

# Early Fault- Tolerant Ground State Energy Estimation for Nuclear Systems

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# Quantum Computing

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Avenue for overcoming computational limitations in Particle Physics, i.e. large combinations of states as possible solutions

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*Noisy Intermediate-Scale Quantum* era: limited system sizes, very prone to errors

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On the path towards *Fault-Tolerant Quantum Computing*: lower error rates, prevention of cascading errors

# Neutrino Physics

- We're addressing challenges in Neutrino simulations, motivated by :
  - reliance on Event Generators for interpreting experiment outputs
  - increased simulation precision required by upcoming experiments (Hyper-Kamiokande, DUNE, JUNO)
  - Neutrino experiments utilize nuclei, so we need to model nuclear physics effects

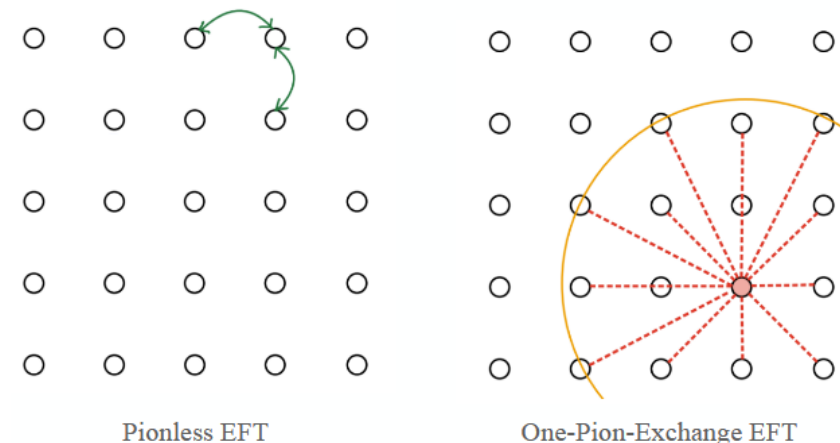
# Neutrino-Nucleus Interactions

Nuclear EFTs on a lattice: protons and neutrons as non-relativistic fermions

*Pionless*: Strong interactions mediated by pion exchanges are not included explicitly. Short range interactions

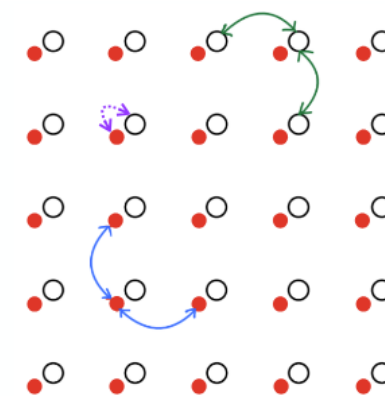
*One-Pion-Exchange*: Long range interactions, truncated as rapidly decaying

*Dynamical-Pion*: Explicit inclusion of bosonic pion field



Pionless EFT

One-Pion-Exchange EFT



Dynamical-Pion EFT

# Pionless EFT

Well understood and suitable for light nuclei

Prior studies confirm time evolution to be least costly to implement in a quantum computer, relative to EFTs with explicit pion degrees of freedom

Low significance of pion exchange contributions for momenta below pion mass ( $\approx 140$  MeV)

$$H = 2DtA - t \sum_{f=1}^{N_f} \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle}^M \left[ c_{i,f}^\dagger c_{j,f} + c_{i,f}^\dagger c_{j,f} \right]$$

