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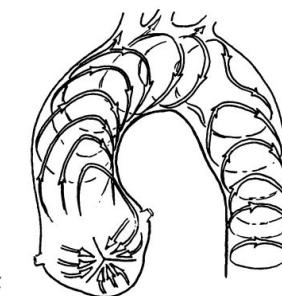
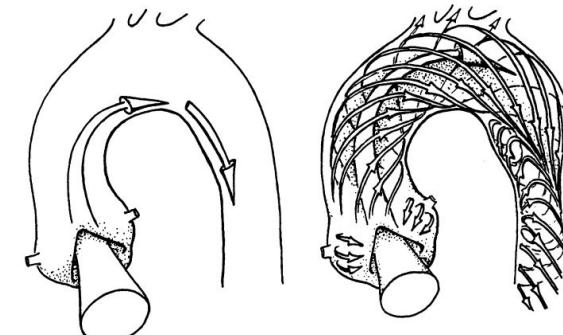
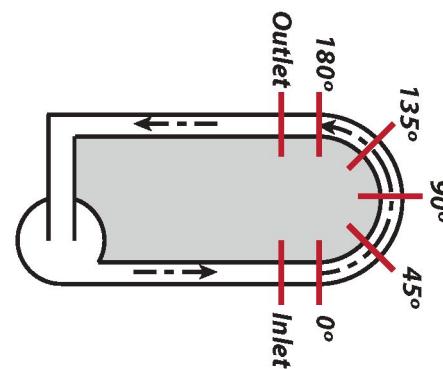
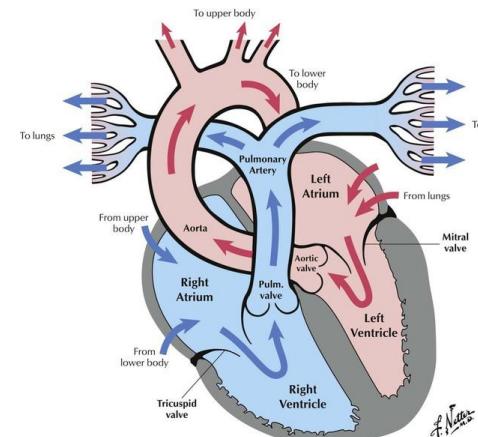
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Molecular Tagging Velocimetry (MTV) to Measure Wall Shear Stress in Model Cardiovascular Flows

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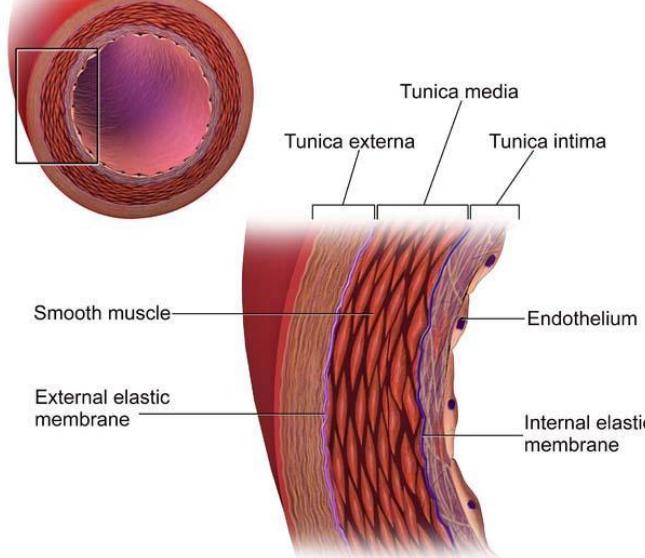
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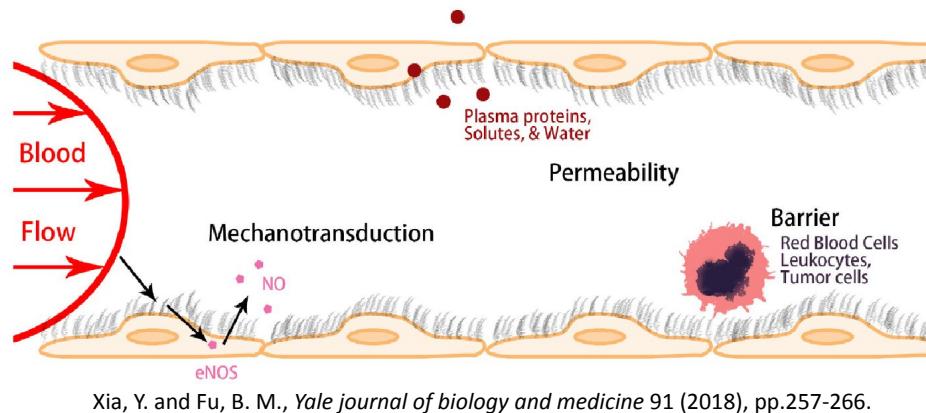
Kilner *et al.*, 1993

Introduction

The Structure of an Artery Wall



<https://teachmeanatomy.info/the-basics/ultrastructure/blood-vessels/>



How can we improve our understanding of the role of shear stress at the arterial lumen under complex arterial blood flow conditions ?

