



# SESSION 2: CUTTING-EDGE FINTECH FOR CROSS-BORDER REMITTANCE TRANSFERS

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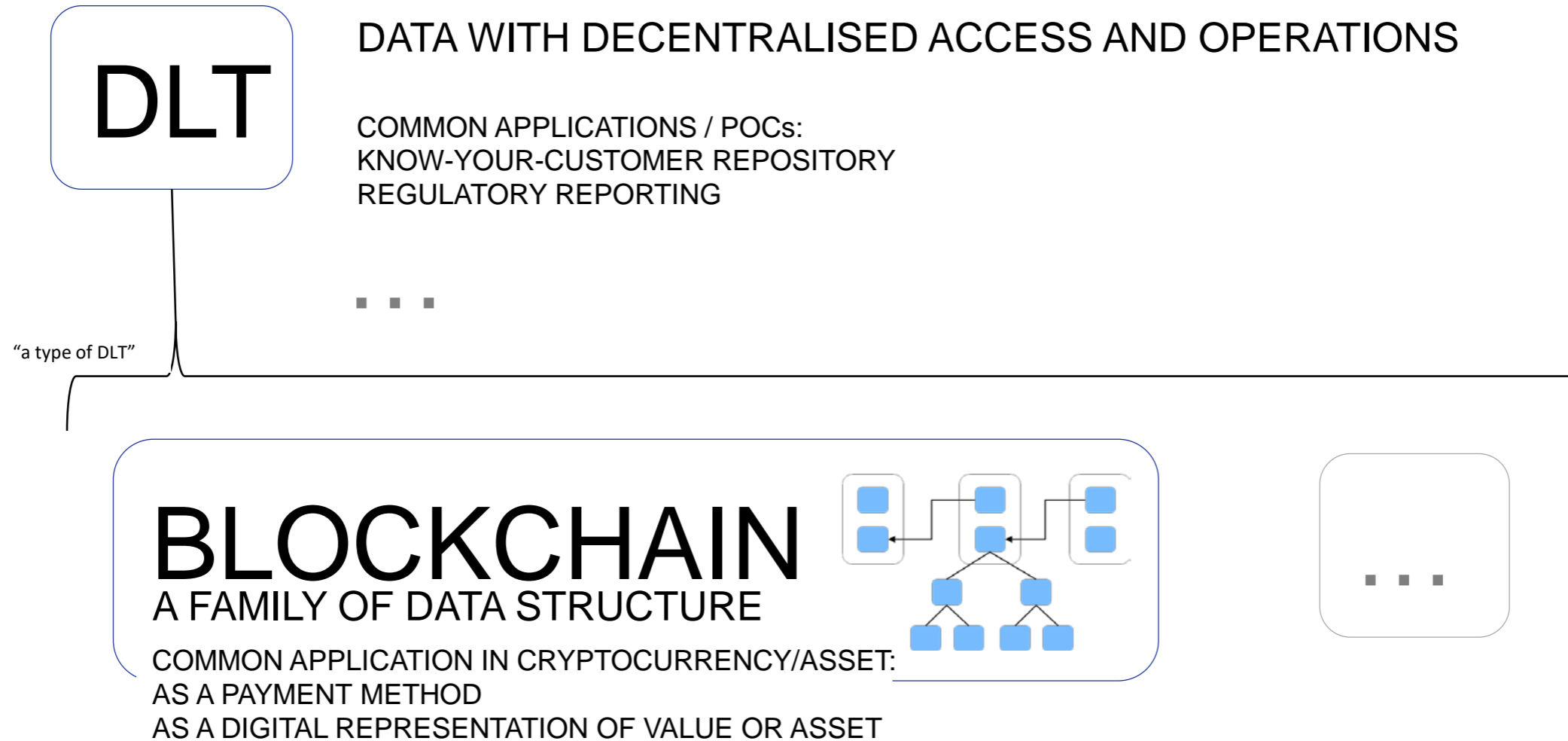
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# WHAT WE UNDERSTAND



