



BLOCKCHAIN-BASED SECURE E-VOTING SYSTEM WITH PRIVACY-PRESERVING AND SCALABLE ARCHITECTURE

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ABSTRACT: Elections may be expedited, simplified, and enhanced through electronic voting. They are not frequently employed as a result of security, transparency, scalability, and voter confidentiality concerns. Our blockchain-based electronic voting system is impermeable, visible, and privacy-protective due to the use of advanced cryptographic algorithms and a permissioned distributed ledger. A permissioned blockchain that employs an expedited consensus method enhances throughput and minimizes latency during critical elections. Voter registration, voting, and tabulation are automated through the use of smart contracts. This mitigates centralization and manipulation. Privacy is safeguarded through encryption, decentralized identity (DID) frameworks, and verified methods. Comprehensive verification is facilitated by the protection of voter anonymity. In a hybrid architecture, scalability is enhanced and computational power is reduced through off-chain storage and on-chain validation. The proposed system is capable of withstanding unauthorized access, data manipulation, and duplicate voting, as evidenced by a comprehensive security and performance analysis. Furthermore, it surpasses voting systems that are founded on blockchain technology. The findings indicate that the secure digital election technology is both scalable and viable, thereby facilitating the implementation of transparent and dependable voting systems.

Keywords — *Blockchain, E-Voting System, Distributed Ledger Technology, Smart Contracts, Privacy-Preserving, Decentralized Identity (DID), Consensus Mechanism, Cryptography, Secure Voting, Scalability, Transparency, Tamper-Proof Elections*

1. INTRODUCTION

E-voting technologies are on the rise as public services transition to digital platforms, which is having an impact on the contemporary processes of government. Elections are the foundation of democracy; therefore, integrity, security, and transparency are indispensable. Limitations exist for both electronic and paper voting technologies. Vote tampering, cyberattacks, a lack of transparency, and lethargic results processing are all concerns. These obstacles underscore the necessity for more secure and efficient voting procedures, which undermines public confidence.

These challenges can be mitigated by blockchain technology that is decentralized, irrevocable, and widely accessible. Central authority is eliminated by the consensus-authenticated distributed ledger of blockchains. This implies that data that has been stored





cannot be altered or eliminated. Blockchain is particularly effective in electronic voting systems that require integrity and verification.

In order to ensure the safety and transparency of elections, numerous blockchain-based electronic voting techniques have been investigated. Smart contracts reliably record and tally votes without human intervention in the current state of voting technology. Homomorphic encryption, zero-knowledge proofs, and encryption can be employed to safeguard voter privacy and verification. Decentralized designs are more durable due to their ability to restrict manipulation and singular points of failure.

Blockchain-based electronic voting systems continue to face substantial obstacles, despite their advancements. Scalability is a significant issue, particularly during critical elections when a high volume of transactions must be processed promptly. The importance of privacy is underscored by the necessity of complex cryptographic techniques to safeguard voter anonymity and guarantee transparency. The lack of standards, high computing costs, and low real-world applicability present a challenge for practical application.

This research introduces a secure electronic voting system that is both customizable and scalable, based on blockchain technology, in order to address these concerns. More efficient are permissioned blockchains that employ efficient consensus methods. It employs DID to ensure the secure authentication of voters and the concealment of their identities. Scalability is enhanced and computational power is reduced through the implementation of efficient transaction management and off-chain storage.

This document delineates the primary contributions:

- Complex elections are optimized and scaled by a hybrid blockchain infrastructure.
- Voter authentication that is decentralized and privacy-preserving
- Smart contracts are necessary for voting that is immune to automation and manipulation.
- An efficient assessment of the security and efficacy of the system.

2. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

M. A. Ferrag et al. (2020): Homomorphic encryption and zero-knowledge proofs are employed by blockchain-based electronic voting systems to protect privacy. The writers underscore the importance of safeguarding voter identity during the verification and auditing of votes. The research examines the trade-offs between security computing complexity and privacy frameworks. Additionally, the difficulties associated with employing these strategies in practical voting systems are addressed. The work establishes the foundation for the privacy of elections that are conducted on blockchains.

