

Planar pressure measurement



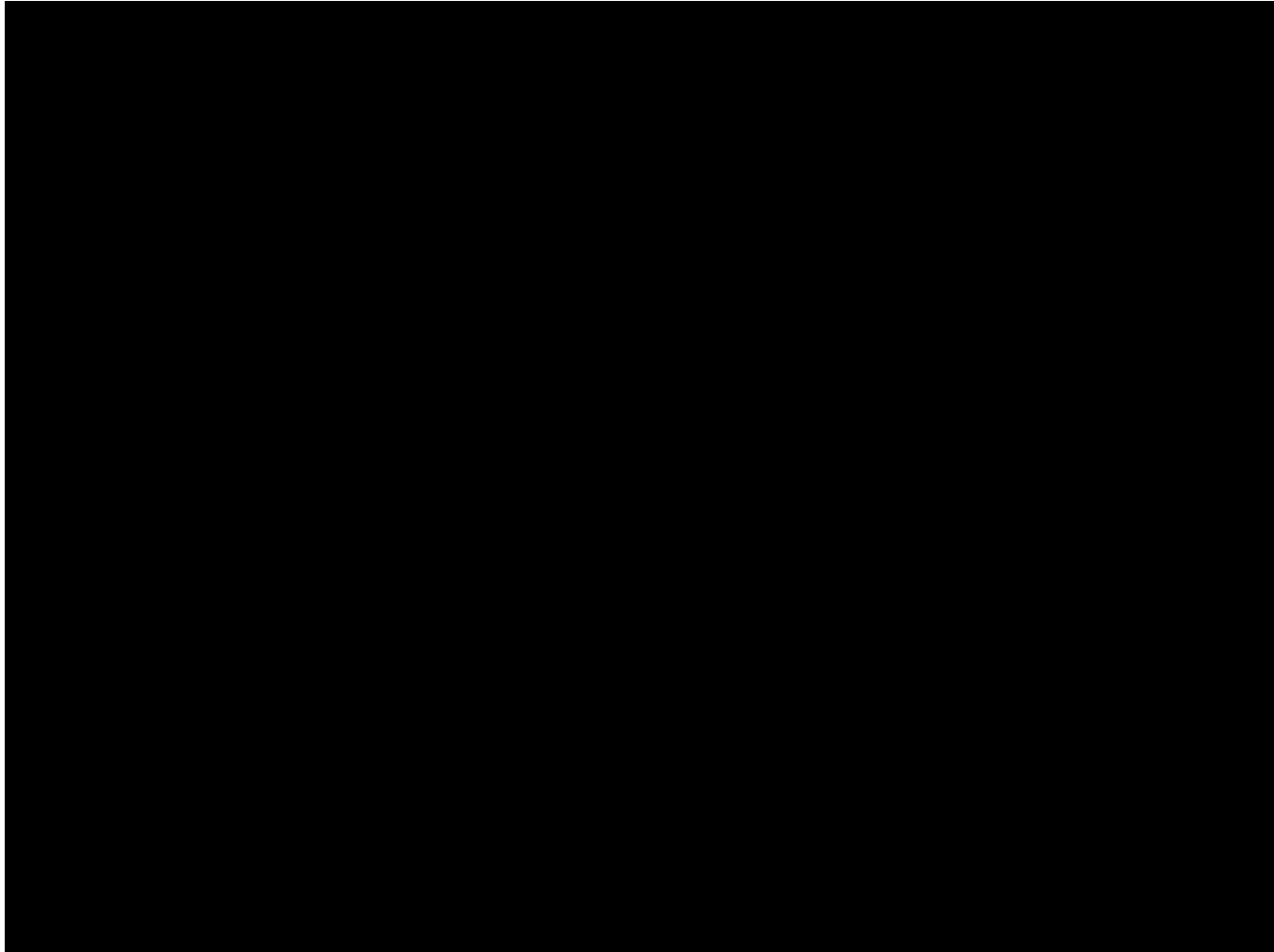
Truck blow down by wind



Planar pressure measurement



Boeing X48C Unmanned Aerial Vehicle in wind tunnel test

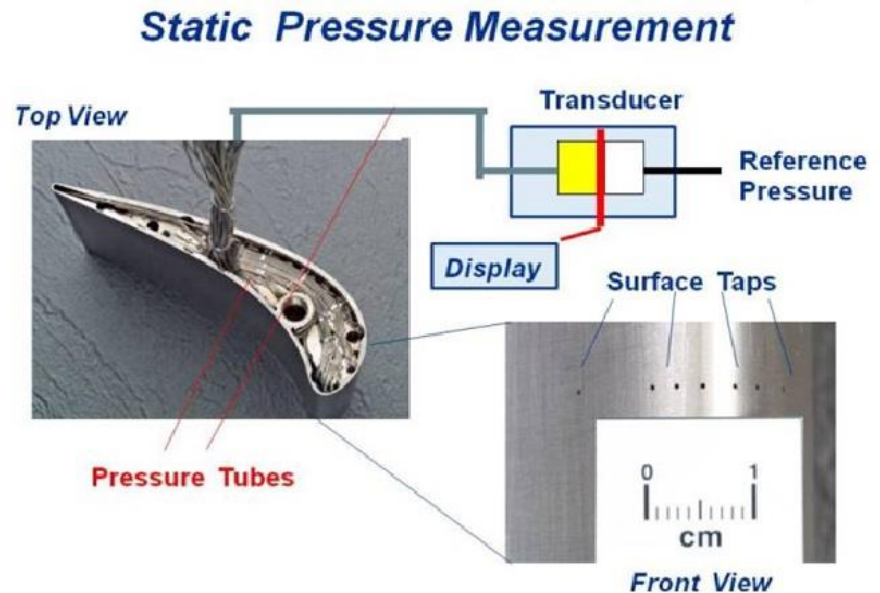
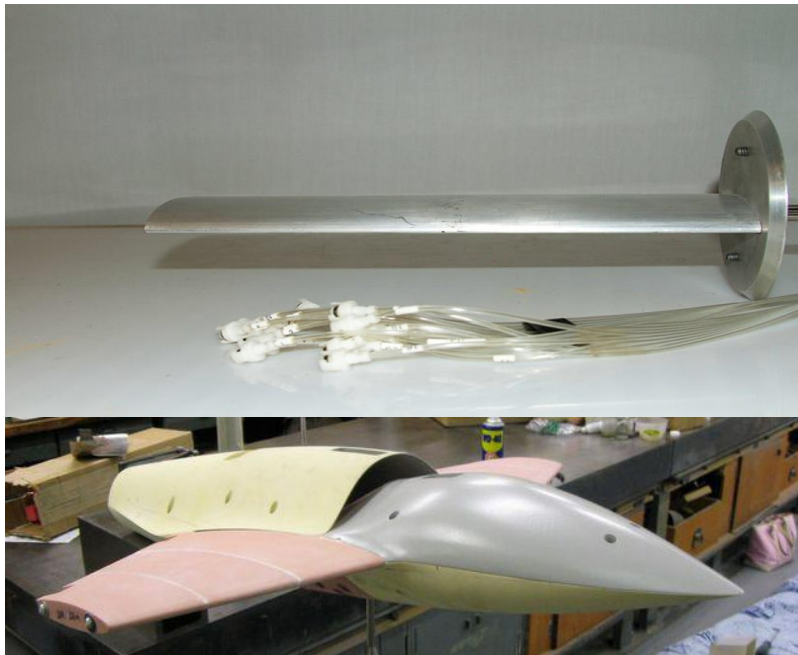


Pressure sensitive paint (PSP)



Traditionally, surface pressure is measured by **pressure taps**

1. Small holes need to be drilled on a model surface
