

# Ultrafast Molecular Imaging Using 4-Fold Covariance: Coincidence Insight with Covariance Speed

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# Outline

## 1. Introduction

- Multiparticle imaging with Coulomb Explosion Imaging (CEI)
- Coincidence vs covariance

## 2. Results: strong field ionization of deuterated formaldehyde CD<sub>2</sub>O

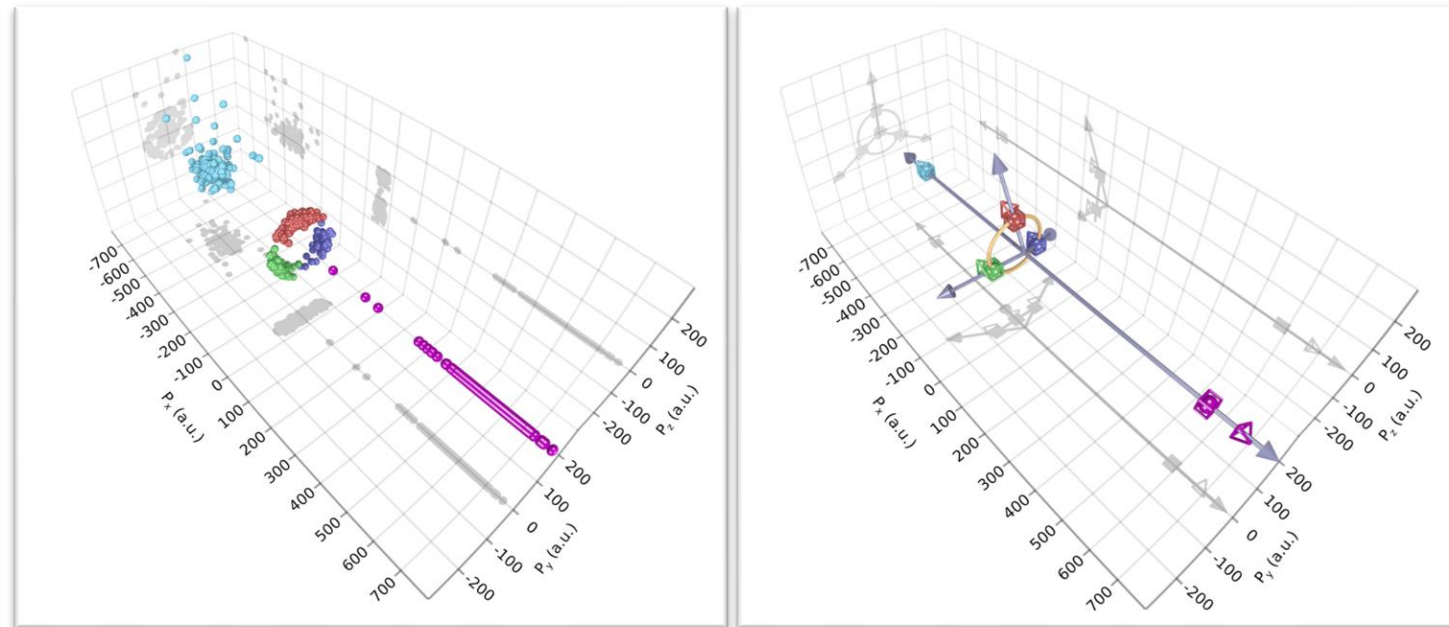
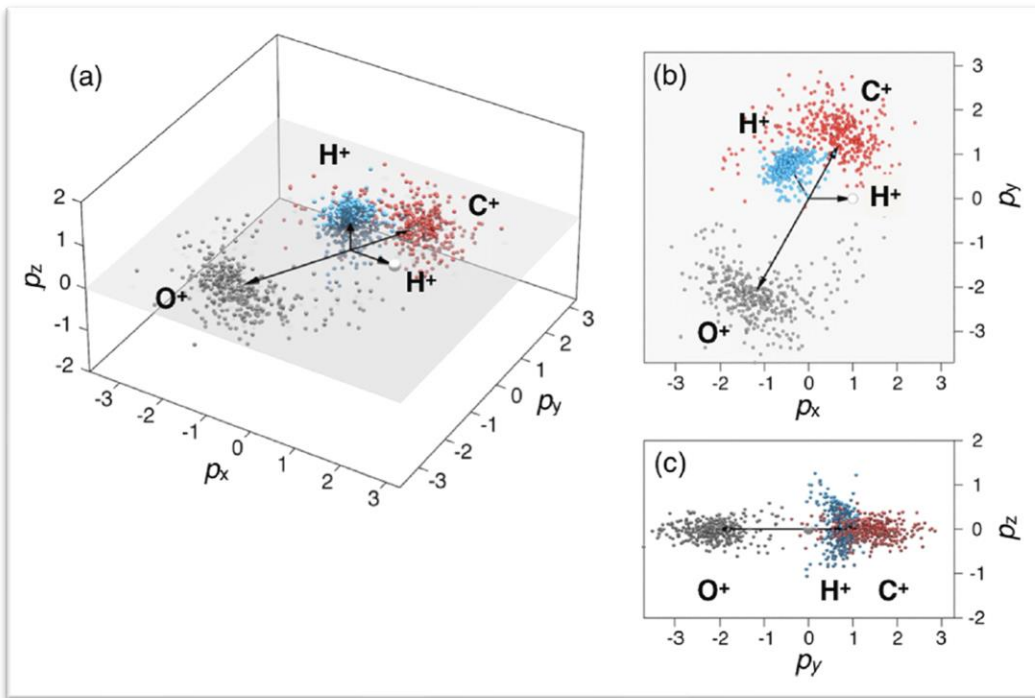
- 2-fold and 3-fold covariance
- 4-fold covariance

## 3. Summary

# 1. Introduction: Multiparticle imaging with Coulomb Explosion Imaging (CEI)

Target molecule: formaldehyde ( $\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ )  
Light source: 800nm strong field ionization

Target molecule: iodomethane ( $\text{CH}_3\text{I}$ )  
Light source: X-ray multiphoton ionization



Li, Xiang, et al. *Physical Review Research* 4.1 (2022): 013029.

Tseng, Chien-Ming, et al. *Journal of Electron Spectroscopy and Related Phenomena* 228 (2018): 25-30.

# 1. Introduction: coincidence

Channel (A,B,C,D) could come from:

- (A from molecule 1; B from molecule 2)
- (B from molecule 1; A from molecule 2)
- (D from molecule 1)
- (A, B from molecule 1)
- .....

