

Make Blockchain Mature: academic and multi-stakeholder process

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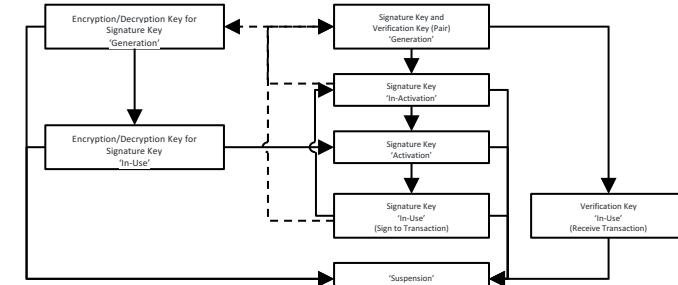
Example of immaturity: Too many mega-incidents

Date	Victim	Value of coin loss
Feb 2014	Mt.GOX (Japan)	\$450 Million
Aug 2016	Bitfinex (HongKong)	\$77 Million
Apr 2017	Youbit (Korea)	\$35 Million
Jan 2018	CoinCheck (Japan)	\$535 Million
Feb 2018	BitGrail (Italy)	\$170 Million
Jun 2018	Coinrail (Korea)	\$40 Million
Sep 2018	Zaif (Japan)	\$59 Million
May 2019	Binance (China)	\$40 Million



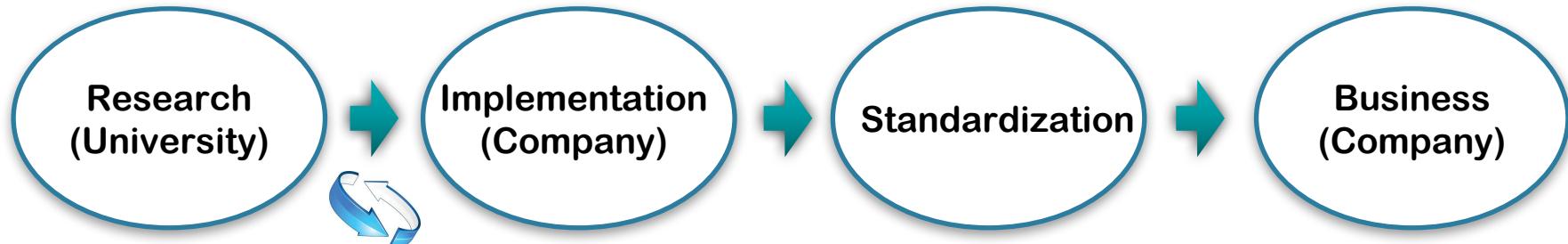
Prompt reaction in Japan: Cryptoassets Governance Task Force (CGTF)

- Initiated right after the Coincheck Incident
- Multi-stakeholder discussion: Engineer, exchanges, business, and academia
- Conducts study on the risk analysis, security consideration and best practices for cryptocurrency exchange (digital asset custodians)
- Cryptographic Key lifecycle management
- Input to ISO TR23576 and IETF I-D



Maturing process: from academia to engineering

The Case of Internet Technology

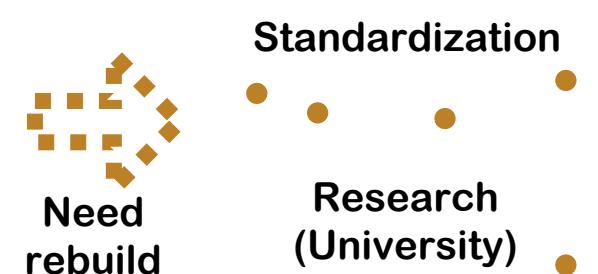


“BSD” and open-source facilitated innovation

The Case of Bitcoin and Blockchain



Innovation by iteration



Layers for security consideration

		Standards
Operation	Key Management, Audit, Backup	ISO/IEC 27000
Implementation	Program Code, Secure Hardware	ISO/IEC 15408
Application Logic	Scripting Language for Financial Transaction, Contract	Secure coding guides
Application Protocol	Privacy protection, Secure transaction	ISO/IEC 29128
Backbone Protocol	P2P, Consensus, Merkle Tree	ISO/IEC 29128
Cryptography	ECDSA, SHA-2, RIPEMD160	NIST, ISO

