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IT Security Research @ BHF: Hot Topics

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E-Voting...

«Egal, welches Wahlsystem man hat, es ist manipulierbar»

Andreas Gröflin

To counteract we...

- ▶ ... we devise e-voting protocols and publish its specification

CHVote System Specification

Version 1.2

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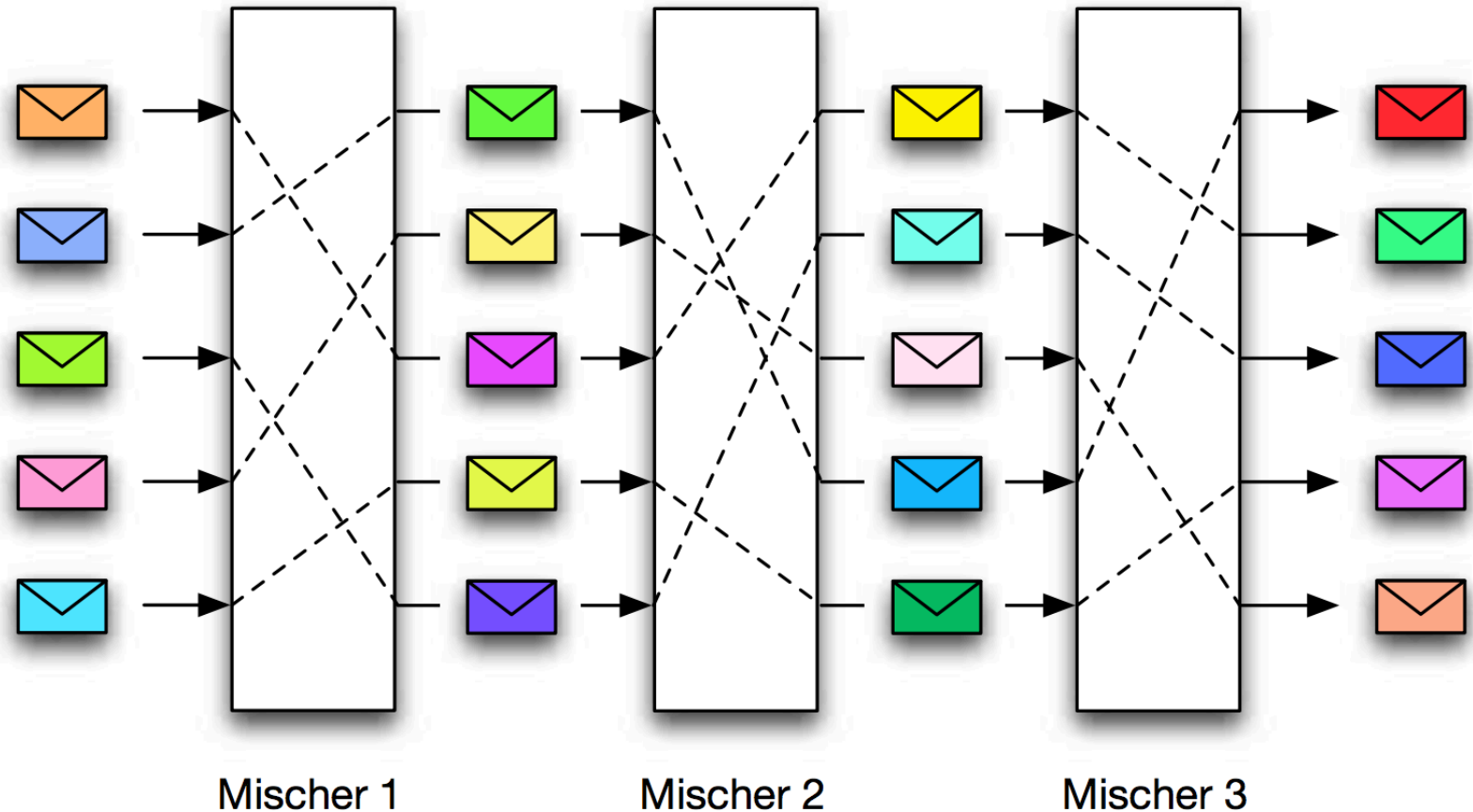
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Algorithm: GenShuffle( $\mathbf{e}, pk$ )  
Input: ElGamal encryptions  $\mathbf{e} = (e_1, \dots, e_N)$ ,  $e_i \in \mathbb{G}_q^2$   
Encryption key  $pk \in \mathbb{G}_q$   
 $\psi \leftarrow \text{GenPermutation}(N)$  //  $\psi = (j_1, \dots, j_N) \in \Psi_N$ , see Alg. 7.41  
for  $i = 1, \dots, N$  do  
   $(e'_i, r'_i) \leftarrow \text{GenReEncryption}(e_i, pk)$  // see Alg. 7.42  
 $\mathbf{e}' \leftarrow (e'_{j_1}, \dots, e'_{j_N})$   
 $\mathbf{r}' \leftarrow (r'_{j_1}, \dots, r'_{j_N})$   
return  $(\mathbf{e}', \mathbf{r}', \psi)$  //  $\mathbf{e}' \in (\mathbb{G}_q^2)^N$ ,  $\mathbf{r}' \in \mathbb{Z}_q^N$ ,  $\psi \in \Psi_N$ 
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Algorithm 7.40: Generates a random permutation $\psi \in \Psi_N$ and uses it to shuffle a given list $\mathbf{e} = (e_1, \dots, e_N)$ of ElGamal encryptions $e_i = (a_i, b_i) \in \mathbb{G}_q^2$. With $\Psi_N = \{(j_1, \dots, j_N) : j_i \in \{1, \dots, N\}, j_{i_1} \neq j_{i_2}, \forall i_1 \neq i_2\}$ we denote the set of all $N!$ possible permutations of the indices $\{1, \dots, N\}$.



