

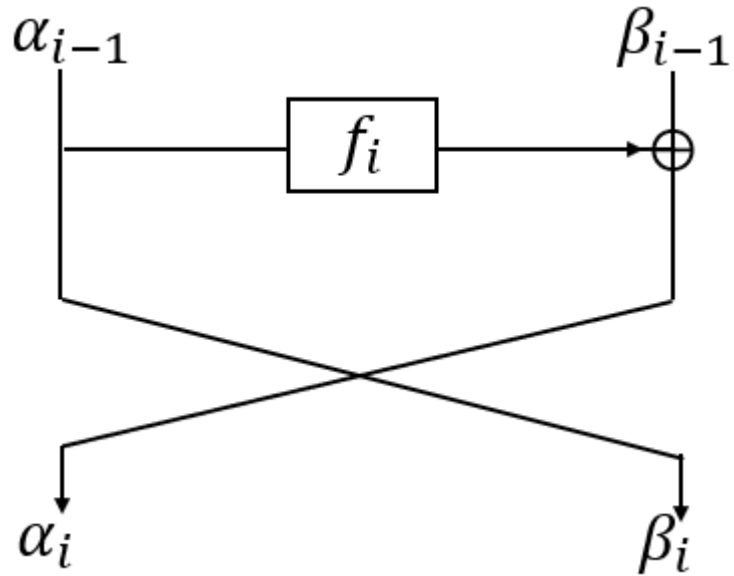


Quantum Attacks on Lai-Massey Structure

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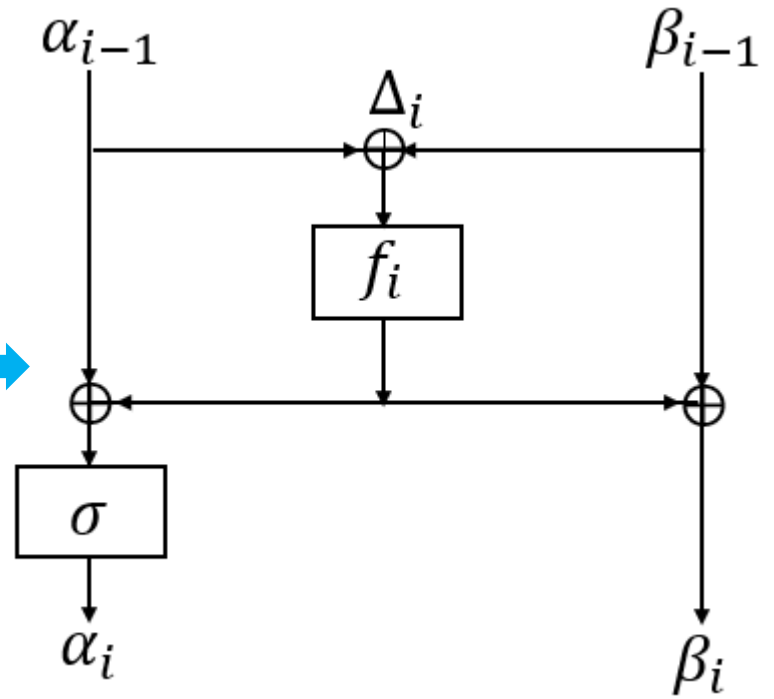
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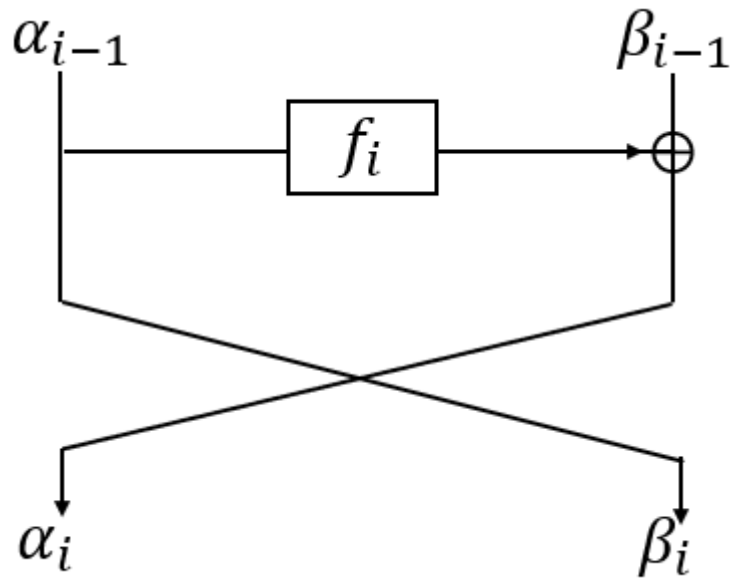
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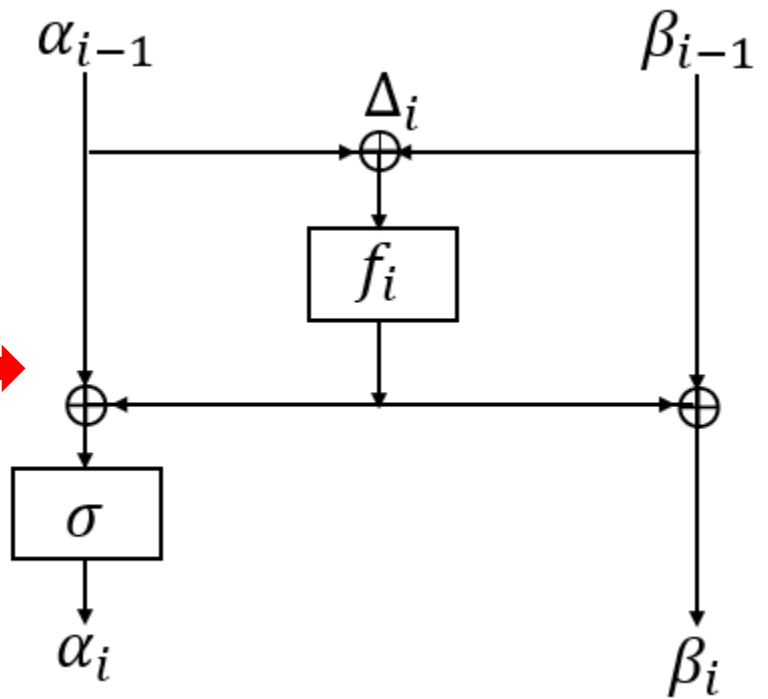
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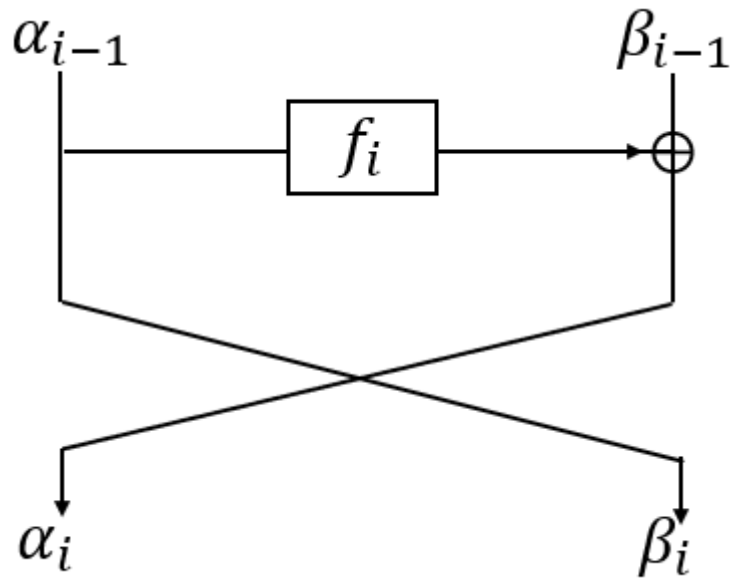
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Question:

- Do Lai-Massey structure and Feistel structure have the same number of rounds that can be attacked in quantum?
- Can the attacks be extended to quasi-Feistel structures?

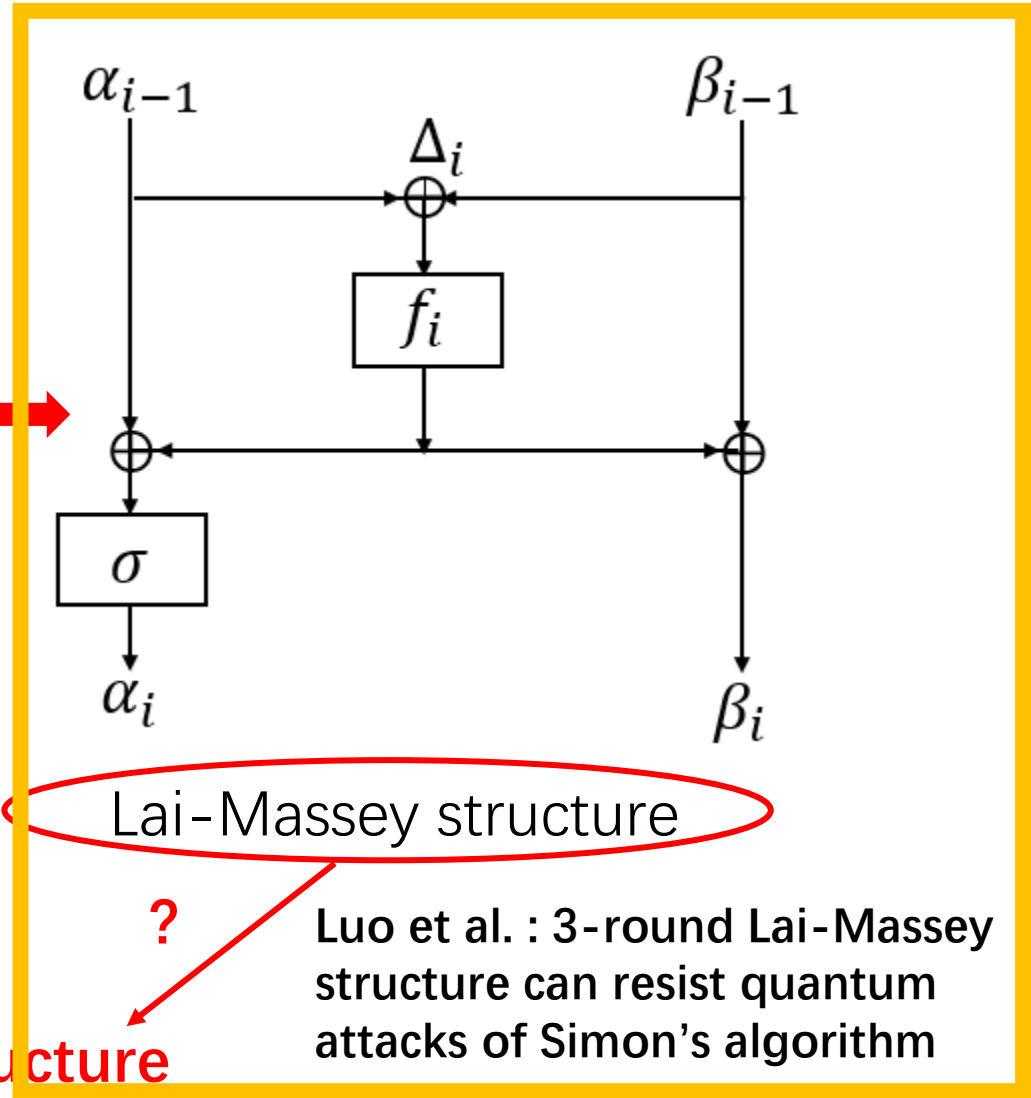


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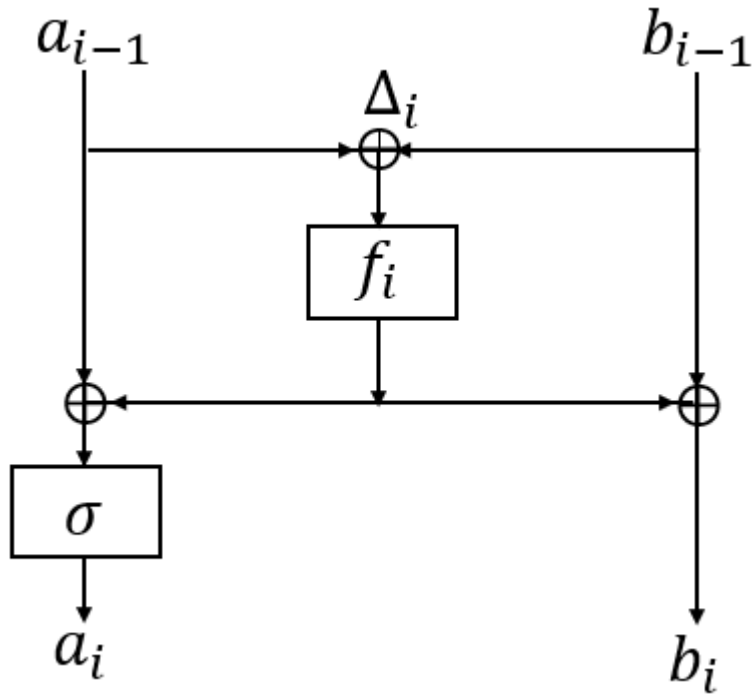
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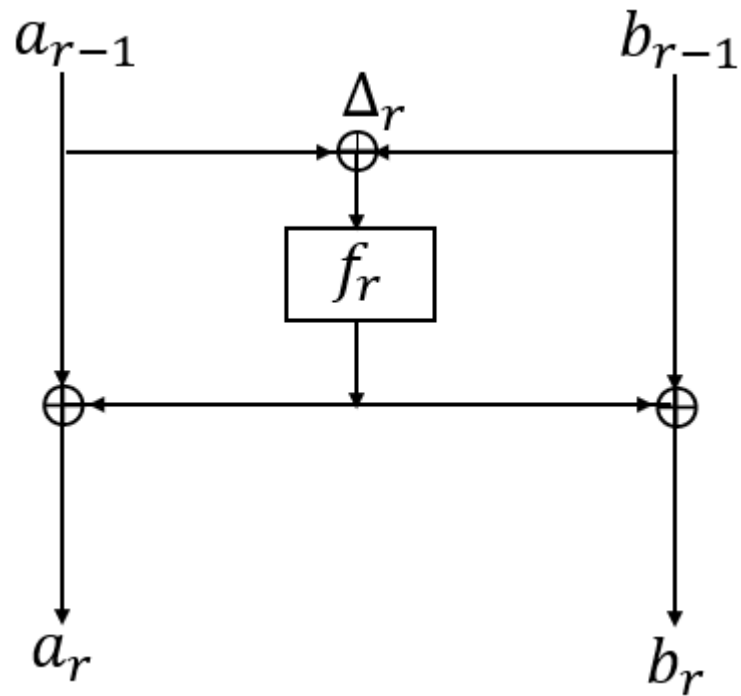
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Quantum Attacks on Lai-Massey Structures

