

# Improved Cryptanalysis of Reduced RIPEMD-160

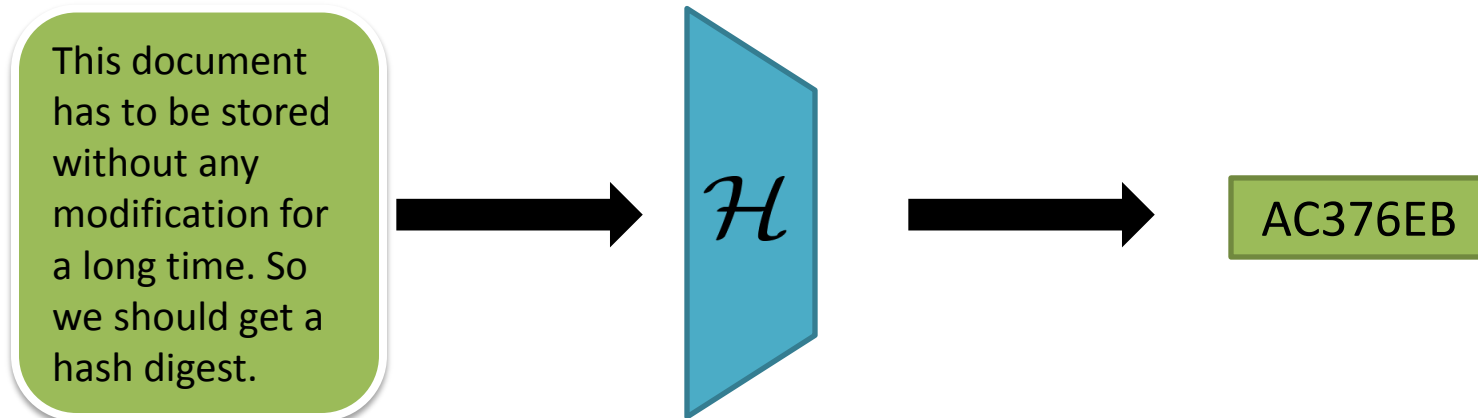
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# Cryptographic Hash Function

- **Public function**
  - Input: **arbitrary long** messages
  - Output: **short random** digests
- A **fundamental primitive** in cryptography



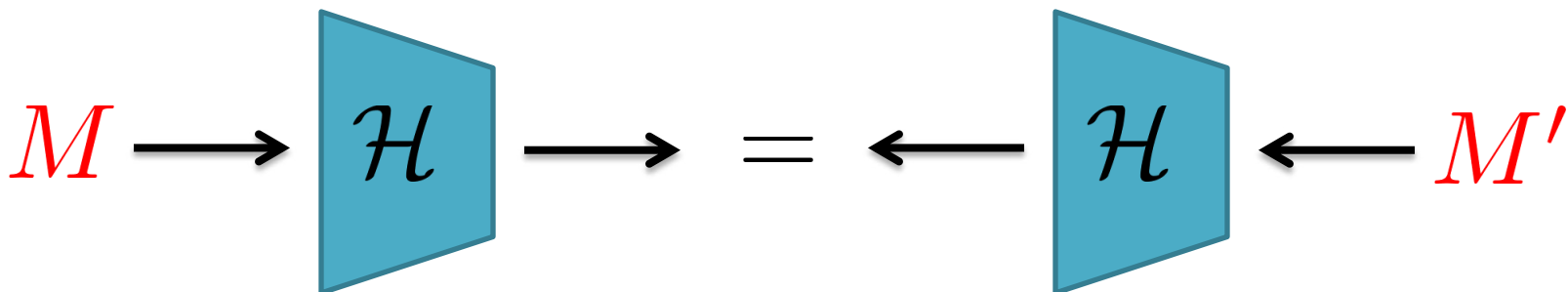
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- **Collision attack**

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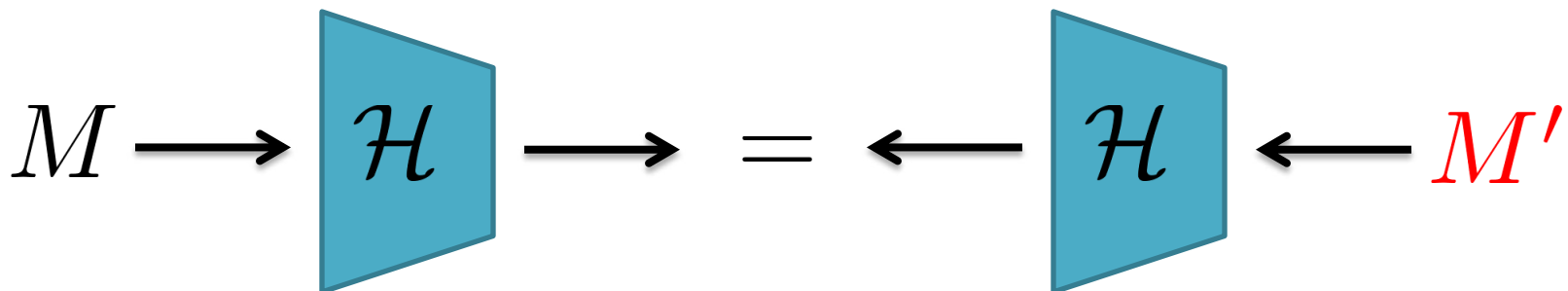
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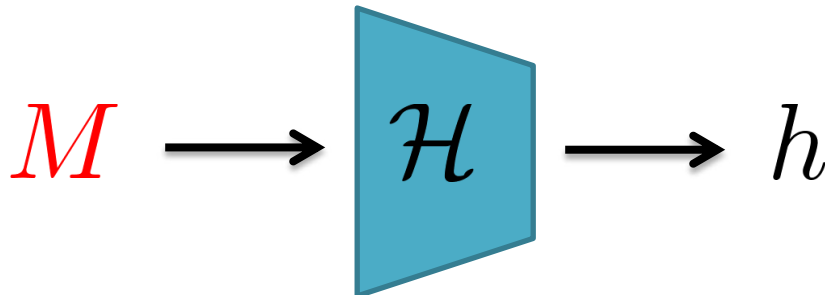
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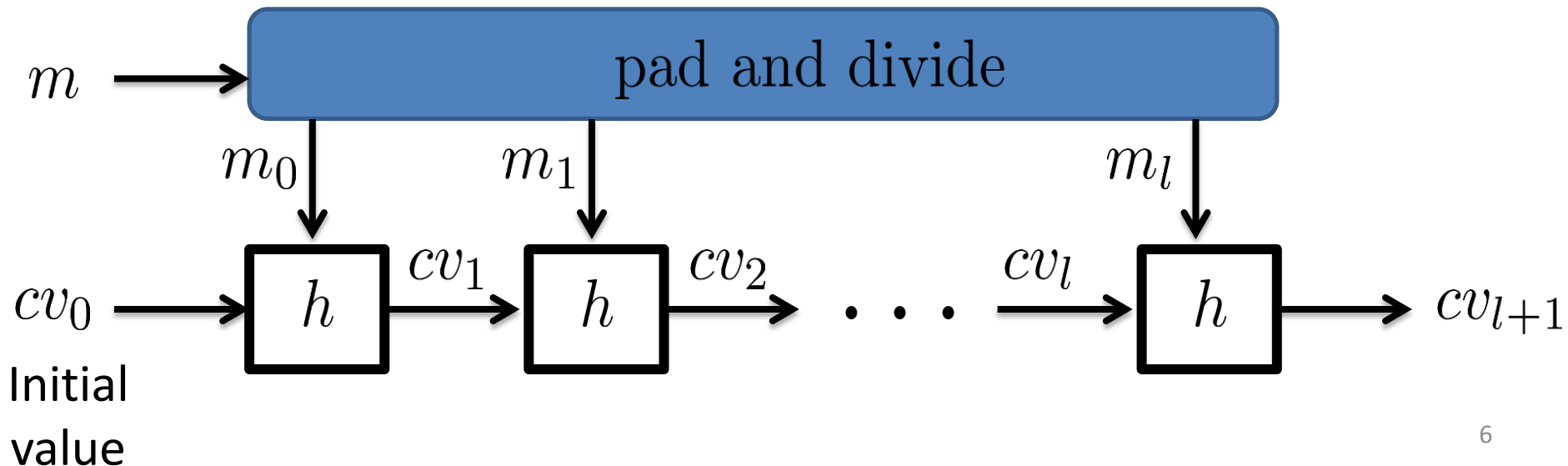
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# Iterative Hash Function Design

