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**SICHERE AUFBEWAHRUNG  
VON TOKENISIERTEN WERTEN  
UND KRYPTO-WÄHRUNGEN**

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# AGENDA

01 / The blockchain hype cycle

02 / Tokenizing assets

03 / Digital assets, crypto currencies, smart contracts

04 / "Asset storage" on the blockchain & securing access to the assets



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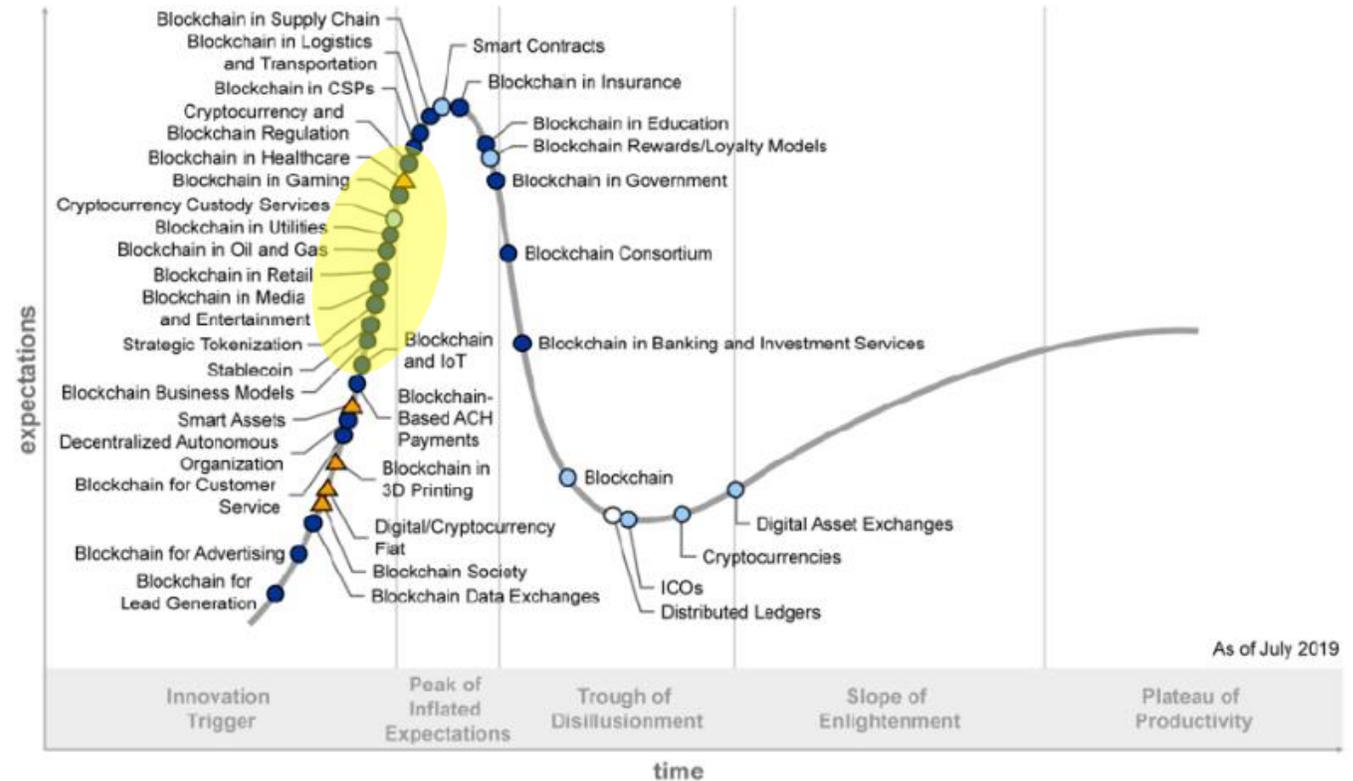


**THE BLOCKCHAIN HYPE CYCLE**

# / HYPE CYCLE FOR BLOCKCHAIN 2019

**BLOCKCHAIN HSM  
PROTECT TOKENIZED  
ASSETS AND  
PERMISSIONED  
BLOCKCHAINS**

Hype Cycle for Blockchain Business, 2019



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# 02 / **TOKENIZING ASSETS**

# **/ DIGITAL ASSETS REVOLUTION**

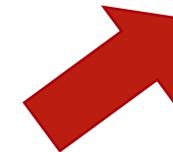
- / Digital automation of transfer of ownership for any kind of asset**
  - Fractional ownership
  - Tokenization of physical goods
  - Public registries
  - Proof of origin (certificate of origin)

# /TOKENIZED ASSETS

/ A tokenized asset is an...

