



Diode Laser Self-Mixing Velocimetry

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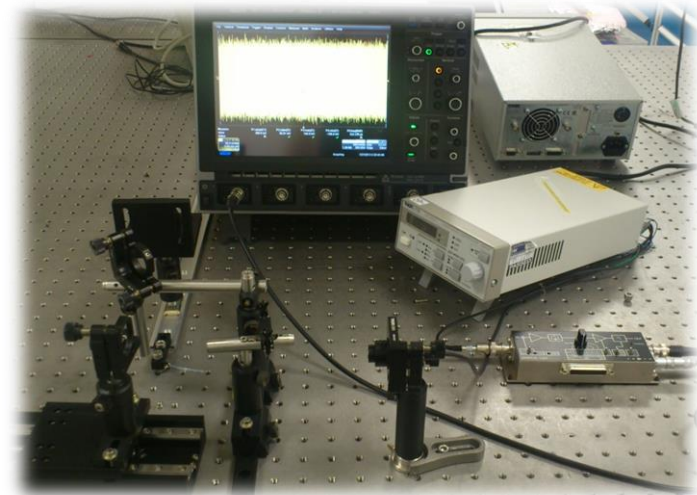
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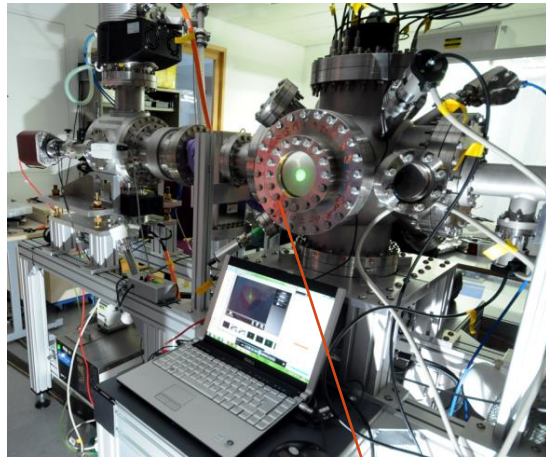
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- ▶ Motivation: Velocimetry for gas-jet set-up
- ▶ Principal of the technique: self-mixing
- ▶ Targets of different nature
 - ▶ Solid target
 - ▶ Rotating disk
 - ▶ Fluids
- ▶ Results



Motivation: Gas-Jet Set-up



Distribution of velocities in gas jet:

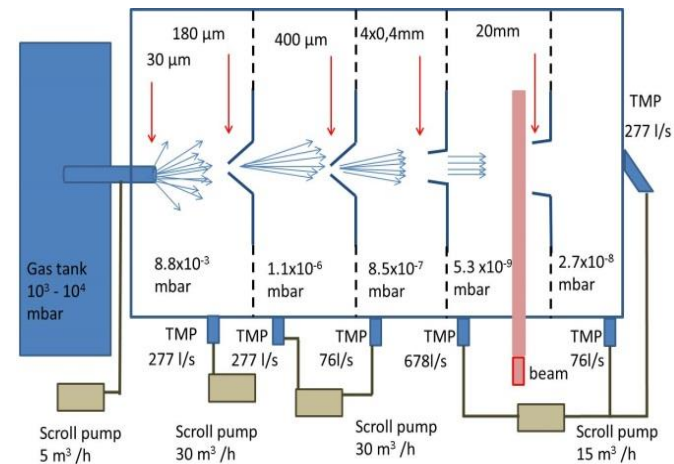
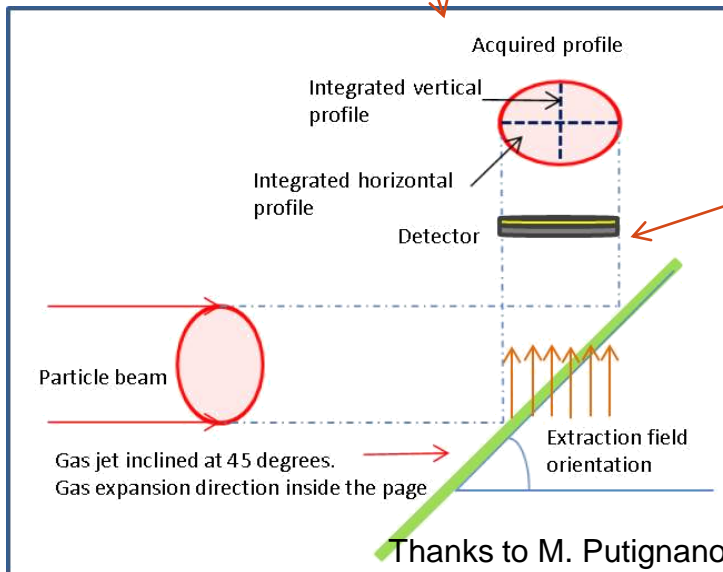
-in-detail characterization of the gas jet,

Gas: Ar, N₂, He

Velocities: 100-2000 m/s

Density: 10¹⁰ – 10¹⁵ mol/m³

- compact and cheap



Other possible measuring techniques

Mechanical, Acoustic, Optical

Gas Jet characterisation methods

▶ **Mechanical**

x Intrusive – errors

- **Constant Temperature Anemometry (CTA)**
- **Hot-wire Anemometry (HWA)**

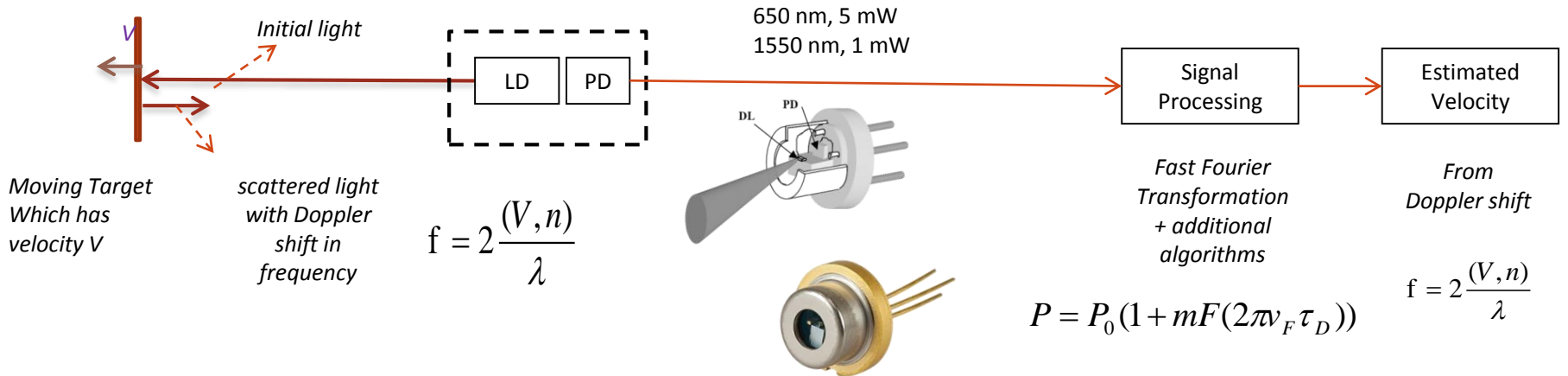
▶ **Optical**

✓ Precise

✓ Non-invasive

- ✓ **Particle Image Velocimetry**
- ✓ **Laser Doppler Velocimetry**
- ✓ **Spectrally resolved Rayleigh scattering**
- ✓ **Interferometry**
- ✓ **Absorption sensors**

Self-mixing technique

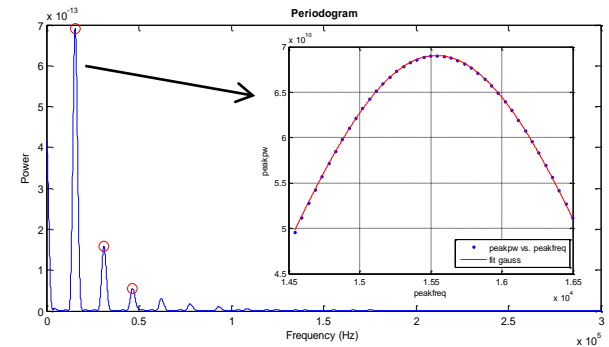
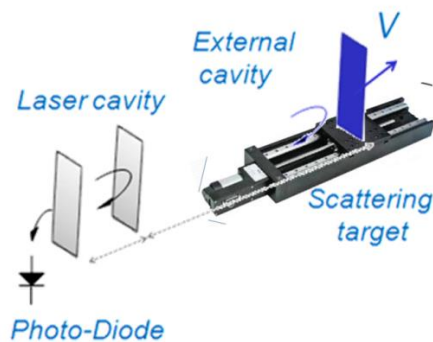


