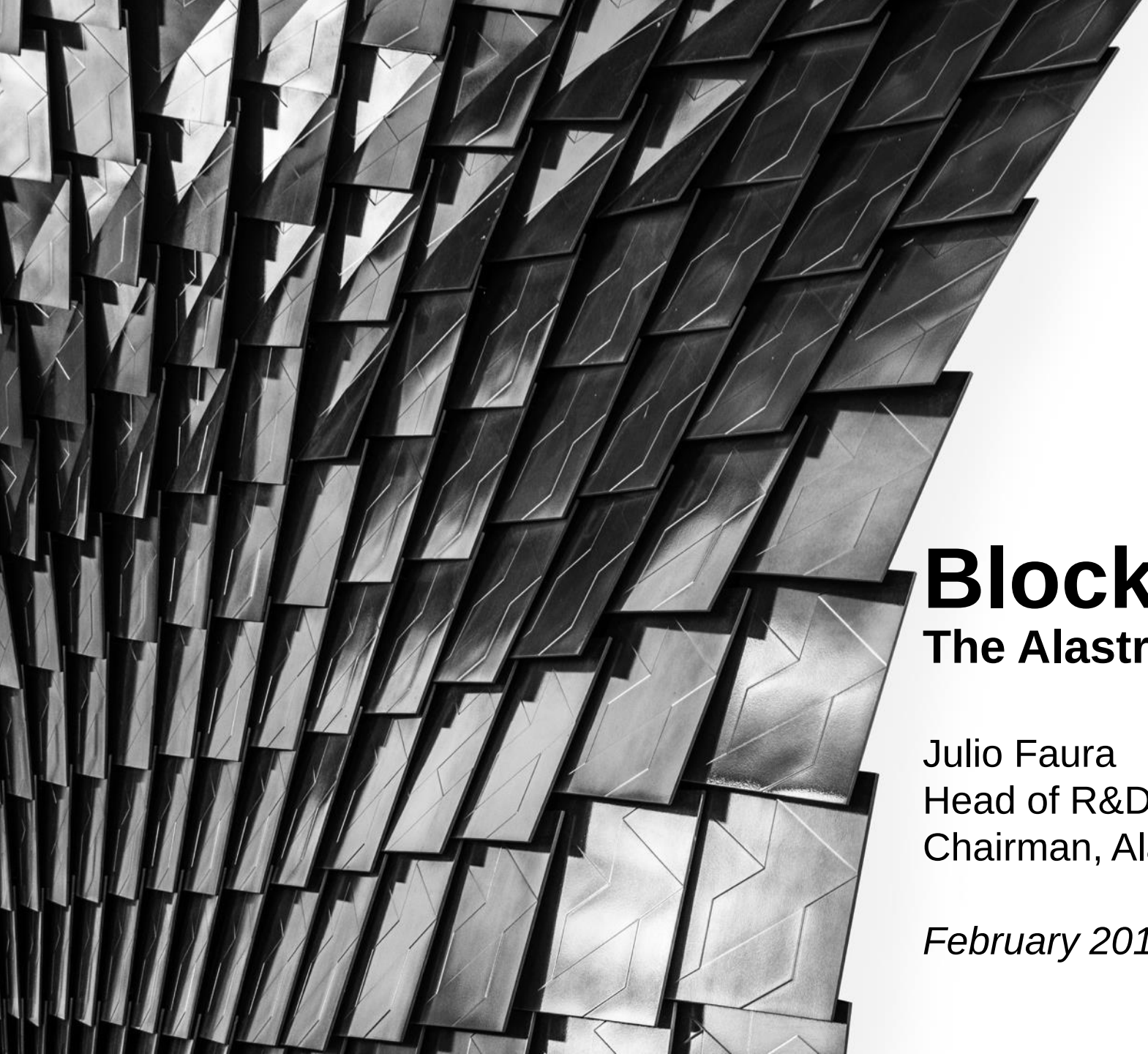

Blockchain platforms

The Alastria case

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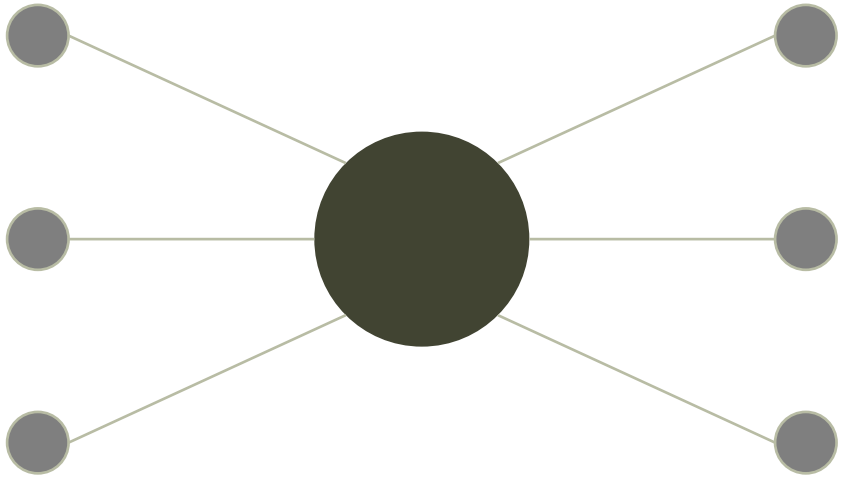
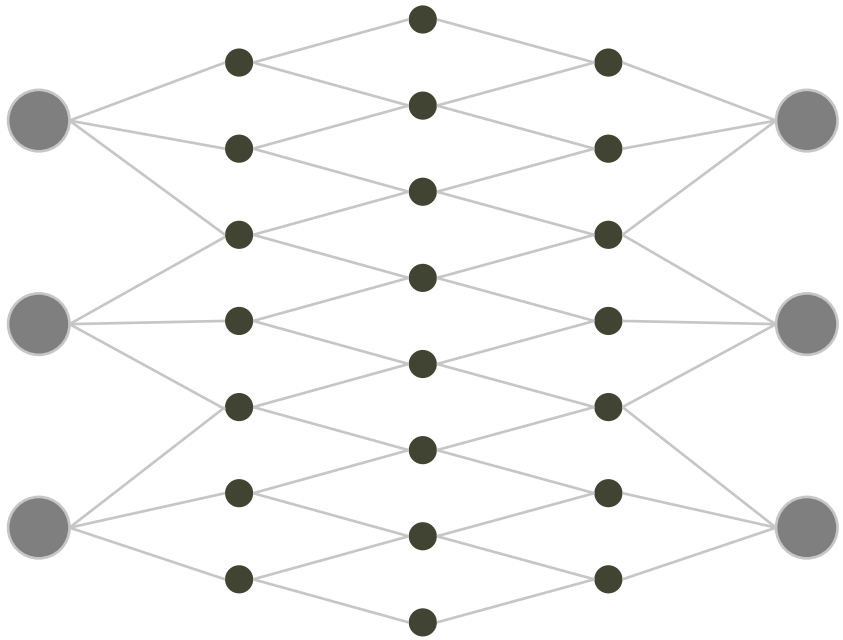
Blockchain: the “internet of value”





