

Title: Quantum homeopathy works: Efficient unitary designs with a system-size independent number of non-Clifford gates

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Abstract: Many quantum information protocols require the implementation of random unitaries. Because it takes exponential resources to produce Haar-random unitaries drawn from the full n -qubit group, one often resorts to t -designs. Unitary t -designs mimic the Haar-measure up to t -th moments. It is known that Clifford operations can implement at most 3-designs. In this work, we quantify the non-Clifford resources required to break this barrier. We find that it suffices to inject $O(t^4 \log^2(t) \log(1/\hat{\mu}))$ many non-Clifford gates into a polynomial-depth random Clifford circuit to obtain an $\hat{\mu}$ -approximate t -design. Strikingly, the number of non-Clifford gates required is independent of the system size n . Asymptotically, the density of non-Clifford gates is allowed to tend to zero. We also derive novel bounds on the convergence time of random Clifford circuits to the t -th moment of the uniform distribution on the Clifford group. Our proofs exploit a recently developed variant of Schur-Weyl duality for the Clifford group, as well as bounds on restricted spectral gaps of averaging operators. Joint work with J. Haferkamp, F. Montealegre-Mora, M. Heinrich, J. Eisert, and D. Gross.



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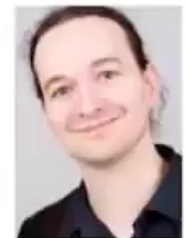
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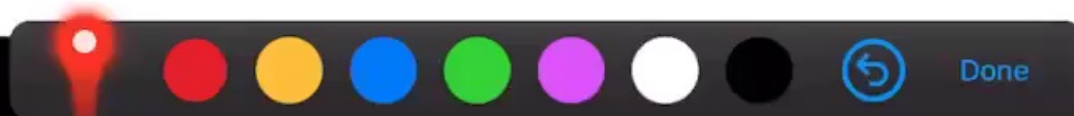
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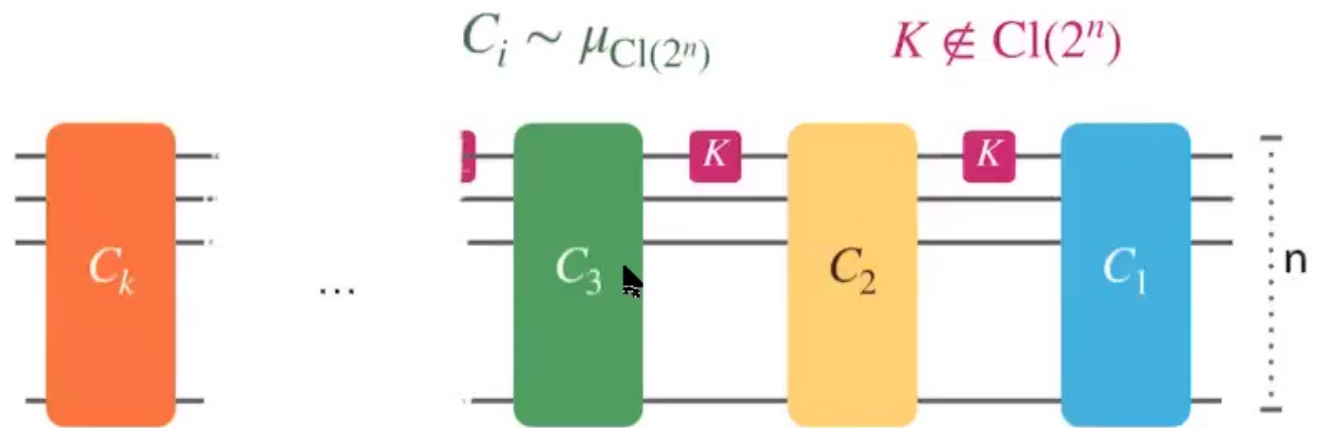


David Gross



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What is quantum homeopathy?



is an ϵ -approximate

unitary t-design
for

$$k \gtrsim \text{poly}(t) \log \frac{1}{\epsilon} \quad n \gtrsim t^2$$



Outline

- ▶ Motivation for **'simple' t-designs**
- ▶ **Clifford group** 1, 2, 3, and ...?
- ▶ *PLAN I: Moving the target*
 - ▶ Example low-rank **Randomised Benchmarking tomography**
- ▶ *PLAN II: Adding magic (non-Clifford gates)*
- ▶ Summary