1. Go for higher repetition rate -> 100kHz  
(currently 1kHz) -> more shots per time
2. Go for clever analysis -> **covariance analysis**


1. Suppress rate of ionizing two molecules

2. Filter data with channel 1  
3. Prevent

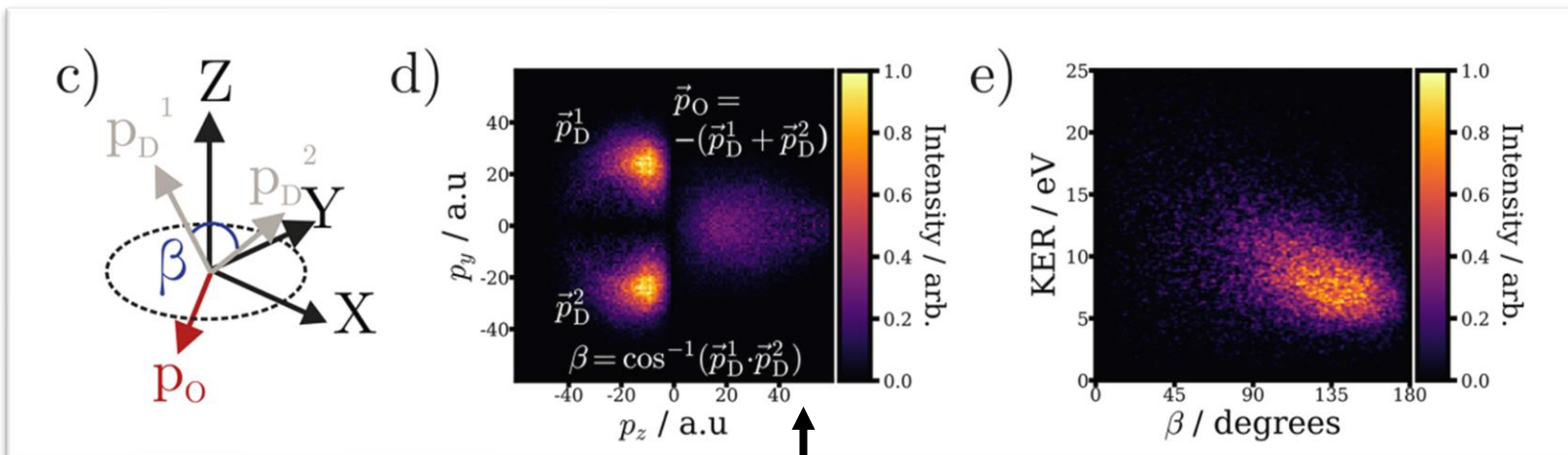
3. Detection efficiency is important

# 1. Introduction: covariance

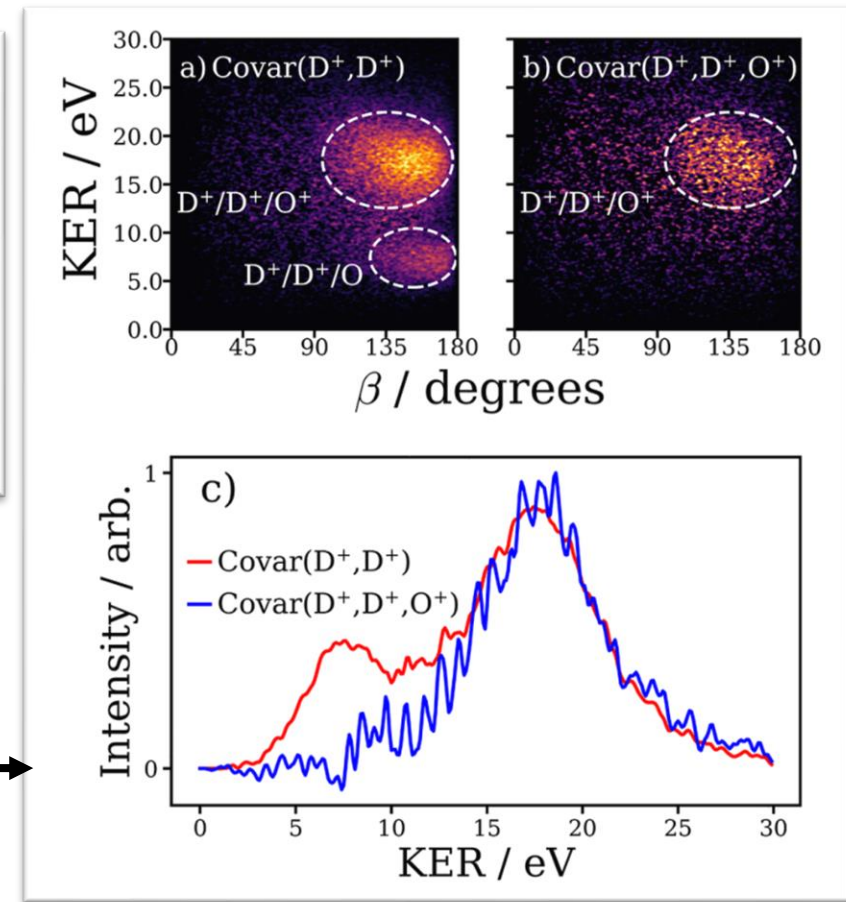
- $Cov(N_A, N_B) = \langle (N_A - \langle N_A \rangle)(N_B - \langle N_B \rangle) \rangle = \langle N_A N_B \rangle - \langle N_A \rangle \langle N_B \rangle$
- Where  $N_{A(B)}$  = number of particle A (B) in each shot
- $Coin(N_A, N_B) = \langle N_A N_B \rangle |_{(N_A=1 \text{ and } N_B=1)}$


$$\langle N_A \rangle = \frac{\sum_{\text{all shots}} N_A}{\text{total shots}}$$

# 1. Introduction: covariance on deuterated water ionization

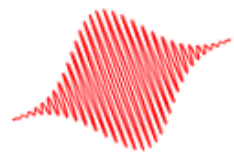


- Refer 3<sup>rd</sup> fragment from the 2 D+ ions momentum
- Direct comparison of 3 ions VS 2 ions
- **How about higher charge ionization?**



