



# Visualization of second sound waves based on laser interferometry

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# 1 Motivation



- ❑ Large-scale scientific facilities **lead and drive the development of disciplines** and **promote major scientific breakthroughs**.
- ❑ The superconducting RF resonant cavity is the **core component** of the particle accelerator.
- ❑ The superconducting RF resonant cavity **needs to be cooled down to the superconducting critical temperature of the cavity material** to obtain a high acceleration gradient.

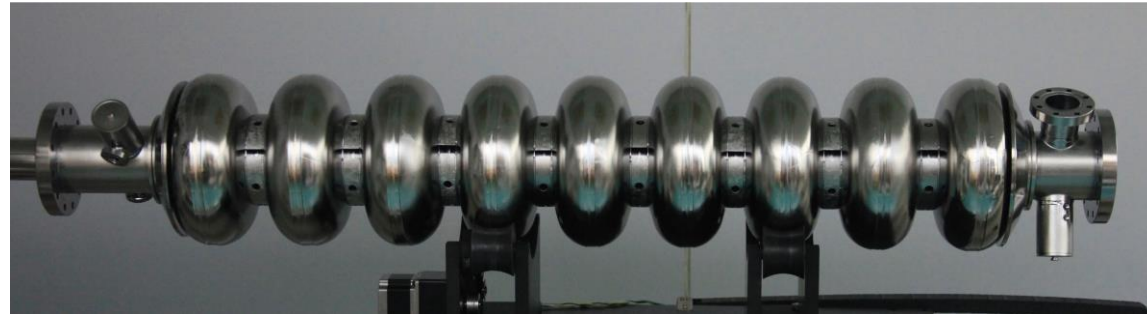
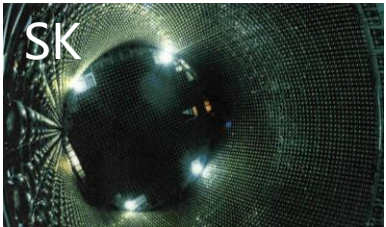
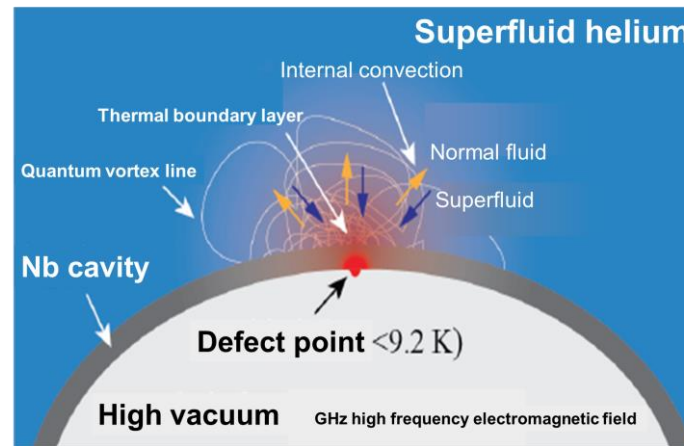
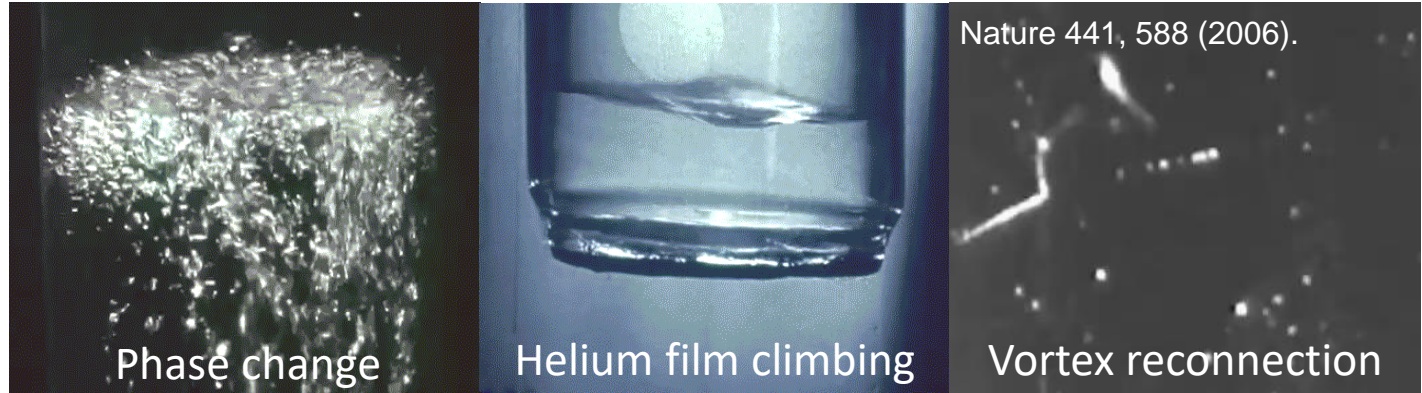
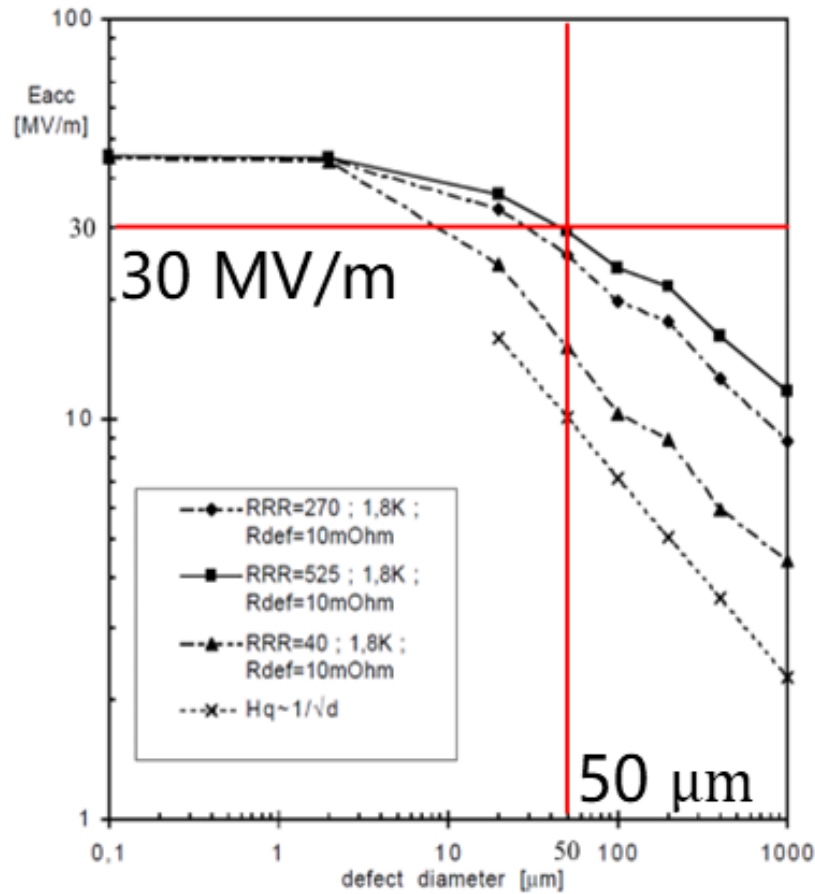


