

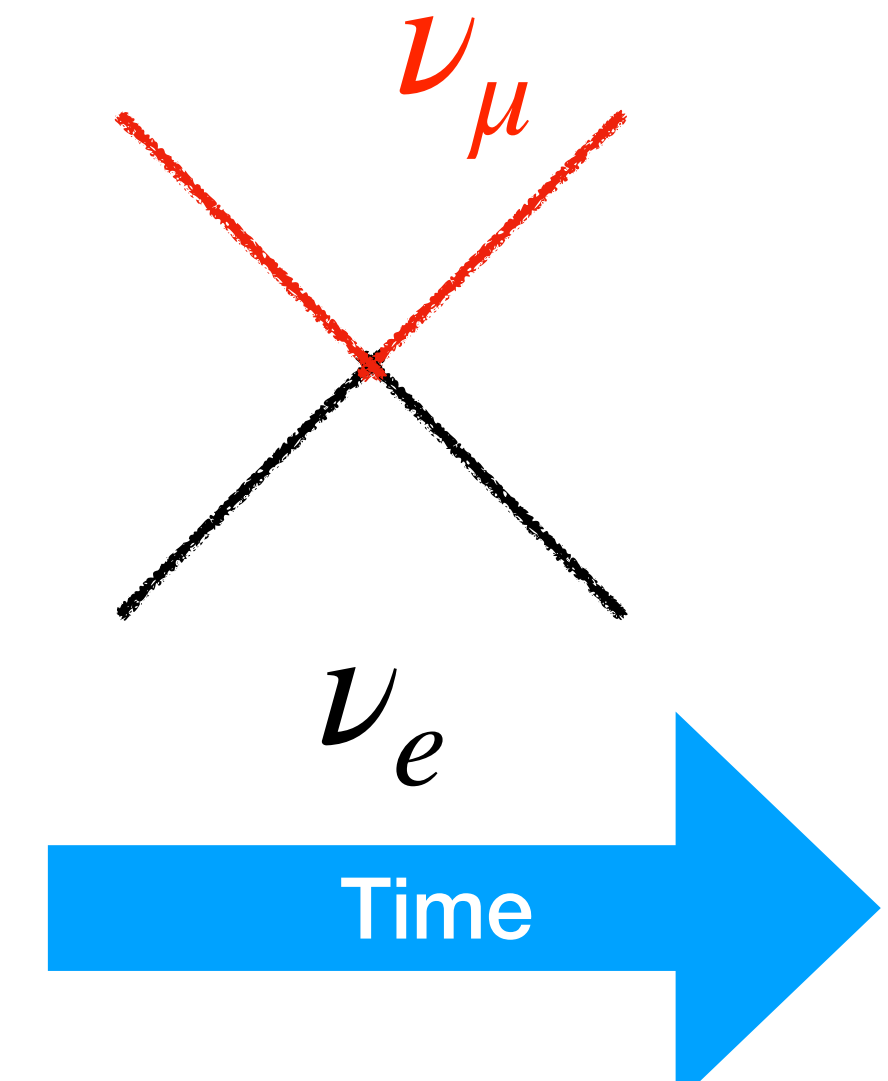
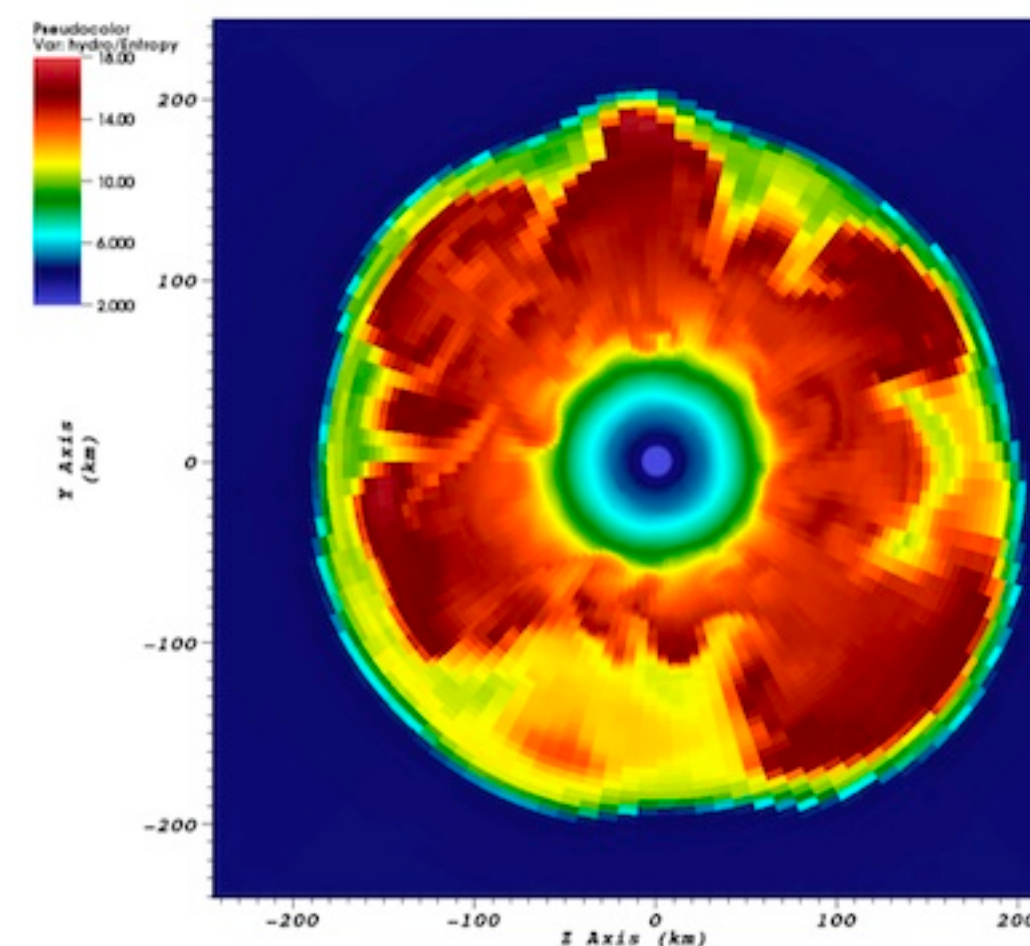
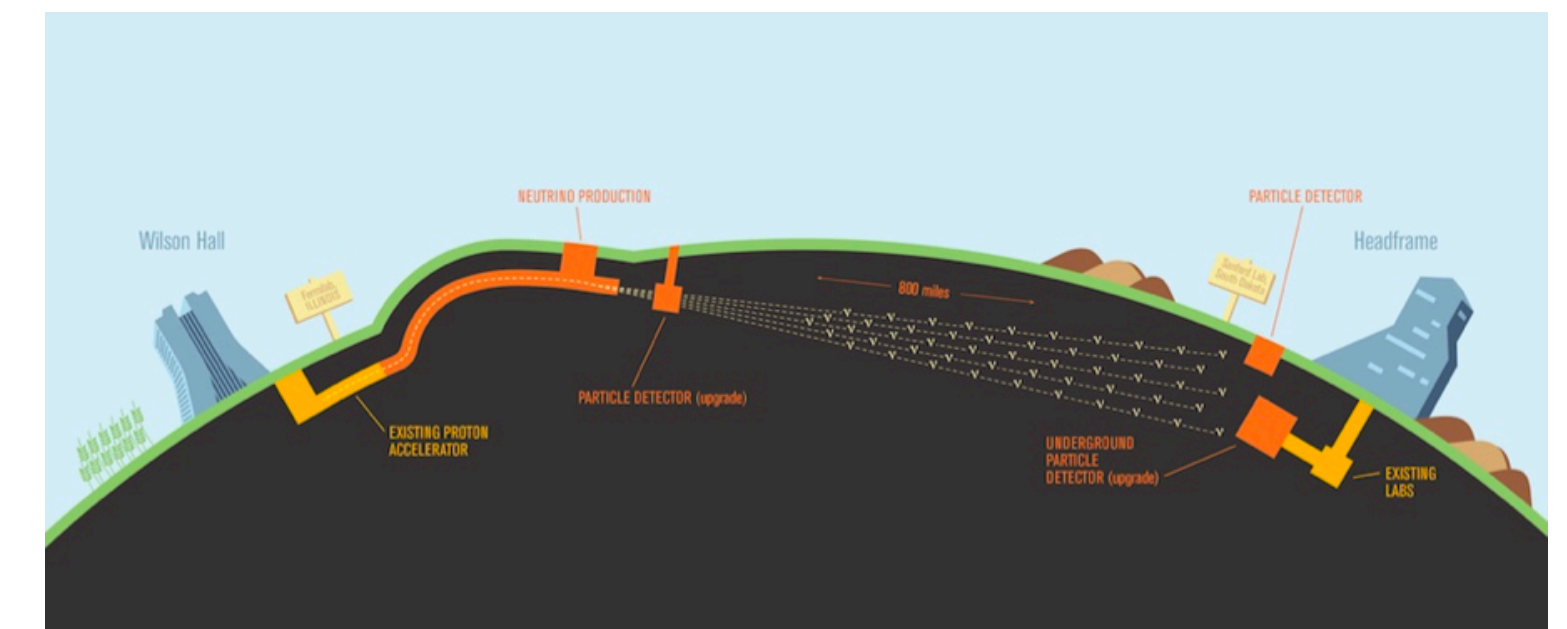
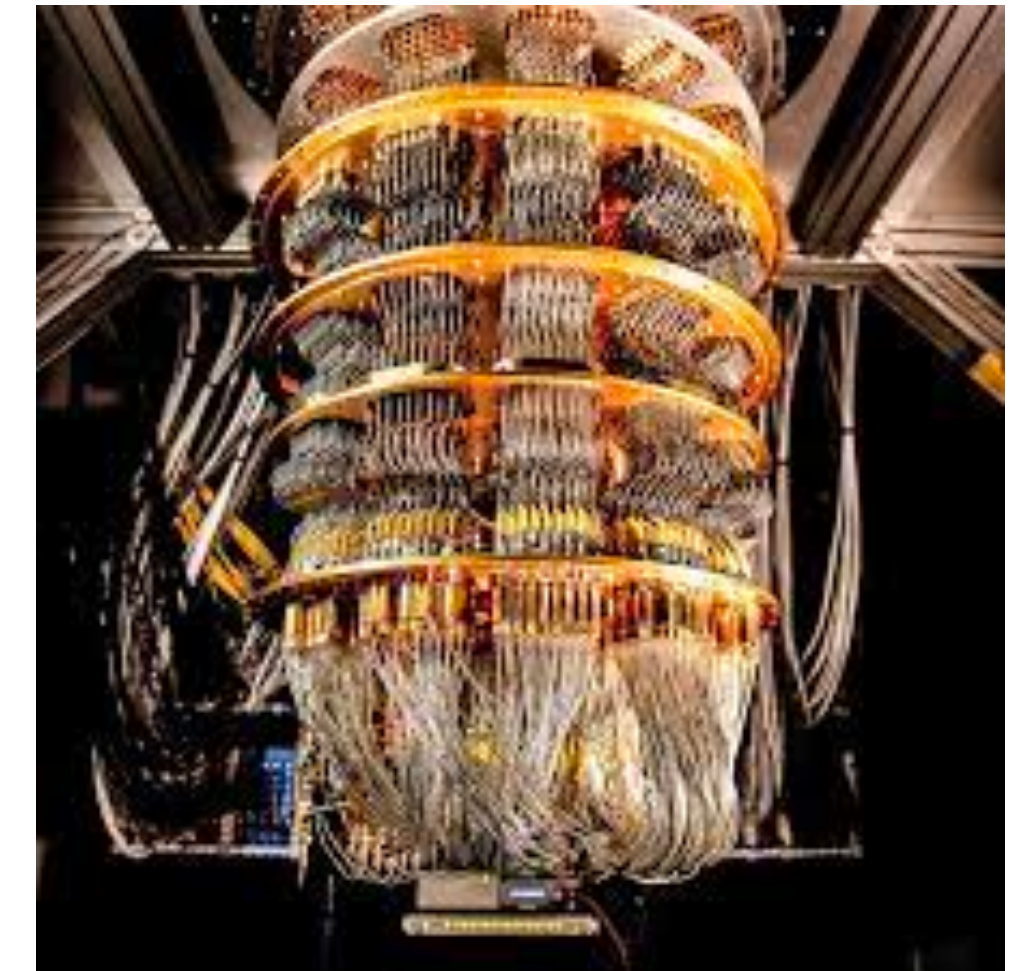
# Neutrinos, Nuclei and Quantum Computing & Information

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- Brief Introduction to Quantum Computing
- Linear response: electron and neutrino scattering (algorithm)
- Ground state (or others): state preparation (algorithm)
- Neutrino-Neutrino Scattering: Supernovae and Neutron Star Mergers (physics!)
- Outlook



# Why Quantum Computing?

- **Very dense information storage:**
  - N qubits store  $2^N$  complex amplitudes
  - 40-50 qubits store more than largest conventional supercomputers
- **Parallel operations:**
  - 1 and 2 qbit gates are SU(2) rotations, Pauli operations
  - Well mapped to physical amplitudes (locality, 2-3 body operators,...)
- **Various mappings (eg. Jordan-Wigner)**
  - Hubbard or Heisenberg (lattice spin) models
  - Lattice Field Theories, Nuclear Many-Body, ...
- **Have to think a bit differently:**
  - Bigger Hilbert space is ok
  - QC Designed for Unitary evolution:  $\exp[-iHt]$
  - Measurements need to be carefully thought out
- **Hardware in early stages but rapidly improving**
  - Order 100 qubits (enough)
  - Error or noise  $\sim 0.1\%$  (needs to improve by 3-4 orders of magnitude)