1. Emphasis on Distributed Ledger Technology / Blockchain innovations and their potential to facilitate cross-border remittance transfers
2. Identify how such innovations can address some of the de-risking concerns by facilitating customer identification and due diligence processes
3. Highlight components of Anti-Money Laundering (AML) and Countering Financing of Terrorism (CFT) regulations

# DISTRIBUTED LEDGER TECHNOLOGY (DLT) VS BLOCKCHAIN





# BLOCKCHAIN

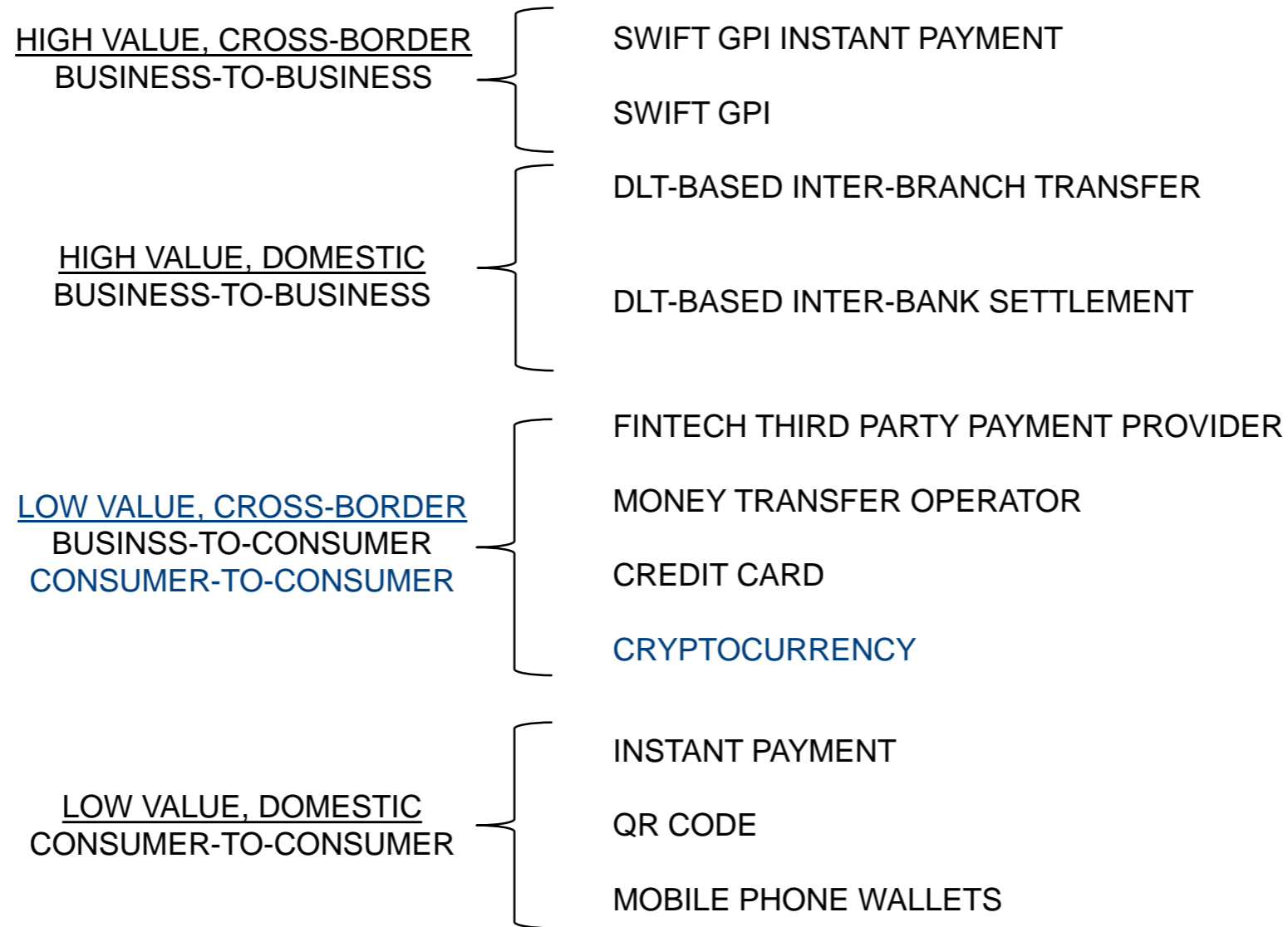
APPLIED AS: CRYPTOCURRENCY AS A PAYMENTS METHOD

