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# Increased Spatial Coverage in Optical Diagnostics Using Glass Wedges

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# Introduction and Motivation

## Push to expand dimensionality of optical diagnostics

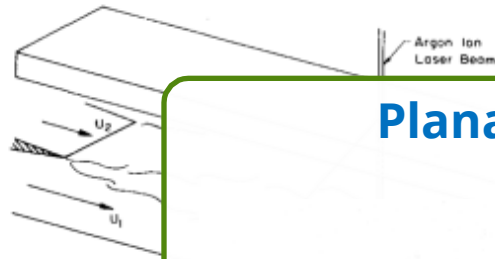
Example: Laser induced fluorescence measurements

- Point → line → planar → volumetric

### Point Measurements

Laser

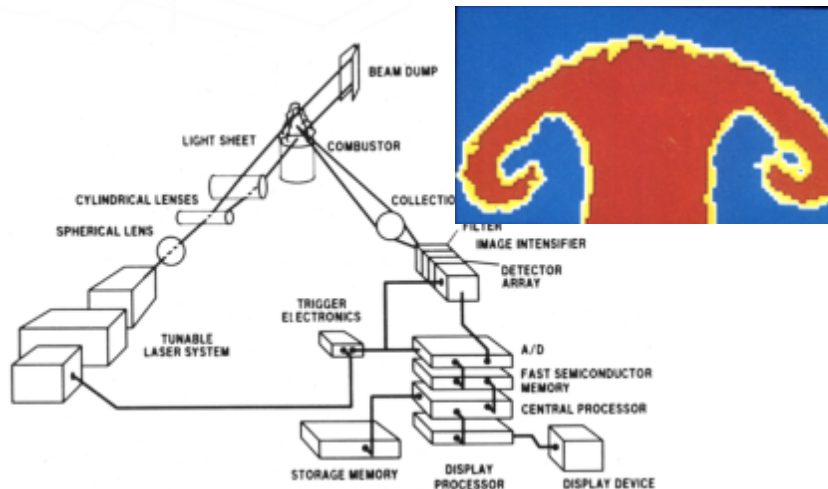
### Line Measurements



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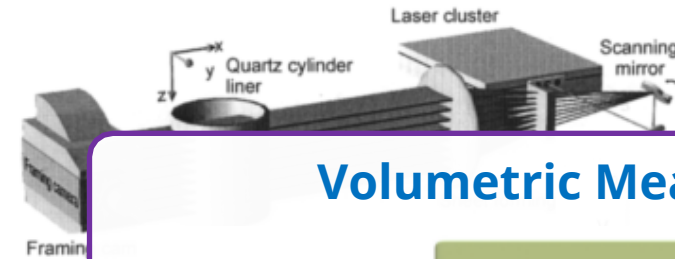
### Planar Measurements



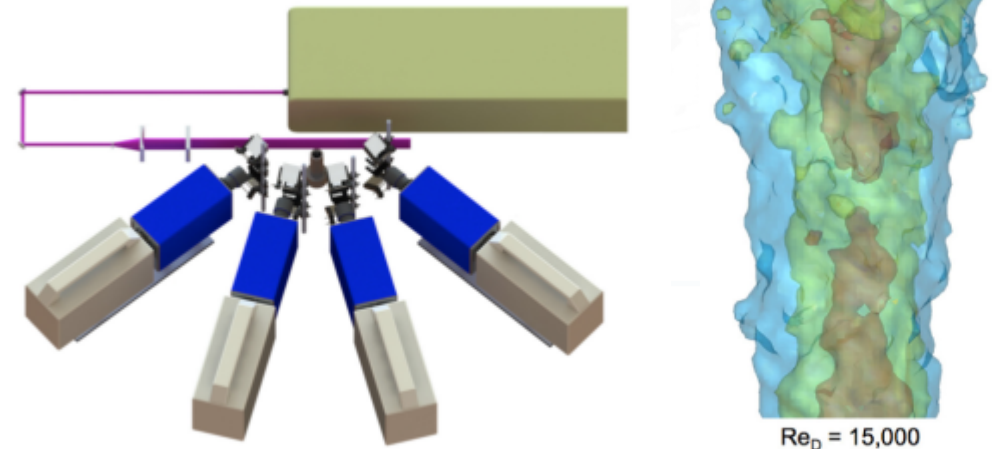
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### Multi-Planar Measurements



### Volumetric Measurements



Halls, Opt. Express 2016

# Previous Work: Tools for Multi-Dimensional Measurements

Goal: Develop optical tool(s) for multi-dimensional laser diagnostics with high-energy lasers

## 1. Use of glass wedges

- A. Principles and design

## 2. Applications

- A. Multi-spot tomographic laser tagging velocimetry

- B. Multi-line nitric oxide tagging velocimetry

- C. Multi-planar soot measurements

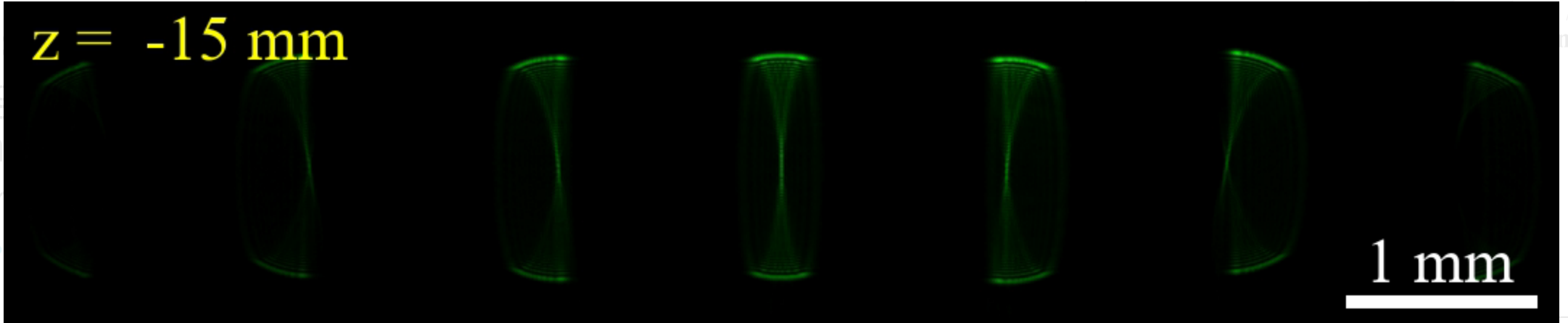


# Glass Wedges: Basic Principles

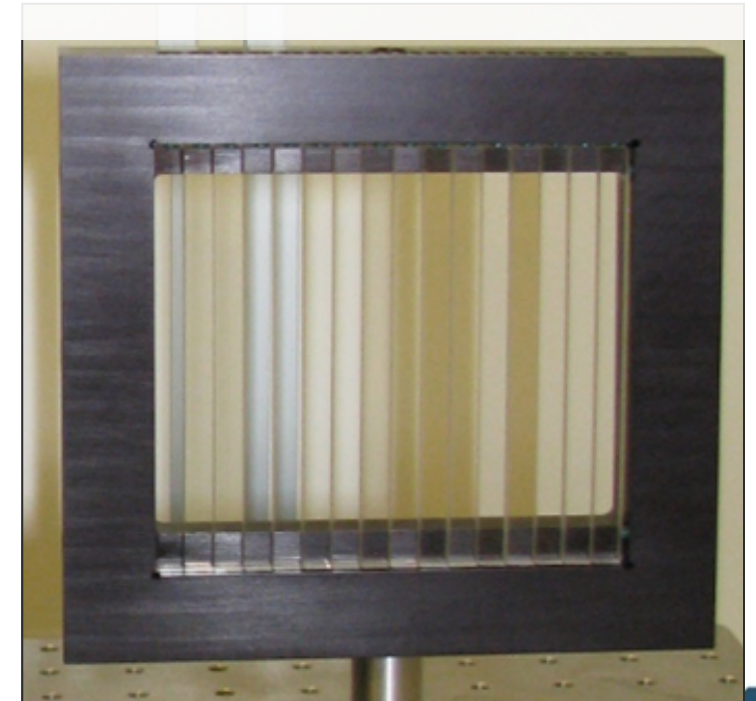
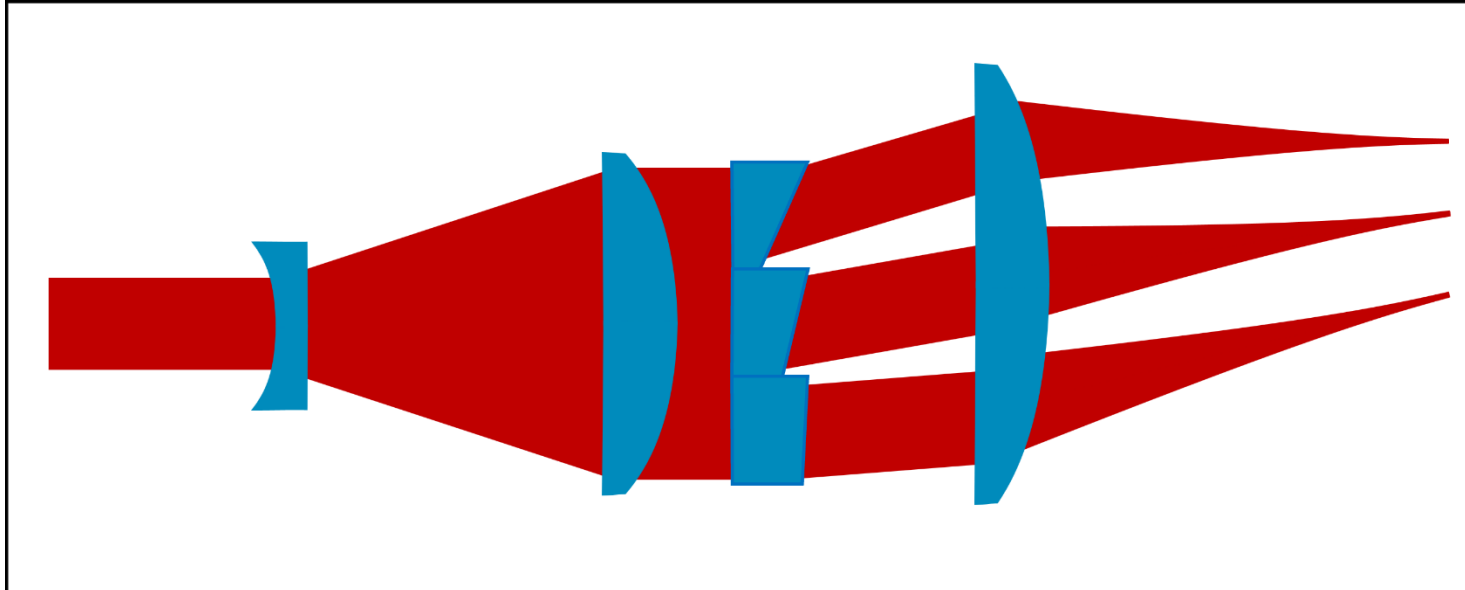
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- Lig
- Ea
- Sin