Applications of Haar-random unitaries

- ▶ Demonstration of **Quantum advantages**
- ▶ Dynamics of **mixing processes**, models of **black-holes**
- ▶ **Quantum system identification**
 - ▶ Randomised benchmarking [...]
 - ▶ Shadow estimation [Huang, Kueng, Preskill 2020]
 - ▶ *Low-rank quantum tomography* [...], [R, Kueng, Kimmel, Liu, Gross, Eisert, Kliesch 2018]

MOTIVATION

A moment please ...

Polynomials of degree t $p_t(U, U^\dagger) = \text{Tr} [B U^{\otimes t} A (U^\dagger)^{\otimes t}]$

! Want to calculate $\mathbb{E}_{U \sim \mu_{U(d)}} [p_t(U, U^\dagger)]$!

$$E_{\mu_{U(d)}}(A) = \mathbb{E}_{U \sim \mu_{U(d)}} U^{\otimes t} A (U^\dagger)^{\otimes t} = \int_{U(d)} U^{\otimes t} A (U^\dagger)^{\otimes t} d\mu_{U(d)}(U)$$

Short calculation shows: $V^{\otimes t} E_{\mu_{U(d)}}(A) = E_{\mu_{U(d)}}(A) V^{\otimes t}$

$E_{\mu_{U(d)}}$ is the projector onto the commutant of $\Delta^t(U(d))!$

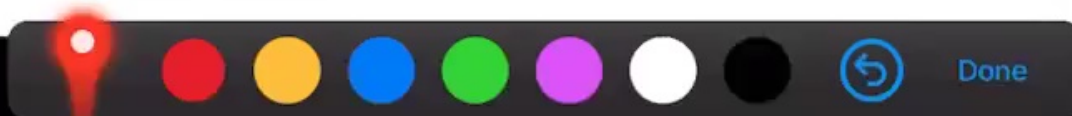
Commutant of $\mathcal{A} \subset L(V)$ $\text{comm}(\mathcal{A}) = \{B \in L(V) \mid BA = AB \ \forall A \in \mathcal{A}\}$

$$\Delta^t : U \mapsto U^{\otimes t}$$

SCHUR-WEYL DUALITY

$$\text{comm } \Delta^t(U(d)) \cong \mathbb{C}[S_t]$$

The same holds for the twirling of any invariant (Haar) measure, e.g. the uniform measure on finite subgroups.



Applications of t-designs

▶ Quantum system identification

- ▶ Simple **Randomised Benchmarking** requires
- ▶ Sample-optimal **Shadow estimation**
- ▶ low-rank **Quantum tomography** 4-design

2-DESIGN

3-DESIGN

4-DESIGN

What are 'simple' t-designs?



MOTIVATION

The Clifford group

$$\text{Cl}(2^n) := \left\langle \left\{ S = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{pmatrix}, H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, CZ = \text{diag}(1, 1, 1, -1) \right\} \right\rangle$$

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Multiqubit Clifford groups are unitary 3-designs

Huangjun Zhu*

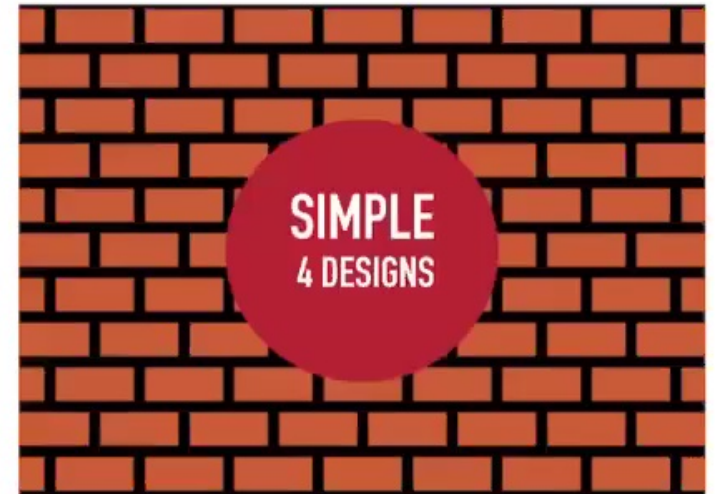
THE CLIFFORD GROUP FORMS A UNITARY 3-DESIGN

