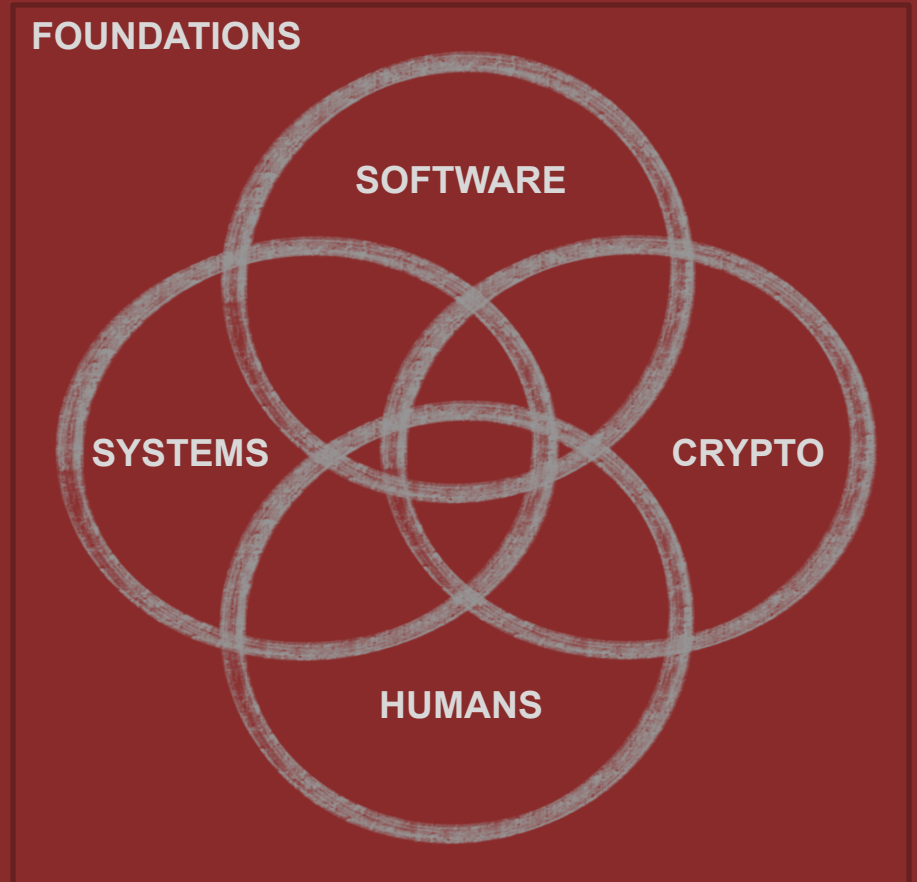


# Διάλεξη #16 - Hash Functions

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# Ανακοινώσεις / Διευκρινίσεις

- Η εργασία #2 κλείνει αύριο, μην ξεχάσουμε το write up!
- Η εργασία #3 θα ανοίξει αυτήν την εβδομάδα
- Η καταγραφή της Παρασκευής δεν πέτυχε :( - θα κάνουμε αναφορές
  - Δείτε την διάλεξη του [Dan Boneh \(Week 3\)](#)
- Οι βαθμοί των εργασιών θα ανακοινωθούν στις 16 Ιουνίου
- Το τελικό διαγώνισμα θα είναι στις 28 Ιουνίου

Ερωτήσεις:

1. Γιατί είναι το μήνυμα μέρος του MAC?
2. Παράδειγμα όπου μια συνάρτηση είναι second pre-image resistant αλλά όχι strongly collision resistant?

# Την προηγούμενη φορά

- Message Integrity
  - Message Authentication Codes (MACs)
  - CBC-MAC, NMAC, CMAC
- Introduction to Hashing

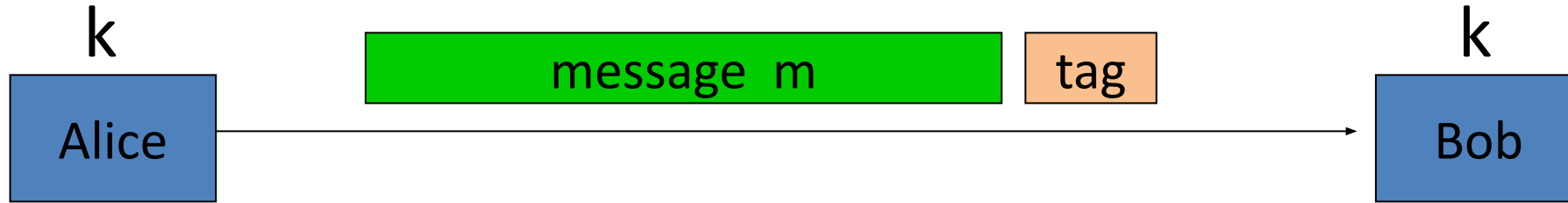
# Σήμερα

- Hashes Intro
- Hash Constructions
- HMAC
- Hash Tricks/Datastructures
- Authenticated Encryption (AuthEnc)



# **Integrity Reminder**

# Message integrity: MACs



**Generate tag (Sign):**

$$\text{tag} \leftarrow S(k, m)$$

**Verify tag:**

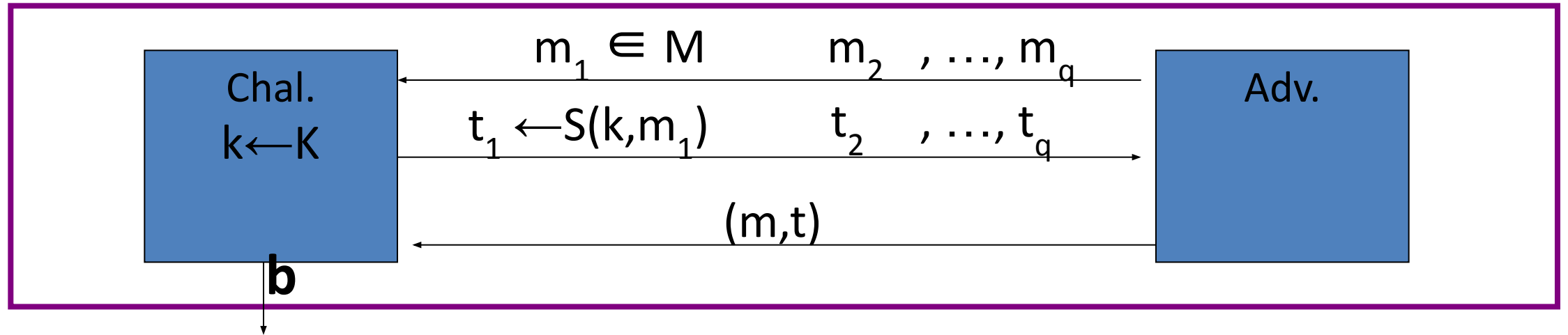
$$V(k, m, \text{tag}) \stackrel{?}{=} \text{'yes'}$$

Def: **MAC**  $I = (S, V)$  defined over  $(K, M, T)$  is a pair of algs:

- $S(k, m)$  outputs  $t$  in  $T$
- $V(k, m, t)$  outputs 'yes' or 'no'

