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Abstract

Bitcoin mining is a growing phenomenon part of the energy industry and has made multiple appearances in public media. Many are staggered that a system like Bitcoin could be demanding electric power comparable to the power demand of nations. This report aims to collect and evaluate bottom-up data published by the Bitcoin mining industry. With these publicly available filings and press releases of the largest Bitcoin mining companies, we analyze the development of deployed ASIC hardware models over the last two years. Our findings indicate multiple steadily and some exponentially growing trends, they shine more light on the hardware manufacturers and show insights into dominant ASIC hardware models. These trends suggest that this emerging industry is growing in significance, and at the same time being in fierce and global competition for the absolute limited resource; Bitcoin. We find a strong duopoly in manufacturers but also promising diversification effects in Bitcoin's total mining fleet. Future research should focus on more bottom-up approaches and data acquisitions to better the understanding of users, policy-makers, critics, and proponents alike on the development and significance of Bitcoin mining.

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Chapter 1

Introduction

Bitcoin has gained over the last decade not only significantly in price but also in its adoption. The decentralized money system with a fixed supply has changed many minds and is now at a point where big corporations and even nation-states are starting to take it seriously. At the heart of Bitcoin is Bitcoin mining. It is the heartbeat propelling Bitcoin through time with every beat, it is a clock that speaks truth to all participants with its every tick. Some research has tried to get a scope of this global phenomenon, but its decentralized structure makes it hard to get reliable and up-to-date metrics on Bitcoin mining. So we took the challenge to gather publicly available documents, meaning public filing and press release documents, of the largest public Bitcoin mining companies and extract insights on this topic.

Our objective is to get more real-world data using a bottom-up approach. We expect to get more clarity into a part of Bitcoin's global computational power, called hashrate, with details not captured by many other studies to this date. We think that the hashrate share of public miners can somewhat be representative of global hashrate, which allows us to do some estimations about global Bitcoin mining. As these estimations rely on multiple assumptions we would think of them more like guesstimates. Either way, it is based on information on various Application Specific Integrated Circuit (ASIC) hardware models, more detailed than found by many top-down approaches. Our approach starts with the acquisition of data. This data will then be completed with a set of rules. With this complete data, we will then be able to do further calculations to get to our results and extract novel insights.

The report starts with two sections on Bitcoin mining and related work. This background information is meant to bring different readers on the same ground of understanding, providing some historical and technical context to know what the process of Bitcoin mining is about and giving an overview of previous research to showcase the state of knowledge regarding some aspects of this industry. Next, we will explain our methodological approach. We will let the reader in on our data acquisition process, we will explain the rules we set to make this data complete and usable and we will state the calculations we did to estimate Bitcoin mining metrics. This chapter is essential to get an understanding of what data and assumptions our results build upon and it will show its strengths and its weaknesses compared to other studies.

The biggest chapter of this report is the results chapter. It is filled with many informative graphs, giving a visual and understandable view of our findings. We structure our results in four steps. Each step removes itself a bit more from the underlying database and takes a few reasonable assumptions into account. These assumptions will be mentioned to have a common understanding. The first step is to look at the aggregated number of ASIC hardware units. This data can be looked at in two ways; looking at the number of units by hardware manufacturer or at the number of units per hardware model. Next, we will compute from these numbers the ASIC hardware hashrate values and again see how the results distinguish by manufacturer and

per model. Then, these hashrates can be shown in percentage terms, showing ASIC hardware shares. Assuming that public Bitcoin mining companies represent a comparable share of the total and global Bitcoin mining, these shares can be looked at as such. Lastly, we will make further assumptions, allowing us to estimate an average Bitcoin mining fleet efficiency. We will compare this result to two other studies. From there we can extrapolate to a guesstimate of Bitcoin's global electricity consumption or power demand. This is a metric covered by multiple studies so far, each taking another approach to get at their estimation. So again we will make a comparison to see where our results land.

In the end, we round up with a discussion of our results before concluding this report and giving an outlook for future research. As the results from our database can be shown in many ways multiple additional graphs, as well as the database itself, are added in the appendix. We made sure to keep consistent wording throughout this report. We write about Bitcoin miners and mean the network entities in the business of block production, such as our analyzed public Bitcoin miners. On the other hand, we write about ASIC hardware units or models, meaning the actual hardware machines or specialized computers doing the actual work of transforming electricity into unalterable proofs for the Bitcoin network, the proof-of-work for the timechain.

Chapter 2

Background

This project dives into some specific and novel information about the subjectively, most important topic of our time: Bitcoin. To guide the reader, this chapter gives the necessary background information on Bitcoin mining. It briefly explains the technological breakthrough of Bitcoin, explains the inner workings and purpose of Bitcoin mining. We will set everything into a historical perspective and finish with an overview of previous work done on the topic of Bitcoin mining.

2.1 Bitcoin Mining

Bitcoin mining is an essential part of Bitcoin's workings, so before explaining the mining part, let us give a few words on Bitcoin. Bitcoin is the decentralized money system. A problem in decentralization is that there is no single source of truth. In the case of a distributed ledger, functioning as money, all participants independently have to find the same truth to prevent double-spending. In distributed computer systems, this problem is known as the Byzantine generals' problem. Satoshi Nakamoto presented in the Bitcoin whitepaper in 2008 a probabilistic solution for this problem using a difficulty-adjusted proof-of-work system. Bitcoin uses a proof-of-work to get a distributed timestamp server [12].

It is implemented using the SHA-256 cryptographic hashing function, which links blocks of transactions together. Each block additionally contains the hash of the previous block and a nonce. The resulting hash value has to land below a certain target value which is set by a difficulty and connects the blocks building a timechain. The nonce, a number only used once, is used to change the value of the resulting hash and acts like a literal guessing game to find a valid hash. A valid block can then be broadcast to the rest of the network. Here is for example the block hash of Bitcoin's 840'000 block:

000000000000000000000000320283a032748cef8227873ff4872689bf23f1cda83a5 (2.1)

The energy used to do these hashing computations bridges the realm of information, the digital, with the physical realm. The timechain decentralizes time, it is a decentralized clock.

Looking at the hash 2.1, the leading zeros result of the target set by the difficulty. A higher difficulty means a lower target hash value needs to be found, hence more zeros show up in this hexadecimal number. With every additional leading zero, it gets exponentially harder to find a valid block. The difficulty adjustment takes the role of the timekeeper. Every 2016 blocks, the difficulty is adjusted to keep the average time per block at 10 minutes. It therefore links Bitcoin's block time to human time, an essential part for Bitcoin to be able to synchronize and to work as money.

Also, Bitcoin's monetary issuance is linked to time in that way. The incentive for so-called miners,

doing the work of block production in this guessing game, is the block reward. For every found block the reward for the successful miner consists of the transaction fees and the block subsidy, newly issued bitcoin, an amount which is halved every 210'000 blocks, approximately every 4 years. At the beginning of Bitcoin mining was done by normal computers using CPU power, later it switched to GPUs and FPGAs, and nowadays it is almost entirely done by Application Specific Integrated Circuits (ASIC)¹.

2.2 Related Work

The Bitcoin mining space is a fast-evolving and fast-growing industry. Many insights are hard to come by due to Bitcoin's decentralized nature and often rely on expert experiences in the field. The dominant Bitcoin mining ASIC manufacturers and pools are not public and pay close attention to which information is shared. This has made it hard for scientists to get reliable bottom-up data, thus often taking a top-down approach to estimate Bitcoin mining metrics. Such an approach and often cited work comes from the Cambridge Center for Alternative Finance (CCAF) with their Cambridge Bitcoin Electricity Consumption Index (CBECI). They present an estimated historical Bitcoin network power demand and annualized electricity consumption. These estimations are based upon an estimated static global electricity price, a top-down estimation for mining hardware market share, and a static power usage effectiveness (PUE) applied to all Bitcoin miners [1]. All these top-down estimations beg the question of whether Cambridge's approach could be improved and verified with bottom-up data. Another index claiming to estimate energy consumption is Digiconomist's Bitcoin Energy Consumption Index² mostly based on de Vries [21]. His research has been criticized by many and his approach has been called to be of "questionable scientific rigor" [20].

Multiple market share estimations published over the past used different methodologies. In January 2020 TokenInsight published an industry research report. Their mining hardware share estimates were based on several "in-depth interviews and market surveys with the industry professionals" representing the top four manufacturers at the time, Bitmain, MicroBT, Canaan, and Ebang. We only found this report archived on Medium [18]. Not much later, in June 2020, BitMEX Research published market share by manufacturer estimates, covering the same four manufacturers. Their estimate leveraged the Initial Public Offering (IPO) prospectus of Bitmain, Canaan, and Ebang, from which the last two went public. MicroBT's presentation slides were also used as a source [15].

Last year, Coin Metrics published their research, for the first time estimating market shares and hashrates per Bitcoin mining model and therefore being the closest to our project we could find. They used an approach of analyzing nonce patterns and incorporating data sourced from real-world ASIC models [16]. With their results, they estimated Bitcoin's network-wide hardware efficiency, used the same PUE as CCAF to compare an estimated electricity consumption, and further did a e-waste estimation. Coin Metrics publishes updated figures from their research on their website³. We will follow similar steps, conducting several estimations comparable to these two previous results. For the scope of this project, we will stop at power demand and electricity consumption estimations.

For policy making Bitcoin's sustainability comes more and more into focus. One metric is to estimate emissions and sustainable energy use. Batten tried to improve upon CCAF's model by incorporating various data, such as off-grid Bitcoin mining [2]. Similarly, the Bitcoin Mining Council (BMC) was created in 2021 with the goal of increasing transparency, gathering data from

¹<https://www.coindesk.com/tech/2020/04/26/the-rise-of-asics-a-step-by-step-history-of-bitcoin-mining/> [21.07.2024]

²<https://digiconomist.net/bitcoin-energy-consumption> [21.07.2024]

³Mine-Match: <https://labs.coinmetrics.io/> [21.07.2024]

the industry, and educating the public on Bitcoin mining [6]. Butterfill et al. provided valuable research before the halving this April and projected an average efficiency of 10 J/TH to be reached mid-2026 [14]. Later after the halving, they provided an update explaining their views for the future. They expect miners to shift to AI, move to stranded energy sites, and in general optimize energy costs, increase mining efficiency, and securing favorable hardware procurement terms [3]. The Bitcoin Policy Institute also expects AI compute becoming more important in this industry, however explaining the differences between Bitcoin mining and AI data centers. The former is more sustainable due to its flexibility for power grid curtailment, finding that this flexibility reduces emissions [7]. Stoll et al. analyzed 13 public miners, estimating their emissions and stating that more transparency on location and energy sources is needed to inform the public, regulators, and policymakers about the benefits and costs of Bitcoin mining in the U.S. One example is the reduction of methane emissions from orphaned and unplugged wells through Bitcoin miners [13]. Already back in 2019, they estimated a PUE of 1.05 and proposed to use IPO filings of ASIC manufacturers, insights from mining facility operators, and mining pool compositions to get bottom-up estimations improving on the existing top-down models [8]. We will pursue this approach and collect bottom-up data from the top public Bitcoin miner filings and press releases.

Chapter 3

Methodology

In this chapter, we will discuss the data acquisition process, the assisting tools used for scraping public filing documents, and press releases, and the data of interest for this study. Following up, the chosen method for completing data gaps and missing data is discussed. Lastly, we mention the calculations we made to get to our estimations, which will be the main focus of chapter 4.

3.1 Data Acquisition

A bottom-up approach is chosen to collect data on the distribution of ASIC hardware models in the Bitcoin mining industry. This industry distributed around the globe, consists of individual, private, and public miners. The latter, meaning publicly traded Bitcoin mining companies, are required to disclose data for transparency and to inform investors about their financial statements and business practices. Public companies represent a significant portion of Bitcoin's hashrate and aggregated data from their public filings can be updated over time. The most common updates come in the form of quarterly reports and more detailed yearly reports, but some companies also publish additional press releases every month or to announce key events.

The public filing documents are found on the public company's website in the investor relations section or can be accessed directly through the securities overseeing agency for the respective stock market. For the biggest capital market, the U.S. stock market, that is the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission¹ (SEC) and marked on websites as SEC filings. Wherever possible, we opt for the public miner's website and download quarterly and yearly filings in Portable Document Format (PDF). We use OpenAI's large language model GPT-4 for keyword extraction from these PDFs and use these keywords to find the locations of interest in the filing documents with the keyboard shortcut function Control Find. To check for further information GPT-4's online search function is used and the press releases are skimmed.

An extensive list of public Bitcoin miners is put together starting with previous work done by Braiins² and extending it with additional and up-to-date entries from TheMinerMag³, Luxor's Hashrate Index⁴ or other ranking websites⁵. The official company name and ticker symbol are collected for unique and quick identification.

The data of interest are the reported hashrate, the size of the mining fleet, and the number of mining rigs per hardware model. For the given hashrate values, we make sure to keep the distinction between electrified and installed hashrate, wherever indicated. We also differentiate

¹<https://www.sec.gov/search-filings> [21.07.2024]

²<https://braiins.com/> [21.07.2024]

³<https://pro.theminermag.com/overview> [21.07.2024]

⁴<https://data.hashrateindex.com/stocks> [21.07.2024]

⁵<https://companiesmarketcap.com/bitcoin-mining/largest-bitcoin-mining-companies-by-marketcap/> [21.07.2024]

hashrate from self-mining and hosted machines. If no specification is given on the reported hashrate, we mark it as such. See appendix B.1 for a closer look at the database with the companies' hashrates. We collect the fleet and hardware model numbers in a separate database. For the size of the mining fleet, we make notice if the company gives additional specifications. We find, that we again have to distinguish between hardware units, which they own and use for self-mining, and other hardware units, which they use for hosted mining. Additionally, some companies report distinct values for deployed versus total mining fleets. A few even mention the number of mining rigs in storage or transit.

The most important data for this project is the number of mining rig units per ASIC hardware model. Here we store, whenever mentioned the hardware manufacturer and model. Then for every quarterly filing and press release, we collect how many units were installed, how many are expected to be installed because of published purchasing agreements and options, and how many have been removed. If only the manufacturer is known, the model name is given as unknown. If even the manufacturer is unknown, for example when just a number of mining rigs is mentioned, both are marked as unknown.

This data sets the basis for this project's analysis. Due to the requirements of publication, mostly financial data and therefore purchase agreements and options are found in the quarterly and yearly filings. These agreements do not have to represent the future, can be sold to another mining company, can have delays and updates, which makes the tracking of actual mining rig numbers much more challenging. Also, public companies are not required to publish the number of their fleet. For transparency, the total hashrate is published, which is also of interest to the investor, but specific mining units only show up in assets under management or to lay out the risks coming with a Bitcoin mining strategy. Therefore, the data is by no means complete and covers the analyzed range in a quarter granularity. Have a look at the hardware database in appendix B.2.

3.2 Data Completion

We want to complete the data extracted from the publicly available resources in such a way, that we can get an estimated development of total hashrates and an estimated distribution of ASIC hardware models of public Bitcoin miners. Here are the assumptions we make and the rules we follow to complete the companies' hashrate values.

Type	Rule	Comment
<i>reported</i>	remains constant in the future until a new value is reported	-
<i>electrified</i>	cannot be completed	calculate further with installed hashrate
<i>installed</i>	remains constant in the future until a new value is reported	-
<i>self-mining</i>	remains constant in the future until a new value is reported	-
<i>total</i>	remains constant in the future until a new value is reported	contains hosted hashrate, calculate further with self-mining hashrate

Table 3.1: Assumptions for Completing the Hashrate Values

Some companies give an outlook on expected FUTURE hashrate. Since the company's yearly results are the main focus, this outlook in general refers to end-of-year values, in our case to the fourth quarter of 2024 (24Q4). In some cases, the outlook is given for larger time frames, and the expected future hashrate value seems to be more in line with the next four-year Bitcoin

cycle. This FUTURE hashrate is kept constant if no outlook is given and the self-mining to total mining ratio is respected if only a partial outlook is given.

Similar assumptions have to be made to complete the hardware data and the rules we applied are listed here.

Type	Rule	Comment
<i>model</i>	number of units are set at zero as long as there are no mentions	-
<i>model</i>	number of units are kept constant as long as there are no updates	broken hardware is not considered
<i>model</i>	notable or mentioned sell-offs of old hardware are set to zero after these models are not mentioned anymore	-
<i>model</i>	future number of units is kept constant if no outlook is given	-
<i>total</i>	total number of units are set at zero as long as there are no mentions	-
<i>total</i>	total number of units are kept constant as long as there are no updates	broken hardware is not considered
<i>total</i>	future total number of units is kept constant if no outlook is given	-

Table 3.2: Assumptions for Completing the Hardware Numbers

The total number of units refers here to explicitly mentioning fleet size and is not a summation of the single hardware model numbers. This way, we have a way to check if all number of different mining rig models are give completely and to check how good our estimation fits with the reported fleet size.

3.3 Calculations for the Estimations

Using our database, we can continue with some basic calculations for our analysis. In addition to the gathered data, we need the hardware models release dates, which we get from Luxor's Hashrate Index⁶ and from ASICMinerValue⁷. From the same sources, we also get the ASIC miner hashrate given in terahash per second [TH/s], and their respective efficiency given in joule per terahash [J/TH]. This is the unit of measurement for efficiency, most commonly used in the Bitcoin mining space, and means the energy used for a trillion SHA-256 operations, which is implicitly always given on a per-second basis⁸. We will use the common notation for this project. For future research, we recommend using CCAF's CBECI SHA-256 Mining Equipment List in the Miner Hardware Inventory Database⁹ which is being updated from time to time and where suggestions for updates can be contributed from interested parties.

Four estimations can be made with the gathered data. Each of them can be shown in terms of hardware models or manufacturers.

⁶<https://hashrateindex.com/rigs> [21.07.2024]

⁷<https://www.asicminervalue.com/efficiency/sha-256> [21.07.2024]

⁸Physically it is given in joule per terahash per second [$J/TH/s$] or in joule-seconds per terahash [$J \cdot s/TH$], using the unit of action.

⁹<http://sha256.cbeci.org/> [21.07.2024]

Firstly, we transform our hardware database from "sorted by company" to "sorted by ASIC hardware model". So we add up all the numbers for each model and do this for every quarter in the investigated time range. This is also possible for the total hardware fleet numbers we collected. The numbers we get can easily be summed up to a number of hardware units per manufacturer, which again can be summed up to an estimated total. This estimate can then be compared to the summation of total hardware fleet numbers.

More important and of bigger interest is not the number of units but the hashrate for each model for every quarter. So secondly, we multiply the number of units found before with the hashrate given in the miner model specifications. For unknown models, but by known manufacturer, we take the average installed hashrate of all other models by the same manufacturer and multiply it by the number of unknown units. For completely unknown models we do the same, taking the average installed hashrate over all models and manufacturers. Doing this for every quarter counts unknown models to estimate hashrates. As current ASIC SHA-256 miners come with a hashrate from 10 to 300 TH/s , and we add up thousands of units, we divide the numbers by 1000 to get petahash per second [PH/s]. 1 PH/s is a quadrillion computations per second. We use an estimate of Bitcoin's global hashrate¹⁰ on every last day of every quarter and change it from the usual representation in exahash per second [EH/s], a quintillion computations per second, to [PH/s]. As mentioned on Blockchain.com's website, Bitcoin's exact global hashrate is unknown but can be estimated from the number of blocks found in the current difficulty period. Again we can add the resulting hashrates up to get hashrates per manufacturer and an estimated total hashrate (by public Bitcoin miners). This estimate can again perfectly be compared to the summation of reported hashrates.

Thirdly, we can use the found hashrates and calculate hashrate shares by hardware model and per manufacturer. The estimated total hashrate and the reported total hashrate are set in relation to the global hashrate. This gives the important estimated percentages of analyzed hashrate, which will be useful for interpreting the results.

Lastly, given the hardware model efficiencies, we can calculate power demands per hardware model and aggregated power demand per manufacturer. The former is found by multiplying the hardware model's hashrate [PH/s] by the respective efficiency [J/TH], from the miner models' specifications. Keeping track of unit conversions, these estimates are best given in megawatt [MW]. Again, for unknown hardware models, we take the average installed efficiency by manufacturer and if even the manufacturer is unknown, we take the average installed efficiency over all models and manufacturers. This in itself is an interesting value to track quarterly and we will discuss it later.

Having done all these calculations, we now have estimates for number of units, hashrate values, share percentages, and energy values. The estimated power demand values and especially the estimated aggregated power demand might induce oneself to do the seemingly small step of an extrapolation to Bitcoin's global power demand. That would be to divide the estimated power demand by the estimated percentage of global hashrate multiplied by an estimated global PUE. We will discuss the problems with this extrapolation in chapter 4.

¹⁰<https://www.blockchain.com/explorer/charts/hash-rate> [21.07.2024]

Chapter 4

Results

This chapter presents the results we get from the public Bitcoin miner data. We collected 49 company names and their ticker symbols that showed up in Bitcoin miner stock market lists, were kept track of in previous research from Braiins, or had other connections to Bitcoin mining in any shape or form. Of these, we gathered data from the 28 largest companies about their installed hashrate and from almost all of them we found data on fleet size and number of ASIC hardware models. Namely, they are the following, sorted by descending hashrates.

Company Name	Ticker		
Marathon Digital Holdings Inc.	MARA	Canaan Inc.	CAN
BitFuFu Inc.	FUFU	Northern Data AG	NB2
Core Scientific Inc.	CORZ	Galaxy Digital Holdings Ltd.	GLXY
CleanSpark Inc.	CLSK	Argo Blockchain PLC	ARBK
Riot Platforms Inc.	RIOT	Soluna Holdings Inc.	SLNH
Iris Energy Ltd.	IREN	Ault Allinace Inc. (BitNile)	AULT
Bitdeer Technologies Group	BTDR	Digihost Technology Inc.	DGHI
Terawulf Inc.	WULF	Sphere 3D Corp.	ANY
Cipher Mining Inc.	CIFR	Greenidge Generation Holdings Inc.	GREE
Hut 8 Corp.	HUT	DMG Blockchain Solutions Inc.	DMGI
Bitfarms Ltd.	BITF	Gryphon Digital Mining Inc.	GRYP
HIVE Digital Technologies Ltd.	HIVE	SATO Technologies Corp.	SATO
Stronghold Digital Mining Inc.	SDIG	Cathedra Bitcoin Inc.	CBIT
Bit Digital Inc.	BTBT	Mawson Infrastructure Group Inc.	MIGI

Table 4.1: List of Public Bitcoin Miners

For the remaining 21 companies, one or multiple of the following points moved us to not consider them further in the scope of this semester project. Nevertheless, they are listed in the database and can be included in future research.

- no mention of Bitcoin mining
- no publicly available filings with usable data
- manufacturers or distributors of ASIC hardware, giving no detail on mining operations¹
- too small (in the low PH/s range) to collect significant data from

¹It is known that Bitcoin mining hardware manufacturers can be operating self-owned machines [17].

Our database covers data from over two years back with a granularity of 3 months. This aligns with the publication dates for quarterly and yearly filings. The database is constructed so that future quarterly data can be added. We will use the following notation, as shown in table 4.2.

