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# Java Card Forum

## Secured hardware for digital currencies



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# Agenda

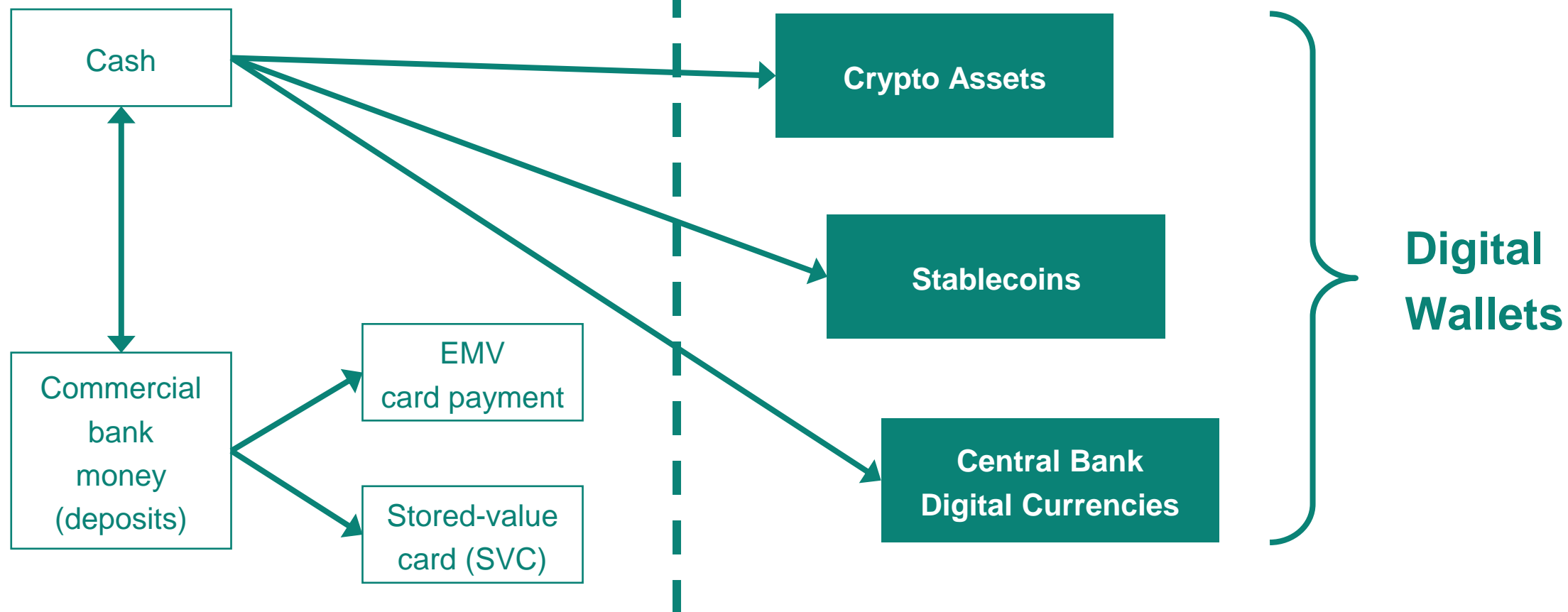
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# Introduction to different types of digital currencies

# Digital Currencies – a new form of money

## Conventional money

## „New money“ - digital currencies



# Digital Currencies – „New forms of money“

## Crypto Assets

\$ 1 trillion market capitalization

### Largest project:

- Bitcoin (50% market share)

### Use cases:

- New asset class
- Digital store of value (scarce digital asset)
- Means of payment

## Stablecoins

\$ 125 billion market capitalization

### Largest project:

- USDT (70% market share)
- Latest project announcement: PayPal stablecoin PYUSD

### Use cases:

- Cross-border payments
- PoS, e-com, P2P payments
- M2M payments
- Hedging instrument