# 2. Experimental set up

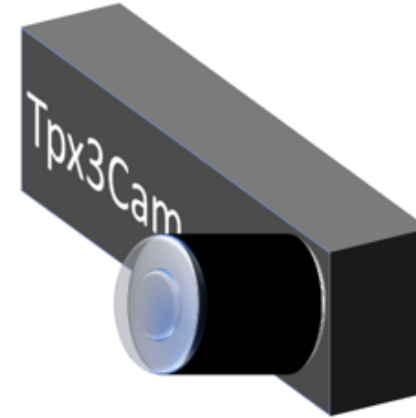
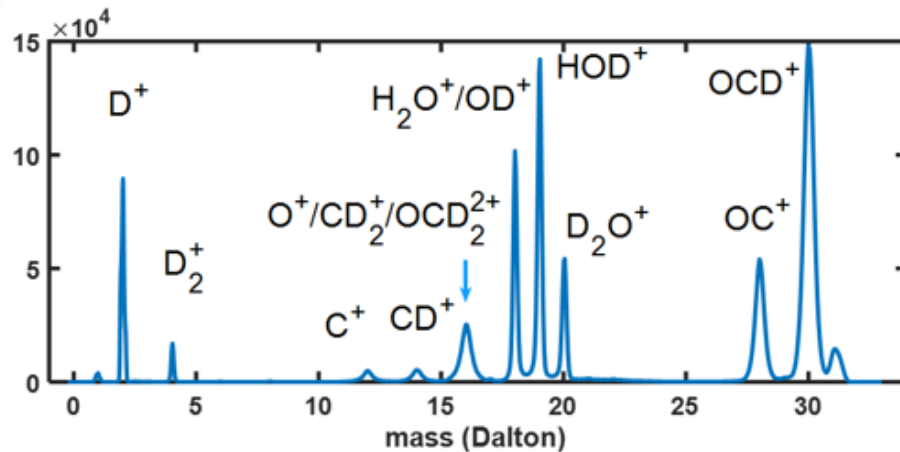
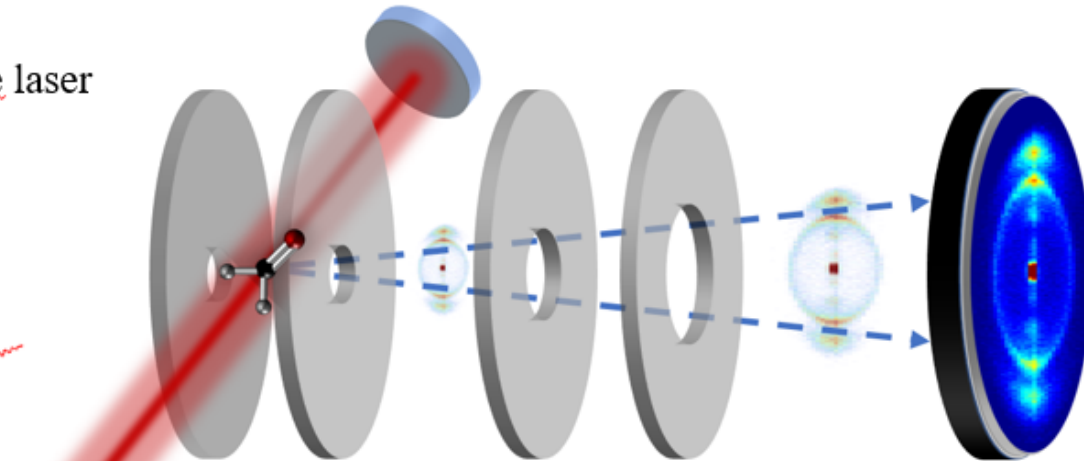
Ti:Sapphire laser  
780nm  
30fs  
5-30mW



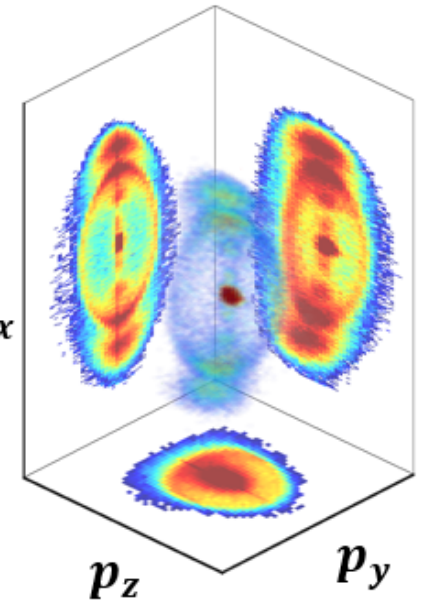
Or



Laser broadened by  
Hollow core fiber  
780nm  
6fs  
5-45mW [1]



