

Cryptographic Hash and Integrity Protection

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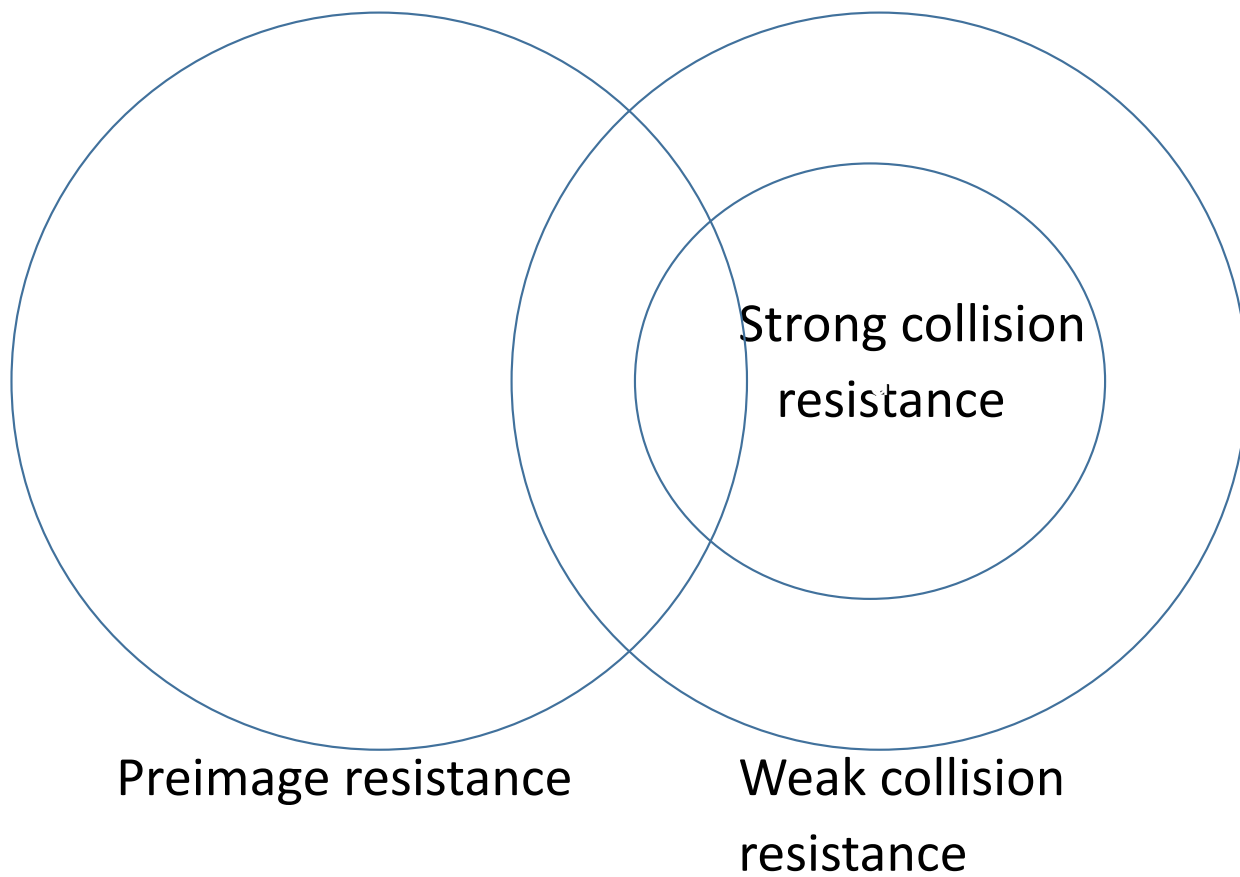
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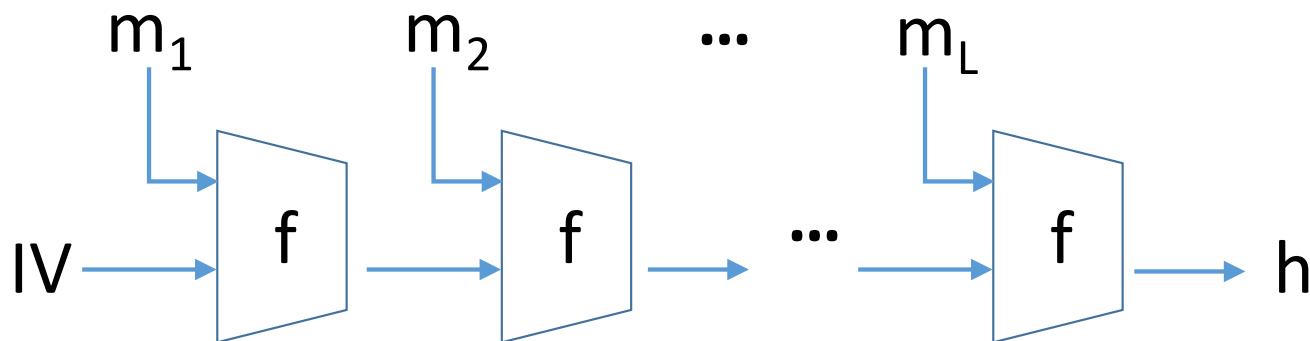
(Strong collision resistance is harder to achieve in the defender perspective)