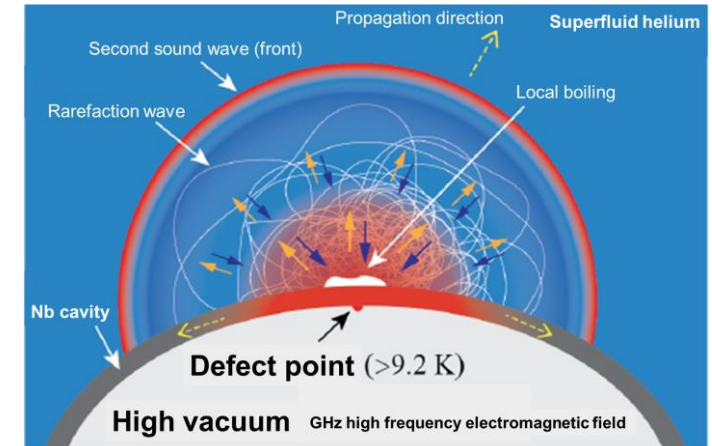
Photo of TESLA type 9-cell superconducting RF resonant cavity\*

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- Most superconducting cavities are **cooled by saturated superfluid helium**.
- Micron-scale defects or contaminants limit maximum acceleration gradients.
- The heat transfer of superfluid helium varies in different states.



Steady state



Transient

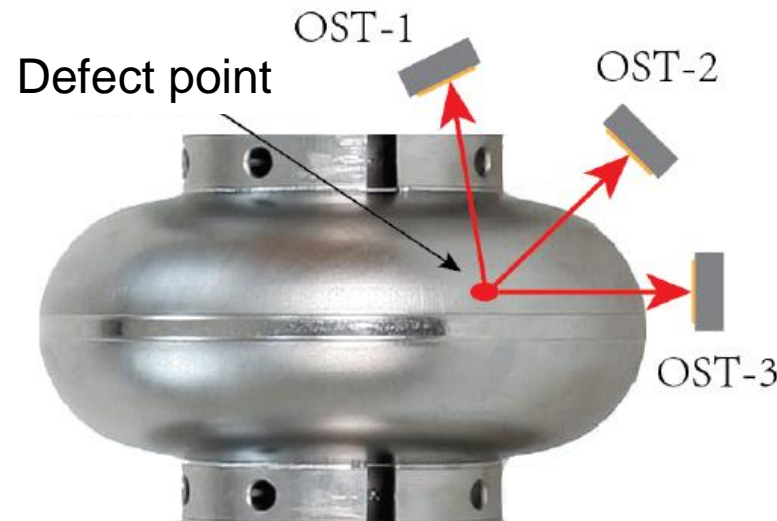
The influence of defect diameter on the maximum acceleration gradient\*