Notation	Refers to ...	Filing Date
21Q4	Fourth quarter data of 2021	31.12.2021
22Q1	First quarter data of 2022	31.03.2022
22Q2	Second quarter data of 2022	30.06.2022
22Q3	Third quarter data of 2022	30.09.2022
22Q4	Fourth quarter data of 2022	31.12.2022
23Q1	First quarter data of 2023	31.03.2023
23Q2	Second quarter data of 2023	30.06.2023
23Q3	Third quarter data of 2023	30.09.2023
23Q4	Fourth quarter data of 2023	31.12.2023
24Q1	First quarter data of 2024	31.03.2024
24Q2	Second quarter data of 2024 (no data available as of project due date)	30.06.2024
FUTURE	Q4 of 2024 or any future outlook data given by the companies	-

Table 4.2: Notation

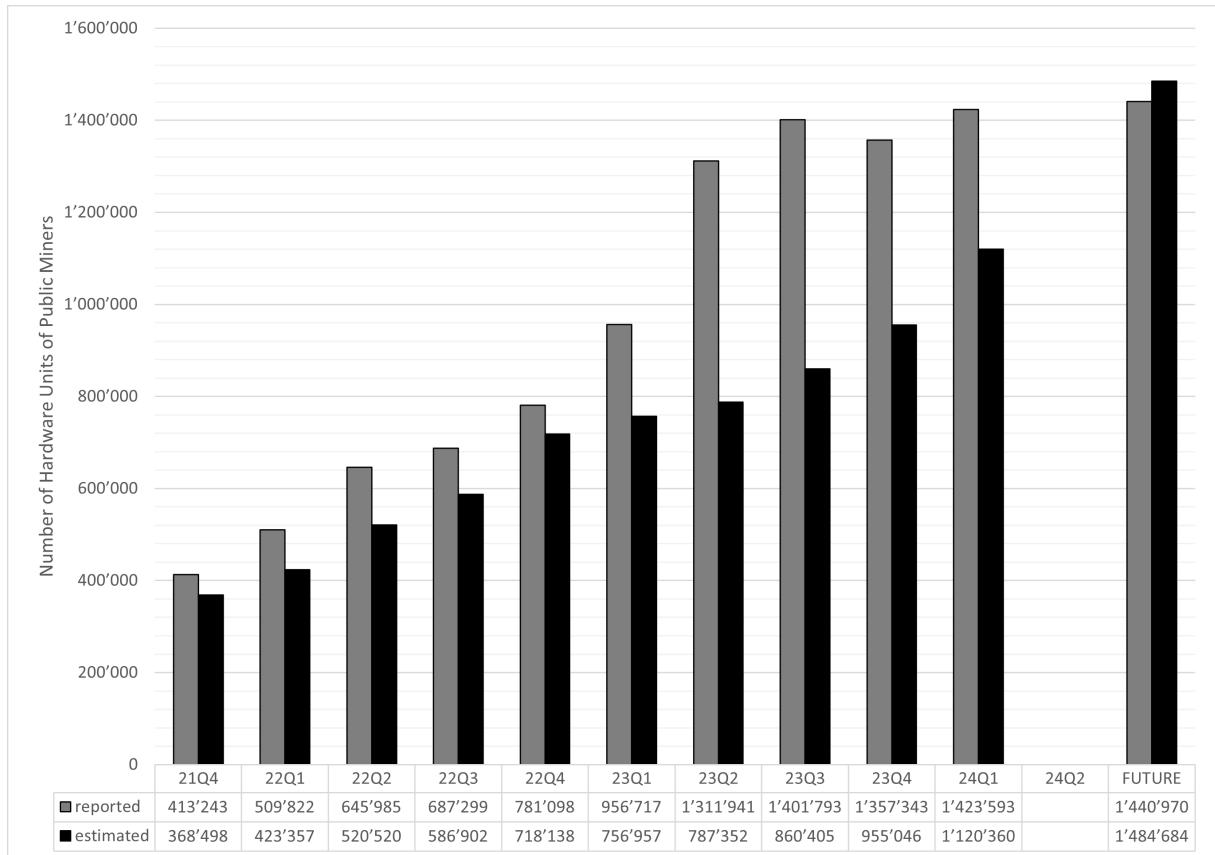


Figure 4.1: Total Number of Hardware Units

4.1 Number of ASIC Hardware Units

Strait from the hardware database B.2 we sum up the number of ASIC hardware units every quarter. We differentiate between the aggregated *reported* numbers we get, and the *estimated* numbers we get by adding up all the hardware model amounts. Comparing these two in figure 4.1, we see that they go well in tandem throughout 2022, with our estimate only being around 10 to 20% below the reported values. In 2023 this changes to a difference of around 30 to 60%. This could be caused by different reasons such as a change in disclosure requirements by the SEC, the crackdown on crypto-related activities by the SEC, or market dynamics and risks causing the miners to provide less detailed information. Only the last of these reasons, we think could have affected specifically Bitcoin mining companies around that time, since lower Bitcoin prices during the bear market pushed hashprice² down to new lows and pushing down miners profitability. At the same time, the companies focused on streamlining their business, so they would survive the Bitcoin Halving coming up in April 2024. For the future outlook, the reported and estimated number of units align again quite well. This is however caused by our methodology and companies giving more information on future purchasing agreements and options for single hardware models. These will be counted in our estimated value, but not in the reported expected size fleet. Such a number is rarely published by the public miners.

We approximate, from these numbers of installed hardware units and take into account older hardware units which are taken offline (see negative values in the database B.2), that 34'500 units are being installed and around 1'800 units are being decommissioned per month by these public miners.

4.1.1 Units by Manufacturer

Now we take a closer look at the partitioning of these hardware units between Bitcoin mining ASIC manufacturers. Hardware units, which we could not assign to a specific manufacturer, are shown as *unknown* in figure 4.2. As described before, *TOTAL* refers here to the reported number of units. Clearly, *Bitmain* followed by *MicroBT* have produced one order of magnitude (logarithmic chart) more hardware units, used by public Bitcoin miners. *Canaan* comes in at a smaller third place. We think that the unknown hardware units fall under one of these three manufacturers. Especially since all analyzed companies, where we found numbers, were using Bitmain Antminers except for two. One is solely mining with MicroBT Whatsminers, and the other is Canaan Inc. itself, which is mining with Canaan machines.

Nevertheless, it is also visible that more companies are entering the market. These are *Intel Blockscale*, *MinerVA*, *ePIC Blockchain*, and *Bitdeer*. Bitdeer is a public Bitcoin miner, has its own miner, the SEALMINER, on the market, and announced a roadmap for its new ASIC chip designs [9]. We have not found any numbers of deployed SEALMINERs therefore it does not show up on the chart 4.2. *Innosilicon* hardware models we found, have been pushed out of the market due to low profitability [19]. They have produced newer and more profitable models, such as the T4+ [11], but we have not found deployment numbers. So the number drops to zero. The biggest increase in future expected number of hardware units is by far Bitmain. This increase, see figure 4.3, is mainly driven by big purchase agreements and options, that are known.

Experts in the Bitcoin mining field estimate that 50'000 rigs are produced by the main manufacturers per month. Hashrate Index reported in September of 2023 from a Bitmain representative, that "the company expects to manufacture at least 50,000 units per month [...] for the next 8 months, but the company may produce as many as 100,000 per month if there is sufficient demand" [10]. We approximate, that 19'300 Bitmain Antminers have been deployed per month by our analyzed public companies. If we look ahead and calculate with the estimated hashrate

²<https://data.hashrateindex.com/network-data/btc> [21.07.2024]

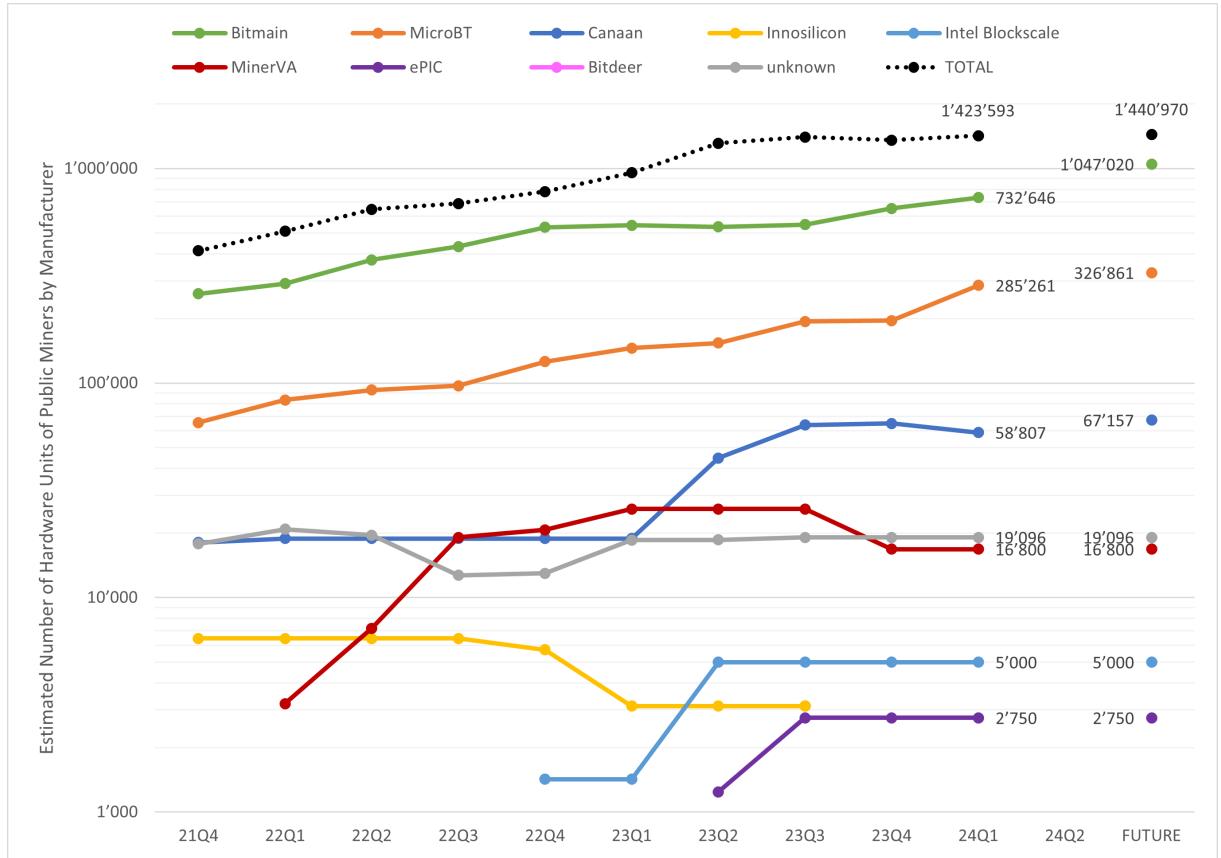
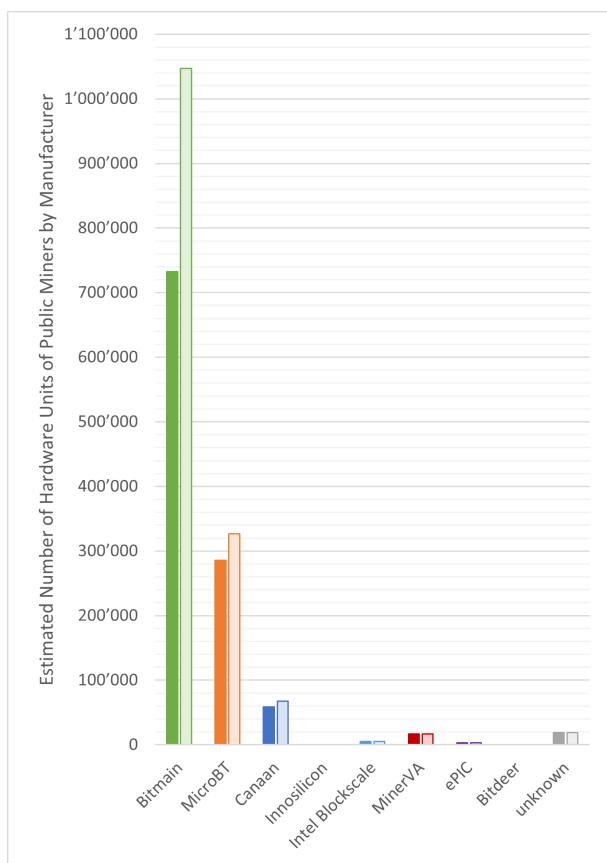


Figure 4.2: Number of Hardware Units by Manufacturer

share, discussed in section 4.3, we could approximate that 63'000 to 95'000 Bitmain units have been deployed monthly over our analyzed period. It lies perfectly in the range given by the sources and indicates that these numbers are correct for the manufacturer Bitmain. For the second main manufacturer MicroBT, the same calculation would approximate 4'000 MicroBT Whatsminers deployed per month by our analyzed public companies, and in total 13'300 to 20'000 Whatsminers. But here, and for the remaining manufacturers we have no numbers to compare this to.

4.1.2 Units per Model

Looking at the number of units deployed per model is less informative than the hashrate findings we discuss in subsection 4.2.2. Still, one insight can be extracted from the 55 mentioned hardware models that we found. Newer hardware models are produced and later deployed in larger quantities as demand seems to be around for these generally more efficient machines. The Bitmain Antminer model generations deployed the most, S17, S19, and S19j Pro found their peak number of deployment in 22Q1, 22Q3, and 23Q1 respectively with 15'034, 108'456, and 207'153. The newer Antminer models are still ramping up with 203'820 units in 24Q1 for the S19 XP and 236'268 units of the S21 expected to be deployed. The same holds for MicroBT's M10, M20, M30, M50 and M66 Whatsminer generations, and Canaan's A1166, A1246, A1346, and A1466 Avalon generations.



left (dyed) 24Q1, right (framed) FUTURE

Figure 4.3: Outlook on Number of Hardware Units by Manufacturer

4.2 ASIC Hardware Hashrates

In this section, we will look at the estimated resulting hashrates. These hashrates are the computational powers of ASIC Bitcoin mining hardware by public Bitcoin miners. All the deployed models we found in the public filings and press releases are ASIC machines. These fast, efficient, and Bitcoin-specific ASICs have surpassed CPUs, GPUs, and FPGAs in profitability for over a decade. All the following results are estimates because of two main reasons. First, we calculated that all installed mining rigs are operated with 100% up-time, and operated the nominal hashrate. In practice, deployed machines need maintenance and sometimes repair, can be over- or underclocked, and can be turned off for other reasons such as power grid stabilization in an ancillary service curtailment program as a large flexible load [13]. Second, our research only covers the 28 biggest public Bitcoin mining companies and can therefore be regarded more as a lower bound, than the total hashrate deployed by public miners.

Figure 4.4 compares the aggregated *reported* and the *estimated* total hashrate of the public miners to Bitcoin’s global hashrate. Reported refers to the hashrates published by the companies and estimated refers to the summed-up hashrates found for every hardware model, also published by the same companies. Both increase steadily, as Bitcoin’s hashrate also does from 21Q4 to 24Q1. The global hashrate reached a high of over 600 *EH/s* around 24Q1 and dropped slightly in 24Q2. We do not have values for that quarter at the time of this project. Nonetheless, the public miner hashrate is expected to increase in the future. We see a similar difference, as in the total number of units, between the reported and the estimated hashrate. This could be caused by a change in publication transparency or reported hashrates being overstated as an important marketing tool. Which share of global hashrate we cover here, is discussed in section 4.3. More charts for this section are in the appendix C.3.1.

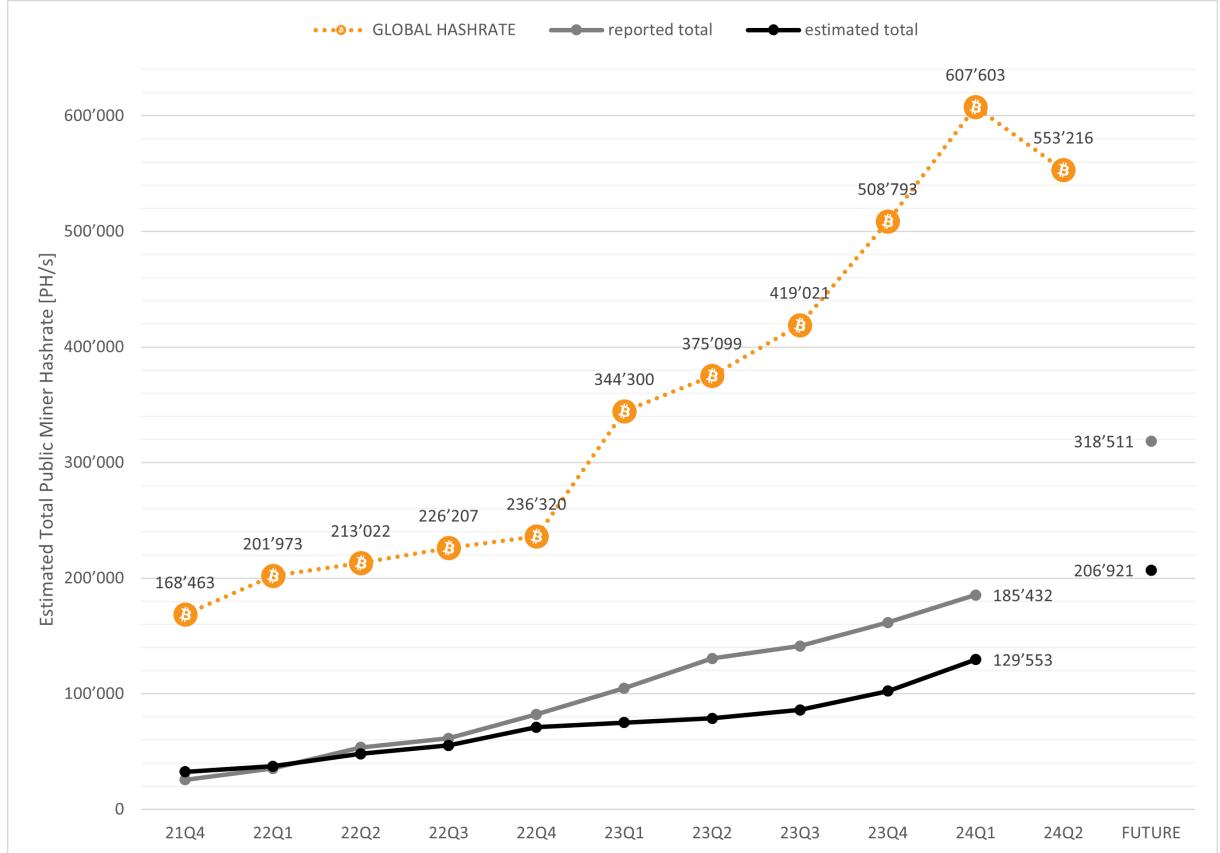


Figure 4.4: Total Public Miner Hashrate vs. Bitcoin’s Global Hashrate

4.2.1 Hashrate by Manufacturer

We now dive into the hashrate results with a higher resolution, split into manufacturers. For this, we consider the estimated hashrates only. Also here, see 4.5, is an exponential increase in hashrate visible, with an average increase of about 16.61% per quarter, or 5.25% per month over the analyzed period. Following this growth trajectory would align with the estimated future outlook hashrate around 24Q4. The entire public miner hashrate comes almost from hardware from three manufacturers only, with *MicroBT* and especially *Bitmain* producing the lion's share of computational power. As of the end of the first quarter of 2024, 87.8 *EH/s* of the public miners came from Bitmain Antminer machines, 30.7 *EH/s* from MicroBT Whatsminer machines, and 6.2 *EH/s* from Canaan Avalon machines. We will discuss the actual shares per manufacturer in the following section 4.3.1.

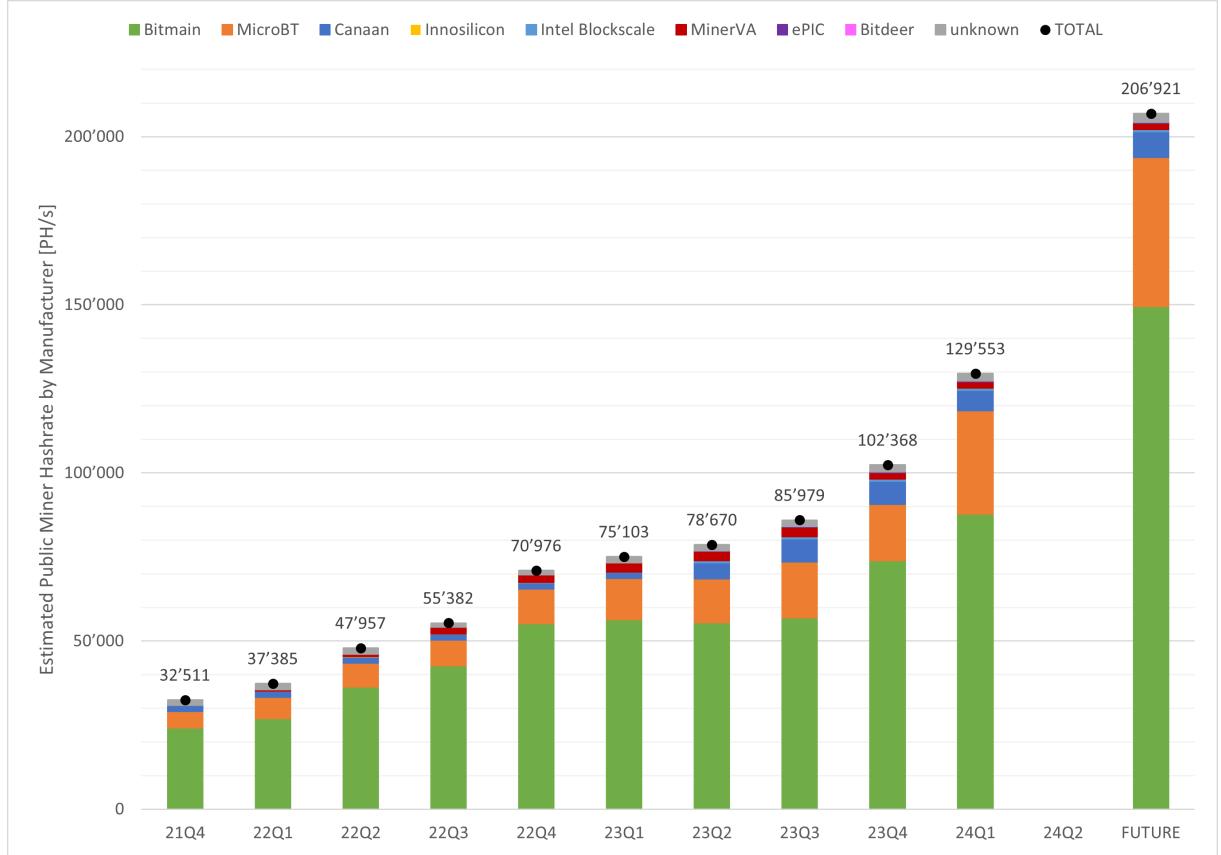


Figure 4.5: Distribution of Hashrates by Manufacturer

4.2.2 Hashrate per Model

Next, we find out what hashrates single Bitcoin mining hardware models contribute. We see that not just a few manufacturers dominate but also only a few hardware models dominate over some periods. We try to showcase this in figure 4.6.

Ahead of all was always a Bitmain Antminer machine (*green*), starting with the Antminer *S19*, followed up by the *S19j Pro*, which then was overtaken by the *S19 XP*. Each takes over with a higher total hashrate per model. The *S19 XP* almost reached 30 *EH/s* in 24Q1. Other significant Bitmain ASIC rigs worth mentioning are the Antminer *S19 Pro* and the Antminer *S19j*. Continuing with Bitmain hardware models, we see that the newer models Antminer *S19k Pro*, *S21*, *T21*, and particularly the *S19j XP* are starting to pick up pace, increasing their

hashrate. If we now compare 24Q1 in figure 4.7 with the outlook in figure 4.8, we spot that the S21 is expected to surpass the S19 XP reaching up to 50 EH/s , and the T21 also picking up reaching a comparable hashrate to the S19j Pro. Another visible point is that older and less efficient hardware units with lower profitability are driven out of the market, often replaced by a newer model. A good example of this could be the Antminer S19, losing hashrate around the same time as the Antminer S19 XP gains in hashrate. Our analysis of over two years is too short to see how long a single hardware miner is deployed profitably. We think this is also linked with Bitcoin's four-year cycles, which have a strong impact on hashprice³. Still, we see that the dominant hardware model is in its position for about one and half years before being overtaken by the next generation hardware model.

MicroBT Whatsminer machines (*orange*) show similar occurrences and distributions. During this period the Whatsminer *M30S* has the highest hashrate, reaching about 8 EH/s in 23Q3. 6.5 EH/s distribute among the other Whatsminer from the *M30*, *M31*, and *M32 series*. In the chart 4.6 only the *M30S+* can be distinguished. Also here we see that the newer models Whatsminer *M50* and *M56++* pick up pace, increasing their hashrate. Comparing again figure 4.7 with the outlook 4.8, we see that the even newer and more efficient Whatsminer *M66S* and the *M66* are expected to grow the most in deployed hashrate. The former is expected to surpass the M30S reaching over 14 EH/s . So this takeover process is expected to continue in the future, especially if these two conditions are being met:

- production of newer hardware models continues to increase
- efficiencies of newer hardware models continue to increase

The distribution in the hardware models that produce less hashrate follows the same trend and outlook, as seen for Bitmain Antminers and MicroBT Whatsminer. This can be seen in logarithmic charts, C.10 and C.11, added in the appendix.

We get a good estimated overview of deployed hashrates per hardware model by looking at figure 4.9. Older hardware stagnates and later decreases in hashrate. Newer hardware comes with more hashrate, and gains quickly in market share, continuing the exponential increase in hashrate. Next to already discussed Bitmain's (*green*) a MicroBT's hashrate (*orange*), also Canaan's (*blue*) and MinerVA's *MV7* deployed hashrate are visible. The public resources we use do not specify a large portion of the Canaan Avalon hardware rigs, now showing up as an estimated hashrate *unknown (light blue)*. 1 to 2 EH/s (*gray*) are a rough estimation for hashrate hardware units which were mentioned in the public resources, but not at all specified in terms of model and manufacturer.

