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Project 5 Presentation

Flow visualisation laser sheet development using series of low cost laser diodes



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The goal of the project

- The goal of the project was to develop a relatively cheap laser sheet which can be used for flow visualization in the large wind tunnel of the department.
- Main requirements of the laser sheet:
 - > Favourable price
 - > Fast and easy fixing to the traverse of the wind tunnel
 - > Opportunity to use different number of laser diodes
 - > Adjustable laser sheet angle $(\pm 5^{\circ})$
 - Adjustable distance between the diodes
 - Components which can be manufactured easily or bought fast



The chosen laser diode

• Ten laser diodes were ordered from ebay:



- Main properties:
 - ➢ Price: US \$39.28 (~10500 HUF)
 - Output Power: 45-55 [mW] (Measured: 15-75 [mW])
 - > Output wavelength: 532 [nm] (Green)
 - ➤ Working Voltage: DC=3-5 [V] (Measured FV: ~2.5 [V])
 - ➤ Working Current: I<350 [mA]</p>
 - > Opening angle: 110 [°] (Also quite variant and should be decreased)



Equipment construction





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Flow visualization



- Merged laser planes (no split-up)
- No shielding effect
- Long range





Flow visualization





Possibilities for the development

- Based on the tested structure, we get some improvement possibilities:
- Recommendations for the next developre group
 - > More rigid structure
 - Lenses fixed against rotation
 - > Narrow light shape lenses
 - Use more durable materials to fix cables

Thank you for your kind attention!