- **Compression function:** public function for which the input and output **size is fixed**.
- **Domain extension:** an algorithm which iterates the compression function to handle arbitrary long messages.
  - e.g., **Merkle-Damgård** mode



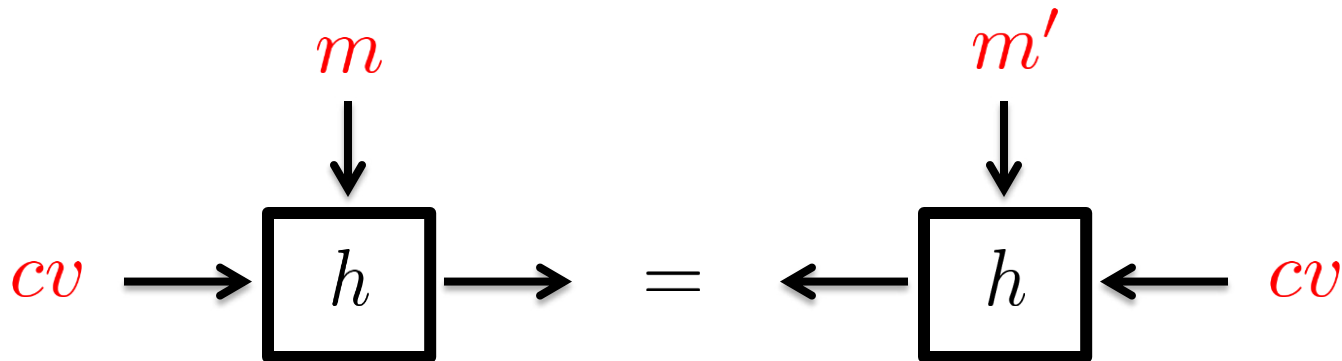
# A security notion on compression function

- **Semi-free-start collision attack**

Find  $cv$ ,  $m$  and  $m'$  such that  $m \neq m'$

$$h(cv, m) = h(cv, m')$$

- **Resistance requirement: no less than  $2^{n/2}$**



# MD-SHA Family

- Well-known **dedicated** hash functions since 1990s
- **Merkle-Damgård** mode
- Compression function
  - **Addition-Rotation-Xor**
  - Bitwise **Boolean function**
  - Unbalanced **Feistel Network**



# MD-SHA Family

- **Broken** hash functions

- MD4, MD5, SHA-0, SHA-1, HAVAL, RIPEMD-0, RIPEMD-128

- **Unbroken** hash functions

- **RIPEMD-160**, SHA-2

# Security State of RIPEMD-160

- After **17 years** since 1996

Target	Type	#Steps	Complexity	Ref.
Compression	Preimage	31	$2^{148}$	OSS12
Hash	Preimage	31	$2^{155}$	OSS12
Compression	Non-randomness	48	low	MNSS12
Compression	Non-randomness	52	$2^{158}$	SW12
Compression	Semi-free-start collision	36	low	MNSS12
<b>Compression</b>	<b>Semi-free-start collision</b>	<b>42</b>	<b><math>2^{75.5}</math></b>	<b>Ours</b>
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\*: Our 36-step attack **starts from the first step.**

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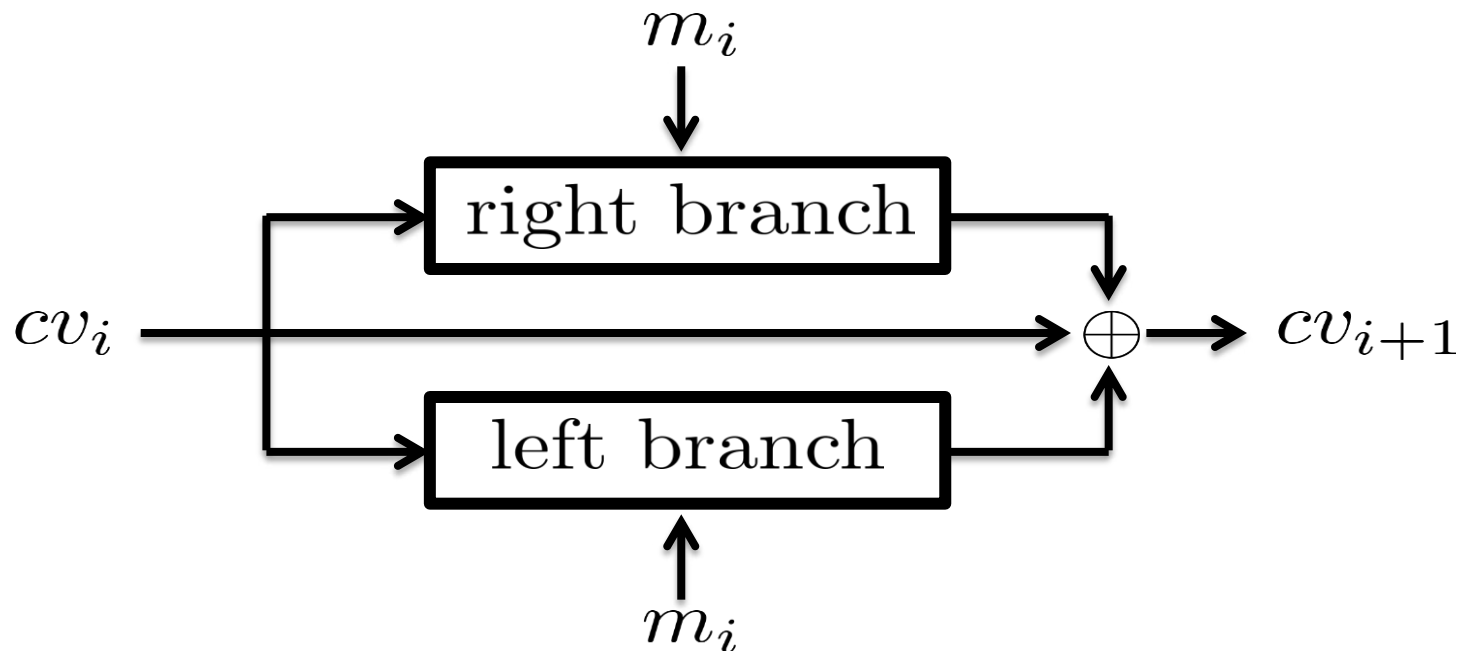
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# RIPEMD-160

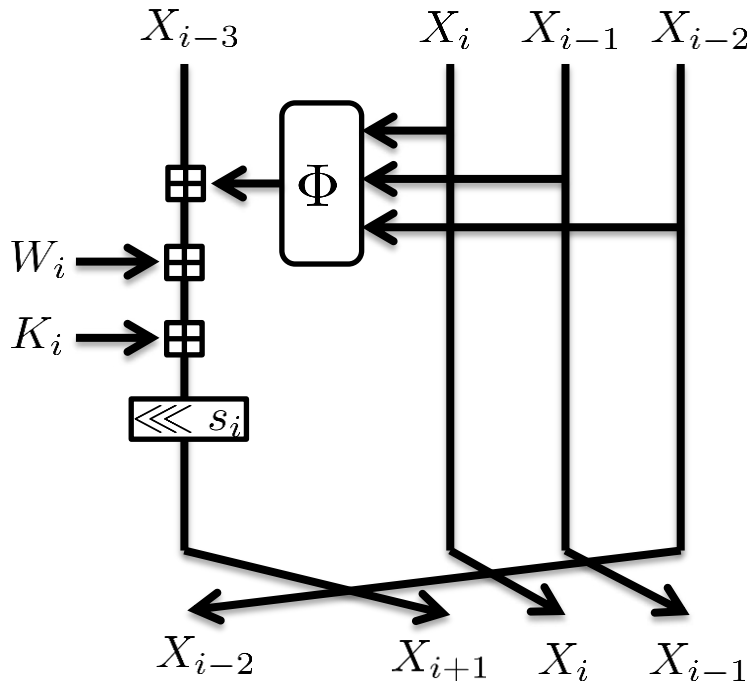
- Designed by Dobbertin, Bosselaers and Preneel
- Worldwide ISO/IEC standard
- **Double-branch** compression function



