~ Protocol Guild ~
funding the Ethereum commons

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👋 if you wanted to buy some of them coffees ☕ how many could you name?

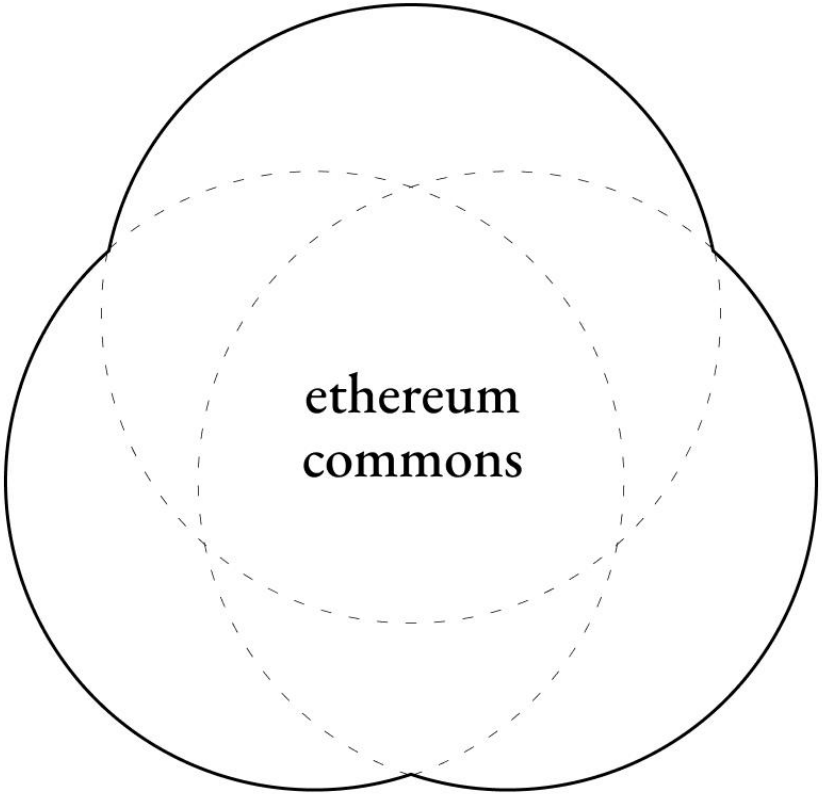
1 -10?
10 - 30?
30 - 100?

this matters because
Ethereum is a commons:

a system of peer production which
manages **shared** resources

when we know the system's peer contributors, we can:

