
Lecture 6 – Hash functions

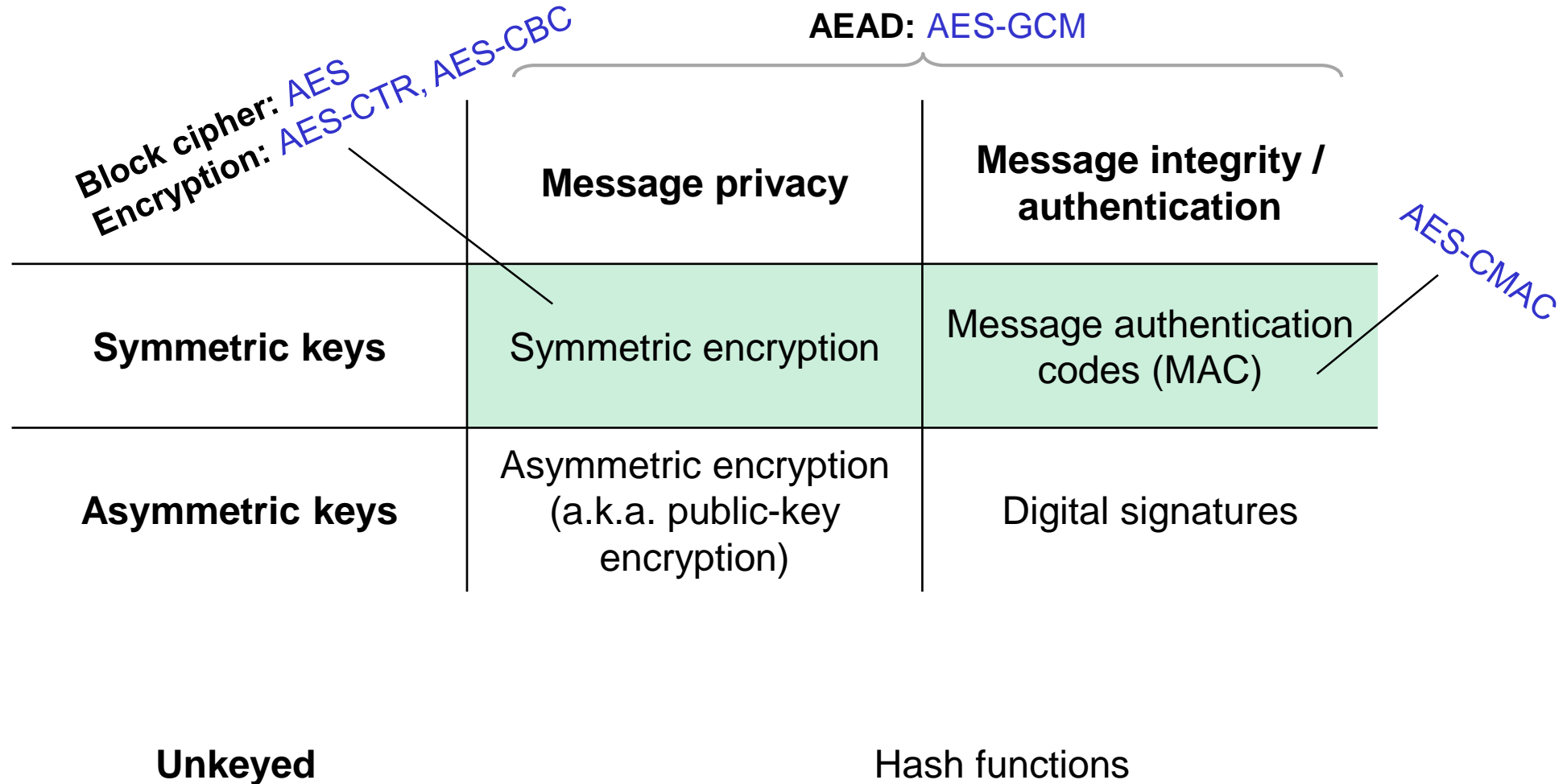
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Basic goals of cryptography



Hash function applications

- File storage verification
- Data authentication (MACs and digital signatures)
- Certificates
- Randomness extraction and key derivation (PRFs)
- Password hashing
- Quantum-resistant signatures
- Hash chains (Bitcoin)

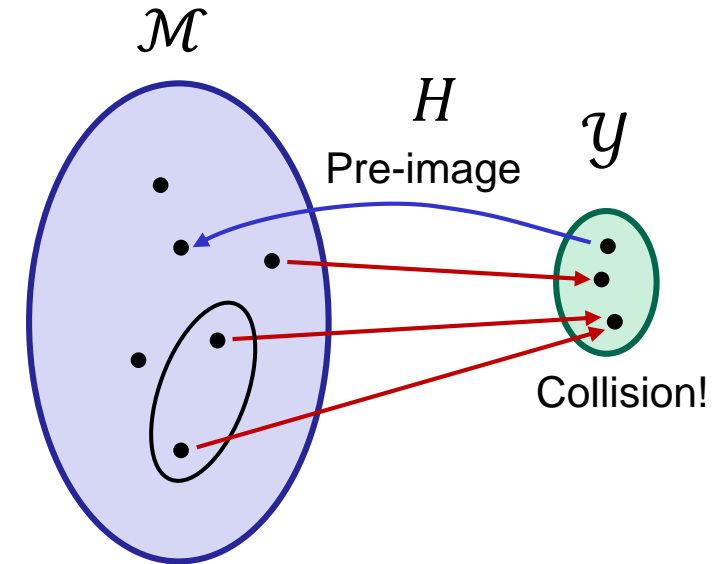
Hash functions

$$H : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$$

Keyless function

$$|\mathcal{M}| \gg |\mathcal{Y}|$$

Compressing



Examples:

- ~~• MD5 : $\{0,1\}^* \rightarrow \{0,1\}^{128}$~~
- ~~• SHA1 : $\{0,1\}^* \rightarrow \{0,1\}^{160}$~~
- SHA2-256 : $\{0,1\}^* \rightarrow \{0,1\}^{256}$
- SHA2-512 : $\{0,1\}^* \rightarrow \{0,1\}^{512}$

Possible security goals:

- Hard to find *pre-images*
- Hard to find *collisions*

Collision resistance

$\text{Exp}_H^{\text{cr}}(A)$
1. $(X, X') \leftarrow A$
2. return $H(X) \stackrel{?}{=} H(X')$ and $X \stackrel{?}{\neq} X'$

Since $|\mathcal{M}| \gg |\mathcal{Y}|$, there exists $X \neq X'$ s.t. $H(X) = H(X')$

A
1. Output X, X'

$$\text{Adv}_H^{\text{cr}}(A) = 1$$

...but how do we actually find X, X' ?

~~Intuition: H is collision resistant if $\text{Adv}_H^{\text{cr}}(A)$ is "small" for all "practical" A~~

Doesn't work!

There always exists a very efficient A with $\text{Adv}_H^{\text{cr}}(A) = 1$!

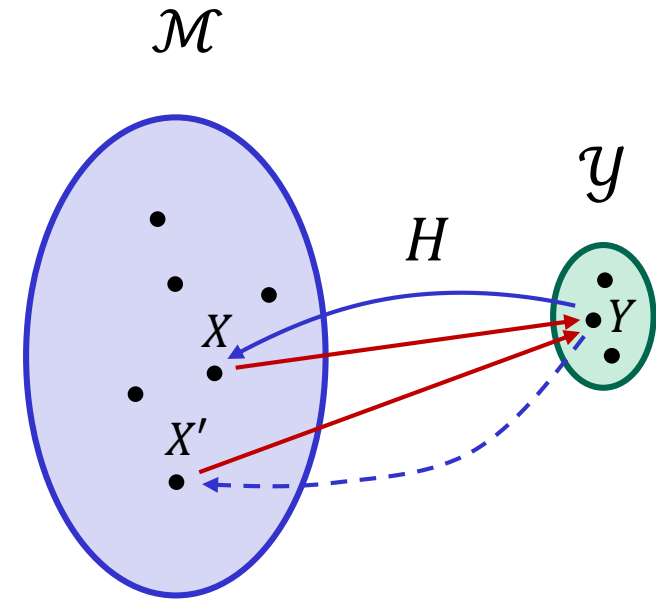
Definition: The **CR-advantage** of an adversary A against H is

$$\text{Adv}_H^{\text{cr}}(A) = \Pr[\text{Exp}_H^{\text{cr}}(A) \Rightarrow 1]$$

One-way / pre-image security

$\mathbf{Exp}_H^{\text{ow}}(A)$

1. $X \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{M}$
2. $Y \leftarrow H(X)$
3. $X' \leftarrow A(Y)$
4. **return** $H(X') \stackrel{?}{=} Y$



Definition: The **OW-advantage** of an adversary A against H is

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Collision resistance vs. one-wayness

Exp_H^{cr}(A)

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Exp_H^{ow}(A)

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Theorem: Collision-resistance \Rightarrow One-wayness

Proof idea: suppose A_{ow} is an algorithm that breaks one-wayness

1. Pick $X \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \mathcal{M}$ and give $Y \leftarrow H(X)$ to A_{ow}
2. A_{ow} outputs X' s.t. $H(X') = Y$
3. output (X, X') as a collision

Problem: what if $X' = X$?

Very unlikely assuming $|\mathcal{M}| \gg |\mathcal{Y}|$

Collision resistance vs. one-wayness

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Theorem: Collision-resistance $\not\Leftarrow$ One-wayness

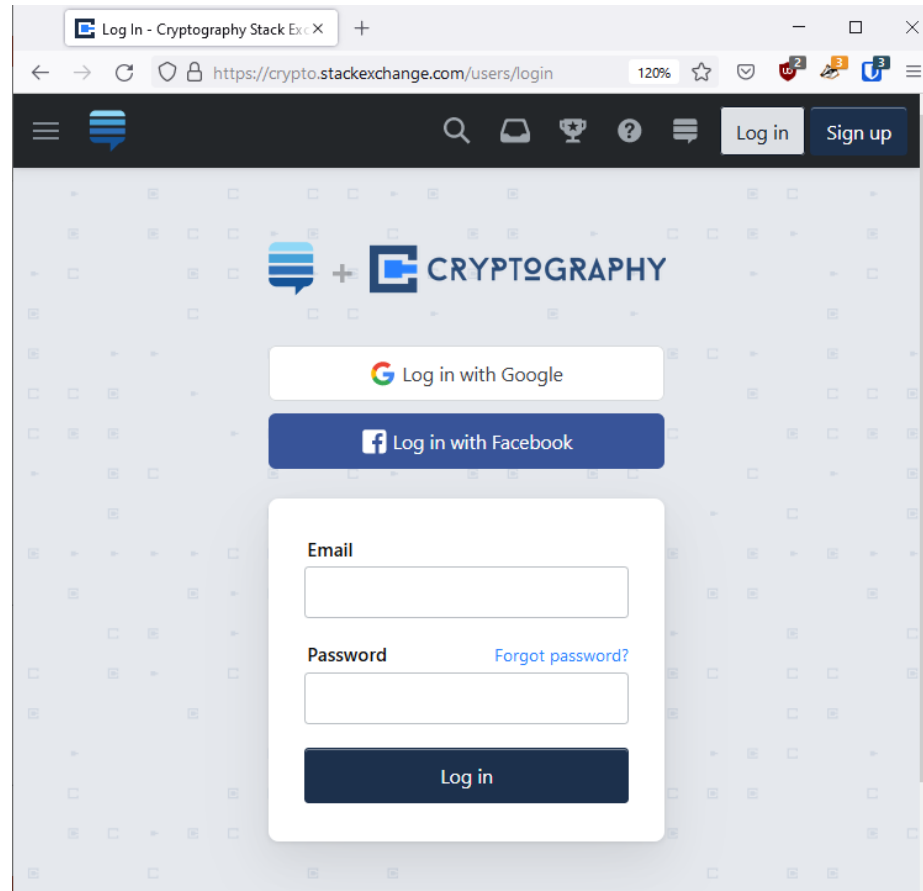
Suppose $H : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \{0,1\}^{256}$ is one-way. Define

$$H'(X) = \begin{cases} 0^{256} & \text{if } X \in \{0,1\} \\ H(X) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

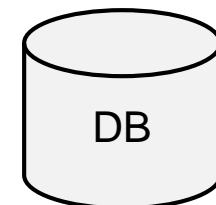
H' is one-way (if $|\mathcal{M}|$ is large)

H' is **not** collision-resistant

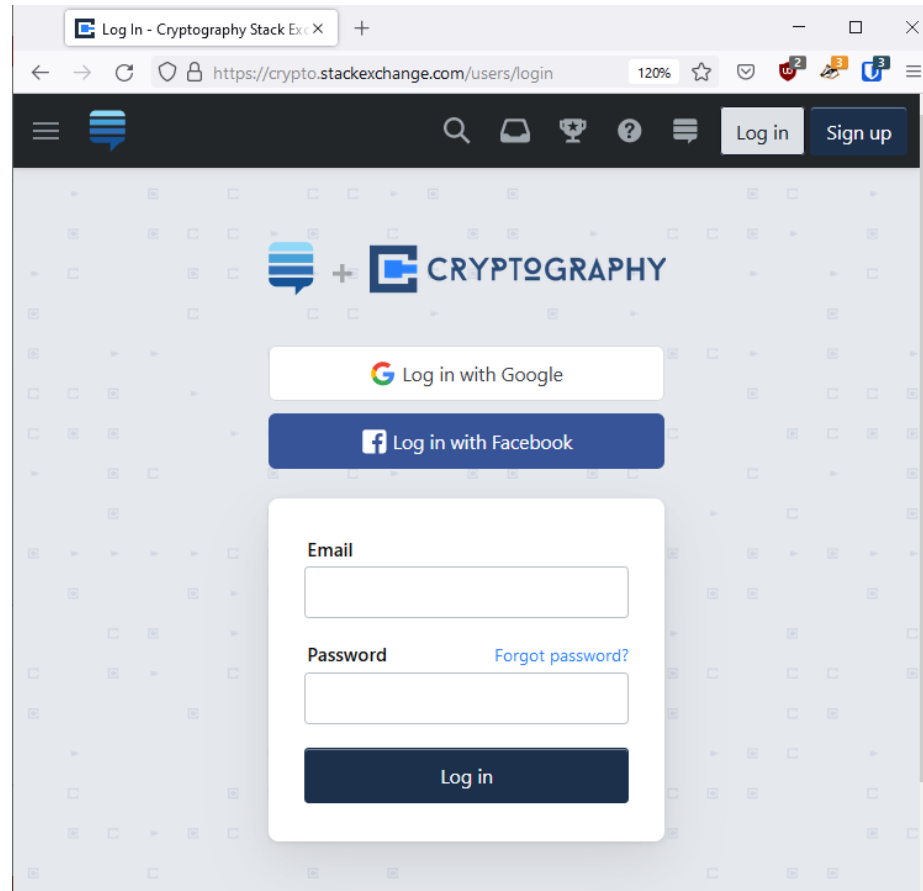
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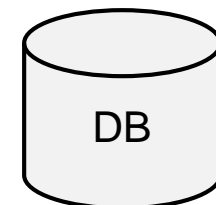
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Bob	dog
Charlie	password1234
Dave	batman
...	...



