

Post-internet Revolution

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What is it ?

« Blockchain is a peer-to-peer trustless system, immutable and censorship resistant »

-K. Loaec

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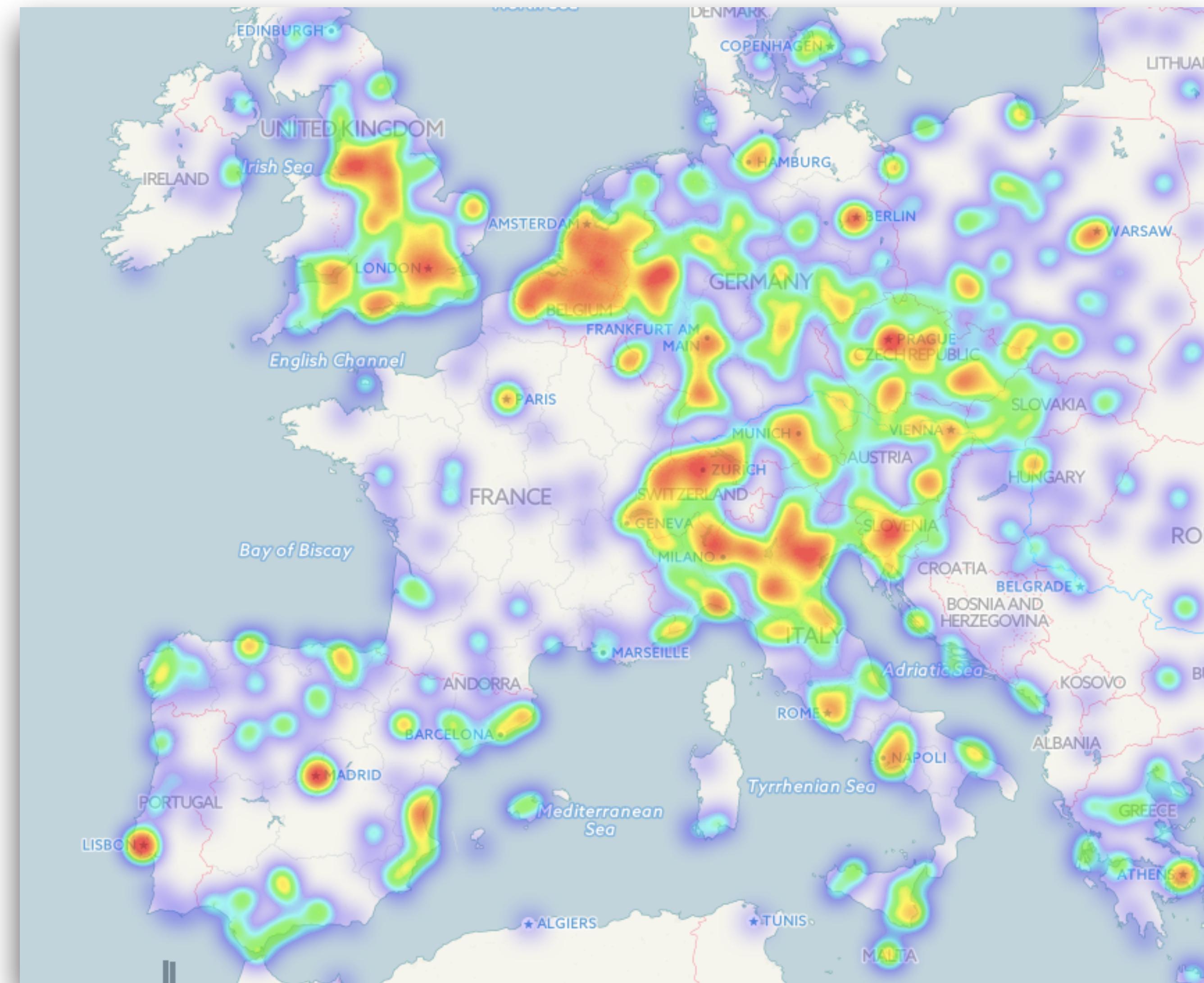
Origins : Bitcoin

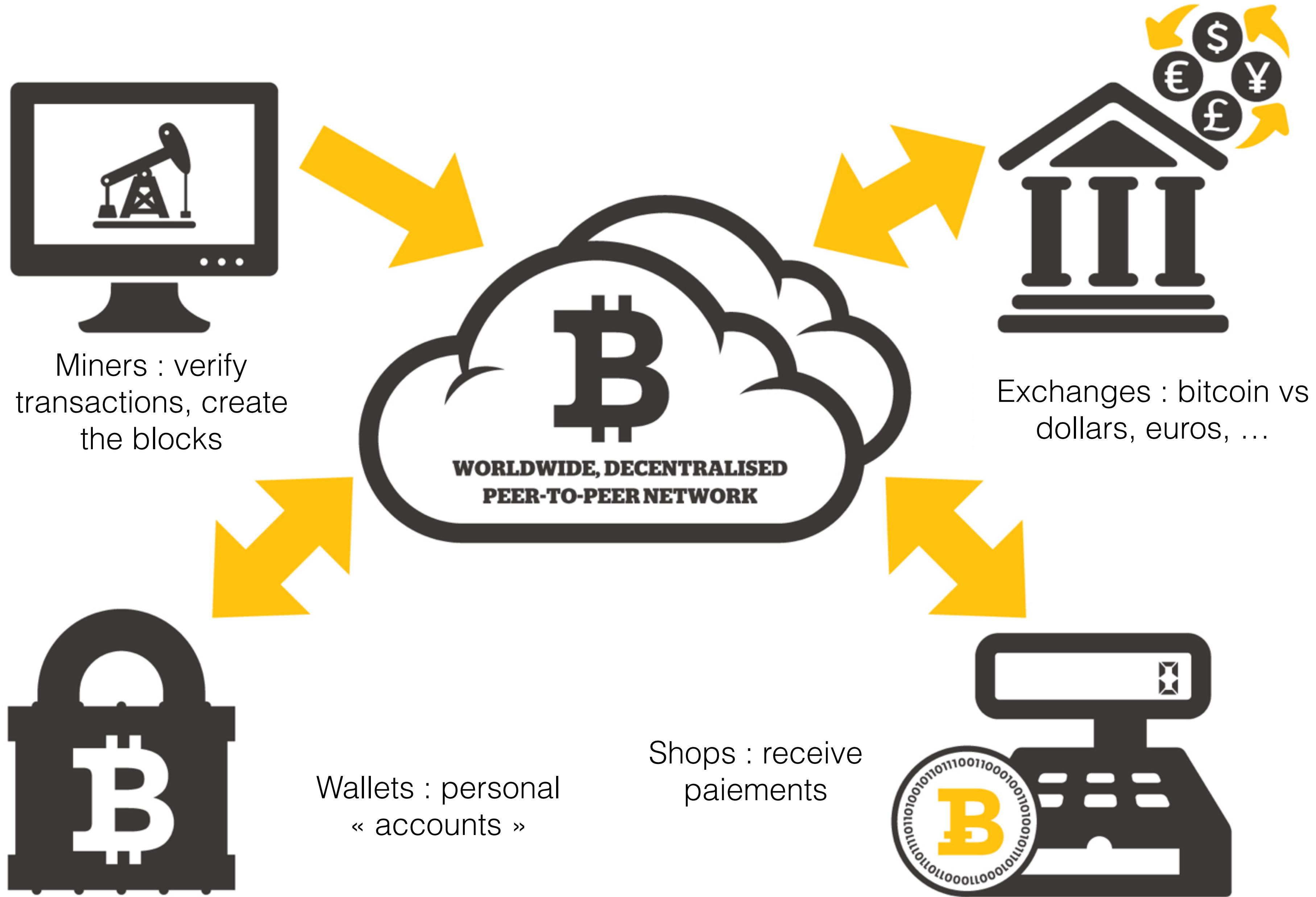
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Crypto-currency

