

# Causal contextuality and adaptive MBQC

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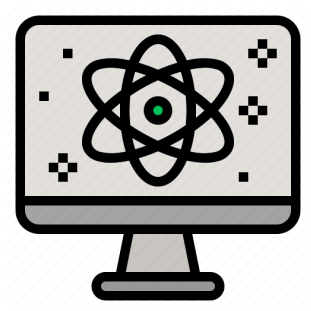
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- ▶ Related to talks by Samson & Amy, but only using a particular type of models.
- ▶ May have some relation to upcoming talk by Sivert.



# Introduction



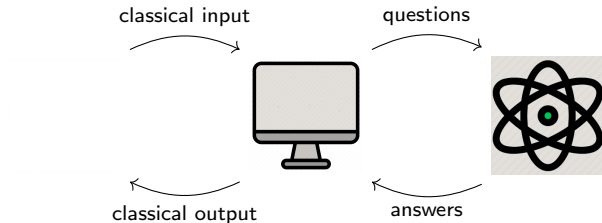
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Contextuality / Nonclassicality

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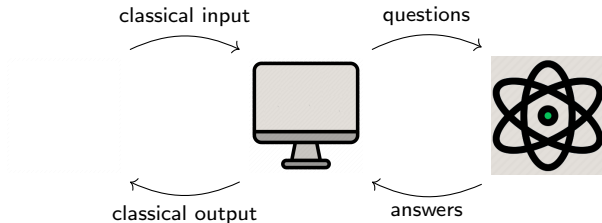
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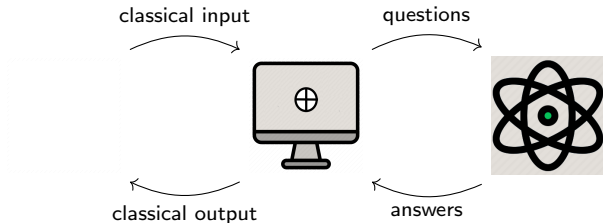
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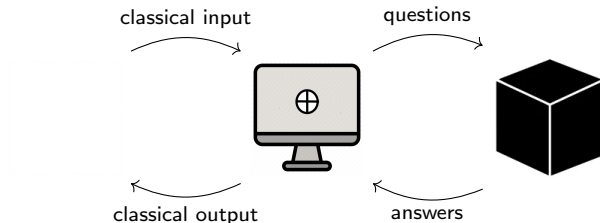
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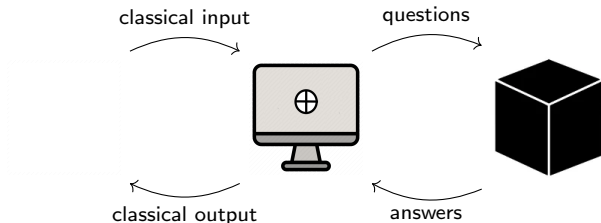


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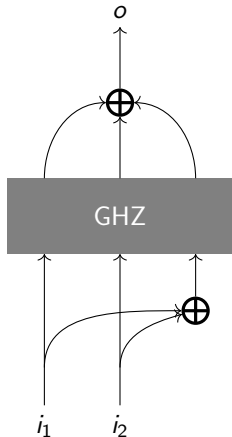
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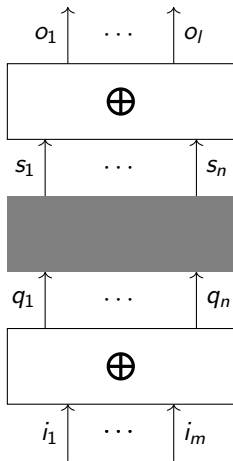
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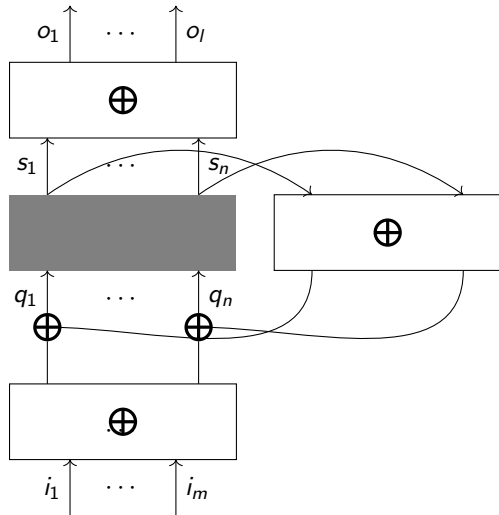
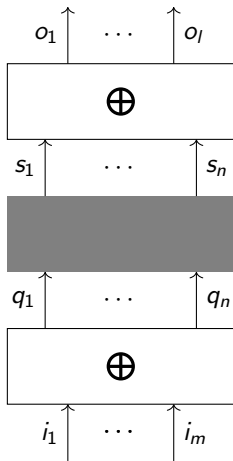
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- ▶ Classical models are allowed to use information from the causal past
- ▶ i.e. the answer at a given site may depend on the questions asked at sites in its past.
- ▶ Correspondingly, no-signalling gets relaxed, permitting signalling to the future.

