

# Particle Flow Field in Electrostatic Precipitator

/ numerical simulation, turbulence modification study  
and experimental investigation via LDV /

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# Objectives

R+D on dust separation process: „Investigation on dust particle motion in EHD flow field in electrostatic precipitator /ESP/” Ph.D. research project

## N<sup>r</sup>1) Numerical simulation

particle / gas flow field, dust concentration distribution, streamlines, turbulence characteristics, particle transport, etc.

## N<sup>r</sup>2) Experimental investigation

on turbulent flow field with **Laser Doppler Velocimetry**  
(co-operation with Universität Magdeburg)

## N<sup>r</sup>3) Turbulence modification study

particle / gas interaction in two-phase flow, PIV, PTV(S), PDA, LDV  
(diploma course at Von Karman Institute for Fluid Dynamics, 1999/2000)

*Related publications:*

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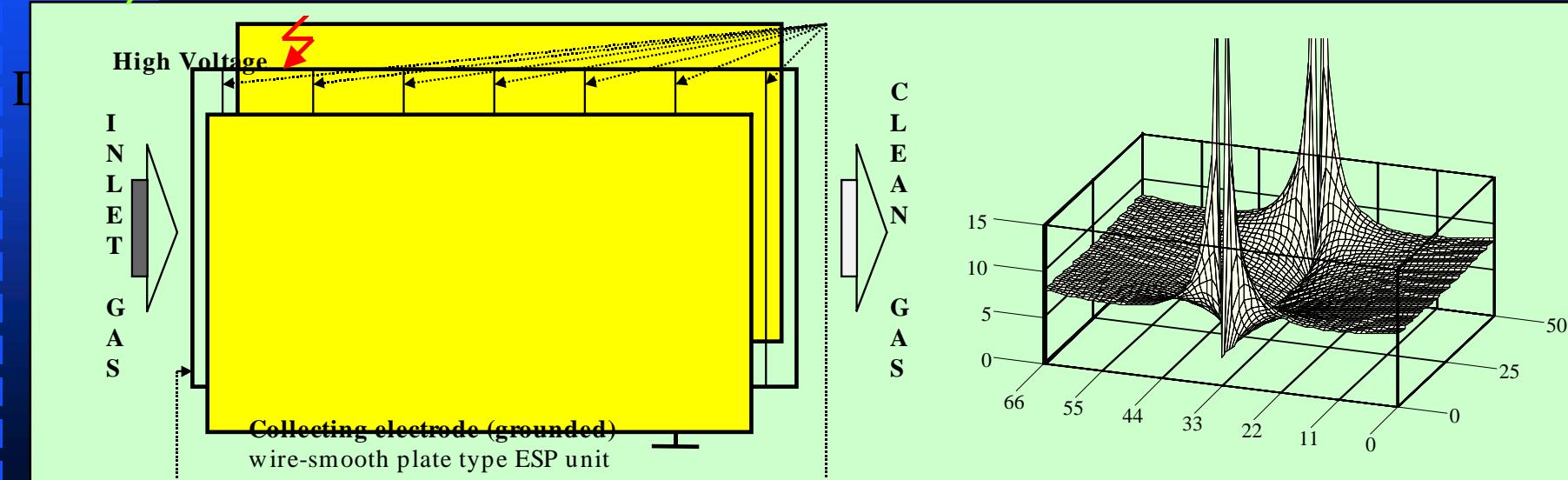
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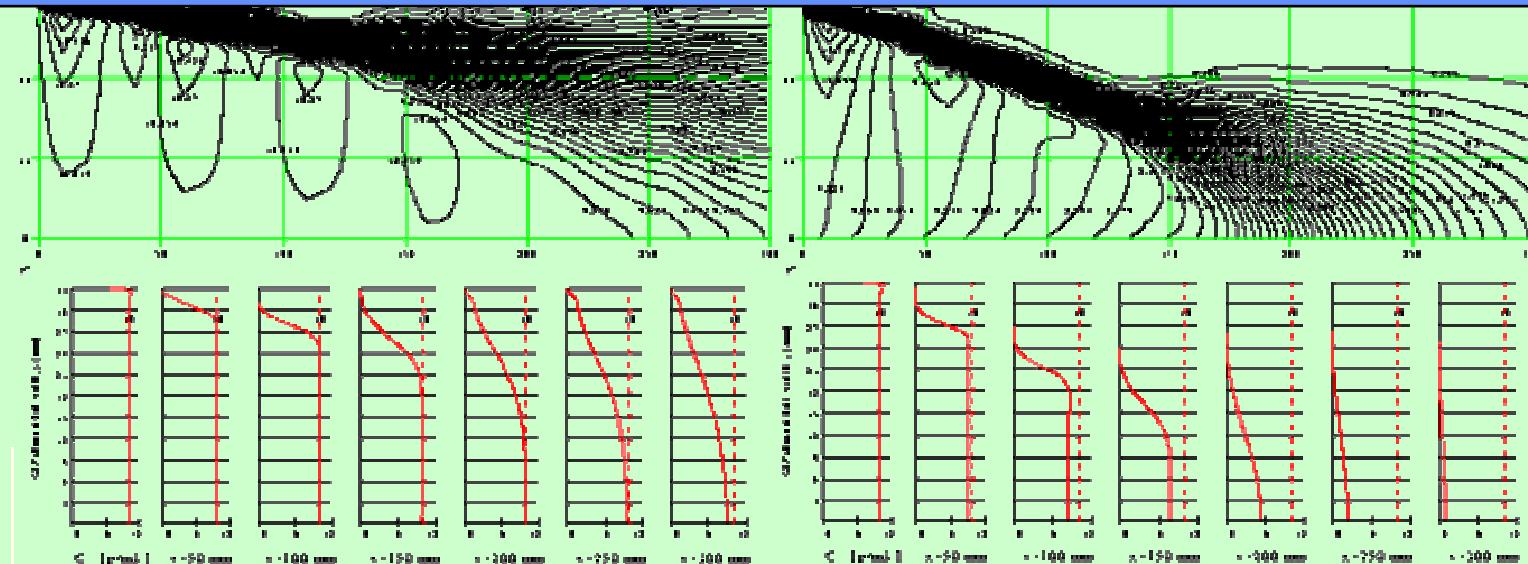
# Electrostatic Precipitation: gas/particle flow in electrostatically charged field

## ESP channel: discharge wires between parallel collecting plates

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**Numerical simulation:** particle concentration field - contours, profiles in one channel

