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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

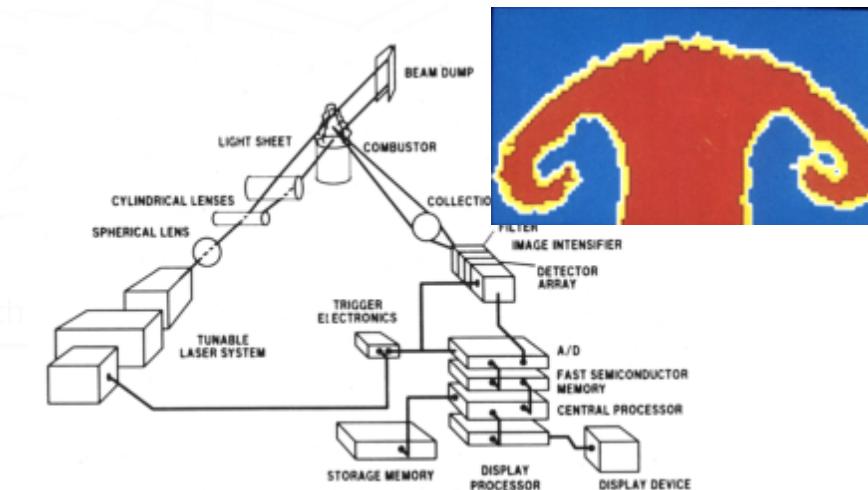
### Line Measurements

Kinsey



### Planar Measurements

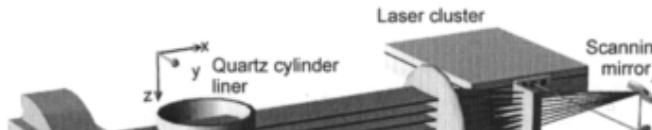
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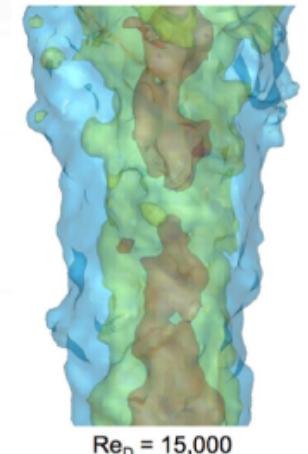
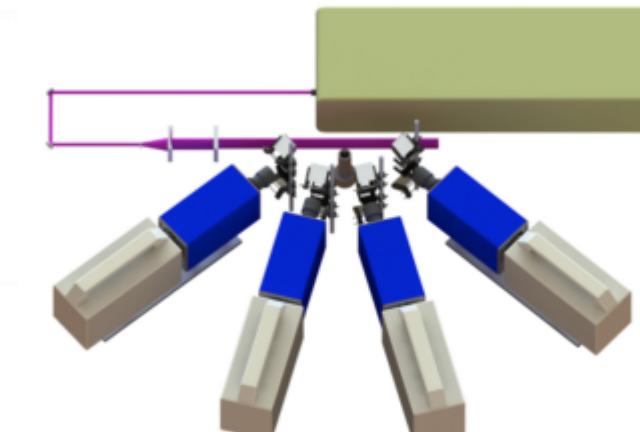
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### Multi-Planar Measurements



### Volumetric Measurements



Halls, Opt. Express 2016

# Previous Work: Tools for Multi-Dimensional Measurements

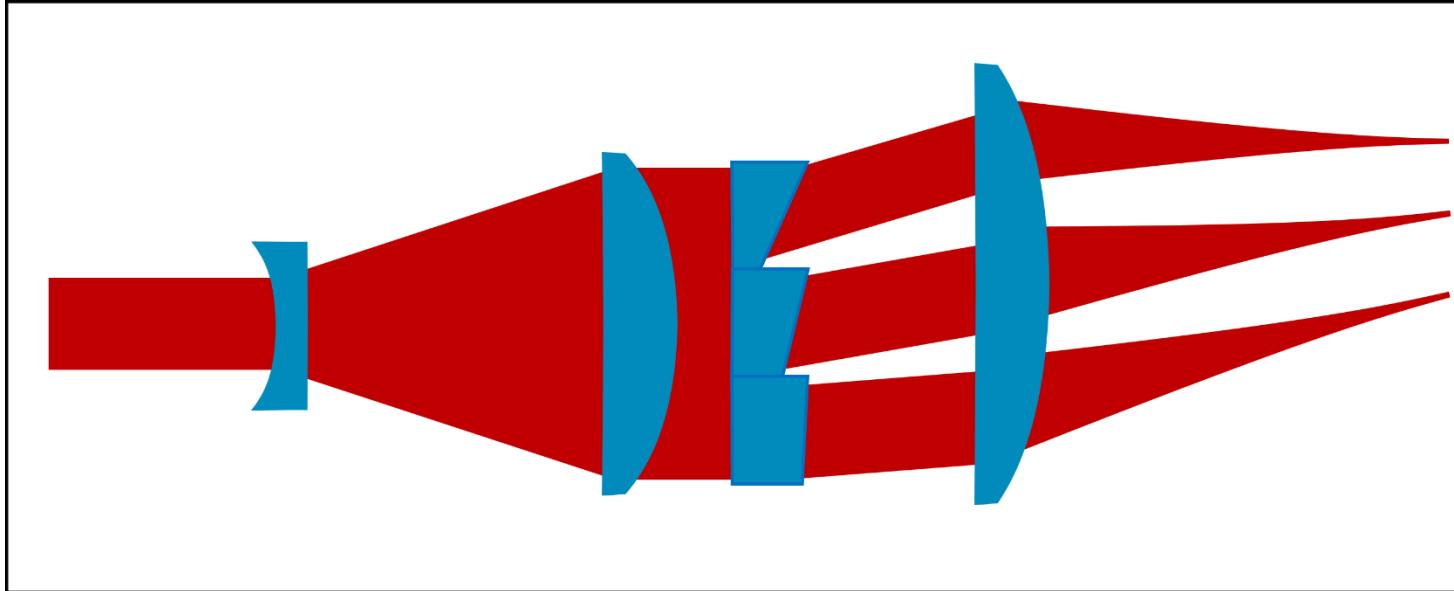
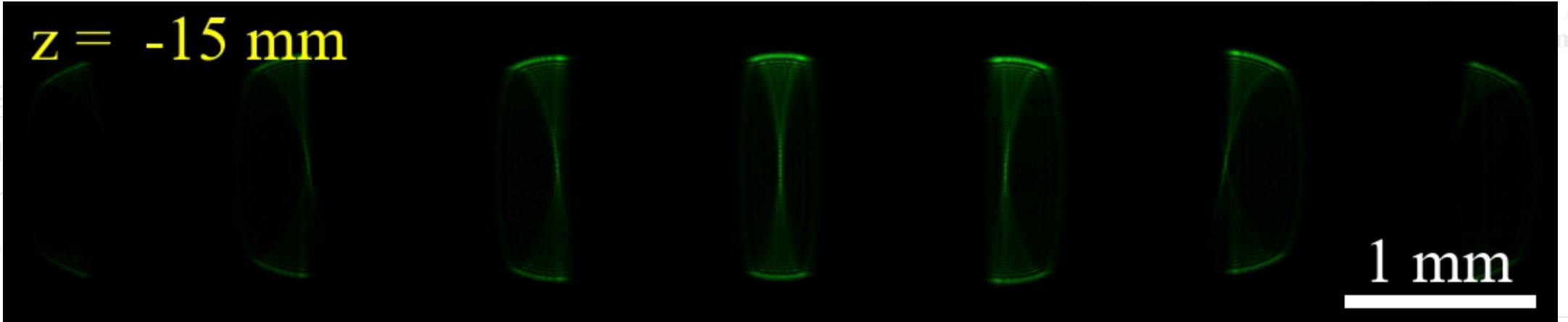
Goal: Develop optical tool(s) for multi-dimensional laser diagnostics with high-energy lasers

