

# Using Simon's algorithm

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|\text{cat}\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|\text{dog}\rangle$$

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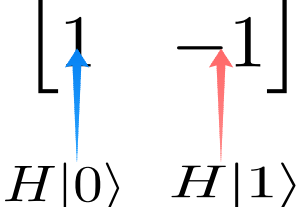
- $H|1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle - |1\rangle)$

- in a compact format:

- $H|x\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle + (-1)^x|1\rangle)$

- Or in matrix form:

$$H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$



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- Given a state  $|\psi\rangle = \sum \alpha_i |i\rangle$  probability of getting  $|i\rangle$  after measurement is  $|\alpha_i|^2$

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Theorem [Simon 1995]:

There exists a quantum algorithm that returns  $S$  with high probability using  $O(n)$  queries.

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- The crucial observation is that when  $y \cdot s = 1 \bmod 2$  then the probability of observing  $|y\rangle |f(x)\rangle$  is 0

- In other words, after measurement we will get  $y$  such that  $y.s = 0 \bmod 2$
- *More precisely,*
- $y_n s_n \oplus y_{n-1} s_{n-1} \oplus \dots \oplus y_1 s_1 = 0 \bmod 2$
- Finally, run the above procedures  $cn$  times to collect enough linear equations then use Gauss elimination to find  $S$

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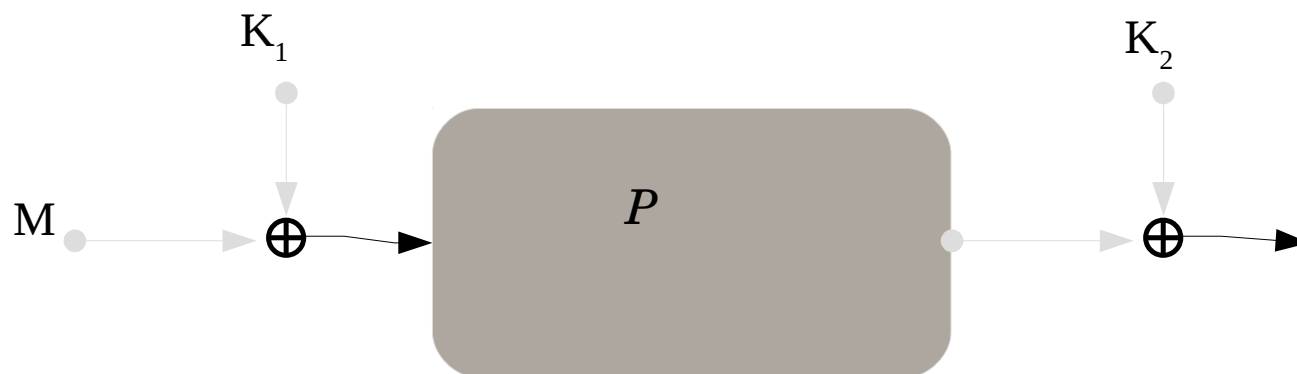
# Digression: Hidden Subgroup Problem

- Simon's algorithm is a special of HSP over  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \cdots \times \mathbb{Z}_2$