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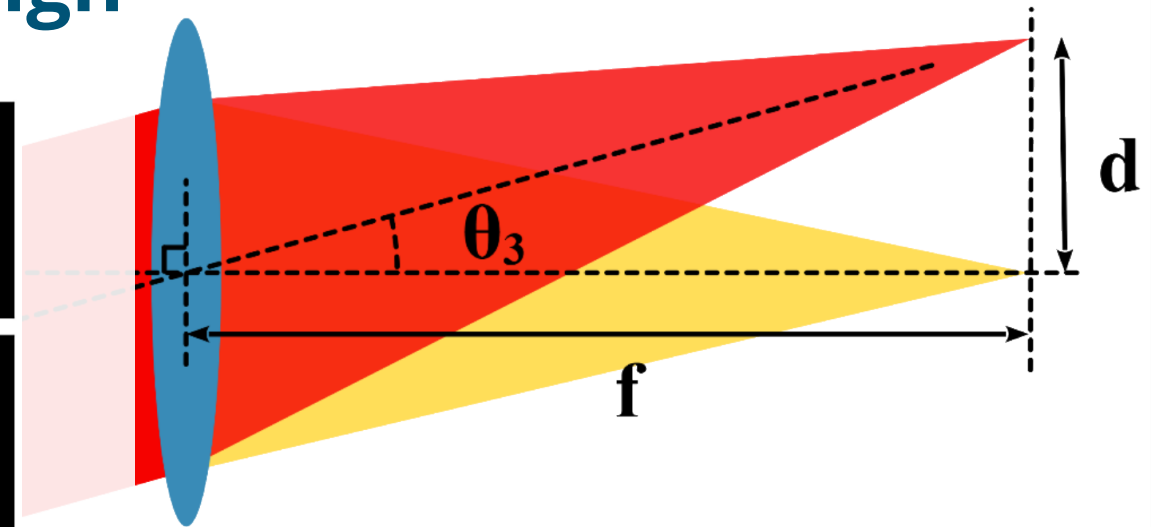
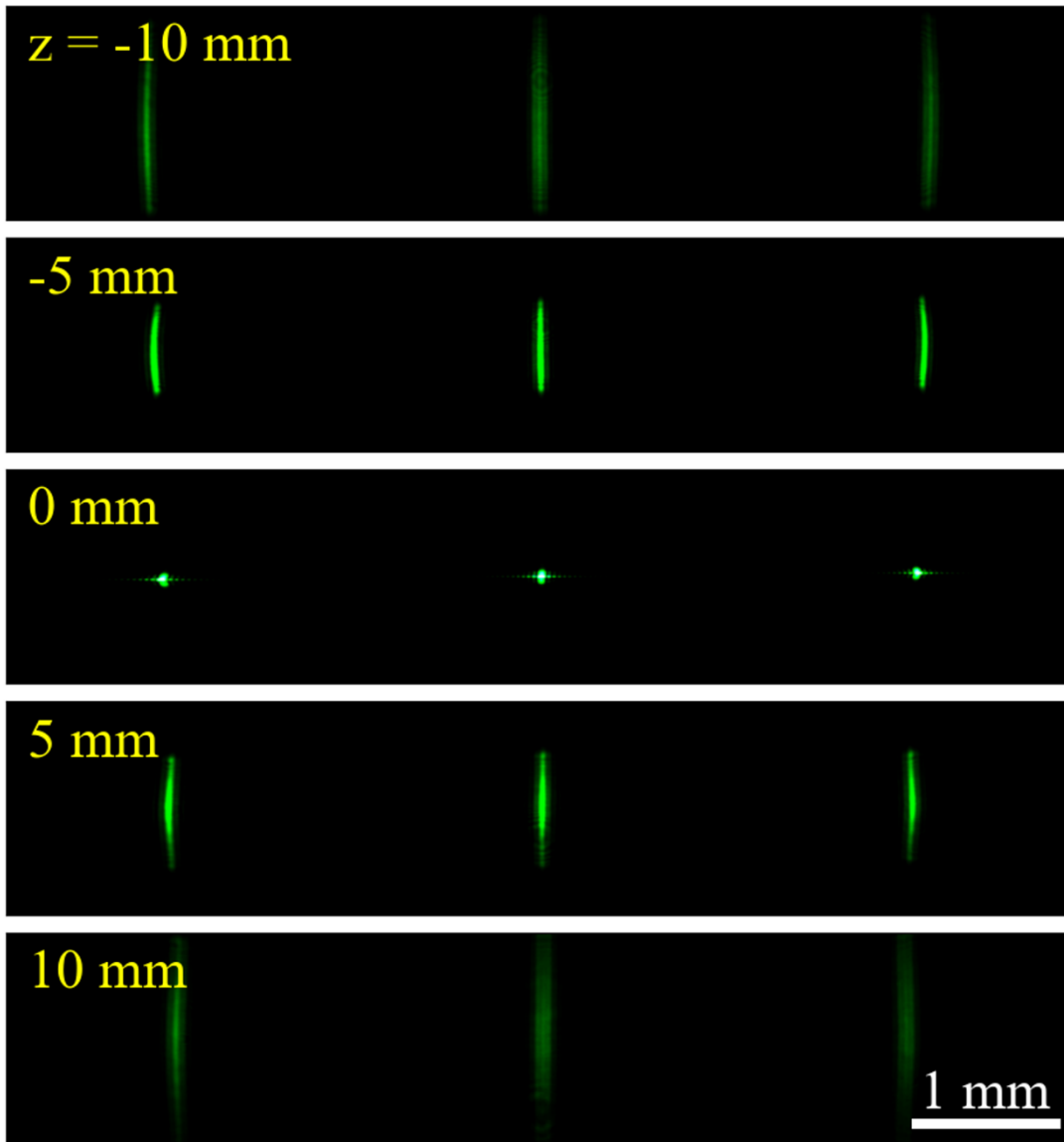


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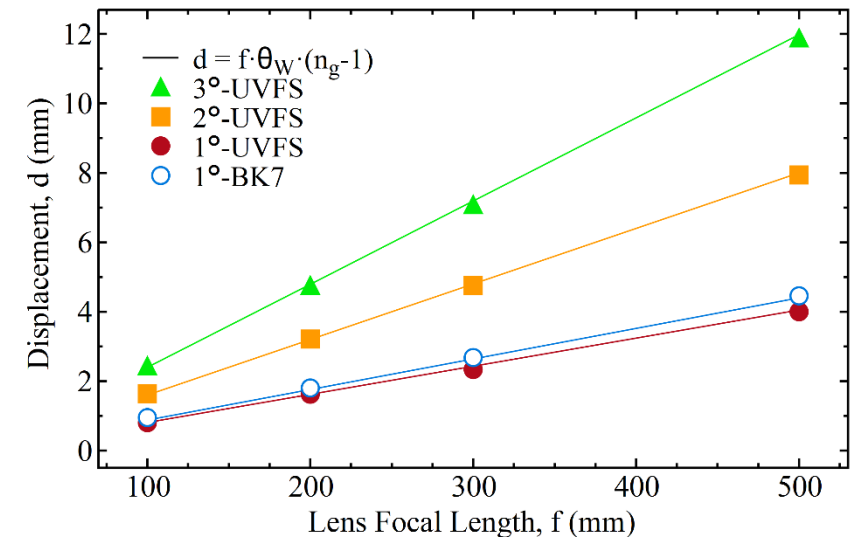




