

# On the Influence of Message Length in PMAC's Security Bounds

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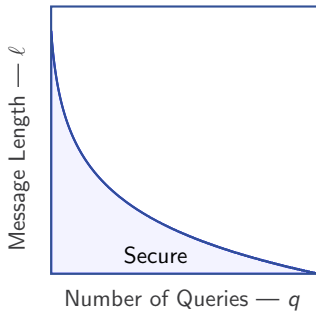
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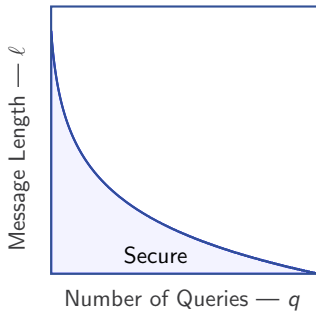
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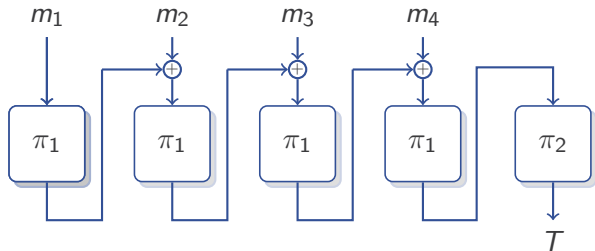
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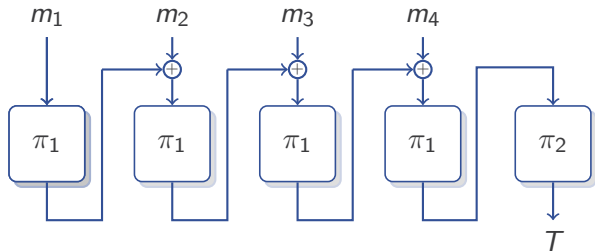
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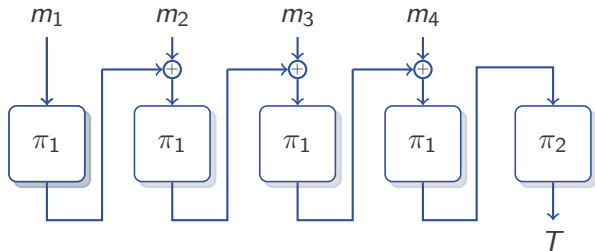


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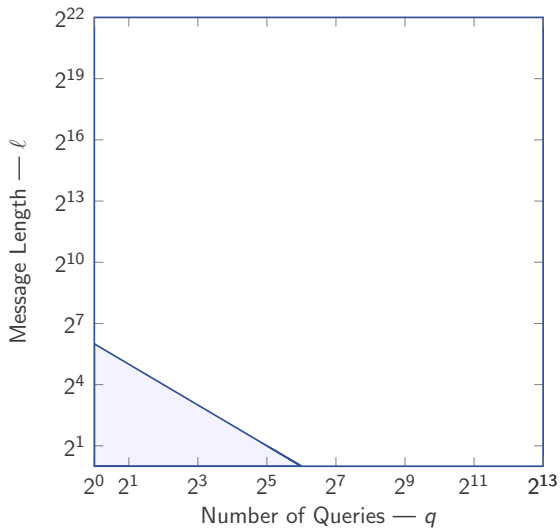


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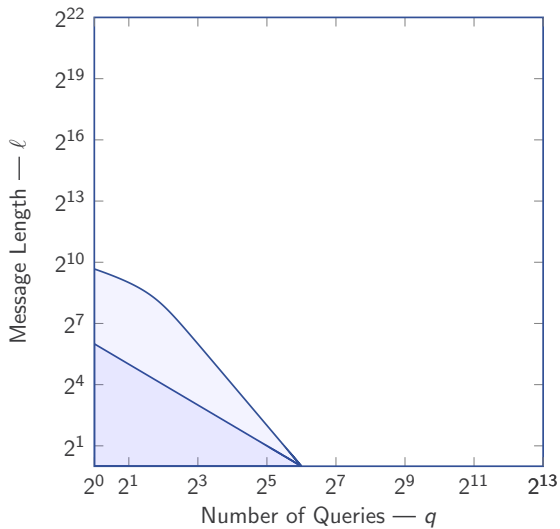
Table:  $\epsilon = 1/2^{20}$ ,  $\ell = 1\text{KB}$

	Cipher	Block Size	Limit
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	PRESENT	64	$2^{18.5}$
	KATAN32	32	4