Overall, our data depicts trends over 27 months. This is less than the length of a Bitcoin cycle, which takes about 4 years, and new epochs heralded by the Bitcoin halving events. These halvings affect Bitcoin miners, especially in the early years of Bitcoin and none of these occurred during the analyzed period. So these trends happened during a Bitcoin price bear market and can only be expected to continue if this analysis is continued over at least one cycle.

³<https://data.hashrateindex.com/network-data/btc> [21.07.2024]

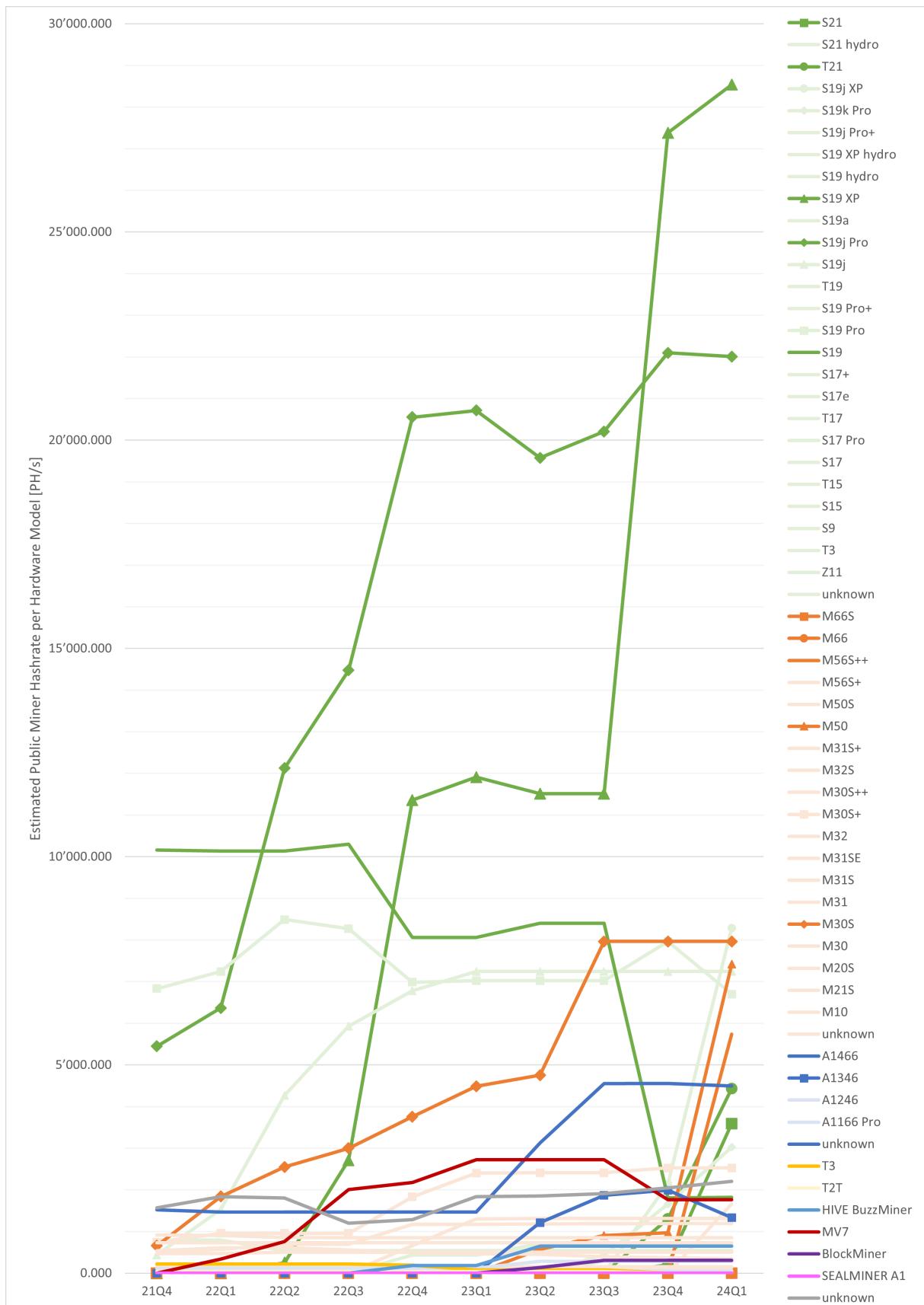


Figure 4.6: Hashrate per Hardware Model

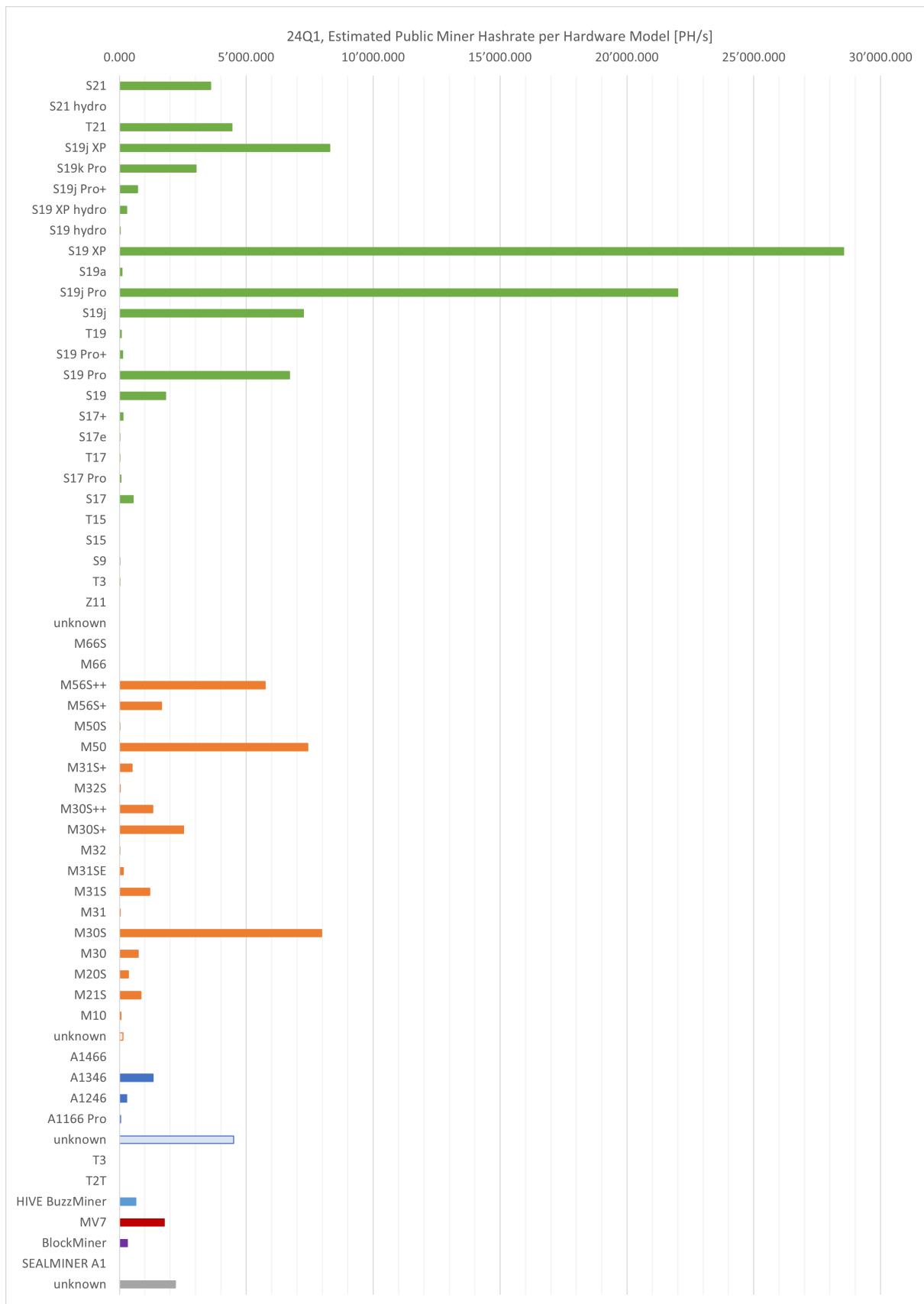


Figure 4.7: First Quarter of 2024 Hashrate per Model

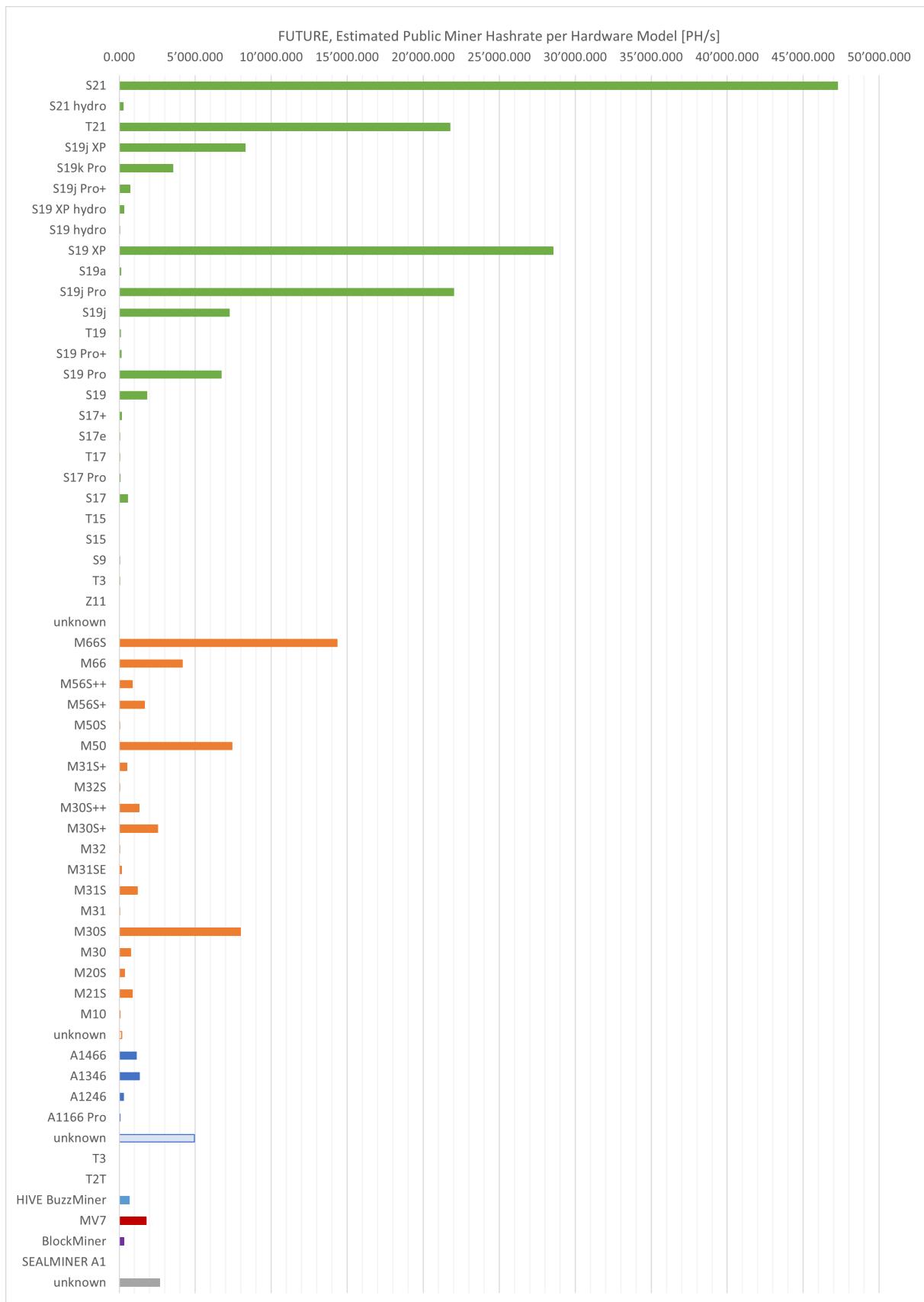


Figure 4.8: Outlook on Hashrate per Model

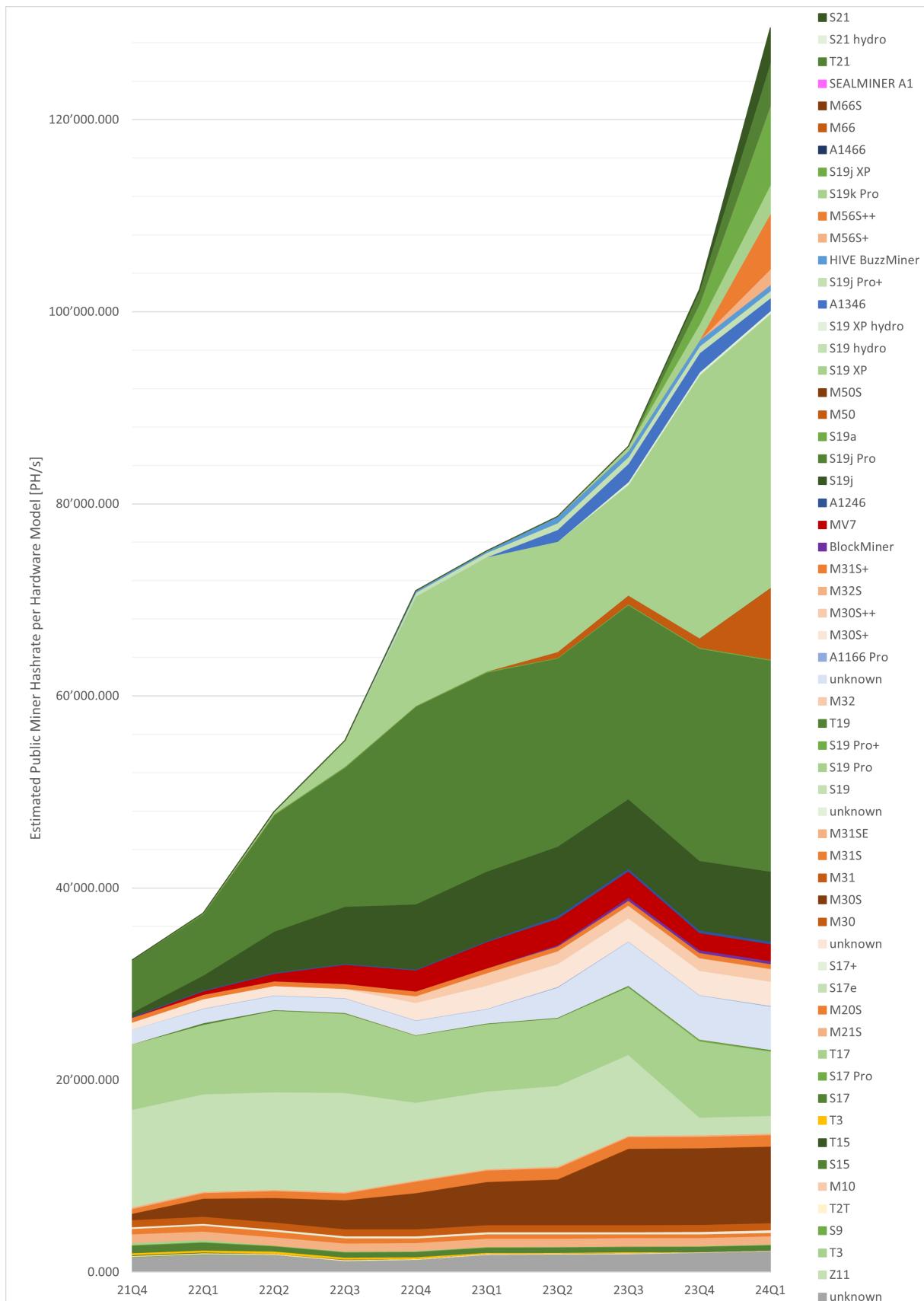


Figure 4.9: Aggregated Hashrate per Hardware Model

4.3 ASIC Hardware Shares

Finally, we look at our results in percentage terms. This helps strengthen the understanding of the data collected and assists in assessing the scope, in which the results can or cannot be interpreted. As a reminder, we gathered data from the biggest and noteworthy 28 public mining companies. We aggregated the number of mining rigs and fleet sizes. From there we estimated hashrate values. In this chapter, we relate these hashrates to Bitcoin's global hashrate, which is in itself an estimation. Assuming public miners represent similar mining hardware distributions as the rest of the network - and that's an important assumption - the following shares can be interpreted as shares representing the entire Bitcoin hashrate.

We find that these public miners have on average 28% of the global hashrate if we use their *reported* hashrate values. From our *estimated* hardware hashrates, we get more detail on an average of 22% of the global hashrate over the analyzed period. We think this can be seen as a lower bound for public miner hashrate and that over a third of Bitcoin's hashrate stems from public miners. In figure 4.10 we see the percentages increase until 2023, then stagnate and slightly retract into 2024. The rise could be explained by more and more companies coming online and our methodology collecting more and more of that data. Since we only looked at a fixed amount of companies, competition still increases between public and private companies, keeping the shares constant or pushing them down.

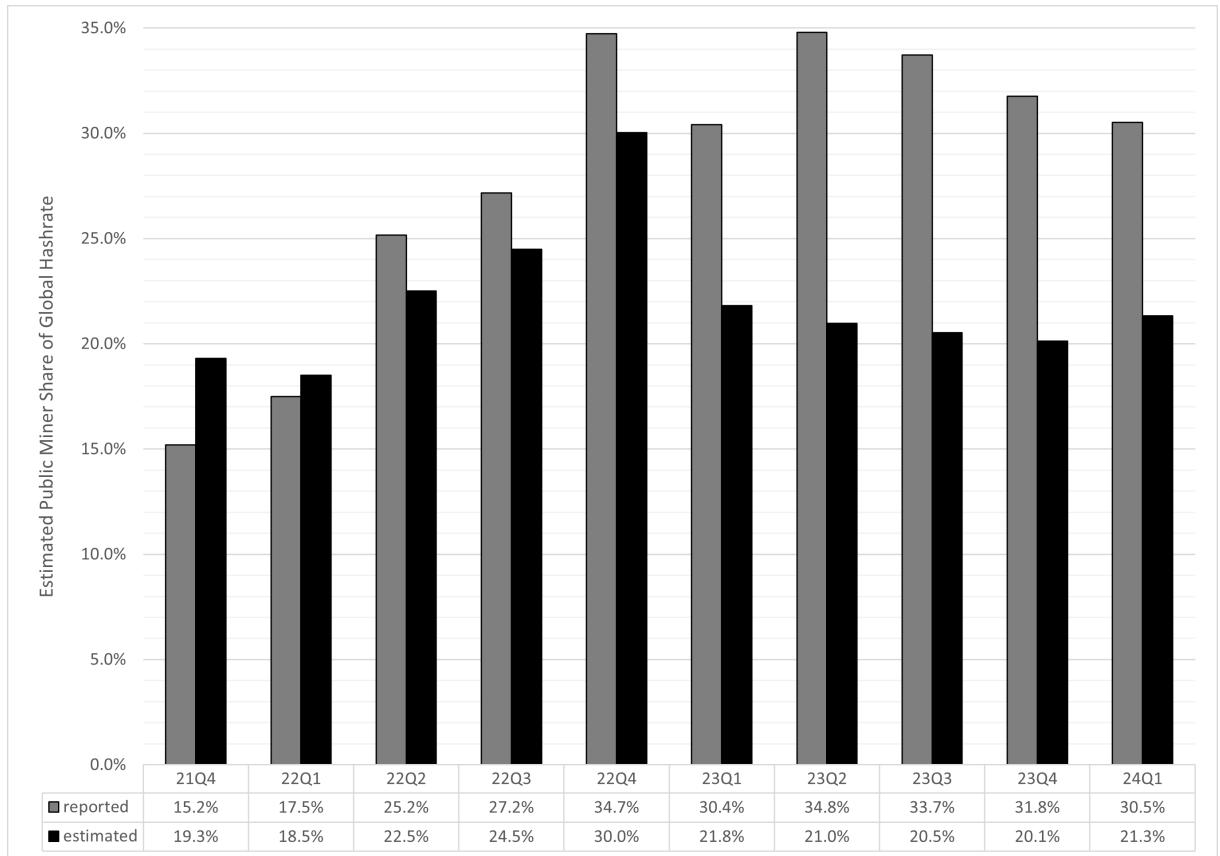


Figure 4.10: Public Miner Share of Bitcoin's Global Hashrate

We kept track of reported *self-mining* hashrates and reported total hashrates. Companies disclose if they are hosting machines, whose hashrate is included in the total. Hosted Bitcoin mining can come from private ASICs hardware or even mining rigs from other public companies. As an example, Hut 8 Corp. (*public*) hosted miners for Marathon Digital Holdings Inc. [4] (*public*) and

for Ionic Digital [5] (*private*). Therefore, the total reported hashrates should not be included in our estimation to avoid double accounting. That way we estimate around 80% of self-mining being done by public miners, and respectively 20% being hosted mining. The lack of data in the first couple of quarters lets us only display this estimation from 23Q2 onwards, see figure 4.11.

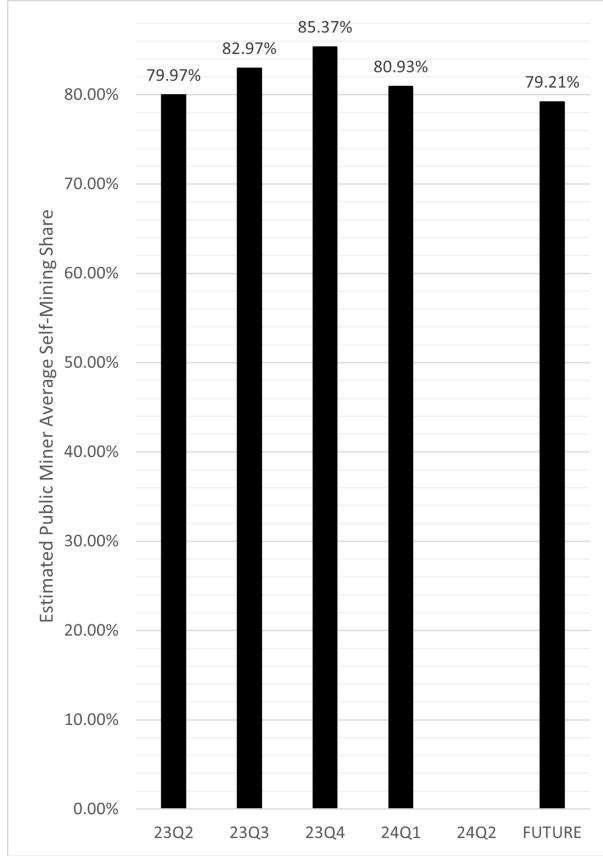


Figure 4.11: Average Self-Mining Share

4.3.1 Share by Manufacturer

The shares remain almost constant over time when displaying the hashrate market share by manufacturer, figure 4.12. *Bitmain* and *MicroBT* have a remarkable share of 72.8% and 16.8% over this period. This is not expected to change much in the future. Considering that a similar share of the *unknown* mining hardware also stems from these two companies, we can say that they formed a duopoly of 92.1% between 21Q4 and 24Q1.

The rest is comprised by the other manufacturers, visibly *Canaan* and *MinerVA*. Their percentages decrease looking at the companies' outlooks, figure 4.13. That is probably caused by more big Bitmain Antminer and MicroBT Whatsminer purchase agreements and purchase options being reported and captured by our methodology. Continuing this research for further and upcoming quarters should shine a light on more hashrate, the more companies are being tracked, and generally, reduce the slice of hardware not classifiable by manufacturer.



