

# **Classical simulation complexity of extended Clifford circuits**

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- The Clifford group and stabiliser circuits
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- The extra ingredients
- The extended classes
- Theorems and proofs

[\*] R. Jozsa and M. V. den Nest, Quantum Information and Computation **14** (2013), arXiv:1305.6190.

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## → The Pauli group

- **Definition 1:** [PAULI GROUP]

*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  $\pm 1$  and  $\pm i$ .*

- Number of elements :  $4^{N+1}$ ;  $N = 1 \Rightarrow 16$  elements;  $N = 2 \Rightarrow 64$  elements.
- **Example:**  $(X \otimes I), (X \otimes X), -i(Y \otimes Z) \in \mathcal{P}_2$

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## → 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  $X$  acts on the  $i$ -th qubit of the system and the identity is applied to all other qubits.  
Example:  $X_1 = (X \otimes I \otimes \dots \otimes I) = (X_{(1)} \otimes I_{(2)} \otimes \dots \otimes I_{(N)})$ .

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- **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:

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

## → The Clifford group and stabiliser circuits

- **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.*

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- **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.

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- **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:

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

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- The tableau representation

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

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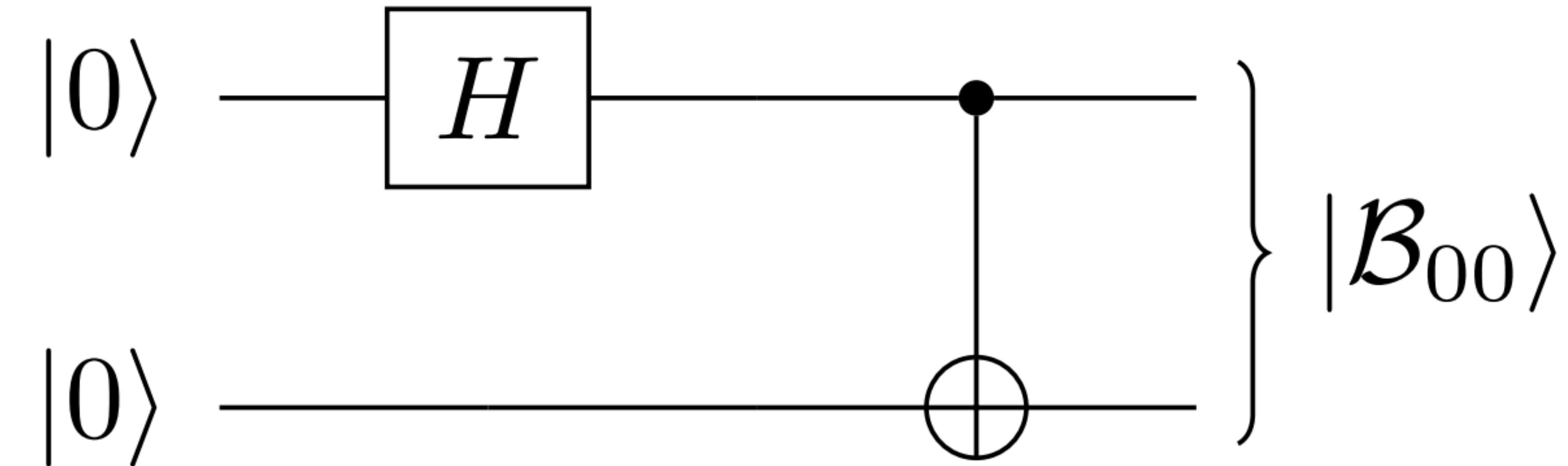
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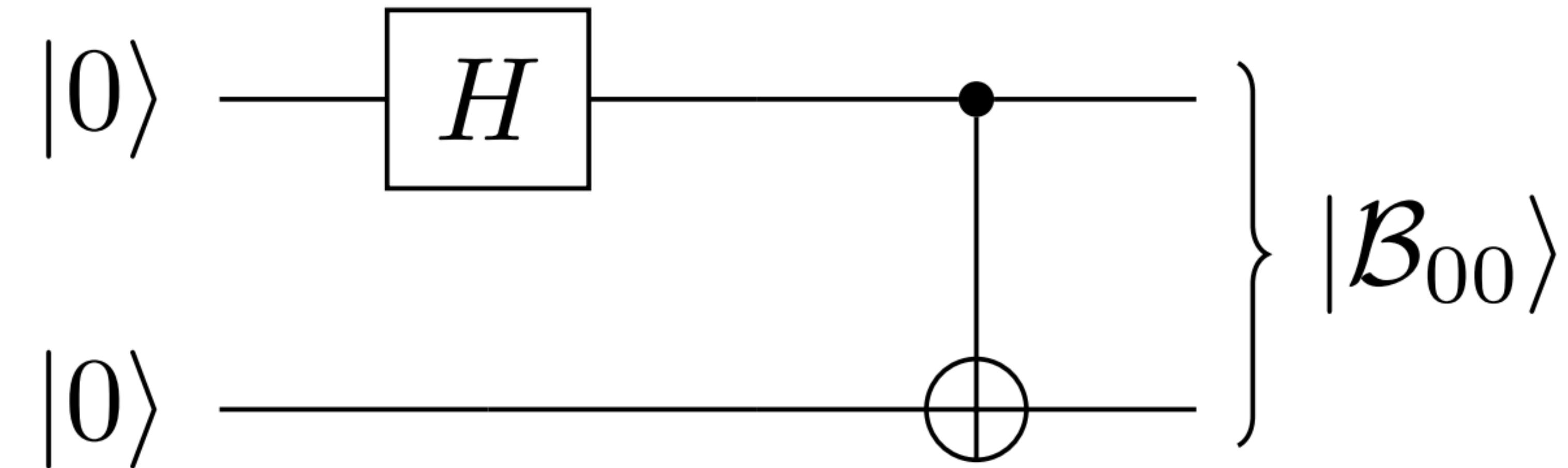
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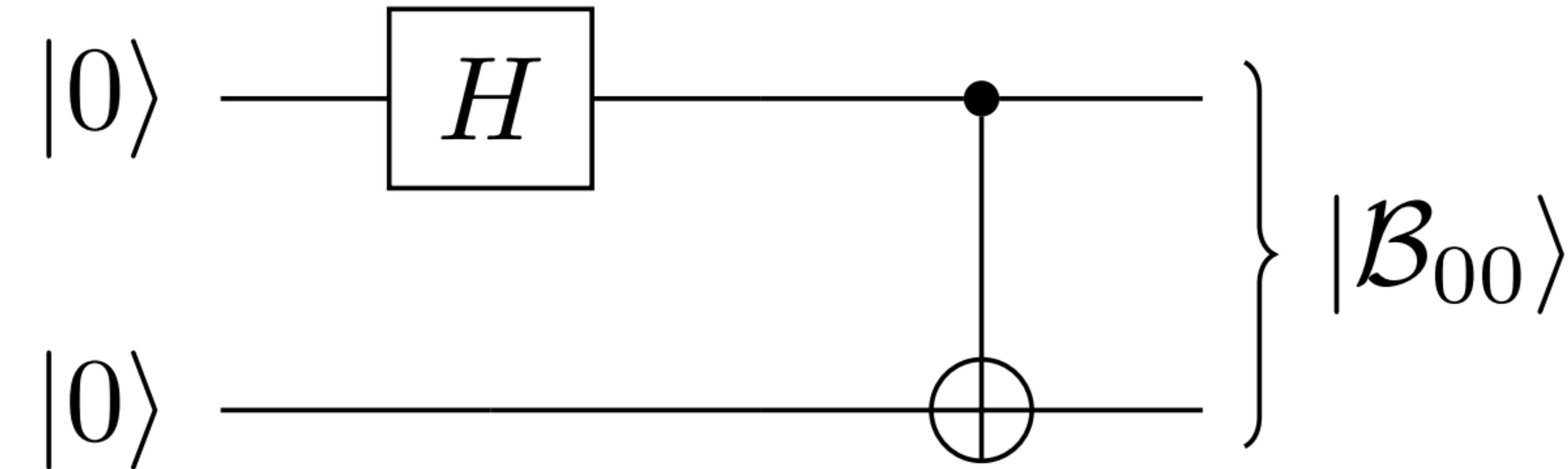
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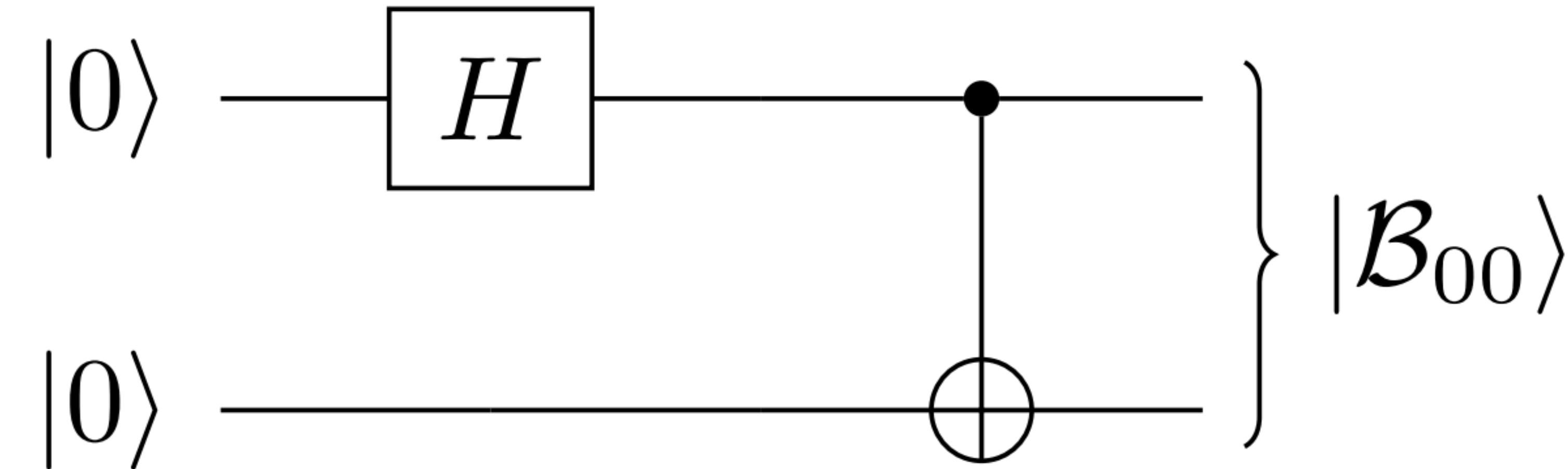
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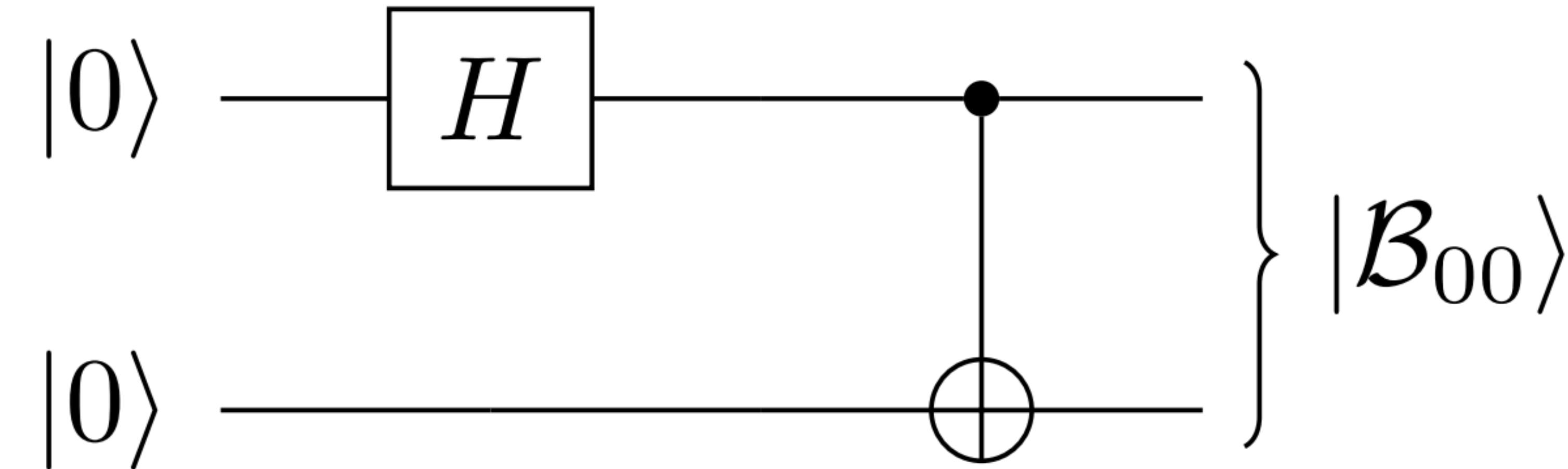
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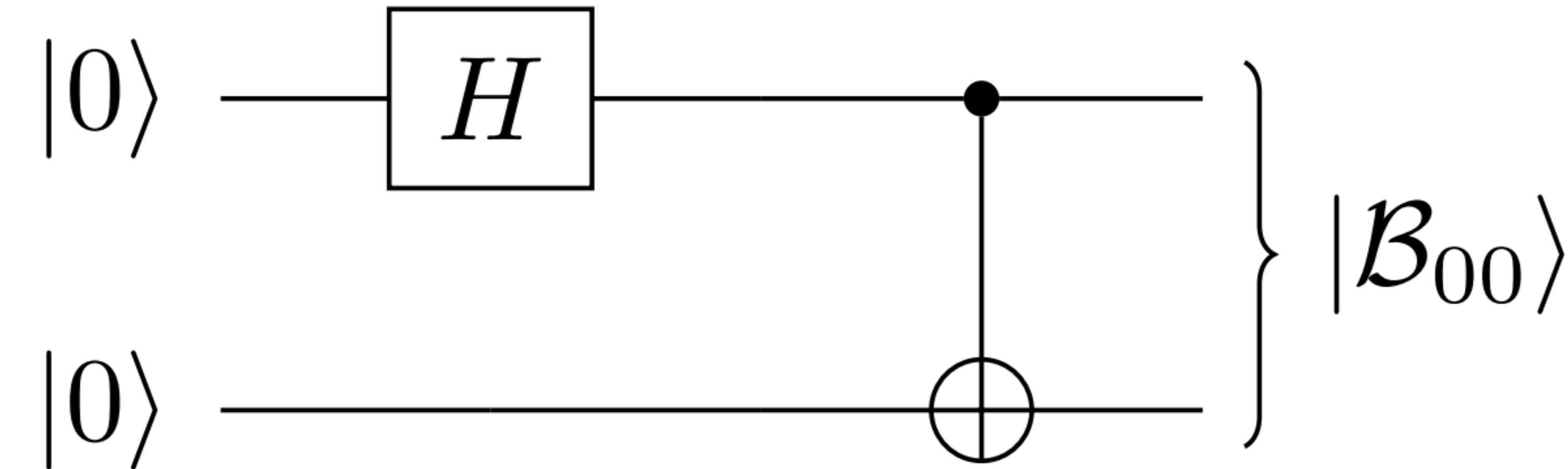
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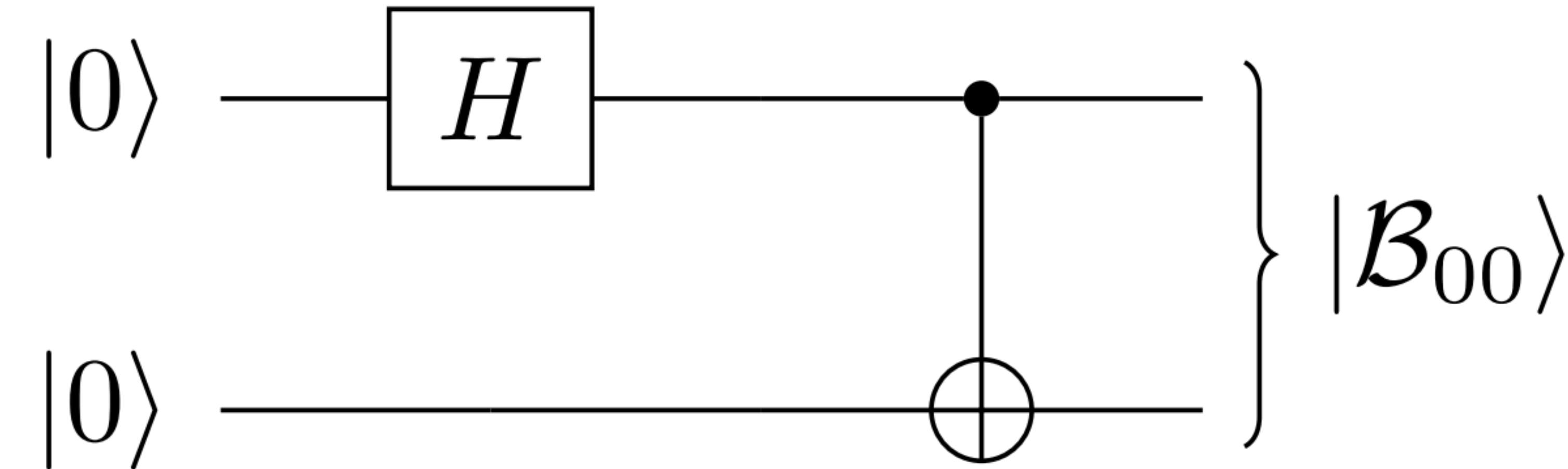
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**GOTTESMAN-KNILL THEOREM**