# Glass Wedges: Array Design



$$d = f \cdot \theta_W \cdot (n_{\text{glass}} - 1)$$



# Applications: Glass Wedges for Multi-Dimensional Measurements

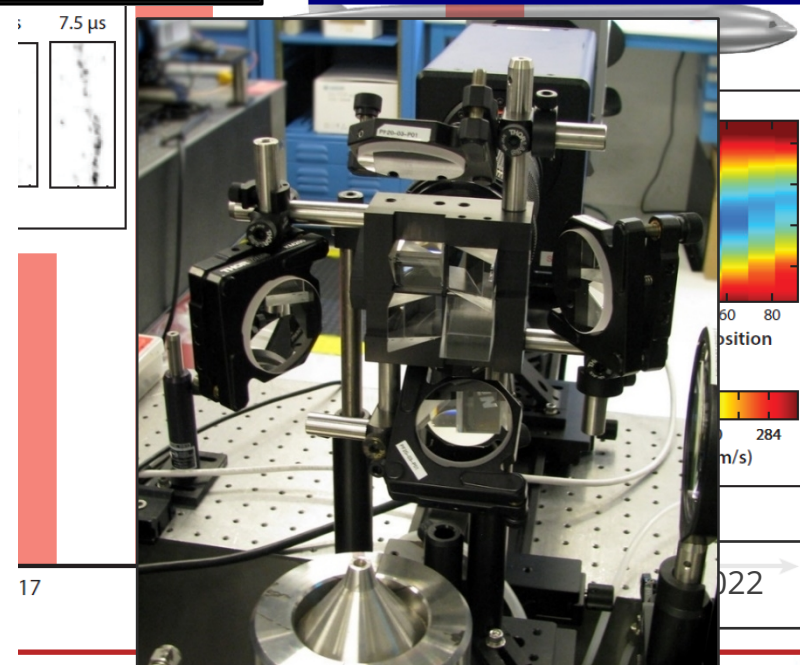
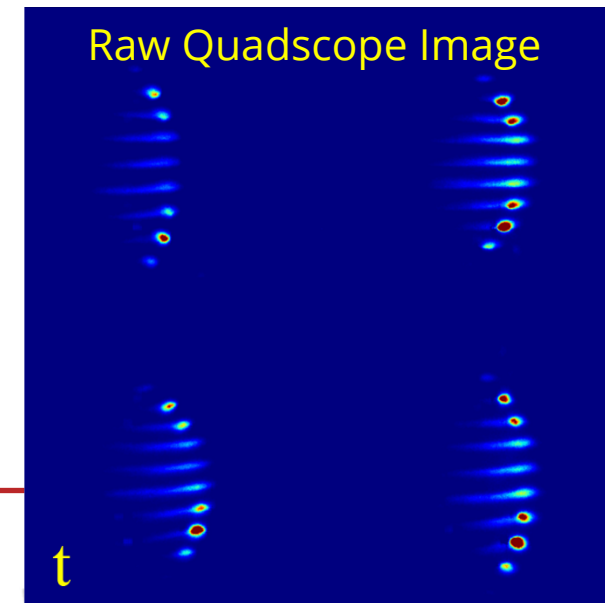
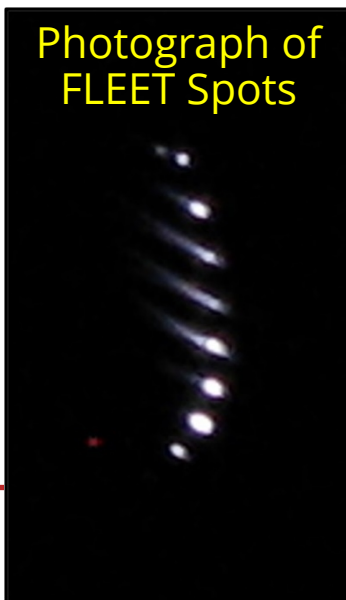
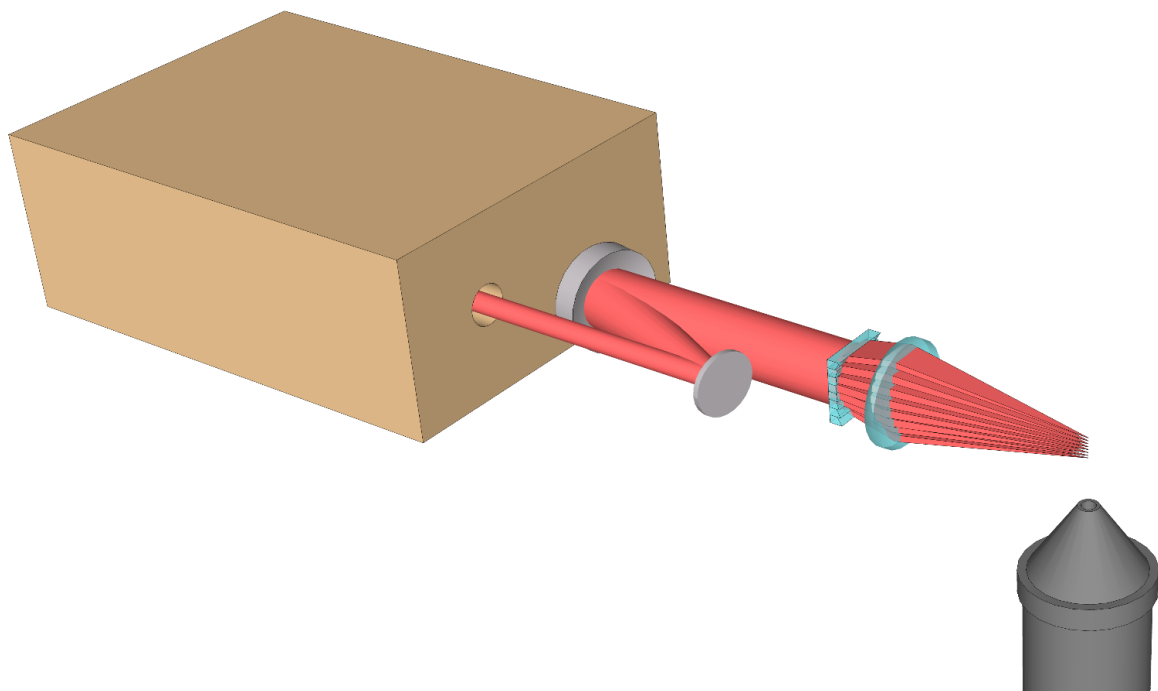




# Application 1: Multi-Spot FLEET

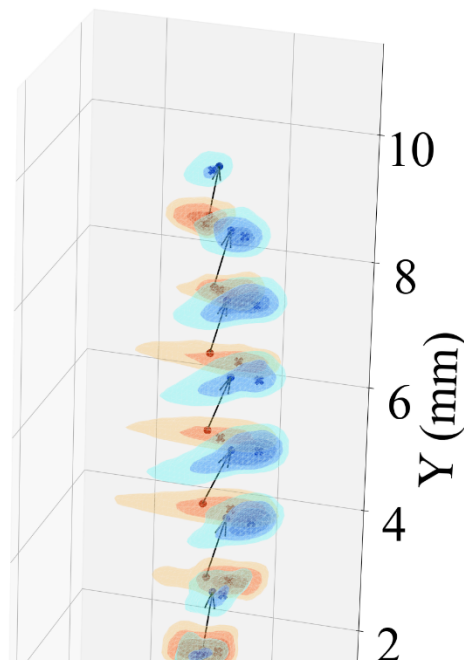
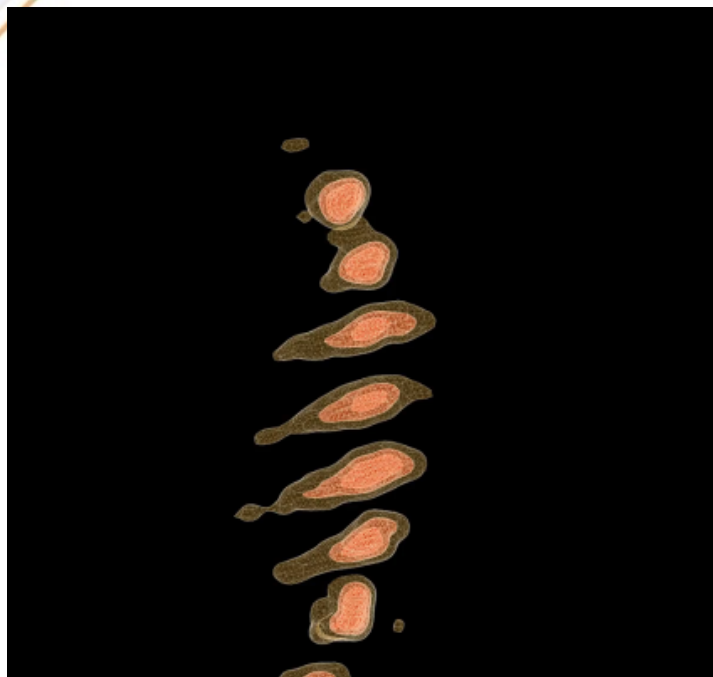
## Femtosecond Laser Electronic Excitation Tagging (FLEET) Velocimetry

- Femtosecond (fs) laser used to dissociate  $N_2$
- Fluorescence imaged at  $t$  and  $t+\Delta t$  (MTV)
- Typically done with a single laser line for one-dimensional, one-component velocimetry
- Wedge array used to create many (9) spots

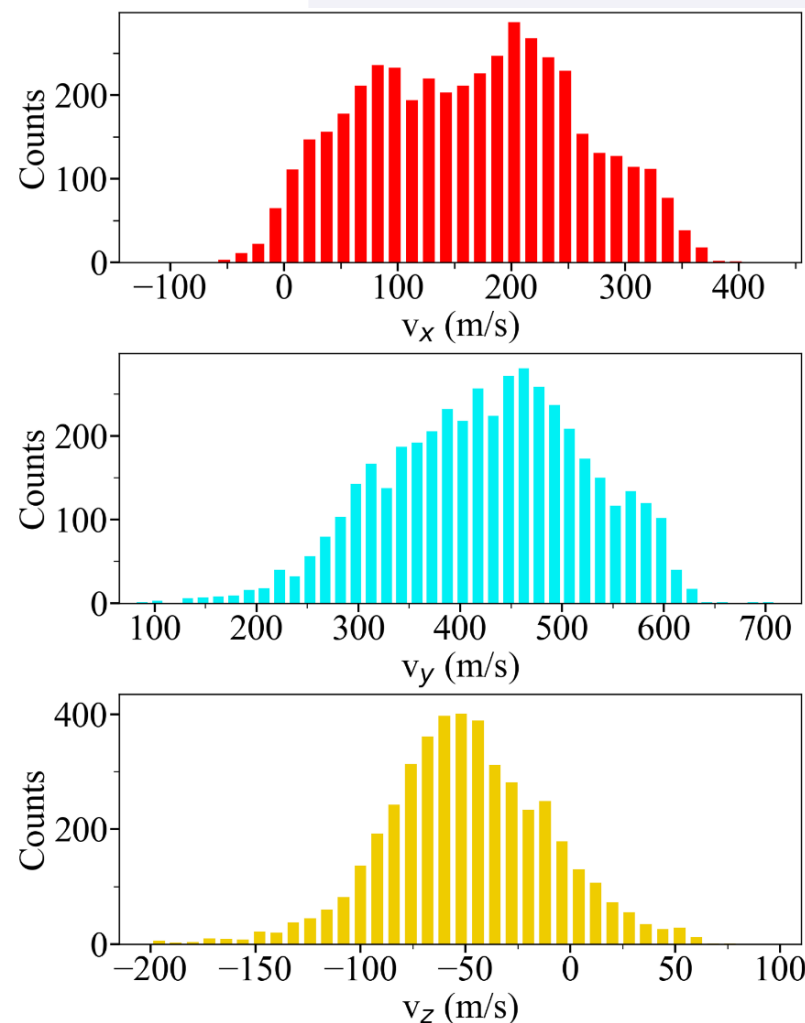




# Application 1: Multi-Spot FLEET



Multi-spot, three-component seedless velocimetry at 1 kHz!