2. Preparing the model is very time consuming and expensive
3. Pressure measured only at discrete points
4. Only suitable for stationary measurements

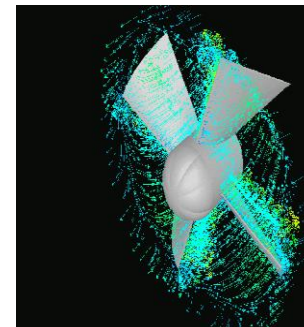
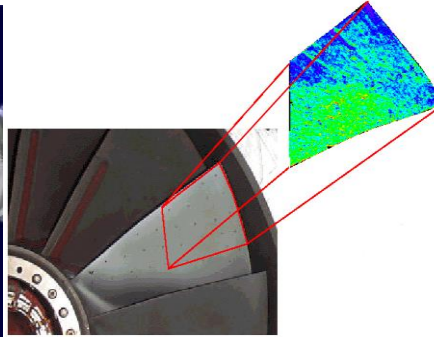
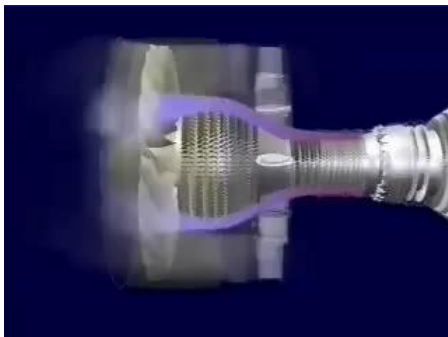
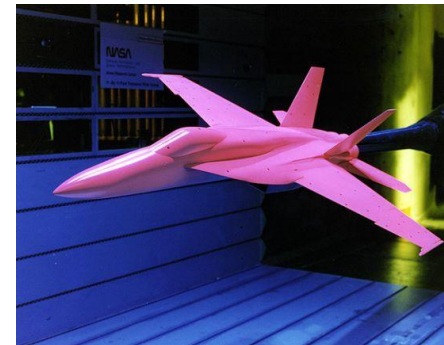
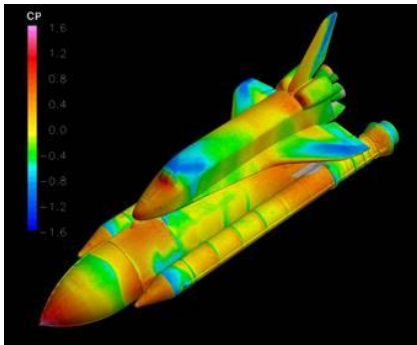


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PSP, on the other hand, offers