- Design laboratory-scale experiment for large vessels such as the aorta or the carotid artery
- Estimate pulsatile flow stress on the lumen by experiments

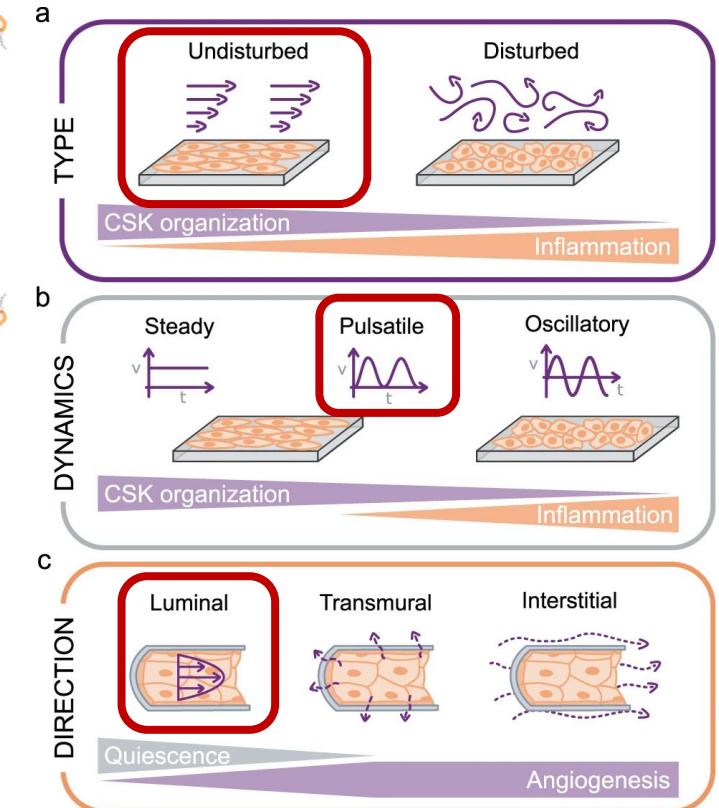
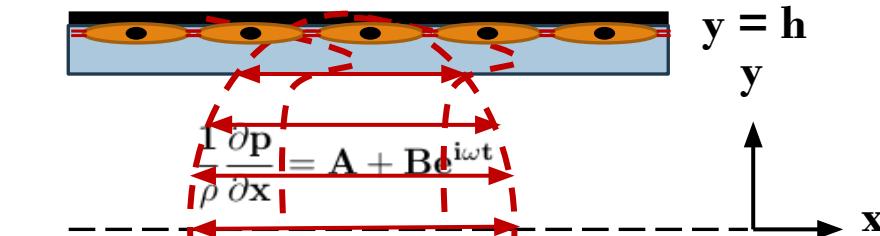


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Physical interpretation of the Womersley number (α)

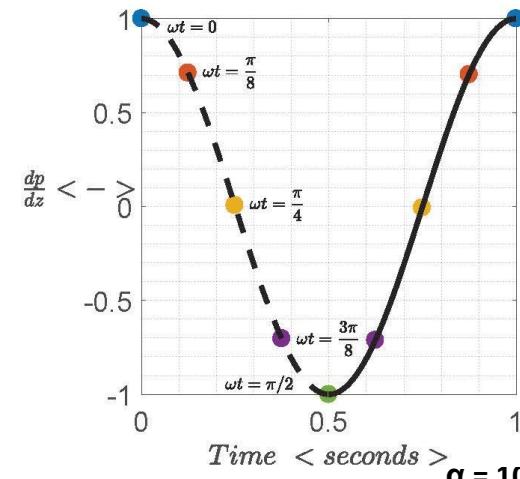
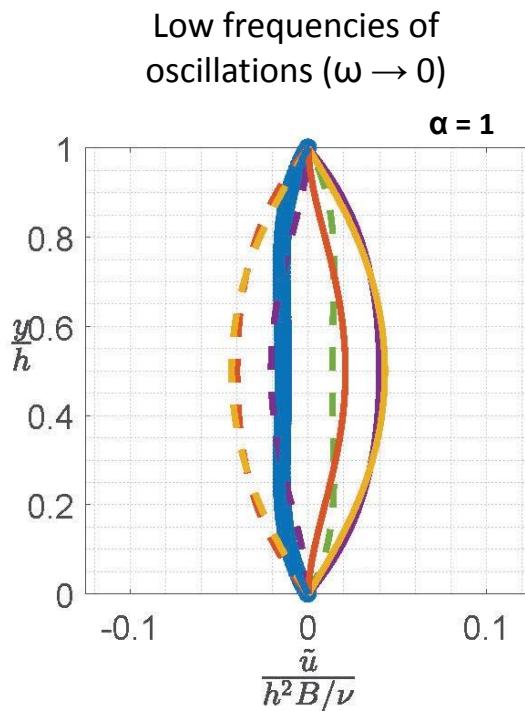
- Pressure drop 1Hz cosine function



