

Recent high-speed laser diagnostics in hypersonic ground test facilities

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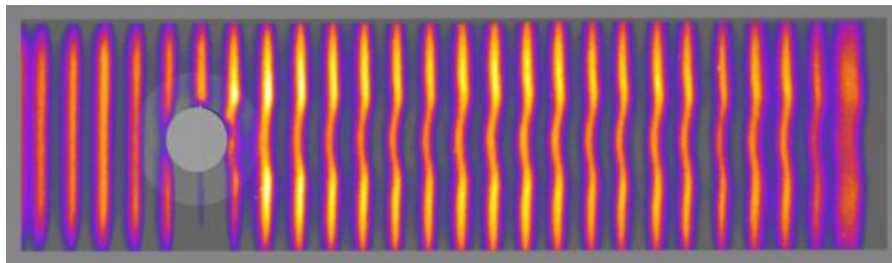
Measurement Challenges

- Large test section, 1–2 m test section diameter
- Long focal length, small collection solid angle, and extremely low pressure
- Short test time, usually in ms level
- Harsh environment, long beam path, no/limited AC
- Limited optical windows
- Complicated system

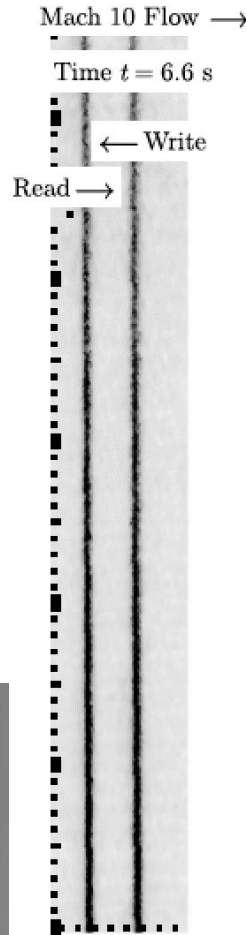


Hypersonic Flow Diagnostics

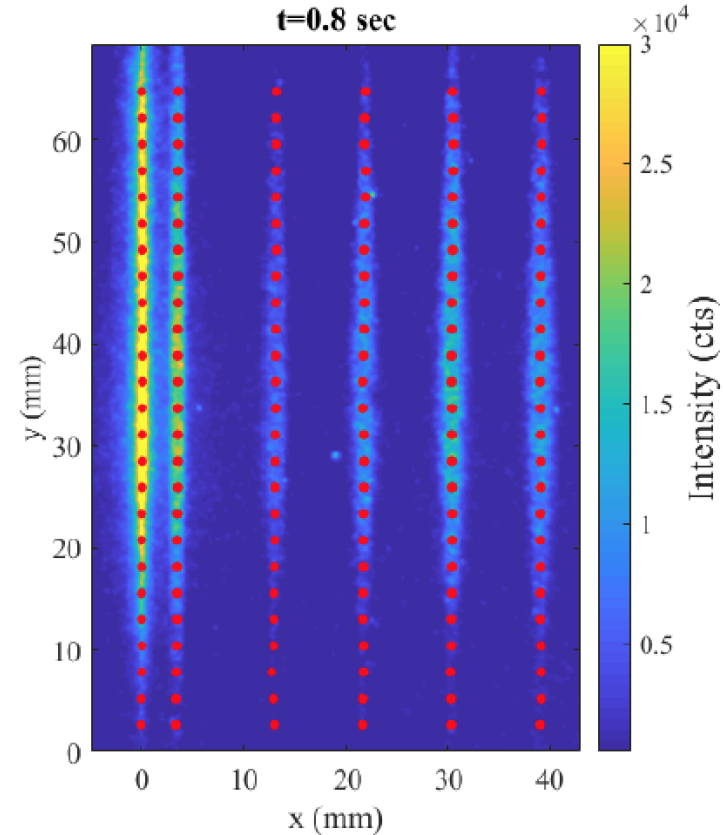
- Physical sensors
- Schlieren/shadowgraph
- 10-Hz: PLIF, MTV, Mie Scattering, CARS, Rayleigh/Raman
- 1-kHz: FLEET, fs-CARS
- Higher speed: Schlieren, FLDI, PLIF, MTV, Mie/Rayleigh scattering



NO MTV in Mach 10 Tunnel at NASA Langley



10-Hz KTV in Tunnel 9



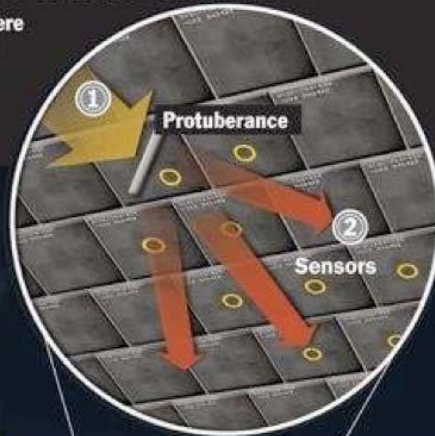
1-kHz FLEET in Tunnel 9

BF Bathel, PM Danehy, et al, AIAA J. 2011. N. Parziale, et al. AIAA Scitech 2015. A. Dogariu, et al. AIAA Scitech 2021.

Previous Work: NO PLIF

Heating up Discovery's heat shield

Discovery will plunge back through Earth's atmosphere with a built-in "speed bump" on one of its thermal tiles. The quarter-inch protuberance will increase temperatures to simulate conditions NASA's next-generation Orion space capsules will encounter during atmospheric re-entries.



Because of Orion's geometry, its tiles will be subjected to re-entry temperatures up to 3,400 degrees Fahrenheit, about 500 degrees higher than the shuttle at re-entry.

Entry interface

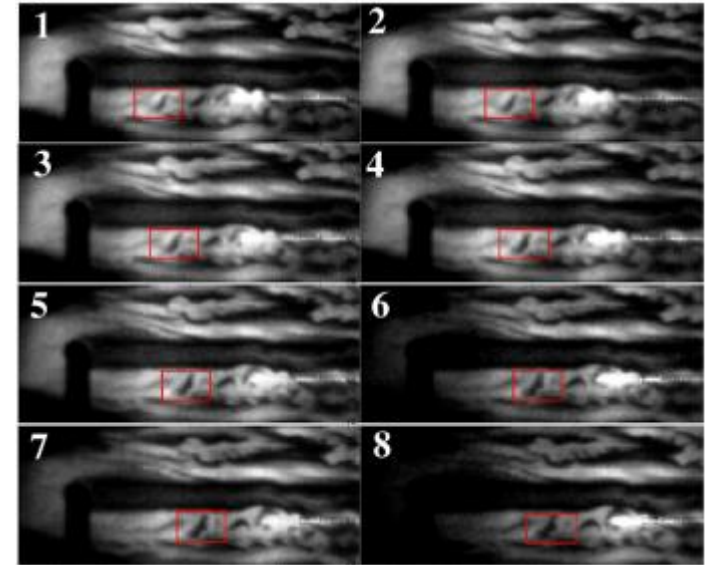
- ① The "speed bump" will disrupt airflow and induce turbulence that will increase re-entry heating.
- ② The tile and others downstream from it are equipped with sensors to capture temperature data.
- ③ A Navy aircraft with a long-range infrared camera will fly below the shuttle's flight path to monitor heating on the underside of the orbiter. Imagery and sensor data will guide engineers designing Orion's heat shield.

Left wing
Area modified for this experiment

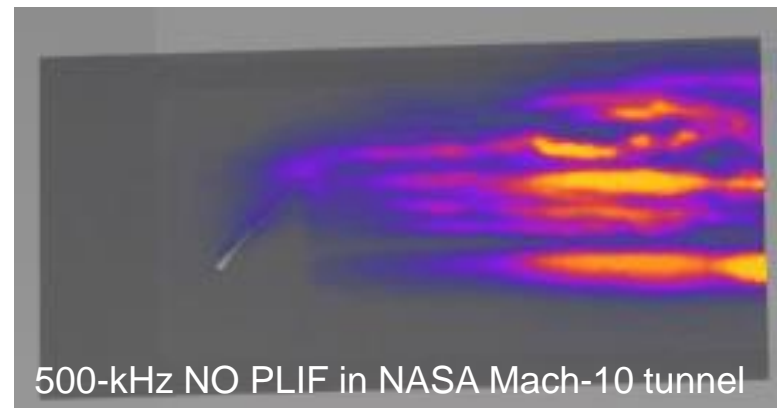
NASA expects the 4-inch-long "speed bump" to induce turbulent airflow at Mach 12 to Mach 14 as the orbiter soars over the Gulf of Mexico.

