

# Automating Collision Attacks on RIPEMD-160

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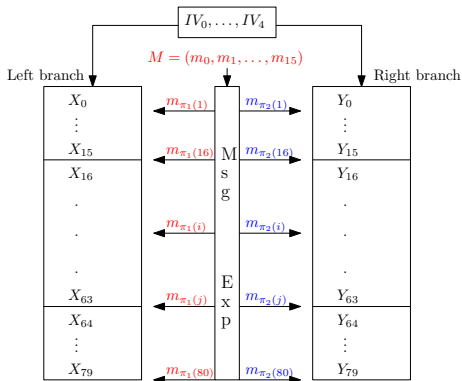
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# RIPEMD-160

- FSE 1996 by Dobbertin et al.
- Strengthen MD5 (double branches, complex step function)
- ISO/IEC standard
- A famous application: Bitcoin

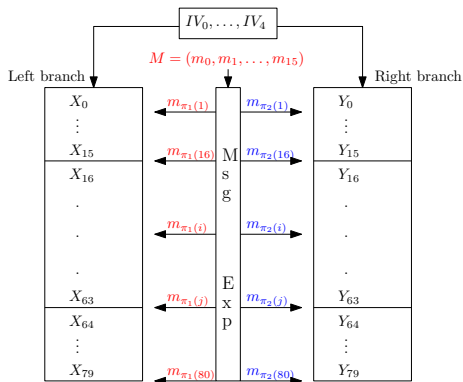


# Step Function of RIPEMD-160

## ■ Step function (left branch as an example)

$$Q_i = X_{i-5} \lll 10 \boxplus F_i(X_{i-1}, X_{i-2}, X_{i-3} \lll 10) \boxplus m_{\pi(i)} \boxplus K_i,$$

$$X_i = X_{i-4} \lll 10 \boxplus Q_i \lll s_j.$$

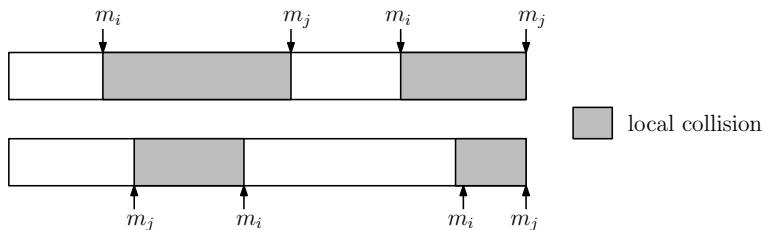


# Revisiting Techniques for RIPEMD-160

- Known techniques and results
  - MILP-based tool to find differential trails (Eurocrypt 2023)
  - Collision attack up to 36 steps (Eurocrypt 2023)
  - Semi-free-start collision attack up to 40 steps (ToSC 2019)

# Revisiting Techniques for RIPEMD-160

- Common procedure to mount (SFS) collision attacks
  - Fix the modular differences of message words  $m_0 \dots m_{15}$
  - Determine the places of local collisions
  - Find a valid solution of signed differences  $(\Delta X_i, \Delta Y_i)$  such that a concrete differential trail leading to a collision can be constructed (**easy with tools now**)
  - Fulfill differential conditions (**technical**)



# Revisiting Techniques for RIPEMD-160

- Example: 36-step collision attack (Eurocrypt 2023)
  - Inject proper differences at  $(m_0, m_6, m_9)$
  - Determine local collisions

| $i$ | $\Delta X_i$                     | $\pi_1(i)$ | $i$ | $\Delta Y_i$                     | $\pi_2(i)$ |
|-----|----------------------------------|------------|-----|----------------------------------|------------|
| 0   | ???????????????????????????????? | 0          | 0   | =====                            | 5          |
| 1   | ???????????????????????????????? | 1          | 1   | =====                            | 14         |
| 2   | ???????????????????????????????? | 2          | 2   | =====                            | 7          |
| 3   | ???????????????????????????????? | 3          | 3   | ???????????????????????????????? | 0          |
| 4   | ???????????????????????????????? | 4          | 4   | ???????????????????????????????? | 9          |
| 5   | =====                            | 5          | 5   | ???????????????????????????????? | 2          |
| 6   | =====                            | 6          | 6   | ???????????????????????????????? | 11         |
| 7   | =====                            | 7          | 7   | ???????????????????????????????? | 4          |
| 8   | =====                            | 8          | 8   | ???????????????????????????????? | 13         |
| 9   | =====                            | 9          | 9   | ???????????????????????????????? | 6          |
| 10  | =====                            | 10         | 10  | ???????????????????????????????? | 15         |
| 11  | =====                            | 11         | 11  | ???????????????????????????????? | 8          |
| 12  | =====                            | 12         | 12  | ???????????????????????????????? | 1          |
| 13  | =====                            | 13         | 13  | ???????????????????????????????? | 10         |
| 14  | =====                            | 14         | 14  | ???????????????????????????????? | 3          |
| 15  | =====                            | 15         | 15  | ???????????????????????????????? | 12         |
| 16  | =====                            | 7          | 16  | ???????????????????????????????? | 6          |
| 17  | =====                            | 4          | 17  | ???????????????????????????????? | 11         |
| 18  | =====                            | 13         | 18  | ???????????????????????????????? | 3          |
| 19  | =====                            | 1          | 19  | ???????????????????????????????? | 7          |
| 20  | =====                            | 10         | 20  | ???????????????????????????????? | 0          |
| 21  | =====                            | 6          | 21  | ???????????????????????????????? | 13         |
| 22  | =====                            | 15         | 22  | ???????????????????????????????? | 5          |
| 23  | =====                            | 3          | 23  | ???????????????????????????????? | 10         |
| 24  | =====                            | 12         | 24  | ???????????????????????????????? | 14         |
| 25  | =====                            | 0          | 25  | =====                            | 15         |
| 26  | =====                            | 9          | 26  | =====                            | 8          |
| 27  | =====                            | 5          | 27  | =====                            | 12         |
| 28  | =====                            | 2          | 28  | =====                            | 4          |
| 29  | =====                            | 14         | 29  | =====                            | 9          |
| 30  | =====                            | 11         | 30  | =====                            | 1          |
| 31  | =====                            | 8          | 31  | =====                            | 2          |
| 32  | =====                            | 3          | 32  | =====                            | 15         |
| 33  | =====                            | 10         | 33  | =====                            | 5          |
| 34  | =====                            | 14         | 34  | =====                            | 1          |
| 35  | =====                            | 4          | 35  | =====                            | 3          |





