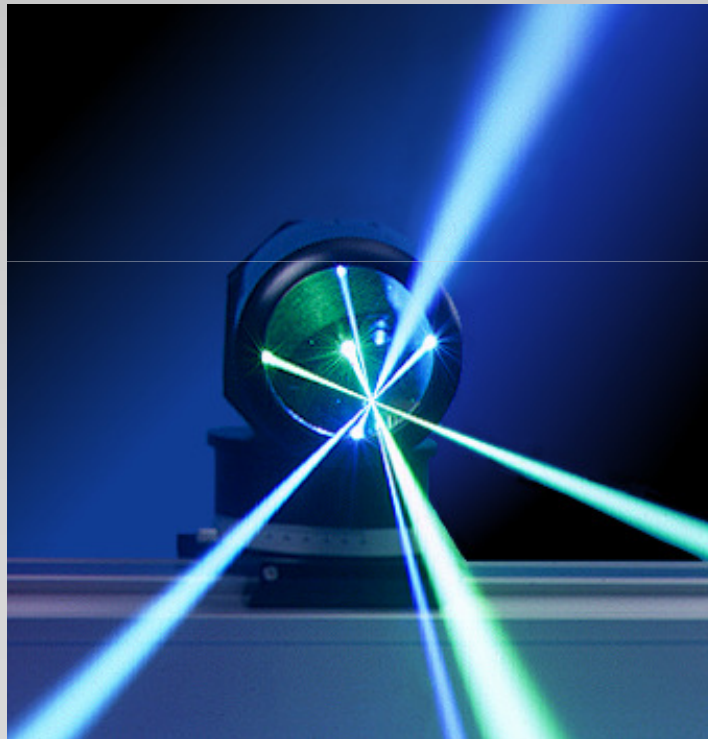


Laser Doppler Anemometry

Introduction to principles and applications

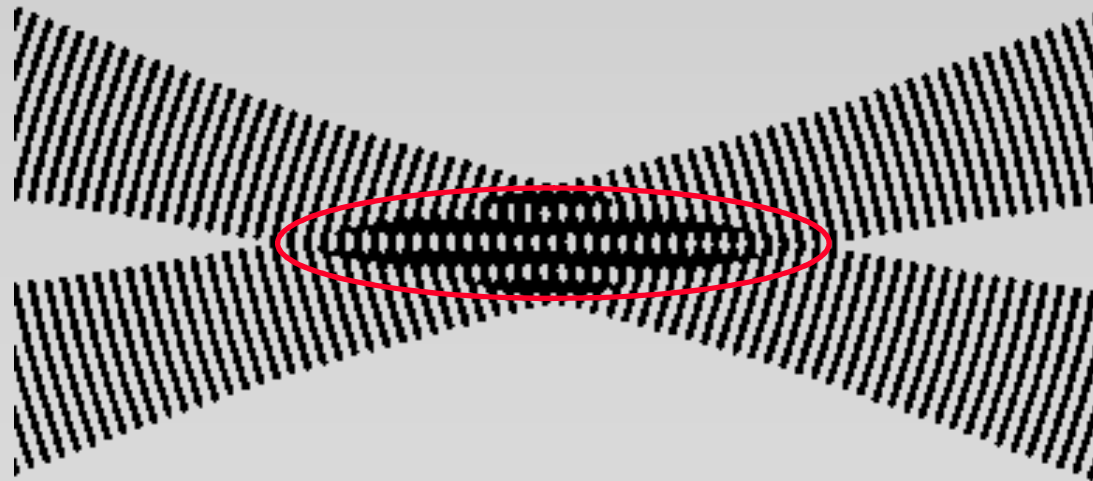


Characteristics of LDA

- **Velocity measurements in fluid dynamics, e.g. fluid machinery (gas, liquid)**
- **Up to 3 velocity components**
- **Non-intrusive measurements (optical technique)**
- **Absolute measurement technique (no calibration required)**
- **Very high accuracy**
- **Very high spatial resolution due to small measurement volume**
- **Tracer particles, micron o.m. are required (e.g. silicone oil in air, polyamid in water) – velocity of particles**

