

# The State of Hash Functions and the NIST SHA-3 Competition

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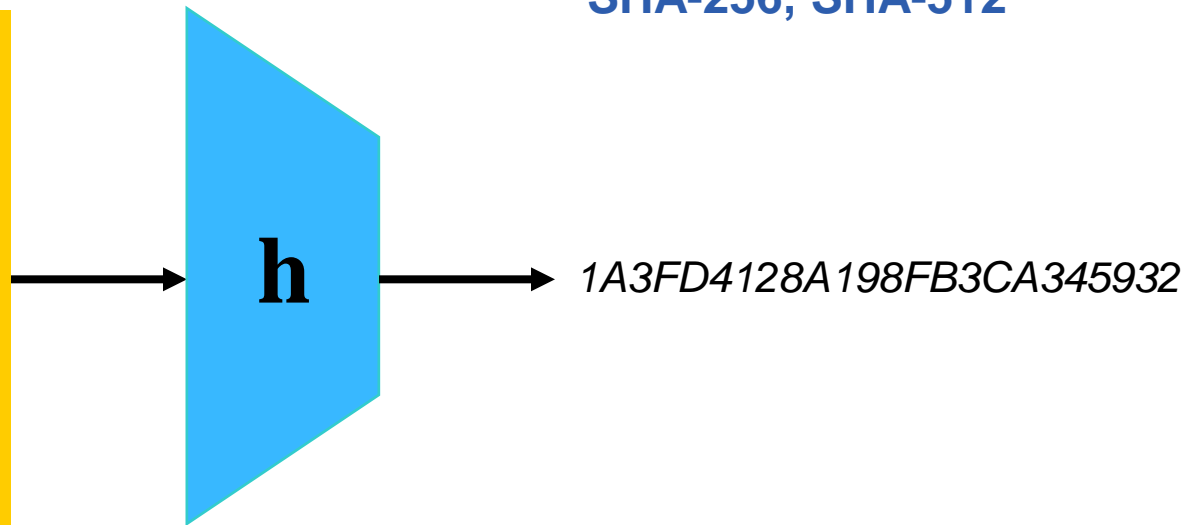
# Hash functions



- MDC (manipulation detection code)
- Protect short hash value rather than long text

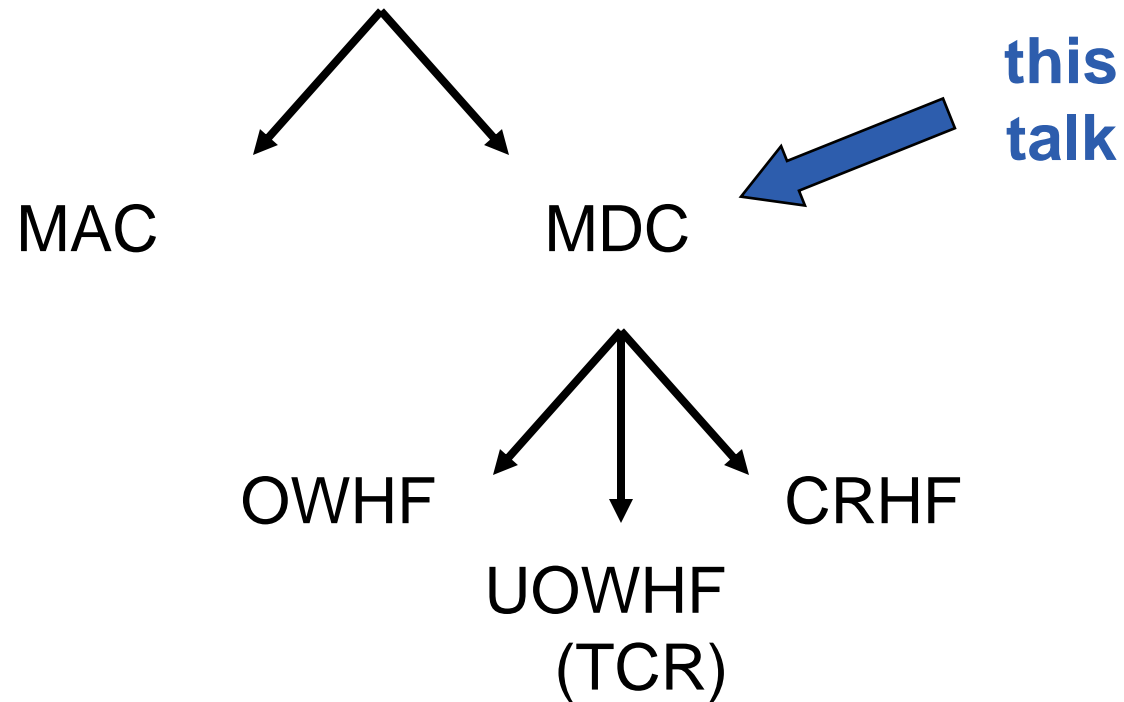
- (MDC-2)
- (MD5)
- (SHA-1)
- RIPEMD-160
- SHA-256, SHA-512

*This is an input to a cryptographic hash function. The input is a very long string, that is reduced by the hash function to a string of fixed length. There are additional security conditions: it should be very hard to find an input hashing to a given value (a preimage) or to find two colliding inputs (a collision).*





cryptographic hash function





- no secret parameters
- input string  $x$  of arbitrary length  $\Rightarrow$  output  $h(x)$  of fixed bitlength  $n$
- computation “easy”
  
- One Way Hash Function (OWHF)
  - preimage resistance
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> preimage resistance
  
- Collision Resistant Hash Function (CRHF): OWHF +
  - collision resistant

# Security requirements (n-bit result)



preimage

?



**h**



$h(x)$

$2^n$

2<sup>nd</sup> preimage

$x \neq$

?



**h**



$h(x)$

$\neq$



**h**



$h(x')$

$2^n$

collision

?



**h**



$h(x)$

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?



**h**



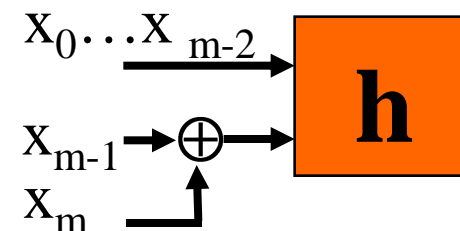
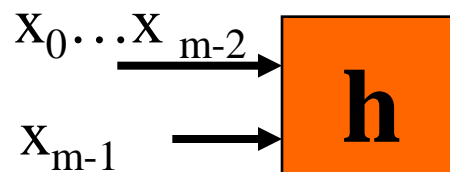
$h(x')$

$2^{n/2}$

# Informal definitions (2)



- preimage resistant  $\not\Rightarrow$  2<sup>nd</sup> preimage resistant
  - take a preimage resistant hash function; add an input bit  $b$  and replace one input bit by the sum modulo 2 of this input bit and  $b$



- 2<sup>nd</sup> preimage resistant  $\not\Rightarrow$  preimage resistant
  - if  $h$  is OWHF,  $\underline{h}$  is 2<sup>nd</sup> preimage resistant but not preimage resistant:  
$$\underline{h}(x) = \begin{array}{ll} 0 \parallel x & \text{if } |x| \leq n \\ 1 \parallel h(X) & \text{otherwise} \end{array}$$

- collision resistant  $\Rightarrow$  2<sup>nd</sup> preimage resistant
- [Simon'98] one cannot derive collision resistance from “general” preimage resistance (there exists no black box reduction)



- digital signatures: OWHF/CRHF, `destroy algebraic structure`
- information authentication: protect authenticity of hash result
- protection of passwords: preimage resistant
- confirmation of knowledge/commitment: OWHF/CRHF
- pseudo-random string generation/key derivation
- micropayments (e.g., micromint)
- construction of MAC algorithms, stream ciphers, block ciphers
- (redundancy: hash result appended to data before encryption)





- Collision resistance is not always necessary
- Other properties are needed:
  - pseudo-randomness if keyed (with secret key)
  - near-collision resistance
  - partial preimage resistance
  - multiplication freeness
  - random oracle property
- how to formalize these requirements and the relation between them?



- If one can attack  $2^t$  simultaneous targets, the effort to find a single preimage is  $2^{n-t}$ 
  - note for  $t = n/2$  this is  $2^{n/2}$
- [Hellman'80] if one has to find (second) preimages for many targets, one can use a time-memory trade-off with  $\Theta(2^n)$  precomputation and storage  $\Theta(2^{2n/3})$ 
  - inversion of one message in time  $\Theta(2^{2n/3})$
- [Wiener'02] if  $\Theta(2^{3n/5})$  targets are attacked, the full cost per ( $2^{\text{nd}}$ ) preimage decreases from  $\Theta(2^n)$  to  $\Theta(2^{2n/5})$
- answer: randomize hash function
  - salt, spice, “key”: parameter to index family of functions

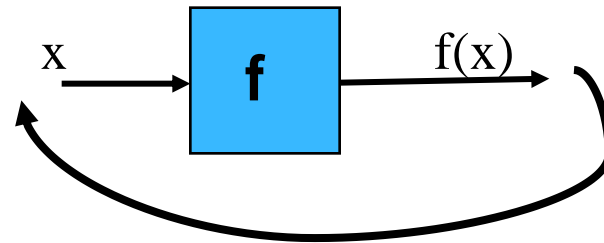
# The birthday paradox for collisions



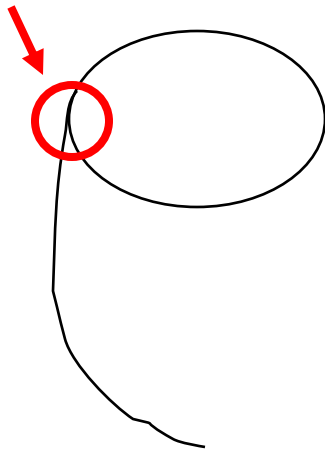
- Given a set with  $S$  elements
- Choose  $r$  elements at random (with replacements) with  $r \ll S$
- The probability  $p$  that there are at least 2 equal elements (a collision) is  $1 - \exp(-r(r-1)/2S)$
  
- $S$  large,  $r = \sqrt{S}$ ,  $p = 0.39$ : finding a collision takes computation and memory  $\sqrt{S}$ 
  - for birthdays:  $S = 365$ ,  $r = 23$ ,  $p = 0.50$



