AMS Users Meeting
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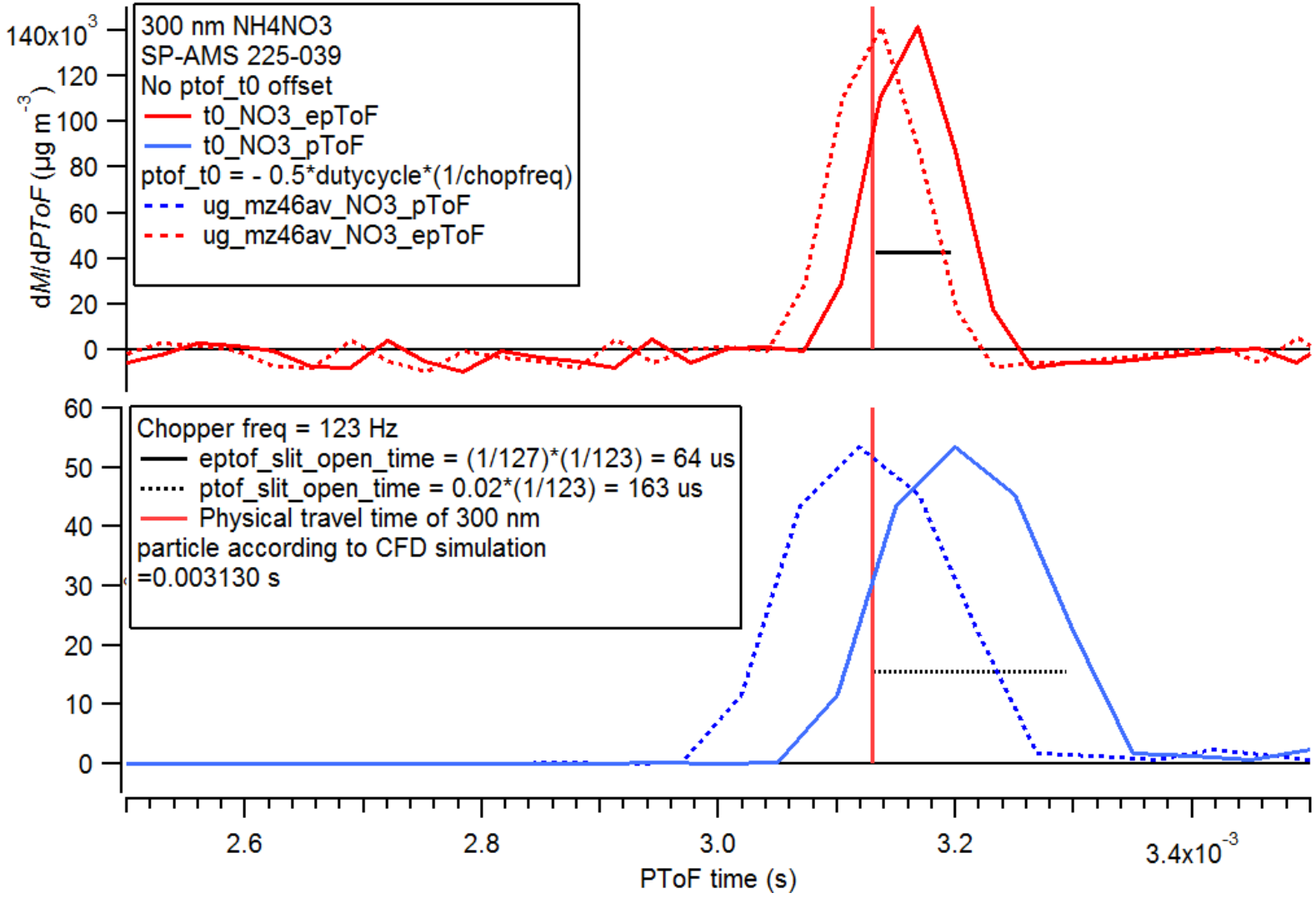
Can I use the same velocity calibration for pToF and epToF?

