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build_statevector	<i>Build the n-qubit entanglement statevector for one subject</i>
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## Description

Build the n-qubit entanglement statevector for one subject

## Usage

```
build_statevector(percentiles, synergy = 0.6)
```

## Arguments

percentiles	Numeric vector of exposure percentiles in $[0, 1]$ .
synergy	Synergy strength in $[0, 1]$ .

## Value

Complex statevector of length  $2^n$ .

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circuit\_gate\_schedule *Gate schedule for circuit diagrams*

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**Description**

Gate schedule for circuit diagrams

**Usage**

```
circuit_gate_schedule(n_exposures = 4L, n_metals = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

n_exposures	Number of exposures (qubits).
n_metals	Deprecated alias for n_exposures.

**Value**

List with gate schedule metadata.

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diagnose\_qtbi *Diagnose QTBI encoder behavior on processed data*

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**Description**

Diagnose QTBI encoder behavior on processed data

**Usage**

```
diagnose_qtbi(
  data,
  synergy_grid = seq(0, 1, by = 0.05),
  synergy_ref = NULL,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

data	A qtbi_data object from <a href="#">estimate_qtbi()</a> .
synergy_grid	Grid of synergy values for sensitivity curves.
synergy_ref	Reference synergy for summary statistics (defaults to the value used in <a href="#">estimate_qtbi()</a> ).
verbose	If TRUE, print a concise summary.

**Value**

A qtbi\_diagnosis object (also printed when verbose = TRUE).

estimate\_qtbi

*Estimate QTBI and append scores to a data frame***Description**

Computes within-cohort exposure percentiles, runs the fixed entanglement encoder, and returns the input data with percentile and QTBI columns added.

**Usage**

```
estimate_qtbi(
  data,
  chemicals,
  synergy_strength = 0.6,
  qtbi_col = "qtbi",
  percentile_prefix = "pct_",
  exposure_names = NULL,
  pct_cols = NULL,
  reference_doses = NULL,
  reference_index = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>data</code>	A data frame containing exposure columns.
<code>chemicals</code>	Character vector of exposure column names.
<code>synergy_strength</code>	Synergy strength in $[0, 1]$ .
<code>qtbi_col</code>	Name for the QTBI score column (default "qtbi").
<code>percentile_prefix</code>	Prefix for percentile columns (default "pct_").
<code>exposure_names</code>	Optional display names for plots (defaults to chemicals).
<code>pct_cols</code>	Optional percentile column names (same length as chemicals).
<code>reference_doses</code>	Optional named numeric vector of oral reference doses in mg/kg/day, with names matching <code>exposure_names</code> (or <code>chemicals</code> if <code>exposure_names</code> is omitted). The package derives potency weights as <code>reference_index</code> dose divided by each component dose, rescales them so their sum equals the number of exposures (keeping QTBI on the same $[0, n]$ scale as the unweighted index), and applies them at readout only.
<code>reference_index</code>	Name of the index chemical for potency ratios. Defaults to the first <code>exposure_names</code> entry (or first <code>chemicals</code> entry).

**Value**

A qtbi\_data object (data frame) with QTBI and percentile columns.

**Examples**

```
df <- data.frame(
  Pb = c(1, 2, 3, 4),
  As = c(4, 3, 2, 1),
  Cd = c(2, 2, 3, 3),
  Hg = c(1, 3, 2, 4)
)
out <- estimate_qtbi(
  df,
  chemicals = c("Pb", "As", "Cd", "Hg"),
  synergy_strength = 0.6,
  reference_doses = c(Pb = 6.3e-4, As = 6.0e-5, Cd = 5.0e-4, Hg = 1.0e-4),
  reference_index = "Pb"
)
out$qtbi
```

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exposure\_percentile     *Convert exposures to within-cohort percentiles*

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**Description**

Convert exposures to within-cohort percentiles

**Usage**

```
exposure_percentile(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                      Numeric exposure vector.

**Value**

Numeric percentiles in (0, 1].

is\_qtbi\_data      *Test for a qtbi\_data object*

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**Description**

Test for a qtbi\_data object

**Usage**

```
is_qtbi_data(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                      Object to test.

**Value**

TRUE if x inherits from "qtbi\_data".

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marginal\_toxic\_probs      *Marginal toxic probabilities from a QTBI statevector*

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**Description**

Marginal toxic probabilities from a QTBI statevector

**Usage**

```
marginal_toxic_probs(state)
```

**Arguments**

state                      Complex statevector from [build\\_statevector\(\)](#).

**Value**

Numeric vector of marginal toxic probabilities.

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`normalize_potency_weights`*Rescale potency weights to match the unweighted QTBI scale*

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**Description**

When potency weights are applied at readout, rescale them so their sum equals the number of exposures in the panel. This keeps weighted QTBI on the same  $[0, n]$  scale as the unweighted sum of marginals, which aids comparison between weighted and unweighted analyses.

**Usage**

```
normalize_potency_weights(weights, target_sum = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

`weights` Named numeric vector of raw potency ratios from `potency_weights_from_reference_doses()`.  
`target_sum` Target sum for the rescaled weights. Defaults to the number of exposures (`length(weights)`).