Introduces « Blockchain »
technology

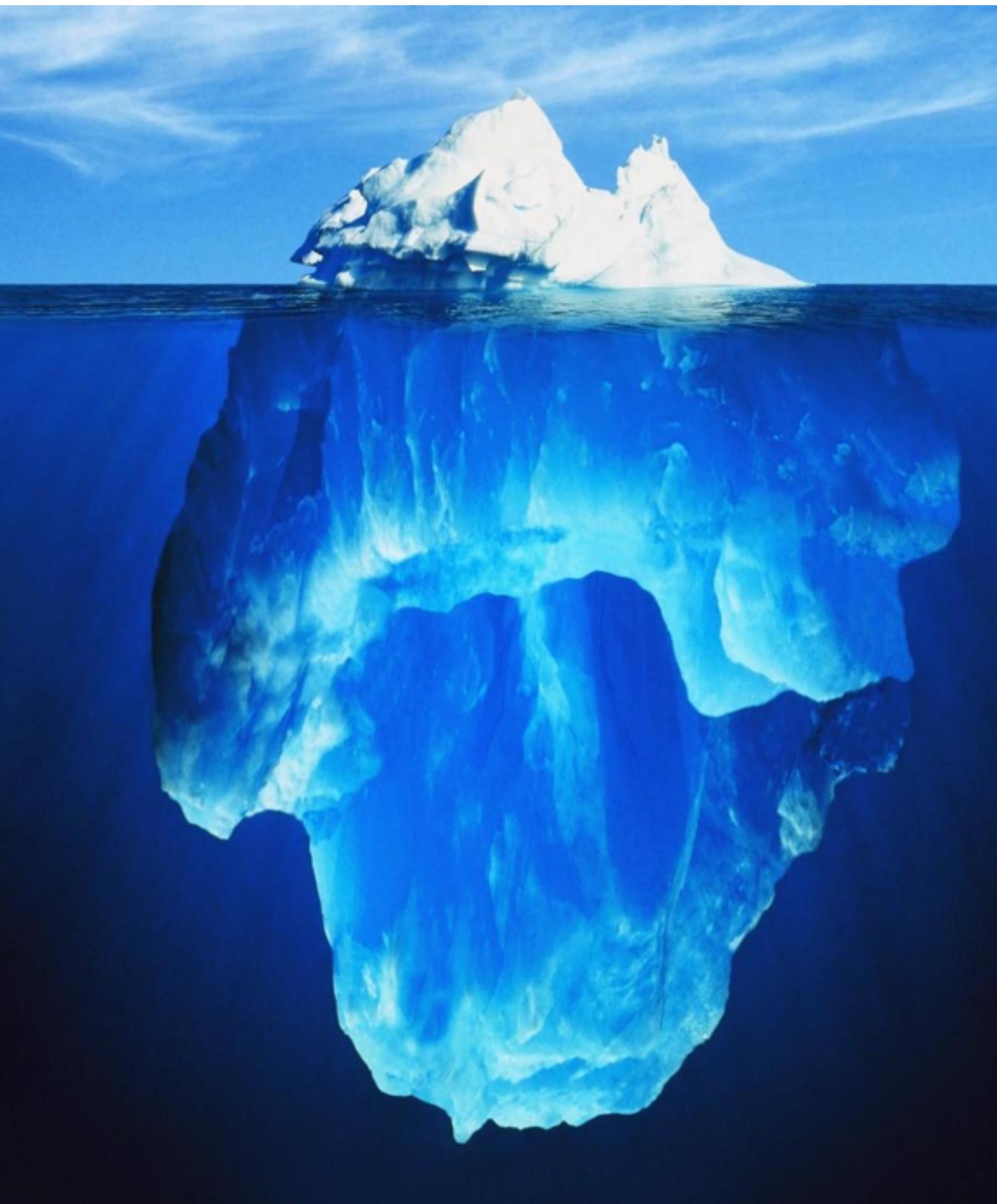






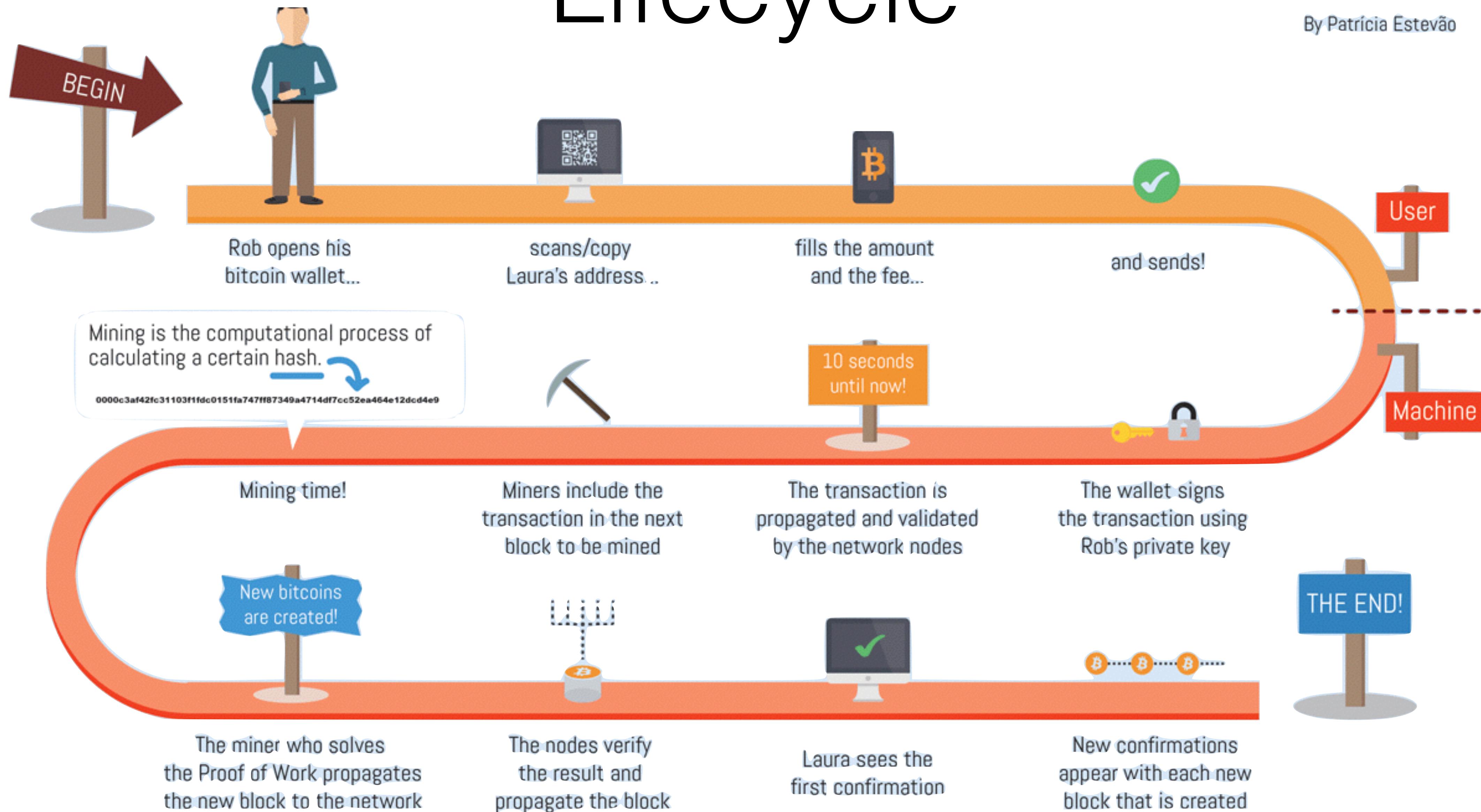


