

Soteria Network Whitepaper v1.0

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1. Introduction

Soteria Network is a next-generation Layer 1 blockchain built to empower individuals, businesses, and communities through secure, scalable, and energy-efficient decentralized infrastructure. Our mission is to democratize access to blockchain technology by enabling anyone – regardless of technical background – to launch their own blockchain with ease.

2. Vision

We envision a cryptocurrency ecosystem that transcends borders, fosters financial inclusion, and protects wealth from inflation. Soteria is designed to bring real value, utility, and long-term sustainability to holders, investors, and builders alike.

3. Core Principles

- **Decentralization**: Powered by Proof-of-Work (PoW), Soteria ensures transparent and permissionless consensus.
- **Security**: Built with the SoterG algorithm – a 12-function dynamically rotating hash suite – offering robust protection and ASIC resistance.
- **Sustainability**: Engineered for energy efficiency using empirical benchmarks and GPU-friendly mining.
- **Accessibility**: Designed for non-technical users to launch custom blockchains via a no-code platform.

4. Technical Specifications

Parameter	Value / Description
Block Time	12 seconds
Block Reward	0.14 SOTER per block
Daily Emission	~1,000 SOTER
Monthly Emission	~30,000 SOTER
Year 1 Emission	~365,000 SOTER
Max Block Size	3 MiB
Max TX Size	2 MiB
Coinbase Maturity	4,200 blocks
Difficulty Algorithm	LWMA3-EMA, retargets at 90, 120, 150, and 180 blocks
Orphan Rate	Reduced by up to 60% compared to similar block times
Sync Time	Up to 3x faster than traditional blockchains
Ticker Symbol	SOTER
Coin Name	Soteria
Maximum Supply	Dynamic – based on supply and demand

5. Blockchain Fundamentals & Consensus Rationale

Blockchain is a decentralized and distributed digital ledger technology. Transactions are recorded across a peer-to-peer network of computers, ensuring transparency and resilience. The term "blockchain" originates from its structure: individual records, known as blocks, are linked together in a chronological sequence – forming a chain.

Each block contains transaction metadata, including the timestamp, blockchain version, previous block hash, Merkle Root, a unique nonce assigned during mining, and the parties involved. Once added to the chain, a block becomes immutable – resistant to tampering, fraud, or deletion.

Key Benefits of Blockchain Technology

- **Decentralization**: Unlike traditional systems governed by central banks or authorities, blockchain operates without intermediaries. Transactions are validated by a distributed network, reducing the risk of centralization.
- **Money Transfer**: Blockchain enables fast, secure, and efficient fund transfers across borders.
- **Supply Chain Management**: It offers transparency and traceability, helping verify product authenticity and prevent fraud.
- **Cybersecurity**: Its immutable and decentralized nature makes it ideal for securing digital infrastructure.
- **Transparency**: Every action is recorded and visible to all participants, fostering trust.
- **Security**: Cryptographic mechanisms and distributed consensus make blockchain highly resistant to attacks.
- **Efficiency**: By removing intermediaries, blockchain streamlines operations like commodity trading and cross-border payments.

Why We Chose Proof of Work (PoW)

Soteria Network is free and open source. All coins are fairly issued and mined publicly using the SoterG algorithm – a GPU-friendly, ASIC-resistant Proof-of-Work (PoW) mechanism.

We chose PoW because it builds a time-based computational barrier that strengthens data integrity with each new block. This structure protects user data from future tampering and censorship.

The SoterG algorithm was selected over other PoW variants due to its resistance to ASIC dominance and its compatibility with commodity GPUs. This ensures a fairer mining landscape and prevents centralization by large mining farms.

Consensus and Network Coherence

Building a decentralized, censorship-resistant system introduces technical challenges. One of the most complex is maintaining a coherent global state across all nodes. PoW addresses this by enforcing consensus rules that reject invalid transactions and synchronize the network.

While performance doesn't scale linearly with node count, security improves as more nodes join. This enhances geographic connectivity and strengthens the network's resilience.

Operating a node is simple and empowers users with direct access to the network. It eliminates reliance on third-party services, improves privacy, and gives operators full control over their interactions with Soteria.

PoW also ensures fair distribution. Anyone with computing power can participate and earn block rewards. It provides an objective method to validate the chain without external dependencies.

6. Project Ethos

Soteria Network is built on the principles of decentralization, transparency, and community empowerment. Unlike many modern crypto ventures, we embrace a Proof-of-Work model with the following characteristics:

- No Venture Capital Funding: The project was launched without external investment, ensuring no centralized influence or profit-driven roadmap.
- No Corporate Entity: There is no company or foundation behind the Soteria Network, reinforcing its neutrality and censorship resistance.
- No Formal Employees: Development is driven by a full time lead developer and a small group of contributors. Anyone is welcome to participate through open-source collaboration.
- No Ownership Transferability: The Soteria Network cannot be sold or acquired by third parties, preserving its mission and long-term independence.
- No Bankruptcy Risk: As a decentralized network, it cannot "go out of business." It persists as long as miners, users, and contributors remain active.

7. Mining Model

Soteria Network uses a GPU-friendly PoW model optimized for speed and fairness:

- **SoterG Algorithm**: Combines 12 energy-efficient hash functions with dynamic rotation and timestamping.
- **Miner Allocation**: 30% of block rewards are allocated to miners.

SoterG Optimization

In testnet, mining contexts were allocated as 12 simultaneous stack structs per round, leading to high stack usage and potential instability. For mainnet, Soteria will allocate only one context per round, significantly reducing stack pressure, improving cache locality, and enabling future GPU offload and backend-agnostic dispatch. This change enhances performance, stability, and memory efficiency.

8. Difficulty Adjustment:

8.1 LWMA-3 Algorithm

The Soteria Network employs the Linear Weighted Moving Average version 3 (LWMA-3) difficulty adjustment algorithm. LWMA-3 offers superior stability compared to traditional methods while maintaining rapid responsiveness to hash rate fluctuations. This design enables the network to sustain a 12-second target block time with a 10-second buffer, positioning Soteria Network among the fastest UTXO-based blockchains.

