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# Outline

Electronic payments

Secure transactions

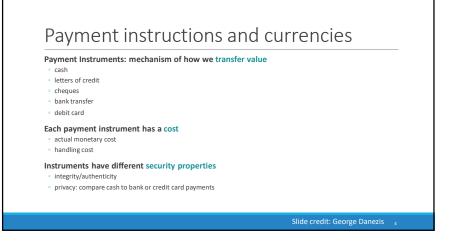
Secure execution: contracts

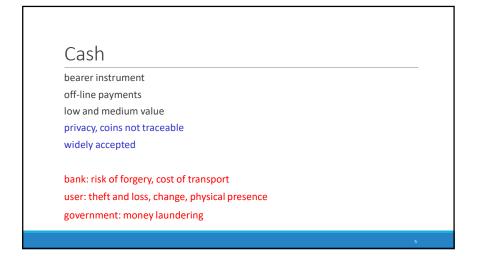
Adding privacy

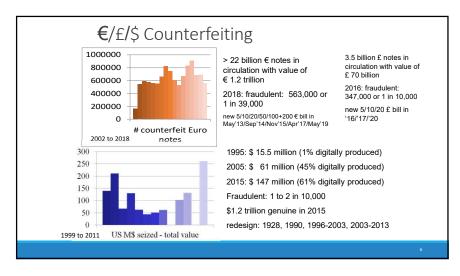
Permissioned systems

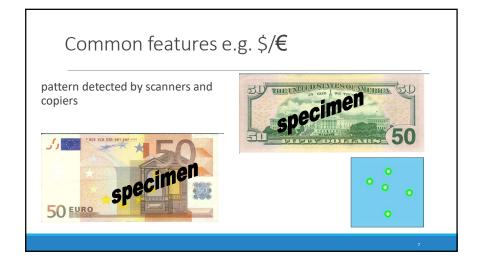
Do I need a blockchain?

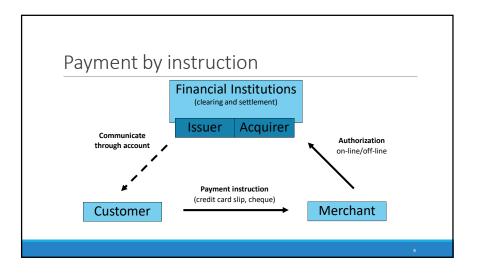
# Currencies = maintaining memory \*\*The state of the stat











# Payment by instruction

### Convenient

### Reduced risk

Identify users: manual signatures, magstripe cards, smart cards

### Traceable

## Verification expensive:

- credit/debit card: on-line, tamper resistant modules
- · check: off-line, delay, processing cost

Electronic cash [David Chaum]

Financial Institutions
(clearing and settlement)

Issuer | Acquirer

Deposit
on-line/off-line

Payment
(cash transfer)

Merchant

# <u>DigiCash</u>™

# Electronic cash

Convenient, no physical presence

Reduced risk

Cost effective for low value

Untraceable and unlinkable

More expensive than traceable systems, new technology

## Verification inexpensive:

- on-line: no tamper resistant modules
- off-line: reduced risk, doublespending

E-cash is not a new currency: real money (value) sits in the bank

Early examples: MojoNation (2000-2002) and BitTorrent

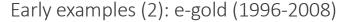
### MojoNation

- Peer-to-peer file storage service paid with "Mojo"
- Employed Bram Cohen (BitTorrent) and Zooko
- Collapsed under hyperinflation

### BitTorrent

- Simplification of MojoNation
- One can think of BitTorrent's tit-for-tat incentives as being time-limited, file-specific, and non-transferrable bilateral accounting
- No need for "full" currency

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1 million user accounts by 2002 centralized ledger of transactions

currency backed by real commodity, gold network of international e-gold resellers

Becomes a crime magnet: difficult to identify customers yet easy to transfer internationally

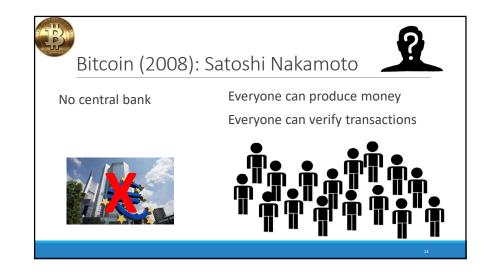
- US Patriot Act (2001) requires money transmitters to be regulated
- In 2008 directors face charges of money laundering and operating without a license. They are found guilty and get away with fines, and suspended sentence.

