

# Blockchain for Cyberphysical Systems: Applications, Opportunities and Challenges



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#### **Tutorial Outline**

- Introduction (Raja)
- Blockchain and the Internet of Things (Raja)
- Blockchain in Supply Chains (Salil)
- Blockchain in Connected Vehicles (Salil)
- Blockchain in Energy Trading (Ali)
- Open Issues, Conclusions (Ali)



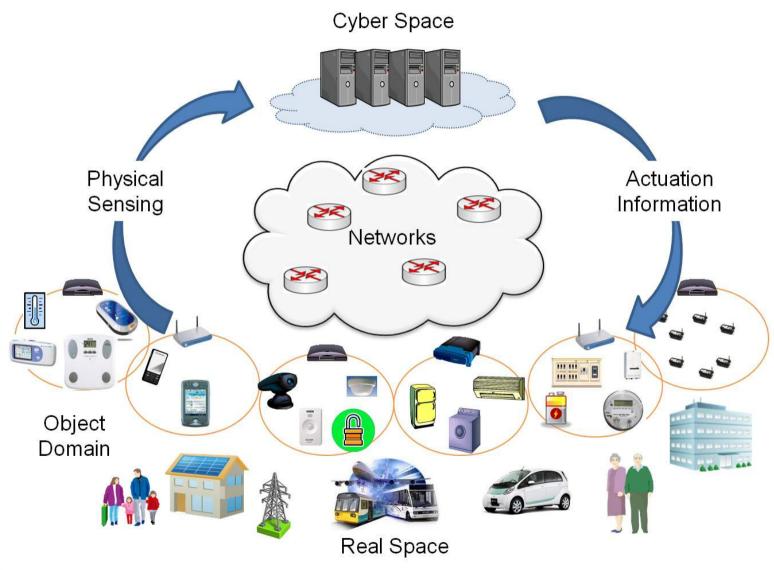






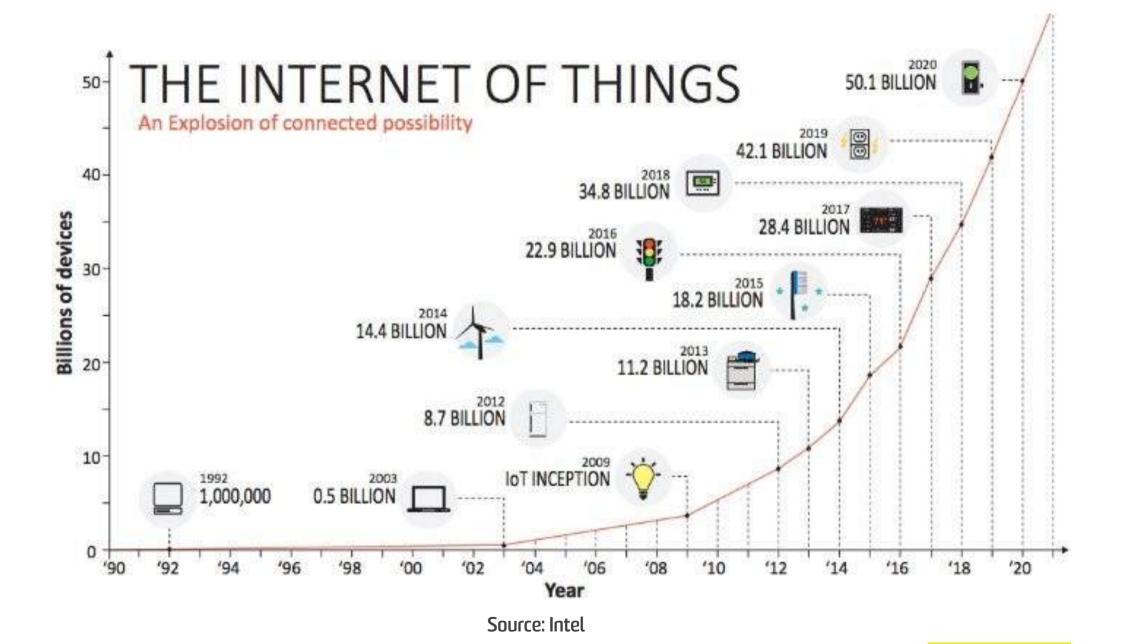


# Cyberphysical = tight conjoining of and coordination between computation and physical resources

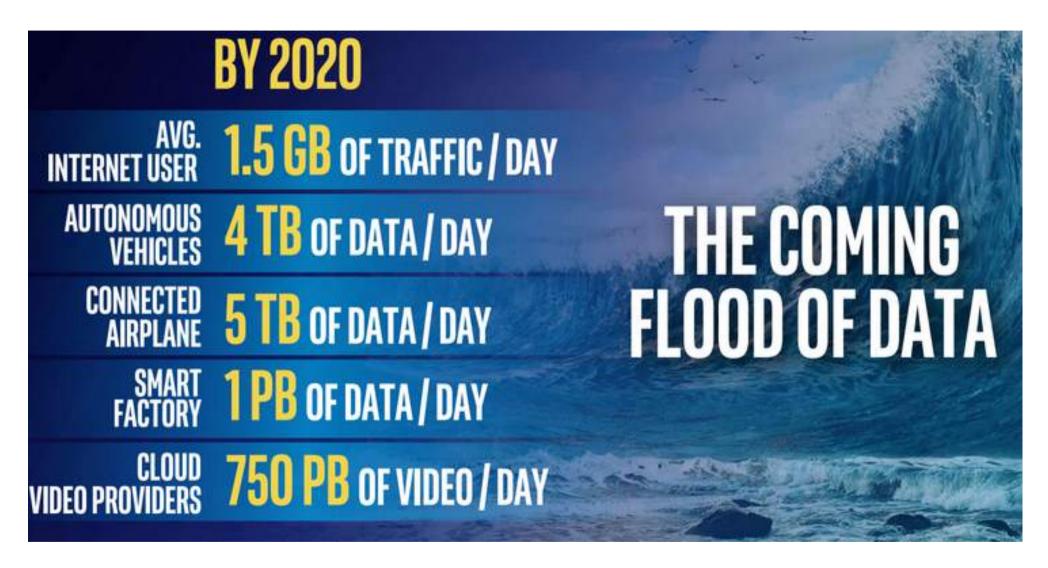








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Source: Intel





# **Current IoT Ecosystems**

#### 3 Tiers:

- Low-power IoT devices
- Gateway
- Cloud







#### Centralization does not scale



Centralised brokered communication models based on the client-server paradigm

All devices are identified, authenticated and connected through cloud servers

Often, two IoT devices sitting next to each other will communicate through the Internet





# Security and privacy is a significant challenge



Source: Hackread





The DDoS Attack On Dyn DNS Was Carried Out Using Mirai Malware Botnet — Mirai Is A DDoS Nightmare Turning Internet Of Things (IoT) Into A Botnet Of Things.

Yesterday's DDoS attack on Dyn's DNS was like an earthquake that was felt worldwide when the top and most visited sites on the Internet went offline for hours. Although it is unclear who was behind this attack the security researchers are linking the Mirai DDoS botnet malware to this attack.

If you don't know what Mirai is then let us tell you. It is the same botnet that was behind the DDoS attacks on Krebs on security blog and the OVH hosting website a couple of weeks back. The attack on Krebs's website was 665 GBPS whilst OVH suffered Internet's largest ever DDoS attacks of 1 TBPS in which 145,000 hacked webcams were used.

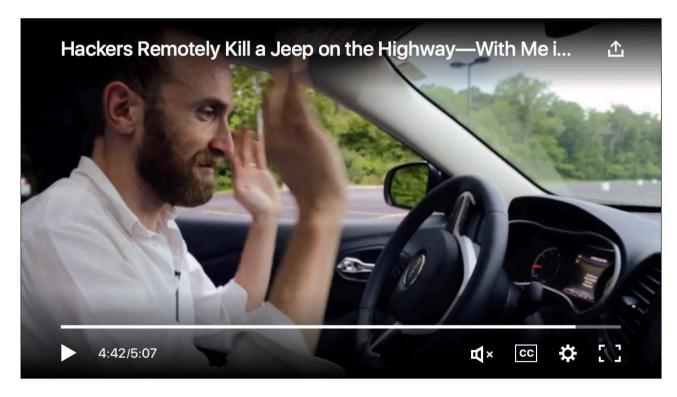
Mirai uses Internet of Things (IoT) devices like routers, digital video records (DVRs), and webcams/security cameras, enslaving vast numbers of these devices into a botnet, which is then used to conduct DDoS attacks.

Source: Hackread, Oct 2016





# HACKERS REMOTELY KILL A JEEP ON THE HIGHWAY—WITH ME IN IT



Source: Wired, July 2015





#### **Data Silos**



Isolated data silos

We have limited control over our data and how it is used

- We have to trust the cloud and application providers
- This problem will exacerbate as IoT devices collect highly personal data



# Facebook now says privacy scandal affected up to 87M

By Nicolas Vega

April 4, 2018 | 3:01pm | Updated



Mark Zuckerberg

Getty Images

Source: New York Post





# **Challenges facing CPS**



- Heterogeneity in device resources
- Multiple attack surfaces
- Scale
- Centralization
- Lack of control over how data is shared/used and lack of auditability
- Complex interactions of different OS/software stacks/hardware
- Poor implementation of security/privacy mechanisms
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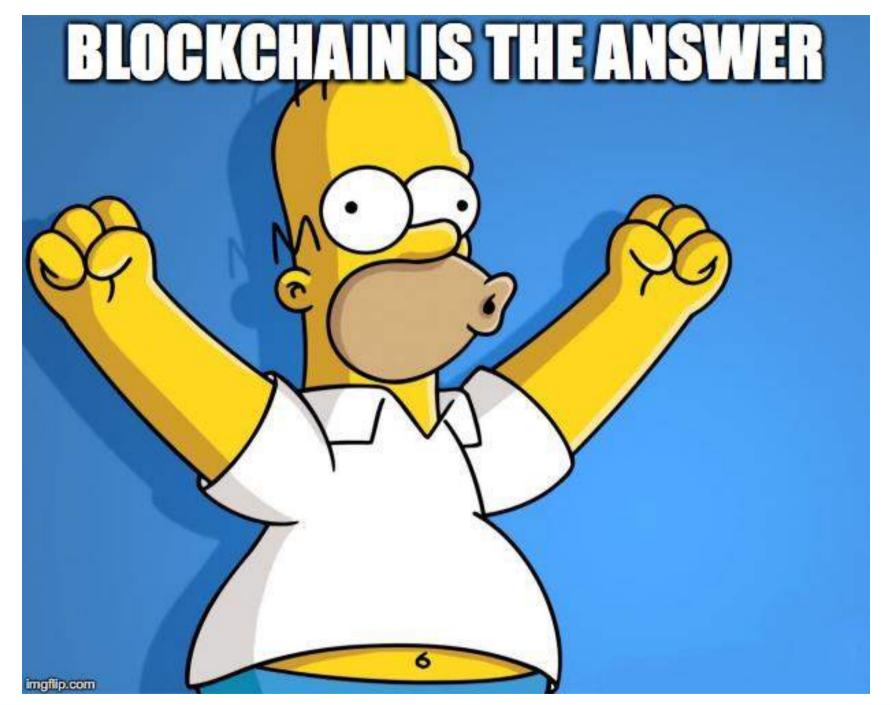










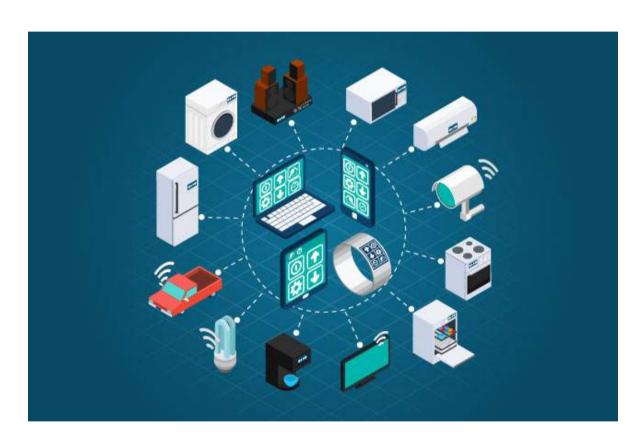








# **Internet of Things**







# **Motivating Example**











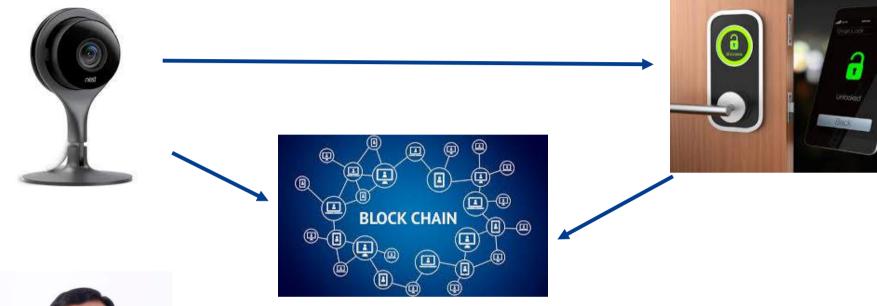






# **Motivating Example**











## Challenges of adopting blockchain in IoT



- Complex Consensus Algorithms
- Scale and associated overheads
- Latency
- Throughput
- Complex security mechanisms
   (e.g. for preventing double
   spending) may not be relevant
- Incentives







# Lightweight Scalable Blockchain (LSB) for IoT



Overlay network comprised of IoT devices, gateways, service provider servers, cloud storage

Nodes organised as clusters and cluster heads responsible for managing the distributed ledger



#### Number of optimizations to fit the IoT context

- Distributed time-based consensus
- Distributed trust
- Distributed throughput management



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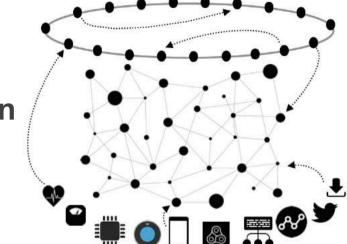




## Some fundamental concepts

Separation of transaction traffic and data flow

and the data/control plane



Data plane (DHT, Cloud)

Control plane (Blockchain)

IoT devices & Services

IoT device data is stored off-the-chain

- Cloud storage
- Local storage (where relevant)

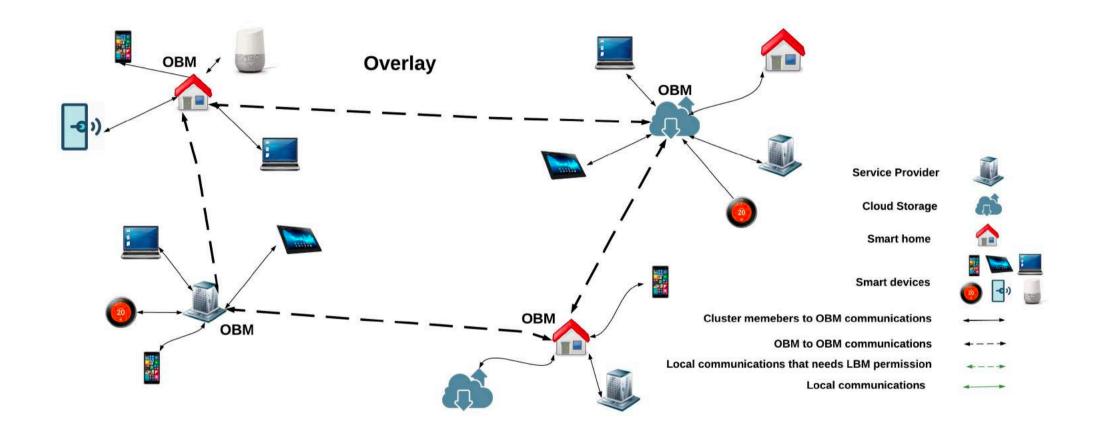
Overlay Block Manager (OBM): Entity responsible for managing the blockchain

- Generation, verification and storage of individual transactions and blocks of transactions
- Access control





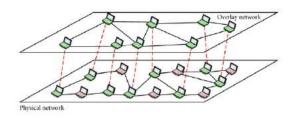
#### **LSB Overview**







# **Overlay**



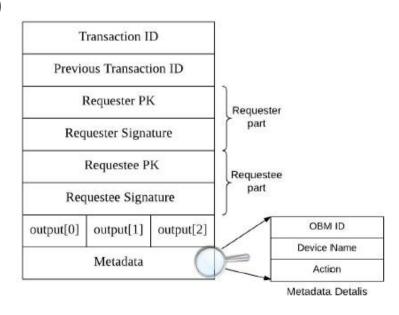
Each node is known by a public key (changeable for anonymity)

Nodes organised as clusters and each cluster elects a cluster head (CH) -> OBM

Transactions are digitally signed using cryptographic hash functions

- Single Signature Transactions
- Multiple Signature Transactions (m out of n)

Separate transaction ledger per node







# **Limiting Spam Accounts**



Genesis transaction created using one of the following approaches:

- Certificate Authorities: Leverages PKI. A CA ratifies the node's PK which is included in the genesis transaction.
- Burn coin in Bitcoin: A transaction created in the Bitcoin blockchain by destroying a specific amount of coin. The genesis transaction uses the same PK as the burn transaction.