NB: a special class of scenarios within the formalism presented by Samson & Amy.

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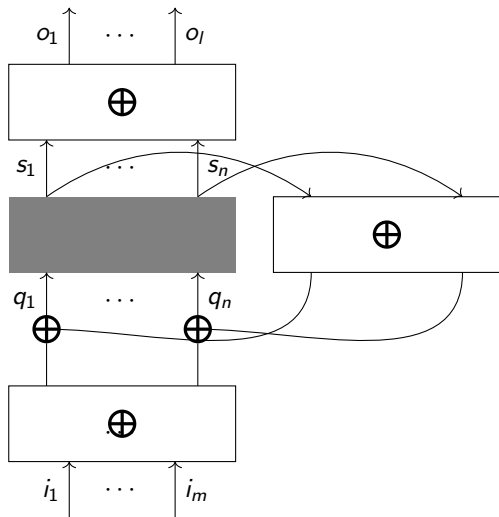
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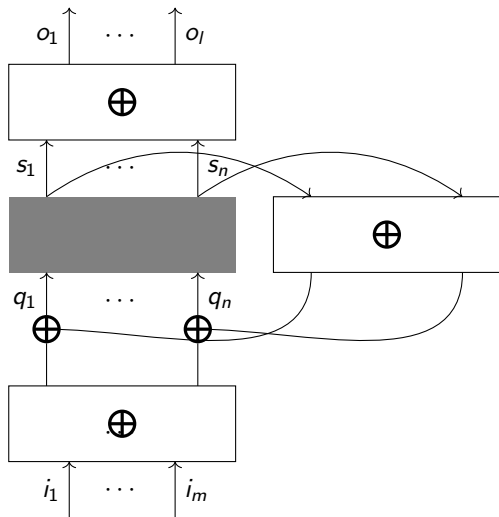
Measurement-based quantum computation

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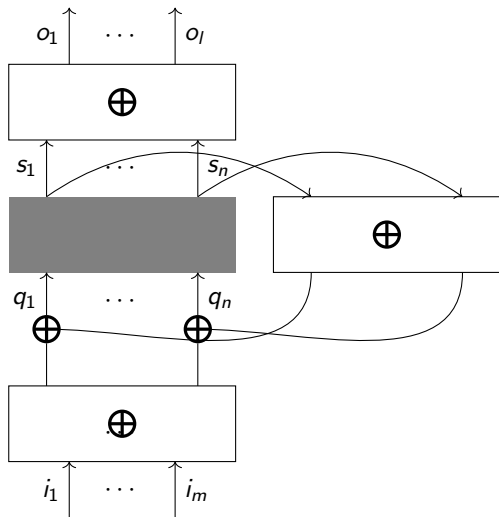
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## Theorem

Let  $(e, Q, T, Z)$  be an  $\Omega$ -adaptive  $\ell_2$ -MBQC protocol that **deterministically** computes a function  $g : \mathbb{Z}_2^m \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2^l$ . If  $e$  is **causally classical** then each  $\pi(g)_j$  is a polynomial with degree **at most the height of  $\Omega$** , where the height of a poset is the maximum length of a chain in it.

NB: If  $\Omega$  is flat, i.e. has height 1, one recovers Raussendorf's result about nonlinear functions.

Questions...

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