Kinetic hopping term

$$+ \frac{1}{2} C_0 \sum_{f \neq f'}^{N_f} \sum_{i=1}^M n_{i,f} n_{i,f'}$$

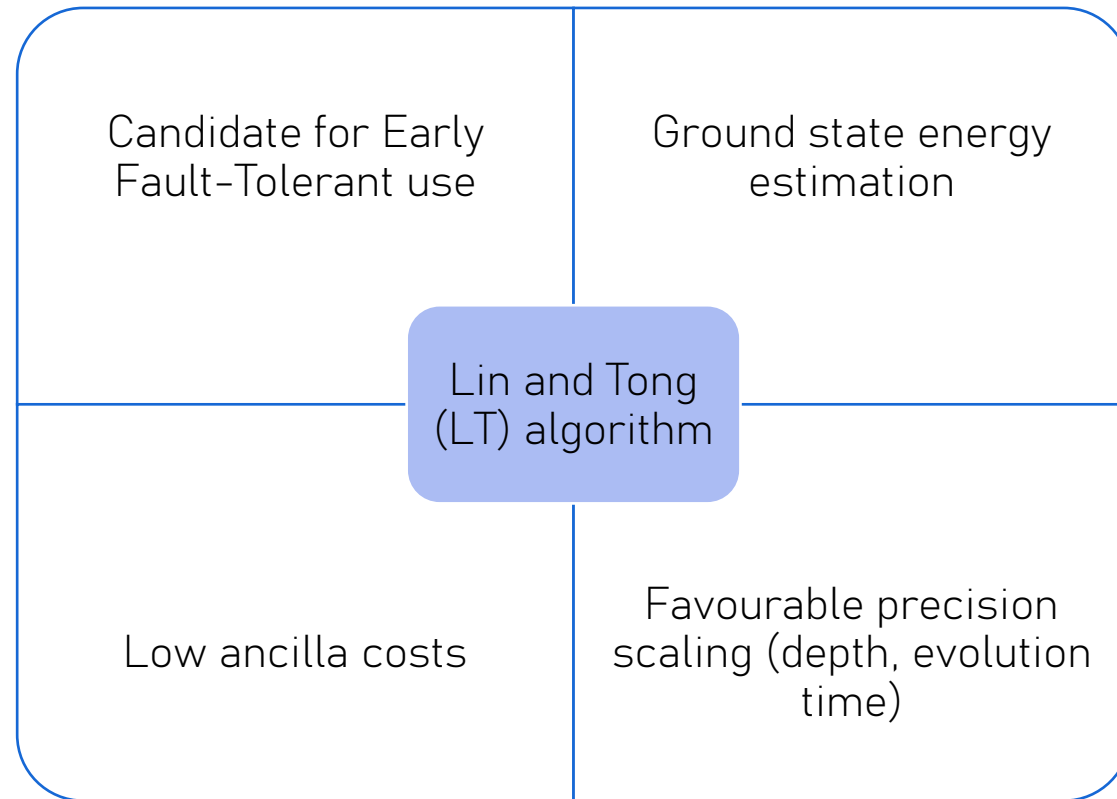
Two-nucleon interaction

$$+ \frac{D_0}{6} \sum_{f \neq f' \neq f''}^{N_f} \sum_{i=1}^M n_{i,f} n_{i,f'} n_{i,f''} ,$$

Three-nucleon interaction

arXiv:1911.06368

# Quantum Simulation



arXiv:2102.11340

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# LT algorithm

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By sampling from a Quantum Computer, it provides spectral information for a given Hamiltonian

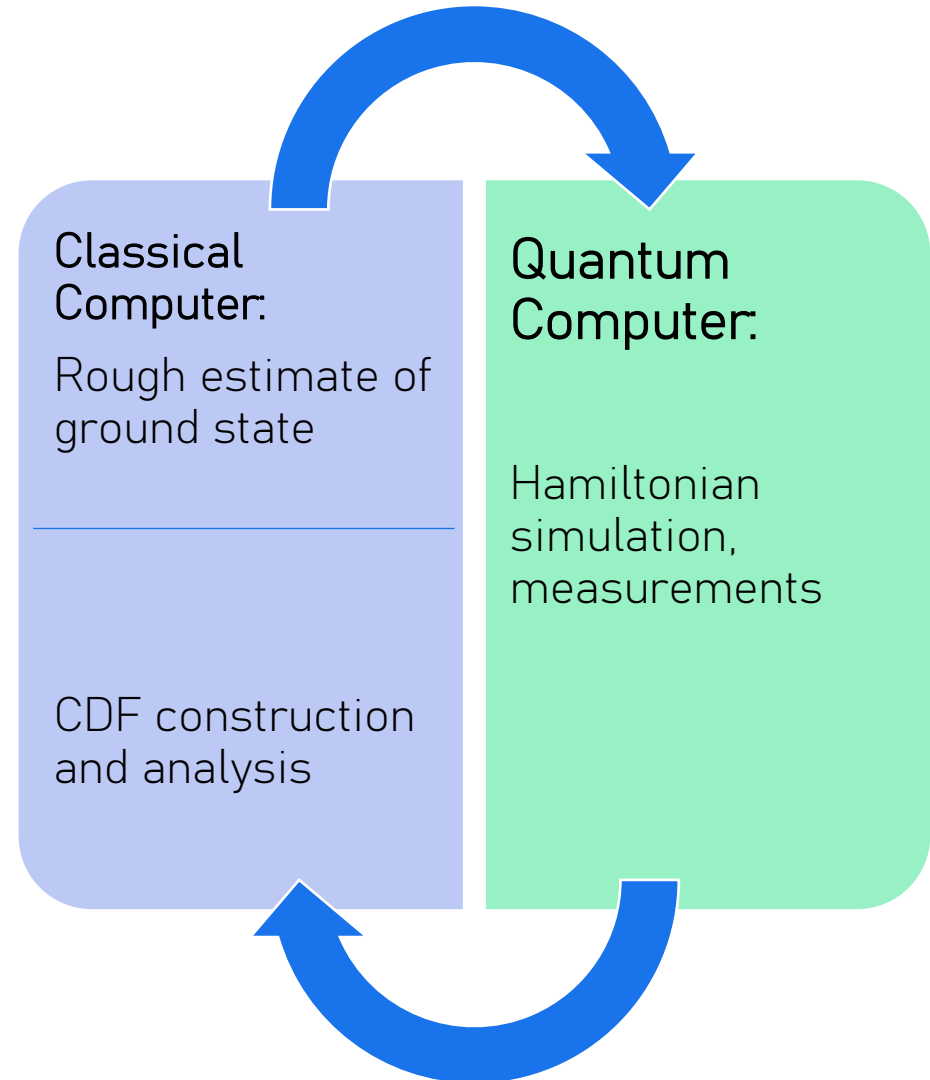
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The circuit samples are used to construct a Fourier approximation of the Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF)

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Classical post processing used to identify ground state energy from CDF

