

Shake-the-Box

Lagrangian particle tracking
at unprecedented tracer
particle density

Advantages

4D-PTV, as a time-resolved volumetric flow measurement technique, has recently regained a whole new level of attention by the introduction of the award winning* **“Shake-the-Box”** method [1]. Traditionally PTV has suffered from a poor spatial resolution due to its limitation of measuring flows with a low particle seeding density. Utilizing the temporal information in addition to iterative particle reconstruction [2], now **“Shake-the-Box”** allows Lagrangian particle tracking at **unprecedented tracer particle density and positional accuracy** [1]. It is applicable at seeding densities as high as - or even higher than - the most sophisticated volumetric flow measurement systems so far (e.g. Tomographic PIV).

Extracting individual Lagrangian particle tracks at high seeding densities is offering **unique advantages** compared to traditional measurements on a Eulerian measurement grid:

- ▶ the spatial resolution for average fields and Reynolds stresses is not limited to the PIV grid resolution anymore. Using a large number of snapshots, the **spatial resolution can be increased** to the pixel level or even below [3].
- ▶ time-resolved tracking allows more **precise velocity and acceleration** estimation (see Fig. 1 below).
- ▶ precise knowledge of the material derivative enables **reliable pressure** estimation [4].

Computation time is reduced dramatically, moving from the time and space consuming voxel representation of Tomographic PIV to individual particle tracks. Typically, the computation time is **10 to 100 times less** than for Tomographic PIV.

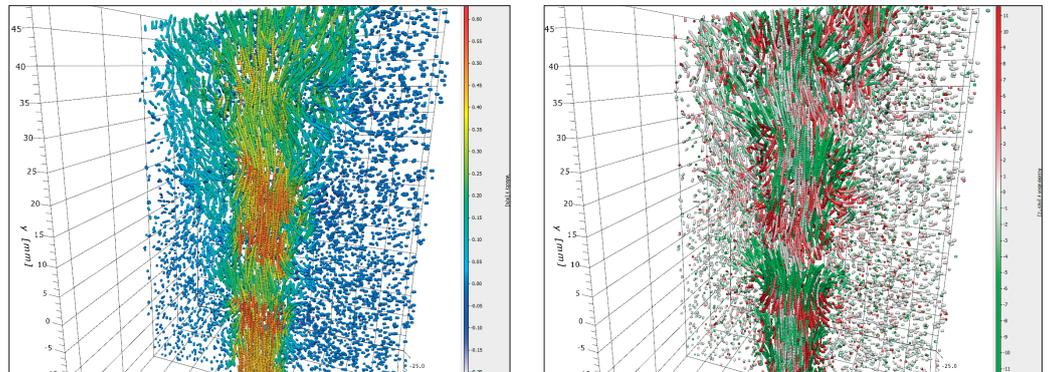


Figure 1: Shake-the-Box results for a free jet in water**. **Velocity** (left) and **acceleration** (right). Recorded, calculated and displayed in LaVision's **DaVis** software

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