- Tomographic reconstructions calculated using quad-scope data
- Displacement of FLEET centroids tracked in time

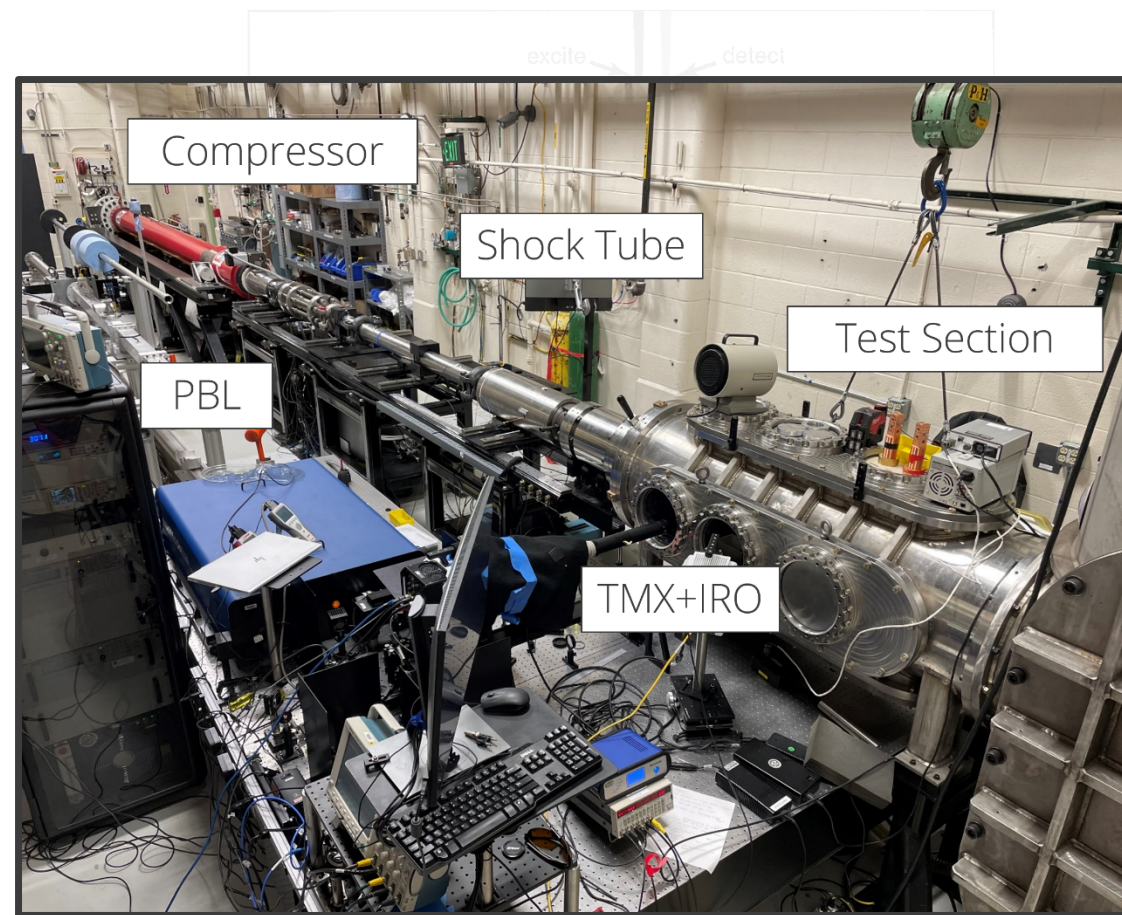




## Application 2: Multi-Line NO MTV

### Nitric oxide (NO) molecular tagging velocimetry (MTV)

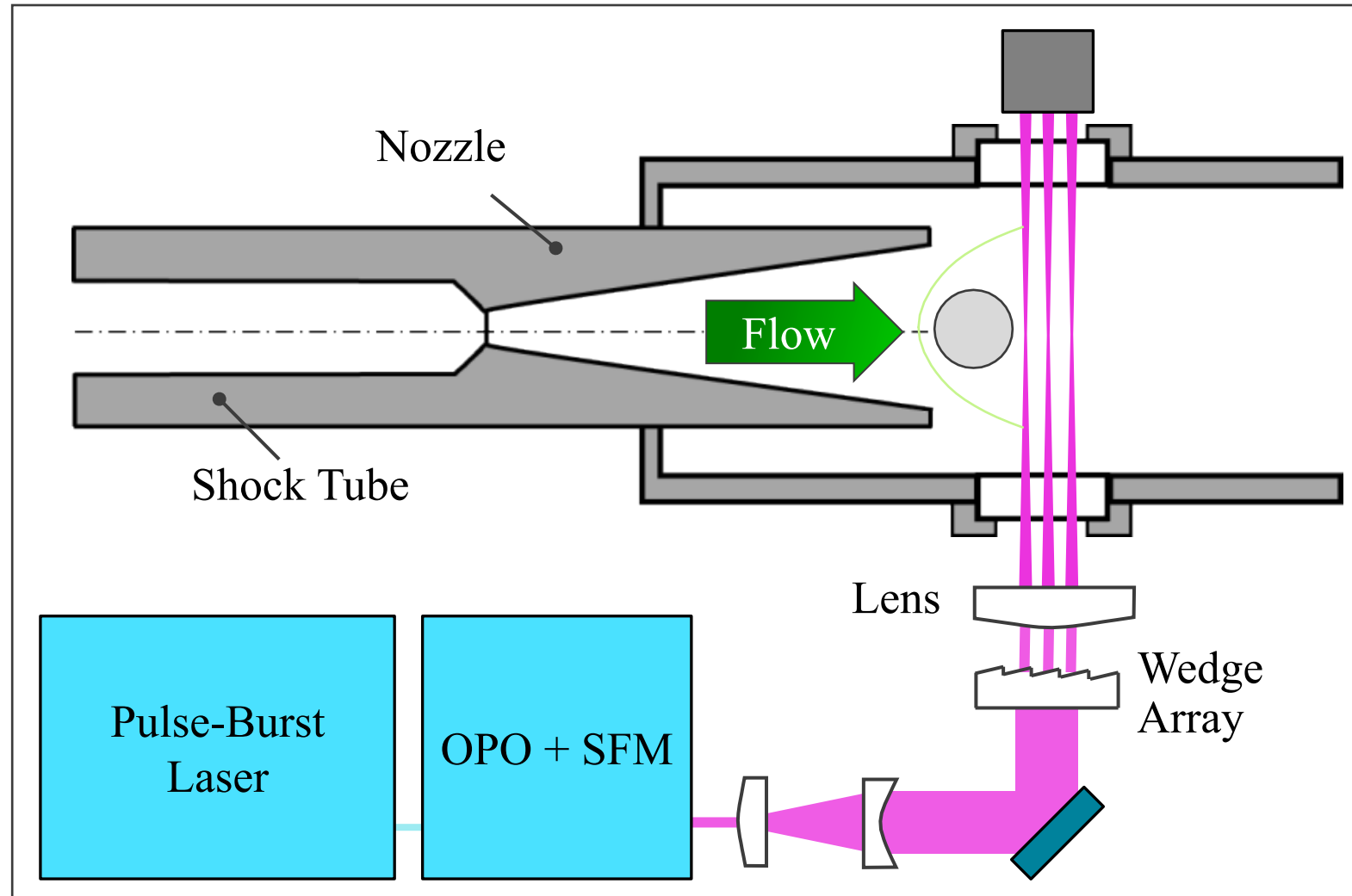
- NO naturally present in air if  $T > 2000\text{ K}$
- UV laser pulse excites NO fluorescence
  - Fluorescence tracked for velocimetry
- Typically done with one laser line for one-dimensional, one-component velocimetry
- Measurements performed in high-enthalpy flows shock tunnel at 4-5 km/s
- Pulse-burst laser (PBL) used to acquire data during 1-ms shock tunnel run
- Wedge array used to write many (5) lines



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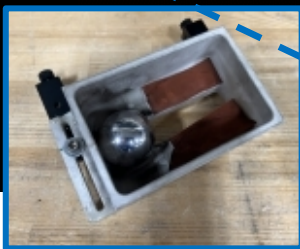
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Ancillary high-speed color imaging

Multi-Line NO MTV with Pulse-Burst Laser

Flow

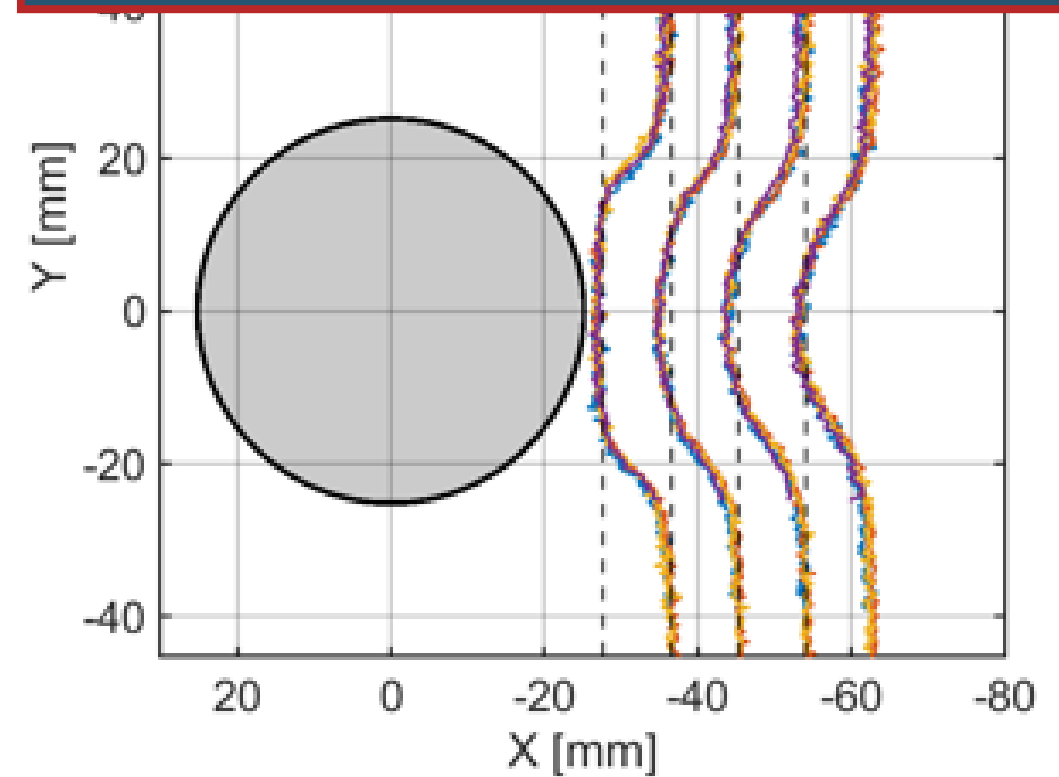
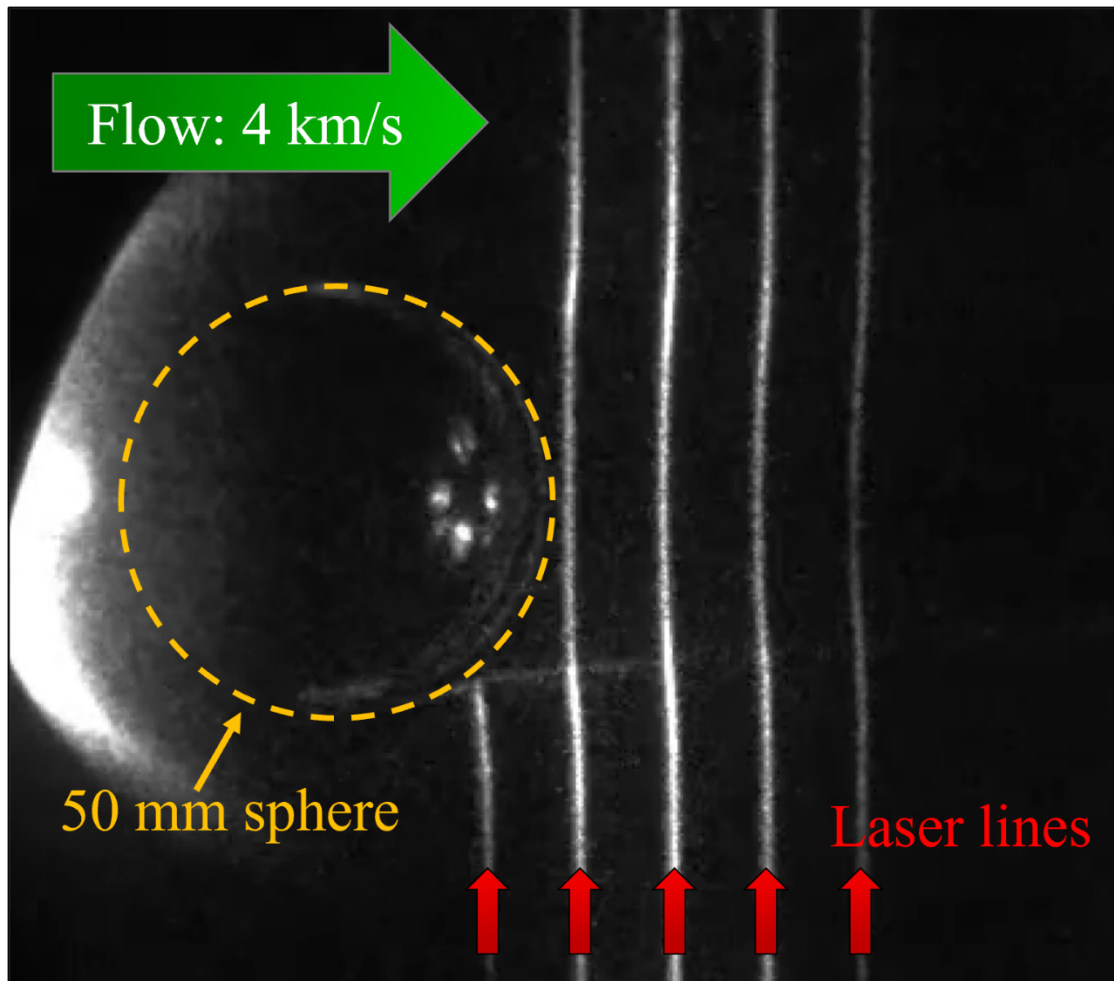