$$+ = p_x$$



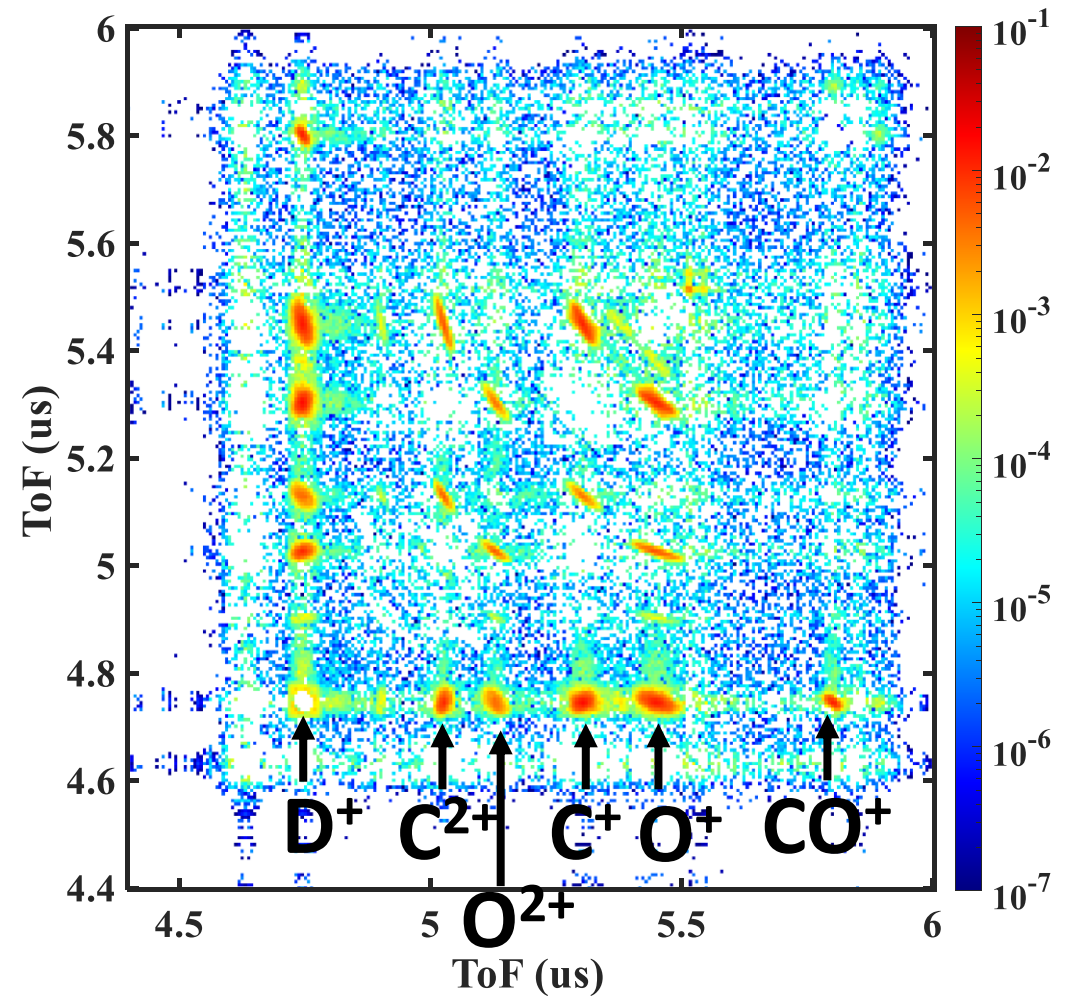
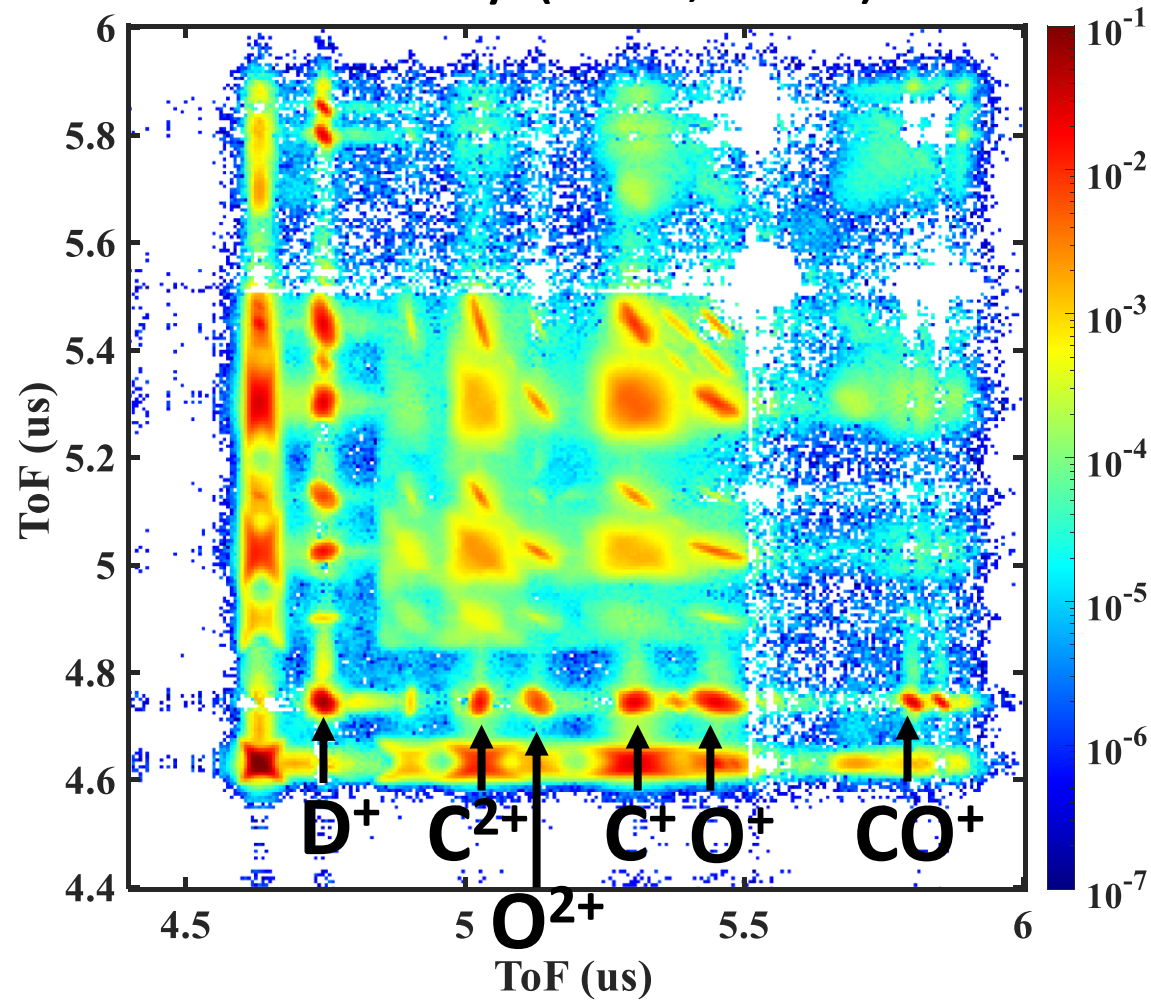
$$x(y) = \frac{L}{\sqrt{2mqU}} p_x(p_y) \propto p_x(p_y)$$

$$\Delta t = \frac{d}{qU_0} p_z \propto p_z [2]$$

[1] Catanese, Anthony, et al. *OSA Continuum* 4.12 (2021): 3176-3183.

[2] Cheng, Chuan, et al. *Review of Scientific Instruments* 93.1 (2022): 013003.

## 2. Results: ToF-ToF covariance $(D^+, D^+, C^{n+}, O^{n+})$





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- 2-fold:  $Cov(N_A, N_B) = \langle (N_A - \langle N_A \rangle)(N_B - \langle N_B \rangle) \rangle$
- 3-fold:  $Cov(N_A, N_B, N_C) = \langle (N_A - \langle N_A \rangle)(N_B - \langle N_B \rangle)(N_C - \langle N_C \rangle) \rangle$
  
- So:
- N-fold:  $Cov(N_A, N_B, N_C, \dots) = \langle (N_A - \langle N_A \rangle)(N_B - \langle N_B \rangle)(N_C - \langle N_C \rangle) \dots \rangle$
- 4-fold:  $Cov(N_A, N_B, N_C, N_D) = \langle (N_A - \langle N_A \rangle)(N_B - \langle N_B \rangle)(N_C - \langle N_C \rangle)(N_D - \langle N_D \rangle) \rangle$

## 2. Results: ToF-ToF covariance

4body (ion1, ion2 | D<sup>+</sup>, D<sup>+</sup>)