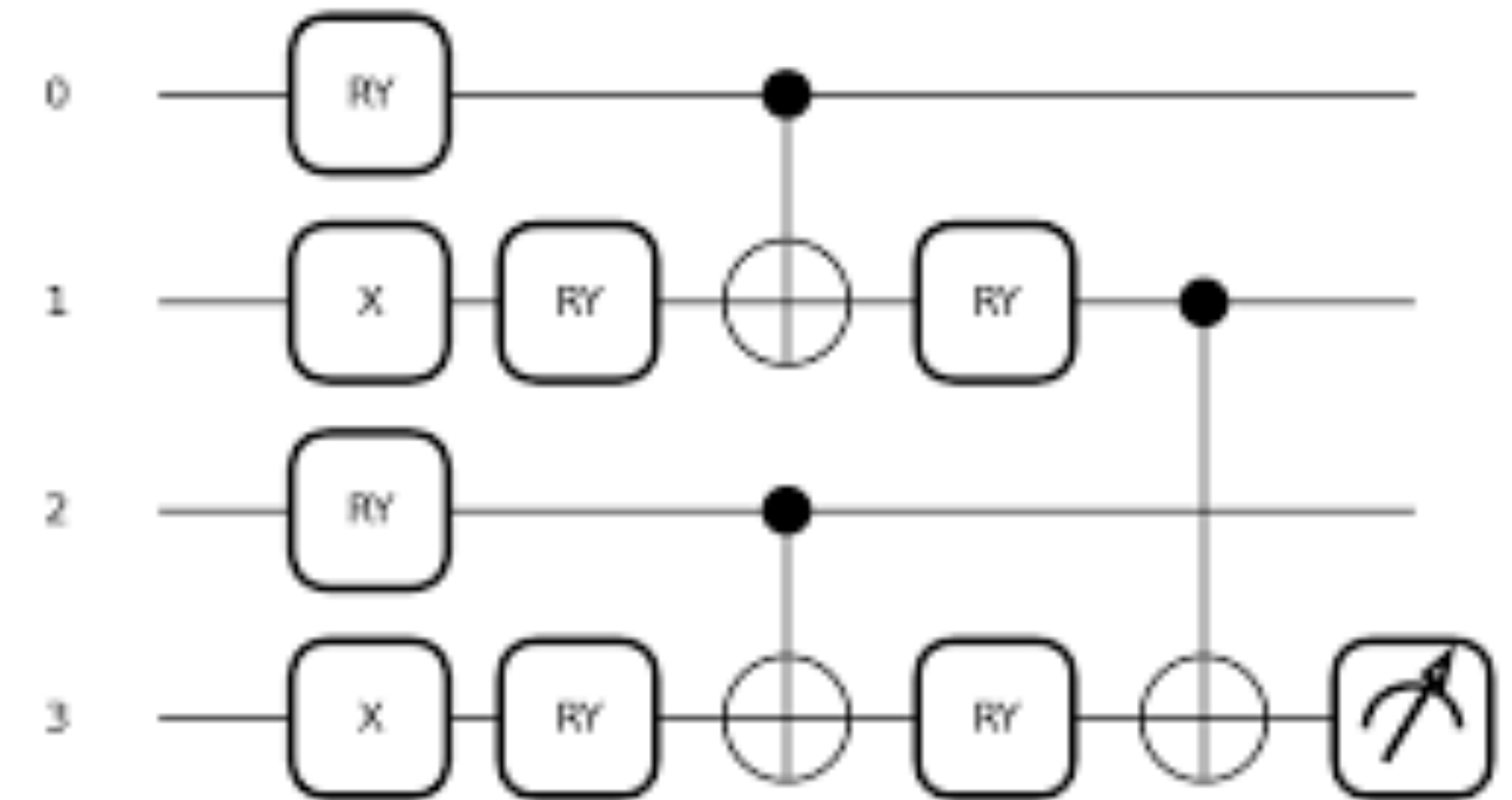
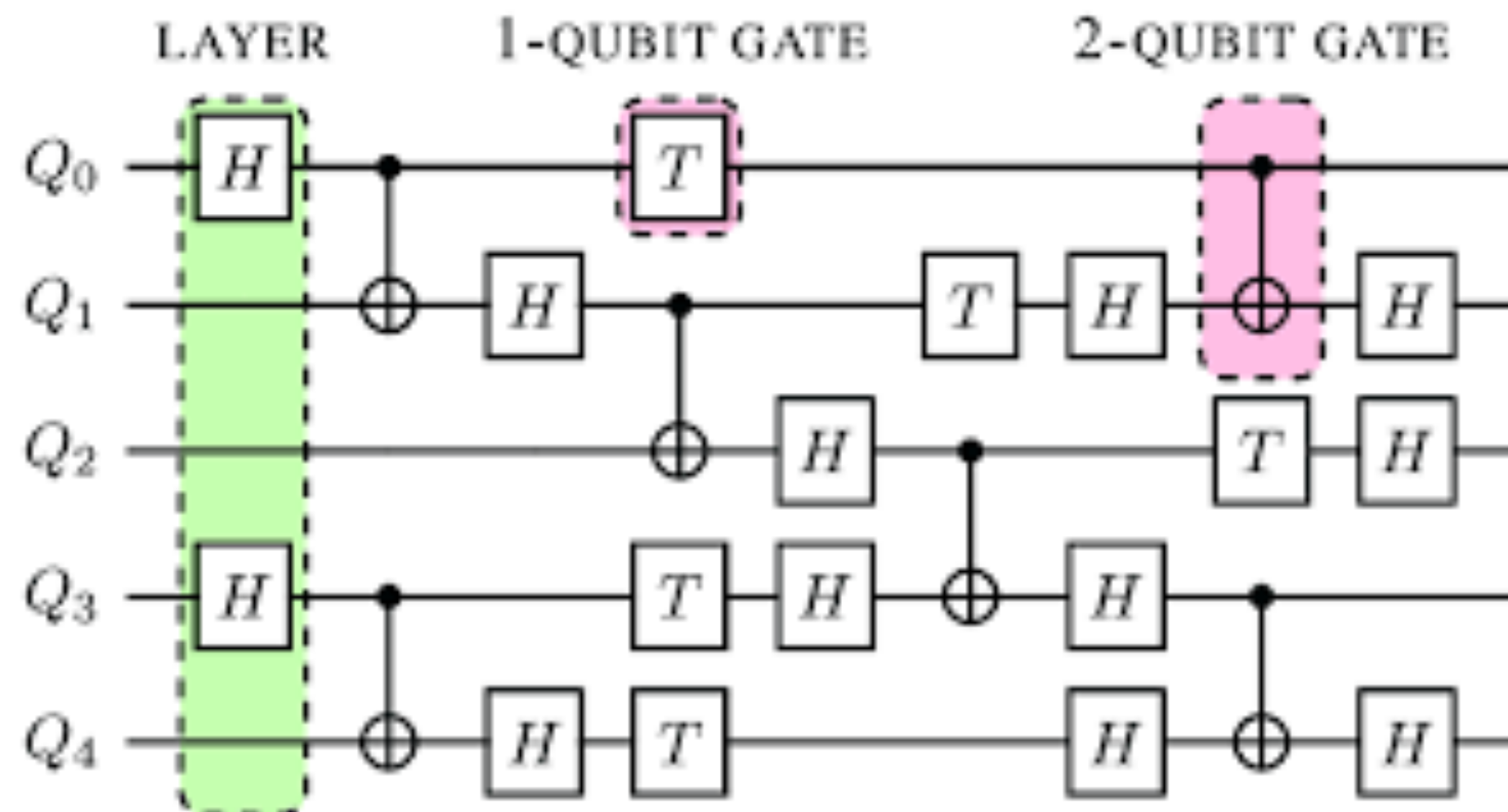


# What is a Quantum Computer?

(Theorist's oversimplified view)

Set of N qubits: SU(2) spinors in e.g. up-down basis

- Set up a simple initial simple (unentangled) state: product of SU(2) spinors
- Ordered set of gates operate on 1-2 qubits at a time (can be parallel)
- Unitary Evolution
- Measurement of some or all qubits



# Linear Response on a Quantum Computer

A. Roggero & J. Carlson

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$$S_O(\omega) = \sum_{\nu} |\langle \psi_{\nu} | \hat{O} | \psi_0 \rangle|^2 \delta(E_{\nu} - E_0 - \omega)$$

$$R_{\alpha}(q, \omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dt}{2\pi} e^{i(\omega+E_i)t} \overline{\sum_{M_i} \langle \Psi_i | O_{\alpha}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{q}) e^{-iHt} O_{\alpha}(\mathbf{q}) | \Psi_i \rangle}.$$

**Prepare Initial State: Variational state, ...**

**Need Initial state: variational or projection (see below)**

**High Energy & smooth response -> limited time evolution is sufficient**

**Unitary operator representing the current on the initial state:**

$$\hat{U}_S^{\gamma} = e^{-i\gamma \hat{O} \otimes \sigma_y} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\gamma \hat{O}) & -\sin(\gamma \hat{O}) \\ \sin(\gamma \hat{O}) & \cos(\gamma \hat{O}) \end{pmatrix}$$

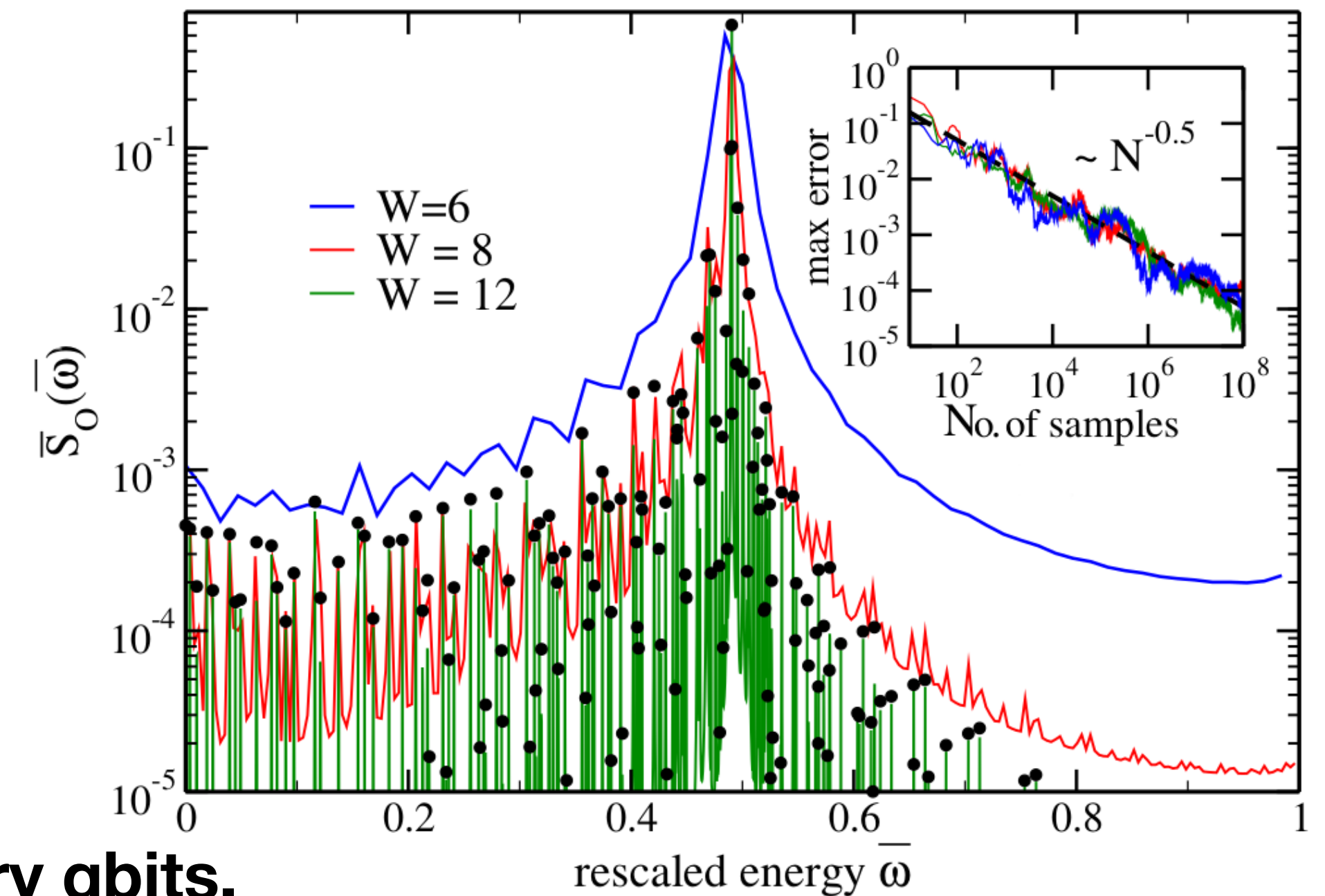
**Need to evolve for time t with controlled evolution and W auxiliary qubits.**

**Probability of measurement of auxiliary qubits**

$$P(y) = \frac{1}{2^{2W}} \sum_{\nu} |\langle \psi_{\nu} | \Phi_O \rangle|^2 \frac{\sin^2(2^W \pi (\lambda_{\nu} - \frac{y}{2^W}))}{\sin^2(\pi (\lambda_{\nu} - \frac{y}{2^W}))}$$

$$\equiv \frac{1}{2^W} \sum_{\nu} |\langle \psi_{\nu} | \Phi_O \rangle|^2 F_{2^W} \left( 2\pi \left( \lambda_{\nu} - \frac{y}{2^W} \right) \right)$$

**Only a few (~10) extra qubits gives and excellent reproduction of the response**  
**Resolution improve exponentially with the number of ancillary qubits**



# State Preparation on a Quantum Computer

**Goal: Project an Eigenstate w/ Good  $\langle H \rangle, \langle J \rangle, \dots$   
From an initial variational state**

## Algorithm:

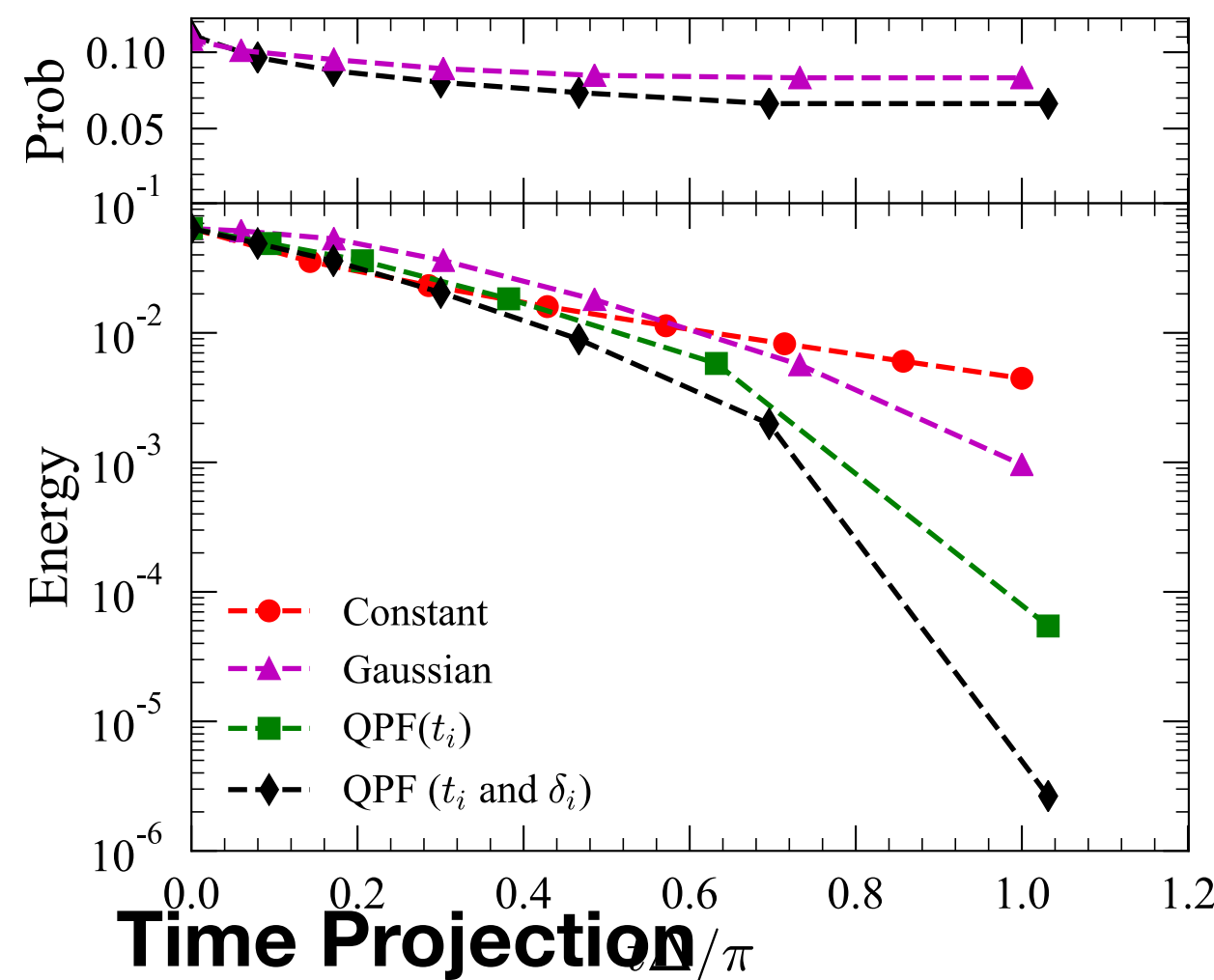
### 1. Project on Quantum Numbers

Known Eigenspectrum, Zeros exponentially  
growing number of states with each measurement  
Increases Gap to Lowest Excitation

### 2. Measure 'Response' of trial state

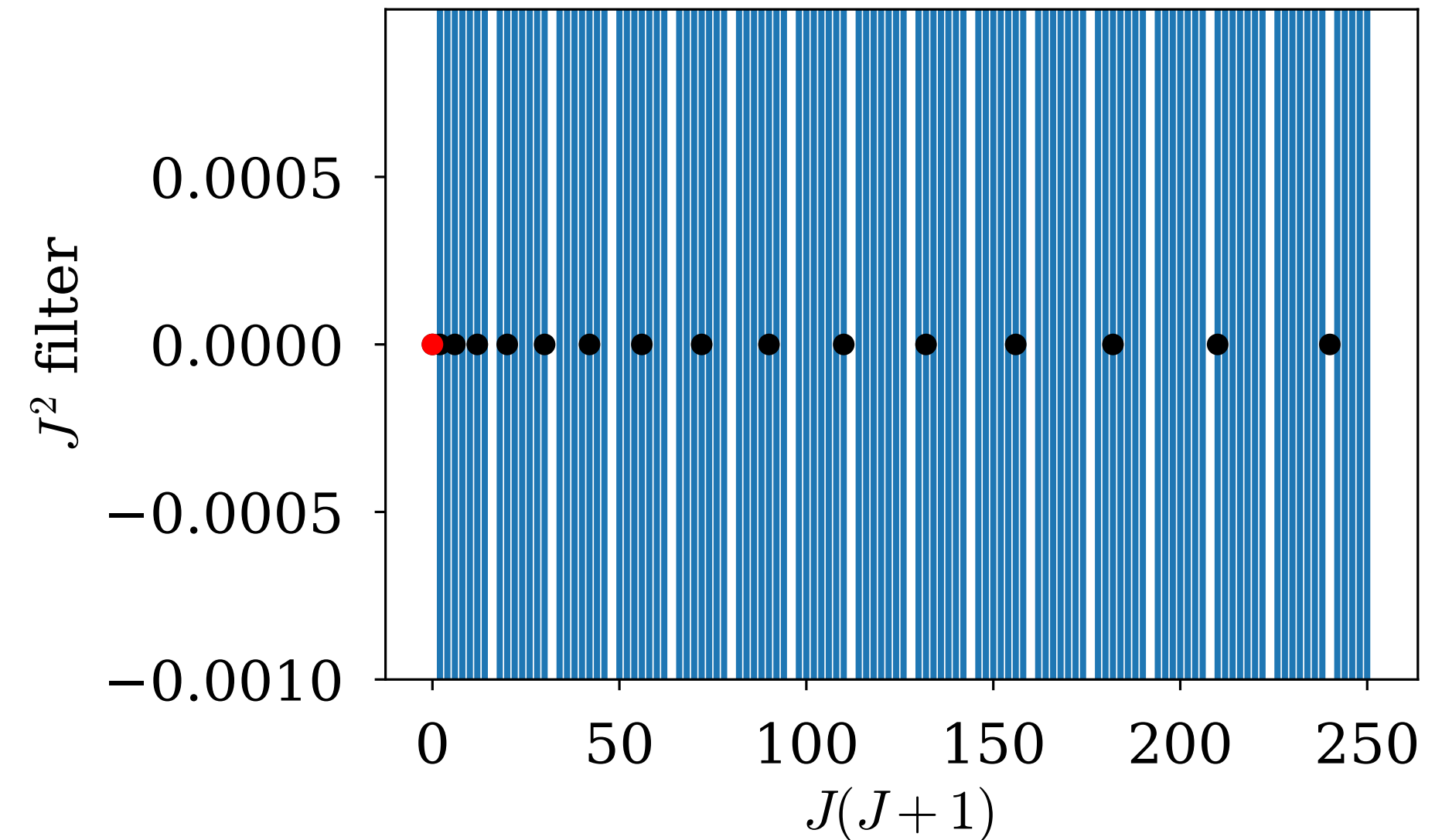
### 3. Calculate Optimum Times and Phases

