

# A Public Dataset for the ZKsync Rollup



**MAX PLANCK INSTITUTE**  
FOR SOFTWARE SYSTEMS

**Imperial College  
London**

 **Matter  
Labs**

**NOVA  
IMS**  
Information  
Management  
School

🎙 Johnnatan Messias, PhD

Telegram  @johnnatan\_me

**CAAW–FC in Miyakojima, Japan**

April 18th, 2025

Joint work with Maria Inês Silva, and Benjamin Livshits

[johnnatan-messias.github.io](https://johnnatan-messias.github.io)



# Blockchain Data Challenges 😱

## Key Challenges 🚨



### Data is not easily accessible

- Not everyone is able to deploy an Archive Node
- APIs rate limit might be too low.
- Many chains available!



### High costs of running archive nodes

- Computer resources requirements might be too high for low-budget groups.
- Relying on external data providers leads to costs that might be hard to predict.



### Limited research accessibility for non-technical users

- Public but not necessarily accessible!
- Hard to gather and parse.
- Run analysis on a laptop!

## Solution💡



Dune  
Analytics



nansen



INFURA

- Curating and releasing a public dataset of ZKsync Era.



# Why ZKsync Era?

zkSync **era**

## Key reasons 🤔

- Ethereum Layer-2 scaling solution using Zero-Knowledge Proofs.
- EVM compatibility and scalable architecture.
- Significant role in scaling Ethereum with low fees and high transaction throughput.
- Research potential in a growing ecosystem.
- ZKsync Era is among the top 5 rollups based on Total Value Secured (TVS).

Source 

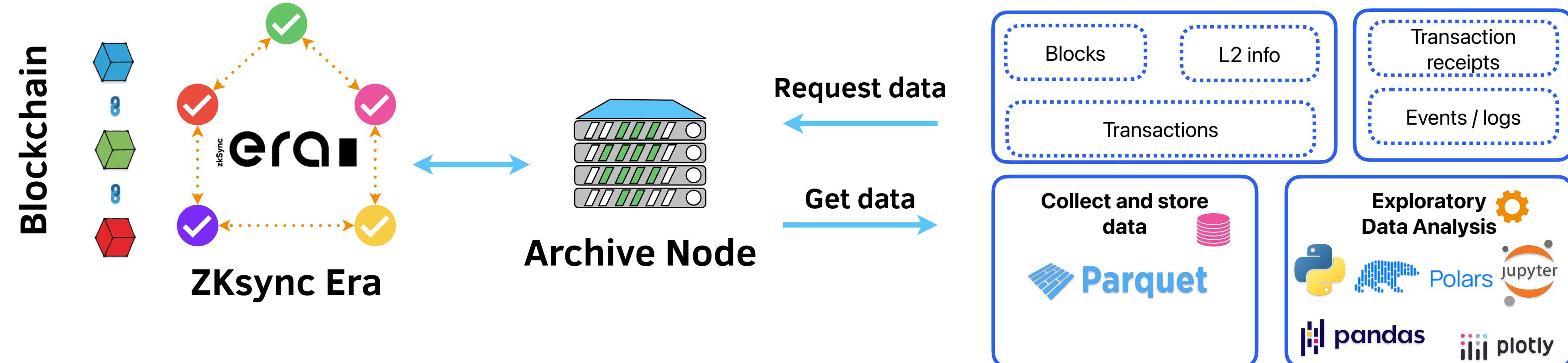
Rollups 63		Validiums & Optimisms 85		Others 4	
Rollups are L2s that periodically post state commitments to Ethereum. These commitments are validated by either Validity Proofs or are accepted optimistically and can be challenged via Fraud Proof mechanism within a certain fraud proof window. Additionally L2 data is also posted to Ethereum, hence there are no additional trust assumptions introduced.					
♦ #	♦ NAME	RISKS	♦ TYPE ⓘ	♦ STAGE	♦ TOTAL VALUE SECURED ⓘ
1	 Arbitrum One		Optimistic Rollup 	STAGE 1	\$10.48B <span style="color: red;">-5.56%</span>
2	 Base 		Optimistic Rollup 	STAGE 0	\$9.67B <span style="color: red;">-7.93%</span>
3	 OP Mainnet		Optimistic Rollup 	REVIEW	\$3.27B <span style="color: red;">-6.83%</span>
4	 ZKsync Era		ZK Rollup 	STAGE 0	\$527.40M <span style="color: red;">-11.4%</span>
5	 Starknet		ZK Rollup 	STAGE 0	\$430.68M <span style="color: red;">-8.86%</span>



# Data Pipeline and Overview

1 data source

zkSync Era



## Pipeline

- **Data Format:** Parquet for efficient storage and loading.
- **Processing Tool:** Polars (for better memory management).



# Data Pipeline and Overview



1 data source



## Time period

- February 14th, 2023 - March 24th, 2024 (1 year of data).

