## Cleaning coulomb explosion data via random coincidence subtraction

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## **Coulomb Explosion Imaging**

- Ionize a sample
  - Remove an electron from each atom
  - Repel each other







## **Coulomb Explosion Imaging**

- Atoms now have charge and fall to the detector via the electric field
- Observe when and where the ions hit the detector
  - Get momenta



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## Sulfur Dioxide

Smaller Molecule



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## Larger Molecule



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#### 4-fold Coincidence Plot for Isoxazole H+ C+ N+ O+ Channel

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#### Harder to remove bad data in incomplete channels

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#### **Incomplete Channels are less clean**

#### **Sulfur Dioxide**

#### Isoxazole





#### **Newton Plot for Isoxazole** C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>3</sub>NO H+ C+ N+ O+ Channel

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N+

x

- Plotting momenta from the Coulomb Explosion
- Not plotting hydrogens
- Oxygen as reference and xdirection
- Nitrogen to define plane
- Dots are carbons

### **Motivation**

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- Probability of carbons being here?
- Probability of them being way out to the center & top right?



## Remove "bad data" by identifying its components.

#### **Modeling the Bad/Random Data Points**

#### **Contributions:**

- Ionized more than one sample
  - Measured another molecule's ion
    - lonized the whole molecule or just part
  - More likely because high power is needed for Isoxazole breakup
- Residual Gasses
  - $\circ~$  Ex. H20 in the chamber
  - Not perfect vacuum



# How many ways could this infiltrate our data?

## How many ways can "Bad Data" be permutated among the four measured ions?

- T is a good datapoint (True)
- F is an incorrect datapoint (False)
- TTTF = first three ions are correct but the 4th is wrong.
- Combinations of ways an event could be invalid are:
  - If one is wrong: TTTF, TTFT...
  - If two are wrong: TTFF, TFFT...
  - If three are wrong: TFFF, FTFF...
  - All wrong: FFFF



#### **Modeling by Coincidence Shifting**

What does it look like if the 2<sup>nd</sup> ion came from another source?

i.e. Incorrect Datapoint (False)

Event #	lon 1	lon 2	lon 3	lon 4
1	Х, Ү, Т	Х, Ү, Т	Х, Ү, Т	Х, Ү, Т
2	Х, Ү, Т	Х, Ү, Т	Х, Ү, Т	Х, Ү, Т
3	Х, Ү, Т	Х, Ү, Т	Х, Ү, Т	Х, Ү, Т
4	Х, Ү, Т	Х, Ү, Т	Х, Ү, Т	Х, Ү, Т
5	Х, Ү, Т	Х, Ү, Т	Х, Ү, Т	Х, Ү, Т

#### **Modeling by Coincidence Shifting**

Events are independent of each other, so it is replaced by a random lon 2 data point

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1	Х, Ү, Т	Х, Ү, Т	Х, Ү, Т	Х, Ү, Т
2	Х, Ү, Т	Х, Ү, Т	Х, Ү, Т	Х, Ү, Т
3	Х, Ү, Т	Х, Ү, Т	Х, Ү, Т	Х, Ү, Т
4	Х, Ү, Т	Х, Ү, Т	Х, Ү, Т	Х, Ү, Т
5	Х, Ү, Т	Х, Ү, Т	Х, Ү, Т	Х, Ү, Т



#### **Modeling by Coincidence Shifting**

Prob. replaced by residual gas

Prob. replaced by not fully ionized sample

Prob. replaced by fully ionized sample

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3	Х, Ү, Т	Х, Ү, Т	Х, Ү, Т	Х, Ү, Т
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5	Х, Ү, Т	Х, Ү, Т	Х, Ү, Т	Х, Ү, Т

## Include all permutations of invalid events -> Model is complete!



#### **Uncorrected Data**

#### Corrected

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- Effective method for sharpening incomplete channel images & plots
- Helps determine real structures
- Can account for secondary molecules and some residual gasses
- Background terms are non-isotropic



## **Future outlook**

- Shifting model is biased towards fully ionized contributions
  - Good data that is shifted == bad data from second fully ionized sample
    - Data: 70% good data
    - Model: >70% fully ionized contributions
    - Means it's better at this, but worse at others
- More likely that one is wrong than all four
- Applying this to more incomplete channel experiments
  - Ex. May work best with messy data with ions that include lots of residual gas points



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## **Questions?**

- Can you correct things other than newton plots?
- What do you mean "the model is biased towards secondary contributions"?
- Could you go back to that one slide?



#### **Bias Towards Total Ionization**

#### Original Data

Prob. residual gas

Prob. not fully ionized sample

Prob. separate fully ionized sample

Prob. original fully ionized sample

#### Model

Prob. replaced by residual gas

Prob. replaced by not fully ionized sample

Prob. its from a separate fully ionized sample

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#### Scaled Down Model



- Still subtracts randoms, but it is more effective at removing separate fully ionized samples.
- Fundamental issue if you expect zero secondary fully ionized samples

#### **Corrected KER**



#### **Corrected Psum**



#### PxPy (no x-100 ΡŽ 0 reference) -100

200

100

-100

-200

-200

-100

0

Px.

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Isoxazole: Channel H+ C+ N+ O+ PxPy (no x-reference)

Isoxazole: Channel H+ C+ N+ O+ PxPz



PxPz



200

100

0

-200

-100



PyPz

Isoxazole: Channel H+ C+ N+ O+ PyPz





#### **Corrected Gated 4-Fold Coincidence**



## Projections in region where we want the peak to trough ratio





## Normalized Py projection in region where we want the peak to trough ratio



#### **Over-Subtraction**

#### **Uncorrected Data**

Model

#### "Corrected"



Subtracts too much and leave negative counts, which make no physical sense (points < 0 not plotted)

Plotting the negative counts, we see that there are regions with lots of negative points.

Scale down to reduce negative points



#### It's okay if one tiny square is negative, so long as the average is ~0



#### **Scalar Change for Reduced Negatives**

#### Scalar = 0.1, too much subtraction



Scalar = 0.0303, just enough







#### X and Y – TOF Gating



#### Hydrogen isn't plotted, so no adjustment is seen

#### Hydrogen Offset

#### Original