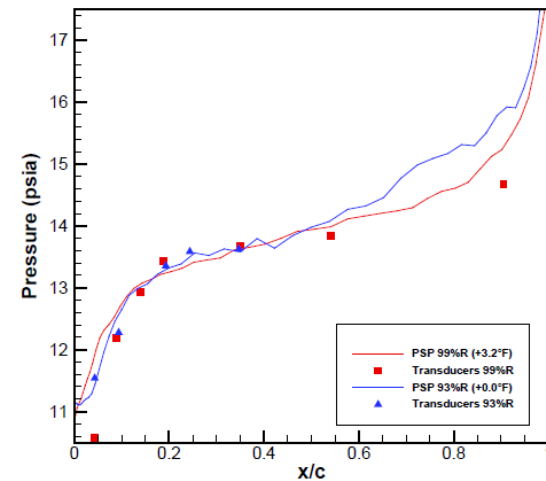
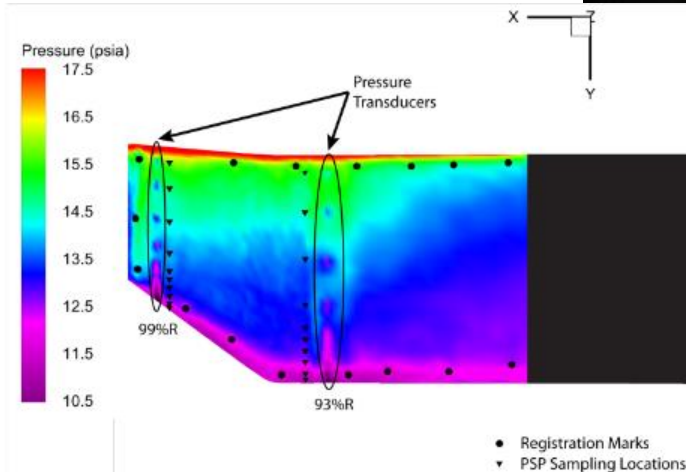
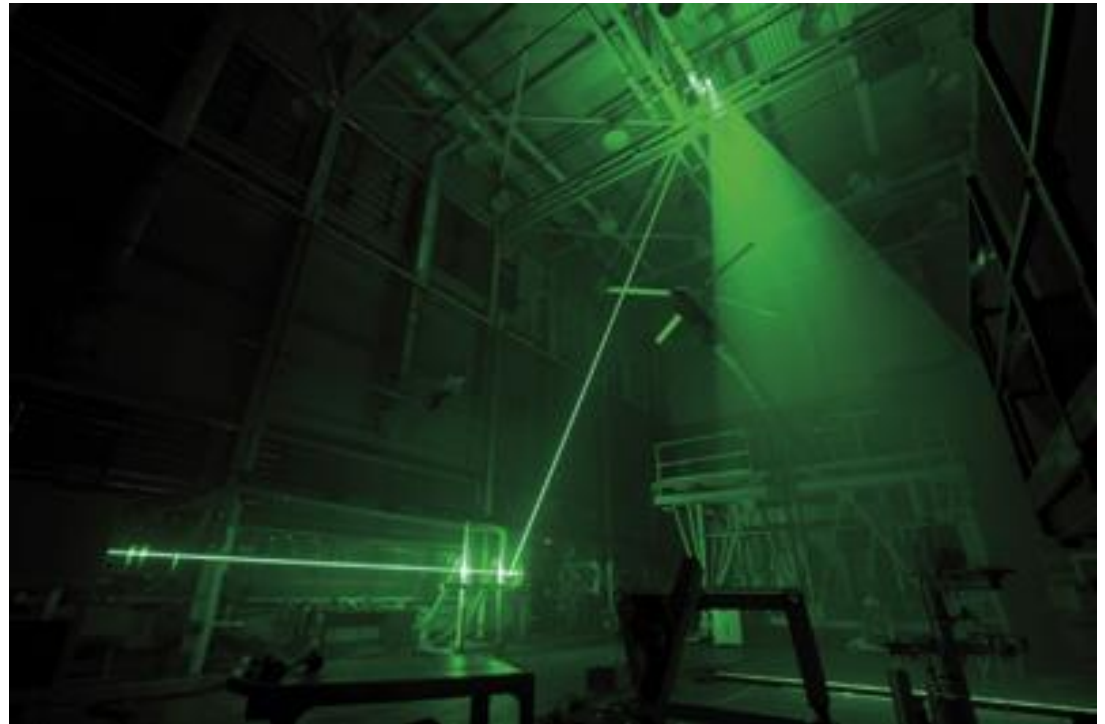
1. Non-contact, full field pressure measurement
2. Image based measurement technique provides much higher spatial resolution
3. Relatively easy to implement, cost effective
4. Suitable for both stationary and rotary measurements