Asserts liquidated: \$90M in gold (more than the central banks of bottom 1/3 countries)

· California (2010) and other states: all digital value transfer systems are money transmitters

Risk of centralized system out of control

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# What is Bitcoin? (2008)

E-currency with distributed generation and verification of money

### **Transactions**

- · irreversible
- · inexpensive
- over anonymous peer-to-peer network
- broadcast within seconds and verified within 10 to 60 minutes by inclusion in hash chain
- · double spending prevention using a public decentralized ledger (chaining mechanism)

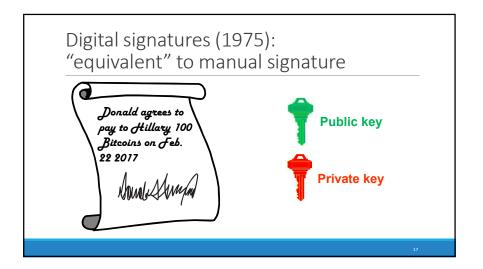
### **Pseudonymous**

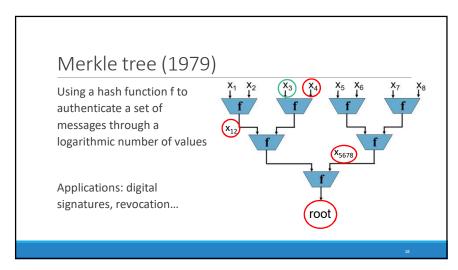
- Money is linked to public key can generate arbitrary key pairs and move money around
- But in many cases identification is possible

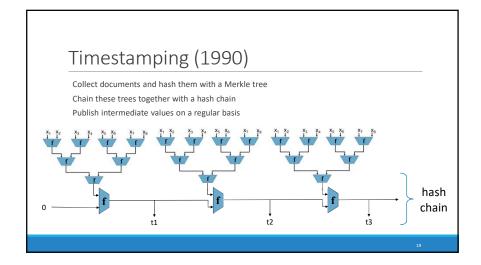
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t5JGQXCTe3c

Hash functions (1975): one-way easy to compute but hard to invert

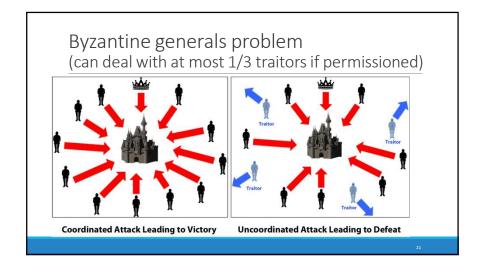
RIPEMD-160
SHA-256
SHA-512
graphic hash function. The input is a very long string, that is reduced by the hash function to a string of fixed length. There are additional security conditions: it should be very hard to find an input hashing to a given value (a preimage) or to find two colliding inputs (a collision).