Two technical reports under edited in ISO TC307

- Security risks, threats and vulnerabilities (ISO TR23245)

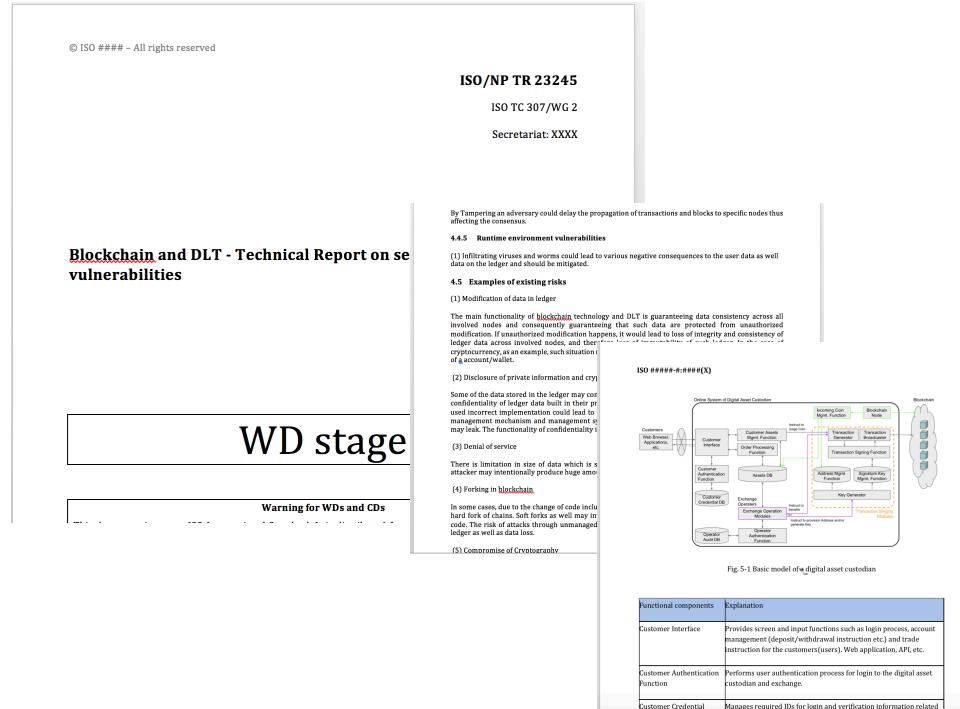
Application Protocol

Backbone Protocol

- Security of Digital Asset Custodians (ISO TR23576)

