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Comparing Sensitivities of Counting and Fitting Methods in Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay Experiments

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In the search for neutrinoless double beta decay (0 $\nu\beta\beta$) experiments, common data analysis methods include the traditional counting method within a region of interest, while energy spectrum fitting methods are used in some experiments like KamLAND-Zen. These two types of methods differ in their sensitivities to the $0\nu\beta\beta$ half-life.

Simulations are performed to quantify such differences, using the background conditions at the China Jinping Underground Laboratory (CJPL). The results of the simulation indicate that the fitting method would yield a higher sensitivity than the counting method by a factor of 1.25. This study discusses the source of these differences, and the conclusions can provide benefits for future $0\nu\beta\beta$ experiments in selecting data processing methods.

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