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Abstract

With the ever increasing emission of new crypto coins and tokens and the formation of markets running on blockchain technologies, the need to diversify capital in these markets emerges. Xetion introduces a scalable blockchain architecture for the emission, mandated on-chain management and decentralised exchange of combinatorial bundles of crypto tokens, that are in essence structured crypto token assets (SCTAs).

Xetion and its on-chain mandate mechanism ensure trustless mandating wherein the owner of tokens of combinatorial assets always holds the private keys of tokens contained in a structured crypto token asset (SCTA).

Structured crypto token assets on Xetion allow for decentralised diffusion of capital into crypto markets, and might further capitalise markets by offering diversification for wealth seeking long term passive participation in crypto currencies and tokenized blockchain applications. In the greater scheme combinatorial token allocations lead to the formation of smarter markets that operate more efficiently by processing combinatorial batches of tokens instead of binary pairs, thus increasing cross network liquidity and proximity to equilibrium liquidity across chains and markets.

1 Preface

The intention of this paper is to give an overview of the Xetion blockchain architecture and possible applications. More detailed papers will be published in the future, specifically for governance models and cross chain interactions on Xetion.

2 Introduction

Projections for global assets under management (AuM) are projected to reach approximately 112 trillion USD according to research from Price Waterhouse Coopers¹. The key strategy for managing

¹ *Asset & Wealth Management Insights Asset Management 2020: Taking stock*. 2017. URL: <https://www.pwc.com/gx/en/>

wealth is, in general, to diversify capital into different asset classes in order to mitigate risks. In this context it is clear that investing in crypto tokens as part of a greater portfolio will continue to be in increasing demand by private and institutional entities looking to invest capital passively in growing blockchain ecosystems and markets.

Some banks and stock exchanges started to offer Bitcoin² trading, although such offers mainly relate to derivatives of Bitcoin or other legally bound promises of banks or funds to hold Bitcoin and other tokens, whereas clients technically don't own the (underlying) asset in most cases. Existing capital markets and stock exchanges often face technical difficulties in adopting new crypto tokens, resulting in offerings to clients, which are poorly diversified and lack security that actual crypto tokens would have in technical terms (a problem that applies to most crypto exchanges as well, as they lack a decentralised architecture).

Xetion allows diversifying capital in crypto tokens by enabling crypto tokens to be bundled into structured crypto token asset (SCTA), while enabling owners to technically own all tokens of an SCTA by holding the private keys to the owned tokens. In essence Xetion enables decentralised diversification of capital in crypto markets.

3 Xetion Blockchain

Diversifying capital in crypto assets is a notoriously strenuous process as building a portfolio requires either manually buying crypto currencies on centralised exchanges or entrusting a third party (a fund) to build a portfolio, though the latter is not governed by means of a blockchain but conventional legal regulation for managing assets.

The fundamental problem is that analysts with deep knowledge of blockchain technologies and ideas for building diversified crypto funds have no (decentralised) infrastructure available to effectively offer

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² *S. Nakamoto, Bitcoin: A peer-to-peer electronic cash system*. 2008. URL: <https://bitcoin.org/bitcoin.pdf>.

their investment strategies for participation of third parties.

Xetion aims at enabling the operation of a truly global and decentralised infrastructure to emit and trade structured assets consisting of combinatorial bundles of tokens and coins. In particular, Xetion solves ownership and trust issues between mandated and owning parties of a structured asset and allows for an automated and trustless settlement of fees, token allocation and liquidation. At the core Xetion makes structured crypto assets independent both technically and legally (implied legal independence through technical standardization) of managing and mandated parties, increasing security and versatility for investors looking to (passively) diversify capital in crypto markets. This is beneficial for both owning and managing parties as Xetion allows for technical and procedural consensus, allowing managing parties to focus on leveraging their domain expertise and strategy (rather than discussing technical, procedural and legal questions under ambiguous circumstances).

3.1 Tokens, Blocks and Entities

While being stateless from an SCTA-emitters perspective, the Xetion blockchain keeps track of states linked to sidechains for initiating token transactions in accounts. Following is the description of SCTA classes, states and sidechains. Potential issues and solutions are discussed further in section 6.1.

3.1.1 Xetion Token

Transactional use of the Xetion blockchain is subject to charges of Xetion (XET) tokens. Emitting parties may levy charges for buying, liquidating and administering assets, while parties providing network resources might charge for transactions and asset modifications.

The distribution of the XET tokens in the initial block will be determined by a smart contract hosted on Ethereum. Additional XET tokens can be mined, subsequently. All network fees are subject to charges in XET tokens, while all SCTA induced transactions settle in XET tokens.

3.1.2 Account

Accounts have an address, a balance of XET tokens and a nonce which increases with every transaction or modification and the size of its last update. Having an active account is subject to a small fee for the period of time it is operated. Charges for creating and operating accounts prevents misuse and deters state-bloat. Deleting account alleviates occupation of space which is not in use.

