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# FABLE

## Fast Approximate Block-Encodings

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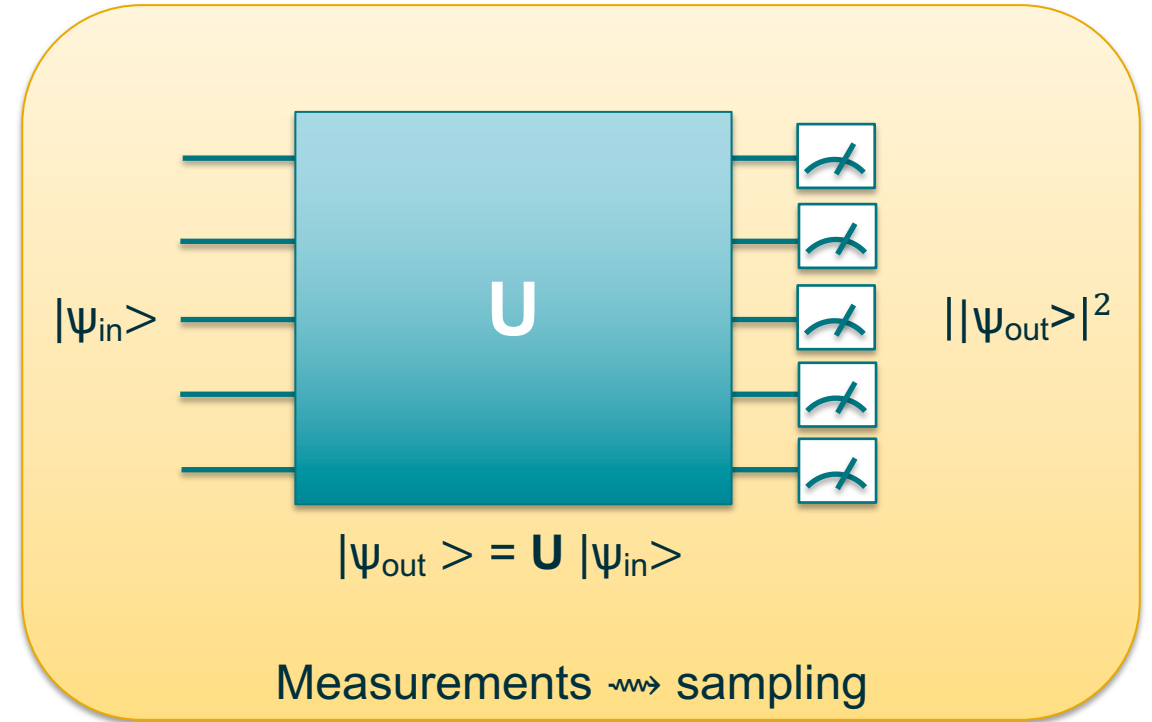
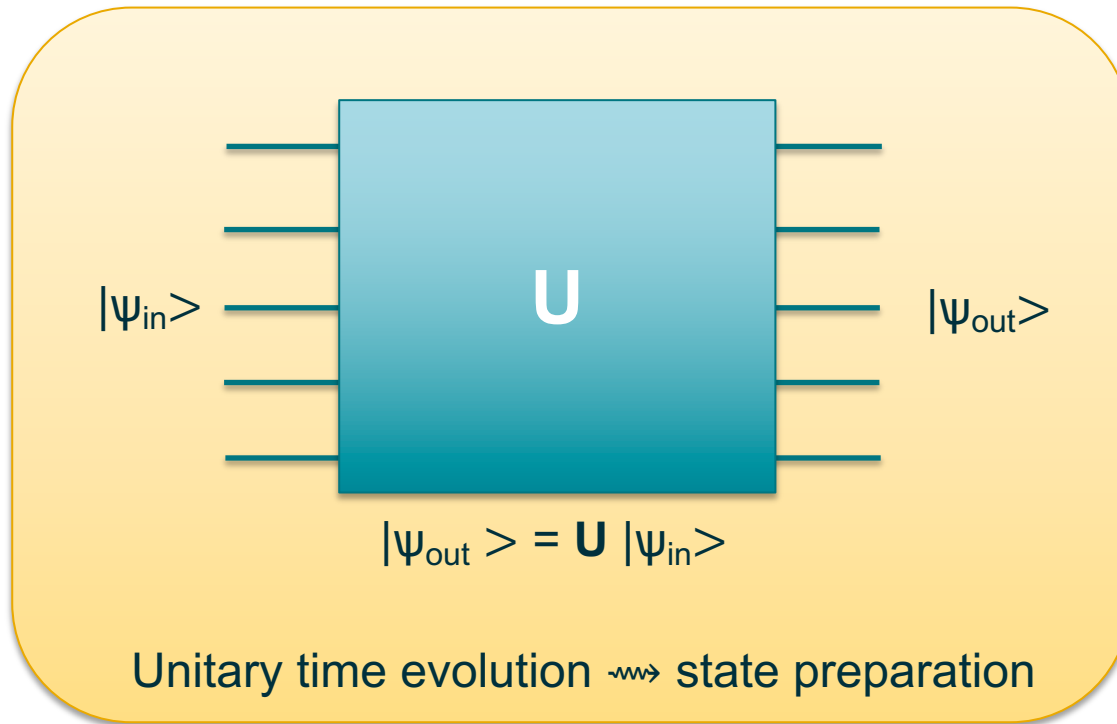
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# Problem statement

