Smart contracts on Ethereum

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"I thought [those in the Bitcoin community] weren't approaching the problem in the right way. I thought they were going after individual applications; they were trying to kind of explicitly support each [use case] in a sort of Swiss Army knife protocol." Vitalik Buterin, inventor of Ethereum

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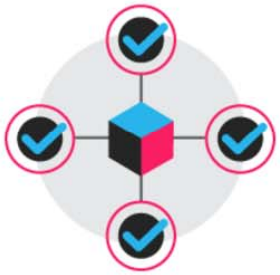
Ethereum Benefits

Benefits of Decentralized networks

With no central point of failure and secured using cryptography, applications are well protected against hacking attacks and fraudulent activities.



Advantages:

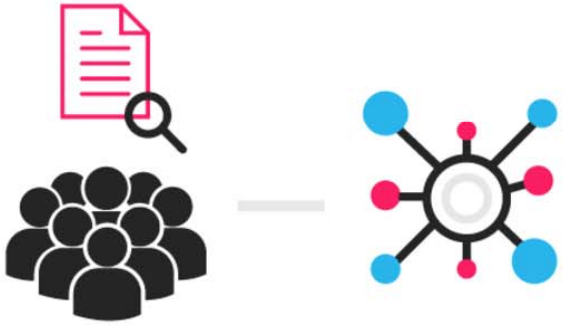
- Immutability
- Corruption & tamper
- Secure

ENTER ETHEREUM

The Ethereum makes the process of creating blockchain applications much easier and efficient than ever before. Instead of having to build an entirely original blockchain for each new application, Ethereum enables the development of potentially thousands of different applications all on one platform.

The Blockchain

Blockchain technology is like the internet in that it has a built-in robustness. By storing blocks of information that are identical across its network, the blockchain cannot:



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Smart contracts on Ethereum

- Ethereum provides Solidity
  - A programming language in which to write smart contracts
- Transaction-triggered language
- Cryptographic identities
- Own cryptocurrency (Ether) and thousands of "tokens".
- The user pays the cost of execution on the network.

Solidity - Hello World


```
pragma solidity ^0.4.21;


contract Coin {
    // The keyword "public" makes those variables readable from outside.
    address public minter;
    mapping (address => uint) public balances;
    // Events allow light clients to react on changes efficiently.
    event Sent(address from, address to, uint amount);
    // This is the constructor whose code is run only when the contract is created.
 function Coin() public {
            minter = msg.sender;
 function mint(address receiver, uint amount) public {
            if (msg.sender != minter) return;
        balances[receiver] += amount;
    }


    function send(address receiver, uint amount) public {
            if (balances[msg.sender] < amount) return;
            balances[msg.sender] -= amount;
        balances[receiver] += amount;
            emit Sent(msg.sender, receiver, amount);
    }
```


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Solidity - Listener


```
Coin.Sent().watch({}, '', function(error, result) {
    if (!error) {
        console.log("Coin transfer: " + result.args.amount +
            " coins were sent from " + result.args.from +
            " to " + result.args.to + ".");
        console.log("Balances now:\n" +
                    "Sender: " +
Coin.balances.call(result.args.from) +
                    "Receiver: " +
Coin.balances.call(result.args.to));
    }
})
```


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Examples of applications

- Games of Chance.
- Prediction Markets: Gnosis, Augur
- *Initial Coin Offers* (ICOs)

- Some examples

Smart Contract Platforms

Blockchain	Smart contracts?	Programming languages
Bitcoin	No	
Ethereum	Yes	Solidity
Hyperledger	Yes	GoLang, C++...

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Autonomous distributed organizations

Intelligent Infrastructure Design - Master IoT

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Autonomous distributed organizations

- A *Distributed Autonomous Organization* (DAO) is an organization whose rules are established by the code of a smart contract.
- Multiple implications:
  - Autonomous: Independent of the creator
  - Decentralized: Cannot be turned off
  - Self-sufficient: Can obtain the resources it needs

Examples

- The DAO
- Plantoid (http://www.plantoidproject.eu/)
- Cryptokitties (https://cryptokytties.co/)
- steemit (https://steem.it/)
- Autonomous taxis

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Connection to the physical world

