A Comprehensive Exploration of The Genesis of Blockchain Technology and The Evolution of Bitcoin

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Abstract:
This paper presents an overview of blockchain technology and its origin in the context of Bitcoin's evolution. It begins by outlining the foundational principles of blockchain, emphasizing its pivotal role in ensuring Bitcoin's innovation and security. The paper goes on to explain Bitcoin as a ground-breaking phenomenon that used blockchain technology to release, The first-ever fully decentralized digital currency. It also delves into the concept of decentralization as one of Bitcoin's core values. and how central they are to maintaining entire fiscal infrastructures based on this very principle. Finally, the paper reflects on what Bitcoin says about some ongoing questions concerning the history of digital finance in the making and possible futures for blockchain technology. This analysis is less of an echo chamber and more about symbiosis, between Bitcoin and blockchain technologies (especially outside the IT backyard) in digital economy transformation.

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1. Introduction

Bitcoin, a digital currency designed by Satoshi Nakamoto, revolutionized the financial landscape of the 21st century. It is a Liberty Reserve-type exchange value across internet borders with reduced trust due to decentralized building block technology [1]. Blockchain technology, a distributed ledger, is at the core of Bitcoin's revolutionary design, providing transparency, security, and accuracy. This technology has applications beyond cryptocurrency, as it allows for instant peer-to-peer transactions without involving a third party [2].

Bitcoin's transparency and immutability made it a secure and trusted cryptocurrency. It also offered a finite supply (capped at 21 million coins) and was meant to be safe from inflation. Although not fully anonymous, pseudonymity made it more private than conventional financial systems. Satoshi Nakamoto, the pseudonym used by the creators of Bitcoin, authored the bitcoin white paper in 2009 and deployed blockchain technology in 2008. The paper detailed Bitcoin as a digital decentralized virtual currency driven by cryptography, operating within its blockchain without any central authority. The Bitcoin network came into existence when Nakamoto mined the first block of Bitcoins on January 3, 2009 [3].

Despite being associated with the people behind Bitcoin by the peer-to-peer Foundation, Nakamoto's creation has profoundly impacted finance and technology, sparking the development of thousands of other cryptocurrencies and blockchain-based applications [4]. Understanding the fundamental building blocks of Bitcoin can pave the way for exploring its profound implications for the future of finance, commerce, and society.

The originator of Bitcoin has an air of mystery in the form of a Rwandan insider. In 2008, he published his whitepaper Bitcoin: A Peer-to-Peer Electronic Cash System and this idea was revolutionary to the financial world [2][5]. The digital currency was to be paired with a distributed network that would enable anyone to participate independent of any central authority. This revolutionary system is the basis for what would later become Bitcoin: a distributed ledger where transactions are recorded by multiple computers across a network, they then verify with one another such those batches of records can only update through consensus [6].

Bitcoin followed unique methods in its development that are different from traditional currencies, for example: the process of mining through which new bitcoins come into existence and get linked to the blockchain (ledgers)so functionality on turning/deriving is ensured; hard-coding scarcity of Bitcoin following deflationary model whereas no creation leads to inflation. DEFINE SCARCITY!! In addition to these technological advances, Nakamoto also outlined the principles behind Bitcoin that emphasized privacy, pseudonyms, and decentralization [7].

And although the experiment of creating a new currency is centuries old, it took Bitcoin to create one that was resistant to censorship and control. Satoshi Nakamoto was thought to have been active in the development of Bitcoin until around 2010 when it vanished from the public view with not even a word [8]. The legacy of Satoshi Nakamoto will forever be shrouded in mystery, but his ideas continue to inspire countless other digital asset aficionados. A brief overview of the origins of Bitcoin and the tech world from which it was born is necessary to understand exactly how significant Bitcoin really is. The earliest adopters were steeped in the sort of small enthusiast and cryptographer community that saw a model for what could come next [9].