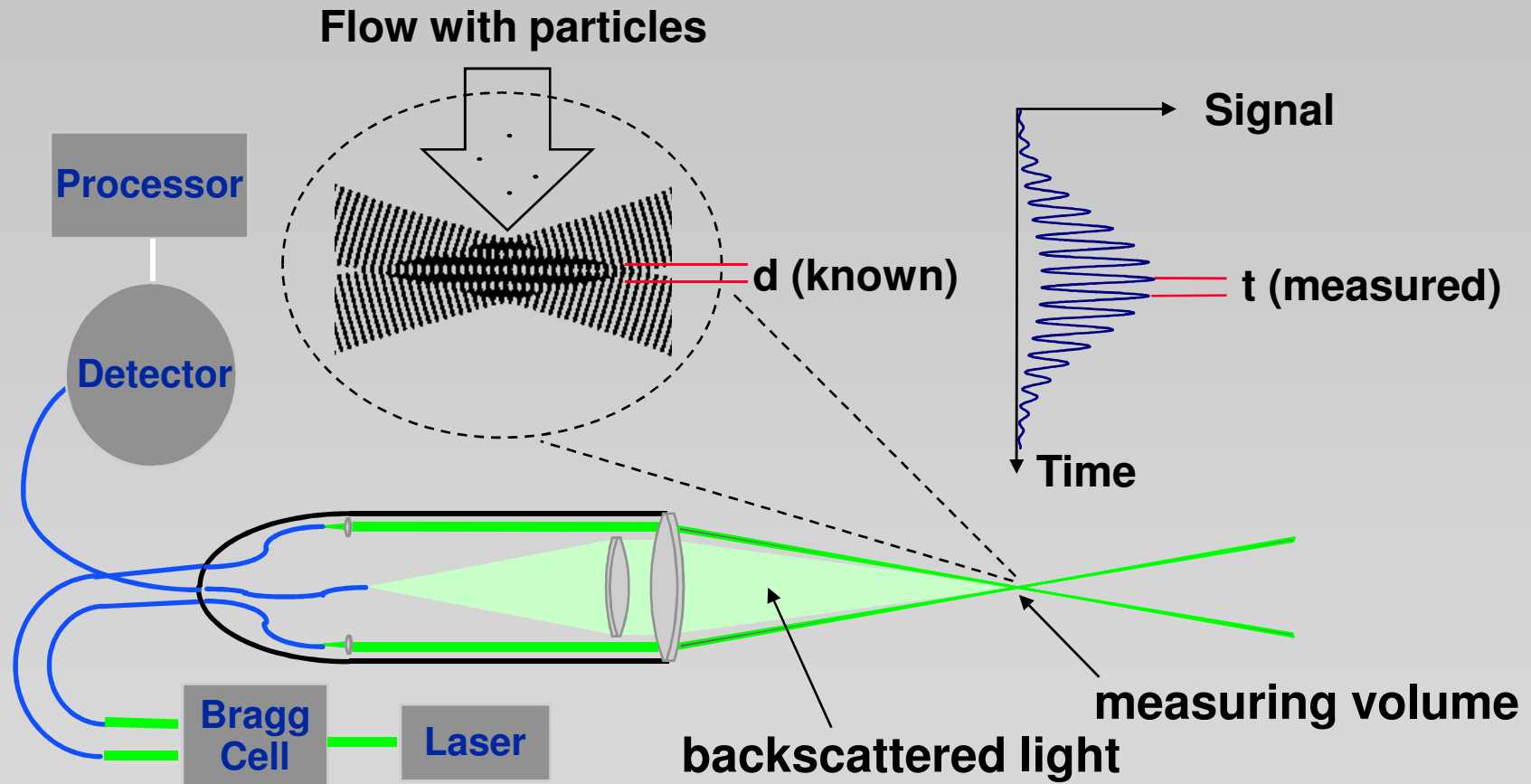
LDA - Fringe Model

- Focused Laser beams intersect and form the measurement volume
- Interference in the plane of intersection
- Pattern of bright and dark stripes/planes

