

# Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment and the Task Force on Innovation

Blockchain & Transactive Energy



CINEMA

Now Playing  
Blockchain

Potential and Limitations



**INTERNET**

**CONNECTIVITY**

**MICRO**

**BLOGGING**

**WEB 2.0**

**SOCIAL MEDIA**

**NETWORKING**

**TECHNOLOGY**

FALSE

TRUE

TRUTH-O-METER

CAUTION ON HIGH VOLTS

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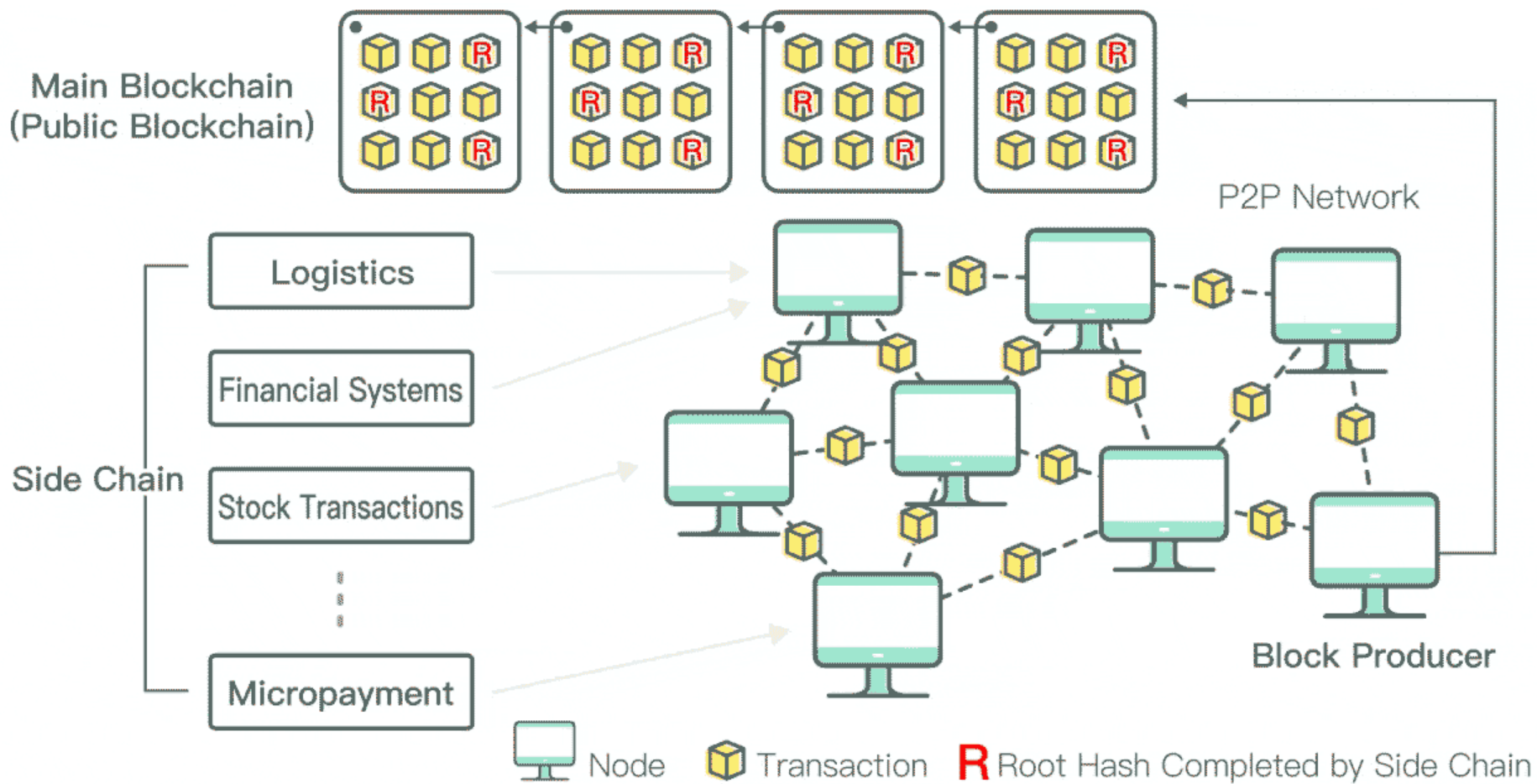
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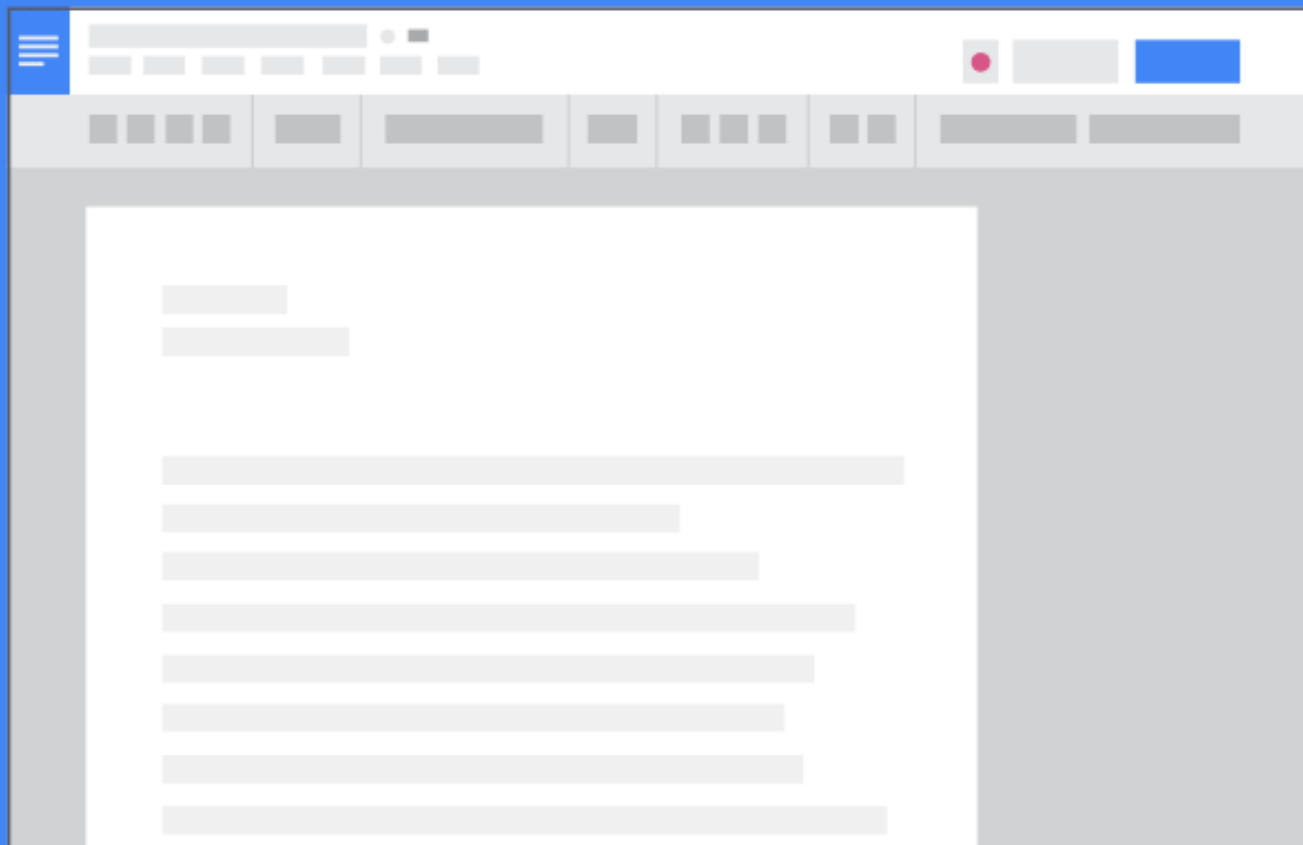
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# Commenting, made even easier



