

Electronic Supplementary Information

Coincident velocity map image reconstruction illustrated by the single-photon valence photoionisation of CF_3SF_5

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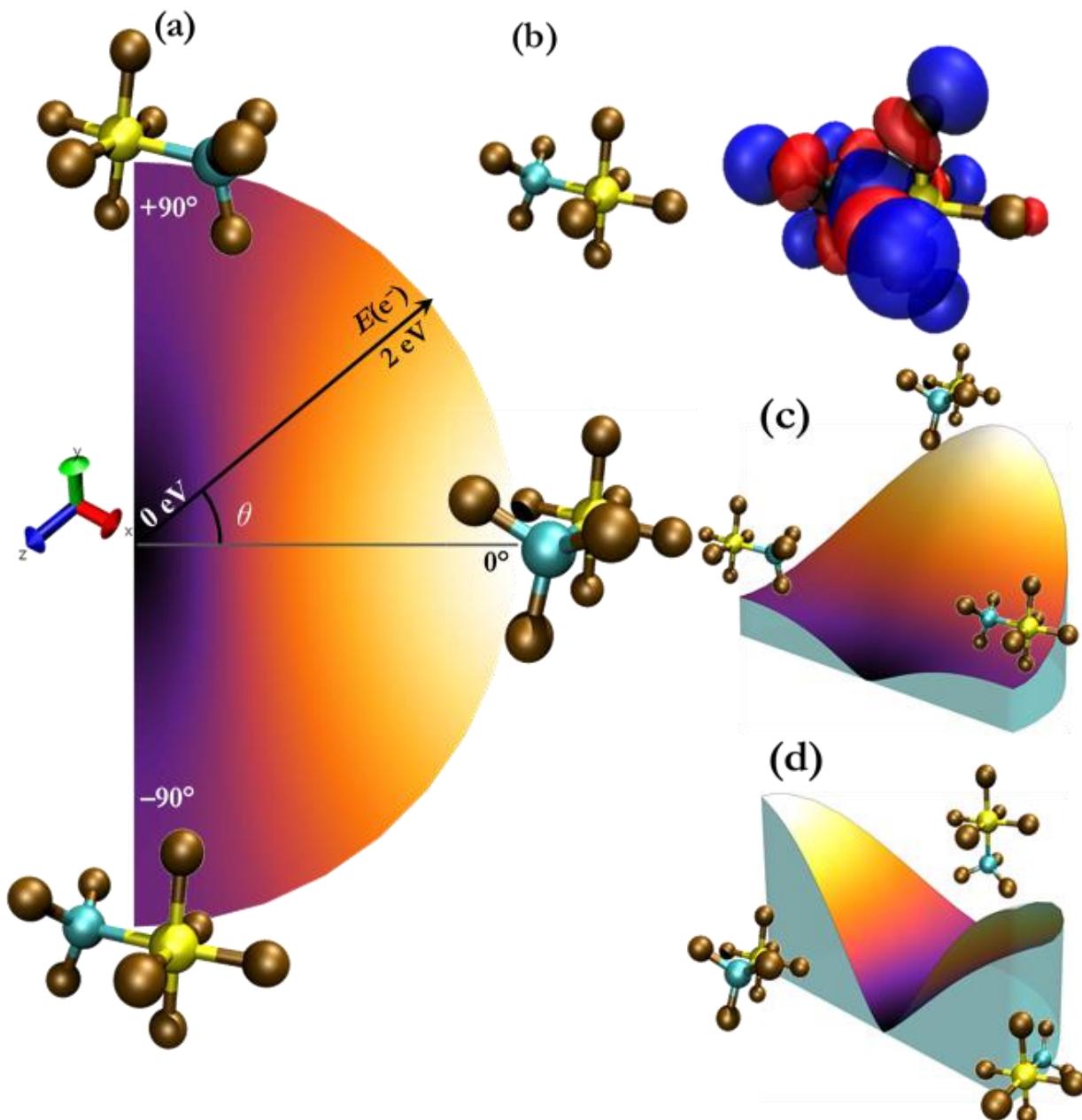


Figure S1. Calculated photoionisation cross sections at a photon energy of 14.1 eV and corresponding to ionisation from the first Dyson orbital (b), when the molecule is rotated along the y (a and c) or x (d) axis. The polarisation vector lies along the z axis.