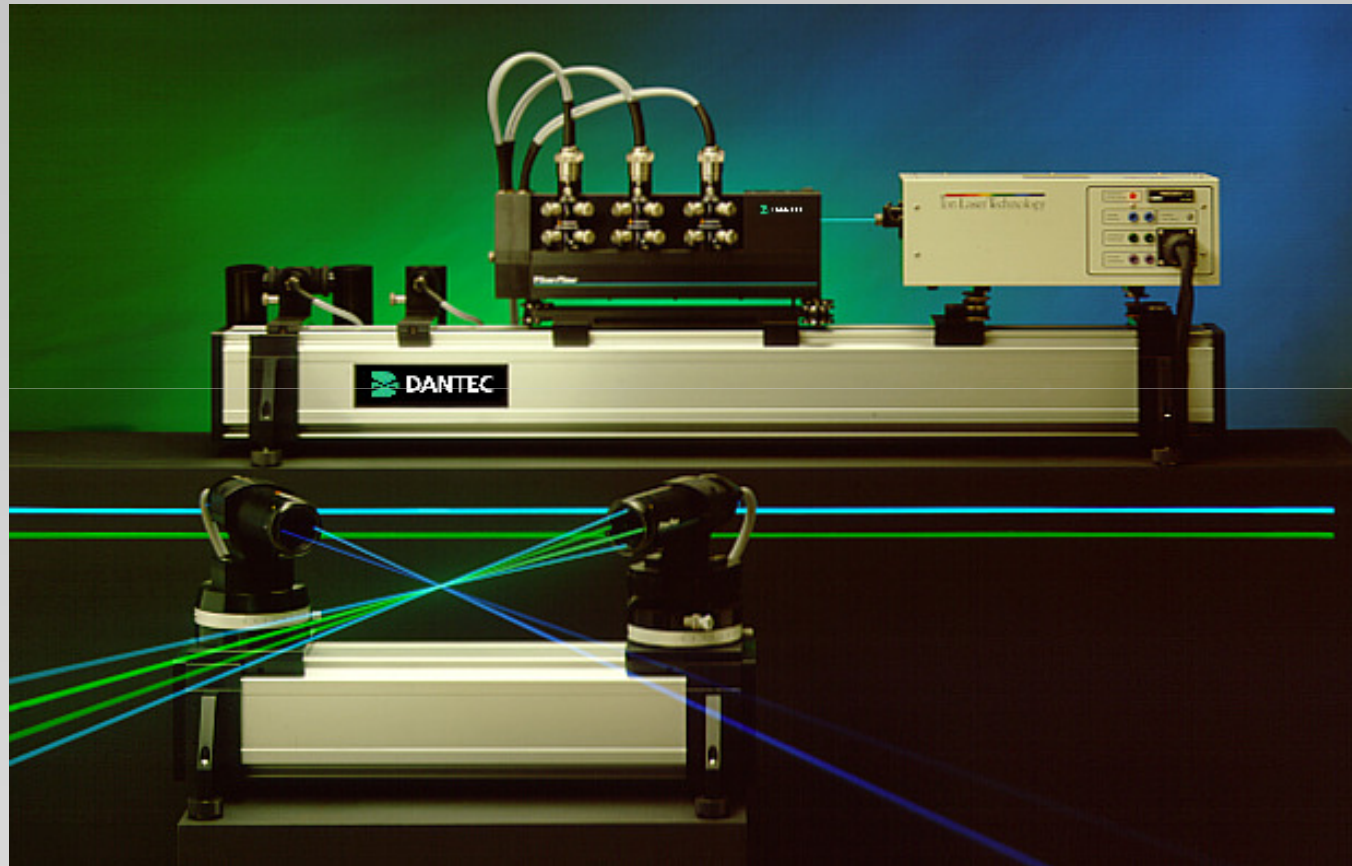


Velocity = distance/time

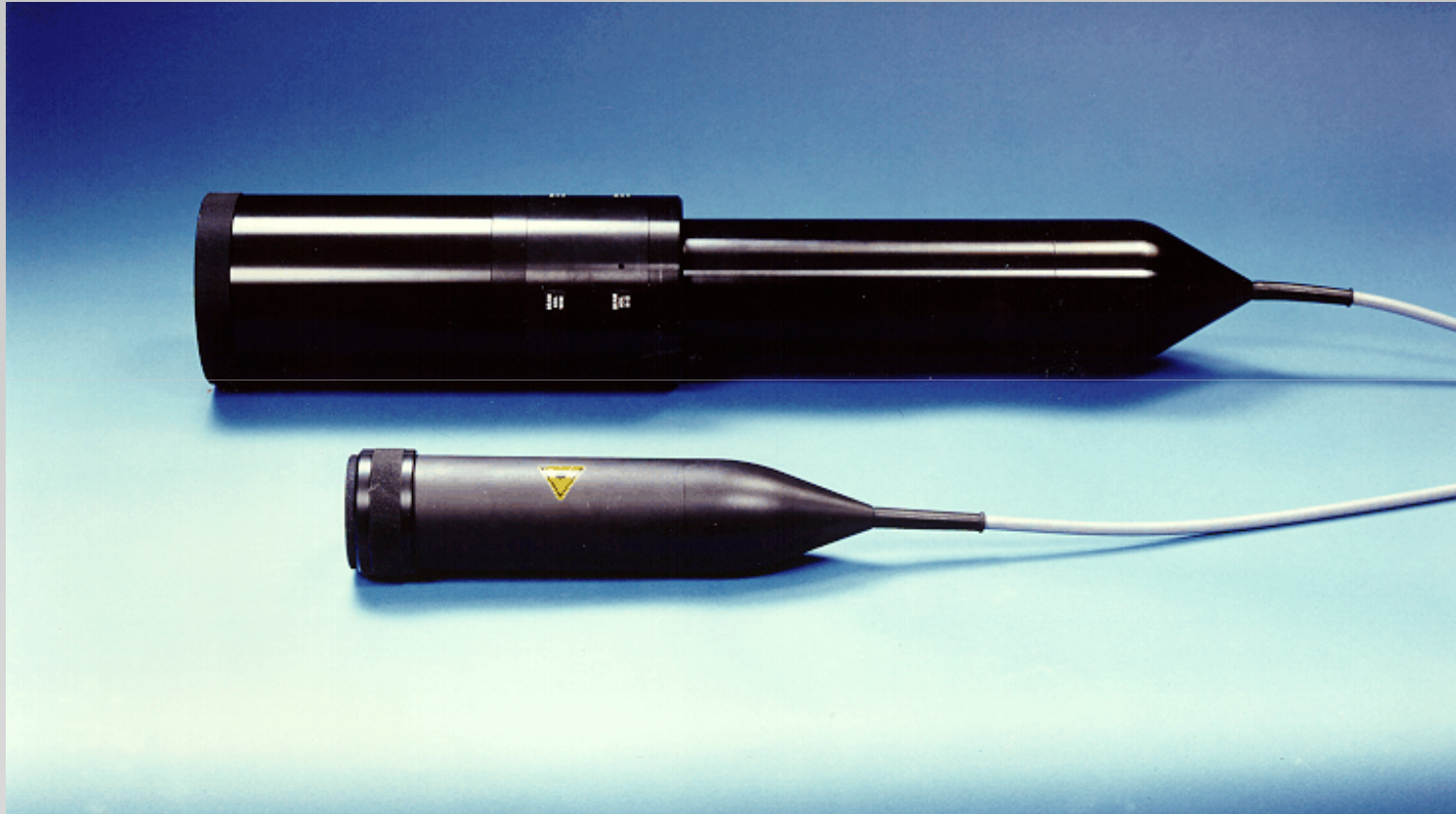
$$d = \frac{\lambda}{2 \sin(\alpha/2)}$$



