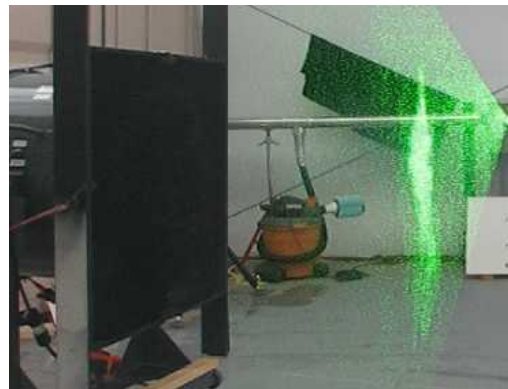


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Overview of the Sandia Wake Imaging System

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Outline

- Project Purpose and Objectives
- Velocity Diagnostic Implemented
- Simulation of SWIS Deployed at SWiFT facility
- Preliminary Field Test (Sprung Test)
 - Velocity Image Results
 - Noise Equivalent Velocity
- Implications for Deployment at SWiFT facility

Purpose & Objectives

Sandia Wake Imaging System (SWIS) Purpose: Capture instantaneous velocity images to resolve coherent turbulent structures in the wind turbine inflow and wake region

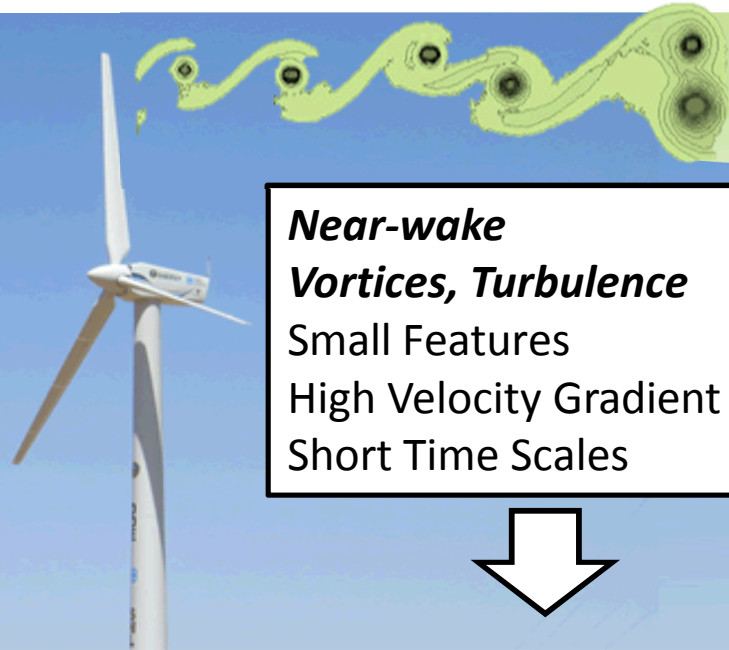
SWIS Impact:

- Enable the validation of research codes and design tools used to optimize wind plant performance
- Complement existing measurement capabilities such as lidar and radar

Project Achievements:

- Implement Doppler Global Velocimetry (DGV) over large field of view
- Demonstrate successful velocity image measurement of surrogate flow field
- Developed SWIS modeling tool from calibrated radiometric model for system optimization and experimental planning at SWiFT facility

Velocity Diagnostic Selection



Near-wake
Vortices, Turbulence
Small Features
High Velocity Gradient
Short Time Scales

Far-wake
Meandering, Merging
Large Features
Low Velocity
Longer Time Scales

Existing Systems

Challenges in Near-wake field testing

Particle Image
Velocimetry (PIV)

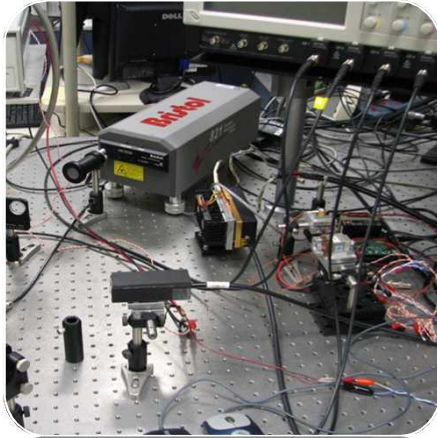
Small field of view since individual particles need to be resolved by imaging device:

- Requires extremely large tracer particles
- Impractically short working distances

Scanning LIDAR

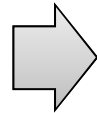
Time and space resolution of scanning point measurements is insufficient to capture coherent tip-vortex structures at SWiFT

Project Development



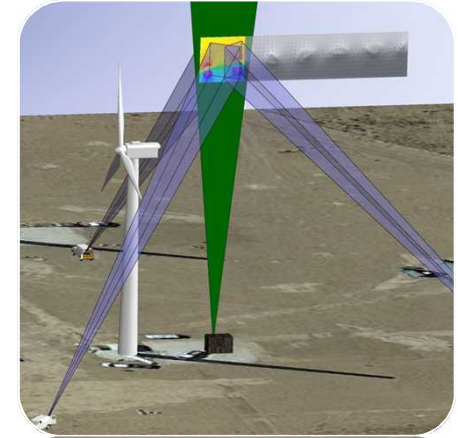
Lab

- Laser
- Receiver
- Iodine Cell
- Image Processing
- 15 cm × 15 cm



Sprung

- Aerosol
- System Sensitivity
- Measurement Uncertainty
- 2 m × 2 m

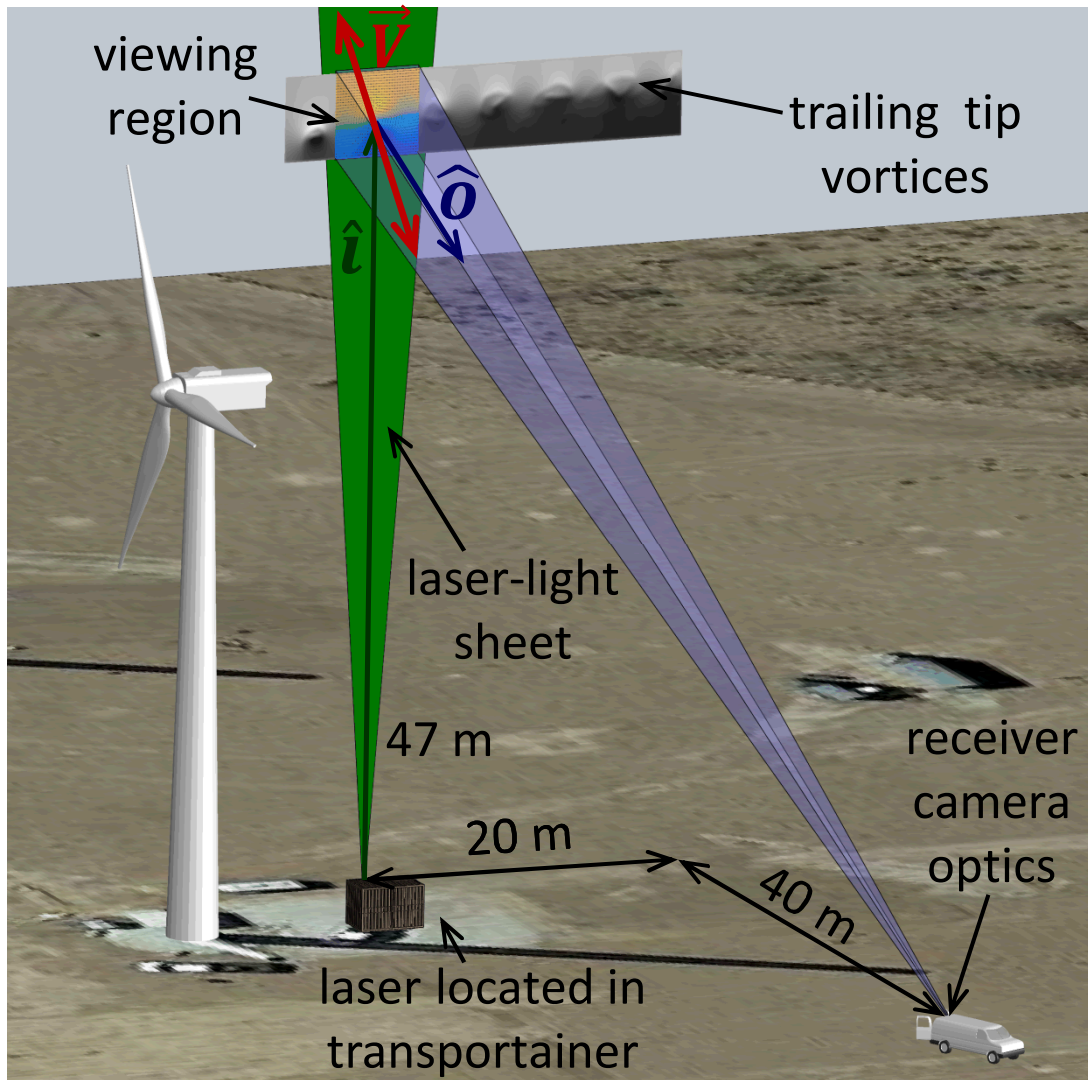


SWiFT

- Outdoor Laser Use
- Field Deployable Aerosol System
- Additional Velocity Components
- 5 m × 5 m