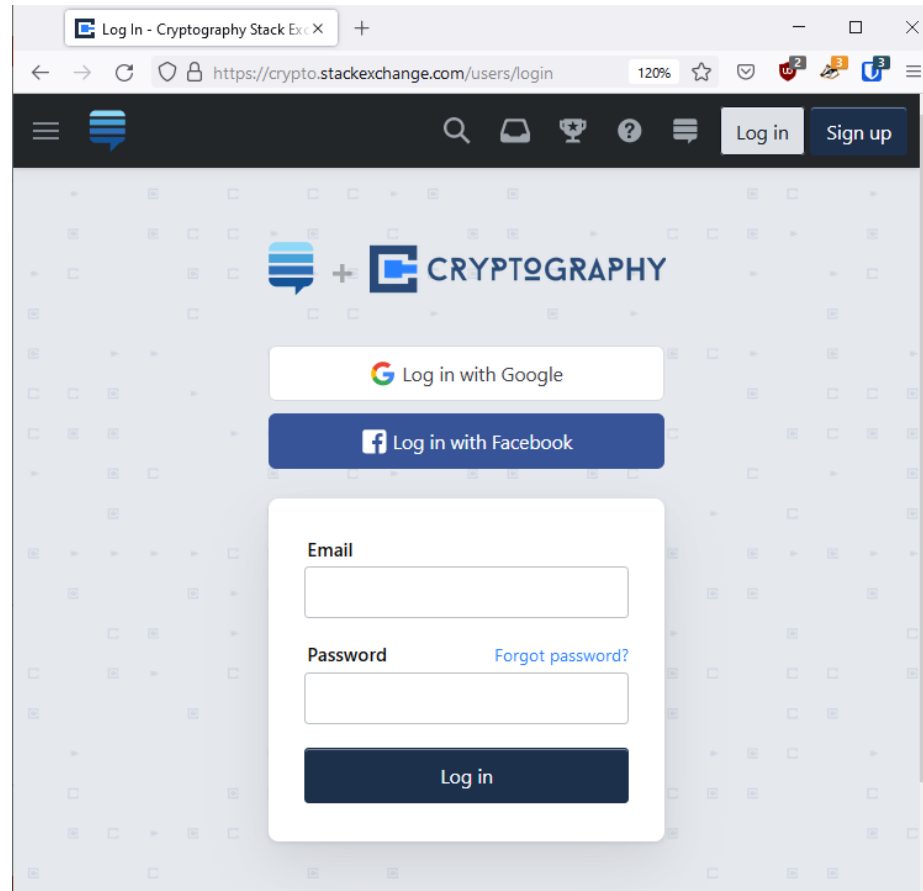
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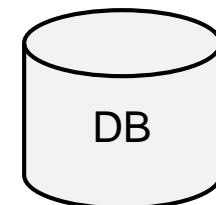
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Alice	0x1b383a798bc2c5
Bob	0x512df2a1e63860
Charlie	0x26c540082d18cd
Dave	0xe33805da40919f
...	...



Hash function applications – MAC domain extension

$$\text{MAC} : \mathcal{K} \times \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \mathcal{T}$$

$$H : \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow \{0,1\}^n$$

$$\text{MAC}' : \mathcal{K} \times \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow \mathcal{T}$$

$$\text{MAC}'(K, M) = \text{MAC}(K, H(M)) \quad \leftarrow \text{Hash-then-MAC paradigm}$$

Theorem: If H is collision-resistant and MAC is UF-CMA secure, then MAC' is UF-CMA secure

Example:

$$\text{SHA2-256} : \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow \{0,1\}^{256}$$

$$\text{AES-CBC-MAC} : \mathcal{K} \times \{0,1\}^{2 \times 128} \rightarrow \{0,1\}^{128}$$

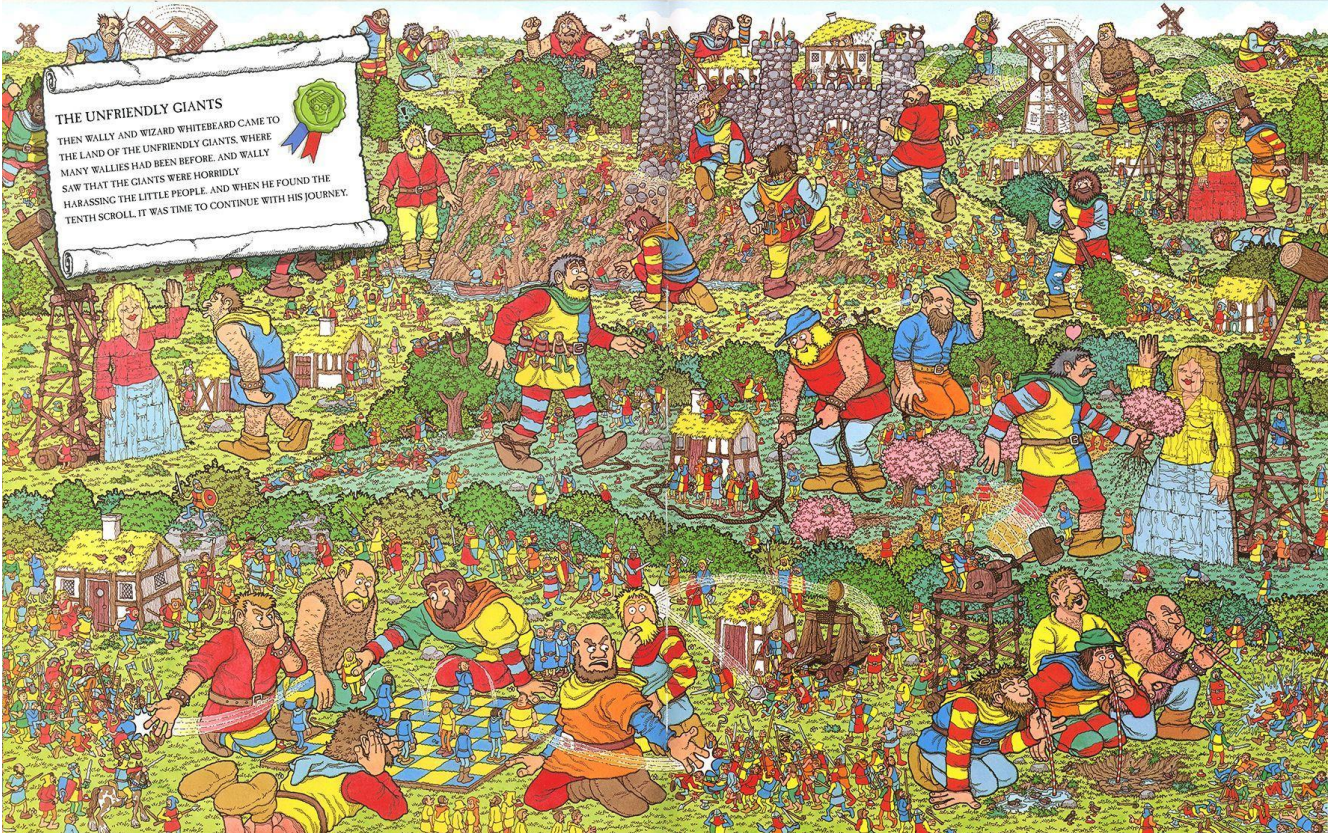
$$\text{MAC}'(K, M) = \text{AES-CBC-MAC}(K, \text{SHA2-256}(M))$$

Collision-resistance is *necessary*:

Suppose you can find a collision (X, X') for H

1. Ask for MAC tag on X (receive back T)
2. Output (X', T) as forgery

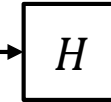
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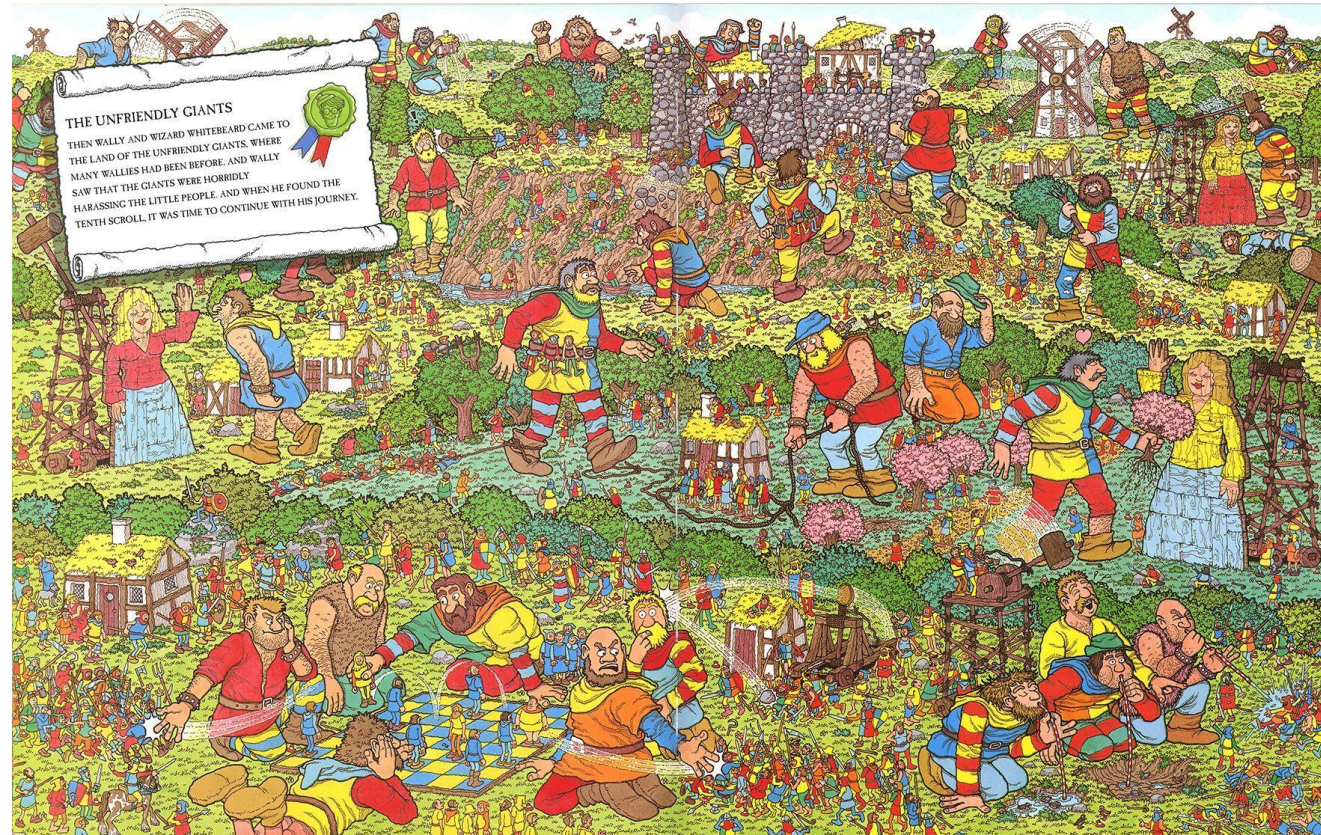
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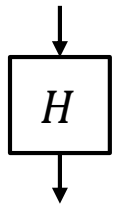
"Bob: Waldo is at pos. ..."



0x59d67



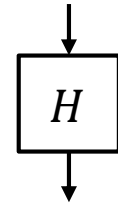
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"Charlie: Waldo is at pos. ..."