How does it works ?



Lifecycle

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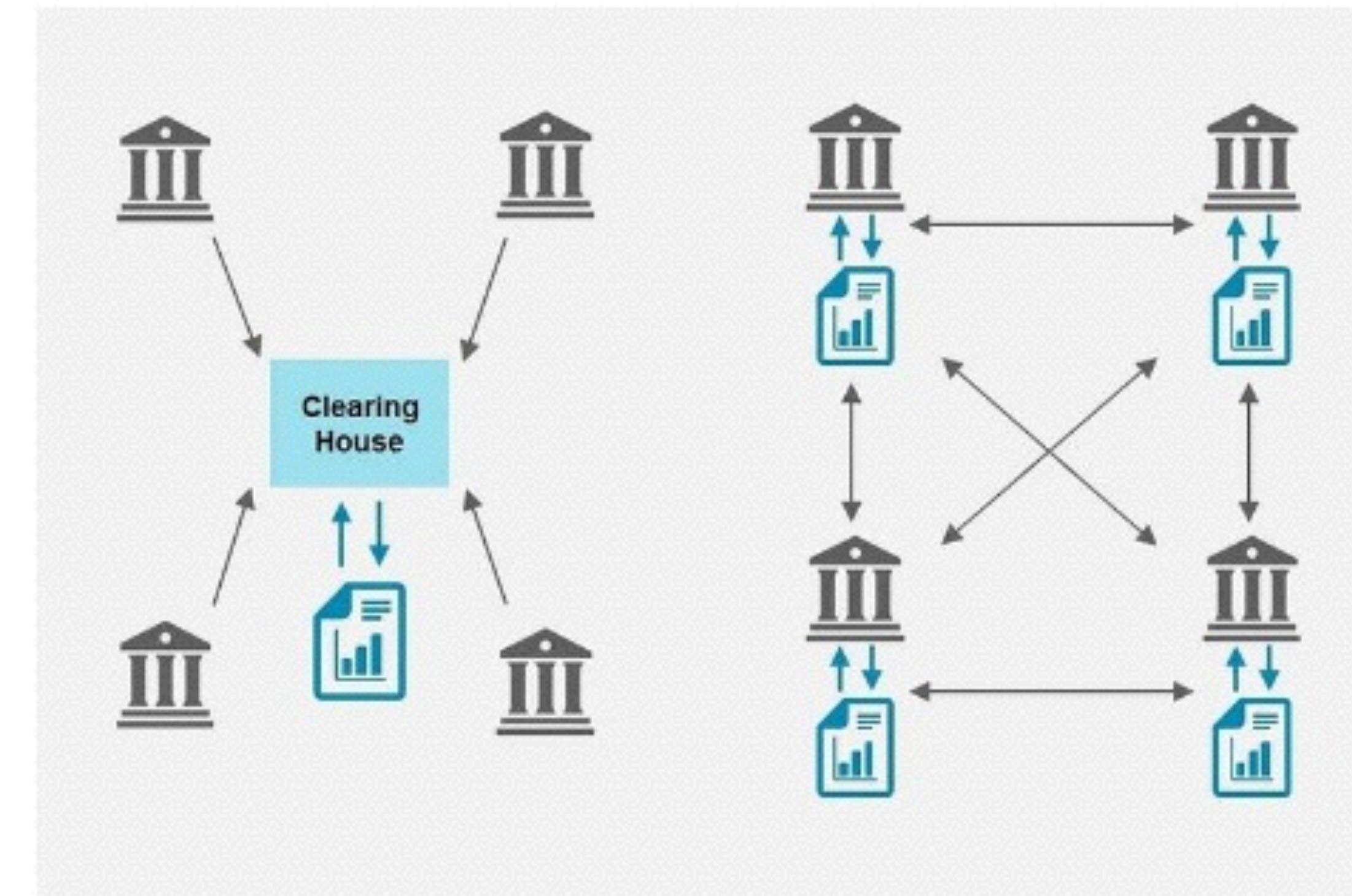


