

Banking in Bitcoin

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Bitcoin has many innovations

- A distributed network of nodes
- An incentive system for miners to secure an immutable ledger
- Programmable (e.g. MultiSig)
- Scarce
- Censorship resistant
- Predictable and unchangeable issuance schedule

Sound Money



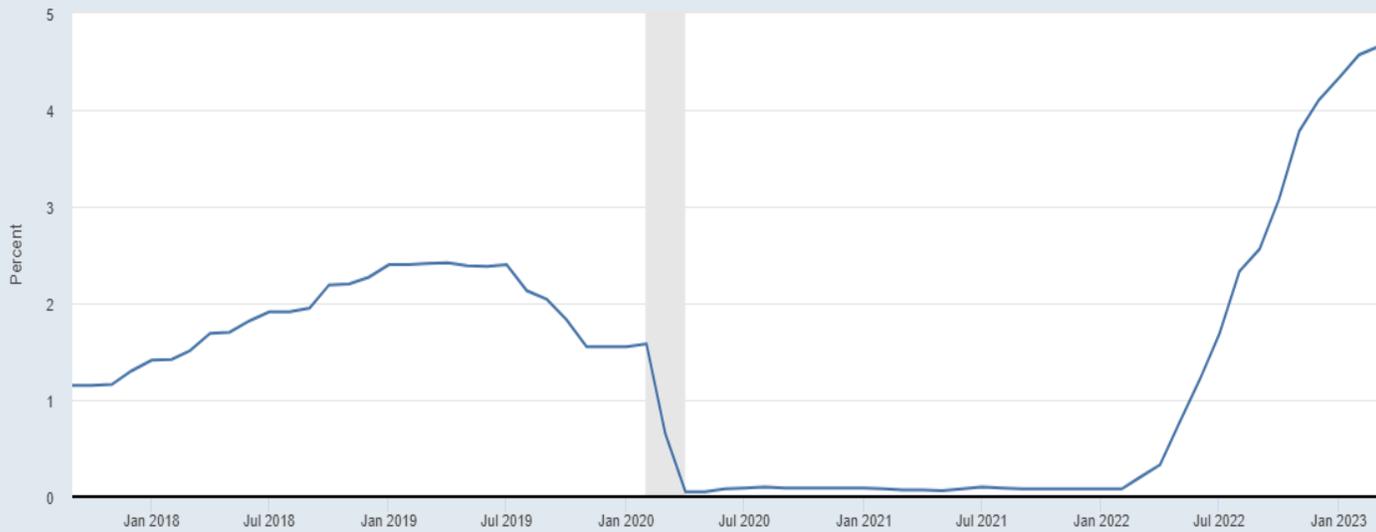
- Barter
- Gold and silver
- Extraction cost
- The edges of your quarter

The birth of fiat money

- Banks storing Gold
- Banks issuing Gold certificates
- Trading Gold certificates
- Banking Before the Civil War
- The Suffolk Bank in Boston
- The birth of the Federal Reserve
- The Gold standard

Money today

- Deeply integrated with banks
- Base money:
 - Currency plus bank reserves
 - Controlled by the Fed
- Broad money
 - Demand deposits, time deposits, CDs, etc
 - Set by banks
- The Fed makes base money, banks make broad money



Shaded areas indicate U.S. recessions.