Figure 4.12: Dominance by Manufacturer

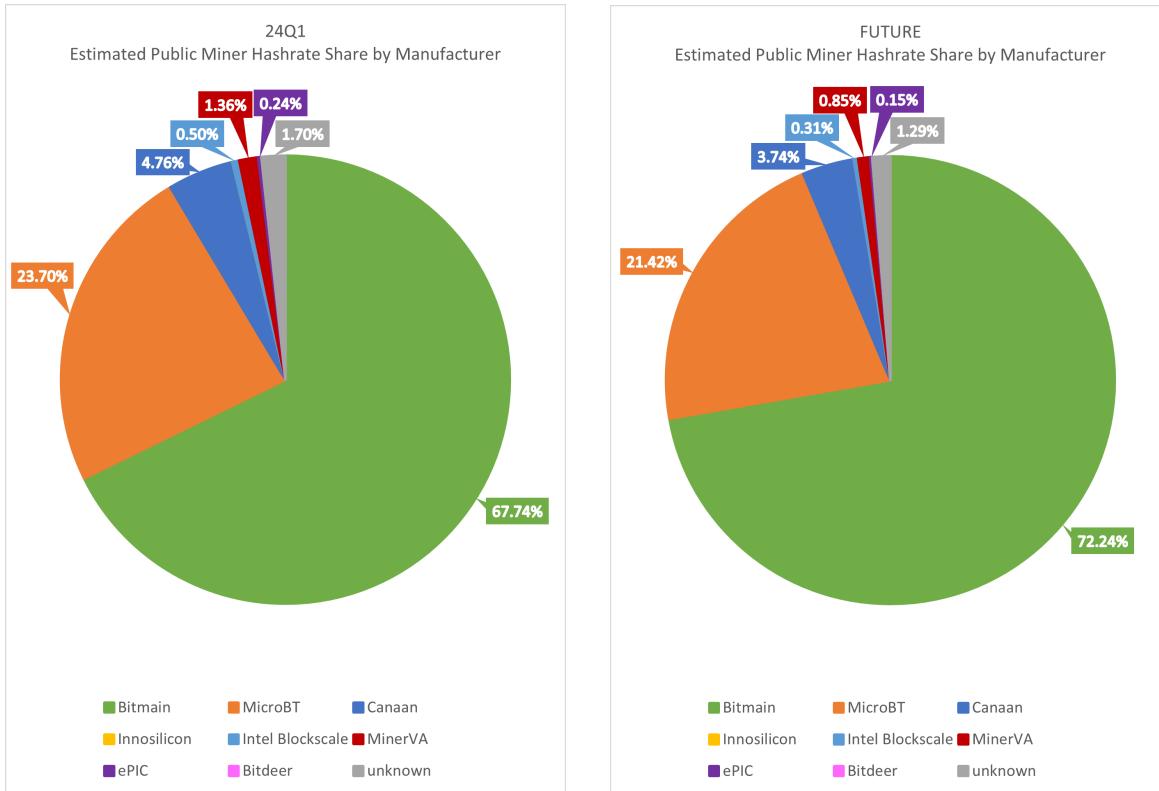


Figure 4.13: Outlook on Share by Manufacturer

4.3.2 Share per Model

To find out the shares per each ASIC hardware model we present figure 4.9 in another way, see figure 4.14. This stacked chart is again sorted by the release date of the models from bottom to top, whereas the *unknown (gray)* hardware units are at the bottom and the *unknown (colored)*, but by manufacturer assignable hardware units are placed below models of the same manufacturer (*same color*). Five Bitmain Antminer models have large shares of the public Bitcoin miner hashrate. These are the Antminer *S19*, *S19 Pro*, *S19j*, *S19j Pro*, and *S19 XP*. They chronologically, and according to their efficiency, pass along the leading position, as discussed in subsection 4.2.2. One MicroBT Whatsminer model also has a large share, that is the Whatsminer *M30S*. The overall trend is clear. Older, less efficient hardware models lose their share in hashrate and are taken offline, due to low profitability. This can be spotted on the bottom. As an example, we look closer at the Antminer S19 which was released in May 2020 and took a significant drop in hashrate share by 23Q4. That means public Bitcoin mining companies have been mining with this model for about three and a half years before selling them and most likely replacing them with the newer S19 XP and S19j XP. This seems probable since these start to gain hashrate share around the same time and all three of these models have the same form-factor⁴. So the trend is also that newer, more efficient hardware models drive out older rigs. Overall, a diversification is taking place, with more new hardware models coming online, then older ones going offline. To verify this, let us look at the estimated percentages.

In figure 4.15 we plot the same graphic and mark all hardware models that reached at least two consecutive quarters a share of over 5%. Between 21Q4 and 24Q1, these are the same five Bitmain Antminer models and the one MicroBT Whatsminer. The diversification shows up as only three models fulfilled the 5% threshold at the beginning of our analysis, and later up to six models. If we calculate an average share per deployed hardware model, we get a constantly decreasing percentage from 3.1% in 21Q4 to 0.8% in 24Q1. This figure additionally shows the expected outlook shares for 24Q4. Newer ASIC hardware models such as the Bitmain Antminer *S21*, *T21*, and the MicroBT Whatsminer *M66S* are expected to have larger portions of the public miner hashrate. MicroBT's strongest miner, the *M30s*, reached a share of 9.3% three and a half years after its release date. The S19 had 31.3% 19 months after its release date. The S19j Pro had 29%, the S19 XP had 26.7%, 18 months and 17 months after their release date respectively. The S21 is expected to have only a share of 22.8% 15 months after its release date. Especially the past numbers show the manufacturers' arms race to produce more efficient hardware and bring it to market as soon as possible. Additionally, the Bitcoin miners are competing to bring them online as fast as possible. The same figure with a 2% consecutive threshold, because also *Canaan* and *MinerVA* temporarily got noticeable shares in hashrate, is in the appendix C.3.2. We also get more detail for future changes by comparing figure 4.16 with figure 4.17. It shows percentages of not dominant but still profitable mining hardware models. More importantly, we see that the dominant hardware models change but the overall picture remains the same with the duopoly of Bitmain Antminers and MicroBT Whatsminer.

⁴Bitmain Antminer Specifications: <https://support.bitmain.com/hc/en-us> [21.07.2024]

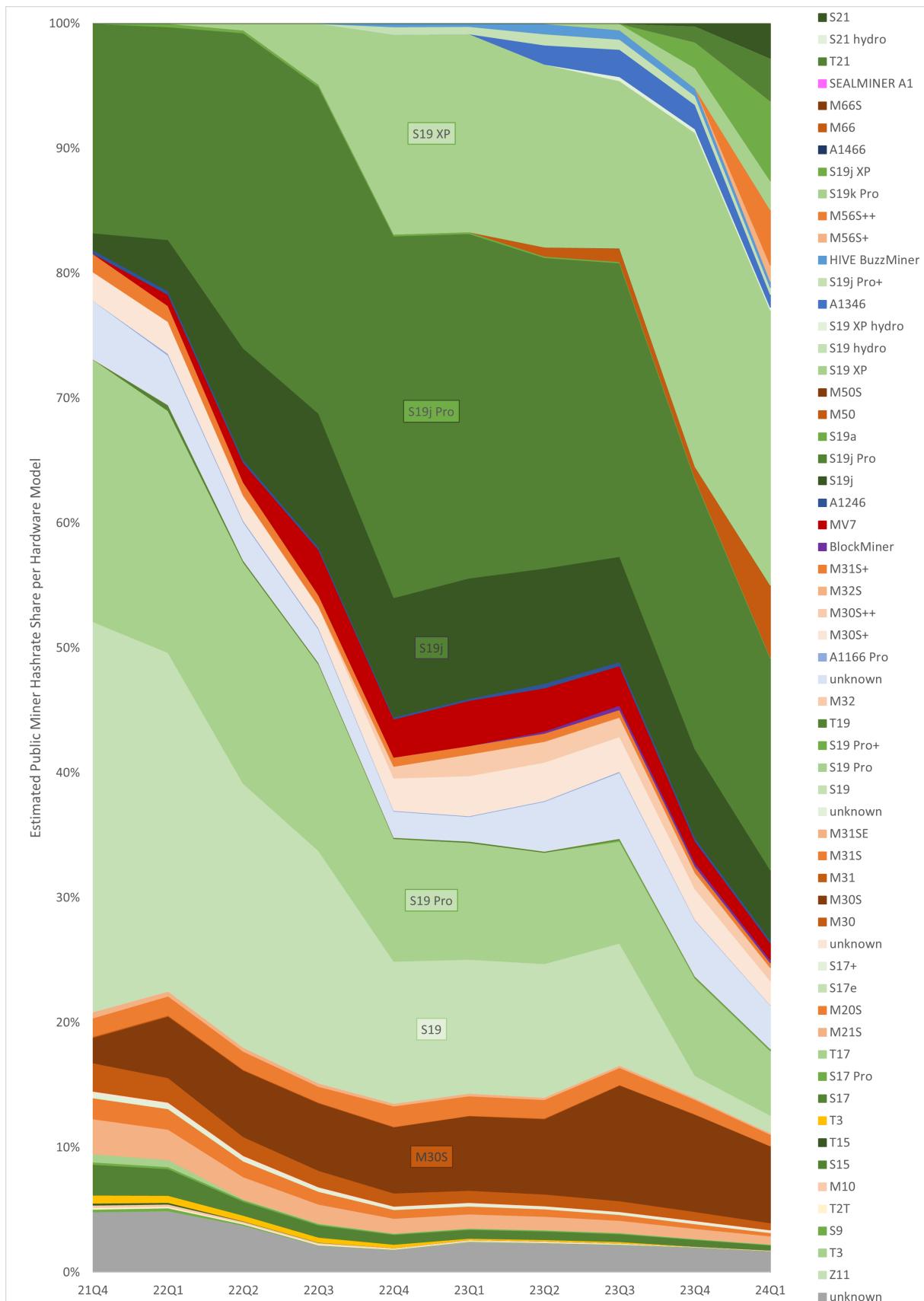


Figure 4.14: Hashrate Share per Hardware Model

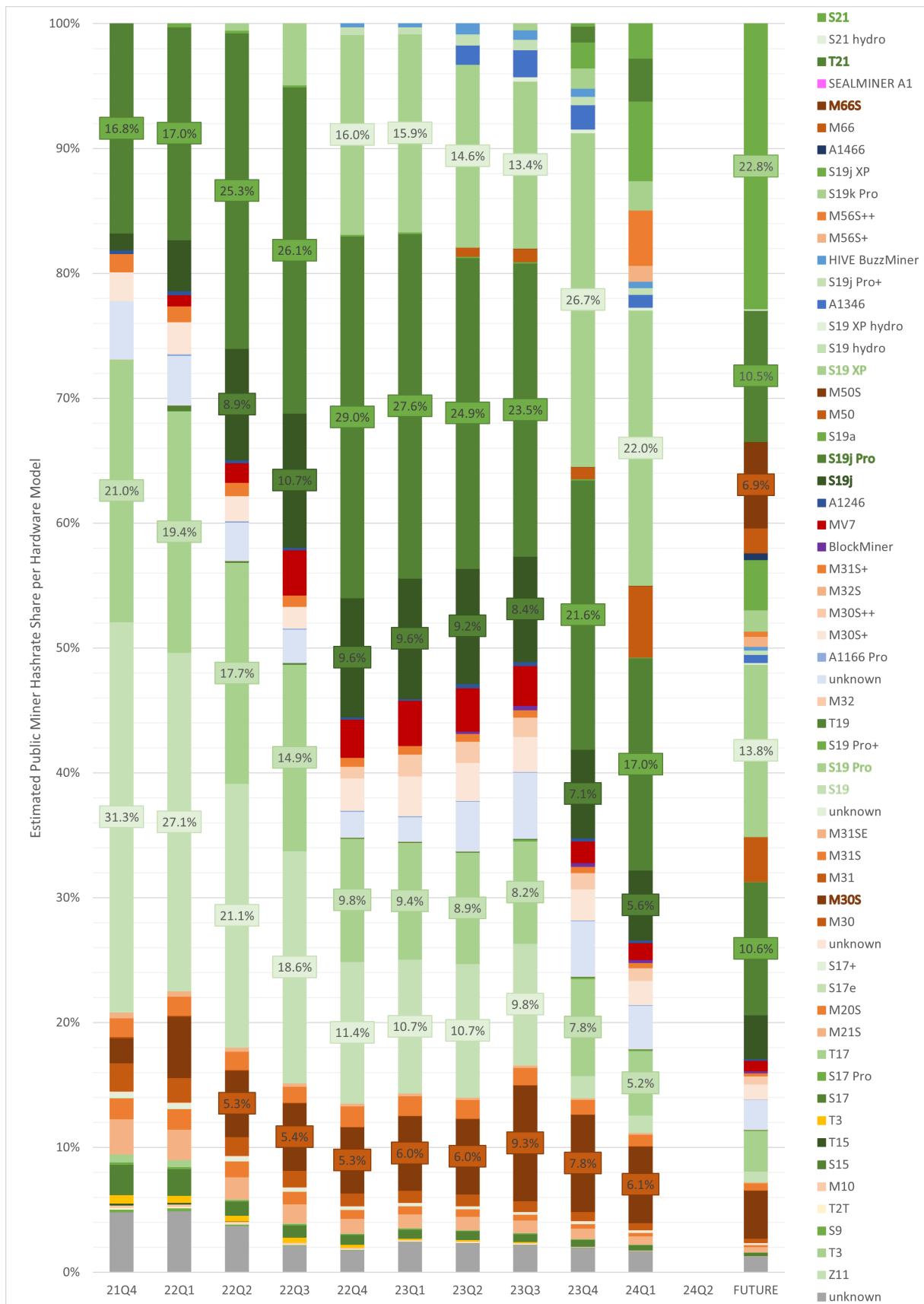


Figure 4.15: Dominance per Hardware Model

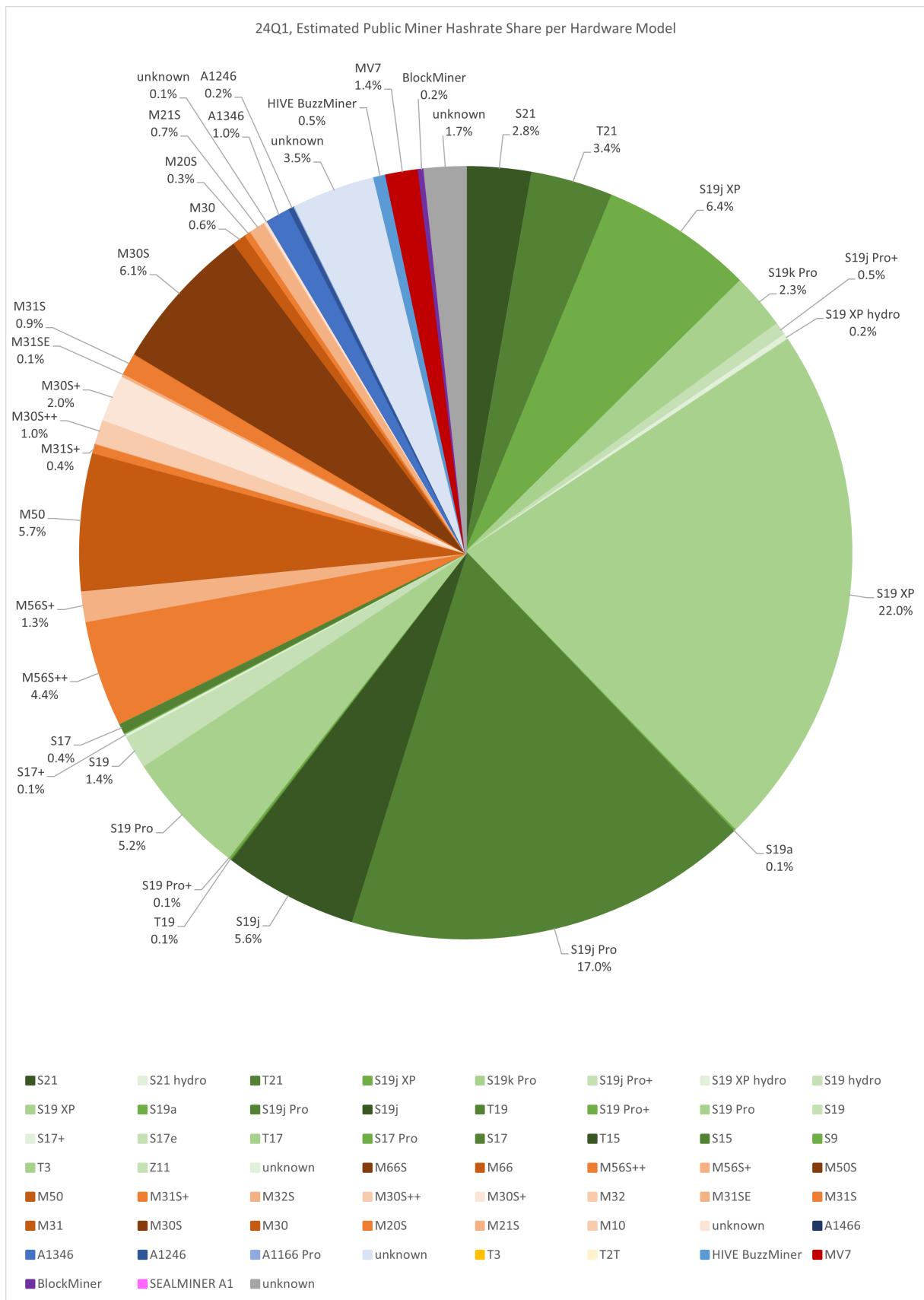


Figure 4.16: First Quarter of 2024 Hashrate Share per Model

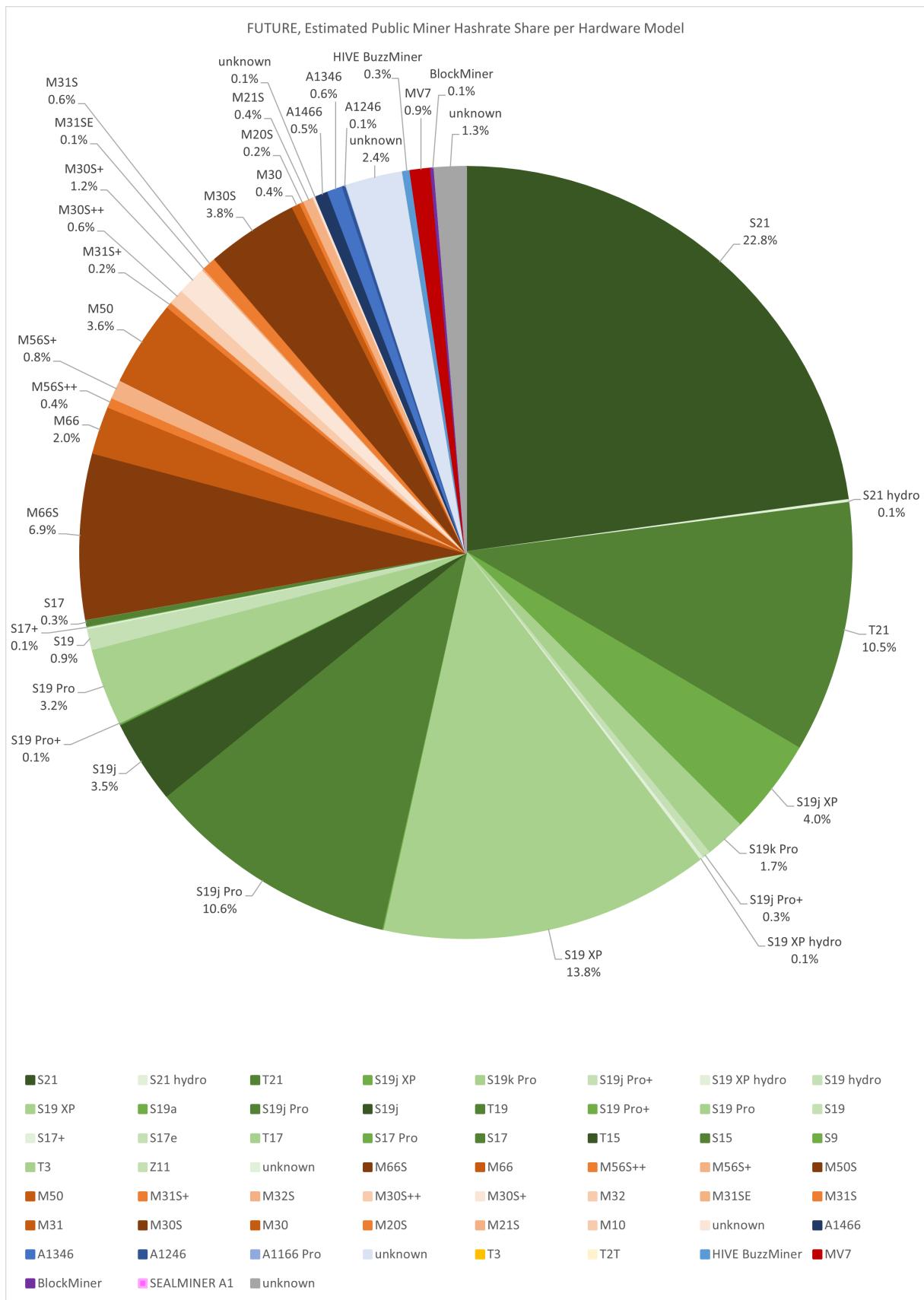


Figure 4.17: Outlook on Hashrate Share per Model

4.4 ASIC Hardware Efficiencies

Now we show the results following from the energy calculations described in 3.3. For every hardware model, we get a rough estimate of power demand. These calculations however presuppose multiple assumptions for the number of mining rigs and their operation, which we could collect from public reports and press releases. Here is a list of assumptions. It is complete to our knowledge but does not have to be exhaustive.

Assumptions already made for previous calculations:

- all additional mining rigs are deployed at the end of each quarter
- all mining rigs operate at the nominal hashrate
- unknown mining rig models operate at that quarter's average hashrate per manufacturer
- unknown mining rigs operate at that quarter's overall average hashrate
- no mining rigs are being overclocked or underclocked

Additional assumptions needed for power demand and electricity consumption estimations:

- all mining rigs operate at nominal efficiency
- unknown mining rig models operate at that quarter's average efficiency per manufacturer
- unknown mining rigs operate at that quarter's overall average efficiency
- all mining rigs operate with 100% up-time
- only the mining rig power demand is considered

Let us analyze our estimated average efficiency. It is itself part of the assumption list and looks like this, see figure 4.18. Efficiency increases over the period from 21Q4 to 24Q1 in two steps from 35.3 J/TH to 32 J/TH , and then to 28 J/TH . In other words, the energy required per TH/s or in general per computation dropped by 20% over two and one-quarter years. It is expected to drop by an additional 13.6% in the future, reaching an efficiency of 24.2 J/TH around the end of 2024. This does not consider recently announced and expected-to-be-released ASIC Bitcoin mining models such as the Bitmain Antminers S21 Pro, S21 XP, S21 XP Hydro, S21 XP Immersion, or the Canaan Avalon A1566, and A1566I. This will all come with efficiencies from 12 to 18.5 J/TH . As a reference, the most efficient hardware model included is the Bitmain Antminer S21 Hydro with 16 J/TH . Only a handful of the others included in our estimation are below the 20 J/TH mark.

We compare our estimated average hardware unit efficiency to the efficiency calculated for the CBECI and the efficiency estimated by Coin Metrics. All three show a down-sloping trend over the analyzed period but some strong divergences are prevalent in quarters 21Q4 and 22Q1. Overall our estimated efficiency is the lowest. It remains below Coin Metrics' efficiency for the entire period and lands below CCAF's for every quarter except for 23Q3. That is 13.9%, with a standard deviation of $\pm 13.0\%$, and 10.3%, with a standard deviation of $\pm 7.0\%$, below CBECI and Coin Metrics respectively. More details on this comparison and a graph are in the appendix Bitcoin's Average Efficiency Comparison C.1.