**Value**

Named numeric vector of rescaled weights aligned with `weights`.

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`percentile_matrix`*Build percentile matrix from a data frame*

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**Description**

Build percentile matrix from a data frame

**Usage**

```
percentile_matrix(data, chemicals)
```

**Arguments**

`data` Data frame containing exposure columns.  
`chemicals` Character vector of column names.

**Value**

Numeric matrix with one percentile column per chemical.

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potency\_weights\_from\_reference\_doses

*Derive relative potency weights from reference doses*

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### Description

Computes outcome-independent weights as the ratio of the index chemical reference dose to each component reference dose:

$$w_i = \text{RfD}_{\text{index}} / \text{RfD}_i$$

### Usage

```
potency_weights_from_reference_doses(  
  reference_doses,  
  chemicals,  
  reference_index = NULL  
)
```

### Arguments

reference_doses	Named numeric vector of oral reference doses in mg/kg/day, with one value per exposure in chemicals.
chemicals	Character vector of exposure identifiers in panel order. Names must match names(reference_doses).
reference_index	Name of the index chemical. Defaults to the first entry in chemicals.

### Details

Lower reference doses (more potent toxicants) receive larger weights.

### Value

Named numeric vector of potency weights aligned with chemicals.

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qtbi\_from\_pcts

*Compute QTBI from percentile matrix*

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### Description

Compute QTBI from percentile matrix

### Usage

```
qtbi_from_pcts(pct_mat, synergy = 0.6, weights = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

pct_mat	Numeric matrix of within-cohort percentiles (rows = subjects).
synergy	Synergy strength in $[\emptyset, 1]$ .
weights	Optional named numeric potency weights aligned with columns.

**Value**

Numeric vector of QTBI scores.

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qtbi\_from\_state      *Compute QTBI from a statevector*

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**Description**

Compute QTBI from a statevector

**Usage**

```
qtbi_from_state(state, weights = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

state	Complex statevector from <code>build_statevector()</code> .
weights	Optional named numeric potency weights aligned with qubits. When NULL, marginals are summed with equal weight.

**Value**

Scalar QTBI score (sum of marginal toxic probabilities).

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qtbi\_from\_vector      *Compute QTBI from one percentile vector*

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**Description**

Compute QTBI from one percentile vector

**Usage**

```
qtbi_from_vector(pct_vec, synergy = 0.6, weights = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

pct_vec	Numeric vector of within-cohort percentiles.
synergy	Synergy strength in $[\emptyset, 1]$ .
weights	Optional named numeric potency weights aligned with pct_vec.

**Value**

Scalar QTBI score.

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qtbi_help	<i>Package help index for qtbi</i>
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**Description**

Prints a topic index for the main **qtbi** functions and optionally opens documentation for a specific topic. Use this when you want a guided entry point to the package; standard R help remains available via `?function_name` and `help(package = "qtbi")`.

**Usage**

```
qtbi_help(topic = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

topic	Optional character string naming a function or topic to open. If omitted, a summary index is printed.
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**Value**

Invisibly returns NULL. When `topic` is supplied, the corresponding help page is opened as a side effect.

**Examples**

```
qtbi_help()
qtbi_help("estimate_qtbi")
```

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qtbi_meta	<i>Retrieve QTBI metadata stored on a processed data frame</i>
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**Description**

Retrieve QTBI metadata stored on a processed data frame

**Usage**

```
qtbi_meta(data)
```

**Arguments**

data	A <code>qtbi_data</code> object from <code>estimate_qtbi()</code> .
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**Value**

List with chemicals, synergy strength, and percentile column names.

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synergy\_diagnostics    *Full circuit diagnostics for a cohort percentile matrix*

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**Description**

Full circuit diagnostics for a cohort percentile matrix

**Usage**

```
synergy_diagnostics(  
  pct_mat,  
  synergy_grid = seq(0, 1, by = 0.05),  
  synergy_ref = 0.6,  
  exposure_names = NULL,  
  metal_names = NULL,  
  weights = NULL  
)
```

**Arguments**

pct_mat	Numeric matrix of within-cohort percentiles (rows = subjects).
synergy_grid	Grid of synergy values in $[0, 1]$ .
synergy_ref	Reference synergy for summary statistics.
exposure_names	Labels for exposures (columns of pct_mat).
metal_names	Deprecated alias for exposure_names.
weights	Optional potency weights aligned with columns of pct_mat.

**Value**

List with cohort\_band, marginals, monotonicity, synergy\_ref, sens\_ref.

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synergy\_sensitivity     *Synergy sensitivity on cohort median percentiles*

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**Description**

Synergy sensitivity on cohort median percentiles

**Usage**

```
synergy_sensitivity(  
  pct_mat,  
  synergy_grid = seq(0, 1, by = 0.05),  
  weights = NULL  
)
```

**Arguments**

pct\_mat            Numeric matrix of within-cohort percentiles.  
synergy\_grid      Grid of synergy values in [0, 1].  
weights            Optional potency weights aligned with columns of pct\_mat.

**Value**

Data frame with synergy, qtbi, and additive\_baseline columns.

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