**Supporting Information** 

## Iterative Non-Negative Matrix Factorization Filter for Blind Deconvolution in Photon/Ion Counting

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## Additional Information on the receiver-operator curve (ROC) Plots:

ROC plots were created using simulations with known ground truth outcomes. Simulated data were generated by first creating a vector of photon positions, created by applying a Poisson distribution with a constant  $\lambda$  value to the entire data trace (length of 500,000 data points), in which  $\lambda$  is the mean number of expected events per time point. This vector of photon positions was then convolved with the simulated IRF, given by an exponentially decaying comb with points every 10 data points. The length of the IRF vector was 100 data points. The simulated data were 500,000 data points in length.

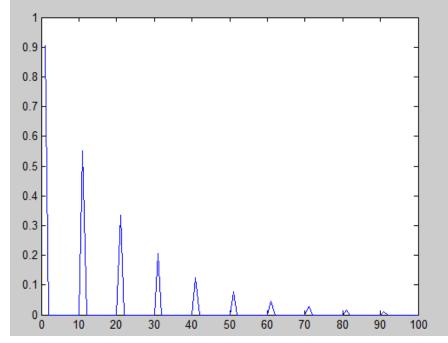


Figure S1: Instrument response function (IRF) used to generate the simulated data.

First simulated data set:  $\lambda = 0.01$ True Number of photon events: 4972 Threshold was varied from 0.1 to 1 with a step size of 0.003

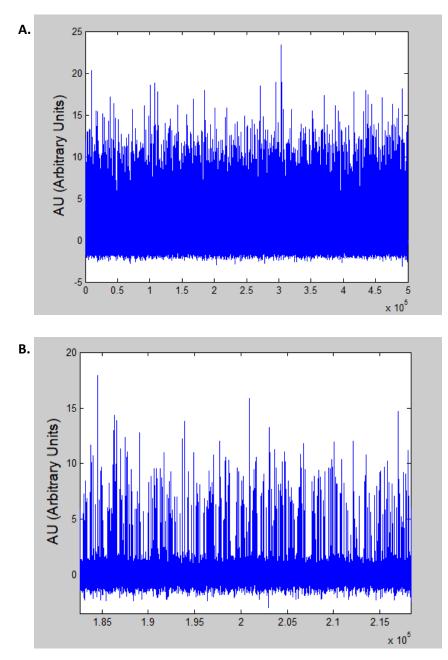


Figure S2: A) Entire simulated data trace with  $\lambda$  = 0.01. B) Zoomed in section to show detail.

Second simulated data set:

 $\lambda = 0.1$ 

True Number of photon events: 47361

Threshold was varied from 0.1 to 1 with a step size of 0.001

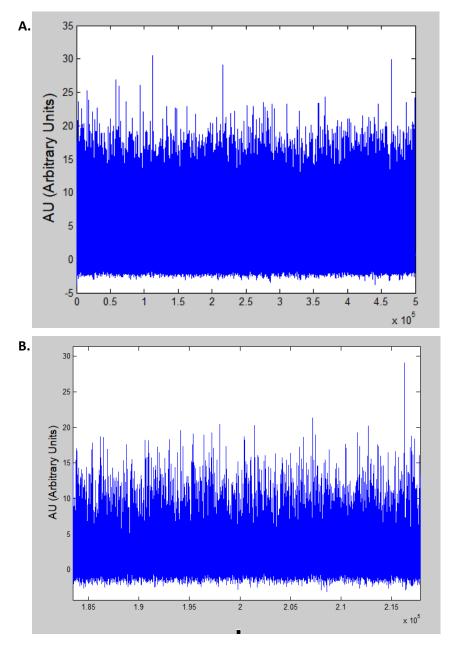


Figure S3: A) Entire simulated data trace with  $\lambda$  = 0.1. B) Zoomed in section to show detail.

