

# **Direct interpolative construction of quantized tensor trains**

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# What is an MPS / TT?

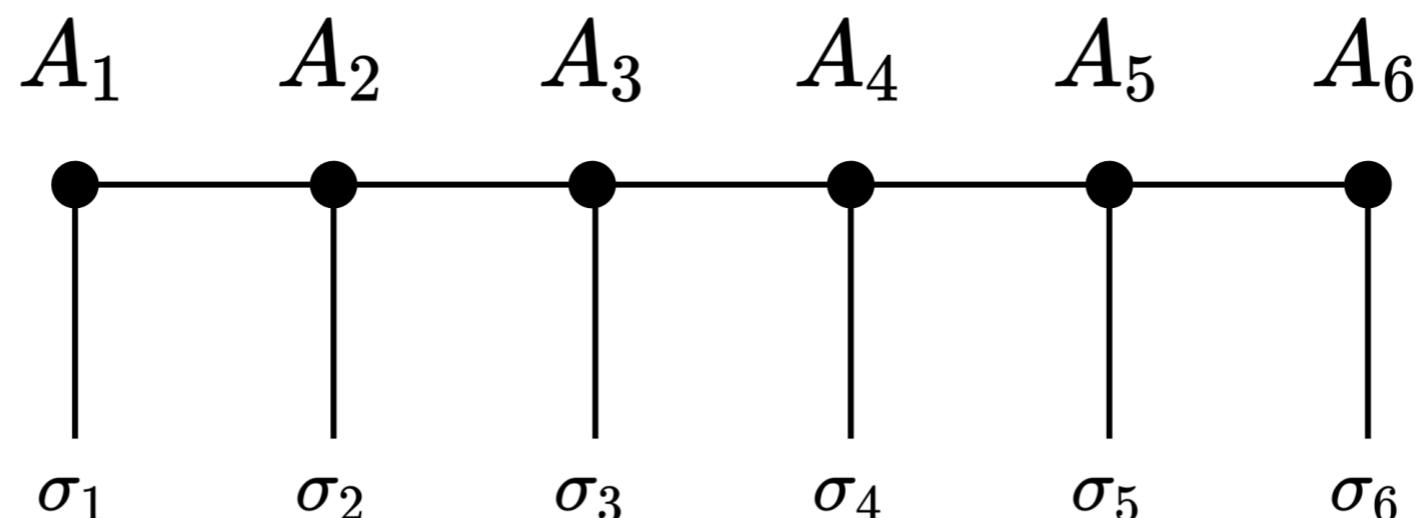
Consider a tensor  $T \in (\mathbb{R}^2)^K \simeq \mathbb{R}^2 \times \cdots \times \mathbb{R}^2$

It is a matrix product state (**MPS**) / tensor train (**TT**) if it can be written:

$$T(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_K) = \sum_{\alpha_1 \in [r_1], \dots, \alpha_{K-1} \in [r_{K-1}]} A_1^{1, \alpha_1}(\sigma_1) A_2^{\alpha_1, \alpha_2}(\sigma_2) \cdots A_{d-1}^{\alpha_{d-2}, \alpha_{d-1}}(\sigma_{K-1}) A_K^{\alpha_{K-1}, 1}(\sigma_K)$$

in terms of **tensor cores**  $A_k \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times r_{k-1} \times r_k}$

$r_1, \dots, r_{K-1}$  are called the  
**bond dimensions / TT ranks**



# What can be done with MPS / TT?

- **Basic primitives**
  - **Entrywise addition** (ranks grow additively)
  - **Entrywise multiplication** (ranks grow multiplicatively)
  - **MPO-MPS multiplication** (ranks grow multiplicatively)
  - **Optimal compression** of a single rank (cubic cost in rank)
- **Major algorithms**
  - **DMRG-style algorithms** (based on alternating block updates) for eigenvalue problems, linear least squares, and more
  - **TDVP** (time-dependent variational principle) for real/imaginary-time evolution
  - **TCI** (tensor cross interpolation) to construct TT from entry queries
- **References**
  - **Key historical references:** Fannes et al (1992), Klümper et al (1992), White (1992), Perez-Garcia et al (2007), Oseledets and Tyrtyshnikov (2009), Oseledets and Tyrtyshnikov (2010), Oseledets (2011)
  - Very helpful resource: [tensornetwork.org](http://tensornetwork.org)

# What is a QTT?

Consider a function:

$$f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

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Identify variable  $x$  with binary decimal expansion

$$x = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2^{-k} \sigma_k = 0.\sigma_1\sigma_2\sigma_3\dots$$

$$x \leftrightarrow (\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_K)$$

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Then we can identify  $f$  with a tensor  $T$

$$f(x) = T(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_K)$$

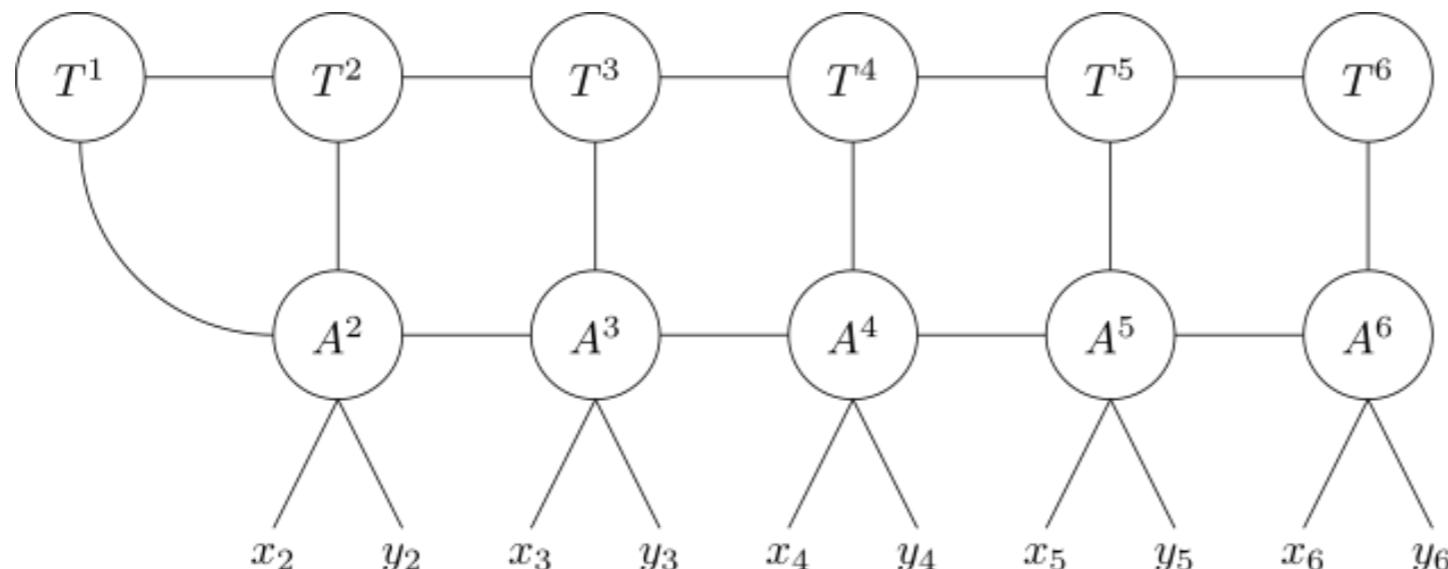
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A quantized tensor train (**QTT**) is a representation of such a tensor  $T$  as an MPS / TT [Khoromskij (2011)]