- Sprung system sensitivity data calibrated radiometric model
- Provided capability to simulate experiments to improve validation and planning
- Currently finalizing safety procedures for outdoor laser operation
- Planned deployment of current system at SWiFT this summer to measure inflow

Notional SWIS Setup at SWiFT Facility

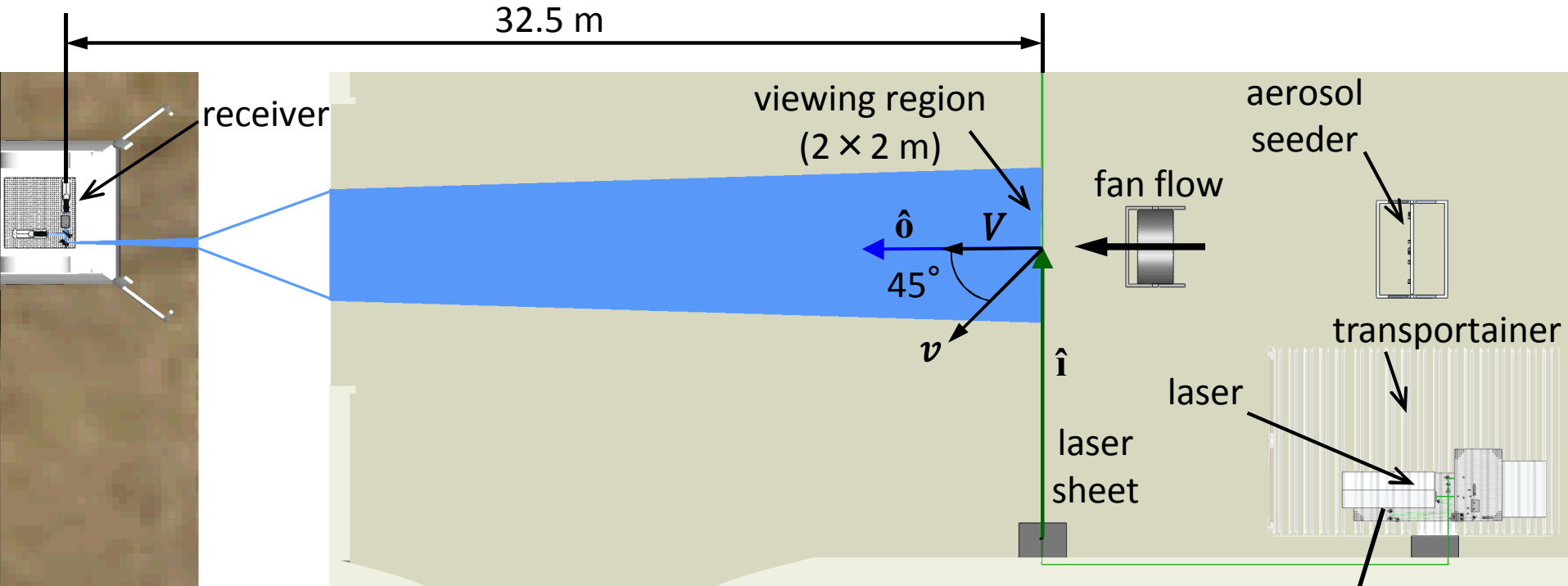


- Position of laser and camera dictates the measured velocity component
- Measure velocity component along bisector angle between observation and incident vectors, $(\hat{o} - \hat{i})$
- Additional velocity components measured with additional observation angles

Doppler frequency shift equation:

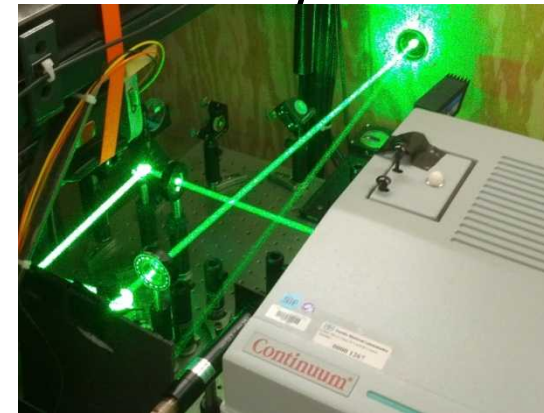
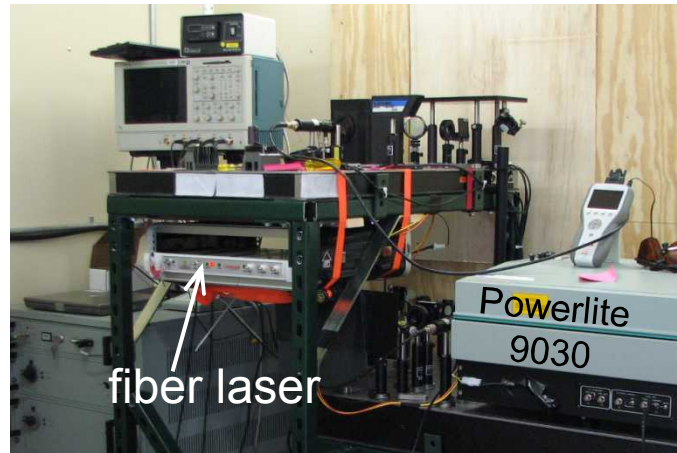
$$\Delta f_D = \frac{1}{\lambda} (\hat{o} - \hat{i}) \cdot V$$

Doppler Global Velocimetry

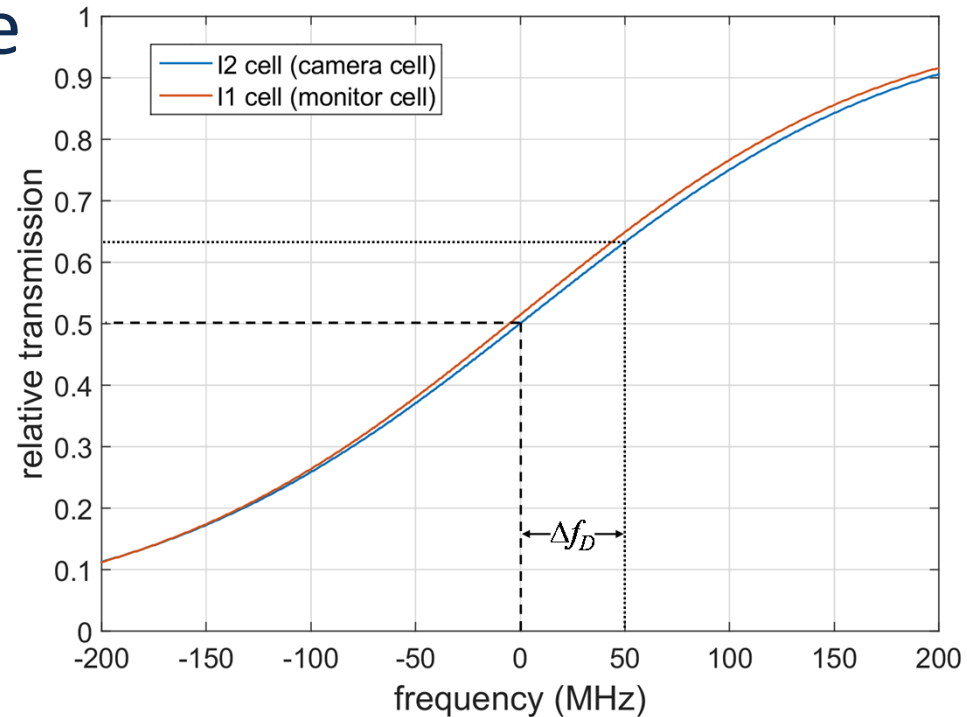
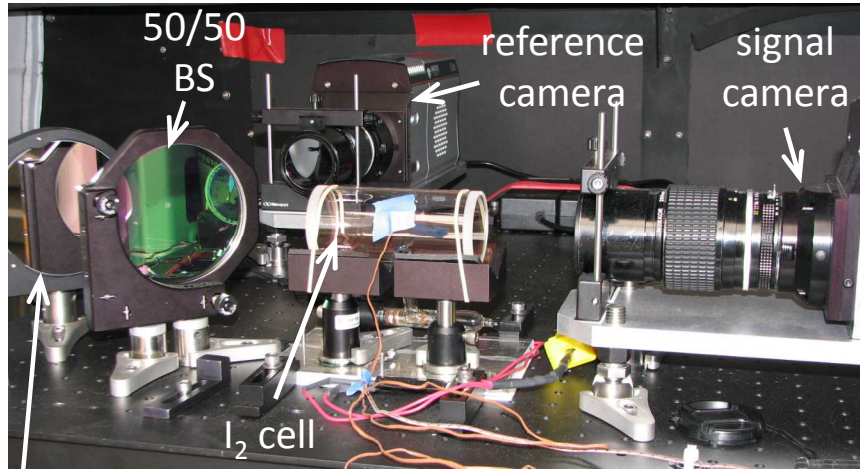