OBMs verify validity in either approach





# **Transaction Vocabulary**

Genesis: starting point of the ledger

Store: used for storing data in the cloud storage

Access: to request access to stored data

Monitor: to enable real-time access to data from a device

Transaction flow is distinct from data flow

Transactions are broadcast to all OBMs while data is unicast along optimal routes





#### **Distributed Time-based Consensus**



Time-based block generation: One block per consensus-period

A random waiting time before block generation

A new block is broadcast to all other OBMs

Neighbours verify that one block is generated per consensusperiod

 Non-compliant blocks are dropped and trust associated with the responsible OBM is decreased





#### **Block Verification**



Verifying all transactions in a block is computationally demanding

A portion of the transactions are verified as the OBMs build up trust in one another

#### Distributed trust

 Direct evidence – if OBM Y has verified a block generated by OBM X

• Indirect evidence – If OBM Z (not Y) has verified the new block

generated by OBM X

Direct evidence	Number of previously validated blocks	10	20	30	40	50
	Needs to validate	80%	60%	40%	30%	20%
Indirect evidence	Percentage of OBMs signed the block	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
	Needs to validate	80%	75%	70%	60%	40%





# **Distributed Throughput Management**



Throughput = average number of transactions appended to the BC per second

Classical consensus algorithms limit the throughput (e.g., Bitcoin throughput is limited to 7 transactions per second)

Measures the utilization  $\alpha$  (ratio of # of transactions generated to the # of transactions appended) in each consensus period

Goal : 
$$\alpha_{min} \le \alpha \le \alpha_{max}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{N * R * Consensus - period}{T\_max * M}$$

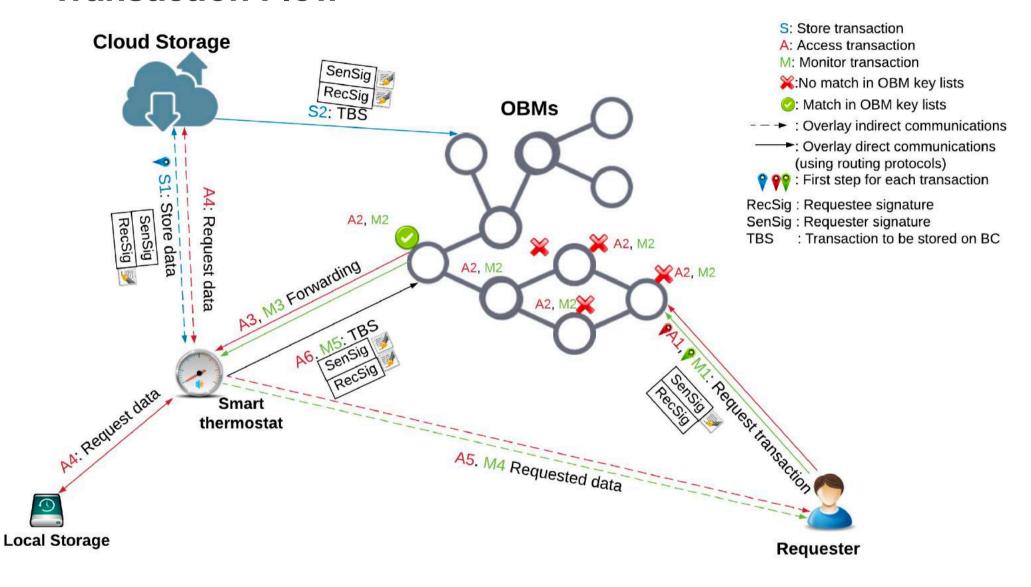
Tune two parameters to guarantee the above condition

- Consensus-period
- The number of OBMs (M)





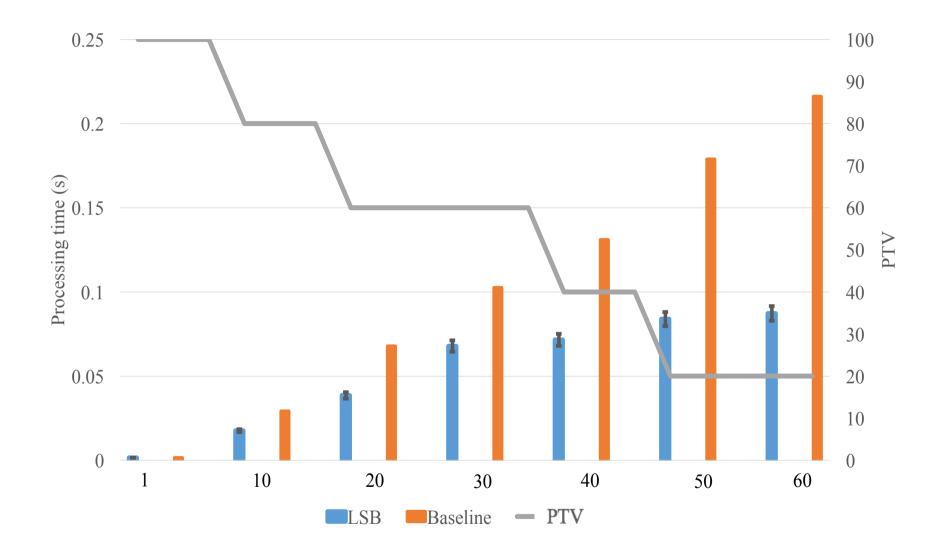
#### **Transaction Flow**







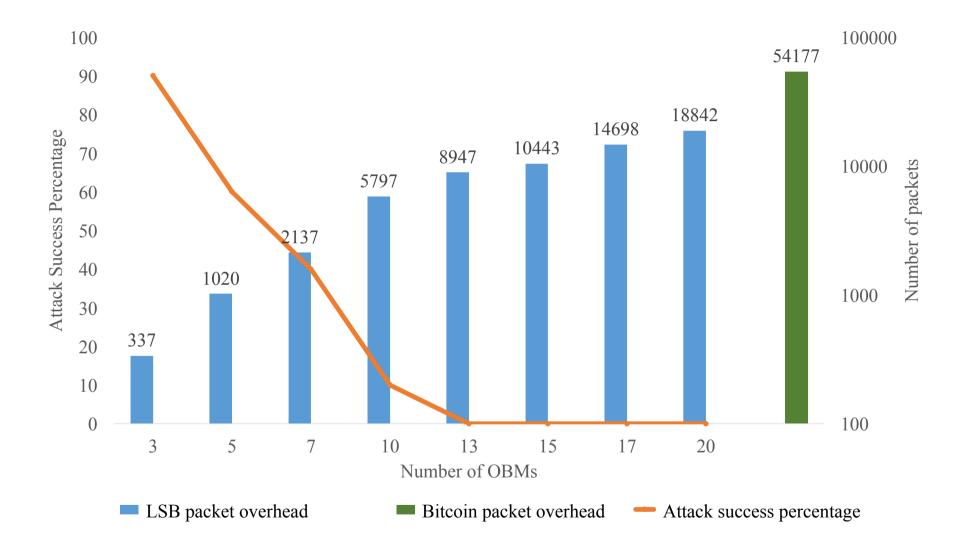
#### **Distributed Trust**







#### **Resilience to Attacks**









# A Blockchain without the Blocks and the Chain

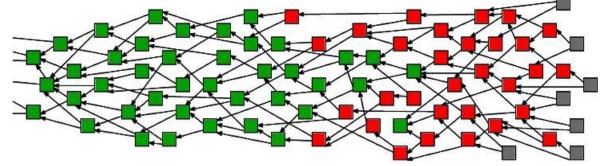




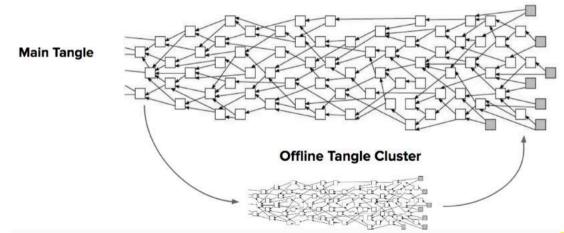




# **Tangle**

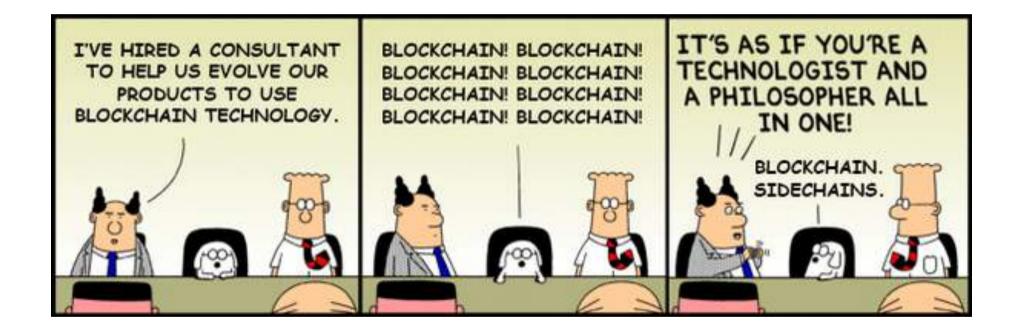


- All transactions bundled in a Directed Acyclic Graph (DAG)
- Each new transaction must approve two previous transactions
- PoW for preventing spam
- Flexibility in "confirming" transactions
- No transaction fees
- Support for offline transactions (partitioning)













# Immutability: The good ....

Blockchain immutability ensures

- Security as blockchain is tamper-resistant
- Auditability as all transaction are recorded permanently
- Double spending protection as the spent transaction cannot be denied (or removed)

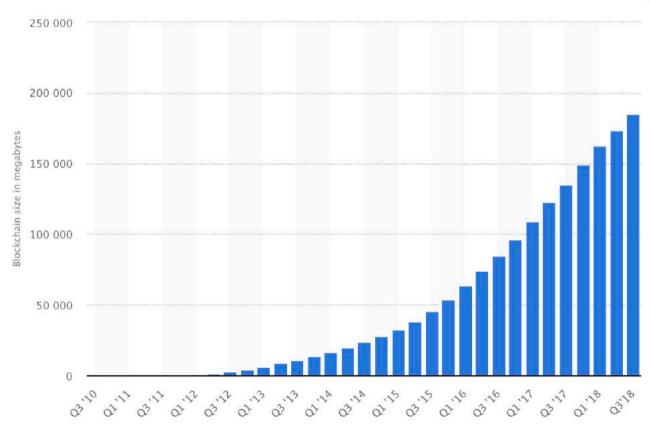






## ...the bad...





Bitcoin blockchain size grows significantly





# ... the really bad...

## Persistent data and privacy risks

- All transactions of an IoT user is stored in the blockchain
- The transactions contain the pattern of communications of IoT devices
- Attackers may deanonymize the user by classifying his transactions in blockchain
- If the key of a user is revealed, all the history of his actions as well as devices communications will be revealed









NEWS BLOCKCHAIN TECH

### GDPR Vs. Blockchain – Technology Against The Law

How Does 'The Right To Be Forgotten' Exist Alongside An Immutable Ledger?





## ... and the ugly

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Fact Check

BREAKING NEWS Emergency services say several evacuation routes have been cut off by the Deepwater bushfires in central Queensland and that residents will have to be ferried across a creek by boat. Read more...



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## Bitcoin's blockchain contains child abuse images, meaning the cryptocurrency's possession could be 'illegal'

Updated 23 Jul 2018, 9:34pm



#### CRYPTOCURRENCIES



'Lust for wealth': Why we buy cryptocurrency despite the risks



Will those who've made cryptocurrency profits pay their tax?







## Requirements for IoT Applications



- Blockchain transactions may be linked to data in cloud storage
- Diverse storage requirements in IoT applications
  - Temporary storing
  - Summarizing transactions
  - Aging data
  - Permanently storing





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A new framework gives you full administrative control of your blockchain-stored data. Shutterstock













There's been a lot of hype about blockchain over the past year. Although best known as the technology that underpins Bitcoin, blockchain is starting to disrupt other industries, from supply chains to energy trading.

One of the key selling points of blockchain is that once data is added to the chain, it can't be changed or removed. This makes blockchain trustworthy.

But this same immutability makes blockchain problematic in a world where privacy laws require companies to delete your data from databases once it has served its purpose. This is

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## Memory Optimized and Flexible BlockChain (MOF-BC)

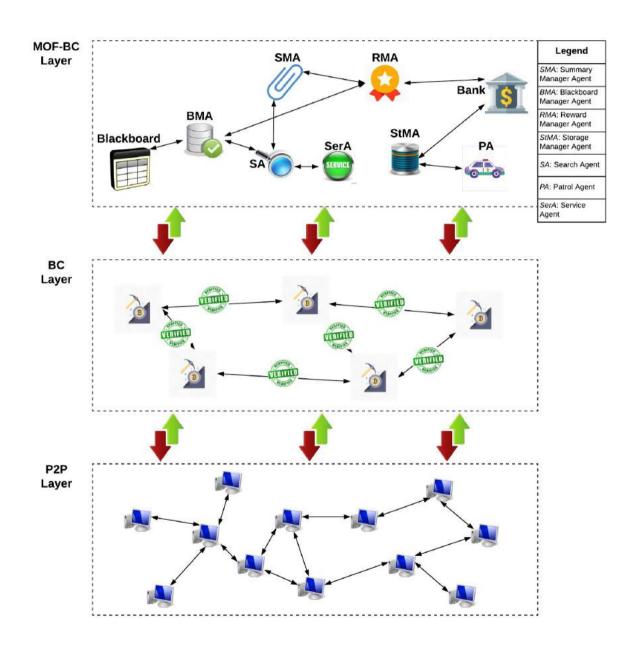
- Removable blockchain compatible with all existing blockchain instantiations
- User to exercise the right to be forgotten while maintaining blockchain consistency
- Reduces blockchain storage requirements and management costs
- Maintains a level of auditability even if transactions are removed

A. Dorri, S.S. Kanhere, R. Jurdak, A Memory Optimized and Flexible BlockChain for Large Scale Networks, Future Generation Computer Systems, Volume 92, Pages 357-373, March 2019.





