# BUBIWOT Litepaper v0.8

towards sovereign accounts, banking, and commons

Robert F. Ussery III

June 2025

#### Abstract

BUBIWOT (Bitcoin-backed Universal Basic Income Web of Trust) introduces a novel decentralized identity and account recovery protocol built on the Babylon protocol, integrating a novel cryptographic key recovery scheme using CosmWasm smart contracts to create a decentralized web of trust. The protocol establishes a sustainable economic model where token holders earn a share of protocol revenue in Bitcoin, and it powers a decentralized, censorship-resistant social platform. It functions as a foundational Humanity-asa-Service layer for the entire decentralized web, enabling any application to verify human users, prevent Sybil attacks, and laying the foundation for inheritable digital estates and a user-owned data economy. The protocol leverages real-life peer-to-peer (IRL) attestations to securely establish and recover accounts, proving humanity through strong-form identity, and economically incentivizing truthful participation. This paper provides a concise overview of the BUBIWOT architecture, its core functionalities, and the economic incentives that underpin its security model.

### **BUBIWOT** Principles

Four core principles guide the BUBIWOT protocol, forming a philosophical foundation for a new digital commons.

### 1. Radical Sovereignty

You are the sovereign. In a world of centralized control and ephemeral data, BUBIWOT provides the tools for radical self-ownership. Your identity, your data, and your digital legacy are your inalienable property, to be controlled by you alone and passed on to whom you choose. The individual is not a user to be monetized, but the engine of value to be empowered.

### 2. The Economics of Abundance

Humanity is the ultimate scarce asset. In the age of AI, verifiable personhood becomes the bedrock of a new economy. We reject zero-sum thinking and start from abundance, recognizing that every human possesses intrinsic social capital. BUBIWOT makes this value explicit, creating a Universal Basic Income not as charity, but as a dividend for being human—a catalyst for permissionless innovation and a floor for human dignity.

### 3. Legitimate Governance

Trust code, not rulers. Power is legitimate only when derived from the consent of the governed. In BUBIWOT, this is not a platitude but a cryptographic reality. One Human, One Vote is the non-negotiable foundation of the system. All rules are public contracts—proposed, audited, and ratified by the sovereign individuals they affect. This is governance for the people, by the people.

### 4. A Civilization that Builds

We build boats, not walled gardens. The future is a rising tide of superintelligence and systemic change. BUBIWOT is more than a protocol; it is a vessel for human prosperity and freedom. Through on-chain diplomacy and shared wealth, we forge empires of cooperation, building a resilient digital civilization designed to endure and to uplift all who come aboard.

#### Introduction 1

The BUBIWOT protocol is engineered to address critical challenges in decentralized identity management and account security. By integrating real-world, inperson verification with a robust cryptographic and economic framework, BUBIWOT aims to provide a secure, censorship-resistant, and user-centric system for identity attestation and account recovery.

#### **Overview** 2

BUBIWOT is designed to achieve the following core objectives:

- Facilitate in-real-life (IRL) peer-to-peer identity attestations.
- Enable cryptographic, decentralized account recovery.
- Secure digital legacy through programmable, onchain inheritance.
- Distribute Universal Basic Income (UBI) tokens backed by staked Bitcoin.
- Provide a yield-bearing native token (BUBI) that captures a share of network fees.
- Enable a decentralized, value-ranked content and communication platform.
- Ensure robust security and censorship resistance.
- Provide economic incentives to foster honest participation and disincentivize malicious behavior.

#### 3 **Technical Architecture**

The BUBIWOT ecosystem is a self-hosting stack designed for sovereignty, where users govern the protocol's evolution. It is composed of four primary, interconnected layers:

- 1. The BUBIWOT Appchain: A sovereign, application- requests a "share" from each guardian over the specific blockchain built with the Cosmos SDK and secured by Bitcoin via the Babylon protocol. It serves as the ultimate settlement layer, hosting core modules for accounts, governance, and CosmWasm smart contracts, and features an encrypted mempool to mitigate front-running.
- 2. The Smart Contract Layer: The logical core of the protocol, built with CosmWasm in Rust. These contracts form the on-chain "constitution," managing user identity (the bubi-hub), a robust governance module with private ZK-voting, a developer economy with staked code reviews, and an ENS-like on-chain registry (resolver-contract) that maps human-readable names to decentralized infrastructure endpoints.