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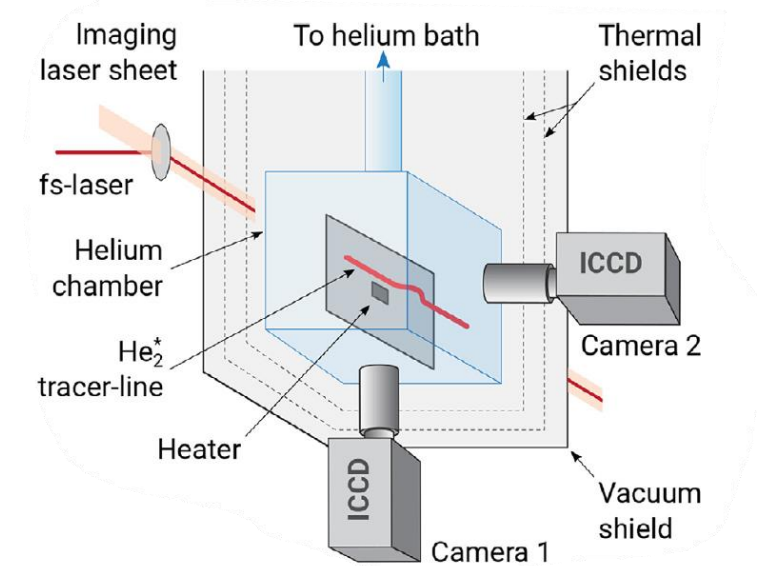
- ❑ Defect detection methods: array temperature measurement, second sound wave and flow visualization.
- ❑ Areas with high **temperatures** are suspected defect point.
- ❑ Reverse derivation of the **propagation time** to obtain the location of the defect point.
- ❑ Reverse derivation of **normal fluid velocity field** to obtain defect point.



Array temperature measurement\*



Second sound wave



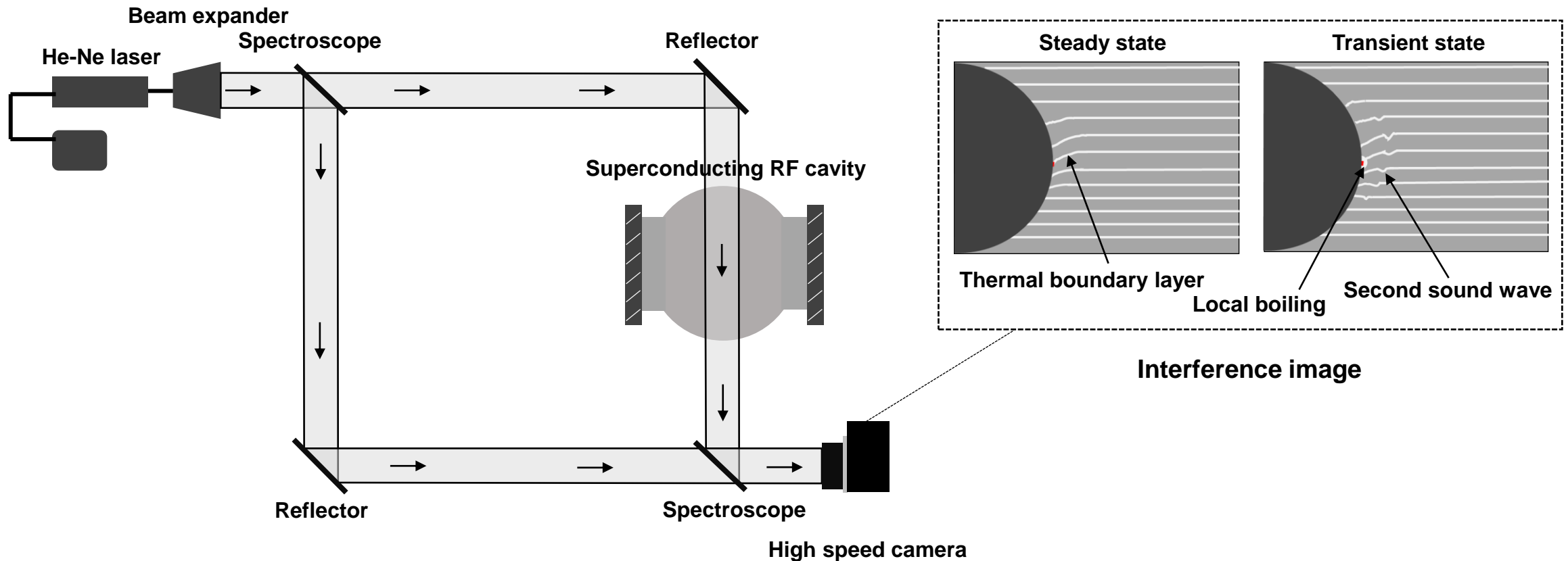
Flow visualization\*

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## Comparison of detection methods