3.1.3 SCTAs

Every account on Xetion can emit SCTAs. An SCTA is an entity on the Xetion blockchain that has a unique identifier and hash, and can either be a non-bound SCTA or an SCTA bound to a liquidity pool (making bound SCTAs a finite resource as liquidity is the limiting factor for emission and availability).

3.1.4 Name System

Xetion features a name system that allows to resolve mapping from unique but human-readable strings to defined byte arrays. Names on Xetion can point to account address, SCTAs or hashes.

3.1.5 Block contents

A block on the Xetion blockchain has to following contained in it:

- Hash of previous block.
- Merkle tree of transactions.
- Merkle tree of accounts.
- Merkle tree of names.
- Merkle tree of open pools.
- Merkle tree of emitted SCTAs
- Merkle tree of SCTA token ratio matrix.
- Merkle tree of Merkle proofs.
- The current entropy in the random number generator.

In order to maintain the sequence within the blockchain the hash of a preceding block is required. The tree of transactions contains all transactions of a block. Apart from the consensus vote tree all trees are under full consensus. Changing a tree from one block to the next is required in order to have a transaction in the new blocks transaction tree. A Merkle proof of the update has to be included in the blocks proof tree as well.

3.2 SCTA Mechanics

Structured crypto token assets on Xetion are a more specific type of smart contract (or smart mandate) which is less versatile but optimised for mandated fund allocation within composite assets without compromising token ownership and security of tokens as such. An SCTA always has a specific state, though induced transactions can be bound to conditions and may require signatory consent from both emitter and holder for certain transactions, modifications or liquidation. While the state of an SCTA is global, induced transactions might disseminate asynchronously.

Technically an SCTA can be liquidated or micro-forked by a participating party. This ensures that the emitter of an SCTA has an incentive to retain participating parties by acting in their interest and ensure that the SCTA is useful. Likewise a partaking party has no interest to withdraw from an SCTA if it is successful and useful.

3.2.1 Basic Architecture

SCTAs, in essence, allocate and distribute funds. Each emitted SCTA is unique but can have multiple accounts participating asynchronously and with different aggregate funds allocated per account. The degree to which SCTA distribution and allocation is automated can vary and is subject to the participating parties agreeing to the terms specific to a particular SCTA. Absolute boundaries on such terms ensure that crypto-signatory consent of participating parties (or liquidation or forking) is required for critical actions such as liquidating funds held in an SCTA or changes of fees and terms. Terms of a specific SCTA

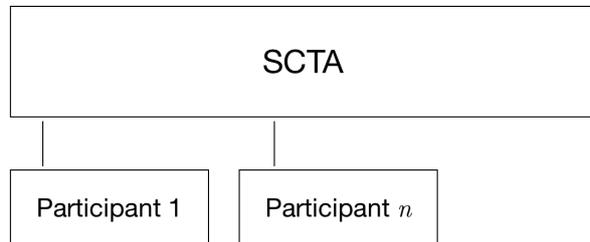


Figure 1: An SCTA has a one-to-many relationship with participating accounts.

are global and apply universally to all participating accounts.

3.2.2 Classes

There are three distinct classes of SCTAs.

S-SCTA - Static Structured Crypto Asset. A static SCTA contains a predefined, non-alterable set of tokens and coins and corresponding ratios.

M-SCTA - Managed Structured Crypto Asset. A managed SCTA contains a set of tokens and coins which is subject to mandated change of the emitter. The set of coins or corresponding ratios can be altered by the emitter.

D-SCTA - Dynamic Structured Crypto Asset. A dynamic SCTA is mandated by a virtual machine which can run computations to create and dynamically alter a set of coins and tokens and corresponding ratios.

An SCTA can be either public or private, can have an infinite or finite term and be unbound or bound to a liquidity pool. Types of tokens and coins (potentially) contained in an SCTA must be whitelisted at emission, or post hoc by signatory consent of participating accounts.

In addition to SCTAs, free derivatives can be emitted on Xetion. Derivatives are useful as they allow for a number of applications such as hedging or easing volatility that might complement certain SCTAs and enhance overall portfolio resilience.

3.2.3 Token Ratio Matrices

Tokens in an SCTA are denoted as matrices with corresponding weights to which capital should be allocated to tokens.

$$\begin{array}{cc} \text{Token } c & \text{Weight } w \\ \left(\begin{array}{cc} A & 0.6 \\ B & 0.3 \\ C & 0.1 \end{array} \right) & \rightarrow \left(\begin{array}{cc} A_c & A_w \\ B_c & B_w \\ C_c & C_w \end{array} \right) \end{array} \quad (1)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} A & 0.6 \\ B & 0.3 \\ C & 0.1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2)$$

Using matrix notation has the advantage of being able to make complex statistical calculations and projections using matrix algebra and thereby simplify computations. Apart from tokens c and weights w we can use further variables to denote price p and return μ and variance σ . We assume that $w_A + w_B + w_C = 1$.