# Secure MACs

- For a MAC  $I=(S,V)$  and adv.  $A$  define a MAC game as:



$b=1$  if  $V(k, m, t) = \text{'yes'}$  and  $(m, t) \notin \{(m_1, t_1), \dots, (m_q, t_q)\}$

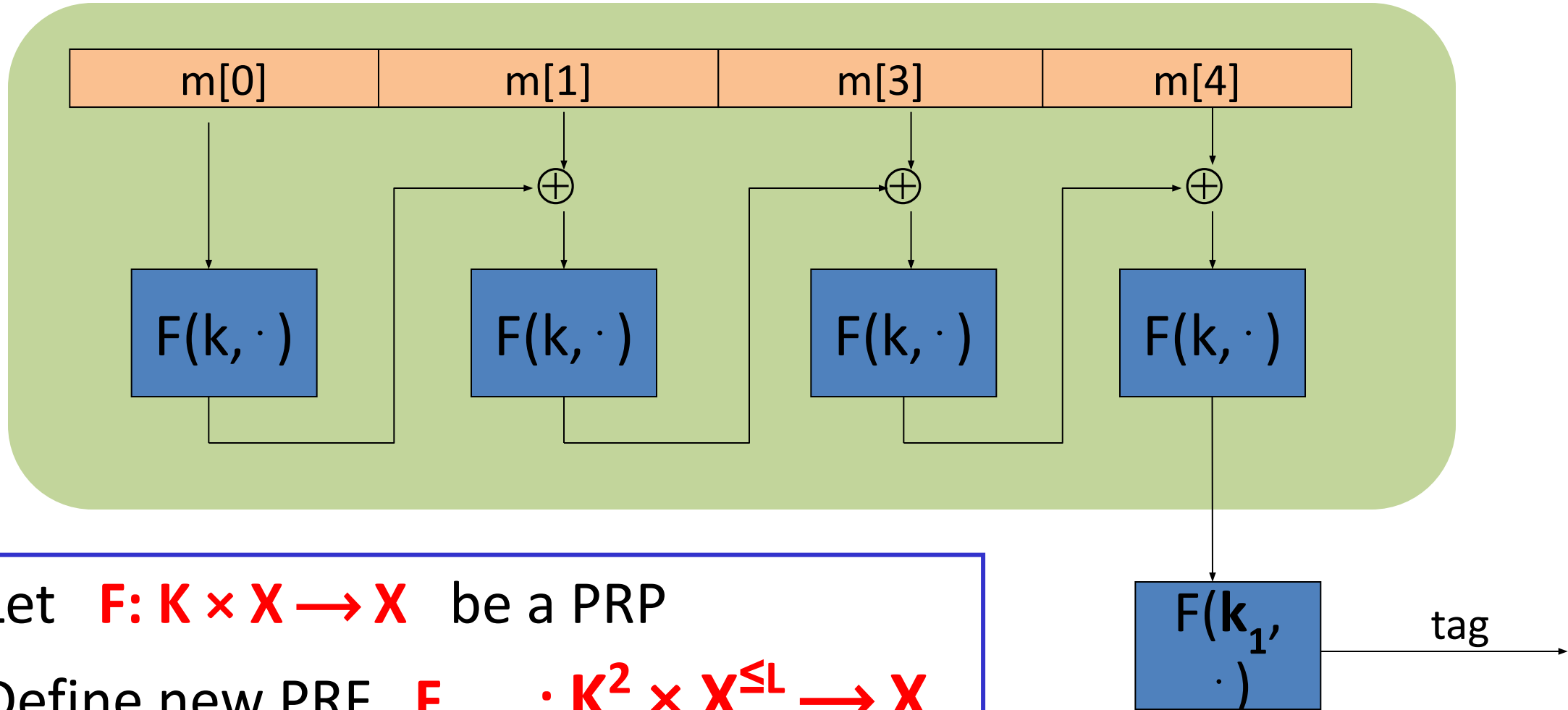
$b=0$  otherwise

Def:  $I=(S,V)$  is a **secure MAC** if for all “efficient”  $A$ :

$\text{Adv}_{\text{MAC}}[A, I] = \Pr[\text{Chal. outputs } 1]$  is “negligible.”

# Construction 1: encrypted CBC-MAC

raw CBC



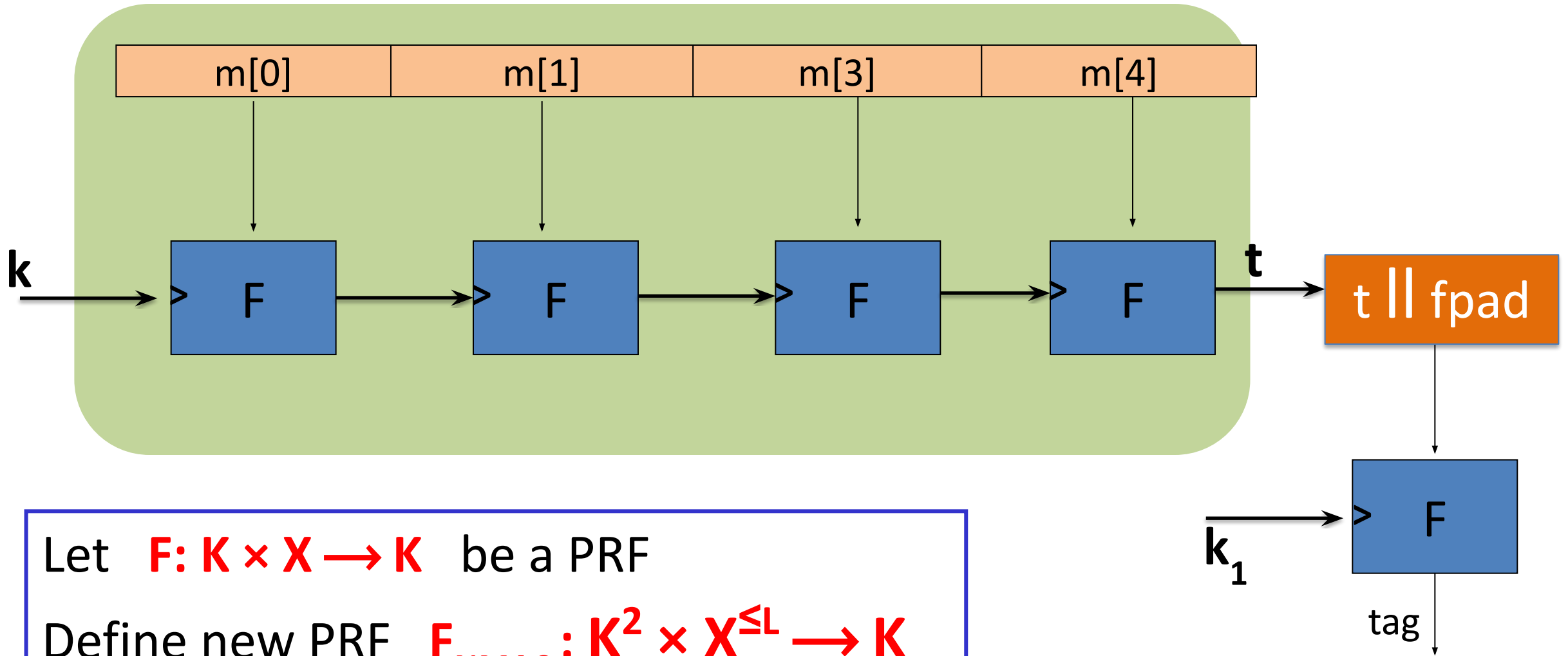
Let  $F: K \times X \rightarrow X$  be a PRP

Define new PRF  $F_{\text{ECBC}}: K^2 \times X^{\leq L} \rightarrow X$



# Construction 2: NMAC (nested MAC)

cascade



Let  $F: K \times X \rightarrow K$  be a PRF

Define new PRF  $F_{\text{NMAC}}: K^2 \times X^{\leq L} \rightarrow K$

# Quiz Question

Why get the message included in the MAC computation? Let's use  $MAC = E(k_1, k_2)$  and it is clearly not invertible or forgeable.



