



# Cardano on the Rocks

*Project Reynisdrangar*

# Single Board Computers (SBC)



- Small
- Cheap
- Most known: Raspberry PI
- More powerful: Rock PI & RockPro64
- 6 CPU Cores, 4 GB RAM, Solid State Disk
- 5 Watt power consumption



# Project Reynisdrangar?



## Jörmungandr

- The new IOHK Rust Node
- Also the Norse Ouroboros



## Reynisdrangar

- Mystical rocks in Southern Iceland
- Project name for Cardano On The Rocks



# Proof Of Work Mining



**Avg. Bitcoin Miner Uses:**

700 - 1500 watts

\* 5 million Miners

= 7,300,000,000 watts  
of election computation

**To:** Elect The Block Producer

**Not:** Run The Entire Network



Source:

<https://www.ofnumbers.com/2018/08/26/how-much-electricity-is-consumed-by-bitcoin-bitcoin-cash-ethereum-litecoin-and-monero/>



# 5 Watts Gets Us What?



## Participation In Proof Of Stake

- Keep Up To Date With Chain
- Serve Client Requests
- Produce Blocks
- Verify Other Blocks
- Share The Blockchain

It becomes easily noticeable how much more efficient PoS is compared to PoW.



# Presenting The Rock Pis



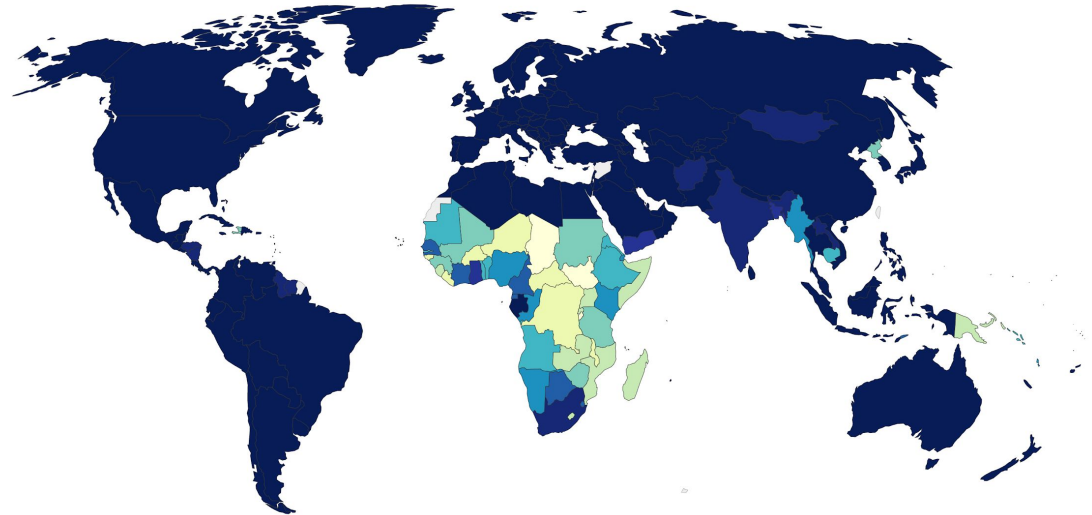
## Solar Power Demo

- Solar Panel
- Buffer Battery
- Power Meter
- RockPro64
- WiFi Uplink

### Share of the population with access to electricity, 2016

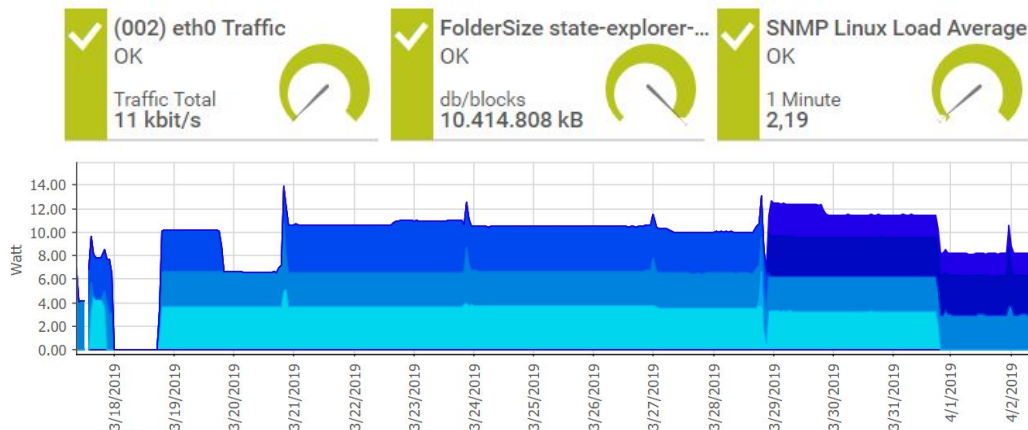
Data represents electricity access at the household level, that is, the number of people who have electricity in their home. It comprises electricity sold commercially, both on-grid and off-grid.

Our World  
in Data



We measure:

- CPU
- RAM
- DiskIO
- NetIO
- Storage Size
- Power consumption





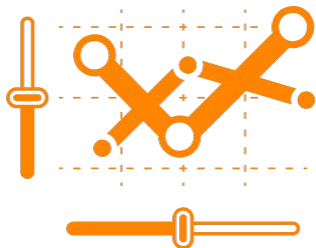
# What is the best PoS node?



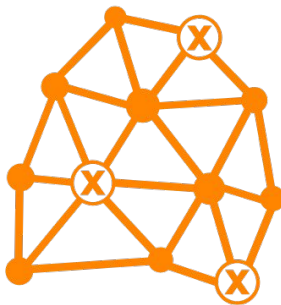
**Will Cardano rely only on tiny RockPi's ?**

No, it will rely on the 3 D's...

Dynamic Availability



Decentralization



Diversity



# Enterprise Class Supernodes



- Xeon CPU's
- Error correcting RAM
- Solid-state RAID Storage
- 10 GBit/s Network Interfaces
- Redundant Power Supplies
- 140 watts



# Bare Metal Vs. Virtual Instances



- Virtual Instances provide an easy set-up process for new operators
- However they create a large centralizing effect on the network
- With physical hardware you aid in improving the physical distribution of the network as a whole
- Thus having a variety of configurations of nodes creates a stronger network



- Key Generation & Storage
- Encrypting & Signing Data
- True RNG
- Tamper Resistant





# Conclusion



- Rock Pi's are an example of an effective low powered node
- Variety in node configurations allows for flexibility and strengthens the network
- Guides on setting up your own Rock Pi stake pool will be released in the proceeding weeks

