

Utility of Microphone Arrays



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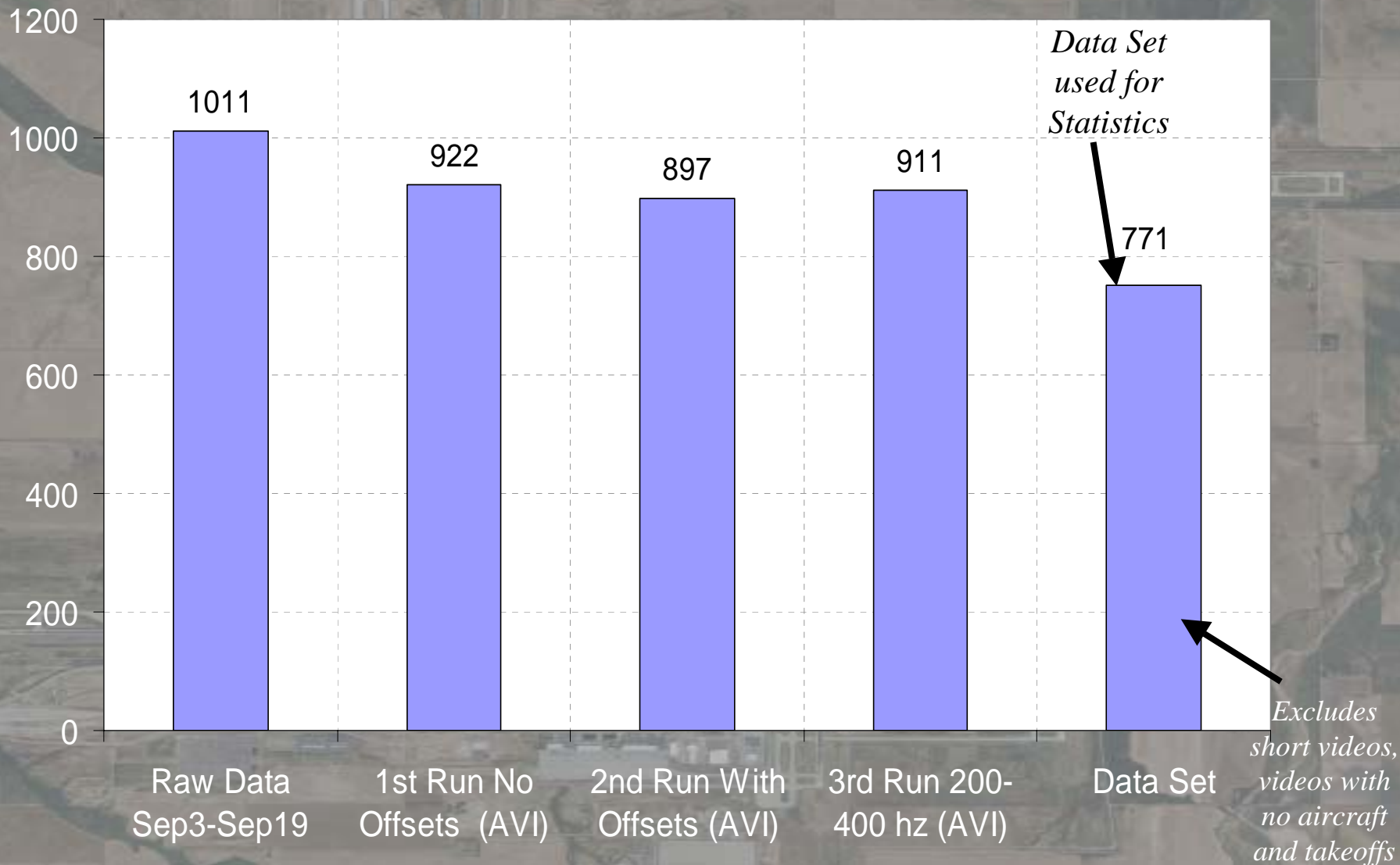
Sensor Development Efforts Since the 1990s

- **Optical : Pulsed Lidar**
- **EM : Radar**
- **Active Acoustic-EM : RASS**
- **Passive Acoustics : Opto-Acoustic, Phased Microphone Arrays**

Passive Wake Acoustics Research - Background

- **NASA Conducted a Data Collection Campaign at DEN on the Phenomenon of Acoustic Emission of Wake Vortices.**
- **August 18 to September 26, 2003 (System Stable from September 3 – 19, 2003).**
- **Recorded About 1200 Flybys (Mostly for Aircraft in Landing Configuration).**
- **Included Some Departures as Well.**

Mic. Array – Horizontal Beamforming Database



DEN03 Test Site



The first operation on 16R/34L was a United Airlines 777 departure, flight 244 to Chicago at 10:38AM local time.

Instrumentation and Data Sources in DEN03

Primary Acoustic Sensor

- ✓ 252 Element NASA Phased Microphone Array

Wake Sensors (Reference Data)

- ✓ Pulsed Lidar (Laser Radar)
- ✓ Continuous Wave Lidar (Laser Radar)

Meteorological Sensors

- ✓ Wind Sodar (Acoustic Radar)
- ✓ Tower Instrumented with Propeller Anemometers, Point Temperature, and Relative Humidity Sensors
- ✓ Temperature Profiler (Microwave Radiometer)
- ✓ Sonic Anemometer

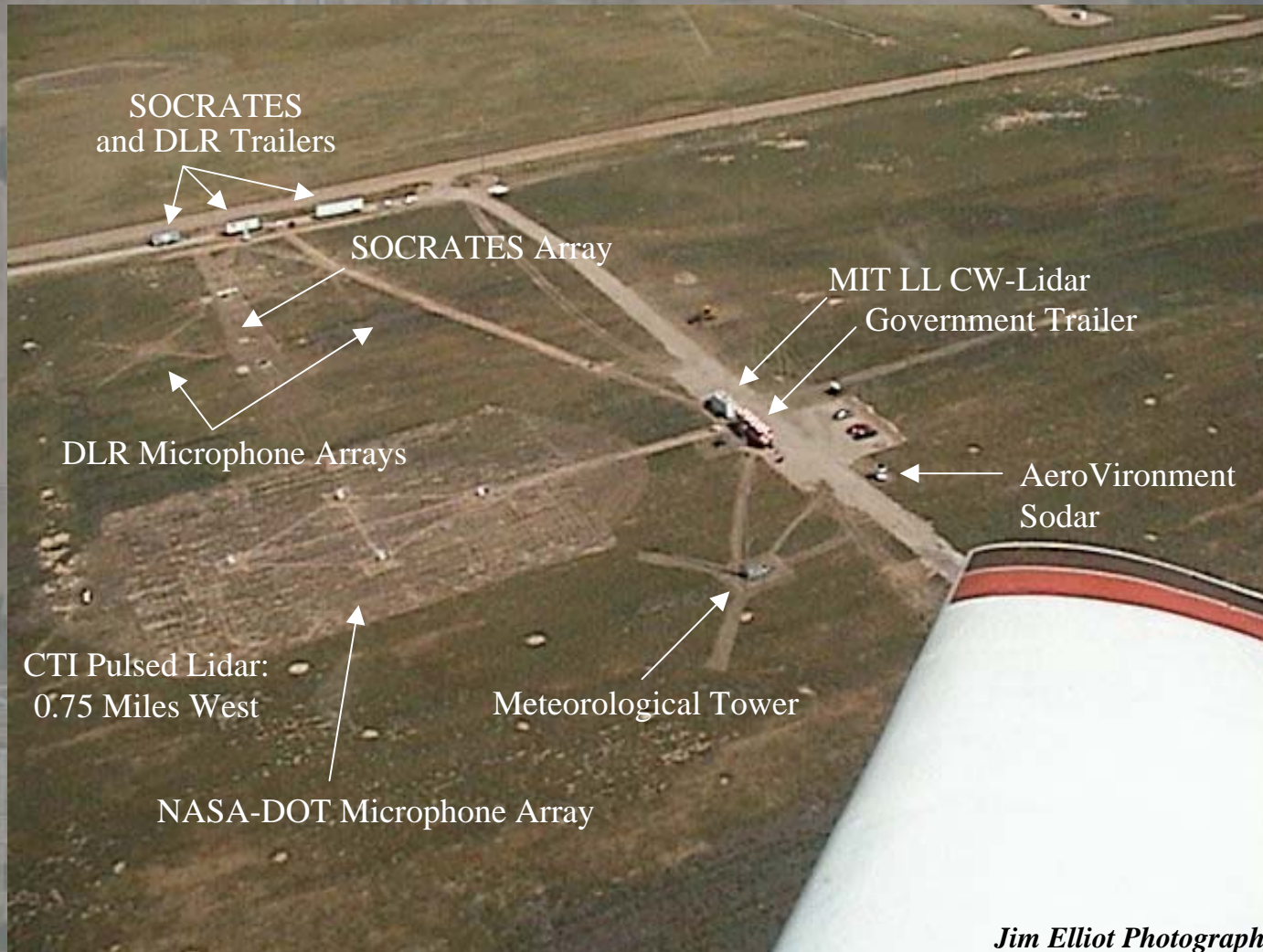
Airport Operational Data

- ✓ ARTS Radar Tracks
- ✓ ASOS

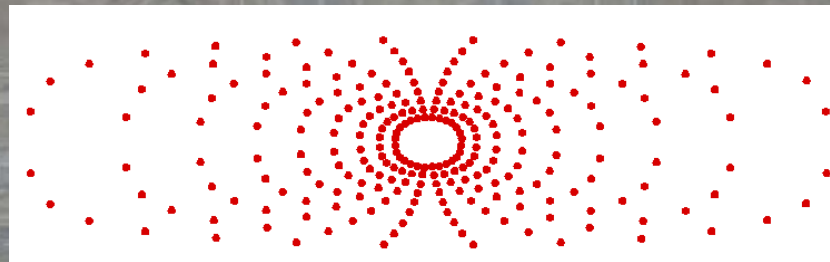
Additional Measurements

- ✓ SOCRATES Laser Array
- ✓ DLR Phased Microphone Arrays
- ✓ WLR Shotgun Microphones

Test Site Aerial Photograph



NASA-DOT Phased Mic. Array



Array Pattern Optimized for Horizontal Beamforming from 50-1000 Hz
Dimension: 265 Ft E-W by 95 Ft N-S



Meteorological Characterization

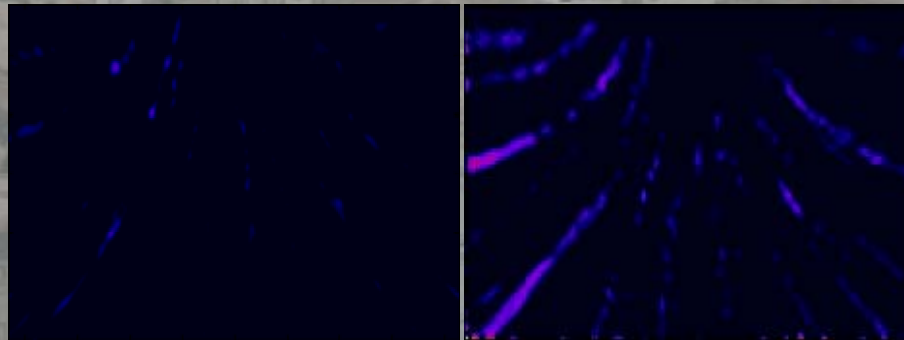
- Temperature Profiles
- Lapse Rate
- Brunt-Vaisalla Frequency
- Wind Profiles
- Wind Histories
- Wind Shears
- Richardson Number
- Rayleigh Number
- Relative Humidity
- Turbulent Kinetic Energy
- Eddie Dissipation Rate
- Ceiling
- Visibility
- Barometric Pressure

Microphone Array Data Analysis Teams

- NASA LaRC
- USDOT Volpe Center
- OptiNav
- Florida Atlantic University
- FST/Lockheed-Martin

