

Classical simulation complexity of extended Clifford circuits

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The Pauli group on N qubits \mathcal{P}_N is the group whose elements are N -fold tensor products of the single-qubit Pauli operators I , X , Y and Z , together with the multiplicative factors ± 1 and $\pm i$.

- Number of elements : 4^{N+1} ; $N = 1 \Rightarrow 16$ elements; $N = 2 \Rightarrow 64$ elements.

- **Example:** $(X \otimes I), (X \otimes X), -i(Y \otimes Z) \in \mathcal{P}_2$

➔ The Pauli group

- \mathcal{P}_N can be completely described by $2N$ generators:

$$\mathcal{P}_N = \langle X_1, \dots, X_N, Z_1, \dots, Z_N \rangle .$$

- **Notation:** X_i denotes the operator such that the single-qubit Pauli X acts on the i -th qubit of the system and the identity is applied to all other qubits.
Example: $X_1 = (X \otimes I \otimes \dots \otimes I) = (X_{(1)} \otimes I_{(2)} \otimes \dots \otimes I_{(N)}) .$

➔ The Pauli group

- **Example:** \mathcal{P}_2 has 64 elements but only 4 generators:

$$\mathcal{P}_2 = \langle X \otimes I, I \otimes X, Z \otimes I, I \otimes Z \rangle = \langle X_1, X_2, Z_1, Z_2 \rangle.$$

- **Example:** \mathcal{P}_3 has 256 elements but only 6 generators:

$$\mathcal{P}_3 = \langle X_1, X_2, X_3, Z_1, Z_2, Z_3 \rangle.$$

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- **Definition 2:** [CLIFFORD GROUP]

An operation is said to be a Clifford unitary C if it maps the Pauli group onto itself under conjugation, that is, if

$$C\mathcal{P}_N C^\dagger = \mathcal{P}_N \Leftrightarrow CP_i C^\dagger = P_j,$$

where $P_i, P_j \in \mathcal{P}_N$.

Clifford unitaries form a group known as the Clifford group and generated by the Hadamard (H), phase (S) and controlled-NOT (CX) gates.

➔ The Clifford group and stabiliser circuits

- Action of the generators of the Clifford group on the Pauli group generators:

$$HXH^\dagger = Z; \quad HZH^\dagger = X;$$

$$SXS^\dagger = Y; \quad SZS^\dagger = Z;$$

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- **Definition 3:** [STABILISER CIRCUIT]

A circuit is said to be a stabiliser circuit if the following conditions are met:

- (i) its inputs are computational basis states;*
- (ii) each operation is either a Clifford unitary or a measurement in the computational basis.*

➔ The stabiliser formalism and the Gottesman-Knill theorem

- **Definition 4:** [STABILISING OPERATION]

An operator S is said to stabilise $|\psi\rangle$ if:

$$S |\psi\rangle = |\psi\rangle .$$

- The stabiliser formalism is a particularly powerful framework for describing stabiliser circuits → in this case the **stabiliser operators are always hermitian Pauli operators.**

➔ The stabiliser formalism and the Gottesman-Knill theorem

- **Definition 5:** [STABILISER]

The set of operators P_i which stabilise an N -qubit state $|\psi\rangle$ form a group known as the stabiliser:

$$\mathcal{S} = \{P_i : P_i |\psi\rangle = |\psi\rangle \quad \forall P_i \in \mathcal{P}_N\}.$$

- The stabiliser is uniquely determined by N generators.

➔ The stabiliser formalism and the Gottesman-Knill theorem

- **Example:** $|00\rangle$

$N = 2 \Rightarrow 2$ generators for the stabiliser: $\mathcal{S} = \langle Z \otimes I, I \otimes Z \rangle$.

- **Example:** Consider the Bell state

$$|\mathcal{B}_{00}\rangle = \frac{|00\rangle + |11\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}.$$

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- Schrödinger's picture of quantum mechanics: $|\psi\rangle \rightarrow |\psi'\rangle = U |\psi\rangle$.
- Alternatively, we can use Heisenberg's picture.
- In that case, we can describe the evolution of the state through the evolution of its stabiliser:

$$\mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}' = U\mathcal{S}U^\dagger.$$

➔ The stabiliser formalism and the Gottesman-Knill theorem

- The tableau representation

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc|c} x_{11} & \cdots & x_{1N} & z_{11} & \cdots & z_{1N} & s_1 \\ x_{21} & \cdots & x_{2N} & z_{21} & \cdots & z_{2N} & s_2 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ x_{N1} & \cdots & x_{NN} & z_{N1} & \cdots & z_{NN} & s_N \end{array} \right)$$