Quantum Circuits for Block-Encodings

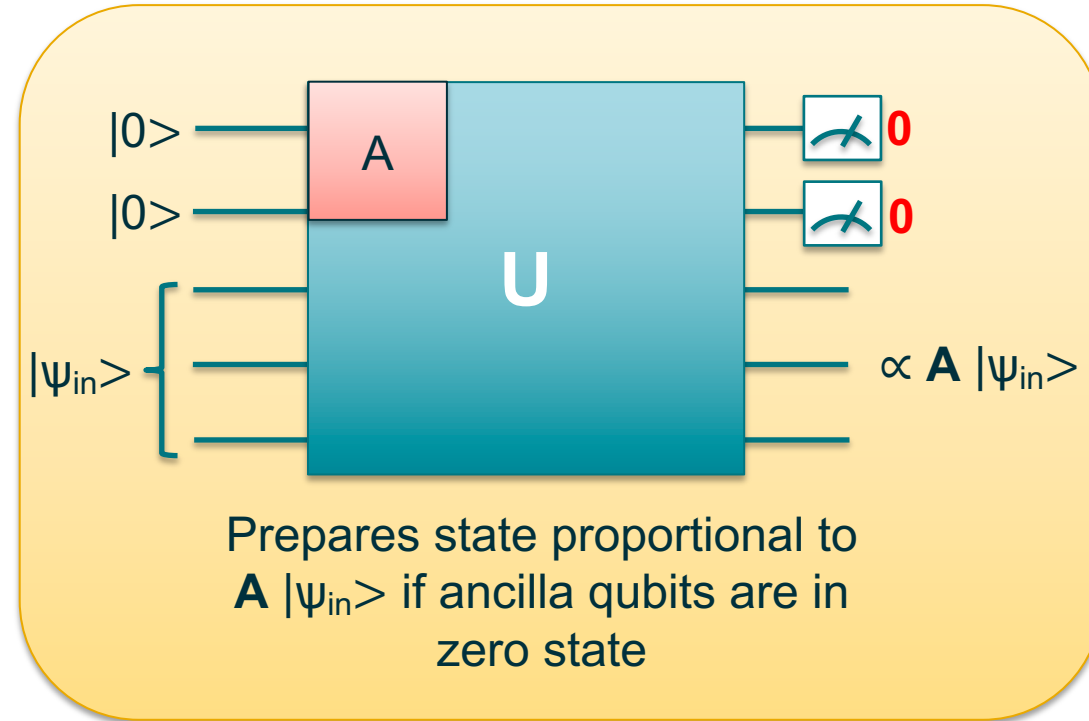
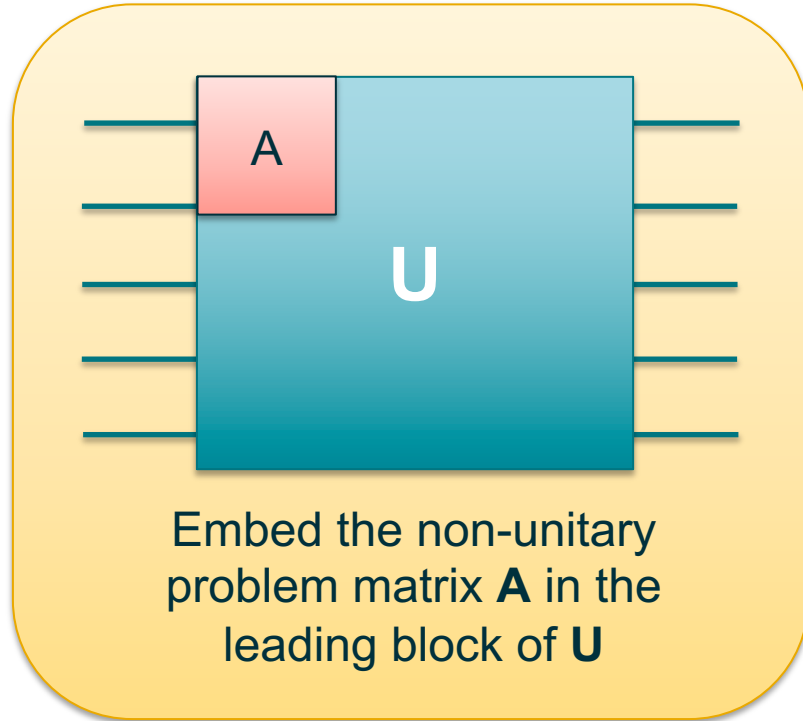
# Quantum computers perform unitary evolution



- Unitary evolution has to be **synthesized/compiled** to lower level **quantum circuit** description:
  - Generic (multi-)qubit gates > native gates > pulse sequence
- Many interesting problems are **not unitary** in nature

# Block-encodings

A natural way to represent non-unitary transformation on quantum computers

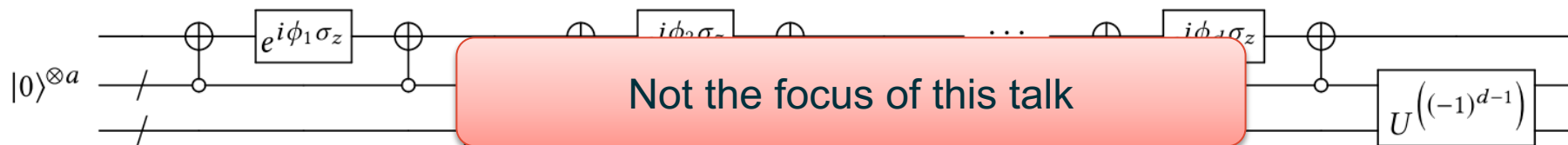


- Wide range of applications: random walks, Hamiltonian simulation, quantum linear algebra, quantum machine learning, open quantum systems, thermal states, ...

# Background on block-encodings

A brief history of many (implicit) use cases

- **Implicitly** used by:
  - Szegedy (2004) in the context of quantized random walks
  - Berry, Childs, Kothari (2015) for Hamiltonian simulation
  - Childs, Kothari, Somma (2017) for quantum linear systems problem
  - ...
- **Formalized** by Gilyen, Su, Low, Wiebe (2018) as part of seminal **quantum singular value transformation** algorithmic framework



$$U_{\tilde{\Phi}} = e^{i\tilde{\phi}_0 Z_{\Pi}} \prod_{j=1}^d (U_A e^{i\tilde{\phi}_j Z_{\Pi}}) = \begin{pmatrix} P(A) & * \\ * & * \end{pmatrix}$$