ZAK WEBB¹

Quantum Information & Computation, 2016

The Clifford group fails gracefully to be a unitary 4-design

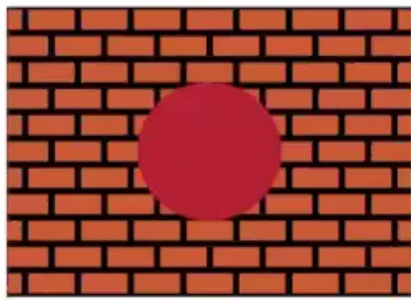
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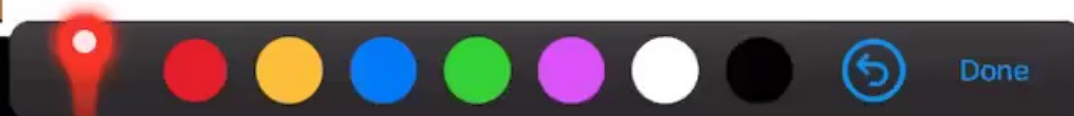
MOTIVATION

Unitary t-design that are **subgroups** = **t-groups**

4-groups do not exist, and the **Clifford group** is unique **maximal group design**.

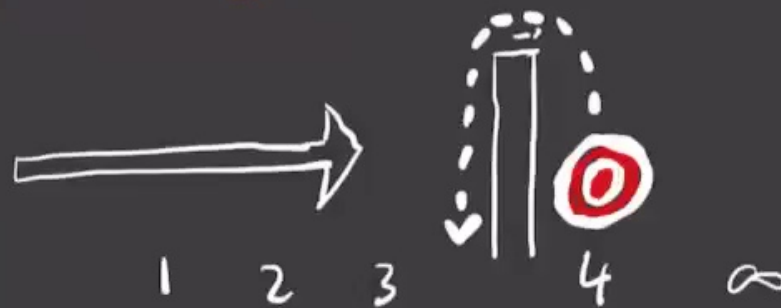


[Banai, Navarro, Riso, Tiep '18] & [Sawicki, Karnas '17], summarised in [HMHEGR'20]



PLAN I:

"Breaking through" the wall by
moving the target.



Commutant of the Clifford group

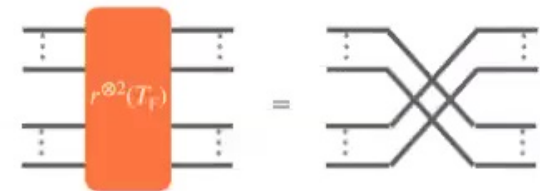
$$\text{comm } \Delta_{\text{Cl}(2^n)}^t \supset \text{comm } \Delta_{U(2^n)}^t \cong \mathbb{C}[S_t]$$

$$= \langle r(T_\pi)^{\otimes n} \mid \pi \in S_t \rangle$$

For **permutation** $\pi \in S_t$ define

$$T_\pi = \{(\pi(x), x) \mid x \in \mathbb{Z}_2^t\} \quad \text{and} \quad r(T_\pi) = \sum_{(x,y) \in T_\pi} |x\rangle\langle y|$$

$r(T_\pi)^{\otimes n}$ simultaneously permutation n qubits.



Definition

$T \subset \mathbb{Z}_2^t \times \mathbb{Z}_2^t$ is a **stochastic Lagrangian subspace** if

1. $x \cdot x = y \cdot y \pmod{4} \quad \forall (x, y) \in T$
2. $\dim(T) = t$
3. $(1, \dots, 1) \in T$