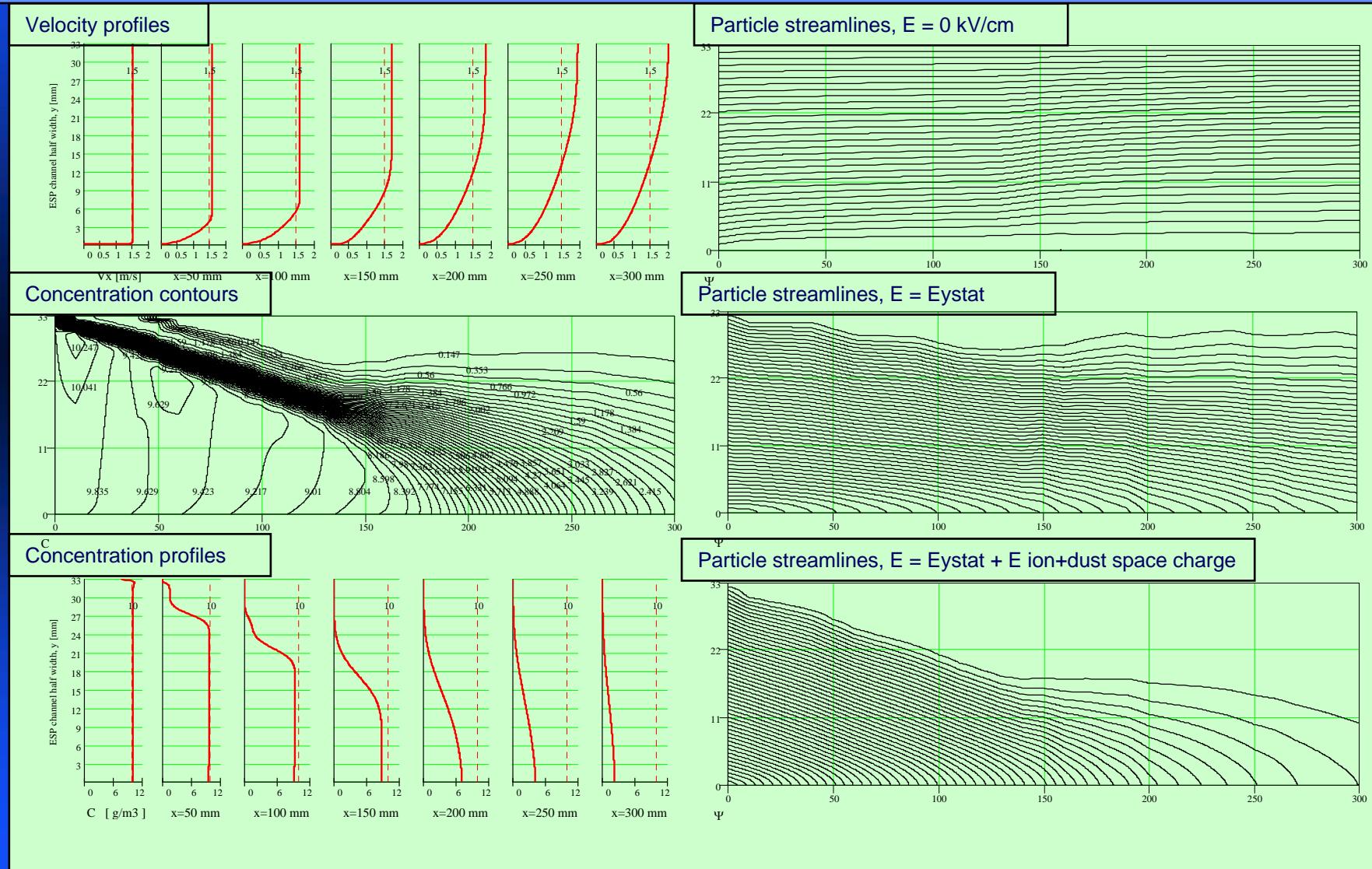


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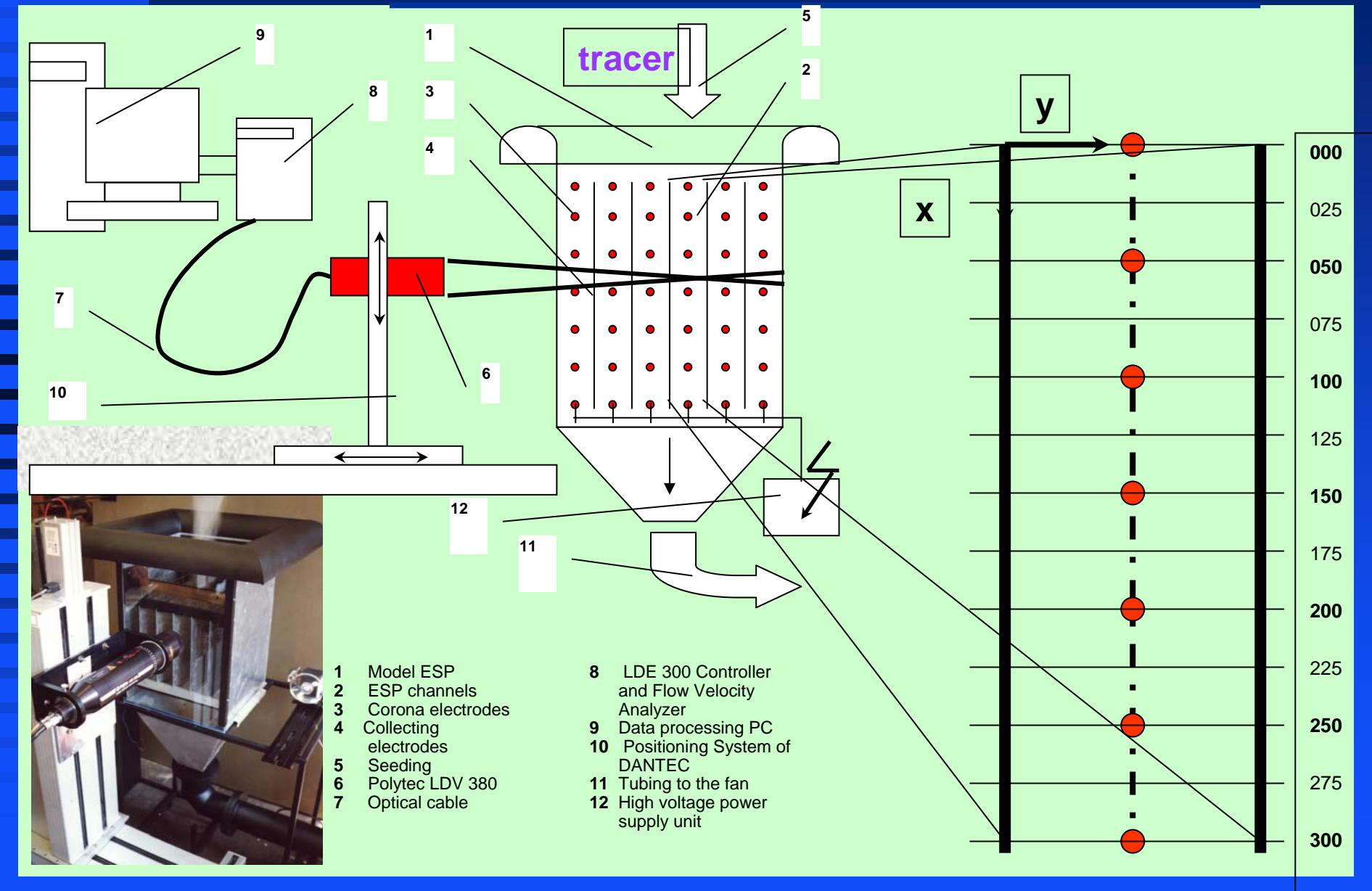
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### Numerical simulation: velocity and particle concentration field in one ESP channel



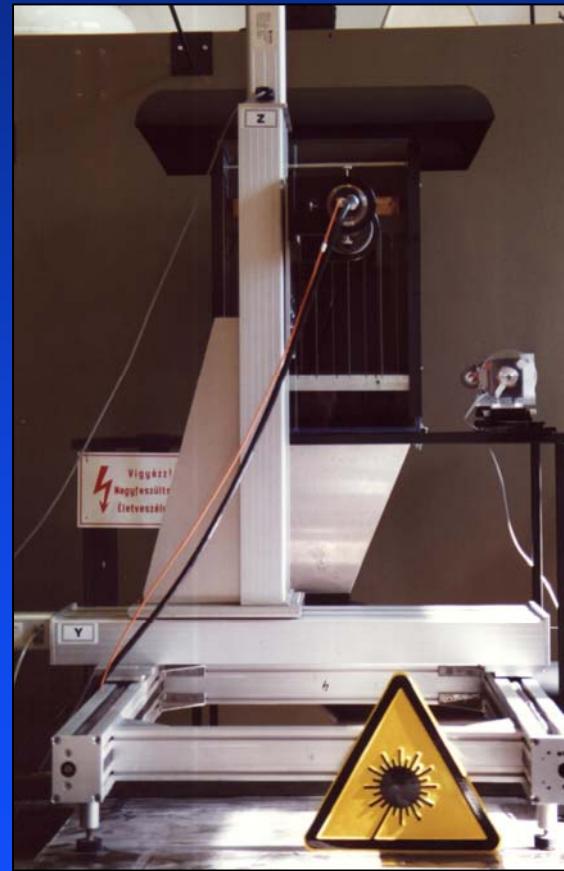
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# Experimental Apparatus - model ESP



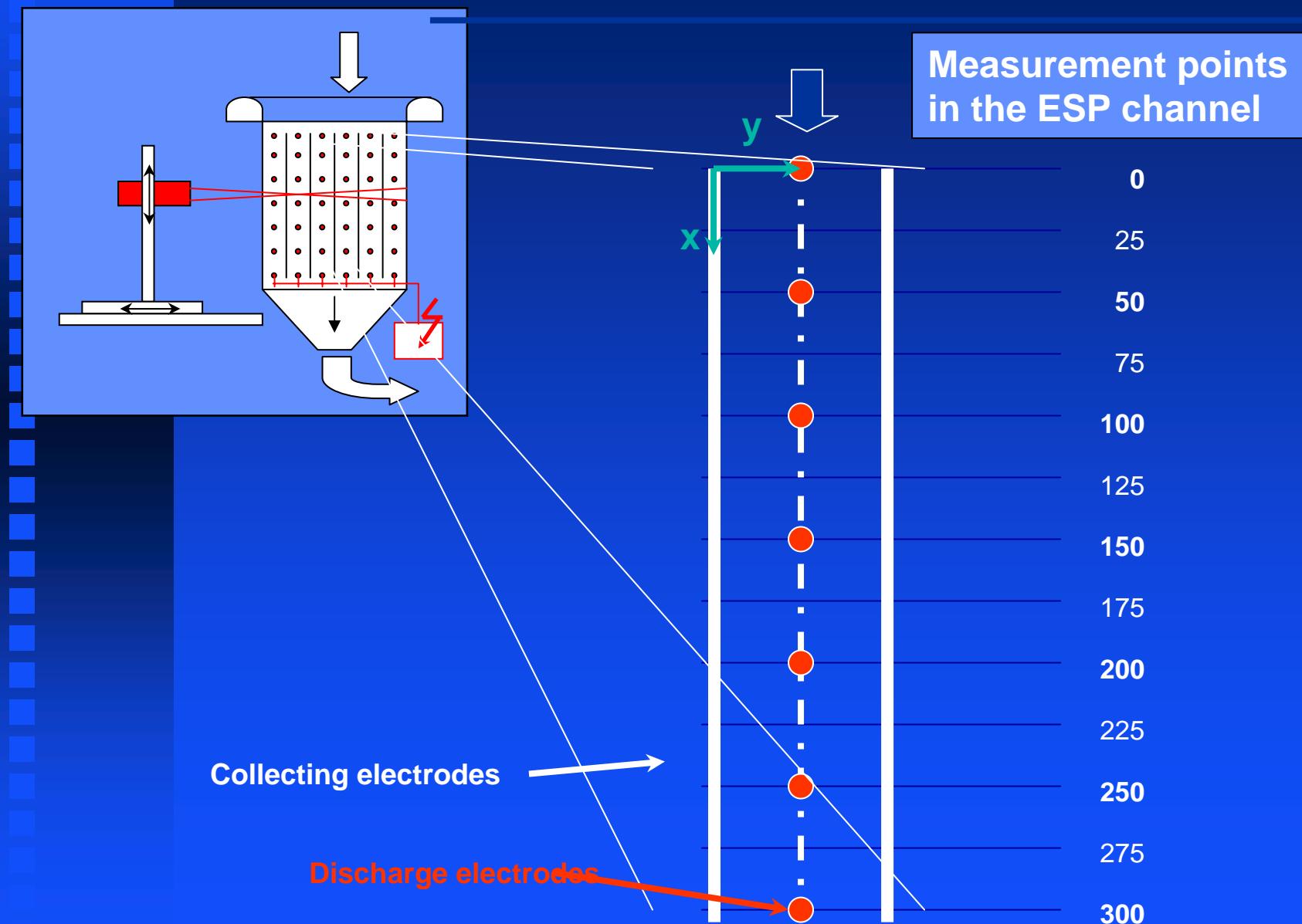
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# Experimental Apparatus



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# Experimental Apparatus



# Laser Doppler Velocimeter

## Polytec LDV 380

1D one velocity component

3D positioning system

$\lambda = 810 \text{ nm}$  (infrared beam)

$D_L = 2.1 \text{ mm}$

$D = 60 \text{ mm}$

$F = 310 \text{ mm}$

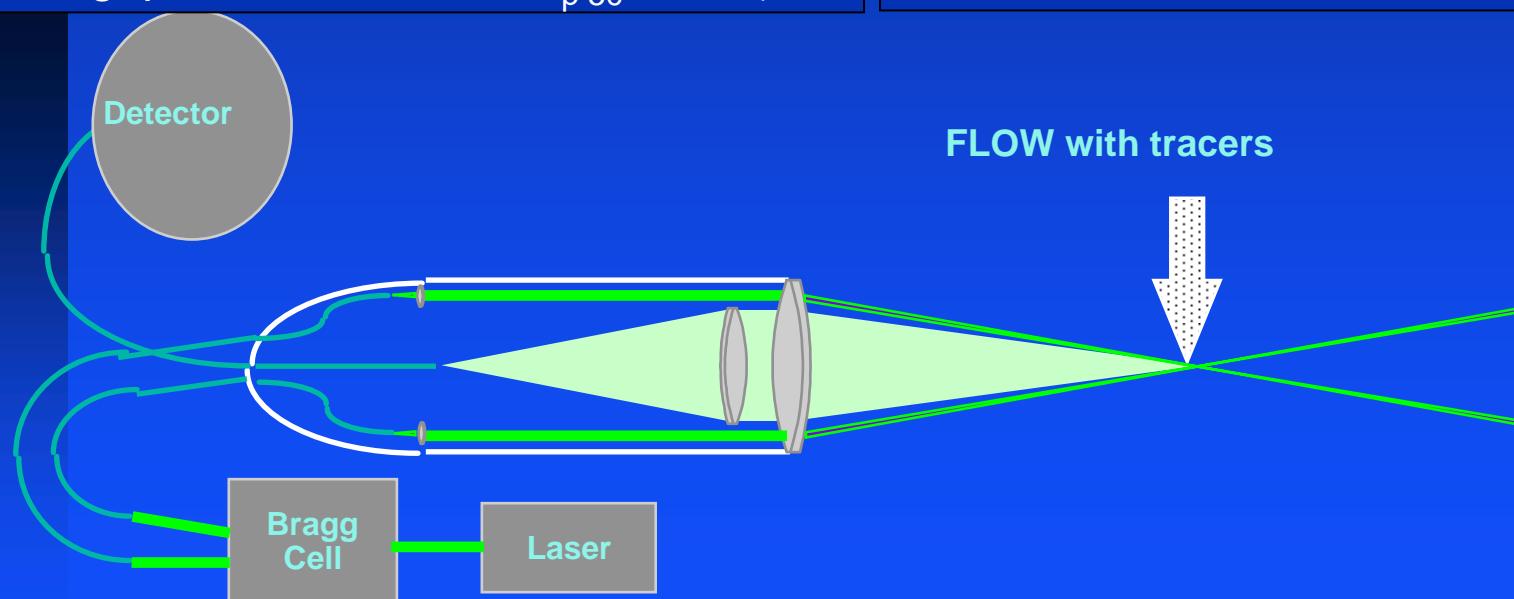
Seeding: particle mean dia:  $d_{p50} = 1.54 \mu\text{m}$