Sources: NASA, The Boeing Co., researched by James Dean, FLORIDA TODAY

Dennis Lowe, FLORIDA TODAY



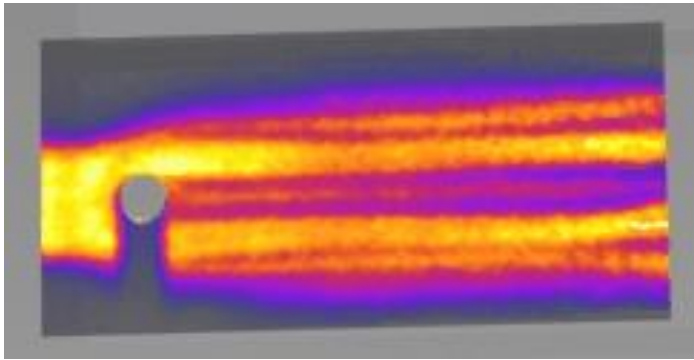
1MHz NO PLIF in NASA Mach 10 Tunnel



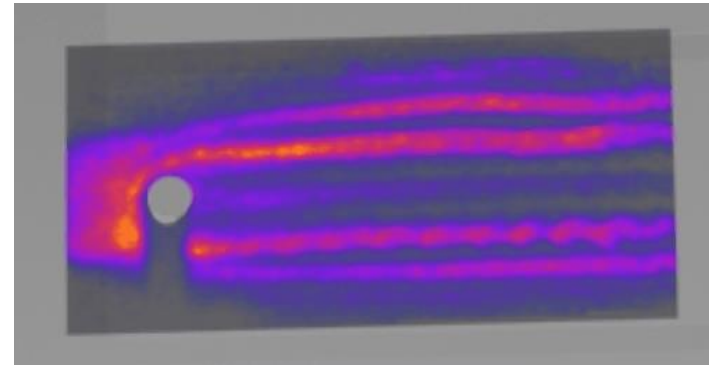
500-kHz NO PLIF in NASA Mach-10 tunnel

NO PLIF Imaging-NASA Langley

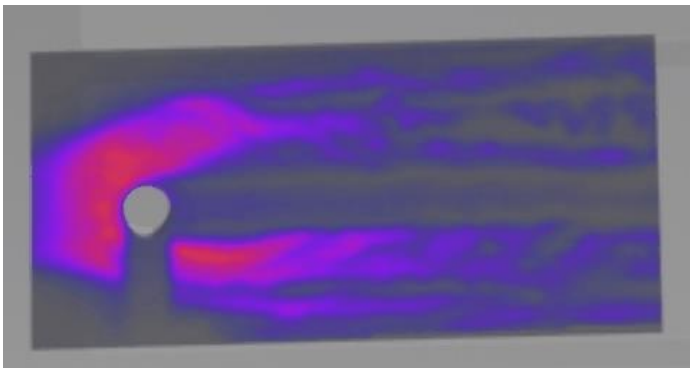
2.4 MPa, $Re = 1.5$ million/m 500 kHz



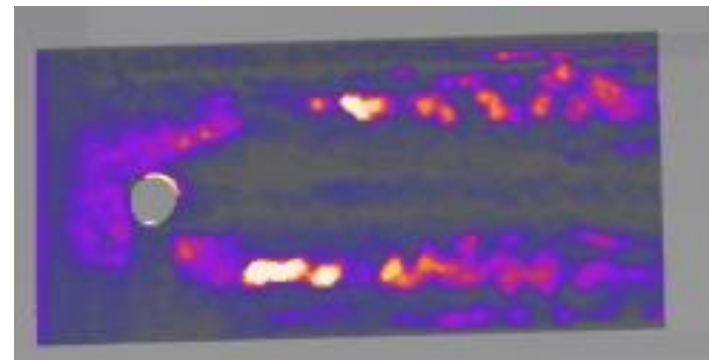
3.4 MPa, $Re = 2.1$ million/m 500 kHz



4.9 MPa, $Re = 3$ million/m 1 MHz

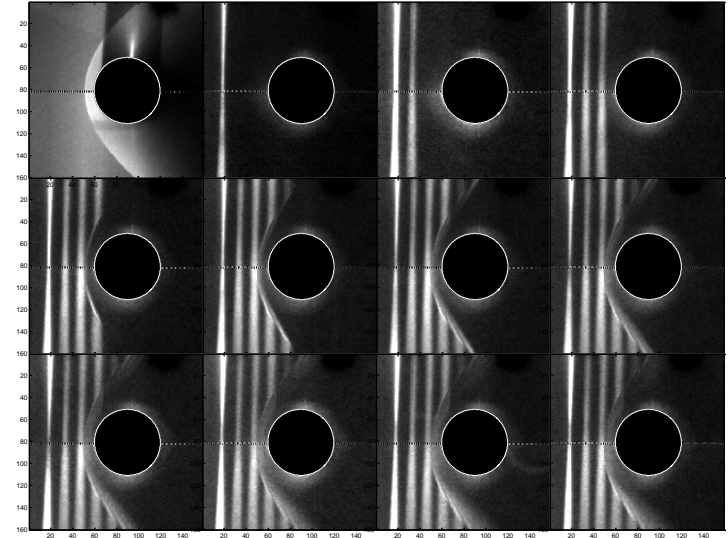
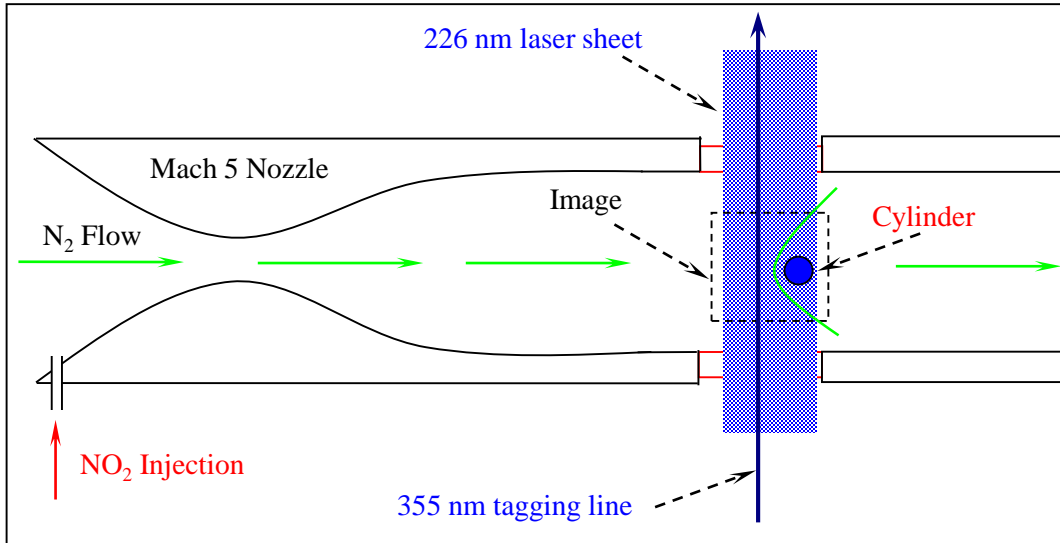


9.2 MPa, $Re = 5.6$ million/m 500 kHz

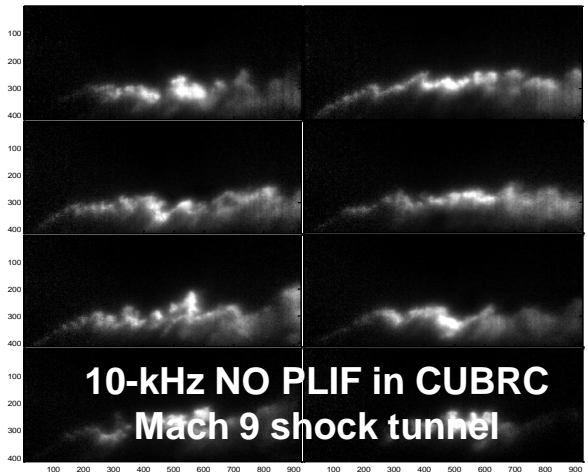
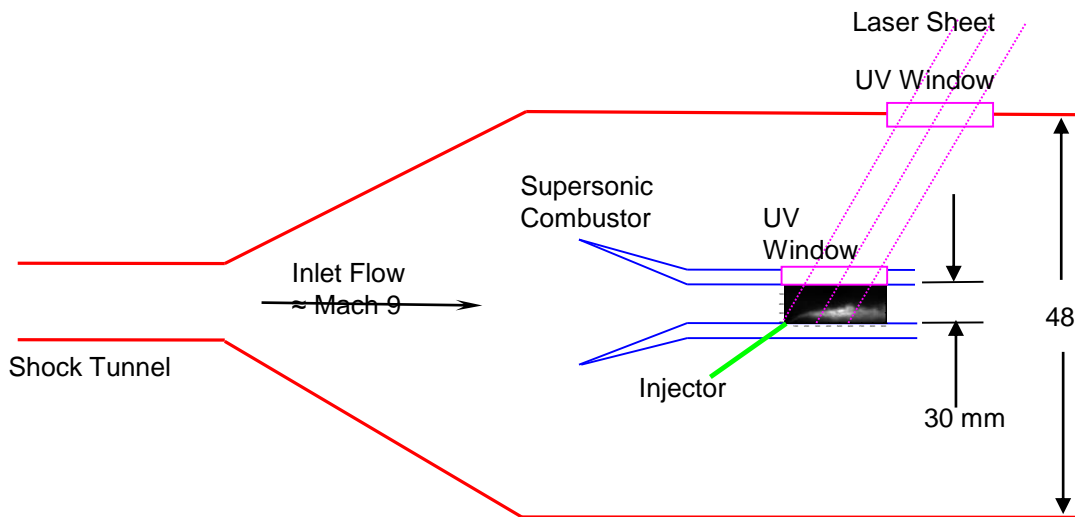


2 mm tall x 4 mm wide cyl trip - Reynolds Number Comparison
~ 1 mm above surface

Previous Work



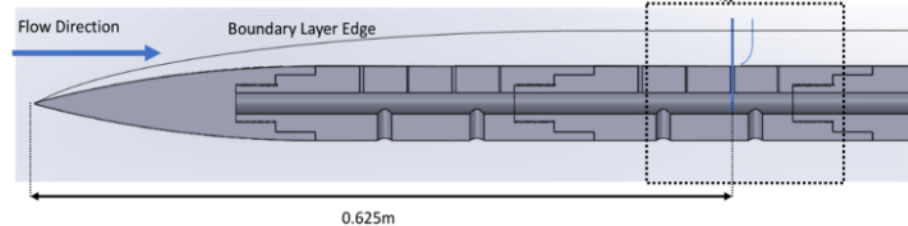
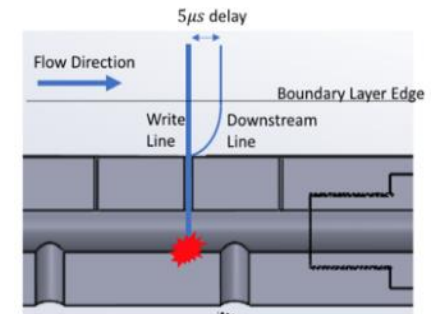
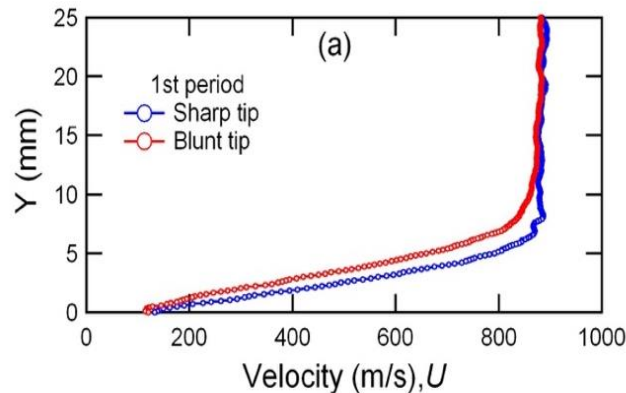
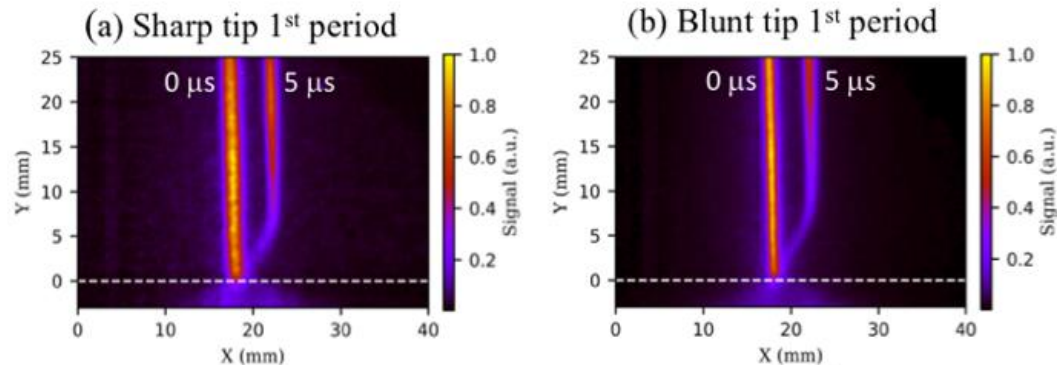
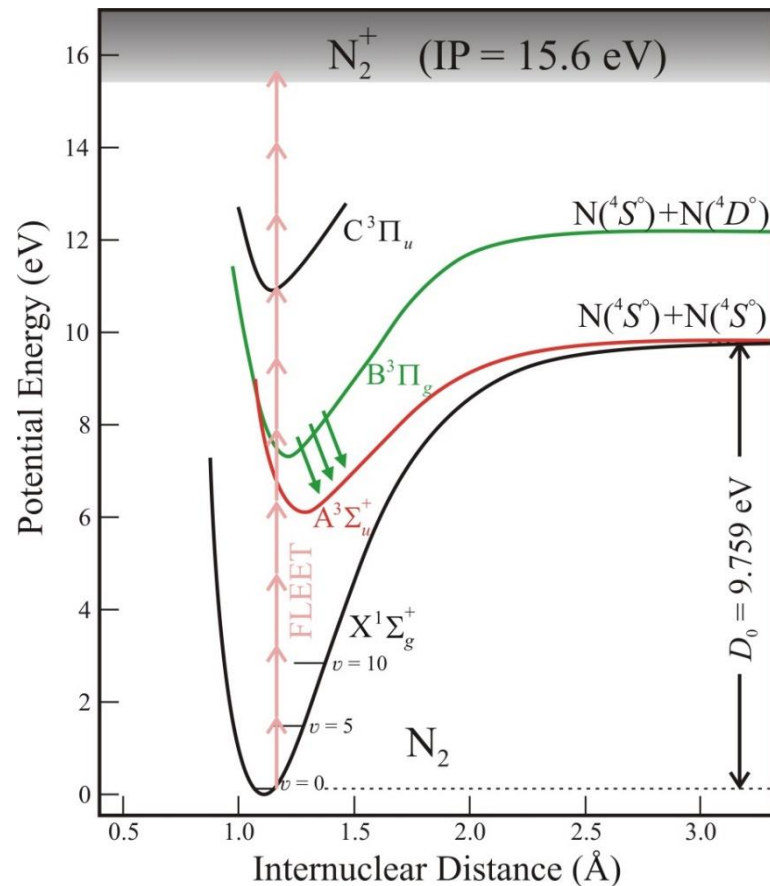
500 kHz NO_2 MTV in a Mach 5 Tunnel