# Compared to RIPEMD-128

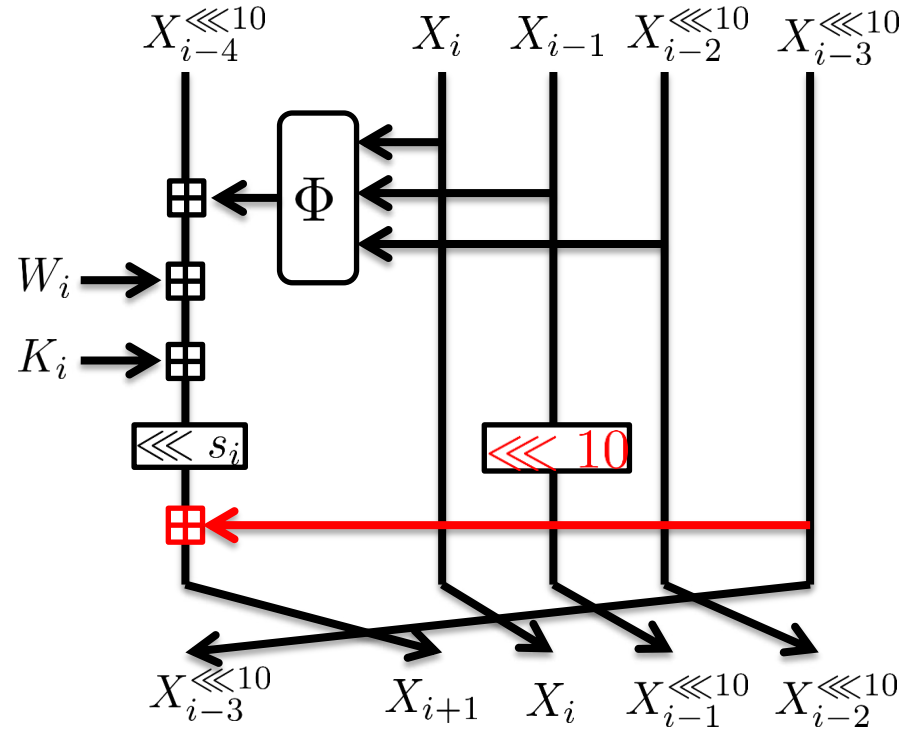
- Our attacks are based on recent analysis approach of RIPEMD-128 [LP13]
- Larger digest size: 128  $\rightarrow$  160
- Increased number of steps: 64  $\rightarrow$  80
- The step function has **stronger diffusion** and **one “free term”**
  - Significant **impact** to **differential path**
  - The **reason** that **#attacked steps** is **less**.

# RIPEMD-128



⊕ : modular addition  
 ≪≪≪ : left cyclic rotation

# RIPEMD-160



Φ : Boolean function  
 $K_i, s_i$  : constants

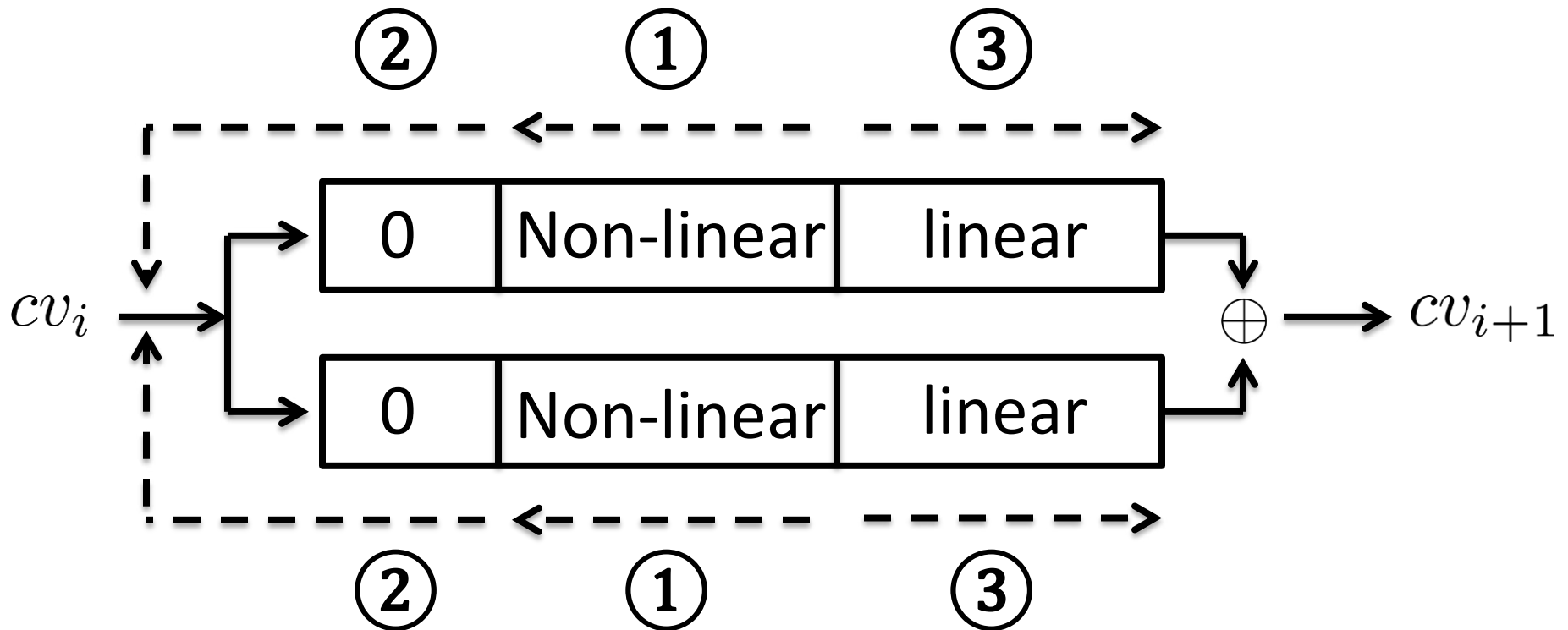
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# Attack Overview

- The same with the attacks on RIPEMD-128 [LP13]



# Rationale of Our Attack Strategy

- 80 steps are re-grouped into 5 rounds
- Each round has a distinct Boolean function
- The **Boolean function** has significant **impact** to **non-linear differential path** search



$$\text{XOR: } x \oplus y \oplus z$$

$$\text{IFZ: } (x \wedge z) \oplus (y \wedge \bar{z})$$

$$\text{ONZ: } (x \vee \bar{y}) \oplus z$$

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# Rationale of Our Attack Strategy

- **Absorption:** an input bit difference does not necessarily propagate to the output bit
  - **Strong** absorption: IFX, IFZ
  - **Weak** absorption: ONX, ONZ
  - **No** absorption: XOR



# Rationale of Our Attack Strategy

- **Non-linear differential path** should **locate** in rounds with a **strong absorption** Boolean function.
  - **Easier to search** non-linear path
  - **Sparser** non-linear paths