Technical basement

1. Decentralized and public ledger
2. Accounts (Keys)
3. Transactions
4. Blocks
5. Consensus
6. Miners

1/ Decentralized ledger

- All transactions and balances are public
 - Everybody knows if a payment can be done or not

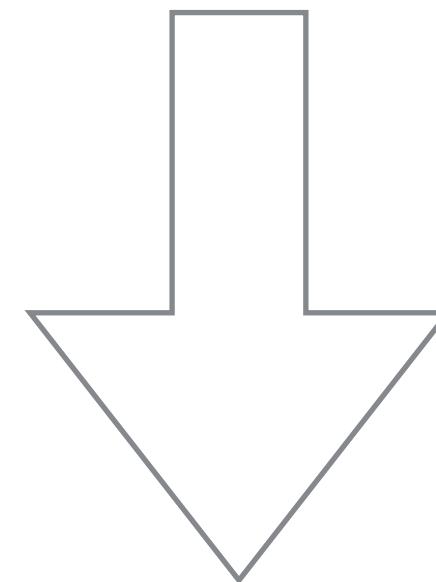


2/ Accounts

- Pair of Private / Public keys to identify the sender
- Private Key is 2^{256} bits, generated randomly
- Account => address



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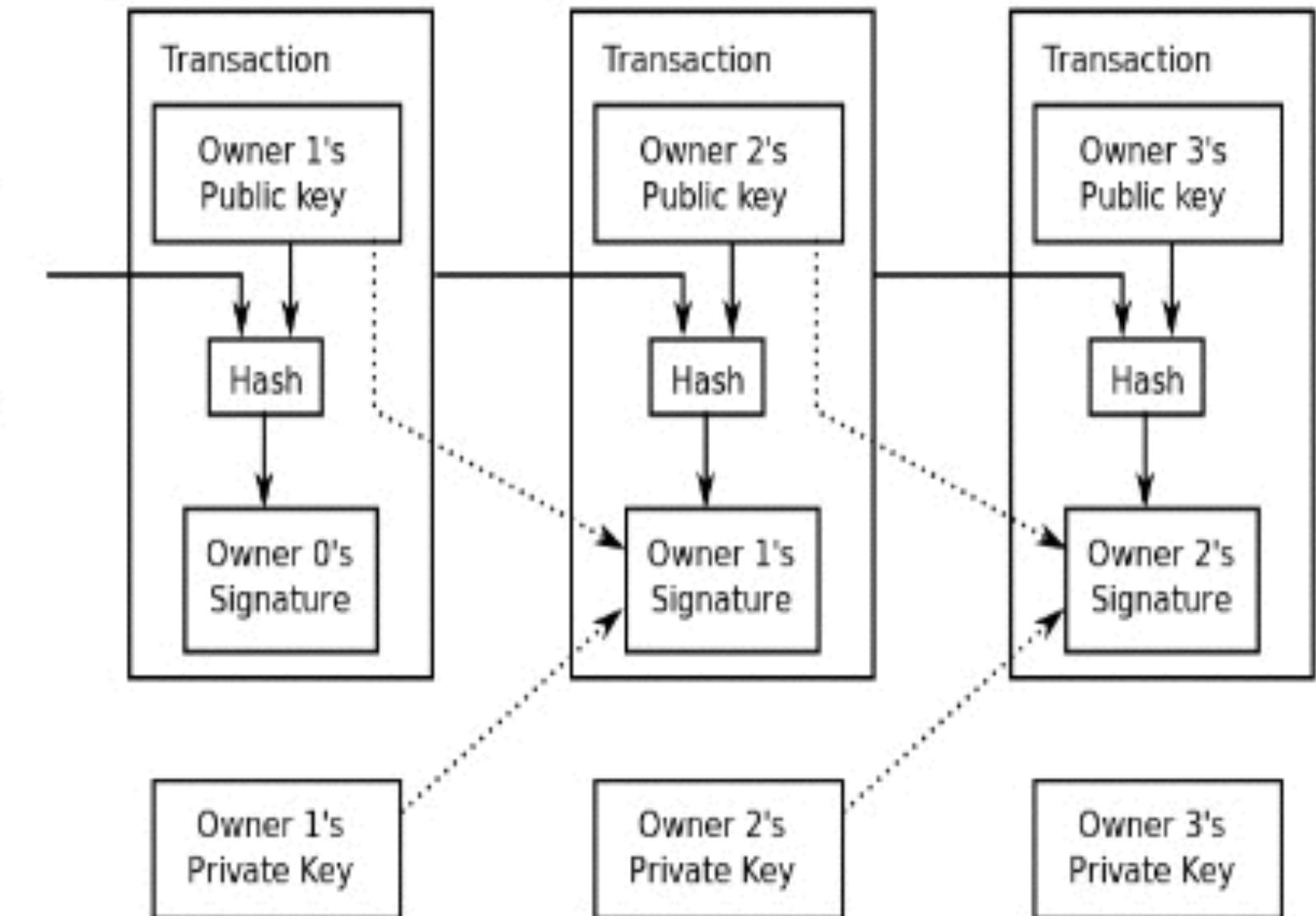


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3/ Transactions

- Tx = sender + receiver + amount
- Sender creates and signs transaction
- transactions are verified to avoid double-spend

- Private key:
 - Digital signature
 - Allows spending
- Public key:
 - Allows signature verification
 - Represents the wallet address
- Transactions are published in the blockchain

