exSat: The Docking Layer For Scaling the Bitcoin Ecosystem

Think Bitcoin, Think Possibilities

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Abstract

This whitepaper introduces exSat, a scaling solution to the critical challenges of trust, functionality, scalability, utility and interoperability faced by the Bitcoin ecosystem. This novel Docking Layer solution, as a first-of-its-kind, aims to build trust by extending the data consensus of the Bitcoin ecosystem with a hybrid consensus mechanism; to achieve functionality by bridging the gap of smart contracts; to enhance utility by unifying BTC across diverse blockchain ecosystems; and to drive multichain interoperability by intent-centric omnichain DApps.

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Vision and Motivation

The introduction of Bitcoin ETFs has significantly bolstered Bitcoin's presence in traditional financial markets, illustrating a maturing landscape for cryptocurrencies. As Bitcoin continues to solidify its role within the broader financial ecosystem, the need for enhanced trust, scalability, utility, interoperability, and complex business logic functionality becomes increasingly apparent to meet both retail and institutional-grade demands.

With smart contract platforms demonstrating a wide array of initial solutions in scalability and functionality, there is a clear opportunity to unlock similar capabilities within the Bitcoin ecosystem in a more holistic and uniform approach.

exSat is introduced in this context as a scaling solution designed to extend the Bitcoin ecosystem to address these core challenges and cement itself as a critical piece of Bitcoin infrastructure moving forward.

Core Innovations

exSat introduces several key innovations to realize its vision including:

- **Data Consensus + BTC Staking to Extend Trust of BTC**: Extends Bitcoin's data consensus through a Hybrid Consensus Mechanism, combining Proof of Work (PoW) and Proof of Stake (PoS).
- **Decentralized State Data Indexing for Easy On-chain Operation**: Critical for smart contracts to operate easily, and the support of diverse assets through multi-indexing capabilities including BTC, Ordinals, Runes and more potential protocols.
- **Scaling Bitcoin Ecosystem with Smart Contract Platform:** Extends full support for Ethereum Virtual Machine-based (EVM) application development, enabling a broader range of decentralized application (DApp) functionalities, further bridging the capabilities between Bitcoin and advanced smart contract platforms.
- **The Modular Scaling Solution for the Bitcoin Ecosystem**: exSat empowers developers to enhance the scalability of the Bitcoin ecosystem efficiently and securely, leveraging the robust trust and security of exSat. It simplifies the creation of customizable BTC Layer 2 (L2) solutions incorporating Zero-Knowledge (ZK) rollups, or side chains using the latest implementation of the [Antelope](#) protocol, facilitating easy, quick, and seamless development.

Strategic Impact

exSat forges a trustworthy and secure pathway to enhance Bitcoin's scalability and enable smart contract capabilities, unlocking additional utility value for BTC beyond its role as a store of value. In the long run, exSat aims to streamline the process of deploying a Bitcoin scaling solution, making it as straightforward as deploying a contract on-chain. This pioneering effort

will pave the way for a flourishing Bitcoin ecosystem and drive mass adoption of blockchain technology.

Through exSat's innovative approach, users and developers from diverse backgrounds will experience the convenience of intent-centric operations and unified liquidity. By abstracting away complexities, exSat empowers a broader audience to leverage the power of Bitcoin and its L2 solutions seamlessly, fostering a more inclusive and accessible blockchain landscape.

Embracing a modular and extensible architecture, exSat's trustworthy and secure solution lays the foundation for a vibrant ecosystem built upon Bitcoin's robust security model. As the adoption of blockchain technology continues to accelerate, exSat's vision positions Bitcoin at the forefront of this revolution, enabling a vast array of DApps and services to thrive within its decentralized and transparent framework.

Introduction

exSat's Philosophy

The philosophy of the exSat Network is to extend Bitcoin's powerful and well established trust based on the data and assets within the Bitcoin ecosystem. This allows for more possibilities in functionality, scalability, utility and interoperability of Bitcoin assets and empowers the omnichain application ecosystem. Ultimately, it aims to provide an intent-centric user experience for more Web3 users.

The Paradigm Shift of the Bitcoin Economic Ecosystem

As the pioneering cryptocurrency, the Bitcoin economic ecosystem is undergoing a profound paradigm shift. This transformation manifests itself in the following aspects:

From Single Asset to Multi-Asset

The Bitcoin ecosystem is transitioning from a single-asset economy revolving around BTC to a multi-asset economy through tokenization. This shift enables the representation and exchange of diverse assets like non-fungible tokens (NFTs), and DApp tokens on the Bitcoin blockchain. Tokenization unlocks new use cases such as fractional ownership, asset-backed tokens, stablecoins, and synthetic derivatives, fostering innovation, liquidity, and economic opportunities.

Moreover, the issuance of tokens associated with specific DApps and protocols incentivizes participation, governance, and the creation of decentralized economies within the Bitcoin ecosystem. This transition towards a multi-asset economy positions Bitcoin as a versatile platform, capable of representing and transacting with various assets, attracting broader adoption and unlocking new economic possibilities within the cryptocurrency space.

From Value Storage to Value Creation

Initially viewed as a store of value, Bitcoin is now transcending that role and emerging as an engine for value creation within its ecosystem. The rise of decentralized finance (DeFi) has unlocked opportunities for generating yield, lending, borrowing, and creating innovative financial instruments built on Bitcoin. In addition, NFTs have enabled the tokenization and monetization of digital and physical assets, giving rise to new markets and business models.

