

# B-SAFE: Blockchain Security Assessment Framework Enhanced with Machine Learning \*

**Ngo Thanh Trung**  
Troy University  
Hanoi, Viet Nam  
tngo220196@troy.edu

**Pham Tien Dat**  
Troy University  
Hanoi, Viet Nam  
dpham220298@troy.edu

**Pham Thai Duong**  
Troy University  
Hanoi, Viet Nam  
dpham220299@troy.edu

**Le Quang Huy**  
Troy University  
Hanoi, Viet Nam  
hle220331@troy.edu

**Doan Hoang Long**  
Troy University  
Hanoi, Viet Nam  
ldoan220279@troy.edu

**Abstract**—The emergence of the metaverse has initiated a paradigm shift in how individuals interact, socialize, and transact within digital environments. This study explores the evolving architecture of decentralized virtual worlds, emphasizing the integration of blockchain technologies, digital asset ownership, and immersive social experiences. Leveraging empirical data from multiple blockchain-based metaverse platforms, we investigate user engagement metrics, asset distribution patterns, and behavioral trends within gamified ecosystems. Our findings reveal that the incorporation of play-to-earn mechanics, virtual real estate, and avatar customization significantly enhances user retention and economic activity. Moreover, decentralized governance and community-driven development are shown to influence both the scalability and perceived legitimacy of these platforms. By synthesizing insights from computer science, economics, and media studies, this paper provides a multidisciplinary perspective on the dynamics shaping the future of the metaverse. Our work lays the foundation for further empirical investigation and policy formulation aimed at fostering transparent, equitable, and sustainable virtual ecosystems.

**Keywords**—Blockchain security, machine learning, security assessment, threat detection, consensus mechanisms, smart contracts

## I. INTRODUCTION

The development of civilization, along with technological advances, brings opportunities such as improved communication and access to information. The metaverse represents an evolving digital ecosystem, where virtual properties hold tangible economic value. This study analyzes Decentraland’s real estate market, assessing property pricing trends and market

dynamics.

The development of civilization, along with technological advances, brings opportunities such as improved communication and access to information. The metaverse represents an evolving digital ecosystem, where virtual properties hold tangible economic value. This study analyzes Decentraland’s real estate market, assessing property pricing trends and market dynamics.

The development of civilization, along with technological advances, brings opportunities such as improved communication and access to information. The metaverse represents an evolving digital ecosystem, where virtual properties hold tangible economic value. This study analyzes Decentraland’s real estate market, assessing property pricing trends and market dynamics.

## II. FOUNDATIONS AND VULNERABILITY LANDSCAPE

### A. Consensus and Network-Layer Attack Surface

While blockchain technology is renowned for emulating a “trusted” service through a decentralized and immutable ledger, its foundational security assumptions are not infallible. The incentive mechanisms designed to ensure honest participation in consensus protocols, particularly in permissionless networks, have been openly questioned and are vulnerable to exploitation. This analysis targets the system’s core, focusing on vulnerabilities at the consensus and P2P network layers, such as selfish mining and block withholding. These attacks are often complex, leveraging game-theoretic strategies to gain disproportionate rewards. For enterprise-grade systems like Hyperledger Fabric, which are intended for business use, the impact of such consensus failures is severe. Therefore, a robust security assessment framework is essential to mitigate these threats and ensure the trusted adoption of blockchain in critical sectors.

---

\*Cite (APA): Trung N., Dat P., Long D., Duong P., Huy L. (2025).

Indeed, the security of consensus protocols is not an abstract guarantee but an emergent property of specific economic and network conditions. Attacks on this layer are not mere theoretical possibilities; they are practical exploits of measurable weaknesses in a blockchain's ecosystem. These vulnerabilities are direct outcomes of insufficient economic security and inherent physical limitations in network communication, which pose tangible risks to any enterprise system built upon them. The economic security of a Proof-of-Work blockchain, for instance, is a direct function of its total hash rate; when this hash rate is low, the ledger's immutability becomes fragile and susceptible to being forcibly rewritten. This is not a theoretical vulnerability, but a recurring reality for smaller chains, with networks like Ethereum Classic (ETC) and Bitcoin Gold (BTG) having been successfully attacked multiple times, leading to tens of millions of dollars in fraudulent transactions [1]. The ease with which these historical rewrites are executed stems from a fundamental shift in the economics of acquiring computational power. An attack that once required a prohibitive capital investment in mining hardware now becomes a manageable operational cost, rented by the hour from public hashrate markets like NiceHash. For any enterprise application built on such a minority chain, this commodification of hashrate represents a persistent, existential threat to data integrity.

