

# Particle Imaging Velocimetry: principles, limitations, errors

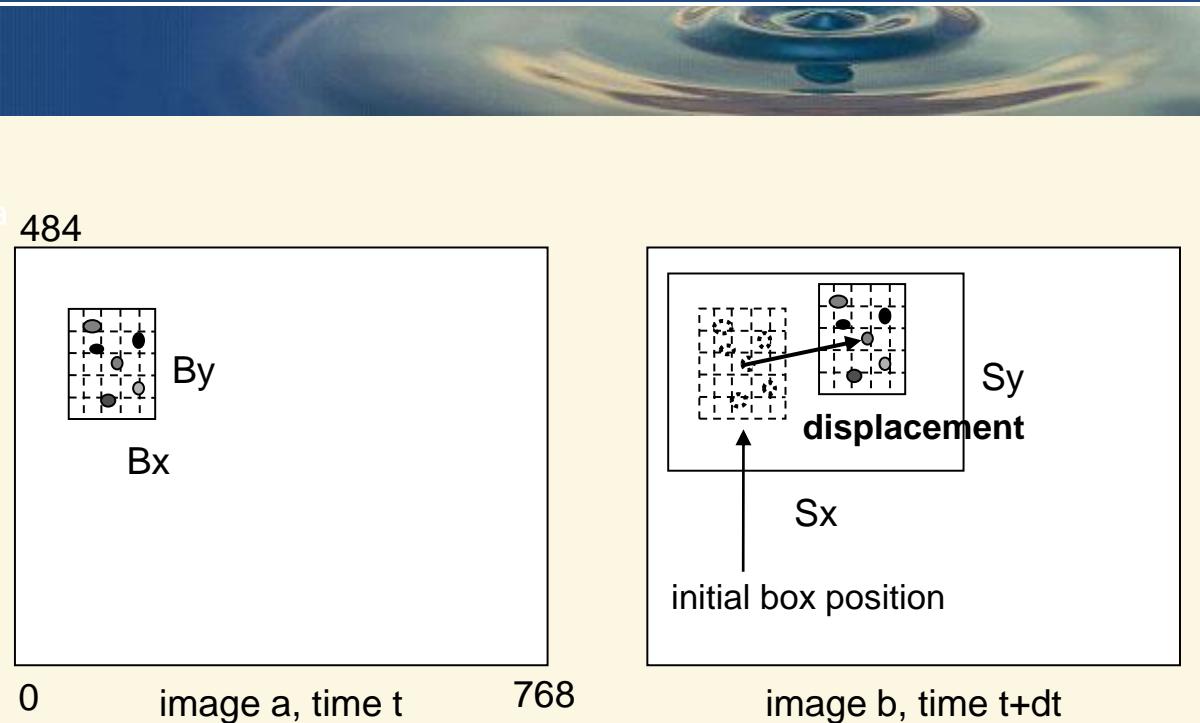
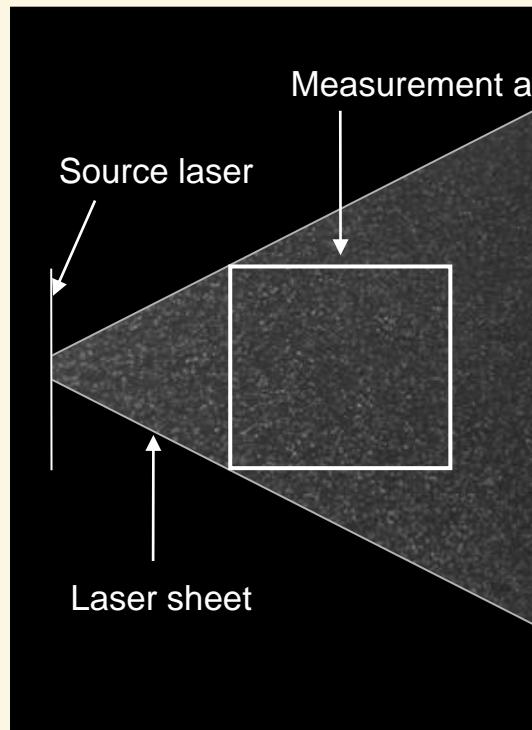
A close-up photograph of a single water droplet hitting a surface, creating concentric ripples. The background is a gradient from yellow to blue.

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## OVERVIEW

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- A close-up photograph of water ripples, showing concentric circles of light and dark blue/green colors.
- 1-Basic principles of PIV**
  - 2-Error estimates**
  - 3-Hierarchical algorithms**
  - 4-3D generalisations**

## Principle of PIV



Correlation box: ( $B_x$ ,  $B_y$ )

Search box ( $S_x$ ,  $S_y$ )

## Image inter-correlation

We first calculate the box intensity averages

$$\overline{I_a} = \frac{1}{B_x B_y} \sum_{k=1}^{B_x} \sum_{l=1}^{B_y} I_a(k, l)$$

$$\overline{I_b} = \frac{1}{B_x B_y} \sum_{k=1}^{B_x} \sum_{l=1}^{B_y} I_b(k + i, l + j)$$

We subtract this average to each intensity, and calculate the normalized by the variance, or covariance  $c(i, j)$  as

$$c(i, j) = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{B_x} \sum_{l=1}^{B_y} (I_a(k, l) - \overline{I_a})(I_b(k + i, l + j) - \overline{I_b})}{[\sum_{k=1}^{B_x} \sum_{l=1}^{B_y} (I_a(k, l) - \overline{I_a})^2 \sum_{k=1}^{B_x} \sum_{l=1}^{B_y} (I_b(k + i, l + j) - \overline{I_b})^2]}$$

or each displacement  $(i, j)$  allowed by the search box(3.2.2).

### Calculation of $c(i, j)$ :

-Direct calculation

-FFT (faster for large correlation boxes, but edge effects)

-Optical Fourier transform (obsolete)

-Find the displacement  $(i, j)$  which maximizes the correlation  $c(i, j)$

-Interpolate  $c(i, j)$  to get sub-pixel resolution

## PIV/CIV vs particle tracking (PTV)

### Particle tracking:

Detect individual particles (luminosity maximum)

Follow particle positions by continuity

- Tracking suitable for rare particles
- PIV (CIV) suitable for large particle concentration (pattern matching)
  - typically > 5 particles / (correlation box)

## The art of particle seeding

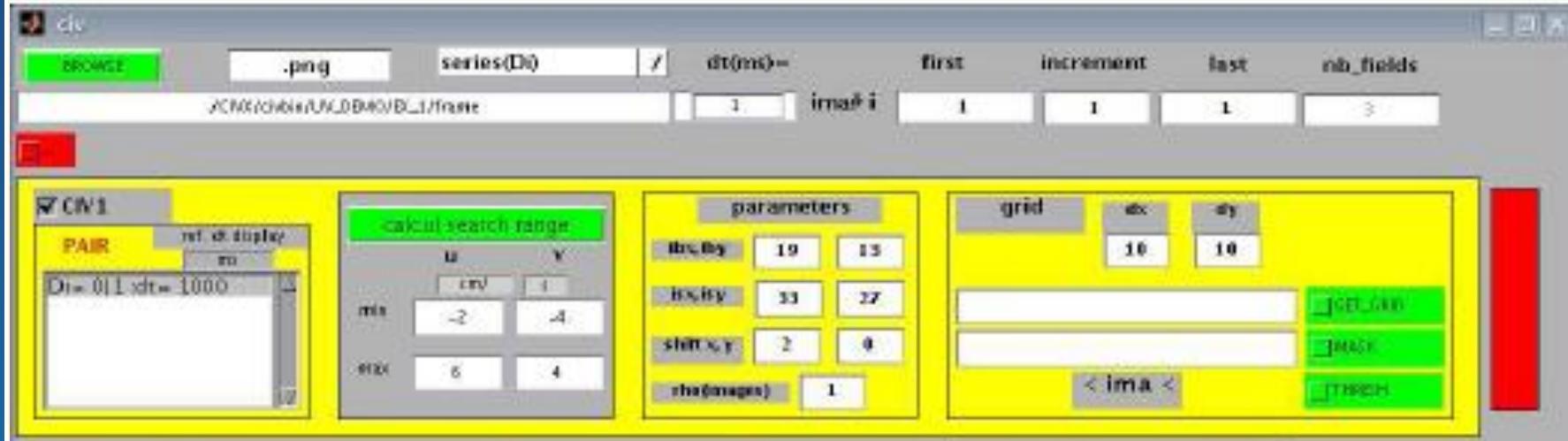
- Density close to fluid (avoid sedimentation)
- Good optical reflectivity, spherical shape optimal
- Minimum visible size to reduce sedimentation and laser absorbtion
- Optimal seeding density is about 0.05 particle/px.
- Avoid coagulation (use soap)

## Illumination

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- Laser sheet generally used to isolate a plane:  
two methods of sheet generation:
- oscillating mirror (better quality)
  - cylindrical lens (static)
- Adapt the laser sheet thickness depending on normal velocity component
- Double-pulse laser (Yag) for large speeds. Synchronisation with suitable camera.

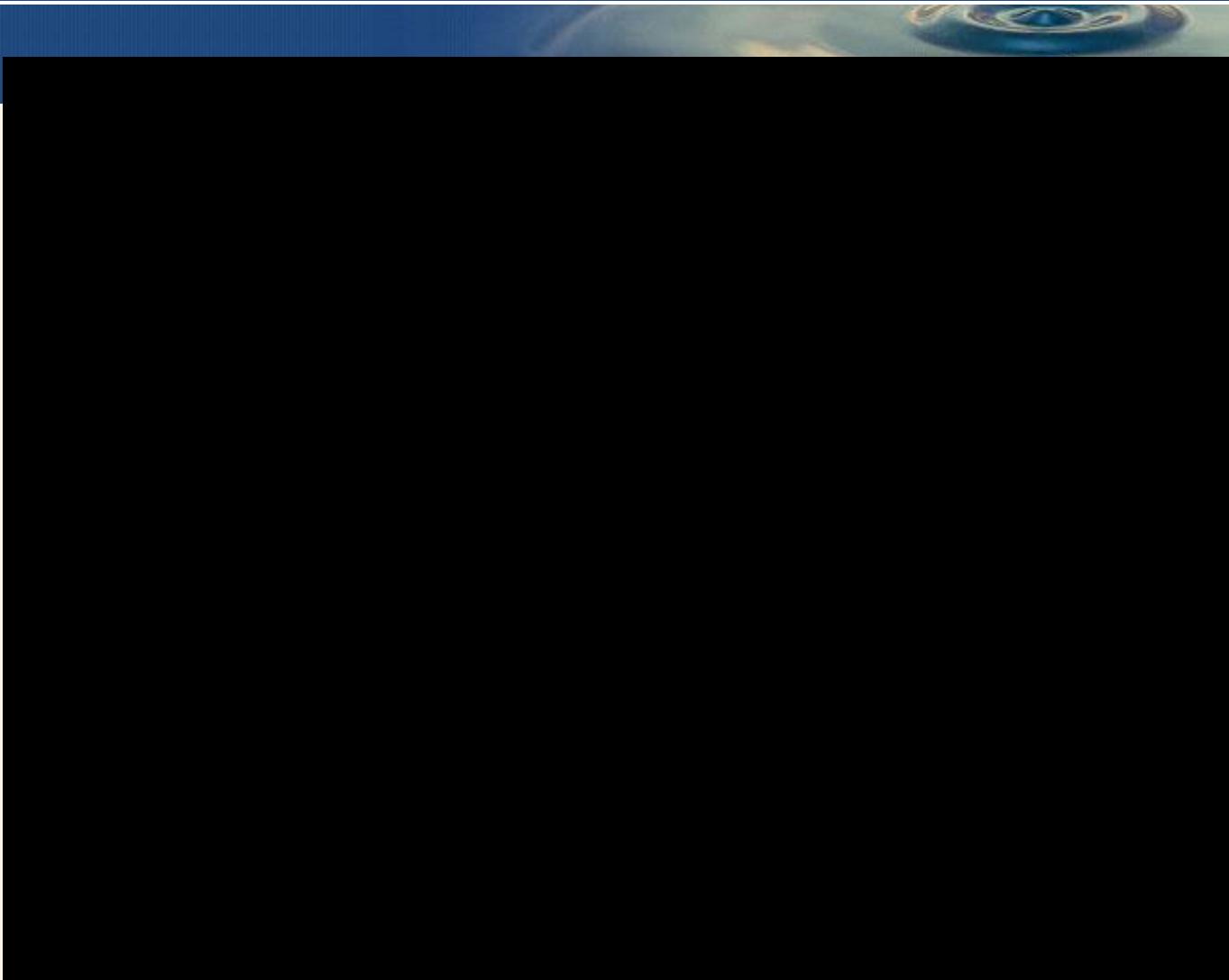
Beware of fixed background (use function 'sub\_background')

## PIV parameters

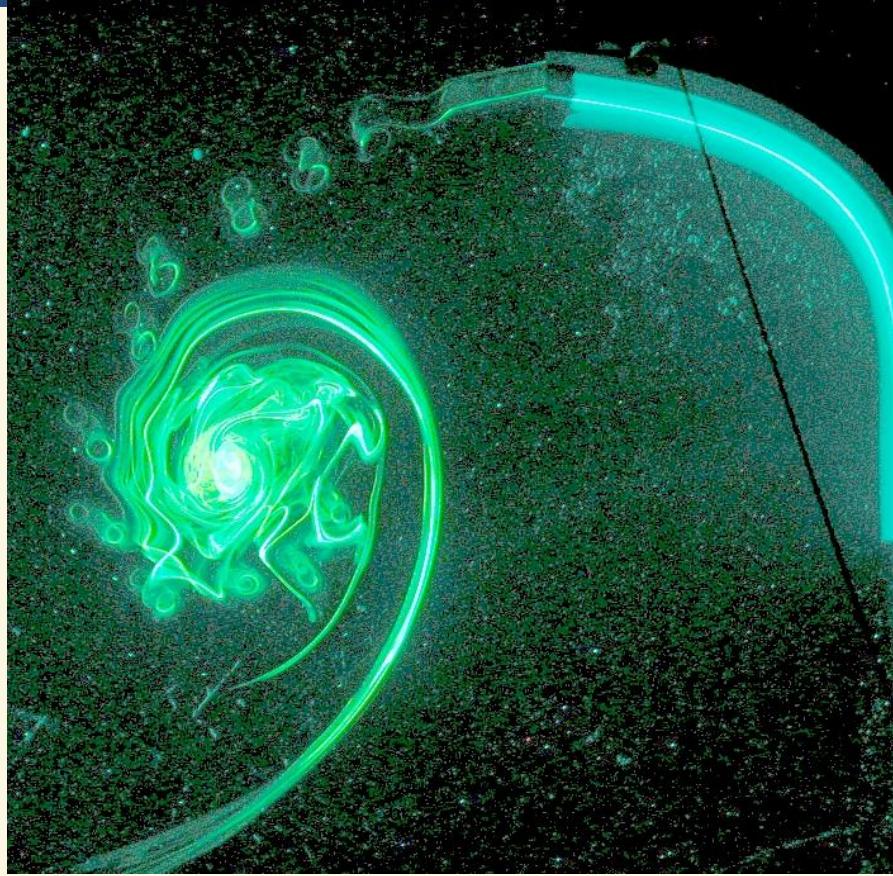


Choose dt such that the displacement  $\sim$  5-20 pixels

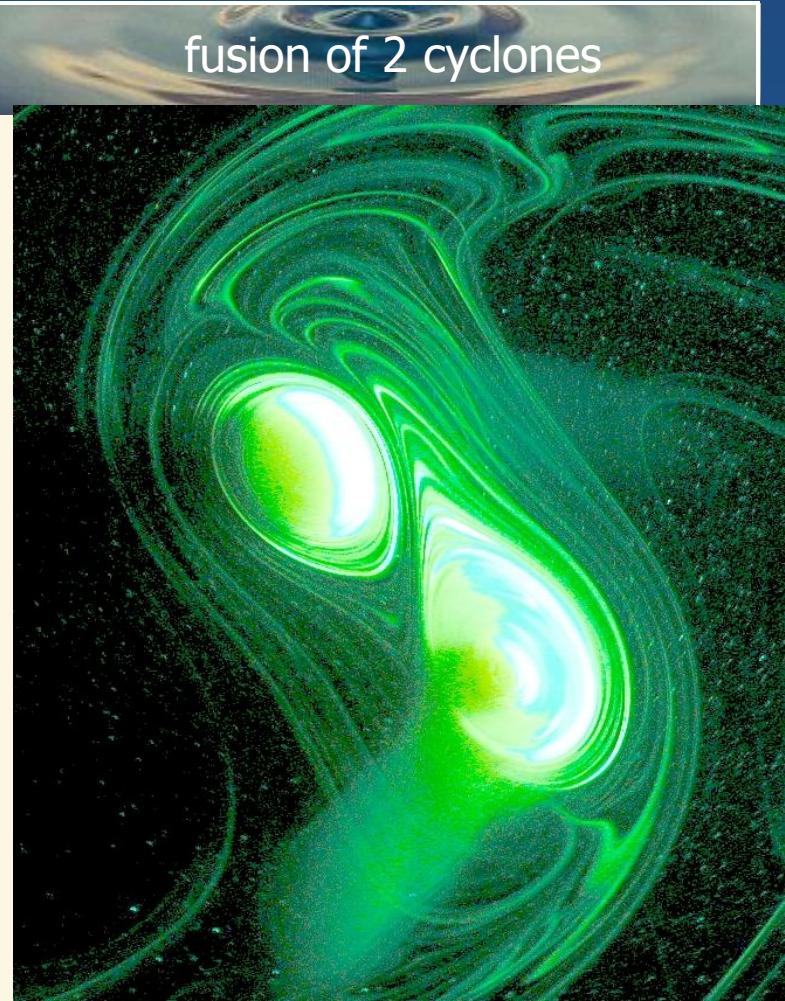
Choose grid mesh (dx, dy)  $\sim$  correlation box



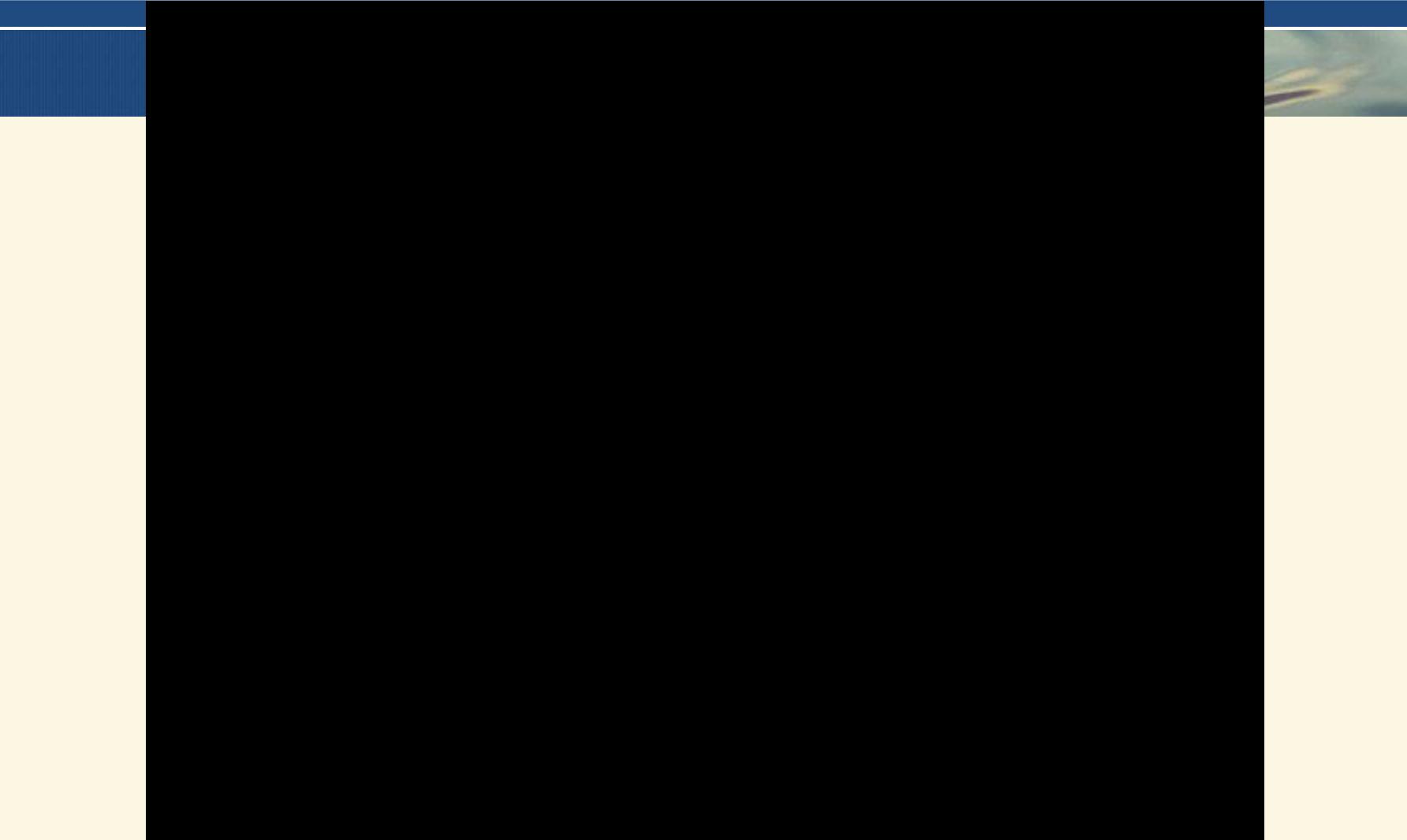
Generation of a cyclone by a flap

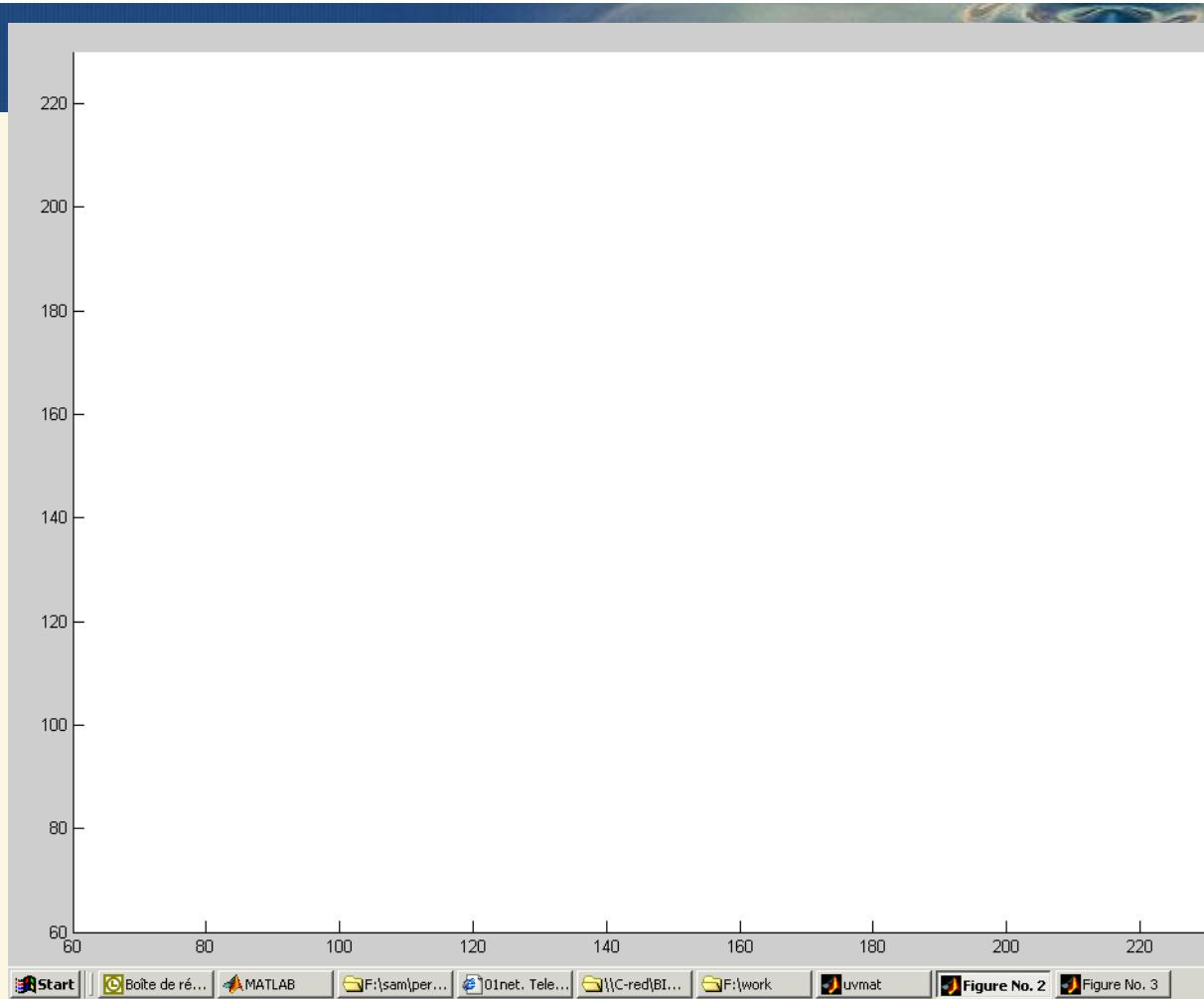


fusion of 2 cyclones



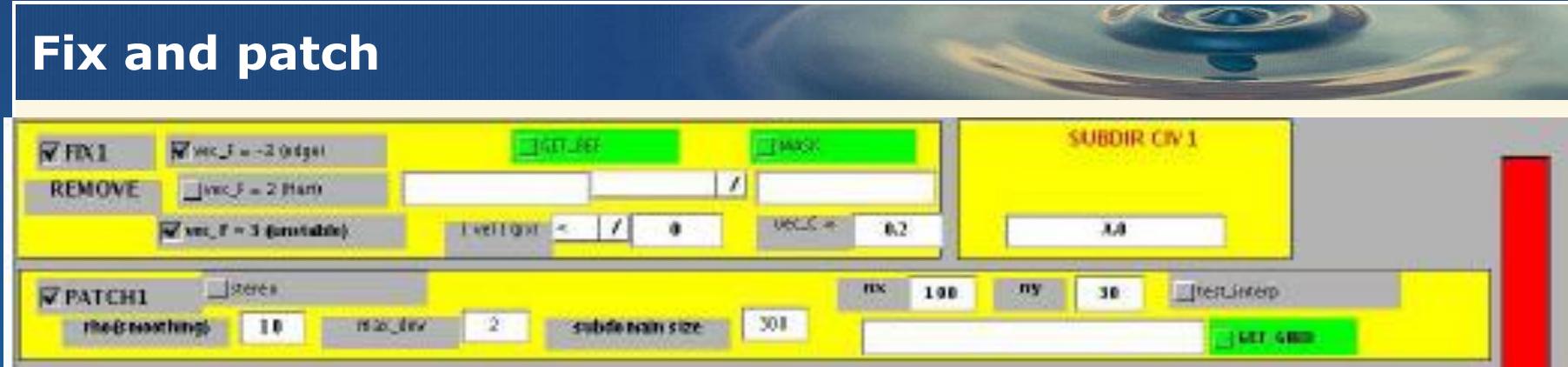
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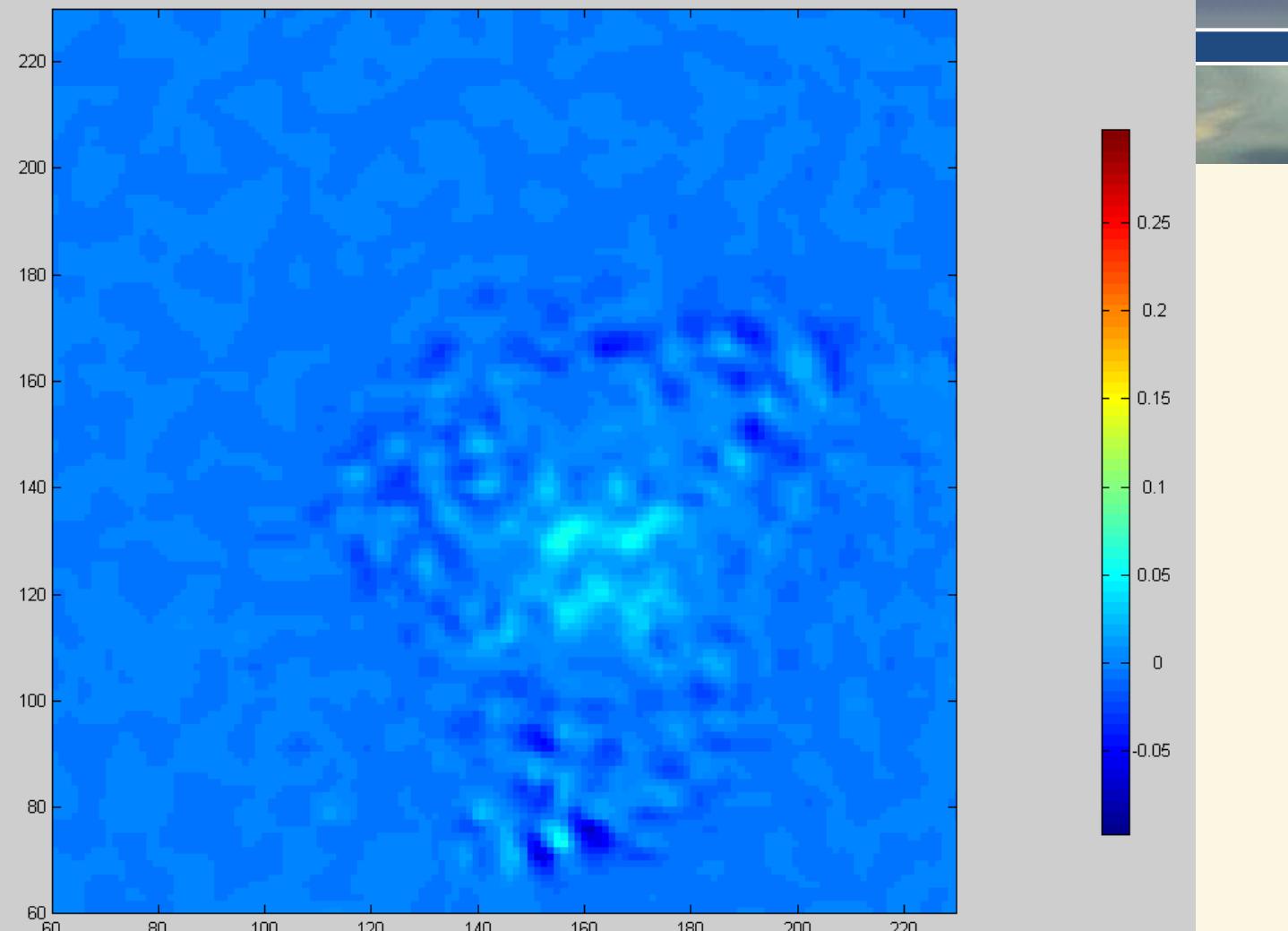
**Velocity fields from PIV. Vector colors indicate the velocity modulus  
(accelerated 60 times)**

## Fix and patch



**Fix:** removes false velocity vectors: correlation max at the edge of the search box, thresholds, continuity, mask ...

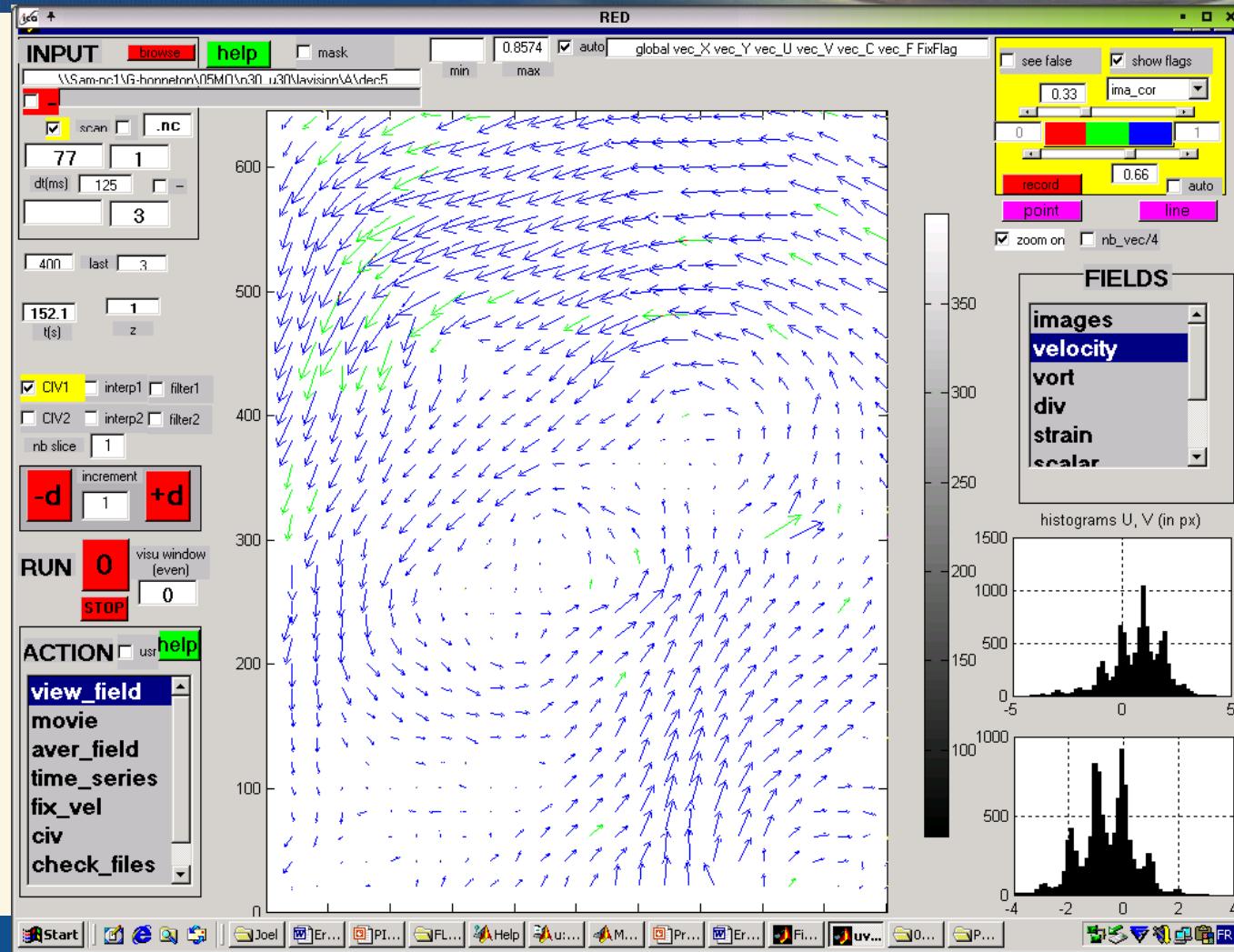
**Patch:** interpolates velocity on a regular grid and calculates spatial derivatives (vort, div). We use thin shelf spline, which minimizes a combination of curvature and distance to values.



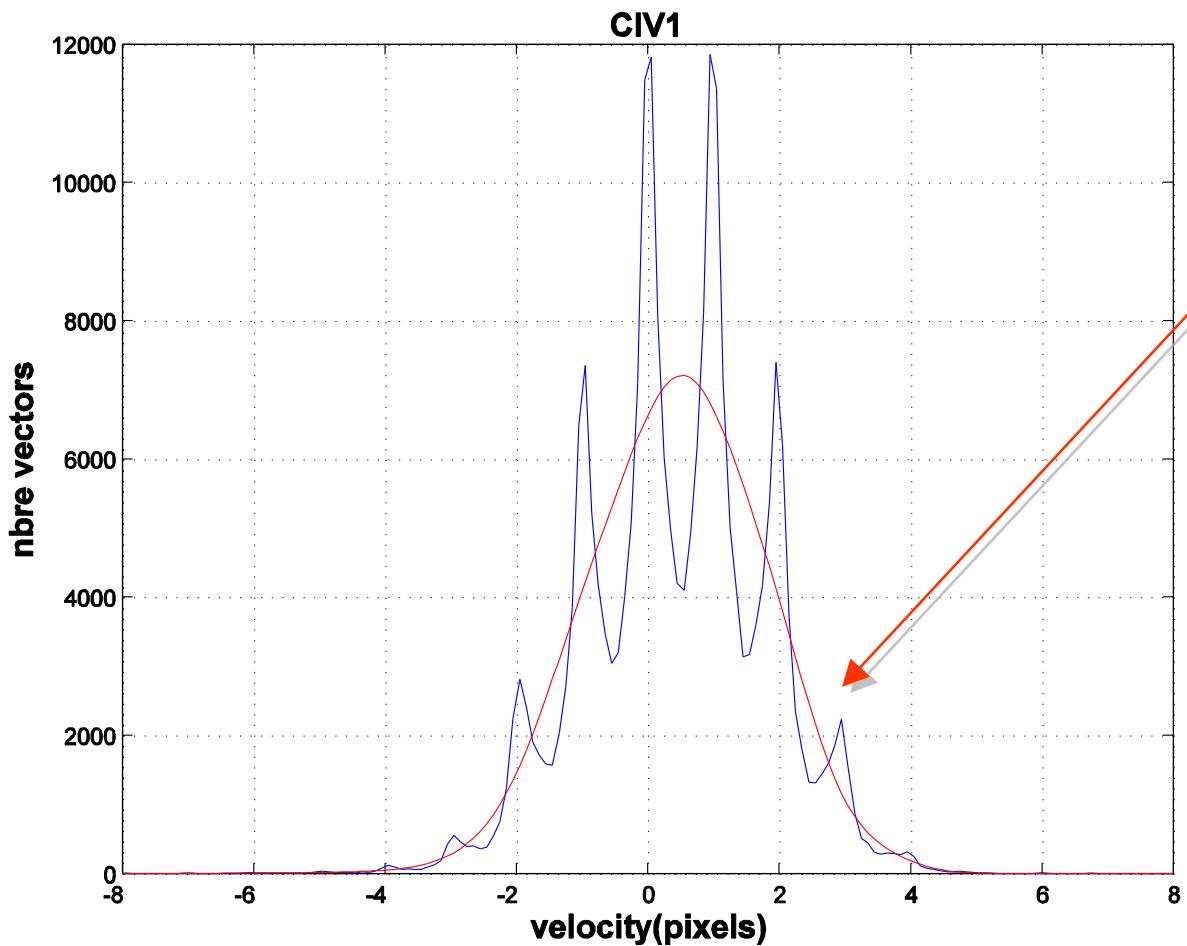
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Vorticity field obtained by differentiation of the velocity field  
(accelerated 60 times)

# Peaklocking error



## Histogram of velocity (mean on 25 fields of 100 x 100 vectors)



Spline  $f_{de}$   
 $\log(p)$  tel que

$$\int_{n-1/2}^{n+1/2} p(x) dx = \int_{n-1/2}^{n+1/2} f(y) dy$$

## MESURE DE L'ERREUR SYSTEMATIQUE DE PEACKLOCKING

$y=x+e(x)$  , où l'erreur  $e(x)$  est de période 1.

soit  $x=G(y)$ .

densités de probabilité:

$$f(y)dy=p(x)dx. \quad (dx/dy=G'(y))$$

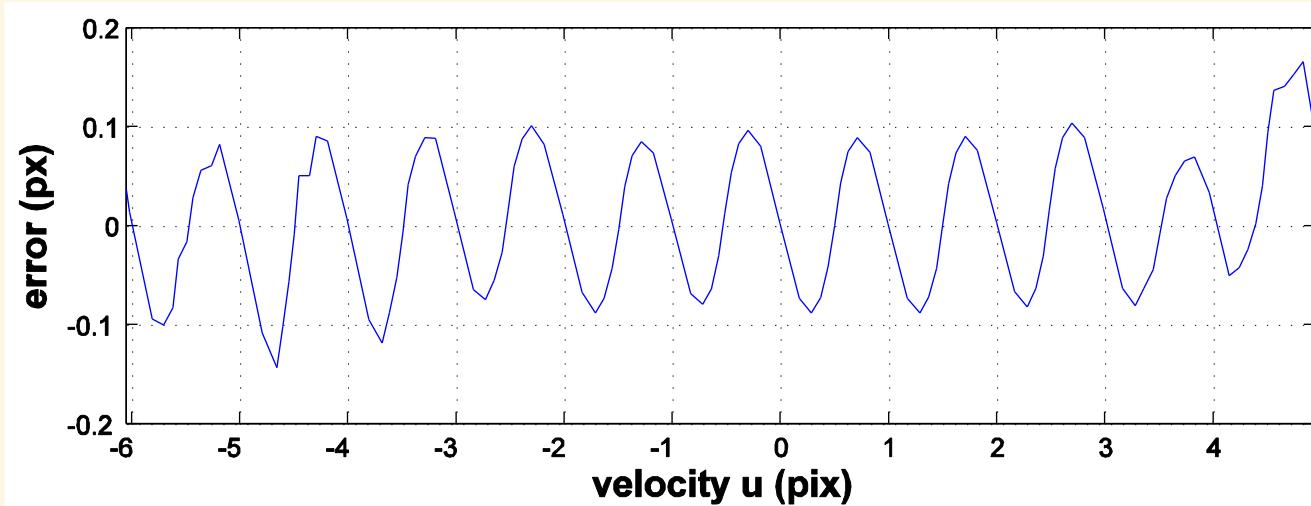
$$G'(y) = \frac{f(y)}{p(G(y))}$$

$f(y)$  interpolation spline

$p(x)$  histogramme mesuré

Equation résolue par une méthode itérative  
 $(G(y)=y$  à l'ordre 0)

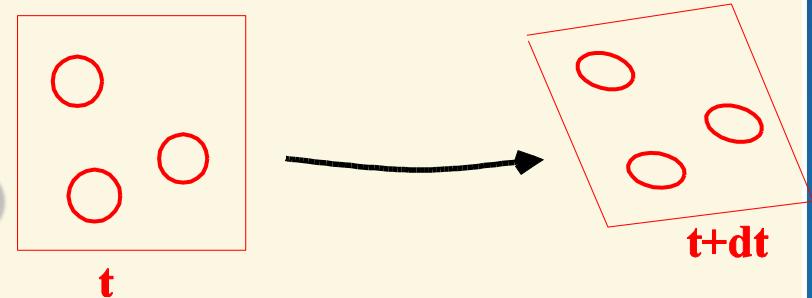
## Systematic error (peaklocking)



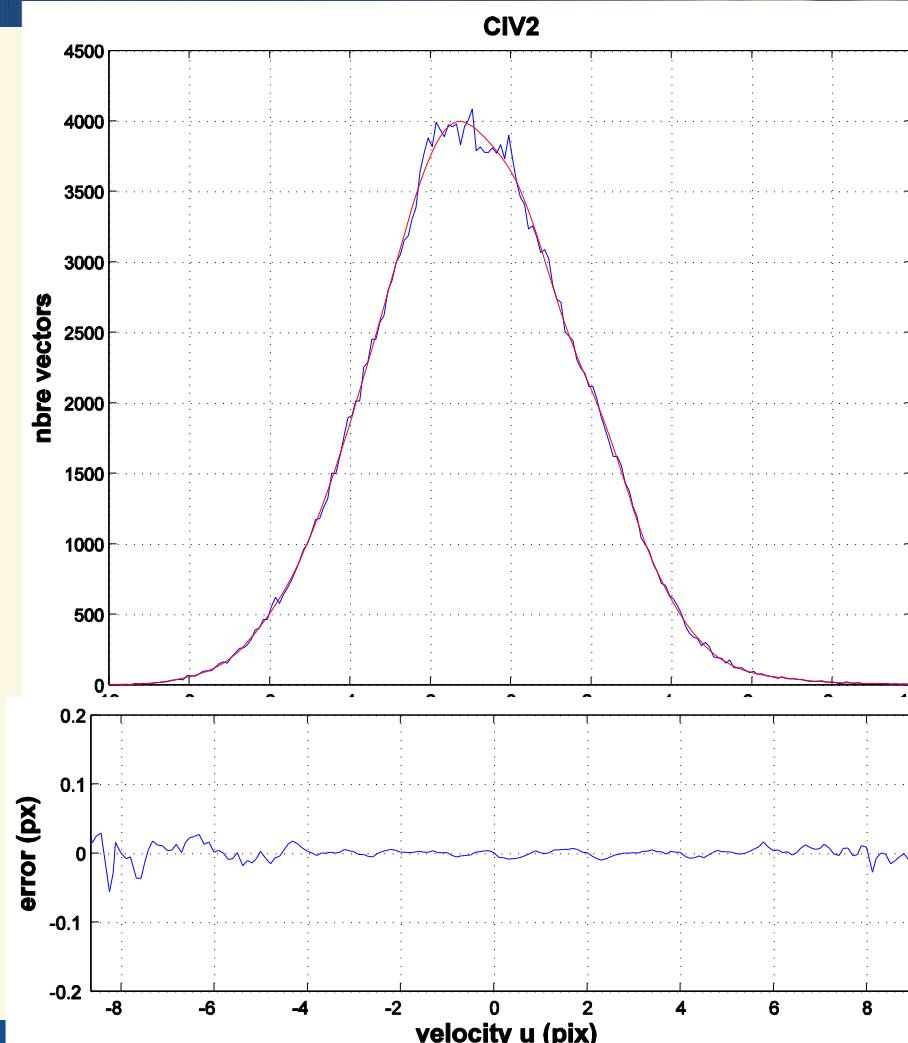
## Hierarchical algorithm (CIV2)

(Fincham et Delerce, Exp. Fluids 2000)

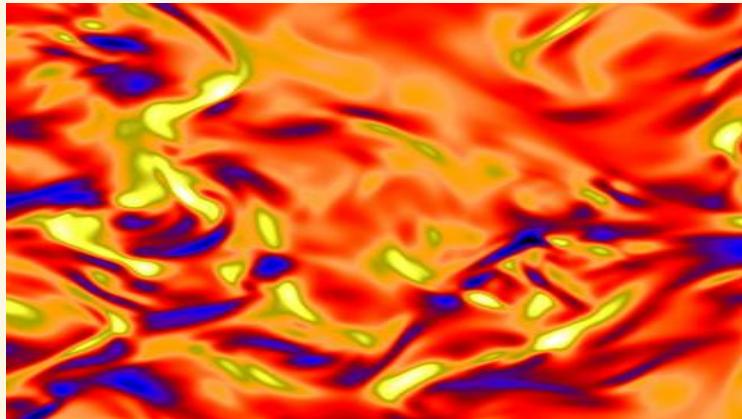
- **CIV1** -->  $u, v$   
*first estimate*
- **FIX1** --> remove false vectors
- **PATCH1** --> interpolate, smooth  
*(spline thin shell)*  
*spatial derivatives*
- **CIV2:**  
*'decimal shift'* (image interpolation)  
*'deformation'* (strain, rotation)  
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 -->**improved  $u$  and  $v$**



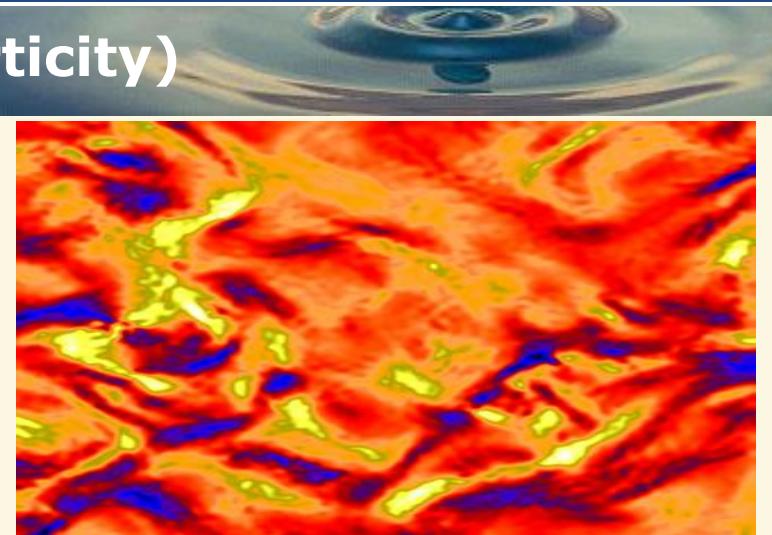
## Peaklocking error CIV2



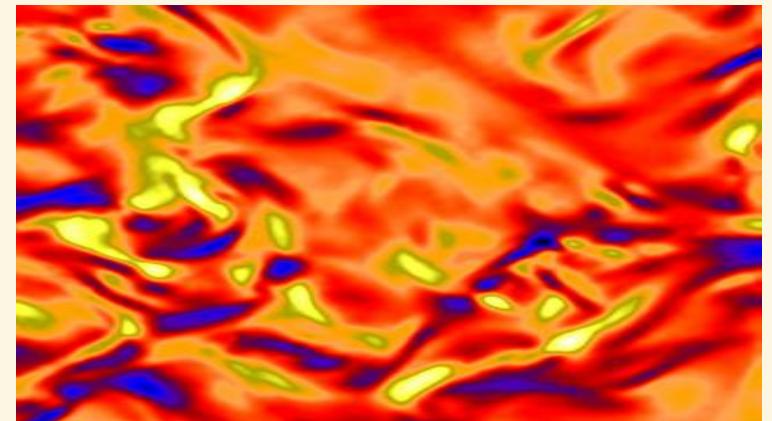
## Test with numerical fields (vorticity)



DNS (reference)



CIV 1



CIV 2

(ref: Fincham & Delerce 2000)

## Experimental estimate of random error

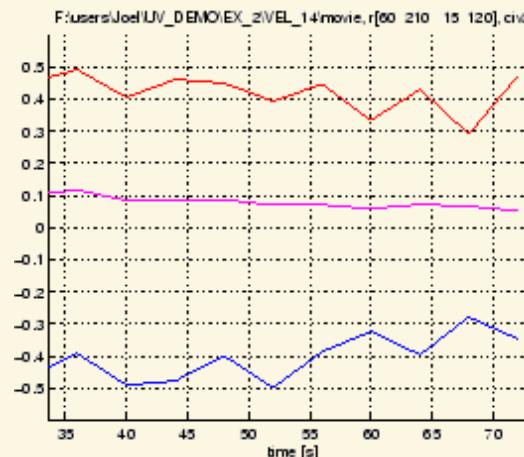
We compare measurements from two image pairs, close in time (bursts), with time intervals  $\tau_1$  et  $\tau_2 = \alpha \tau_1$ . We assume that the error probability  $p_d$  on displacement is independent for the two pairs, with the same probability law.

$$\text{Pair 1: } p_1(u_1) = \tau_1 p_d(u_1 \tau_1)$$

$$\text{Pair 2: } p_2(u_2) = \tau_2 p_d(u_2 \tau_2)$$

Independency -->

$$\langle u^2 \rangle = \langle (u_1 - u_2)^2 \rangle = \langle u_1^2 \rangle + \langle u_2^2 \rangle = (1 + \alpha^2) \langle u_1^2 \rangle$$





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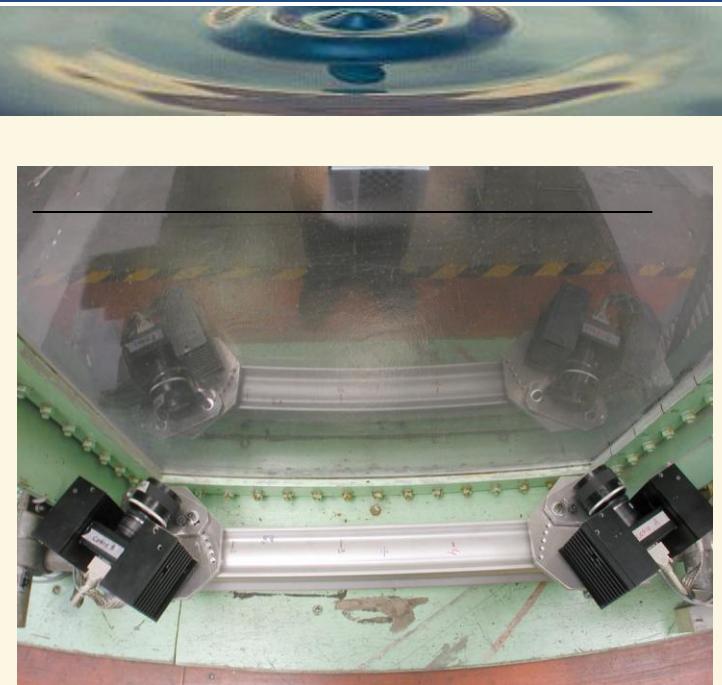
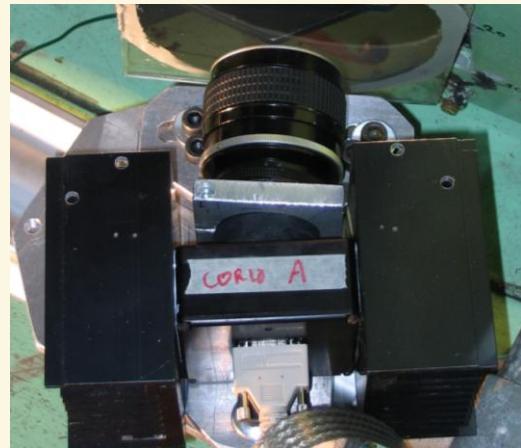
## DISTRIBUTION DE PROBABILITE DE L'ERREUR



## Stereoscopic PIV (2D3C)

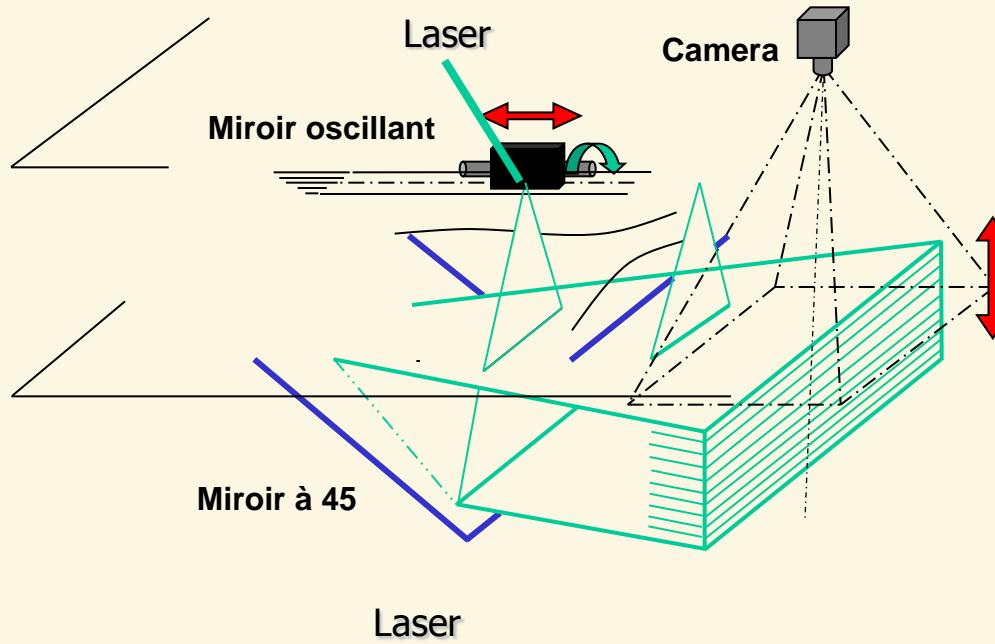
Système de calibration avec des mires

PIV 3 composantes dans le plan laser



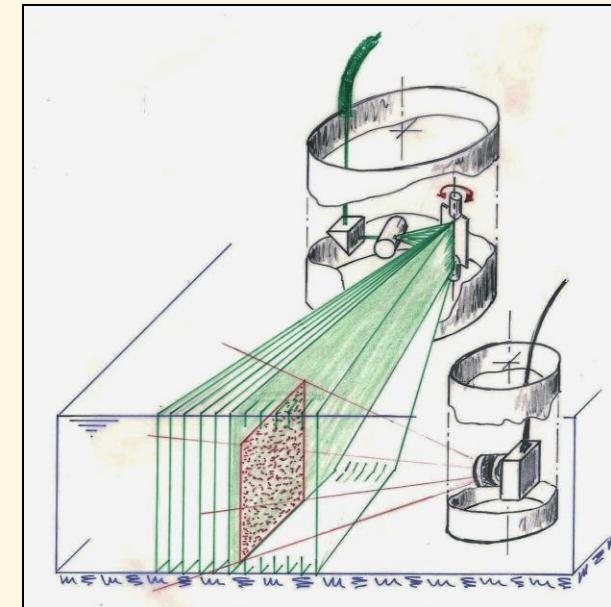
Decentered optic

## Volume sweeping systems

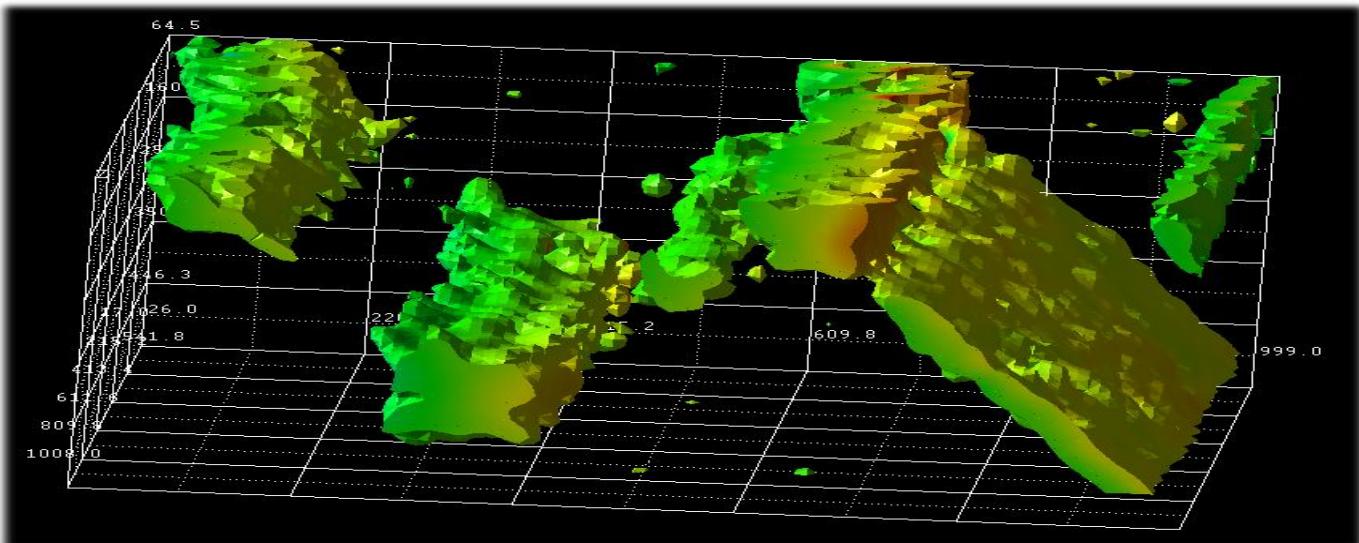
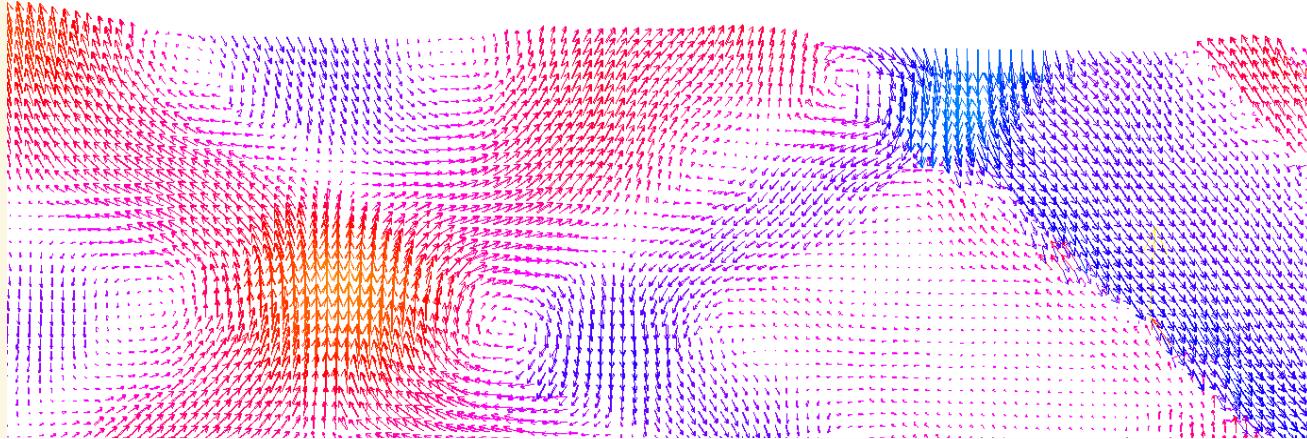


**Parallel sweeping  
(convenient but not fast)**

**Angular sweeping**



## Example internal gravity wave



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