

LECTURE 14: PARTICLE IMAGE VELOCIMETRY (PIV) - PART 01

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Particle-based Flow Diagnostic Techniques

- Seeded the flow with small particles ($\sim \mu\text{m}$ in size)
- **Assumption**: the particle tracers move with the same velocity as local flow velocity!

$$\boxed{\begin{array}{c} \text{Flow velocity} \\ V_f \end{array}} = \boxed{\begin{array}{c} \text{Particle velocity} \\ V_p \end{array}}$$



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**Measurement of
particle velocity**

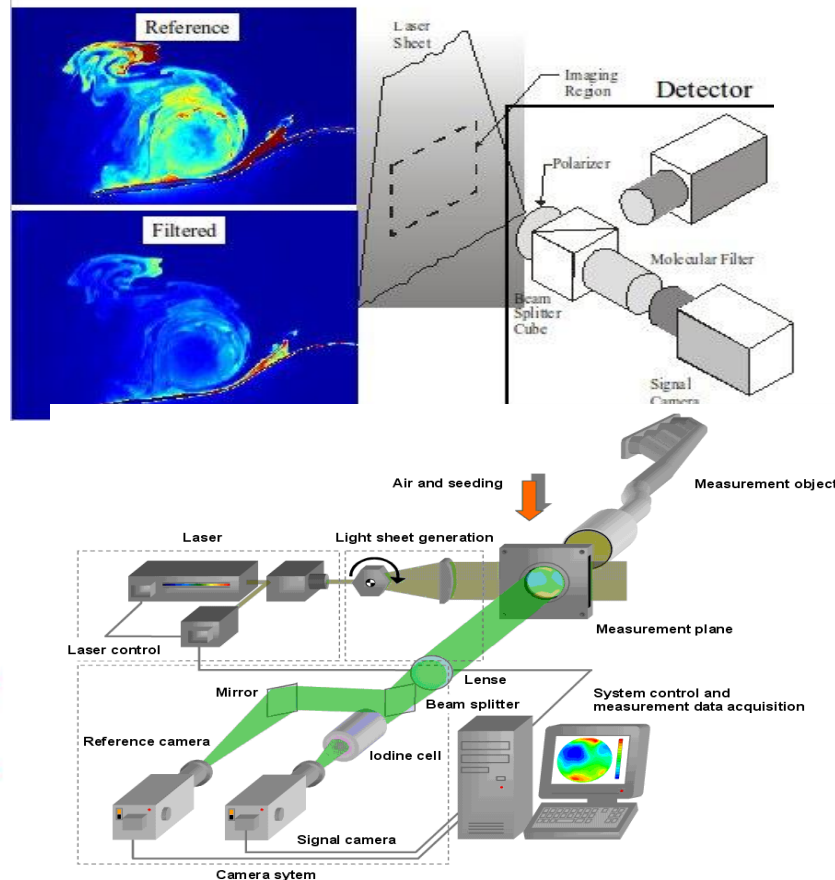
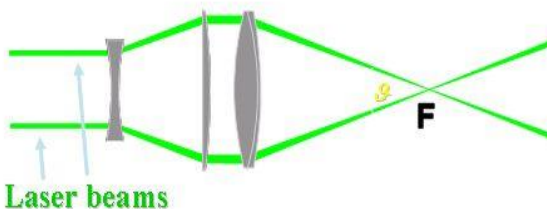
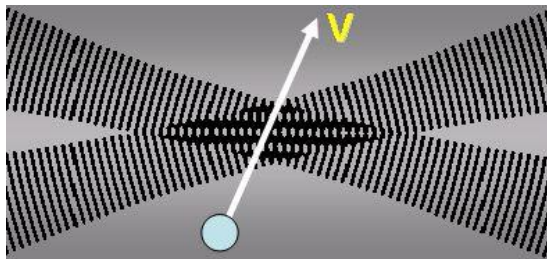
- **Smoke visualization**

FREQUENCY-SHIFT BASED METHODS

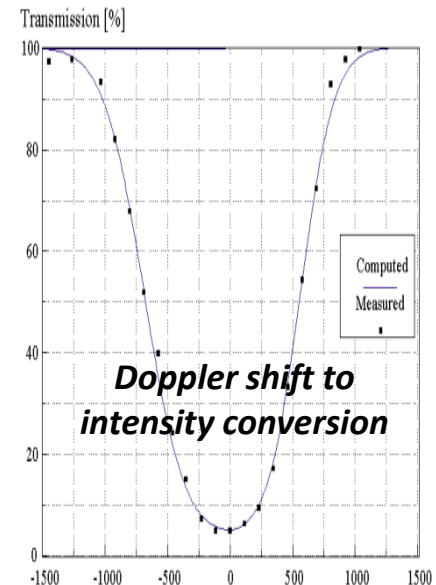
• Frequency-shift methods:

- Based on the Doppler phenomenon, namely the shift of the frequency of waves scattered by moving particles.
- Laser Doppler Velocimetry(LDV) or Laser Doppler Anemometry (LDV)
- Planar Doppler Velocimetry (PDV) or Planar Doppler Anemometry (PDA)

$$v_{\perp} = \frac{\lambda}{2 \sin \frac{\theta}{2}} f$$

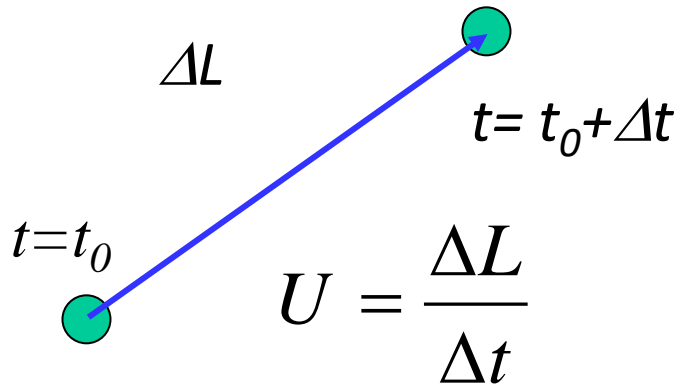


• Doppler effects



PARTICLE IMAGE VELOCIMETRY (PIV) TECHNIQUE

- Time-of-flight method: to measure the displacements of the tracer particles seeded in the flow in a fixed time interval.*