0xf2200





The birthday paradox

Attacks on hash functions

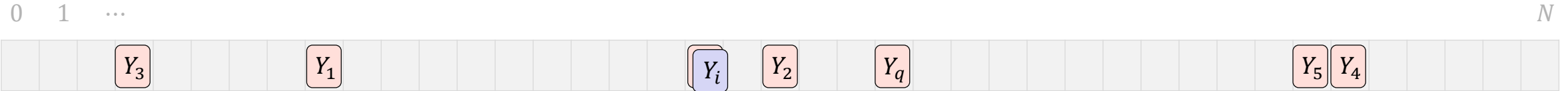
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 - $n = 10$ requires only $2^{10} + 1 = 1025$ values
 - $n = 100$ enough?
 - Brute-force 2: hash **1, 2, 3, ..., q**

$$\text{Adv}_H^{\text{cr}}(A) = 1$$

$$\text{Adv}_H^{\text{cr}}(B) \approx 1$$

$$q \approx 2^{50} \ll 2^{100}$$

Birthday attack



$$Y_1 \leftarrow H(X_1)$$

$$Y_2 \leftarrow H(X_2)$$

$$Y_3 \leftarrow H(X_3)$$

$$Y_4 \leftarrow H(X_4)$$

$$Y_5 \leftarrow H(X_5)$$

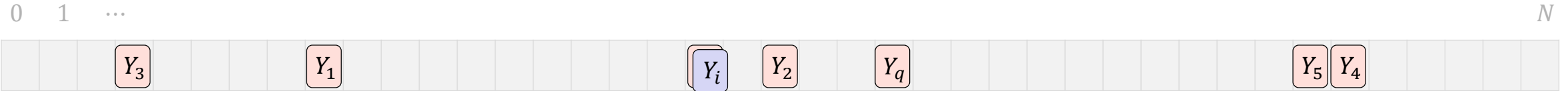
$$Y_6 \leftarrow H(X_6)$$

$$Y_i \leftarrow H(X_i)$$

$$Y_q \leftarrow H(X_q)$$

$$\mathbf{Adv}_H^{\text{cr}}(B) = \Pr[\text{coll}] = \Pr[\exists i \neq j : H(X_i) = H(X_j)]$$

Birthday attack



$$Y_1 \leftarrow \rho(X_1)$$

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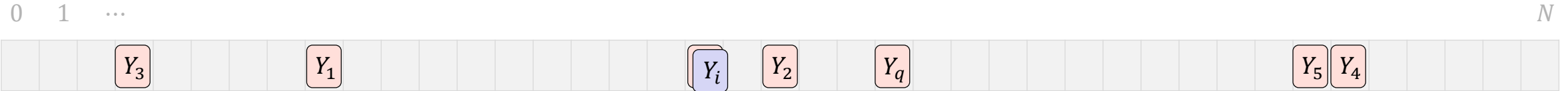
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X_1, X_2, \dots, X_q are *distinct*

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$$Y_1 \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{Y}$$

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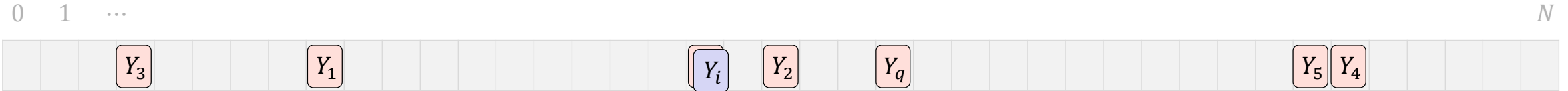
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Birthday attack



$$\Pr[\text{coll}] = 1 - \Pr[\text{no-coll}] \geq 1 - e^{-q(q-1)/2N}$$

$$\Pr[\text{no-coll}] = 1 \times \frac{N-1}{N} \times \frac{N-2}{N} \times \frac{N-3}{N} \cdots \times \frac{N-(q-1)}{N}$$

$$= 1 \times \left(1 - \frac{1}{N}\right) \times \left(1 - \frac{2}{N}\right) \times \left(1 - \frac{3}{N}\right) \cdots \times \left(1 - \frac{q-1}{N}\right)$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^{q-1} \left(1 - \frac{i}{N}\right)$$

$$\leq \prod_{i=1}^{q-1} e^{-i/N} = e^{-(1+2+\dots+q-1)/N} = e^{-q(q-1)/2N}$$

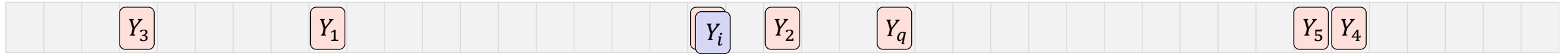
$$e^{-x} \geq (1-x) \quad x \geq 0$$

$$e^{-x} = 1 - \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^2}{2!} - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots$$

Birthday attack

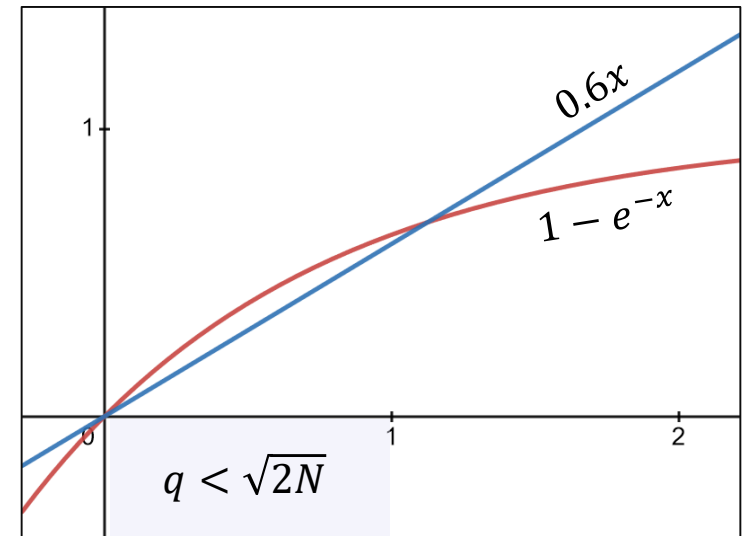
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N

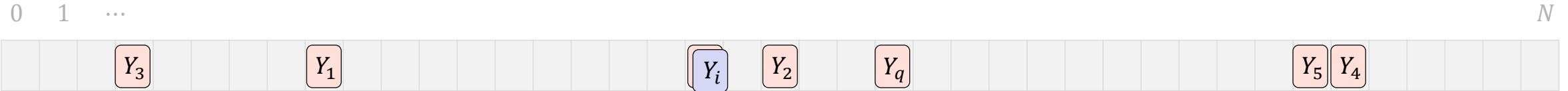


$$\Pr[\text{coll}] = 1 - \Pr[\text{no-coll}] \geq 1 - e^{-q(q-1)/2N} \geq 0.6 \times \frac{q(q-1)}{2N}$$

x

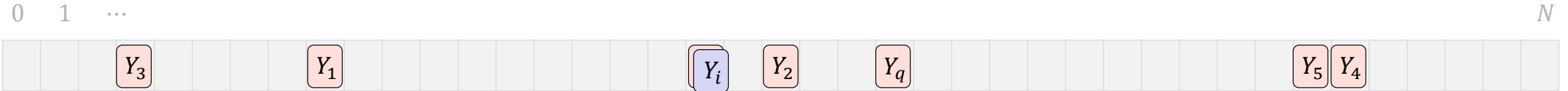


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$$\begin{aligned} 0.6 \times \frac{q(q-1)}{2N} &\leq \Pr[\text{coll}] = \Pr[Y_1 \vee Y_2 \vee \dots \vee Y_q] \\ &\leq \Pr[Y_1] + \Pr[Y_2] + \dots + \Pr[Y_q] \\ &\leq \frac{0}{N} + \frac{1}{N} + \dots + \frac{q-1}{N} \\ &= \frac{q(q-1)}{2N} \end{aligned}$$

Birthday attack



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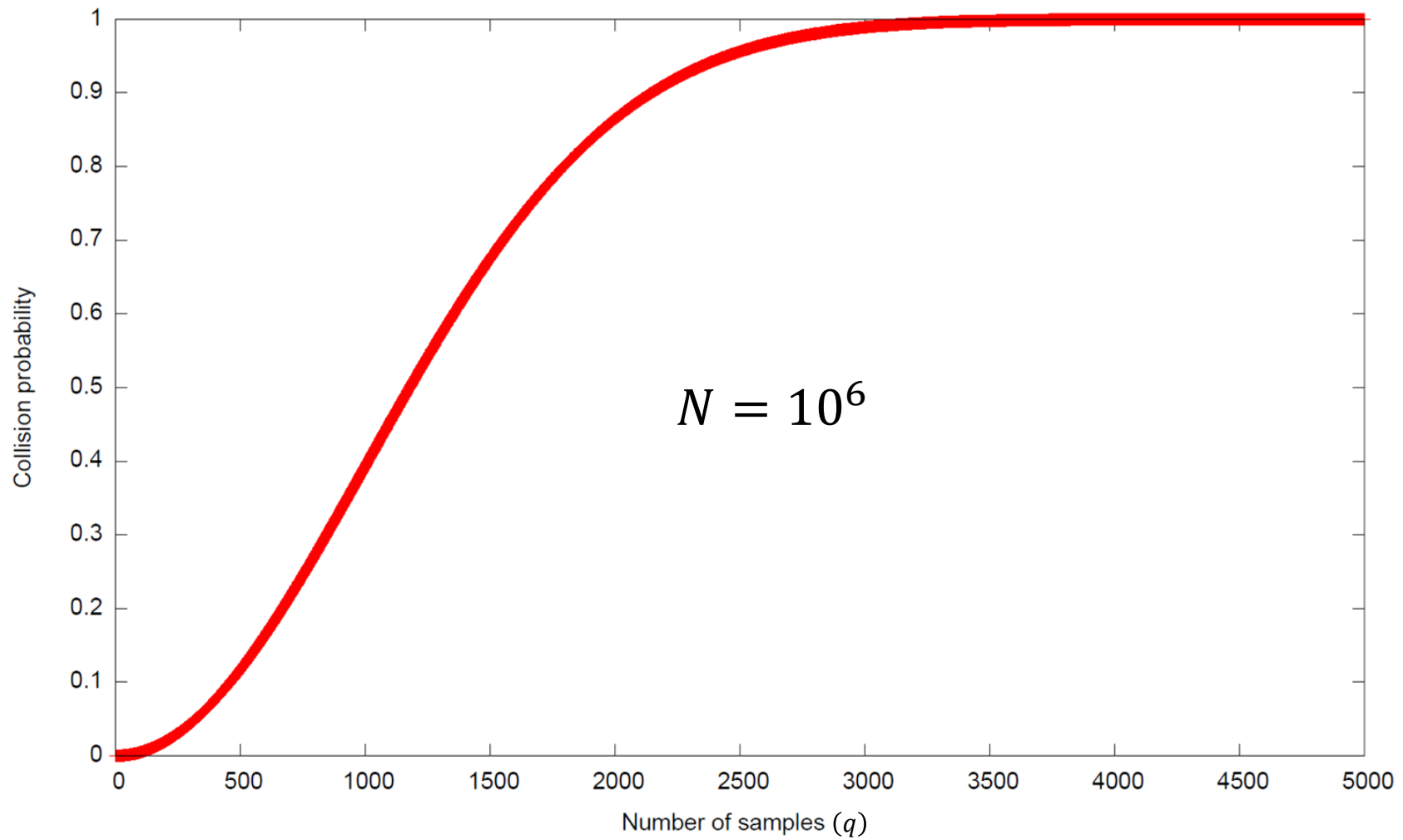
$\Pr[\text{coll}] = 0.5:$

$$q \approx \sqrt{N}$$

Birthday bound: For $q \leq \sqrt{2N}$ values drawn at random from $\{1, 2, \dots, N\}$

$$\Pr[\text{coll}] \approx \frac{q^2}{2N}$$

N	q
365	23
10^6	1000
2^{64}	2^{32}
2^{80}	2^{40}
2^{256}	2^{128}
2^{512}	2^{256}

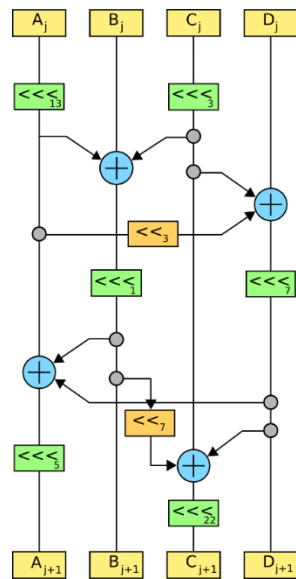


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Designing hash functions

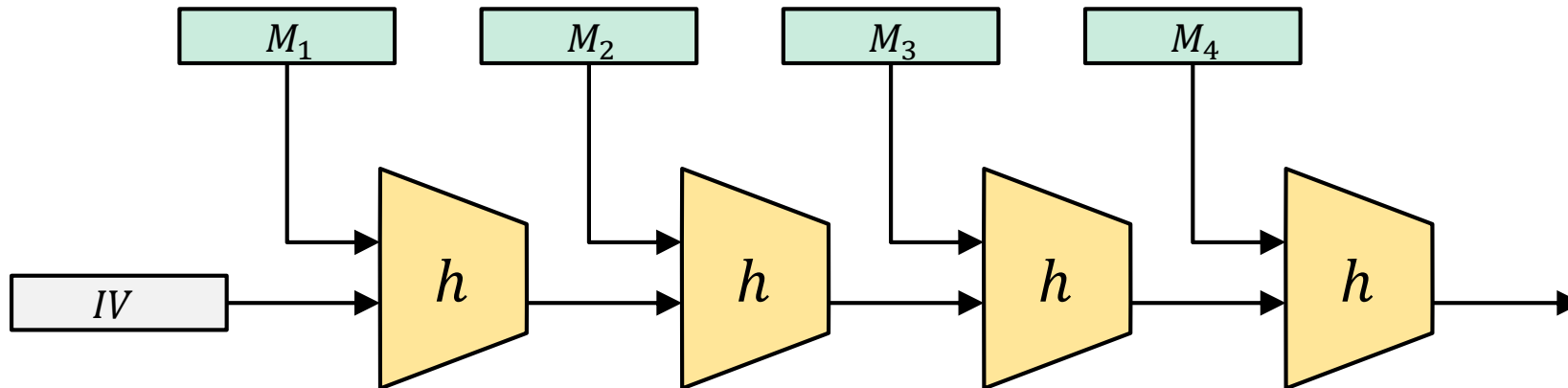
Merkle-Damgård

- Suppose we have a **compression function** $h : \{0,1\}^{n+b} \rightarrow \{0,1\}^n$ which is collision-resistant
- Want to create a hash function $H : \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow \{0,1\}^n$
- Solution: iterate h

Merkle-Damgård

$$H : \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow \{0,1\}^n$$

$$H(M) = h(h(\dots h(h(IV \parallel M_1) \parallel M_2) \dots \parallel M_{n-1}) \parallel M_n)$$