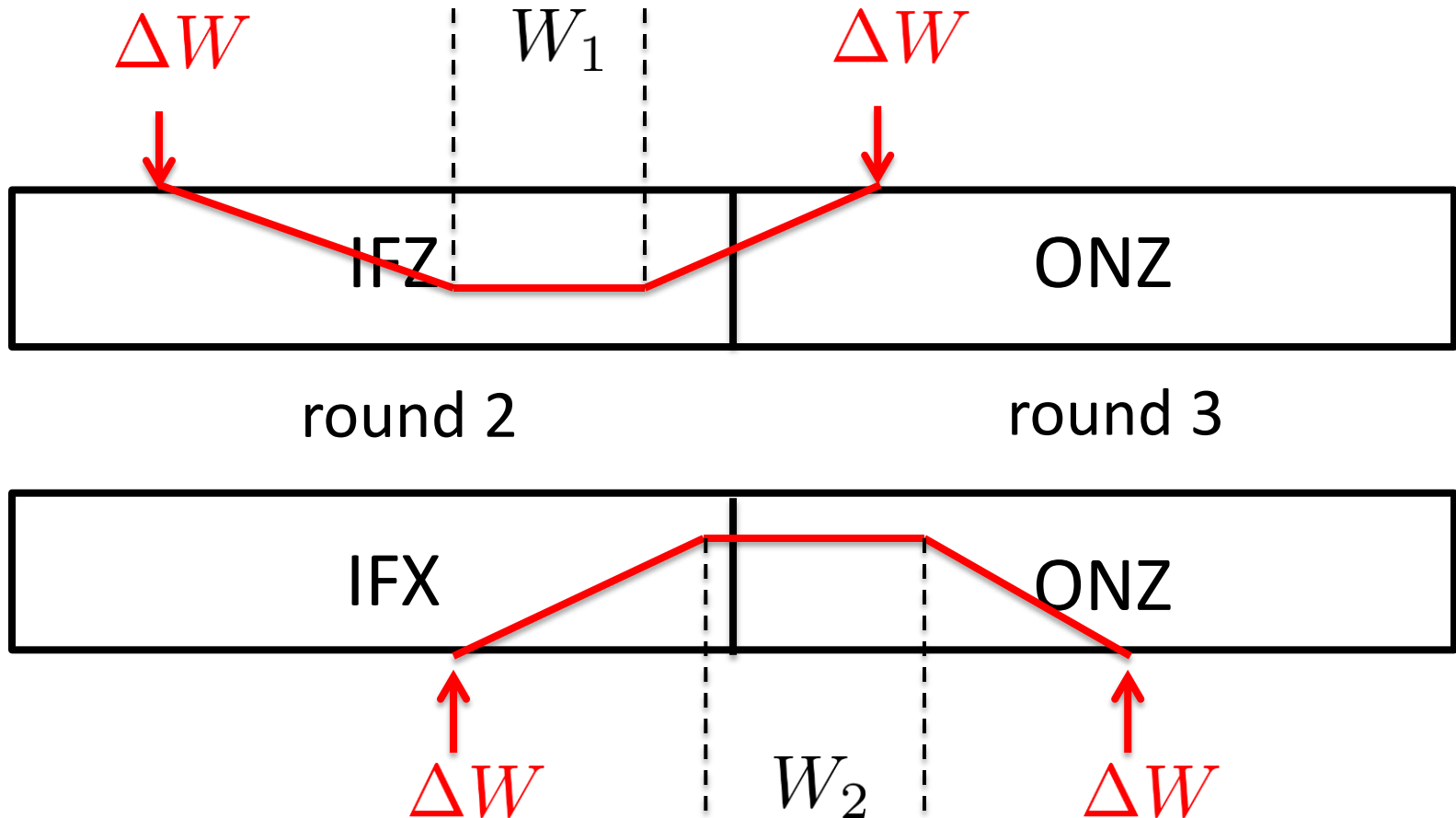
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- Attack starts from the **second round**
- Discuss attacks starting from the first round **later**.



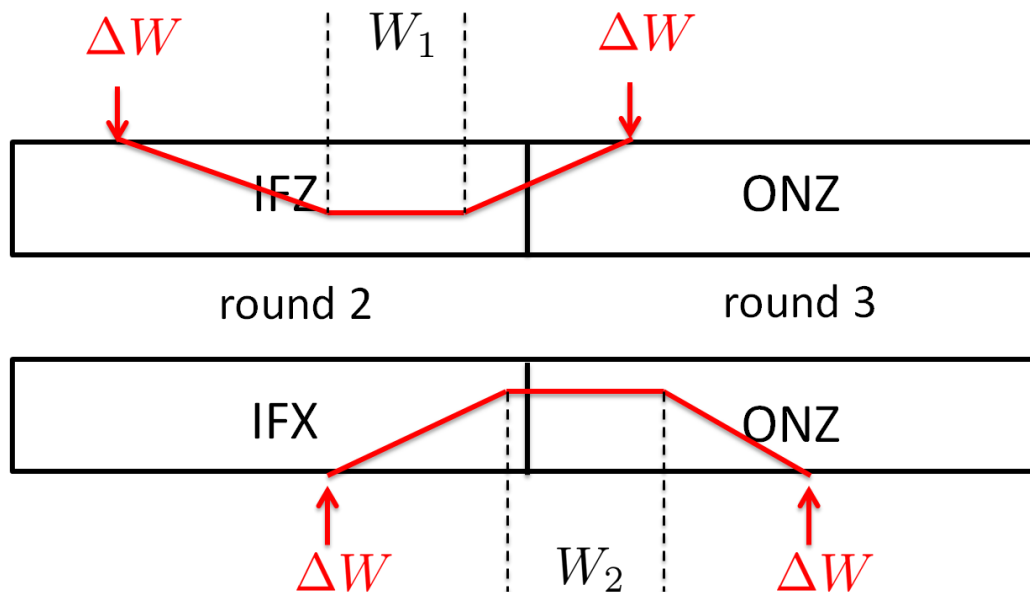
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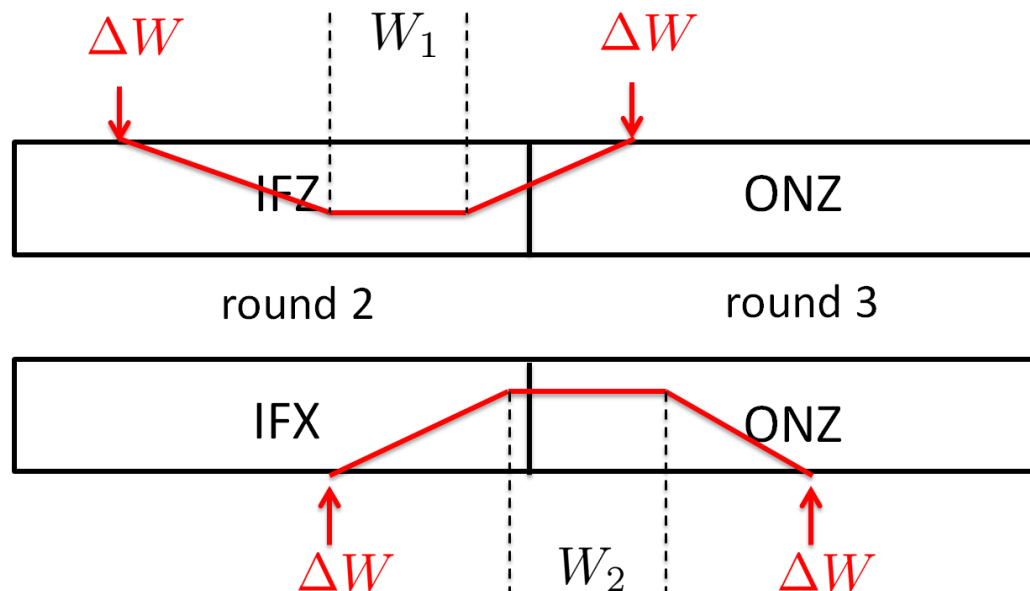
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- A **waste** of message word **freedom** exists if the search **starts** from the **beginning step**.
- $W_1, W_2$ : two subsets of the message words in the **dense part** of the two **differential paths**