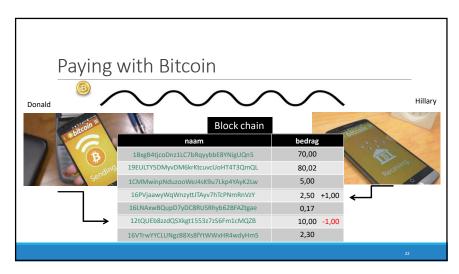




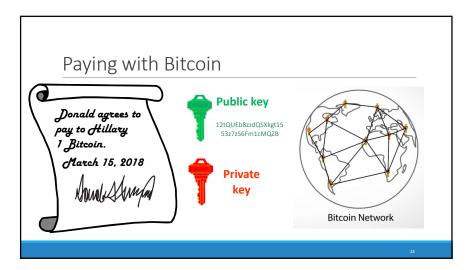


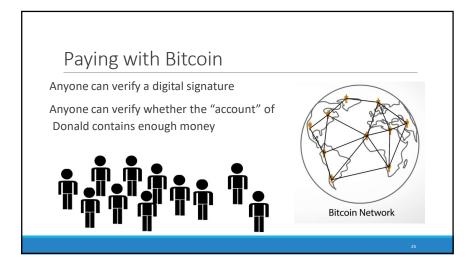


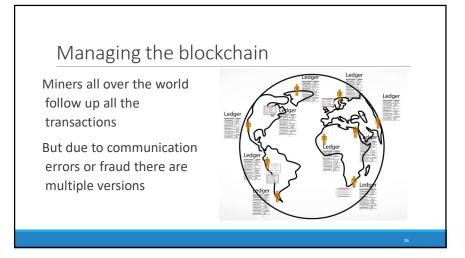


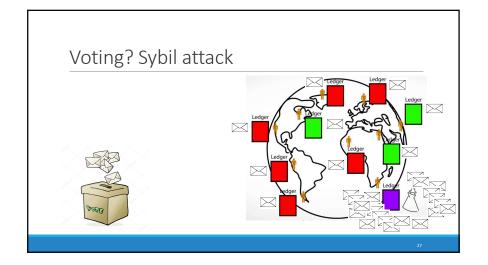


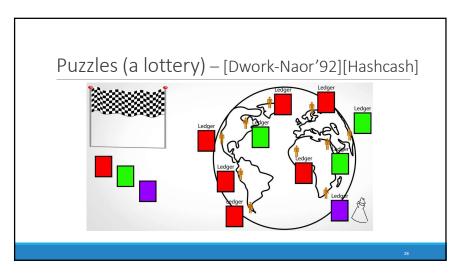










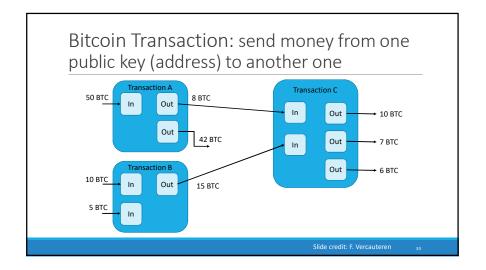


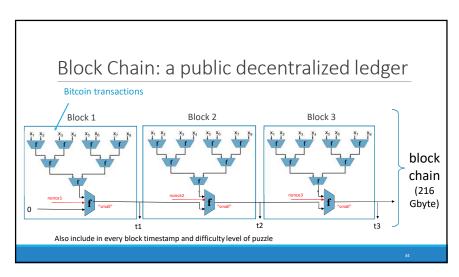


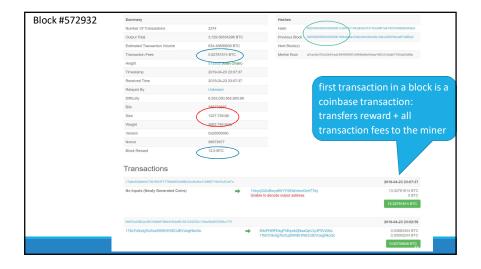


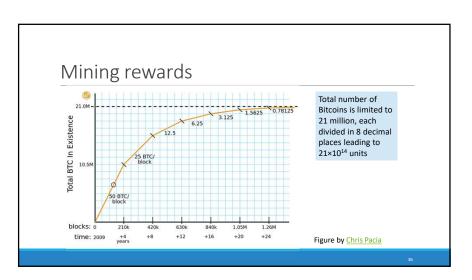


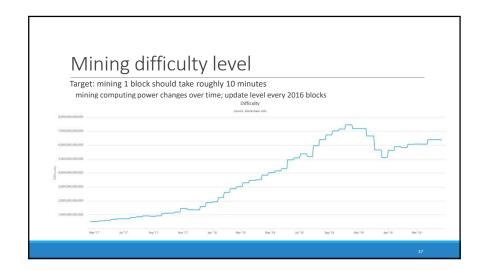


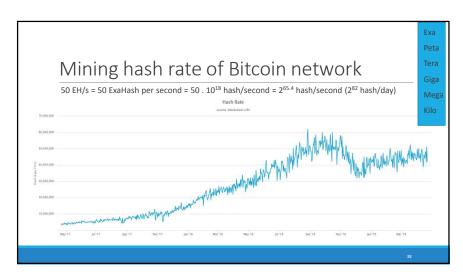


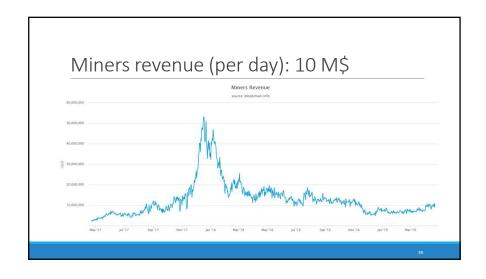






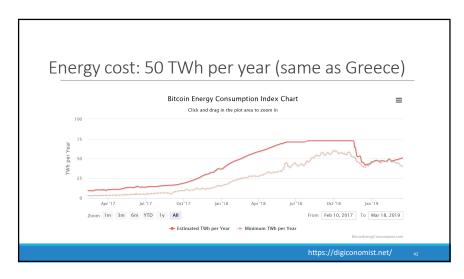




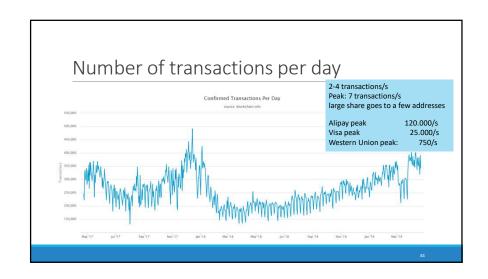


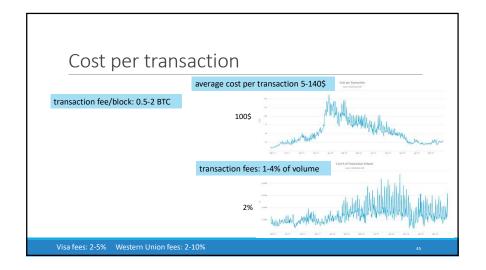