- Consider the functional graph of  $f$



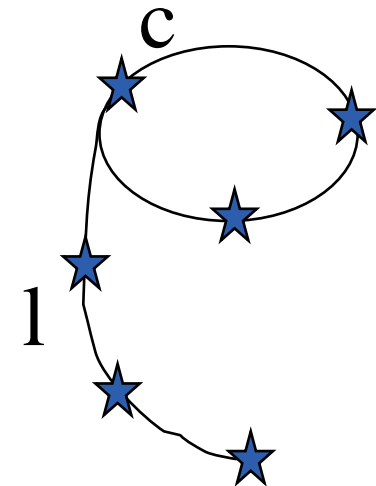
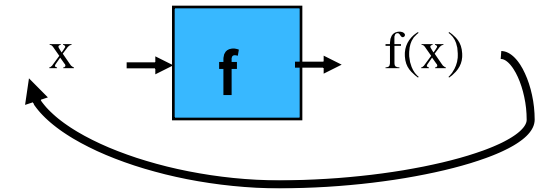
**collision**



# Brute force collision search: low memory



- Efficient implementation of the birthday attack [Pollard'78][Quisquater'89]
  - very little memory (cycle finding algorithm)
  - full parallelism [Wiener-van Oorschot'94]
- Distinguished point (d bits)
  - $\Theta(e2^{n/2} + e 2^{d+1})$  steps
  - $\Theta(n2^{n/2-d})$  memory
  - with e the cost of one function evaluation
- [Wiener'02] full cost:  $\Theta(e n 2^{n/2})$



$$l = c = (\pi/8) 2^{n/2}$$



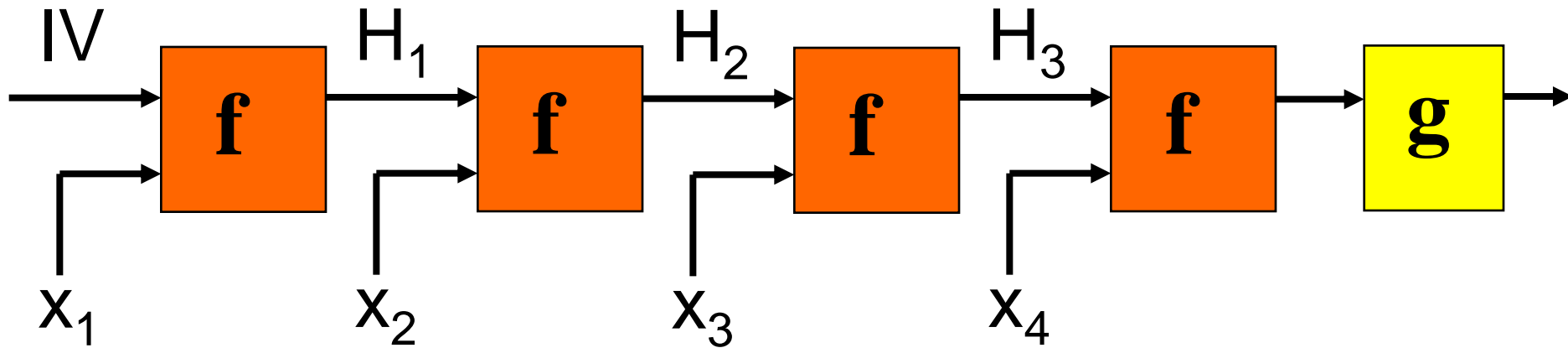
- (2<sup>nd</sup>) preimage search
  - $n = 128$ : 60 M\$ for 1 year if one can attack  $2^{48}$  targets in parallel
  - $n = 128$ : 60 B\$ for 1 year if one can attack  $2^{38}$  targets in parallel
- parallel collision search
  - $n = 128$ : 15 K\$ for 10 days
  - $n = 160$ : 60 M\$ for 4 months
  - need 256-bit result for long term security (25 years or more)

# Can we get rid of collision resistance?



- collision resistance
  - requires double output lengths
  - requires family of functions for formalization
  - is hard to achieve (e.g., not by black box reduction from one-wayness)
- UOWHF (TCR, eSec) **randomize** hash function after choosing the message
- [Halevi-Krawczyk'05] randomized hashing = RMX mode:  
$$H( r \parallel x_1 \oplus r \parallel x_2 \oplus r \parallel \dots \parallel x_t \oplus r )$$
  - needs e-SPR (not met by MD5 and SHA-1 reduced to 53 rounds)
  - issues with **insider attacks (i.e. attacks by the signer)**

# Hash function: iterated structure



Split messages into blocks of fixed length and hash them block by block with a compression function  $f$

Efficient and elegant

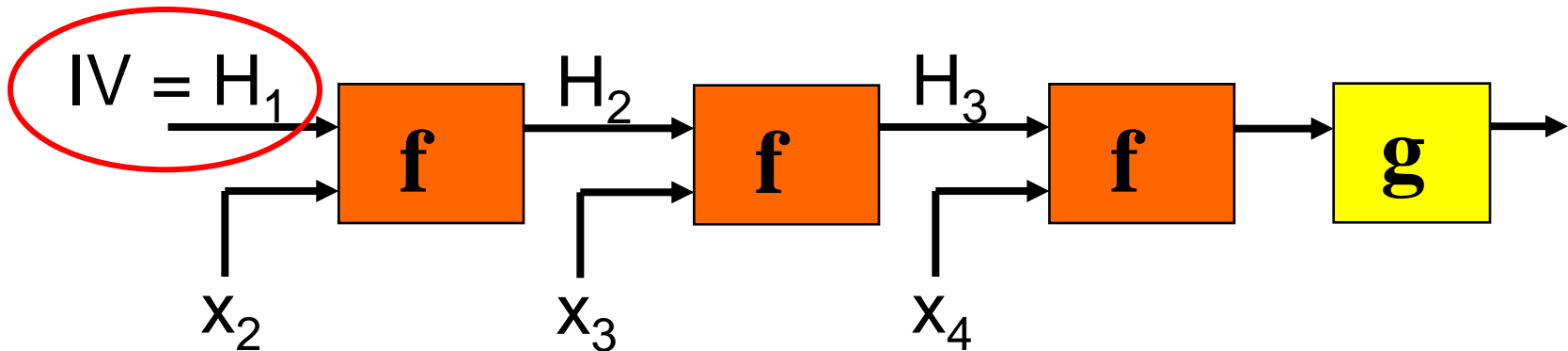
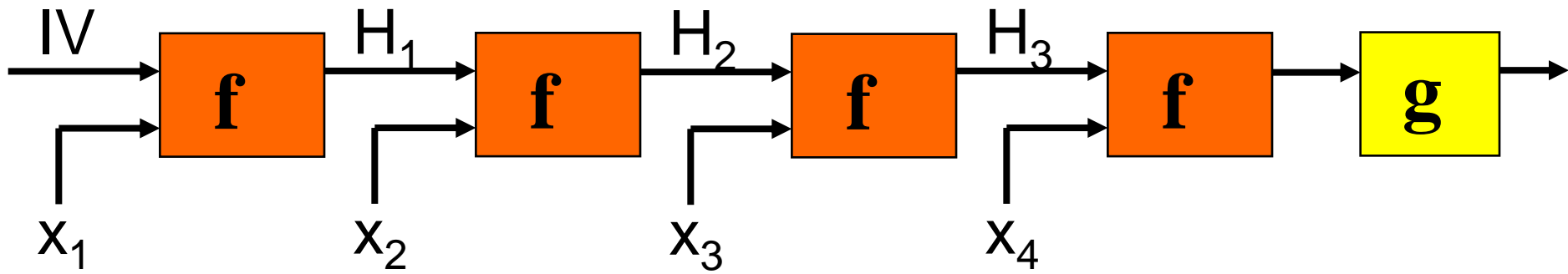
But many problems...



# Security relation between $f$ and $h$



- Iterating  $f$  can degrade its security
  - trivial example: 2<sup>nd</sup> preimage



# Security relation between $f$ and $h$



- Solution: Merkle-Damgard (MD) strengthening (popular!)  
fix IV, use unambiguous padding and insert length at the end
- [MD'89]  $f$  is collision resistant  $\Rightarrow$   $h$  is collision resistant
- [Lai-Massey'92]  $f$  is 2<sup>nd</sup> preimage resistant  $\Leftrightarrow$   $h$  is 2<sup>nd</sup> preimage resistant



[Damgård-Merkle'89]

Let  $f$  be a collision resistant function mapping  $l$  to  $n$  bits (with  $l > n$ ).

- If the padding contains the length of the input string, and if  $f$  is preimage resistant, the iterated hash function  $h$  based on  $f$  will be a CRHF.
- If an unambiguous padding rule is used, the following construction will yield a CRHF ( $l-n > 1$ ):