1. get more certainty about the nature of the shared resources and the production process
2. fund their work, avoid capture
3. stabilize the contributor set with incentives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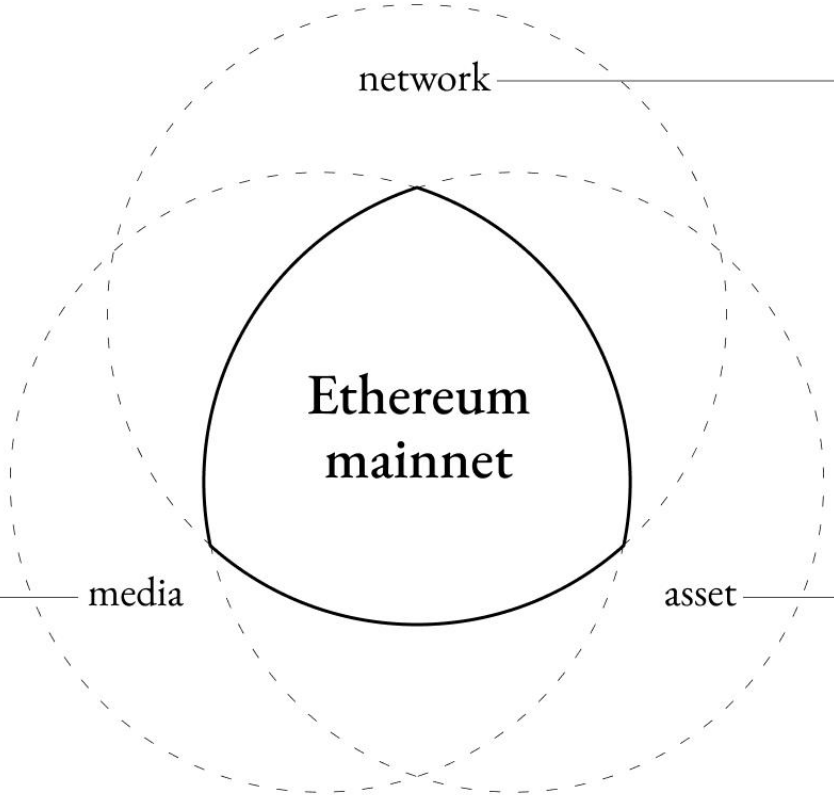
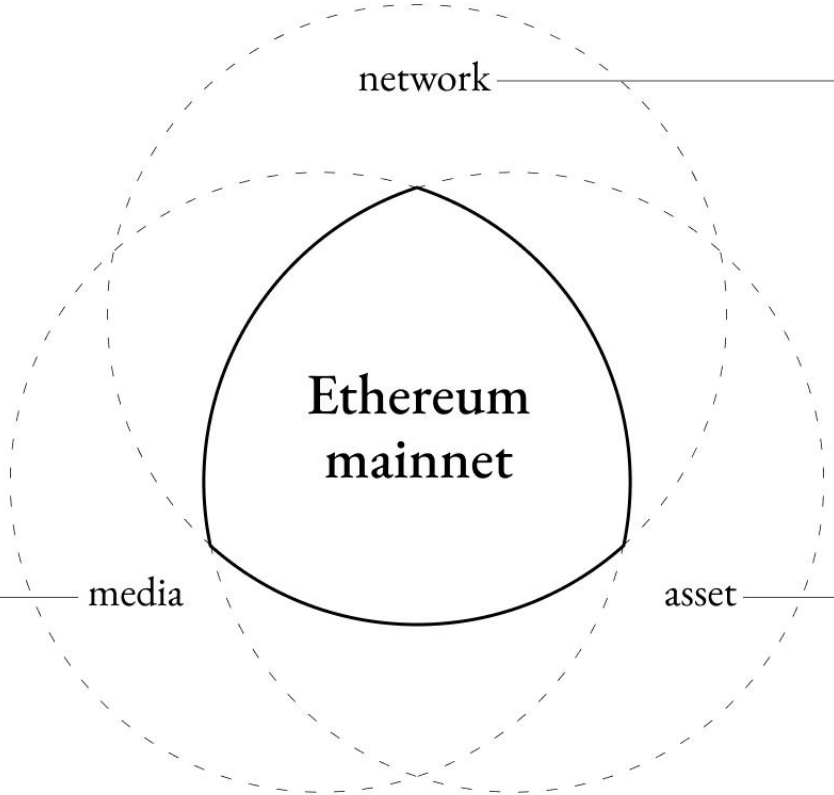
three resource types



