# Quantum Fisher Information and RIXS

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#### 1 QFI for Non-Hermitian Operator

Let's consider a general operator A and produce its real and imaginary parts

$$A_{\mathrm{Re}} = \frac{1}{2} \left( A + A^{\dagger} \right), \quad A_{\mathrm{Im}} = \frac{1}{2i} \left( A - A^{\dagger} \right)$$
 (1.1)

Either  $A_{\rm Re}$  or  $A_{\rm Im}$  will serve as an entanglement-witness. Suppose we have

$$\frac{F_{\rm Re}}{(\Delta a_{\rm Re})^2} > N m_{\rm Re}, \quad \frac{F_{\rm Im}}{(\Delta a_{\rm Im})^2} > N m_{\rm Im}$$

$$(1.2)$$

corresponding to the two choices of witnesses respectively. Then we detected  $\max\{m_{\text{Re}}, m_{\text{Im}}\} + 1$ partite entanglement. On the other hand, we will have

$$\min\{m_{\rm Re}, m_{\rm Im}\} < \frac{F_{\rm Re} + F_{\rm Im}}{N(\Delta a_{\rm Re})^2 + N(\Delta a_{\rm Im})^2} < \max\{m_{\rm Re}, m_{\rm Im}\}$$
(1.3)

As a result, we will underestimate the entanglement of the system if we use the normalized ratio. But still, the normalized ratio can serve as an entanglement-witness.

However, to utilize the relation between the quantum Fisher information and the dynamic susceptibility, we need to verify that  $\chi''(A,\omega) = \chi''(A_{\rm Re},\omega) + \chi''(A_{\rm Im},\omega)$ . This is not trivial, since

$$\chi(A,t) = -i\Theta(t) \langle [A_{Re}(t), A_{Re}(0)] + [A_{Im}(t), A_{Im}(0)] - i[A_{Re}(t), A_{Im}(0)] + i[A_{Im}(t), A_{Re}(0)] \rangle$$
(1.4)

The last two cross terms do not cancel each other trivially. Let's also look at the spectral representation:

$$\chi''(\omega) = \frac{1}{Z} \sum_{m,n} \left( e^{-\beta E_m} - e^{-\beta E_n} \right) \langle m|A|n \rangle \langle n|A^{\dagger}|m \rangle \delta(\omega + E_m - E_n)$$

$$= \frac{1}{Z} \sum_{m,n} e^{-\beta E_m} \left( 1 - e^{-\beta \omega} \right) \langle m|A|n \rangle \langle n|A^{\dagger}|m \rangle \delta(\omega + E_m - E_n)$$
(1.5)

where

$$\langle m|A|n\rangle\langle n|A^{\dagger}|m\rangle$$

$$= \langle m|A_{Re}|n\rangle\langle n|A_{Re}|m\rangle + \langle m|A_{Im}|n\rangle\langle n|A_{Im}|m\rangle$$

$$- i\langle m|A_{Re}|n\rangle\langle n|A_{Im}|m\rangle + i\langle m|A_{Im}|n\rangle\langle n|A_{Re}|m\rangle$$
(1.6)

The last two terms do not cancel each other in general. Unfortunately, we are not able to write the last two terms in terms of yet another hermitian operator. As a result, we have to think about the problem of QFI of non-hermitian operators, which we will do below. However, we mention that the cancellation we wanted above can indeed be implemented under integration over both negative and positive frequencies. This is shown in Robert's note, and the final conclusion will be identical to what we will described in this note.

Let's review the QFI for hermitian operators in a form that can be generalized to non-hermitian operators. For a hermitian operator A, it generates the  $\theta$ -dependence of the density matrix as

$$\rho(\theta) = \exp(-iA\theta)\rho_0 \exp(+iA\theta) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial \theta} = -i[A, \rho]$$
 (1.7)

To make contact with the classical probability, we usually symmetrize the commutator by introducing an operator  $L_{\rho}(A)$  such that

$$-i[A, \rho] \equiv \frac{1}{2} \{ \rho, L_{\rho}(A) \}$$
 (1.8)

where the commutator is changed into an anti-commutator.  $L_{\rho}(A)$  is called the symmetric logarithmic derivative, since it is the quantum analog of the logarithmic derivative of the classical probability. It is easy to show that

$$L_{\rho}(A) = 2i \sum_{k,l} \frac{\lambda_k - \lambda_l}{\lambda_k + \lambda_l} |k\rangle\langle k|A|l\rangle\langle l|$$
(1.9)

where  $\lambda_k$  and  $|k\rangle$  are eigenvalues and eigenstates of  $\rho$ . Also, we can see that  $L_{\rho}^{\dagger}(A) = L_{\rho}(A)$ , meaning that  $L_{\rho}(A)$  is hermitian.

Now let's forget about Eq. (1.7), and start from

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial \theta} = \frac{1}{2} \{ \rho, L_{\rho}(A) \}, \quad L_{\rho}(A) = 2i \sum_{k,l} \frac{\lambda_k - \lambda_l}{\lambda_k + \lambda_l} |k\rangle \langle k|A|l\rangle \langle l|$$
 (1.10)

This is a valid starting point since we have

$$Tr[\partial_{\theta}\rho] = Tr[\rho L_{\rho}(A)] = 0 \tag{1.11}$$

The quantum Fisher information is then defined as

$$F_Q[\rho, A] = \text{Tr}[\rho L_\rho^2(A)] = 2\sum_{k,l} \frac{(\lambda_k - \lambda_l)^2}{(\lambda_k + \lambda_l)} |\langle k|A|l\rangle|^2$$
(1.12)

It is defined in this way such that we will have the quantum analog of the Cramér-Rao bound. This is done as follows. By choosing an arbitrary operator X that carries  $\theta$ -dependence, we can form a classical probability as

$$p(x|\theta) = \text{Tr}[\rho\Pi_x] \tag{1.13}$$

where  $\Pi_x$  is the projector to the eigenstate of X with eigenvalue x. Using Eq. (1.10), we obtain

$$\partial_{\theta} p(x \mid \theta) = \text{Re} \left( \text{Tr} \left[ \rho \Pi_x L_{\rho}(A) \right] \right)$$
 (1.14)

Then the Cramér-Rao bound is

$$(\Delta\theta)^2 \geqslant \frac{1}{nF(X,\theta)} \tag{1.15}$$

where n is the number of independent repetitions, and  $F(X,\theta)$  is the classical Fisher information:

$$F[X, \theta] = \int dx \frac{1}{p(x|\theta)} \left[ \partial_{\theta} p(x|\theta) \right]^{2} = \int dx \frac{\left[ \operatorname{Re} \left( \operatorname{Tr} \left[ \rho \Pi_{x} L_{\rho} \right] \right) \right]^{2}}{\operatorname{Tr} \left[ \rho \Pi_{x} \right]}$$
(1.16)

Then we have the following inequalities:

$$F[X, \theta] \leqslant \int dx \left| \frac{\text{Tr} \left[\rho \Pi_x L_{\rho}\right]}{\sqrt{\text{Tr} \left[\rho \Pi_x\right]}} \right|^2 = \int dx \left| \text{Tr} \left[ \frac{\sqrt{\rho} \sqrt{\Pi_x}}{\sqrt{\text{Tr} \left[\rho \Pi_x\right]}} \sqrt{\Pi_x} L_{\rho} \sqrt{\rho} \right] \right|^2$$

$$\leqslant \int dx \, \text{Tr} \left[ \Pi_x L_{\rho} \rho L_{\rho} \right] = \text{Tr} \left[ L_{\rho} \rho L_{\rho} \right] = \text{Tr} \left[ \rho L_{\rho}^2 \right] = F_Q[\rho, A]$$

$$(1.17)$$

which gives us the quantum Cramér-Rao bound:

$$(\Delta\theta)^2 \geqslant \frac{1}{nF_O[\rho, A]} \tag{1.18}$$

This is actually how the quantum Fisher information in Eq. (1.12) is defined.