10-kHz NO PLIF in CUBRC Mach 9 shock tunnel

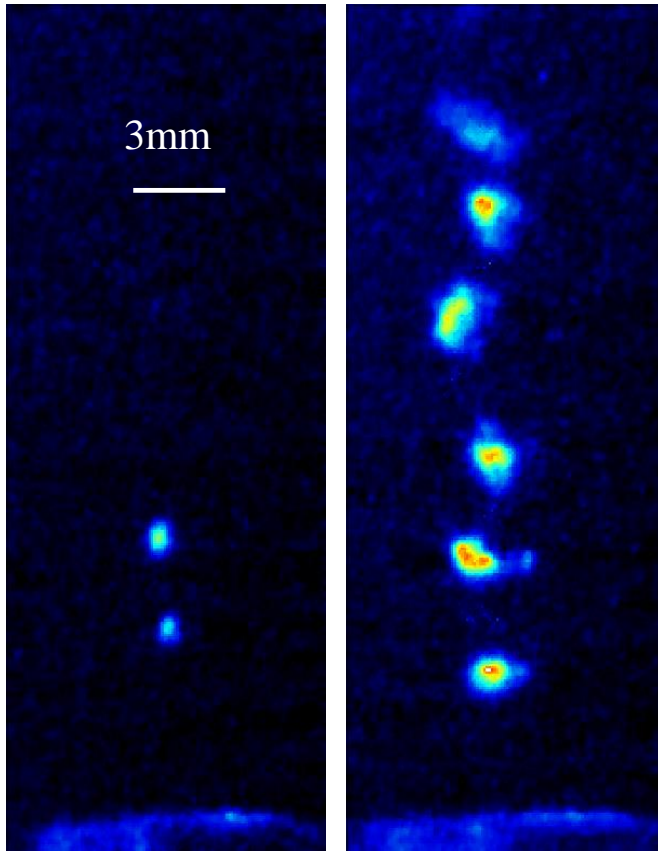
Technique: FLEET Velocimetry

BL Velocity Profile Measured by 1-kHz FLEET in AFRL Mach 6 Ludwig Tube



J. Michael, R. Miles et al, Appl. Opt. 50, 5158, 2011.

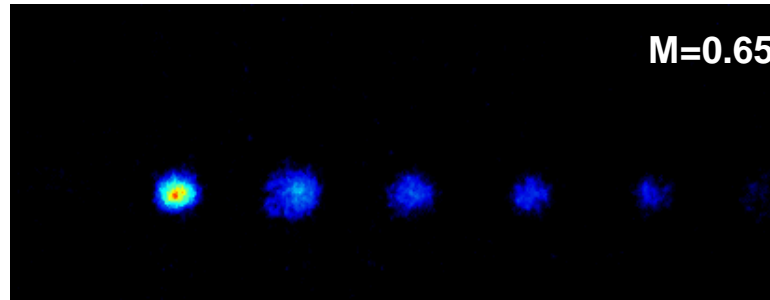
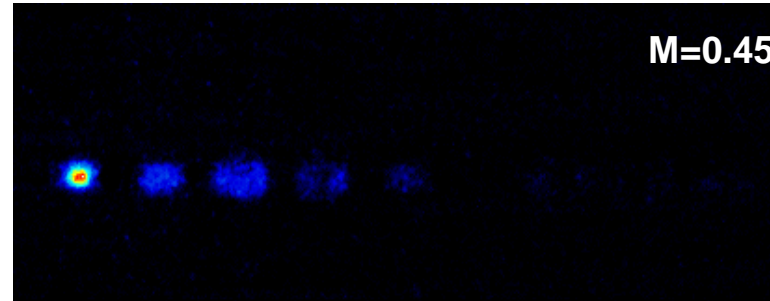
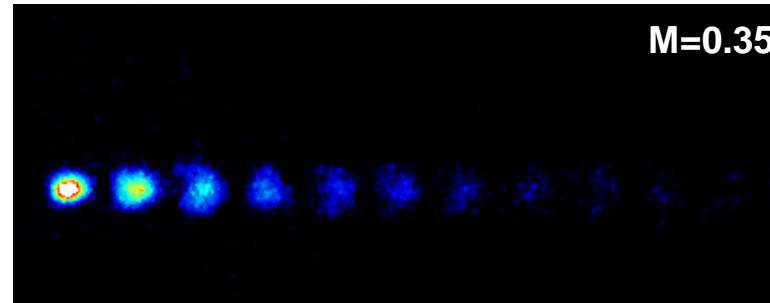
Technique: 100-kHz PLEET



PLEET with
4.5mJ/pulse

PLEET with
12mJ/pulse

Nitrogen jet flow: ~ 275 m/s

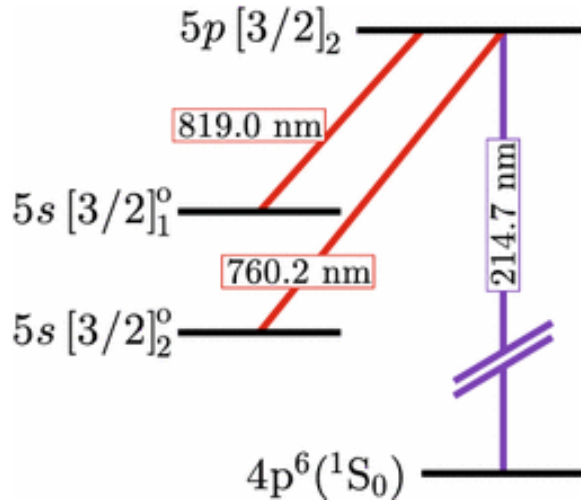


NASA Langley: Wind tunnel core flow measurements

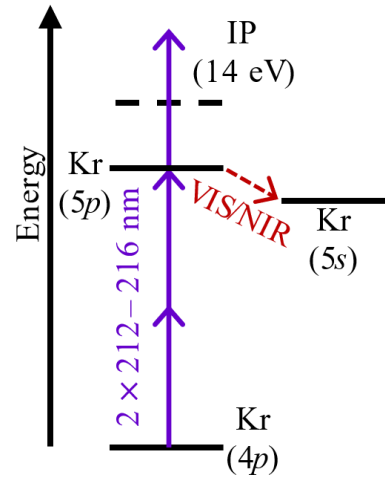
- **Measurement error 0.6–1.2 %**
- **High static pressure (300– 3000 torr)**

Burns et al., Measurement Science and Technology 29, 115203 (2018)

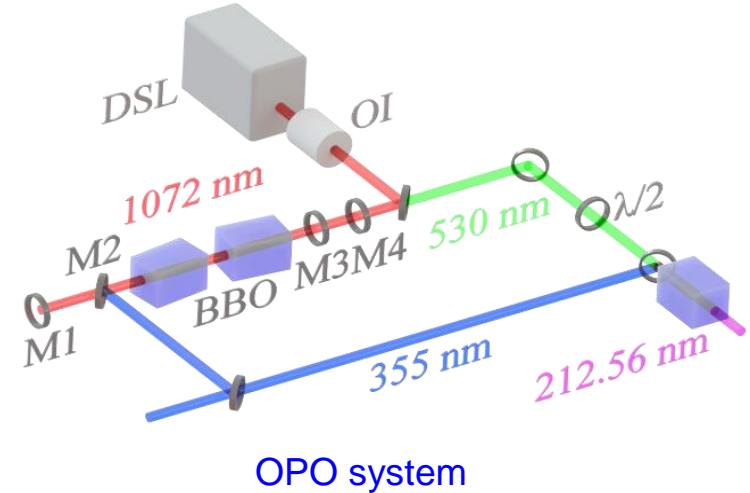
Technique: 100-kHz KTV



Two-line KTV



Single-line KTV

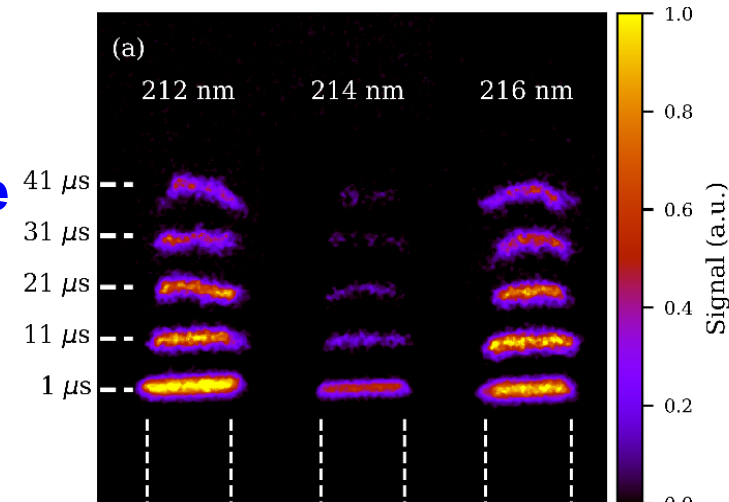


OPO system

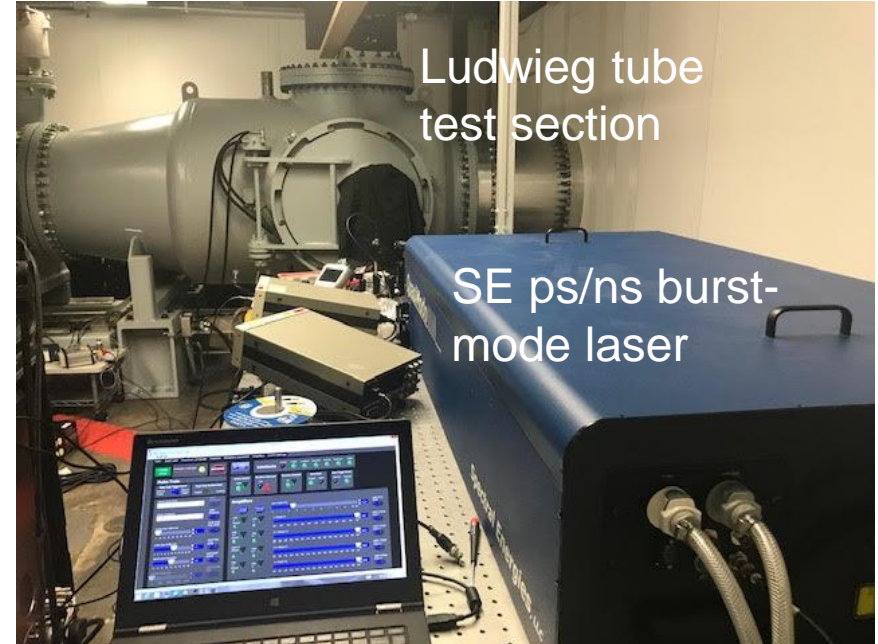
- **Burst-mode laser and OPO system**
- **Single-line KTV is simplified from two-line KTV system with REMPI process**
- **Demonstrated in Mach-6 Ludwieg tube**

Jack Mills, Charles Sukenik, and Robert Balla, AIAA-2011-3459, 2011.

