# Carriers Strike Back: Programmable Networks, Edge Computing & Blockchains

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#### About Palindrome

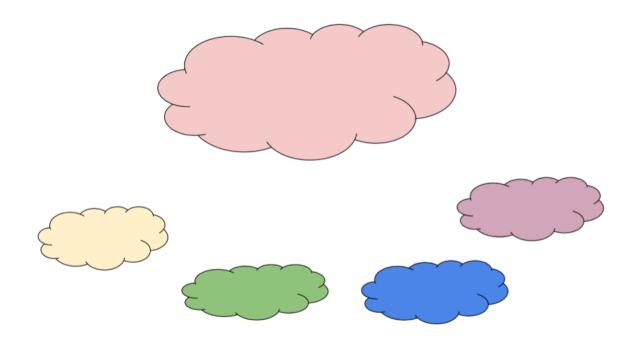
- Applied research lab, New Jersey
- Emerging technologies
  - Software-defined Infrastructure-5G/eUICC/Mesh HetNets
  - IoT Security, Data storage
  - Blockchains
  - Machine intelligence Content security
- Collaborative research projects\*



## Agenda

- Edge Computing
  - What / Why / Where
- Blockchains
  - What / Why / Where
- Edge Computing + Blockchains
- Research Areas





## **Edge Computing**

Location-aware Cloud



## Edge – What?

- Compute close to source
- Move code rather than data
- Drivers
  - Network automation
  - Seamless code mobility
  - Data storage cost
  - Energy cost storage / Smart grid
- "Network is the computer" John Gage



## Edge - Why?

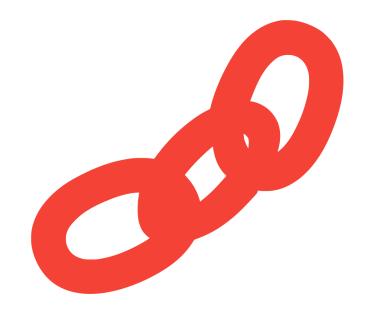
- Low latency
- No data transit cost
- New revenue stream
- "Every carrier will become an Edge Cloud provider"



#### Edge - Where?

- IoT applications
  - Context-based computation
- Real-time Location-based Services
  - Autonomous Transportation





#### Blockchains

Internet 2.0

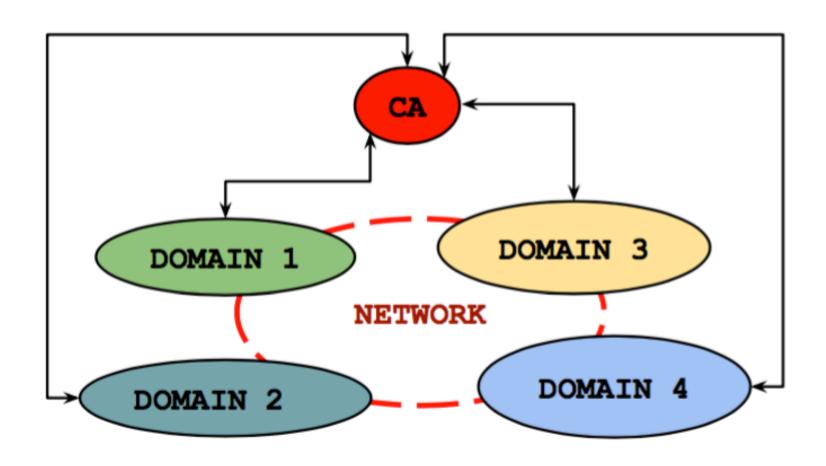


#### Blockchain - What?

- Distributed ledger / database
  - Identity
  - Ownership
  - Verification
- Immutable Distributed State Machine
  - Transactions
  - Consensus\*
- Public vs Private