Yes, but…



- Solid lines: DAQ recorded pToF
- Dashed lines: pToF corrected for slit width time
  - pToF correction -0.5*chopper_duty/ChopperFreq
  - epToF correction -0.5*(1/127)/ChopperFreq

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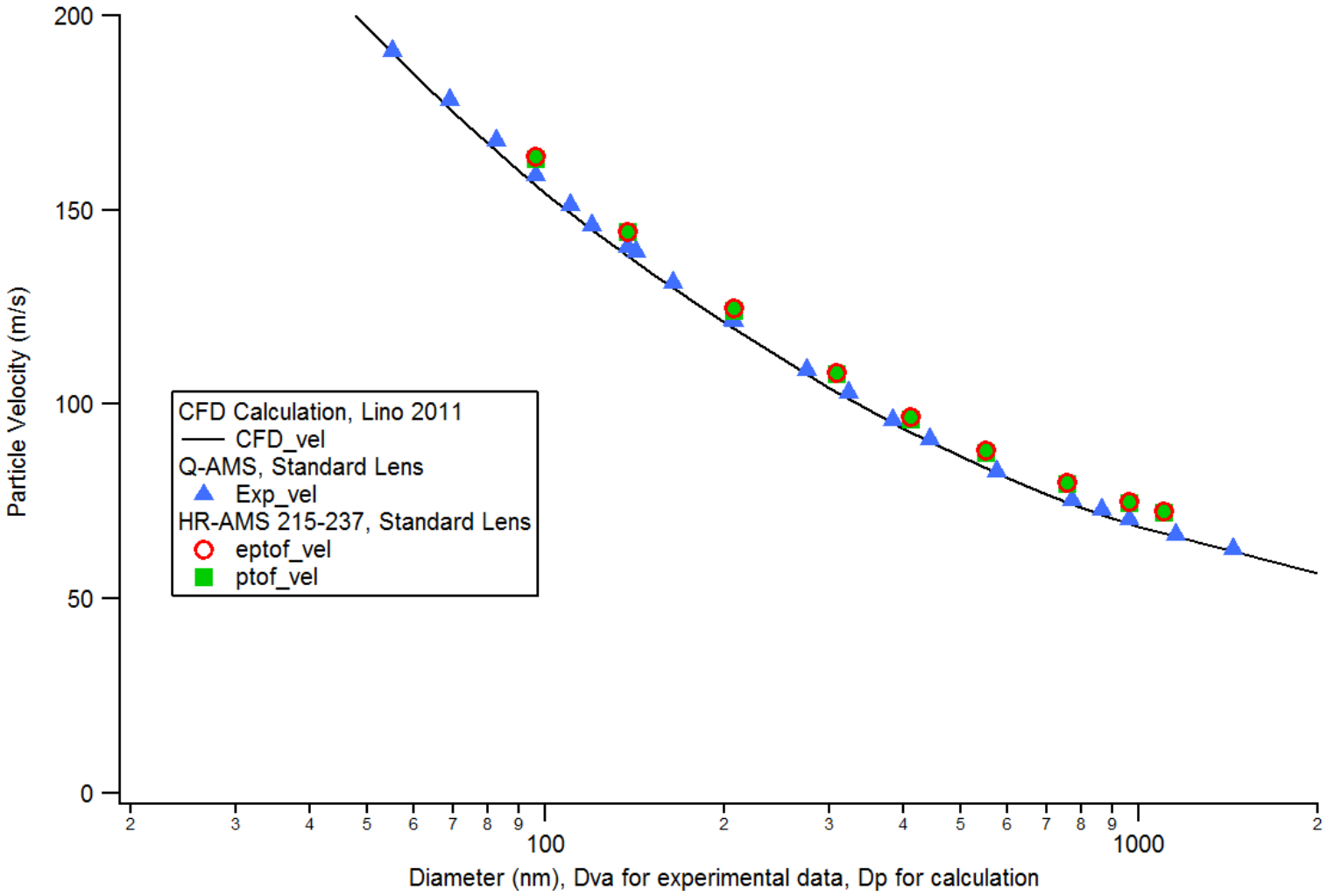

- Excellent agreement between epToF and pToF velocity calibration
- Reasonable agreement with Q-AMS, no longer setting t0 carefully during instruement build.