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

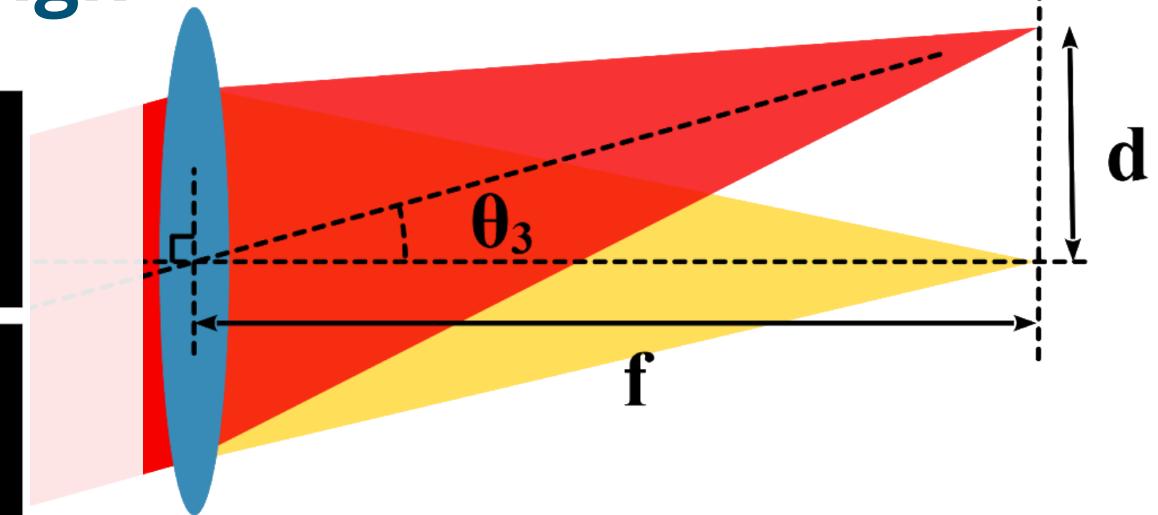
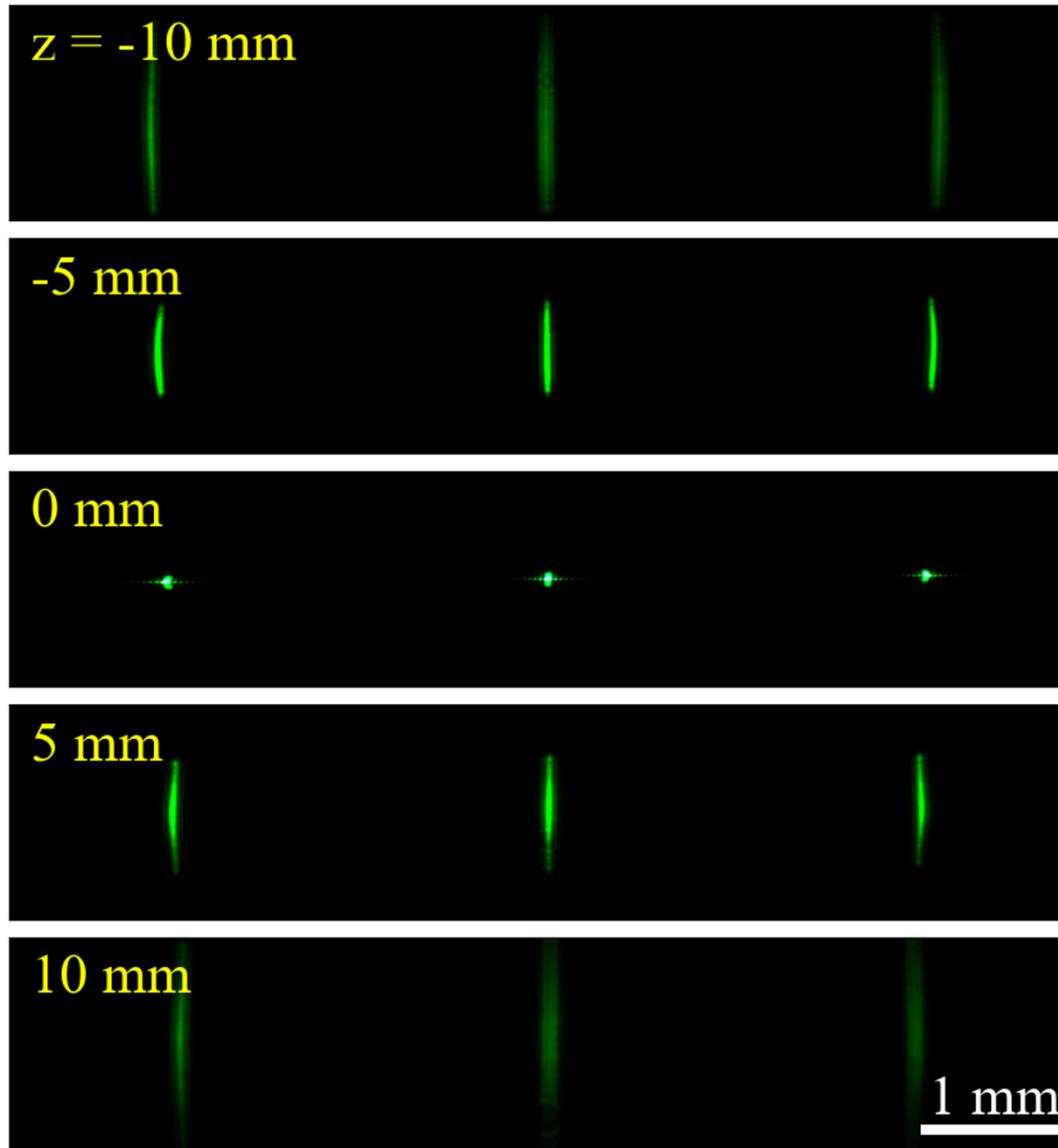
# Glass Wedges: Basic Principles

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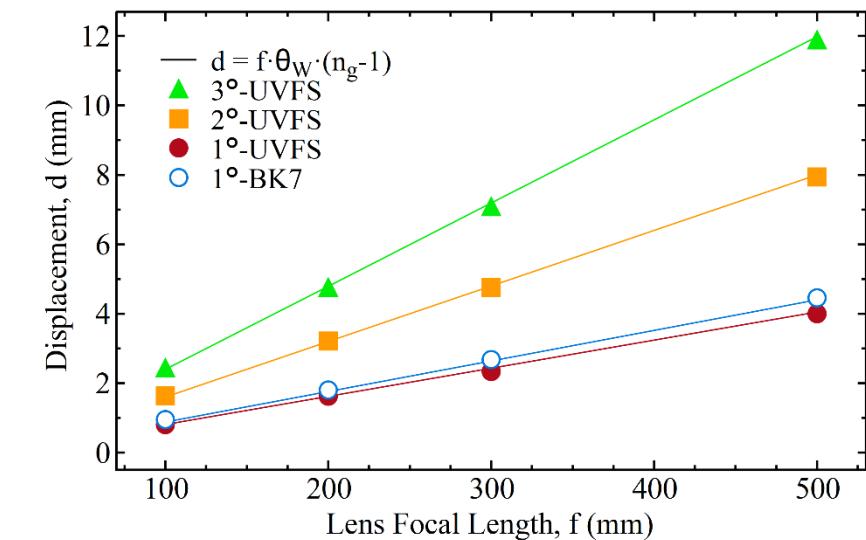
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# Glass Wedges: Array Design



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



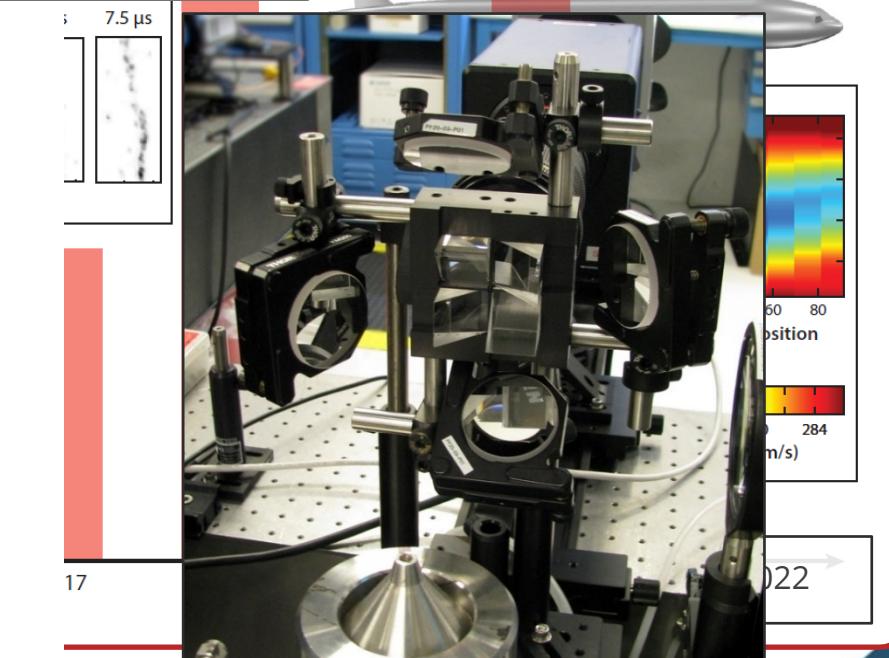
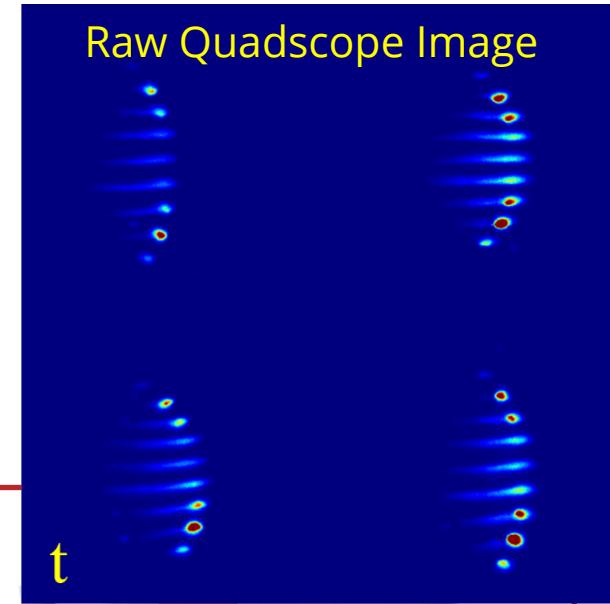
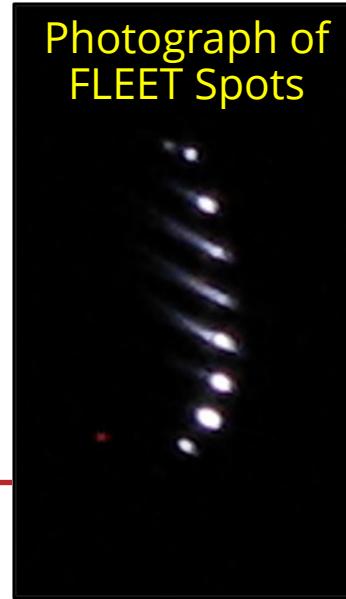
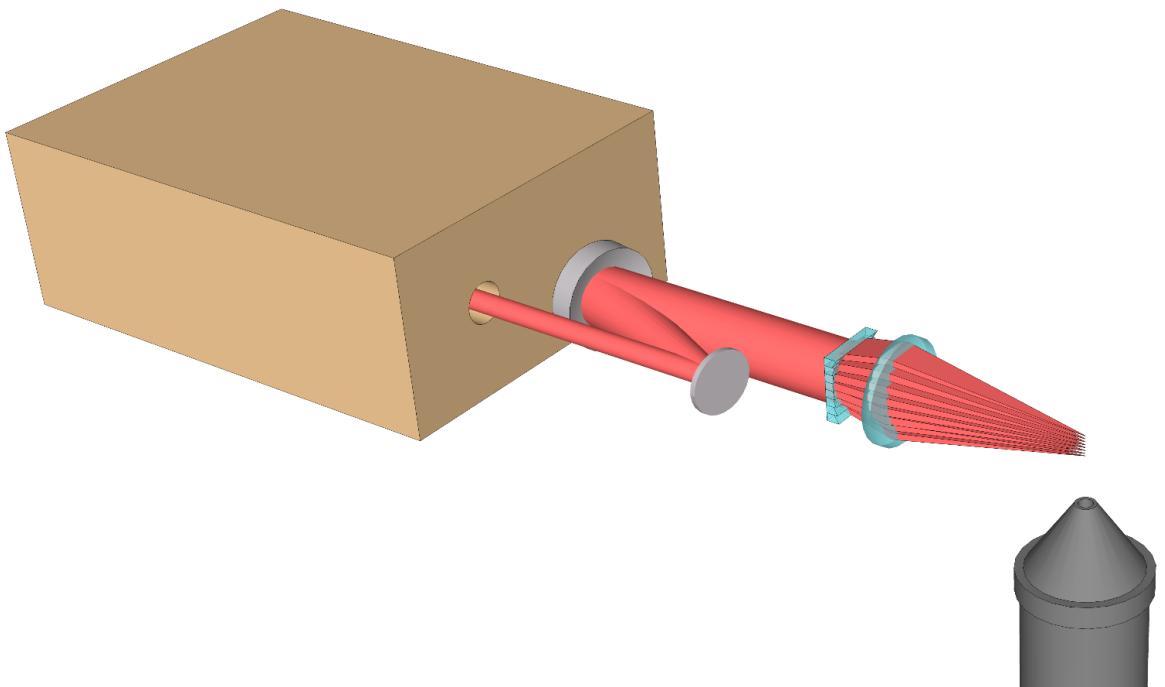
# Applications: Glass Wedges for Multi-Dimensional Measurements

