



Building Quantum-One-Way Functions from Block Ciphers: Davies-Meyer and Merkle-Damgård Constructions

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Forgery attack against CBC-like MACs	$O(2^{n/2})$	Poly-time

Note: We assume that quantum oracles are available

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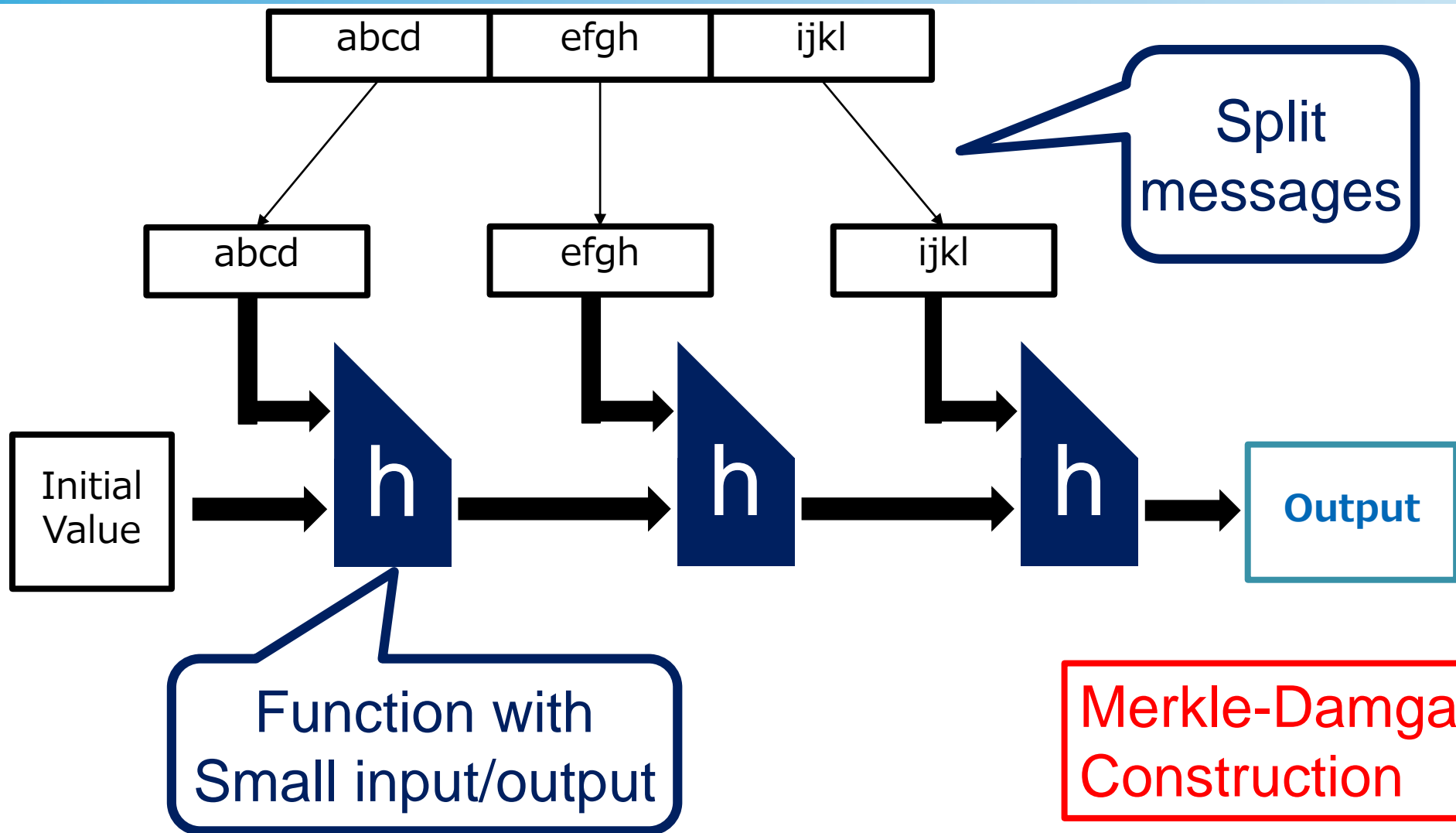
- **Reason: Hash functions are public and used to instantiate QRO** (Quantum Random Oracle)
 - Many post-quantum public-key schemes are proven to be secure in the quantum random oracle model

Hash-based signature, Key Exchange,...

