

# Most Recent Results on SHA-1

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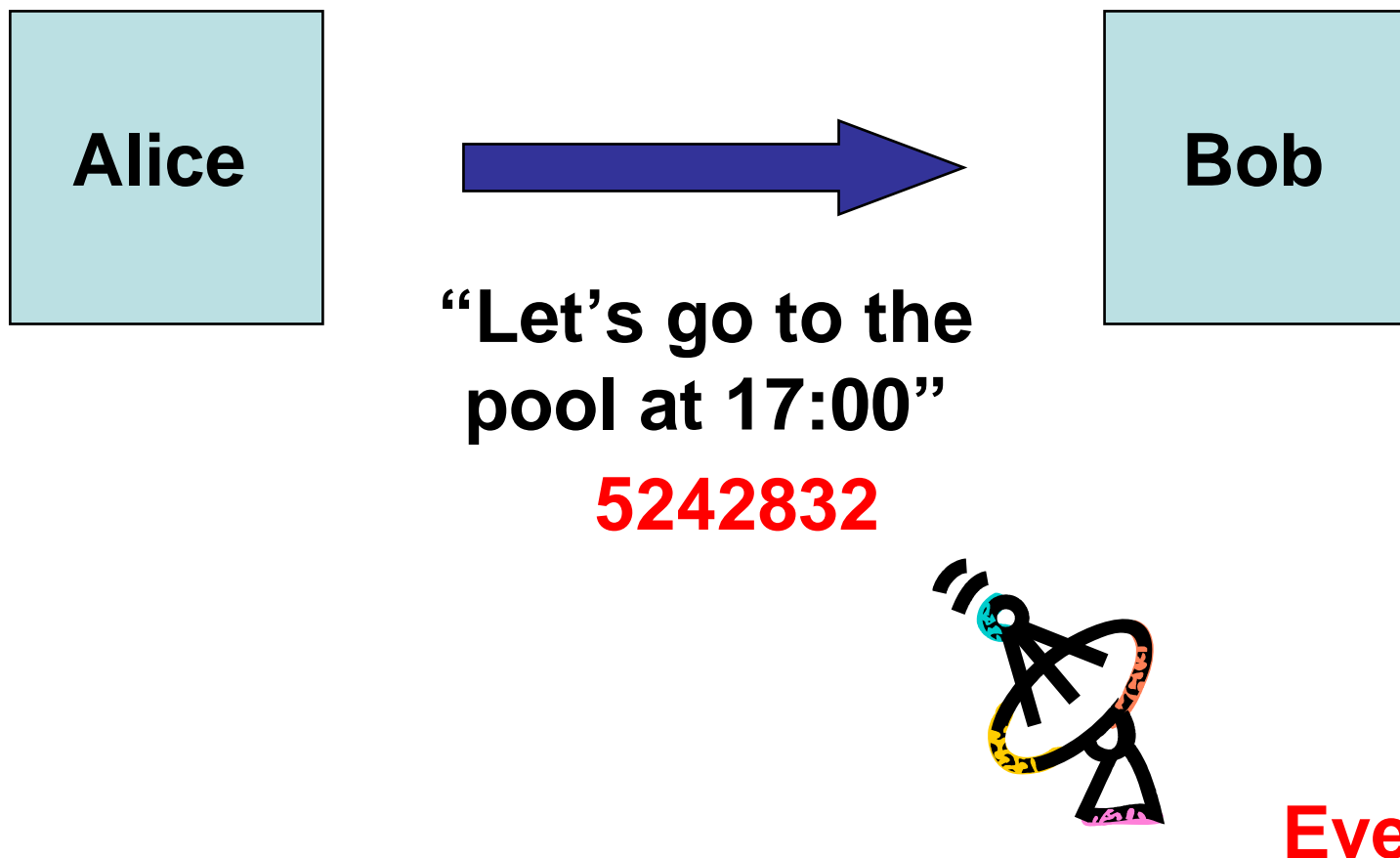
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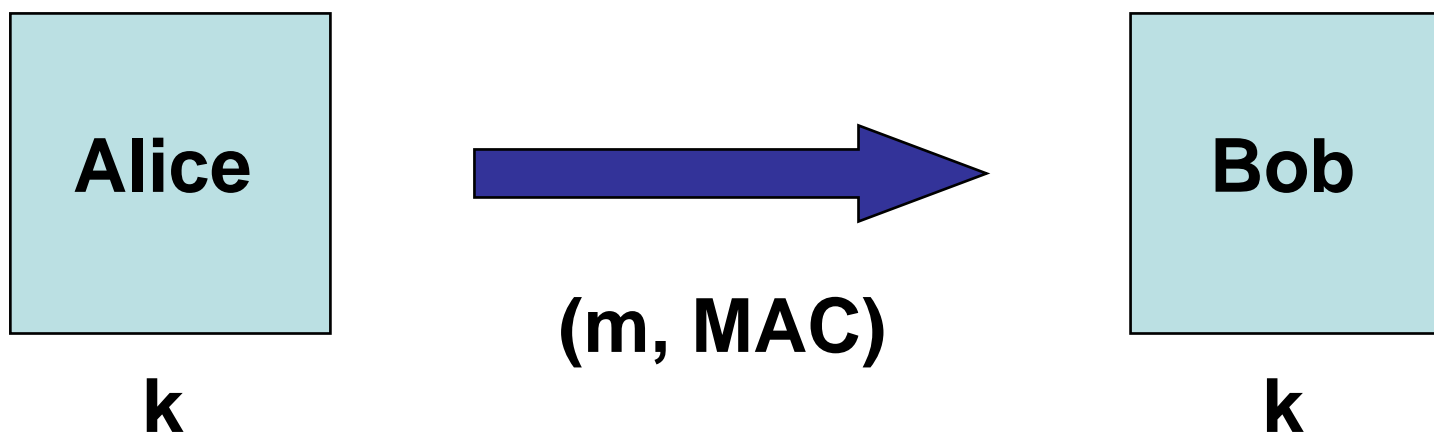
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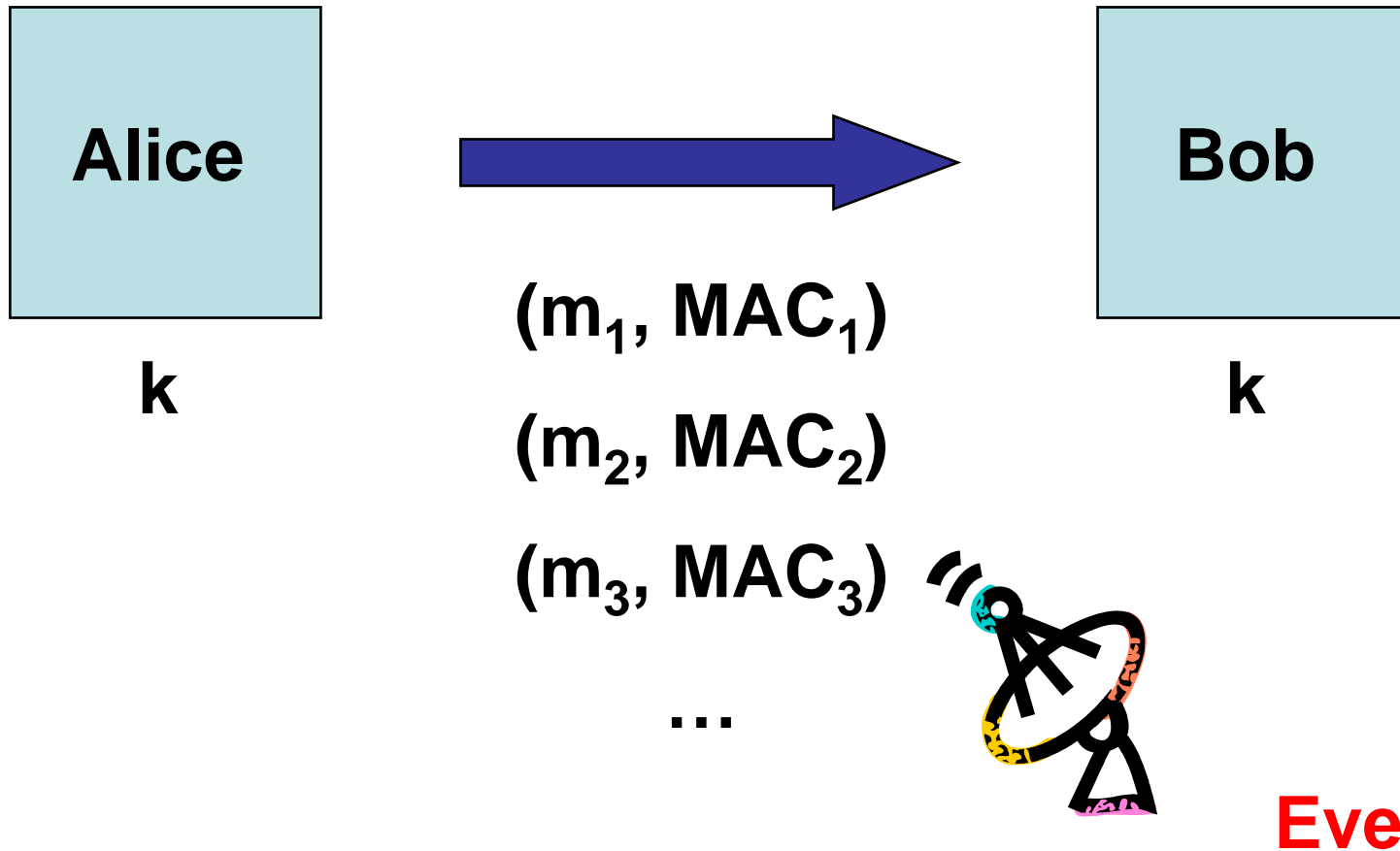


