

# GLOBAL BITCOIN MINING DATA REVIEW

## Q3 2022

October 2022

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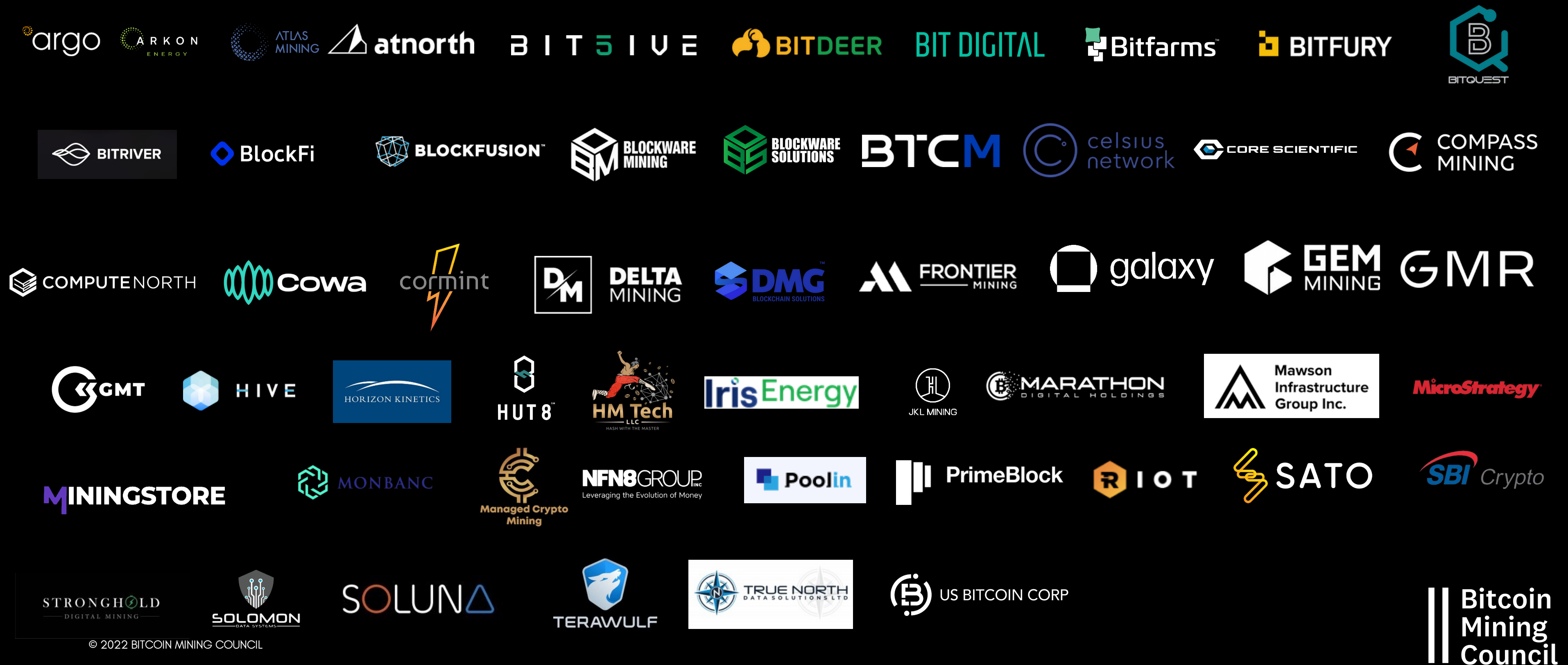


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# BITCOIN MINING COUNCIL

51 MINING COMPANIES FROM 5 CONTINENTS REPRESENTING 45.4% OF THE GLOBAL NETWORK



# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Bitcoin mining, in Q3 2022:

1. Uses an inconsequential amount of global energy (16bps) and generates negligible carbon emissions (10bps)
2. Bitcoin mining hashrate is up 73% YoY while energy usage is up 41% YoY, due to an increase in efficiency of 23%
3. Bitcoin is the industry leader in sustainability with a 59.4% sustainable energy mix
4. Bitcoin is the most secure crypto network, 100x more powerful than all competing networks combined.



# PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

1. Bitcoin Mining Energy Use Vs Global Energy Use
2. Bitcoin Mining Carbon Generation Vs Global Carbon Generation
3. Global Bitcoin Mining Energy Use Is Negligible
4. Global Bitcoin Mining Has The Highest Sustainable Energy Mix
5. Global Bitcoin Mining Vs Other Industries
6. Q3-22, Mining Efficiency Increased 3% & Sustainable Electricity Remained Equal
7. YoY, Mining Efficiency Increased 23% and Sustainable Electricity Mix Increased 3%
8. Bitcoin Mining Is Technology Intensive, 58x+ In Efficiency In 8 Years
9. Conclusion: Bitcoin Mining Energy Efficiency Is Improving, Rapidly
10. Sources And Methodology

# BITCOIN MINING ENERGY USE VS TOTAL GLOBAL ENERGY USE



**165,317 TWh<sup>i</sup>**  
**TOTAL ENERGY UTILIZED WORLDWIDE**

**266 TWh<sup>ii</sup>**  
**ENERGY CONSUMED BY BITCOIN MINING  
ON THE WORLD'S ELECTRIC GRID**

**GLOBAL BITCOIN  
MINING CONSUMES  
0.16%  
OF THE WORLD'S ENERGY PRODUCTION**

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# BITCOIN MINING CARBON EMISSIONS VS TOTAL GLOBAL CARBON EMISSIONS



**34.8 BMt<sup>i</sup>**

TOTAL ESTIMATED CO<sup>2</sup> GENERATED GLOBALLY

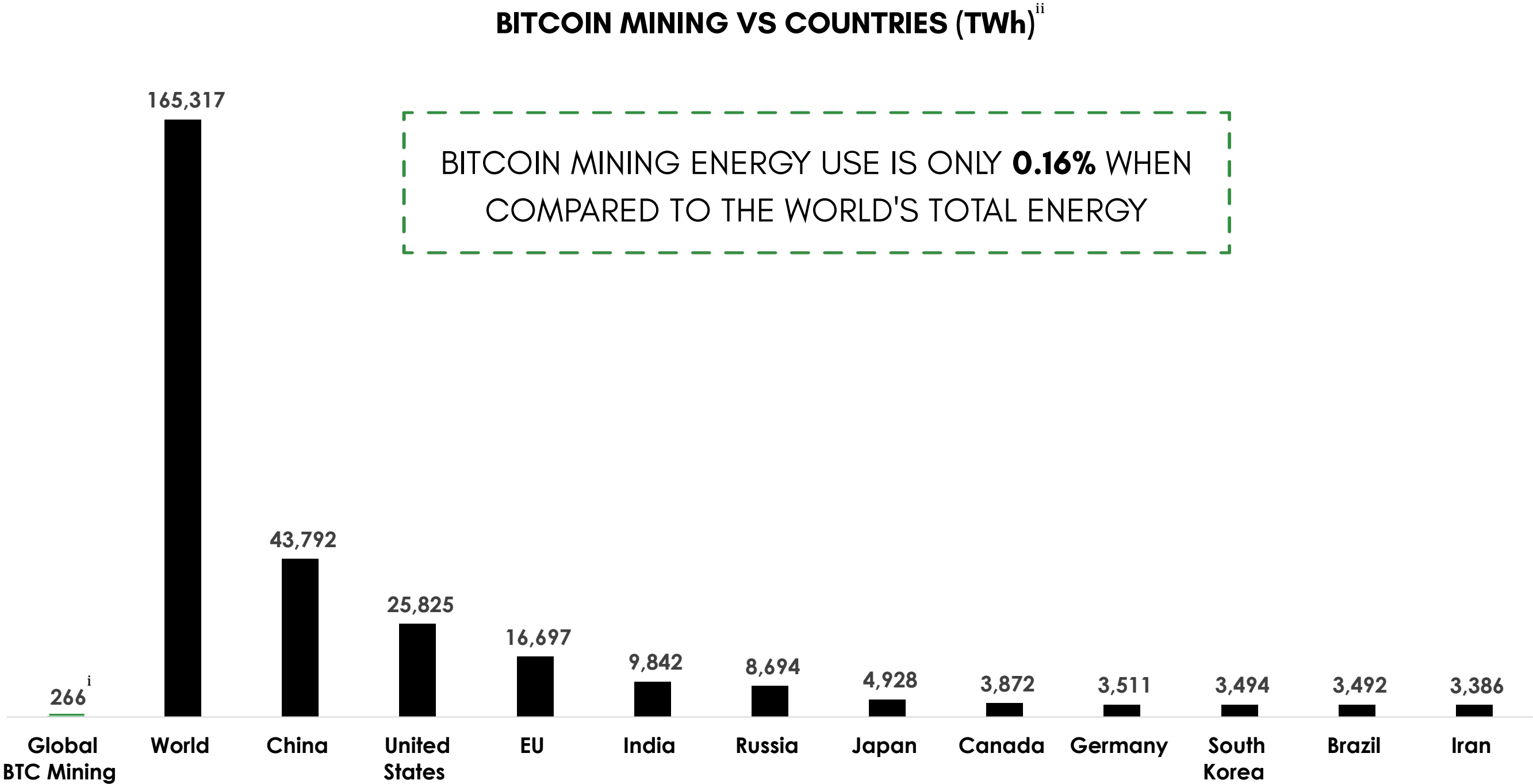
**0.04 BMt<sup>ii</sup>**

ESTIMATED CO<sup>2</sup> GENERATED BY BITCOIN  
MINING ON THE WORLD'S ELECTRIC GRID

**GLOBAL BITCOIN  
MINING IS  
0.10%  
OF THE WORLD'S CO<sup>2</sup> PRODUCTION**

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<sup>ii</sup> BITCOIN MINING ESTIMATE IS DERIVED FROM THE Q3 2022 BMC ESTIMATED TWH ELECTRICITY CONSUMED GLOBALLY.