The procedure presented above has a natural generalization when A is non-hermitian:

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial \theta} = \frac{1}{2} \left( L_{\rho}(A)\rho + \rho L_{\rho}^{\dagger}(A) \right), \quad L_{\rho}(A) = 2i \sum_{k,l} \frac{\lambda_{k} - \lambda_{l}}{\lambda_{k} + \lambda_{l}} |k\rangle\langle k|A|l\rangle\langle l|$$
 (1.19)

This makes sense since we still have

$$\operatorname{Tr}[\rho L_{\rho}(A)] = \operatorname{Tr}[\rho L_{\rho}^{\dagger}(A)] = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \operatorname{Tr}[\partial_{\theta}\rho] = 0$$
 (1.20)

Then we just repeat what we have done above, and we arrive at

$$(\Delta \theta)^2 \geqslant \frac{1}{nF_Q[\rho, A]}, \quad F_Q[\rho, A] = \text{Tr}[\rho L_\rho(A) L_\rho^{\dagger}(A)]$$
 (1.21)

so we still have

$$F_Q[\rho, A] = 2\sum_{k,l} \frac{(\lambda_k - \lambda_l)^2}{(\lambda_k + \lambda_l)} |\langle k|A|l\rangle|^2$$
(1.22)

for non-hermitian operator A.

The next step is to generalize the criteria with respect to multi-particle entanglement. For pure state  $\rho_0 = |0\rangle \langle 0|$ , we have  $\lambda_0 = 1, \lambda_{l\neq 0} = 0$ , then

$$F_{Q}[\rho_{0}, A] = 2 \sum_{l \neq 0} \frac{(1-0)^{2}}{(1+0)} |\langle 0| A | l \rangle|^{2} + 2 \sum_{l \neq 0} \frac{(0-1)^{2}}{(0+1)} |\langle l| A | 0 \rangle|^{2}$$

$$= 4 \sum_{l \neq 0} \langle 0| A | l \rangle \langle l| A^{\dagger} | 0 \rangle = 4 \langle 0| A (\mathbb{1} - | 0 \rangle \langle 0|) A^{\dagger} | 0 \rangle$$

$$= 4 (\langle 0| A A^{\dagger} | 0 \rangle - \langle 0| A | 0 \rangle \langle 0| A^{\dagger} | 0 \rangle) \equiv 4(\Delta A)_{0}^{2}$$
(1.23)

For mixed state  $\rho = \sum_{k} p_{k} |k\rangle \langle k|$ , the quantum Fisher information is convex:

$$F_Q[\rho, A] \leqslant \sum_k p_k F_Q[\rho_k, A] = 4 \sum_k p_k (\Delta A)_k^2$$
 (1.24)

The variance has an upper bound (we will prove this later):

$$4(\Delta A)_k^2 \le (a_{\rm Re,max} - a_{\rm Re,min})^2 + (a_{\rm Im,max} - a_{\rm Im,min})^2$$
(1.25)

where  $a_{\text{Re}}$  and  $a_{\text{Im}}$  are the real and imaginary part of the eigenvalues of A. Finally, let's assume that the system is m-partite:

$$\rho = \sum_{k} p_{k} |\Psi_{k}\rangle \langle \Psi_{k}|, \quad |\Psi_{k}\rangle = \prod_{i=1}^{m} \otimes \left|\psi_{i}^{(k)}\right\rangle$$
(1.26)

Then we have

$$F_Q[\rho, A] \leqslant \sum_{i,k} p_k 4(\Delta A)_{i,k}^2 \leqslant m \left[ (a_{\text{Re,max}} - a_{\text{Re,min}})^2 + (a_{\text{Im,max}} - a_{\text{Im,min}})^2 \right]$$
 (1.27)

As a result, if we have

$$\frac{F_Q[\rho, A]}{(a_{\text{Re,max}} - a_{\text{Re,min}})^2 + (a_{\text{Im,max}} - a_{\text{Im,min}})^2} > m$$
(1.28)

we know that the system is at least (m+1)-partite.

Now let's prove Eq. (1.25). Choose the eigenstate  $|i\rangle$  of A with eigenvalue  $a_i = \alpha_i + i\beta_i$ , where

 $\alpha_i, \beta_i$  are both real. For an arbitrary state  $|\psi\rangle = \sum_i c_i |i\rangle$ , we can make the choice that all  $c_i$  are real. Then we have

$$(\Delta A)_{\psi}^{2} = \langle \psi | AA^{\dagger} | \psi \rangle - \langle \psi | A | \psi \rangle \langle \psi | A^{\dagger} | \psi \rangle$$

$$= \sum_{i} c_{i}^{2} |a_{i}|^{2} - \sum_{ij} c_{i}^{2} c_{j}^{2} a_{i}^{*} a_{j}$$

$$= \left( \sum_{i} c_{i}^{2} \alpha_{i}^{2} - \sum_{ij} c_{i}^{2} c_{j}^{2} \alpha_{i} \alpha_{j} \right) + \left( \sum_{i} c_{i}^{2} \beta_{i}^{2} - \sum_{ij} c_{i}^{2} c_{j}^{2} \beta_{i} \beta_{j} \right) - i \sum_{ij} c_{i}^{2} c_{j}^{2} (\alpha_{i} \beta_{j} - \beta_{i} \alpha_{j})$$

$$(1.29)$$

The last term vanishes since the summation is over anti-symmetric terms. As a result, we have

$$(\Delta A)_{\psi}^{2} = (\Delta A_{\text{Re}})_{\psi}^{2} + (\Delta A_{\text{Im}})_{\psi}^{2}$$
(1.30)

where both  $A_{Re}$  and  $A_{Im}$  are hermitian operators. Since we know that for hermitian operators B, we have [1]

$$4\left(\Delta B\right)_{\psi}^{2} \leqslant \left(b_{\text{max}} - b_{\text{min}}\right)^{2} \tag{1.31}$$

we then proved Eq. (1.25).