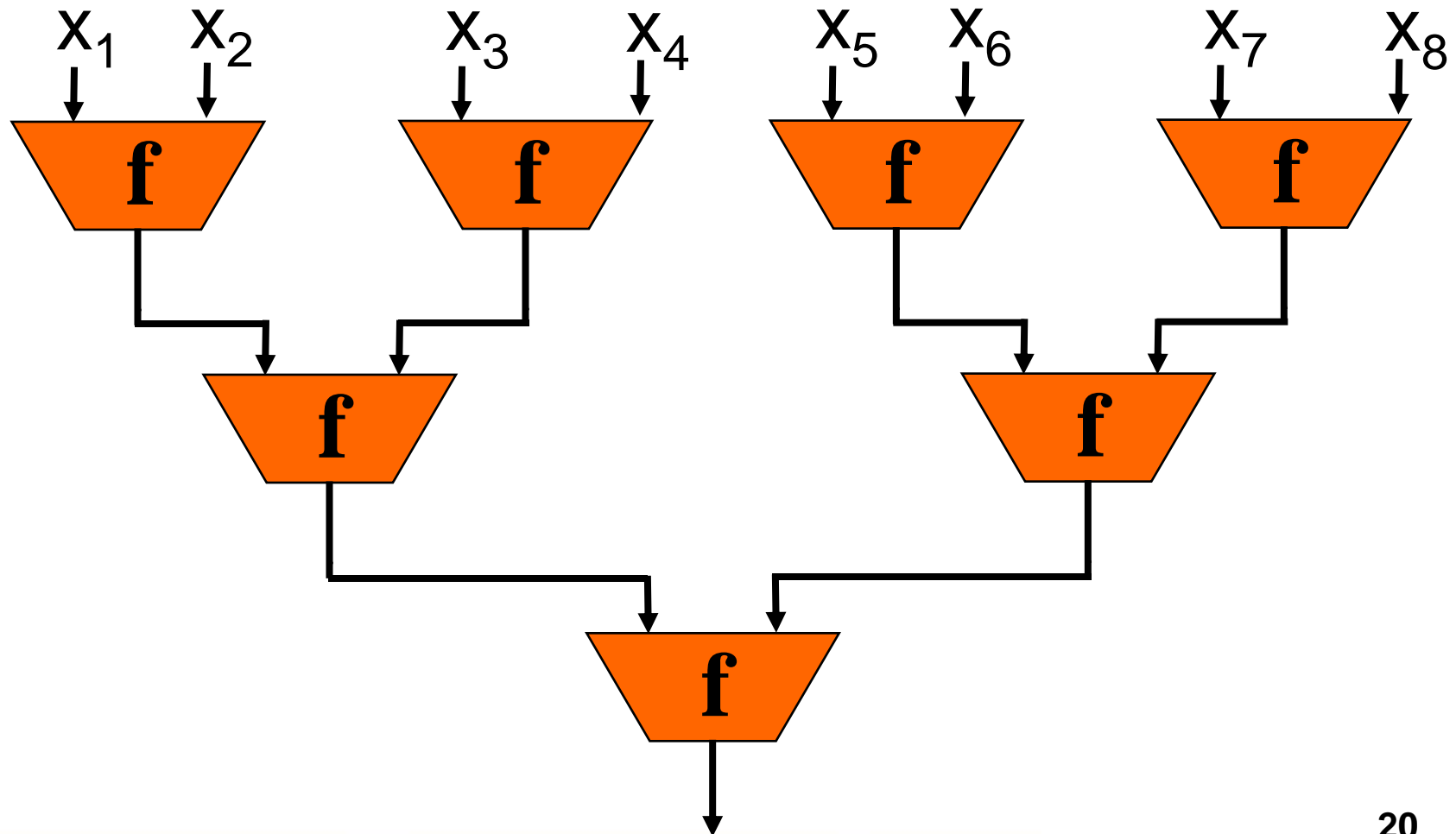
$$H_1 = f(H_0 \parallel 0 \parallel x_1)$$

$$H_i = f(H_{i-1} \parallel 1 \parallel x_i) \quad i=2,3,\dots,t.$$

# Comment: tree structure



already suggested by Damgård in 1989; further work by Sarkar et al.





[Lai-Massey'92]

Assume that the padding contains the length of the input string, and that the message  $x$  (without padding) contains at least two blocks.

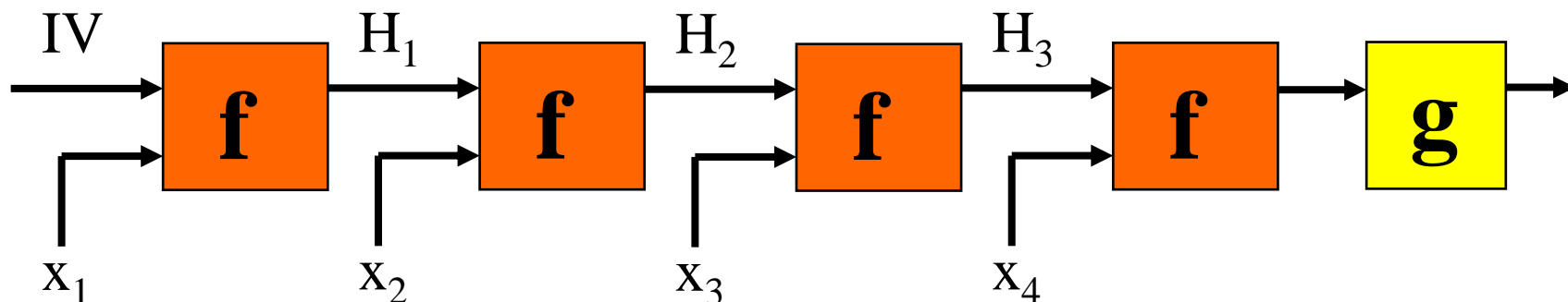
Then finding a second preimage for  $h$  with a fixed  $IV$  requires  $2^n$  operations **iff** finding a second preimage for  $f$  with arbitrarily chosen  $H_{i-1}$  requires  $2^n$  operations.

- this theorem is not quite right (see below)
- very few hash functions have a strong compression function
- very few hash functions are designed based on a strong compression function in the sense that they treat  $x_i$  and  $H_{i-1}$  in the *same way*.

# Security relation between f and h (4)



- MD does **not** work for UOWHF [BellareRogaway'97]
- MD with envelope method (prepend and append secret key) works for pseudo-randomness/MAC [BCK'96]
  - but there are some problems and HMAC is a better construction
- MD needs output transformation for random oracle properties [Coron+05]
  - if one knows  $h(x)$ , easy to compute  $h(x || y)$  without knowing  $x$





- Long message 2<sup>nd</sup> preimage attack
- Multi-collision attack and impact on concatenation
- Herding attack

# Defeating MD for 2<sup>nd</sup> preimages

[Dean-Felten-Hu'99] and [Kelsey-Schneier'05]



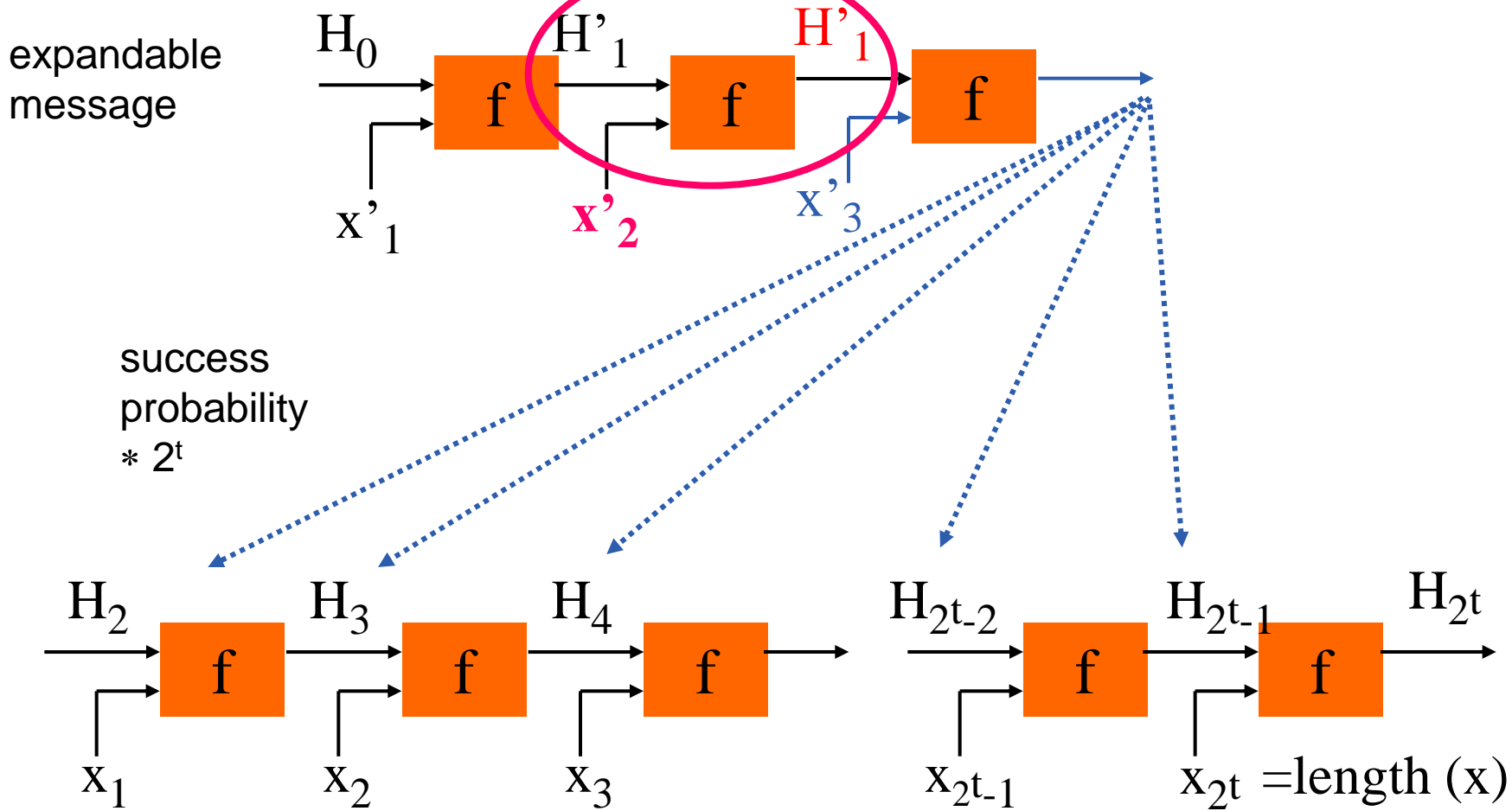
[Merkle'79]: if one hashes **2<sup>t</sup> messages**, the average effort to find a second preimage for one of them is  $2^{n-t}$

**New:** if one hashes **2<sup>t</sup> message blocks** with an iterated hash function, the effort to find a second preimage is only  $2^{n-t+1} + t 2^{n/2+1}$

- idea: create expandable message using fixed points
  - Finding fixed points can be easy (e.g., Davies-Meyer)
- find 2<sup>nd</sup> preimage that hits any of the 2<sup>t</sup> chaining values in the calculation
- stretch the expandable message to match the length (and thus the length field)
- But still very long messages for attack to be meaningful
  - $n=128$ ,  $t=32$ , complexity reduced from  $2^{128}$  to  $2^{97}$ , length is 256 Gbyte



# Defeating MD for 2nd preimages (2)



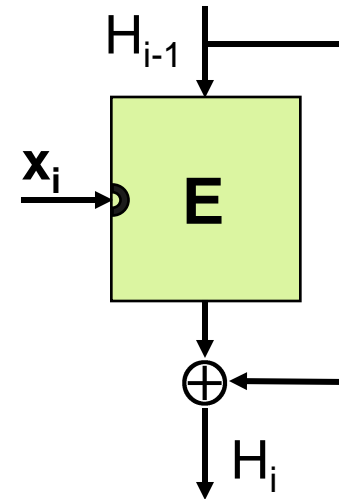
$$h(x'_1 \parallel x'_2 \parallel x'_2 \parallel x'_2 \parallel x'_2 \parallel x'_3 \parallel \dots \parallel x_{2t-1} \parallel x_{2t}) = h(x_1 \parallel x_2 \parallel x_3 \parallel \dots \parallel x_{2t-1} \parallel x_{2t})$$