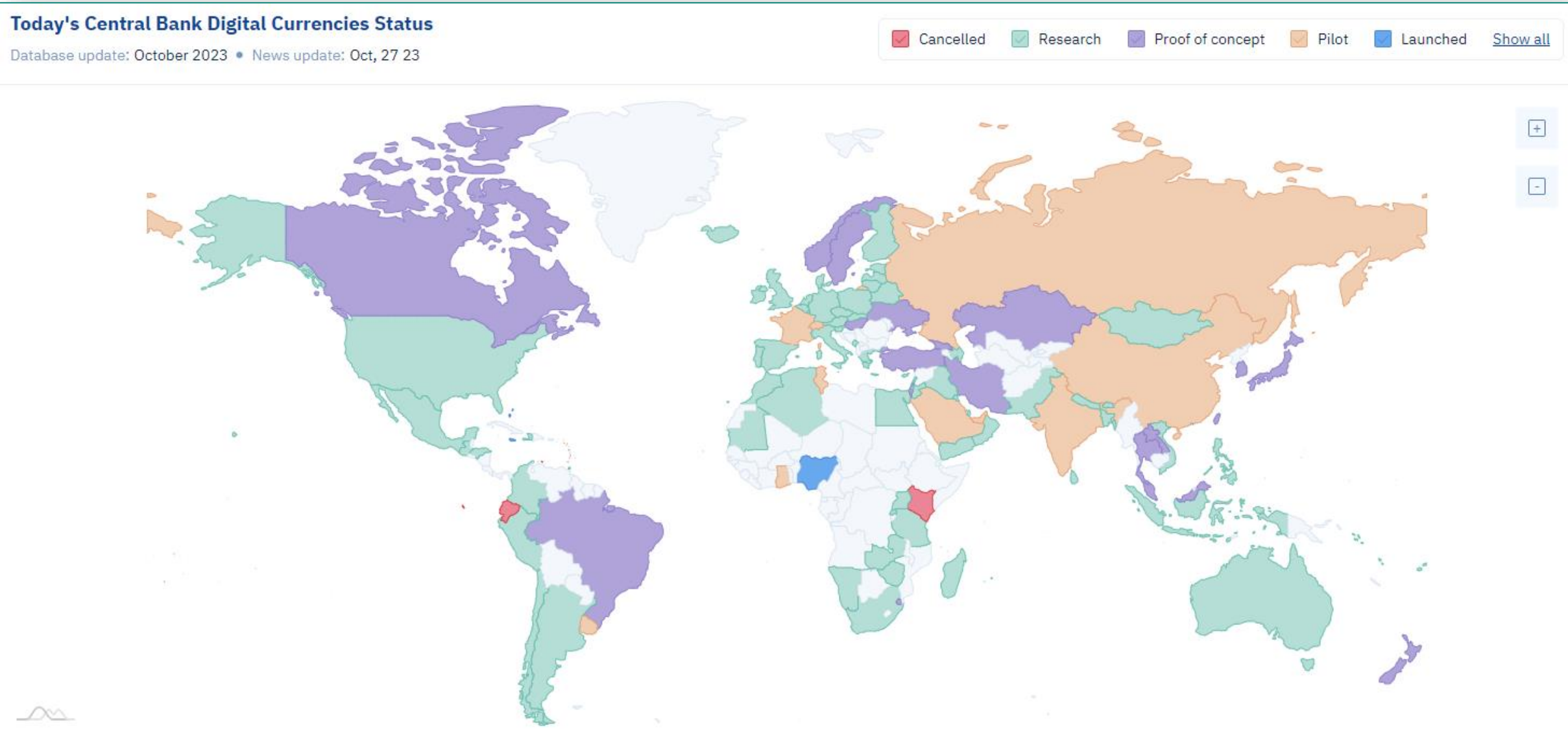
## Central Bank Digital Currencies

A CBDC is, besides cash and bank deposits, a third form of money available for the general public that is meant to be used as a means of payment (example: Euro Area).

A CBDC provided by the central bank has to tackle a specific user need and has to have advantages compared to private sector alternatives so that citizens indeed use it.

Credits: Dr. Jonas Gross, Digital Euro Association

# CBDCTracker.org



# Some of the risks involved when using digital currencies

## Lost value

- „you are your own boss“
- no 3rd party can help
- protect your keys!



## Double-spending

- P2P transactions in offline mode
- trust on sender and recipient devices without relying on connectivity



## Cyber fraud

- wallets are connected to the internet
- the internet is an entrance gate for all kind of cyber attacks



## Impersonation

- identity theft
- weak passwords
- second-factor authentication!



# Types of secured hardware devices to protect digital transactions



# Examples with Hardware-based Security

## Crypto Assets

**Example: Bitcoin, Ethereum**

- › Blockchain Technology
- › Decentralized mining & transactions
- › Hardware (Cold) Wallets