- 3. The In-Browser P2P Client: A multi-layered sovereign portal built with web technologies (Type-Script, CosmJS, LibP2P, Nostr). It abstracts away key management complexity and orchestrates communication across three distinct layers: an Appchain Service for on-chain transactions, a Nostr-based Social Service for discovery and signaling, and a LibP2P-based Private Service for secure, end-to-end encrypted data exchange like recovery shares.
- 4. Off-Chain Validator Services: Critical infrastructure operated by the appchain's validators and other permissionless actors. Their role is expanded beyond consensus to include hosting the commons: operating a Threshold Signature Scheme (TSS) for the Bitcoin treasury, pinning the protocol's source code and user content on decentralized storage, and running services for verifiable builds and on-chain auctions, creating a fully self-sustaining ecosystem.

### Account Recovery via Bottom-4 **Up Secret Sharing**

The account recovery process is redesigned around a powerful cryptographic primitive known as Bottom-Up Secret Sharing (BUSS), as detailed in the ANARKey paper. This eliminates complex on-chain state management in favor of a more secure and efficient twophase, primarily off-chain process. This process consists of a one-time backup phase and a recovery phase.

#### Phase 1: One-Time Key Backup 4.1

This is an off-chain setup process performed by the user's client to generate and store public recovery data.

- 1. Guardian Selection: The user selects a set of guardians and a recovery threshold (t+1) in their client.
- 2. Off-Chain Share Generation: The user's client
- P2P network. Each guardian's client uses its own secret key to deterministically compute a unique share for the user and sends it back. Guardians do not store this share.
- 3. Public Data Creation: The user's client combines its own secret key with the shares from its guardians to define a secret polynomial. It then computes a set of public points from this polynomial. This is the **public recovery data**.
- 4. On-Chain Storage: The user submits a single transaction to store this public recovery data in the BUBIWOT smart contract, permanently linking it to their account.

### 4.2 Phase 2: Account Recovery

When a user loses their device, they use their new device to perform the following off-chain reconstruction.

- 1. **Data Retrieval:** The user's client fetches the public recovery data from the smart contract.
- 2. Share Re-computation: The user contacts the required threshold of guardians (t+1). The guardians perform the exact same deterministic computation as before to re-generate the exact same shares and send them to the user.
- 3. Key Reconstruction: The user's client combines the public data points with the newly received guardian shares. This is enough information to perfectly reconstruct the original secret polynomial and compute the original secret key. The user's account is now recovered without any complex on-chain voting or session management.

# 5 Cryptographic and Economic Foundations

The security of the BUBIWOT protocol rests on several key pillars:

- IRL Web of Trust: The protocol is founded on an economic web of trust. Security doesn't rely on technically proving an in-person meeting, but on the principle that guardians are economically liable for their attestations. This foundation supports a novel Bottom-Up Secret Sharing scheme, allowing for cryptographic key backup among trusted, dynamically managed peers. To prevent cascading failures (the "domino effect" where recovering one user's key could lead to the compromise of another), users who choose to act as guardians use a dedicated, separate "guardian key" for recovery operations. This isolates a user's guardian duties from their personal account key. This advanced security architecture is managed seamlessly by the BUBIWOT client, which abstracts away the complexity of handling multiple keys. For the user, the experience remains simple and unified, without the burden of manually managing separate keys. Loss of this guardian key does not result in a loss of the user's own funds, but it does prevent them from helping others in recovery until the key is rotated or recovered.
- BUBIWOT Smart Contracts on a Sovereign Appchain: The core logic runs in smart contracts on the BUBIWOT Appchain, a sovereign blockchain built with the Cosmos SDK. This appchain uses the Babylon protocol to anchor its security to Bitcoin. The smart contracts function as a decentralized and immutable bulletin

board for storing the **public recovery data** required by the BUSS scheme, while also managing the protocol's economic incentives, on-chain Sybil penalties, and content pointers for the social platform.