## **MOF-BC Architecture**



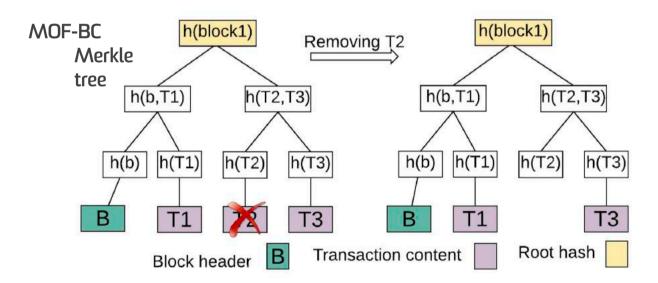




## MOF-BC: Keeping transaction hashes consistent

To keep blockchain consistency maintain the hash of a transaction and remove its content.

$$Block_{ID} = H(T_1||T_2||...||T_k||block.header) \qquad \qquad Block_{ID} = H(T_1||T_1||T_2||...||T_1||H(block.header))$$
 Conventional BCs 
$$\qquad \qquad \text{MOF-BC}$$







## **MOF-BC: Memory Optimization Modes 1/2**

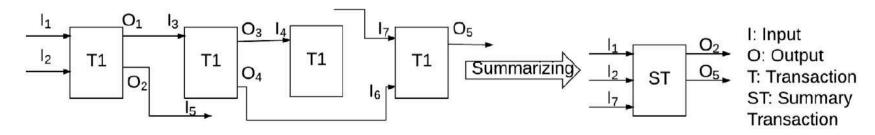
- Temporary
  - A transaction is stored for a specific period of time



- Summarizable
  - Multiple transactions are summarized in one transaction
  - The summarized transaction contains the root hash of the Merkle tree built using the hash of summarizing transactions



Inputs are summarized as below:







## **MOF-BC: Memory Optimization Modes 2/2**

## Aging

The data stored in the cloud can be optimized



- The corresponding original transaction is redirected to a new transaction
- A blockboard maintains the ID of the redirections

### Permanent

 A transaction is stored in blockchain for ever (similar to existing blockchains)







## **MOF-BC: Incentives**



### Introduces storage fee:

- Storage fee is based on size of transaction
- Each node that stores blockchain is paid depending on the storage space allocated to the blockchain

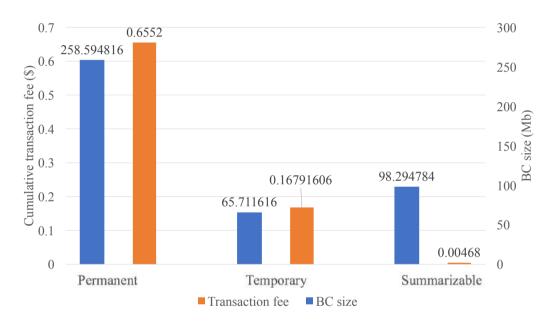
$$Share_{X} = Storage_{X} * \frac{Fee}{Store_{All}} * \frac{Time_{X}}{PaymentPeriod}$$

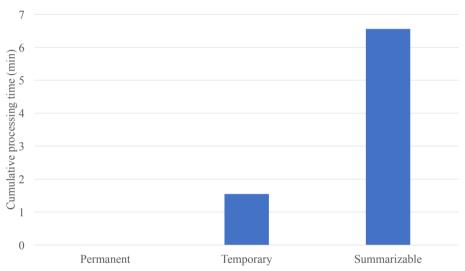
Motivates users to remove their transactions by offering rewards

Introduces batch removal of transactions (cleaning period) to reduce the processing time overhead on nodes



## **Performance Evaluation**





Cost vs. Storage

**Processing** 





## **Performance Evaluation**



**Table 5**The saved and incurred cost by MOF-BC (\$).

	Temporary	Summarizable
Saved cost	0.48728394	0.65052
Incurred cost	0.000374948	0.001586572
Benefit/Cost ratio	1300	410







## **SUPPLY CHAINS**















# Salmonella outbreak linked to Mexican papaya sickens more than 100 in US

Consumers warned to avoid maradol papayas from Mexico after victims fall sick in 16 states from eating fruit traced to farm in the Yucatan peninsula



▲ The US Centers for Doyage Control and Prevention is currently recommending consumers avoid mandrid paperys from Mexico. Photograph: Alamy

More than 100 people have contracted salmonella after eating papaya traced to a farm in southern Mexico, according to US public health officials.

The 106 victims of the outbreak have fallen sick in 16 states and 35 cases were serious enough to require hospitalization, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said on its web page dedicated to the outbreak. One person in New York City has died.

Papaya traced to the Carica de Campeche farm in Campeche, Mexico, appears to be the likely source, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) said. The farm is located on the Gulf of Mexico side of the Yucatan Peninsula.





#### WorldViews

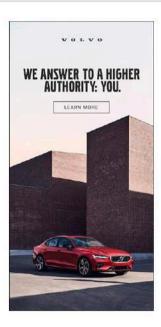
# Australia searches for culprit hiding sewing needles in strawberries



Fresh ripe strawberries in boxes for sale at a market. (IStock)

#### By Slobhán O'Grady September 17

It's a crime so strange that any motive seems nearly inconceivable: In Australia, someone is placing sewing needles inside strawberries — endangering those who eat them and sending panic across strawberry markets as prices plummet and government officials scramble to find a culprit.







## **Food Safety**

#### **Food Borne Infections**

- Salmonella Outbreak 2017
- 235 people fell sick across 26 states
- linked to imported Maradol papayas
  - took two months to identify the source of contamination

#### **Food Fraud**

- substitution, tampering, misrepresentation
- Ex. 2013 UK horse meat scandal, 2008 China milk scandal

### **Illegal Production**

~10-22% of total global fisheries production is unreported/unregulated

#### Food Recall/Loss

Average cost of recall to company: \$10 million





Origin
Quality
Handling







## **Supply Chains**



 A system of organizations, people activities, involved in the distribution of raw material or finished goods

- Food
- Pharmaceutical
- Aerospace and Defense
- State-of-the-art traceability systems
  - Organisational silos
  - Centralized
  - Prone to mishandling, counterfeiting
  - Consumer access to data often not available or incomplete

Honest Product Story: Necessitates data collection from these repositories and to ensure integrity of data







Retailer

## How can a blockchain help?



- Origin of raw materials can be recorded
- Physical handover of items along the FSC can be tracked
- IoT sensor data streams can be integrated





- Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HAACP) verification can be achieved
- Customers can access product story
- Speed up investigation of sickness outbreaks





## Challenges

### Type of Blockchain

 public blockchain – not suitable for business processes and complexities of supply chain

## **Defining Permissions**

Access on the ledger

## **Scalability of Blockchain**

Scalable network architecture

## **Consumer Access to traceability information**

Consumer access to public information

What is needed?

A holistic framework that addresses the above





## Challenges

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## **Defining Permissions**

Access on the ledger

Consortium: FSC participants, Governing Bodies
Defining Access Controls

## Scalability of Blockchain

Scalable network architecture

Network Architecture: Sharded

## **Consumer Access to traceability information**

Consumer access to public in

On shelf access through customized BC explorers





### **Contributions**

- Permissioned blockchain architecture
- Consortium Model to govern permissions to the ledger
- Transaction Vocabulary
  - Improved writing accessibility to the ledger
  - Each Food Supply Chain (FSC) participant has a welldefined role
- Scalable Network Architecture
  - Use Sharding
- Access Control List
  - Hide trade flows, limit read/write access to ledger
- S. Malik, S. S. Kanhere and R. Jurdak, "ProductChain: Scalable Blockchain Framework to Support Provenance in Supply Chains" in Proceedings of the IEEE Symposium on Network Computing and Applications (IEEE NCA), Boston, November 2018.



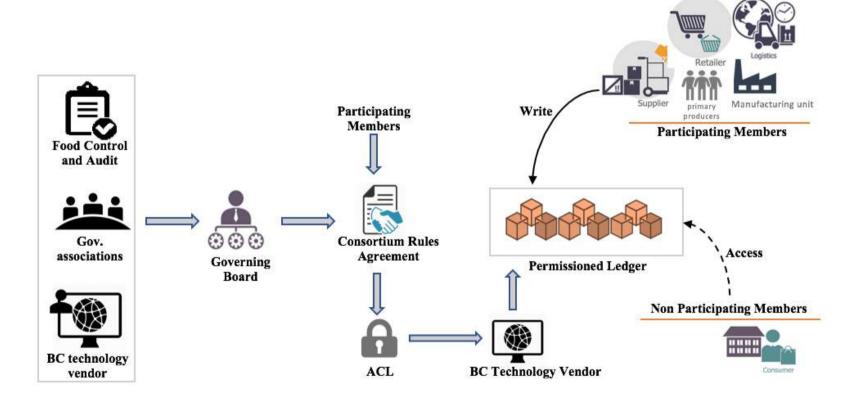


## Consortium

No Single FSC participant dominates

Access Rules

Regulatory and Government associations such as FSANZ, ACCC







## Permissioned Network based on Sharding

Permissioned blockchain -scales to only a few hundred nodes

**Sharding** - a single blockchain by interconnecting multiple independent side chains.

#### A Side Chain

Operational area of FSC in single geographical area

#### **Permissioned Access**

A local private blockchain for a side chain

'Write' operations from FSC participants

#### **Public Access**

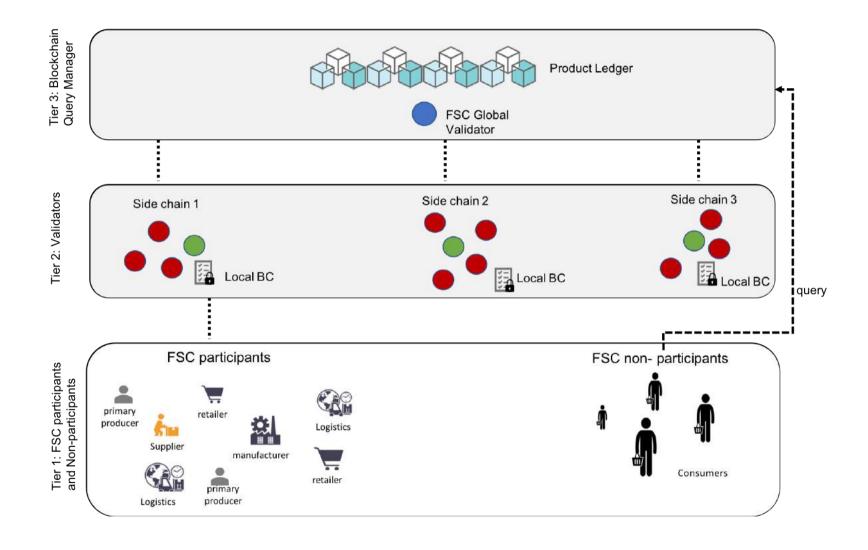
A global blockchain – stores local ledger from each side chain

Serves as Query manager for restricted read access





## **Network Architecture**







## **Transaction Vocabulary**

Create Transaction, {Tx}<sub>c</sub>:

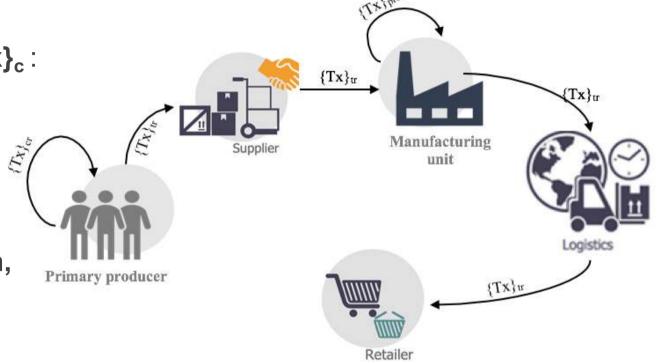
uni-sig

**Transfer Transaction,** 

 $\{Tx\}_{tr}$ : multi-sig

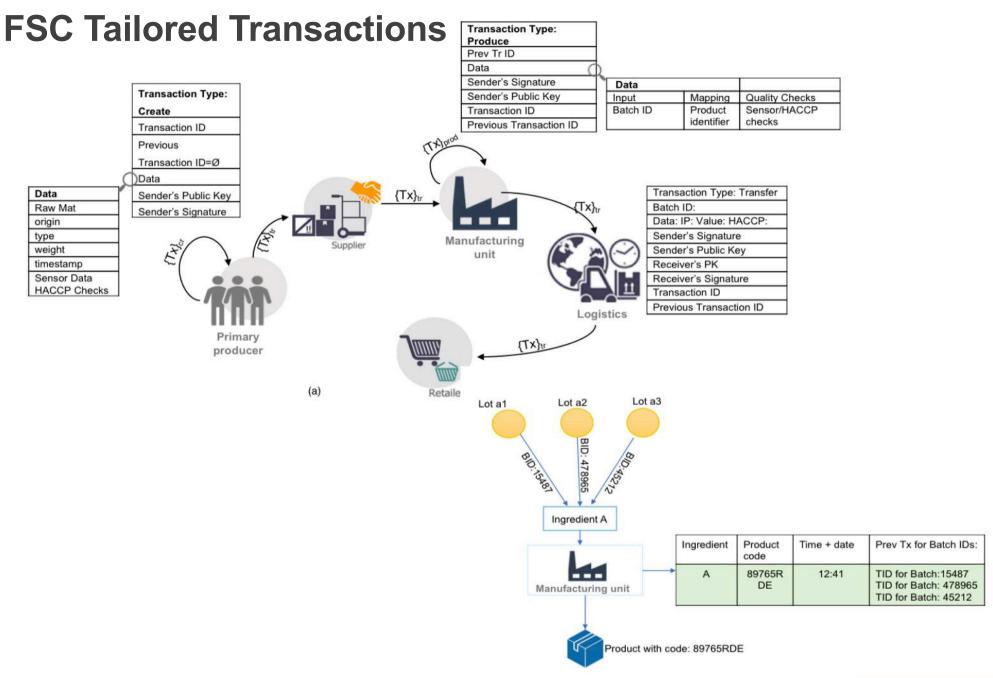
**Production Transaction,** 

 $\{Tx\}_p$ : uni-sig





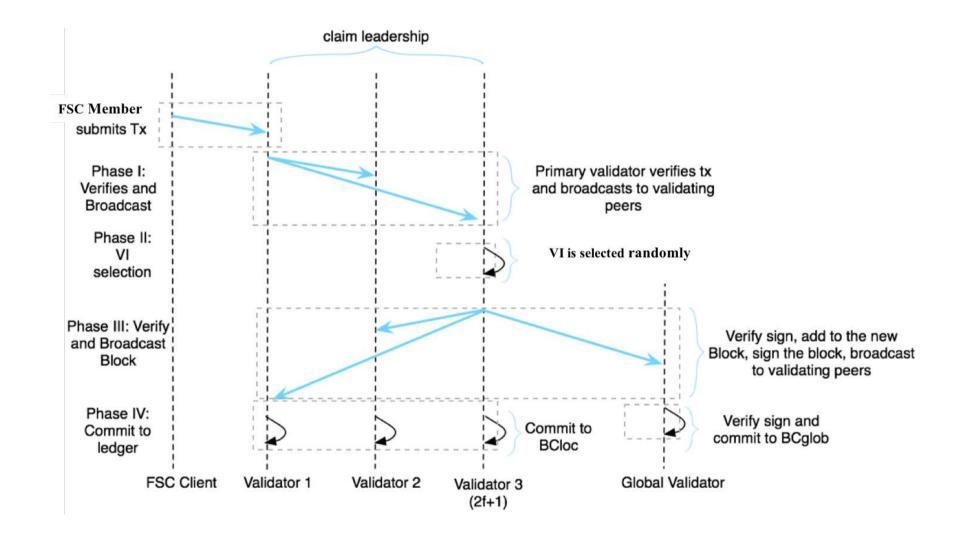








### Consensus







## **Access Control**

		Resources				
		Transaction Type	Global ledger at BCglob	Local Ledger	Modify Access Rights	
Members	Non- Participating	Create	x	x	x	
		Transfer	x	x	x	
		produce	x	x	X	
	Participating	Create	x	1	X	
		Transfer	x	✓	x	
		produce	x	1	X	
	Governance Board	Create	х	x	✓ By majority vote	
		Transfer	х	x	✓ By majority vote	
		produce	х	x	✓ By majority vote	
	Validators	Create	✓	✓	x	
		Transfer	✓	✓	х	
		produce	✓	✓	x	