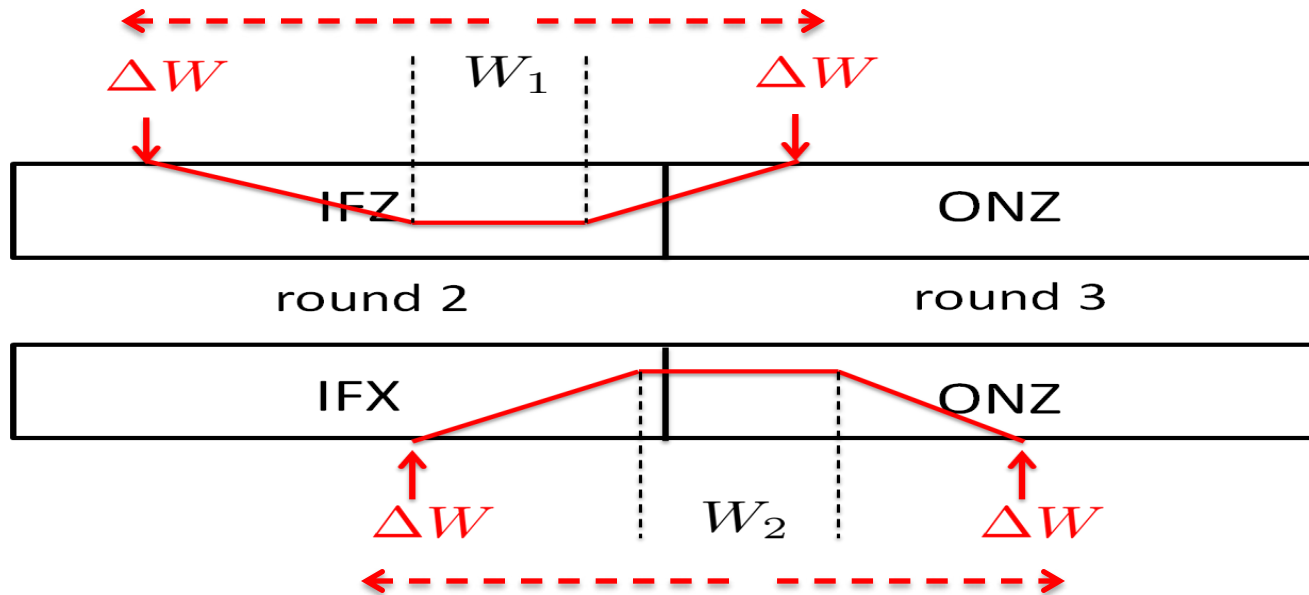
➤  $W_1 \neq W_2$



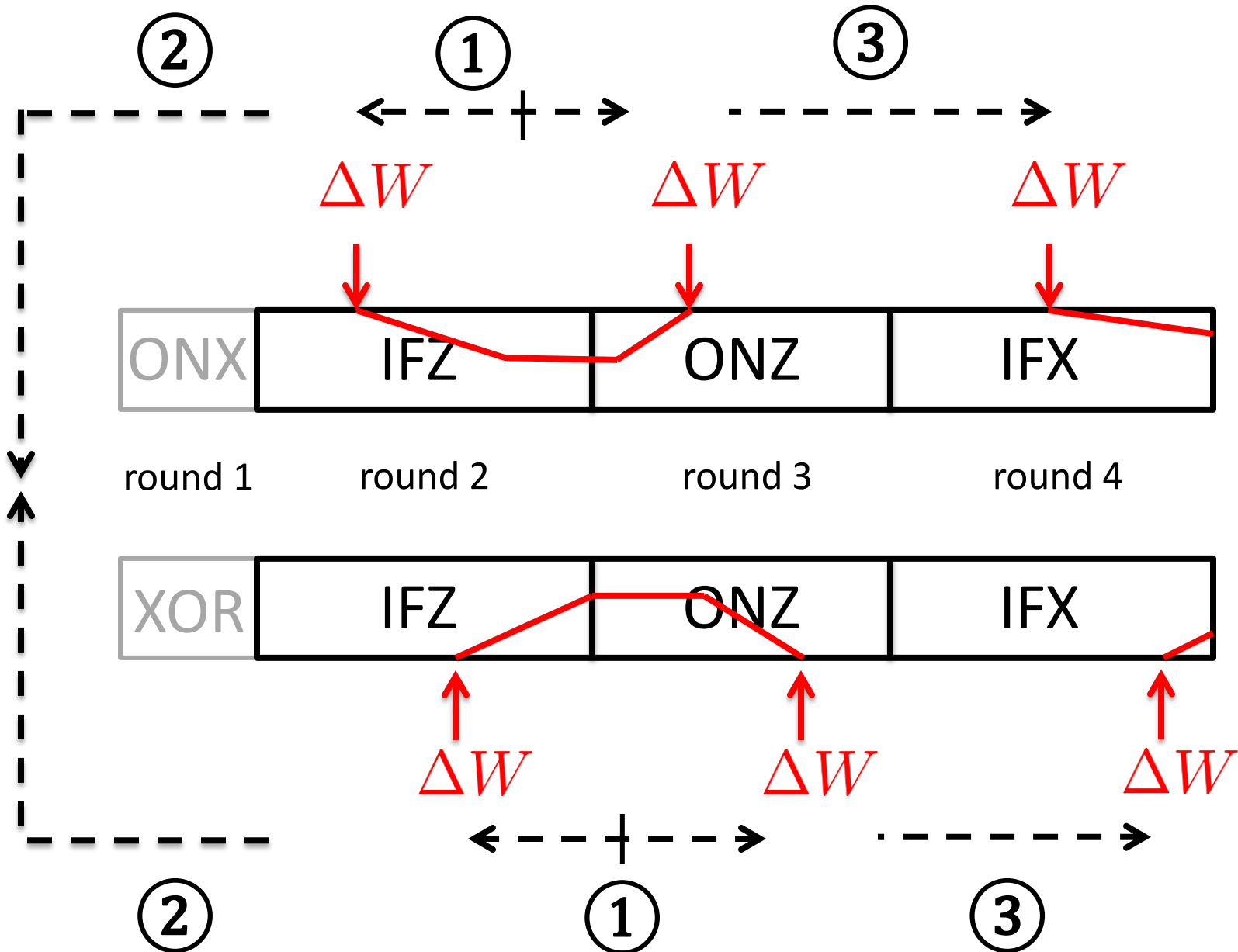


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- Satisfy dense parts firstly by using the freedom of internal state and the message words.
  - Use the independency between  $W_1$  and  $W_2$
  - **Start-from-the-middle** procedures



# Wrapping up



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- RIPEMD-160 specification
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- **Find a differential path**
  - **Choose message difference**
  - **Search non-linear path**
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# The Choice of Message Word

- **Single** message word difference
- Examine the **potential #attacked steps** for each messages word with respect to
  - short non-linear paths in both branch
  - early step of the two non-linear path are near
  - sparse later steps of non-linear path
  - output difference cancellation of the two branches by the feed-forward operation

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- Generalized conditions for two bits  $x$  and  $x^*$

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?	✓	✓	✓	✓
-	✓	-	-	✓
x	-	✓	✓	-
0	✓	-	-	-
u	-	✓	-	-
n	-	-	✓	-
1	-	-	-	✓
#	-	-	-	-

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3	✓	✓	-	-
5	✓	-	✓	-
7	✓	✓	✓	-
A	-	✓	-	✓
B	✓	✓	-	✓
C	-	-	✓	✓
D	✓	-	✓	✓
E	-	✓	✓	✓

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#	-	-	-	-

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C	-	-	✓	✓
D	✓	-	✓	✓
E	-	✓	✓	✓

# Automatic Non-Linear Path Search

- Use the algorithm developed in [MNS11, MNS12]