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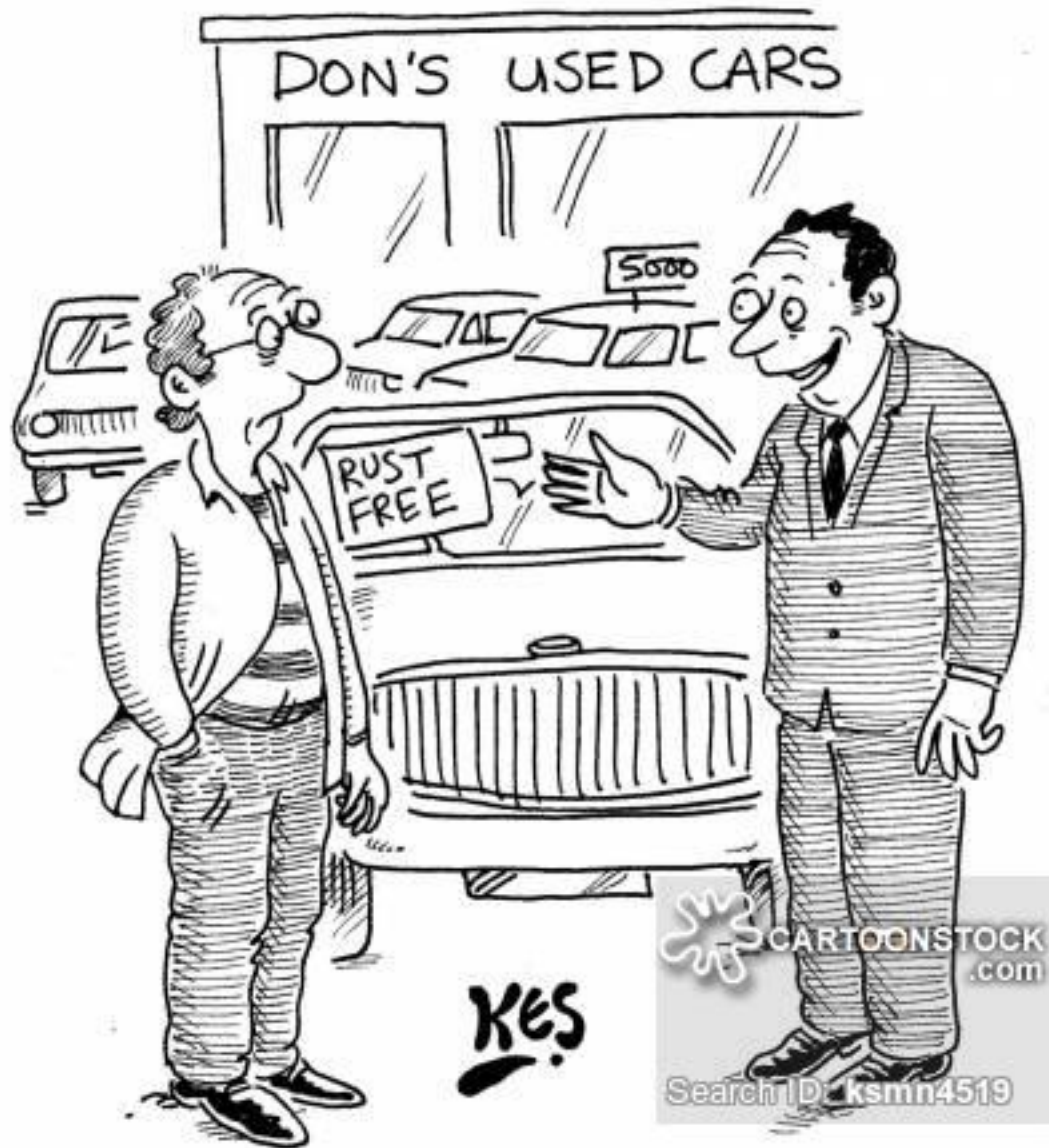






# Applications

- Crypto currency
- Initial Coin Offering (ICO) & Smart Contracts
- Data Storage



"... Oh, no. That just means we won't charge you for the rust."

## Why can I trust Code?



C steals the car and claims ownership of X's car. Since every transaction is stored on the public blockchain, everyone can inspect it and see that the owner of the unique car ID with the Blockchain address 000AAA is X, not C



Network answer:  
Nope, X owns the car!

BlockchainHub

signs the contract with her private key transferring 20 000€ from her blockchain address (public key) 389157 to Y's blockchain address 757382

BlockchainHub

# Limitations

- Psychological
  - Mass implementation
  - Infrastructure
  - Latency
  - Behavioral issues
  - Sociopathic

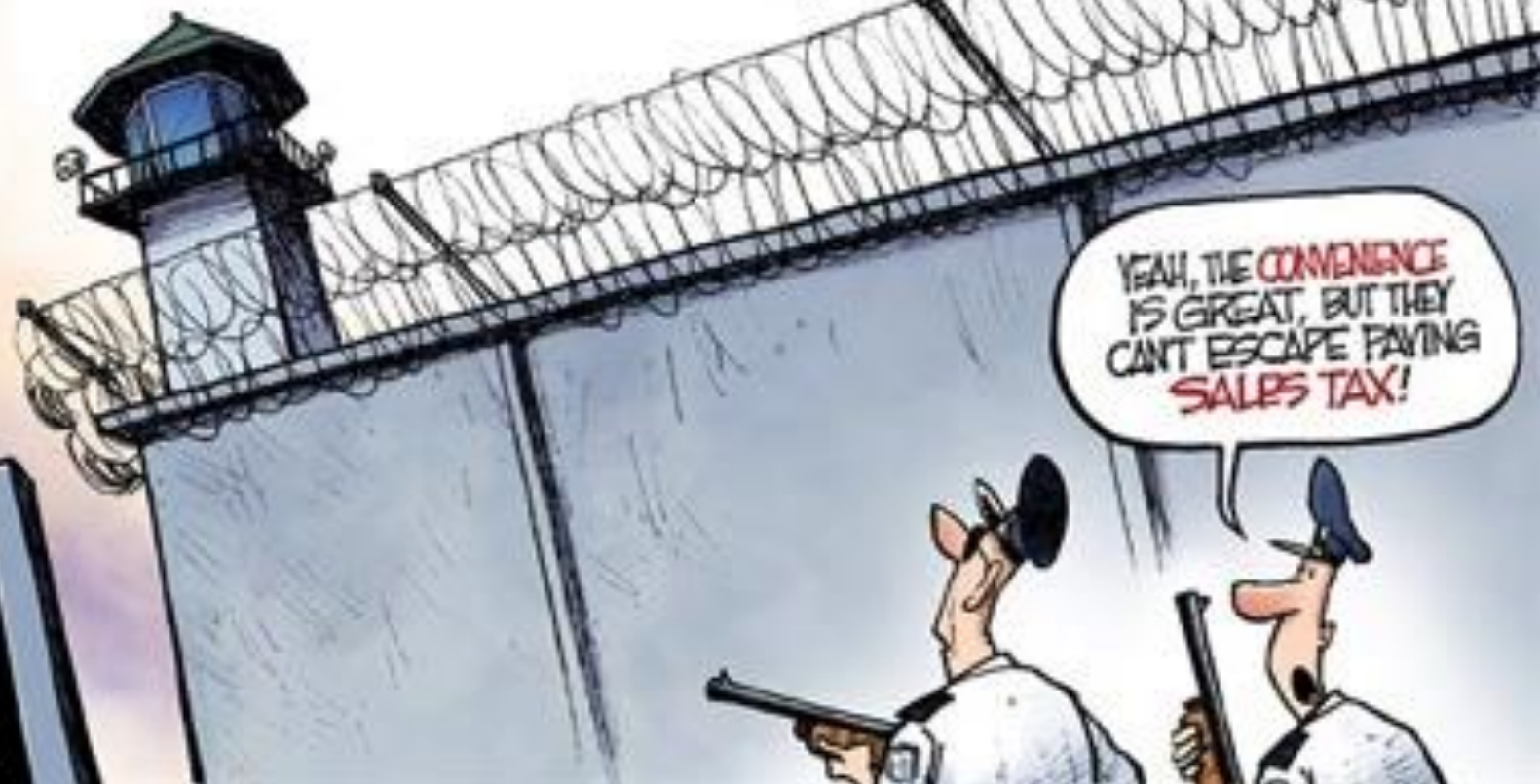


# Limitations

- Technological
  - User Interface
  - Illiquidity
  - Consensus Network
  - Inbuilt Inflation
  - Limited Storage

# Limitations

- Regulation
  - Uncertainty
  - Banking (KYC)
  - Legal issues
  - Dictator's learning curve