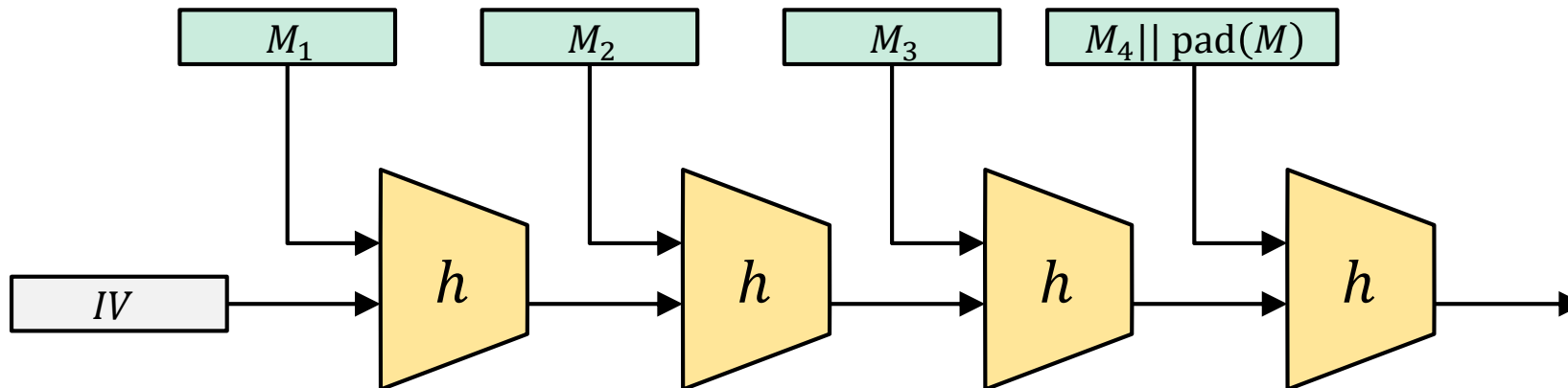


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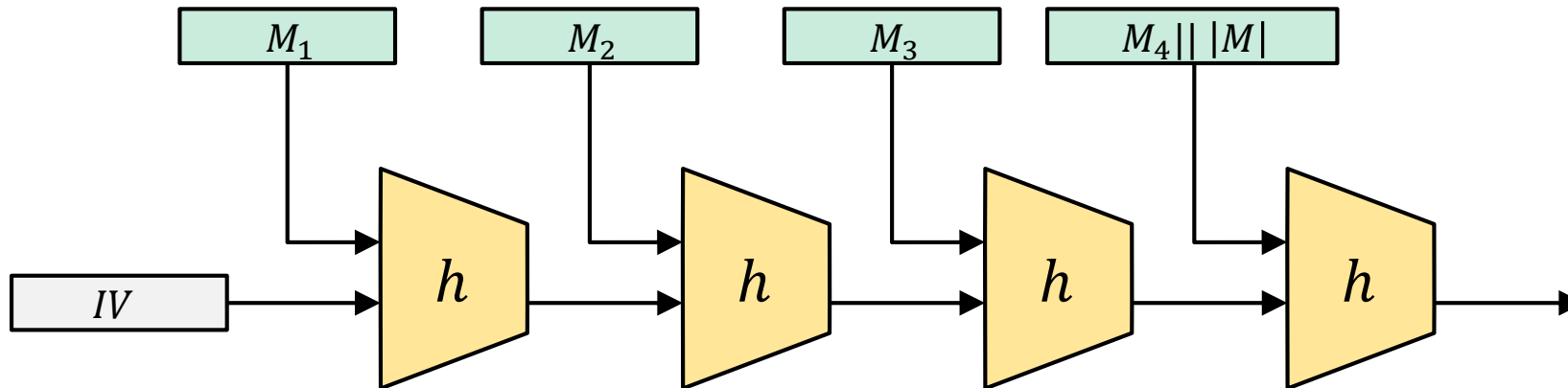


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Merkle-Damgård – security

Theorem: If $h : \{0,1\}^{n+b} \rightarrow \{0,1\}^n$ is collision resistant then $H : \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow \{0,1\}^n$ is collision resistant

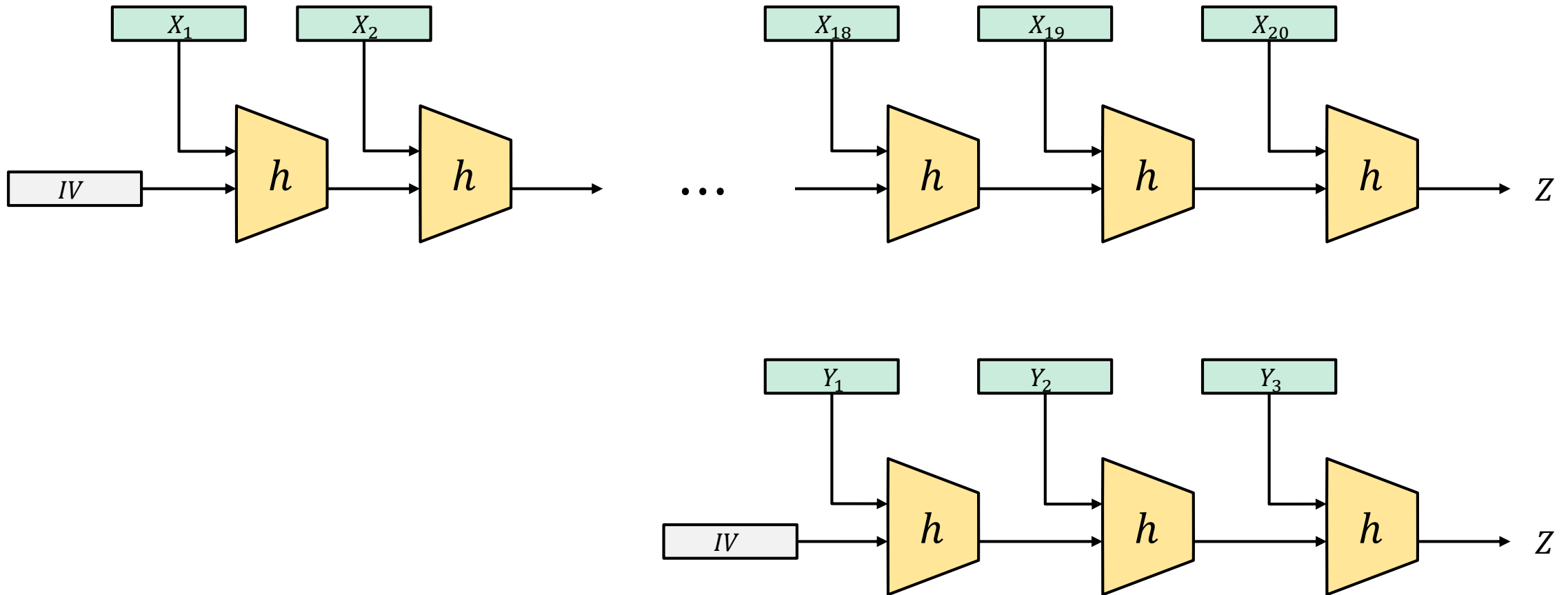
Proof idea:

Collision on $H \Rightarrow$ collision on h

If $H(X) = H(Y)$ then we can construct X', Y' such that $h(X') = h(Y')$

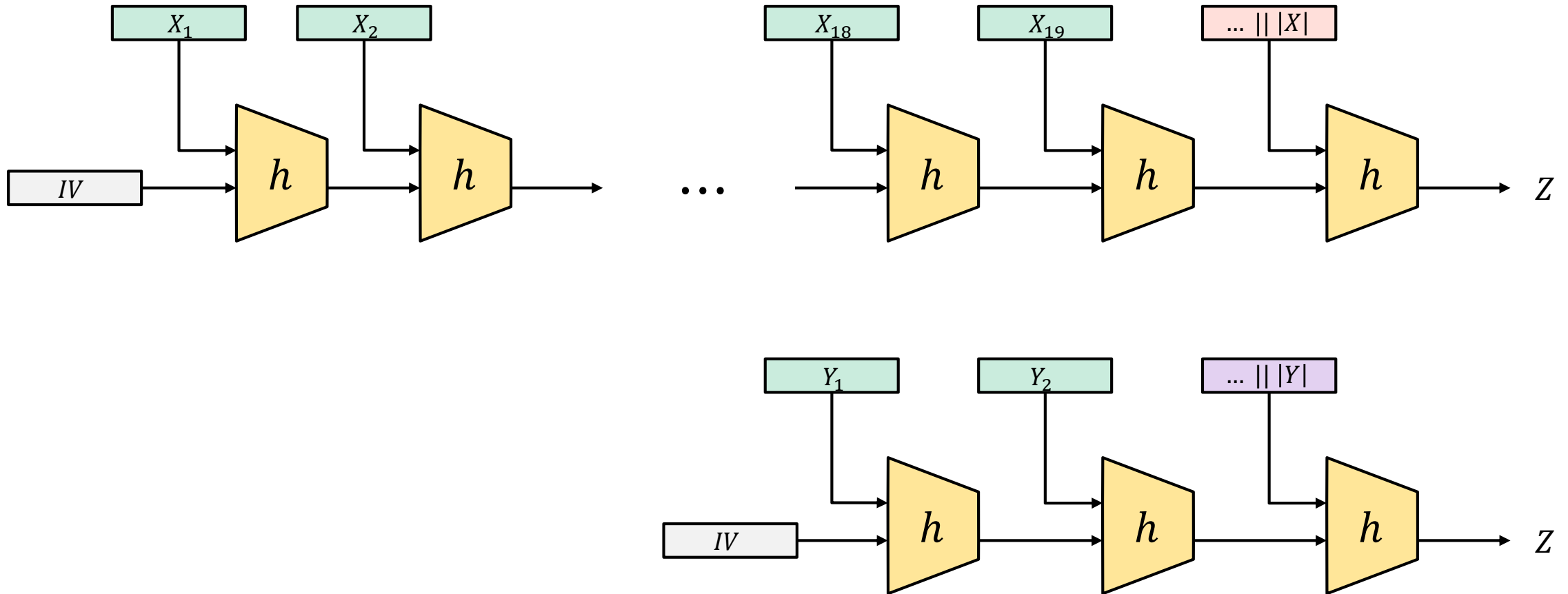
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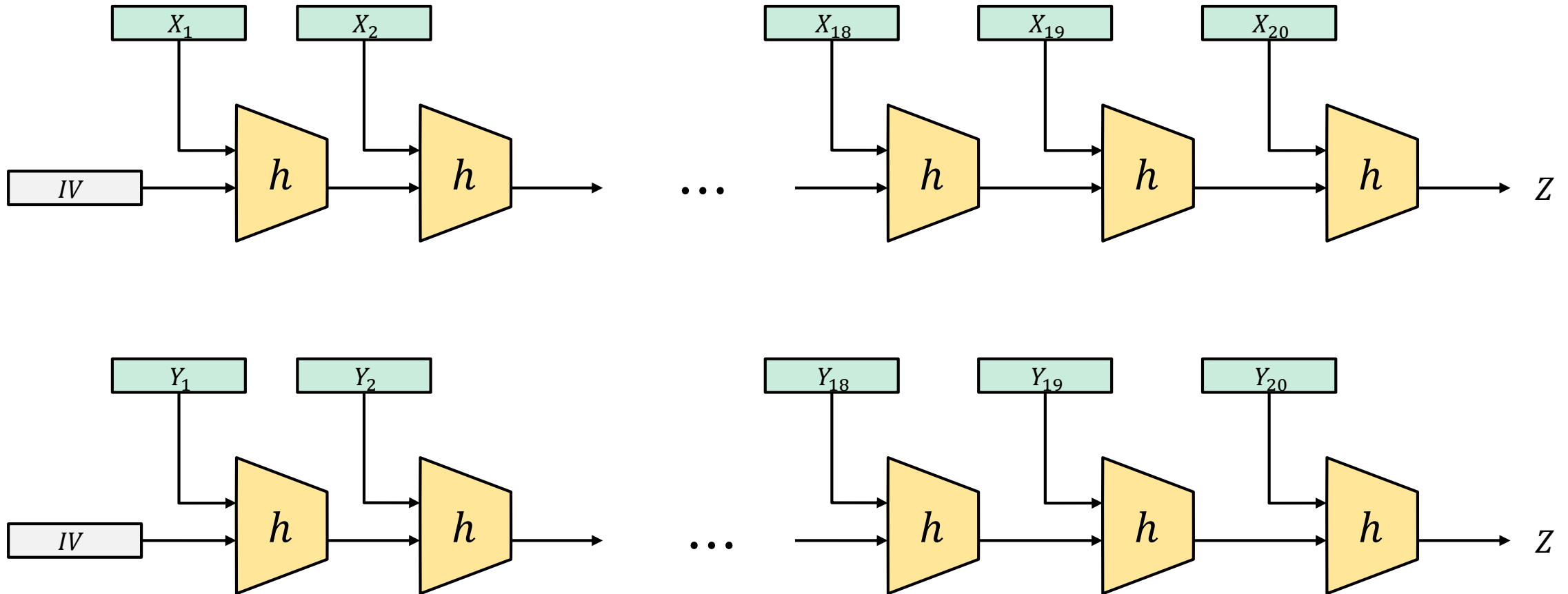
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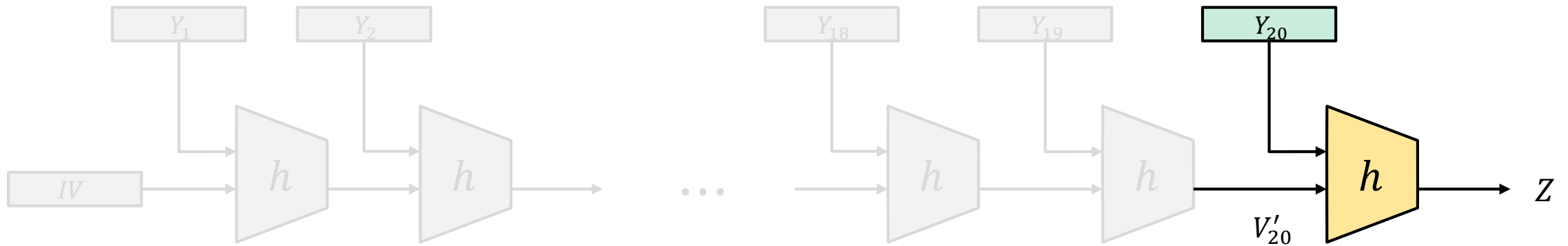
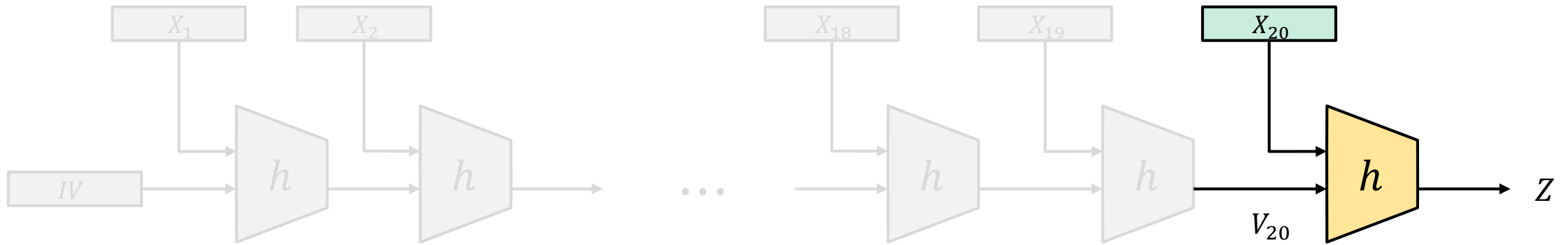
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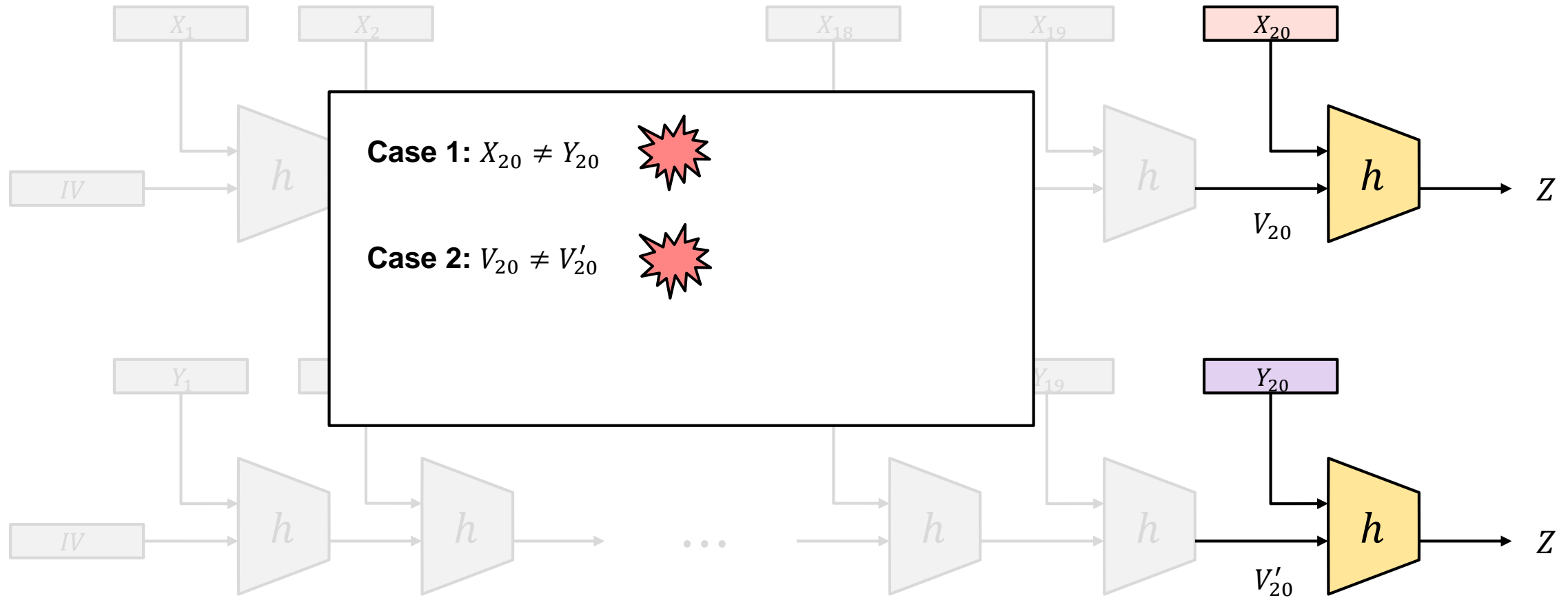
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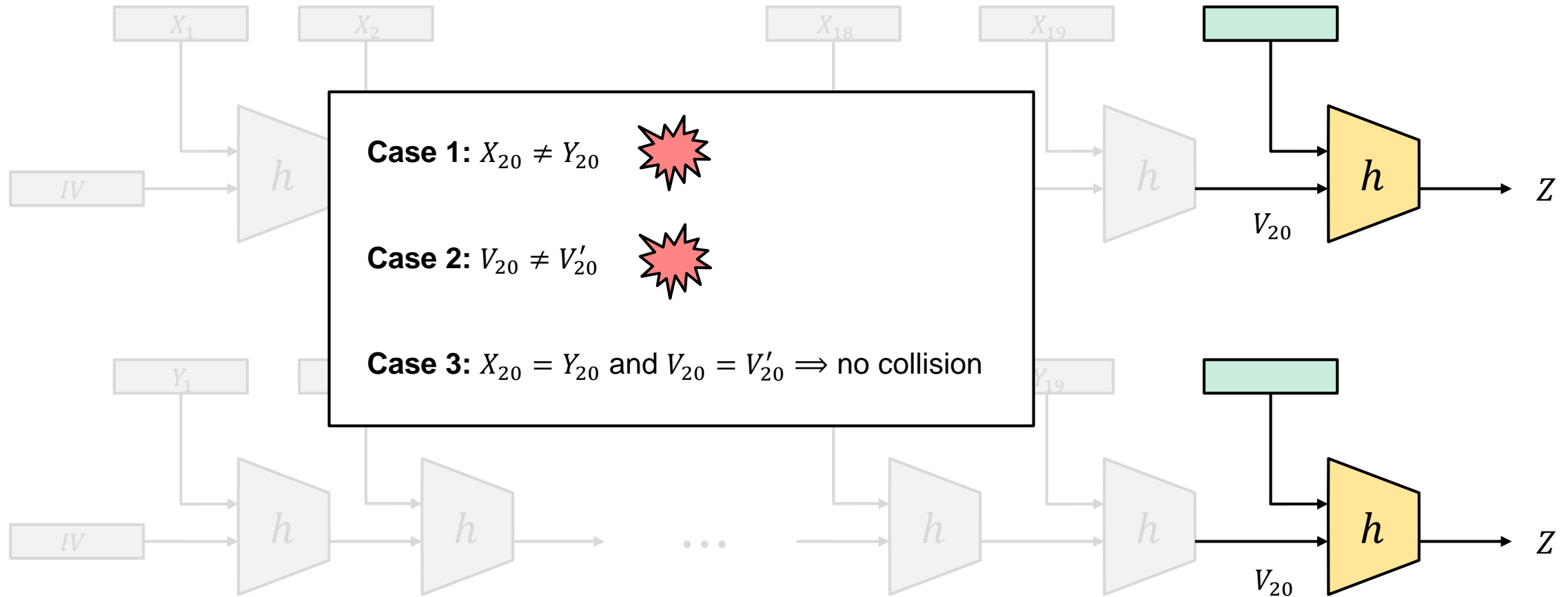
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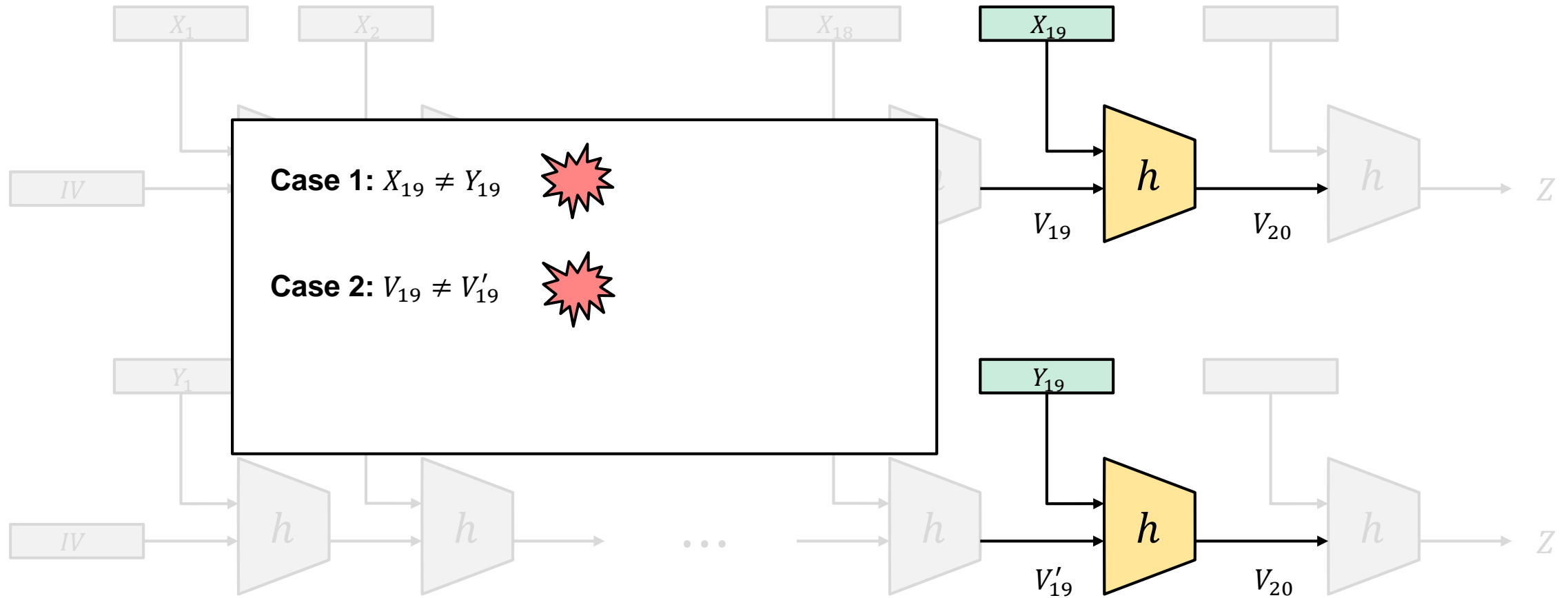
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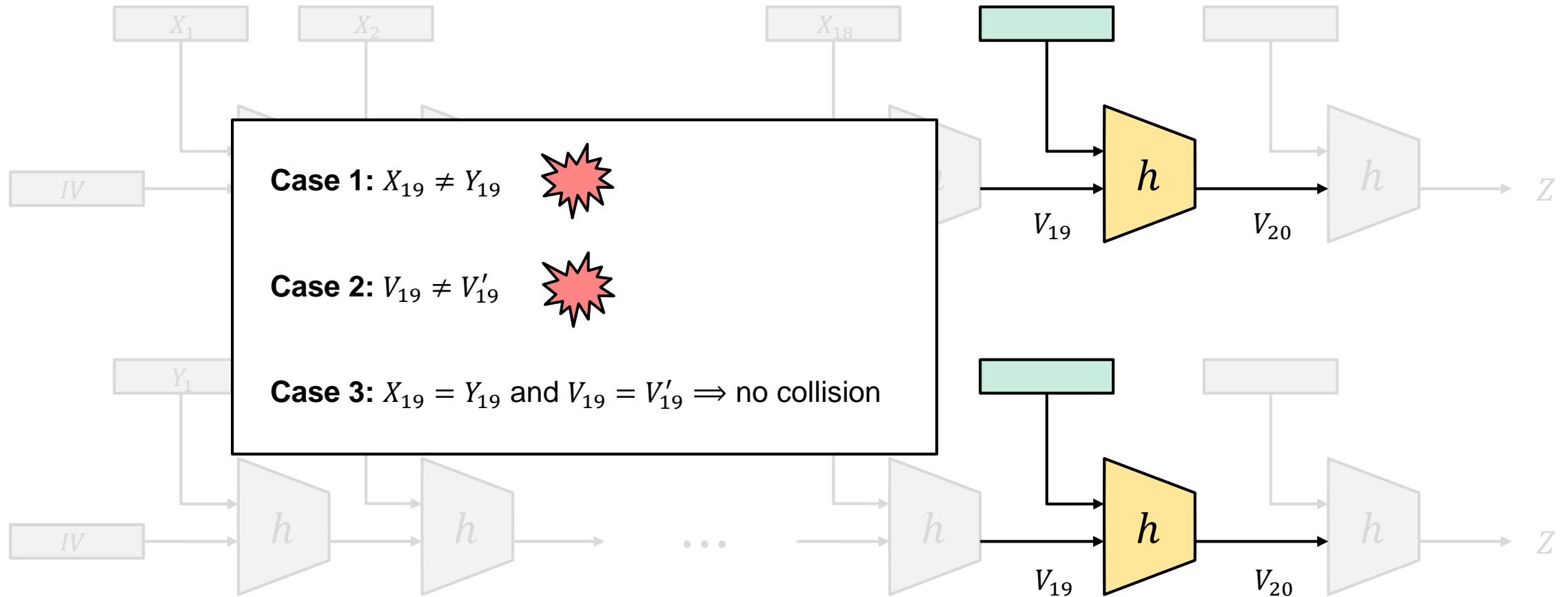
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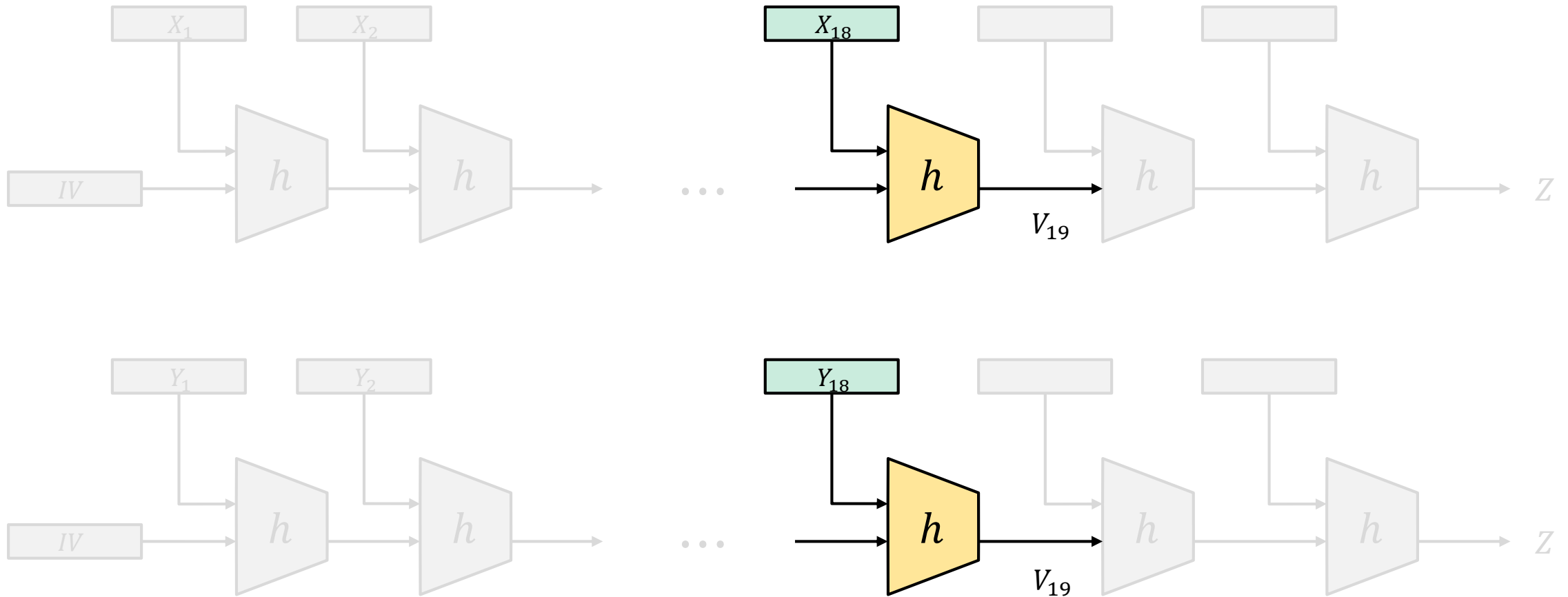
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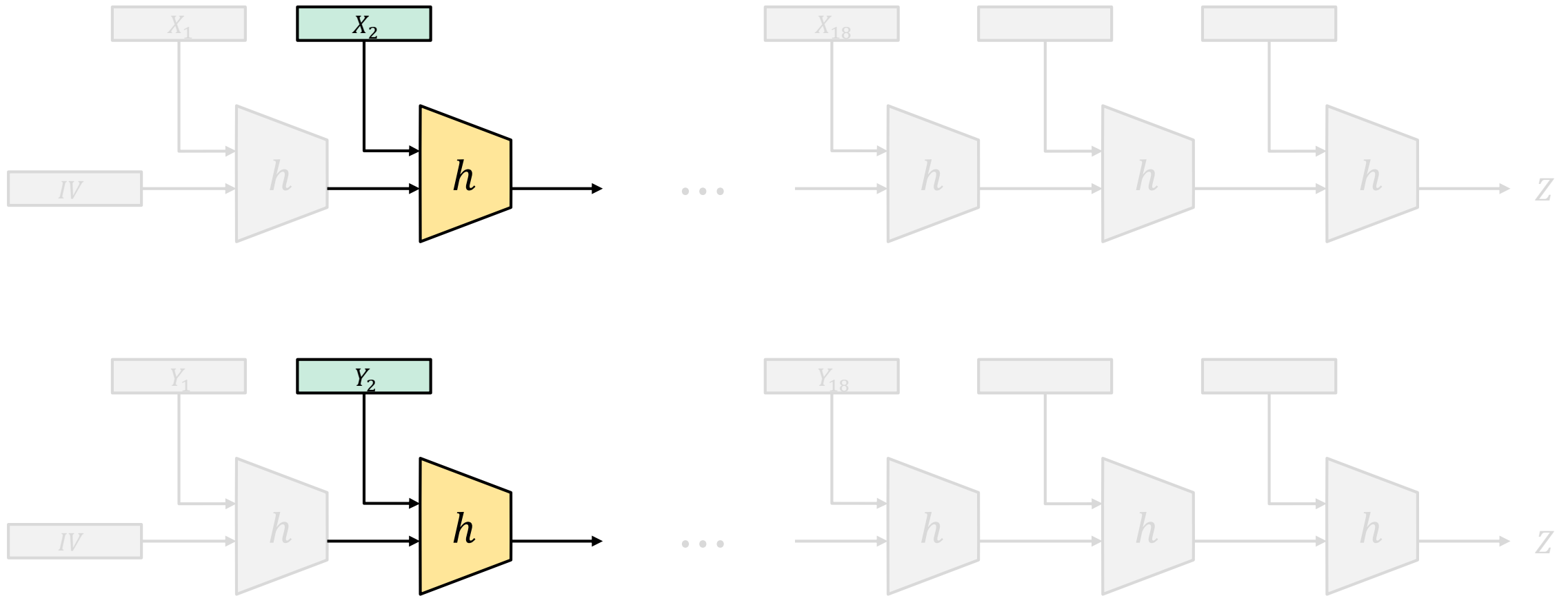
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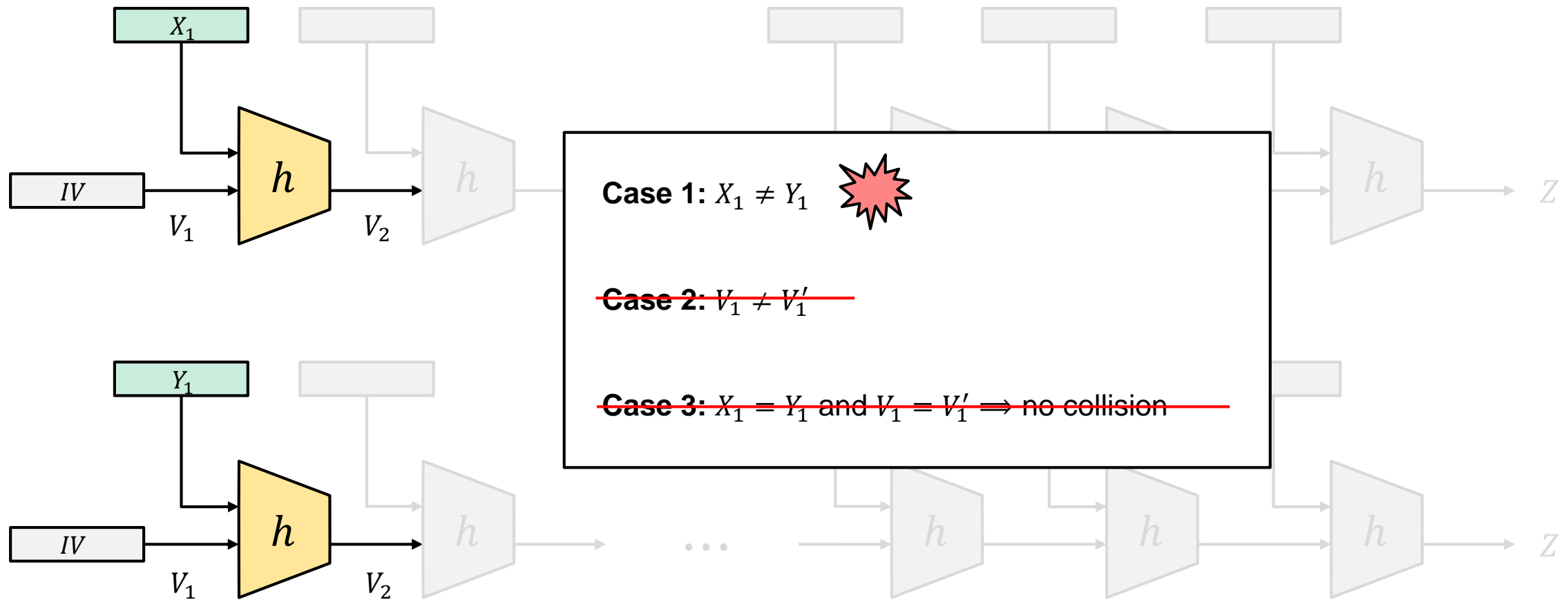
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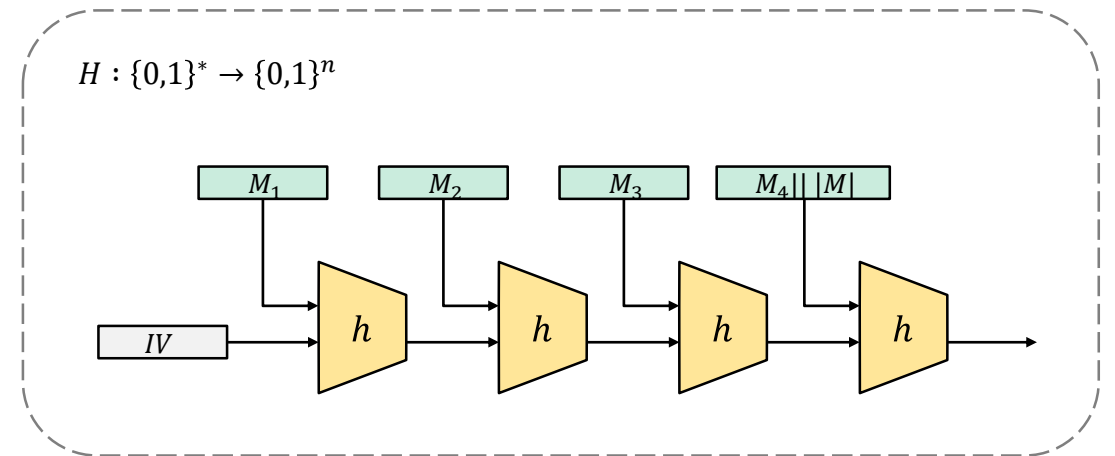
Compression function designs