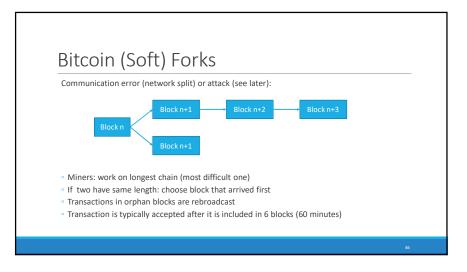


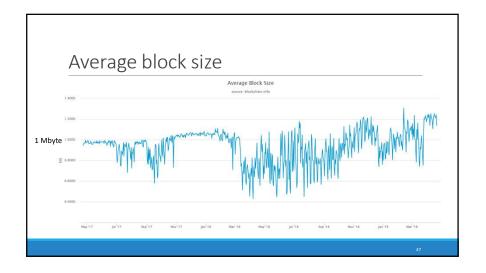


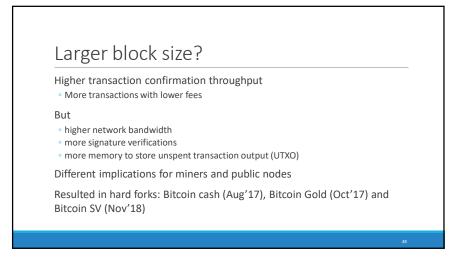
# Cost of leaderless consensus Distributed consensus protocol: • whichever coalition deploys most hash power, has control of the block chain • 5 10<sup>19</sup> hash/second is a significant cost. • not performing any useful task! Electricity + Networking costs: • 0.10-0.20 W/GH/s or 8000 MWatt • @ 10 cent per KWh: 1 block costs 25-50K\$ electricity (12.5 BTC = +/-70 K\$) • 0.3% of global electricity consumption; 1 transaction "uses" power of 35 US households in a day Profit calculator: http://www.vnbitcoin.org/bitcoincalculator.php Energy estimates: https://digiconomist.net/bitcoin-energy-consumption