Moving Targets

Self-mixing Technique

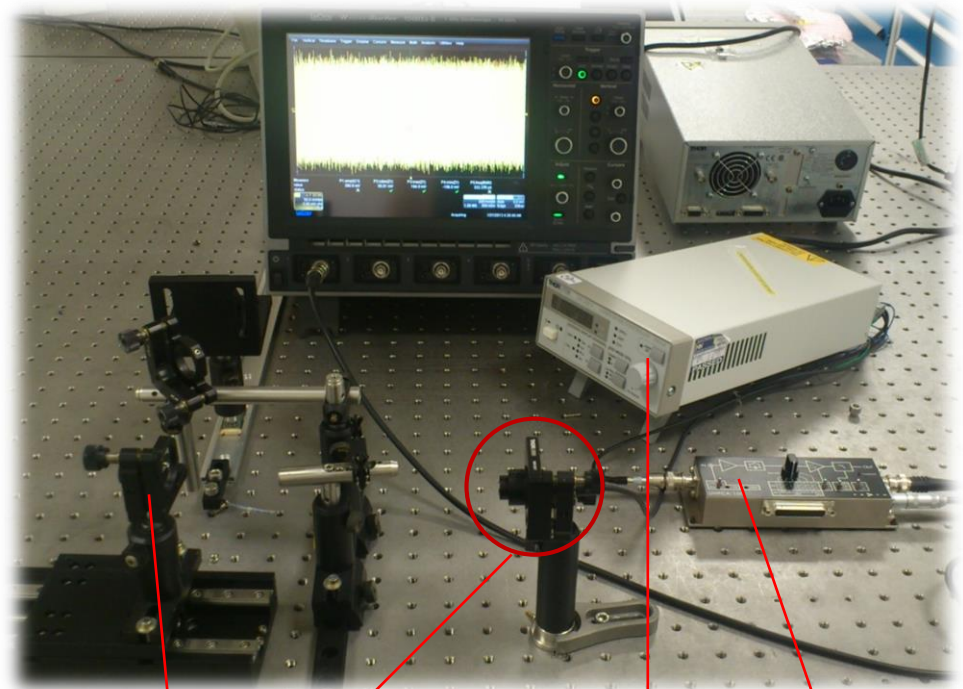
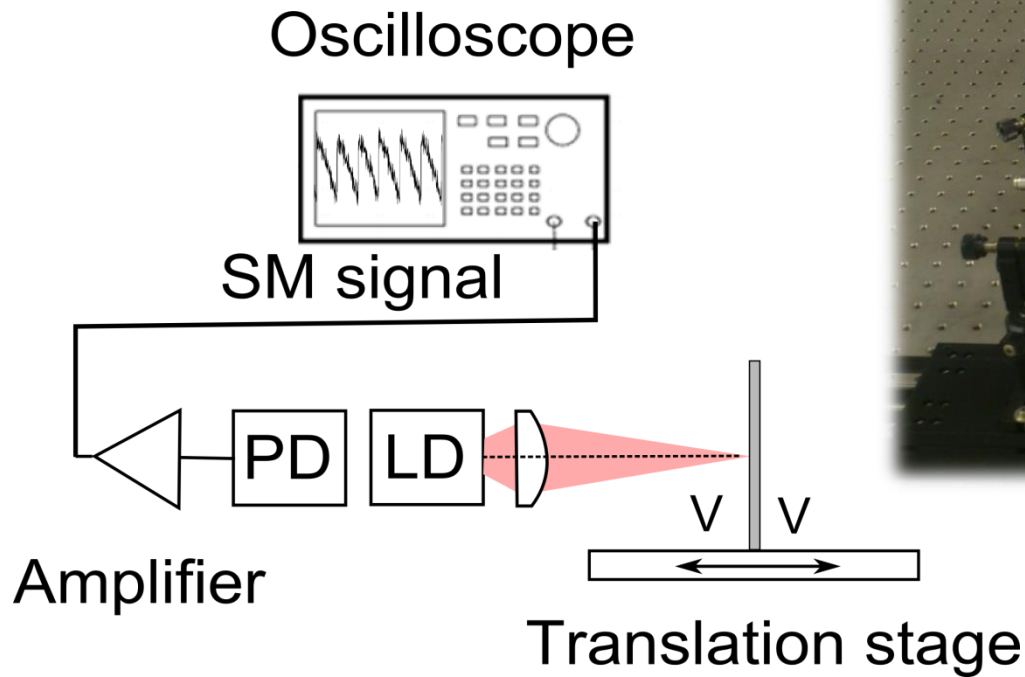
Signal Processing: FFT

- Solid target: mirror
- Solid target: white paper
- Fluids: milk
- Fluids: colloidal suspension
- Jets



F_d 15.542 kHz
Velocity 5.05 mm/sec

Experiments – set-up



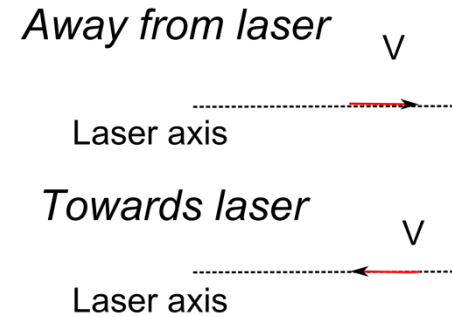
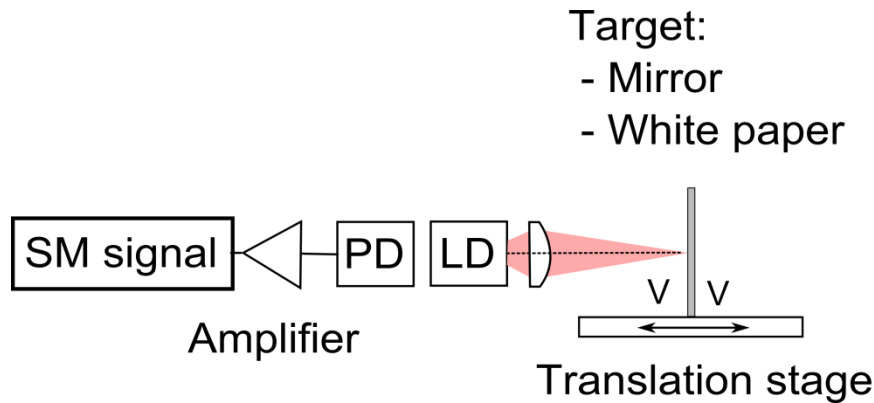
LD+PD

DL current controller

PD current amplifier

Movable stage/rotating disc/any object

1. Translation stage



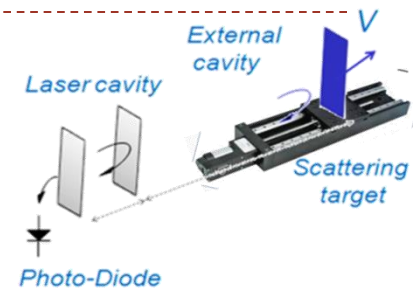
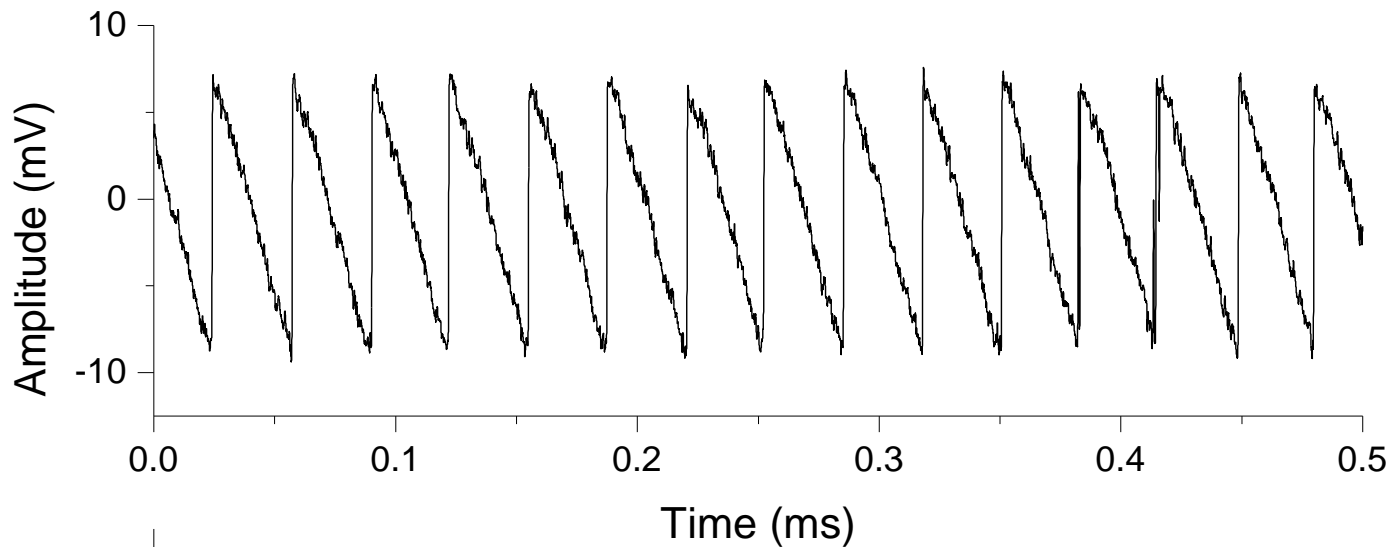
Why?

- Study the technique
- Precise reference velocity
- Easier to change from mirror to white paper