S. Wang et al. (2020): This investigation introduces a secure, transparent blockchain-based voting method that ensures the permanence and accuracy of votes. The authors demonstrate that distributed ledgers enhance electoral faith and prevent illicit alterations. Transparency is improved by furnishing electors' records. The investigation discovered that scaling concerns are caused by blockchain throughput restrictions. Optimization is necessary for intensive use, as indicated by research.

D. Chaum et al. (2020): This paper examines end-to-end verifiable voting methods that enable electors to confirm the accuracy of their ballots. The importance of an equitable





process and voter secrecy is underscored. Public verification enhances public confidence in elections. Its implementation may be challenging due to its advanced cryptography. It is imperative to establish secure voting procedures.

U. Jafar et al. (2021): This article investigates the privacy, scalability, and security of electronic voting systems that are founded on blockchain technology. The authors advocate for decentralization and critique frameworks. They prioritize the use of cryptography to prevent election fraud. Testing and implementation concerns are prioritized in the report. Education regarding scientific accomplishments necessitates it.

A. Russo et al. (2021): The Chirotonia framework, a scalable blockchain-based electronic voting system that prioritizes efficiency and performance, is presented in this study. Consensus is facilitated by larger electorates. Votes are discreetly recorded and disseminated through technology. The authors underscore the importance of distributed security and scalability. Nevertheless, the practical application is problematic.

A. Kiayias et al. (2021): This report asserts that voting systems are advantageously affected by the decentralization of distributed ledger technology. The system becomes more dependable in the absence of a central authority. The document addresses consensus approaches to network coherence. Network delay and security hazards are underscored. Research elucidates the concept of decentralized voting.

S. S. Gandhi et al. (2022): This investigation investigates the security of electronic voting systems that are based on blockchain technology. It emphasizes the facilitation of a single ballot while simultaneously prohibiting ID fraud and multiple voting. A protocol for secure voting is suggested by the authors. We discuss the trade-offs between system performance and security. It is a proponent of electronic voting systems that are durable.

Y. Liu et al. (2022): A voting method that is based on smart contracts simplifies the process of tallying votes. Human error is diminished by smart contracts. The system precludes the modification of findings and provides an explanation. Authors are concerned about the potential vulnerabilities of smart contracts. The study underscores the importance of security coding and verification.

P. Sharma et al. (2022): The blockchain is employed in e-governance, which includes voting. We desire enhanced system interoperability and scalability. The authors suggest that blockchain technology be integrated into existing operations. The investigation investigates the integration and adoption of the system. We prioritize solutions that are both efficient and scalable.

Pavan M. et al. (2023): A prototype of an electronic voting system that is based on blockchain technology is the subject of this document. Blockchain technology is employed to ensure the secure counting of ballots by the system. Scalability and performance are concerns. The authors recommend that practical applications require optimization. In preparation for growth, research is conducted.

S. Singh et al. (2023): Secure automation and transparency were identified in smart contract voting systems in this investigation. This demonstrates the potential of smart contracts to eradicate human error and manipulation. The method ensures that vote records are unalterable. Nevertheless, it is imperative that the implementation be conducted in a safe manner to prevent any potential issues. Contract evaluation is prioritized in the investigation.





K. Patel et al. (2023): This research utilizes blockchain technology to assure the security of online voting. Priorities include accessibility and safety. Remote ballot submission is facilitated by enhanced identification verification. Scalability is a challenging issue due to performance constraints. The efficacy of system design is the primary focus of the study.

M. Sharp (2024): This study conducts a comprehensive examination of electronic voting that is based on blockchain technology. Efficiency, privacy, and safety are evaluated in numerous models. Research indicates that implementation challenges exist. It underscores uniformity. Trends and limitations are disclosed through research.

T. Chafiq et al. (2024): Case study of a voting system that is facilitated by blockchain technology. Infrastructure and implementation are prioritized. The actual application concerns are examined. Research: It is challenging to integrate with existing systems. The emphasis is on pragmatic solutions.

B. Sujatha et al. (2024): In this investigation, blockchain technology is recommended for voter verification. It simplifies identity management and restricts access. The voting process is restricted to individuals who are eligible. Nevertheless, privacy must be taken into account. Authenticity is improved through research.