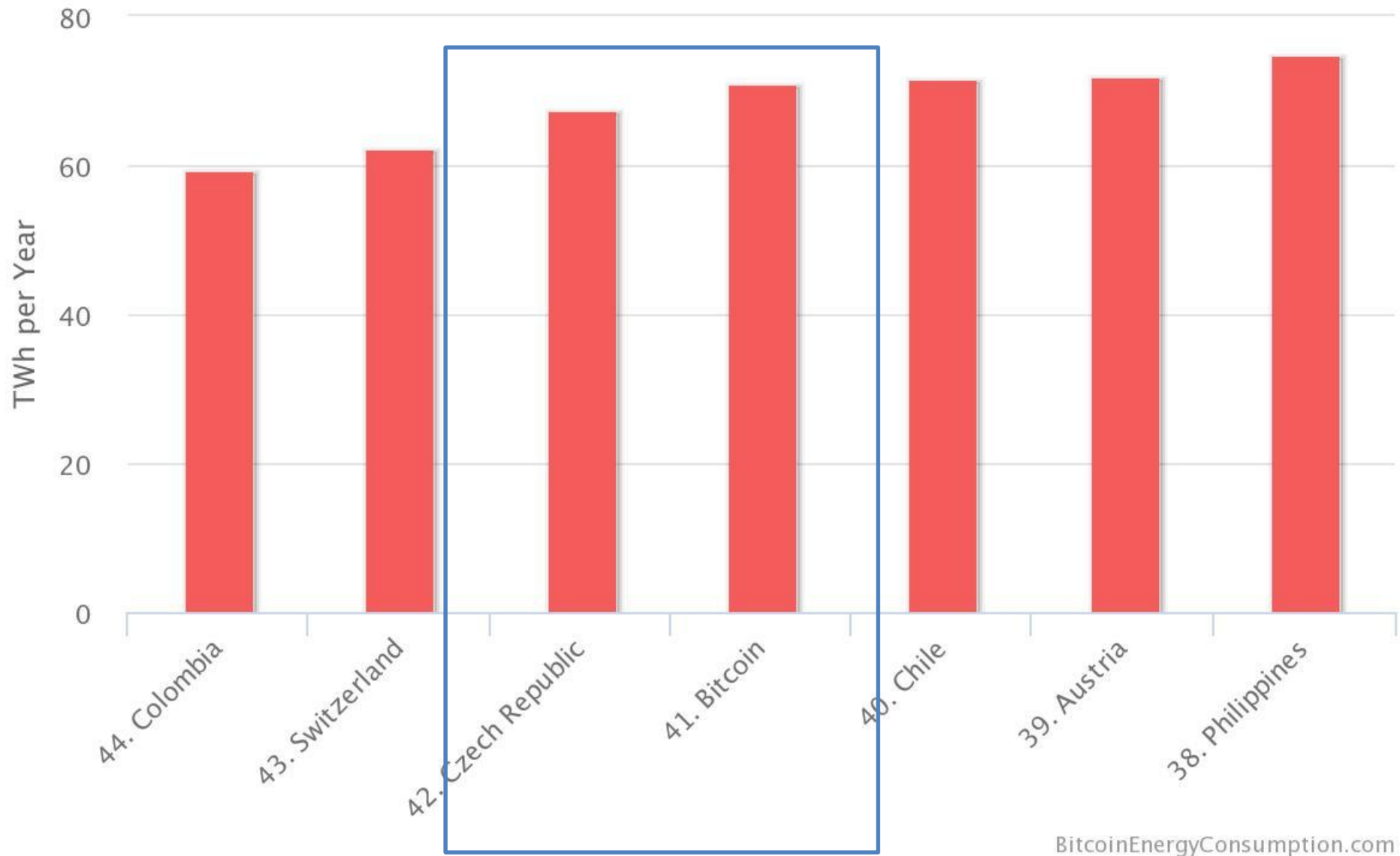
YEAH, THE **CONVENIENCE**  
IS GREAT, BUT THEY  
CAN'T ESCAPE PAYING  
**SALES TAX!**

MAXIMUM  
SECURITY  
PRISON

# Limitations

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  - Energy Consumption

# Energy Consumption by Country Chart







CRYPTOCURRENCY  
LEGISLATION

**Thank You!**



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# Energy Web Foundation

A platform for democratized energy

July 16, 2018





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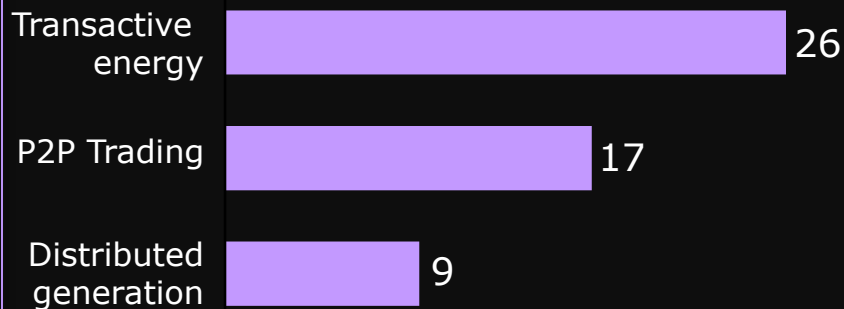




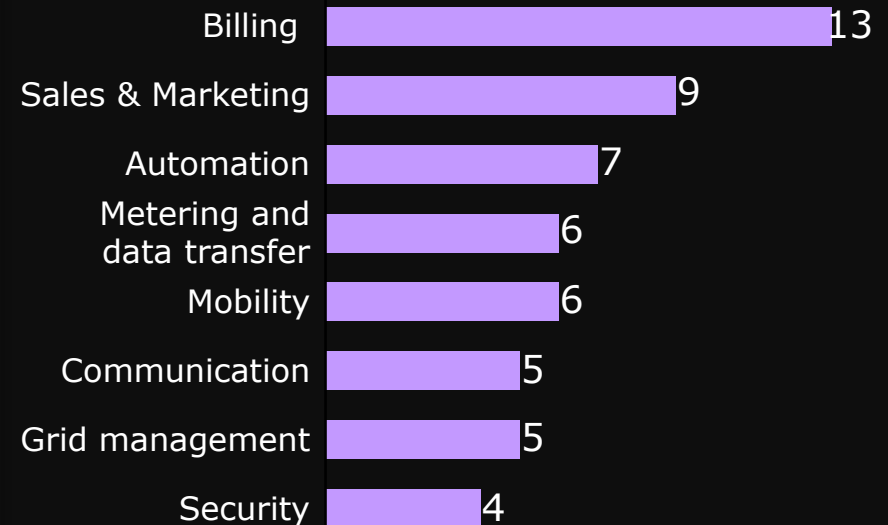
# What are applications of blockchain in energy?

Blockchains unlock value in the new energy future

## Disruptive platforms (total = 52)



## Process improvement (total = 55)



Source: DENA / ESMT survey of 70 German energy sector executives – Nov 2016



# Example 1: electricity consumers

Who owns your energy consumption profile?

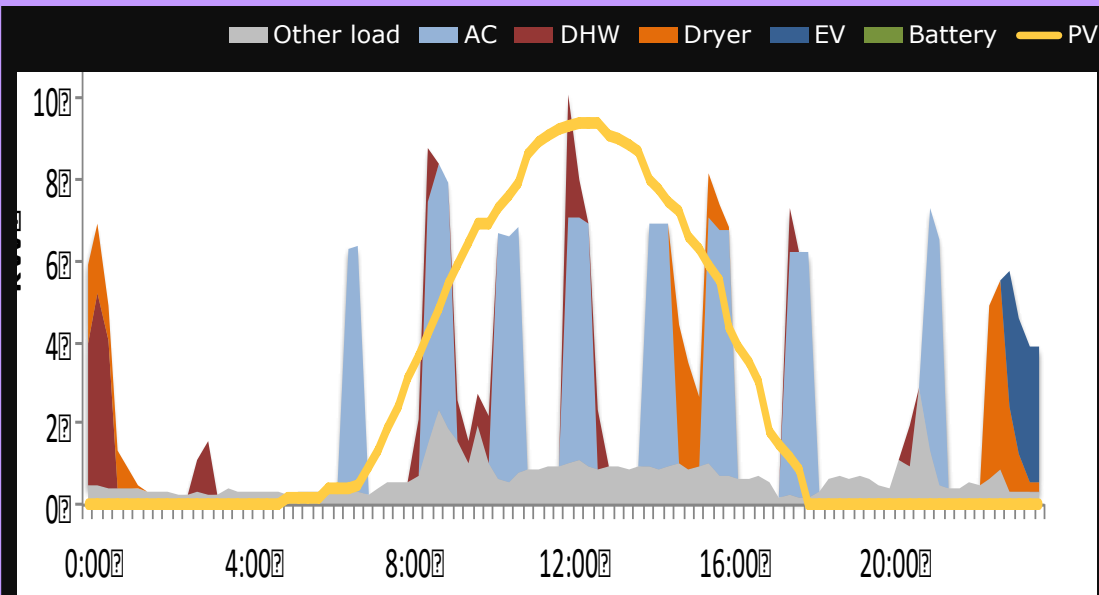
20 <sup>th</sup> Century	Early 21 <sup>st</sup> Century	Blockchain-enabled future
Irrelevant question (one meter reading a year)	Somebody else possibly monetizing it or inadvertently making it public	You



# Example 1: electricity consumers

What if I owned my energy consumption profile?