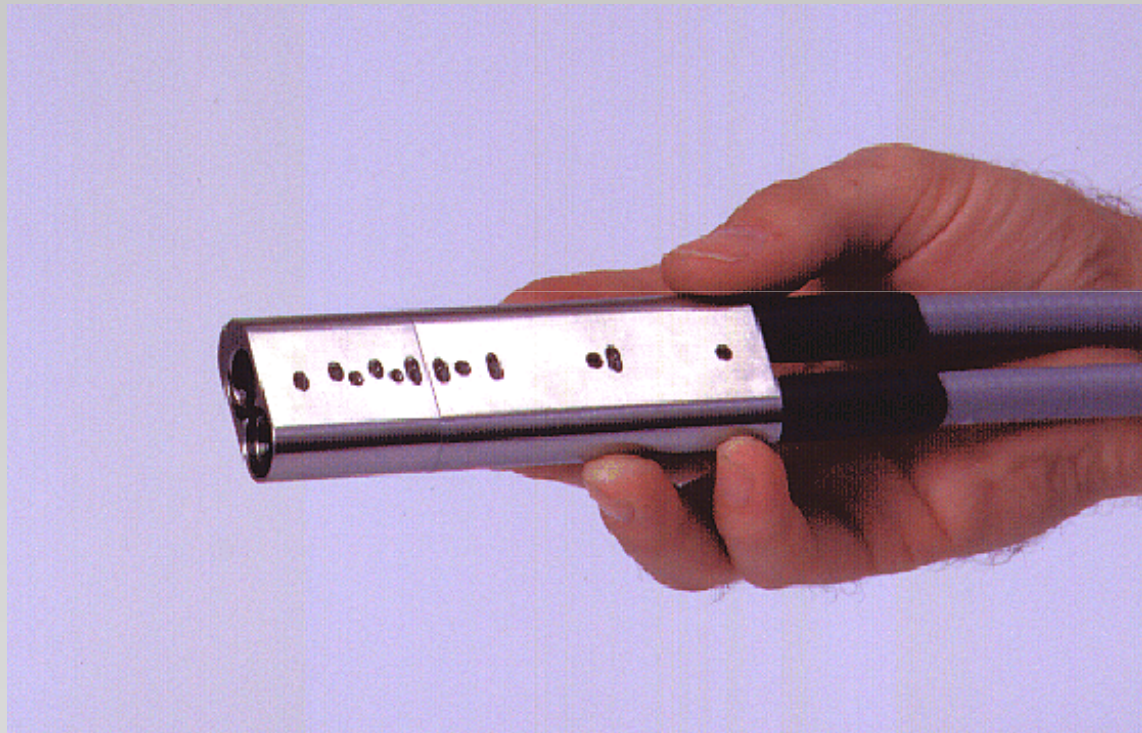
LDA Fibre Optical System



60 mm and 85 mm *FiberFlow* probes



The small integrated 3D *FiberFlow* probe



Measurement of air flow around a helicopter rotor model in a wind tunnel

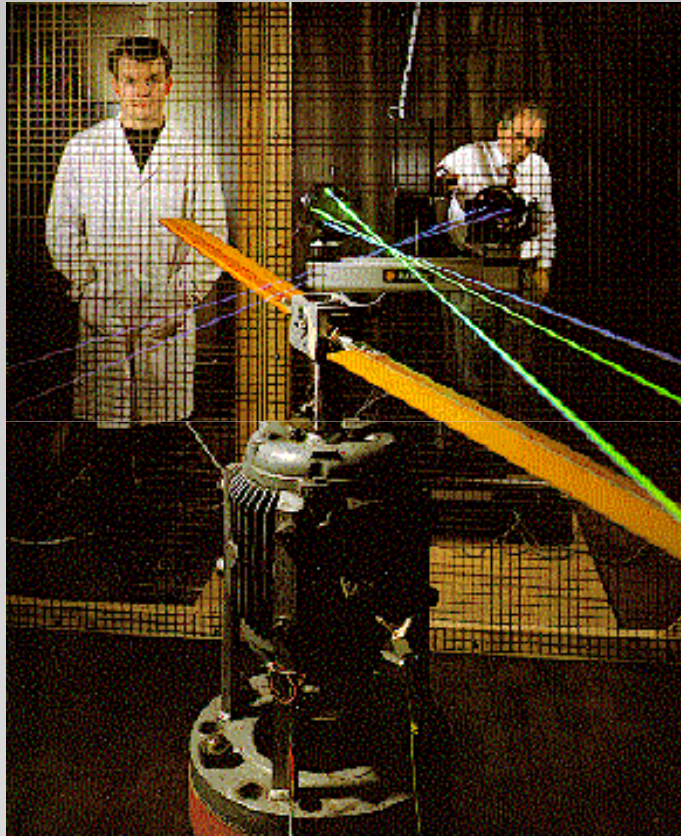


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Measurement of water flow inside a pump model