# Revisiting Techniques for RIPEMD-160

- Find a valid differential trail (right)

| $i$ | $\Delta X_i$  | $\pi_1(i)$ | $i$ | $\Delta Y_i$   | $\pi_2(i)$ |
|-----|---|------------|-----|--|------------|
| 0   | nnuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuu=nuuuuuuuuuuu=                           | 0          | 0   | =====  | 5          |
| 1   | n==u=u=n=un====uuu=u=nn==u=uu                               | 1          | 1   | =====  | 14         |
| 2   | =nun=u=n=n==n=nn==u==uun==nnu=un=                           | 2          | 2   | =====0=====1===== <u>1</u> ===== <u>1</u> ====                             | 7          |
| 3   | ====nu===== <u>n</u> ====nu=====un=                         | 3          | 3   | =====0===== <u>1</u> ===== <u>n</u> ===== <u>0</u> ===== <u>n</u> <u>1</u> | 0          |
| 4   | nnnnnnnn====unnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnn                            | 4          | 4   | =10=n=0===== <u>1</u> ==n1=101====1=0010                                   | 9          |
| 5   | =====   | 5          | 5   | =10=10=0010001=101000n0001110010   | 2          |
| 6   | =====   | 6          | 6   | 10001nuunnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnn=un1101110  | 11         |
| 7   | =====   | 7          | 7   | 0u0n1uun00n10nu01nnun=nuuuuuuuuu   | 4          |
| 8   | =====   | 8          | 8   | n1un0nuuuu1=0u0un0unnnn1nn0nunuu   | 13         |
| 9   | =====   | 9          | 9   | =1=010u1000n00u01uu010n101=n100n   | 6          |
| 10  | =====   | 10         | 10  | u1=0u0110uu=u011=0=1=0u1=1=0111  | 15         |
| 11  | =====   | 11         | 11  | 111n==0=1=1=0n====11==10100n00==0  | 8          |
| 12  | =====   | 12         | 12  | ==00=0=0==10==1=01=n0=1100==1  | 1          |
| 13  | =====   | 13         | 13  | ==00=0=u=11==0n=1==1u==u01=  | 10         |
| 14  | =====   | 14         | 14  | ==u=0==n==n==1===== <u>n</u> ===== <u>0</u> 1=                             | 3          |
| 15  | =====   | 15         | 15  | ===== <u>u</u> ===== <u>1</u> ==0=u <u>u</u> ===== <u>1</u> ==n=10         | 12         |
| 16  | =====   | 7          | 16  | ===== <u>n</u> ===== <u>1</u>  | 6          |
| 17  | =====   | 4          | 17  | ==0====u===== <u>1</u> ==1===== <u>1</u>                                   | 11         |
| 18  | =====   | 13         | 18  | ==1===== <u>0</u> ===== <u>0</u> ===== <u>1</u> ===== <u>1</u>             | 3          |
| 19  | =====   | 1          | 19  | ===== <u>n</u> ===== <u>1</u> ===== <u>n</u> ===== <u>1</u>                | 7          |
| 20  | =====   | 10         | 20  | ===== <u>n</u> u===== <u>n</u> ===== <u>0</u>                              | 0          |
| 21  | ===== <u>u</u> ===== <u>u</u> ===== <u>0</u>                | 6          | 21  | ===== <u>0</u> ===== <u>0</u> ===== <u>0</u> 1=0===== <u>1</u>             | 13         |
| 22  | ===== <u>0</u> ===== <u>1</u> ===== <u>0</u> ===== <u>0</u> | 15         | 22  | ===== <u>1</u> ===== <u>1</u> ===== <u>0</u> ===== <u>u</u> ===== <u>1</u> | 5          |
| 23  | ===== <u>1</u> ===== <u>1</u> ===== <u>1</u> ===== <u>1</u> | 3          | 23  | n====1===== <u>n</u> u===== <u>1</u> ===== <u>1</u>                        | 10         |
| 24  | =====   | 12         | 24  | ===== <u>u</u> ===== <u>0</u> ===== <u>u</u> ===== <u>1</u>                | 14         |
| 25  | =====   | 0          | 25  | ===== <u>1</u> ===== <u>1</u> ===== <u>0</u> ===== <u>0</u>                | 15         |
| 26  | =====   | 9          | 26  | ===== <u>1</u> ===== <u>1</u> ===== <u>1</u> ===== <u>1</u>                | 8          |
| 27  | =====   | 5          | 27  | =====  | 12         |
| 28  | =====   | 2          | 28  | =====  | 4          |
| 29  | =====   | 14         | 29  | =====  | 9          |
| 30  | =====   | 11         | 30  | =====  | 1          |
| 31  | =====   | 8          | 31  | =====  | 2          |
| 32  | =====   | 3          | 32  | =====  | 15         |
| 33  | =====   | 10         | 33  | =====  | 5          |
| 34  | =====   | 14         | 34  | =====  | 1          |
| 35  | =====   | 4          | 35  | =====  | 3          |

## Revisiting Techniques for RIPEMD-160

- Overall procedure to fulfilling differential conditions
  - Find a valid IV for the second message block with the first message block
  - Find a valid solution of  $(X_i)_{0 \leq i \leq 6}$  and  $(Y_i)_{0 \leq i \leq 9}$
  - Traverse valid  $(Y_{10}, Y_{11})$  to fulfill conditions on  $(X_8, Y_{12})$
  - Traverse valid  $Y_{13}$  to fulfill conditions on  $Y_{14}$
  - Traverse valid  $Y_{15}$  to fulfill the remaining conditions
- Benefits
  - The number of conditions on  $(X_i, Y_i)_{i \geq 16}$  almost dominates the overall complexity to find the 36-step collision

