. |
| Gold metal (un-coined) | 0.4 | Non-standardised, prone to dilution, necessitates verification by mass. |
| Gold coins (pre-state minting) | 0.5 | Dilution <i>via</i> clipping. |
| Gold coins (state minted) | 0.6 | Improved anti-forgery. |
| Soy beans | 0.05 | MoE restricted to barter, consumption or use as underlying for a derivative instrument. |
| CHF | 0.8 | Ideal type of modern fiat currency. |
| USD | 0.7 | Inflationary, with supply debasement (Triffin dilemma). |
| GBP | 0.6 | Post-reserve currency hangover, Brexit uncertainty. |
| BTC | 0.3* | Post-bootstrap uncertainty. |
| ETH (2014) | 0.05** | |
| ETH (2018) | 0.2** | Not intended to be a monetary asset but has become an MoE and UofA in some circumstances. |

Commodityness: Example Scores as of October 2018

| Asset | \bar{C} | Notes |
|---------------------|-----------|---|
| AAPL | 0 | Ideal type of a non-commoditised asset. |
| XRP | 0.15 | Too censorable to be freely tradeable. |
| DAO | 0.45 | Hybrid of security and commodity. |
| BTC | 0.9 | Ideal type of a digital commoditised asset. |
| ETH (2014) | 0.1 | Non-functional network. |
| ETH | 0.7 | Used as a digital utility for token sales and persistent scripts. |
| Gold (metal) | 0.95 | Ideal type of a legacy commoditised asset. |
| Gold (state minted) | 0.8 | Purity assessment and faith in provenance. |
| Soy beans | 1.0 | Ideal type of a legacy commoditised consumable asset. |
| USD (pre-1971) | 0.55 | Proxy for precious metals, state backed. |
| USD | 0.25 | Loss of gold peg, debasement of supply. |



Parallel Industries @parallelind · Dec 8

Thinking about the Gnosis crowdsale. The reverse auction, time to finish and amounts raised are well documented, and this article is interesting too. US investors included, 90+% insider allocation, promise of PM as-yet-undelivered. Delisted from Polo. Why?



Blockchain startup Gnosis to freeze tokens after strong sale

After an initial digital currency sale that raised \$12.5 million in just 12 minutes, blockchain startup Gnosis has decided to leave most of its remaining curren...

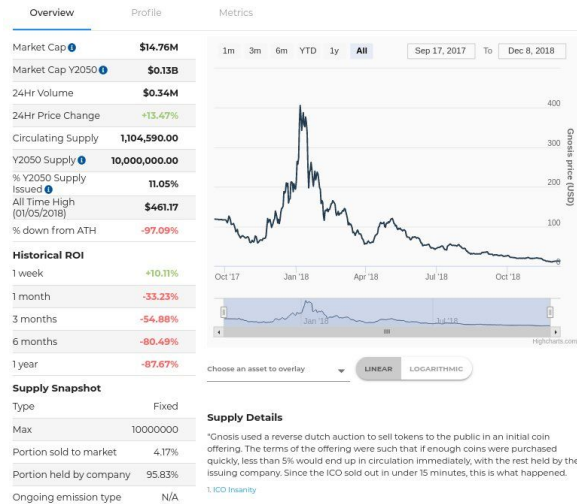
reuters.com

\$13.36 (+8.65%)

Updated 9 minutes ago

Gnosis aims to provide an open source platform for the creation of prediction markets.

Using Gnosis, individuals will be able to create prediction markets for events, allowing users to buy shares of the outcome they see as most likely. The project plans to build additional services on top of the core platform to make it easier for users to interact with different markets. Third-party developers will also be able to introduce their own services.



Somehow forgot to mention the relationship between GNO and WIZ.

Staking rewards = cashflows = capital asset.



Andrew Kang

@Rewkang

Follow

1) Suprised that no-one has pointed out that the two-token model pioneered by [@gnosisPM](#), and adopted by many other projects (e.g. [@SpankChain](#)) is broken and its stability is extremely susceptible to external market volatility

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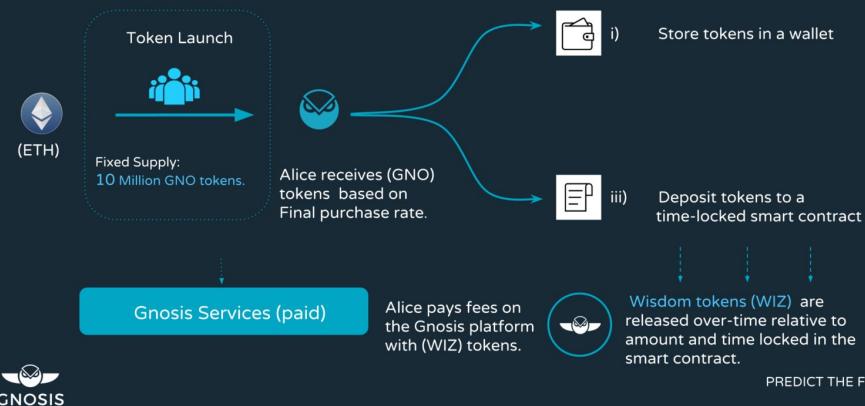


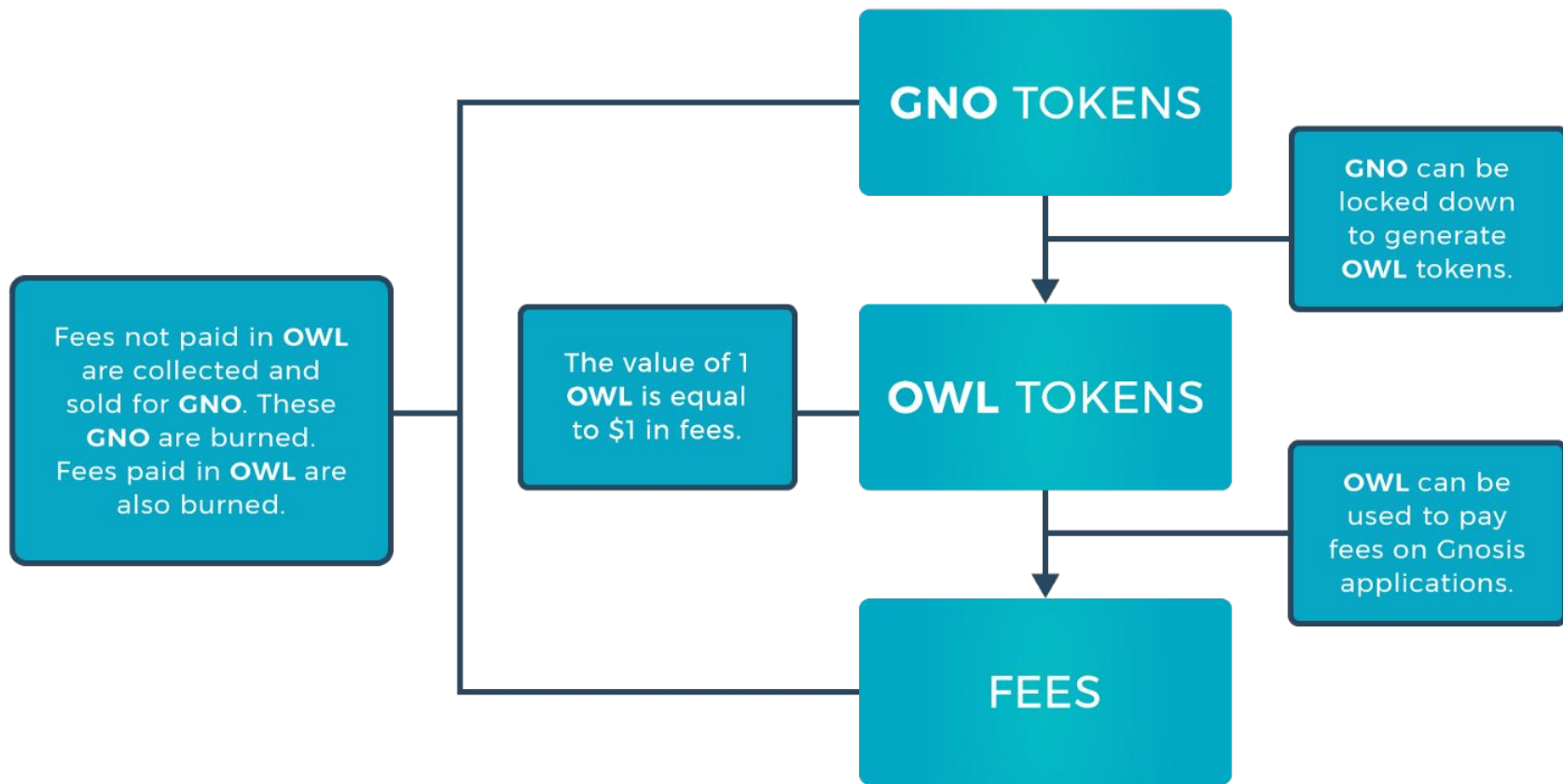
Andrew Kang @Rewkang · Aug 27

6) Intense criticism has been seen by Basis for using a similar approach. Unfortunately, Gnosis's approach to maintaining a peg is even poorer. In their system, monetary supply does not shrink in direct response to price, but instead to fees collected by the system.