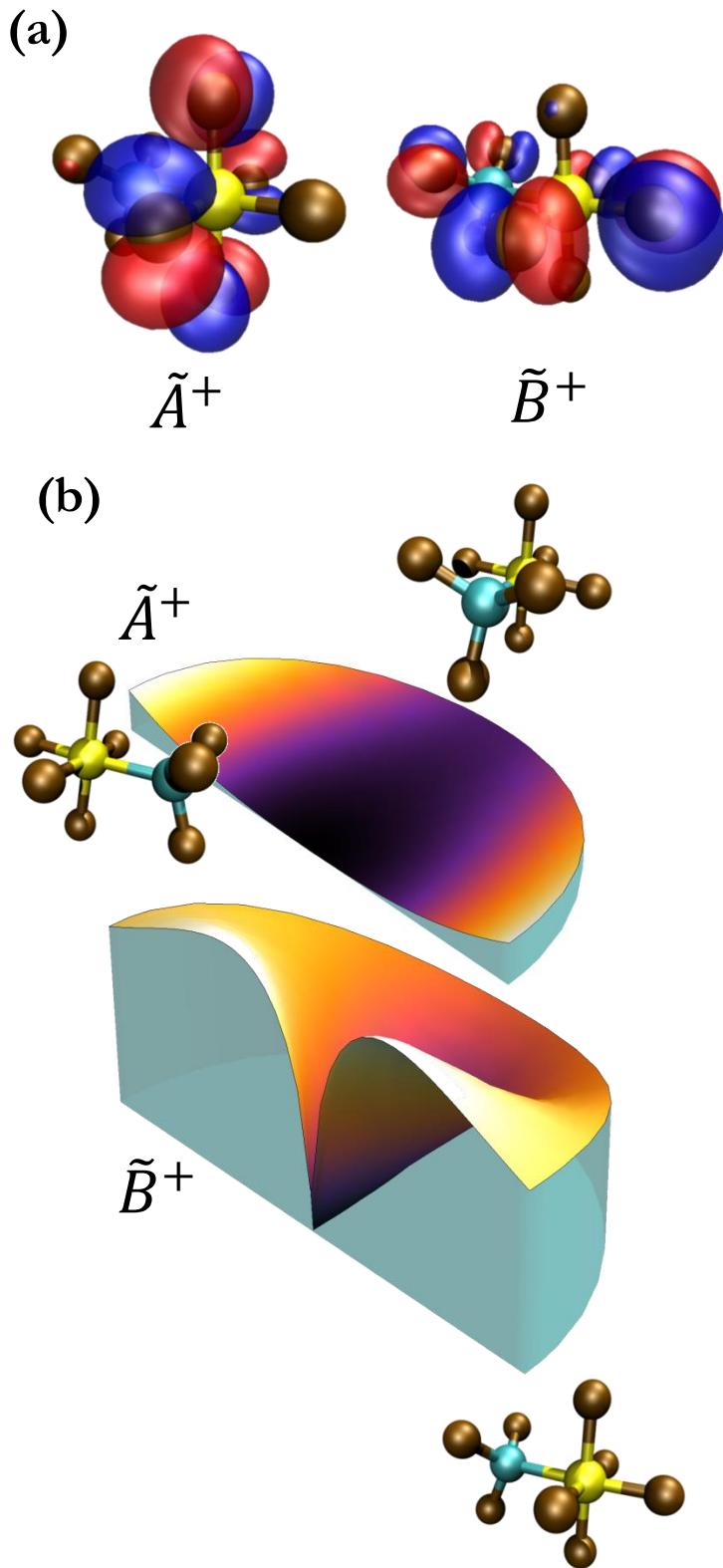


Figure S2. Dyson orbitals for (a) ionization to the \tilde{A}^+ and \tilde{B}^+ electronically excited states of CF_3SF_5^+ , together with (b) computed angular dependence of the photoionisation cross sections. As opposed to the \tilde{X}^+ state, the angular dependence of these cross sections is smeared out by the long parent ion lifetime in these bound states. The absolute cross sections are predicted to be significantly smaller than for the \tilde{X}^+ state, whilst the more intense photoion signal is explained by more favorable Franck–Condon factors to these states.

The Python 2.7 code for coincident VMI reconstruction is provided in `i2Invert.py`. Its dependencies include the `numpy` and `scipy` libraries, both of which are available in the Anaconda platform, <https://www.continuum.io/Anaconda-Overview>, under Windows and more widely under Linux. For updates please check <https://www.psi.ch/sls/vuv/pepico>. A few examples illustrate the usage of the code below (see also `tutorial.txt`).

We start with the momentum distribution coefficient vector `coeff_1D.txt` together with the corresponding set of beta values `beta_1D.txt`, and also use the coefficients as an arbitrary radial distribution to initialise a 1D image reconstruction job:

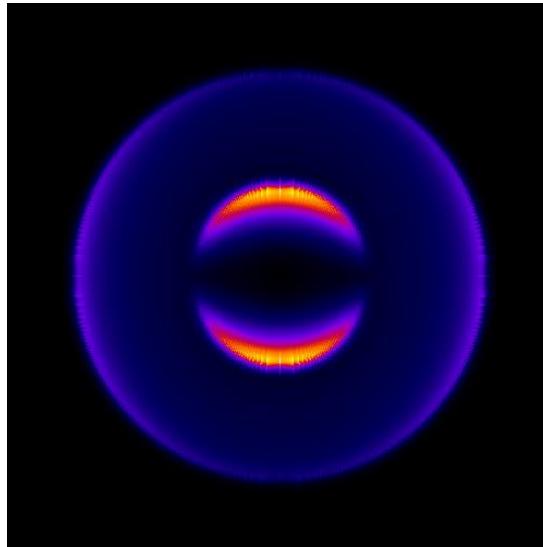
```
init1 coeff_1D.txt coeff_1D.txt na beta_1D.txt
```

This distribution contains two peaks, a low energy, parallel transition at $\beta = 2$, and a higher kinetic energy peak at $\beta = 0.5$. The radial distribution vector and the radial distribution vector of the P2-multiplied image can now be calculated and saved. These are the vectors are normally obtained by analysing the experimental velocity map images:

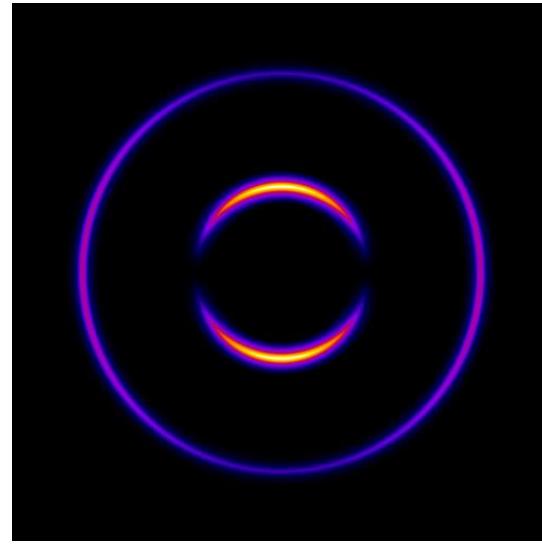
```
calc raddist_1D.txt
calc raddistP2_1D.txt beta
```

We can also use the coefficient and beta vectors to calculate the complete projected image as well as the equatorial slice of the image:

```
createimg 500 vmi_1D.txt
createimslice 500 vmi_slice_1D.txt
```



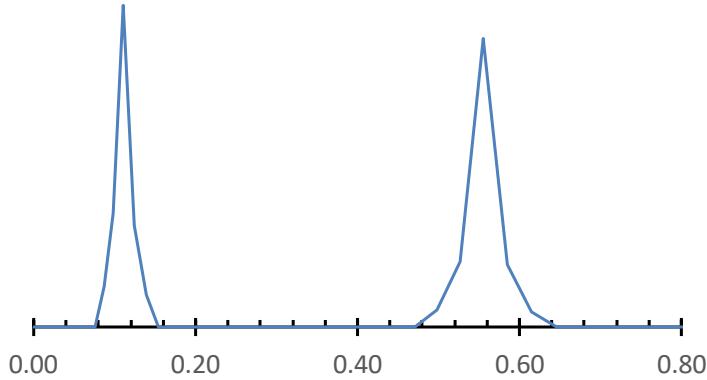
Complete velocity map image based on the coefficient and beta vectors as supplied.



The equatorial slice of the same projection.

`SaveSpec` can be used to save the energy spectrum using the coefficient vector and assuming an energy range of 1 (eV) imaged onto the detector:

```
savespec spect_1D.txt 1
```



Energy spectrum obtained based on the `coeff_1D.txt` coefficient vector assuming an imaged energy range of 1.

We can now use the radial distribution of the image and the P2-multiplied image to initialise a 1D job and fit the coefficient and beta vectors:

```
init1 raddist_1D.txt na raddistP2_1D.txt beta_1D.txt  
fit coeff  
fit beta  
...
```

The results are saved under `coeff_1D_fit.txt` and `beta_1D_fit.txt`, and can be compared with the initial input used to calculate the radial distributions.

It is also possible to create a high resolution, 1500×1500 image, and let the program evaluate the radial distribution and P2-multiplied radial distribution vectors of a length of 200 elements:

```
createimg 1500 vmi_1D_large.txt  
processimg vmi_1D_large.txt 750 750 1 0 1 200 0.0025
```

The radial distributions thus obtained can also be fitted to yield virtually the same coefficient and beta vectors for the underlying kinetic energy and angular anisotropy distributions (see `*_1D_fit_large.txt`).