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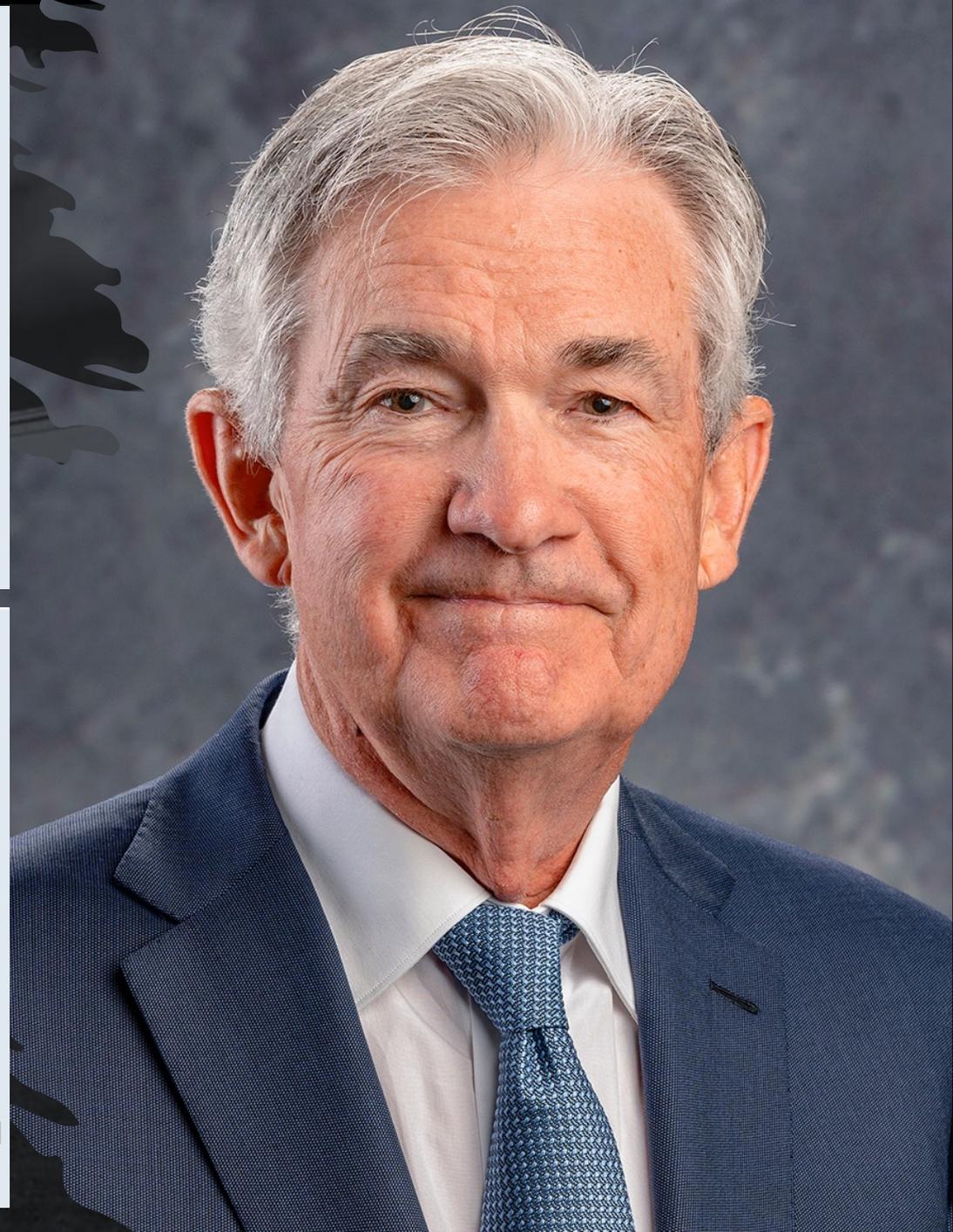
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Breaking conventional wisdom