- immutable
- digital representation

/ ...of a real asset



# 03

## **DIGITAL ASSETS, CRYPTO CURRENCIES AND SMART CONTRACTS**

# / DIGITAL ASSETS, SMART CONTRACTS AND CRYPTO CURRENCIES

## / Digital asset

```
<transaction>
...
Transfer
ownership: asset
Source: A,B,C
Dest: X (Y,Z)
...
</transaction>
```

Digital signatures

## / Smart contract

```
<Contract>
...
If ( condition) then
execute ...
...
</contract>
```

Digital signatures

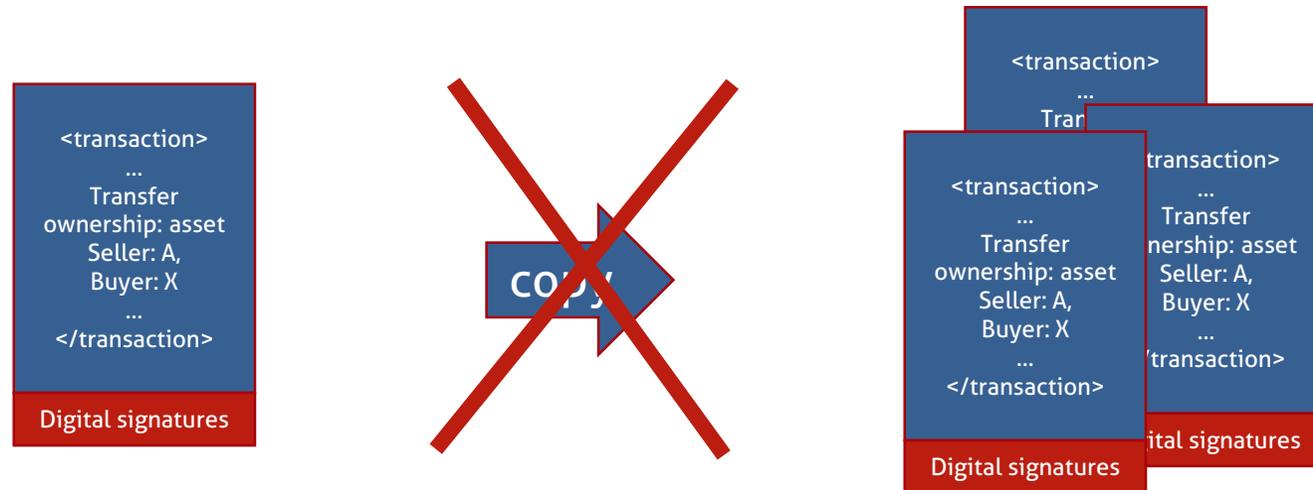
## / Cryptocurrency

```
<transaction>
...
pay amount
Source: A
Dest: B
</transaction>
```