### 4. Project to Ground State

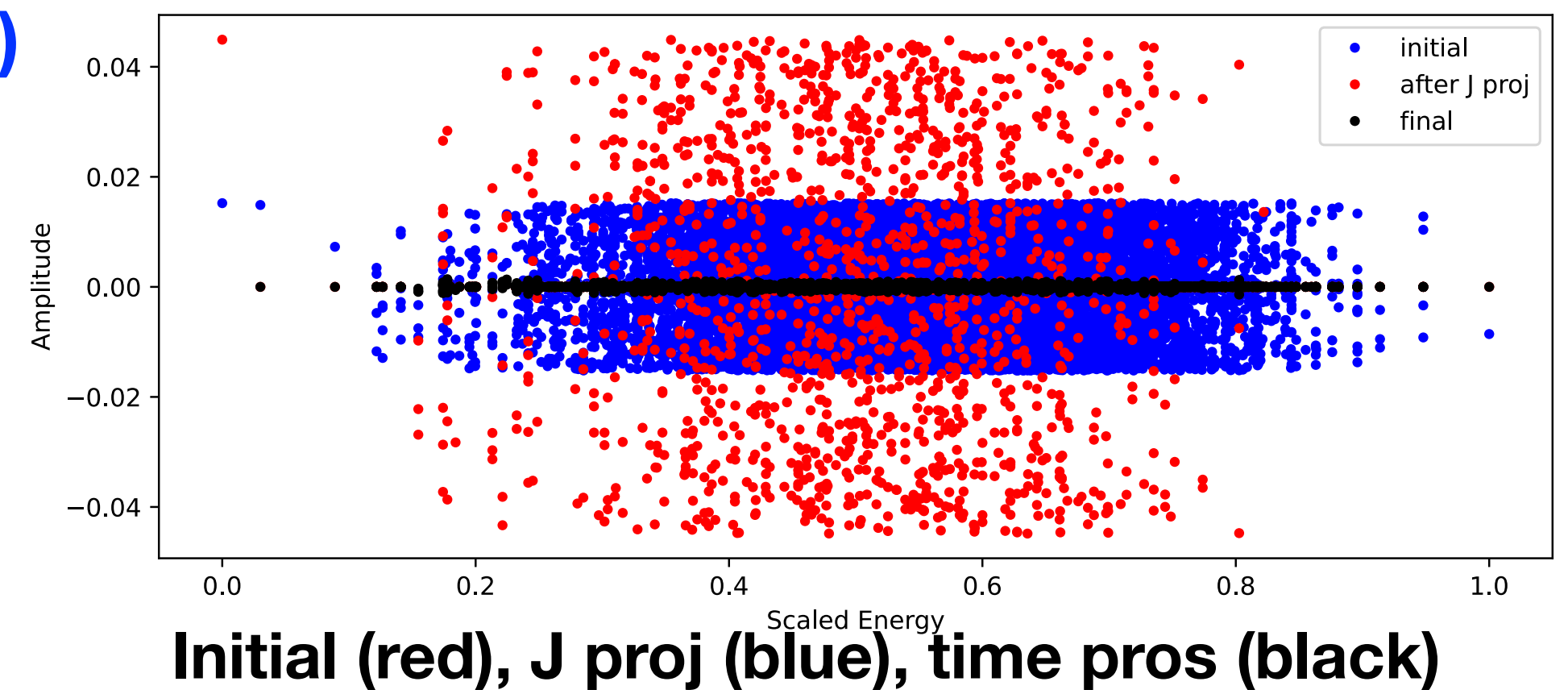


$$\text{Time} \propto \frac{\pi}{\Delta^*} \text{ (same as adiabatic)}$$

Works for arbitrary  
Quantum numbers, E



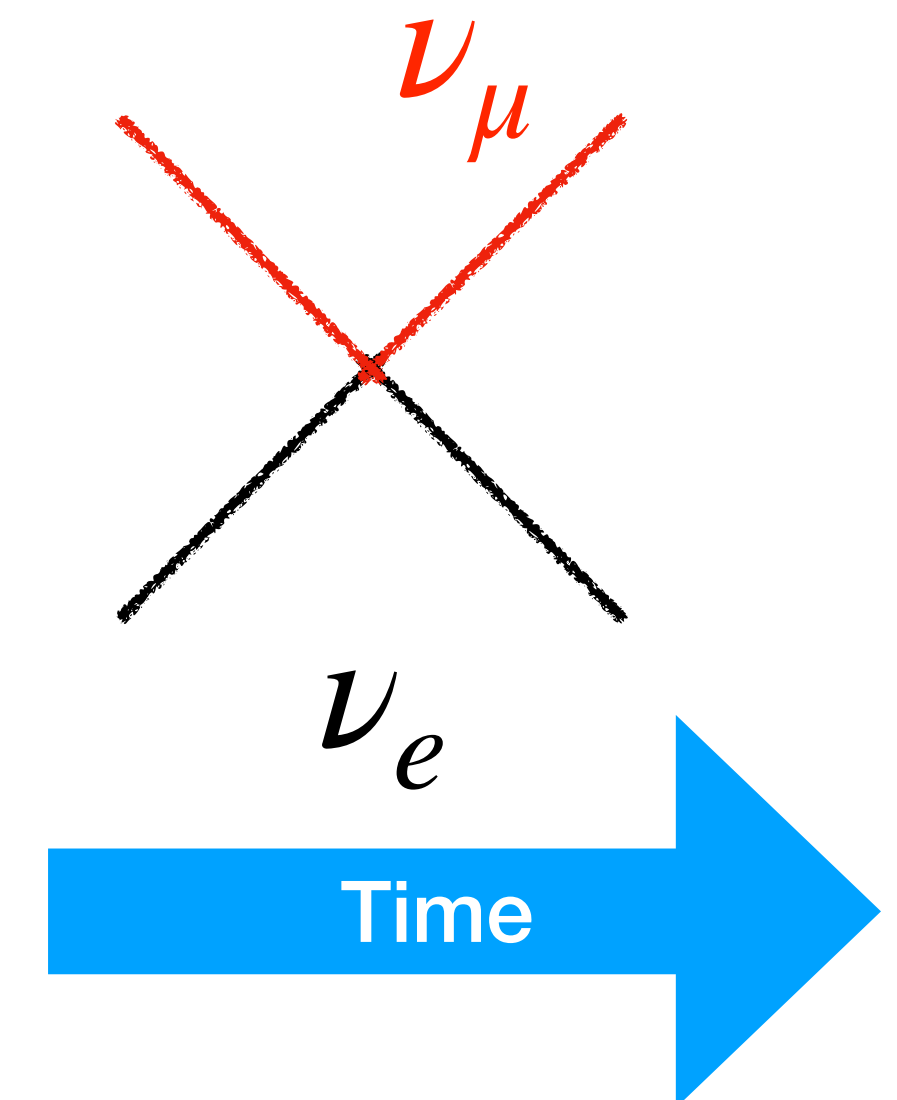
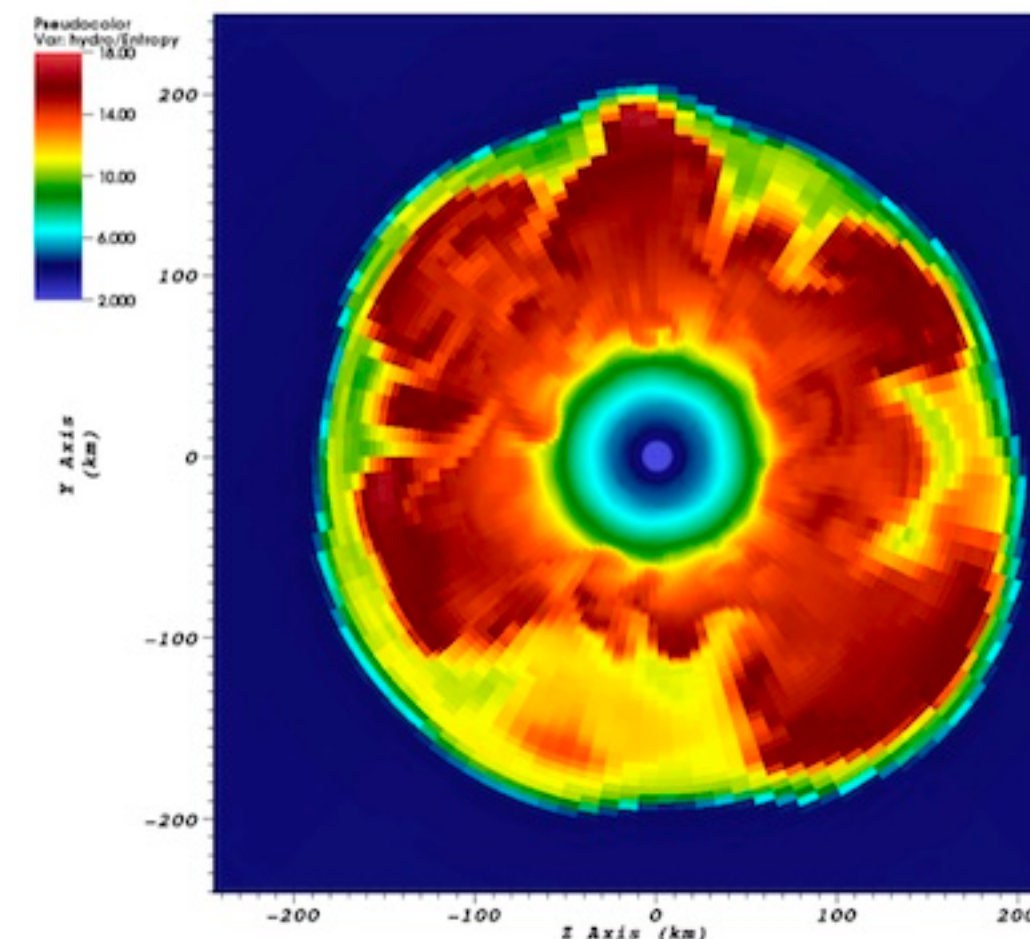
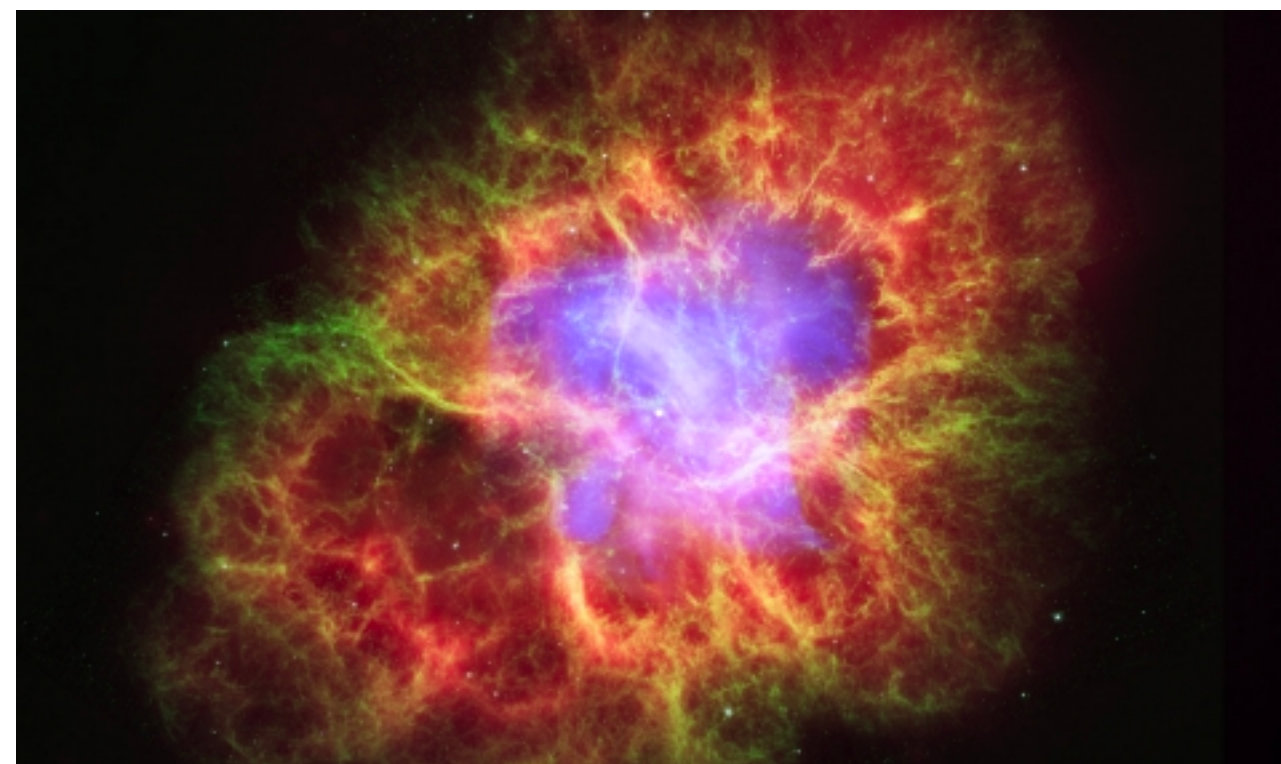
Projecting  $J^2$  quantum number



# Symmetries and scramblers in dense neutrino environments

Many-body quantum mechanics of neutrinos  
in regimes where  $\nu - \nu$  interactions can be important.

With huge flux,  $\nu - \nu$  interactions can potentially be important!  
We can derive Hamiltonian describing the system  
We have at least a rough idea of some relevant initial conditions  
Can we do time evolution of enough neutrinos to be useful?  
How to approach modeling quantum dynamics?