# Black box query access through oracles

A common assumption throughout the literature

- Matrix access through one or more black box quantum query oracles
- For example: **sparse matrices**

$$O_r : |i\rangle|k\rangle \rightarrow |i\rangle|r_{ik}\rangle$$

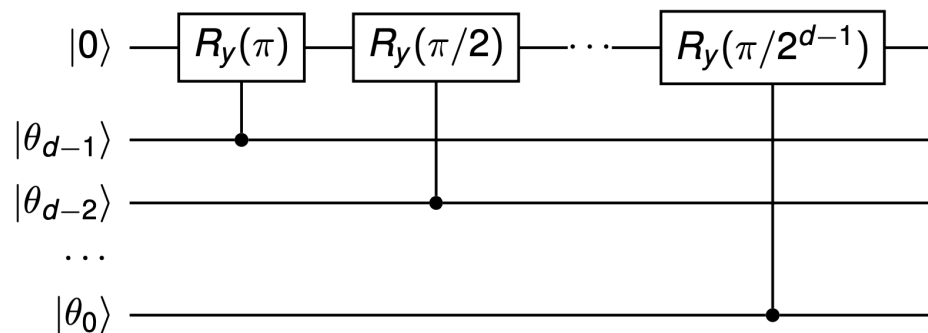
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$$O_c : |\ell\rangle|j\rangle \rightarrow |c_{\ell j}\rangle|j\rangle$$

column index

$$O_A : |i\rangle|j\rangle|0\rangle^{\otimes b} \rightarrow |i\rangle|j\rangle|a_{ij}\rangle$$

matrix values [binary bitstring encoding]



Not easy to come up with circuits for the query oracles

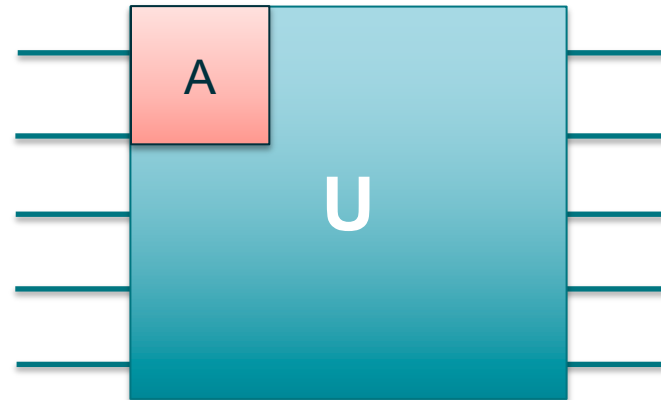
# This talk

Direct encoding of the matrix data in a compact circuit

## FABLE:

- takes in  $N \times N$  matrix  $A$
- generates a circuit that consists of only H,  $R_y$ , CX, SWAP gates
- classical complexity  $O(N^2 \log N)$
- worst-case circuit gate complexity  $O(N^2)$ 
  - often significantly better for structured problems (see examples)

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circuit = fable(A)
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# Uniformly controlled rotations

Key component for building matrix query oracles

# Matrix query oracle

If we have access to an oracle that provides the matrix data in a superposition:

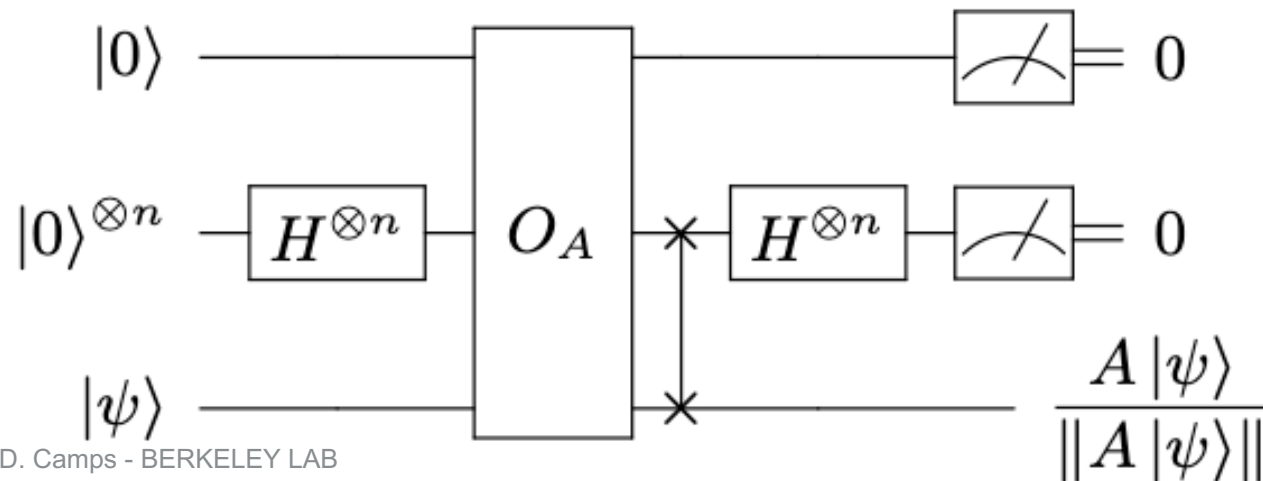
$$O_A |0\rangle |i\rangle |j\rangle = \left( a_{ij} |0\rangle + \sqrt{1 - |a_{ij}|^2} |1\rangle \right) |i\rangle |j\rangle$$

1 qubit

n qubits

n qubits

The following circuit block encodes the matrix:



Proof: see Theorem 1

# How to implement the oracle?

For a real-valued  $2 \times 2$  matrix

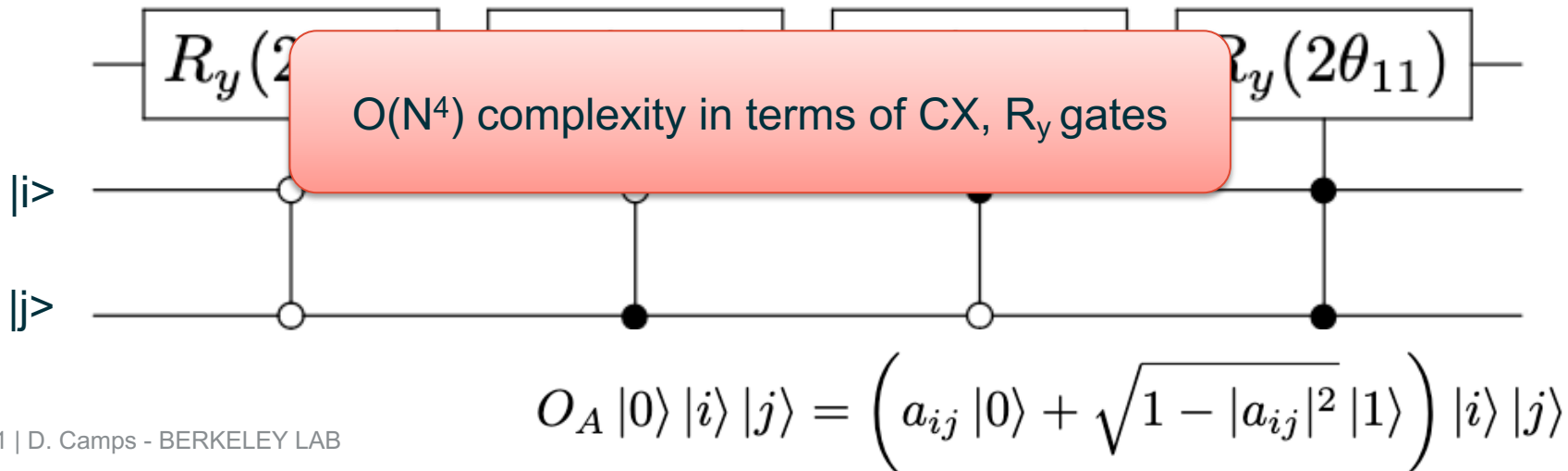
- Define the angles

$$\theta_{ij} = \arccos(a_{ij})$$

- $R_y$  rotation

$$R_y(2\theta_{ij}) |0\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta_{ij}) & -\sin(\theta_{ij}) \\ \sin(\theta_{ij}) & \cos(\theta_{ij}) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{ij} \\ \sqrt{1 - a_{ij}^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Fully controlled rotation for every matrix element



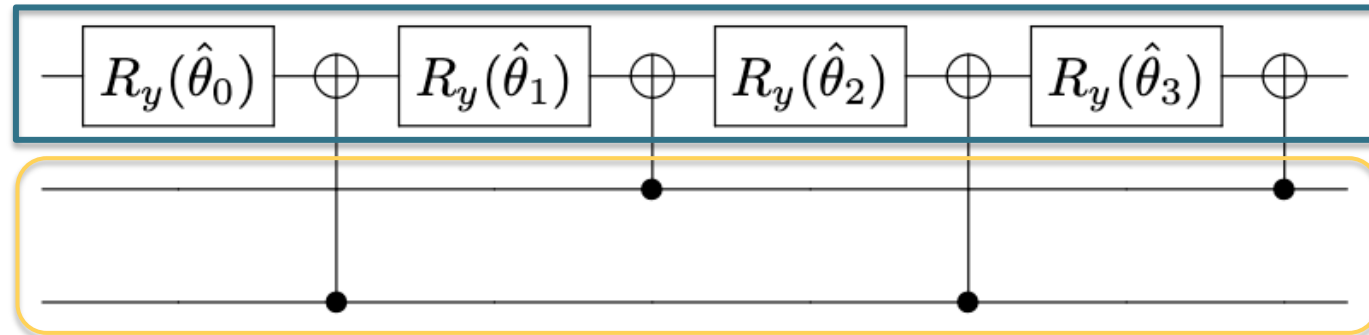
# Uniformly controlled rotation

An efficient circuit implementation for the matrix oracle

- Introduced by **Möttönen et al. (2004)**
- Two key elementary properties of  $R_y$  rotations:

$$R_y(\theta_0) R_y(\theta_1) = R_y(\theta_0 + \theta_1),$$

$$X R_y(\theta) X = R_y(-\theta),$$



00 :	$R_y(\hat{\theta}_3) R_y(\hat{\theta}_2) R_y(\hat{\theta}_1) R_y(\hat{\theta}_0) = R_y(\hat{\theta}_3 + \hat{\theta}_2 + \hat{\theta}_1 + \hat{\theta}_0),$
01 :	$R_y(\hat{\theta}_3) X R_y(\hat{\theta}_2) R_y(\hat{\theta}_1) X R_y(\hat{\theta}_0) = R_y(\hat{\theta}_3 - \hat{\theta}_2 - \hat{\theta}_1 + \hat{\theta}_0),$
10 :	$X R_y(\hat{\theta}_3) R_y(\hat{\theta}_2) X R_y(\hat{\theta}_1) R_y(\hat{\theta}_0) = R_y(-\hat{\theta}_3 - \hat{\theta}_2 + \hat{\theta}_1 + \hat{\theta}_0),$
11 :	$X R_y(\hat{\theta}_3) X R_y(\hat{\theta}_2) X R_y(\hat{\theta}_1) X R_y(\hat{\theta}_0) = R_y(-\hat{\theta}_3 + \hat{\theta}_2 - \hat{\theta}_1 + \hat{\theta}_0),$

# Computing the rotation angles

Structured linear system that can be solved efficiently

Linear system relates the angles in the circuit to the angles in the uniformly controlled rotation

$$\begin{bmatrix} \theta_0 \\ \theta_1 \\ \theta_2 \\ \theta_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\theta}_0 \\ \hat{\theta}_1 \\ \hat{\theta}_2 \\ \hat{\theta}_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