# Revisiting Techniques for RIPEMD-160

## ■ Fulfill differential conditions

| $i$ | $\Delta X_i$                      | $\pi_1(i)$ | $i$ | $\Delta Y_i$                      | $\pi_2(i)$ |
|-----|-----------------------------------|------------|-----|-----------------------------------|------------|
| -5  | 10100101010010101101011111001000  |            | -5  | 10100101010010101101011111001000  | 5          |
| -4  | 11101110001000000011110110000011  |            | -4  | 1110111000100000001110110000011   | 4          |
| -3  | 11111010101100010100111101100010  |            | -3  | 11111010101100010100111101100010  | 3          |
| -2  | 0001100010010000100111100010010   |            | -2  | 0001100010010000100111100010010   | 2          |
| -1  | 0011101111010101010010000011111   |            | -1  | 0011101111010101010010000011111   | 1          |
| 0   | nuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuu | 0          | 0   | 10111000110000010010000010111011  | 5          |
| 1   | n010u0u11n1un0100uuu1u1nn00u1uu   | 1          | 1   | 11111101010011101100101101100001  | 14         |
| 2   | 1nun1u0m10m0nm10u10uum01nnu1un1   | 2          | 2   | 0110100100000010101010011010110   | 7          |
| 3   | 1011nu1111110010nu1110011100011   | 3          | 3   | 0010011111011101m001101000010m1   | 0          |
| 4   | nnnnnnnn00unnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnn  | 4          | 4   | 0101m000010010011n1010101010010   | 9          |
| 5   | 1111111010000100000101011100010   | 5          | 5   | 010010100100011101000m000110010   | 2          |
| 6   | 0011000111011101111011010111010   | 6          | 6   | 10001nuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuu | 11         |
| 7   | 0110100000011101011001111000001   | 7          | 7   | 0u0n1uun00m10nu01nnun0nuuuuuuuuu  | 4          |
| 8   | 10011000010111000010010111110101  | 8          | 8   | n1un0nuuuu110u0un0unnnn1nn0nunuu  | 13         |
| 9   | 01111100011111000110101010010100  | 9          | 9   | 110010u1000m00u01u0010n1010n100m  | 6          |
| 10  | 10000100100000000111001100101011  | 10         | 10  | u100u0110u0u00111001101u10100111  | 15         |
| 11  | 00000110100010001011100111011111  | 11         | 11  | 111n110011110m000110110100m00010  | 8          |
| 12  | 1010011100100110101011100111110   | 12         | 12  | 000001010010101110010m0111001111  | 1          |
| 13  | 1001100000000010001000010001011   | 13         | 13  | 1000101u11111010m010001u011u010   | 10         |
| 14  | 00011010101010101011010010110110  | 14         | 14  | 01u000011m01m0111001101m100010    | 3          |
| 15  | 00100001000111110011110010111100  | 15         | 15  | 101110u110100001101uu110010m0010  | 12         |
| 16  | -----                             | 7          | 16  | 110100101100111n0101101000001011  | 6          |
| 17  | -----                             | 4          | 17  | 0001101u11011101111011110101110   | 11         |
| 18  | -----                             | 13         | 18  | 1010000111000001110010111111110   | 3          |
| 19  | -----                             | 1          | 19  | 0111011100m111100100011m0111111   | 7          |
| 20  | -----                             | 10         | 20  | 010nu010011000010100110010100101  | 0          |
| 21  | -----u-----u-----                 | 6          | 21  | 0000111001000101110010110011010   | 13         |
| 22  | -----0-----0-----                 | 15         | 22  | 00011011111010011010u11101001000  | 5          |
| 23  | -----1-----1-----                 | 3          | 23  | n===1=====n1u===1=====            | 10         |
| 24  | -----                             | 12         | 24  | -----u-----0-----u-----           | 14         |
| 25  | -----                             | 0          | 25  | -----0-----                       | 15         |
| 26  | -----                             | 9          | 26  | -----1-----                       | 8          |
| 27  | -----                             | 5          | 27  | -----                             | 12         |
| 28  | -----                             | 2          | 28  | -----                             | 4          |
| 29  | -----                             | 14         | 29  | -----                             | 9          |
| 30  | -----                             | 11         | 30  | -----                             | 1          |
| 31  | -----                             | 8          | 31  | -----                             | 2          |
| 32  | -----                             | 3          | 32  | -----                             | 15         |
| 33  | -----                             | 10         | 33  | -----                             | 5          |
| 34  | -----                             | 14         | 34  | -----                             | 1          |
| 35  | -----                             | 4          | 35  | -----                             | 3          |

## Revisiting Techniques for RIPEMD-160

- Example: 40-step SFS collision attack (ToSC 2019)
  - Inject a proper nonzero difference at  $m_{12}$
  - Deduce a sparse differential trail for  $(\Delta Y_i)_{15 \leq i \leq 39}$
  - Find a compatible differential trail for  $(\Delta X_i)_{12 \leq i \leq 39}$

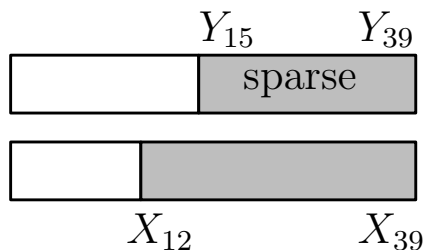
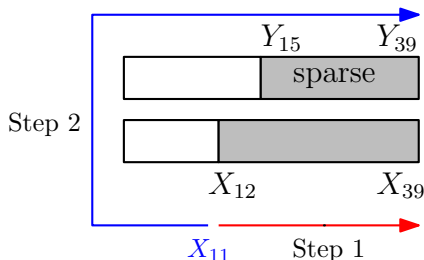


Figure: The shape of the 40-step differential trail

## Revisiting Techniques for RIPEMD-160

- Fulfill differential conditions
  - Efficiently fulfill conditions on  $(X_i)_{12 \leq i \leq 39}$
  - Traverse valid  $X_{11}$  to fulfill the remaining conditions



- Benefits
  - The number of conditions on the right branch (i.e., on  $Y_i$ ) almost dominates the overall complexity to find the 40-step SFS collision