# How to find fix points?



- Davies-Meier:  $E_{x_i}(H_{i-1}) \oplus H_{i-1}$
- Fix point  $H_{i-1} = D_{x_i}(0)$  for any  $x_i$ 
  - Proof:  $E_{x_i}(H_{i-1}) \oplus H_{i-1} = H_{i-1}$   
implies  $E_{x_i}(H_{i-1}) = 0$



- Expandable message using meet-in-the-middle
  - Generate  $2^{n/2}$  values  $x_2$  and compute  $H_1 = D_{x_2}(0)$
  - Generate  $2^{n/2}$  values  $x_1$  and compute  $H_1 = E_{x_1}(H_0) \oplus H_0$
  - Find a match with high probability

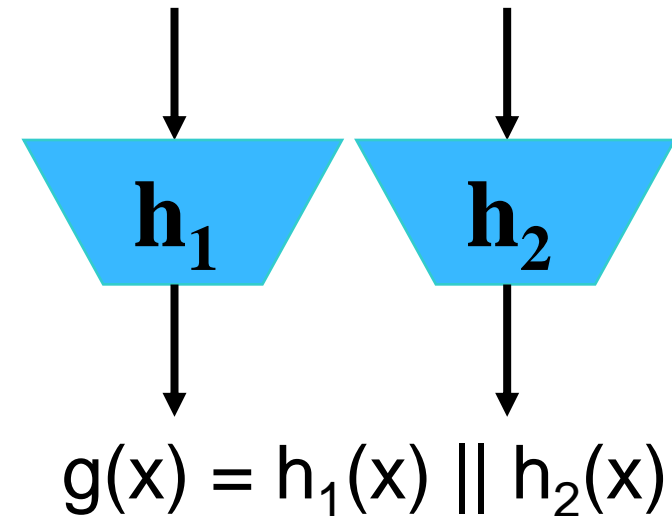
- For non-Davies-Meier: use the trick of Joux

# How (NOT) to strengthen a hash function?

[Joux'04]



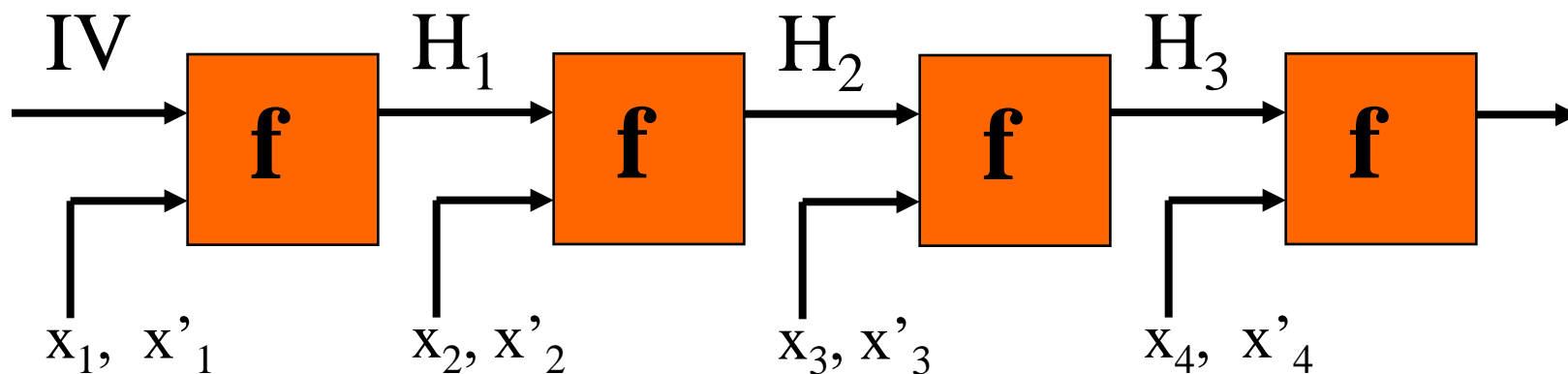
- Answer: concatenation
- $h_1$  ( $n_1$ -bit result) and  $h_2$  ( $n_2$ -bit result)
- Intuition: the strength of  $g$  against collision/ $(2^{\text{nd}})$  preimage attacks is the product of the strength of  $h_1$  and  $h_2$ 
  - if both are “independent”
- But....





Consider  $h_1$  ( $n_1$ -bit result) and  $h_2$  ( $n_2$ -bit result), with  $n_1 \geq n_2$ .  
The concatenation of two **iterated** hash functions  
( $g(x) = h_1(x) \parallel h_2(x)$ ) is **as most as strong as the strongest** of the two (even if both are independent)

- Cost of collision attack against  $g$  at most  
$$n_1 \cdot 2^{n_2/2} + 2^{n_1/2} \ll 2^{(n_1 + n_2)/2}$$
- Cost of (2nd) preimage attack against  $g$  at most  
$$n_1 \cdot 2^{n_2/2} + 2^{n_1} + 2^{n_2} \ll 2^{n_1 + n_2}$$
- If either of the functions is weak, the attacks may work better.
- Main observation: finding multiple collisions for an iterated hash function is not much harder than finding a single collision (if the size of the internal memory is  $n$  bits)



- For  $IV$ : collision for block 1:  $x_1, x'_1$
- For  $H_1$ : collision for block 2:  $x_2, x'_2$
- For  $H_2$ : collision for block 3:  $x_3, x'_3$
- For  $H_3$ : collision for block 4:  $x_4, x'_4$
- Now  $h(x_1||x_2||x_3||x_4) = h(x'_1||x_2||x_3||x_4) = h(x'_1||x'_2||x_3||x_4) = \dots = h(x'_1||x'_2||x'_3||x'_4)$  **a 16-fold collision**



- Herding attack [Kelsey, Kohno'06]
  - reduces security of commitment using a hash function
  - on-line  $2^{n-t}$  + precomputation  $2 \cdot 2^{(n+t)/2}$  + storage  $2^t$
  - example ( $n=128$ ,  $t=42$ ): with a storage of 100 Terabyte and a precomputation of  $2^{86}$  steps, a 128-bit commitment computed using an iterated hash function can be spoofed with effort  $2^{86}$  steps

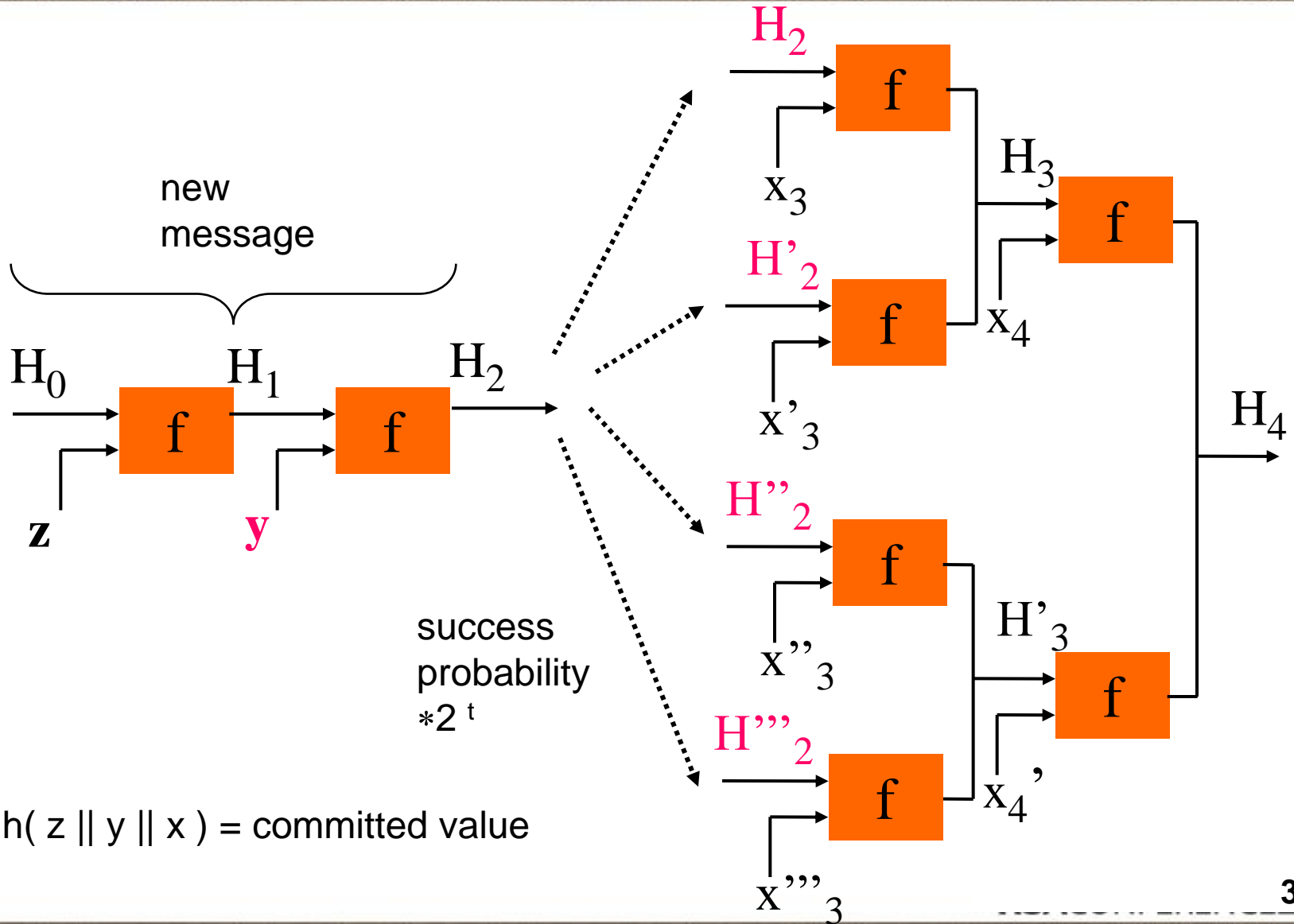
# Herding attack (2)