Digital signatures

digital assets

# PROBLEM: COPY PROTECTION

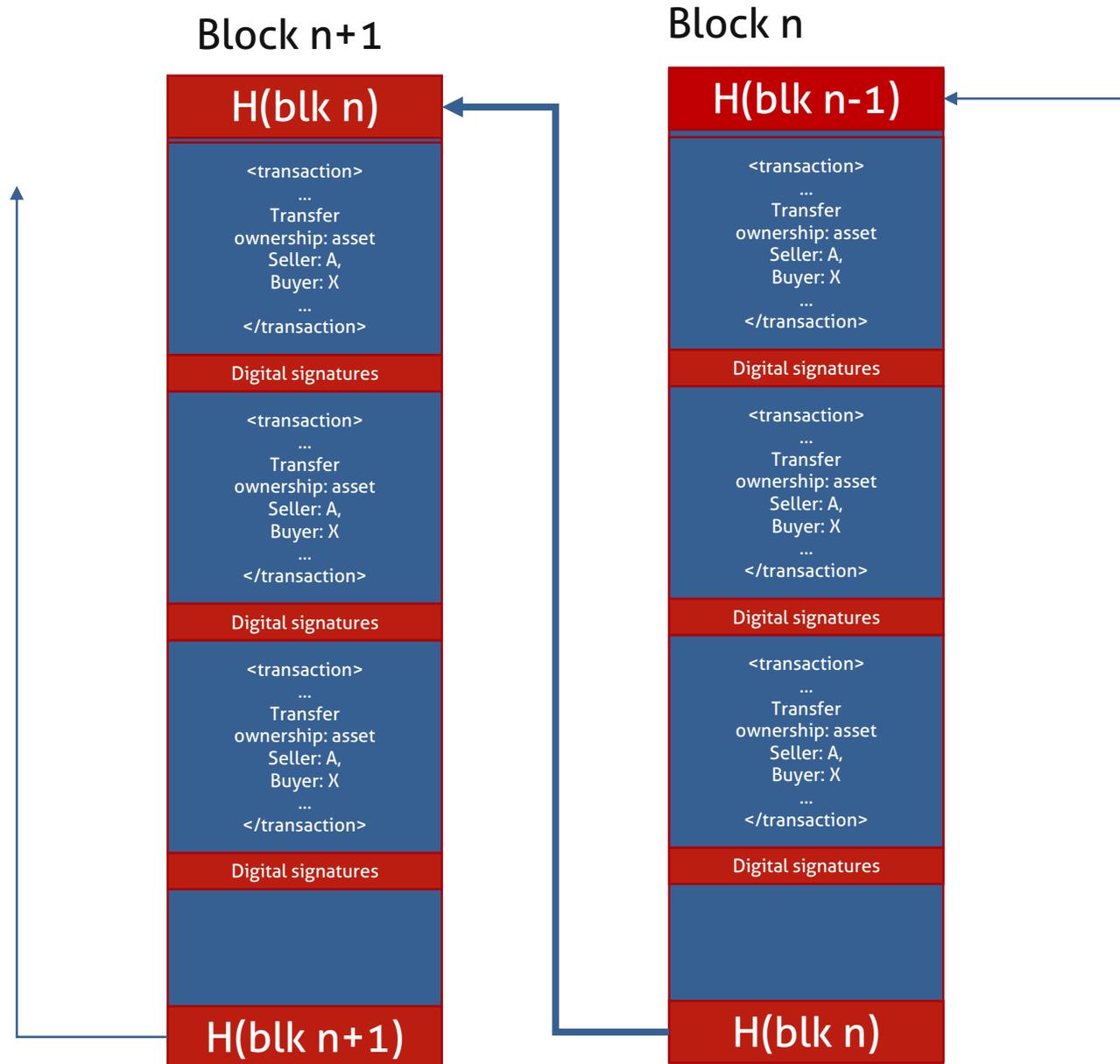


Store on immutable data structure:  
→ **Blockchain**

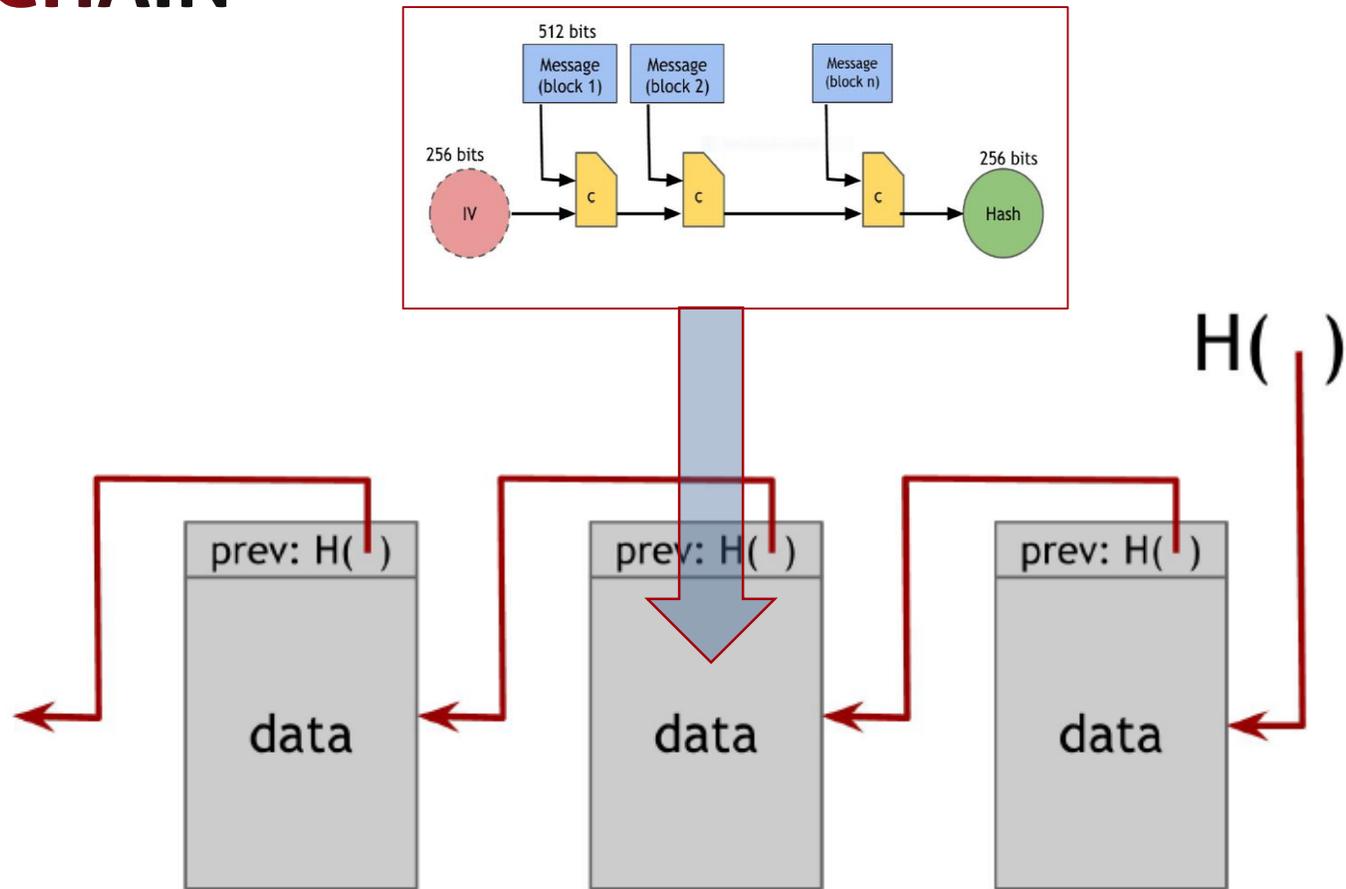
# 04 /

## **„ASSET STORAGE“ ON THE BLOCKCHAIN AND HOW TO SECURE ACCESS TO THE ASSETS**

# / COMBINE TRANSACTION IN BLOCKS



# STORAGE OF BLOCKS IN A CHAIN



Through chaining of blocks with hash  $H()$  the blocks cannot be altered

# **/ PROBLEM: BLOCKCHAINS CAN BE COPIED**

## **/ It's a feature not a problem!**

- Everybody can keep his own copy as proof
- Multiple copies = redundancy = increased fault protection
- Maintaining can be distributed (DLT)