### Parameters to investigate:

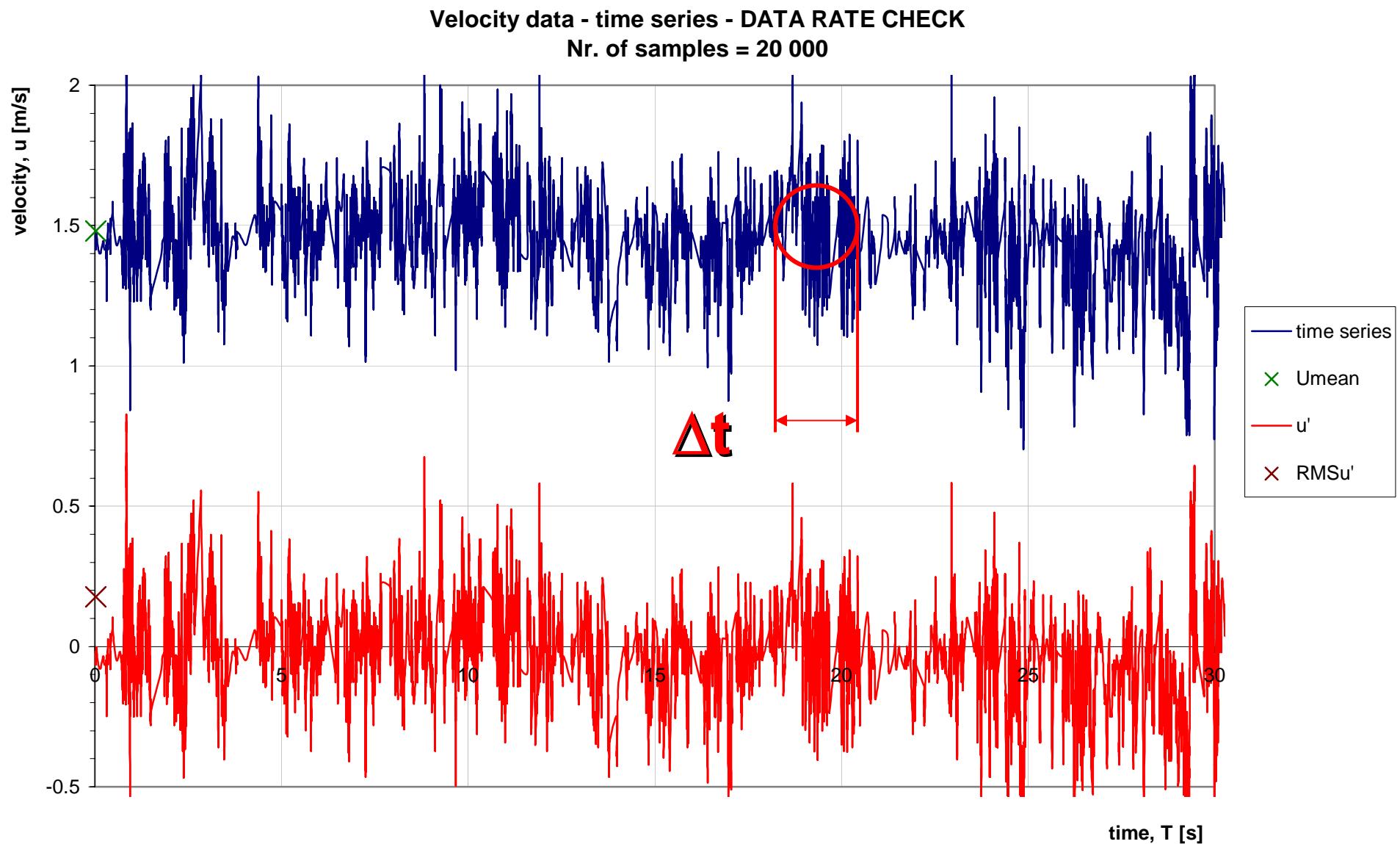
**Convective transport:**  $u_{in} = 1, 1.5, 2 \text{ m/s}$ , various inlet velocity - influence of convective transport

**Diffusive transport:** streamwise and transversal *rms* and T.I. turbulence intensity change

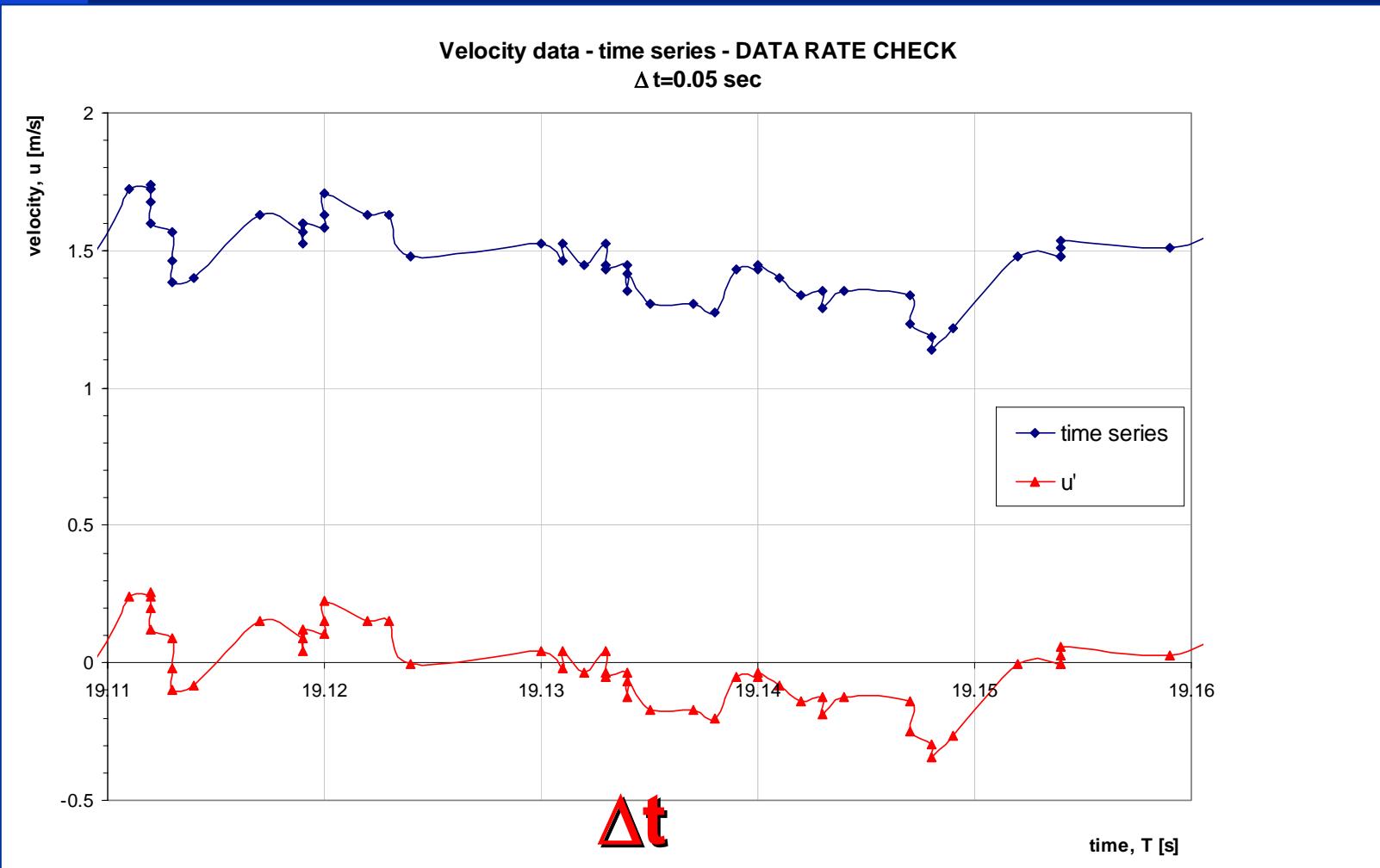
**Electrostatic transport:**  $U_0 = 0 - 18 \text{ kV}$  applied high voltage