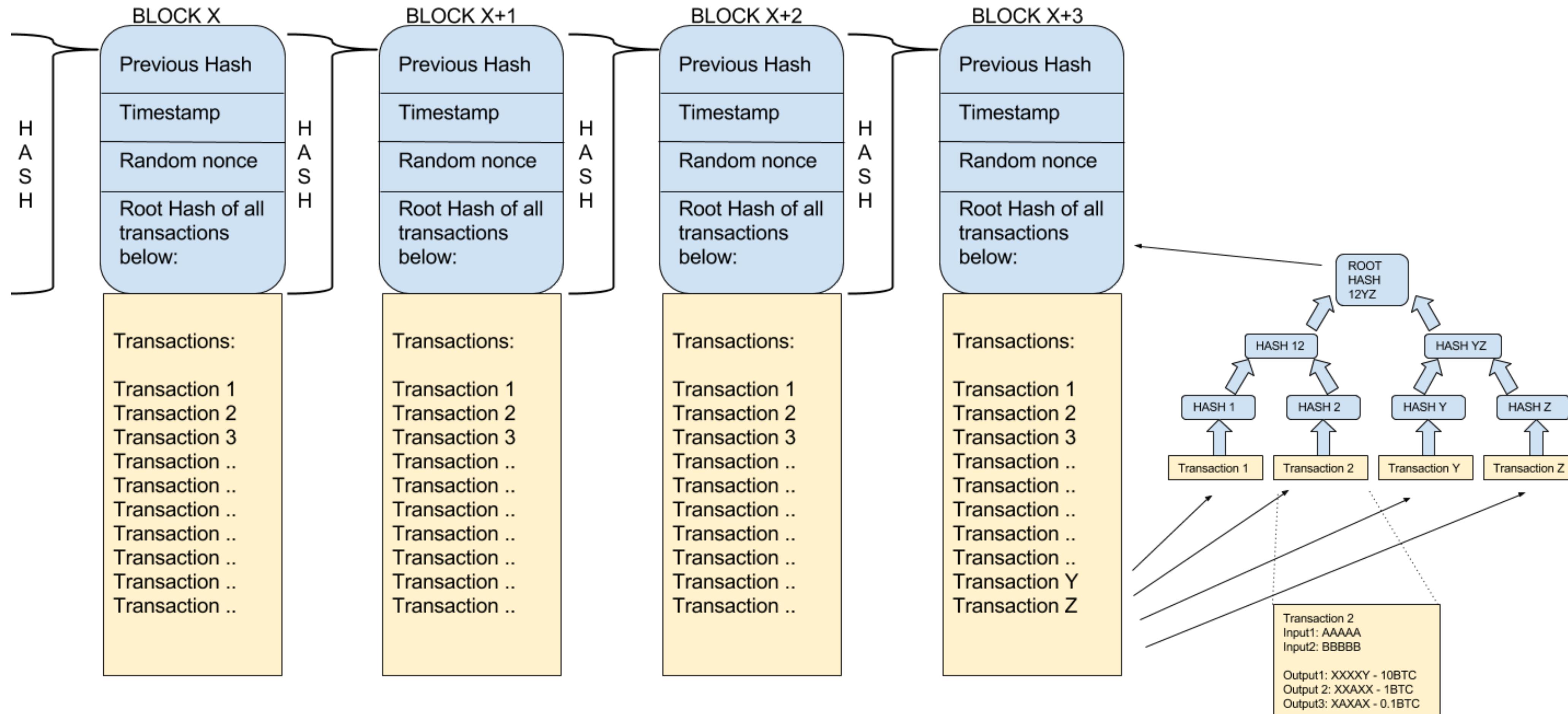


A transaction cannot be cheated

4/ Blocks

- Contains several transactions, in a merkle tree
- Are linked in a « chain »
- Consensus defines the rules to generate a block
- Content is not encrypted / is public

4/ Blocks



5/ Consensus

- Proof-of-Work (PoW)
 - Each nodes/miners accept the new situation based on that it has required some work to be done, and is cryptographically true
 - Random nonce => hash (256 bits) => challenge to find a number with some leading zeros
 - Each miner is incentivized : bitcoins rewarded for 1 block found

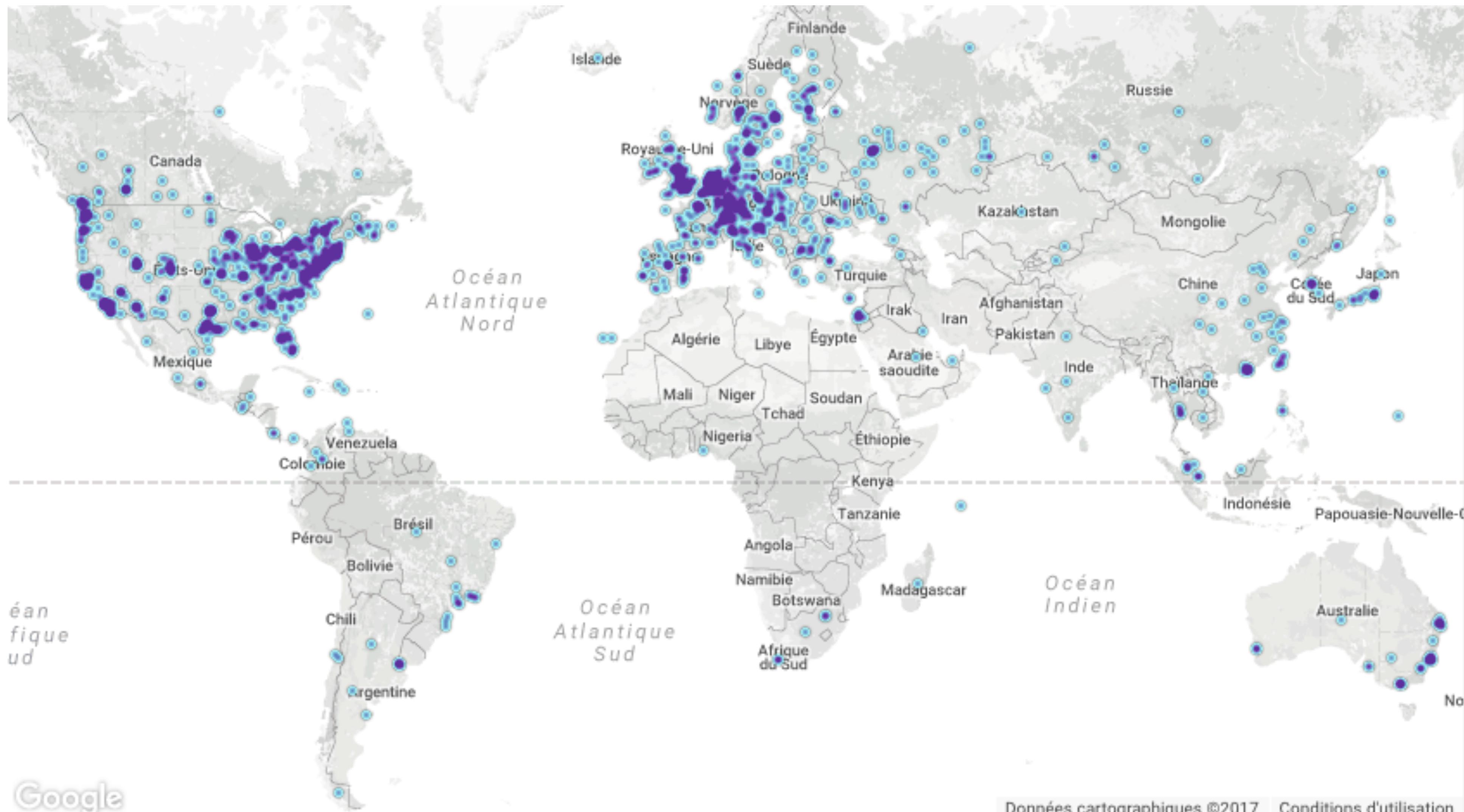
6/ Miners



+100'000 miners worldwide (estimated)