- **Trust-Minimized BTC Distribution:** The protocol can programmatically distribute Bitcoin rewards and network fees from a protocol-owned vault. This vault is secured by a Threshold Signature Scheme (TSS) operated by the BUBIWOT appendin's own validator set, removing single points of failure and allowing smart contracts to safely trigger BTC payouts.
- Strong-form Proof-of-Personhood via a User-Defined Web of Trust: BUBIWOT establishes a robust, scalable method for identity validation by putting the user in control of their own web of trust. To further secure the critical first attestation, this social verification is paired with a verifiable device fingerprint. The BUBI-WOT client can leverage native hardware security (e.g., a phone's TPM or secure enclave) to generate a unique, unforgeable signature for the user's device. This cryptographically binds the initial is\_human\_verified status not just to a social consensus but to a specific piece of hardware, creating a powerful defense against lowcost, clustered Sybil attacks without introducing centralized gatekeepers. Instead of relying on a single, rigid bootstrapping event, the protocol's integrity is anchored in a flexible, userdefined policy system. Each user defines their own on-chain AccountPolicy, specifying the criteria an attestor must meet to vouch for their humanity and confer the is\_human\_verified status. This policy can require a minimum reputation score, a minimum amount of staked BUBI, or that the attestor must already be a verified human. The protocol supports highly granular and composable rules (e.g., requiring attestations from a specific group of friends combined with high-reputation strangers), allowing users to dynamically use their social graph as a security feature. This creates a flexible, user-sovereign trust graph that scales globally. New users can set lenient policies to get bootstrapped into the network by early adopters, while established users can enforce stringent policies to maximize their security. While in-person (IRL) meetings are a powerful attestation method, they are not a protocol requirement; the system's security derives from the economic and reputational liability of attestors, governed by the recipient's own policy. To help users navigate these powerful options, the BUBIWOT client provides wizard-driven tools to create policies based on an intuitive security levels (e.g., "Basic", "Enhanced", "Maximum"), along with simulations to visualize the ef-

fects of different policy choices.

- Secure Software Supply Chain: The protocol ensures that users run community-approved code through a trust-minimized deployment pipeline. All software updates are subject to a staked governance vote that bundles the source code commit hash with a verifiable, deterministic build hash of the client application. This single-proposal process prevents drift between approved code and deployed applications, and it is secured by a network of bonded "builders" who are slashed for submitting fraudulent builds.
- The Sovereign Wealth Fund (SWF) as a Decentralized Central Bank and Chief Diplomat: To ensure perpetual growth and long-term dominance, BUBIWOT does not simply distribute all its revenue. A governable portion is diverted to a protocol-owned Sovereign Wealth Fund (SWF). The SWF is not merely a treasury; it functions as the protocol's decentralized central bank and chief diplomat, actively managed by BUBI holders. Through ExecuteSWFStrategy governance proposals, the community can direct the protocol's TSS-controlled wallets to execute precise, cross-chain DeFi operations—such as providing liquidity on decentralized exchanges, staking assets in lending protocols, or making strategic investments. Furthermore, governance can deploy SWF capital to execute trust-minimized token swaps with allied protocols, creating mutual skin-in-the-game, and can wield the voting power of its diverse assets in other DAOs, transforming BUBIWOT into an influential meta-governance player. The yield generated from these activities is programmatically harvested and returned to the central treasury, creating a powerful compounding flywheel. This transforms the protocol from a passive recipient of fees into an active, capital-efficient engine for economic expansion, amplifying the value captured for all participants and creating a selffunding model for the UBI.

### 6 Economic Incentives

The economic model is designed to align participant interests with the security and integrity of the network.

- Users stake Bitcoin on the L1 blockchain via the Babylon protocol to participate.
- Productive BUBI Token: Holding BUBI tokens entitles the user to claim a proportional share of the network's accumulated Bitcoin fees, making it a productive, yield-bearing asset. The protocol captures value from three primary streams: 1) BTC yield from Babylon staking rewards, 2) BUBI-denominated network fees, and 3) direct B2B revenue from the protocol's on-chain Humanity Oracle.