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Token Use

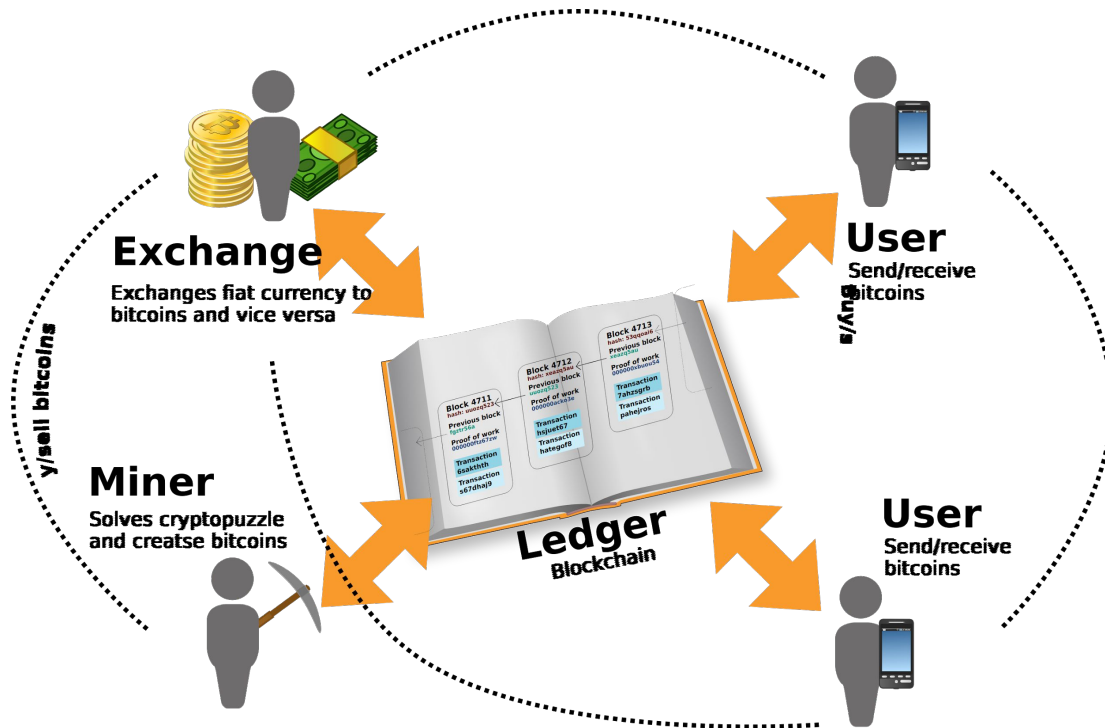


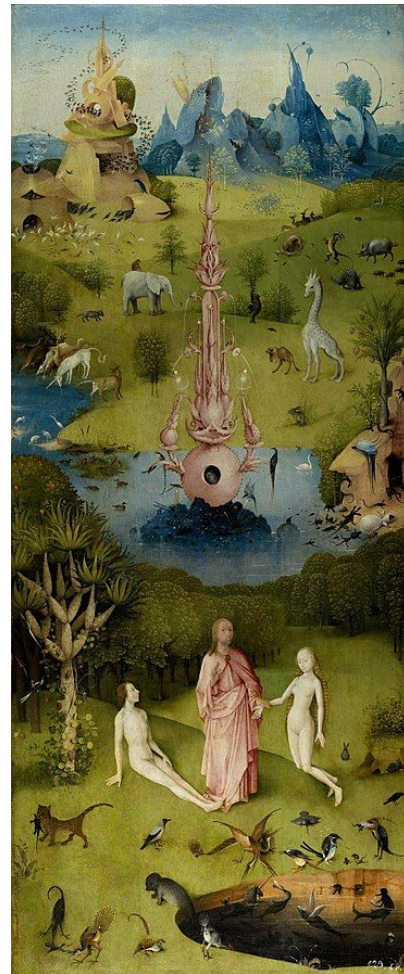


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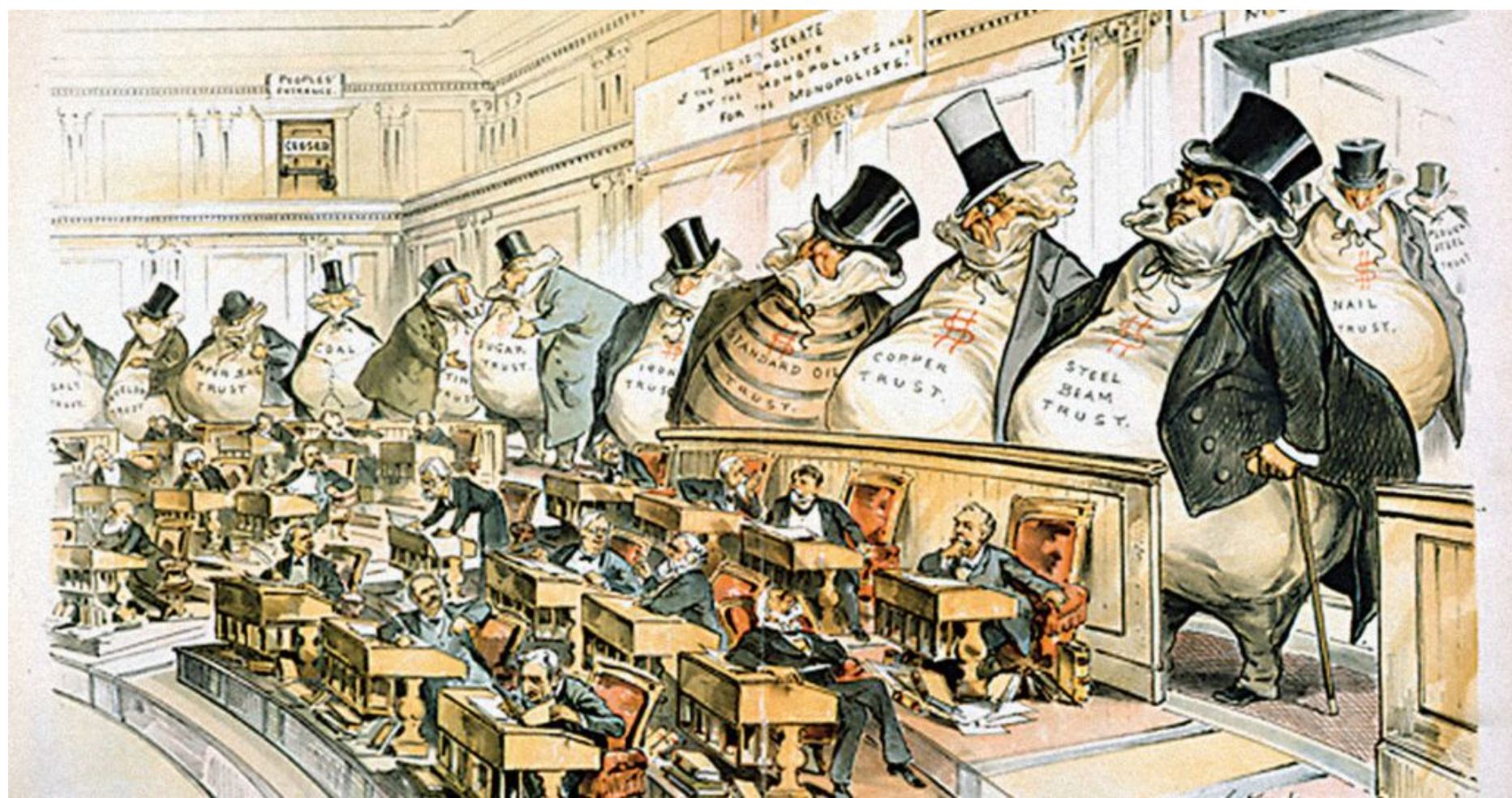
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Network Stakeholders





Credit: Robert McCall, Hieronymous Bosch, Lucan Cranach the Elder



Credit: Joseph Keppler,, 'The Bosses of the Senate.' Puck 1889

PLUTOCRACY

"HE WHO HAS
THE GOLD
MAKES THE
RULES."