1. Only the Fed makes money
2. The Fed sets the interest rate
3. Money today is analog, not digital

The case against central banks



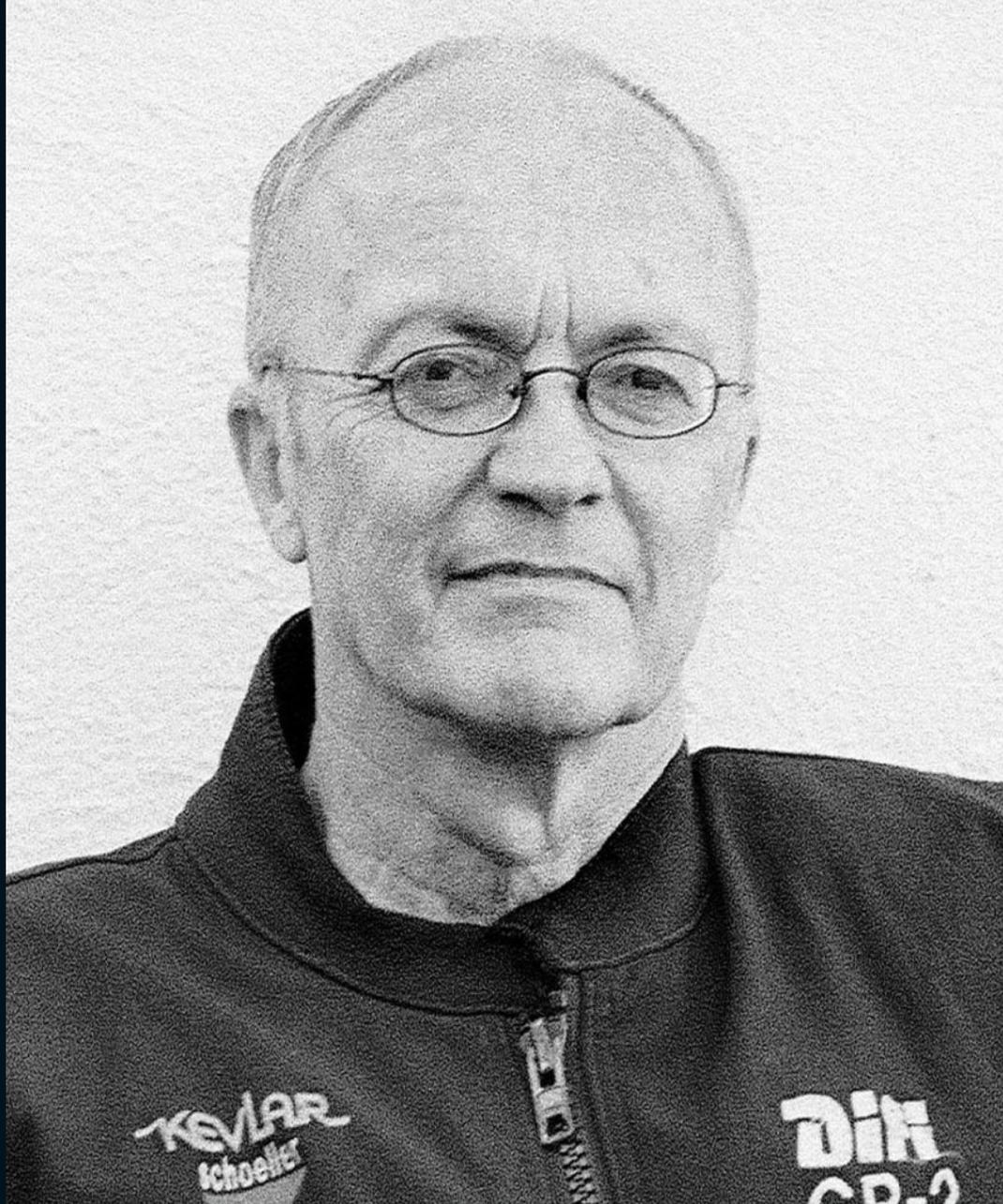
1. The Hayek critique:

