

# A Data Exploration Tool for Novel DeFi-Metrics on the Algorand Blockchain

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A brief Overview of Algorand





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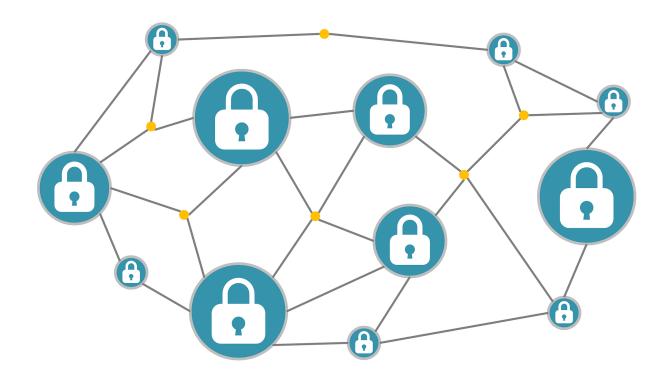
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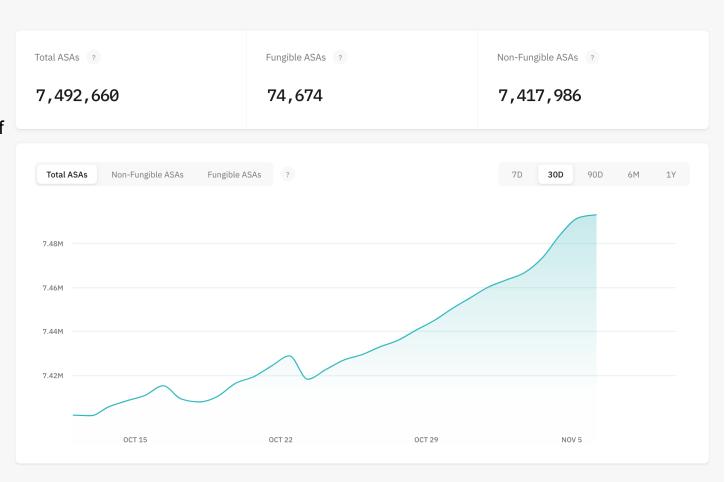
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- pure-proof-of-stake based consensus approach
- A growing number of assets and financial instruments being used on the network.



Algorand Standard Assets, provided by Algorand MainNet Metrics Dashboard, via Algorand Developer Portal, accessed 10.11.2023

- Decentralized Finance (DeFi) is a *financial infrastructure* built on top of a *blockchain network*.
- It relies on open, permissionless protocols / decentralized applications.

DeFi Protocol Layer (Pro)	<b>Assets / Tokens</b> *Native *Fungible *Non-Fungible	Atomic Composable Services *Exchange *Loan *Stablecoin *Mixer	Auxiliary Services (AUX) UI
Smart Contract Layer (SC)	Data Structure *Block *Transaction *Contracts	Virtual Execution Environment *State machine *State transition	Off-chain Oracle
Blockchain Consensus Layer (CON)	<b>Consensus Protocol</b> *Proof-of-Work *Proof-of-Stake	Incentive Protocol *Block reward *MEV reward *TX fee	Wallet Operators
Network Layer (NET)	Communication Protocol *TCP *IP *DNS *BGP	<b>Network Protocols</b> *P2P overlay *Peer discovery *Timeout *Da	ata propagation

High-level systematization of Decentralized Finance

Zhou, L., Xiong, X., Ernstberger, J., Chaliasos, S., Wang, Z., Wang, Y., ... & Gervais, A. (2022). Sok: Decentralized finance (defi) attacks