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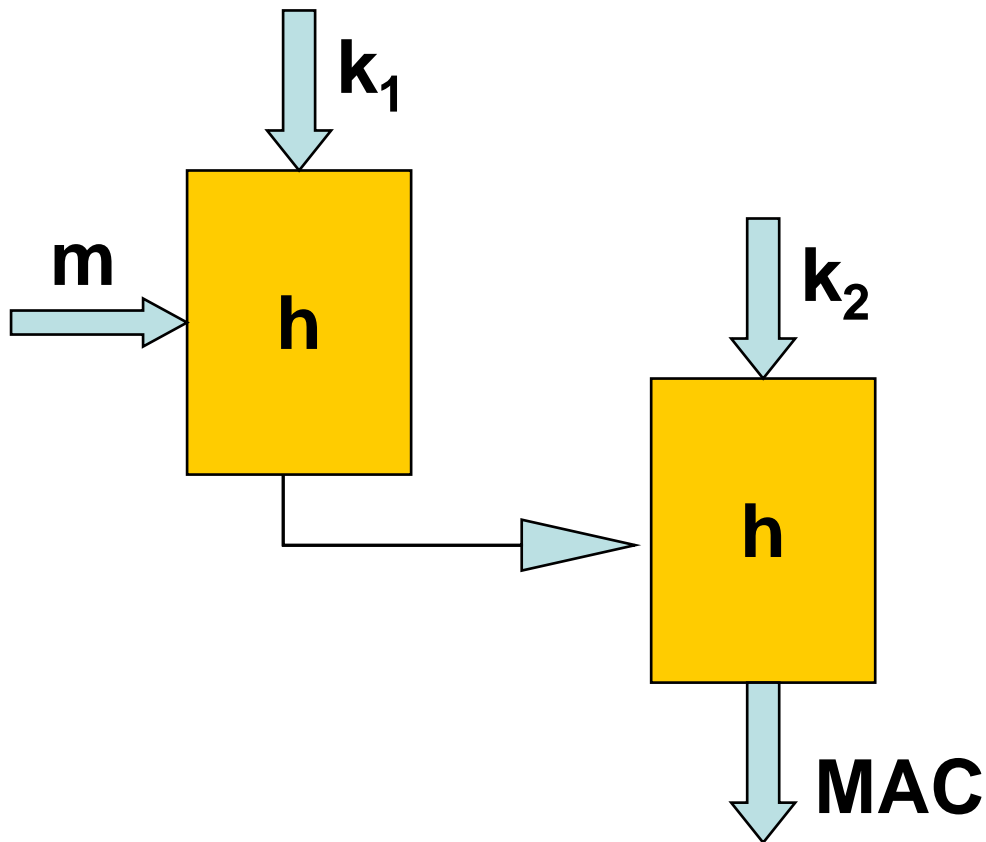
## MAC $\leftrightarrow$ Hash

- Message Authentication Codes (MACs) based on hash functions started to be popular in the mid 90s
- HMAC is the most common example
  - employs hash functions like MD5 or SHA-1
  - standardized by ANSI, ETSI, FIPS, IETF, ISO,...
  - used in many products (SSH, SSL)