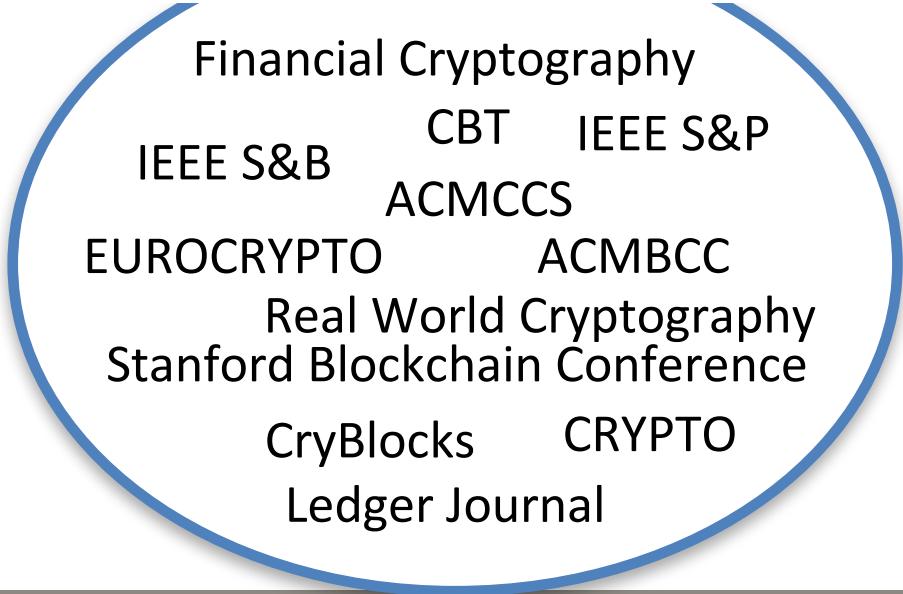
Operation

Implementation



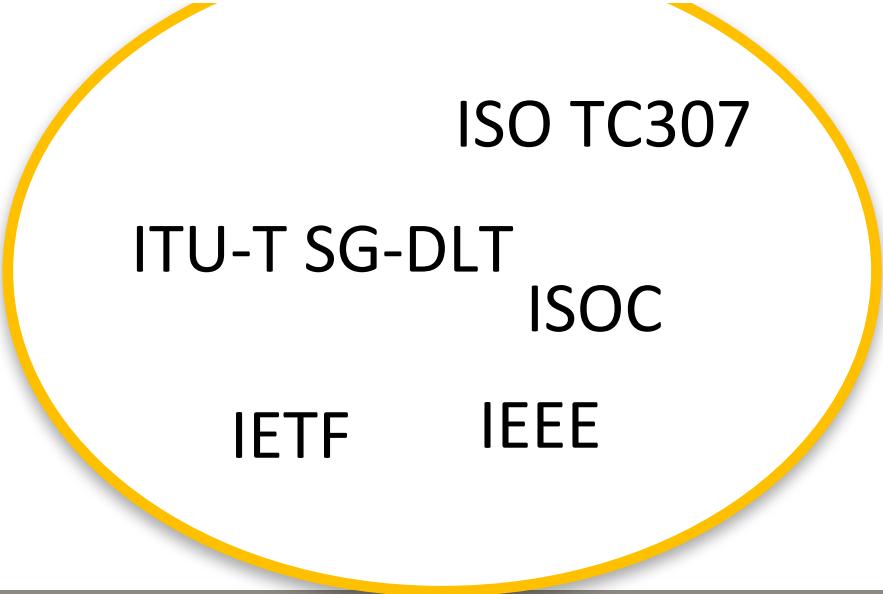
Current landscape of academia and standardization bodies

Academic conferences /
Journal (peer-reviewed)