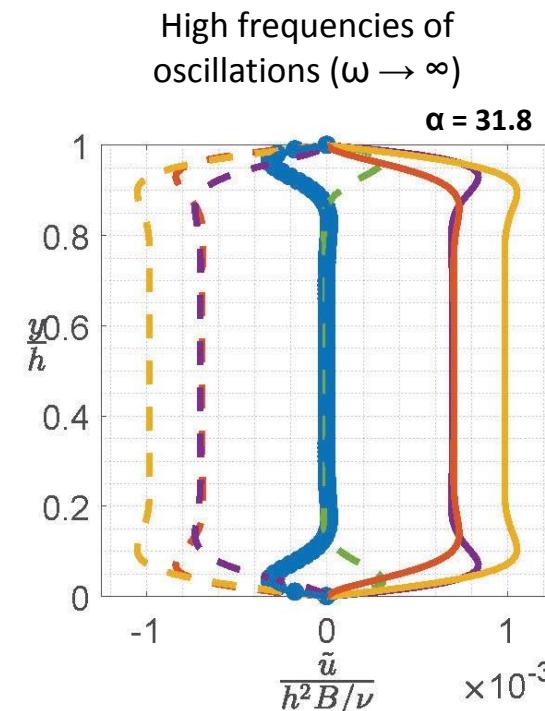
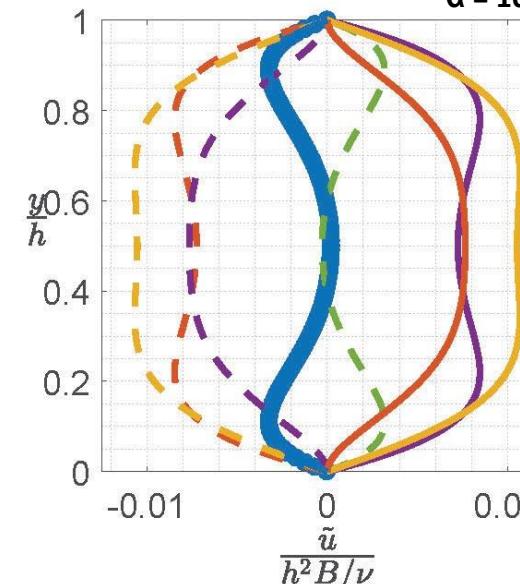
$$\alpha^2 = \left(\frac{L}{\sqrt{\nu/\omega}} \right)^2$$

$$\delta = \left(\frac{\nu}{\omega} \right)^{1/2}$$

- $\omega t = 0$
- $\omega t = \pi/8$
- $\omega t = \pi/4$
- $\omega t = 3\pi/8$
- $\omega t = \pi/2$



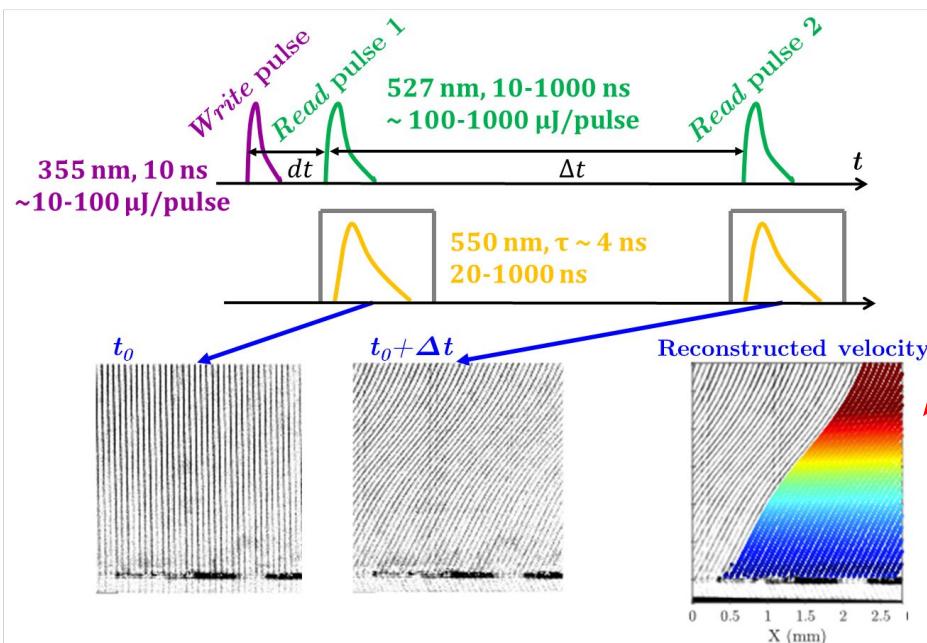
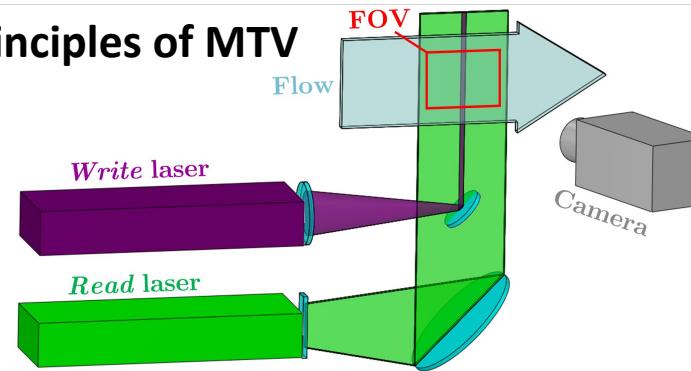
$$\alpha^2 = \frac{\rho \omega L^2}{\mu} = \frac{\omega L^2}{\nu}$$



MTV techniques – A novel photobleaching approach with Talbot-effect structured illumination

Fort & Bardet, Wall shear stress measurements in water by molecular tagging velocimetry at high spatio-temporal resolution, *Exp Fluids* (submitted)

Operating Principles of MTV



- Molecular tracers added or already present
- Tracers activation (tagging) with a first laser (**write**)
- Lagrangian tracking of tagged pattern with a 2nd laser (**read**)