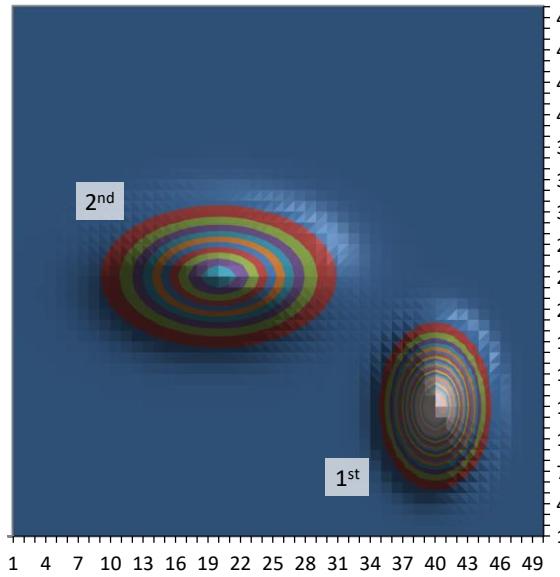
The inversion and reconstruction of single VMI data, as discussed hitherto, is routinely possible with a number of efficiently implemented and versatile approaches, some of which are cited in the main article text. Among these, the `i2Invert.py` program is uniquely capable of reconstructing coincidence double imaging data to obtain the momentum (and, hence, energy) correlation as well as the angular anisotropies of the imaged particles, formed in coincidence. As an example, `coeff_2D.txt` contains a 50×50 momentum correlation matrix with two peaks, which allows us to calculate the corresponding radial

correlation matrix. The angular anisotropies can be addressed analogously to the 1D problem, and are not shown here for simplicity.

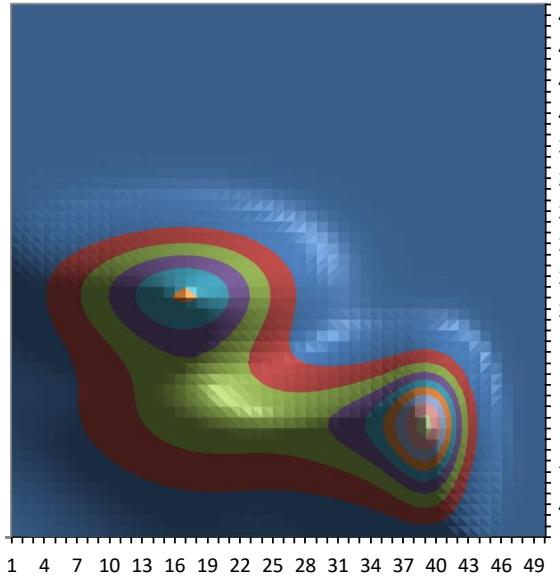
```
init2 coeff_2D.txt coeff_2D.txt na na na
```

The radial distribution is calculated based on the coefficient matrix:

```
calc raddist_2D.txt
```

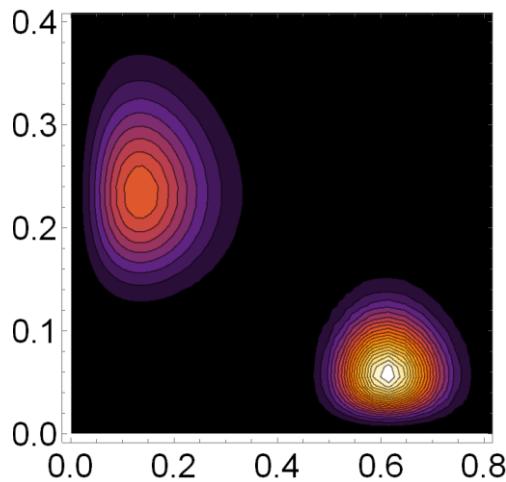


Momentum correlation matrix coeff_2D.txt displaying two peaks. Assuming the x momentum distribution corresponds to electrons, and the y momentum distribution to ions, slow ions are detected in coincidence with a sharp, fast electron distribution in the first peak and fast ions are formed in coincidence with slower, broadly spread electrons in the first peak.



VMI radial distribution correlation matrix resulting from the previous momentum correlation matrix. The projection to the x -axis gives the electron radial distribution, as observed in the total electron image, the projection along the y -axis yields the total ion radial distributions, as observed in the total ion image. Coincidence detection allows us to choose a set of ring regions of interest in, *e.g.*, the electron image, and by evaluating the coincident ion images, to obtain the radial correlation matrix column by column.

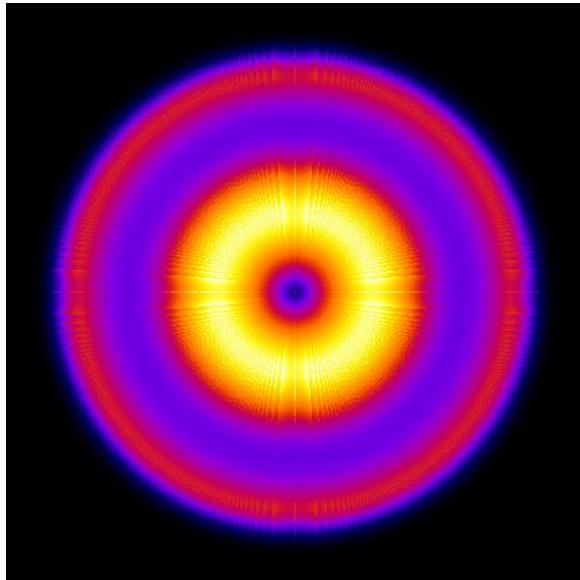
The radial correlation matrix is available experimentally, and can be used to reconstruct the momentum correlation of the particles, which reproduces the initial parameters used to calculate the radial correlation.



