# **What Addresses are Potential Fraud Accounts?**

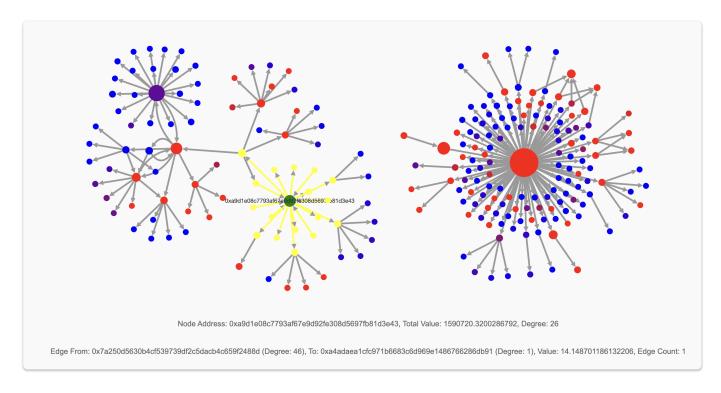
Risk Evaluation Score or Finding Patterns?

# **Transaction Analysis**

- Frequency -> address of burst transaction
- Amount -> unusual amount
- Time -> unusual hours -> can we get ip with address?

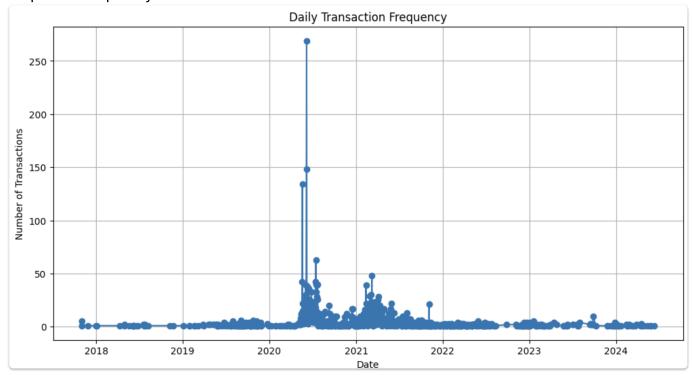
#### **Address Analysis**

 Cluster -> groups of addresses frequently transact to each other, indicate potential coordination



By observing the graph we can see a few clusters and huge nodes with massive transactions.

#### #1 plot tx frequency and list amount



#### #1.1 Bin data by day

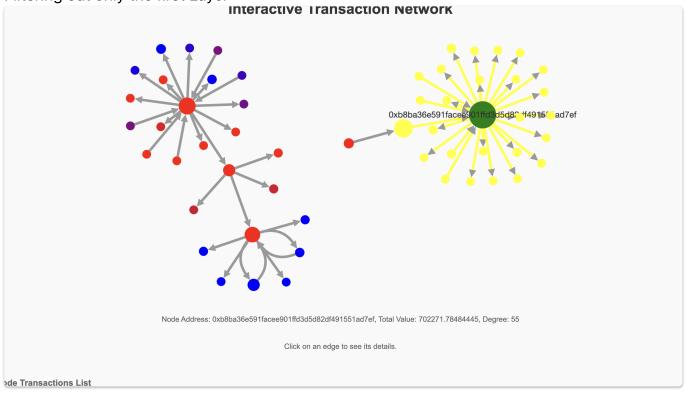
-> Result not useful

#1.2 Flatten the dimension

#1.3 List Top 20 tx frequency address

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0xb8ba36e591facee901ffd3d5d82df491551ad7ef: 1188.0
0x7a250d5630b4cf539739df2c5dacb4c659f2488d: 470.0
0x8fd587b5ea5abd65ad3439d9e58c63222866baa9: 386.0
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0x51b6cccb815ee46ac94733099d7d281bbb952e26: 208.0
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0xebc18d25d8122da21f73a6bcb78971671f21f6ff: 95.0
0x092a106bd981df3415dcf931f10216a093b5ba1c: 88.0
0xaeb6aa86232e7892e973899f885584ce530fafd5: 64.0
0x2d62e6b6a8e1c4495b1255c2e558b93eb962925f: 59.0
0xd520294ec8b6cc2f8252412c14f83e937fe6a7a5: 56.0
0x49f9316eb22de90d9343c573fbd7cc0b5ec6e19f: 49.0
0x194d1ba9edb4bd849ca844870c05ac5cfb632b14: 47.0
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Filtering out only the first Layer