8.2 Weighted Averaging

The algorithm calculates difficulty using a default weighted average of the most recent 90 blocks, applying linear weighting to give greater importance to the latest blocks. This ensures responsive adjustment to sudden changes in network hash power.

8.3 Target Accuracy

LWMA-3 maintains the target block interval of 12 seconds with minimal variance, even under conditions of rapid hash rate swings or temporary network disruptions. This accuracy supports consistent transaction throughput and predictable confirmation times.

8.4 Attack Resistance

The algorithm is designed to resist timestamp manipulation attacks and provides strong protection against difficulty oscillation exploits. This enhances overall network stability and security.

8.5 Configurable Parameters

LWMA-3 supports flexible configuration, including:

- Window size (number of blocks considered in averaging)
- Minimum difficulty floor to prevent excessively low targets
- Target block time for network-specific optimization

These parameters allow fine-tuning of performance and resilience to match the evolving needs of the Soteria Network.

9. Native Coin Tokenomics (\$SOTER)

The tokenomics of \$SOTER are meticulously crafted to ensure fairness, stability, and long-term growth. Its distribution model promotes inclusivity, while supply dynamics balance scarcity and liquidity. Innovative inflation/deflation mechanisms and the utility within the ecosystem further enhance its value proposition, fostering a thriving community and sustainable development.

Distribution Breakdown

Allocation	Percentage	Notes
Miners	30%	Incentivizes secure and fair Proof-of-Work
Foundation Reserve Fund	10%	Long-term sustainability and strategic reserves
Exchanges	10%	Liquidity provisioning and listings
Marketing Fund	10%	Outreach, education, and global campaigns
Team Fund	5%	Core contributors and developers (vested)
Ambassador Program Fund	2%	Community evangelism and regional growth
Compensation Fund	2%	Operational and contributor compensation
Backers Fund	6%	Early supporters and strategic partners
Community Fund	2%	Grants, events, and community initiatives
Ecosystem Growth Fund	15%	Protocol development and dApp support
Airdrop Fund	2%	Community and testnet participant rewards
Contributors Fund	2%	Open-source and technical contributors
Node Operators Pool Fund	2%	Incentives for running full nodes

Staking Pool	1% → 4%	Grows to 4% at block height 2,000,000
Burn Pool	1% → 2%	Grows to 2% at block height 2,000,000

10. Block Subsidy Schedule & Monetary Policy

Soteria Network uses a gradual block subsidy reduction model to ensure long-term sustainability, miner fairness, and predictable supply dynamics.

"Unlike traditional halving models that reduce block rewards by 50% every few years, Soteria Network uses a gradual reduction schedule designed with miner sustainability in mind. This approach avoids sudden shocks, aligns with ecosystem growth phases, and reflects what miners actually need to continue supporting the network long-term."

The initial block subsidy is set at **0.140 SOTER per block**, with reductions every 3 million blocks. Given the fixed block time of **12 seconds**, this equates to approximately one reduction every **416 days**.

The subsidy decreases by **0.005 SOTER per block** at each interval, reaching a final subsidy of **0.005 SOTER per block** after block height **81,000,000**.

After block height **81,000,000**, the block subsidy will remain fixed at **0.005 SOTER per block** forever. This final emission rate ensures long-term sustainability, predictable supply, and continued miner participation without abrupt halving events, and this has negligible annual inflation rate on the ecosystem.

Why the Classic Halving Model Can Be Problematic

- Sudden drops: A 50% cut overnight can shock miners, destabilize hash rate, and disrupt network security.
- Speculative pressure: Halvings often trigger hype cycles and volatility, which can hurt real users and builders.
- Unsustainable incentives: Miners may abandon the chain if rewards drop too fast and fees don't compensate.
- No nuance: It ignores ecosystem maturity, adoption phases, and real-world development timelines.

Why This Model We Think Is Smarter

- Gradual reduction: We've implemented a smooth, predictable decline – 0.005 SOTER every ~416 days – which gives miners time to adapt.
- Phase-aware: We've aligned subsidy changes with ecosystem milestones, not arbitrary dates.
- Miner-first logic: We designed it based on what we would want as miners – not just what looks good on paper.
- Long-term sustainability: It balances early incentives with future scarcity, without punishing contributors too soon.

Block Reward Schedule

Block Height Range	Block Reward
1 - 2,999,999	0.140
3,000,000 - 5,999,999	0.135
6,000,000 - 8,999,999	0.130
9,000,000 - 11,999,999	0.125
12,000,000 - 14,999,999	0.120
15,000,000 - 17,999,999	0.115
18,000,000 - 20,999,999	0.110
21,000,000 - 23,999,999	0.105
24,000,000 - 26,999,999	0.100
27,000,000 - 29,999,999	0.095
30,000,000 - 32,999,999	0.090
33,000,000 - 35,999,999	0.085
36,000,000 - 38,999,999	0.080
39,000,000 - 41,999,999	0.075
42,000,000 - 44,999,999	0.070
45,000,000 - 47,999,999	0.065
48,000,000 - 50,999,999	0.060
51,000,000 - 53,999,999	0.055
54,000,000 - 56,999,999	0.050
57,000,000 - 59,999,999	0.045
60,000,000 - 62,999,999	0.040
63,000,000 - 65,999,999	0.035
66,000,000 - 68,999,999	0.030
69,000,000 - 71,999,999	0.025
72,000,000 - 74,999,999	0.020
75,000,000 - 77,999,999	0.015
78,000,000 - 80,999,999	0.010
81,000,000 and beyond	0.005

This model ensures a smooth transition from high-incentive mining to a more utility-driven ecosystem, balancing miner rewards with long-term supply control.