Beyond DeFi and NFTs, the development of scaling solutions like the Lightning Network, smart contract platforms, and L2 solutions are expanding Bitcoin's capabilities, paving the way for micropayments, complex applications, and a flourishing ecosystem of decentralized services and products. This paradigm shift positions Bitcoin not merely as a value storage but as a robust foundation for innovation, value creation, and unlocking new economic opportunities within the cryptocurrency space.

From Payment Intermediary to Value Network

Initially conceived as a peer-to-peer electronic cash system, Bitcoin is evolving beyond its role as a payment intermediary into a decentralized value network. This transition positions Bitcoin as the foundational infrastructure and consensus mechanism for a broader "value internet," enabling the secure exchange and transfer of value in various forms.

This evolution from a payment intermediary to a decentralized value network expands Bitcoin's utility, fostering an inclusive ecosystem for value exchange and creation, free from traditional constraints and intermediaries, while harnessing the inherent security and trust of the Bitcoin network.

From Chain-Specific to Omnichain

The Bitcoin ecosystem was originally limited to chain-specific activities. However, through cross-chain technologies and solutions, its value and influence are expanding into the broader omnichain domain.

The interoperability allows Bitcoin's value and assets to be utilized in DApps and protocols across different chains, unlocking new use cases and liquidity. Furthermore, the integration of tokenized Bitcoin representations into DeFi protocols expands Bitcoin's presence and utility within the broader crypto landscape.

By embracing an omnichain approach, the Bitcoin ecosystem positions itself as a versatile and interoperable asset, fostering collaboration and driving innovation across the entire blockchain space while enhancing its value proposition.

From Digital Gold to Protocol Currency

Originally pioneering the concept of "digital gold," Bitcoin is now poised to become a widely accepted decentralized protocol currency, driven by the rise of DeFi and Web3.

As the ecosystem evolves, Bitcoin holders are likely to transition from passive value storage to active users, unlocking new utilities. Through integration with DeFi protocols via wrapped BTC, Bitcoin can enable lending, borrowing, yield farming, and decentralized exchanges.

As Web3 adoption grows, Bitcoin's decentralized and trustless nature positions it as a potential universal protocol currency, facilitating payments, collateralization, and settlement across platforms. This evolution could unlock new value propositions and use cases, solidifying Bitcoin's role as a versatile decentralized protocol currency for emerging ecosystems.

exSat's Docking Layer Approach

At the core of exSat's innovative approach lies the philosophy of extending Bitcoin's powerful consensus by leveraging the data and assets within the Bitcoin ecosystem. This data and asset-driven integration unlocks new possibilities for Bitcoin assets, empowering a powerful bedrock for the omnichain application landscape.

Using Hybrid Consensus to Extend Bitcoin's Trust

To extend the trust of Bitcoin's Unspent Transaction Output (UTXO) data, exSat synchronizes it into an on-chain structured database powered by the EOS blockchain's RAM resource, with mining pools acting as synchronizers. BTC holders stake an appropriate amount of BTC to become validators, building exSat's consensus and security mechanisms. exSat creates an on-chain asset index for the Bitcoin ecosystem, where all data is generated directly from raw BTC blocks and supported by consensus, enabling verification.

By utilizing mining pools as synchronizers, exSat ensures a decentralized and secure process for maintaining an up-to-date on-chain representation of Bitcoin's UTXO data. The staking mechanism involving BTC holders as validators further reinforces the consensus and security of the system, aligning incentives and promoting trust.

With an on-chain asset index derived directly from Bitcoin's raw blocks, exSat provides a transparent and verifiable data source for the broader Bitcoin ecosystem. This empowers various applications and services to build upon this reliable and consensus-backed data, fostering innovation and expanding the use cases within the Bitcoin realm.

exSat distinguishes itself as a hybrid consensus mechanism network, where validators stake both native exSat tokens and BTC, establishing a dual-token security system. This unique approach avoids traditional protocol-level bindings, instead fostering a symbiotic relationship between BTC and exSat's native token. By enabling BTC's active role in network validation, exSat amplifies the utility and value proposition of Bitcoin while creating a resilient and versatile chain.

Involving Mining Pools as the Source of Trust for UTXO Data

exSat aims to be a pioneering scaling solution that taps into the unparalleled security and decentralization of the Bitcoin network by involving miners and mining pools as the source of data consensus. As consensus maintainers in the Bitcoin ecosystem, miners play a vital role in providing block data, and they are incentivized to do so through the rewards they receive. This

incentive structure ensures that miners' hash power directly benefits from the growth and development of the Bitcoin ecosystem. This innovative approach goes beyond traditional L2 solutions, as exSat distinguishes itself as the Docking Layer for the Bitcoin ecosystem.

Expanding the Depth and Breadth of BTC's Use Cases

By supporting EVM standards, exSat transcends the boundaries of the Bitcoin main chain, bringing on-chain consensus to more sophisticated assets and DApps. This not only extends Bitcoin's capabilities but also introduces it to a wider range of scenarios.

Developers can build Bitcoin L2 solutions inheriting exSat's powerful trust and security, making it easier to build application chains based on Bitcoin. Combined with the support for cross-chain bridges, exSat brings Bitcoin to a broader range of use cases.