BIG MONEY

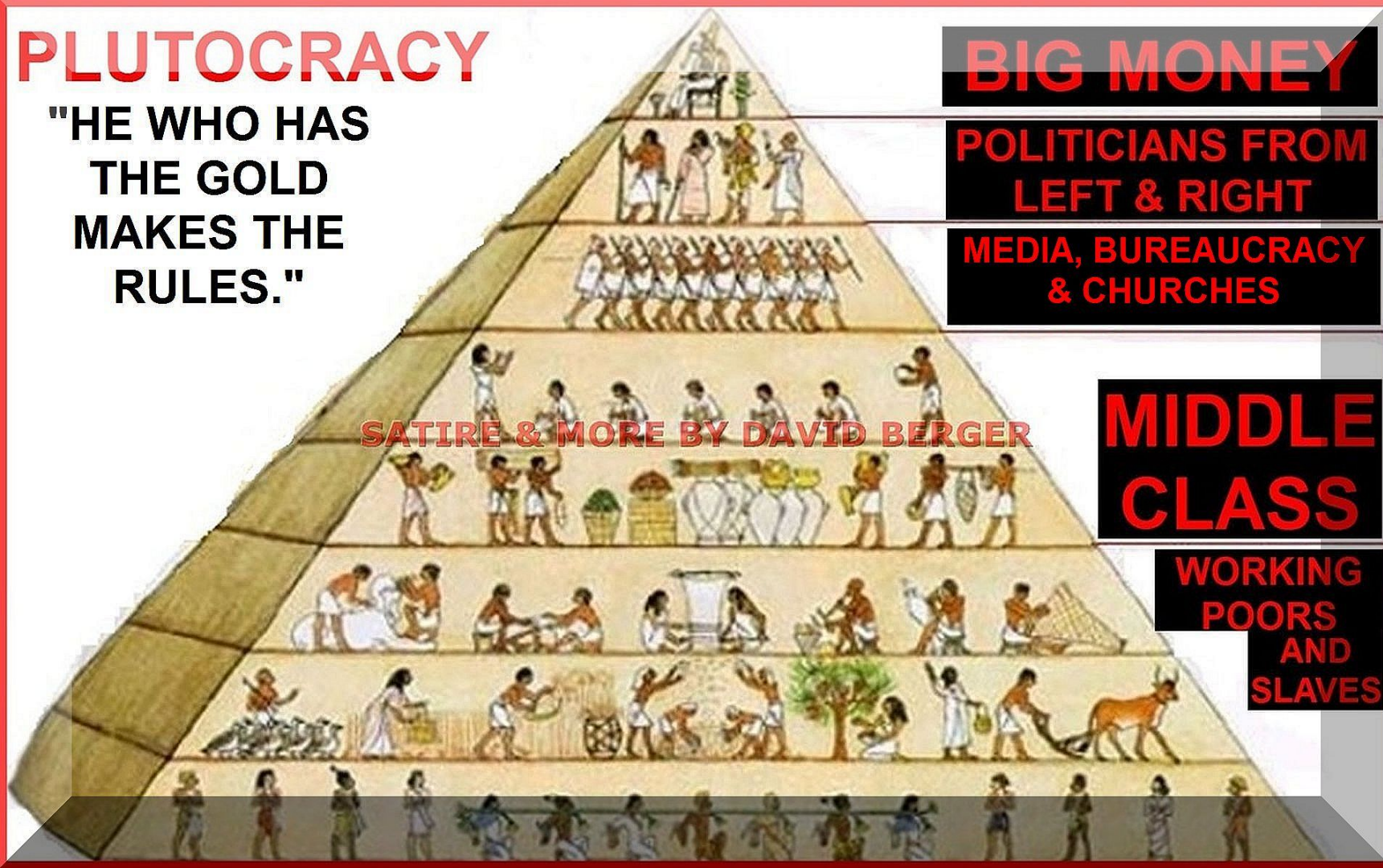
**POLITICIANS FROM
LEFT & RIGHT**

**MEDIA, BUREAUCRACY
& CHURCHES**

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**MIDDLE
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**WORKING
POORS
AND
SLAVES**



The Tragedy of the Commons

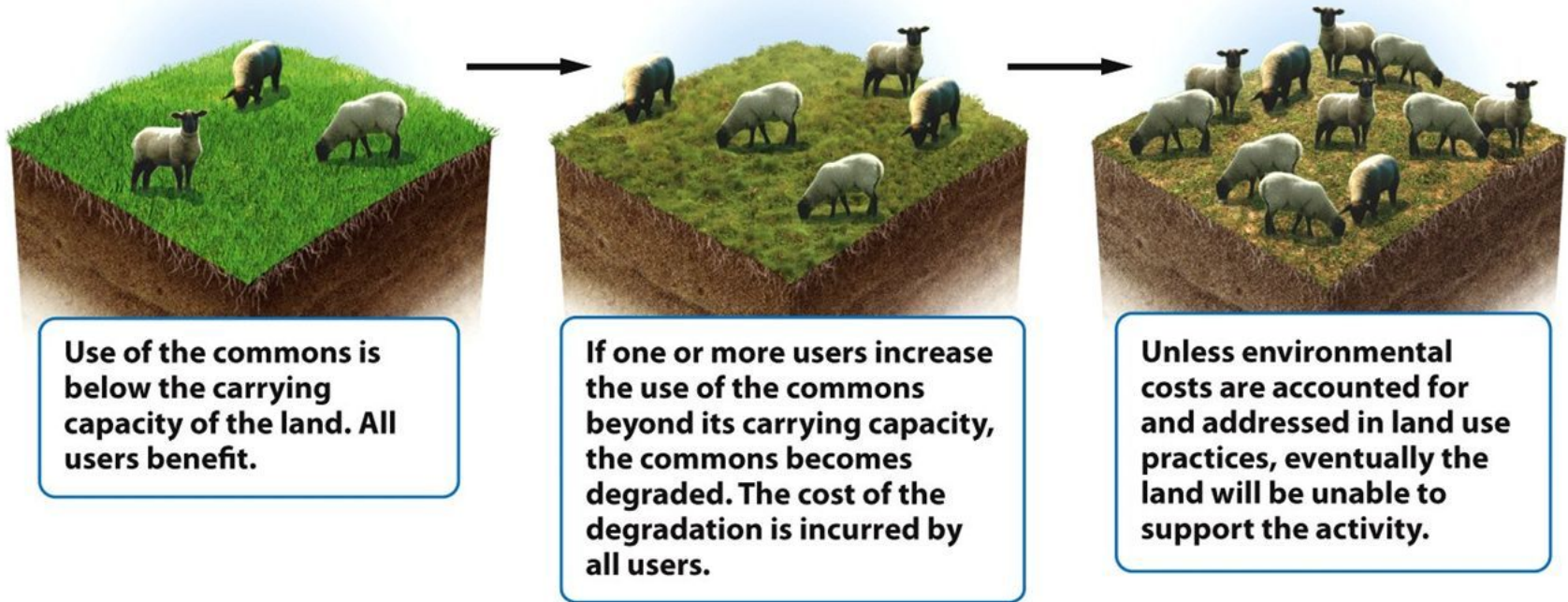


Figure 10.2

Environmental Science

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Masternode Network



Premium Masternodes

20,000 Pirl Collateral
A dedicated or VPS Linux server.
Static public IP Address
Run the main node, content node, and storage node binaries.
Rewarded on 1 Pirl per block for the main node,
and also respective rewards for both the content and storage nodes.