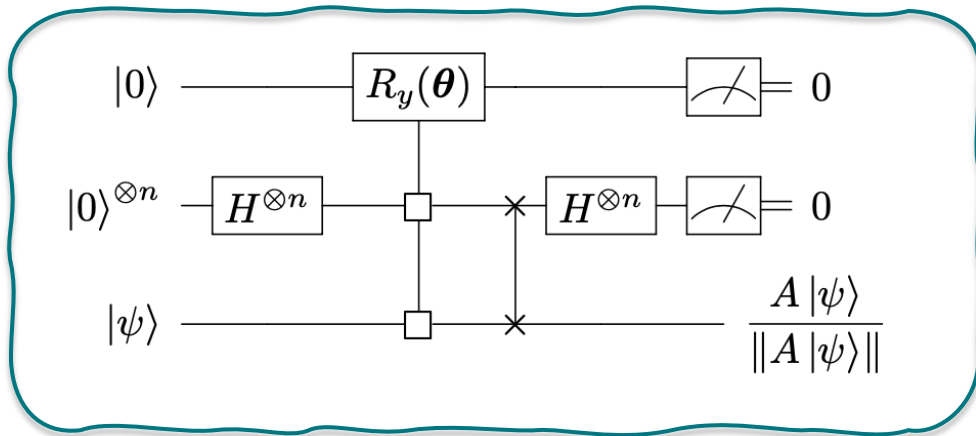
This can be rewritten as

$$\begin{bmatrix} \theta_0 \\ \theta_1 \\ \theta_2 \\ \theta_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 0 & 1 \\ & & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\theta}_0 \\ \hat{\theta}_1 \\ \hat{\theta}_2 \\ \hat{\theta}_3 \end{bmatrix} = (\hat{H} \otimes \hat{H}) P_G \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\theta}_0 \\ \hat{\theta}_1 \\ \hat{\theta}_2 \\ \hat{\theta}_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

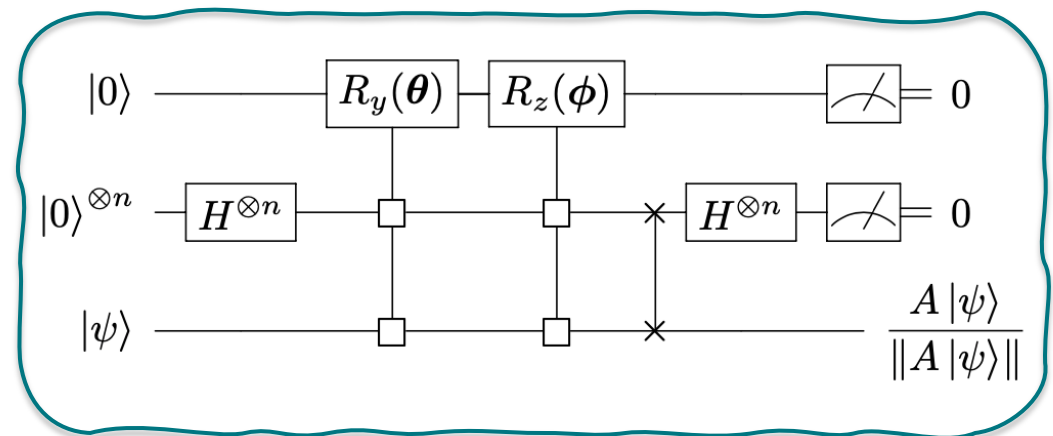
In general:  $(\hat{H}^{\otimes 2n} P_G) \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = \boldsymbol{\theta}$ .  $\rightarrow$  can be solved at  $O(N^2 \log N)$

# Overall FABLE circuit

Uniformly controlled rotation circuit as matrix oracle



Real-valued matrix data



Complex-valued matrix data

- $UCR_y$  : sets the magnitude of the matrix entries
- $UCR_z$  : sets the phase of the matrix entries

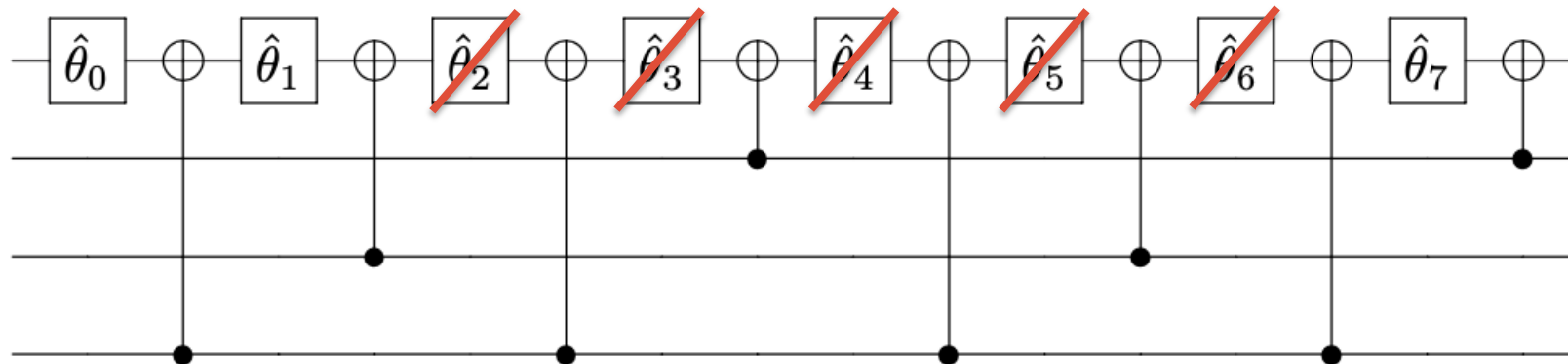
FABLE circuit for  $N \times N$  matrix:

- $O(N^2 \log N)$  classical cost to compute angles
- $O(N^2)$  CX, Ry gates
- $2 \log N + 1$  qubits