Signal
- How to receive

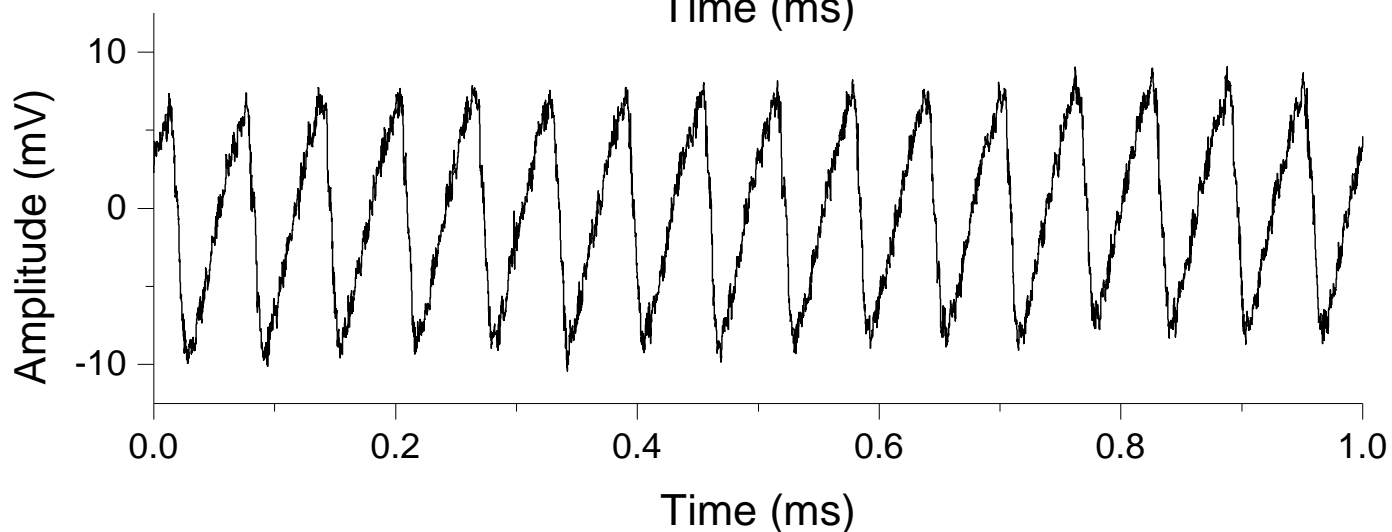
$$V = 0.01 - 10.00 \text{ cm/s}$$

Examples of the signal



a mirror as target
5.0 mm/s

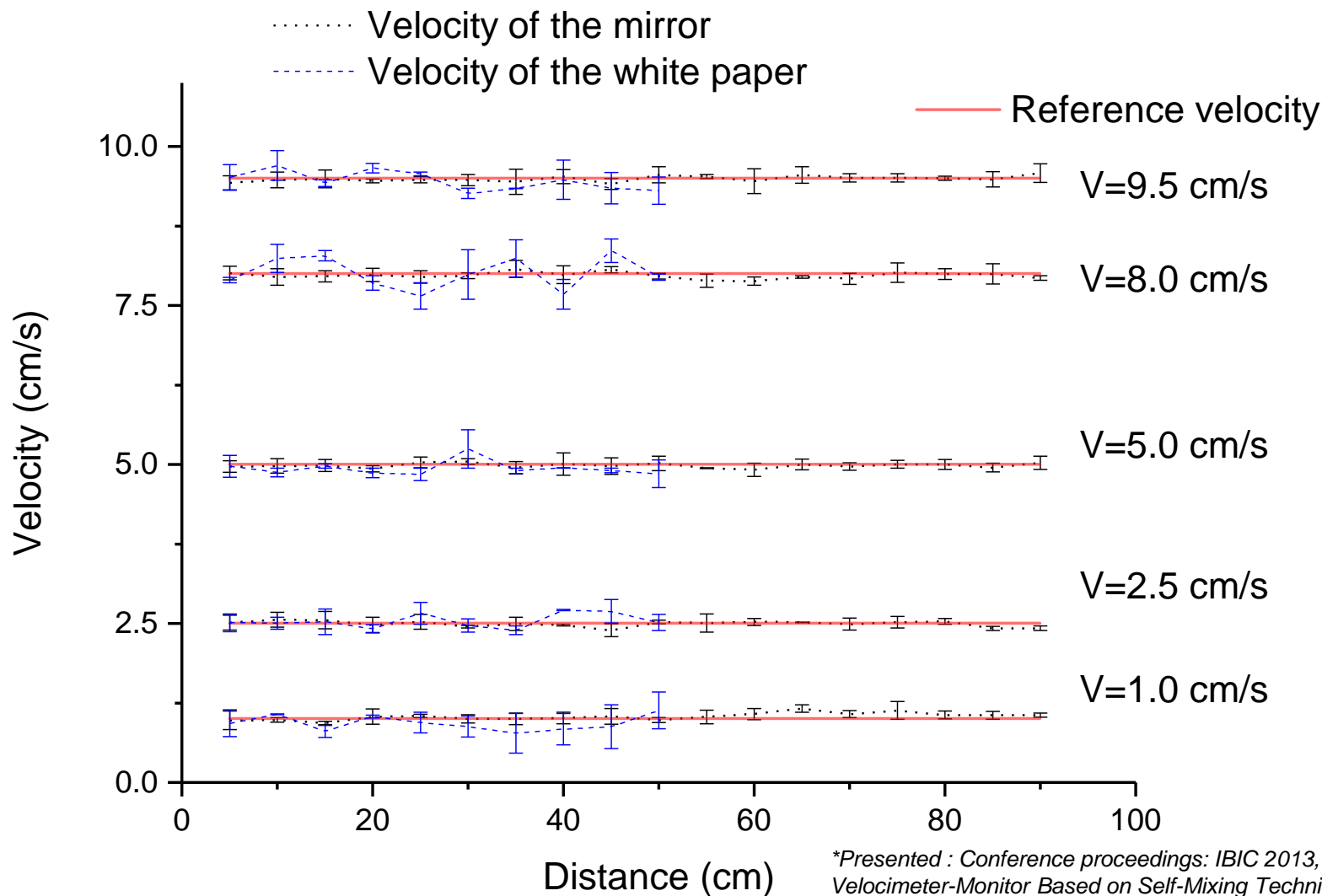
*forward
movement*



white paper as target
5.2 mm/s

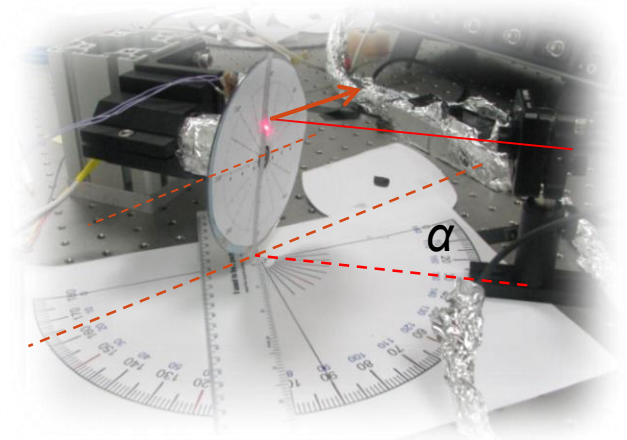
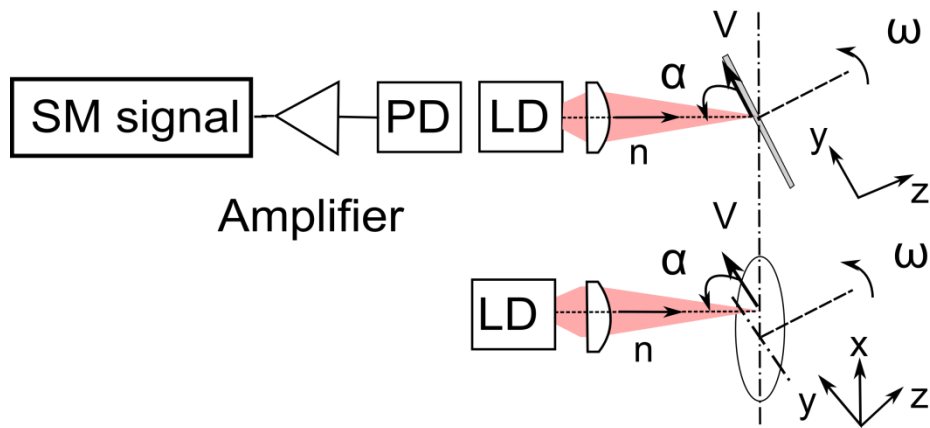
*away from
the laser
movement*

Accuracy: solid targets



2. Rotating disc

Target:
- White paper



Why?

- Study the limitation: how fast
- Study angle variation
- White paper, and the distance is fixed

$$\mathbf{V} = V(\sin\beta, \cos\beta, 0)$$

$$\vec{n} = (0, \cos\alpha, \cos\alpha)$$

$$f = \frac{2\omega R \cos\alpha \cos\beta}{\lambda}$$

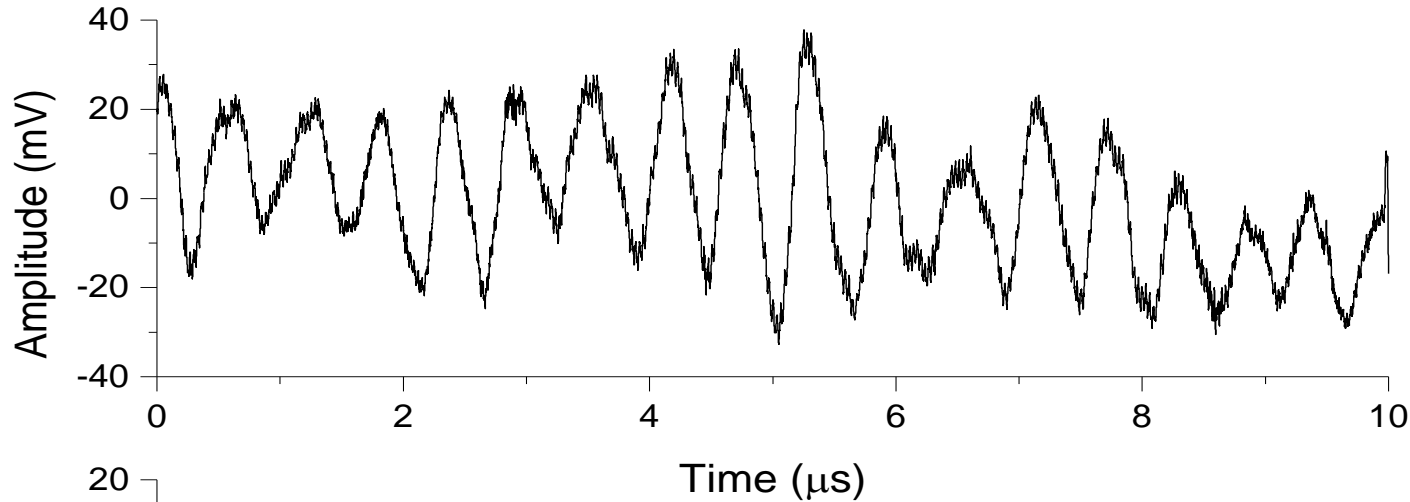
Variation:

➤ R

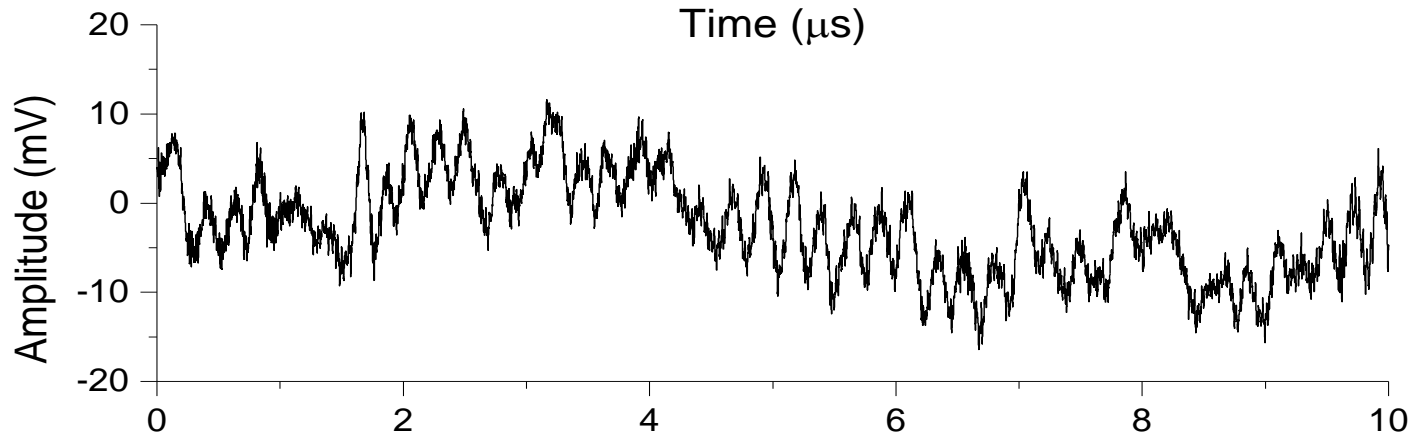
➤ ω

➤ α

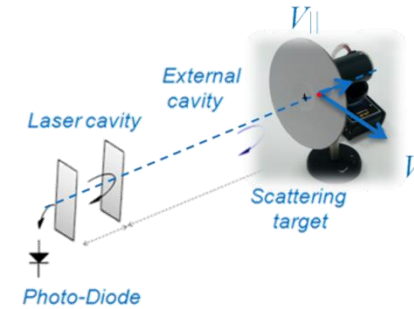
Rotating disc: signal



Velocity 4.6 m/s



Velocity 15.3 m/s

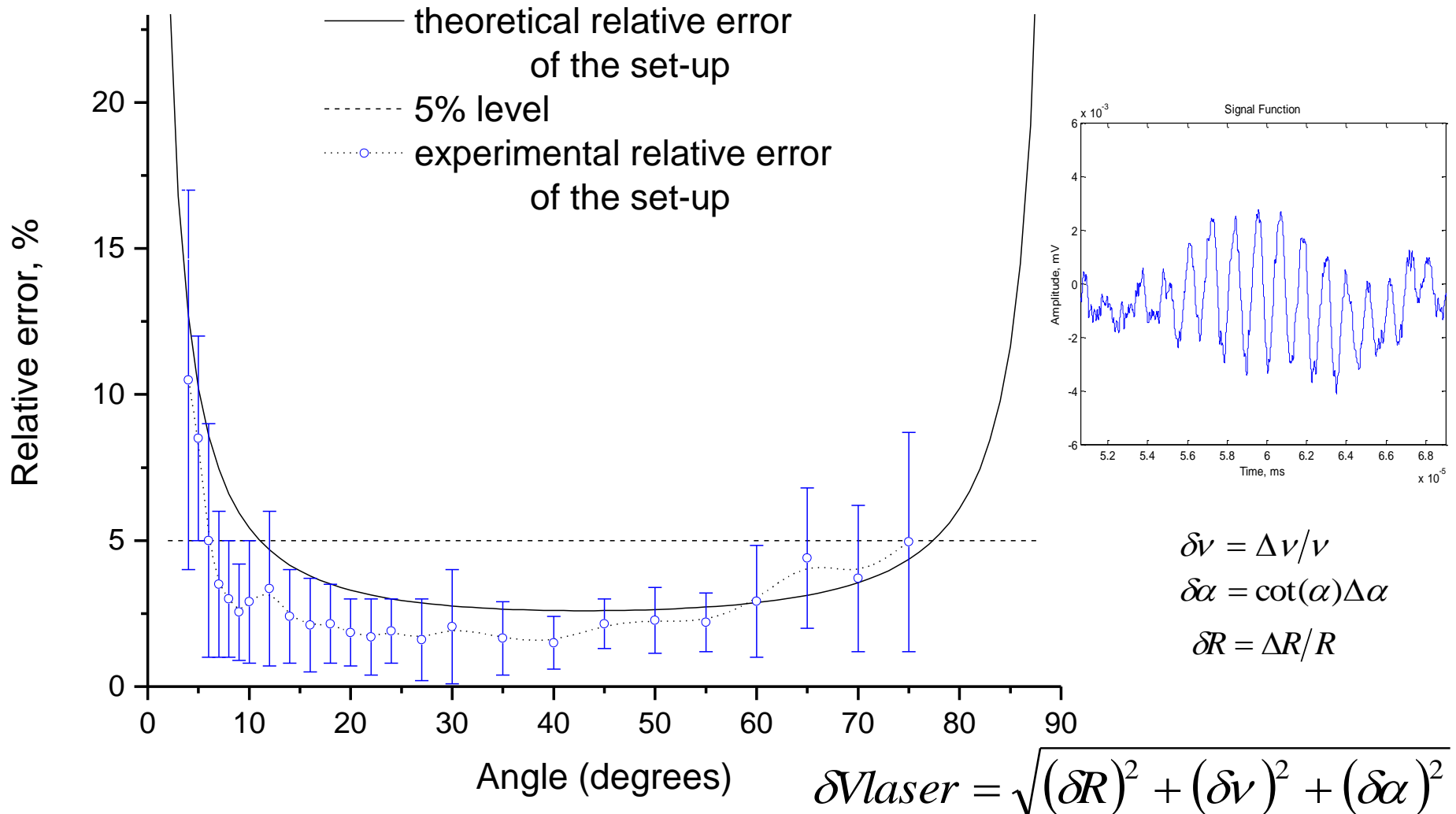


Here presented signal: the angle between the target and laser axis was 83°

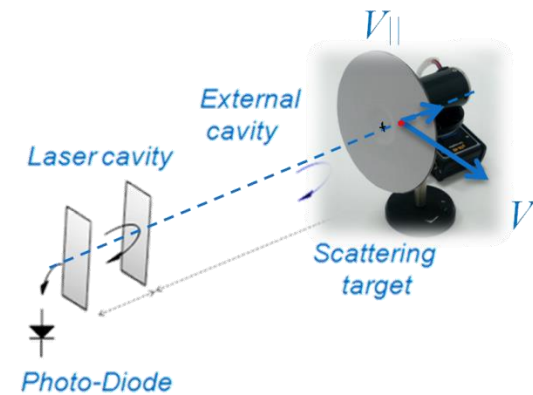
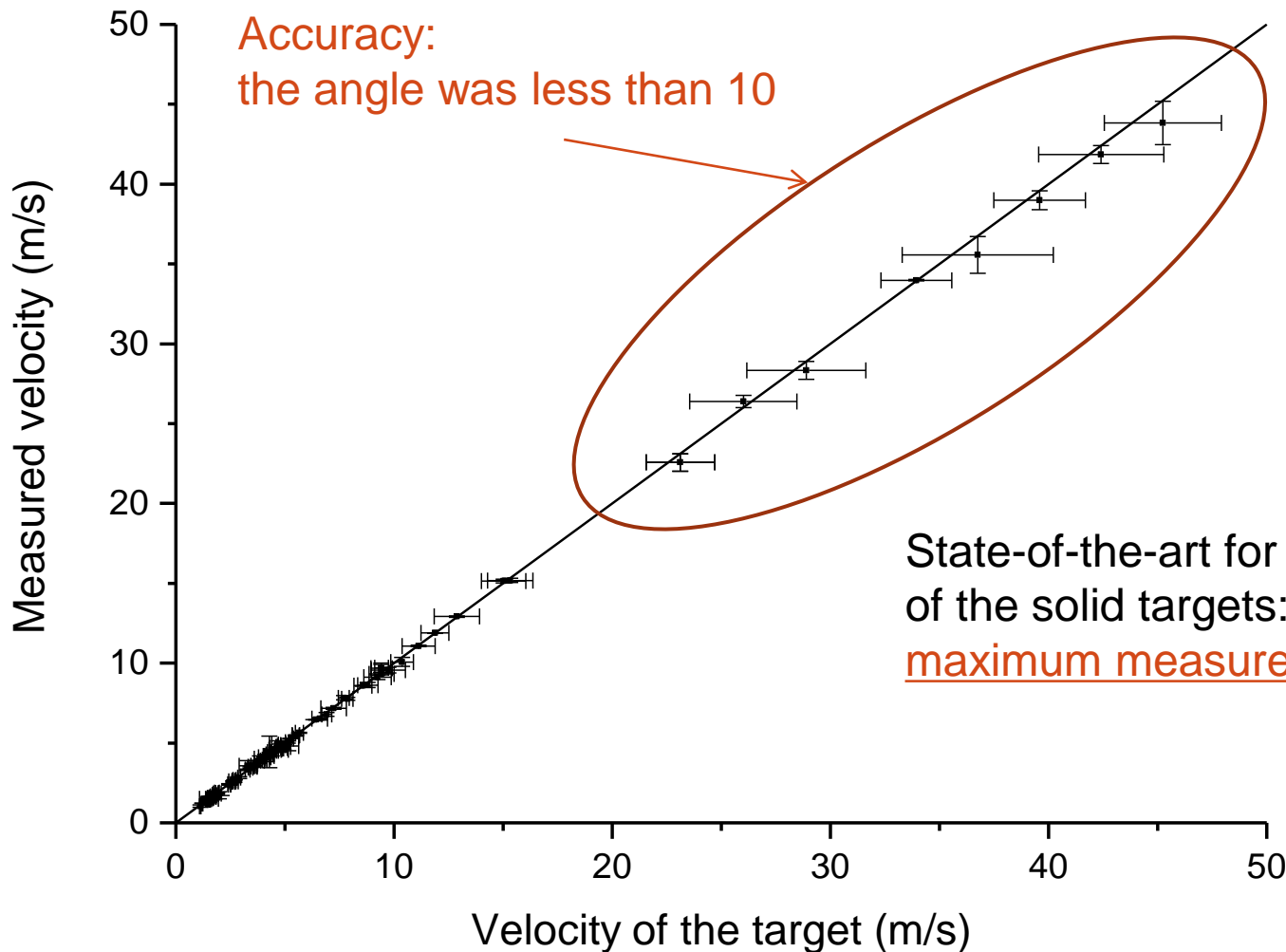
*Presented: Proc. SPIE 9141, Optical Sensing and Detection III, 91412C (May 15, 2014) Self-mixing diode laser interferometry for velocity measurements of different targets



Accuracy and precision of the system



Benchmarking

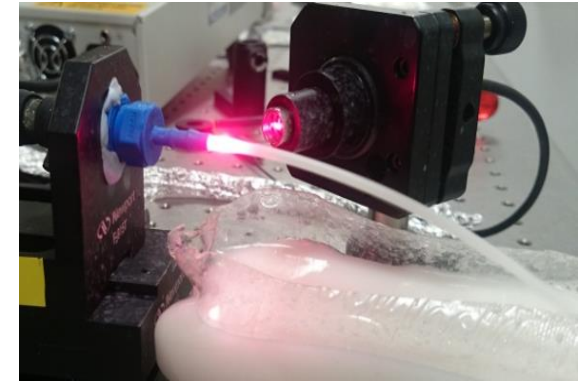
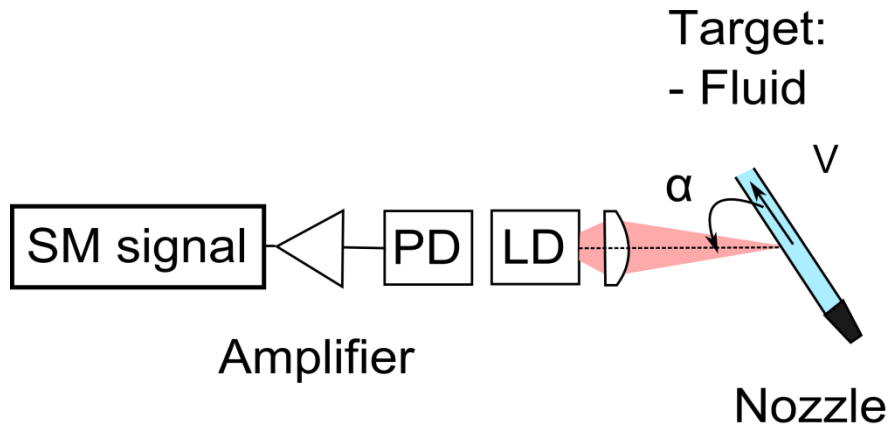


State-of-the-art for self-mixing velocimetry of the solid targets:

maximum measured velocity is 25 m/s

*Results are presented: *Journal article: Optical Engineering: Laser Diode Self-mixing Interferometry for Velocity Measurements*

3. Fluids



Why?

- New scattering process – on particles
- Study SM technique on fluids
- Seeders? Laser? Geometry? How fast?