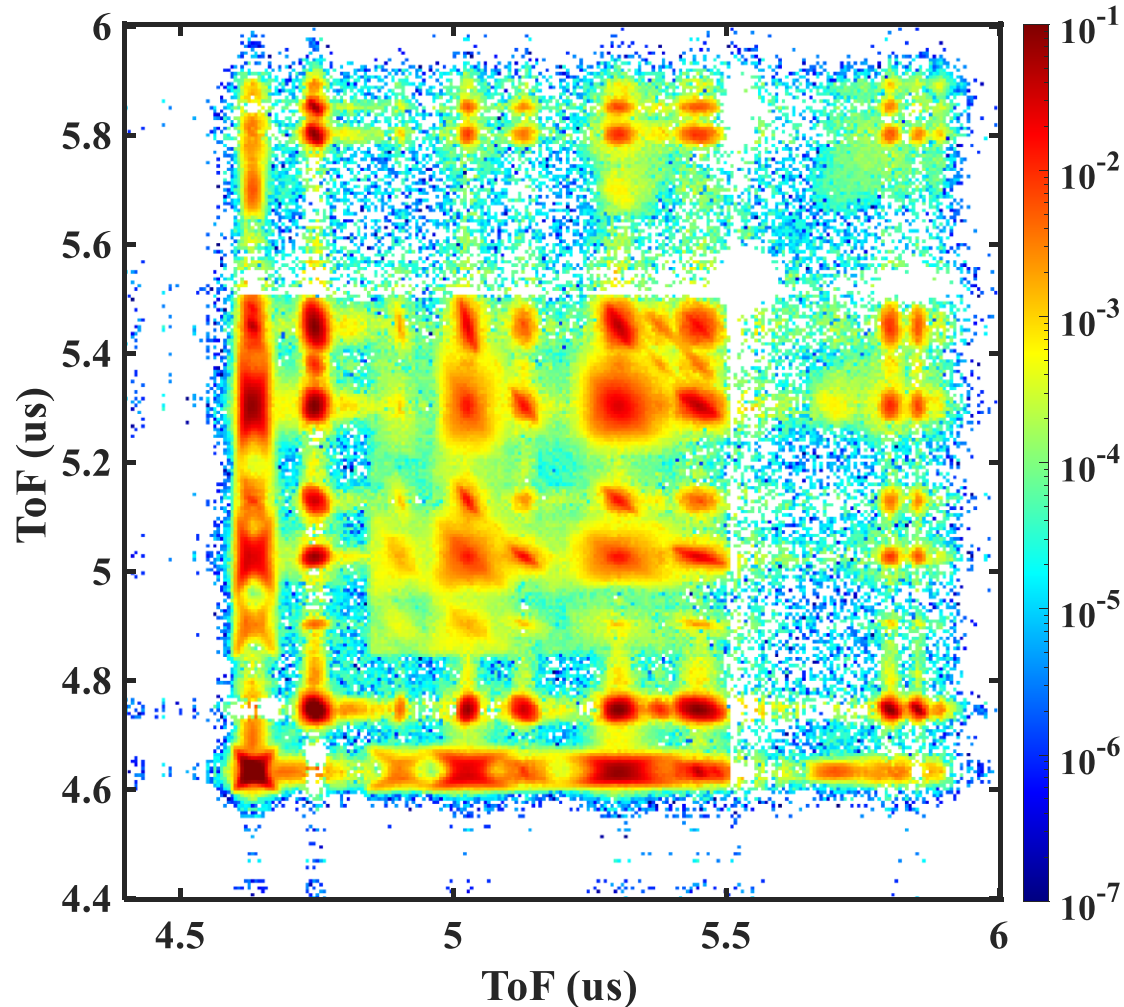


Short Story is:  
The formula is incomplete.  
The math story is a bit long.  
Story behind derivation.

Why more peaks than 3-fold?  
Why do features look blurred?

## 2. Results: 4-fold ToF-ToF covariance

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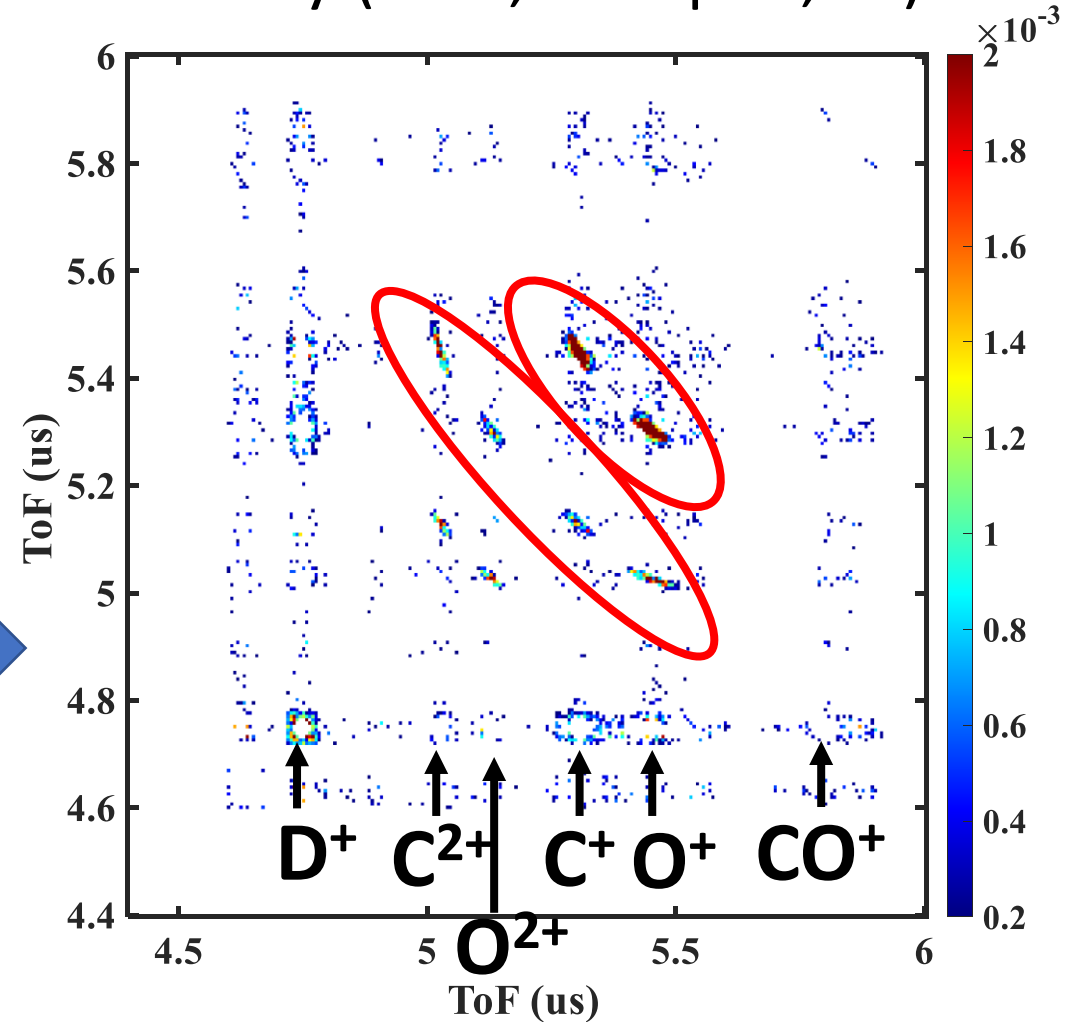