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- ▶ ... we promote individual verification



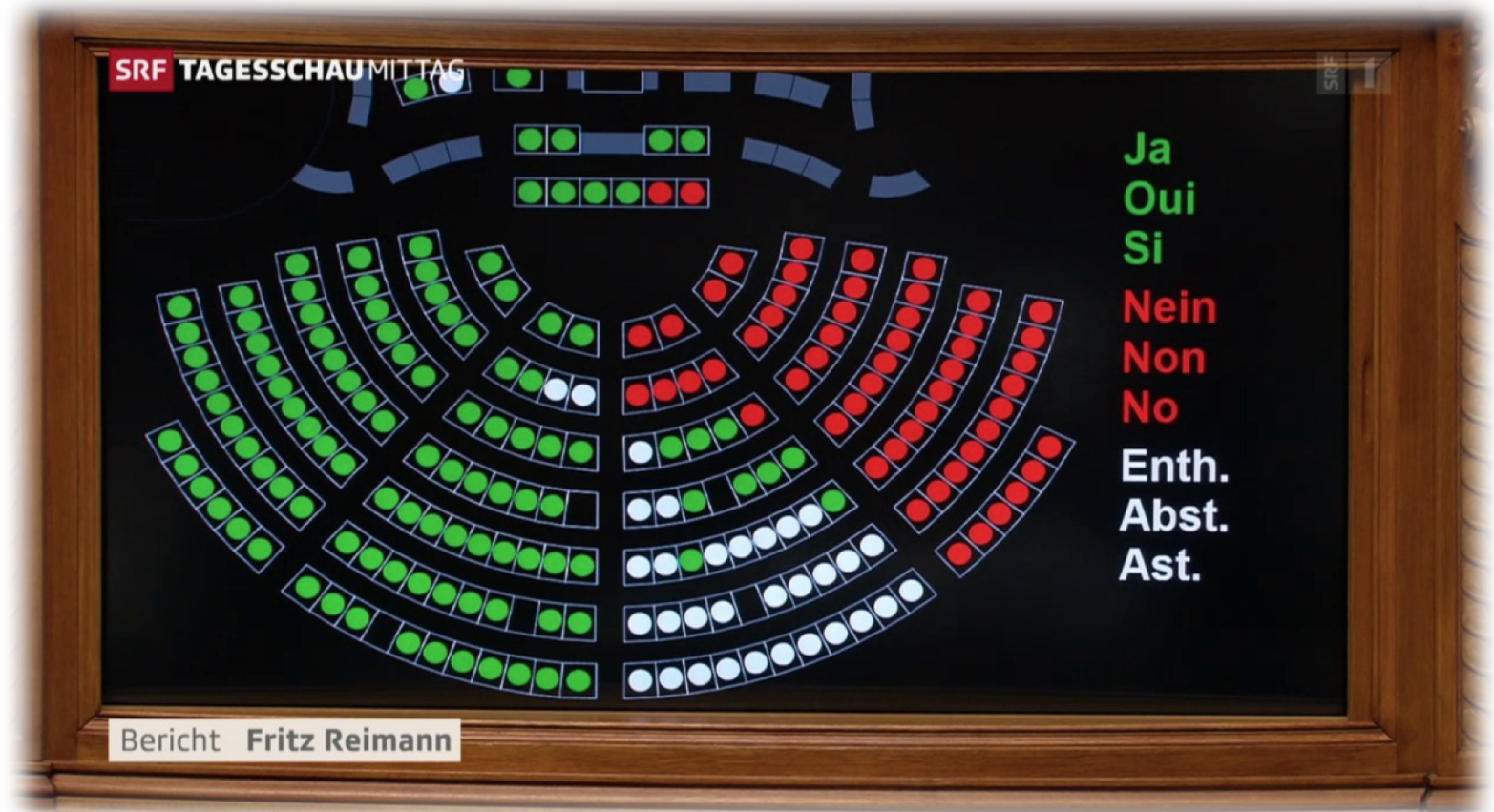