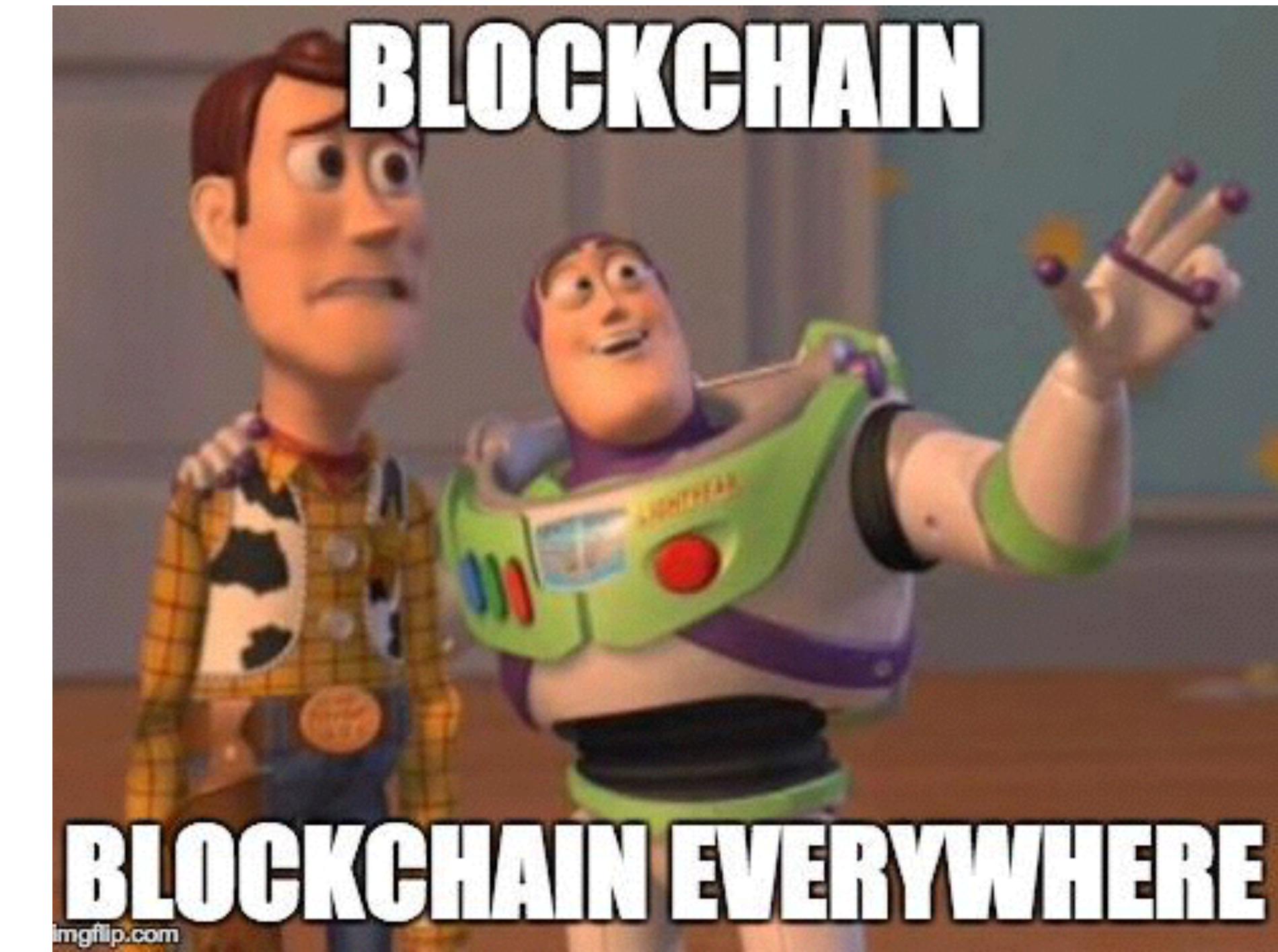
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Going further !

What if ?



Other use cases

- Crypto-currencies, but not only !
- Assets issuance, crowdfunding, domain registration, title registration, gambling, precision market, internet of things, voting, intellectual property, logistics, tracking, distributed calculus,..... hundreds !
- Problem : bitcoin-like blockchain are limited to transaction handling