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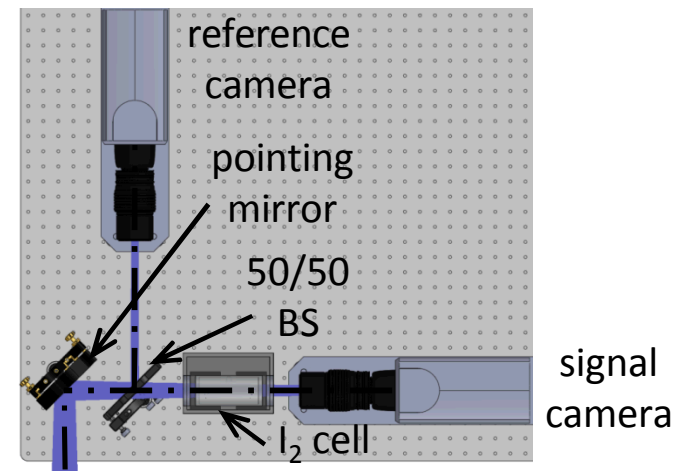
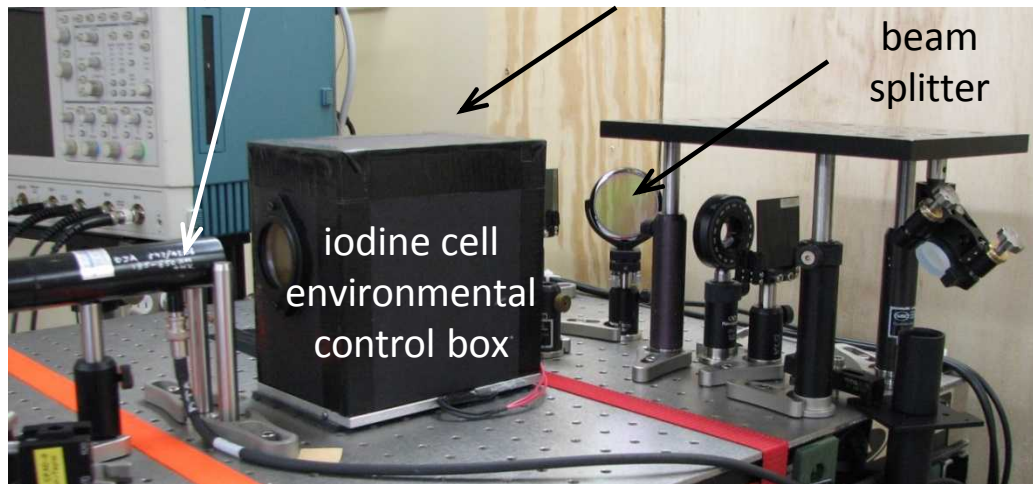
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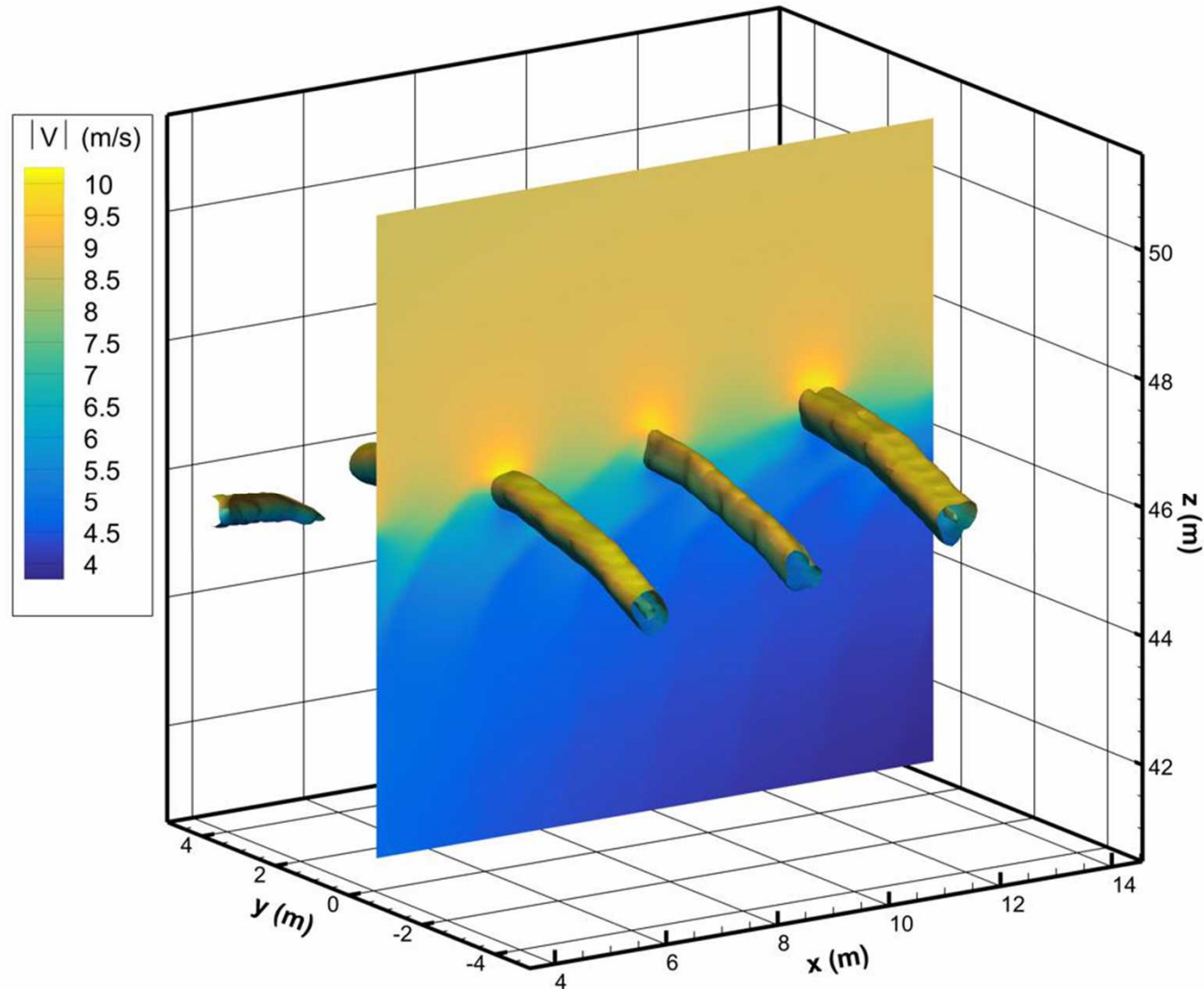
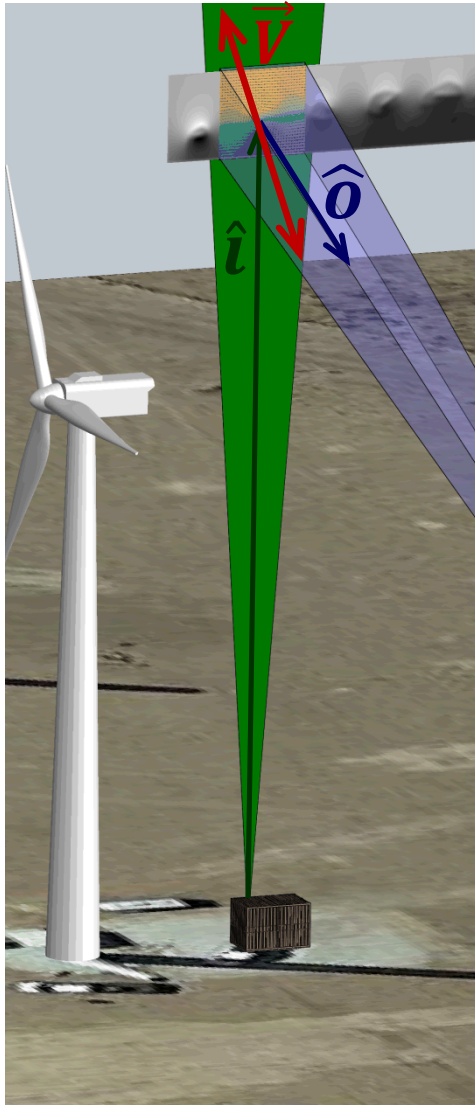
Iodine Absorption Profile Converts Frequency Shift into Intensity Change