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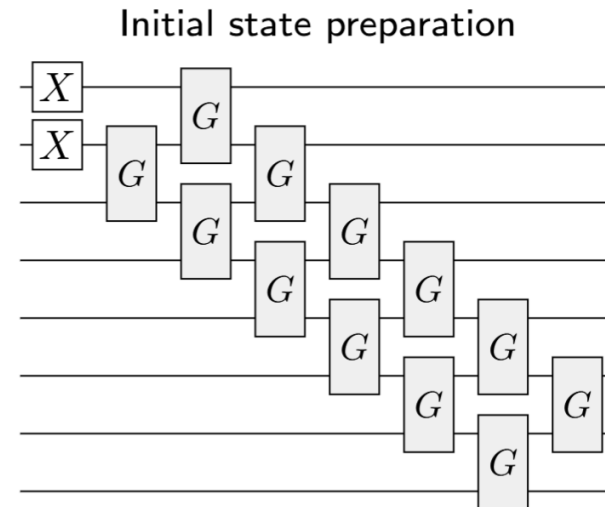
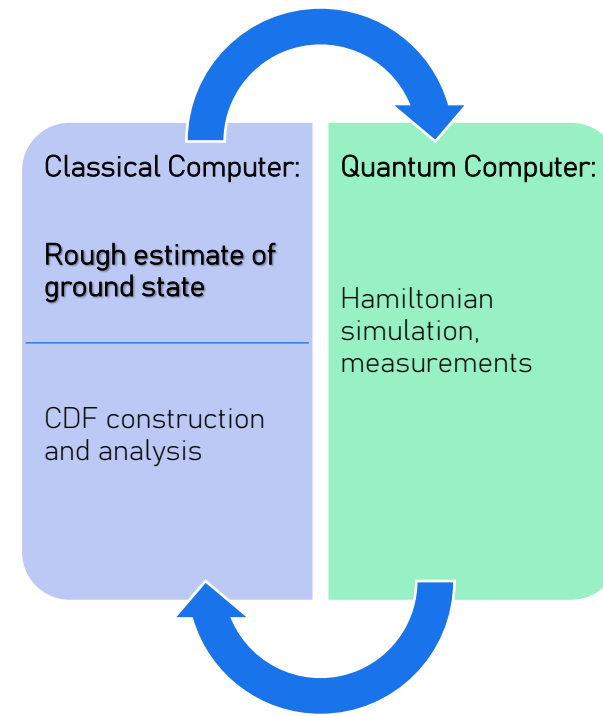
Hartree-Fock Method

Widely used in chemistry and nuclear physics

Iteratively solving a self consistent equation to estimate ground state

Can provide a cheap but rough initial guess (mean-field approximate, but still computable for larger systems)

Efficient quantum state preparation via Givens rotations

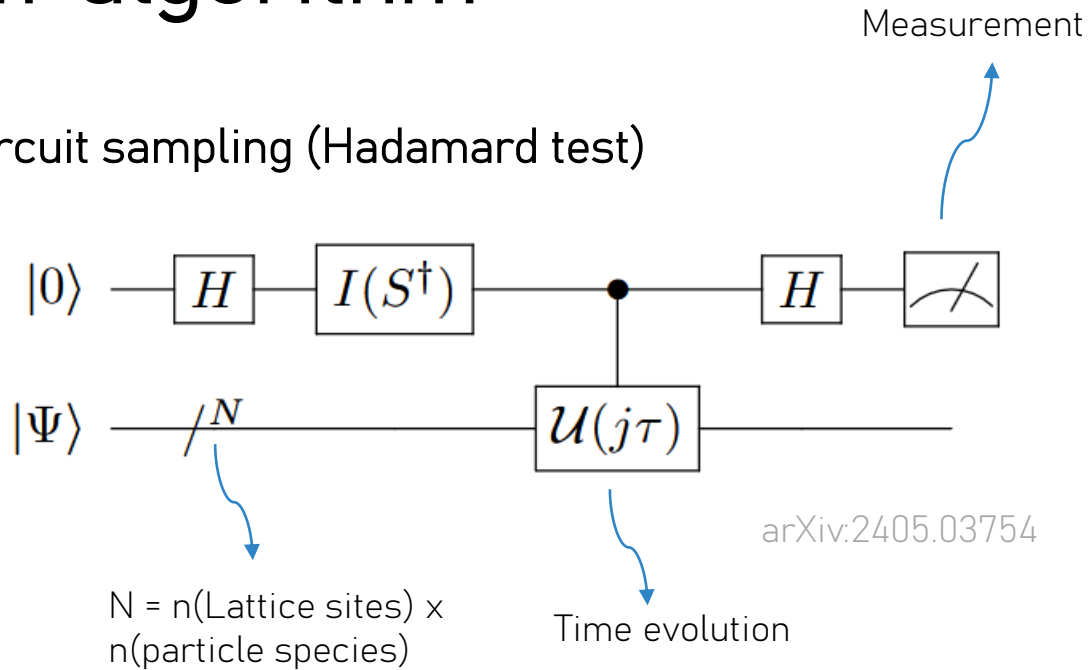


$$G = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ 0 & \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

arXiv:2010.07965

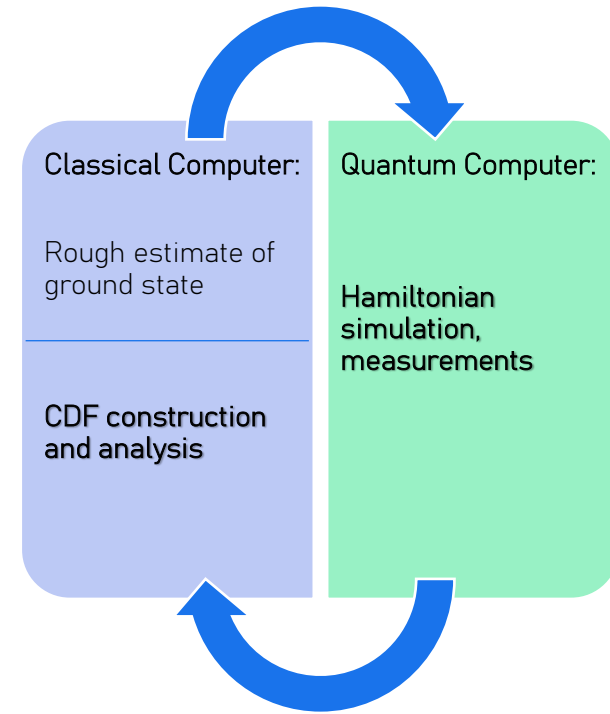
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Circuit sampling (Hadamard test)