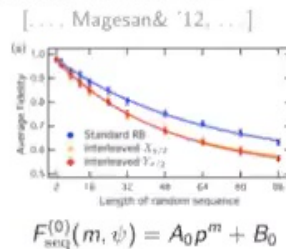
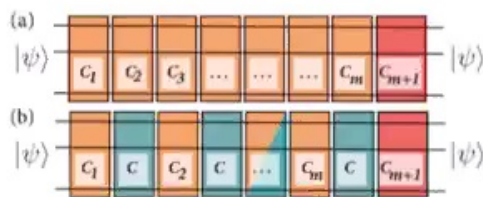
Theorem [Gross, Nezami, Walter '17]

$$\text{comm } \Delta_{\text{Cl}(2^n)}^t = \langle \{\text{Lagrangian subspaces}\} \rangle = \langle \Sigma_t \rangle$$



SPAM-Robust tomography of unitary gates

Randomised benchmarking allows for SPAM-robust extraction of $F_{\text{avg}}(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{X})$ with Clifford gates \mathcal{U}



Randomised benchmarking: SPAM-robust



Compressed sensing: exploits low-rank structure

Unitary gates

Choose Haar random set of Clifford gates $\{C_i\}_{i=1}^m$

Data: $f_i = F_{\text{avg}}(C_i, \mathcal{X}) + \epsilon_i$

Algorithm:

Efficient in d

$$\text{minimise } \sum_{i=1}^m (F_{\text{avg}}(C_i, \mathcal{Z}) - f_i)^2$$

subject to \mathcal{Z} is a unital quantum channel

Theorem (Main result)

Fix $d = 2^n$

$$m \geq cd^2 \log(d)$$

the result of the algorithm \mathcal{Z}^\sharp fulfils with high probability

$$\|\mathcal{X} - \mathcal{Z}^\sharp\| \leq C \frac{d^2}{\sqrt{m}} \|\epsilon\|_{\ell_2}$$

Optimal sampling complexity for separate POVMs: $\tilde{O}(d^4)$ channel uses

... derive bound on 4th moment ✓ ... sufficient for compressed sensing ✓



PLAN II:

Really "breaking through" with

a pinch of universality



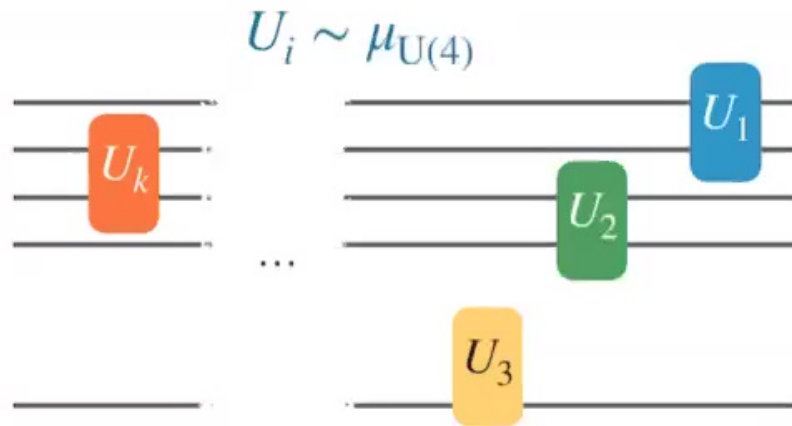
T-designs via quantum circuits

Definition

A measure σ on $U(d)$ is an ϵ -approximate unitary t-design if

$$\|E_\sigma - E_{\mu_{U(d)}}\|_\diamond \leq \epsilon$$

Theorem [Brandão, Harrow, Horodecki, 2016]