We can calculate return of the SCTA $R_{\text{SCTA}} = A(w_t \mu_t) + N(w_t \mu_t)$ and the variance on the return $\sigma_{\text{SCTA},w}^2 = \text{var}(R_{\text{SCTA},w})$.

Further we can use $n \times 1$ vectors for denoting matrices for variables

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} y_A \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} \quad (3)$$

And, we can refer to vectors at different points in time $X_{t1} \cdots X_{tn}$.

Consider an SCTA and a matrix containing tokens and their weights at current state as X with. We can arrange for changes in weights and subsequent redistribution (existing relative ratios of w carried forward).

$$\chi_{n0} = w_\alpha \cdot x + (1 - \alpha) \cdot \partial \quad (4)$$

$$\chi_{n1} = w_\alpha \cdot \Sigma^{-1} \mu_w + (1 - \alpha) \cdot \Sigma^{-1} \mu_w \quad (5)$$

$$= \Sigma^{-1} \mu_w^{-1} \quad (6)$$

Accordingly, we can compute modification of SCTA.

$$\Rightarrow c(d) = 0.2 \quad (7)$$

$$\Rightarrow p.vec = w \cdot x.vec + (1 - w) \cdot z.vec \quad (8)$$

$$\Rightarrow p.vec \quad (9)$$

$$\begin{array}{cccc} & A & B & C & D \\ \left(\begin{array}{cccc} 0.48 & 0.24 & 0.08 & 0.2 \end{array} \right) & & & & \end{array} \quad (10)$$

The above illustrates the most standard of cases, but using nearly any specific statistical or other combinatorial or algebraic method to change absolute and relative ratios of token weights is highly feasible and can be done using Xetions virtual machines.

3.2.4 Allocation Transactions

An SCTA can induce transaction instructions in its transaction sidechain by changing its token ratio matrix. The transaction sidechain of an SCTA then disseminates sets of individual transaction instructions to accounts participating in the SCTA and calculates individual fees which are then levied from the wallet and credited to SCTA emitters, pools (if any) and network and node operators. Instructions disseminated on the sidechain of an SCTA may be subject to individual signatory consent which can be signed with a respective accounts hash.

Accounts participating in an SCTA can not induce transactions other than to depreciate or appreciate aggregate allocation to an SCTA, or liquidation or micro-forking.

The transaction sidechain on Xetion processes transactions as combinatorial batches which essentially mirror (updated) token ratio matrices. The market making for auctions is automated (AMM)³ by using a combinatorial order book that self-optimises allocation of network liquidity and thus ensures effective throughput of cross-chain transactions.

We achieve efficient matching of combinatorial batches for transactions by bundling batches in heaps and then balance network proximity with the size of heaps and probability of matching respectively. Sim-

³ Casey Detrio, "Smart Markets for Stablecoins" 2016. 2016. URL: <http://cdetr.io/smart-markets/>.

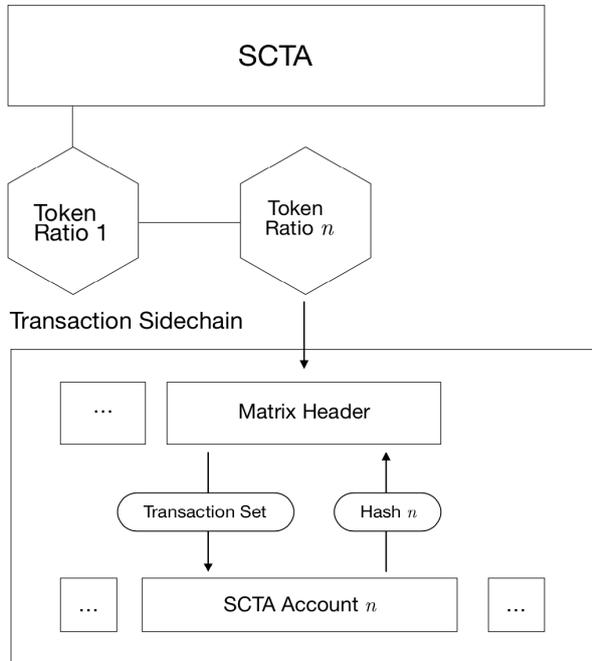


Figure 2: Inducing allocation-related transactions of an SCTA in individual accounts.

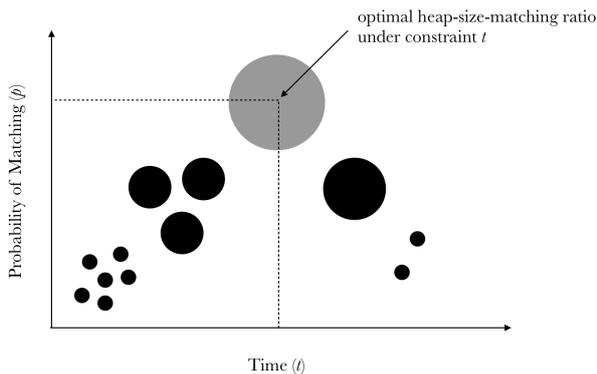


Figure 3: Model for matching transactions of token ratio matrices.

