

DESIGN OF A TEST FACILITY TO INVESTIGATE THE TURBULENCE OF BUOYANCY-DRIVEN FLOWS DUE TO FLUID-FLUID-INTERACTION

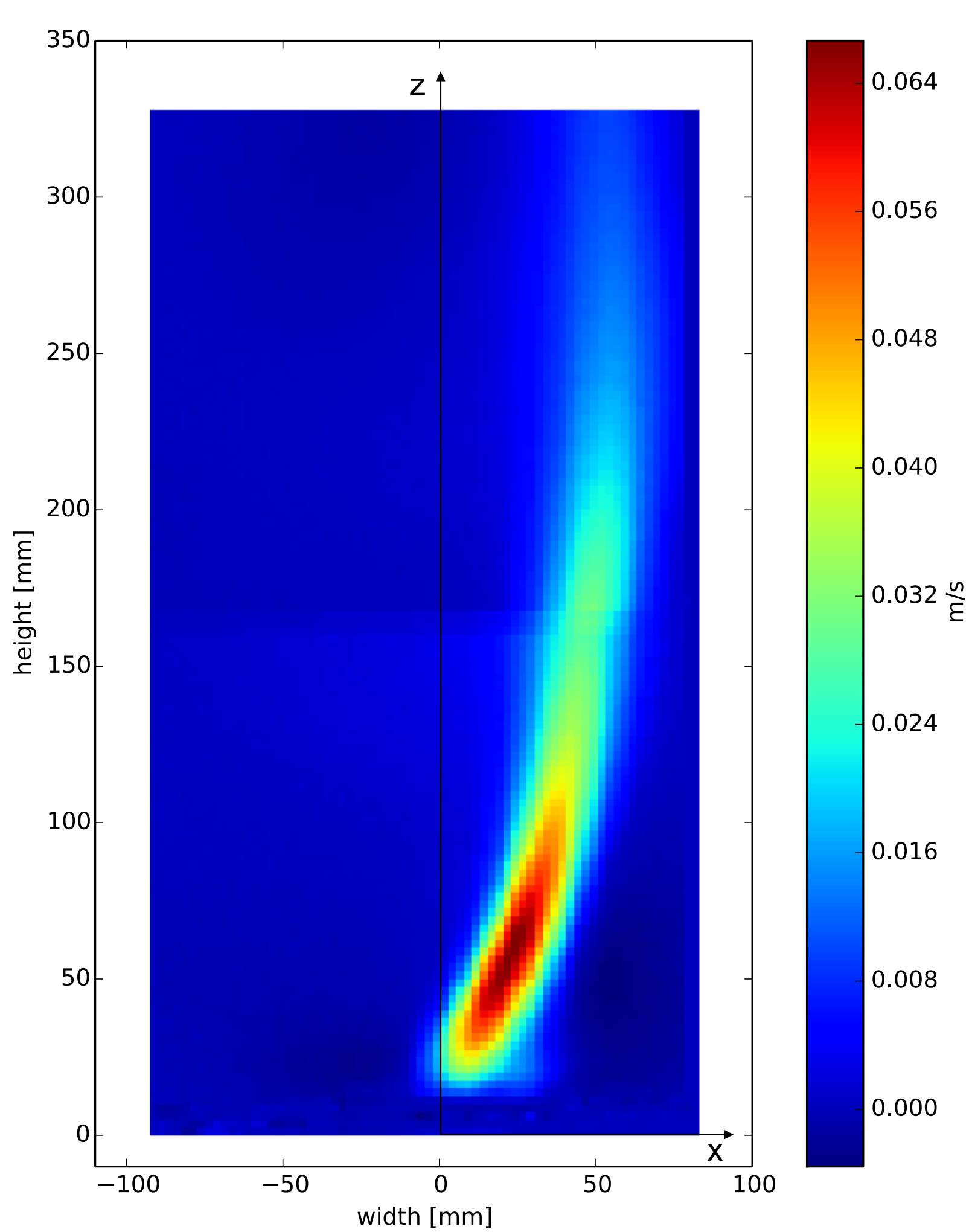
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Motivation