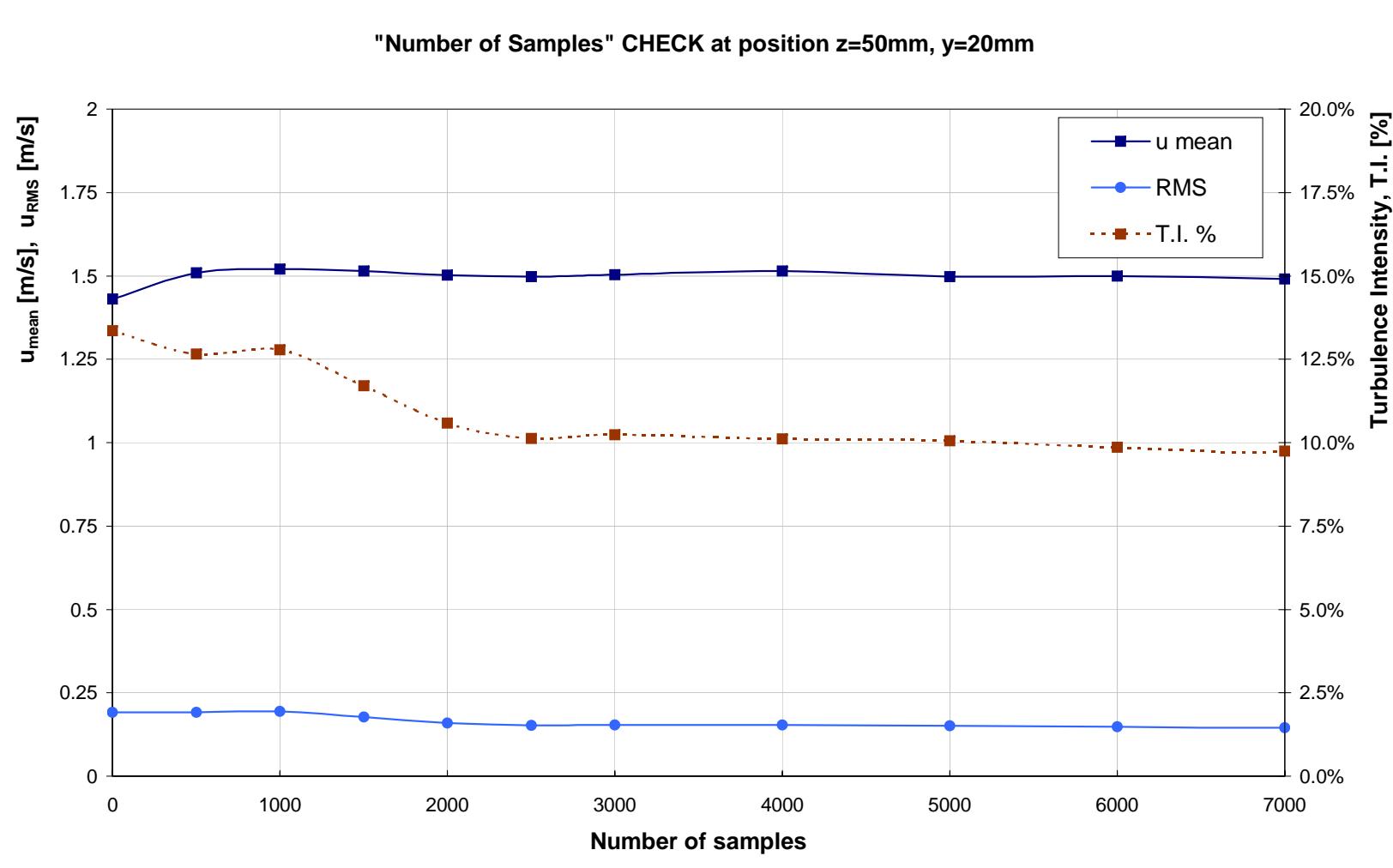
# Results - data sample check



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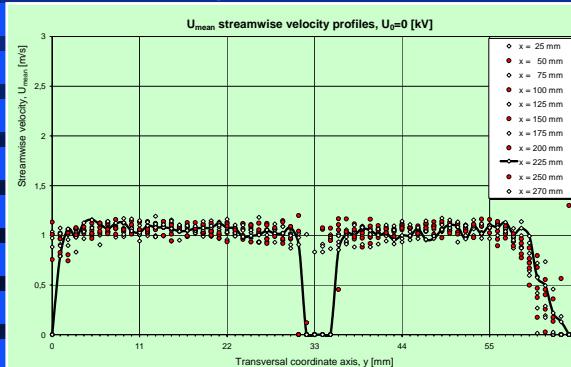


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# Experimental Results

## LDV measurements:

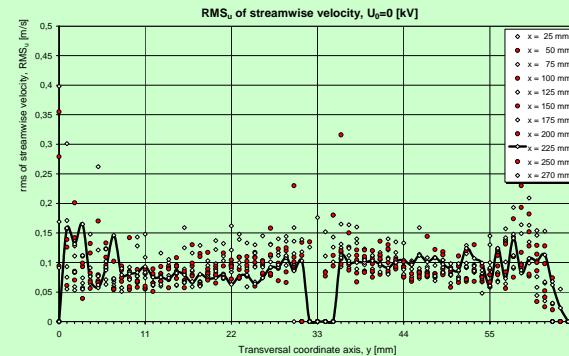
### Velocity profiles



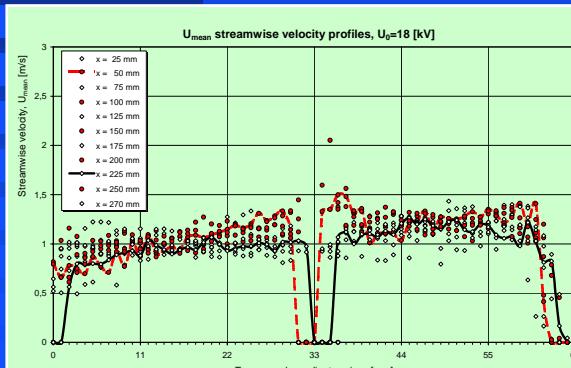
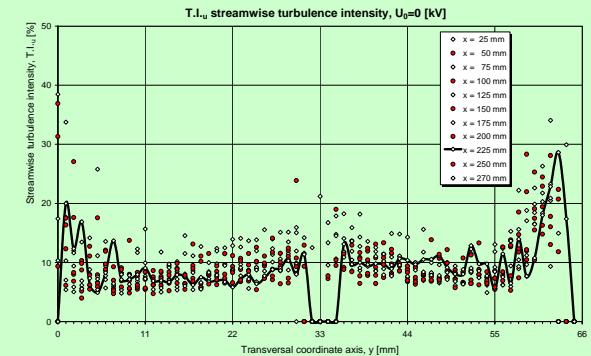
$$U_0 = 0 \text{ kV}$$

$$(u_{\text{inlet}} = 1 \text{ m/s})$$

### RMS profiles

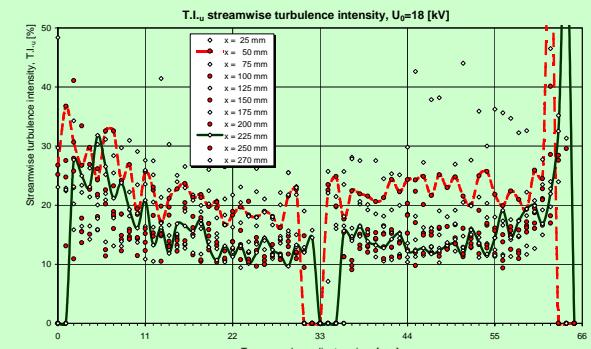
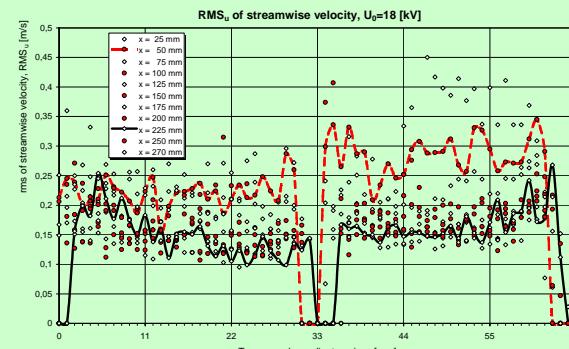


### T.I. profiles



$$U_0=18 \text{ kV}$$

$$(u_{\text{inlet}} = 1 \text{ m/s})$$

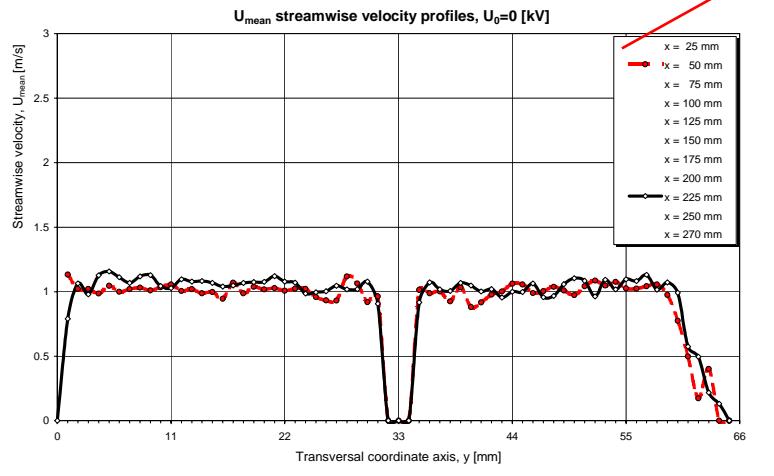


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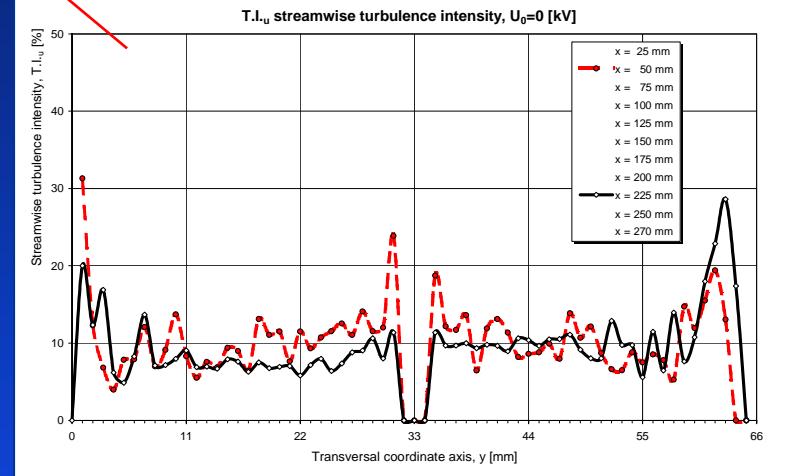
# Results

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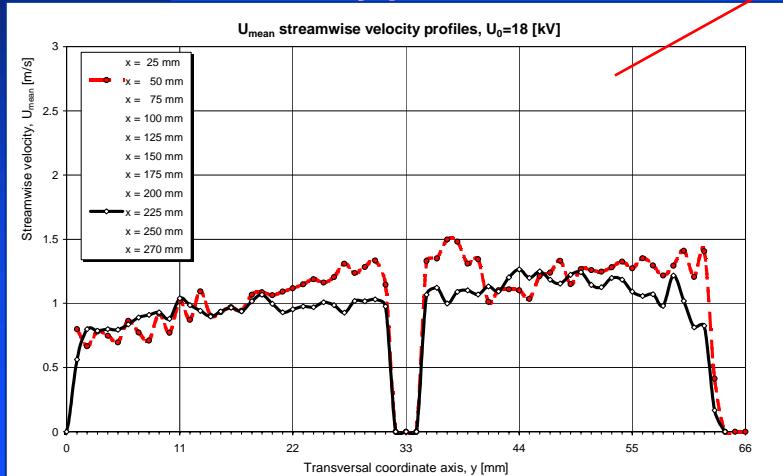