r -round Lai-Massey structure: $(a_r, b_r) = \text{LM}'_r \circ \text{LM}_{r-1} \circ \dots \circ \text{LM}_1$



The i th-round of Lai-Massey structure (LM_i)



The r th-round of Lai-Massey structure (LM'_r)

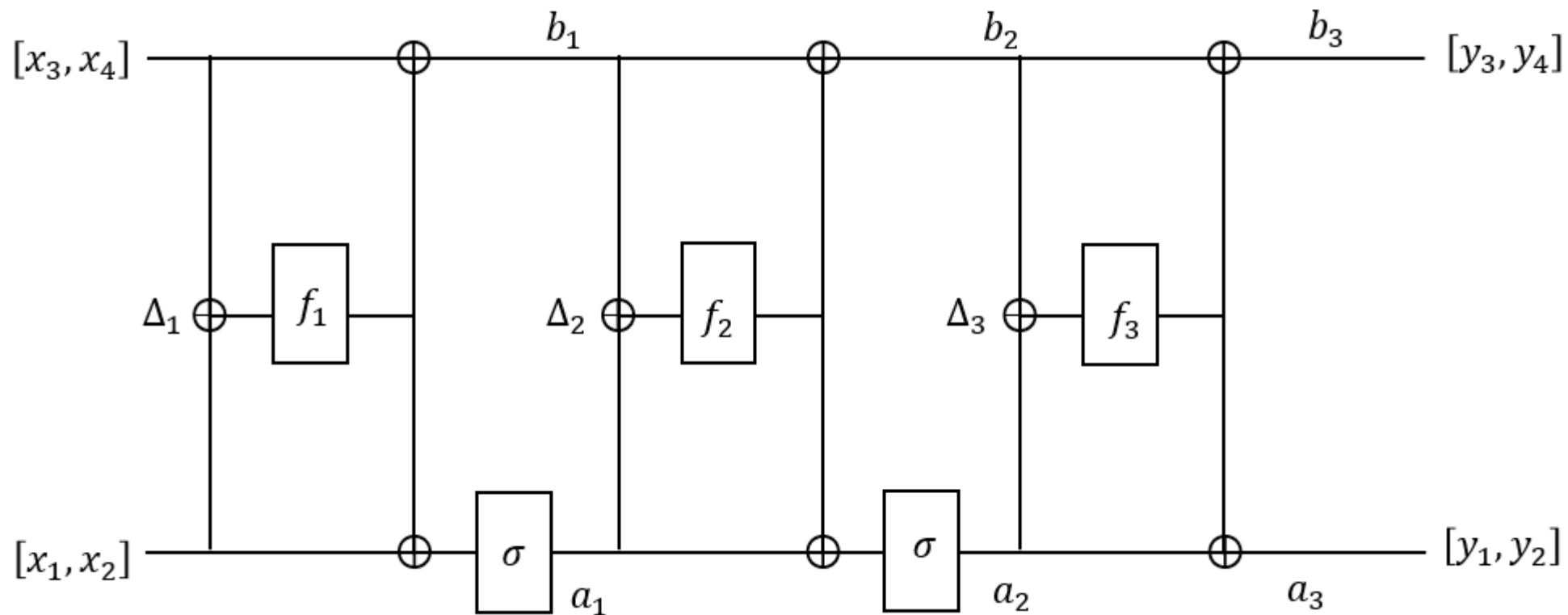
σ has the orthomorphism property: σ and $x \mapsto \sigma(x) - x$ are both permutations.

The instantiated Lai-Massey structure used in **FOX**:

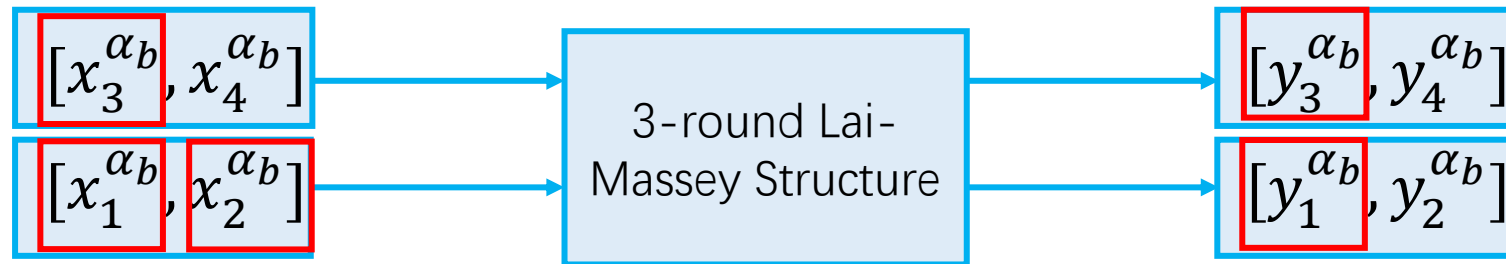
$$\sigma(x_L, x_R) = (x_R, x_L \oplus x_R)$$

$[a, b] \in \{0,1\}^n$: a, b represent the highest $n/2$ bits and the lowest $n/2$ bits respectively

Quantum Chosen-Plaintext Attack Against 3-round Lai-Massey Structure



- Let $x, x' \in \{0,1\}^{n/2}$. $([x_1^{\alpha_b}, x_2^{\alpha_b}], [x_3^{\alpha_b}, x_4^{\alpha_b}]) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} ([x \oplus \alpha_b, x'], [x, x' \oplus \alpha_b])$.