Repeated samples provide expectation values of real and imaginary parts of Fourier momenta

$$g_k = \langle \Psi | \mathcal{U}(j\tau) | \Psi \rangle$$



CDF construction

$$\tilde{C}(x) = \frac{1}{2} + 2 \sum_{k=1}^d |F_j| (\text{Re}[g_j] \sin jx + \text{Im}[g_j] \cos jx)$$

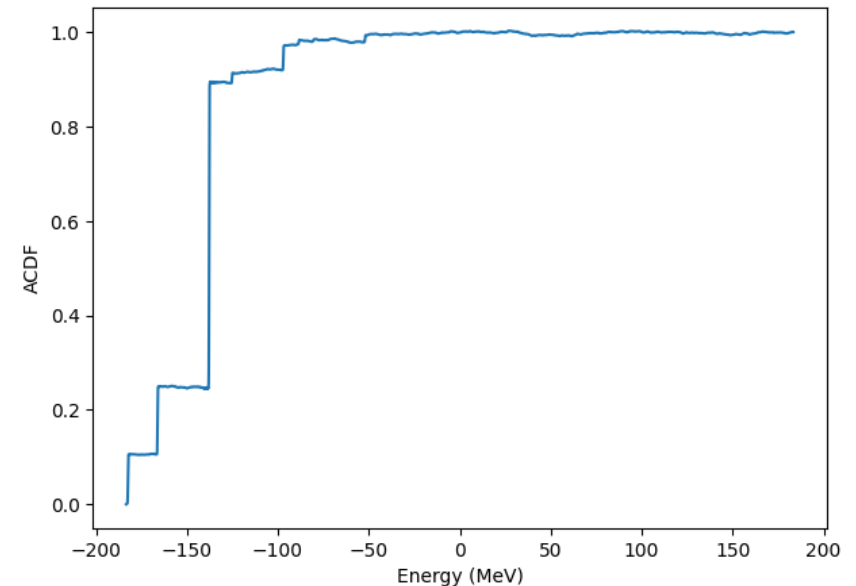
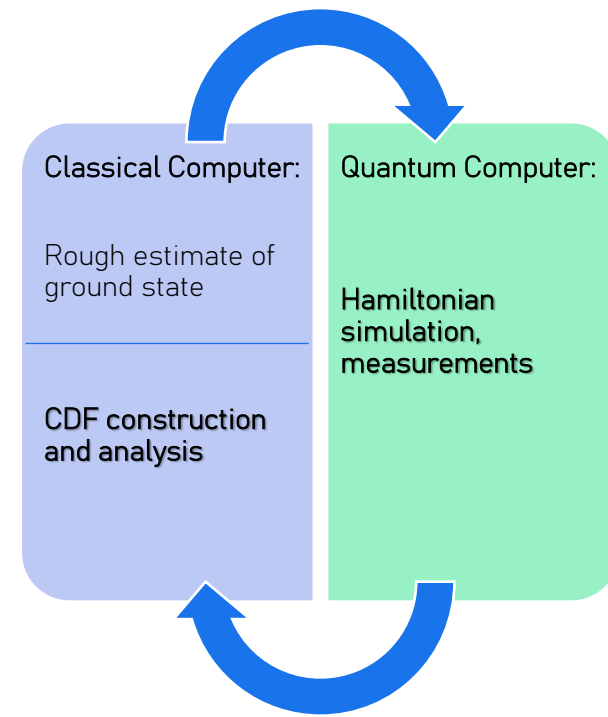
$$j \equiv 2k + 1$$

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## CDF analysis

In smaller systems, it's straightforward to see where the jumps in the CDF occur. For larger nuclei, a higher number of eigenstates and Hartree-Fock solutions of lower accuracy mean it becomes harder to pinpoint eigenstate locations

- Find change point (*ruptures* library for Python)
- Validate: statistical test, comparison to statistical noise
- Discard points to the right of valid jump
- Repeat on left side range (until no further valid points are found)
- Find maximum of CDF derivative on range around leftmost valid change point

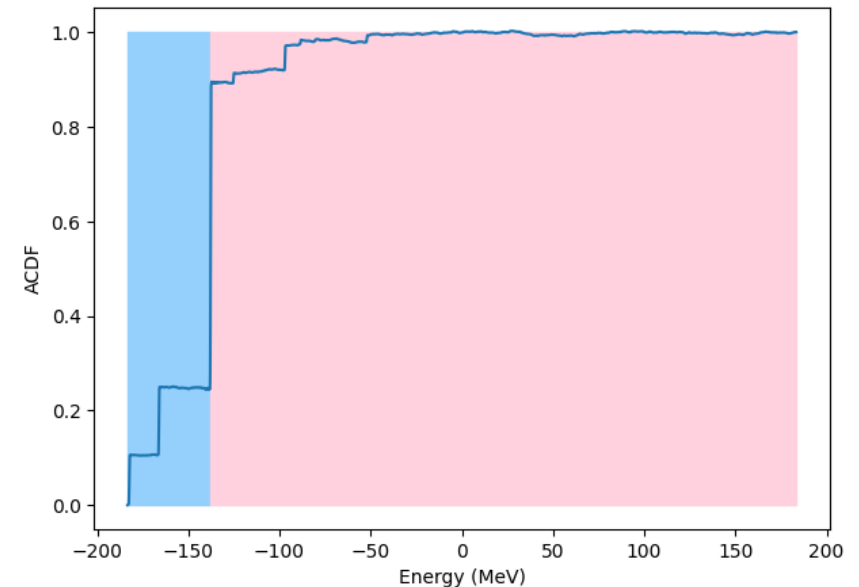
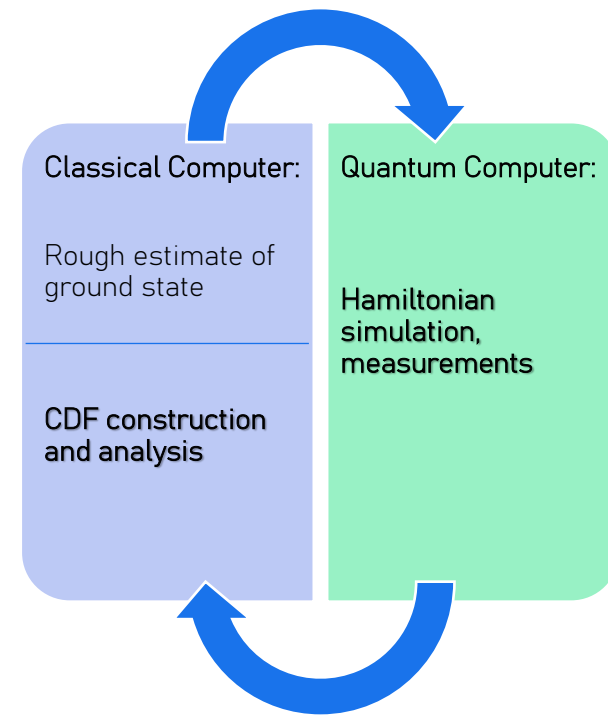