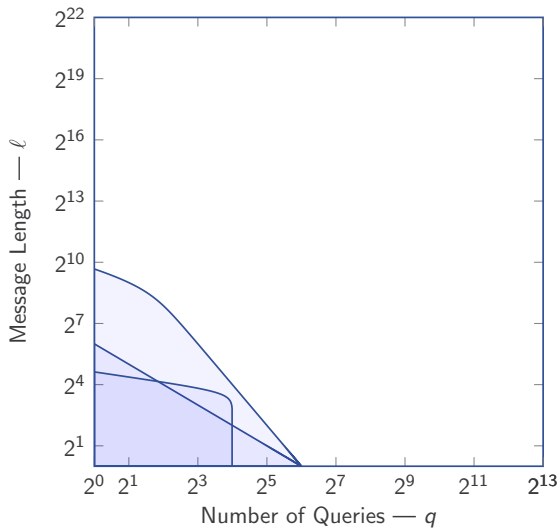
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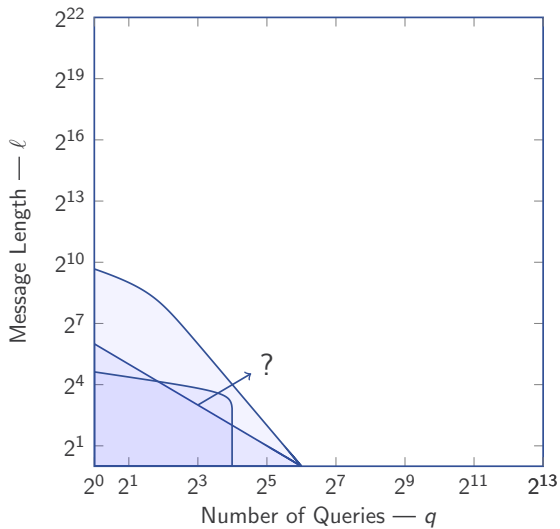
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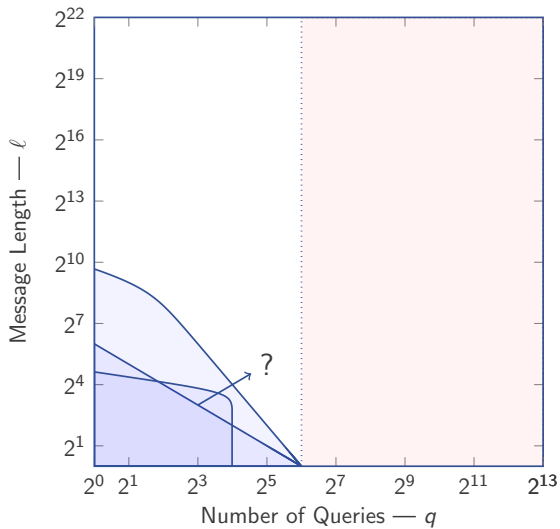
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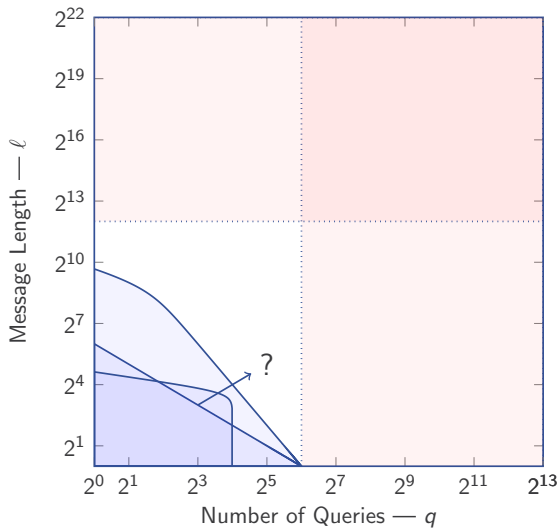
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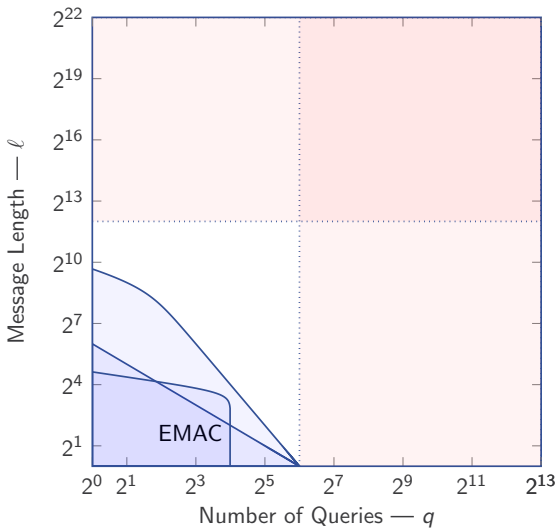
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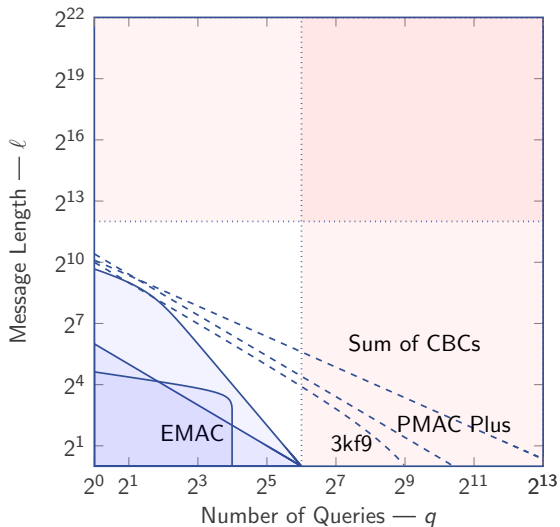