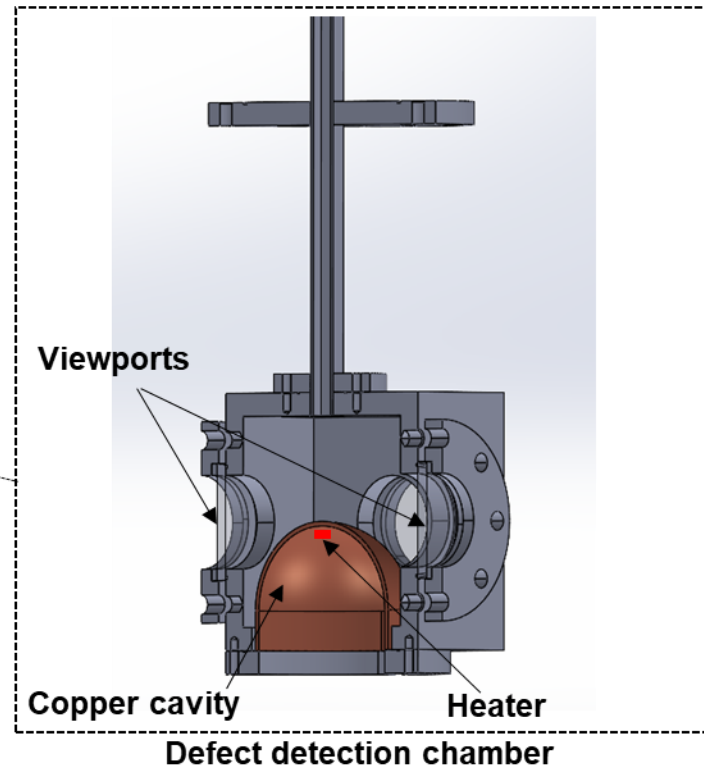
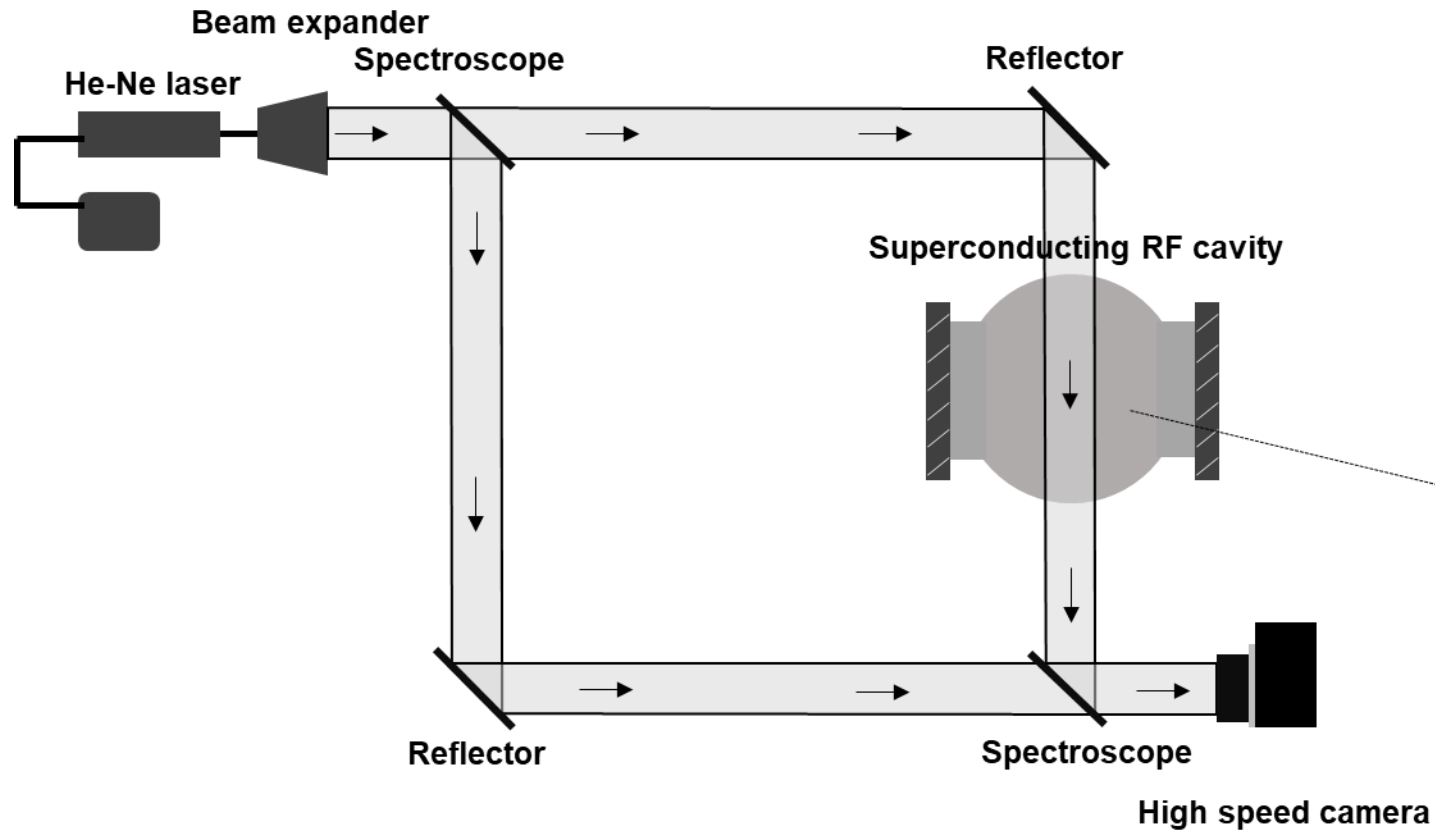
Method	Sensor type	Sensor quantity	Accuracy	Feature
Array temperature measurement	Thermometer	Fixed type > 1000	Medium	<b>Contact type, complex operation, high investment</b>
		Rotary > 10	<b>Low</b>	<b>Contact type, complex operation, low investment</b>
Second sound wave	Superleak sensor; Superconducting phase change sensor; High sensitivity thermometer	$\geq 3$	<b>Low</b> (5-10 mm)	Non contact, easy operation, low investment
Flow visualization	He <sub>2</sub> <sup>*</sup> molecular	N/A	High (<1 mm)	Non contact, <b>complex operation, extremely high investment</b>