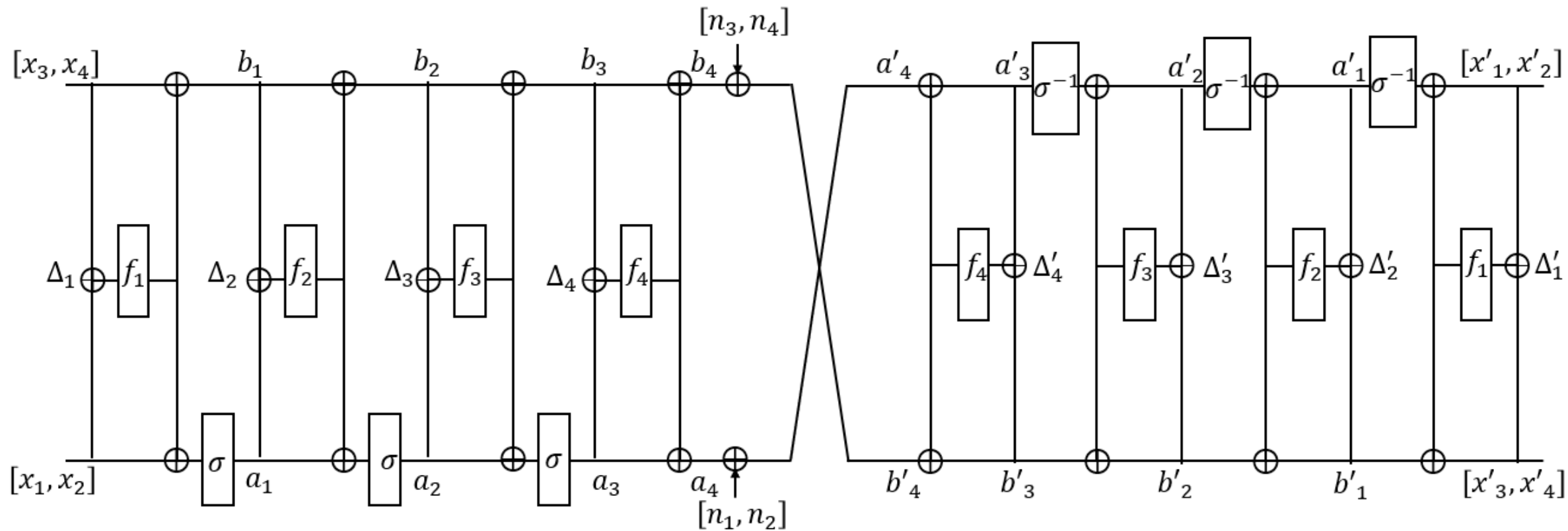


- We can construct a periodic function g_1 with period $s = f_1[\alpha_0, \alpha_0] \oplus f_1[\alpha_1, \alpha_1]$ by letting

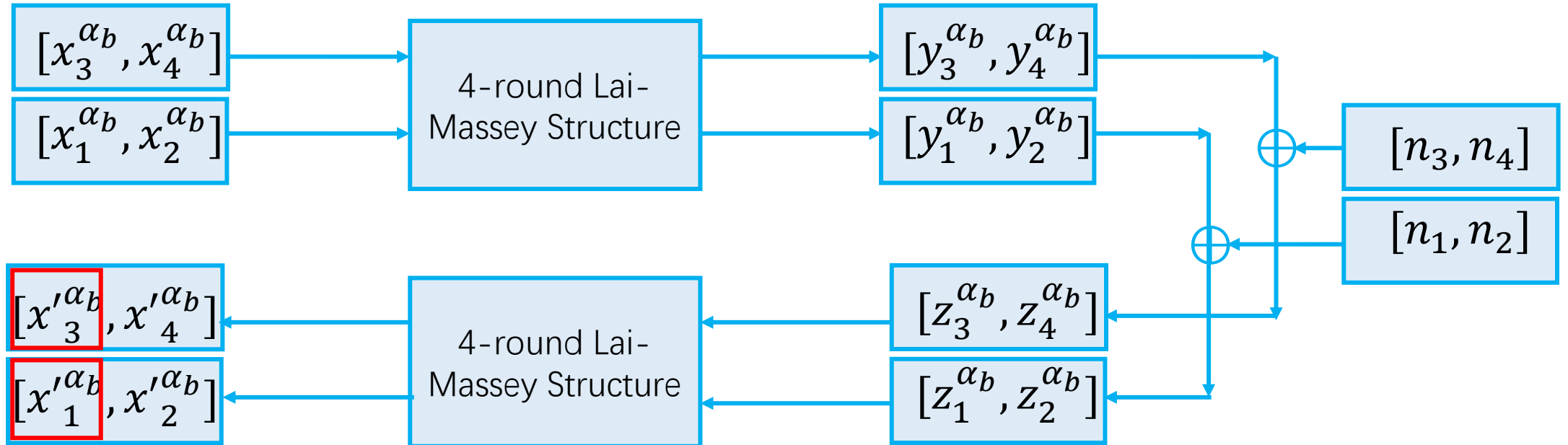
$$g_1 \mapsto x_1^{\alpha_0} \oplus x_2^{\alpha_0} \oplus x_3^{\alpha_0} \oplus y_1^{\alpha_0} \oplus y_3^{\alpha_0} \oplus x_1^{\alpha_1} \oplus x_2^{\alpha_1} \oplus x_3^{\alpha_1} \oplus y_1^{\alpha_1} \oplus y_3^{\alpha_1}$$

- we can construct a quantum CPA distinguisher by using Simon' algorithm in $O(n)$ quantum queries.

Quantum Chosen-Ciphertext Attack Against 4-round Lai-Massey Structure



- Let $x, x' \in \{0,1\}^{n/2}$. $([x_1^{\alpha_b}, x_2^{\alpha_b}], [x_3^{\alpha_b}, x_4^{\alpha_b}]) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} ([x \oplus \alpha_b, x'], [x, x' \oplus \alpha_b])$.