From both vertical and horizontal dimensions, exSat increases the depth by supporting more complex scenarios and breadth by cross-chain support for more applications of Bitcoin's usage. Vertically, by leveraging EVM support, exSat empowers Bitcoin to handle complex assets and DApps, significantly enhancing its flexibility and applicability. Horizontally, through L2 scaling and cross-chain bridging, exSat enables Bitcoin to seamlessly integrate into a broader blockchain ecosystem, breaking free from the limitations of a single chain.

Through this dual expansion, exSat unlocks the full potential of Bitcoin as a decentralized value protocol, integrating it into emerging ecosystems such as DeFi, Web3, and the metaverse, becoming a key infrastructure linking multiple chains and assets. This drives blockchain innovation and value interoperability, fostering the growth of a more interconnected and vibrant ecosystem.

Unleashing the Potential of Active Bitcoin Across the Omnichain

Acknowledging the inherent conservatism of Bitcoin holders, exSat introduces an initiative focused on unleashing the potential of active Bitcoin. This portion of BTC is typically engaged on multi chains within omni-DApps, where it plays a role in trading, lending, and borrowing activities aimed at generating yield.

In the long term, exSat will drive mass adoption of BTC through two key innovations:
- For users, it provides a unified user experience for account and asset management, coupled with intent-centric operations for a streamlined experience.
- For developers, it supplies an abstracted chain model with omnichain DApp support, enabling easier development and more powerful capabilities for DApps.

By simplifying the user experience and enhancing developer tools, exSat aims to unlock the full potential of Bitcoin, enabling it to thrive across the omnichain ecosystem and achieve mass adoption. Both users and developers will benefit from seamless Bitcoin integration and innovative features, fostering the growth of the Bitcoin ecosystem.

Challenges Addressed by exSat

Bitcoin's ecosystem development has suddenly exploded, catalyzed by the emergence of groundbreaking technologies and innovative solutions that extend the utility and reach of the world's premier cryptocurrency. This rapid expansion has unlocked new frontiers, driving mainstream adoption and solidifying Bitcoin's position as a versatile and indispensable asset in the burgeoning DeFi and Web3 landscapes.

Drawing parallels to Ethereum's growth trajectory, the Bitcoin ecosystem will likely experience user adoption surges driven by viral use cases that kickstart the flywheel. This, in turn, will attract more developers and increase the ecosystem's application TVL. Considering Bitcoin's $1.3T market capitalization is about 3 times that of Ethereum's $400B, while its application TVL is currently only a tiny fraction at about $364 Million compared to Ethereum's $112B, this scenario presents a potential tenfold growth opportunity for the Bitcoin ecosystem to reach the similar level of maturity on the application front as Ethereum, not counting additional liquidity influxes once the ecosystem gains momentum.

The landscape of Ethereum Ecosystem
~$390B MCap, 30+ Layer2 chains, 124M+ users, and 5000+ DApps

The landscape of Expected Bitcoin Ecosystem
~$1200B MCap, 70+ Layer2 chains, 300M+ users, and many more DApps are coming
Data source: Crypto.com

Bitcoin's Scalability and Capability Challenges

The scalability challenges of Bitcoin have been widely recognized and extensively discussed within the cryptocurrency community. At the core of this issue lies the inherent trade-off between security and scalability, as Bitcoin's robust security measures are inversely proportional to its ability to scale. In pursuit of non-negotiable security, a fundamental pillar of Bitcoin's design, its transaction processing capability is constrained to a range of 4 to 7 transactions per second (TPS).

This limitation has led to several challenges, particularly during periods of high network demand. Network congestion has become a recurring issue, resulting in higher transaction fees and delayed confirmation times. As the adoption of Bitcoin continues to grow, these scalability constraints have become a bottleneck, hindering the seamless and efficient execution of transactions on the network.

While Bitcoin's security and decentralization remain its core strengths, the scalability challenges have prompted the exploration of innovative solutions. L2 technologies, such as the Lightning Network and sidechains, have emerged as promising approaches to enhance scalability while preserving Bitcoin's fundamental properties. These solutions aim to offload a significant portion of transactions from the main Bitcoin blockchain, enabling faster and more cost-effective transactions without compromising security.

As the Bitcoin ecosystem continues to evolve, addressing scalability challenges remains a critical priority for developers, researchers, and the broader community. Finding the right balance between security, decentralization, and scalability will be crucial for Bitcoin to realize its full potential as a global, decentralized currency and a foundational layer for various applications in the burgeoning world of DeFi and beyond.

Limited Functionality Versus Expanding Requirements

Bitcoin uses scripts to handle the UTXO model. These scripts are simple enough to easily achieve security, but it also limits the possible range of use cases. As new protocols like DeFi, NFTs, and various DApps emerge, there is a growing need for more powerful and extensible tools to meet the expanding requirements of the Bitcoin ecosystem.

As demand for complex applications grows, the Bitcoin ecosystem must evolve by embracing innovative solutions that expand its functionality while preserving its core principles. This will solidify Bitcoin's position as a foundational layer for the decentralized economy, enabling a vast array of use cases and fostering an interconnected and thriving ecosystem.