- Central banking is central planning

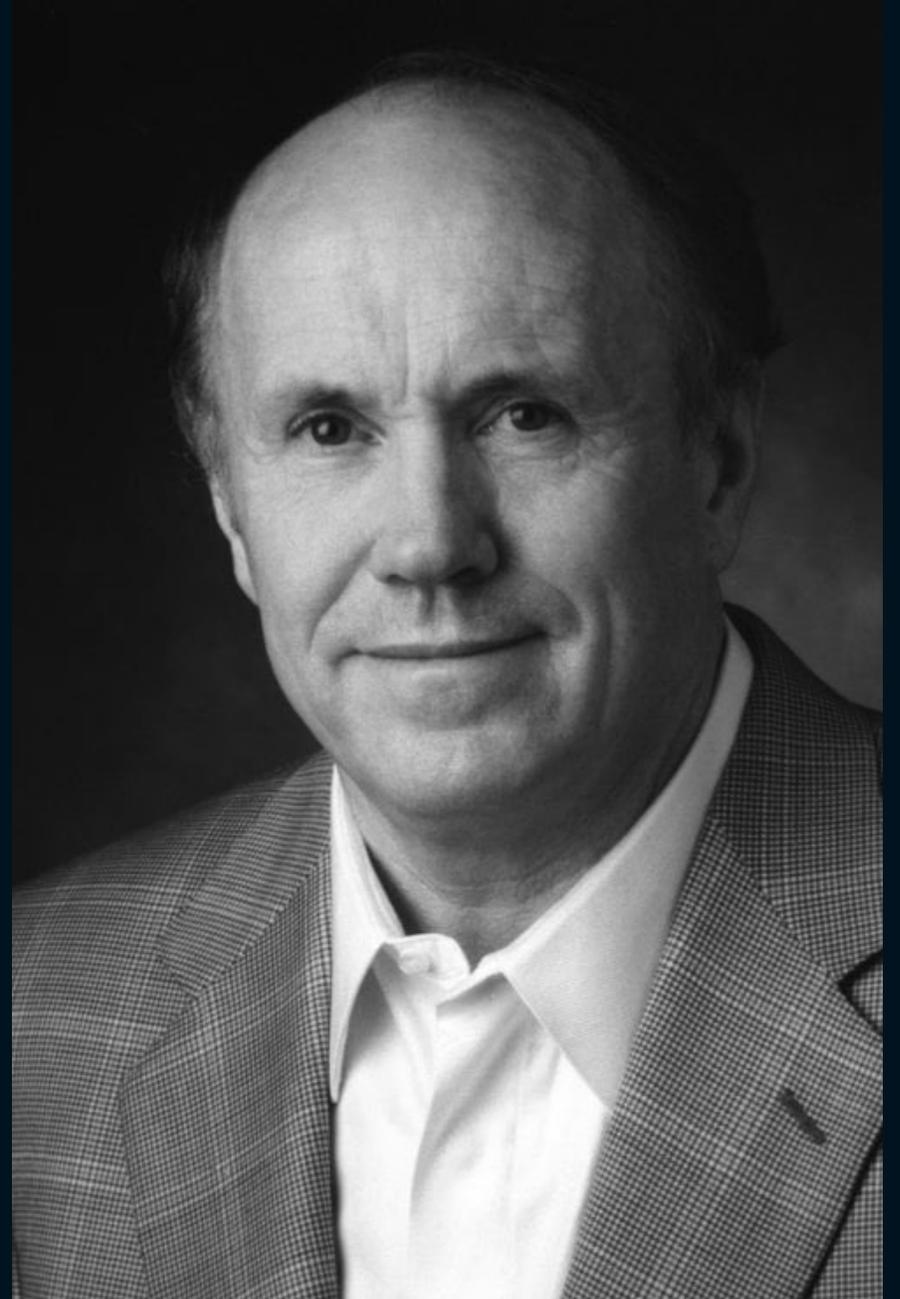
2. Inducing moral hazard

- Bailouts, deposit insurance

3. Rules vs. Discretion



Finn Kydland



Ed Prescott

An aerial photograph of a town completely inundated with floodwater. The water is a uniform greyish-brown color, covering the streets, yards, and surrounding areas. Numerous buildings of various sizes and styles are visible, their roofs and upper stories protruding from the water. Some buildings appear to be multi-story structures, while others are smaller, single-story houses. The surrounding landscape is mostly flat, with some trees and vegetation visible above the water level. The overall scene conveys a sense of significant flooding and potential damage to the community.