Blockchain does to **value**

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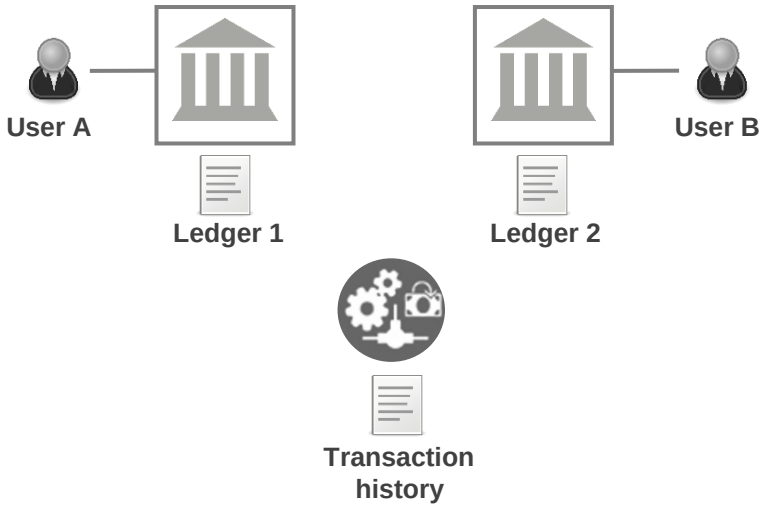
internet made to **communications**

Blockchain is a *shared* ledger

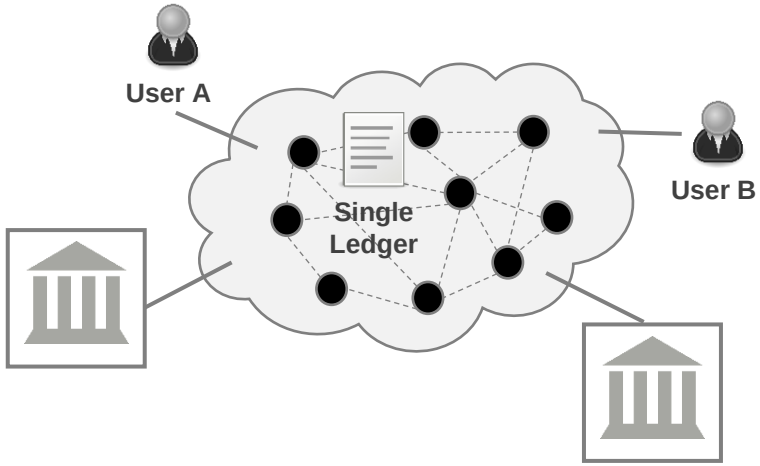
Today's world



- Separate ledgers => dependent on individual entities / sources of trust
- Intermediaries and reconciliations
- Off-ledger messages
- Batches

Vs

Blockchain



- ✓ Single, shared ledger => single version of truth
- ✓ Trustless
- ✓ Hyper-replicated => resilient and immutable, yet cheap
- ✓ In real time

=> Fast, cheap, secure and interoperable

Blockchain is *trustless*

Ledger (initial)

Public key	Amount
Public key	Amount
Public key 1	**Amount1**
Public key 2	Amount2
…	…

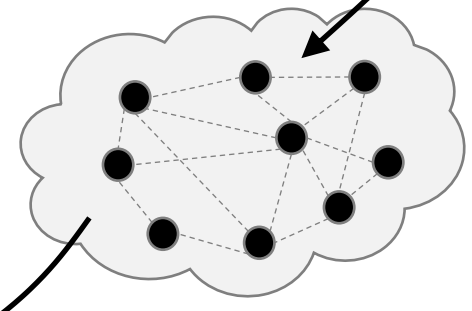
Ledger (final)

Public key	Amount
Public key	Amount
Public key 1	Amount1-Q
Public key 2	**Amount2+Q**
Public key	Amount
…	

New transaction

Q	**Public key 2**	**Signature**

← Private key 1



- ✓ Anybody can generate public / private key pairs
- ✓ Anybody can check signatures
- ✓ The community *collectively* audits transactions and accepts them into the ledger

=> No *individual* trusted entity needed … which makes it cheap and secure

Beyond cryptocurrencies: smart contracts are *programs* (and *data*) on the shared ledger

Cryptocurrencies (e.g. Bitcoin)

Public key	Amount
Public key	Amount
Public key	Amount
Public key	Amount
…	…

- The ledger stores amounts of cryptocurrency
- (Very simple) rules can be attached to ledger entries

Smart contracts (e.g. Ethereum)