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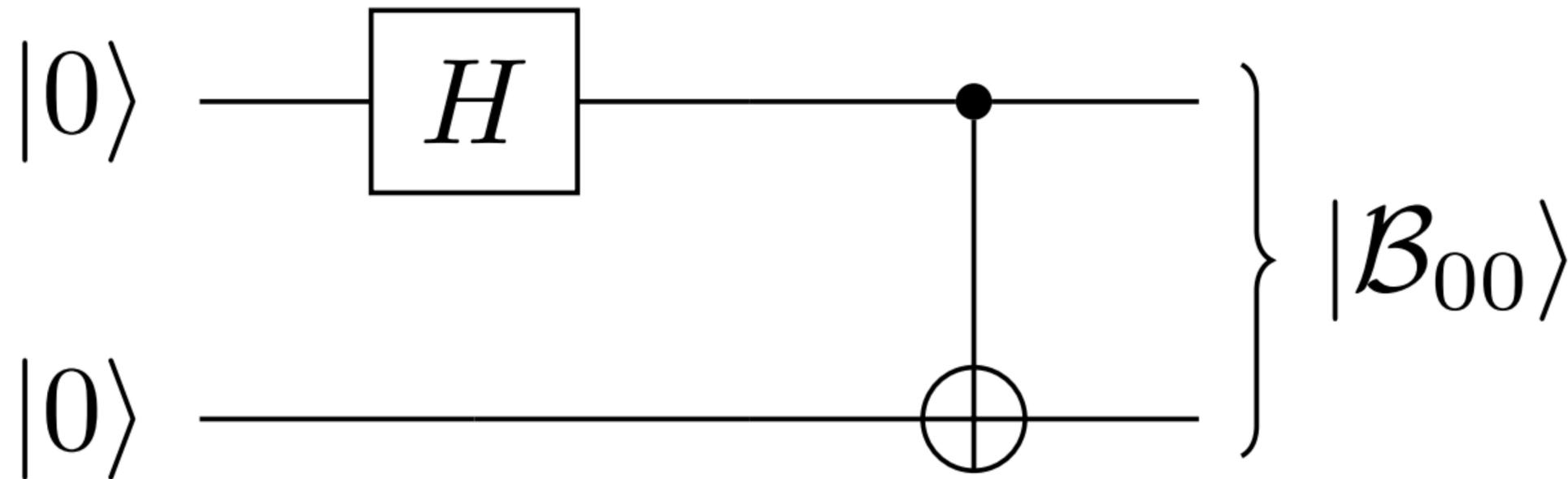
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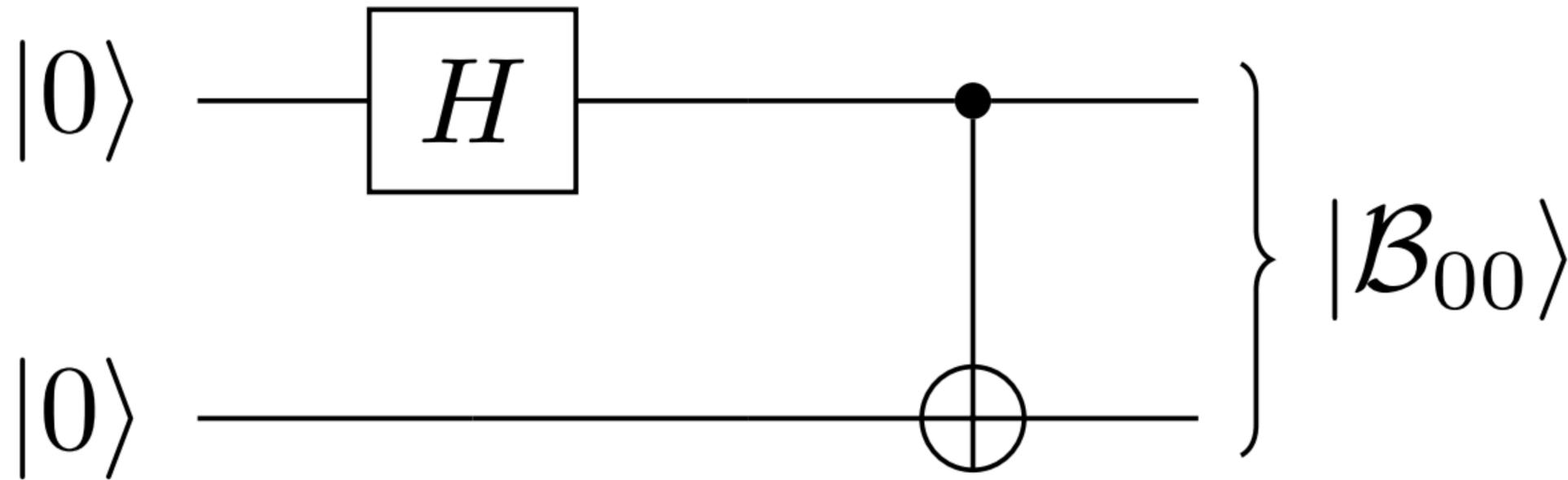
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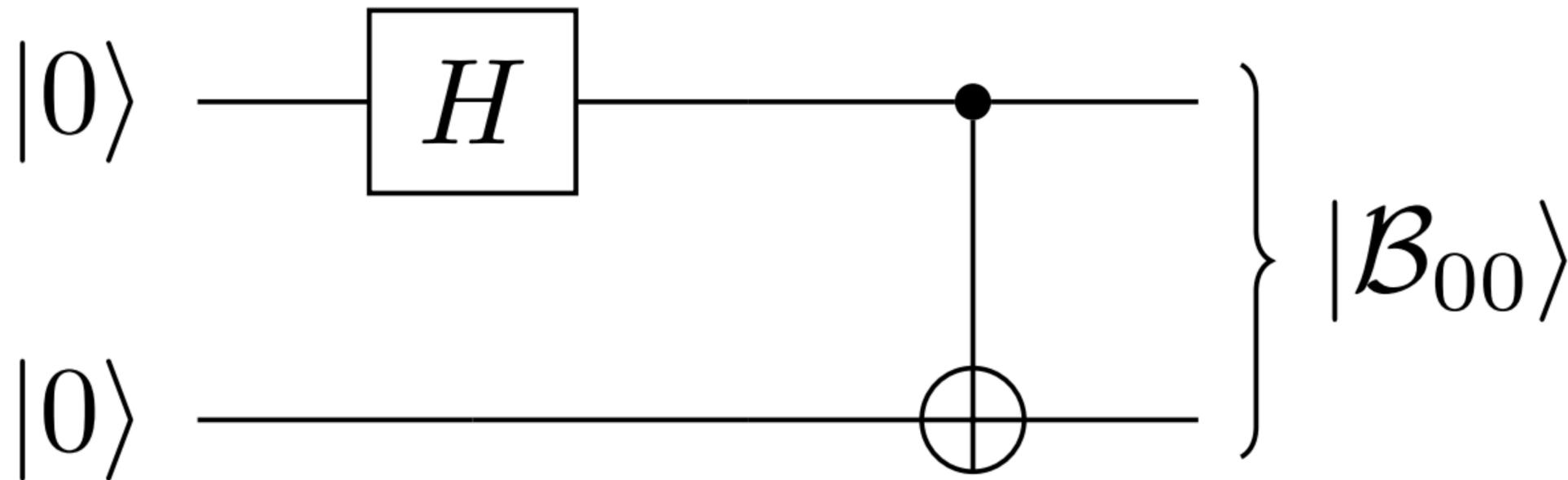