## **Block Explorer**

Algo Explorer Algorand Blockchain Explorer Search by Address / Tx ID / Group Tx ID / Block / Asset Name / Asset ID / App ID 🚯 MAINNET 🗸 6 Statistics ~ Blockchain ~ Tools ~ Assets Apps Governance LATEST BLOCK CIRCULATING SUPPLY TOTAL SUPPLY ONLINE STAKE 33,490,216 **A** 8,001,162,514.09 ₼ 10,000,000,000 **A** 1,411,239,868.43 TRANSACTIONS HISTORY ALGO PRICE BLOCK SPEED LIVE ACTIVITY 24H 724,398 🕚 1D 1Y YTD ALL 0.00000359 BTC 100K 3.4 sec >>>> 8.39 tps CA of Txs 80K \$ 0.1268 . 2.59% 60K Number 40K TX COST ACCOUNTS O 201 0 ⇒ \$0.00013 ( 33,077,729 MARKET CAP: \$1,014,547,407 02 Nov 03 Nov 04 Nov 05 Nov 06 Nov 07 Nov 08 Nov Latest Blocks **View all Blocks Latest Transactions** View all Transactions Round: 33490216 Proposer: DEK6IBQKSX5JPKUS.. Txs: 16 o. ID: E6GENS4B3TCE35MJEV5ARAPDDT6YLW3ZQ.. O Planets 12 transfers, 3 app calls, 1 asset config From: ZW3ISEHZUH ... To: 4MMVR4JFW ... Fee: A 0.001 11 s Proposer: 4H5UNRBJ2Q6JENA... Round: 33490215 Txs: 29 ID: XXM4POCUHLAUFK2LDHAU27HDMK53T3K... **0 LCRDR** Ò. 23 transfers, 6 app calls From: JY2FRXQP7Q... To: JY2FRXQP7Q... Fee: \Lambda 0.001 14 s 11 s Proposer: 7GI4GMAFMI6HP46F... Ó. Round: 33490214 Txs: 52 ID: XJQSLREPHCAEOVWJDSR56RFUG2UG5LXV... 0 LCRDR ~ 14 transfers, 38 app calls From: JY2FRXQP7Q... To: JY2FRXQP7Q... Fee: A 0.001 18 s 11 s Round: 33490213 Proposer: MKZIWVBDBZV7UK ... Txs: 29 ID: LSBO7Y4RZHTDMIFVOQ6ST7EFDOEUL3GQY.. 0 LCRDR O. 26 transfers, 3 app calls From: JY2FRXQP7Q... To: JY2FRXQP7Q... Fee: A 0.001 21 s Tra 11 s

#### AlgoExplorer – Algorand Blockchain Explorer

AlgoExplorer, accessed 08 November 2023

## Metrics on existing Block Explorers

	<ul> <li>Circulating Supply</li> <li>liquidity &amp; network health</li> <li>readiness for supporting DeFi projects</li> </ul>					3	<ul> <li>TVL - Total Value Locked</li> <li>capital investment</li> <li>users' trust &amp; financial scale</li> </ul>					') (.	Total TXs – Transaction Count• User's adoption							
	Market	Genera	l Infor	natio	1		Asset Inf	ormation	1		Tra	nsaction	Details		Ir	Block Information			s / Acco ormation	
Metrics Block- Explorer	Circulating Supply	Staked Supply	Price	TVL	TX Cost		Chart of Stats	Market Cap	Total Txs	Tx ID	TX Type	Sender	Receiver	Fee	Round	Proposer	Txs	Balances	Assets	Apps
AlgoExplorer	$\checkmark$	~	~	X	~	~	~	$\checkmark$	~	~	$\checkmark$	~	$\checkmark$	~	~	$\checkmark$	1	~	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
AlgoScan	$\checkmark$	~	~	$\checkmark$	х	~	×	X	X	~	$\checkmark$	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	$\checkmark$
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### **Motivation**



#### **Existing Algorand Block Explorers**

- ✓ Market Performance
- ✓ Community's Engagement
- Assets Utilization

- ➤ Activities on Decentralized Exchange (DEX)
- **X** Comparison of Tokens Trading Frequency
- ➤ Trading Volume of DEXs, Tokens
- ➤ Maximal Extractable Value



Not much useful information for *traders*, *MEV researchers*, etc.