Beyond attacks of pure computational force, a more insidious class of vulnerability arises from exploiting the unavoidable latencies of a global peer-to-peer network. The Selfish-Mine strategy masterfully turns the network's core arbitration mechanism—the "longest chain" rule—into a weapon against itself [2, 3]. This is not a theoretical exercise for individual miners but a viable strategy for the large, coordinated mining pools that already dominate network hashrate [2]. The original analysis warned that pools existed which exceeded the 25

The security of a blockchain also relies fundamentally on the integrity of the communication network that binds its participants. Vulnerabilities in this fabric can be exploited to distort a node's perception of the blockchain, ranging from the targeted isolation of a single peer to the large-scale partitioning of the entire network. At the individual node level, an adversary can execute an Eclipse attack to monopolize a victim's network connections, effectively creating a fabricated reality. This is often enabled by a foundational Sybil attack, where the adversary generates numerous pseudonymous identities to overwhelm the victim's peer-discovery mechanism. Once eclipsed, the victim is completely severed from the honest network, and its view of the blockchain is dictated by the attacker, facilitating targeted double-spends or the co-opting of mining power. While an Eclipse attack blinds an individual, a more ambitious adversary can target the internet's core routing infrastructure. By manipulating the Border Gateway Protocol (BGP), an attacker can hijack traffic routes, partitioning the blockchain network into isolated sub-networks. Each partition, now operating with a fraction of the global hash rate, becomes dangerously vulnerable to a 51

Furthermore, alternative consensus models like Proof-of-Stake (PoS) introduce novel attack vectors that shift the focus from computational power to the manipulation of economic stakes over time. A primary threat is the long-range revision attack. In PoS, validators' influence is tied to an economic stake that is slashed for misbehavior; however, once validators have safely withdrawn their deposits, they are no longer subject to this penalty. A coalition of these historical validators

can then use their old private keys to build and sign an entirely new, conflicting blockchain history starting from a point deep in the past, without fear of being slashed. Another critical vulnerability is the catastrophic crash, where if more than one-third of validators simultaneously go offline, the system cannot form the required two-thirds supermajority to finalize new checkpoints, effectively halting the ledger's progress. These attacks highlight that shifting from a computational to a capital-based consensus model introduces new and complex failure modes that challenge a chain's finality and liveness.

When blockchain technology is applied to solve real-world problems in finance or healthcare, the nature of security risk changes profoundly. Threats expand to operational issues, regulatory compliance, and business logic vulnerabilities at the application layer. In sectors like banking, transaction finality is a non-negotiable requirement. The risk of chain reorganizations, however small, can reverse confirmed payment transactions, causing chaos in settlement systems and eroding customer trust [1]. Concurrently, strict data privacy regulations like GDPR or HIPAA pose a significant challenge. The immutable nature of blockchain directly conflicts with a user's "right to be forgotten," raising the difficult question of how to delete patient data in a compliant manner without breaking the chain's integrity [4]. Furthermore, while a blockchain secures data after it has been written, it cannot validate the accuracy of the information at the point of entry—a critical "garbage in, garbage out" risk where an incorrect electronic health record could persist immutably on the ledger [4].

Perhaps the largest attack surface in these enterprise applications lies within smart contracts themselves. They are the digital embodiment of business agreements, and any flaw in their encoded logic can be exploited. An attacker does not need to break the consensus mechanism; they only need to find a business logic flaw to drain funds from a complex financial instrument or illicitly access sensitive data [5]. This transforms smart contract auditing and formal verification from an option into a mandatory requirement for system security. As demonstrated, the theoretical integrity of a blockchain is fundamentally contingent on the security of its consensus and network layers. The vulnerabilities analyzed, from game-theoretic exploits at the consensus layer to the manipulation of network topology, pose tangible and high-impact risks to enterprise systems. Proactive security assessment is therefore not merely a recommendation but an essential prerequisite for trusted adoption in critical applications.

## B. Key Management and Wallet Security

Proper key management is the most important part of security for any blockchain-based system. Even the strongest protocols can fail if keys are not handled correctly [6]. In decentralized systems, private keys give users final control over their digital assets, identity, and ability to perform actions on the blockchain. This idea is often summarized by the saying, "Not your keys, not your coins," but it applies to more than just currency [7]. The main tools users have for managing these keys are called "wallets." The security of these wallets is therefore essential for protecting user actions on the blockchain [8]. However, wallet security is not just a technical problem; it also depends on software design and, importantly, on the behavior and understanding of the users themselves [7].