- protocol: publish  $h(x)$ , reveal  $x$  at later date
- find second preimage  $x' = z || y || x$  with  $z$  and  $y$  selected in 2020
- approach: generate collision tree (diamond structure) of  $2^t$  values  $H_{i-1}$  and  $x_j$  hashing to the same value (cost  $2 \cdot 2^{t/2} \cdot 2^{n/2}$ )
  - work factor for first layer:  $x^2/2^{n+1} = 2^t$  or  $x = \sqrt{2} \cdot 2^{t/2} \cdot 2^{n/2}$
- $z$  = result of all Champions League finals between 2010 and 2020
- try in 2020 random strings  $y$  until  $h(z || y) = H_{j-1}$  for some  $j$  (cost  $2^{n-t}$ )
- then  $h(z || y || x_j) = h(x)$ , so you can claim that you “knew”  $z$  in 2008



# Herding attack (3)



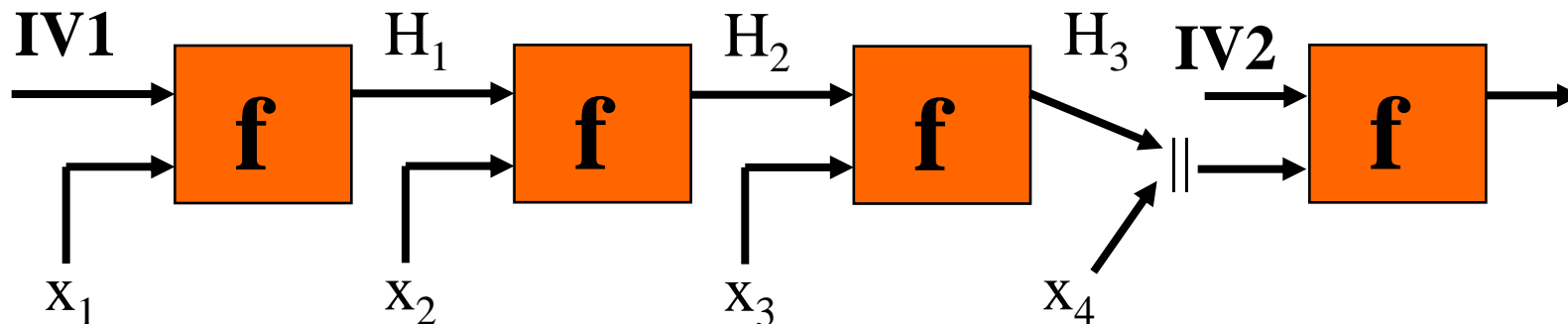




- degradation with use: salting (family of functions, randomization)
- extension attack: strong output transformation  $g$  (which includes total length and salt)
- long message  $2^{\text{nd}}$  preimage: preclude fix points
  - counter  $f \rightarrow f_i$  [Biham-Dunkelman] or dithering [Rivest]
- multi-collisions, herding: avoid breakdown at  $2^{n/2}$  with larger internal memory: known as wide pipe
  - e.g., extended MD4, RIPEMD, [Lucks'05]



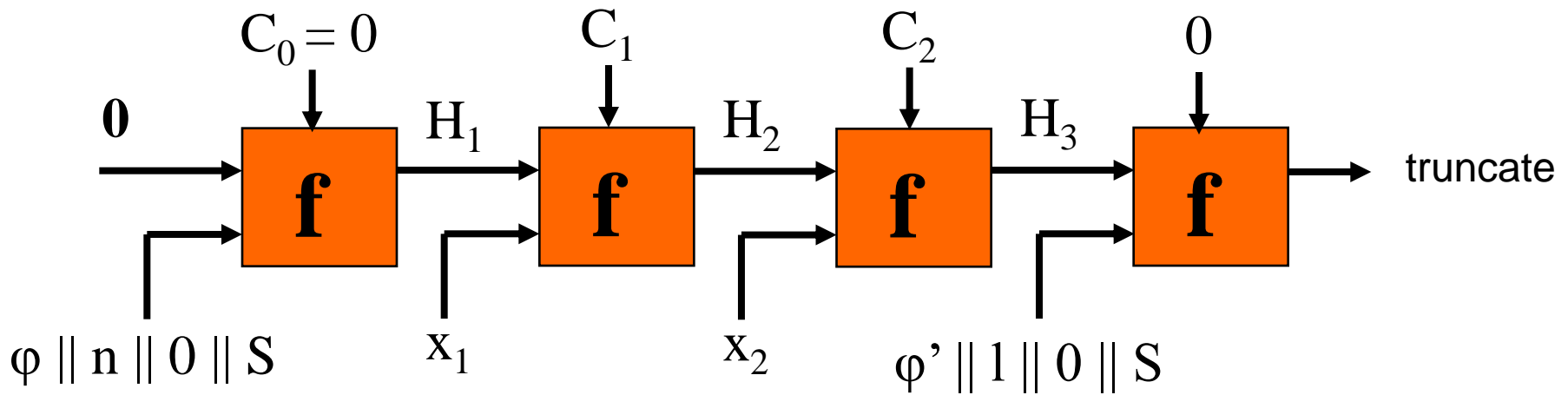
- [Biham-Dunkelman'06] Haifa: bit counter and salt input to  $f$
- [Bellare-Ristenpart'06] EMD transform (envelope MD):  
preserves CR, PRF, RO



- [Andreeva+'06] analysis of preservation of CR, (e/a/-)PR, (e/a/-)SPR, (RO, PRF)



- LANE (SHA-3 submission by [Indestege+], COSIC)



$C_i$  number of bits hashed so far

$\varphi$  flag that indicates presence/absence of salt  $S$

$n$  output length

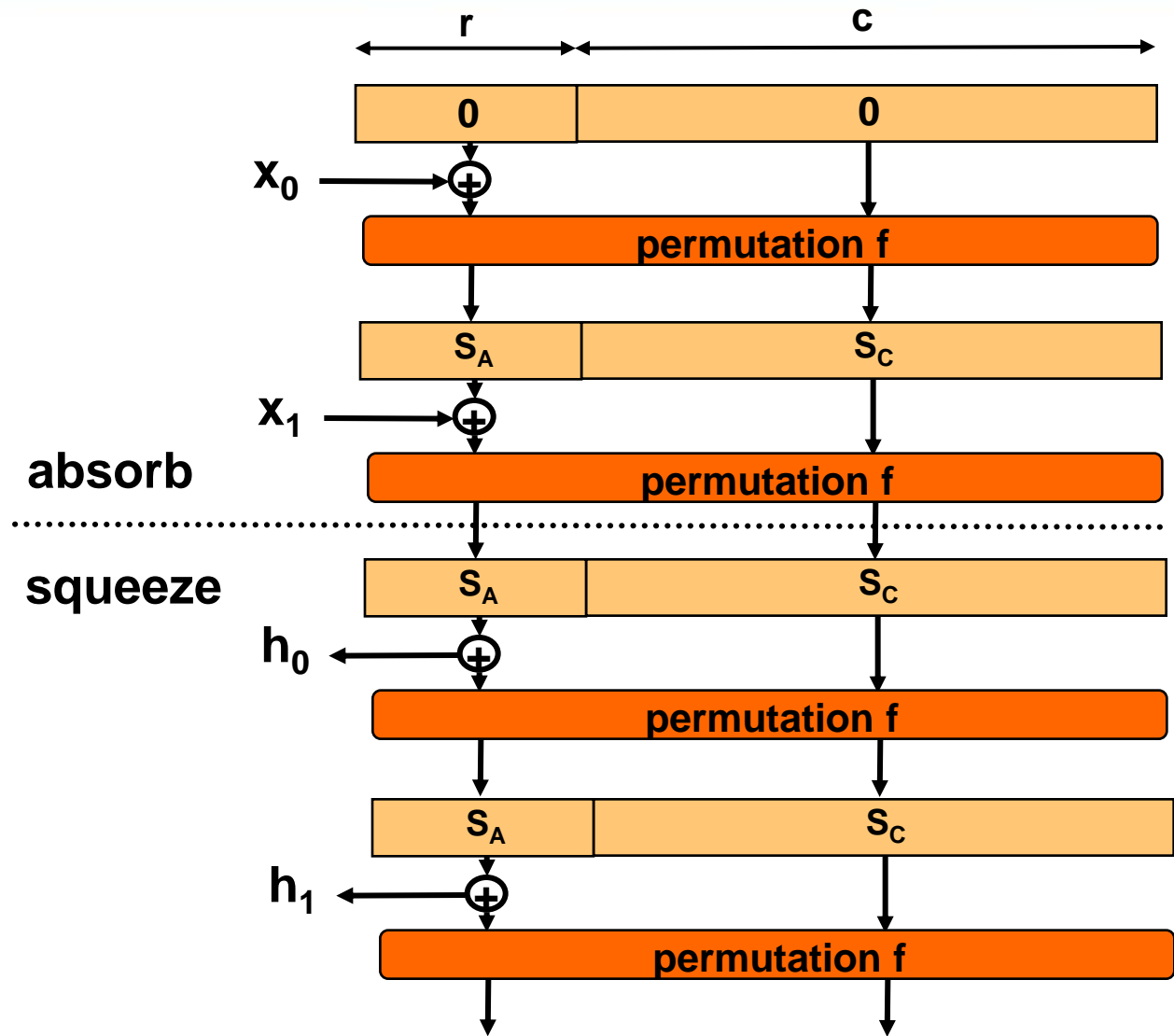
$l$  total message length in bits

# Sponge functions



## Examples

- Panama
- RadioGatun
- GRIHNDahl
- Keccak





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## block cipher based

- well studied but need very strong assumption on block cipher
- due to key schedule for every encryption at least 3-4 times slower than AES
- 30 proposals, more than half broken