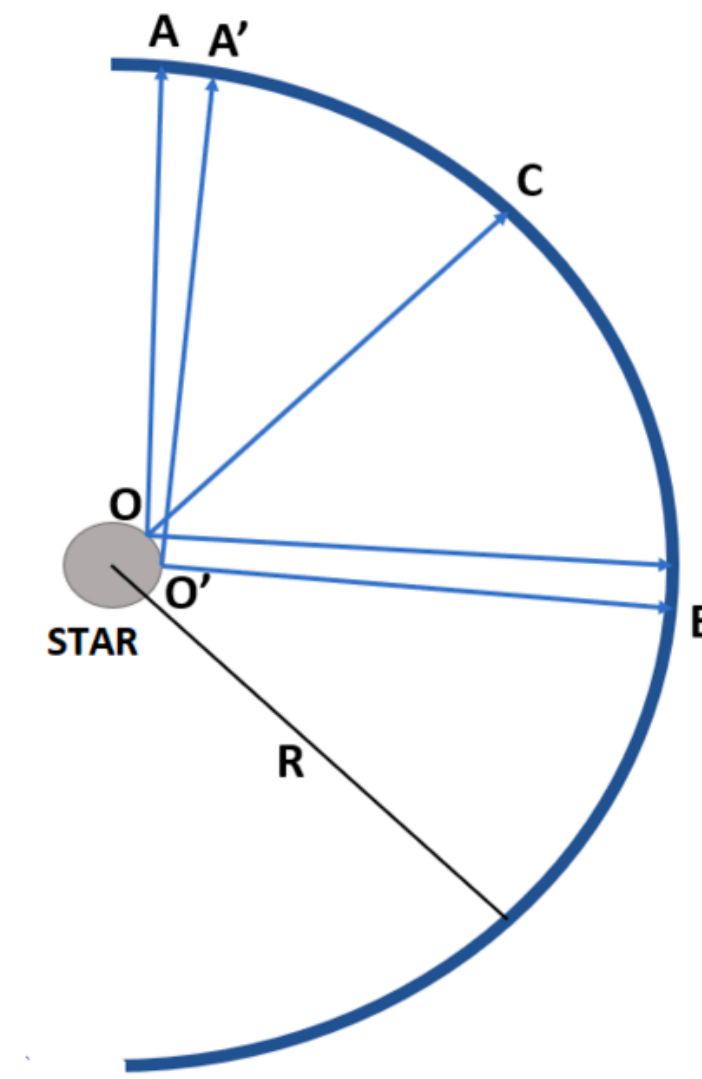


# Many-body quantum mechanics of neutrinos (JC, A. Roggero, Duff Neill, Josh Martin)

- Simplified Hamiltonian relevant to SN, NS-NS mergers:  
Integrable vs. non-Integrable Hamiltonians
- Initial States
- Equilibration (thermodynamics) from real-time evolution
  - Eigenstate Thermalization Hypothesis (ETH)
  - Path Integral Representation of Dynamics
- Analysis of equilibration/time scales for larger N
- ‘Classical’ Picture: Neutrinos and Anti-Neutrinos

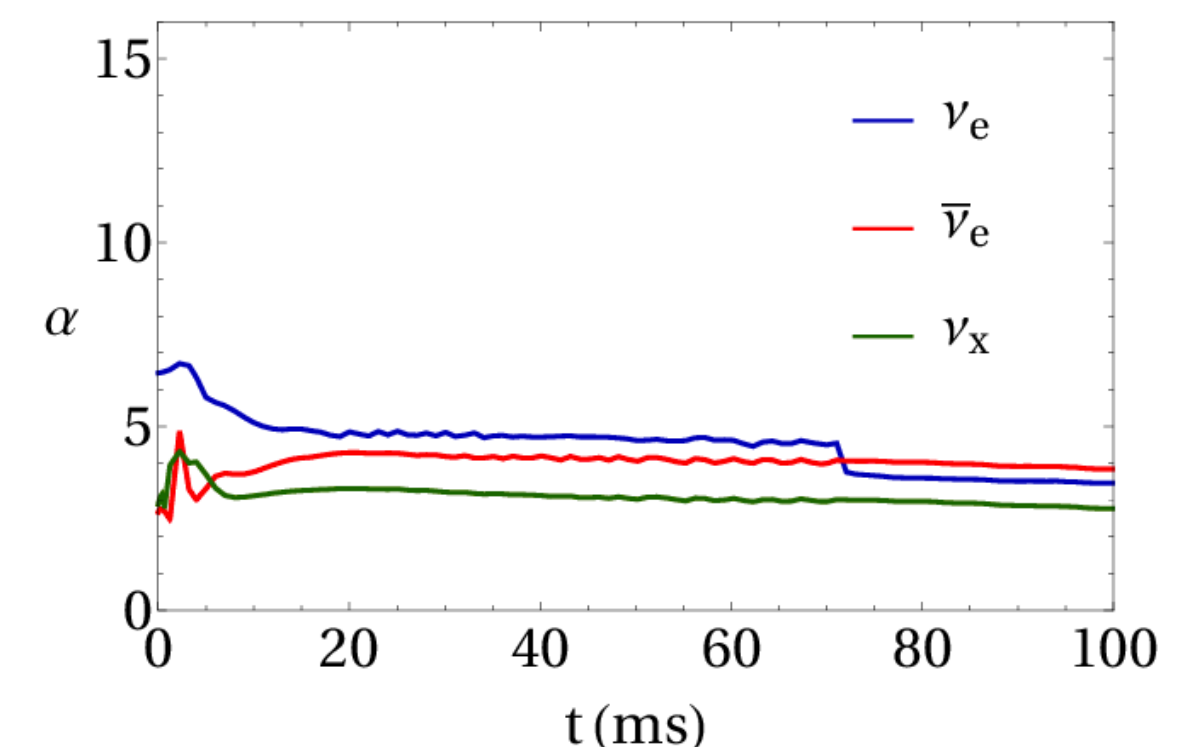
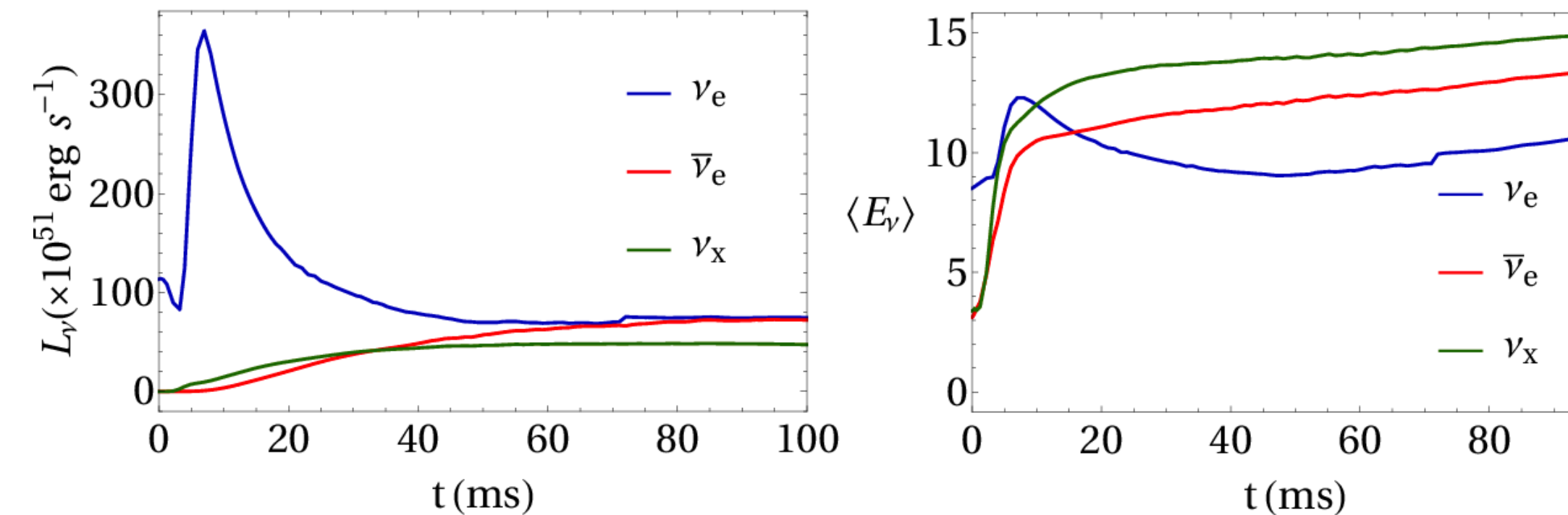
$$H_{\nu-\nu} = \frac{\sqrt{2}G_F\rho_\nu}{N} \sum_{i<j} (1 - \hat{k}_i \cdot \hat{k}_j) \sigma_i \cdot \sigma_j$$

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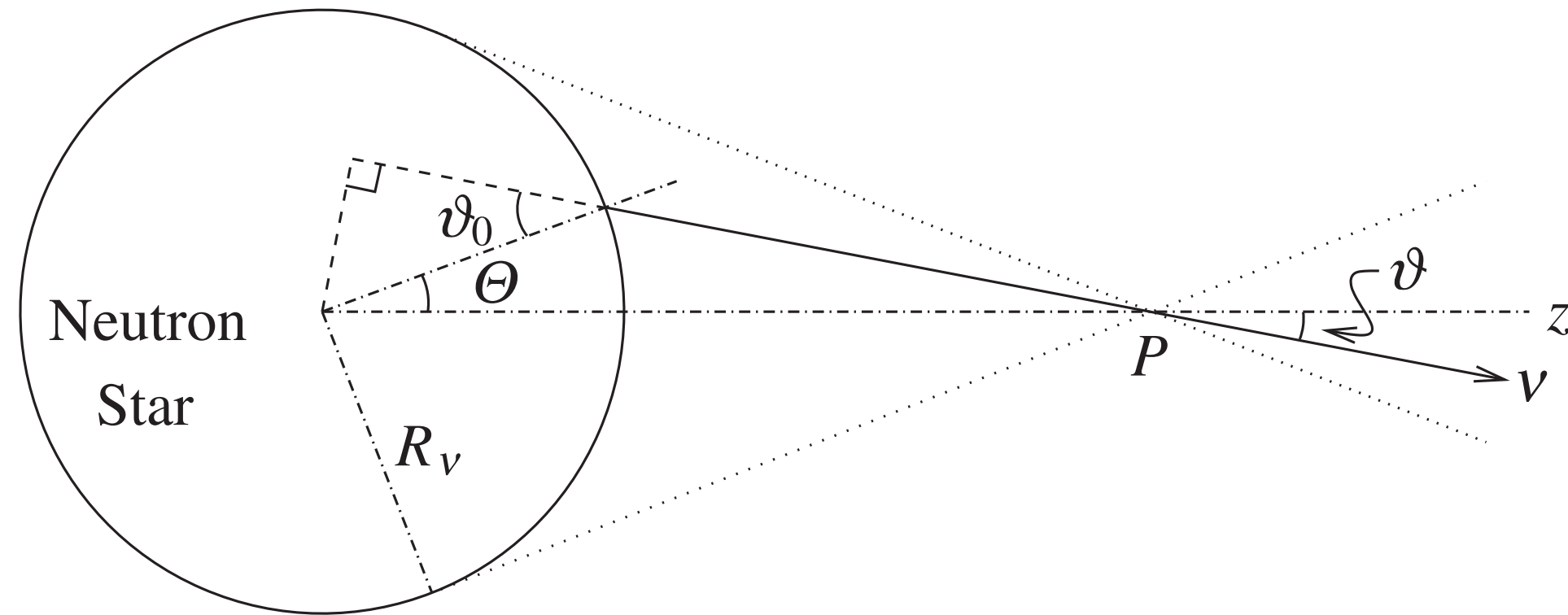
Neutrino Bulb model  
(Wikipedia)

Neutrino fluxes during CCS neutronization burst



# Hamiltonian setup for dense neutrino environment

See Panteleone, Sigl, Raffelt, Bell, Fuller, Balantekin, Sawyer, Friedland, Lunardini, McKellar, Cirigliano,...



$$H = H_{vacuum} + H_{MSW} + H_{\nu-\nu}$$

Vacuum Oscillations: neutrinos oscillate between flavors in the vacuum : SU(2) example

$$H_{vacuum} = -\frac{\delta m^2}{2E_i} \begin{pmatrix} -\cos(2\theta) & \sin(2\theta) \\ \sin(2\theta) & \cos(2\theta) \end{pmatrix}$$

In matter, forward scattering on 'ordinary' matter introduces a potential for electron neutrinos (MSW)

$$H_{MSW} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{(2)G_F\rho_e} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



## Neutrino-Neutrino interaction $\leftrightarrow$ Quantum Spin (here $SU(2)$ ) Hamiltonian

$$H_{\nu-\nu} = \frac{\sqrt{2}G_F\rho_\nu}{N} \sum_{i<j} (1 - \hat{k}_i \cdot \hat{k}_j) \sigma_i \cdot \sigma_j$$

- $k_i, k_j$  represent neutrino directions
- $\rho_\nu$  is neutrino density
- $N$  is total number of neutrinos
- $\sigma_i, \sigma_j$  are Pauli matrices representing neutrino flavor states

Note unusual factor of  $\frac{\rho_\nu}{N}$  because of 'box' normalization  
for neutrino single-particle states

Spectra proportional to  $N$  like standard Hamiltonian

More neutrinos at fixed density  $\rightarrow$  larger volume

***Big mismatch between number of neutrinos we can calculate in a quantum many-body approach and real physical system***

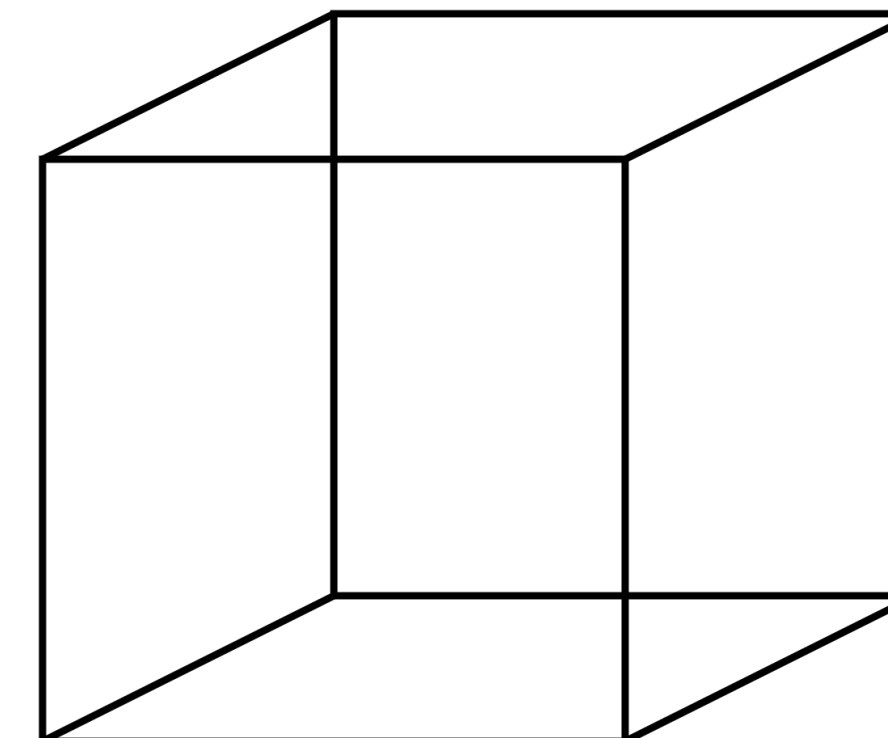
***Note this is always true (neutron stars, cold atoms, liquid He,...)***

Take luminosity  $L \sim 10^{53}$  erg/sec and an average energy  $E$  of 10 MeV at a radius of  $\sim 50$  km gives  $\rho_\nu \approx 6.6 \times 10^{-7} \text{fm}^{-3}$

Number of quantum many-body states =  $2^N$

For  $N=20$  at this density the box length (cubic) is only  $L \sim 300$  fm

L	N
300 fm	20
3000 fm	2000
3 Angstrom	$2 \times 10^{10}$



*More particles is only a partial answer*

*Density low compared to degeneracy, can treat as distinguishable spins*

*Convert part of dynamics to statistical mechanics (finite T)*

*Neutrino-Neutrino interaction ↔ Quantum Spin (here SU(2)) Hamiltonian*

$$H_{\nu-\nu} = \frac{\mu}{N} \sum_{i < j} (1 - \hat{k}_i \cdot \hat{k}_j) \sigma_i \cdot \sigma_j$$

*For conditions described previously  $\mu \approx 1 \text{cm}^{-1}$*

*Initial Condition (product state): ~A complex amplitudes*

$$\psi(0) = \prod_{i=1}^N \chi(i)$$

*In general are determined by sampling  
from an energy, angle  
and flavor dependent distributions*

*Dynamics rapidly introduces many complex amplitudes*

$$|\Psi(t)\rangle = \exp[-iHt] |\Psi(0)\rangle$$

$$\sigma_i \cdot \sigma_j = 2P_{ij} - 1 \quad P_{ij} \text{ exchanges spins}$$

*mappings to quantum computer SU(2) spin ↔ qubit*

*Major difficulty on a QC is all to all coupling :Savage, Roggero, Hall, Illa, ...*

# Integrability is a key component of the Hamiltonian determined by choice of directions/couplings $k$

In all cases considered  $J^2$ ,  $J_x$ ,  $J_y$  and  $J_z$  are symmetries as they commute with the Hamiltonian