In summary, we can use Eq. (1.22) as the quantum Fisher information for non-Hermitian operator A, and use Eq. (1.28) as the criterion for the multi-particle entanglement.

## 2 Relation between QFI and Response Function

Consider an arbitrary bosonic operator A, the response function is defined as

$$\chi(\omega) = -\mathrm{i} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathrm{d}t \ e^{\mathrm{i}\omega(t-t')} \Theta(t-t') \operatorname{Tr} \left( \rho \left[ A(t), A^{\dagger}(t') \right] \right) = -\mathrm{i} \int_{0}^{\infty} \mathrm{d}t \ e^{\mathrm{i}\omega t} \operatorname{Tr} \left( \rho \left[ A(t), A^{\dagger}(0) \right] \right) \ (2.1)$$

where  $\rho = e^{-\beta H}/Z$  is the thermal density matrix,  $A(t) = e^{iHt}Ae^{-iHt}$ . The spectral representation for  $\chi(\omega)$  is

$$\chi(\omega) = \frac{1}{Z} \sum_{m,n} \frac{\left( e^{-\beta E_m} - e^{-\beta E_n} \right) \langle m|A|n \rangle \langle n|A^{\dagger}|m \rangle}{\omega + E_m - E_n + i0^+}$$

$$= \frac{1}{Z} \sum_{m,n} e^{-\beta E_m} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega' \frac{\left| \langle n|A^{\dagger}|m \rangle \right|^2 (1 - e^{-\beta \omega'}) \delta(E_n - E_m - \omega')}{\omega - \omega' + i0^+}$$
(2.2)

and the spectral representation for  $\chi''(\omega)$  is

$$\chi''(\omega) = \frac{1}{Z} \sum_{m,n} \left( e^{-\beta E_m} - e^{-\beta E_n} \right) \langle m|A|n \rangle \langle n|A^{\dagger}|m \rangle \delta(\omega + E_m - E_n)$$

$$= \frac{1}{Z} \sum_{m,n} e^{-\beta E_m} \left( 1 - e^{-\beta \omega} \right) \langle m|A|n \rangle \langle n|A^{\dagger}|m \rangle \delta(\omega + E_m - E_n)$$
(2.3)

Using the fact that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega \tanh\left(\frac{\beta\omega}{2}\right) \delta(\omega + E_m - E_n) = \tanh\left(\frac{\beta(E_n - E_m)}{2}\right) = \frac{\lambda_m - \lambda_n}{\lambda_m + \lambda_n}$$
(2.4)

where  $\lambda_n = \exp(-\beta E_n)/Z$  is the eigenvalue of the density matrix  $\rho$ , and the expression for the quantum Fisher information in Eq. (1.22), we obtain

$$F_Q[\rho, A] = 2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega \tanh\left(\frac{\beta\omega}{2}\right) \chi''(\omega), \quad \chi''(\omega) \equiv -\frac{1}{\pi} \operatorname{Im} \chi(\omega)$$
 (2.5)

For hermitian operator, we can simplify further as

$$F_Q[\rho, A] = 4 \int_0^\infty d\omega \tanh\left(\frac{\beta\omega}{2}\right) \chi''(\omega)$$
 (2.6)

since we have  $\chi''(\omega) = -\chi''(-\omega)$ . This is not true for a general non-hermitian operator.

### 3 The RIXS operator

This is based on [2, 3]. In RIXS, the solid is taken from a ground state with energy  $E_g$  to a final state with excitations and an energy  $E_f$ . The energy and momentum of the excitation are determined by the difference in photon energy  $\hbar\omega_{\mathbf{k}} - \hbar\omega_{\mathbf{k}'}$  and momentum  $\hbar\mathbf{k}' - \hbar\mathbf{k}$ , respectively. The RIXS intensity can in general be written in terms of a scattering amplitude as

$$I(\omega, \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}', \boldsymbol{\epsilon}, \boldsymbol{\epsilon}') = \sum_{f} |\mathcal{F}_{fg}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}', \boldsymbol{\epsilon}, \boldsymbol{\epsilon}', \omega_{\mathbf{k}})|^{2} \delta(E_{f} + \hbar\omega_{\mathbf{k}'} - E_{g} - \hbar\omega_{\mathbf{k}})$$
(3.1)

where the delta function enforces energy conservation and the amplitude  $\mathcal{F}_{fg}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}', \boldsymbol{\epsilon}, \boldsymbol{\epsilon}', \omega_{\mathbf{k}})$  reflects which excitations are probed and how, for instance, the spectral weights of final-state excitations depend on the polarization vectors  $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}'$  of the incoming and outgoing x rays, respectively.

The material first absorbs the photon. The system is then in a short-lived intermediate state, from which it relaxes radiatively. In an experiment, one studies the X-rays emitted in this decay process. This two-step process cannot be described simply by using Fermi's golden rule, but requires a higher-order treatment, known as the Kramers-Heisenberg equation [4]. Since absorption and emission are single-photon processes, the interactions between the X-rays and the material are dominated by the terms in the cross section proportional to  $\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{A}$ , where  $\mathbf{p}$  is the momentum of the electrons in the material and  $\mathbf{A}$  is the vector potential of the photon. The interaction between the X-rays and the material depends on external quantities, such as wave vector  $\mathbf{k}$  and polarization vectors  $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}$  of the X-rays, and operators, such as  $\mathbf{p}$  and  $\mathbf{r}$ . As a result the electronic transitions are intermingled. The scattering amplitude can be split into an angular and polarization dependence  $\mathbf{T}^x(\hat{\mathbf{k}}, \hat{\mathbf{k}}', \boldsymbol{\epsilon}, \boldsymbol{\epsilon}')$  related to the experimental geometry and spectral functions  $\mathbf{F}^x$   $(k, k', \omega_k)$  that reflect the properties of the material:

$$\mathcal{F}_{fg}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}', \boldsymbol{\epsilon}, \boldsymbol{\epsilon}', \omega_{\mathbf{k}}) = \sum_{x} \mathbf{F}^{x}(k, k', \omega_{\mathbf{k}}) \mathbf{T}^{x}(\hat{\mathbf{k}}, \hat{\mathbf{k}}', \boldsymbol{\epsilon}, \boldsymbol{\epsilon}')$$
(3.2)

This separation can be done exactly. It is important to note that there are only a finite number of fundamental scattering amplitudes  $\mathbf{F}^x(k,k',\omega_{\mathbf{k}})$  and that the RIXS scattering amplitude is a

linear combination of these fundamental scattering amplitudes weighted by the angular functions  $\mathbf{T}^{x}(\hat{\mathbf{k}}, \hat{\mathbf{k}}', \boldsymbol{\epsilon}, \boldsymbol{\epsilon}')$ .