**But there is a new problem: If copied chains are amended locally, which amendment is the "right" one?**

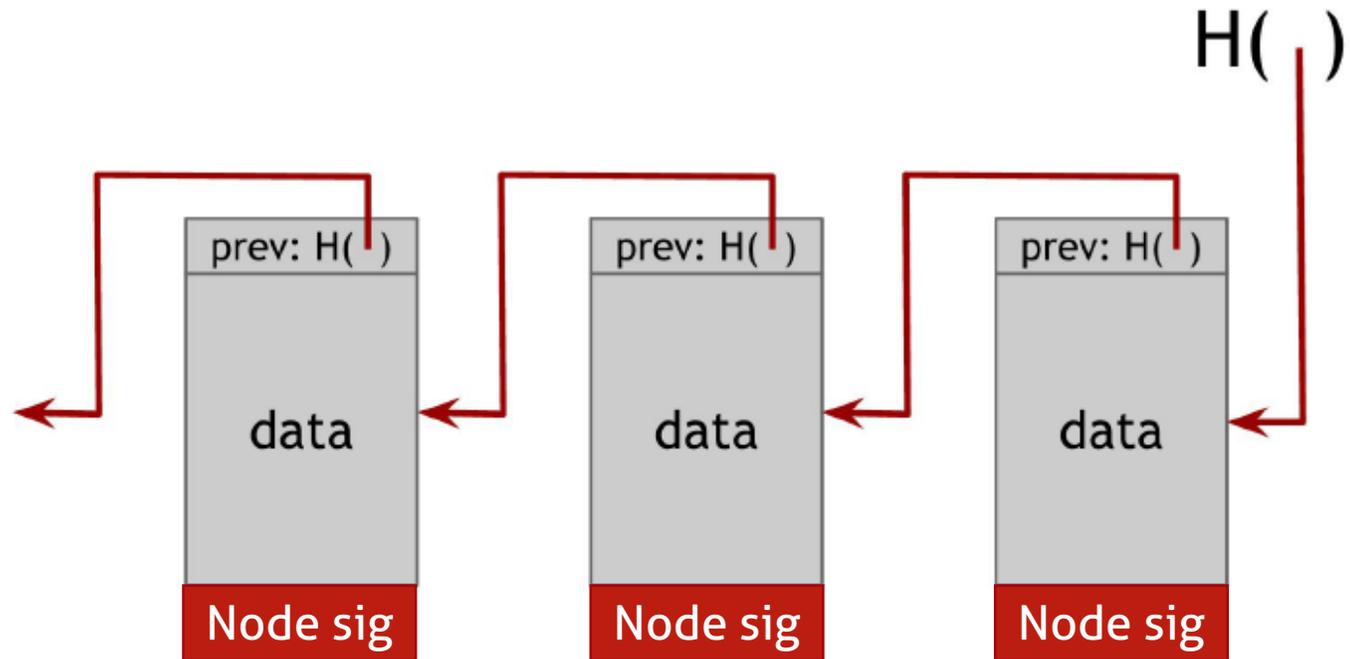
# / DISTRIBUTED LEDGER TECHNOLOGY (DLT)

/ Blocks are amended at multiple locations (nodes)

/ A **consensus algorithm** guarantees that only one consensus state prevails

- **Permissioned** (a distributed DB like algorithm, typically using a **digitally signed state variable**) – examples: Hyperledger, Corda, ...
- **Proof of work** The first to solve a puzzle – example: BTC
- **Proof of stake** Proof that you are willing “to pay” – example
- ... various creative ideas ...

# / EXAMPLE PERMISSIONED BLOCK CHAIN



# / SECURITY OF DIGITAL ASSETS

- / Storage “public” and unalterable on blockchain
- / Blockchain can be copied; thus, system is reliable
- / Consensus on transaction can be distributed
  - no central trusted authority needed (but possible)
- / Transaction validation by digital signing
  - Need for reliable storage of private signature keys

# // WHY TOKENIZING REAL WORLD ASSETS

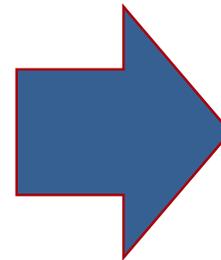
- // Easier to process than physical goods
- // Easier to transfer ownership
  - Clearing & Settlement
- // Transparency: The history is on the blockchain
- // No intermediaries or trusted 3<sup>rd</sup> parties needed for trades
  - but trust in algorithms
  - but trust in proper execution of algorithms (TEE or SEE)