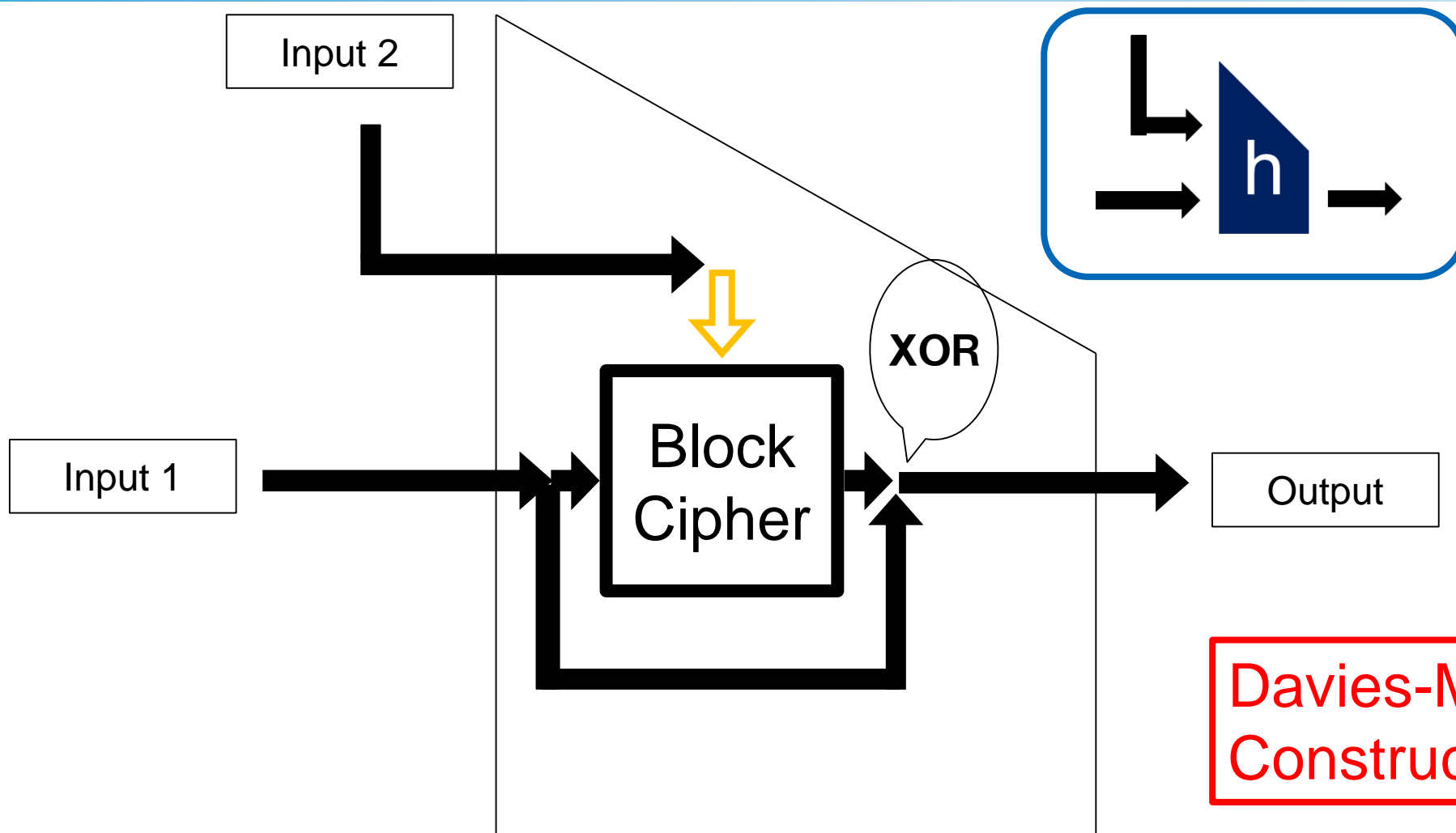
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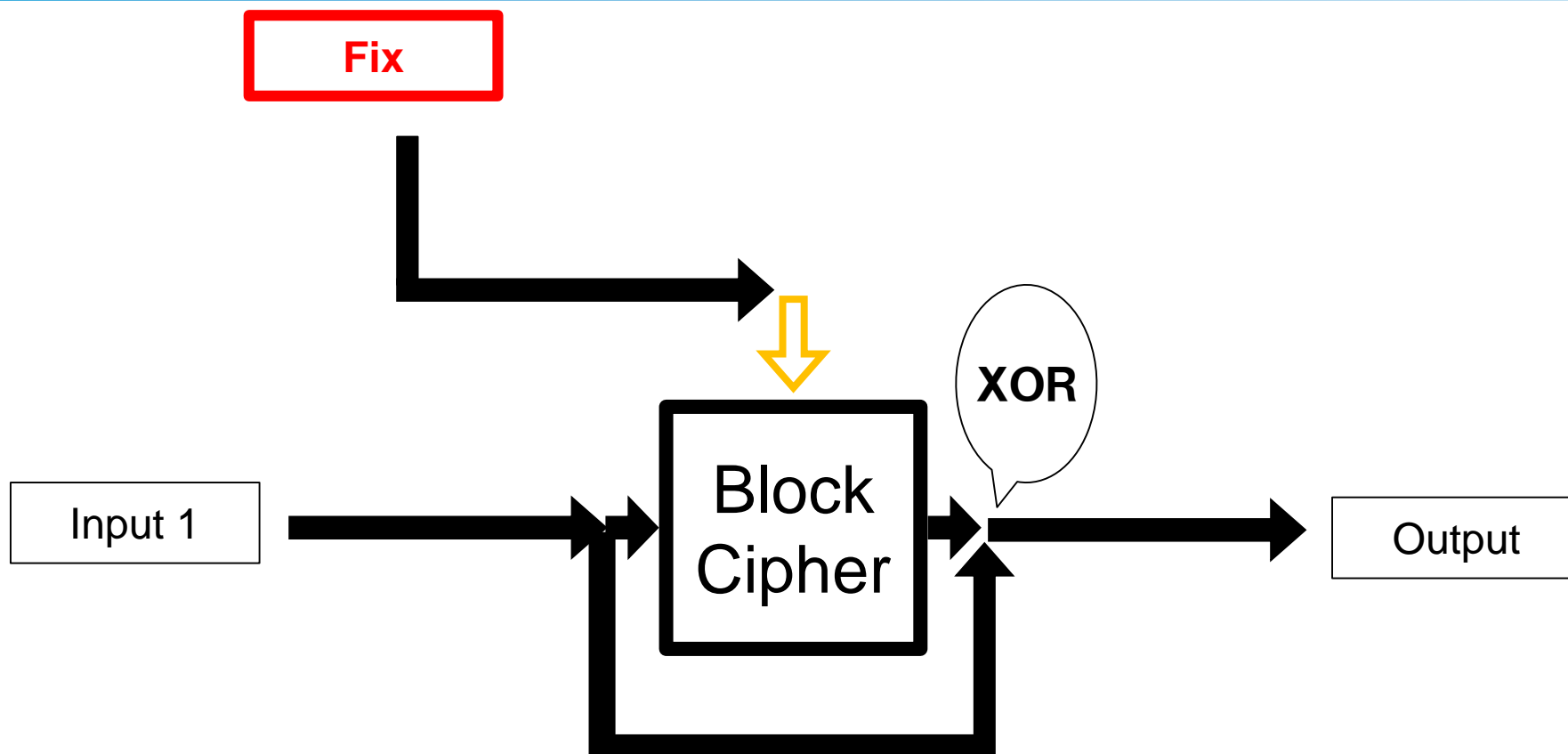