Rayleigh - Mie

$$R \ll \lambda$$

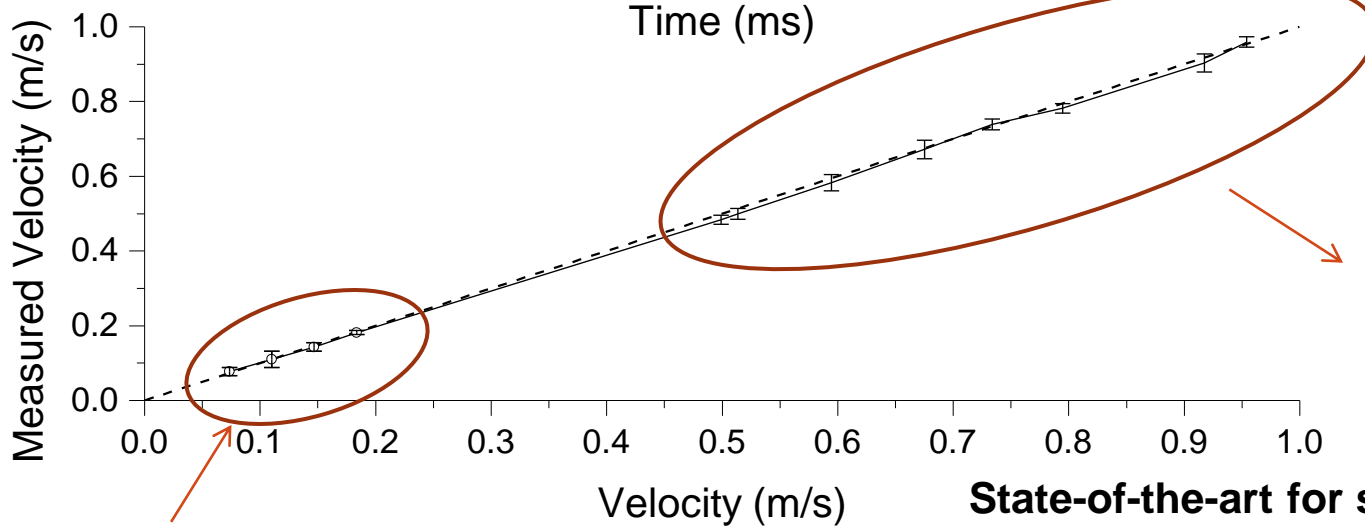
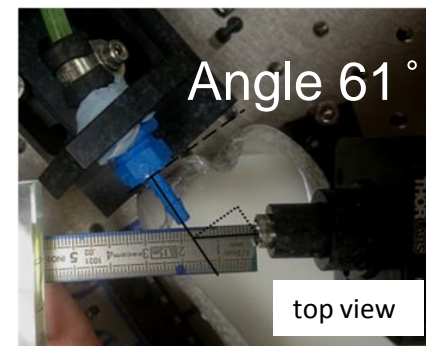
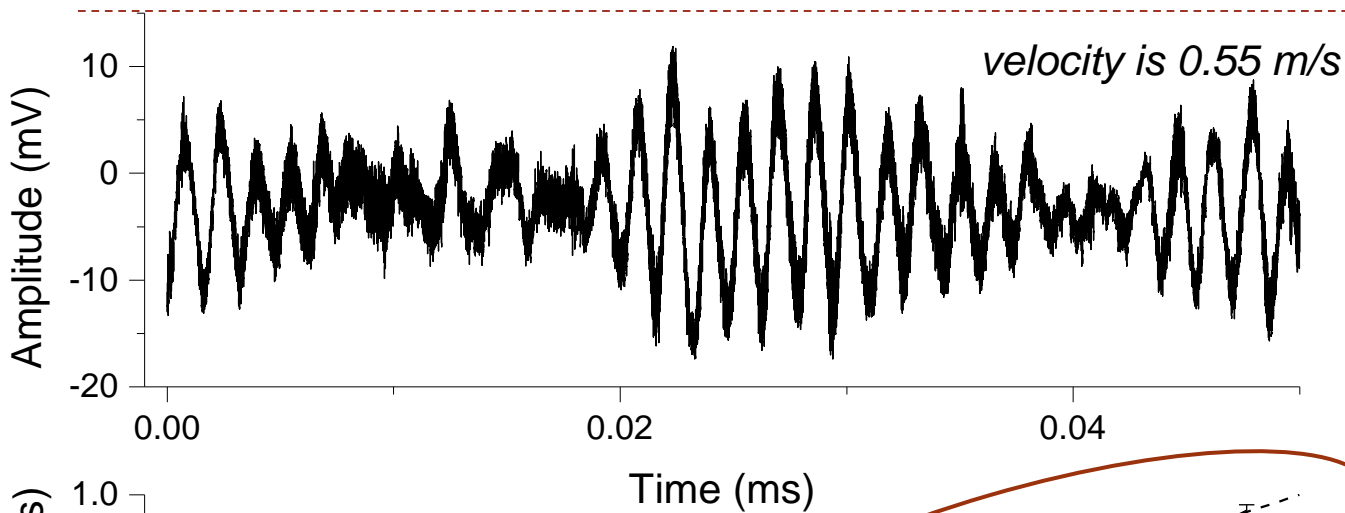
$$R \gg \lambda$$

TiO₂?

State-of-the-art for self-mixing velocimetry of the fluid targets:

maximum measured velocity is 0.1 m/s

Fluids: signal and benchmarking



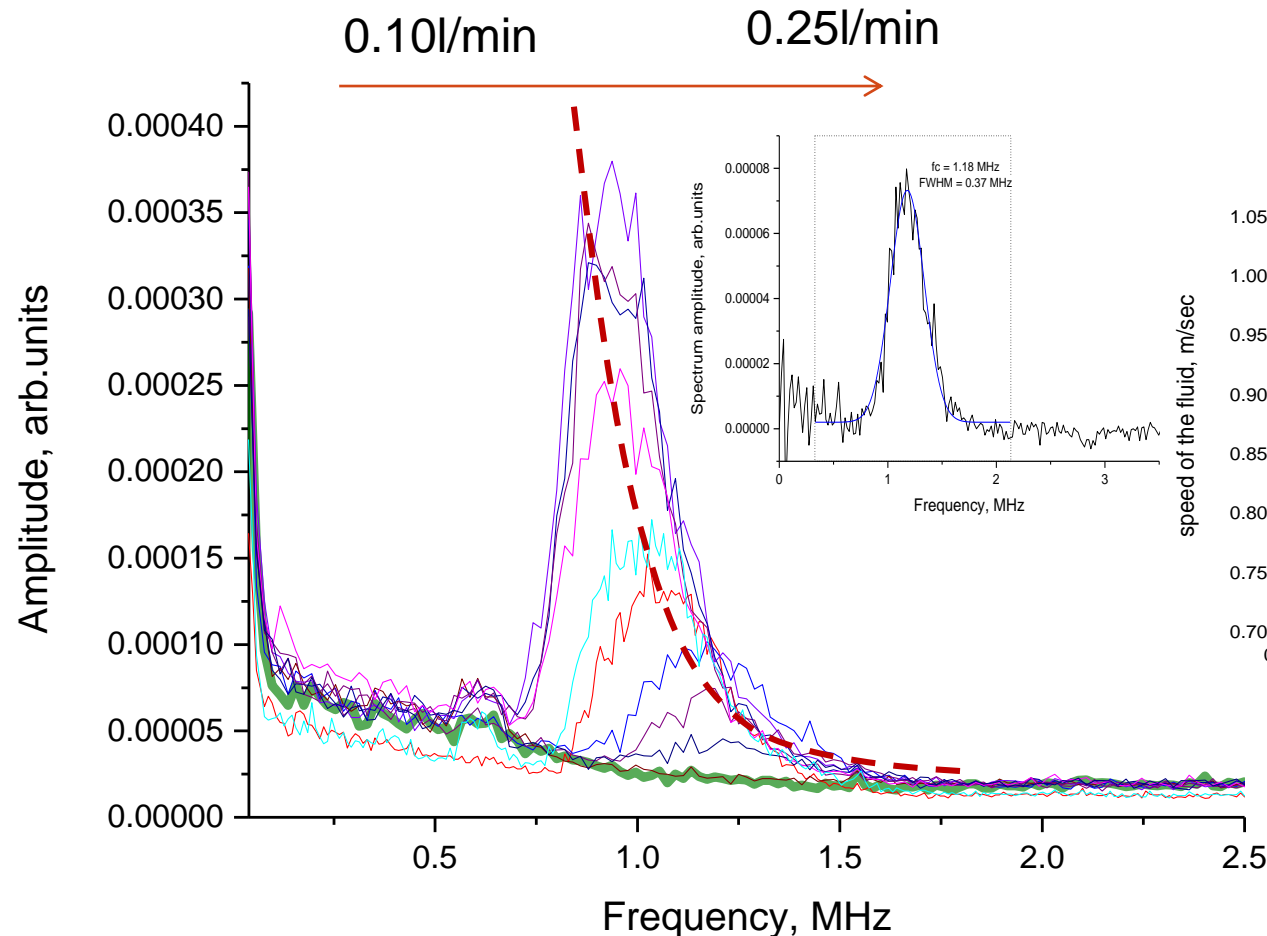
colloidal suspension
diluted in water to 1%
concentration
Size: 1 μ m

milk diluted in water to 5% concentration
Size: 10 μ m

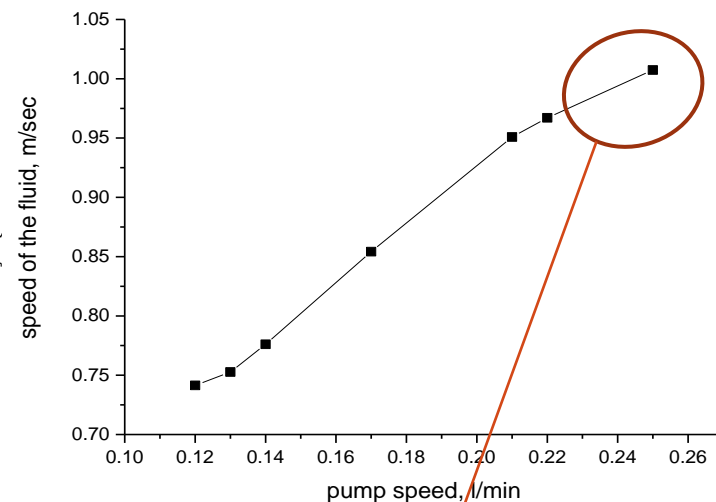
**State-of-the-art for self-mixing velocimetry
of the fluid targets:
maximum measured velocity is 0.1 m/s**