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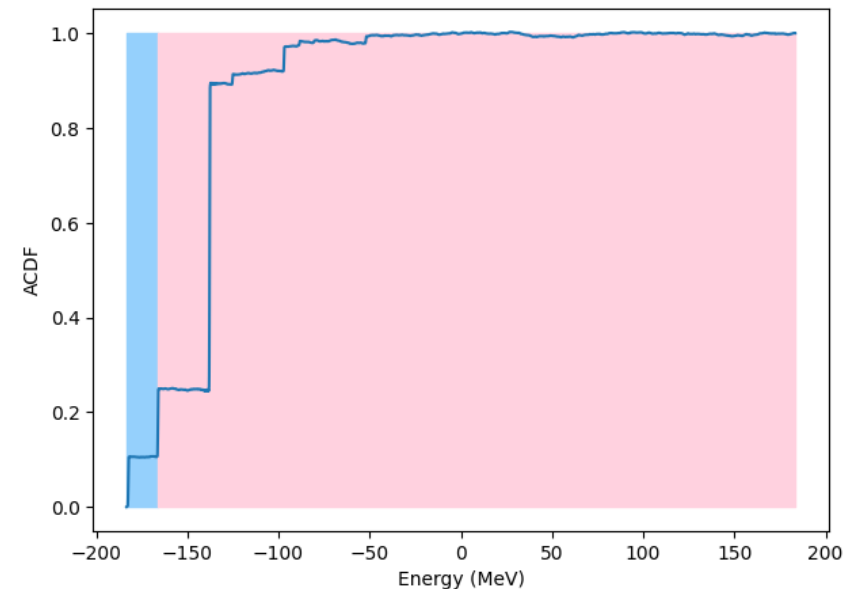
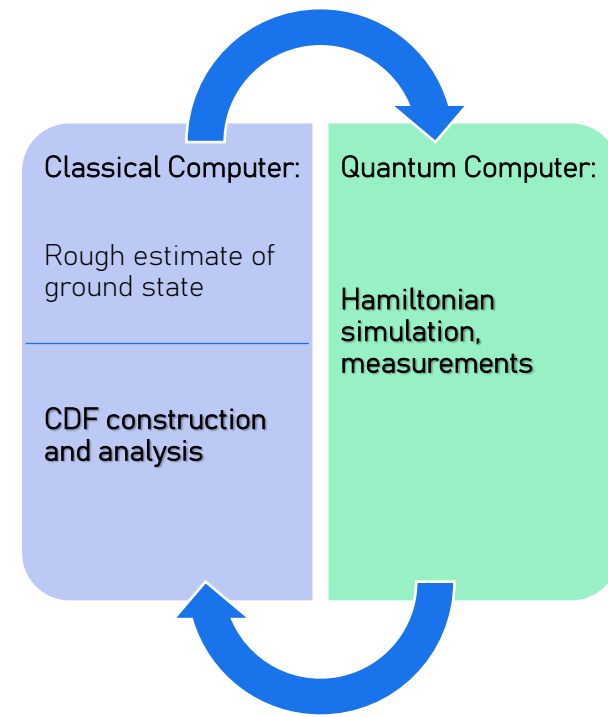


