I am trying to deploy and run mev-boost-relay.

In mev-boost flashbots relay diagram on ([Notion – The all-in-one workspace for your notes, tasks, wikis, and databases](#)), I can see validation nodes. What are validation nodes? Is this just an executio node (for example, Geth) or flashbots block builder ? At mev-boost-relay source code, in cmd/tools/api.go, I can see BLOCKSIM_URI (default http://localhost:8545). Should I use this BLOCKSIM_URI parameter to connect to Geth node or block builder when launching the relay api ? Any help is appreciated. Thanks.