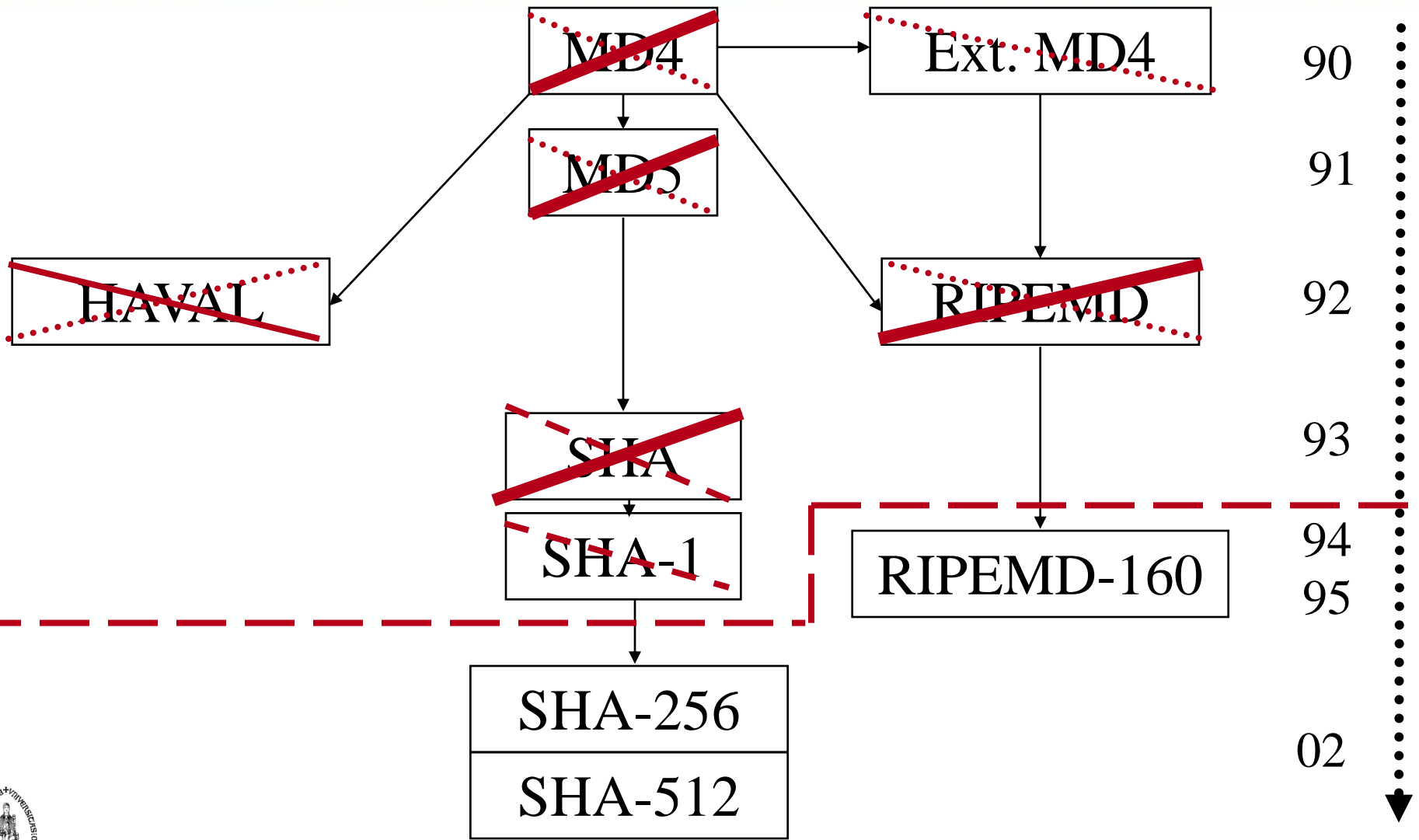
## based on algebraic constructions with security proof

- factoring, discrete log, ECC: very slow
- additive: lattices
- multiplicative: matrices

## dedicated hash functions

- >40 designs until 2008, about 30 broken: X.509 Annex D, FFT-hash I and II, N-hash, Snefru, MD2, ...
- fast schemes for 32-bit machines:
  - most popular designs: MD4 and MD5
  - US government (NIST): SHA (aka SHA-0) and SHA-1
  - Europe: RIPEMD-160
- the next generation: SHA-2 (SHA-256, SHA-512), Whirlpool, ...

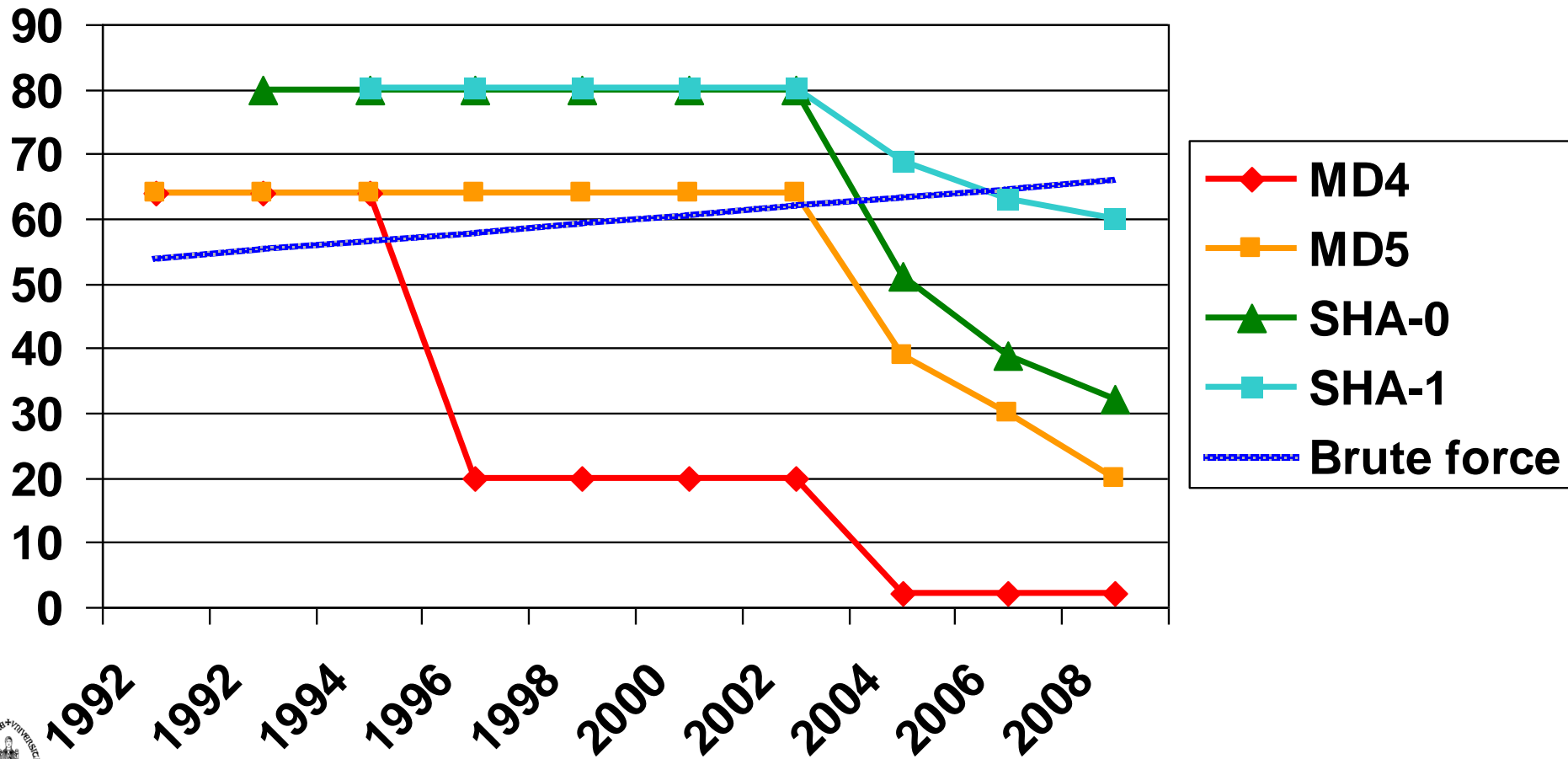
# MDx-type hash function history



# The complexity of collision attacks



Brute force: 1 million PCs or US\$ 100 000 hardware







- SHA designed by NIST (NSA) in '93 (80 rounds)
- redesign after 2 years ('95) to SHA-1
- collisions for 53 rounds of SHA-1 [Oswald-Rijmen'04 and Biham-Chen'04]
- collisions for 58 rounds of SHA-1 [Wang+'05]
- collisions for SHA-1 in  $2^{69}$  [Wang+'05] and  $2^{63}$  [Wang+'05 - unpublished]
- automated search for characteristics [De Cannière-Rechberger'06+'07]:
  - collision for 64 out of 80 rounds in  $2^{35}$  – highly structured
  - collision for 70 out of 80 rounds in  $2^{44}$  – highly structured
- collisions for 70 rounds of SHA-1 in  $2^{39}$  (4 days on a PC) [Joux-Peyrin'07]
- **collisions for SHA-1 in  $2^{60}$  [Mendel+'08 - unpublished]**

Prediction: collision for SHA-1 in the next 12 months

# SHA-1 collision search



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September 12, 2007 New client version  
New version 5.35 of 32-bit and 64-bit Linux as well as 32-bit Windows, fixing some bugs, are available!

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### NIST's Policy on Hash Functions

March 15, 2006: **The SHA-2 family of hash functions (i.e., SHA-224, SHA-256, SHA-384 and SHA-512) may be used by Federal agencies for all applications using secure hash algorithms.** Federal agencies **should** stop using SHA-1 for digital signatures, digital time stamping and other applications that require collision resistance as soon as practical, and must use the SHA-2 family of hash functions for these applications after 2010. After 2010, Federal agencies may use SHA-1 only for the following applications: hash-based message authentication codes (HMACs); key derivation functions (KDFs); and random number generators (RNGs). Regardless of use, NIST encourages application and protocol designers to use the SHA-2 family of hash functions for all new applications and protocols.



## How to Choose an Algorithm

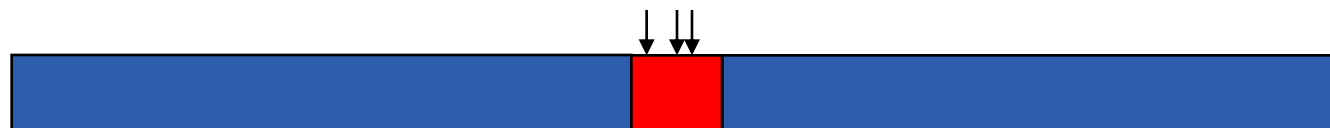


- For example, SHA1 uses a 160-bit encryption key, whereas MD5 uses a 128-bit encryption key; thus, SHA1 is more secure than MD5 and thus is a much harder hash to break.
- Another point to consider about hashing algorithms is whether or not there are practical or theoretical possibilities of collisions. Collisions are bad since two different words could produce the same hash. **SHA1, for example, has no practical or theoretical possibilities of collision. MD5 has the possibility of theoretical collisions, but no practical possibilities.** So choosing an algorithm comes down to the level of security you need.