$$\text{Cov}(N_A, N_B, N_C, N_D)$$

Cleaned out with right formula



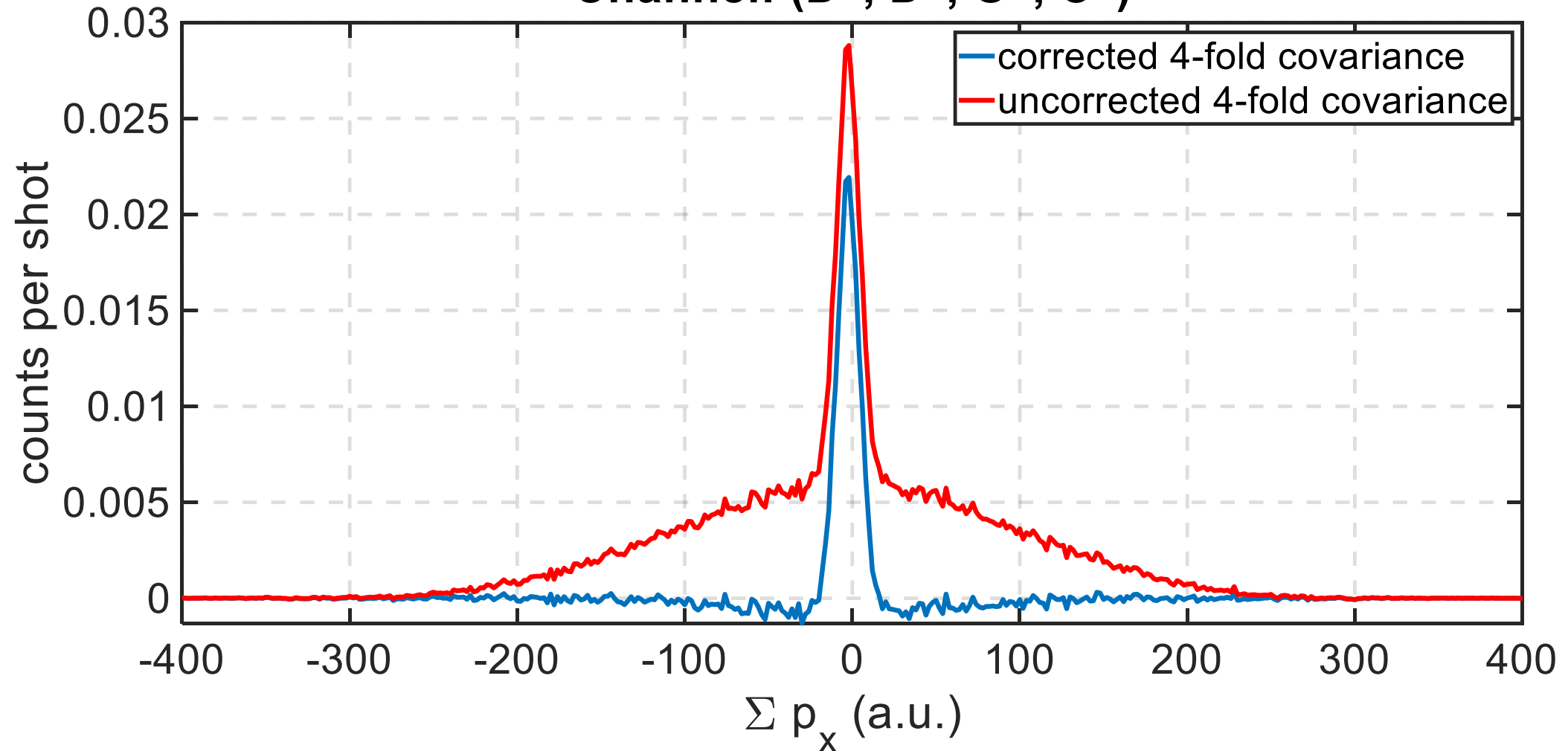
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$$\text{Cov}(N_A, N_B, N_C, N_D) - [\text{Cov}(N_A, N_B)\text{Cov}(N_C, N_D) + \text{sym}]$$

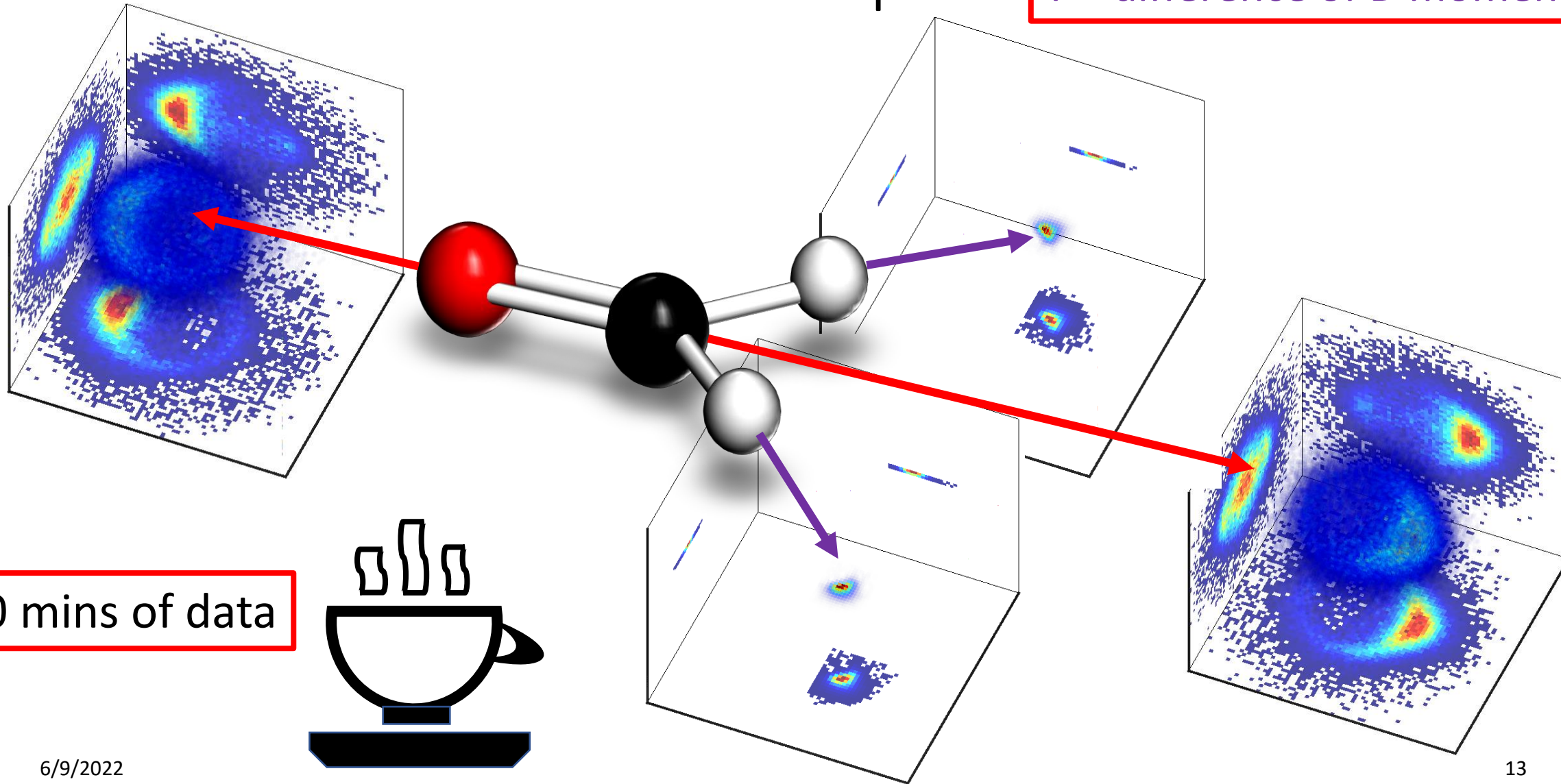
## 2. Results: 4-fold momentum conservation