## Stablecoins

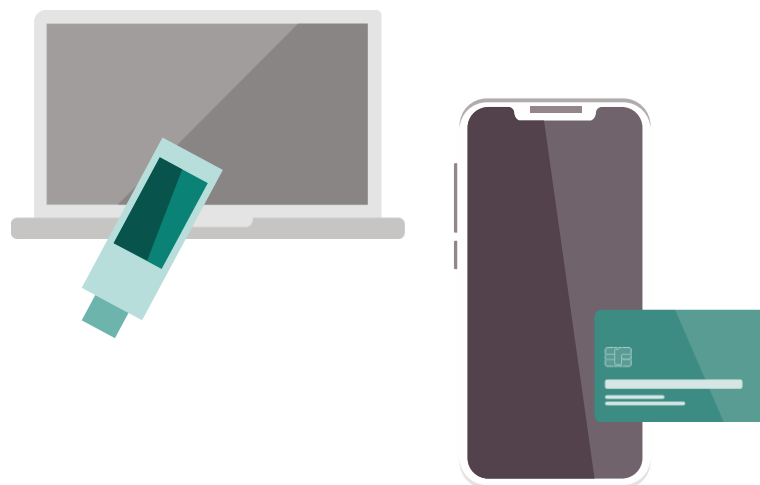
**Example: Tether (USDT)**

- › Smart contracts based on blockchain
- › Can be M2M secure endpoints
- › Embedded Secure Elements (SE)

## CBDC

**Example: Digital Euro, Yuan etc.**

- › Various digital ledger technologies
- › Central Bank driven (regional)
- › Card, Smartphone

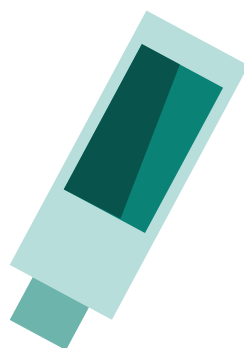
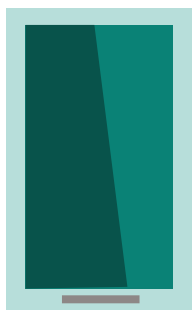


Crypto Asset Examples

**+ M2M**



# Crypto Assets – USB sticks or companion devices



- Cold storage for digital crypto wallets
  - storing cryptocurrency keys offline
  - prevent access from attackers
- Hot storage digital wallets are connected to the internet
  - vulnerable to cyber fraud, lost value and impersonation
- „**NOT YOUR KEYS, NOT YOUR COINS**“
- Keys are stored ideally in a certified security chip or alternatively in a Secure Execution Environment (SEE) on a separate device
- Device connects to your laptop or smartphone via USB or bluetooth
- App for desktop or mobile manages your offline coins