# Why QTT?

- **Access to MPS / TT toolbox**
  - DMRG-type solvers
  - TDVP-type time evolution
- **Hidden structure may be revealed**
  - *What structure, and is it structure that cannot be revealed by other means?*

- **QTT-specific algorithms**
  - **Convolution**
    - Kazeev et al (2013)
    - See diagram below
  - **Discrete Fourier transform**
    - Dolgov et al (2012)
    - Chen et al (2023)



Can also do fast  
matvecs of QTTO  
times dense vectors  
[Corona et al (2017)]

# What is known about QTT compression?

- **Exponentials have rank 1:**
  - $\exp(\alpha x) = \exp\left(\alpha \sum_{k=1}^K 2^{-k} \sigma_k\right) = \prod_{k=1}^K e^{\alpha 2^{-k} \sigma_k}$
- **Degree- $N$  polynomials have rank  $N$** 
  - Explicit construction of cores [Oseledets (2013)]
- **Techniques for bounding QTT ranks:**
  - Approximate a function as a sum of Fourier modes [Dolgov et al (2012)]
  - Approximate with a polynomial [Shi and Townsend (2021)]
- **Questionable talking point:**
  - *If the QTT ranks are bounded, QTT offers exponential speedup over grid-based discretization*
  - It is actually nontrivial to establish that the storage cost of QTTs for “smooth” functions is **not worse** than the cost of storing a grid / basis representation
    - But we will see that this is true, and in fact QTTs can flexibly represent more complicated functions that are tricky to represent “classically”

## **Part I: Analysis of QTT compression**

**M.L.**, *Multiscale interpolative construction of quantized tensor trains*, arXiv:2311.12554.

# What is unknown about QTT compression?

- QTT ranks tend to decay asymptotically with depth. **Why?**
- The QTT ranks of a Gaussian is bounded independent of the width. **Why?**
  - Does **not** follow from Fourier series / polynomial approximation results
  - Similarly, other functions with sharp peaks have low QTT ranks
- The QTT ranks of an  $\Omega$ -bandlimited function are  $O(\sqrt{\Omega})$ , **not**  $O(\Omega)$  as suggested by Fourier series approximation. **Why?**
- Although an explicit construction for the QTT cores of a polynomial is known, it is not stable because it involves coefficients in the monomial basis. **Can we achieve a stable construction?**
- Can we derive algorithms that **reveal the rank automatically** even if it is not understood *a priori*?

# Unfolding matrices

- For any bond  $m = 1, \dots, K - 1$ , can view  $T$  as a matrix via  $T(\sigma_{1:K}) = T(\sigma_{1:m}, \sigma_{m+1:K})$ 
  - This is called the  $m$ -th unfolding matrix of  $T$
  - TT ranks are controlled by these ranks, cf. [Oseledets (2011)]
- Then if we can decompose  $T(\sigma_{1:K}) \approx \sum_{\alpha} T_L^{\alpha}(\sigma_{1:m}) T_R^{\alpha}(\sigma_{m+1:K})$ , where we control the number of terms in the sum, we have control over the QTT ranks
- Later we will describe constructive algorithms for building the QTT....

# Interpolative point of view

Split argument into big piece  $x_{\leq m}$  and small piece  $x_{>m} \in [0, 2^{-m}]$

$$f(x) = f(x_{\leq m} + x_{>m})$$

$$x_{\leq m} := \sum_{k=1}^m 2^{-k} \sigma_k, \quad x_{>m} := \sum_{k=m+1}^K 2^{-k} \sigma_k$$

Define function  $[0,1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   
on reference interval:

$$v \mapsto f(u + 2^{-m}v)$$

Insert interpolative  
decomposition:

$$f(u + 2^{-m}v) \approx \sum_{\alpha} f(u + 2^{-m}c^{\alpha}) P^{\alpha}(v)$$

Take  $c^{\alpha}$  to be Chebyshev-Lobatto nodes on  $[0,1]$  and  $P^{\alpha}$   
to be corresponding Lagrange interpolating functions

Therefore:

$$T(\sigma_{1:K}) = f(x) \approx \sum_{\alpha} \underbrace{f(x_{\leq m} + 2^{-m}c^{\alpha})}_{=: T_L^{\alpha}(\sigma_{1:m})} \underbrace{P^{\alpha}(2^m x_{>m})}_{=: T_R^{\alpha}(\sigma_{m+1:K})}$$

Rank of  $m$ -th unfolding matrix is bounded  
by the number of terms in this sum

# Decaying rank bounds

- Standard error bounds for Chebyshev interpolation (cf. Trefethen's book) can be applied under various assumptions on the smoothness of  $f$
- **Importantly**, the interpolation gets **easier** as we go deeper into the QTT!
  - When you zoom in, things get smoother
- Most striking conclusion in the case where  $f$  is  $\Omega$ -bandlimited
  - The  $m$ -th unfolding matrix rank is bounded via interpolation by  $\sim 2^{-m} \Omega$
  - Meanwhile the  $m$ -th unfolding matrix rank is trivially bounded by  $2^m$  (# of rows)