# GLOBAL BITCOIN MINING ENERGY USE IS NEGLIGIBLE

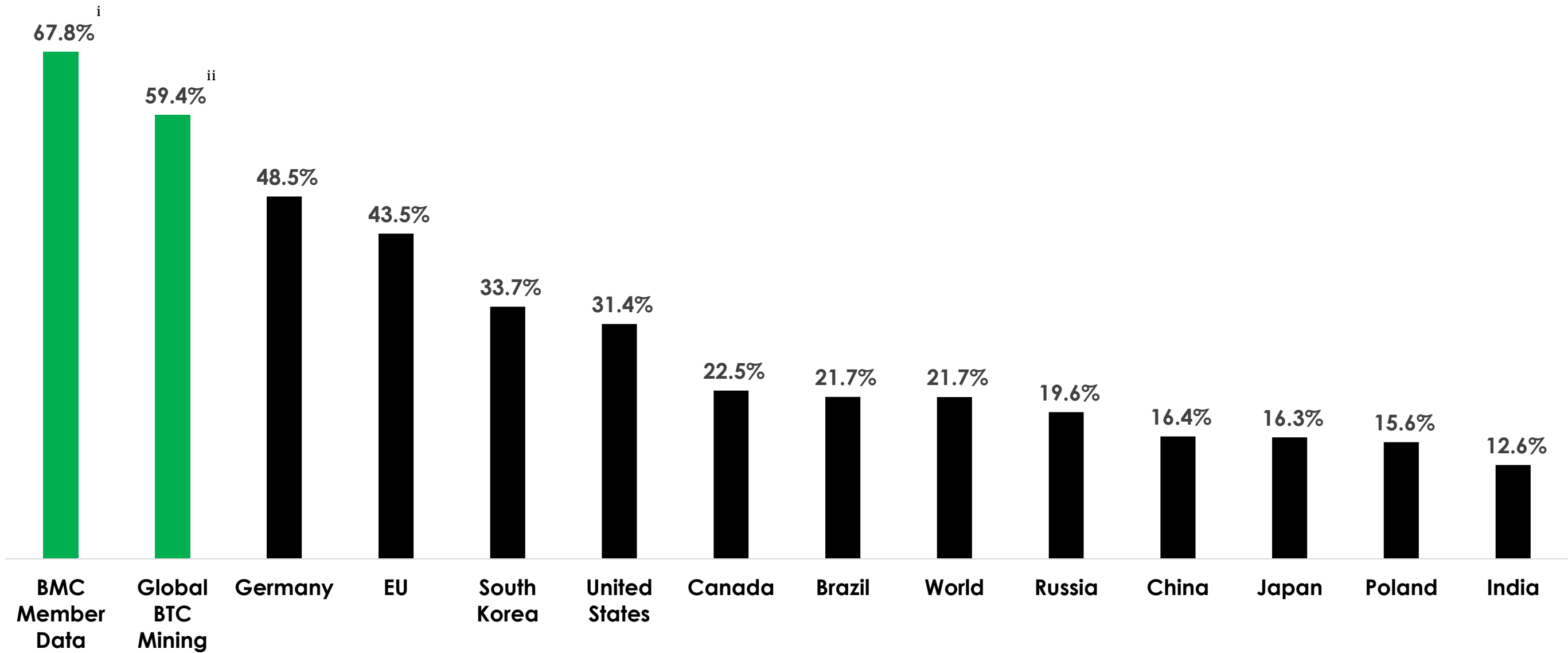


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# GLOBAL BITCOIN MINING HAS THE HIGHEST SUSTAINABLE ENERGY MIX

SUSTAINABLE POWER MIX: BITCOIN MINING VS COUNTRIES (% OF TWh)<sup>iii</sup>

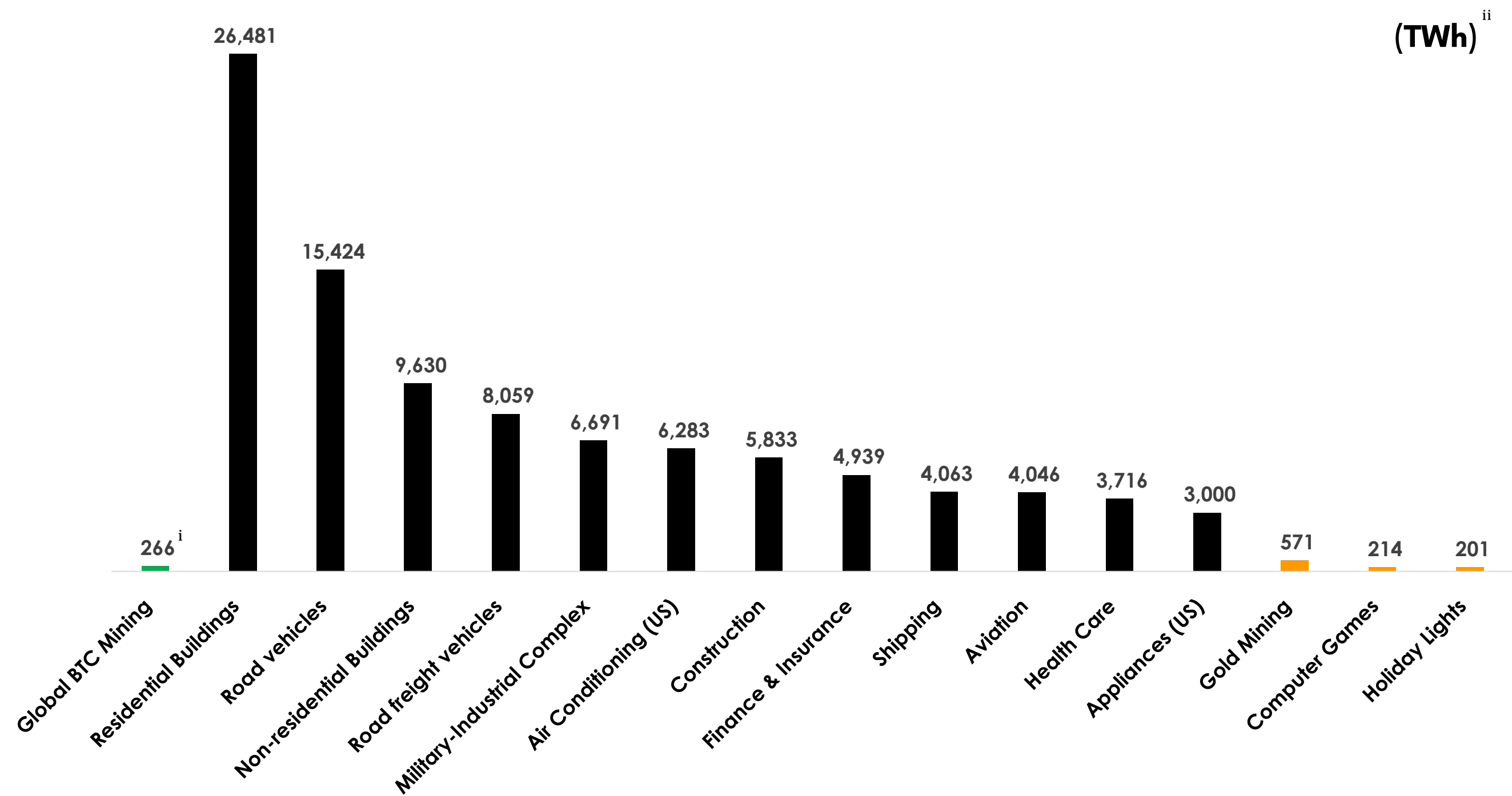


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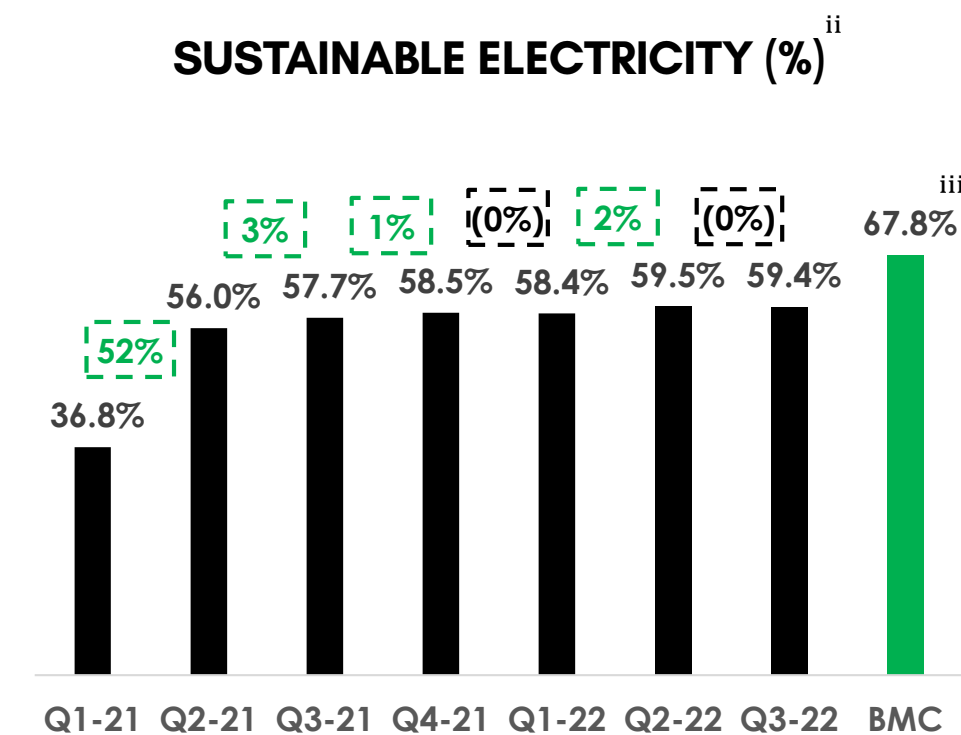