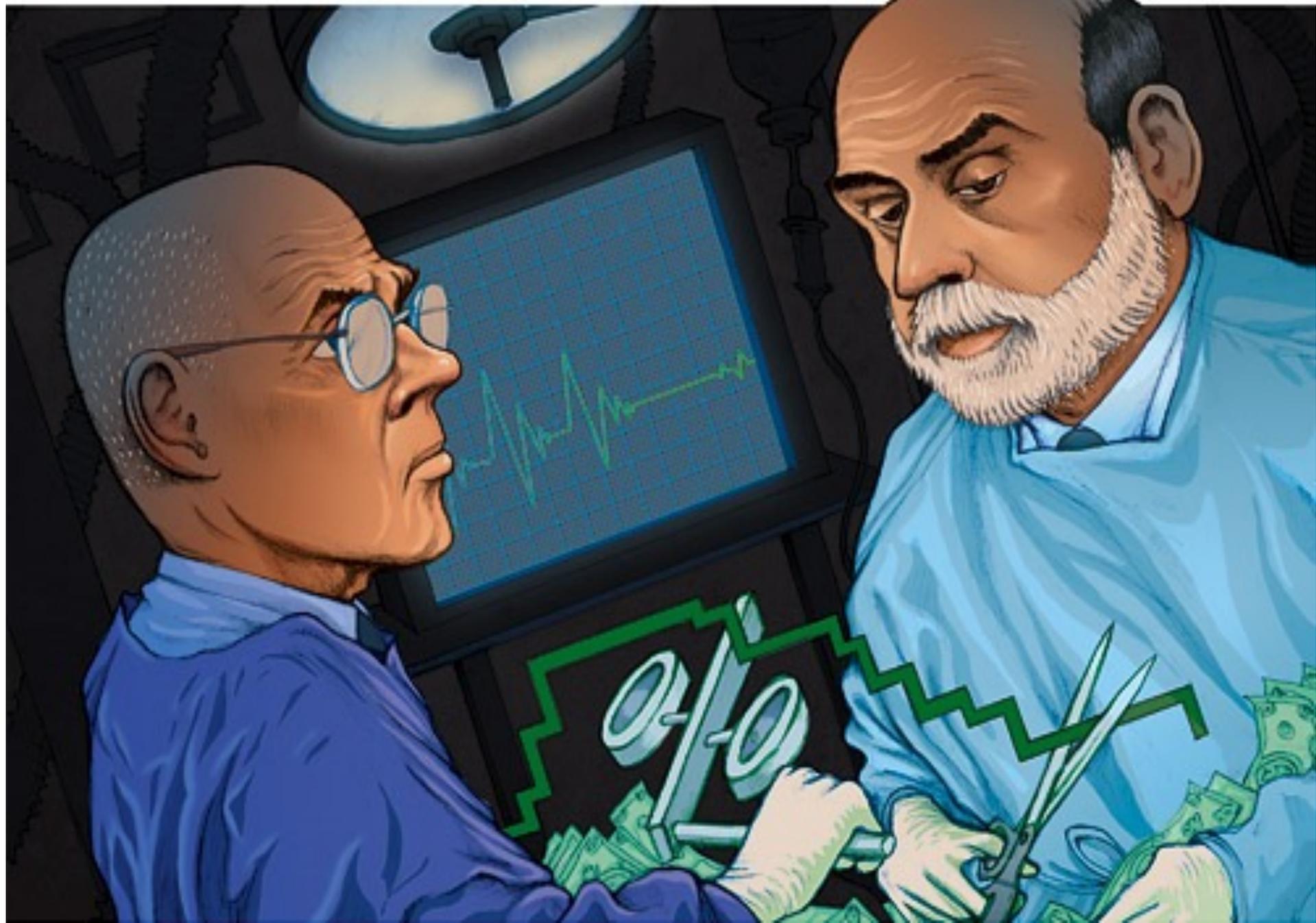
Building on a Floodplain





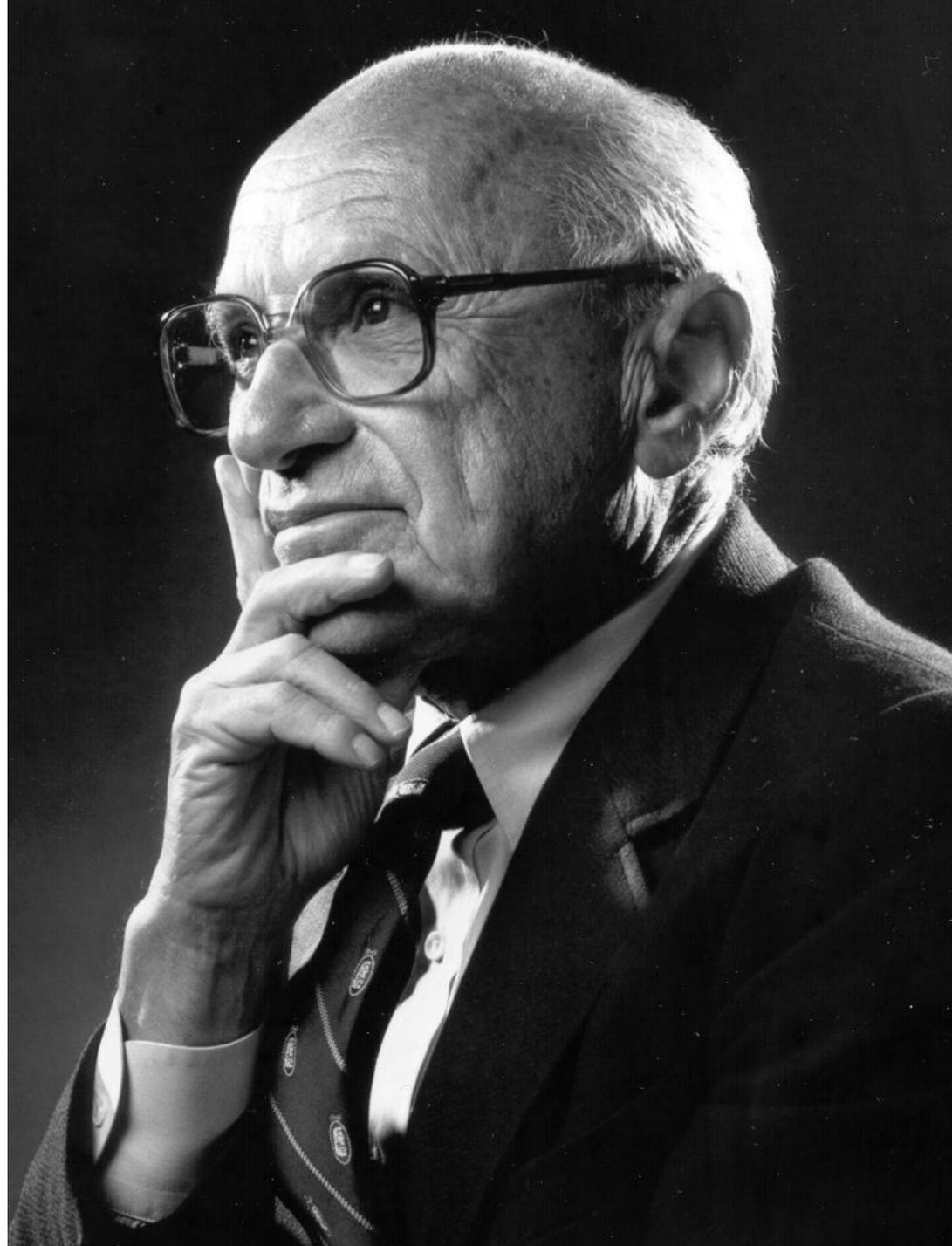