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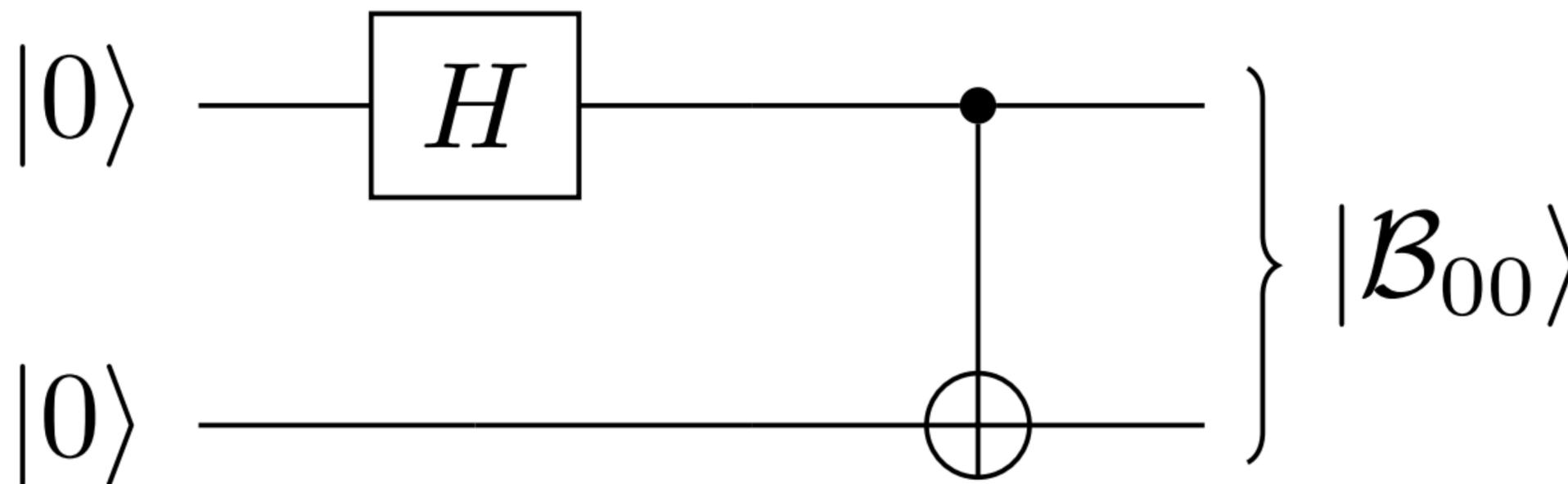
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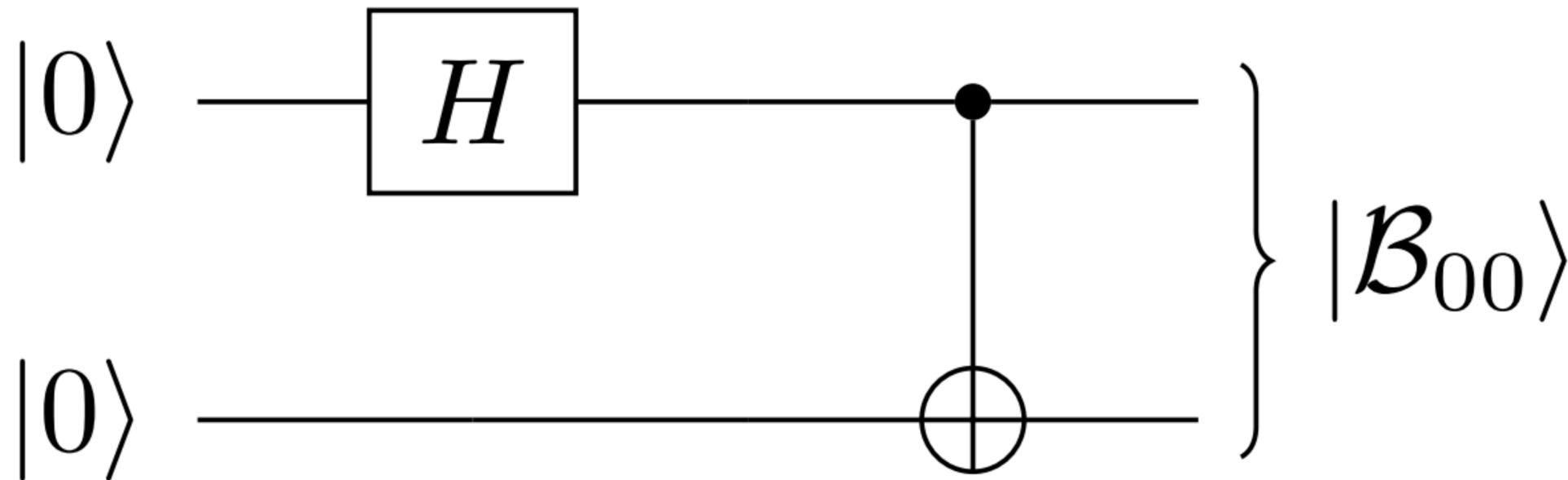
