

# Single-ancilla ground state preparation via Lindbladians

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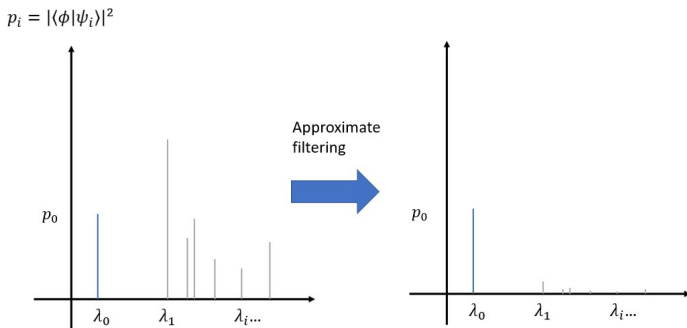
How to prepare **ground state**  
with **zero** initial overlap?

## Ground state problem

$$H|\psi_0\rangle = \lambda_0|\psi_0\rangle$$

- The problem is **QMA-hard** in the worst case.
- Common additional assumption: **good** initial state  $|\phi\rangle = U_I|0^n\rangle$ :  
 $p_0 = \gamma^2 = |\langle\phi|\psi_0\rangle|^2 = \Omega(1/\text{poly}(n))$ .
- Most works (QPE, many post-QPE methods) adopt this assumption (see **Yu Tong**'s tutorial talk, Tuesday's talk in this workshop)

# The difficulty of QPE and post-QPE methods



They are essentially **filtering** methods.

**Do not work** if  $p_0 = |\langle \phi | \psi_0 \rangle|^2$  is small (# repetition  $p_0^{-1}$ )

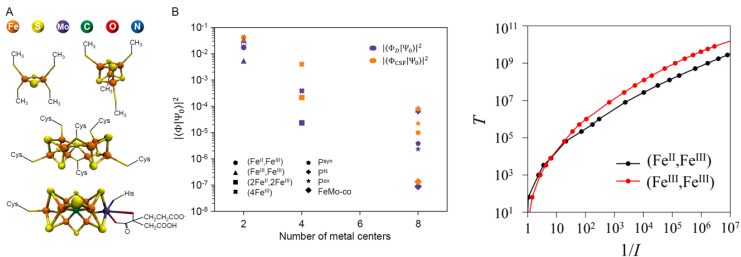
# Good initial overlap for strongly correlated systems?

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## Possible to eliminate $\rho_0$ dependence?

- QMA-hardness: cannot prepare ground state just by knowing  $H$ .
- $\rho_0 = \Omega(1/\text{poly}(n))$  is sufficient but not necessary for efficient preparation. Some other assumptions?
- Parameterized circuit (VQE; MPS); Adiabatic; Lindblad
- Open quantum system ideas for preparing thermal states
- Key theoretical assumption:  $\text{poly}(n)$  mixing time.

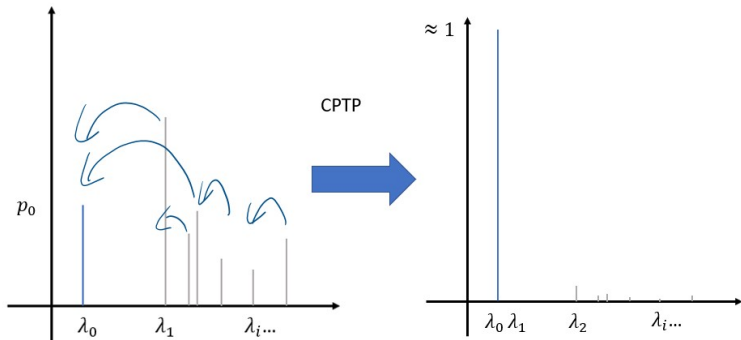
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# Lindblad idea for ground state preparation

$$p_i = |\langle \phi | \psi_i \rangle|^2$$



From **filtering** to **shoveling**.

If works (poly( $n$ ) mixing time), succeeds w.p. 1, **independent of  $p_0$**   
(and initial guess in general)!