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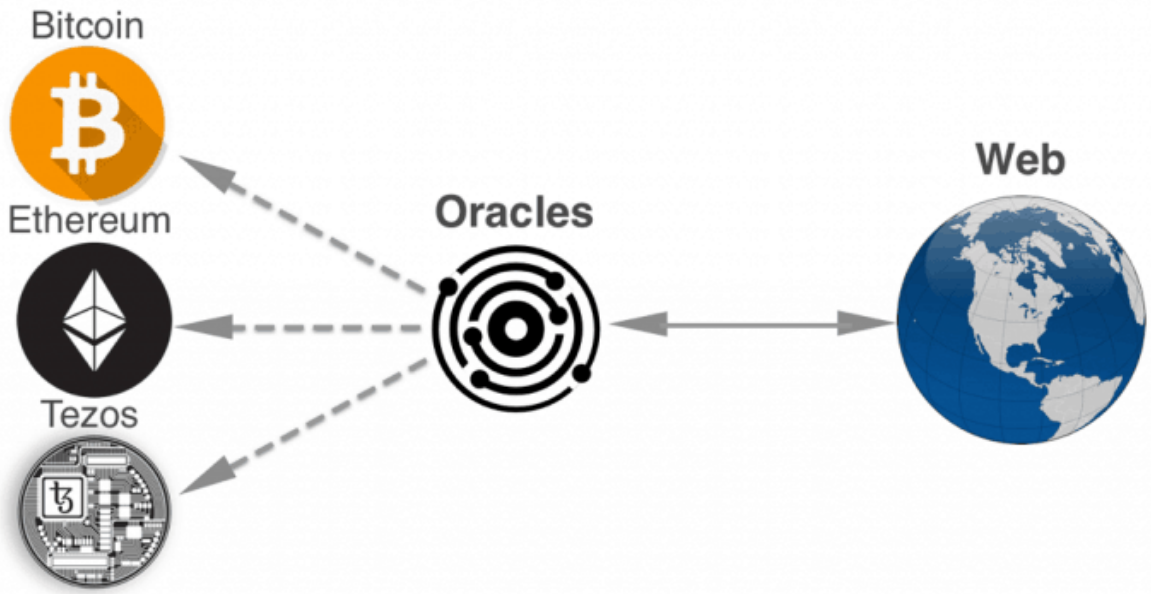
Oracles

- Bridge between the real / physical / non-blockchain world and the blockchain system (usually smart contracts).



Oracles

- Software
  - E.g. software that communicates who has won the election.
- Hardware
  - E.g. IoT device that communicates the temperature that it is doing
- How can we trust an uncontrolled third party?
  - Oracle problem in the blockchain

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Consensus protocols for oracles

- Consensus-based oracles
  - E.g. Augur is a decentralized prediction market with bets on future events.
- They are already being worked on in several networks
  - E.g. Delphi, Oraclize, Chainlink, Augur

Smart Property

- *Smart* property
  - Managed through smart contracts
  - React/query the status of a Blockchain.
  - E.g. car that works with cryptographic keys.
  - E.g. http://kointoken.org/

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Blockchain + IoT

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Advantages and opportunities

- Interoperability
  - Communication between IoT devices in **open ecosystem**
- Security
  - No reliance on third parties (distributed)
- Identity
  - Asymmetric Key Infrastructure
- Immutable record
  - Transactions and traceability
- …

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Challenges and drawbacks

- Costs
  - Transaction, execution, storage)
- Privacy
  - Full transparency of transaction history
- Scale
  - Limited transactions per second
  - Storage Size
- Security
  - Unstoppable software (bugs, undesirable features...)
  - e.g. The DAO: $50M hack
  - Ex. Parity (multi-signature wallets): $32M hack, 8x more money saved by white hat hackers
- Legality
- Ethics
- …

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Standardization

- *Trusted IoT Alliance*
  - Partnership for the development of secure IoT ecosystem on blockchain

- Hyperledger Project
  - Open Source Standard for Private Blockchains

IoT Applications

- Supply chain tracking
  - E.g. Chronicled (https://www.chronicled.org/) , OriginTrail (https://origintrail.io/)
- Identity and authorization
  - E.g. Uport (https://www.uport.me/)
- Secure Device to Blockchain connectivity
  - E.g. Filament (https://filament.com/technology/)
- Smart Property
  - Ex. Slock.it (https://slock.it/)
- Blockchain Infrastructure for IoT
  - E.g. IoTeX (https://iotex.io/), IOTA (https://iota.org/)
- Connection with sensors
  - e.g. Pylon (https://pylon-network.org/) decentralized ecological energy exchange
- …