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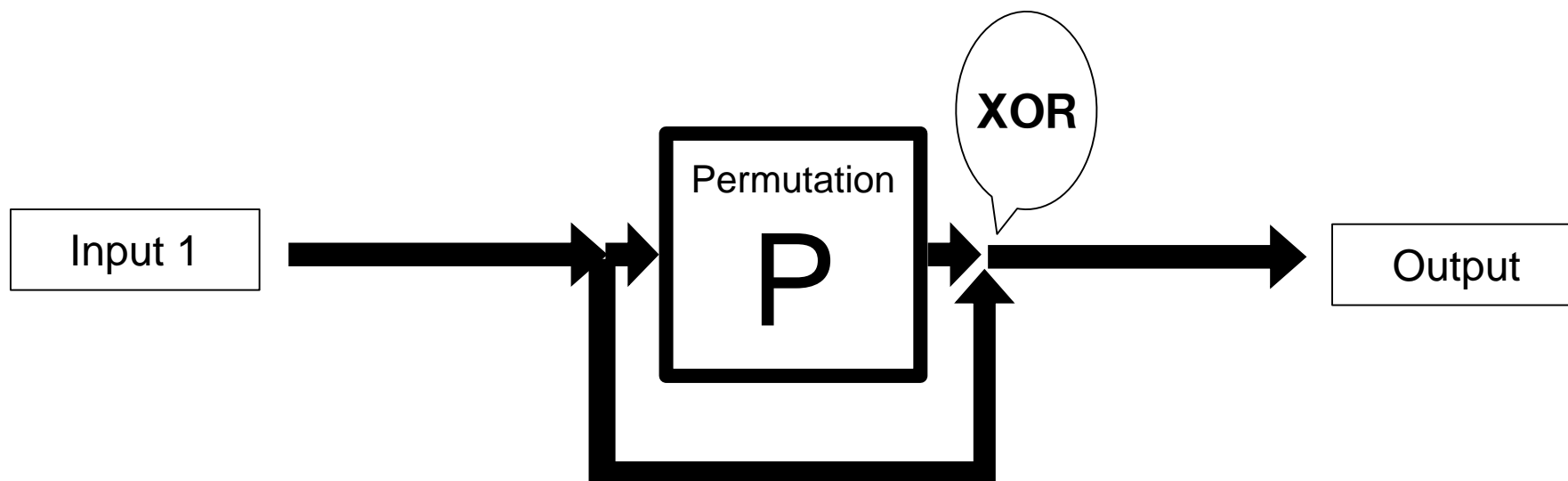


