Sharks, dinos and mammals

Eve

- a brief history of animals and cryptography

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Did we already learn something about cryptography?







AES, ~256 bits of security

symmetrical cryptography

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Showing Crypto as Secure as NP-complete problem difficult

means **proving NP = co-NP** (and also P ≠ NP)







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Last **bold**, unproven claim