## Load profile



## What if ...

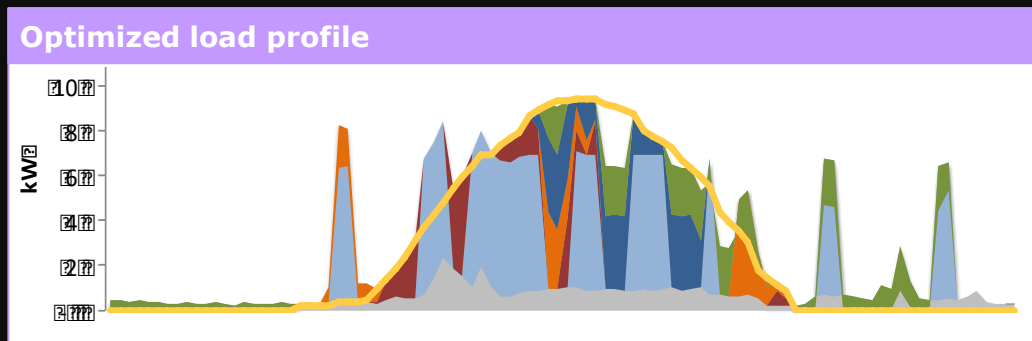
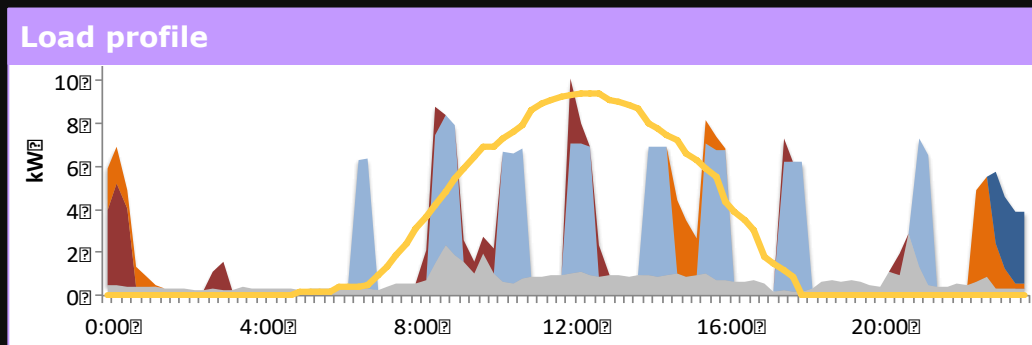
- As a consumer I could “own” my load profile?
- Imagine it is stored in a public blockchain – but encrypted
- Imagine I can sell my data to five retailers of my choice
- Imagine it is enhanced by analytics
- I can get the best price while protecting my privacy
- My bill is a smart contract
- I can check my bill with an app



# Example 1: electricity consumers

What a smart retailer could do with enough load profile information

Other load AC DHW Dryer EV Battery PV

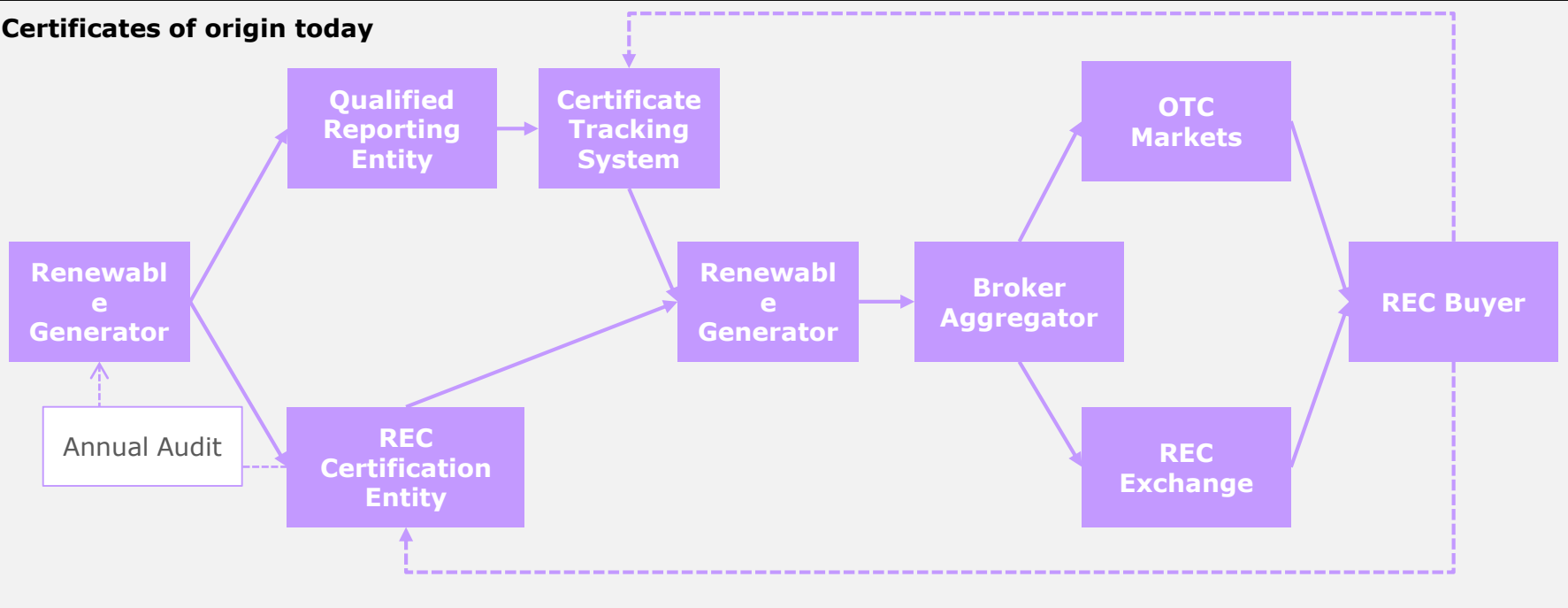




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Certificates of origin today are opaque and high cost