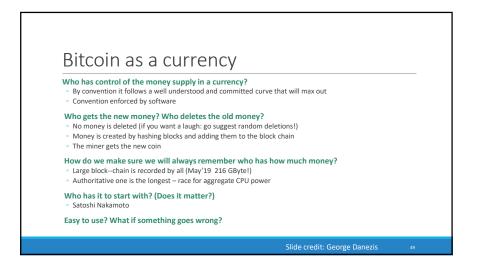


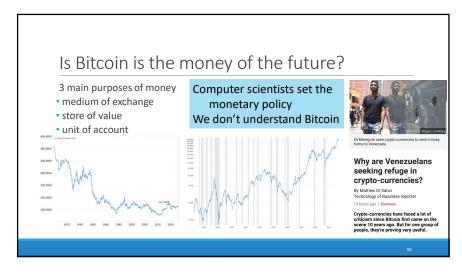




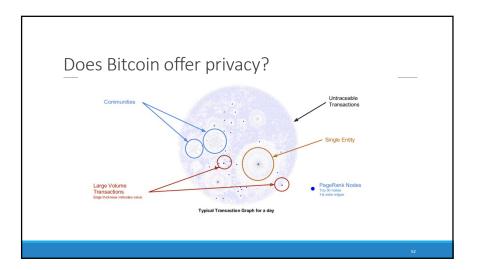












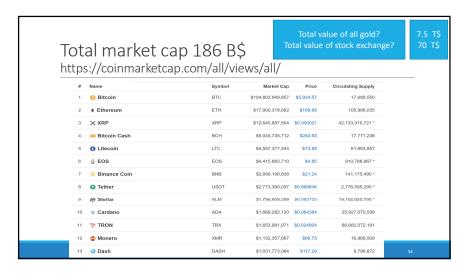
# Limits of pseudonymity

- Betcoin gambling site was hacked in April 2012
- 3,171 BTC were stolen in total (2902, 165, 17, and 87 BTC)
- Did not move until March 15 2013 (BTC goes up)
- Aggregated with other small addresses into one large address
- Then began a peeling chain
- o After 10 hops, a peel went to Bitcoin-24,
- And in another 10 hops a peel went to Mt. Gox

in total, 374.49 BTC go to known exchanges, all directly off the main peeling chain, which originated directly from the addresses known to belong to the thief.

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# Ethereum (ETH)

https://www.ethereum.org/ https://etherscan.io/

White paper 2013, live July 2015

Smart contract (scripting) functionality: deterministic exchange mechanisms controlled by digital means that can carry out the direct transaction of value between untrusted agents

• E.g. self-contained fair casinos, currency swaps...

Decentralized Turing-complete virtual machine

Currency is called "ether" – internal transaction pricing with "gas" (anti-DDOS and spam)

### Ethereum forks

- 2016: DAO hack led to ETC fork (Ethereum classic)
- Q4/2016: 2 additional forks

Quorum: permissioned ledger developed by Morgan-Stanley on top of Ethereum

Ethereum (ETH) (compared to Bitcoin)

block time of 12 s (600 s)

memory hard algorithm based on Keccak-256 – almost SHA-3
(SHA-256 on ASICs)

70 transactions per block (2000-2500)

smart contracts (limited scripting)

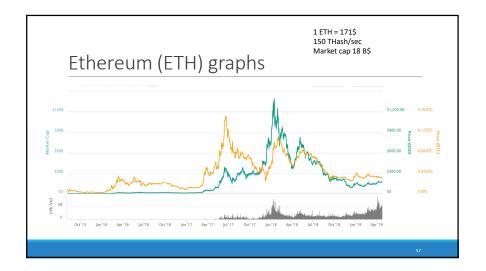
more complex reward scheme, linear volume (decreasing to limit of 21 million BTC)