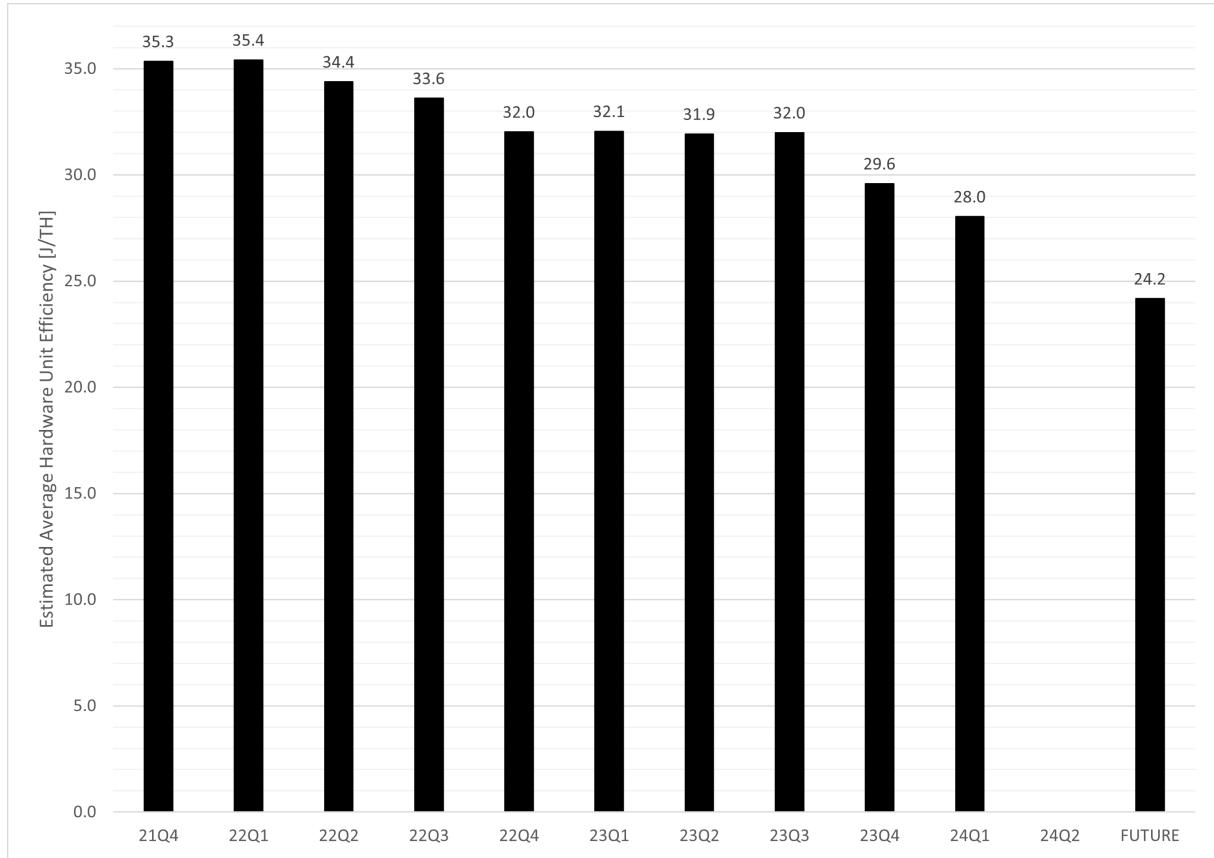


Figure 4.18: Average Installed Hardware Unit Efficiency

4.4.1 A Guesstimate of Bitcoin's Global Electricity Consumption

Having listed the assumptions on which the following estimations are based, let us look at power demand and energy consumption. Power demands for single hardware models are best represented in [MW] and reach values up to 671 MW in 24Q1. That is the Bitmain Antminer S19j Pro with 58 MW more than the S19 XP, which had the most hashrate in that quarter. So we see that hardware models with lower efficiencies need more power but are still kept online because they are still running profitably. Compared to hashrate growth, power demand growth only increased by about 13.64% per quarter, or 4.35% per month over the analyzed period. In Watts, the power demand of the 28 analyzed public companies grew from $1'149\text{ MW}$ in 21Q4 to $3'029\text{ MW}$ in 24Q1. Considering all assumptions, this can be converted to an estimated electricity consumption given in [TWh]. Multiplying by a constant factor for days in a year and hours in a day, we get a little over 10 TWh in 21Q4 and almost 32 TWh in 24Q1.

Doing the dubious but consistent extrapolation suggested in section 3.3 we get a guesstimate Bitcoin's global power demand and energy consumption. We use a PUE of 1.1 and end up with values for Bitcoin's global power demand going from 6.6 GW to 18.7 GW over these two years. Factoring time into these values, we get Bitcoin's annualized electricity consumption between 21Q4 and 24Q1 going from 57.4 TWh to 164.3 TWh . Since the hashrate share of the considered public mining companies is not constant over that period this inevitably also changes the rate of change in our extrapolated estimates. It comes in slightly lower, with an average growth of 12.39% per quarter or 3.97% per month. In fact, at a closer look, it is not as smooth growth as hashrate growth.

We used the same PUE as CBECI's "best-guess" PUE [1], which was also used in Coin Metrics' comparison [16]. Additionally, we compare our guesstimate with Digiconomist's index. Compared to all three of them, similar deviations from a smooth exponential growth are captured. However, our extrapolated estimation gives us 14%, 14%, and 19% averaged lower demand and annualized consumption with a standard deviation of $\pm 13\%$, $\pm 10\%$, and $\pm 32\%$ compared to the CBECI, Coin Metrics, and Digiconomist's index respectively. Especially in the beginning period, our guesstimate is 38% below CBECI's, and 29% below Coin Metrics's power demand. These differences stem primarily from our lower average efficiencies, compared in figure C.1. That is exactly the result discussed in this section. Our estimated efficiency of 35.3 J/TH is much lower than CBECI's estimated average of 57.53 J/TH on December 31, 2021, and Coin Metrics' of 44.89 J/TH on January 2022. Still, our average estimated efficiency is well above CBECI's hypothetical minimum efficiency⁵. Digiconomist's estimated energy consumption is over three and a half times ours in 21Q4, before it drops following their estimated minimum⁶ in 22Q4, which is more in line with the other estimates. Further details regarding this comparison are in the appendix Bitcoin's Electricity Consumption Comparison C.2.

Why did we call this subsection a guesstimate instead of an estimate? We notice that these energy calculations rely upon many assumptions and that the chosen PUE value affects the result significantly. During our data collection, we looked for public mining companies publishing PUE values. We found two of the 28 giving PUE values, even though this is not a required metric for transparent disclosure. Northern Data published already back in November 2020 that they developed an air-cooling system for their data center delivering a PUE of between 1.05 and 1.04⁷. Soluna Holdings published in November 2023 PUE values for their projects of 1.01 and 1.02⁸. These are much lower than CBECI estimated PUE and as a comparison, high-performance computing data centers can have a PUE of 1.036⁹. It makes sense to compare Bitcoin mining companies to such data centers since electricity costs are the main operational expense and a fierce global competition forces them to reduce overhead for lights, cooling, pumps, and so on as much as possible. Using such a PUE would reduce power demand by an additional 5%. This suggests that bottom-up data for PUE in Bitcoin mining is needed to reduce the error margins in such estimations. Additional correction terms, such as a reality-based up-time factor, should be researched and introduced to improve future results. A lower up-time of mining hardware would also reduce the electricity consumption estimate in our bottom-up approach.

⁵CBECI Energy efficiency of bitcoin mining hardware: <https://ccaf.io/cbnsi/cbeci> [21.07.2024]

⁶<https://digiconomist.net/bitcoin-energy-consumption> [21.07.2024]

⁷Press Release: <https://northerndata.de/en/investor-relations/news/northern-data-ag-commissions-first-data-center-in-the-netherlands> [21.07.2024]

⁸Q3 Results and Business Update: https://www.solunacomputing.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/SLN_H-Q3-23-Review-and-Business-Update.pdf [21.07.2024]

⁹<https://www.nrel.gov/computational-science/measuring-efficiency-pue.html> [21.07.2024]

Chapter 5

Discussion

We looked at 28 public Bitcoin mining companies and gathered all the data on mining fleets and hardware models. Thus covering about one-fourth of Bitcoin's global hashrate, we found that hardware numbers are steadily increasing, coming mostly from the manufacturers Bitmain and MicroBT and that newer generation ASIC hardware models are produced in higher quantities. This is also reflected in the hashrate values we got. The public miners have a pretty constant and high share of self-mining and deploy hashrates from machines of a 90% duopoly of the two mentioned manufacturers. The dominant hardware model has been in its position for about 1.5 years before being overtaken in hashrate terms by a newer model. This arms race in Bitcoin mining makes manufacturers produce newer and more efficient hardware fast and miners trying to deploy these ASIC mining machines fast as well. The last dominant Antminer models have been shown to reach their peak dominance in a shorter time frame and with a lower percentage share of the total covered hashrate. This suggests that multiple hardware models are running simultaneously causing a more diversified mining fleet. One miner has been deployed for at least 3.5 years. We suggest it has been replaced by newer generation models of the same manufacturer with the same form factor. The overall efficiency of the deployed hardware models also shows a clear trend toward more and more efficient models.

All of these results are in line with the expected trends known from the industry. We reinforce the experience-based knowledge by providing numbers of a representative share of the global hashrate. It clearly shows that Bitcoin mining is a fast-evolving and exponentially growing energy industry and that hardware models are updated at a fast pace.

We assumed the public miner hashrate to be representative of Bitcoin's global hashrate to extrapolate and compare our results with previous research. Our estimated global mining fleet efficiency landed below both CCAF's and Coin Metrics' estimations. The causes might be, that the CBECI uses BTC/USD price as input for their top-down calculations and that Coin Metrics' bottom-up approach does not capture models with a low hashrate share. Our guesstimated electricity consumption, using the same PUE as in the CCAF's research, also lands below the CBECI calculated electricity consumption, below the Coin Metrics estimated power demand, and below the energy consumption calculated by Digiconomist. This again might be caused by the same reasons or other unscientific rigor in their approaches. This implies that Bitcoin mining might run more efficiently than expected and commonly quoted, still providing the same computational power, meaning hashrate, to secure the network.

Our bottom-up approach used a replicable and extendible process, using real-world data and therefore needing fewer estimations. However its downside is, that it has a lower resolution giving only quarterly data points. For the same reason, it has a time lack between present time and data-availability. The approach also suffers from incomplete data availability in the beginning, which can only improve over time as more past data is known and tracked. This is to be encouraged, as our covered period did not look at an entire Bitcoin 4-year epoch or cycle.

Another point we found is, that it is difficult to track hardware models being taken offline, as public filings are mostly concerned with financial statements. For more precise estimations of total Bitcoin efficiency or electricity consumption further metrics are missing. To mention a few, a well-researched PUE, an up-time metric, and more information on over- and underclocked machines need to be gathered. Future research along these lines is of immense importance to understand Bitcoin mining better and to inform users, policymakers, critics, and proponents alike so that they can decide and act with data-backed research.

Chapter 6

Conclusion and Outlook

We followed the main idea to see if public Bitcoin mining filing documents give us more insights into the industry and Bitcoin mining in general. We could reinforce expert experiences, improve estimations, and collect a valuable database. We show growing trends in hardware units, hashrates, and increasing efficiencies. We found there to be a duopoly in Bitcoin mining hardware manufacturers, with most units coming from Bitmain and next from MicroBT. Our research gives a new way to look at the hardware model numbers, hashrates, and their shares. That way deployment of new hardware can be tracked, substitutions of hardware models can be estimated, and better extrapolations for estimated total efficiency and power demand or electricity consumption can be made. The explicit structuring of the data enables more information to be extracted, such as self-mining rates or average efficiencies. As with any approach looking into a decentralized system like Bitcoin, also this one has some limitations, mostly in data availability and granularity. Either way, additional approaches are welcome and help to deep dive into Bitcoin mining's workings, essentially bringing us closer to an understanding of the great impact Bitcoin could bring to our lives and to human civilization.

We recommend continuing with this approach in the future, collecting all publicly available data, and structuring it in a good way without losing detail. More interested parties can look at, improve, and work with such a database if it is made open-source. We encourage future analysis to cover at least one entire Bitcoin cycle and also would like to see more research on important real-world values for PUE, up-time, and over- and under-clocking rates. Future research would provide a basis showing Bitcoin mining as an essential growing energy industry that might reach levels of unimaginable importance. In the long-term, the direct linkage between (electrical) energy and value could turn out to give us the first constant in economics improving human economic calculation and resource distribution or at least driving energy prices in a global market closer together reducing one source of disparity in living standards. Bitcoin mining is the heartbeat of the Bitcoin network and backs the global money with never-before-seen characteristics.

Appendix A

Student Project Proposal

Type:

Semester Project

Title:

**Distribution of ASIC Hardware Models
of Public Bitcoin Miners over time**

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Project description

In this project, we will investigate the historical development and deployment of hardware models by public Bitcoin Mining companies. Public companies represent a vast portion of Bitcoins total computational power (hashrate) and their data is publicly obtainable, which together represents a good approximation of reality. The resulting estimate hardware model distribution over time might give us insights into the future developments of this fast-evolving energy industry.

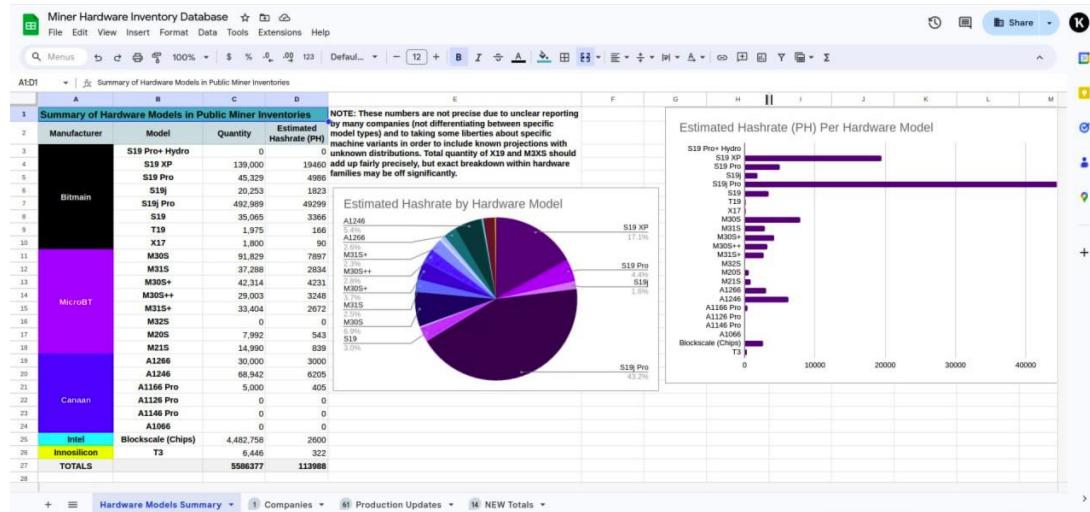


Figure 1: Miner Hardware Inventory Database [1]

Motivation

The Markets in Crypto Assets Regulation (MiCA) was introduced in June 2023. The European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) is developing technical standards and guidelines for MiCA. In public consultations, ESMA aims to collect views, comments, and opinions from stakeholders and market participants on the appropriate implementation of MiCA [2].

Our research will give more insights into the mining industry, which might support the decision making for the MiCA regulation and be useful for stakeholders and market participants.

Approach

By building upon previous research done by Braiins, we will show historical developments of hardware mining models found in the companies' quarterly reports. We will identify all public traded miners, analyse their public reports, and extract all data describing their deployed Application Specific Integrated Circuit (ASIC) fleet or future deliveries of such hardware. This will give us estimates on hashrate by hardware model, market share by hardware manufacturers and by the public traded miners.

Goals

1. Learn about ASIC hardware models deployed in the field and get an understanding of the workings in the mining industry.
 2. Gain insights into publicly traded miners and their reporting.
 3. Extract insights from the found data set. Are trends visible? How is the industry evolving?
 4. Build a custom data feed.
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Tasks

1. Exchange ideas and collect previous research done by Braiins.
 2. Extract all publicly available data from public miners' publications.
 3. Visualize and analyse the found data set. Build a data feed which can be updated with future publications.
 4. Summarize the results and write a final report.
 5. Hold a presentation of this semester project at ETH Zurich.
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Appendix B

Database

B.1 Companies

NAME	Company	Hashrate [EH/s]														
		TICKER	TYPE	21Q4	22Q1	22Q2	22Q3	22Q4	23Q1	23Q2	23Q3	23Q4	24Q1	24Q2	FUTURE	SOURCE
Aker ASA	AKER															no current mentionning of mining, as of June 2024
Argo Blockchain PLC	ARK	electrified	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		https://argoblockchain.com/investors/financial-information/
Argo Blockchain PLC	ARK	installed	1.605	-	2.2	-	2.5	2.50	2.6	2.80	2.8	2.4	2.7	-	2.8	https://argoblockchain.com/investors/financial-information/
Ault Alliance Inc. (Bithile)	AULT	reported	-	-	-	-	2.25	-	-	-	2.1	-	-	-		https://ir.ault.com/reports/financials/sec-filings/
Bit Digital Inc.	BTDI	electrified	-	-	1.06	1.35	-	1.25	1.78	1.19	2.5	2.76	-	-		https://bitdigital.wipenghe.com/investors/financial-information/
Bit Digital Inc.	BTDI	installed	1.6	1.6	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.6	3.4	3.7	3.9	4.2	-	6		https://bitdigital.wipenghe.com/investors/financial-information/
BIT Mining Ltd.	BTM															small miner (PH/s), as of June 2024
Bitdeer Technologies Group	BDTR	self-mining	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.1	5.7	6.2	8.7	8.4	8.4	11.8	https://ir.bdtr.com/press-releases/2024/06/26/On-March-26-2024-the-Company-announced-a-11.8-EH/s-self-mining-project-involving-bitdeer-technologies-group-ltd-and-bitdeer-blockchain-ltd-to-build-a-new-datacenter-in-georgia-with-a-total-hashrate-of-11.8-EH/s-as-of-June-2024
Bit Farms Ltd.	BTTF	reported	2.24	2.73	3.6	4.2	4.5	4.8	5.3	6.1	6.5	7	-	21		https://ir.bttf.com/press-releases/2024/06/26/Total-includes-hosted-mining-targets-of-12-EH/s-and-25-W/
BitFrontier Capital Holdings Inc.	BFCH															no current mentionning of mining, as of June 2024
BitFutu Inc.	BFU	self-mining	-	-	4.28	-	4.5	14.90	-	22.4	-	-	-	-		https://ir.bfutu.com/sec-filings/
BitFutu Inc.	BFU	total	3	-	6.3	-	11.1	18.8	15.2	22.9	28.6	-	-	-		https://ir.bfutu.com/sec-filings/
Block Quarry Corp.	BLOC															no current SEC filings, as of June 2024
Bots Inc.	BTZI															no current SEC filings, as of June 2024
Caanaan Inc.	CAN	electrified	-	-	-	-	-	3.8	-	0.8	1.89	3	-	-		https://investor.caanaan-creative.com/financials/sec-filings/
Caanaan Inc.	CAN	installed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-		https://investor.caanaan-creative.com/financials/sec-filings/
Cambria Bitcoin Inc.	CBIT	0.177	0.207	0.217	0.203	0.343	0.343	0.387	0.355	0.403	0.38	-	4.8			https://ir.cbit.com/shutdown.html
Cipher Mining Inc.	CIFR	self-mining	-	-	-	-	0.64	0.96	5.2	6.8	7.2	7.4	7.7	-	9.3	https://ir.cifr.com/shutdown.html
Cipher Mining Inc.	CIFR	total	-	-	-	-	1.3	1.95	6.1	7.8	8.2	8.4	8.7	-	11.6	https://ir.cifr.com/shutdown.html
CleanSpark Inc.	CLSK	reported	2	2.4	2.8	5.75	6.2	6.7	9.6	10	10	16.4	-	20		https://ir.cleanspark.com/press-releases/2024/06/20/CleanSpark-Announces-Q2-2024-Operating-Results-and-2024-Growth-Strategic-Update
Coin Citadel	CTCL															small miner (PH/s), as of June 2024
Core Scientific Inc.	CORZ	self-mining	6.7	8.3	10.3	13	15.7	16.1	15.1	15	16.9	19.3	-	-		https://ir.corescientific.com/investors/financials/sec-filings/
Core Scientific Inc.	CORZ	total	13.7	16.2	17.9	22.5	23.7	21.8	22.3	23.2	25.5	-	-	-		https://ir.corescientific.com/investors/financials/sec-filings/
CryproStar Corp.	CSR															no current SEC filings, as of June 2024
Digitalost Technology Inc.	DGHI	reported	0.415	0.75	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.9	1	1	1	2	-	6		https://ir.dgost.com/press-releases/2024/06/20/Digitalost-Technology-Inc-Reports-Q2-2024-Financial-Results-and-Provides-2024-Growth-Update
DMG Blockchain Solutions Inc.	DMGI	reported	0.42	0.595	0.625	0.65	0.715	0.88	0.71	0.75	0.96	1	-	6		https://ir.dmgblockchain.com/news-events/
Ebsco International Holdings Inc.	EBON															https://ir.ebon.com/sec-filings/
Galaxy Digital Holdings Ltd.	GLXY	self-mining	0.5	0.5	1	1	1	1	1.7	1.8	1.9	3.1	-	-		https://ir.galaxydigital.com/sec-filings/
Galaxy Digital Holdings Ltd.	GLXY	total	1.5	1.5	3	3	3	3.7	3.9	4.1	5.7	-	-	-		https://ir.galaxydigital.com/sec-filings/
GMO Internet group Inc.	9449.T															https://ir.gmointernetgroup.com/sec-filings/
Greendge Generation Holdings Inc	GREE	self-mining	-	-	2.5	2.4	2.5	4.1	4.6	3	4.6	-	-		https://ir.greendge.com/sec-filings/	
Greendge Generation Holdings Inc	GREE	total	1.4	1.6	2.5	2.4	2.5	4.1	4.6	3	4.6	-	-	-		https://ir.greendge.com/sec-filings/
Grid Infrastructure Inc.	GRDI															https://ir.grdi.com/sec-filings/
Gryphon Digital Mining Inc.	GRYP	reported	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.864	0.912	-	-	6		https://ir.gryphondigitalmining.com/investors/reporting.htm
HIVE Digital Technologies Ltd.	HIVE	reported	-	-	-	-	2	3.2	3.5	3.8	4	5	-	6		https://ir.hivedigitaltechnologies.com/investors/reporting.htm
Hut 8 Corp.	HUT	self-mining	-	-	-	2.2	-	-	3.1	6.3	7.3	-	-	-		https://ir.hut8.com/sec-filings/
Hut 8 Corp.	HUT	total	-	-	2.6	7.3	7.3	3.9	8	15.9	63	63	-	63		https://ir.hut8.com/sec-filings/
iMining Technologies Inc.	IMIN															https://ir.imin.com/sec-filings/
Integrated Ventures Inc.	INTV															https://ir.intv.com/sec-filings/
Investview Inc.	INVU															https://ir.investview.com/sec-filings/
Iridis Energy Ltd.	IREN	reported	-	-	4.3	-	4.7	5.6	5.6	5.6	10	30				https://ir.iridisenergy.com/sec-filings/all/sec-filings/all/sec-filings/content/0001/
Marathon Digital Holdings Inc.	MARA	electrified	-	-	0.7	-	11.5	17.7	19.1	24.7	-	-	-	-		https://ir.mara.com/sec-filings/all/sec-filings/all/sec-filings/content/0001/
Marathon Digital Holdings Inc.	MARA	installed	3.5	3.9	3.6	3.8	7	15.4	21.8	23.1	25.2	27.8	50			https://ir.mara.com/sec-filings/all/sec-filings/all/sec-filings/content/0001/
Mawson Infrastructure Group Inc.	MIGI	self-mining	0.9	1.35	1.7	0.5	0.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		https://www.mawsoninc.com/sec-filings/
Mawson Infrastructure Group Inc.	MIGI	total	-	-	1.8	2.1	-	1.8	-	-	-	-	-	10		https://www.mawsoninc.com/sec-filings/
MGT Capital Investments Inc.	MGTI															https://ir.mgti.com/sec-filings/
Northern Data AG	NB2	reported	-	3.95	4.34	4	3.6	3.8	3.77	3.75	3.34	3.2	-	9		https://northerndata.de/en/investor-relations/publications
Phoenix Group Holdings Plc.	PHX															https://ir.phx.com/sec-filings/
Riot Platforms Inc.	RIOT	reported	3.1	4.3	4.4	5.6	9.7	10.5	10.7	10.9	12.4	12.4	-	31.5		https://www.riotplatforms.com/sec-filings/
SATO Technologies Corp.	SATO	reported	-	-	-	-	-	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.54	1			https://www.sato.com/sec-filings/
SBL Holdings Inc.	8473.T															https://ir.sblholdings.com/sec-filings/
Singularity Future Technology Ltd.	SGLY															https://ir.singularityfuture.com/sec-filings/
Soluna Holdings Inc.	SLNH	electrified	0.429	0.666	0.9826	0.875	-	0.9	-	2.6	2.5	-	-	-		https://www.soluna.com/sec-filings/
Soluna Holdings Inc.	SLNH	installed	0.429	0.666	0.9826	0.875	-	0.9	-	2.6	2.5	-	-	-		https://www.soluna.com/sec-filings/