## Main results (algorithm)

$$H|\psi_i\rangle = \lambda_i|\psi_i\rangle, \quad \lambda_1 - \lambda_0 \geq \Delta.$$

Query  $e^{\pm iHt}$ . Cost measured by **total simulation time**.

Error measured by trace norm of  $\rho$  w.r.t. **some dynamics**.

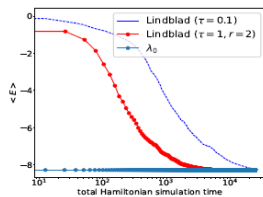
Hopefully, this dynamics converges to ground state.

- Prepare ground state from **zero overlap**.
- **One** jump operator. **One** ancilla qubit.
- Continuous-time simulation:  
 $T_{H,\text{total}} = \tilde{\Theta} \left( (1 + \|H\|)\Delta^{-1} T^{2+o(1)} \epsilon^{-1-o(1)} \right)$
- Discrete-time simulation (just Lindblad with a large step size)  
 $T_{H,\text{total}} = \tilde{\Theta}(\Delta^{-1} T^{1+o(1)} \epsilon^{-o(1)})$   
**Quadratic** improvement in  $T$ , **arbitrary** polynomial improvement in  $\epsilon$ ,  
**exponential** improvement in  $\|H\|$  ( $\Rightarrow$  quadratic improvement in gate cost).

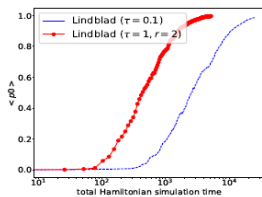
## Other results (mixing time)

- With random coupling matrix (motivated from eigenstate thermalization hypothesis, ETH), ground state  $\rho = |\psi_0\rangle\langle\psi_0|$  is the unique fixed point starting from diagonal  $\rho(0)$  (e.g.  $\propto I$ ).
- With random coupling matrix, additional structures on **eigenvalue distribution** gives  $\text{poly}(n)$  mixing time.

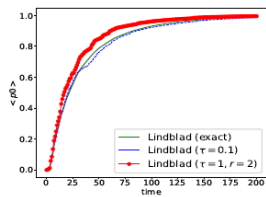
# Numerical results (TFIM-6)



(a) Hamiltonian simulation time vs energy

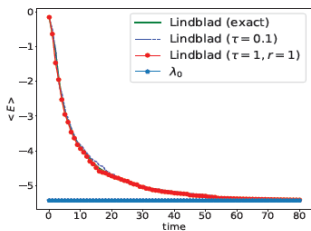


(b) Hamiltonian simulation time vs overlap

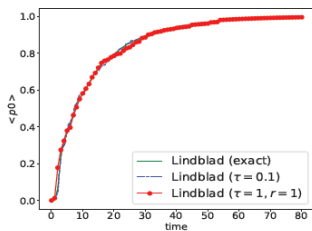


(c) Lindblad simulation time vs overlap

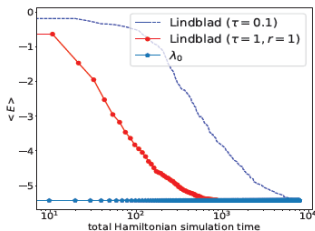
# Numerical examples (TFIM-4)



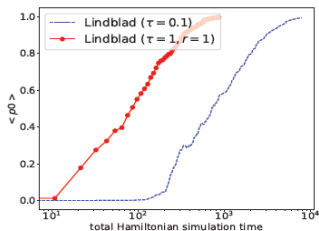
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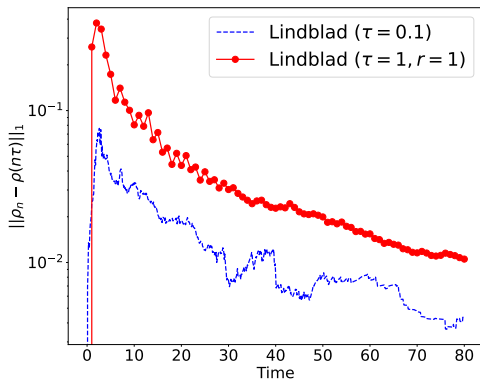