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macr acc 987fgf8...s09d(pos 346bapl711g)
: hashlock
    BTC 1.25787  ETH 3.21894
    BCC 1.247    CAR 8.1879
    IOT 897.98

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ilar approaches of clustering have been shown to increase scalability⁴.

Similarly to hash graphs and its theory of propagating by gossiping through networks⁵, we build heaps based on network proximity. Heaps will grow as long as sufficient probability for matching token ratio matrices within the heap is achieved, constrained by a maximum size relative to global network load.

Matching metrics are then hashlocked⁶ to induce transactions. Tokens of excess are queued for pair swaps.

3.2.5 Participation and Micro Governance

The emitter of an SCTA technically controls the entity (mandate) but never tokens held in participating account (and wallets). As each SCTA has a dedicated sidechain for inducing transactions in accounts, it is in a way a microcosm, that, albeit with constraints, is a decentralised network of its own. Therefore each SCTA can specify terms for participation and is subject to its own micro governance.

Participation in an SCTA can be restricted by the emitter to be either public or private, to have minimum or maximum aggregate capital invested per account participating, to be subject of an initial hard cap or to be subject of availability of liquidity of a connected pool.

An SCTA can be specified to run for an infinite pe-

⁴Alessandro Chiesa, Eran Tromer, Madars Virza "Cluster Computing in Zero Knowledge". 2016. URL: <https://eprint.iacr.org/2015/377.pdf>.

⁵Leemon Baird, "The Swirls Hashgraph Consensus Algorithm: Fair, Fast, Byzantine Fault Tolerance". 2014. URL: <http://www.swirls.com/downloads/SWIRLDS-TR-2016-01.pdf>.

⁶Joseph Poon, Thaddeus Dryja, "The Bitcoin Lightning Network: Scalable Off-Chain-Instant Payments" Pasteż. 2016. URL: <https://lightning.network/lightning-network-paper.pdf>.

riod of time or be terminated on a predefined point of time. A DSCTA might also self-terminate if specified conditions are met. Termination leads to automated liquidation of tokens in participating accounts and conversion to XET credit.

The inherent separation of SCTA entities as mandates and actual allocation and transaction is intended to lead to a balance of controls that fosters a meritocratic environment for emitting and maintaining useful and successful SCTAs. Changes in the terms of an SCTA either lead to consensus (of participants deciding to continue on new terms), micro forking or liquidation by participating accounts individually. In this context the emitter of an SCTA has a strong incentive to keep (a majority of) allocated capital invested or attract additional capital for investment, all in order to amplify successful investment strategies that generate commission on returns for the emitter.

3.2.6 Micro Forks and Liquidations

Any SCTA on Xetion can be micro forked, which leads to the emission of a new SCTA. Empty micro forks can fork any state in time from the point of emission of the SCTA without replicating current token allocation and ratios, while forking with allocated tokens is possible for the current state and will induce liquidation of the existing SCTA. Regular liquidation is possible at all times, resulting in automated liquidation of tokens in the participating account and conversion to XET token credit. Forced liquidation can occur if a participating account does not provide signatory consent to continued allocation after changes in terms of an SCTA, within the timeframe specified in the terms of the SCTA.

3.2.7 Cross Chain Operations

Similarly to recently emerged projects like Cosmos⁷ and Plasma⁸, the Xetion blockchain can exchange

⁷Jae Kwon, Ethan Buchman, “Cosmos A Network Distributed Ledger”. 2017. URL: <https://cosmos.network/about/whitepaper>.

⁸Joseph Poon, Vitalik Buterin, “Plasma: Scalable Autonomous Smart Contracts”. 2017. URL: <https://lightning.network/lightning-network-paper.pdf>.

coins and tokens across different blockchains (e.g. ETH-BTC) without making use of full-custody emitted assets for native chains and tokens. The token ratio matrix of an SCTA is replicated in accounts holding it and each entry of the matrix is signed with the accounts hash and is part of the proof-of-work consensus.

We are aware that tokens of other blockchains could still be transferred implicitly, but then again, this is intentional by design as participation in an SCTA should never compromise actual asset ownership (holding private keys of tokens). On the other hand the de-facto unbundling of position participating in an SCTA will lead to automated liquidation for the respective account (or forking of a deviated SCTA).

3.2.8 Liquidity Pools

As liquidity can be limited in (some) crypto currencies, the emitter of an SCTA can provide a liquidity pool. Tokens provided in the liquidity pool are held in an on-chain pledge state until allocated in accounts participating in the SCTA. Failure to provide the liquidity on part of the emitter gives participating accounts the right to fee-less liquidation. Such liquidations due to lack of providing pledged liquidity can be expected to occur rarely, as the SCTA emitter has a strong incentive to provide liquidity, which, in essence, means exchanging tokens for additional fees (in favour of the emitter).