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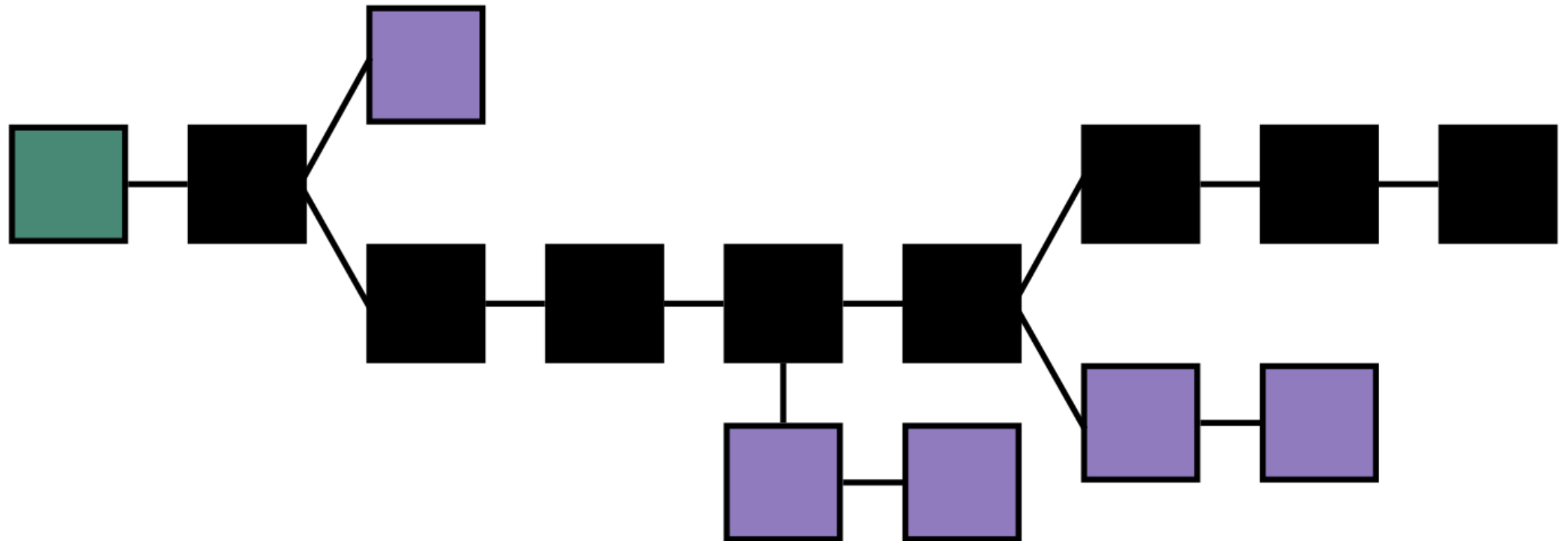
To counteract we...