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

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

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## → 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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**GOAL:** Determine what is the complexity of classically simulating each of these classes of quantum circuits.

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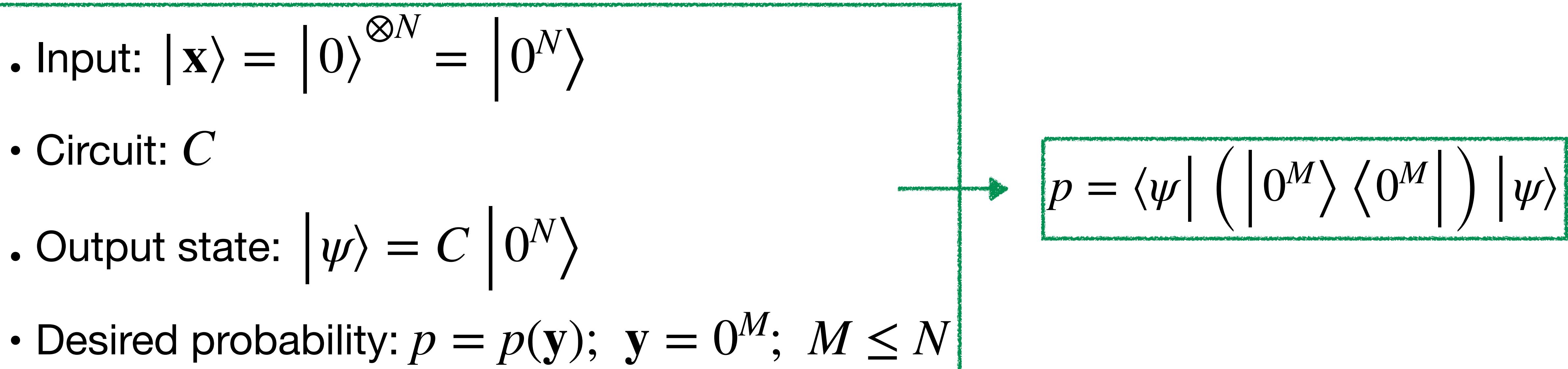
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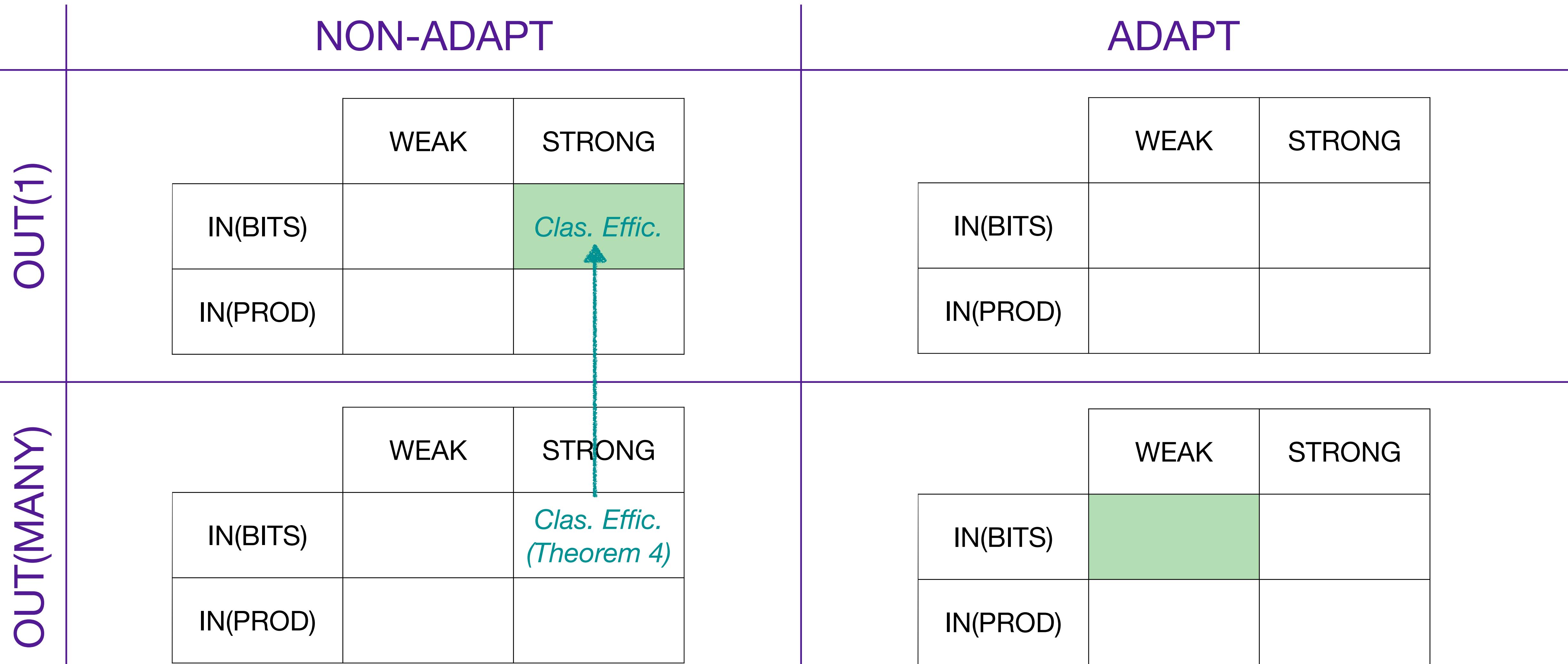
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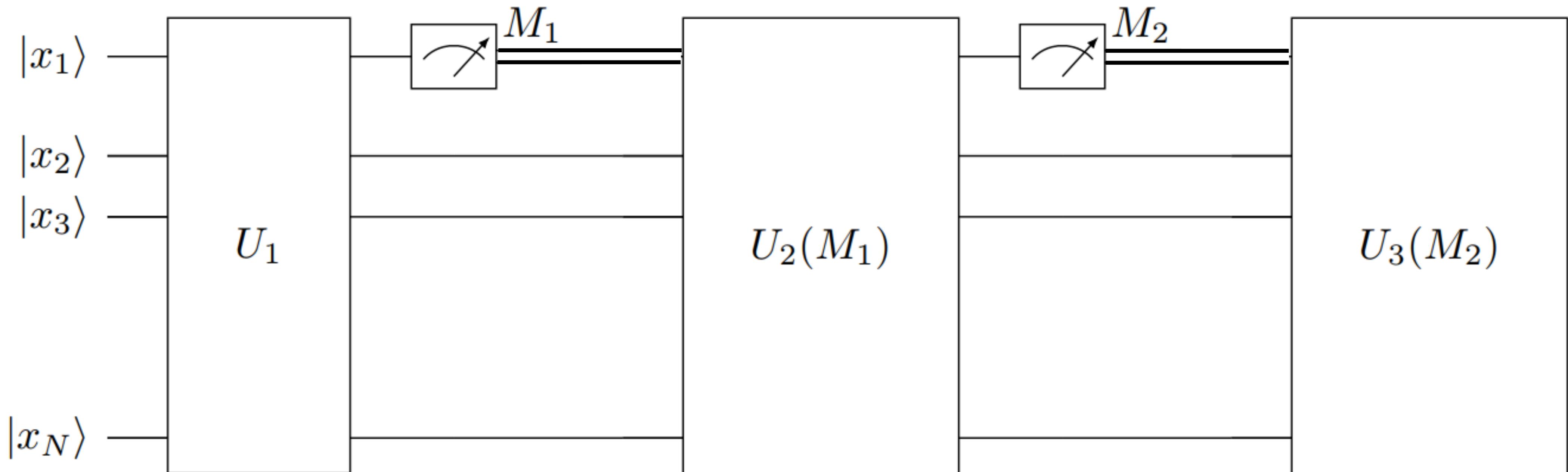
*Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be a set of computational tasks defined by **adaptive** Clifford circuits, with computational basis input states and measurements on multiple output qubits. Then,  $\mathcal{T}$  can be classically efficiently simulable in the weak sense.*