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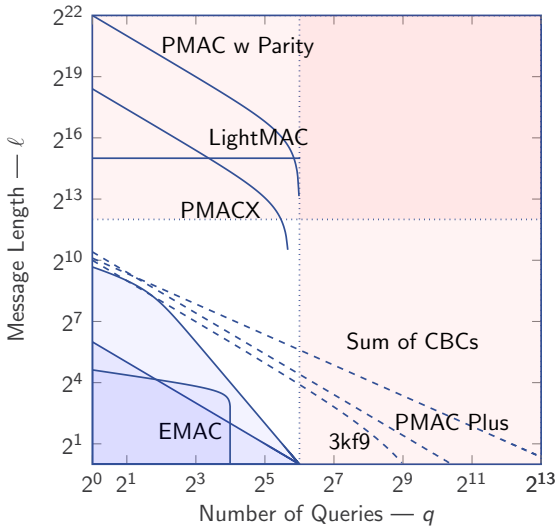




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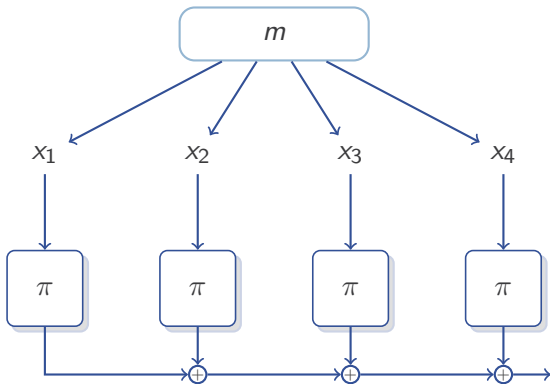
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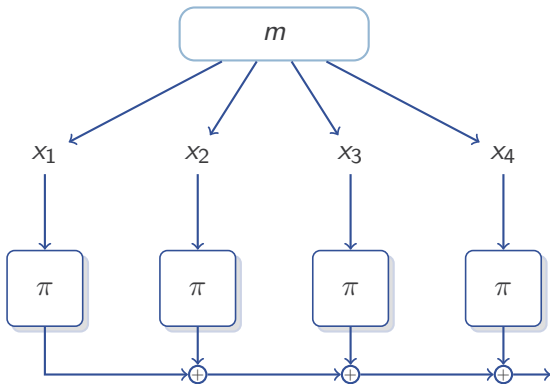


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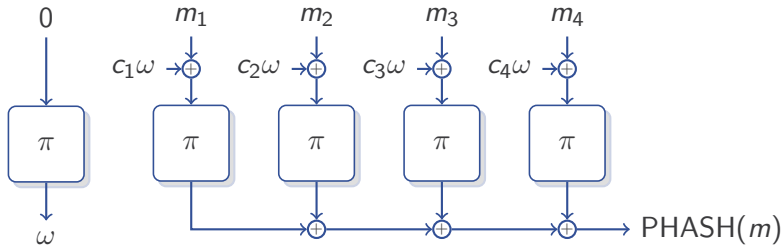
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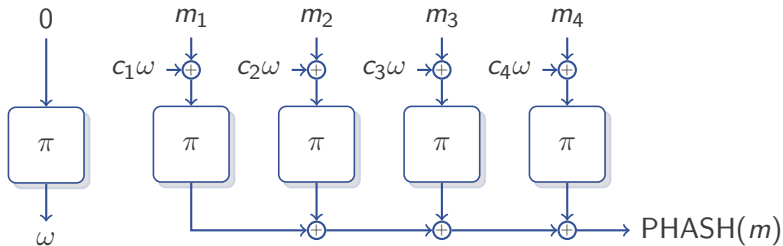
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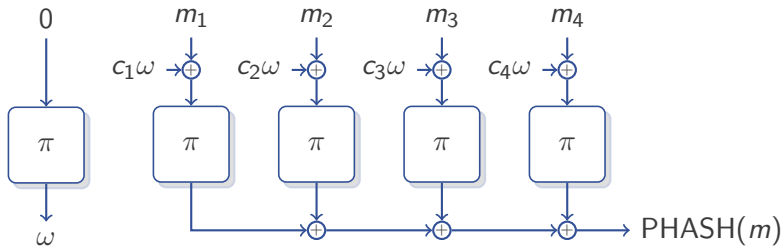