The RIXS amplitude  $\mathcal{F}_{fg}$  can be represented as

$$\mathcal{F}_{fg} = \langle f | \mathcal{D}'^{\dagger} G \mathcal{D} | g \rangle, \quad G(z_{\mathbf{k}}) = \frac{1}{z_{\mathbf{k}} - H_n}, \quad H_n = H_0 + H_c, \quad z_k = E_g + \hbar \omega_{\mathbf{k}} + i \Gamma_c$$
 (3.3)

where  $G = G_0 + G_0 H_c G$  is the intermediate state propagator,  $H_0$  is the initial Hamiltonian and  $H_c$  is the core-hole Hamiltonian. The transition operator  $\mathcal{D}$  corresponds to the incoming X-rays, and  $\mathcal{D}'$  corresponds to the outgoing X-rays. The expression for  $\mathcal{D}$  is

$$\mathcal{D} = \frac{1}{\mathrm{i}m\omega_{\mathbf{k}}} \sum_{j} e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{R}_{j}} \boldsymbol{\epsilon} \cdot \mathbf{p}_{j}$$
(3.4)

where  $\mathbf{R}_j$  is position of the j-th site and  $\mathbf{p}_j$  is momentum of the electron bound to the j-th site. Under the dipole approximation, we will have

$$\langle n | \mathcal{D} | g \rangle \approx \sum_{j} e^{i \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{R}_{j}} \langle n | \boldsymbol{\epsilon} \cdot \mathbf{r}_{j} | g \rangle$$
 (3.5)

where  $|n\rangle$  is the eigenstates of the intermediate Hamiltonian  $H_n$ , and  $\mathbf{r}$  is the position operator of the electron bound to the j-th site.

Finally, the RIXS cross-section at finite temperature and with finite final-state lifetime is described by the Kramers-Heisenberg formula:

$$I_{\text{RIXS}}\left(\omega_{\text{in}}, \omega, \mathbf{k}_{i}, \mathbf{k}_{o}, \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{i}, \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{f}\right) = \sum_{g} \frac{1}{Z} e^{-\frac{E_{g}}{k_{B}T}} \sum_{f} \left| \frac{\langle f | \mathcal{D}_{o}^{\dagger} | n \rangle \langle n | \mathcal{D}_{i} | g \rangle}{\omega_{\text{in}} - E_{n} + E_{g} + i\Gamma_{c}} \right|^{2} \frac{\Gamma/\pi}{\left(\omega - E_{f} + E_{g}\right)^{2} + \Gamma^{2}}$$
(3.6)

where  $|g\rangle$  are the ground states of the initial Hamiltonian  $H_0$  describing the valence electrons. T is the temperature and  $k_B$  is the Boltzmann factor. Z is the partition function.  $|f\rangle$  are the excited eigenstates of the initial Hamiltonian  $H_0$ .  $|n\rangle$  are the eigenstates of intermediate Hamiltonian  $H_n$  which includes a deep core-hole and one more electron in the valence shell after the X-ray absorption process.  $\omega_{\rm in}$  is the energy of the incident X-ray which is tuned to be at a specific resonant edge.  $\omega$  is the X-ray energy loss, i.e., the energy difference between the incident and scattered X-ray.  $\Gamma_c$  and  $\Gamma$  are the lifetime broadening of the intermediate (with a core hole) and final states, respectively. The transition operators  $\mathcal{D}_i$  can be generally written as

$$\mathcal{D}_i = \sum_a P_a^i T_a^i, \quad \mathcal{D}_o^{\dagger} = \sum_a P_a^{o*} T_a^{o\dagger} \tag{3.7}$$

In the dipole approximation, we have

$$P_a^i = \epsilon_a^i, \quad P_a^o = \epsilon_a^o, \quad a = x, y, z$$

$$T_x^i = e^{i\mathbf{k}_i \cdot \mathbf{R}_j} x_j, \quad T_y^i = e^{i\mathbf{k}_i \cdot \mathbf{R}_j} y_j, \quad T_z^i = e^{i\mathbf{k}_i \cdot \mathbf{R}_j} z_j$$

$$T_x^o = e^{i\mathbf{k}_o \cdot \mathbf{R}_j} x_j, \quad T_y^o = e^{i\mathbf{k}_o \cdot \mathbf{R}_j} y_j, \quad T_z^o = e^{i\mathbf{k}_o \cdot \mathbf{R}_j} z_j$$

$$(3.8)$$

where j labels the site, and  $x_j, y_j, z_j$  are position operators of electrons bound to site-j. Note that there is an implicit summation over site label j inside the absolute value in Eq. (3.6). In practical calculations, we will construct the matrix element

$$\langle n|\mathcal{D}_i|g\rangle = \sum_a P_a^i \langle n|T_a^i|g\rangle = \sum_a P_a^i e^{i\mathbf{k}_i \cdot \mathbf{R}_j} \langle n|r_j^a|g\rangle, \quad \mathbf{r}_j = (x_j, y_j, z_j)$$
(3.9)

The nonzero matrix element  $\langle n|r^a|g\rangle$  is given by the selection rule, which effectively plays with the Clebsch-Gordon coefficients including orbital and spin degrees of freedom (they are collectively called orbitals in practice).

#### 4 Relation to QFI

By comparing the RIXS signal in Eq. (3.6) with the dynamic susceptibility in Eq. (2.3), we can just take

$$A^{\dagger} = \mathcal{D}_o^{\dagger} \frac{1}{\omega_{\rm in} - H_n + H_0 + i\Gamma_c} \mathcal{D}_i \tag{4.1}$$

[Update: Actually, it should be

$$\langle f | A^{\dagger} | g \rangle = \sum_{n} \langle f | \mathcal{D}_{o}^{\dagger} | n \rangle \frac{1}{\omega_{\text{in}} - E_{n} + E_{g} + i\Gamma_{c}} \langle n | \mathcal{D}_{i} | g \rangle$$

$$(4.2)$$

It is not quite the same as the operator form stated above since we have both  $H_n$  and  $H_0$  in the denominator, which have different sets of eigenstates. But this modification does not affect the calculation of QFI in the actual code, since the code implements the correct form.] and the Eq. (2.5) should be modified as

$$F(A) = 2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega \tanh\left(\frac{\beta\omega}{2}\right) \left(1 - e^{-\beta\omega}\right) I_{RIXS}(\omega)$$
 (4.3)

The operator in Eq. (4.1) can be numerically constructed using EDRIXS. In this way, there is no need to find the  $\chi$  matrix as in the case of a single site problem.