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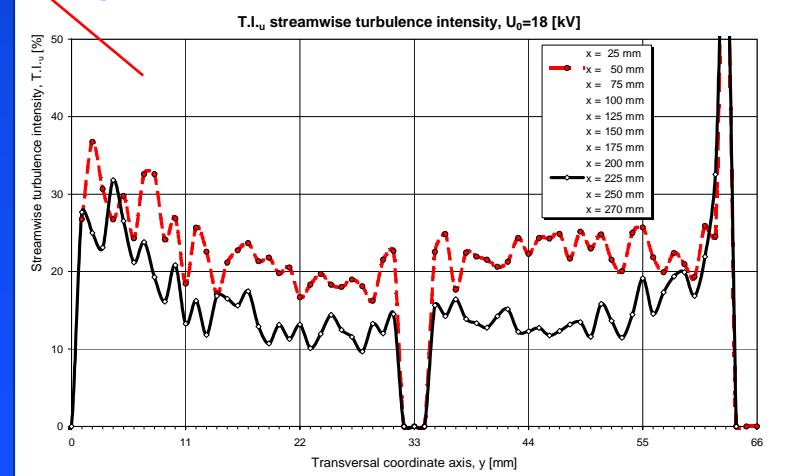


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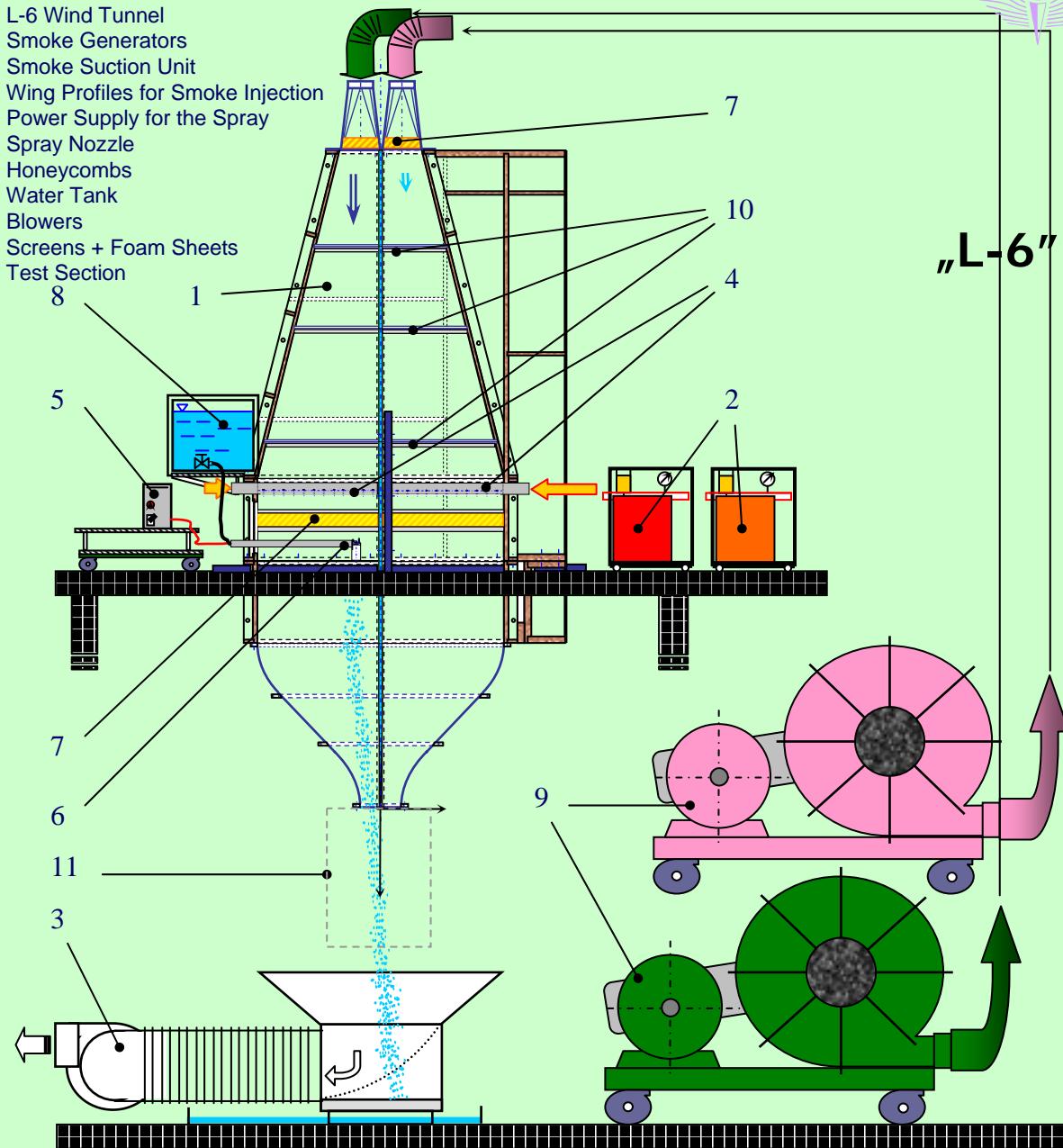
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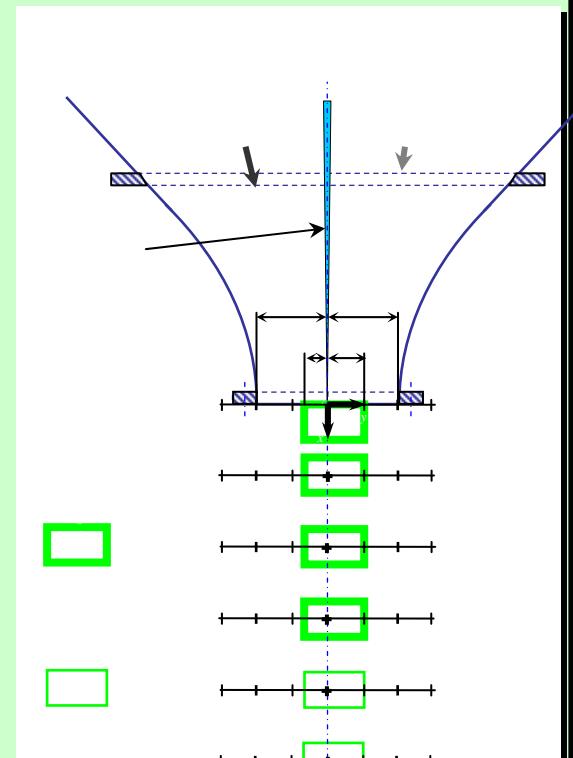


- 1 L-6 Wind Tunnel
- 2 Smoke Generators
- 3 Smoke Suction Unit
- 4 Wing Profiles for Smoke Injection
- 5 Power Supply for the Spray
- 6 Spray Nozzle
- 7 Honeycombs
- 8 Water Tank
- 9 Blowers
- 10 Screens + Foam Sheets
- 11 Test Section



# Experimental Apparatus

## „L-6“ Twin-Jet Shear Layer Wind Tunnel



**Test Section**

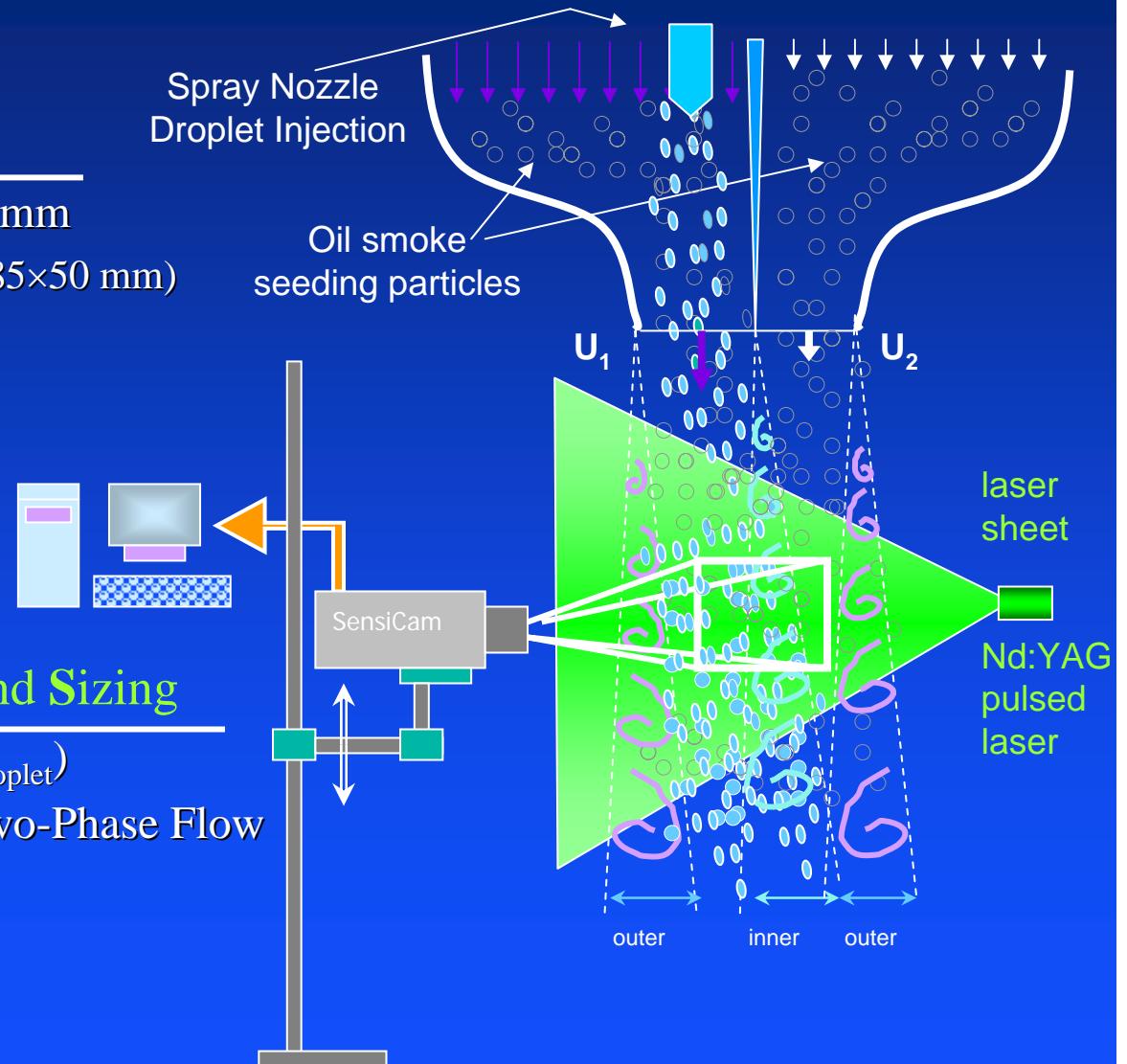


# Measurement Techniques

## PARTICLE IMAGING VELOCIMETRY

### PIV /for single-phase flow/

- new PCO camera + NIKKOR 35mm
  - ◆ Image size: 1280×768 pixel ( $\approx 85 \times 50$  mm)
- Nd:YAG pulsed laser /6W/
- Positioning system
- SensiCam acquisition software