The oracle's revenue model is tiered: it provides simple is\_human checks for a base fee, and high-value, privacy-preserving attestations of specific user attributes (e.g., "prove reputation ¿ 500") via ZK-proofs for a premium fee. The first two streams of BUBI fees are converted into a distributable asset via a decentralized, on-chain batch auction system, periodically selling the accumulated fees for Bitcoin. The third stream consists of fees paid in foreign assets (e.g., ETH, USDC) by other protocols for oracle services. These foreign assets are added to the protocol treasury, enriching the value available to all BUBI holders. This creates a robust, self-sufficient economic loop without relying on external price oracles or centralized exchanges.

- The Sovereign Wealth Fund (SWF): To ensure perpetual growth and long-term dominance, BUBIWOT does not simply distribute all its revenue. A governable portion of all incoming revenue (from both auctions and oracle fees) is automatically diverted to a protocol-owned Sovereign Wealth Fund. This SWF is an on-chain, actively managed investment vehicle. Through governance, BUBI holders can vote to deploy SWF capital into strategic initiatives, such as providing protocolowned liquidity on decentralized exchanges, investing in promising new technologies, or acquiring assets that generate further yield for the protocol. This also includes forming strategic alliances through token swaps and participating in the governance of other protocols, making the BUBI token a vehicle for **meta-governance influence.** This transforms the treasury from a passive pot of funds into a powerful engine for economic expansion, creating a compounding value flywheel that benefits all participants.
- Guardian attestations are incentivized through rewards in both Bitcoin and the protocol's native token. Beyond one-time attestation rewards, guardians are compensated for ongoing liveness and availability. Users can trigger periodic reward distributions to their active guardians, funded by a portion of network revenue, creating a durable incentive for maintaining a healthy and responsive recovery network. Bitcoin rewards are distributed from a decentralized, protocol-owned vault controlled by the BUBIWOT validator set via a Threshold Signature Scheme (TSS).
- To deter malicious behavior, slashing penalties are imposed on guardians who act dishonestly.
- UBI is distributed via a user-initiated "pull" model. Verified humans can claim their accrued BUBI tokens at any time, which are newly minted upon claim. To ensure economic stability and a

predictable emission schedule, the protocol implements a dynamic claim rate, limiting the total amount of UBI that can be claimed per period based on the overall network health and number of verified participants. This aligns token emission directly with active participation while preventing sudden inflation.

### 7 Risk Analysis and Mitigation

BUBIWOT anticipates several potential threats and proactively implements safeguards:

### 7.1 Collusion Among Guardian Peers

**Threat:** Multiple guardians might conspire to maliciously control or recover a user's account.

Mitigation: Users set customizable multi-attestation thresholds, a quorum of guardians for any critical action. The cryptographic scheme ensures that fewer than the threshold number of guardians have zero information about the user's key. Furthermore, the risk of a cascading "domino effect" is mitigated by having users who opt-in to be guardians use a dedicated guardian key. This key separation is an advanced security feature managed by the client to prevent user burden while isolating a guardian's duties from their personal account. While loss of this key doesn't impact their own funds, it is a critical piece of their participation in the social web of trust, and the protocol provides a mechanism for its recovery and rotation. The ability to dynamically replace guardians via a time-locked transaction further reduces long-term collusion risk.

### 7.2 Sybil Attacks

**Threat:** Malicious actors attempt to create numerous fraudulent identities to manipulate UBI distribution. **Mitigation:** The protocol features a two-level defense system.