(c) Hamiltonian simulation time vs energy

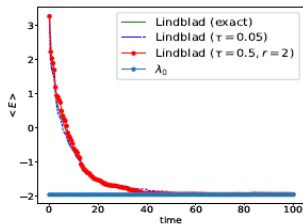


(d) Hamiltonian simulation time vs overlap

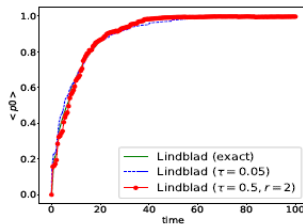
## TFIM-4



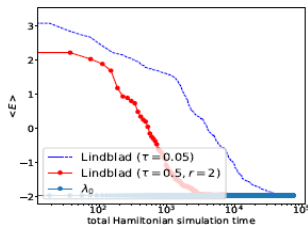
# Numerical results (Hubbard-4)



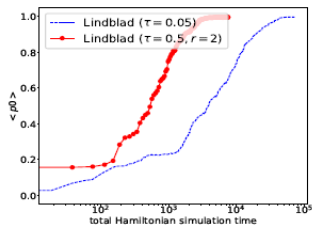
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(b) Lindblad simulation time vs overlap



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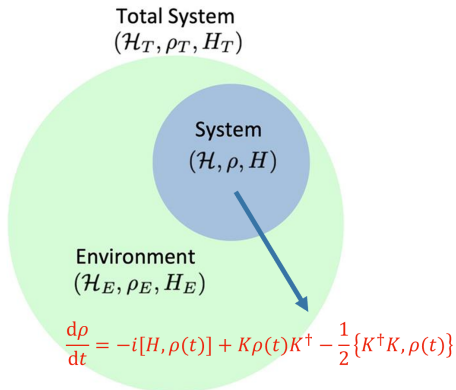


(d) Hamiltonian simulation time vs overlap

# Algorithm

# Lindblad dynamics for open quantum system

$$\frac{d\rho(t)}{dt} = -i[H, \rho(t)] + \sum_{\alpha} K_{\alpha}\rho(t)K_{\alpha}^{\dagger} - \frac{1}{2} \{K_{\alpha}^{\dagger}K_{\alpha}, \rho(t)\} .$$





## Lindblad dynamics

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Solution map  $\mathcal{T}_t : \rho(0) \rightarrow \rho(t)$ :

- $\mathcal{T}_t$  is **not** a unitary map.
- $\mathcal{T}_t$  is a **completely positive trace-preserving (CPTP)** map.  
 $\Rightarrow \rho(t)$  is still a density operator.

## A simple Lindblad dynamics

$$\frac{d\rho(t)}{dt} = -i[H, \rho(t)] + \underbrace{K\rho(t)K^\dagger - \frac{1}{2}\{K^\dagger K, \rho(t)\}}_{\mathcal{L}_K \text{ (jump operator)}}.$$

1-qubit system:

$$H = Z = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, K = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \rho(0) = |\psi_1\rangle\langle\psi_1| = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Solution:

$$\rho(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - e^{-t} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-t} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow |\psi_0\rangle\langle\psi_0|, \quad t \rightarrow \infty.$$

Converge to the ground state exponentially fast!

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- $\mathcal{L}_K(|\psi_1\rangle\langle\psi_1|) = |\psi_0\rangle\langle\psi_0|$   
Push high energy state to low energy state
- $\mathcal{L}_K(|\psi_0\rangle\langle\psi_0|) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{d\rho(t)}{dt} = 0$  if  $\rho(t) = |\psi_0\rangle\langle\psi_0|$   
Preserve the ground state energy

## Ergodic Lindblad dynamics

$$\frac{d\rho(t)}{dt} = -i[H, \rho(t)] + \sum_{\alpha} K_{\alpha}\rho(t)K_{\alpha}^{\dagger} - \frac{1}{2} \left\{ K_{\alpha}^{\dagger}K_{\alpha}, \rho(t) \right\} .$$