Fluids: FFT

Concentration is fixed. Velocity increases



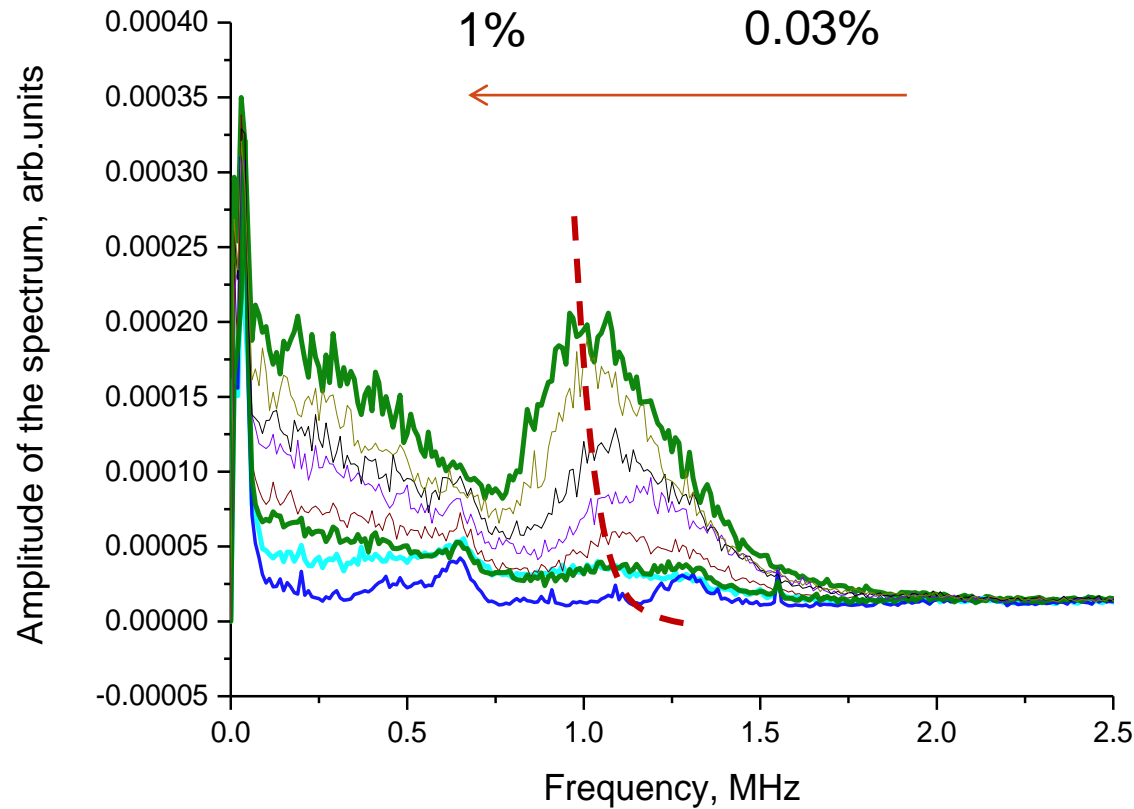
Velocity of the fluid depending on the pump rate



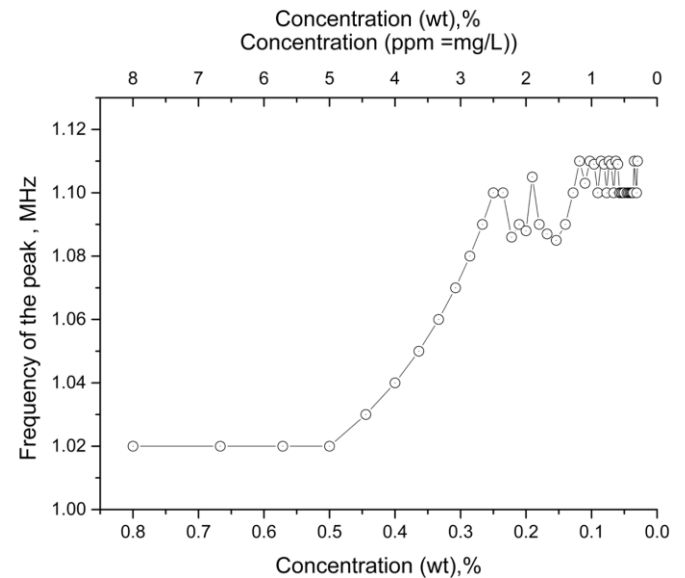
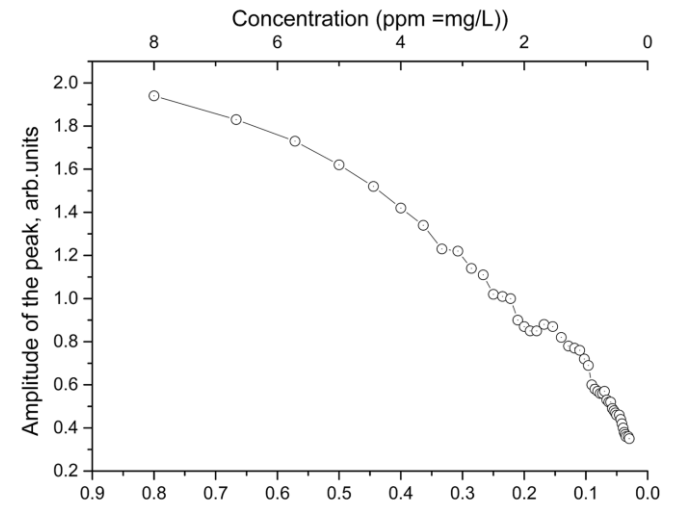
Velocity of 1.02 m/s
Size of the seeders 1 μm

Fluids: FFT

Velocity is fixed. Concentration decreases.

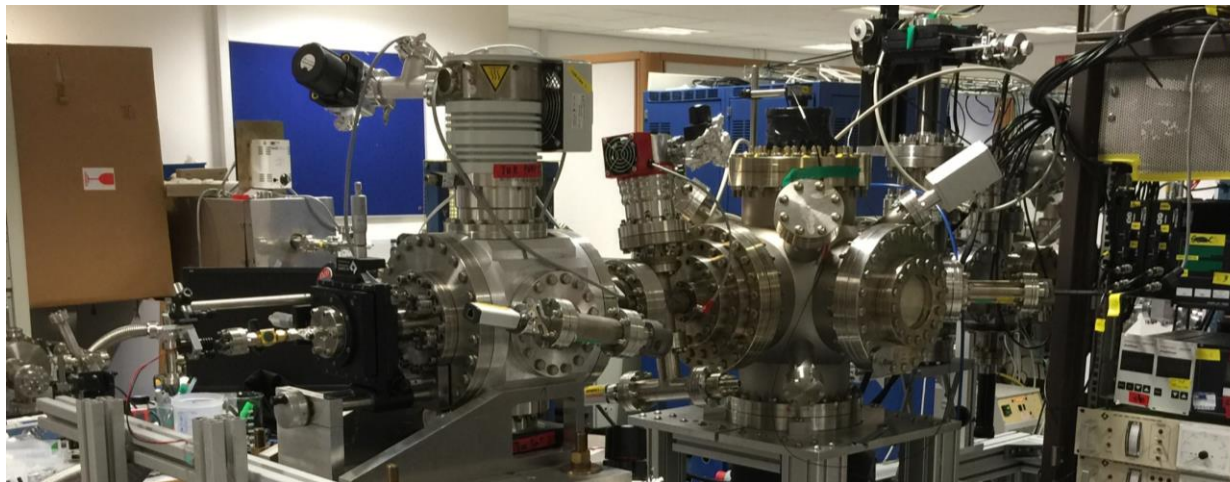
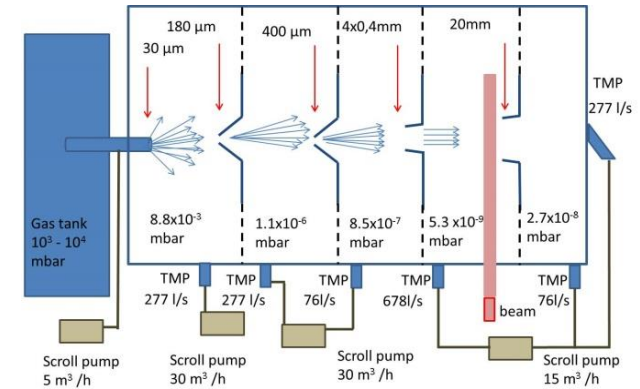


Frequency is 1.01 MHz



Gas-jet set-up: next step

- ▶ 1. building into the existing set-up
- ▶ 2. seeding the gas-jet with particles which allows having the acceptable for SM level of scattered light



Results

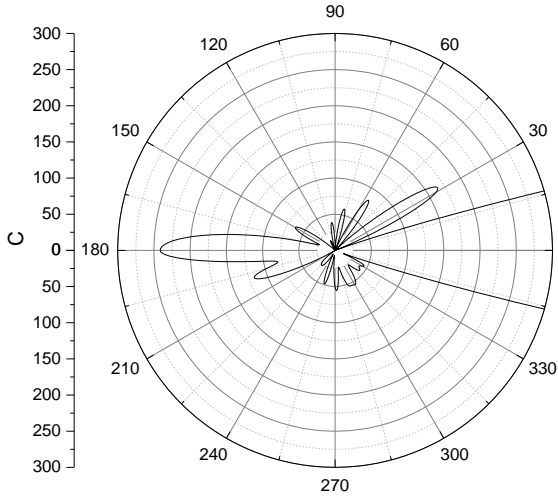
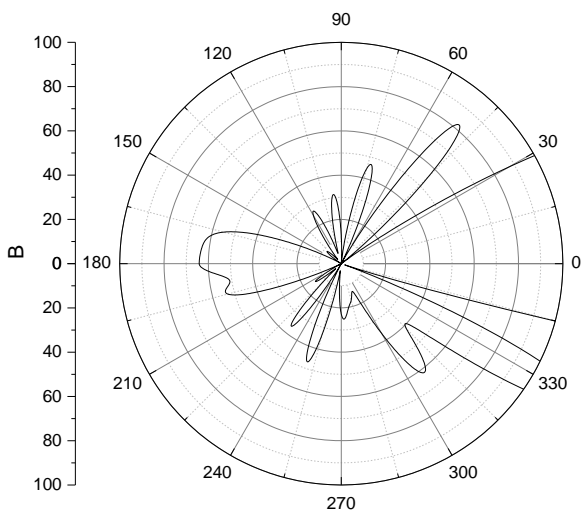
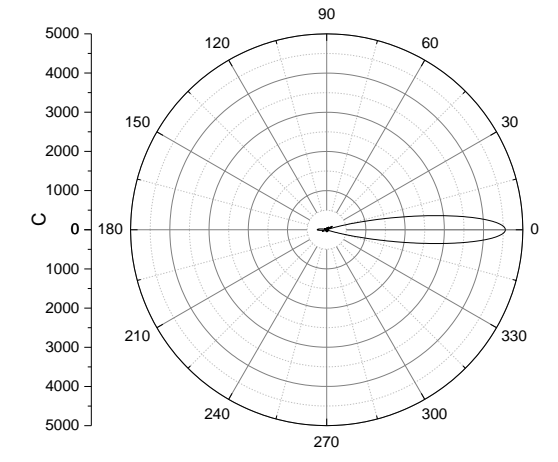
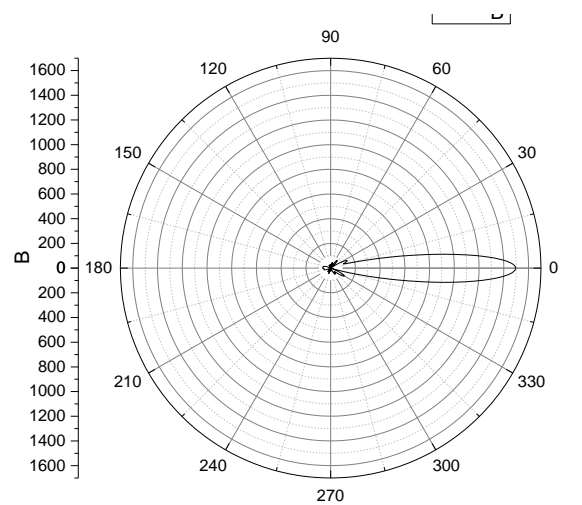
- ✓ Range of velocity
 - *measured up to 50 m/s for solid target (in papers: up to 25 m/s)*
 - *measured up to 1 m/s for fluids (in papers: up to 0.1 m/s)*