pointing mirror, signal phototube, reference phototube behind iodine cell

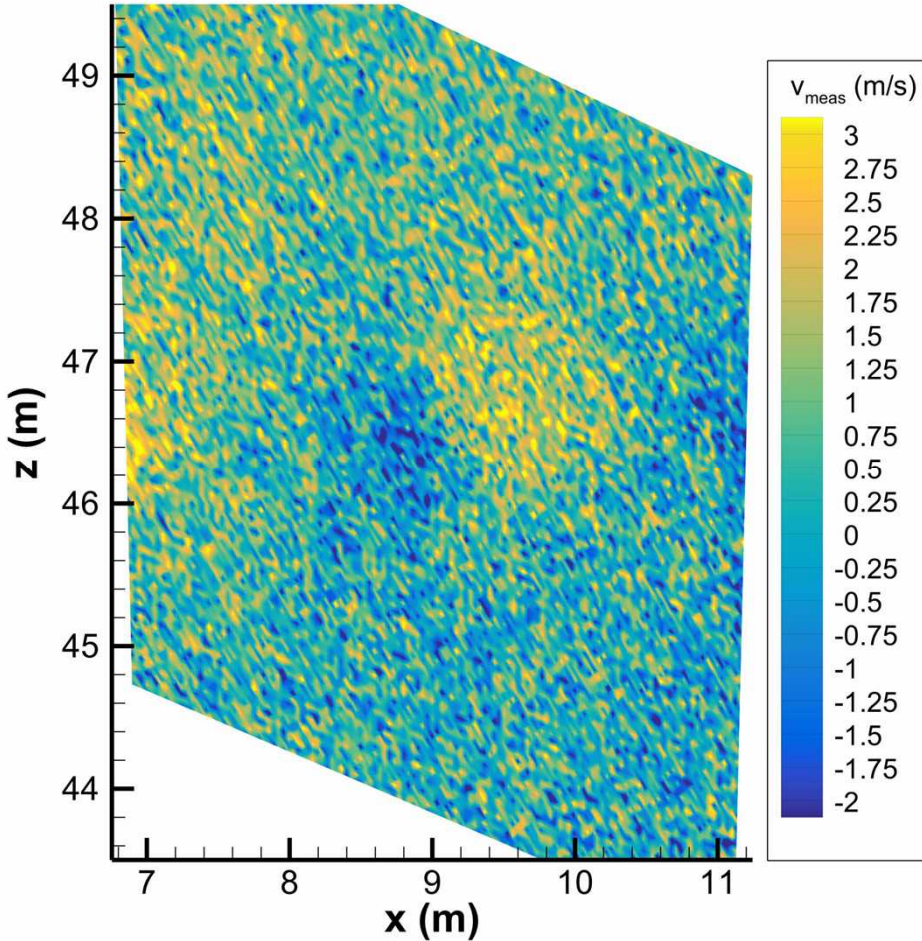


Simulated Measurements: Representative Flow

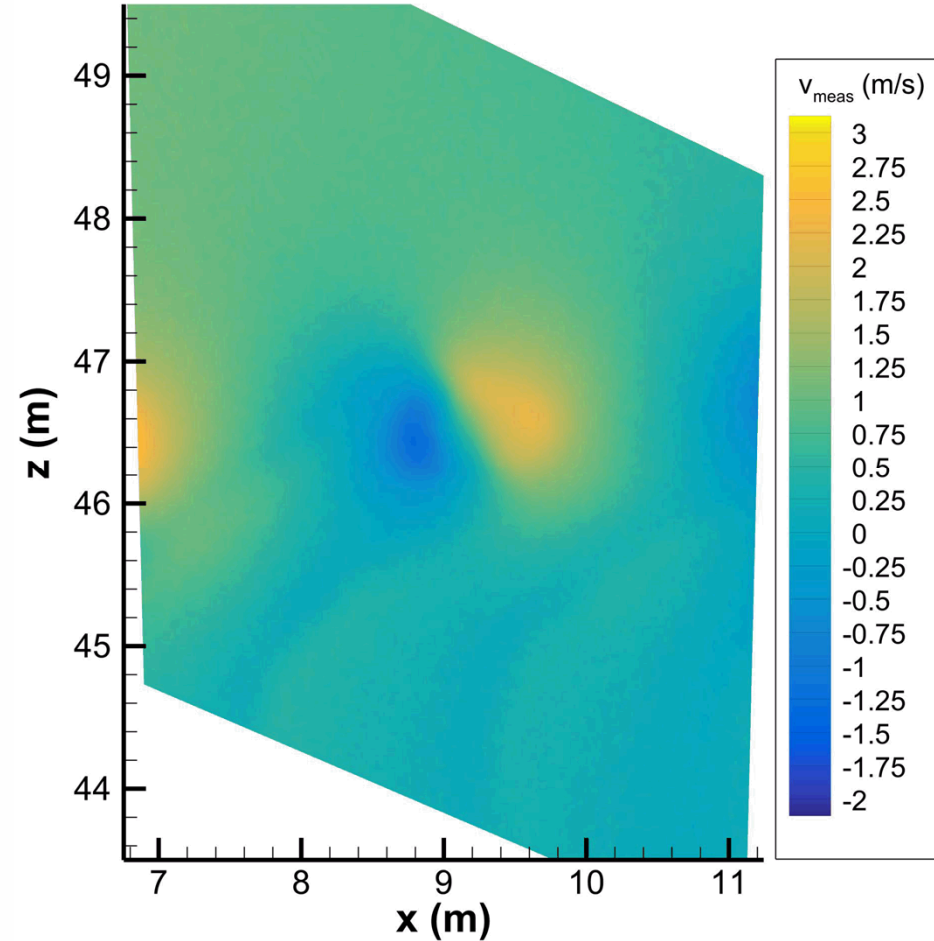


Simulated Measurements

Current System



Fully Upgraded System