## Data Volume

- 29.7 thousand blocks, 327 million transactions, 1.6 million contracts, 2 billion events or logs, and 7.3 million accounts.

- 150.97 GB



Dataset

Notebook file	Description
01-zksync-data.ipynb	It computes the basic statistics of the dataset. We use four main sources of data: blocks, transactions, transaction receipts, and logs.
02-data-exploration-fees.ipynb	It analyses gas usage and transaction fees for ZKsync. We use two main sources of data: blocks and transaction receipts.
03-data-exploration-contracts.ipynb	It analyzes the contract deployment and events triggered on ZKsync. We use one main source of data: transaction logs but also load blocks data to extract timestamps information.
04-data-exploration-swaps.ipynb	It analyzes the swap events on ZKsync. We use one main source of data: transaction logs but also load blocks data to extract timestamps.

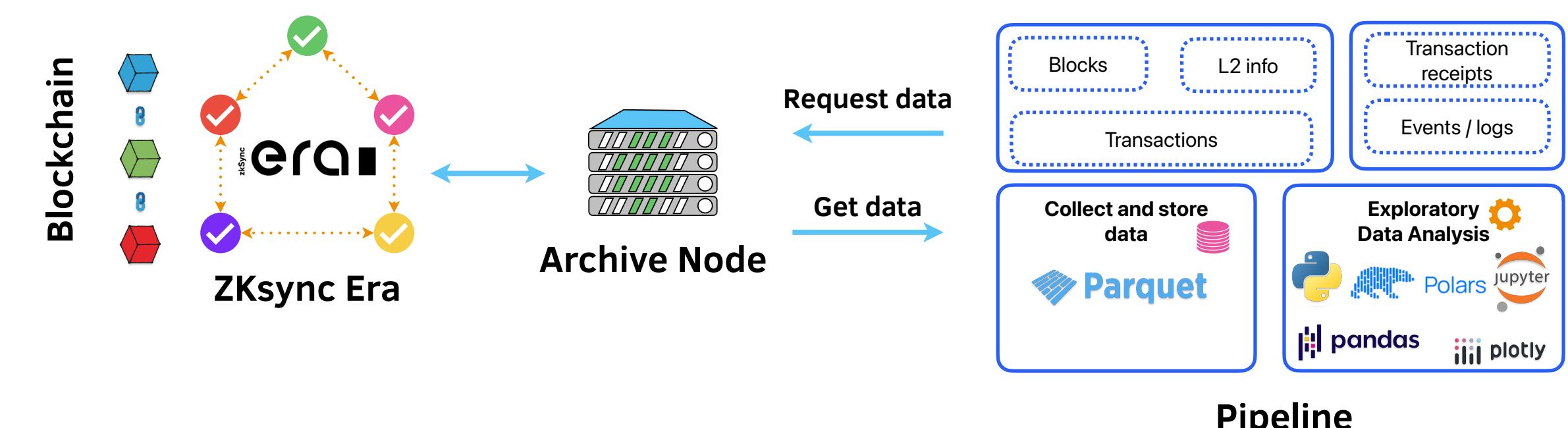
These notebook files are available in our GitHub repository and show how to interact and process our ZKsync dataset.

## Data Access

- Publicly available via GitHub.