To understand wallet security, it is helpful to first classify the different types of wallets. The most basic classification is between "hot wallets," which are connected to the internet, and "cold wallets," which are kept offline. Hot wallets include desktop software, mobile apps, and web browser extensions. They are easier to use for daily transactions, but their online nature makes them more vulnerable to attacks. Cold wallets, such as hardware devices or paper wallets, offer better security for long-term storage because they are not directly exposed to online threats [8]. Another important classification is based on who controls the keys. With "custodial wallets," a third party like a cryptocurrency exchange holds the keys for the user. This is simpler for beginners, as the experience is similar to online banking, but it requires trusting that the third party is competent and honest. With "non-custodial wallets," users have full control and responsibility over their own keys. These non-custodial wallets can be further divided into traditional Externally Owned Accounts (EOAs) and newer Smart Contract wallets, which allow for more complex security rules [7, 8].

The vulnerabilities in these systems exist at multiple levels, but the most common threats are those on the user's own device [9]. A major technical risk is the improper storage of keys, such as saving them as unencrypted plaintext in the device's memory, where they can be stolen by malware. Flaws in the wallet software, such as insecure interfaces or the use of buggy code libraries, also create significant risks. This is not just a theoretical problem; real-world attacks often exploit these weaknesses. For example, weak key generation methods like "brain wallets," which use simple, memorable phrases, are a critical vulnerability. The low entropy of human-generated phrases makes them easy to guess, and one study found that most such wallets were drained of funds in less than 24 hours [9]. At the institutional level, the history of exchange hacks like the infamous Mt. Gox incident shows that even large platforms can have critical flaws [9]. More recently, the collapse of the FTX exchange served as a powerful reminder of counterparty risk—the danger that the trusted third party will fail due to mismanagement or fraud, leading to a total loss of user funds [7]. Even at an individual level, social threats are a major risk; one study documented a user who lost all their funds simply because they let a friend see their login details during the wallet setup process, highlighting the dangers of misplaced trust [7].

To protect against these threats, both technical and user-driven defense methods are used. The main technical defense is to use cold storage, such as hardware wallets, to keep keys offline and safe from online hackers [8]. More advanced solutions include multi-signature and smart contract wallets, which allow for programmable security rules like spending limits or requiring multiple people to approve a transaction [7]. However, since many attacks target the user, user-driven strategies are just as important. A common and effective strategy is "risk diversification," where users spread their assets across multiple wallets. For instance, a user might keep a small amount of "spending money" in a convenient mobile hot wallet, while keeping the majority of their savings in a more secure cold wallet [7]. They also use different wallets for different tasks, for example, using a dedicated wallet with minimal funds for interacting with new or risky dApps. For high-value transactions, many users prefer a PC setup because they can use third-party security extensions, like Fire or Revoke.cash, which simulate transactions and warn them about malicious smart contracts

before they sign [7].

We can see these security trade-offs in the real-world systems that users choose. Centralized exchanges like Coinbase offer a simple user experience that is similar to online banking. This makes them popular with beginners, but it comes with significant counterparty risk, as tragically demonstrated by the failure of FTX [7]. Hardware wallets like Ledger or Trezor represent the opposite approach. They provide high security by giving users full control over their offline keys, but they can be difficult to use and require the user to be fully responsible for their own security. This trust model has also been challenged recently. For example, Ledger's controversial "Recover" service, which proposed storing shards of a user's seed phrase with third parties, caused a backlash because it went against the core reason users chose a hardware wallet: to be the sole holder of their keys [7]. As a middle ground, new systems like smart contract wallets (e.g., Argent) are emerging. They try to offer the best of both worlds: strong security features like social recovery to prevent key loss, combined with an easier user experience that often removes the need to manually manage a seed phrase. These different models show that the market is still searching for the right balance between security, usability, and trust [7].

### C. Smart Contract Vulnerabilities

Smart contracts represent a fundamental advancement in blockchain technology, enabling the execution of programmable, self-enforcing agreements on decentralized platforms such as Ethereum. While these immutable protocols have revolutionized digital asset transactions, they simultaneously introduce significant security challenges that require systematic analysis and robust mitigation strategies [10]. The immutability property that enhances trust also presents a critical constraint: once deployed, code vulnerabilities cannot be patched through conventional means, thereby amplifying the potential consequences of security failures [11]. The security research community has documented several catastrophic incidents that demonstrate the real-world implications of smart contract vulnerabilities. Notable examples include The DAO attack and the Parity wallet incidents, which resulted in substantial financial losses and permanently frozen assets, respectively. These events underscore that smart contract vulnerabilities transcend theoretical concerns and constitute material threats to blockchain ecosystems [10]. The analysis of these incidents reveals a pattern of specific vulnerability classes that demand systematic detection and prevention methodologies.