3.2.9 Fee Calculation and Settlement

All fees are calculated and settled in XET. For fees commissioned from returns the aggregate value of an SCTA is determined by pairing tokens with XET and calculating net performance in XET.

3.3 Consensus Mechanism

Xetion uses a consensus method that is a hybrid between Proof-of-Work and Proof-of-Stake. The sequence of blocks on the chain will be determined by Proof-of-Work. For the Proof-of-Work algorithm we use slightly modified derivative of the Cuckoo Cycle

algorithm originally conceived by John Tromp⁹. The advantage of the our derivative of the Cuckoo Cycle algorithm is that it is bound by memory and therefore caters to memory latency availability as the limiting factor. This can foster decentralisation as even less performant devices (e.g. mobile phones) can mine tokens.

„When even phones charging overnight can mine without orders of magnitude loss in efficiency, not with a mindset of profitability but of playing the lottery, the mining hardware landscape will see vast expansion, benefiting adoption as well as decentralisation.”

Another key aspect is that beside agreeing on block sequence, the Xetion consensus mechanism solves for token ratio matrices to have on-chain states. In theory the consensus mechanism could be self-amending, though this is might still cause problematic effects when such amendments have to disseminate across the network. On the other hand, using a simple Proof-of-Work mechanism could lead to miners in tendency being chosen selectively by SCTA emitters to run their nodes and provide XET liquidity for their operations, effectively leading to a corruption of the balance between participants and emitters. For this reason Xetion uses a new hybrid approach combining Proof-of-Work and Proof-of-Stake in order to make use of the strength of each of these consensus approaches where they fit best. Apart from general consensus as such, XET tokens will be issued by a pure Proof-of-Work approach, preserving a truly decentralised nature of the network at the core and in the essence of its own tokens.

3.3.1 SCTA Consensus

On-chain settlement of states of an SCTA is critical in order to maintain operability and induced transactions. The general and legitimate incentive to generate revenue of XET is to create well performing

⁹John Tromp, “Cuckoo Cycle: a memory bound graph-theoretic proof-of-work”. 2014. URL: <https://eprint.iacr.org/2014/059.pdf>.

and useful SCTAs which is rewarded in longevity and success commission (which translates to linear and potentially exponential rewards). Mining is still required to prevent quasi monopolisation and to ensure a minimal hurdle of difficulty in order to prevent inflationary tendencies of using XET tokens (and therefore network resources) as such, but should ideally not be intended as an end in itself and major stream for revenues.

Therefore we optimise our derivative proof-of-work algorithm not for the absolute profit but to increase the cumulative number of blocks which are settled on the chain and propagated on the network. We define the relative profit p_{rel} in equation 11 where p_{ai} and p_{hi} are the profits in step I for the antagonistic and fair network, respectively:

$$P_{rel} = \mathbb{E} \left[\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n p_{ai}}{\sum_{i=1}^n (p_{ai} + p_{fi})} \right] \quad (11)$$

As the antagonistic entity is focused on optimising itself for his relative profit P_{rel} (equation 11) in mining profits, the problem of a an individual entity on the network making such decisions cannot be described as an MDP (Multi Dimensional Pattern) because the process of awarding as such is non-linear. In order to be described in terms of an MDP we presume that the value of the objective function (the optimal relative profit) is p_{ho} and define for $p \in [0, 1]$ the transformation function $w_\rho: \mathbb{N}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with the antagonistic profit p_a and the profit for the fair network p_h in equation 12.

$$w_\rho(p_a, p_f) = (1 - \rho) \cdot p_a - \rho \cdot p_f \quad (12)$$

Resulting in an infinite state MDP $M_\rho = \langle S, A, P, w_p(R) \rangle$ for every ρ that has the same operation state space as the original entity-decision problem and the equivalent transition matrix but the profit matrix is transformed by $W_{p_{ho}}$. The expected value of such an MDP under policy π is then defined by v_ρ^π in equation 13, where $p_i(\pi)$ is the profit tuple in step I under policy π .

$$v_\rho^* = \mathbb{E} \left[\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n w_\rho p_i \pi \right] \quad (13)$$

The expected value subjected to the optimal policy:

$$v_\rho^* = \max_{\pi \in A} \{v_\rho^\pi\} \quad (14)$$

By using binary search on our MDPs for $\rho \in [0, 1]$ we can find ρ with the expected value in the initially propagated MDP being zero, which subsequently maximise profit in the original individual-entity decision process. As v_ρ^* is monotonically decreasing, we use the following function to effectively determine model propagation.

3.4 Governance

Tezos has demonstrated the paradigm of on-chain governance¹⁰, which effectively leads to a self-amending ledger.

While governance of blockchains has thus far often failed to foster sustained consensus for technical advancements of a chain, it seems that on-chain mechanism to reach orchestrated consensus for amendments to a chain lead to overall better consensus between stakeholders.