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

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

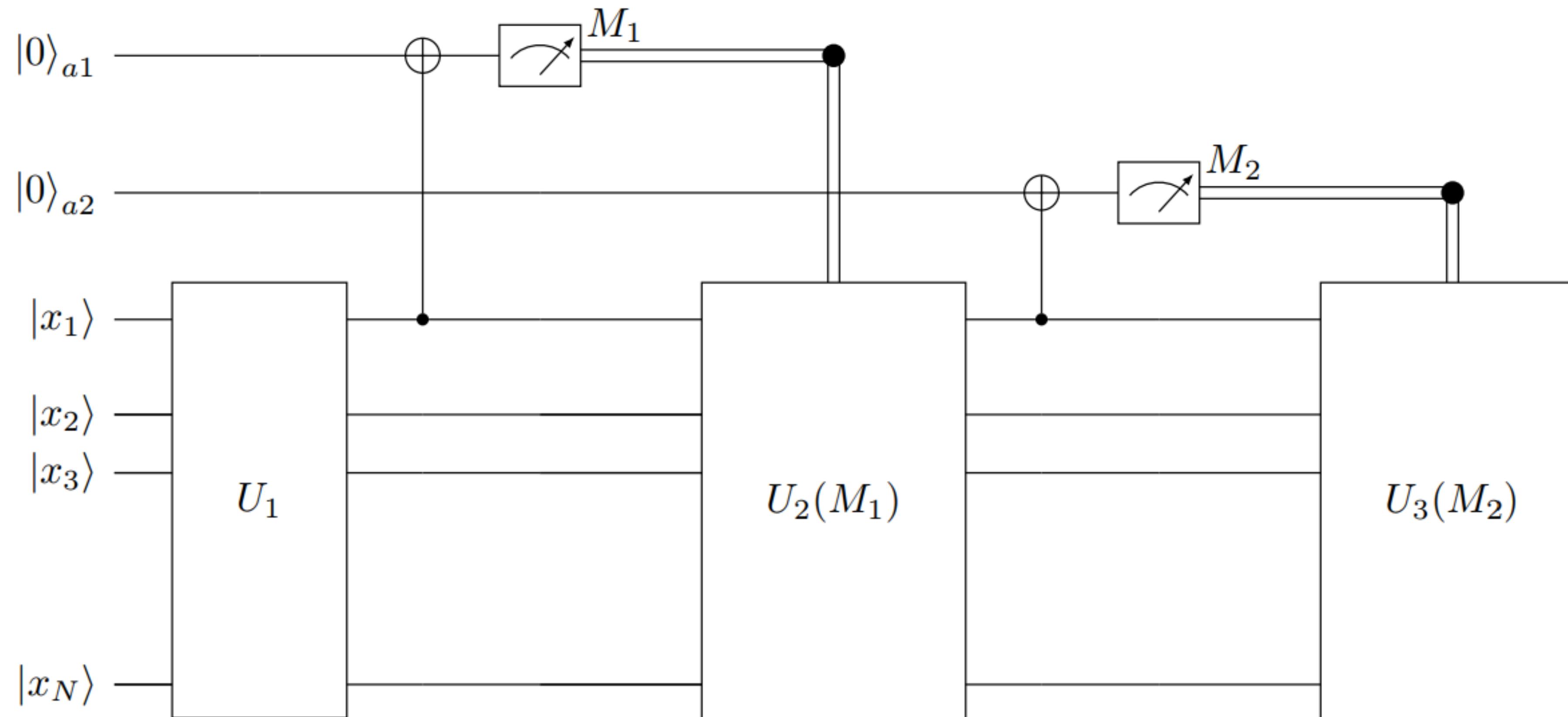
- Consider a circuit  $C$  such as:



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

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



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- $C$  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.