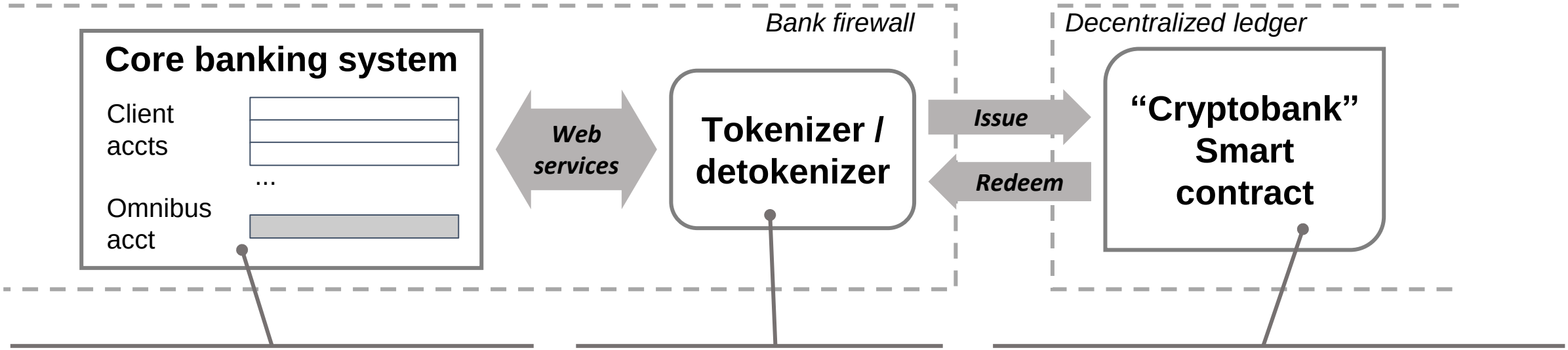
```
contract cryptobank {
    mapping(address => uint) public balance;
    function transfer(uint amount, address receiver)
        if(balance[msg.sender] >= amount) {
            balance[msg.sender] -= amount;
            balance[receiver] += amount;
        } else {
            throw;
        }
    }
    ...
```

- The ledger stores programs and data
- Programs are Turing-complete (i.e. general purpose)
- Data in smart contracts can represent anything
- Smart contracts can interact with other smart contracts
- Cryptocurrencies can also be supported – and used to pay for shared computing power / notarization

A smart contract-enabled blockchain (e.g. Ethereum) is a shared computing platform where transactions are:

- ✓ **Notarized**
- ✓ **Immutable**
- ✓ **Real time**

Tokenization makes blockchain useful in the *real* world



- "Real" (fiat) money stays in an omnibus account in the bank
- Easy integration through web services

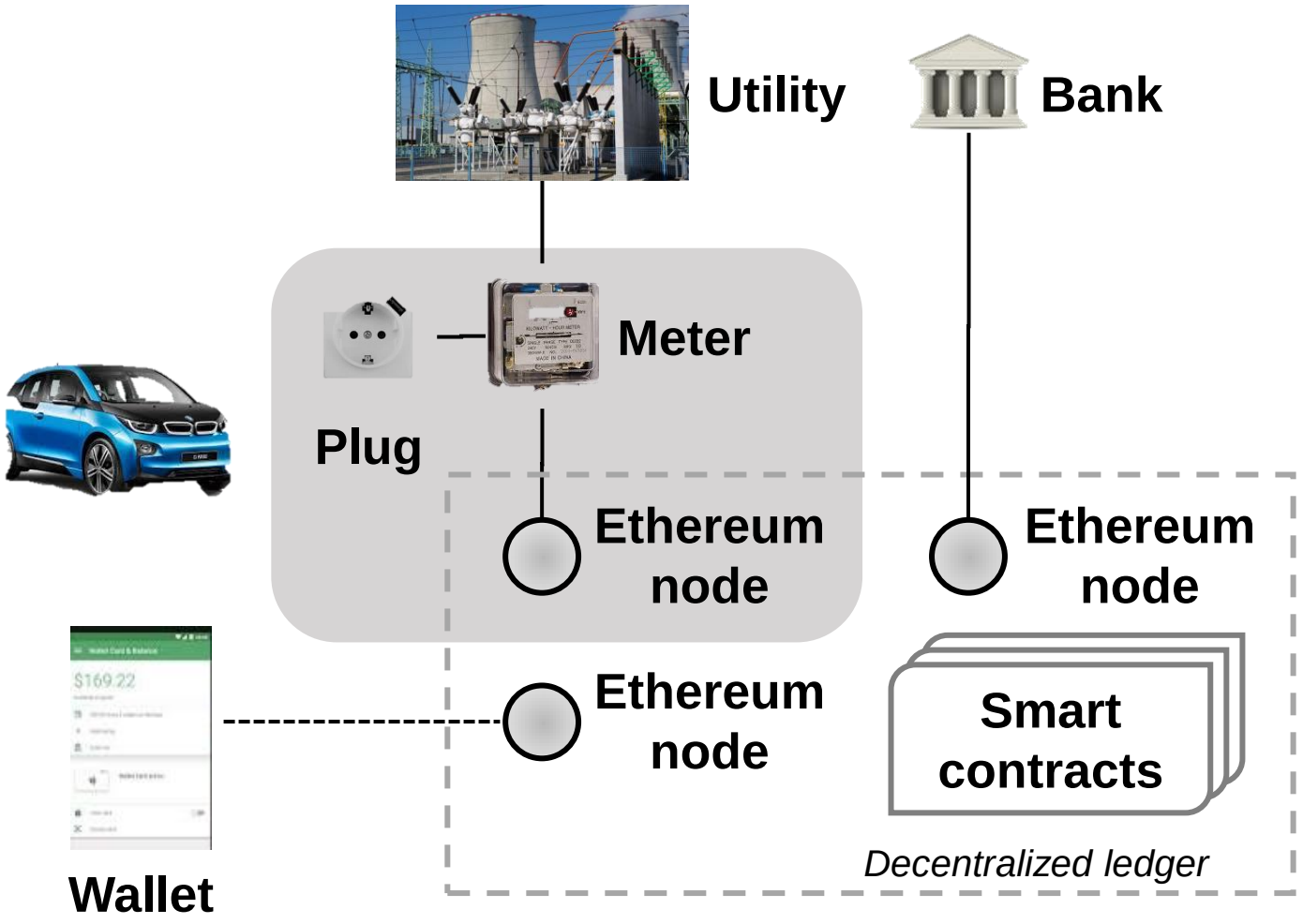
- Tokenizer deployed within bank's data center (no external API calls needed)

- Client digital balances issued on a smart contract, backed 1:1 with funds in the omnibus account

… and now money is digital and globally interoperable (through other smart contracts!)