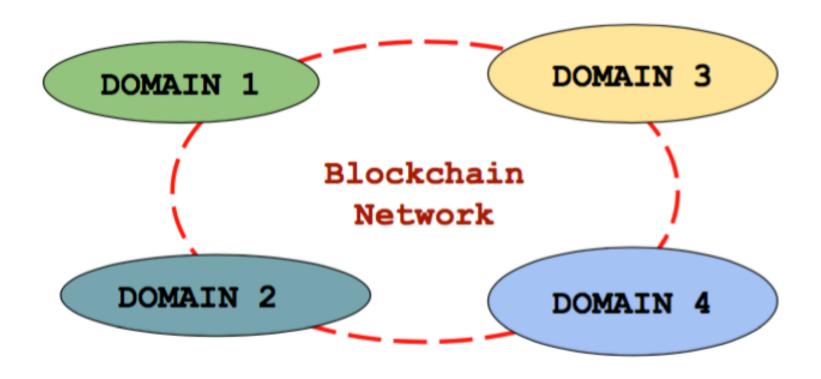


#### Internet 1.0



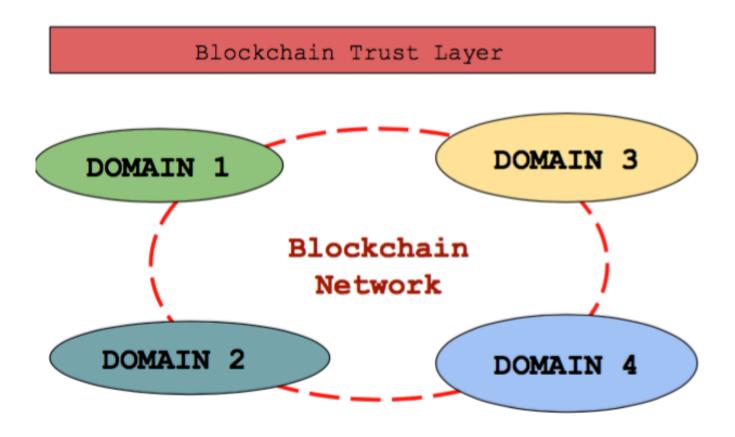


#### Internet 2.0





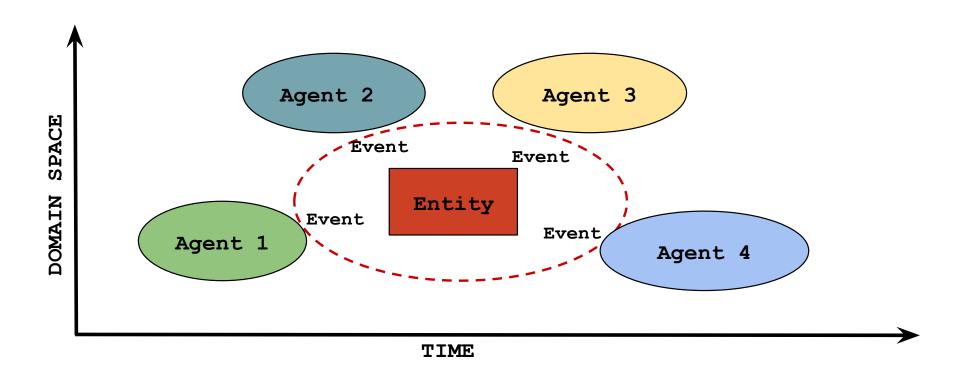
### Internet Trust Layer





## System Model

Entity, Agents and Events





## Blockchain - Why?

- Transparency
- Immutability
- Identity Management
- Codification of Rules
- Trust automation
- User-centric data management\*

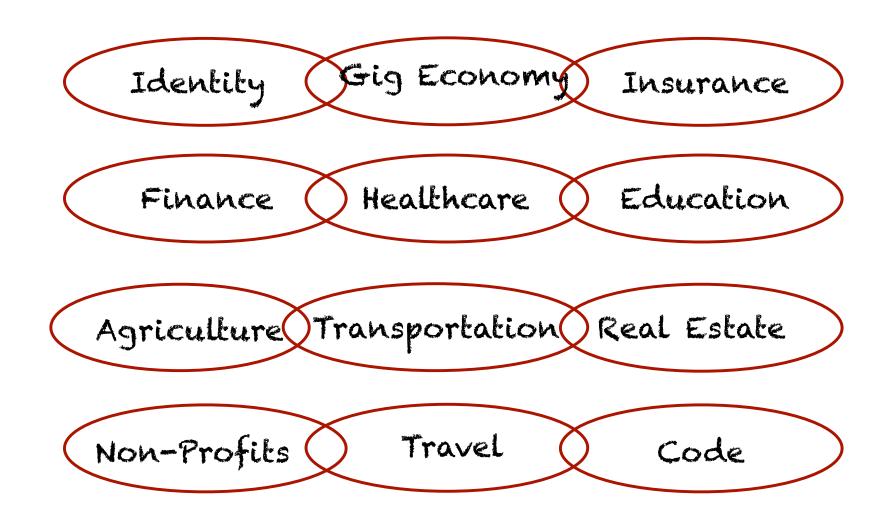


#### Blockchain - Where?

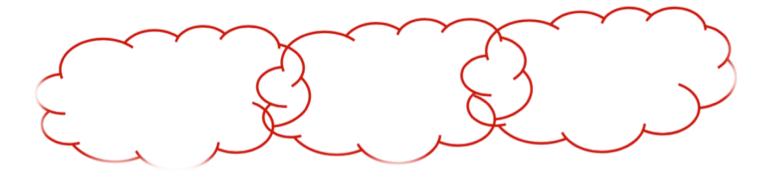
- Life Cycle Tracking
  - Biological
  - Digital
  - Physical
- Process Observability
  - Optimization
  - Incentives
  - Accountability
- Producers and Consumers



#### **Blockchain Networks**







## Edge + Blockchains

Location-aware Blockchains

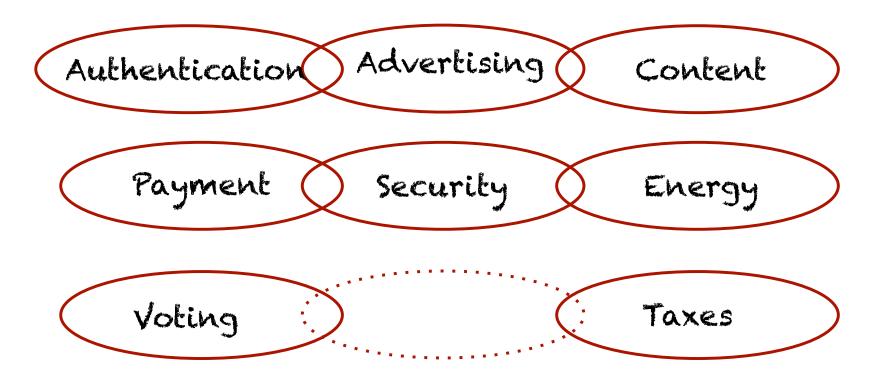


### What Changed?

- Network can capture physical event location\*
- Map events in physical space & time
- Another layer of assurance in the system



#### Edge-aware Blockchains





#### Research Areas

- Scalability\*
- Inter-Ledger transactions
- Privacy
- Web-integration
- Software<sup>+</sup>

\*On Blockchain Models and Scalability

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# Questions?