Ergodic means:

- $\exists \rho_{\infty}$  (fix point) such that

$$\rho(t) \rightarrow \rho_{\infty}, \quad \forall \rho_0 .$$

- $\exists T$  (mixing time) such that

$$\|\rho(T) - \rho_{\infty}\| \leq \frac{1}{2} \|\rho(0) - \rho_{\infty}\|, \quad \forall \rho_0, t \geq T .$$

$\Rightarrow \|\rho(t) - \rho_{\infty}\| \leq \epsilon$  when  $t = \mathcal{O}(T \log(1/\epsilon))$ .

Independent of  $\rho(0)$ !

# Lindblad for thermal state (Chen et al, 2303.18224)

- Lindblad dynamics as an algorithmic tool

$$\partial_t \rho(t) = \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_K} \mathcal{L}_{K_\alpha}[\rho(t)], \quad \mathcal{L}_{K_\alpha}[\rho] = K_\alpha \rho K_\alpha^\dagger - \frac{1}{2} \{K_\alpha^\dagger K_\alpha, \rho\}$$

can drive the system to the thermal state,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \rho(t) \approx \rho_\beta = e^{-\beta H} / Z.$$

- Quantum detailed balance, and fixes the thermal state

$$\sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_K} \mathcal{L}_{K_\alpha}[\rho_\beta] \approx 0.$$

## From thermal state to ground state

$$\hat{f}(\omega) = 0 \quad \forall \omega \geq 0, \quad \hat{f}(\omega) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(s) e^{i\omega s} ds. \quad (1)$$

Notice

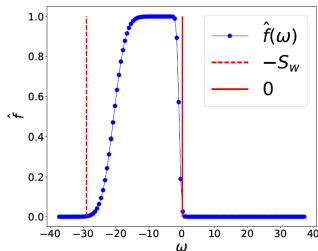
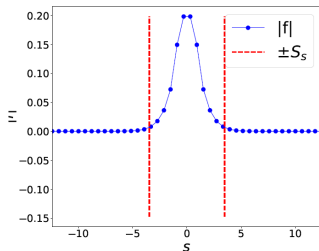
$$\begin{aligned} K &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(s) e^{iHs} A e^{-iHs} ds = \sum_{i,j \in [M]} \hat{f}(\lambda_i - \lambda_j) |\psi_i\rangle \langle \psi_i| A |\psi_j\rangle \langle \psi_j| \\ &= \sum_{i < j} \hat{f}(\lambda_i - \lambda_j) |\psi_i\rangle \langle \psi_i| A |\psi_j\rangle \langle \psi_j| \end{aligned}$$

**Coupling matrix**  $A$  can be Hermitian and local (and not block diagonal in eigenbasis of  $H$ ):

- $\mathcal{L}_K(|\psi_0\rangle \langle \psi_0|) = 0$  **fix ground state**
- $\langle \psi_i | \mathcal{L}_K(|\psi_j\rangle \langle \psi_j|) | \psi_i \rangle > 0$  for  $i < j$  **high  $\Rightarrow$  low**
- $\langle \psi_i | \mathcal{L}_K(|\psi_j\rangle \langle \psi_j|) | \psi_i \rangle = 0$  for  $i \geq j$  **low  $\nRightarrow$  high**

# One possible choice of $f$

$$\hat{f}(\omega) := \frac{1}{2} \left( \operatorname{erf} \left( \frac{\omega + a}{\delta_a} \right) - \operatorname{erf} \left( \frac{\omega + b}{\delta_b} \right) \right), \quad f(s) = \frac{e^{-\frac{\delta_a^2 s^2}{4}} e^{ias} - e^{-\frac{\delta_b^2 s^2}{4}} e^{ibs}}{2\pi is}$$

(a)  $\hat{f}(\omega)$ (b)  $f(s)$ 

$$a, S_w = \Theta(\|H\|), \quad b, \delta_b = \Theta(\Delta) \quad \Rightarrow \quad S_s = \Theta(\Delta^{-1}).$$