Enter Bitcoin

- The Bitcoin issuance schedule
 - Predictable
 - Unchangeable



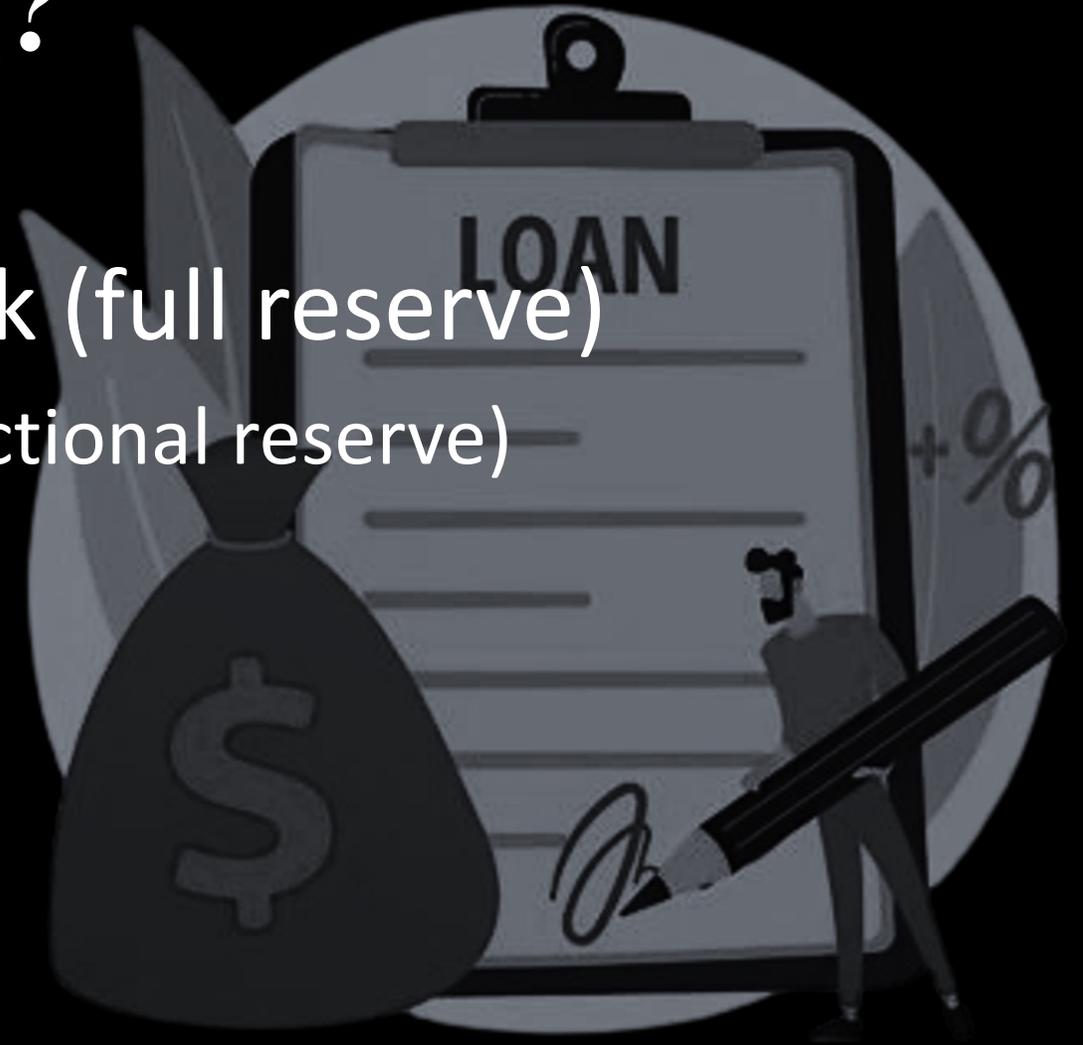
A new base layer

- Bank to bank settlement
- Secure, immutable, (slow)



What are we missing?

