

Hyperware Tokenomics, Version 4

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1 Goals

- HYPR provides genuine utility to users,
- HYPR has long-term incentives to keep demand in long-term,
- HYPR allows user to participate in useful DAO governance.

2 Voting Power

The voting power of a wallet depends on two parameters: n , the number of uHYPR locked (there are 10^{18} uHYPR in one HYPR token), and t , the remaining period tokens are locked for (in seconds). Token supply is denoted S (it is 10^9 HYPR). Max lock time is denoted T (it is 4 “years”: 208 weeks = 1.257984×10^8 seconds). Throughout we refer to one “year” as 52 weeks, and one “month” as 4 weeks (note this means there are 13 “months” in one “year” and 364 days in one “year”). The voting power of a wallet is denoted $V(n, t)$.

$$V(n, t) = (n/a - n^2/b) \cdot (t/c - t^2/d) \quad (1)$$

The parameters a, b, c, d , all greater than or equal to 0, are chosen such that voting power is a strictly monotonically-increasing function of n and t (i.e. it only ever increases as n and t increase). This leads to the following requirements for the parameters:

$$\begin{aligned} 1/a &\geq 2n_m/b \\ 1/c &\geq 2T/d \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where n_m is the maximum number of tokens that a single wallet can lock. n_m can reasonably be set to S . The parameters are written as denominators to match the implementation (which is integer-, not real-number-based).

If n or t is 0, V is 0. The role of the parameters b and d is to make the voting power sub-linear in n and t , respectively. This means that:

- A whale who locks a large amount of tokens does not dominate voting to the same degree as they would in the linear case (e.g. if one user owns 51% of the tokens, locking them all will result in less than 51% of the possible voting power).

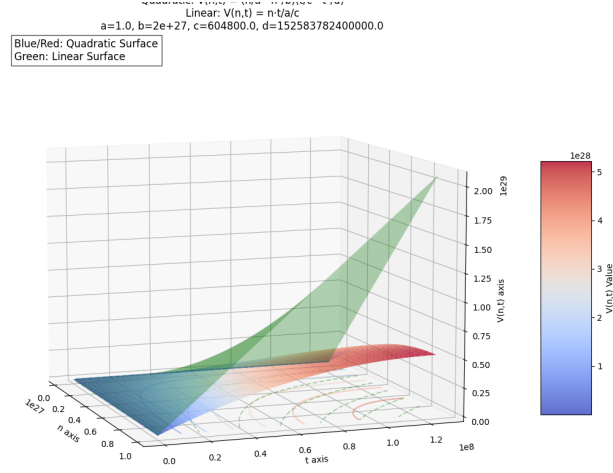


Figure 1: An example of $V(n, t)$ compared with the “linear surface” $n \cdot t / (a \cdot b)$.

- Locking for the maximum period gets less than double locking for half the maximum period.
- The sublinearity can be tuned by changing the value of b and d . As b or d tends to 0, the voting power tends to linear in n or t respectively.

Voting power decreases as time passes. Say initial lock is for 100 uHYPR for 52 weeks $= 3.14496 \times 10^7$ s. Initial voting power is then

$$V(n = 100, t = 3.14496 \times 10^7) = (100/a - 100^2/b) \cdot (3.14496 \times 10^7 \text{ s}/c - (3.14496 \times 10^7 \text{ s})^2/d) \quad (3)$$

After one month (of four weeks) has past, t declines to 48 weeks. Each subsequent month (of four weeks), voting power of the locked tokens decreases, until it eventually reaches 0.

A locked token position can be modified in four ways:

1. Token lock can be extended. For example, say 100 tokens were locked for 52 weeks and 20 have passed, leaving 32 weeks remaining in the lock. The user can extend the lock to 52 weeks once again, extending the lockup period by an additional 20 weeks, and bringing voting power up to its original value.
2. Tokens may be added to the locked position. For example, say 100 tokens were locked for 52 weeks and 20 have passed, leaving 32 weeks remaining in the lock. 10 additional tokens might be added, leading to a locked set of 110 tokens for 32 weeks.

3. Tokens may be added along with a new duration, leading to a new lock amount and a weighted new duration for the lock position. The new duration is computed as follows, for n_0 and n_1 the initially and subsequently locked tokens, respectively, and t_0 , t_1 the initial and subsequently input lock durations:

$$t_{new} = \frac{n_0 \cdot t_0 + n_1 \cdot t_1}{n_0 + n_1} \quad (4)$$

So, for example, a user might lock 50 HYPR for 40 weeks and then immediately lock another 50 HYPR for 20 weeks. The final locked position would then be 100 HYPR for 30 weeks.