Trust & Security Versus Custom Use Cases

In the rapidly evolving blockchain landscape, the ability to customize platforms to meet specific needs is essential. However, this flexibility often comes with a trade-off in terms of trust and security. exSat addresses this challenge by extending Bitcoin's renowned security and trust mechanisms to Layer 2 solutions. This foundation allows these secondary layers to innovate and tailor their functionalities without compromising on the core principles of security and decentralization. As a result, exSat enables a dynamic ecosystem where customized features can thrive alongside robust security, broadening the potential for diverse blockchain applications.

Fragmentation Issues within Current Bitcoin L2 Solutions

The emergence of Bitcoin L2 solutions has been a significant step forward in addressing the scalability and throughput limitations of the base Bitcoin layer. These innovative solutions, such as the Lightning Network, sidechains, and rollups, have introduced new capabilities and features, enabling faster and more cost-effective transactions while leveraging the security and decentralization of the Bitcoin network.

However, as the ecosystem of Bitcoin L2 solutions continue to expand, a concerning issue of fragmentation is emerging. This diversity, while technologically innovative, is creating a fragmented landscape that challenges users' ability to navigate and effectively utilize their accounts and assets across multiple platforms and applications.

The proliferation of diverse L2 solutions, each with its own unique architecture, protocols, and user interfaces, has led to a lack of interoperability and seamless integration. Users often find themselves managing multiple accounts, wallets, and interfaces, complicating the process of accessing and managing their digital assets. This fragmentation not only introduces complexities but also hinders the overall user experience, posing a significant barrier to mass adoption and widespread utilization of blockchain technology.

To effectively tackle these issues, the focus must shift toward initiatives that enhance interoperability. By developing shared security models and improving user interfaces across platforms, the ecosystem can simplify digital asset management and encourage broader adoption. These efforts are key to overcoming the barriers presented by fragmentation and to facilitating a smoother blockchain experience.

exSat Network Components

exSat introduces a first-of-its-kind Docking Layer solution to overcome the siloed nature of existing blockchain infrastructures, for a more interconnected, efficient, and versatile blockchain ecosystem. Unlike typical L2 solutions that aim to increase transaction speed or reduce costs, exSat introduces a Docking Layer to scale the Bitcoin ecosystem comprehensively.
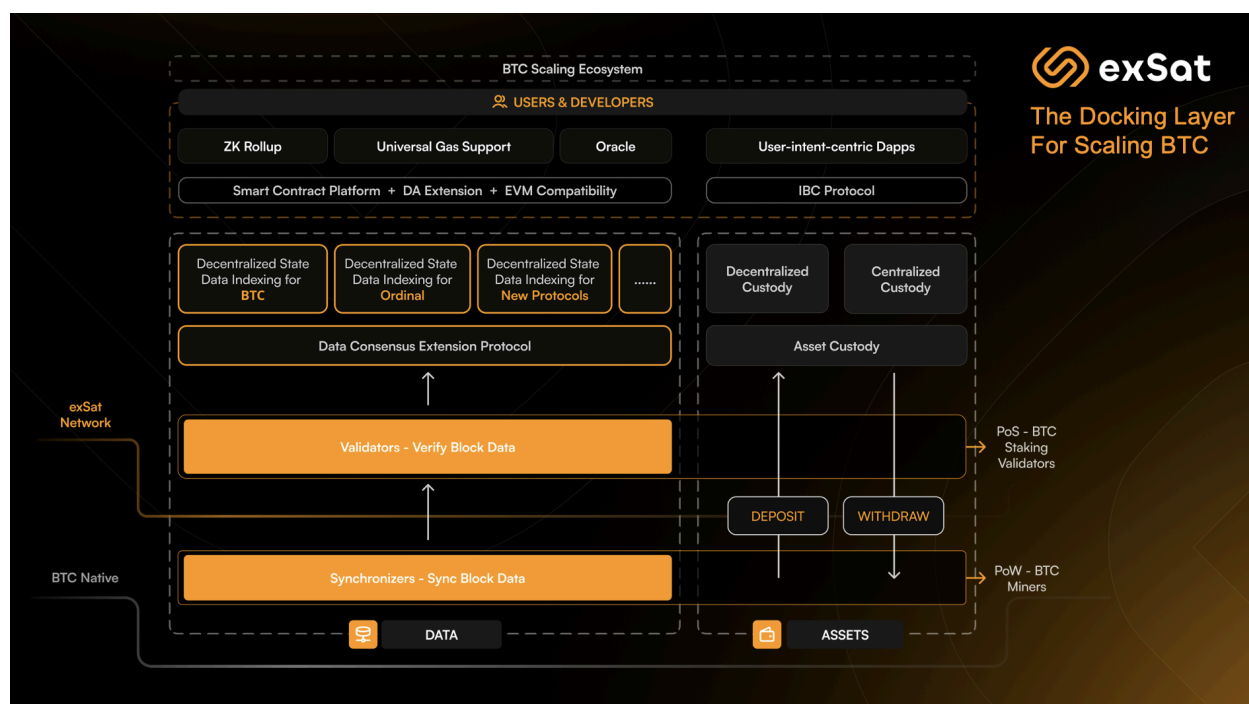

Data Consensus Extension Protocol

Hybrid Consensus Mechanism

exSat's hybrid consensus mechanism combines PoW and PoS. This approach maintains Bitcoin's proven security from PoW and enhances it with PoS, adding more layers of consensus and security for complex transactions across networks.