Reentrancy vulnerabilities represent one of the most extensively studied attack vectors in smart contract security. This vulnerability materializes when a contract performs an external call prior to updating its internal state, thereby enabling recursive invocation of sensitive functions. The DAO exploit, which resulted in the theft of approximately 3.6 million ETH, exemplifies the potential magnitude of reentrancy attacks. However, empirical analysis indicates that only 0.3% of contracts identified as vulnerable to reentrancy have experienced actual exploitation, suggesting that detection tools may overestimate practical risk levels [10, 12].

Authorization flaws constitute another critical vulnerability class, typically manifesting as insufficient access control mechanisms for privileged operations. The Parity Multi-Sig wallet

incidents provide instructive examples of such vulnerabilities, where inadequate authorization checks enabled attackers to either appropriate funds or permanently disable contract functionality. These incidents demonstrate how seemingly minor oversights in access control can produce disproportionate consequences in decentralized systems [11].

Integer overflow and underflow vulnerabilities, while conceptually straightforward, have precipitated significant financial disruptions. The Beauty Chain token incident illustrates this vulnerability class, wherein arithmetic operations exceeding fixed-width integer bounds resulted in the creation of excessive tokens, destabilizing the entire tokenomics system. While contemporary Solidity versions implement automatic overflow checking, legacy contracts remain susceptible without explicit safeguards such as the SafeMath library [11, 12].

External data dependencies introduce distinct vulnerability classes related to oracle inputs and timestamp manipulation. Smart contracts often require external data sources for critical operations, creating attack surfaces where manipulated inputs can compromise contract integrity. The proliferation of flash loan mechanisms has exacerbated these risks by providing temporary access to substantial capital for market manipulation within single transactions. Such attacks have targeted price oracles in decentralized finance protocols with considerable success [10, 11].

Delegatecall vulnerabilities represent potentially the most devastating attack vector, as this operation executes external code within the storage context of the calling contract. The second Parity incident exemplifies this risk, wherein an unprotected library function allowed the destruction of shared contract infrastructure, permanently immobilizing approximately 160 million in user assets. Notably, this incident resulted not from malicious intent but from inadvertent interaction with unprotected functionality [11].

For vulnerability detection and prevention, the security community employs three primary methodological approaches, each with distinct characteristics and limitations.

Static analysis tools examine contract source code or bytecode without execution, providing comprehensive coverage but frequently generating false positives. Comparative studies reveal significant inconsistency between tools, with inter-tool agreement on identified vulnerabilities ranging from 1.85% to 23.9%, indicating the necessity for multi-tool approaches [10, 12].

Dynamic analysis techniques implement a more empirical methodology by executing contracts with potentially malicious inputs. These approaches generate concrete exploitation scenarios but cannot exhaustively explore all execution paths. Tools such as ContractFuzzer and MAIAN exemplify this category, offering higher precision but more limited coverage than static alternatives [11].

Formal verification represents the most rigorous security approach, providing mathematical guarantees of contract correctness according to specified properties. Despite its theoretical strength, formal verification requires substantial expertise and resources, as demonstrated by the MakerDAO verification process, which required eight person-months to complete. This approach remains most suitable for high-value or critical infrastructure contracts [11].

The security community has developed standardized defensive patterns to address common vulnerabilities. The checks-effects-interactions pattern mitigates reentrancy by ensuring state updates precede external calls. Role-based access control systems protect privileged functions, while careful upgradeability design preserves system integrity during evolution [10, 11]. A notable empirical observation is the significant disparity between theoretical vulnerability prevalence and actual exploitation rates. Despite numerous contracts containing potential vulnerabilities, exploitation remains relatively rare. This phenomenon appears attributable to economic factors: approximately 0.01% of contracts control 83% of all ETH, and these high-value targets typically implement more robust security measures. This distribution suggests that security analysis must incorporate economic incentives alongside technical considerations to accurately assess real-world risk [10, 12].

The analysis of smart contract vulnerabilities reveals a complex landscape where technical vulnerabilities intersect with economic incentives and practical exploitation constraints. While significant progress has been made in identifying and mitigating common vulnerability classes, the empirical evidence suggests that the real-world risk may be lower than theoretical analyses indicate. Nevertheless, the catastrophic impact of successful exploits necessitates continued vigilance and the application of multiple verification methodologies to secure blockchain-based systems.