- **Integrable** : Many symmetries: eg. all equal couplings

$$H = \sum_{i < j} \sigma_i \cdot \sigma_j$$

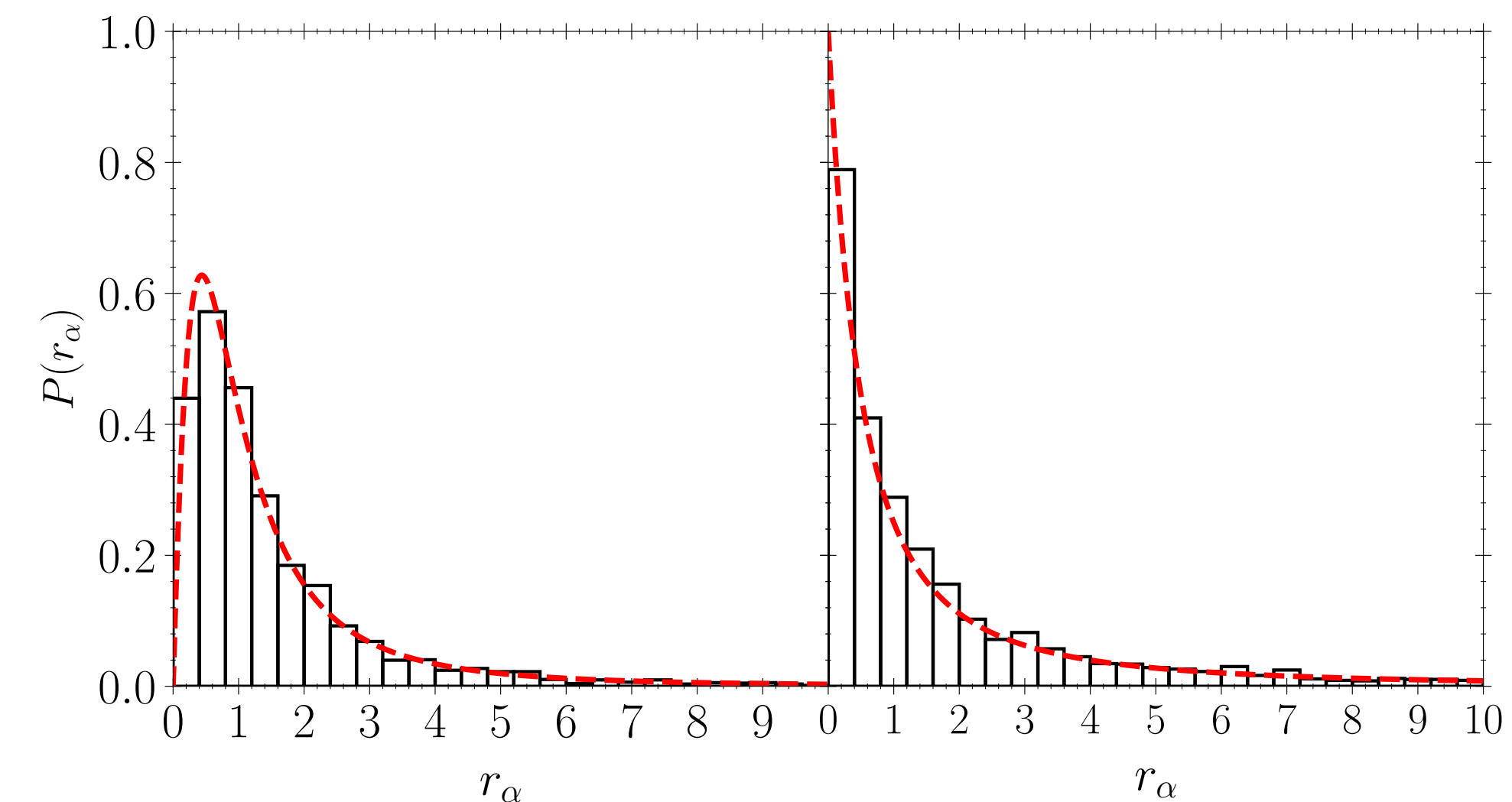
cases solved by *Bethe Ansatz*  
(see eg. *Somma, NPB, 2005*)

- **Non-Integrable** : Almost all cases  
Very few symmetries, level repulsion, ...

Here we consider random unit vectors in a hemisphere

Only total angular momentum and projections are preserved, along with moments of  $H$  (time independent Hamiltonian)

Histograms of ratios of level spacings



Non-Integrable  
**GOE**

Integrable  
**Poisson**

**Initial states assumed to be product states**  
**Independence of quantum phases from different source directions**

$$|\Psi(t = 0)\rangle = \prod_{i=1, N} |\chi(i)\rangle$$

$$|\chi(i)\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} : |\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2 = 1$$

No quantum phase orientation (coherence) between different neutrinos

Individual spins may be drawn from same classical distributions in flavor versus energy and angle

Can easily calculate expectation values  $\langle H \rangle$ ,  $\langle H^2 \rangle$ ,  $\langle J^2 \rangle$ ,  $\langle J_x \rangle$ ,  $\langle J_y \rangle$ ,  $\langle J_z \rangle$

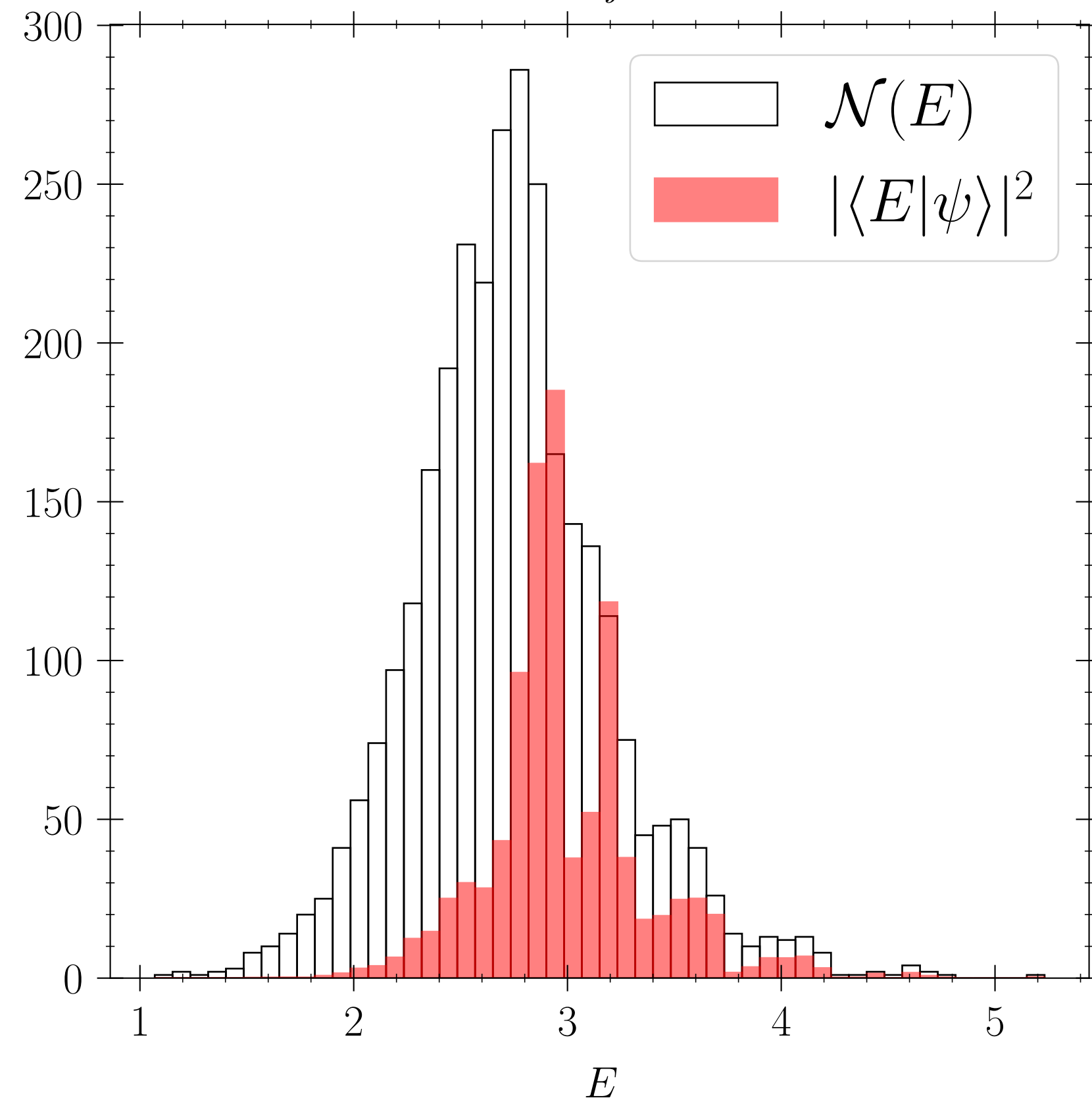
These are all symmetries and hence time independent quantities for a Hamiltonian constant in time

# Density of States and Initial State Overlaps with product states

N=15

Non-integrable

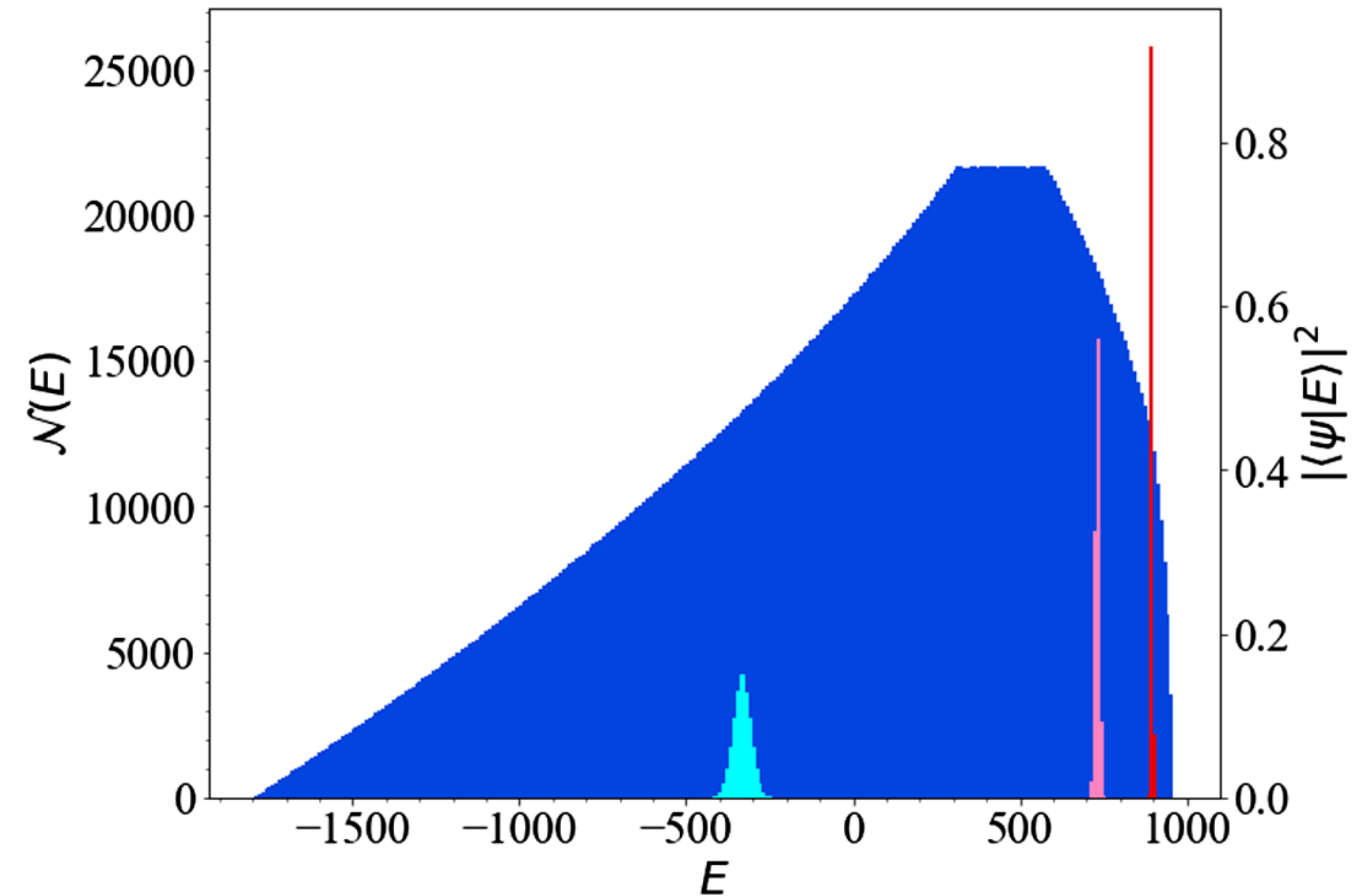
$$m = 2.5 \sum_j |\psi_j|^2 = 1.0$$



Open rectangles: Full density of states  
Filled rectangles: including overlap with product state

N=3600 (2 beams)

Integrable



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# Time dependence of observables and ~statistical observables

$$|\Psi(t)\rangle = \exp[-iHt] |\Psi(0)\rangle$$

$$\langle O(t) \rangle = \langle \Psi(0) | \exp[iHt] | O | \exp[-iHt] | \Psi(0) \rangle$$

Expanding in eigenstates  $|\Phi_i\rangle$

$$\langle O(t) \rangle = \langle \Psi(0) | \Phi_i \rangle \langle \Phi_i | \exp[iE_i t] O \exp[-iE_j t] | \Phi_j \rangle \langle \Phi_j | \Psi(0) \rangle$$

Integrating over long times from  $t_1$  to  $t_1 + \Delta t$

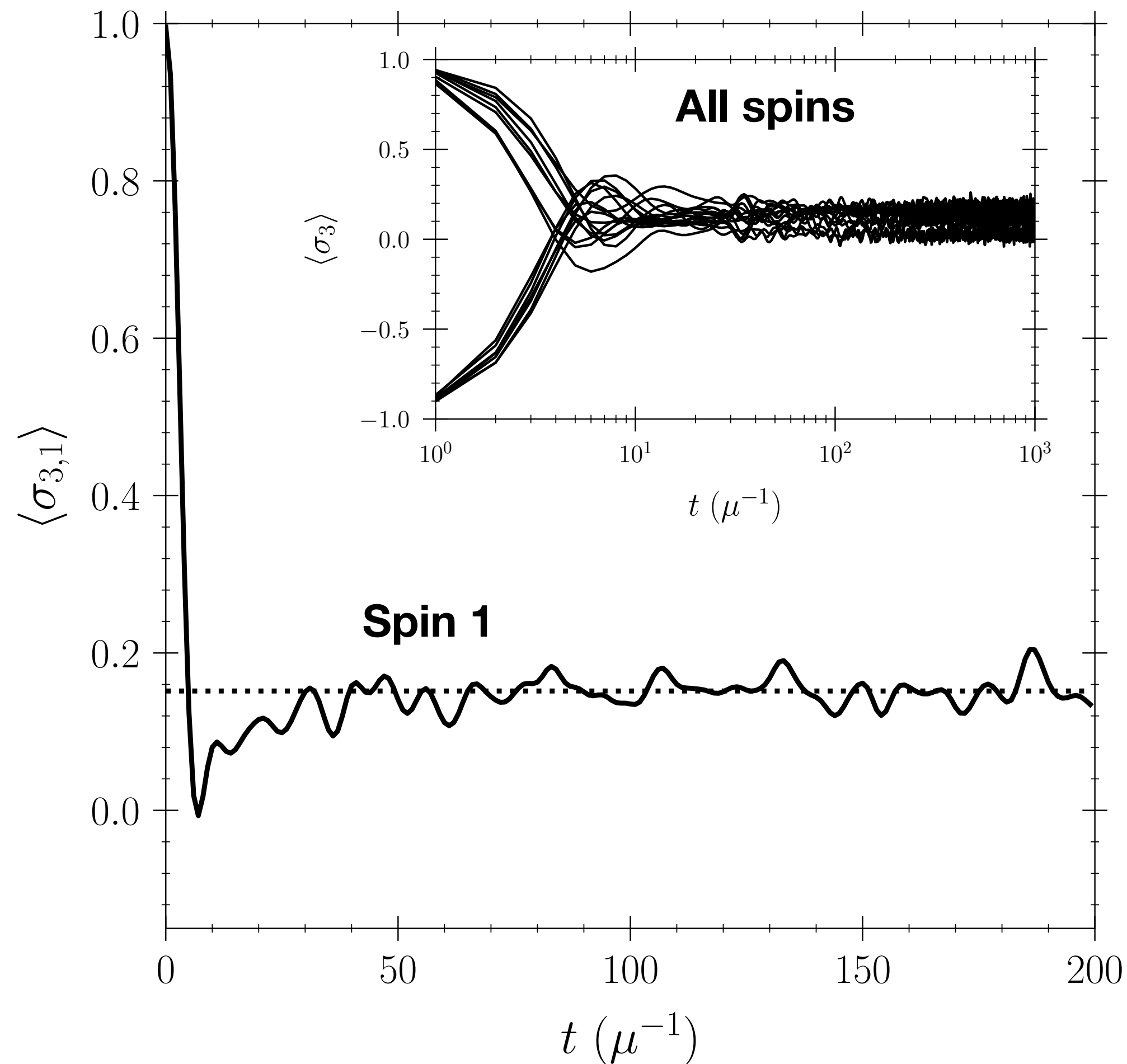
$$\bar{O} = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_{t_1}^{t_1 + \Delta t} \langle O(t) \rangle = \sum_i |\langle \Psi(0) | \Phi_i \rangle|^2 \langle \Phi_i | O | \Phi_i \rangle$$