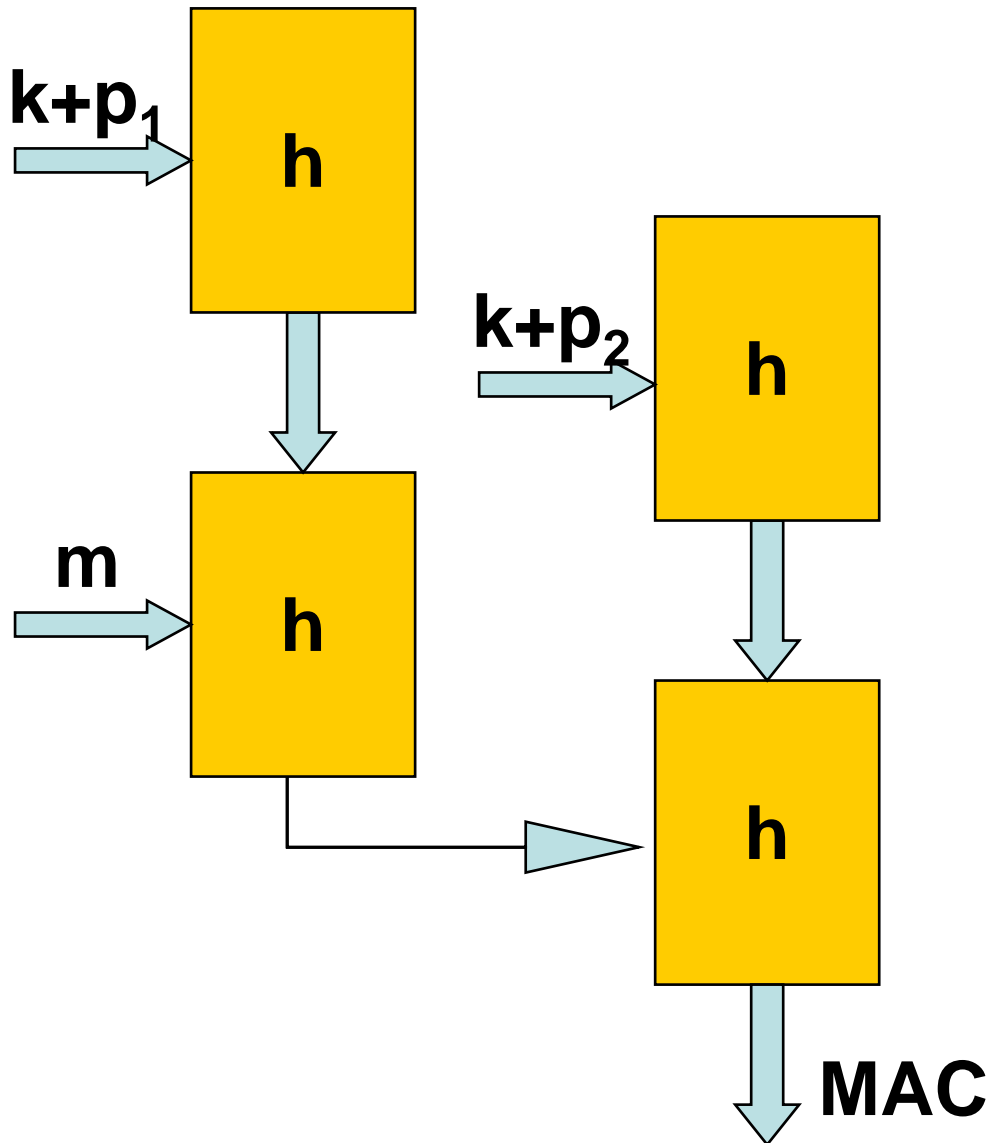




# NMAC



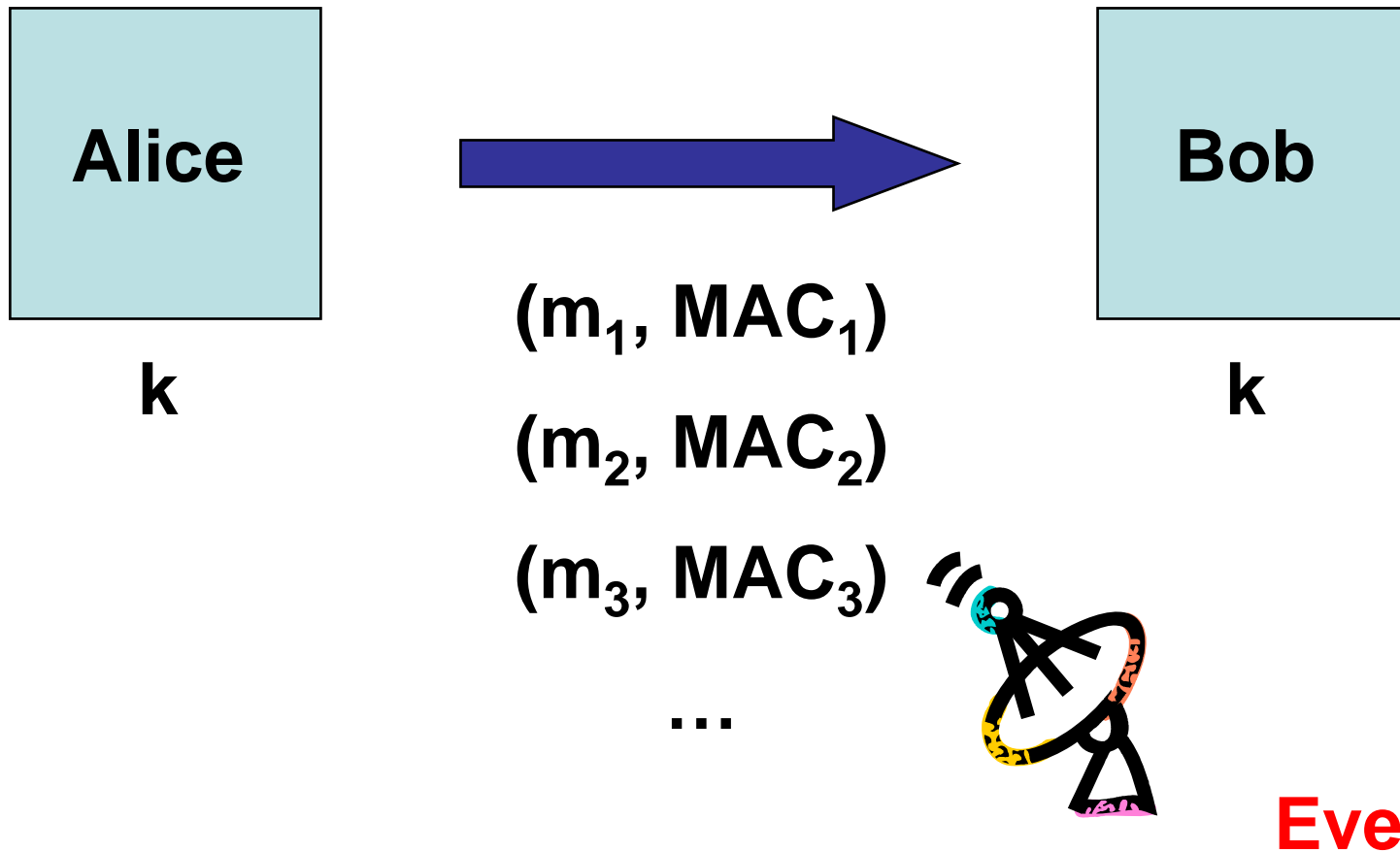
## HMAC



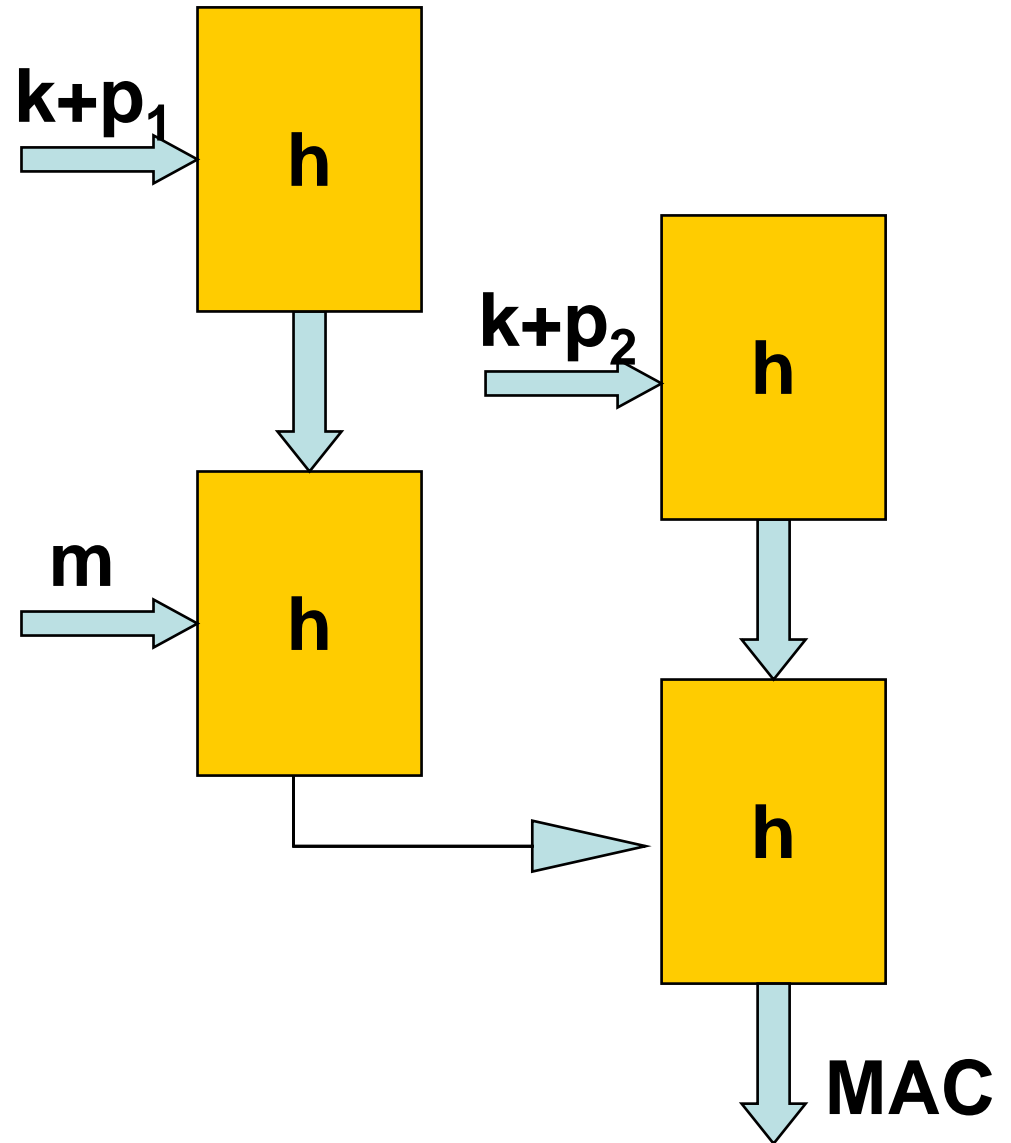
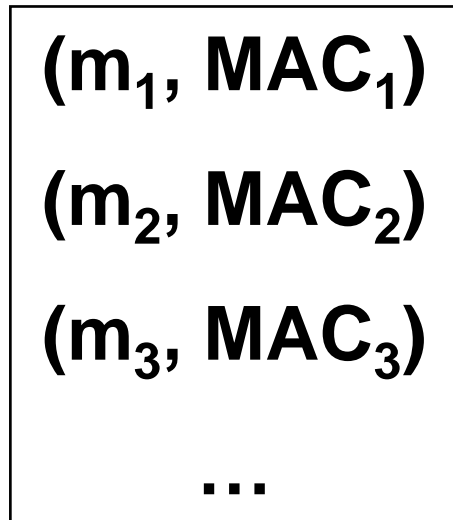
Proven secure assuming:

- ~~•  $h$  is collision resistant~~
- $h$  has some pseudorandom properties

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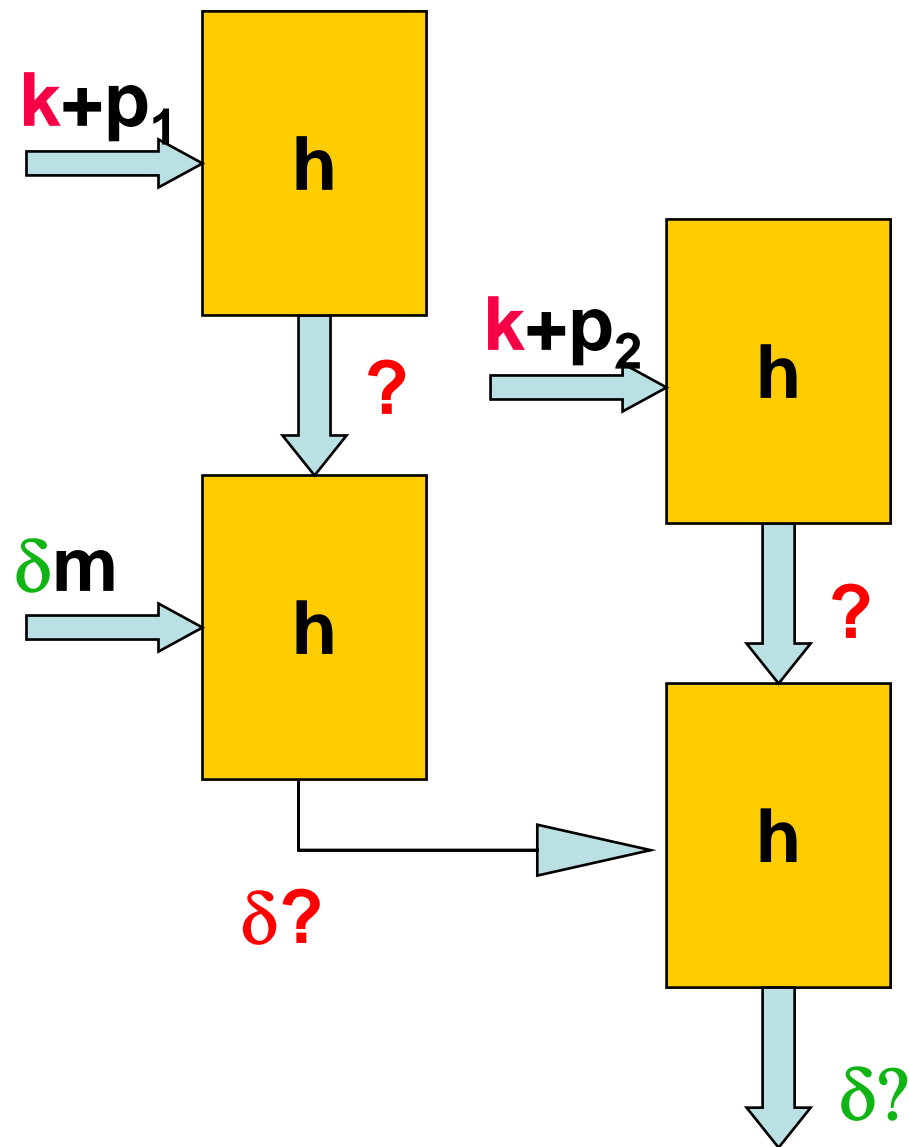