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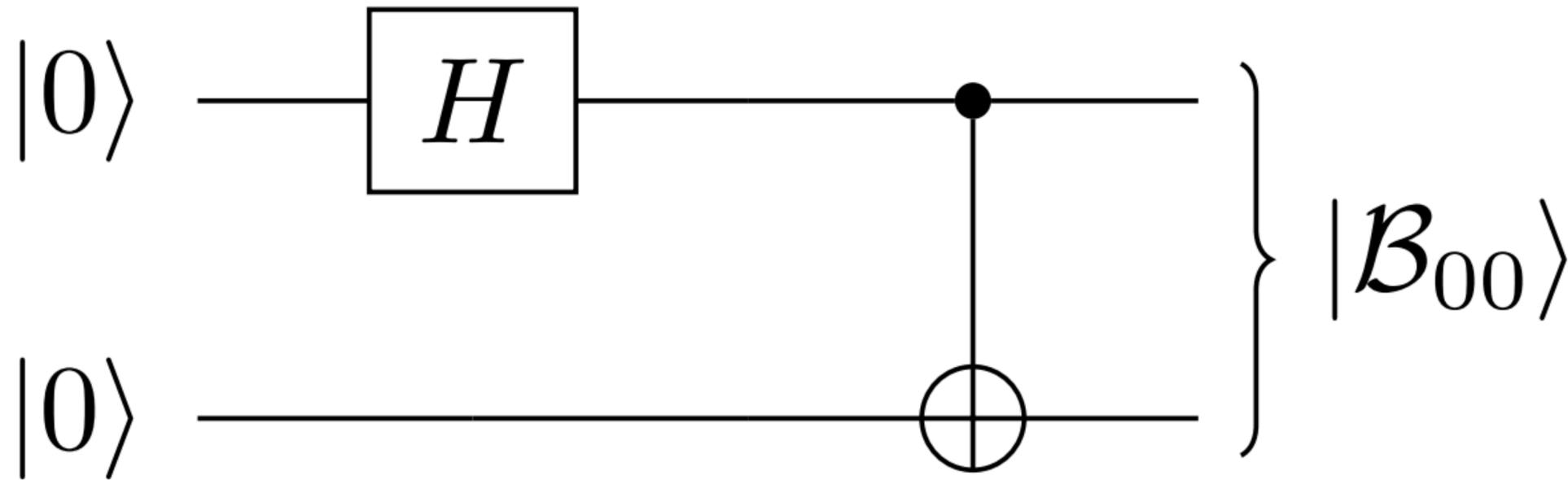
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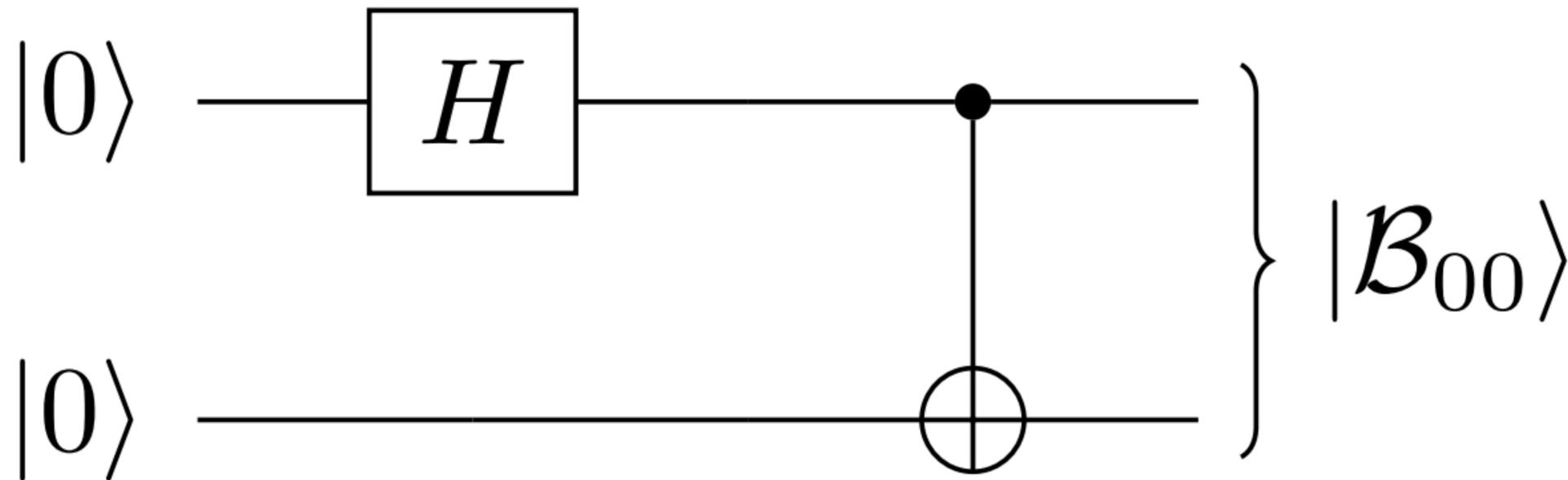
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GOTTESMAN-KNILL THEOREM