Horizontal Beamforming Examples

Noise Source Localization Maps



10ft by 10ft Grid

20ft by 20ft Grid

1500 by 1000 Ft Processing Area ; 200-400 Hz

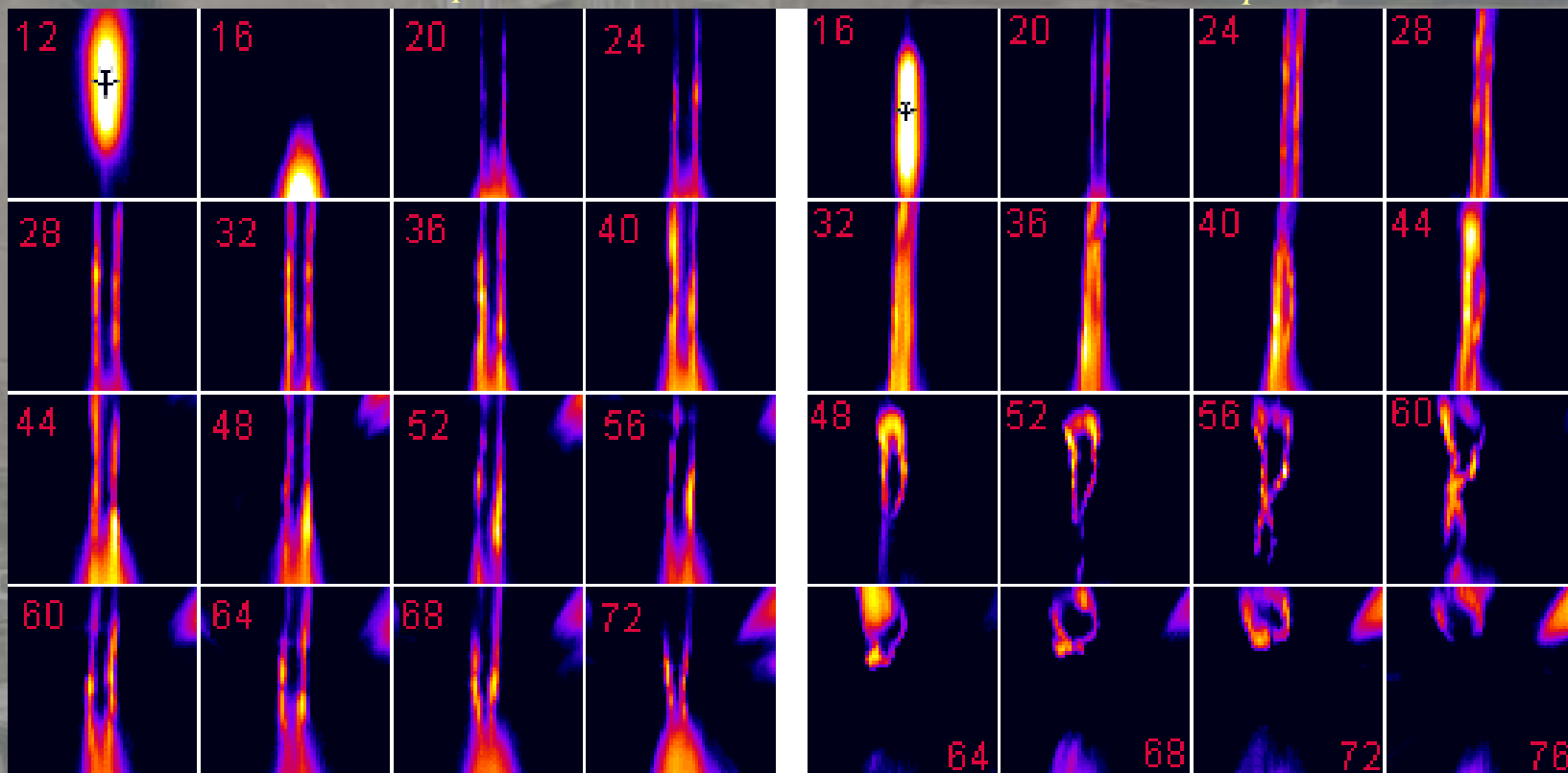
High Resolution Gov. Array Sample

5 Ft by 5 Ft Grid

Acoustic Power Integrated from 0-300 Hz ; Horizontal Beamforming at 500 Feet

767 Example

737 Example

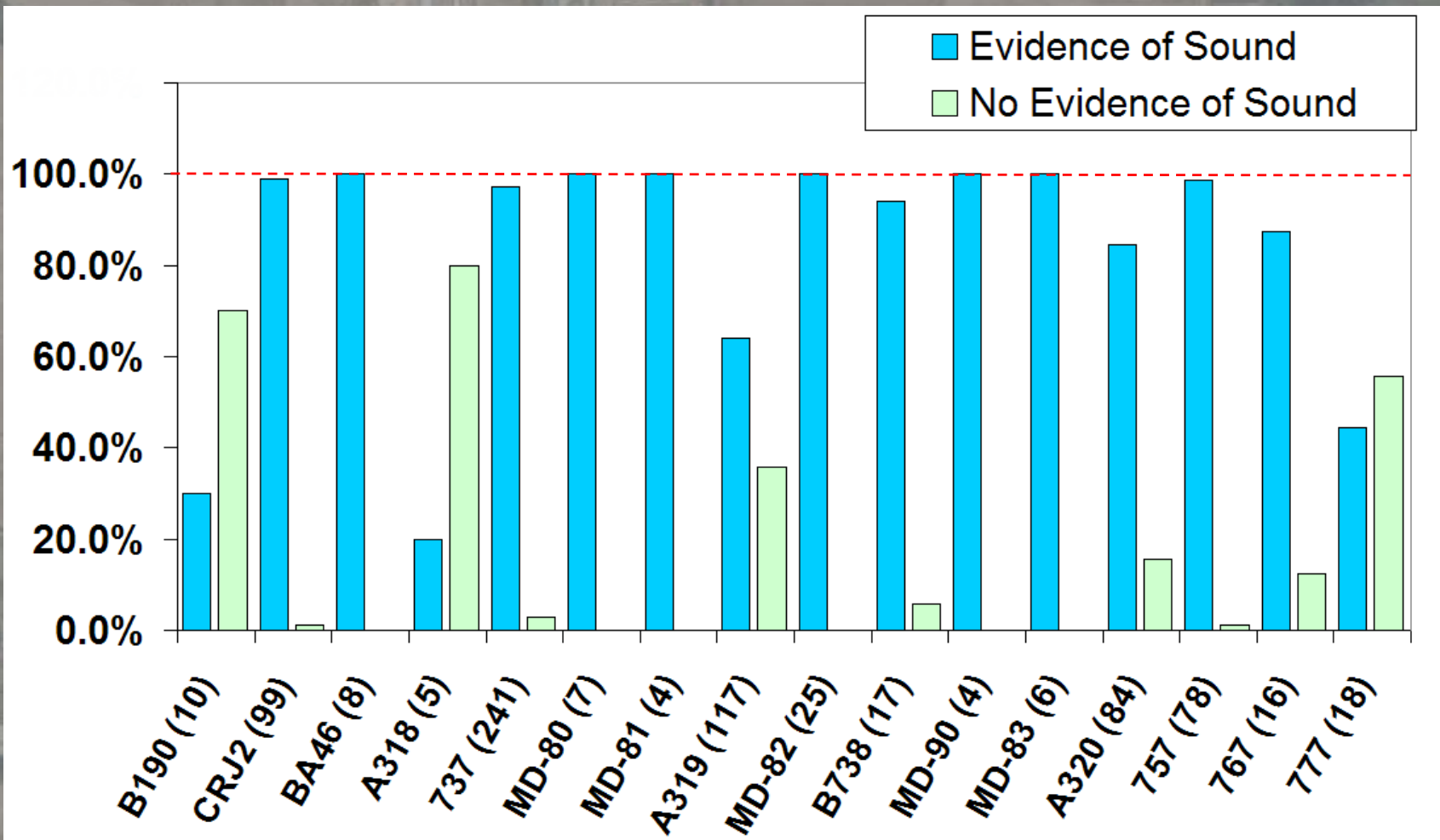


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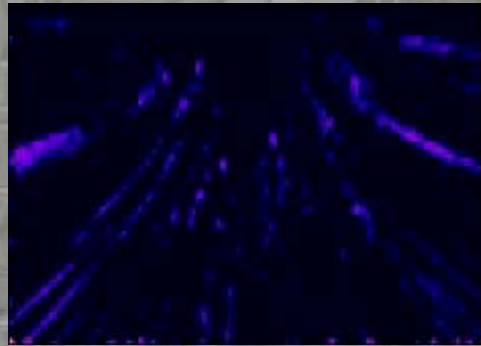
Summary of Aircraft (200-400 Hz Shown)



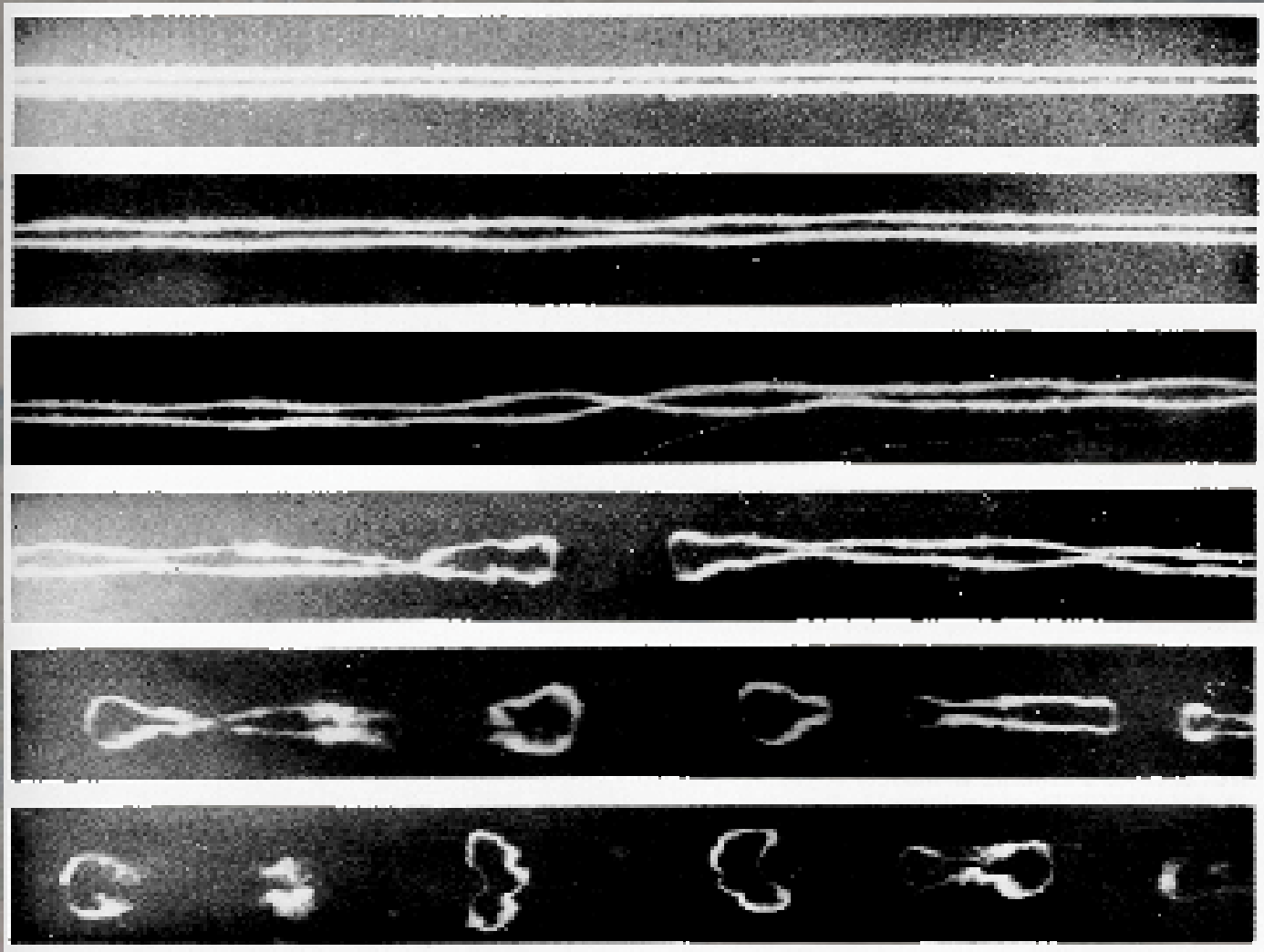
Utilities, Some Pros and Cons, Thoughts...

- Smoke / Condensation Trail Like Flow Visualization of Wake Dynamics
- 3D Volumetric Visualization ; 4D Possible with Algorithm Enhancement
- Shown to Have 3D Tracking Possibility (Yield May Increase with Other Processing or Alternative Array Design)
- Crow Instability Process Acoustically Imaged ; Evidence of Vortex Burst
- Study of Axial Coherence of Line Vortices ; Initial Vortex Separation (Good Horizontal Resolution but Poorer Vertical Resolution)
- Enhancing Understanding/Interpretation of Lidar Data
- Visualization Study of Wakes with Atmospheric Effects (Shear, Turbulence and Stratification) on Dynamics of OGE Wakes
- Benchmark Cases for Numerical Wake Vortex Simulation
- Postprocessing Flexibility (ROI, Beamforming Grid Resolution, Mesh Type)
- Hardware and Deployment Relatively Inexpensive
- Hardware Need Better Weather Proofing
- Conceptually Capable of Operating in Fog and Rain
- Inference to Wake Strength Difficult (No Simple Correlation Found)
- Conceptually Difficult to Operate in High Noise Environment
- Real Estate Issue

Sequence of Four Landings

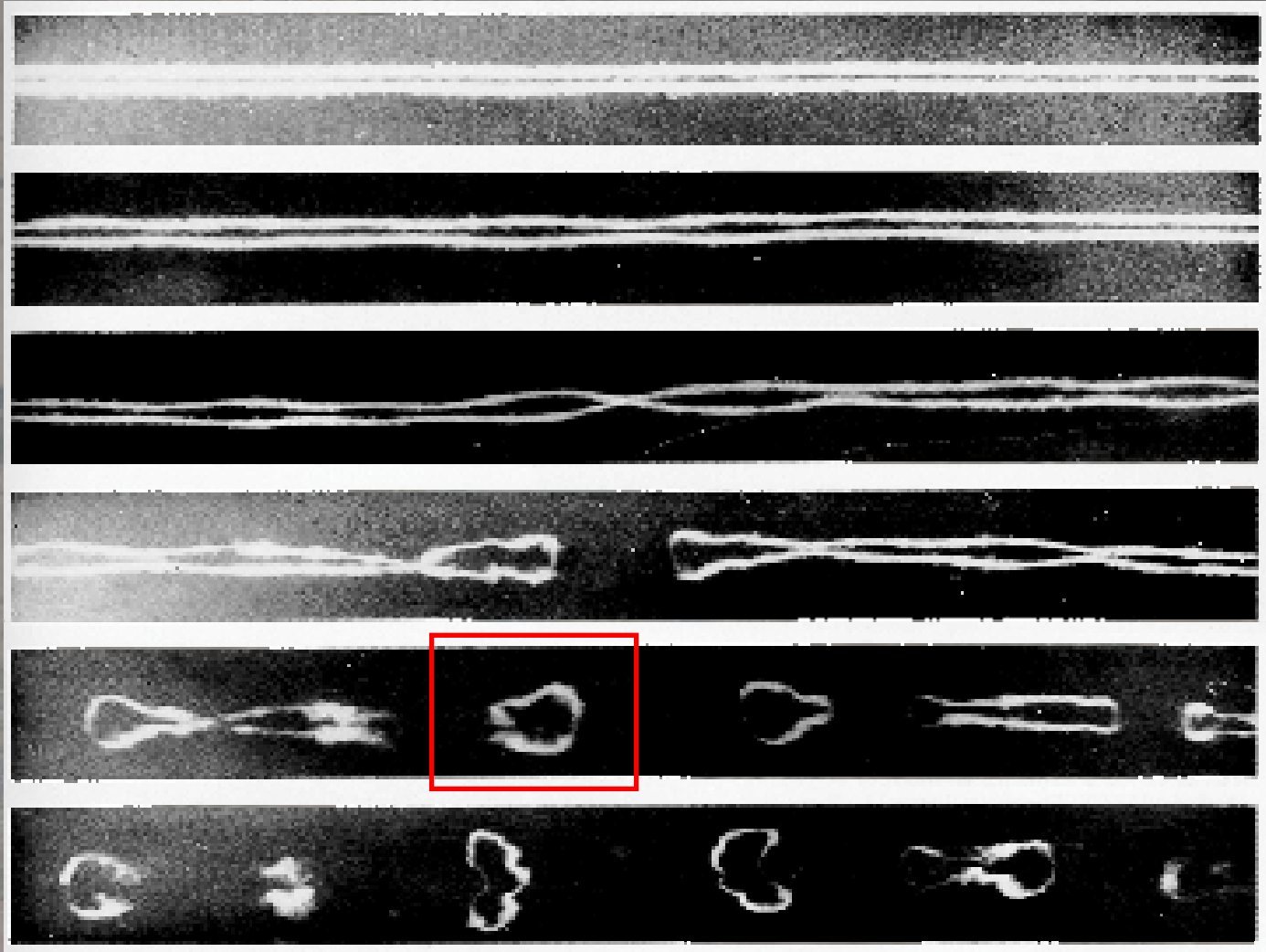


Crow Instability Visualization



Van Dyke, M. (Ed), An Album of Fluid Motion, The Parabolic Press, 1982, p.69.