J. Park et al. (2024): This paper introduces a blockchain-based voting system that offers the potential for development and privacy. It resolves electoral performance challenges on a large scale. Increases throughput and decreases latency. The authors underscore the importance of maintaining a balance between security and efficiency. The investigation broadens the scope of voting opportunities for numerous individuals.

L. Chen et al. (2024): This research proposes a computationally light cryptography. It improves efficiency and safety. The system functions effectively in the presence of restricted resources. Nevertheless, there are trade-offs between security and efficacy. Optimization is prioritized in the investigation.

H. O. Ohize (2025): This survey investigates the security challenges and solutions associated with blockchain-based electronic voting systems. System vulnerabilities and attacks are identified. The paper underscores the importance of robust cryptography. It also suggests a divide between theory and practice. Security research is encouraged by the journal.

K. Kiashemshaki et al. (2025): The proposed work suggests the implementation of enhanced consensus algorithms to facilitate scalable blockchain voting. It effectively manages large-scale elections. Increases throughput and decreases latency. Nevertheless, empirical verification is required. Scalable solutions are generated through research.

R. Das et al. (2025): This investigation advocates for decentralized identity-based voting that prioritizes privacy. Personal data can be securely managed. Anonymity and identity verification are guaranteed. Unfortunately, adoption is a challenging process. Research facilitates the development of solutions that prioritize privacy.

S. Verma et al. (2025): Here, voting systems that are blockchain-based and operate on a national scale are examined. Infrastructure, regulation, and expansion are addressed. Implementation strategies are proposed by authors. Policy and governance are prioritized in the investigation. It improves the practicality.

A. Mehta et al. (2026): This publication addresses the investigation of electronic voting systems that are based on blockchain technology. The incorporation of new technology and



the enhancement of consensus are investigated. The text underscores the importance of scalable and secure systems. Utility and acceptability are also taken into account. The paper investigates prospective developments.

3. PROPOSED SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

To ensure that digital votes are open, safe, private, and scalable, a hybrid blockchain-based secure e-voting architecture is proposed. The proposed approach circumvents these issues by utilizing a permissioned blockchain network in conjunction with smart contracts, decentralized identity (DID), and off-chain storage in place of conventional electronic voting systems that rely on a central authority.