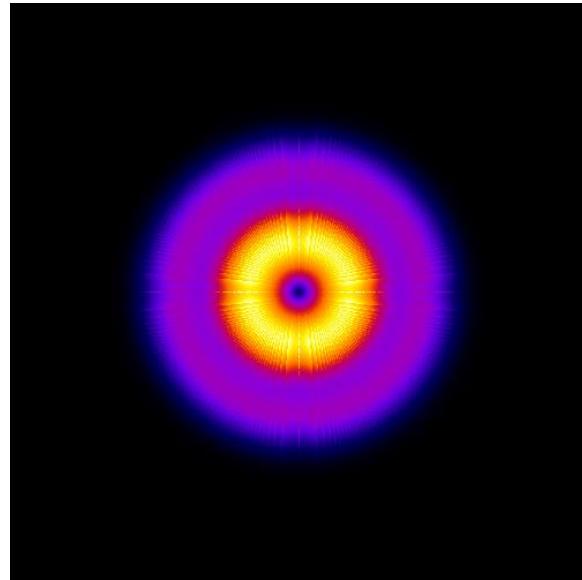
The energy correlation matrix between the two particles can be saved using `savespec spect_2D.txt 1 1`, assuming Newton spheres up to 1 (eV) kinetic energy are projected onto the detectors. Mind the different plot range as well as the non-linear transformation between momenta and energies, and the resulting distortion of the momentum correlation peaks.

```
init2 raddist_2D.txt na na na na  
maxiter 40 150000  
fit coeff
```

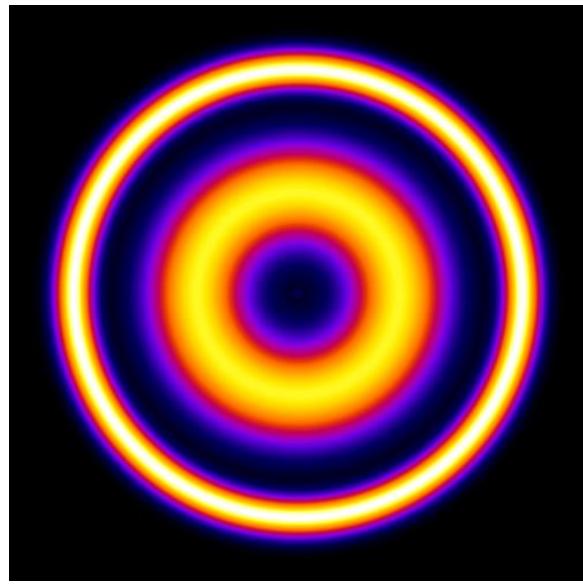
Finally, a few velocity map images and equatorial regions are shown, based on the momentum correlation matrix.



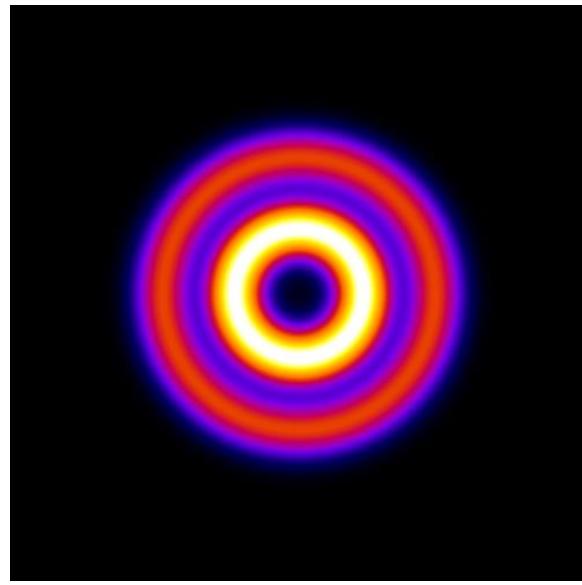
Total electron image (x axis in correlation)



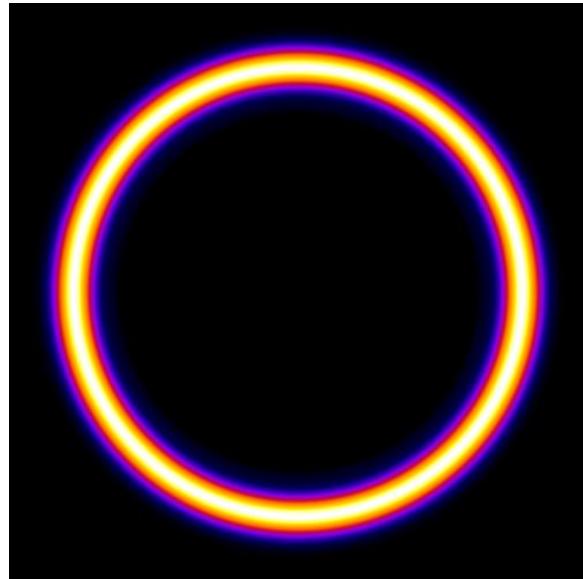
Total ion image (y axis in correlation)



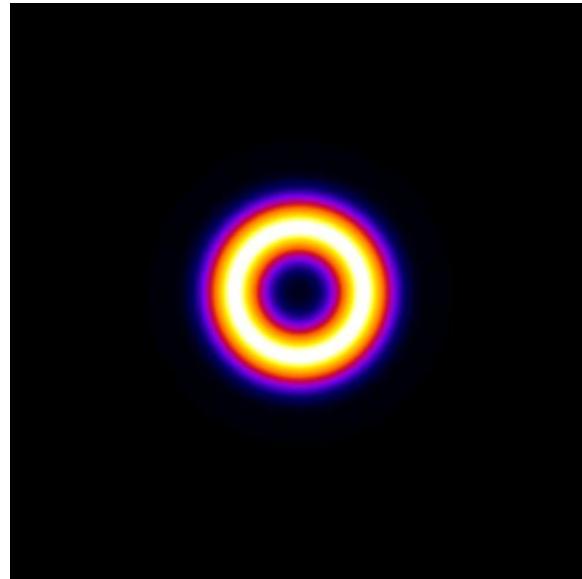
Equatorial slice of electron image



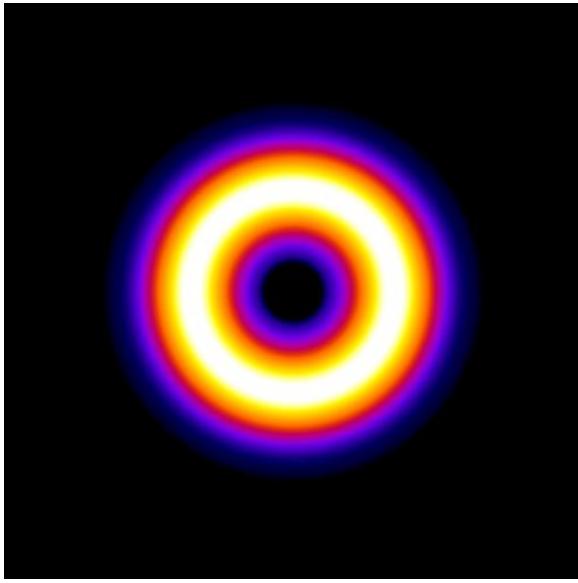
Equatorial slice of ion image



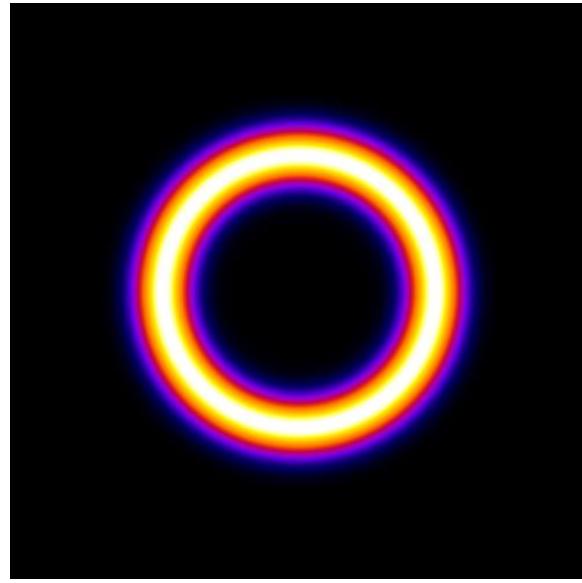
Equatorial slice of the high-energy electron peak