➔ The stabiliser formalism and the Gottesman-Knill theorem

- Stabiliser circuits are not universal for quantum computation.
- Nevertheless, the Clifford + T set is universal for quantum computation,

$$T = \text{diag}(1, e^{i\pi/4}).$$

➔ The extra ingredients

3 different binary classes are considered:

- Stabiliser state inputs (IN(BITS)) vs. More general product states (IN(PROD))
- Adaptivity (ADAPT) vs. Non-adaptivity (NON-ADAPT)
- Single output bit (OUT(1)) vs. Many output bits (OUT(MANY))

Additionally, the classical simulation complexity is considered for both strong and weak notions.

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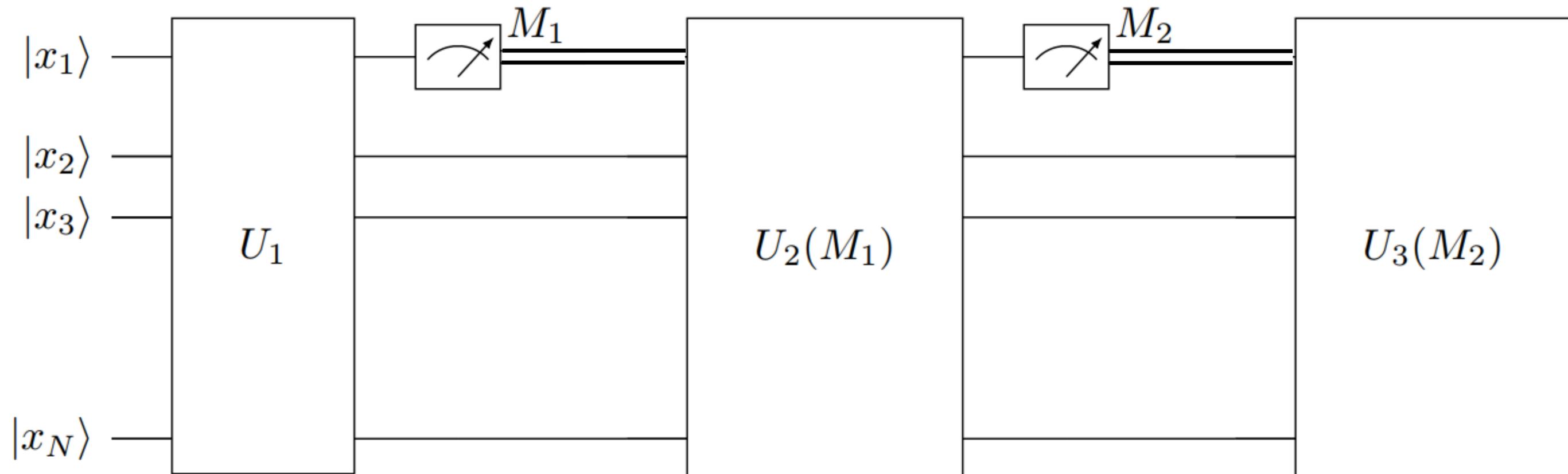
Let \mathcal{T} be a set of computational tasks defined by **adaptive** Clifford circuits, with computational basis input states and measurements on multiple output qubits. Then, \mathcal{T} can be **classically efficiently simulable** in the weak sense.

- Input: $|\mathbf{x}\rangle = |x_1 x_2 \dots x_N\rangle$
- Circuit: C
- K intermediate measurements + M output measurements
- Output distribution: $p = p(\mathbf{y}) = p(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{K+M})$

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➔ *Theorem 5: WEAK/ADAPT/IN(BITS)/OUT(MANY)*

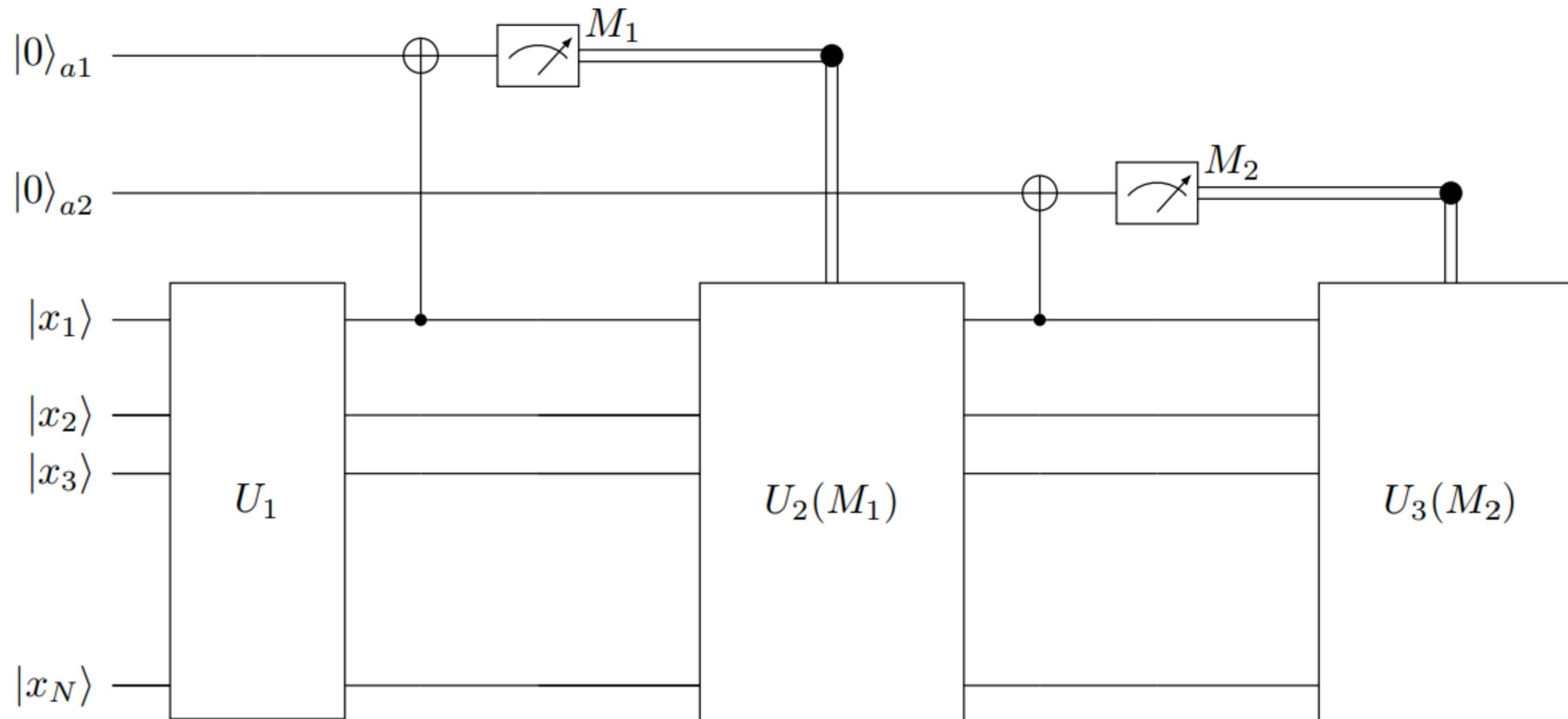
- Consider a circuit C such as:



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➔ **Theorem 5: WEAK/ADAPT/IN(BITS)/OUT(MANY)**

- Consider a circuit C' on $N + K$ qubits so that:



➔ **Theorem 5: WEAK/ADAPT/IN(BITS)/OUT(MANY)**

- C and C' are equivalent and for C' we have:

(i) input state $|0_1 \dots 0_K x_{K+1} \dots x_{K+N}\rangle = |0_1 \dots 0_K\rangle |\mathbf{x}\rangle;$

(ii) output measurements are carried out on qubits $K + 1$ to $K + M$;

(iii) intermediate measurements are carried out on the first K qubits, and those are not used thereafter.