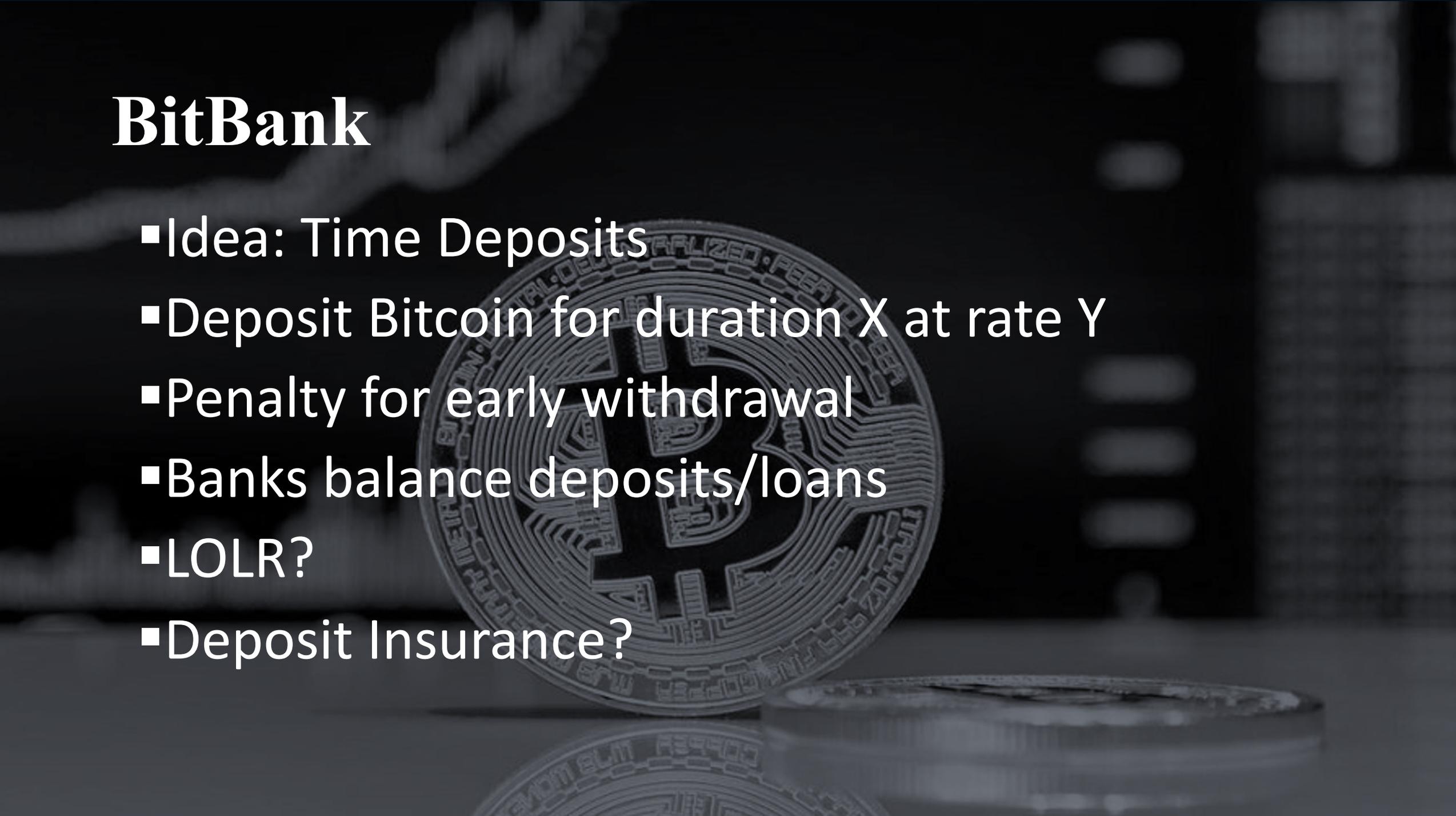
- Lending
- The original deposit bank (full reserve)
- The deposit lending bank (fractional reserve)
- Bitcoin: be your own bank.



Banking in Bitcoin

- Protocol issues base money (Bitcoin)
- Banks still exist on a Bitcoin standard.
- Take deposits in Bitcoin, lend in Bitcoin.
- Operate without a central bank
 - Suspended convertibility contracts
 - Competition between banks
 - Private Sector Innovation

BitBank

A hand is shown holding a large Bitcoin coin in the center of the frame. The coin features the Bitcoin logo and the text 'BITCOIN' and 'DECENTRALIZED PEER-TO-PEER'. In the background, there are several other Bitcoin coins, some of which are blurred. The overall scene is set against a dark, textured background.

- Idea: Time Deposits
- Deposit Bitcoin for duration X at rate Y
- Penalty for early withdrawal
- Banks balance deposits/loans
- LOLR?
- Deposit Insurance?

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