N. J. Parziale, et al, Appl. Opt. 54, 5094, 2015.

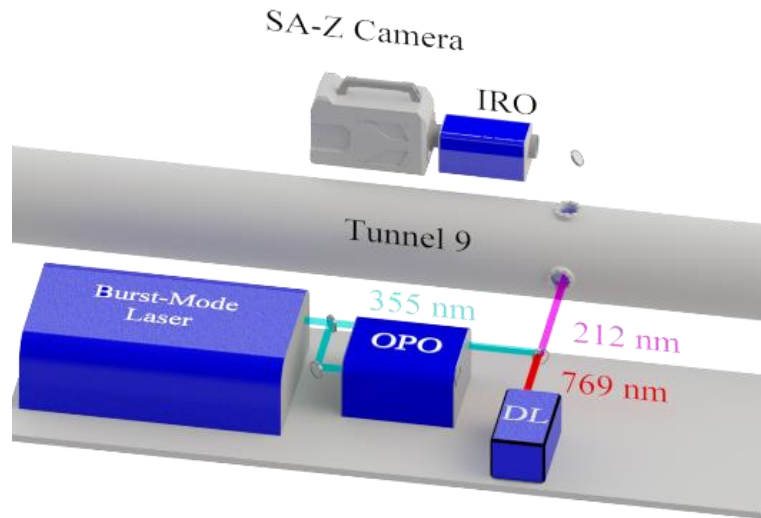


Facility: AFRL Mach 6 Ludwieg Tube



- Mach 6 air flow at various stagnation pressures of 379 kPa – 4.14 MPa
- Unit freestream Reynolds numbers of $6.56 \times 10^5/m$ – $3.28 \times 10^7/m$
 - ~900 m/s with a large-format test section (~1 m from window to center)
 - Good optical access available for optical diagnostics
 - Environmentally controlled test cell
 - Located in Wright-Patterson AFB, convenient for experiments

Facility: AEDC Tunnel 9



Mach 18

Reynolds number of $\sim 1.5 \times 10^6$ /ft

Nitrogen gas

Stagnation Pressure: 130 MPa

Stagnation temperature: 1844 K

Test time: ~ 5 seconds

Flow speed: ~ 1.9 – 2.1 km/s

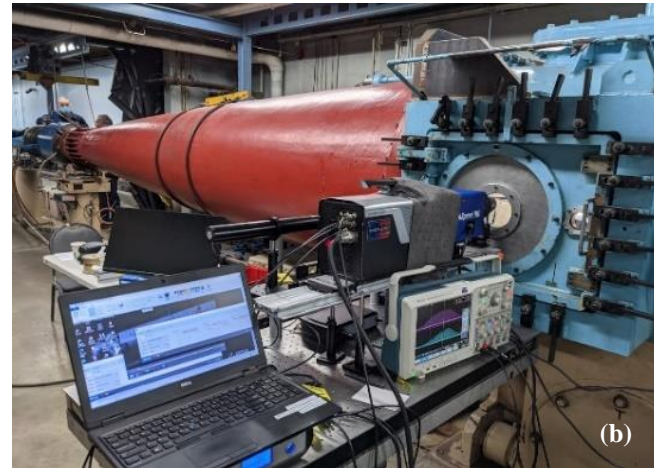
Static temperature: ~ 35 K

Static Pressure: ~ 0.4 torr

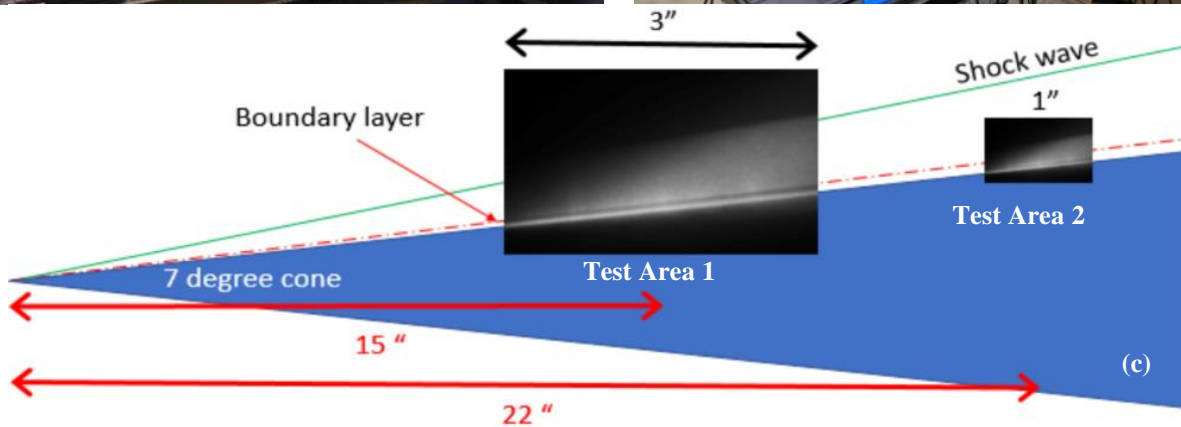
Gas seeding: 1% Kr (in mass) in N_2



Facility: CUBRC Mach 10 Shock Tunnel



Burst-mode laser & OPO
Shimadzu & intensifier
Laser energy ~ 0.6 mJ/pulse
Sheet size $\sim 5''$

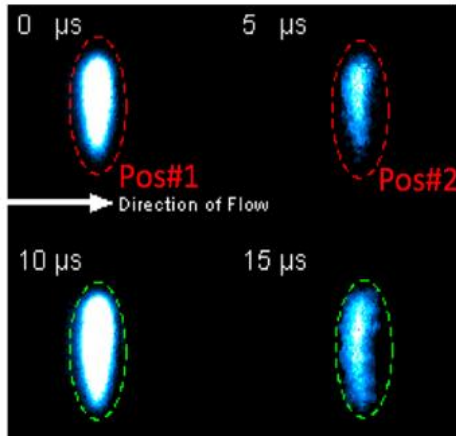


MHz NO PLIF in CUBRC shock tunnel

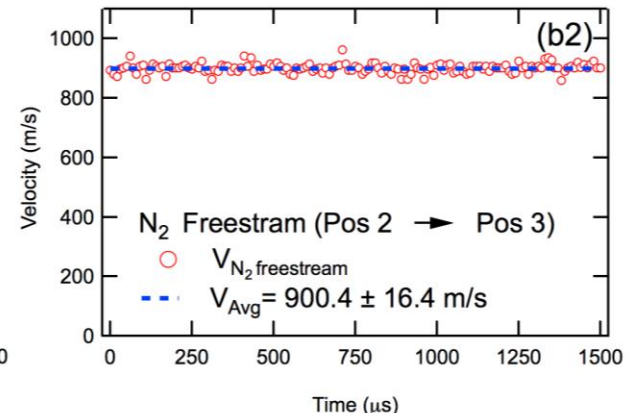
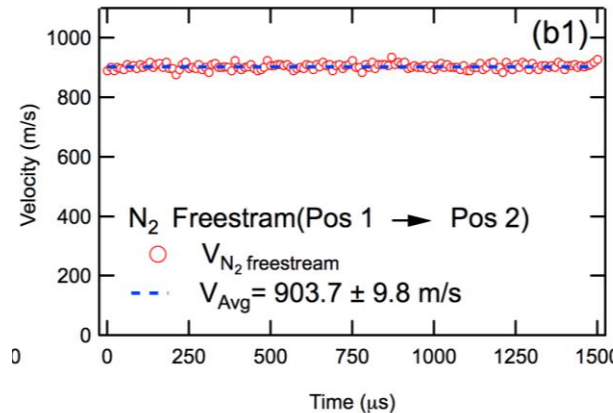
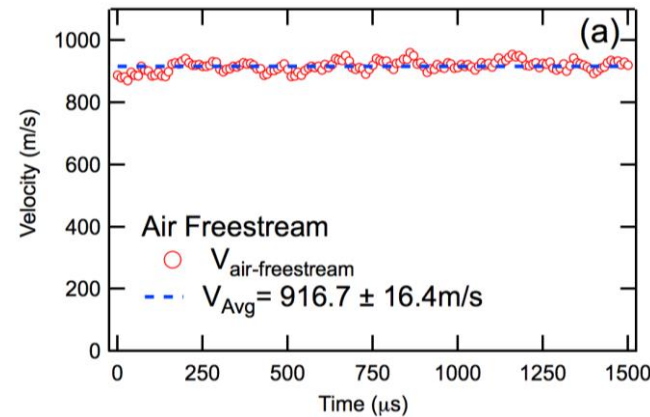
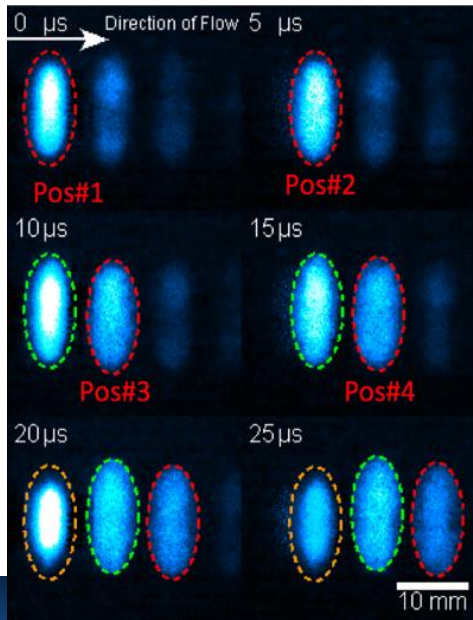


100-kHz PLEET Velocimetry

(a) Air Flow Freestream

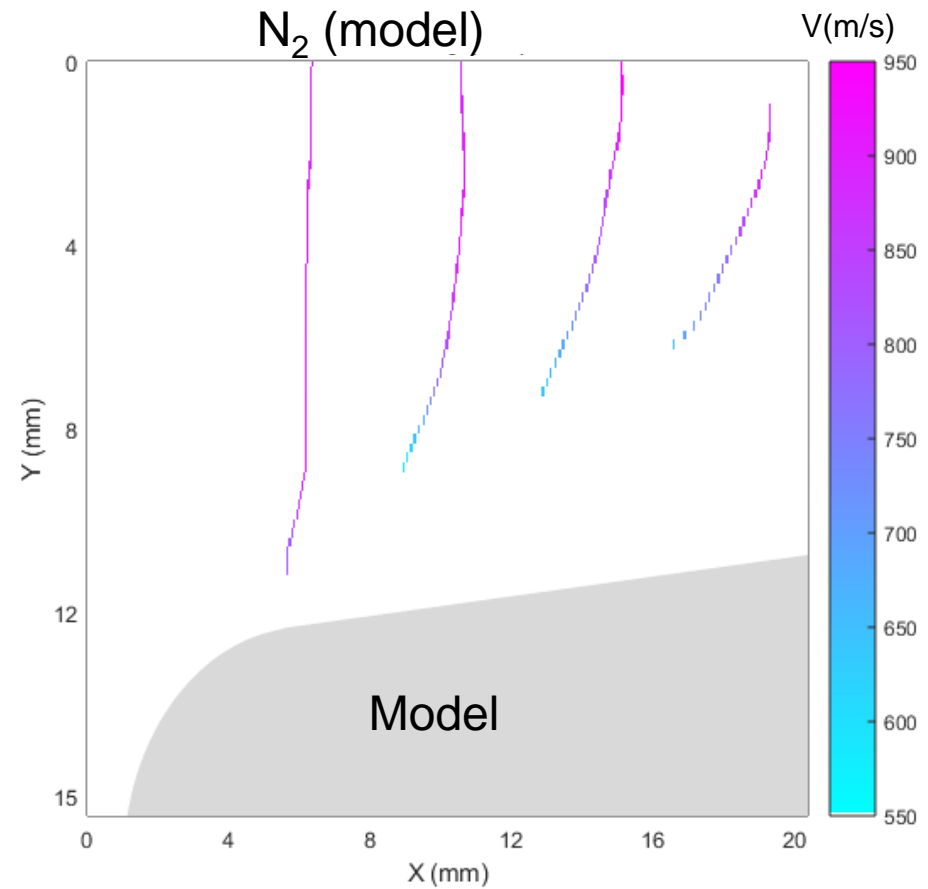
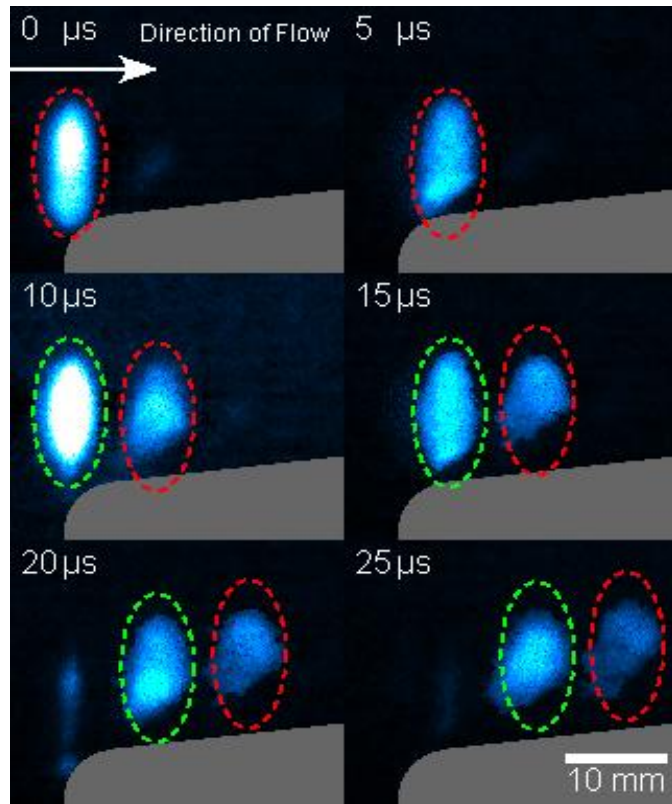