The bitcoin community when it was young and hungry so to speak, were mostly comprised of software developers (like me), miners with zero incentive to manipulate the system and users that would just like stabilization. This open-source ethos created an ecosystem around Bitcoin Universe that set the stage to lead it into the future. But, Bitcoin encountered issues like legality, stability and higher energy consumption [10]. Yet through all the self-despair and lost conversations about new barriers, a bit of fascination behind Bitcoin remaining not as media hadn't yet put their spies on it, whispering in governments ears how this anon thing could disrupt 'The System'. Bitcoin's rarity is an incredible demonstration of the power that combining innovation and decentralization can have, with some very likely soon to go down in history as pioneers paving the way for what has now become a new era known as digital finance. But there were also difficulties, in the experience and confidence levels of buyers, some technical limits, and security issues. Well, Bitcoin had its issues — decentralization came with a risk and so did the need for secure wallets or ways to store Bitcoins 11- 12].

Uncertainty, thank you Bitcoin Express That price volatility from bitcoin made it impossible not only for users to pay with but moreover accept same as a form of payment being that unlike currency prices memcmpoidal_pricereadonly [13]. Such volatility scared away potential users, which made it hard for businesses from all over the world to begin working with bitcoins as a payment method. There was also concern about the legal and regulatory environment of Bitcoin, with governments worried that it could be categorized as a form of money. Yet even in the face of so much uncertainty, the original Bitcoin pioneers persisted — laying what would become a cornerstone for mainstream adoption today [14].

2. Blockchain: The Bedrock of Bitcoin's Innovation and Security

Blockchain is a decentralized distributed ledger that records transactions across multiple computers, allowing for transparency and immutability of data. It is the backbone of Bitcoin and other digital assets and applications, with applications in finance, supply chain management, healthcare, and voting systems. Blockchain technology is based on a chain of blocks, each with verified transactions. Once added, the records are unchangeable, ensuring data integrity and establishing trust and transparency within the ecosystem [15].

Blockchain is a decentralized system, managed collectively by its users, unlike traditional databases controlled by a central authority. It consists of a chain of blocks joined together, each containing various confirmed transactions. The immutability of data is fundamental in establishing trust and transparency within the ecosystem. Blockchain uses strong cryptographic measures to protect against fraud and keep the network safe. A consensus mechanism, usually Proof of Work (PoW) in Bitcoin, is responsible for adding new blocks to the blockchain. Miners compete by solving complex mathematical puzzles, earning new coins and transaction fees for the first to solve them. This system of incentives motivates miners to secure the network and ensure its accuracy [16].