# Examples

## LEDGER

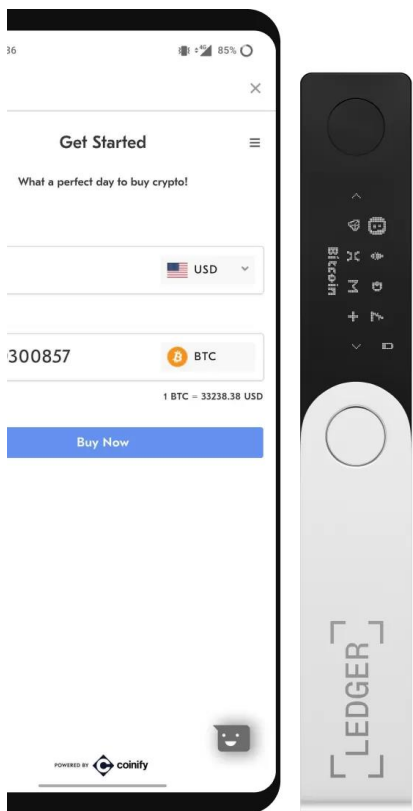


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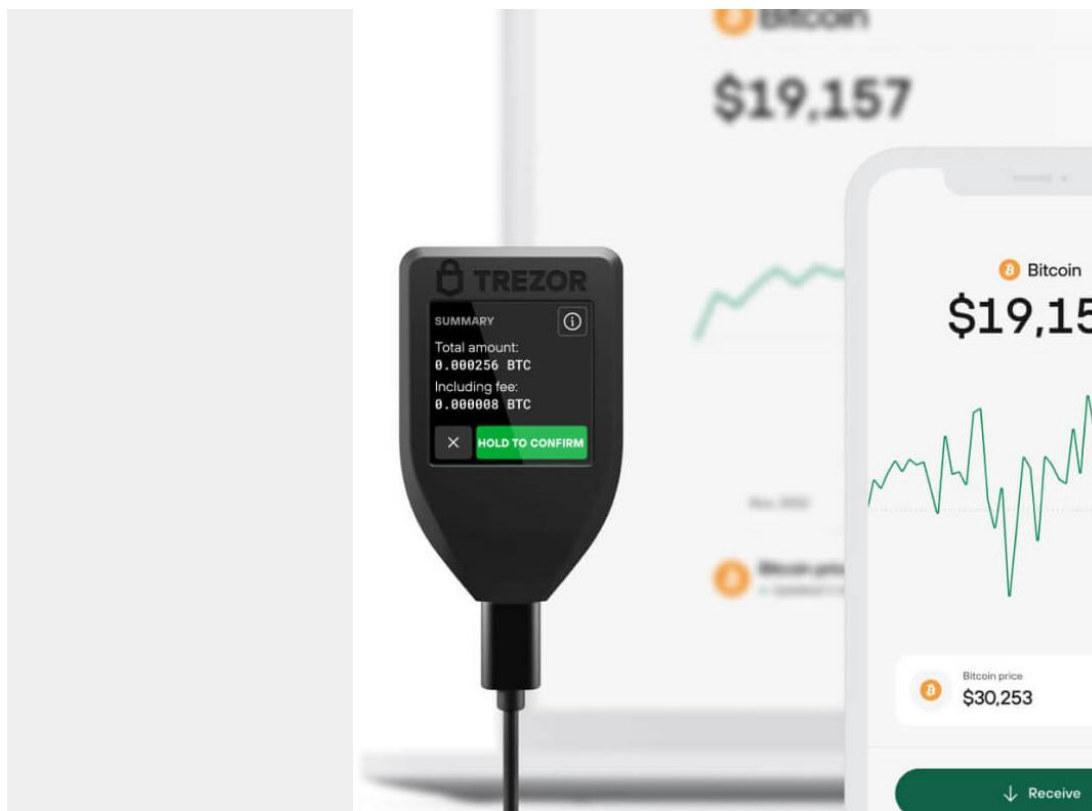


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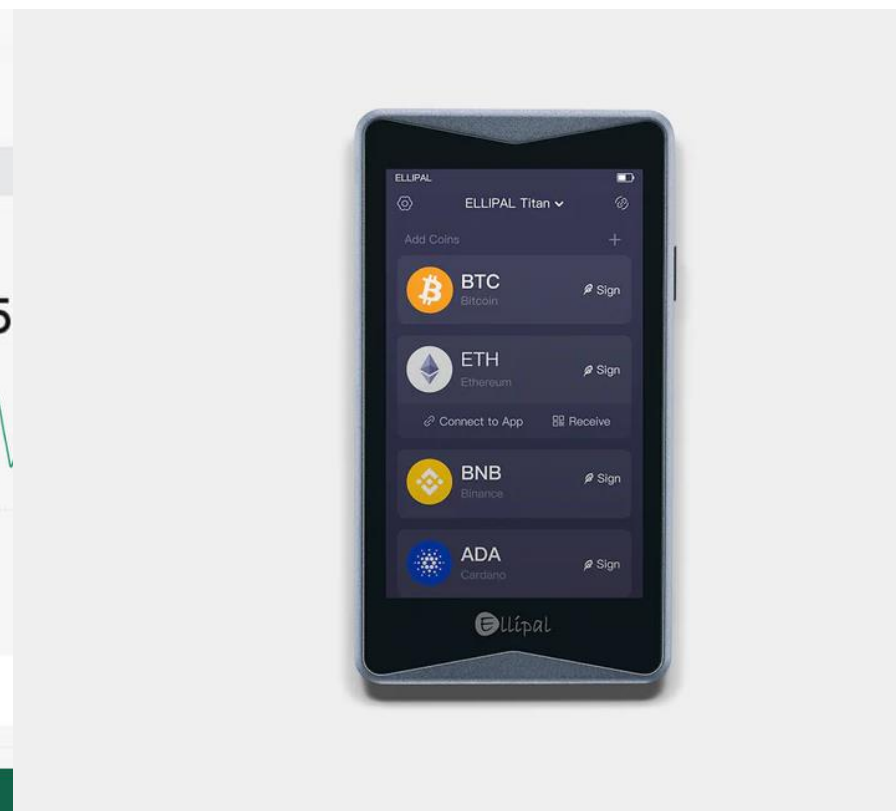


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## Crypto Assets - Card



- Key creation, management and digital signature for crypto transactions on a certified security chip in a smart card
- Digital Wallet App to manage your digital currencies
- „Air Gap“ by tapping the card to the mobile wallet only during key generation or transaction
- Can be used for other use cases as well:
  - FIDO second-factor authentication
  - Traditional EMV card payment transactions