(b) Nitrogen Flow Freestream

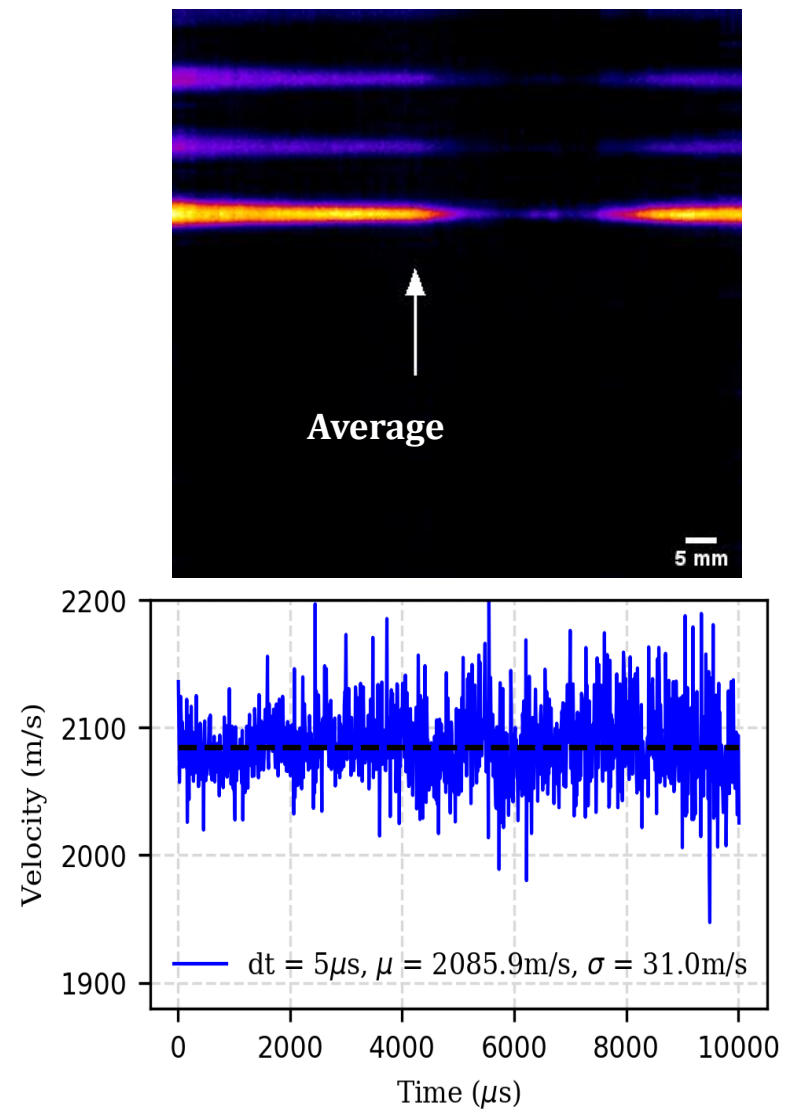
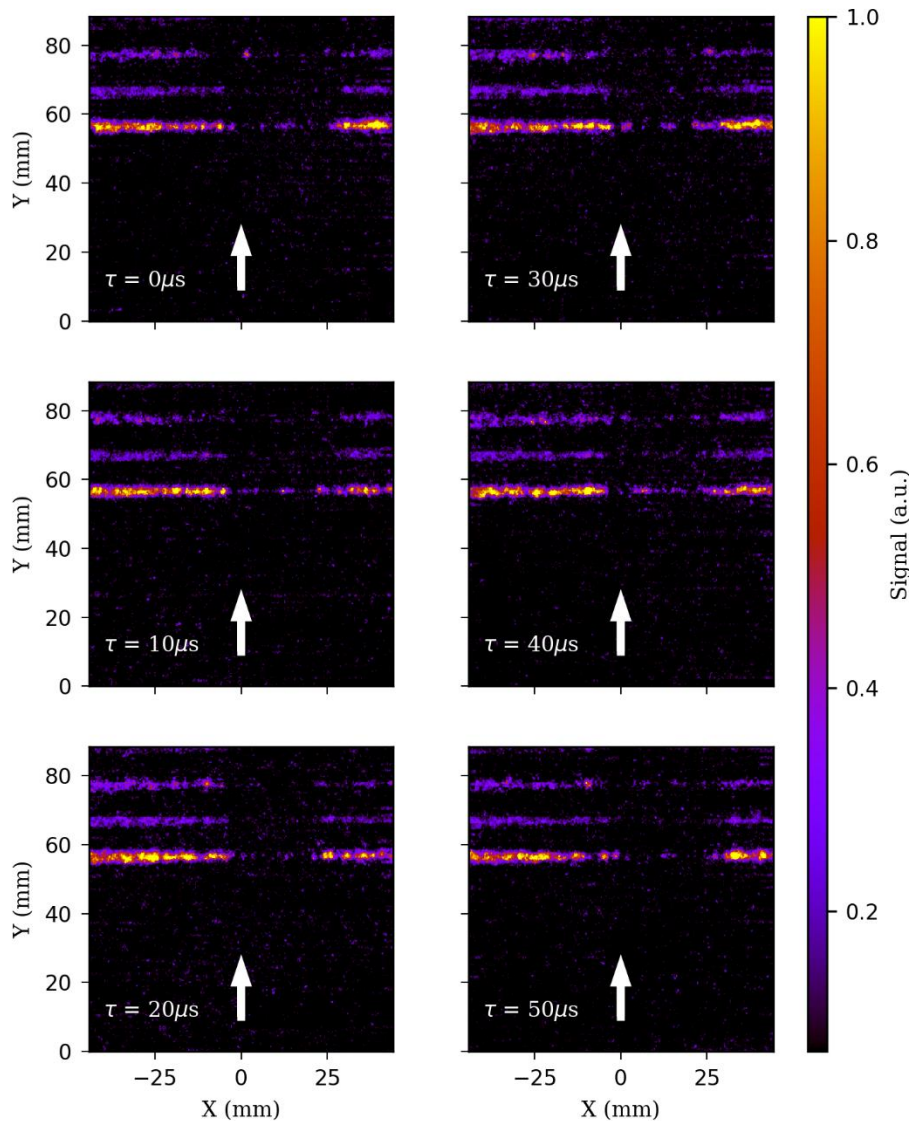


- With pure N_2 flow, PLEET signal lifetime exceeds 30 microseconds (in contrast, lifetime in air ~ 7 microseconds).
- The discrepancy between calculated air velocity (air 904 m/s) and measured velocity is $<1\%$.
- Lowest static pressure for PLEET is 5 torr (limited by facility operation)
- Validated estimated stagnation temperature 460 K .

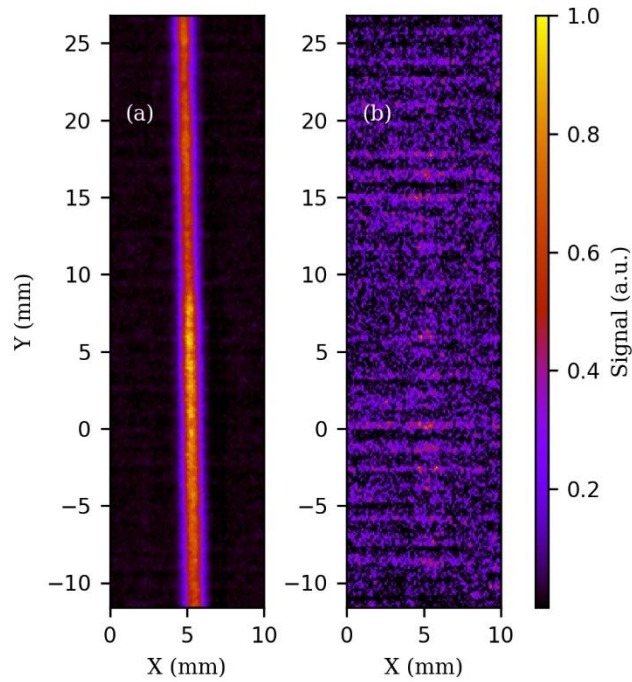
Time-resolved N_2 Flow Velocity Profile (model case)



100-kHz PLEET in Tunnel 9

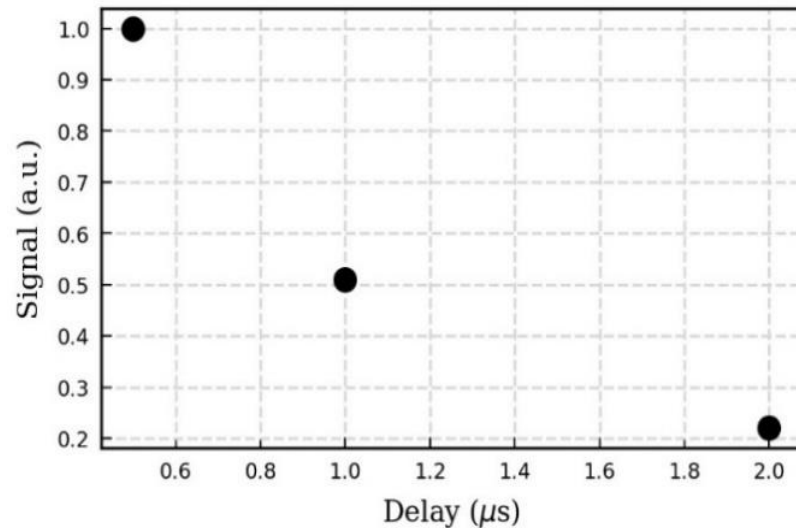
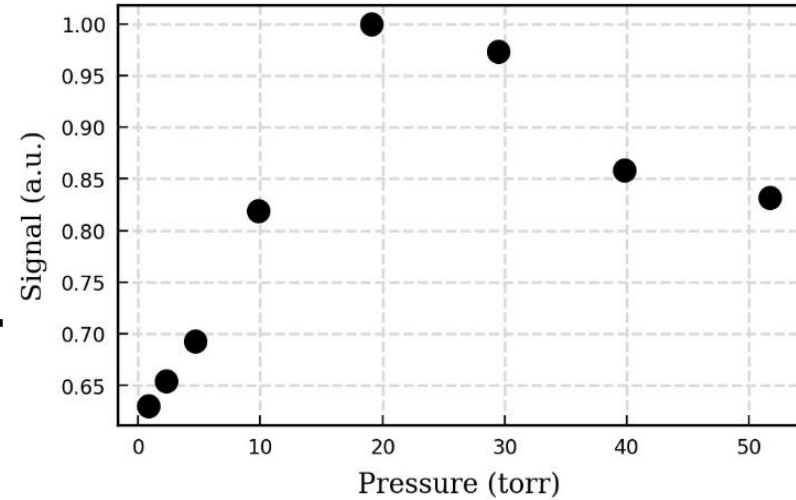
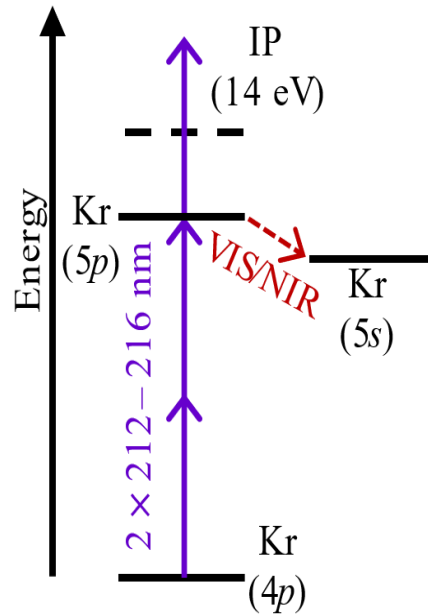