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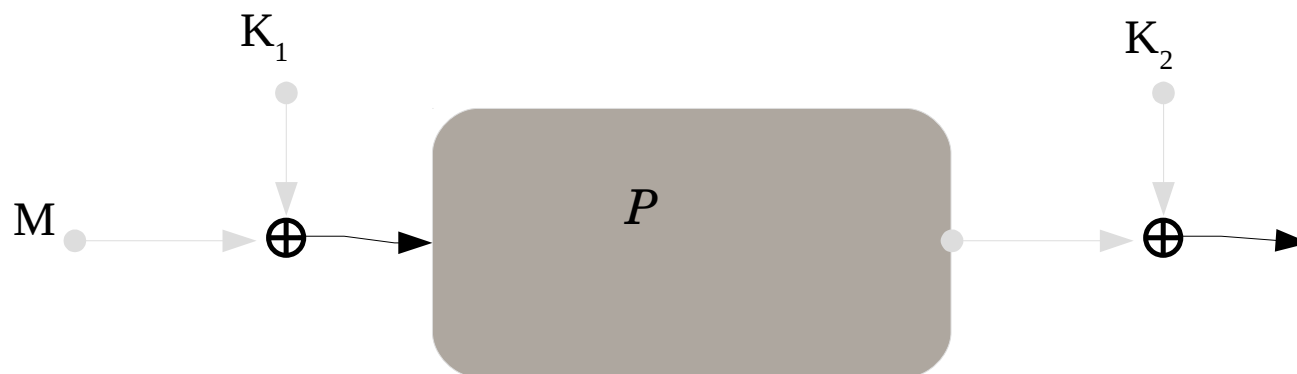
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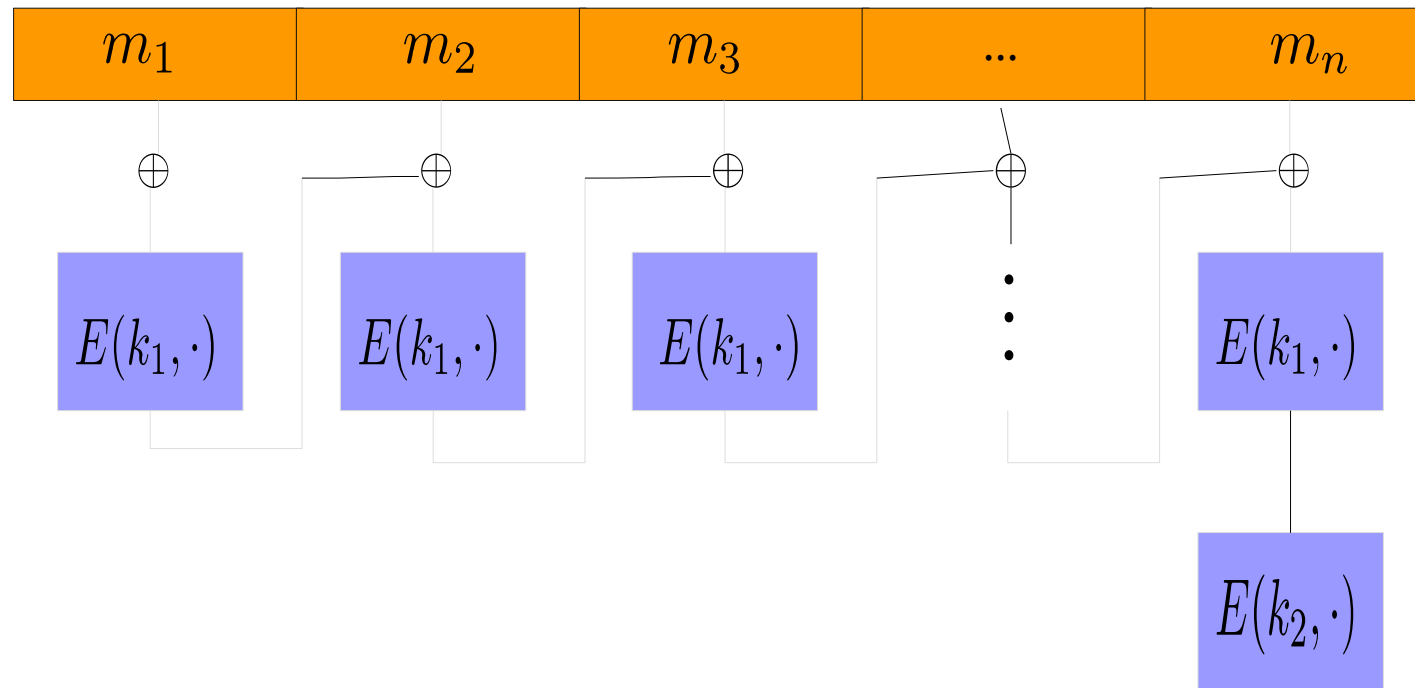
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- *Notice that  $P$  is known*
- Run Simon's algorithm to get  $k_1$  then simple xor gives us  $k_2$