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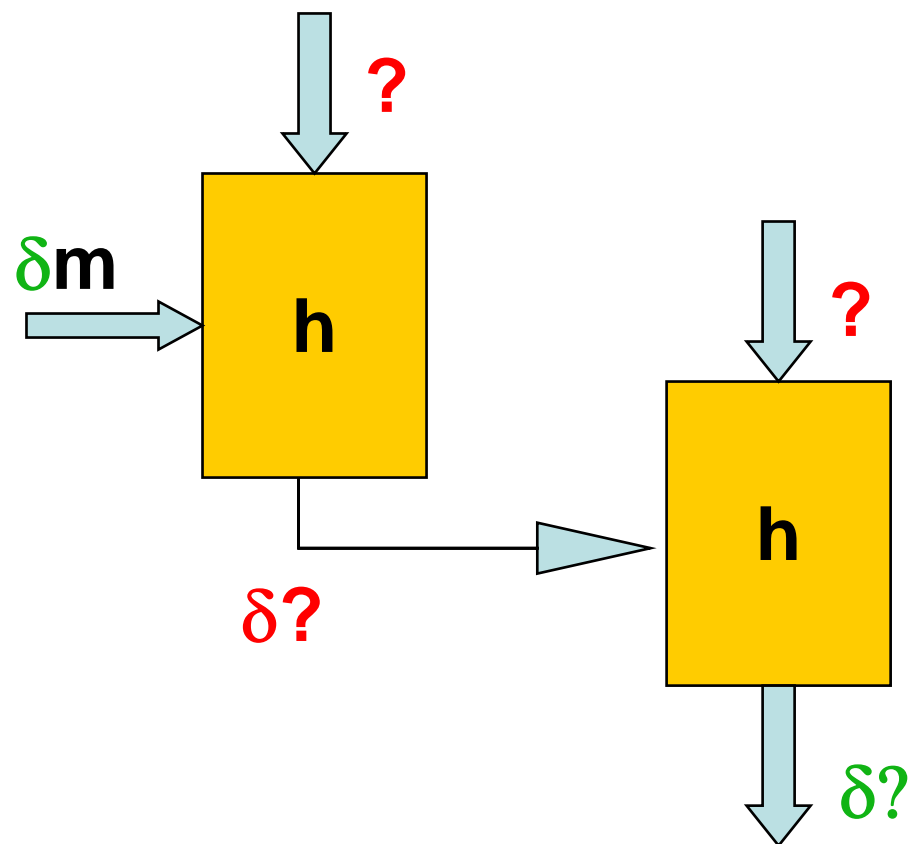
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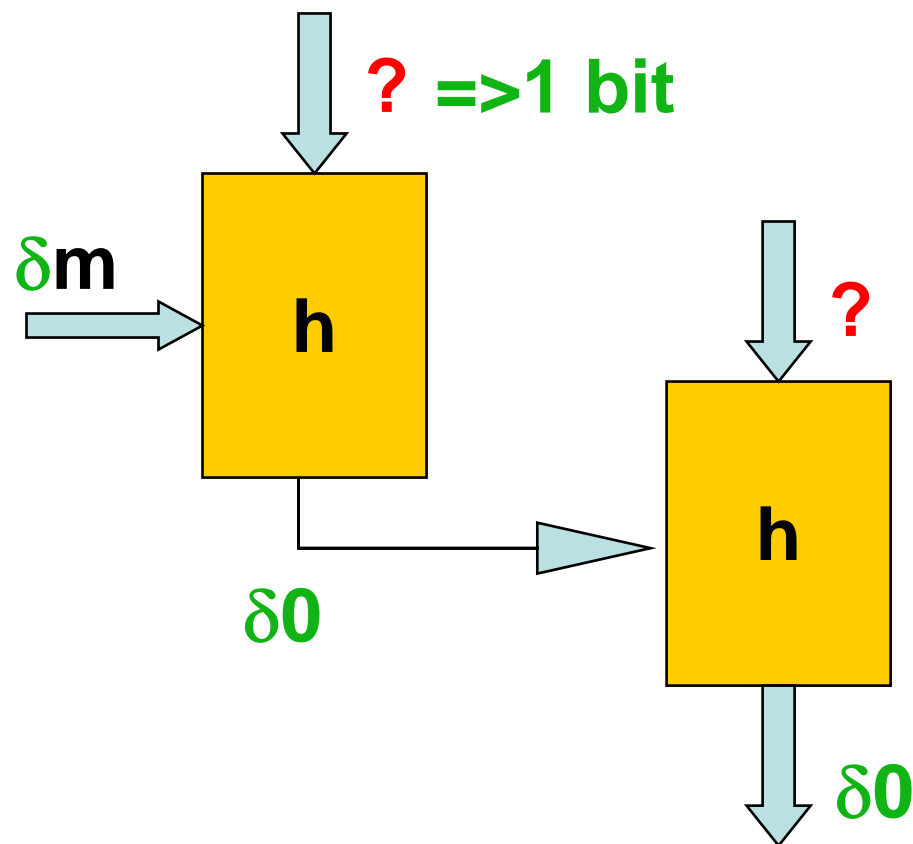
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After a number of trials...

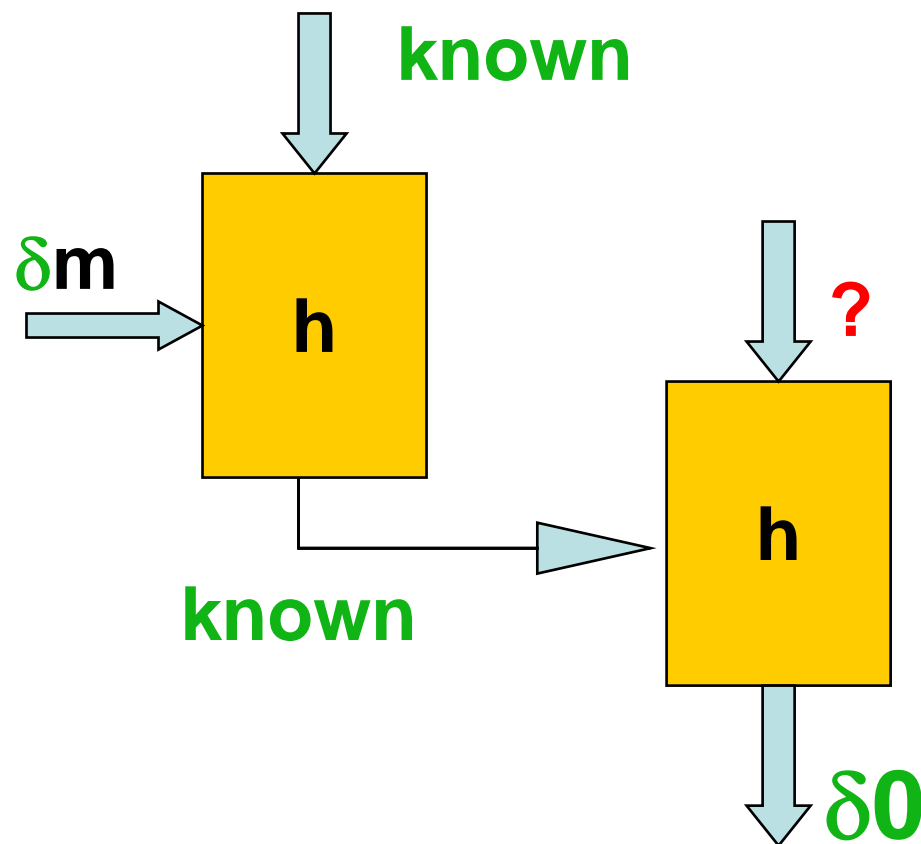
→ 1 bit of key information recovered



# Attack

Known

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Inner key recovered...

Outer key?

## Results on NMAC/HMAC

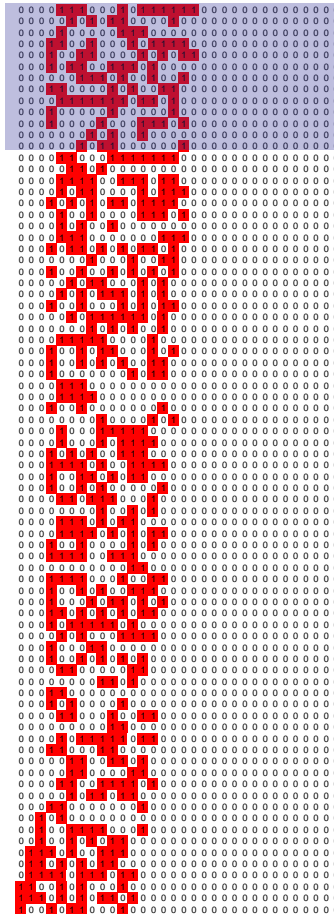
- Attacks exploit non-random properties
- Compared to unkeyed hash: less severe
- Applies to NMAC/HMAC with hash functions like MD4, MD5 and reduced SHA-1
- Theoretical attacks for up to 61 steps of NMAC-SHA-1
- Some security margin left
- To be presented at Financial Cryptography 2007 (joint work with Vincent Rijmen)

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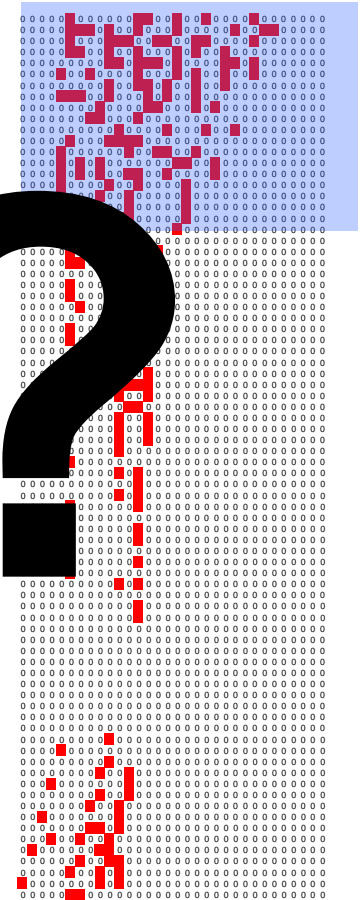
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# Open Problem