The total supply until the block reward reaches 0.005 SOTER per block will be approximately 6,000,000 coins, with this final subsidy occurring at block height 81,000,000. After that point, the annual coin emission will be approximately 13,000 SOTER

11. Multichain Architecture

Soteria supports both **UTXO** and **Account-based models**, enabling hybrid applications and cross-chain interoperability. This dual-layer design allows developers to build flexible dApps and financial tools without compromise.

Deployment Targets

Soteria will launch on:

Ethereum, Linea, Sonic, Optimism, zkSync, Avalanche, Mantle, Unichain, Arbitrum, Base, BSC, Polygon, Cronos Chain, Bera Chain, Blast Network, Gnosis Chain, World Chain, Hemi Blockchain, and Zora Blockchain.

All Soter-branded tokens will use a unified contract address system – the same contract address deployed across all chains for consistency and traceability.

Token Allocation & Economics

Soteria's multichain token system will launch across 19+ blockchains. The token distribution is designed to support long-term growth, liquidity, and community incentives.

Token Allocation Breakdown

Fund	Allocation	Purpose
Launch Fund	15%	CEX listings, DEX liquidity (locked 5 years)
Ecosystem Soter Coin Fund	14%	Airdrops for testnet miners, long-term holders
Ecosystem Soter Token Fund	15%	Partnerships, incentives, development
Farm Fund	15%	Yield farming, staking, liquidity mining
Team Fund	6%	Core contributors (vested, locked)
Public Sale	30%	TGE for early investors and community
Security Reserve	2%	Bug bounties, audits, emergency recovery
Marketing Fund	3%	Campaigns, education, outreach

12. Platform Services & Business Launch Tools

Launch Your Own Blockchain – Not Just a Token

Soteria Network is more than a cryptocurrency – it's a launchpad for custom blockchains. Our platform empowers businesses to create their own blockchain and native coin with full flexibility and control, far beyond the limitations of ERC-20 tokens.

Through our intuitive web interface, users will be able to configure and deploy their own blockchain with no coding required. This service is designed for non-technical users, startups, and enterprises seeking tailored blockchain infrastructure.

- Our platform will support a wide range of customizable options:
- Consensus Algorithms: Choose from X3 to X21, other known algorithms and custom new algorithms supporting Proof-of-Work (PoW), Proof-of-Stake (PoS), and hybrid PoW/PoS models
- Masternode Support: Optional integration for enhanced stability and governance
- Wallet Options: QT wallets and Electron-based wallets for desktop for different OS and web environments
- Blockchain Explorer: A built-in tool to monitor transactions, blocks, and overall network activity, with support for deploying, hosting and configuration on a VPS.
- Blockchain Website Builder: A turnkey platform where businesses can launch, design, and deploy a fully branded blockchain website with integrated wallets, explorer, auto-generated project documents (whitepaper, roadmap, tokenomics, FAQs – simply upload your content), with support for logos, images, themed templates, and color schemes tailored to your business, and social integrations to boost visibility, engagement, and community growth, and secure hosting from 1 month to 10 years – all optimized for blockchain-based business launches. This tool is designed to drastically reduce the technical and operational barriers to launching a blockchain-based business, making it ideal for businesses, founders, DAOs, and communities alike.
- Nodes: Deploy, upload and host your nodes on VPS using best services in the market today.
- Parameters: The ability to customize blockchain settings without programming knowledge – including block time, block rewards, consensus mechanisms, transaction fees, transaction parameters, block size, halving schedules, difficulty adjustment algorithms, and other advanced configurations.
- Frontend Configuration: All options selectable via our website's no-code interface

Post-Launch Flexibility

Unlike traditional token platforms, Soteria will allow modification of core parameters and technical support even after launch – offering adaptability similar to Ethereum, but with greater control and simplicity.

This service is expected to launch within 8-10 months, and will be integrated directly into the Soteria website.

13. Token Creation Platform

Soteria Network will introduce a no-code token creation platform that empowers individuals, startups, and enterprises to launch their own tokens without any programming knowledge. This service is designed for simplicity, flexibility, and multichain interoperability.

Through our intuitive web interface, users will be able to configure and deploy tokens with full control over naming, supply parameters, metadata, and functionality.

Supported Blockchains

Tokens can be launched on the following blockchains:

SUI, Aptos, BNB Chain, Solana, TON, Ethereum, Linea, Sonic, Moonbeam, Optimism, Near Protocol, zkSync, Klaytn, Avalanche, Mantle, Celo, Unichain, Scroll, Arbitrum, Base, Polygon, Cronos Chain, Bera Chain, Starknet, Blast Network, Gnosis Chain, World Chain, Astar, Hemi Blockchain, and Zora Blockchain.

Platform Features:

- Low Fees: Affordable pricing with no hidden costs.
- Crypto Payments: No credit card required – pay using USDT, BTC, ETH, SOL, BNB, or SOTER.
- Burn Functionality: Option to enable or disable token burn mechanisms.
- Vesting & Lockups: Configurable vesting schedules, lockup periods, and cliff durations.
- Staking Support: Optional staking modules for token holders.
- Exchange Listing Assistance: Guidance and support for centralized and decentralized exchange listings.
- Liquidity Provisioning: Help with adding liquidity pools if needed.
- Custom Token Website:
 - Personalized website for your token
 - Hosting and domain name registration
 - Branded design and content tailored to your token
- Post-Launch Technical Support: Continued assistance after deployment.

- Minting Control: Choose whether your token can be minted in the future.
- Ownership Options: Launch with full ownership or as a claimable token.

Advanced Features:

- Airdrop Module: Built-in tools for distributing tokens to users or communities.
- Referral System: Incentivize sharing and growth through referral rewards.
- Multi-language Website Support: Localized token websites for global reach.
- Analytics Dashboard: Real-time metrics on token holders, transactions, and engagement.
- NFT Integration: Optional NFT minting or linking for hybrid ecosystems.
- DAO Governance Hooks: Enable future governance via voting or proposals.
- Token Migration Tools: Support for upgrading or migrating tokens across chains.