B.2 Hardware

Hardware																	
NAME	Company	TICKER ▾		MANUFACTURER ▾		MODEL		21Q4 ▾		22Q1 ▾		22Q2 ▾		23Q1 ▾		23Q4 ▾	
		▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	
Aker ASA	AKER	ARBK	Bitmain	T17	-	-	-	-4792	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Argo Blockchain PLC	ARK	ARBK	Bitmain	S17	-	-	-	-4792	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Argo Blockchain PLC	ARK	ARBK	Bitmain	S19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-23619	
Argo Blockchain PLC	ARK	ARBK	Bitmain	Z11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Argo Blockchain PLC	ARK	ARBK	Bitmain	S19 Pro	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Argo Blockchain PLC	ARK	ARBK	BlockMiner	S19j Pro	-	-	-	-	32994	-	-	-	-	-	-	23600	
Argo Blockchain PLC	ARK	EPIC	BlockMiner	total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1242 - 2750 -	
Argo Blockchain PLC	ARK	TOTAL	total	24000	-	-	-	-	-	31000	-	-	-	-	-	33750 -	
Argo Blockchain PLC	AULT	Bitmain	S19 Pro	4000	-	-	-	-2000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3549 -	
Ault Allinace Inc. (BitNile)	AULT	Bitmain	S19j	754	4000	8000	12000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Ault Allinace Inc. (BitNile)	AULT	Bitmain	S19j Pro	1885	-	-	-	-	-	6500	16017	-	-	-	-	5075 -	
Ault Allinace Inc. (BitNile)	AULT	Bitmain	S19 XP	-	-	-	-	-	-	4628	-	-	-	-	-	11050 - 4628 -	
Ault Allinace Inc. (BitNile)	AULT	Bitmain	S19 XP hydro	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1140 -	
Ault Allinace Inc. (BitNile)	AULT	unknown	unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-6572 -	
Ault Allinace Inc. (BitNile)	AULT	TOTAL	total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12000 - 21871 - 21871 -	
Bit Digital Inc.	BTBT	Bitmain	S17	3641	3641	3641	3641	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Bit Digital Inc.	BTBT	Bitmain	S17e	50.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Bit Digital Inc.	BTBT	Bitmain	S17 Pro	1259	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Bit Digital Inc.	BTBT	Bitmain	S17+	931	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Bit Digital Inc.	BTBT	Bitmain	T3	769	769	769	769	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Bit Digital Inc.	BTBT	Bitmain	T17	451	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Bit Digital Inc.	BTBT	Bitmain	T17+	44	544	544	544	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Bit Digital Inc.	BTBT	Bitmain	S19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Bit Digital Inc.	BTBT	Bitmain	S19 Pro	605	605	12005	12005	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3600 - 3600 - 3600 - 2350	
Bit Digital Inc.	BTBT	Bitmain	S19 Pro+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1100 - 1100 -	
Bit Digital Inc.	BTBT	Bitmain	S19j Pro	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	900 -	
Bit Digital Inc.	BTBT	Bitmain	S19j Pro+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2200 - 2200 -	
Bit Digital Inc.	BTBT	Bitmain	S19k Pro	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3600 - 4000 -	
Bit Digital Inc.	BTBT	MicroBT	M21S	16296	16196	15293	15190	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Bit Digital Inc.	BTBT	MicroBT	M20S	3690	3690	3681	3681	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Bit Digital Inc.	BTBT	MicroBT	M110	1938	1938	1938	1938	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Bit Digital Inc.	BTBT	MicroBT	M30S	261	261	261	261	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Bit Digital Inc.	BTBT	MicroBT	M50S	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3 -	
Bit Digital Inc.	BTBT	TOTAL	total	27744	27644	38135	38032	37676	37676	44886	46548	48898	-	-	-	-	
BT Mining Ltd.	BTCM	SEALMINER A1	SEALMINER A1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Bitdeer Technologies Group	BTDR	Bitdeer	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown	-	
Bitdeer Technologies Group	BTDR	Bitmain	MicroBT	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown	-	
Bitdeer Technologies Group	BTDR	Canaan	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown	-	
Bitdeer Technologies Group	BTDR	TOTAL	BTDR	BTDR	BTDR	BTDR	BTDR	BTDR	BTDR	BTDR	BTDR	BTDR	BTDR	BTDR	BTDR	1150	
Bitdeer Technologies Group	BTDR	TOTAL	total	67000	70000	92000	86000	86000	86000	196000	199000	221000	215000	225000	225000	-	

Bitfarms Ltd.	BTTF	MicroBT	M20S	4311	4311	4311	3471	2512	2212	1972	1132	731	473	-	https://investor.bitfarms.com/sec-filings/annual-reg	
Bitfarms Ltd.	BTTF	MicroBT	M30S	2062	13685	21936	27162	30210	33036	36018	36018	36018	36018	-	https://investor.bitfarms.com/sec-filings/annual-reg	
Bitfarms Ltd.	BTTF	MicroBT	M31S	6391	6742	6391	6391	12653	12653	12653	12653	12517	12517	-	https://investor.bitfarms.com/sec-filings/annual-reg	
Bitfarms Ltd.	BTTF	MicroBT	M31S+	5911	5911	6262	6262	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	https://investor.bitfarms.com/sec-filings/annual-reg	
Bitfarms Ltd.	BTTF	MicroBT	M50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	https://investor.bitfarms.com/sec-filings/annual-reg	
Bitfarms Ltd.	BTTF	Bitmain	S9	6060	6060	2154	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	https://investor.bitfarms.com/sec-filings/annual-reg	
Bitfarms Ltd.	BTTF	Bitmain	S15	368	368	101	59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	https://investor.bitfarms.com/sec-filings/annual-reg	
Bitfarms Ltd.	BTTF	Bitmain	T15	1645	1645	442	378	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	https://investor.bitfarms.com/sec-filings/annual-reg	
Bitfarms Ltd.	BTTF	Bitmain	S19j	700	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	https://investor.bitfarms.com/sec-filings/annual-reg	
Bitfarms Ltd.	BTTF	Bitmain	S19j Pro	7172	7172	7172	7172	7172	7172	7172	10052	16461	16361	16061	-	https://investor.bitfarms.com/sec-filings/annual-reg
Bitfarms Ltd.	BTTF	Bitmain	T21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	https://investor.bitfarms.com/sec-filings/annual-reg	
Bitfarms Ltd.	BTTF	Bitmain	S21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	https://investor.bitfarms.com/sec-filings/annual-reg	
Bitfarms Ltd.	BTTF	Bitmain	S21 hydro	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	https://investor.bitfarms.com/sec-filings/annual-reg	
Bitfarms Ltd.	BTTF	Bitmain	T3	5082	5082	5082	5082	4439	1848	1848	1848	1848	1848	-	https://investor.bitfarms.com/sec-filings/annual-reg	
Bitfarms Ltd.	BTTF	Innosilicon	T2T	1364	1364	1364	1364	1272	1272	1272	1272	1272	1272	-	https://investor.bitfarms.com/sec-filings/annual-reg	
Bitfarms Ltd.	BTTF	Canaan	A10	1024	1024	144	144	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	https://investor.bitfarms.com/sec-filings/annual-reg	
Bitfarms Ltd.	BTTF	TOTAL	total	41390	53364	55359	57485	58258	58193	63815	71311	67068	70623	-	https://investor.bitfarms.com/sec-filings/annual-reg	
BitFrontier Capital Holdings Inc.	BFCH														https://investor.bitfarms.com/sec-filings/annual-reg	
BitFuFu Inc.	FUFU	Bitmain	S17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	https:///s3... While BitFuFu primarily relied on Antmine	
BitFuFu Inc.	FUFU	Bitmain	S19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	https:///s3... While BitFuFu primarily relied on Antmine	
BitFuFu Inc.	FUFU	Bitmain	S19j	3000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	https:///s3... BitFuFu has been leasing more advanced	
BitFuFu Inc.	FUFU	Bitmain	S19j Pro	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	https:///s3... As of December 31, 2023, all of the mine	
BitFuFu Inc.	FUFU	Bitmain	S19 XP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	https:///s3... self-owned and leased miners	
BitFuFu Inc.	FUFU	TOTAL	self	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	https:///s3... includes customers' hosted miners	
BlockQuarry Corp.	BLQC														https:///s3... the partner's failure to install 13,000	
Bots Inc.	BTZI														https:///s3...	
Canaan Inc.	CAN	Canaan	unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	https:///s3...	
Canaan Inc.	CAN	TOTAL	total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	https:///s3...	
Cathedra Bitcoin Inc.	CBIT	Bitmain	S9	-1185	-195	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	https:///cat.Cathedra purchased 1,400 Bitmain Antni	
Cathedra Bitcoin Inc.	CBIT	Bitmain	S19j Pro	323	1125	894	1991	-	4164	3164	4164	4164	-	-	https:///cat.Cathedra purchased 1,400 Bitmain Antni	
Cathedra Bitcoin Inc.	CBIT	Bitmain	S19 XP	-	-	-	200	-	200	200	200	200	-	-	https:///cat.On July 11, 2022, the Company announce	
Cathedra Bitcoin Inc.	CBIT	MicroBT	M30S	180	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	https:///cat.Cathedra.com/_resources/financials/MDA_2	
Cathedra Bitcoin Inc.	CBIT	MicroBT	M31S	-	1980	-	-	-	90	150	150	-	-	-	https:///cat.Cathedra.com/_resources/financials/MDA_2	
Cathedra Bitcoin Inc.	CBIT	MicroBT	M31SE	1980	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	https:///cat.Cathedra.com/_resources/financials/MDA_2	
Cathedra Bitcoin Inc.	CBIT	MicroBT	M32S	180	-	-	-	-	90	150	150	-	-	-	https:///cat.Cathedra.com/_resources/financials/MDA_2	
Cathedra Bitcoin Inc.	CBIT	MicroBT	M32S	-	180	-	-	-	4041	4041	4544	4664	4364	-	https:///cat.Cathedra.com/_resources/financials/MDA_2	
Cipher Mining Inc.	CIFR	Bitmain	S19j Pro	-	970	12953	7574	12196	14907	14907	14907	-	-	-	https:///investors.ciphermining.com/_static-files/9443	
Cipher Mining Inc.	CIFR	Bitmain	S21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	https:///inv [...] we entered into a Future Sales and Purchase Agreement	
Cipher Mining Inc.	CIFR	Bitmain	T21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	https:///inv [...] we entered into a Future Sales and Purchase Agreement	
Cipher Mining Inc.	CIFR	MicroBT	M30S	-	-	5944.3	11642	11706	11706	11706	-	-	-	https:///investors.ciphermining.com/_static-files/9443		
Cipher Mining Inc.	CIFR	MicroBT	M30S+	-	-	5944.3	11642	11706	11706	11706	-	-	-	https:///investors.ciphermining.com/_static-files/9443		
Cipher Mining Inc.	CIFR	MicroBT	M30S++	-	-	5944.3	11642	11706	11706	11706	-	-	-	https:///investors.ciphermining.com/_static-files/9443		
Cipher Mining Inc.	CIFR	Canaan	A1346	-	-	-	-	-	11000	11000	11000	11000	-	-	https:///inv [...] agreements with Canaan to purchase	
Cipher Mining Inc.	CIFR	Canaan	A1466	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	https:///inv [...] agreements with Canaan to purchase	
Cipher Mining Inc.	CIFR	TOTAL	total	-	970	12953	25407	61024	61024	61024	61025	-	-	-	https:///inv [...] As of March 31, 2023, the Company had	

HIVE Digital Technologies Ltd.	HIVE	Bitmain	S19 Pro	-	-	
HIVE Digital Technologies Ltd.	HIVE	Bitmain	S19 Pro+	-	-	
HIVE Digital Technologies Ltd.	HIVE	Bitmain	S19 Pro	-	3570	1169
HIVE Digital Technologies Ltd.	HIVE	Bitmain	S19 Pro	-	3600	-
HIVE Digital Technologies Ltd.	HIVE	Bitmain	S19 Pro	-	9800	-
HIVE Digital Technologies Ltd.	HIVE	Bitmain	S21	-	1100	-
HIVE Digital Technologies Ltd.	HIVE	MicroBT	M30S	-	3500	7000
HIVE Digital Technologies Ltd.	HIVE	MicroBT	M30S+	5292		
HIVE Digital Technologies Ltd.	HIVE	MicroBT	M30S++	-		
HIVE Digital Technologies Ltd.	HIVE	Canaan	unknown	16900		
HIVE Digital Technologies Ltd.	HIVE	Intel Blockscale	HiveBuzzMiner	-		
HIVE Digital Technologies Ltd.	HIVE	TOTAL	total	1423	5000	-
Hut 8 Corp.	HUT	Bitmain	S19 Pro	-	18000	18000
Hut 8 Corp.	HUT	TOTAL	self	-	30200	18000
Hut 8 Corp.	HUT	TOTAL	total	-	182000	68200
Mining Technologies Inc.	IMIN					
Integrated Ventures Inc.	INTV					
Investview Inc.	INVU					
Iris Energy Ltd.	IREN	Bitmain	S19	18889		
Iris Energy Ltd.	IREN	Bitmain	S19 Pro	19800		
Iris Energy Ltd.	IREN	Bitmain	S19 XP	-		
Iris Energy Ltd.	IREN	Bitmain	S21	-		
Iris Energy Ltd.	IREN	Bitmain	T21	-		
Iris Energy Ltd.	IREN	TOTAL	total	6842.1	15789	53265.16
Marathon Digital Holdings Inc.	MARA	Bitmain	S9	-5900		
Marathon Digital Holdings Inc.	MARA	Bitmain	S19	70000		
Marathon Digital Holdings Inc.	MARA	Bitmain	S19 Pro	20500	600	
Marathon Digital Holdings Inc.	MARA	Bitmain	S19 Pro	40000	3805	51480
Marathon Digital Holdings Inc.	MARA	Bitmain	S19 XP	-	75500	
Marathon Digital Holdings Inc.	MARA	Bitmain	S19 XP	-	33600	64090
Marathon Digital Holdings Inc.	MARA	Bitmain	S19 Pro	-	133826	
Marathon Digital Holdings Inc.	MARA	Bitmain	S21	-	7000	
Marathon Digital Holdings Inc.	MARA	Bitmain	unknown	700	1000	
Marathon Digital Holdings Inc.	MARA	MicroBT	unknown	700	1300	
Marathon Digital Holdings Inc.	MARA	TOTAL	total	-		
Mawson Infrastructure Group Inc.	MIGI	Bitmain	S19 Pro	250		
Mawson Infrastructure Group Inc.	MIGI	Bitmain	S19 XP	-	15876	
Mawson Infrastructure Group Inc.	MIGI	Bitmain	S19 Pro	-		
Mawson Infrastructure Group Inc.	MIGI	MicroBT	M30	-		
Mawson Infrastructure Group Inc.	MIGI	MicroBT	M31	-		
Mawson Infrastructure Group Inc.	MIGI	Canaan	A1245	1158		
Mawson Infrastructure Group Inc.	MIGI	TOTAL	deployed	8792	20597	
Mawson Infrastructure Group Inc.	MIGI	TOTAL	storage&transit	15010	24419	26360
Mawson Infrastructure Group Inc.	MIGI	TOTAL	total	23802	6104	17228
MGT Capital Investments Inc.	MGTI					
Northern Data AG	NB2	MicroBT	M50	-	37356	61404
Northern Data AG	NB2	MicroBT	M30S	-		
Northern Data AG	NB2	TOTAL	total	18000	43500	47300
Northern Data AG	NB2	TOTAL	total	42000	43829	40562
Northern Data AG	NB2	TOTAL	total	40508	40248	35639
Phoenix Group Holdings Plc.	PHX					

Appendix C

Additional Results

C.1 Bitcoin's Average Efficiency Comparison

Our estimated average hardware model efficiency is the average of all deployed ASIC units by the analyzed 28 public Bitcoin mining companies. This was described in section 3.3. These values are then considered to be representative for Bitcoin's global installed average efficiency. Here compared with CBECI's calculated estimate and Coin Metrics derived estimate. Our approach does not have data for 24Q2 yet, but an expected future estimate of below 25 J/TH can be made for approximately 24Q4.

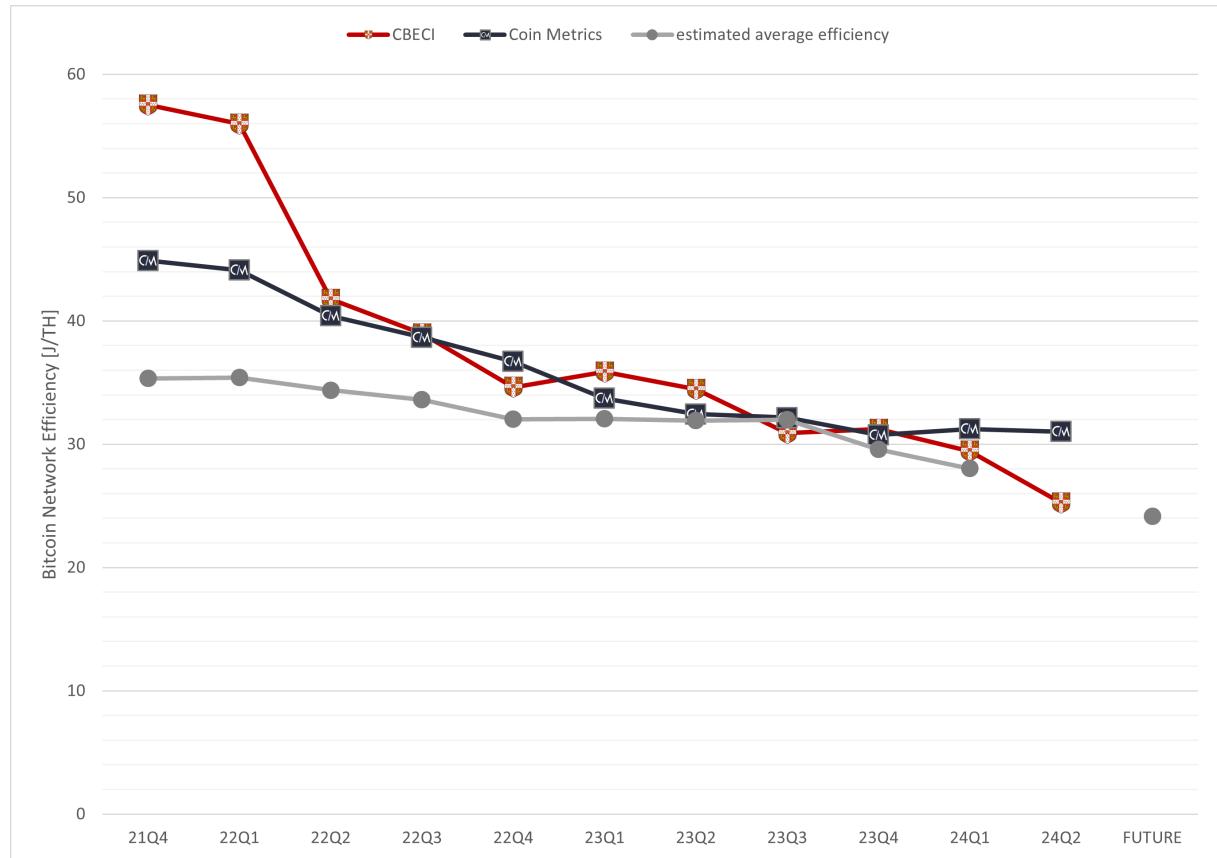


Figure C.1: Bitcoin's Average Efficiency Comparison

C.2 Bitcoin's Electricity Consumption Comparison

Our power demand guess is based on the energy values for each hardware model, calculated as described in section 3.3. These values are aggregated to estimate power demand for the 28 public mining companies. This is then extrapolated to Bitcoins global hashrate using the estimated percentages discussed in section 4.3 and a global PUE of 1.1. For the extrapolated energy consumption we use the same formula as used in the CBECI [1]:

$$E_{Bitcoin} = \frac{365.25 * 24h}{1000} * P_{Bitcoin} ; [E_{Bitcoin}] = TWh, [P_{Bitcoin}] = GW \quad (C.1)$$

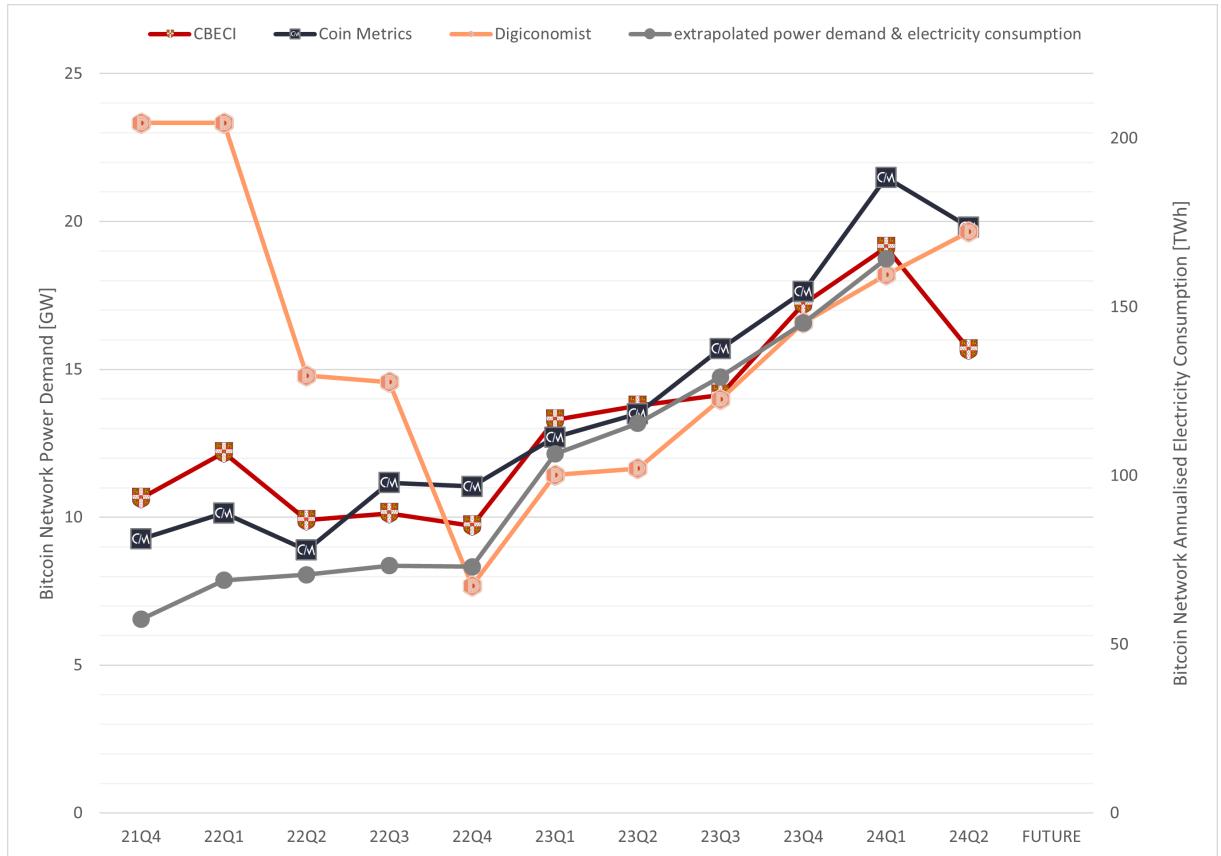


Figure C.2: Bitcoin's Power Demand and Annualized Energy Consumption Comparison

C.3 More Charts

C.3.1 ASIC Hardware Hashrates

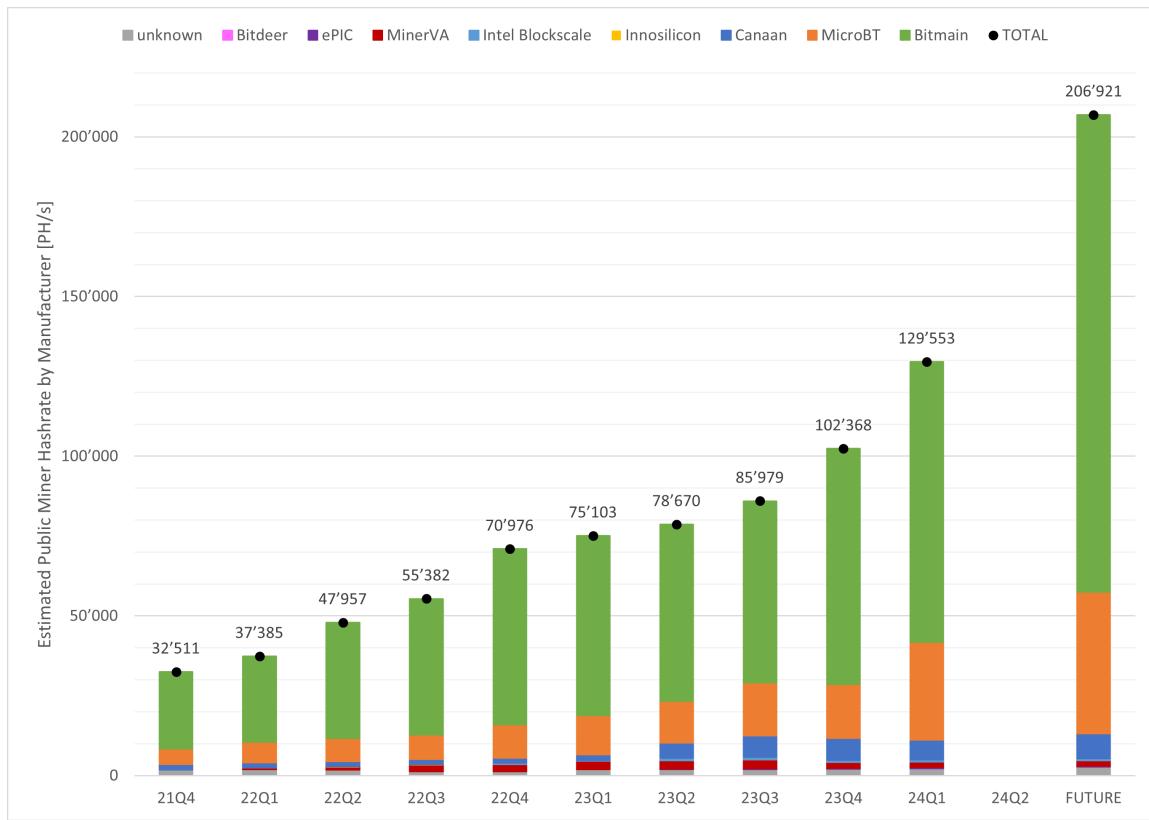


Figure C.3: Distribution of Hashrates by Manufacturer (inverted)