#### *D. DeFi Protocol Risks*

Decentralized Financial ecosystem (DeFi), is built based on blockchain platforms such as Ethereum, has emerged as an alternative to Centralized Finance due to its transparency, traceability, and decentralized nature. DeFi offers a wide range of financial services, primarily implemented through smart contracts. However, the rapid growth of DeFi has also come with serious security risks, leading to significant financial losses. While blockchain technology itself is considered secure due to its properties such as immutability and consensus mechanisms, the applications and additional layers built on top of blockchain – namely DeFi protocols – are not entirely secure and can be vulnerable.

Many recent works have systematized DeFi into layers (network, consensus, smart-contract, protocol, auxiliary services) and emphasized that many incidents arise from unsafe dependencies between protocols and off-chain services (oracles, centralized relays, bridges) [13]. Among them, vulnerabilities in the DeFi protocol layer (PRO Layer) are often related to design flaws or financial market manipulation. For instance, pricing mechanisms, slippage, liquidation mechanisms, rebases... or invalid assumptions about token standards can be catastrophic when contracts are composed together; in particular, external dependencies are called directly without consistency checks are the source of many real-world failures. [13]

A key economic risk is flash loans, uncollateralized lending mechanisms in an atomic transaction. Flash loans have opened a new attack vector where an attacker can temporarily borrow large amounts of capital to manipulate the market or price feed, performing a series of profit and debt repayment operations in the same transaction. Attacks like Harvest, PancakeBunny, Beanstalk... [13, 14] show that flash loans lower the cost barrier to attack and make small design issues become financial catas-

trophic. Another risk directly related to off-chain backends is that when price data sources are manipulated – through source changes, on-chain update attacks, or updaters compromises – key parameters such as liquidation prices or collateralization ratios can become distorted, leading to mass liquidations or systemic profiteering [14]. There are mitigations such as multiple source aggregation, medianizers, or latency mechanisms that exist but carry trade-offs in latency, centralization and fault tolerance [13, 14].

In addition, transaction ordering and MEV (Miner/Maximal Extractable Value) issues allow sequencers or miners to order, insert or remove transactions to maximize profits – this mechanism gives rise to front-running, sandwiching and other mining strategies, which directly impact the stability of the protocol’s financial invariants [13]. Expanding the functional space with cross-chain bridges also creates a new attack surface: many bridges rely on centralized signing/organizations, and bridge crashes have led to large scale asset losses, demonstrating a clear trade-off between cross-chain utility and security risk [14]. Finally, operational and human risks – including private key, mismanagement (privileged keys, weak multisig...), compromised front ends, and implement flaws (not pure protocol design flaws) have a direct impact on asset security and are often present in real-world incidents [15].

To mitigate these risks, incident studies and analysis have proposed a multilayer set of measures: protocol design that considers both economic attack scenarios (game-theoretic stress testing) and defense mechanisms such as circuit breakers [13]; oracle enhancements using aggregations, delayed updates or reputation-based models [14]; MEV mitigations using transparent sequencers or close-chain relay [13]; along with audit, formal verification and real-time monitoring (e.g., oracle mutation detection) with response options as emergency halts [13, 14]. Each approach carries trade-offs in performance, latency, and decentralization, so the choice of solution should be based on the specific application context.

Finally, the systematic analysis revealed important research gaps: the lack of a comprehensive quantitative framework for protocol economic risk (incorporating TVL, liquidity depth, oracle latency, and flash loan capabilities), the lack of a common fault tolerant architectural pattern for trustless backends, and the lack of dependency analysis tools for complex composability environments – these gaps share the research direction needed to improve the robustness of DeFi protocols in the broader blockchain landscape.

## E. Exchange and Infrastructure Attacks

This subsection covers centralized exchange compromise patterns, API key abuse, withdrawal bypasses, hot/cold wallet segregation failures, and infrastructure supply-chain risks. We incorporate regulatory and compliance impacts for enterprises.

## III. METHODOLOGY

This section details the methodological foundation of the B-SAFE framework. We introduce a five-layer reference architecture for holistic security analysis and present our formal risk classification framework, which serves as the primary tool for the systematic security assessment conducted in this research.

### A. Five-Layer Blockchain Security Architecture

The B-SAFE framework is built upon a comprehensive five-layer reference architecture that captures the complete attack surface of blockchain systems. This layered approach enables systematic security analysis by organizing threats according to their architectural context and attack vectors.