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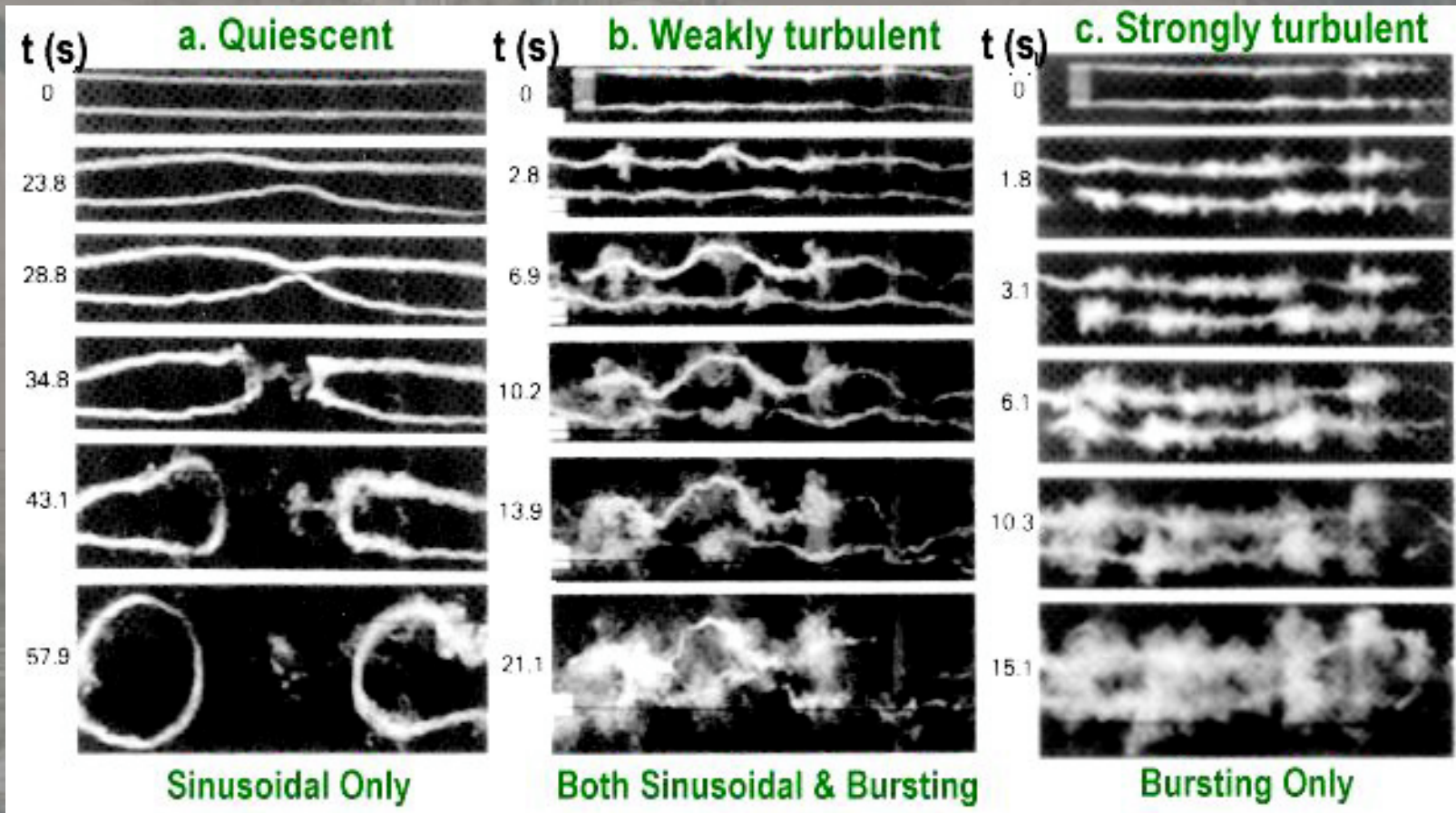


Wake Meandering Visualization



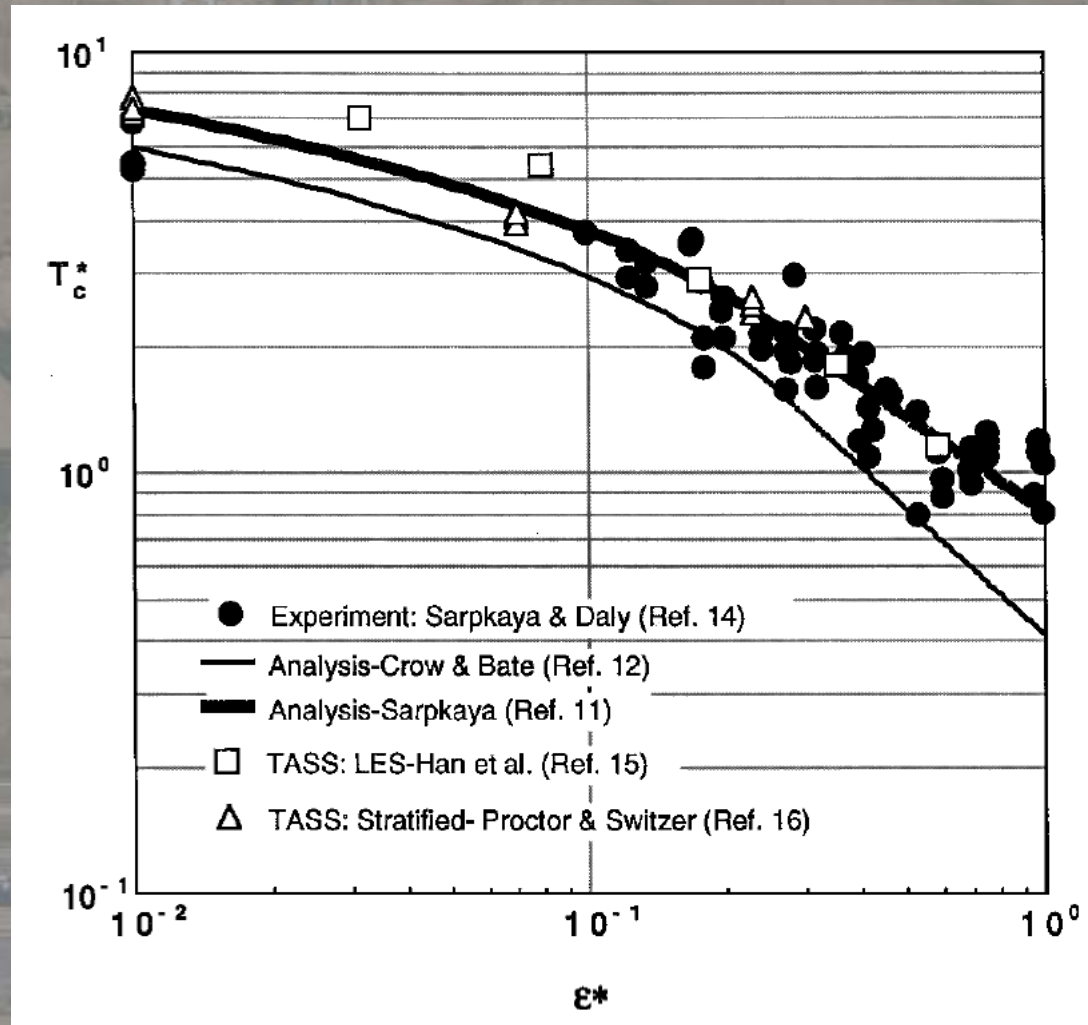
Idaho Falls Smoke Visualization

Ambient Turbulence and Vortex Instability



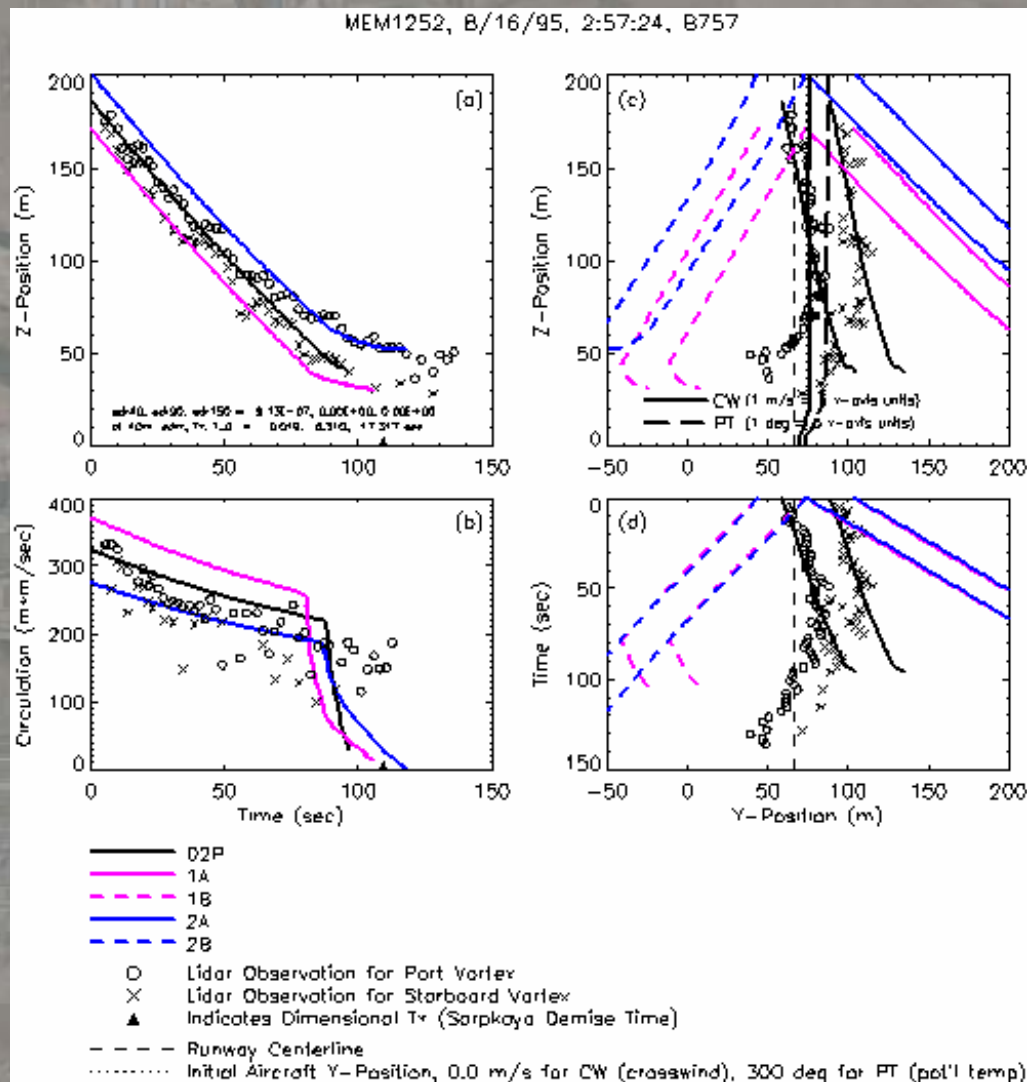
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Instability Time Scale vs. Ambient Turbulence