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

- A full run of  $C'$  samples an associated probability distribution  $p(y_1 \dots y_K y_{K+1} \dots y_{K+M})$ .
- Suppose that all intermediate measurements have been carried out.
- Then, the sequence  $y_1 \dots y_K$  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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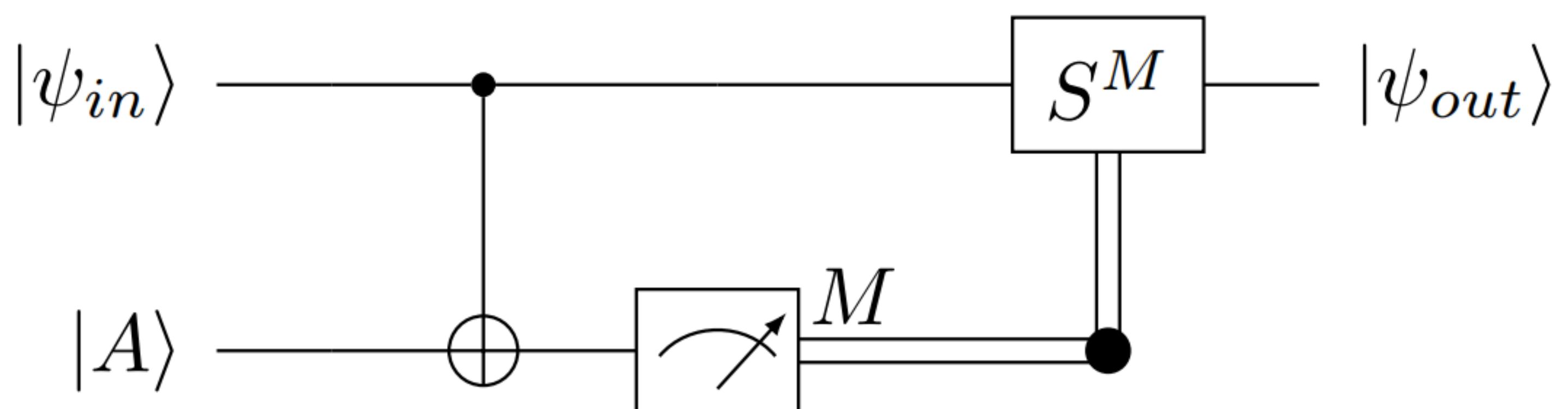
## → **Theorem 3: WEAK/ADAPT/IN(PROD)/OUT(1)**

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.

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

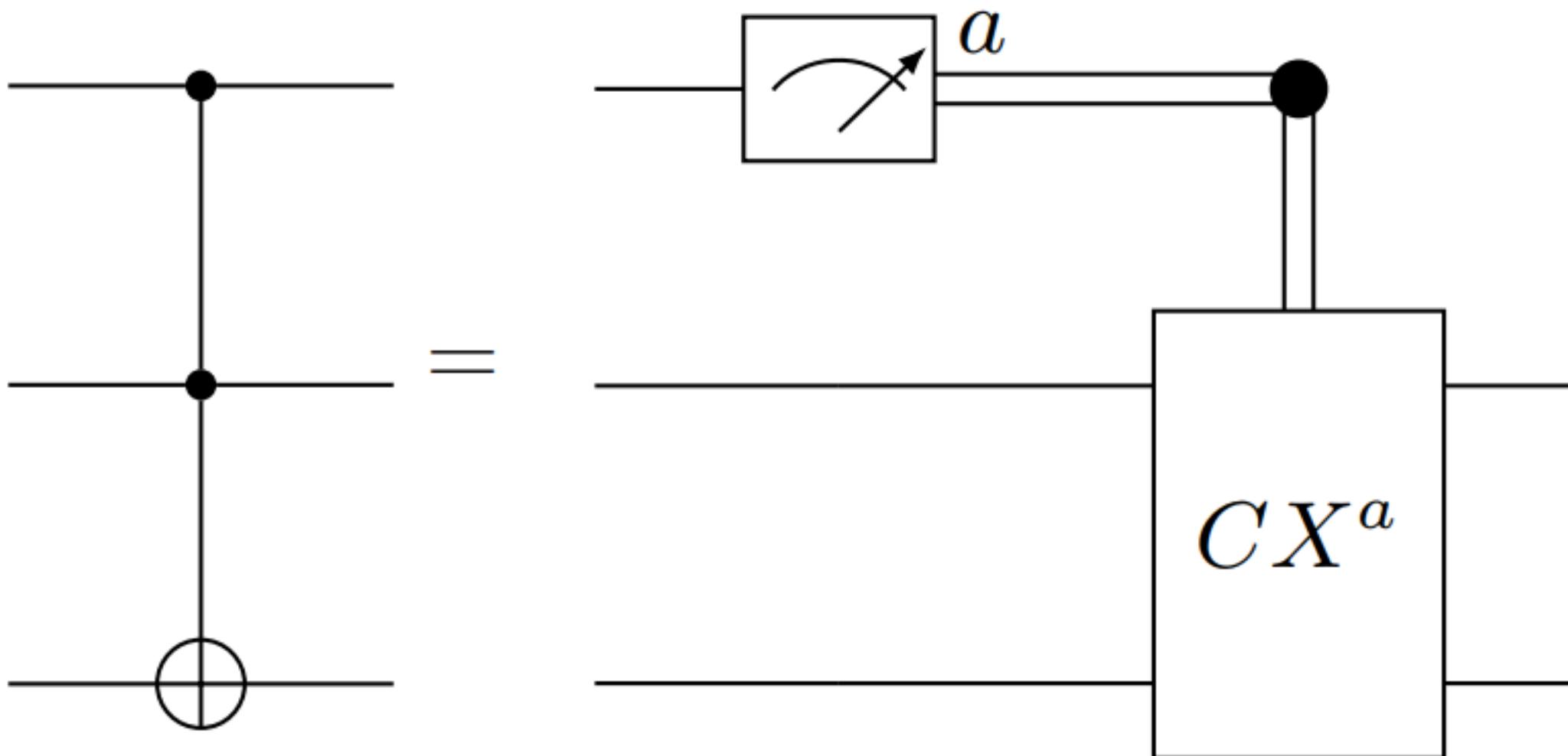
$$a = 0 \Rightarrow TOFF |0\rangle |b\rangle |c\rangle = |0\rangle |b\rangle |c\rangle \equiv |0\rangle I(|b\rangle |c\rangle)$$