Spatially continuous
→ velocity gradients directly resolved at the wall

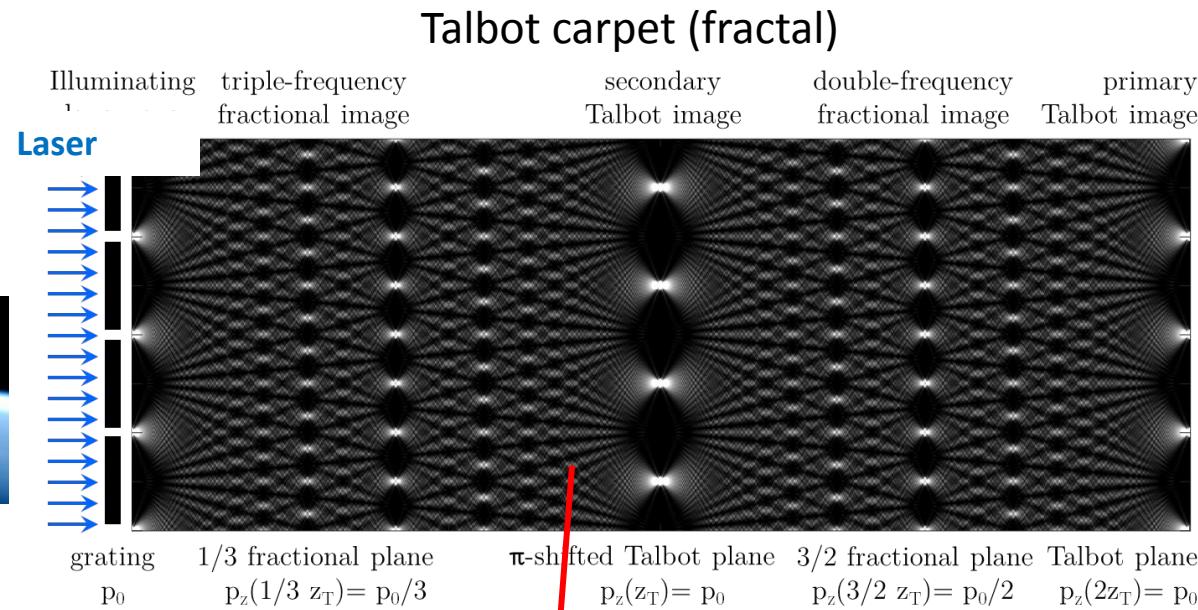
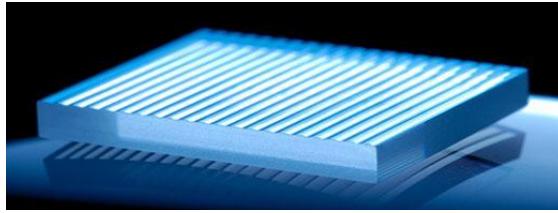
But historically, MTV in water:

- Limited spatial resolution
- Limited temporal resolution
- Limited laser options

patterns

Fort, André, Pazhand & Bardet, Talbot-effect structured illumination: pattern generation and application to long-distance μ -MTV, *Exp Fluids* (2020)

Microlens array (MLA)

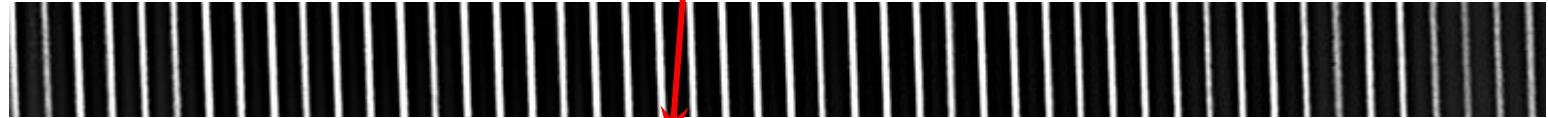


$$z_T = 254 \text{ mm}$$



$$p = 300 \mu\text{m}, w = 33 \mu\text{m}$$

$$\frac{3}{4}z_T$$



$$p = 75 \mu\text{m}$$

$$\frac{5}{8}z_T$$



$$p = 38 \mu\text{m}, w = 17 \mu\text{m}$$

Talbot distance:

$$z_T = \frac{p_0^2}{\lambda}$$

Pattern periodicity varies along z

$$p \left(z = \frac{M}{N} z_T \right) = \frac{p_0}{N}$$

Rhodamine 6G (R6G) is a broadly used fluorescent dye

Fort & Bardet, Efficient photobleaching of rhodamine 6G by a single UV

pulse, *Appl Opt* (2021)

→ 95%-pure
rhodamine 6G dye
costs **\$0.7/g** (< \$1000
for whole 1.4 million
gallon LCC)