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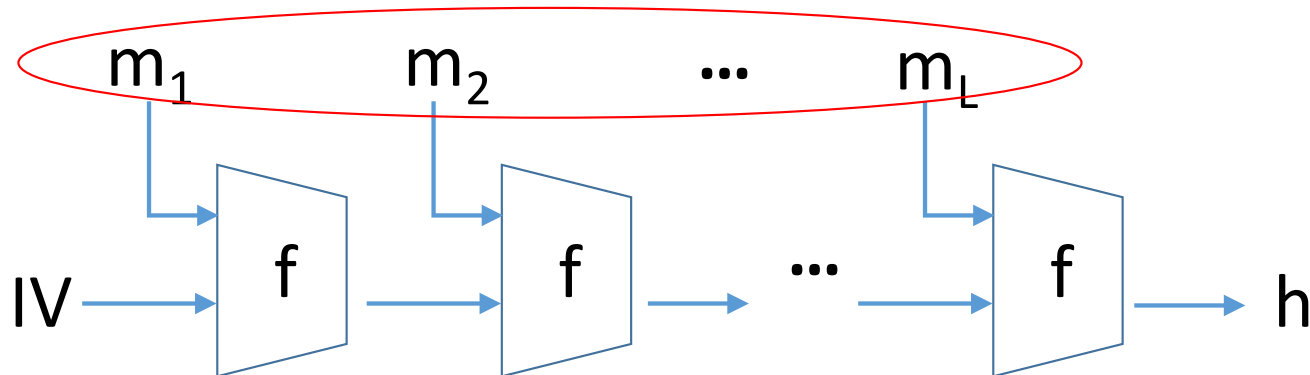


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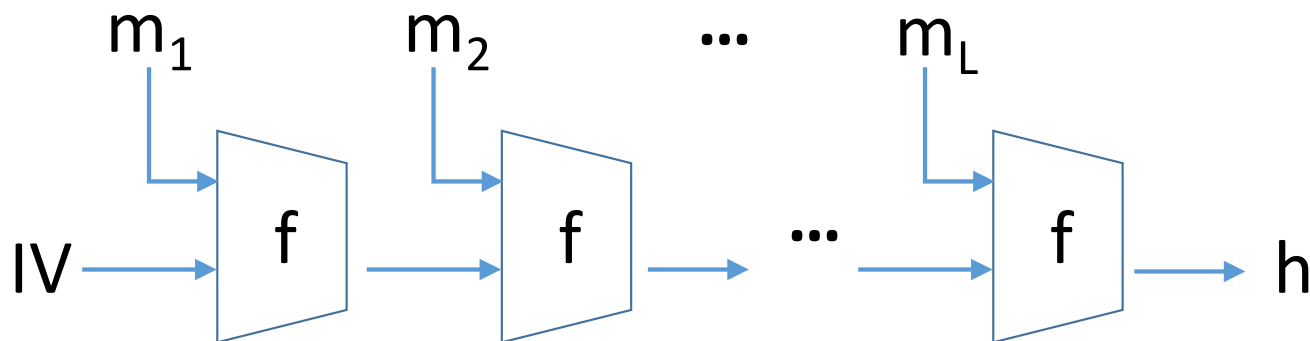