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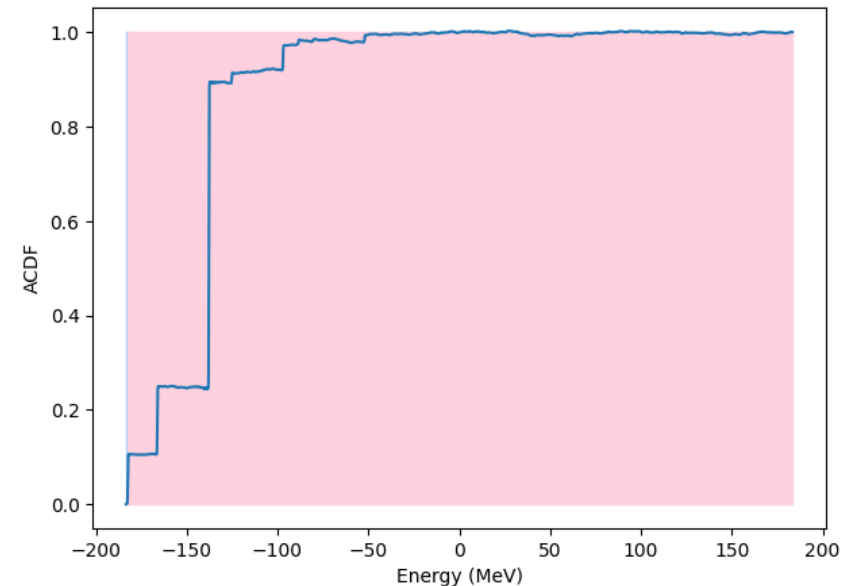
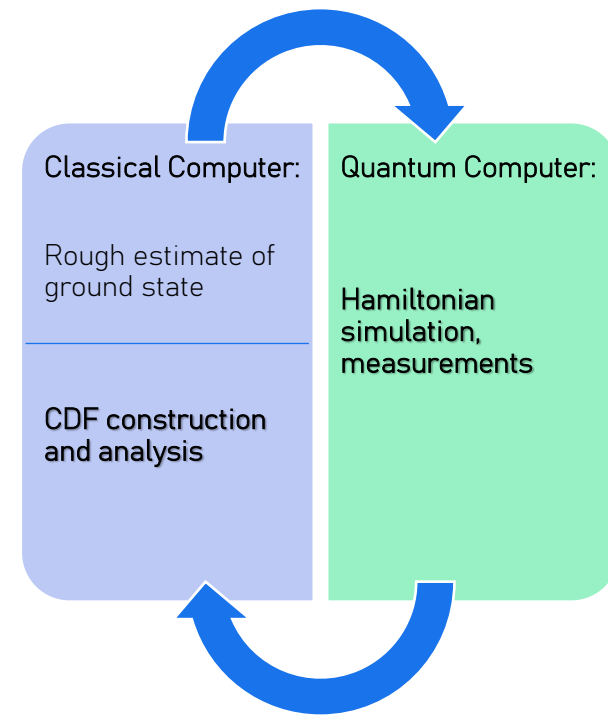


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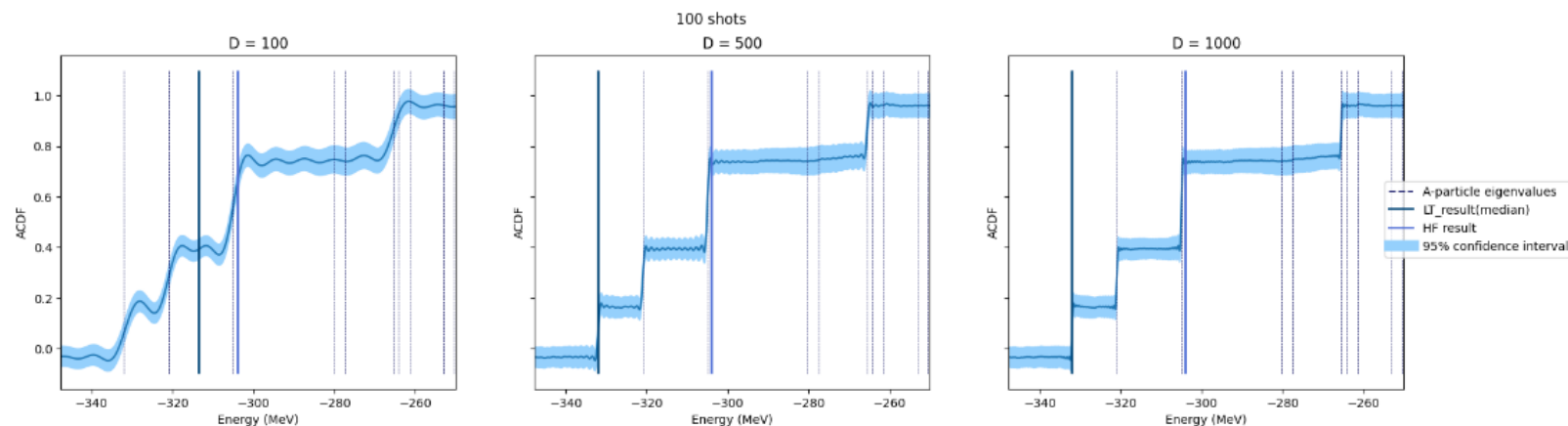
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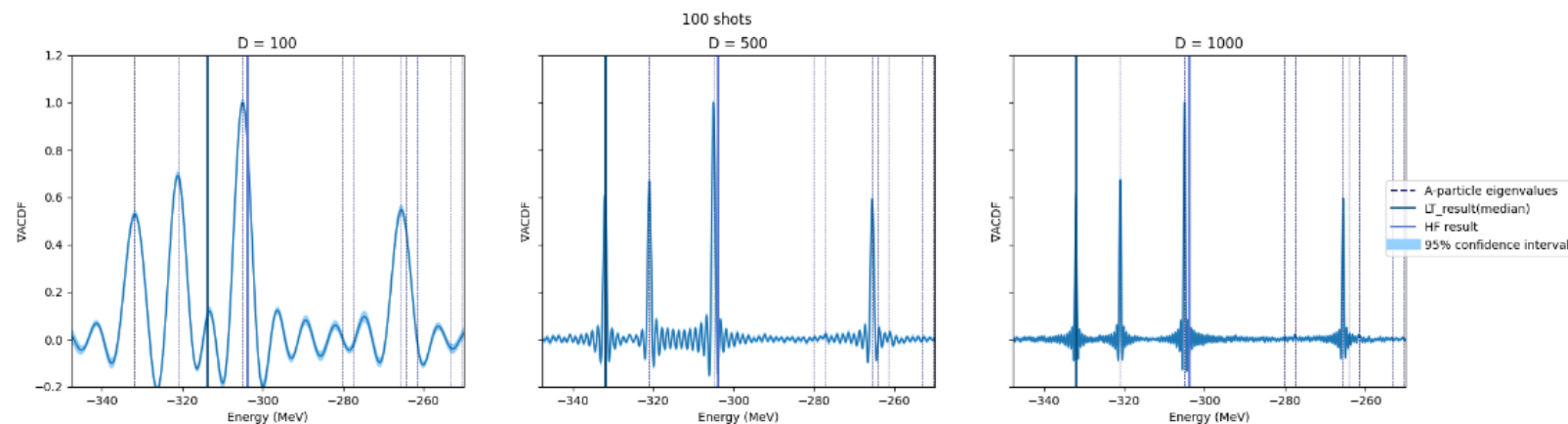