2nd peak of absorption

third harmonics of the same lasers

$\sigma_{01} / 10^{-16} \text{ cm}^2$

347 nm

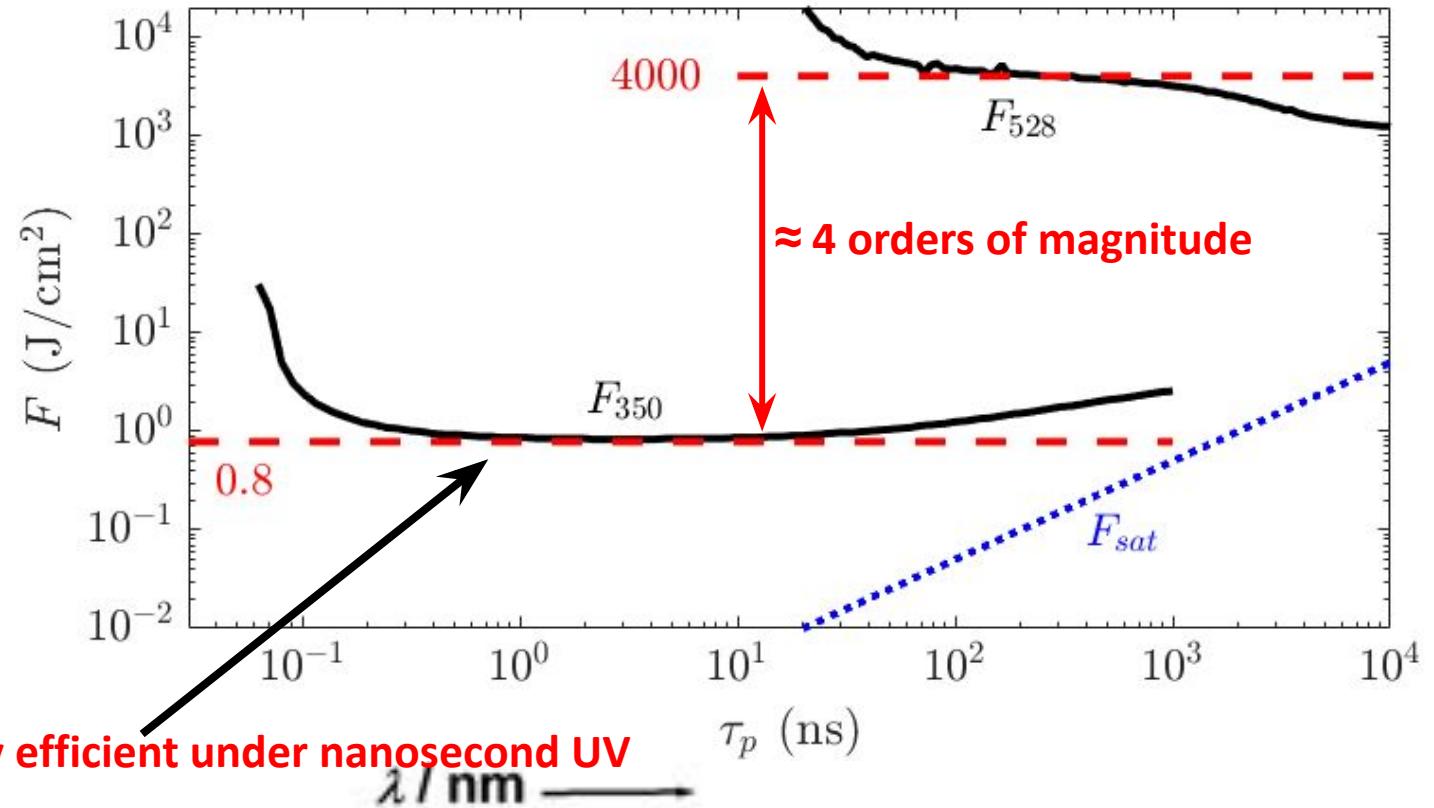
b)

1st peak of absorption

frequency-
based on N
(Nd:YAG, N

Rhodamine 6G is **very robust in the green** (fluorescence = *read*)

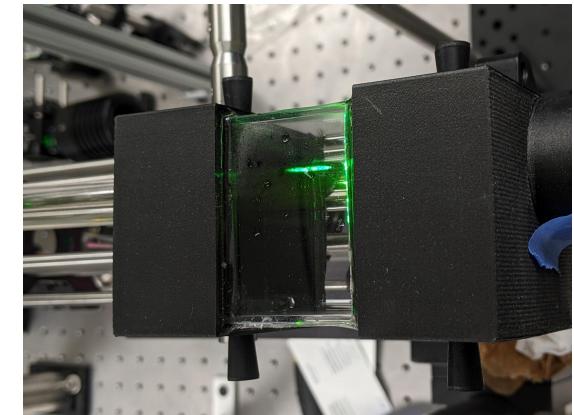
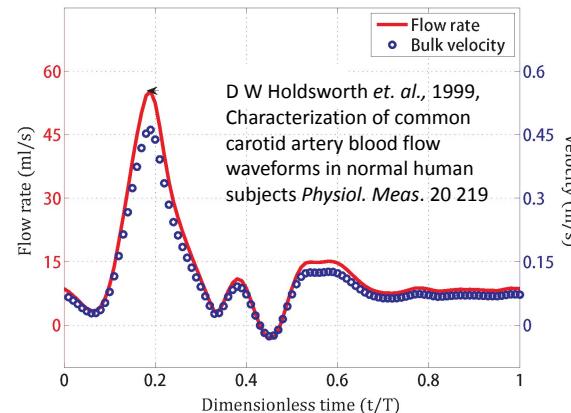
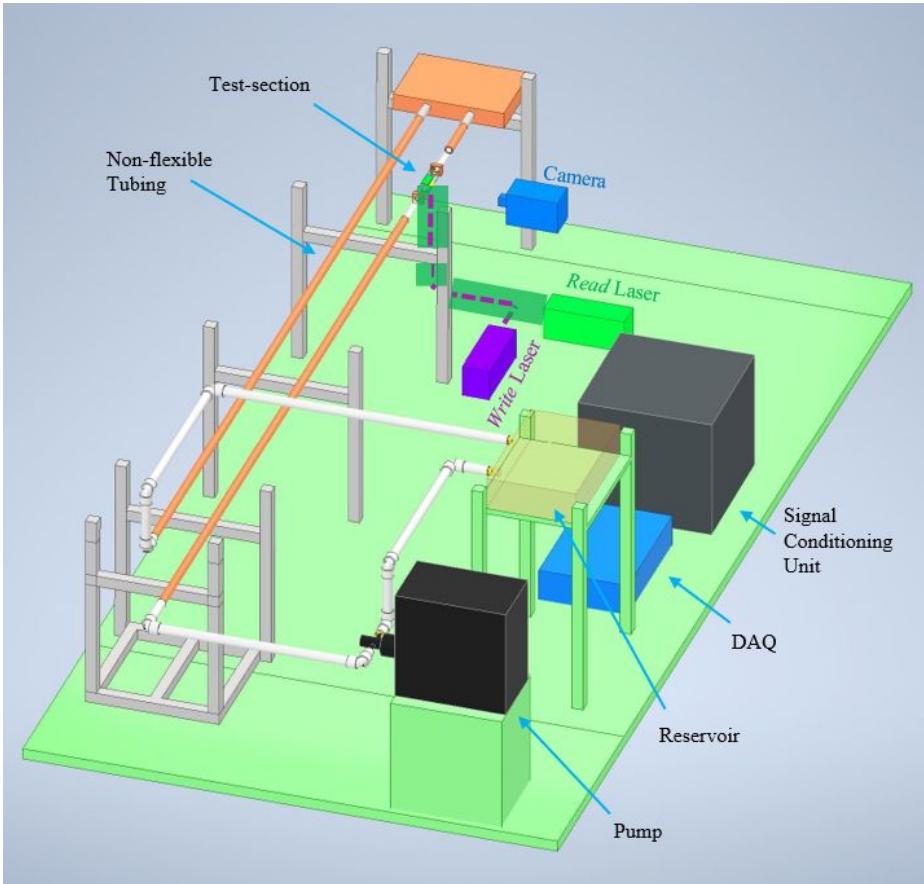
Peak of emissivity



