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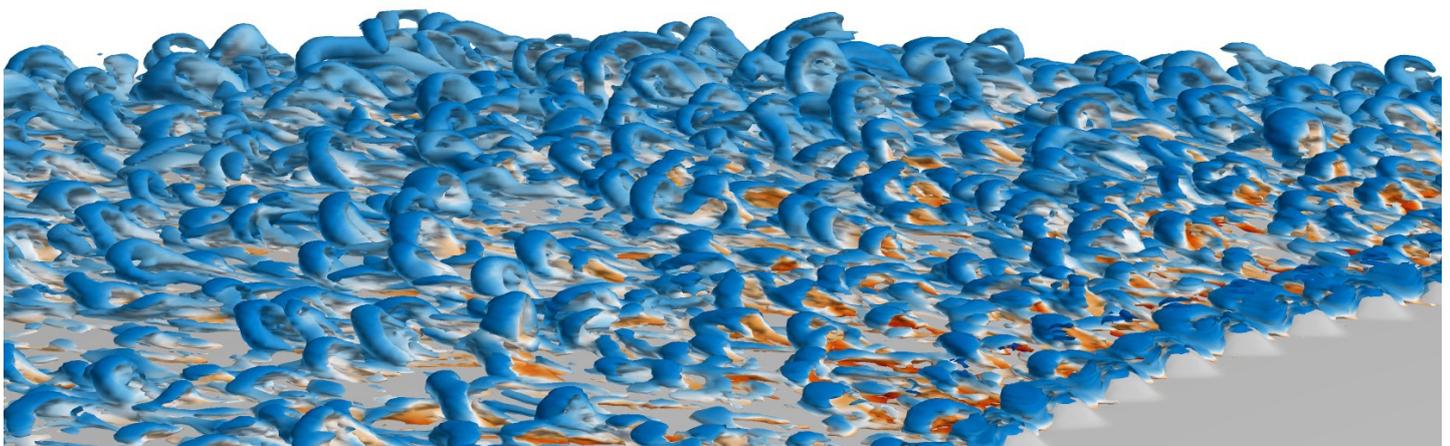
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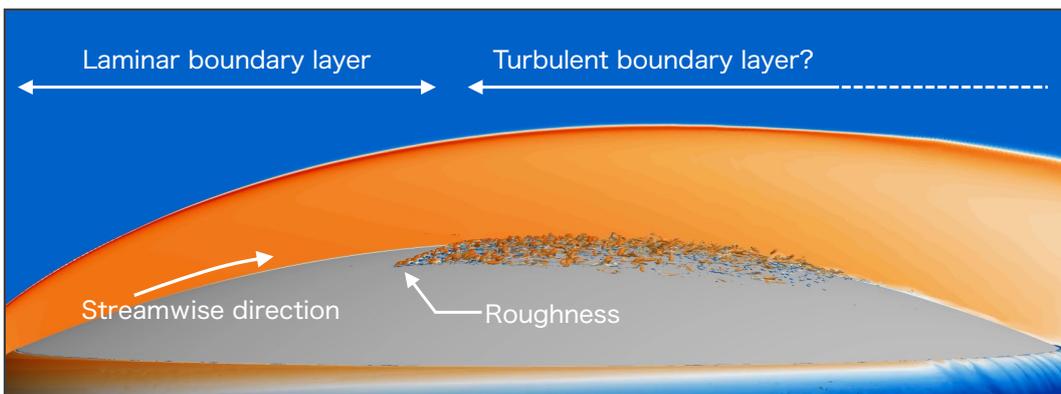


## Thermal protection of re-entry capsules



- Re-entry from Lunar orbit exceeds 11 km/s
- Evaluation of aerodynamic heating is necessary for TPS design