**Theorem (M.L.)**, stylized: For an  $\Omega$ -bandlimited function, the  $\varepsilon$ -ranks of the unfolding matrices are uniformly bounded by  $O\left(\sqrt{\Omega} + \log(1/\varepsilon)\right)$

- Thus the QTT storage complexity is **not worse** than grid representation

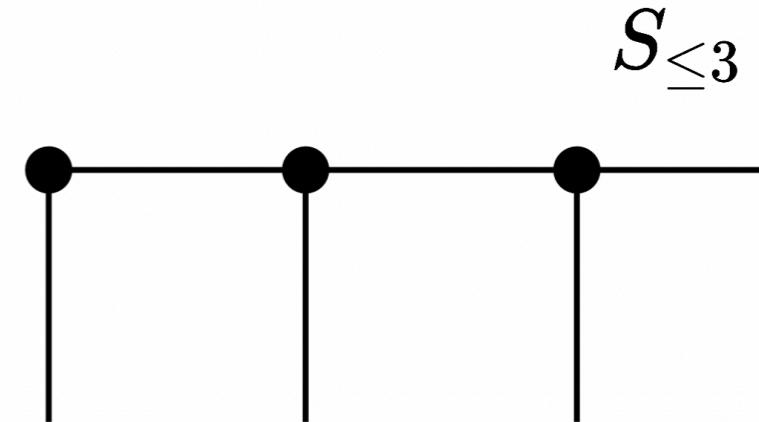
## **Part II: Direct construction of QTTs**

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# Direct construction

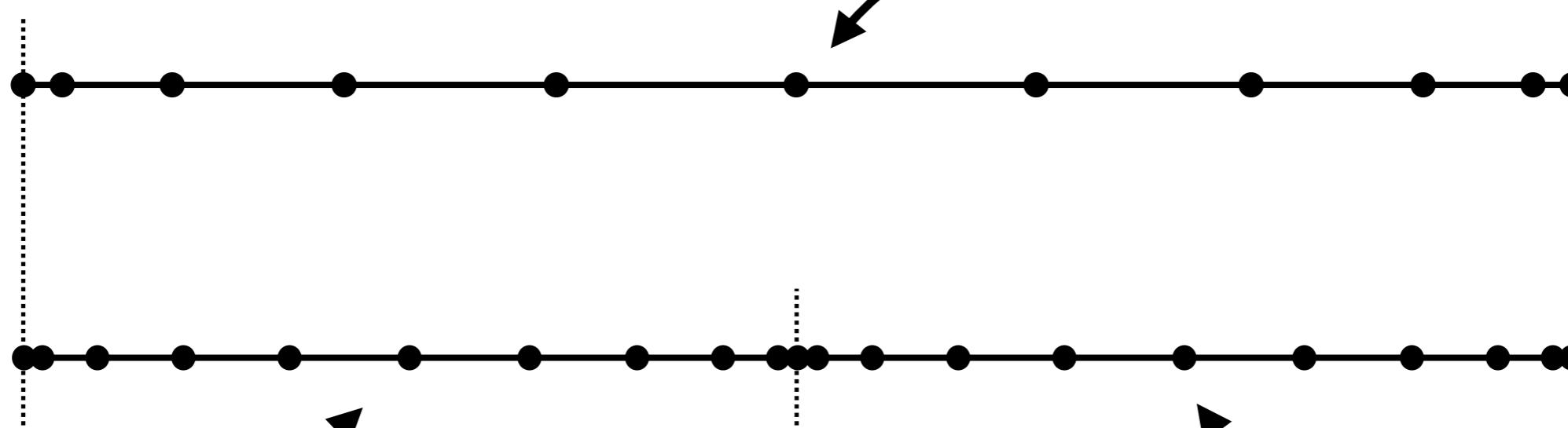
Suppose we have constructed a tensor

$$S_{\leq m}^\alpha(\sigma_{1:m}) \approx f \left( \sum_{k=1}^m 2^{-k} \sigma_k + 2^{-m} c^\alpha \right)$$



How to get next tensor  $S_{\leq m+1}^\alpha(\sigma_{1:m+1})$ ?

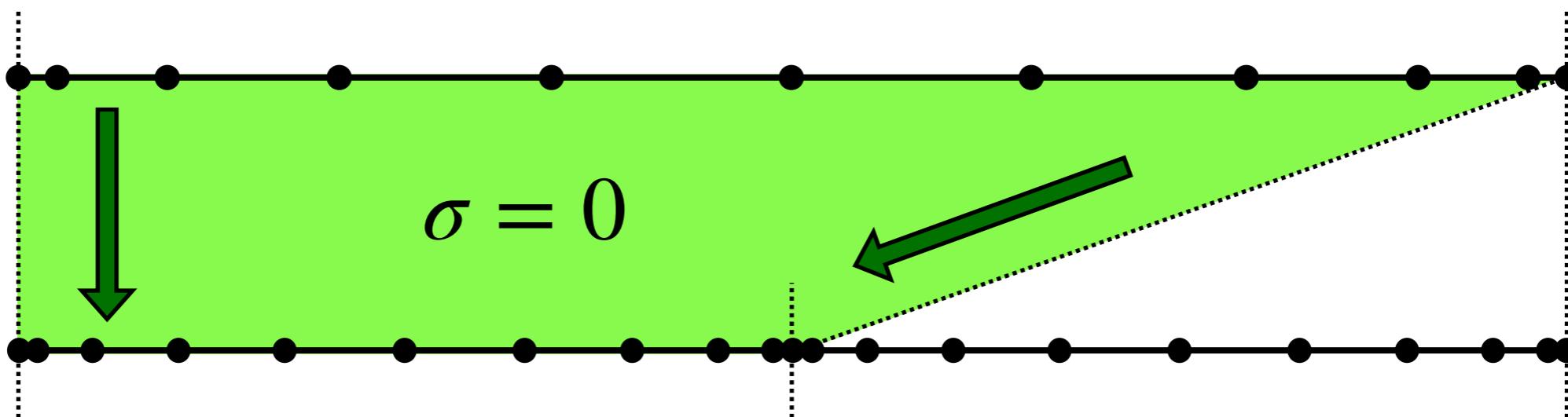
have represented function on  
this grid  $\{x_{\leq m} + 2^{-m} c^\alpha\}_{\alpha=0}^N$



want to represent functions on the two grids  
 $\{x_{\leq m} + 2^{-(m+1)} \sigma_{m+1} + 2^{-(m+1)} c^\beta\}_{\beta=0}^N$ , for each  $\sigma_{m+1} \in \{0,1\}$