Xetion has an inherent approach of separating ownership of tokens and administrative mandates, which as such already leads to a certain balance in the system. While emitters hold the stake of knowledge (to create successful investment and hedging strategies), participants hold the stake of value. Neither group can increase profits with the other, which creates a basic balance of power in the network. In theory emitters and participants could consist a single party, but this is unlikely to manifest in any significant fraction in reality, as human knowledge to emit and operate an SCTA successfully for longer periods of time is a scarce resource, whereas holders of tokens likely outnumber emitters significantly. As established beforehand, SCTAs can be micro forked, but this again is likely to be a means of last resort for most SCTA participants. Essentially micro-forking or inducing liquidation of an SCTA is resulting in quasi-threat of mutually assured destruction, wherein the upside of

¹⁰L.M Goodman, "Tezos - a self-amending crypto-ledger White paper". 2014. URL: https://www.tezos.com/static/papers/white_paper.pdf.

finding consensus is by magnitude more rewarding in terms of profits for all participating parties. The risk of the emergence of quasi-mining-monopolies is limited by having memory-latency limited mining and a consensus algorithm optimised for favouring network integrity over individual profit maximisation.

However, over time Xetion like any other blockchain must be potentially able to conduct updates to its algorithms and protocols. Such updates are governed by a weighted voting approach that is weighted according to merits and loyalty of parties in the network, establishing a balanced approach between broad democratic decision-making and meritocratic technocracy.

Voting on regular iteration proposals is a two-phase process, where in a first phase any proposal has to meet a certain signatory threshold in order to be put in line for network wide voting.

In addition a task-force consisting of 24 members for matters of network stabilisation is elected periodically by the network. In an event of urgency the task force can submit urgent update proposals which are implemented if not rejected by majority veto of the network.

3.5 Scalability

As transactions of SCTAs are processed on their own respective chains, a fair degree of parallelism is achieved at the outset and makes Xetions architecture highly scalable. In addition Xetion uses the following approaches to optimise scalability further.

3.5.1 Sharding

Xetions blockchain is operational for a user when the part of the chain he is momentarily interested in has been synchronised as long as one duplicate of the state has been synchronised previously. This way new users can be sure that substates are accurately represented. Such substates can also be carried forward across several nodes so that loads for nodes in general are rather small. The integrity of a substate can be proved by validating hashes of corresponding Merkle

trees¹¹. Node operators may charge for carriage of such validation across the network.

3.5.2 Light Clients

Light clients have the property to work without having to download entire blocks. In the paradigm of weak subjectivity¹² the user provides only the hash for the fork he wants to synchronise his client with, allowing the client to download forks with the provided hash in it. The client only downloads the block headers which are much lighter compared to entire blocks. Block headers contain the hash of the previous block and the root hash of all state trees.

3.5.3 Performance and Network Throughput

Variables defining the protocol are constantly synchronised with the consensus. From the default values we deduce the default rate of transactions per second.

$$B = \text{block-size in bytes} \quad (15)$$

$$F = \text{blocks until finality} \quad (16)$$

$$T = \text{time until finality in seconds} \quad (17)$$

$$S = \text{transaction size in bytes} \quad (18)$$

$$\frac{\text{Transactions}}{\text{seconds}} = \frac{B}{T} \cdot \frac{F}{S} \quad (19)$$

$$B = 1000000 \text{ bytes} \quad (20)$$

$$= 1 \text{ mega byte per block} \quad (21)$$

$$F = 24 \cdot 60 \cdot 3 \text{ blocks per day} \quad (22)$$

$$T = 24 \cdot 3600 \text{ seconds per day} \quad (23)$$

$$\frac{T}{F} = 20 \text{ seconds per block} \quad (24)$$

$$S = 1000 \text{ bytes per transaction} \quad (25)$$

¹¹ Adem Efe Gencer, Robbert van Renesse, Emin Gün Sirer “Short Paper: Service-Oriented Sharding for Blockchains”. 2015. URL: http://fc17.ifca.ai/preproceedings/paper_73.pdf.

¹² Vitalik Buterin “Proof of Stake: How I Learned to Love Weak Subjectivity”. 2014. URL: <https://blog.ethereum.org/2014/11/25/proof-stake-learned-love-weak-subjectivity/>.

Operating a node requires storing a duplicate of all blocks since finality. Under attack it is required to store a 100 times more information. Assuming that finality is reached in 2 days, this would require processing 8640 blocks until finality. As each block is 1 megabyte in size, this would amount to a total of 8.64 gigabytes under regular operations, and to 864 gigabytes in an under-attack-scenario.

4 Applications

4.1 Blockchain

The Xetion blockchain common modules such as XET tokens, wallets, names and corresponding functionality.

4.1.1 Identity

Every account has its own unique ID number string. In addition, users can register names that are unique and link the same to their accounts, SCTAs and derivatives in the Merkle-root of the entities data structure. In addition to unique names, additional information about an entity can be added. Xetion will use schema.org’s JSON format¹³ to represent entities of various types (personal, corporate etc.).