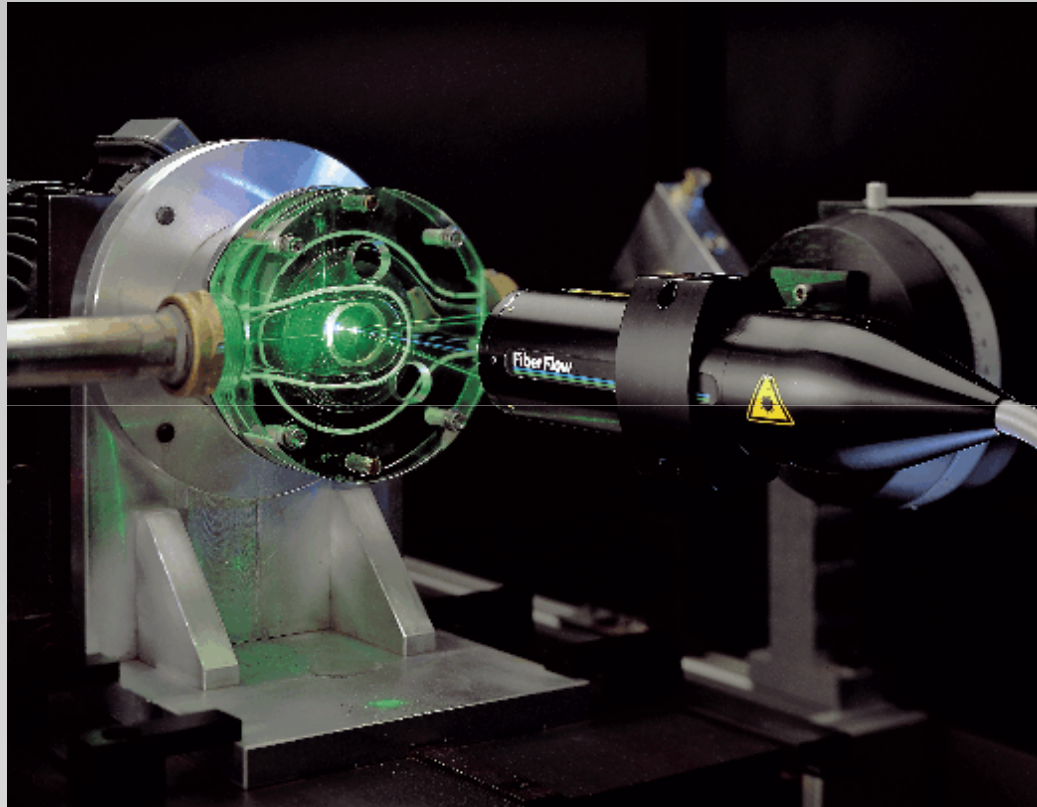
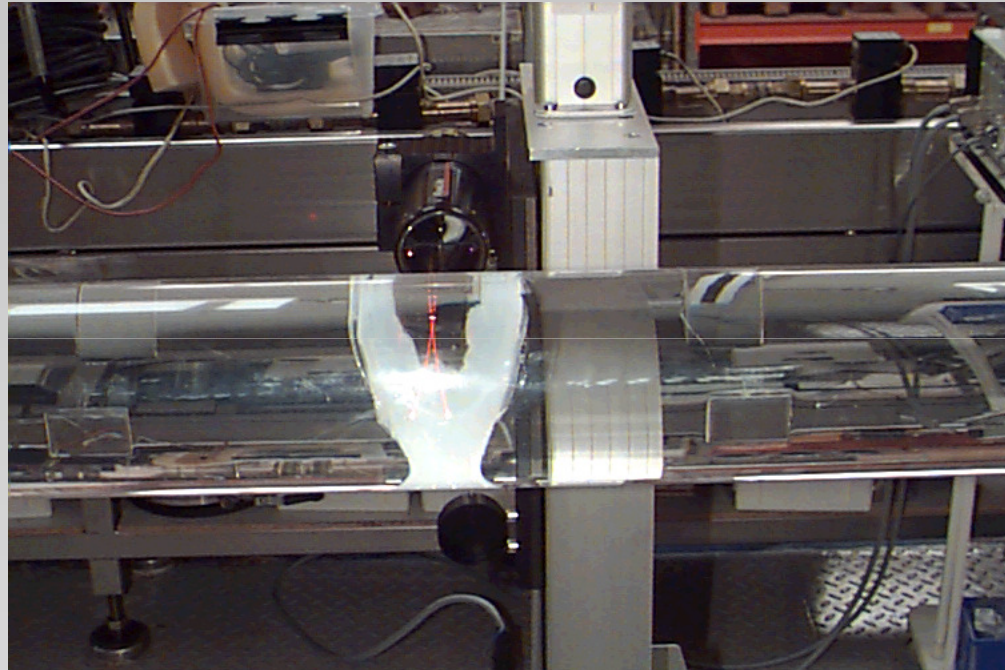