14. Soteria Spark

Community Contribution & Task-Based Reward Program

14.1 Overview

Soteria Spark is a task-based reward system designed to incentivize meaningful community contributions. Inspired by successful engagement models in messaging platforms, this program encourages growth, awareness, and adoption through verifiable actions – without compromising the integrity of the PoW model.

14.2 Reward Allocation

A total of **4% of each block reward** is allocated to Soteria Spark:

- **2% to the Airdrop Pool Fund**, as defined in the original tokenomics
- **2% to the Community Pool Fund**, also defined in the original tokenomics

In addition, **2-3% of platform profits** may be distributed periodically as community gifts, mystery boxes, or external assets (e.g., BTC, USDT) to active contributors.

This system is:

- **Task-based, not random**: rewards are earned through real actions
- **Transparent and verifiable**: snapshots, point logs, and payout proofs are published every 90 days
- **Inclusive**: designed to engage creators, influencers, and supporters alongside miners

Most PoW chains struggle to engage non-miners. This system will bring in creators, influencers, and supporters – without compromising the mining model.

14.3 Eligible Tasks

Participants earn points for completing tasks such as:

- Inviting friends to join Soteria
- Sharing content on social media (YouTube, TikTok, X, Facebook, Instagram, Telegram)
- Creating educational or promotional videos on YouTube, TikTok, X, Facebook, Instagram, Telegram
- Registering on exchanges using our official referral codes
- Joining our official channels (Telegram, Discord, X, TikTok, Facebook, Instagram)
- Providing feedback or ideas to improve the ecosystem
- Participating in quizzes, trivia challenges and teaching people about Soteria's ecosystem, advancements, developments, roadmap, whitepaper, economic model and reward model.
- Referring friends using your unique invite link – Earn additional rewards when your referrals join Soteria and complete onboarding tasks.
- Contributing creative or professional skills to the project – Whether you're an artist, writer, developer, or content creator, you can offer your talents to support any aspect of the ecosystem. The team is available to assist with coordination, and high-impact contributions may receive bonus points or reward multipliers based on quality and value.

14.4 Reward Distribution

Points are converted to SOTER every **90 days**, based on a transparent snapshot and payout logic. All distributions are published and verifiable via the blockchain explorer. In the future, we plan to reduce this period to every 30 days.

14.5 Future Expansion

Soteria Spark may evolve to include:

- Referral leaderboards
- Gamified engagement features
- Community governance over task weighting and reward thresholds
- NFT Badges or Tokens for Achievements - Participants may earn unique, collectible NFT badges or tokens as rewards for completing tasks, reaching milestones, or making meaningful contributions to the ecosystem. These digital collectibles can serve as proof of participation, unlock special privileges, or be showcased within user profiles.

All updates will be documented and governed transparently.

15. Technical Comparison

Soteria vs. Legacy PoW and ERC-20 Models

Soteria Network introduces a new generation of Proof-of-Work (PoW) consensus that prioritizes energy efficiency, miner accessibility, and transparent economics. This section compares Soteria's architecture with traditional PoW chains (e.g., Ravencoin) and ERC-20 token models on Ethereum. Many people don't understand how PoW can be energy-efficient and how ERC-20 models hide energy costs.

15.1 Energy Efficiency

Metric	KawPow	SoterG	SoteriumG
Average GPU Power	120-140W	~60-65W	~30-35W
Power Reduction	-	~56%	~75%
ASIC Resistance	Strong	Strong	Moderate
CPU Load	Medium	Minimal	Near-zero

Soteria achieves a **56% reduction in power draw** compared to Ravencoin while maintaining full GPU compatibility and ASIC resistance. Soterium aims to cut this even further, targeting ultra-low-power mining for broader accessibility.

Note: Soterium is a planned future chain under the Soteria ecosystem, targeting ultra-low-power mining and experimental consensus features. All Soterium specifications are subject to change and will be documented separately.

15.2 Fee Structure and Usability

Metric	Ethereum (ERC-20)	Soteria
Average Transaction Fee	\$0.50-\$20+	Low-fee
Congestion Sensitivity	High	Low
Miner Incentive Model	Gas-based	Block subsidy + fees
Token Creation Cost	High (gas + audit)	Low (platform-native)

Soteria offers **low-fee, high-throughput transactions** without sacrificing decentralization. Its native token creation and staking platforms eliminate the need for complex smart contracts, reducing both cost and risk.

15.3 Summary

Soteria Network redefines what PoW can be: **efficient, fair, transparent, and inclusive**. By combining low energy consumption with robust miner incentives and community-driven rewards, it offers a compelling alternative to both legacy PoW chains and gas-heavy token platforms.

16. Staking Program

Soteria Network aims to enrich the lives of crypto enthusiasts by offering a currency that powers the entire ecosystem. Beyond mining, stakers and holders will be empowered through funding mechanisms and long-term incentives.

To support long-term holding and ecosystem growth, Soteria Network will introduce a staking program launching **eight-ten months after listing**.

Stakers will be able to lock their coins for fixed durations and earn rewards based on the length of their commitment. The staking tiers are as follows:

- **30 days**: 4% APY
- **90 days**: 6% APY
- **120 days**: 8% APY
- **180 days**: 10% APY
- **360 days**: 12.5% APY

Rewards will be distributed in SOTER coins and calculated based on the staked amount and duration. The staking interface will be available via the Soteria website, with support for both desktop and mobile wallets.

Staking is non-custodial – users retain full control of their wallets and private keys. Early withdrawal before the selected term will result in forfeiture of rewards.

This program is designed to incentivize long-term participation, reduce market volatility, and strengthen community engagement.

17. Backer Rewards Program

Soteria Network is a community-driven project, and we welcome voluntary donations from supporters who wish to help accelerate development, infrastructure, and outreach.

Donations are entirely optional and may be made using BTC, ETH, USDT, BNB, SOL, or SOTER. All contributions will be used to support technical improvements, cover node hosting costs, server costs, launch new nodes, fund exchange listings, and expand Soteria Network across multiple blockchains.