# New Results for RIPEMD-160

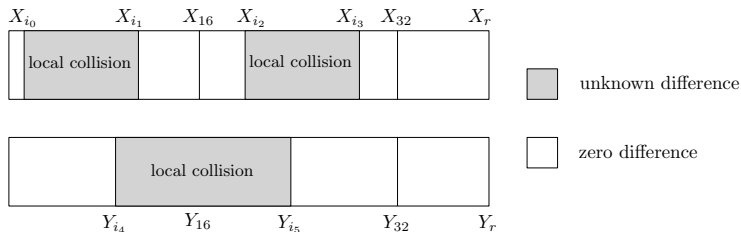
- Our new progress on the cryptanalysis of RIPEMD-160
  - 1 Re-implement the tool to find differential trails with SAT/SMT
  - 2 Find a practical collision attack on 40-step RIPEMD-160
  - 3 Propose SFS collision attacks on 41/42/43-step RIPEMD-160

# New SAT/SMT-based Tools for RIPEMD-160

- SAT/SMT-based tool to find differential trails
  - Directly relies on the pseudo-code in Liu et al.'s paper (Eurocrypt 2023)
  - Use CNF (Conjunctive Normal Form) rather than linear inequalities to describe the constraints (i.e., propagation rules)
  - Enrich the available tools pool
- Our tool
  - `https://github.com/Peace9911/ripemd160\_attack.git`

# New Collision Attack on 40-step RIPEMD-160

■ Observations from the 36-step collision attack (Eurocrypt 2023) where  $i_0 = 0$ ,  $i_1 = 9$ ,  $i_2 = 21$ ,  $i_3 = 26$ ,  $i_4 = 3$ ,  $i_5 = 29$ .

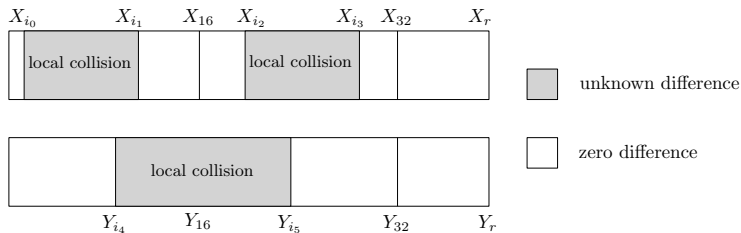


- The first local collision spans from  $X_{i_0}$  to  $X_{i_1}$  where  $i_0 < i_1 < 16$ ;
- The second local collision spans from  $X_{i_2}$  to  $X_{i_3}$  where  $16 < i_2 < i_3 < 32$ ;
- The third local collision spans from  $Y_{i_4}$  to  $Y_{i_5}$  where  $0 < i_4 < i_5 < 32$ ;



# New Collision Attack on 40-step RIPEMD-160

## ■ The ideas to improve the attack



- The differential trail of the second local collision ( $X_{i_2} \sim X_{i_3}$ ) should be sparse as it is an uncontrolled part;
- The message words to inject differences should be used to update the internal states ( $X_i, Y_i$ ) as late as possible where  $i \geq 32$ ;

## New Collision Attack on 40-step RIPEMD-160

- Three ways to construct the second local collision

| message words                | $(i_2, i_3)$ | #conditions | $r$ | #steps |
|------------------------------|--------------|-------------|-----|--------|
| $(m_0, m_6, m_8, m_{11})$    | (21, 31)     | 8           | 37  | 38     |
| $(m_0, m_2, m_{11}, m_{12})$ | (24, 30)     | 8           | 39  | 40     |
| $(m_0, m_{12}, m_{13})$      | (18, 25)     | 44          | 41  | 42     |

# New Collision Attack on 40-step RIPEMD-160

## ■ Search for the 40-step differential trail

| $i$ | $\Delta X_i$                     | $\pi_1(i)$ | $i$ | $\Delta Y_i$                     | $\pi_2(i)$ |
|-----|----------------------------------|------------|-----|----------------------------------|------------|
| 0   | ???????????????????????????????? | 0          | 0   | =====                            | 5          |
| 1   | ???????????????????????????????? | 1          | 1   | =====                            | 14         |
| 2   | ???????????????????????????????? | 2          | 2   | =====                            | 7          |
| 3   | ???????????????????????????????? | 3          | 3   | ???????????????????????????????? | 0          |
| 4   | ???????????????????????????????? | 4          | 4   | ???????????????????????????????? | 9          |
| 5   | ???????????????????????????????? | 5          | 5   | ???????????????????????????????? | 2          |
| 6   | ???????????????????????????????? | 6          | 6   | ???????????????????????????????? | 11         |
| 7   | ???????????????????????????????? | 7          | 7   | ???????????????????????????????? | 4          |
| 8   | =====                            | 8          | 8   | ???????????????????????????????? | 13         |
| 9   | =====                            | 9          | 9   | ???????????????????????????????? | 6          |
| 10  | =====                            | 10         | 10  | ???????????????????????????????? | 15         |
| 11  | =====                            | 11         | 11  | ???????????????????????????????? | 8          |
| 12  | =====                            | 12         | 12  | ???????????????????????????????? | 1          |
| 13  | =====                            | 13         | 13  | ???????????????????????????????? | 10         |
| 14  | =====                            | 14         | 14  | ???????????????????????????????? | 3          |
| 15  | =====                            | 15         | 15  | ???????????????????????????????? | 12         |
| 16  | =====                            | 7          | 16  | ???????????????????????????????? | 6          |
| 17  | =====                            | 4          | 17  | ???????????????????????????????? | 11         |
| 18  | =====                            | 13         | 18  | ???????????????????????????????? | 3          |
| 19  | =====                            | 1          | 19  | ???????????????????????????????? | 7          |
| 20  | =====                            | 10         | 20  | ???????????????????????????????? | 0          |
| 21  | =====                            | 6          | 21  | ???????????????????????????????? | 13         |
| 22  | =====                            | 15         | 22  | ???????????????????????????????? | 5          |
| 23  | =====                            | 3          | 23  | ???????????????????????????????? | 10         |
| 24  | =====                            | 12         | 24  | ???????????????????????????????? | 14         |
| 25  | =====                            | 0          | 25  | ???????????????????????????????? | 15         |
| 26  | =====                            | 9          | 26  | ???????????????????????????????? | 8          |
| 27  | =====                            | 5          | 27  | =====                            | 12         |
| 28  | =====                            | 2          | 28  | =====                            | 4          |
| 29  | =====                            | 14         | 29  | =====                            | 9          |
| 30  | =====                            | 11         | 30  | =====                            | 1          |
| 31  | =====                            | 8          | 31  | =====                            | 2          |
| 32  | =====                            | 3          | 32  | =====                            | 15         |
| 33  | =====                            | 10         | 33  | =====                            | 5          |
| 34  | =====                            | 14         | 34  | =====                            | 1          |
| 35  | =====                            | 4          | 35  | =====                            | 3          |
| 36  | =====                            | 9          | 36  | =====                            | 7          |
| 37  | =====                            | 15         | 37  | =====                            | 14         |
| 38  | =====                            | 8          | 38  | =====                            | 6          |
| 39  | =====                            | 1          | 39  | =====                            | 9          |