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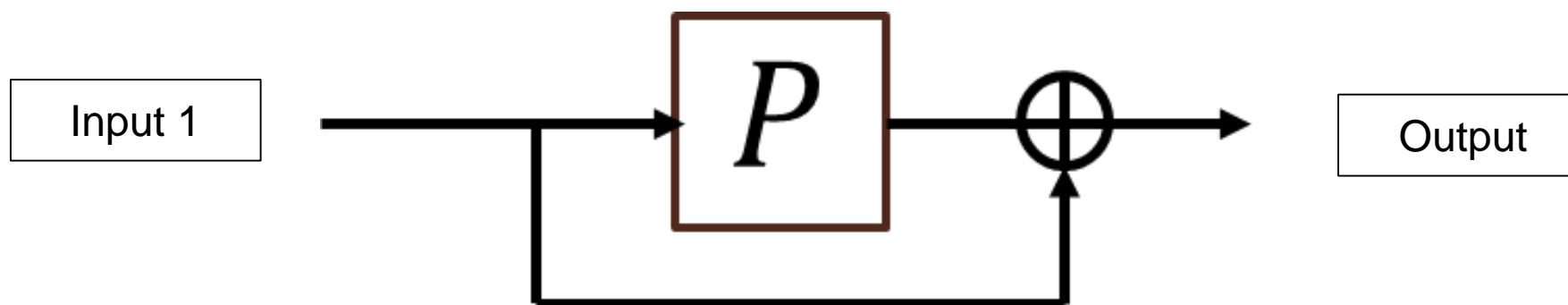
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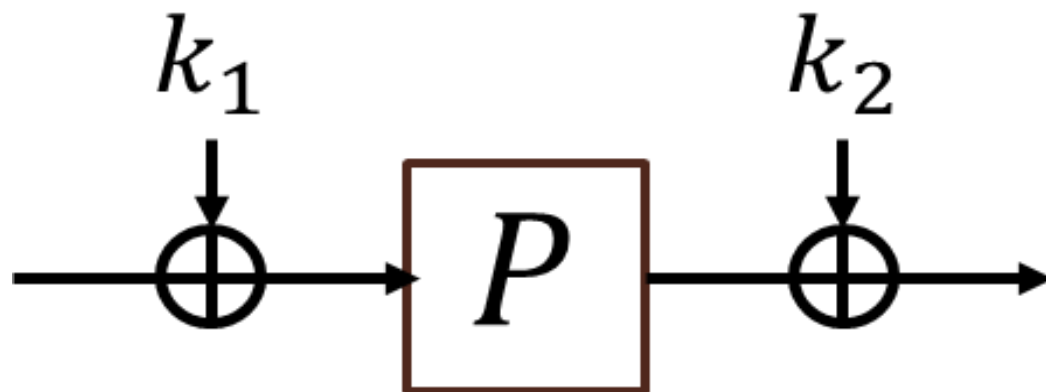