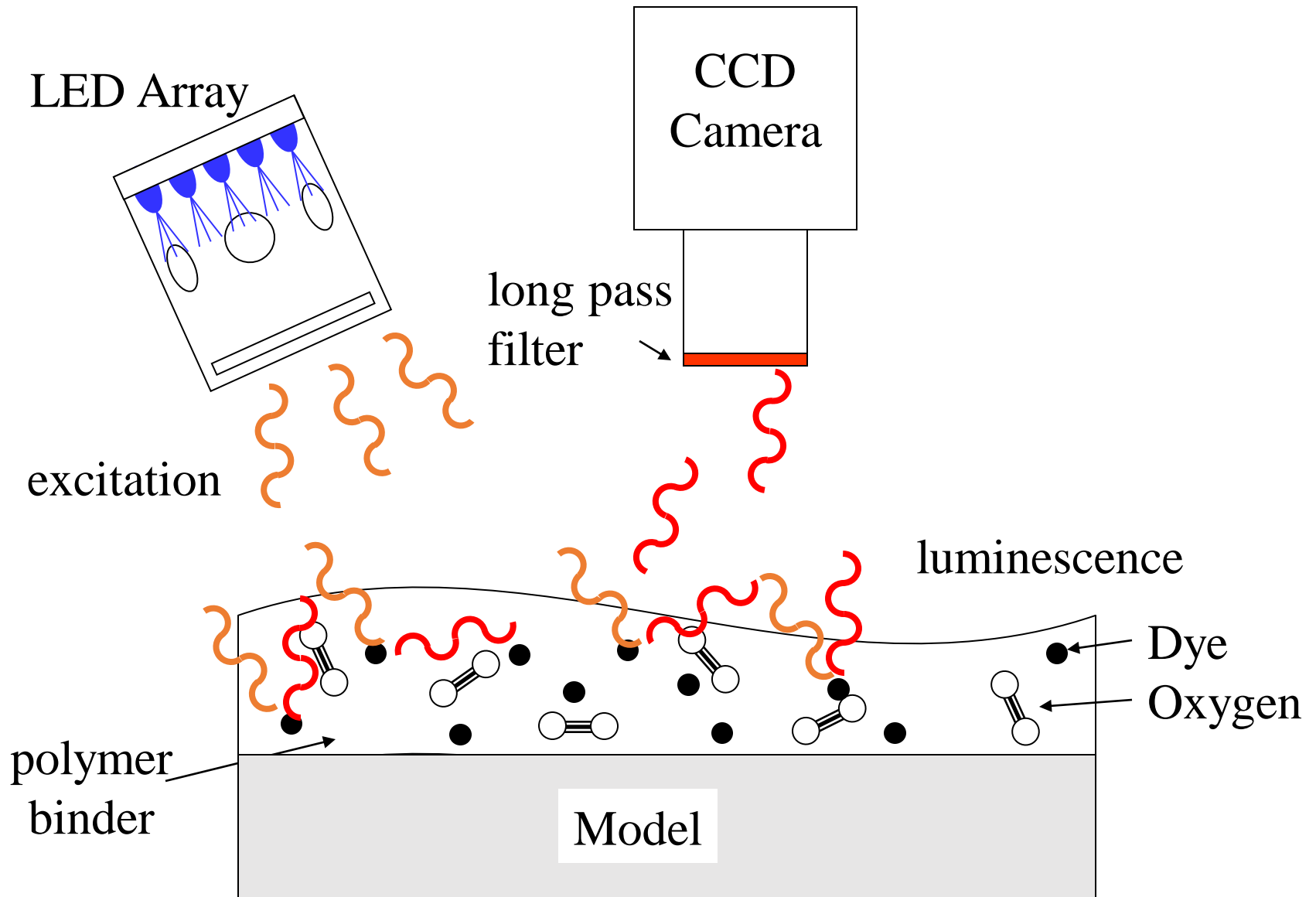
PSP measurements on a helicopter blade



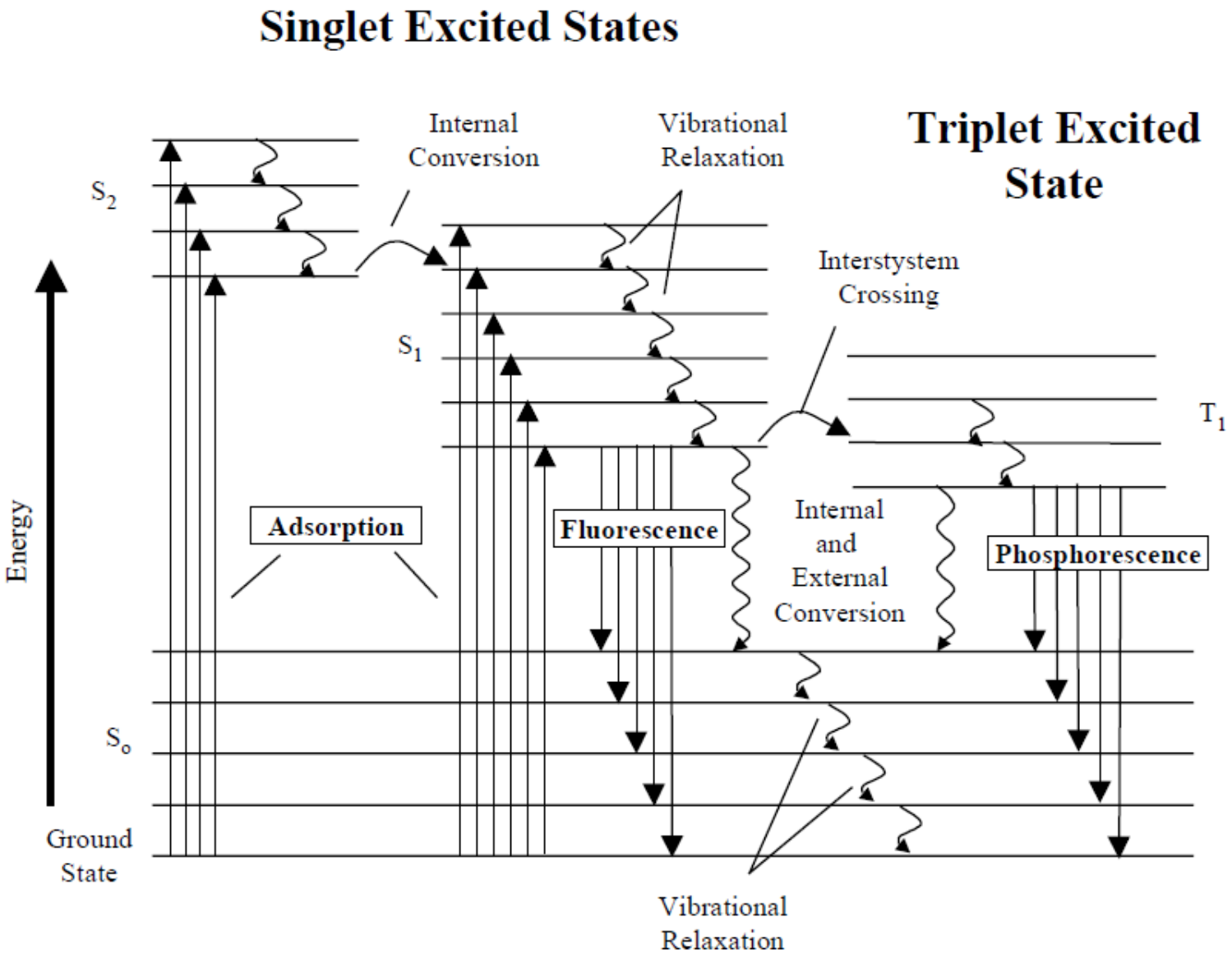
Large-scale rotor test at
NASA Langley



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Basic Photophysics

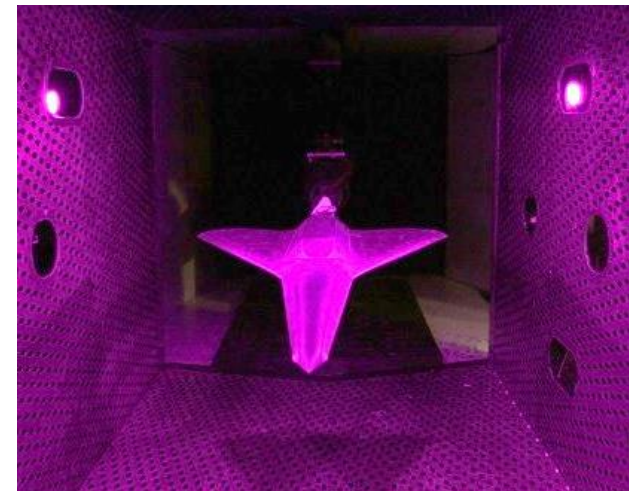
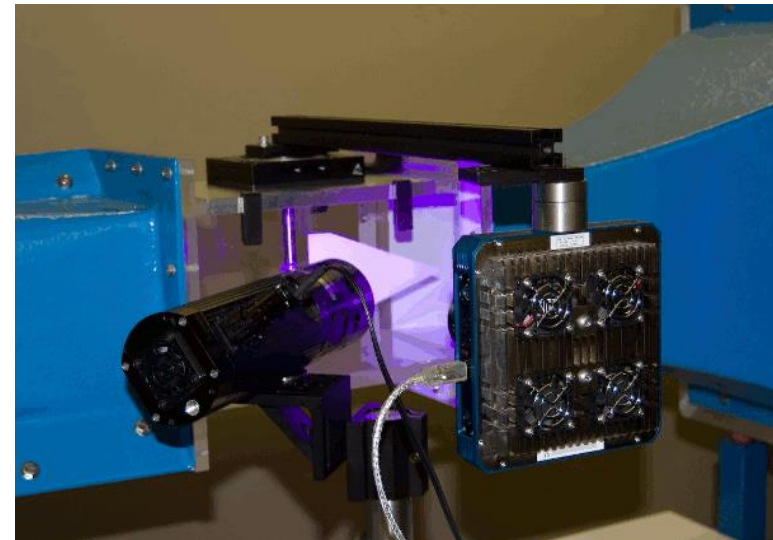


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PSP consists of

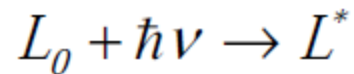
- Paint
 - luminophore, polymer binder (粘合剂), solvent
- Scientific grade camera
- Excitation light
 - laser, UV lamps, xenon lamps, LED
- Data acquisition/processing unit



Stern-Volmer relation

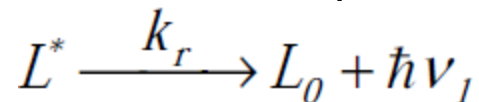
➤ Excitation

Luminophore (发光基团) is excited by a photon from a ground state L_0 to an excited state L^*



➤ Luminescent冷光radiation (Fluorescence荧光, Phosphorescence磷光)

Excited luminophore returns to ground state via emitting energy



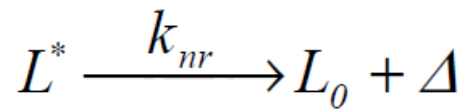
k_r - rate constant for the radiation process

ν_1 - is the frequency of the luminescent emission