# New Collision Attack on 40-step RIPEMD-160

## ■ Optimize the uncontrolled part on the right branch

| $i$ | $\Delta X_i$                     | $\pi_1(i)$ | $i$ | $\Delta Y_i$                     | $\pi_2(i)$ |
|-----|----------------------------------|------------|-----|----------------------------------|------------|
| 0   | ???????????????????????????????? | 0          | 0   | =====                            | 5          |
| 1   | ???????????????????????????????? | 1          | 1   | =====                            | 14         |
| 2   | ???????????????????????????????? | 2          | 2   | =====                            | 7          |
| 3   | ???????????????????????????????? | 3          | 3   | ???????????????????????????????? | 0          |
| 4   | ???????????????????????????????? | 4          | 4   | ???????????????????????????????? | 9          |
| 5   | ???????????????????????????????? | 5          | 5   | ???????????????????????????????? | 2          |
| 6   | ???????????????????????????????? | 6          | 6   | ???????????????????????????????? | 11         |
| 7   | ???????????????????????????????? | 7          | 7   | ???????????????????????????????? | 4          |
| 8   | =====                            | 8          | 8   | ???????????????????????????????? | 13         |
| 9   | =====                            | 9          | 9   | ???????????????????????????????? | 6          |
| 10  | =====                            | 10         | 10  | ???????????????????????????????? | 15         |
| 11  | =====                            | 11         | 11  | ???????????????????????????????? | 8          |
| 12  | =====                            | 12         | 12  | ???????????????????????????????? | 1          |
| 13  | =====                            | 13         | 13  | ???????????????????????????????? | 10         |
| 14  | =====                            | 14         | 14  | ???????????????????????????????? | 3          |
| 15  | =====                            | 15         | 15  | =====n=====n=====                | 12         |
| 16  | =====                            | 7          | 16  | =====u=====                      | 6          |
| 17  | =====                            | 4          | 17  | =====                            | 11         |
| 18  | =====                            | 13         | 18  | =====                            | 3          |
| 19  | =====                            | 1          | 19  | =====0=====                      | 7          |
| 20  | =====                            | 10         | 20  | =====1=====                      | 0          |
| 21  | =====                            | 6          | 21  | =====u=====                      | 13         |
| 22  | =====                            | 15         | 22  | =====                            | 5          |
| 23  | =====                            | 3          | 23  | =====1=====                      | 10         |
| 24  | =====n=====                      | 12         | 24  | =====010000=====                 | 14         |
| 25  | =====0=====                      | 0          | 25  | =====u=====111111=====           | 15         |
| 26  | =====0=====1=====                | 9          | 26  | =====nuuuu=====                  | 8          |
| 27  | =====1=====                      | 5          | 27  | =====1=====nuuuu=====            | 12         |
| 28  | =====2=====                      | 2          | 28  | =====0=====                      | 4          |
| 29  | =====                            | 14         | 29  | =====0=====                      | 9          |
| 30  | =====                            | 11         | 30  | =====                            | 1          |
| 31  | =====                            | 8          | 31  | =====                            | 2          |
| 32  | =====                            | 3          | 32  | =====                            | 15         |
| 33  | =====                            | 10         | 33  | =====                            | 5          |
| 34  | =====                            | 14         | 34  | =====                            | 1          |
| 35  | =====                            | 4          | 35  | =====                            | 3          |
| 36  | =====                            | 9          | 36  | =====                            | 7          |
| 37  | =====                            | 15         | 37  | =====                            | 14         |
| 38  | =====                            | 8          | 38  | =====                            | 6          |
| 39  | =====                            | 1          | 39  | =====                            | 9          |