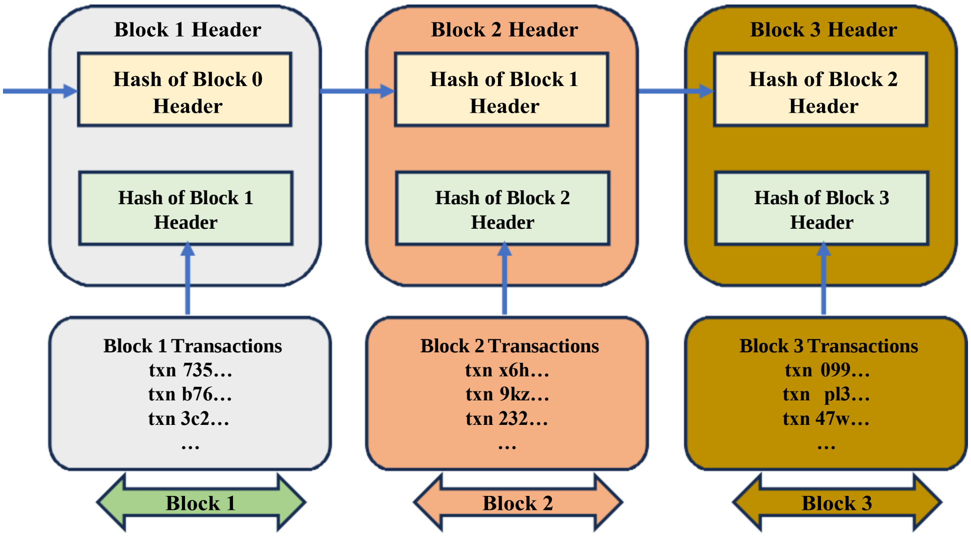
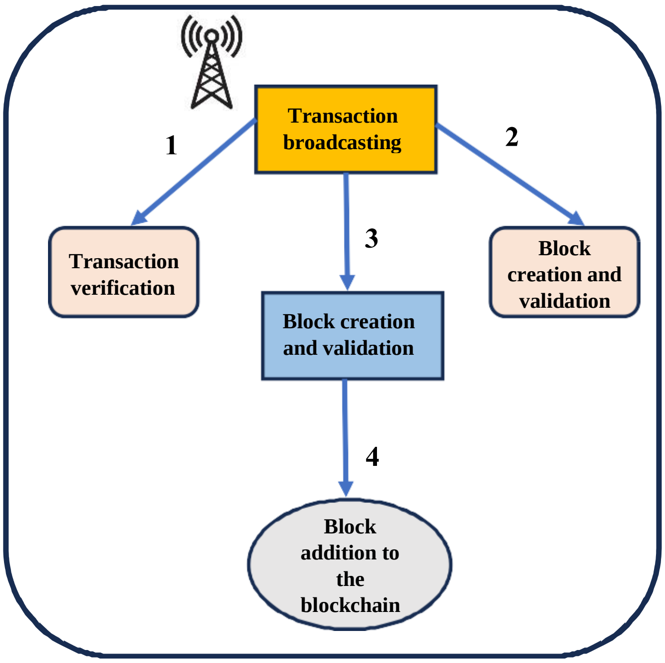


Fig. 1 Blockchain flowchart presentation blocks connected together, through each block comprising transactions

Blockchain does not only refer to use-cases in Bitcoin. As such, it applies to other specific use cases well outside the supply chain managemenent and finance realm including healthcare — hence some of Issues solved by its decentralcy properties as so as transparent & immutable capabilities. Blockchain Technology is a game-changer: The radical iteration as well that makes us work in an ecosystem without intermediaries and virtually eliminating fraud. Consensus Mechanism is the primary function of Blockchain technology where the network remain to decide whether changes added are right or wrong in digital ledger and prevent scam. This is a mechanism we use to validate the transactions and integrity of the entire blockchain [17]. Consensus mechanisms are the fundamental protocols that make sure all peers within a blockchain network agree with one another, regarding to every state of its ledgers. In other words, they create a backbone of the blockchain technology. this is how they secure the system and validate transactions. So basically they permit a decentralized collection of nodes that agree on the order in which transactions happened and are allowable.

A consensus mechanism decides some kind of rules and procedures that a node need to adhere (as shown in fig. 2). These rules decide the communication, transaction verification, and how the transactions are ordered to add in a blockchain. When there is unanimous agreement, those agreed upon transactions are recorded into a block and transaction becomes permanent with Blockchain [18].


Transaction broadcasting
1
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4
Transaction verification
Block creation and validation
Block creation and validation
Block addition to the blockchain

Fig. 2 Flowchart presentation the consensus mechanism procedure

Different blockchains employ various consensus mechanisms, each with its own strengths and weaknesses. Some popular mechanisms include Proof of Work (PoW), Proof of Stake (PoS), Delegated Proof of Stake (DPoS), and Practical Byzantine Fault Tolerance (PBFT). The choice of consensus mechanism depends on factors such as the blockchain's goals, security requirements, scalability needs, and energy consumption considerations [19]. Table 1 provides an overview of significant literature related to Bitcoin and blockchain technology, outlining the focus, methodology, key findings, and relevance of each study.