- Level 1: Automated On-Chain Penalties. The protocol's primary defense is economic. By requiring staked BTC and making guardians financially liable for their attestations, BUBIWOT creates a powerful disincentive against approving fake accounts. Should a Sybil account be identified, it is automatically penalized on-chain by having its BUBI tokens confiscated and reputation destroyed. The guardians who attested for the Sybil are also penalized, reinforcing the web of trust.
- Level 2: Bitcoin-Grade Consensus Security. For catastrophic, large-scale attacks that threaten the protocol's integrity, BUBIWOT inherits Bitcoin's security via the Babylon protocol. If malicious actors attempt to attack the BUBIWOT appendin itself (e.g., by double-signing

blocks to revert penalties), their actions constitute a BFT consensus violation. Babylon's protocol is designed to detect such violations, which automatically reveals the attackers' private keys. This allows anyone to submit a transaction to the Bitcoin network to slash the attackers' staked Bitcoin, providing a crucial backstop that secures the BUBIWOT chain's state and its enforcement of penalties.

### 7.3 Loss of Devices or Keys

**Threat:** Accidental key loss jeopardizes user accounts and staked funds.

Mitigation: Robust social recovery is achieved via the cryptographic Bottom-Up Secret Sharing scheme. By retrieving public data from the smart contract and collecting deterministic shares from a threshold of guardians, a user can securely reconstruct their original key on a new device. To enhance user experience and mitigate disruption from single-device loss, the protocol also supports optional session redundancy through a device mesh. A user can designate companion devices (e.g., a laptop and a phone), each holding limited-privilege session keys. If one device is lost, the remaining device(s) can initiate an ephemeral co-signing process to securely generate a new session for a replacement device, often without needing to perform a full social recovery. This provides a practical layer of fault tolerance that minimizes panic and disruption for non-technical users. To reduce the friction of real-time coordination, the protocol supports an asynchronous shareprovisioning mechanism. Guardians can periodically attest to their liveness by pre-authorizing encrypted recovery components, which can be stored ephemerally on a decentralized network. This allows a user in recovery to aggregate the necessary components without requiring every guardian to be simultaneously online. Crucially, this recovered key is the same key that controls the user's staked Bitcoin on the L1, ensuring that the primary economic stake is protected by the social recovery mechanism.

### 7.4 Guardian Unresponsiveness & P2P Disruption

**Threat:** A user's recovery may be stalled or blocked if their guardians are offline, have lost their keys, or refuse to cooperate.

Mitigation: The protocol implements a multi-layered approach to ensure guardian availability.

• **Proof-of-Liveness via Guardian Light Nodes:** To ensure guardians remain active and accountable, they are incentivized to run lightweight nodes that monitor the BUBIWOT appendian. Guardians periodically submit a signed "guardian heartbeat" transaction on-chain to prove their liveness. This provides a verifiable, economic signal of availability. Users can monitor the on-chain status of their guardians and are empowered to initiate a slashing transaction against a guardian who remains unresponsive for a predefined grace period, further securing the reliability of the recovery network.

- On-Chain Guardian Replacement: A user can initiate a formal, time-locked replacement process on the BUBIWOT appchain at any time. This provides a definitive, trust-minimized mechanism to maintain a healthy and active set of guardians, ensuring recovery is always possible. The time-lock ensures the existing guardian has a window to observe the pending change.
- Guardian Key Management: The protocol includes a process for guardians to manage their own dedicated guardian key. If a guardian loses or wishes to rotate their key, they can initiate an on-chain action, authorized by their primary account key, to set a new guardian key. This ensures guardians can maintain their trusted status and ability to help others without needing to completely re-establish their social connections.
- Decentralized Social Platform: The protocol powers a censorship-resistant social media ecosystem. Users publish content (e.g., posts, replies) to decentralized Nostr relays for real-time communication. The BUBIWOT smart contracts store immutable, on-chain pointers to this content. For long-term persistence and enhanced data sovereignty, users can opt to pay a small fee to have important content archived to a durable, content-addressed storage network (e.g., IPFS). This fee directly funds the network of validators and pinning services that guarantee storage, creating a sustainable and incentive-aligned model for data permanence. This unique hybrid design combines the speed of Nostr with the verifiable durability of paid decentralized storage, enabling a scalable social platform where content can be ranked and filtered by value (donated BUBI), creating a rich, user-curated attention economy.

### **Durable Identity and Reputation**

Users establish cryptographic proof-of-personhood through IRL attestations. This strong-form identity supports decentralized access control, reputation building, and social recovery, enhancing digital sovereignty.