FINANCE IN NATURE

INTERNET, CODES AND CRYPTOGRAPHY IN STRUCTURE

# APPLICATIONS IN PAYMENTS

One possibility: financial inclusion; cross-border low-value, near instant, cost-effective remittance



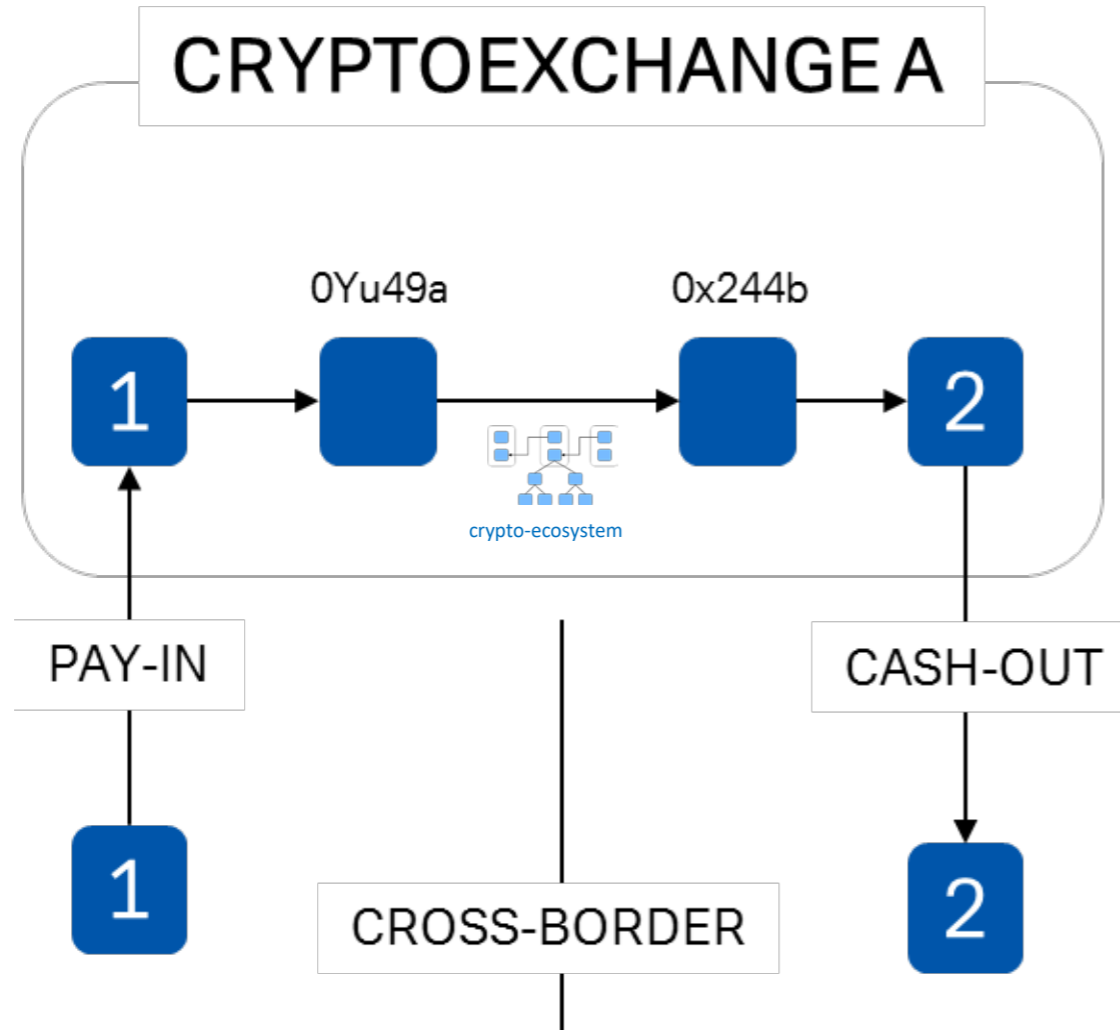
MACHINE-TO-MACHINE  
SUPERMICRO PAYMENT

# USED IN CROSS-BORDER REMITTANCE

Blockchain used as a payment method (“cryptocurrency”) or a digital representation of value