4. Tokens within the locked set may be registered, see Registration discussion below.

Note that locked tokens are illiquid (cannot be transferred, or interacted with in any way aside from the above) until the lock time has passed!

2.1 Deriving a , b , c , d

To derive the parameters, we make use of

1. Setting a and c such that the smallest unit of n and t yield 1 voting power,
2. Using Equation 2, derived by setting the partial derivatives of $V(n, t)$ to 0, to set b and d ,
3. Checking that the maximum possible voting power does not exceed the size of a uint256 (of the order of 10^{77}).

The units of n are uHYPR: the smallest unit of HYPR tokens. HYPR tokens are divisible into 10^{18} uHYPR, and so a is 1 with units uHYPR.

The units of t are seconds, but the shortest lock time is 1 “month” (4 weeks). Thus we set c to 1 month (of 4 weeks) of seconds, or 2.4192×10^6 seconds.

Now, to set b and d , we use the equalities in Equation 2, leading to:

$$\begin{aligned} b &= 2a \cdot n_m \\ &= 2 \times 10^{27} \text{ uHYPR}^2 \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} d &= 2c \cdot T \\ &= 3.0433148928 \times 10^{14} \text{ s}^2 \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Finally, we check if these parameters will lead to a too-large value in the maximum-voting-power case. The maximum-possible-voting-power case is when 1 uHYPR is held by each of 10^{27} wallets, each for the maximum time period of T . This leads to

$$\begin{aligned} 10^{77} &\geq \sum_i^{10^{27}} V(n_i = 1, t = T) \\ &= 10^{27} \cdot 1/a \cdot (T/b - T^2/d) \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

where the right-hand side of the equation is much less than the left-hand side: the maximum-voting-power case will easily fit into a uint256.

3 Registration

Tokens that are locked can be registered. Registration can occur on either all locked tokens (that have not yet been registered) or a subset. Registration points those tokens at a name-key on the Hypermap for some duration: n_i , the number of HYPR tokens registered at name-key i , and t_i , the remaining period tokens are registered for (in weeks) to name-key i .¹ Tokens must be registered for a duration shorter-than-or-equal-to the tokens are locked for $t_i \leq t$.

Offchain applications will determine how to define registration power for their uses. A form like voting power is reasonable for some applications, since it will reflect both the user's stake and time horizon. To take two examples:

1. App Store search sorting. Devs or others can register tokens to apps in the App Store. When a user searches, the total registration power of the app will be used to sort the search results. If using a form like voting power, high-value, long-duration apps will appear first. This makes sense because it indicates the dev has put a significant stake into the system.
2. Chat app spam resistance. A chat app might have a setting to only allow cold DMs from other users with a certain amount of registration power on their Hyperware node. Once again, the idea is that users with more than a certain registration power are invested in the system, and so are unlikely to be bots.

A registered token position on a given name-key can be modified in two ways:

1. Token registration can be extended. For example, say 100 tokens were registered for 52 weeks and 20 have passed, leaving 32 weeks remaining in the registration. The user can extend the registration to 52 weeks once again, extending the registration period by an additional 20 weeks, and bringing registration power up to its original value.
2. Tokens may be added. For example, say 100 tokens we registered for 52 weeks and 20 have passed, leaving 32 weeks remaining in the registration. 10 additional tokens might be added, leading to a registered set of 110 tokens for 32 weeks.

Note that registered tokens are illiquid (cannot be transferred, or interacted with in any way aside from extending registration or adding tokens) until the

¹Recall that the Hypermap has two types of keys, name-keys and data-keys. Data-keys hold data, whereas name-keys provide hierarchical structure and can be nested. Name-keys can have tokens registered to them to indicate value. The registration values found on the Hypermap can be used in arbitrarily programmable ways, with current plans to use them for search and filtering. More discussion can be found in the Hyperware Whitepaper.

registration time has passed (or, if the lock time has been reduced by locking more tokens for a shorter time, the lesser of the registration time and the lock time)! Note also that token registration positions expire into a locked token position, and can only become truly liquid once the locked token position expires. For example, say a user has 100 HYPR. The user locks 80 HYPR for 52 weeks, so now only has 20 HYPR liquid. Any of the 80 locked HYPR can be registered for up to 52 weeks. Say 40 is registered to *foo.os* for 2 weeks and 30 is registered to *app.bar.os* for 52 weeks. Then 10 locked HYPR can still be registered at will. The *foo.os* registration will expire after 2 weeks, at which time the state of the locked tokens will look like:

1. 50 locked and unregistered, free for registration,
2. 30 registered for 50 weeks.

After an additional 50 weeks, the *app.bar.os* registration will expire as will the lock, and the tokens can be unlocked and become liquid again.