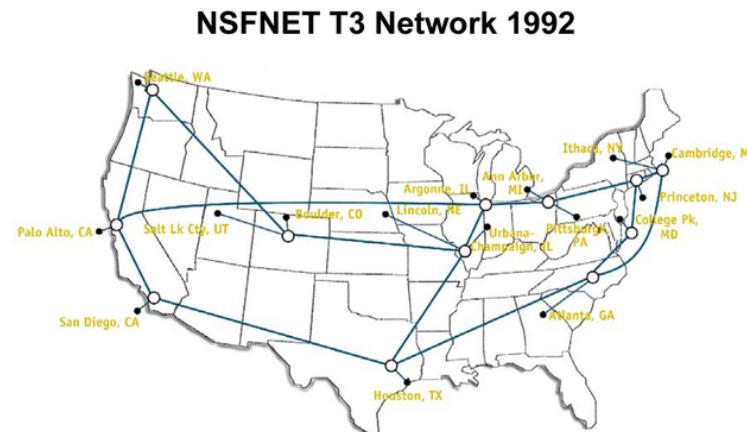
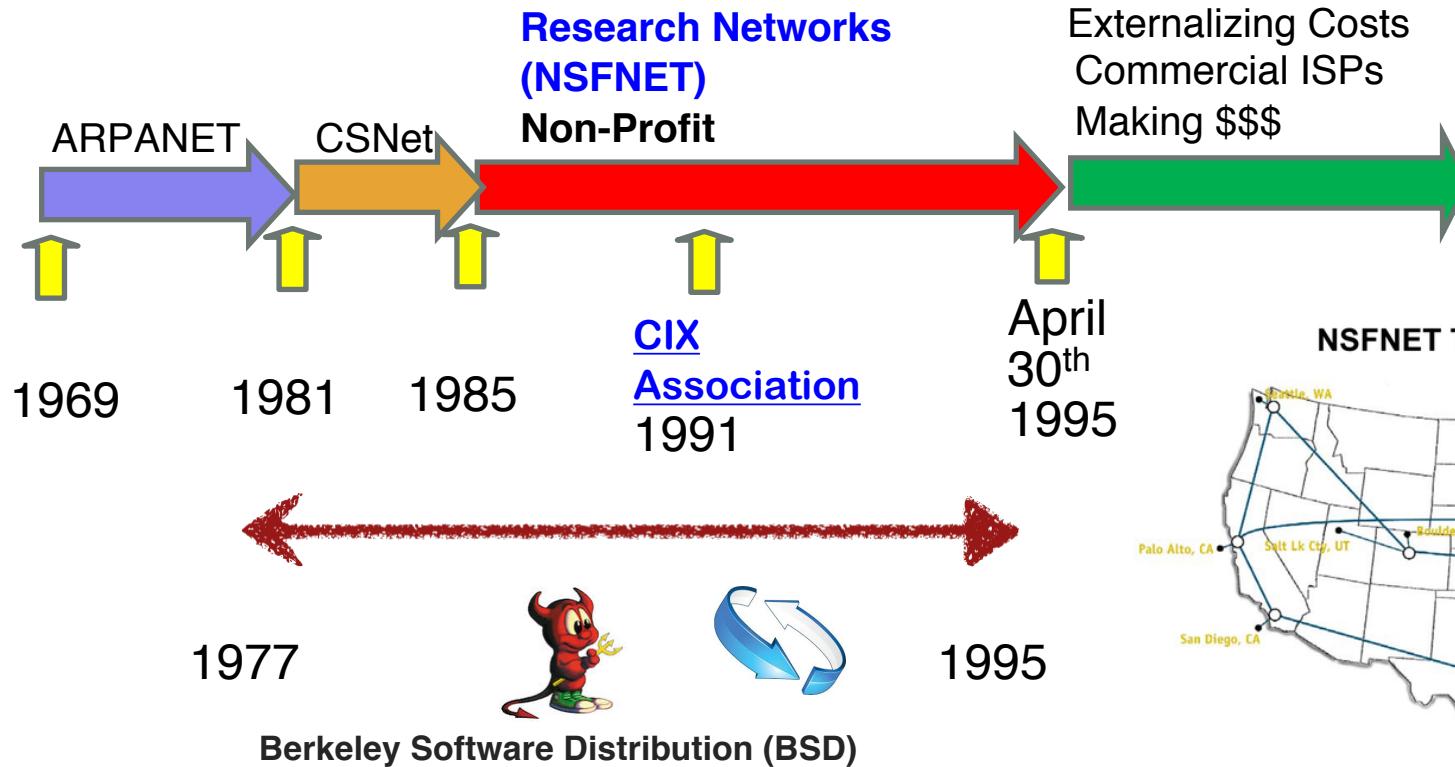
Financial Cryptography
IEEE S&B CBT IEEE S&P
ACMCCS
EUROCRYPTO ACMBCC
Real World Cryptography
Stanford Blockchain Conference
CryBlocks CRYPTO
Ledger Journal

