
Sensor Networks for Indoor Sensor Data Fusion

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Why is Sensor Data Fusion in Buildings Important?

- People spend 90% of their time indoors
- Buildings are both direct and indirect targets
- Long residence time may result in many people exposed to agent
- Buildings can protect people
 - active protection (filters, zoning for isolation, ventilation)
 - passive protection (settling, sorption)

Operational Objectives of an Indoor SDF System

- Detect:
 - confirm an attack has occurred
- Characterize event:
 - locate and characterize sources
 - identify contaminated areas in building
 - predict future migration of agent through building
 - identify safe zones, evacuation routes
- Assess hazards:
 - predict exposures and casualties
- Respond:
 - is information “actionable”?
 - what is the response sequence?



Factors Complicating SDF and Decision Analysis

- Problem is inherently probabilistic and uncertain
 - release conditions are unknown
 - models are imperfect and potentially error-prone
 - data may contain false positives/negatives
- Decisions are time-critical. Consequences exist for:
 - responding too quickly to uncertain information
 - delaying response until more information is available
- Monitoring is costly
 - limited supply of hardware
 - sensor hardware must be operated and maintained

Steps toward SDF and Sampler Siting

- Develop algorithm that accounts for uncertainties in:
 - release conditions (e.g, locations, amounts, durations)
 - dispersion drivers (e.g, HVAC operation, meteorology)
 - model parameters
 - sensor performance characteristics (e.g, effects of fouling on filters)
- Code software package that integrates:
 - fate and transport modeling
 - statistical inference techniques, and
 - optimization algorithms
- Test algorithm against data from real and synthetic experiments
- Refine algorithm and develop user-friendly software

Bayes Monte Carlo Formulation for Real-Time SDF

$$p(Y_k|O) = \frac{L(O|Y_k)p(Y_k)}{\sum_{i=1}^K L(O|Y_i)p(Y_i)} \quad (1)$$

- $p(Y_k|O)$ is the posterior probability of the k^{th} Monte Carlo simulation for prediction Y_k given the sensor measurements O ;
- $L(O|Y_k)$ is the likelihood of observing measurements O given model prediction Y_k ;
- $p(Y_k)$ is the prior probability of the k^{th} Monte Carlo simulation;
- N is the number of Monte Carlo simulations.

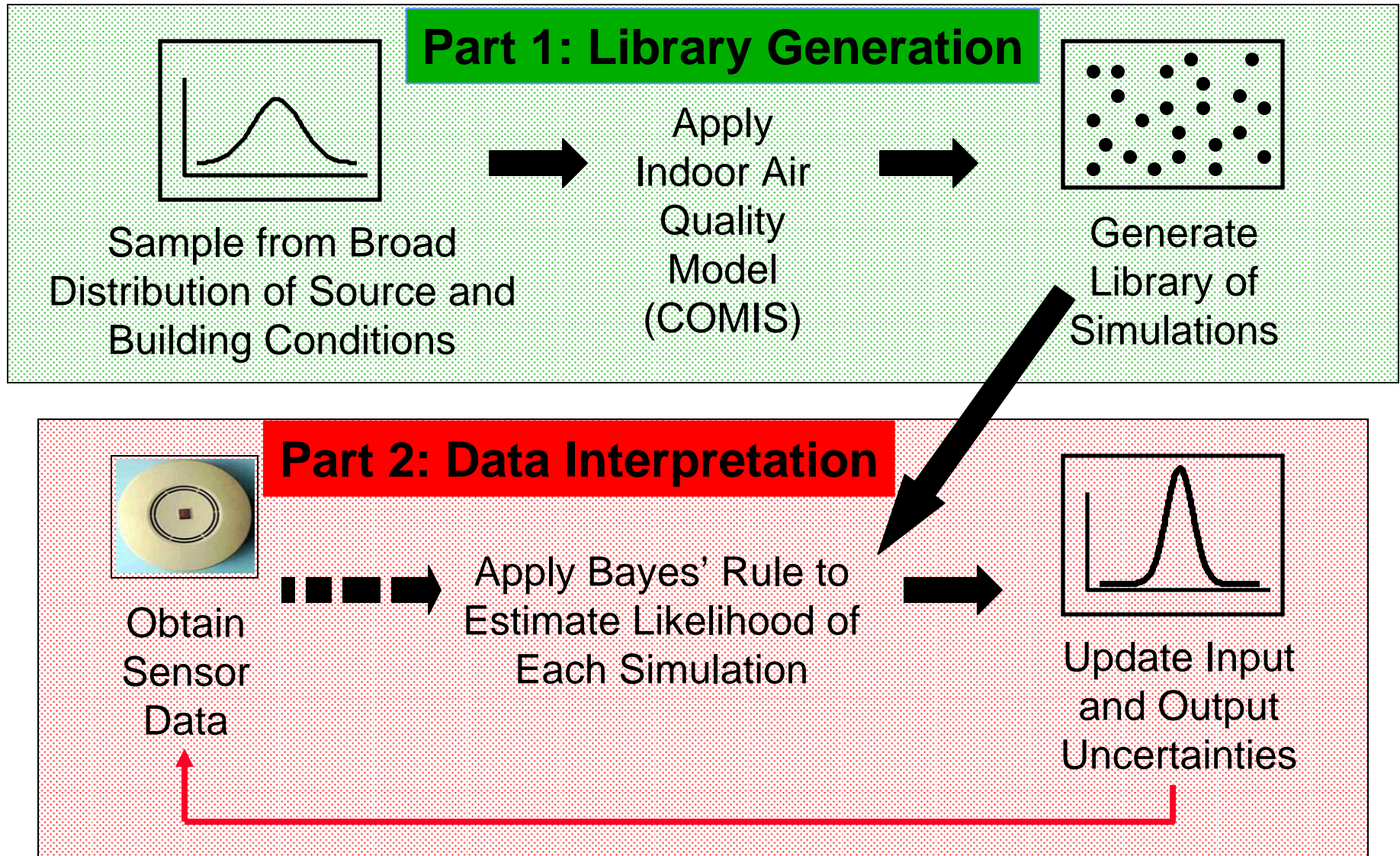
$$\mu'_V = \sum_{i=1}^K V_i \cdot p(Y_i|O) \quad (2)$$

$$\sigma_V'^2 = \sum_{i=1}^K (V_i - \mu'_V)^2 \cdot p(Y_i|O) \quad (3)$$

- V and W represent any model input or output.

BASSET

(Berkeley Algorithm for Sensor System Engineering and Testing)



Illustrative Example: Application to Real Building and Dataset

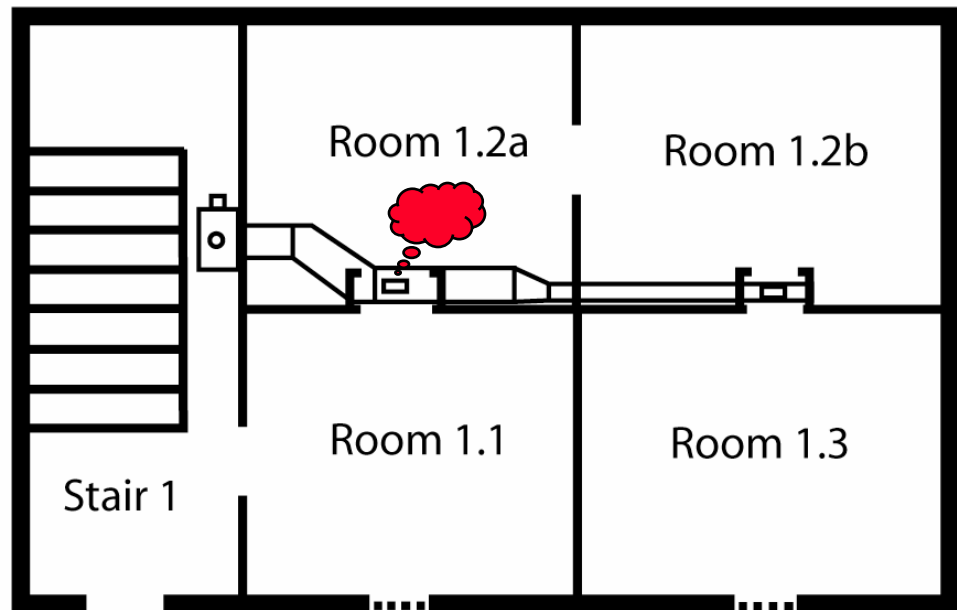
Test Facility at Dugway Proving Grounds, Utah