# Application 1: Multi-Spot FLEET

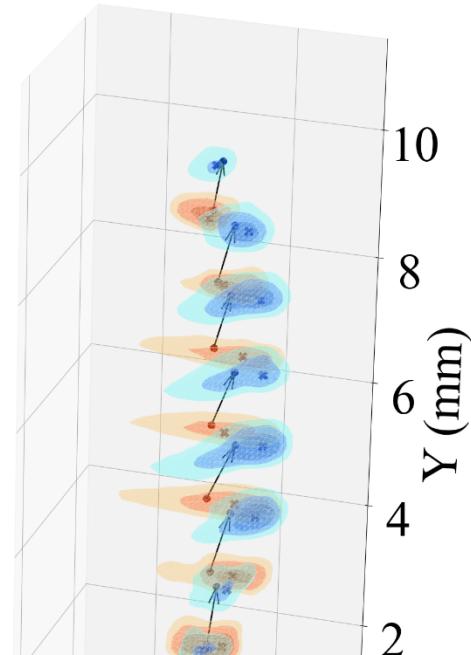
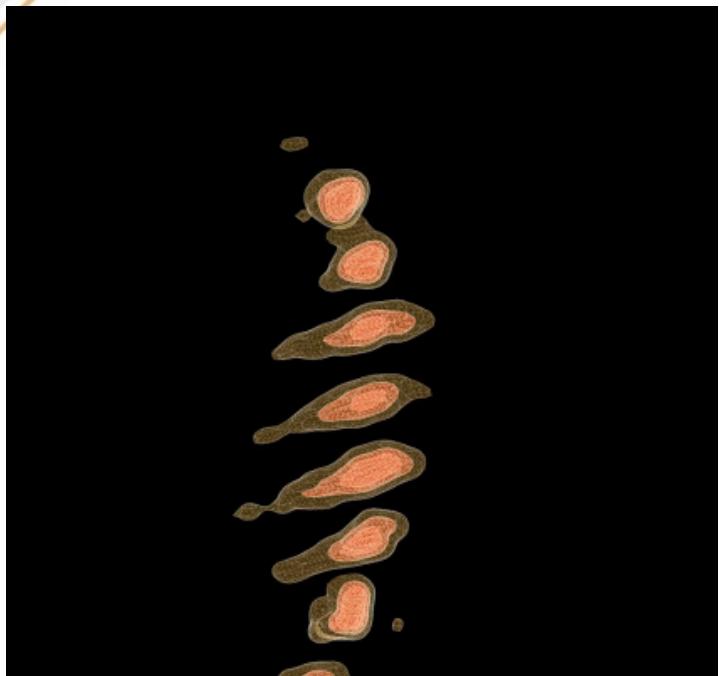
## Femtosecond Laser Electronic Excitation

### Tagging (FLEET) Velocimetry

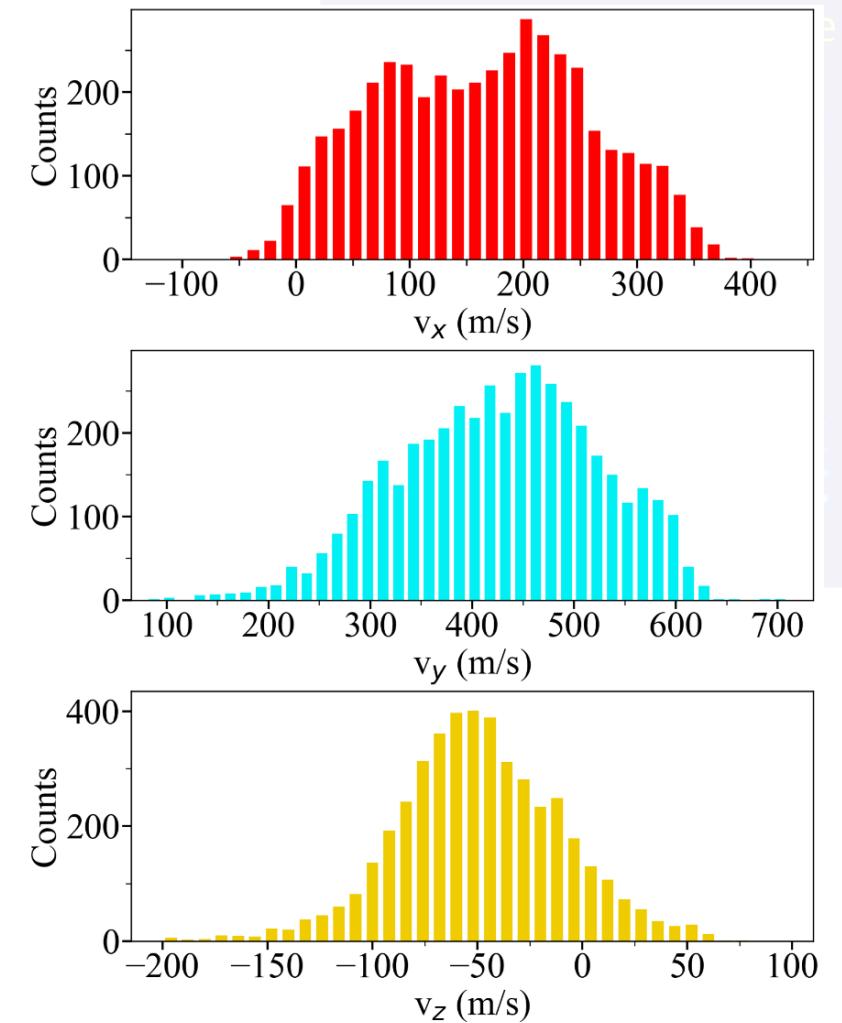
- Femtosecond (fs) laser used to dissociate  $\text{N}_2$
- Fluorescence imaged at  $t$  and  $t+\Delta t$  (MTV)
- Typically done with a single laser line for one-dimensional, one-component velocimetry
- Wedge array ~~used to create many (9) spots~~



# Application 1: Multi-Spot FLEET



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

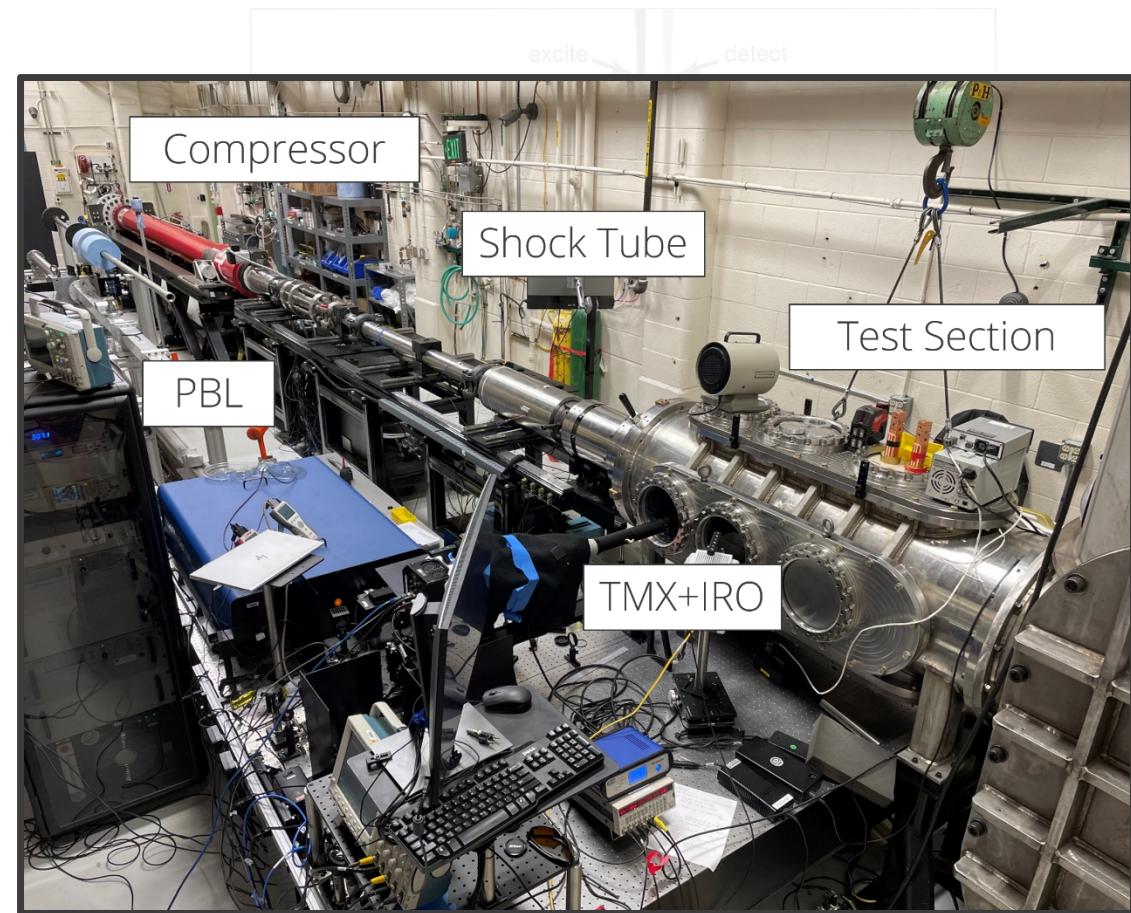


- Tomographic reconstructions calculated using quad-scope data
- Displacement of FLEET centroids tracked in time