The green node is the one with the highest tx frequency. And now we can see that his tx actions are mostly based on the 1 Layer, with value with 702271, 55 degree on 1 layer and value 145920, 125 degree on the second layer

#### **Listing Node Transactions**



#1.4 How can we tell the difference between fraud tx and big investments?

- -> trace origin, check whether it is from known risky addresses
- -> if the dest of funds are going to multiple addresses in short period of time, may indicate laundering(smurfing technique)

## #1.5 Color Tagging the Clusters

#1.6 Observing the visualization graph, there exists some back and forth swaps, I want to check the tx frequency of these addresses and check cycles in this graph.

-> The tool should let me easy filter out the selected address, perhaps with listing frequency or recent transactions

#### #2 Finding Cycles

When observing the graph using visualization tool, we can see obvious cycles and clusters

### #2.1 Defining Suspicious Cycle

i set my definition of "suspicious" as:

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if cycle_length <= 3 and cycle_value > 500:
    cycle is suspicious
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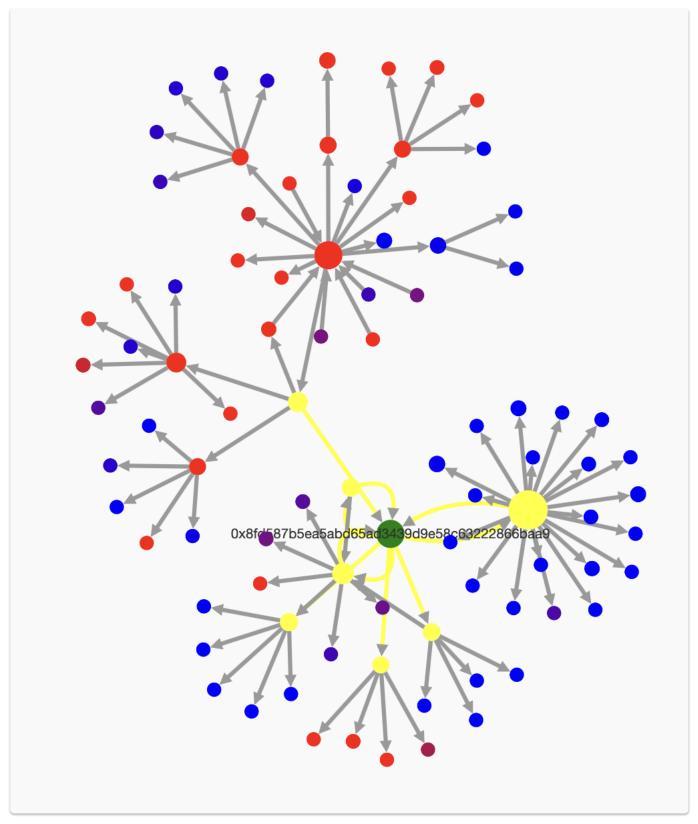
#### #2.2 List out top 20 sus cycles

We can see that both top sus cycles and top frequency address have duplications. A lot of them are also the same as some of the address @Manchien and I observed weird behaviors earlier

#2.3 The cycle doesn't guarantee fraud/laundering. The swap may happen in a wide span of time. We need to check the frequency of these cycles. Wondering is there a way to visualize graph + a vector of time?

-> A time slider?