Thermal-like property, incoherent sum over eigenstates with positive definite coefficients  
**ETH (eigenstate thermalization hypothesis) replace explicit sum with thermal average**  
**Typically applied with state near micro-canonical ensemble (fixed energy)**

$$\bar{O} = \frac{\sum \exp[-\beta(E_i - \mu)] \langle \Phi_i | O | \Phi_i \rangle}{\sum \exp[-\beta(E_i - \mu)]}$$

# Calculated Time dependence of $\langle \sigma_z(i) \rangle$

**16 spins; 9  $\uparrow$  + 7  $\downarrow$  initially;  
random directions in hemisphere**



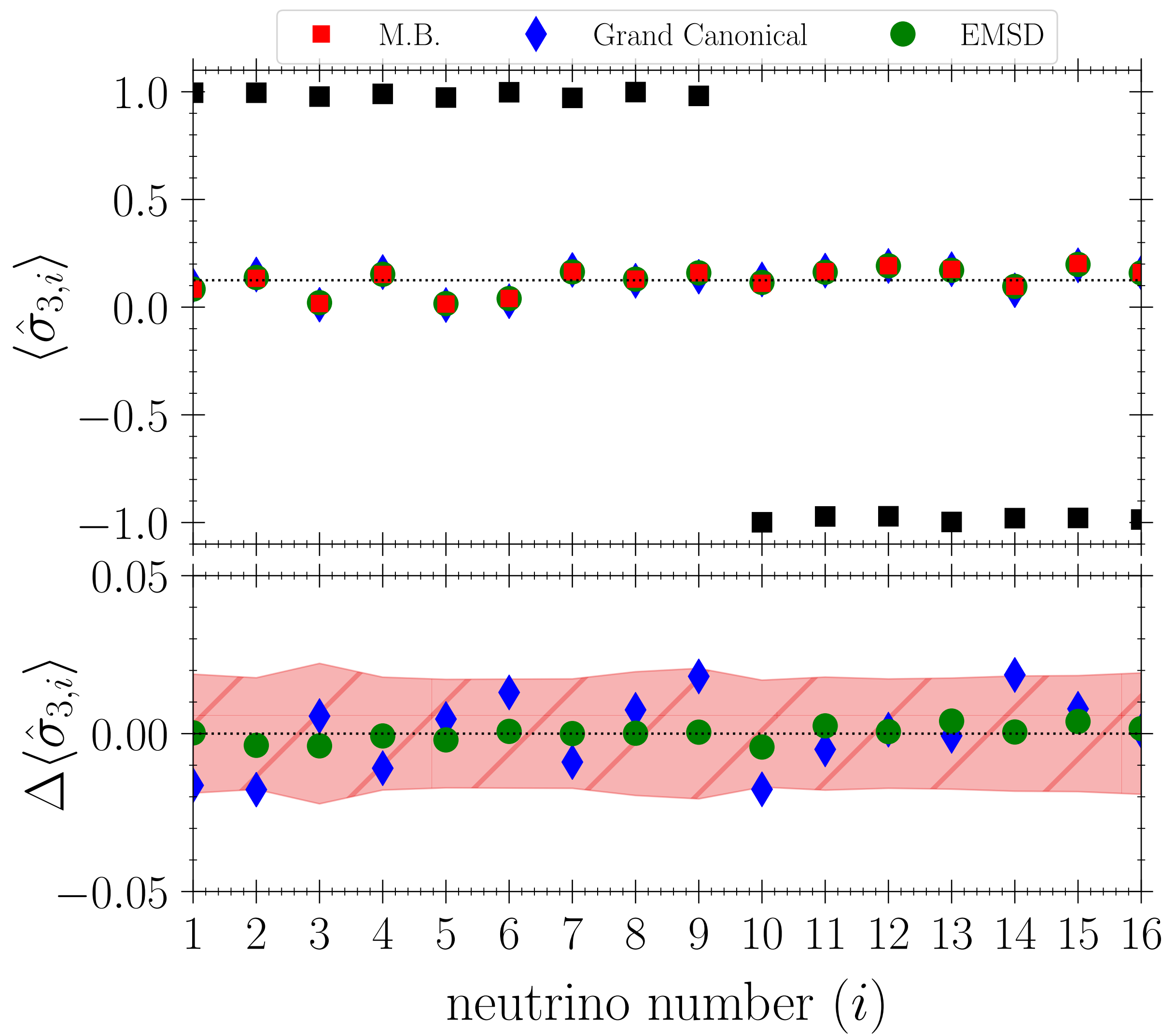
**‘Rapid’ Equilibration of all spins**

**Time scale discussed later,  
here of order 5-10  $\mu$**

**Some small memory of initial state energy**



# Example: 16 spins; 9 $\uparrow$ + 7 $\downarrow$ initially; Couplings from random directions within hemisphere



- Initial Conditions
- Red Integration of exact many-body solutions
- Blue Symbols: ETH
- Green Symbols: EMSD
- Dashed line equilibrium value for fixed total  $J_Z$

Time averaged final values well predicted by EMSD and ETH

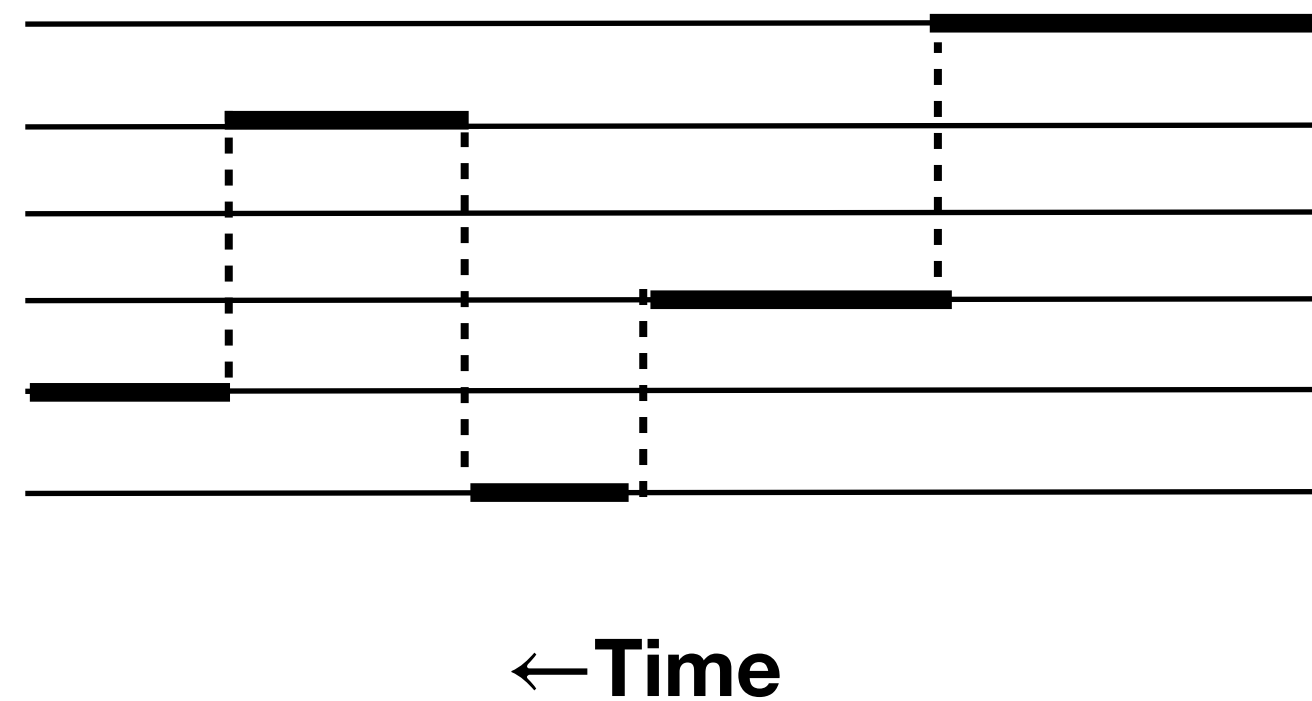
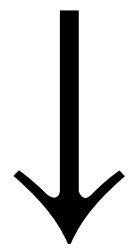
Equilibration of spins to a high degree

***Both EGH and EMSD require many-body simulations (QMC will work for ETH in some cases)***

# Path Integral description of time evolution:

**Write path integral in up/down spin basis describing time evolution:  
Expand in terms of matrix elements of off-diagonal (exchange) operators**

**Basis states**  
Permutation of N with  $N_{\uparrow}$



**Off-diagonal H connects  
states with exchange of two  
Anti-parallel spins**

$$\langle n | \exp[-i\hat{H}_{\nu\nu}t] | \psi_0 \rangle = \sum_m \frac{(-i)^m}{m!} \sum_{n_i \dots n_m} \int dt_0 \dots dt_m \langle n | \exp[-i\hat{H}_{\nu\nu}^d t_m] \hat{H}_{\nu\nu}^{\text{od}} | n_m \rangle$$

$$\langle n_m | \exp[-i\hat{H}_{\nu\nu}^d t_{m-1}] \hat{H}_{\nu\nu}^{\text{od}} | n_{m-1} \rangle \dots \langle n_1 | \exp[-i\hat{H}_{\nu\nu}^d t_1] \hat{H}_{\nu\nu}^{\text{od}} | n_0 \rangle \langle n_0 | \exp[-i\hat{H}_{\nu\nu}^d t_0] | \psi_0 \rangle.$$

**Propagation is product of phases (solid lines) with insertion of swaps (dashed lines)**

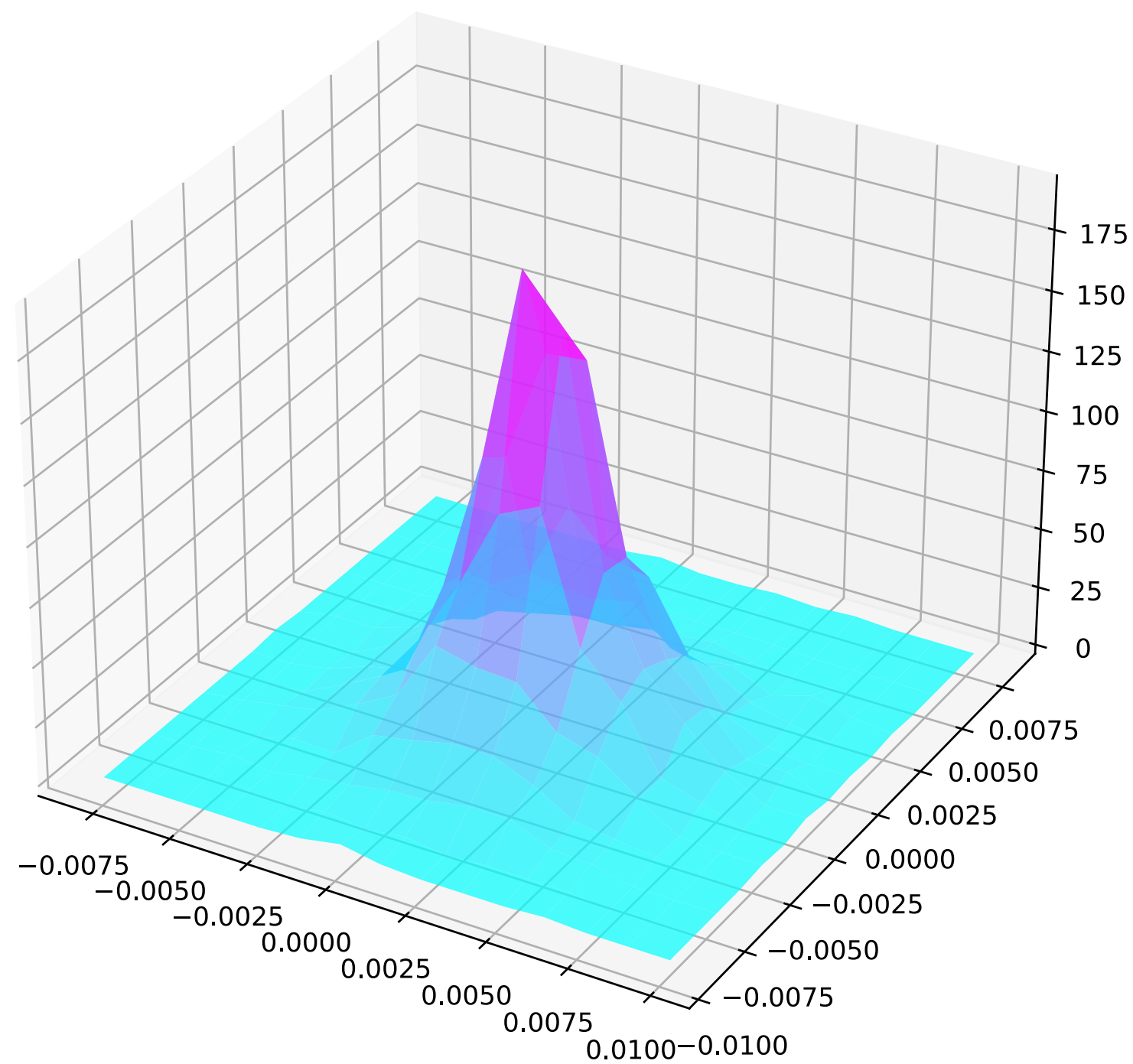
**Can approximate resulting state as an incoherent sum over all up-down product states**

**Random phase approximation for each line gives incoherent sum**

**Magnitudes can be defined to reproduce symmetries**

# Exact time integrated complex amplitudes

Histogram of real and imaginary parts of time-averaged amplitudes, state=2



**Amplitude in up/down state I at time  $t + \delta t$**

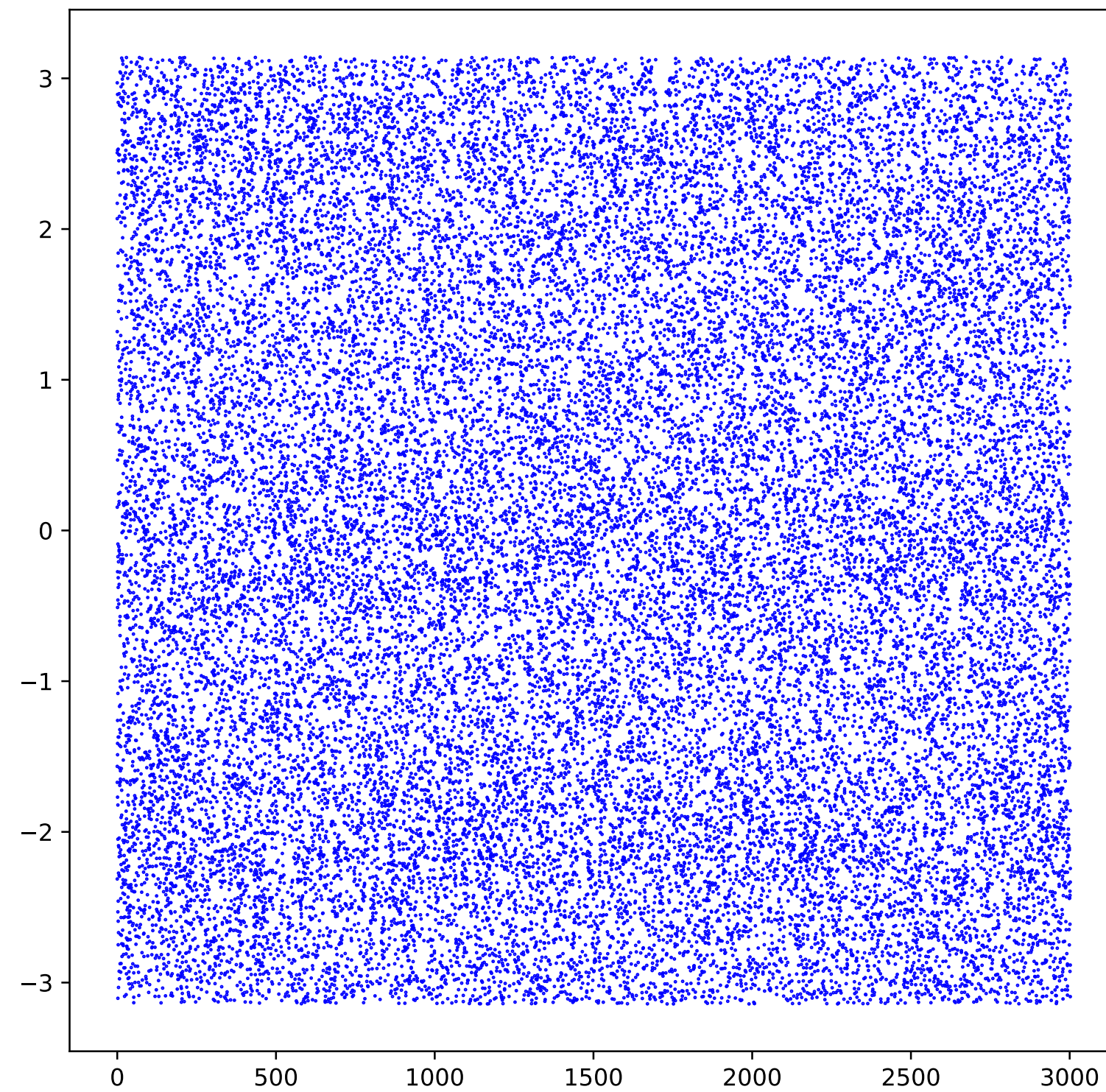
$$a_i(t + \delta t) = \exp[-iH_d(i)t]a_i(t) + (-i) \sum_{j \neq i} a_j(t)H_{od}(i, j)\delta t$$