For the integration over the negative frequency, firstly, we indeed have access to the negative frequency; secondly, the negative frequency can be related to the positive frequency via the spectral representation in Eq. (2.3):

$$\chi''(\omega) = \frac{1}{Z} \sum_{m,n} \left( e^{-\beta E_m} - e^{-\beta E_n} \right) \langle m|A|n \rangle \langle n|A^{\dagger}|m \rangle \delta(\omega + E_m - E_n)$$

$$= \frac{1}{Z} \sum_{m,n} e^{-\beta E_m} \left( 1 - e^{-\beta \omega} \right) \langle m|A|n \rangle \langle n|A^{\dagger}|m \rangle \delta(\omega + E_m - E_n)$$

$$\chi''(-\omega) = \frac{1}{Z} \sum_{m,n} e^{-\beta E_m} \left( 1 - e^{\beta \omega} \right) \langle m|A|n \rangle \langle n|A^{\dagger}|m \rangle \delta(-\omega + E_m - E_n)$$

$$= \frac{1}{Z} \sum_{m,n} e^{-\beta E_m} \left( 1 - e^{\beta \omega} \right) \langle m|A|n \rangle \langle n|A^{\dagger}|m \rangle \delta(\omega - E_m + E_n)$$

$$= \frac{1}{Z} \sum_{n,m} e^{-\beta E_m} \left( e^{-\beta \omega} - 1 \right) \langle n|A|m \rangle \langle m|A^{\dagger}|n \rangle \delta(\omega - E_n + E_m)$$

$$(4.4)$$

If  $A^{\dagger} = A$ , we would have

$$\chi''(-\omega) = -\chi''(\omega) \tag{4.5}$$

but for  $A^{\dagger} \neq A$ , we don't have anything.

Returning back to the RIXS signal, due to the large factor  $(1 - e^{-\beta\omega})$  at negative frequency, RIXS signal at negative frequency will be extremely small, which is far below the detectable threshold. Consequently, it is not a good idea to detect or calculate the RIXS signal at negative frequency. However, the contribution from the negative frequency cannot be ignored, since the  $\chi''$  itself is finite, with magnitude comparable to the contribution from the positive frequency. As a result, we should replace the detection or calculation of the RIXS signal at negative frequencies with that at positive frequencies. According to Eq. (4.4), we could calculate the RIXS signal at positive frequency with the conjugate of the RIXS operator. Further, according to Eq. (4.1), we could detect or calculate the RIXS signal at positive frequencies with exchanging the incident and scattering polarization and exchanging the incident and scattering momentum. Then Eq. (4.3) is modified as

$$F(A) = 2 \int_{0}^{\infty} d\omega \tanh\left(\frac{\beta\omega}{2}\right) \left(1 - e^{-\beta\omega}\right) \left(I_{\text{RIXS}}(\omega) + I_{\text{RIXS,conjugate}}\right)$$

$$= 2 \int_{0}^{\infty} d\omega \tanh\left(\frac{\beta\omega}{2}\right) \left(1 - e^{-\beta\omega}\right) \left(I_{\text{RIXS}}(\omega) + I_{\text{RIXS,exchange}}\right)$$

$$(4.6)$$

### 5 Spin and Orbital Degrees of Freedom

We want to investigate the entanglement between different spins or orbitals. The first step is to write the RIXS operator in terms of spin and orbital degrees of freedom. Firstly, we have at site j

$$\mathcal{D}_{i} \equiv \sum_{a} e^{i\mathbf{k}_{i} \cdot \mathbf{R}_{j}} P_{a}^{i} \mathcal{D}^{a}, \quad \mathcal{D}_{o} \equiv \sum_{a} e^{i\mathbf{k}_{o} \cdot \mathbf{R}_{j}} P_{a}^{o} \mathcal{D}^{a}$$

$$(5.1)$$

Let's look at the transition operator  $\mathcal{D}^a$ :

$$\mathcal{D}^{x} = -0.40824829d_{1}^{\dagger}p_{1} - 0.40824829d_{2}^{\dagger}p_{2} + 0.70710678d_{3}^{\dagger}p_{5} + 0.70710678d_{4}^{\dagger}p_{6} + 0.70710678d_{7}^{\dagger}p_{1} + 0.70710678d_{8}^{\dagger}p_{2} + 0.70710678d_{9}^{\dagger}p_{3} + 0.70710678d_{10}^{\dagger}p_{4}$$

$$\mathcal{D}^{y} = -0.40824829d_{1}^{\dagger}p_{3} - 0.40824829d_{2}^{\dagger}p_{4} + 0.70710678d_{5}^{\dagger}p_{5} + 0.70710678d_{6}^{\dagger}p_{6} - 0.70710678d_{7}^{\dagger}p_{3} - 0.70710678d_{8}^{\dagger}p_{4} + 0.70710678d_{9}^{\dagger}p_{1} + 0.70710678d_{10}^{\dagger}p_{2}$$

$$\mathcal{D}^{z} = +0.81649658d_{1}^{\dagger}p_{5} + 0.81649658d_{2}^{\dagger}p_{6} + 0.70710678d_{3}^{\dagger}p_{1} + 0.70710678d_{4}^{\dagger}p_{2} + 0.70710678d_{5}^{\dagger}p_{3} + 0.70710678d_{6}^{\dagger}p_{4}$$

$$(5.2)$$

The ordering of the orbitals are

In summary, we have

$$\mathcal{D}^{x} = \sum_{\sigma} \left[ \left( -0.4 d_{3z^{2} - r^{2}, \sigma}^{\dagger} + 0.7 d_{x^{2} - y^{2}, \sigma}^{\dagger} \right) p_{x, \sigma} + 0.7 d_{zx, \sigma}^{\dagger} p_{z, \sigma} + 0.7 d_{xy, \sigma}^{\dagger} p_{y, \sigma} \right]$$

$$\mathcal{D}^{y} = \sum_{\sigma} \left[ \left( -0.4 d_{3z^{2} - r^{2}, \sigma}^{\dagger} - 0.7 d_{x^{2} - y^{2}, \sigma}^{\dagger} \right) p_{y, \sigma} + 0.7 d_{zy, \sigma}^{\dagger} p_{z, \sigma} + 0.7 d_{xy, \sigma}^{\dagger} p_{x, \sigma} \right]$$

$$\mathcal{D}^{z} = \sum_{\sigma} \left[ 0.8 d_{3z^{2} - r^{2}, \sigma}^{\dagger} p_{z, \sigma} + 0.7 d_{zx}^{\dagger} p_{x, \sigma} + 0.7 d_{zy, \sigma}^{\dagger} p_{y, \sigma} \right]$$
(5.4)

and eventually, we have

$$\mathcal{D}_{i} = e^{i\mathbf{k}_{i}\cdot\mathbf{R}_{j}} \sum_{\sigma} \left[ P_{x}^{i} \left( -0.4d_{3z^{2}-r^{2},\sigma}^{\dagger} + 0.7d_{x^{2}-y^{2},\sigma}^{\dagger} \right) + P_{y}^{i}0.7d_{xy,\sigma}^{\dagger} + P_{z}^{i}0.7d_{zx}^{\dagger} \right] p_{x,\sigma}$$

$$+ \left[ P_{x}^{i}0.7d_{xy,\sigma}^{\dagger} + P_{y}^{i} \left( -0.4d_{3z^{2}-r^{2},\sigma}^{\dagger} - 0.7d_{x^{2}-y^{2},\sigma}^{\dagger} \right) + P_{z}^{i}0.7d_{zy,\sigma}^{\dagger} \right] p_{y,\sigma}$$