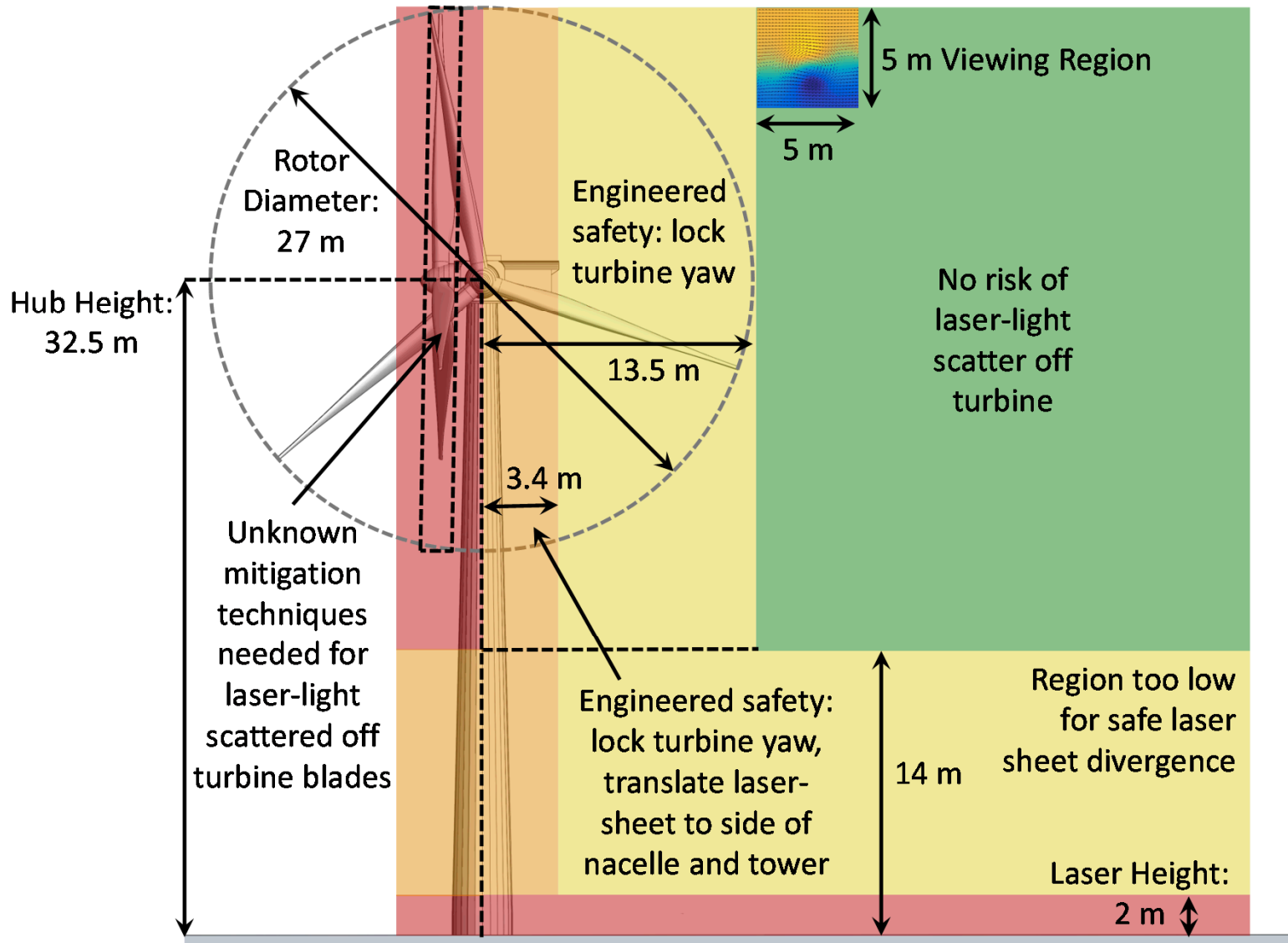


$$v_{\text{neq}} = 1.43 \text{ m/s}$$

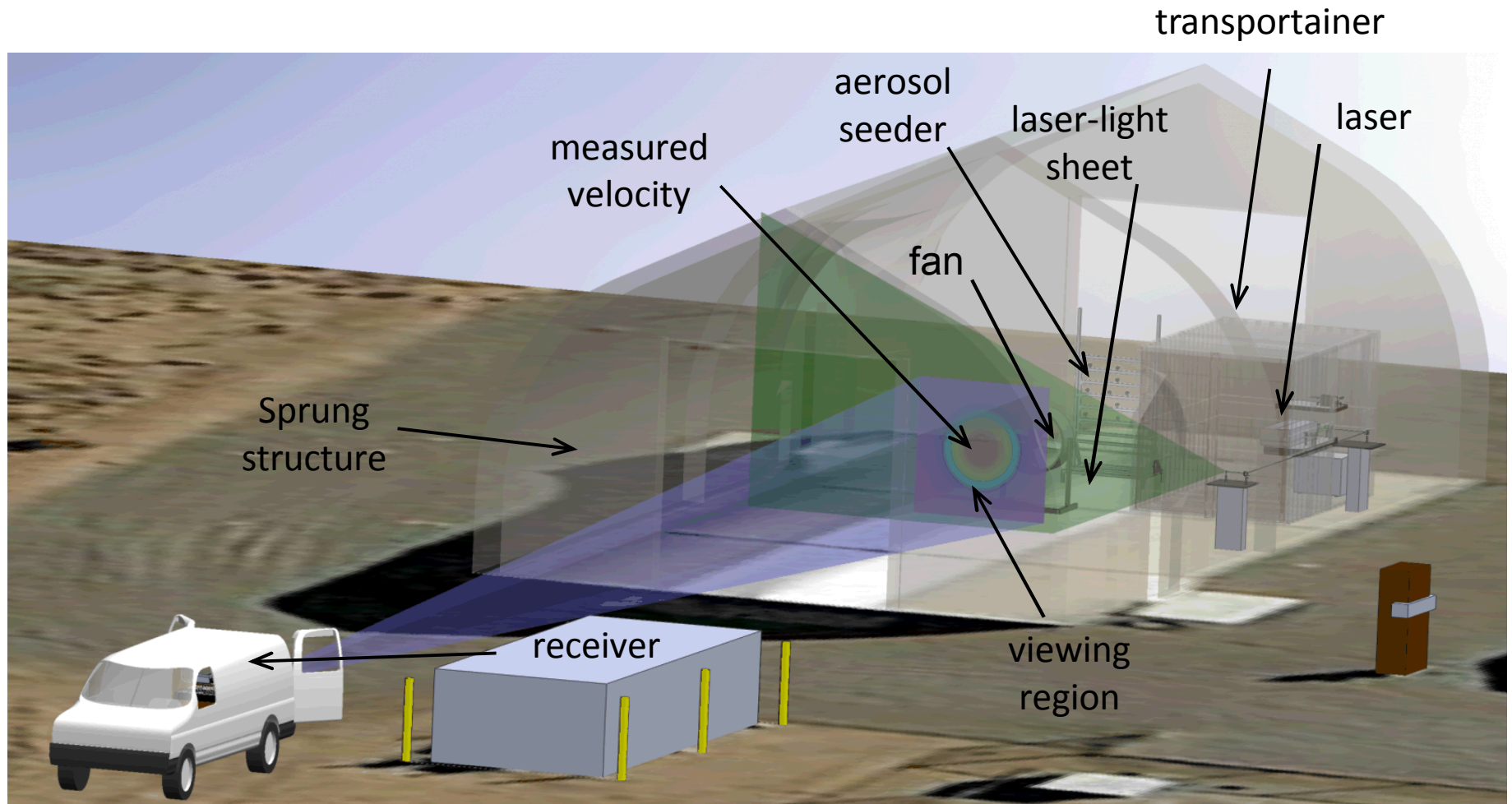
$$v = \langle .17 \quad .93 \quad .33 \rangle$$

$$v_{\text{neq}} = 0.03 \text{ m/s}$$

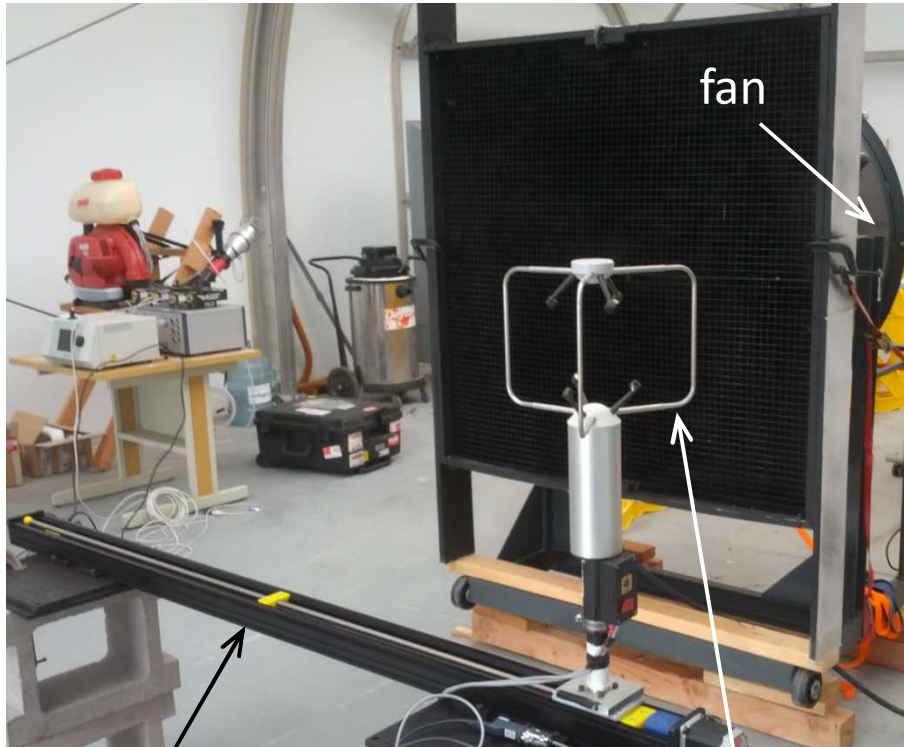
Laser safety considerations vs measurement location