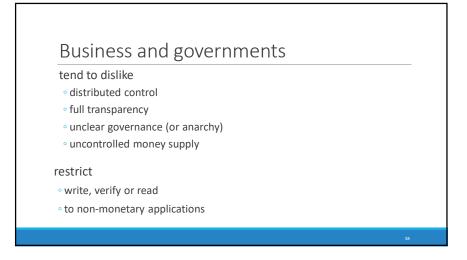
reward 5 ETH per block (12.5 BTC per block but decreasing)

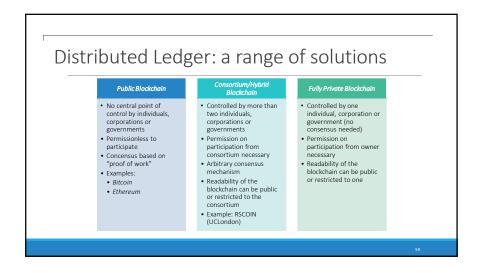
uncles get reward so no pools (orphans get no reward)

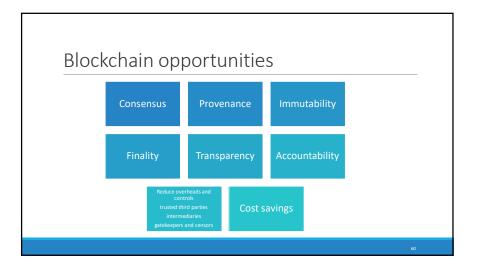
proof-of-work may evolve to proof of stake (no plans)

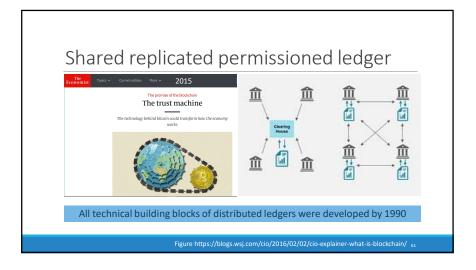
1 ETH = 10<sup>18</sup> wei (1 BTC = 10<sup>8</sup> satoshi)

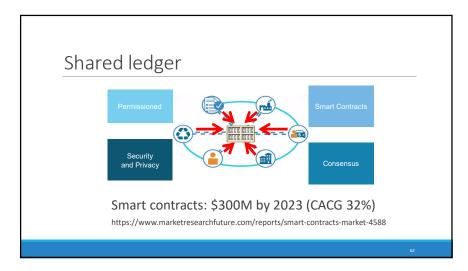












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Blockchain challenges

Scalability
Consensus mechanisms
Transparency versus privacy

Governance of decentralization
Key management
Cryptography: agility & post-quantum

Interoperability
Regulation
Business cases

Blockchain challenges: scalability

Throughput
Latency
Storage per node



Blockchain challenges: scalability

5 billion users 1000 transactions/year

1000 transactions/year transaction size: 1 Kbyte

31.5 million transactions/device per year transaction size: 1 Kbyte

storage: 5.10<sup>15</sup> byte/year = 5 Petabyte/year

storage: 10<sup>21</sup> bytes = 1 Zettabyte/year communications: 256 10<sup>12</sup> bit/s

= 256 Terabit/s

32 billion IoT devices

Bitcoin: 1 Mbyte/10 min = 1.7 Kbyte/s = 14 Kbit/s

Cisco (2022 forecast): 587 Exabyte mobile traffic per year = 149 Terabit/s (82% is video!)