#### 1. Layer Definitions

- **NET (Network Layer):** Encompasses network-level attacks including eclipse attacks, Sybil attacks, and network partitioning vulnerabilities that can disrupt consensus and transaction propagation.
- **CON (Consensus Layer):** Addresses consensus mechanism vulnerabilities such as 51% attacks, selfish mining, and consensus rule violations that threaten the fundamental security guarantees of the blockchain.
- **SC (Smart Contract Layer):** Covers smart contract vulnerabilities including reentrancy attacks, integer overflow, and logic flaws that can lead to unauthorized fund transfers or contract manipulation.
- **PRO (Protocol Layer):** Encompasses DeFi protocol-specific risks including flash loan attacks, oracle manipulation, and protocol governance vulnerabilities that can exploit economic incentives and protocol mechanics.
- **AUX (Auxiliary Layer):** Addresses supporting infrastructure risks including wallet security, key management, exchange vulnerabilities, and off-chain dependencies that can compromise user assets and system integrity.

#### 2. Cross-Layer Dependencies

The layered architecture recognizes that attacks often span multiple layers, with vulnerabilities in one layer enabling or amplifying threats in others. This interdependency is explicitly modeled in our risk assessment framework to provide a holistic view of the attack surface.

### B. B-SAFE Risk Classification Framework

To provide a systematic and reproducible security assessment, we establish a formal risk classification framework. Each identified threat category is specified through a standardized schema that defines its preconditions, the system invariants it threatens, its canonical attack vector, applicable defense mechanisms, and quantitative risk metrics.

#### 1. Risk Category Specification Schema

Each risk category  $R$  is formally defined by the tuple  $(P, I, S, C, M)$  where:

- $P = \{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n\}$  represents the set of preconditions that must hold for an attack to be feasible.
- $I = \{inv_1, inv_2, \dots, inv_m\}$  represents the set of core system invariants threatened by the attack.
- $S = (s_1 \rightarrow s_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow s_k)$  represents the canonical sequence of steps in the attack vector.

- **C = {Prevention, Mitigation, Detection}** represents the categories of defense mechanisms and controls.
- **M = (L, I, D, R)** represents the quantitative risk metrics for the category.

## 2. Quantitative Risk Scoring

The composite risk score  $R$  is calculated using a weighted formula based on Likelihood (L), Impact (I), and Detectability (D), each rated on a scale of 1 to 5. The formula is defined as:

$$\text{Risk Score} = (w_L \times L) + (w_I \times I) - (w_D \times D) \quad (1)$$

For this framework, we use the weights  $w_L = 0.4$ ,  $w_I = 0.5$ , and  $w_D = 0.1$ , which prioritizes impact over likelihood while factoring in the difficulty of detection. This schema enables systematic incident classification and comparative analysis across different attack categories.

## IV. RESULTS AND ANALYSIS

This section presents the empirical application of the B-SAFE framework. We analyze critical risk categories for each layer of the blockchain architecture, providing a formal specification, defense mechanism analysis, and quantitative risk assessment based on real-world incident data.

### A. Consensus Layer Security Analysis

### B. Network Layer Security Analysis

### C. Smart Contract Layer Security Analysis

### D. Auxiliary Layer Security Analysis

### E. DeFi Protocol Layer Security Analysis

## V. DISCUSSION

This section discusses the implications of the findings from the analysis of Decentraland's real estate market. The trends observed in property pricing and market dynamics provide insights into the evolving nature of virtual economies. The study highlights how virtual properties can mirror real-world economic principles, influencing investment strategies and market behavior. The findings suggest that as the metaverse continues to grow, understanding these dynamics will be crucial for stakeholders, including investors, developers, and users. The analysis indicates that factors such as location, property features, and market demand play significant roles in determining property values. Additionally, the impact of external events and technological advancements on the virtual real estate market is discussed. The discussion also addresses the limitations of the study, such as the reliance on available data and the challenges of analyzing a rapidly evolving market. Future research directions are proposed to enhance the understanding of virtual real estate markets, including the integration of more sophisticated analytical tools and broader data sources. The discussion concludes with a reflection on the potential of virtual real estate markets to shape future economic landscapes, emphasizing the need for ongoing research and analysis in this

emerging field.

## VI. FUTURE WORK

This is future work section. It outlines potential directions for further research and development in the field, building on the findings of this study. Future work may include exploring additional metaverse platforms, enhancing data collection methods, or integrating advanced analytical techniques to gain deeper insights into virtual real estate markets. Future work may also involve the application of machine learning algorithms to predict market trends or the development of new frameworks for assessing the economic impact of virtual properties. Additionally, expanding the scope to include user behavior analysis and its influence on property values could provide a more comprehensive understanding of the metaverse real estate landscape.