- A propylene tracer experiment represented a CB release event
- A tracer released at real possible source location: the intake of the HVAC in one of the rooms

Floor Plan of First Floor

- 3 floors
- 10 possible source locations
- Operational HVAC system
- Real-time sensors in each room
- Unknowns:
 - source location
 - source duration
 - source magnitude
 - door positions



Challenges to Test BASSET

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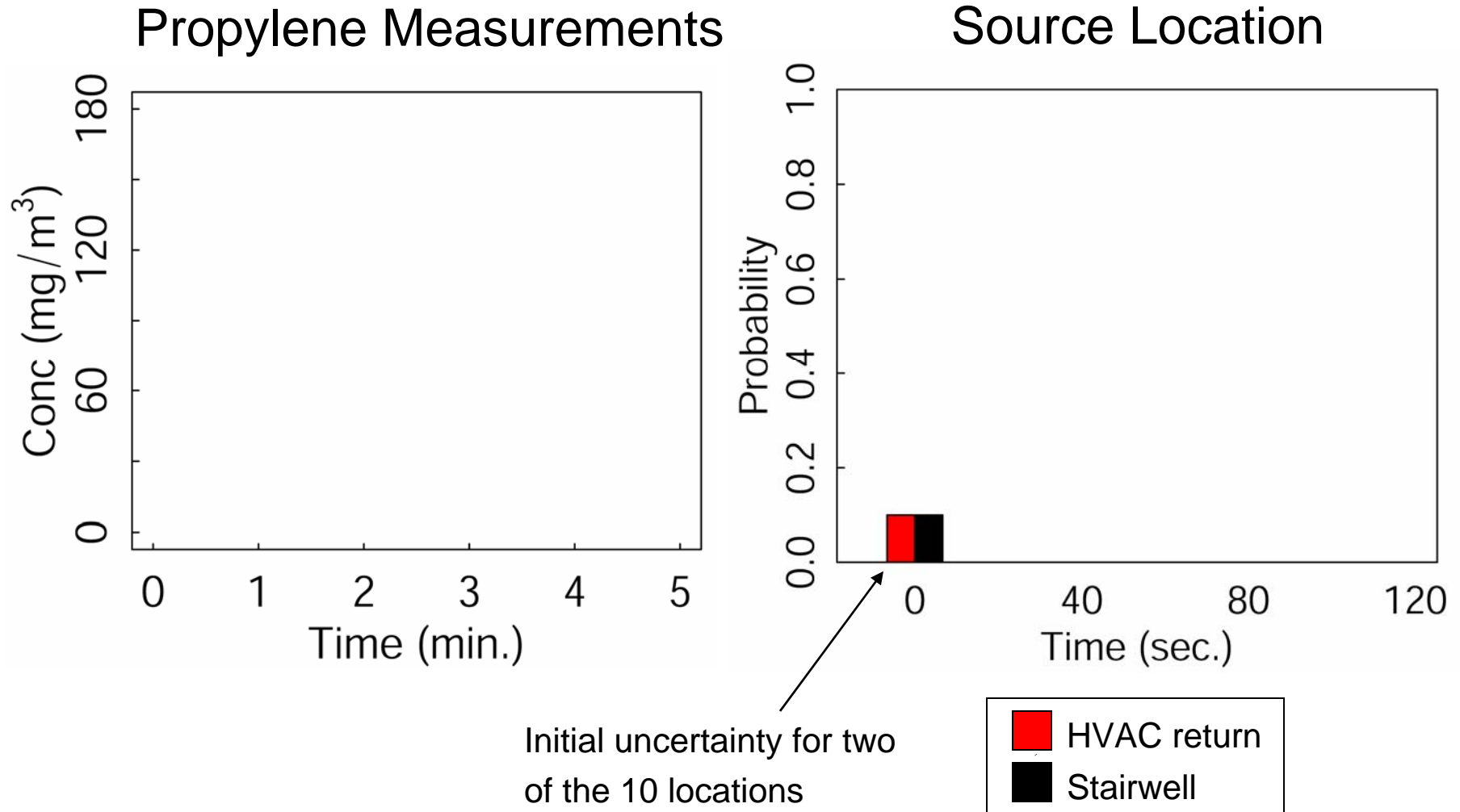
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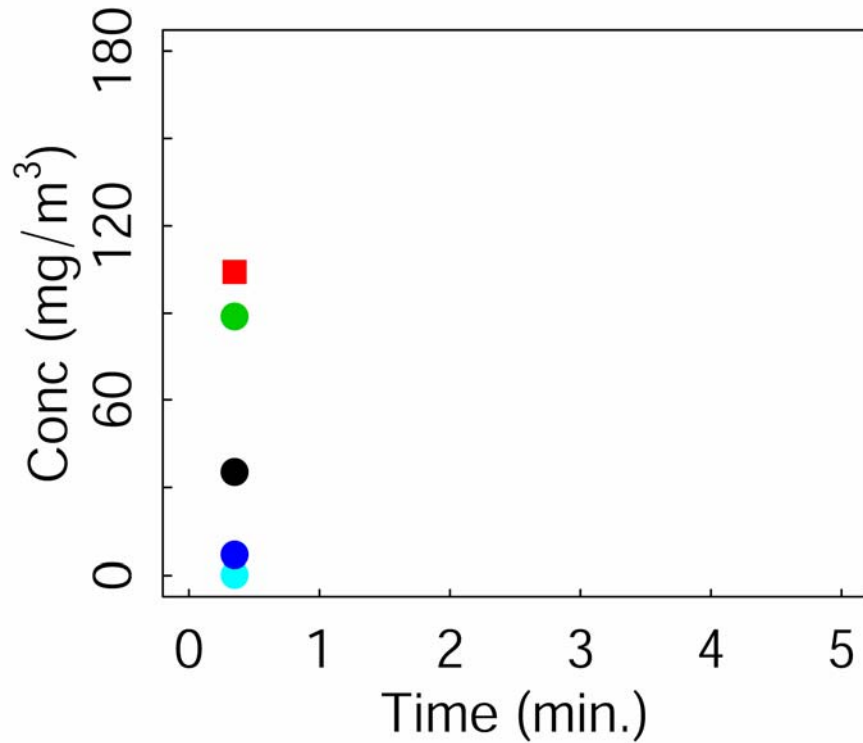
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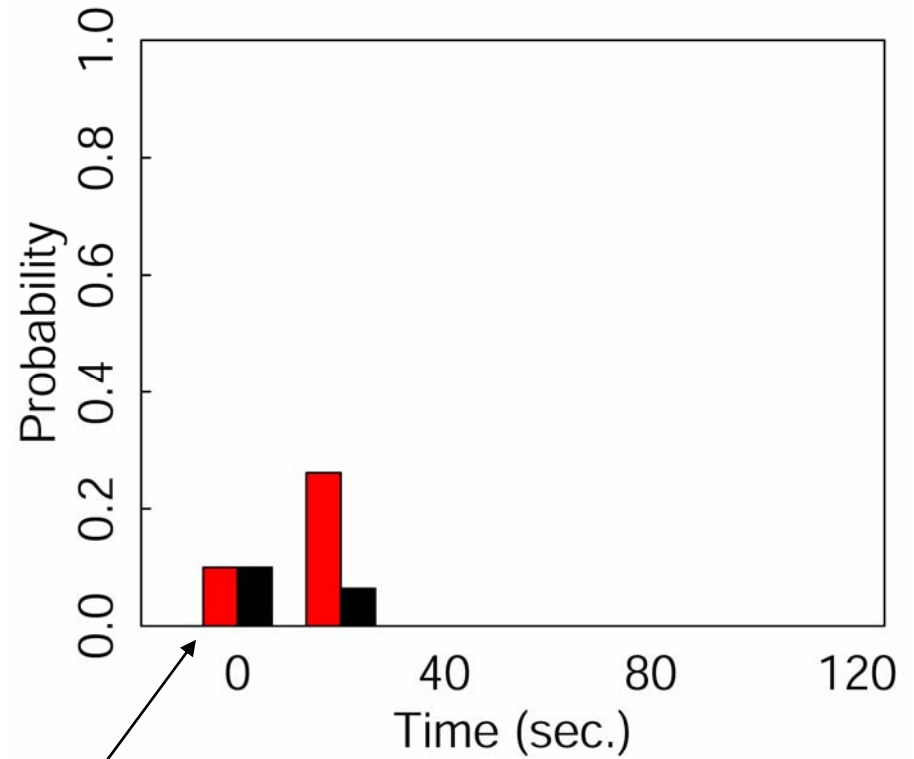