Stern-Volmer relation

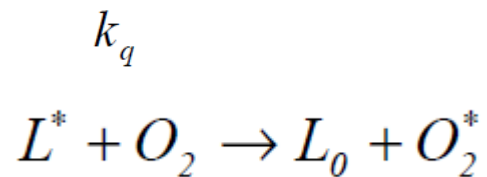
➤ Non-radiative process

Excited luminophore returns to ground state by releasing heat



k_{nr} - rate constant for combined effect of all non-radiative process

➤ Oxygen quenching



k_q - rate constant quenching (淬灭) process

Stern-Volmer relation

➤ Change rate of the population of excited state

$$\frac{d[L^*]}{dt} = I_a - (k_r + k_{nr} + k_q[Q])[L^*]$$

$I_a = k_{s1}[L_0]$: rate of excitation

k_{s1} : the excitation rate constant

$[L_0]$ is the population in the ground state k_r : the radiation rate constant

k_{nr} : non-radiation rate constant

k_q : the quenching rate constant

$[Q]$: population of the oxygen (O_2)

➤ At steady state

$$d[L^*]/dt = 0$$

$$I_a = (k_r + k_{nr} + k_q[Q])[L^*]$$

Stern-Volmer relation

➤ Non-radiative process (Arrhenius relation)

$$k_{nr} = k_{nr0} + k_{nr1} \exp\left(-\frac{E_{nr}}{RT}\right)$$

k_{nr0} = $k_{nr}(T=0)$ and k_{nr1} : rate constants for temperature-independent & temperature-dependent process, respectively