Powered by



IPFS



Storage Masternodes

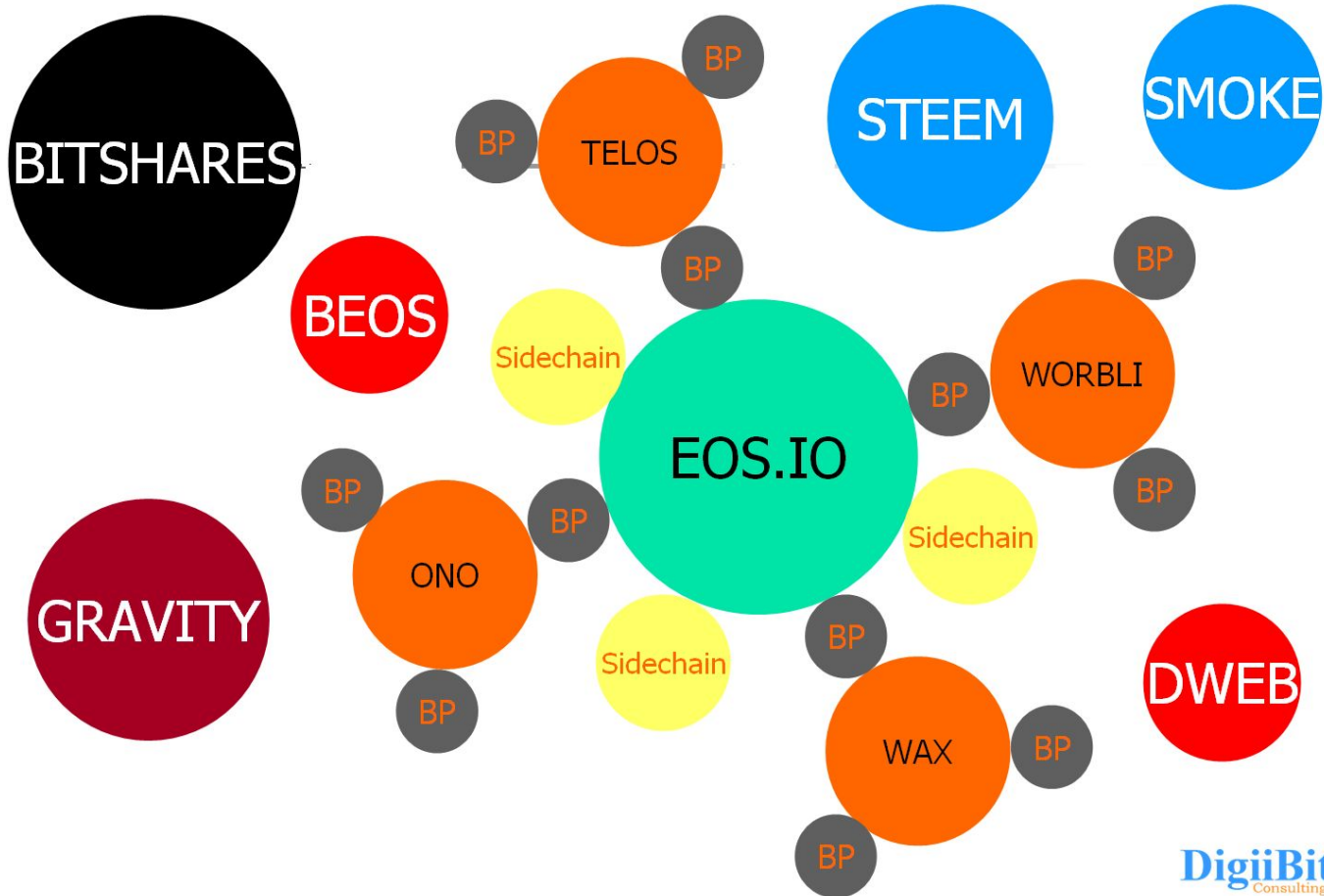
10,000 Pirl Collateral
A dedicated or VPS Linux server.
Static public IP Address
Run the storage node binary.
Rewarded according to
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Content Masternodes

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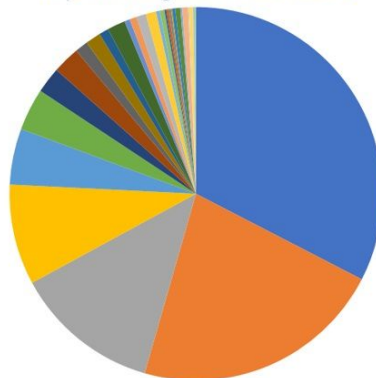
DPoS/Graphene Ecosystem



SO WHICH VALIDATORS ARE MORE DECENTRALIZED?

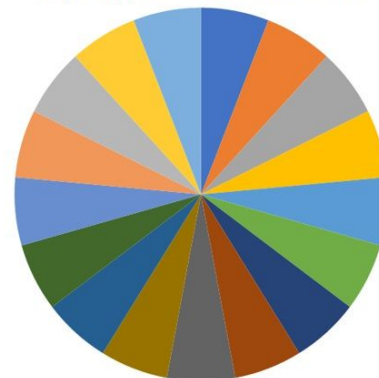
WAVES (LPOS) ^{a,d}

Forgers by Weight 2017-10-11
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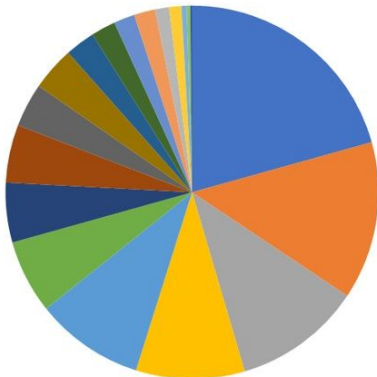
BITSHARES (DPOS) ^{a,c,e}

Active Witnesses (17, 73 Standby) 2017-10-11
<http://cryptofresh.com/witnesses>



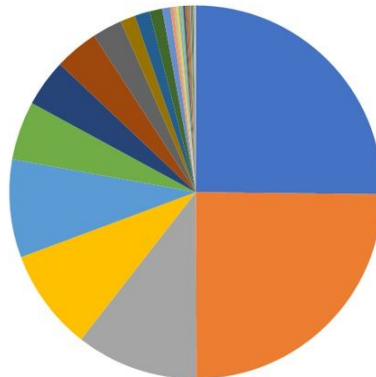
BITCOIN (POW) ^{a,b}

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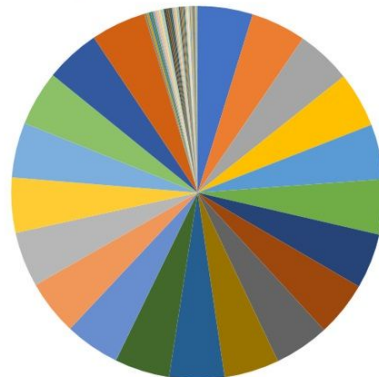
ETHEREUM (POW) ^{a,b}

Mining Pools 2017-10-11
<https://etherchain.org/statistics/miners>



STEEM (DPOS) ^{a,c,e}

Active Witnesses (20, 68 Standby) 2017-10-11
<https://steemd.com/witnesses>



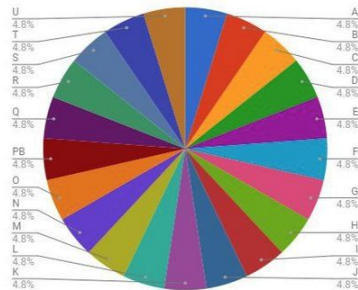
Validators (here meaning block producers) are limited by:

- a. full node operators choose preferred version which reject invalid blocks
- b. active miners can choose to contribute hash power to a preferred pool

c. stake holders choose up to 33 preferred delegates via approval voting

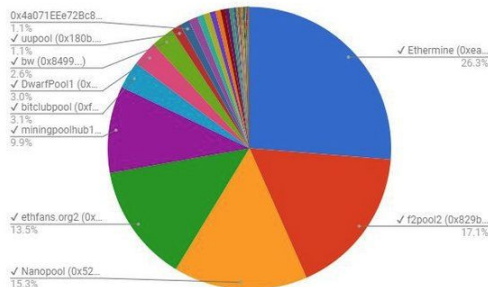
d. stake holders lease stake to a single preferred pool

e. requires more than 2/3 witnesses to agree to fork



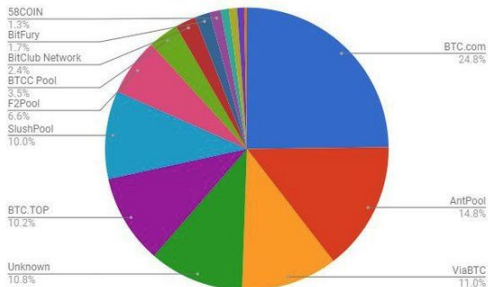
EOS

Source: EOS.IO WhitePaper
21 Block Producers



ETHEREUM

Source: etherchain.org
Top Miners over last 24 hrs



BITCOIN

Source: Blockchain.info
Hashrate Distribution - 4 Days

Hasu @hasufl · Sep 29

I am shocked, SHOCKED, to hear that another DPoS system has converged to mafia-like cartels with collusion and bribery.