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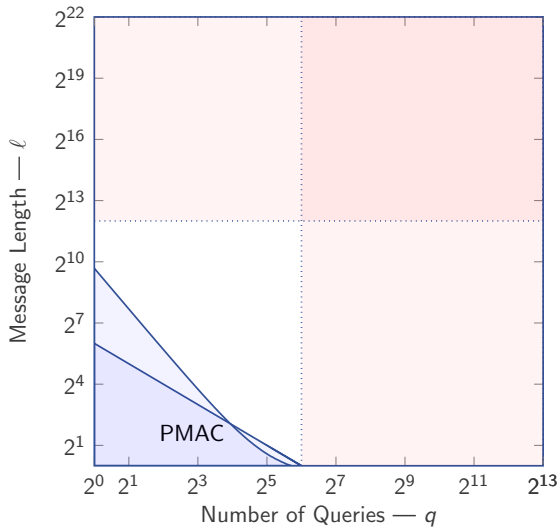


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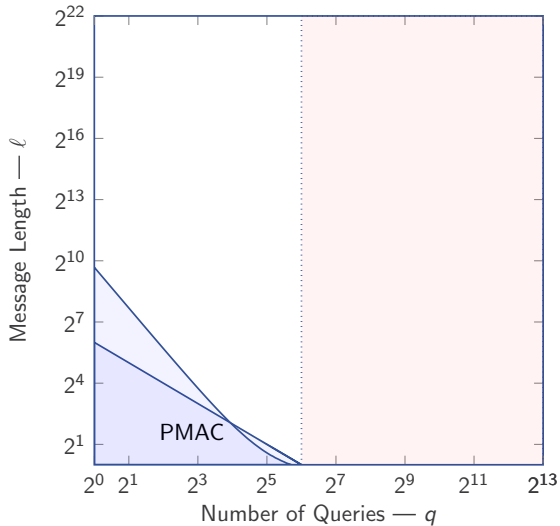
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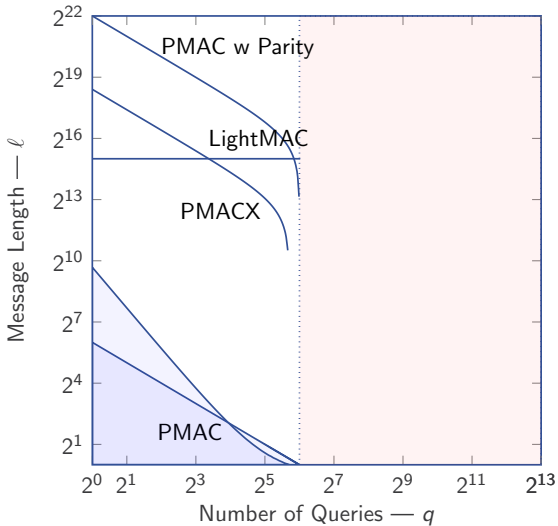
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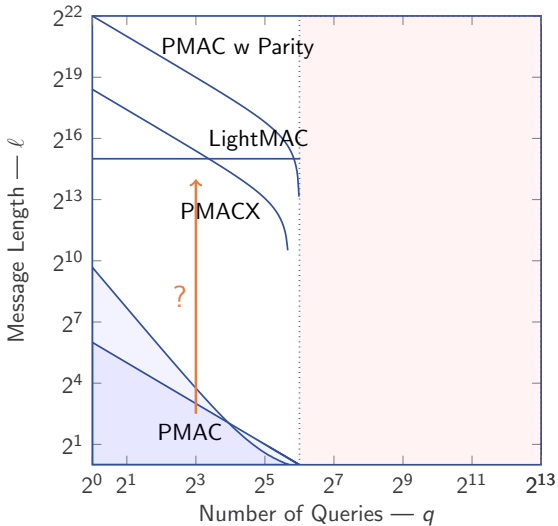
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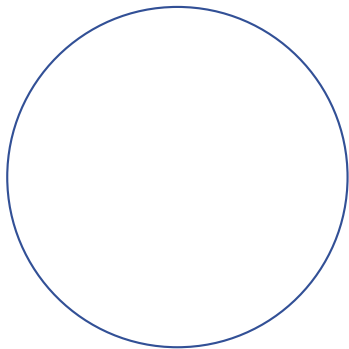
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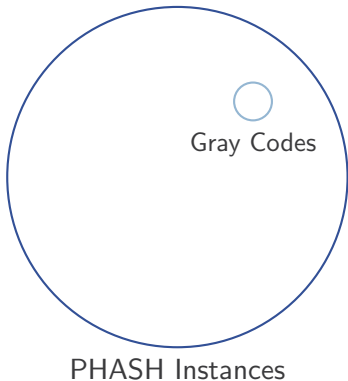