➔ ***Theorem 5: WEAK/ADAPT/IN(BITS)/OUT(MANY)***

- A full run of C' samples an associated probability distribution $p(y_1 \cdots y_K y_{K+1} \cdots y_{K+M})$.
- Suppose that all intermediate measurements have been carried out.
- Then, the sequence $y_1 \cdots y_K$ is fixed and the circuit C' becomes non-adaptive.

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➔ **Theorem 5: WEAK/ADAPT/IN(BITS)/OUT(MANY)**

- Then we can efficiently compute the marginal probabilities $p(y_1 \dots y_K)$ and $p(y_1 \dots y_K y_{K+1} \dots y_{K+N})$.
- This means that we know the probability of occurrence of each possible non-adaptive circuit C' ; and for each of those we know the probability of each string.
- Therefore, we can sample from this distribution and weakly simulate the adaptive circuit C' and, thus, C .

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➔ Remarks on the Gottesman-Knill theorem

- **GOTTESMAN-KNILL THEOREM (GK):** (version 1)

*Any quantum computation carried out on a (potentially **adaptive**) stabiliser circuit can be perfectly **weakly** simulated in polynomial time on a probabilistic classical computer.*

[1] D. Gottesman, in *Group22: Proceedings of the XXII International Colloquium on Group Theoretical Methods in Physics* (1998) pp. 32–43, arXiv:quant-ph/9807006v1.

➔ Remarks on the Gottesman-Knill theorem

- **GOTTESMAN-KNILL THEOREM (GK):** (version 2)

For any (non-adaptive) stabiliser circuit with a single output qubit, the probability p that the output qubit is 1, can be efficiently classically computed.

[2] S. Aaronson and D. Gottesman, Phys. Rev. A **70**, 052328 (2004), arXiv:quant-ph/0406196v5.

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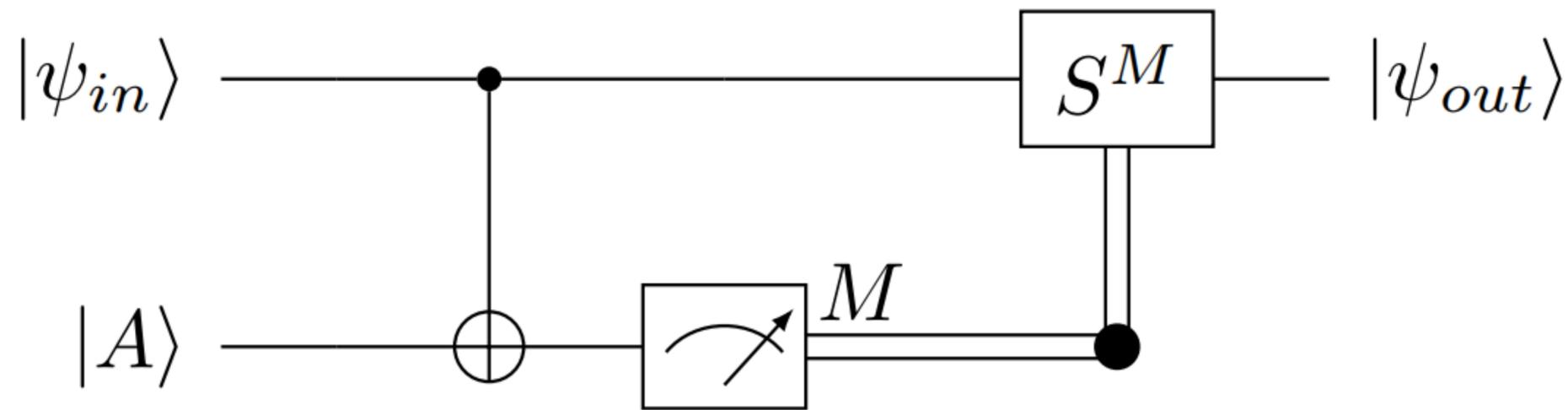
➔ **Theorem 3: WEAK/ADAPT/IN(PROD)/OUT(1)**

Let \mathcal{T} be a set of computational tasks defined by **adaptive** Clifford circuits with general product state inputs and output measurement on a single qubit. Then, the weak classical simulation of \mathcal{T} is **QC-hard**.

- **QC-hard** means that universal quantum computation is possible.
- To prove this it suffices to show that the resources available allow to implement the T gate: $T = \text{diag} \left(1, e^{i\pi/4} \right)$.