To recognize and reward those who support the growth of Soteria Network, 6% of each block reward is allocated to a dedicated pool for backers and donors, and an additional 10% is allocated to a pool specifically for exchange listings as in the tokenomics. So in total they will get 16% of each block reward each month.

Donors will receive monthly distributions from these pools, calculated based on their contribution level and duration of support. Payments will be made in SOTER, with transparent tracking and wallet-based eligibility.

In addition to monthly distributions, donors will gain exclusive access to future airdrops of coins and tokens launched within the Soteria ecosystem. They will also receive a share of platform profits, distributed annually, as part of our broader community dividend model.

This program is designed to reward genuine supporters, foster long-term engagement, and ensure that those who help build Soteria share in its success.

"Donation addresses and contribution instructions are available on the official website at
<https://soteria-network.site/>

17.1 Charity & Social Impact Fund

Soteria Network is committed to making a positive impact beyond the blockchain ecosystem. As part of our profit-sharing model, we will allocate at least 2% of platform profits annually to charitable initiatives focused on supporting people in need – especially children from underprivileged families.

This fund will prioritize causes where even small contributions can make a real difference, such as access to food, education, shelter, and digital tools for learning. We recognize that children cannot legally work in most countries and often face systemic barriers to opportunity. By dedicating a portion of our profits to these efforts, we aim to help bridge that gap and empower the next generation.

Donations will be made once per year, allowing the team to focus on core development while still contributing meaningfully to global causes. All charitable contributions will be transparently tracked and published in an annual impact report. The community may also participate in nominating or voting on supported causes through future governance modules.

This initiative reflects our belief that blockchain technology can empower not only individuals and businesses, but also communities in need – especially those who are too young to advocate for themselves.

18. Economic Model

As part of our deflationary strategy, 20% of platform profits will be used to buy and burn Soter coins. This mechanism is inspired by Ethereum's EIP-1559 model and is designed to reduce inflation, stabilize value, and reward long-term holders.

18.1 Network Fees Structure

Transaction fees are determined by the size of each transaction, which consists of multiple inputs and outputs. Since each block has a maximum capacity of 2MB, larger transactions consume more space and therefore require higher fees.

Transaction fees also influence processing speed. In periods of high network activity or transaction backlog, users can offer higher fees to incentivize miners to prioritize their transactions for inclusion in the next block. Conversely, when network activity is low, fees tend to decrease.

This dynamic causes fees to fluctuate based on overall network demand. A minimum fee of 0.001 SOTER per kilobyte (kB) is required, and the wallet automatically calculates the appropriate fee based on transaction size and current network conditions.

18.2 Fee Distribution

All transaction fees are awarded to miners, providing direct economic incentives to secure and validate the network. The fee structure is designed to prevent spam while remaining accessible for legitimate use cases.

18.3 Mining Rewards

Block rewards consist of both newly mined coins and transaction fees, offering sustainable incentives for miners.

18.4 Mining Incentives

Mining profitability is sustained through a combination of block rewards and transaction fees. As block rewards gradually decrease over time, transaction fees become increasingly vital for miner compensation, incentivizing greater network usage and adoption. This economic model creates a positive feedback loop: increased usage generates higher fees and mining profitability, which enhances network security and attracts more users and investors to the ecosystem.

19. Performance Optimizations

19.1 Memory Management

Efficient memory utilization is achieved through optimized data structures, thread-safe locking mechanisms, and memory pool management. These enhancements enable high-throughput transaction processing and reduce latency under load.

19.2 Orphan Block Handling

The protocol increases the orphan block cache capacity from 100 to 4,000 entries, significantly reducing orphan rates during high-throughput conditions. This enhancement improves block propagation reliability and network convergence without introducing risk of denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks, thanks to strict validation and rate-limiting safeguards.

19.3 Concurrent Processing

The system employs an asynchronous architecture with dedicated worker threads for CPU-intensive tasks. Parallel execution is used for blockchain validation, transaction verification, and mining operations, significantly improving scalability and responsiveness.

19.4 Storage Optimization

A streamlined storage subsystem incorporates periodic cleanup, data compression, and indexed access paths. These optimizations accelerate blockchain queries and reduce disk space requirements, supporting long-term node sustainability.

19.5 Network Throughput Optimization

Adaptive message batching, efficient serialization, and bandwidth-aware propagation algorithms improve peer-to-peer communication speed. These enhancements reduce block relay time and improve overall network responsiveness.

19.6 Header Relay Capacity

Increased from 2,000 to 10,000, allowing up to ~1 MiB of header data per response. This accelerates header synchronization and reduces round-trips during initial sync.

19.7 Block File Size

Raised from 128 MiB to 256 MiB, optimizing disk usage for 3 MB blocks and reducing file rotation overhead.

19.8 Block File Chunk Size

Increased from 16 MiB to 32 MiB, aligning chunk boundaries to contain multiple blocks and improving filesystem efficiency.

19.9 Block Download Window

Expanded from 1,024 to 4,096, providing ~17 hours of coverage and faster initial sync on high-performance nodes.

19.10 Block Stalling Timeout

Increased from 2 to 4 seconds to reduce false positives and accommodate slower peers.

19.11 Blocks in Transit Per Peer

Raised from 16 to 256, improving parallelism in block fetching and reducing sync bottlenecks.

19.12 Undo File Chunk Size

Increased from 1 MiB to 4 MiB, supporting larger undo data for high-volume transaction blocks and reducing fragmentation.

19.13 Blocks Announcement Capacity

Increased from 8 to 120, enabling nodes to relay longer sequences of block headers in a single message. This reduces reliance on inv messages and accelerates block propagation.

19.14 Unconnecting Header Tolerance

Increased from 10 to 20, improving robustness during header synchronization by allowing more out-of-order headers before disconnecting a peer.

19.15 Network Buffer Capacity

Receive Buffer Size: Increased from 5 KB to 500 KB to support larger incoming messages and reduce fragmentation during high-throughput communication.