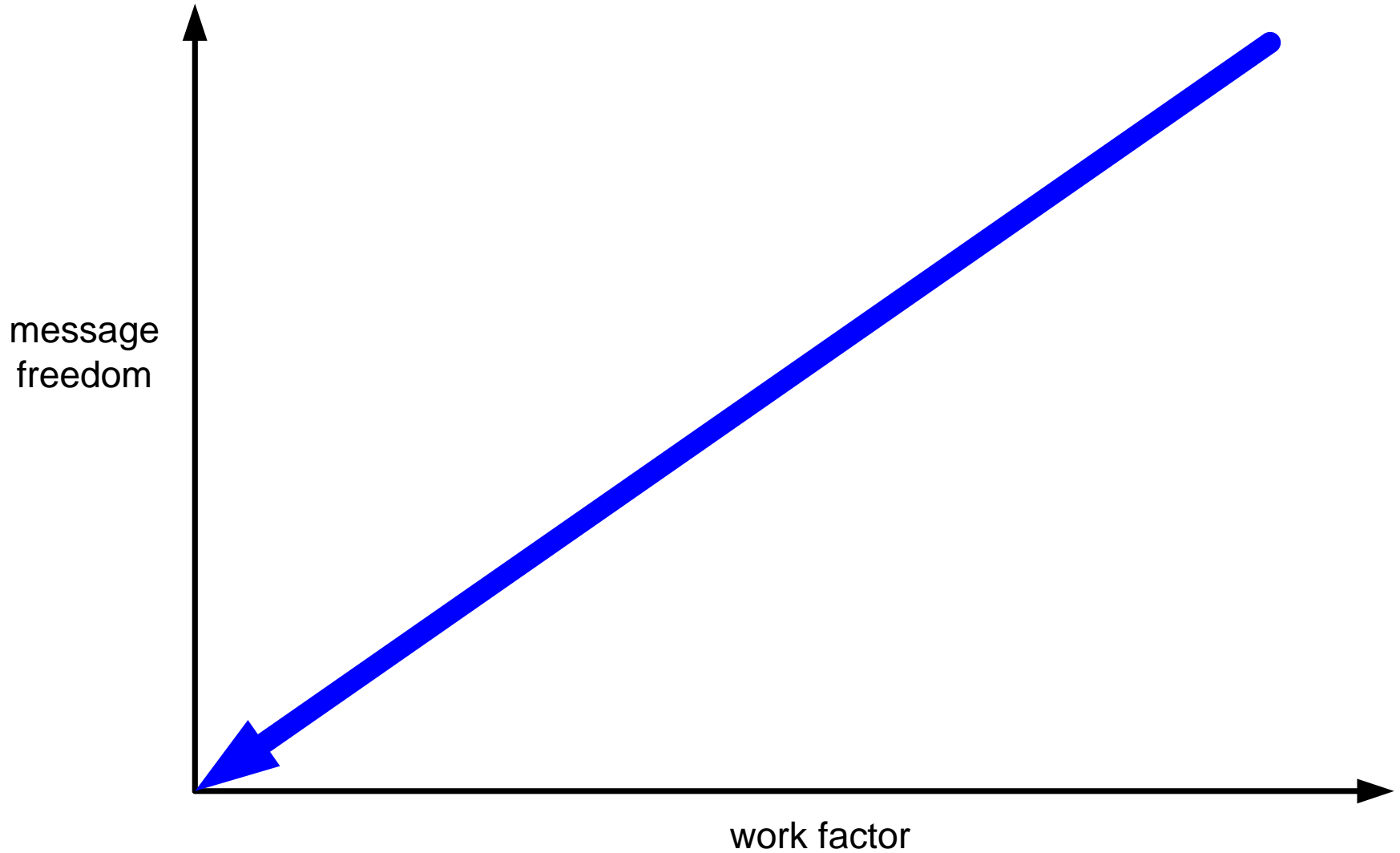
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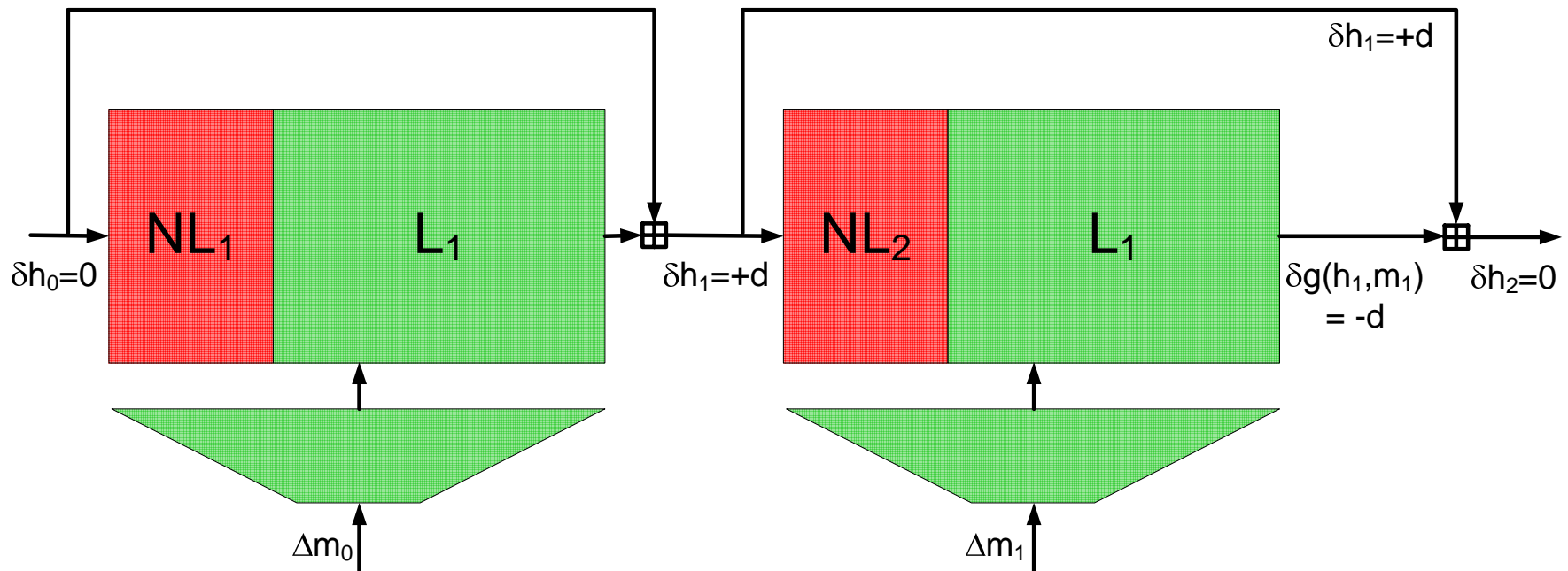


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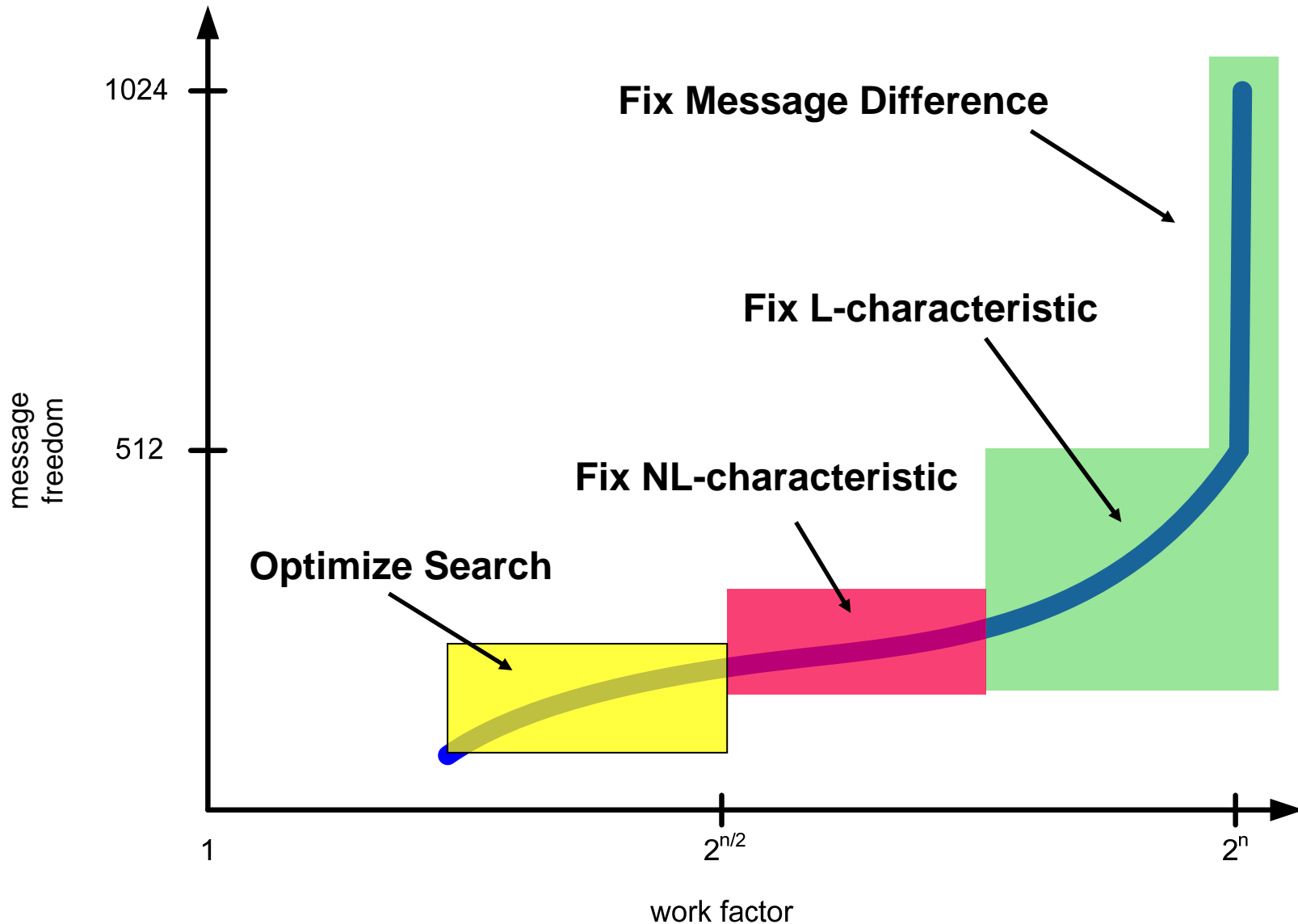
# Finding Collisions as a Continuing Optimization Process





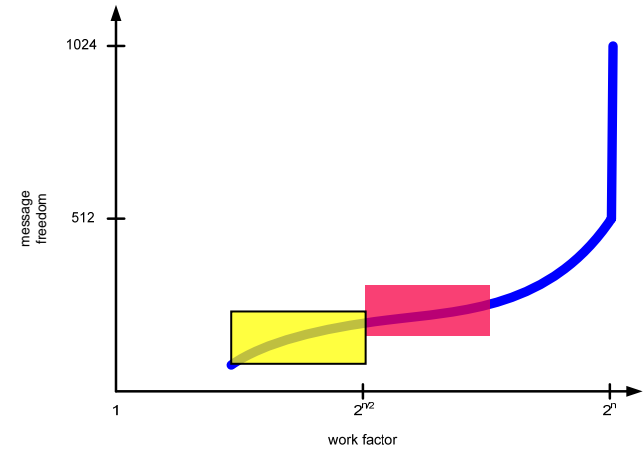
- Two key techniques of Wang et al.:
  - Manually find suitable complex characteristic  $NL_1$  and  $NL_2$
  - Advanced message modification to improve work factor
- Methods are rather ad hoc (manual)
- Optimization?