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➔ **Theorem 3: WEAK/ADAPT/IN(PROD)/OUT(1)**



$$|A\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(|0\rangle + e^{i\pi/4} |1\rangle \right)$$

$$|\psi_{out}\rangle = T |\psi_{in}\rangle$$

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➔ **Theorem 2: STRONG/ADAPT/IN(BITS)/OUT(1)**

*Consider a set of computational tasks \mathcal{T} defined by **adaptive** Clifford circuits such that input states are computational basis states and only a single output measurement is performed. Then, strong simulation of tasks in \mathcal{T} is #P-hard.*

- The available ingredients can be used to realize the Toffoli gate.

$$TOFF |a\rangle |b\rangle |c\rangle = |a\rangle |b\rangle |c \oplus (ab)\rangle$$

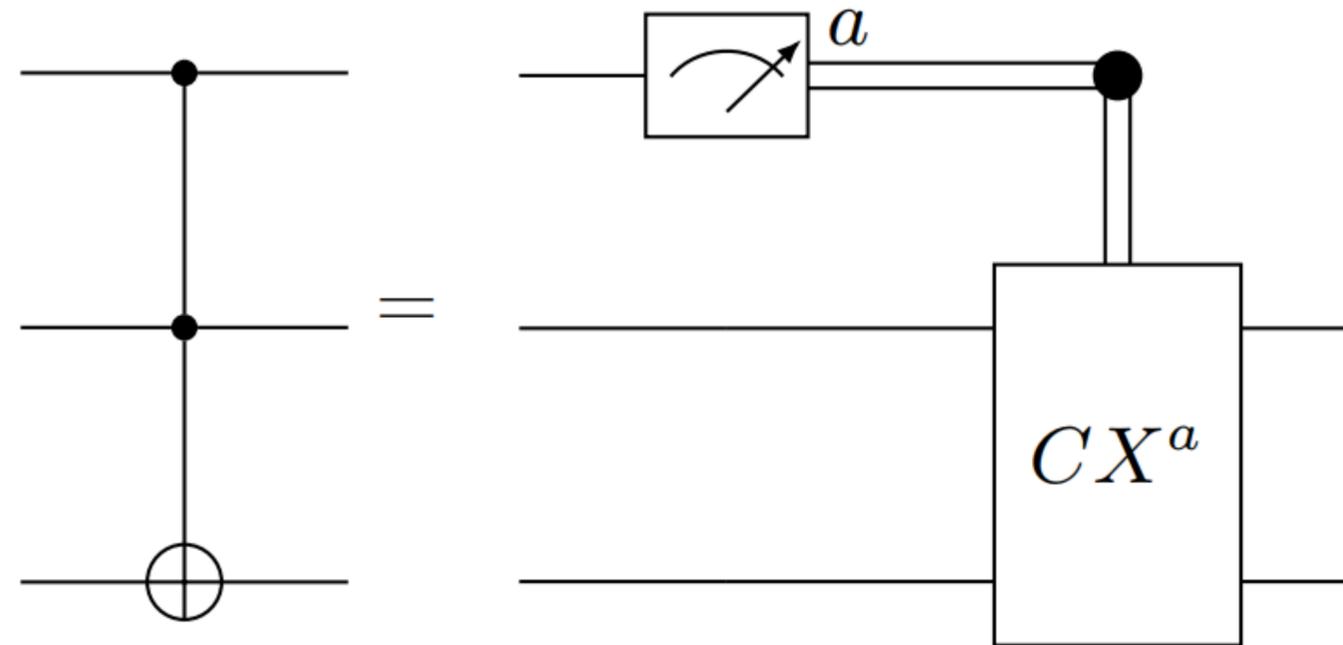
$$a = 0 \Rightarrow TOFF |0\rangle |b\rangle |c\rangle = |0\rangle |b\rangle |c\rangle \equiv |0\rangle I(|b\rangle |c\rangle)$$

$$a = 1 \Rightarrow TOFF |1\rangle |b\rangle |c\rangle = |1\rangle |b\rangle |c \oplus b\rangle \equiv |1\rangle CX(|b\rangle |c\rangle)$$

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➔ **Theorem 2: STRONG/ADAPT/IN(BITS)/OUT(1)**

- If the i -th line is promised to be in a computational basis state we can implement the Toffoli gate as;



- This sort of implementation does not allow the application of Toffoli gates coherently on general quantum states, because the adaptation requires a measurement on the i -th line.

➔ ***Theorem 2: STRONG/ADAPT/IN(BITS)/OUT(1)***

- The Toffoli gate can perform universal classical computation.
- Therefore, the defined family of circuits can perform universal classical computation. \Rightarrow They can compute any Boolean function with an N bit input and a single bit output: $f(\mathbf{x}) \in \mathbb{Z}_2, \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{Z}_2^N$.

➔ **Theorem 2: STRONG/ADAPT/IN(BITS)/OUT(1)**

- Procedure to implement a circuit $C \in \mathcal{T}$ on $N + 1$ qubits:
 1. Every qubit is initialised in $|0\rangle$;
 2. First N qubits are transformed by a Hadamard gate and then measured generating a random bit-string $\mathbf{x} \equiv x_1 x_2 \dots x_N$;
 3. Perform the following mapping $U \in \mathcal{T} : U |\mathbf{x}\rangle |0\rangle = |\mathbf{x}\rangle |f(\mathbf{x})\rangle$;
 4. Measure the last qubit, registering the value of the function.

➔ *Theorem 2: STRONG/ADAPT/IN(BITS)/OUT(1)*

$$p(1) = \frac{\#f}{2^N}$$

- If it is possible to determine the probability $p = p(1)$, then it is possible to know $\#f$.
- If it were possible to determine $p(1)$ then it would be possible to count the number of solutions to an **NP**-hard satisfiability problem, i.e., it would be possible to solve a **#P**-hard problem.