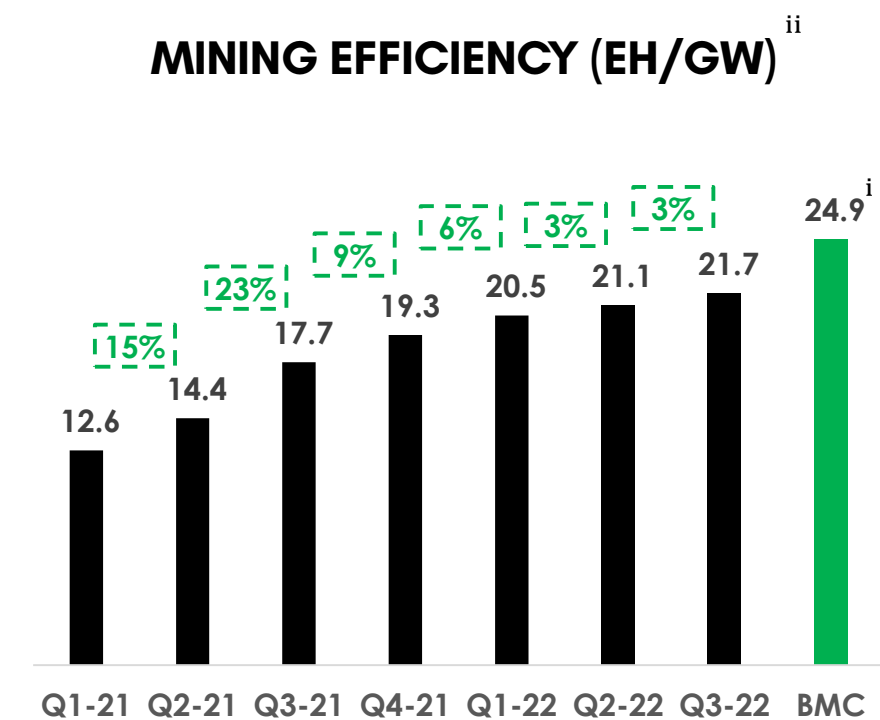
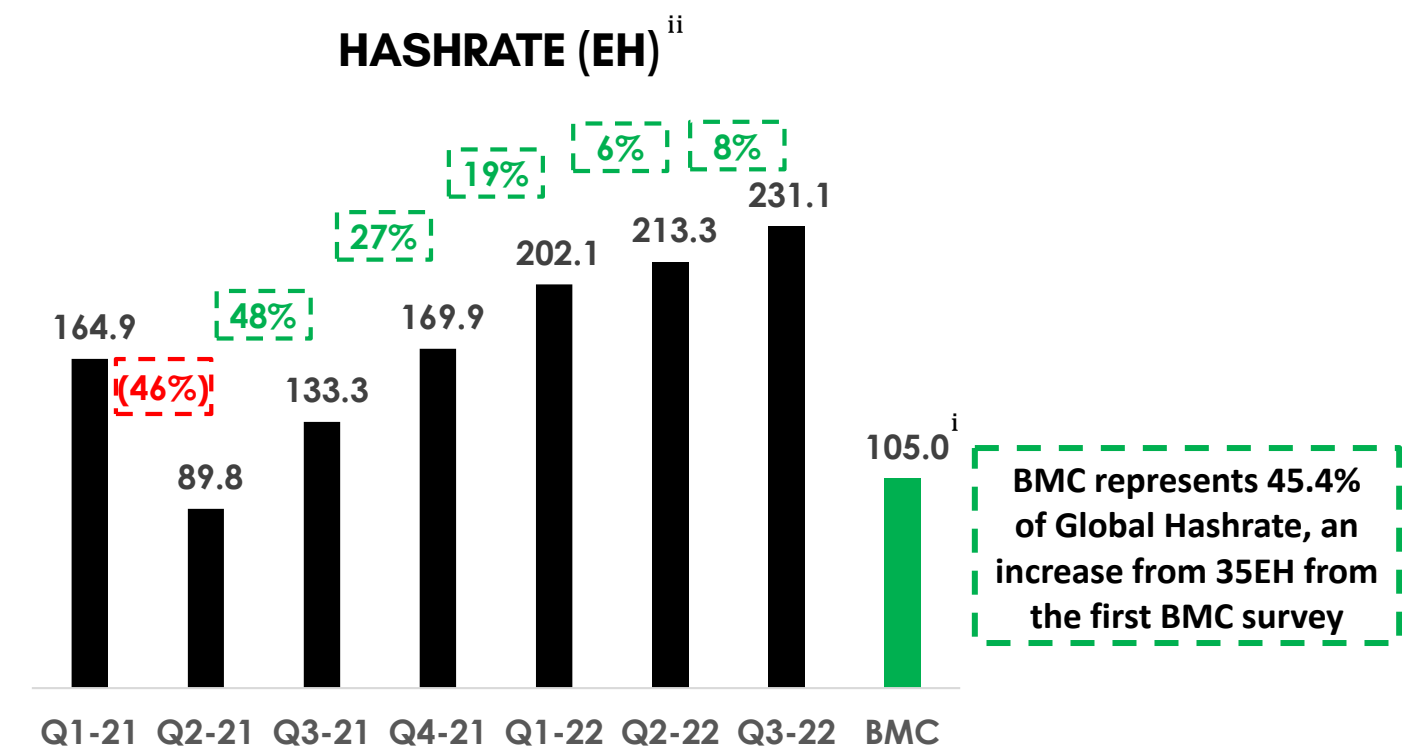
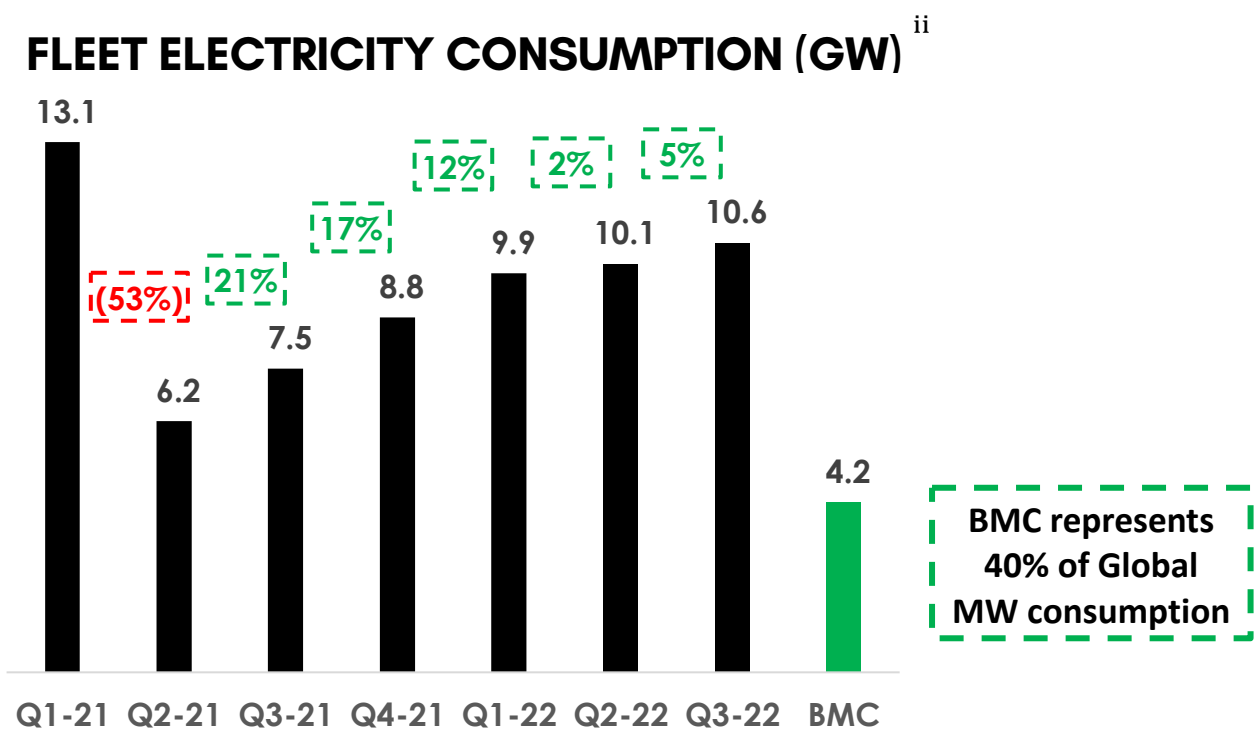
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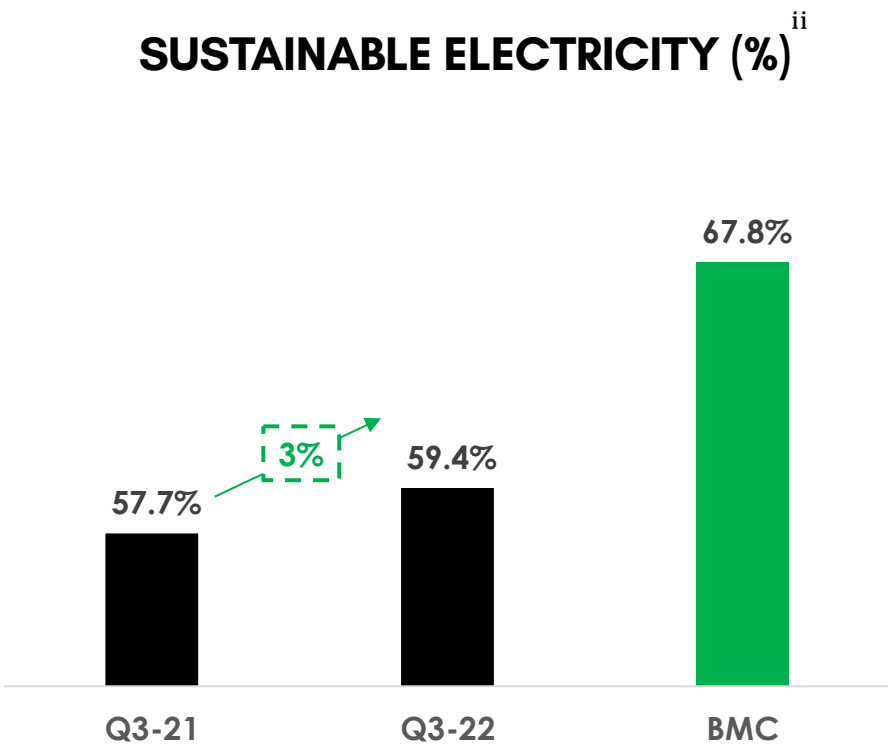
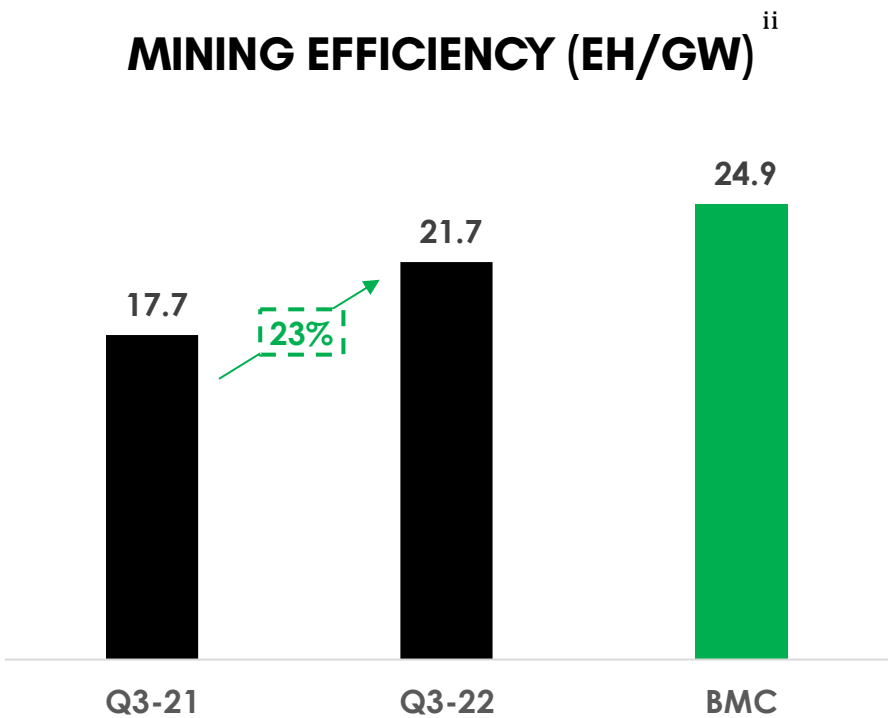
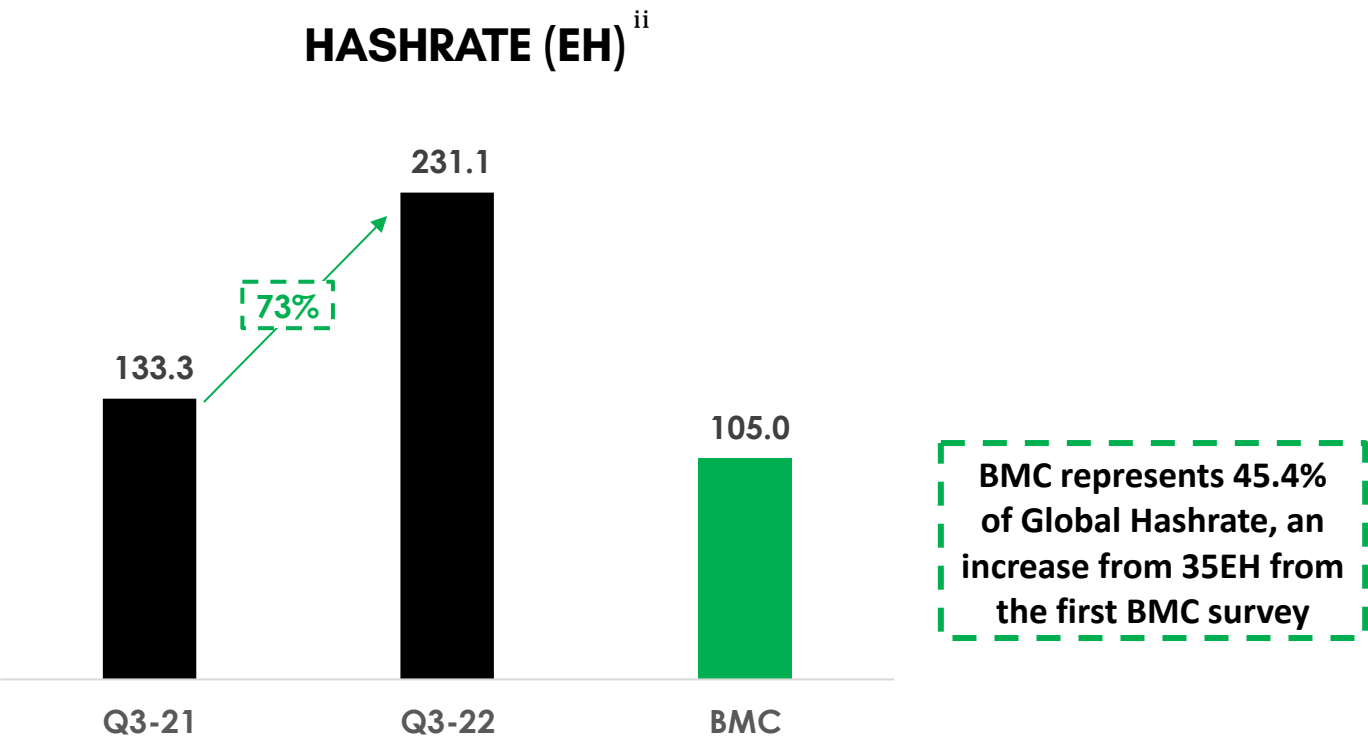
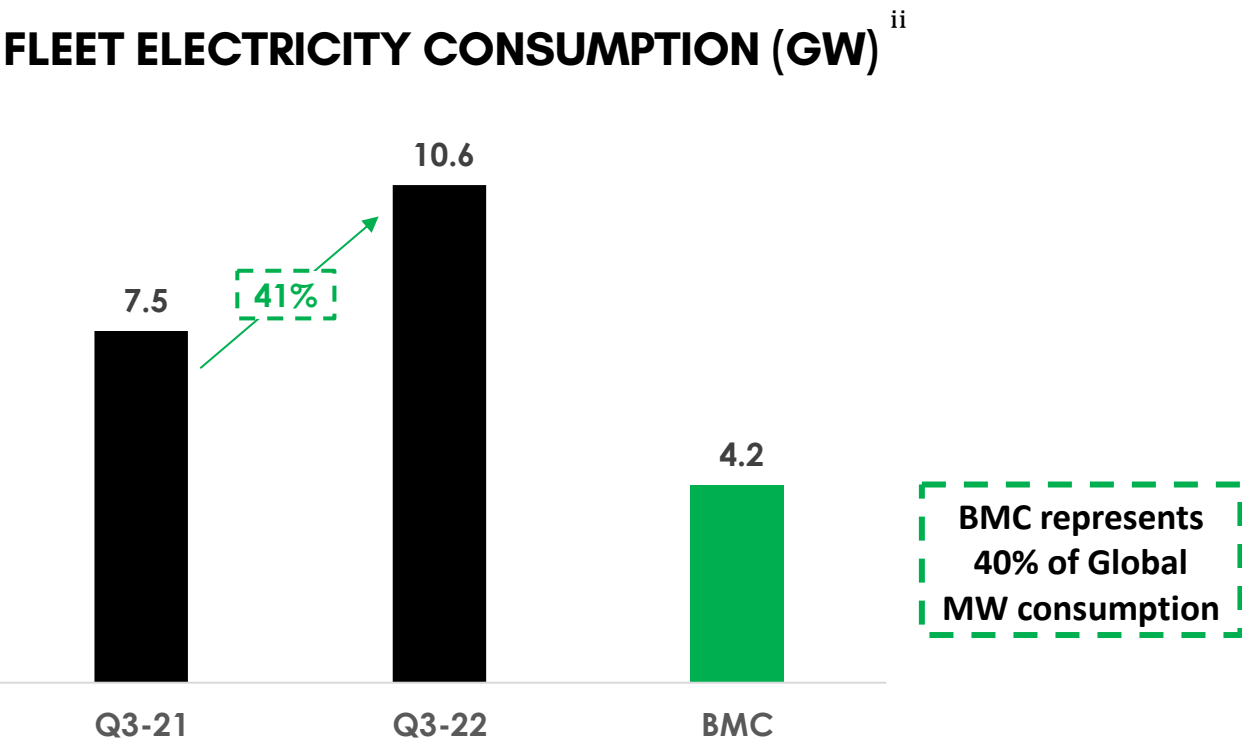