E_{nr} : activation energy for the non-radiative process

R : universal gas constant

➤ Oxygen quenching process (Smoluchowski relation)

$$k_q = 4\pi R_{AB} N_0 D_0 \exp\left(-\frac{E_D}{RT}\right)$$

R_{AB} : interaction distance between the luminophore and oxygen molecules

D_0 : diffusivity of oxygen molecules in the paint

E_D : activation energy for the oxygen diffusion process

Stern-Volmer relation

➤ Luminescence efficient

$$\Phi = \frac{\text{rate of luminescence}}{\text{rate of excitation}} \quad \Phi = \frac{k_r [L^*]}{I_a} = \frac{k_r}{k_r + k_{nr} + k_q [Q]} = \frac{I}{I_a}$$
$$\tau = \frac{1}{k_r + k_{nr} + k_q [Q]}$$

➤ Relation of quenching and Pressure

$$\frac{1}{\tau} = k_r + k_{nr0} + k_{nr1} \exp\left(-\frac{E_{nr}}{RT}\right) + 4\pi R_{AB} N_0 D_0 \exp\left(-\frac{E_D}{RT}\right) [O_2]_{\text{polymer}}$$

Stern-Volmer relation

➤ Relation of quenching and Pressure

Oxygen population (Henry's law)

$$[O_2]_{polymer} = S p_{O_2} = S \phi_{O_2} p$$

S: oxygen solubility in a polymer binder

ϕ_{O_2} : mole fraction of oxygen in the testing gas (21%)

➤ Simplify

$$\frac{I}{\tau} = k_r + k_{nr0} + k_{nr1} \exp\left(-\frac{E_{nr}}{RT}\right) + 4\pi R_{AB} N_0 D_0 \exp\left(-\frac{E_D}{RT}\right) [O_2]_{polymer}$$

$$\frac{I}{\tau} = k_a + K p$$

$$k_a = k_r + k_{nr0} + k_{nr1} \exp\left(-\frac{E_{nr}}{RT}\right) \quad K = 4\pi R_{AB} N_0 P_0 \exp\left(-\frac{E_D}{RT}\right) \phi_{O_2}$$

Stern-Volmer relation

$$\frac{I_{ref}}{I} = \frac{\tau_{ref}}{\tau} = A_{polymer}(T) + B_{polymer}(T) \frac{p}{p_{ref}}$$

$$A_{polymer} = A_{polymer,ref} \left[1 + \eta \frac{E_{nr}}{RT_{ref}} \left(\frac{T - T_{ref}}{T_{ref}} \right) \right] \quad B_{polymer} = B_{polymer,ref} \left[1 + \frac{E_D}{RT_{ref}} \left(\frac{T - T_{ref}}{T_{ref}} \right) \right]$$

$$A_{polymer,ref} = \frac{I}{I + K_{ref} p_{ref} / k_{aref}} \quad B_{polymer,ref} = \frac{p_{ref}}{k_{aref} / K_{ref} + p_{ref}}$$

$$k_a = k_r + k_{nr0} + k_{nr1} \exp\left(-\frac{E_{nr}}{RT}\right) \quad K = 4\pi R_{AB} N_0 P_0 \exp\left(-\frac{E_D}{RT}\right) \phi_{O_2}$$

$$A = 0.12$$

$$B = 0.88$$

Apply the Stern-Volmer relation

1. Take image sequence when wind tunnel is off (I_{ref}) $P_{ref}=P_0$
2. Take image sequence when wind tunnel is on (I)
3. A, B are predetermined and is constant for specific paint
(assume temperature does not change)

➤ Polymer binder

1. Oxygen permeability
2. Temperature effect
3. humidity effect
4. adhesion
5. stability

➤ Typical binders

Silicon rubbers, GP-197, Silica gel

$$I_{ref} / I = A(T) + B(T)p / p_{ref}$$

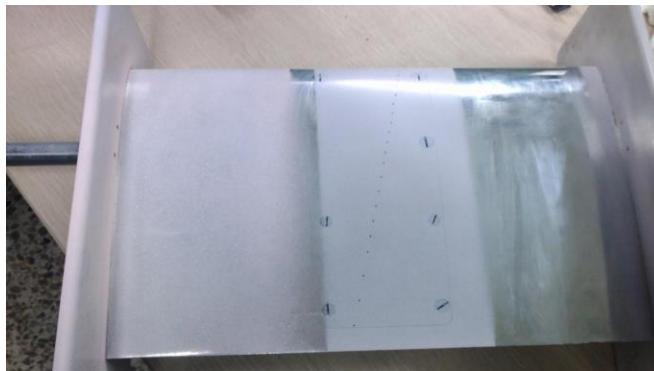
Luminophore	Binder	Excitation wavelength (nm)	Emission wavelength (nm)	Stern-Volmer coefficients	
				A	B
H ₂ TSP	silica gel	400	650, 709	0.58	0.42
H ₂ (Me ₂ N)TFPP	silica gel	400	650	0.43	0.56
H ₂ TCPP	silica gel	410	709	0.40	0.61
H ₂ TNMPP	silica gel	420	661, 714	0.43	0.60
H ₂ TTMAPP	silica gel	410	653, 710	0.40	0.60
Perylene dibutyrate	silica gel	457	520	0.33	0.67
Perylene dye	silica gel	480, 530	550, 570	0.47	0.53