produced through protocols

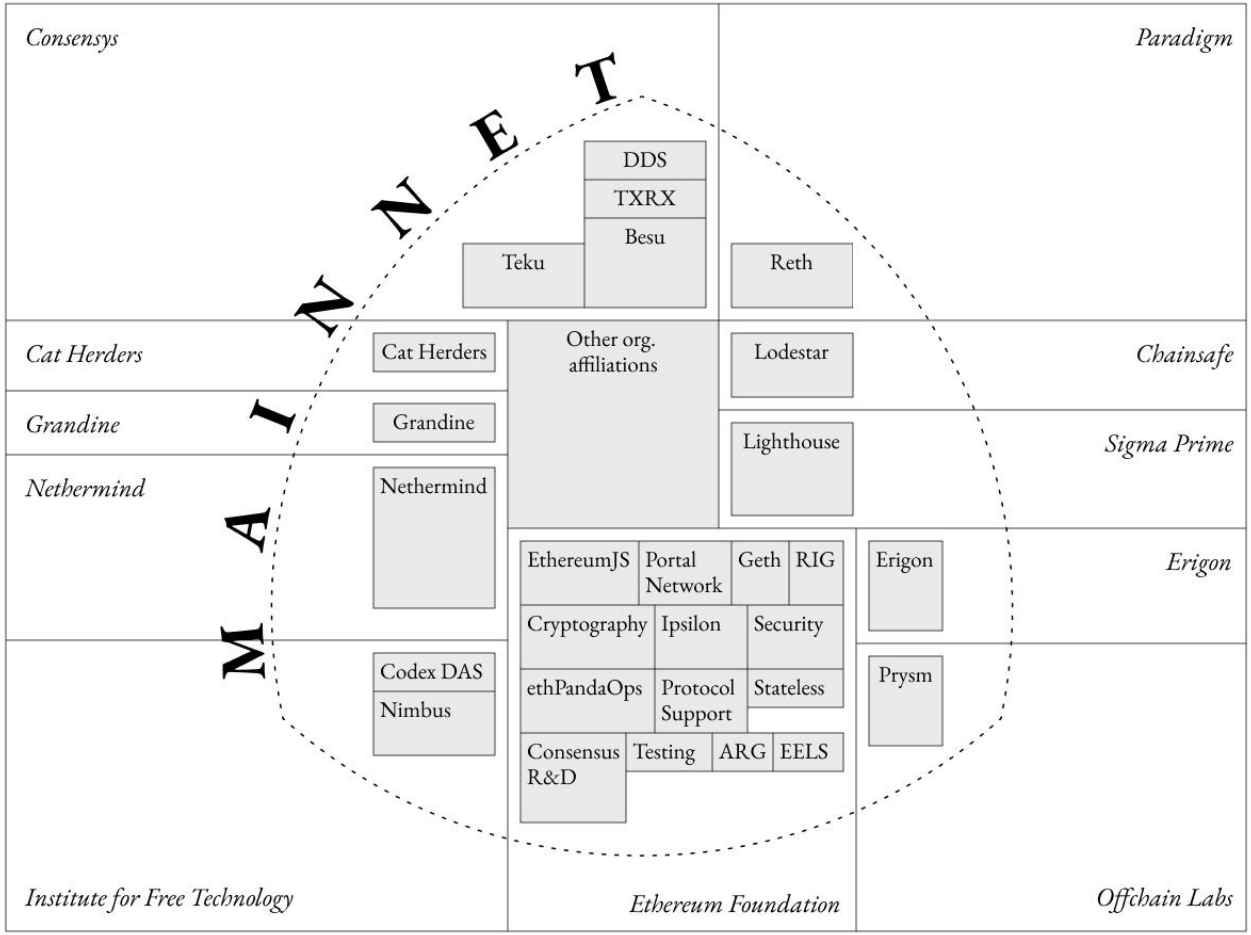


fork choice
EIP-4844
p2p gossip

open source norms
permissive licensing
public by default
rough consensus