Rotation from diagonal Hamiltonian plus  
Displacement from off-diagonal transitions  
 $N(N-1)/2$  terms in sum, each of same magnitude as 1st term  
Rapidly leads to random phases

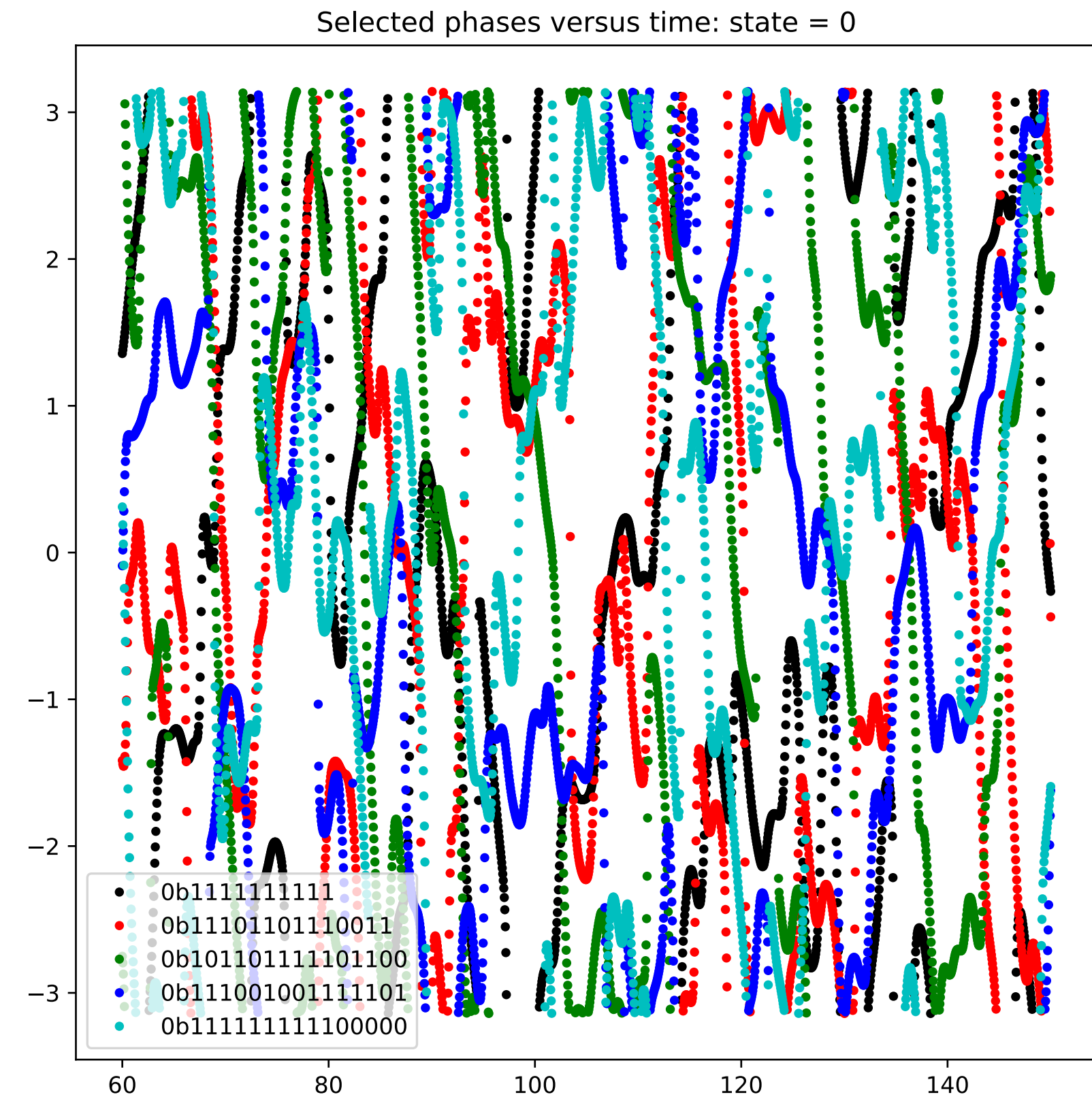
Assuming  $a_j(t)$  from random gaussian distribution  
Yields gaussian distribution

# Snapshot of phases, instantaneous and time-dependence

Phases from snapshot at 10 separated times

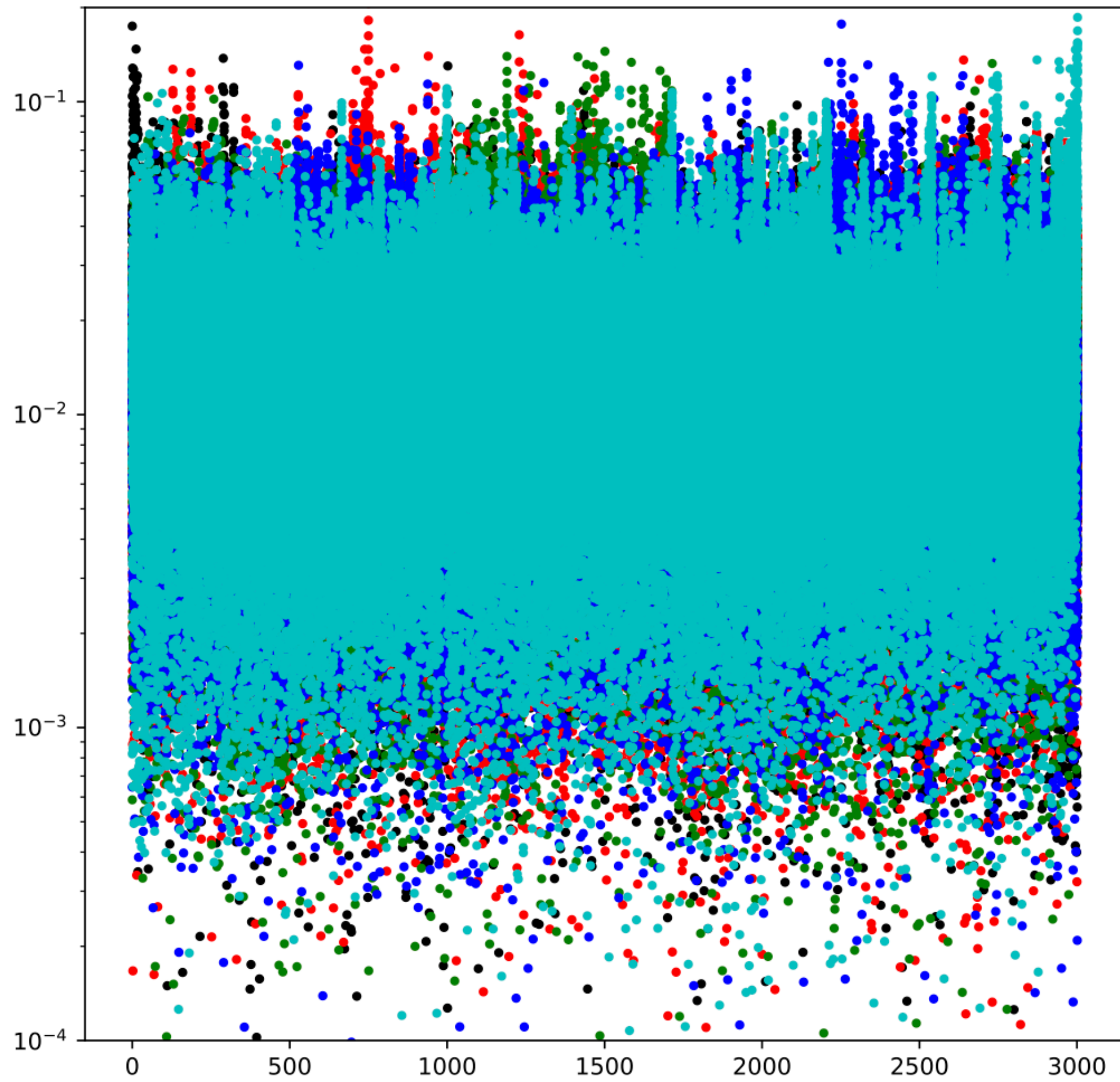


Time-dependent phases



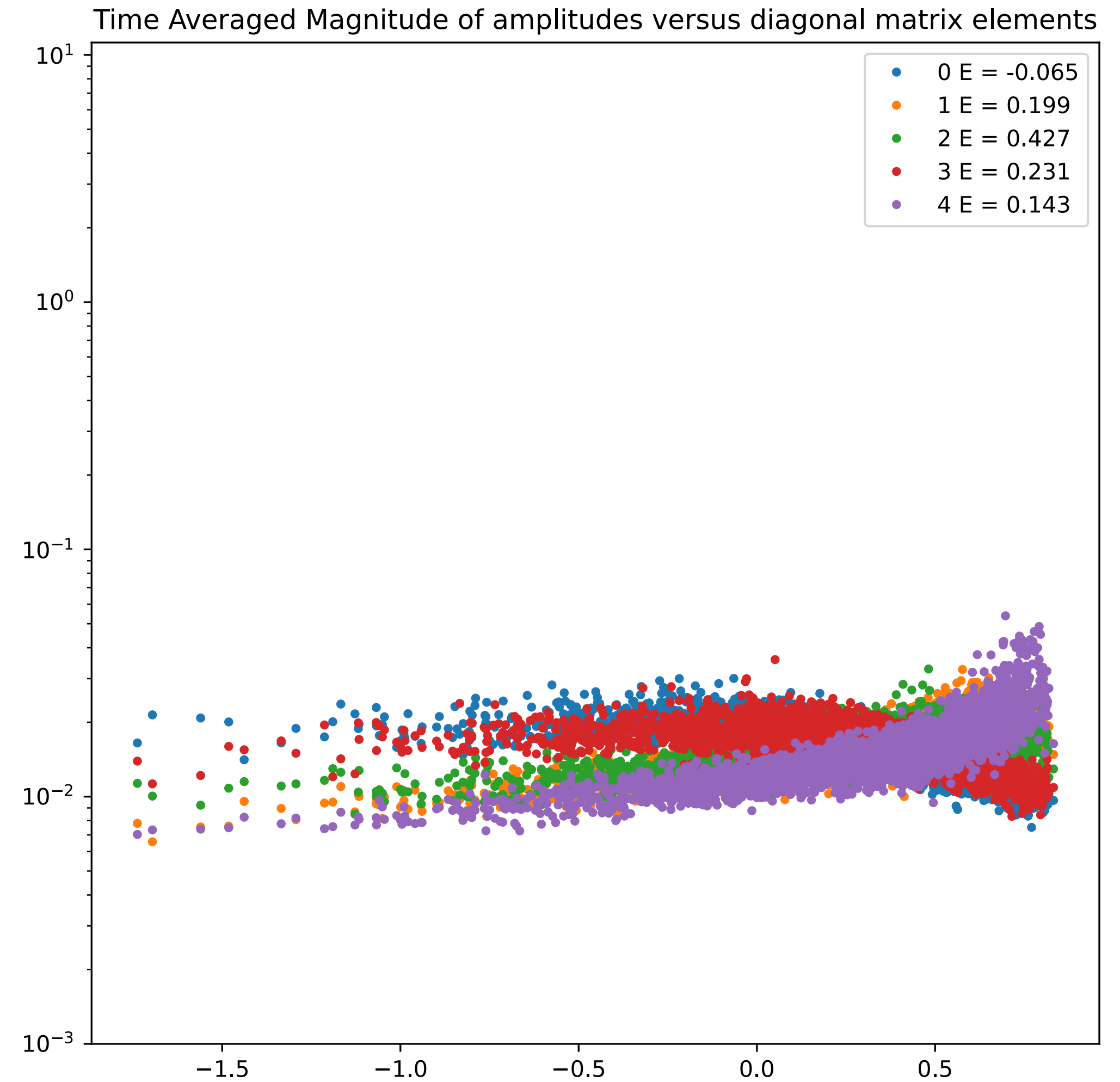
# Time-Averaged magnitudes

$10 \mu^{-1}$



Magnitudes vs. state index

$100 \mu^{-1}$



Magnitudes vs.  $H_d$

## Time Scales (For spin problem)

Note this is for a system initially spatially homogeneous,  
 We are looking at time scales for spin exchange  
 Not yet any spacial information  
 Starting with an up-down product spin state

Loschmidt Amplitudes:  $\langle \Psi(t) | \Psi(0) \rangle$

Any antiparallel spin exchange gives zero zero

$$1 \sim c t \langle H_{od} \rangle = c t N(N-1) \frac{\mu}{N}$$

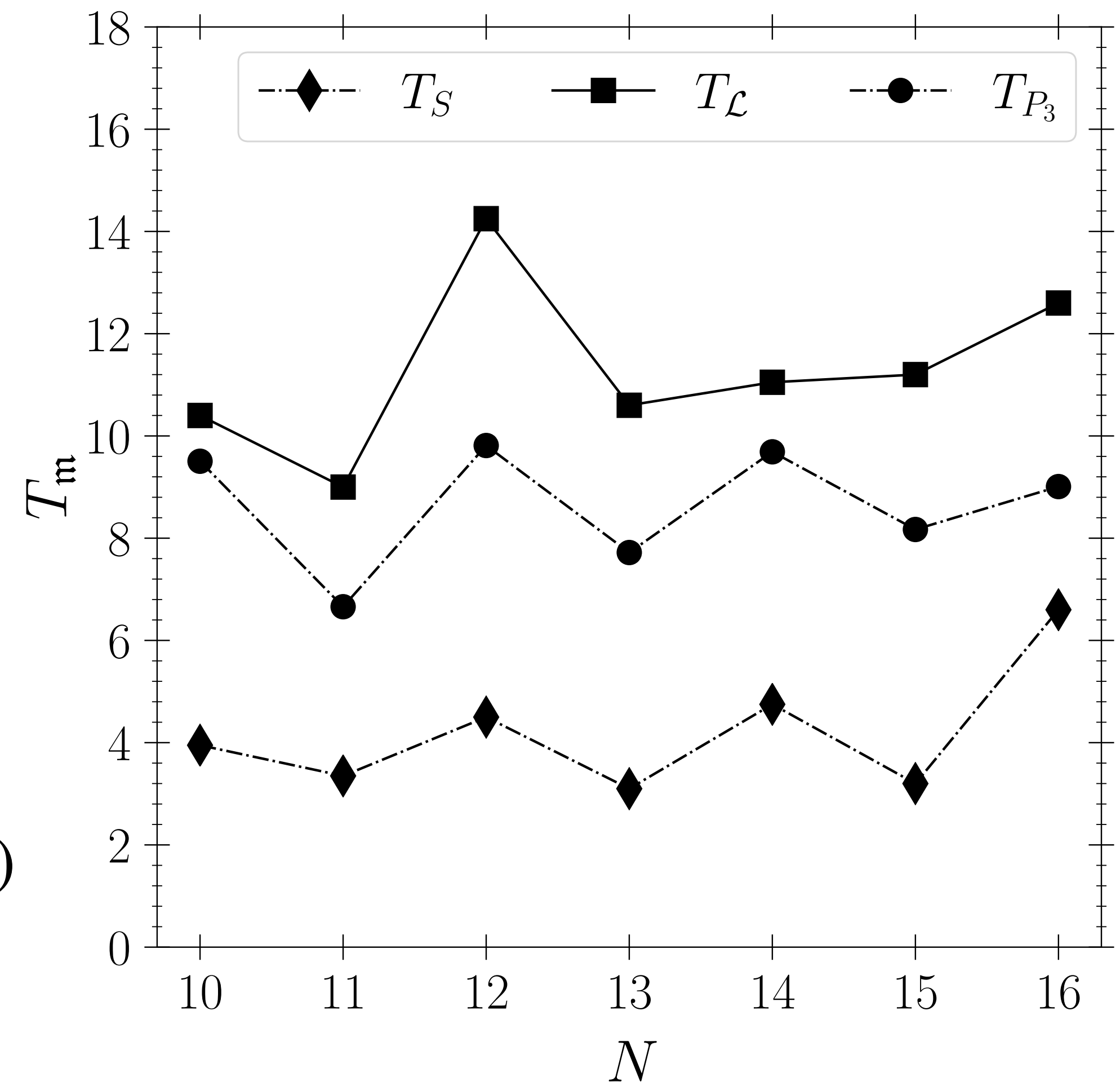
$$t = \mu^{-1} / N$$

Two-point Correlation function

$$\langle \psi(0) | \exp[iHt] \sigma_z(i) \exp[-iHt] \sigma_z(i) \psi(0) \rangle = 1 - \beta t^2 \approx \sigma_{z,eq}(i)$$