Architectural Design

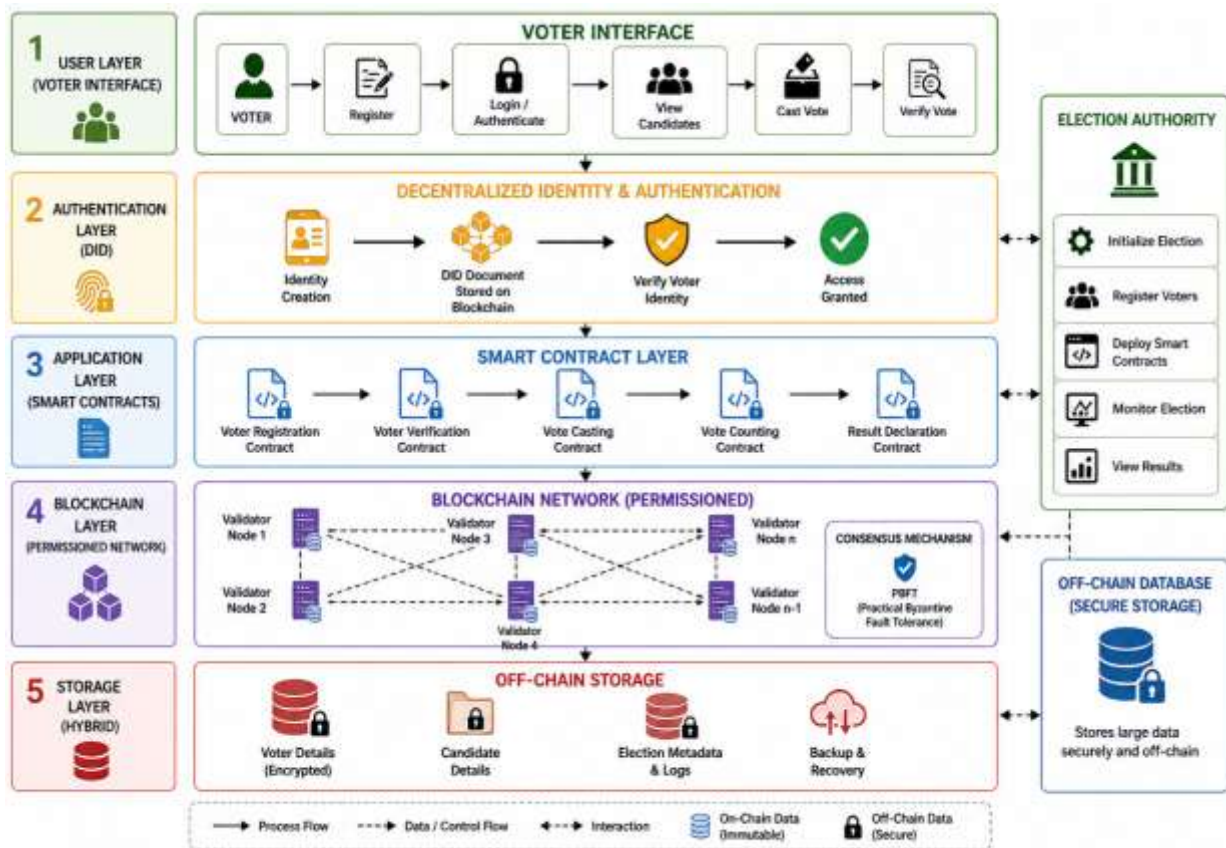


Fig. 1. Proposed Blockchain-Based E-Voting System Architecture

The system is arranged using several logical levels to provide easy modification and efficient operation. The user, authentication, program, blockchain, and storage layers are a few of these levels. While performing its duties to maintain the system's smooth and secure operation, each layer communicates with the others.

Voters can interact with the system through a tool provided by the user layer. It facilitates registration, identification verification, and voting in a secure environment. The authentication layer use decentralized identification techniques rather than centralized mechanisms to verify voter IDs. This ensures that only those who are entitled to vote can participate in politics and safeguards privacy.

Blockchain Network Design



The proposed solution is predicated on a permissioned blockchain network, in which only authorized nodes validate transactions. This architecture improves functionality and consumes less processing power as compared to public blockchain options. Practical Byzantine Fault Tolerance (PBFT) is a consensus technique used by the network to provide fast and reliable consensus across nodes.

This system records a vote in a block and handles it as a transaction when it is checked. Once a vote is entered onto the blockchain, it cannot be altered or deleted. The ledger's decentralized architecture eliminates single points of failure and guarantees clarity.

Smart Contract-Based Voting Mechanism

Voting is automated in large part because to smart contracts. These are self-governing, rule-abiding programs on a blockchain. Smart contracts manage voter verification, vote submission, and result computation in the suggested approach.

The smart contract verifies the individual's eligibility to vote and ensures they haven't previously submitted a ballot. The vote is securely stored on the blockchain after it has been verified. This automated procedure reduces the possibility of fraud or errors and eliminates the need for human help.

Decentralized Identity and Authentication

The proposed system incorporates Decentralized Identity (DID) frameworks to ensure private and secure authentication. Because they allow users to monitor their own identifying information, decentralized identifiers (DIDs) differ from traditional identity systems that are managed by a central organization.

Every voter receives a digital identity linked to cryptographic keys. These keys are used during authentication to verify that the user is who they claim to be without disclosing any private information. By safeguarding voters' privacy and preventing identity-related crimes like impersonation and multiple voting, this approach increases security.

Off-Chain Storage and Scalability Enhancement

Blockchain solutions have two major issues: they cannot expand as needed or store large amounts of data. The proposed design uses off-chain storage techniques to address this issue. Only critical data, such as cryptographic hashes, is stored on the blockchain; specific voting data is stored off-chain.

This approach improves system performance and greatly simplifies blockchain storage. Additionally, it enables the system to effortlessly manage a large number of voters, making it ideal for major elections.

Voting Process Flow

The proposed approach would divide the voting procedure into numerous steps:

1. Registration Phase:

The names of eligible voters are dispersed among several servers when they register for the system.

2. Authentication Phase:

Before using the voting process, voters verify their identities using digital identity papers.

3. Voting Phase:



Voters may select a candidate and converse securely thanks to smart contracts. Additionally, they enable the verification of votes.

4. Validation Phase:

Blockchain nodes employ the consensus mechanism to verify the authenticity of transactions.