# Integrated Bug Bounties and Verifiable Reviews

To secure the protocol's evolution, the developer economy moves beyond simple staked reviews. The system includes an integrated bug bounty program,

allowing reviewers to earn significant rewards for identifying verifiable on-chain bugs. Governance can then confirm these findings, rewarding the diligent reviewer and slashing the stakes of those who negligently approved the flawed code. This creates a powerful, objective, and incentive-aligned system for securing the codebase.

### 8 Use Cases

The BUBIWOT protocol is designed to support a wide variety of essential human interactions through secure, decentralized technology:

- Banking and UBI: Users can securely send and receive BUBI tokens on the appchain. Crucially, holding BUBI tokens allows users to claim a proportional share of the network's BTC revenues, creating a sustainable yield. The protocol programmatically captures its own **BUBI-denominated transaction fees and auc**tions them for BTC through a transparent, on-chain market mechanism. It also captures B2B revenue from its Humanity Oracle service—ranging from simple identity checks to complex, privacy-preserving attribute verifications-accepting fees in foreign assets (e.g., from Ethereum or Solana) into its treasury. This collected revenue is then split according to a governancedefined policy: one portion is made available for BUBI holders to claim as yield, while the other is deposited into the protocol's Sovereign Wealth Fund to be strategically deployed for long-term growth. The resulting BTC and other assets are then made available to BUBI holders, distributed via a trustminimized TSS vault controlled by the appchain's validators.
- Protocol Diplomacy and Meta-Governance: The protocol leverages its Sovereign Wealth Fund as its chief diplomatic tool. Through on-chain governance, BUBI holders can vote to form durable, symbiotic alliances with other protocols, executing strategic asset swaps, joint liquidity provisions, and reciprocal governance pacts that are enforced by the BUBIWOT chain. This forges deep economic moats and turns potential competitors into vested partners. The SWF's holdings of other governance tokens also grant BUBI-WOT a voice in external DAOs, allowing BUBI holders to influence the broader Web3 ecosystem and steer it in directions that create value for the protocol.
- Decentralized Authentication (Human-Verified OAuth & Session Delegation): BUBIWOT serves as a universal, decentralized authentication layer. Beyond simple login, it enables a "personal OAuth" system where users can grant

specific, revocable, and often time-limited capabilities to third-party applications. For example, a user could grant a Web2 service permission to post on their behalf to the BUBIWOT social platform. The external service requests a CapabilityGrant, the user approves it in their BUBIWOT client, and the service receives a cryptographic authorization to perform a specific action without ever controlling the user's keys. This creates a powerful, Sybil-resistant, and user-centric alternative to traditional login and API key systems, all backed by real economic incentives.

- Decentralized Social Platform: The protocol powers a censorship-resistant social media ecosystem. Users publish content (e.g., posts, replies) to decentralized Nostr relays for real-time communication. The BUBIWOT smart contracts store immutable, on-chain pointers to this content. For long-term persistence and enhanced data sovereignty, users can opt to pay a small fee to have important content archived to a durable, content-addressed storage network (e.g., IPFS). This fee directly funds the network of validators and pinning services that guarantee storage, creating a sustainable and incentive-aligned model for data permanence. This unique hybrid design combines the speed of Nostr with the verifiable durability of paid decentralized storage, enabling a scalable social platform where content can be ranked and filtered by value (donated BUBI), creating a rich, user-curated attention economy.
- Durable Identity and Reputation: Users establish cryptographic proof-of-personhood through IRL attestations. This strong-form identity supports decentralized access control, reputation building, and social recovery, enhancing digital sovereignty.
- Inheritable Digital Estates: BUBIWOT directly addresses the critical, unsolved problem of digital asset inheritance. The protocol provides tools for users to create a programmable "smart will," designating heirs and defining specific, on-chain conditions for asset succession. This transforms a BUBIWOT account into a durable digital legacy, creating the ultimate user lock-in and making the platform a prime venue for long-term, intergenerational value storage.
- Sovereign Developer & App Ecosystem: BU-BIWOT fosters a vibrant ecosystem for its own evolution and for trusted third-party applications. Any user can create a BUBI-denominated bounty to fund new features or bug fixes. Developers can then claim these bounties via governanceapproved code proposals. This same trustminimized pipeline is used to power a "Sovereign App Store," where third-party apps can be submitted for community review and,