## **Security Analysis**

Attack	Description	Primary Targets	Attack Likeli- hood	Adverse Effects	Possible Countermeasures
Double Transfer	a dishonest FSC participant broadcasts the same Tx for multiple asset transfers	buyers	unlikely	A buyer signs $TX_{tr}$ for which physical asset does not exist	Every Tx is coupled with physical trade of goods, ensuring no double trade
DOS/DDOS Attack	attacker floods the validator node with in- valid TXs	validators	unlikely	deny services to honest users	TX is only relayed if it is from a valid participant and thresholding methods are used to limit TXs
Wallet theft	stealing or destroying private keys of FSC participants	participants	unlikely	FSC participant loses keys	Security support from CA, also adversary cannot issue TXs in absence of physical asset.
Sniffing Attack	Attacker seeks to analyze the transaction traffic generated by a participant to obtain insights about their trades	participants	likely	trade frequency exposed to po- tential competitor	TOR integration to conceal user IDs and encryption of data field in Txs
Sybil Attack	an attacker creates multiple identities of participants to take control of system	BC network	not applicable	DOS attacks ans users' privacy	permissioned access to only pre-registered partici- pants
ID Spoofing	an attacker impersonates as a legitimate participant by replicating a public key	participants	unlikely	trade on behalf of participant	Tx will require signatures(private key) hence Tx would not be considered valid.
51% Attack	an adversary controls more than 51% of the validators	BC network	not applicable	generate fake blocks, delay block validation	we assume BTV deploys a trusted network resilient to insider attacks and uses state of the art IDPS.
Spamming Attack	spamming queries with fake TID	BC explorer	likely	launch DOS attacks	security metrics for web APIs such as CAPTCHA





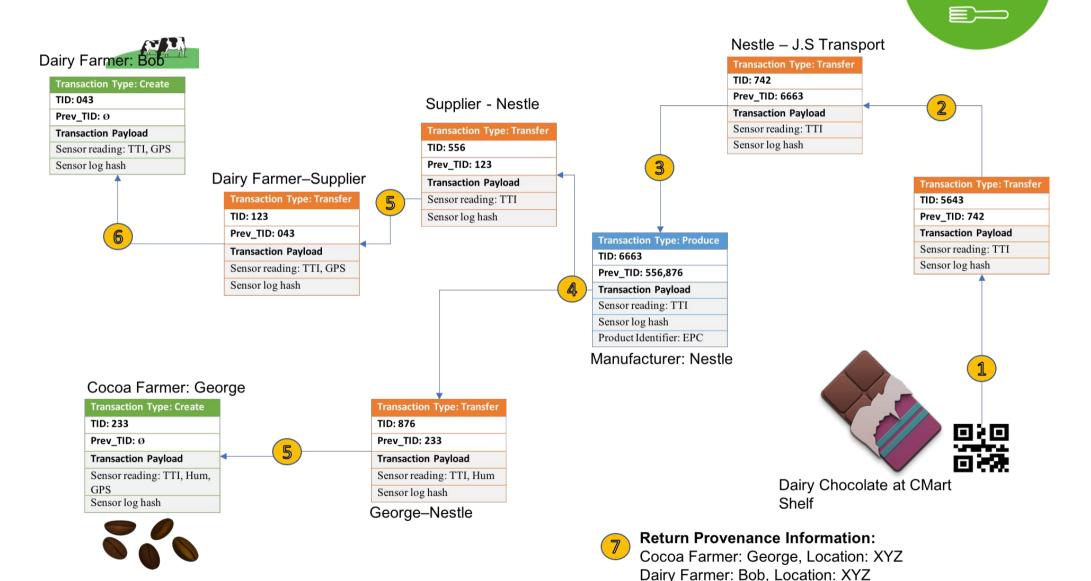
## **Experimental Setup**

- Designed and Implemented a permissioned blockchain
  - Programming Language and Tools
    - Python, SQLlite, CORE
    - Python PyCrypto cryptographic library
  - Network
    - Client-Server
  - Evaluation Parameters
    - Querying Provenance
    - Validation time
    - Query time





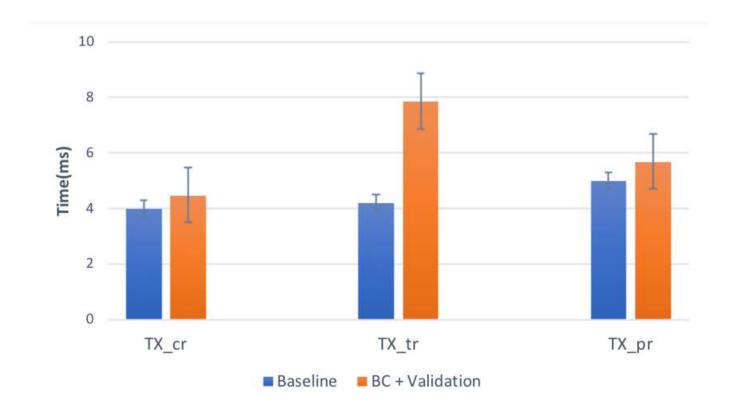
## **Querying Provenance**







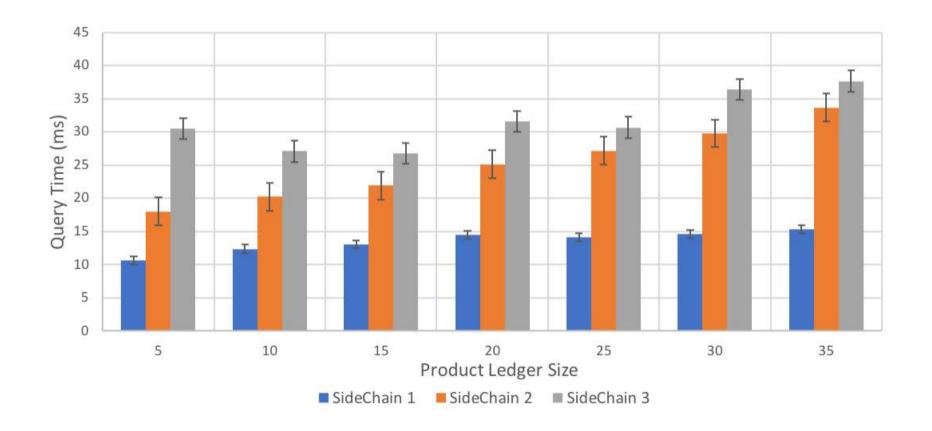
# **Results: Transaction Validation Time**







# **Results: Query Time**







#### Trust?



How do we trust data written into the blockchain?

Hashed data on the blockchain represents physical observations of physical events

Need for a trust management system with the following requirements

- Multi-faceted assessment of trustworthiness of logged data which incorporates inputs from IoT sensors, feedback provided by supply chain entities, physical audits, etc.
- Flexibility for ascribing trust to the supply chain entities and commodities and also at different granularities
- Automation of various processes reputation computation, rewards, penalties
- Minimal overheads





#### **TrustChain**

BC-based reputation/trust framework

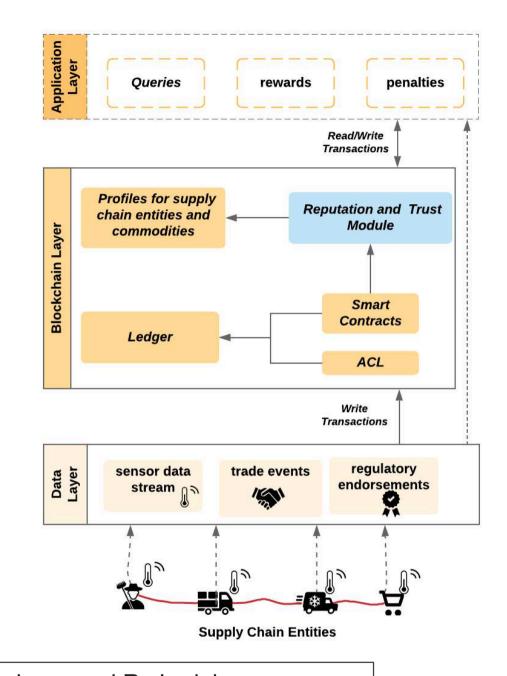
Flexible and granular

Smart contracts for automation

Accountability mechanisms

Hyperledger Fabric Implementation

Minimal overheads





S. Malik, V. Dedegoulu, S. S. Kanhere, and R. Jurdak, "TrustChain: Trust Management in Blockchain and IoT supported Supply Chains", under review.



# **Data Layer: Transactions**

#### **Data Observations**

Sensors: Continuous temperature monitoring

$$TX_{sens} = [CID|H_{data}|Sig_{device}]$$

· Regulatory bodies: Physical inspection of the storage facility

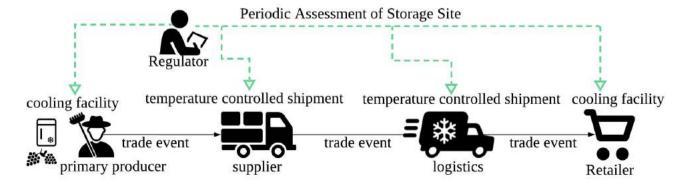
$$TX_{Reg} = [ID_s|H_{data}|C_{type}]$$

Traders: Satisfaction of trade with each other

$$TX_{cr} = [CID|H_{data}|ID_o|ID_{contract}|Sig_o|PU_o]$$

$$TX_{tr} = [CID|H_{data}|ID_b|Sig_s|PU_s|Sig_b|PU_b]$$

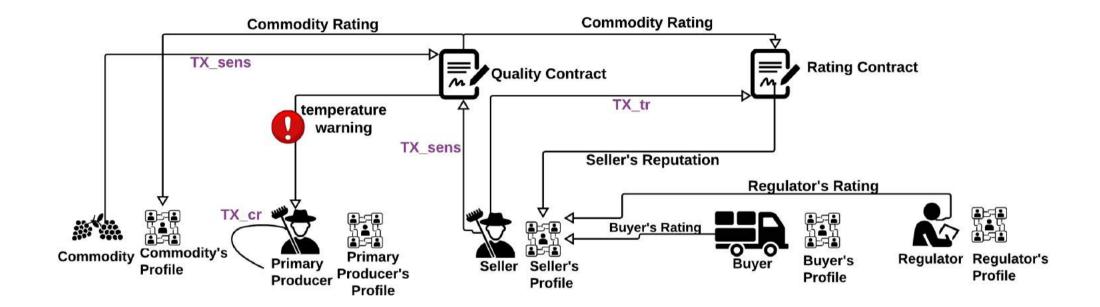
$$TX_{rec} = [CID|Sig_r|PU_r]$$







# **BC Layer: Smart Contracts**







# **BC Layer: Reputation and Trust Module**

Commodity's Reputation

$$Rep_{sens} = [Rep_{sens}(t_0), Rep_{sens}(t_1), ...., Rep_{sens}(t_{n-1})]$$

Seller's Reputation

$$Rep_{seller} = w_1 \times Rep_{sens}(t) + w_2 \times Rep_{trader}(t) + w_3 \times Rep_{reg}(t)$$
$$R(t_n) = \sum_{t=t_0}^{t=t_n} Rep_{seller}(t) \times \beta(t_n - t)$$

Seller's Trust

$$T_{trader}(t_n) = \alpha_0 R(t_n) + \alpha_1 f_1 + \alpha_2 f_2 + \dots + \alpha_N f_N$$

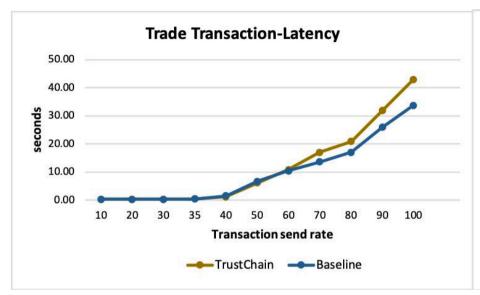
TRUST FEATURE AND FEATURE SCORE

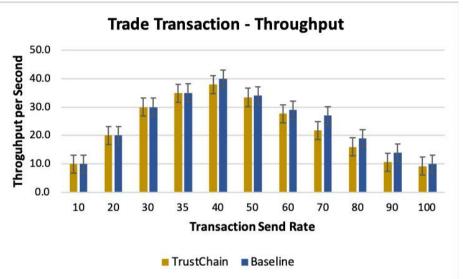
Number of Successful Transactions	Feature Score $(f_1)$
0	-1
1-3	0.5
4-6	1.5
>= 6	2

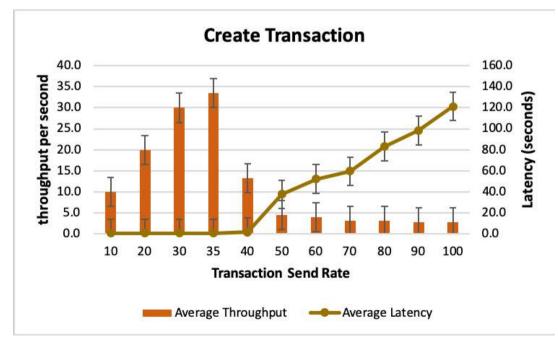




#### Results













# **CONNECTED VEHICLES**

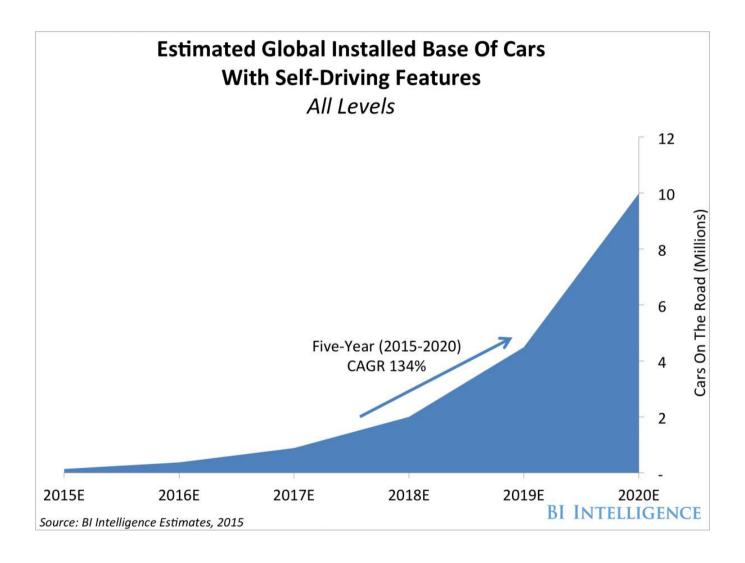






# Connected and Automated Vehicles (CAVs)



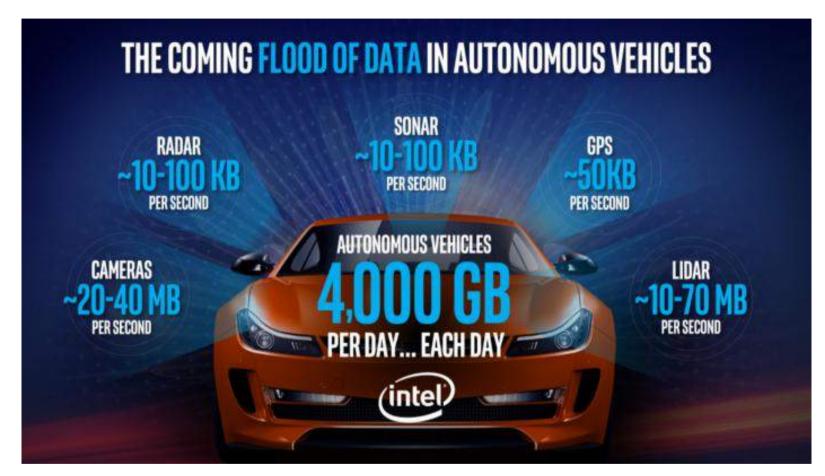






#### **Connected and Automated Vehicles**





Wide array of ECUs, sensors and connected technologies for better perception of the environment and facilitate independent decision making