$$t \propto \mu^{-1} \sqrt{N}$$

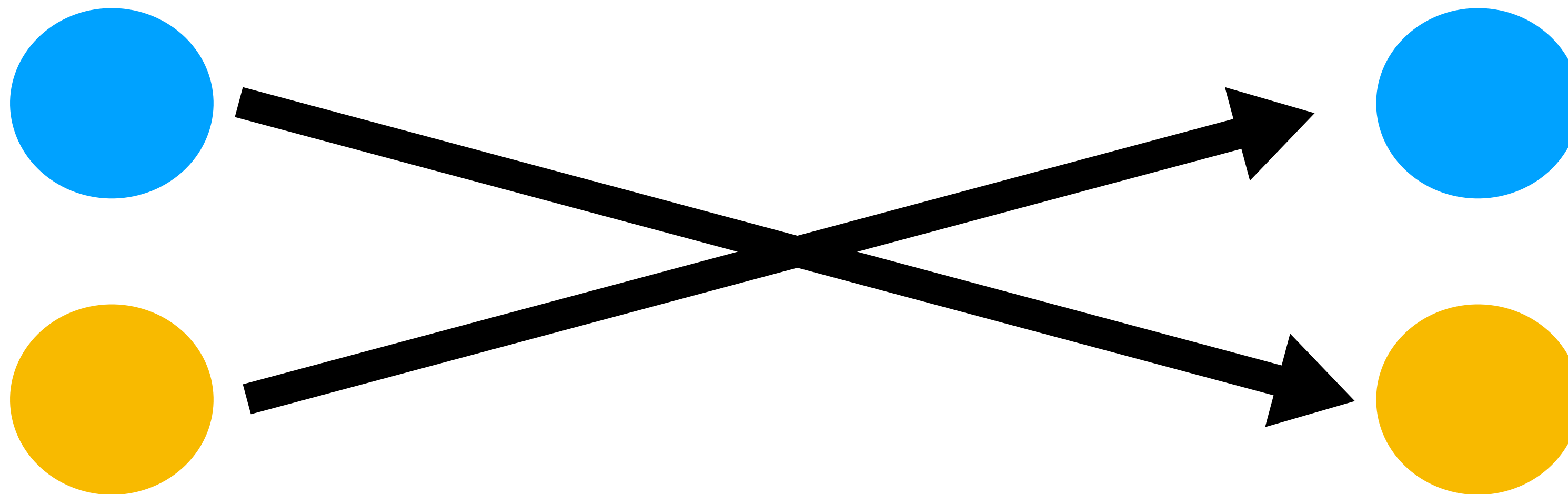
Larger time scales for bigger systems



# Symmetries and Conserved Quantities

- Path integral representation only allows permutations of original spins with arbitrary complex amplitudes
- Any arbitrary sum of permutations of the original state gives correct  $\langle J^2 \rangle$ ,  $\langle J_x \rangle$ ,  $\langle J_y \rangle$ ,  $\langle J_z \rangle$
- Numerical evidence suggests that for non-integrable  $H$  phases are random giving an incoherent sum
- Time averages indicate that the time averaged |amplitudes| are smooth function  $F(E)$  of  $\langle H_d \rangle$   
Initial expectation values of  $\langle H^n \rangle$  can be calculated from initial state, to get  $F(E)$

**Classical swap network swapping spins can easily be implemented to reach large number of spins**



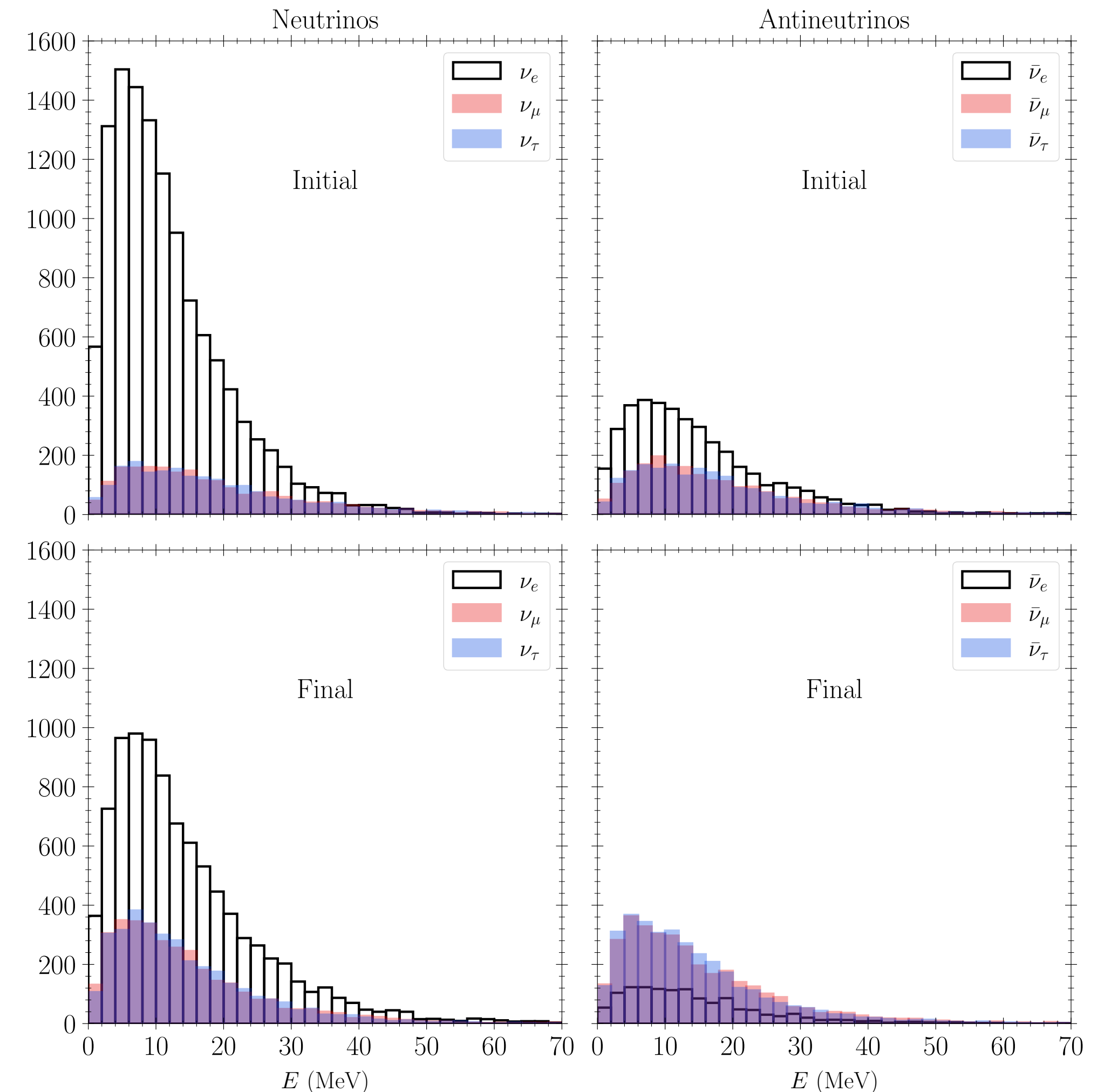
# Equilibration of Neutrinos and anti-neutrinos with multiple flavors

Total # of neutrinos conserved (1 constraint)  
Lepton # conservation for 3 flavors (3 constraints)  
Need 6 total

$\nu_e \bar{\nu}_e \leftrightarrow \nu_\mu \bar{\nu}_\mu$  leads to conservation of product of neutrino and anti-neutrino densities

$$\rho_e \rho_{\bar{e}} = \rho_\mu \rho_{\bar{\mu}} = \rho_\tau \rho_{\bar{\tau}} \text{ (2 constraints)}$$

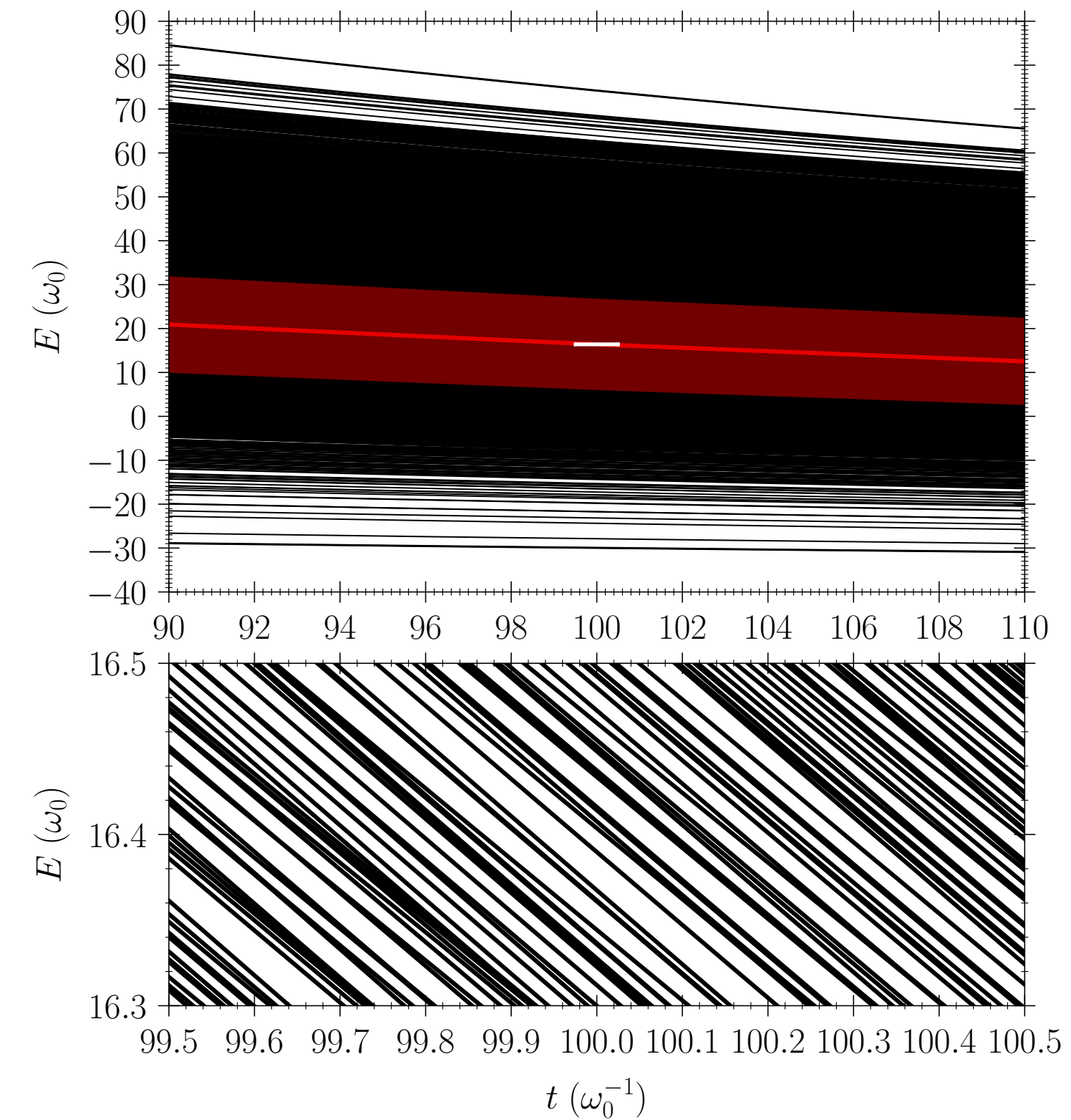
## Sample Initial/Final Distributions



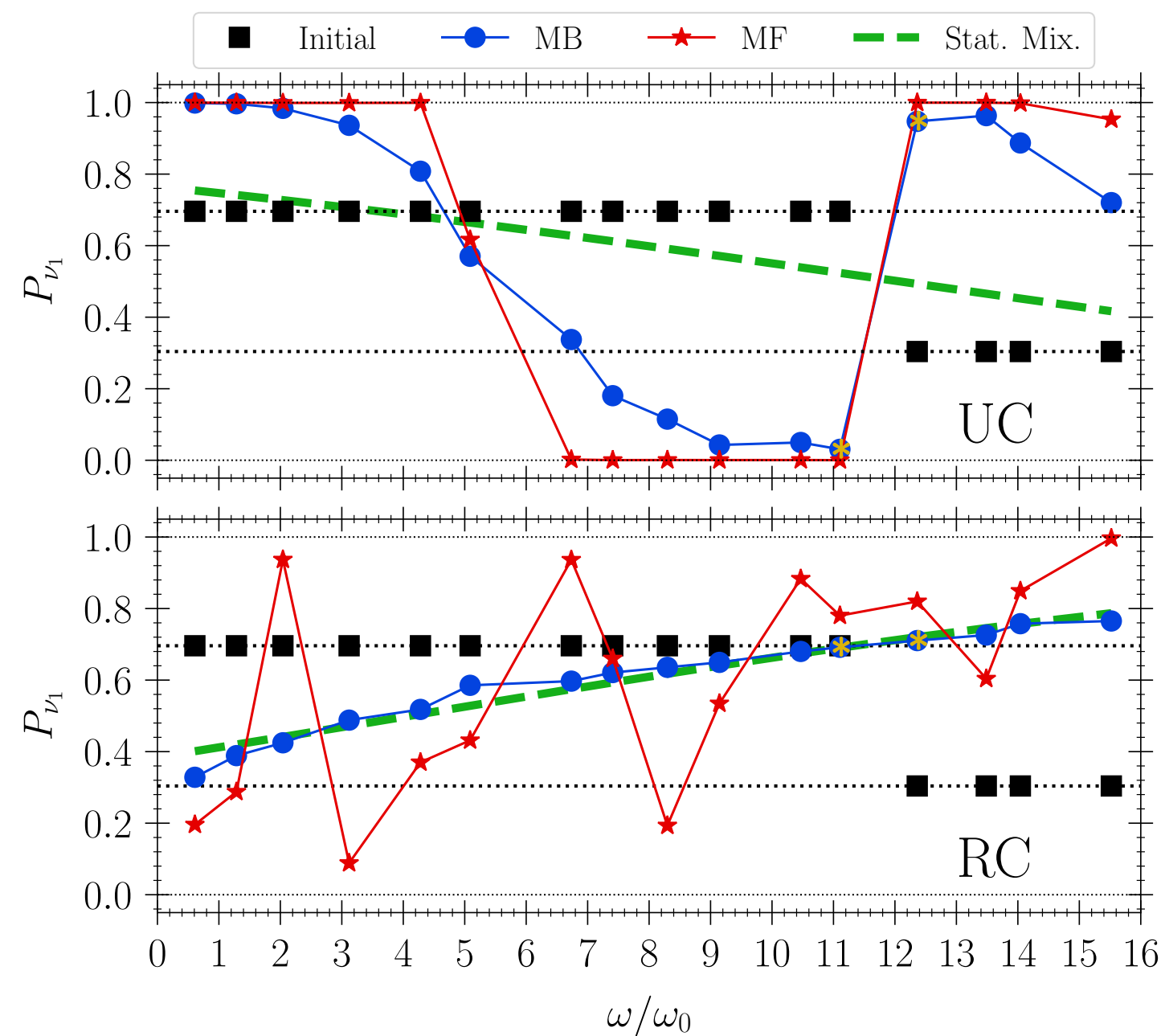


# Future Directions:

- Real-Time dynamics on simulators
  - Inclusive
  - 'Detectors' on QC
- Time-dependent H for  $\nu - \bar{\nu}$ : MSW + vacuum
- Beyond Forward Scattering



Time-dependent H: MF vs Many-Body



Uniform Coupling

Random coupling