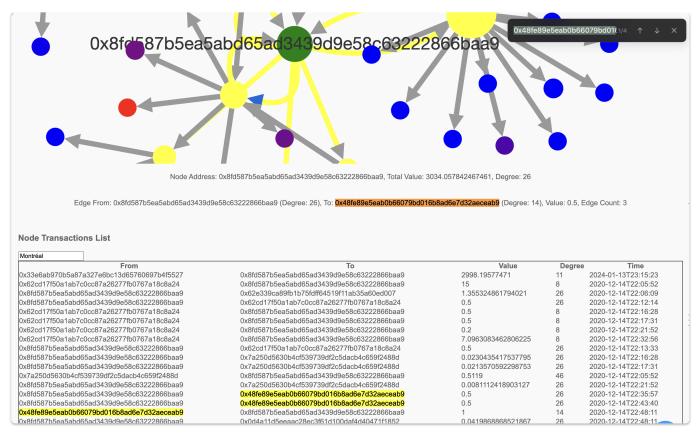
#2.4 Filter by frequency or amount



Observing this part of graph we can see the node

0x8fd587b5ea5abd65ad3439d9e58c63222866baa9 is a potential intermediate node, which is also the node with 3rd highest transaction frequency, with total value of 3024 units.

-> It is also very obvious that this node contains many cycles, which is a strong sign of potential laundering or high risk address



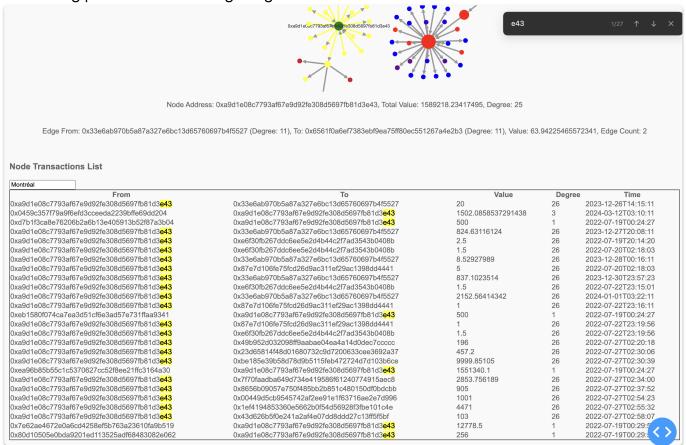
when highlighting out part of the tx, though they happened in a short period of time, their amount is too small

from other cycles we can see similar signs, which may be micro laundering or perhaps smart contract(dev) testings?

This is another Huge node within a suspicious cycle, the cycle consists of ['0x0459c357f79a9f6efd3cceeda2239bffe69dd204', '0xa9d1e08c7793af67e9d92fe308d5697fb81d3e43', '0x33e6ab970b5a87a327e6bc13d65760697b4f5527'] with total value 2830.053840053603

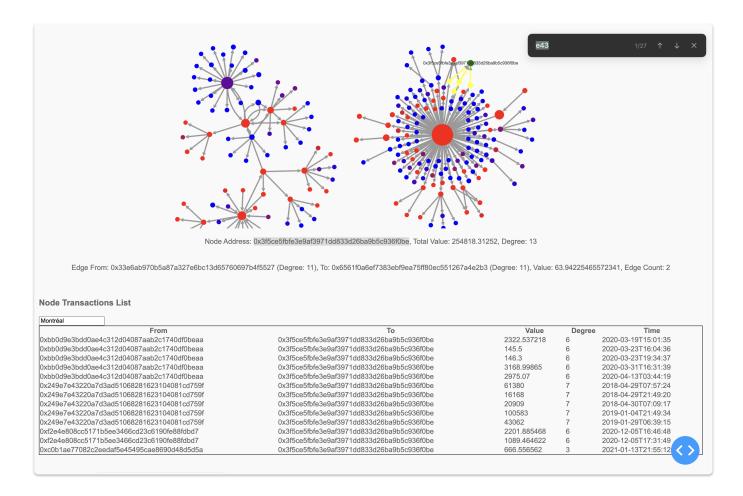
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e43 -> 527, 20 uniy on 2023/12/26 14:15:11
204 -> e43, 1502 unit on 2024/3/12 3:10:11
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The maing point is the following image



e43 doing multiple high frequency transactions with high amount within a very short period of time, concentrated at July, 2022

There are also some interesting nodes that are single-way dumping tokens to big nodes, or nodes gathering humangous funds from several leaf nodes



#3 Finding Cross Chain Transactions (Chain Hopping)