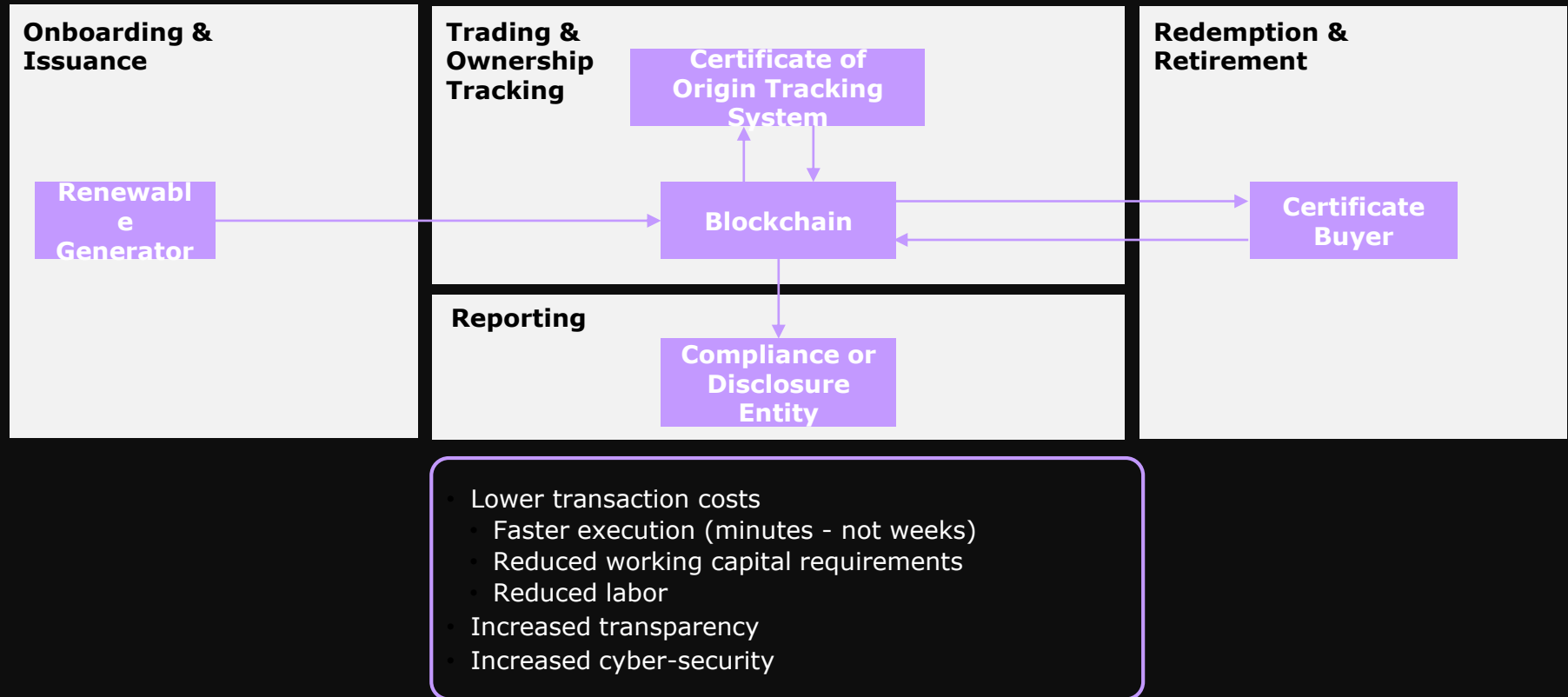
### Certificates of origin today





## Example 2: Certificates of origin markets

Certificates of origin on the blockchain are efficient and transparent





# Example 3: Reinventing the role of the regulator with blockchain

## Case study: Chilean National Energy Commission

### Existing Pain Points

Customers, developers, regulators have low access to energy information

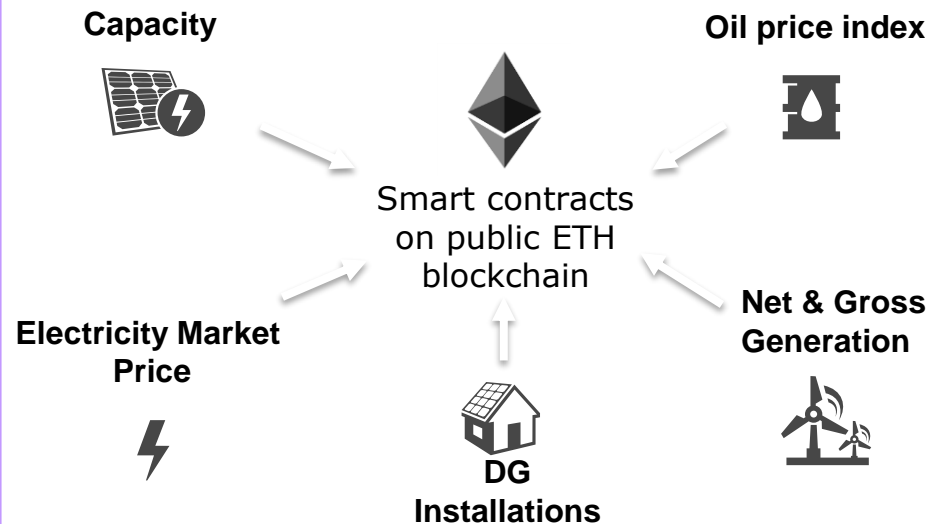
Major information asymmetries

Low data security

Very low “trust” — and investment — in energy sector



### Solution: blockchain-based traceable data repository





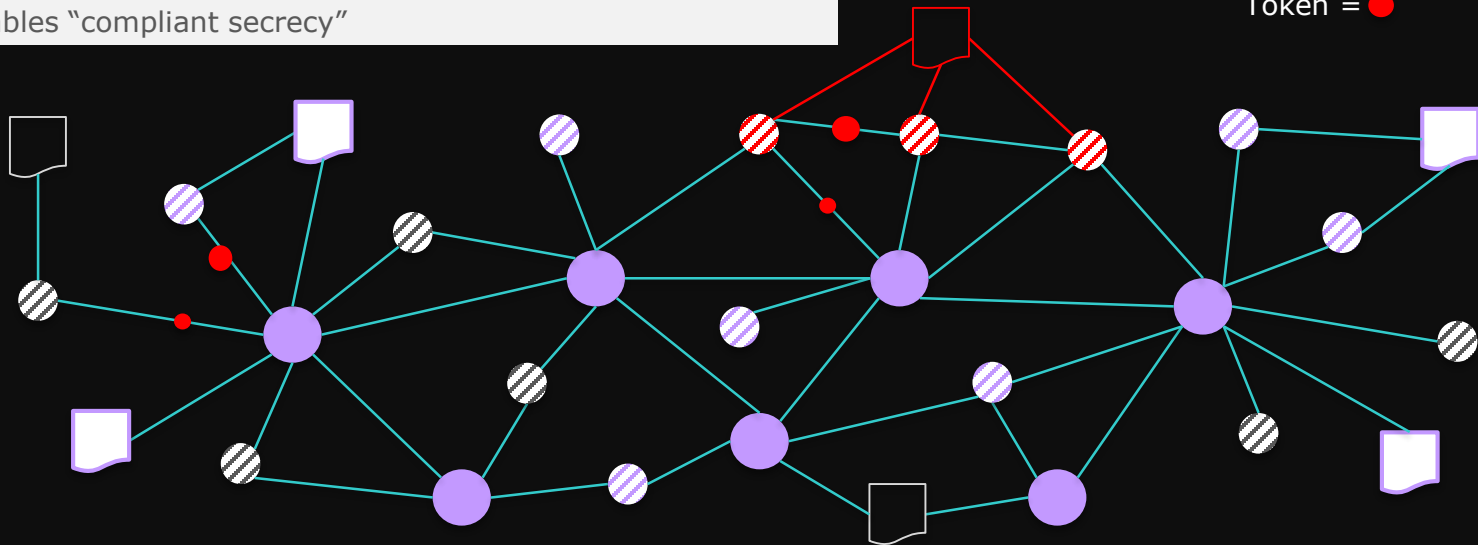


## Example 3: Reinventing the role of the regulator with blockchain

### Private transactions and “compliant secrecy”

#### On EWF Platform:

- Secret contracts can be encrypted
- Transaction data can be encrypted
- State transitions of contracts only exposed to selected parties
- Enables “compliant secrecy”





# Where could this converge towards?

Reinventing the electricity system from the customer up



Generation

Transmission

Distribution

Ratepayer

Focus (and value) in the past

Generation

Transmission

Distribution

Customer

Focus (and value) in the future

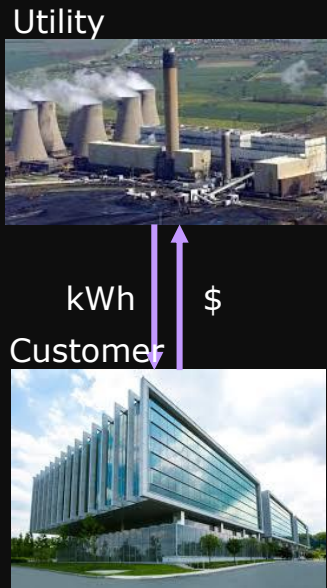




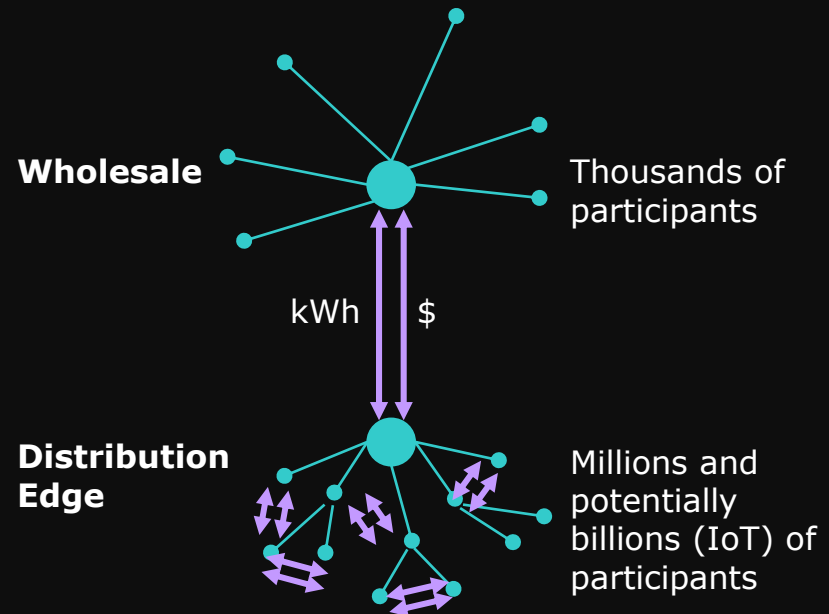
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## The key to a new model for electricity markets

### Legacy system architecture



### Emerging system architecture





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# Barriers to blockchain innovation in energy

**Existing  
technology  
can't support  
energy apps**

**Productive  
ecosystem  
doesn't exist**

**Regulators  
aren't yet  
engaged**

**No killer  
applications  
have been  
built**



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# What is Energy Web Foundation (“EWF”)?