- Merkle-Damgård creates collision resistant $H : \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow \{0,1\}^n$ from collision resistant $h : \{0,1\}^{b+n} \rightarrow \{0,1\}^n$

- Need only focus on compression function

$$h : \{0,1\}^{b+n} \rightarrow \{0,1\}^n$$

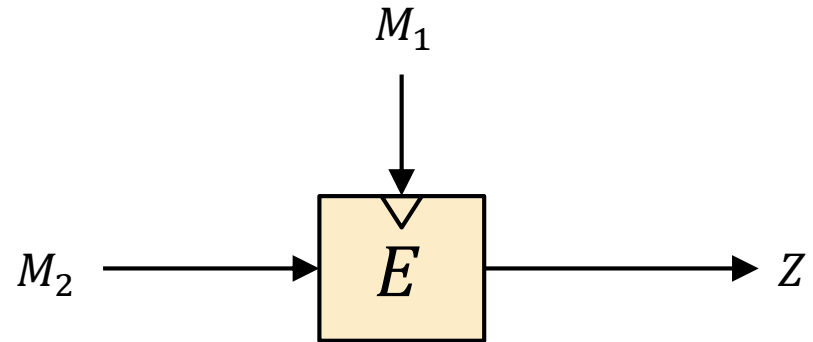
- Many design options for h
 - Ad-hoc
 - Structured



Compression functions from block ciphers – Davies-Meyer

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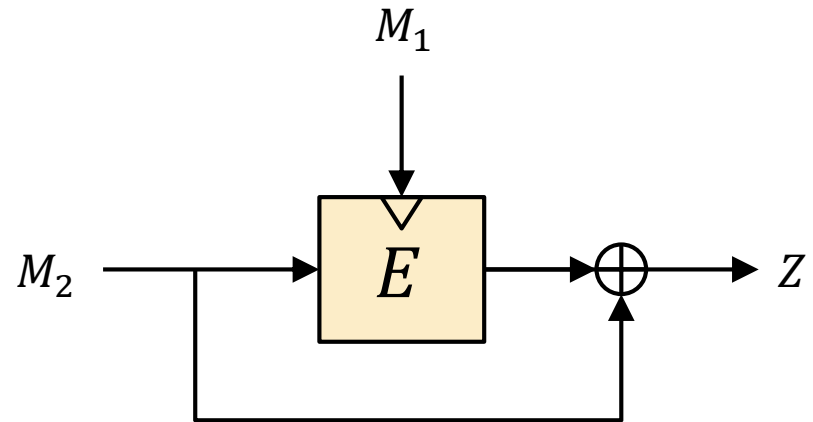
$$M = M_1 || M_2$$



Compression functions from block ciphers – Davies-Meyer

$k + n$ bits

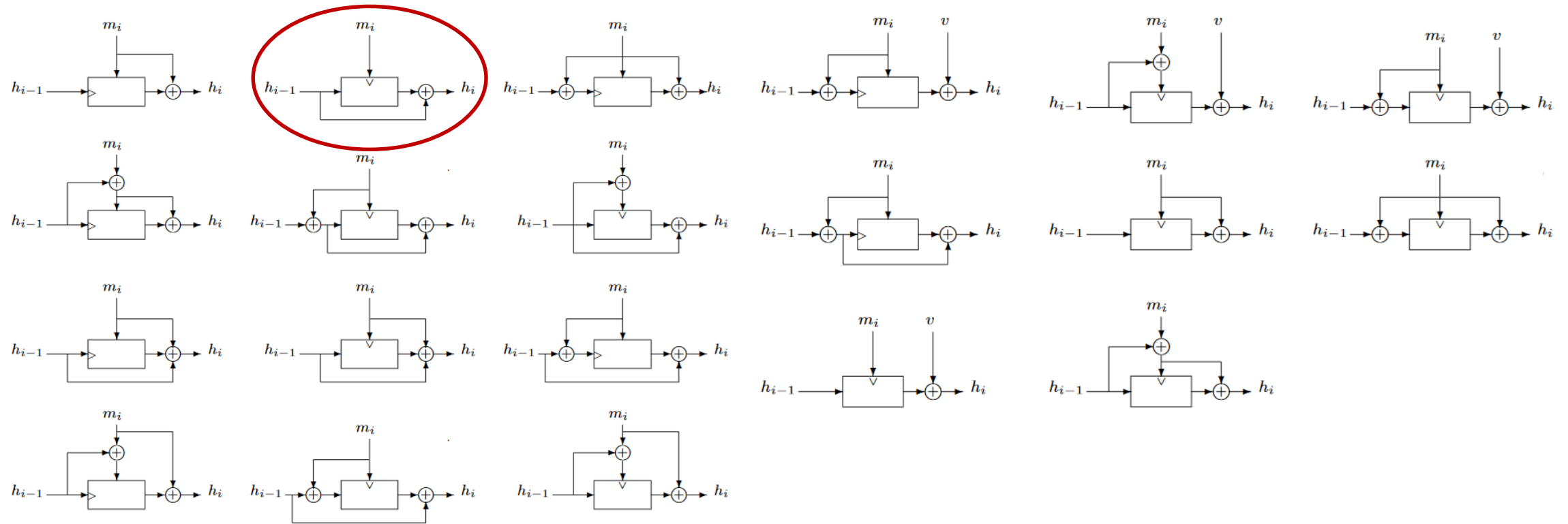
$$M = M_1 || M_2$$



Theorem: $DM : \{0,1\}^{k+n} \rightarrow \{0,1\}^n$ is a collision resistance compression function in the *ideal cipher model*

Alternatives...