Photobleaching (*write*) is very efficient under nanosecond UV

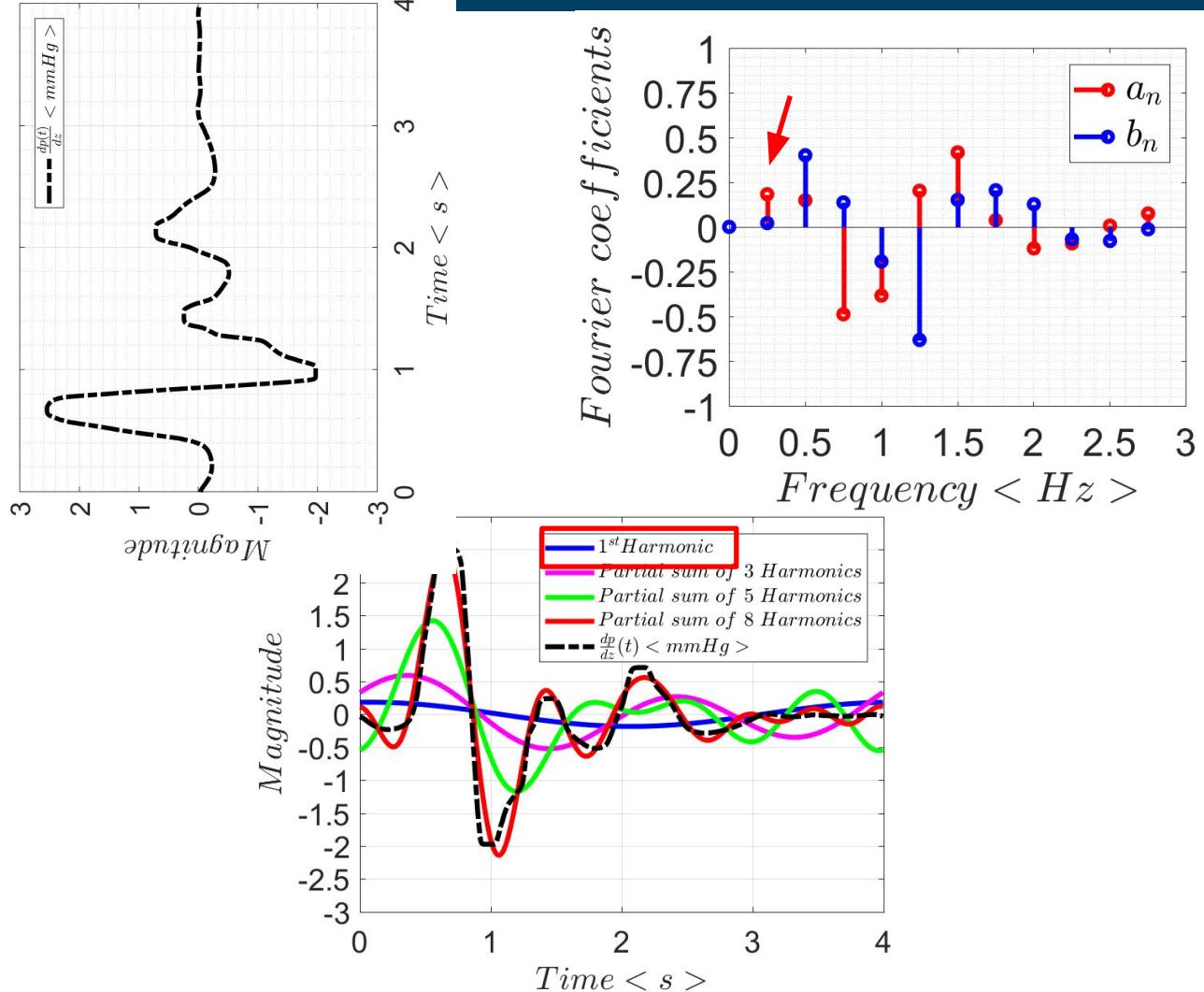
+ Many spectral filters and dichroic mirrors are commercially available at these wavelengths