# DURING Q3-22, MINING EFFICIENCY INCREASED 3% AND NETWORK SECURITY INCREASED 8%



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# YoY, MINING EFFICIENCY INCREASED 23% AND SECURITY INCREASED 73%

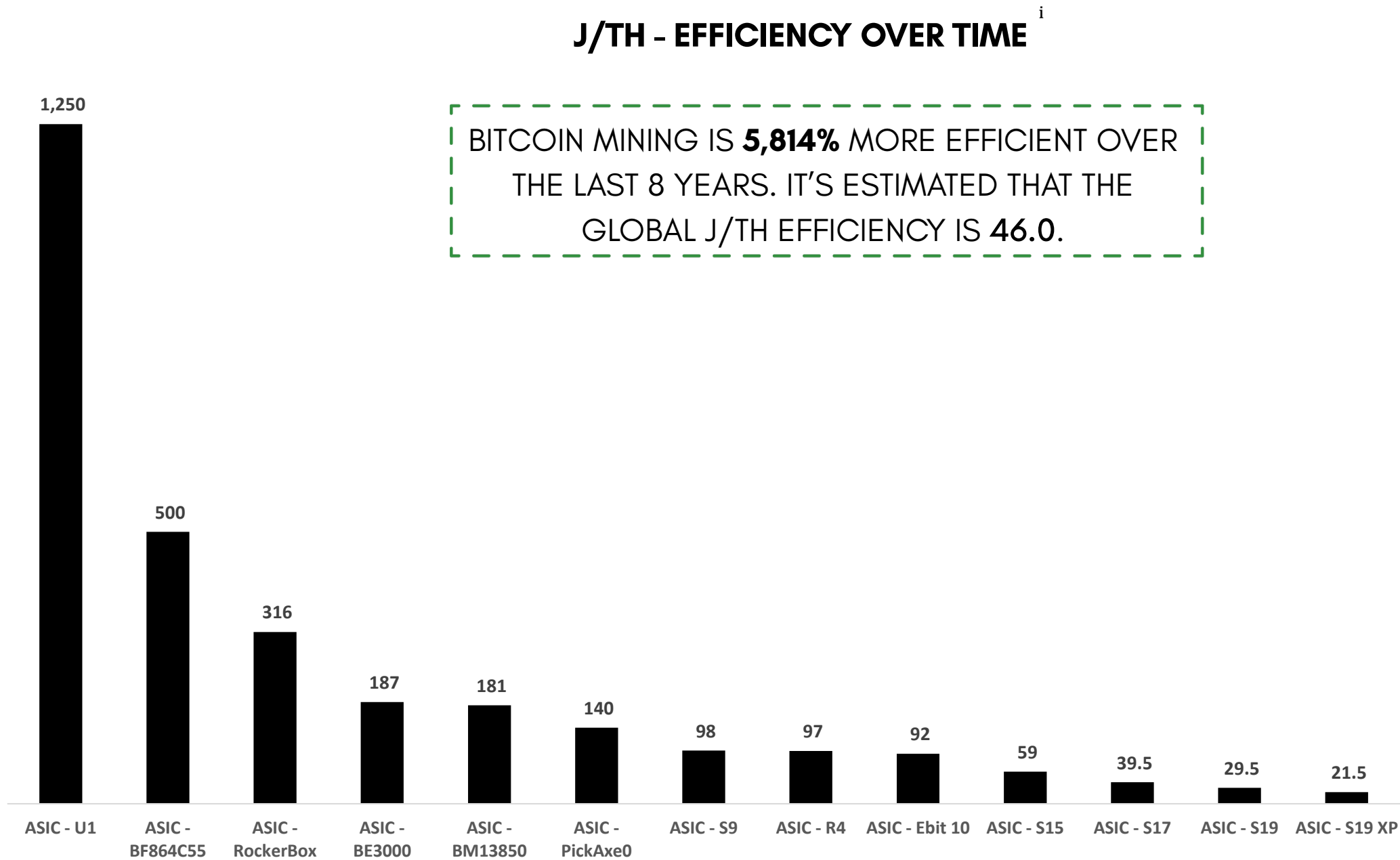
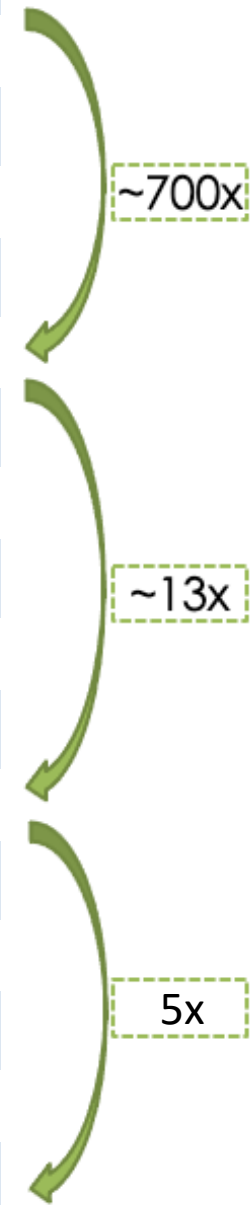