ILLUSTRATION



1. Accepts Fiat
2. Maintains fiat accounts
3. Allows Fiat → Crypto
4. Maintains private keys of crypto wallets and balances
5. Operates like a Money Transfer Operator

### Potential fees include

- i. From Fiat1 → Crypto
- ii. Miner's fee to move between addresses
- iii. From Crypto → Fiat2

### Cash-in/out with

- a. Bank account
- b. Telco e-wallet
- c. Crypto wallet (device based)

### Risks (public cryptocurrency) include

- i. Volatile value
- ii. Hard forks

# DEVELOPMENTS THAT CAN FACILITATE CROSS-BORDER REMITTANCE AND PAYMENTS



SELECT



VALUE TRANSFER

UTXO

Account Transfer

“Airdrop”  
(for 1:Many digital distribution)



VOLATILITY

Cryptocurrency backed with fiat currency

Cryptotokens that are asset-backed  
(including cash flow-based possibilities)



TRANSPARENCY & PRIVACY

Cryptographic

Process-based  
(Tumblers, Mixers)

Channels



SCALABILITY

Layer 2

High Output, Low Confirmation Latency  
(for volume and speed of value transfer)



TRUST MECHANISM

More energy efficient Proofs

Pre-mined

Permissioned  
(for more control and visibility of transactions)



SECURITY

Internet Latency

DEX

HD, Multisig  
(for forgotten “passwords” and higher security)

# DIGICASH, 1989.

In 1996, Deutsche Bank entered into a pilot with DigiCash\*.



EXAMPLES

## 1<sup>st</sup> TYPE: CLASSIC COIN

- Bitcoin (BTC).
- Ether Classic (ETC).

## 2.1 TYPE: SCALABILITY+

- Bitcoin Cash (BCH). Ether (ETH).
- Alternative Coins (“Altcoins”)

## 2.2 TYPE: “LAYER 2”

- Lightning, Raiden, Plasma.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> TYPE: “STABLECOIN”

- Tether (USDT).
- Paxos Standard (PAX).
- USD Coin (USDC).
- HUSD (interchangeable with USDC, PAX and GUSD)

## 4<sup>th</sup> TYPE: PRIVACY ENHANCED COIN

- Monero (XMR).
- Zcash (ZEC).
- Dash (DASH).

## 5<sup>th</sup> TYPE: PUBLIC TOKEN

- ERC, QRC 20 e.g. Initial Coin Offering
- ERC 721 e.g. Cryptokitties.

## 6<sup>th</sup> TYPE: PRIVATE TOKEN

- MUFGCoin (1:1 backed JPY) by Bank of Tokyo Mitsubishi
- MobiCoin by Daimler Ag\*\*.

## 7<sup>th</sup> TYPE: NON-BLOCKCHAIN METHOD

- IOTA (supermicro payment, DAG)

\*Deutsche Bank to test “e-cash” with DigiCash in Pilot”, 7 May 1996, The Wall Street Journal

\*\*<https://cryptovest.com/news/mercedes-preps-crypto-coin-to-reward-eco-driving/>.





