

Efficient and sustainable permissionless Proof-of-Space blockchain systems

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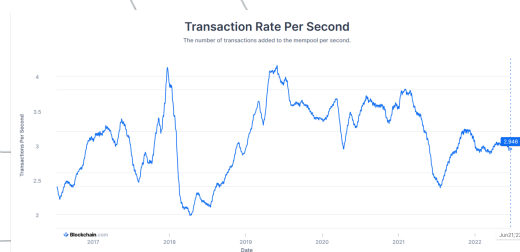
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Motivation

Annualized Total Bitcoin Footprints

Carbon Footprint	Electrical Energy	Electronic Waste
73.01 Mt CO2	130.89 TWh	34.85 kt
		
Comparable to the carbon footprint of Turkmenistan.	Comparable to the power consumption of Argentina.	Comparable to the small IT equipment waste of the Netherlands.

<https://digieconomist.net/bitcoin-energy-consumption/>



<https://www.blockchain.com/charts/transactions-per-second>

Problem

Sustainability



Security



Performance



Contributions

Sustainability Proof-of-Useful-Space

- Replace Proof-of-Work
- Use disk space to generate proofs
- Proof generation virtually inexpensive
- Use user-relevant data → no waste
- Nothing-at-stake issue

Security Random beacons



- Uniform randomness
- Unpredictable and unbiased
- Non-manipulable intervals
- Nothing-at-stake deterrence:
 - Set the growth rate
 - Single source of randomness

Performance

Throughput (tx/s)



Confirmation time (s)