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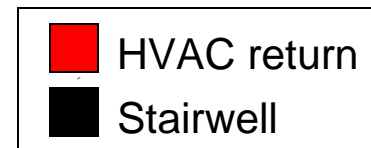
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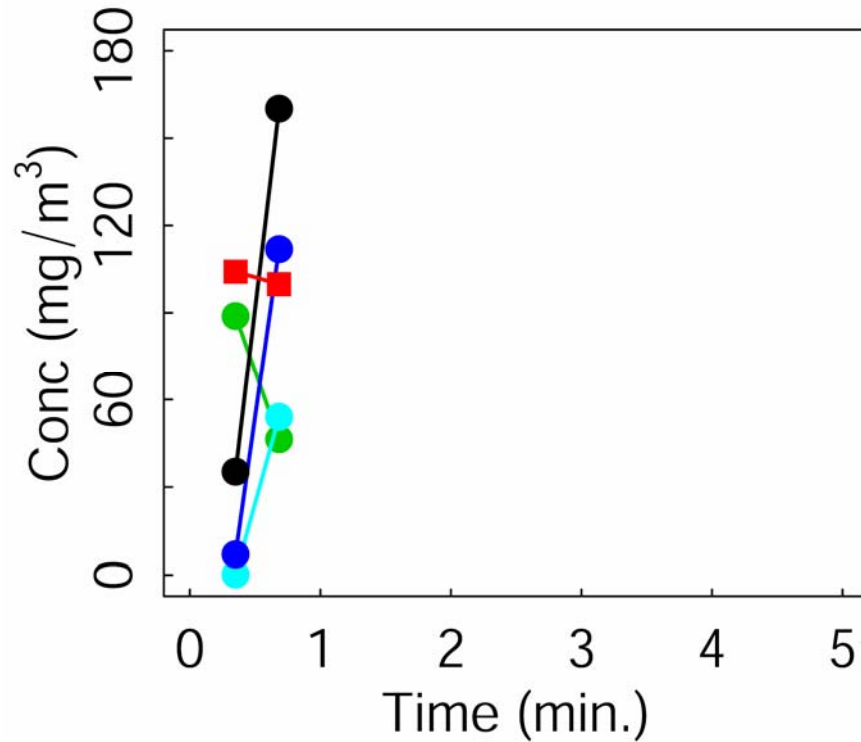