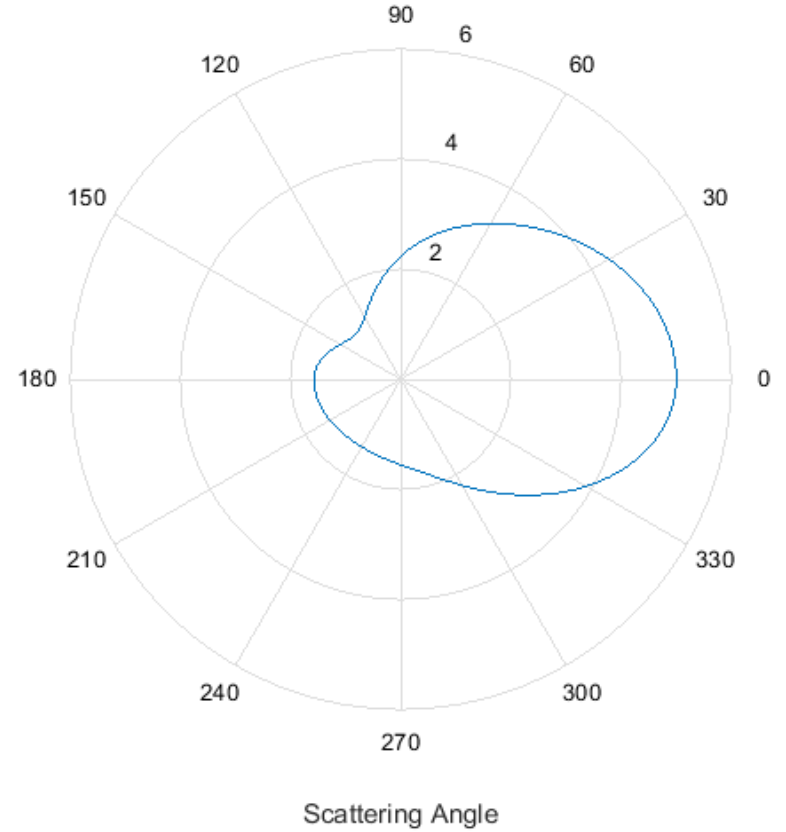
- ✓ Relative error depends on the angle between laser and target's velocity vector
 - *the relative error of 3-4% in the range of 11°-77° degrees theoretically and in the range of 10°-70° experimentally*

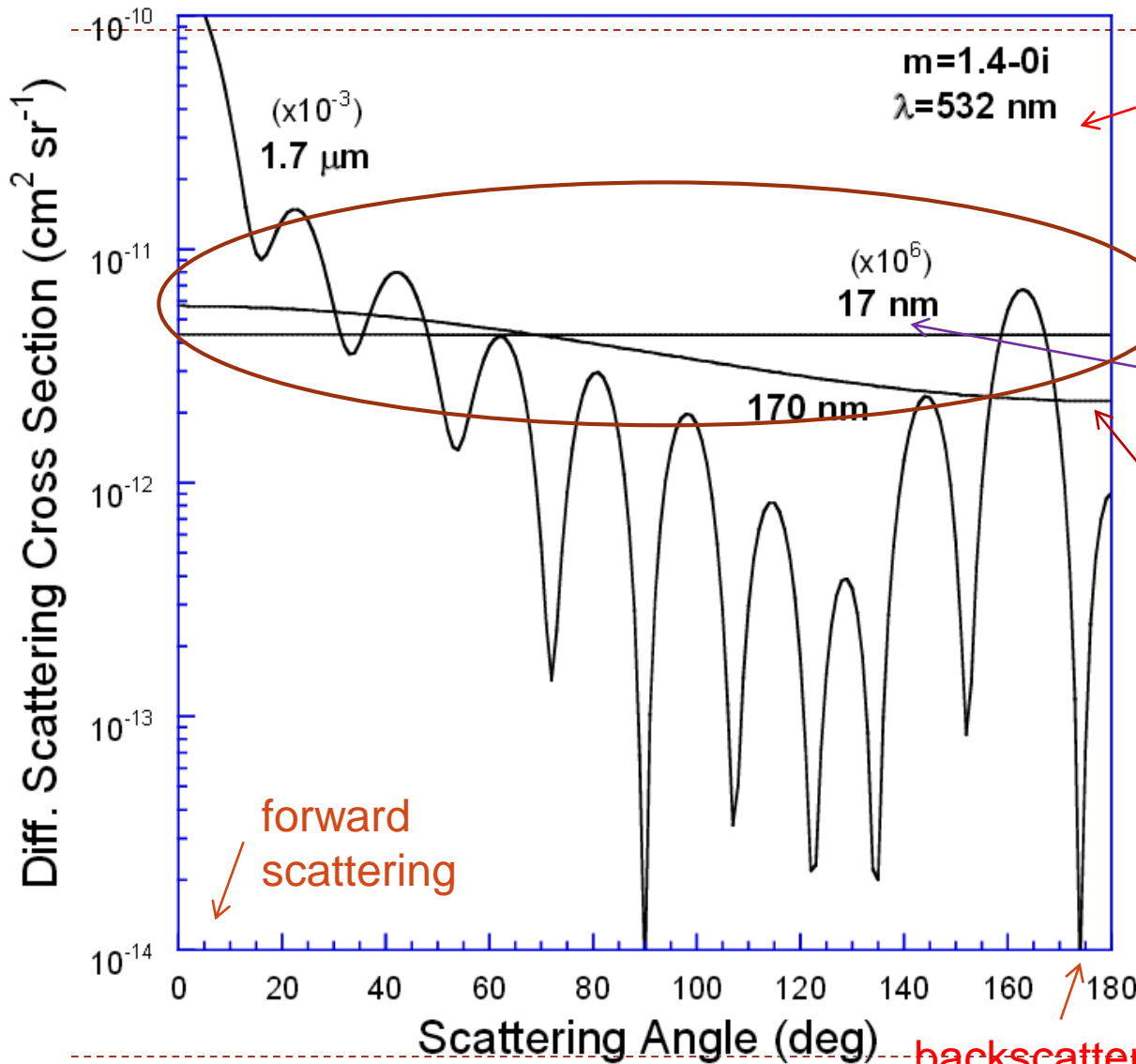
- ✓ Seeding for liquids experiments and studying different concentration of the fluids

- ✓ Limitation reasons: electronics, laser properties, level of scattered light

Thank You for Your attention!







1.7 mkm:
Mie regime

Ripples: constructive and destructive interference along different path

17nm:
Rayleigh regime

as the size of the scatterer increases, the more radiation is scattered in the forward direction

170 nm: departing from the Rayleigh Regime: some angular variation

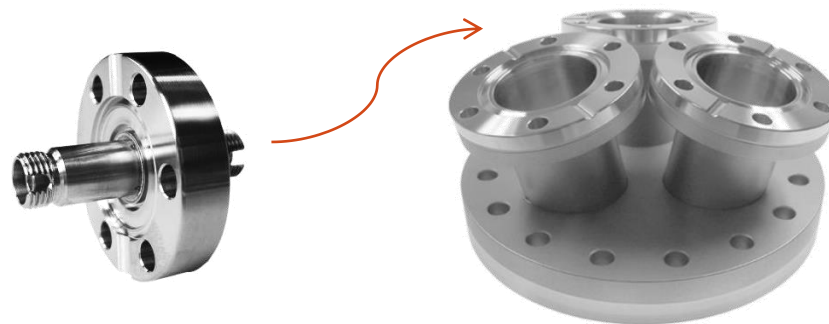
Results

<i>Target</i>	<i>Velocity</i>	<i>Error</i>
Mirror, n = 92% , White paper, n = 60%	Up to 0.1 m/s (limitation from the moving set-up)	Less than 1%
White paper on a disc, n = 60%	Up to 50 m/s (limitation from the electronic part)	Less than 5%
Fluid, milk diluted in water at a 5% concentration, n = 3.5%	Up to 0.2 m/s (limitation is under investigation)	Less than 5%
Fluid, colloidal suspension diluted in water at a 5% concentration, n = 4%	Up to 1 m/s (limitation is under investigation)	Less than 4%

**Results are presented: Journal article: Optical Engineering: submitted for review: Laser Diode Self-mixing Interferometry for Velocity Measurements*

Difficulties: delivery of the light to the gas jet

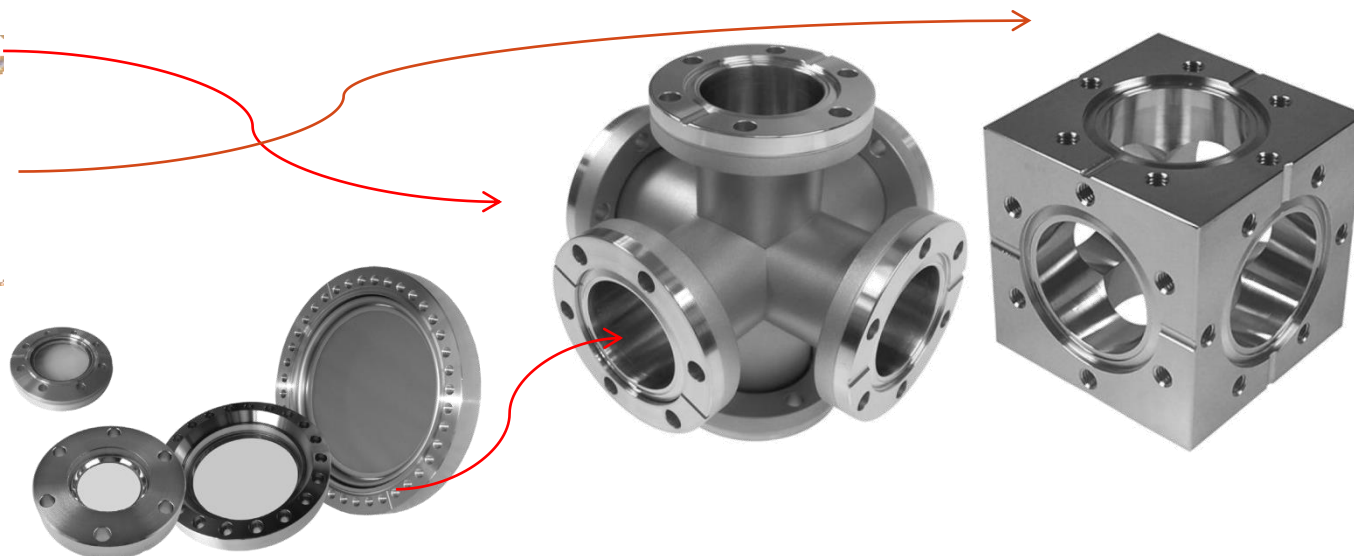
- ▶ Optical feedthrough
- ▶ - perpendicular