Maple Leaf Capital @MapleLeafCap

Recently, an internal excel document from Huobi (one of the BPs) is circulating in the Chinese community. This file documents the collusion, mutual voting, and pay-offs that occur amongst the Chinese BP community. I'm working on getting the file.

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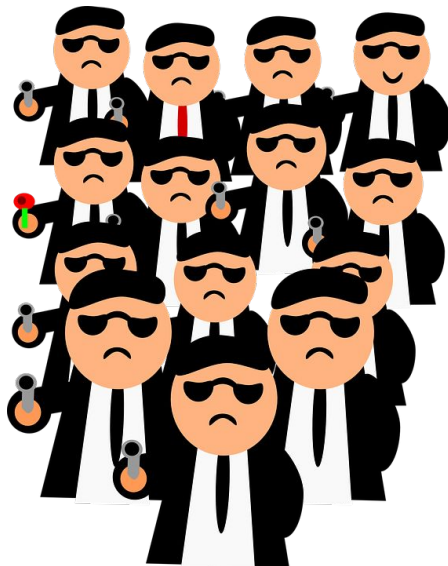
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Corner markets and engage in moral bazaar.



Initialising
Cartelchain

Compete and get destroyed



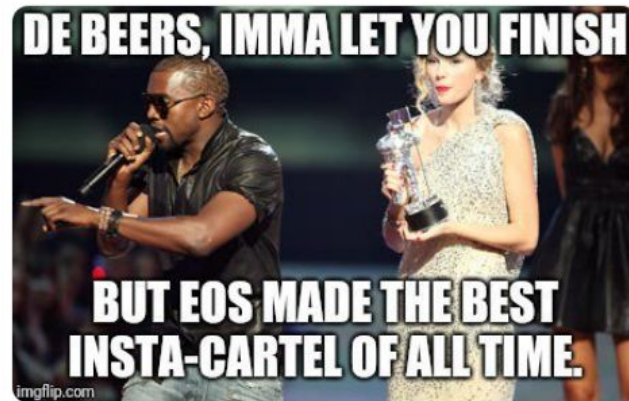
Parallel Industries

@parallelind

Replying to @hasufl

Been looking into governance asymmetries also and yeah this was not unexpected!

Been waiting for a suitable juncture to roll this meme out, looks like this is it.



9:53 AM - 29 Sep 2018

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THE DAO IS **REVOLUTIONARY.**



Hacking, Distributed

A Call for a Temporary Moratorium on The DAO

Dino Mark, Vlad Zamfir, and Emin Gün Sirer

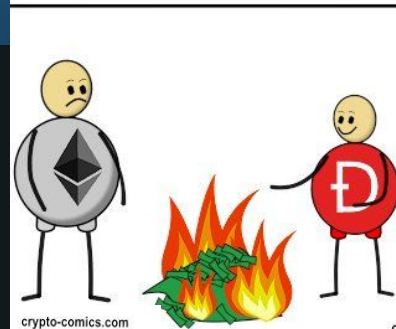
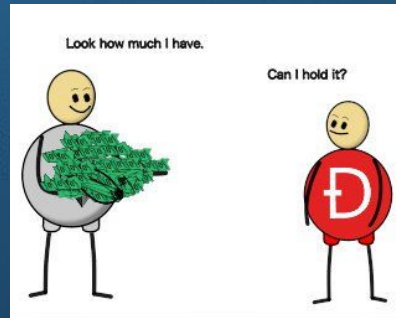
ethereum dao smart contracts

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The DAO is an exciting new construct: an investment vehicle governed by a program, directed by investors' votes, to seek out and fund proposals.

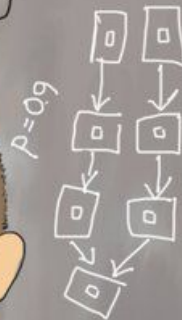


Credit: <https://daohub.org>, <http://crypto-comics.com>, <http://www.ethereum.org>, <http://hackingdistributed.com>

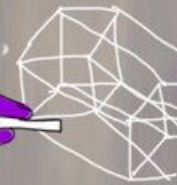
"UNSTOPPABLE APPLICATIONS"

...in that case we
just delete the
attackers deposit
and keep going!!

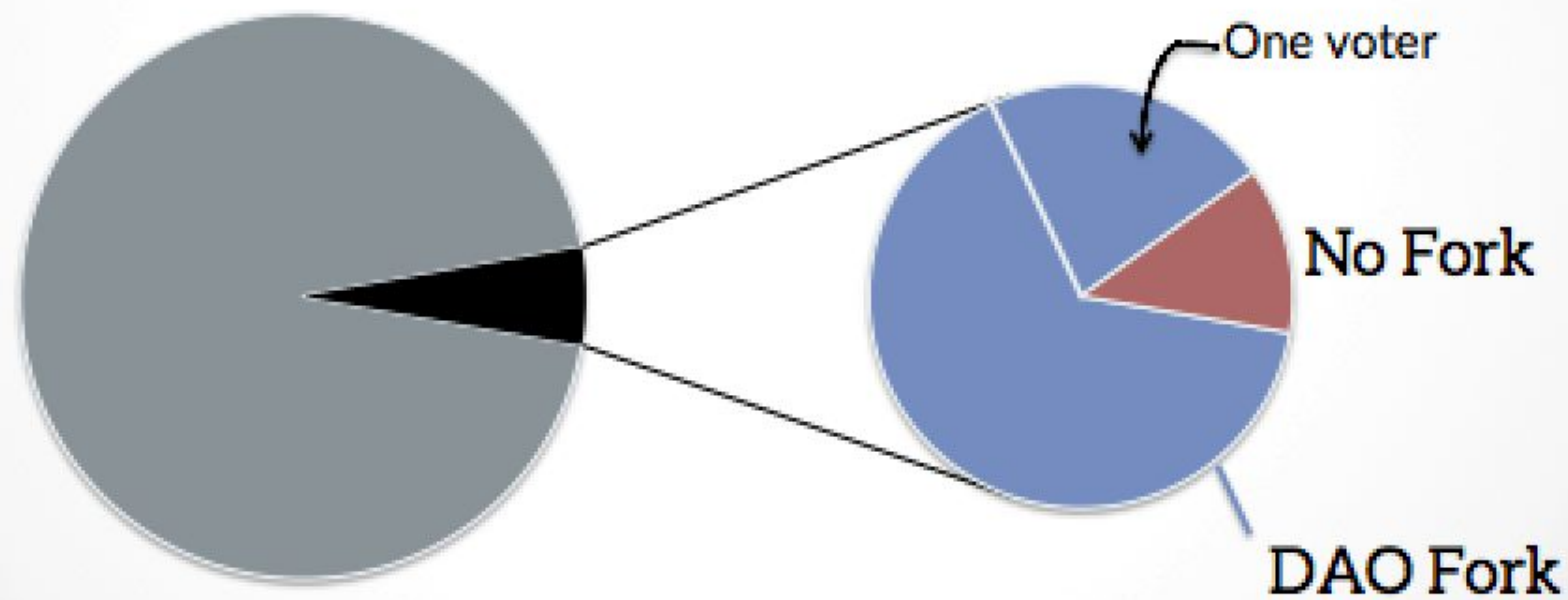
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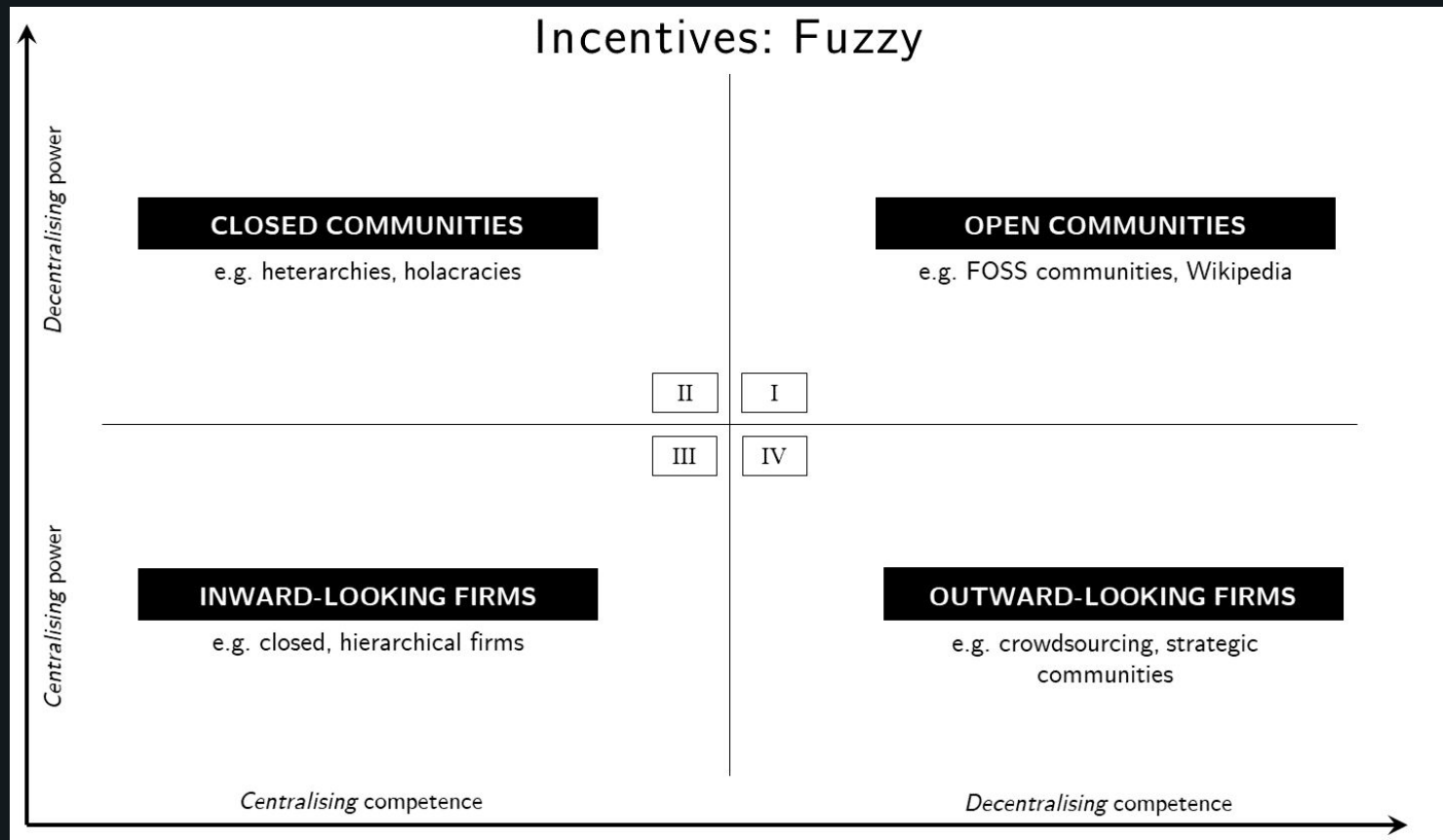