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

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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.

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## → **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. ⇒ They can compute any Boolean function with an  $N$  bit input and a single bit output:  $f(x) \in \mathbb{Z}_2$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_2^N$ .

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## → **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  $x \equiv x_1 x_2 \dots x_N$ ;
  3. Perform the following mapping  $U \in \mathcal{T} : U |x\rangle |0\rangle = |x\rangle |f(x)\rangle$ ;
  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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## → **Theorem 6: STRONG/ NON-ADAPT/ IN(PROD)/ OUT(MANY)**

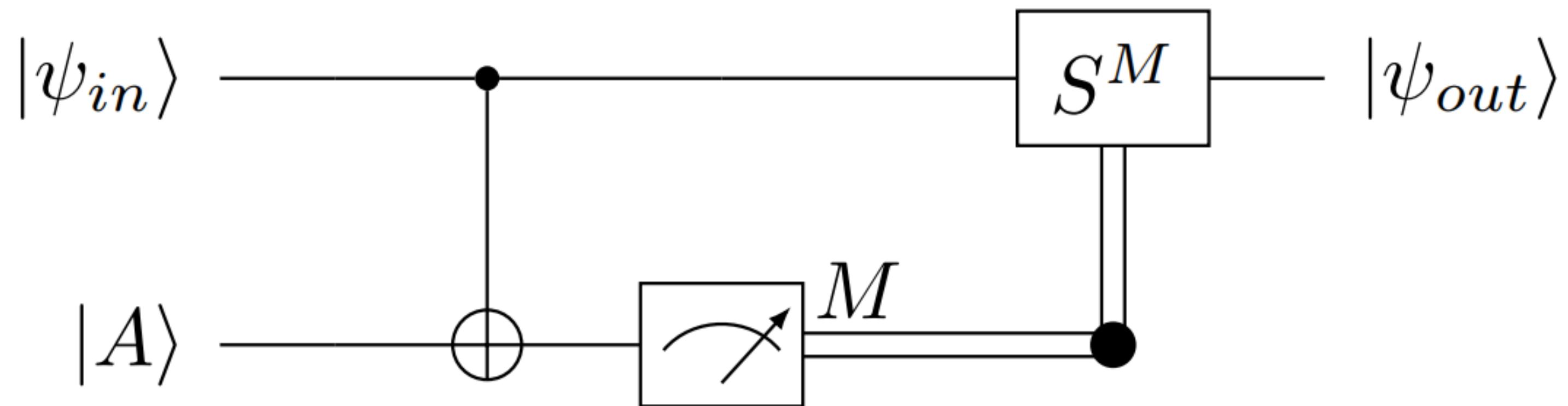
*Consider a set of computational tasks  $\mathcal{T}$  defined by non-adaptive Clifford circuits, with any general product state input and multiple bit output. Then, strong simulation of  $\mathcal{T}$  is #P-hard.*

- 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.