# **Hashes and Resistance**

# Cryptographic Hash Functions

A Cryptographic Hash Function (CHF) is an algorithm that maps an arbitrary binary string to a string of  $n$  bits.  $H : \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^n$

- Message space much larger than output space

$$H: M \rightarrow T, |M| \gg |T|$$

- Given the output, we want the input to remain secret and also make it hard for other inputs to get the same output (collision).
- Applications: everywhere (from storing passwords,

# Hash Function Properties

Let  $H: M \rightarrow T$ ,  $|M| \gg |T|$

- **Pre-image resistance.**  $H$  is pre-image resistant if given a hash value  $h$ , it should be difficult to find any message  $m$  such that  $H(m) = h$ . In other words,  $P[H(\text{random } m) = h] = 1/|T|$ .
- **Second pre-image resistance (weak collision resistance).**  $H$  is second-preimage resistant if given a message  $m_1$ , it should be difficult to find a different  $m_2$  such that  $H(m_1) = H(m_2)$ .
- **(Strong) Collision resistance.**  $H$  is collision resistant if it is difficult to find any two different messages  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  such that  $H(m_1) = H(m_2)$ .

Collision Resistance =>  
Second-preimage Resistance

Second-preimage Resistance =>  
Preimage Resistance?

\*only true under certain conditions (  $|M| \gg |T|$  )

# Collision Resistance Definition

Let  $H: M \rightarrow T$  be a hash function (  $|M| \gg |T|$  )

A **collision** for  $H$  is a pair  $m_0, m_1 \in M$  such that:

$$H(m_0) = H(m_1) \quad \text{and} \quad m_0 \neq m_1$$

A function  $H$  is **collision resistant** if for all (explicit) “eff” algs.  $A$ :

$$\text{Adv}_{\text{CR}}[A, H] = \Pr[ A \text{ outputs collision for } H ]$$

is “neg”.

Example: SHA-256 (outputs 256 bits)



# Generic attack on C.R. functions

Let  $H: M \rightarrow \{0,1\}^n$  be a hash function ( $|M| \gg 2^n$ )

Generic alg. to find a collision **in time**  $O(2^{n/2})$  hashes

Algorithm:

1. Choose  $2^{n/2}$  random messages in  $M$ :  $m_1, \dots, m_{2^{n/2}}$  (distinct w.h.p.)
2. For  $i = 1, \dots, 2^{n/2}$  compute  $t_i = H(m_i) \in \{0,1\}^n$
3. Look for a collision ( $t_i = t_j$ ). If not found, go back to step 1.

How well will this work?

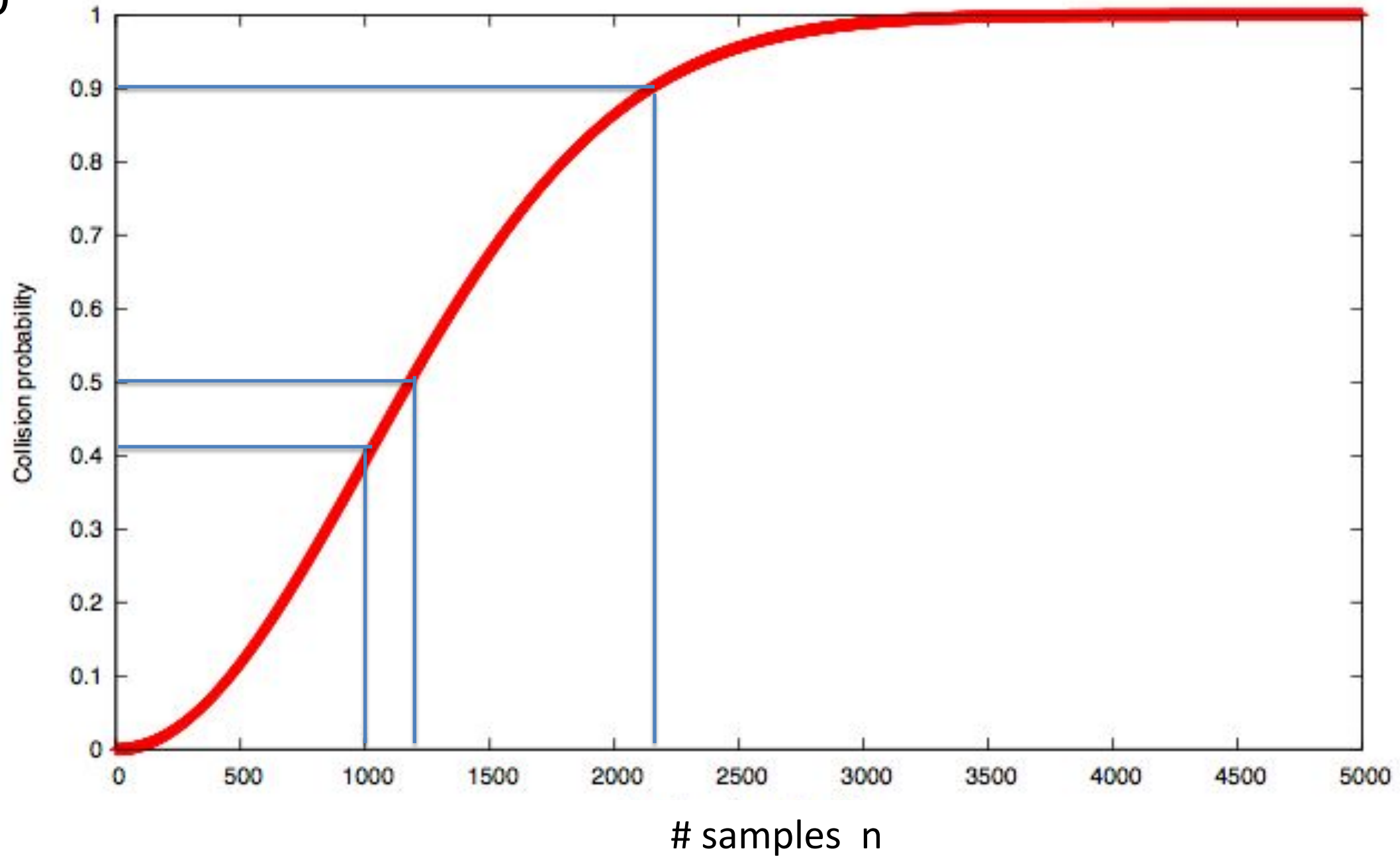
# The birthday paradox

Let  $r_1, \dots, r_n \in \{1, \dots, B\}$  be indep. identically distributed integers.