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# BITCOIN MINING IS TECHNOLOGY INTENSIVE, INCREASING 58X IN EFFICIENCY OVER 8 YEARS

Combined	Hardware name	Date	J/Th
CPU	ARM Cortex A9	3-Jan-09	877,193
GPU	ATI 5870M	23-Sep-09	264,550
FPGA	X6500 FPGA Miner	29-Aug-11	43,000
ASIC - Avalon B1	Canaan AvalonMiner Batch 1	1-Jan-13	9,351
ASIC - Jupiter	KnCMiner Jupiter	5-Oct-13	1,484
ASIC - U1	Antminer U1	1-Dec-13	1,250
ASIC - BF864C55	Bitfury BF864C55	3-Mar-14	500
ASIC - RockerBox	RockerBox	22-Jul-14	316
ASIC - BE3000	ASICMiner BE300	16-Sep-14	187
ASIC - BM13850	BM1385	19-Aug-15	181
ASIC - PickAxe0	PickAxe	23-Sep-15	140
ASIC - S9	Antminer S9 - 11.5TH	1-Jun-16	98
ASIC - R4	Antminer R4	1-Feb-17	97
ASIC - Ebit 10	Ebang Ebit 10	15-Feb-18	92
ASIC - S15	Antminer S15	9-Apr-18	59
ASIC - S17	Antminer S17	9-Apr-19	39.5
ASIC - S19	Antminer S19 Pro	23-Mar-20	29.5
ASIC - S19 XP	Antminer S19 Pro	12-Nov-21	21.5



# CONCLUSION: BITCOIN MINING ENERGY EFFICIENCY IS IMPROVING, RAPIDLY



The Bitcoin Mining Council is estimating a 3x and 2x improvement in mining efficiency over the next four and following four years, respectively

**6x**











Satoshi's protocol reduces energy consumption incentives by 2x every 4 years, for the foreseeable future

**4x**



Bitcoin mining is guaranteed to be **dramatically more energy efficient** in the next eight years.

# BITCOIN IS 99% OF ALL CRYPTO POWER, 100 TIMES THE SECURITY OF ALL THE OTHER NETWORKS COMBINED.

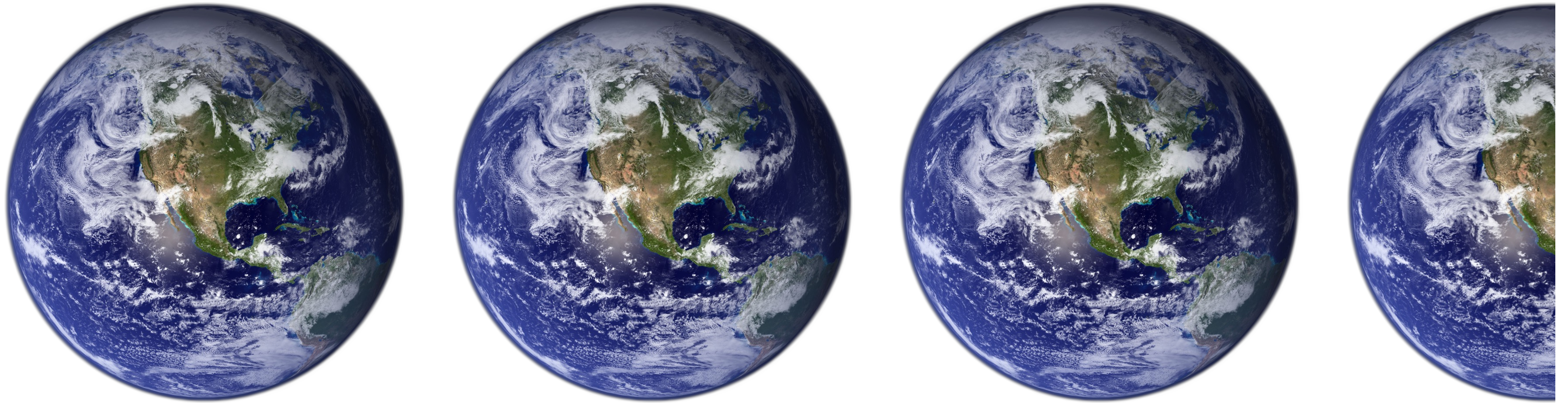
Crypto	Hashrate (TH/s)	Relative to Bitcoin
Ethereum Classic 	141	A grain of sand 
Dogecoin 	410	A house fly 
Litecoin 	467	A grain of rice 
Bitcoin 	267,390,203	Mt. Fuji 





# THE COMBINED POWER OF AWS, AZURE AND GOOGLE CLOUD WOULD BE LESS THAN 1% OF BITCOIN

It would take approximately 66 TW to attack the Bitcoin network using standard cloud computing hardware. The equivalent of 3.5x what the entire Earth is currently producing. Bitcoin is currently using 0.16%, making Bitcoin 2,187.5x more efficient.



# SOURCES & METHODOLOGY

## BMC SURVEY METHODOLOGY:

THE BMC SURVEYED BITCOIN MINERS AROUND THE WORLD ASKING THREE QUESTIONS;


- 1.) HOW MUCH ELECTRICITY DOES YOUR TOTAL FLEET CONSUME TODAY?;
- 2.) WHAT IS THE TOTAL % OF SUSTAINABLE ELECTRICITY\* WITHIN YOUR FLEET'S POWER GENERATION MIX TODAY?;
- 3.) WHAT IS THE TOTAL AGGREGATE HASHRATE OF YOUR FLEET TODAY?

*\*THE ANNOTATED TERM "SUSTAINABLE ELECTRICITY" WAS DEFINED AS ELECTRICITY GENERATED BY: HYDRO, WIND, SOLAR, NUCLEAR, GEOTHERMAL. THE Q3 2022 BMC SUSTAINABILITY ELECTRICITY VALUE NO LONGER TAKES INTO ACCOUNT RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS (REC).*

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- 9 & 10** <sup>i</sup> NETWORK HASHRATE SNAPSHOT ON OCTOBER 14, 2022 COMPILED FROM <https://whattomine.com/>  
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ffdcf17ac404ac4dba215b95221955a9dfddf163d0b0d, slot: 4700013

Sep 15 06:43:05.001 INFO Synced

empty, epoch: 146875, finalized\_epoch: 146873, finalized\_root: 0x9de5\_49cb, exec\_hash: n/a,

peers: 86, service: slot\_notifier

Sep 15 06:43:05.010 INFO Ready for the merge

current\_difficulty: 5875000

371659835281, total\_difficulty: 5875000000000000, service: slot\_notifier

Sep 15 06:43:08.002 WARNING Did not advance head state

SnapshotCache(0x60e7517d2cf1e2191da319add507c141549c18c0121dc31e8, service:

state\_advance

Sep 15 06:43:13.480 INFO

service: beacon

Sep 15 06:43:13.483 INFO Proof of Stake Activated

slot: 4700013, service: beacon

Sep 15 06:43:13.483 INFO

Terminal POW Block Hash: 0x55b11b918355b1ef9c5db810302ebad0bf2544255b530cdce90674d5887bb286, service: beacon

Sep 15 06:43:13.485 INFO

Merge Transition Block Root

: 0x810a00400a80cdf11ffdcf17ac404ac4dba215b95221955a9dfddf163d0b0d, service: beacon

Sep 15 06:43:13.485 INFO

Merge Transition Execution

Hash: 0x56a9bb0302da44b8c0b3df540781424684c3af04d0b7a38d72842b762076a664, service: beacon

Sep 15 06:43:13.555 INFO New RPC block received

hash: 0x810a\_0b0d, slot: 4700013

5875000000 TD

5874900000 TD

5874800000 TD

5874700000 TD

01:50

Current Total Difficulty

150

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02:00

Transactions

Proposer Slashes

Voluntary Exits

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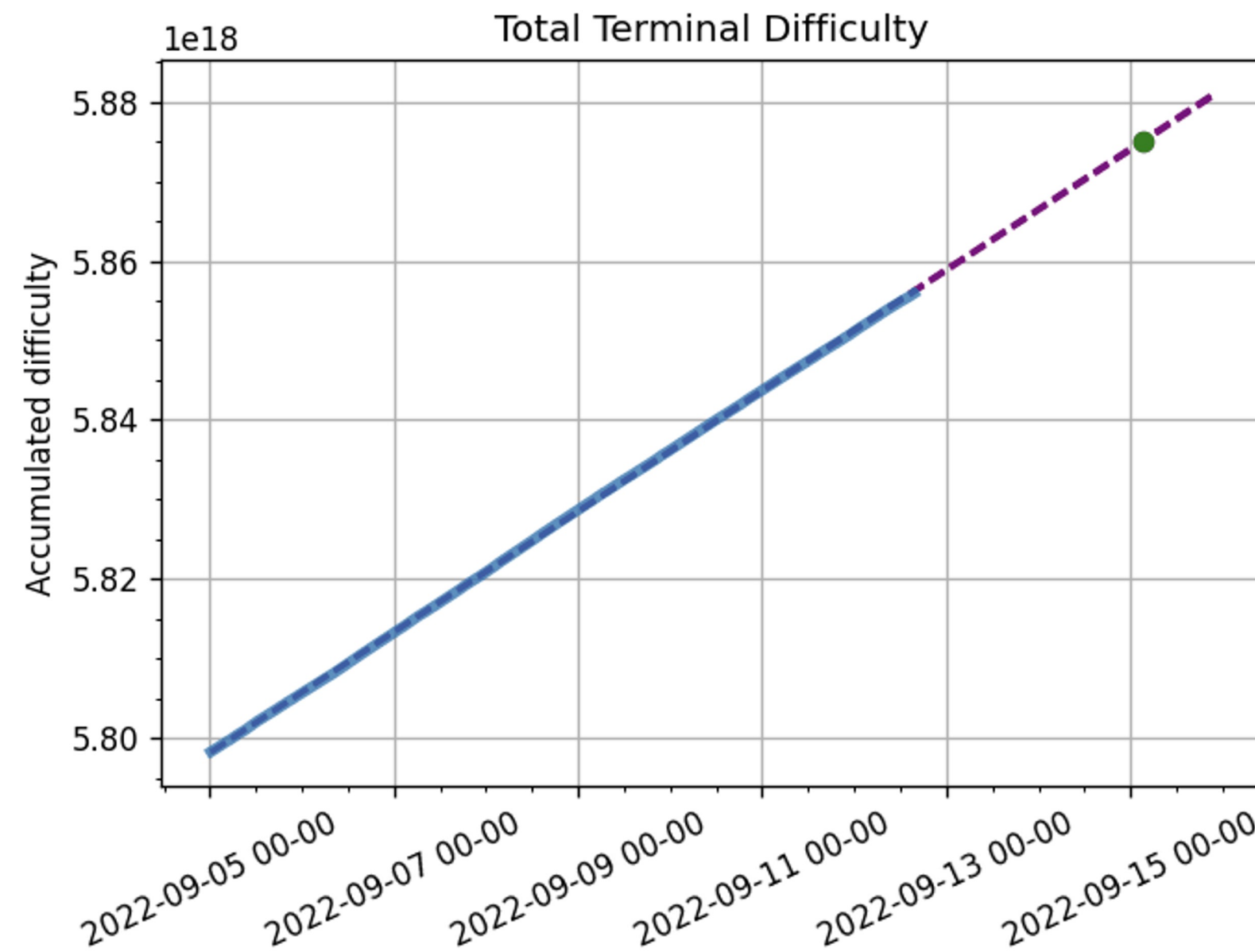
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“The Merge”

# The How and When

- Ethash Proof-of-Work algorithm to Gasper FFG Proof-of-Stake algorithm.
- Occurred at Total Terminal Difficulty (TTD), not block height.
- Reduce chance of miners interfering with change.