## New method (Lindblad for ground state)

Lindblad dynamics with **one** jump operator

$$\partial_t \rho(t) = -i[H, \rho(t)] + K\rho(t)K^\dagger - \frac{1}{2} \left\{ K^\dagger K, \rho(t) \right\}$$

- One jump operator  $K = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(s)e^{iHs} A e^{-iHs} ds$
- $\mathcal{L}_K(|\psi_0\rangle \langle \psi_0|) = 0$   
fix ground state
- $\langle \psi_i | \mathcal{L}_K(|\psi_j\rangle \langle \psi_j|) |\psi_i\rangle > 0$  for some  $i < j$   
push high energy states towards low energy states



## Quantum simulation of Lindblad dynamics

Generic:

- (Kliesch et al, arXiv:1105.3986):  $\mathcal{O}(T^2/\epsilon)$ .
- (Childs-Li, arXiv:1611.05543):  $\mathcal{O}(T^{1.5}/\epsilon^{0.5})$
- (Cleve-Wang, arXiv:1612.09512):  $\mathcal{O}(T \text{polylog}(T/\epsilon))$
- (Li-Wang, arXiv:2212.02051):  $\mathcal{O}(T \text{polylog}(T/\epsilon))$ . **Simplified implementation**. Reduced gate complexity in # jump operator

New algorithms in the current context:

- Complex form of jump operator  $K = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(s) e^{iHs} A e^{-iHs} ds$ .
- Need **fixed point** and not dynamics.

## Simulation:

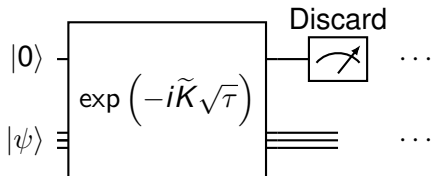
- First order Trotter:

$$\rho(\tau) = \underbrace{\exp(\mathcal{L}_H\tau)}_{\exp(-iH\tau)} \exp(\mathcal{L}_K\tau)\rho(0) + \mathcal{O}(\tau^2)$$

Note  $\exp(\mathcal{L}_K\tau)$  is **not** a unitary operator.

- Use idea<sup>1</sup>: Let  $\tilde{K} = |0\rangle\langle 1| \otimes K^\dagger + |1\rangle\langle 0| \otimes K$

$$\text{Tr}_a \left( \exp(-i\tilde{K}\sqrt{\tau}) |0\rangle\langle 0| \otimes \rho \exp(i\tilde{K}\sqrt{\tau}) \right) = \exp(\mathcal{L}_K\tau)\rho(0) + \mathcal{O}(\tau^2)$$



<sup>1</sup>(Cleve-Wang, arXiv:1612.09512)

Simulate  $\exp\left(-i\tilde{K}\sqrt{\tau}\right)$

- Quadrature:

$$K \approx \sum \underbrace{f(s_l) e^{iHs_l} A e^{-iHs_l} \Delta_s}_{K_l}$$

- Second order Trotter:

$$\begin{aligned} \exp\left(-i\tilde{K}\sqrt{\tau}\right) &\approx \exp\left(-i\sum_l \tilde{K}_l \sqrt{\tau}\right) \\ &= \underbrace{\prod_{l=1}^{\leftarrow} \exp\left(-i\tilde{K}_l \sqrt{\tau}/2\right) \prod_{l=L}^{\rightarrow} \exp\left(-i\tilde{K}_l \sqrt{\tau}/2\right)}_{W(\tau)} + \mathcal{O}(\tau^{3/2}) \end{aligned}$$

- After tracing out,

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{Tr}_a \left( \exp\left(-i\tilde{K}\sqrt{\tau}/2\right) |0\rangle \langle 0| \otimes \rho \exp\left(i\tilde{K}\sqrt{\tau}/2\right) \right) \\ &= \text{Tr}_a \left( W(\tau) |0\rangle \langle 0| \otimes \rho W^\dagger(\tau) \right) + \mathcal{O}(\tau^2), \quad \text{Next: } \exp\left(-i\tilde{K}_l \sqrt{\tau}/2\right) \end{aligned}$$