5. Counting Phase:

Votes may be automatically counted and the results made public thanks to smart contracts.

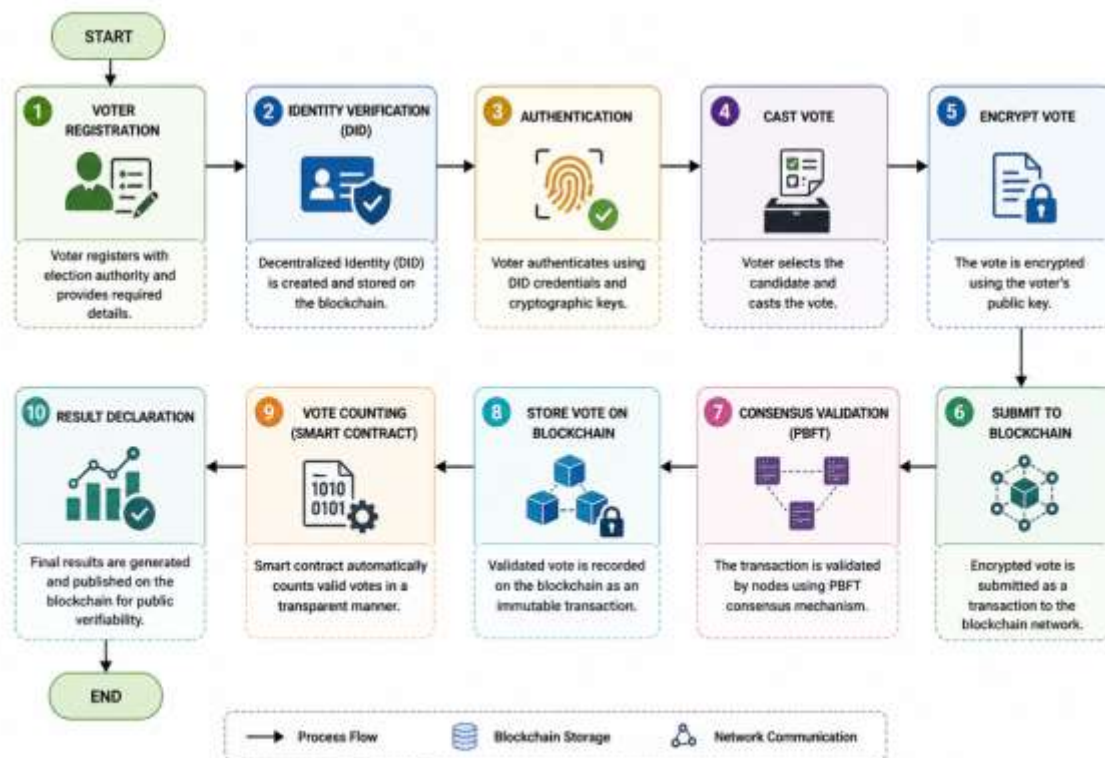


Fig. 2. Voting Process Flow in the Proposed Blockchain-Based E-Voting System

Security and Design Considerations

The following security elements are part of the recommended architecture:

- **Confidentiality:** Votes are concealed to prevent unauthorized individuals from seeing them.
- **Integrity:** Blockchain ensures that data cannot be altered once recorded
- **Authentication:** Only verified voters are eligible to participate.
- **Transparency:** Election results are accessible to the general public.
- **Fault Tolerance:** The system functions as a whole even when some nodes might not function.

Advantages of the Proposed Architecture

The proposed approach has a number of benefits over existing conventional e-voting systems, including

- Decentralized approval increases security.
- Autonomous identity techniques that improve privacy



- The hybrid design facilitates the addition of additional resources.
- Because consensus approaches are effective, there is less delay.
- A fully transparent and inaccessible election process

4. SECURITY ANALYSIS

The proposed blockchain-based electronic voting system's security is evaluated against verification, privacy, integrity, authentication, and anonymity requirements. Security is provided by DID, smart contracts, and blockchain.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Voters' selection choices are protected by confidentiality. The proposed method encrypts votes before delivering them to the blockchain. Access to encrypted data is restricted to authorized system processes.

Decentralized identification separates vote from identity, protecting voter privacy. Everyone can use the blockchain, but the data is buried, keeping voting details confidential.