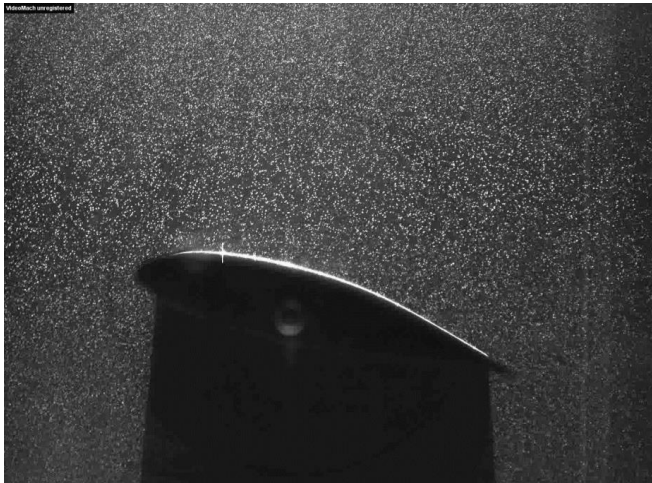
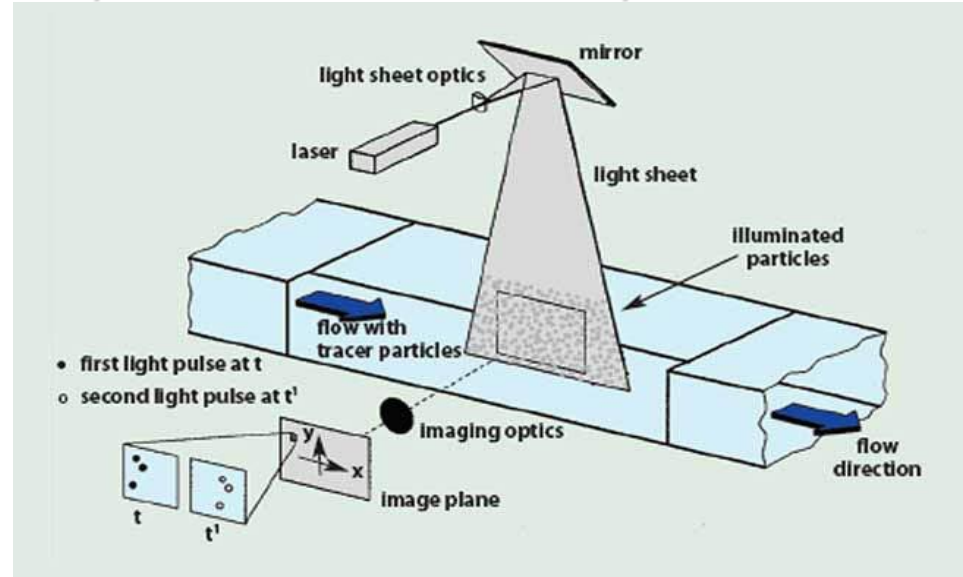


ΔL

$t = t_0$

$t = t_0 + \Delta t$

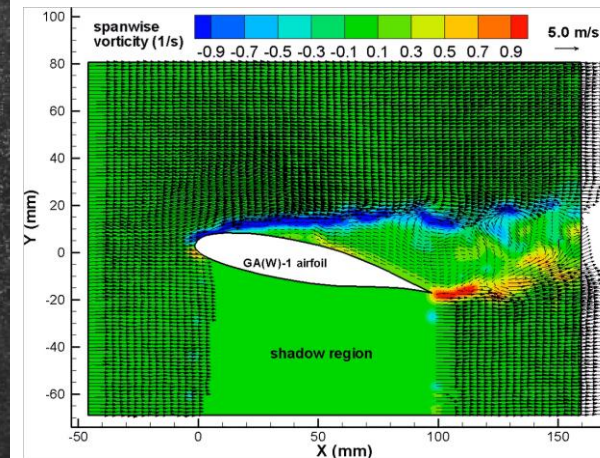
$$U = \frac{\Delta L}{\Delta t}$$



a. $T=t_0$



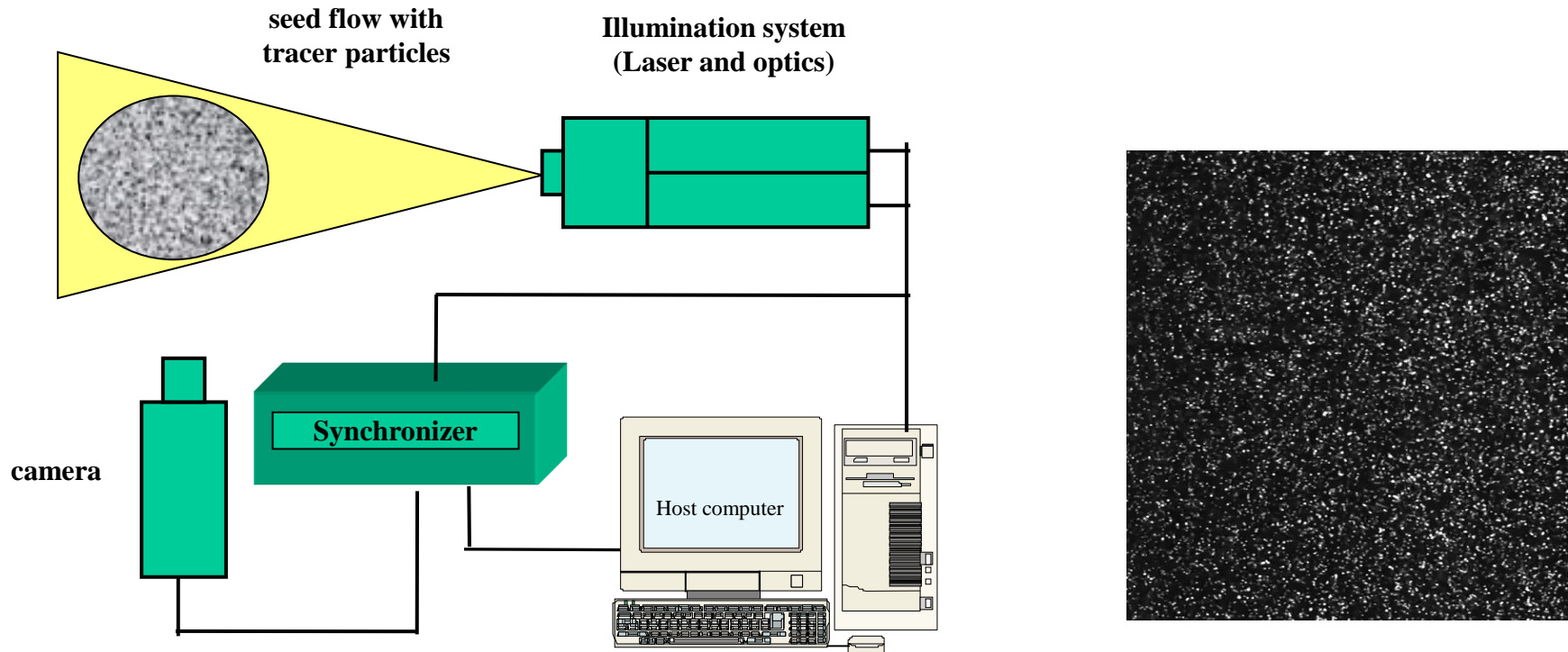
b. $T=t_0+10\mu s$



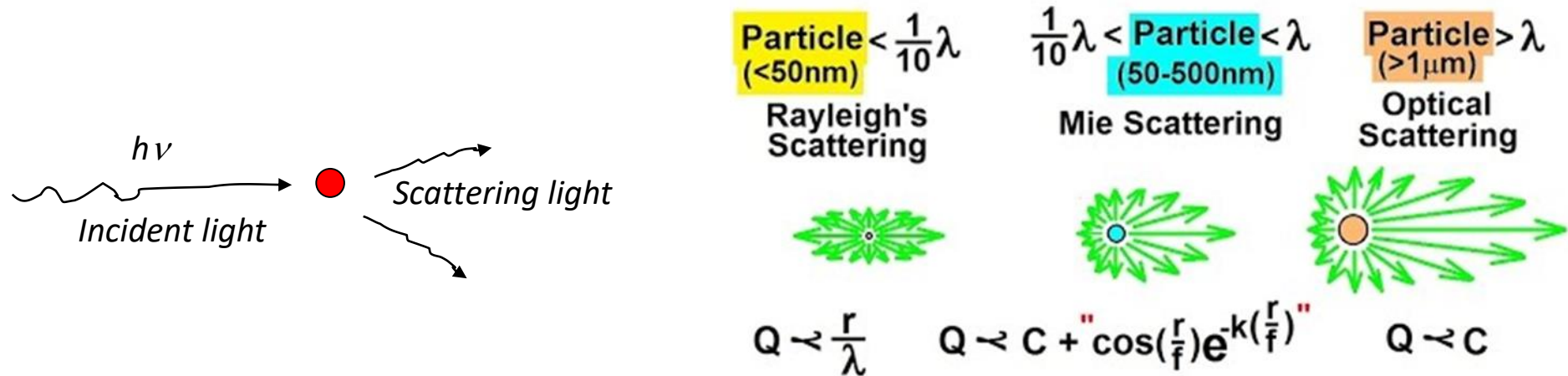
Corresponding Velocity field

PIV SYSTEM SETUP

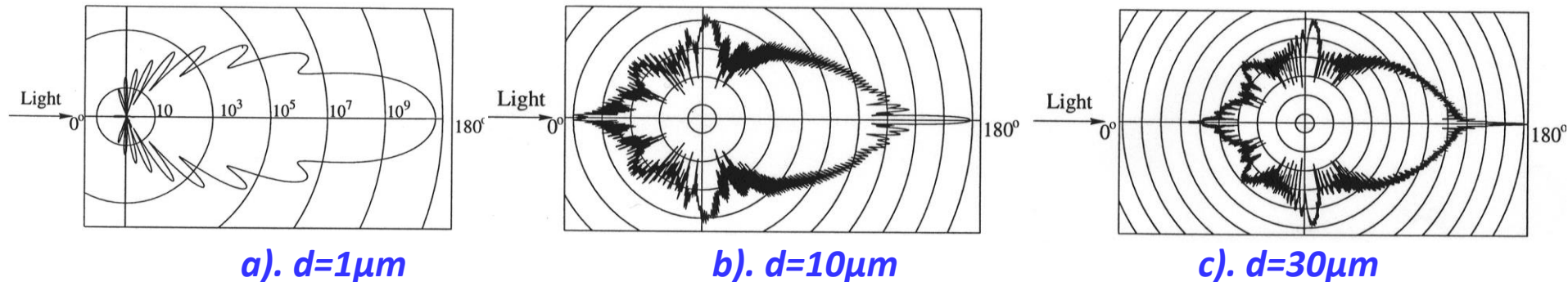
- Particle tracers:** to track the fluid movement.
- Illumination system:** to illuminate the flow field in the interest region.
- Camera:** to capture the images of the particle tracers.
- Synchronizer:** the control the timing of the laser illumination and camera acquisition.
- Host computer:** to store the particle images and conduct image processing.



☐ TRACER PARTICLES FOR PIV



- Tracer particles should be **neutrally buoyant** and **small enough** to follow the flow **perfectly**.
 - Tracer particles should be **big enough** to **scatter** the illumination lights **efficiently**.
 - The scattering efficiency of trace particles also strongly depends on the ratio of the **refractive index** of the particles to that of the fluid.
- For example: the refractive index of **water** is considerably larger than that of **air**. The scattering of particles in air is at least one order of magnitude more efficient than the same particles size in water.



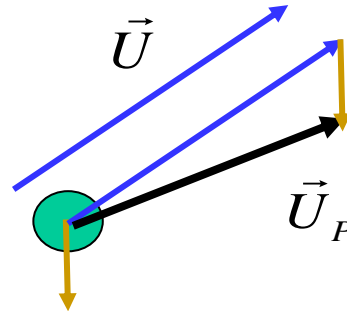
TRACER PARTICLES FOR PIV

- A primary source of measurement error is the influence of gravitational forces when the density of the tracer particles is different to the density of work fluid.
- The velocity lag of a particle in a continuously acceleration fluid will be:

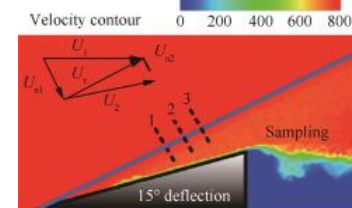
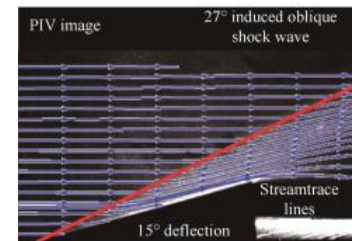
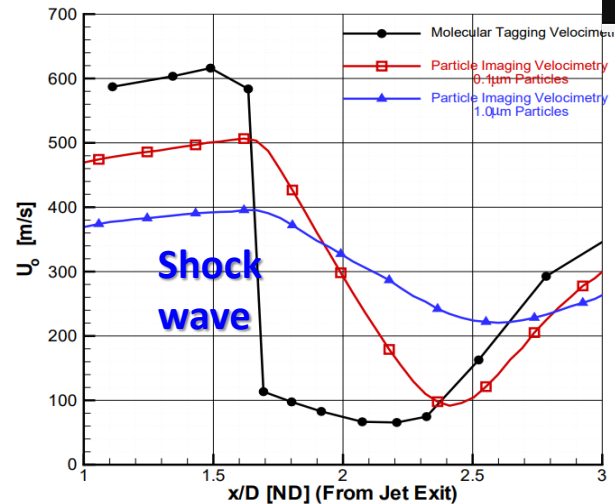
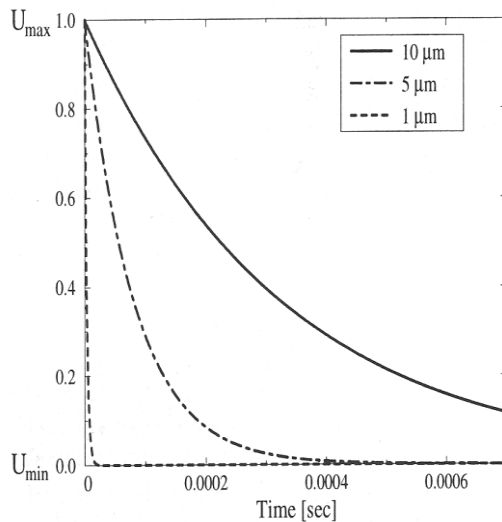
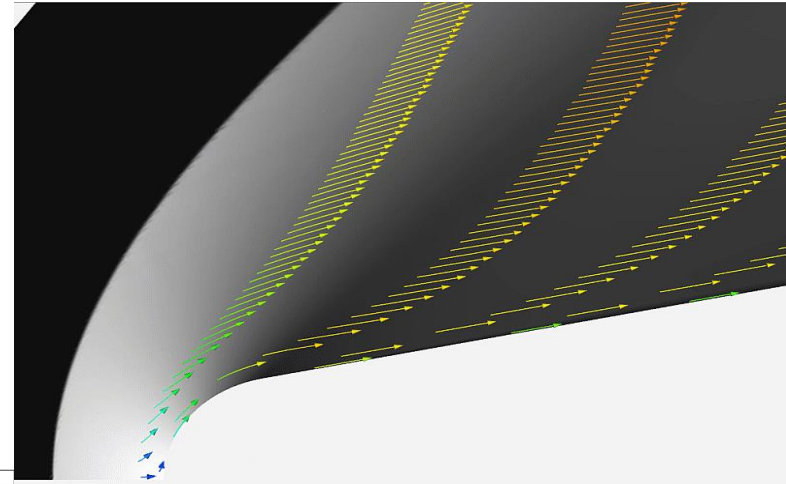
$$\vec{U}_s = \vec{U}_p - \vec{U} = d_p^2 \frac{(\rho_p - \rho)}{18\mu} g$$

$$\vec{U}_p(t) = \vec{U}(1 - \exp(-\frac{t}{\tau_s}));$$

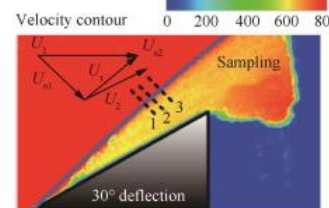
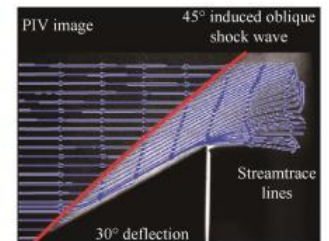
$$\tau_s = d_p^2 \frac{\rho_p}{18\mu}$$



$$U_g = d_p^2 \frac{(\rho_p - \rho)}{18\mu} g$$



(a) A wedge with deflection angle 15°



(b) A wedge with deflection angle 30°

☐ TRACER PARTICLES FOR PIV

- *Tracers for PIV measurements in liquids (water):*

- *Polymer particles ($d=10\sim100\ \mu\text{m}$, density = $1.03 \sim 1.05\ \text{kg/cm}^3$)*
- *Silver-covered hollow glass beads ($d = 1 \sim 10\ \mu\text{m}$, density = $1.03 \sim 1.05\ \text{kg/cm}^3$)*
- *Fluorescent particle for micro flow ($d=200\sim1000\ \text{nm}$, density = $1.03 \sim 1.05\ \text{kg/cm}^3$).*
- *Quantum dots ($d= 2 \sim 10\ \text{nm}$)*

- *Tracers for PIV measurements in gaseous flows:*

- *Smoke ...*
- *Droplets, mist, vapor...*
- *Condensations*
- *Hollow silica particles ($0.5 \sim 2\ \mu\text{m}$ in diameter and $0.2\ \text{g/cm}^3$ in density for PIV measurements in combustion applications.*
- *Nanoparticles of combustion products*

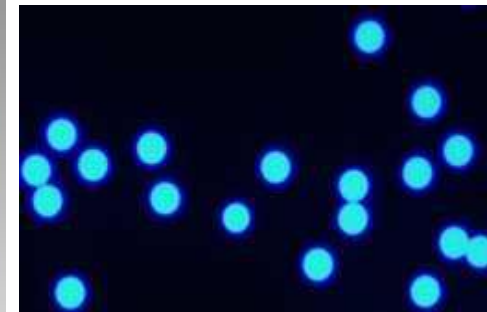
Product

Polyamide particles, $55\ \mu\text{m}$, $1.2\ \text{g/cm}^3$

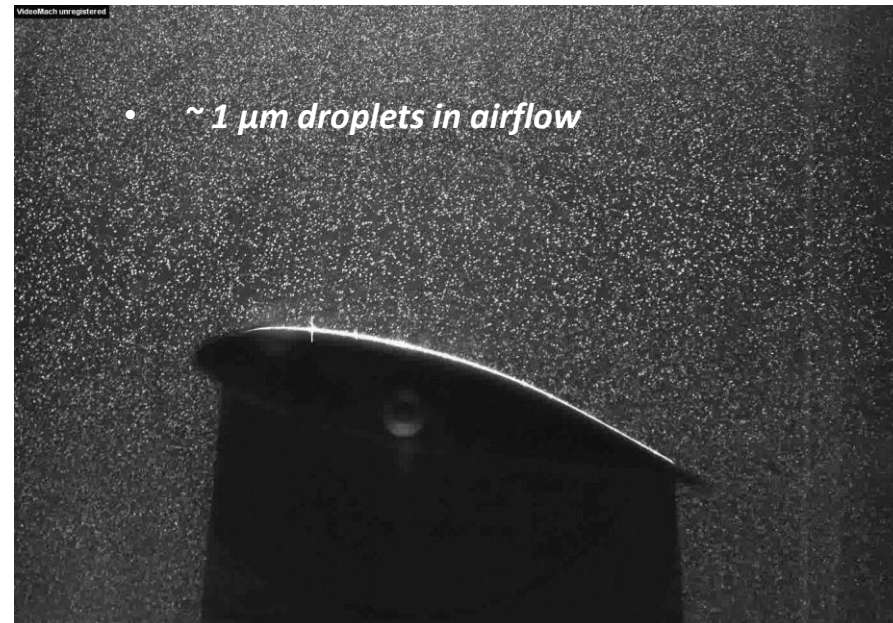
Polyamide particles, $100\ \mu\text{m}$, $1.1\ \text{g/cm}^3$

Polyamide particles HQ, $20\ \mu\text{m}$, $1.03\ \text{g/cm}^3$

Polyamide particles HQ, $60\ \mu\text{m}$, $1.03\ \text{g/cm}^3$



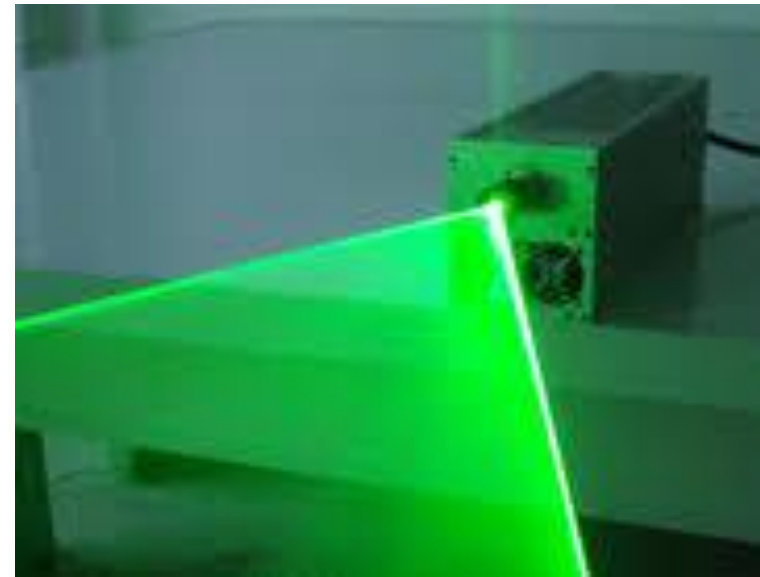
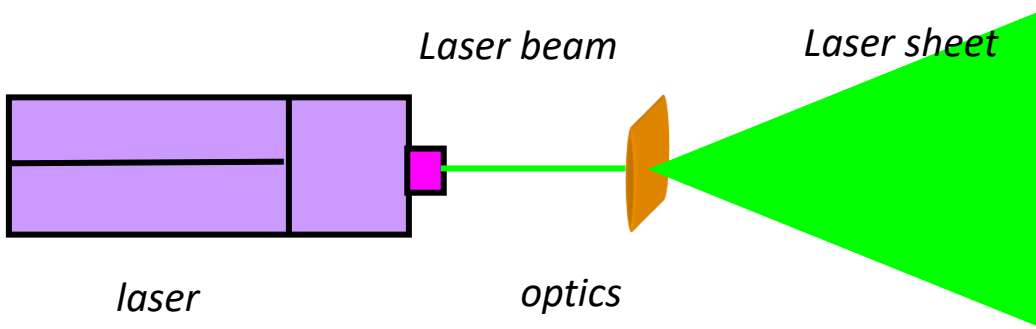
- *Fluorescent particle*



- *$\sim 1\ \mu\text{m}$ droplets in airflow*

ILLUMINATION SYSTEM

- The illumination system of PIV is always composed of light source and optics.
- **Lasers:** such as Argon-ion laser and Nd:YAG Laser, are widely used as light source in PIV systems due to their ability to **emit monochromatic light** with **high energy density** which can easily be bundled into thin light sheet for illuminating and recording the tracer particles without chromatic aberrations.
- **Optics:** always consisted by a set of cylindrical lenses and mirrors to shape the light source beam into a planar sheet to illuminate the flow field.



DOUBLE-PULSED Nd:YAG LASER FOR PIV

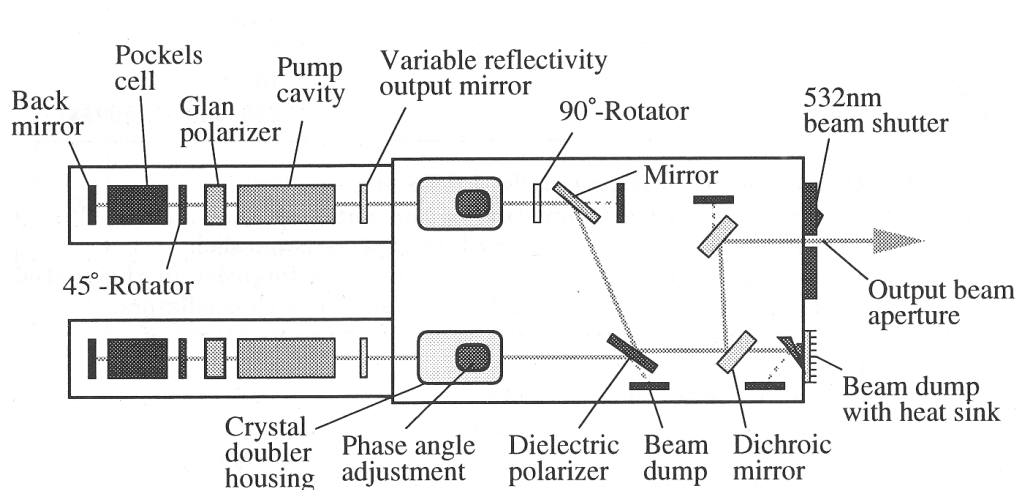


Fig. 2.17. Double oscillator laser system with critical resonators

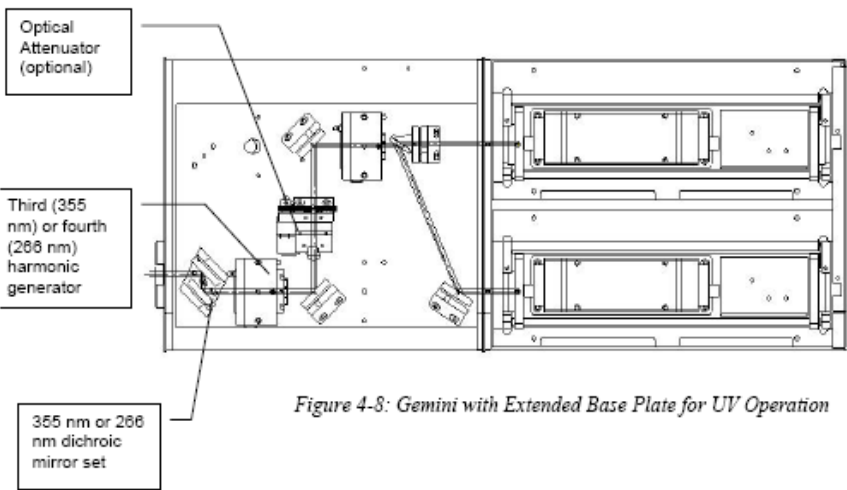
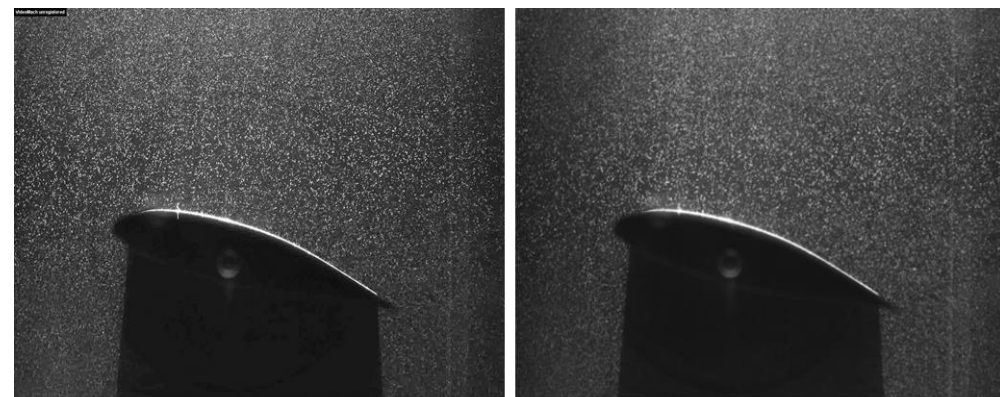
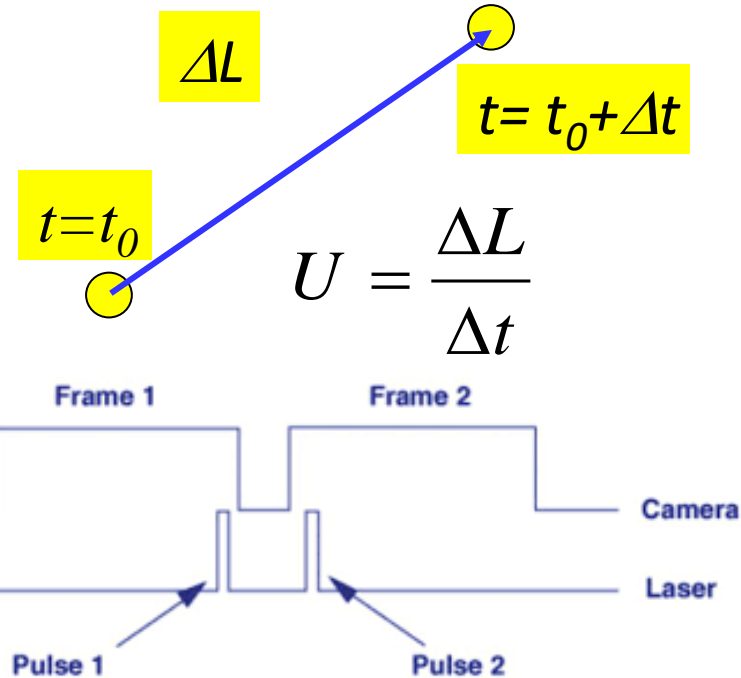


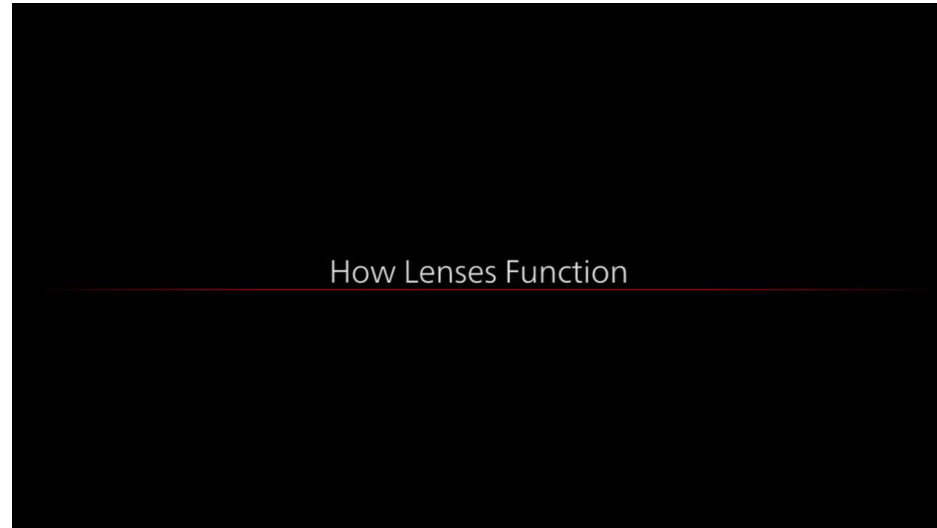
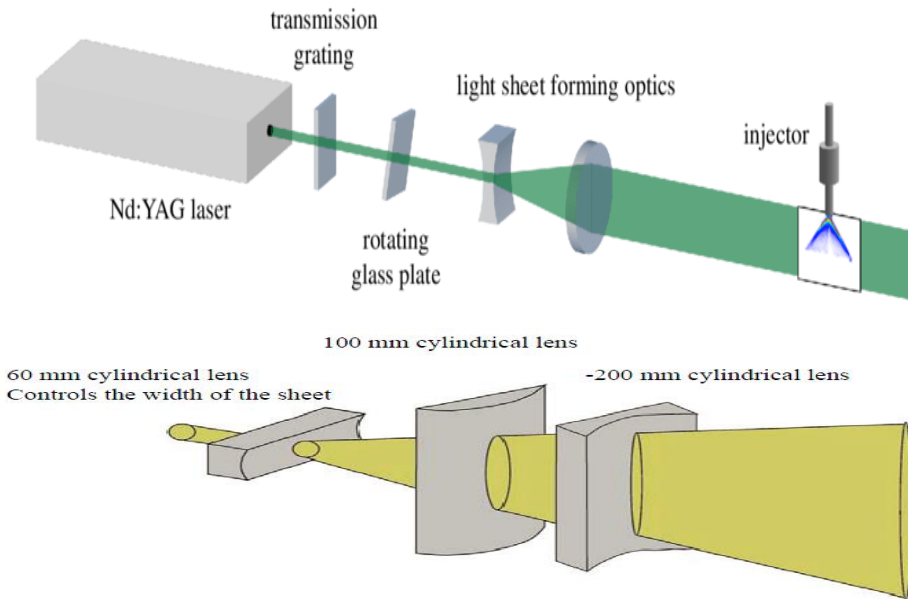
Figure 4-8: Gemini with Extended Base Plate for UV Operation



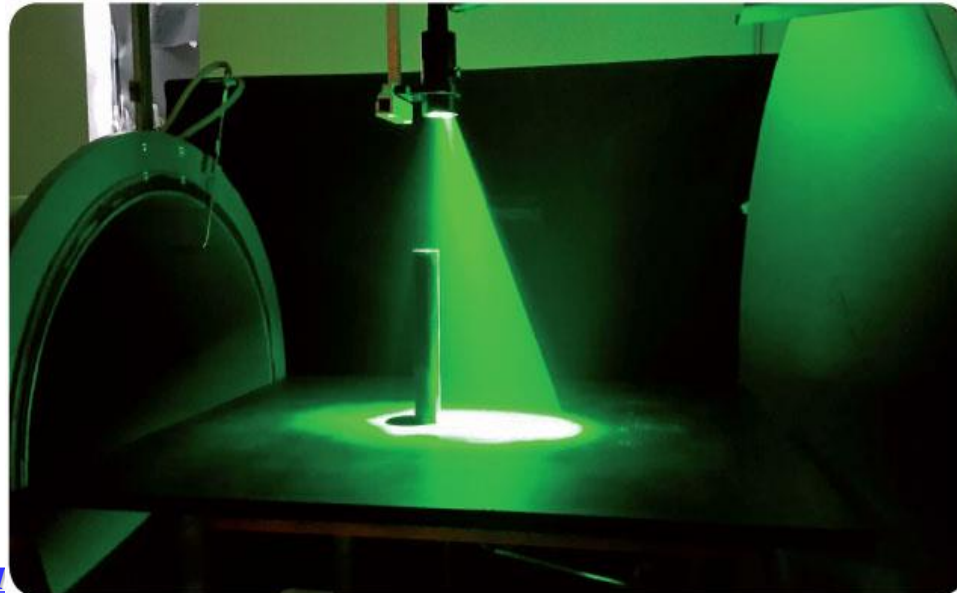
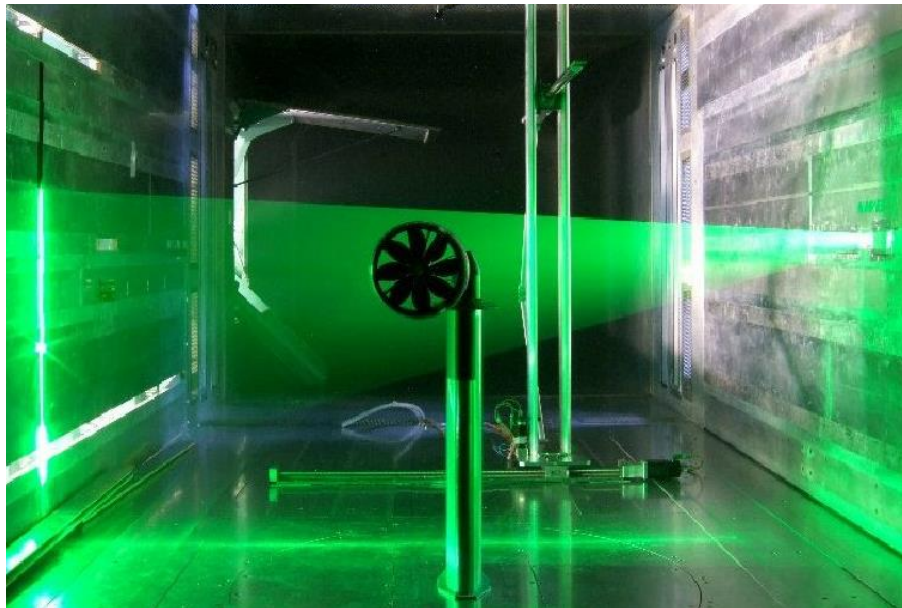
a. $T=t_0$

b. $T=t_0+10\mu s$

❑ OPTICS/LENSES TO SHAPE LASER BEAM TO SHEET

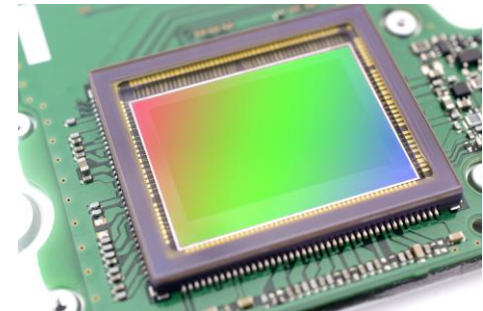


- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EL9J3Km6wxI>



□ IMAGE ACQUISITION SYSTEM: CAMERAS

- *The widely used cameras for PIV:*
 - *Photographic film-based cameras or digital cameras.*
- *Advantages of digital cameras:*
 - *It is fully digitized*
 - *Various digital techniques can be implemented for PIV image processing.*
 - *Conventional auto- or cross-correlation techniques combined with special framing techniques can be used to measure higher velocities.*
- *Disadvantages of digital cameras:*
 - *Low temporal resolution (defined by the video framing rate):*
 - *Low spatial resolution:*

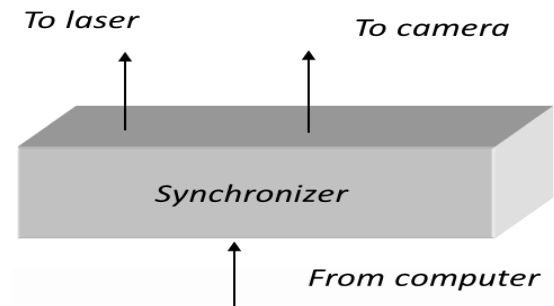
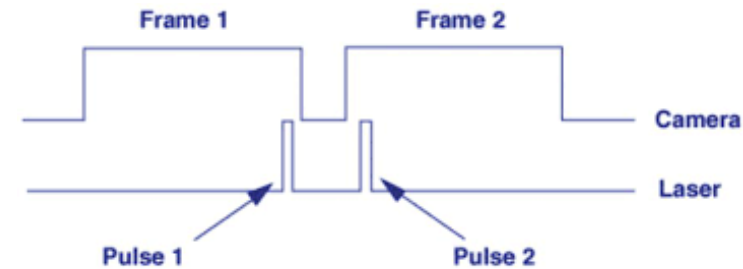
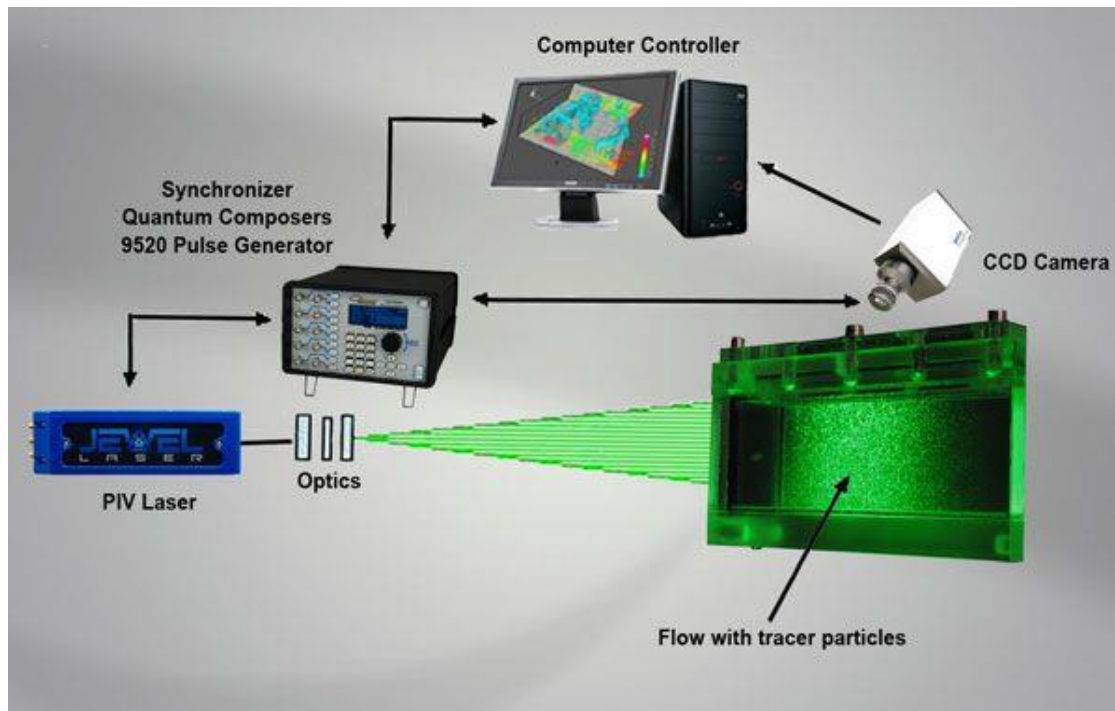


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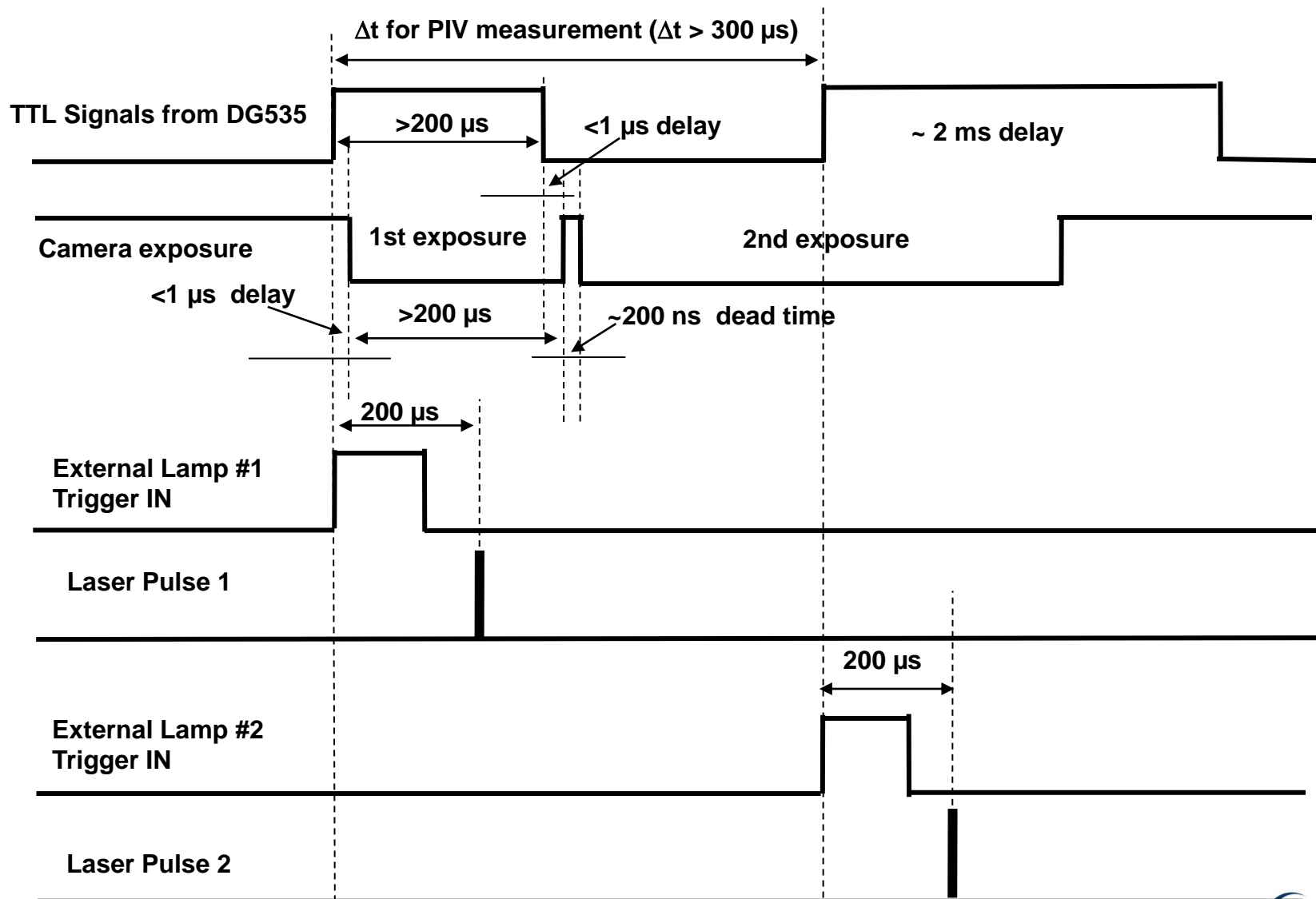
HOW A DIGITAL
CAMERA WORKS

SYNCHRONIZER

- **Function of Synchronizer:**
 - **To control the timing of the laser illumination and camera acquisition**



□ TIME CHART OF THE PIV MEASUREMENTS ($\Delta t > 300 \mu s$)



□ HOST COMPUTER

- *To send timing control parameter to synchronizer.*
- *To store the particle images and conduct image processing.*