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# HACKERS REMOTELY KILL A JEEP ON THE HIGHWAY—WITH ME IN IT





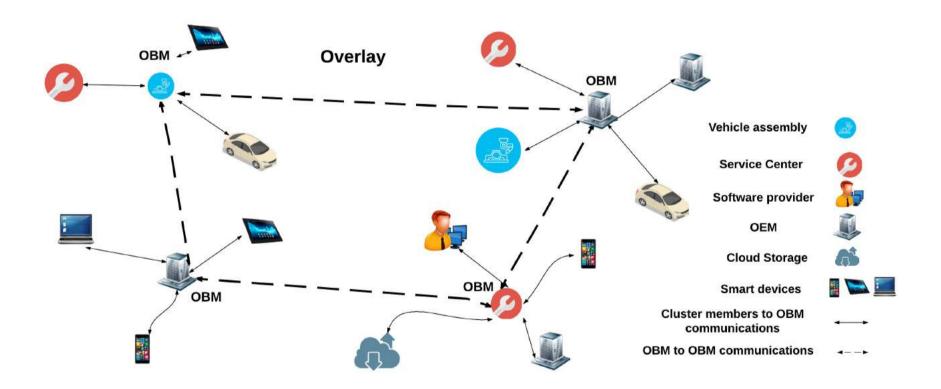








# **Blockchain for Automotive Security and Privacy**

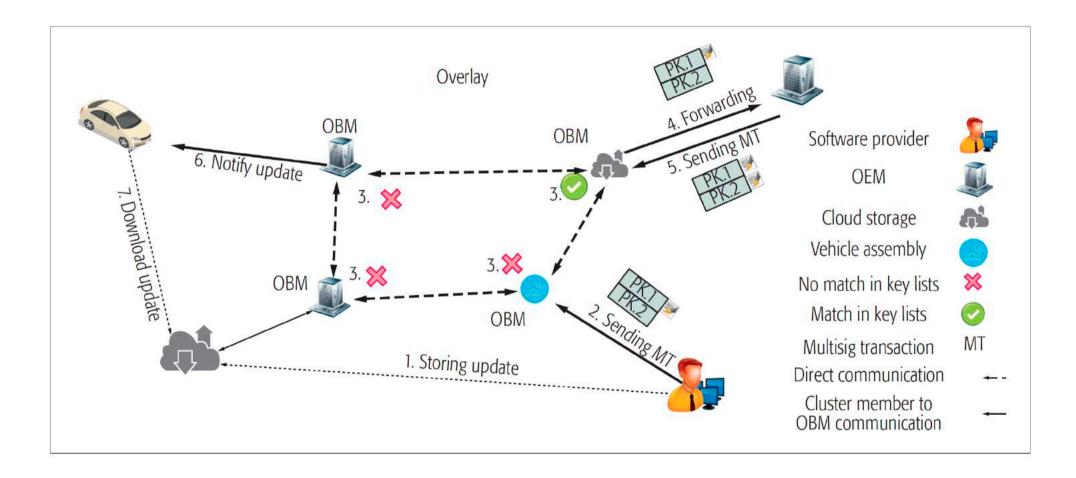


A. Dorri, M. Steger, S. Kanhere, and R. Jurdak, "BlockChain: A Distributed Solution to Automotive Security and Privacy", IEEE Communications Magazine, Volume 55, Issue 12, pages 119-125, December, 2017.





# **Wireless Remote Software Update**







#### Insurance



- Insurance company and the user share a key pair when signing contract
- The user uses the key to share data with the insurance company
- The privacy-sensitive data of the user is stored in an in-vehicle storage and only the hash of the data is stored periodically in blockchain
- Once requested the user can share data and insurance company can ensure integrity of the data by comparing the hash





# **Blockchain for Automotive Security and Privacy**

Application	Conventional methods	Advantages introduced by BC
WRSU	<ul> <li>Centralized – not scalable</li> <li>Partial participation: not addressing the full chain starting from a SP all the way to a service center</li> <li>Lack of privacy: a direct link between the vehicle and OEM can compromise the driver's privacy (e.g., driver behavior or location)</li> <li>Only an OEM can verify communications or history of update downloads.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Distributed data exchange and security provides scalability</li> <li>End-to-end: involving SP, OEMs, vehicles, service centers, assembly lines, and so on</li> <li>Ensure privacy of the user (also for diagnostics)</li> <li>Update history as well as authenticity of the software can be publicly verified</li> </ul>
Insurance	<ul> <li>Current systems are often insecure, which endangers the vehicle's integrity [10]</li> <li>Users lack control over the exchanged data</li> <li>Privacy-sensitive data must be continuously sent to the insurance company for receiving services</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Secure, distributed, and privacy-preserving data exchange</li> <li>Users control the exchanged data</li> <li>Privacy-sensitive data is shared on demand (e.g., accident happened) instead of a continuous data exchange. Authenticity of data stored in the vehicle can be publicly confirmed</li> </ul>
Electric vehicles	<ul> <li>Central payment and accounting</li> <li>The location and behavior (e.g., using a specific charger on a specific day) of the user can be tracked.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Private and distributed security, payments, and accounting</li> <li>User data such as location information remain private</li> </ul>
Car-sharing services	Central payment and accounting     Users can be tracked by their identity     Central authorization	<ul> <li>Private and distributed security, payments, and accounting</li> <li>Users use changeable identities</li> <li>Distributed authorization</li> </ul>

Table 1. A summary of BC advantages compared to conventional methods employed for studied applications





# **Proof-of-Concept**

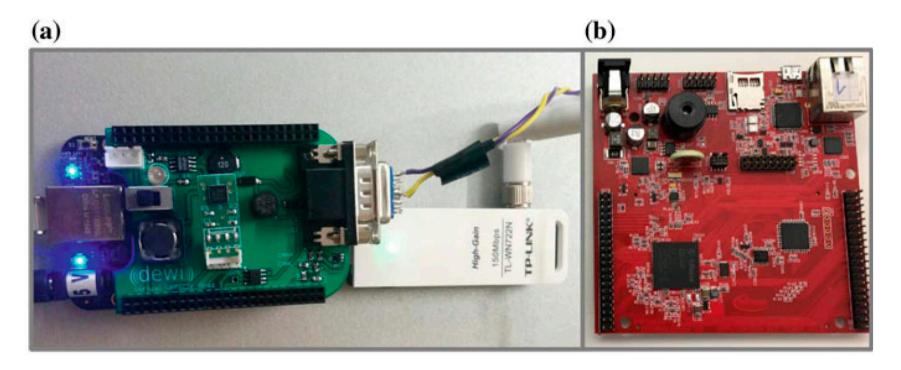
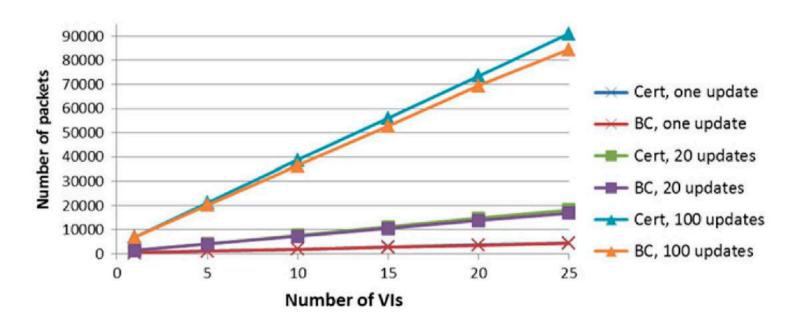


Fig. 4 a The WVI prototype based on a BeagleBone Black and our developed communication cape; b target ECU: Infineon AURIX ECU in the AURIX application kit TC277 TFT





### **Proof-of-Concept**



Evaluation of the number of packets based on the number of Vehicle Interfaces (VI)

M. Steger et al. "BlockChains securing Wireless Automotive Software Updates – A proof of concept," Lecture Notes in Mobility (AMAA 2017) Berlin Germany, pages 137-149, August 2017.





#### Uber halts self-driving car tests after death

① 20 March 2018















Uber said it is suspending self-driving car tests in all North American cities after a fatal accident.

A 49-year-old woman was hit by a car and killed as she crossed the street in Tempe, Arizona.

While self-driving cars have been involved in multiple accidents, it is thought to be the first time an autonomous car has been involved in a fatal collision.

Uber said that its "hearts go out to the victim's family".

Source: BBC





Source: The Conversation

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Autonomous vehicles are information-rich platforms thanks to the range of sensors on board that track, monitor and measure everything. Uber











The <u>news</u> that an Uber self-driving vehicle has killed a pedestrian in the US has made headlines around the world.

It's a reminder that the era of self-driving cars is fast approaching. Decades of research into advanced sensors, mapping, navigation and control methods have now come to fruition and autonomous cars are starting to hit the roads in pilot trials.

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# **Liability Attribution is Complex**



- Product Liability: blame is assigned to an auto manufacturer for product defect
- Service Liability: identified last action of a service technician caused the accident
- Negligence Liability: vehicle owner failed to adhere to instructions and is responsible

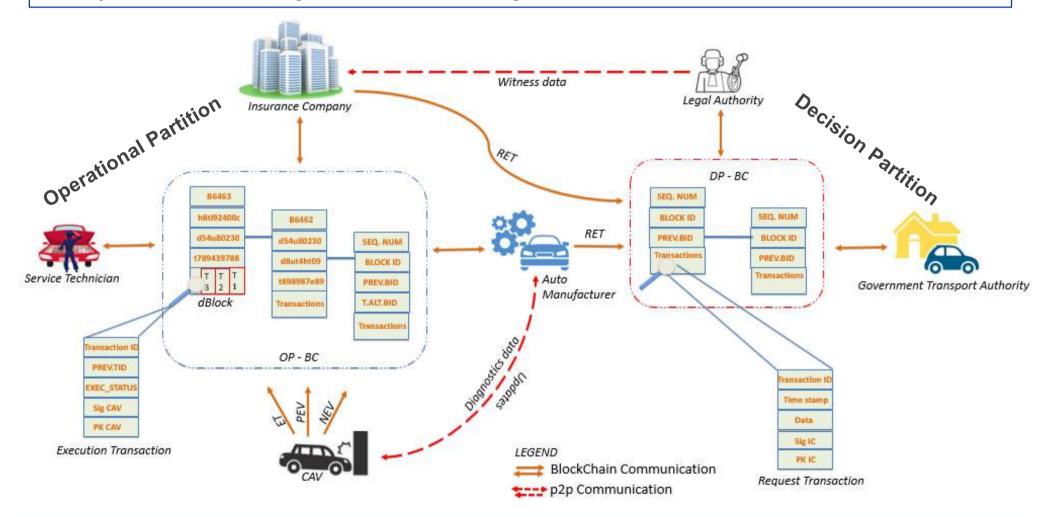
Norton Rose Fullbright, Autonomous Vehicles: The Legal Landscape of Dedicated Short Range Communication in the US, UK and Germany, July 2017.





# Blockchain Framework for Insurance Claims and Adjudication (B-FICA)

C. Oham, S. S. Kanhere, R. Jurdak and S. Jha, B-FICA: BlockChain based Framework for auto-Insurance Claim and Adjudication, in Proceedings of IEEE Blockchain, August 2018







# **Transaction Vocabulary**

- Event Safety Evidence (ESE): records unexpected vehicular behavior
- Primary Evidence Transaction (PET): records data describing the accident
- Notification Evidence Transaction (NET): records interaction between manufacturer/service technician with CAV
- Execution Transaction (ET): records the CAV's response to NET
- Request Transaction (RT): for requesting specific data for further investigation





# **B-FICA:** Transaction verification



A transaction is successfully verified if

- Complete: has signatures of concerned entities.
- Authorization: transaction initiator is authorised to transact in either partitions.
- Unique: the transaction has not been previously received from same entity.



# **B-FICA: Transaction validation**

In the OP-BC, given infrequent rate of transaction generation,

- Transactions are stored in a dynamic block;
- Dynamic block (dBlock) temporarily stores transactions until maximum allowance is reached.
- A dynamic light-weight consensus protocol is utilised to validate transactions. For every successfully verified **Transaction**;

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while dBlock < B_{Max} do ndB = Curr.T_{ID} + dBlock_{ID}; end while
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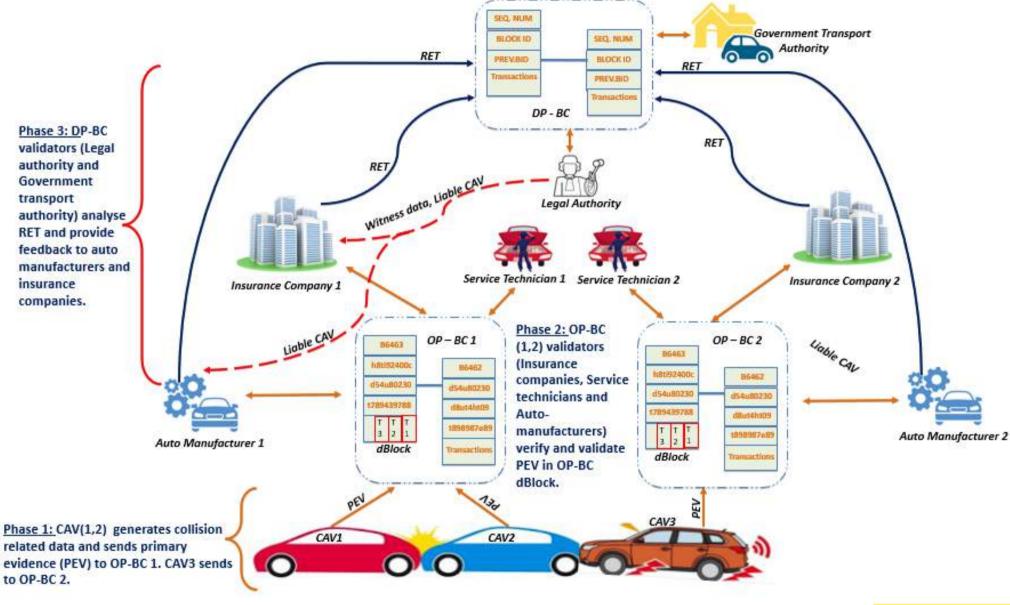
 This results in a new block identifier and used to secure transactions in the dynamic block.

In the decision partition, validation occurs when transactions reach maximum block allowance.