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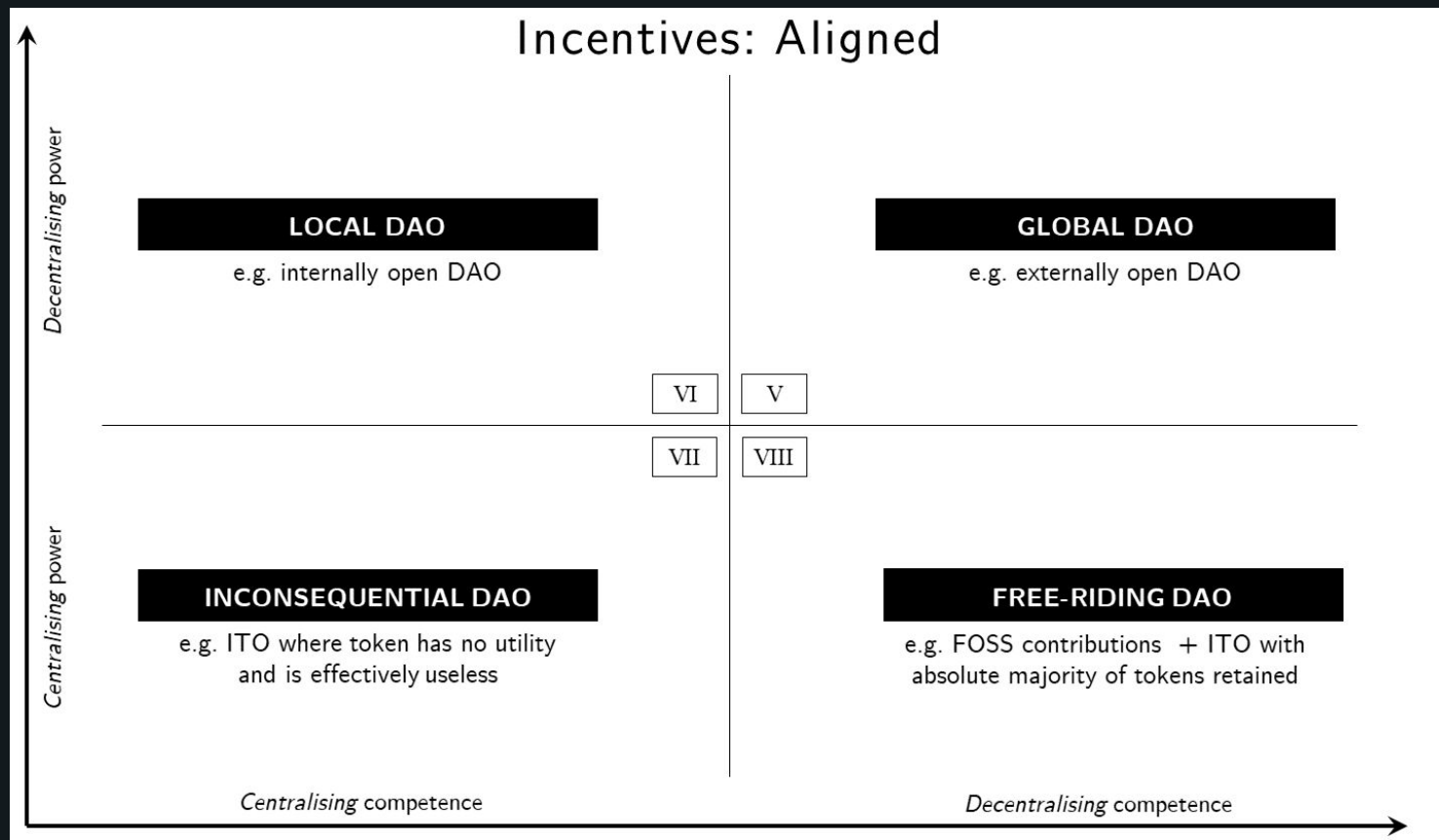