100-kHz KTV in Ludwieg Tube



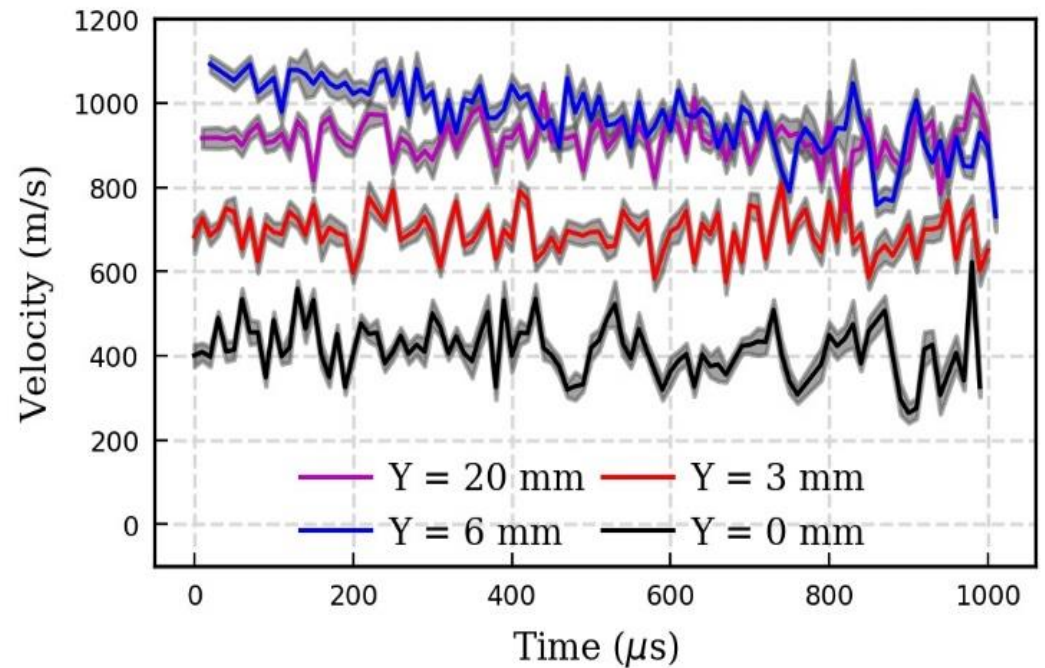
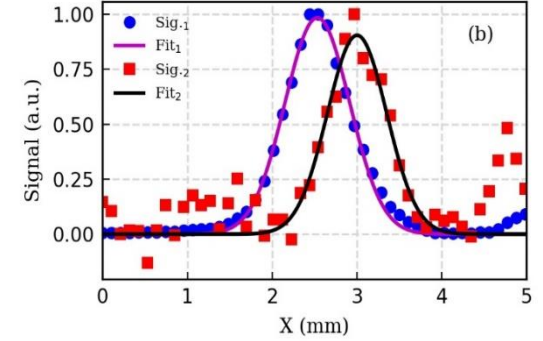
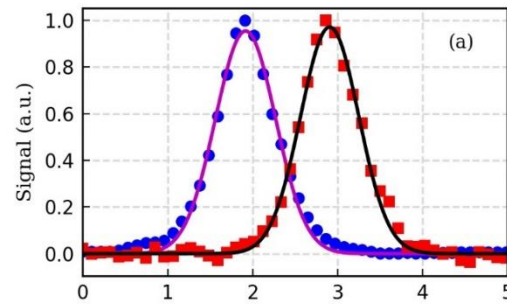
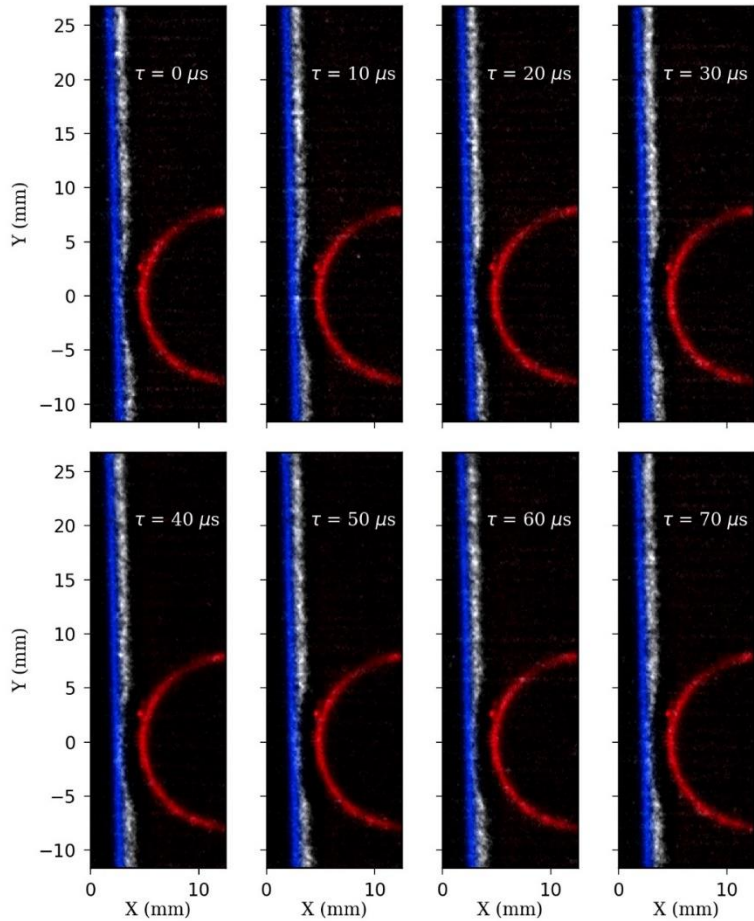
50ns Delay

200ns Delay

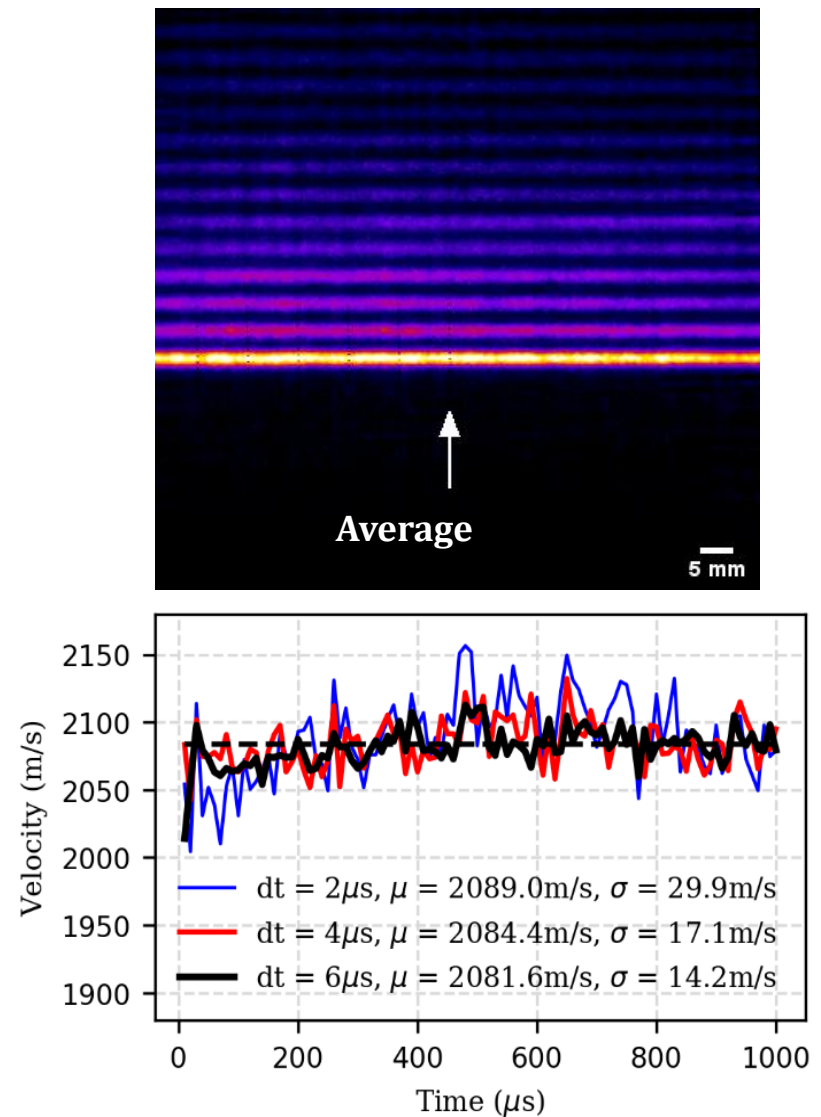
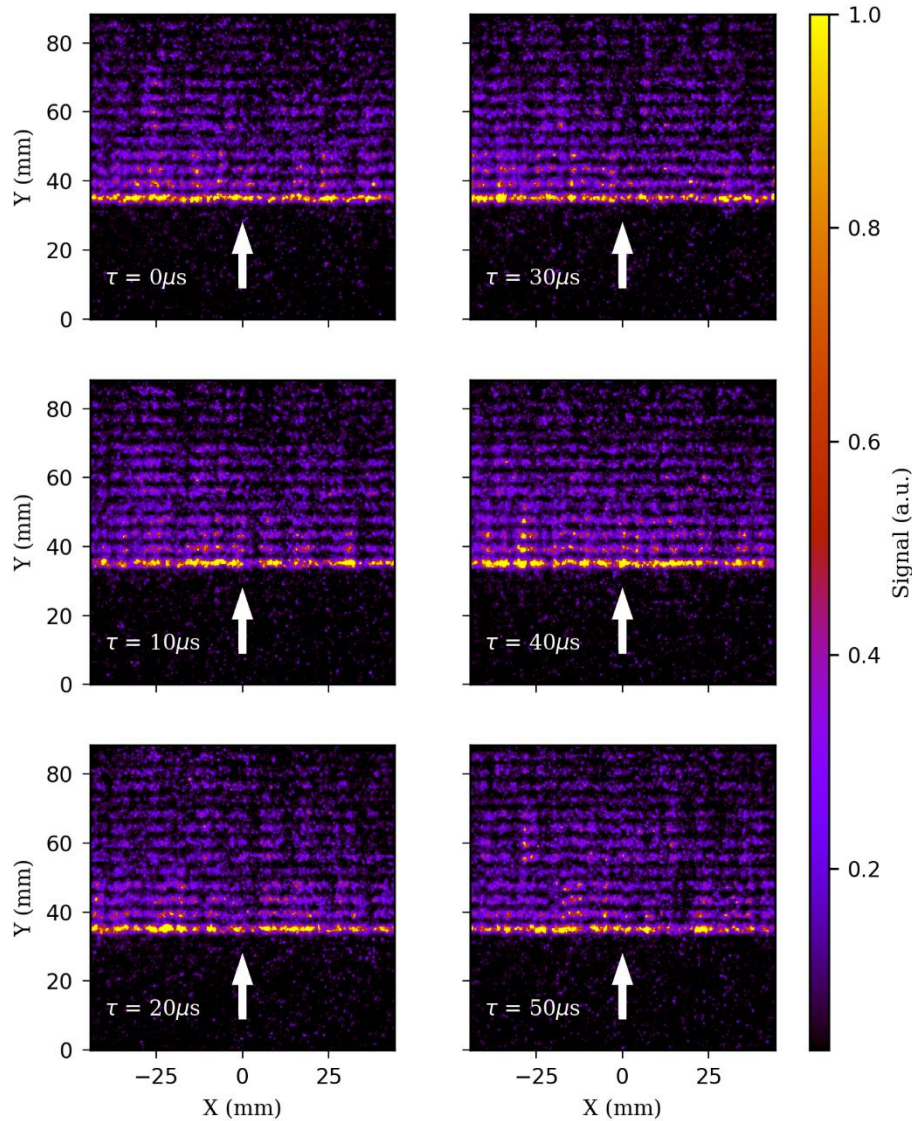


Short-lived Kr fluorescent signal at 2.5 torr static pressure and 55 K static temperature with 5% Kr seeding.