## VII. CONCLUSION

Donec eget elit id risus iaculis tristique. Maecenas justo mauris, sagittis id ipsum vitae, elementum consectetur neque. Nam pharetra ultrices sapien, vel semper odio bibendum non. Proin mi quam, mollis a posuere vitae, facilisis pharetra urna. Pellentesque tincidunt mauris et sagittis vestibulum. Curabitur semper suscipit metus, eget cursus lacus faucibus quis. Aliquam fermentum cursus pulvinar. Curabitur posuere felis nisl, a condimentum enim molestie non. Vivamus accumsan porta felis, a hendrerit erat malesuada in. Aliquam aliquam rhoncus mauris in feugiat.

Nullam ligula nisl, interdum id libero ut, aliquam placerat erat. Proin ut lectus vel tellus ornare ultricies. Suspendisse potenti. Sed at dolor bibendum, feugiat turpis accumsan, interdum erat. Sed posuere turpis vel blandit convallis. Fusce ac elit velit. Ut sodales vulputate maximus. Nunc nec nibh in arcu luctus cursus. Sed vulputate accumsan fermentum. Curabitur maximus nec lacus nec posuere. Pellentesque habitant morbi tristique senectus et netus et malesuada fames ac turpis egestas. Mauris congue est nec quam auctor blandit. Proin sit amet maximus nibh. In pharetra sem dolor, eget pharetra mi porttitor in. Suspendisse ac neque lacus.

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Cras finibus ante ut metus vehicula vehicula. Cras justo lacus, efficitur quis odio quis, interdum efficitur libero. Donec sodales lectus vitae libero consectetur, vitae ornare lorem placerat. Class aptent taciti sociosqu ad litora torquent per conubia nostra, per inceptos himenaeos. Integer a aliquam risus, ullamcorper aliquet velit. Cras vulputate magna augue. Vestibulum bibendum est vel interdum euismod. Fusce finibus nulla ex, non rhoncus lectus malesuada mattis. Duis venenatis nunc vel lacinia rutrum. Proin faucibus sapien nisl, vitae fringilla orci hendrerit a. Quisque condimentum condimentum felis vel ullamcorper. Quisque pharetra tortor quis nisl bibendum accumsan.

Duis auctor semper turpis, vel mollis purus. Proin orci quam, pellentesque tincidunt ultricies eget, dignissim id orci. Maecenas sed fermentum ligula. Mauris facilisis sed dolor sed finibus. Curabitur luctus ultrices tempus. Etiam venenatis feugiat congue. Curabitur id purus purus. Curabitur nec enim tempus, volutpat erat in, auctor ligula. Phasellus rutrum tellus lectus. Aenean imperdiet pharetra nisl quis sodales. Praesent

facilis gravida pretium. Nam eget aliquet risus, nec dictum turpis.

Proin vitae malesuada lectus. Aliquam erat volutpat. Aenean tincidunt consectetur pulvinar. Proin sed dolor magna. Donec in ornare tortor, in lacinia massa. Cras mollis, mi vel facilis dictum, nisl ipsum egestas urna, sit amet dignissim turpis felis quis massa. Sed vel euismod turpis. Pellentesque habitant morbi tristique senectus et netus et malesuada fames ac turpis egestas.

Vestibulum ullamcorper ipsum sit amet mi molestie, vel convallis ipsum malesuada. Pellentesque sed lacinia metus. Pellentesque posuere tempor diam eu pretium. Duis aliquam eget felis ac imperdiet. Quisque viverra erat turpis, vel venenatis tortor porttitor quis. Integer tincidunt vel purus a blandit. Mauris sit amet quam vel leo ultrices vulputate a at ante. Maecenas hendrerit maximus orci, eu euismod odio laoreet et. Donec in interdum elit. Praesent sed sollicitudin risus. Donec accumsan purus ut justo accumsan euismod. Sed tincidunt vehicula suscipit. Vestibulum dignissim ultricies dictum. Praesent vel nisi dolor. In at scelerisque mi. Nam malesuada nunc vel tellus convallis, ultrices facilis dui gravida.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We thank AGH University of Krakow for their support.