# Simulate $\exp\left(-i\tilde{K}_I\sqrt{\tau}/2\right)$

- Let  $A(s) = e^{iHs} A e^{-iHs}$ ,

$$\tilde{K}_I = \sigma_I \otimes A(s_I) \quad \text{where} \quad \sigma_I := w_I(\sigma_x \operatorname{Re} f(s_I) + \sigma_y \operatorname{Im} f(s_I))$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\exp\left(-i\frac{\sqrt{\tau}}{2}\sigma_I \otimes A(s_I)\right) = (I \otimes e^{iHs_I}) \underbrace{e^{-i\frac{\sqrt{\tau}}{2}\sigma_I \otimes A}}_{=:\tilde{A}_I(\sqrt{\tau})} (I \otimes e^{-iHs_I}).$$

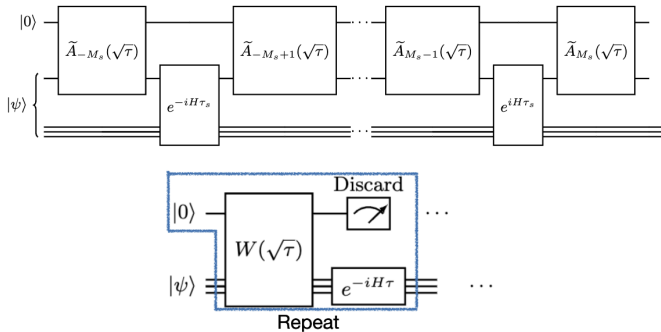
Hamiltonian simulation+controlled local operator ( $\tilde{A}_I$ )

- $s_I \rightarrow s_{I+1}$

$$(I \otimes e^{-iHs_{I+1}})(I \otimes e^{iHs_I}) = I \otimes e^{-iH\Delta s}$$

Avoid long Hamiltonian simulation

# Continuous Lindblad simulation



One ancilla qubit, simple gates

## Theorem

For simulation time  $T$  and precision  $\epsilon$ , the total Hamiltonian simulation time is

$$T_{H,\text{total}} = \tilde{\Theta} \left( T^{2+o(1)} \epsilon^{-1-o(1)} \right), \quad \text{First order accuracy}$$

## Discrete-time Lindblad simulation

- Why first order? **first order Trotter at the beginning**

$$\rho(\tau) = \exp(\mathcal{L}_H\tau) \exp(\mathcal{L}_K\tau)\rho(0) + \mathcal{O}(\tau^2)$$

- Notice  $\exp(\mathcal{L}_H\tau) \exp(\mathcal{L}_K\tau)(|\psi_0\rangle \langle \psi_0|) \approx |\psi_0\rangle \langle \psi_0|$ .  
**Always fixes the ground state**

- Simulate a discrete Lindblad with  $\tau = \mathcal{O}(1)$

$$\rho(n\tau) = (\exp(\mathcal{L}_H\tau)\exp(\mathcal{L}_K\tau))^n \rho(0)$$

$$\exp\left(-i\tilde{K}_I\sqrt{\tau}/2\right) \approx (W(\sqrt{\tau}/r))^r \text{ choose proper } r$$

### Theorem

*For simulation time  $T = N\tau$  and precision  $\epsilon$ , the total Hamiltonian simulation time is*

$$T_{H,\text{total}} = \tilde{\Theta}\left(T^{1+o(1)}\epsilon^{-o(1)}\right).$$

## Conclusion

- Open quantum system ([Lindblad dynamics](#)) is a potential candidate for ground state preparation.
- Early fault-tolerant quantum algorithm:  
Lindblad dynamics can be simulated with [one](#) ancilla qubit and simple gates.
- Replace assumption on  $\rho_0$  by [mixing time](#).
- What can help further: More jumps operators? Coherent contribution? Non-Markovian? Variational?

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