Table1: Literature Survey on Bitcoin and Blockchain Technology

Author	Year	Title	Focus	Methodology	Key Findings	Relevance
Nakamoto, S.	2018	"Bitcoin: A Peer-to-Peer Electronic Cash System"	Introduction of Bitcoin and blockchain	Theoretical paper	Detailed the design an functionality of Bitcoi	Foundational paper f Bitcoin and blockch
Tapscott, D., & Tapscott, A.	2019	"Blockchain Revolution: H the Technology Behind Bitcoin Is Changing Mone	Impact of blockch technology	Case studies and analysis	Explores blockchain's impact on various sect	Highlights the broad applications of blockchain
Buterin, V.	2020	"Ethereum: A Next-Generation Smart Contract and Decentralized	Introduction of Ethereum and sm contracts	Technical paper	Introduced Ethereum a blockchain platform fo smart contracts	Expands on blockch applications beyond Bitcoin
Yermack, D.	2021	"Is Bitcoin a real currency An economic appraisal"	Economic analysi of Bitcoin	Empirical analysis	Analyzed Bitcoin's effectiveness as a currency	Assesses Bitcoin's ro and legitimacy in finance
Catalini, C., & Gans, J. S.	2022	"Some Simple Economics the Blockchain"	Economic implications of blockchain	Theoretical and empirical analysis	Discusses blockchain's impact on transaction costs	Provides insights int blockchain economi
Nakamoto, H., Schär, F.	2022	"The Role of Bitcoin in Financial Markets"	Bitcoin's role in financial markets	Empirical research	Examines Bitcoin's influence and integrati in	Explores Bitcoin's financial market presence
Bitcoin.org Te	2023	"Bitcoin Technical Overview"	Technical details Bitcoin's operatio	Technical documentation	Provides a comprehens technical overview of	Essential for understanding Bitco technical aspects
Mougayar, W.	2024	"The Business Blockchain: Promise, Practice, and the Application	Blockchain in business contexts	Case studies and analysis	Discusses practical applications and busin models	Explores practical us of blockchain technology

3. Bitcoin: A Revolutionary Breakthrough in Blockchain Technology

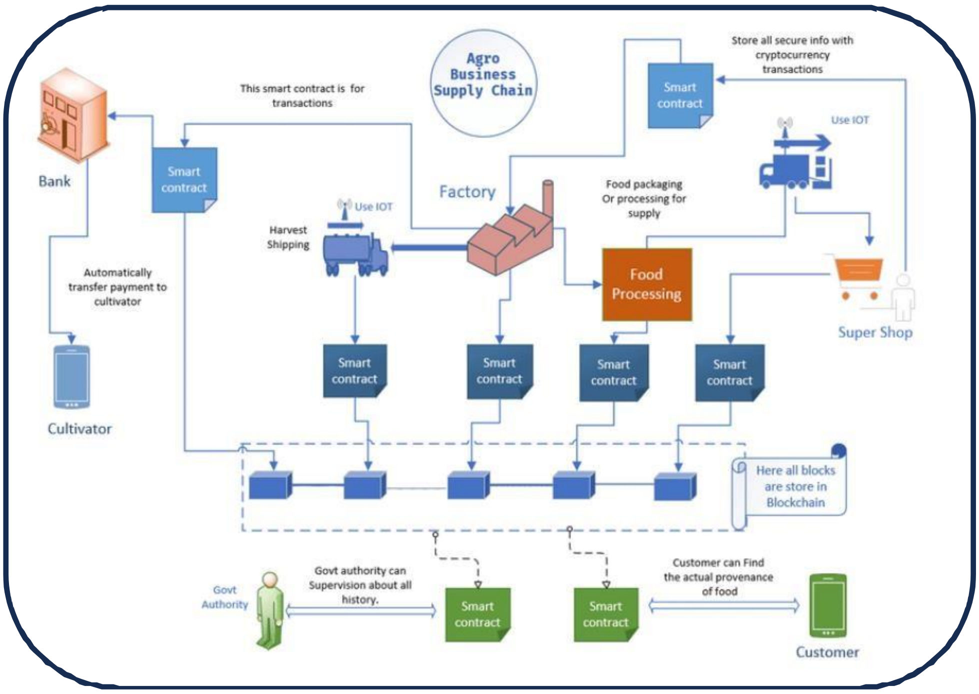
Bitcoin is a digital currency that operates on a peer-to-peer network without the need for a central bank, with Bitcoins as its unit of account. It is a pioneer in the new age of financial innovations and has gained global recognition for its various applications, such as digital gold and cash substitutes. However, Bitcoin faces challenges such as volatility, energy usage, and regulatory issues. Despite these challenges, Bitcoin's rise is considered one of the most socially important developments in modern economic history. As a decentralized digital currency, it seeks to change financial inclusion by providing an alternative route to access finance for people worldwide who lack access to traditional banking systems. This could include uplifting the unbanked in third world countries, such as facilitating cross-border remittances at low fees [20].