INTEGRITY

Integrity prevents vote reversals. Each vote is recorded as a cryptographic hash transaction using blockchain's immutability.

Changes to recorded votes modify hash values, showing fraud. Distributed ledger replication reduces single-point tampering by spreading data among workstations.

AUTHENTICATION AND AUTHORIZATION

Decentralized Identity (DID)-based identification restricts voting to eligible voters. Each member has a distinct digital identity with cryptographic keys.

System checks before voting:

- The authenticity of the voter
- Eligibility to vote
- Whether the voter has already voted

Voting is restricted to approved users to avoid unauthorized voting.

ANONYMITY AND PRIVACY PRESERVATION

Voting operations depend on voter privacy. According to the proposed framework, blockchain-recorded votes cannot identify voters.

- System encrypts and obscures identities.
- Vote allocation is unknown to some.

Voters' personal information is kept confidential.

RESISTANCE TO DOUBLE VOTING

It reduces electoral fraud, corruption, and privacy abuses.

- So, each voter can submit one ballot. To accomplish this,
- Validity requirements for smart contracts

Users cannot vote again since blockchain records votes. Duplicate transactions are rejected promptly by smart contracts.

TRANSPARENCY AND VERIFIABILITY

Distribution logs provide transparency. Anyone may verify all transactions with this. The system enables voters confirm their vote without revealing the result.



Automated smart contracts calculate votes to prevent tampering. The public trusts voting.

RESISTANCE TO COMMON ATTACKS

The solution prevents common security threats:

- **51% Attack:**
 Permissioned blockchains reduce majority attacks because only authorized nodes can participate.
- **Sybil Attack:**
 DID-based authentication avoids network fraud by assigning each person a unique ID.
- **Denial-of-Service (DoS) Attack:**
 Openness makes blockchain accessible despite node failure or compromise.
- **Smart Contract Attacks:**
 Secure code and validation lower smart contract risks.

FAULT TOLERANCE AND RELIABILITY

PBFT consensus prevents malicious nodes from undermining the system. This system functions well despite dishonest nodes because most are honest. This enhances system dependability by smoothing polls.

5. SYSTEM ANALYSIS AND RESULTS

The blockchain-based electronic voting system is assessed for throughput, latency, cost, scalability, and security. Results are compared to blockchain and traditional voting.

Performance Evaluation Methods

Performance Metrics

- **Latency:** Voting transaction latency
- **Throughput:** Number of ballots processed per second.
- **Cost:** Transaction and calculation costs
- **Scalability:** involving many voters
- **Security Level:** intrusion prevention

PERFORMANCE COMPARISON TABLE

Table I: Performance Evaluation

System Type	Latency (ms)	Throughput (TPS)	Cost	Scalability	Security
Traditional E-Voting	500	50	Low	Medium	Medium
Public Blockchain (PoW)	2000	15	High	Low	High
Ethereum-Based Voting	1500	25	High	Medium	High
Proposed System (PBFT + Hybrid)	300	120	Medium	High	High