## Decision (Guessing)

1. Pick randomly an unrestricted decision bit.
2. Impose new constraints on this decision bit.

## Deduction (Propagation)

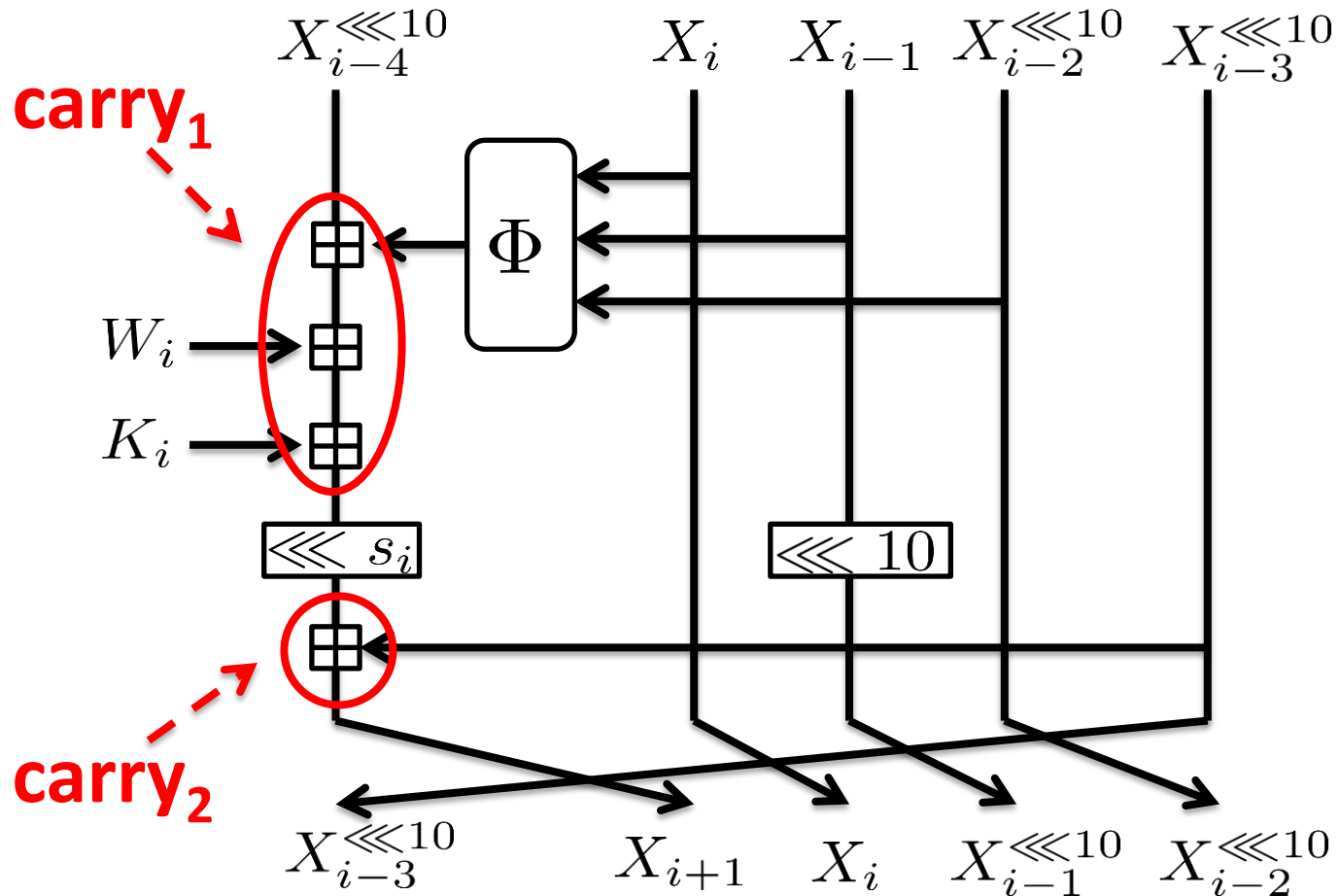
3. Propagate the new information to other variables and equations
4. If an inconsistency is detected start backtracking, else continue with step 1.

## Backtracking (Correction)

5. Try a different choice for the decision bit.
6. If all choices result in an inconsistency, mark the bit as critical.
7. Jump back until the critical bit can be resolved.
8. Continue with step 1.

# Specific Configuration for RIPEMD-160

- Two carries to handle in one step function
  - Computed and stored together as a **3-bit condition**



# Resulted Differential Path

• Use message word  $M_7$

• 48 steps (16-64)

Step	$X_i$
12	-----
13	-----
14	-----
15	-----
16	-----
17	-----
18	-----
19	-----
20	-----
21	-----
22	-----
23	-----
24	-----
25	-----
26	001-00-- ----un nnnn--nu u1--0--
27	-n--n-un -u--0100 0000--11 1010----
28	1010001- ----00nu --n0--nu -u-un0110
29	0-nun-0- 11-u--0u -1010101 1-u0nnu-
30	-000-111 uu010n10 1u-1nu1n -00nn000
31	-n--1-u 0uu1-0-1 000011n0 0001n--
32	-10---0- 010---u -1--1u10 ----01--
33	-n---u -u---1 ----1- 1---0--
34	-11---0 -0----- 1--- u-----
35	-----n -n----- 1--1-----
36	-----1 -0----- --0--- u---1--
37	-----n--1- ----- 1---0--
38	-----0---0-----
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57	-----0--
58	-----1--
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63	-----nu-
64	-----

$W_i^l$

x-----

7	-----
4	-----
13	-----
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x-----

$\Pi_i^l$

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2	-----

Step  $Y_i$

12	-----
13	-----
14	-----
15	-----
16	-----
17	-----
18	--01--- 01-----
19	--1-----
20	11-----100 -----1 -u---001
21	11-01--- ----u10 1-----11 1---111
22	---unn- --0--1-1 0--nuuuu 01---0u
23	---00un- 011--uuu- --0----- un0---
24	u11n1--- ----11-1 1-0-u--- -1nn0010
25	0-u110-- n-0---1 11--u10- -1-0n1nu
26	---1--1 -11---1- 00-n1nnn -nnnu--
27	1--1u-- 0-uu--1n 1--00-- --0-unn
28	---u--- --n1--00 0--011-- --n0--n1
29	-----u--1- 0u-11u-- --0--0-
30	-0--n--- -n----- 1--1--
31	-1----- 1----- u-- -1-----
32	-----u----- 1-- -0-----
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60	-----
61	-----
62	-----u-----
63	-----0-----
64	-----

$W_i^r$

x-----

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12	-----			12	-----			
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14	-----			14	-----			
15	-----			15	-----			
16	-----			16	-----			
17	-----			17	-----			
18	-----			18	--01---	01-----		
19	-----			19	--1---			
20	-----			20	11-----	100-----	1-u-----001	
21	-----			21	11-01---	---u10	1---11	1---111
22	-----			22	---unn-	--0--1-1	0--nuuuu	01---0u
23	-----			23	---00un-	011-uuu-	--0---	un0---
24	-----			24	u11n1---	---11-1	1-0-u---	1nn0010
25	-----			25	0-u110-	n-0---	11--u10-	-1-0n1nu
26	-----			26	---1--1	-11--1-	00-n1nnn	nnnu---
27	-----			27	1--1u-	0-uu--1n	1--00--	--0-unn
28	-----			28	---u---	--n1--00	0--011--	--n0--n1
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30	-----			30	-0--n-	--n---	1--1---	
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Dense parts

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- **Find a confirming pair**
  - **Merge two branches**
  - **Evaluate complexity**
- Conclusion

# Merge Two Branches

- Refer to the paper for detailed procedure

**Phase 1.** fix some free bits to **fulfill in advance** some **conditions** in differential path

**Phase 2.** **start-from-the-middle adaptively** choose free bits **sequentially** to fulfill conditions in **dense part** of differential path

**Phase 3.** use remaining free bits to merge the internal states of both branches to a **freely chosen**  $cv$

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12	-----		12	-----		
13	-----		13	-----		
14	-----		14	-----		
15	-----	$W_i^l$	15	-----		$W_i^r$
16	-----	x-----	7	-----		6
17	-----n-----	-----	4	-----		11
18	-----0-----	-----	13	18 --01---- 01-----		3
19	-----1-----1-----	-----	1	19 --1---- -----1-----	x-----	7
20	-----0-----	-----	10	20 11----- ----100 -----1 -u--001	-----	0
21	-----n-----	-----	6	21 11-01--- ----u10 1----11 1---111	-----	13
22	-----0-----	-----	15	22 ---unn-- --0-1-1 0-nuuuu 01----0u	-----	5
23	----1-- ----0-----	-----	3	23 --00un- 011-uuu- --0---- -un0---	-----	10
24	1----1--	-----	12	24 u11n1--- ---11-1 1-0-u--- -1nn0010	-----	14
25	----n-- --1--1- ----0-----	-----	0	25 0-u110-- n-0----1 11--u10- -1-0n1nu	-----	15
26	001-00-- ----un nnnn--nu u1--0---	-----	9	26 ---1--1 -11---1- 00-n1nnn -nnnu--	-----	8
27	-n--n-un -u--0100 0000--11 1010----	-----	5	27 1---1u-- 0-uu--1n 1---00-- ---0-unn	-----	12
28	1010001- ----00nu --n0-nu- u-un0110	-----	2	28 ---u--- --n1--00 0--011-- --n0--n1	-----	4
29	0-nun-0- 11-u--0u -1010101 1-u0nnu-	-----	14	29 ----- --u-1- 0u-11u- ---0---0	-----	9
30	-000-111 uu010n10 1u-1nu1n -00nn000	-----	11	30 -0--n--- --n----- 1---1---	-----	1
31	-n---1-u 0uu1-0-1 000011n0 0001n---	-----	8	31 -1----- --1----- --u- --1-----	-----	2
32	-10-----0 -010---u -1--1u10 ----01--	-----	3	32 ----- --u----- -----1-- --0-----	-----	15
33	-n-----u --u---1 ----1--- 1----0--	-----	10	33 -----	-----	5
34	-11-----0 --0----- --1--- u-----	-----	14	34 -----	-----	1
35	-----n --n----- -----1--1---	-----	4	35 -----	-----	3
36	-----1 --0----- --0--- u---1--	-----	9	36 -----	x-----	7
37	----- --n---1- ----- 1----0--	-----	15	37 -----	-----	14
38	----- --0---0-----	-----	8	38 -----	-----	6
39	-----	-----	1	39 -----	-----	9
40	-----	-----	2	40 -----	-----	11