Initial uncertainty for two of the 10 locations

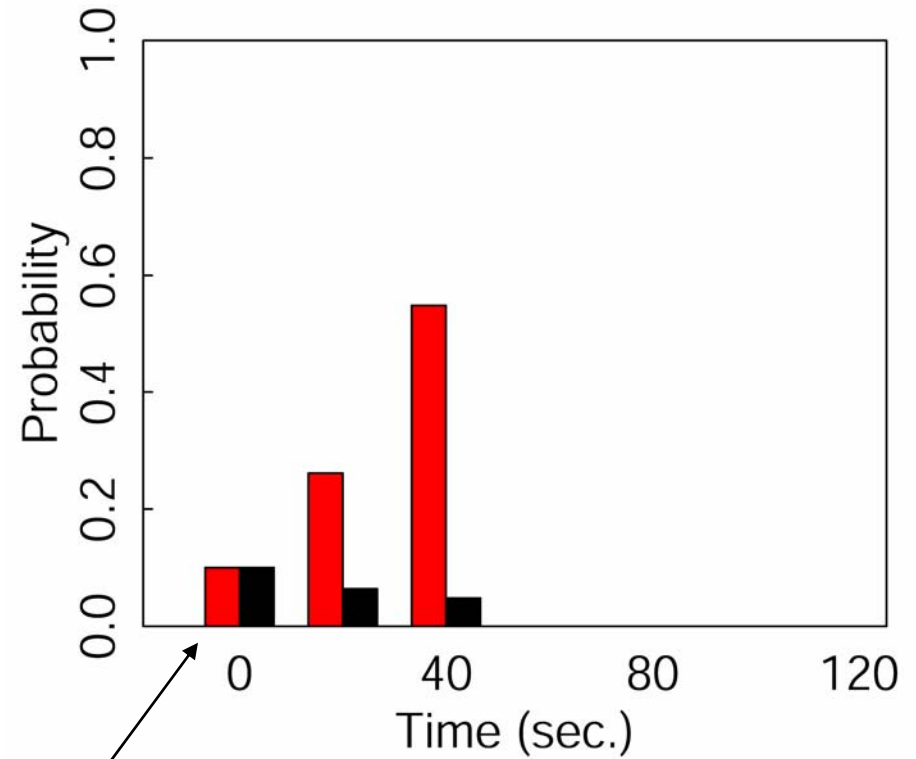


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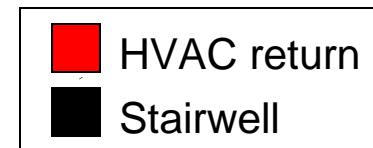
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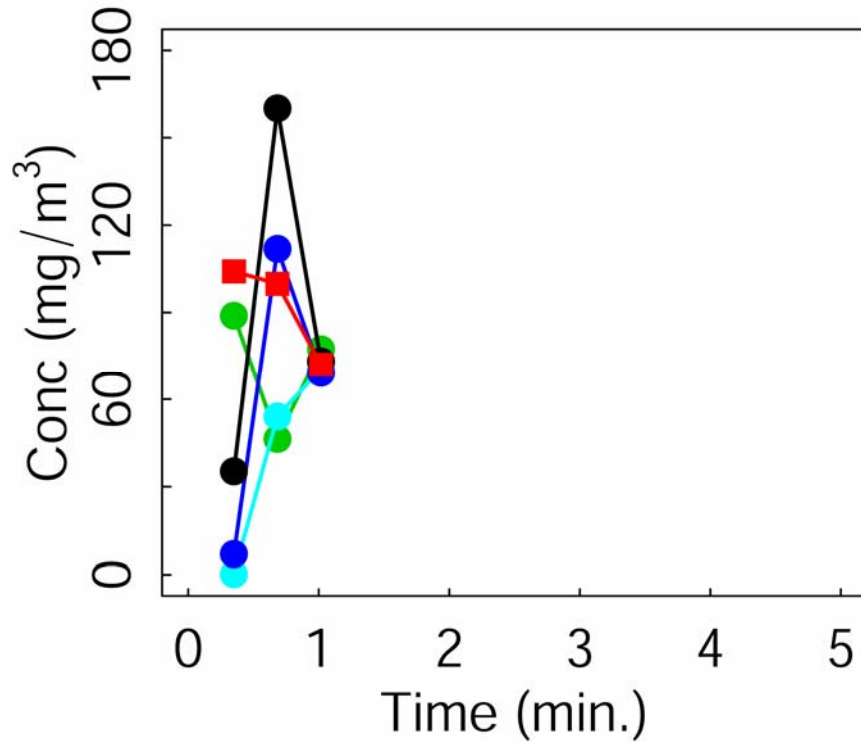


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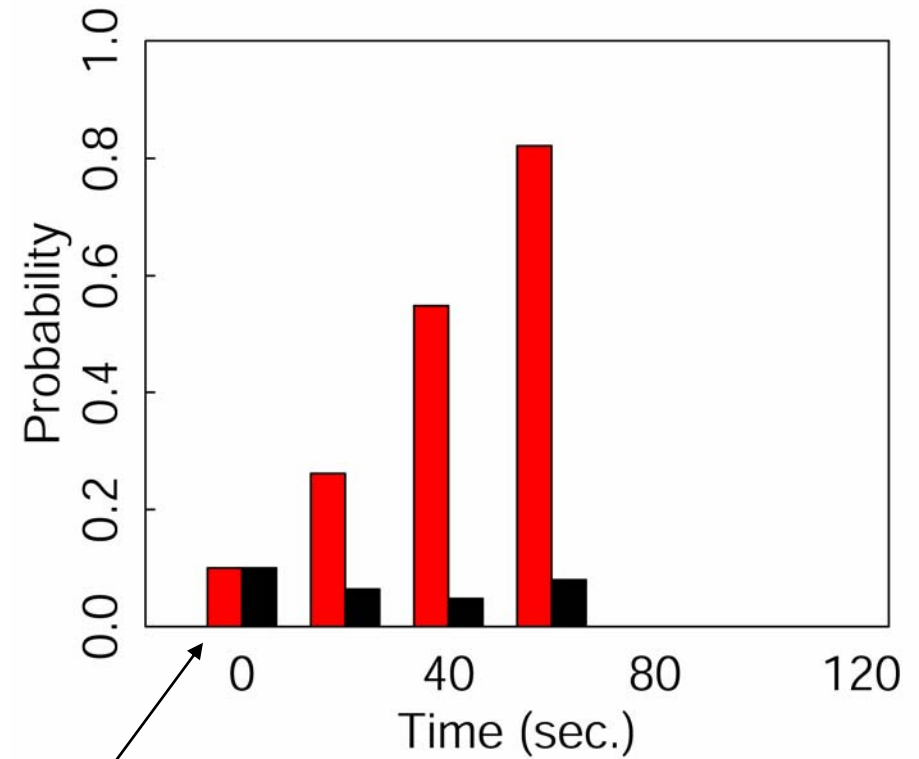


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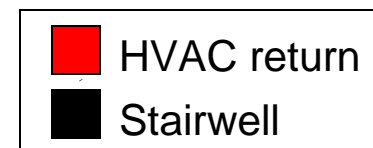
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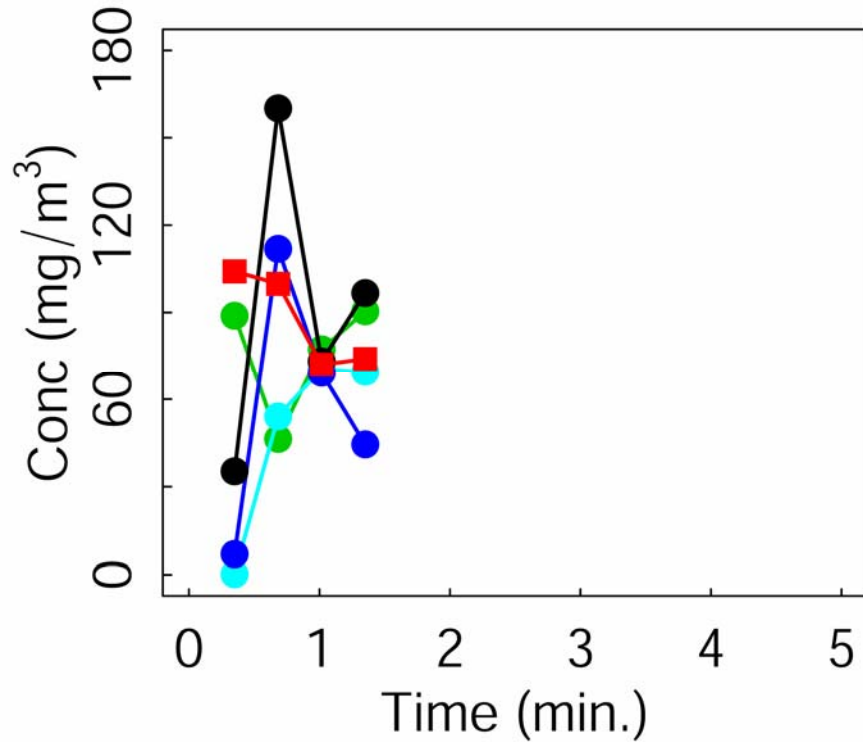


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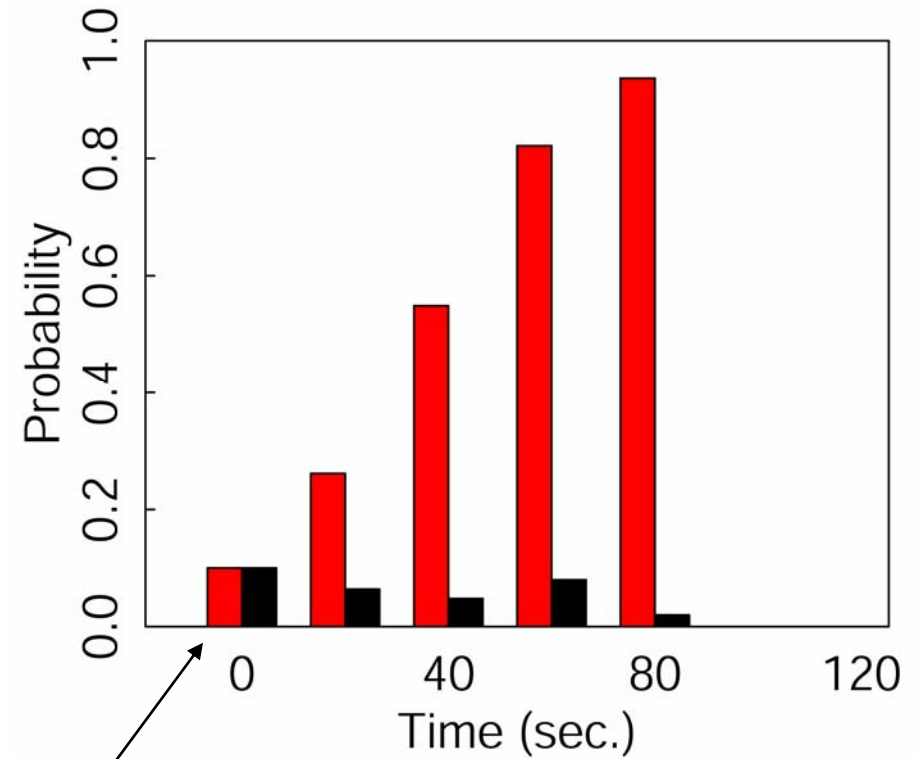