Channel: ( $D^+$ ,  $D^+$ ,  $O^+$ ,  $C^+$ )



## 2. Results: 4-fold Newton plot

$X+$  = bisector of D momentum  
 $Y$  = difference of D momentum



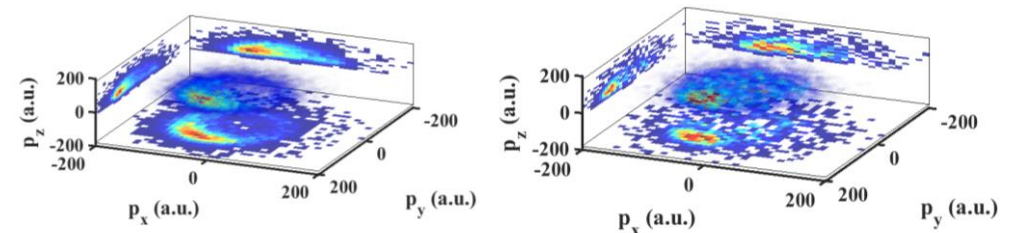
# 3. outlook: speed of the code and further experiments

- Data stream time scales:
  - Initial data set: 20 mins
  - Centroiding and other pre-analysis: 20mins - 1 hour
  - Load data in Matlab and get 2/3/4-fold ToFToF covariance: 1 min
  - Do Newton plot type of analysis: 5 mins - 10 hours depending on algorithms, also memory consuming. May apply machine learning

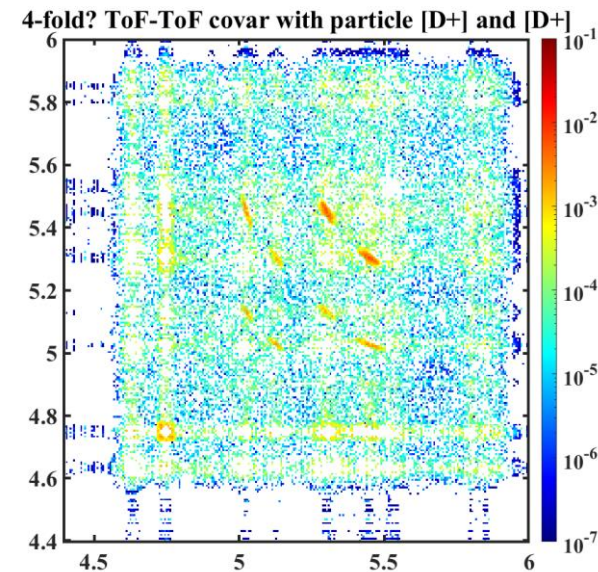
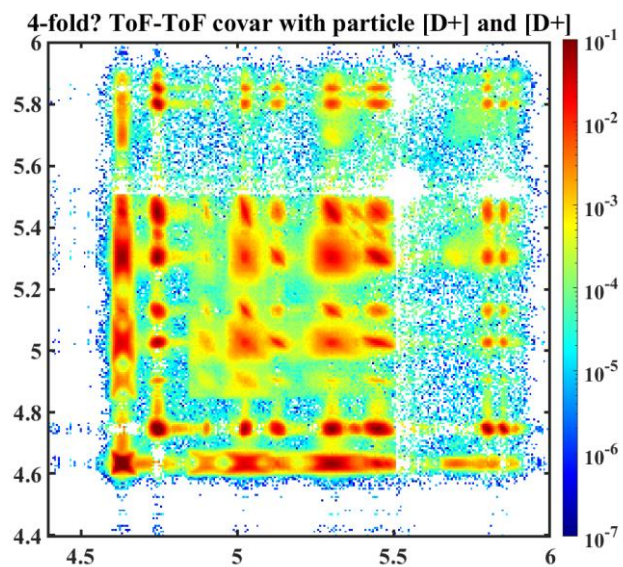
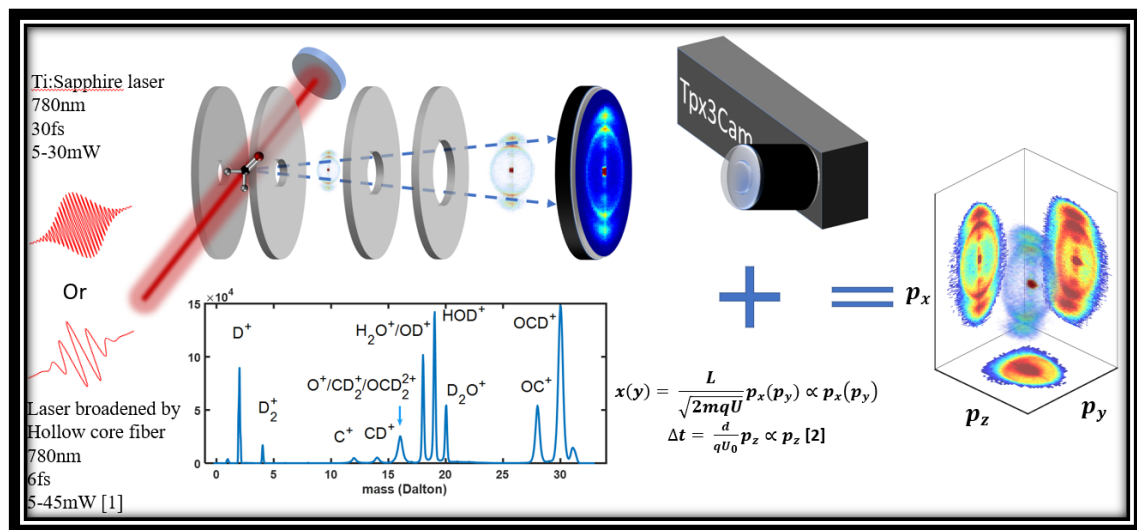
- Further experiments (4-fold covariance):