# Application 2: Multi-Line NO MTV

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

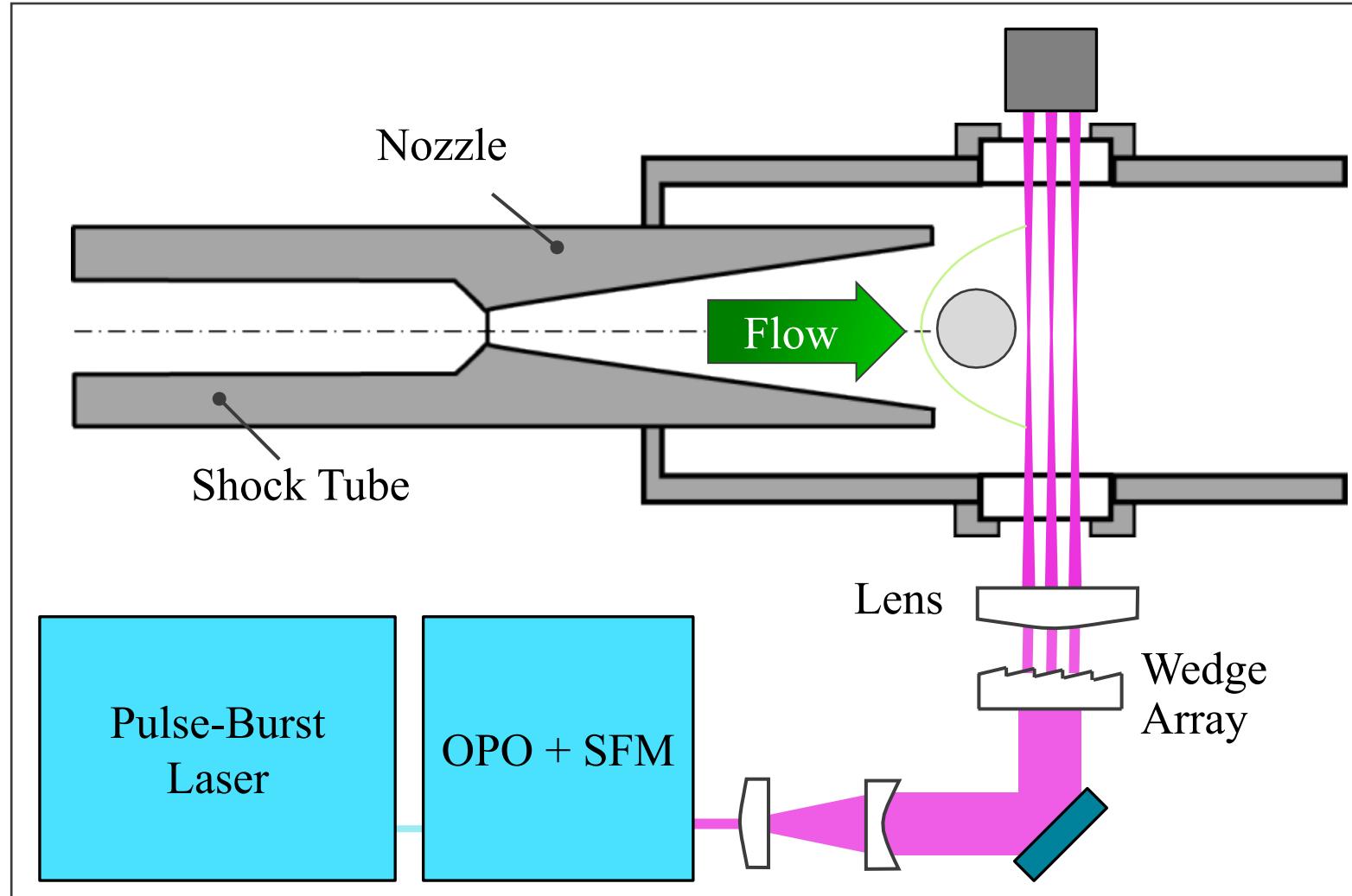
- NO naturally present in air if  $T > 2000$  K
- UV laser pulse excites NO fluorescence
  - Fluorescence tracked for velocimetry
- Typically done with one laser line for one-dimensional, one-component velocimetry
- Measurements performed in high-enthalpy flows shock tunnel at 4-5 km/s
- Pulse-burst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



Danehy, AIAA J. 2023

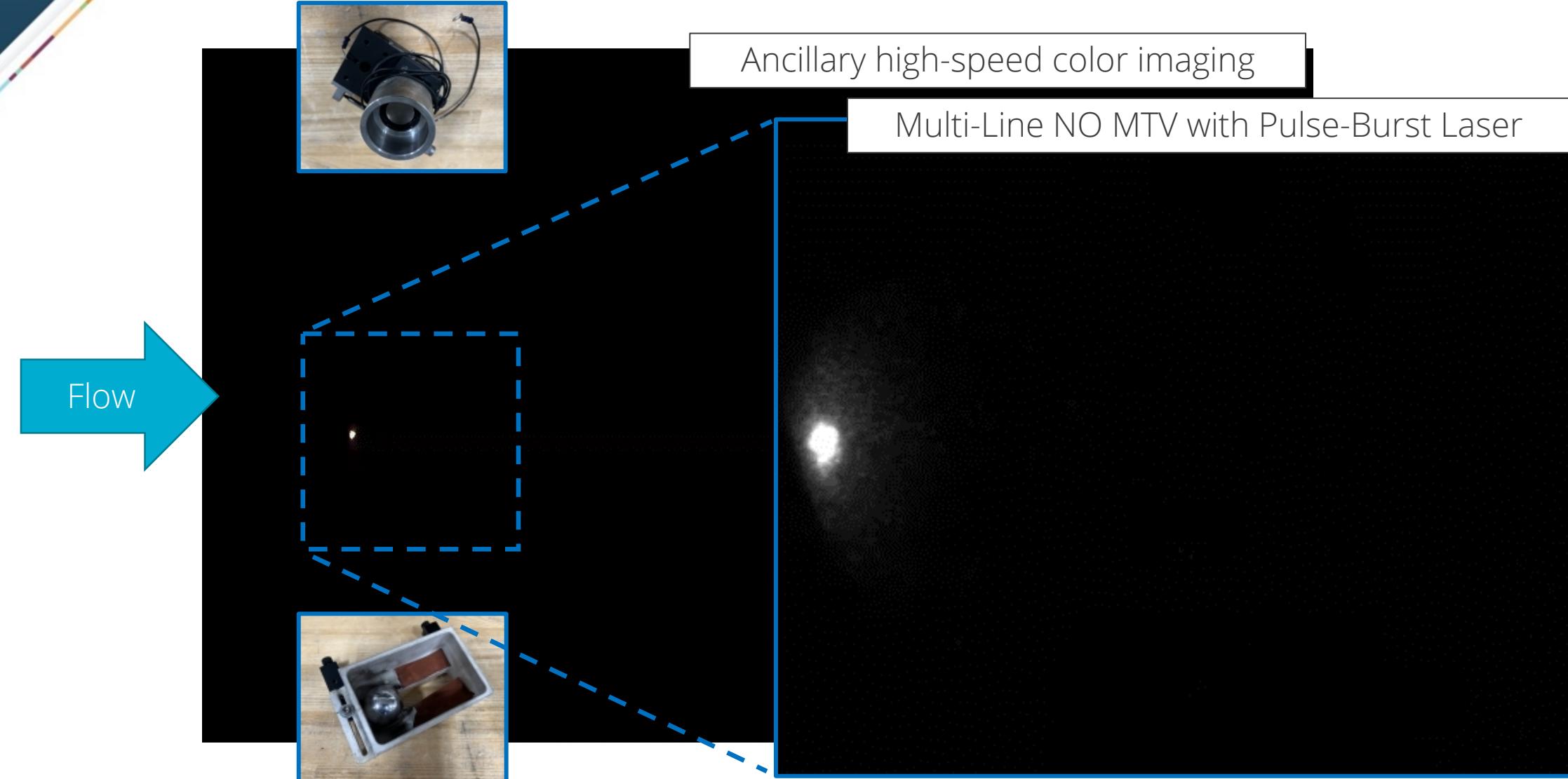
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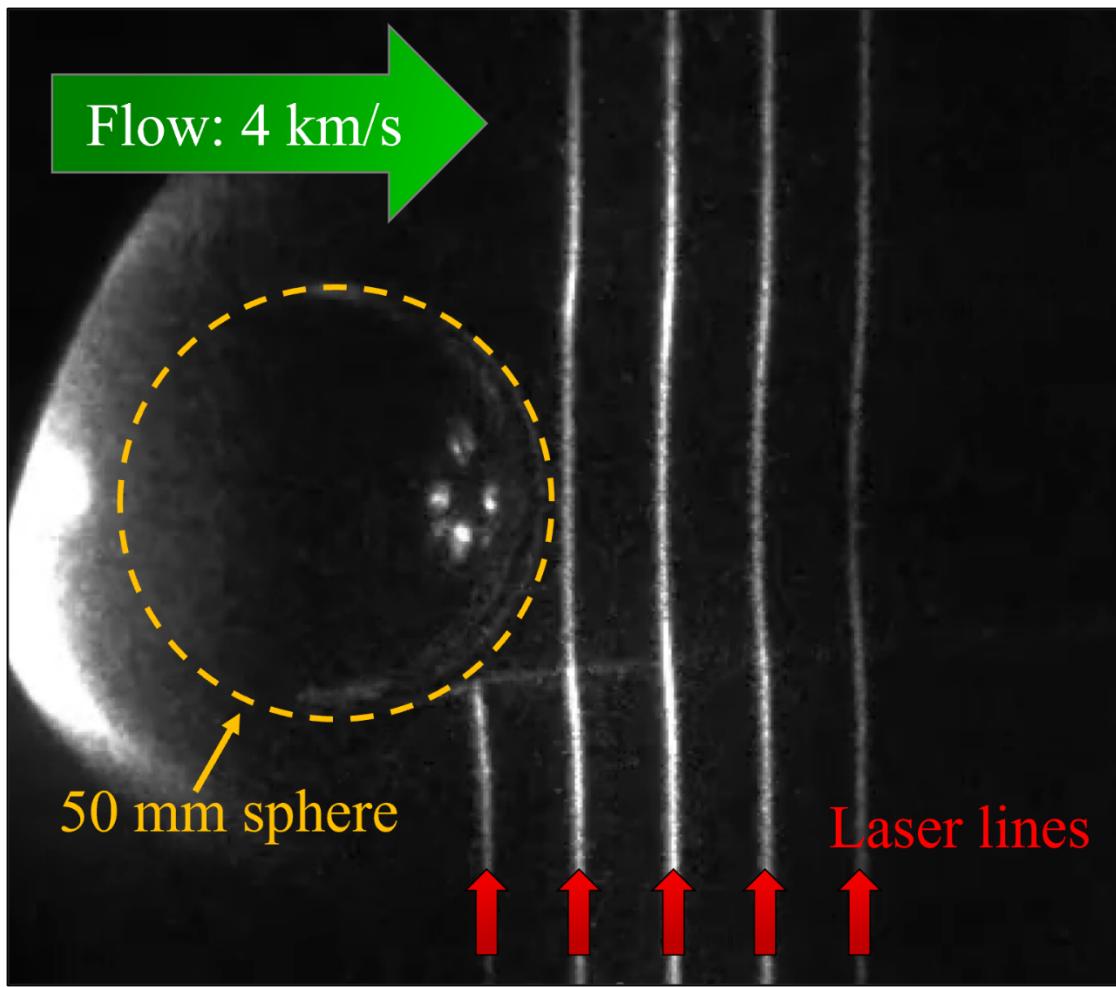
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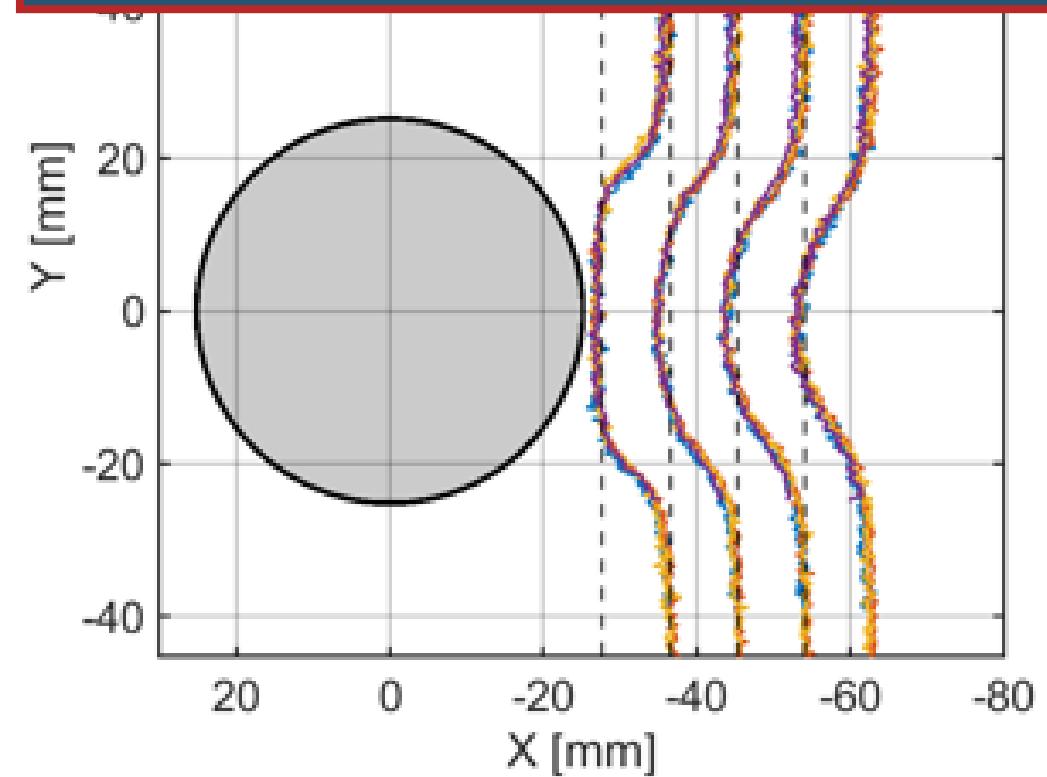