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Velocity Calibration Best Practices:

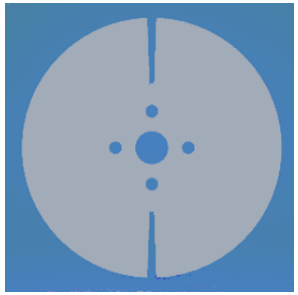
- Always do calibration under same conditions as data acquisition
  - Do velocity calibration in epToF for epToF data
- There was a mistake in the timing correction for epToF in SQ 1.57
  - Error will be corrected in next SQ release –1.58
- VERY IMPORTANT:
  - If you have an epToF velocity calibration that you analyzed in 1.57, you MUST reanalyze it in 1.58 before you apply it to data in 1.58.

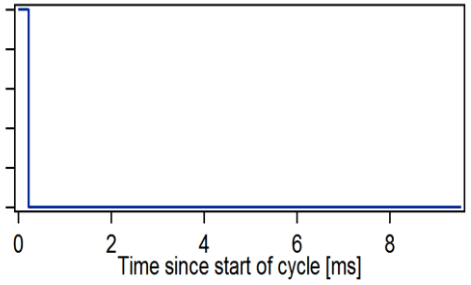
Signal and PToF for both PToF and ePToF (from Pedro)

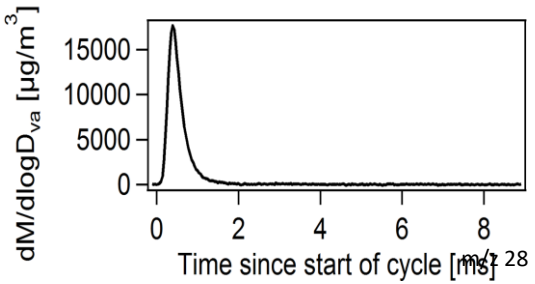
Signal as recorded

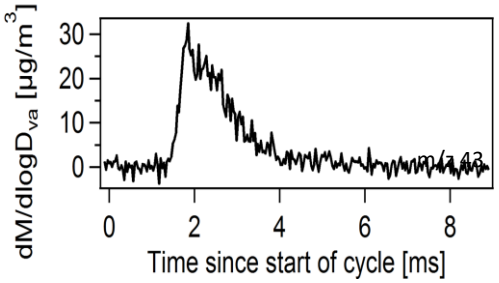
Beam Open/Closed at 104 Hz

PToF

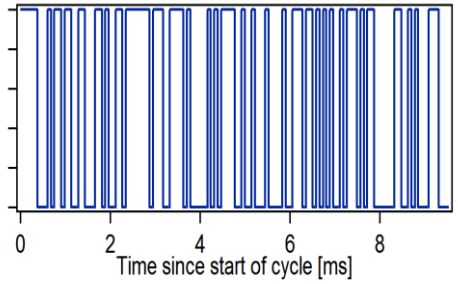




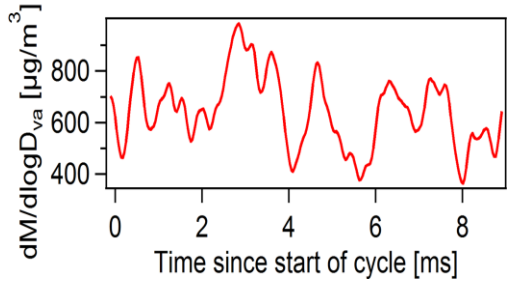


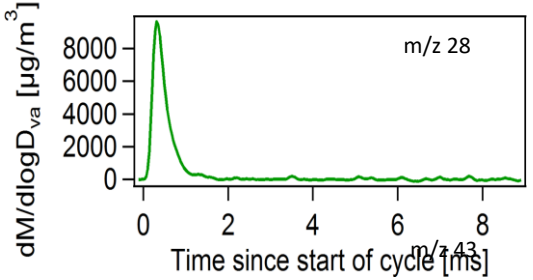


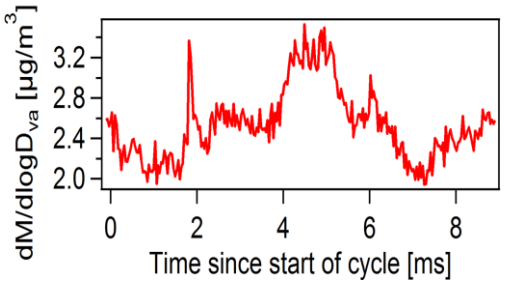
ePToF

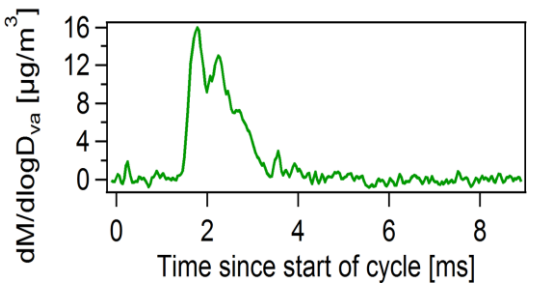


ToF after Transform (ePToF only, matrix)