4.1.2 Wallet

Wallets are applications that allow users to interact with Xetion. Most importantly a wallet holds private keys to XET tokens, SCTAs and other entities which are owned or mandated by a user on Xetion, and can sign and authorise transactions, induced transactions and emittance of SCTAs and derivatives. Further, the wallet features notifications and allows to submit votes for governance related proposals.

4.1.3 Proof of Existence

Participants in the network can utilise the headers to validate existence of data at the given point in time by publishing the corresponding hash.

¹³ Schema.org “Schemas”. 2016. URL: <http://schema.org/docs/schemas.html>.

4.2 SCTA Applications

Being essentially combinatorial bundles of coins that are managed by terms of a smart mandate on the Xetion blockchain, the use cases and implications of SCTAs are far reaching both for parties actively using Xetion, and for the entirety of decentralised markets, as efficiency and stability can be enhanced by a more permeable diffusion of capital across different chains and batch packet transactions that foster greater equilibrium proximity.

4.2.1 SCTAs as Crypto Investment Funds

The most obvious use for SCTAs emitted on Xetion is to create an investment fund consisting of multiple crypto coins. In this scenario the emitter provides the investment strategy in return for commissions in XET tokens (if successful), while users essentially allocate capital to the emitted SCTA in order to participate in the strategy and thereby profit from the knowledge of the emitter. Both parties participating in SCTA interact trustlessly on the Xetion blockchain operating such mandated investments (without compromising actual ownership of tokens). Further, the asset is transferrable or can be liquidated any time.

4.2.2 Diversifications through SCTAs and Derivatives for Hedging

Larger organisations can leverage SCTAs to diversify capital in crypto currencies that are of (potential) strategic importance to them and their stakeholders. An SCTA might be further useful to modify large allocations of funds gracefully and ease random volatility losses. Derivatives can be used for hedging in providing a quasi-insurance for unforeseen market ruptures, or by amplifying peak gains.

4.2.3 DSCTAs for Automation

Dynamic SCTAs have an almost infinite versatility as they can automatically execute token ratio allocation. A DSCTA could be used for automated trading strategies, offered for greater participation (and thus extending capital base and amplify gains).

As a DSCTA can self terminate it could be used for liquidity optimisations of tokens used to exchange services, for example of various IoT services. Naturally the demand of tokens of other blockchains could vary greatly relative to or interdependent from each other (as, in reality, peak usage of services could signal scarcity of resources at a certain point in time and be interrelated if entities exchange tokenised services). In such a scenario a DSCTA could function as a (temporary) smart reserve system, benefitting the crypto ecosystem by providing affordable liquidity at peaks, while participating parties and the emitter of the DSCTA profit from high demand of the respective tokens (which leads to increase of price of the tokens and subsequently to gains in the DSCTA).

By making use of oracles token demand fluctuations could be leveraged even further by an SCTA in order to increase gains, while at the same time provide a kind of smart reserve and balancing force for tokens of different blockchains that are exchanged and are either in excess or in scarcity, and thus help foster price stability in cross-chain relations.

4.2.4 Smart Markets

SCTAs could optimise markets at large scale by processing transactions in combinatorial batches of matrices instead of single pairs. Exchanges or marketplaces accepting multiple currencies and having to cope with high trading frequency could use SCTAs to optimise markets in overall terms, making transactions more efficient and increasing network throughput, and scale mechanical arbitrage on price consolidation.

4.2.5 SCTA Trading

Allocated positions of SCTAs in accounts can be traded peer-to-peer. Market-making for SCTA positions can lead to prices exceeding their nominal value if the strategy of an SCTA is expected to (continue to) be successful, essentially speculating on future aggregate performance and returns of an SCTA. Nominal values don't play as much a role as the token ratio matrix within an SCTA is subject to strategic change. In this context pricing of an SCTA in trad-

ing might not necessarily reflect its current set and ratio of tokens, but the ability of the SCTA and the mandate to manage the aggregate allocation for future gains (which involves modifying the token ratio and allocation of an SCTA).

4.2.6 Aggregate Portfolio

Walltes on Xetion can show aggregate portfolio valuation and respective metrics, summarising all SCTAs held in the wallet. Aggregate performance can be broken down further by emitter, allocation in tokens of various types, and visualised correspondingly.

4.2.7 Oracles

An SCTA can further be an oracle for cross-chain liquidity, volatility, dispersion of tokens and a host of other potential variables and metrics. This in turn could be used to further optimise an SCTA and derivatives, or to emit new SCTAs aligned with predictions derived from oracles.

4.2.8 Compound SCTAs

While this is not entirely feasible within the current scope and architecture of Xetion, SCTAs could be enhanced further in order to be linked together as chains, or be engulfed and nested into each other. Especially combining different types such as a (master) SSCTA with linked or engulfed DSCTAs could lead to potentiated optimisation of the balance of diversified reserves of tokens with means to exploit volatility and peaks without compromising overall integrity of portfolios.

