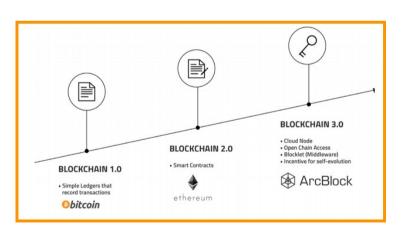
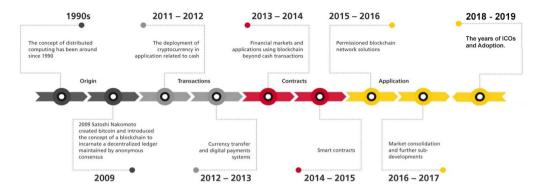
# Regulations: Navigating the Conundrum of the Crypto Space

# The Crypto Landscape

### The Meteoric Rise of the Blockchain Era



#### **BLOCKCHAIN HISTORY**



- Worldwide, the numbers show that blockchain-based technology and cryptocurrency use is growing. Blockchain wallet <u>users</u> rose from nearly 9 million in 2016 to over 42 million in 2019.
- Developers produced a mere 100 decentralized apps (<u>DApps</u>) in 2015—with that number skyrocketing to over 3,100 by 2019.
- Overall, cryptocurrencies are helping to create an innovative and accessible financial system around the world.

# **The Many Trends of Blockchain Adoption**

The blockchain revolution is enabling more efficient and transparent financial systems, digital asset ownership, and non-inflationary hard money assets.



Digital hard money and assets



Decentralized finance (DeFi)



Unique goods and collectibles markets through NFTs

With more than \$280 billion in Total Value Locked (TVL) across decentralized applications, the blockchain-powered financial revolution is already underway.

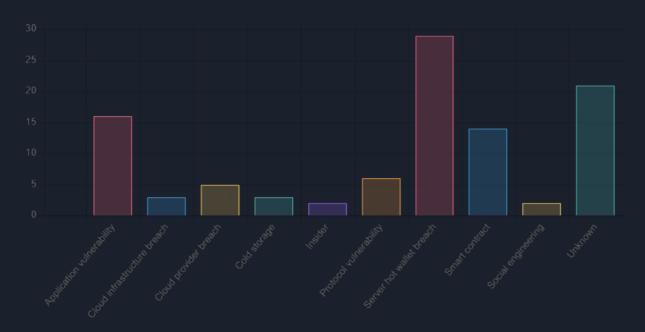
Source: Defi Llama (March 2022)



## Innovation vs Duplication: Winner take All

- In the short run, the market is a voting machine but in the long run it is a weighing machine." - Ben Graham
- The speed at which a project's success is recognized, is not that important as long as the intrinsic value is increasing at a satisfactory rate or maintains a strong economic moat

#### Blockchain Graveyard



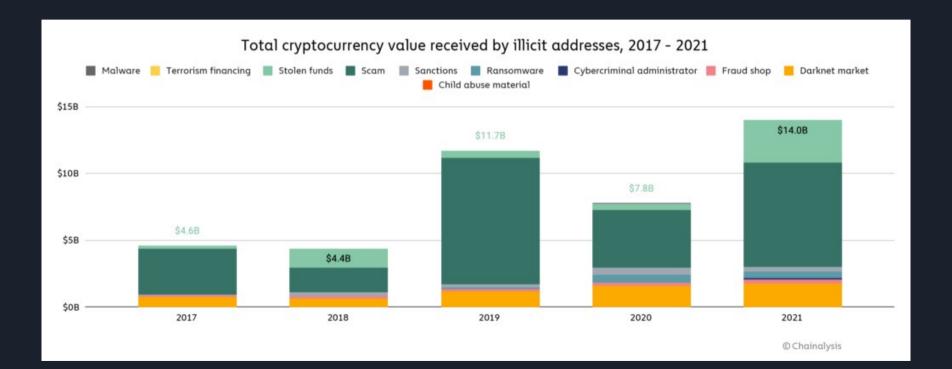
#### **ROOT CAUSE ESTIMATES**

The data above is roughly gleaned from publicly available data about 94 incidents. This should assist estimation during threat modeling

#### The Yin-Yang Scenario I

Digitalization of the financial system may have unwittingly imported some existing limitations of the current system & would thus have to yield itself to scrutiny

Innovation & regulation remain tightly intertwined and could have varying effects on existing & future projects



### **PETs as the Black Sheep**

- Regulators will maintain hostile approach to privacy coins
  - Bad faith actors cause loss of confidence in widespread adoption by the public
    - Noobs remain on the fence due to FUD

Cryptocurrencies

By Michael Nderitu



## How Litecoin [LTC] is reacting to news of delisting from Korean exchanges

Litecoin (LTC) is on the spotlight once again days after launching its Mimblewimble upgrade and for a related reason. Multiple South...





#### How do different countries around the world approach crypto-regulations?



## **Yin-Yang Scenario II**

Measures introduced to combat financial impropriety in the crypto space has become a double edged sword

Possibilities exist for which PETs could ride the regulation tailwind to advance various projects

Government & corporate exposure to the crypto space by CBDCs and balance sheet exposure has yielded a softer tone on which regulators are currently operating.

#### **Anti-Money Laundering Regulators**

#### **Around The World**



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