Anything (besides money) **can be tokenized!!**

An example: recharging an electrical car

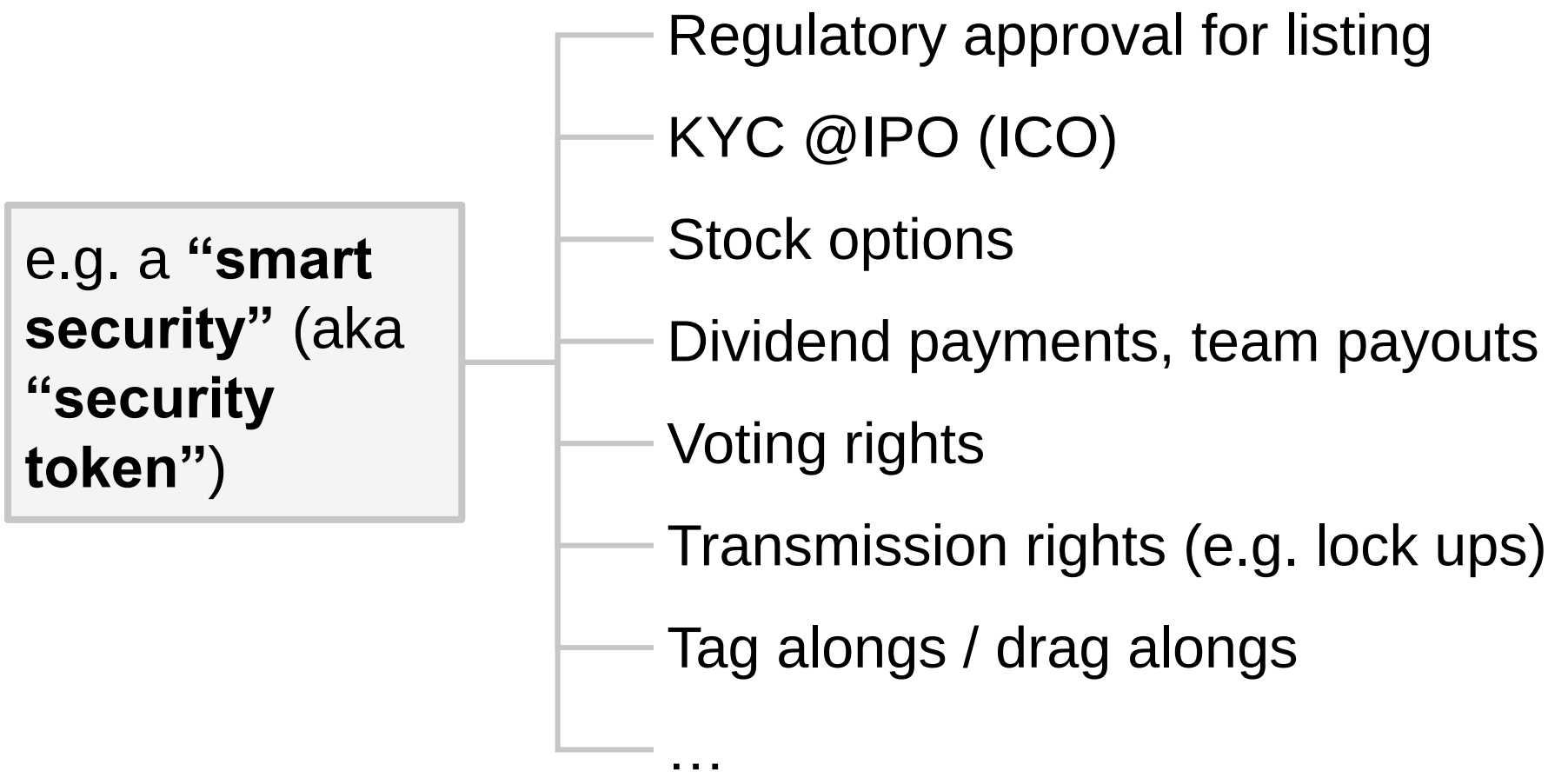


- ✓ User prefunds wallet with tokenized cash
- ✓ User pays tokenized money to smart plug
- ✓ Meter delivers energy to car
- ✓ Home owner redeems cash from bank