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Conclusions

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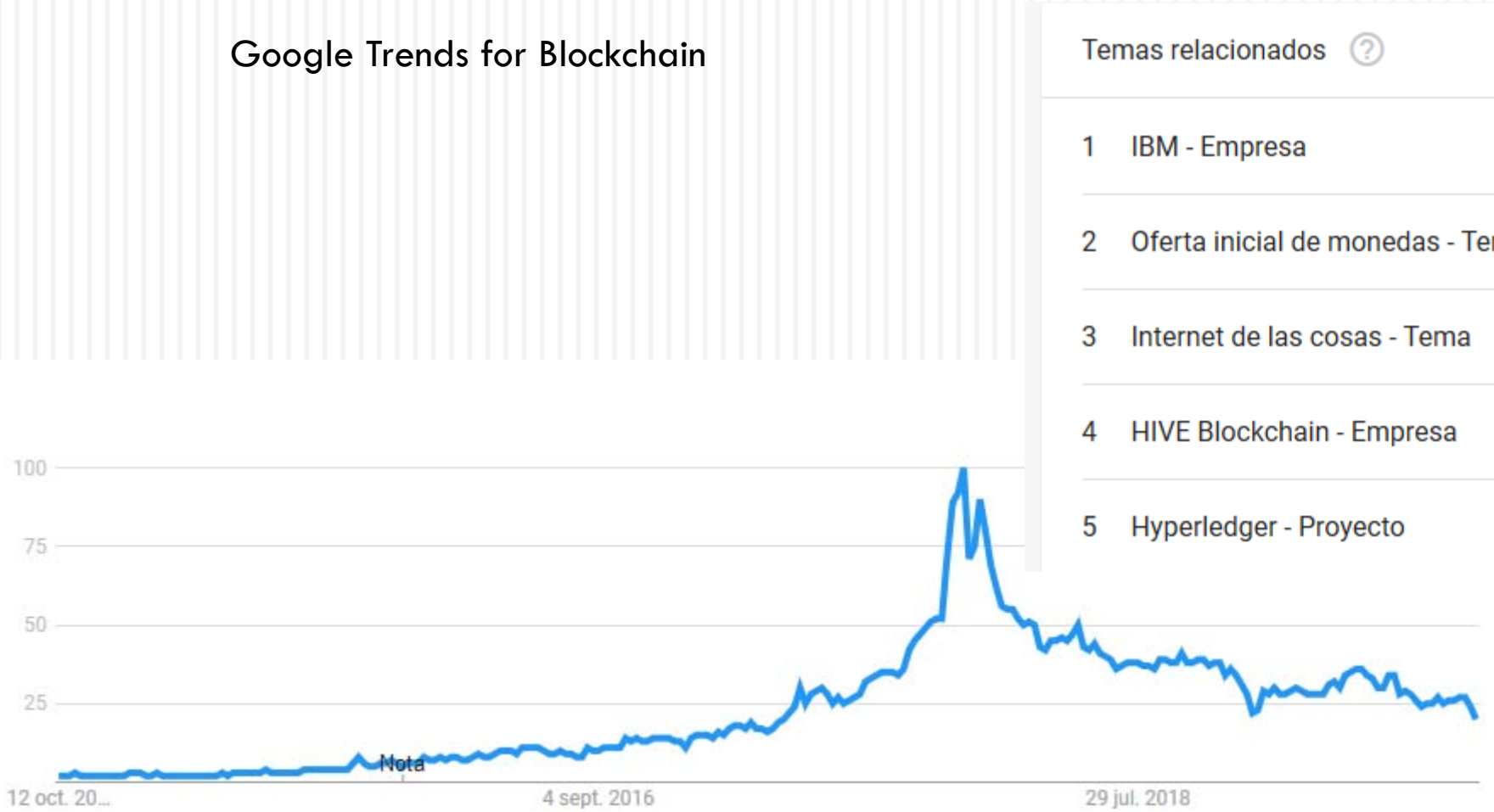
When to use Blockchain?