# New View – Roughly Illustrated



# Principles

## Generalized conditions



$x_i$	$x_i^*$
0	0
0	1
1	0
1	1

Type	Possibilities
XOR	2
Signed-bit	4-6
<b>Generalized:</b>	<b>16</b>

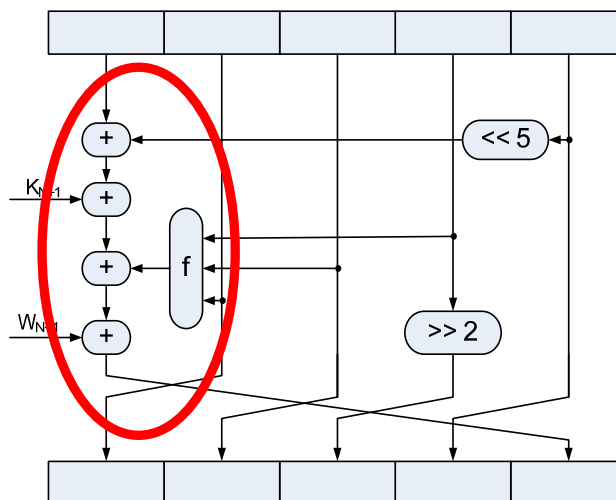
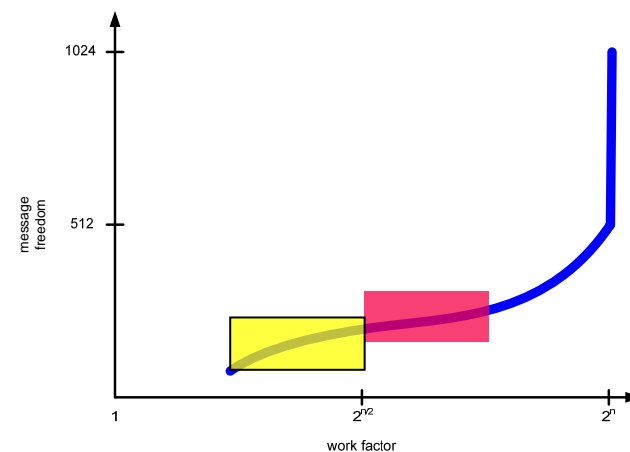


# Generalized Conditions - Notation

$(x_i, x_i^*)$	$(0, 0)$	$(1, 0)$	$(0, 1)$	$(1, 1)$
?	✓	✓	✓	✓
-	✓	-	-	✓
x	-	✓	✓	-
0	✓	-	-	-
u	-	✓	-	-
n	-	-	✓	-
1	-	-	-	✓
#	-	-	-	-

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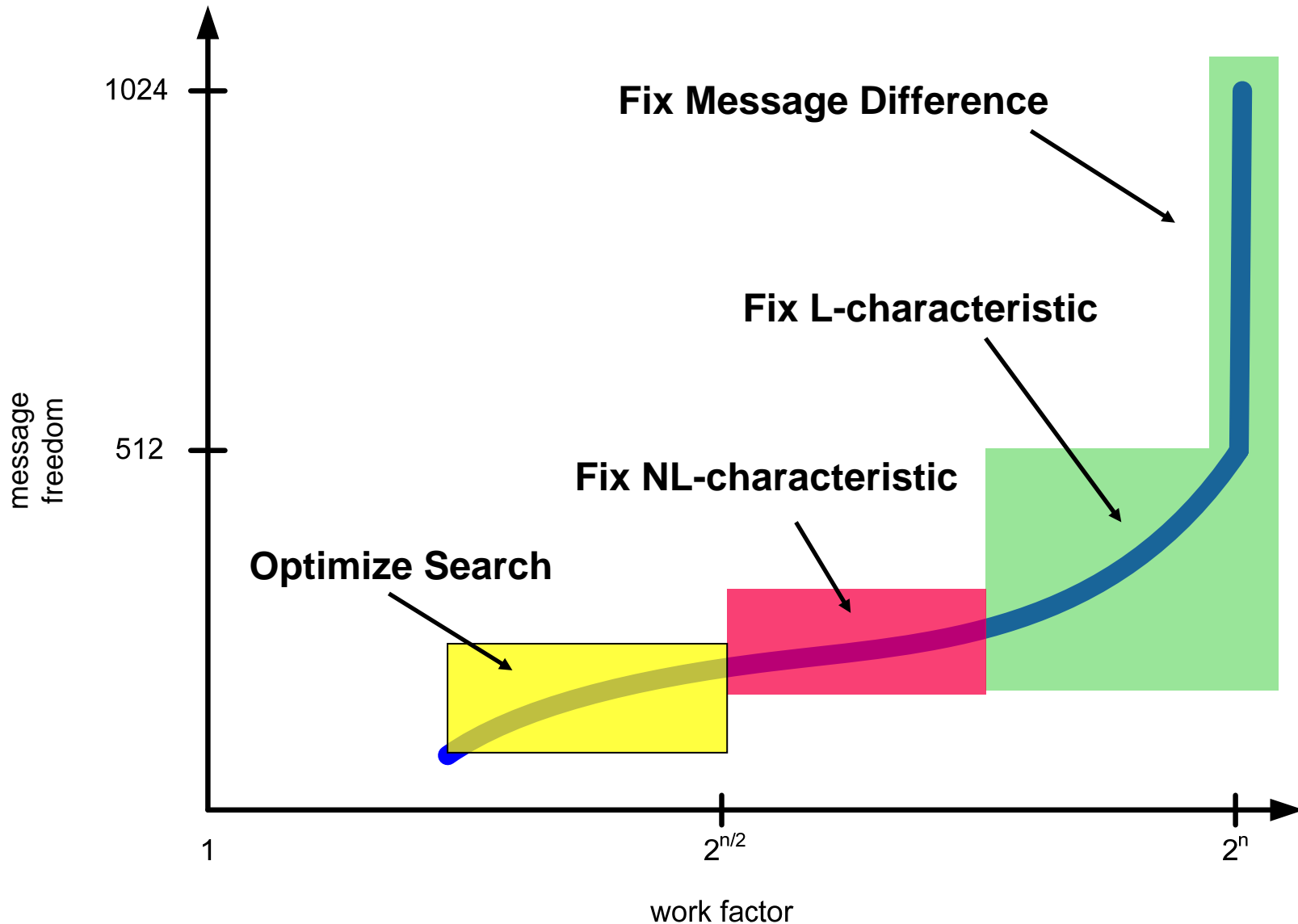
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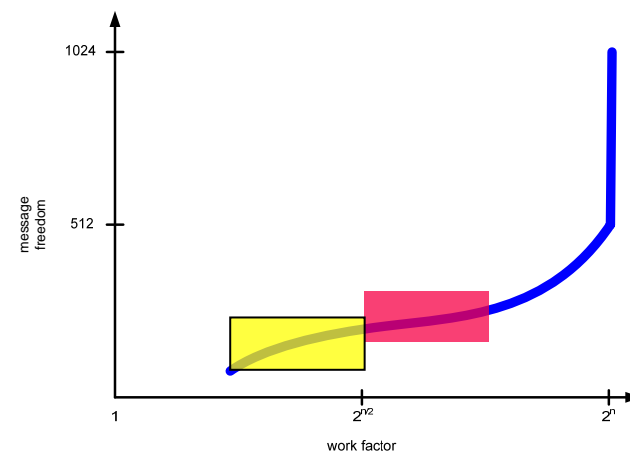
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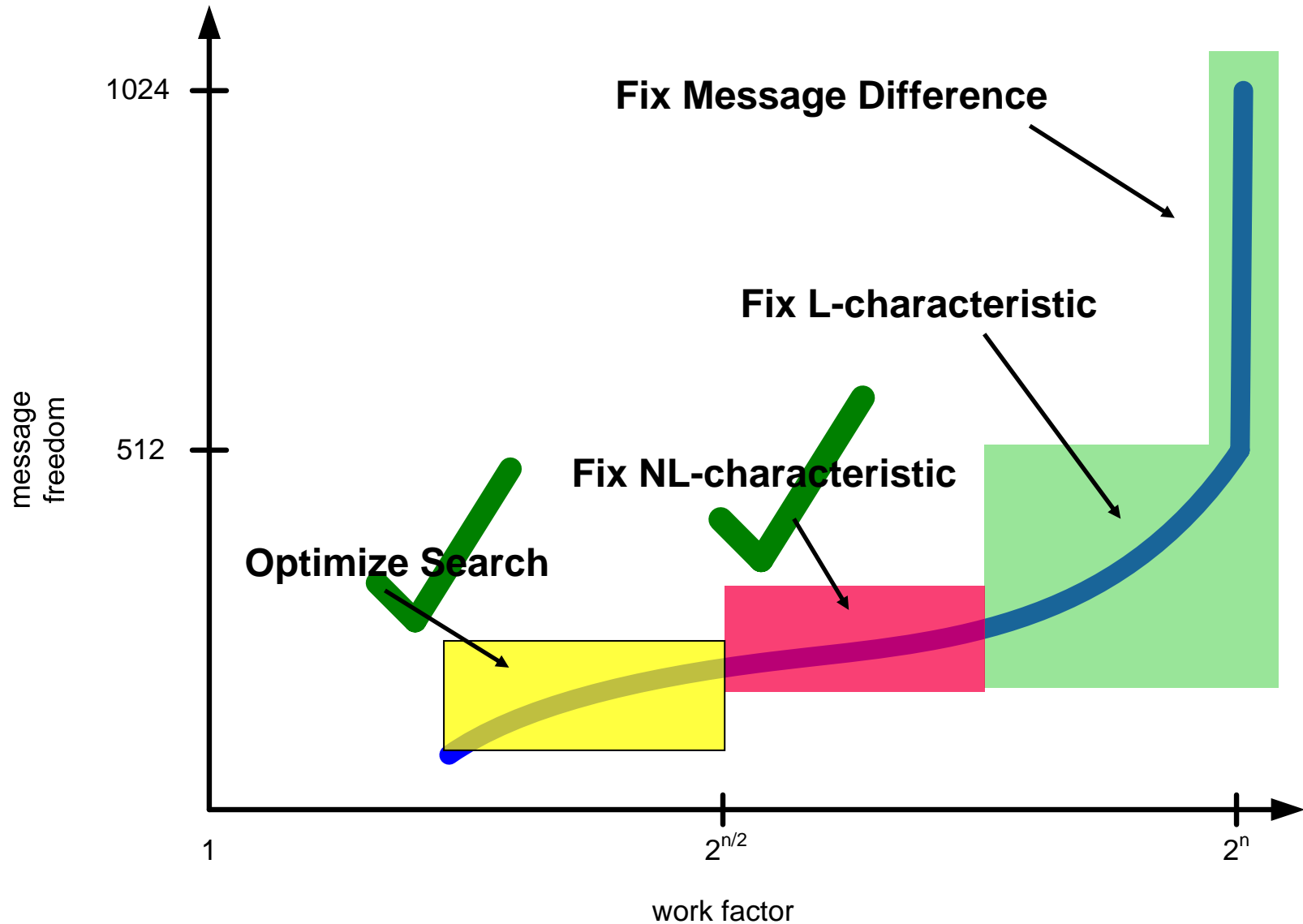