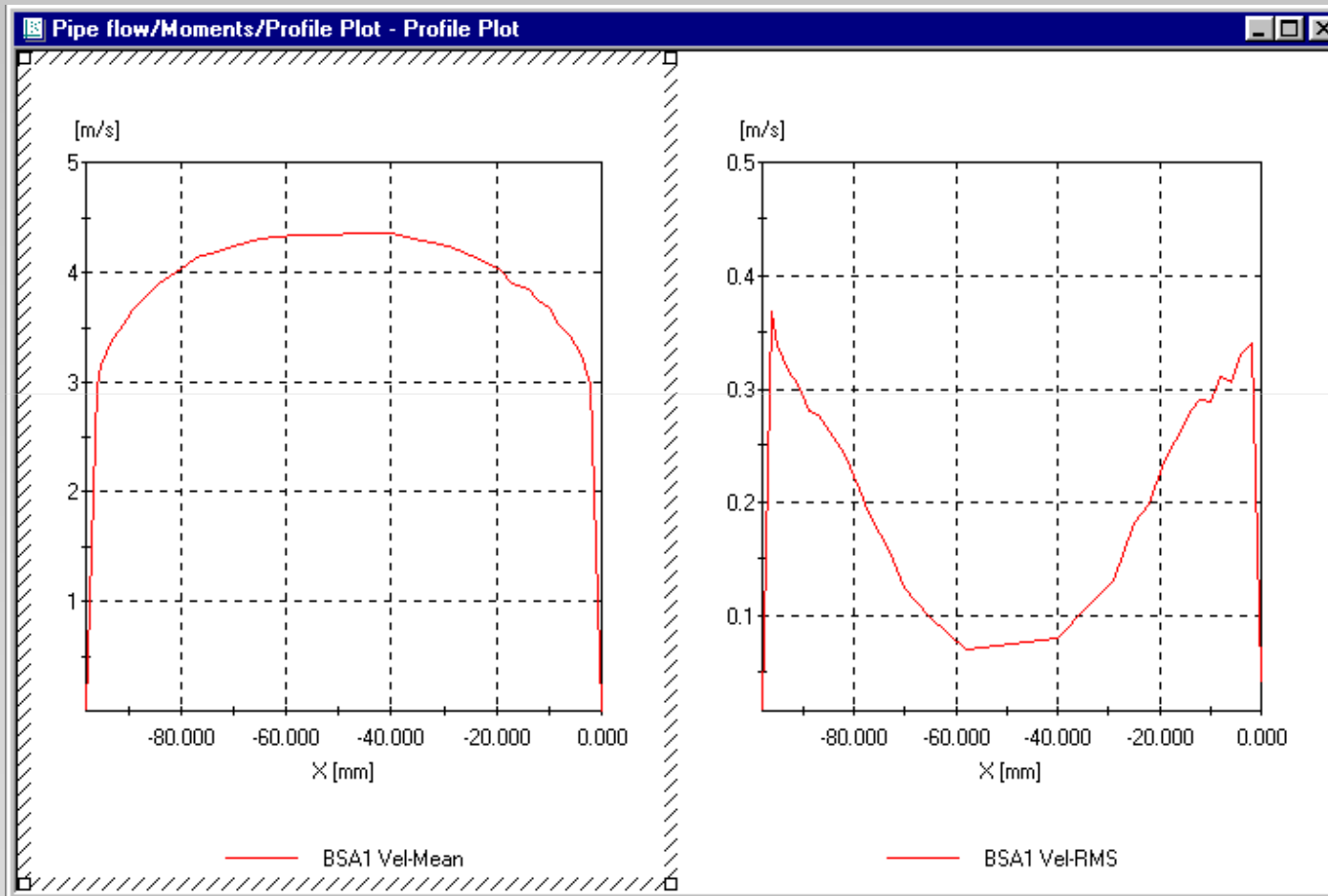