exSat imports raw Bitcoin blocks to discover UTXOs and other types of assets through smart contracts, mitigating the risks of centralization. All operations and data are consensus-driven, ensuring transparency as they can be tracked and verified by all community members.
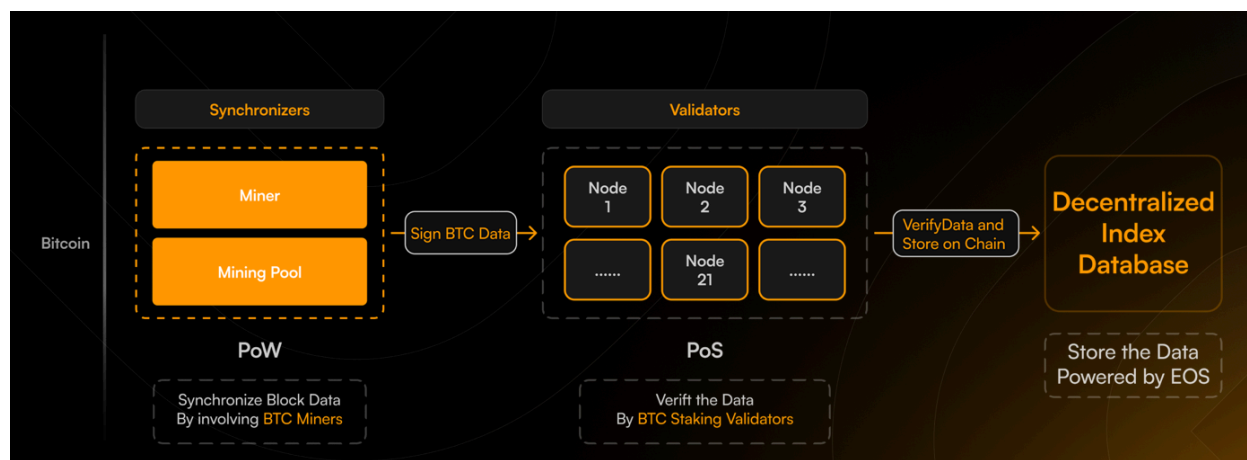
PoW Integration from Native Involving BTC Miners

By engaging Bitcoin miners in the exSat ecosystem, the platform utilizes the well-established security framework of Bitcoin to maintain data integrity across the network.

PoS Validators by BTC Staking

These mechanisms bring additional validation layers, where validators stake crypto assets to participate in network governance and block verification, thus enhancing the network's resilience and alignment with participants' vested interests.

Data Consensus Extension Protocol Powered by EOS RAM

By parsing and storing the data into EOS RAM, a decentralized state index database for various Bitcoin ecosystem assets is realized.

Synchronizers and Validators

BTC Miners as Synchronizers to Sync the Raw Block Data from BTC to exSat

A synchronizer node is any node that is qualified to submit block headers and block data to the docking layer. Mining pools can act as a synchronizer node. Since the docking layer smart contract performs block verification, invalid blocks are simply rejected. A reward mechanism exists to incentivize data submission outlined in the Tokenomics section below.

BTC Staking to be Validator Nodes to Verify the Data Provided by Synchronizers

Validators contribute trust and security to exSat, they will check and validate the data provided by synchronizers separately and use a PoS model to achieve consensus to the data. Staking of BTC and XSAT tokens is required to be qualified as validators, thereby aligning their interests with the network's security and reliability.

Staking 100+ BTC to Qualify as a Validator Node
- To become a validator node, a node must stake a minimum of 100 BTC. Only the top 21 nodes in terms of BTC staked will be eligible to serve as validator nodes until XSAT staking begins roughly 6 months after network launch.
  This requirement ensures that validator nodes have a significant financial commitment to the network, promoting security and reducing the risk of malicious behavior.

Earning Revenue Rights through XSAT Staking
- In addition to staking BTC, nodes must also stake XSAT tokens to earn revenue rights. Only the top 21 nodes in terms of staked XSAT will be entitled to receive revenue.
  The revenue distribution among these nodes will be proportional to their BTC staking ratio. This mechanism incentivizes nodes to actively participate in the network and maintain a significant stake in XSAT.

Commision Fee
- Validator nodes have the flexibility to configure their desired commision fee percentage, which determines their share of the revenue.

After Synchronizer and Validators' work, Bitcoin block data is onto exSat and gets consensus on exSat, this brings trustworthy data for all other works.

Decentralized State Data Indexing

exSat will synchronize Bitcoin's UTXO data, which is over 60GB, through two parts to establish an on-chain structured index of the data:
- For the blocks before a designated block height, historical block data will be synchronized through snapshots to build an index of historical data in an open-source and verifiable manner.
- For blocks after the designated block height, real-time block data will be synchronized, validated, and put on-chain through Synchronizers and Validators.