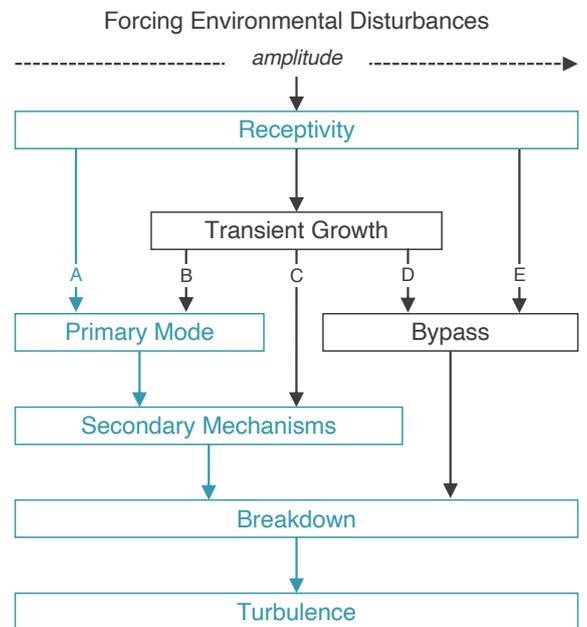
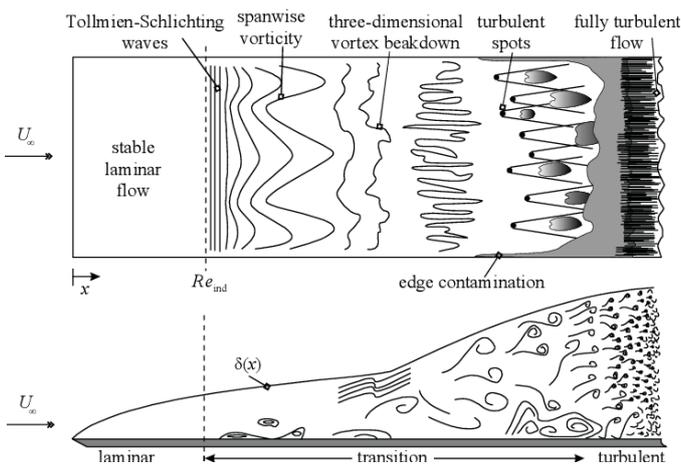
## BLT on front heat shield



- Turbulent heat flux is several times larger than laminar heat flux
- Prediction of BLT and turbulent heat flux is required for TPS design

# BLT due to modal disturbances

T-S wave → destabilization  
 → breakdown → turbulence



## Blunt-body paradox

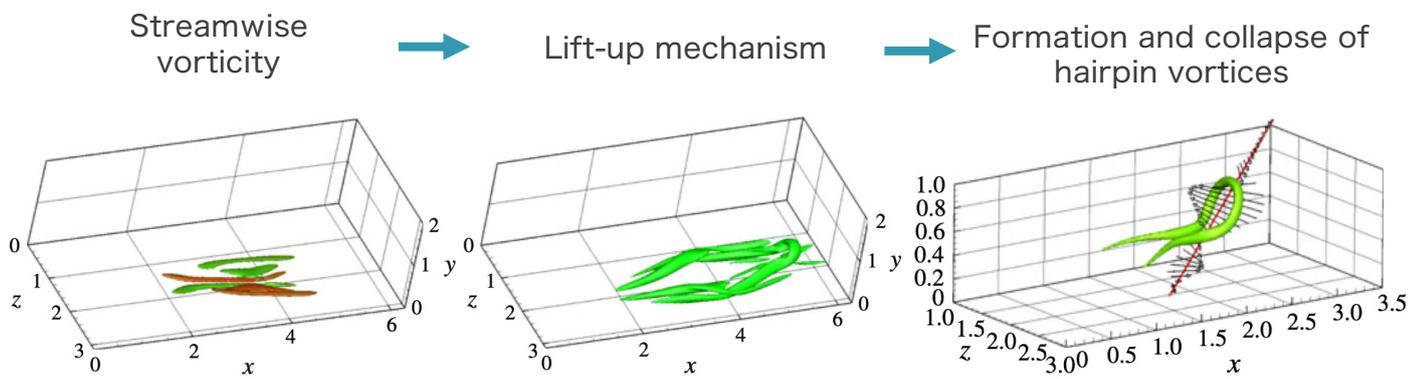
Why is early transition even though modal disturbance is stable?