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## Application 2: Multi-Line NO MTV



Multi-line NO MTV data  
with pulse-burst laser



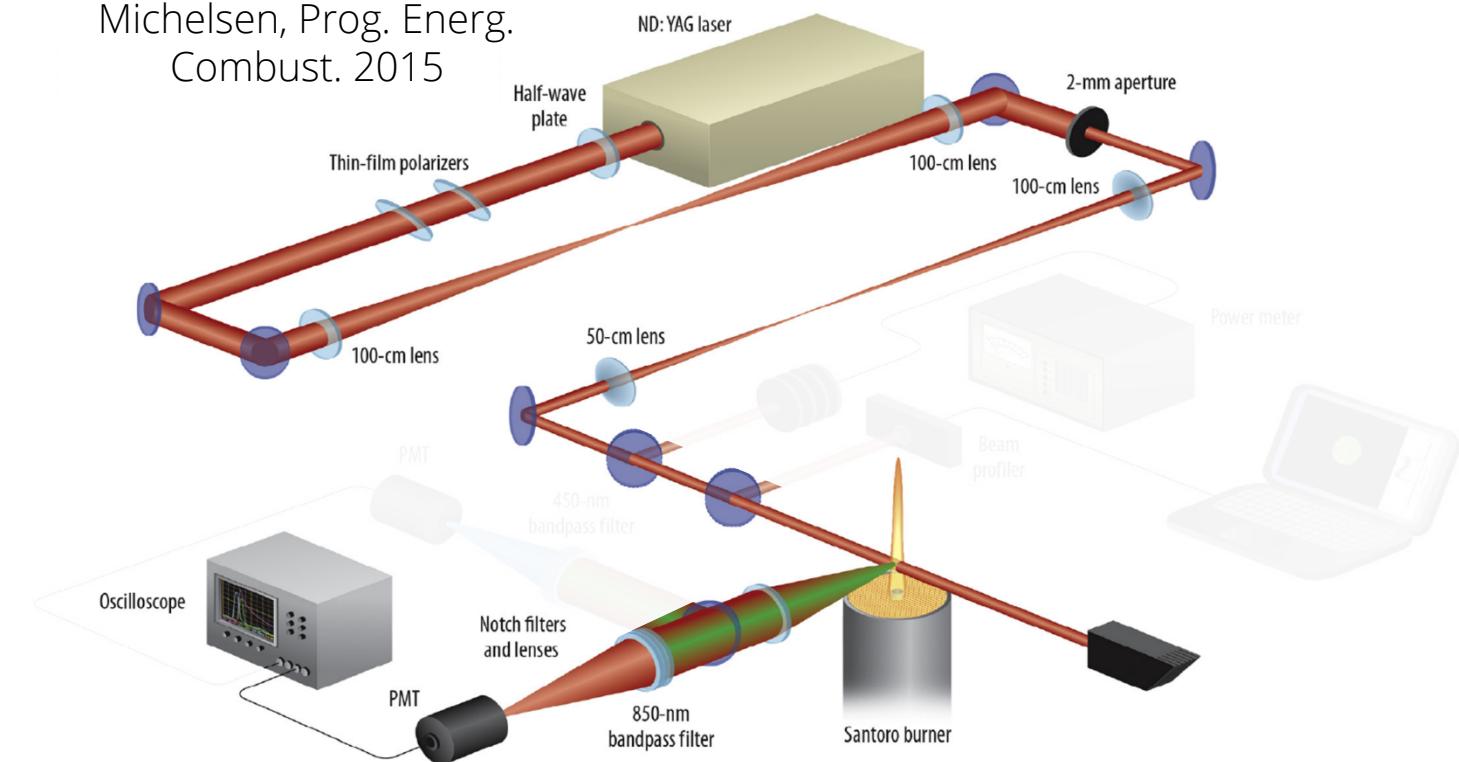
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# Application 3: Multi-Planar LII