POS issuance
EIP-1559 burn

who produces the software media?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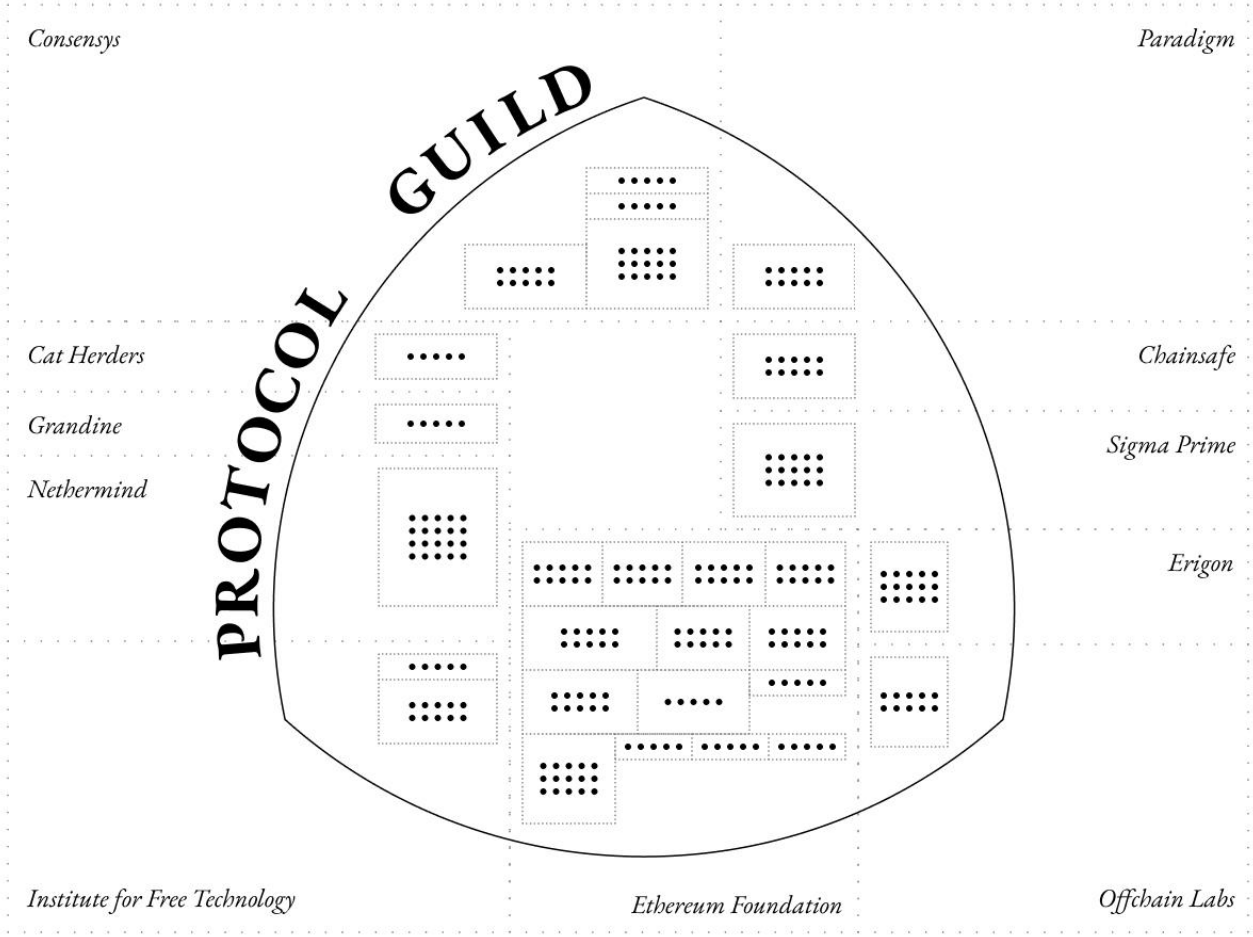
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