Google Trends for Blockchain



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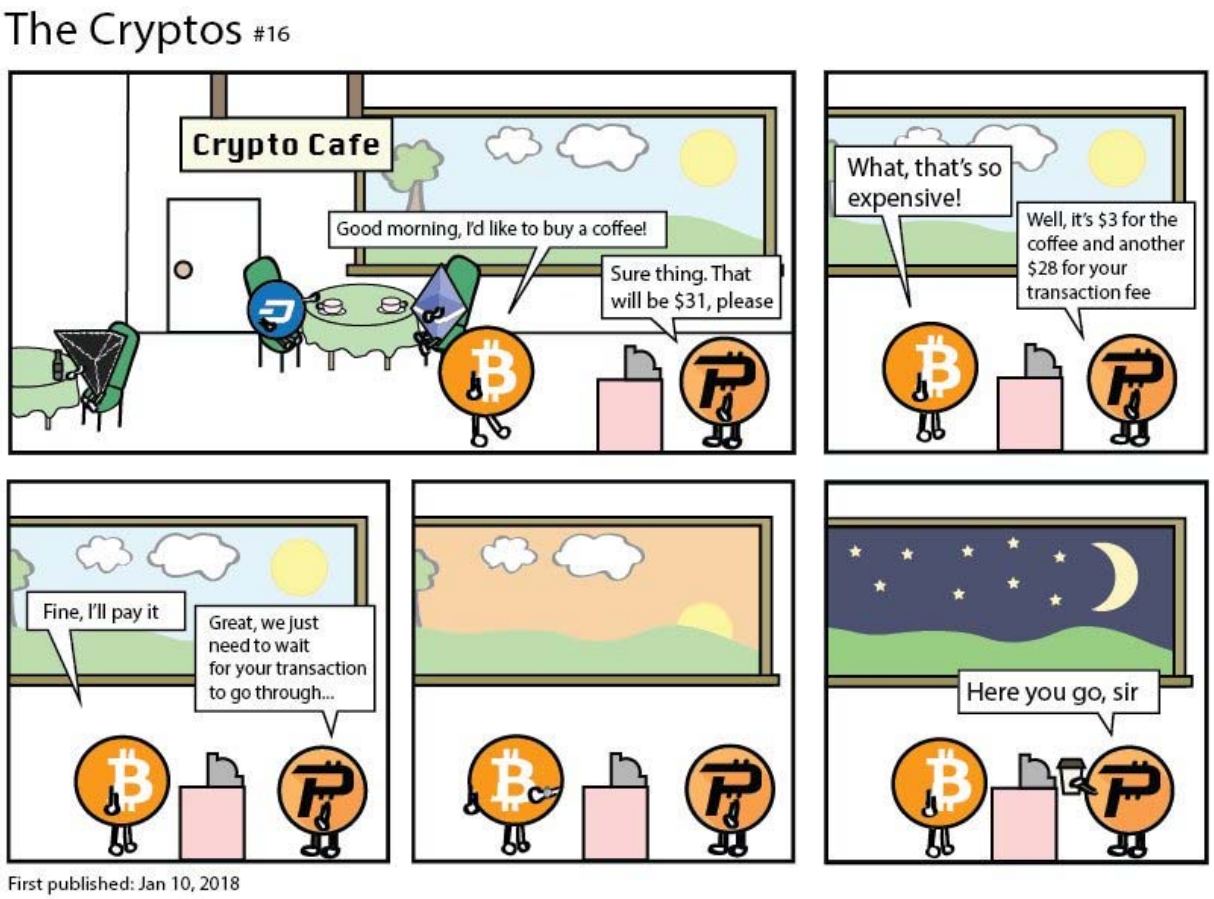

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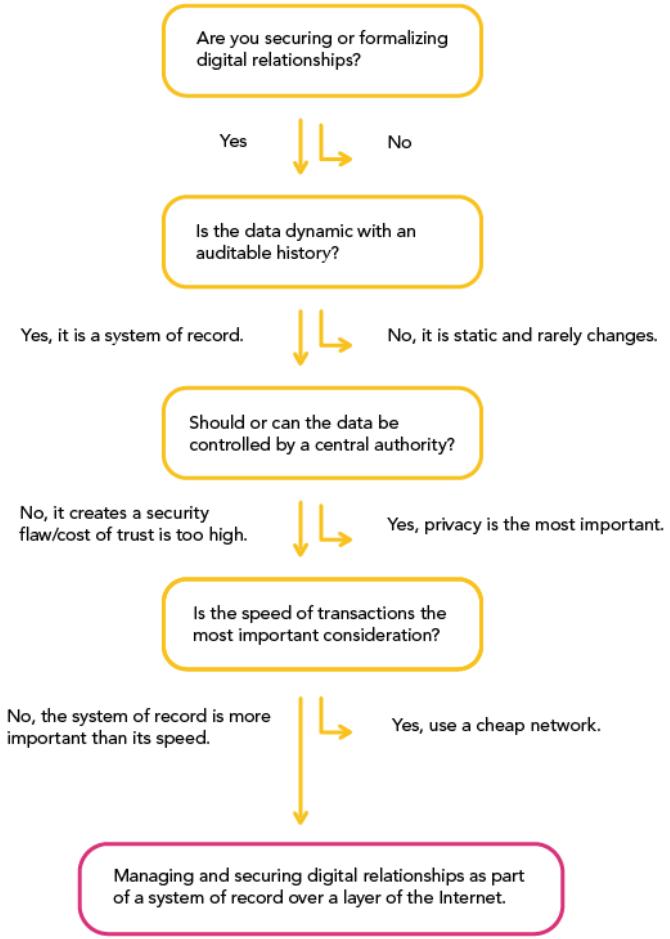

