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Online site for SAM-related scripts contributed by Mike Wong (generally atmospheric). See also [Melissa Trainer's page](#).

Igor scripts for SAM data analysis

Background Correction

Things to do to your data before using this BG script:

- Import SAM data into Igor as waves: one wave for the time series, one for the cps
- Apply your own deadtime correction to the data
- Figure out what experiment interval you'll use for the BG correction, convert to sec if needed
- Determine whether BG interval is better fit by a constant or a decaying exponential

What this BG script does:

- Fit BG to selected interval
- Create a new, BG-corrected wave
- Create a new BG-uncertainty wave (same value at every point)
- BG correction applied is constant (i.e., choosing exponential BG only helps determine accurate constant BG level)
- BG uncertainty is empirically based on scatter in data within BG region
- Some details of BG fit are stored in the "Notes" field of the new BG-corrected wave

Example screen shot:

[Bgpf.screenshot.png](#)

Subtract Contamination

Things to do to your data before using this subtraction script:

- Import SAM data into Igor as waves: one wave for the time series, one for the cps
- Apply your own deadtime and background correction to all data used
- What this subtraction script does:
- Interpolate parent cps to timesteps of daughter m/z
- Create new wave, `[new] = [daughter] - frac * [parent]`, where frac is the user-specified expected daughter/parent count ratio

Example screen shot:

[Killfracpf.screenshot.png](#)

Make Count Ratio

Things to do to your data before using this ratio script:

- Import SAM data into Igor as waves: one wave for the time series, one for the cps
 - Apply your own deadtime and background correction to all data used
- What this ratio script does:
- Interpolate numerator cps to timesteps of denominator m/z
 - Create new wave, ratio of the input waves

Example screen shot:

[Makratio.ipf:screenshot.png](#)

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