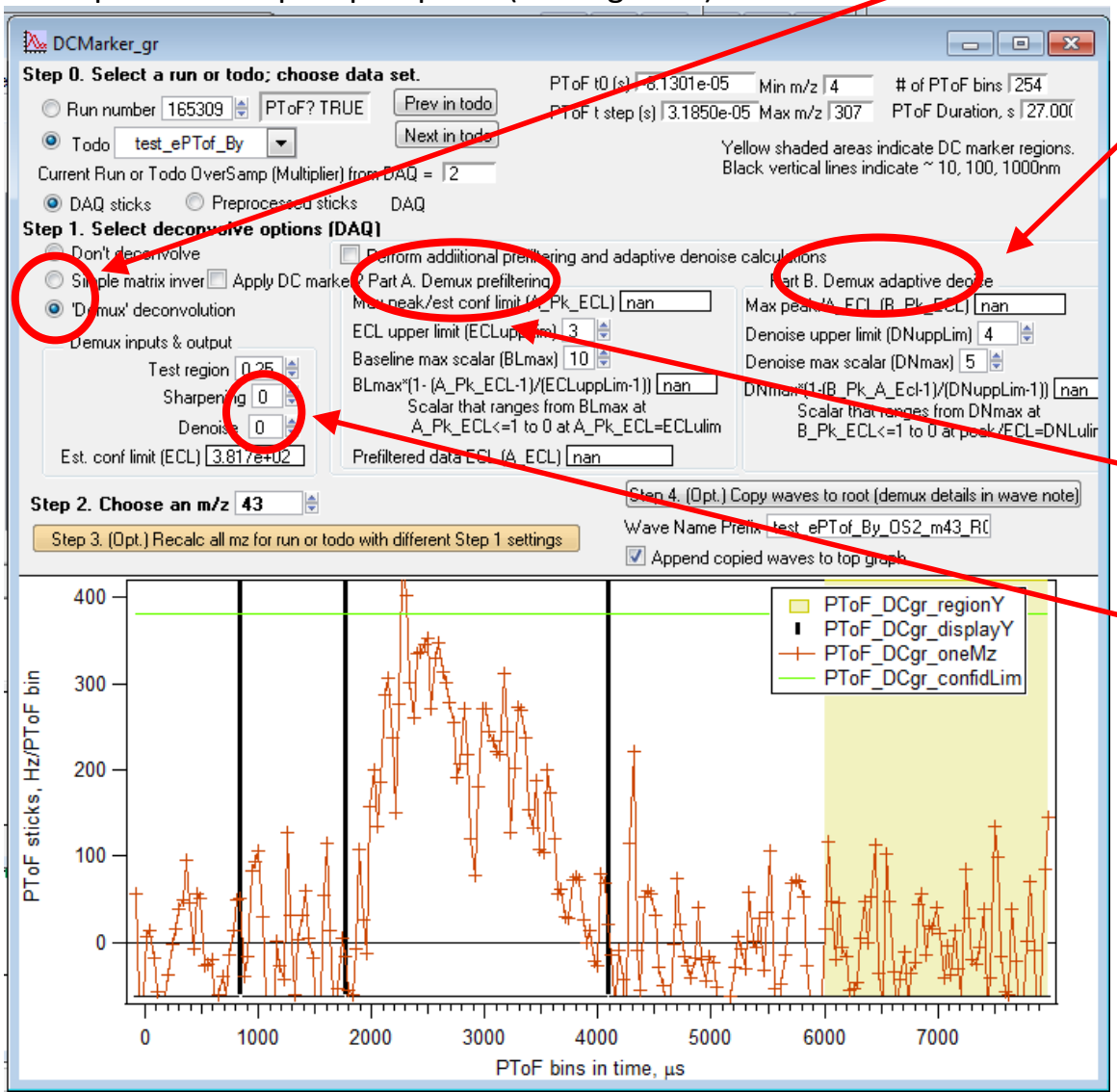


Advantages:

- Higher throughput (48% vs 1-2%)
- Better size resolution
- Run epToF/Closed mode

Originally developed for CIMS data

- Want to pull a narrow blip out of a lot of noise, and don't care what the shape is.
- But, for AMS pToF data, signal is broad and we do care about the shape.
- Squirrel evolution: simple eptof panel → very complicated eptof panel → simple eptof panel (coming soon).

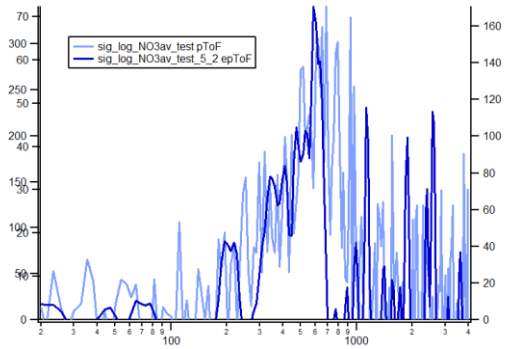


Simple matrix vs demux: demux makes deconvolution less noisy. ☺

Adaptive denoise: apply different denoise to each m/z. ☹

Prefiltering: smooth before demux, reduces noise, but different degree of smoothing applied to each m/z. And air peaks included in signal-to-noise estimate. ☺ ☹

Sharpening and denoise: reduce noise, but change shape and area. ☹



New deconvolution code from Mike Cubison.

Developments

- Igor library
  - Tofwerk provides ARI with a set of Igor functions to implement deconvolution
- No more sharpening or denoise
  - Sharpening isn't relevant for PTOF distributions
  - Denoise is just noise suppression and ARI users generally like to visualize the noise level and avoid introduction of artefacts
- Revised pre-smoothing scheme
  - No black box, all pre-smoothing code is open
  - Step 1: Apply low-pass filter to remove variations faster than the sequence steps
    - Relevant as we oversample (co-adds) and "peaks" are much broader than gate so broadening is negligible
  - Step 2: Apply running-median box smoothing
    - Relevant as noise is not correlated with the sequence
- Revised normalization
  - Total sum of counts should be preserved, not maximum peak height.
  - Assume total raw counts can be allocated to peaks above noise level
  - Breaks down when background noise is high -> should still aim to normalize to MS

New panel from Donna

- Ready soon
- Remaining issues:
  - Average runs, then deconvolve vs Deconvolve each run, then average.
  - Ion counts in background vs particle signal – difficult to allocate when background is high.
  - ALWAYS need to normalize to MS.