Bitcoin as a means of exchange can revolutionize supply chain by being transparent and immutable, thereby reducing in fake goods (aka with no source) and made be traceable to the factory floor or ethical sourcing village.. Furthermore, voting systems could be provided with more secure and tamper-proof mechanisms. In order to unleash the maximum positive social impact of Bitcoin, financial literacy and risk awareness components (especially in relation to scams) need at least an equal amount attention. Further, we need to consider the environmental pollution resulting from its mining and energy consumption. As much as Bitcoin is polemical, it can be used in absolute benefits to society. This could be of the power forts being challenged by structures that erode tradition and build from open spaces for people/organizations across world boundaries: a transformational redefinition around money- economy in our lives [21].

But Bitcoin's volatility can pose risks for the initiative, and there are challenges standing in the way of progress as digital literacy may be lacking or infrastructure might not exist and regulatory uncertainity abounds. (We are) Required legislation, education on finance and access from new age platforms before Bitcoin can fulfil the potential of "financial inclusion". Bitcoin has faced a range of challenges including volatility, limited processing capacity, scaling issues as well as regulatory landscapes and merchant adoption. Bitcoin is subject to large price flcutuatons which makes it unattractive for those looking for a stable medium of exchange. These rising volumes along with fees have created a clogged Bitcoin network and this has been the latest problem that most users are facing. Operational by nature are complex, and with added regulatory uncertainty it leads to a multiplicity of layers in regulatory environment which cripples investment as well as innovation.

Bitcoin also has a ton of inherent issues still, like security – the Bitcoin blockchain is vulnerable to hacking or human error. This limits Bitcoin's usefulness as a medium of regular transaction whereby foul merchant acceptance is non-existent. We need new technology, legislation, and outreach in education about how to use blockchains to overcome these blockers. Moreover, the standards of supply chain management can shift drastically through blockchain and this technology also helps in transparency & traceability. All this can be done by writing transactions as an unchangeable record on to the ledger so they will also solve product provenance and counterfeit products without adhering any ethical or sustainability criteria. Blockchain tech with smart contracts automate processes like payment confirmation etc reduced operating cost with improved management [22].

However, integrating blockchain into existing supply chain systems is complex and requires maintaining data privacy and security while being transparent. The value proposition for supply chain blockchain applications is clear, and its use is expected to grow globally. A structured approach to deploying blockchain in supply chain management involves addressing challenges and educating enablers. This involves identifying stakeholders, describing detailed areas of supply chain improvement, mapping out essential details, and creating smart contracts. A pilot phase is crucial to test the blockchain solution in a controlled environment, ensuring scalability, compatibility with existing systems, and fund security.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This smart contract is for transactions
Agro Business Supply Chain
Store all secure info with cryptocurrency transactions
Smart contract
Smart contract
Use IOT
Factory
Food packaging Or processing for supply
Use IOT
Harvest Shipping
Automatically transfer payment to cultivator
Food Processing
Super Shop
Smart contract
Smart contract
Smart contract
Smart contract
Cultivator
Here all blocks are store in Blockchain
Govt authority can Supervision about all history.
Govt Authority
Smart contract
Smart contract
Customer can Find the actual provenance of food
Customer

Fig. 3 Flowchart demonstrating the phases involved in employing blockchain in supply chain management

Living in optimizing and ultimately flexible is crucial to making the most of your system. Use cases like food supply chain traceability, pharmaceutical supply chain authenticity and luxury goods provenance corroborate how blockchain can be used to enable better operations in a typical supplier- to-customer-oriented world. However, in order to achieve this objective a number of challenges surrounding the theme interoperability issues, data privacy risks/costs and regulatory compliance should be addressed carefully for effective realization [23].