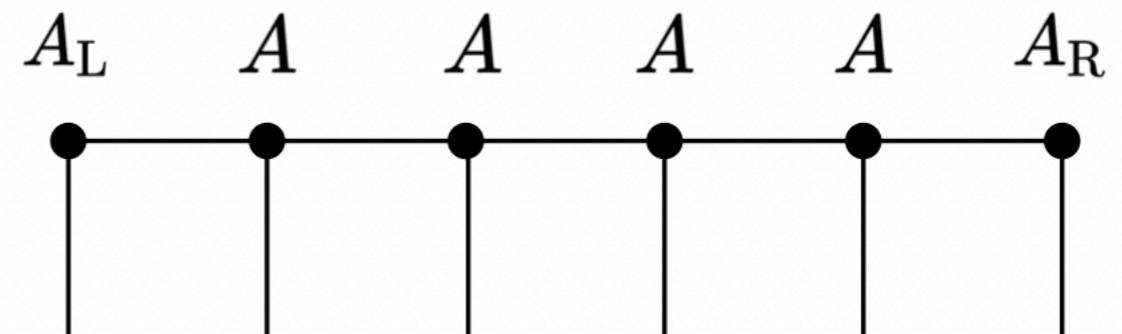
# Direct construction

Construct a tensor core  $A^{\alpha\beta}(\sigma)$  which interpolates wide grid to left or right narrow grid, depending on whether  $\sigma = 0$  or 1



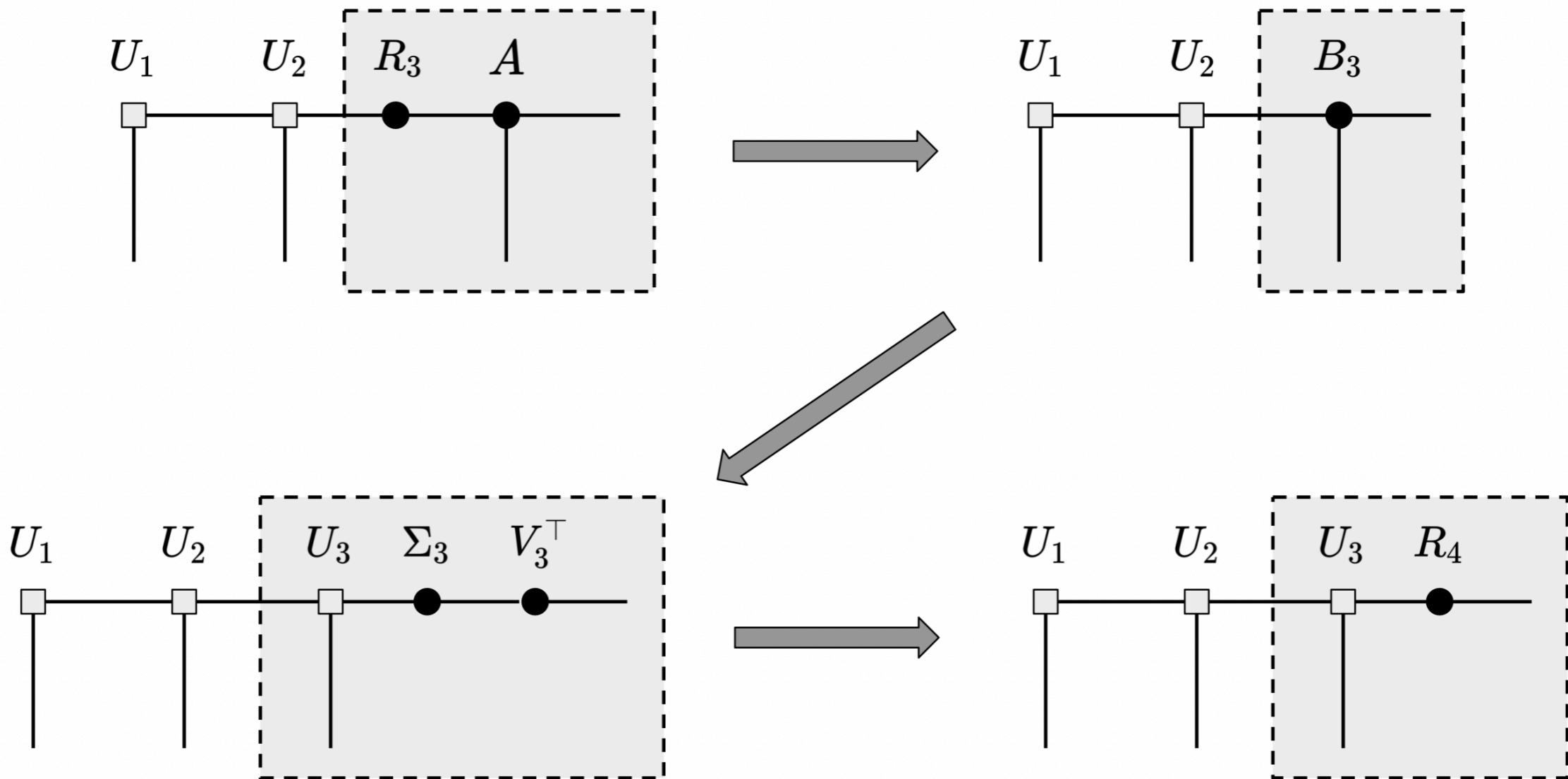
$$A^{\alpha\beta}(\sigma) := P^\alpha \left( \frac{\sigma + c^\beta}{2} \right)$$

Construct full QTT by  
repeatedly attaching this core  
(with boundary conditions):