## Key Components:

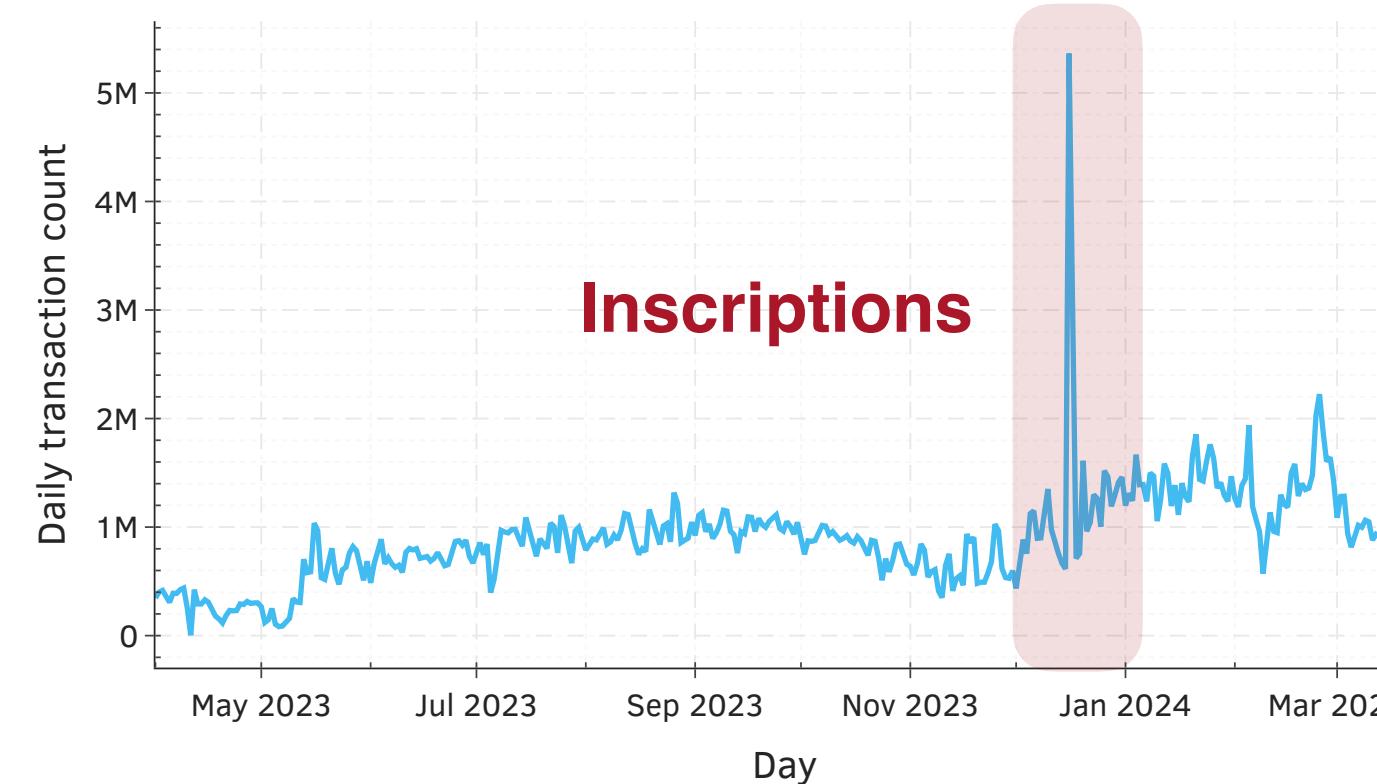
- Block and transaction attributes, detailed receipts and logs.