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When to use Blockchain?

- When **YES**
  - Digital relationship management and assurance
  - Maintenance of a shared and decentralized record-keeping system
  - Any place where an intermediary or *gatekeeper* is expensive in time or resources
  - When you need to securely store complex transactions between multiple parties
  - When there is data in constant flow but you want to keep a history of actions

When to use Blockchain?

- When **NOT**
  - High throughput in number of transactions per second required
  - Small organizations
    - No business networks
  - BD Substitute
  - Messaging Solution Substitute
  - Transaction Processing System Substitute

Some discussion

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When to use Blockchain?

- Easy, isn't it?
  - So, when?
  - Workshop

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Questions?

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Conclusions

- What have we learned?

Questions?

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KEEP CALM AND ASK QUESTIONS

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Glossary

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Glossary

- DB = Database
- BYOE = *Bring Your Own Encryption*
- DAO = *Distributed Autonomous Organization*
- P2P = *Peer to Peer*
- PoS = *Proof of Stake*
- PoW = *Proof of Work*

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Extras

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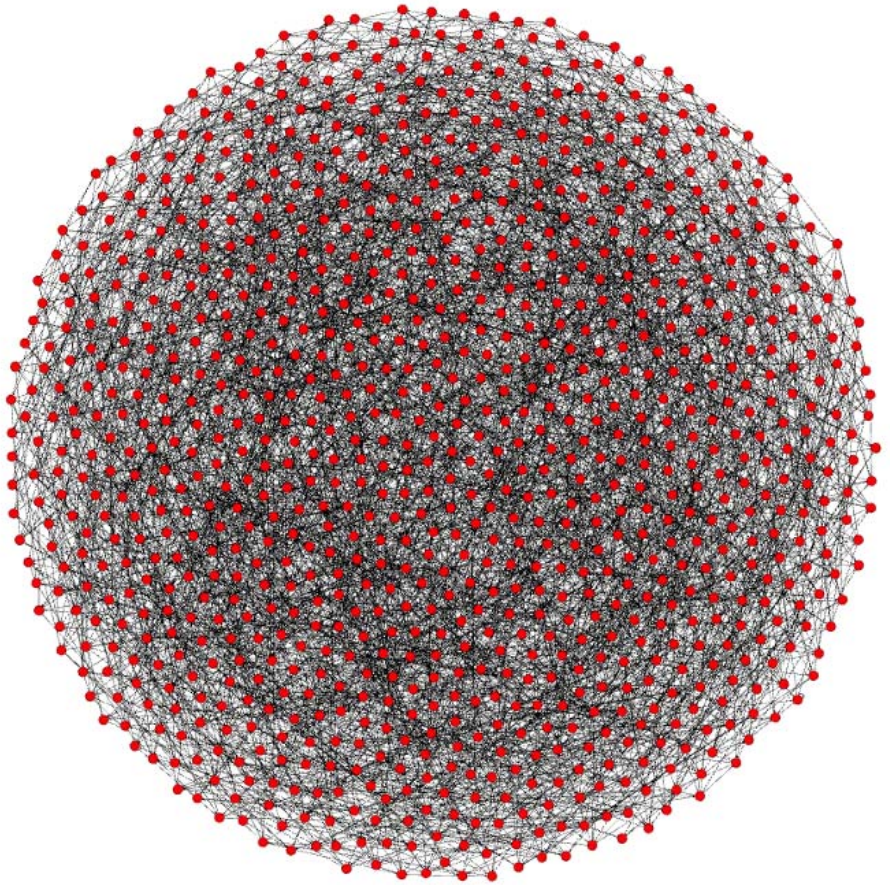
Bitcoin today



Speed of transactions