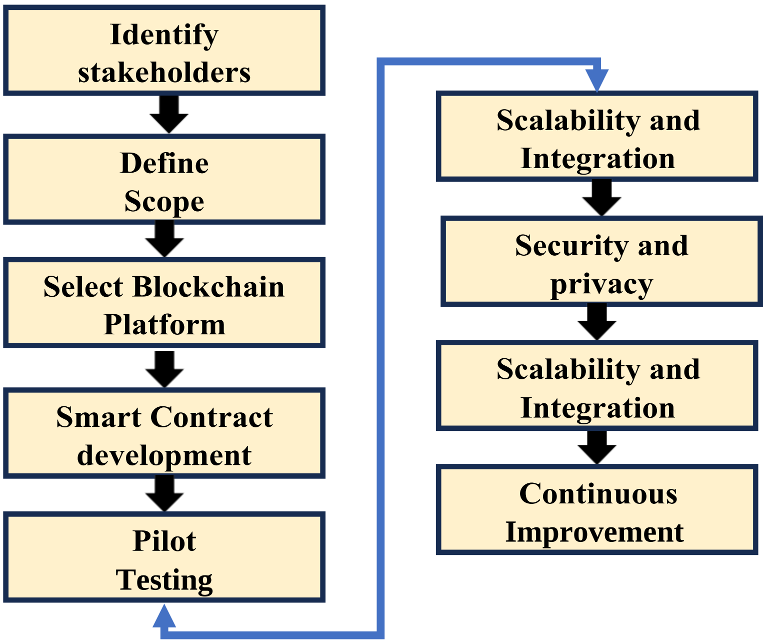
Identify stakeholders
Define Scope
Select Blockchain Platform
Smart Contract development
Pilot Testing
Scalability and Integration
Security and privacy
Scalability and Integration
Continuous Improvement

Fig.4 Steps for Implementing a Blockchain-Based Solution

Blockchain technology can enhance transparency, traceability, efficiency, and security in supply chain operations by addressing potential challenges. However, the implementation of blockchain is vulnerable due to its scale, interoperability, and regulation. Interoperability involves integrating blockchain with legacy systems, which is a complex and time-consuming process. Regulation also requires balancing consumer privacy with transparency. The cost and technical skill required to set up blockchain can discourage organizations. Additionally, maintaining the system requires financial resources and infrastructure. Preservation and technology updates can be costly. The fragmentation of regulations over time can be challenging for businesses due to differences in data privacy, security, and contract enforcement [24]. A comprehensive effort involving technology providers, industry, and policymakers is needed to overcome these challenges. This includes investing in R&D, coordinating standardization, and setting up supportive regulation.

4. Decentralization: The Cornerstone of Bitcoin's Architectural Integrity

Decentralization is at the core of Bitcoin's architecture, which contrasts with traditional financial systems that are centralized. To enable ease of transactions away from centralized entities like banks or governments, it seeks to offer freedom for individuals. We know that Bitcoin runs in a peer-to-peer system, each having nodes worldwide containing the blockchain. Security is improved, and the potential for an attack on central servers implemented with IOTA drops. How do you think Bitcoin works, It does this via a Proof of Work Consensus algorithm working throughout the time for miners to solve complex Mathematical problems to process transactions and new Blocks 2 BitCoin.

This competitive mining process prevents any individual or group from dominating the network. Block rewards, including newly minted bitcoins and transaction fees, incentivize honesty. Decentralization also encourages censorship resistance, as Bitcoin transactions are pseudonymous, tied to bitcoin addresses rather than real-world entities. This privacy safeguards users against arbitrary limitations or security by financial authorities, allowing self-sufficiency from financial authorities. Bitcoin is a powerful tool for unstable political environments or financially repressed individuals to transact without fear of censorship [25].