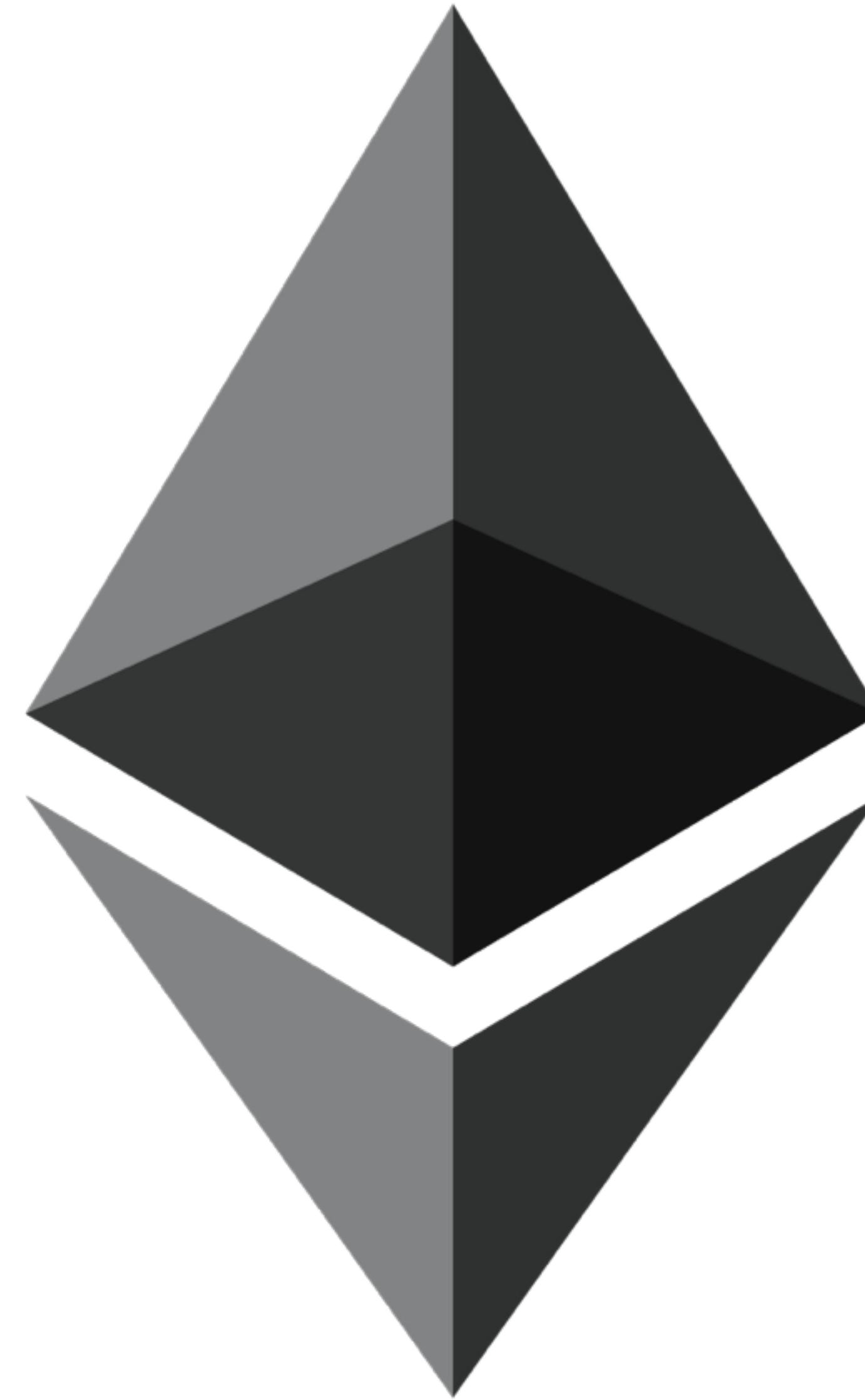
Introducing : Smart Contracts

General purpose programs

- **Runs** on each blockchain nodes —> resilient
- Code is **stored** on the blockchain —> can't be modified
- Is **Turing - complete** —> conditions, loops, etc...
- **State** is stored on the blockchain —> history of tx cannot be changed
- Is **deterministic** —> tx affect state, can be determined accurately, history can be verified (note : pb with random number generation, pb with external calls)