- Design and construction of a small scale experimental facility to validate fluid models for buoyancy flows in CFD
- Experimental setup and diagnostics give insight on the turbulence intensity due to fluid-fluid-interaction in a plume

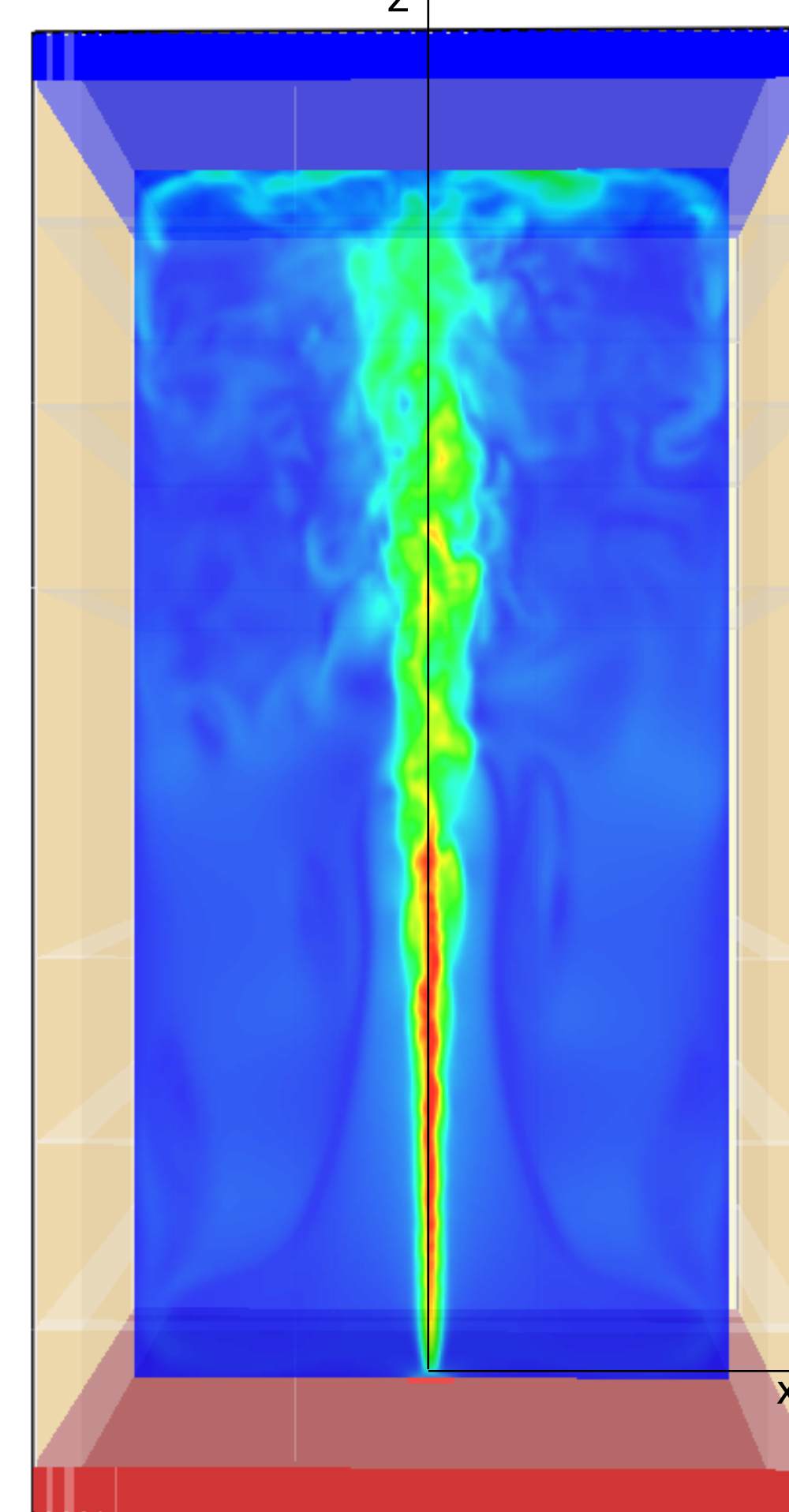
First experiments in Plexiglas enclosure



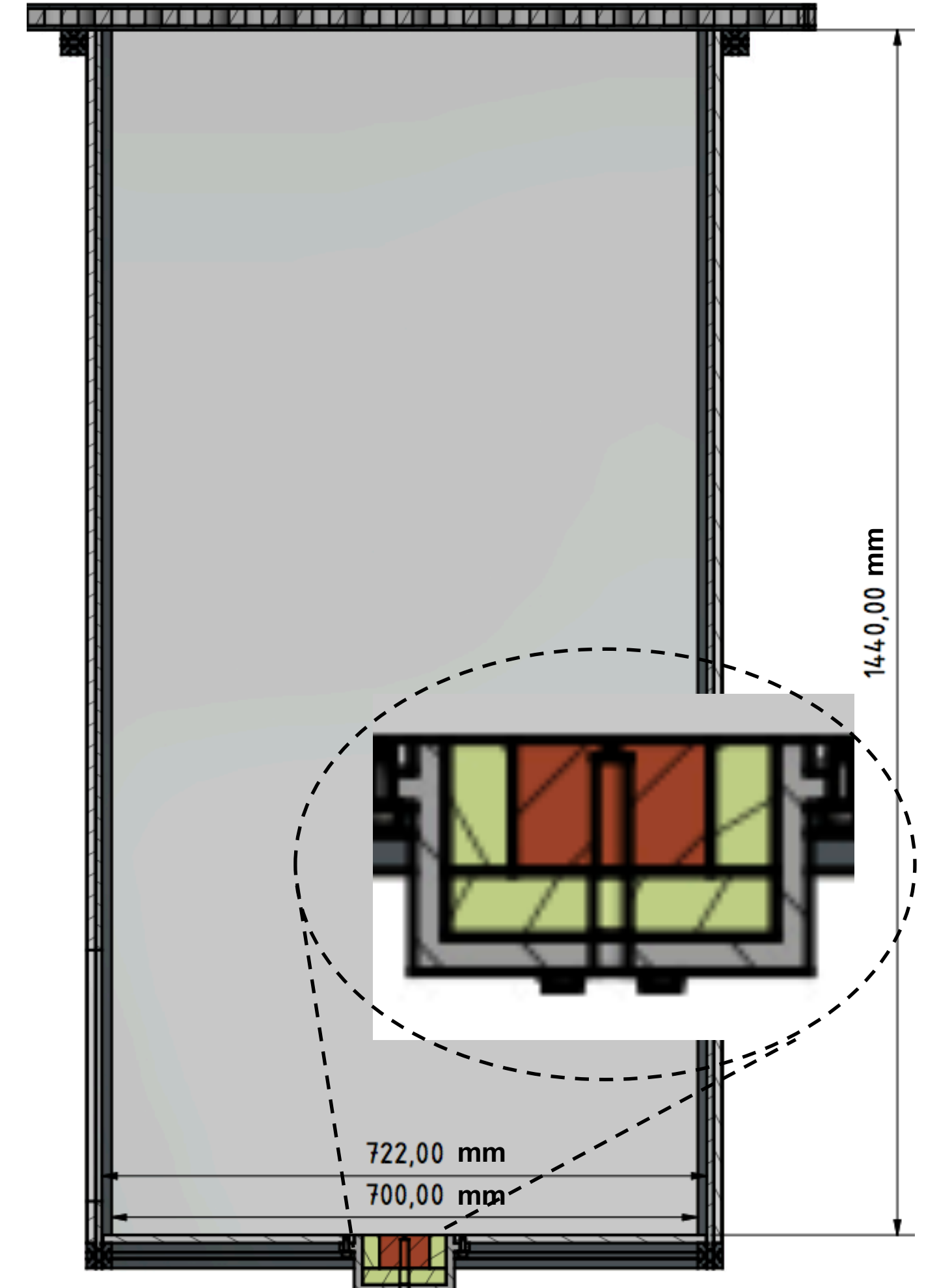
Asymmetrical flow conditions due to environmental influences, e.g. air conditioning and the cooling of the power supply of the Nd-YAG lasers

Improvement by preliminary FDS calculations with well defined boundary conditions and suitable construction measures

Preliminary FDS calculations



Construction for buoyancy driven flows



Boundary Conditions

Heating Source

- Previous experiment showed that the geometry of the heating block (flow separation at edges) has a strong influence on the turbulence intensity of the plume
- Heating source has been adapted, block has been lowered into the floor plate
- Heat release rate: 0.2 W to 100 W (total heat flux, i.e. convection and radiation)
- Surface temperature: 293.15 K to 673.15 K

Heat Exchanger at the Ceiling

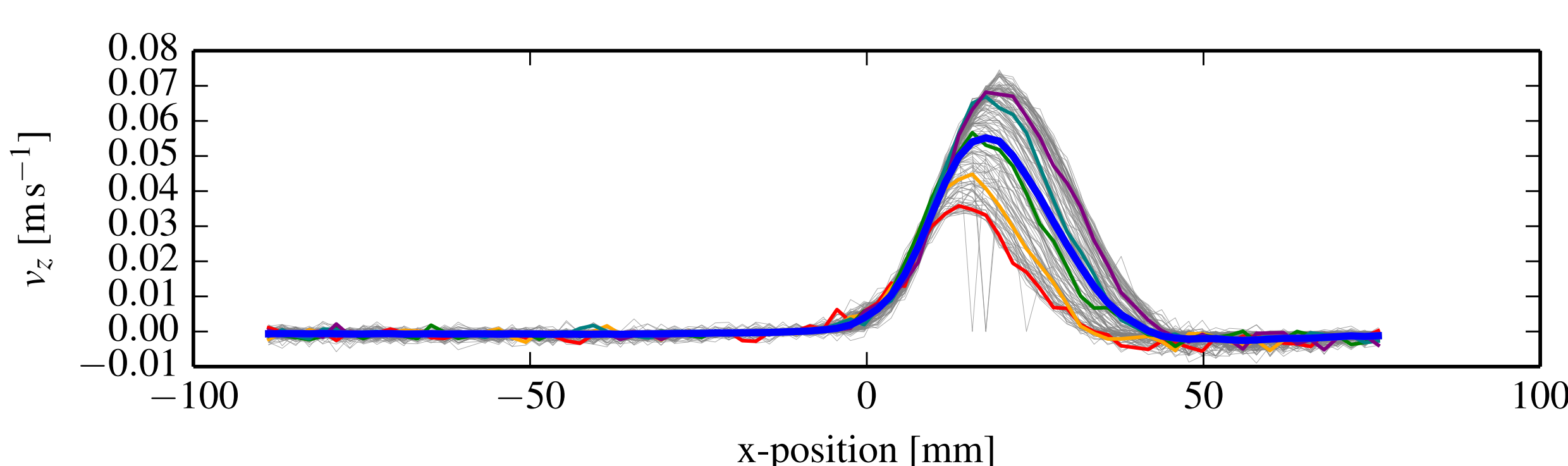
- Inlet temperature: 283.15 K
- Expected maximal outlet temperature: 285.15 K
- Mass flow: $0.012 \frac{l}{min}$
- Reynolds number: 456
- Hydraulic diameter: 0.02 m
- Heat-transfer coefficient (HTC): $233.03 \frac{W}{m^2 K}$

➔ Rayleigh number (Ra): 5.91×10^9 to 2.2×10^{10}

Further work

- Investigation of 3D-TKE (turbulent kinetic energy) of a pure buoyancy driven plume by means of stereo PIV
- 3D-TKE : $k = \frac{1}{2} (\langle v_x'^2 \rangle + \langle v_y'^2 \rangle + \langle v_z'^2 \rangle)$
- Derive critical Grashof Number (Gr_{krit}) for the transition from laminar to turbulent conditions of the plume
- Velocity fluctuations are determined by the Reynolds decomposition: $\vec{v} = \langle \vec{v} \rangle + \vec{v}'$ and the measurement of the instantaneous velocity profiles

10 Volt instantaneous velocity profiles at z= 43.495 mm



50 Volt instantaneous velocity profiles at z= 43.495 mm