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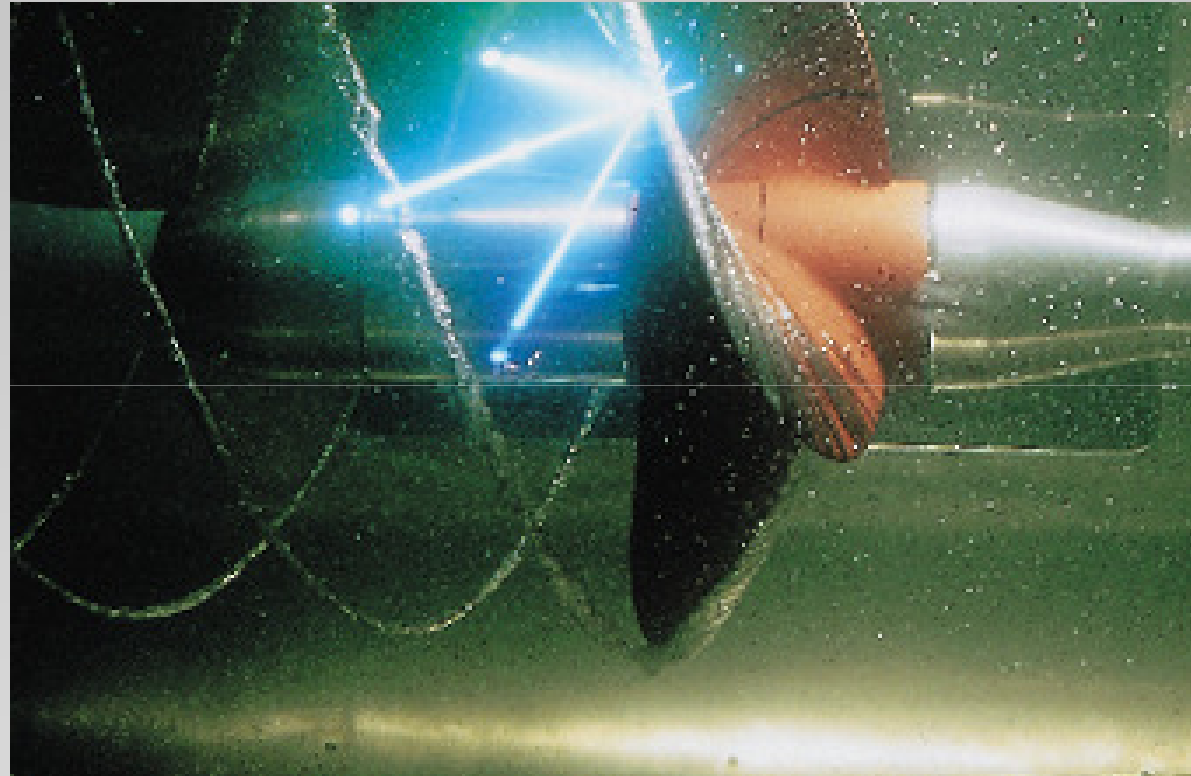
Measurement of velocity profiles in a water pipe



Velocity profile, fully developed turbulent pipe flow

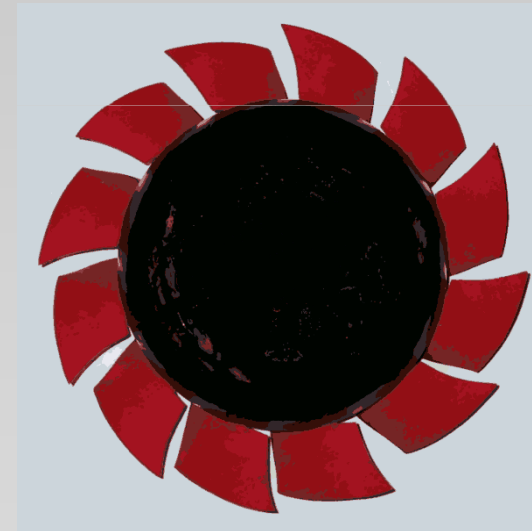
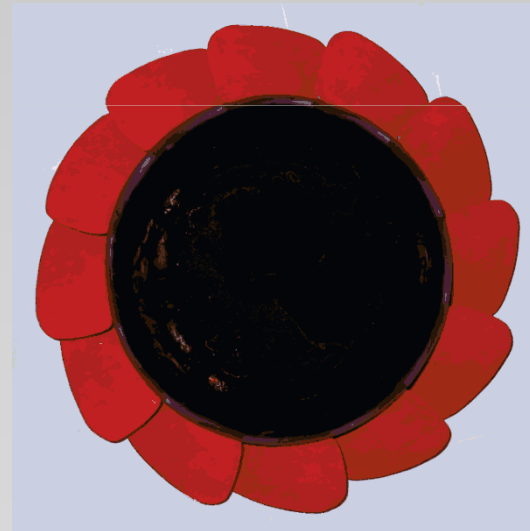
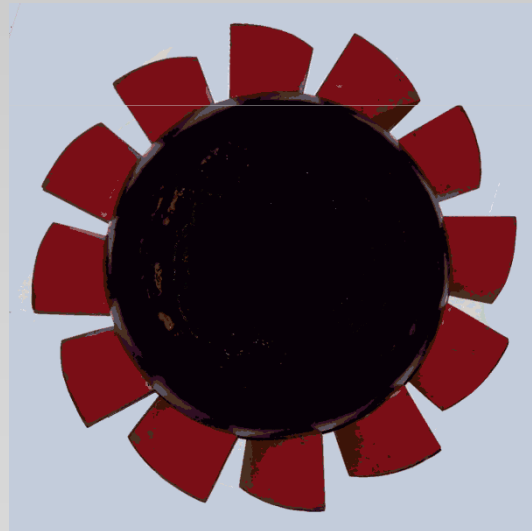