4.2.9 Research and Analysis

As a whole SCTAs on Xetion would build a clustered landscape of combinatorial bundles of coins in various combination, of which some are subject to constant change in allocation ratio. Such complex networks of clusters and dynamic inter-chain relations could be analysed further and research on the overall dynamic and various aspects of network interactions could be conducted, and potentially be used to create novel and more efficient SCTAs.

4.2.10 Liquidity, Automation, AI

Conventionally liquidity can be expensive to provide in decentralised networks. By employing SCTAs liquidity can be swapped more effectively between networks, while such swapping should lead to returns derived from combinatorially relative fluctuations in return for providing the liquidity. Essentially this would mean to partially automate market dynamism and foster availability of liquidity. AI and machine learning could possibly be used to anticipate needs for liquidity and balance the same for decreasing needs for liquidity in other networks, which could also allow to dynamically diversify allocated capital.

5 Implementation

The current alpha proof-of-concept implementation was developed in Go and includes the blockchain of Xetion, the contract language and governance mechanisms. The VMs are implemented using Java.

For the Xetion core we use Go as the default programming language. The advantage is that Go is not an interpreted language but a compiled language, which massively reduces overhead for lazy bugs prevalent in interpreted languages. As a blockchain needs to be efficient doing cryptographic calculations and process huge amount of data, which it has to propagate as well as store in the network, we believe Go is the right foundation for the task at stake. Ethereum is also implemented in Go, and in general Go has and continues to gain rapid adoption for blockchain applications.

Xetion core is licensed under MIT open source license.

5.1 Virtual Machines

Virtual machines on Xetion support macros and variables but execute based on a stack-model. Java is used as the main language since it is widely adopted in the financial industry and has many libraries that are useful for advanced statistics and complex modelling.

5.2 Design and User Experience

Xetion features wallet and UI that is highly optimised to visualise complex data in an easy-to-comprehend UI which has a well differentiated information architecture and easy-to-read typography.

Beside the platform-related UI, Xetion can generate widgets for SCTAs that can be embedded on websites and show SCTA abbreviations, graphs with performance overview and a call to action leading back to the SCTA on Xetion.

6 Conclusion

Xetion introduces a protocol that allows users to allocate and diversify capital in structured assets that are combinatorial bundles of crypto coins and tokens, which are mandated on-chain. This benefits the emitter and the holder of such assets by offering highly effective diversification strategies on a secure, scalable and decentralised network in return for commission on success, while optimising overall market efficacy, liquidity and throughput across networks at global scale.

6.1 Discussion

We are aware that creating truly decentralised smart markets is ambitious, yet likely necessary for blockchain applications acting within greater ecosystems. Various other projects currently pave the way for cross-chain operation, among others Cosmos¹⁴ and Plasma¹⁵. We therefore believe that, albeit connected to challenging problems, more permeable cross-chain environments are indispensable for the future of blockchains and decentralised technologies and markets.

Xetion has proposed a number of procedural improvements to alleviate network liquidity. However, true scarcity at source of a blockchain might still lead to liquidity for certain tokens, especially when a token is newly introduced. On the other hand, liquidity is

a general problem and alleviating network efficiency can still contribute to free liquidity, significantly.

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Acronyms

SCTA structured crypto token asset. 2–9, 11–14

XET Xetions token for all transactions on Xetion. 3, 7, 8, 10, 11

Glossary

account An account with a unique address and private key on a blockchain. 3–7, 10, 11, 14

blockchain A distributed ledger database, defined by a list of hash-linked blocks. 2–4, 7, 9–11

consensus The technical protocol for verifying computations on a blockchain. 3, 4, 7–10

governance The rules according to which agreement on (future) changes on the core system consisting a blockchain can be reached. 2, 6, 9, 10, 12

hash A cryptographic function that takes binary input and gives an output of a fixed size, of which it is not possible to deduce the input. 3–7, 9, 10

hashlocked Locking a specific hash between multiple chains and channel until a conditions (a transaction) is met. 6

liquidity Availability of tokens in a blockchain that have been mined and can be transacted. 2–8, 11–13

¹⁴Jae Kwon, Ethan Buchman, “Cosmos A Network Distributed Ledger”.

¹⁵Joseph Poon, Vitalik Buterin, “Plasma: Scalable Autonomous Smart Contracts”.

merkle tree A hash based data structure that is a generalisation of the hash list. 3

oracle An agent that finds and verifies occurrences and submits this information to the blockchain. 11, 12

participant A party that allocates capital to an asset. 7–10

token A representation of balance in a blockchain system, for which services can be availed. 2–13

token ratio matrix A matrix defining token ratios within an SCTA. 3, 5, 7, 11

transaction Shifting tokens between accounts on a blockchain. 3–11, 14

wallet An application holding one or multiple private keys for accounts on the blockchain. 5, 6, 10, 12, 13

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