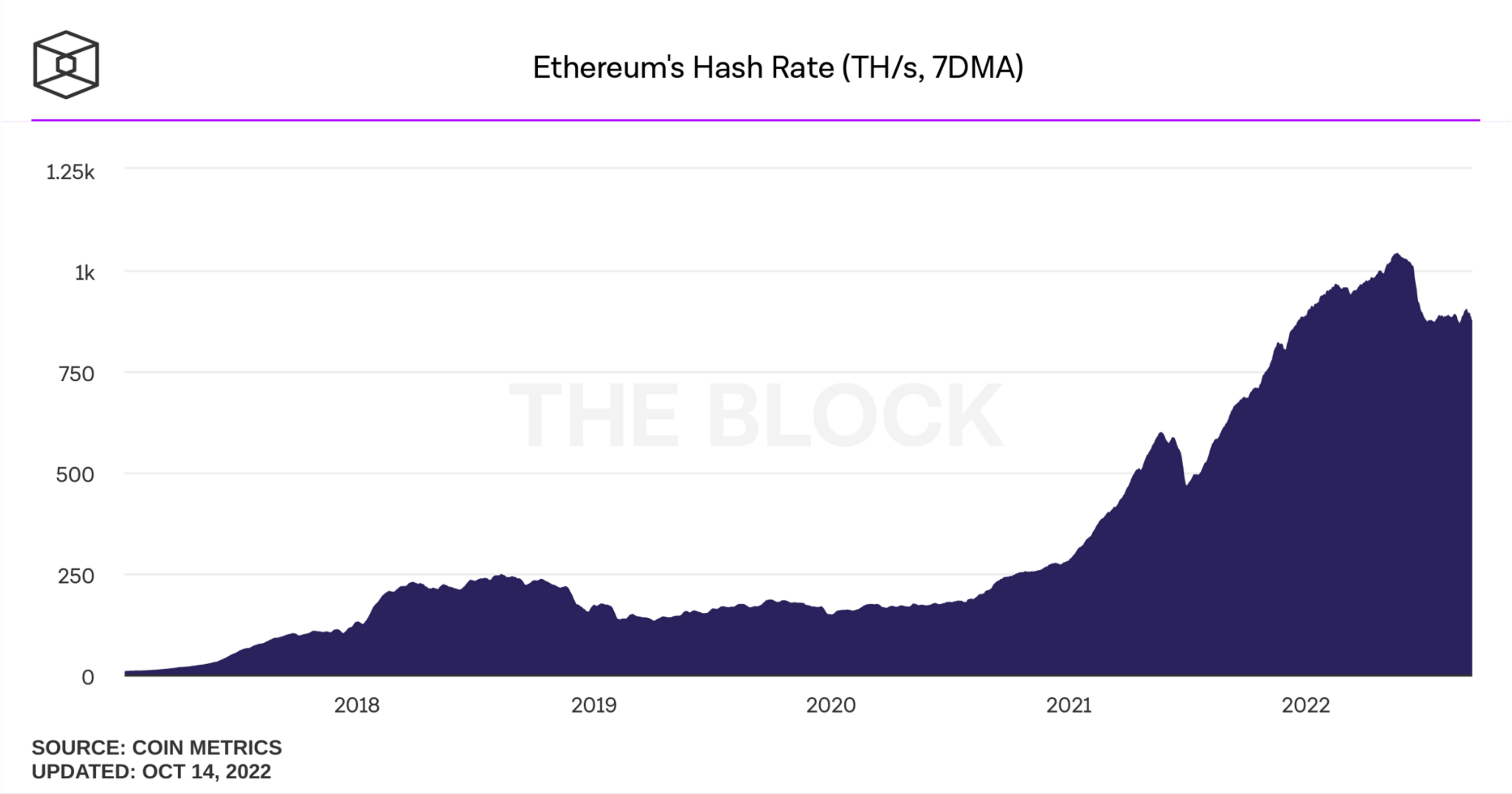


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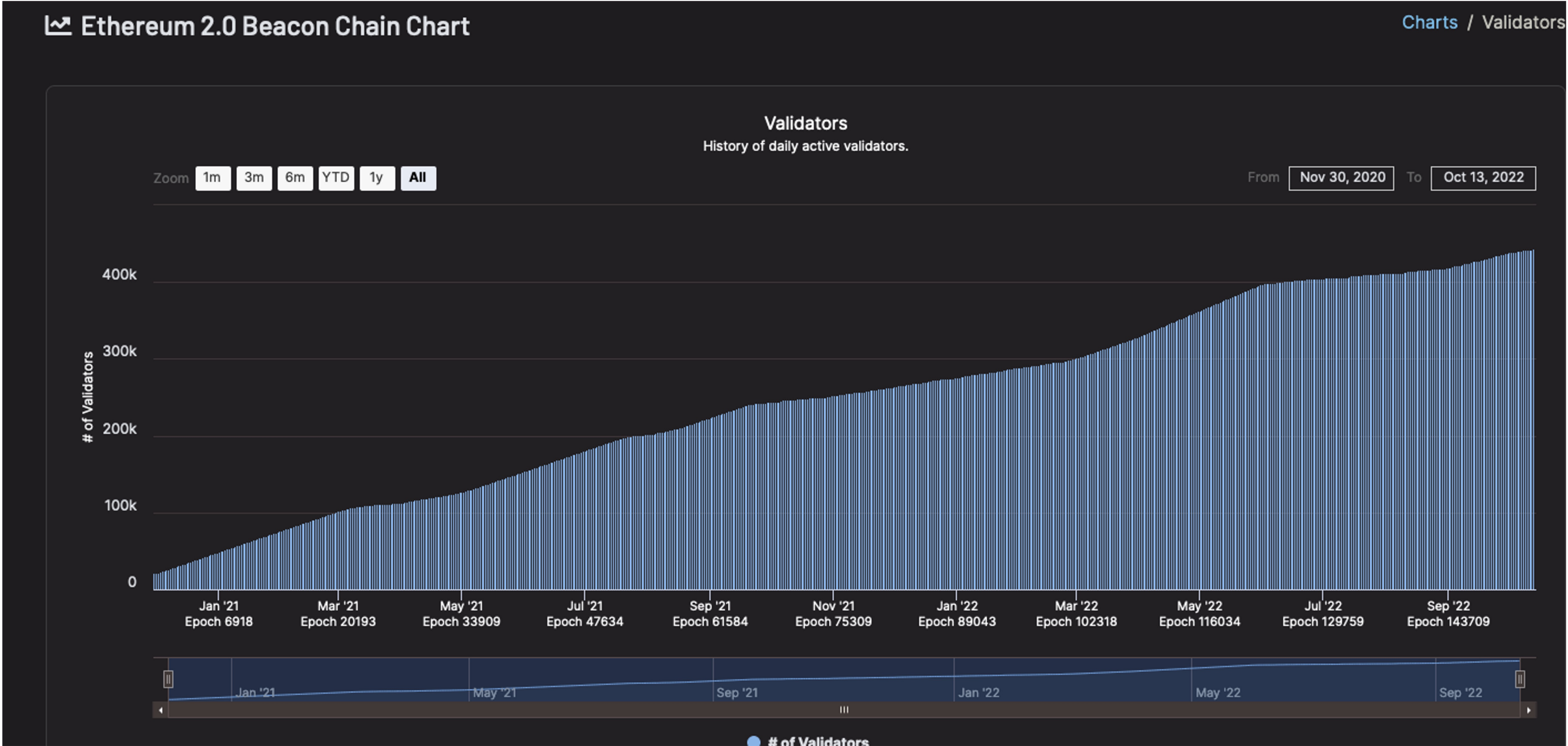
1. Smooth operation for the Proof-of-Stake network
2. Dubious energy claims
3. Unemployed Ethereum miners
4. Censorship concerns mounting