Experiment Configuration



Representative Flowfield



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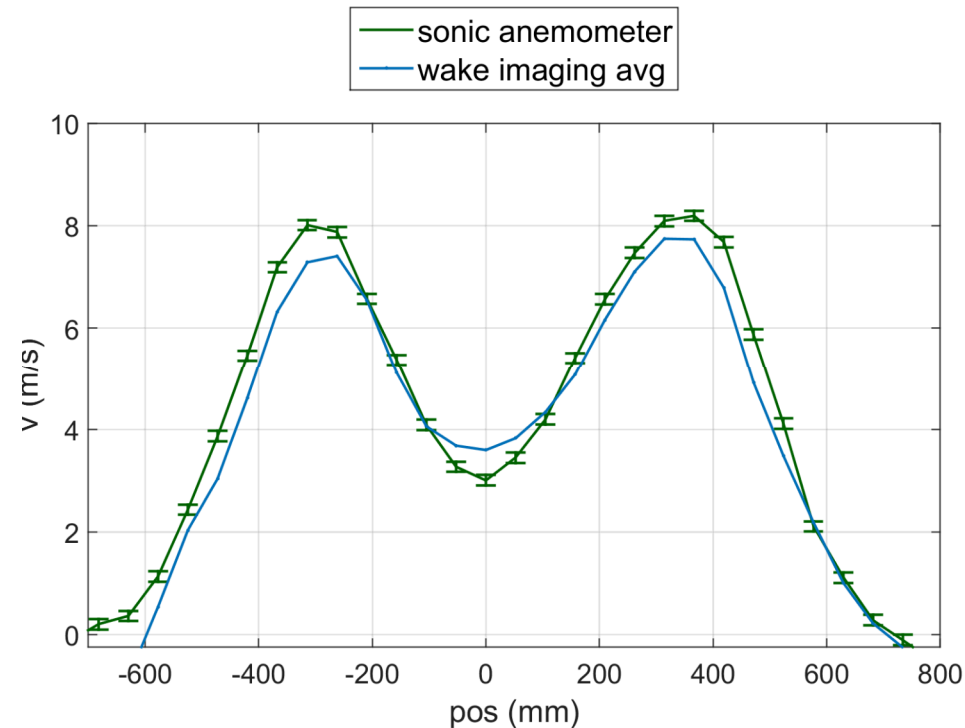
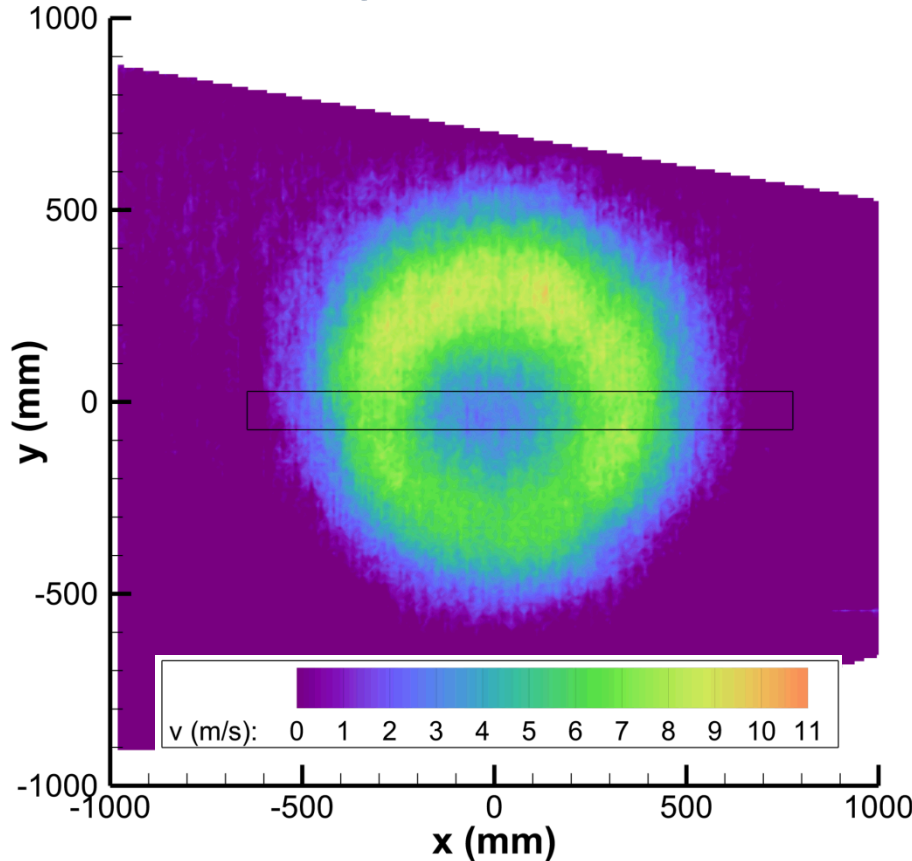
sonic
anemometer

traverse

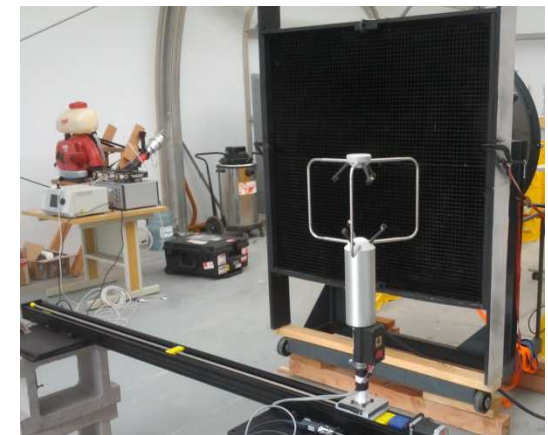


1 m

Velocity Measurement Comparison

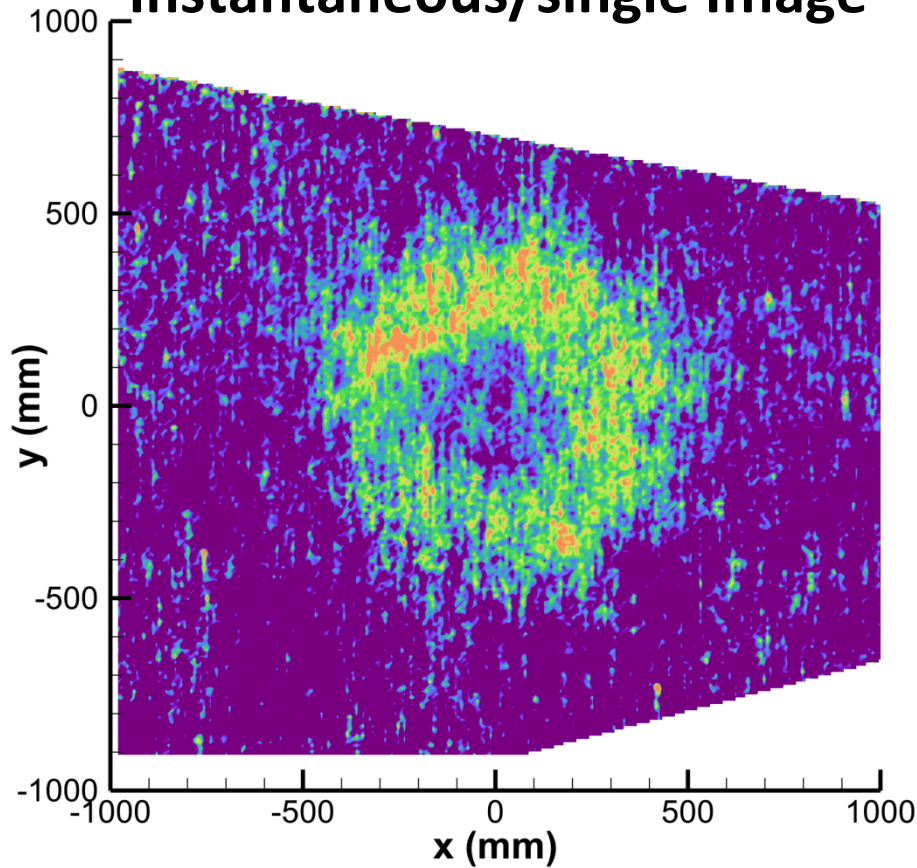


- Independent sonic anemometer data compares well
- Velocity image processed to match sonic anemometer spatial resolution
- Velocity bias exists between different SWIS data sets