Paint

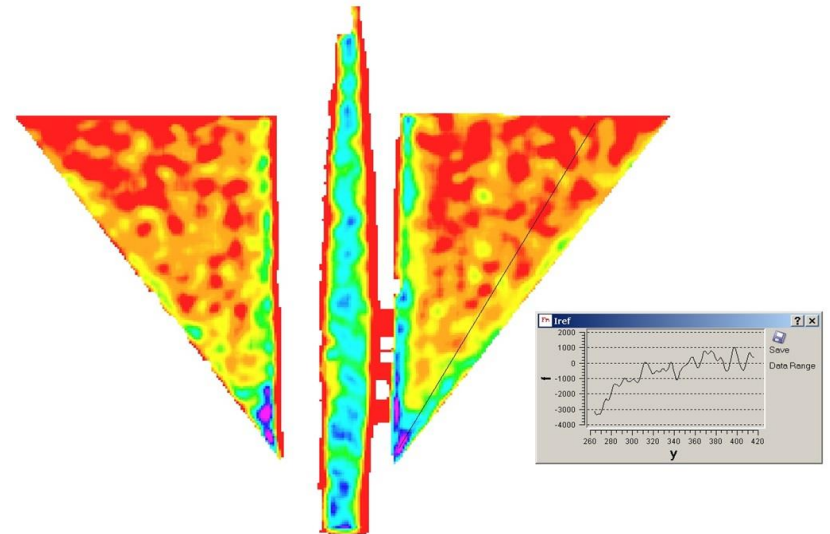
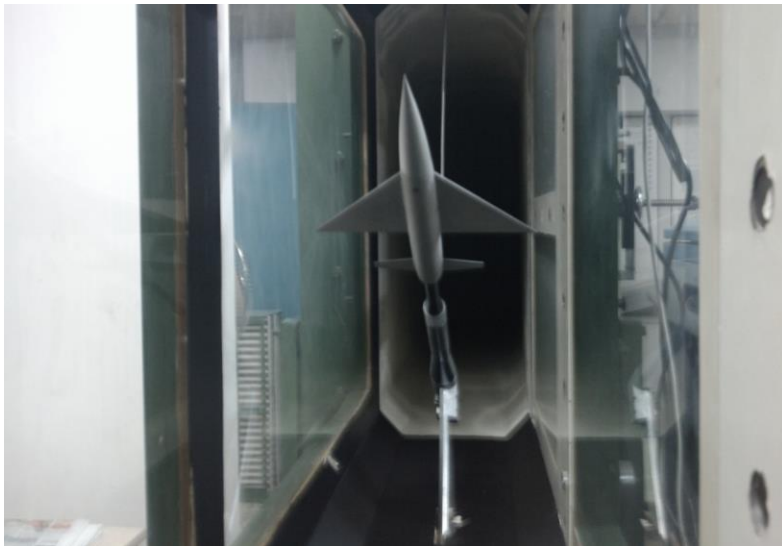
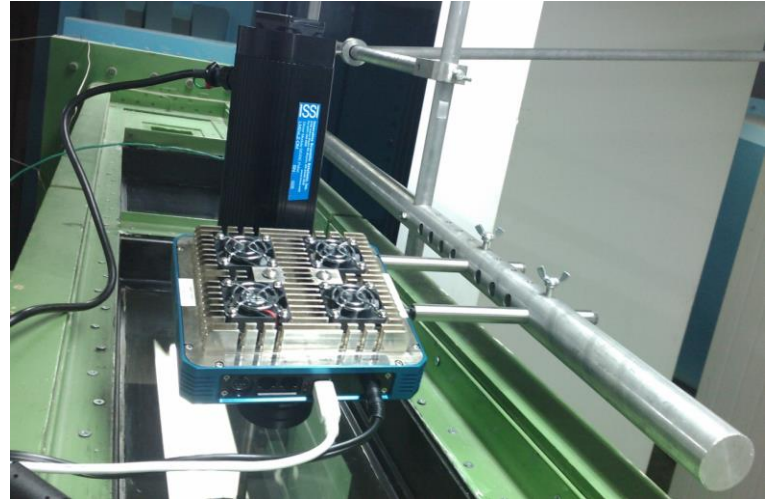


PSP tests in Tsinghua University

1. LED light (ISSI): intensity variation 0.1% per hour
2. Alta Apogee U2000 (512X512, 16bit)
3. UniCoat paint (ISSI)
4. Model: Delta wing, NACA0012 wing
5. Flow speed: 30m/s



Applications of PSP



Pressure distribution on a Mercedes Benz car model

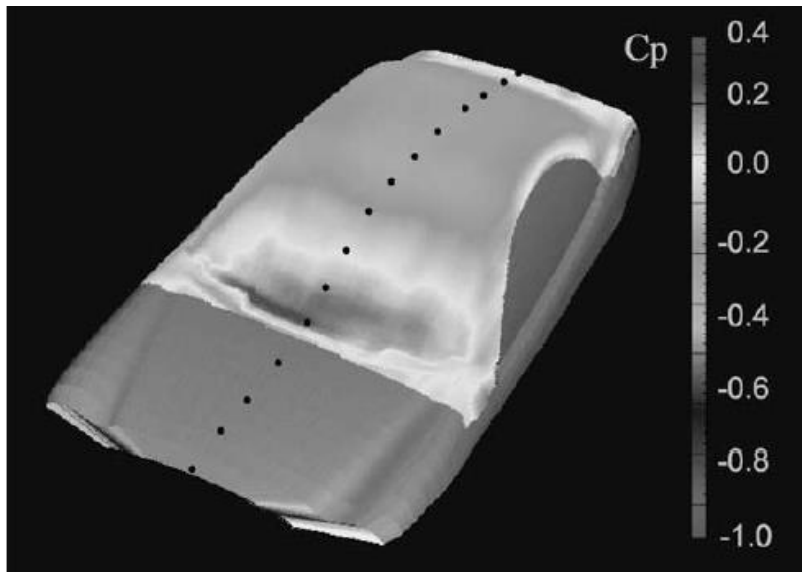
1. Xenon-flash lamp: 308nm, intensity variation $<0.1\%$
2. Cooled CCD camera: 1340X1300 pixel
3. Paint developed by ONERA (法国宇航局)
4. Model: Mercedes Benz car model
5. Flow speed: 65m/s
6. 64 raw images were acquired