Thanks to the correlation matrix, we can establish
that the high-energy electron peak is in
coincidence with low-energy ions



Equatorial slice of the low-energy electron peak



Coincident image reconstruction yields high KE ions as coincident signal

The benefits of coincident image reconstruction are qualitatively evident in the last example. The electron signal in the low-radius region has contributions from the high-energy peak, which means that the ion image in coincidence with the central region on the electron detector has both low and high kinetic energy components. Only by way of coincident image reconstruction is it possible to obtain the pure high KE image shown on the right.

Coincident slicing approaches may also yield these equatorial images directly, without the need for inversion. However, electron slicing is challenging, and coincident slicing means that the overwhelming majority of the signal is discarded. Furthermore, slicing is only possible if the mass spectrum is sparse.

Python code for coincident VMI reconstruction. For updates and download please check <https://www.psi.ch/sls/vuv/pepico>.

i2Invert.py

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#!/usr/bin/python
"""i2Invert.py Double VMI reconstruction written for Python 2.7 by Andras Bodi (c) 2017
Anaconda (https://www.continuum.io/anaconda-overview) is recommended under Windows
for mathematics libraries
A simple command line interpreter.

Input data:
- A radial distribution vector for single VMI experiments
- A square radial distribution matrix for double VMI experiments
- Radial distribution vector/matrix of the raw image multiplied by P2(cos(a))
  where P2 is the 2nd-degree Legendre polynomial and a is the angle with the
  E polarization vector. Only the first of the two VMI images, i.e. the radial distribution of which
  corresponds to the column indeces in the coefficient matrix, is multiplied by P2,
  and the result is the angular anisotropy (beta) parameter matrix for that image.

Output data:
- Momentum distributions in the original VMI space (1D vectors or 2D correlation matrices)
- Beta parameters (1-image experiments -- 1 vector or 2-image experiments -- 2 matrices)
- Momentum distribution can be transformed to energy-dependent spectra
- VMI images as well as equatorial slices can be calculated
- VMI images can be analysed to obtain raw and P2-multiplied radial distributions
Commands are documented individually below.

"""

from math import sqrt, pow, pi
from numpy import zeros, fromiter, sum, outer, power, ones, loadtxt, savetxt, array, pad
import scipy.optimize
try:
    import readline
except:
    pass
from time import strftime
from os import chdir
from scipy.interpolate import interp1d
from sys import stdout

def complDbasis(j, R, E, beta):
    """Calculate 1D basis vector based on dimensionality of the problem and
    gridsize along a single coordinate.
    """
    if beta == 0:
        # Eq1
        return (sqrt(E - j*j) - sqrt(E - (j+1)*(j+1))) / R
    else:
        f2 = (j+0.5)/R
        f2 *= f2
    # Eq5
    return (sqrt(E - j*j) - sqrt(E - (j+1)*(j+1))) / R * (1+beta*(0.75*f2-0.5))

def complDP2basis(j, R, E, beta):
    """Calculate 1D basis vector for P2 integral based on dimensionality of the problem and
    gridsize along a single coordinate.
    """
    f2 = (j+0.5)/R
    f2 *= f2
    # Eq6
    return (sqrt(E - j*j) - sqrt(E - (j+1)*(j+1))) / R * (1+beta*(0.75*f2-0.5)) * (8+beta*(15*f2-4)) / (32+beta*(24*f2-16))

def complibeta(beta, coeff, expt):
    return compli(coeff, beta, expt, True)

def compli(coeff, beta, expt=None, calcP2=False, returncalc=False):
    """1-image calculation
    Compare radial distribution calculated based on coefficients with measured data.
    Whether the calculated radial distribution is returned depends on returncalc.
    """
    dim = len(coeff)
    computed = zeros(dim)
    if calcP2:
        fbasis = complDP2basis
    else:
        fbasis = complDbasis

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for i in range(dim):
    mybeta = beta[i]
    R = i+1
    actE = R*R
    base = fromiter( (fbasis(j, R, actE, mybeta) for j in range(R)), float)
    base *= coeff[i]
    computed[0:R] += base
if expt is not None:
    error = sum(power(dim*(computed-expt),2))
else:
    error = 0
if returncalc:
    return error, computed
else:
    return error

def comp2ibeta(beta1, coeff, beta2, expt):
    return comp2i(coeff, beta1, beta2, expt, True)

def comp2i(coeff, beta1, beta2, expt=None, calcP2=False, returncalc=False):
    """2-image calculation
    Compare radial distribution calculated based on coefficients with measured data.
    Whether the calculated radial distribution is returned depends on returncalc.
    """
    size = len(coeff)
    dim = int(sqrt(size))
    computed = zeros([dim,dim])
    if calcP2:
        fbasis1 = complDP2basis
    else:
        fbasis1 = complDbasis
    fbasis2 = complDbasis
    for i in range(size):
        k = i % dim
        l = i / dim
        mybeta1 = beta1[i]
        mybeta2 = beta2[i]
        R1 = k + 1
        actE1 = R1 * R1
        R2 = l + 1
        actE2 = R2 * R2
        base1 = fromiter((fbasis1(j, R1, actE1, mybeta1) for j in range(R1)), float)
        base2 = fromiter((fbasis2(j, R2, actE2, mybeta2) for j in range(R2)), float)
    # 2DBasis
        computed[0:R2,0:R1] += coeff[i] * outer(base2, base1)
    if expt is not None:
        error = sum(power(dim*dim*(computed-expt),2))
    else:
        error = 0
    if returncalc:
        return error, computed
    else:
        return error

def main():
    reqexit = False
    commandcount = 0
    mydim = 0
    maxiter = 10
    maxfun = 15000
    while not reqexit:                      # command interpreter loop
        commandcount += 1
        inp = raw_input( strftime('%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S') + ' [' + str(commandcount) +']: ').split()
        stdout.flush()
        if len(inp) > 0:
            command = inp[0].upper()
        else:
            command = '#'
        if command == 'EXIT' or command == 'BYE':
            reqexit = True                 # empty line or exit finishes program
        elif command == 'INIT1':
            #1-image job initialization
            if len(inp) != 5:
                print 'Init1 needs 4 parameters.'
                print '    param 1: radial distribution vector (initialized to 1 if gridsize given)'
                print '    param 2: coefficient vector (initialized to rad dist if "na")'
                print '    param 3: P2 radial distribution vector (initialized to rad dist if "na")'
                print '    param 4: beta vector (initialized to 0 if "na")'
                continue