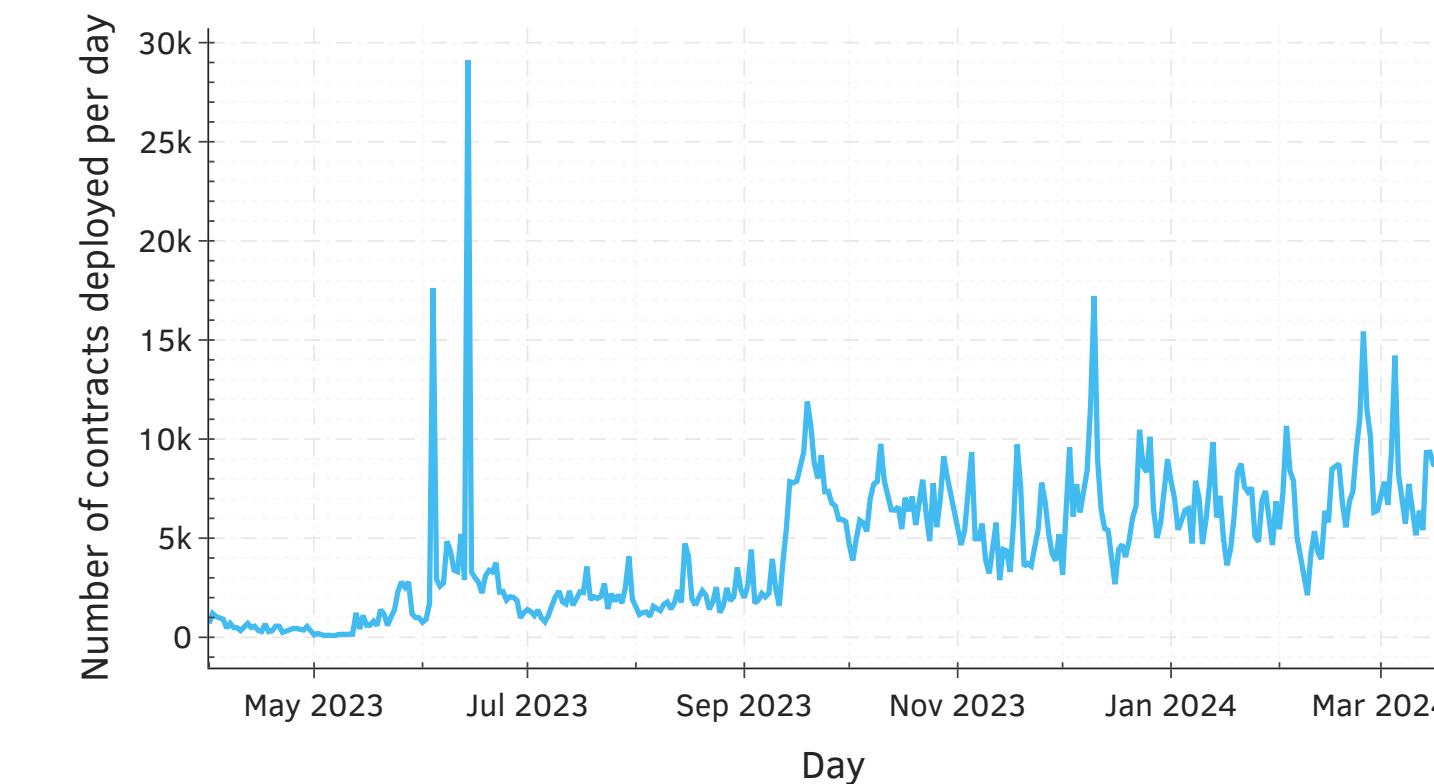


# ZKsync Data Characterization

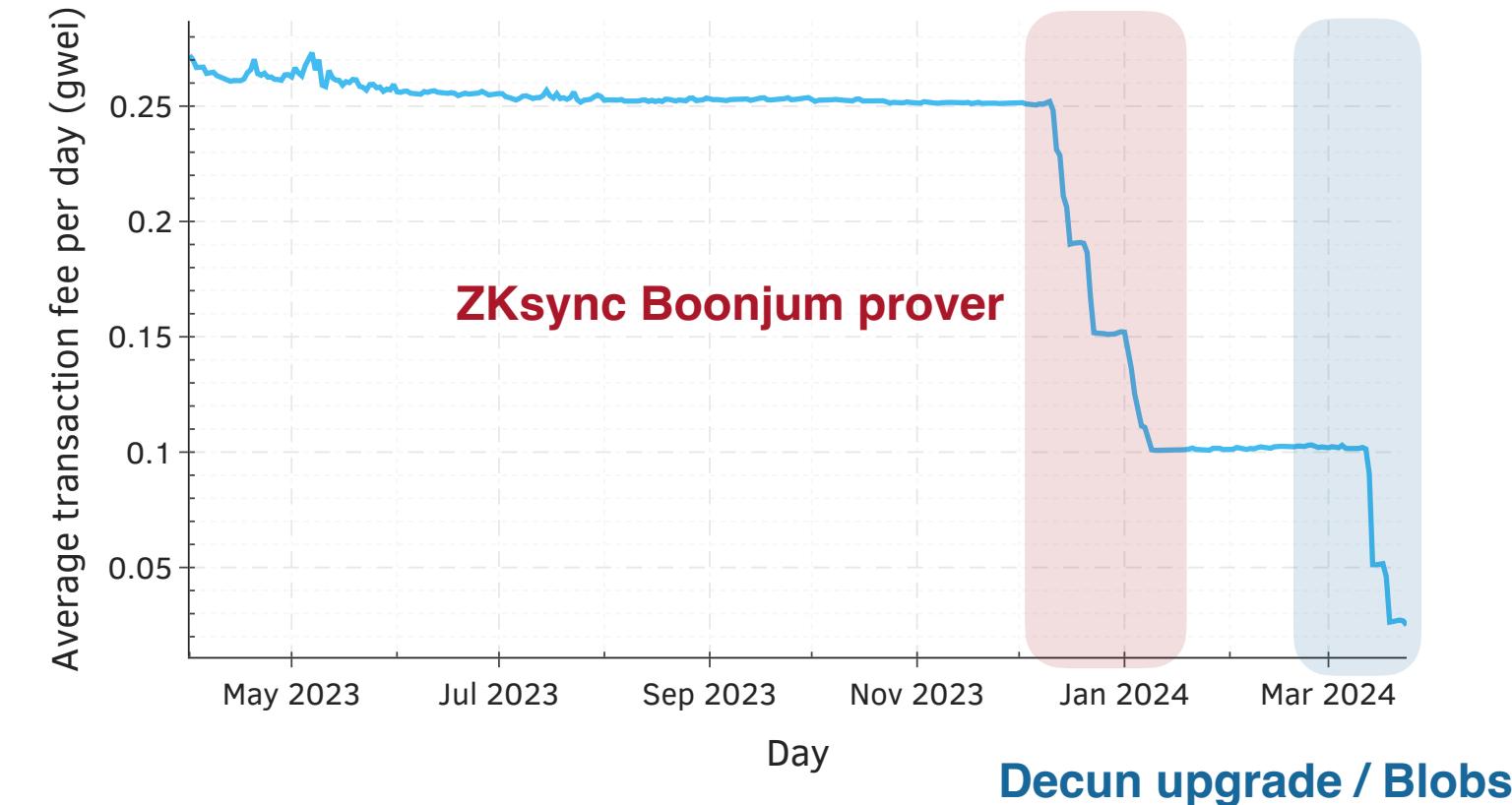
● Daily number of transactions



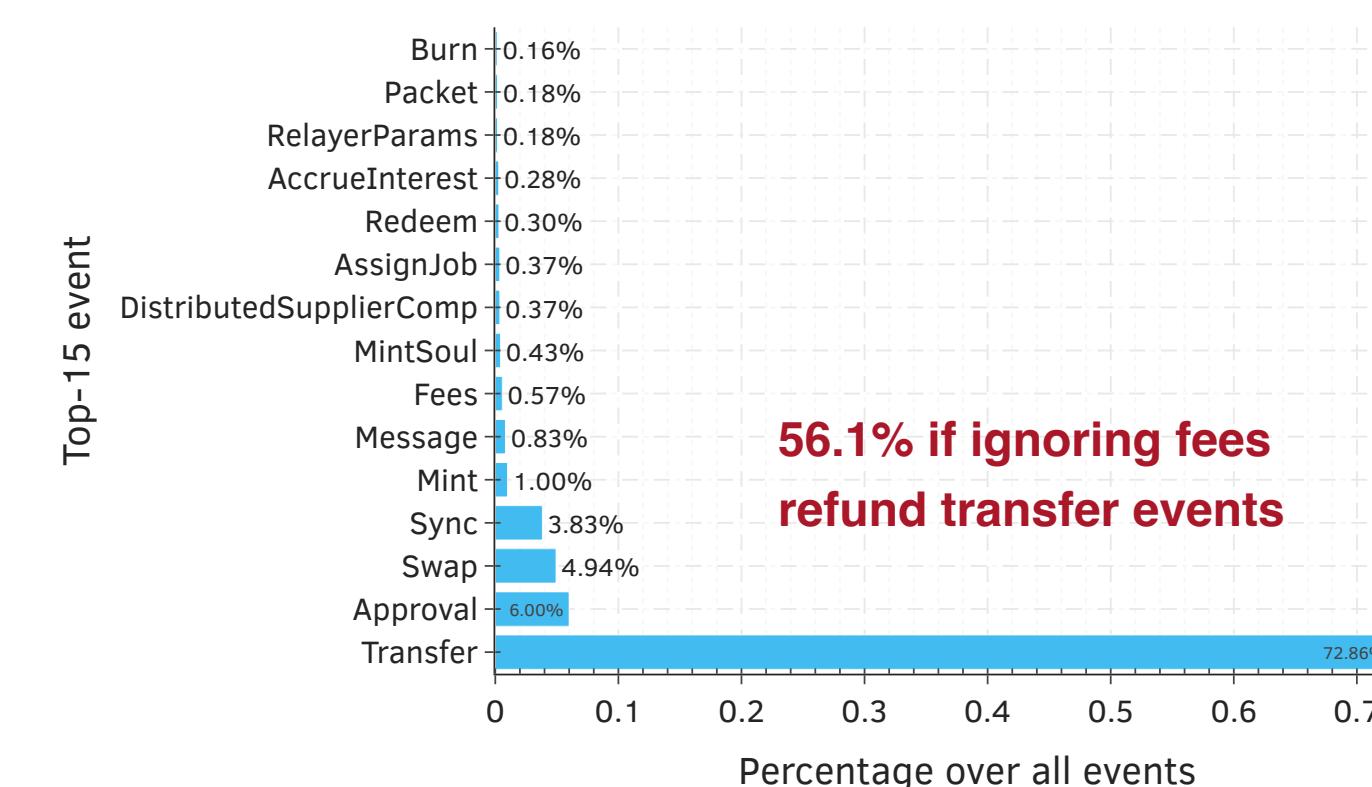
● Daily number of contracts deployed



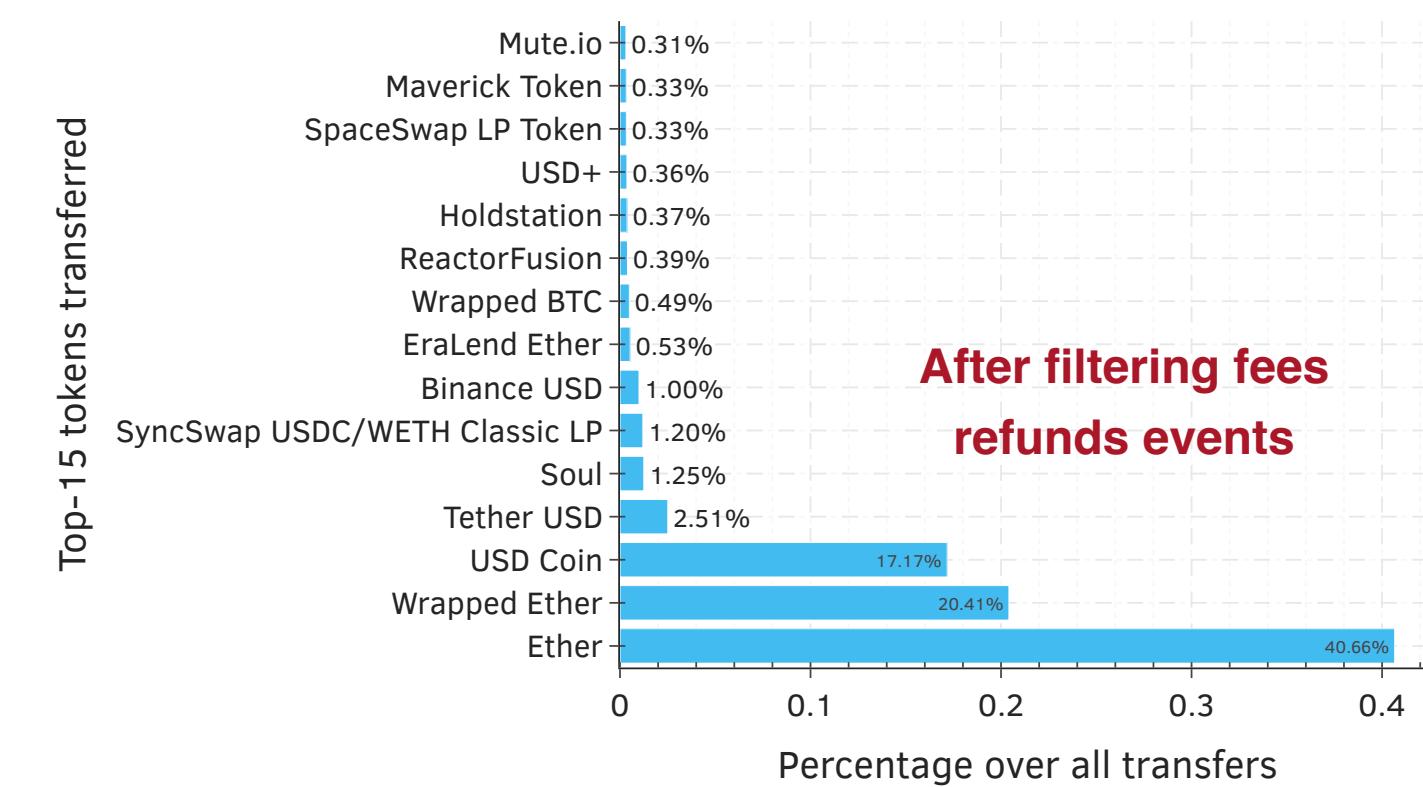
● Daily average transaction fees



● Top events emitted



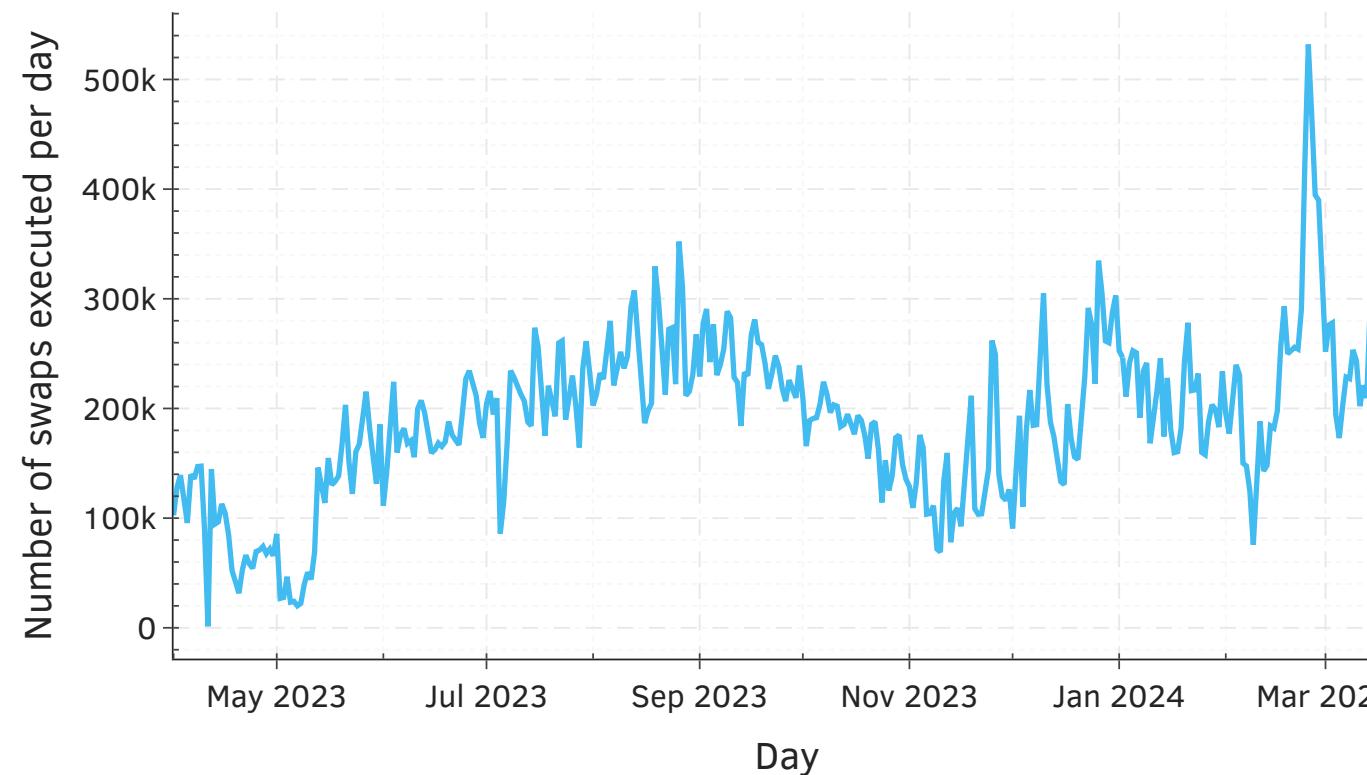
