
Summary of Uncertainty Quantification Discussion (Leading- Order + “standard” $0\nu\beta\beta$ only)

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The problem

- We want to compute a matrix element $\mathbf{y}(\theta)^T O(\eta) \mathbf{x}(\theta)$
 - (Here O is the matrix representation of the long-range light Majorana exchange plus contact operators.)
 - Three sources of uncertainty:
 - Uncertainty in input Hamiltonian (θ)
 - Uncertainty in parameter of DBD operator (η)
 - Uncertainty in many-body method used to compute matrix element
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Some things are less uncertain?

- Hamiltonians are already calibrated to a “basket of nuclei”: some knowledge of region in which θ lies
 - η can be determined (‘calibrated’) within some uncertainty using synthetic data on $nn \rightarrow ppe^-e^-$
 - And results then computed using a variety of many-body methods, which we will label 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
 - But which many-body method result should we trust?
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Observables of Use?

In the DBD candidates ^{48}Ca , ^{76}Ge , ^{130}Te , ^{136}Xe :

- Single β -decay rates in nearby nuclei, e.g., intermediate nucleus in decay, $z^T B x$
- β - strength distribution from initial nucleus $z^T B x(E)$
- β^+ distribution from final nucleus $y^T B^* w(E)$
- $2\nu\beta\beta$ matrix elements $y^T B B x$
- Muon capture $z^T B' x$
- Magnetic moments and M1's in three nuclei involved in decay $y^T C y$, $x^T C x$
- E2 to lowest 2^+ state in initial and final nuclei $y^T D y$, $x^T D x$
- Energies of lowest few excited states *Eigenvalues associated with H for which x and y are eigenvectors*
- Charge radii $y^T D' y$, $x^T D' x$

**But which are most reliable predictors of performance for
neutrinoless double-beta decay?**

Proposal

- Draw a small (< 100) number of samples from θ distribution
 - Compute as many observables on that list as you can in many-body method N
 - Compute Neutrinoless DBD matrix element in same MB method at each value of θ
 - Examine correlation
 - Also examine what happens when η is moved (possibly enhancing error on synthetic data to simulate growth of error in matrix element with A)
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Correlators for $0\nu\beta\beta$

- Assessment of “correlation” between observables $\langle B \rangle$, $\langle C \rangle$, $\langle D \rangle$, etc. and observable $\langle O \rangle$
- Do this for each many-body method

	1	2	3	4	5
B					
B*					
C					
D					

Correlations with data in D + performance
wrt data-set $D \rightarrow$ modified evidence formula

$$\text{pr}(O | D) = \sum_M w_M \text{pr}(O | M, D)$$

- Where the weights w_M are determined not just by the ability of the many-body method M to describe data D , but also by the extent to which each piece of data in D is correlated with O in that model
 - We can also examine correlations across different DBD candidate nuclei, and see if uncertainties are reduced through those correlations
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