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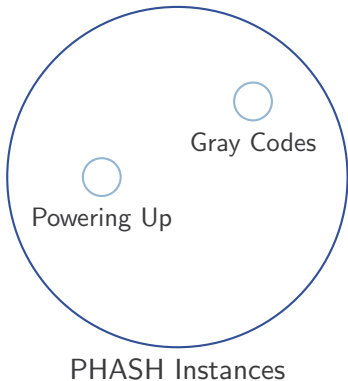
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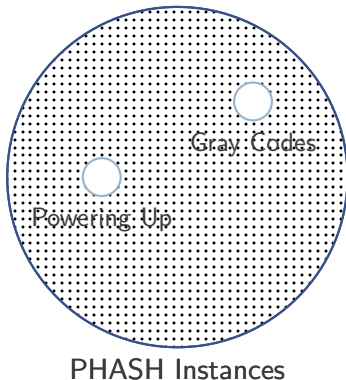


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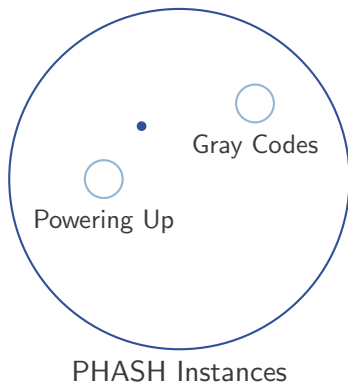
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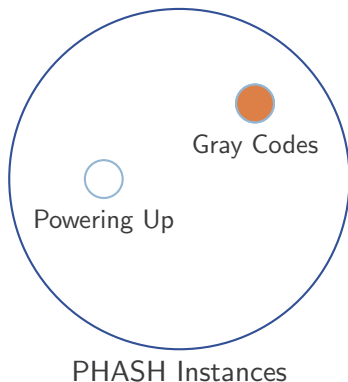
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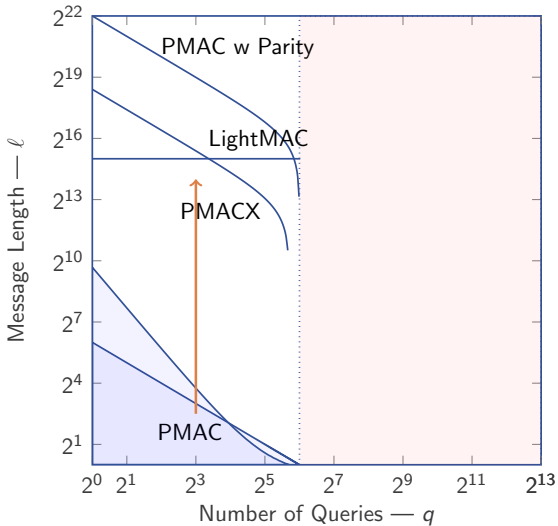
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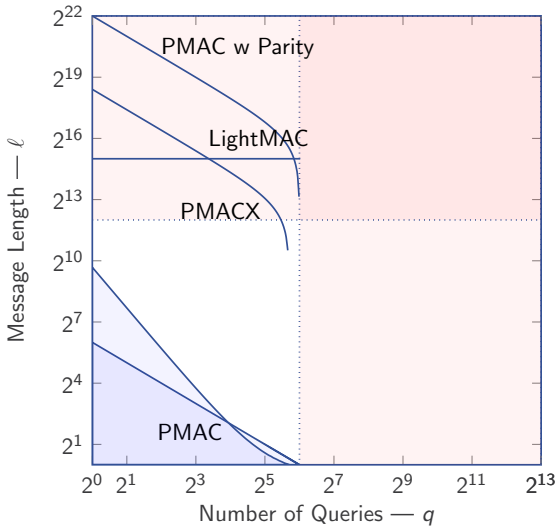
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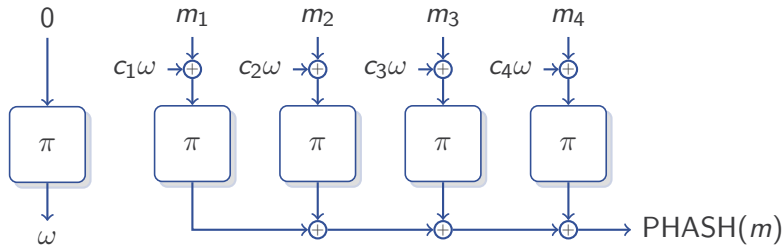
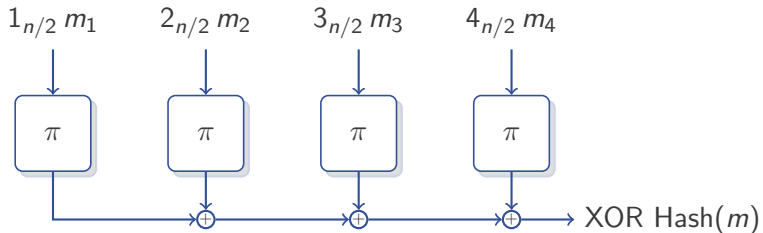
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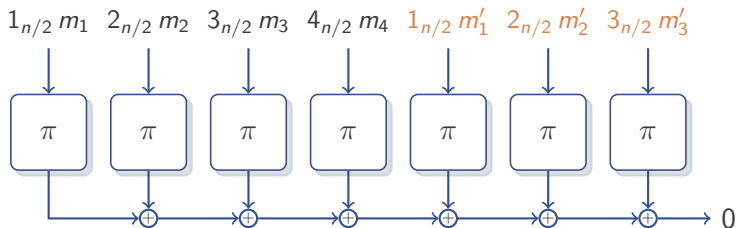