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Quantum insecure construction: Even-Mansour cipher

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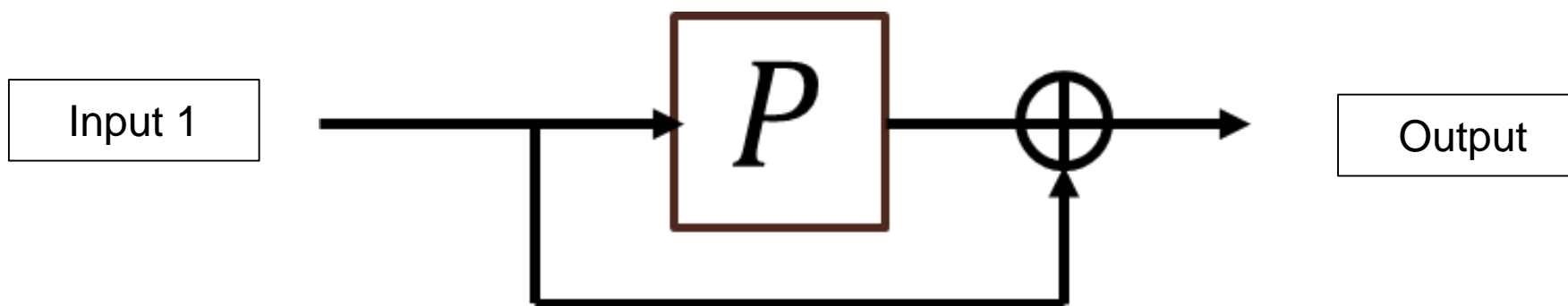