# HOW SUCH INNOVATIONS CAN ADDRESS SOME OF THE DE-RISKING CONCERNS BY FACILITATING CUSTOMER IDENTIFICATION AND DUE DILIGENCE PROCESSES

# RELIABILITY AND COMPLETENESS OF INFORMATION



EXAMPLE

## KNOW-YOUR-CUSTOMER (CONSUMER)

1. Identity and other personal information
2. Source of fund
- ...

## AML / CFT

1. Time of transaction
2. Purpose of payment
3. Sender's identity
4. Recipient and ultimate beneficiary identity
5. Amount
6. Activity pattern (transaction tracking)

## ENFORCEMENT

1. Geo-location
2. IP address
- ...

# KYC/AML/CFT INVOLVING BLOCKCHAIN/DLT



DLT can facilitate integrity, transparency and access; not information reliability or completeness

## DUE DILIGENCE PROCESS

1. Selfie-photo with reliable identification papers e.g. national identity card, utility bills, bank statements, etc
2. Information requirement increases with crypto value limit

## ACCESS EFFICIENCY

1. KYC Utility to facilitate the reuse of documents
  - a) Customer lodges, updates their documents and grants access permissions to select banks.
  - b) Document's integrity assured via "hash"

## CUSTOMER IDENTIFICATION

1. Cash-Out to a bank account
  - a) e.g. Philippines
2. **Canada NRC POC using Ethereum cryptocurrency and blockchain, with real addressees for transaction transparency**

# INTEGRITY, TRANSPARENCY & ACCESS...



EXAMPLE

<https://nrc-cnrc.explorecatena.com/en>

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## **NRC-IRAP - Blockchain publishing prototype**

The National Research Council of Canada, through its Industrial Research Assistance Program (NRC-IRAP) is using the Ethereum blockchain to proactively publish grants and contribution data in real time, a measure that complements ongoing quarterly proactive disclosures available through the Open Government website.

On the simplest level, blockchains are public ledgers that record transactions shared among many users.

Once data is entered on a blockchain it is secure and unalterable, providing a permanent public record. This technology offers unprecedented levels of transparency and trust allowing public records to be searched, verified and audited at a level the world hasn't seen before

Source: <https://www.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/eng/stories/2018/blockchains.html>, <https://nrc-cnrc.explorecatena.com/en> (last accessed 25 Oct 2018)

# ...REMITTANCE + TRANSACTION MONITORING



SCREEN SHOTS

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\$11,849,091	Ryerson University	Toronto	ON	2016-Q4	details
\$5,543,269	Corporation Inno-Centre Du Quebec	Montréal	QC	2017-Q3	details
\$3,235,956	Propel Ict Inc.	St. John's	NL	2016-Q3	details
\$3,137,347	Next Canada	Toronto	ON	2016-Q4	details
\$2,000,000	Micropilot Inc.	Stony Mountain	MB	2016-Q4	details

**1. RECEIPIENT**

Notice about this website

The NRC's Industrial Research Assistance Program (IRAP) is conducting a proof of concept of blockchain technology. This website is a temporary prototype.

Disclosure details

**2. SENDER**

Basic info

Organization	National Research Council Canada
Recipient name	Corporation Inno-Centre Du Quebec
Value	\$5,543,269
Type	Contribution
Date	2017-Q3
Region	Montréal, Quebec
Country	Canada
Purpose	To support a firm in the "Professional organizations" industry (NAICS: 813920) with a research and development project.