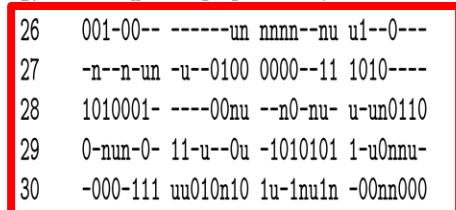
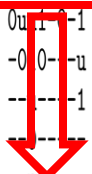
# Merge Two Branches

Step	$X_i$		Step	$Y_i$			
12	-----		12	-----			
13	-----		13	-----			
14	-----		14	-----			
15	-----	$W_i^l$	15	-----		$W_i^r$	$\Pi_i^r$
16	-----	x-----	7	-----		-----	6
17	-----n-----	-----	4	-----		-----	11
18	-----0-----	-----	13	18 --01---- 01-----		-----	3
19	-----1-----1-----	-----	1	19 --1-----1-----		x-----	7
20	-----0-----	-----	10	20 11-----100-----1-u--001		-----	0
21	-----n-----	-----	6	21 11-01-- --u10 1----11 1---111		-----	13
22	-----0-----	-----	15	22 ---unn-- --0--1-1 0--nuuuu 01---0u		-----	5
23	----1--0-----	-----	3	23 --00un- 011-uuu- --0---- -un0---		-----	10
24	1---1--	-----	12	24 u11n1-- --11-1 1-0-u-- -1nn0010		-----	14
25	----n-- --1--1- ----0-----	-----	0	25 0-u110-- n-0----1 11--u10- -1-0n1nu		-----	15
26	001-00-- -----un nnnn--nu u1--0---	-----	9	26 ----1--1 -11--1- 00-n1nnn -nnnu--		-----	8
27	-n--n-un -u--0100 0000--11 1010---	-----	5	27 1---1u-- 0-uu--1n 1---00-- ---0-unn		-----	12
28	1010001- ---00nu --n0-nu- u-un0110	-----	2	28 ---u-- --n1--00 0--011-- --n0--n1		-----	4
29	0-nun-0- 11-u--0u -1010101 1-u0nnu-	-----	14	29 ----- --u-1- 0u-11u- ---0---0		-----	9
30	-000-111 uu010n10 1u-1nu1n -00nn000	-----	11	30 -0--n-- --n----- 1--1--		-----	1
31	-n--1-u 0uu1-0-1 000011n0 0001n--	-----	8	31 -1----- --1----- -u- --1-----		-----	2
32	-10-----0 -010---u -1--1u10 ---01--	-----	3	32 ----- -u----- -----1-- -0-----		-----	15
33	-n-----u --u---1 ----1-- 1----0--	-----				-----	5
34	-11-----0 --0----- --1--- u-----	-----				-----	1
35	-----n --n----- ----1--1----	-----				-----	3
36	-----1 --0----- --0--- u---1--	-----	9	36 -----	x-----	-----	7
37	----- --n--1- ----1--0--	-----	15	37 -----	-----	-----	14
38	----- --0---0-	-----	8	38 -----	-----	-----	6
39	-----	-----	1	39 -----	-----	-----	9
40	-----	-----	2	40 -----	-----	-----	11

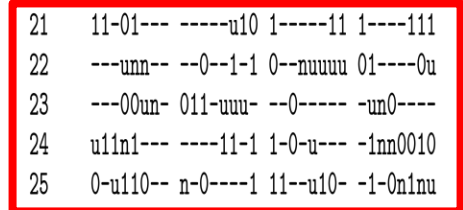
**Fix these internal state words**

# Merge Two Branches

Step	$X_i$
12	-----
13	-----
14	-----
15	-----
16	-----
17	-----n-----
18	-----0-----
19	-----1-----1-----
20	-----0-----
21	-----n-----
22	-----0-----
23	-----1-----0-----
24	1-----1-----
25	-----n-----1-----1-----0-----
26	001-00-- -----un nnnn--nu u1--0---
27	-n--n-un -u--0100 0000--11 1010---
28	1010001- ----00nu --n0-nu- u-un0110
29	0-nun-0- 11-u--0u -1010101 1-u0nnu-
30	-000-111 uu010n10 1u-1nu1n -00nn000
31	-n--1-u 0u-----1 000011n0 0001n---
32	-10-----0-0-0- u -1--1u10 ----01--
33	-n-----u-----1-----1-----1-----0--
34	-11-----0-----1-----u-----
35	-----n-----n-----1--1-----
36	-----1-----0-----0-----u-----1--
37	-----n-----1-----1-----0--
38	-----0-----0-----
39	-----
40	-----



Step	$Y_i$
12	-----
13	-----
14	-----
15	-----
16	-----
17	-----
18	-----01-----
19	-----1-----1-----
20	11-----1-----0-----1-----u-----001
21	11-01-- ----u10 1-----11 1---111
22	---unn-- --0--1-1 0--nuuuu 01---0u
23	--00un- 011-uuu- --0-----un0---
24	u11n1--- ---11-1 1-0-u--- -1nn0010
25	0-u110-- n-0----1 11--u10- -1-0n1nu
26	-----1--1-11-----1-00-n1nnn -nnnu---
27	1---1u-- 0-u-----1-1---00-- ---0-unn
28	---u--- -n1-----00 0--011-- --n0--n1
29	-----u-1- 0u-11u- ---0---0
30	-0--n--- -n-----1---1-----
31	-----
32	-----
33	-----
34	-----
35	-----
36	-----
37	-----
38	-----
39	-----
40	-----



$W_i^l$

$\Pi_i^l$

$W_i^r$

$\Pi_i^r$

Step	$W_i^l$
7	x-----
4	-----
13	-----
1	-----
10	-----
6	-----
15	-----
3	-----
12	-----
0	-----
9	-----
5	-----
2	-----
14	-----
11	-----
1	-----
2	-----

Step	$\Pi_i^l$
7	-----
4	-----
13	-----
1	-----
10	-----
6	-----
15	-----
3	-----
12	-----
0	-----
9	-----
5	-----
2	-----
14	-----
11	-----
1	-----
2	-----

Step	$\Pi_i^r$
6	-----
11	-----
3	-----
7	-----
0	-----
13	-----
5	-----
10	-----
14	-----
15	-----
8	-----
12	-----
4	-----
9	-----
1	-----
2	-----

**Adaptively choose message words forward and backward to fulfill the conditions**

# A "Starting Point" after Phase 2

Step	$X_i$			Step	$Y_i$		
12	-----			12	-----		
13	-----			13	-----		
14	-----			14	-----		
15	-----			15	-----		
16	-----			16	-----		
17	-----			17	-----		
18	-----			18	-----		
19	-----			19	-----		
20	-----			20	-----		
21	-----			21	-----		
22	-----			22	-----		
23	01101110 00100100 11111101 10111000			23	00000un0 0110uuu1 01001010 1un01001		
24	11010101 00011001 01001010 10110101			24	u11n1001 11111111 1000u010 11nn0010		
25	11101n11 11110111 01100001 10110000			25	00u11000 n1010111 1111u100 1110n1nu		
26	00110001 001001un nnnn00nu u1010001			26	01111001 11110111 001n1nnn 0nnnu000		
27	0n00n1un 0u110100 00001111 10101010			27	10001u11 01uu011n 11110001 10100unn		
28	10100010 101100nu 00n00nu1 u0um0110			28	1100u001 01n10100 01101101 11n000n1		
29	01nun101 110u110u 11010101 11u0nnu1			29	00--0-- --u--1- -u--u--		
30	00001111 uu010n10 1u11nu1n 000nn000			30	00--n-- --n-----		
31	1n00110u 0uu11001 000011n0 0001n000			31	-1-----		
32	11011010 1010011u 01101u10 00010111			32	-----		
33	1m01101u 10u01101 11100110 11111001			33	-----		
34	11100110 10010010 01101000 u1100011			34	-----		
35	0111100n 00n00000 11110101 10110010			35	-----		
36	-----			36	-----		
37	-----			37	-----		
38	-----			38	-----		
39	-----			39	-----		
40	-----			40	-----		