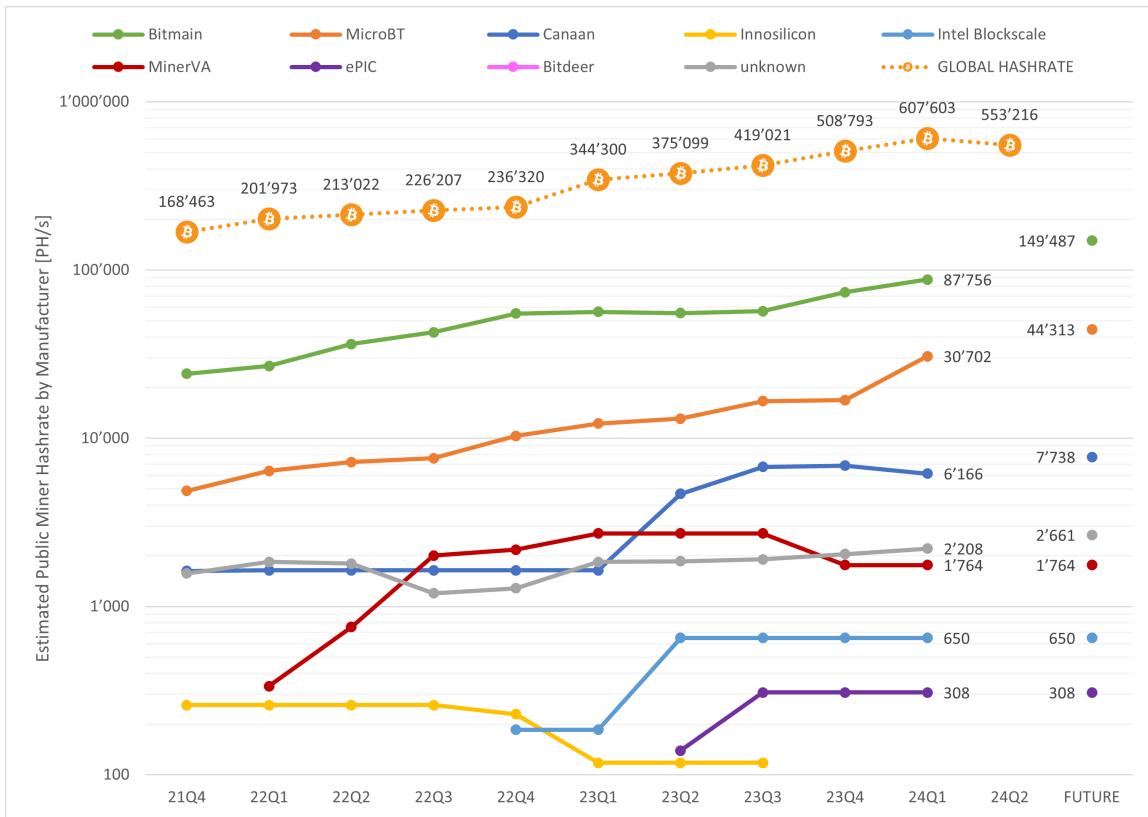
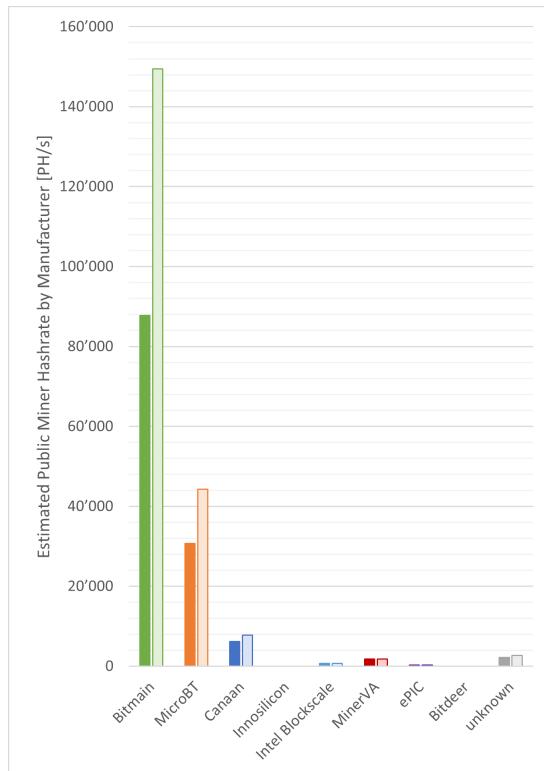


Figure C.4: Hashrate by Manufacturer vs. Bitcoin's Global Hashrate



left (dyed) 24Q1, right (framed) FUTURE

Figure C.5: Outlook on Hashrate by Manufacturer

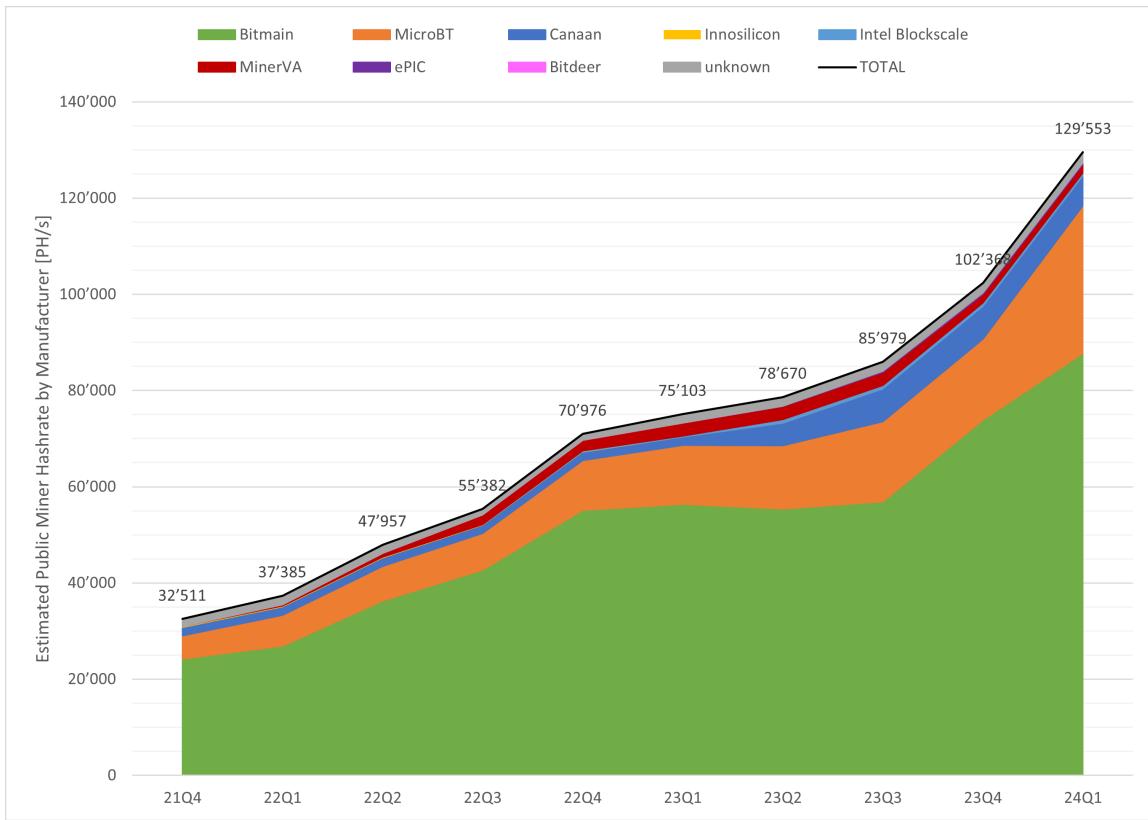


Figure C.6: Hashrate by Manufacturer

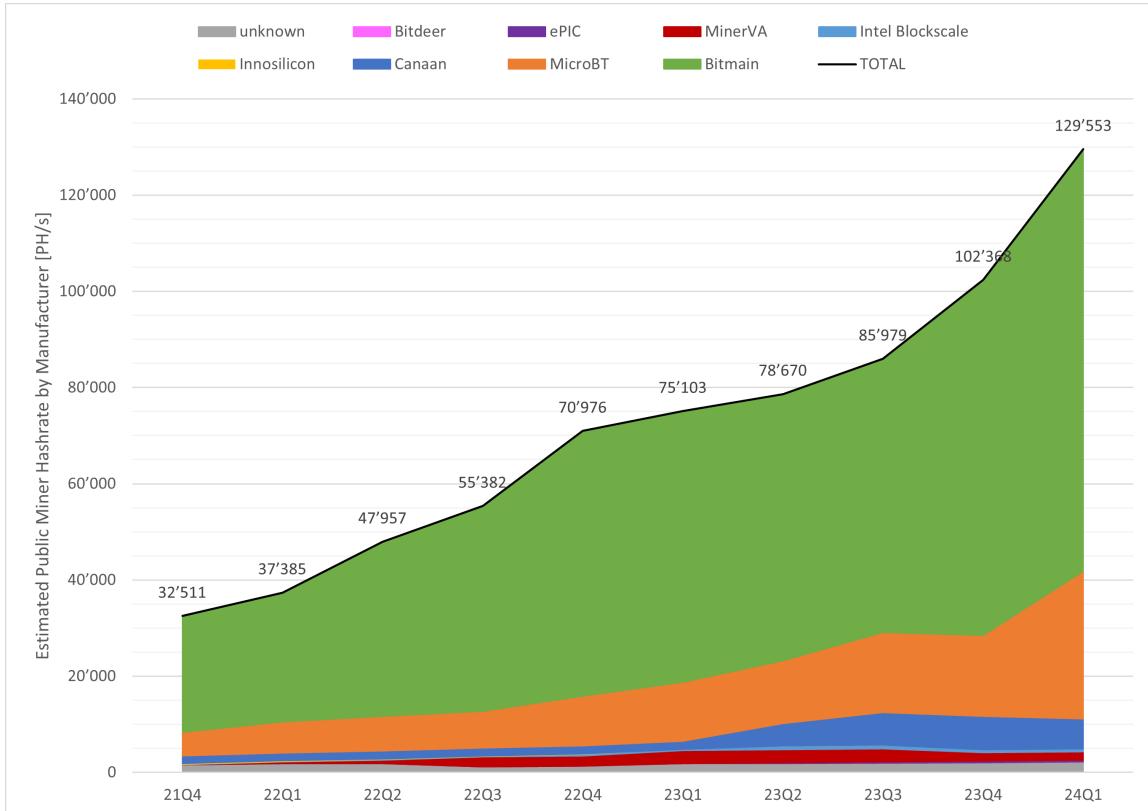


Figure C.7: Hashrate by Manufacturer (inverted)

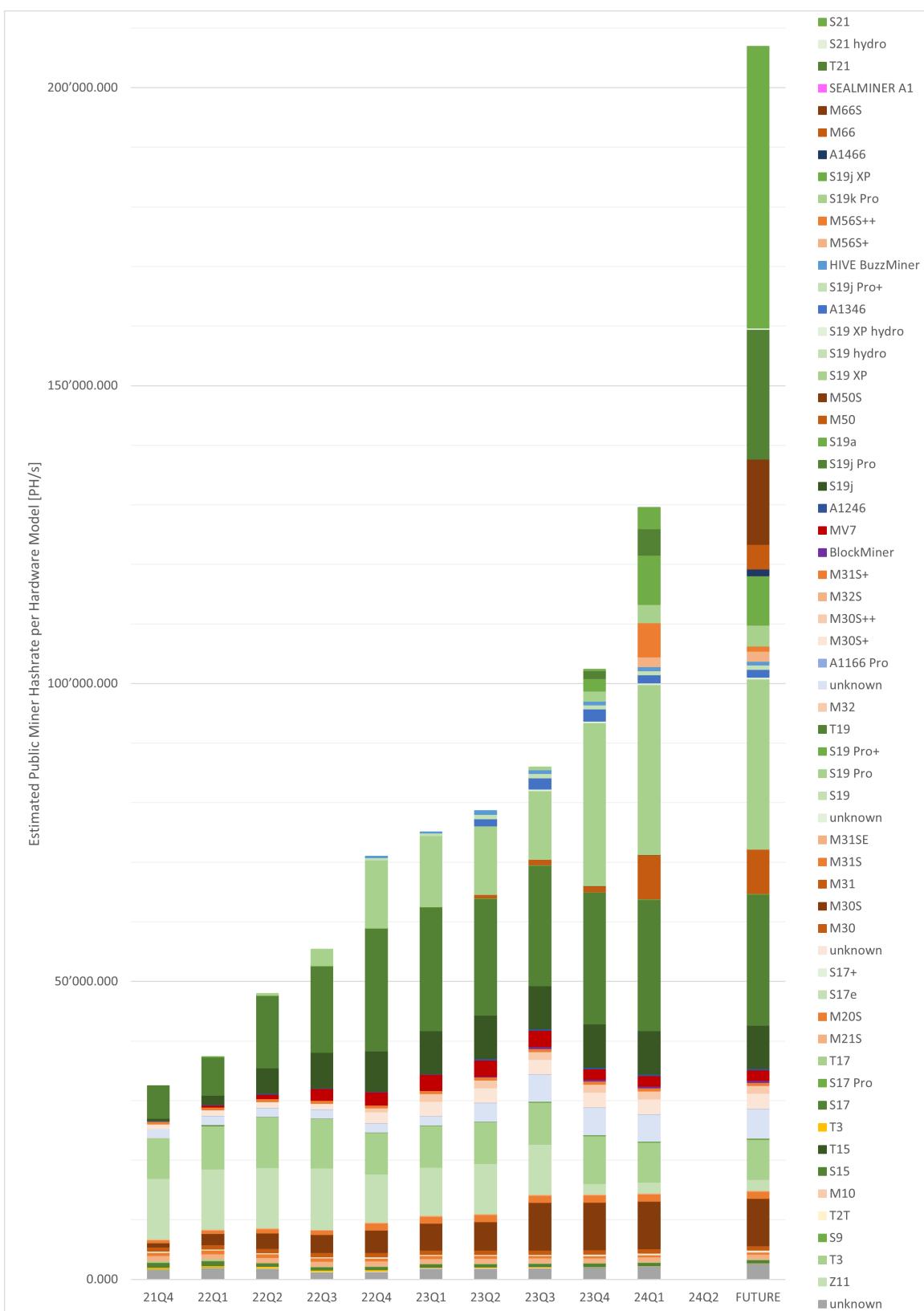


Figure C.8: Stacked Hashrate per Hardware Model with Outlook

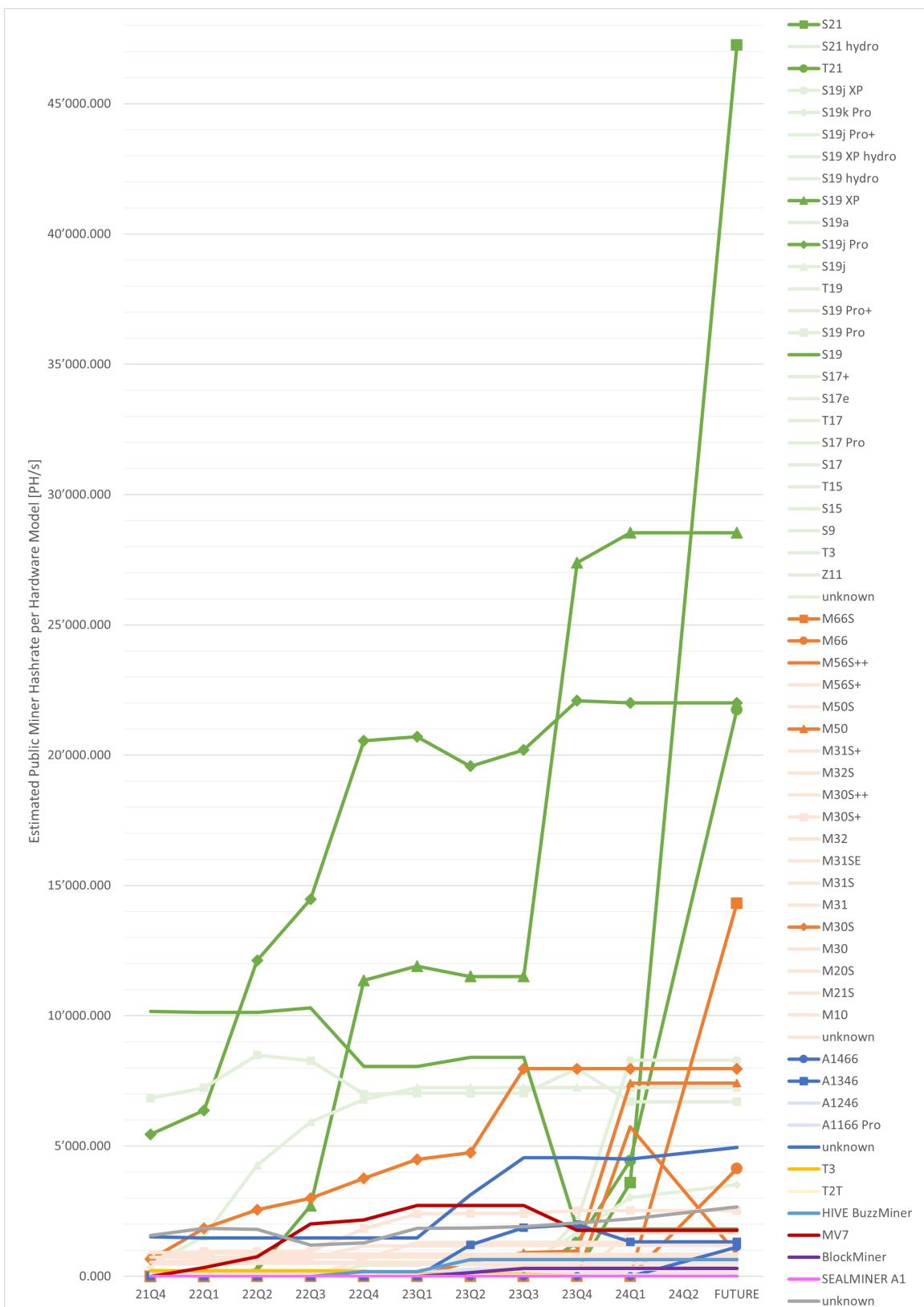


Figure C.9: Hashrate per Hardware Model with Outlook

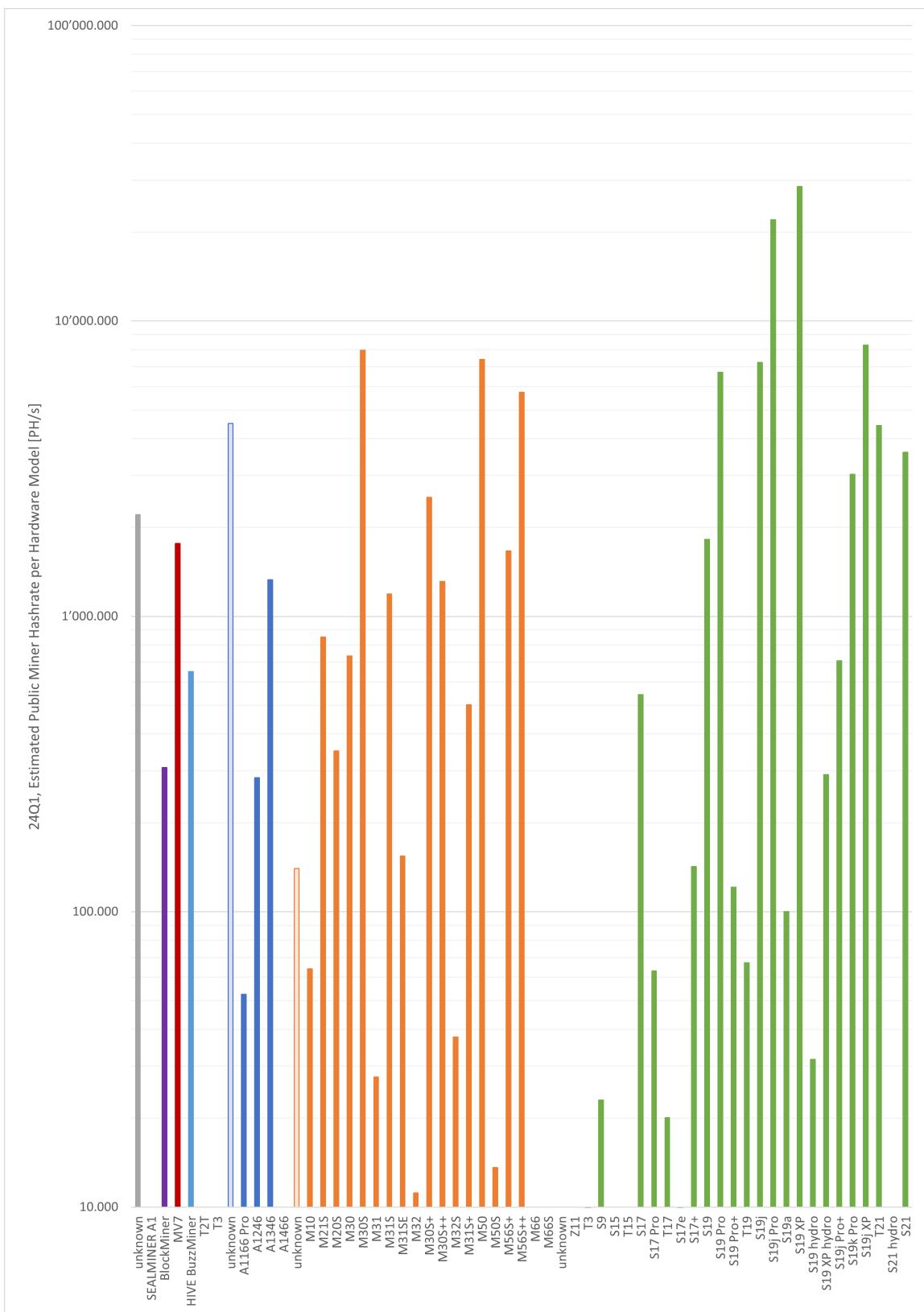


Figure C.10: First Quarter of 2024 Hashrate per Model (logarithmic)