- Tollmien–Schlichting (TS) stable
  - Görtler stable
  - Cross-flow is negligible
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- **Transient growth<sup>[1]</sup>** : Candidate mechanisms of transition
    - Lift-up effect of streamwise vorticity creates streaks<sup>[2]</sup>
  - Transition triggers: wall roughness, freestream disturbances

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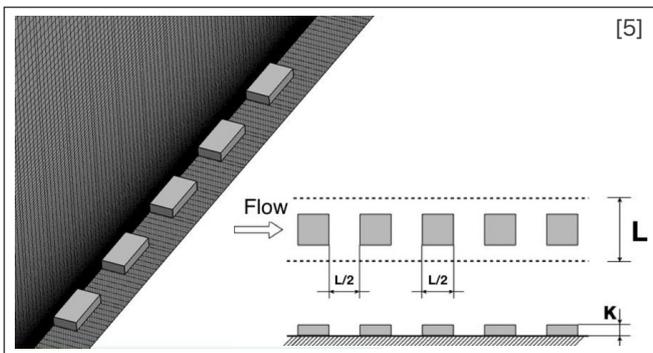
[1] Reshotko and Tumin, (2000)  
[2] Farano et al., JFM, (2015)



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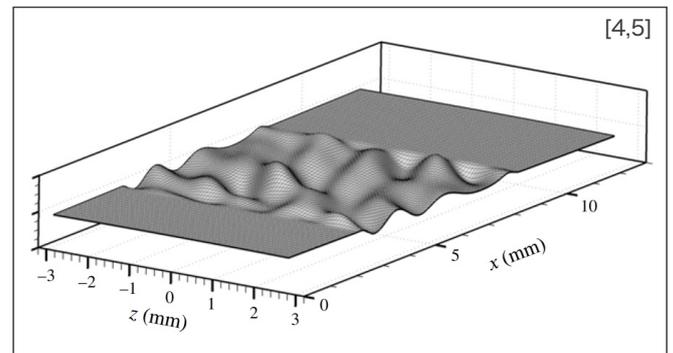
## Effect of roughness on BLT

[3] Hein et al., AIAA, (2018)  
[4] Giovanni and Stemmer, JSR, (2018)  
[5] Giovanni and Stemmer, JSR, (2019)



### Isolated roughness

- No growth of mode disturbances
- No transient growth was observed (roughness was too low)



### Distributed roughness

- Hairpin vortex grows
- **Chemical non-equilibrium** amplifies disturbances

**Important for high enthalpy flows!**

## Objective

To clarify the transition mechanism and obtain turbulent heat flux in the re-entry capsule, we evaluate the disturbance growth process under high enthalpy conditions using Apollo capsule models with isolated roughness elements

## Numerical method

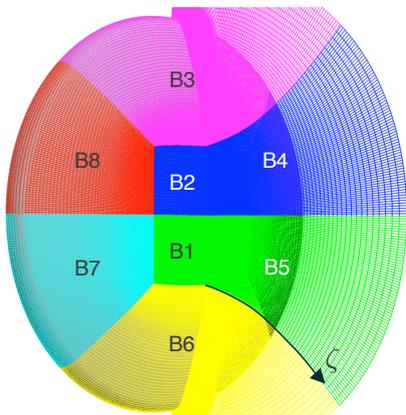
$\frac{\partial \mathbf{Q}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}_i}{\partial \xi_i} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}_{vi}}{\partial \xi_i} + \mathbf{S} = 0$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ) : 3D general curvilinear coordinate system Navier-Stokes equations

$$\mathbf{Q} = J \begin{bmatrix} \rho \\ \rho u_1 \\ \rho u_2 \\ \rho u_3 \\ E \\ Y_{n-1} \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{F}_i = J \begin{bmatrix} \rho U_i \\ \rho u_1 U_i + \frac{\partial \xi_i}{\partial x_1} p \\ \rho u_2 U_i + \frac{\partial \xi_i}{\partial x_2} p \\ \rho u_3 U_i + \frac{\partial \xi_i}{\partial x_3} p \\ (E+p)U_i \\ \rho Y_{n-1} U_i \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{F}_{vi} = -J \frac{\partial \xi_i}{\partial x_j} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \tau_{j1} \\ \tau_{j2} \\ \tau_{j3} \\ \tau_{jk} u_k + \kappa \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_j} + \sum_s \rho v_{n-1} h_{n-1} \\ \rho v_{n-1} \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{S} = -J \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ s_{Y_{n-1}} \end{bmatrix}.$$