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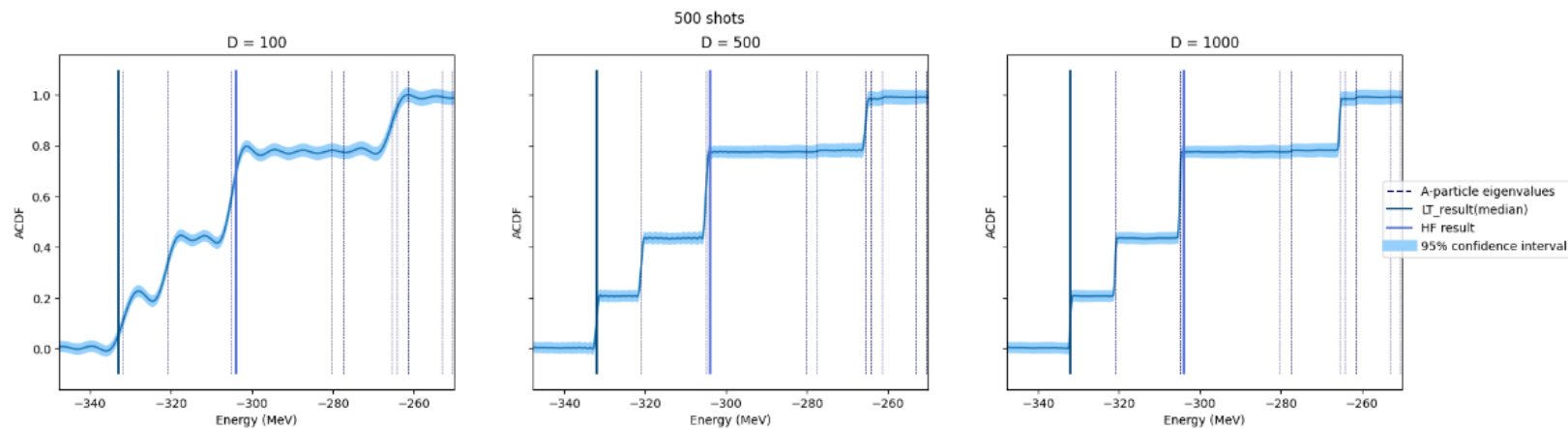
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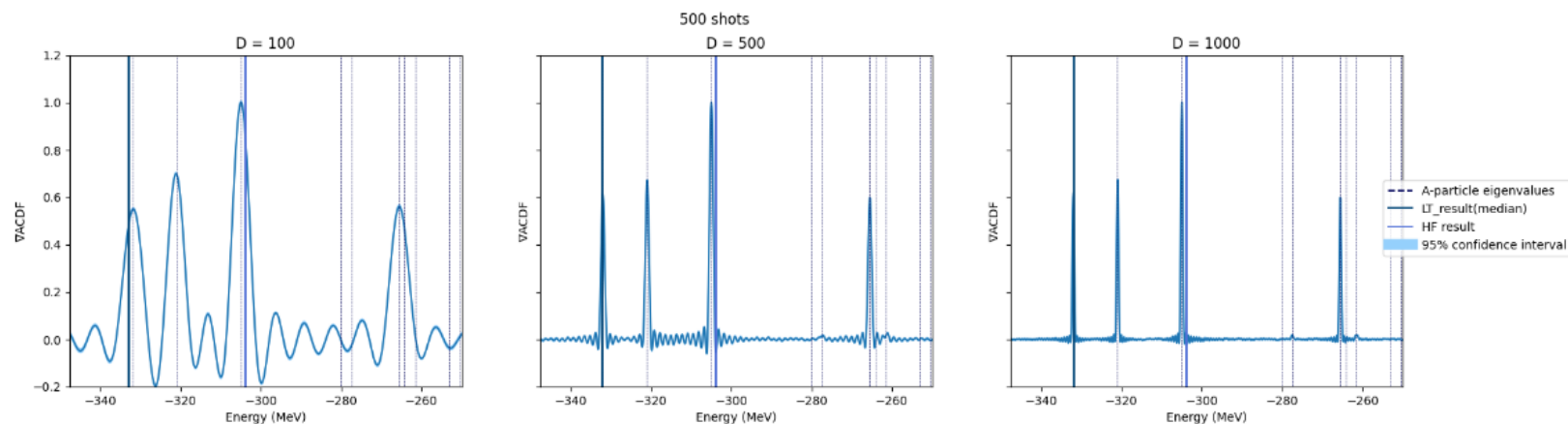
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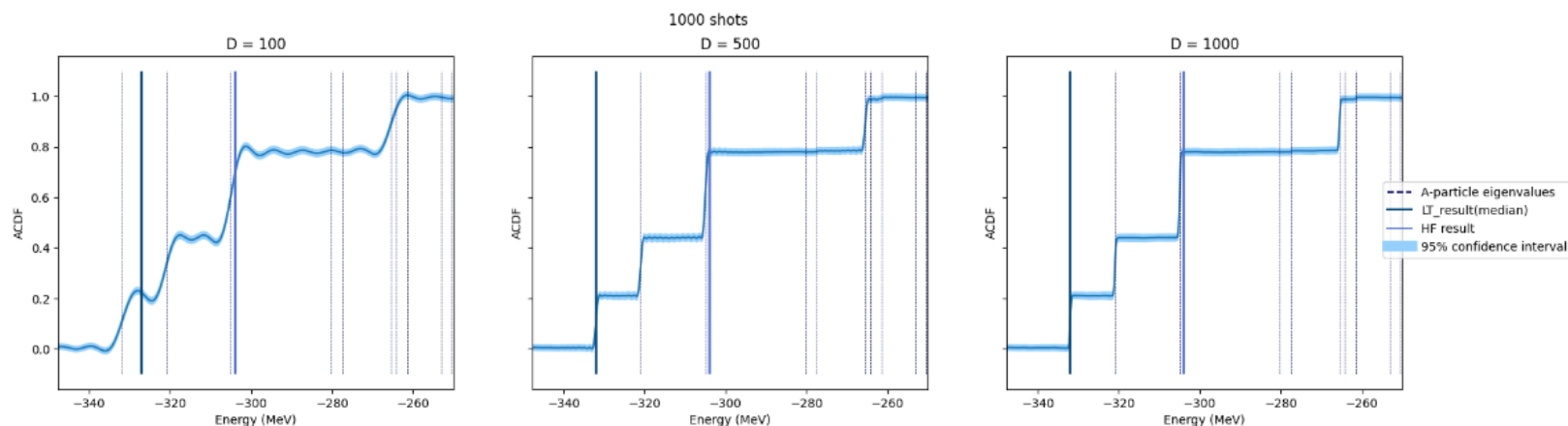
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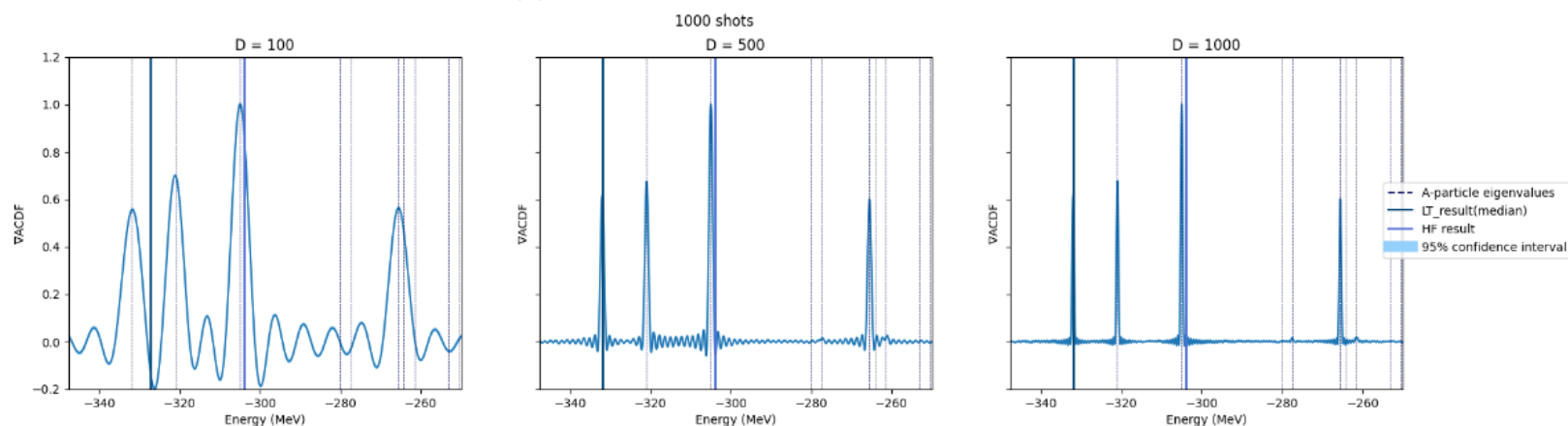
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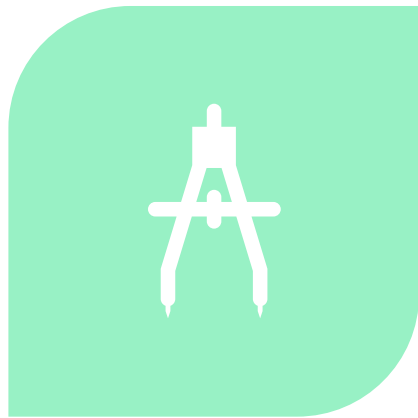
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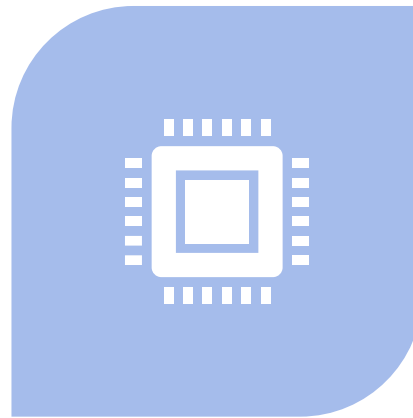
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# Future Work

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EVALUATING TIME EVOLUTION  
USING PRODUCT FORMULA  
(TROTTER, IN PROGRESS)



PREPARE CODE FOR USE IN  
SPECIALIZED COMPUTING SUITES,  
TO TEST LARGER SYSTEM SIZES



CONSIDER FURTHER WORK ON  
EXPLICIT CIRCUIT CONSTRUCTION,  
COST REDUCTION