

# **Automated Ballot Stuffing with an Encrypted Vote**

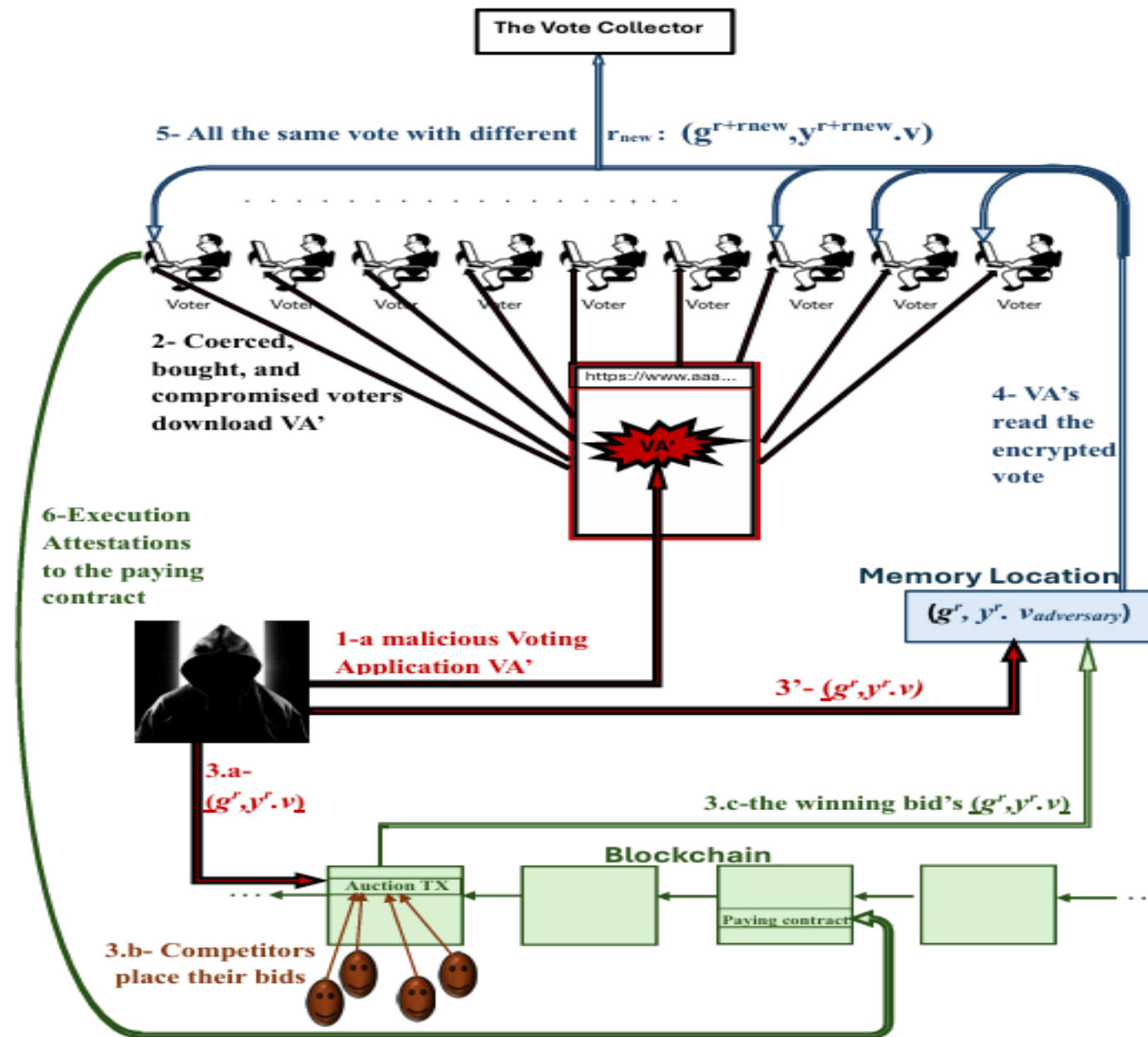
## **A Large-Scale Attack on the Estonian Internet Voting System (IVXV) and its Mitigation**

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# Malicious Voting Application + Online Auctions + Execution Attestations =>

Cloning an anonymous vote



We put alarms on how online coding via smart contracts can add new threats to e-voting, and how severe could be not authenticating the Voting Application for IVXV (it is not just the Pereira attack)

## Mitigations

1-Allow a *file digest* check for the Voting Application *batched into 1 button click*; still doesn't help dark web compromised voter credentials.

2-Assign an authentication key pair to the official voting application. *Allow only usage of pre-registered private voting applications with a stored public key at the voting server after scanning them for any malicious code.*

Both solutions can *use post-quantum hash based digital signatures*

## Extra Safeguards:

-a *humanity check* for the Vote Collector to be sure the interaction process with VA is not automated (Swisspost).

-Let the verification application display an extra message “*You voted using (the official/a different) voting application*”.

-a “*Reject all*” option for boycotters to minimize the effect of stolen credentials.