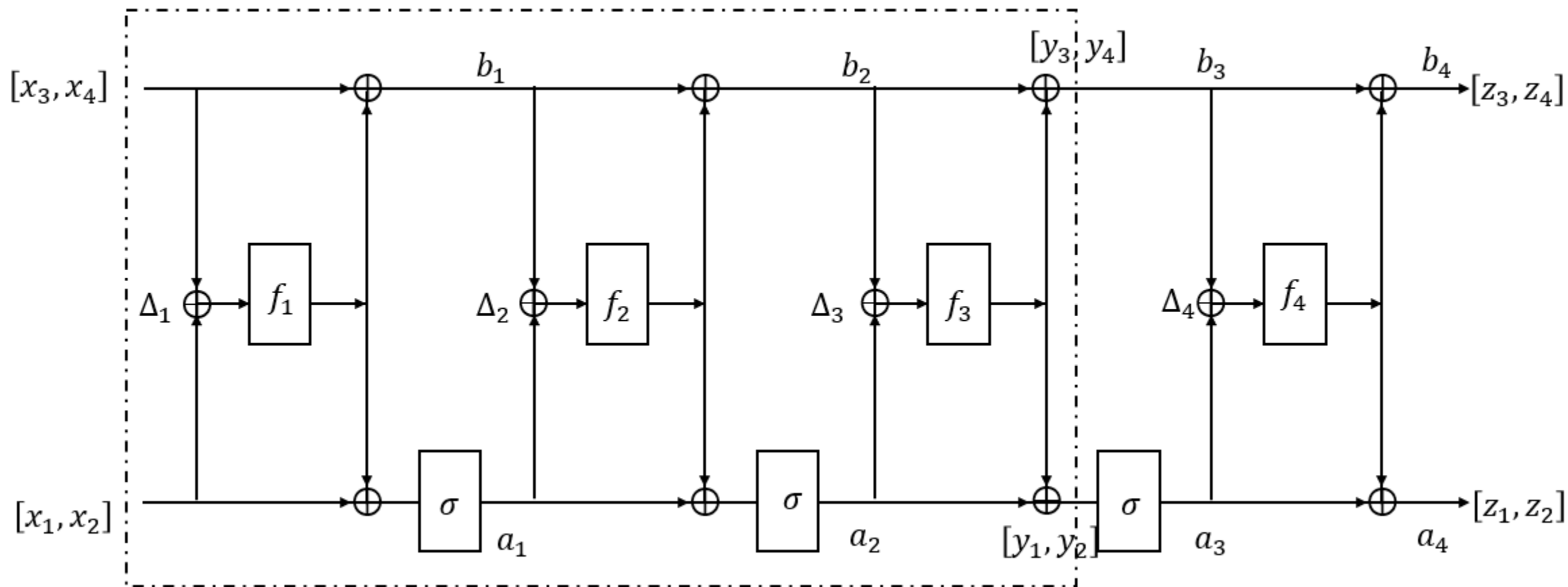
Let $n_1 = n_2 = n_3 = n_4 = \alpha_0 \oplus \alpha_1$

- We can construct a periodic function g_2 with period $s = f_1[\alpha_0, \alpha_0] \oplus f_1[\alpha_1, \alpha_1]$ by letting

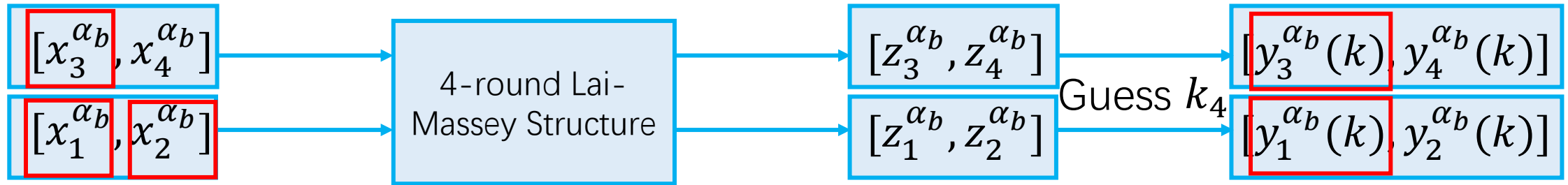
$$g_2 \mapsto x'_1{}^{\alpha_0} \oplus x'_3{}^{\alpha_0} \oplus x'_1{}^{\alpha_1} \oplus x'_3{}^{\alpha_1}$$

- we can construct a quantum CCA distinguisher by using Simon' algorithm in $O(n)$ quantum queries.

Quantum Key-recovery Attack on 4-round Lai-Massey Structure



- Let $x, x' \in \{0,1\}^{n/2}$. $([x_1^{\alpha_b}, x_2^{\alpha_b}], [x_3^{\alpha_b}, x_4^{\alpha_b}]) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} ([x \oplus \alpha_b, x'], [x, x' \oplus \alpha_b])$.

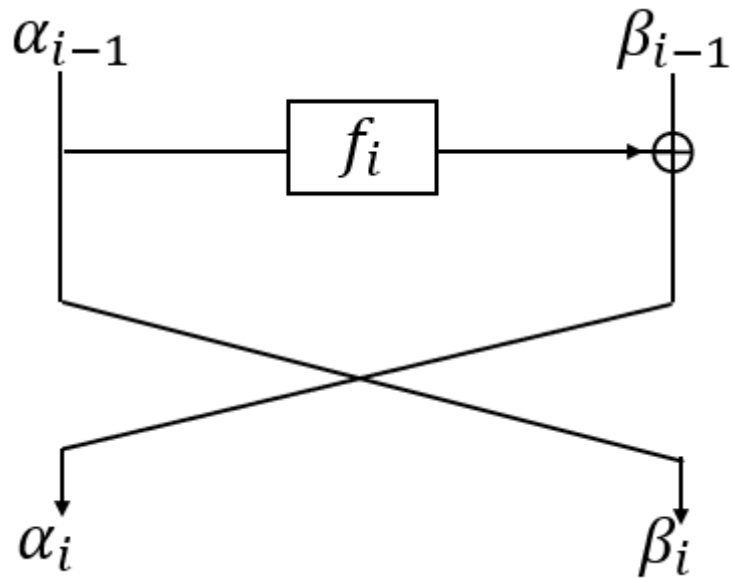


- We can construct a periodic function g_3 by letting

$$g_3 \mapsto x_1^{\alpha_0} \oplus x_2^{\alpha_0} \oplus x_3^{\alpha_0} \oplus y_1^{\alpha_0}(k) \oplus y_3^{\alpha_0}(k) \oplus x_1^{\alpha_1} \oplus x_2^{\alpha_1} \oplus x_3^{\alpha_1} \oplus y_1^{\alpha_1}(k) \oplus y_3^{\alpha_1}(k)$$

Then g_3 is a periodic function with period $s = f_1[\alpha_0, \alpha_0] \oplus f_1[\alpha_1, \alpha_1]$ if k guessed right.

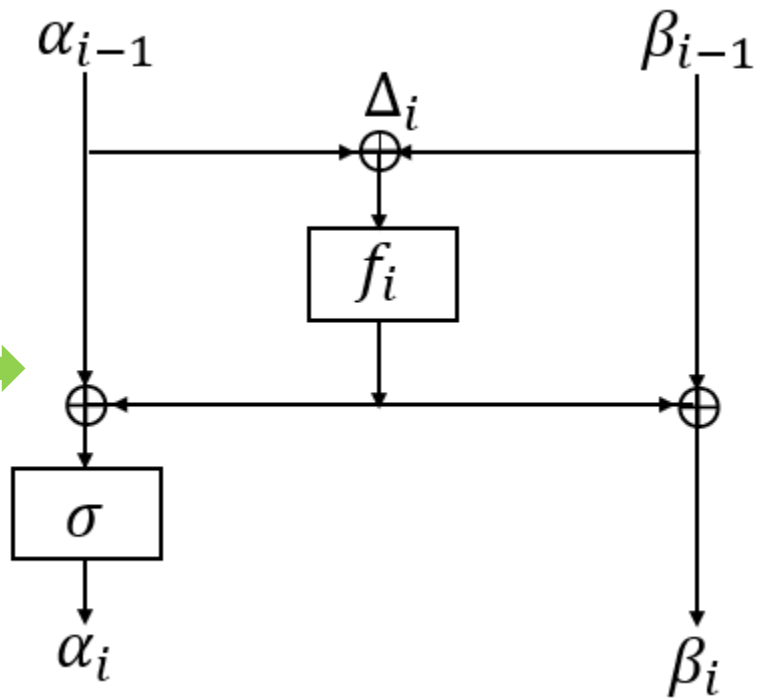
- We can give a quantum Grover-meet-Simon attack with $O(n2^{m/2})$ quantum queries in quantum CPA.