# Examples

## AMMER CARD

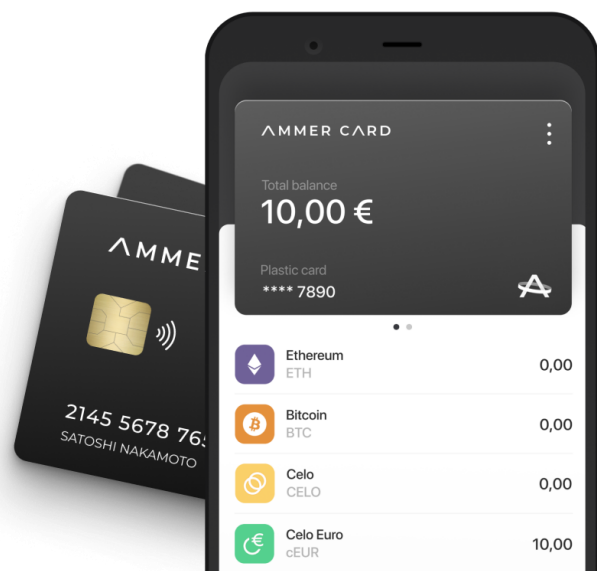


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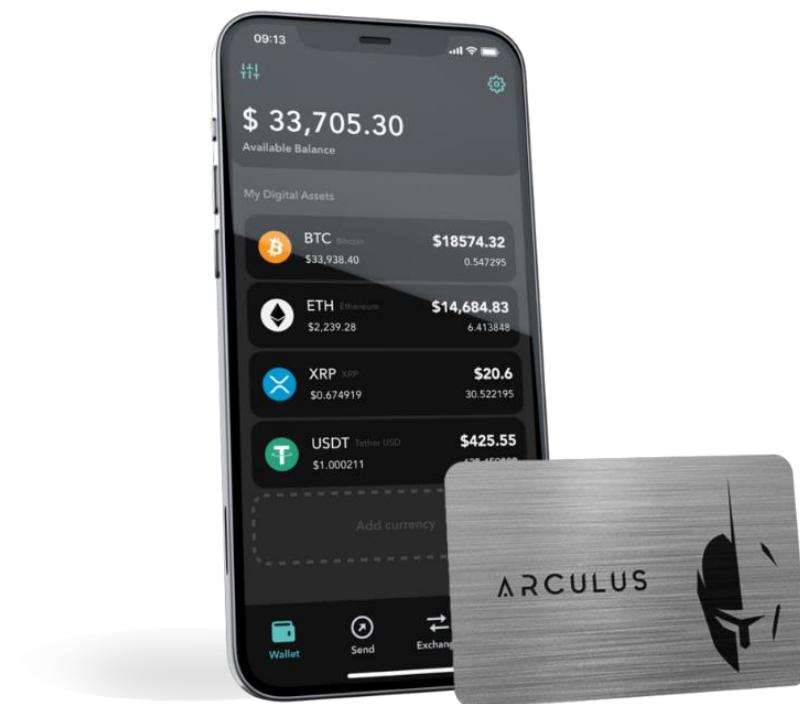


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# Stablecoin – M2M use case



Photo: <https://cash-on-ledger.com/fully-automatic/> & Lindner Traktoren



## Use case:

- Pay-per-use rental model based on blockchain
- Automated rental and billing process using smart contracts stored on the blockchain
- The solution maximizes the efficiency of transactions between the parties
- It is used to gather data for inventory optimization
- Authentication of machines