	$W_i^l$	$\Pi_i^l$		$W_i^r$	$\Pi_i^r$
	x-----	7		-----	6
	-----	4		-----	11
	-----	13		-----	3
	-----	1		-----	7
	-----	10		-----	0
	-----	6		-----	13
	-----	15		-----	5
	-----	3		-----	10
	-----	12		-----	14
	-----	0		-----	15
	-----	9		-----	8
	-----	5		-----	12
	-----	2		-----	4
	-----	14		-----	9
	-----	11		-----	1
	-----	8		-----	2
	-----	3		-----	15
	-----	10		-----	5
	-----	14		-----	1
	-----	4		-----	3
	-----	9		-----	7
	-----	15		-----	14
	-----	8		-----	6
	-----	1		-----	9
	-----	2		-----	11

# Merge Two Branches

Step	$X_i$
12	-----
13	-----
14	-----
15	-----
16	-----
17	----- -n-----
18	----- -0-----
19	----- -1----- -1-----
20	----- -0-----
21	----- -n-----
22	----- -0 00111100 0-----00
23	01101110 00100100 11111101 10111000
24	11010101 00011001 01001010 10110101
25	11101n11 11110111 01100001 10110000
26	00110001 001001un nnnn00nu u1010001
27	0n00n1un 0u110100 00001111 10101010
28	10100010 101100nu 00n00nu1 u0un0110
29	01nun101 110u110u 11010101 11u0nnu1
30	00001111 uu010n10 1u11nu1n 000nn000
31	1n00110u 0uu11001 000011n0 0001n000
32	11011010 1010011u 01101u10 00010111
33	1n01101u 10u01101 11100110 11111001
34	11100110 10010010 01101000 u1100011
35	0111100n 00n00000 11110101 10110010
36	----- -1 --0----- ----- u-----1--
37	----- --n--1----- -1 11111010
38	----- --0---00 00000-----
39	-----
40	-----

$W_i^l$	$\Pi_i^l$
x	7
-----	4
-----	13
00000011 00100101 10100111 00001111	10
-----	6
11110110 11100100 10110100 00010001	15
01001111 11011100 00000100 11100000	3
11101100 10100110 10100100 11100111	12
-----	0
-----011 01000010 -----	9
01100000 11111110 10100110 01000000	5
-----	2

Step	$Y_i$
12	-----
13	-----
14	-----
15	-----
16	-----
17	-----
18	10011001 01001100 00000011 10111000
19	10011110 00000100 10101111 00011011
20	11001011 10111100 00011101 1u111001
21	11001011 10101u10 11111111 10001111
22	001unn01 00011101 011nuuuu 0110010u
23	00000un0 0110uuu1 01001010 1un01001
24	u11n1001 11111111 1000u010 11nn0010
25	00u11000 n1010111 1111u100 1110n1nu
26	01111001 11110111 001n1nnn 0nnnu000
27	10001u11 01uu011n 11110001 10100unn
28	-----
29	-----
30	-----
31	-----
32	-----
33	-----
34	-----
35	-----
36	-----
37	-----
38	-----
39	-----
40	-----

$W_i^r$	$\Pi_i^r$
-----	8
01100111 01010111 01001110 11101100	11
01001111 11011100 00000100 11100000	3
-----	7
-----	0
-----	13
01100000 11111110 10100110 01000000	5
00000011 00100101 10100111 00001111	10
11000000 00110011 00110000 01100000	14
11110110 11100100 10110100 00010001	15
10001110 10111001 11000010 10010100	8
11101100 10100110 10100100 11100111	12
-----	4
-----	9
-----	1
.1	2
.1	15
.0	5
-----	1
01001111 11011100 00000100 11100000	3
x-----	7
11000000 00110011 00110000 01100000	14
-----	6
-----011 01000010 -----	9
01100111 01010111 01001110 11101100	11

**Use these remaining free bits to merge the two branches**

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- The **uncontrolled** probability of merging is  $2^{-77.4}$ 
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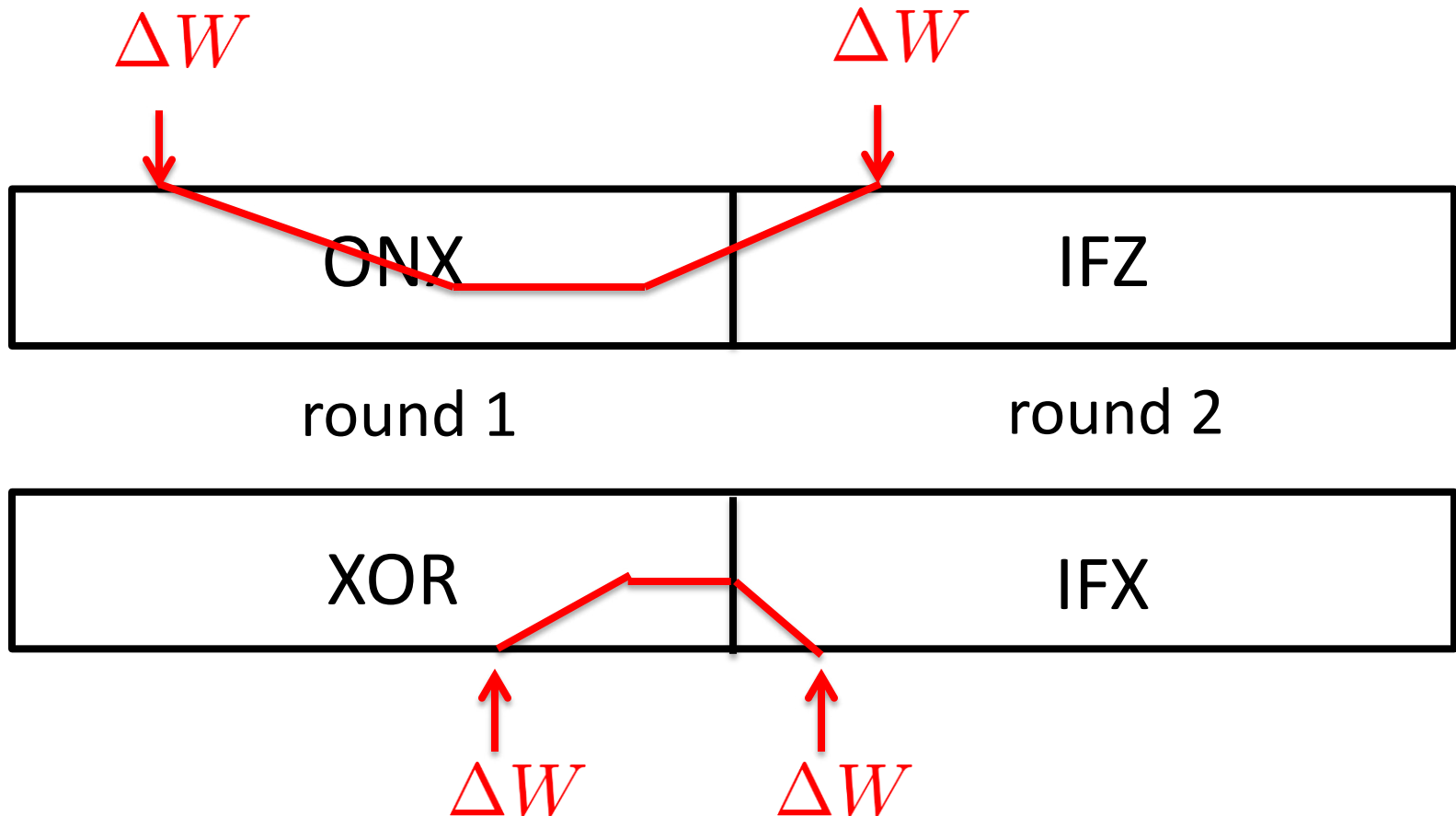
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**We cannot afford the probabilities for steps 58 to 64.  
#attacked step is 42, while differential path has 48 steps.**

# Attack from the First Round

- The **non-linear** path in **XOR** round should be as short as possible



# Outline

- RIPEMD-160 specification
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# Conclusion

- Semi-free-start collision attack on 42 steps
  - **6** steps more compared with [MNSS12]
- Semi-free-start collision attack on **first** 36 steps

## Open question:

Can the merging complexity be reduced in order to extend the attack to 48 steps?

**Thank you for your attention!**