**Thm**: when  $n = 1.2 \times B^{1/2}$  then  $\Pr[ \exists i \neq j: r_i = r_j ] \geq \frac{1}{2}$

Proof: (for uniform indep.  $r_1, \dots, r_n$  )

$B=10^6$



# Generic attack

$H: M \rightarrow \{0,1\}^n$  . Collision finding algorithm:

1. Choose  $2^{n/2}$  random elements in  $M$ :  $m_1, \dots, m_{2^{n/2}}$
2. For  $i = 1, \dots, 2^{n/2}$  compute  $t_i = H(m_i) \in \{0,1\}^n$
3. Look for a collision ( $t_i = t_j$ ). If not found, got back to step 1.

Expected number of iteration  $\approx 2$

Running time:  $O(2^{n/2})$  (space  $O(2^{n/2})$  )

# Sample C.R. hash functions: Crypto++ 5.6.0 [ Wei Dai ]

AMD Opteron, 2.2 GHz (Linux)

<u>function</u>	<u>digest size (bits)</u>	<u>Speed (MB/sec)</u>	<u>generic attack time</u>
SHA-1	160	153	$2^{80}$
SHA-256	256	111	$2^{128}$
SHA-512	512	99	$2^{256}$
Whirlpool	512	57	$2^{256}$

NIST standards

\* best known collision finder for SHA-1 requires  $2^{51}$  hash evaluations

<https://shattered.io/>

# Quantum Collision Finder

	Classical algorithms	Quantum algorithms
Block cipher <b>E: <math>K \times X \rightarrow X</math></b> exhaustive search	$O( K )$	$O( K ^{1/2})$
Hash function <b>H: <math>M \rightarrow T</math></b> collision finder	$O( T ^{1/2})$	$O( T ^{1/3})$



# **Hash Constructions: Merkle-Damgård**

# Collision resistance

Let  $H: M \rightarrow T$  be a hash function ( $|M| \gg |T|$ )

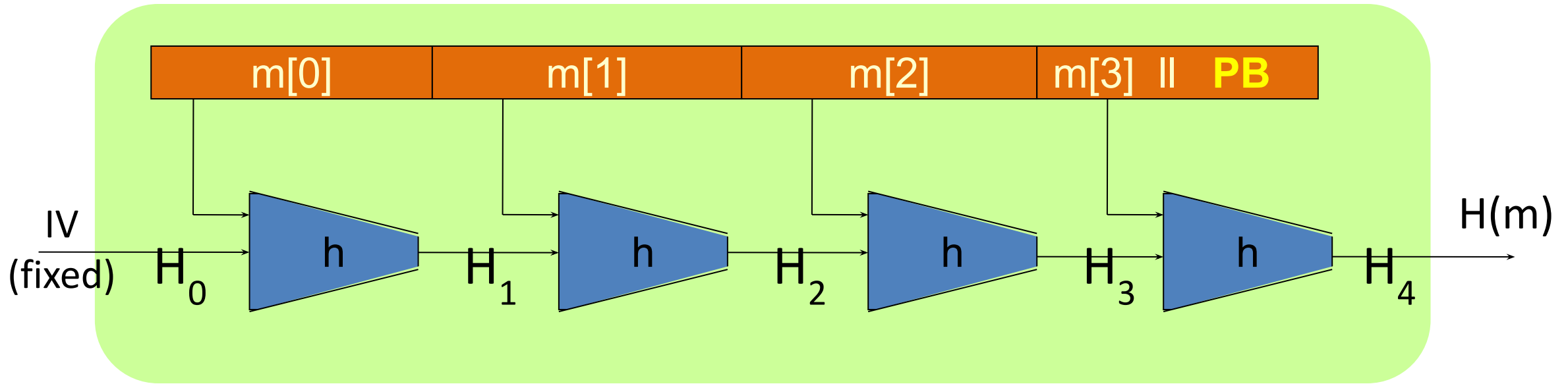
A **collision** for  $H$  is a pair  $m_0, m_1 \in M$  such that:  
 $H(m_0) = H(m_1)$  and  $m_0 \neq m_1$

Goal: collision resistant (C.R.) hash functions

Step 1: given C.R. function for **short** messages,  
construct C.R. function for **long** messages



# The Merkle-Damgard iterated construction



Given  $h: T \times X \rightarrow T$  (compression function)

we obtain  $H: X^{\leq L} \rightarrow T$ .  $H_i$  - chaining variables

PB: padding block



If no space for PB  
add another block

# MD collision resistance

**Thm:** if  $h$  is collision resistant then so is  $H$ .

**Proof:** collision on  $H \Rightarrow$  collision on  $h$

Suppose  $H(M) = H(M')$ . We build collision for  $h$ .

$$IV = H_0, H_1, \dots, H_t, H_{t+1} = H(M)$$

$$IV = H'_0, H'_1, \dots, H'_r, H'_{r+1} = H(M')$$

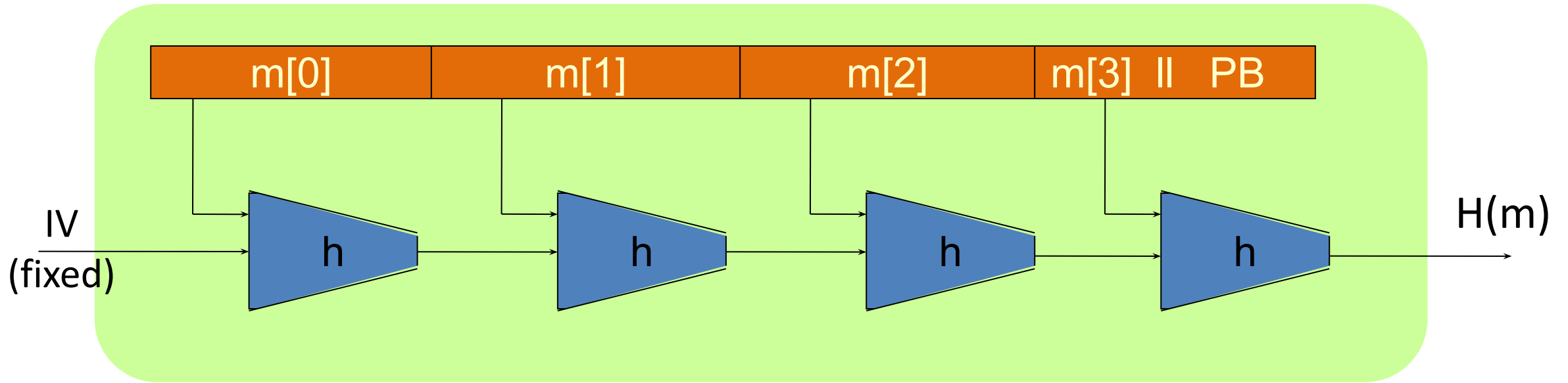
$$h(H_t, M_t \parallel PB) = H_{t+1} = H'_{r+1} = h(H'_r, M'_r \parallel PB')$$