100-kHz KTV in Ludwig Tube



100-kHz KTV in Tunnel 9



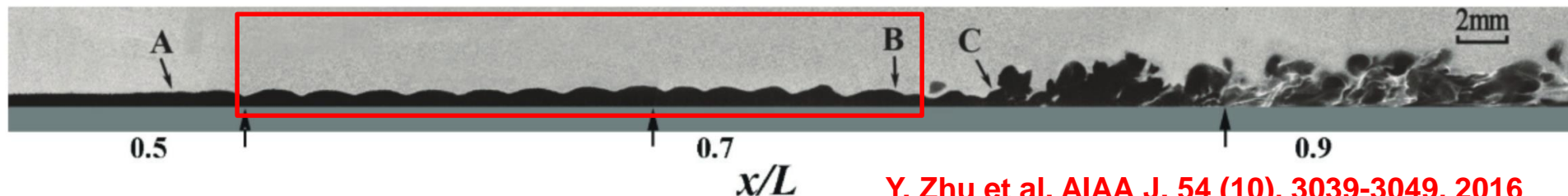
MHz NO PLIF for Second Mode Instability Measurement

- The second mode instability is a primary feature in laminar-to-turbulent boundary layer transition at hypersonic conditions

$$f_0 \sim U_e / 2\delta$$

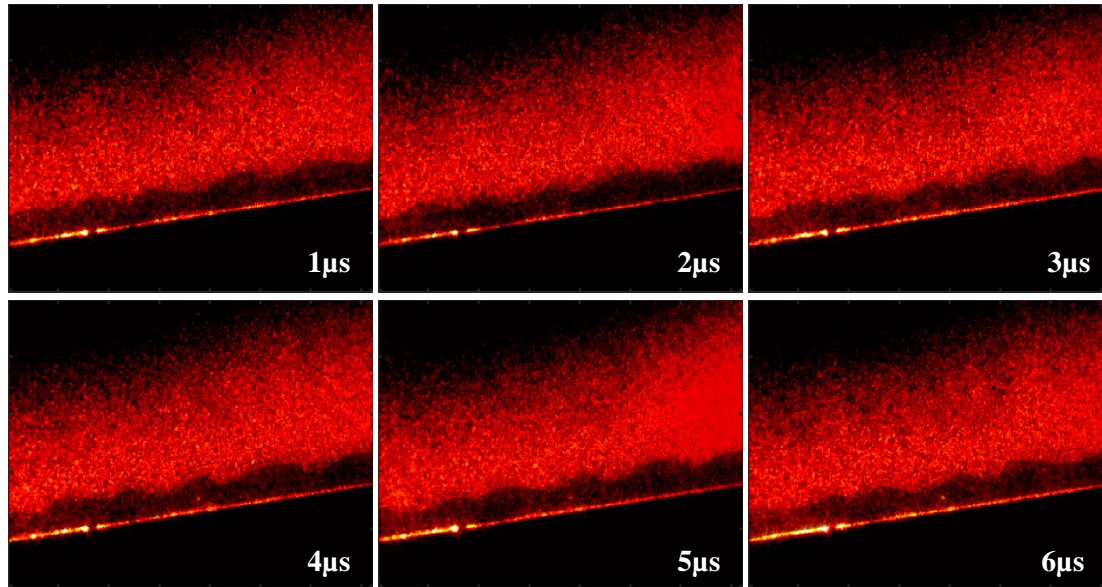
- Most measurements are done with pressure sensors
- Some examples of Schlieren, 10-Hz laser diagnostics
- Most recently, FLDI has been applied
- Time-resolved 2D imaging is needed

U_e : boundary edge velocity
 δ : boundary layer thickness
 f : ~ a few 100 kHz



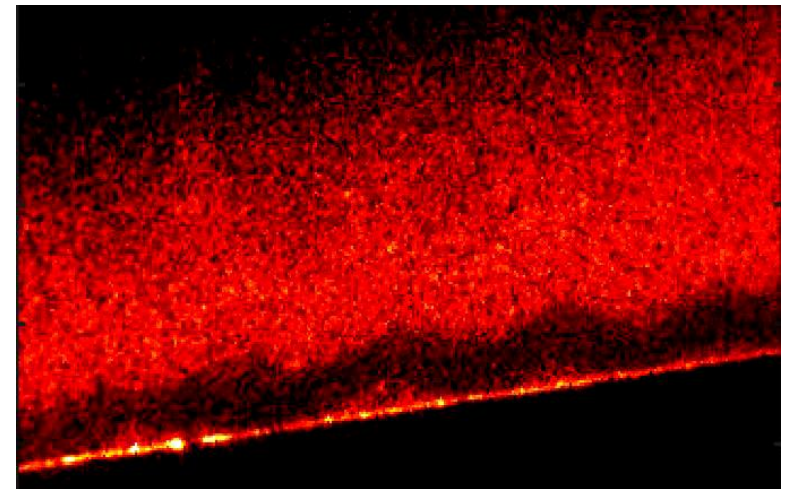
Y. Zhu et al. AIAA J. 54 (10), 3039-3049, 2016

1MHz NO PLIF Images



- No NO seeding in BL
- BL edge is clearly observed

- By tracking the peak position of the wave packets, the average speed is ~ 1250 m/s for the wave peaks
- By analyzing the MHz rate 2nd mode instability wave packet movement, the instability wavelength λ is growing from ~ 7 mm to ~ 8 mm in $10 \mu\text{s}$.



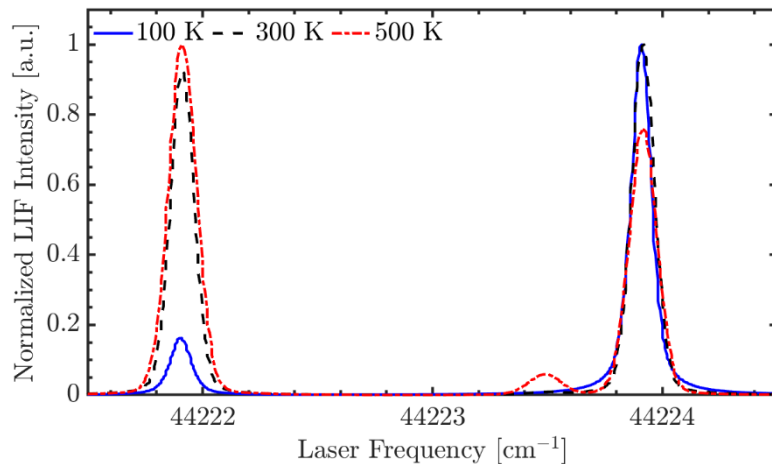
New Technique: 2D Pressure measurement with NO PLIF

Pressure Shift (cm^{-1}):
$$\delta\nu_C = -0.18 \frac{P [\text{kPa}]}{101.32 [\text{kPa}]} \left(\frac{300 [\text{K}]}{T [\text{K}]} \right)^{0.56}$$

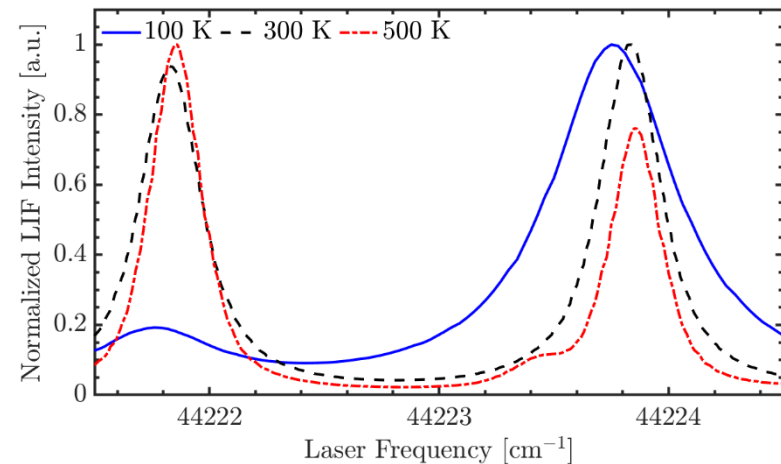
300K, 1bar, Shift=0.18 cm^{-1} , ~5.4GHz

NO Lines :

- $Q_1(11.5) + R_{21}(11.5)$ near 22221.9 cm^{-1}
- $R_1(5.5) + Q_{21}(5.5)$ near 22223.9 cm^{-1}