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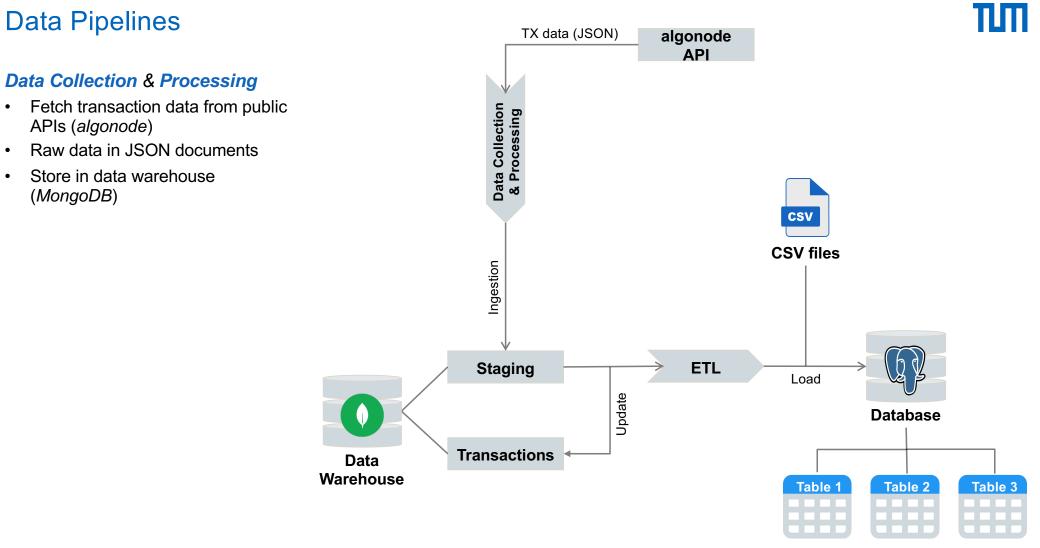
Develop a data tool to help extract more in-depth *insights* about *DeFi assets* and *protocols* 

<u>AlgoExplore</u>r, accessed 26 April 2023

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## **Data Pipelines**

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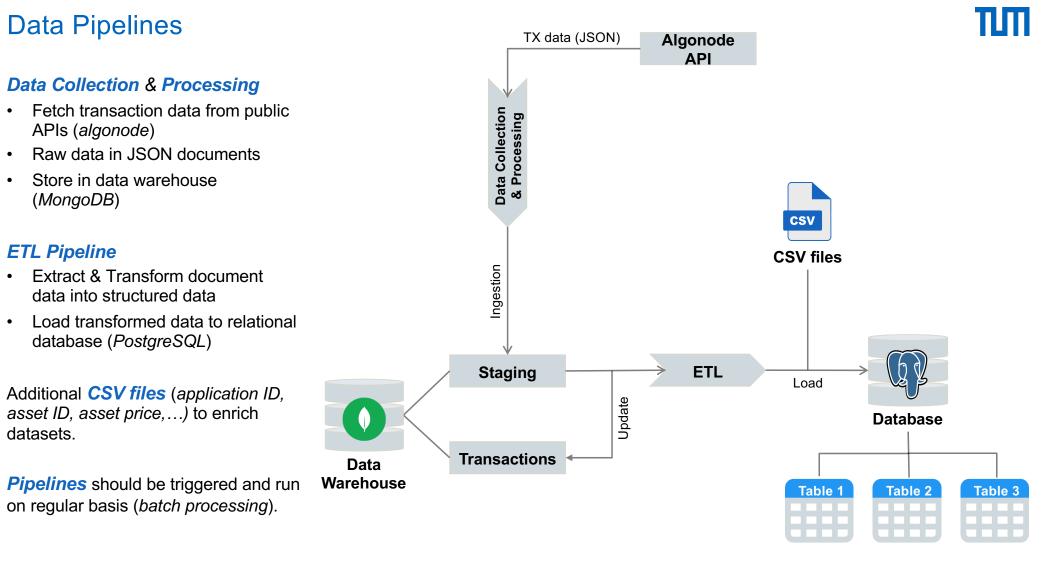
## **Data Pipelines**