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if inp[1].isdigit():
    gridsize = int(inp[1])
    expt = ones(gridsize)
else:
    expt = loadtxt(inp[1])
    gridsize = len(expt)
exptnorm = sum(expt)
expt /= exptnorm
# 1DCoeffInit
if inp[2].upper() != 'NA':
    coeffs = loadtxt(inp[2])
    coeffs /= sum(coeffs)
else:
    coeffs = expt.copy()
if inp[3].upper() != 'NA':
    exptp2 = loadtxt(inp[3])
    exptp2 /= exptnorm
else:
    exptp2 = expt.copy()
if inp[4].upper() != 'NA':
    beta = loadtxt(inp[4])
else:
    beta = zeros(gridsize)
mydim = 1
print 'Done initializing 1-image job.'
elif command == 'INIT2':
    # 2-image job initialization
    if len(inp) != 6:
        print 'Init2 needs 5 parameters:'
        print '    param 1: radial distribution matrix (initialized to 1 if gridsize given)'
        print '    param 2: coefficient matrix (initialized to rad dist if "na")'
        print '    param 3: P2 radial distribution matrix (initialized to rad dist if "na")'
        print '    param 4: beta matrix for image 1 (initialized to 0 if "na") (can be fitted)'
        print '    param 5: beta matrix for image 2 (initialized to 0 if "na") (constant)'
        continue
    if inp[1].isdigit():
        gridsize = int(inp[1])
        expt = ones([gridsize, gridsize])
    else:
        expt = loadtxt(inp[1])
        gridsize = expt.shape[0]
    exptnorm = sum(expt)
    expt /= exptnorm
    if inp[2].upper() != 'NA':
        coeffs = loadtxt(inp[2]).flatten()
        coeffs /= sum(coeffs)
    else:
        coeffs = expt.copy().flatten()
    if inp[3].upper() != 'NA':
        exptp2 = loadtxt(inp[3])
        exptp2 /= exptnorm
    else:
        exptp2 = expt.copy()
    if inp[4].upper() != 'NA':
        betal = loadtxt(inp[4]).flatten()
    else:
        betal = zeros(gridsize*gridsize)
    if inp[5].upper() != 'NA':
        beta2 = loadtxt(inp[4]).flatten()
    else:
        beta2 = zeros(gridsize*gridsize)
    mydim = 2
    print 'Done initializing 2-image job.'
elif command == 'MAXITER':
    # maximum number of iterations in optimization
    # if given, the second parameter is the maximum number of function calls allowed
    maxiter = int(inp[1])
    if len(inp) > 2:
        maxfun = int(inp[2])
elif command == 'FIT':
    # fit 1D radial distribution coefficients to reproduce measurement
    # or do anisotropy fit as determined by parameter 1
    if len(inp) != 2:
        print 'Fit needs 1 parameter: coeff or beta to be fitted.'
        continue
    myfit = None
    if mydim == 1:
        if inp[1].upper() == 'COEFF':
            coeffbounds = [(0,1)] * gridsize
# Fit1DCoeff
    myfit = scipy.optimize.fmin_l_bfgs_b(compli, coeffs, args=(beta,expt,), bounds=coeffbounds,

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approx_grad=True, maxiter=maxiter, maxfun=maxfun)
coeffs = myfit[0].copy()
lasterror = compli(coeffs, beta, expt)
elif inp[1].upper() == 'BETA':
    betabounds = [(-1,2)] * gridsize
    myfit = scipy.optimize.fmin_l_bfgs_b(complibeta, beta, args=(coeffs,exptp2,), 
bounds=betabounds,
                                         approx_grad=True, maxiter=maxiter, maxfun=maxfun)
    beta = myfit[0].copy()
    lasterror = compli(coeffs,beta,expt,True)
elif mydim == 2:
    if inp[1].upper() == 'COEFF':
        coeffbounds = [(0,1)] * gridsize * gridsize
# Fit2DCoeff
myfit = scipy.optimize.fmin_l_bfgs_b(comp2i, coeffs, args=(beta1,beta2,expt,), 
bounds=coeffbounds,
                                         approx_grad=True, maxiter=maxiter, maxfun=maxfun)
coeffs = myfit[0].copy()
lasterror = comp2i(coeffs,beta1,beta2,expt)
elif inp[1].upper() == 'BETA':
    betabounds = [(-1,2)] * gridsize * gridsize
    myfit = scipy.optimize.fmin_l_bfgs_b(comp2ibeta, beta1, args=(coeffs,beta2,exptp2,), 
bounds=betabounds,
                                         approx_grad=True, maxiter=maxiter, maxfun=maxfun)
    beta1 = myfit[0].copy()
    lasterror = comp2i(coeffs,beta1,beta2,exptp2,True)
if myfit is not None:
    print 'Done fit.'
    print 'Error function:', myfit[1]
    print 'Warning flag:', myfit[2]['warnflag']
    print 'Number of function calls:', myfit[2]['funcalls']
    print 'Number of iterations:', myfit[2]['nit']
else:
    print 'No fit done for some reason.'
elif command == 'CALC':
    # calculate the radial distribution vector or matrix and save it to param1
    myres = None
    if len(inp) == 2:
        calcP2 = False
    elif len(inp) == 3:
        calcP2 = (inp[2].upper() == 'BETA')
    else:
        print 'No file name given'
        continue
    if not calcP2:
        myexpt = expt
    else:
        myexpt = exptp2
    if mydim == 1:
        myres = compli(coeffs, beta, myexpt, calcP2=calcP2, returncalc=True)
    elif mydim == 2:
        myres = comp2i(coeffs, beta1, beta2, myexpt, calcP2=calcP2, returncalc=True)
    if myres is not None:
        savetxt(inp[1], exptnorm * myres[1])
        print 'Done calculating, error function:', myres[0], 'data saved to:', inp[1]
    else:
        print 'Not done calculating.'
elif command == 'LOADCOEFF':
    # load coefficients from file (parameter 1)
    coeffs = loadtxt(inp[1]).flatten()
    coeffs /= sum(coeffs)
    print 'Done reading coefficients from file.'
elif command == 'SAVECOEFF':
    # save coefficients to file (parameter 1)
    savecoeffs = coeffs.flatten() * exptnorm
    if mydim == 1:
        savetxt(inp[1], savecoeffs)
        print 'Coefficients saved to', inp[1]
    elif mydim == 2:
        savetxt(inp[1], array([savecoeffs[i:i+gridsize] for i in xrange(0, len(coeffs), gridsize)]))
        print 'Coefficients saved to', inp[1]
elif command == 'SAVERDIST':
    # save experimental radial distribution to file (parameter 1)
    saverdist = expt.flatten() * exptnorm
    if mydim == 1:
        savetxt(inp[1], saverdist)
        print 'Radial distribution saved to', inp[1]
    elif mydim == 2:
        savetxt(inp[1], array([saverdist[i:i+gridsize] for i in xrange(0, len(coeffs), gridsize)]))
        print 'Radial distribution saved to', inp[1]
elif command == 'SAVERDISTP2':