Suppose  $H_t = H'_r$  and  $M_t = M'_r$  and  $PB = PB'$

Then:  $h(H_{t-1}, M_{t-1}) = H_t = H'_t = h(H'_{t-1}, M'_{t-1})$

$\Rightarrow$  To construct C.R. function,  
suffices to construct compression function

# The Merkle-Damgard iterated construction



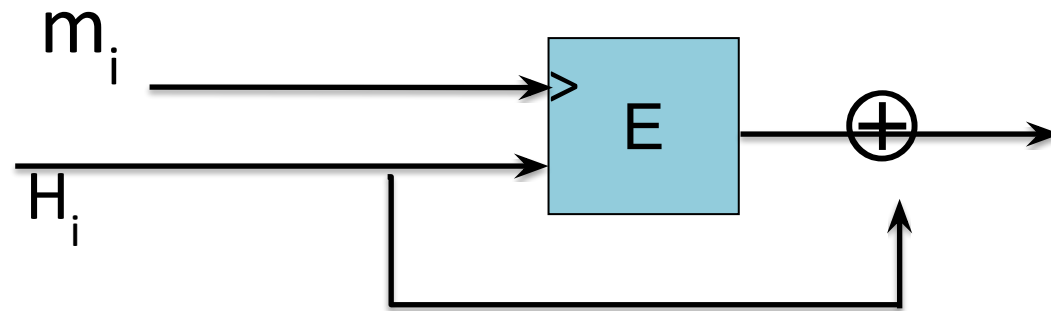
Thm:  $h$  collision resistant  $\Rightarrow$   $H$  collision resistant

Goal: construct compression function  $h: T \times X \rightarrow T$

# Compr. func. from a block cipher

$E: K \times \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}^n$  a block cipher.

The **Davies-Meyer** compression function:  $h(H, m) = E(m, H) \oplus H$



**Thm:** Suppose  $E$  is an ideal cipher (collection of  $|K|$  random perms.). Finding a collision  $h(H, m) = h(H', m')$  takes  $O(2^{n/2})$  evaluations of  $(E, D)$ .

Best possible !!

Suppose we define  $h(H, m) = E(m, H)$

Then the resulting  $h(.,.)$  is not collision resistant:

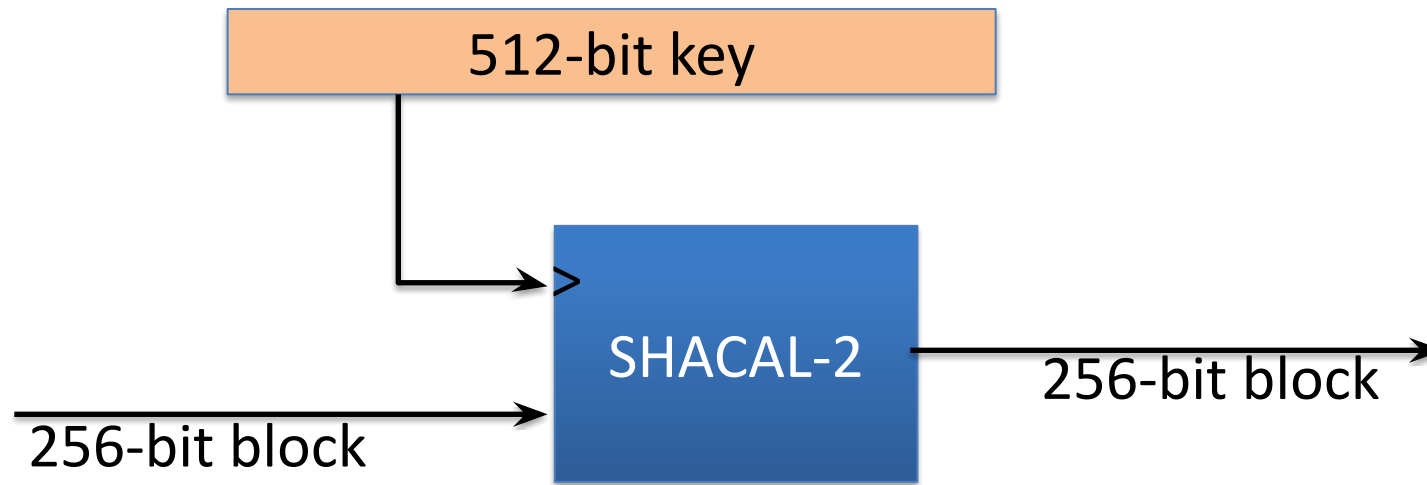
to build a collision  $(H, m)$  and  $(H', m')$

choose random  $(H, m, m')$  and construct  $H'$  as follows:

- $H' = D(m', E(m, H))$
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# Case study: SHA-256

- Merkle-Damgard function
- Davies-Meyer compression function
- Block cipher: SHACAL-2





# **Hashes and Passwords**



Hash Functions are typically ***Fast***  
>  $10^6$  / s on modern hardware

# Some Hash Functions Are Slow

[PBKDF2](#) is ~5 orders of magnitude (100,000x) slower than a standard hash function (e.g., MD5). It is also the main recommendation for storing passwords (RFC 8018 / 2017).