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## Application 2: Multi-Line NO MTV

Multi-line NO MTV data  
with pulse-burst laser



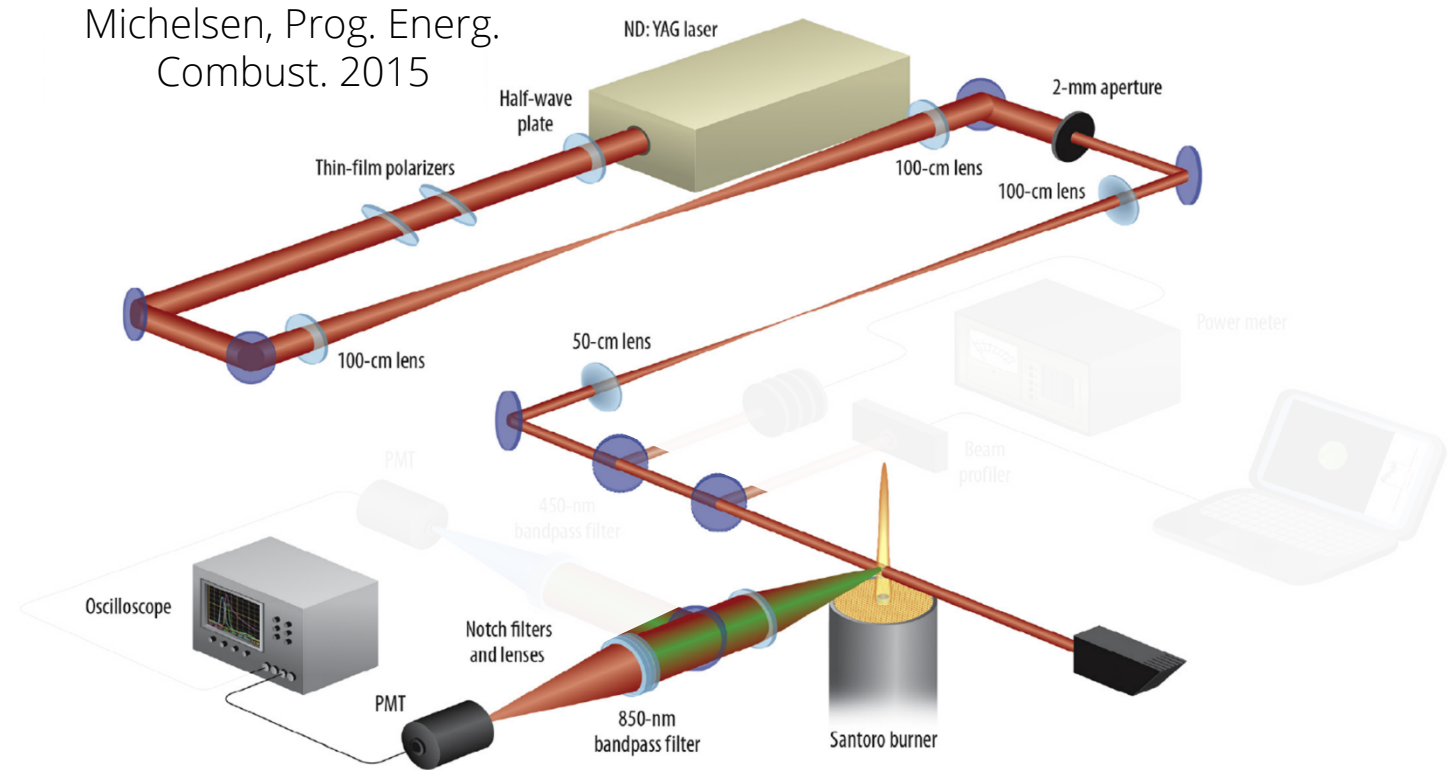
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# Application 3: Multi-Planar LII

## Laser-Induced incandescence (LII) for soot concentration measurements

- Soot absorbs laser energy and incandesces
- Typically done with one laser sheet for planar soot concentration measurements
- Can be used for quantitative soot measurements of:
  - Concentration
  - Primary soot particle size
- Use wedge array and structured illumination for multi-planar LII!





# Application 3: Multi-Planar LII

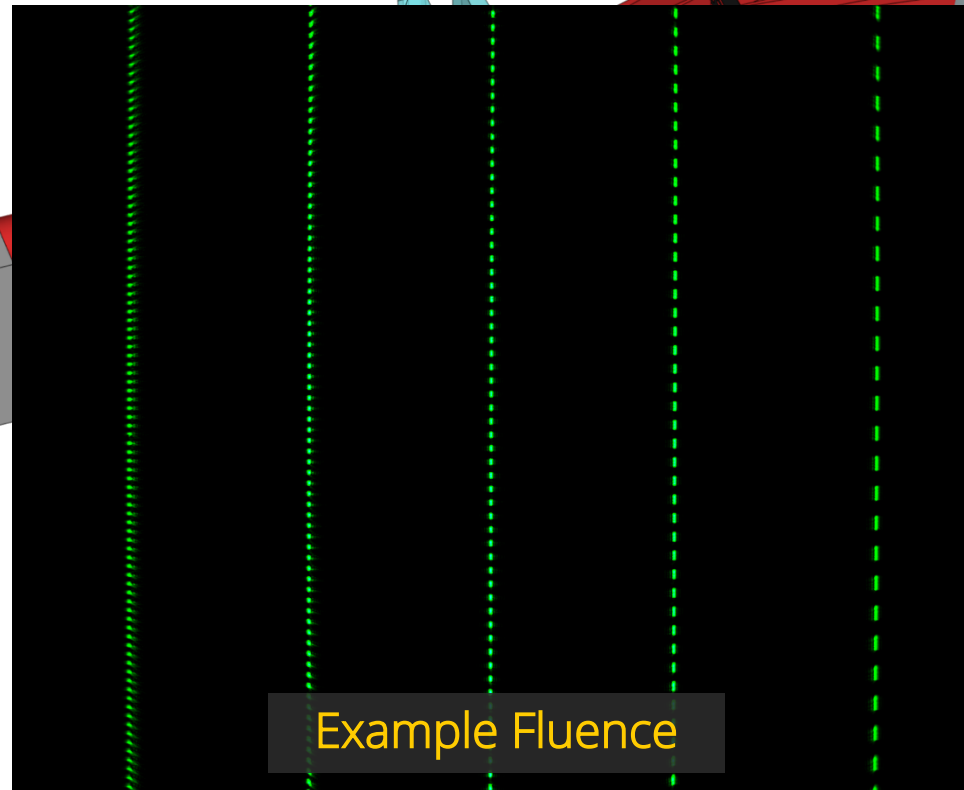
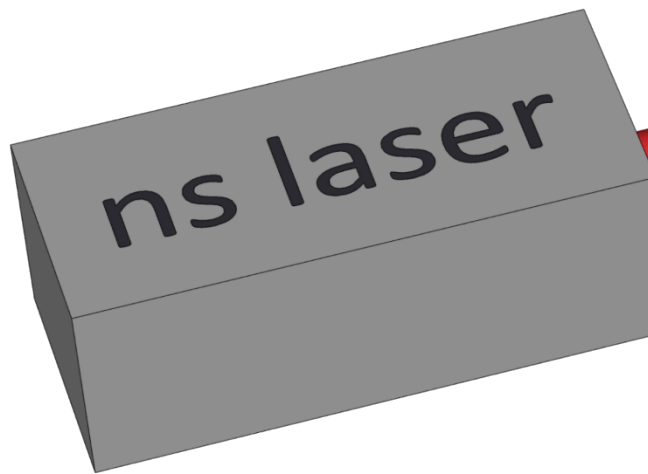
## Experimental Setup