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- ❑ The object light sweeps through the cavity surface and interferes with the reference light.
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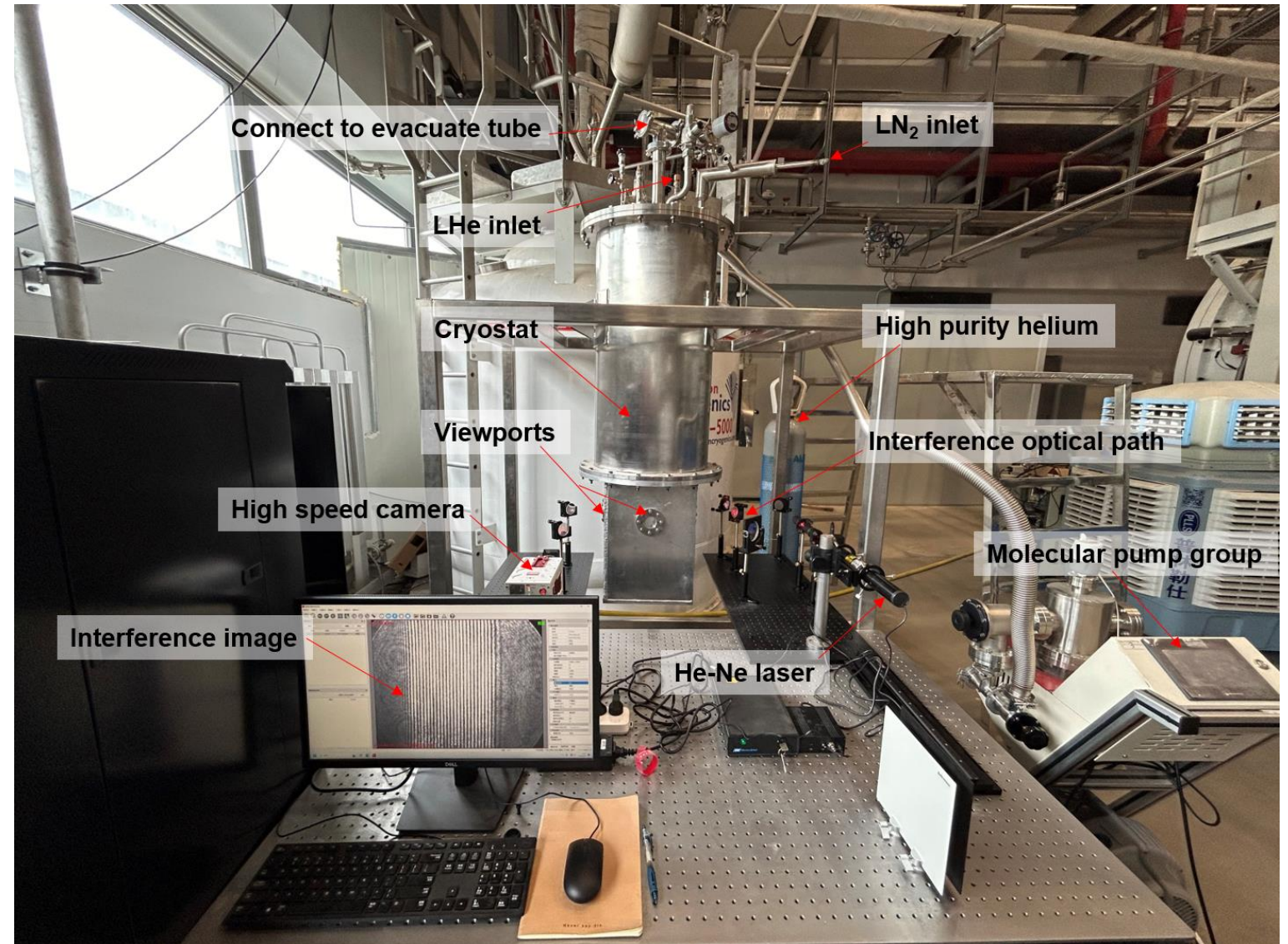
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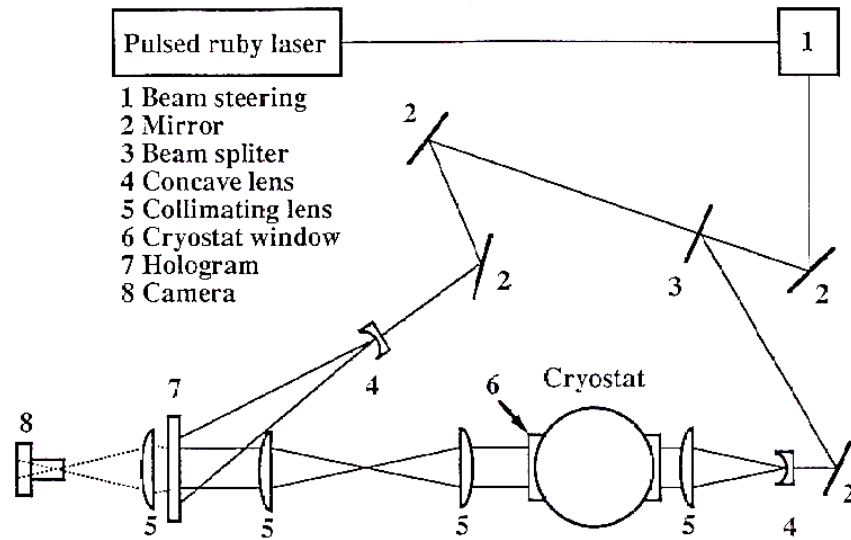