This allows for establishing a trustworthy index of UTXO data, providing a simpler, more convenient, and trusted approach for complex on-chain operations of smart contracts.
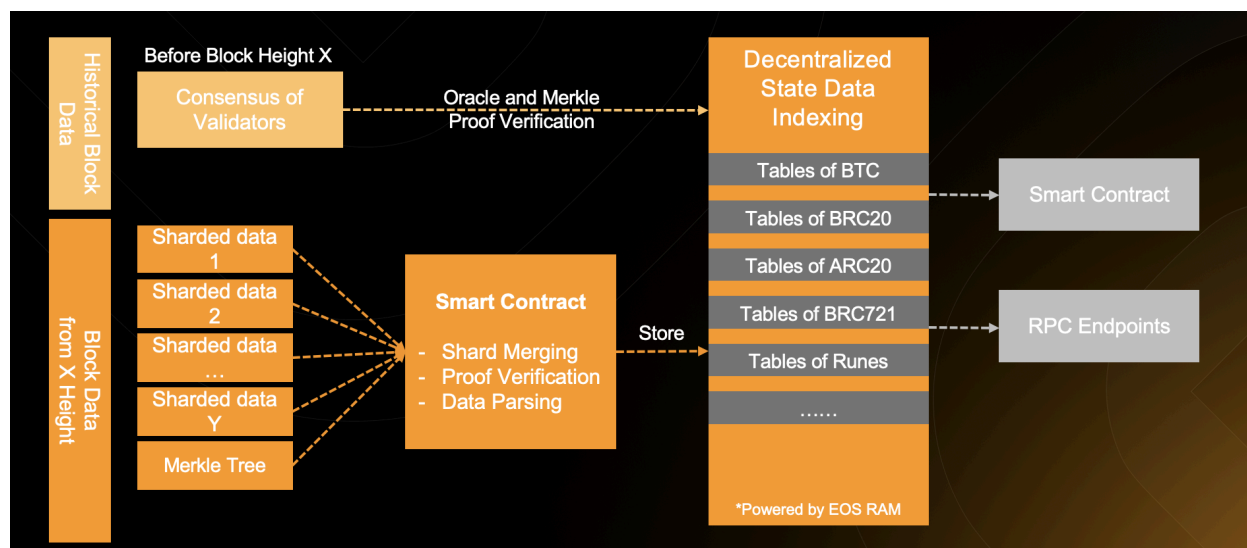
On-Chain Parsing and Storing of BTC Assets

Bitcoin block data is parsed in exSat smart contracts, and the asset data is stored in EOS RAM. So the asset data is in consensus and can be fully trusted. The asset data is read only to DApps, only the block parsing contract has permission to update it. The asset data could be obtained in smart contracts or from off-chain services via RPC endpoints, thus supporting the growing Bitcoin ecosystem.

In the exSat system, the management of Bitcoin's real-time block data is a critical function, requiring careful consideration of both reversible and irreversible data. This is due to the inherent nature of the Bitcoin blockchain, which only has probabilistic confirmation. To effectively handle these data states, exSat employs a sophisticated data indexing strategy that separates reversible from irreversible data.

Multi-Index and Smart Contract Asset Integration

exSat's indexing system is adept at handling multiple asset types, such as BTC, Ordinals, Runes, BRC20, BRC-721, ARC20, and other potential protocols. This versatility ensures broad support for a diverse range of assets and DApps, significantly enhancing the platform's appeal to both users and developers.

Moreover, exSat leverages EOS RAM to store BTC asset data, including UTXOs and indexes of other protocols, making them readily accessible to smart contracts without the need for external oracles. This direct access allows smart contracts to engage more intimately with BTC assets, offering enhanced security and a more seamless integration than traditional methods.

It's important to note that while BTC information is typically finalized after certain blocks, DApps on exSat can choose to perform operations using unconfirmed blocks. This capability not only speeds up operations but also improves user experience, provided that the DApps incorporate robust contingency plans for handling BTC forks.

Transparent BTC Transaction Building

With all UTXOs available, smart contracts can now build any BTC transactions from user to sign on chain. This enables smart contracts to perform accurate and reliable UTXO management and transaction forming in a transparent and auditable way.

Enhancing the Bitcoin Ecosystem with Smart Contract Capabilities

Support for EVM Compatibility

By integrating full compatibility with the EVM, exSat opens up the platform to a broader developer community. This compatibility allows for the development of diverse smart contracts, significantly expanding the utility and functionality of the exSat platform.

Universal Gas Fee Support via Account Abstraction

With EVM compatibility and Account Abstraction, support for universal gas fee becomes possible across various assets, e.g. BTC, Ordinals, and other Bitcoin ecosystem assets. Paying gas fees for others also becomes possible, thus making it easier for developers and users.

Deposit and Withdraw

Validators manage a multisignature (MSIG) escrow account with threshold signature schemes (TSS) on the Bitcoin network. This account is responsible for handling the deposit/withdrawal operations.

Deposits are done by transferring funds to the escrow account. When exSat imports raw Bitcoin blocks into the system, deposit transactions can be detected and processed accordingly.

Withdraw requests should be sent to exSat smart contracts. The smart contracts will verify the request in the exSat smart contract and generate Bitcoin transactions accordingly. The validators operating the MSIG escrow account will sign and relay the transactions to the Bitcoin network.

Expanding Possibilities with Rollups

exSat, powered by Antelope, provides a modular blockchain solution that enhances the Bitcoin ecosystem. It serves as both Data Availability (DA) and settlement layer within rollup systems, streamlining the deposit and withdrawal processes and bolstering trust in Bitcoin L2 solutions. Developers can leverage exSat to create secure and efficient Bitcoin L2 solutions with minimal effort and resources.

exSat provides the DA and settlement layer for BTC. This naturally enabled all the Rollup solutions including Optimism (OP) and ZK. As both DA and settlement are performed on exSat, we don't need Data Availability Sample (DAS) for data publication. The verification of

Zero-Knowledge Proofs (ZKP) from Bitcoin L2 Rollups are executed on exSat, with ZKP and DA commitments published to the Bitcoin network for any potential challenges.