Six laser sheets spaced by 2.4 mm each

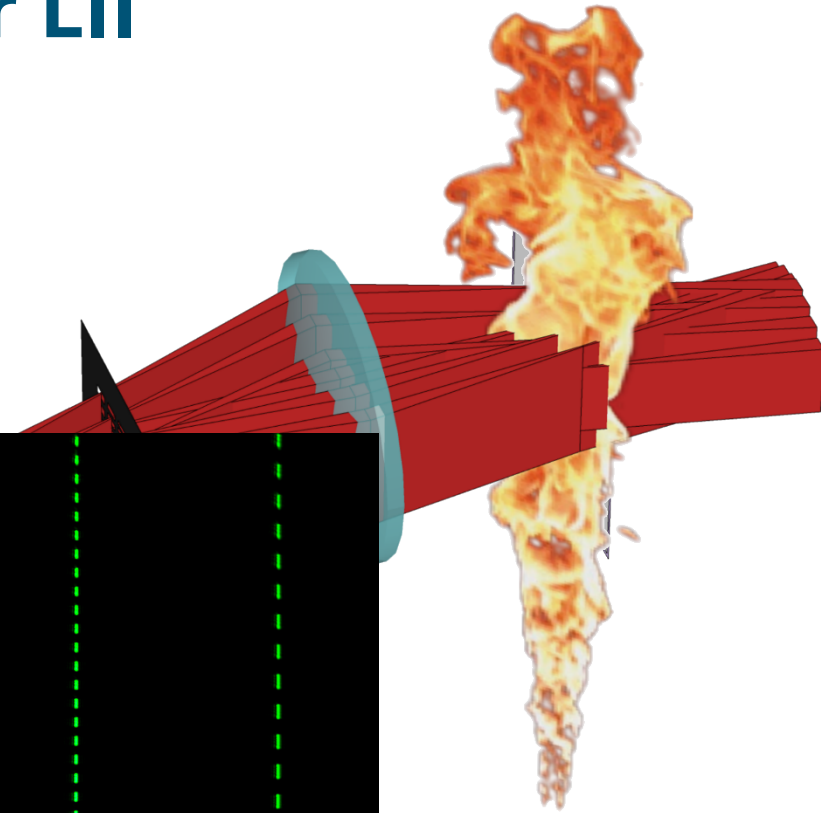
- Each with a unique spatial frequency

Turbulent ethylene jet flame

Intensified gated camera to image soot incandescence



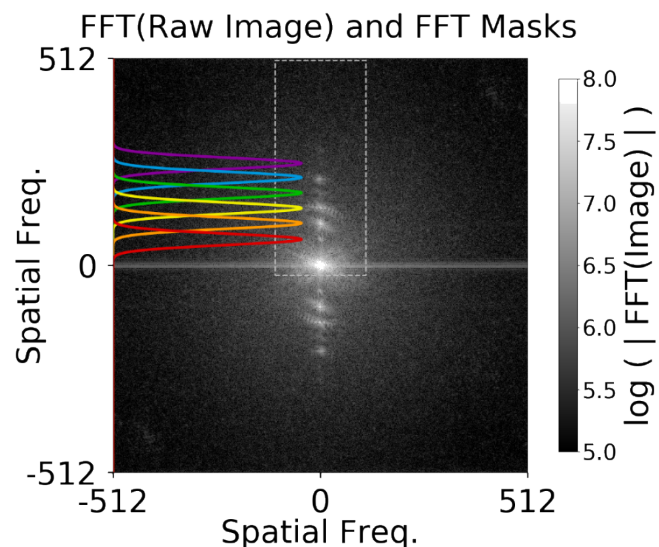
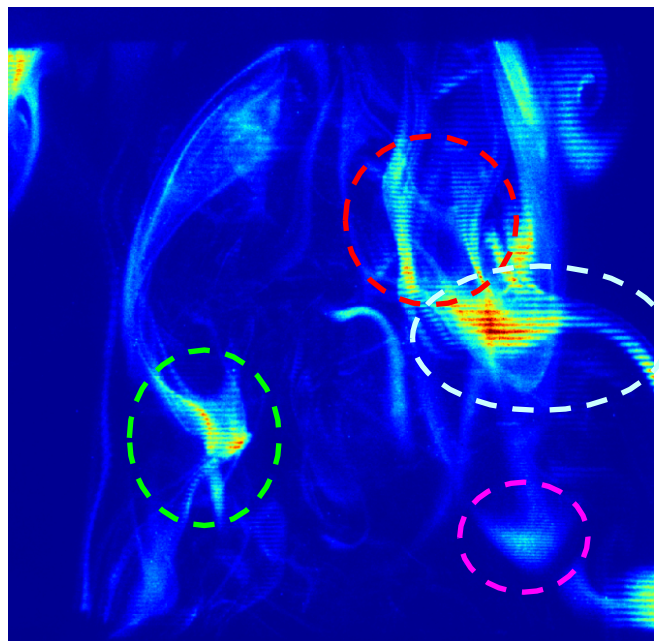
Example Fluence



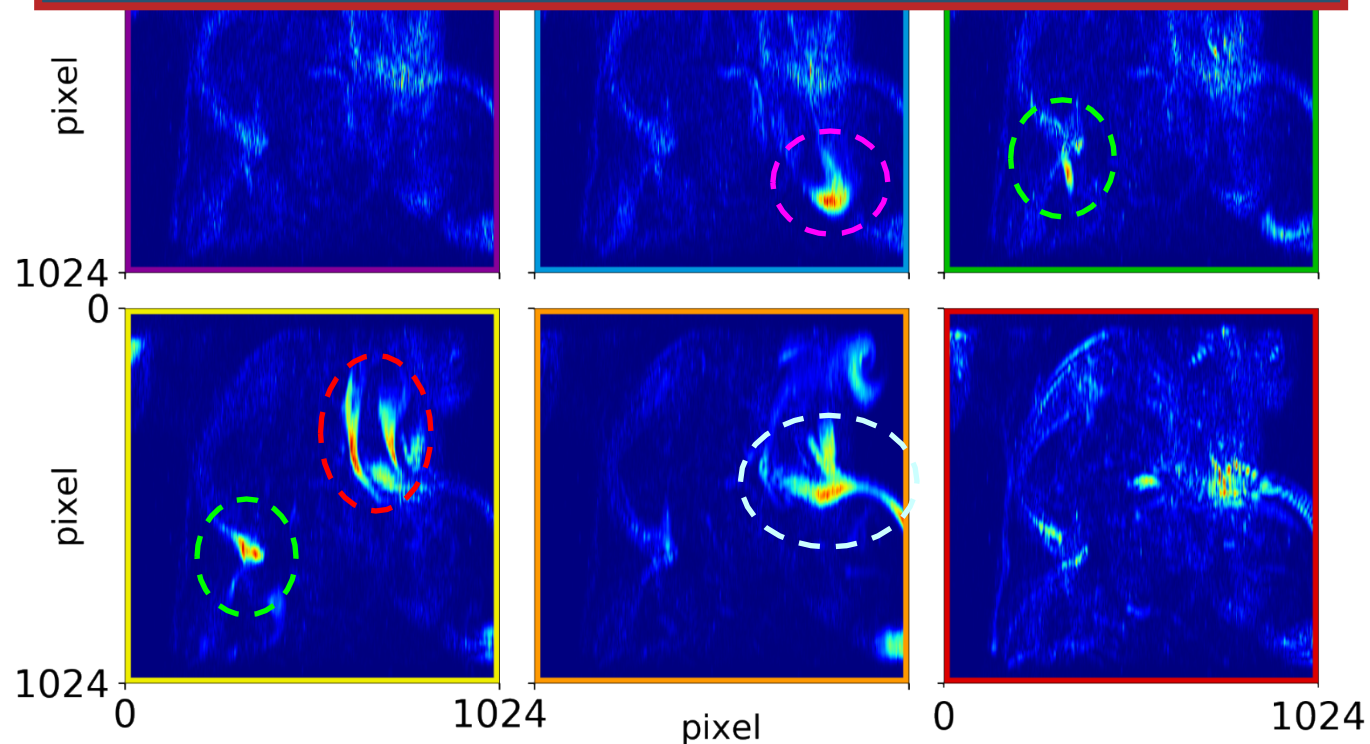




## Application 3: Multi-Planar LII



Single-laser, single-camera,  
multi-planar soot measurements!



Fourier-domain filtering done to  
isolate signal from each plane.



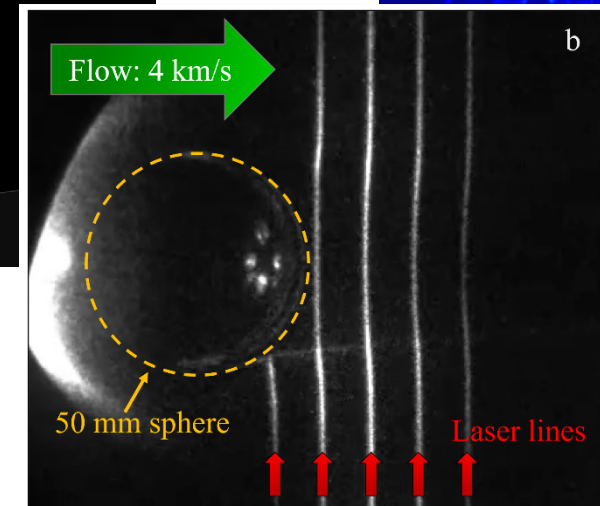
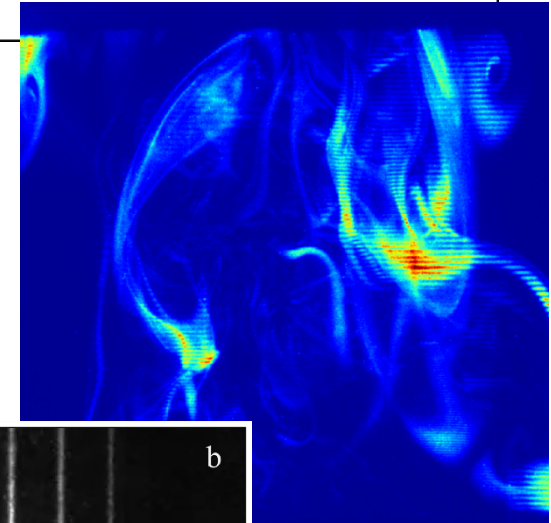
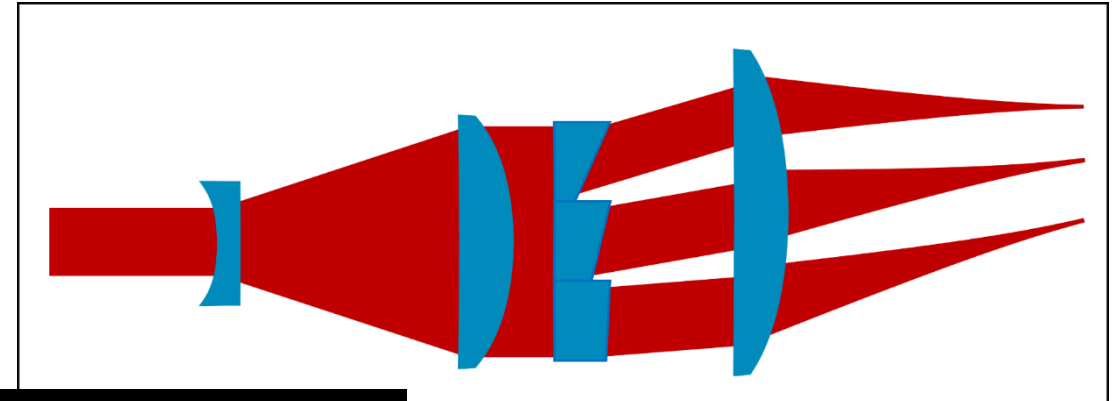
# Conclusions

