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When a validator is slashed, their attestations are no longer considered valid. They are penalized as if they went offline for the 8192 epochs until they become withdrawable.

Does this apply to all validator roles? As in, will the validator also be banned from proposals, which is an implicit attestation?

If so, a constant punishment and this effective removal from the validator set should work as suficient disincentivization. This constant punishment would also stand as the required node-operator stake for staking delegation (plus the maximum amount of validator rewards that the delegating staking pool would miss out on for this effective removal). I guess this could create a cheap vector to halt the system if only a small number of node operators are chosen. This seems like a manageable problem though, maybe through making the associated risks clear to delegators and/or a minimum amount of validators.