**3. REMITTANCE VALUE**

**4. TRANSACTION**

Blockchain info

Transaction ID	<a href="#">0xe8c71aab80fbc19257eca39541dacf5e2492dfdc17a53bda02437b5d7480955c</a>
Published	30-May-2018
Block number	<a href="#">5704869</a>
Contract index	5672
Signed contract	<a href="#">0xff77e51f2c6473f72392865e0a0000de19af774a</a>
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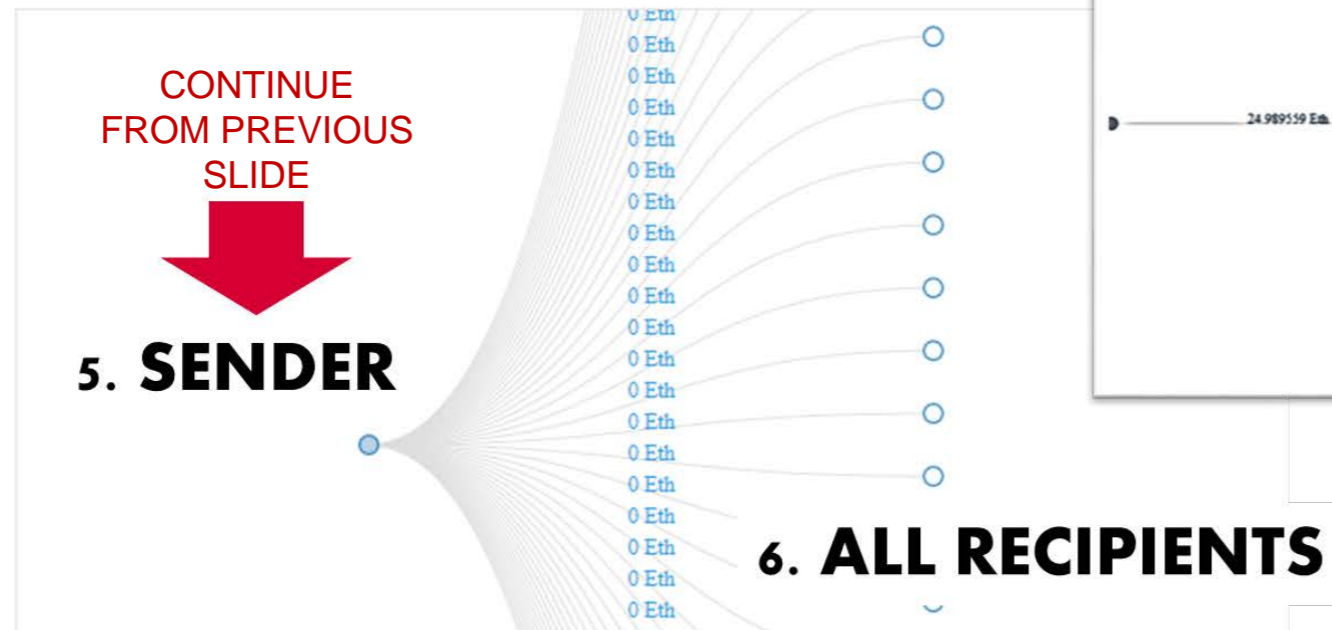
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# CRYPTO TRANSACTION TRAIL TRANSPARENCY