# /THE TRANSACTION PROCESS

```
<transaction>
...
pay amount
Source addr: A
Dest. addr: B
</transaction>
```

Address

```
H( Public key )
```



```
<transaction>
...
pay amount
Source addr: Pub key (A)
Dest. addr: Address (B)
</transaction>
Sign (Private key (A))
```

# // TRANSACTION BASICS: DIGITAL SIGNATURES

## // Three methods required

- Key generation method:  $(sk, pk) := \text{generateKeys}( \text{keysize} )$
- Sign method:  $\text{sig} := \text{sign}( sk , \text{message} )$
- Verify method:  $\text{isValid} := \text{verify}( pk , \text{message} , \text{sig} )$

## // Practical concerns

- **Keep sk secret**
- Use addresses (for PQC concern)

# **/STORING OF TOKENIZED ASSETS = STORING OF DIGITAL KEYS**

Tokenization requires a wealth of digital keys

- / Billions of asset keys**
- / Millions of user keys**
- / Ten thousands of TEE keys**
- / Thousands of node keys**

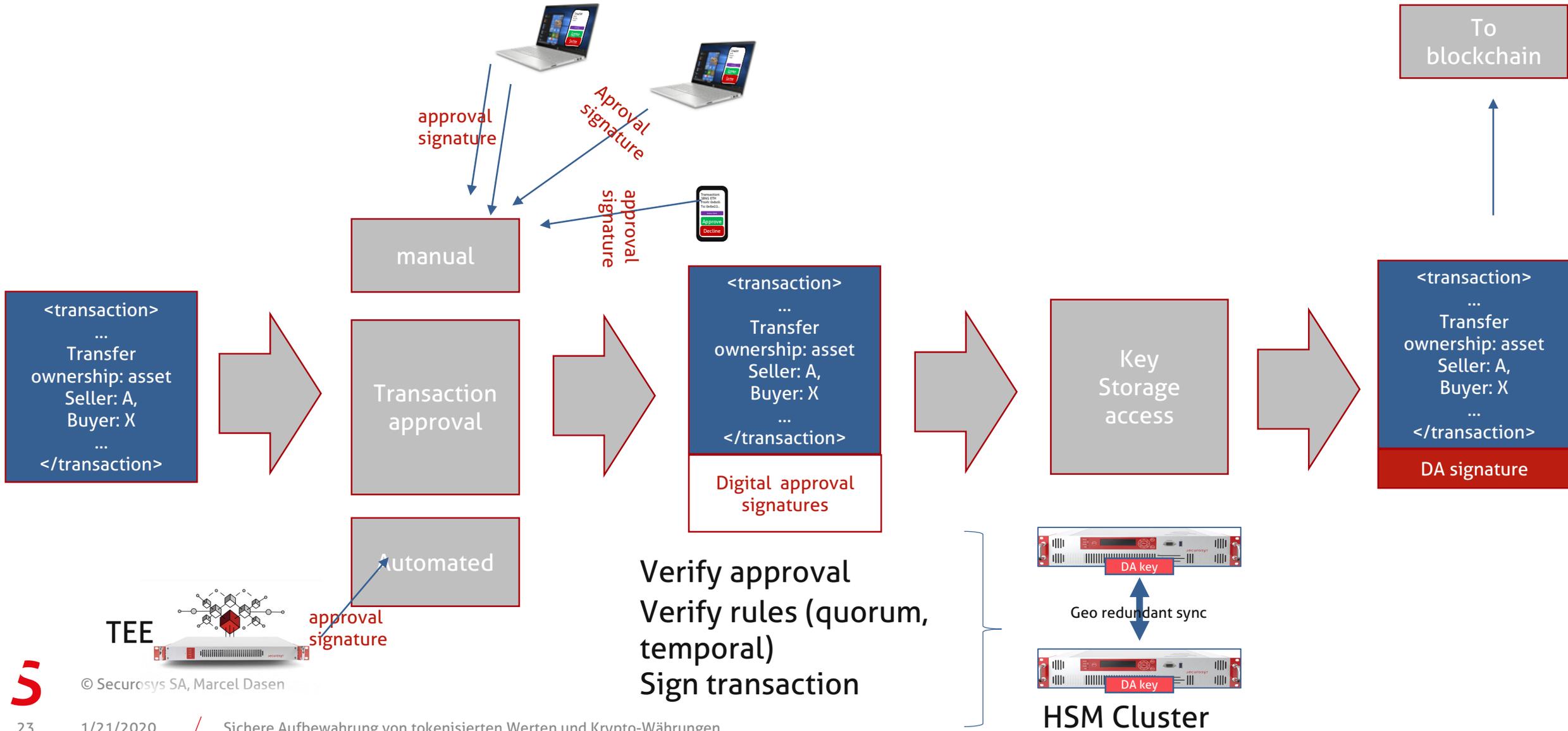
# **/ ACCESS PROTECTION TO DIGITAL KEYS**