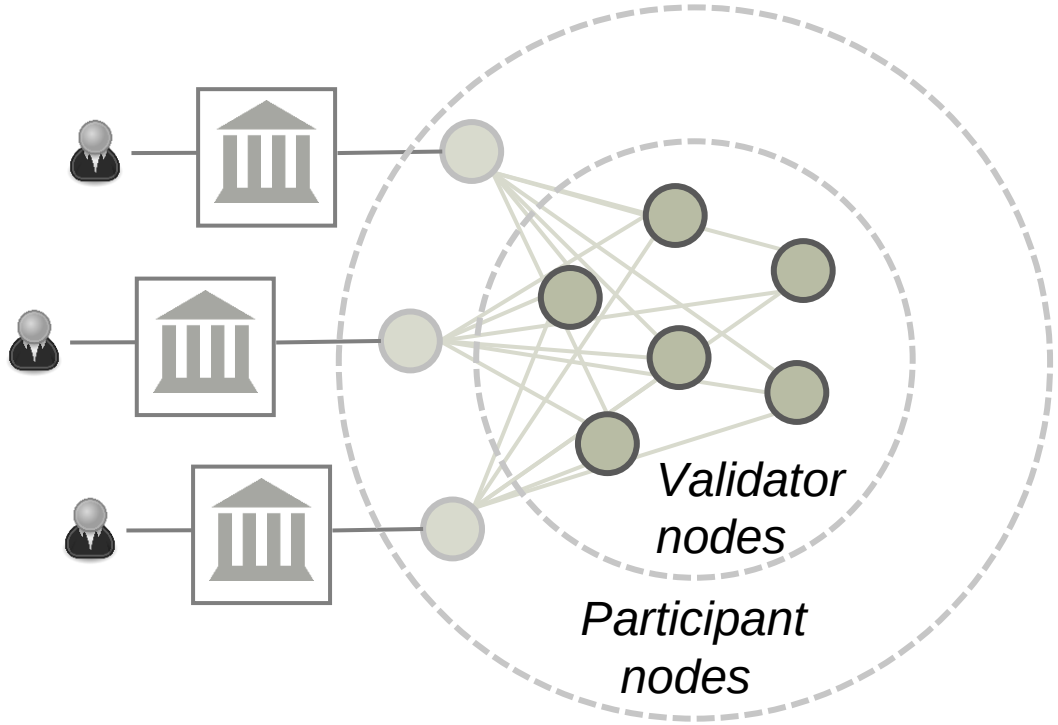
… concept allows for *uberization* of electric car recharges

Beyond tokenization: native digital assets

“An asset that is natively registered in the shared ledger, with contractual obligations implemented with smart contracts”



Permissioned blockchains: a *pragmatic* first step for enterprises



- ✓ **Not dependent on *individual* sources of trust, but on a trusted set of validators => Not 100% trustless, but good enough**
- ✓ **Private – only nodes *permissioned* by the validators can participate**
- ✓ **Simple consensus algorithms can be used (instead of proof of work)**
- ✓ **Much more scalable and performant**
- ✓ **Needs to implement governance mechanism**

… but needs to implement governance mechanisms

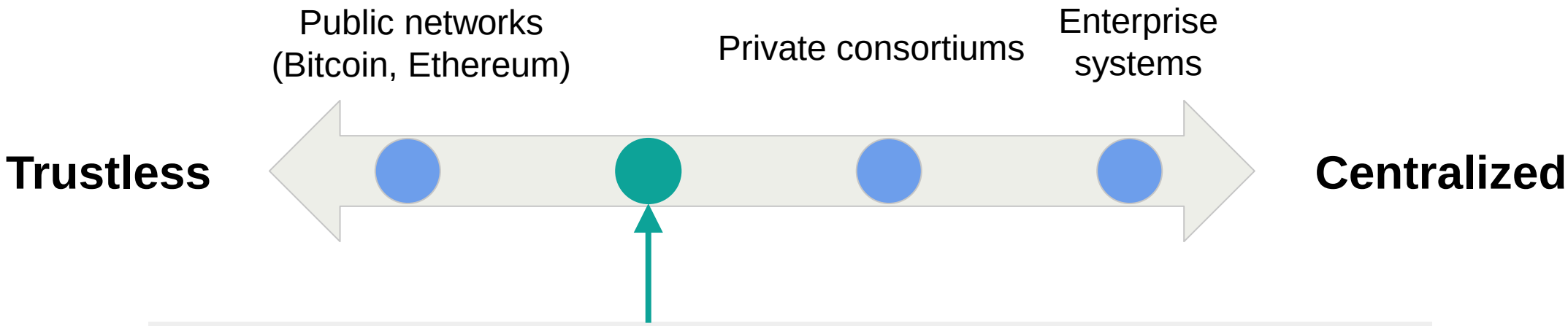
Hola Alastria!

World’s first nation-wide, multi-sectorial, enterprise grade, permissioned Blockchain network

… made in Spain ;-)

Bitcoin evolution

Why Alastria?



<u>Public-Permissioned network</u>, compatible with regulation

- No cryptocurrency embedded => low and predictable transactional cost
- Higher performance and scalability (>1.000 tx/sec)
- Transaction finality in one block, with legal validity (legal identities)
- Depends on a trusted validator set => “Good enough”

… but requires implementing a <u>Decentralized Governance Model</u>

Over 170 members – and counting!

Finance and insurance

Abanca
AndBank
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Banco Santander
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Bankia
BBVA
BME
CaixaBank
Caja Rural
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Mapfre
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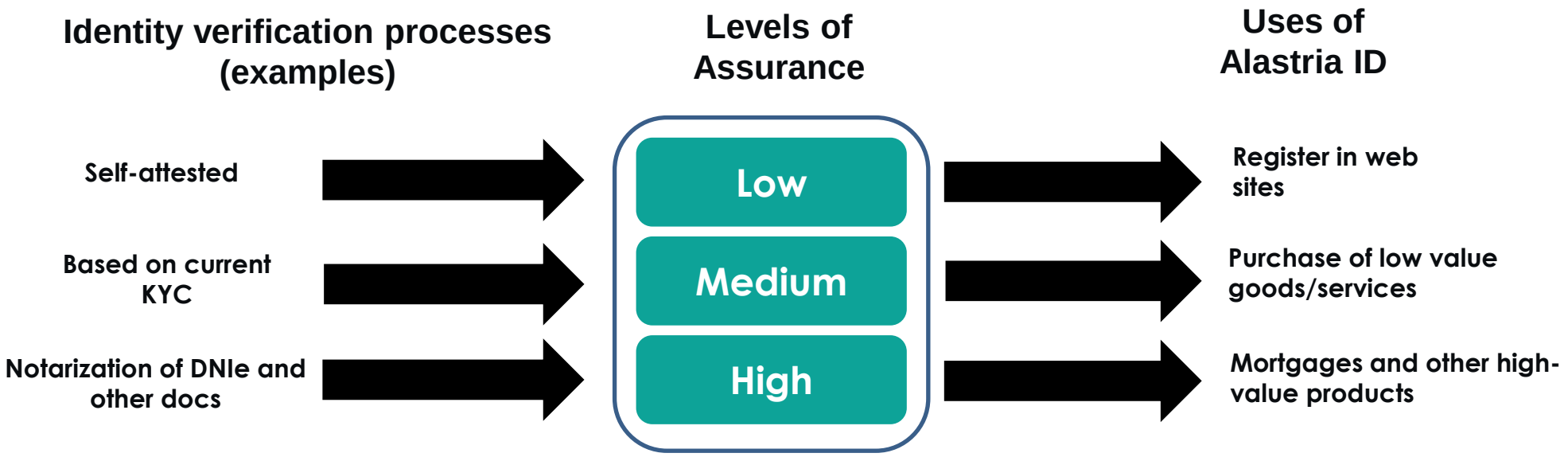
Alastria ID: legal identity on blockchain