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Quantum Attacks against Quasi-Feistel structures

Quasi-Feistel structures

Combiner:

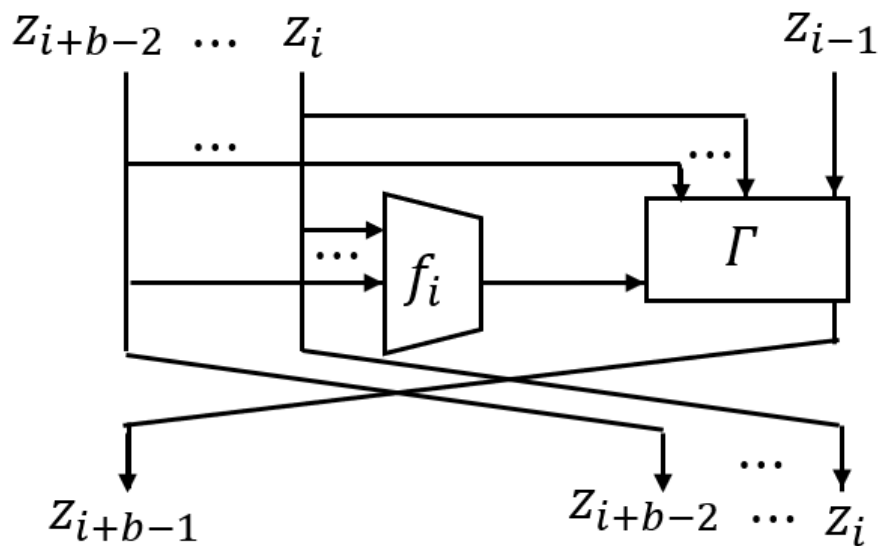
A function $\Gamma: \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ is a **combiner** over $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$, if

- for $y \in \mathcal{X}, z \in \mathcal{Y}, x \mapsto \Gamma(x, y, z)$ is a permutation, and
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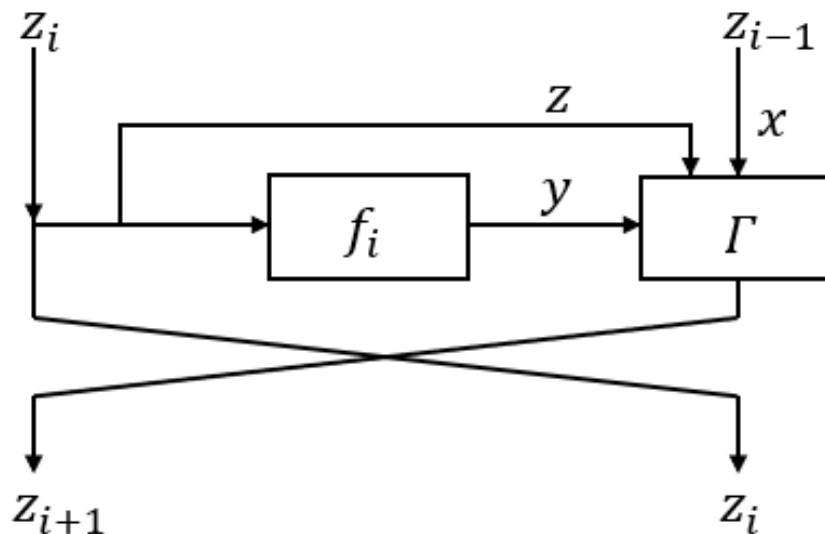
We denote $\Gamma[[x \star y \mid z]] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \Gamma(x, y, z)$.

- Feistel structure: $\Gamma[[x \star y \mid z]] = x \oplus y$
- Our Lai-Massey structure: $\Gamma[[x \star y \mid z]] = \sigma(x) \oplus \sigma^{-1}(y) \oplus \sigma^{-1}(z)$

b -branched, r -round quasi-Feistel structure:

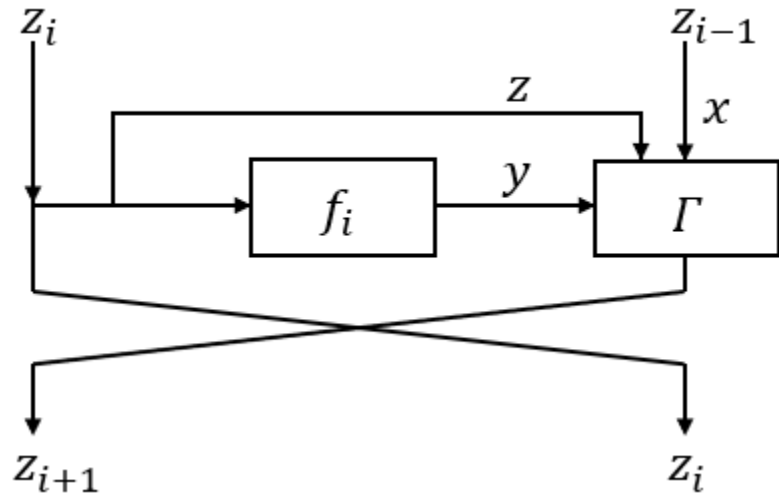


i th-round of quasi-Feistel structure

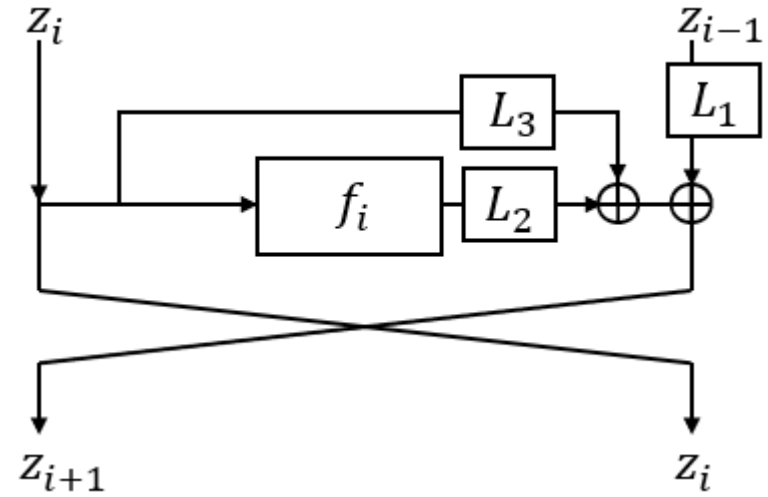


i th-round of balanced quasi-Feistel structure

1. $(z_0, z_1, \dots, z_{b-1}) \leftarrow P(x),$
2. $z_{i+b-1} \leftarrow \Gamma\left[[z_{i-1} \star f_i(z_i \cdots z_{i+b-2}) \mid z_i \cdots z_{i+b-2}]\right]$ for $i = 1, \dots, r.$
3. $y \leftarrow Q^{-1}(z_r, z_{r+1}, \dots, z_{r+b-1}).$