# New Collision Attack on 40-step RIPEMD-160

## ■ The full 40-step differential trail

| $i$ | $\Delta X_i$                   | $\pi_1(i)$ | $i$ | $\Delta Y_i$  | $\pi_2(i)$ |
|-----|--------------------------------|------------|-----|---|------------|
| 0   | unnn-----                      | 0          | 0   | -----   | 5          |
| 1   | -----nuuuu-n-----              | 1          | 1   | -----   | 14         |
| 2   | u=un=-----n=-----un=nnnn       | 2          | 2   | -----0-----   | 7          |
| 3   | -----nnn=-----u=-----n-----    | 3          | 3   | 0=-----   | 0          |
| 4   | u=-----u=-----u=-----n=-----nu | 4          | 4   | 0=-----1-----0=-----1=-----1=-----010                   | 9          |
| 5   | -----n-----n-----u-----n-----  | 5          | 5   | 101=-----u=-----0=-----0=-----1=-----0000=-----100u0000 | 2          |
| 6   | -----u=-----nu-----            | 6          | 6   | 0110=-----1=-----nnuu1nnuuuuuuuuuuu10100=0              | 11         |
| 7   | -----unnnnnnnnn-----           | 7          | 7   | 1unnnnn11000unn00unn10nnn11=110                         | 4          |
| 8   | -----                          | 8          | 8   | -1011nu001nu111nuu=unnnn0101nnuuu                       | 13         |
| 9   | -----                          | 9          | 9   | 00u=-----nu00u010=-----1000101u=0101n0=                 | 6          |
| 10  | -----                          | 10         | 10  | 111=-----0=-----u=n10=0u01=1n01=010=1                   | 15         |
| 11  | -----                          | 11         | 11  | 0=0=n1=0=01n0=0=-----u=-----n1=1=-----0=-----           | 8          |
| 12  | -----                          | 12         | 12  | 11u=-----10=0=1u=0=-----1=-----0=-----1u=0=0            | 1          |
| 13  | -----                          | 13         | 13  | =0=-----0=-----1=-----0=n=10=0=-----1=10=-----n         | 10         |
| 14  | -----                          | 14         | 14  | =1=-----0=-----0=-----u1=1=-----                        | 3          |
| 15  | -----                          | 15         | 15  | -----1=n-----   | 12         |
| 16  | -----                          | 7          | 16  | -----1=n-----   | 6          |
| 17  | -----                          | 4          | 17  | -----   | 11         |
| 18  | -----                          | 13         | 18  | -----   | 3          |
| 19  | -----                          | 1          | 19  | -----   | 7          |
| 20  | -----                          | 10         | 20  | -----   | 0          |
| 21  | -----                          | 6          | 21  | -----u-----   | 13         |
| 22  | -----                          | 15         | 22  | -----   | 5          |
| 23  | -----                          | 3          | 23  | -----1-----   | 10         |
| 24  | -----n-----                    | 12         | 24  | -----1-----=010000=                                     | 14         |
| 25  | -----0=-----                   | 0          | 25  | =u=-----1-----111111=                                   | 15         |
| 26  | =0=-----1-----                 | 9          | 26  | -----n-----   | 8          |
| 27  | -----1=-----                   | 5          | 27  | -----1=-----  | 12         |
| 28  | -----                          | 2          | 28  | -----0=-----  | 4          |
| 29  | -----                          | 14         | 29  | -----   | 9          |
| 30  | -----                          | 11         | 30  | -----   | 1          |
| 31  | -----                          | 8          | 31  | -----   | 2          |
| 32  | -----                          | 3          | 32  | -----   | 15         |
| 33  | -----                          | 10         | 33  | -----   | 5          |
| 34  | -----                          | 14         | 34  | -----   | 1          |
| 35  | -----                          | 4          | 35  | -----   | 3          |
| 36  | -----                          | 9          | 36  | -----   | 7          |
| 37  | -----                          | 15         | 37  | -----   | 14         |
| 38  | -----                          | 8          | 38  | -----   | 6          |
| 39  | -----                          | 1          | 39  | -----   | 9          |

# New Collision Attack on 40-step RIPEMD-160

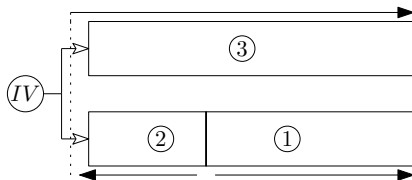
Find a colliding message pair in about 16 hours with 115 threads!

**Table:** The colliding message pair  $(M_0, M_1)$  and  $(M_0, M'_1)$  for 40-step RIPEMD-160

|        |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |
|--------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| $M_0$  | 4b1de304<br>54c428ea | f52a5a3e<br>113b00cf | bbd7d814<br>3db1bb85 | 6454a1d6<br>1d2b2de6 | a5571007<br>89157118 | 6c4151f5<br>89157118 | 8970f768<br>d22f990b | 32c48fd1<br>6db9f321 |
| $M_1$  | 0a179ed0<br>ee7f066f | 582e9fee<br>d7b7707d | 8c68cd3d<br>9f1cc8a9 | 0d120a6e<br>eaecfcb8 | de43af57<br>0b449f1a | df2e7a6f<br>ec058b69 | 2b40967e<br>996ee0d2 | df302947<br>994ef6b1 |
| $M'_1$ | 0a159ed0<br>ee7f066f | 582e9fee<br>d7b7707d | 8c48cd3d<br>9f1cc8a9 | 0d120a6e<br>eaecfd38 | de43af57<br>0b451f1a | df2e7a6f<br>ec058b69 | 2b40967e<br>996ee0d2 | df302947<br>994ef6b1 |
| hash   | a76b7982             | e39826f9             | 52eb6b63             | 6b48ecdd             | 4ddca6c5             |                      |                      |                      |

# New SFS Collision Attack on 41/42/43-step RIPEMD-160

- Observations from the 40-step SFS collision attack (ToSC 2019)



- The differential probability on the right branch ③ almost affects the overall time complexity;
  - The right-branch differential trails were deduced by hand;
  - Constructing a sparser right-branch differential trail may bring improved attacks.
- Optimizing the sparsity of a trail is easy with MILP/SAT/SMT

