# The 83rd IFIP WG 10.4 Workshop (Winter 2023)

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# **Workshop Theme**

The Future of Blockchains







## Uncertainty

# The Evolution of Trust

## Local



## Institution



# Technology



# Scalability and Efficiency



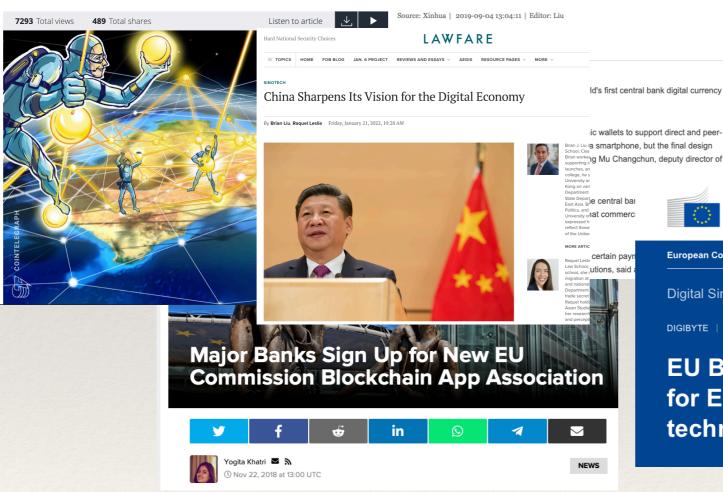




By Marie Huillet



China's digital currency may be world's first: newspaper





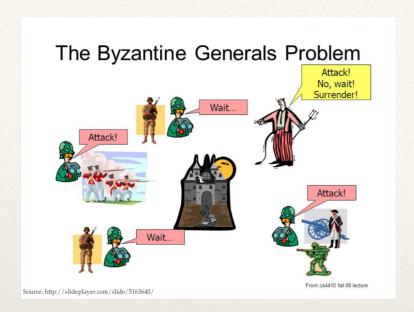


China to Release National Blockchain Standard Next

EU Blockchain Roundtable paves the way for Europe to lead in blockchain technologies

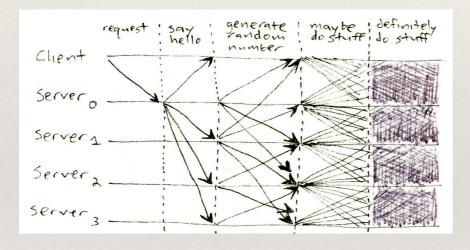


# Dependability: 40 years of BFT research

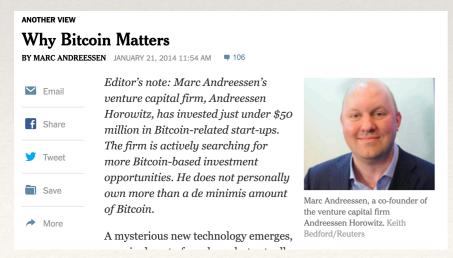


Leslie Lamport, Robert E. Shostak, Marshall C. Pease. (1982)
"The Byzantine Generals Problem".

ACM Transactions on Programming Languages and Systems. 4 (3): 382–401.



"The Saddest Moment" James Mickens, login Usenix Mag. 2014



"Bitcoin is the first practical solution to a longstanding problem in computer science called the *Byzantine Generals Problem*"

Marc Andreesen, NYTimes, 2014

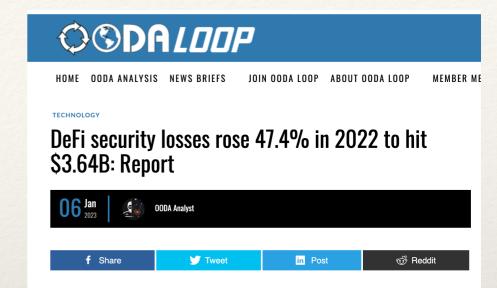
Investor of Mosaic co-funder of Netscape Co-funder of Silicon Valley VC firm Andreessen Horowitz



# Some socio-technical dependability challenges

- 1. Smart contract security
- 2. Diversity of devices in permissionless networks
- 3. Authenticated data feed
- 4. Finance ecosystem and application systems (NFT, DeFi, DAO, DApp, GameFi, Metaverse, etc.)
- 5. Many more challenges:
  - wallet security and key management
  - Responsible and dependable law and regulation
  - usability
  - privacy
  - deployment challenges
  - post-quantum security
  - human factor and culture impact

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According to a Jan. 5 report published by Chinese blockchain security firm LianAn Technology, decentralized finance (DeFi) exploits across blockchains worldwide totaled \$3.64 billion in 2022. This represented a rise of 47.4% compared with the loss of \$2.44 billion in 2021. The incidents increased in quantity despite a steep 80% loss in the total value locked in DeFi during the year. Out of the 2022 amount, funds lost during crosschain bridge hacks amounted to \$1.89 billion across 12 incidents — the highest in the category. Overall, attacks on Ethereum, BNB Chain and Solana accounted for the majority of exploits. Out of the 167 notable incidents in 2022, 51.5% of breaches occurred in audited projects, while 48.5% of breaches occurred in non-audited projects. In total, LianAn said 38.7%, or \$1.40 billion, of stolen funds were laundered via cryptocurrency mixer Tornado Cash. Only \$289 million worth of funds were recovered throughout the year. However, the number is likely higher, as several recoveries have yet to be publicly disclosed per law enforcement requests. Total global blockchain-related crimes (financial crimes excluded) amounted to \$13.7 billion in 2022. Incidents of money laundering topped the list with \$7.33 billion, followed by DeFi exploits (\$3.6 billion), multilevel marketing scams (\$1.0 billion) and fraud (\$830 million). Aside from the collapse of cryptocurrency exchange FTX, there were 243 incidents of fraud and rug pulls during the period, with \$425 million involved in total.



# Workshop sessions

#### Session 1 – Blockchain for Critical Infrastructure (Chair: Dan Kim)

- \* Blockchain for Cyber-Physical Systems (Salil Kanhere, UNSW)
- \* Blockchain and database a match made in the cloud (Anh Dinh, Deakin University)

#### Session 2 – Future Applications and Regulations (Chair: Sushmita Ruj)

- \* Blockchain in Action Data61 Blockchain R&D (Shiping Chen, Data61-CSIRO)
- \* Know-Your-Transactions: Crypto Compliance and Transaction Monitoring (Lihong Tang, HyperLab)

#### Session 3 – Dependability and Security Aspects of Blockchain (Chair: Marcus Völp)

- \* Securing Blockchain Systems: Codes and Human (Yang Xiang, Swinburne University of Technology)
- Blockchain Replication: The Whys and The Hows (Miguel Correia, INESC-ID/IST)

#### Session 4 – Performance and Scalability Aspects of Blockchain (Chair: Anh Dinh, Deakin University)

- \* Coloring Smart Contracts and Other Musings About Efficient Blockchain Execution (Roy Friedman, Technion)
- \* Dumbo Protocols: Making Asynchronous Consensus Real (Qiang Tang, University of Sydney)