$$+ \left[ P_{x}^{i}0.7d_{zx,\sigma}^{\dagger} + P_{y}^{i}0.7d_{zy,\sigma}^{\dagger} + P_{z}^{i}0.8d_{3z^{2}-r^{2},\sigma}^{\dagger} \right] p_{z,\sigma}$$

$$(5.5)$$

and

$$\mathcal{D}_{o} = e^{i\mathbf{k}_{o}\cdot\mathbf{R}_{j}} \sum_{\sigma} \left[ P_{x}^{o} \left( -0.4d_{3z^{2}-r^{2},\sigma}^{\dagger} + 0.7d_{x^{2}-y^{2},\sigma}^{\dagger} \right) + P_{y}^{o}0.7d_{xy,\sigma}^{\dagger} + P_{z}^{o}0.7d_{zx}^{\dagger} \right] p_{x,\sigma}$$

$$+ \left[ P_{x}^{o}0.7d_{xy,\sigma}^{\dagger} + P_{y}^{o} \left( -0.4d_{3z^{2}-r^{2},\sigma}^{\dagger} - 0.7d_{x^{2}-y^{2},\sigma}^{\dagger} \right) + P_{z}^{o}0.7d_{zy,\sigma}^{\dagger} \right] p_{y,\sigma}$$

$$+ \left[ P_{x}^{o}0.7d_{zx,\sigma}^{\dagger} + P_{y}^{o}0.7d_{zy,\sigma}^{\dagger} + P_{z}^{o}0.8d_{3z^{2}-r^{2},\sigma}^{\dagger} \right] p_{z,\sigma}$$

$$(5.6)$$

Let's look at the RIXS operator:

$$\langle f | A^{\dagger} | g \rangle = \sum_{n} \langle f | \mathcal{D}_{o}^{\dagger} | n \rangle \frac{1}{\omega_{\text{in}} - E_{n} + E_{g} + i\Gamma_{c}} \langle n | \mathcal{D}_{i} | g \rangle$$
 (5.7)

where we have obtained the structure of  $\mathcal{D}_o^{\dagger}$  and  $\mathcal{D}_i$ , and  $E_n$  is the eigenvalue corresponding to  $H_n |n\rangle = E_n |n\rangle$ ,  $E_g$  is the eigenvalue corresponding to  $H_0 |g\rangle = E_g |g\rangle$ .

Spin degree of freedom - Due to the spin-orbital coupling, neither  $H_0$  nor  $H_n$  conserves the spin degree of freedom. This can be checked by looking at the eigenstates of  $H_0$  and  $H_n$  to see if they are also eigenstates of the spin operator. The answer is no. On other other hand, both  $\mathcal{D}_i$  and  $\mathcal{D}_o$  has no selective feature between the two spin projections, thus it is impossible to choose a suitable polarization to make  $A^{\dagger}$  expressible as  $A^{\dagger}_{\uparrow} + A^{\dagger}_{\downarrow}$ . This means that RIXS cannot serves as a entanglement witness for the spin degree of freedom.

We may think of some pseudospin degree of freedom. A linear combination of the spin projections would not work, due to the spin-orbital coupling and the fact that  $\mathcal{D}_i$  and  $\mathcal{D}_o$  has no selective feature between the two spin projections. We then think of certain type of total angular momentum as combination of spin and orbital. However, due to the electron-electron interaction and crystal splitting field, the orbitals are also mixed, see below.

Orbital degree of freedom - By observing  $\mathcal{D}_o$  and  $\mathcal{D}_i$  we can learn that the orbits are grouped into

two sets: the  $e_g$  orbitals and  $t_{2g}$  orbitals. We then want to analyze if  $H_0$  and  $H_n$  conserve these two sets. Again, we can check the eigenstates of  $H_0$  and  $H_n$  to see if they are also eigenstates of the orbital sets. The result is that neither  $H_0$  nor  $H_n$  conserves the orbital sets. However,  $\mathcal{D}_o$  and  $\mathcal{D}_i$  are selective among the orbitals, so it is potentially possible to tune the polarization to make  $A^{\dagger}$  separate into two terms.

Basically, we have the following structure. The Hilbert space can be decomposed into two parts:  $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_0 \oplus \mathcal{H}_1$ , where  $\mathcal{H}_0$  stands for no core hole, and  $\mathcal{H}$  stands for one core hole (let's focus on one of the two sites, the other is just additive).  $H_0$  acts within  $\mathcal{H}_0$ ,  $H_n$  acts within  $\mathcal{H}_1$ , while  $\mathcal{D}_i, \mathcal{D}_o$  connects  $\mathcal{H}_0$  and  $\mathcal{H}_1$ . Finally  $A^{\dagger}$  acts within  $\mathcal{H}_0$ . We want to know if  $A^{\dagger}$  is block-diagonal, meaning that  $A^{\dagger}$  does not connect  $t_{2g}$  and  $e_g$  orbitals. This cannot be answered by inspecting  $H_0$  or  $H_n$  only, since the actual  $A^{\dagger}$  is defined by

$$\langle f | A^{\dagger} | g \rangle = \sum_{n} \langle f | \mathcal{D}_{o}^{\dagger} | n \rangle \frac{1}{\omega_{\text{in}} - E_{n} + E_{g} + i\Gamma_{c}} \langle n | \mathcal{D}_{i} | g \rangle$$
 (5.8)

such that

$$A^{\dagger} \neq \mathcal{D}_o^{\dagger} \frac{1}{\omega_{\rm in} - H_n + H_0 + i\Gamma_c} \mathcal{D}_i \tag{5.9}$$

since  $H_0$  and  $H_n$  does not commute. As a result, we have to explicitly construct  $A^{\dagger}$  numerically.

The code has constructed  $A^{\dagger}$  in terms of Eq. (5.8), where the states are eigenstates of  $H_0$ . Let's denote them by  $|g_i\rangle$ . They are expressed as linear combinations of the basis  $|b_i\rangle$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix}
|g_0\rangle \\ \vdots \\ |g_i\rangle \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} = P \begin{pmatrix}
|b_0\rangle \\ \vdots \\ |b_i\rangle \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix}
|b_0\rangle \\ \vdots \\ |b_i\rangle \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} = Q \begin{pmatrix}
|g_0\rangle \\ \vdots \\ |g_i\rangle \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$
(5.10)

where  $Q = P^{-1} = P^{\dagger}$ . Here P is just the Numpy array storing the eigenstates  $|g_i\rangle$ . Consequently, we have

$$A_{ji}^{b} \equiv \langle b_{j} | A^{\dagger} | b_{i} \rangle = \sum_{lk} Q_{jk}^{*} Q_{il} \langle g_{k} | A^{\dagger} | g_{l} \rangle \equiv \sum_{lk} Q_{jk}^{*} Q_{il} A_{kl}^{g} = \left( Q^{*} A^{g} Q^{\mathsf{T}} \right)_{ji} = \left( P^{T} A^{g} P^{*} \right)_{ji} \quad (5.11)$$