Existing
Standardization Bodies



ISO TC307
ITU-T SG-DLT
ISOC
IETF IEEE

NSFNet and BSD for the Internet

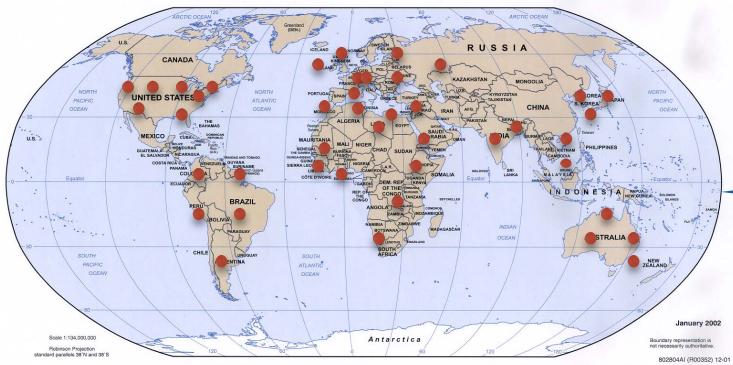


BSafe.network: Plays the same role as NSFNet and BSD

<http://bsafe.network>

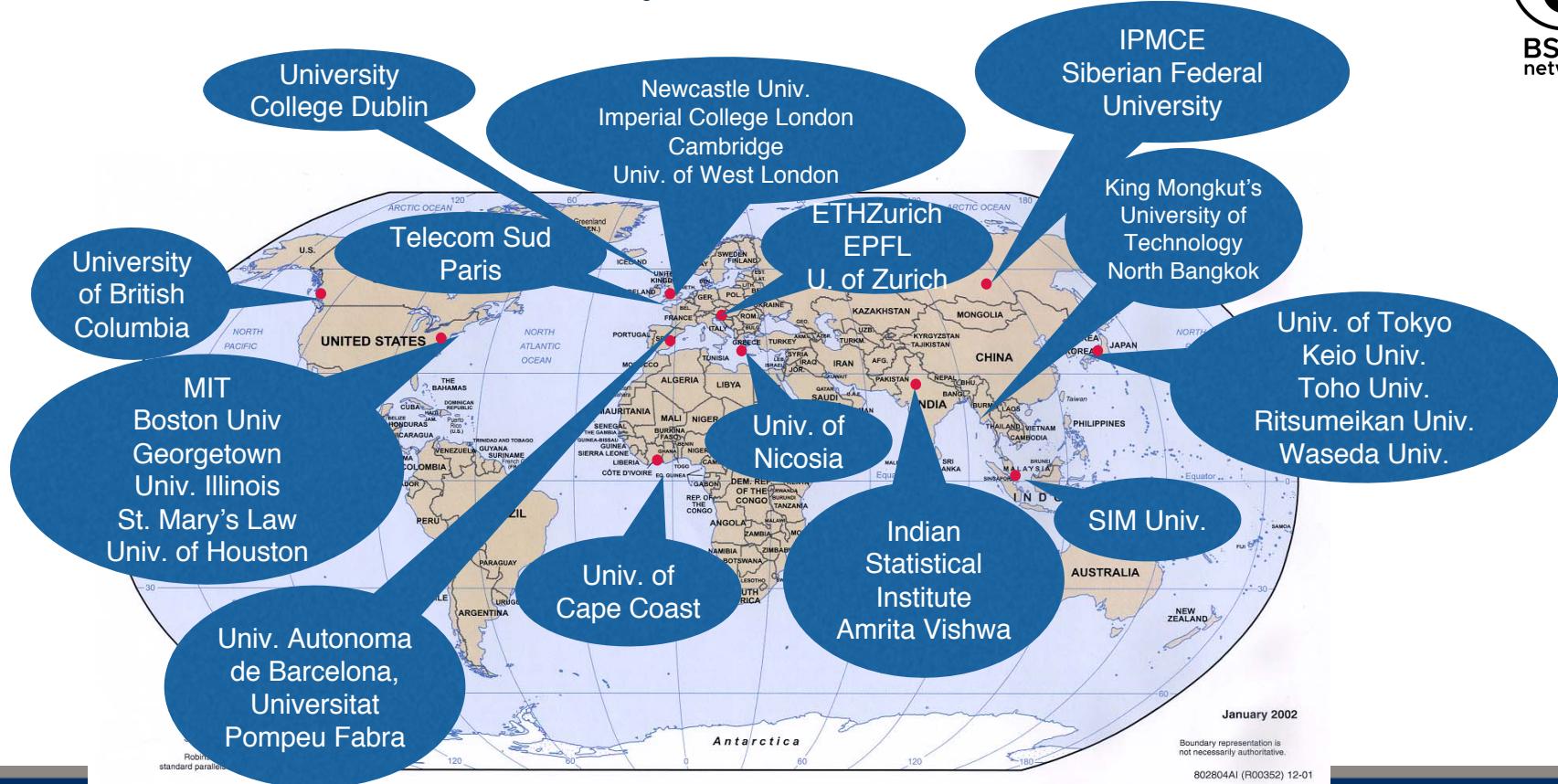


- A **neutral, stable and sustainable** research test network for Blockchain technology by global universities.