# Offline CBDC transactions



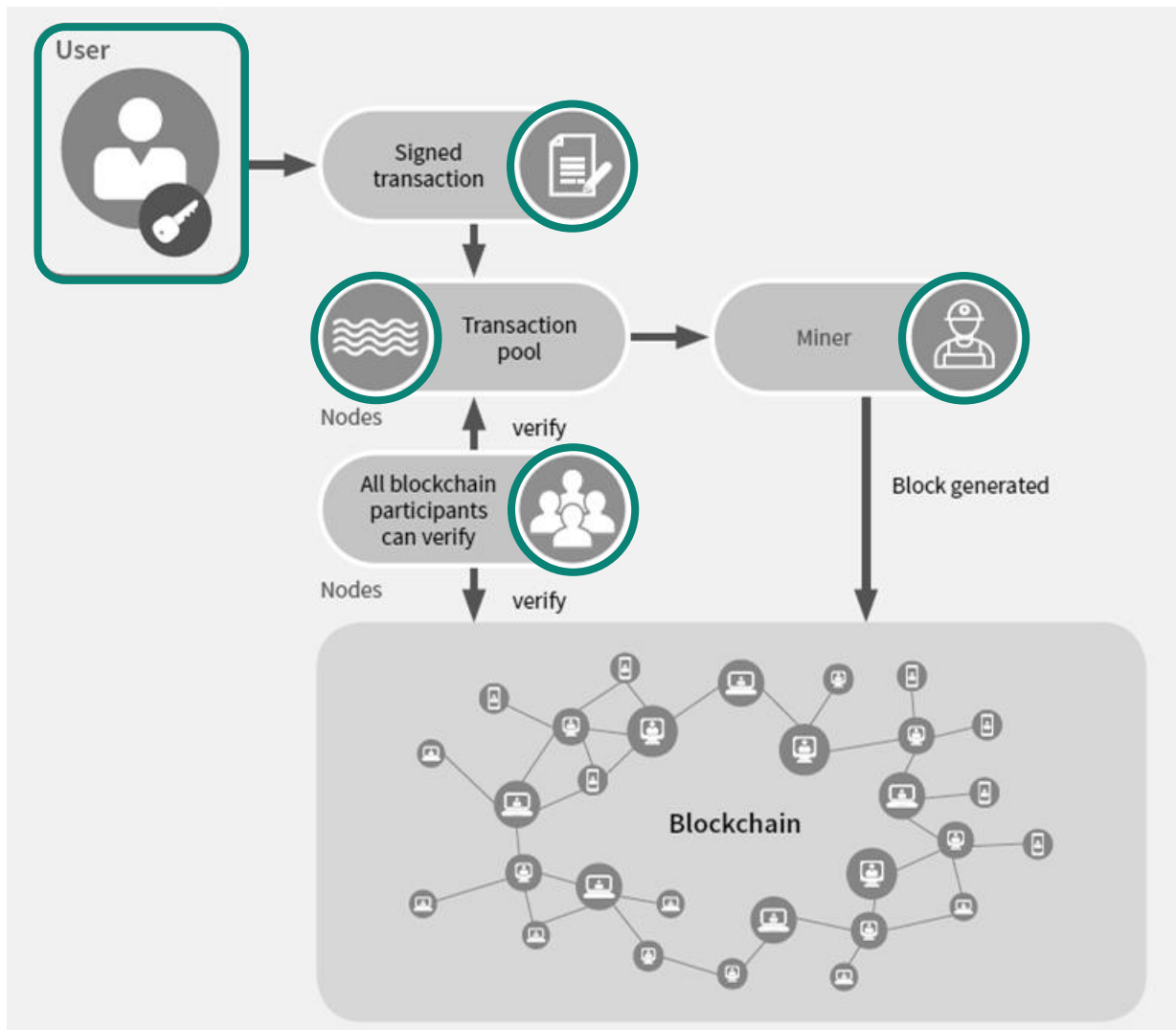
1. Resilience
2. Cash resemblance
3. Inclusion
4. Lack of developed communication infrastructure
5. Privacy
6. Lower transaction costs
7. Performance and scalability support
8. Universal access
9. Civil contingency
10. Trust
11. Making digital peer-to-peer (P2P) and person-to-business (P2B) payments