# Proof-of-Stake operations



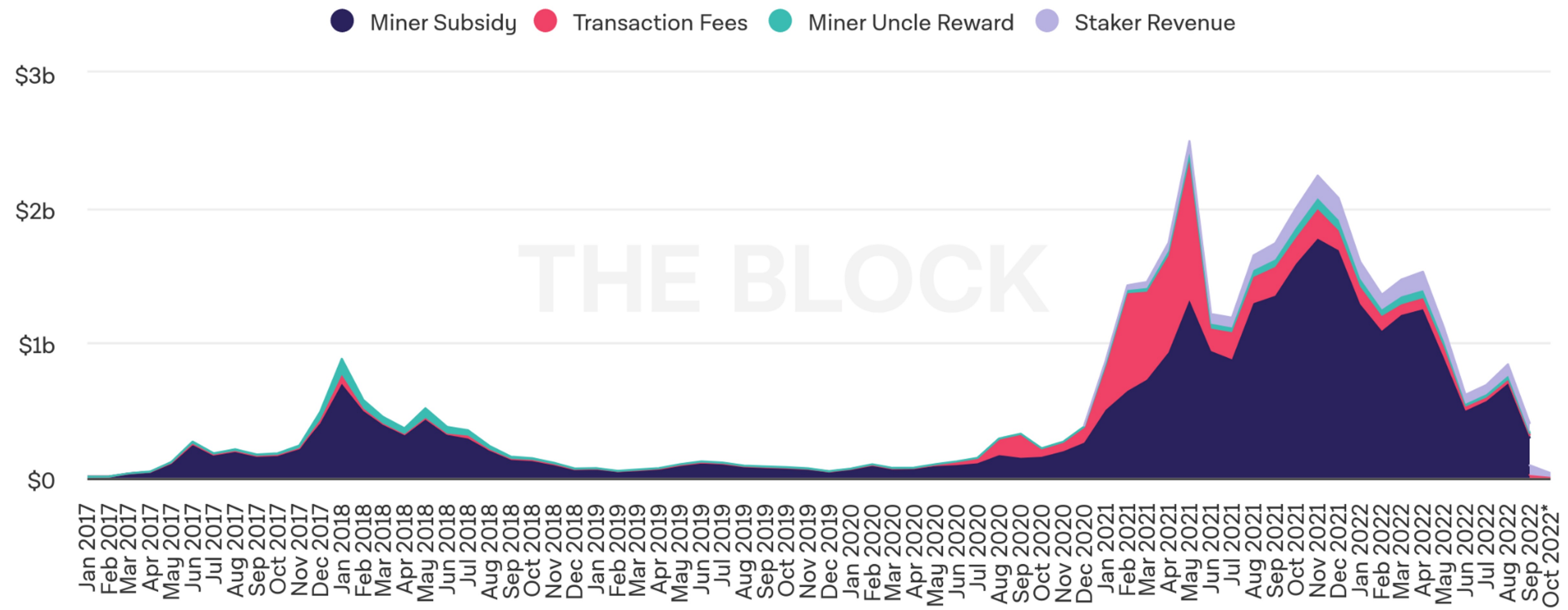
# Proof-of-Stake operations



# Performance Since The Merge



Ethereum Block Validator Revenue (Monthly)



SOURCES: COIN METRICS, BEACONSCAN  
UPDATED: OCT 14, 2022



More energy efficient?

# The Merge – Implications on the Electricity Consumption and Carbon Footprint of the Ethereum Network

(Crypto Carbon Ratings Institute; commissioned by ConsenSys)

	Ethereum PoW	Ethereum PoS	Reduction factor
Electricity consumption [MWh/year]	22,900,320	2,600.86	0.99988
CO <sub>2</sub> e emissions [t/year]	11,016,000	869.78	0.99992

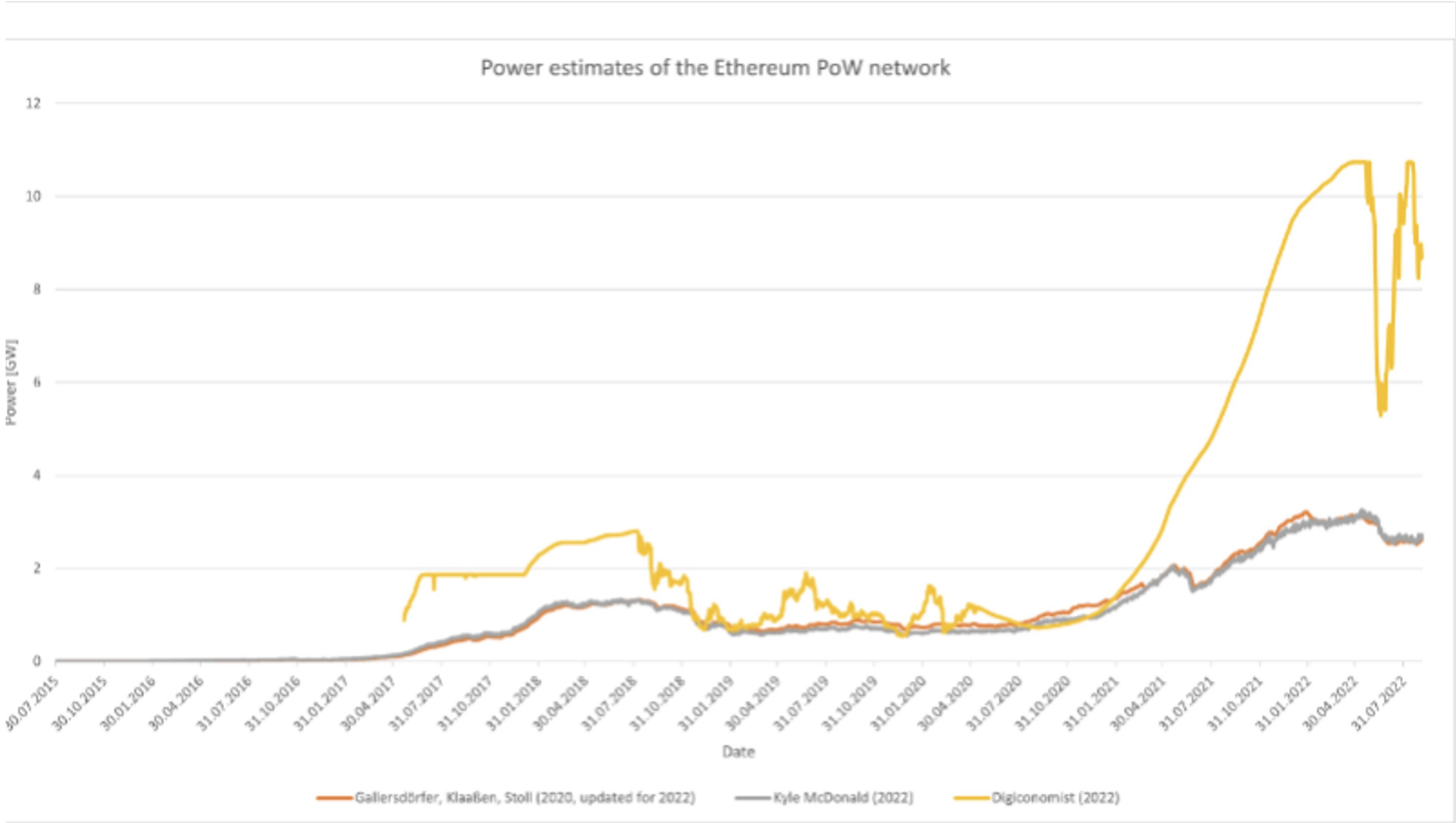


Figure 1: Estimates of power usage of the Ethereum network by Gellersdörfer et. al, Kyle McDonald and Digiconomist. Data from Digiconomist is transformed to GW to align












# Unemployed Ethereum Miners

Seeking future revenue streams:

- Artificial intelligence
- Graphics rendering
- Altcoins
- Zero Knowledge Proofs



# Down Only for GPU Mining Alternatives

	# ▲	Name	Price	Last 30 Days	30d %	
★	2	 Ethereum ETH	\$1,295.11		▼ 21.12%	⋮
★	23	 Ethereum Classic ETC	\$22.98		▼ 40.74%	⋮
★	211	 EthereumPoW ETHW	\$7.13		▼ 79.64%	⋮
★	235	 Ergo ERG	\$2.21		▼ 56.28%	⋮
★	460	 Kaspa KAS	\$0.002286		▼ 42.92%	⋮
★	--	 Raven RAVEN	--	--	--	⋮



# Biggest risk? Censorship

## PRESS RELEASES

### U.S. Treasury Sanctions Notorious Virtual Currency Mixer Tornado Cash

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## Coinbase Is Helping Sue The US Treasury Over Tornado Cash Sanctions

- Coinbase will pay legal costs for six people challenging OFAC
- The complaint argues that Treasury overstepped its authority



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## Opinion

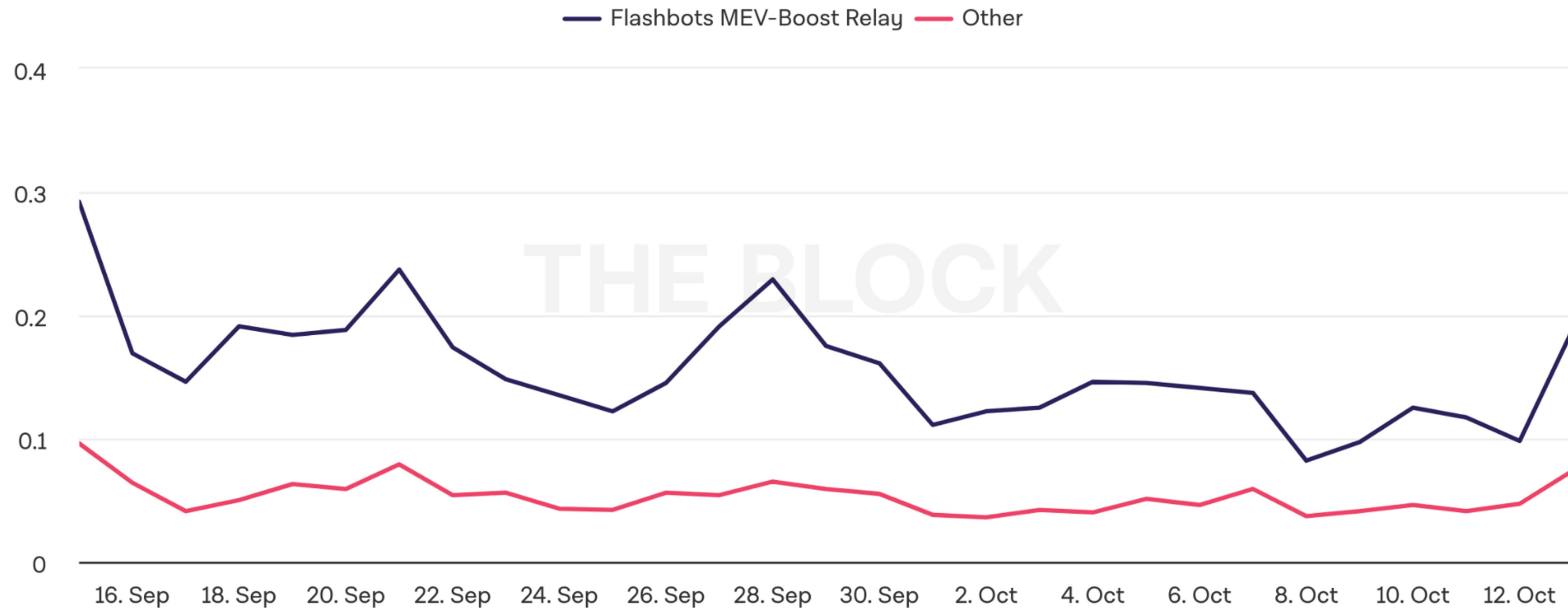
### The Problem Tornado Cash Raises About Base Layer Censorship on Ethereum

Requiring validators and others to censor blocks would be an unwarranted expansion of sanctions law.

“Show me the incentives, I’ll show you the outcome...”