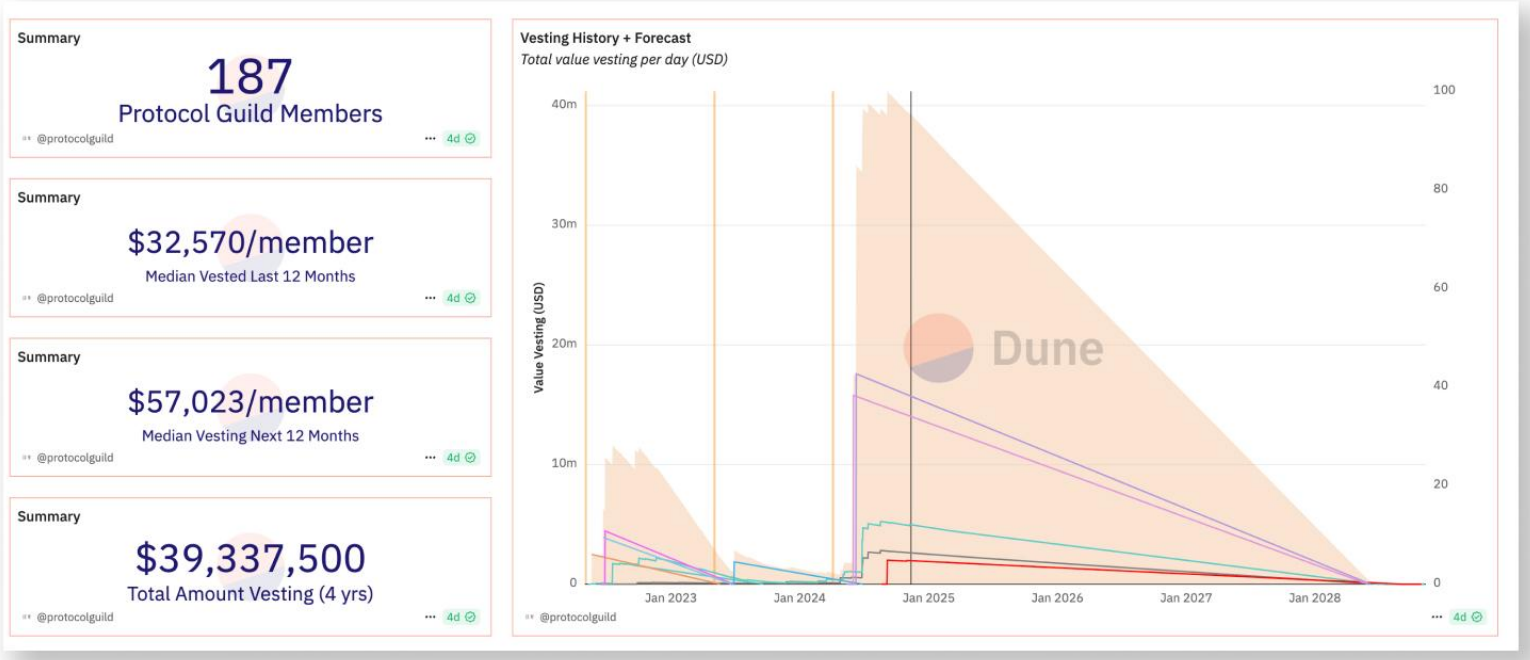
- a list of 187 mainnet contributors
- more than 600 years of cumulative contributions
- a collective funding mechanism