Send Buffer Size: Increased from 1 KB to 100 KB to enable more efficient outbound message transmission, improving block relay and peer synchronization.

19.16 Database and Caching Enhancements

CoinsDB Flush Threshold: Increased from 10 to 40 to reduce unnecessary flushes and improve disk performance.

Default DB Cache: Raised from 450 MiB to 560 MiB, allocating more memory for block and UTXO access.

Batch Write Size: Increased from 16 MiB to 64 MiB to accelerate disk writes during sync and reorgs.

Block Metadata Cache: Increased from 2 MiB to 48 MiB, resolving common bottlenecks during reorgs and initial sync.

UTXO Cache: Increased from 32 MiB to 480 MiB to accelerate transaction validation and reduce disk I/O.

19.17 Signature Verification Cache

Signature Cache Size: Increased from 32 MiB to 64 MiB entries to improve validation performance by reducing redundant ECDSA signature checks. This optimization enhances throughput and lowers CPU usage during block processing.

20. Soteria Network Topology

This section focuses on external connectivity and discovery. How nodes enter and connect to the network (external connections).

20.1 Seed Nodes

The network is bootstrapped using a set of reliable seed nodes that serve as initial contact points for new nodes joining the blockchain. These nodes facilitate peer discovery, ensure consistent network entry, and help maintain connectivity during early node synchronization.

20.2 Peer Discovery

Peer discovery is automated through multiple mechanisms, including seed nodes, peer exchange protocols, and DNS-based resolution. This multi-layered approach ensures robust connectivity, rapid propagation of blocks and transactions, and resilience against node churn or temporary outages.

20.3 Network Partitioning

Advanced partition detection algorithms continuously monitor the health of network connectivity and consensus participation. In the event of a network split, automatic recovery mechanisms are triggered to reestablish consensus and restore full node synchronization. These safeguards help prevent forks and maintain ledger integrity.

20.3 UPnP Port Mapping and NAT Traversal

The system simplifies node deployment on residential and small-scale networks through Universal Plug and Play (UPnP) port mapping. It automatically detects UPnP-enabled routers, configures NAT traversal, and opens the necessary ports for peer-to-peer communication—eliminating manual router setup and port forwarding. This streamlined process enhances connectivity, enables nodes behind NAT to accept incoming connections, and ensures full participation in block propagation and consensus, making node operation more accessible to non-technical users.

20.4 Peer Reputation

A dynamic peer reputation system evaluates node behavior based on metrics such as message validity, response latency, uptime, and participation in consensus. Malicious or non-compliant nodes are flagged and isolated to preserve network integrity. Reputation scores may also influence peer prioritization during block relay and transaction propagation.

20.5 Adaptive Bandwidth Management

Optimize data transmission based on node capacity and network congestion.

20.6 Geo-aware Node Distribution

Improve latency and decentralization by encouraging geographically diverse node placement.

20.7 Reorganization Resistance Limit

The blockchain enforces a reorg limit of 100 blocks, preventing deep chain reorganizations and reducing the risk of double-spend attacks or consensus manipulation by malicious actors.

20.8 Anti-DDoS Protections

The protocol includes rate-limiting and connection throttling mechanisms to defend against denial-of-service attacks, ensuring stable peer-to-peer communication and uninterrupted block propagation.

20.9 Peer Reputation Filtering

Nodes exhibiting suspicious behavior—such as invalid message propagation or poor response times—are deprioritized or disconnected, helping to isolate potentially malicious entities.

20.10 Connection Diversity

The peer discovery system encourages diverse and geographically distributed connections, reducing the likelihood of a single entity dominating the network topology.

20.11 Version Compatibility

Strict version checking ensures that nodes on incompatible forks cannot synchronize, thereby preventing accidental chain splits.

20.12 Scheduled Fork Heights

Protocol upgrades are triggered at predefined block heights, enabling coordinated, deterministic network-wide transitions. This approach ensures all nodes can prepare for changes in advance, minimizing disruption and fragmentation.

20.13 Adoption Monitoring

The network continuously tracks fork adoption rates across active nodes. Activation only proceeds when a sufficient threshold of participation is met, ensuring consensus alignment and reducing the risk of accidental chain splits.

20.14 Irreversible Fork Commitment

Once a fork is activated, rollback is not permitted. This guarantees forward progress, protects against downgrade attacks, and reinforces the integrity of the upgrade process.

21. Soteria Network Architecture

This section focuses on internal node systems and connection management. How nodes operate internally once connected (internal mechanics).

21.1 Protocol Capacity Enhancements

- P2SH Script SigOps Limit: Increased from 15 to 30 to support more complex scripts and future smart contract functionality.
- Mempool Size: Raised from 300 MB to 720 MB, allowing higher transaction throughput and reducing mempool eviction under load.
- Inventory Message Size: Increased from 50,000 to 100,000, improving peer synchronization and reducing message fragmentation.
- Protocol Message Size: Increased from 4 MB to 6 MB to support larger blocks and richer communication payloads.

- Outbound Peer Connections: Raised from 12 to 32, enhancing block propagation speed and network resilience.
- Addnode Connections: Increased from 12 to 24, supporting more persistent peer links for stable connectivity.

21.2 Peer Management

- Dynamic Peer Discovery: Nodes automatically discover peers through connection pooling and DNS-based mechanisms.
- Automatic Reconnection: Lost connections are reestablished seamlessly to maintain network stability.
- Bandwidth Optimization: Adaptive algorithms balance traffic loads for efficient utilization and resilient communication of network resources.

21.3 Message Routing

- Intelligent Propagation: Messages are relayed with duplicate detection to avoid redundancy.
- Priority Handling: Critical consensus and block messages are prioritized.
- Flood Protection: Rate limiting and filtering prevent congestion from spam or malicious floods.

21.4 Network Security

- DDoS Protection: Built-in safeguards mitigate denial-of-service attacks.
- Malicious Peer Detection: Reputation scoring isolates nodes exhibiting harmful behavior.
- All network messages undergo comprehensive validation, including format verification, size enforcement, rate limiting, and content checks, to prevent malformed or malicious messages.
- Encrypted Communication: Secure channels protect against eavesdropping and tampering.