# Blockchain challenges: scalability

## solutions

separate applications
sharding – changes trust assumptions
trusted verification – e.g. Simplified Payment Verification

payment channels – e.g. Lightning network

Blockchain challenges: consensus mechanism

Proof of Work (PoW):

- high energy consumption
- dilemma: concentration (ASICs) or malware (memory hard functions)



Proof of Stake (PoS): Algorand, Orobouros Praos, Ethereum Casper, Peercoin, Nxt, BlackCoin

Proof of Elapsed Time (PoET): Intel Sawtooth Lake

Consortium with simple voting or Byzantine Fault Tolerance

- o central party to appoint members
- or prior agreement on members

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# Blockchain challenges: transparency versus privacy

Full transparency for verifiability

Privacy required for finance, e-health, strategic business processes

Fully encrypted processing too expensive: Hawk on Ethereum

Partial privacy for cryptocurrencies is feasible

Privacy for transaction logging: Opacity

Restricted access in permissioned ledgers

Adding privacy

Monero: \$ 1132 M

Dash: \$ 1032 M

Zcash: \$ 375 M

Verge: \$ 108 M

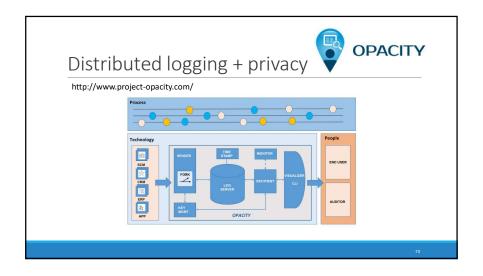
Zcoin (!): \$ 49 M

PIVX: \$ 35 M

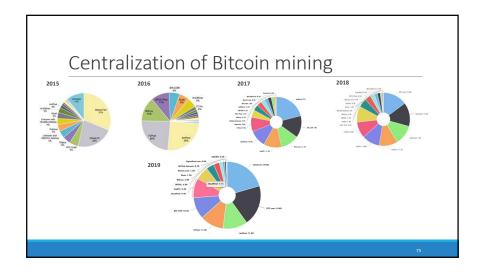
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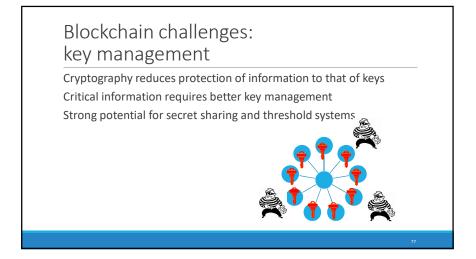
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# Blockchain challenges: governance of decentralized systems IT systems tend to evolve toward monopolies or oligopolies even open source projects have their "benevolent dictators" Decentralization is response to mass surveillance and abuses Decentralization at multiple levels transaction approval governance (meta-decisions) – today often centralized Which decisions to (de-)centralize Separation of powers Accountability Can we learn from centuries of political science?







# Blockchain challenges: cryptography crypto agility

Most blockchains have fixed crypto algorithms Update requires hard fork

# Exceptions

- Crypto in smart contracts
- Hyperledger Fabric: plug-in consensus mechanism

Do you need a blockchain?

[Greenspan 2016][Wüst-Gervais 2017]

Store yes Multiple yes Trusted party?

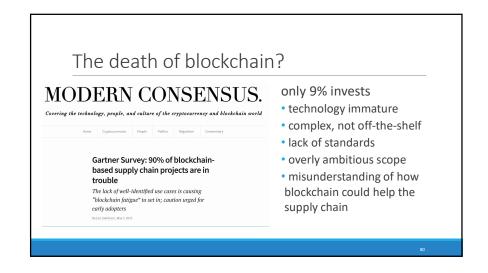
Need public verifiability?

Private Permissioned blockchain

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Interactions between transactions relevant



# Conclusion: blockchain

Exciting new technology for distributed consensus

omost components are 25 years old

Majority of applications only use the old components But still strong interest in re-engineering business models

Novel ways to deploy crypto to achieve resilience, security and privacy

# Pointers

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http://www.blockchain.com

http://www.vnbitcoin.org/bitcoincalculator.php

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http://www.coindesk.com/

Nathaniel Popper, Digital Gold, Harper, 2015

### Advanced

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