- ❑ Precooling with liquid nitrogen and liquid helium.
- ❑ By reducing the pressure on the helium bath, we can obtain superfluid helium.
- ❑ Maintain low temperature with high vacuum multilayer insulation.
- ❑ At present, the test system is still under construction.

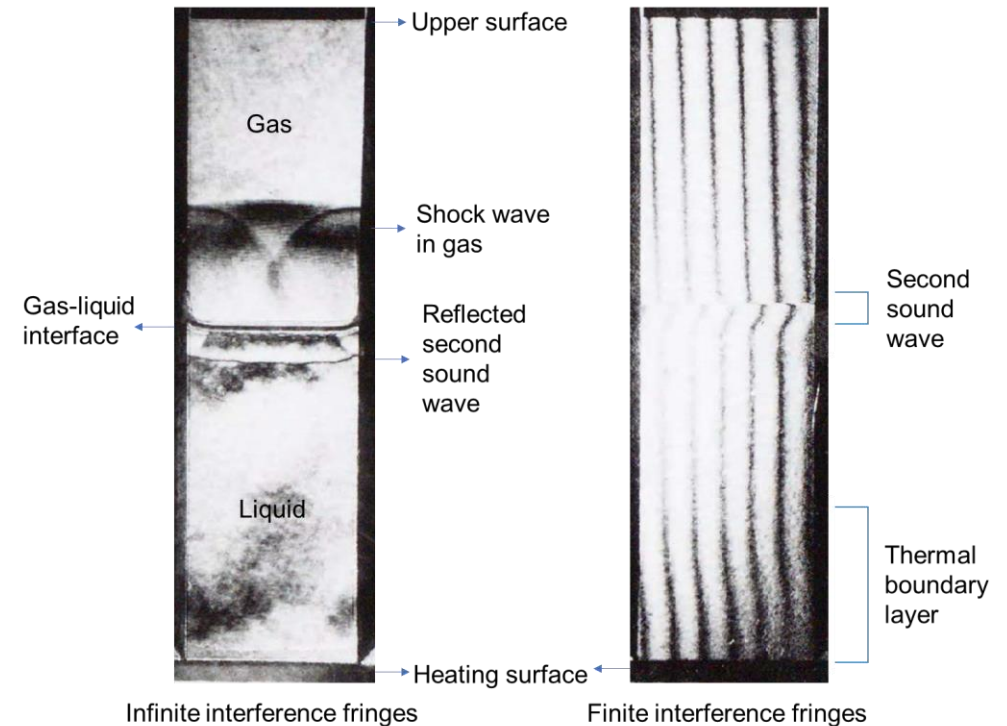


# 3 Interference fringe processing

- ❑ The interference images we use to process comes from Lida's experiment.
- ❑ The **laser holographic interferometer** is used in the experiment.
- ❑ They use interference fringes with **finite and infinite widths** to capture images.
- ❑ A lot of information was obtained from the image.
- ❑ The experiment did not obtain quantitative data on the flow and heat transfer of superfluid helium.