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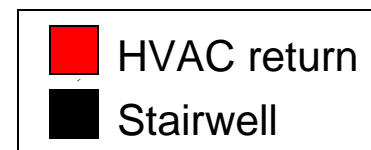
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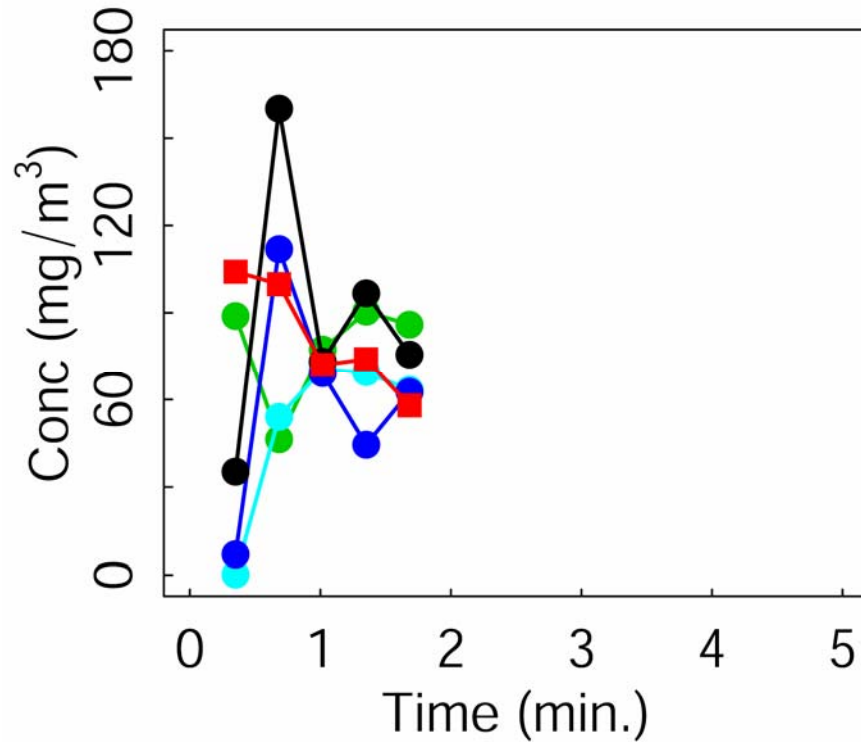


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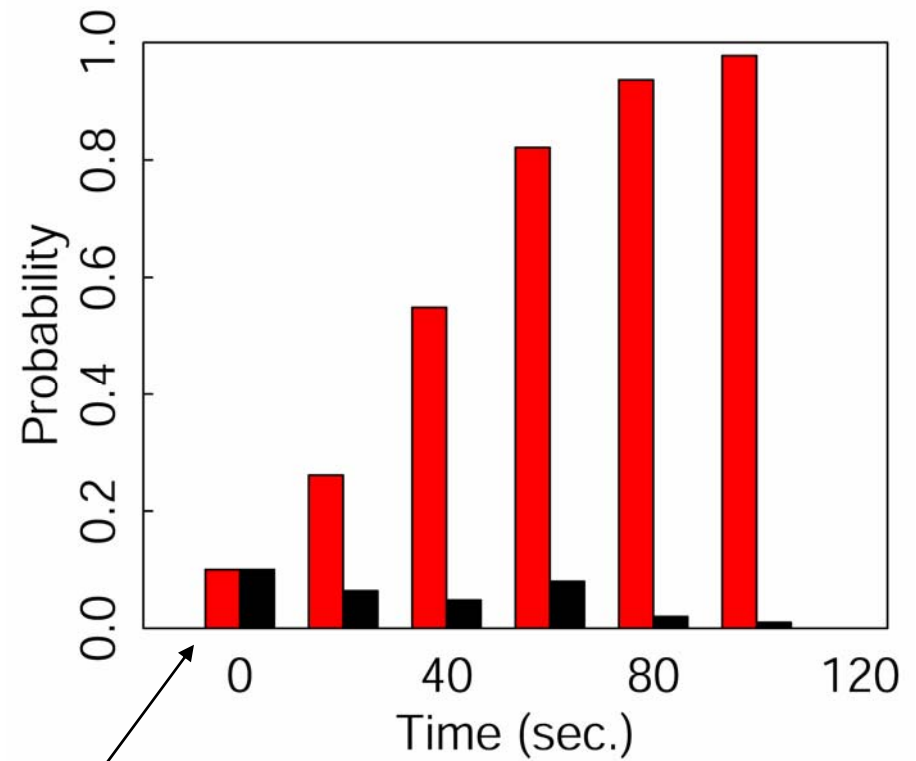


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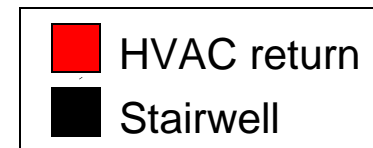
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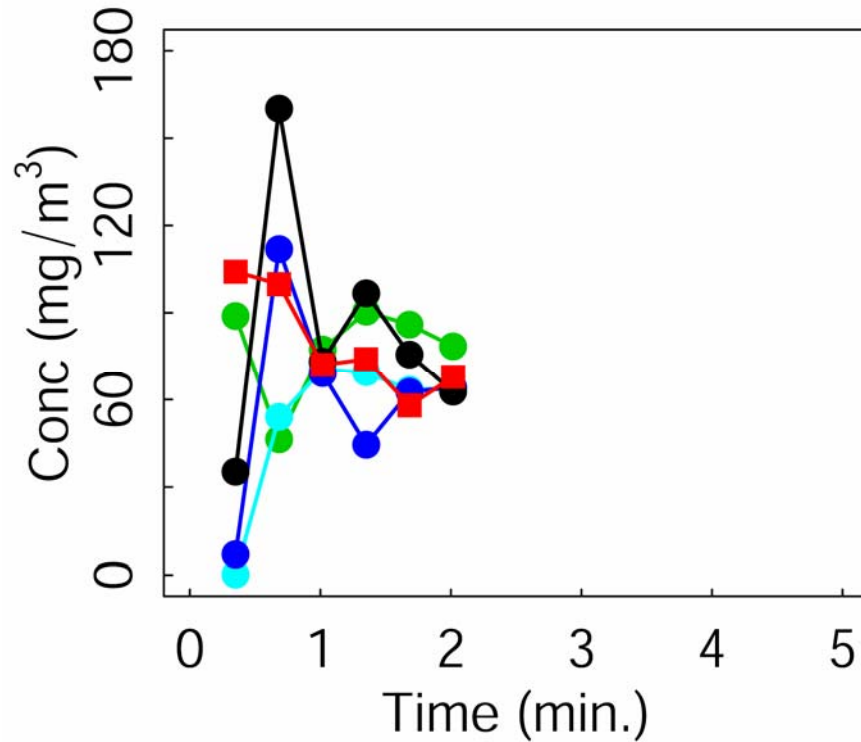