### PTV(S) /for two-phase flow/

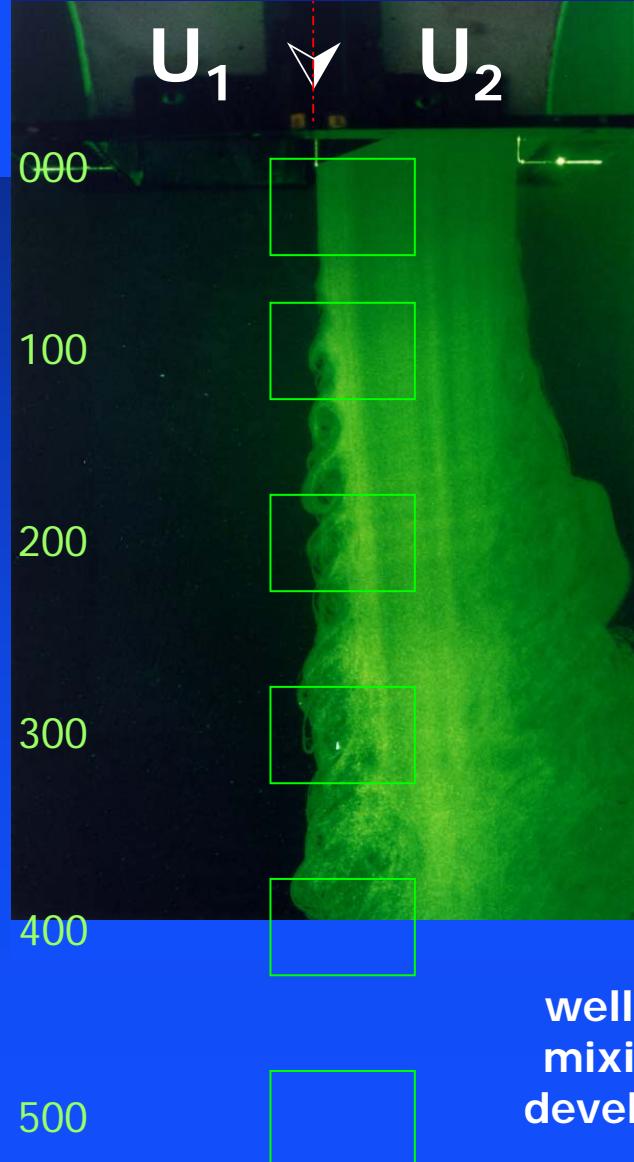
#### Particle Tracking Velocimetry and Sizing

- Size Discriminating ( $d_{\text{seeding}} \ll d_{\text{droplet}}$ )
- Gas Phase Flow Field Data in Two-Phase Flow

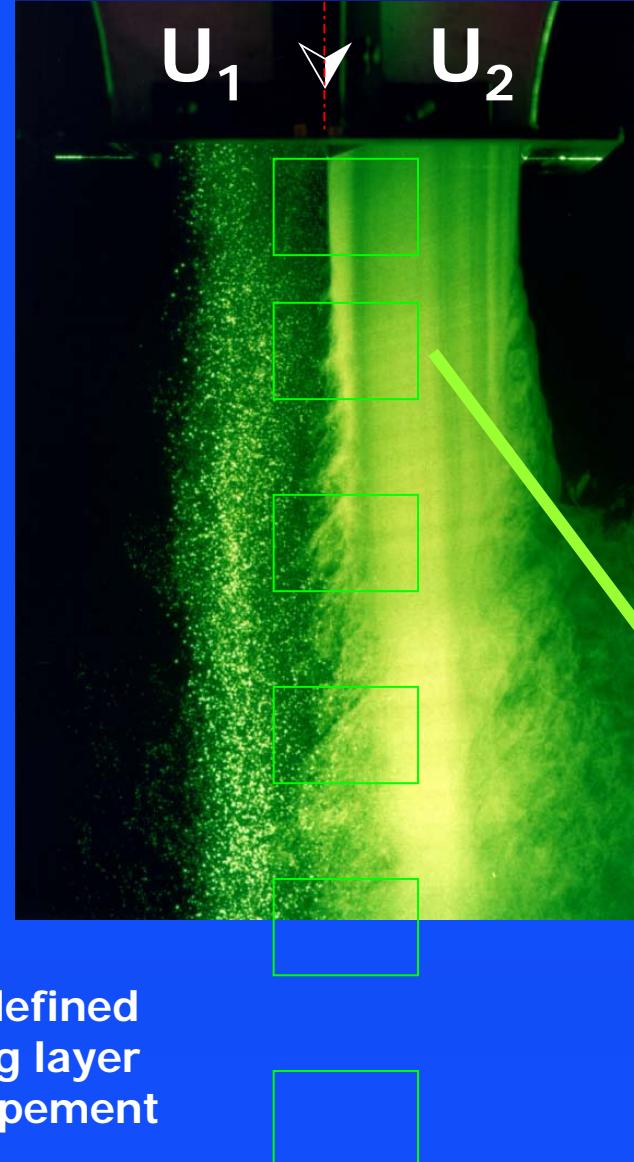
#### Post-processing:

- Matlab, TecPlot, Excel

## Single-phase flow



## Two-phase flow



## Flow Visualization

$U_1 = 2 \text{ m/s}$   
 $U_2 = 1 \text{ m/s}$

Digital Image Recording for Particle Imaging Velocimetry

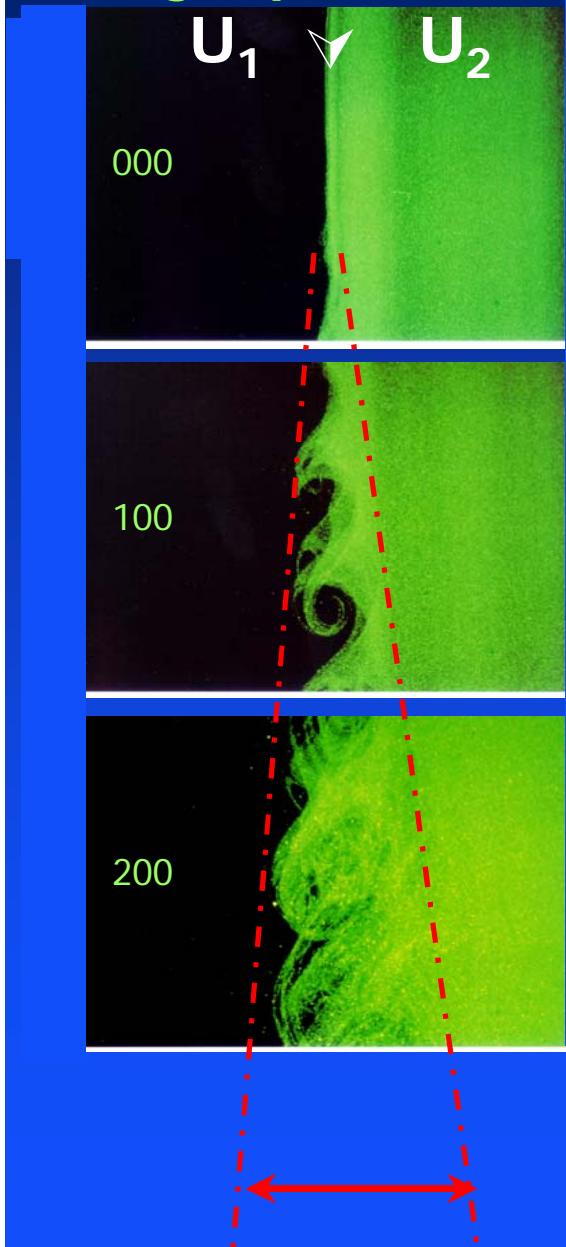
PIV PTV(S)

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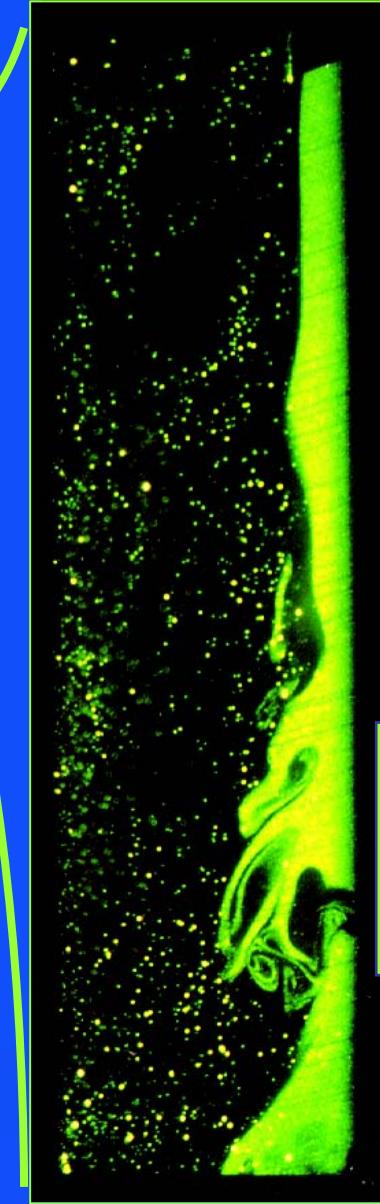
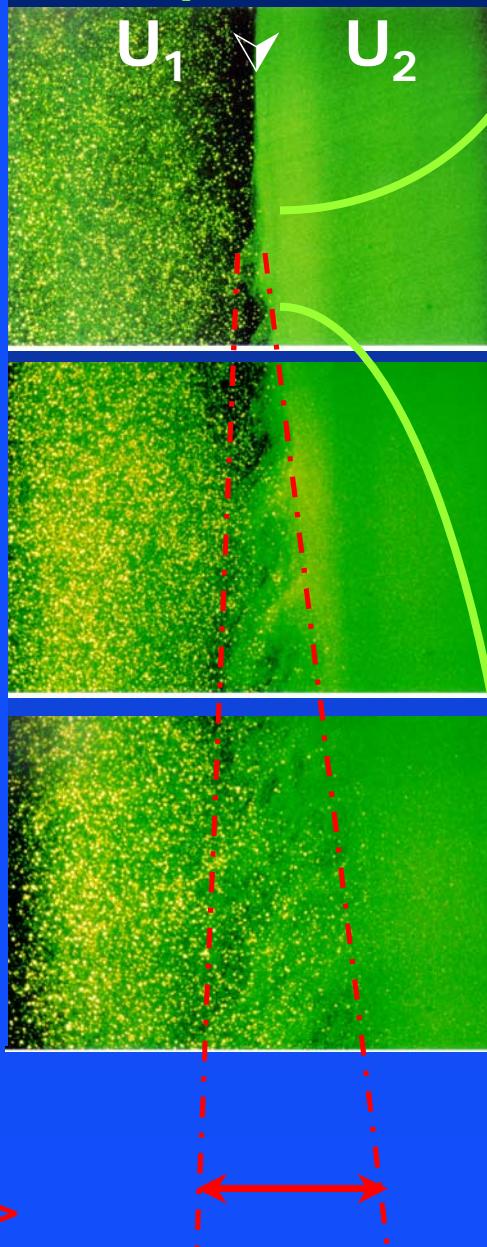