This modular approach allows developers to customize Bitcoin L2 solutions to meet diverse requirements, promising a flourishing ecosystem of DApps as Bitcoin continues to evolve.

For the modular scaling solution architecture, please refer to the figure below.
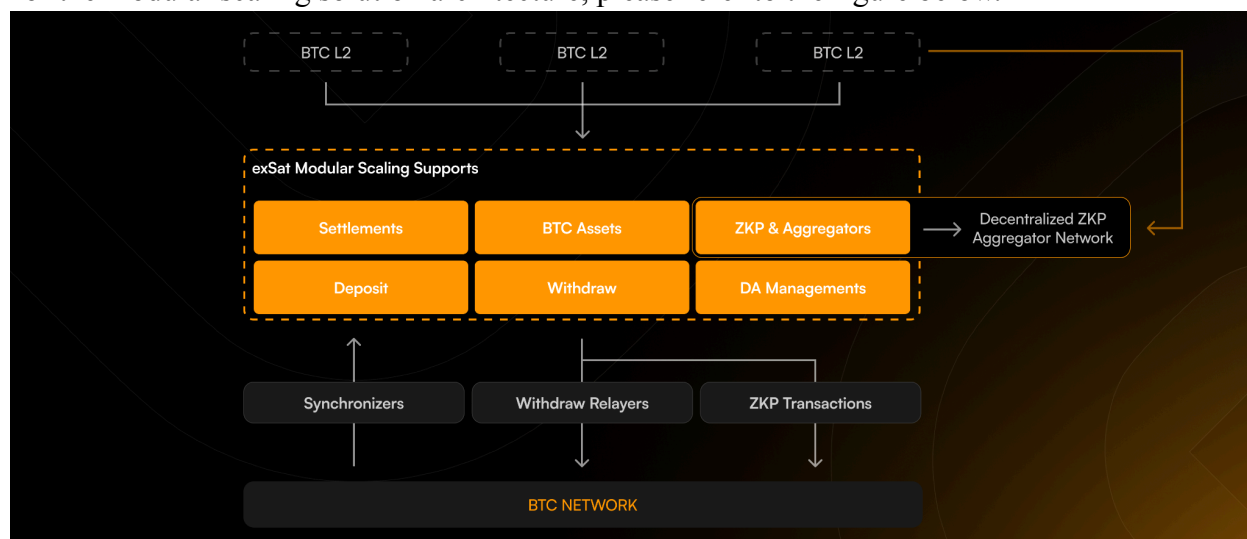
Tokenomics

Emulating Bitcoin's Fair Launch Model

The economic framework for exSat is deeply rooted in the principles that guided Bitcoin's original launch, embodying a commitment to transparency and equality. This is reflected in our adoption of a fair launch strategy for the distribution of the official exSat token, XSAT.

Total Supply and Halving Periods

- **Total Supply:** The total supply of XSAT tokens is 21,000,000. The rate at which they are mined is predefined and known to all participants, ensuring transparency and predictability akin to Bitcoin's supply dynamics.
- **Halving Periods:** exSat will implement halving periods similar to Bitcoin's model. Each halving period consists of 210,000 blocks, beginning after the initial synchronization of the first 840,000 Bitcoin blocks (N > 840,000).

Initial Supply and Network Launch Phases

- **Initial Supply:** Starting with 50 XSAT per block, the reward will halve at the end of each period to manage inflation and sustain the economic viability of the mining incentives.

- **Network Initialization and Launch:** The network launch is structured into three phases: initialization, network launch, and the commencement of staking XSAT.
  - **Initialization:** The initial phase involves the exSat Foundation synchronizing historical data of the first 840,000 blocks as a snapshot, without incentive, to kickstart network operations.
  - **Network Launch:** Upon completing this phase, the exSat network will officially commence the real-time synchronization of raw BTC block data. This process enables the continuous reception and processing of the latest raw block data from the Bitcoin blockchain, allowing it to discover and validate UTXOs and other types of crypto assets. Concurrently, the mining reward mechanism on exSat will also officially begin. Before the commencement of staking XSAT, there will be no additional staking requirements outside of the minimal 100 BTC threshold for validators.
  - **The Commencement of Staking XSAT:** Approximately 6 months after the halving event, staking for XSAT will commence. Only the top 21 XSAT stakers by staked amount (as long as they continue to meet the minimum 100 BTC staking threshold) will become valid validators, enabling them to participate in signing and earn rewards.