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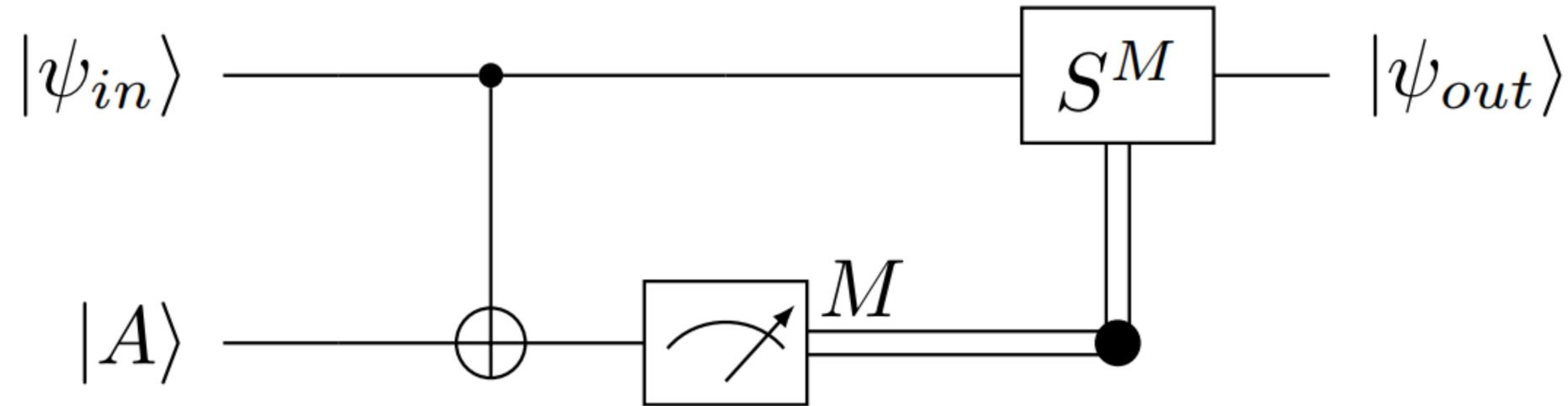
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- Consider a universal quantum circuit C , which has K T gates.
- We can turn this into a Clifford circuit C' on $N + K$ qubits, replacing each T gate in a line i by CX_{ia} , a an ancillary magic state qubit.

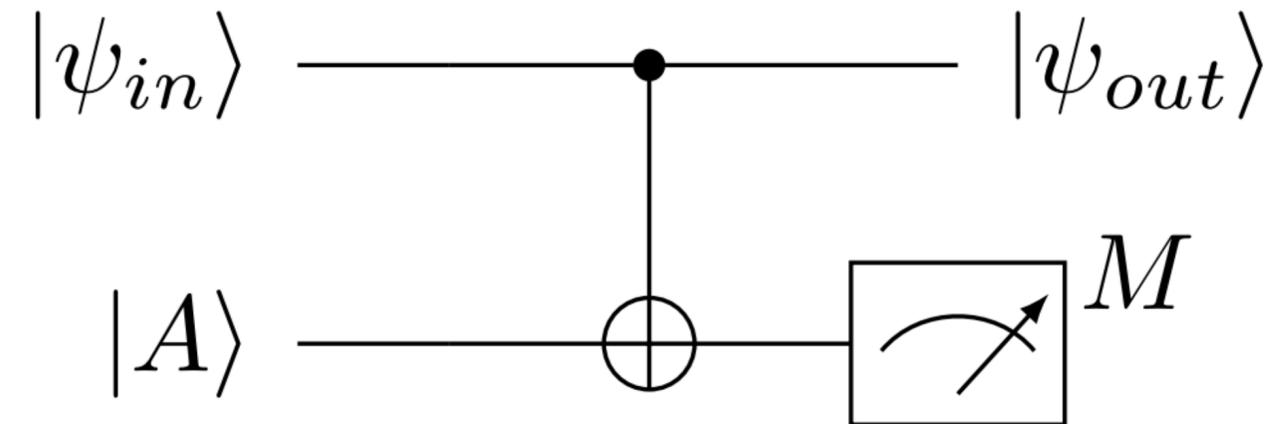
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→ Theorem 6: STRONG/ NON-ADAPT/ IN(PROD)/ OUT(MANY)

- Recall the T gadget:



- But now we implement instead:



→ **Theorem 6: STRONG/ NON-ADAPT/ IN(PROD)/ OUT(MANY)**

- C and C' only coincide if all K intermediate measurements yield 0 in which case we can write:

$$p_C(\mathbf{y}) = p_{C'}(\mathbf{y} | 0_1 \dots 0_K) = \frac{p_{C'}(\mathbf{y}0_1 \dots 0_K)}{p_{C'}(0_1 \dots 0_K)}.$$

- $p_C(\mathbf{y})$ could be used to encode $\#f$ of any Boolean function, and solve $\#P$ -hard problems.

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➔ Theorem 6

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➔ **Theorem 7: WEAK/ NON-ADAPT/ IN(PROD)/ OUT(MANY)**

*Let \mathcal{T} be the set of computational tasks defined (as in theorem 6) by non-adaptive Clifford circuits, general product state inputs and multiple bit outputs. If \mathcal{T} could be weakly efficiently classically simulated, then the polynomial hierarchy **PH** would collapse to its third level.*

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A more recent result shows that under certain circumstances this can actually be classically efficient!

This means BQP-complete! Their designation in the paper is a bit unfortunate!

Thank you for your attention!

Introductory concepts

➔ The Clifford group and stabiliser circuits

- Action of the generators of the Clifford group on the Pauli group generators:

$$H_a X_a H_a^\dagger = Z_a; \quad H_a Z_a H_a^\dagger = X_a; \quad \rightarrow \text{swap } x_{ia} \text{ and } z_{ia}; \quad s'_i = s_i \oplus x_{ia} z_{ia}$$

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- Again consider a universal quantum circuit C , with $K T$ gates.
- To implement each T gate we use the same gadget as in the previous theorem, post-selecting the value 0 for all of the ancillas.

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➔ ***Theorem 7: WEAK/ NON-ADAPT/ IN(PROD)/ OUT(MANY)***

- \mathcal{T} + post-selection **contains** universal quantum computation with post-selection.
- $\text{postBQP} = \text{PP}$
- Therefore, $\text{post}\mathcal{T}$ contains **PP**.

➔ *Theorem 7: WEAK/ NON-ADAPT/ IN(PROD)/ OUT(MANY)*

- \mathcal{K} any class of bounded-error quantum circuits such that $\text{post}\mathcal{K}$ contains **PP**.
- Weak efficient classical simulation of $\mathcal{K} \Rightarrow \text{post}\mathcal{K}$ is contained in postBPP .
- $\text{postBPP} \subset \text{PP} \Rightarrow \text{PH}$ would collapse to its third level.