Experimental setup



Harmonics of the pulsatile pressure drop

- Digitized carotid artery-based flow rate



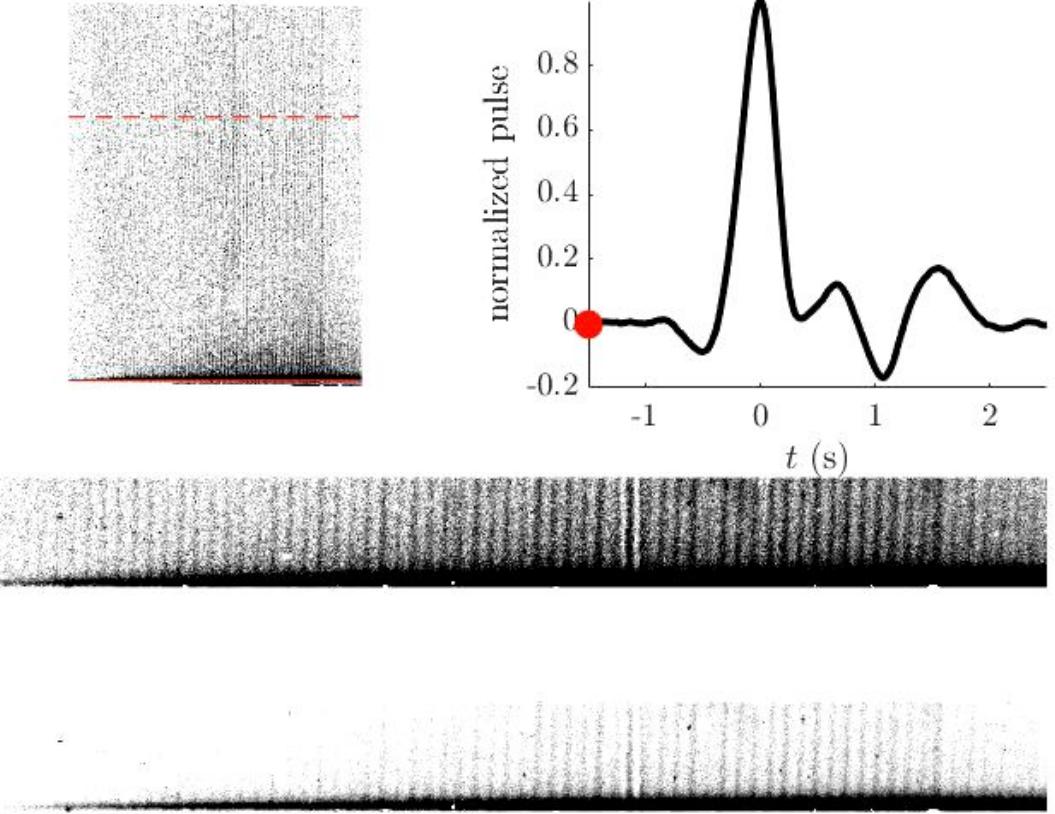
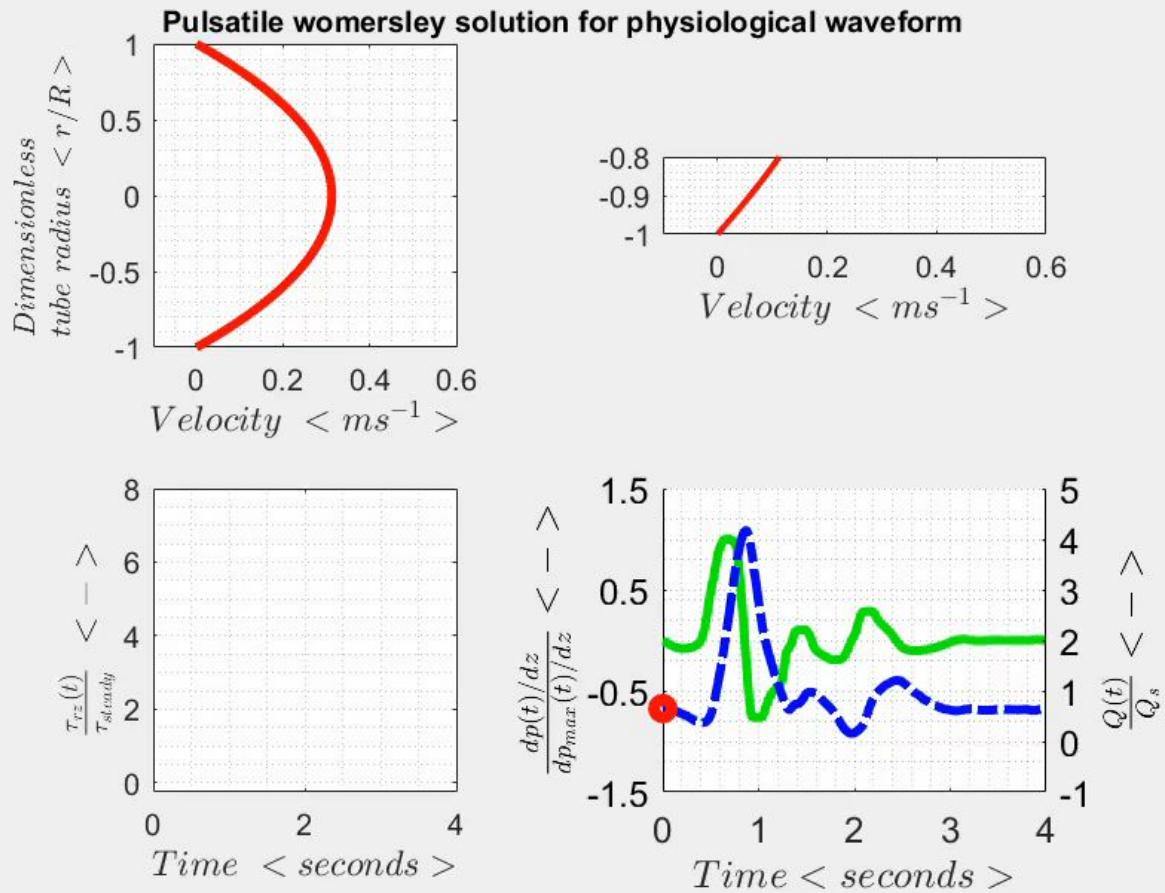
$$\alpha^2 = \frac{\rho \omega R^2}{\mu} = \frac{\omega R^2}{\nu}$$