● Most frequently transfers



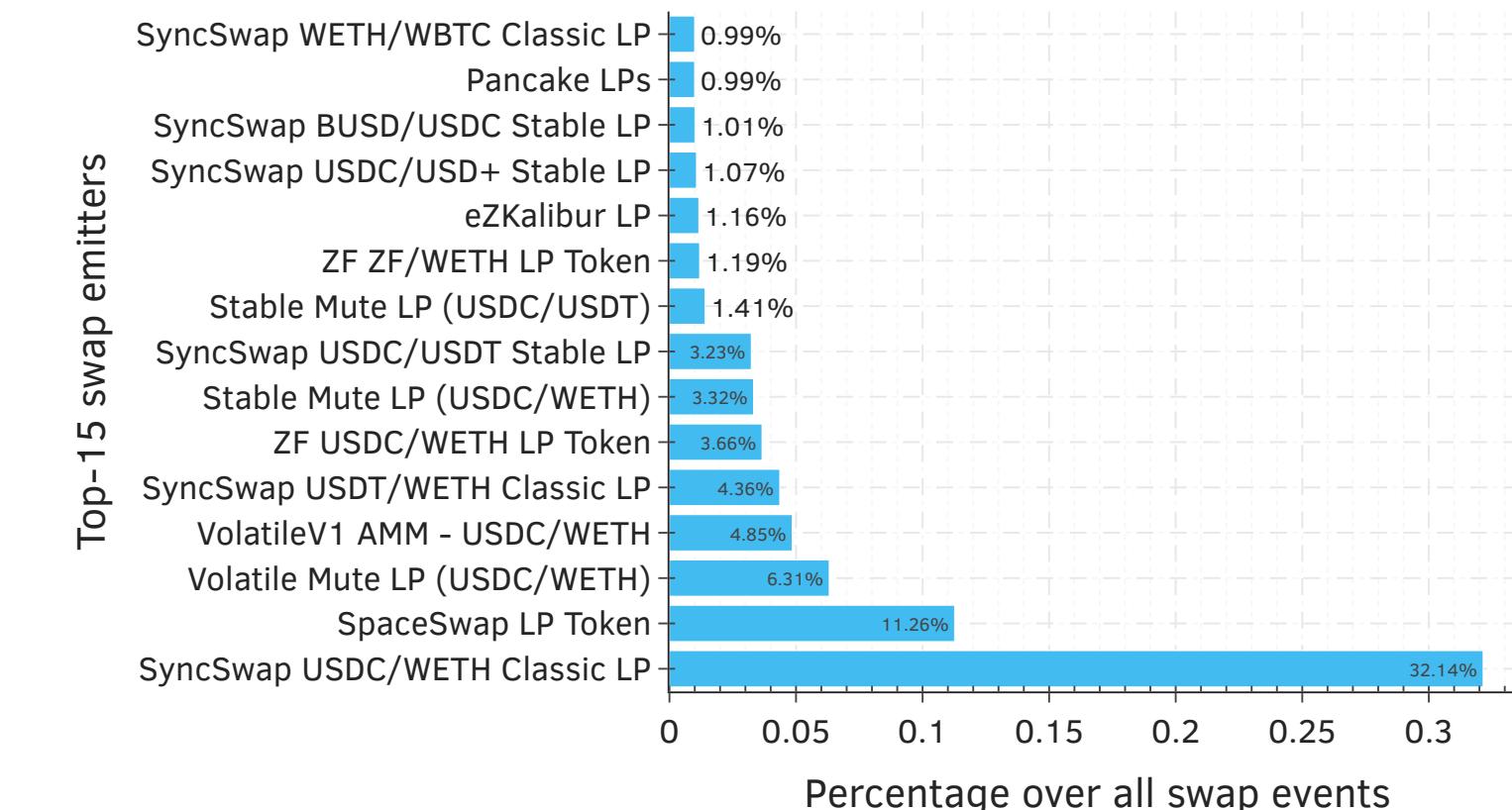


# Focus on Swap Events

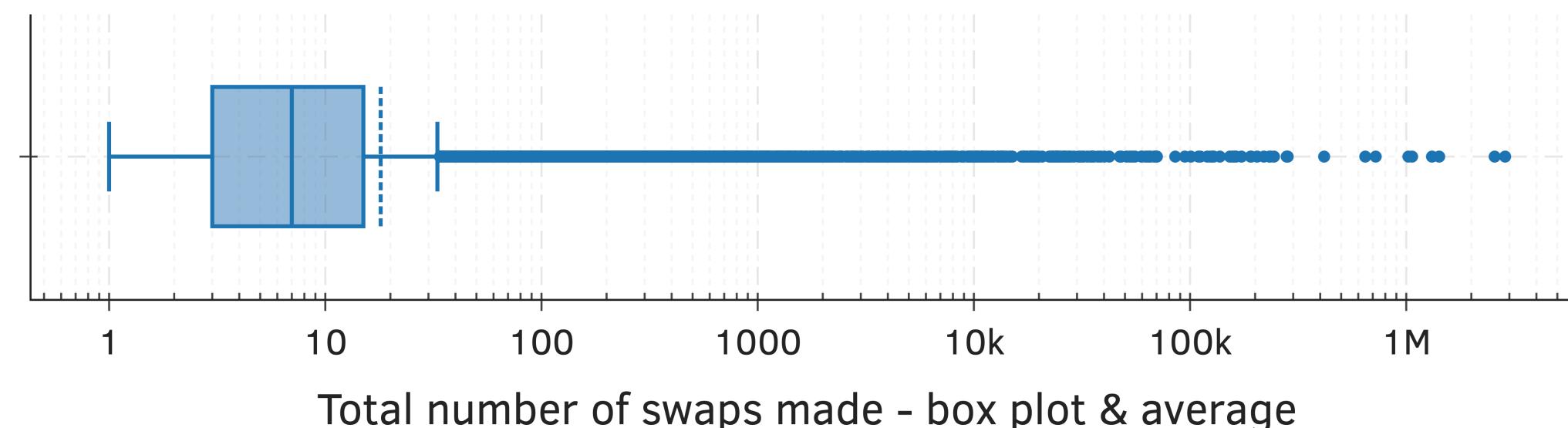
● Daily swap event distribution



● Key pools and contracts driving swap activity



● Distribution of swaps per unique wallet addresses





# Concluding Discussion

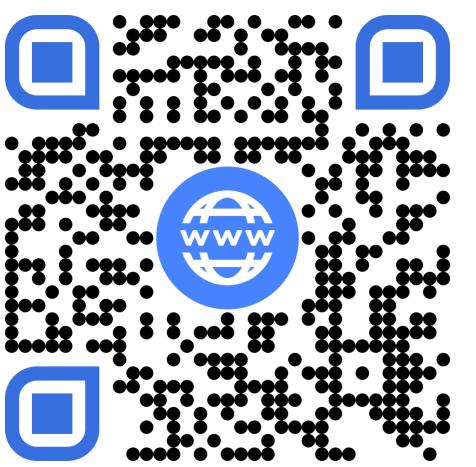
- ▶ **Practical Applications**