- Allows implementing products and services complying with Spanish (and European) regulation.
- Self Sovereign Identity (SSI), for protection and empowerment of the user.



Key ideas

1. Coopetition
2. Tokenization => digitization
3. Digital identity => legally binding
4. Collaboration between large and small

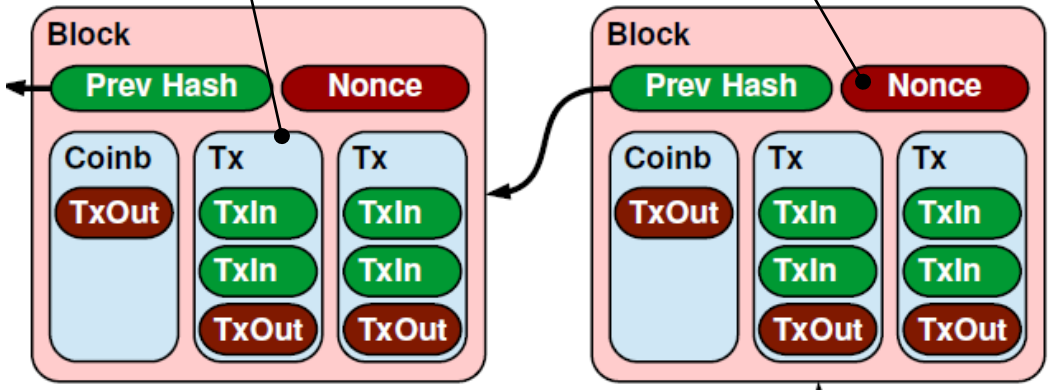
=> innovation

Thank you

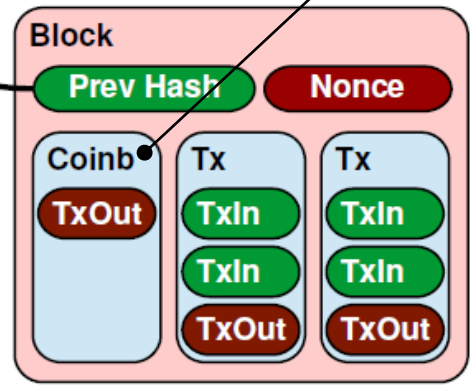
A community *certifying* transactions

Miners include as many transactions as possible as they may earn fees in addition to newly minted bitcoins

Random seed to change in order to find the right hash



Miners include an additional transaction to mint their reward



The "crypto-puzzle" used as a "proof of work" consists in changing a random seed ("nonce") until the hash of the whole block starts with a given number of zeros

Block #271076 hash:
000000000000006e1163e8c741f39
bb21c7b06d2e06726b5630eea8b9ce
5584

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Cryptocurrencies are digital cash

Public key	Amount
Public key	Amount
Public key	Amount
Public key	Amount
…	…

- ✓ Just an entry in a database
- ✓ Not backed by any authority
- ✓ Totally anonymous – no KYC, no AML, no control
- ✓ More or less like “digital gold”
- ✓ Yet infinitely traceable (on a pseudonymous basis)

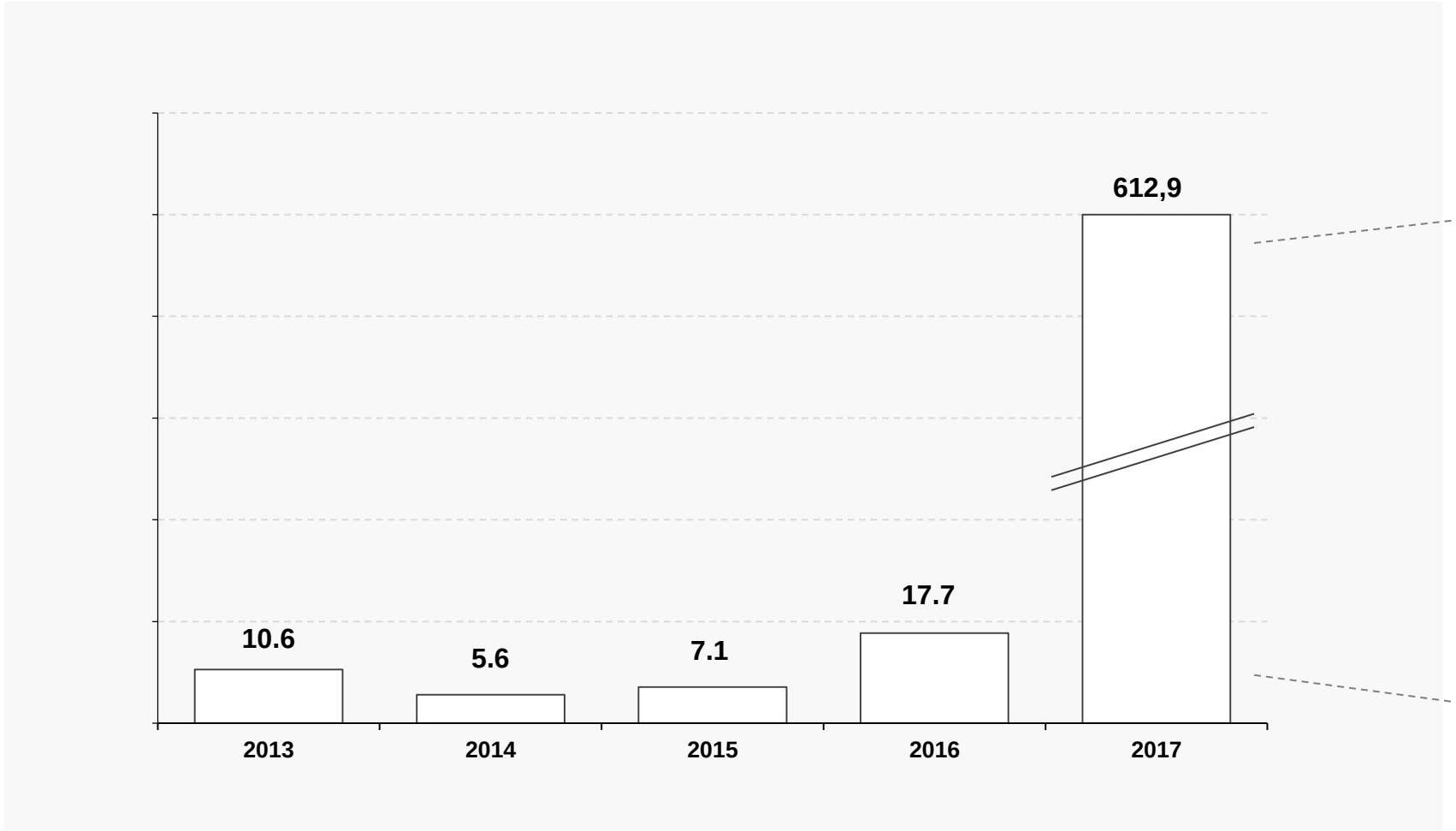
… interchangeable by (traditional) cash at exchanges (regulators permitting)