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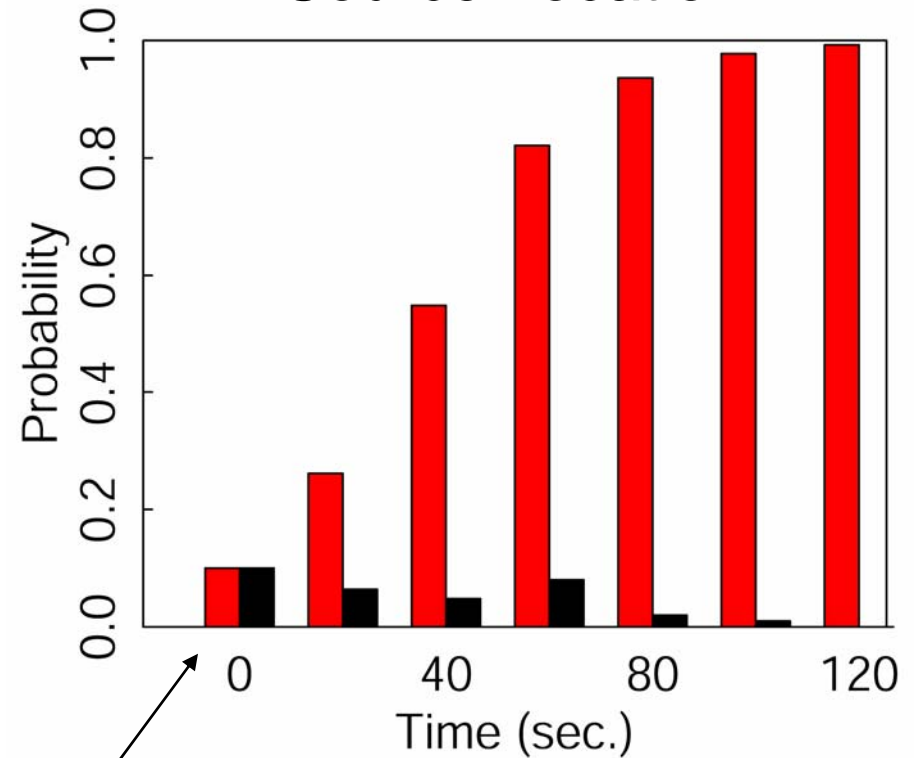


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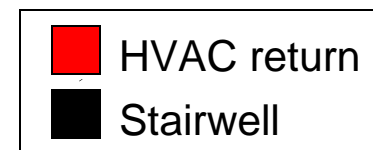
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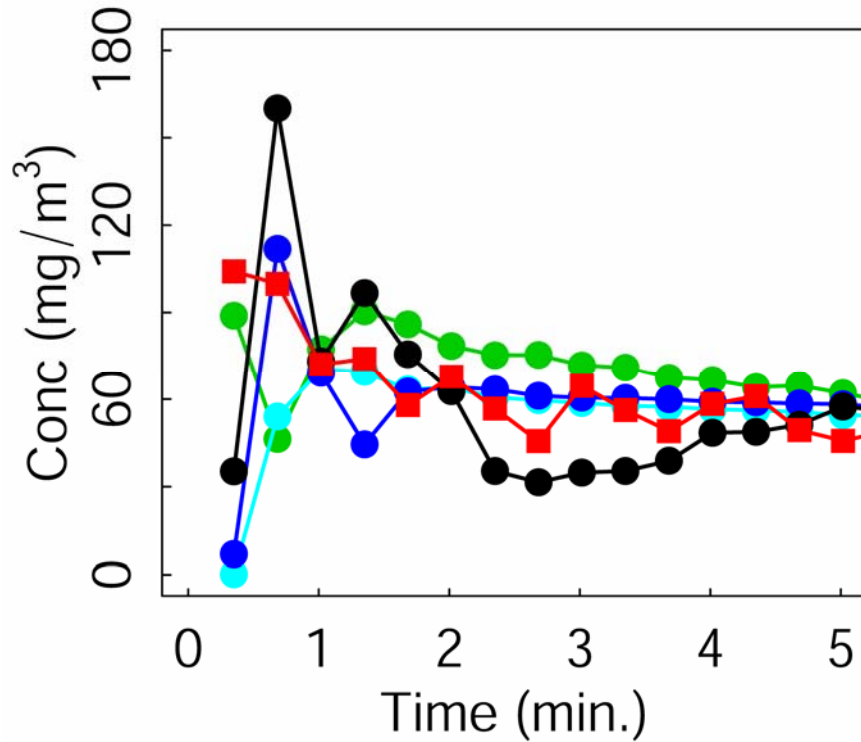


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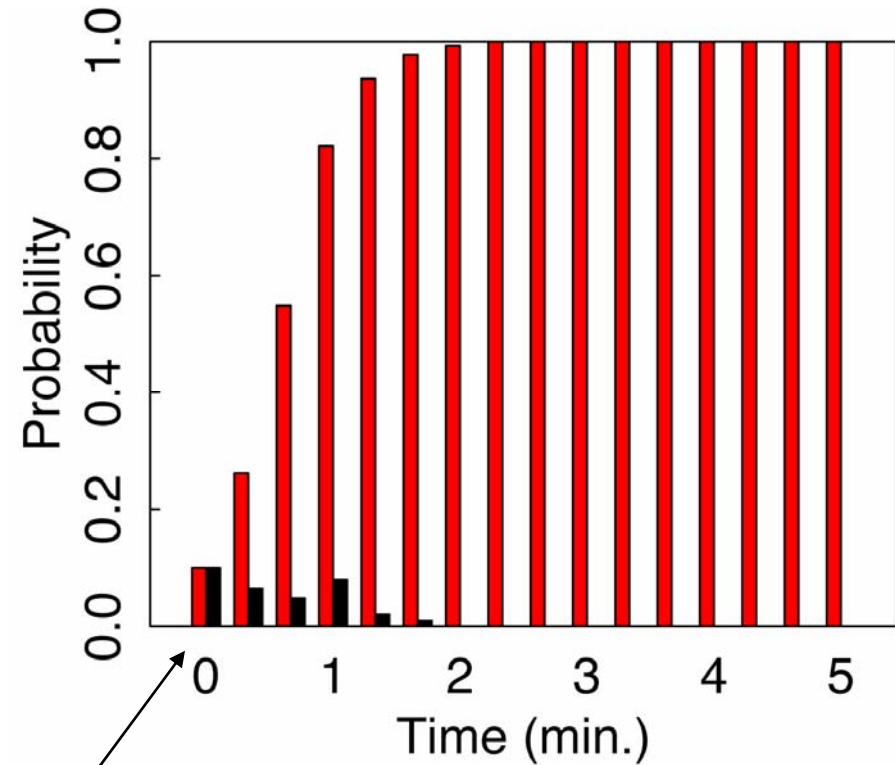