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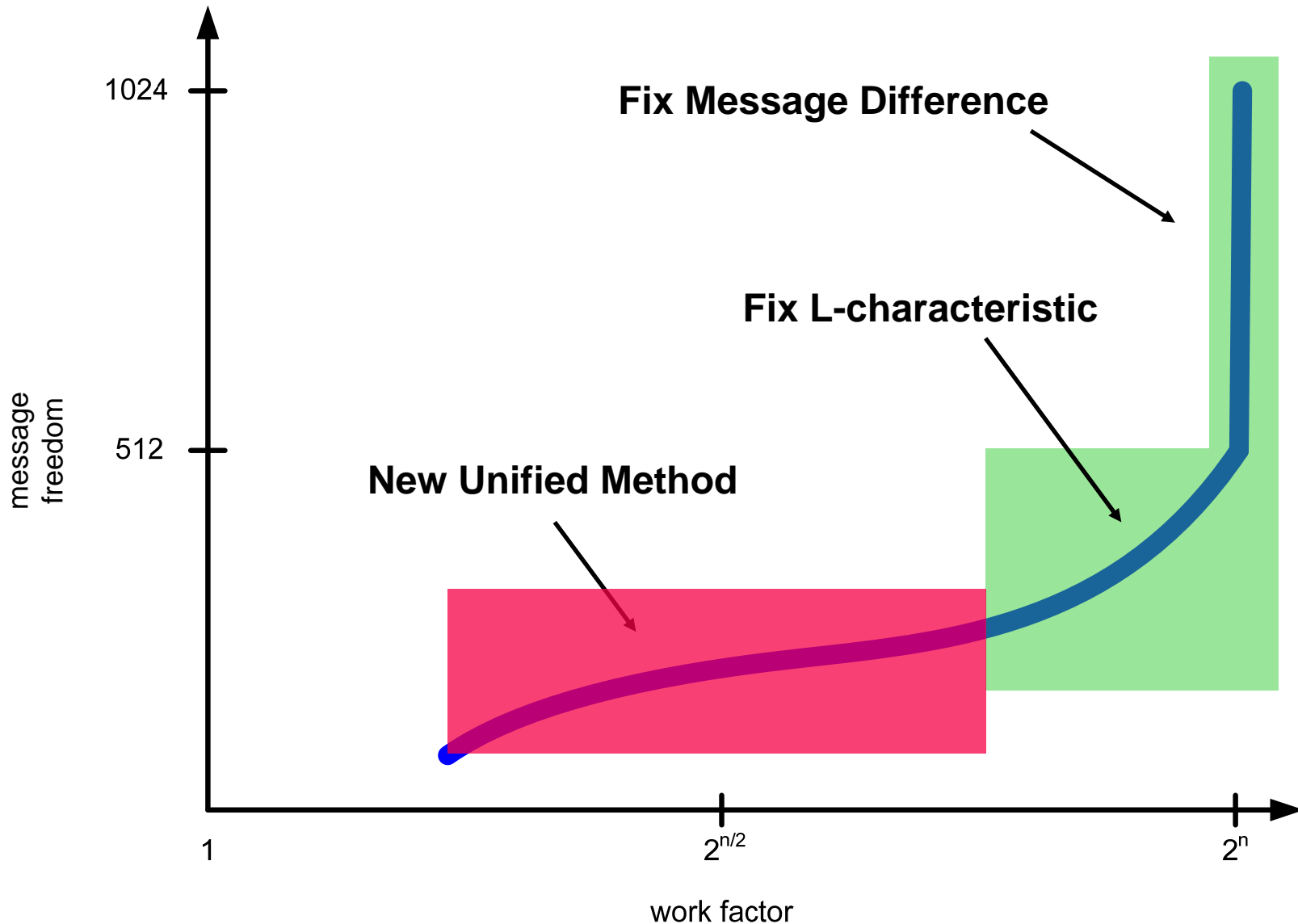
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- Continuously add more conditions to improve work factor



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# Example: 64-step SHA-1 collision

<i>i</i>	Message 1, first block			
1-4	63DAEFDD	30A0D167	52EDCDA4	90012F5F
5-8	0DB4DFB5	E5A3F9AB	AE66EE56	12A5663F
9-12	D0320F85	8505C67C	756336DA	DFFF4DB9
13-16	596D6A95	0855F129	429A41B3	ED5AE1CD

<i>i</i>	Message 1, second block			
1-4	3B2AB4E1	AAD112EF	669C9BAE	5DEA4D14
5-8	1DBE220E	AB46A5E0	96E2D937	F3E58B63
9-12	BE594F1C	BD63F044	50C42AA5	8B793546
13-16	A9B24128	816FD53A	D1B663DC	B615DD01

<i>i</i>	Message 2, first block			
1-4	63DAEFDE	70A0D135	12EDCDE4	70012F0D
5-8	ADB4DFB5	65A3F9EB	8E66EE57	32A5665F
9-12	50320F84	C505C63E	B5633699	9FFF4D9B
13-16	596D6A96	4855F16B	829A41F0	2D5AE1EF

<i>i</i>	Message 2, second block			
1-4	3B2AB4E2	EAD112BD	269C9BEE	BDEA4D46
5-8	BDBE220E	2B46A5A0	B6E2D936	D3E58B03
9-12	3E594F1D	FD63F006	90C42AE6	CB793564
13-16	A9B2412B	C16FD578	11B6639F	7615DD23

<i>i</i>	XOR-difference for both blocks			
1-4	00000003	40000052	40000040	E0000052
5-8	A0000000	80000040	20000001	20000060
9-12	80000001	40000042	C0000043	40000022
13-16	00000003	40000042	C0000043	C0000022

<i>i</i>	The colliding hash values			
1-4	A750337B	55FFFDDB	C08DB36C	0C6CFD97
5	A12EFFE0			

- 64-step 2-block colliding pair of messages
- Work factor (both blocks) was less than  $2^{35}$  SHA-1 computations (1st block much faster)
- Underlying method recently presented at NIST Hash Workshop and Asiacrypt 2006 (joint work with Christophe De Cannière)



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# Motivation

- Setting: Collisions for a hash function can be constructed
- Cryptanalyst perspective: Some more interesting things to find out w.r.t. collision resistance?
  - Constructing collisions **faster**
  - Finding and exploiting degrees of freedom to construct (partially) **meaningful** collisions

Practically relevant if hash function is widely deployed

# Color Code

 Under control, attacker can freely choose → **meaningful**

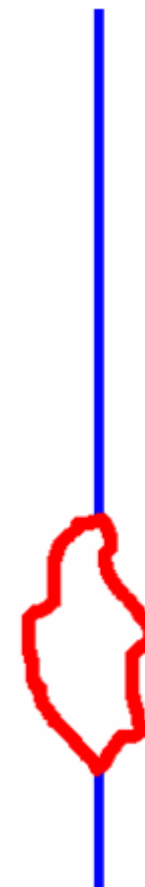
 Not under direct control, determined by the collision search algorithm → **not meaningful**