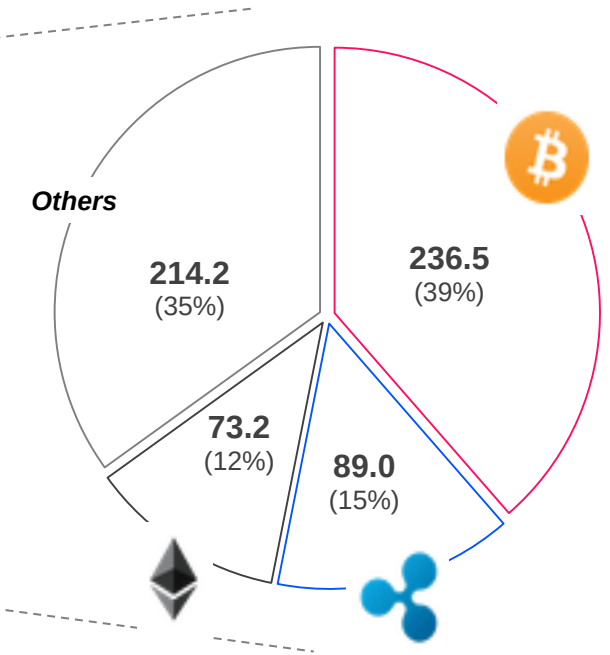
… exchange rate only determined by the market

… subject to brutal speculation

… useful for illegal uses (trafficking, money laundering, ransomware …)

… and the market is *hot*





Applications of tokenization

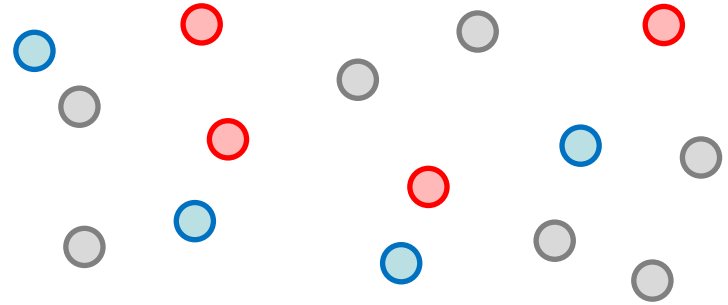
Anything involving different, disconnected parties needing to transact on a legally binding basis:

- Digital cash, digital central bank money
- International payments, micropayments, payments for digital services
- Capital markets trading, settlement, collateral management, syndicates, asset management
- Digital identity, asset registries
- Voting, public administration, government benefits
- Supply chain, trade finance
- Digitalization of equipment use (e.g. car sharing, car recharging, shared computing resources)
- Workflows (e.g. Internal audit, regulatory approvals, insurance claims)

… and the combination of the above!

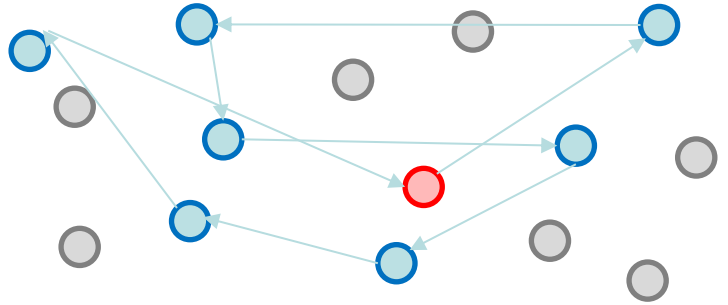
Consensus algorithms increase performance in permissioned blockchains (e.g. Quorum)

QuorumChain



- = **Voter**: casts votes regarding validity of proposed blocks with pending transactions
- = **Blockmaker**: appends blocks to the Blockchain when quorum is achieved
- = **Observer**: gets full copy of the Blockchain and can interact with it (e.g. submitting transactions