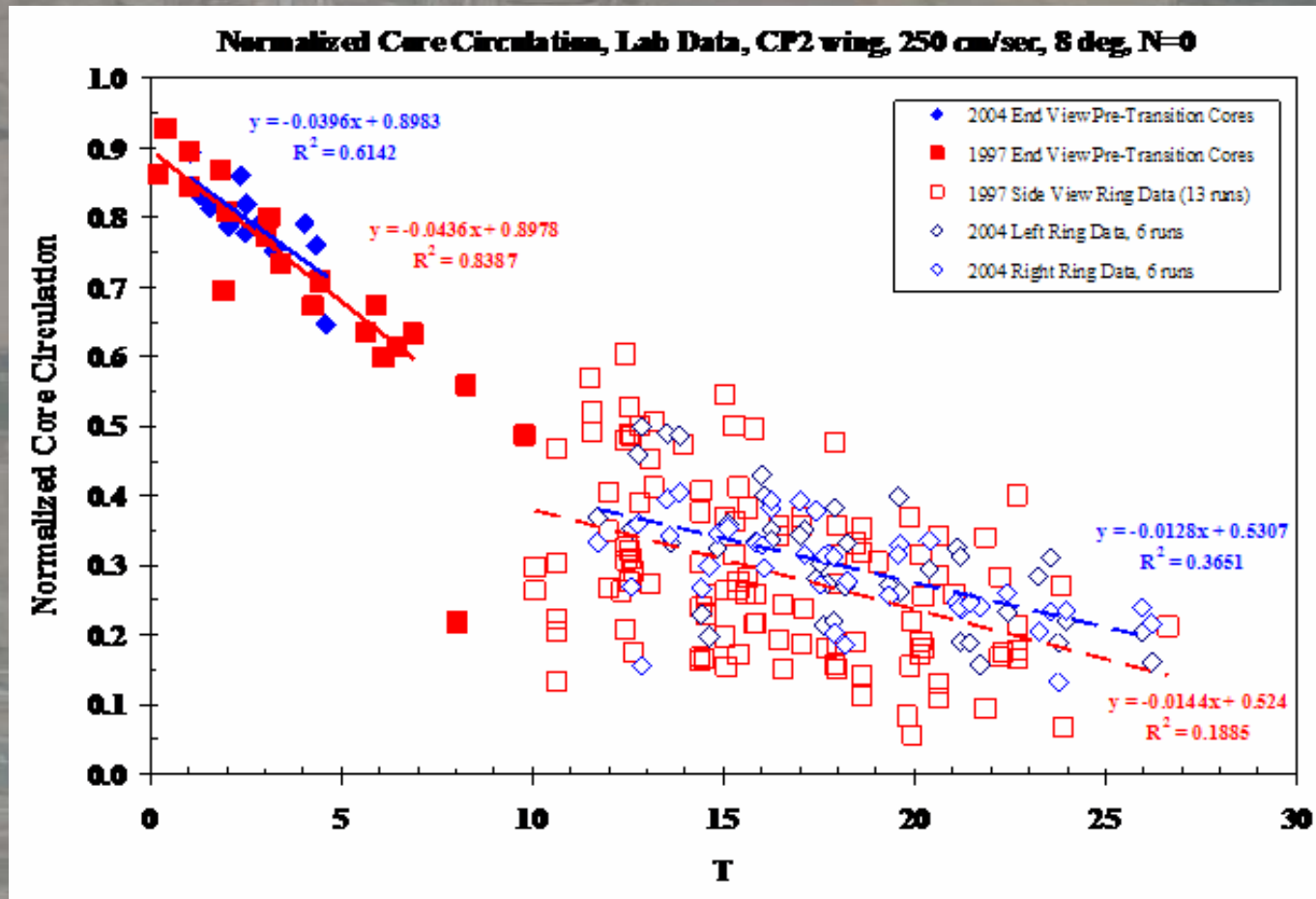


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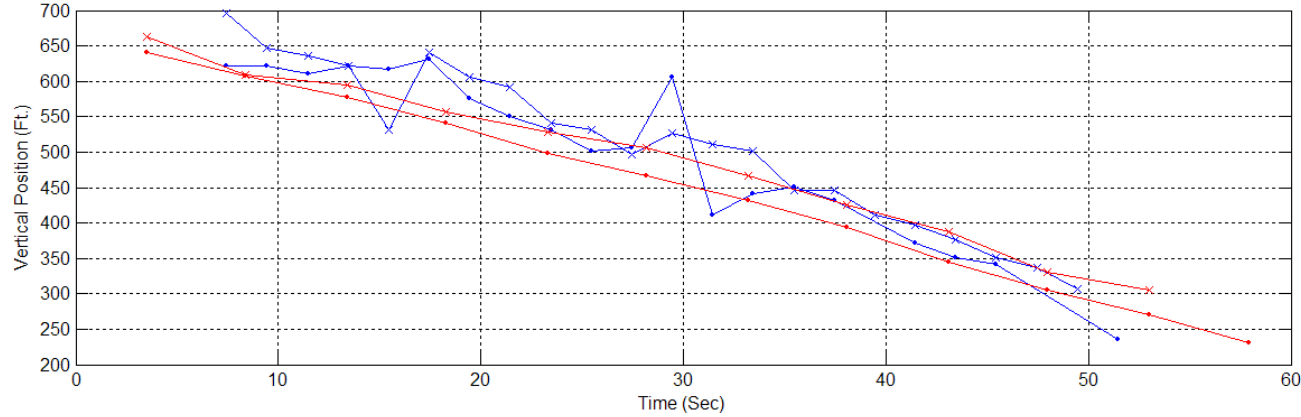
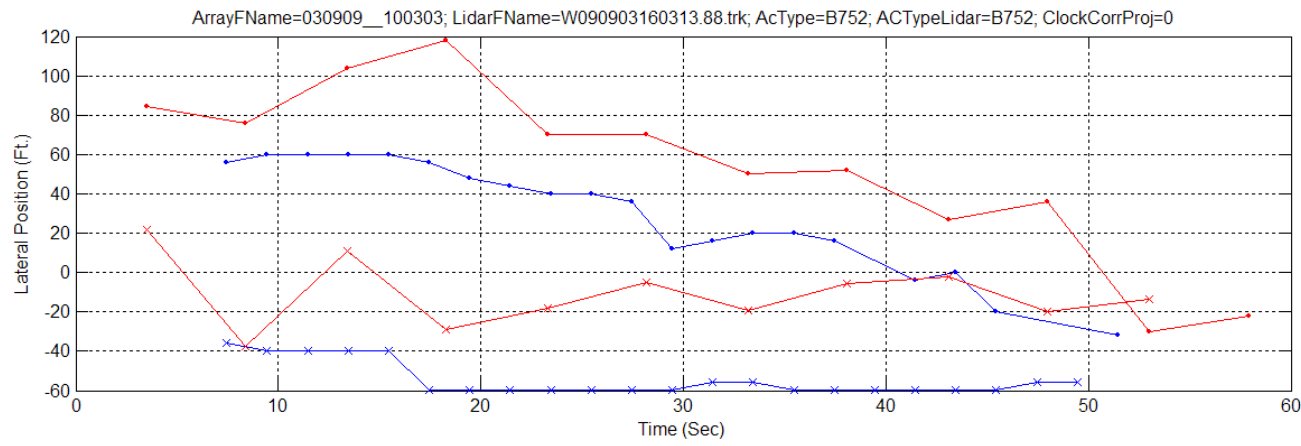
Rapid Phase Decay Research Question



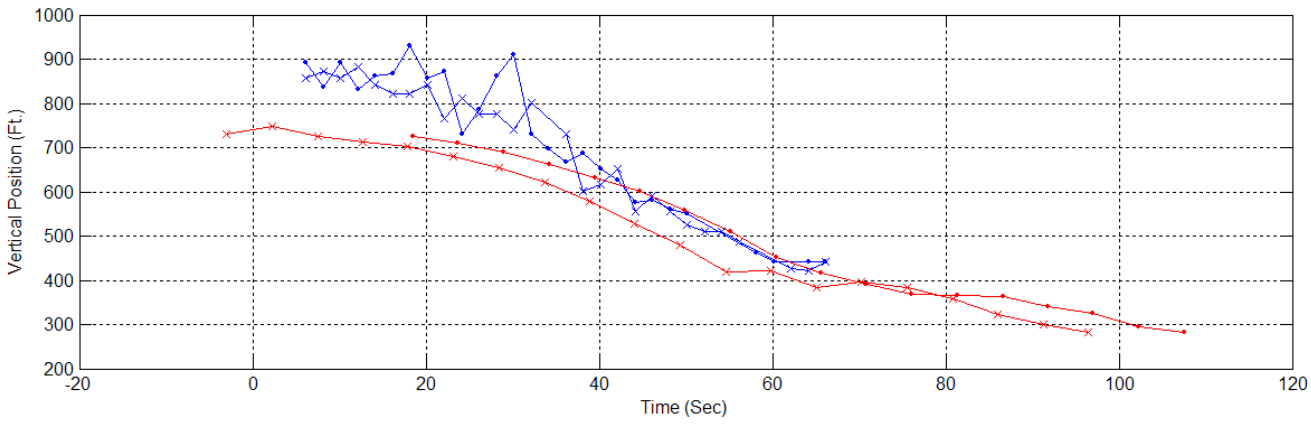
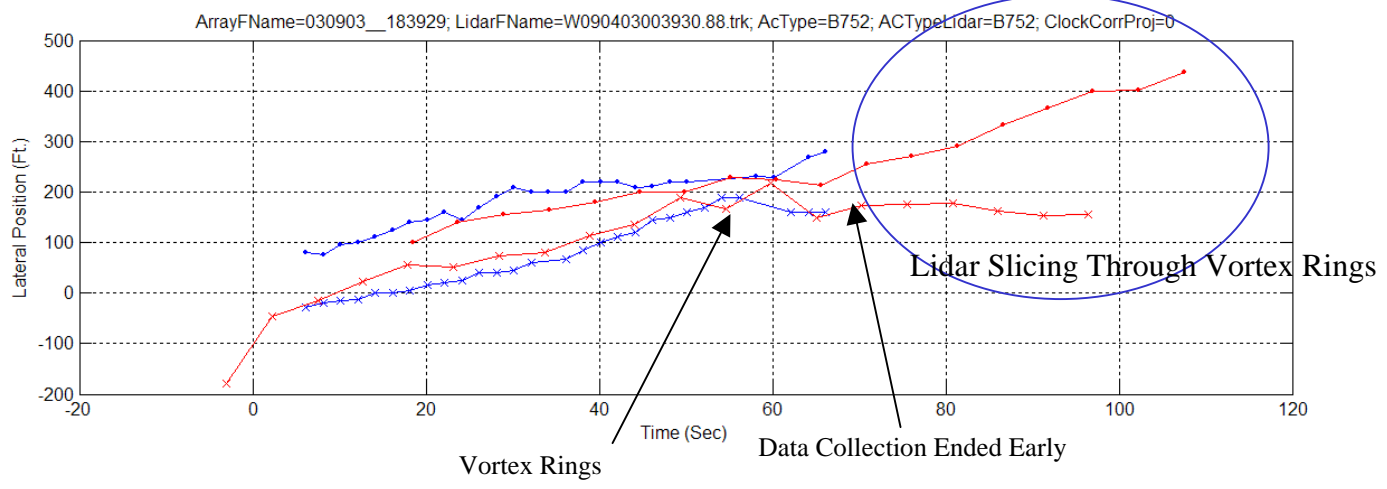
Line Vortex vs. Ring Vortex Circulation



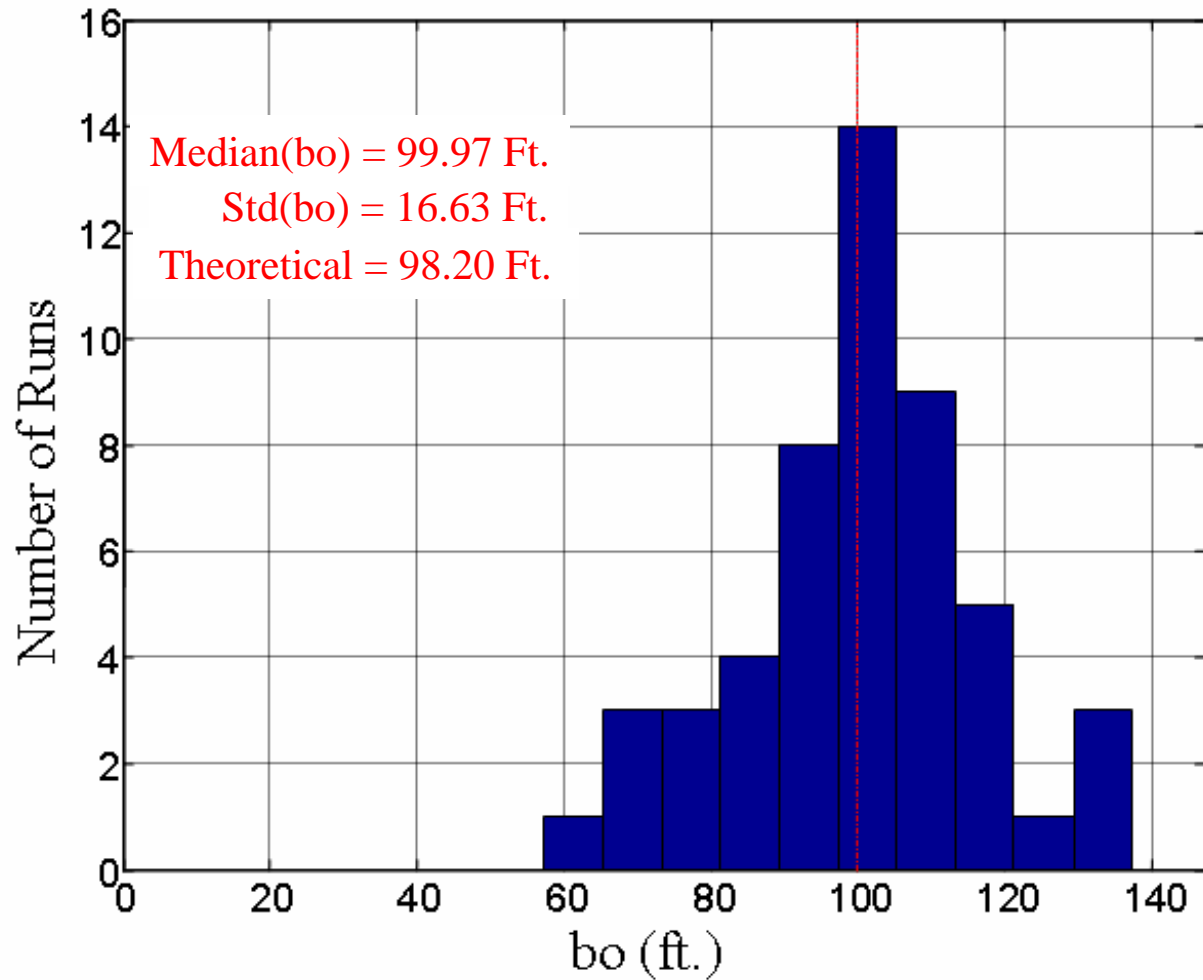
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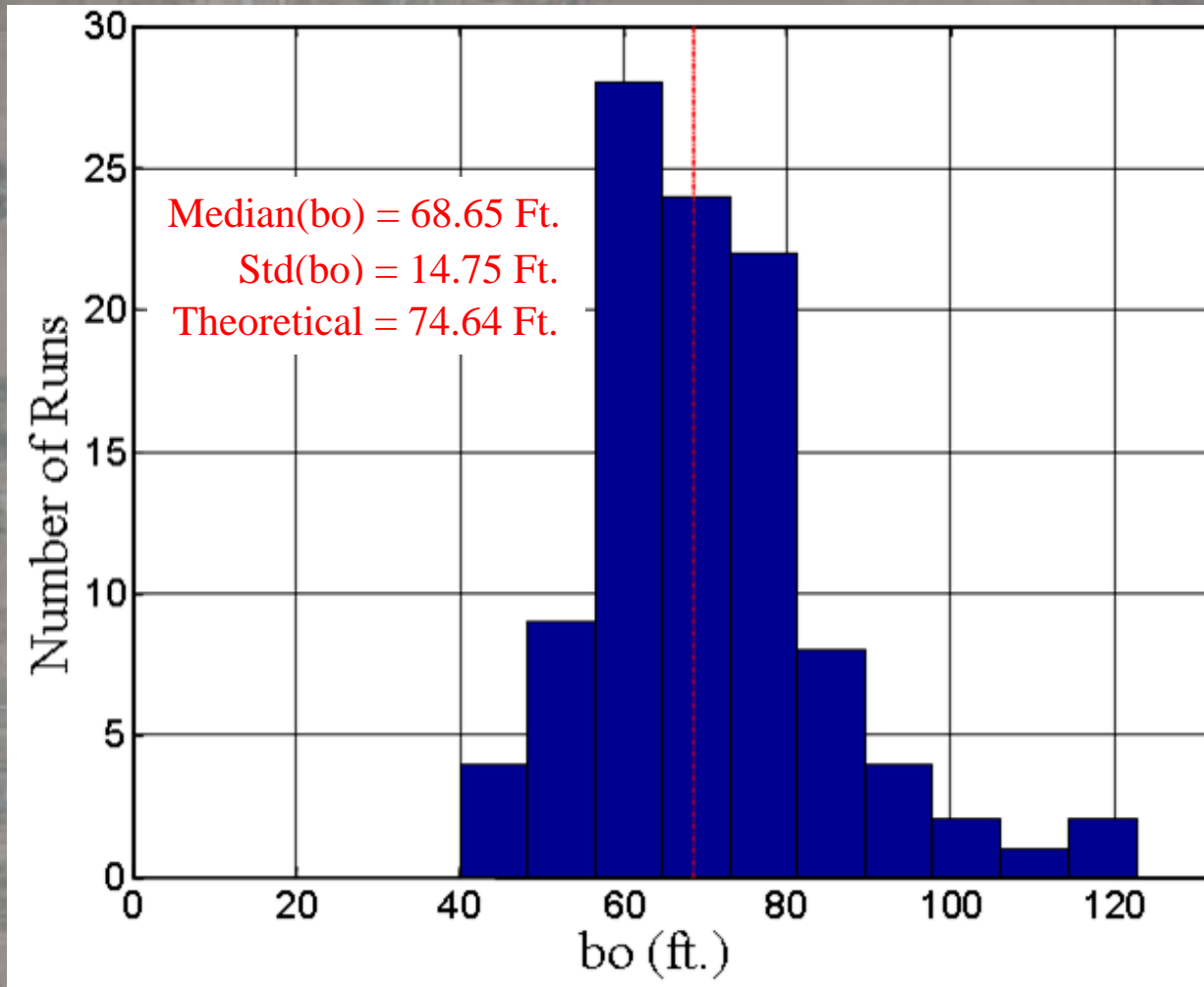
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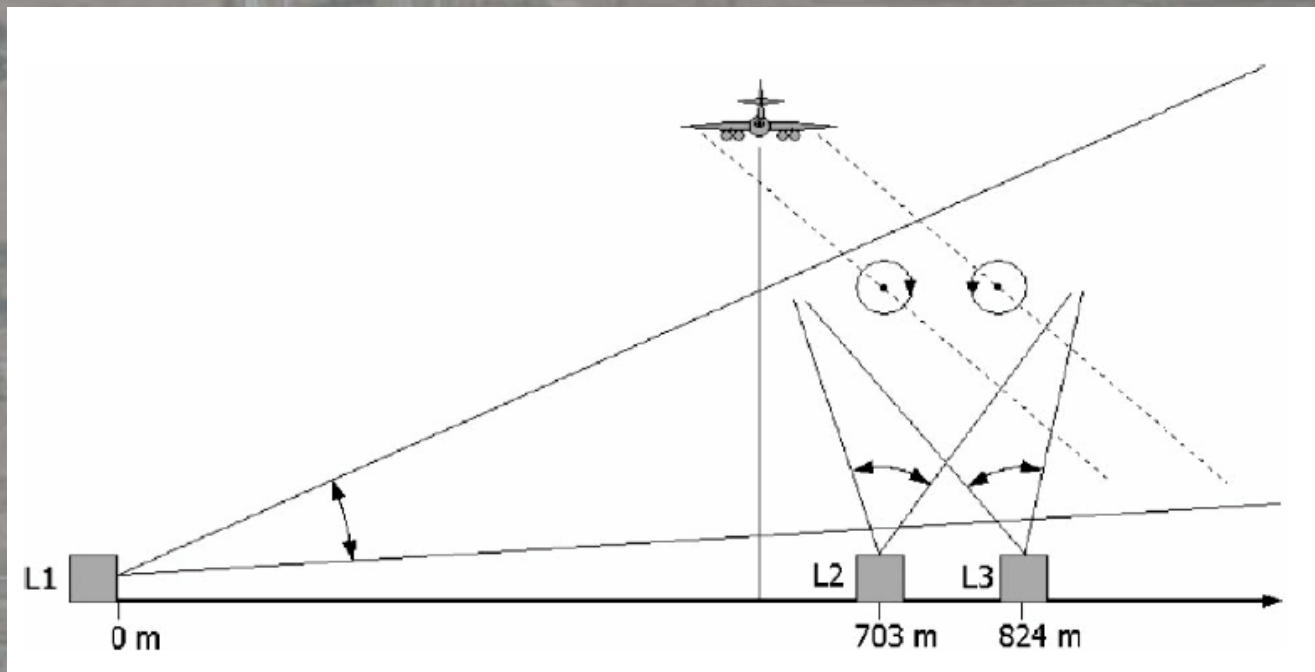
B752 bo Distribution (Upto 22 Sec. Age)