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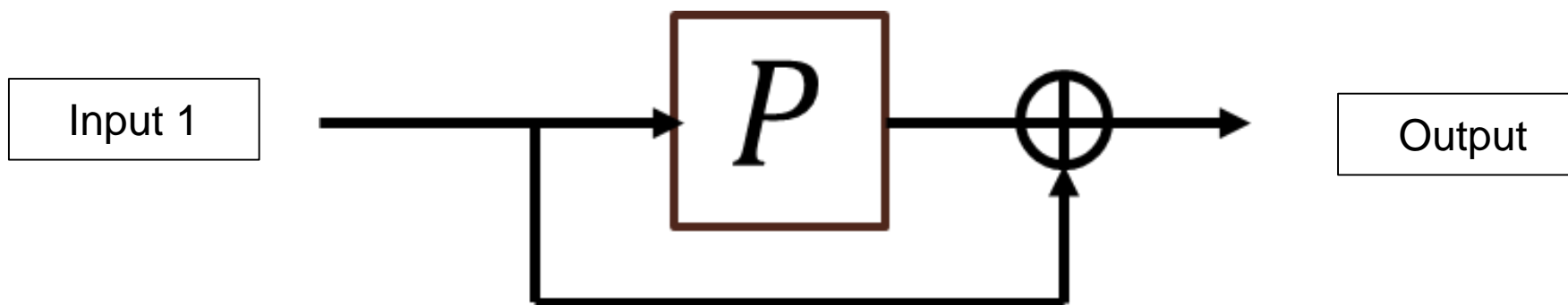


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Is this
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- **Strategy of quantum poly-time attacks:**

1. Make a periodic function with a secret period
2. Apply Simon's period finding algorithm

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- If attack is impossible,
let's give a **security proof**

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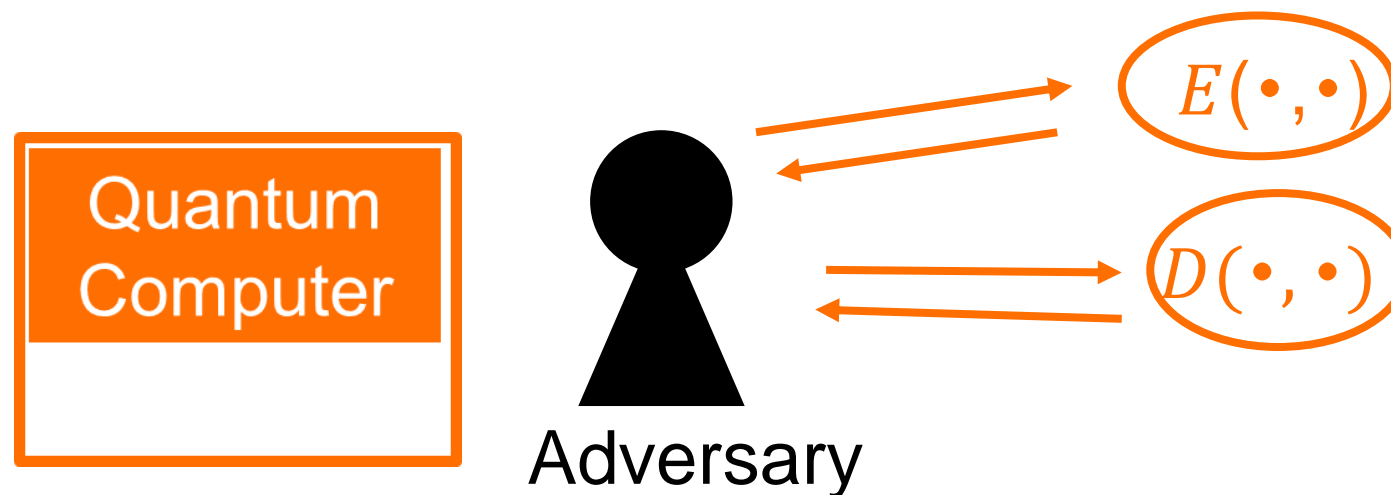
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- Permutation E_K is chosen at random for each key K , and given to the adversary as a quantum black-box oracle
- Adversary can make quantum superposition queries to both Enc oracle and Dec oracle