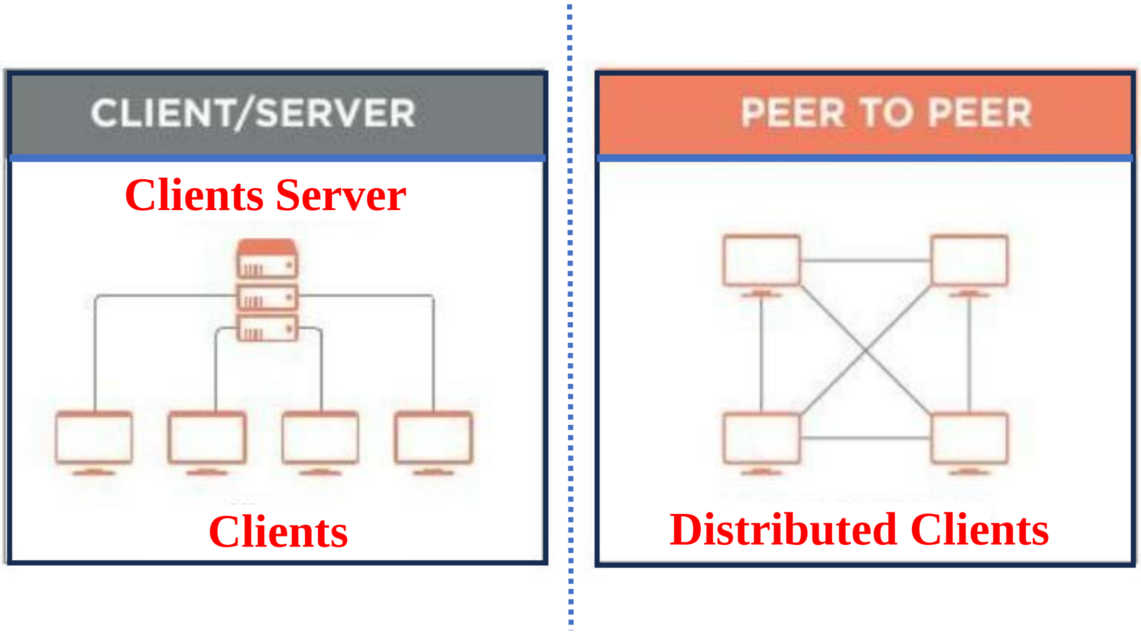

Fig. 5. Bitcoin's Architecture

Decentralization in Bitcoin There are indeed centralized financial systems, a well-exercised virtue of decentralization gets more and more important to address this issue. In traditional banking systems, intermediaries are used to enable transactions which in turn brings risk of censorship, fraud and operational faults. Decentralized by design, Bitcoin neutralizes these attack vectors-spreading trust and decision-making authority across the participants of its network. The cryptographic Bitcoin, and all the original principles of safety/ transparency are not going away. This flow chart illustrated in figure 6 is a great visual of the idea behind decentralization in Bitcoin.