# Rank-revealing construction

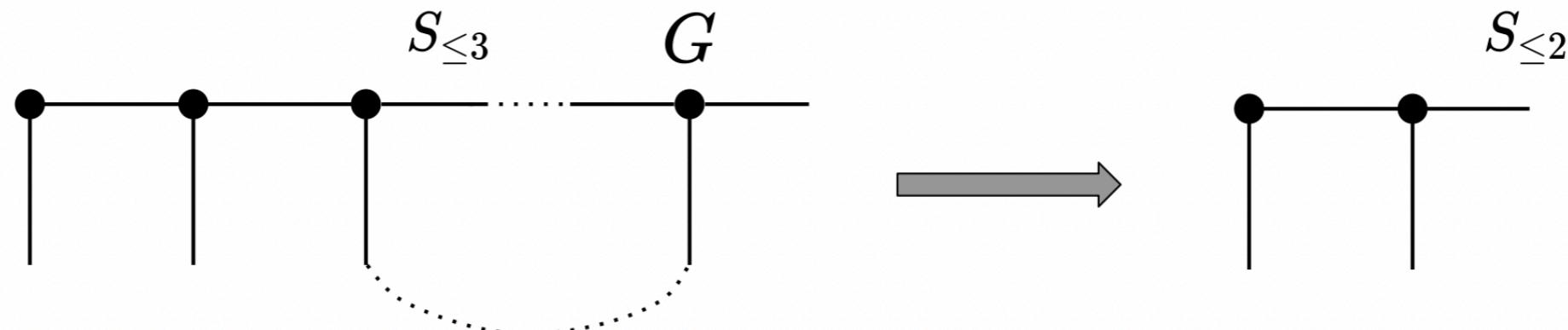
Can modify the construction to reveal the rank on the fly as we attach cores



**Usually this is dangerous!** But we are protected by the fact that the tail of  $A$  cores act as a Chebyshev interpolator, which can only amplify entrywise errors by the Lebesgue constant of the interpolation scheme (cf. Trefethen's book). See preprint for rigorous statement.

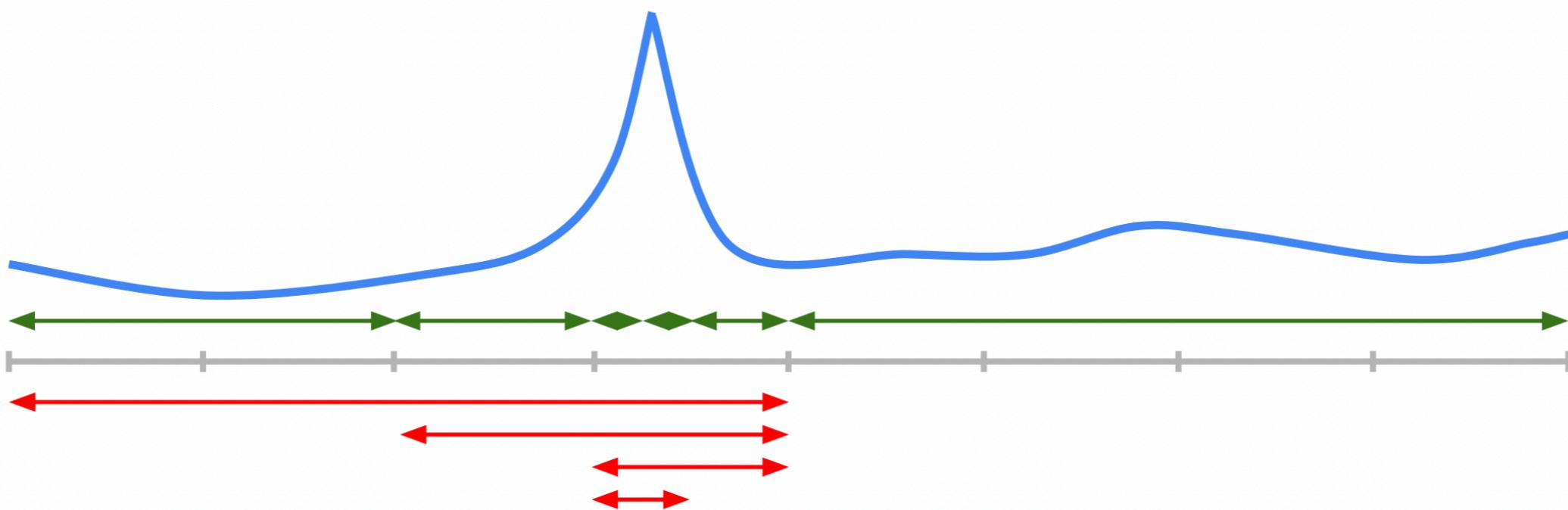
# Improvements and extensions

- Can replace dense interpolating cores  $A$  with sparse approximations in the large  $N$  limit (where  $N$  is the size of the interpolating grid), cf. [Boyd (1992)]
  - Reduces the cost of rank-revealing algorithm to  $O(Nr^2)$ , where  $r$  is revealed rank
- Extensions to multivariate case
  - Different conventions (interleaved / serial ordering) are considered
  - Ye (speaking later in this session) et al have considered many options in practice
- Can “invert” the construction (recover interpolating grid values from QTT) by attaching a particular core  $G$  which is a generalized inverse of  $A$



# Multiresolution construction

Suppose that we can construct nested dyadic intervals (pictured in red) on which interpolation is “dangerous” (due to poor quantitative smoothness)