## MATLAB code:

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tic
clear all
% close all
PerformAutocorrelation = 0;
Reducing = 0;
datatype = 1; %0 for .bin and 1 for xls
plot irf = 0;
plot events = 0;
%% Load data
if datatype == 0
    Filename = '\\10.164.16.153\Data\Scott
Griffin\deconvolution\DoxycyclineHyclate\08-Aug-
2017 16 12 28Channel B Raw Data.bin';%'\\10.164.16.153\Data\Scott
Griffin\deconvolution\DoxycyclineHyclate\08-Aug-
2017 16 12 28Channel B Raw Data.bin';
    fid = fopen(Filename);
    filter = 100;
    Range = 200; %input range for alazar card
    Buffers = 35; %amount of concatenated hits
    corrected split data = zeros(2450000, Buffers);
    reduction = 1;
    Data = fread(fid, 'uint16');%dlmread(Filename, '\t');
    %% Convert into voltage and make positive
    Rescaled Data = ((Data / 2^15) * -Range) + Range;%converts to voltage,
flips to positive for ease of visualization, and shifts baseline towards 0
    split data = reshape(Rescaled Data, [], Buffers); % splits up the data into
the individual impact events
    for i = 1:Buffers;
    baseline = mean(split data(1:40000,i)); %finds the mean of the first
millisecond of data in each trace
     corrected_split_data(:,i) = (split data(:,i)-baseline); %subtracts the
baseline mean from the corresponding trace and saves them
    end
end
if datatype == 1
    Filename = '\\10.164.16.153\Data\Scott Griffin\deconvolution\ROC
plot\TimeTraces&GroundTruth\TimeTrace9.csv';
    Rescaled Data = csvread(Filename, 0, 0);
    Filename2 = '\\10.164.16.153\Data\Scott Griffin\deconvolution\ROC
plot\true irf.csv';
    GroundTruthData = csvread(Filename2,0,0);
    filter = 100;
    reduction = 1;
    Buffers = 1;
    corrected split data = Rescaled Data;
end
IRFs = xlsread('\\10.164.16.153\Data\Scott
Griffin\deconvolution\Gaus IRF.xlsx');
%% This section cuts out the important part of the data for the smashing
event
for i = 1:Buffers
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maximums(:,i) = max(corrected split data(:,i)); % finds max values for
each hit
end
for i = 1:Buffers % This loop finds the beginning and end of each event
    temp3 = find(corrected split data(:,i) == maximums(i)); %pulls out the
correct max value for the impact event
    if size(temp3) > 1
        value1(i) = 0;
        value2(i) = 0;
    elseif size(temp3) == 1
        value1(i) = find(corrected split data(:,i) == maximums(i));
        value2(i) = find(corrected split data(:,i) == maximums(i));
        while corrected split data(value1(i),i) > 0
            if corrected split data(value1(i),i) > 0
                value1(i) = value1(i) - 1; % stored values for the beginning
of events
            end
        end
        while corrected split data(value2(i),i) > 0
            if corrected split data(value2(i),i) > 0
                value2(i) = value2(i) + 1; % stored values for the end of
events
            end
        end
    end
end
recovered events = cell(1,Buffers);
recovered irf = cell(1,Buffers);
for n = 1:Buffers
    if value1(n) == 0
        n = n + 1;
    end
    Reduced Data = corrected split data;
%% Create baseline correcting high-pass filter and apply it
    x hp = linspace(-3,3);
    pdf = normpdf(x hp, 0, 1);
   pdf normalized = -pdf/sum(pdf);
    impulse = zeros(1,100);
    for i = 1:length(x_hp)
        if i == 50
            impulse(1,i) = abs(sum(pdf normalized));
        else
            impulse(1,i) = 0;
        end
    end
    final filter = pdf normalized + impulse;
    Reduced Data = conv(final filter, Reduced Data); %applies the filter
    Reduced Data = Reduced Data(50:length(Reduced Data)-50); %gets rid of the
extra points added by the convolution
    %% Fit
    filtersize = filter/reduction; %size of data transient
    irf results = zeros(filtersize,1); %preallocate memory for speed
    delta = 0;
    how many = 1; %how many different MuGuess values you want to use for the
IRF Guess. Not really needed.
    x = linspace(.1,5,filtersize);
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data results = zeros(length(Reduced Data),how many);%preallocate memory
for speed
   MuGuess = 1.0; %where the guess starts
   for k = 1:how many
       MuGuess = MuGuess + delta; %original guess value for the eponential
pdf
       comb =
decay guess = comb .* exppdf(x,MuGuess)'; %original guess pdf
       keepgoing = 1; %the exit condition for the program
       condition1 = 1; % condition for X2 (kinda) to be getting smaller
       condition2 = 1; % condition for the amount of recovered photon events
to be getting smaller
       counter = 0;%for how many times it needs to iterate between
recovering the irf and amplitudes
       counter2 = 0;
       while keepgoing == 1
       %% making the orignial P matrix
          data = Reduced Data;
          L = filtersize;
          shift = 0;
           P init = zeros(filtersize, filtersize); %change filtersize to L to
make it like original
           for c = 1:L
              for r = 1:length(decay_guess)
                  if r+shift<L+1
                     P init(r+shift,c) = decay guess(r);
                  else
                     P init(r+shift-L,c) = 0;
                  end
              end
              shift= shift+1;
          end
          P = P init;
          Threshold = .8; %threshold for "non-negativity" or noise
          data fit = zeros(length(data),1);
          %% Fit - recovering photon arrival times and amplitudes
          startpoint = 1;
          endpoint = filtersize;