# Illustrative Example: Three Car Collision







# **Security Analysis**

Key requirement	Approach
Authorization	Partitions enable need-to-know communications. Verification credential unique for both partitions
Integrity	Transaction hash as identifier Data contents also hashed
Secure storage	Transaction validation in the dynamic block prevents evidence tampering and unavailability.
Non-repudiation	Transactions are signed by proposers and verified by validators to ensure auditability and prevent denial of actions.
Decentralization	No central source of trust. Collaborative data verification





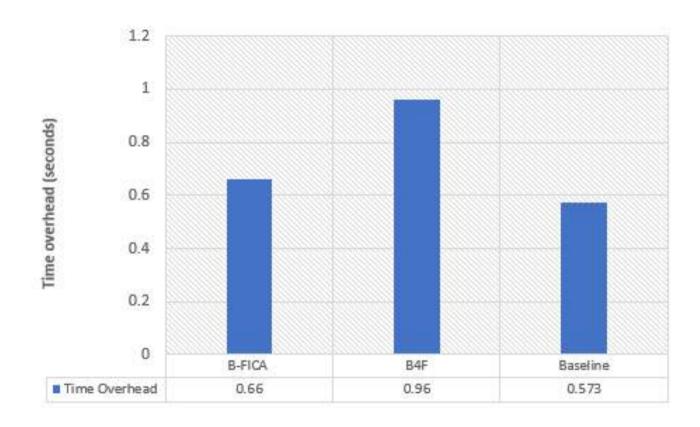
# **Security Analysis: Attack model and defence**

Attack model	Description	Defence mechanism
Transaction deletion	Rogue validator exploits the infrequent transaction generation rate to delete or alter evidence.	Dynamic block validation
False transaction	Rogue validators could collude to validate a false transaction to achieve same dynamic block state.	Consensus protocol (assuming validators cannot predict accidents)
Transaction modification	Vehicle manufacturer colludes with a vehicle owner to modify the contents of its accident-related data, computes a new hash, and sends a request transaction to decision partition validators.	Cross verification hash of transaction data of all proposers
Sensor alteration	A rogue validator could compromise an evidence generating sensor to produce authenticated messages with misleading information.	Validators cross verify data against every other data submitted by other CAVs in the scene of the event by checking time stamps and location information.





# **Performance Evaluation**



M. Cebe, E. Erdin, K. Akkaya, H. Aksu and S. Uluagac, Block4Forensic: An Integrated Lightweight Blockchain Framework for Forensics Applications of Connected Vehicles.





#### But do we trust the data?

The potential for remote exploitation for CAVs cast doubts on the reliability of data generated by the vehicle and utilised during forensic process for liability attribution.

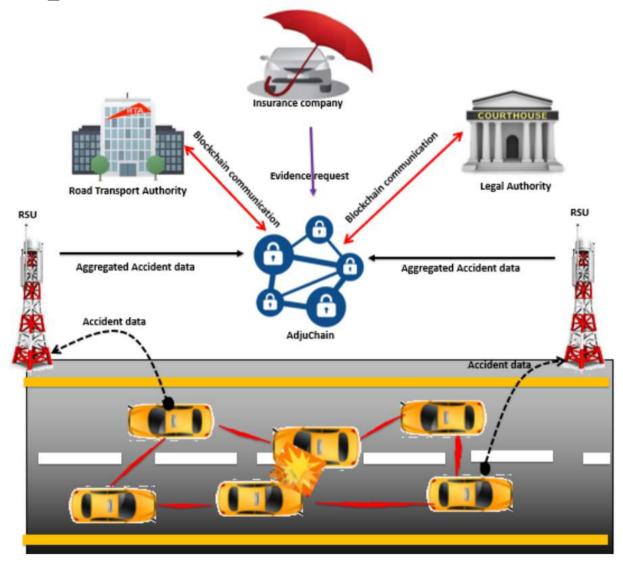
The associated reputational and financial costs could motivate likely liable entities to execute rogue actions such as altering forensic data before or after storage or during data retrieval process to evade liability

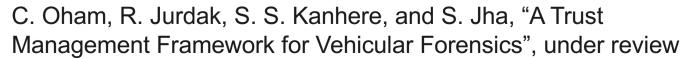
Earlier works on data reliability in vehicular networks cannot be adapted for CAV forensics as they are both vulnerable to exploitation by likely liable entities and a single point of failure





# **Trust Management Framework**









# **Operational Tier**

Vehicles in the event of an accident record their perception of the accident and forward their recorded data to roadside units (RUs) for trust evaluation

- Vehicles maintain a ring-buffer like storage where new data overwrites old ones
- In the event of an accident, telemetry and video data stored in the ring buffer contributes to evidence for adjudication
- RUs filter data based on the event type contained in data received from vehicles

RUs evaluates trust via a time and proximity verification algorithm to establish the presence of vehicles in event place at event time and then computes a credibility score for vehicles

RUs aggregate accident data and forward to the adjudication tier for final verification and credibility score approval





# **Adjudication Tier**

Aggregated data received from RUs is verified by the road transport and legal authorities and stored for adjudication

- This tier features AdjuChain; a blockchain platform where only successfully verified data are secured and utilized as contributing complimentary evidence for liability decisions.
- Entities here include the RUs, insurance companies, legal and transport authorities
- To prevent unauthorised access to sensitive data, legal and road transport authorities acts as validators and are responsible for the verification and validation of the data

As final verification for data credibility, validators correlate computed credibility score with data telemetry and video data and approve computed scores where verification is successful

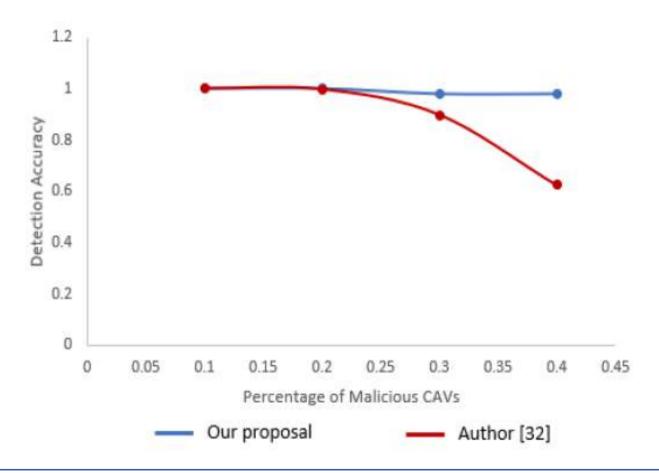
Validators pack successfully verified data into a block (CredBlock), compute the hash of the block and append it to AdjuChain

Upon request, validators present reliable complimentary evidence to insurance companies or forensic analysts for expediting liability decisions





#### **Performance Evaluation**



[32] Z. Yang, K. Zheng, K. Yang and V. C. M. Leung, "A blockchain-based reputation system for data credibility assessment in vehicular networks," 2017 IEEE 28th Annual International Symposium on Personal, Indoor, and Mobile Radio Communications (PIMRC), Montreal, QC, 2017, pp. 1-5. doi:10.1109/PIMRC.2017.8292724







# **ENERGY TRADING**







# **Renewable Energy Sources**



#### **Total Renewable Power Generation Capacity, 2011-2017** <sub>2,500</sub> GW 2,000 1,500 1,000 500 2011 2012 2013 2016 2017 2014 2015 Solar

Wind

Bioenergy

Geothermal

Hydropower and Ocean

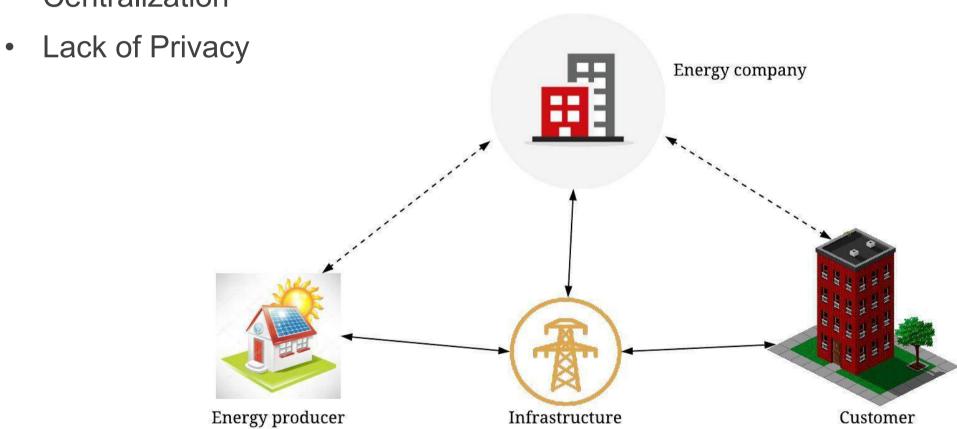




# **Conventional Energy Trading**

## Challenges

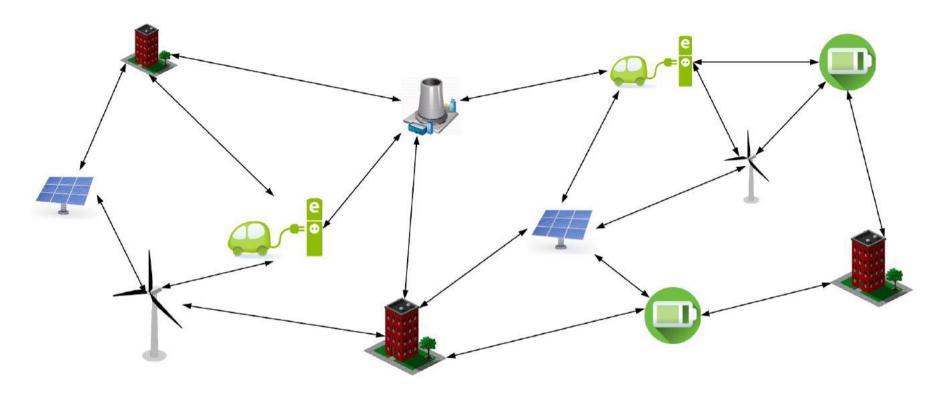
Centralization







# **Peer to Peer Energy Trading**



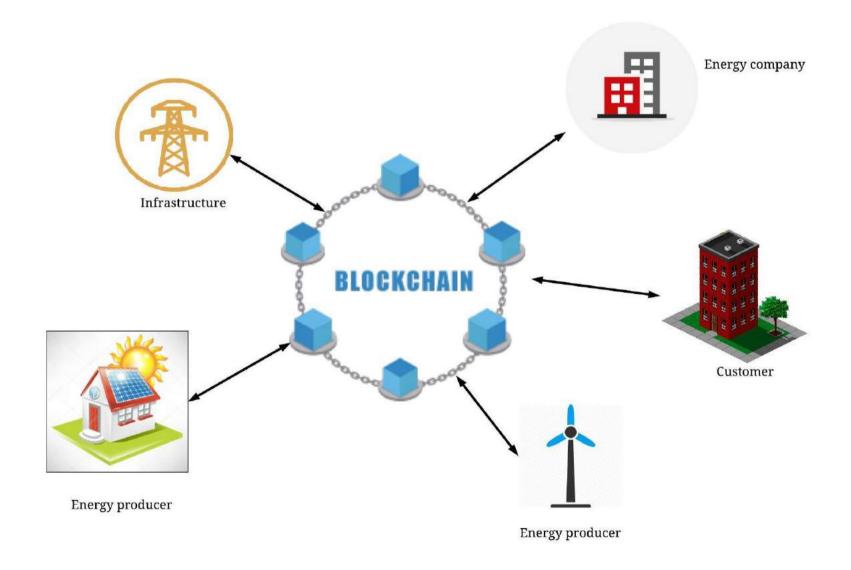
Increased integration of distributed energy resources

Traditional Consumers -> Prosumers





# **Blockchain-based Energy Trading**







# Challenges

- Lack of Privacy
  - Malicious nodes can monitor the pattern of transactions generated by a node, thus compromise the user privacy
- Relying on TTP
  - Most of existing methods rely on a third party to ensure both sides in energy trading fulfil their commitments
- Blockchain overheads
  - Negotiation messages are generally broadcast to all participants





# Secure Private Blockchain-based (SPB) Energy Trading

- An anonymous routing method on top of the blockchain
- A purely distributed trading method by introducing atomic metatransactions
- A private authentication method to verify smart meters

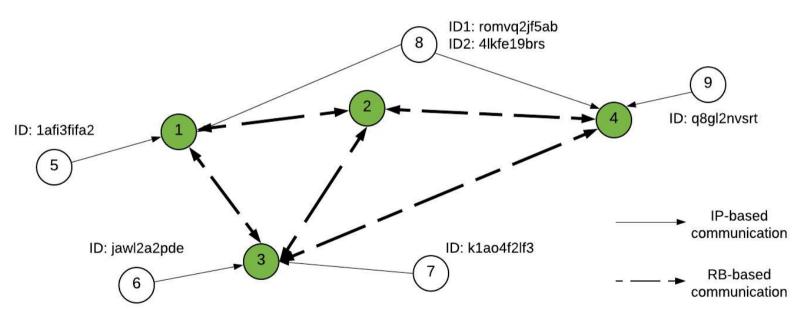
A. Dorri, F. Luo, S.S. Kanhere, R. Jurdak and ZY Dong, SPB: A Secure Private Blockchain-based Solution for Energy Trading, IEEE Communications Magazine, in press.





# SPB: Routing (Anonymous Routing Backbone)

- PK based routing algorithm
- High resource available devices form a backbone network and route packets
- Backbone nodes uses conventional routing methods to route packets



#### **Distributed Hash Table**

Node	Keys
1	0-9
2	a-f
3	g-l
4	m-z





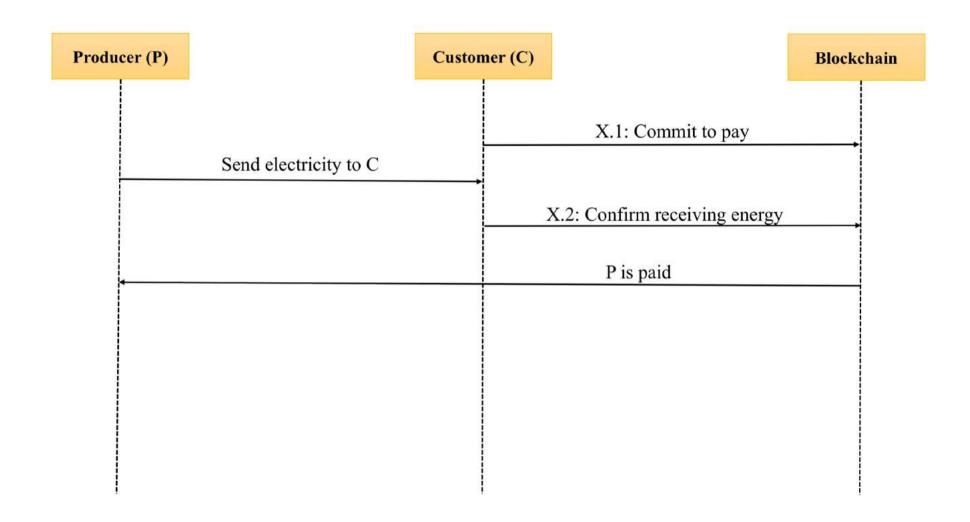
#### **SPB: Transactions**

- Atomic meta-transactions
  - An atomic meta-transaction is valid only if two transactions are generated within a specific time period
  - Incomplete transactions will be removed after the time period
- Consists of two transactions
  - Commit to Pay (CTP):
    - Generated by the consumer to commit payment of the energy price
    - Money is not transferred to the producer account
    - Not stored in blockchain, stored in a CTP database
  - Energy Receipt Confirmation (ERC):
    - Generated by the smart meter of the consumer to confirm receipt of energy
    - Assume that meters are tamper resistance