- ▶ ... we promote universal verification ...



To counteract we...

- ▶ ... and search for linking the public bulletin board to a blockchain



... and we cooperate with ...

- ▶ ... the State of Geneva
- ▶ ... Swiss Post
- ▶ ... others

Challenges...

- ▶ ... the secure platform problem



Challenges...

- ▶ ... ever lasting privacy

Existing public-key schemes with current key lengths are likely to be broken in 30 years!
[RSA conference '06]



Cyber Forensics and Intelligence Lab...

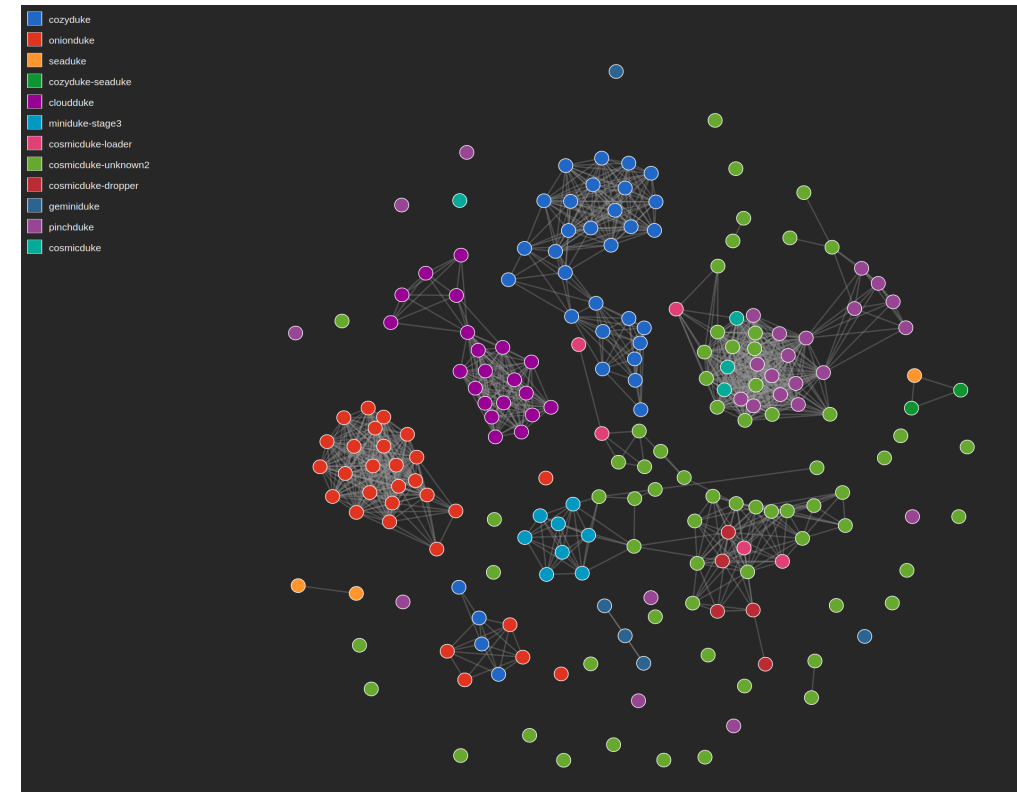
Cyber Forensics & Intelligence Lab

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Research focus areas:

- ▶ Code based threat intelligence
- ▶ Memory analysis and introspection techniques
- ▶ Malware forensics
- ▶ Digital forensics (disk, network, memory, IoT)
- ▶ Finance industry specific cybercrime



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