is an ϵ -approximate

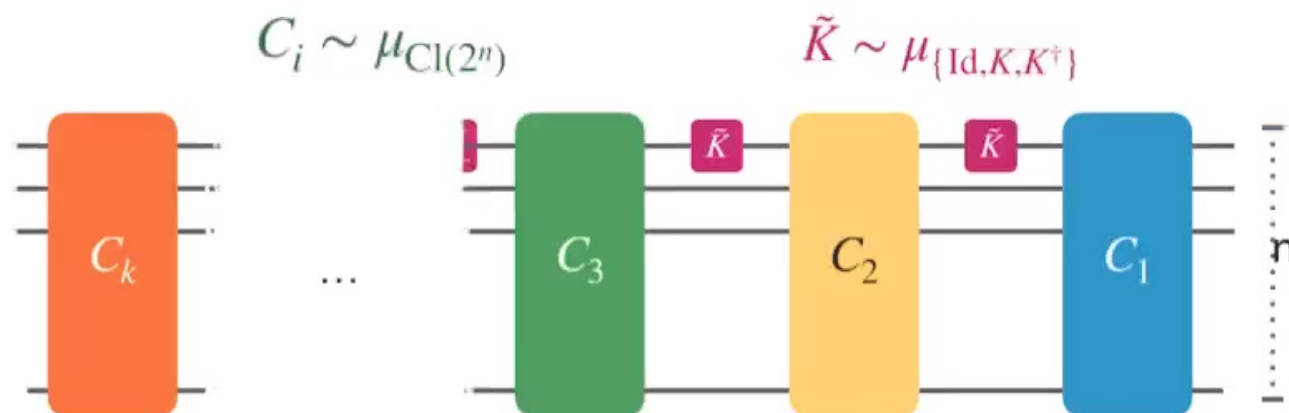
unitary t-design

for

$$k \gtrsim n^2 t^9 \log^2 t \log \frac{1}{\epsilon}$$

T-designs via (mainly) Clifford circuits

Theorem (Main Result)



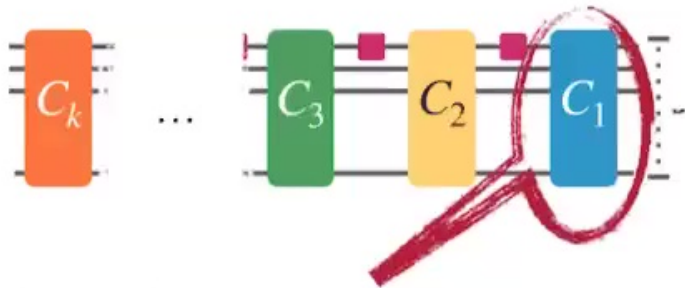
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Comparing Local Circuits



Every Clifford n -qubit gate can be compiled by

$$O\left(\frac{n^2}{\log(n)}\right) \text{ local gates. [Aaronson \& Gottesman '04]}$$

Corollary 2

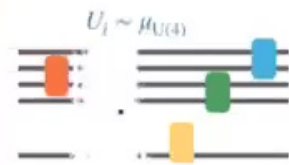
An interleaved Clifford quantum circuit with

$$k_{\text{overall}} \gtrsim \frac{n^2}{\log n} t^4 \log^2 t \log \frac{1}{\epsilon}$$

gates is an ϵ -approximate

unitary t-design

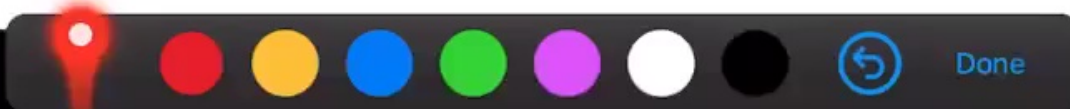
Theorem



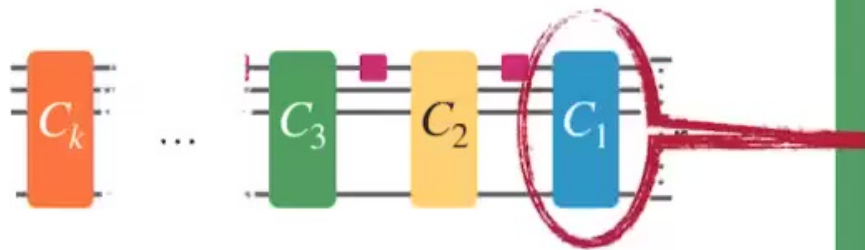
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Random Clifford Circuits