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# save experimental radial distribution to file (parameter 1)
saverdist = exptp2 * exptnorm
if mydim == 1:
    savetxt(inp[1], saverdist)
    print 'P2-multiplied radial distribution saved to', inp[1]
elif mydim == 2:
    savetxt(inp[1], array([saverdist[i:i + gridsize] for i in xrange(0, len(coeffs), gridsize)]))
    print 'P2-multiplied radial distribution saved to', inp[1]
elif command == 'SAVESPEC':
    # transform coefficients from momentum to energy space
    if len(inp) != 2 + mydim:
        print 'SaveSpec usage:'
        print '    parameter 1: file name to which the spectrum is saved'
        print '    parameter 2: energy range along 1st coordinate'
        print '    parameter 3: energy range along 2nd coordinate (for 2D correlation matrices)'
        continue
    if mydim == 2:
        conversionx = float(inp[2]) / pow(gridsize + 1,2)
        conversiony = float(inp[3]) / pow(gridsize + 1,2)
        converted = []
        for i in range(gridsize):
            for j in range(gridsize):
                converted.append([conversionx*(i+1)*(i+1),conversiony*(j+1)*(j+1),coeffs[i+j*gridsize]/(4*conversionx*conversiony*(i+1)*(j+1))])
        savetxt(inp[1], array(converted))
        print 'Spectrum saved to', inp[1]
    elif mydim == 1:
        conversionx = float(inp[2]) / pow(gridsize + 1,2)
        converted = []
# 2DSpect
converted.append([conversionx*(i+1)*(i+1),conversiony*(j+1)*(j+1),coeffs[i+j*gridsize]/(4*conversionx*conversiony*(i+1)*(j+1))])
savetxt(inp[1], array(converted))
print 'Spectrum saved to', inp[1]
# 1DSpect
for i in range(gridsize):
    converted.append([conversionx*(i+1)*(i+1),coeffs[i]/(2*conversionx*(i+1))])
savetxt(inp[1], array(converted))
print 'Spectrum saved to', inp[1]
elif command == 'SAVEBETASPEC':
    # same as savespec but as beta values are saved, they are not transformed
    if len(inp) != 3 + mydim:
        print 'SaveBetaSpec usage:'
        print '    parameter 1: file name to which the spectrum is saved'
        print '    parameter 2: energy range along 1st coordinate'
        print '    parameter 3: energy range along 2nd coordinate (for 2D correlation matrices)'
        print '    parameter 4: whether beta should be saved for first (1) or second (2) image'
        continue
    if mydim == 2:
        conversionx = float(inp[2]) / pow(gridsize + 1,2)
        conversiony = float(inp[3]) / pow(gridsize + 1,2)
        if int(inp[4]) == 1:
            savebeta = betal
        elif int(inp[4]) == 2:
            savebeta = beta2
        else:
            print 'No idea which beta I should save.'
            continue
        converted = []
        for i in range(gridsize):
            for j in range(gridsize):
                converted.append([conversionx*(i+1)*(i+1),conversiony*(j+1)*(j+1),savebeta[i+j*gridsize]])
converted.append([conversionx*(i+1)*(i+1),conversiony*(j+1)*(j+1),savebeta[i+j*gridsize]])
savetxt(inp[1], array(converted))
print 'Spectrum saved to', inp[1]
elif mydim == 1:
    conversionx = float(inp[2]) / pow(gridsize + 1,2)
    converted = []
    for i in range(gridsize):
        converted.append([conversionx*(i+1)*(i+1),beta[i]])
    savetxt(inp[1], array(converted))
    print 'Spectrum saved to', inp[1]
elif command == 'LOADBETA':      # load beta vector/matrix from file
    if len(inp) != 1 + mydim:
        print 'LoadBeta usage:'
        print '    parameter 1: file name from which beta parameters are loaded'
        print '    parameter 2: if beta refers to the first (1) or second (2) image in 2-image jobs'
        continue
    if mydim == 1:
        beta = loadtxt(inp[1])
        print 'Beta parameters loaded from', inp[1]
    elif int(inp[2]) == 1:
        betal = loadtxt(inp[1]).flatten()
        print 'Beta_1 parameters loaded from', inp[1]

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    elif int(inp[2]) == 2:
        beta2 = loadtxt(inp[1]).flatten()
        print 'Beta_2 parameters loaded from', inp[1]
    else:
        print 'No idea what I should do.'
    elif command == 'SAVEBETA':      # save beta vector/matrix to file
        if len(inp) == 1:
            print 'SaveBeta usage:'
            print ' parameter 1: file name to which beta parameters are saved'
            print ' [parameter 2]: if beta refers to the first (1 default) or second (2) image in 2-
image jobs'
            continue
        if mydim == 1:
            savetxt(inp[1], beta)
            print 'Beta parameters saved to', inp[1]
        elif (len(inp) == 2) or (int(inp[2]) == 1):
            savetxt(inp[1], array([beta1[i:i+gridsize] for i in xrange(0, len(beta1), gridsize)]))
            print 'Beta_1 parameters saved to', inp[1]
        elif int(inp[2]) == 2:
            savetxt(inp[1], array([beta2[i:i+gridsize] for i in xrange(0, len(beta2), gridsize)]))
            print 'Beta_2 parameters saved to', inp[1]
        else:
            print 'No idea what I should do.'
    elif command == "SAVEEXPT":
        savetxt(inp[1], exptnorm * expt)
    elif command == "SAVEEXPTP2":
        savetxt(inp[1], exptnorm * exptp2)
    elif command == "EXPTNORM":
        print('Experimental norm is:', exptnorm)
    elif command == 'CREATEIMG':
        # take 1d coefficient and beta vectors and compute a full projected VMI image
        # param 1 image dimensions along each of the axesin
        # param 2 file to save image to
        if mydim == 2:
            print "Only 1-image calculations are supported."
            continue
        imgsize = int(inp[1])
        imgp2 = imgsize/2.0
        img = zeros((imgsize,imgsize))
        coeffsize = imgsize/2
        interpol_coeff = interp1d(range(gridsize), coeffs, kind='linear')
        interpol_betac = interp1d(range(gridsize), beta*coeffs, kind='linear')
        # beta * coeff needed so that coeff aren't multiplied by invalid beta in interpolation
        pixdif = 1/imgp2
        # to get rid of Dirac delta at r = R
        for k in xrange(coeffsize):
            rcoeff = float(k)*(gridsize-1)/coeffsize
            mycoeff = interpol_coeff(rcoeff)
            if mycoeff > 0:
                mybetac = interpol_betac(rcoeff) / mycoeff
                rcoeff /= (gridsize-1)
                imgbuf = zeros((imgsize, imgsize))
                for i in xrange(imgsize):
                    for j in xrange(imgsize):
                        r = sqrt(pow(i - imgp2, 2) + pow(j - imgp2, 2)) / imgp2
                        if rcoeff >= (r + pixdif):
                            try:
                                cosphi = (i - imgp2) / (imgp2 * r)
                                imgbuf[i,j] = mycoeff * (sqrt(pow(rcoeff,2)-pow(r,2)) - sqrt(pow(rcoeff,2)-
pow(r+pixdif,2))) / (pi * pow(rcoeff,2)) * (1 + mybetac * 0.5 * (3*pow(r/rcoeff * cosphi,2) - 1))
                            except ZeroDivisionError:
                                pass
                            imgbufsum = imgbuf.sum()
                            if imgbufsum > 0:
                                imgbuf *= mycoeff / imgbufsum
                                img += imgbuf
                img *= exptnorm * coeffs.sum() / img.sum()
                savetxt(inp[2],img)
                print 'Text image saved to', inp[2]
    elif command == 'CREATEIMGSlice':
        # take 1d coefficient and beta vectors and compute a VMI image slice
        # param 1 image dimensions along each of the axes (image will fill the area)
        # param 2 file to save image to
        if mydim == 2:
            print "Only 1-image calculations are supported."
            continue
        imgsize = int(inp[1])
        img = zeros((imgsize,imgsize))
        interpol_coeff = interp1d(range(gridsize), coeffs, kind='linear')
        interpol_betac = interp1d(range(gridsize), beta*coeffs, kind='linear')
        # beta * coeff needed so that coeff aren't multiplied by invalid beta in interpolation