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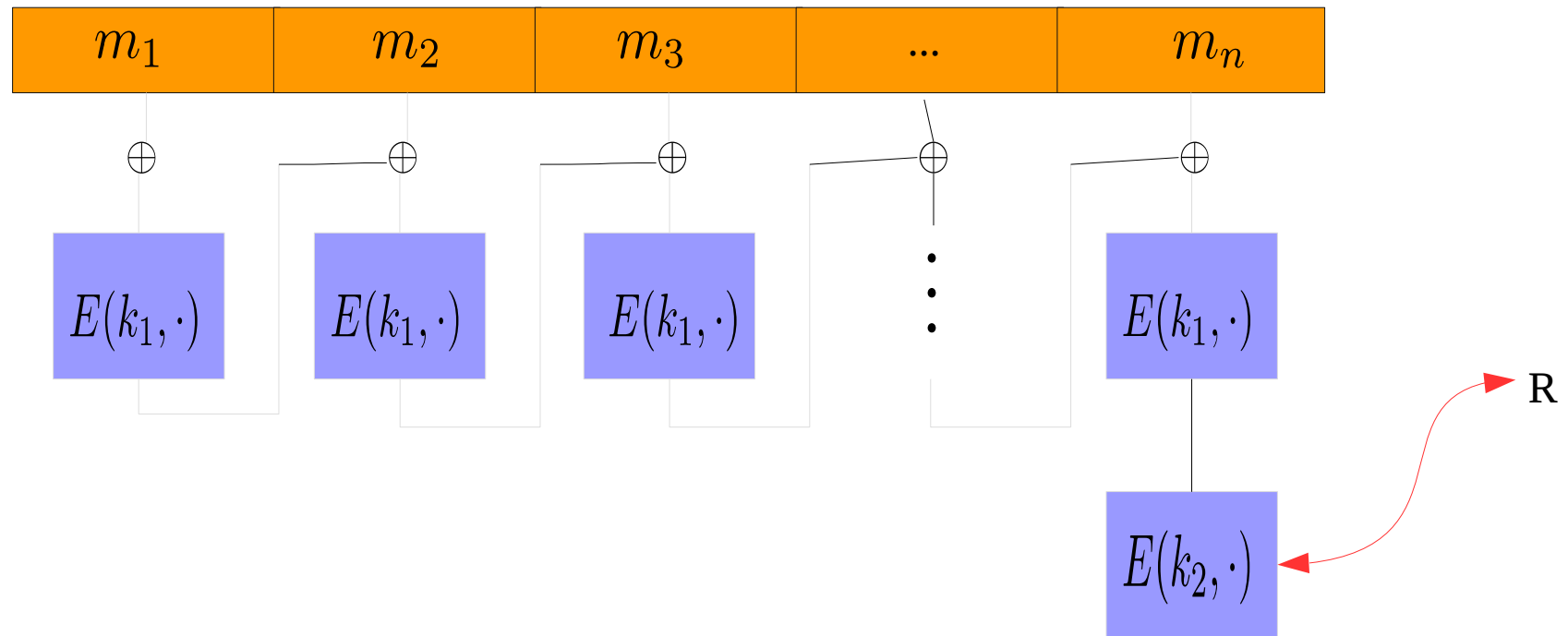
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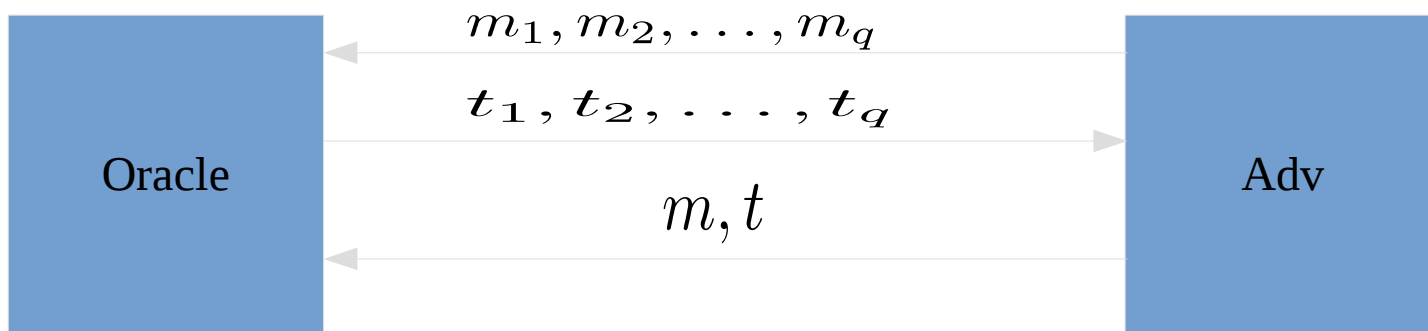
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# Security definition (informal)



- An adversary query  $q$  messages.
- After receiving  $q$  tags, if the adversary produces a message  $m$  with a valid tag  $t$  then the message authentication is considered insecure.

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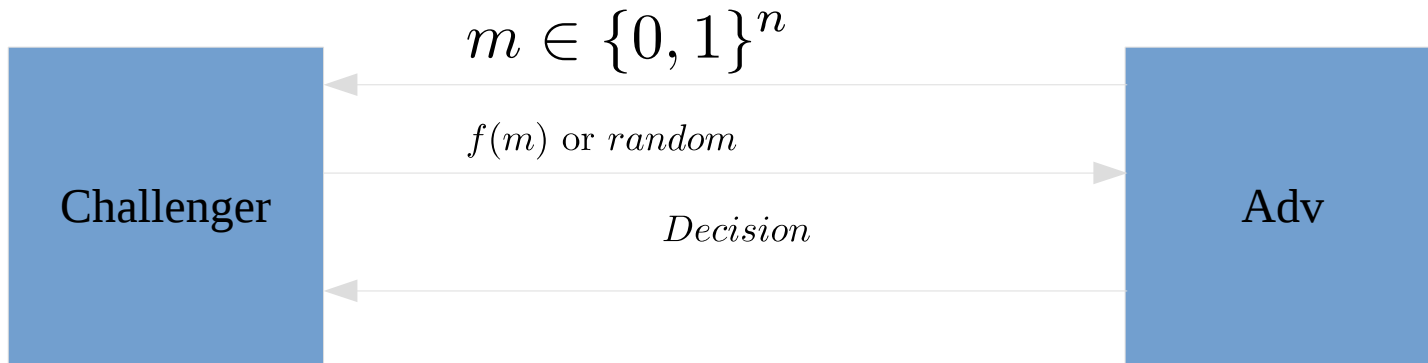