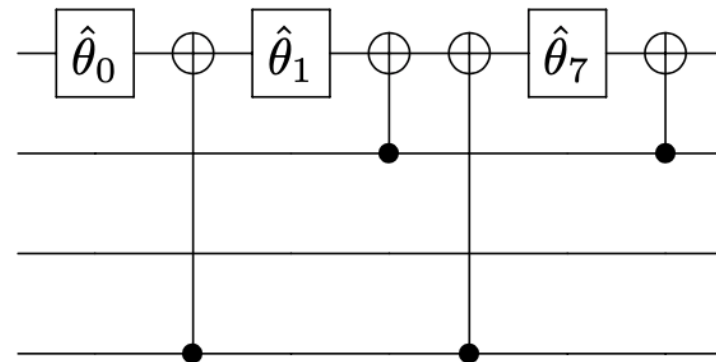
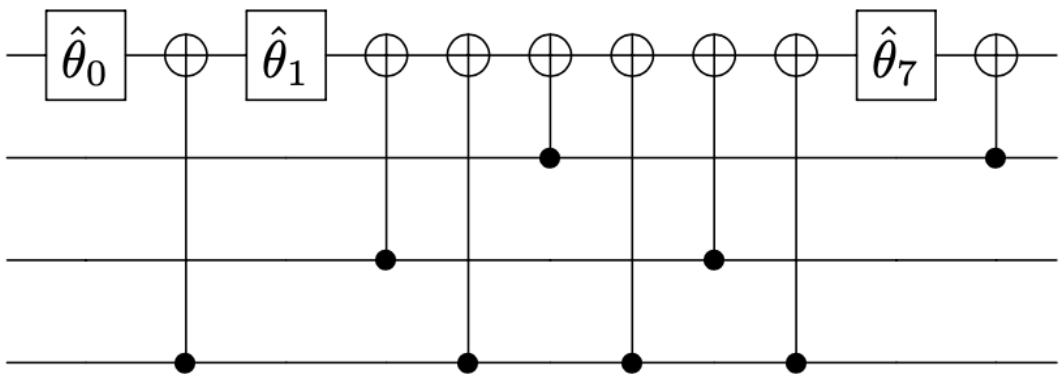
# Compression theorem

Circuit compression for approximate block-encodings

# Compression of uniformly controlled rotations



$$\hat{\theta}_2, \hat{\theta}_3, \hat{\theta}_4, \hat{\theta}_5, \hat{\theta}_6 \leq \delta_c$$





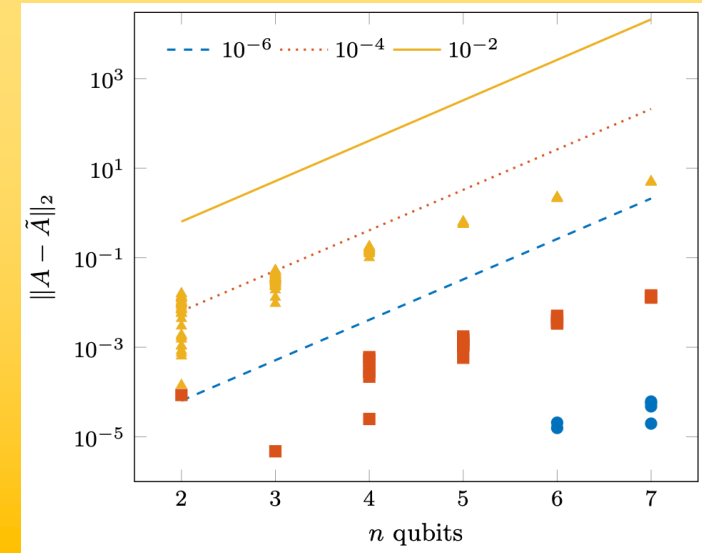
# Compression theorem

Removing small angles leads to small perturbations on the block-encoding

- Compression threshold  $\delta_c \geq 0$
- Input matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$

The error on the block-encoding is bounded from above by:

$$\|A - \tilde{A}\|_2 \leq N^3 \delta_c$$



- Pessimistic bound
- Many problems of interest have lots of angles smaller than  $\delta_c$

# Examples

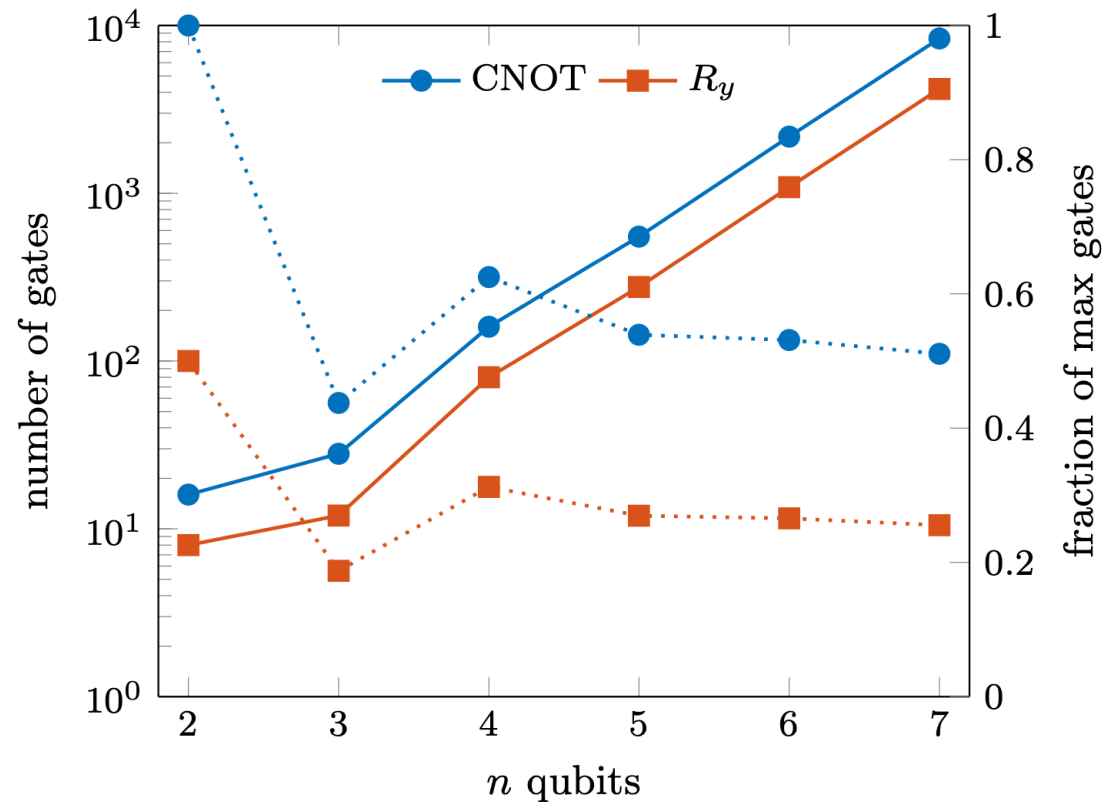
Localized Hamiltonians and PDEs

# Heisenberg XXX model

Exact FABLE block-encoding  $\delta_c = 0$

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} J_x X^{(i)} X^{(i+1)} + J_y Y^{(i)} Y^{(i+1)} + J_z Z^{(i)} Z^{(i+1)}$$