## 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!

Michelsen, Prog. Energ. Combust. 2015



# Application 3: Multi-Planar LII

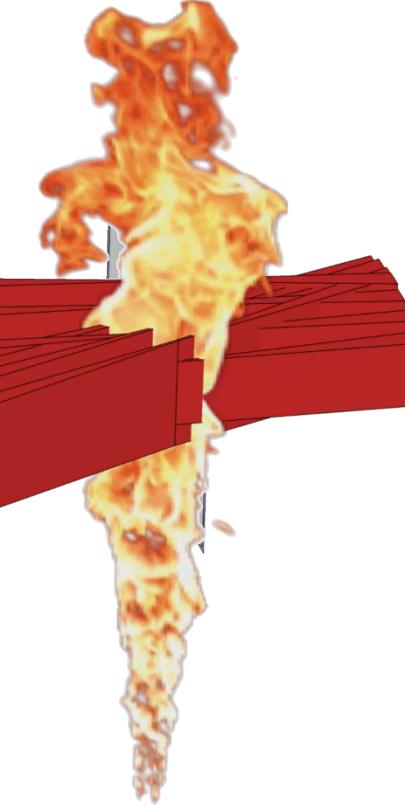
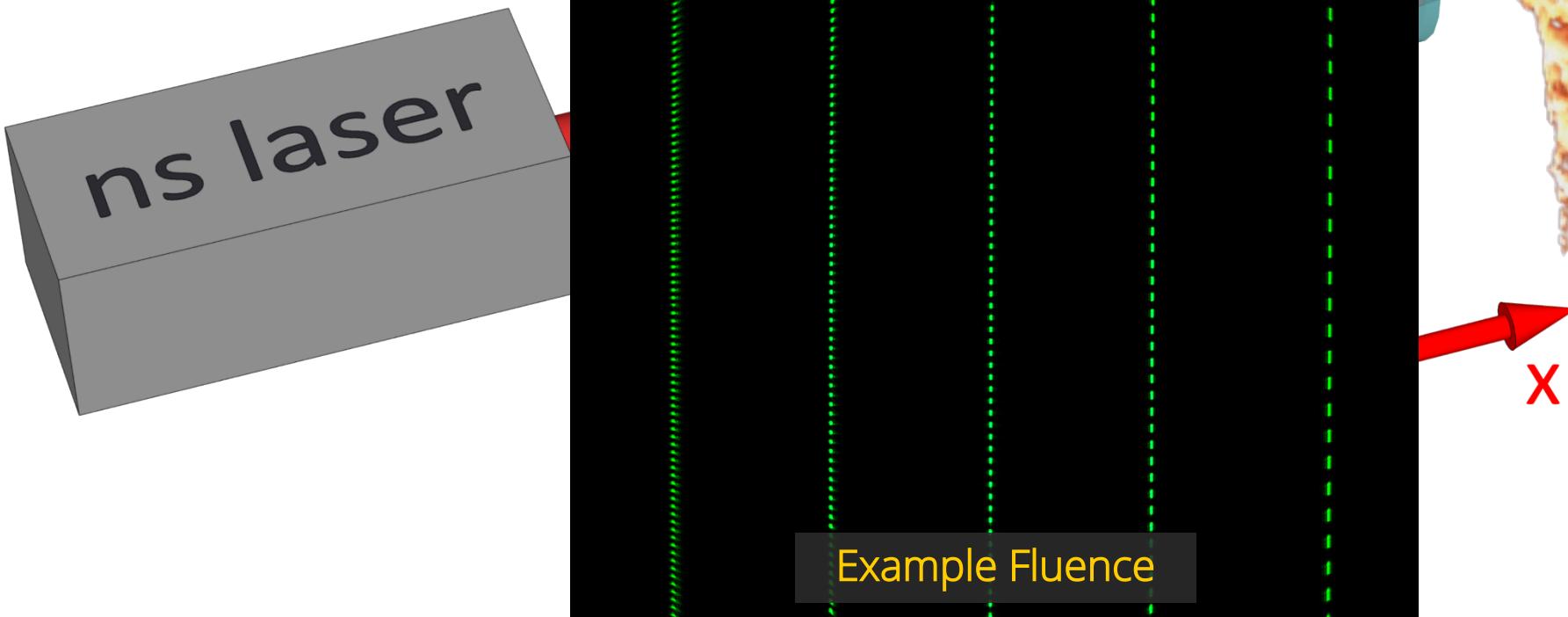
## Experimental Setup

Six laser sheets spaced by 2.4 mm each

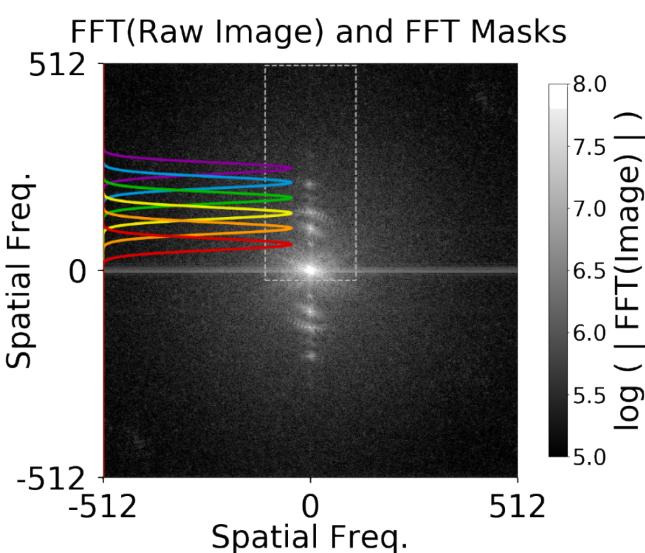
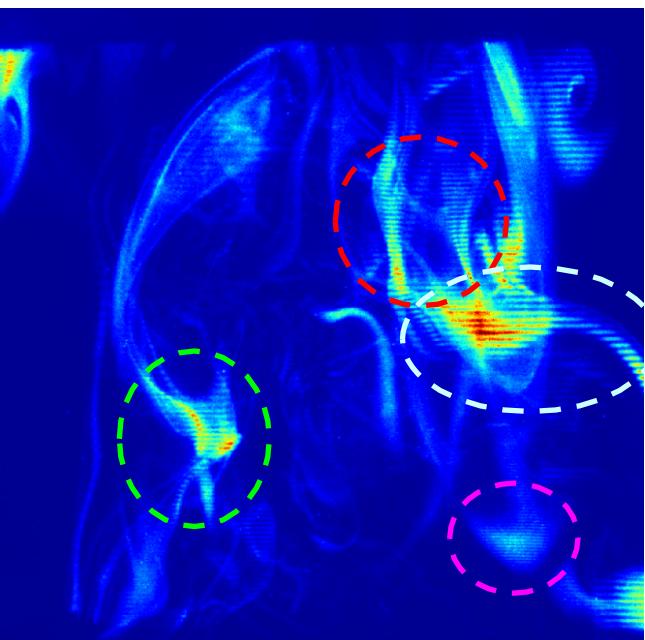
- Each with a unique spatial frequency

Turbulent ethylene jet flame

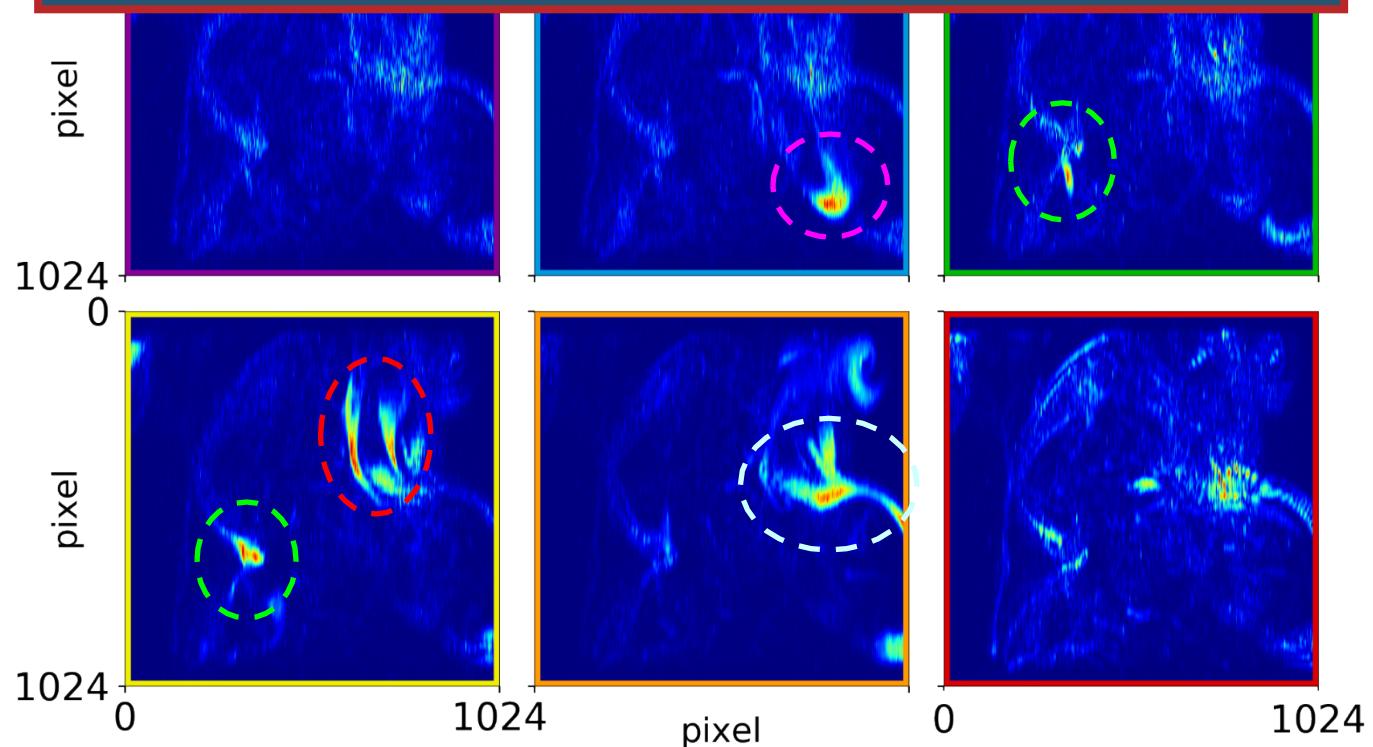
Intensified gated camera to image soot  
incandescence