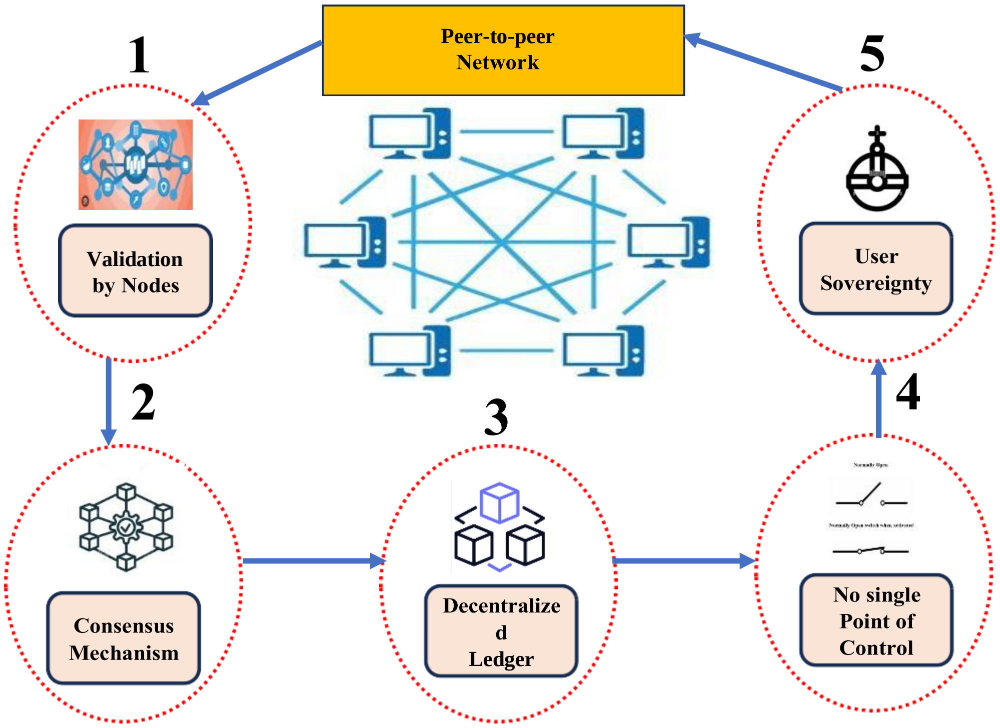

Fig. 6 Flow diagram

Bitcoin's decentralized architecture deviates from conventional financial structures, with its peer-to- peer network at its core. Transactions are issued directly to users without intermediaries, with nodes verifying transactions under consensus rules. Bitcoin uses a mechanism called 'Proof of Work', where miners compete to solve complex math problems and confirm transactions. This decentralization ensures that no single entity can control the Bitcoin system, preventing individuals from taking full responsibility. An anonymous identity also operates critical cuts of the Bitcoin code, forming a decentralized network of groups through technology. Bitcoin's decentralization allows people to verify transactions on their own, ensuring the entire network is constantly verified [26]. Decentralization is not just a technical element, but also a social force that transforms Bitcoin into a decentralized trust less system. It ensures that anyone working for the system distributes the network and holds its value indefinitely, allowing for the dispensation of an institutional structure with a centralized structure at any time.

5. Conclusion

Bitcoin Era is the best financial technology ever to be invented, with Bitcoin that was created based on Satoshi Nakamoto inventions back in 2008. This is a digital, decentralized currency using blockchain technology to facilitate secure and transparent financial systems. How it is going the change various sectors like finance, supply chain management and Healthcare etc. its still unexposed as on today this technology works only for money transaction or data storing? Blockchain technology secures records by storing them in a transparent way, reducing fraud and making activities easier to manage. It also offers a door to new economic models and opportunities. Even so, Bitcoin and its blockchain technology remains in a relatively nascent stage of development, with even greater hurdles requiring overcome to enable mass adoption. Scaling issues are resolved with Raiden and Sharding, energy consumption extinguished and regulatory servers operated by the cloud tech companies. Security is still a primary focus for researchers and developers with enhancements like SegWit (Segregated Witness) and the Lightning Network to quicken payment mechanisms. Working independently from any institution or government, Bitcoin makes it easier for those in unbanked areas to get access to financial solutions. This gives the system a novel way to handle international transactions and an easy-to-transfer value of your choice. It is also the technology that has made possible DeFi (decentralized finance) and smart contracts, which in their turn are likely to revolutionize industries like legal, insurance or real estate.

6. Future Prospects

Bitcoin and blockchain technology have the potential to revolutionize industries like finance, supply chain management, healthcare, and governance. Bitcoin disrupts dependence on central authorities and uses cryptographic principles for security. Blockchain uses an immutable database for secure transactions. Scaling challenges include energy consumption and regulatory concerns. Combining blockchain with AI, IoT, and big data analytics could enhance decision-making.

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