- Founded by me and Pindar Wong in March 2016. Each university becomes a blockchain node.
- Research on Blockchain and its applications
 - Not limited to Security. All aspects will be researched.



- Neutral platform
- de-anchored trust of Blockchain network
- More nodes (with Neutrality)
- Testbed for academic research

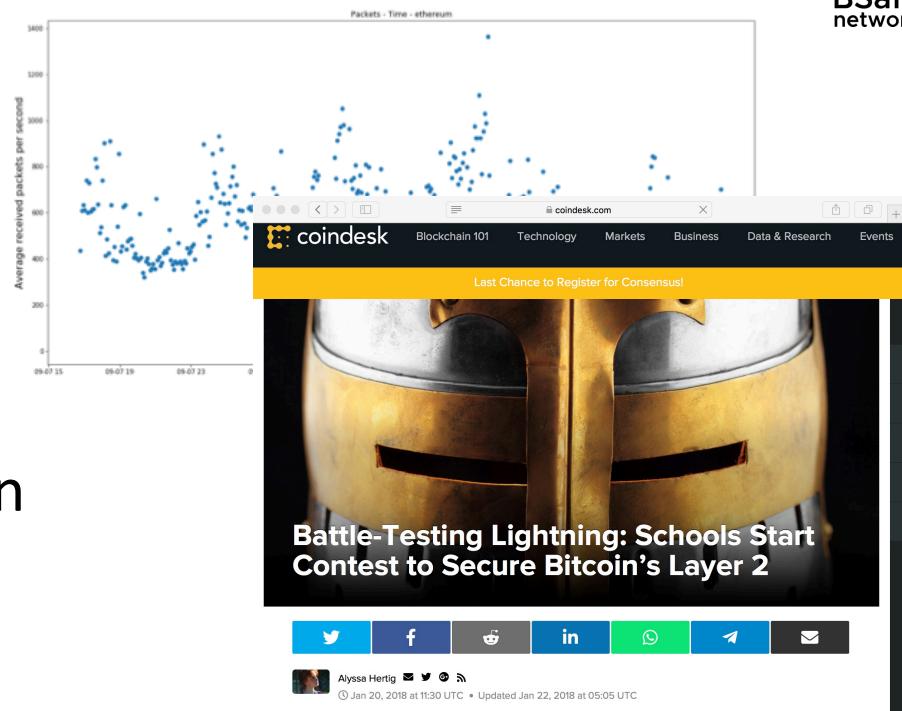
31 Universities Already Join and We Add More...