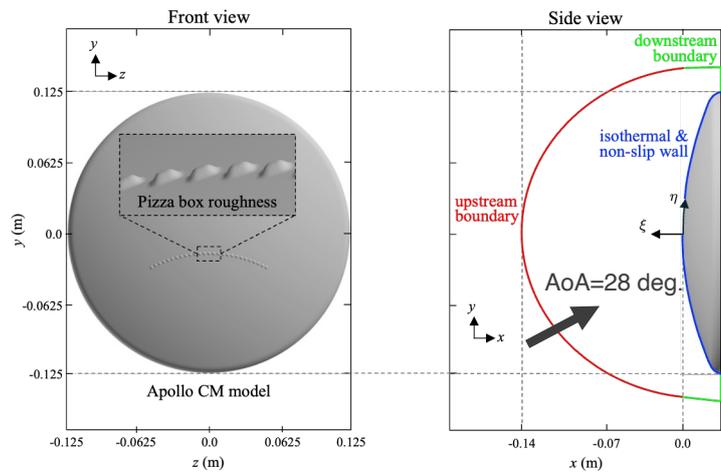
Inviscid terms	SLAU2 & 7 <sup>th</sup> order Weighted Compact Nonlinear Scheme (WCNS)
Viscous terms	6 <sup>th</sup> order compact difference scheme
Time integration	5-stage 4th-order accuracy Runge-Kutta scheme
Reaction model	Dunn & Kang model (5-species & 17-reaction)

# Computational conditions

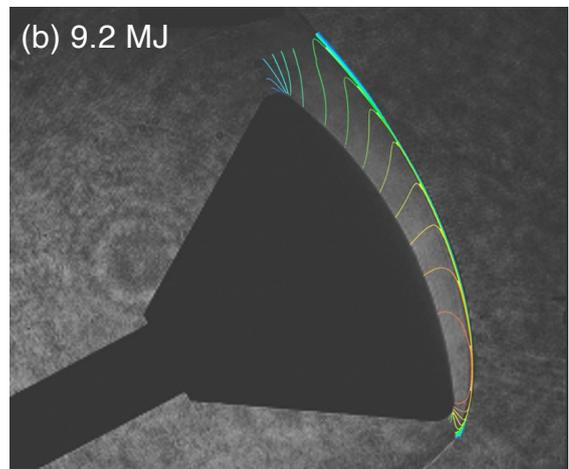
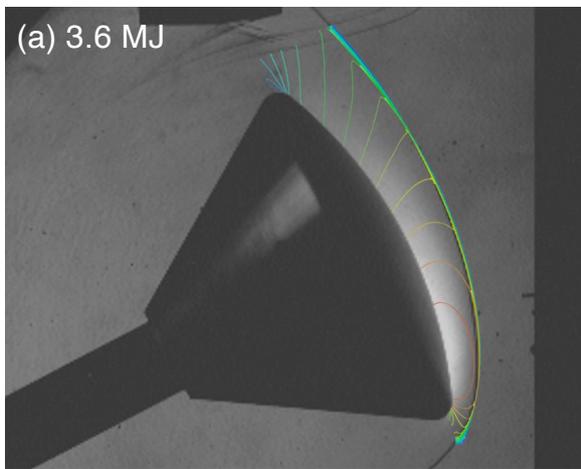
Stagnation conditions			Freestream conditions			
$H_0$ , MJ/kg	$p_0$ , MPa	$T_0$ , K	$u_\infty$ , km/s	$p_\infty$ , kPa	$T_\infty$ , K	$Re_\infty$
3.6	17	2968	2.5	1.5	271	2.7E6
6.5	33	4529	3.4	3.5	660	2.4E6
9.2	53	5739	3.9	7.6	1012	2.5E6



Multi-block mesh (total mesh: 70 million)