          while startpoint <= length(data)</pre>
              if endpoint > length(data)
                  endpoint = length(data);
              end
              data prime = data(startpoint:endpoint,1); %subset of the data
              P prime = P(1:length(data prime),1:length(data prime));
%subset of the E matrix
              More = 1;
              while More == 1
                  C prime = P prime \data prime; %finding the
'concentrations'
                  Index = find(C prime>Threshold); %keep above threshold
values
                  NegIndex = find(C prime<Threshold); %discard below the</pre>
threshold
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if isempty(NegIndex)
                        More = 0;
                    else
                        P prime = P prime(:,Index);
                    end
                end
                conc prime = P prime\data prime;
        %% Puts the photon amplitudes together with the arrival times
                Ampl prime = zeros(filtersize,1);
                for j = 1:size(P prime, 2)
                    index = find(P prime(:,j)==decay guess(1));
                        Ampl prime(index) = conc prime(j);
                end
                if isempty(P prime)
                else
                    data(startpoint:endpoint) = data(startpoint:endpoint) -
(P prime(:,1)*Ampl prime(1));
                end
                data fit(startpoint,1) = Ampl prime(1); %creates the final
array of recovered photon amplitudes and arrival times
                new start = find(Ampl prime ~= 0);
                new start = new start(new start(:) >= 2);
                if isempty(new_start) == 1 || new start(end) <= 1</pre>
                    startpoint = startpoint + filtersize;
                    endpoint = endpoint + filtersize;
                else
                    startpoint = new start(1) + startpoint - 1 ;
                    endpoint = endpoint + new start(1) - 1;
                end
            end
            I = eye(filtersize, filtersize); %identity matrix for calculating
the weighted convolution matrix
            M = conv2(data fit,I); % new 'P' matrix for recovering the IRF
            M = M(1:length(M) - (length(I) - 1), :); %needs to be cut down to be
the proper length
            %% calculates the irf and decides if the fit is good enough
            irf = M\Reduced Data;
            irf = irf/sum(irf);
            if counter >= 1
                Past Diff = Diff;
                Past nonzero = nonzero;
            end
            Diff = norm(irf - decay guess); %Euclidian distance between the
recovered IRF and the guess used for the convergence condition
            nonzero = length(find(data fit>Threshold)); %count how many
photon events were recovered
            if counter >= 1
                comparison Diff = Diff - Past_Diff;
                if comparison Diff < 0</pre>
                    condition1 = 1;
                else
                    condition1 = 0;
                end
            end
            if condition1 == 1
                decay guess = irf;
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else
                keepgoing = 0;
                final Diff = Past Diff;
                final nonzero = Past nonzero;
                [irf2, final nonzero2, data fit final] =
NNMF IRF testing part2(irf, Reduced Data); %Sends the results to a final
iteration of the algorithm
                %% 'annealing' step where a non-converging result has noise
added to help it converge by moving it away from the local minima
0
                  if final nonzero2 < 1500 || sum(isnan(irf2)) > 0
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                       if sum(isnan(irf2)) > 0
8
                           decay guess = IRFs(k, :) '/5 + normrnd(0, 1, 100, 1);
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                           keepgoing = 1;
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                       else
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                           keepgoing = 1;
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                           decay guess = irf2/5 + normrnd(0, 1, 100, 1);
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                      end
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                  else
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                      keepgoing = 0;
9
                  end
            end
            counter = counter + 1
        end
        results(:,k) = vertcat(MuGuess,final Diff,final nonzero2);
        data results(:,k) = data fit final;
        irf results(:,k) = irf2;
    end
    minimums = min(results,[],2);
    location = find(results(2,:) == minimums(2));
    recovered events{:,n} = data results(:,location);
    recovered_irf{:,n} = irf_results(:,location);
end
%% autocorrelation or recovered data
if PerformAutocorrelation == 1
    FT1=fft(data results(:,location)); %FT along vib mirror time axis
    FTFT1=gmultiply(FT1,conj(FT1)); %FTFT* = square mag FT
    clear FT1;
    AC1=real(ifft(FTFT1)); %iFT(FTFT*)=AC
    clear FTFT1;
    AC deconvolved = AC1(1:floor(length(data)/2));
    figure3 = figure;
    plot(AC deconvolved, 'LineWidth', 2);
    xlabel({'Data'}, 'FontSize', 14);
    ylabel({'Autocorrelogram'}, 'FontSize', 14);
    title({'Autocorrelogram of deconvolved data'}, 'FontSize',14);
end
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