## Glass Wedges

- Glass wedges used to create closely spaced focal points
- Can be used to form multiple points, lines, or planes of illumination
  - Simple optical setup
  - High transmission efficiency
  - Compatible with high-energy (fs, ns, pulse-burst) lasers

## Applications Demonstrated

- Multi-point FLEET velocimetry
- Multi-line NO MTV
- Multi-planar LII







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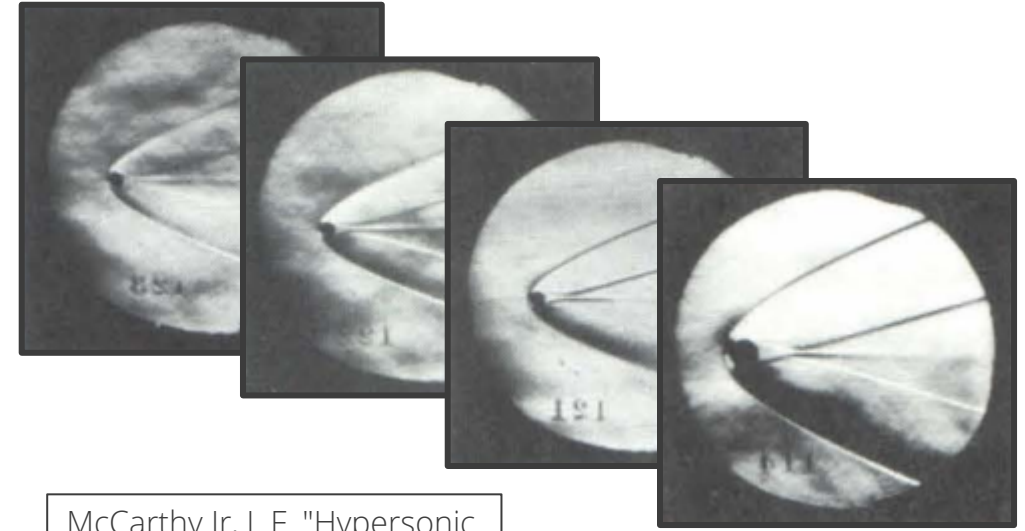
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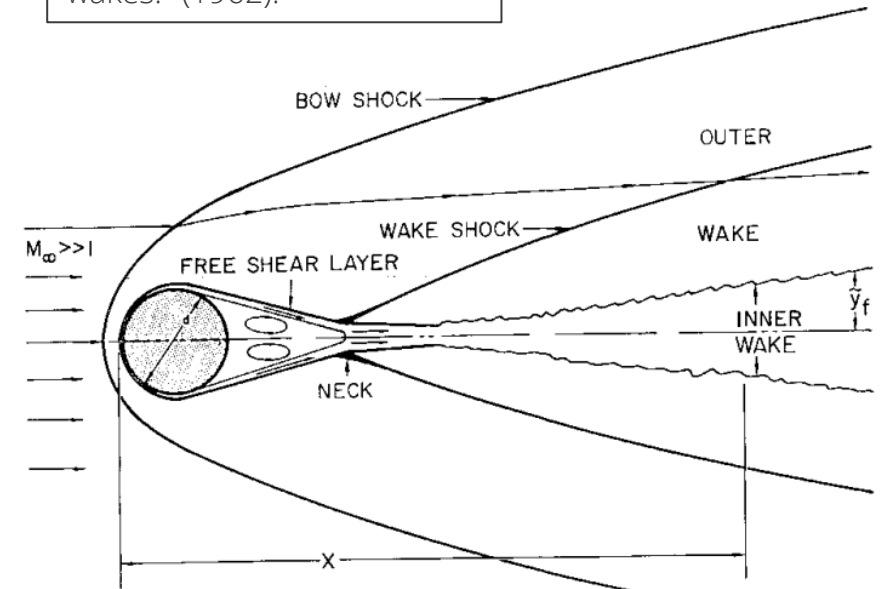


# background

- Hypersonic wake flows difficult to simulate, empirical models informed by visualizations
- Flow topology well-known from historical Schlieren, *little quantitative velocimetry data*
- It's a measurement challenge...
  - *High-speed, low-density*, precludes the use of particle velocimetry techniques
  - *Cannot use sting mounting*, requires free-flying models in shock tunnels or ballistic ranges
  - *Transient test facilities*, maximizing throughput requires burst-mode techniques



McCarthy Jr, J. F. "Hypersonic wakes." (1962).

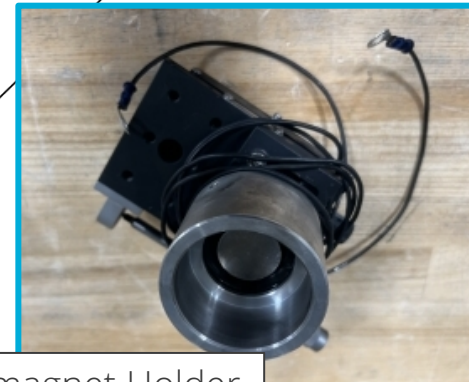
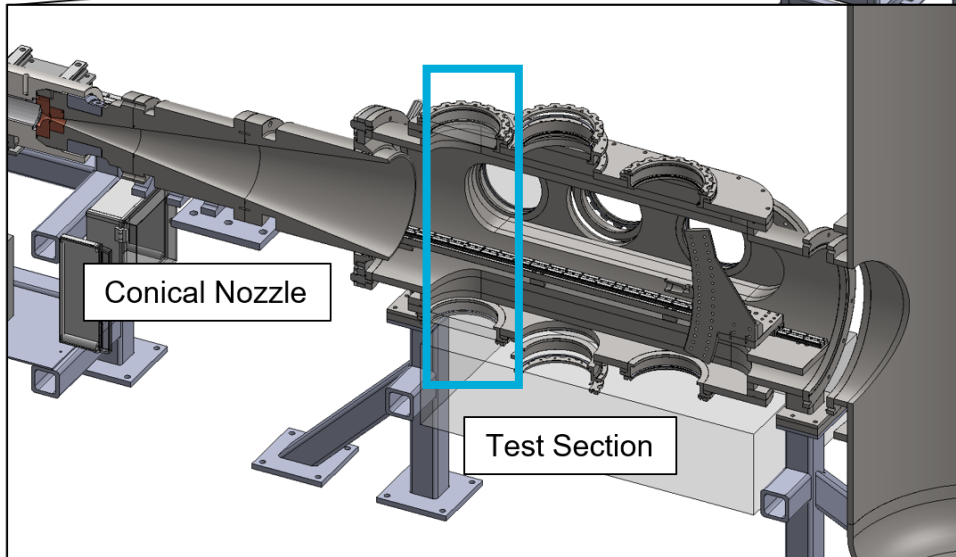
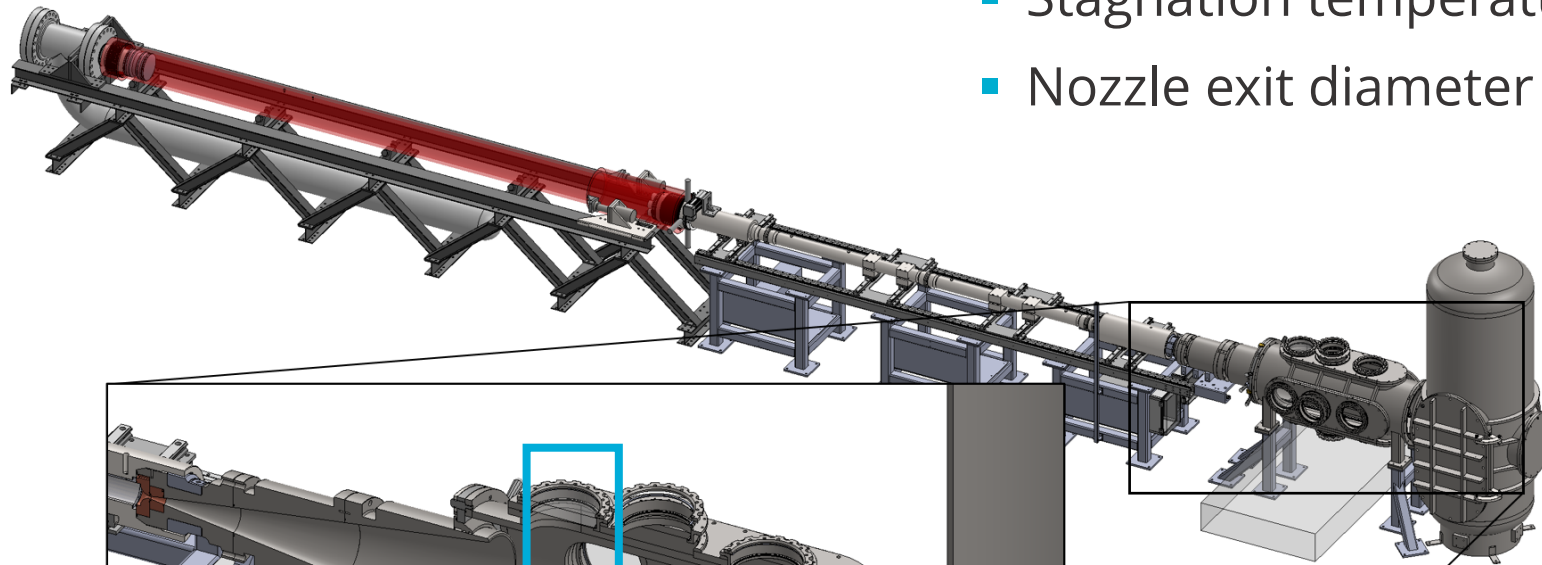


Lees, L.. "Hypersonic wakes and trails." AIAA Journal (1964).