Quantum ideal cipher model

$$E_K \leftarrow \$ \text{Perm}(\{0,1\}^n) \text{ for each } K$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Oracle } O_E : \\ |0\rangle|k\rangle|x\rangle|y\rangle \mapsto |0\rangle|x\rangle|k\rangle|y \oplus E_k(x)\rangle \\ |1\rangle|k\rangle|x\rangle|y\rangle \mapsto |1\rangle|k\rangle|x\rangle|y \oplus D_k(x)\rangle \end{array}$$

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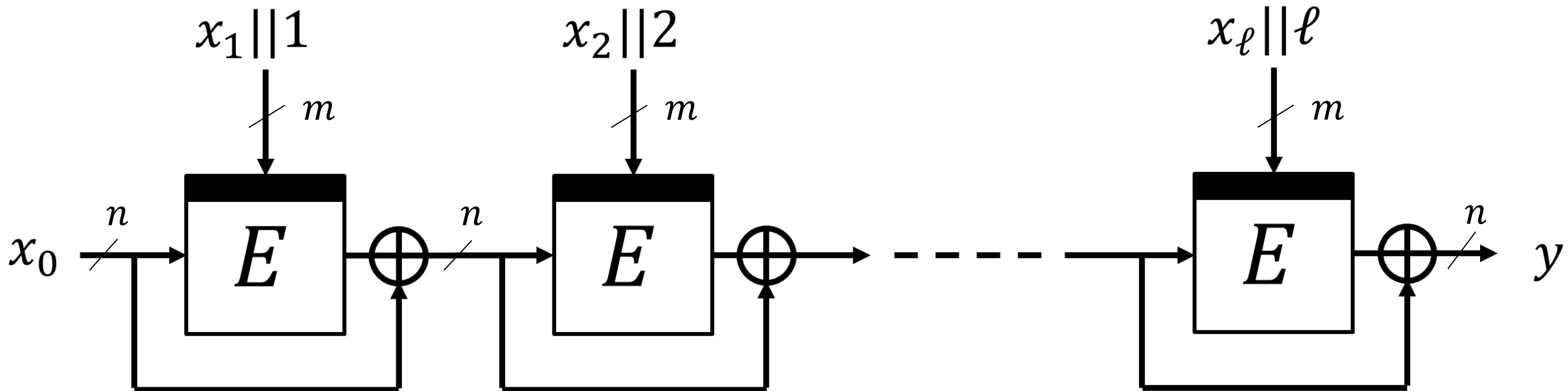
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Input: $x = x_0 || x_1 || \cdots || x_\ell$ ($x_0 \in \{0,1\}^n$ and $x_1, \dots, x_\ell \in \{0,1\}^{n'}$, $n' < n$)
Output: $y \in \{0,1\}^n$