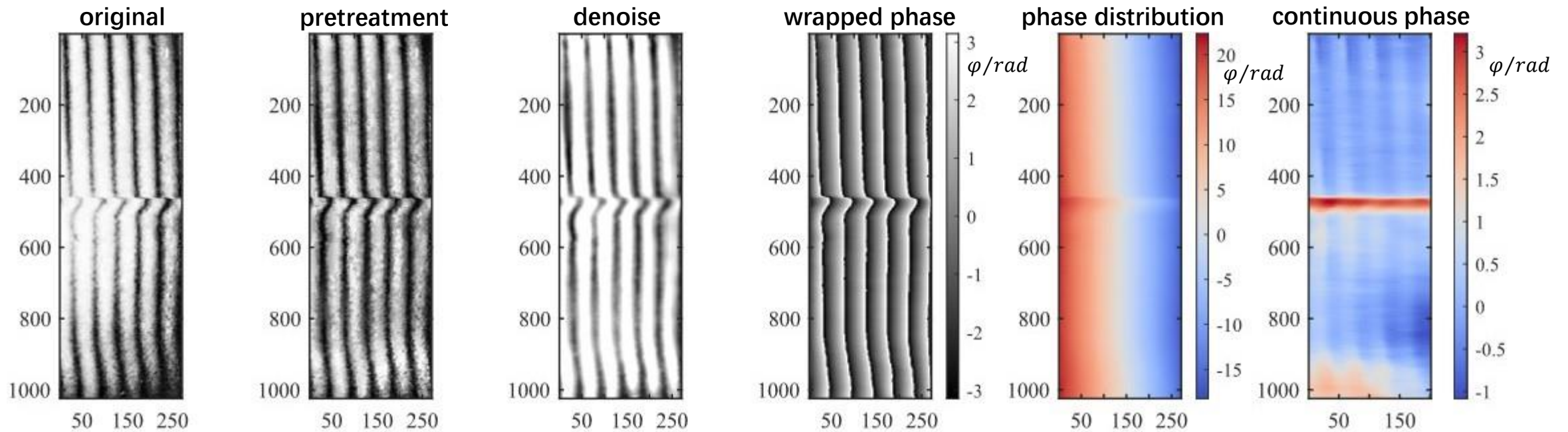


Arrangement of optical elements for the laser holographic interferometer.



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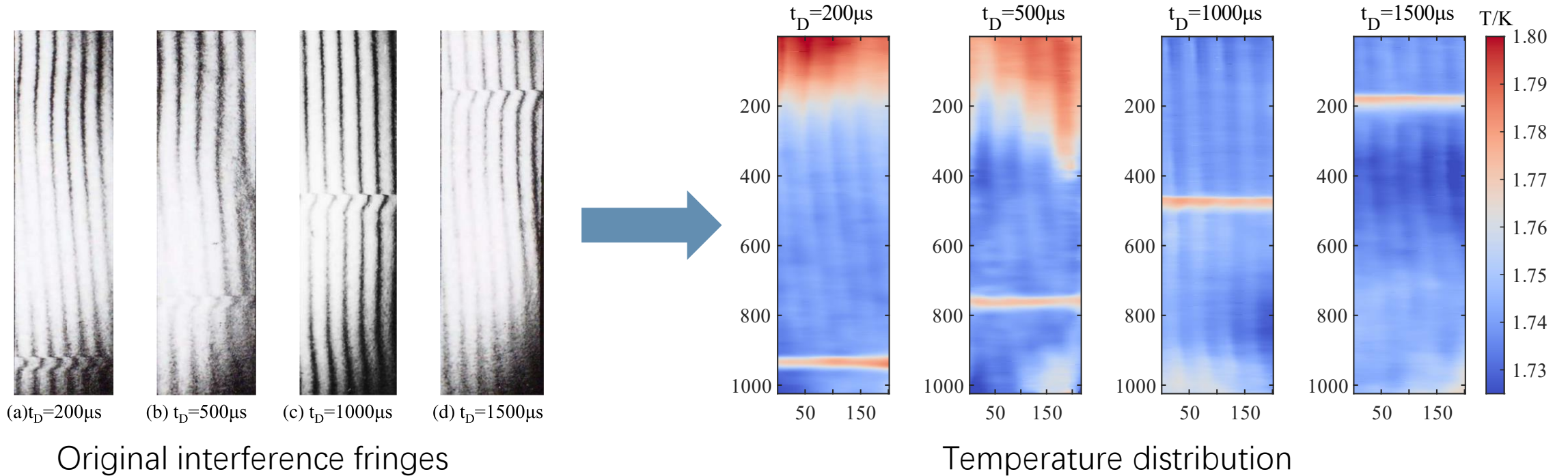
- ❑ Based on the treatment method of interference fringes on the depression of the surface of the object by Munther Gdeisat et al\*.
- ❑  $T=1.74$  K, heat flux  $Q=30$  W/cm<sup>2</sup>, thermal pulse width  $t_H=80$   $\mu$ s, shooting time  $t_D=200, 500, 1000, 1500$   $\mu$ s.
- ❑ Taking the processing of the interference fringe at  $t_D=1000$   $\mu$ s as an example.