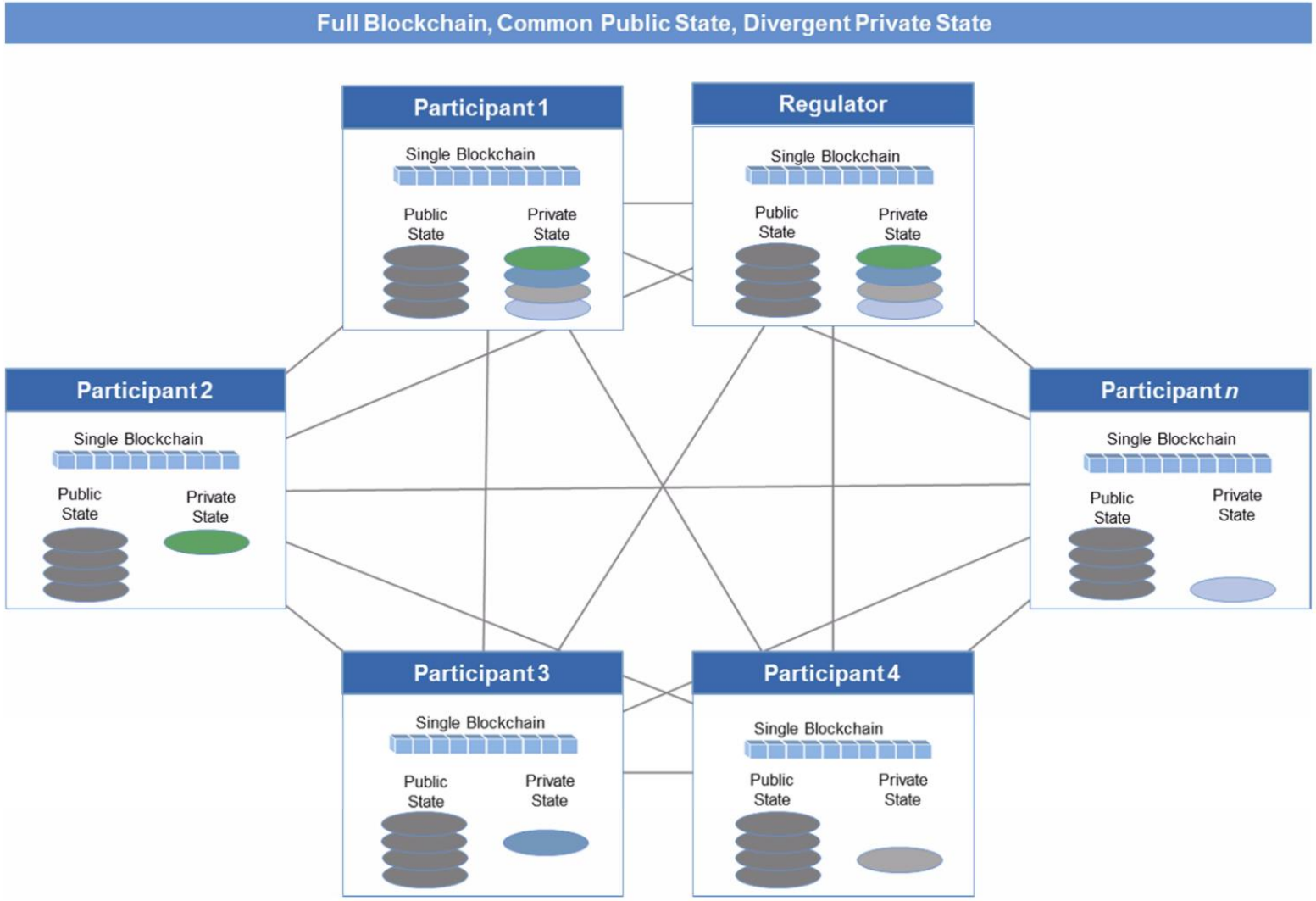
RAFT



- = **Leader**: creates new blocks and proposes it to followers, then instructs them to apply it to chain head
- = **Follower**: accepts blocks created by leader, then becomes leader in turns, on a round robin fashion
- = **Observer**: (same as QuorumChain)

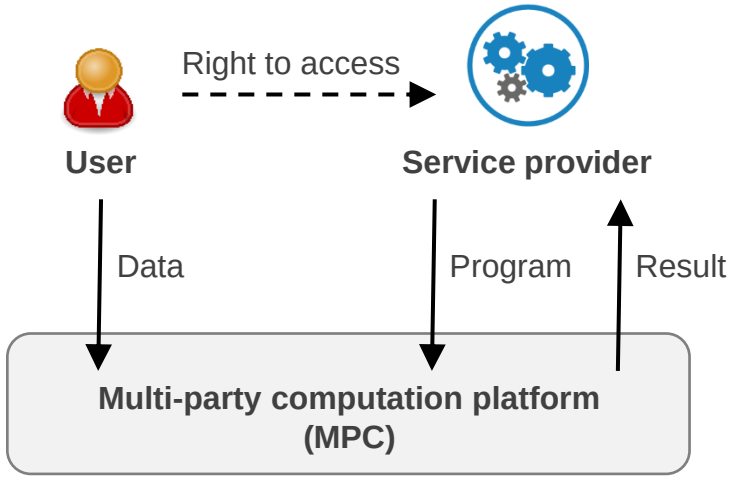
Next in roadmap: PBFT (e.g. Istanbul, already available)

Privacy is paramount



- ✓ **Private smart contracts are implemented as "sub-blockchains"**
- ✓ **Payloads only stored in participating nodes**
- ✓ **Private transactions notarized anyway by the (common) underlying blockchain**

Going forward: zero knowledge proofs and multi-party computational platforms



- ✓ Users store data securely in the MPC platform
- ✓ Users (temporarily) grant service providers access to particular pieces of data for particular uses
- ✓ Service providers can then reference users' data in their programs, but they cannot *retrieve* the data verbatim
- ✓ Service providers can retrieve the (transformed) results of their computation

- **Users can grant access to their personal data without sharing it verbatim**
- **Therefore, providers cannot see, make copies or redistribute the raw data. Nor use it for any other purposes but the ones they have been given access for**
- **Users can revoke data access at any time, without any trail**
- **Secrets can be shared and access can be managed by groups of users**

Governance & coopetition