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for i in xrange(imgsize):
    for j in xrange(imgsize):
        r = sqrt(pow(i - imgsize/2, 2) + pow(j - imgsize/2, 2))
        rcoeff = r / (imgsize/2.0) * gridsize
        if rcoeff < (gridsize-1):
            if interpol_coeff(rcoeff) > 0:
                try:
                    cosphi = (i - imgsize/2.0) / r
                    mycoeff = interpol_coeff(rcoeff)
                    img[i,j] = mycoeff/r * (1 + interpol_beta(rcoeff)/mycoeff * 0.5 *
(3*pow(cosphi,2) - 1))
                except ZeroDivisionError:
                    pass
            img *= exptnorm / img.sum()
            savetxt(inp[2],img)
            print 'Text image of the equatorial region saved to', inp[2]
elif command == 'PROCESSIMG':
    # take VMI image and calculate radial distribution and P2-radial distribution
if len(inp) != 9:
    print 'ProcessImg usage:'
    print 'parameter 1: file to load image from'
    print 'parameter 2: center x coordinate'
    print 'parameter 3: center y coordinate'
    print 'parameter 4: epsilon vector x coordinate'
    print 'parameter 5: epsilon vector y coordinate'
    print 'parameter 6: ellipsoid anisotropy of image (same definition as i2PEPICO measurement
ROI anisotropy)'
    print 'parameter 7: number of radial distributuion vector elements'
    print 'parameter 8: Delta r of radial distribution as a ratio of image size'
    continue
print 'Initializing new 1-dim job...'
mydim = 1
exptvmi = loadtxt(inp[1])
vmisize = exptvmi.shape[0]
centerx = float(inp[2])
centery = float(inp[3])
evecx = float(inp[4])
evecy = float(inp[5])
elen = sqrt(pow(evecx,2) + pow(evecy,2))
evecx /= elen
evecy /= elen
aniso = float(inp[6])
gridsize = int(inp[7])
deltar = float(inp[8]) * vmisize

expt = zeros(gridsize)
exptp2 = zeros(gridsize)
beta = zeros(gridsize)

for i in range(vmisize):
    for j in range (vmisize):
        dx = (i - centerx) / aniso
        dy = (j - centery)
        r = sqrt(pow(dx, 2) + pow(dy, 2))
        bin = int(r/deltar)
        if bin < gridsize:
            expt[bin] += exptvmi[i, j]
            if r > 0:
                dx /= r
                dy /= r
                p2val = 0.5 * (3 * pow(dx * evecx + dy * evecy, 2) - 1)
                exptp2[bin] += exptvmi[i, j] * p2val

exptnorm = expt.sum()
if exptnorm > 0:
    expt /= exptnorm
    exptp2 /= exptnorm
coeffs = expt.copy()
print 'Done initializing new 1-dim job based on loaded VMI.'
elif command == 'CD':
    # change active directory
    chdir(inp[1])
elif command == 'SMOOTHCOEFF':
    # smooth coefficients based on neighbouring values
    # parameter 1 -- what to smooth (coeff or "beta" for beta)
    # parameter 2 -- the weight of the original values in the averaging,
    # which is 50% at 1.0
if mydim == 2:
    if inp[1].upper() == 'BETA':
        smoothing = array([beta[i:i+gridsize] for i in xrange(0, len(beta), gridsize)])
    else:

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smoothing = array([coeffs[i:i+gridsize] for i in xrange(0, len(coeffs), gridsize)])
smoothingbuf = zeros((gridsize,gridsize))
smoothingbuf += pad(smoothing, ((0,0),(1,0)), mode='constant')[:, :-1]
smoothingbuf += pad(smoothing, ((0,0),(0,1)), mode='constant')[:, 1:]
smoothingbuf += pad(smoothing, ((1,0),(0,0)), mode='constant')[:-1, :]
smoothingbuf += pad(smoothing, ((1,0),(1,0)), mode='constant')[:-1, :-1]
smoothingbuf += pad(smoothing, ((1,0),(0,1)), mode='constant')[:-1, 1:]
smoothingbuf += pad(smoothing, ((0,1),(0,0)), mode='constant')[1:, :]
smoothingbuf += pad(smoothing, ((0,1),(1,0)), mode='constant')[1:, :-1]
smoothingbuf += pad(smoothing, ((0,1),(0,1)), mode='constant')[1:, 1:]
if inp[1].upper() == 'BETA':
    betal = ((8 * float(inp[2]) * smoothing + smoothingbuf)/(8 * float(inp[2])+8)).flatten()
    print 'betal parameters are now smooth.'
else:
    coeffs = ((8 * float(inp[2]) * smoothing + smoothingbuf)/(8 * float(inp[2])+8)).flatten()
    coeffs /= sum(coeffs)
    print 'i2 coefficients are now smooth.'
else:
    print 'You can smooth a vector yourself.'
else:                                # command not supported or comment
    if command != '#':
        print 'I do not understand your input.', inp
print 'Bye.'

if __name__ == '__main__':
    main()

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