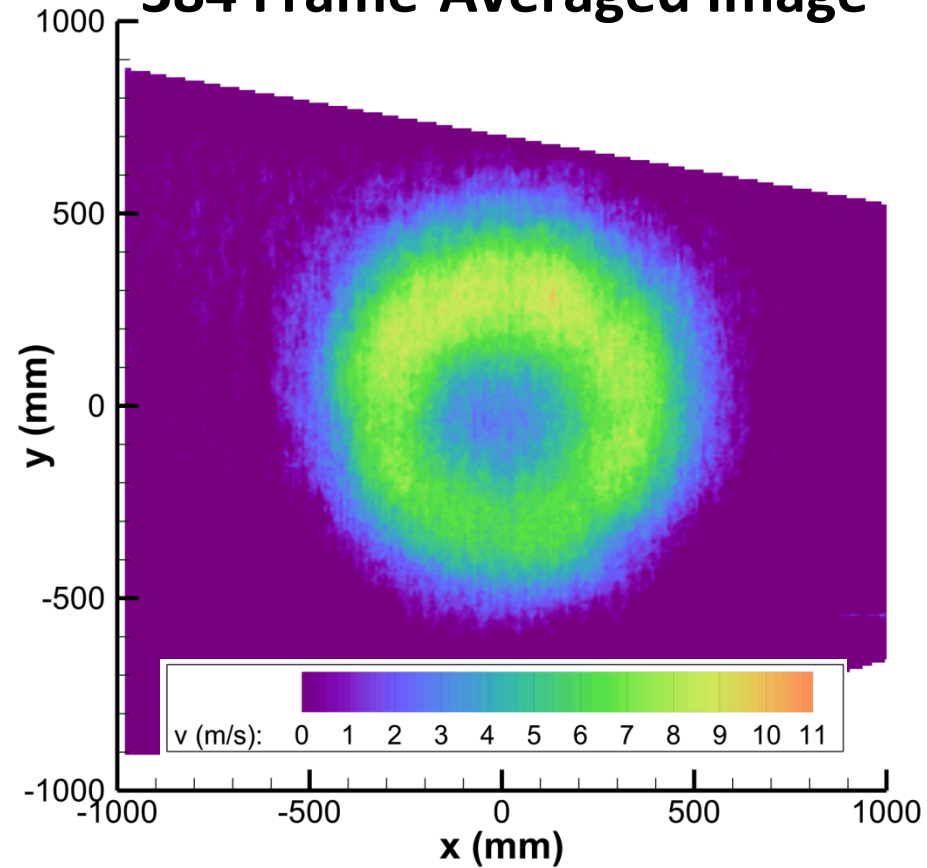


Velocity Images

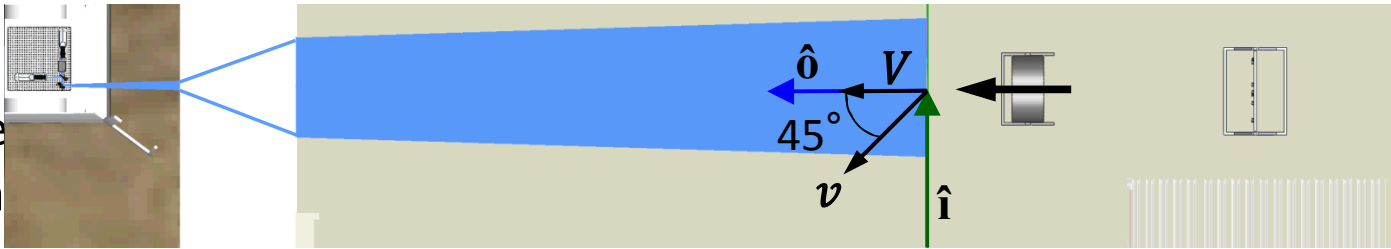
Instantaneous/single Image



384 Frame-Averaged Image



- 2 m
- Incre
- Insta



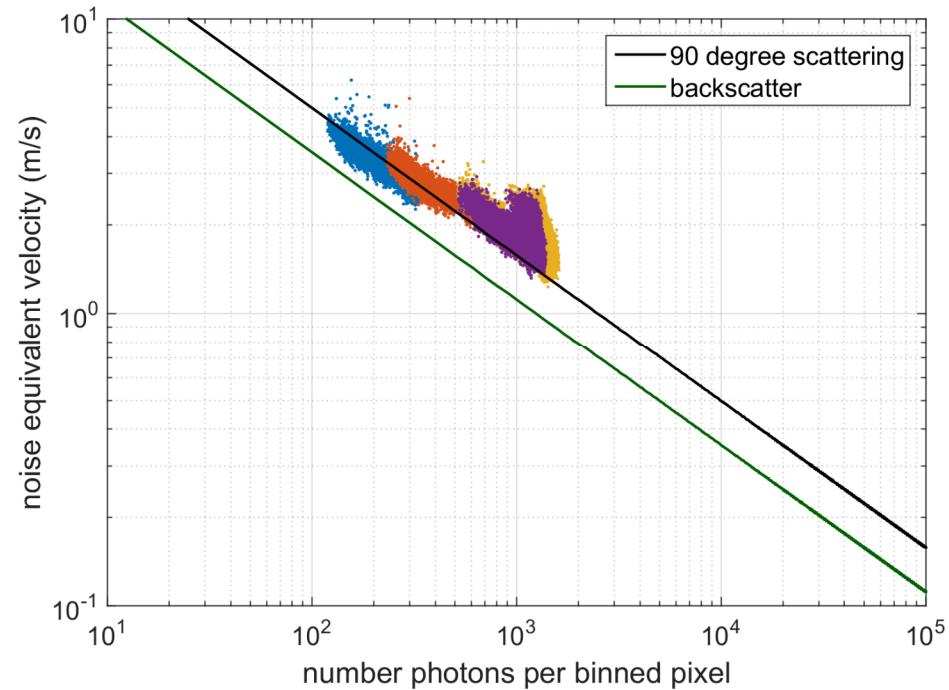
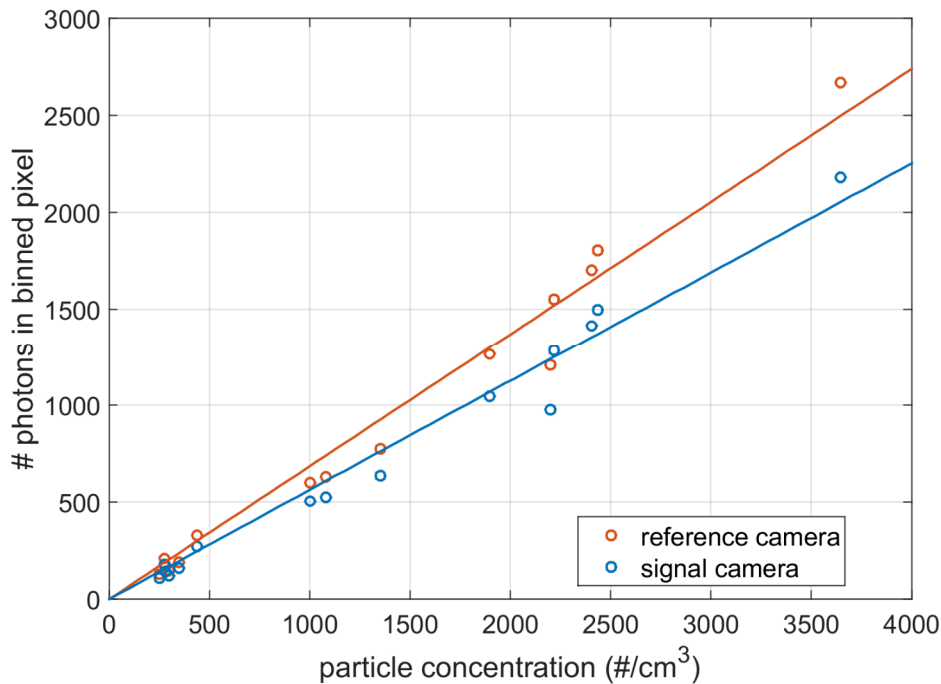
Sensitivity Results and Implications

- Noise equivalent velocity represents the minimum resolvable velocity variation
- Shot noise equals the square root of the number of photoelectrons collected per binned pixel:

$$\sigma = \sqrt{N}$$

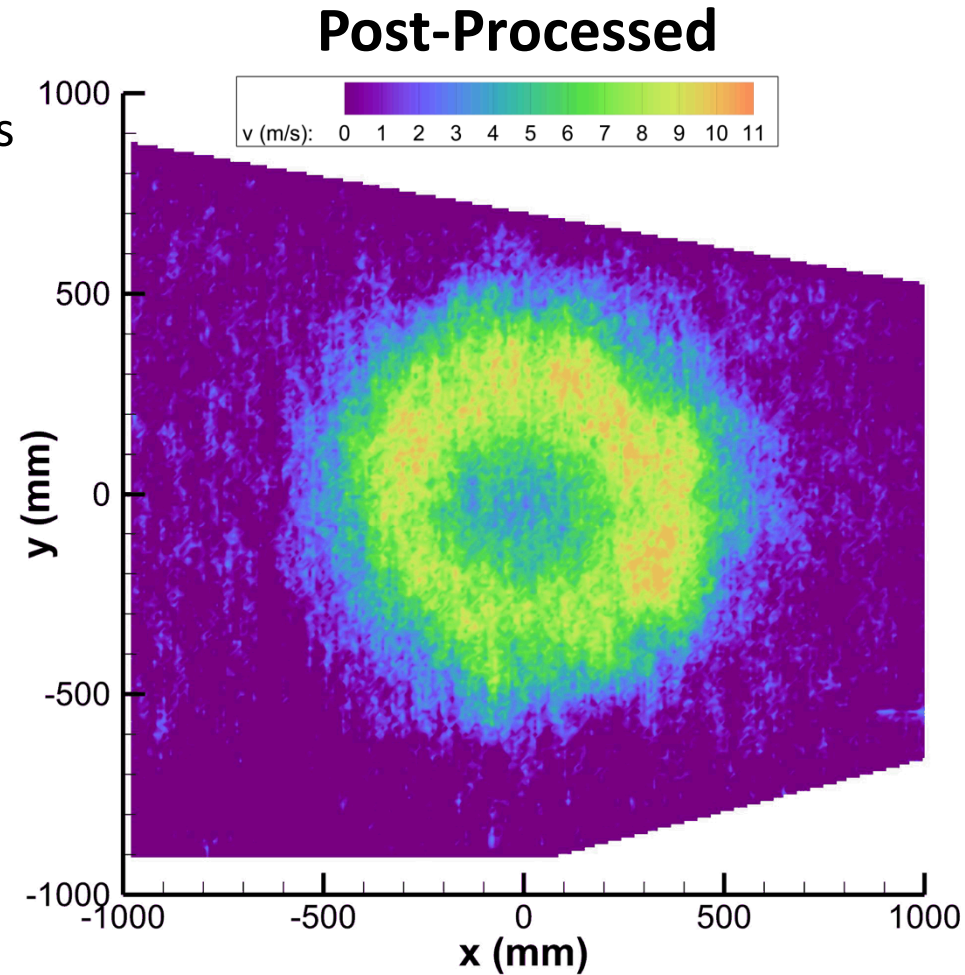
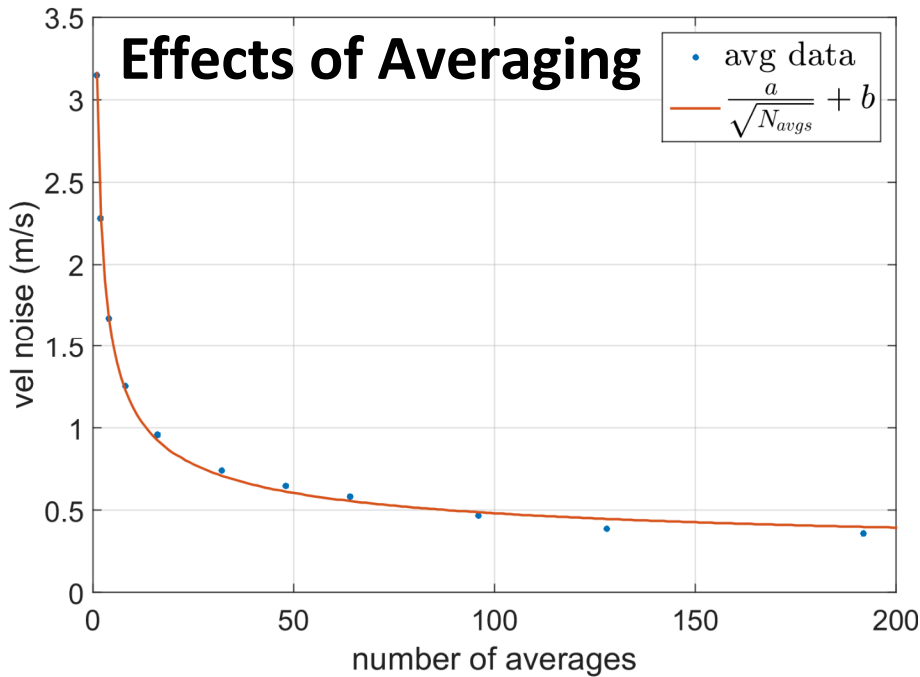
$$NSR = \frac{\sigma}{N} = \frac{\sqrt{N}}{N} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}$$

- Noise equivalent velocity likely shot-noise limited and depends inversely on number of photoelectrons

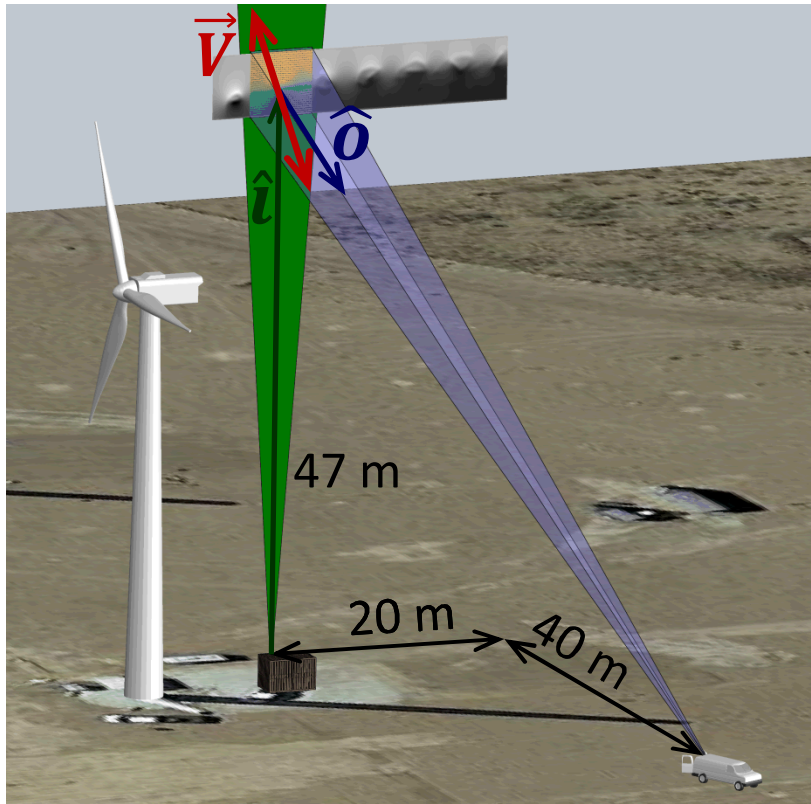


Reducing Noise for SWiFT Deployment

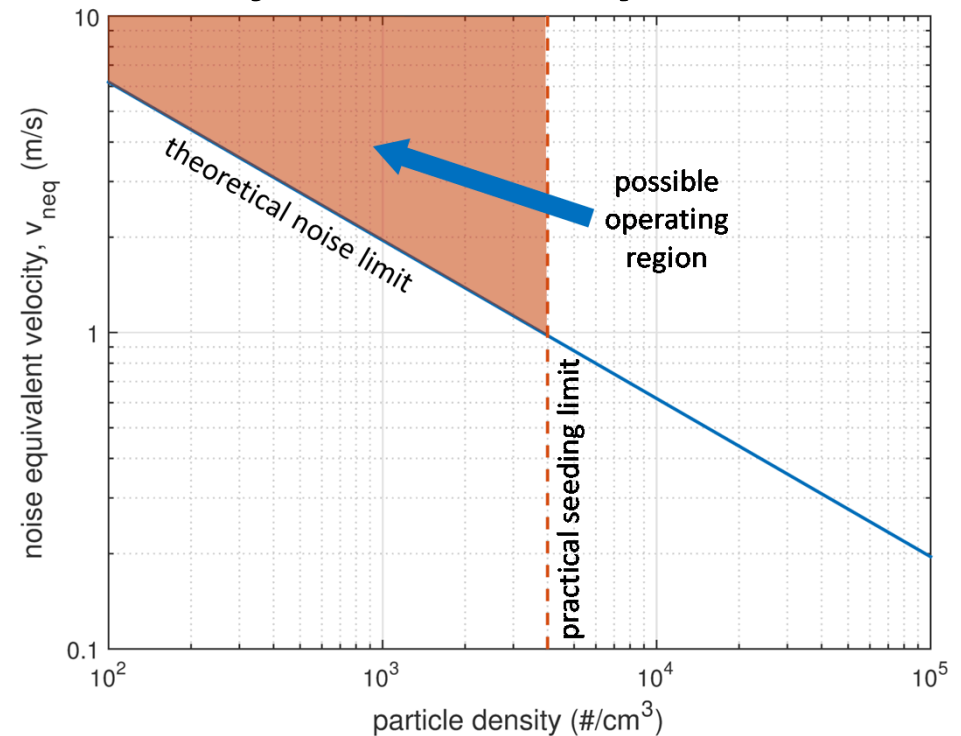
- Increase energy per laser pulse
- Receiver binning (increased signal with reduced spatial resolution)
- Higher particulate concentration
- Larger receiver aperture
- Improved post-processing techniques
 - Averaging
 - Filtering



Current SWIS Status



Projected Velocity Noise



- Determining quantity of interest for validation of wind plant simulations
- Optimize SWIS configuration to meet validation requirements
- Theoretical noise limit can be adjusted by the configuration and equipment
- Preparing for initial measurement campaign at SWiFT