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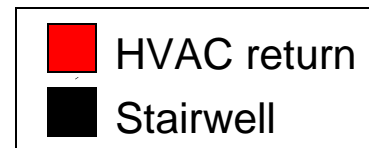
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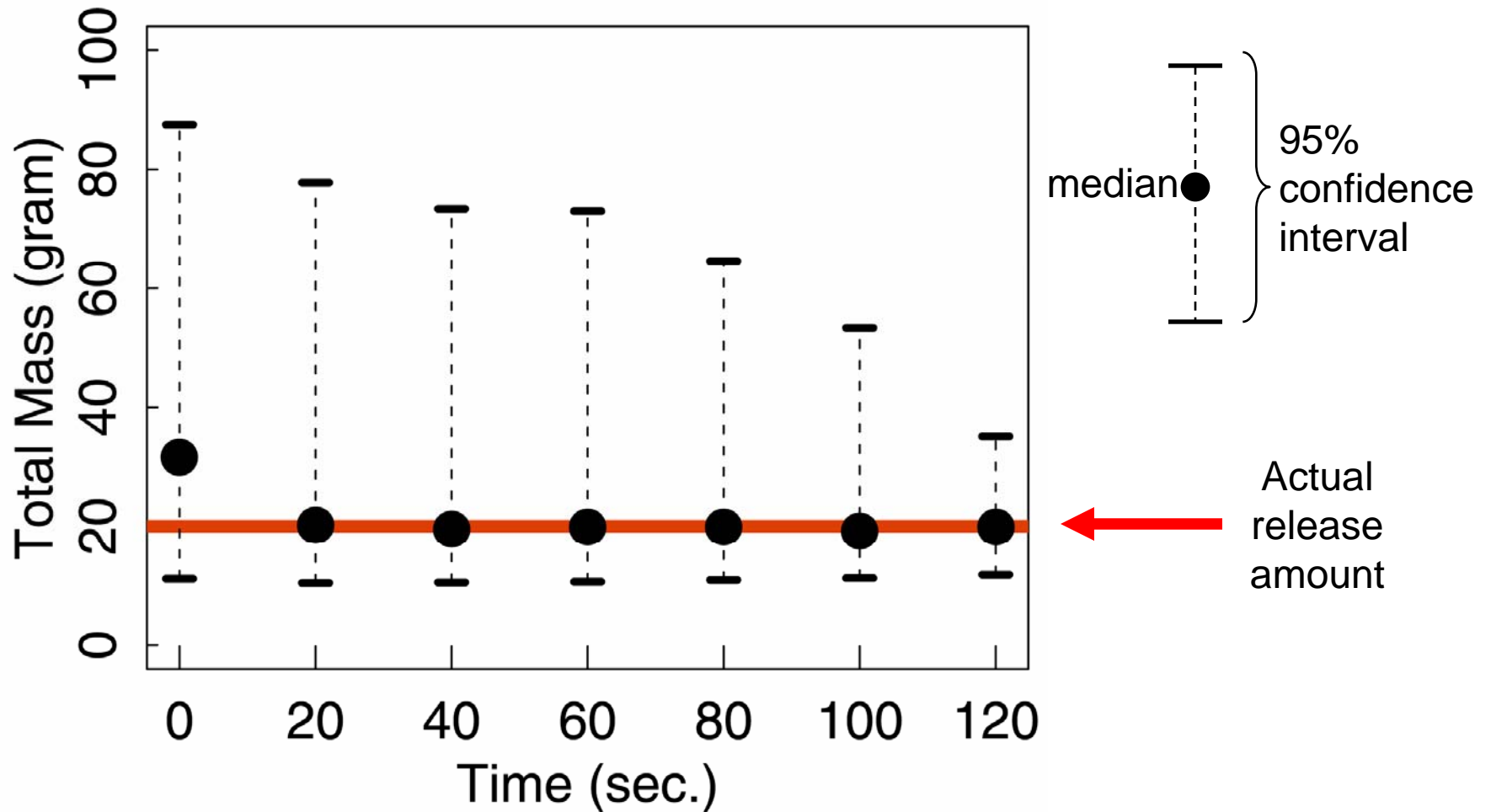
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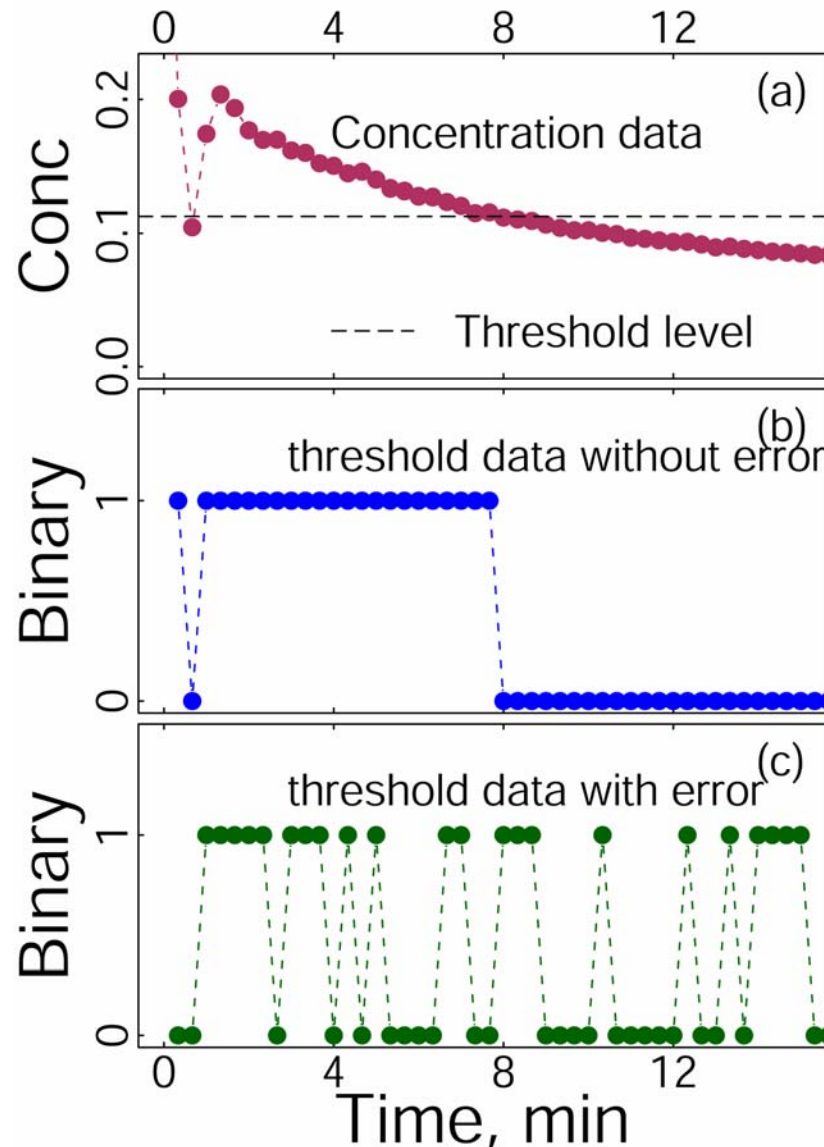
Estimating Amount Released in Real Time



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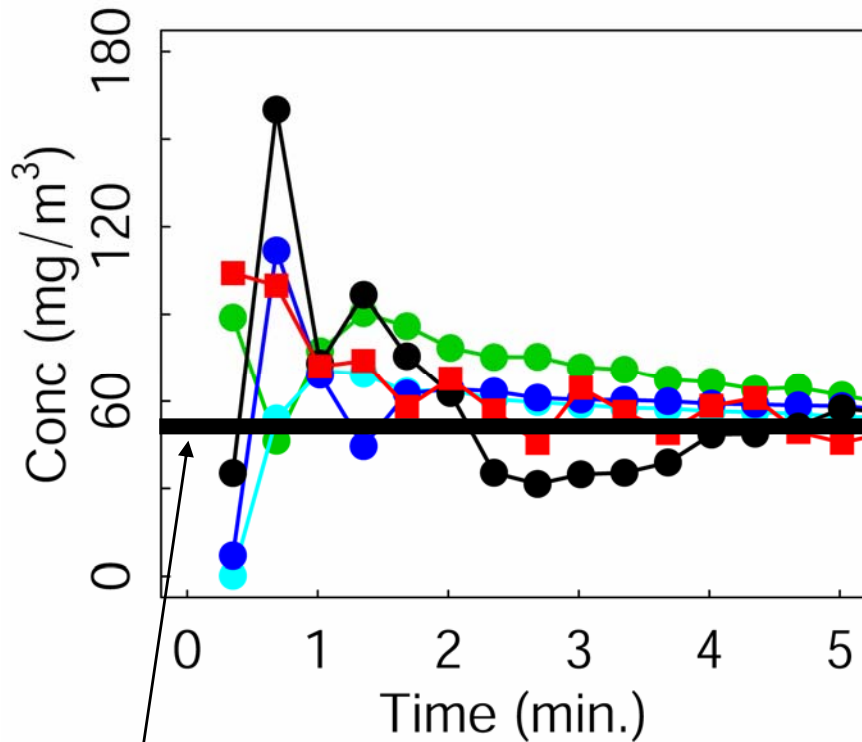
Can We Interpret Data Received as “Trigger” Alarms?