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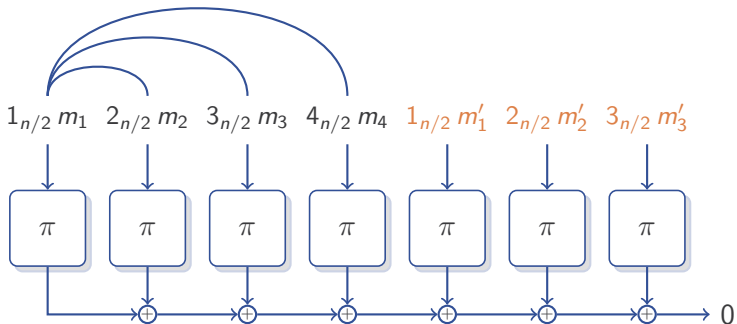




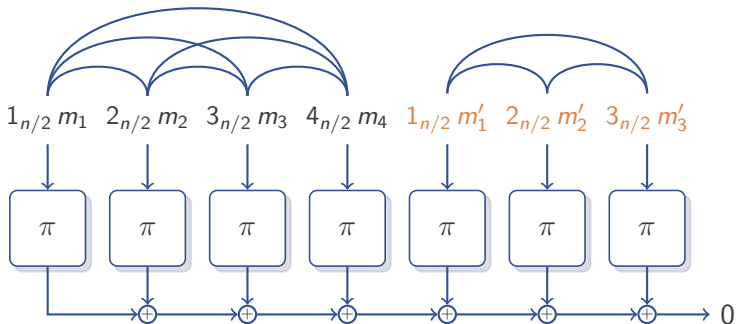
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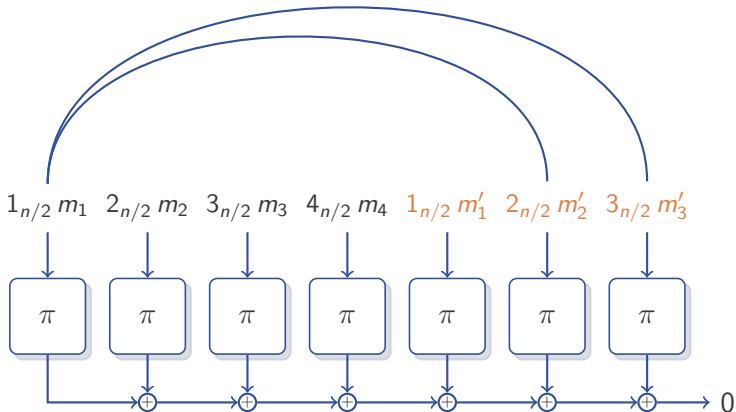
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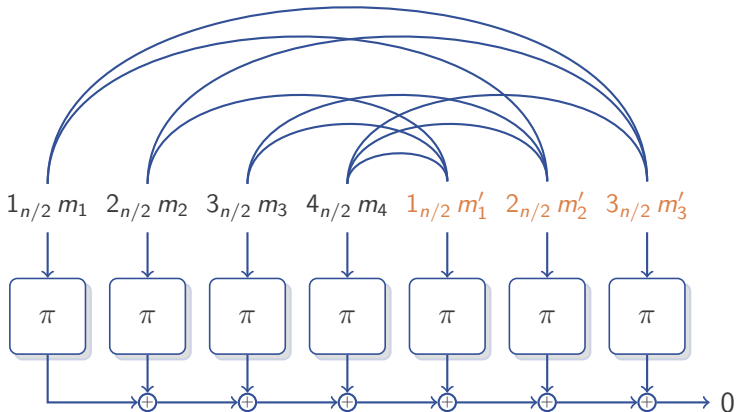
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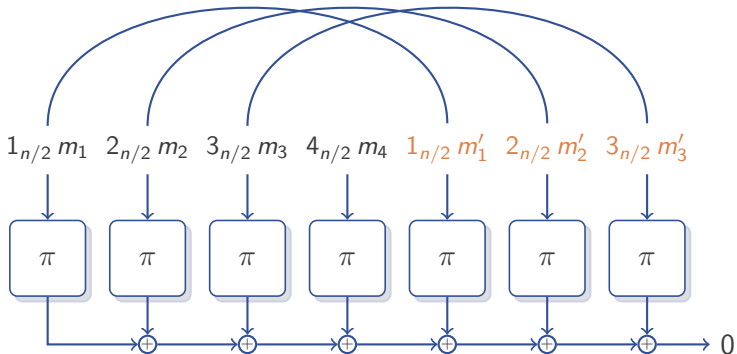
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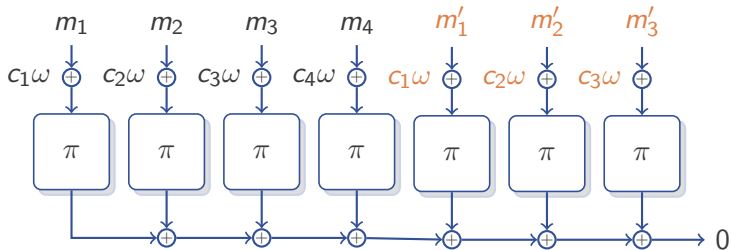
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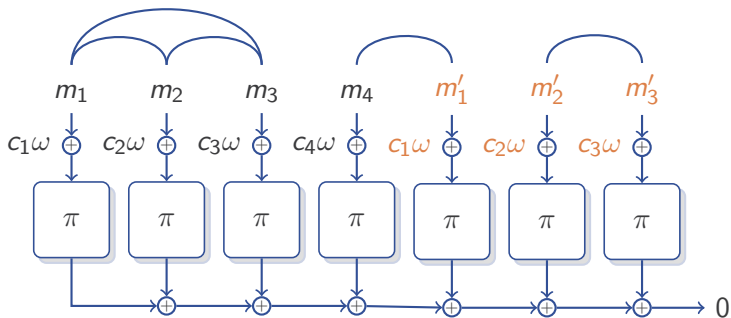
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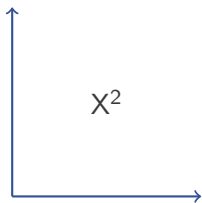
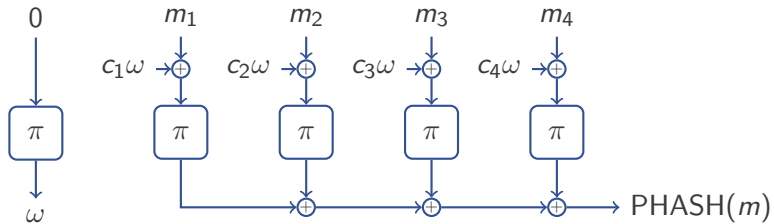