- Long (30fs) vs short pulse (6fs)
- 6fs pump probe
- Isotope effects
- Vary the count rate to test how much data needed

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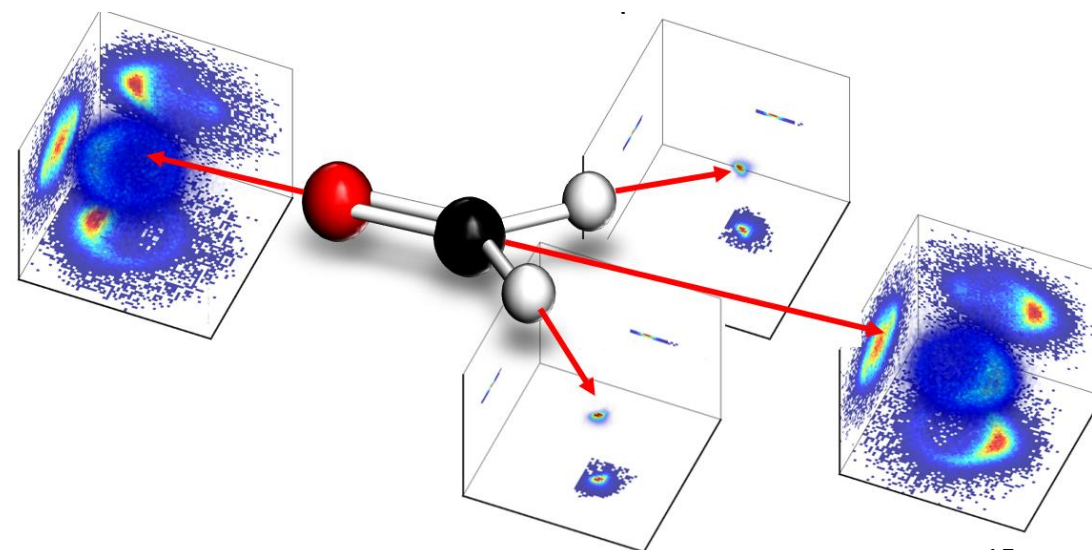
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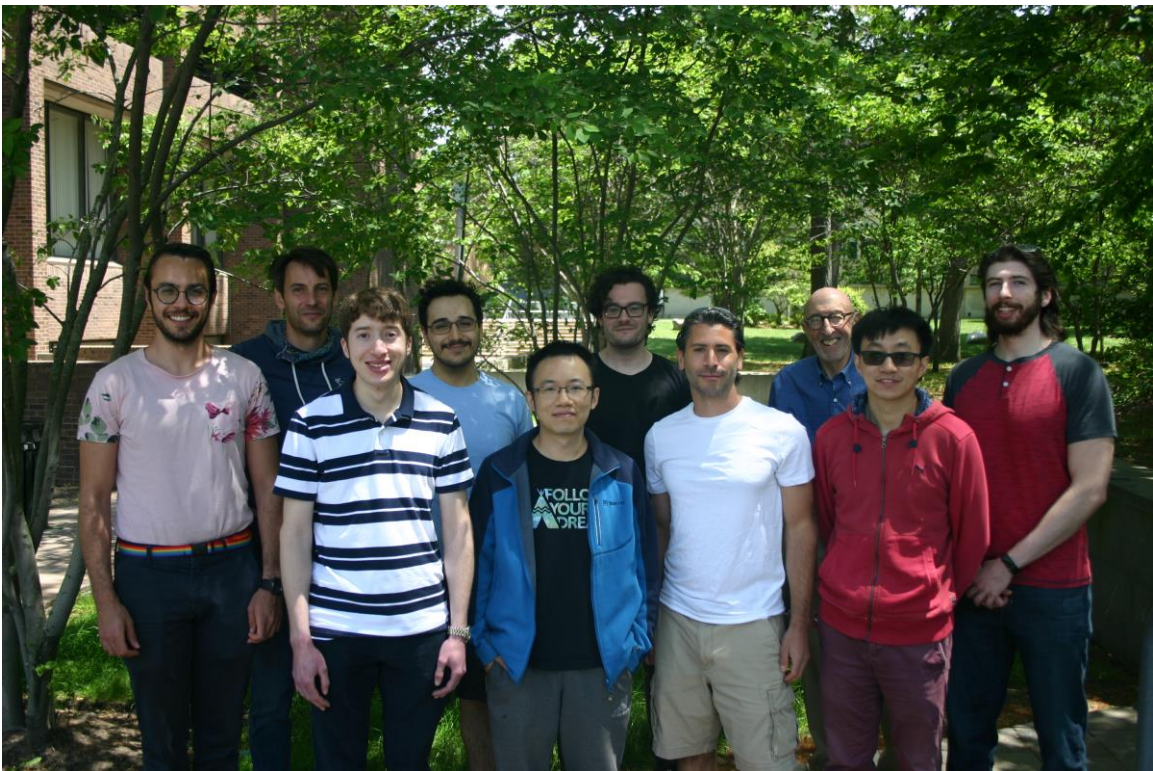


$$Cov(N_A, N_B, N_C, N_D)$$

Right recipe is crucial

$$Cov(N_A, N_B, N_C, N_D) - [Cov(N_A, N_B)Cov(N_C, N_D) + sym]$$





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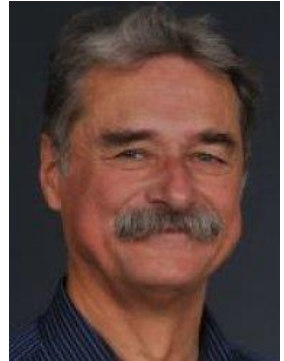
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