$$J_x = J_y = J_z$$



# Laplacian operators

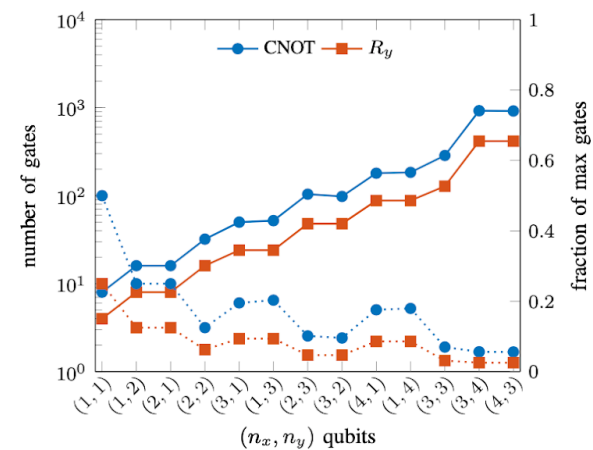
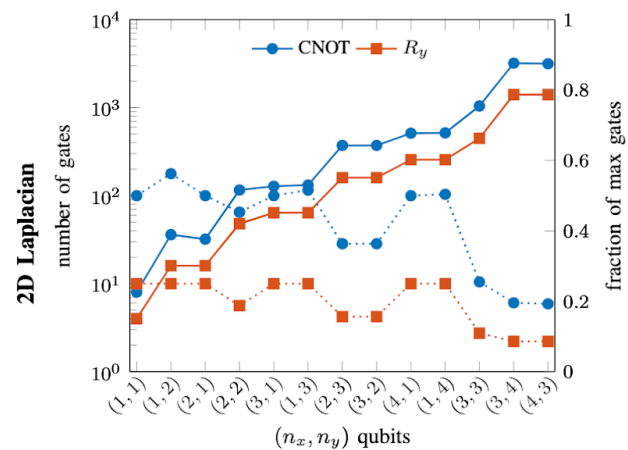
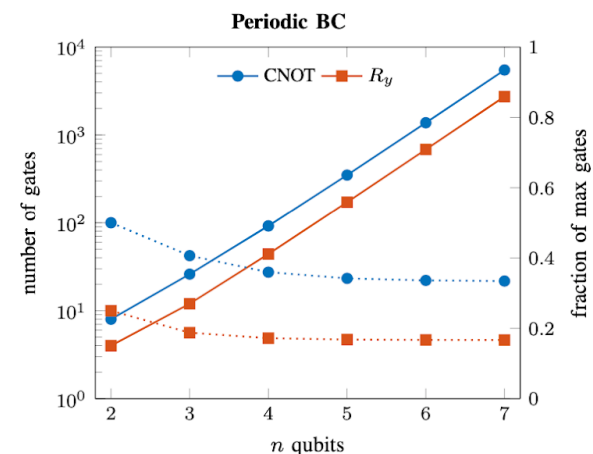
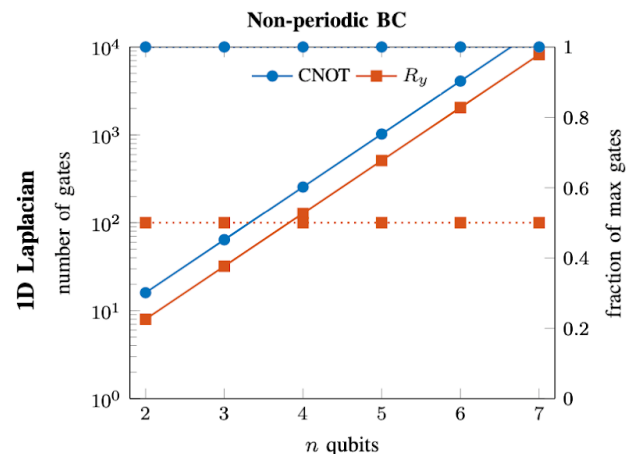
Exact FABLE block-encoding  $\delta_c = 0$

**1D:**

$$L_{xx} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & \cdots & * \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ * & \cdots & 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

**2D:**

$$L = L_{xx} \oplus L_{yy} = L_{xx} \otimes I + I \otimes L_{yy}$$



# Application: Preparation of Canonical Thermal Pure Quantum States

# Finite Temperature Properties on Quantum Computers

Preparation of canonical thermal pure quantum (TPQ) states

Quantum system ...

- ... of size  $N$
- ... with Hamiltonian  $H$
- ... at inverse temperature  $\beta$

The TPQ state is given by:

$$|\beta, N\rangle = \hat{Q} |\Psi_R\rangle \equiv e^{-\beta H/2} |\Psi_R\rangle$$

Haar-random pure state

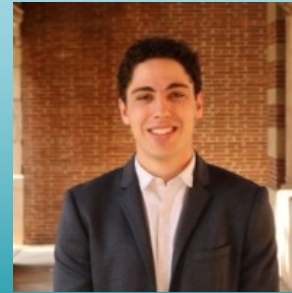
**step 1**

Non-unitary evolution

**step 2**

$$\langle \hat{A} \rangle_{\beta, N}^{ens} \equiv \frac{\text{Tr} [e^{-\beta H} \hat{A}]}{\text{Tr} [e^{-\beta H}]} \leftrightarrow \langle \hat{A} \rangle_{\beta, N}^{TPQ} \equiv \frac{\langle \beta, N | \hat{A} | \beta, N \rangle}{\langle \beta, N | \beta, N \rangle}$$