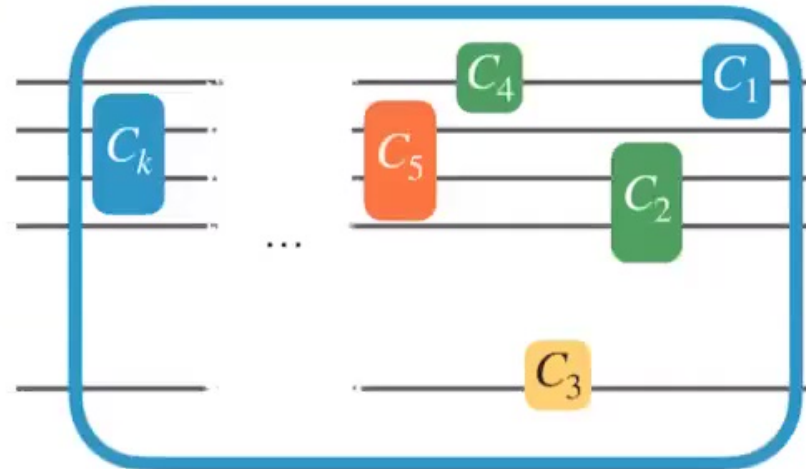


Definition

A measure σ on $U(d)$ is a **relative ϵ -approximate Clifford t-design** if

$$(1 - \epsilon)E_{\mu_{Cl}} \leq E_{\mu_\sigma} \leq (1 + \epsilon)E_{\mu_{Cl}}$$

Theorem 2



is an ϵ -approximate relative

Clifford t-design

for $n \gtrsim t$

$$k \gtrsim n \log^{-2}(t) t^8 \left(2nt + \log \frac{1}{\epsilon} \right)$$

PROOF SKETCH

2) Rewrite moment operators as deviations from the Haar unitary case

$$E_\sigma - E_{\mu_n} = \left[\underbrace{(E_{\mu_{ce}} - E_{\mu_n})}_{\text{projector onto } \langle \Sigma_\epsilon \setminus S_\epsilon \rangle} K \right]^n$$

ii) construct the projector onto $\langle \Sigma_\epsilon \setminus S_\epsilon \rangle$ using Gram-Schmidt

iii) carefully bound all terms

$$\|E_\sigma - E_{\mu_n}\|_{\square} \leq 2^{O(t^4) + t \log k} (1 + 2^{O(t^2) - n})^{5k} \eta^{k-1}$$



Lemma:

$$\eta := \max_{T \in \Sigma_t \setminus S_t} |\text{Tr}[\tilde{r}(T) K \tilde{r}(T')]|$$
$$\leq 1 - c(K) \log^{-2} t$$

Varju's (2013) bound
on restricted spectral gaps.

Lemma:

$$\text{Tr}[\tilde{r}(T) E_{\mu_u} \tilde{r}(T)] \leq \frac{7}{8}$$



Done

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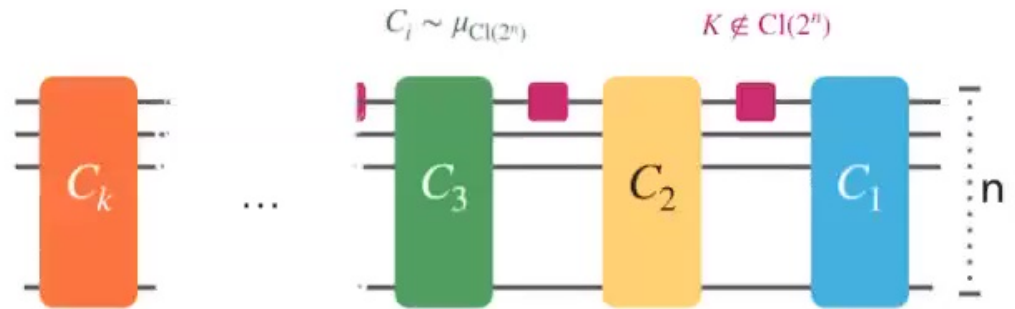
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Summary



- Adding $\tilde{O}\left(t^4 \log \frac{1}{\epsilon}\right)$ non-Clifford gates yields an ϵ -approximate t-design.
Independent of the system size!
- Convergence bound for local random Clifford
- New tools for studying the commutant of the diagonal action of the Clifford group

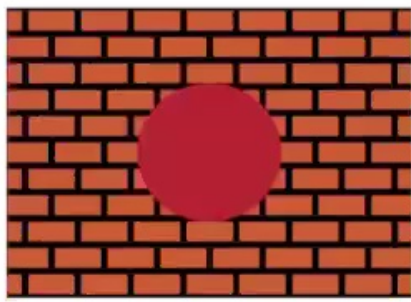
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