Source: BIS – Project Polaris - <https://www.bis.org/publ/othp64.htm>

# Java Card support for digital currency cryptography

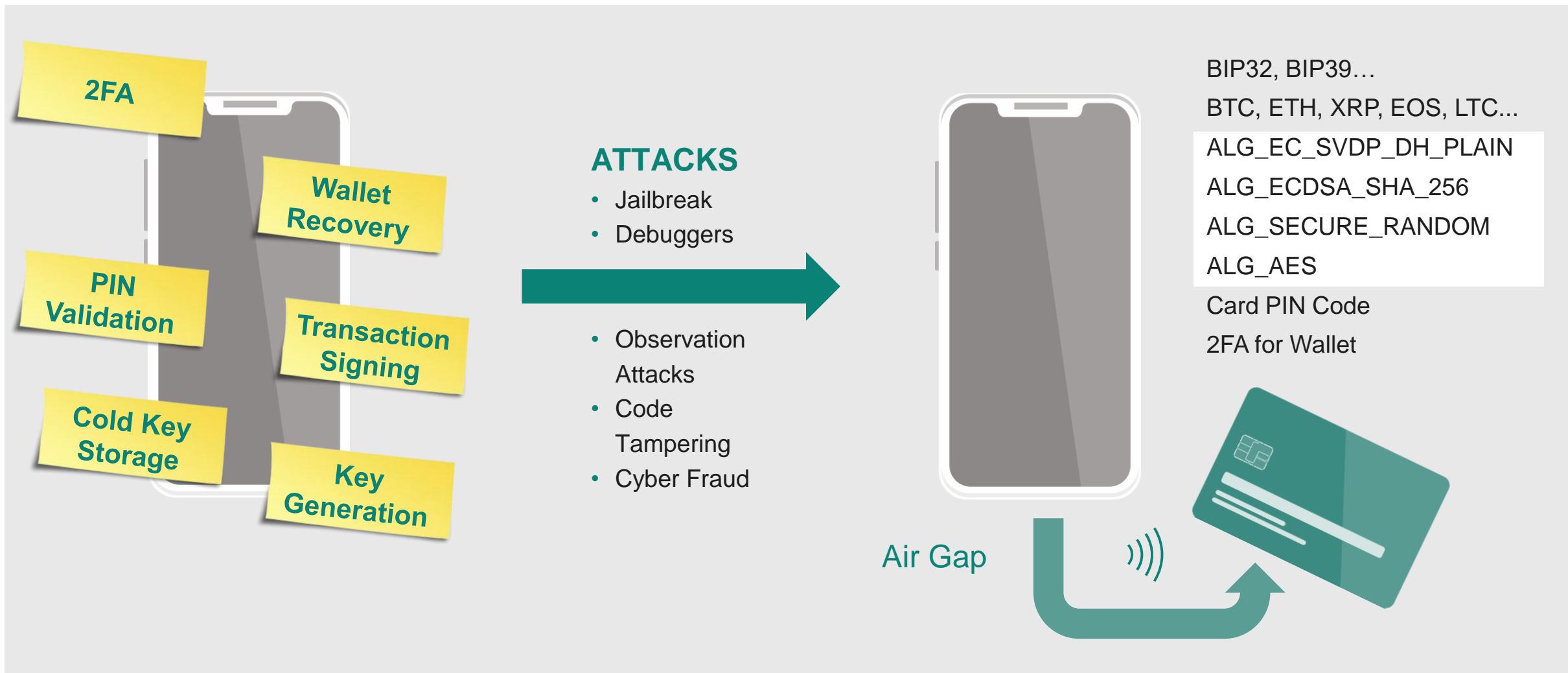


# Blockchain Security

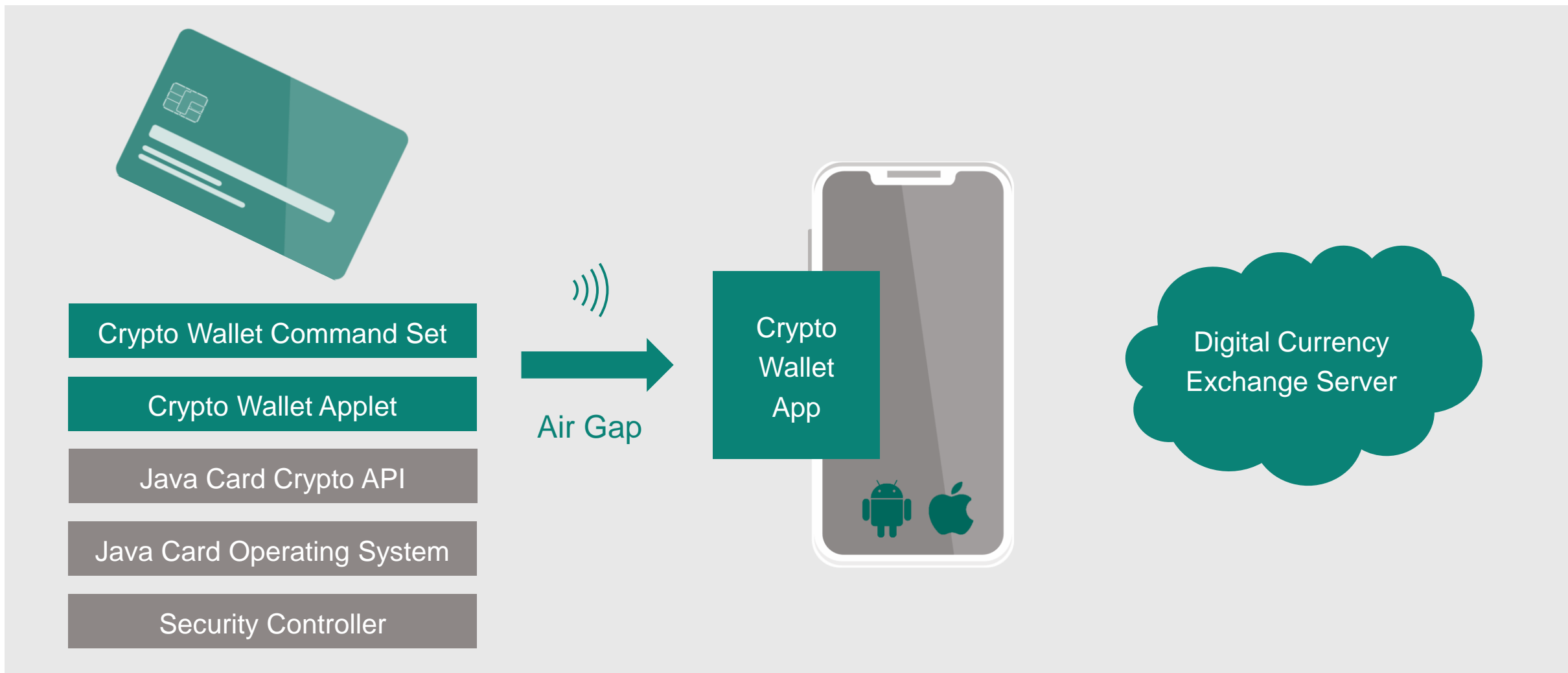


- **Blockchain infrastructure** provides **inherent security**
- **Private key**, identity and **security credential**, enables **interaction with blockchain**
- **Secured storage** of the **private key** is **essential**

# From „Hot Wallets“ to Cold Wallets



# Cold Wallet Architecture on Java Card

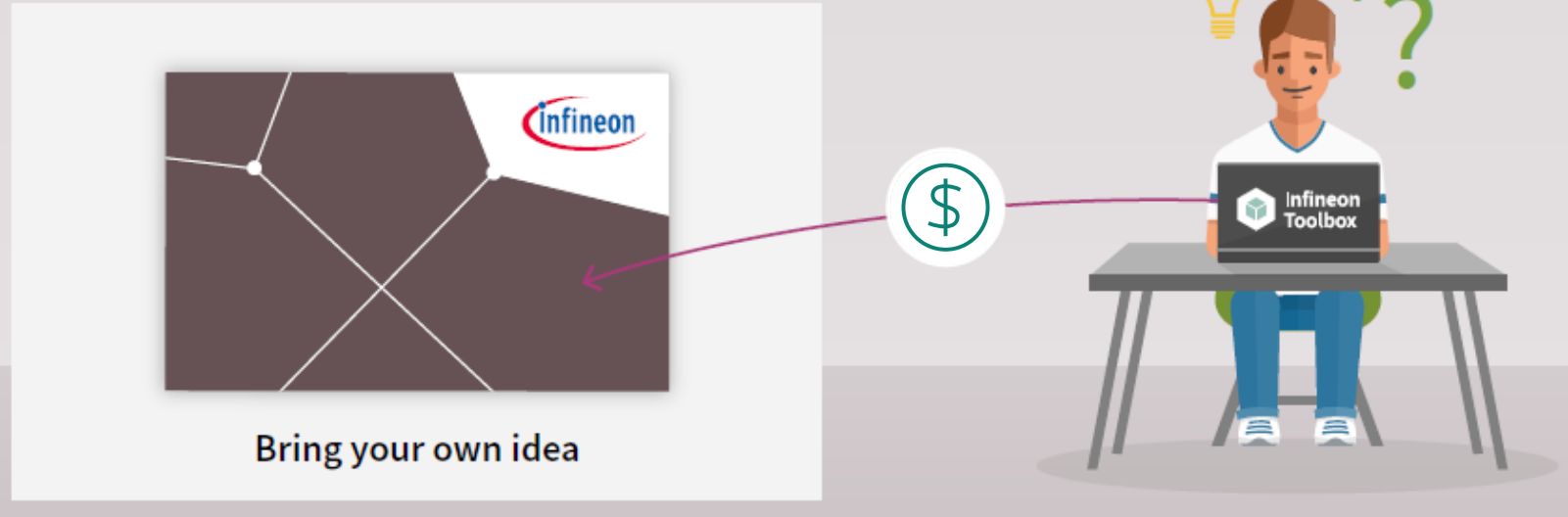


# Java Card cryptography for Cold Wallets

- Secured key **generation and derivation**
  - non-deterministic:
    - on chip key pair generation (RNG)
  - deterministic:
    - seed from mnemonic words (HMAC\_SHA512 in PBKDF2 based on BIP39)
    - master node and child node key derivation (HMAC\_SHA512, RIPEMD160 based on BIP32, modular addition)
- Secured Elliptic Curve based **signature and transaction**
  - Koblitz SECP256K1 – typical (Bitcoin/Ethereum...)
  - NIST SECP256R1 – (SLIP10) rather used in IoT
  - Edward Ed25519 – (SLIP10) future
- Secured **backup and key restorage**
  - User centric key recovery based on BIP39 and seed import

# SECORA™ ID

## Flexible all-in-one Java Card solution



- Maximum customization
- Real open platform
- Eclipse based development tools
- Development trainings and support
- Composite certification enabled

More information: <https://www.infineon.com/cms/en/product/promopages/secora-id>

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