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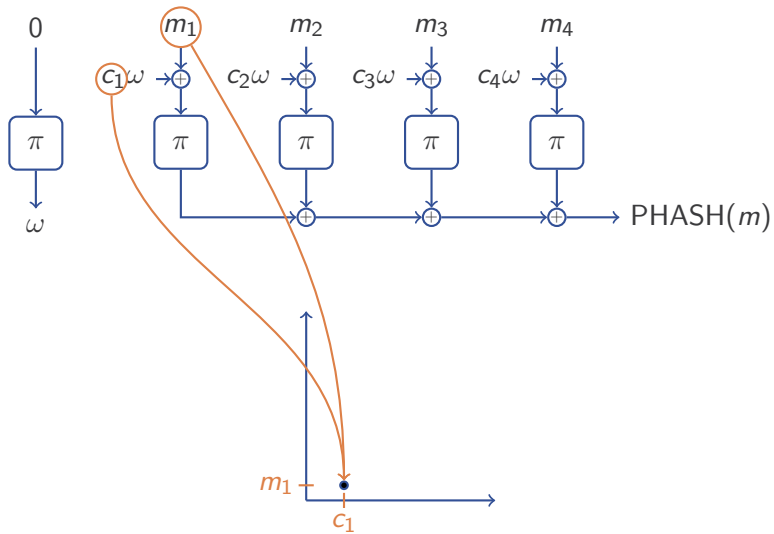




