

MiniShaker

3D camera for volumetric
flow field measurements



MiniShaker Underwater

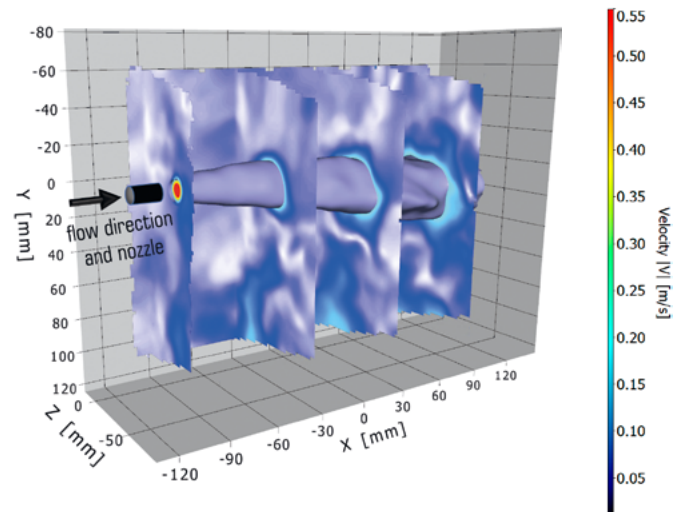
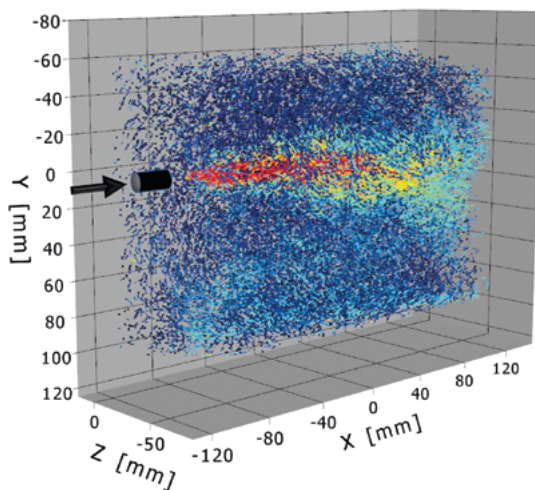
Quick installation and
easy operation

Nowadays, 3D particle image velocimetry is the state-of-the-art measurement technique for understanding complicated flow phenomena. This is especially true for transient flows and turbulent coherent structures, where instantaneous 3D measurements are essential. Consequently, **Tomographic PIV** and the **Shake-the-Box** (high-density PTV), the most advanced Lagrangian particle tracking algorithm, have become the techniques of choice for 3D flow field analysis. Furthermore, with LaVision's software package **Pressure from PIV**, even pressure fields can be obtained from Shake-the-Box and PIV data with only a few clicks.



The **MiniShaker** paves the way to 3D measurements without the hassles of complicated experimental setups. Four cameras are aligned in a compact housing and fully integrated into LaVision's **DaVis** software. With a common cable duct for all cameras, connecting the **MiniShaker** is fast and handy.

The **MiniShaker** can be used in combination with LaVision's cost-effective **LED-Flashlight 300** for fluid and air flow measurement. In air, this is made possible by LaVision's **Helium-filled soap bubbles**, a neutrally buoyant seeding with up to 10000 times higher light scattering intensity compared to common $1\mu\text{m}$ aerosol droplets.



*A water jet measured with MiniShaker TR and LED-Flashlight 300 in DaVis 10:
Instantaneous particle tracks (left) and average velocity field (right) (both color coded by velocity magnitude)*

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Four sensors for
best performance

Available models



Flexible measurement volumes

Time-efficient measurements

Four pre-aligned sensors provide superior suppression of undesired ghost particles for both **Tomographic PIV** and **Shake-the-Box** when compared to three sensors or fewer.

Different **MiniShaker** models meet measurement demands from time-resolved recordings of Lagrangian particle tracks to double-frame measurements at high velocities in liquids, gases, or even submerged in water:

- ▶ **MiniShaker TR** is the standard for liquid flow measurement and for low-speed gas flows.
- ▶ **MiniShaker 2M** is a good choice for mid-speed gas flows.
- ▶ Having a minimal stereo base, **MiniShaker TR-S** and **MiniShaker 2M-S** complement the models **MiniShaker TR** and **2M** with an option for measurements through a small optical access.
- ▶ **MiniShaker Aero TR** and **MiniShaker Aero MP** with an aerodynamically optimized housing are ideal for wind tunnel applications with robotic support.
- ▶ **MiniShaker Underwater** is the watertight option for measurements, e.g. in towing tanks or cavitation tunnels.

The **MiniShaker Underwater** is combined with a watertight laser illumination unit.

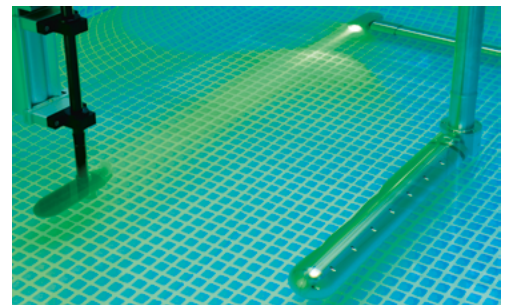
All other **MiniShaker** models can be equipped with coaxial laser illumination delivered through an optical fiber. This facilitates air flow measurements even in regions with a single optical access.

Depending on the **MiniShaker** model, different choices of lenses are available allowing the user to select from a wide range of possible measurement volumes.

In wind tunnels or towing tanks, measurement time is an important factor. The **MiniShaker** is designed for measuring flows in multiple positions without the need for recalibration. The basis is a single initial calibration refined by LaVision's Volume Self-Calibration. Underwater, the increased robustness of the calibration is an indispensable feature. In air, a large-scale flow field is quickly retrieved from multiple sub-volumes measured with a **MiniShaker** mounted to a robotic arm.



At TU Delft the flow field surrounding the complex shape of a human-sized mannequin and a racing bike was obtained with the MiniShaker TR-S mounted to a robotic arm and with co-axial laser illumination, courtesy TU Delft.



The propeller wake in a pool was studied with MiniShaker Underwater and LaVision's underwater illumination unit. Time-resolved Shake-the-Box retrieved particle tracks, instantaneous velocity fields and 3D pressure data.

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