# Facility and model

- Velocity 3 to 5 km/s (Mach 8-12) at 40 km (130 kft)
- Stagnation temperature 3700–8000 K
- Nozzle exit diameter of 36 cm (14 in)
- Flow durations 1-2 ms
- Allows 'free-flight' models, first demonstration application
- Electromagnet drops 2 in metal sphere into test section



Electromagnet Holder



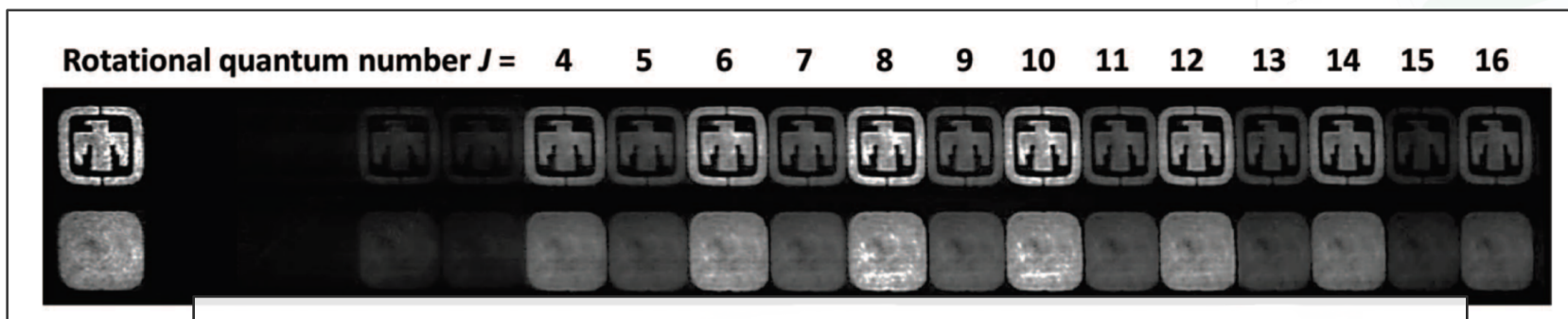
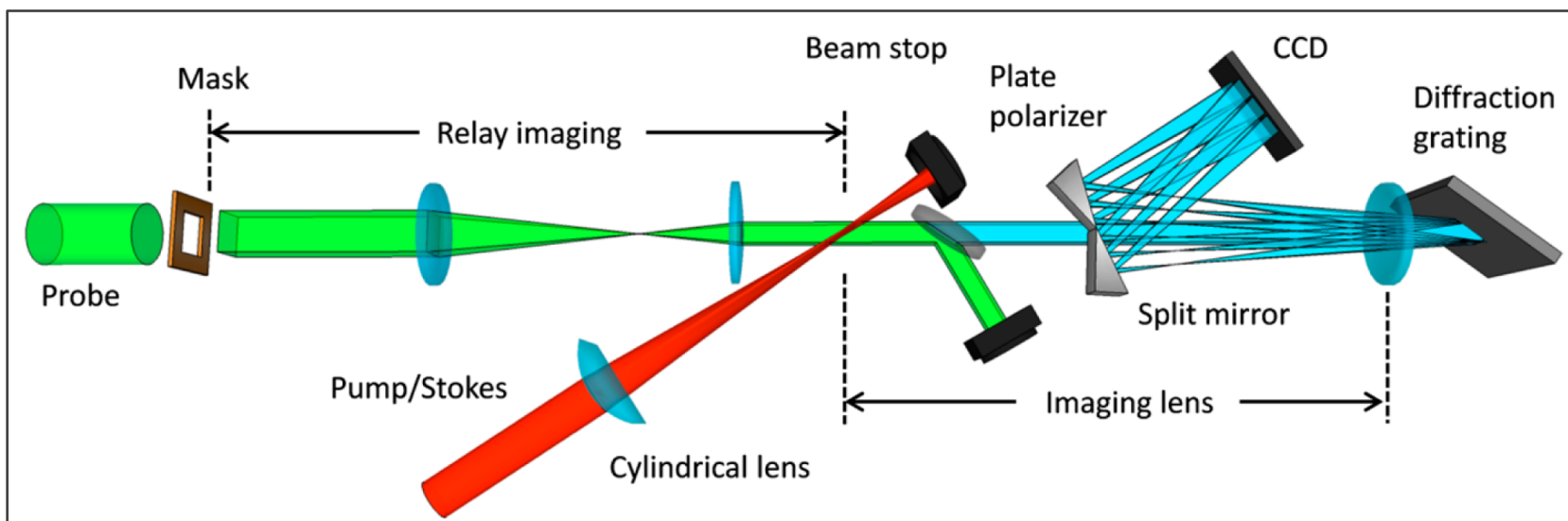
Catch with optical access



# Application 4: Multi-Planar CARS Thermometry

## Coherent Anti-Stokes Raman Scattering (CARS) Thermometry

- Broadband femtosecond (fs) pulse excites Raman coherence
- **Narrowband picosecond (ps) pulse scattered to produce CARS signal**
- Spectral analysis to extract quantitative temperatures



Bohlin, J. Chem. Phys., 2013; Bohlin, J. Phys. Chem. Lett., 2014

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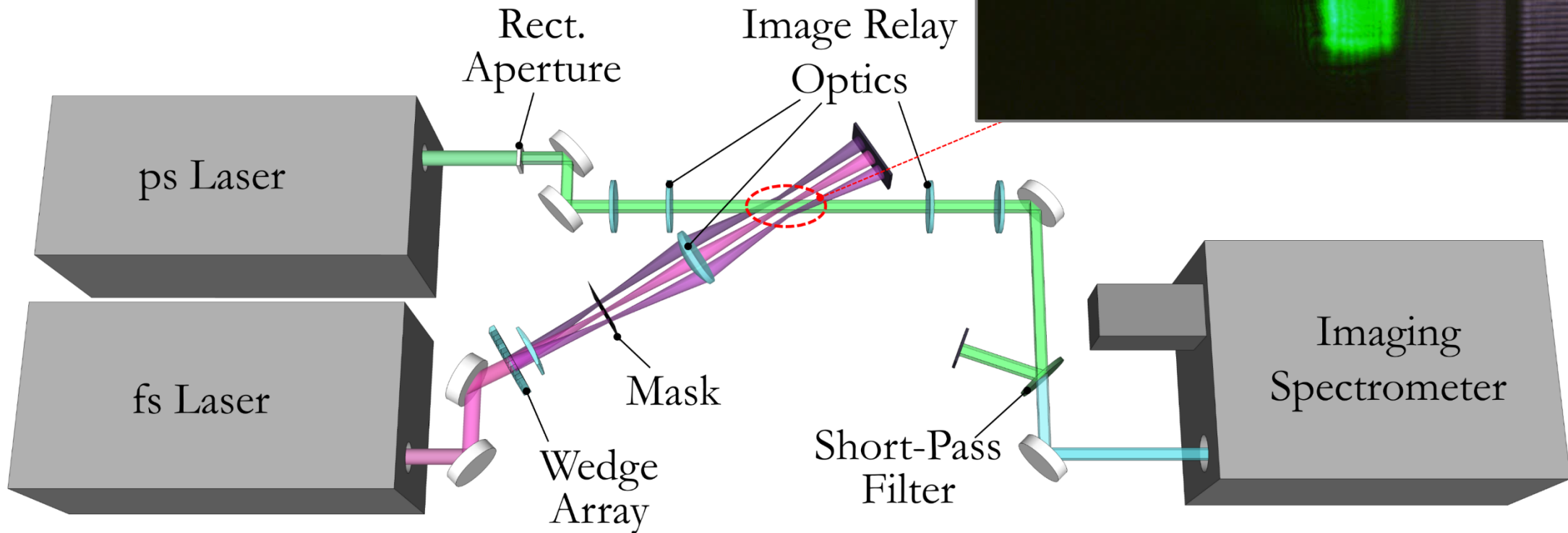
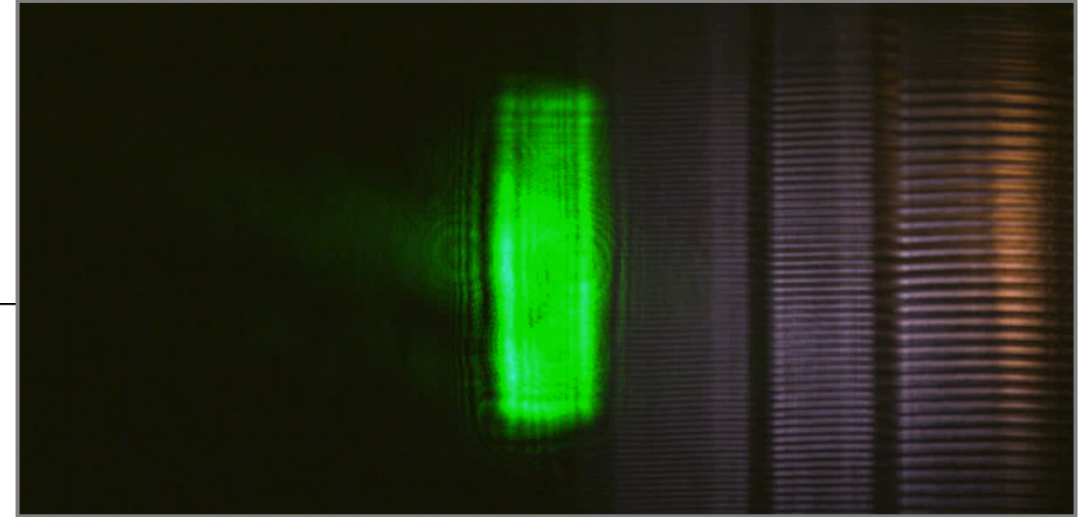




# Application 4: Multi-Planar CARS Thermometry

- Use structured illumination and fs/ps CARS to perform multi-planar gas thermometry
- Incorporates wedge array, Fourier analysis, and spectroscopy from previous experiments

Beam Profiles at Crossing







# Application 4: Multi-Planar CARS Thermometry

## Large variations in planar temperature results

- Interference from CARS signals from different planes

## Possible Next Steps

- Minor changes to pump/Stokes delays to promote constructive interference
- Polarization approach
- Spatial differentiation