1. Why is a hash function used for storing passwords?
2. Is slowness an advantage or disadvantage?

# Careful with storing passwords

<https://hashcat.net/hashcat/>

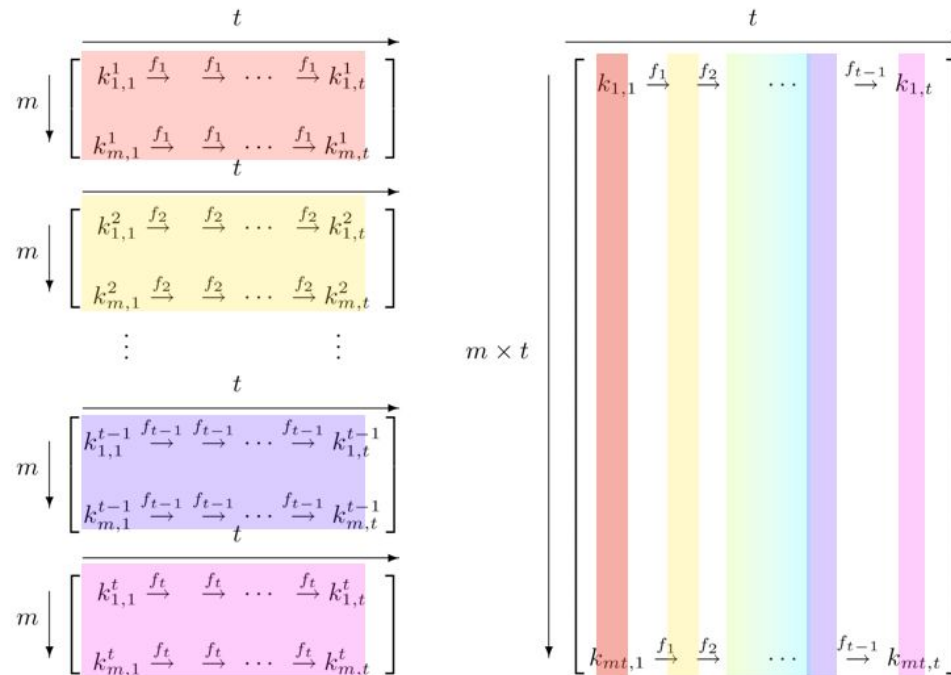


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NVIDIA GeForce RTX 4090	96th	28	152416197859 +/- 6710203881
MSI NVIDIA GeForce RTX 4090	96th	5	151733333333 +/- 6137634362
Zotac NVIDIA GeForce RTX 2080 Ti	90th	3	130494289583 +/- 210426329
NVIDIA GeForce RTX 4080	87th	14	94912651871 +/- 2409779704
Gigabyte NVIDIA GeForce RTX 3070	82nd	4	80013741667 +/- 228221564
NVIDIA GeForce RTX 3090 Ti	81st	4	75184916667 +/- 3931783726
Gigabyte NVIDIA GeForce RTX 4070 Ti	81st	4	74021816667 +/- 1638545931
Mid-Tier	75th		< 70991033333
NVIDIA GeForce RTX 3090	75th	39	70867552587 +/- 3204264127
AMD Radeon RX 7900 XTX	73rd	4	69163372857 +/- 1246558898
NVIDIA GeForce RTX 3080 Ti	72nd	14	67781101282 +/- 413951882
AMD Radeon RX 7900 XT	67th	5	61566224762 +/- 753630529
NVIDIA GeForce RTX 3080	66th	19	60284979323 +/- 871234740
AMD Radeon RX 6900 XT	63rd	9	58596096296 +/- 1383732339
AMD Radeon RX 6800 XT	56th	6	52565837302 +/- 1856012111
NVIDIA GeForce RTX 2080 SUPER	54th	3	43272383333
NVIDIA GeForce RTX 3070 Ti	52nd	12	42679897024 +/- 218910662

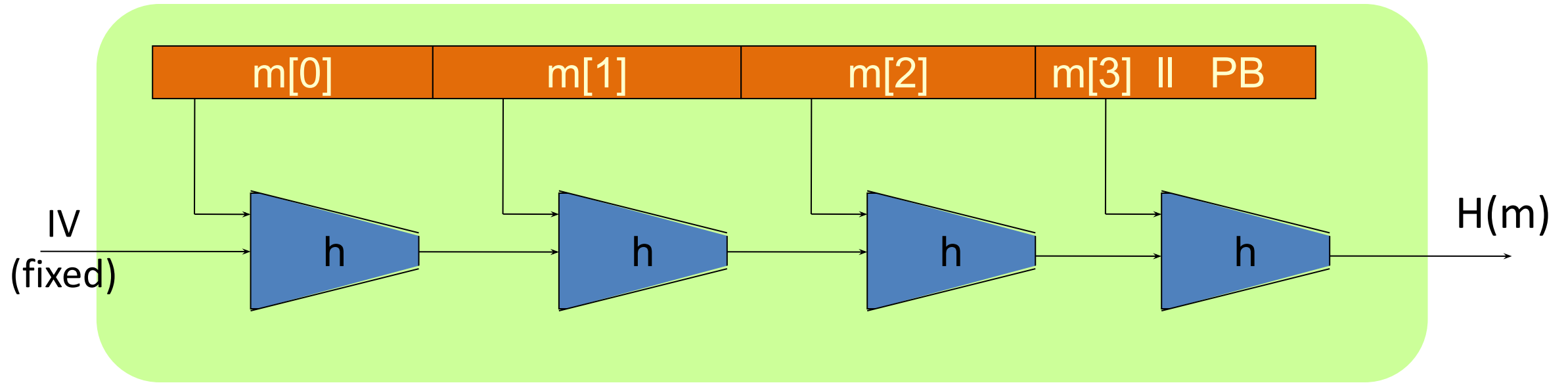
We just recovered the MD5 hash of a password:  
d50ba4dd3fe42e17e9faa9ec29f89708 . Can we get the  
original password?

# Rainbow Tables

A [rainbow table](#) is a precompute table for caching the outputs of a hash function. Typically used for cracking password hashes. A common defense against this attack is to compute the hashes using a [key derivation function](#) that adds a "[salt](#)" to each password before hashing it, with different passwords receiving different salts, which are stored in plain text along with the hash.



# The Merkle-Damgard iterated construction



Thm:  $h$  collision resistant  $\Rightarrow$   $H$  collision resistant

Can we use  $H(.)$  to directly build a MAC?

# MAC from a Merkle-Damgard Hash Function

$H: X^{\leq L} \rightarrow T$  a C.R. Merkle-Damgard Hash Function

Attempt #1:  $S(k, m) = H(k \parallel m)$

This MAC is insecure because:

- Given  $H(k \parallel m)$  can compute  $H(w \parallel k \parallel m \parallel PB)$  for any  $w$ .
- Given  $H(k \parallel m)$  can compute  $H(k \parallel m \parallel w)$  for any  $w$ .
- Given  $H(k \parallel m)$  can compute  $H(k \parallel m \parallel PB \parallel w)$  for any  $w$ .
- Anyone can compute  $H(k \parallel m)$  for any  $m$ .

# Standardized method: HMAC (Hash-MAC)

Most widely used MAC on the Internet.

H: hash function.

