



ultrasonic measurements in liquids



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# Turbulence Measurements with a New Two Components Ultrasonic Profiler

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# M.E.S.U.R.E. Project



#### Situation

- Need suspended solids measurement for environmental monitoring and industries
- LEGI: sediment transport monitoring in the lab
- UBERTONE: ultrasonic measurement in liquids

#### Goal

- Hydroacoustic inversion tool  $\rightarrow$  concentration and grain size information
- Acoustic device



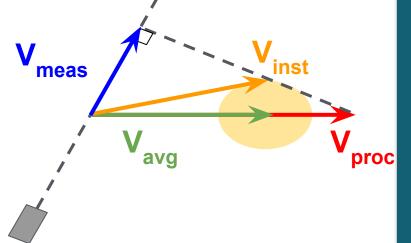


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# **Ultrasonic Velocity Profiler**

- UVP or UDV
- Pulsed Doppler : velocity profile along the beam at high resolution
- Accuracy : better than 0.34%
- needs particles / microbubbles
- clear and opaque liquids
- projected velocity on the beam axis

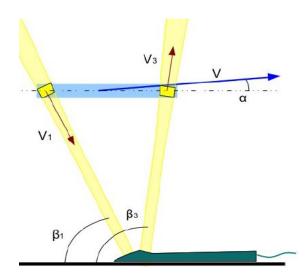
   → 1C mean velocity profiling
   uncertainty on flow direction
   ⇒ strong error on processed velocity



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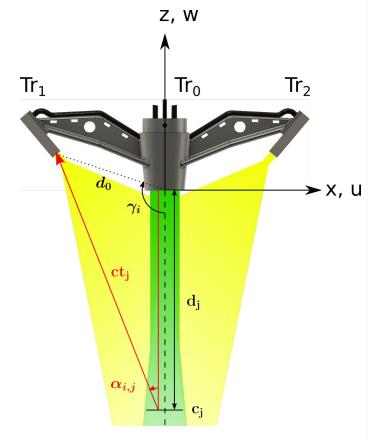
#### What about turbulent flow?

- UVP with multiple divergent beams
   = multi-monostatic configuration
   → 2-3C/1D mean velocity profiling
- UVP with beams grid
  - = multi-monostatic configuration  $\rightarrow$  **2C/2D mean** velocity profiling
- ADVP (Acoustic Doppler Velocity Profiler)
   = multi-bistatic configuration
  - $\rightarrow$  2-3C/1D quasi-instantaneous velocity profiling



# 2C Bistatic Velocity Profile

- 3 transducers →
   2 components at the same
   time in a profile along the beam
- Wide angle transducer : full profile of 2C velocity
- No side lobes effect



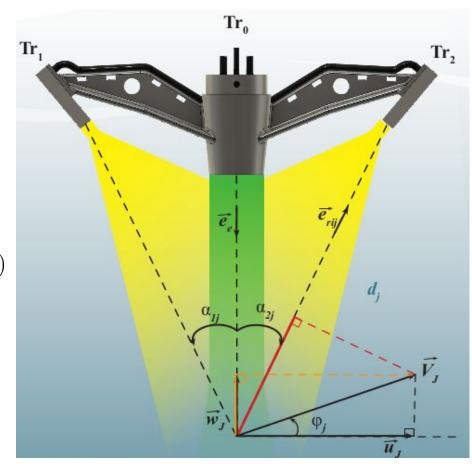
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# **2C Bistatic Velocity Profile**

$$V_{i,j} = \frac{cf_{d,i}}{f_0} = \vec{V_j} \cdot (\vec{e_{rij}} - \vec{e_e})$$
$$= V_j \left( \sin \left(\varphi_j - \alpha_{ij}\right) + \sin \varphi_j \right)$$

$$u_{j} = \frac{V_{1j} - V_{2j}}{2\sin(\alpha_{j})}$$
$$w_{j} = -\frac{V_{1j} + V_{2j}}{2(1 + \cos(\alpha_{j}))}$$

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# Acoustic Multi-Bistatic Profiler **UB-Lab 2C**



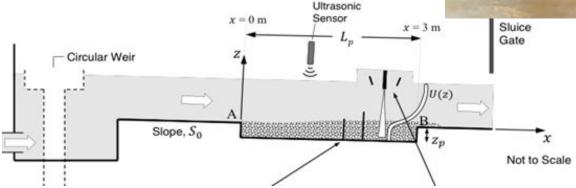


Emitting frequency	0.8 to 1.2 MHz
Spatial resolution	1.4 to 20 mm
Cells number	100
Transducers	1 Emitter + 2x2 Recievers
Temperature	1 input
Velocity accuracy	0.2 to 1 %
Sampling rate	100 Hz
Trigger	IN/OUT
Weight	1.5 kg
Consumption	4 W