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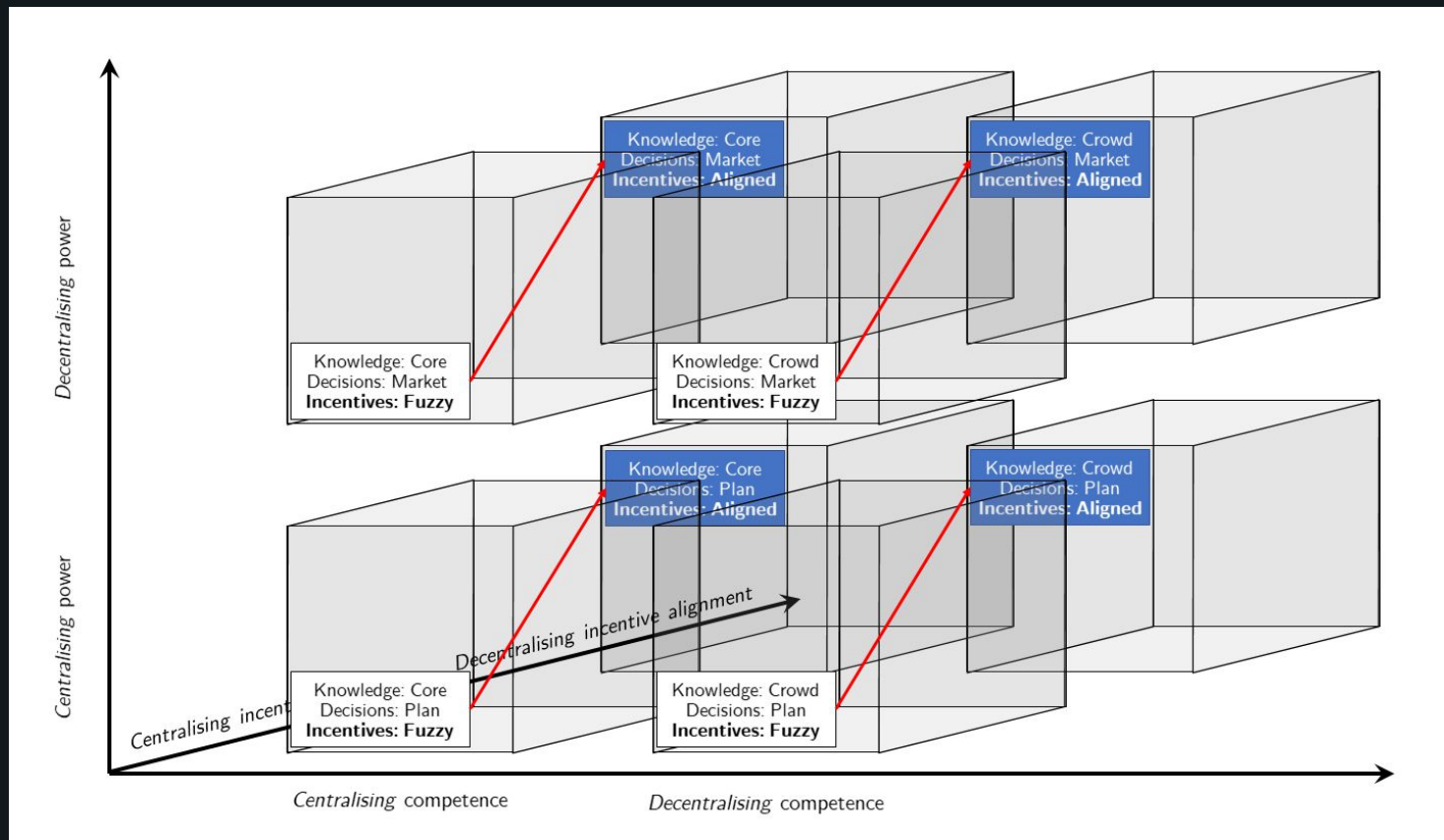
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Credit: Theodor Beutel MSc Dissertation, University of Edinburgh, 2018.

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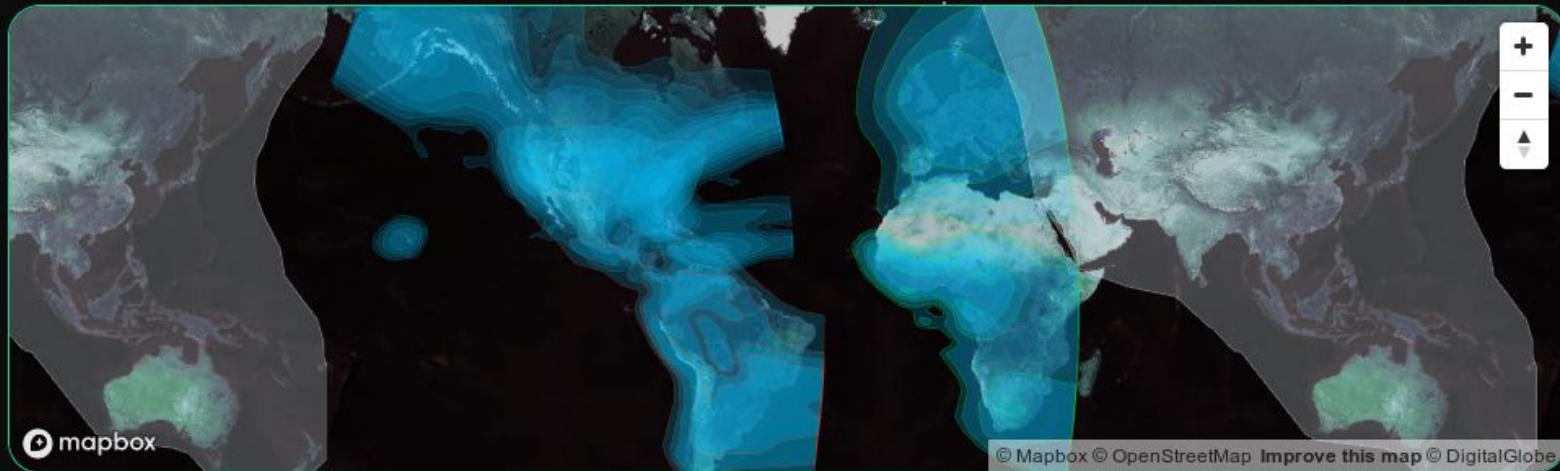
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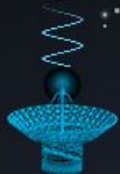
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Blockstream Satellite Network: Receive offline / sync without censorship / verify!



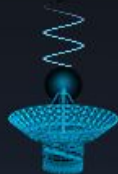
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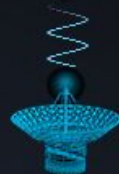
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TELSTAR 11N
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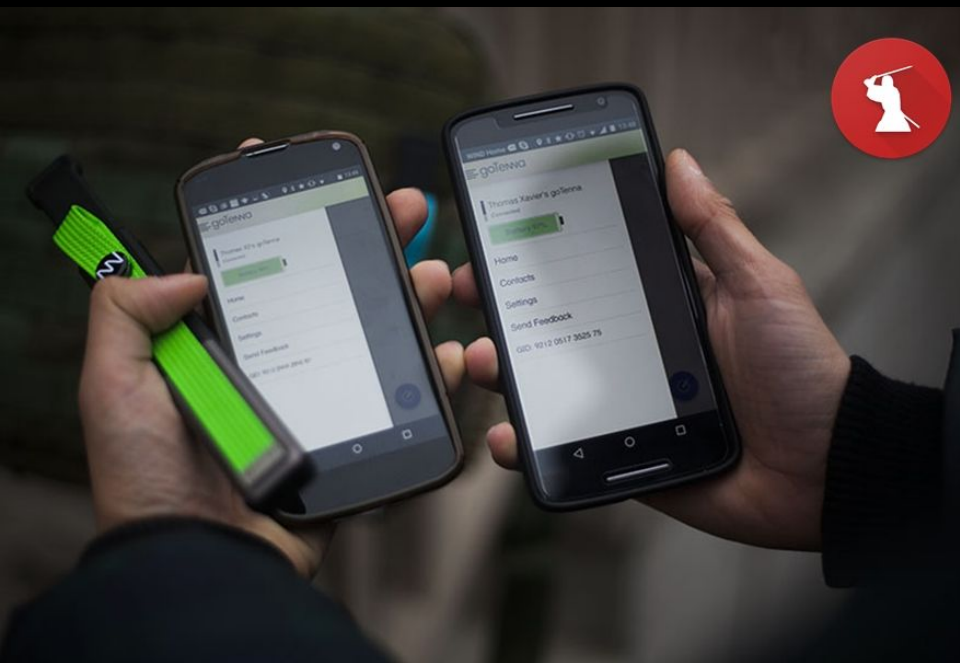
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PHASE 2
Coming Soon

Long: TBD
Freq: TBD
Pol: TBD

goTenna MESH Networking + Samurai = txTenna



- SMS relay
- satellite hook-up
- fax or any form of hard copy to character recognition
- save to external support (USB)
- Portable Document Format (PDF)
- telex
- HF audio
- Morse code
- meshNets
- NFC
- BLE
- chat apps (especially encrypted)

(Umbrella Revn)

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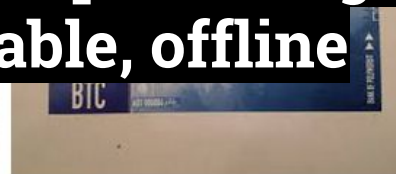
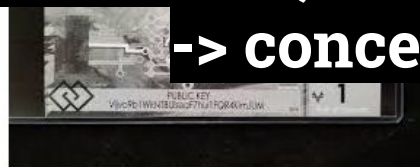




Polymerbit / Tangem / BitNotes

-> Printable, streaming top-up with Lightning

-> concealable, durable, offline





OpenDime / Ledger / Coldcard / Digital BitBox -> off-chain, concealable





Azteco / Bitrefill - purchase crypto at ePOS / POS

AZTE.CO

via voucher mechanism / mobile top-up)

Redeem Your Azteco Bitcoin Voucher

Enter your 16 Digit Voucher Code:

four — part — code — here

Bitcoin address:

Paste your Bitcoin address

I, Robot?