Now  $A^b$  is the RIXS operator define in terms of the basis. We know that  $|b_i\rangle$  with  $i=0,\dots,65$  correspond to the  $t_{2g}$  sector, while  $|b_i\rangle$  with  $i \geq 66$  correspond to the  $e_g$  sector. We have 9  $A^b$  matrices, due to 3 incoming polarizations and 3 outgoing polarizations, let's denote them as  $c_{ab} = (P_a^o)^* P_b^a$ , a, b = x, y, z. To realize separation of  $t_{2g}$  and  $e_g$  sectors, we need

$$A_{ji}^{b} \equiv \sum_{a,b} c_{ab} A_{ji}^{ab} = 0, \text{ for } j \geqslant 66, i \leqslant 65$$
 (5.12)

Let's choose  $i = 0, j = 66, \dots, 74$  to form a set of linear equations for  $c_{ab}$ . Solving it gives us  $c_{ab}$ , then we check if other choices of i, j fulfills the condition:

$$\begin{pmatrix} A_{66,0}^{00} & A_{66,0}^{01} & \cdots & A_{66,0}^{22} \\ A_{67,0}^{00} & A_{67,0}^{01} & \cdots & A_{67,0}^{22} \\ \vdots & & & & \\ A_{74,0}^{00} & A_{74,0}^{01} & \cdots & A_{74,0}^{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{00} \\ c_{01} \\ \vdots \\ c_{22} \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$(5.13)$$

and

$$\mathbf{v} = (A_{ji}^{00} \ A_{ji}^{01} \ \cdots \ A_{ji}^{22}), \ \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{c} = 0$$
 (5.14)

#### 6 Material Parameters

HKL corresponds to the reciprocal lattice sites, whose lattice constants are  $a^* \sim 1.22$ ,  $b^*$  not known,  $c^* \sim 0.426$ . In experiments, we have H=0.5, K=0, and varying L. The momenta Q are obtained from HKL, the angles are obtained from the momenta, and polarizations are obtained from the angles. We have  $\alpha=0, \beta=0, \pi/2, \phi=10$ . Also the wavelength is  $\lambda=1.105483$ .

#### 7 Tuning Parameters

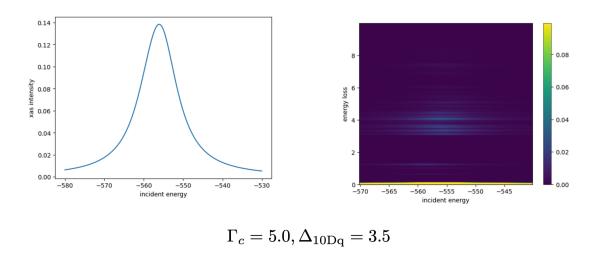


Figure 1: The case of normal parameters.

From the results shown in Figs. 2 to 5, we learn that the mixing of  $t_{2g}$  and  $e_g$  orbitals persist even in large crystal splitting field. We can further looking into this issue by inspecting the eigenstates of  $H_0$  and  $H_n$ . For a specific eigenstate, we can expand it in terms of orbital-eigenstates, which we

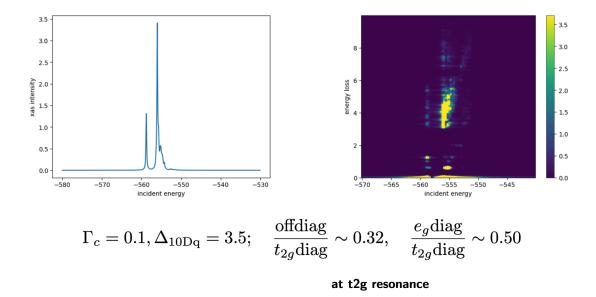


Figure 2: The case of new parameters set 1.

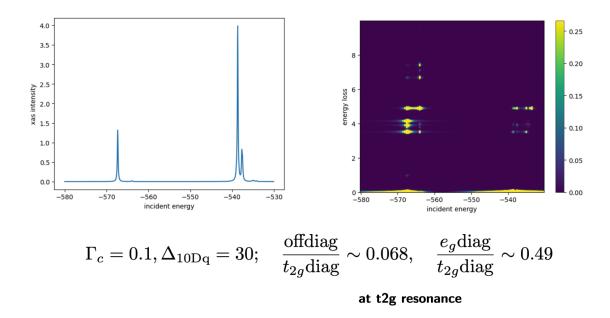


Figure 3: The case of new parameters set 2.

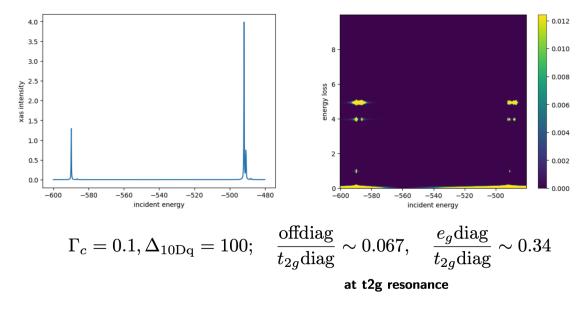


Figure 4: The case of new parameters set 3.

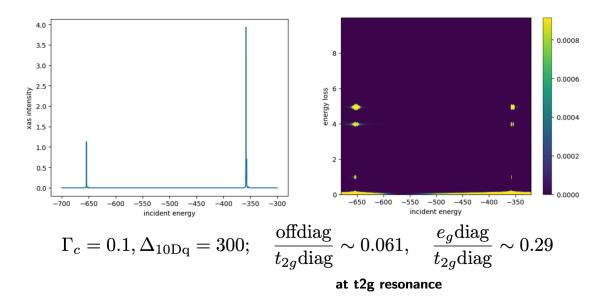


Figure 5: The case of new parameters set 4.

symbolically write as

$$|g\rangle = g_0 |t_{2q}\rangle + g_1 |e_q\rangle, \quad |n\rangle = n_0 |t_{2q}\rangle + n_1 |e_q\rangle$$
 (7.1)

where  $|g\rangle$  is the eigenstate of  $H_0$ , and ketn is the eigenstate of  $H_n$ . For experimentally relevant  $\Delta_{10\mathrm{Dq}}=3.5,\ g_0$  and  $g_1$  are on the same order,  $n_0$  and  $n_1$  are on the same order. For  $\Delta_{10\mathrm{Dq}}=30,100,300,\ g_1$  becomes increasing suppressed below  $g_0$ , being several orders of magnitude smaller than  $g_0$ . However,  $n_1$  will stay on the same order of  $n_0$ , indicating significant mixing of  $t_{2g}$  and  $e_g$  sectors when a core-hole is present.