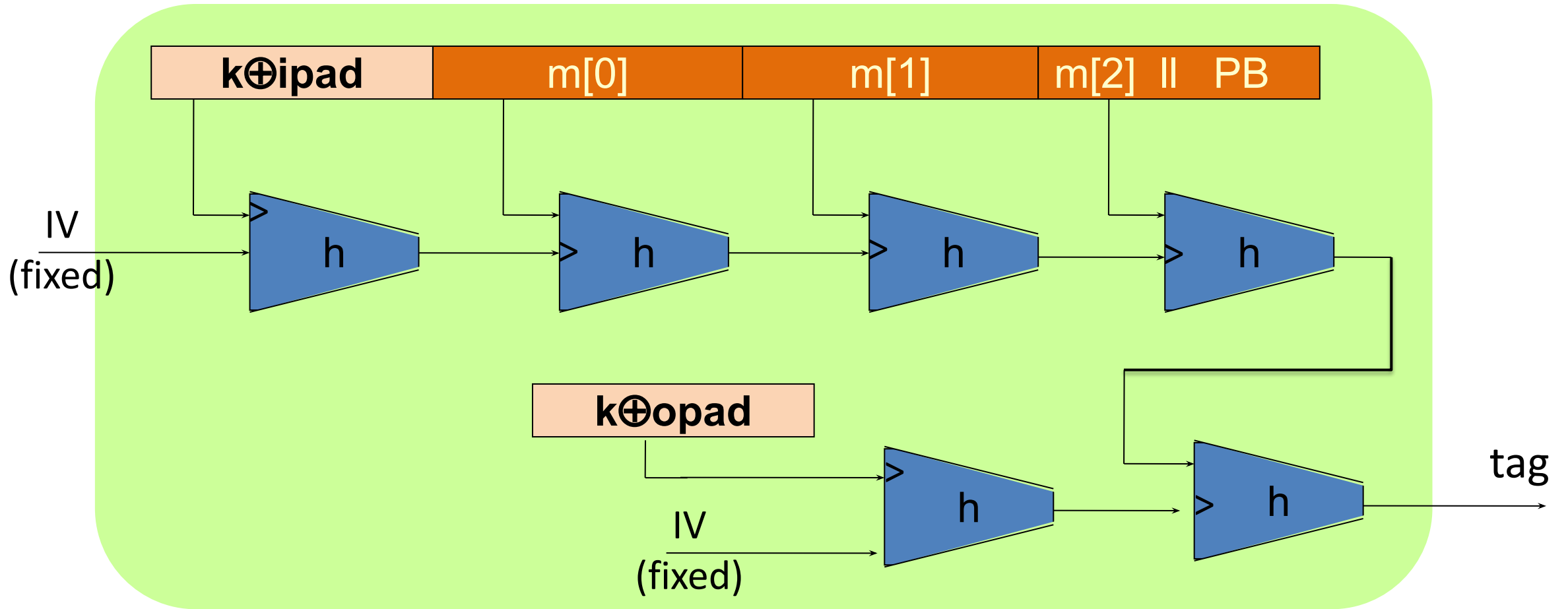
example: SHA-256 ; output is 256 bits

Building a MAC out of a hash function:

$$\text{HMAC: } S(k, m) = H(k \oplus \text{opad} \parallel H(k \oplus \text{ipad} \parallel m))$$



# HMAC in pictures



Similar to the NMAC PRF.

main difference: the two keys  $k_1, k_2$  are dependent

# HMAC properties

Built from a black-box implementation of SHA-256.

HMAC is assumed to be a secure PRF

- Can be proven under certain PRF assumptions about  $h(.,.)$
- Security bounds similar to NMAC
  - Need  $q^2/|T|$  to be negligible (  $q \ll |T|^{1/2}$  )

In TLS: must support HMAC-SHA1-96

# Warning: verification timing attacks [L'09]

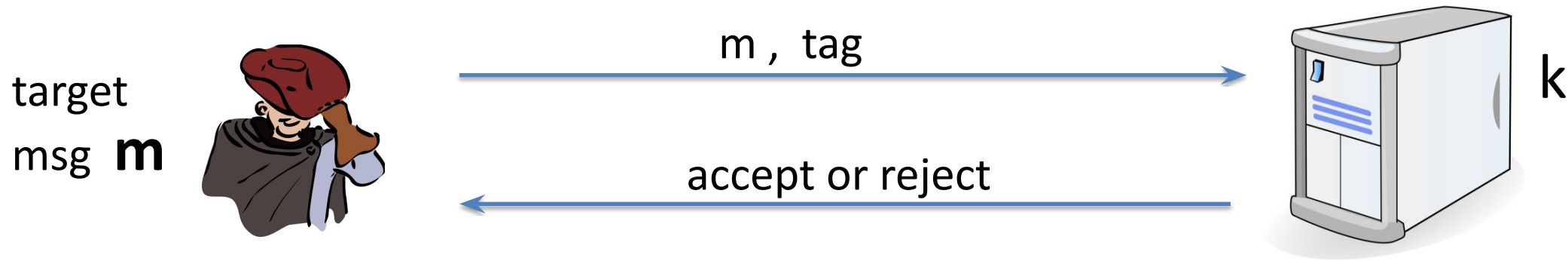
Example: Keyczar crypto library (Python) [simplified]

```
def Verify(key, msg, sig_bytes):  
    return HMAC(key, msg) == sig_bytes
```

The problem: '==' implemented as a byte-by-byte comparison

- Comparator returns false when first inequality found

# Warning: verification timing attacks [L'09]



Timing attack: to compute tag for target message  $m$  do:

Step 1: Query server with random tag

Step 2: Loop over all possible first bytes and query server.

stop when verification takes a little longer than in step 1

Step 3: repeat for all tag bytes until valid tag found



# Defense #1

Make string comparator always take same time (Python) :

```
return false if sig_bytes has wrong length
```

```
result = 0
```

```
for x, y in zip( HMAC(key,msg) , sig_bytes):
```

```
    result |= ord(x) ^ ord(y)
```

```
return result == 0
```

Can be difficult to ensure due to optimizing compiler.

# Defense #2

Make string comparator always take same time (Python) :

```
def Verify(key, msg, sig_bytes):  
    mac = HMAC(key, msg)  
    return HMAC(key, mac) == HMAC(key, sig_bytes)
```

Attacker doesn't know values being compared



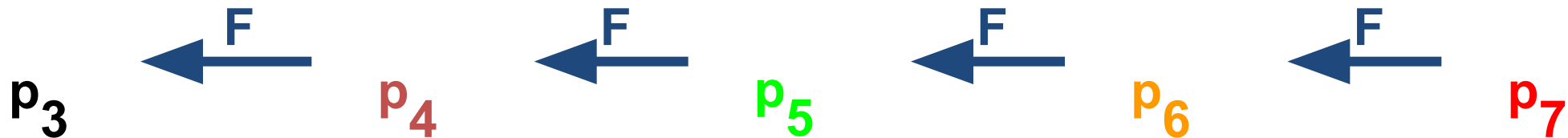
# **Hash Tricks and Datastructures**

# Commitment Scheme



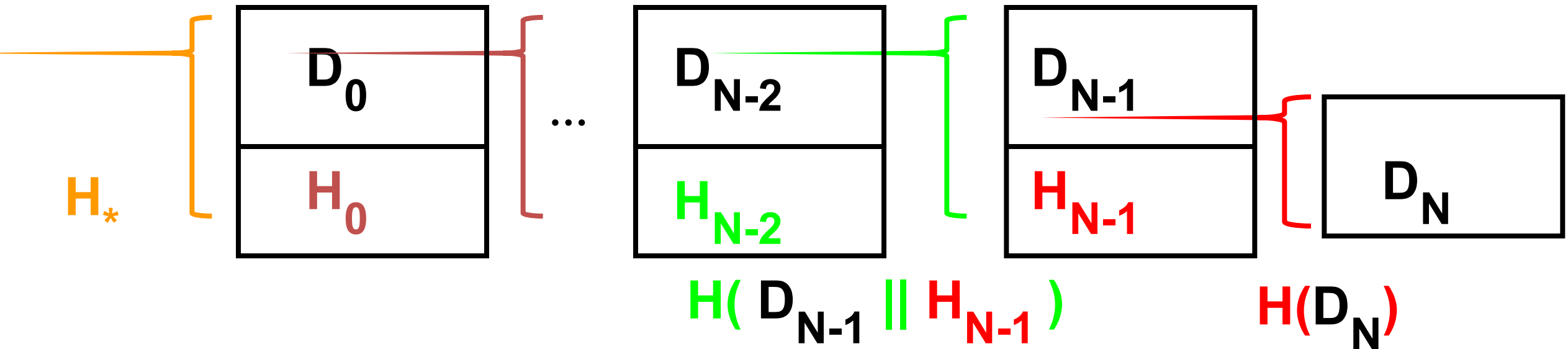
# One-Way Chain Application (Lists)