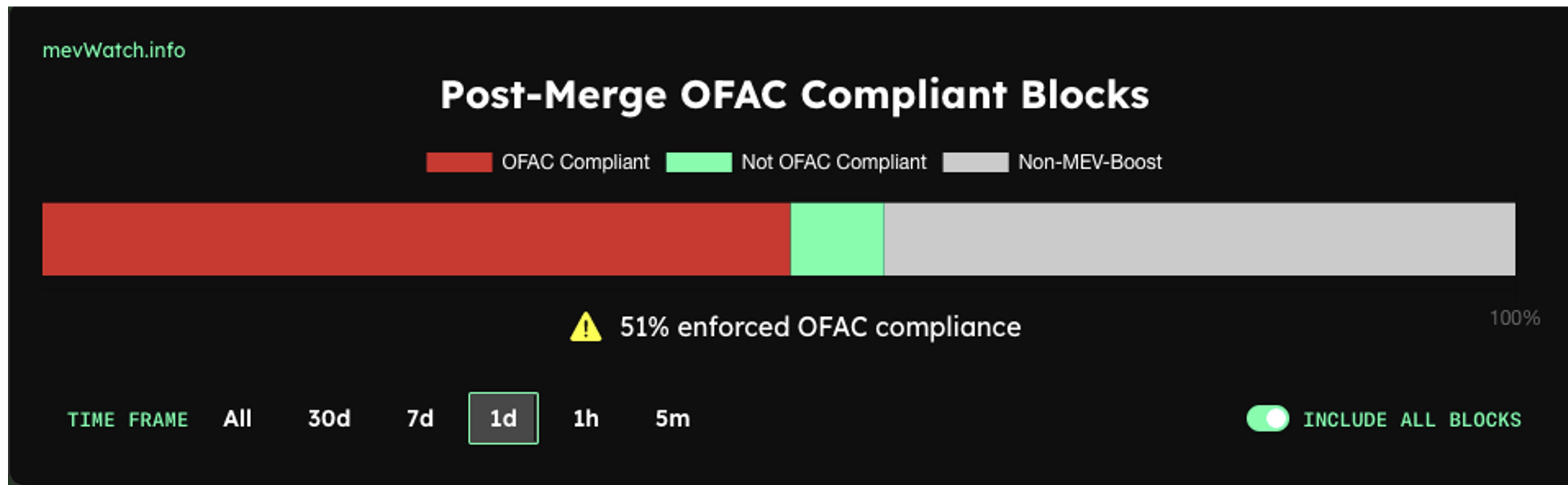


Average Block Reward from Flashbots MEV-Boost Relay



SOURCE: FLASHBOTS  
UPDATED: OCT 14, 2022

Flashbots MEV-Boost: >51% blocks created by OFAC compliant validators.  
Why? Profit.







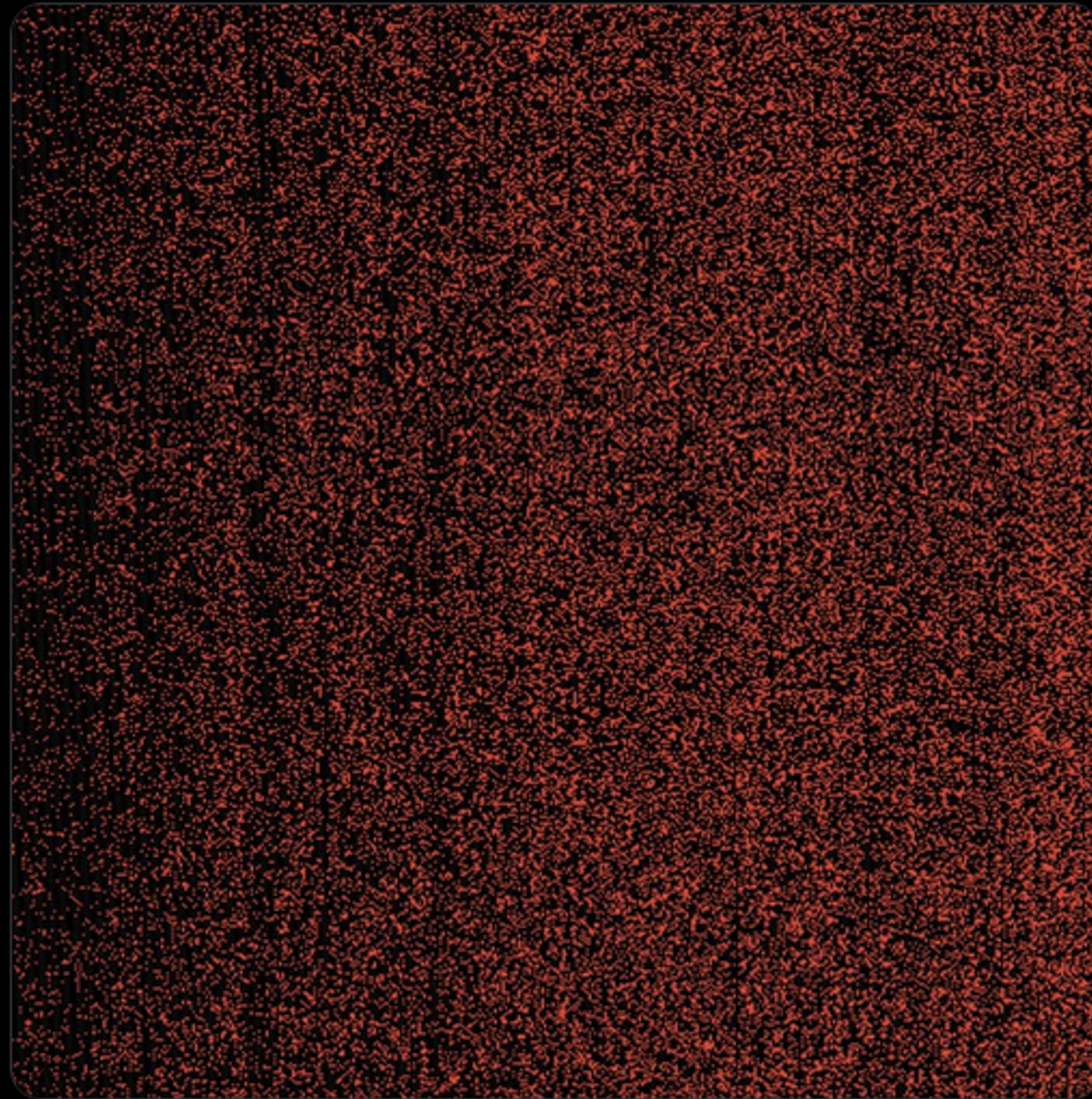
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Almost all blocks since The Merge  
(~210,000)

red = censoring block

(left to right = time)






# Wrap

- Flashbots is working on a new decentralized marketplace for relays announced last week at Devcon called “Suave.”
- Ethereum miners are likely to trash hardware on secondary markets.

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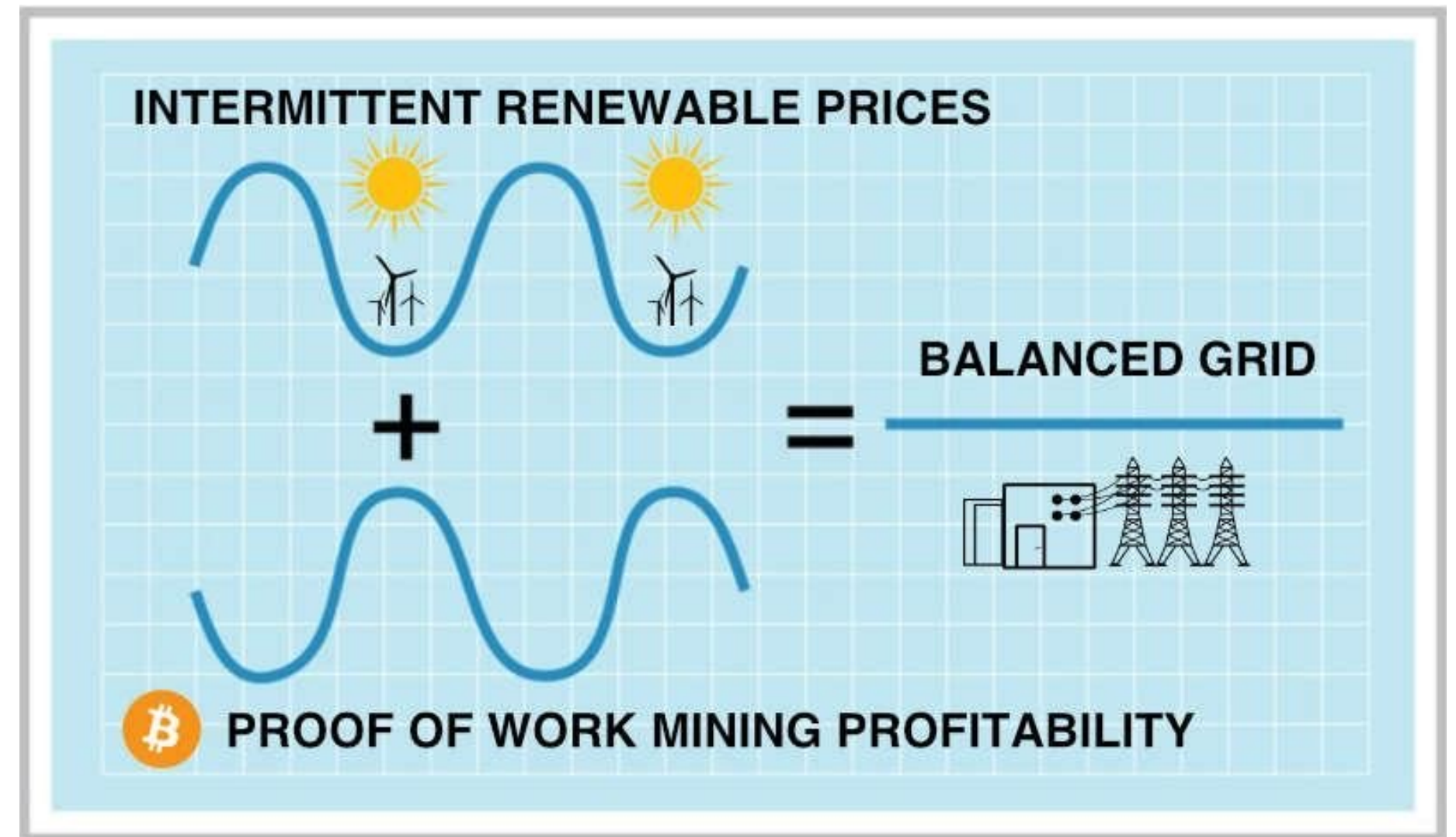
# Bitcoin Mining - CURTAILMENT - Benefits

**The only tech solution that can:**

**Stop on Demand**

**Grid balancing with  
excess energy**

**Good locally and globally**







# THANK YOU