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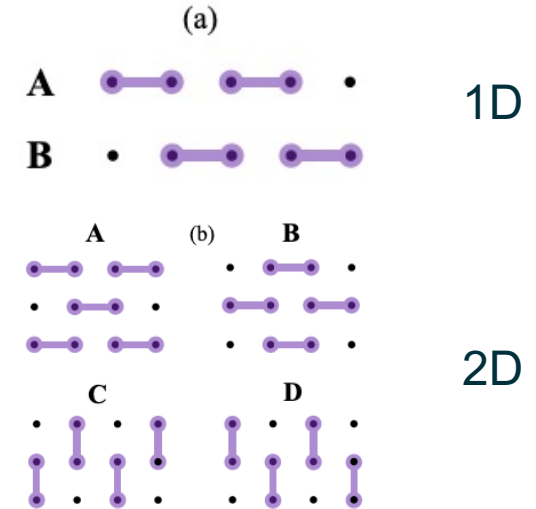
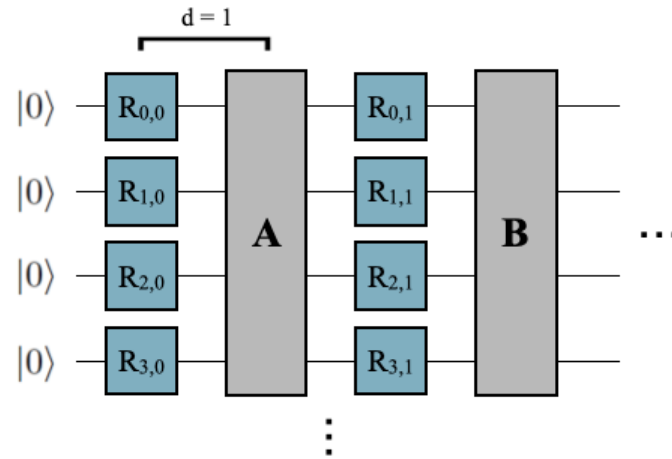
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# Two-step algorithm to prepare $|\beta, N\rangle$

1. Prepare Haar-random state



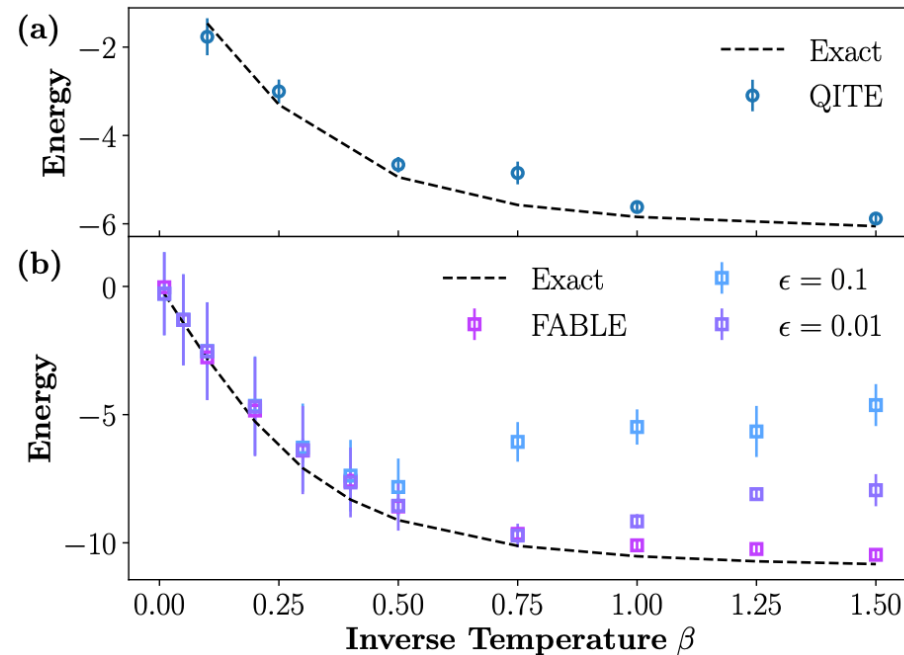
2. Non-unitary evolution

- QITE / inexact QITE
- Dilated unitary operator
- FABLE

# Comparison between circuit complexities

Tradeoff between gate complexity and number of ancilla qubits

CNOT Count					Ancillary Qubits					Circuit Generation Time [s]				
N	QITE	Inexact QITE	Dilated Operator	FABLE	N	QITE	Inexact QITE	Dilated Operator	FABLE	N	QITE	Inexact QITE	Dilated Operator	FABLE
2	14	20	41	16	2	0	0	1	3	2	2.85	0.719	0.970	$2.14 \times 10^{-3}$
3	97	963	218	64	3	0	0	1	4	3	$1.44 \times 10^2$	3.71	1.53	$6.39 \times 10^{-3}$
4	-	1957	1025	256	4	0	0	1	5	4	-	7.53	4.44	$2.61 \times 10^{-2}$
5	-	2945	4474	1024	5	0	0	1	6	5	-	11.51	17.4	$8.71 \times 10^{-2}$





# Conclusions

# A versatile tool for non-unitary evolution on quantum computers

- FABLE enables implementation of **non-unitary evolutions** on quantum hardware
- Closely related to “classical data loading problem”
- Quantum circuits **are fast and easy to generate up to ~15 qubits**
- Many problems have structure that FABLE circuits can exploit through **circuit compression**



Want to try it out?

```
pip install fable-circuits
```

```
circuit = fable(A)
```

<https://github.com/QuantumComputingLab/fable>

# Thank you for your attention!

## Job alert

We're looking for 2 **quantum algorithms postdocs** to join our group:

- Quantum subspace methods
- Interdisciplinary team
- Theory, simulation, experimental

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## Tutorial alert

Berkeley Quantum Synthesis Toolkit  
Friday at 10am (TUT24)

```
from bqskit import Circuit, compile
circuit = Circuit.from_file('in.qasm')
out_circuit = compile(circuit)
out_circuit.save('out.qasm')
```

BQSKit

bqskit.lbl.gov



Questions?