- Measurements above the line are flagged as a “1”, and those below as a “0.”
BASSET only receives the flags.
- Flags are randomly corrupted with false positive and false negative rates. Tested rates of 10% and 30%.

Locating Source using Trigger Alarms

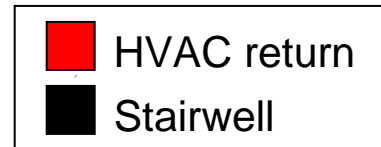
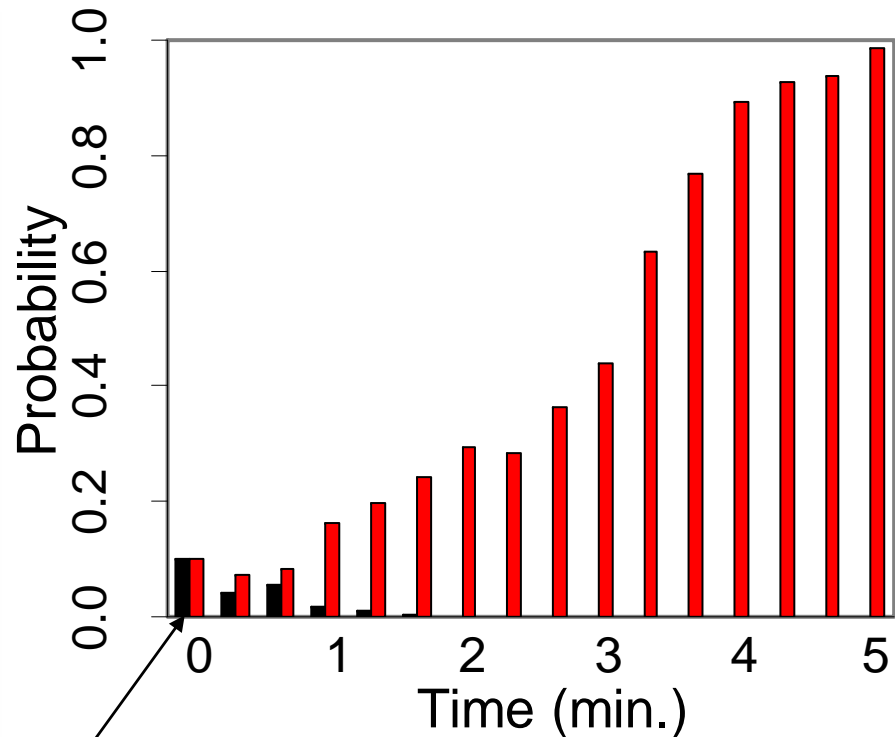
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threshold = 55 mg/m³
integration time = 20 sec

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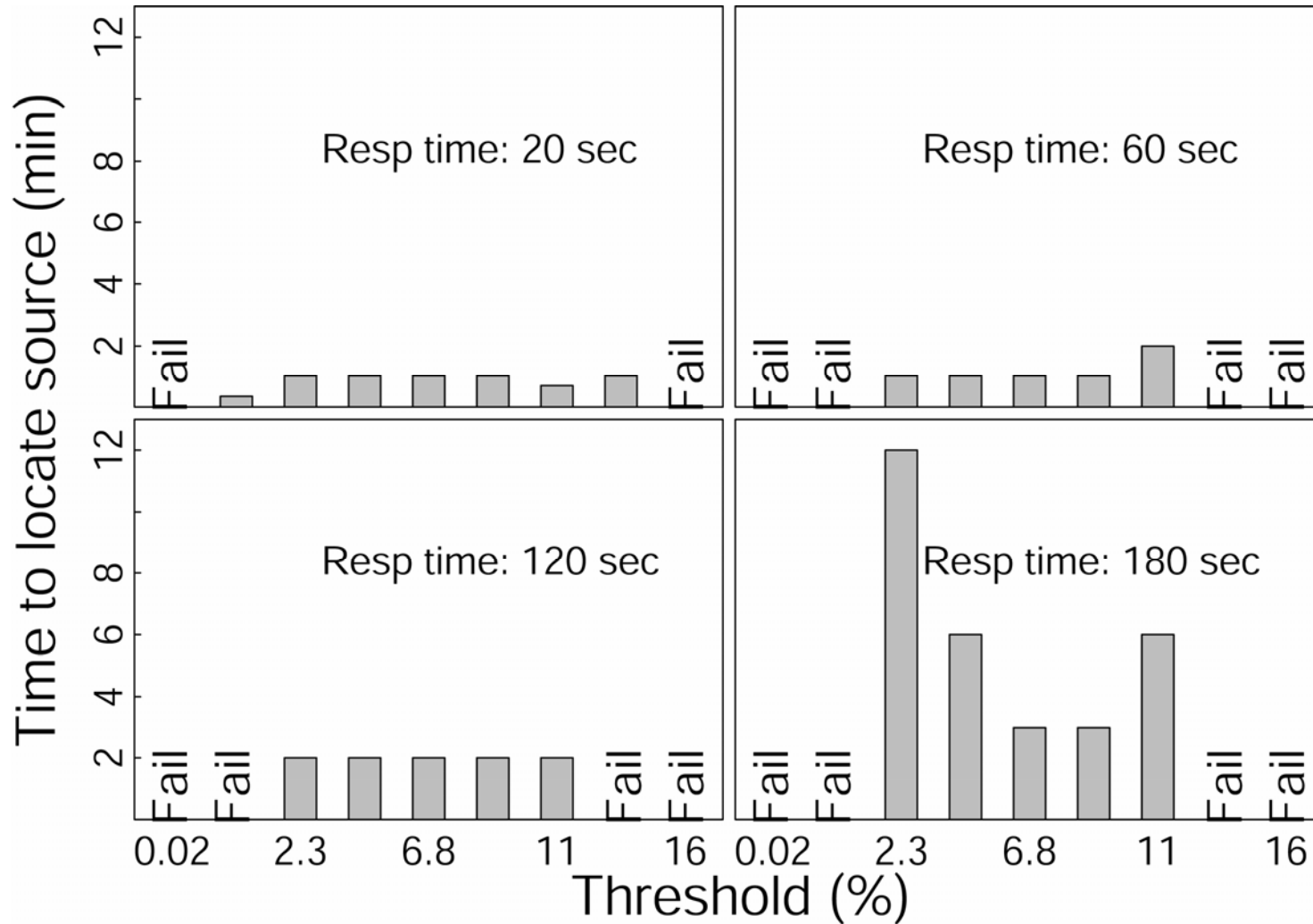
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Trade-off Between Sensor Integration Time and Sensor Trigger Level



Summary and Concluding Remarks

- We have developed and demonstrated a successful framework for indoor detect-to-protect applications.
- The resulting software packages will be
 - linkable to any suitable airflow and transport model
 - capable of reading simple ASCII data feeds from various data sources (e.g., weather stations, pressure sensors, and sensor hardware)