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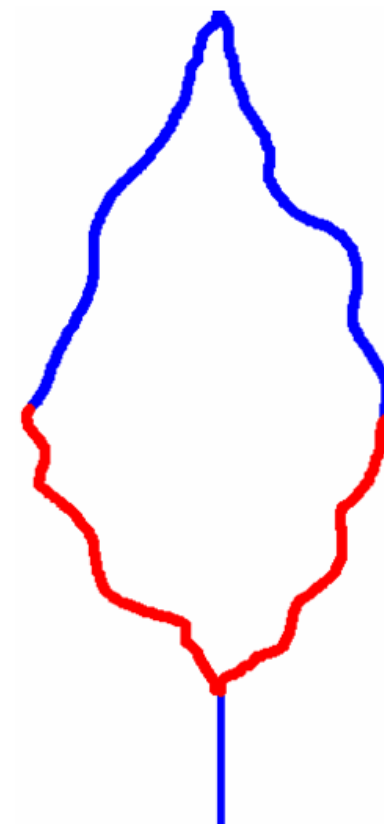
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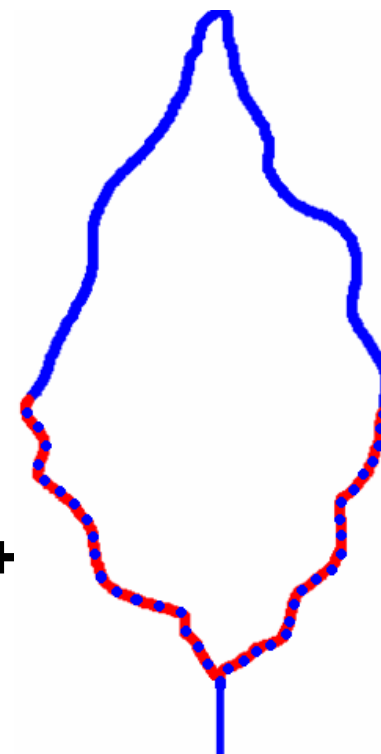
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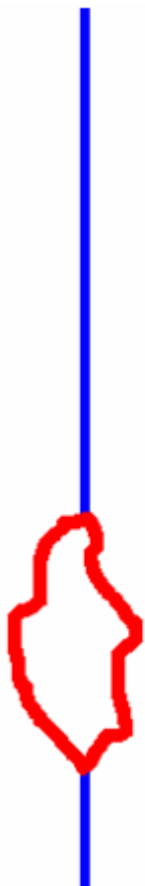


“easier”

“harder”

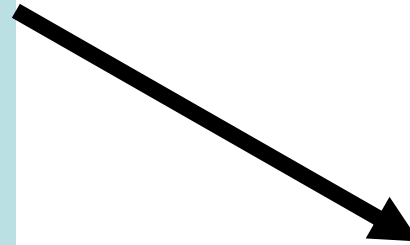
# I. One Commonly Chosen Prefix

- Small number of colliding blocks
- Enough for colliding meaningful postscript files, etc... (see tomorrow)



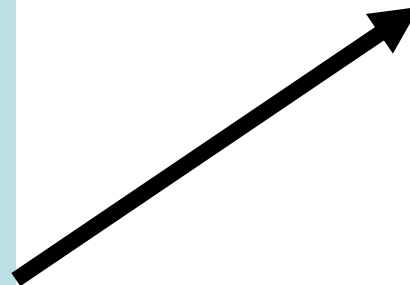
# Example: Collision for 64-step SHA-1

**Same Stuff**  
**[random not meaningful garbage]**



**Same Hash**

**Same Stuff**  
**[different random not meaningful Garbage]**



## II. One Commonly Chosen Prefix + Partial Control over Colliding Blocks



- Small number of colliding blocks
- Application in areas where format restrictions apply

# Example: Collision for 64-step SHA-1

**I hereby solemnly promise to finish my PhD thesis by the end of 2005**

**[Garbage]**

**I hereby solemnly promise to finish my PhD thesis by the end of 2006'**

**[different Garbage]**

**Same Hash**

# Details (shown at Rump Session of Crypto 2006)

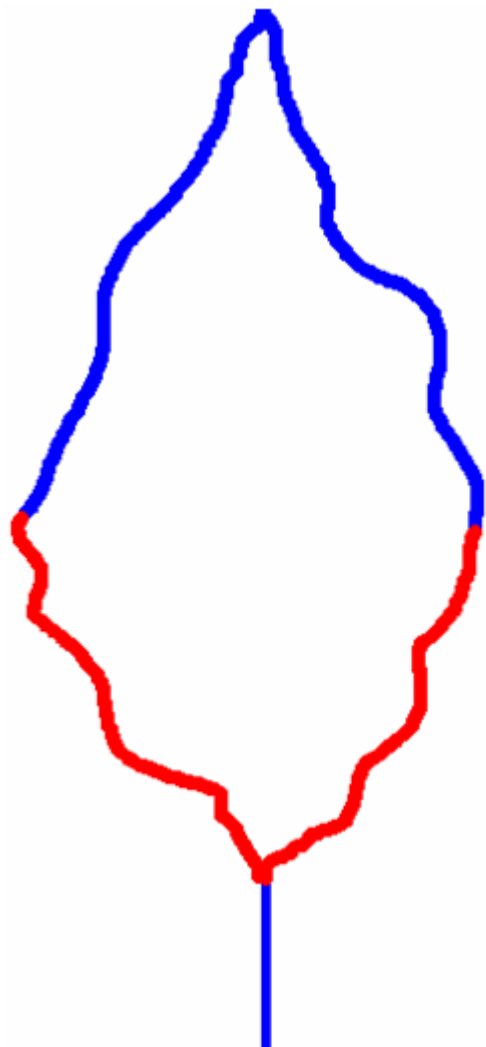
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7f39	7c77	ddd	f4	07ca	4a69	0673	6850	.9 w..E.R.....	
a15f	dc78	9f4d	8621	5d1d	41f3	c2a7	3c6a	._.x.M.!].A...<j	
c2b5	d3a1	1ebb	7dee	ffc2	7fb5	5c31	535c	.....}.....\1S\	
8fb1	3dce	c26a	4b89	0e82	d260	8ce7	31fb	..=.jK....`.1.	
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## 2nd (colliding) message:

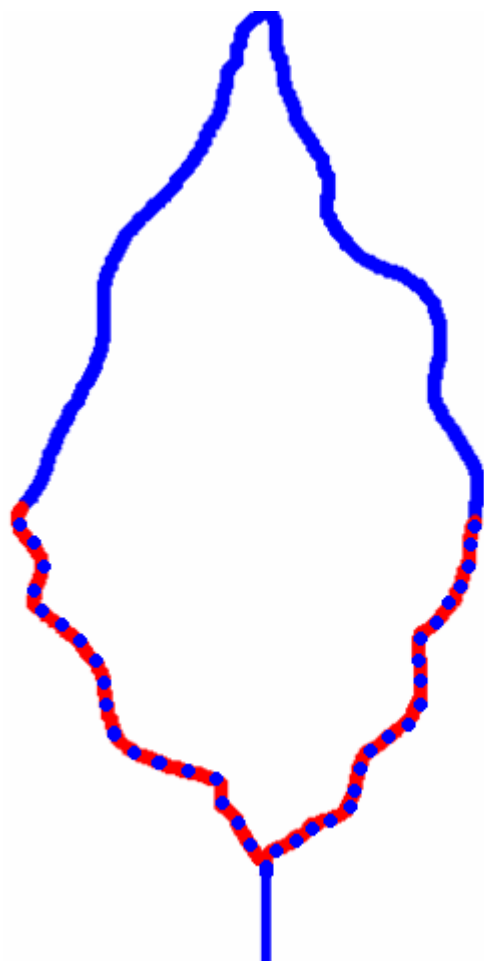
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c2b5	d3a2	5ebb	7dbc	bfc2	7ff5	bc31	530e	.....^}.....1S.	
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c1a4	8abd	dad3	c19d	36d5	508a	abd9	570f	.....6.P...W.	

### III. Two Arbitrary Different Chosen Prefixes



- Using feed-forward operation, iteratively cancel out chaining differences with selected near-collision paths
- Usually much more than two message blocks needed
- Speedup: birthday phase before
- Example: see tomorrow

## IV. Two Arbitrary Different Chosen Prefixes + Partial Control over Colliding Blocks



- Using feed-forward operation, iteratively cancel out chaining differences with selected near-collision paths
- Combination of methods



# Example Characteristic for type IV

$i$	$\nabla A_i$	$\nabla W_i$	$F_W$	$P_u(i)$	$P_c(i)$
-4:	0000uuu1nu001n1u100nn111u1nn00u1				
-3:	01000n0n110nunnun1nu00n1u1n1un00				
-2:	0uu0nn10uu1nunu10111n01uu1u11n1n				
-1:	1u1n1111110n11n110101n1u1n001001				
0:	01u0nu1unu0n01010n10001un0n0n00u	n0n0000000000000000000000000000nn	0	0.00	0.00
1:	u001uuu1u011n1nn1001un0nu0u10n1u	10n01000100011000000110110un0011	0	0.00	0.00
2:	uuu0nu0uuu0nu1uuu11u0001n0u0001u	0uu11111010100-----0	17	-14.00	0.00
3:	101nn110n1un00nn1uu-0un1uu0-10-1	nnn11010101011-10-----1--u1n1u1	9	-8.00	0.00
4:	1011u01u00n11111n000u0-n0100011n	00u00101100110-----100--n1001un	8	-7.00	0.00
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6:	0nn01n0nn0-1uu--01n1-11u0--u0n0n	xu-n0-11-----0-00-0-----x-u--uu	20	-14.61	-0.19
7:	n0-nu-0110n0--1101-0u10-00-011nu	xu1u010-----1-----1---x---u0	22	-19.00	-0.68
8:	00n10001n0u10u101--u0n01u1n--0u1	-1n0-----0----1-----1-0----	25	-13.00	0.00
9:	-11111n---100n-10----0n0u0001---	-nn-----0-----uu--u-	26	-17.00	-2.00
10:	0--n1-1-0-010n-0--u--1-01u1n0---	-nu-----1-----n---uu	27	-15.00	-1.00
11:	1---110-0--11n-----1--0-01nu0-	--n-----1-----1-n-----	29	-18.00	-0.39
12:	--nu-1n-n-n--uun--n-1--nu-u1u010	xnu-----u---u-	28	-13.00	-1.00
13:	u---01--0-0-0--100--1-----0-10	-nn-----n-	29	-17.00	-4.74
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## Conclusions / Future Work

- Collision for full (80-step) SHA-1 is getting closer
- Optimization is ongoing
  - 2005:  $2^{69}$
  - 2006:  $2^{62} - 2^{63}$
  - Advanced techniques as used for partial meaningful collisions can also be turned into **faster** collision search
  - 2007: ?
- Apply to other hash functions like RIPEMD-160, SHA-2?
- More powerful attacks on NMAC/HMAC?

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