Davies-Mayer



Black, Rogaway & Shrimpton: Black-Box Analysis of the Block-Cipher-Based Hash-Function Constructions from PGV; [CRYPTO'02](#)

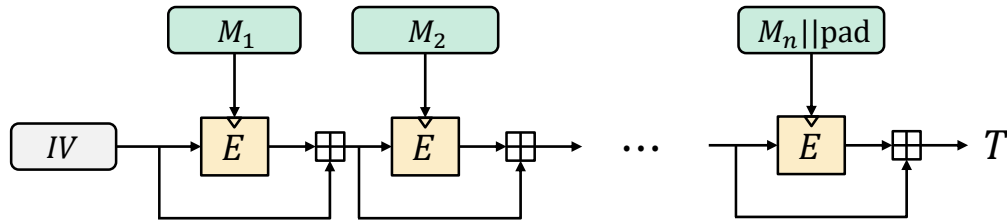
SHA – Secure Hash Algorithm

- Family of hash functions published by NIST
 - SHA1 in 1995
 - SHA2-256 and SHA2-512 in 2001
 - Also truncated versions: SHA2-224, SHA2-384
 - SHA3-256 and SHA3-512 in 2015

- SHA1 and SHA2 designed by NSA
 - Merkle-Damgård + Davies-Meyer designs

- SHA3 designed by Belgian cryptographers
 - Sponge design

SHA0



$$E : \{0,1\}^{512} \times \{0,1\}^{160} \rightarrow \{0,1\}^{160}$$

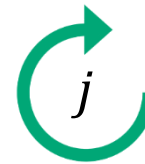
IV = 67452301 || EFCDAB89 || 98BADCFE || 10325476 || C3D2E1F0

$$E(M_i, V_i)$$

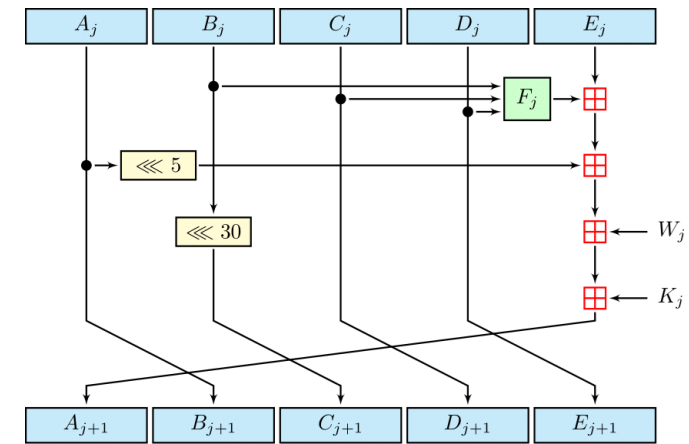
$A_1 \leftarrow V_{i,1}$
 $B_1 \leftarrow V_{i,2}$
 $C_1 \leftarrow V_{i,3}$
 $D_1 \leftarrow V_{i,4}$
 $E_1 \leftarrow V_{i,5}$

for $j = 1 \dots 16$ **do**
 $W_j \leftarrow M_{i,j}$

for $j = 17 \dots 80$ **do**
 $W_j \leftarrow (W_{j-16} \oplus W_{j-14} \oplus W_{j-8} \oplus W_{j-3}) \lll 1$



Repeat
80 times

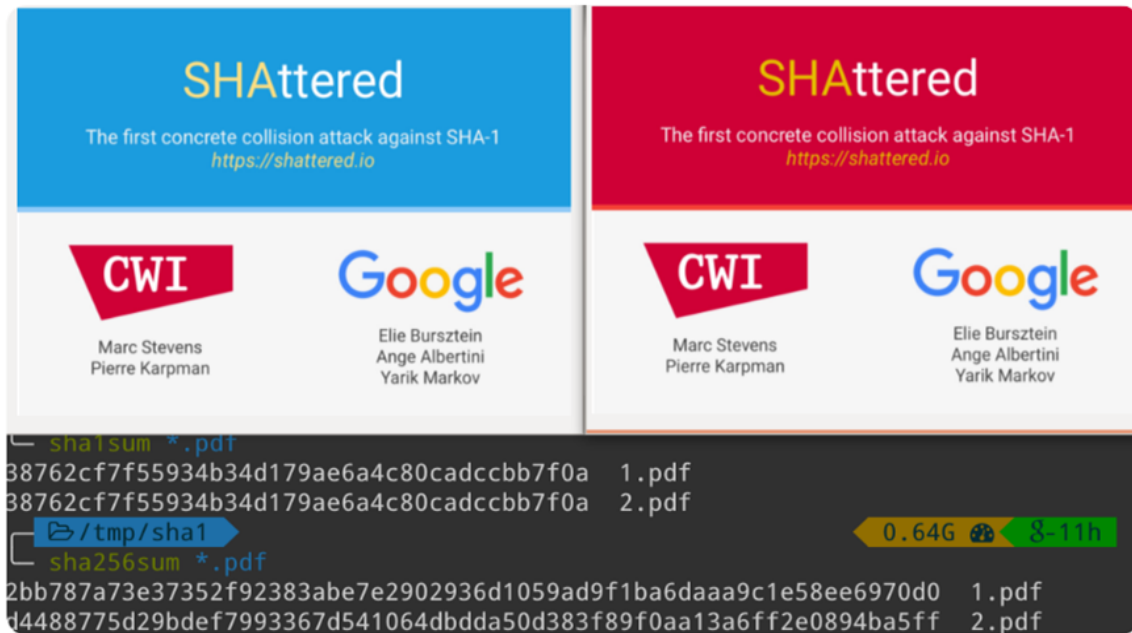


SHA1

j	K_j	$F_j(B, C, D)$
1 ... 20	5A827999	$(B \wedge C) \vee (\bar{B} \wedge D)$
21 ... 40	6ED9EBA1	$B \oplus C \oplus D$
41 ... 60	8F1BBCDC	$(B \wedge C) \vee (B \wedge D) \vee (C \wedge D)$
61 ... 80	CA62C1D6	$B \oplus C \oplus D$

Attacks against SHA1

- 2004: First SHA0 collision found (Wang *et al.*)
- 2005: Theoretical attack on SHA1 (2^{69} ops.)
- **2017**: First SHA1 collision found ($2^{63.1}$ ops.) (Stevens & Karpman + Google 2017)



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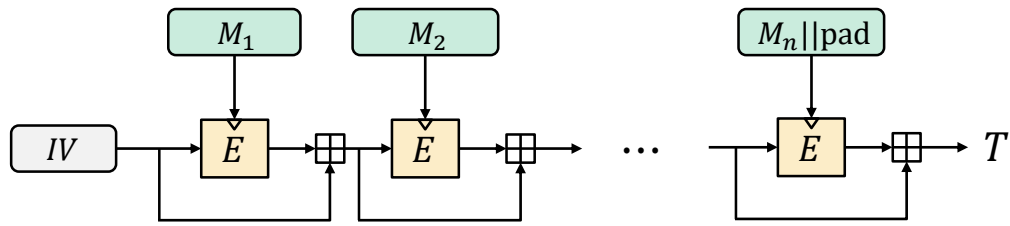
The first collision for full SHA-1

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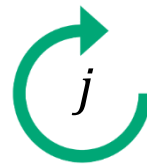
Abstract. SHA-1 is a widely used 1995 NIST cryptographic hash function standard that was officially deprecated by NIST in 2011 due to fundamental security weaknesses demonstrated in various analyses and theoretical attacks. Despite its deprecation, SHA-1 remains widely used in 2017 for document and TLS certificate signatures, and also in many software such as the GIT versioning system for integrity and backup purposes. A key reason behind the reluctance of many industry players to replace SHA-1 with a safer alternative is the fact that finding an actual collision has seemed to be impractical for the past eleven years due to the high complexity and computational cost of the attack. In this paper, we demonstrate that SHA-1 collision attacks have finally become practical by providing the first known instance of a collision. Furthermore, the prefix of the colliding messages was carefully chosen so that they allow an attacker to forge two PDF documents with the same SHA-1 hash yet that display arbitrarily-chosen distinct visual contents.

SHA2



$$E : \{0,1\}^{512} \times \{0,1\}^{256} \rightarrow \{0,1\}^{256} \quad \text{SHA2-256}$$

$$E : \{0,1\}^{1024} \times \{0,1\}^{512} \rightarrow \{0,1\}^{512} \quad \text{SHA2-512}$$



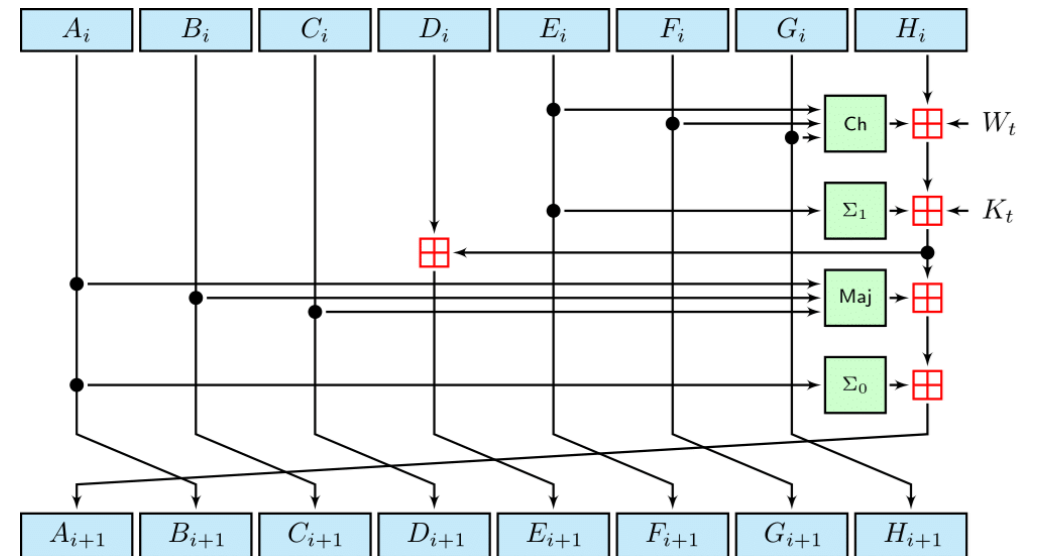
Repeat
64 times

$E(M_i, V_i)$

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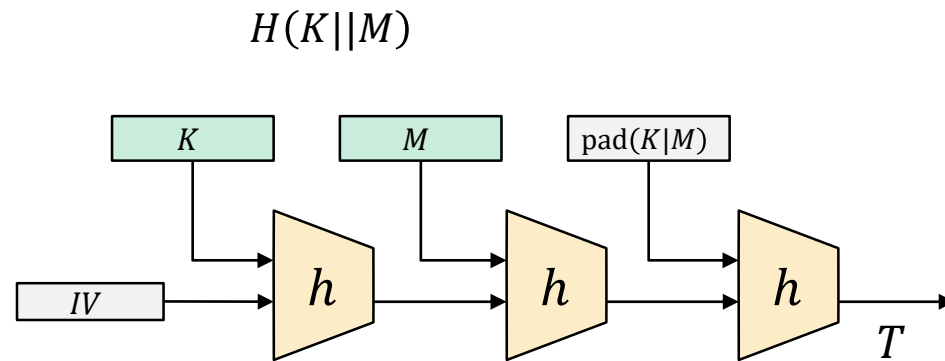
A1 ← Vi,1
B1 ← Vi,2
C1 ← Vi,3
D1 ← Vi,4
E1 ← Vi,5
F1 ← Vi,6
G1 ← Vi,7
H1 ← Vi,8
for j = 1 ... 16 do
    Wj ← Mi,j
for j = 17 ... 64 do
    σ0 ← ROTR7(Wj-15) ⊕ ROTR18(Wj-15) ⊕ SHR3(Wj-15)
    σ1 ← ROTR17(Wj-2) ⊕ ROTR19(Wj-2) ⊕ SHR10(Wj-2)
    Wj ← Wj-16 + σ0 + Wi-7 + σ1