## Mission

**We enable and accelerate the transition to a decarbonized decentralized and digitized electricity system** by developing a blockchain-based infrastructure that the energy industry can use as a basis of wide variety of applications

## Pillars of Our Work

### **Core Technology**

We develop a high performing core blockchain technology fit for energy sector applications

### **Ecosystem Development**

We facilitate, incubate and train a diverse ecosystem in support of the technology

### **Regulatory Engagement**

We inform and engage with regulators on the potential of the technology and its applications

### **Application Acceleration**

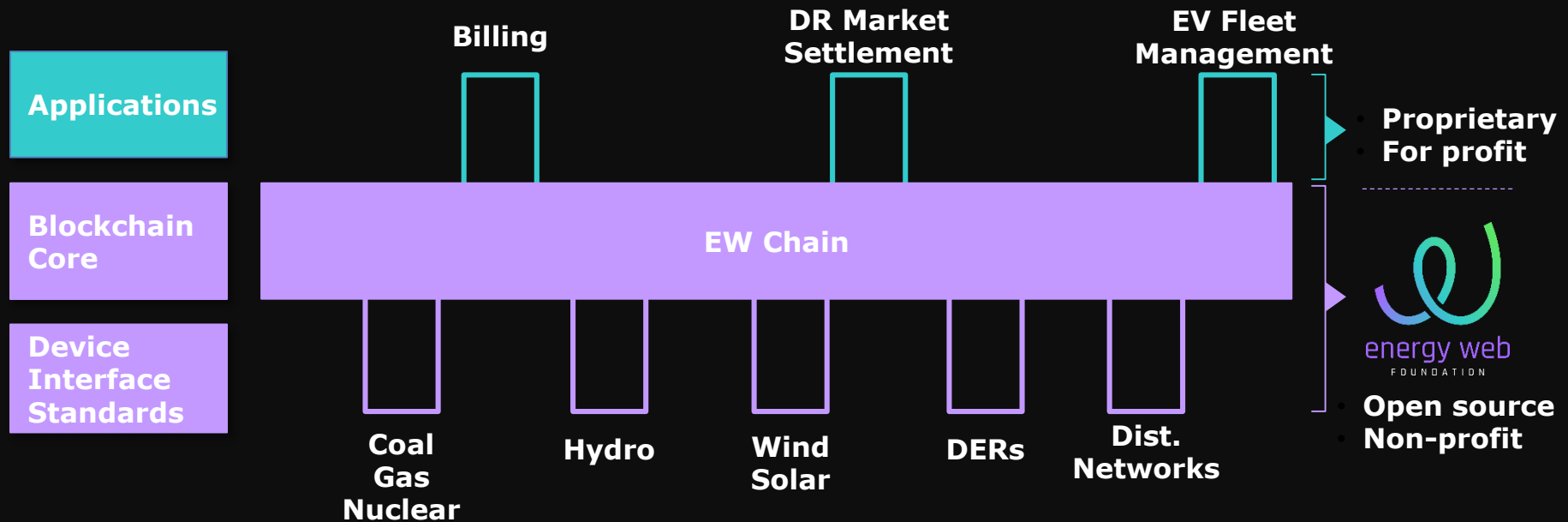
We support our affiliates to launch early applications and spur market growth

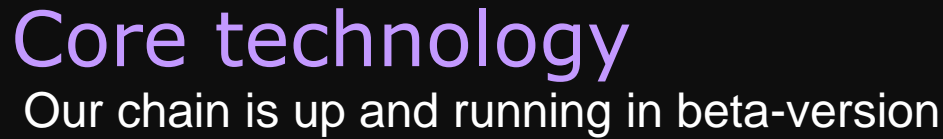




# Core technology

EW Chain serves as the foundation for for-profit applications







# Ecosystem Development

We have assembled the largest consortium for blockchain and energy

## Round A Affiliates



## Round B Affiliates



\* 18 VCs and vetted individual investors not shown. Total number of EWF Affiliates = 44



# Regulatory Engagement

We have one regulator affiliate and are seeking others

## Benefits of Blockchain to Regulators

- 1 Faster achievement of goals – resiliency, reliability, access, sustainability, security
- 2 Improved oversight and compliance evaluation
- 3 Process cost reduction and efficiency

## Ways for Regulators to Engage

- 1 Begin the process of education
- 2 Support pilots and early implementations
- 3 Inform development of governance and core technology



# Application Acceleration

EWF provides frameworks to support applications

## EW Origin Reference Application

The screenshot displays the 'Origin' application interface with a dark theme. The 'Assets' tab is selected, showing a table of asset information. The table has columns for Asset Owner, Certified by Registry, Kind, Sold Tags, Geo Location, Asset Type, Other Green Attributes, Commissioning Date, Tags for Sale, Map, and a Satellite view. The data for 'Engie AS' is as follows:

Asset Owner	Certified by Registry	Kind	Sold Tags	Geo Location	Asset Type	Other Green Attributes	Commissioning Date	Tags for Sale	Map	Satellite
Engie AS	none	Production	6598.200 kwh	50.654188, 3.65156	Wind	N.A	01 Jan 70	6588.200 kwh		

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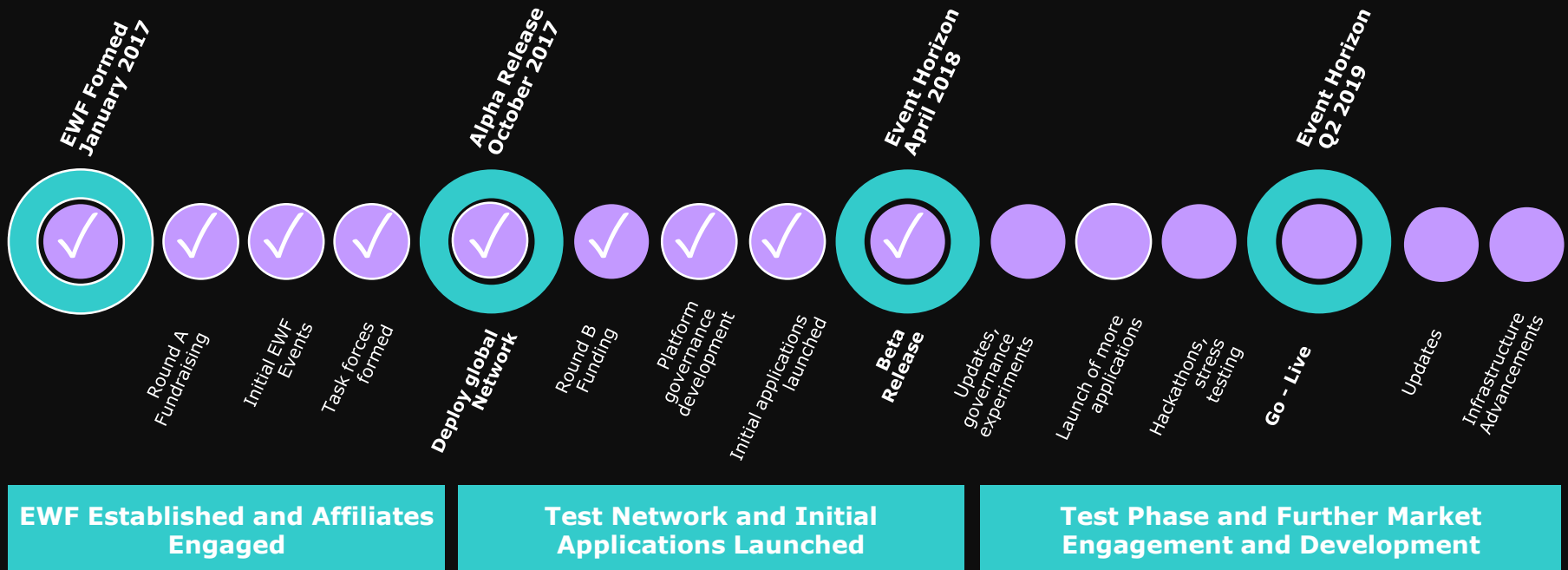
## EW Link Device Frameworks





# Key achievements and milestones

We have maintained a strong focus on timely delivery





Thank you!