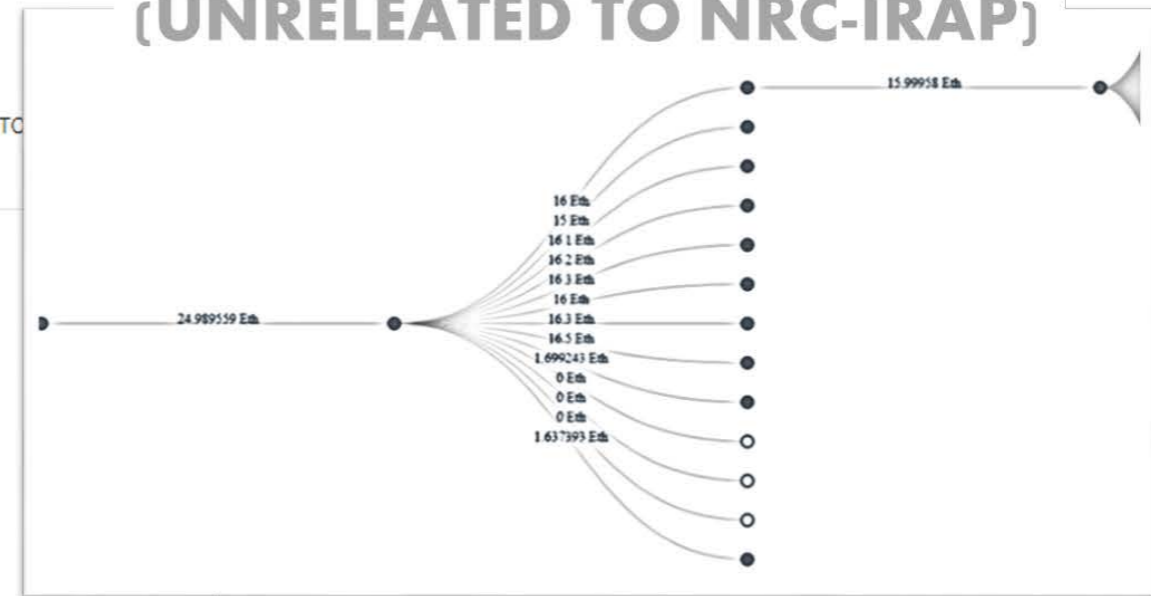


[Beta] Transaction Visualizer

Visualizer for TxHash: [0xe8c71aab80fbc19257eca39541daf5e2492dfdc17a53bda02437b5d7480955c](#)  
> Outgoing normal transactions from Address [0xac19aca0cb4835...](#) at BlockNo 5704869 (5/30/2018 10:07:00 PM UTC)  
> This is a beta release and there might be bugs. Please report any bugs to [Bug Report](#)



## i. SEPARATE ILLUSTRATION (UNRELATED TO NRC-IRAP)



SCREEN  
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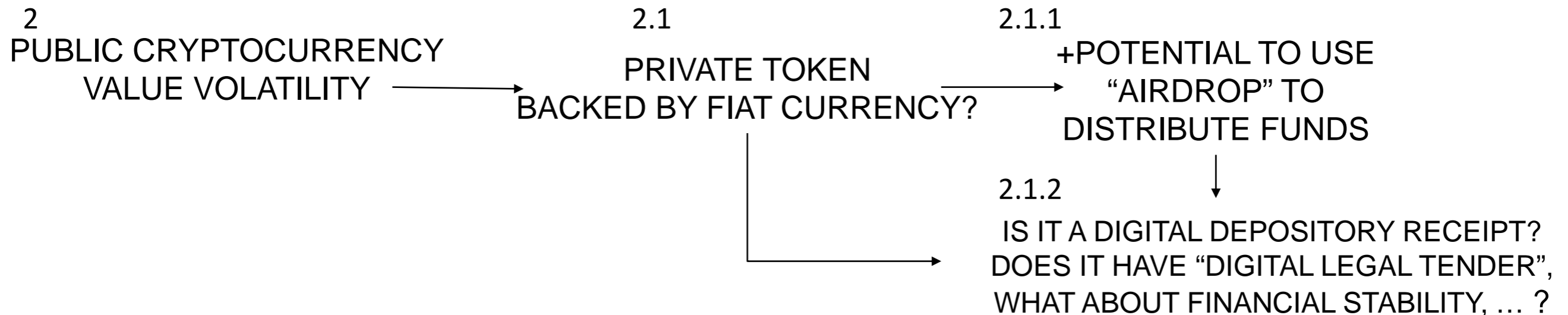
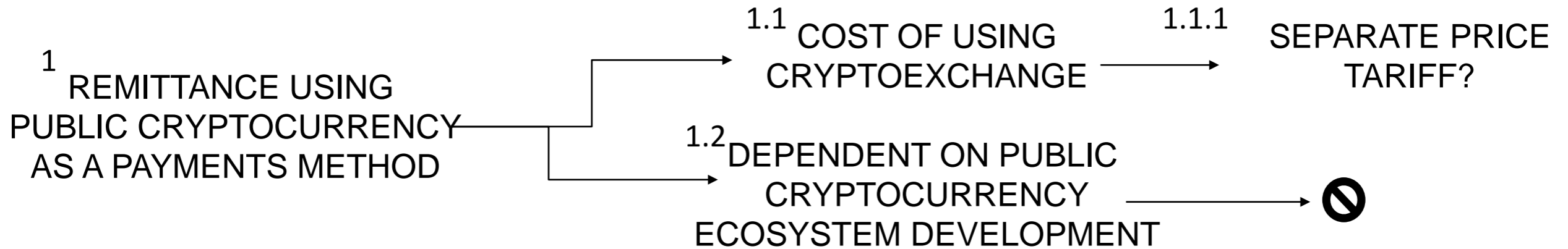
# CRYPTOCURRENCY'S (BLOCKCHAIN) INTERSECTION WITH CROSS-BORDER REMITTANCE SERVICES FOR FINANCIAL INCLUSION