# New SFS Collision Attack on 41/42/43-step RIPEMD-160

## ■ Example: search for the 43-step differential trail

| $i$ | $\Delta X_i$                     | $\pi_1(i)$ | $i$ | $\Delta Y_i$                     | $\pi_2(i)$ |
|-----|----------------------------------|------------|-----|----------------------------------|------------|
| 0   | -----                            | 0          | 0   | -----                            | 5          |
| 1   | -----                            | 1          | 1   | -----                            | 14         |
| 2   | -----                            | 2          | 2   | -----                            | 7          |
| 3   | -----                            | 3          | 3   | -----                            | 0          |
| 4   | -----                            | 4          | 4   | -----                            | 9          |
| 5   | -----                            | 5          | 5   | -----                            | 2          |
| 6   | -----                            | 6          | 6   | -----                            | 11         |
| 7   | -----                            | 7          | 7   | -----                            | 4          |
| 8   | -----                            | 8          | 8   | -----                            | 13         |
| 9   | -----                            | 9          | 9   | -----                            | 6          |
| 10  | -----                            | 10         | 10  | -----                            | 15         |
| 11  | -----                            | 11         | 11  | -----                            | 8          |
| 12  | ???????????????????????????????? | 12         | 12  | -----                            | 1          |
| 13  | ???????????????????????????????? | 13         | 13  | -----                            | 10         |
| 14  | ???????????????????????????????? | 14         | 14  | -----                            | 3          |
| 15  | ???????????????????????????????? | 15         | 15  | ???????????????????????????????? | 12         |
| 16  | ???????????????????????????????? | 7          | 16  | ???????????????????????????????? | 6          |
| 17  | ???????????????????????????????? | 4          | 17  | ???????????????????????????????? | 11         |
| 18  | ???????????????????????????????? | 13         | 18  | ???????????????????????????????? | 3          |
| 19  | ???????????????????????????????? | 1          | 19  | ???????????????????????????????? | 7          |
| 20  | ???????????????????????????????? | 10         | 20  | ???????????????????????????????? | 0          |
| 21  | ???????????????????????????????? | 6          | 21  | ???????????????????????????????? | 13         |
| 22  | ???????????????????????????????? | 15         | 22  | ???????????????????????????????? | 5          |
| 23  | ???????????????????????????????? | 3          | 23  | ???????????????????????????????? | 10         |
| 24  | ???????????????????????????????? | 12         | 24  | ???????????????????????????????? | 14         |
| 25  | ???????????????????????????????? | 0          | 25  | ???????????????????????????????? | 15         |
| 26  | ???????????????????????????????? | 9          | 26  | ???????????????????????????????? | 8          |
| 27  | ???????????????????????????????? | 5          | 27  | ???????????????????????????????? | 12         |
| 28  | ???????????????????????????????? | 2          | 28  | ???????????????????????????????? | 4          |
| 29  | ???????????????????????????????? | 14         | 29  | ???????????????????????????????? | 9          |
| 30  | ???????????????????????????????? | 11         | 30  | ???????????????????????????????? | 1          |
| 31  | ???????????????????????????????? | 8          | 31  | ???????????????????????????????? | 2          |
| 32  | ???????????????????????????????? | 3          | 32  | ???????????????????????????????? | 15         |
| 33  | ???????????????????????????????? | 10         | 33  | ???????????????????????????????? | 5          |
| 34  | ???????????????????????????????? | 14         | 34  | ???????????????????????????????? | 1          |
| 35  | ???????????????????????????????? | 4          | 35  | ???????????????????????????????? | 3          |
| 36  | ???????????????????????????????? | 9          | 36  | ???????????????????????????????? | 7          |
| 37  | ???????????????????????????????? | 15         | 37  | ???????????????????????????????? | 14         |
| 38  | ???????????????????????????????? | 8          | 38  | ???????????????????????????????? | 6          |
| 39  | ???????????????????????????????? | 1          | 39  | ???????????????????????????????? | 9          |
| 40  | ???????????????????????????????? | 2          | 40  | ???????????????????????????????? | 11         |
| 41  | ???????????????????????????????? | 7          | 41  | ???????????????????????????????? | 8          |
| 42  | ???????????????????????????????? | 0          | 42  | ???????????????????????????????? | 12         |



# New SFS Collision Attack on 41/42/43-step RIPEMD-160

## ■ Minimize the hamming weight on the right branch

| $i$ | $\Delta X_i$                 | $\pi_1(i)$ | $i$ | $\Delta Y_i$                               | $\pi_2(i)$ |
|-----|------------------------------|------------|-----|--|------------|
| 0   | =====                        | 0          | 0   | =====                                      | 5          |
| 1   | =====                        | 1          | 1   | =====                                      | 14         |
| 2   | =====                        | 2          | 2   | =====                                      | 7          |
| 3   | =====                        | 3          | 3   | =====                                      | 0          |
| 4   | =====                        | 4          | 4   | =====                                      | 9          |
| 5   | =====                        | 5          | 5   | =====                                      | 2          |
| 6   | =====                        | 6          | 6   | =====                                      | 11         |
| 7   | =====                        | 7          | 7   | =====                                      | 4          |
| 8   | =====                        | 8          | 8   | =====                                      | 13         |
| 9   | =====                        | 9          | 9   | =====                                      | 6          |
| 10  | =====                        | 10         | 10  | =====                                      | 15         |
| 11  | =====                        | 11         | 11  | =====                                      | 8          |
| 12  | ???????????????????????????? | 12         | 12  | =====                                      | 1          |
| 13  | ???????????????????????????? | 13         | 13  | =====0=====                                | 10         |
| 14  | ???????????????????????????? | 14         | 14  | =====1=====                                | 3          |
| 15  | ???????????????????????????? | 15         | 15  | =====u=====                                | 12         |
| 16  | ???????????????????????????? | 7          | 16  | =====                                      | 6          |
| 17  | ???????????????????????????? | 4          | 17  | =====1=====                                | 11         |
| 18  | ???????????????????????????? | 13         | 18  | =====1=====                                | 3          |
| 19  | ???????????????????????????? | 1          | 19  | u=====1=====                               | 7          |
| 20  | ???????????????????????????? | 10         | 20  | =====                                      | 0          |
| 21  | ???????????????????????????? | 6          | 21  | 1=====0=====                               | 13         |
| 22  | ???????????????????????????? | 15         | 22  | 1=====1=====                               | 5          |
| 23  | ???????????????????????????? | 3          | 23  | =====un=====                               | 10         |
| 24  | ???????????????????????????? | 12         | 24  | =====                                      | 14         |
| 25  | ???????????????????????????? | 0          | 25  | =====001=====                              | 15         |
| 26  | ???????????????????????????? | 9          | 26  | =====111=====                              | 8          |
| 27  | ???????????????????????????? | 5          | 27  | =====nn=====                               | 12         |
| 28  | ???????????????????????????? | 2          | 28  | =====                                      | 4          |
| 29  | ???????????????????????????? | 14         | 29  | =====1=====1=====                          | 9          |
| 30  | ???????????????????????????? | 11         | 30  | ==1=====                                   | 1          |
| 31  | ???????????????????????????? | 8          | 31  | ==u=====                                   | 2          |
| 32  | ???????????????????????????? | 3          | 32  | ==1=====0=====                             | 15         |
| 33  | ???????????????????????????? | 10         | 33  | ==1=====0=====                             | 5          |
| 34  | ???????????????????????????? | 14         | 34  | =====d=====1=====                          | 1          |
| 35  | ???????????????????????????? | 4          | 35  | =====1=====u=====                          | 3          |
| 36  | ???????????????????????????? | 9          | 36  | =====1=====10=====                         | 7          |
| 37  | ???????????????????????????? | 15         | 37  | =====0=====0=====1=====                    | 14         |
| 38  | ???????????????????????????? | 8          | 38  | =====0=====0=====1=====                    | 6          |
| 39  | ???????????????????????????? | 1          | 39  | =====0=====1=====1u=====1=====1=====       | 9          |
| 40  | ???????????????????????????? | 2          | 40  | =====u=====0=====1=====10=====0=====0===== | 11         |
| 41  | ???????????????????????????? | 7          | 41  | =====0=====d=====uu=====                   | 8          |
| 42  | ???????????????????????????? | 0          | 42  | =====n=====                                | 12         |