# **SPB: Energy Trading Process**







#### **SPB: Issues**

 The participating nodes need to ensure that the ERC is signed by a genuine smart meter

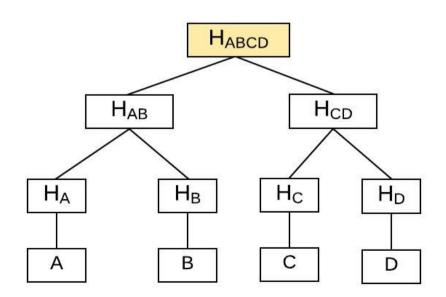
 The ERC transaction generated by the smart meter reveals information about the energy consumption/production of the user





# **SPB: Certificate of Existence (COE)**

- Meter manufacturer assigns a unique public/private key pair to each meter and serves as CA for those keys
- Each meter creates a number of keys and forms a Merkle tree of the PKs
- The meter sends the root hash of the Merkle tree to another meter to be signed
- Signed root to be used as COE







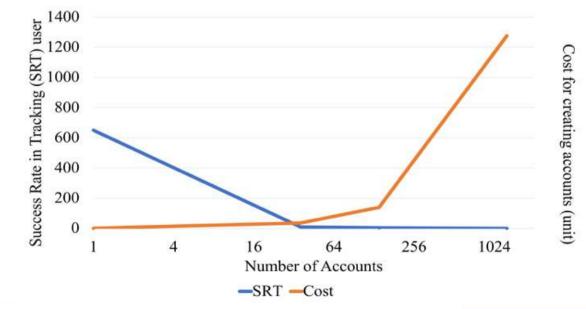
# **SPB: Certificate of Existence (COE)**

- To protect privacy, a single COE may be used by more than one meter
- The meter that signs the COE is chosen randomly, even the meter itself might sign the COE

 The anonymity level of the user depends on the number of accounts he employed to store his

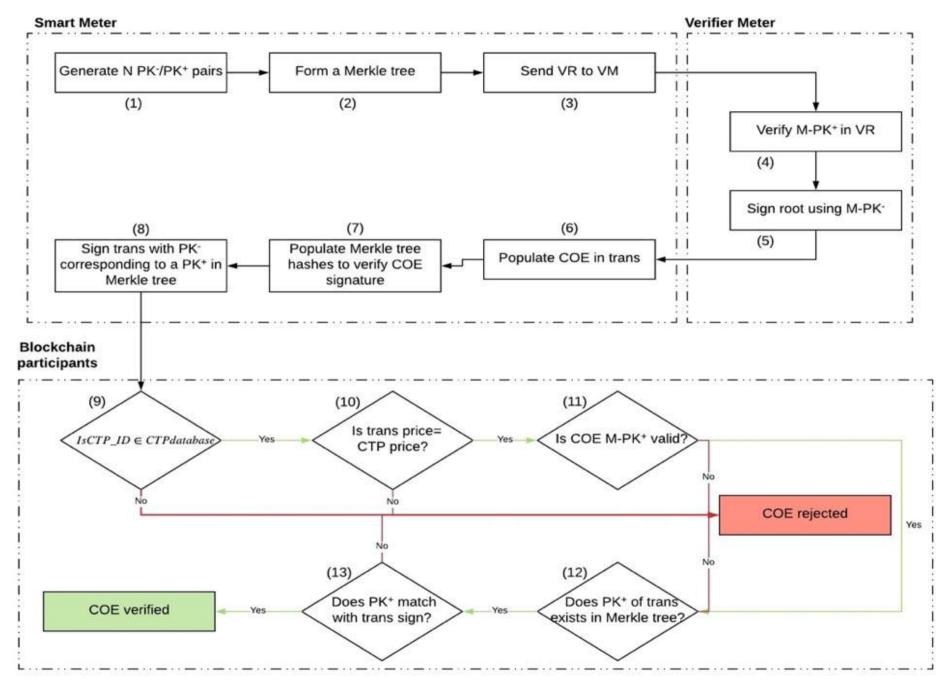
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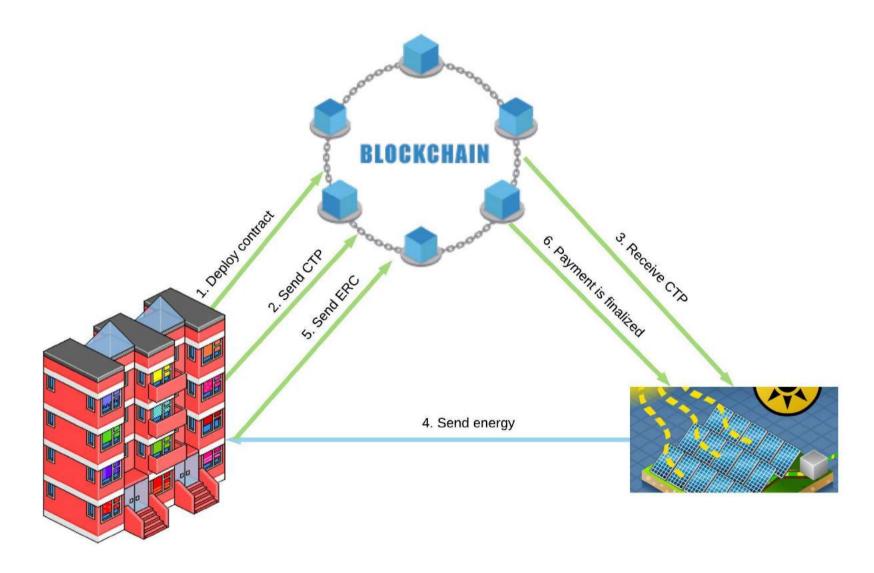
#### **Performance Evaluation**

- We have implemented SPB in Ethereum testnet
- Smart contract is deployed using Solidity
- Three nodes participate in network, energy consumer, producer and miner
- Online demo available at: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rX58GO">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rX58GO</a> hQql





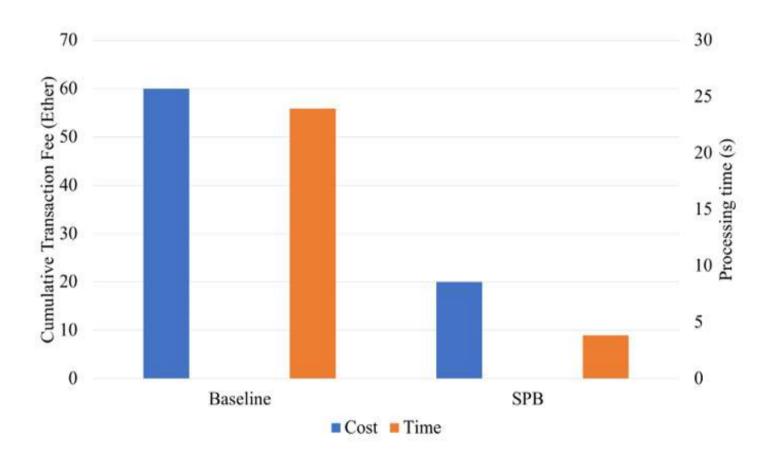
### **Performance Evaluation**







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#### **Future Directions**

Evaluating the concept using extensive implementations

Applying the concept in smart grid

Extending the work for smart grid energy load balancing





# WE'VE GOT ISSUES





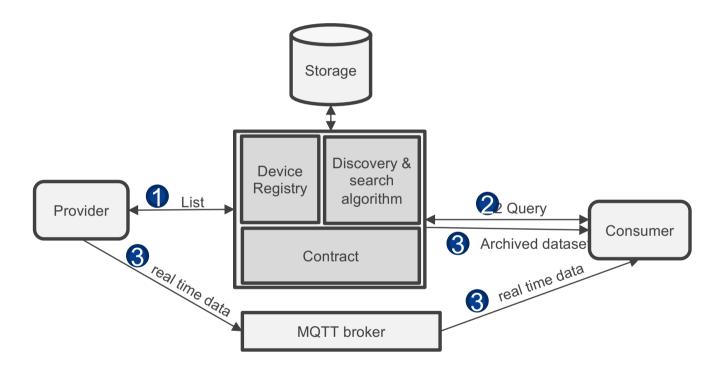






# State-of-the-art : Centralized IoT Marketplaces



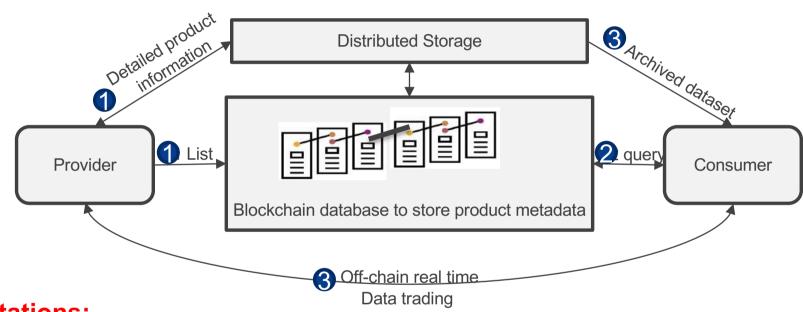






# State-of-the-art : BC-based IoT Marketplaces





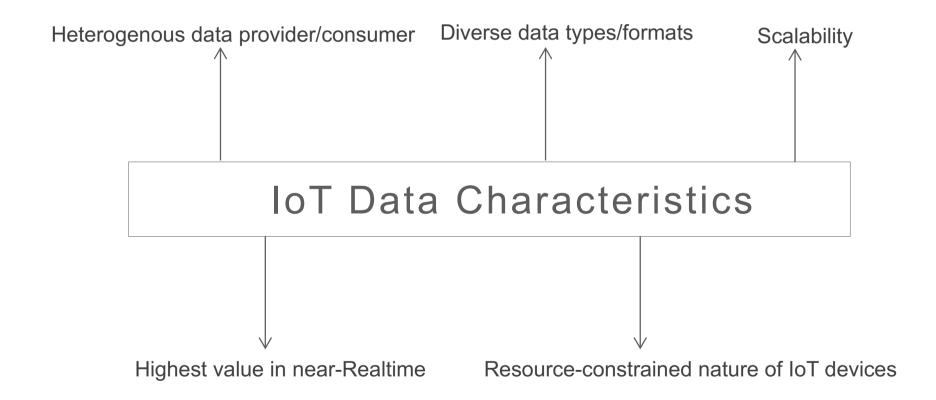
#### **Limitations:**

- Blockchain is used as a database for storing product information while the computation capability of smart contract is wasted
- Works only for small-scale and design gets fragmented with device mobility





# Specific Framework for IoT device's data

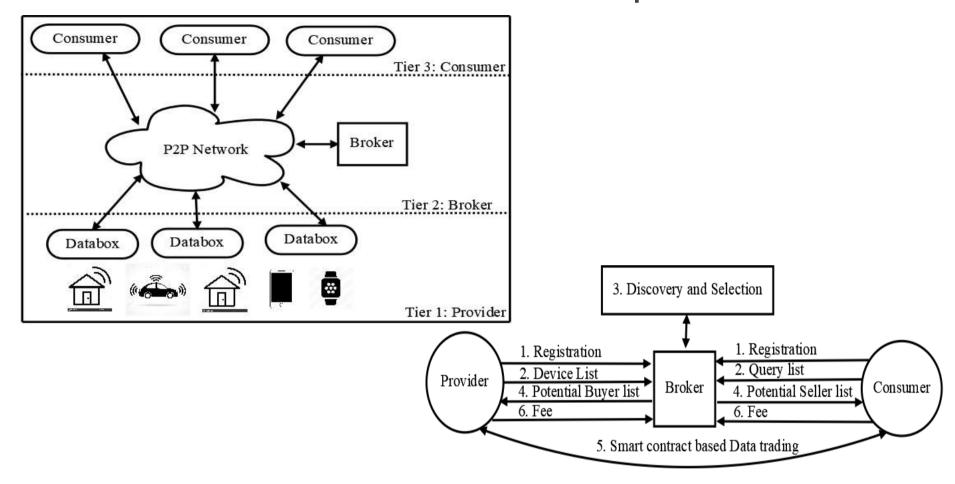








# A Decentralized IoT Marketplace

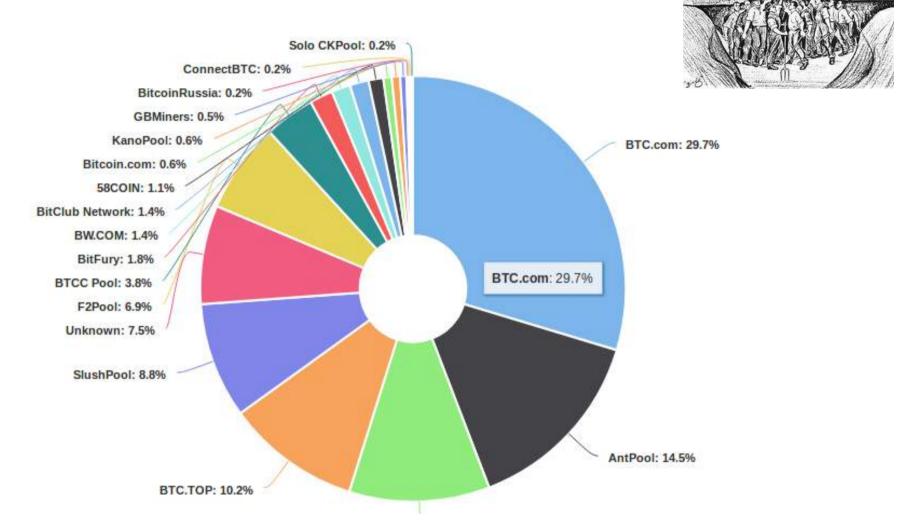


P. Gupta, S.S. Kanhere, R. Jurdak, A Decentralized IoT Data Marketplace, In proceedings of the 3rd Symposium on Distributed Ledger Technology, Gold Coast, Australia, November 2018.





#### **Centralisation of Power**



There is a tendency to bigger pool sizes to reduce variance of earnings from mining. This could be viewed as a failure of the protocol





#### **Blockchain Vulnerabilities**

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# '\$300m in cryptocurrency' accidentally lost forever due to bug

User mistakenly takes control of hundreds of wallets containing cryptocurrency Ether, destroying them in a panic while trying to give them back

A hacker stole \$31M of Ether—how it happened, and what it means for Ethereum

Bitcoin Worth \$72M Was Stolen in Bitfinex Exchange Hack in Hong Kong

More than 400,000 personal computers have been attacked in a large-scale attempt to distribute cryptocurrency mining malware. The hackers used sophisticated trojans to infect PCs mostly in Russia, but also in Turkey, Ukraine, and other countries. The coordinated assault lasted more than 12 hours.

CryptoShuffler: Trojan stole \$140,000 in Bitcoin

October 31, 2017





# What about performance?



#### BLOCKBENCH: A Framework for Analyzing Private Blockchains

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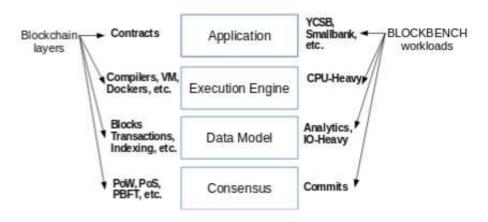
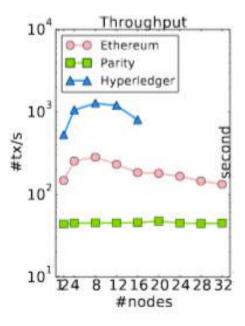


Figure 3: Abstraction layers in blockchain, and the corresponding workloads in Blockbench.