	3.98	5.86	8.43
	5.63	8.28	11.92
	6.89	10.15	14.60
	7.96	11.72	16.86
	8.90	13.10	18.85
	9.75	14.35	20.65
	10.53	15.50	22.30
	11.26	16.57	23.84

Summary of results

MTV-based flow visualization

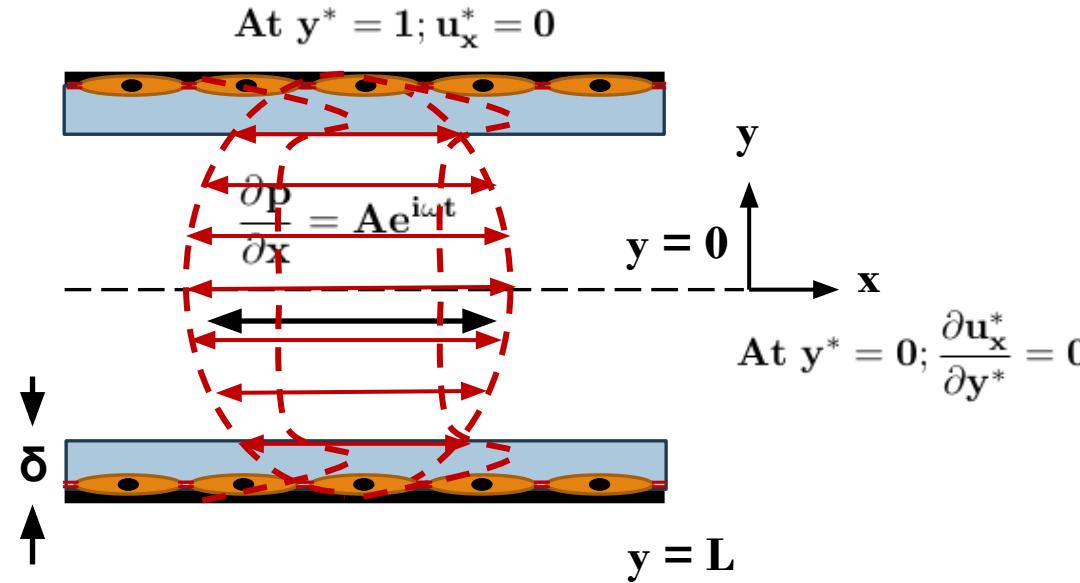
Analytical solution



Physical interpretation of the Womersley number (α)

References: Schlichting, Landau-Lifshitz
Lectures of Prof. V. Kumaran

$$y^* = \frac{y}{L} \quad t^* = \omega t$$
$$u_x^* = \frac{u_x \mu}{L^2 A}$$



$$\alpha^2 = \frac{\rho \omega L^2}{\mu} = \frac{\omega L^2}{\nu}$$

$$\alpha^2 = \left(\frac{L}{\sqrt{\nu/\omega}} \right)^2$$

$$\alpha^2 \frac{\partial u_x^*}{\partial t^*} = \frac{\partial^2 u_x^*}{\partial y^{*2}} - e^{it^*}$$

Low frequencies of oscillations ($\omega \rightarrow 0$)

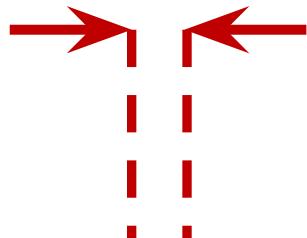
High frequencies of oscillations ($\omega \rightarrow \infty$)

$$\delta = \left(\frac{\nu}{\omega} \right)^{1/2}$$

Introduction

- A brief look at a result from Womersley (1955)

Relation of flow (Q) to the pressure gradient (P)
in the femoral artery of a dog.



$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial x} = Ae^{i\omega t}$$

$$Q_s = \frac{P_1 - P_2}{8\mu\ell} \pi r^4$$

$$\hat{Q}(t) = \frac{\pi r^2}{\rho} \frac{A}{i\omega} \left\{ 1 - \frac{2\alpha i^{3/2}}{i^3 \alpha^2} \frac{J_1(\alpha i^{3/2})}{J_0(\alpha i^{3/2})} \right\} e^{i\omega t}$$

$$\alpha = R \sqrt{\frac{\omega}{\nu}}$$

“Measurements of the pressure gradient showed a phase-lag
between pressure gradient and flow.”

Reference: Womersley, J. R., Method for the calculation of velocity, rate of flow and viscous drag in arteries when the pressure gradient is known, *J. Physiol.* (1955) 127, 553-563

Drag force at the wall can be estimated for
multi-harmonic flow waveforms