- / Who has access to the keys underlying the token ?**
- / Multiple regulation sets have to be taken into considerations**
  - Rules for custodians, e.g. Banking licenses
  - Rules of beneficial ownership and custodians, auditability
  - legal succession
  - Good business governance rules
  - Rules for risk mitigation
  - ...

**/ All rules must be algorithmically enforced and verified**

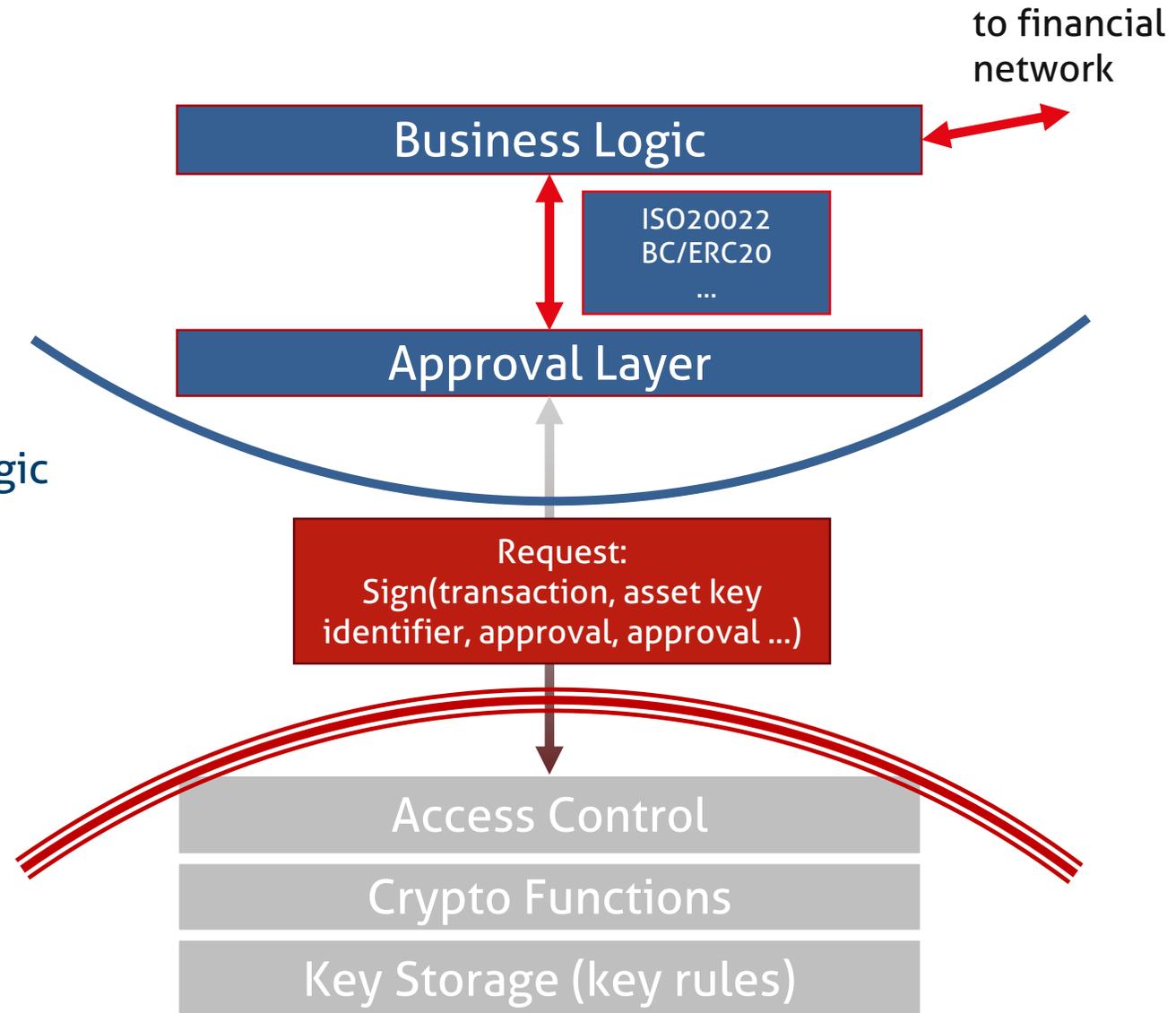
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# SECURE TRANSACTION FLOW