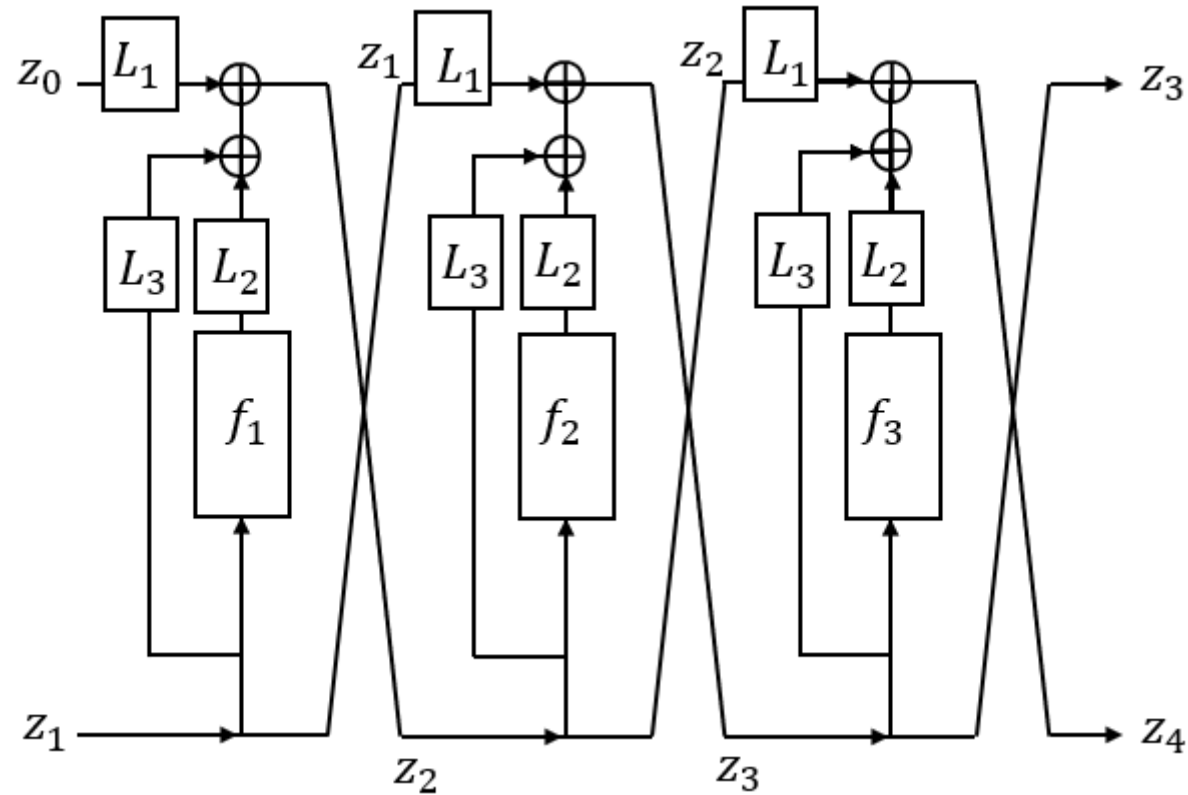


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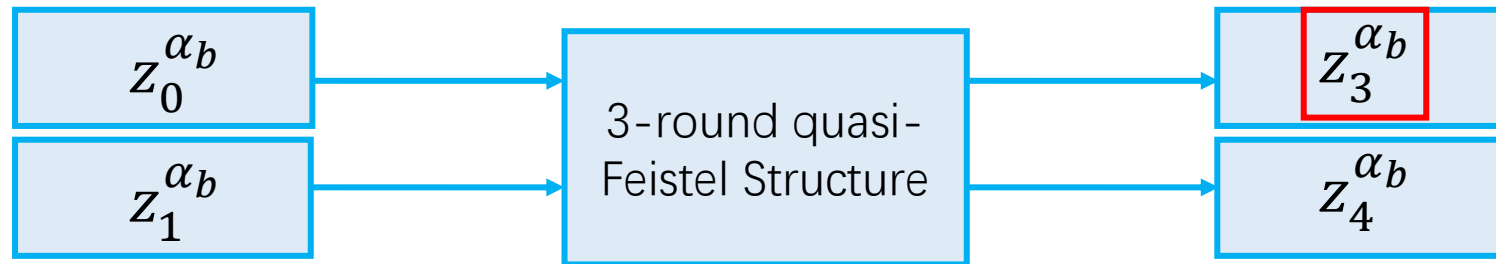


i th-round of balanced quasi-Feistel structure with linear combiner

Quantum Chosen-Plaintext Attack Against 3-round quasi-Feistel Structure



- Let $x \in \{0,1\}^n$. $(z_0^{\alpha_b}, z_1^{\alpha_b}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (x, \alpha_b)$.