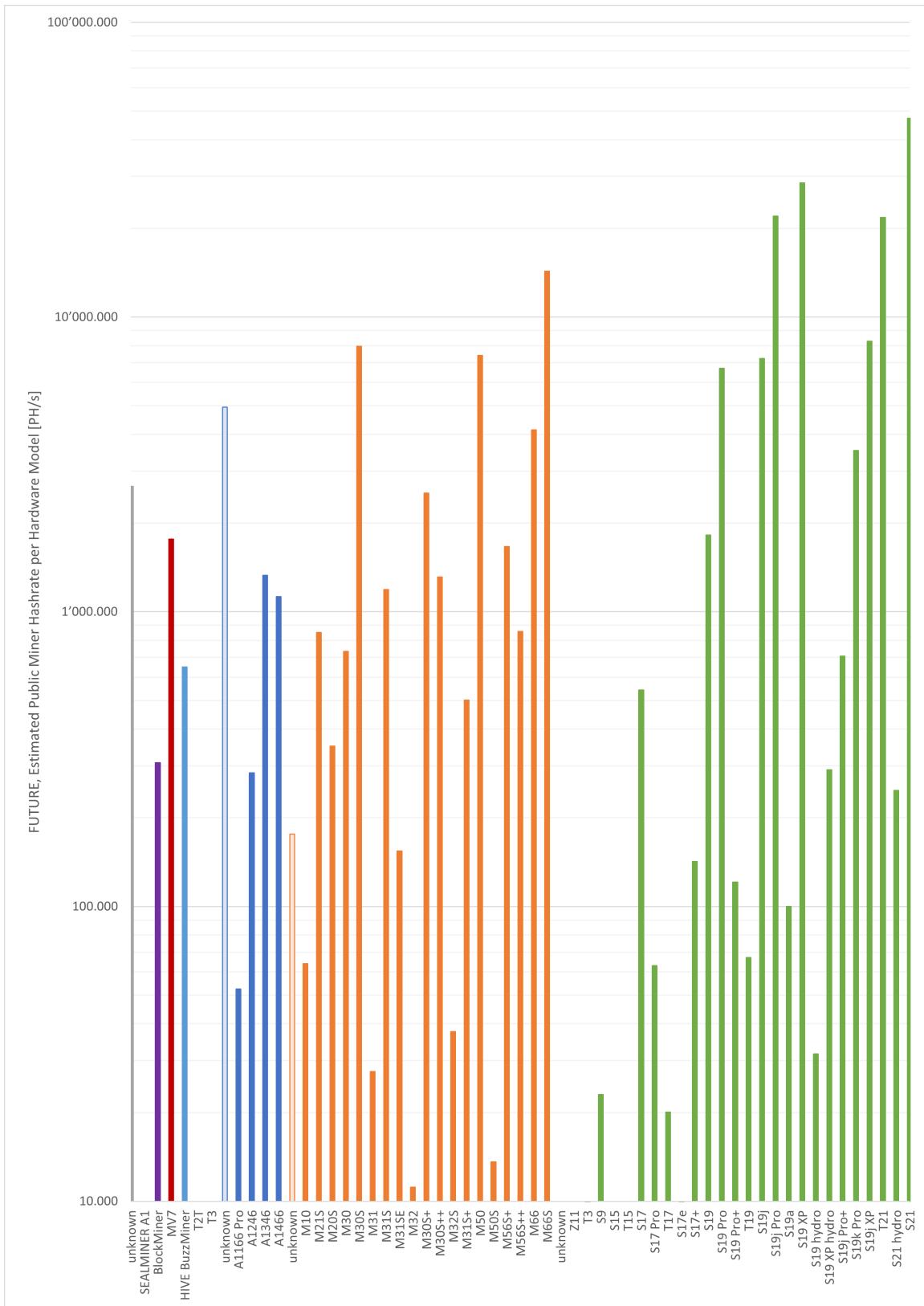


Figure C.11: Outlook on Hashrate per Model (logarithmic)

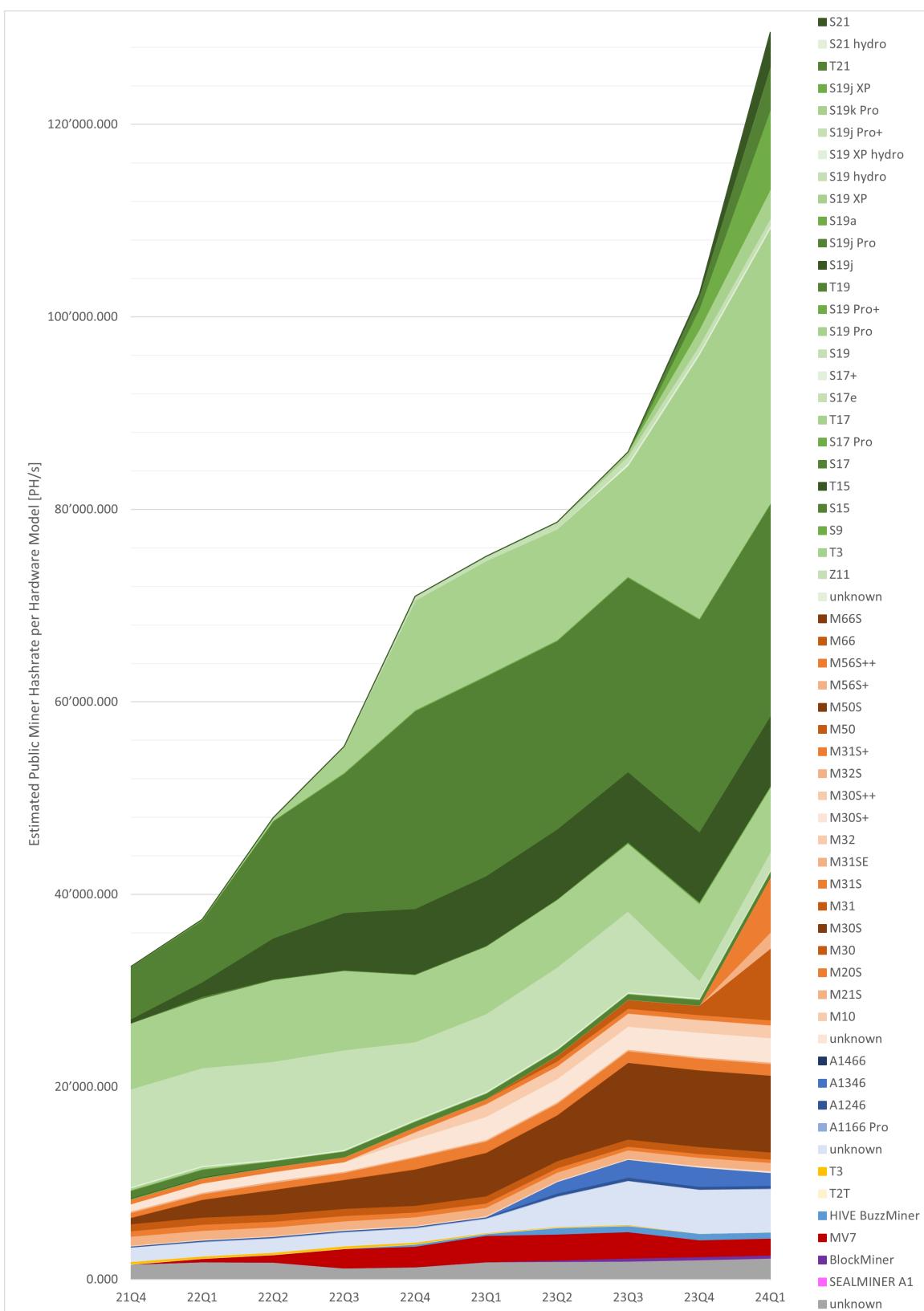


Figure C.12: Aggregated Hashrate per Hardware Model (sorted by manufacturer)

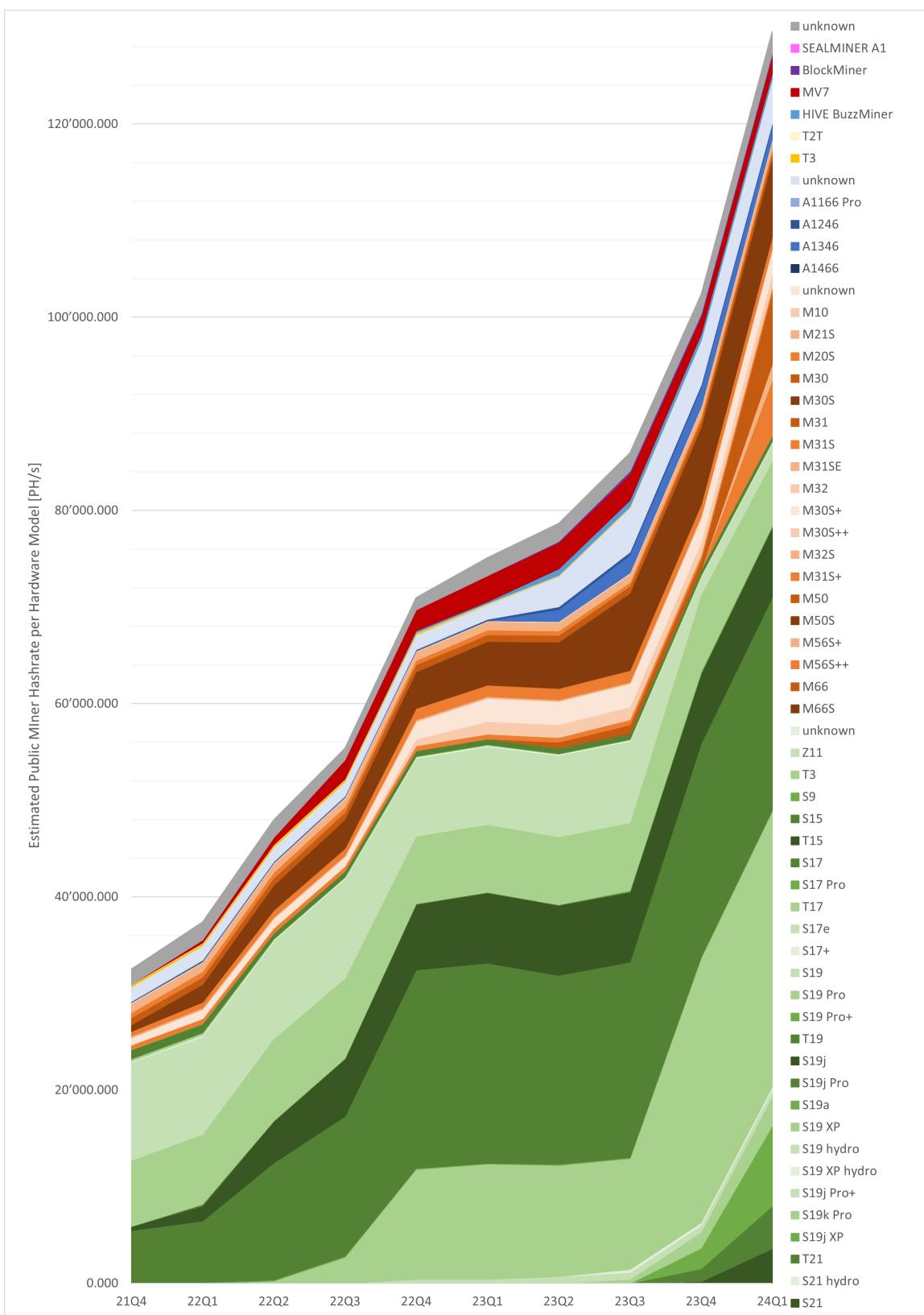


Figure C.13: Aggregated Hashrate per Hardware Model (sorted by manufacturer, inverted)

C.3.2 ASIC Hardware Shares

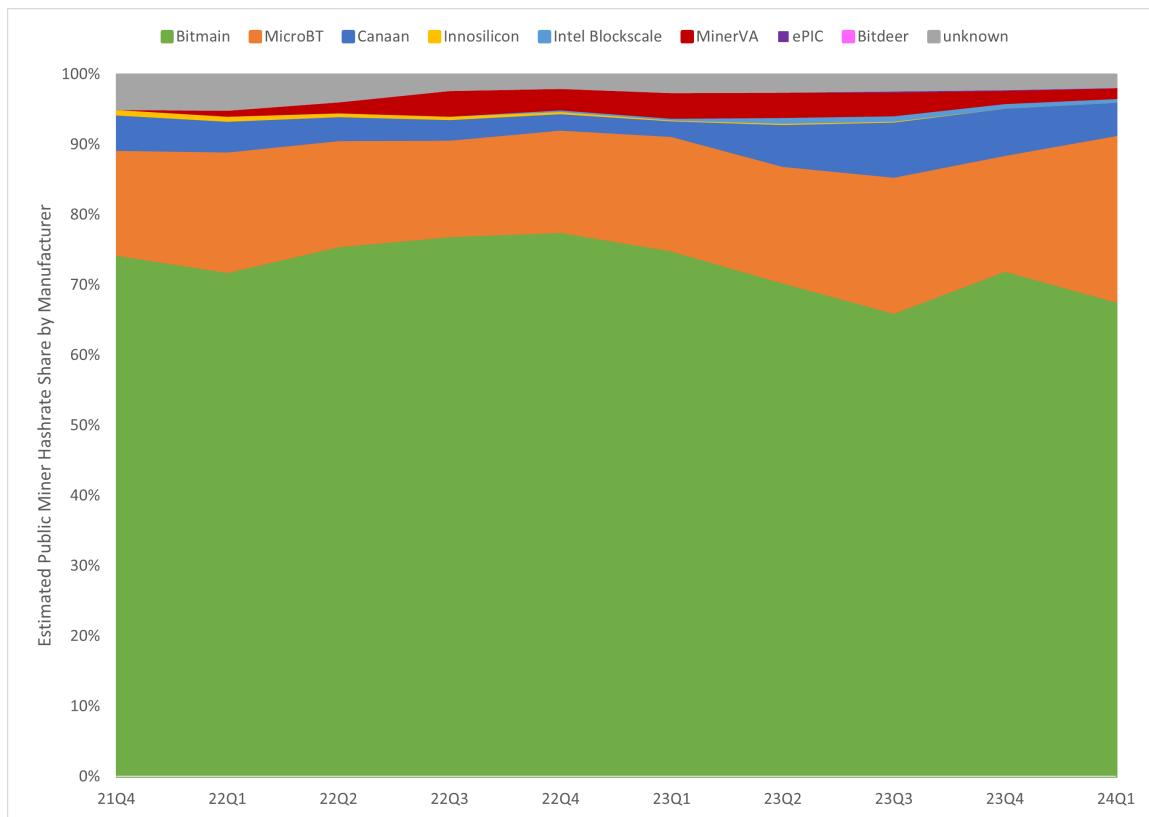


Figure C.14: Hashrate Share by Manufacturer without Outlook

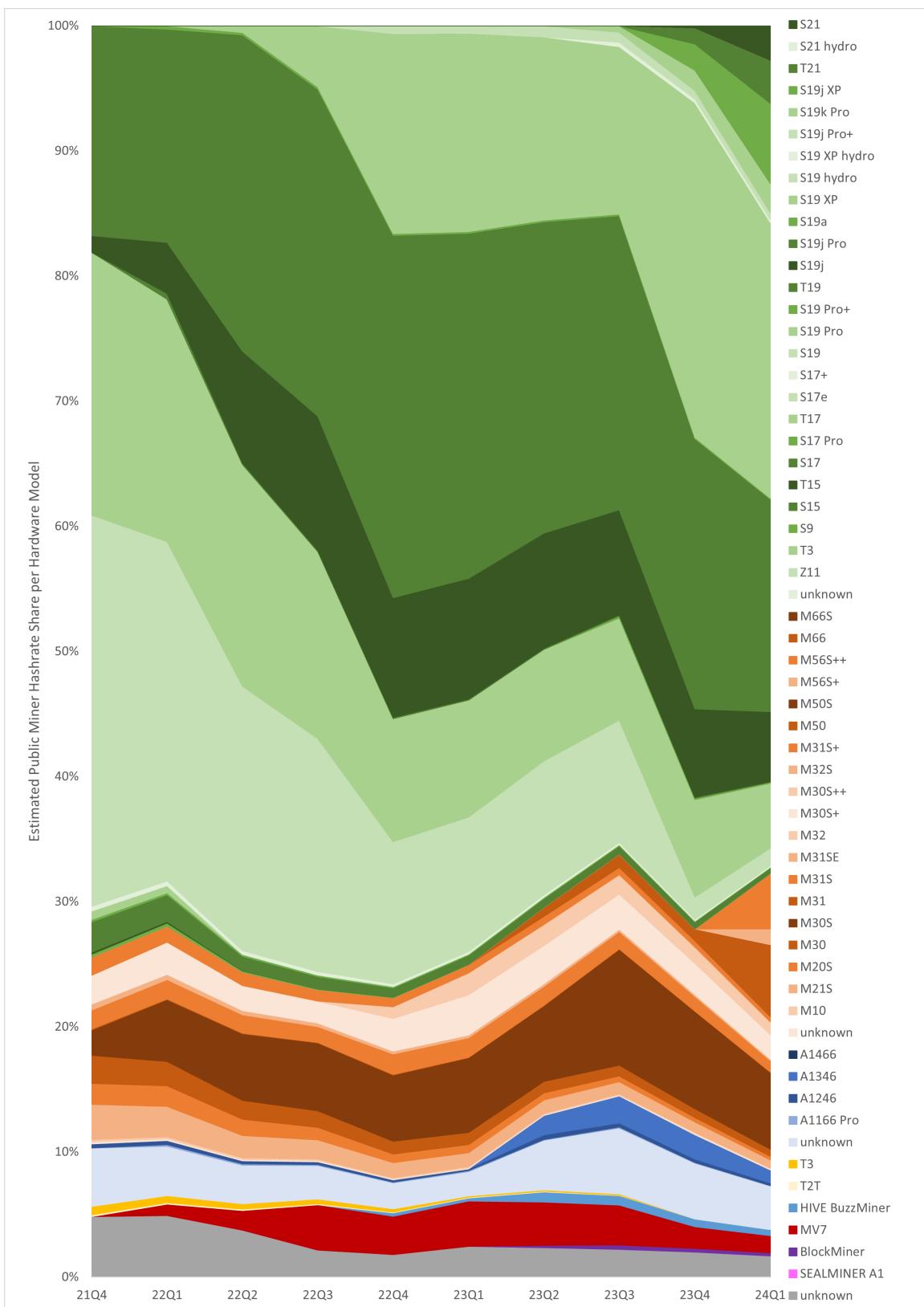


Figure C.15: Hashrate Share per Hardware Model (sorted by manufacturer)

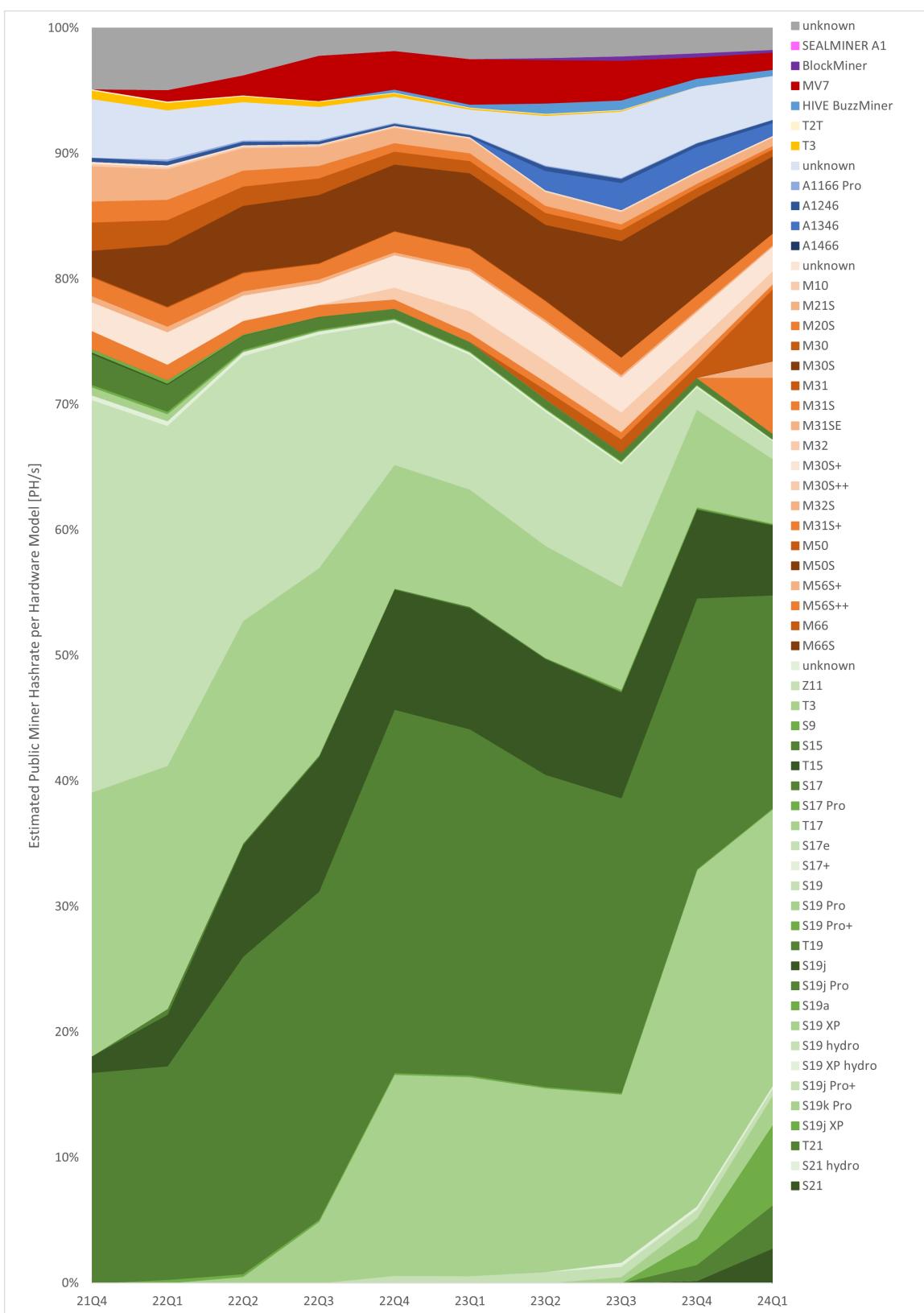


Figure C.16: Hashrate Share per Hardware Model (sorted by manufacturer, inverted)

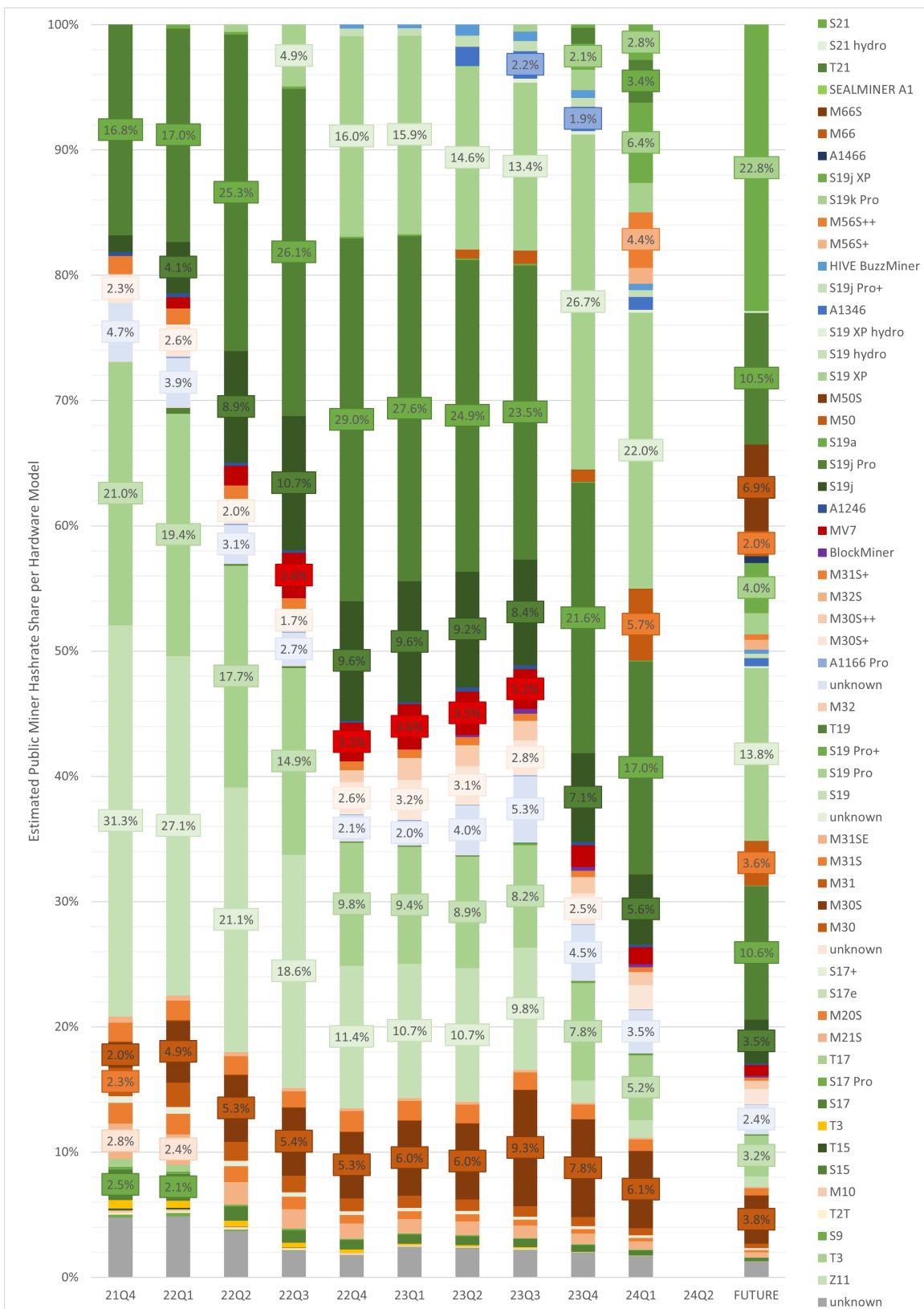


Figure C.17: Dominance per Hardware Model (detailed)

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