upon passing a vote, are listed in an onchain registry. Users can then interact with these apps through the BUBIWOT client, confident they are using legitimate, community-vetted software. To secure this process, the system includes staked code reviews and an integrated bug bounty program. Reviewers who approve code are rewarded but are slashed if a bug is later discovered and reported through governance by another user. This rewards diligent reviewers, penalizes negligent ones, and creates a powerful, objective, and incentive-aligned system for advancing the codebase.

- Real-Time Social Consensus and Attention Economy: The P2P client layer enables realtime flagging and voting on peer interactions, creating a dynamic social consensus layer. Users can attach micropayments (in BUBI) to messages or actions to incentivize others' attention, fostering a vibrant, responsive, and economically sustainable social graph.
- Humanity-as-a-Service: The B2B Oracle & Personhood Marketplace: BUBIWOT's most powerful feature is its ability to serve as a decentralized, cross-chain oracle for Proof-of-Humanity. Any external dApp, DAO, or proto-col can integrate with BUBIWOT to verify that their users are unique human beings, effectively outsourcing Sybil resistance.
  - Mechanism: A dApp on another chain (e.g., Ethereum) can send a query to the BUBI-WOT smart contracts via a bridge. This query can be a simple check ("Is address 0x123... controlled by a verified human?") or a complex, privacy-preserving request ("Can the owner of 0x123... generate a ZK-proof that they are a verified human with a reputation score over 500 and possess a specific Verifiable Credential?"). The user generates the required proof client-side, preserving their privacy, and the BUBIWOT oracle provides a definitive verification to the dApp.
  - Revenue Generation: The querying dApp pays a fee (e.g., in USDC) to the BUBI-WOT treasury for this service, with premium fees for more complex, high-value ZK-based queries. The BUBIWOT contract then provides a definitive 'true' or 'false' answer.
  - Use Cases: This enables fair airdrops, oneperson-one-vote DAO governance, and Sybilresistant NFT mints. It unlocks advanced applications like undercollateralized lending based on reputation and powers a new, userowned data economy. Verified humans can securely pool their private data to train AI

models, earning revenue in a privacy-preserving way. BUBIWOT's Sybil resistance guarantees high-quality, human-generated datasets, making it the foundational coordination and payment layer for this new economic paradigm. This creates a constant, growing revenue stream and transforms BUBIWOT into an indispensable piece of infrastructure for the entire digital economy.

# 9 Tokenomics and Distribution

The economic sustainability of BUBIWOT is reinforced through carefully structured tokenomics:

- Total Supply and Emission: A clearly defined total supply with a predictable emission model. New tokens are minted exclusively when verified users actively claim their Universal Basic Income (UBI). This "pull" mechanism ensures that supply expansion is directly tied to user engagement. To maintain stability, the emission rate is dynamically adjusted based on network growth and activity, ensuring a predictable and sustainable token supply.
- Initial Distribution: Tokens are distributed primarily through verified IRL attestations and UBI claims, rewarding users for onboarding authentic peers and actively participating in the network.
- Incentives and Penalties: Guardians and validators earn tokens for truthful participation, while dishonest behavior is economically disincentivized through slashing mechanisms tied directly to staked Bitcoin collateral.
- Token Utility and Demand: The BUBI token possesses deep utility. It functions as a medium of exchange in the protocol's attention economy, a reputation marker, and most importantly, a yield-bearing asset that grants holders a claim on the network's BTC-denominated fees. This creates a powerful and sustainable demand driver.

# 10 Conclusion

The BUBIWOT protocol establishes an innovative and decentralized framework for identity management. By leveraging the security of the Bitcoin network, the trust inherent in real-world relationships, and a system of incentivized human participation, BUBIWOT provides a robust, scalable, and secure solution for identity validation. This positions it as a foundational technology for global-scale UBI distribution and secure, decentralized account management.