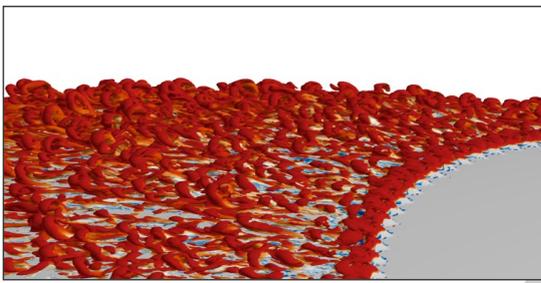


## Validation: Comparison of bow shock shapes

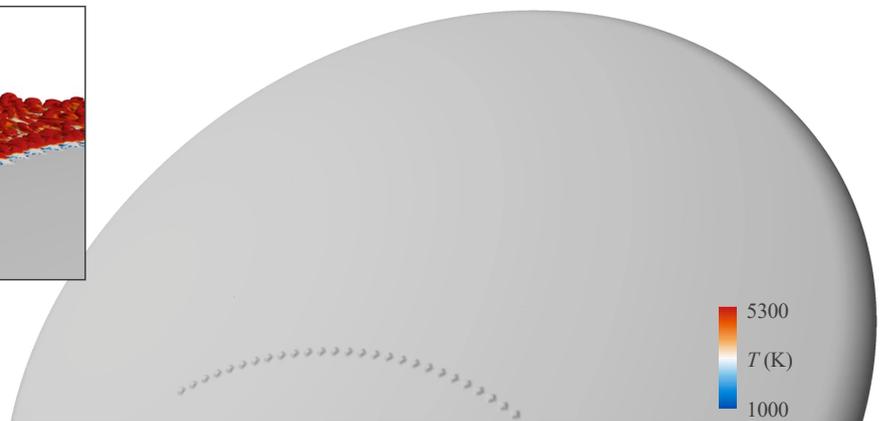


- Shock wave departure distance is consistent with Schlieren images
- No carbuncles were observed, and robust shock capture was achieved

## Forest of hairpin



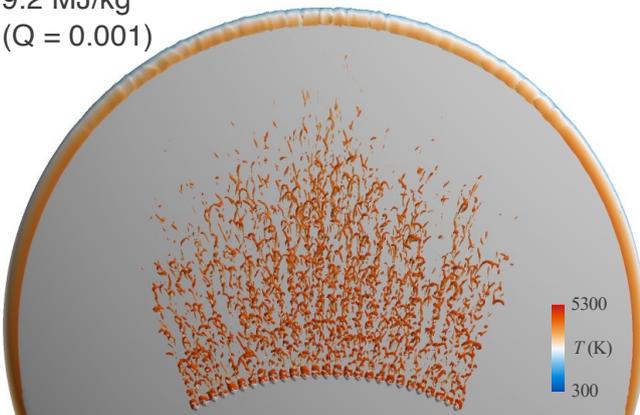
Side view  
(9MJ condition,  $Q=0.001$ )



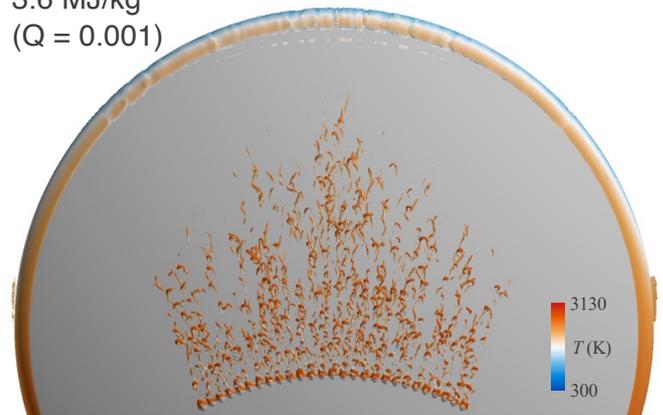
- Numerous hairpin vortices are formed in the wake of roughness<sup>[6]</sup>
- Hairpin vortex grows once, then starts to decay and disappears

## Enthalpy effect on disturbance growth

9.2 MJ/kg  
( $Q = 0.001$ )

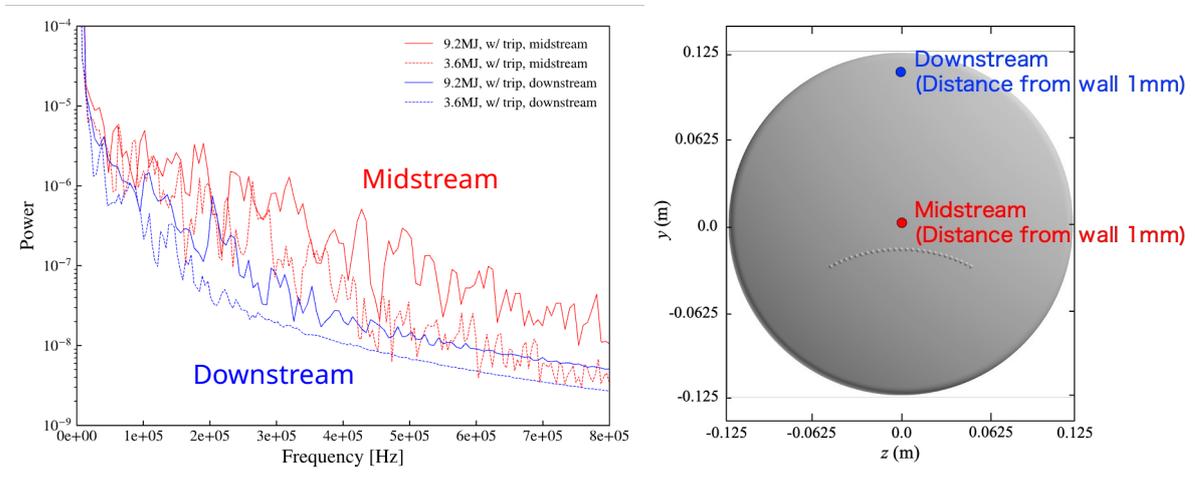


3.6 MJ/kg  
( $Q = 0.001$ )



- Roughness wake hairpin vortices are reduced under low enthalpy condition
- Density disturbance power is also lower under low enthalpy condition

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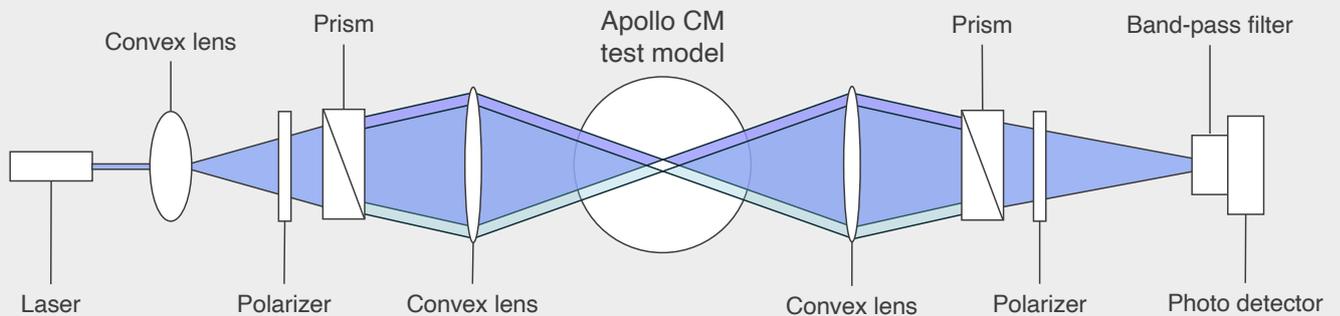


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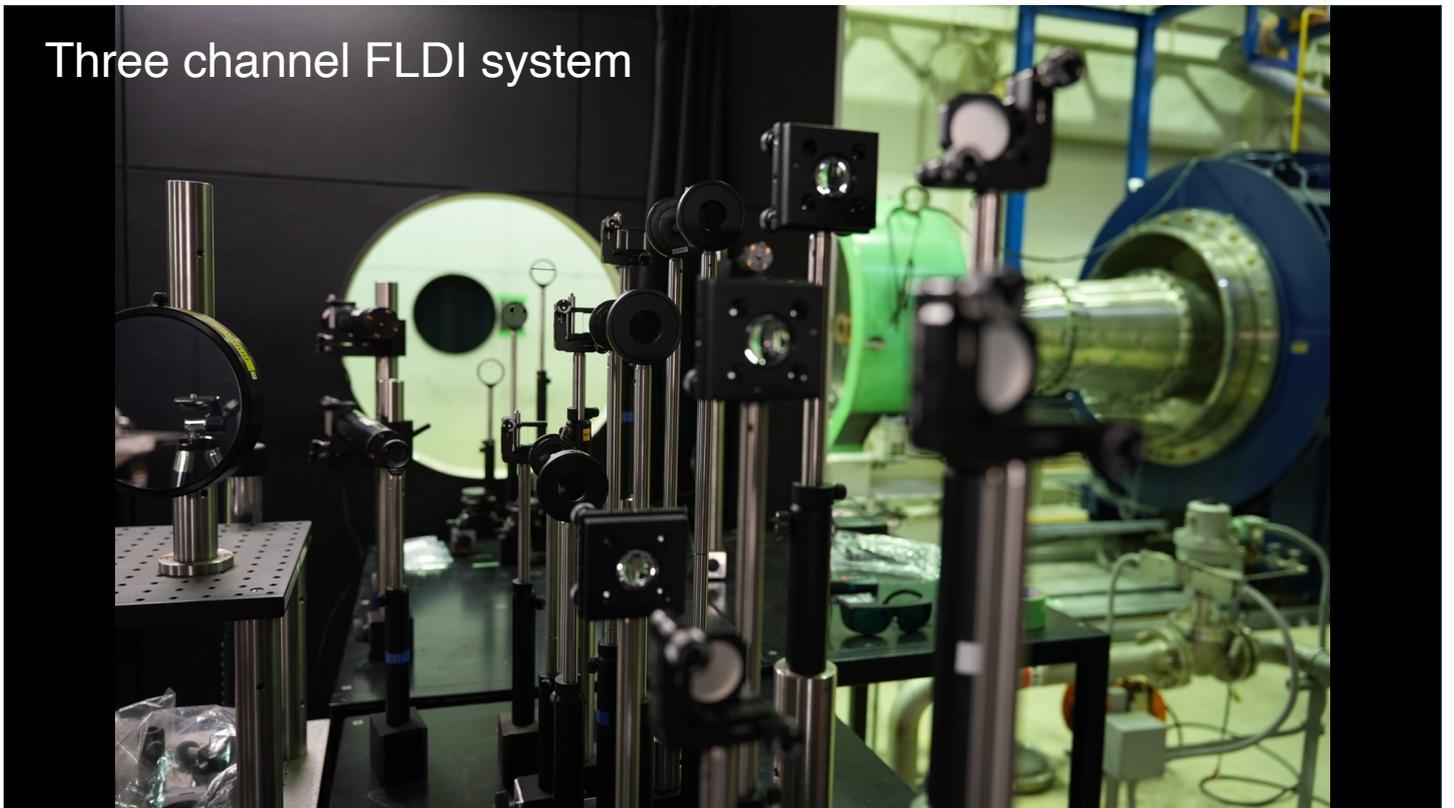
## Density disturbance measurement with FLDI

- Measured density disturbance about 1 mm upstream from model surface with three-channel FLDI
- Not affected by mechanical vibrations of the model and achieves multi-MHz bandwidths

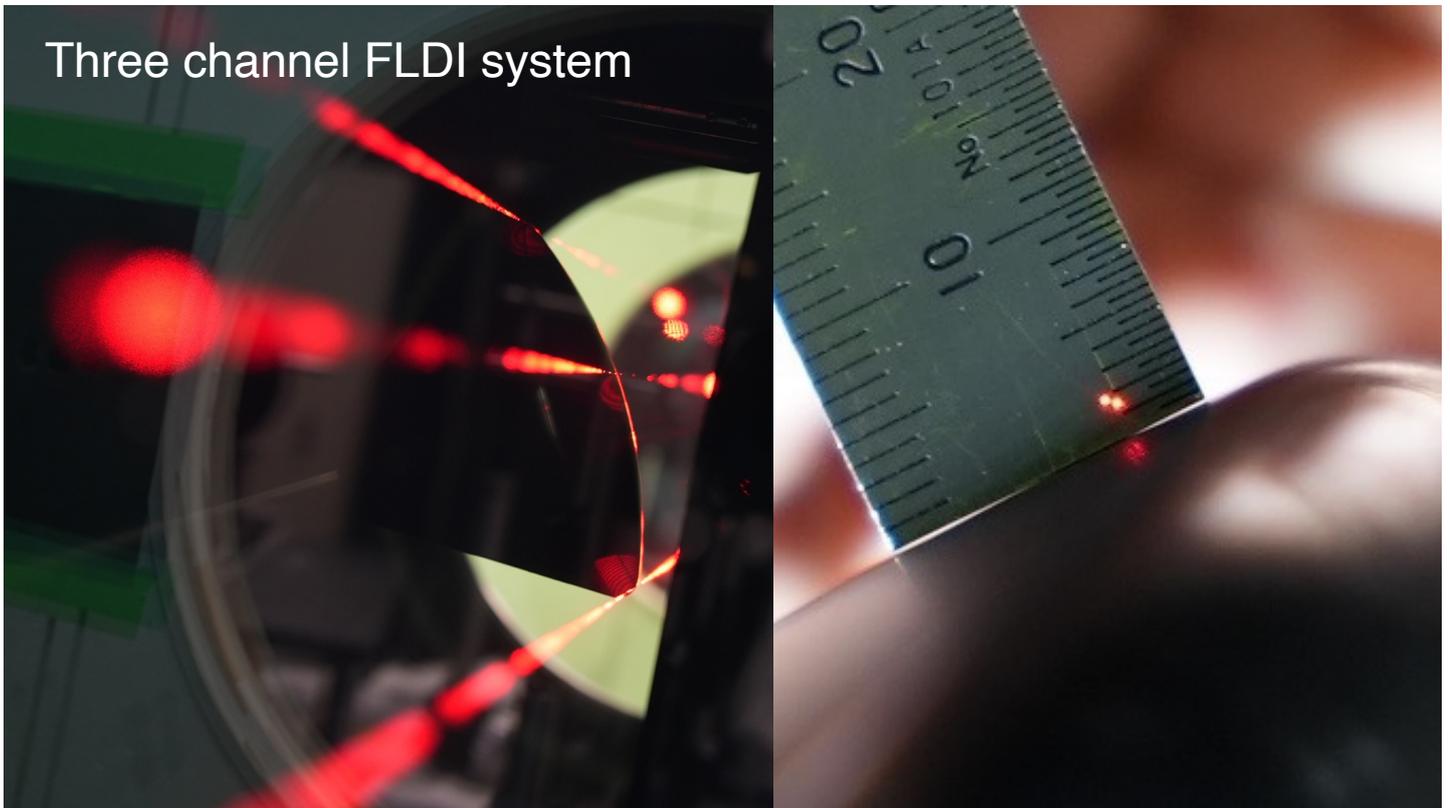
Focused Laser Differential Interferometry, FLDI



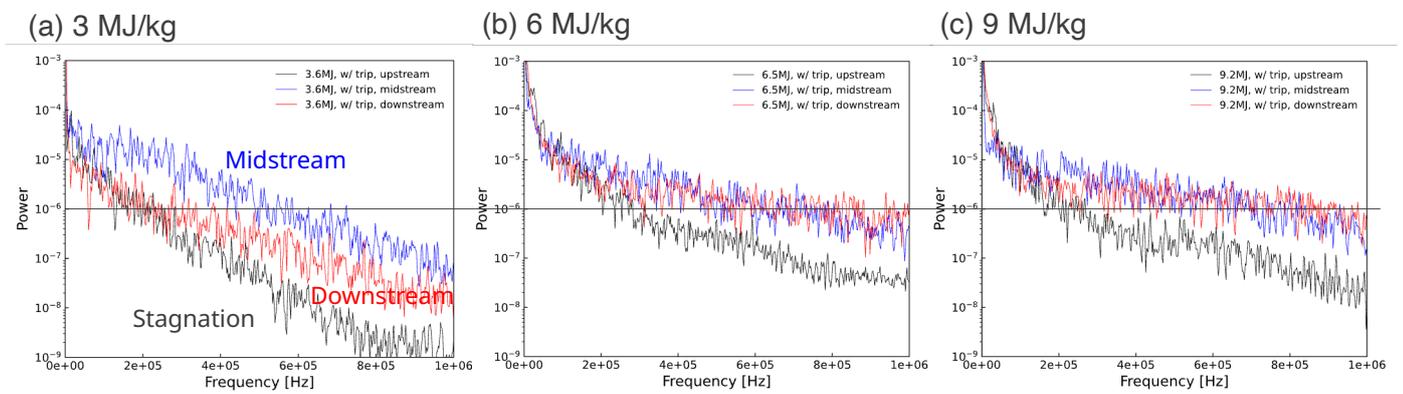
## Three channel FLDI system



# Three channel FLDI system



## Power spectrum of density disturbance



- 3MJ: Power tends to decay from midstream to downstream
- 6, 9MJ: Power maintained downstream at the same level as midstream
- ➔ Tendency to grow more disturbance under higher enthalpy conditions (qualitatively consistent with DNS)

## Conclusion

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- Numerous hairpin vortices were formed in the wake of roughness
- Tendency to grow more disturbance under higher enthalpy conditions
  - DNS and experimental results were qualitatively consistent
  - Are high enthalpy conditions more likely to transition?