Interference fringe processing for  $t_D=1000$   $\mu$ s

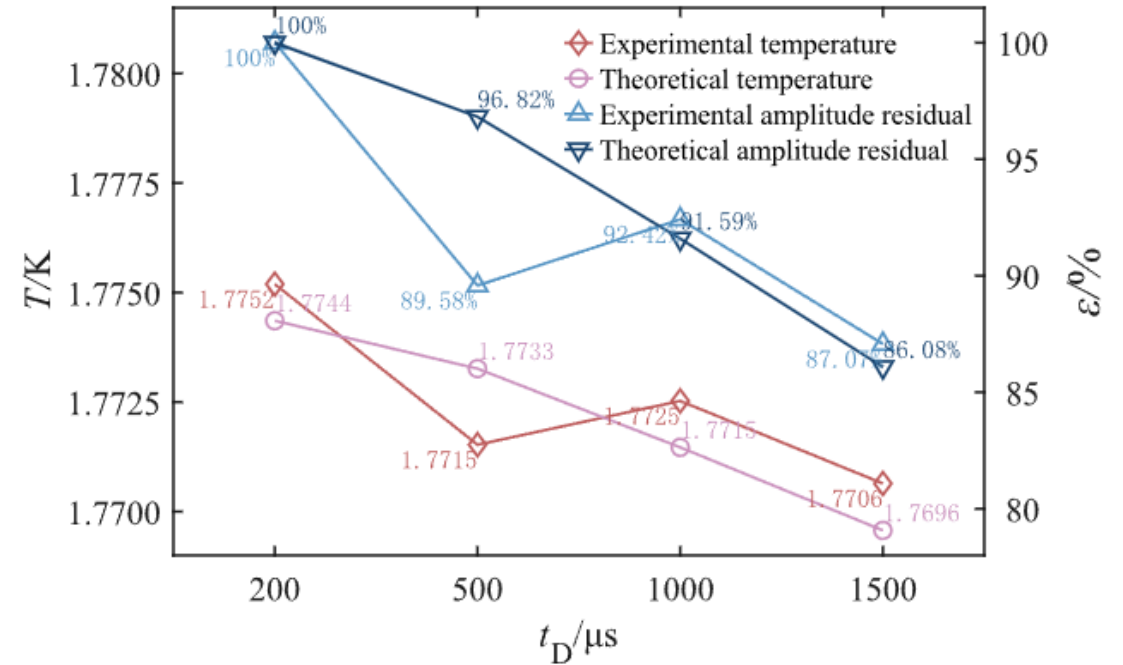
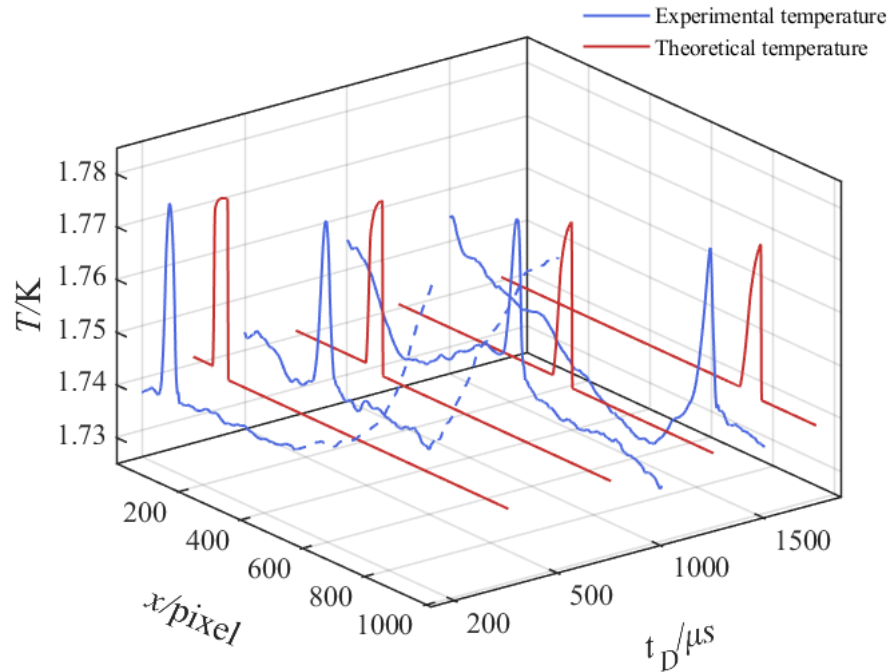
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Temperature distributions obtained by processing interference fringes at  $t_D=200, 500, 1000, 1500 \mu s$ .



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- ❑ We also used a 1D superfluid helium hydrodynamic calculation program to verify the processing results.
- ❑ The experimental temperature is the average along the path.
- ❑ The maximum amplitude is basically consistent.
- ❑ The low image quality of 500 microseconds results in significant differences.



Comparison between numerical calculation results and processing results



## Summary

- It is proposed to detect superconducting RF cavity defects by **taking interferometric images**, which is expected to have **high accuracy and low cost**.
- We have built a test system including measurement, cryostat, optics, and control.
- **Temperature distribution was obtained** by processing the interference fringes captured by Lida.
- Processing results are in good agreement with simulation results.

## Prospect

- The next step is to **complete the preparation work** for the test system and **verify the feasibility of the method through actual experiments**



# Thanks!

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