Our second result

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Giving a proof

= giving a quantum query lower bound

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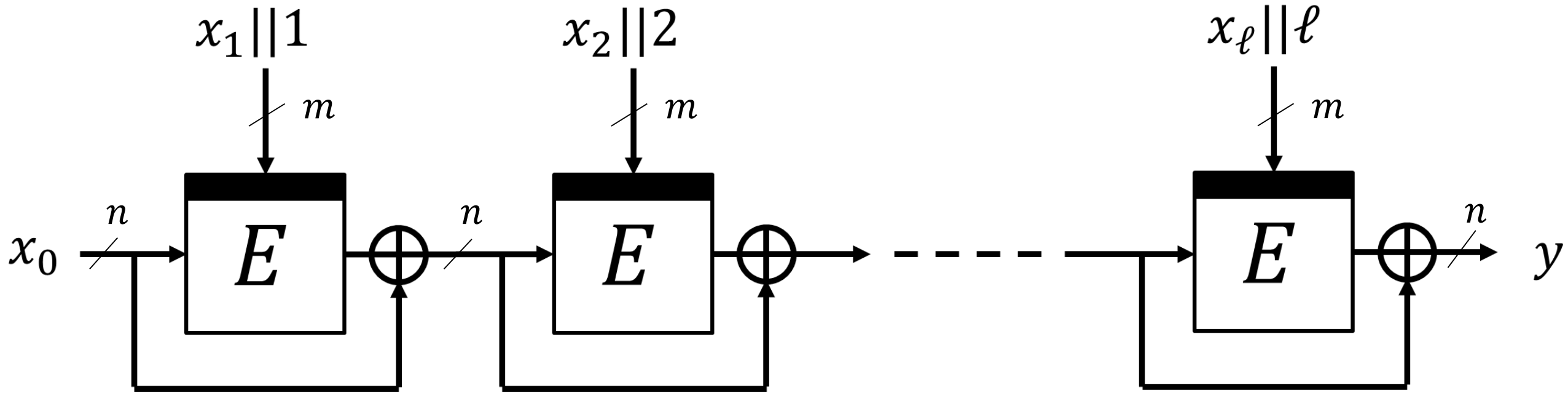
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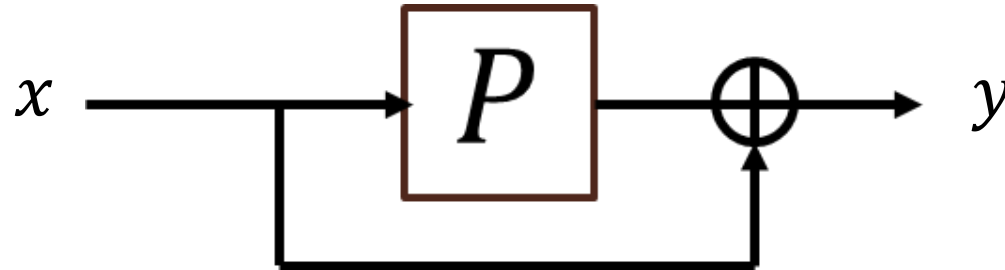


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Merkle-Damgård with Davies-Meyer (with a specific padding)

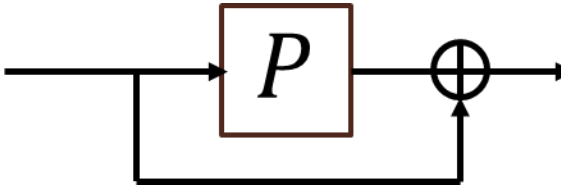


Lets' show this simplified function is one-way



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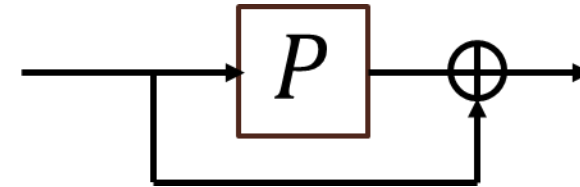
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(An element x s.t. $P(x)=x$)

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Since Boolean functions are much simpler than permutations

distributions D_1, D_2 on the set of boolean functions



- **Define D_1 on $\text{Func}(\{0,1\}^n, \{0,1\})$ as the distribution which corresponds to the following sampling:**

1. $P \leftarrow \$ \text{Perm}(\{0,1\}^n)$
2. Define $f: \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}$ by $f(x) = 1$ iff $P(x) = x$
3. Return f

- D_1 is the “distribution of fixed points of RP”

- **Define D_2 as the degenerate distribution on the zero function**

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$\{\text{good}_{\alpha}\}_{\alpha} \cdots$ a set of subsets of $\text{Func}(\{0,1\}^n, \{0,1\})$

$\text{bad} := \text{Func}(\{0,1\}^n, \{0,1\}) \setminus (\cup_{\alpha} \text{good}_{\alpha})$

$p_1^{\text{good}_{\alpha}} := \Pr_{F \sim D_1} [F \in \text{good}_{\alpha}], p_1^{f|\text{good}_{\alpha}} := \Pr_{F \sim D_1} [F = f | F \in \text{good}_{\alpha}]$

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