#### 8 5d Orbitals and Basis for Dimer

There are in total 10 5d orbitals (including spin degrees of freedom):

$$\begin{aligned} 0: d_{3z^2-r^2,\uparrow}, m &= 2, & 1: d_{3z^2-r^2,\downarrow}, m &= 2 \\ 6: d_{x^2-y^2,\uparrow}, m &= 1, & 7: d_{x^2-y^2,\downarrow}, m &= 1 \\ 2: d_{zx,\uparrow}, m &= -1, & 3: d_{zx,\downarrow}, m &= -1, & J &= 3/2 \\ 4: d_{zy,\uparrow}, m &= 0, & 5: d_{zy,\downarrow}, m &= 0, & J &= 1/2 \\ 8: d_{xy,\uparrow}, m &= -2, & 9: d_{xy,\downarrow}, m &= -2, & J &= 3/2 \end{aligned}$$
 (8.1)

where  $d_{3z^2-r^2}$  is often abbreviated as  $d_{z^2}$ . The crystal field (octahedral complex) splits them into two sets, the higher energy level is called  $e_g$  orbitals ( $d_{x^2-y^2}$  and  $d_{z^2}$ ), and the lower energy level is called  $t_{2g}$  orbitals ( $d_{xy}$ ,  $d_{zx}$ ,  $d_{zy}$ ).

For the dimer system, we then have 20 5d orbitals in total (including spin degrees of freedom, 10 on each site), among which 12 belong to the  $t_{2g}$  manifold (6 on each site). For the case of Ba<sub>3</sub>CeIr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>9</sub>, there are 10 electrons in total, then we have the following possibilities for the  $t_{2g}$  manifold:

- 5 electrons on each site there are  $C_6^5 \cdot C_6^5 = 36$  states in total.
- 6 electrons on site-1 and 4 electrons on site-2 there are  $C_6^4 = 15$  states in total.
- 4 electrons on site-1 and 6 electrons on site-2 there are  $C_6^4 = 15$  states in total.

As a result, the  $t_{2g}$  manifold has 66 states.

Now let's see how they are implemented in EDRIXS. In the module witness\_utils we define the function get\_fock\_bin\_by\_N\_S. It takes in the argument of possible levels and number of electrons and produces the basis. For example, the following code will produce the basis for the  $t_{2g}$  manifold of the dimer:

```
all_states = get_fock_bin_by_N_S(8,0,12,10, dispinfo=False)
```

The resulting shape of all\_states is (66, 10), meaning that there are 66 states in the  $t_{2g}$  manifold, and they are labeled by labels of the occupied single-electron states. Also the convention for the single-electron states, at this stage, is such that number 0 to 7 refer to the  $e_g$  states, while number 8 to 19 refer to the 12  $t_{2g}$  states. For example

```
all_states[0] # array([8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17]
```

If you want to obtain the basis with fixed electron numbers on each site, you can use the following code:

```
states_55 = get_fock_bin_by_N_S(8,0,6,5,6,5, dispinfo=False)
```

which corresponds to the states with 5 electrons on site 1 and 5 electrons on site 2. You can check the following

```
states_55.shape # (36,10)
states_55[0] # array([8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18]
```

In the actual implementation, we also include the valence levels, so the basis of the  $t_{2g}$  manifold is obtained as

```
all_states = get_fock_bin_by_N_S(8,0,12,10,6,6,6,6,6,6, dispinfo=False)
```

There are also extra processing of the relevant basis, such as rearranging  $e_g$  states such that they come after the  $t_{2g}$  states, changing from complex harmonics to real harmonics, and so on. Finally, the full basis (occupation of the  $e_g$  orbitals can be either 0 or 1) without core hole is stored as basis\_i.npz, and the full basis with a core hole is stored as basis\_n1.npz and basis\_n2.npz.

Using the basis listed above, we can then express the relevant states. For example, the eigenstates of the system without core hole is stored as evecs\_i.npy, which is a set of vectors, whose components are the normalized coefficients for linear superposition of basis\_i. The same is true for the eigenstates of the system with core hole, which is stored as evecs\_nl.npy and evecs\_n2.npy.

We also want to consider the states with fixed electron numbers, and express them using the basis basis\_i. This is stored as states\_64.npy, states\_55.npy, and states\_46.npy.

# 9 RIXS Operators

The RIXS operators are defined by their matrix elements with respect to the states of evecs\_i . They are denoted as F\_mag\_real and F\_mag\_imag for each choice of  $\omega_{\rm in}$ ,  $\theta$  and  $\epsilon_i$ ,  $\epsilon_o$ .

On the other hand, for a pure state, we have

$$F_{Q} = 4\left(\langle \psi | A_{\text{Re}}^{2} | \psi \rangle - \langle \psi | A_{\text{Re}} | \psi \rangle^{2}\right) + 4\left(\langle \psi | A_{\text{Im}}^{2} | \psi \rangle - \langle \psi | A_{\text{Im}} | \psi \rangle^{2}\right)$$
(9.1)

We will consider three classes of pure states, corresponding to states\_64, states\_55, and states\_46, respectively. For each class, the pure state is represented as

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{i} \alpha_{i} |\psi_{i}\rangle \tag{9.2}$$

where  $|\psi_i\rangle$  are the states with fixed electron numbers. Then we have

$$F_Q = 4 \left[ \sum_{ij} a_i^* a_j A_{\text{Re},ij}^2 - \left( \sum_{ij} a_i^* a_j A_{\text{Re},ij} \right)^2 + \sum_{ij} a_i^* a_j A_{\text{Im},ij}^2 - \left( \sum_{ij} a_i^* a_j A_{\text{Im},ij} \right)^2 \right]$$
(9.3)

So we need the matrix elements

$$A_{\text{Re},ij} \equiv \langle \psi_i | A_{\text{Re}} | \psi_j \rangle, \quad A_{\text{Im},ij} \equiv \langle \psi_i | A_{\text{Im}} | \psi_j \rangle$$

$$A_{\text{Re},ij}^2 \equiv \langle \psi_i | A_{\text{Re}}^2 | \psi_j \rangle, \quad A_{\text{Im},ij}^2 \equiv \langle \psi_i | A_{\text{Im}}^2 | \psi_j \rangle$$

$$(9.4)$$

For the first step, we have  $A_{\text{Re},\alpha\beta}$  and  $A_{\text{Im},\alpha\beta}$  in terms of the states in evecs\_i, then we have

$$A_{\mathrm{Re},ij} = \sum_{\alpha\beta} \langle \psi_i | \psi_{\alpha} \rangle A_{\mathrm{Re},\alpha\beta} \langle \psi_{\beta} | \psi_j \rangle = (M A_{\mathrm{Re}} M^{\dagger})_{ij}$$

$$A_{\mathrm{Im},ij} = \sum_{\alpha\beta} \langle \psi_i | \psi_{\alpha} \rangle A_{\mathrm{Re},\alpha\beta} \langle \psi_{\beta} | \psi_j \rangle = (M A_{\mathrm{Im}} M^{\dagger})_{ij}$$

$$(9.5)$$

where  $M_{i\alpha} = \langle \psi_i | \psi_{\alpha} \rangle$ .

## 10 Data Repository Information

- Original dimer repository
- Example repository
- Data management instructions
- Figure instructions

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