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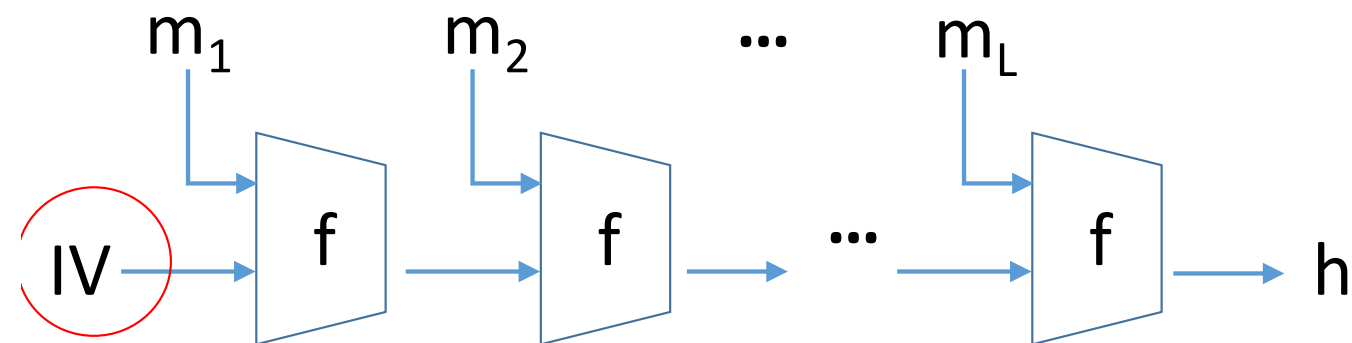


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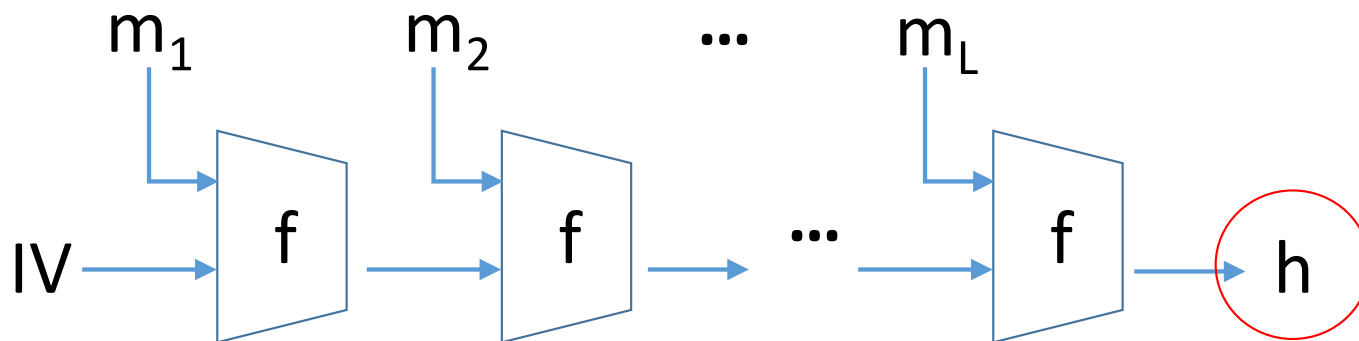


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Hash Using Block Ciphers

f can be a block cipher

Similar to CBC but with no key

