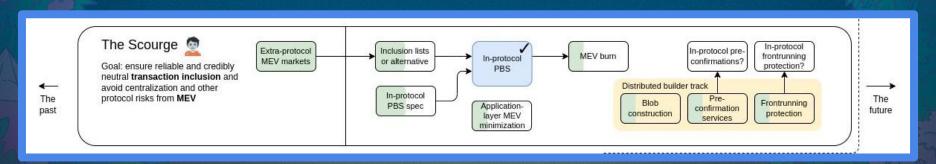


### **What does Protocol Research Mean?**

Contributing to Ethereum's future.

**Decentralization Efficiency Censorship Resistance** 

- Research as a tool for decision making.
  - What are the properties Ethereum needs?
  - Given these properties, what economic mechanisms are optimal?

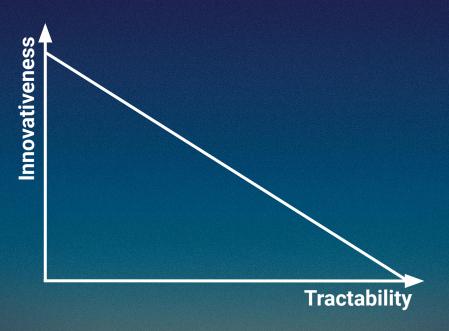


### Where to start?

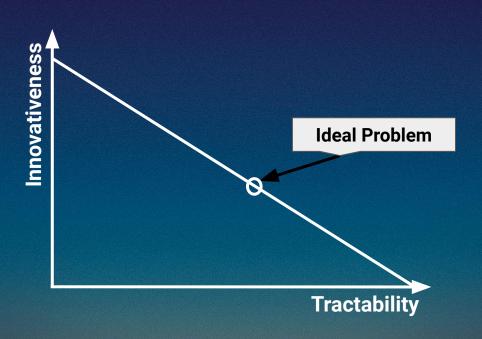
- Roadmaps span the entire protocol.
  - Finding a starting point can be difficult.
- Best way to start in my opinion:
  - Find some researchers whose work you like.
  - Often, they will state the limitations of their work or areas for further research.
  - Identify how you can extend upon their research.
  - Contact them with your idea!

# Tractability vs. Innovativeness

Tractability depends on your skillset



### **Ideal Trade-Off**



## Don't Let Perfect be the Enemy of Good!