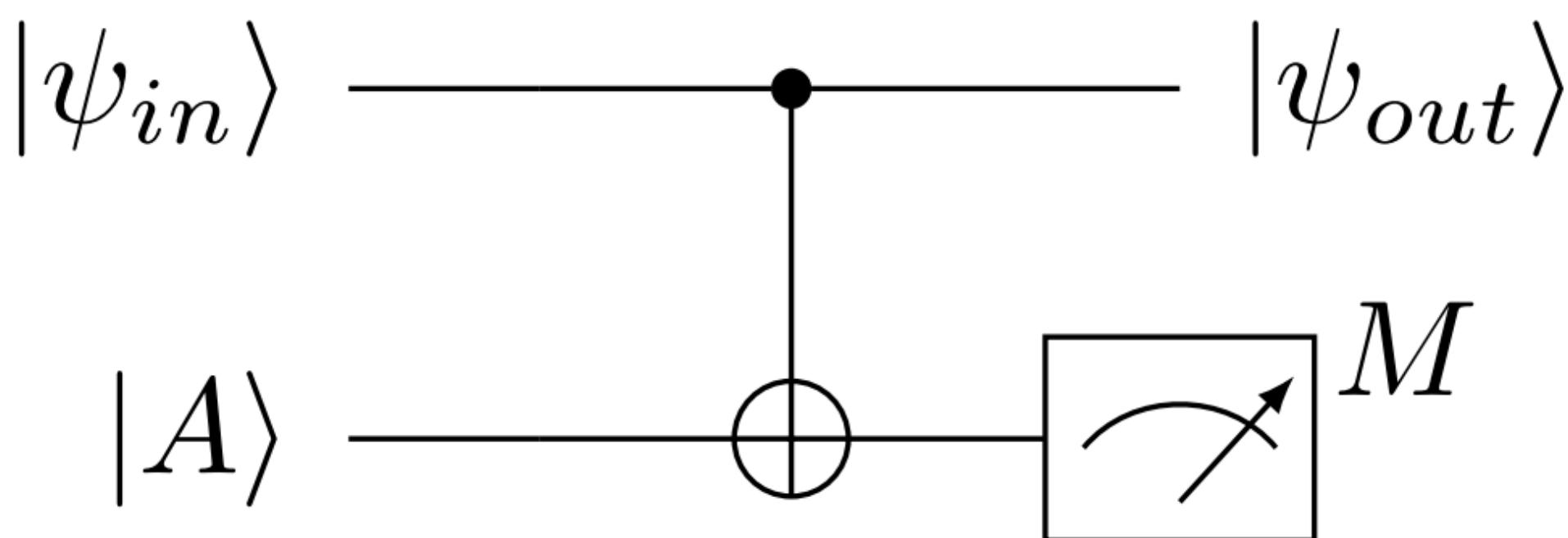
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## → **Theorem 6: STRONG/ NON-ADAPT/ IN(Prod)/ OUT(MANY)**

- 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:

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

- $p_C(y)$  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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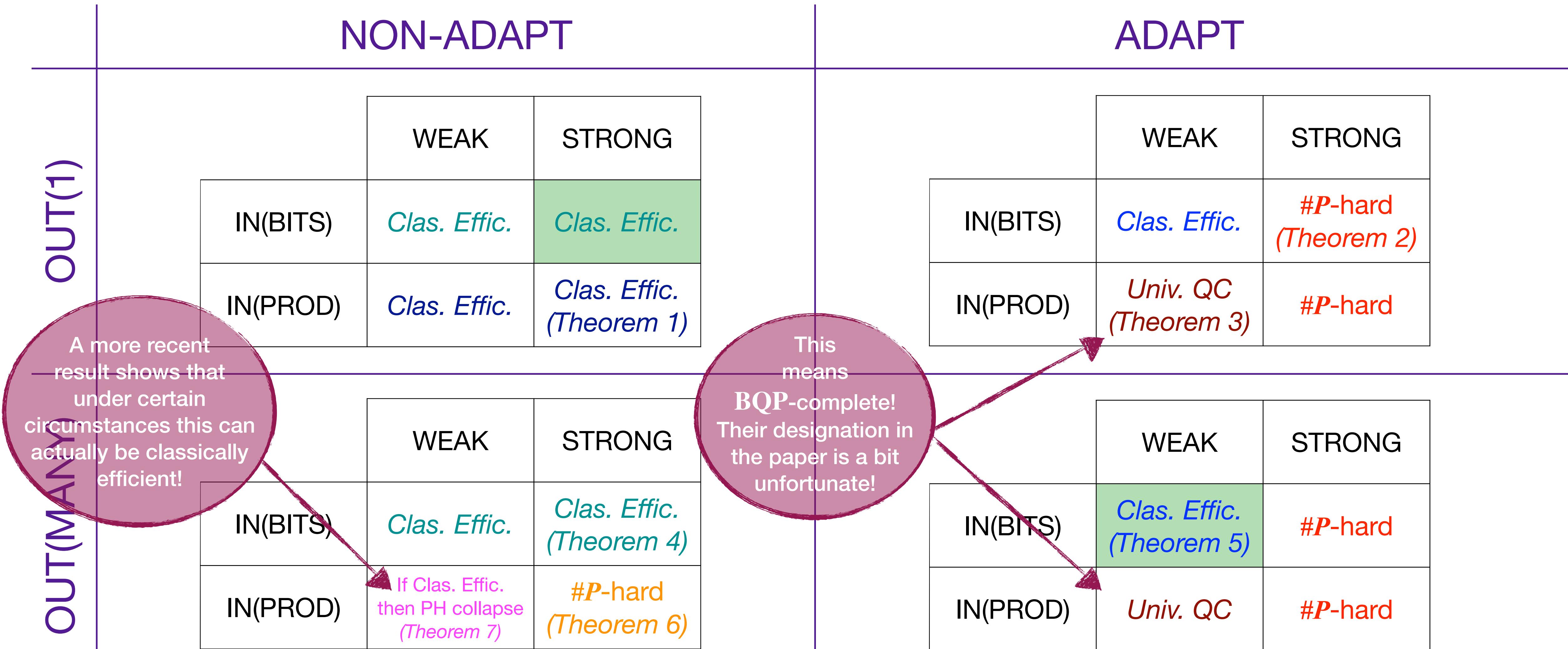
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## → **Theorem 7: WEAK/ NON-ADAPT/ IN(PROD)/ OUT(MANY)**

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



**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:

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

$$S_a X_a S_a^\dagger = Y_a; \quad S_a Z_a S_a^\dagger = Z_a; \rightarrow x'_{ia} = x_{ia}; \quad z'_{ia} = z_{ia} \oplus x_{ia}; \quad s'_i = s_i \oplus x_{ia} z_{ia}$$

## → The Clifford group and stabiliser circuits

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

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$$\rightarrow x'_{ia} = x_{ia}; \quad x'_{ib} = x_{ia} \oplus x_{ib}; \quad z'_{ia} = z_{ia} \oplus z_{ib}; \quad z'_{ib} = z_{ib};$$

$$s'_i = s_i \oplus x_{ia}z_{ib} (x_{ib}z_{ia} \oplus 1)$$

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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**.

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## → **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.