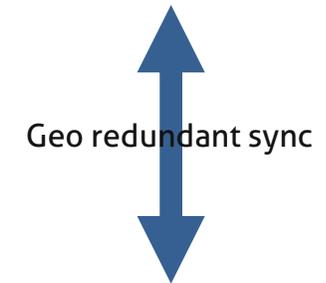
# SEPARATING UNSECURE BUSINESS LOGIC FROM SECURED CRYPTO OPERATIONS

- Business Logic & Approval Layer**
  - Standard IT infrastructure
  - Virtual, dockerized, cloud
- Transaction Approval**
  - Transaction put together by business logic
  - Approvals get collected
  - Transaction authorization verified and signed in HSM
- Secure HSM Environment**
  - Long term storage, high reliability
  - (Geo-) redundancy, high availability

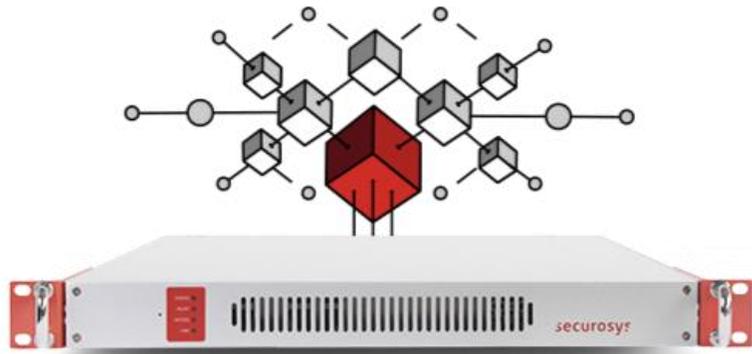


# PRIMUS HSM FOR STORAGE OF BLOCKCHAIN AND ASSET KEYS

- Secure key generation
- Key derivation (BIP32,...)
- Access control to keys
- Multi approval
- Address generation (PQC)
- Audit log
- Tamper protection
- Redundancy & Reliability
- "Long" term storage



# TRUST IN ALGORITHMS: TRUSTED EXECUTION ENVIRONMENT



- Asserts the “validated code” is executed
  - Verifies the **digital signature** of the code
  - Asserts code integrity during execution
- Asserts the signature of the input
- Returns a trustable result
  - Digitally signs** the result

**Provides proof that a validated code produces specific output on defined input**

# / ZUSAMMENFASSUNG

## / Technische Zuverlässigkeit

- Redundanz / backup
- Geographische Verteilung
- Langzeitspeicher

## / Sicherer Zugriff

- Mehraugenprinzip -> multiple approval
- Sichere Regelüberprüfung → Überprüfung in HSM

## / Automatisierung:

- Trusted execution environment
- Trusted input and output



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