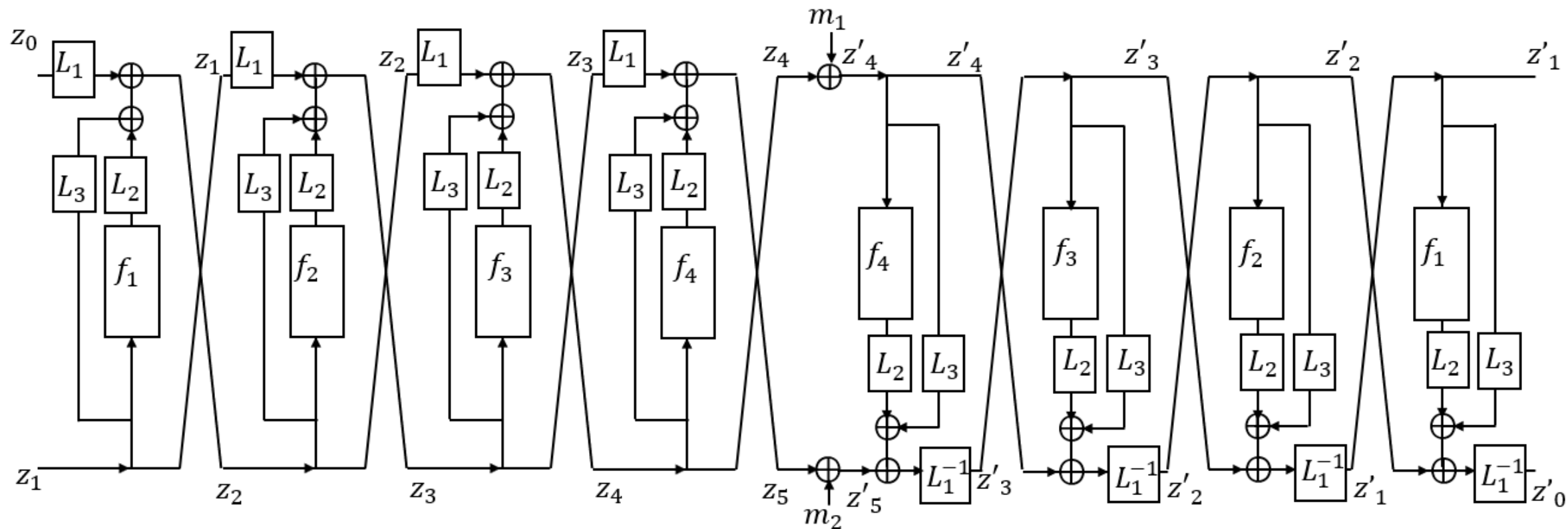


- We can construct a periodic function g_4 with period $s = L_1^{-1}L_2(f_1(\alpha_0)) \oplus L_1^{-1}L_2(f_1(\alpha_1)) \oplus L_1^{-1}L_3(\alpha_0) \oplus L_1^{-1}L_3(\alpha_1)$ by letting

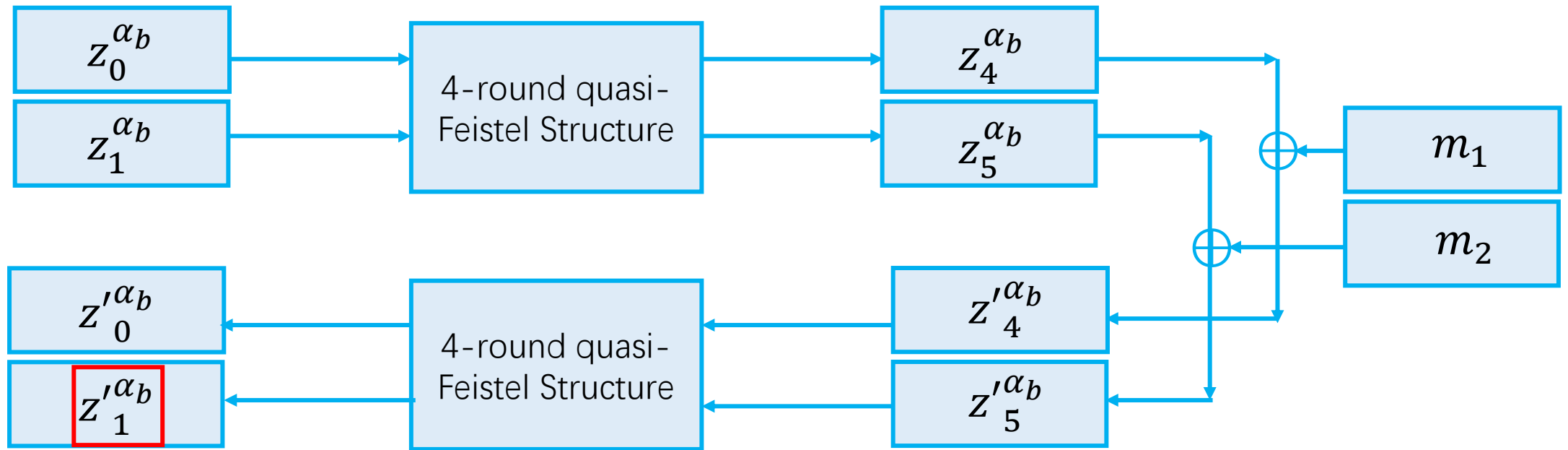
$$g_4 \mapsto z_3^{\alpha_0}(x) \oplus z_3^{\alpha_1}(x)$$

- we can construct a quantum CPA distinguisher by using Simon' algorithm in $O(n)$ quantum queries.

Quantum Chosen-Ciphertext Attack Against 4-round quasi-Feistel Structure



- Let $x \in \{0,1\}^n$. $(z_0^{\alpha_b}, z_1^{\alpha_b}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (x, \alpha_b)$.



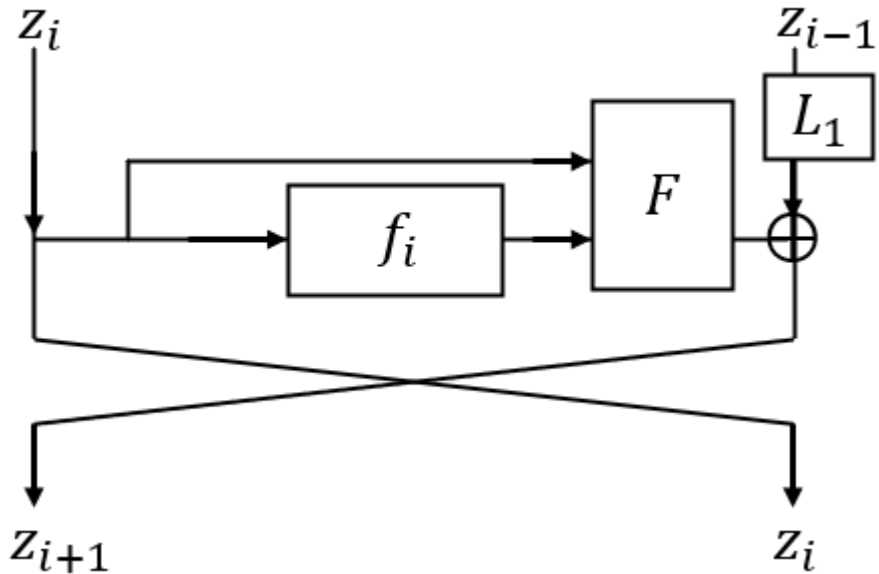
Let $m_1 = 0, m_2 = L_1 L_1(\alpha_0) \oplus L_1 L_1(\alpha_1)$

- We can construct a periodic function g_5 with period $s = L_1^{-1} L_2(f_1(\alpha_0)) \oplus L_1^{-1} L_2(f_1(\alpha_1)) \oplus L_1^{-1} L_3(\alpha_0) \oplus L_1^{-1} L_3(\alpha_1)$ by letting

$$g_5 \mapsto z_1^{\alpha_0}(x) \oplus z_1^{\alpha_1}(x) \oplus \alpha_0 \oplus \alpha_1$$

- we can construct a quantum CCA distinguisher by using Simon's algorithm in $O(n)$ quantum queries.

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One of reviewers pointed out that the combiner Γ of balanced quasi-Feistel structure does not need to be all linear.

After our verification, only L_1 needs to be linear.

$$\Gamma[[x \star y \mid z]] = L_1(x) \oplus F(y, z)$$

where L_1 is linear and F is a function.

Thanks