#### **Data Collection & Processing**

- Fetch transaction data from public APIs (algonode)
- Raw data in JSON documents
- Store in data warehouse (*MongoDB*)

```
• application-transaction: Object
  ▼ accounts: Array (1)
      0: "RCD52S3W2EIRH3SKNUXTOHGL2DEWNBQCPNXWJPVRQN5HLKBQYNJKVTLZNE"
    application-id: 1085125506
  foreign-apps: Array (2)
      0: 640481749
      1: 605753404
  foreign-assets: Array (2)
      0: 444035862
      1: 0
  id: "OBS3K7YLJB6AMW73SVWJGB7CH2VSLMEWFSK4LH2BBMT2JVC6RE4A"
 tx-type: "appl"
 sender: "G4X2SG2BERCVKPGVWVL3IDDYZXM3QGYJ6PKKCWIMDGPDKWL50KW7WJQSZQ"
  fee: 1000
  confirmed-round: 29473146
  group: "iFk4Qrsxbw3NvWsaRBwlGcAcCya30PRYz040QyUpJIQ="
• inner-txns: Array (3)
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    • application-transaction: Object
      id: "N/A"
      tx-type: "appl"
      sender: "6YL5GP5CV3M5MQ30BKVRRFYTZ0VKJQLMGTGKB4R07M5RQEL3YGI0RRZ5R4"
      fee: 2000
      confirmed-round: 29473146
      group: "f5MEiiow31p6dwrFZDaXlqzvejTuK8gX3FgLMTADPJ4="
    inner-txns: Array (1)
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- 🔻 0: Object
  - payment-transaction: Object



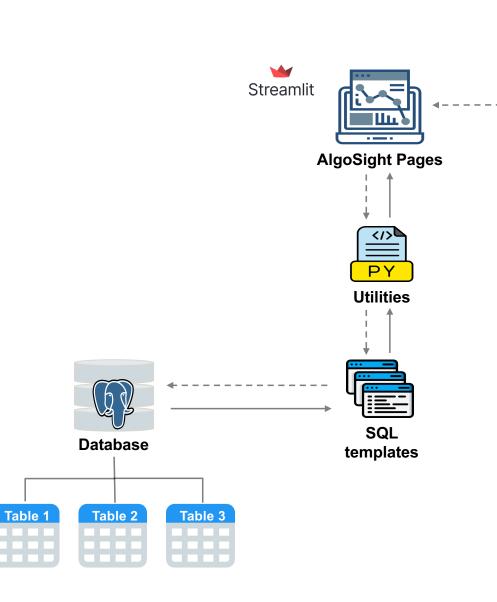
## **Data Analysis**

*User Interface* are web pages where user can enter input or filter, sort output etc.

*User Input* is used to complete a pre-defined SQL template.

Each *User Request* is an execution of a SQL query.

Any *new metrics* can be added by simply integrating its computation logic (SQL query) to the data tool.



Users

### Demo



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#### **DEX & Token Activity**

#### **Aggregated Level**

(e.g., Most active DEXs)

- Transaction count
- $\rightarrow$  consistency & reliability of DEXs / Tokens.
- Higher activity
- $\rightarrow$  better liquidity, tighter spreads, quicker execution
- $\rightarrow$  crucial for executing large orders efficiently.

#### Most active DEXs between 2023-06-01 and 2023-06-08

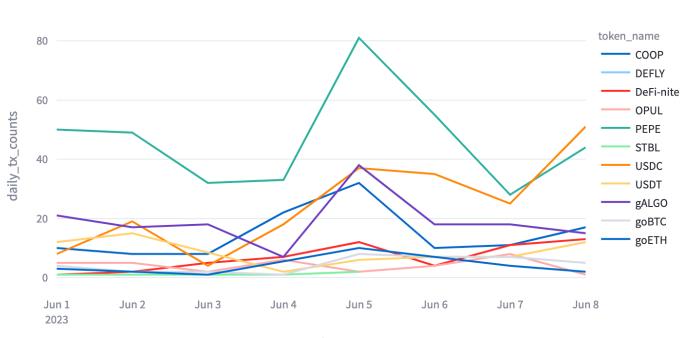
	APP ID	PLATFORM	TOTAL TX COUNTS
1	1002541853	Tinyman AMM v.2	250424