Incentives and Validator Requirements

- **Mining and Staking Incentives:** Like Bitcoin, the entire distribution of XSAT tokens is synchronized with the mining of new BTC blocks through a mining process. This ensures that anyone with the necessary computational resources can participate in the network and earn tokens, promoting a decentralized and egalitarian distribution mechanism. This method not only incentivizes participation but also enhances the security and decentralization of the network by dispersing token ownership widely among those contributing to the network's operations.
  - **Block Data Submission and Discovery Rewards:** Synchronizers receive 10% of the block's token incentive for submitting verified BTC block data first. This reward increases to 50% if the synchronizer is also the miner of the BTC block. This incentive design aligns the interests of Bitcoin miners with the exSat network, encouraging contributions to both ecosystems.
  - **Block Data Verification Rewards:** Immediately after the network launch, the first 15 validators to verify signatures for each block will share 10% of the total XSAT generated in that period as the verification incentive. After the commencement of staking XSAT, only qualified validators among the top 21 stakers by XSAT amount will be eligible for these rewards.
  - **BTC Staking Rewards:** If the synchronizer, who is also a mining pool, does not discover a Bitcoin block, all participating validator nodes will share 80% of the total XSAT generated in that period based on their BTC staking ratio. If the synchronizer does discover a block, all participating nodes share 40% of the total XSAT generated. This approach ensures a fair and equitable distribution of rewards, recognizing the contributions of all network participants.
- **Validator Participation:** Validators are required to stake a minimum of 100 BTC and XSAT, securing a significant financial commitment to the network's security. To become

a validator node, a participant must be among the top 21 stakers by the staked amount of XSAT.

Requirements for Synchronizers and Validators

- **Synchronizers:** Participants in BTC block production and must submit valid data to exSat within 72 hours.
- **Validators:** To become a validator node, a participant must stake at least 100 BTC and be among the top 21 stakers by the staked amount of XSAT.

Vision of exSat
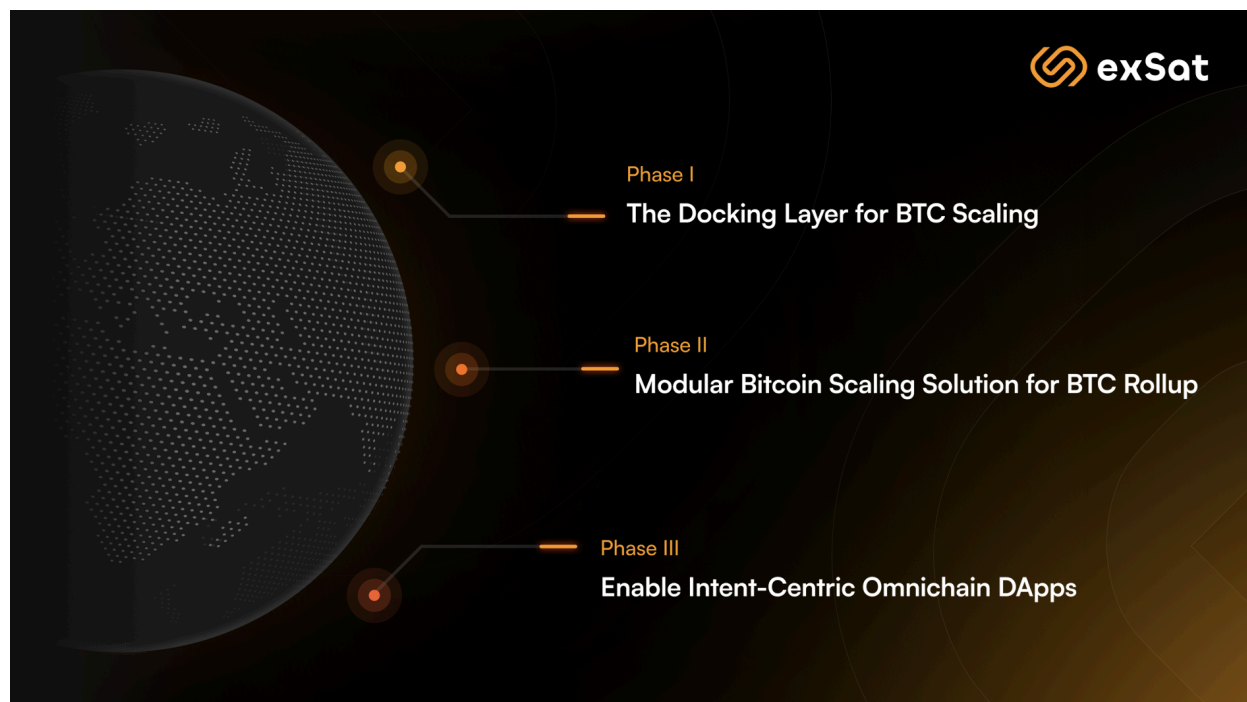
Enable Intent-Centric Omnichain DApps

exSat is committed to simplifying the multi-chain landscape as part of its long-term vision. It aims to aggregate key information and facilitate seamless operations across an increasing number of BTC L2s. By eventually enabling users to initiate all operations from exSat and cooperate among various chains, the platform will introduce an intent-centric service model, overcoming one of the largest challenges in blockchain-related user experience. This model allows users to easily generate targeted transactions across diverse chains, streamlining the process to achieve their specific goals.

For developers, exSat provides a progressively unified interface to build omnichain DApps, eliminating the need to manage interactions across multiple chains. This streamlined approach promotes efficient development practices and is designed to support the mass adoption of Bitcoin technologies by both users and developers.

Conclusion

exSat is envisioned not merely as a technological innovation but as a blueprint for the future of blockchain integration. The roadmap outlined here is a testament to exSat's commitment to realizing a seamlessly integrated, highly scalable, and adaptable blockchain landscape.

In anticipation of the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead, exSat extends an open invitation to the community, developers, and forward-thinkers to participate in this exciting phase of blockchain evolution. Together, with exSat facilitating the integration of L2s and Bitcoin, the blockchain community stands on the brink of unlocking new horizons for digital innovation and collaboration.