Measurement of flow around a ship propeller in a cavitation tank



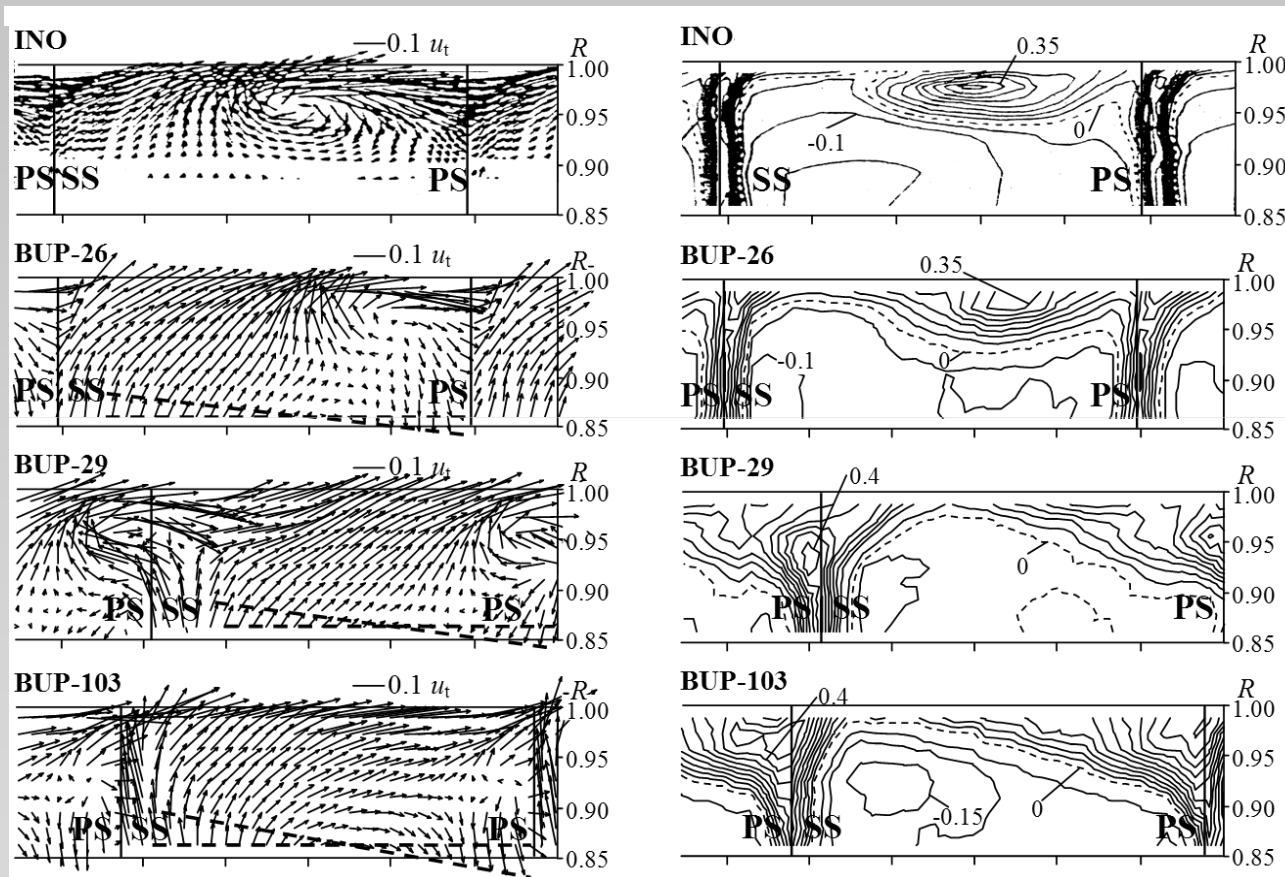
High-pressure axial fans

- Customized design, redesign, for industry



Laser Doppler Anemometry (LDA)

Measurements on near-tip phenomena in various rotors



Secondary flow map

Kinetic energy defect