Past/ongoing research over BSafe.network

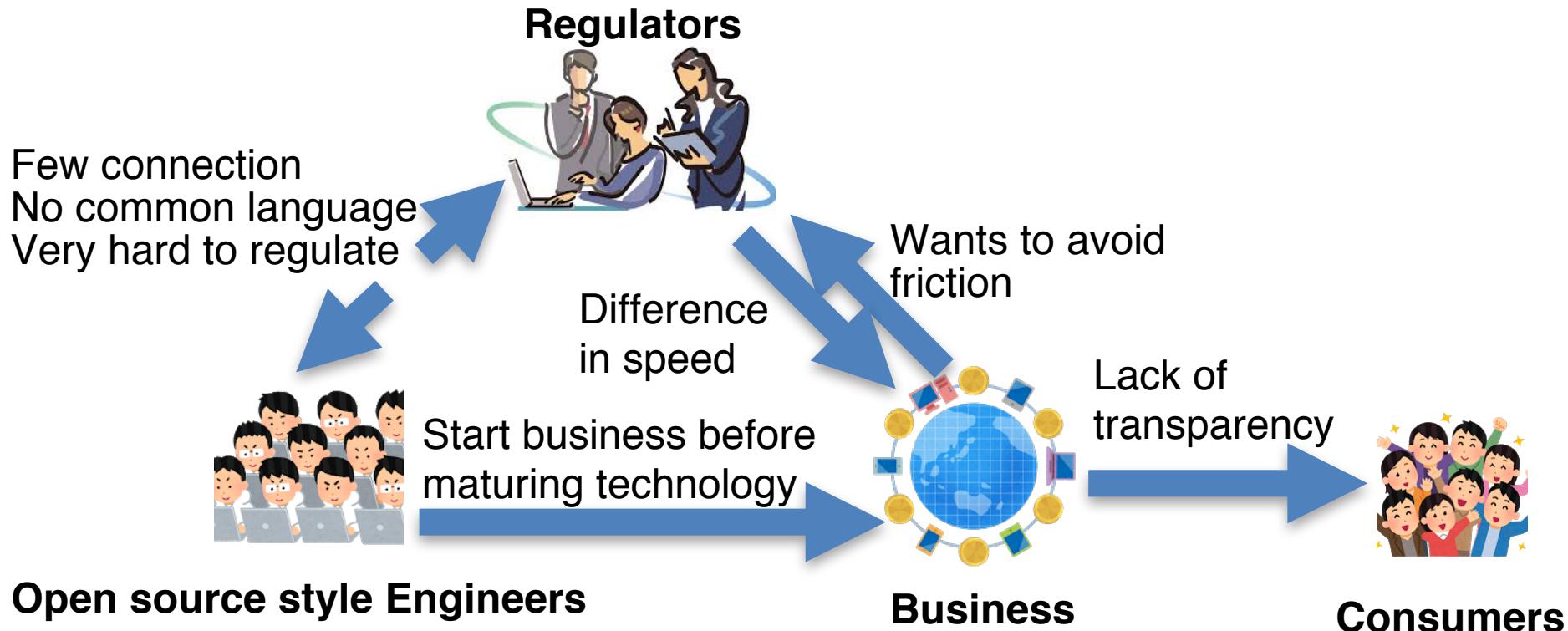


- Test of segwit
- Monitoring of Bitcoin forks
- Long-term blockchain
- Layer 2 technology competition
- Discussion Forum



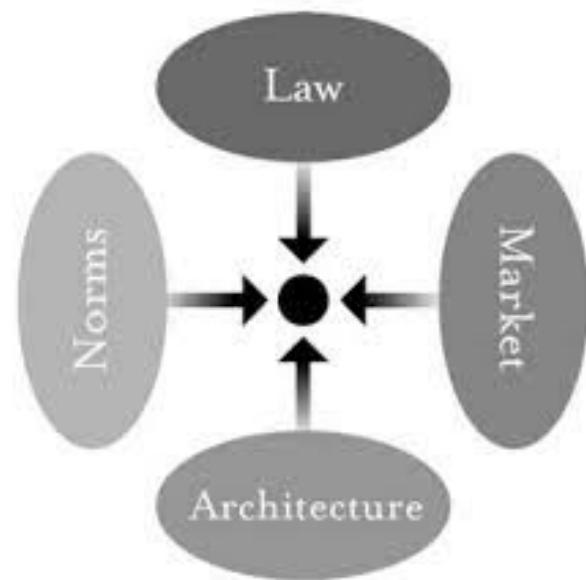
<https://www.coindesk.com/battle-testing-lightning-26-schools-start-contest-secure-bitcoins-layer-2>

Stakeholders and the Current Situation



Collaboration by Multi-stakeholders Implies Maturity

- Common understandings on regulatory goals
- Code as (a part of) law and order
 - Joint works become create orders for permissionless innovation
- Blockchain and DLT needs multi-disciplinary discussions
 - CS, Cryptography, Network, Economics, Law, etc.



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