Table 1: Summary of important known and unknown parameters

Parameter	Value	Description
$S = n_m$	10^9 HYPR	Total token supply
1 HYPR	10^{18} uHYPR	Each HYPR token has 10^{18} “units”
T	4 years = 208 weeks	Max registration time
a	1 uHYPR	One uHYPR gives one voting power
b	2×10^{27} uHYPR ²	See Section 2.1
c	2.4192×10^6 s	One “month” of four weeks gives one voting power
d	$3.0433148928 \times 10^{14}$ s ²	See Section 2.1
L_t	?	Lockup duration for team members
C_t	?	Cliff duration for team members
L_i	?	Lockup duration for investors
C_i	?	Cliff duration for investors

4 Voting in DAO Governance

A proposal has a closing time associated with it. Voters cast votes. Voting power of voters is calculated at closing time, and the proposal passes or fails. Voters and their voting power, as well as the result of the vote, is recorded.

5 Governance Participation Rewards

Governance participation incentives are distributed quarterly: 2% of the remaining incentive treasury per quarter. For each proposal, k , a user j that participates in that vote gets an award A_j^k that is a fraction of the incentives

dedicated to that vote equal to

$$A_j^k = \frac{V_j^k}{\sum_j V_j^k} \quad (8)$$

where V_j^k denotes the voting power contributed by user j in the k th vote in a quarter.

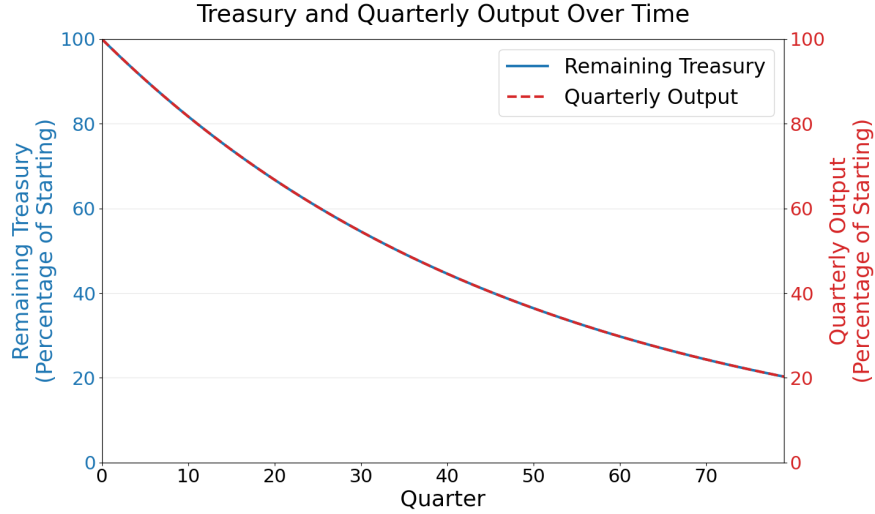


Figure 2: The remaining incentives treasury and quarterly rewards, over time

At least one vote will occur each quarter. If multiple votes occur in a quarter, the incentives are split amongst them based on the total voting power that participated in each vote. Then the fraction of quarterly incentives allocated to a specific vote k , F^k is

$$F^k = \frac{\sum_j V_j^k}{\sum_k \sum_j V_j^k} \quad (9)$$

and so the total award of a user in a multi-vote quarter becomes

$$A_j = \sum_k [F^k \cdot A_j^k] \quad (10)$$

Users can delegate their voting power to a third-party. The delegate's voting power becomes the sum of their own voting power and all voting powers delegated to them

$$V_i^{(D)} = V_i + \sum_j V_j \quad (11)$$

Incentive rewards are distributed to the owners of the voting powers, not the delegate. If the delegate does not cast a vote, the voting power delegated to them earns no rewards from that vote.

6 Vesting

Vesting tokens cannot do anything except have the vested fraction claimed, depending on the percentage of the vesting time that has passed. Thus, they cannot participate in locking, registration, or governance. They cannot be transferred except with approval.

There are two reasons that vesting tokens cannot participate in registration or governance:

1. Simplicity. Vesting tokens will only exist for the start of the network. There should not be logic for them that lives forever in locking, governance, registration contracts.
2. Giving community members a headstart on governance and incentive rewards. Investors and team members will only be able to access a fraction of their tokens – the ones that have already vested – and thus will not be able to control governance due to their outsized ownership in early days. This also gives community members a chance to acquire a larger fraction of the governance rewards, improving the distribution of tokens to the community. Investors and team members have been of fundamental importance to the project and will continue to be so, but establishing an involved and aligned community is of the utmost importance for Hyperware to succeed.