This "information" was available on MSDN until Summer 2008



- collisions for MD5, SHA-0, SHA-1
  - 2 messages differ in a few bits in 1 to 3 512-bit input blocks
  - limited control over message bits in these blocks
  - but arbitrary choice of bits before and after them



- what is achievable for MD5?
  - 2 colliding executables
  - 2 colliding postscript/gif/... documents [Lucks-Daum'05]
  - 2 colliding RSA public keys – thus with colliding X.509 certificates [Lenstra-Wang-de Weger '04]
  - chosen prefix attack: different IDs, same certificate [Stevens+'07]
  - **2 arbitrary colliding files (no constraints) for 15K\$**



- **[Sotirov-Stevens-Appelbaum,-Lenstra-Molnar-Osvik-de Weger '08] MD5 considered harmful today**
  - fake CA certificate.
  - results in a rogue CA: its certificates are trusted by all common browsers
  - need to predict serial number + validity period
- 6 CAs have issued certificates signed with MD5 in 2008:
  - Rapid SSL, Free SSL (free trial certificates offered by RapidSSL), TC TrustCenter AG, RSA Data Security, Verisign.co.jp



- digital signatures: only an issue if for **non-repudiation**
- **none** for signatures computed before attacks were public (1 August 2004)
- ~~• **none** for certificates if public keys are generated at random in a controlled environment~~
- **substantial** for signatures after 1 August 2005 (cf. traffic tickets in Australia)

# And (2<sup>nd</sup>) preimages?



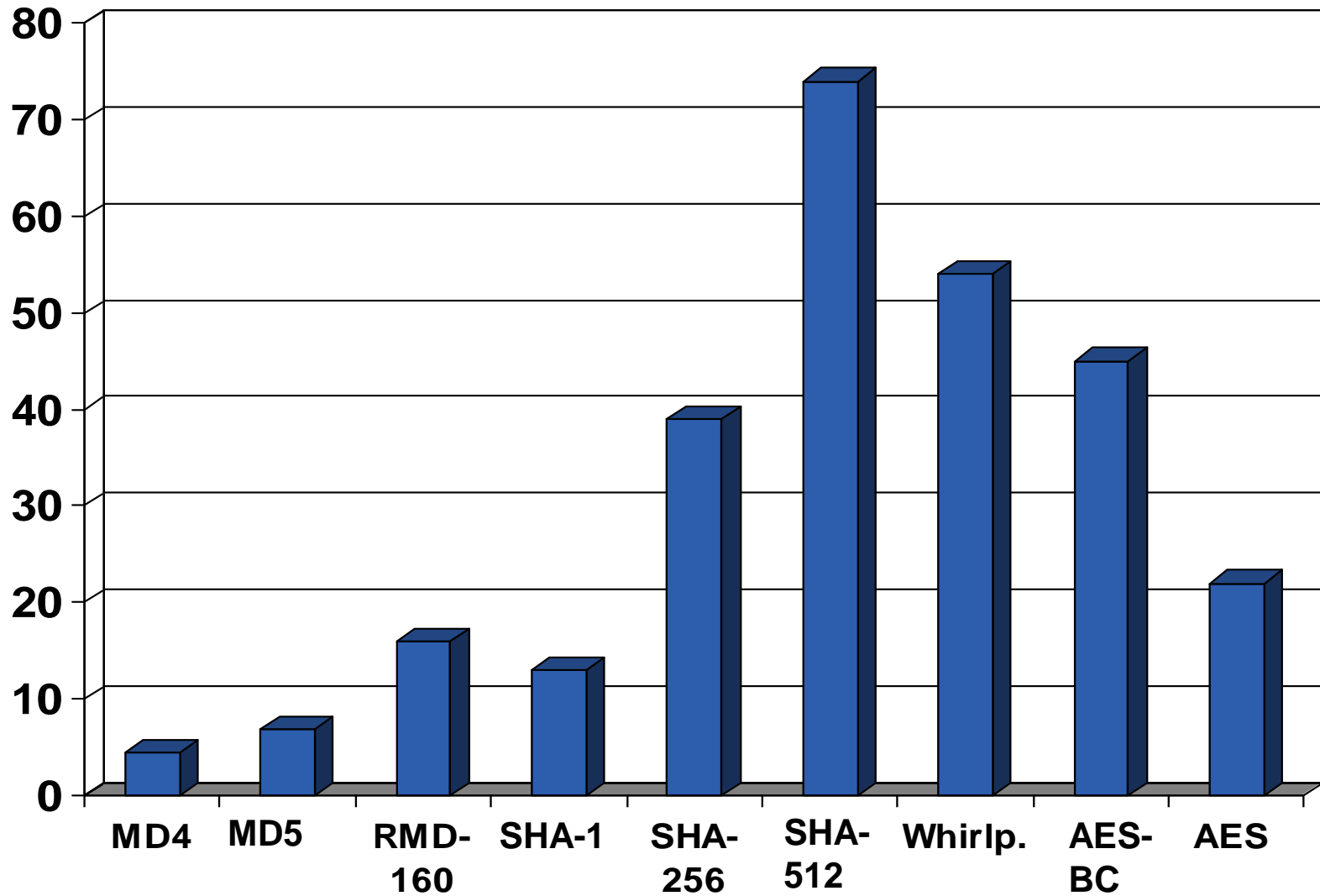
- security degrades with number of applications
- for large messages even with the number of blocks (cf. supra)
- specific results:
  - MD2:  $2^{73}$
  - MD4:  $2^{102}$  [Leurent'08]
  - MD5:  $2^{12x}$  [Asaki-Aoki'08]
  - SHA-1: 45 of 80 steps [De Cannière-Rechberger'08]





- RIPEMD-160 seems more secure than SHA-1 😊
- message precoding for SHA-1
- small patches to SHA-1
- use more recent standards (slower on 32-bit machines)
  - SHA-2 family: SHA-256, SHA-512
  - Whirlpool

# Performance of hash functions (cycles/byte) Pentium III



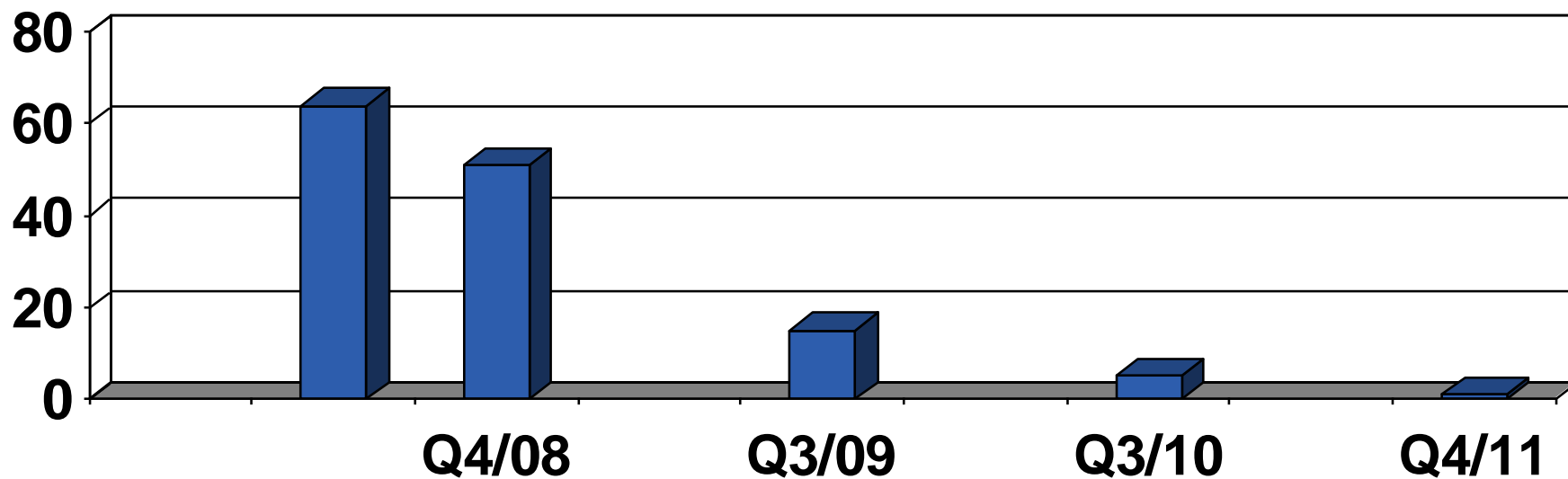


- definitions
- applications
- generic attacks
- attacks on iterated constructions
- attacks on custom designed hash functions: SHA-1
- **the NIST AHS competition (SHA-3)**
- conclusions

# NIST Advanced Hash Function competition (AHS)



- SHA-3 must support 224, 256, 384, and 512-bit message digests, and must support a maximum message length of at least  $2^{64}$  bits
- standard will be published in 2012



Call: 02/11/07

Deadline (64): 31/10/07

Phase 1 (51): 9/12/07

phase 1

phase 2

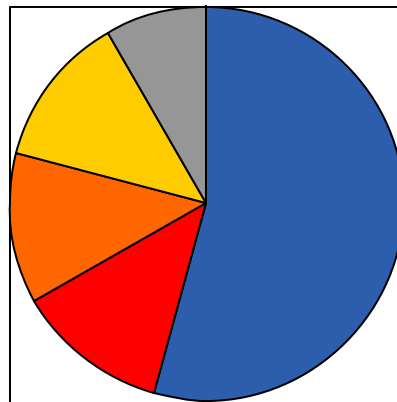
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# Accepted submission to AHS competition (1)



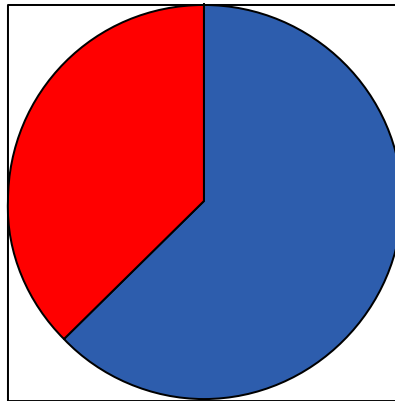
- at least 12 out of 51 have been broken
  - 10 designers have conceded so far
- 13 not accepted, but only 4 are public (all 4 have been broken)