## SOME LEGAL, REGULATORY AND MARKET CONSIDERATIONS

# LEGAL AND MARKET CONSIDERATIONS



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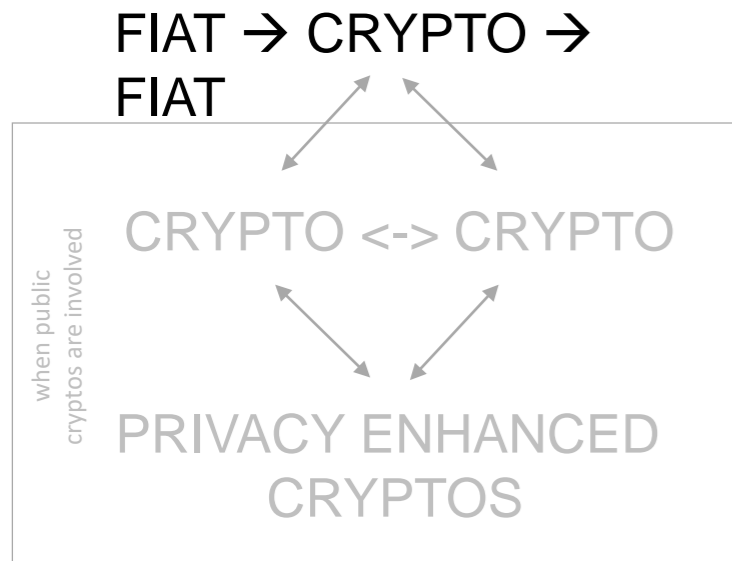




# CRYPTOCURRENCY KYC/AML/CFT COMPLIANCE



ABSTRACT



3.1 KYC: IS RELIABLE, UPDATED INFORMATION AVAILABLE?

3.1.1 DATA PRIVACY...  
...and Banking Secrecy. Are there conflicts with sharing KYC/AML/CFT data? Is a cryptographic hash of personal information still part of personal information, etc?

3.2 SANCTIONS & EMBARGO SCREENING

3.2.1 OFAC  
OFAC compliance obligations are the same irrespective of whether a transaction is denominated in digital currency or traditional fiat currency

3.3 AML / CFT FRAUD MONITORING

3.3.1 IS THE CRYPTOEXCHANGE REGISTERED / LICENSED?  
FATF, virtual asset service providers should be licensed or registered and subject to monitoring, Oct 2018.

...other jurisdictions

CAN BANKS RELY ON CRYPTOEXCHANGE COMPLIANCE STANDARDS FOR THE CRYPTO TRANSACTIONS?

Source: [https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/faqs/Sanctions/Pages/faq\\_compliance.aspx#vc\\_faqs](https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/faqs/Sanctions/Pages/faq_compliance.aspx#vc_faqs), <https://www.fatf-gafi.org/media/fatf/documents/reports/Guidance-RBA-Virtual-Currencies.pdf>, <http://www.fatf-gafi.org/publications/fatfrecommendations/documents/regulation-virtual-assets.html>; <http://www.austrac.gov.au/digital-currency-exchange-providers>

# OTHER MATTERS...



ABSTRACT

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CONSUMER AWARENESS AND PROTECTION

CYBERSECURITY / CRYPTOSECURITY

LAW & ENFORCEMENT

TRACKING TOOLS  
DIGITAL ARTEFACTS  
CROSS-JURISDICTIONS

INNOVATIVE APPLICATION

E.G. CRYPTO-REMITTANCE  
(PRIVATE COIN) INTEGRATED WITH  
KYC AND  
TRANSACTION TRANSPARENCY

TELCO + REMITTANCE?

Cross-industry, cross-jurisdiction  
policy/regulatory sandbox?  
Product sandbox?

WILL REQUIRE A POOL  
OF EXPERTISE

HOW TO ENABLE  
SUSTAINABLE PRIVATE-  
PUBLIC SECTOR  
COLLABORATION?

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