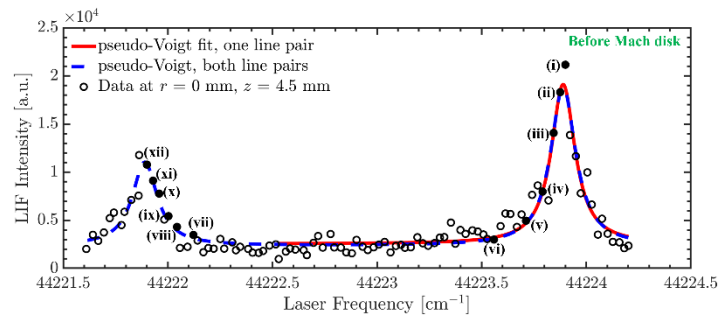
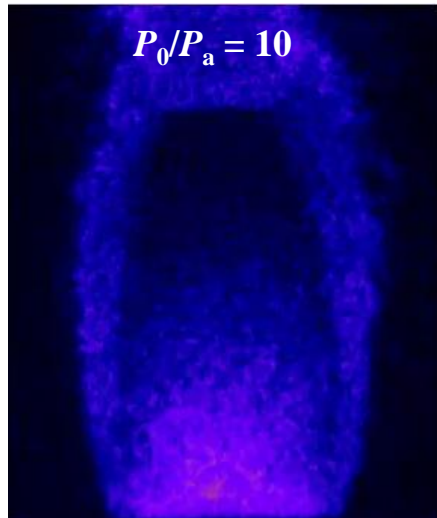
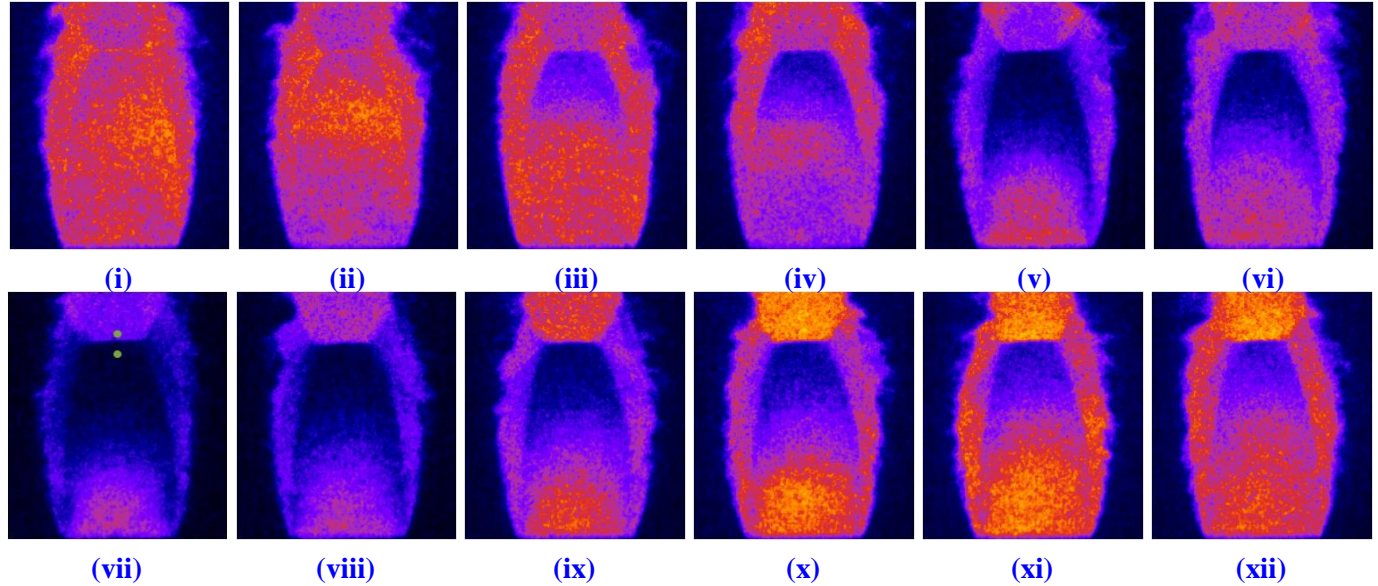
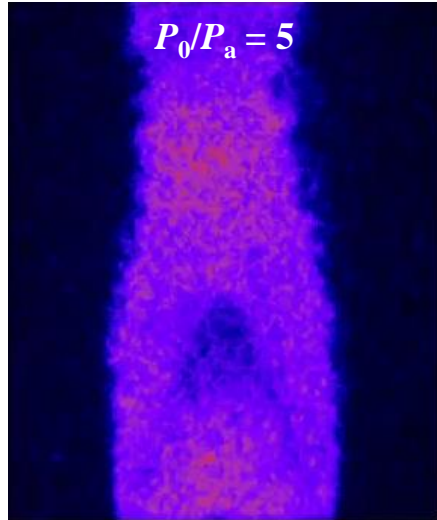


$P = 5 \text{ kPa}$

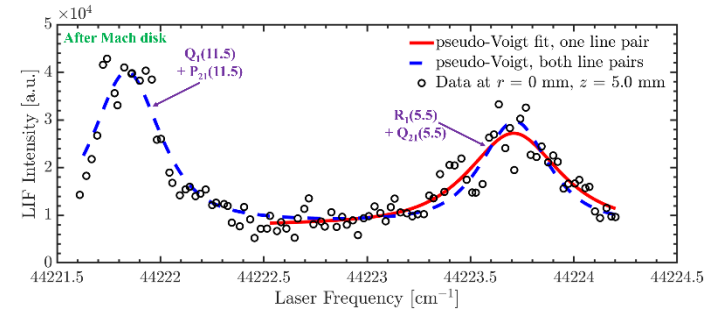


$P = 50 \text{ kPa}$

100-kHz NO PLIF Imaging

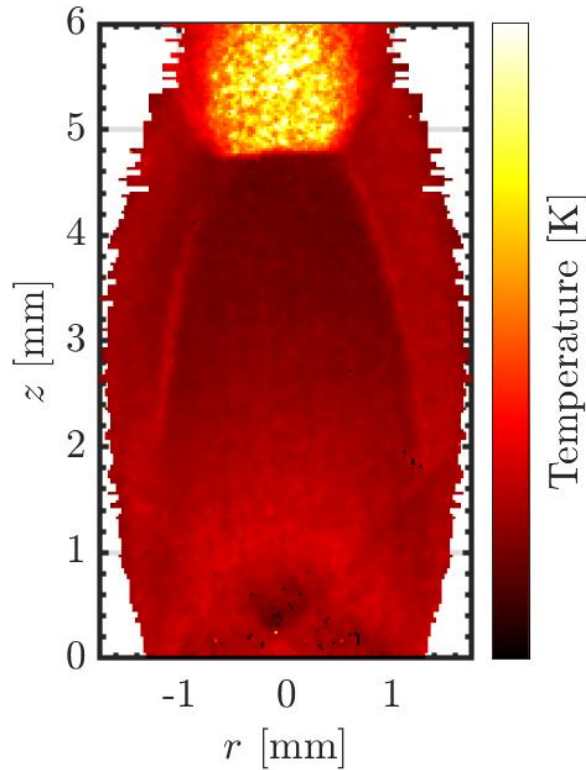


Upstream of Mach Disk

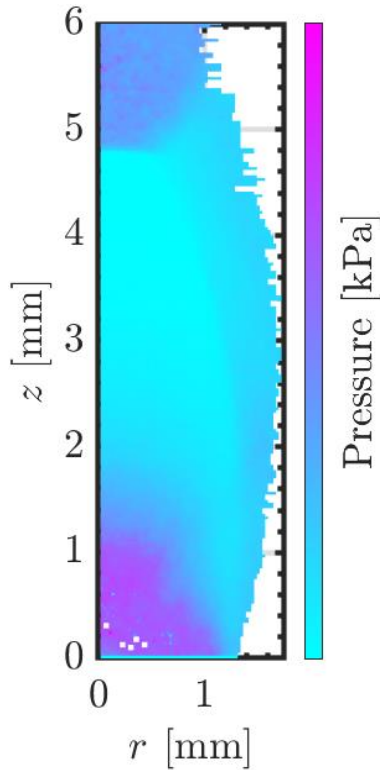


Downstream of Mach Disk

2D Pressure and Temperature Measurement



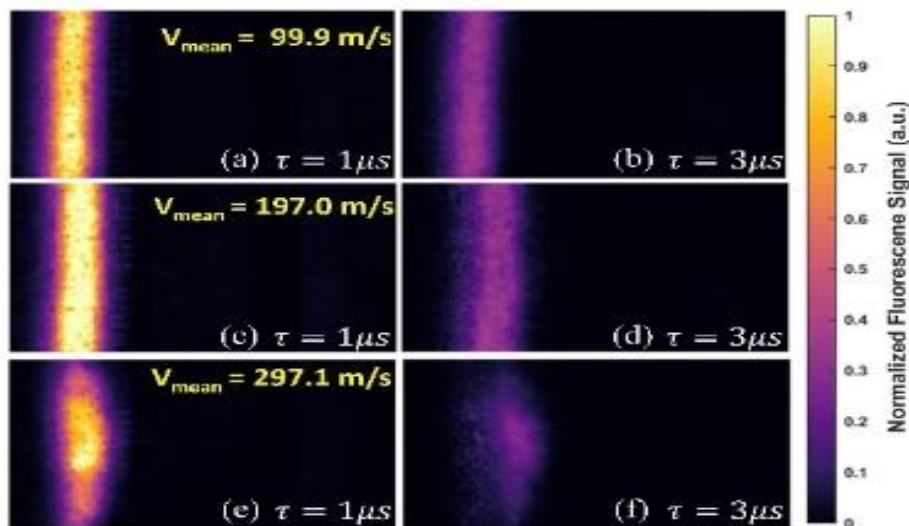
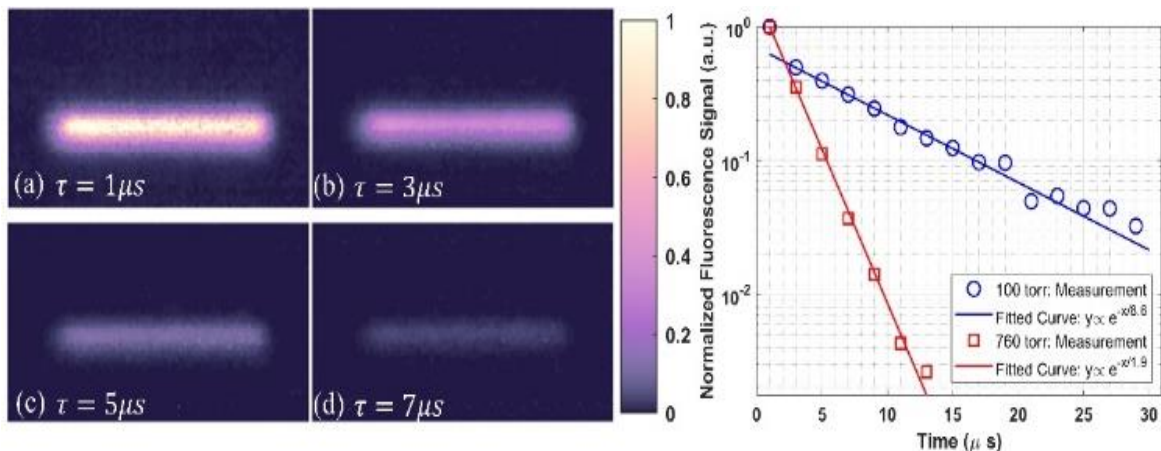
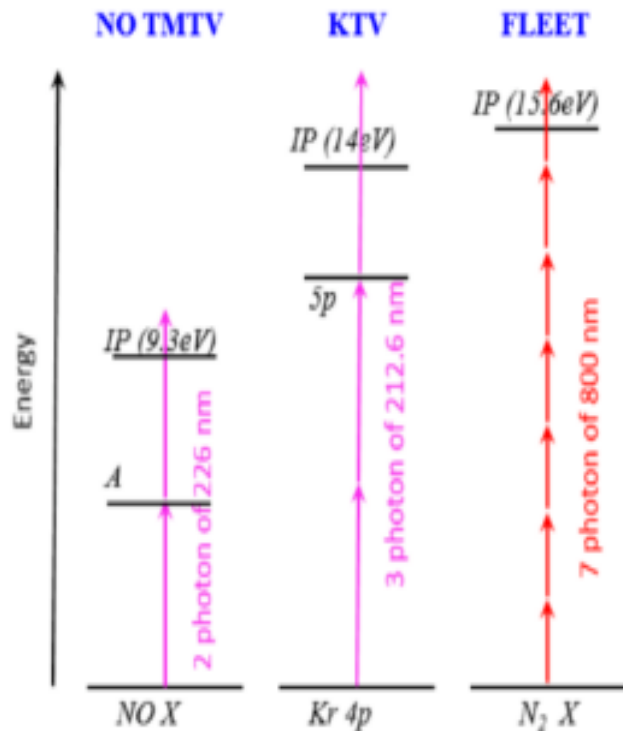
Temperature



Pressure

- **Laser energy fluctuation**
- **High temperature uncertainty with two-line technique**
- **Wavelength scan fast monitoring**
- **Other applications**

New Technique: Two-Photon NO MTV



Summary

- 100-kHz PLEET and KTV in AFRL Mach 6 Ludwieg Tube
- 100-kHz PLEET and KTV in AEDC Tunnel 9 with Mach 18 flow
- MHz-rate NO PLIF imaging in hypersonic boundary layer at CUBRC 48" Mach 10 shock tunnel.
- 2D pressure imaging with NO PLIF and Two-photon NO MTV