- One-time password system
- Goal
  - Use a different password at every login
  - Server cannot derive password for next login
- Solution: one-way chain
  - Pick random password  $P_L$
  - Prepare sequence of passwords  $P_i = F(P_{i+1})$
  - Use passwords  $P_0, P_1, \dots, P_{L-1}, P_L$
  - Server can easily authenticate user



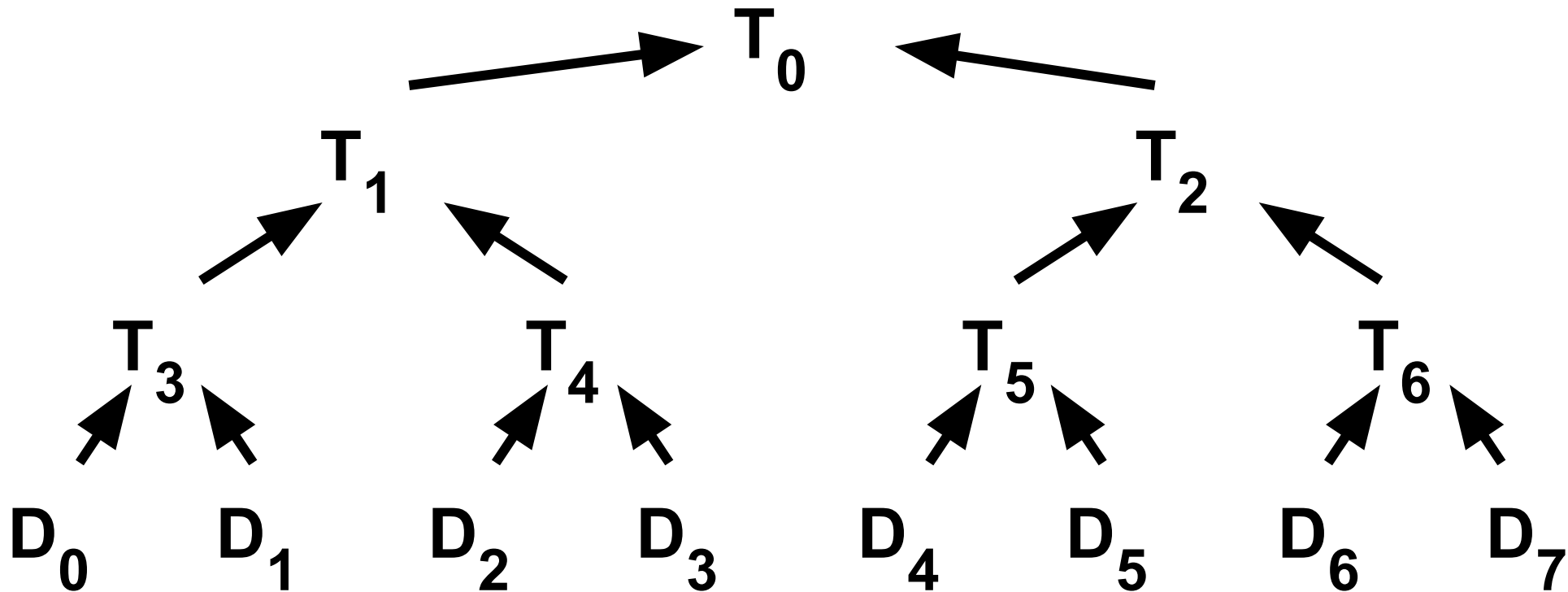
# Chained Hashes

- More general construction than one-way hash chains
- Useful for authenticating a sequence of data values  $D_0, D_1, \dots, D_N$
- $H_*$  authenticates entire chain



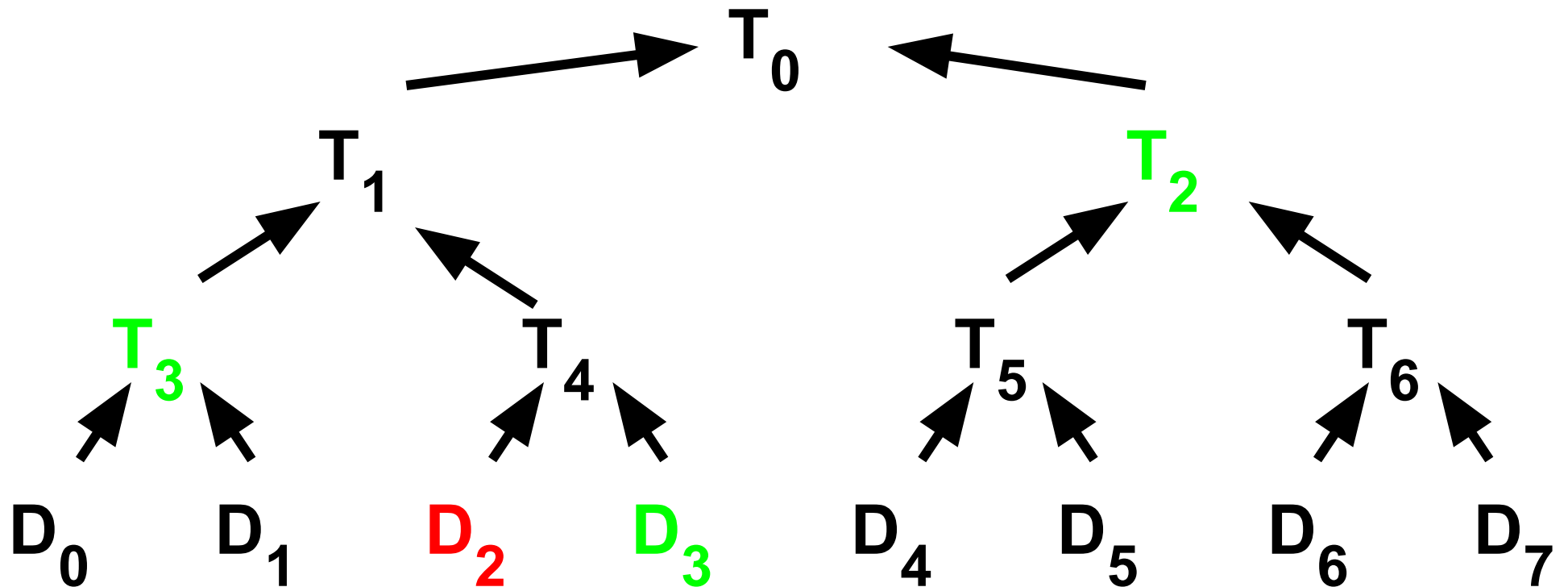
# Merkle Hash Trees

- Authenticate a sequence of data values  $D_0, D_1, \dots, D_N$
- Construct binary tree over data values



# Merkle Hash Trees II

- Verifier knows  $T_0$
- How can verifier authenticate leaf  $D_i$  ?
- Solution: recompute  $T_0$  using  $D_i$
- Example authenticate  $D_2$ , send  $D_3 T_3 T_2$
- Verify  $T_0 = H( H( T_3 \parallel H( D_2 \parallel D_3 ) ) \parallel T_2 )$



**Ευχαριστώ και καλή μέρα εύχομαι!**

Keep hacking!