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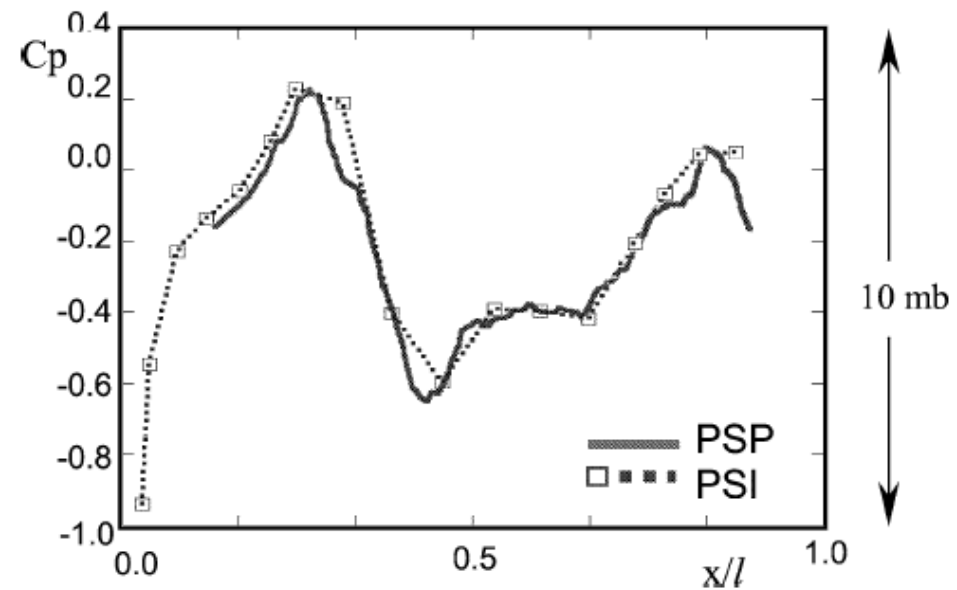


Pressure distribution on the car model surface



Accuracy: 0.0145psi

Pressure distribution along centre line

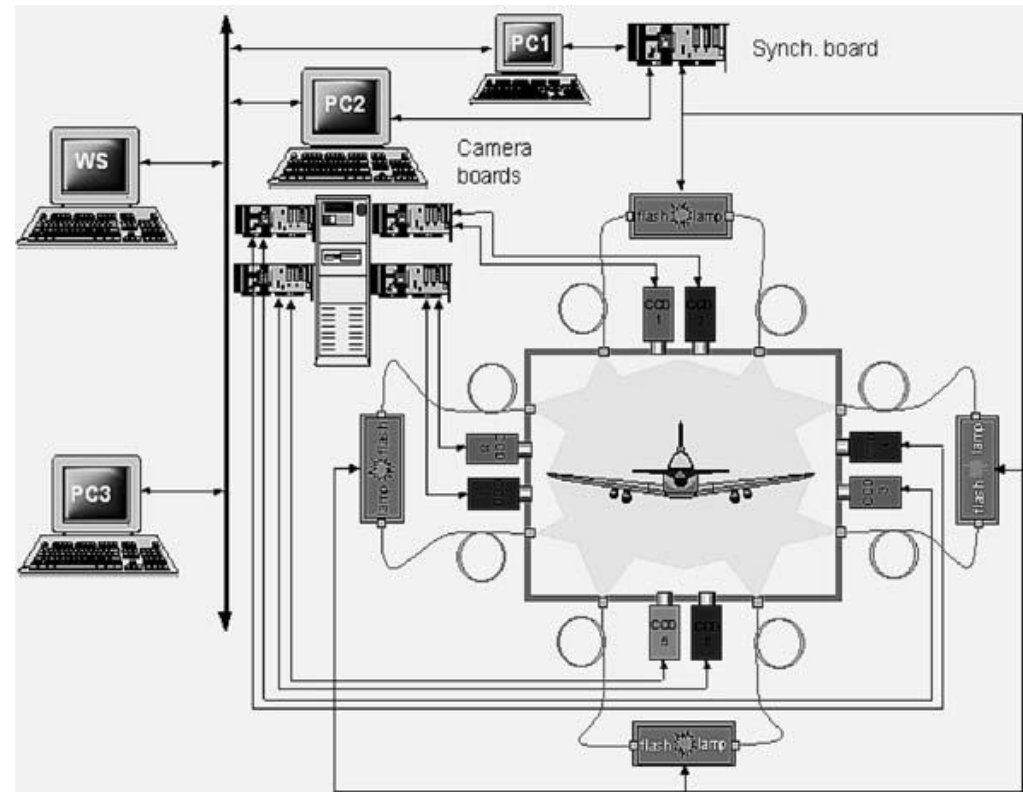


Aircraft model in transonic (跨音速) flow

1. 8 UV lights
2. 8 Cooled CCD camera: 12bit
3. Paint developed by DLR (德国宇航局)
4. Model: AerMacchi M-346 Advanced Trainer (教练机)
5. Flow speed: 0.6 ~ 0.95 March

(1March=343.2m/s)

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