## REFERENCES

- [1] F. Casino, T. K. Dasaklis, and C. Patsakis, "Blockchain technology in the financial sector: A systematic review," *International Journal of Production Economics*, vol. 211, pp. 210–224, 2019. Corresponds to [3] in source.
- [2] W. Wang *et al.*, "A survey on consensus mechanisms and mining strategy management in blockchain networks," *IEEE Access*, vol. 7, pp. 22328–22371, 2019. Corresponds to [1] in source.
- [3] I. Eyal and E. G. Sirer, "Majority is not enough: Bitcoin mining is vulnerable," in *Financial Cryptography and Data Security*, (Berlin, Heidelberg), pp. 436–454, Springer, 2014. Corresponds to [2] in source.
- [4] M. K. D. H. D. Aguiar *et al.*, "A systematic review of blockchain technology in healthcare: applications, techniques, challenges and opportunities," *Journal of Network and Computer Applications*, vol. 202, p. 103361, 2022. Corresponds to [4] in source.
- [5] M. M. S. Khan, R. A. Shaikh, and A. A. Brohi, "A survey on smart contract security: Attacks, defenses, and future trends," *IEEE Access*, vol. 10, pp. 78378–78401, 2022. Corresponds to [5] in source.
- [6] W. Fumy and P. Landrock, "Principles of key management," *IEEE Journal on Selected Areas in Communications*, vol. 11, no. 5, pp. 785–793, 1993.
- [7] Y. Yu, T. Sharma, S. Das, and Y. Wang, "'don't put all your eggs in one basket': How cryptocurrency users choose and secure their wallets," in *Proceedings of the CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI '24)*, (New York, NY, USA), Association for Computing Machinery, 2024.
- [8] S. Suratkhar, M. Shirole, and S. Bhirud, "Cryptocurrency wallet: A review," in *2020 4th International Conference on Computer, Communication and Signal Processing (ICCCSP)*, pp. 1–7, IEEE, 2020.
- [9] S. Houy, P. Schmid, and A. Bartel, "Security aspects of cryptocurrency wallets—a systematic literature review," *ACM Computing Surveys*, vol. 56, no. 1, pp. 1–31, 2023.
- [10] D. Perez and B. Livshits, "Analysis of smart contract vulnerabilities and exploitation in ethereum," in *Proceedings of the 43rd IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (SP)*, pp. 603–619, IEEE, 2021.
- [11] P. Praitheshan, L. Pan, J. Yu, J. Liu, and R. Doss, "Systematic review of security vulnerabilities in ethereum blockchain smart contracts," *IEEE Access*, vol. 7, pp. 158530–158545, 2019.
- [12] D. Perez and B. Livshits, "Analysis of smart contract vulnerabilities and exploitation on ethereum," in *Financial Cryptography and Data Security: 24th International Conference, FC 2020*, (Cham), pp. 457–471, Springer, 2020.
- [13] L. Zhou, X. Xiong, J. Ernstberger, S. Chaliasos, Z. Wang, Y. Wang, K. Qin, R. Wattenhofer, D. Song, and A. Gervais, "SoK: Decentralized Finance (DeFi) Attacks," in *2023 IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (SP)*, pp. 2444–2461, IEEE, 2023.
- [14] W. Li, J. Bu, X. Li, and X. Chen, "Security analysis of defi: Vulnerabilities, attacks and advances," in *Proceedings of the IEEE International Conference on Blockchain (Blockchain 2022)*, pp. 488–493, IEEE, 2022.
- [15] M. Liu, J. H. Huh, H. Han, J. Lee, J. Ahn, F. Li, H. Kim, and T. Kim, "I experienced more than 10 defi scams: On defi users' perception of security breaches and countermeasures," in *Proceedings of the 33rd USENIX Security Symposium*, pp. 6039–6055, USENIX Association, 2024.
- [16] C. Chen and M. Z. Yao, "Strategic use of immersive media and narrative message in virtual marketing: Understanding the roles of telepresence and transportation," *Psychology and Marketing*, vol. 39, no. 3, pp. 524–542, 2022.
- [17] Deloitte, "The evolving european model of professional sports finance," *Journal of Sports Economics*, vol. 1, no. 3, pp. 257–276, 2000.
- [18] Scribbr, "Develop a theoretical framework in three steps." YouTube video, 2020. Video.
- [19] B. Slat and C. Worp, "Whales likely impacted by great pacific garbage patch." The Ocean Cleanup, 2019.
- [20] B. Slat, C. Worp, and L. Holierhoek, "Whales likely impacted by great pacific garbage patch." The Ocean Cleanup. Retrieved February 12, 2025.
- [21] P. Launiainen, *A brief history of everything wireless: How invisible waves have changed the world*. Cham: Springer, 2018.
- [22] E. Karatas, B. Adali, O. Aydin, and G. Dalkilic, "Mobile application that detects covid-19 from cough and image using smartphone recordings and machine learning," in *2021 Innovations in Intelligent Systems and Applications Conference (ASYU)*, pp. 1–6, IEEE, 2021.
- [23] H. Marah and M. Challenger, "An architecture for intelligent agent-based digital twin for cyber-physical systems," in *Digital Twin Driven Intelligent Systems and Emerging Metaverse* (E. Karaarslan, O. Aydin, U. Cali, and M. Challenger, eds.), Singapore: Springer, 2023.