B737 bo Distribution (Upto 22 Sec. Age)



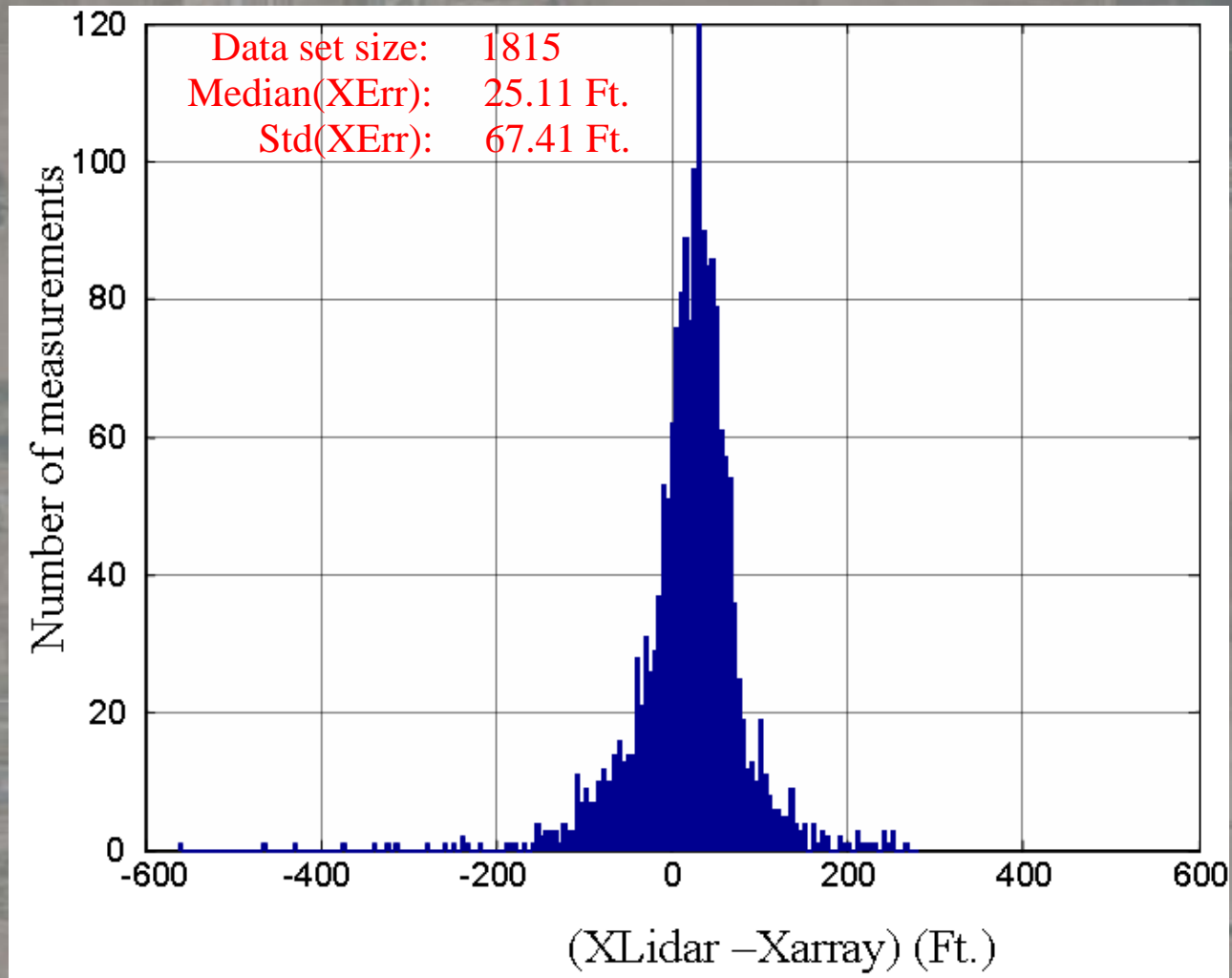
Alternative Approach



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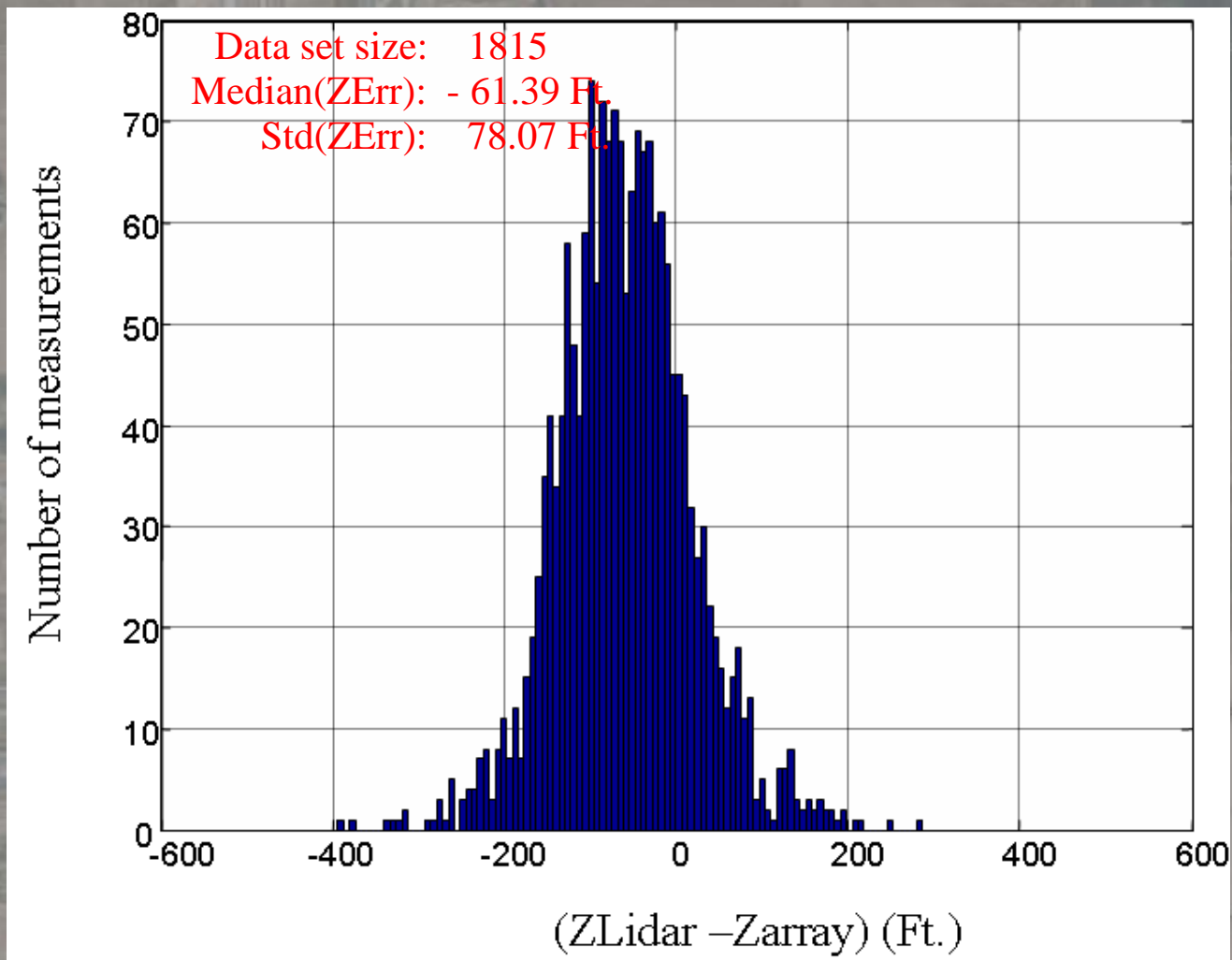
Lateral Position Difference