☐ I'm not a robot

Redeem

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London
E1 7TP

***** SALE *****

*****1.09 ← Total

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Parallel Industries 🍷 @parallelind · Dec 9

They're really #ReachingEveryone



Josh Swihart @jswihart

The group @labitcoineta travels South America to teach people in small towns about Bitcoin. They even use a 📶 to connect to the @Blockstream 🍷 where no internet is available. So incredibly cool. Grateful for them.

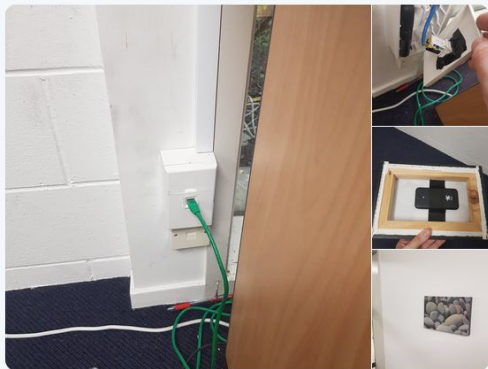


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coinsure @Coinsurenz · Oct 30

This in effect provides an open wifi access point for bitcoin transactions to anyone with a gotenna. A btenna user who wishes to conceal their identity can then broadcast from potentially kilometers away. Much greater distance and an extra degree of anonymity than via open wifi



Parallel Industries 🍷 @parallelind · Nov 14

Get some range on your node.

#ReachingEveryone



Pi Supply 🍷 @PiSupply

Here's a few pictures of the beta boards of our IoT LoRa Gateway HAT for @Raspberry_Pi that we launched on @kickstarter. Packaging and boards looking great. Very pleased 😊😊😊



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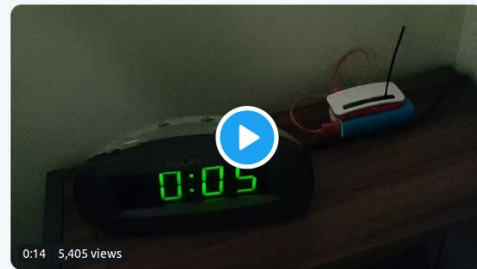
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Samurai Wallet and 4 others Retweeted

Matt 🍷 [Jan/3~🍷] @MattoshiN · Oct 20
Signed raw transaction broadcast over radio.

CC: @parallelind
#ReachingEveryone



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Proof of Concept:

A **Bitcoin wallet** for **migrants**
& their families with **limited**
access to infrastructure &
technology

THE NATURE OF MIGRATION TODAY

A large crowd of people, mostly men and women, are walking across a grassy field. They are dressed in casual clothing, and some are carrying bags or backpacks. The crowd is moving from the foreground towards the background, where it seems to thin out. The background shows a line of trees under a clear sky.

Inequality, oppression & **insecurity** at home

Perilous journey

Uncertain route & destination

Different countries, different fiat / **Remittance cartel**

Extortion, coercion, confiscation **very common**

Intermittent access to technology

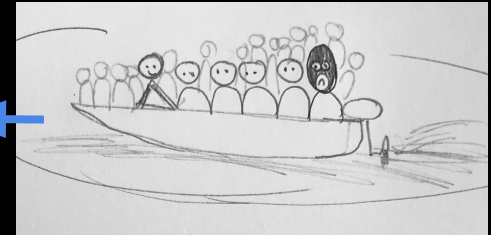
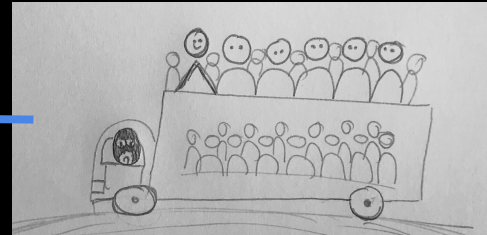
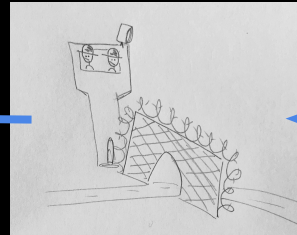
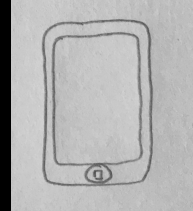
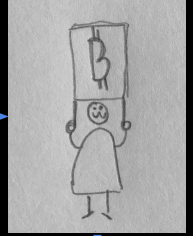
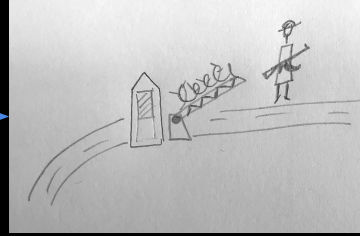
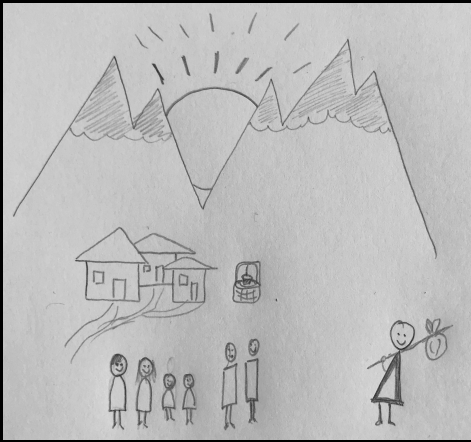
→ **More accessible Bitcoin wallets needed**

WHY BITCOIN? DOES THIS NEED A BLOCKCHAIN?

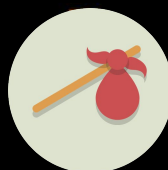


Political & Economic Oppression
Censorship / Extortion / Confiscation

MIGRANT JOURNEY



IT'S DANGEROUS TO GO
ALONE! TAKE THIS.



BAYT



“BAYT” بیت (HOME)

A **simple** web wallet

Minimal technology **requirements**

Personal Q&A generates privkey

Drip-feed funds to migrant

→ **Minimise extortion / confiscation**

(play with our demo @ Table 4 at the back of the room)
<http://web.tecnico.ulisboa.pt/~ist186428/chainhack/>

"BAYT" WEB APP SCREENSHOTS

REACHING EVERYONE

WELCOME TO **BAYT**. CLICK A BUTTON BELOW TO PROCEED.

Create Wallet

Access Funds

WHAT IS YOUR CONTEXT?

IF YOU ARE THE **FAMILY OF THE REFUGEE**, PLEASE CLICK ON THE
FAMILY BUTTON

IF YOU ARE THE **REFUGEE**, PLEASE CLICK IN THE **REFUGEE BUTTON**

Family

Refugee

FILL IN AN ID

To ensure that your funds are safe, please fill in a number and share it with someone who can keep it safe for you.

This can be a family member at a remote location, a friend or someone else you can trust. **Note that you will be asked for this key to open your account later.**

ID

Submit ID

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SECURITY / TRUST MODEL RELAXATIONS

Censorship Resistance > Security
Imperfect entropy in privkey gen
Hub & Spoke
Web wallet
Insecure devices

THESE THINGS...DO NOT SEEM TO BE RELATED :)

> Why does Cryptocurrency Matter?

Cryptocurrency, Decentralisation & the Network Stack

- > Apples-to-Apples Comparisons in a sea of Fruit Salad
- > Finding New Ways to Understand Asset Characteristics
- > Hidden Power Structures in Monetary Networks
- > Humanitarian and Political Hacks with Bitcoin
- > What's Next?

THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION!
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2.2 Research Methods and Resources

This work has relied on numerous primary and secondary data sources as cited in the text. Blockchain analytics of BTC, BCH, ETH, ETC, XMR, MONA, ZCL and BTCP was achieved through the use of block explorers Blockchair.com, Blockchain.info, Etherscan.io, Etherhub.io, Bchain.info, Monerohash.com and Bitinfocharts.com with data exported in CSV or JSON formats. This was imported into the statistical computing suite RStudio (built upon R) for cleaning, treatment, analysis and visualisations. Network-wide observation and inference was conducted using publically available sources Coin.dance for node count and implementation versions for BTC and BCH, Crypto51.app for ZCL and BTCP network hashrates, Doublespend.cash for malleated transactions on BCH, Coinmetrics.io for high-level network heuristics and Onchainfx.com for networks' token price, supply issuance and monetary policy.