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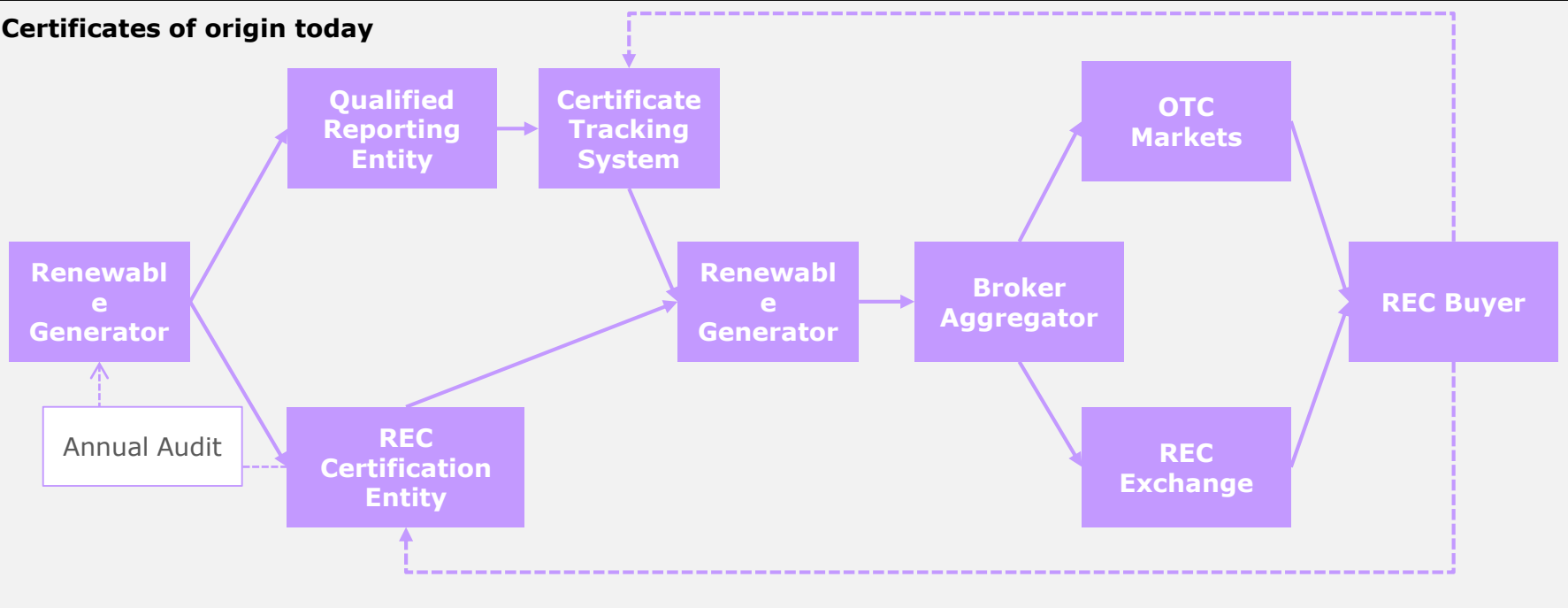




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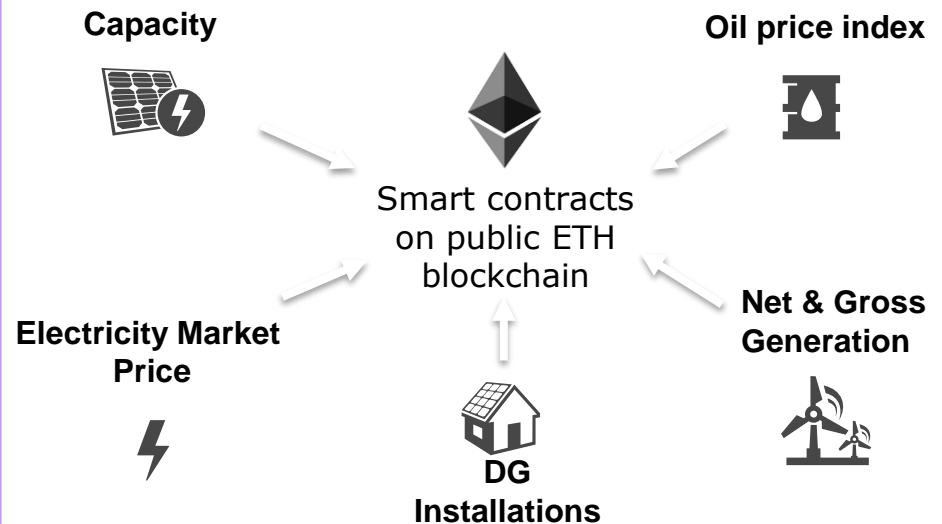
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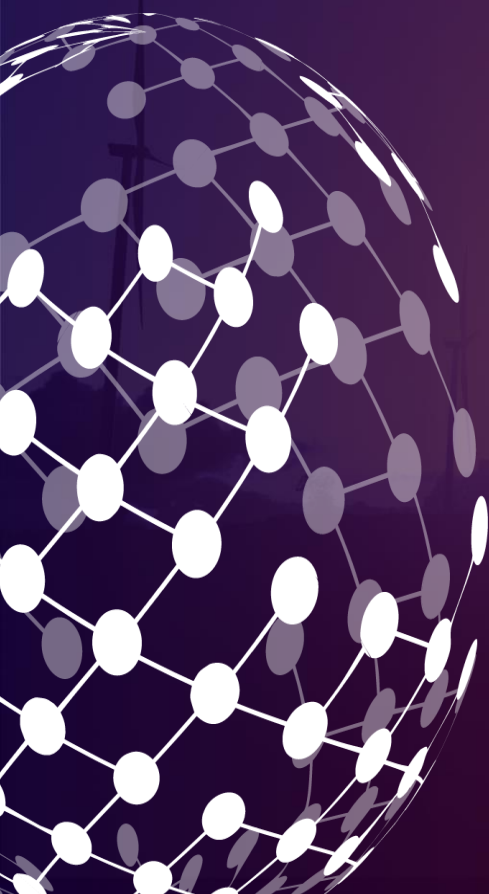
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Modern Software

+

Power Systems  
Engineering

+

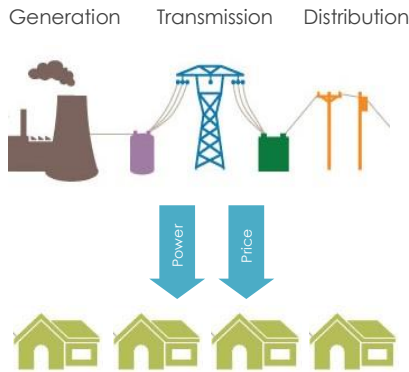
Economics

WHO ARE WE



# GLOBAL ENERGY NETWORK EVOLUTION

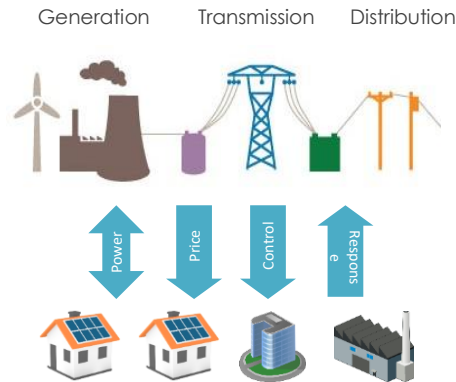
## YESTERDAY



### *One-way pipeline model*

- One-way “pipeline” model from centralized generation through to transmission and distribution
- Largely passive consumers
- Asset-based bricks and mortar platform (poles & wires)

## TODAY



### *Distributed energy resources integration*

- Increased adoption of distributed energy resources (DERs), e.g. generation, storage, demand, microgrids
- DER accommodation to integration
- Friction between utilities/DER businesses
- Data-driven smart grid platform