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## Single-phase flow



## Two-phase flow



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shear layer  
flow structure  
(/droplets in the  
mixing layer/)



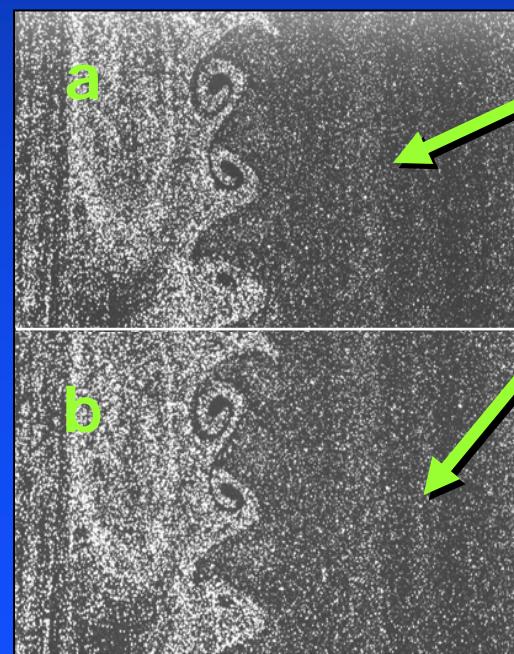
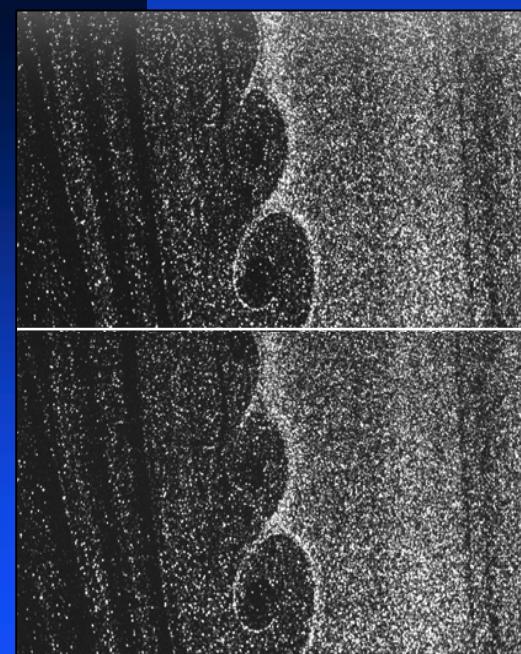
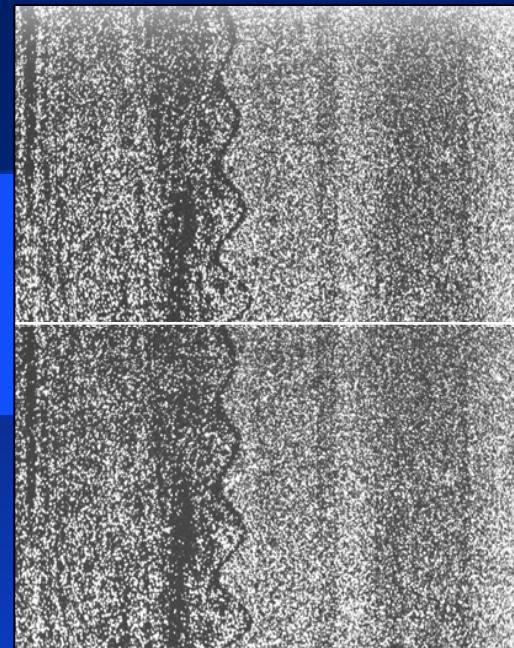
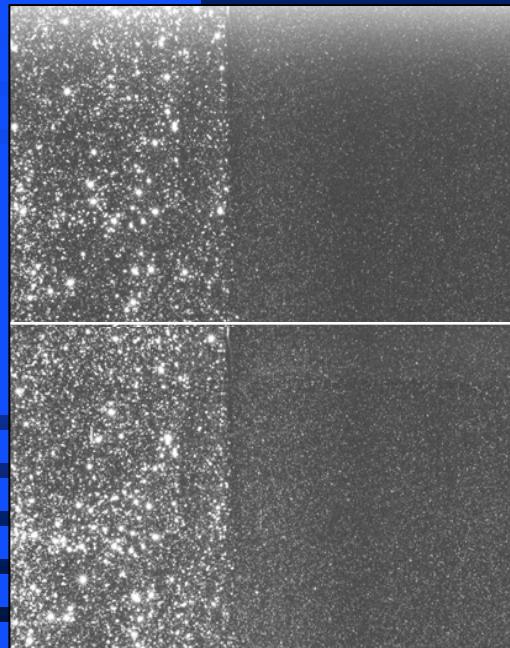
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# Experimental Results

Digitally recorded  
successive  
images

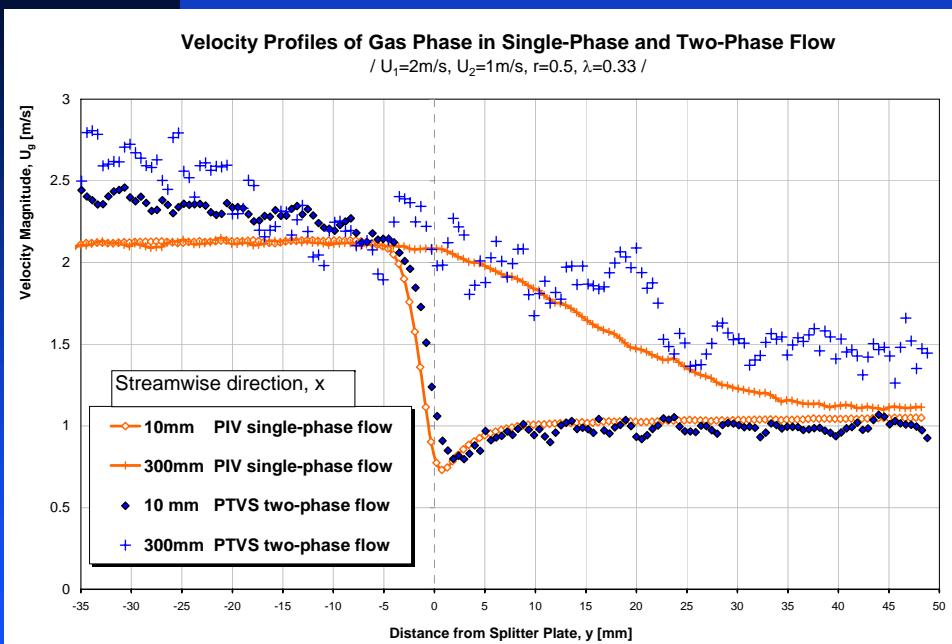
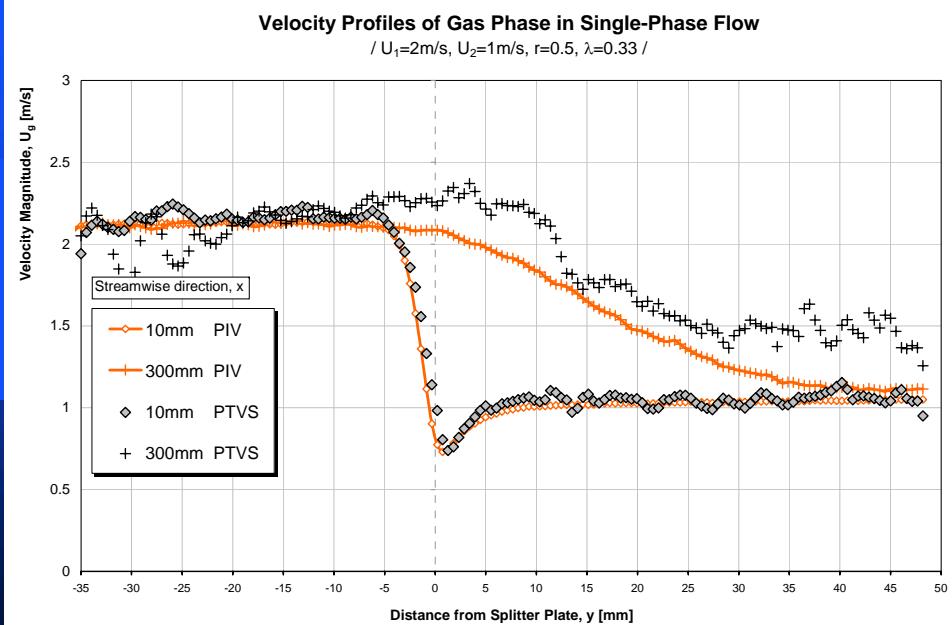
$\Delta t_{a-b}$





# Experimental Results

single-phase flow  
PIV  
/comparison of PIV-PTV(S)/

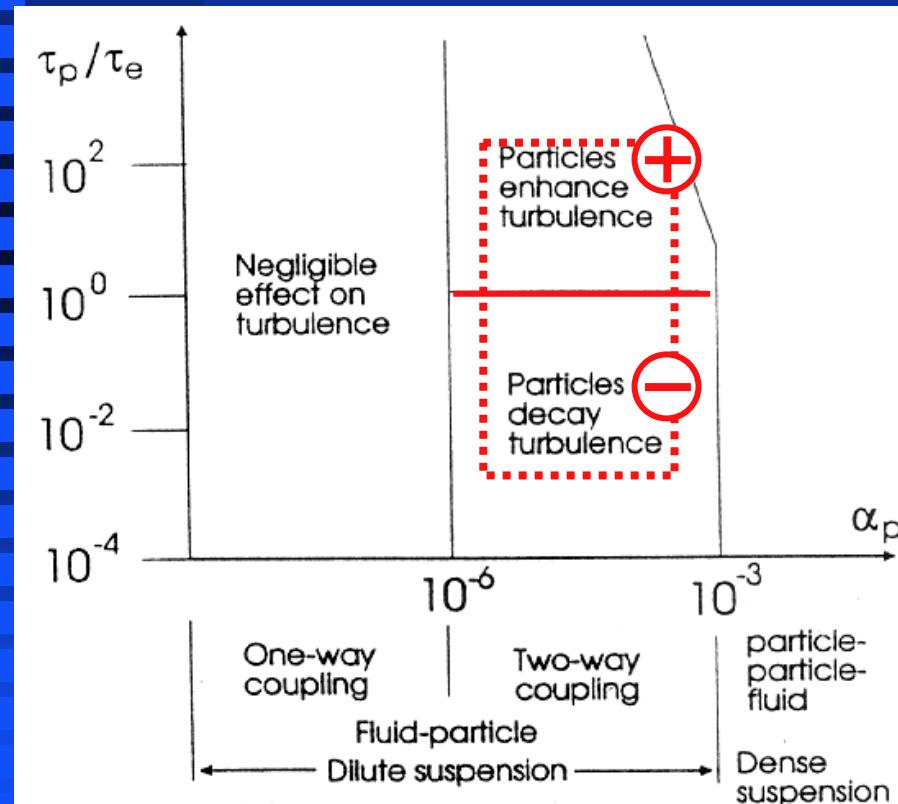


two-phase flow  
PTV(S)