Ethereum

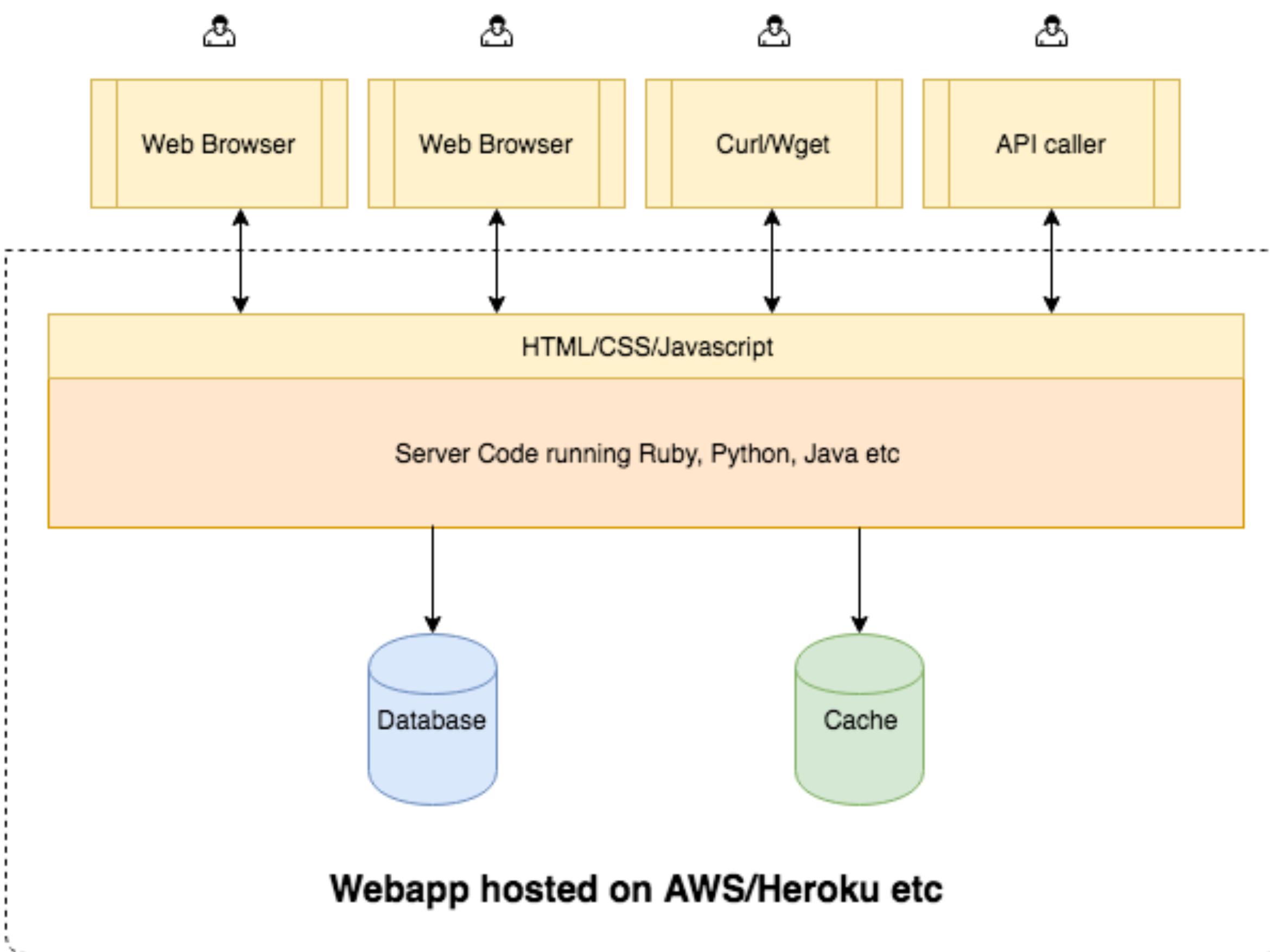
« Smart contracts »
technology



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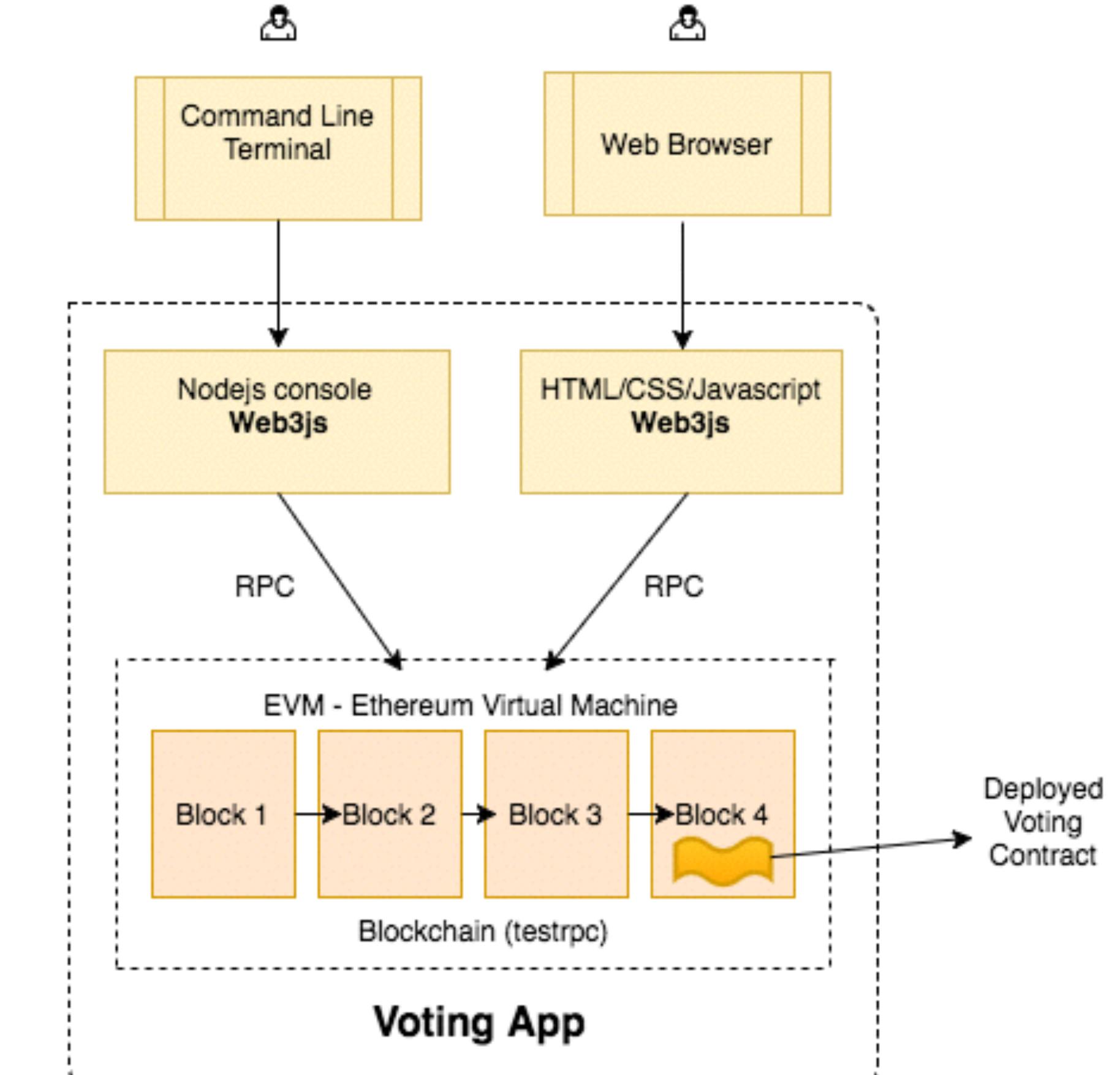
- The most widely used, simple to use and develop
- Similarities with Bitcoin : PoW, miners incentivized with ether
- Add Smart Contracts
 - High - level language : solidity (javascript-like),
 - Virtual machine (EVM) : somewhat like JVM

Ethereum : application layers and APIs

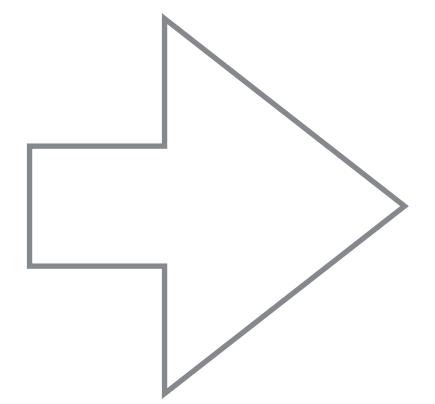


Traditional

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Decentralized on blockchain



Other implementations

- **Hyperledger** fabric (IBM) : private chain
- **Corda** (R3 consortium) : financial services
- **Zcash** : privacy on public chain (Zero-knowledge-proof)
- ...hundreds others !

In a nutshell

Core Concepts

- **Blocks, Transactions, Nodes**
- **Crypto toolbox**
- **Merkle trees & Hashes**
- **Consensus Algorithm**
- **P2P, Decentralized, Distributed**
- **Programming Language**

Analysis : Information classification

- « **Confidentialité** » : problem here because data is not encrypted.
- « **Intégrité** » : once information is in a block, it cannot be modified or reverted, never.
- « **Disponibilité** » : information is always available, relaying on thousand nodes worldwide.
- « **Traçabilité** » : every transaction is stored and visible on the blockchain, senders and receiver are known

Some Limits

- **Privacy** : all transactions are visible
- **Performance** : number of tx/s
 - No vertical or horizontal enhancement possible
 - Time needed to create a block + number of tx per block

What about us ?



Mistakes to avoid in your project

- **Not understanding** or ignoring **the objective** of blockchain technology
- Considering actual technology is **ready for a wider** use
- Mistaking a kind of basic and **limited protocol** with a complete **business-ready** solution
- Taking blockchain as **just a database** or storage mechanism
- Thinking **actual leader** platforms will still be in the future
- Consider smart contract technology is **like standard programming**
- Ignoring **governance** issues in a peer-to-peer network
- Skip **learning process**

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Thank you.