PLidar Indicating Wakes are Further East than Array Tracks



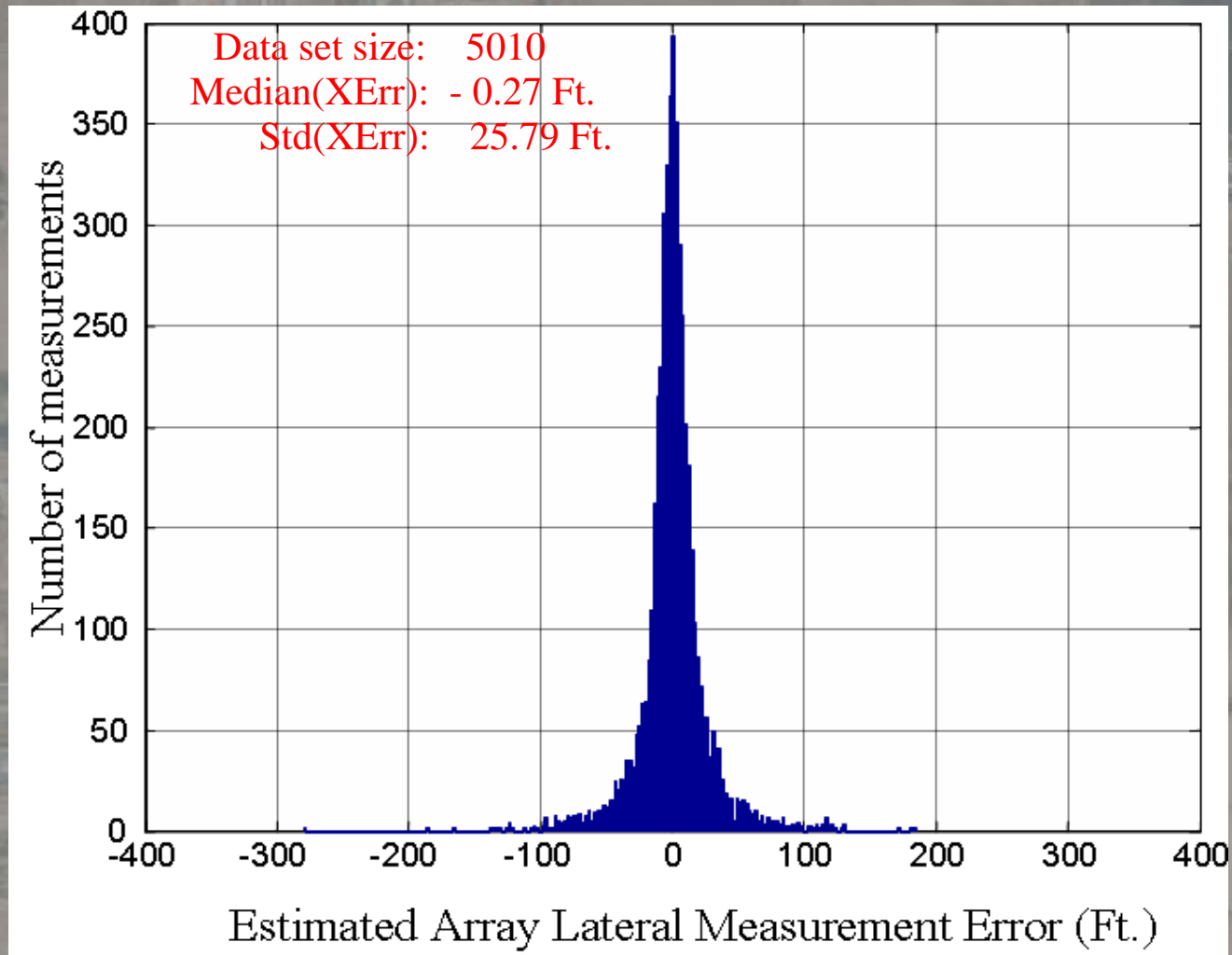
Vertical Position Difference

PLidar Indicating Wakes are Lower than Array Tracks



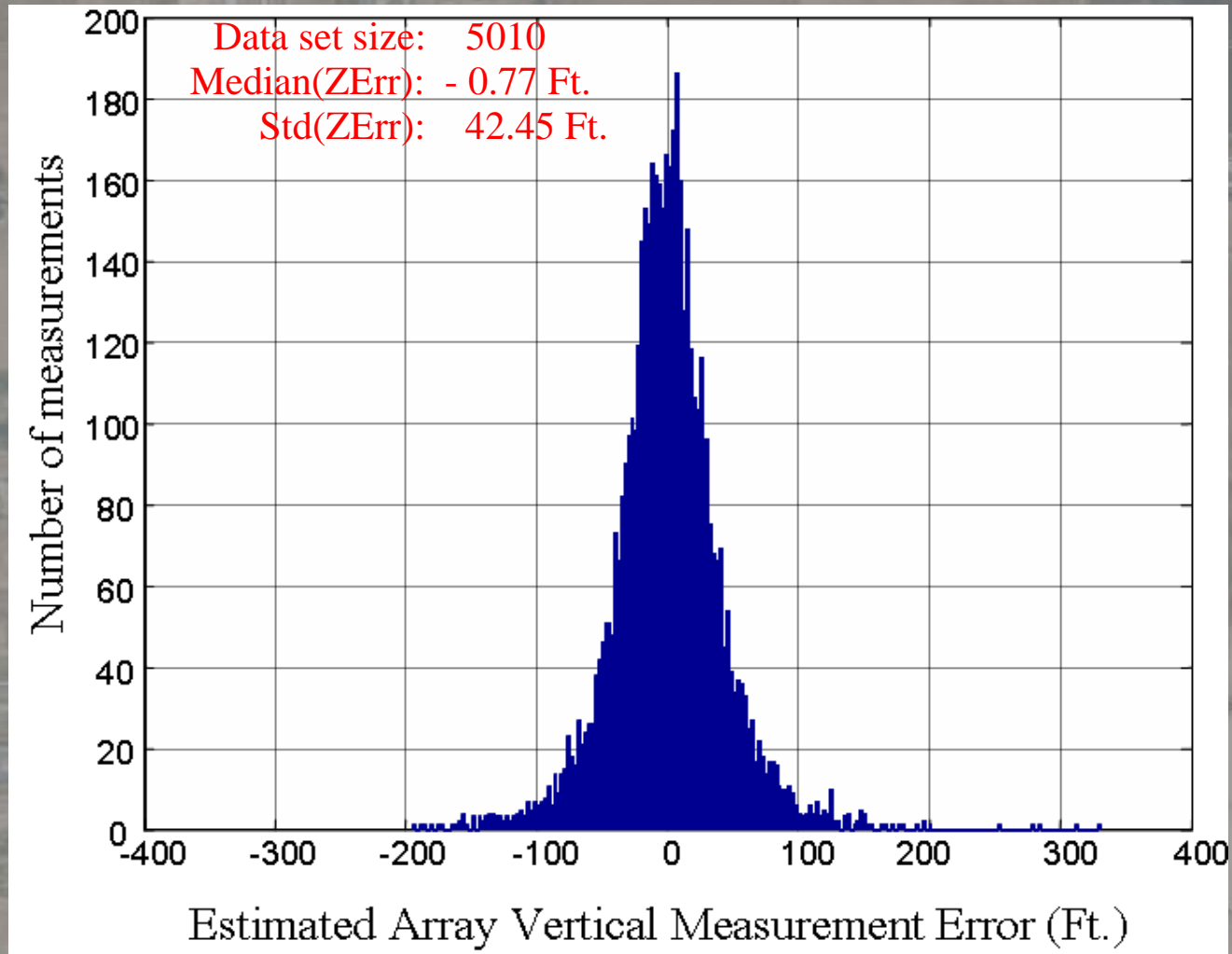
Lateral Position Error Estimates - Array

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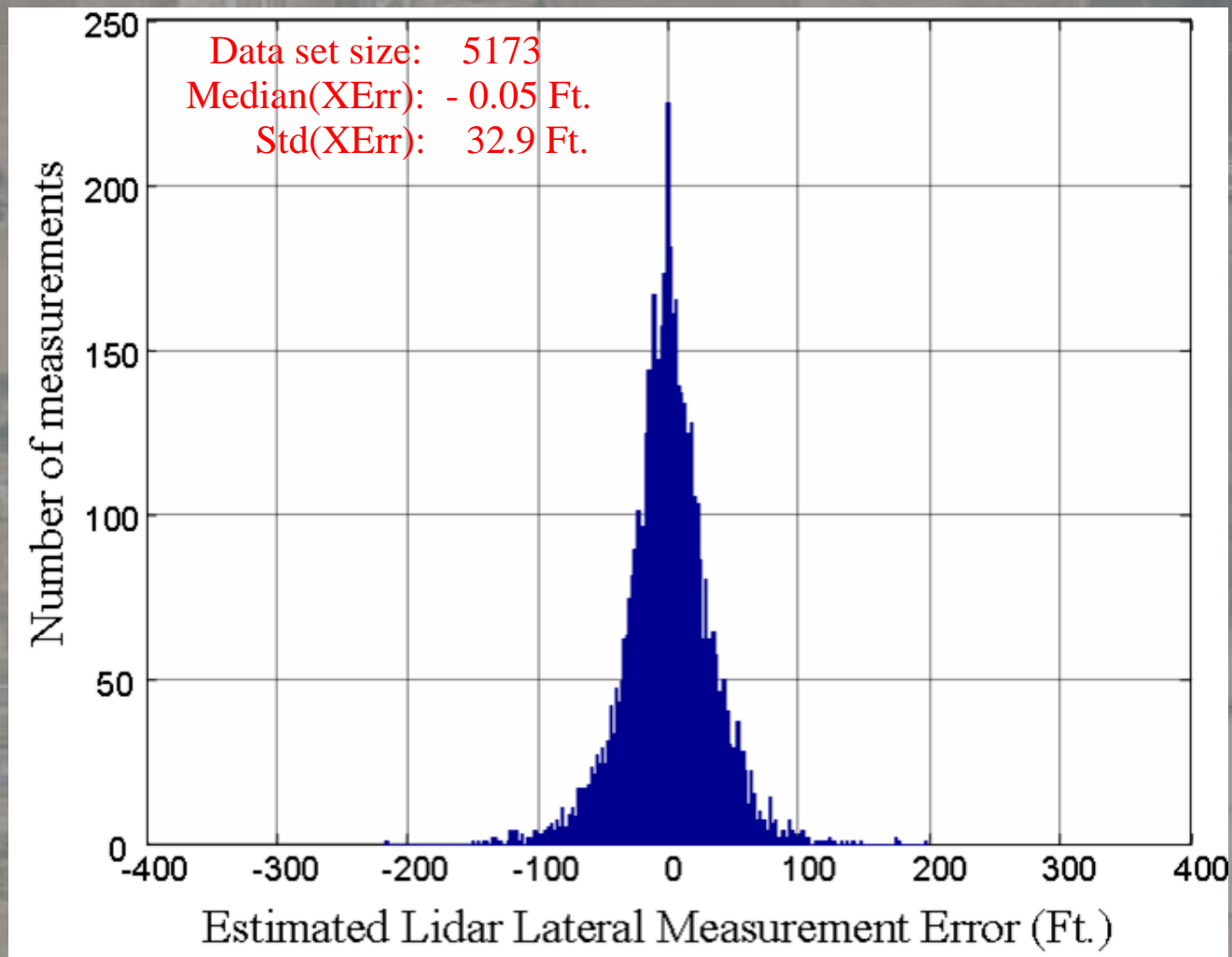
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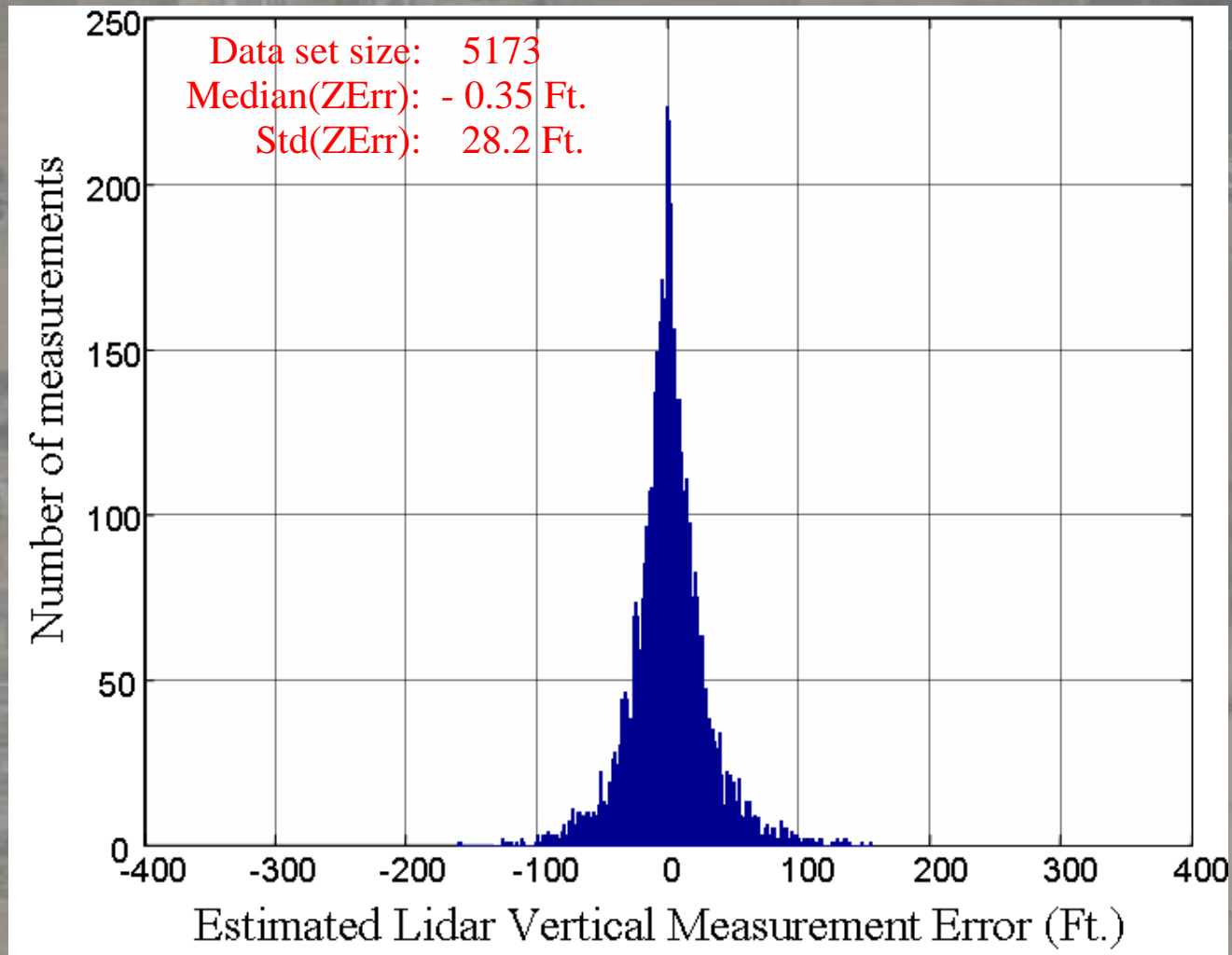
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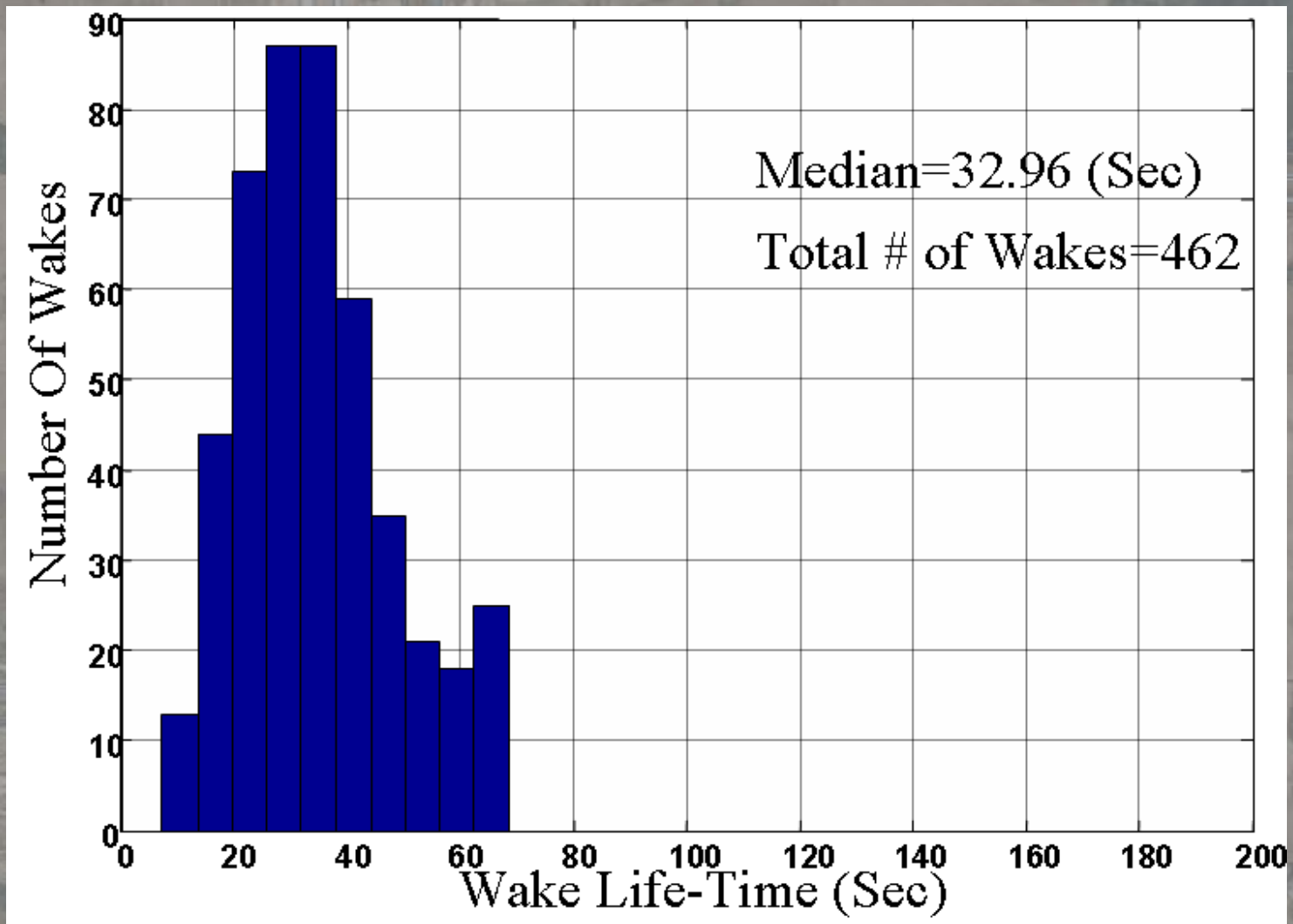