# Application 3: Multi-Planar LII



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

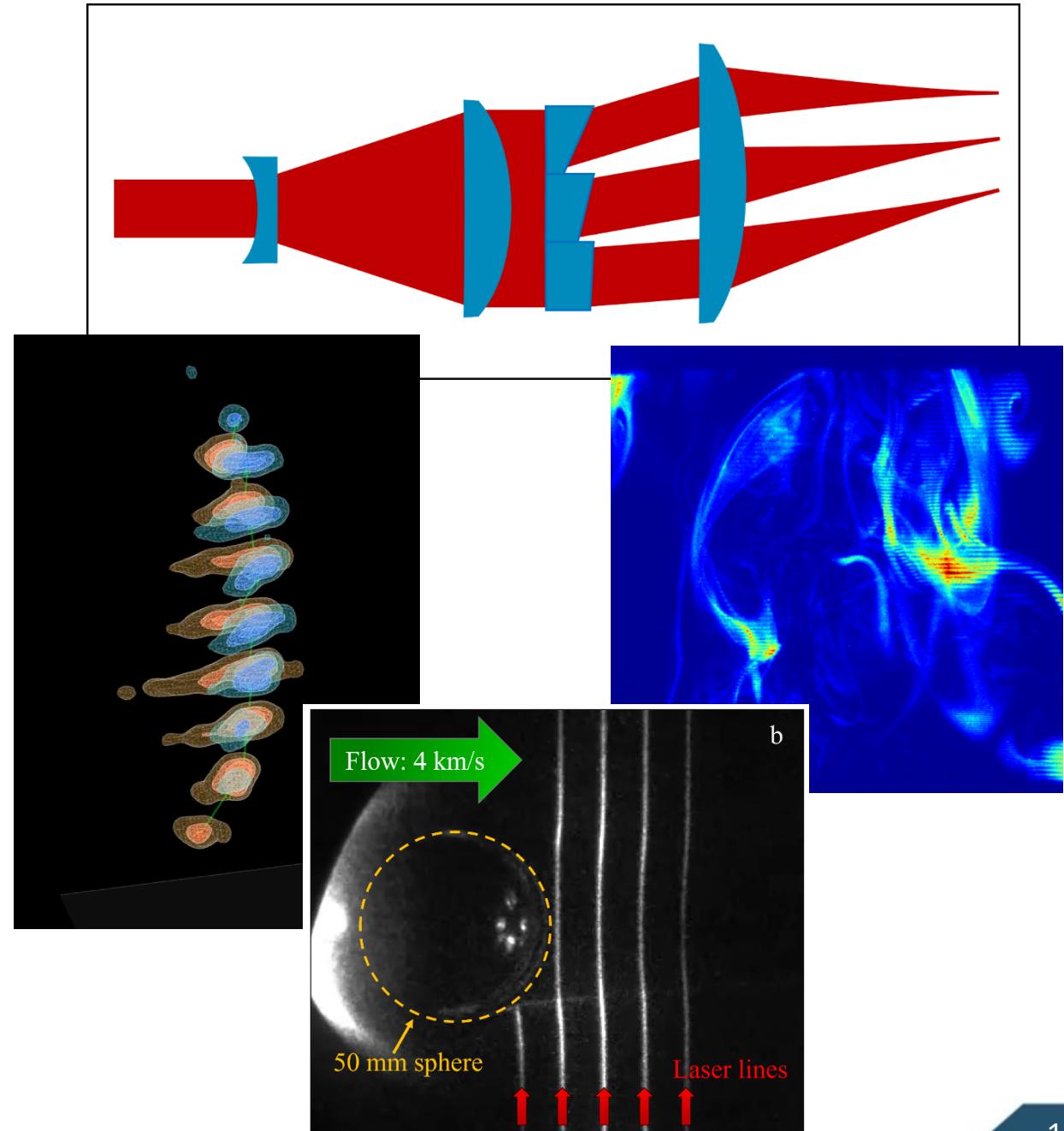


Fourier-domain filtering done to  
isolate signal from each plane.

# Conclusions

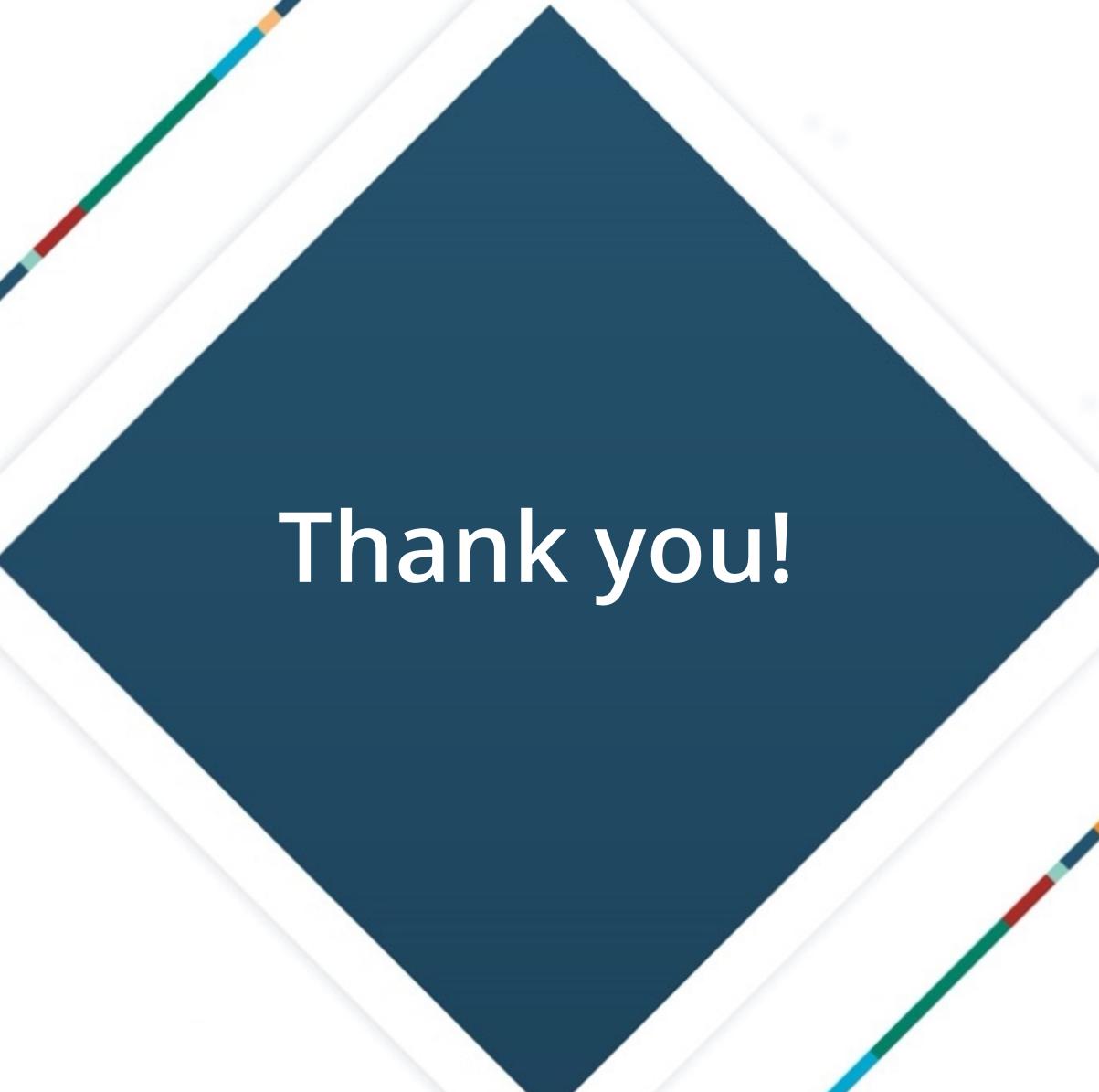
## Glass Wedges

- 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



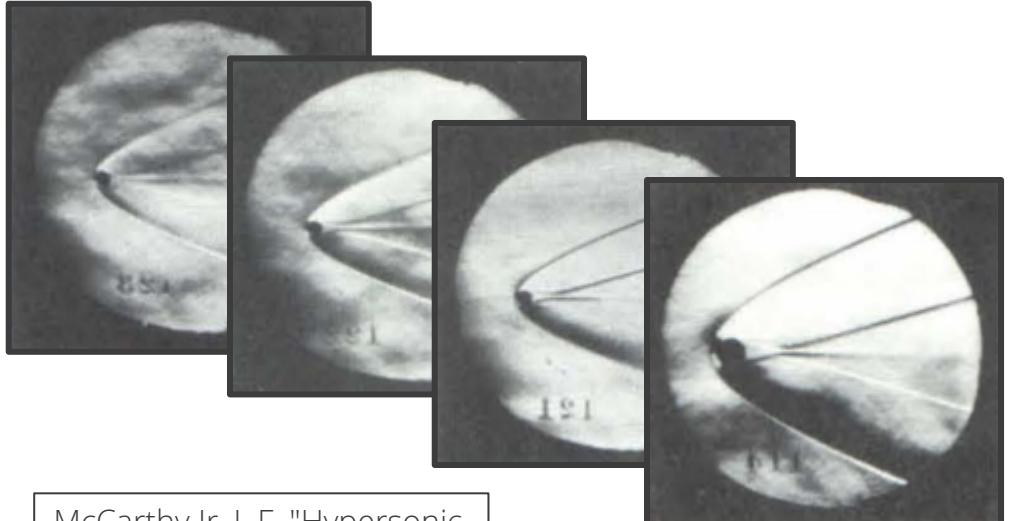
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# Backup Slides

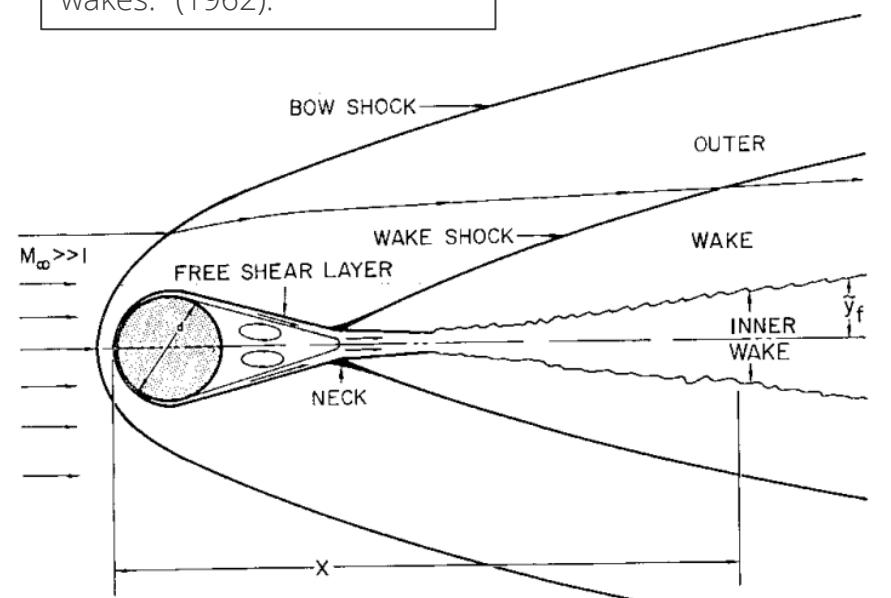


# background

- 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



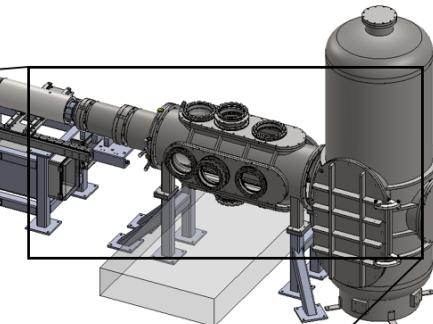
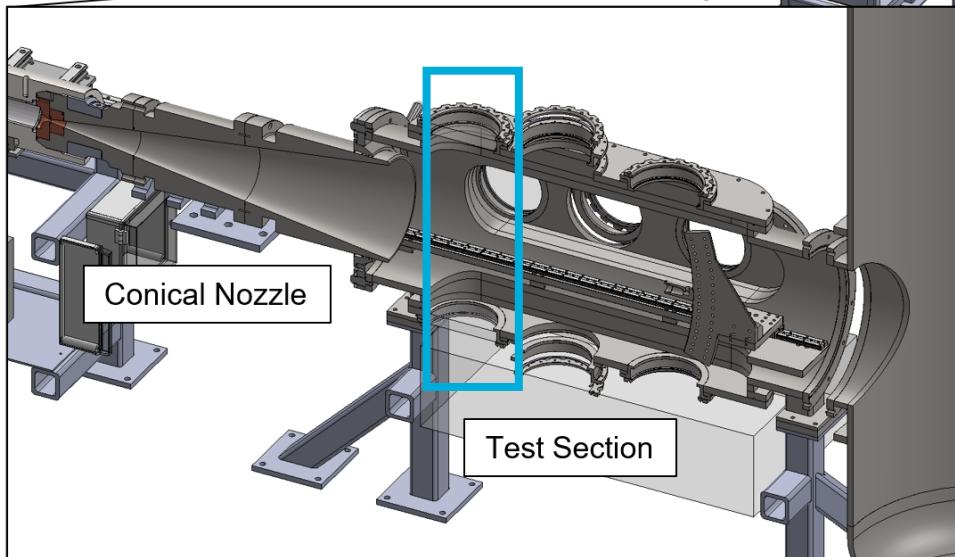
McCarthy Jr, J. F. "Hypersonic wakes." (1962).