1. narrow mandate / narrow domain
2. open membership of individuals
3. comprehensive quarterly curation
4. 4yr onchain vesting contract

- building since 2021
- $57k / yr / median member

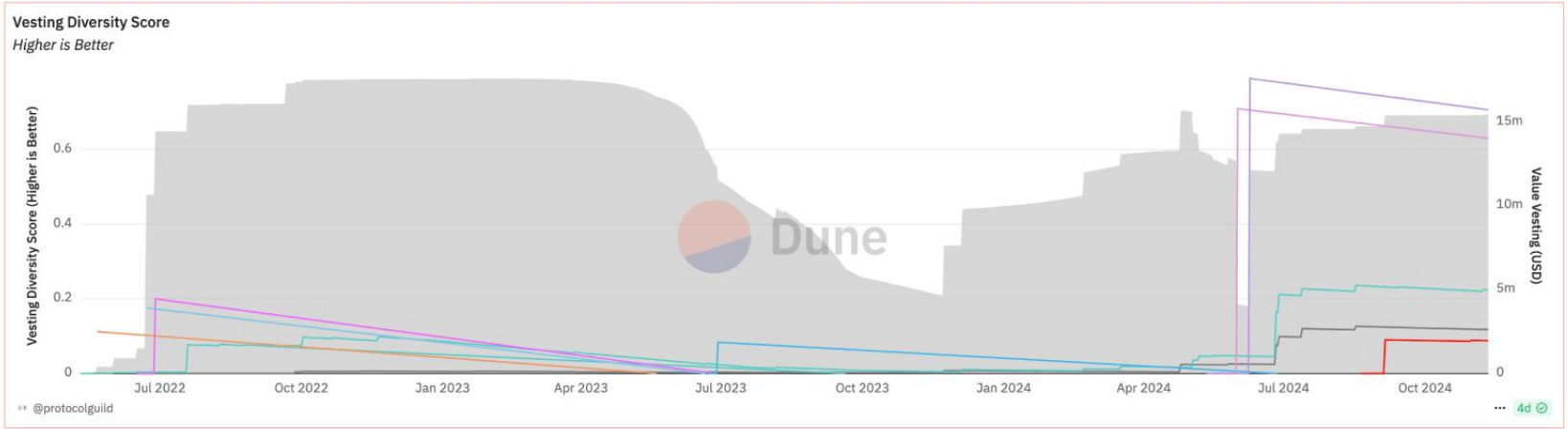


Top 10 funders (all time)

Donor Leaderboard

#	Donor	Initial Value ▼	Current Value
1	Ether.fi Foundation	$40,699,996	$17,600,000
2	Taiko Labs	$24,300,000	$15,800,000
3	LayerZero Foundation	$6,836,112	$6,617,584
4	Arbitrum Community	$3,413,382	$1,869,039
5	Lido DAO	$2,840,000	$2,500,000
6	Optimism RPGF	$2,800,878	$2,056,467
7	Uniswap DAO	$2,740,000	$4,460,000
8	ENS DAO	$1,890,000	$3,922,000
9	ZKsync Association	$1,173,898	$1,087,513
10	Moloch DAO	$793,560	$1,572,660

current funding diversity score: **.6926**



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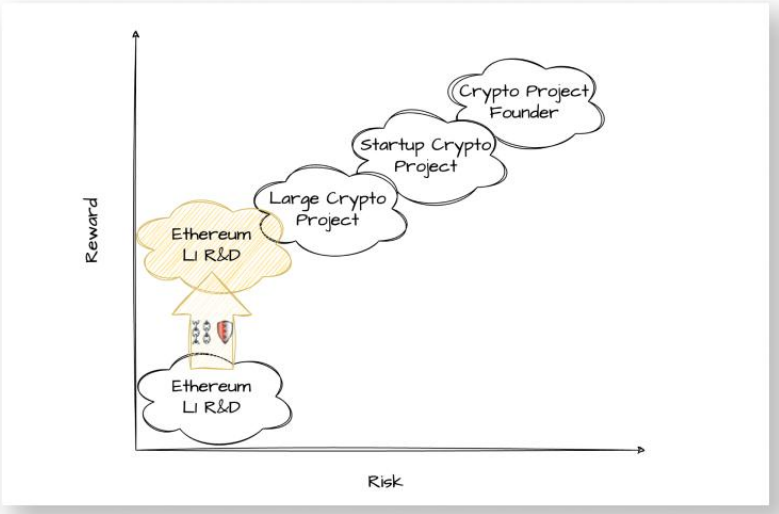

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#	Project
1	🥇 Ether.fi Foundation
2	🥈 PWN DAO
3	🥉 Taiko Labs

Commons can succeed!

🐟 4000 years - Inuit fishing practices
🌾 2000 - Ifugao rice terraces
🌳 2000 - Dehesa farming system

🛜 41 - internet
⚒️ 33 - linux
💻 23 - wikipedia

🌐 9 - ethereum

is it a core dev UBI? a software standards org? a union? a comp package?

it's a call to action

DMs open =)