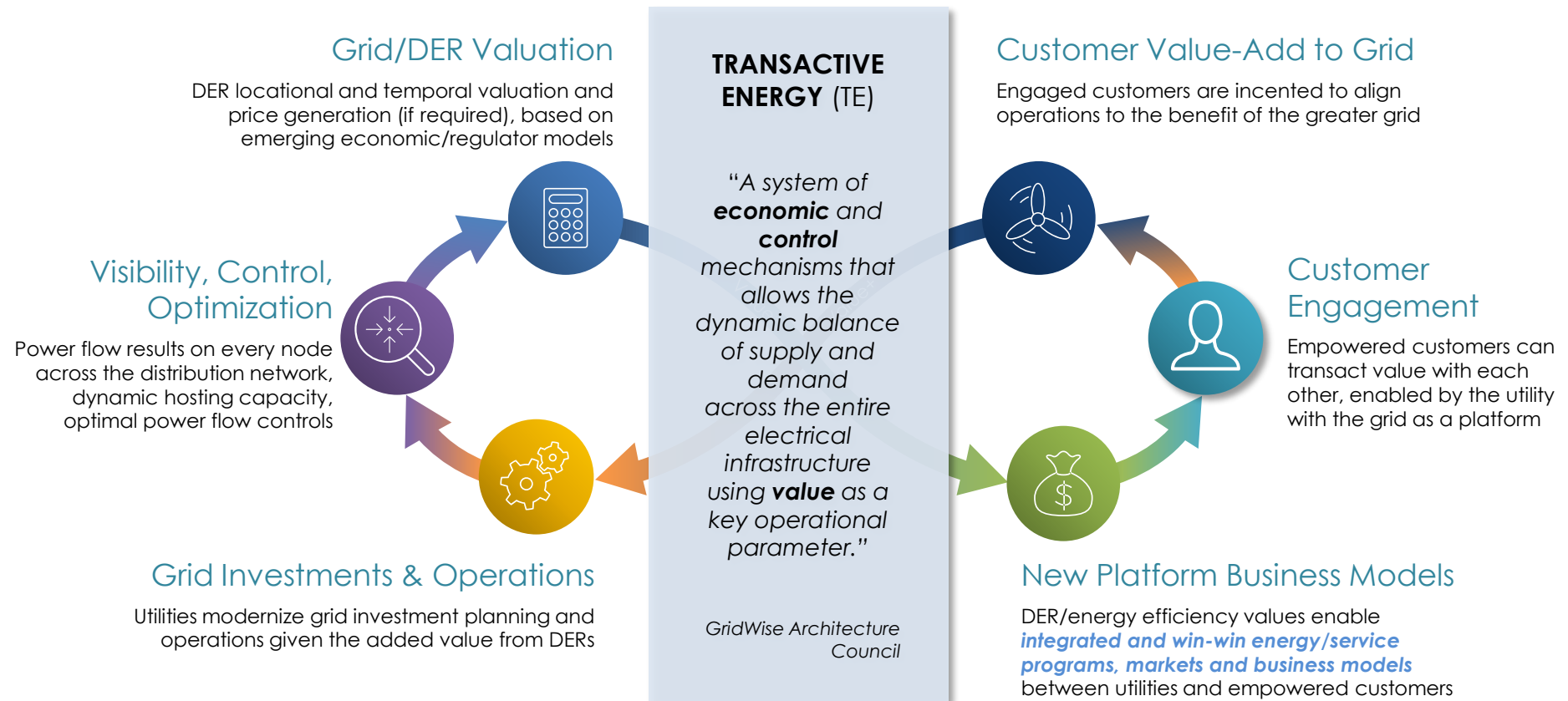
## TOMORROW



### *Multi-way transactive platform model*

- Business and customer model transformation
- Utility as a service platform for DERs
- Integrative markets for win-win between utility/DER revenue models
- Value-based transactive platform

# TE REVOLUTIONIZING THE UTILITY-CUSTOMER RELATIONSHIP





# MARKETS CAPTURE AND EXCHANGE VALUE

Value Stacking



Bulk Power

Aggregation &  
resource  
integration



Distribution Grid as a Platform

Grid 1.0: Electron Platform – Poles & Wires

Grid 2.0: Data Platform – Smart Grid

Grid 3.0: Transactive Platform – Value Exchange

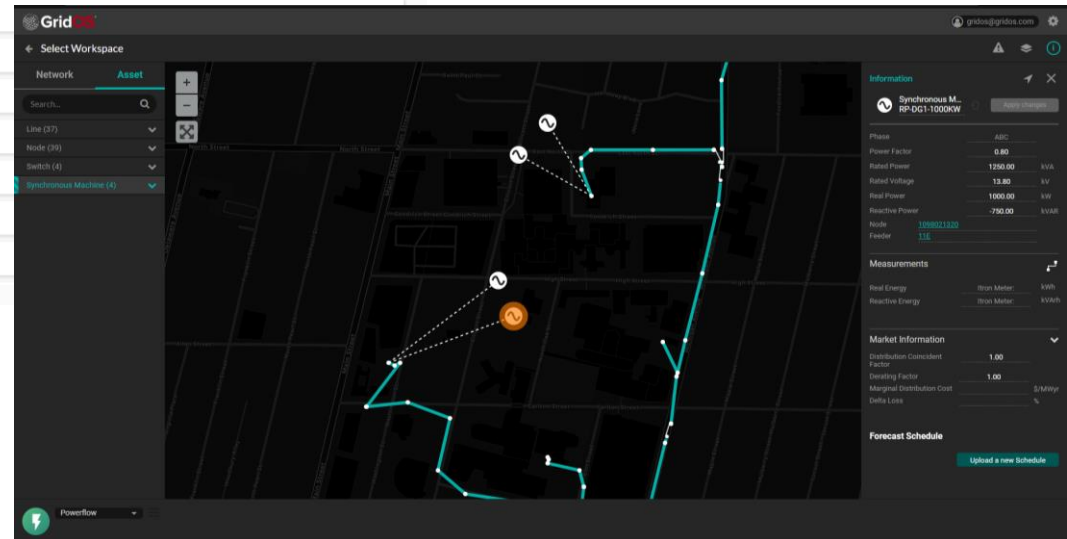
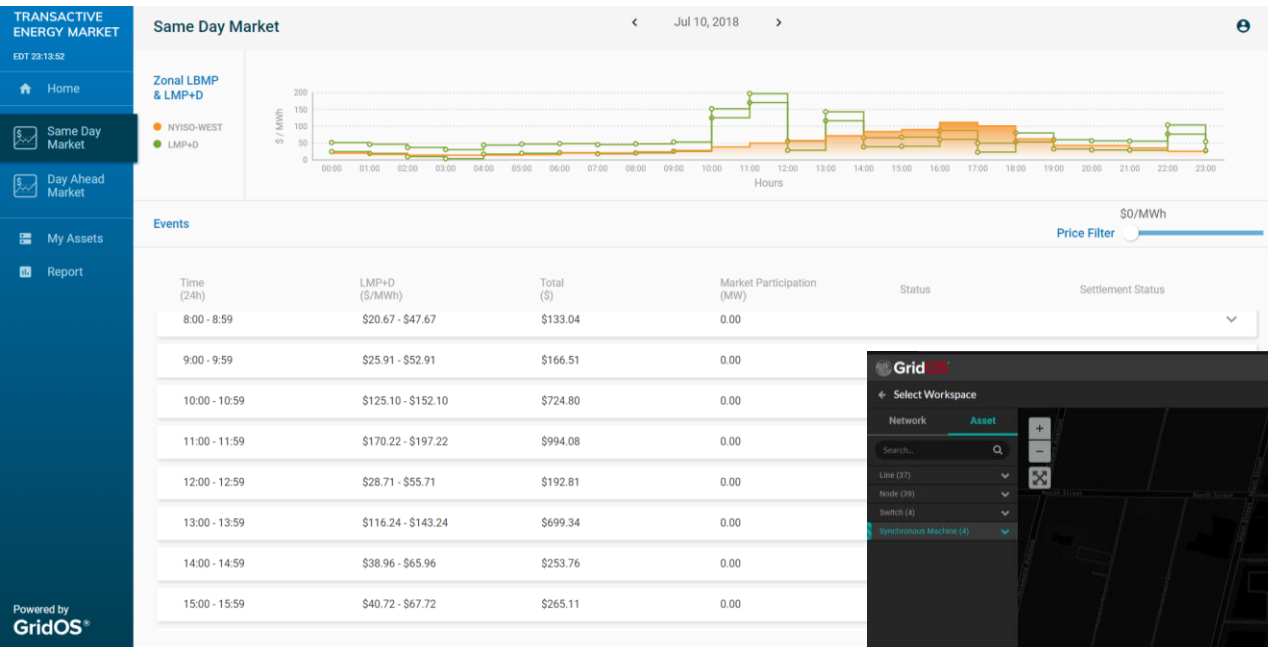
Unlock customer service & stacked value models



DERs at the  
Edge

Aggregated to Locational Dispatch

# TRANSACTIONAL ENERGY – VISION TO REALITY





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