# Forgery attack

- Use Simon's algorithm which needs  $q$  message to find the period of  $f$  and save the values.
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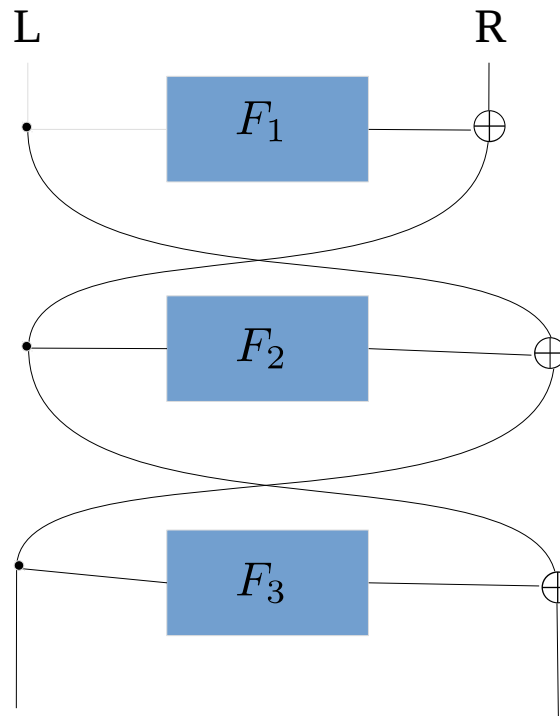
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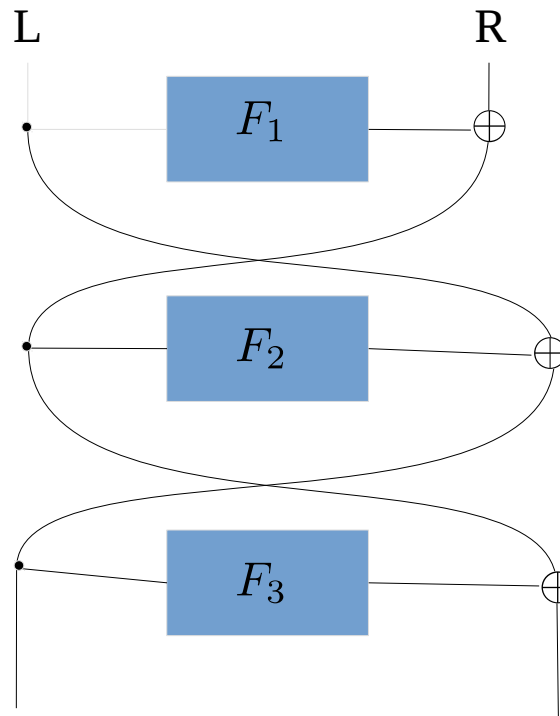
- Pseudo-random function  $f$  is secure if there does not exist an efficient algorithm that can distinguish with non-negligible probability between  $f$ 's output and a random string.

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# Quantum distinguisher: 3-Feistel network



- 3-Feistel network is secure PRP given that all  $F_i$  are secure Random Permutations
- By examining the right output, we see that its structure is similar to CBC-MAC (Exercise) .
- If the result of running Simon's algorithm is non-zero then it is not a random function.
- PRP is secure classically does not imply it is secure quantumly

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  - "Quantum-Secure Message Authentication Codes"
  - "Secure Signatures and Chosen Ciphertext Security in a Quantum Computing World"
  - Replace  $\underbrace{\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \cdots \times \mathbb{Z}_2}_n$  with  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  as proposed in:
    - "Quantum-Secure Symmetric-Key Cryptography Based on Hidden Shifts"

## 5.4 Perspectives

The main challenge of my ERC project QUASYModo is to redesign symmetric cryptography for the post-quantum world. The final objective is to construct and recommend symmetric primitives secure in the post-quantum world, as well as the tools needed to properly evaluate them. I will continue to work on this toolbox, and when it is ready, I will use it to: 1) analyze existing cryptosystems/primitives, and 2) design new ones for which we will gain confidence in the post-quantum world.

Some other short-term aims are: improvements on linear cryptanalysis using QFT seem possible, try to find better algorithms for solving the same problem as Kupderberg when having several parallel modular additions, providing a quantized version of improved slide attacks, and study the effect of a smaller than the key state for quantum adversaries (starting for instance quantizing sweet-32). I also plan to start working on the design of a block cipher with an internal state size of 256 bits.

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