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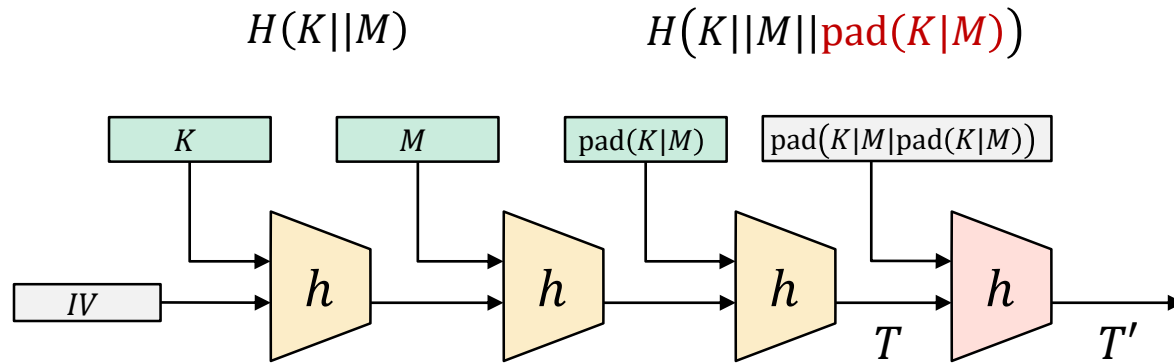
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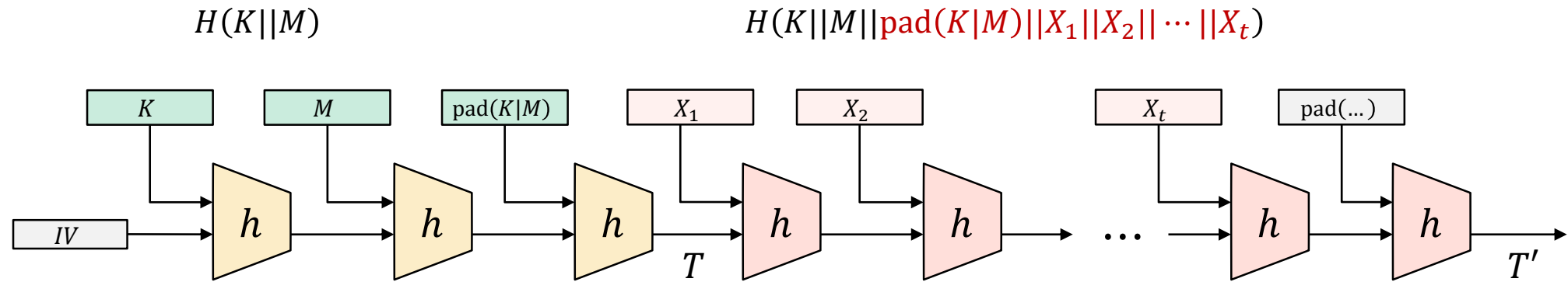
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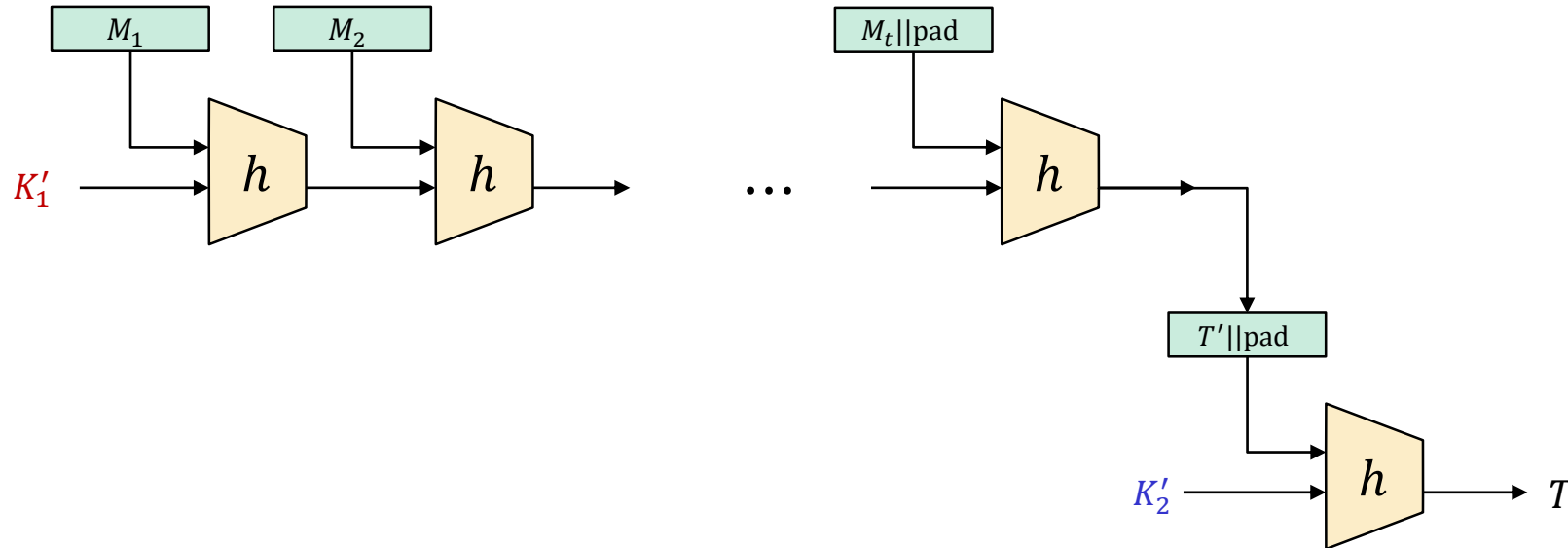


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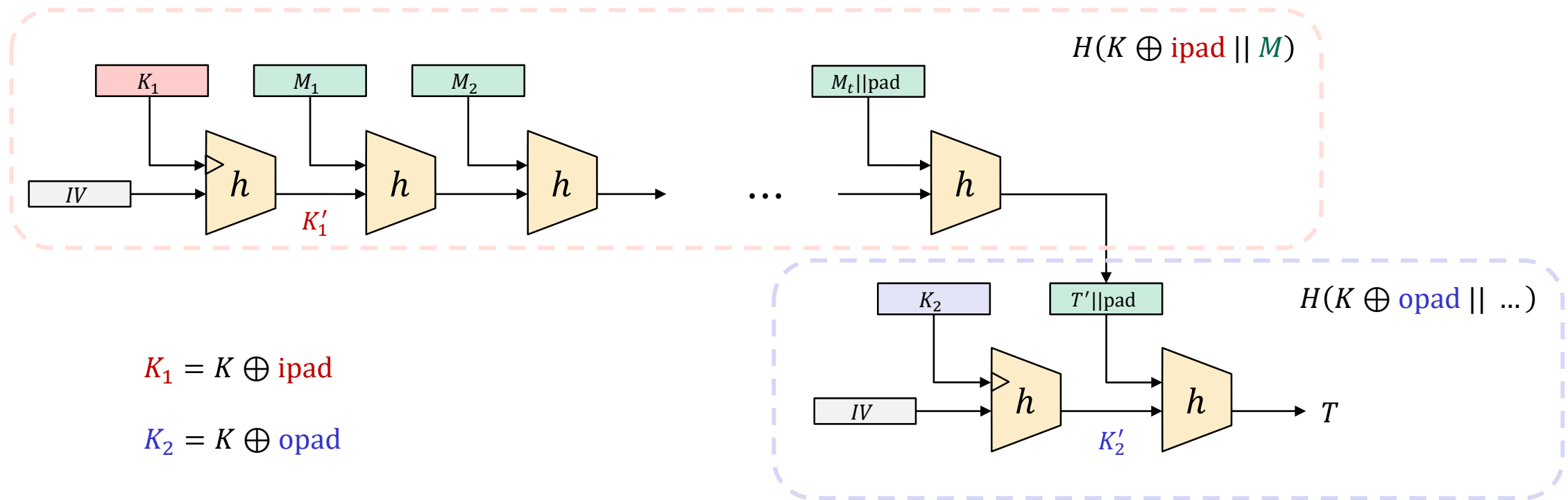
NMAC



Theorem (Gaži, Pietrzak, Rybár '2014):

If $h : \{0,1\}^n \times \{0,1\}^b \rightarrow \{0,1\}^n$ is a secure PRF then $\text{NMAC} : \{0,1\}^n \times \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow \{0,1\}^n$ is a secure PRF.

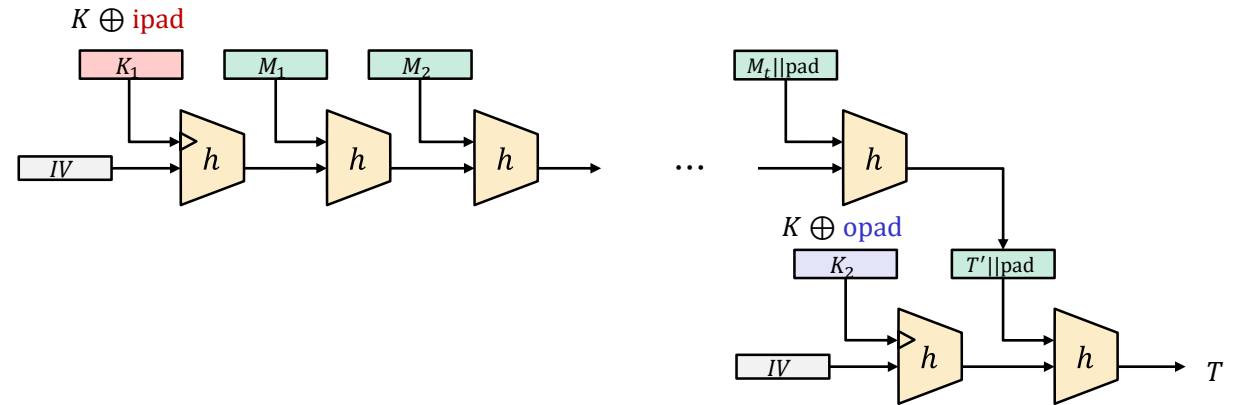
HMAC



$$\text{HMAC}(K, M) = H(K \oplus \text{opad} || H(K \oplus \text{ipad} || M))$$

HMAC

- Very widely used
 - TLS
 - IPsec
 - SSH
 - LTE
 - ...



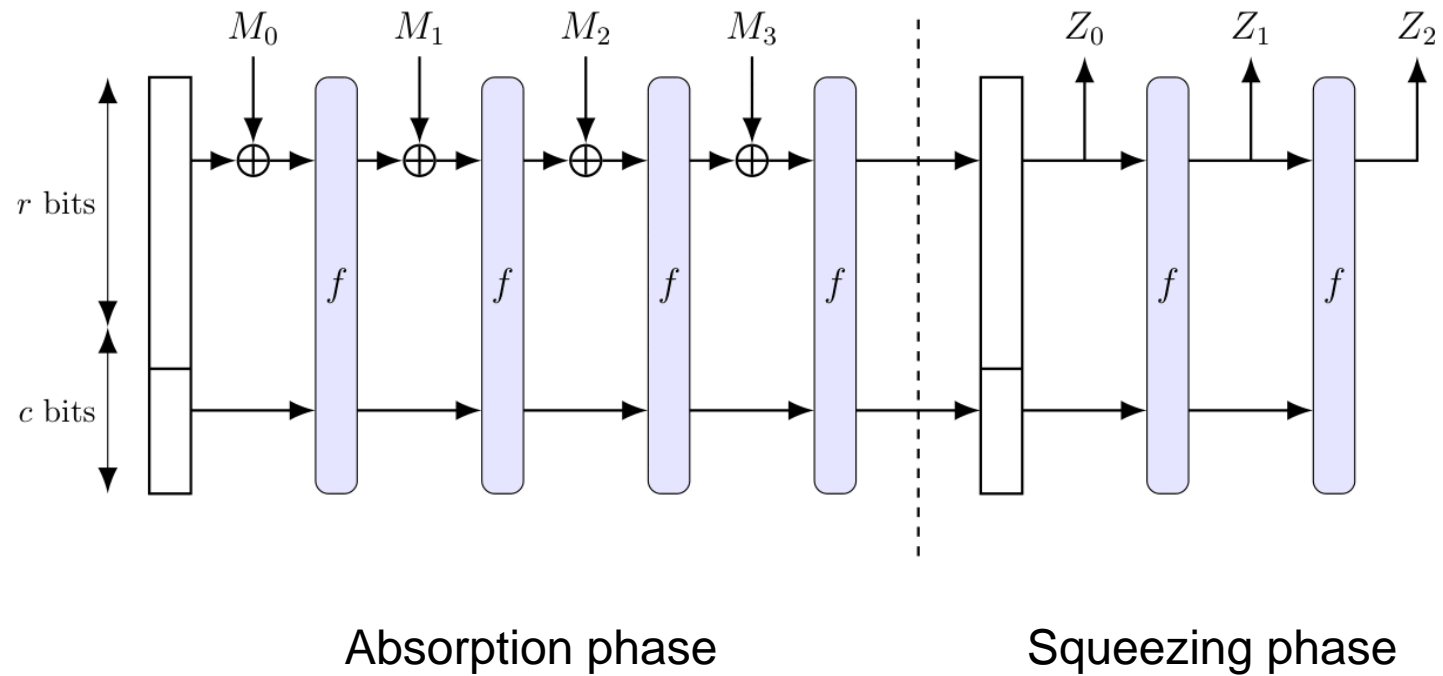
- Standardized by NIST and IETF (RFC 2104)

$$\text{HMAC}(K, M) = H(K \oplus \text{opad} || H(K \oplus \text{ipad} || M))$$

- Security proof for NMAC can be lifted to HMAC:
 - + assume h is a secure **dual** PRF (h keyed through the message is also a secure PRF)
 - + assume h is secure against **related-key attacks** (since K_1, K_2 are derived from K)
 - very tricky proof; controversies

SHA3

$$f : \{0,1\}^{1600} \rightarrow \{0,1\}^{1600}$$



Midterm exam

- Available next week (Wednesday 11. October)
- Due: **two weeks** later (Thursday 26. October, 23:59)
- Take-home exam
- **Individual:** collaboration is *not* allowed
- **Mandatory:** need to pass in order to be eligible for the exam
- All sources allowed (save for explicitly searching for the solution)
- Submission: Canvas (file type = PDF; strongly prefer if you use provided LaTeX template)
- Start early! The assignment may be more challenging than you expect