2	818179346	AlgoFi	13329
3	818182048	AlgoFi	10567
4	620995314	Pact	7814
5	605929989	AlgoFi	6648
6	1075389128	Pact	5716
7	855716333	AlgoFi	4268
8	607645439	AlgoFi	2952
9	645869114	Pact	2046
10	835609896	HumbleSwap	1572

#### **DEX & Token Activity**

#### **Drill-downed Level**

#### (e.g., DEXs Activity by Tokens)

- identify which tokens are most active on which platforms.
- → where to trade specific tokens, potentially identify arbitrage opportunities.

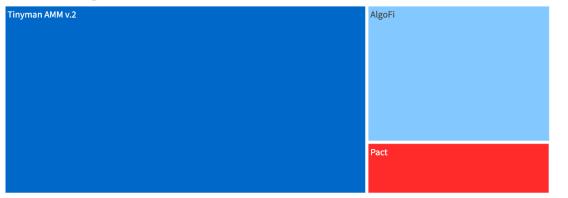


HumbleSwap Activity by Tokens from 2023-06-01 to 2023-06-08

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#### **DEXs Trading Volume from 2023-06-01 to 2023-06-08**



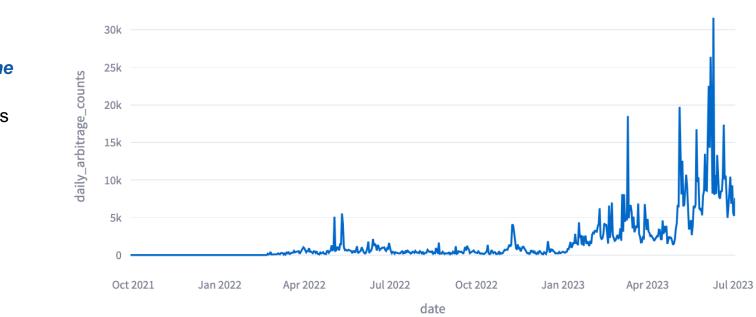
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#### **Trading Volume**

DEX & Token Activity from the perspective of the total value.

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#### **Arbitrage Activities**

#### Arbitrage Activities over Time

First impression of the activities



Arbitrageur Profit Leaderboard

	ARBER	PROFITS IN USD
1	AACCDJTFPQR5UQJZ337NFR56CC44T776EWBGVJG5NY2QFTQWBWTALTEN4A	110967.67
2	URKF45CZD6JGFIRBH67VQX6OCLUOXGDRRCCB3R2M7UXFY4EPOSQQ6VDQZU	31201.12
3	TEICJUFENMNMZXQTADIAUVJ25FRSYDZI3AYOBQAQQXJ4JZQDCS2RAUI634	25304.40
4	ODKHWTGQUBJ2I62QBLBL3BZP5YUSPJ5OVL7JHUKCJOE3T4YET6RXVT65QY	24897.54
5	EVESCVBC6VDIJAZM3HMUGYVQLKWHH4YJBMDV5EF65RMS67TFS5URZQ5YNY	18241.63
6	TZ3U7KHVHWPM34BJKIWKSSBRNS3LDJGSLHY2DIZVP7EJV5OKOJ5ZJW76FA	14391.43
7	EAFSBZIDWYH4BAR34FZHQXKKQ6IYRVITQPDM2XXY3RBKSRO6EIR6COTCN4	10484.67
8	XEYEWDWEHMIOAXFZN2HSBZJNCROOG7JKJLKFQSGG25JGE5UUZBZCGEWGEA	5935.95
9	MDC5Y5MOYKYRMOLR56ZQKYFQK2IR4LOOXGSHWSIRNJ3CT635FRB37YKVSA	3374.57
10	HS2YUNZNWS4S6YJUEZTHYLBTVOZ6YBBPXMIEF3PQOCSH5DPMUD24O677BQ	2947.39

#### Arbitrageurs' Profits, Arbitrage Profit per Tokens

- who made the most profit
- where arbitrage profits are being made

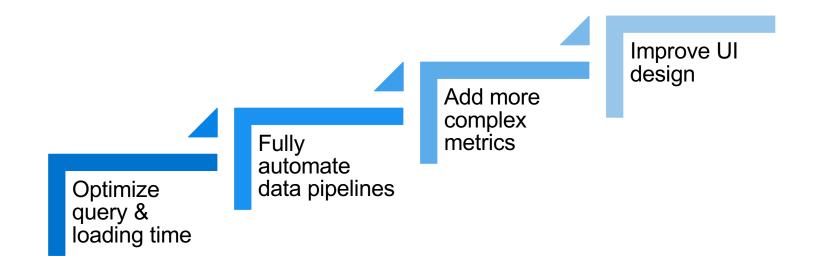
 $\rightarrow$  detect the patterns of the MEV strategies.

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