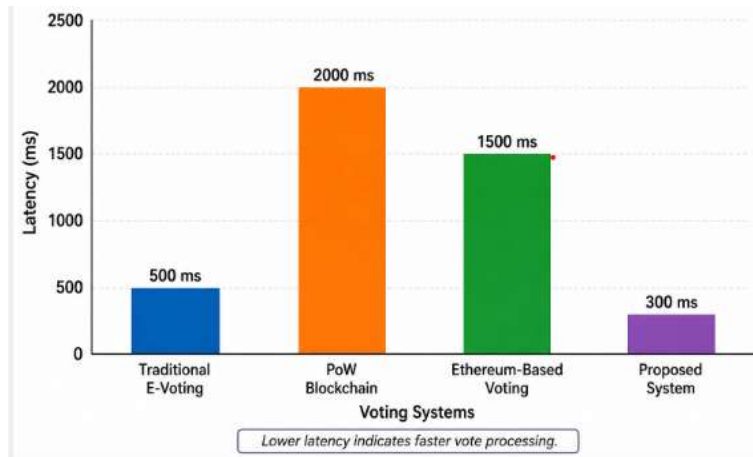
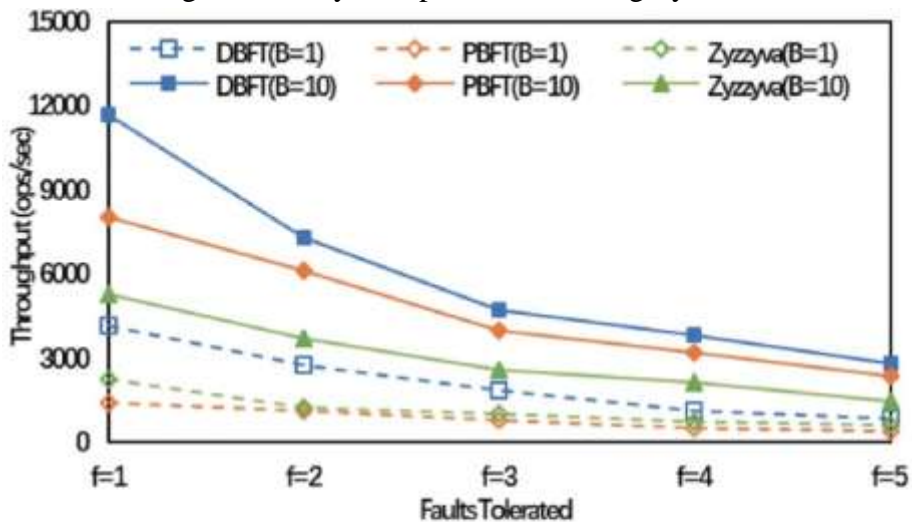
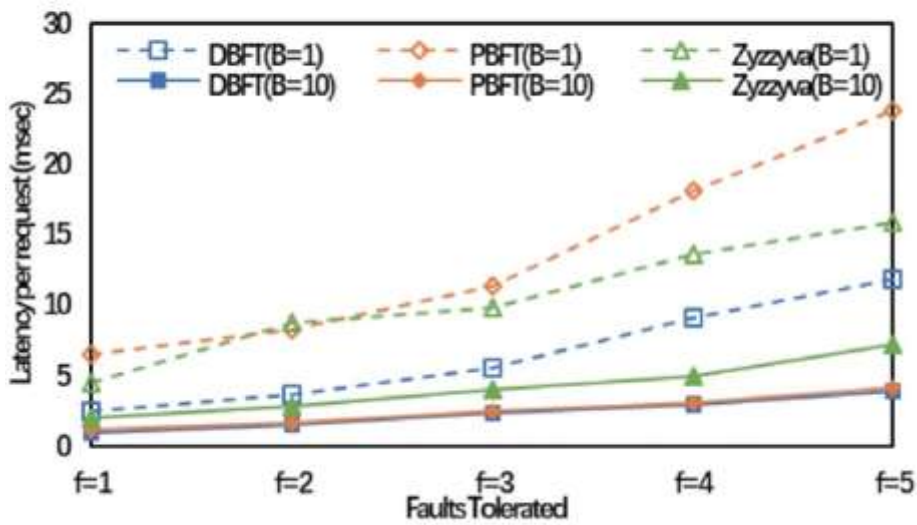


Fig. 3. Latency Comparison of Voting Systems



(a) Throughput



(b) Latency

Fig. 4. Throughput Comparison of Voting Systems

SECURITY EVALUATION TABLE

Table II: Security Analysis

Parameter	Traditional	Blockchain (PoW)	Proposed System
Data Integrity	Medium	High	High
Voter Privacy	Low	Medium	High
Tamper Resistance	Low	High	High
Double Voting Prevention	Medium	High	High
Attack Resistance	Medium	High	High