# Challenges

Interoperability

platforms should be able to talk to each other

incompatible Blockchain platforms

lack of standards

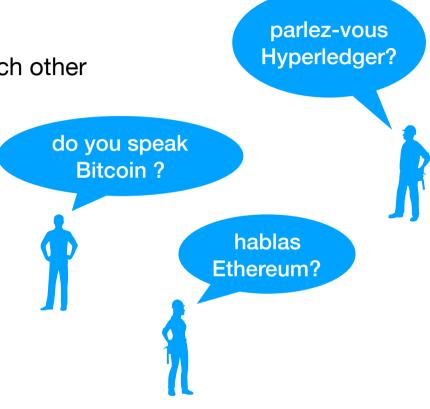
Internet of Blockchains

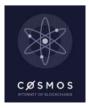
Blockchain of Blockchains

Cross chain communications

Multi-chains

**Relay Chains** 









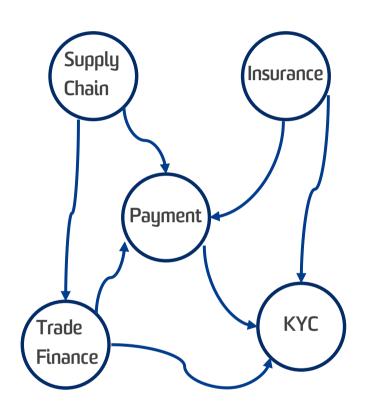








#### Internet of Blockchains



Cross-industry and cross-chain interoperability for broader application scenarios

Interledger Protocol (ILP): Open standard for interledger token exchange

Cosmos: multiple disparate blockchains (zones) with a central hub for coordination





#### Conclusions



Still early days, but potential for blockchain technologies for nextgeneration decentralized networks and applications is clear

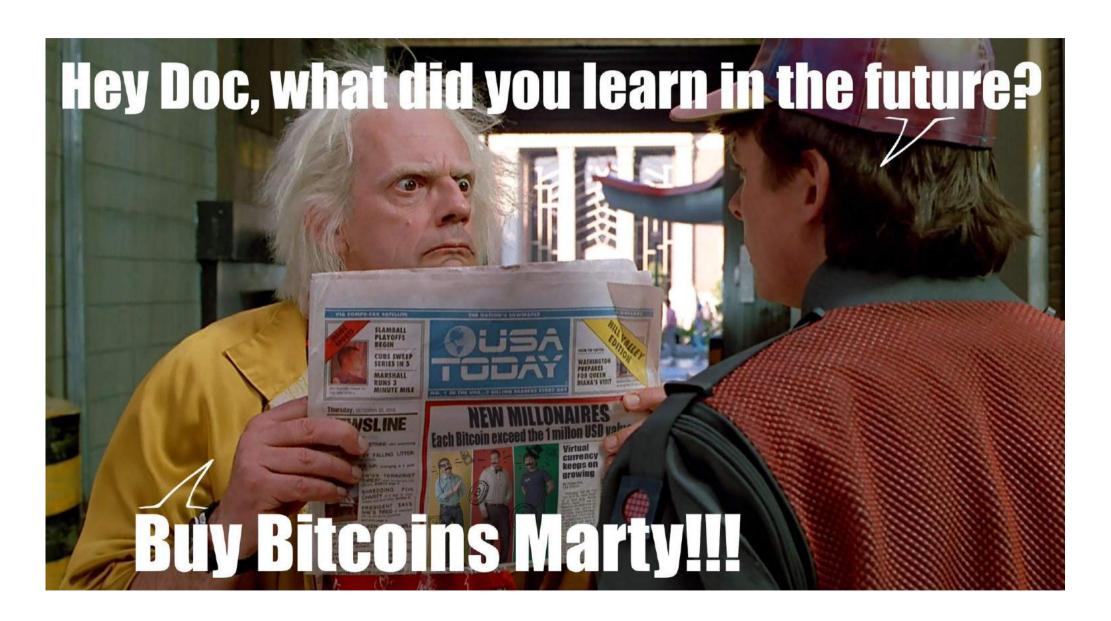
#### Many interesting directions:

- Mathematical modeling of blockchains
- Ways to improve scalability and performance
- New architectures
- New applications
- Smart(er) contracts with machine learning?

Research opportunities pertaining to security, distributed systems, networks, software engineering, databases, cloud computing, financial engineering, network economics, Internet of things,...















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#### Who can access what?



OBM maintains an Access Control List (ACL) consisting of requester/requestee PK pairs

Key list updated by cluster members

When a transaction arrives at an OBM, the key list is checked to determine the destination of the transaction

 if the requestee is not part of the OBMs cluster, then the transaction is broadcast to other OBMs





# **Security Analysis**

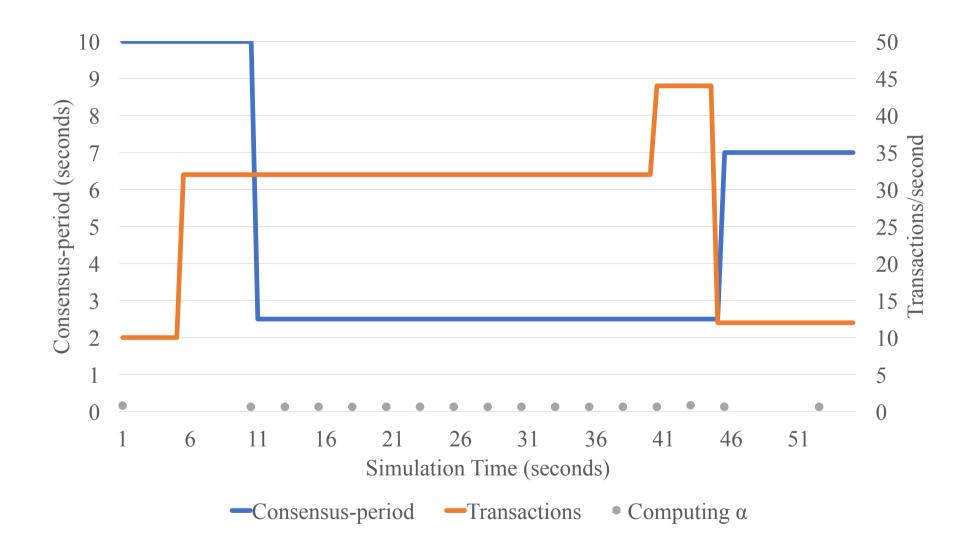


Requirement	Employed method
Confidentiality	Encryption can be used for the data
Integrity	Each transaction includes a hash of all other fields contained in the transaction
Availability	An OBM sends a transaction to its cluster members only if a key contained in the transaction matches one of the entries in its keylist. This ensures that the cluster members only receive transactions from authorized nodes.
Authentication	Each node should have a stored genesis transaction in the BC to be authenticated. As transactions are chained to the genesis transaction, a node is authenticated when it has the private key corresponding to the output PK of a transaction stored in the BC
Non- repudiation	Transactions are signed by the transaction generator to achieve non- repudiation. Additionally, all transactions are stored in the BC, so involved parties in the transaction can deny their complicity in a transaction





# **Distributed Throughput Management**







#### **Discussion**



### Auditability

- All transaction records are permanently stored
- Records can be used for audits, criminal investigations, etc.

#### Incentives for OBMs

- Implicit rewards in the form of reputation
- Advertising for service/cloud providers





### **MOF-BC: Initiating Memory Optimization**



### Optimization can be done by:

- User Initiated Memory Optimization (UIMO)
  - The end user initiates the transaction removal once generating the transaction
- SP Initiated Memory Optimization (SIMO)
  - The SP initiates the transaction removal once generating the transaction
- Network Initiated Memory Optimization (NIMO)
  - The end user authorizes the network to handle the removal of the transaction once particular situation is met





### **UIMO and SIMO transaction removal**



- Each user must store the keys corresponding to the transaction to prove ownership of the transaction and thus remove
- User ends up with millions of keys
- MOF-BC introduces generator verifier (GV) to address key management
  - All transactions are managed using a single key that can be biometric information of the user
  - Protects the privacy of the user as GV is different even if the same GVS is applied

$$GV = GV-PK (P\_T\_ID || GVS)$$





### **NIMO** transaction removal



New fields are added to transactions:

MOM || MOM-Setup

- Agents manage the transaction based on the optimization mode
- Secure: Hash of the transaction is signed by the user





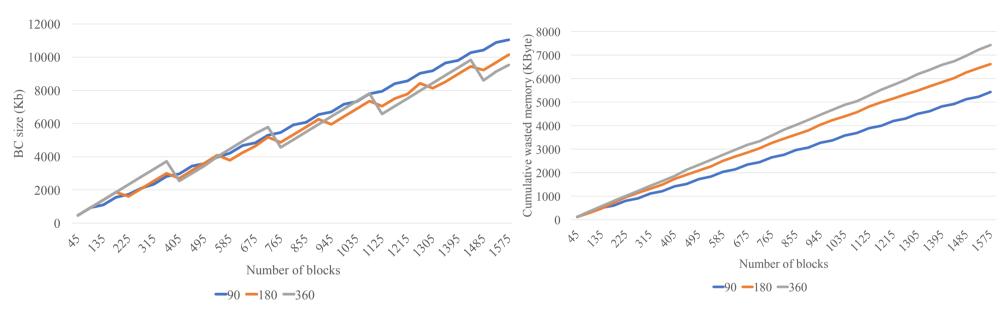
### **Performance Evaluation**

**Table 4**An analysis on attack likelihood and attack resistance of MOF-BC based on ETSI.

Attack	Resistance to attack	Attack likelihood
Transaction removal	Beyond high	Unlikely
False Storage Claim	Moderate	Possible
Eclipse attack	Moderate	Possible
Malicious SP	Basic	Likely
Colluding attack	Beyond high	Unlikely
Reward tracking	Beyond high	Unlikely
Malicious Agents	High	Unlikely



### **Performance Evaluation**



Evaluating the impact of CP on BC size

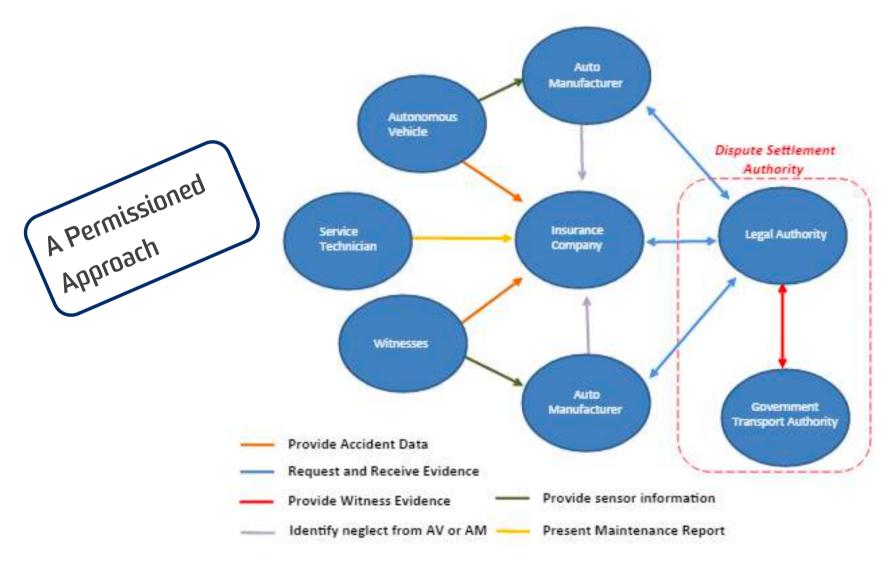
Evaluating cumulative wasted memory





### **Liability Attribution Framework**









### Trust?



# Blockchain is not only crappy technology but a bad vision for the future

- People have made a number of implausible claims about the future of blockchain, based on a misunderstanding of what a blockchain is.
- Tampering with data stored on a blockchain is hard, but it's false that blockchain is a good way to create data that has integrity.
- Blockchain systems are supposed to be more trustworthy, but in fact they are the least trustworthy systems in the world.

#### COMMENTARY

Kai Stinchcombe

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Source: CNBC

"A person who sprayed pesticides on a mango can still enter onto a blockchain system that the mangoes were organic."

"Projects based on the elimination of trust have failed to capture customers' interest because trust is actually so damn valuable. A lawless and mistrustful world where self-interest is the only principle and paranoia is the only source of safety is a not a paradise but a crypto-medieval hellhole."

"As a society, and as technologists and entrepreneurs in particular, we're going to have to get good at cooperating—at building trust, and, at being trustworthy. Instead of directing resources to the *elimination* of trust, we should direct our resources to the *creation* of trust—whether we use a long series of sequentially hashed files as our storage medium or not."





## Improving Trust

### Conventionally



Social institutions or relations



### With Blockchain





Trust machines





## **Application Assets and Domains**

	Assets		Domain	
	digital	tangible	finance	<u>othe</u> r
Governmental services				
<ul><li>Registry of deeds, eVoting,</li></ul>	X	X	(X)	X
Trading/banking services				
<ul><li>Diamonds, cash-heavy,</li></ul>	X	X	X	(X)
Copyright				
<ul><li>Authorship, ownership,</li></ul>	X	(X)		X
Data and identity management				
<ul> <li>Records, processes, compliance</li> </ul>	X	(X)		X
"Chain" support/IoT services				
<ul><li>Supply, food, energy,</li></ul>	(X)	X	X	X
eEntertainment	X			X
Cryptocurrencies	X		X	





### **Improving Trust**

A blockchain record may represent the true state of reality – true for virtual assets

- e.g. Bitcoin generation, Ether transfer
- created on the chain, can be proven using the protocol

The blockchain ensures that the record is immutable AND trusted





### **Improving Trust**

In IoT, a blockchain record represents an observation of reality – true for physical assets

- e.g. recording a sensor measurement on blockchain
- created off-chain, cannot be proven by simply examining the blockchain

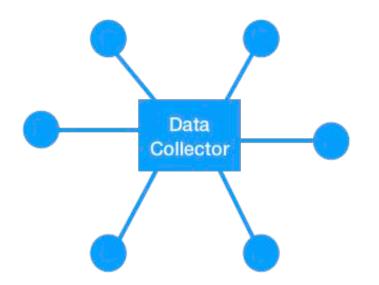
The blockchain ensures that the record is immutable

- No guarantees for the correctness of the measurement
- Provides trust in a record of data

untrusted







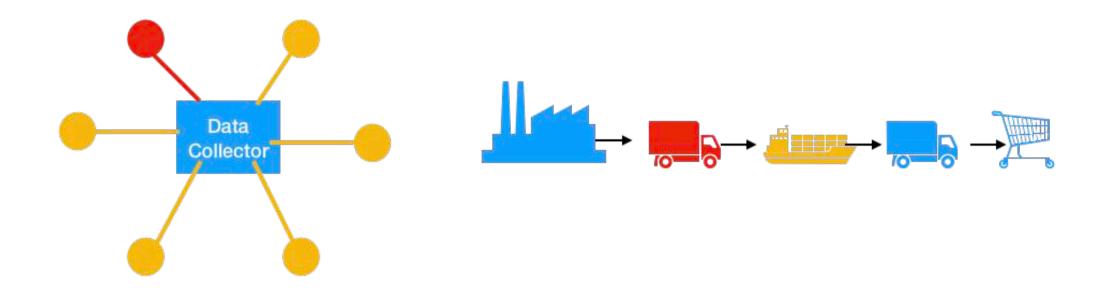


Trust in the IoT data improved by -comparing it with the neighbour nodes -comparing with the record history

Trust in the supply chain -verification at points of transfer







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