21.5 Synchronization

- Checkpoint Validation: Hardcoded milestones accelerate sync and protect against long-range attacks.
- Parallel Download: Blocks are fetched concurrently to reduce startup time.
- Integrity Verification: Comprehensive checks ensure blockchain consistency.
- Performance: Synchronization is up to 3x faster than comparable UTXO-based blockchains.

21.6 Blockchain Engine

- Central Orchestrator: Manages block validation, chain integrity, and state transitions.
- Modular Design: Facilitates maintainability and future upgrades.

21.7 Management System

- Efficient Tracking: In-memory optimization and persistent storage accelerate validation.
- Balance Integrity: Ensures accurate accounting of unspent transaction outputs.

21.8 Transaction Management System

- Signature Verification: ECDSA on secp256k1 with public key recovery.
- Double-Spend Prevention: Strict validation rules enforce transaction uniqueness.
- Fee Calculation: Dynamic fee assessment ensures fair prioritization.

21.9 Mempool Manager

- Batch Processing: Transactions are grouped for efficiency.
- Priority Queuing: High-fee or critical transactions are processed first.
- Spam Protection: Filters prevent mempool flooding.

21.10 Network Status Monitoring

- Peer Information: Real-time visibility into connected nodes.
- Health Metrics: Bandwidth usage, sync status, and fork detection.

21.11 System Administration

- Node Configuration: Flexible setup for diverse environments.
- Logging Control: Adjustable verbosity for debugging and monitoring.
- Security Settings: Configurable parameters for enhanced protection.

21.12 Mining Operations

- Template Retrieval: Miners access block templates for hashing.
- Share Submission: Pools validate miner contributions.
- Difficulty Queries: Real-time difficulty adjustment feedback.
- Pool Coordination: Efficient communication between miners and pools.
- Hash Rate Statistics: Transparent reporting of mining performance.

21.13 Fork Management

- Advanced Detection: Identifies potential network splits.
- Consensus Convergence: Chain selection based on total accumulated work.
- Automatic Reorganization: Switches to the longest valid chain when discovered.

22. Security Framework

22.1 Security Audits and Best Practices

- Regular Audits: Automated vulnerability scanning, code review processes, and penetration testing identify and address potential security issues.
- Industry Standards: Incorporation of best practices from leading blockchain security research.
- C++ Security Practices: Implementation of secure coding standards to minimize vulnerabilities at the protocol level.

22.2 Attack Defense Mechanisms

- Anti-Relay Protection: Prevents malicious relay attempts that could disrupt transaction propagation.
- Vector67 Mitigation: Safeguards against known exploit vectors targeting consensus and transaction validation.
- Timewarp Defense: Protects against timestamp manipulation attacks that could destabilize difficulty adjustment.
- Double-Spend Protection: Comprehensive validation ensures transaction uniqueness and balance integrity.

22.3 Consensus Rule Enhancements

- Signature Operation Limit: Increased from 80,000 to 240,000 to support future smart contract execution and complex transaction validation. This change enables higher block expressiveness without compromising performance.
- Coinbase Maturity: Set it to 4,200 blocks to align with the 12-second block interval. This extended maturity period enhances network security by reducing the risk of short-range reorganizations, double spend attack and premature reward spending.

22.4 Security Philosophy

- Security by Design: Every component of the Soteria Network is engineered with security as the foremost priority.
- Suspicious Activity Detection: Continuous monitoring for anomalous behavior, attack attempts, or irregular traffic patterns.
- Benchmark Standard: Establishes a new benchmark for cryptocurrency security through layered defenses and proactive monitoring.

23. Attack Protection Mechanisms

23.1 Transaction Security

- Nonce-Based Replay Protection: Unique nonces prevent replay attacks by tracking transaction history per sender.
- Race Attack Prevention: Atomic sequence validation enforces transaction ordering integrity.
- UTXO Validation: Comprehensive checks prevent double-spending.
- Signature Verification: ECDSA signatures on secp256k1 curve with full public key recovery.

23.2 Checkpoint System

- Hardcoded Milestones: Accelerate initial sync and protect against long-range attacks.
- Light Client Support: Fast verification for resource-constrained nodes.

23.3 Fast Synchronization

- Pre-Checkpoint Skipping: New nodes bypass full validation of historical blocks.
- Performance Gain: Sync time reduced from days to hours.

23.4 Security Anchors

- Reorg Protection: Prevents reorganizations beyond checkpoint depth.
- History Integrity: Guards against revision attacks.

23.5 Validation Optimization

- Parallel Validation: Blockchain segments validated concurrently.
- Resource Efficiency: Reduced CPU and memory overhead.

24. Sustainability

SoterG is built with a focus on minimizing environmental impact:

- Empirical benchmarking for mining efficiency
- Energy-aware algorithm design
- Support for low-power GPU mining
- Cross-platform compatibility

25. Scalability Enhancements

Soteria Network is architected for high throughput and operational efficiency. Its scalability stems from a multifaceted strategy designed to handle large transaction volumes without compromising performance. To ensure smooth transaction processing and reliable block propagation, the protocol increases the capacity for handling temporarily disconnected transactions – known as “orphans.” By expanding the orphan transaction pool from 100 to 4,000 entries and extending their retention time to 8 minutes, the network becomes more resilient during short reorganizations and high-throughput bursts. Additionally, the block reconstruction cache has been enlarged to support faster and more efficient compact block relay, reducing latency and bandwidth usage. These enhancements are part of a broader effort to optimize performance while scaling to support larger blocks and smart contract activity.

25.1 Disconnected Transaction Pool Size

Increased from 20,000 to 60,000, allowing more orphaned transactions to be retained for longer periods. This reduces transaction loss during reorgs and improves mempool resilience.

25.2 Compact Block Depth

Raised from 5 to 64, enabling compact block relay for deeper history and improving propagation efficiency.