  - ▶ **For Researchers:** Explore **Layer-2 blockchain mechanics**.
  - ▶ **For Data Scientists:** Learn **blockchain-related data science skills** using our dataset.
  - ▶ **Integration:** Easy integration with **Python libraries** like **Pandas** and **Polars**.
- ▶ **Future Research Directions**
  - ▶ **MEV and Arbitrage:** Research opportunities for **ZKsync MEV**.
  - ▶ **User Behavior Analysis:** **Sybil detection**, **airdrop farming**, and others.
  - ▶ **Cross-Rollup Research:** Investigate **cross-rollup MEV** and arbitrage.
  - ▶ **Governance Research:** Study **decentralized governance** and **voting** on ZKsync.
- ▶ **Impact of ZKsync Dataset on Blockchain Research**
  - ▶ A public, accessible **ZKsync dataset** to support **blockchain research**.
  - ▶ **Fosters innovation in Layer-2 ecosystems**.
  - ▶ **Available on GitHub** for **reproducibility** and further research.



Dataset

# Contact

[johnme@mpi-sws.org](mailto:johnme@mpi-sws.org)  
[johnnatan-messias.github.io](https://github.com/johnnatan-messias)



**Johnnatan Messias, PhD**  
Research Scientist

  @johnnatan\_me



**MAX PLANCK INSTITUTE**  
FOR SOFTWARE SYSTEMS