# New SFS Collision Attack on 41/42/43-step RIPEMD-160

## ■ The full 43-step differential trail

| $i$ | $\Delta X_i$ | $\pi_1(i)$ | $i$ | $\Delta Y_i$ | $\pi_2(i)$ |
|-----|--------------|------------|-----|--------------|------------|
| 0   | -----        | 0          | 0   | -----        | 5          |
| 1   | -----        | 1          | 1   | -----        | 14         |
| 2   | -----        | 2          | 2   | -----        | 7          |
| 3   | -----        | 3          | 3   | -----        | 0          |
| 4   | -----        | 4          | 4   | -----        | 9          |
| 5   | -----        | 5          | 5   | -----        | 2          |
| 6   | -----        | 6          | 6   | -----        | 11         |
| 7   | -----        | 7          | 7   | -----        | 4          |
| 8   | -----        | 8          | 8   | -----        | 13         |
| 9   | -----        | 9          | 9   | -----        | 6          |
| 10  | -----        | 10         | 10  | -----        | 15         |
| 11  | -----        | 11         | 11  | -----        | 8          |
| 12  | -----        | 12         | 12  | -----        | 1          |
| 13  | -----        | 13         | 13  | -----        | 10         |
| 14  | -----        | 14         | 14  | -----        | 3          |
| 15  | -----        | 15         | 15  | -----        | 12         |
| 16  | -----        | 7          | 16  | -----        | 6          |
| 17  | -----        | 4          | 17  | -----        | 11         |
| 18  | -----        | 13         | 18  | -----        | 3          |
| 19  | -----        | 1          | 19  | -----        | 7          |
| 20  | -----        | 10         | 20  | -----        | 0          |
| 21  | -----        | 6          | 21  | -----        | 13         |
| 22  | -----        | 15         | 22  | -----        | 5          |
| 23  | -----        | 3          | 23  | -----        | 10         |
| 24  | -----        | 12         | 24  | -----        | 14         |
| 25  | -----        | 0          | 25  | -----        | 15         |
| 26  | -----        | 9          | 26  | -----        | 8          |
| 27  | -----        | 5          | 27  | -----        | 12         |
| 28  | -----        | 2          | 28  | -----        | 4          |
| 29  | -----        | 14         | 29  | -----        | 9          |
| 30  | -----        | 11         | 30  | -----        | 1          |
| 31  | -----        | 8          | 31  | -----        | 2          |
| 32  | -----        | 3          | 32  | -----        | 15         |
| 33  | -----        | 10         | 33  | -----        | 5          |
| 34  | -----        | 14         | 34  | -----        | 1          |
| 35  | -----        | 4          | 35  | -----        | 3          |
| 36  | -----        | 9          | 36  | -----        | 7          |
| 37  | -----        | 15         | 37  | -----        | 14         |
| 38  | -----        | 8          | 38  | -----        | 6          |
| 39  | -----        | 1          | 39  | -----        | 9          |
| 40  | -----        | 2          | 40  | -----        | 11         |
| 41  | -----        | 7          | 41  | -----        | 8          |
| 42  | -----        | 0          | 42  | -----        | 12         |

# Summary and Problems

## ■ Summary

- A SAT/SMT-based tool for RIPEMD-160
- The first practical and best collision attack on RIPEMD-160
- The best semi-free-start collision attack on RIPEMD-160

| Attack type   | Steps (80 in total) | Time             | Memory            | References     |
|---------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| SFS collision | 48*                 | $2^{76.5}$       | $2^{64}$          | ToSC 2017      |
|               | 40                  | $2^{74.6}$       | <i>negligible</i> | ToSC 2019      |
|               | 41                  | $2^{59.7}$       | <i>negligible</i> | Ours           |
|               | 42                  | $2^{67.3}$       | <i>negligible</i> | Ours           |
|               | 43                  | $2^{74.8}$       | <i>negligible</i> | Ours           |
| collision     | 34                  | $2^{74.3}$       | $2^{32}$          | CRYPTO 2019    |
|               | 36                  | $2^{64.5}$       | <i>negligible</i> | Eurocrypt 2023 |
|               | 40                  | <i>practical</i> | <i>negligible</i> | Ours           |

\* An attack starts at an intermediate step.

# Summary and Problems

## ■ Problem

- Are there other ways to construct local collisions such that the (SFS) collision attacks on RIPEMD-160 can be further improved?

# Overview of the modelling method

## ■ The step function

$$d_{i+5} = (d_{i+1}^{\lll 10}) \boxplus (F(d_{i+4}, d_{i+3}, d_{i+2}^{\lll 10}) \boxplus (d_i^{\lll 10}) \boxplus m \boxplus c_i)^{\lll s},$$

## ■ Simplification (rotation ( $\lll 10$ ) does not matter)

$$a_5 = a_1 \boxplus (F(a_4, a_3, a_2) \boxplus a_0 \boxplus m \boxplus c)^{\lll s}.$$

## ■ Decomposition

$$b_0 = m \boxplus c,$$

$$b_1 = F(a_4, a_3, a_2),$$

$$b_2 = b_0 \boxplus b_1,$$

$$b_3 = b_2 \boxplus a_0,$$

$$b_4 = b_3^{\lll s},$$

$$b_5 = a_1 \boxplus b_4,$$

$$a_5 = b_5.$$

# Overview of the modelling method

- Liu et al.'s idea (Eurocrypt 2023):

- Model the **deterministic signed difference addition** for  $z = x \boxplus y$ , i.e.,

$$(\Delta x, \Delta y) \rightarrow \Delta z$$

- Model the **signed difference transitions for the Boolean function  $F$** , i.e.

$$(\Delta a_4, \Delta a_3, \Delta a_2) \rightarrow \Delta b_1$$

- Model the expansion of the modular difference, i.e., **finding all  $\Delta z$  from a fixed  $\Delta z'$  such that they correspond to the same modular difference**, i.e.,

$$\Delta z' \rightarrow \Delta z$$

- Model the **update  $a_5 = a_1 \boxplus b_3 \lll s$** , i.e.,

$$(\Delta a_1, \Delta b_3) \rightarrow \Delta a_5$$