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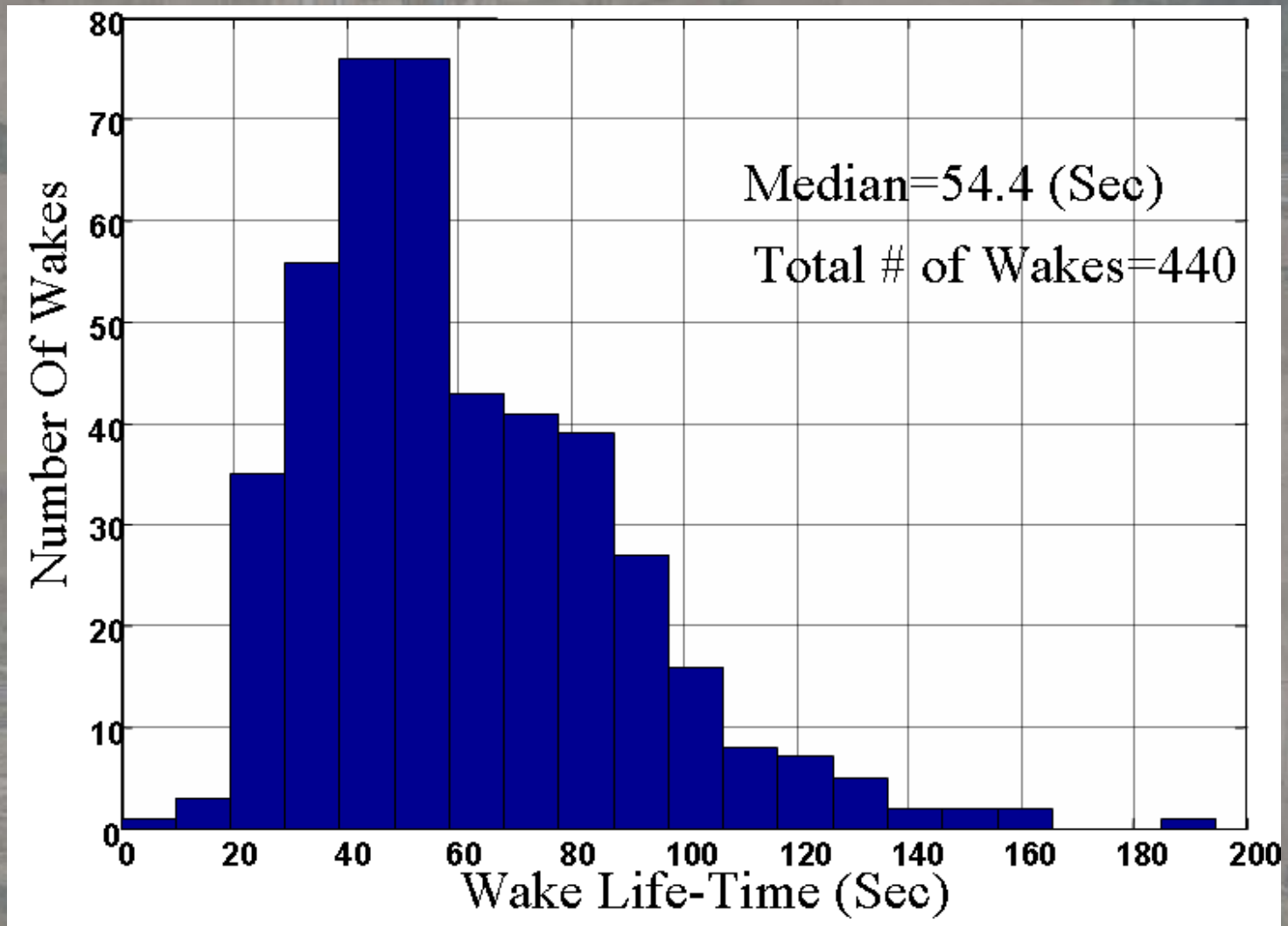


Wake Age Distribution in The Array Data



Array Data Collection : Max of 90 Sec.

Wake Age Distribution in The PLidar Data



Acoustics-Aerodynamics Correlation

Preliminary Effort

- Seeking a Power Law Relationship Between Acoustic Power (t) and Circulation (t).
- Acoustic Power Integrated (i) 0-400, (ii) “Narrow Band” (Most Consistent Portion of the Spectra).

Narrow Band Range

B752: 30-54 Hz

B737: 43-76 Hz

Spectral Data – 461 Tracks Generated

233 Common Tracks Between PLidar and Mic. Array

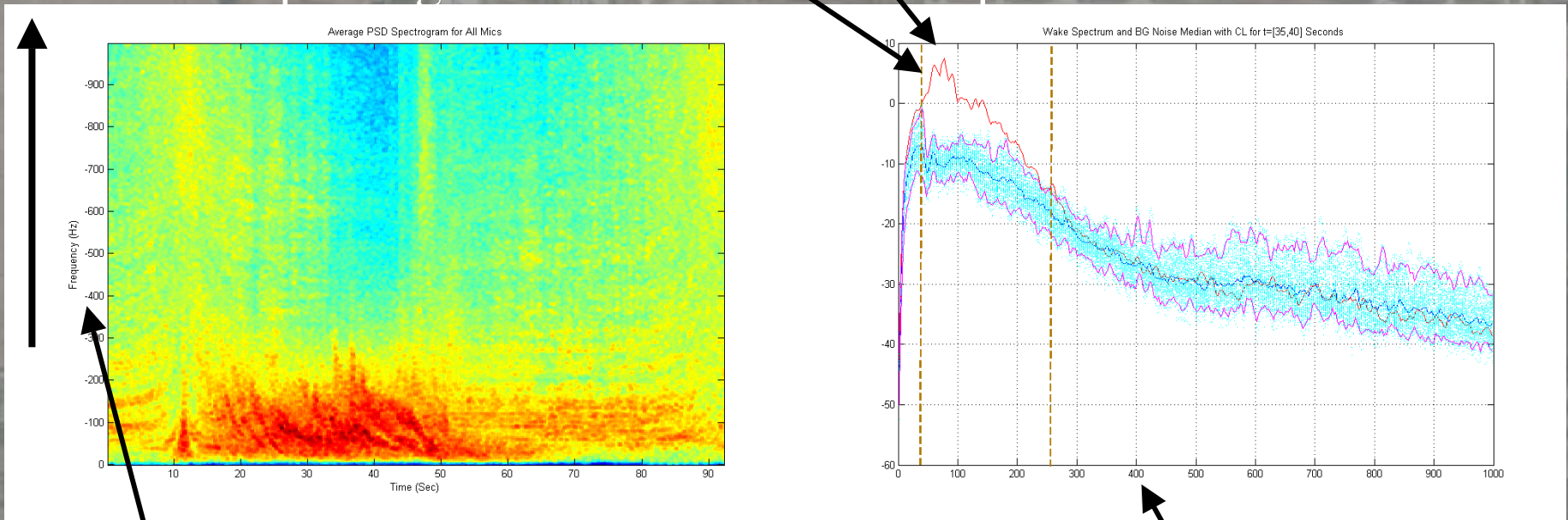
Max Power Spectral Density above background ~17dB

Freq.