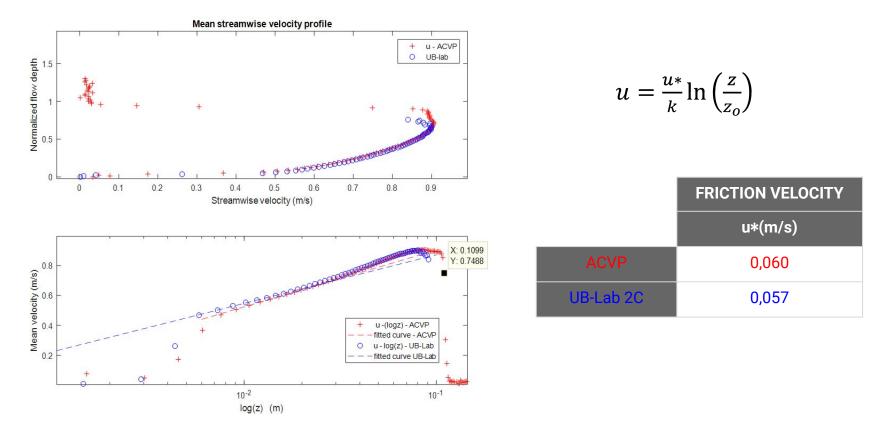
# 2C measurement in a flume

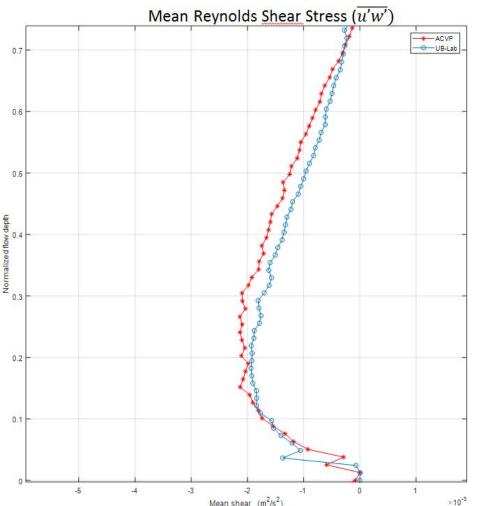
- UB-Lab 2C
- In a flume with sediment pit at the LEGI in Grenoble
- Reference measurement (not simultaneously) with ACVP





# 2C velocity profile

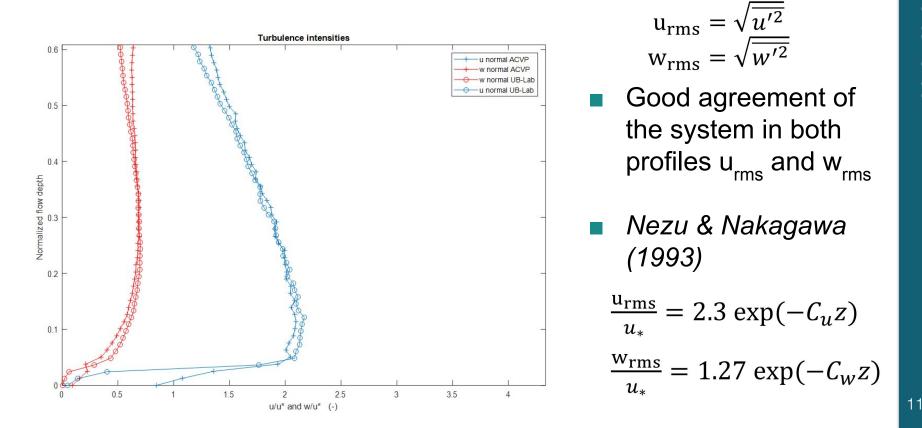




# Reynolds Shear Stress

- Higher friction velocity and higher shear stress for ACVP
  - $\rightarrow$  higher flow rate
- 0 shear point not at z/Hf = 1
   ⇒ disturbance of the free surface flow due to sensor intrusion

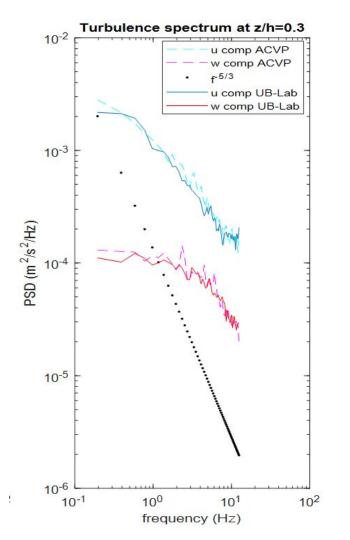
# **Turbulence Intensities**



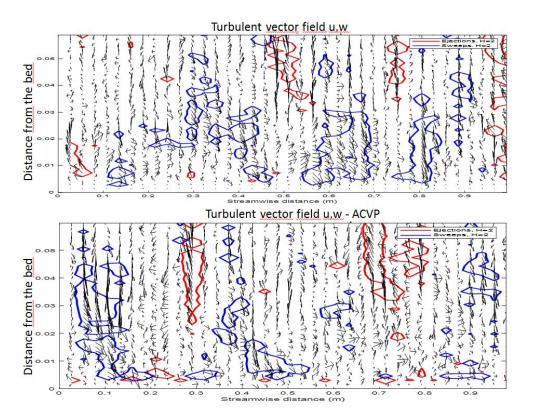
# Mean Turbulence Spectra

 Magnitude and shape of the Spectra are similar in both systems, for u and w

 Agreement with -5/3 slope confirms Kolmogorov (1941) turbulence cascading theory



# Time resolved turbulence measurements



 Agreement between measurements of large scale turbulent flow structures: similar size, orientation and duration.

True for both
 Ejections (red) and
 Sweeps (blue)

#### Conclusion

- Good agreement between the commercial UB-Lab 2C and the ACVP prototype of the LEGI
- And with previous measurement campaigns and literature

- UB-Lab 2C instantaneous 2C-velocity profiles
- Next/ongoing:
  - comparing with LDA
  - measuring in pipe through a plastic wall

# Thank you for your attention

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