# Two-phase flow characteristics

# Introduction

[ELGHOBASHI, 1994]



[GORE and CROWE, 1989]

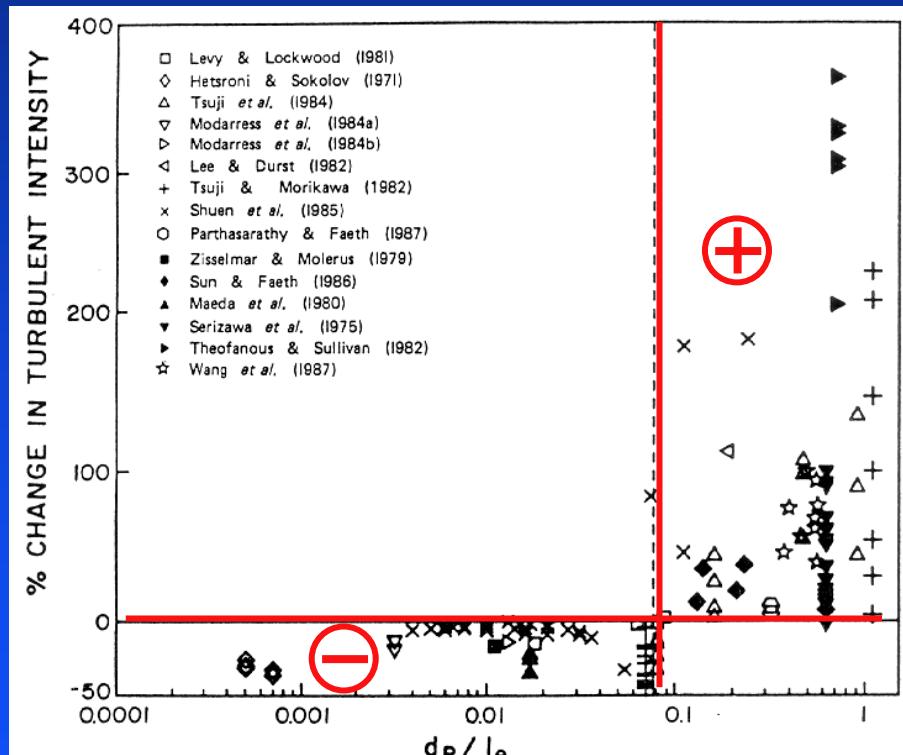


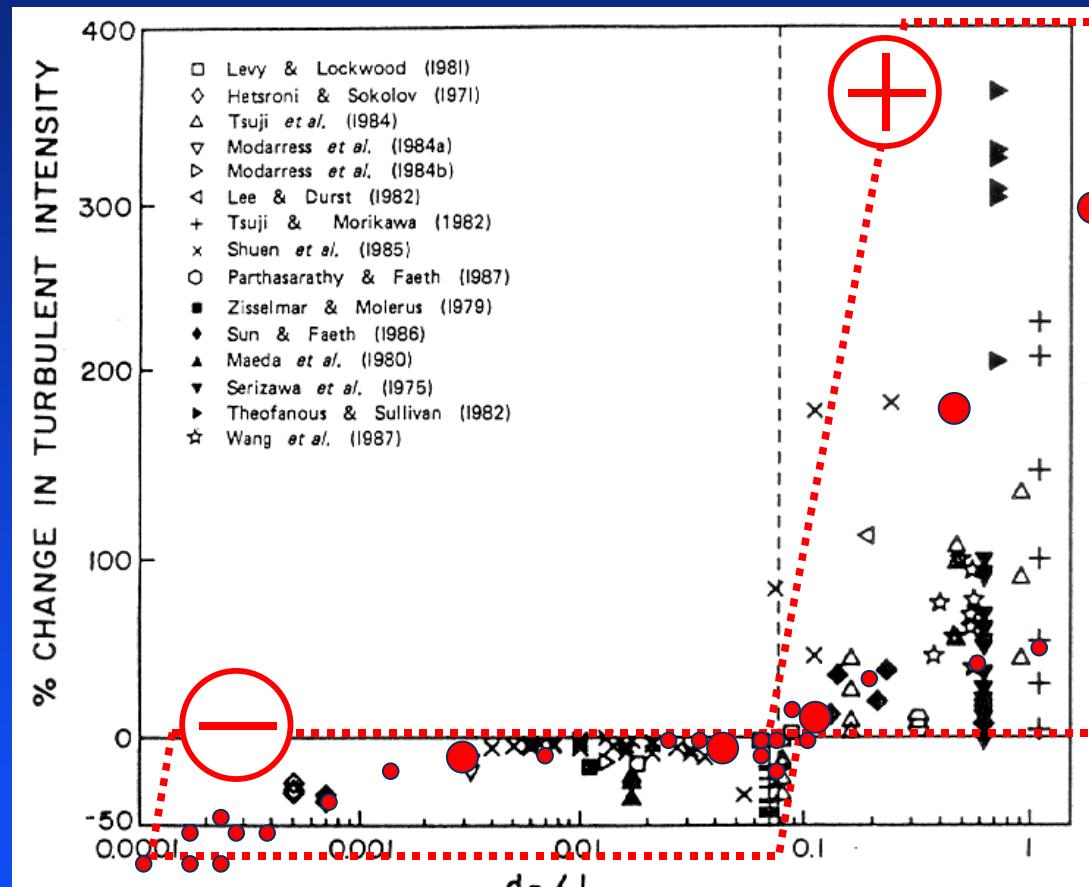
Figure 2. Change in turbulent intensity as function of length scale ratio.

$$\alpha_p = 10^{-4} \div 10^{-5} \quad St_p = 10^{-3} \div 10^2$$

$$\Delta(T.I.) = f(d_p/l_e)$$

# Turbulence Modulation Map

- exp. results: Suda 2000.



Mixing Layer:



negative rel. change (- 90%)

Main Flow:



positive rel. change (+1500%)

- Effect of characteristic length scale ratio on modulating turbulent intensity:

$$\Delta(\text{T.I.}) = f(d_p/l_e)$$

$d_p$  - particle diameter

$l_e$  - fluid length scale

(integral the most

length scale or characteristic length of energetic eddy)

$$\Delta(\text{T.I.}_{\text{carrier phase}}) = \frac{\text{T.I.}_{\text{two-phase}} - \text{T.I.}_{\text{single-phase}}}{\text{T.I.}_{\text{single-phase}}}$$

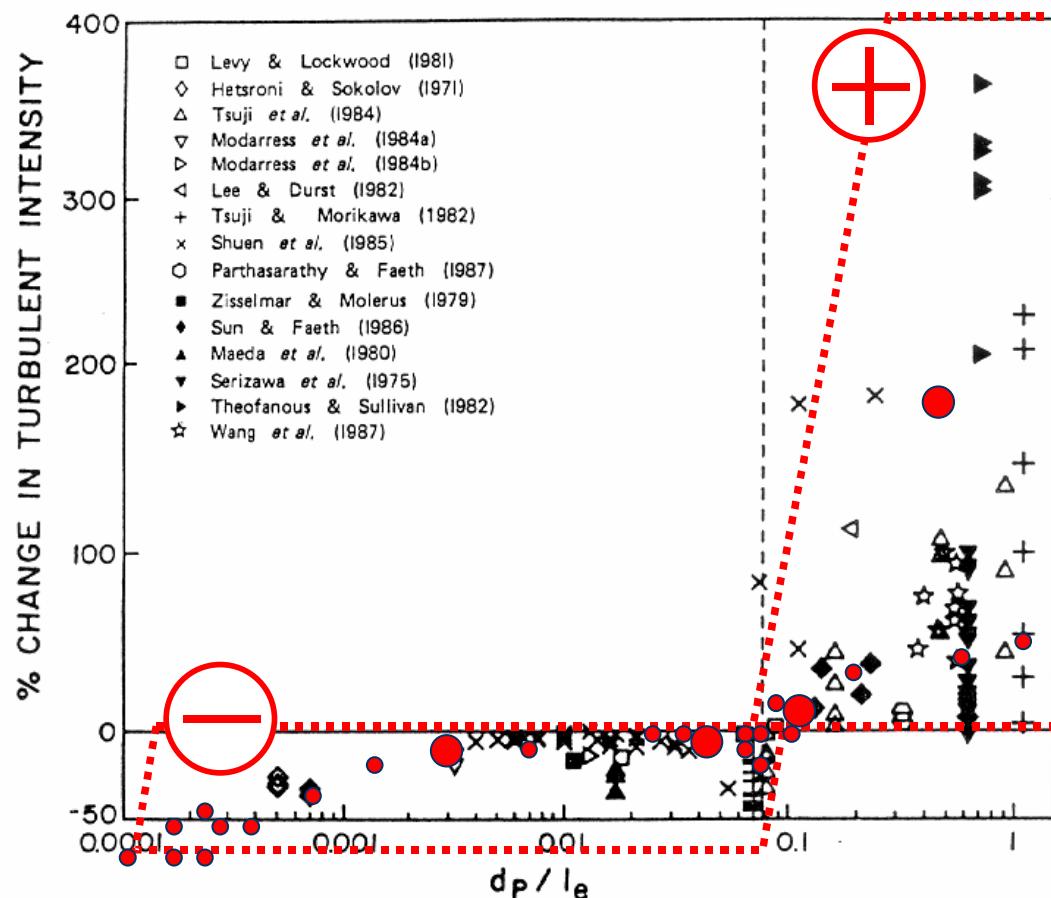
T.I. of the fluid based on PIV and PTVS velocity meas.

graph from [Gore and Crowe, 1989]  
*in Int. J. Multiphase Flow Vol.15, No.2, pp.279-285.*

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# CHANGE in Turbulence Intensity CONCLUSIONS

● exp: [Suda, 2000]



Mixing Layer:  
Main Flow:



negative rel change (- 90%)  
positive rel change (+1500%)

33% of  $d_p = 50\mu\text{m}$

14% of  $d_p = 300\mu\text{m}$