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

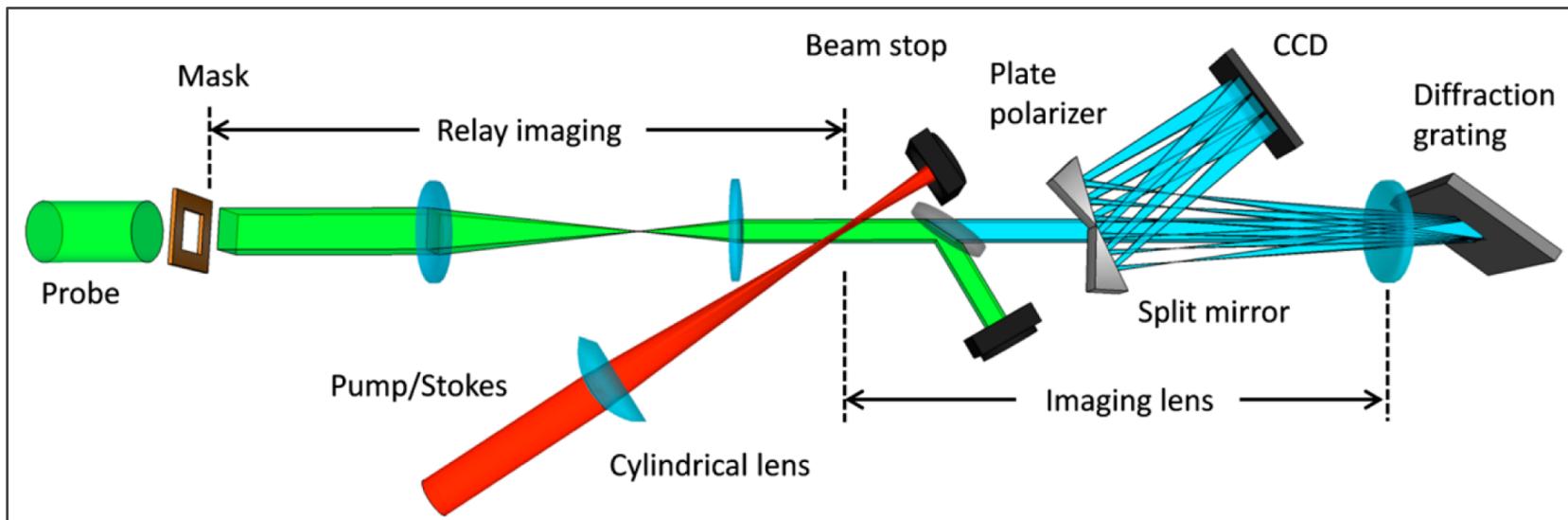


Catch with optical access

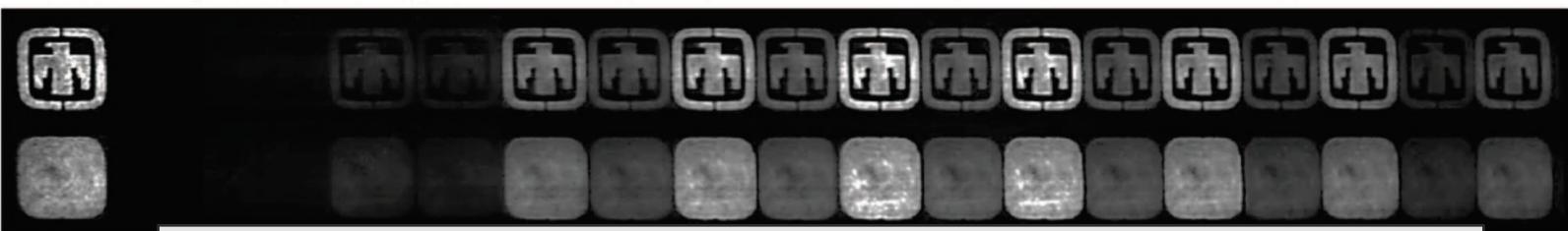
# Application 4: Multi-Planar CARS Thermometry

## 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



Rotational quantum number  $J = 4 \ 5 \ 6 \ 7 \ 8 \ 9 \ 10 \ 11 \ 12 \ 13 \ 14 \ 15 \ 16$



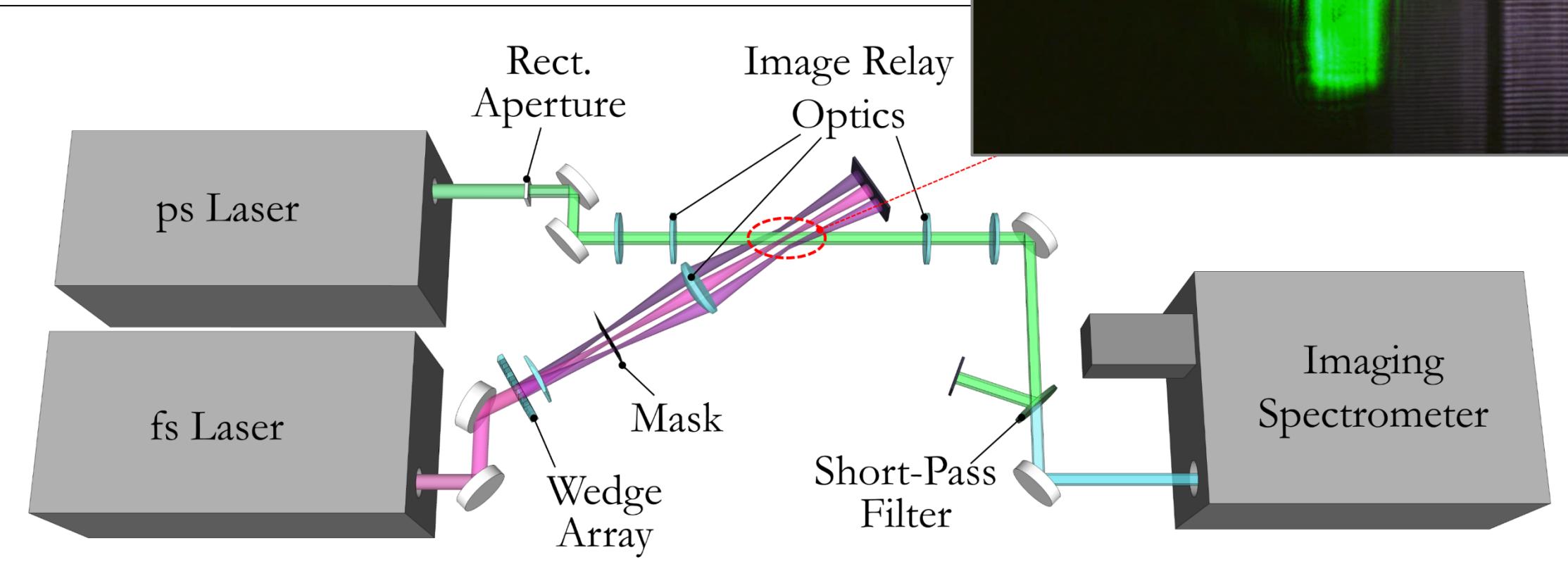
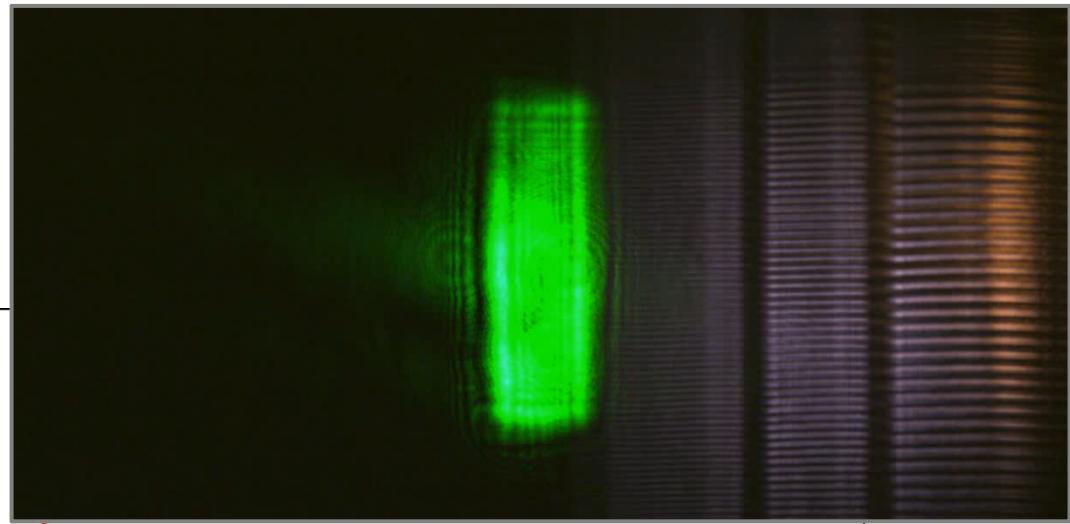
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# Application 4: Multi-Planar CARS Thermometry

- 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