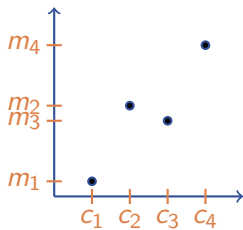
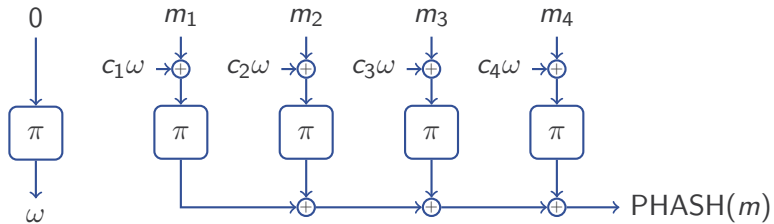
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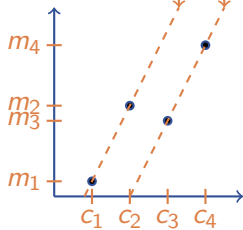
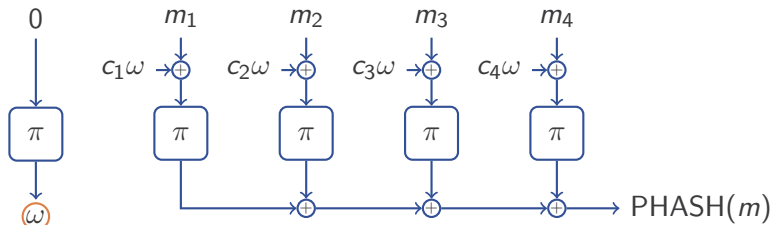
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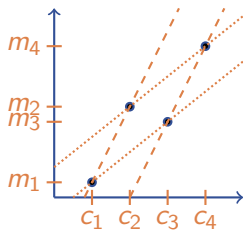
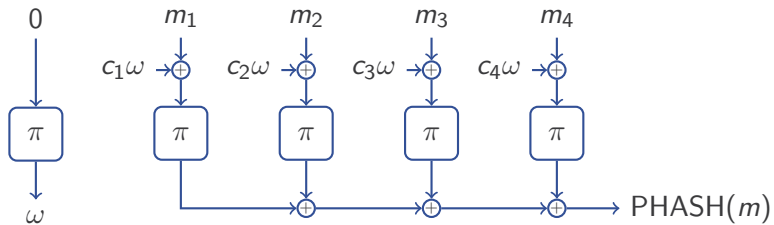
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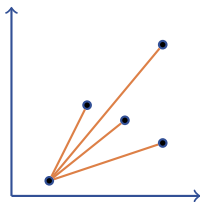
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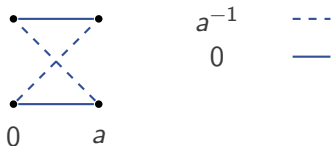
## Connection With PHASH Collision Probability

Two messages  $\vec{m}_1$  and  $\vec{m}_2$  collide with probability  $k/2^n$  if the corresponding set in  $X^2$  is evenly covered by  $k$  slopes.

Simple proof of  $\ell$ -bound:



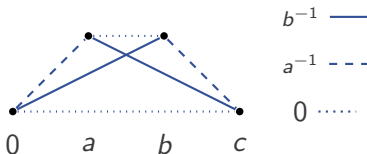
## Set Evenly Covered by Two Slopes



**Figure:** A set of four points evenly covered by the slopes 0 and  $a^{-1}$ . The x-coordinates of the points are 0 and  $a$ , and the y-coordinates are 0 and 1.

Guarantees a collision with probability  $2/2^n$ .

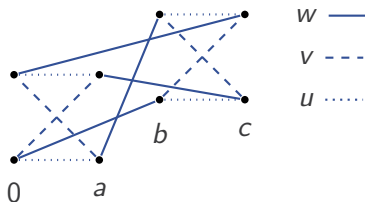
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**Figure:** A set of four points evenly covered by the slopes  $0$ ,  $a^{-1}$ , and  $b^{-1}$ . The x-coordinates of the points are  $0$ ,  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$ , and the y-coordinates are  $0$  and  $1$ .

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## Another Set Evenly Covered by Three Slopes



**Figure:** A set of points evenly covered by the slopes  $u$ ,  $v$ , and  $w$ . Each point is accompanied by another point with the same x-coordinate. The x-coordinates of the pairs are indicated below the lower points.

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# Evenly Covered Sets in General

The x-coordinates of evenly covered sets satisfy one of the following:

1. They contain a subset summing to zero (NP-complete)
2. They are the solution to a non-trivial binary quadratic form (similar problem NP-complete)

## Conjecture

Given  $S \subset X$ , finding a subset of  $S$  satisfying either of the above requirements is computationally hard.

# Searching for Evenly Covered Sets

## Proposition

An evenly covered set with distinct x-coordinates forms a complete graph if and only if the x-coordinates are an additive subgroup of  $X$ .

1. For sufficiently long messages, the masks will always contain an additive subgroup
2. Finding additive subgroups in Gray codes is easy for every power of two.

Success probability of Gray code attack:

$$\frac{2^{k-1} - 1}{2^n} \text{ for } \ell = 2^k$$