25.3 BlockTXN Depth

Increased from 10 to 64, allowing deeper transaction retrieval for compact blocks.

25.4 Transaction Relay and Reconstruction

Design choices that allow the system to handle 3 MB blocks every 12 seconds without choking on orphan churn or compact block misses.

Orphan Transaction Pool: Increased from 100 to 4000 reducing the chance of dropping valid transactions and improving the transaction retention during reorgs and delayed propagation.

Orphan Expiration Time: Extended from 120s to 480s giving the network more time to resolve dependencies without bloating memory.

Block Reconstruction Cache: Increased from 100 to 4000 to improve compact block reconstruction, reduce missing transaction requests and improving block relay speed.

Our team is actively enhancing scalability to ensure Soteria Network can meet future demand. These efforts position Soteria Network as a leader in responsive and robust blockchain infrastructure.

26. Future Development

26.1 Smart Contract Development

All smart contracts will be implemented using the Lua Virtual Machine (LVM), chosen for its lightweight architecture, flexibility, and ease of integration with blockchain environment.

Development of advanced smart contract types, including:

- Multi-signature wallets for enhanced transaction authorization and security.
- Time-locked contracts to delay fund access until a specified future date.
- Cliff period and vesting contracts to support gradual token release schedules for team members, advisors, and investors.
- Presale contracts for managing token distribution during fundraising events.

26.2 Cross-Chain Integration

To enable seamless interoperability across blockchain ecosystems, future development will include:

- Atomic swaps for trustless peer-to-peer asset exchanges between different blockchains.
- Bridge protocols to facilitate secure and efficient asset transfers and data sharing across networks.
- Cross-chain messaging to support decentralized applications (dApps) that operate across multiple chains.

26.3 Mobile Wallets and Applications

To promote broader accessibility and user adoption, the roadmap includes:

- Mobile wallets with intuitive interfaces for secure asset management on iOS and Android.
- Integrated mobile applications offering staking and real-time portfolio tracking.
- Biometric authentication and hardware wallet support for enhanced mobile security.
- Push notifications and in-app alerts for transaction updates and network events.

27. Future Explorations & Experimental Initiatives

These are ideas we're actively exploring. While not guaranteed, they reflect our ambition to push boundaries and expand the ecosystem.

While our core roadmap focuses on delivering foundational features, we're also exploring ambitious ideas that could significantly expand the ecosystem. These initiatives are speculative and subject to change, but they reflect our long-term vision:

- Arcade Game (Exploratory): Gamify the ecosystem with on-chain arcade-style games to boost engagement and showcase smart contract capabilities with play to earn concept
- Launching an EVM L2 Chain (Exploratory): We are investigating the feasibility of a custom Layer 2 chain built on the Ethereum Virtual Machine (EVM) to enhance scalability, reduce transaction fees, and support high-throughput applications.
- SoteriaOS (Exploratory): All-in-One Interface, A unified operating environment combining wallet, explorer, swap, trade, and more – designed for seamless user experience.
- Crypto Lending Platform (Exploratory): A decentralized lending protocol to unlock liquidity and utility for token holders.
- NFT Marketplace (Exploratory): We are considering the development of a native NFT marketplace where users can mint, buy, sell, and swap NFTs directly within the Soteria ecosystem. This would empower creators and collectors while expanding the utility of our platform's native assets.
- Community-Voted Meme Token or Coin (Exploratory): We are exploring the idea of launching a meme-based token or coin within the Soteria ecosystem to foster and reward community engagement, creativity, and viral growth. This initiative would be subject to a formal community vote and designed with transparency and fun in mind. If approved, it may include unique branding, social campaigns, and limited utility features.
- Centralized Exchange (CEX) Launch (Exploratory): We are exploring the feasibility of launching a centralized exchange to provide a seamless fiat on-ramp, deep liquidity, and a user-friendly trading experience. This initiative would complement our decentralized offerings and help onboard a broader audience.
- Dual Investment Product (Exploratory) We are exploring the development of a dual investment product within the Soteria ecosystem, inspired by structured yield strategies like Earn. This would allow users to potentially earn enhanced returns based on market conditions and asset pairings. The design and launch of this product would be subject to community governance and thorough risk assessment.
- Fin Shark Structured Vaults (Exploratory) We are exploring the development of Fin Shark-style structured investment products within the Soteria ecosystem. These vaults aim to offer principal protection and enhanced yield through a combination of lending and options strategies. Designed for conservative investors, this initiative would be subject to community governance and thorough risk modeling.
- Community-Governed Crypto Casino (Exploratory): We're exploring the concept of a decentralized online crypto casino, complete with its own dedicated blockchain explorer to ensure transparency, fairness, and auditability. This initiative would aim to provide a fun, gamified experience within the ecosystem. Given the regulatory and ethical considerations, this idea will be subject to community governance. A formal proposal and vote will determine whether it moves forward.

Staking of External Assets BTC, USDT, USDC (Exploratory): We are exploring the integration of a staking mechanism for external assets such as BTC, USDT, and USDC. This initiative would allow users to lock their holdings for a minimum period of 30 days in exchange for a fixed annual percentage yield (APY). The goal is to offer a secure, predictable reward model while enhancing network engagement and cross-asset utility. This experimental feature aims to bridge traditional crypto assets with our ecosystem, fostering broader participation and long-term value alignment.

These ideas are not commitments, but they represent the kind of innovation we aim to pursue as the project matures.

28. Adoption Strategy

To achieve widespread adoption, Soteria Network must lower entry barriers and offer compelling benefits to miners, developers, and traders. By refining and expanding its ecosystem, and forming strategic partnerships, it will strengthen its market presence and establish itself as a leading cryptocurrency.

29. Legal & Risk Disclosures

Whitepaper Status

At present, this whitepaper is a draft of the final version. Numerous planned changes and additional technical details will be integrated in the near future. This draft serves as a starting point and may undergo multiple revisions before it is considered complete.

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