- ▶ - under the angle



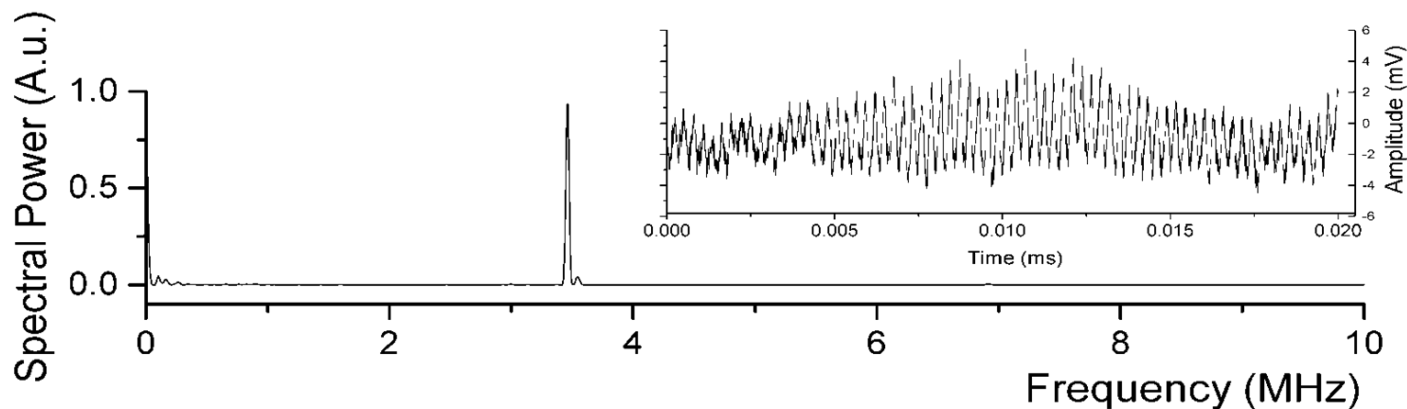
- ▶ Viewport



Rotating disc: signal and FFT

17.6 m/s, 51°

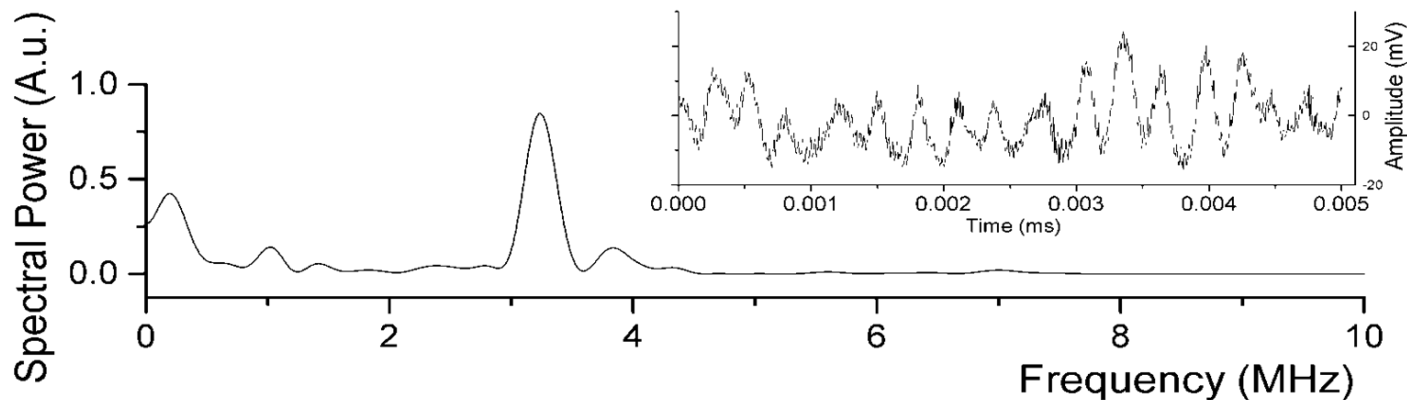
3.4 MHz



(a)

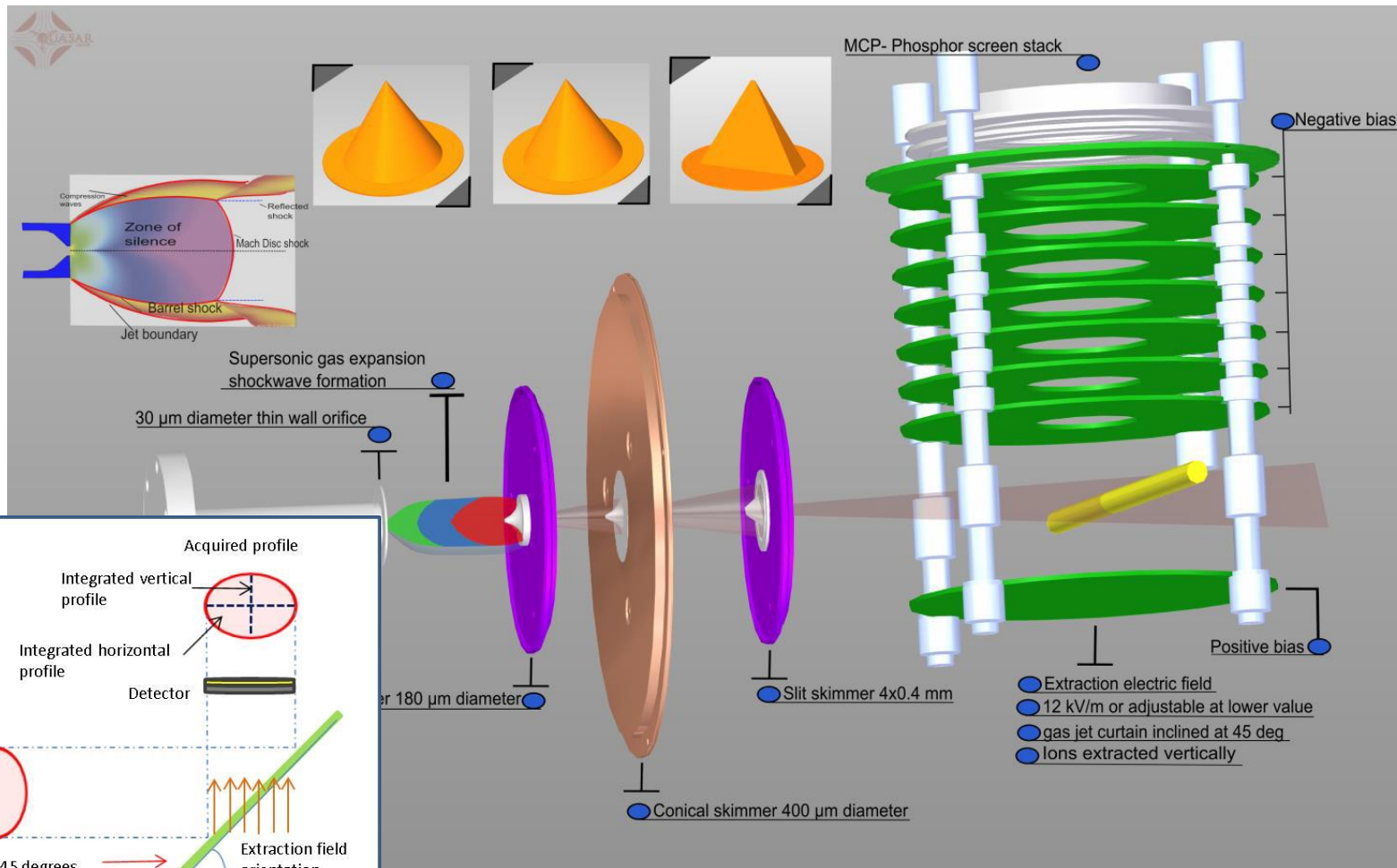
10.6 m/s, 9°

3.23 MHz



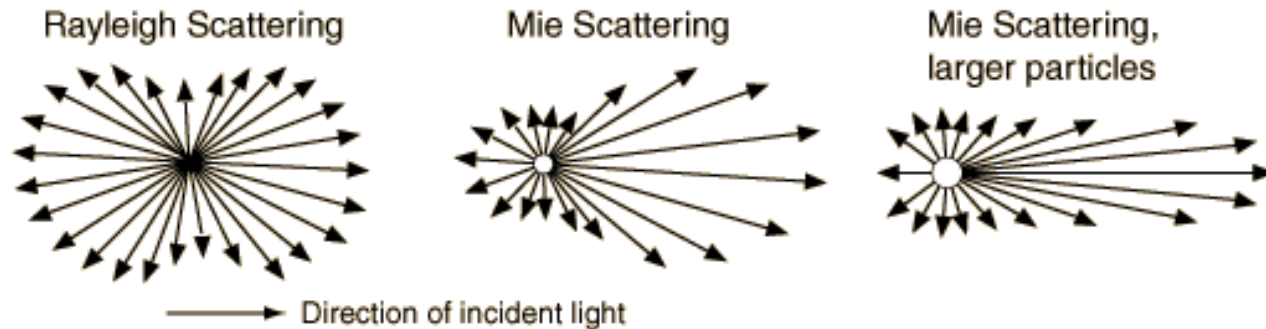
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Gas-Jet set-up



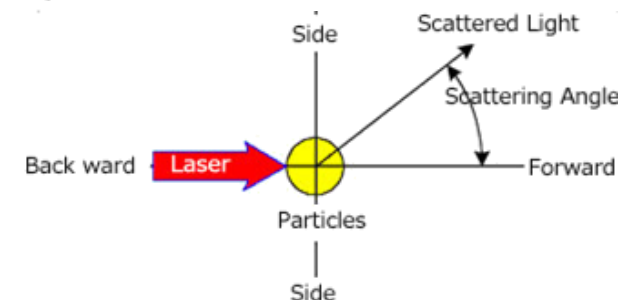
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Scattering



→ size parameter $\chi = 2\pi r / \lambda$, where r = radius of the sphere

- Rayleigh scattering: $\chi < 0.1$
- Mie scattering: $0.1 < \chi < 50$
- Geometric (optics) scattering: $\chi > 50$



Scattering

- ▶ Mirror: reflection
- ▶ White paper: scattering in all direction, but it is not particles, it is a surface, so it is backscattering is prevalent
- ▶ Fluids: particles: pure scattering: Smaller size of seeders,
bigger the backscattering cross-section