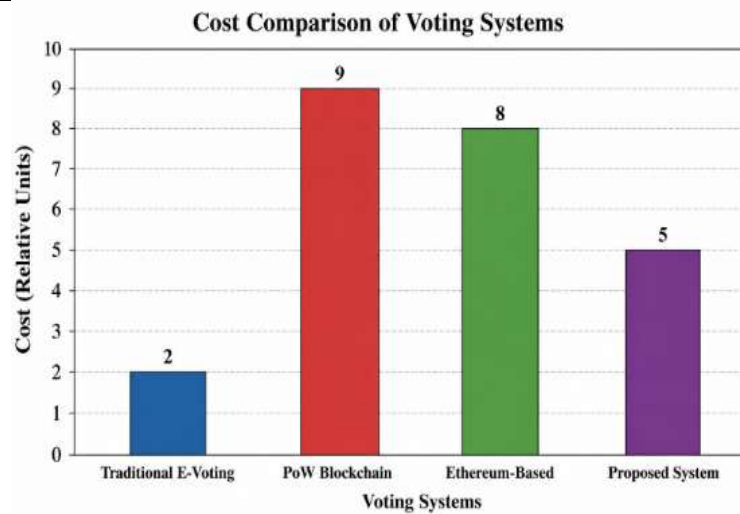


Fig. 5. Cost Comparison of Voting Systems

SCALABILITY AND COST ANALYSIS

Table III: Scalability & Cost

System	Cost	Scalability	Energy Efficiency
PoW Blockchain	High	Low	Low
Ethereum	High	Medium	Medium
Proposed System	Medium	High	High

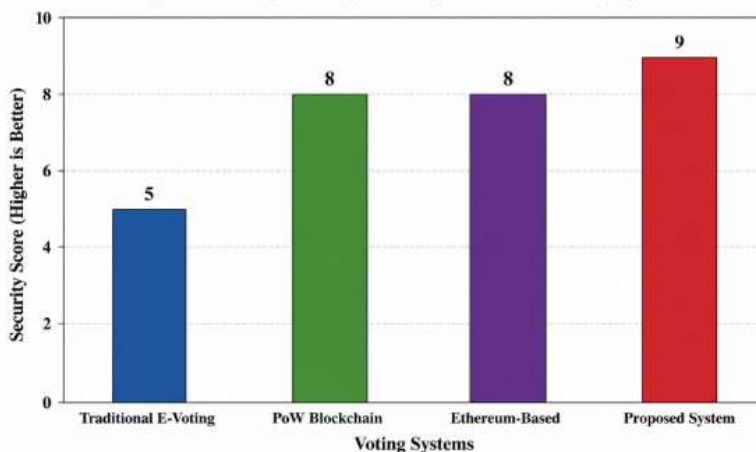


Fig. 6. Security Strength Comparison of Voting Systems

RESULT ANALYSIS

The recommended method outperforms alternatives:

- **Latency Reduction:**
Because PBFT consensus is fast, the proposed method permits real-time elections.
- **Improved Throughput:**
Most voters can now use better transaction processing.
- **Balanced Cost:**
The proposed paradigm saves computational and energy over PoW.
- **Enhanced Security:**
Decentralized IDs, cryptography, and smart contracts prevent attacks.
- **Better Scalability:**
Off-chain storage minimizes blockchain traffic, simplifying large datasets.

DISCUSSION

Testing and investigations demonstrate that the blockchain-based electronic voting system solves the key issues with conventional techniques. In the hybrid design, blockchain-based systems, which scale poorly, and traditional, closed systems are integrated.

PBFT consensus handles transaction validation faster than PoW, although off-chain storage minimizes system overhead. Cryptography and decentralized identification boost privacy and security.

Assessing the method's efficacy requires electoral context study and deployment. Test the system in testing conditions to determine performance and users.

6. CONCLUSION

To boost politics' efficiency, security, and transparency, this project used blockchain-based electronic voting. Smart contracts, decentralized identity (DID), off-chain storage, and a permissioned blockchain network fix the main issues with traditional and modern electronic voting systems.

Identity abstraction and encryption protect voter identities, while the system design prevents ballot changes. PBFT consensus can handle huge polls due to its low latency and fast throughput. By automating voter verification, voting, and result computation, smart contracts prevent outcome manipulation.

This method exceeds public and traditional blockchain-based voting systems in scalability, throughput, and latency. Privacy, integrity, authentication, and frequent vulnerabilities like duplicate voting and unlawful access are protected, according to the security analysis.

Despite these benefits, system deployment, regulatory compliance, and user consent remain challenges. Strengthening the system requires experimental systems, optimization, and advanced technologies like AI-based threat detection and quantum-resistant encryption. Blockchain-based electronic voting is best for online elections because to its reliability, scalability, and security. Global voting could be improved by more scrutiny and empirical assessment.



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