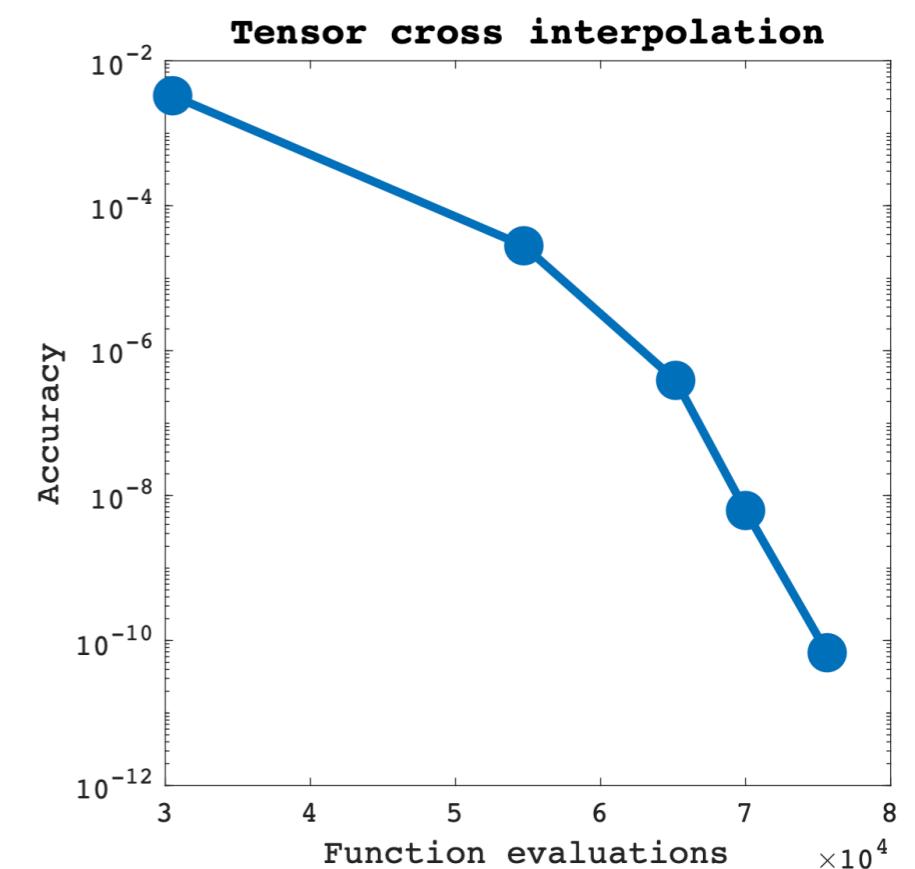
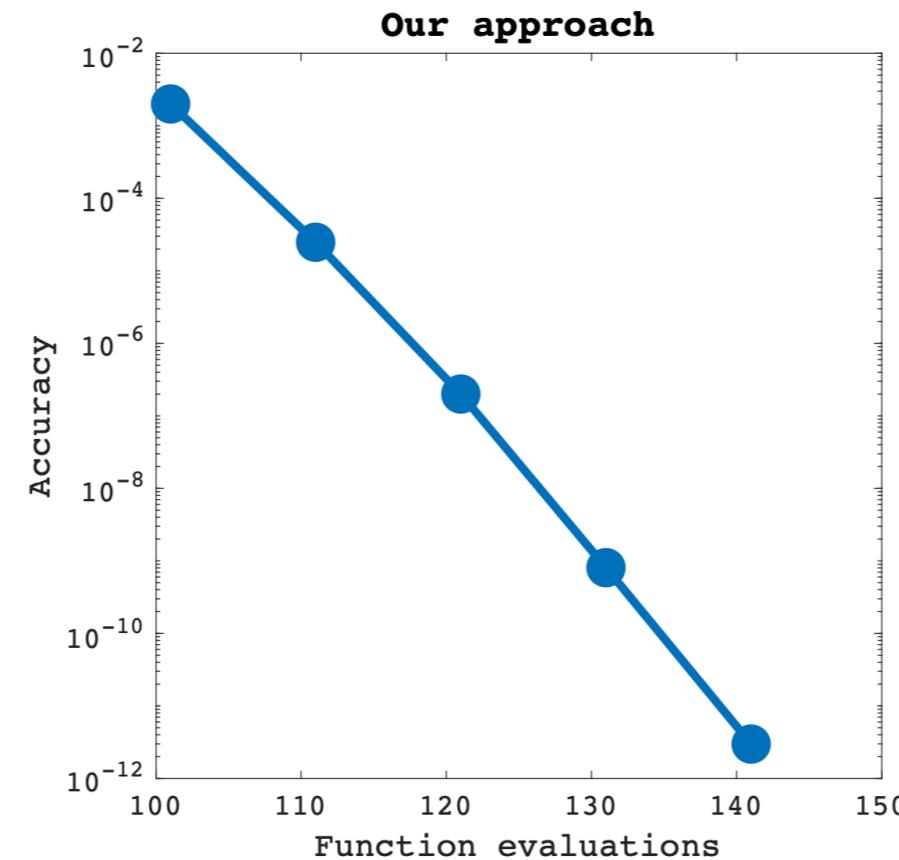
- For the complementary intervals (green) at each level, suppose that  $N$ -point interpolation is accurate
- Then we can construct an accurate QTT of rank  $\mathbf{N} + \mathbf{q}$ , where  $q$  is the maximum number of dangerous subintervals at each level (here  $\mathbf{q} = 1$ )
  - “Cellular automaton” type construction: bide your time until you land in a safe subinterval, then interpolate all the way down

# One simple demonstration

Random Fourier series

$$f(x) = \sum_{j=1}^J [a_j \cos(2\pi jx) + b_j \sin(2\pi jx)]$$

Compare to TCI  
(  $J = 25$  )



Stable results  
where TCI fails  
(  $N = 2J$  )

$J$	200	300	400	500	600	1000	2000
Error	$9.8 \times 10^{-11}$	$1.1 \times 10^{-10}$	$8.4 \times 10^{-11}$	$1.3 \times 10^{-10}$	$1.8 \times 10^{-10}$	$2.2 \times 10^{-10}$	$3.5 \times 10^{-10}$

## **Further demonstrations**

- See preprint for further demonstrations!
  - Sparse cores, construction inversion, multivariate cases, multiresolution construction (validated to be sharp for Gaussians, etc.)

## **Part II: MPO compression of the DFT**

**Jielun Chen** and **M.L.**, *Direct interpolative construction of the discrete Fourier transform as a matrix product operator*, arXiv:2404.03182.

# The DFT as a quantized operator

Consider the **discrete Fourier transform**:

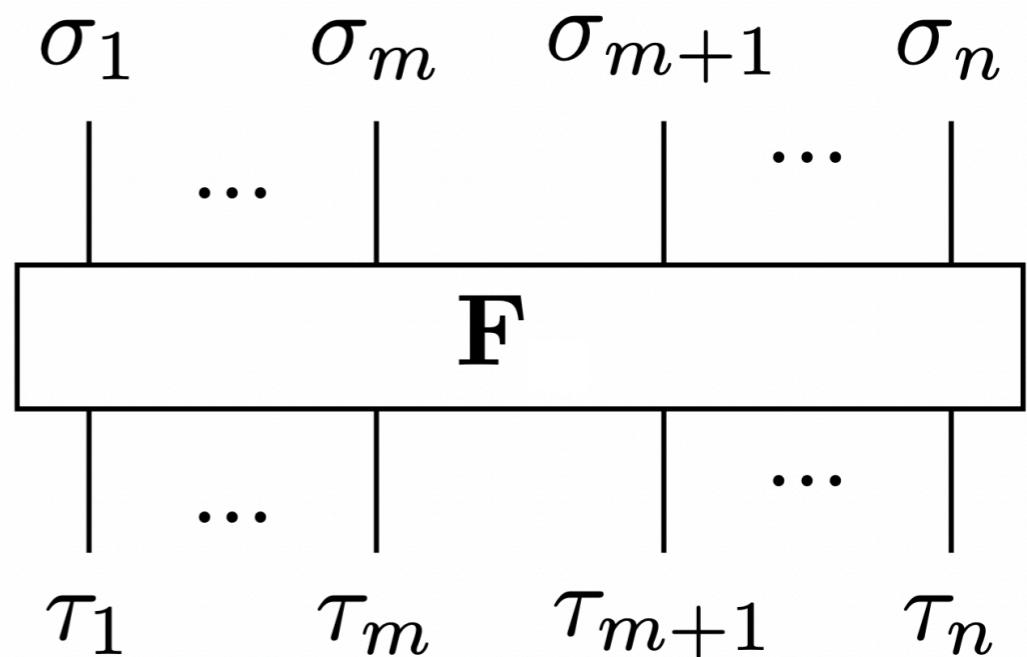
$$\mathbf{F}_{s,t} = e^{-\frac{2\pi i st}{N}} \quad s, t \in \{0, 1, \dots, N-1\}, \text{ where } N = 2^n$$

Identify indices with binary expansions  
(bit-reversing the column index!)

$$s = \sum_{k=1}^n 2^{n-k} \sigma_k, \quad t = \sum_{k=1}^n 2^{k-1} \tau_k$$

Then we can identify  $\mathbf{F}$  with a tensor:

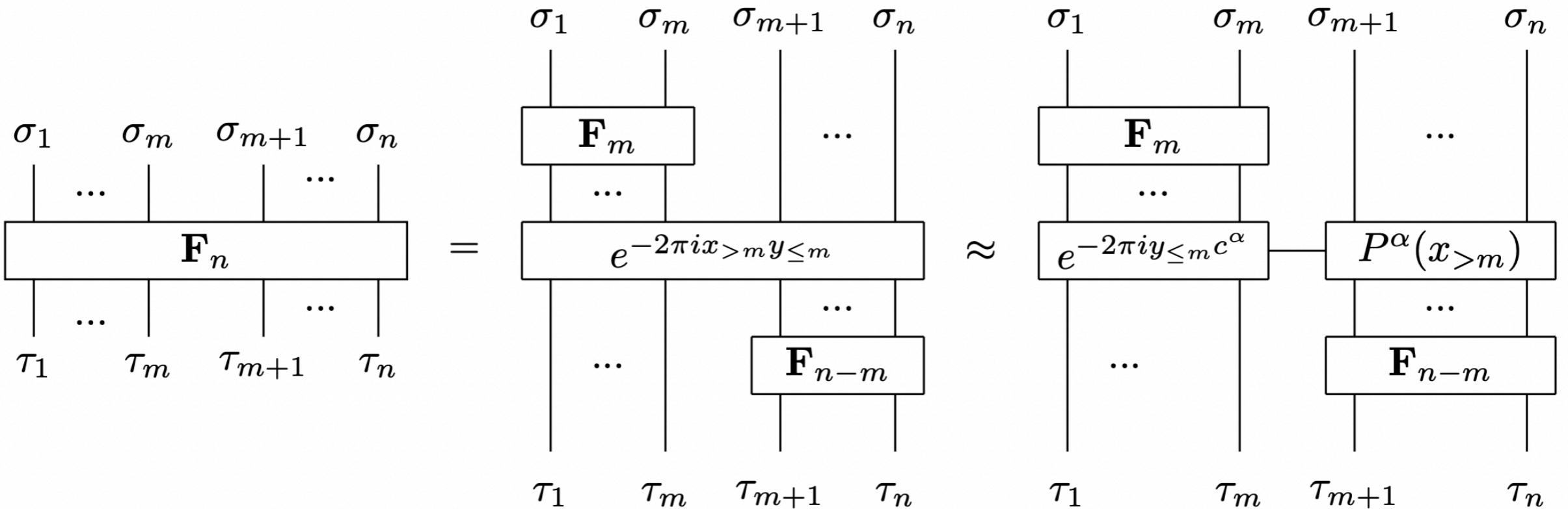
$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{F}_{s,t} &= F(\sigma_{1:n}, \tau_{1:n}) \\ &= e^{-\pi i \sum_{k,l=1}^n 2^{-k} 2^l \sigma_k \tau_l} \end{aligned}$$



## Previous analysis of DFT as MPO

- “Superfast Fourier transform” [Dolgov et al (2012)]
  - Applies DFT by interleaving MPO-MPS products with MPS compressions
- “QFT has low entanglement” [Chen et al (2023)]
  - Takes point of view of quantum circuit representation of the quantum Fourier transform (QFT)
  - Proved that the MPO for the DFT is **actually low-rank**
- **Explicit and efficient construction** of MPO as DFT still lacking!

# New interpolative rank bound



$$x_{>m} = \sum_{k=m+1}^n 2^{m-k} \sigma_k \in [0, 1], \quad y_{\leq m} = \sum_{l=1}^m 2^{l-m-1} \tau_l \in [0, 1]$$

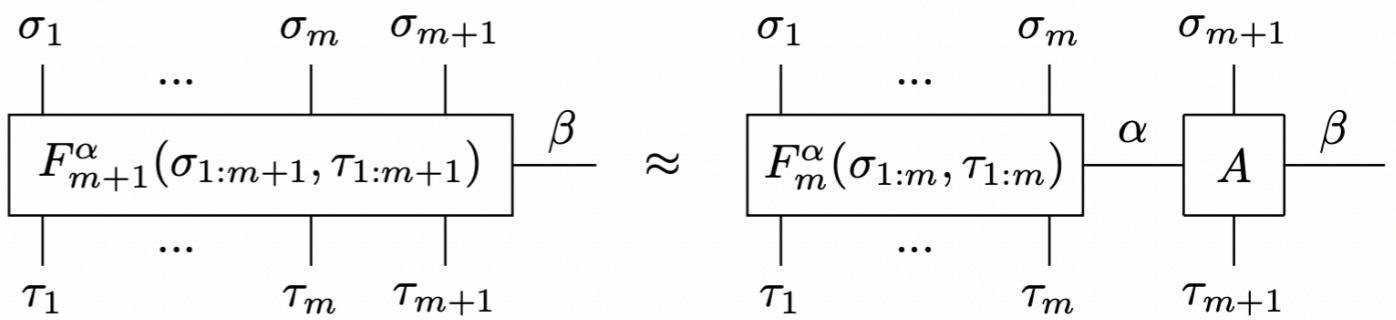
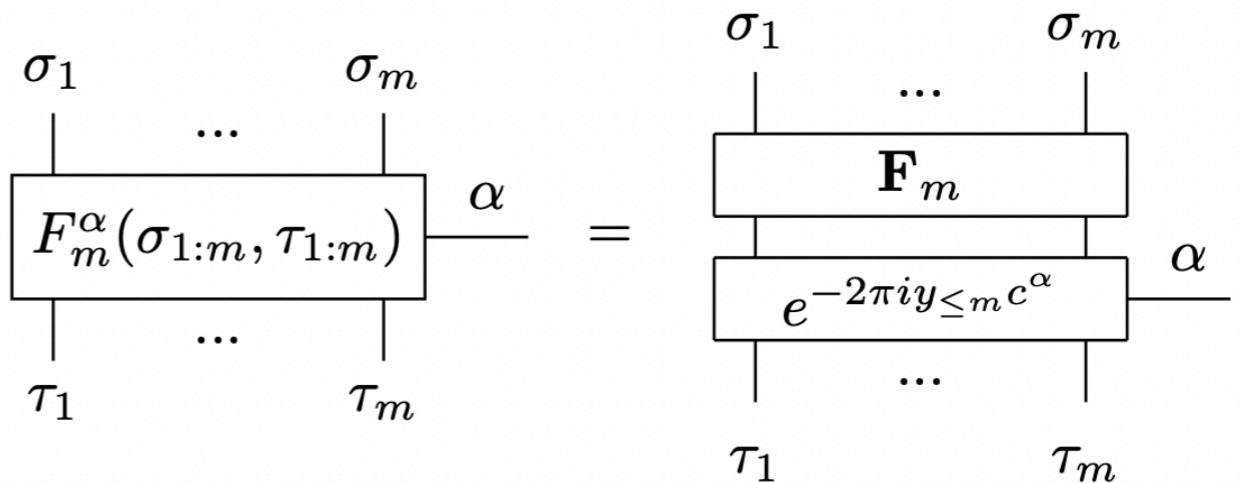
**Proposition 1.** *There exists a rank- $(K+1)$  approximation of the  $m$ -th unfolding matrix of  $F$  whose entrywise error is bounded uniformly by*

$$\frac{4 \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^{K+1} e^K K^{-K}}{K - \frac{\pi}{2}}.$$

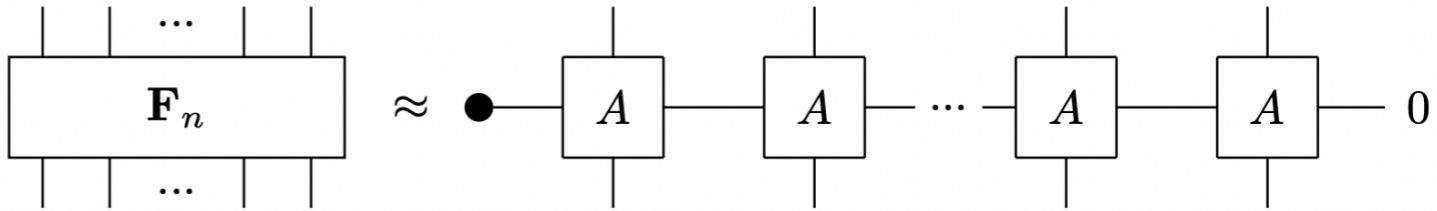
# Explicit MPO construction

$$F_m^\alpha(\sigma_{1:m}, \tau_{1:m}) = e^{-\pi i \sum_{k,l=1}^m 2^{-k} 2^l \sigma_k \tau_l} e^{-2\pi i y_{\leq m} c^\alpha}$$

How to get next tensor  
 $F_{m+1}^\alpha(\sigma_{1:m+1}, \tau_{1:m+1})$ ?



$$A^{\alpha\beta}(\sigma, \tau) = P^\alpha \left( \frac{\sigma + c^\beta}{2} \right) e^{-\pi i (\sigma + c^\beta) \tau}$$



## Additional comments

- Error bound (cf. preprint) for explicit MPO construction nearly matches bounds for unfolding matrix ranks
- Connection between QTT and the complementary low rank (CLR) properties are noted
- Also consider connections to the approximate quantum Fourier transform (**AQFT**)
  - The AQFT simply leaves out long-range gates from QFT which contribute small phases
  - It turns out that the AQFT can be recovered **exactly** in our framework using a different (piecewise constant) interpolation scheme

# Conclusions

- **Interpolation** is the right framework for leveraging smoothness to understand the detailed structure of QTT ranks, theoretically and practically
- It also helps us understand how to construct the DFT directly as an MPO
- Functions that can be represented efficiently with a tree-structured multiresolution grid are low-rank QTTs
  - So are their Fourier transforms
- We can go back and forth between (multires) grids and QTTs (zipping and unzipping)
- **Questions:**
  - Are there any interesting / useful functions which **cannot** be treated sharply with this analysis?
  - Can we get end-to-end QTT advantage over classical methods on a well-defined numerical analysis problem? What would this mean?



All aboard this actual  
quantized tensor train

Thank you for your attention!

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