Analysis of 24/51 (designs available publicly + unbroken after 1 month)





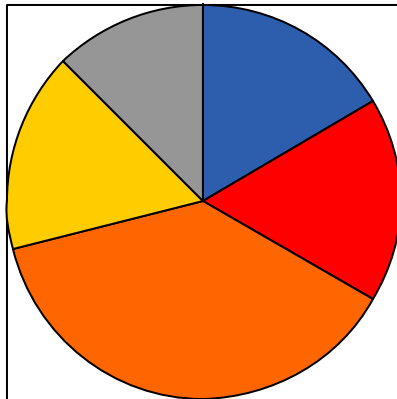
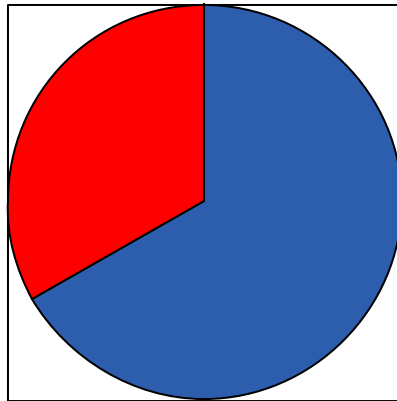
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- All wide pipe + sponge designs have an output transformation
- Four narrow designs do not have an output transformation
- Most narrow designs have a counter (2 do not)



Analysis of 24/51 (designs available publicly + unbroken after 1 month)



Reference platform is Intel Core Duo



# Selected designs (highly subjective)



- ARIRANG [KO] – J. Lim
- Blake [CH] – J.-P. Aumasson
- Cubehash [US] – D.J. Bernstein
- Echo [FR] – H. Gilbert
- Fugue [US] – C. Jutla
- Grøstl [DK/AT/PO] – L.R. Knudsen
- JH [Singapore] – H. Wu
- Keccak [BE/IT] – J. Daemen
- LANE [BE] – S. Indestege
- Lesamnta [JP] – H. Yoshida
- Luffa [JP] – D. Watanabe
- MD6 [USA] – R.L. Rivest
- SHAvite-3 [IL] – O. Dunkelman
- SIMD [FR] – G. Leurent
- SKEIN [USA] – B. Schneier



# Advertisement: LANE



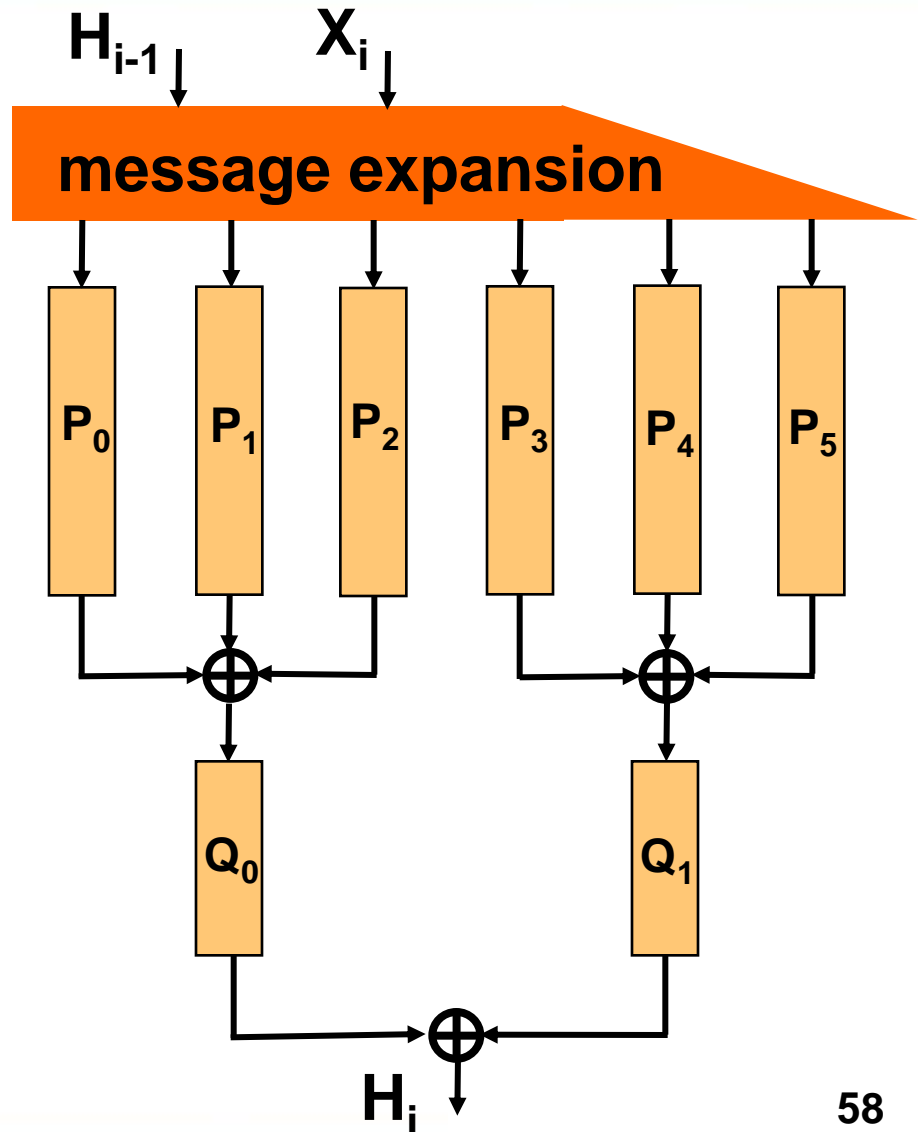
Designer: S. Indesteege (COSIC)

$H_i$  256 bit and  $X_i$  512 bit

Expanded linearly to 6 256-bit words

$P_i$  /  $Q_i$  consist of 6/3 AES parallel rounds

- AddRoundKey: add round constant and counter
- SwapColumn to mix two 128-bit halves





- Security
  - How to define an attack, e.g. pseudo-near collision, attacks with huge memory?
  - Importance of proofs
- Performance
  - Designs with tunable security/performance tradeoff: how important are the nominal parameters?
  - Do we care about a very large memory (500-700 bytes) which may be a problem for small devices?
  - Can we exploit 64 or 128 cores? Intel AES instruction?
- Note that the winner selected in 2012 will reflect the state of the art in October 2008



- hash functions such as SHA-1 would have needed 128-160 rounds instead of 80
- recent attacks are not dramatic for all applications, but they form a clear warning: upgrade asap
- limited understanding (theory and practice)
- use weaker security assumptions if possible (UOWHF?)
- research on new and more robust designs with extra features

# Hash functions: further reading



- NIST <http://csrc.nist.gov/groups/ST/hash/index.html>
  - first SHA-3 candidate conference: February 25-28, 2009, Leuven
  - workshop October 31-November 1, 2005 and August 24-25, 2006
- ECRYPT: <http://www.ecrypt.eu.org>
  - SHA-3 Zoo [http://ehash.iaik.tugraz.at/wiki/The\\_SHA-3\\_Zoo](http://ehash.iaik.tugraz.at/wiki/The_SHA-3_Zoo)
  - workshops in May 2007 and June 2005 + statement on hash functions
- The IACR eprint server <http://eprint.iacr.org>
- My 1993 PhD thesis <http://homes.esat.kuleuven.be/~preneel>
- Overview paper from 1998 (LNCS 1528)  
<http://www.cosic.esat.kuleuven.be/publications/article-246.pdf>

Thank you for your attention

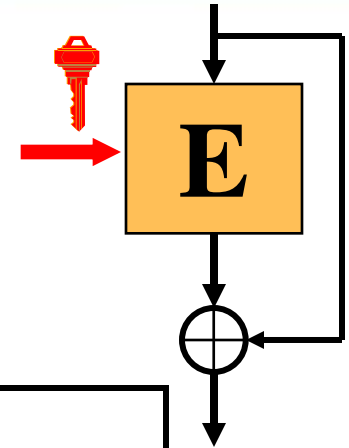


- number theoretic schemes
  - secure but very slow (1 multiplication per bit)
  - speedup by [Contini, Lenstra, Steinfeld'05] VSH
    - still 20 times slower than SHA-1
    - only collision resistance; some other weaknesses
  - topic for further research (lattices, matrices)

# Hash function: pseudorandom function (1)



- MDx are based on a block cipher with a feedforward: where to put the key?
- if keyed to the message input: related key boomerang distinguisher attacks apply [Kim+'06]



	Rounds of attack	Data complexity
Haval-4	96	$2^{11.6}$ RK-CP + $2^6$ RK-ACC
MD4	48	$2^6$ RK-CP + $2^6$ RK-ACC
MD5	64	$2^{13.6}$ RK-CP + $2^{11.6}$ RK-ACC
SHA-1	59 of 80	$2^{70.3}$ RK-CP + $2^{68.3}$ RK-ACC

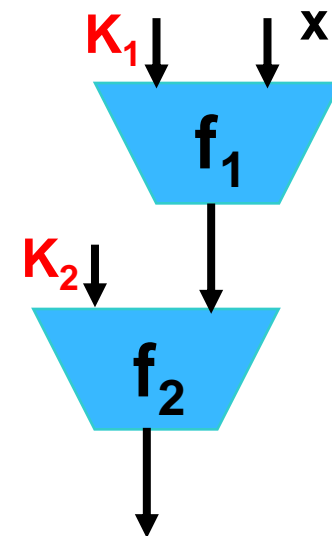
**many hash functions are based on  
pretty weak block ciphers**

# Hash function: pseudorandom function (2)



- HMAC keys through the IV (plaintext) [Kim+'06]
  - collisions for MD5 invalidate current security proof of HMAC-MD5
  - new attacks on reduced version of HMAC-MD5 and HMAC-SHA-1

	Rounds in f2	Rounds in f1	Data complexity
Haval-4	128	102 of 128	$2^{254}$ CP
MD4	48	48	$2^{72}$ CP + $2^{77}$ time
MD5	64	33 of 64	$2^{126.1}$ CP
MD5	64	64	$2^{51}$ CP & $2^{100}$ time (RK)
SHA	80	80	$2^{109}$ CP
SHA-1	80	53 of 80	$2^{98.5}$ CP



no problem yet for most widely used schemes

# Hash function: pseudorandom function (3)



- Some applications still use HMAC-MD4!
- NMAC weaker than HMAC
- One application that is vulnerable: APOP (password divided over two blocks)