Spectrogram

~75 Hz

Spectrum at 35 Seconds



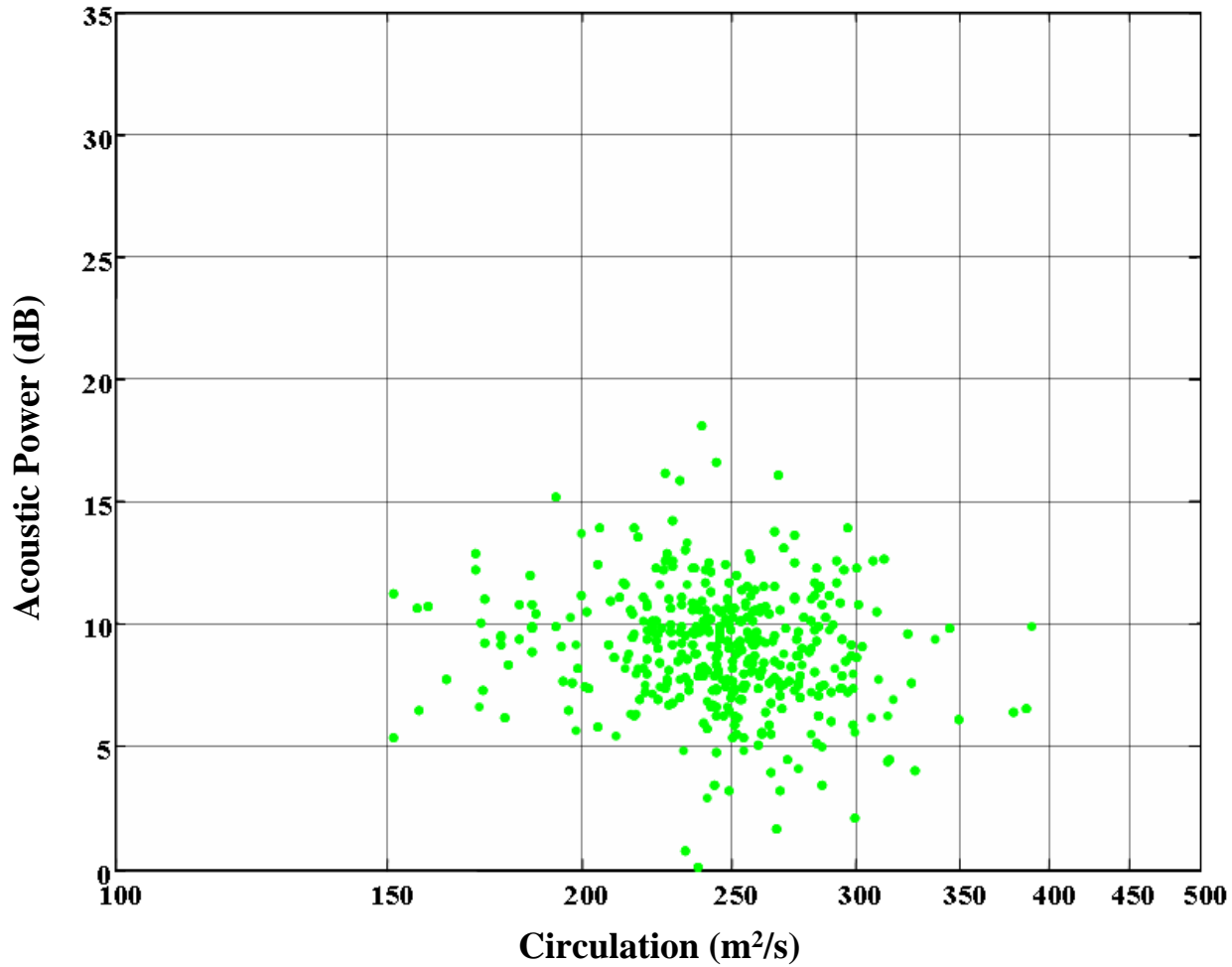
400 Hz

Time

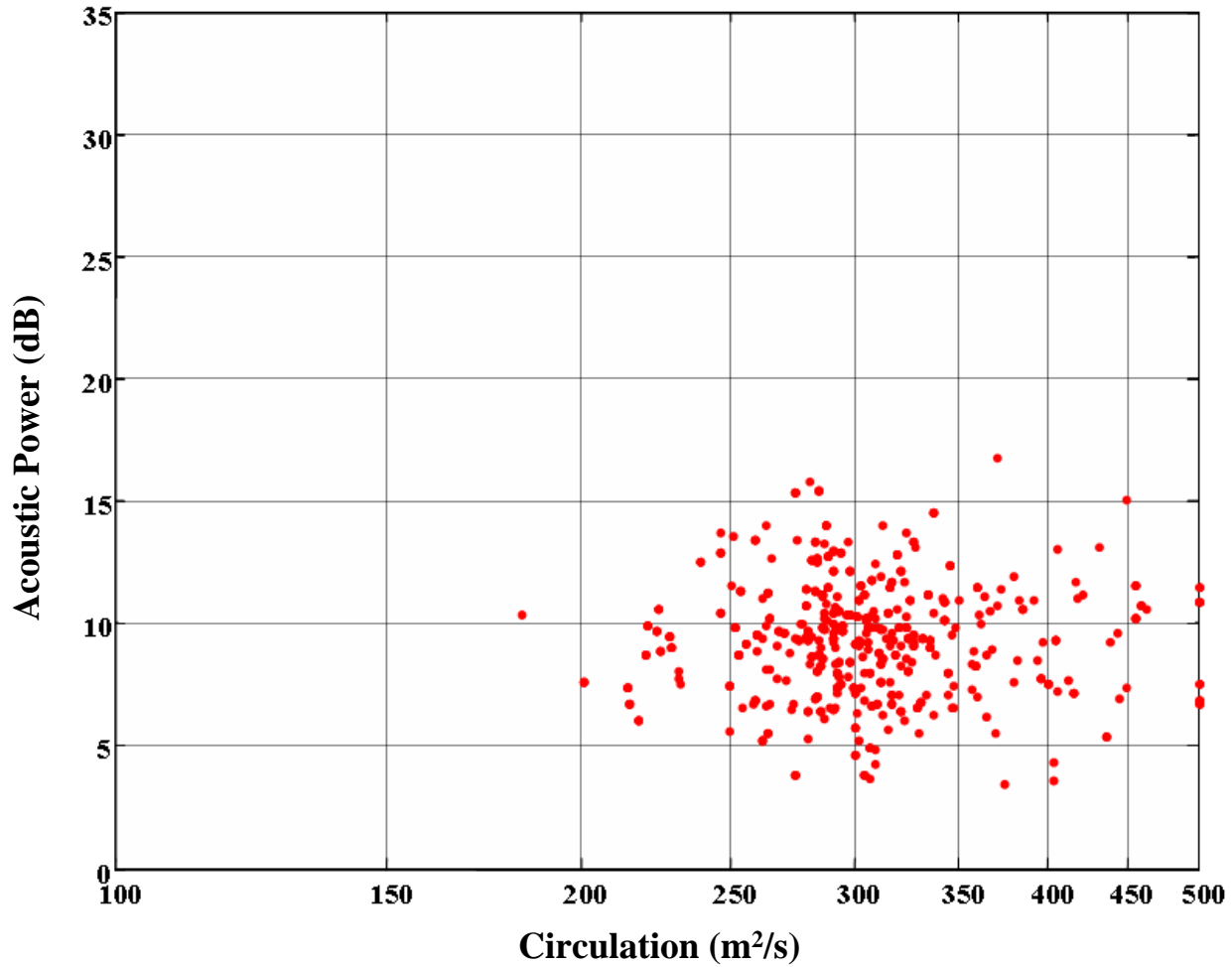
400 Hz

Event is a Boeing 737-500 on Sep 16, 2003 in the Early Afternoon Landing 16L

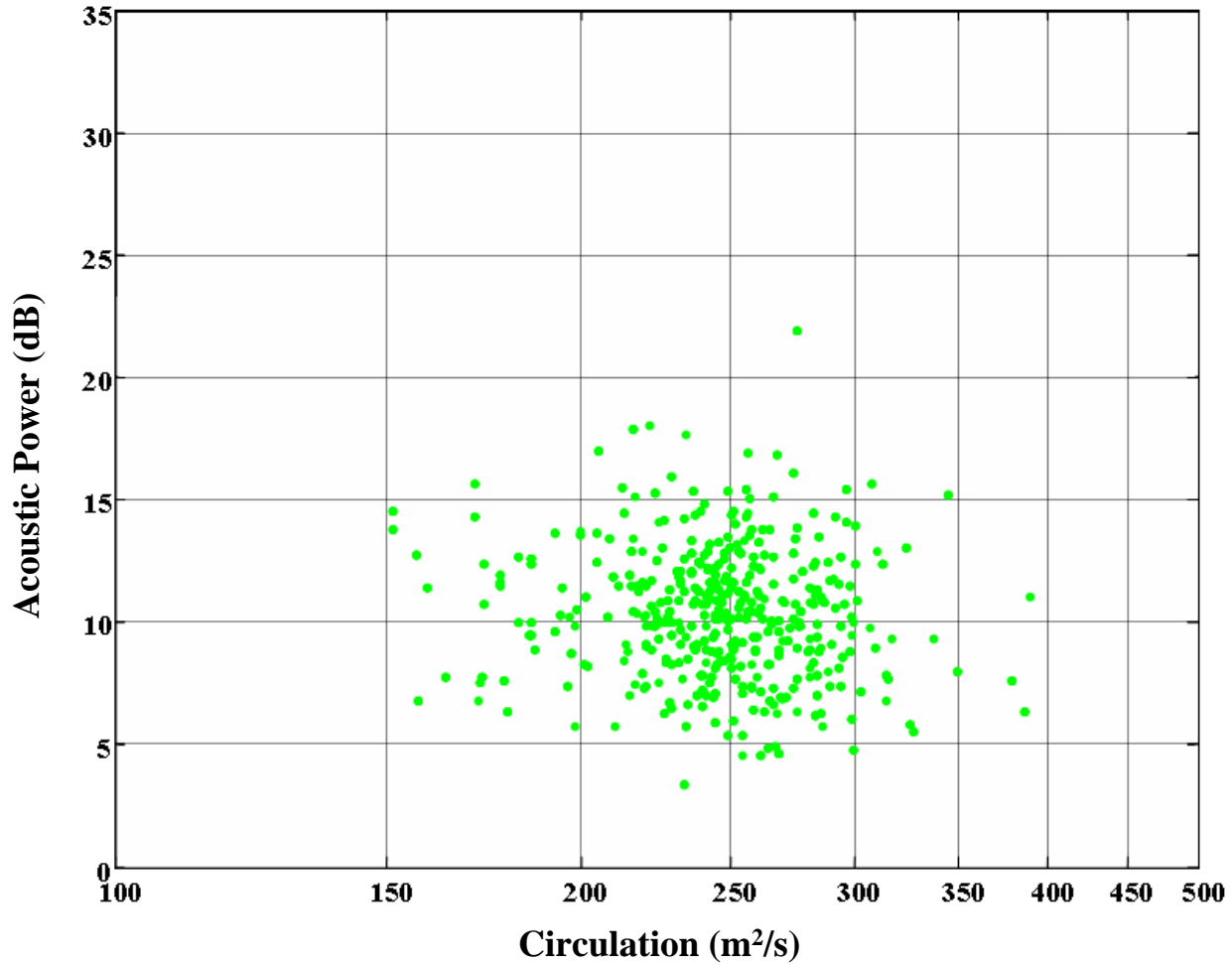
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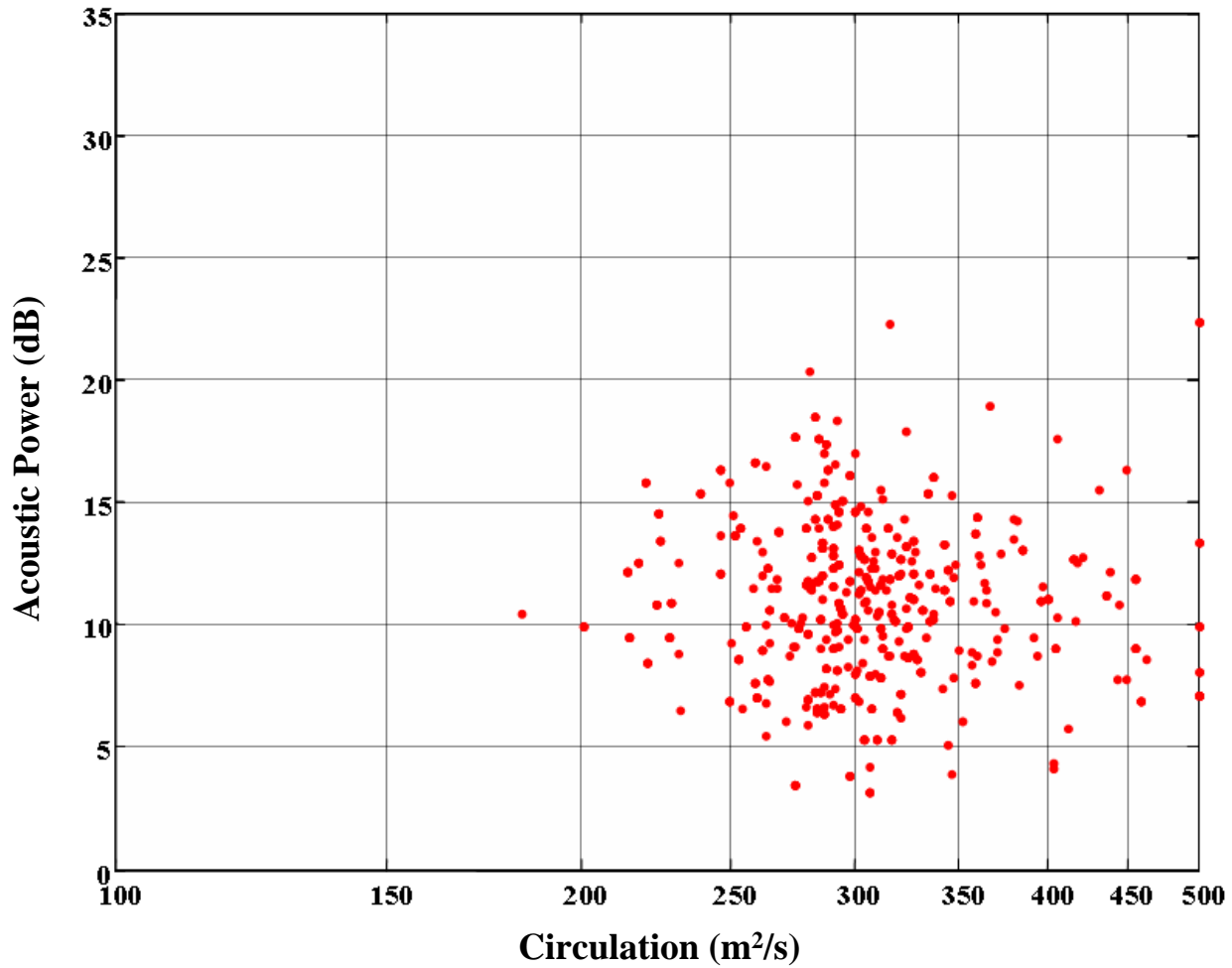
B752 (Broadband)



B737 (Narrowband)



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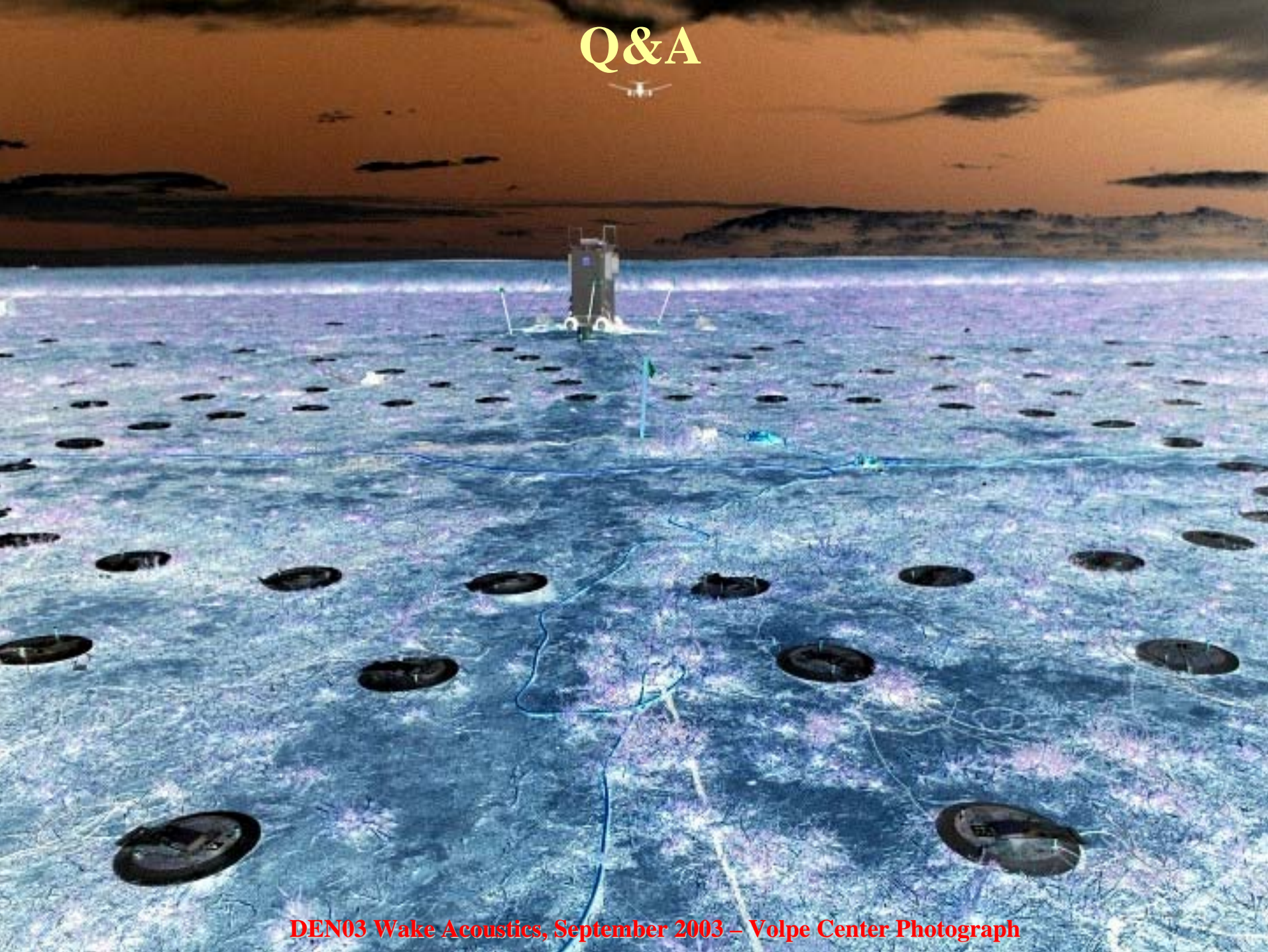
Perspectives

- **Earlier Literature (FST/LM, