

# "Phase Estimation"

First recall unitary  $U$  has eigenvalues

$$\lambda_k = e^{2\pi i \theta_k}$$

diagonal basis

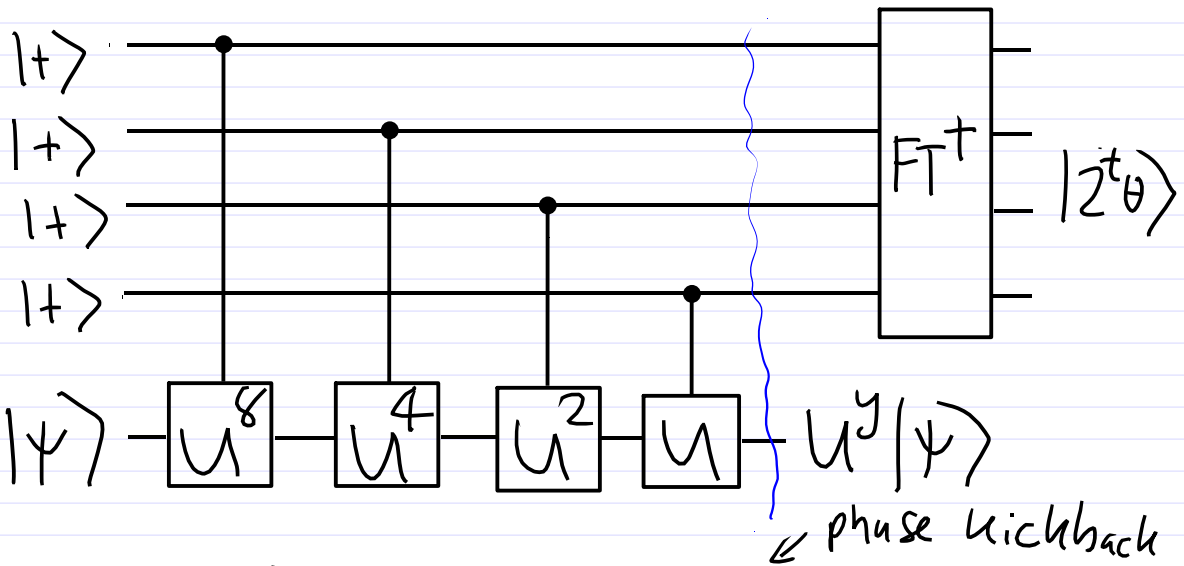
$$U = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_0 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \lambda_{N-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$U^\dagger U = \begin{pmatrix} |\lambda_0|^2 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & |\lambda_{N-1}|^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

but  $U^\dagger = U^{-1}$  so  $|\lambda_k|^2 = 1$   
and eigenvalues have unit norm.

Now find the period  $U^x = 1$   
acting on a specific eigenstate

$$U |\psi\rangle = e^{2\pi i \theta} |\psi\rangle$$



$$\frac{1}{2^{t/2}} \sum_{0 \leq y < 2^t} e^{2\pi i y \theta} |y\rangle$$

Use boxed equation on next page with  $\theta = x/2^t$  to see that final output of above circuit is  $|x\rangle = |2^t \theta\rangle$

Recall we showed

$$U_{FT}|x\rangle = \frac{1}{2^{n/2}} \sum_y e^{2\pi i xy/2^n} |y\rangle$$

and

$$U_{FT}^\dagger |y\rangle = \frac{1}{2^{n/2}} \sum_x e^{-2\pi i xy/2^n} |x\rangle$$

implies that

$$U_{FT}^\dagger \frac{1}{2^{n/2}} \sum_y e^{2\pi i xy/2^n} |y\rangle = |x\rangle$$

(just  $U_{FT}^\dagger U_{FT} = I$ )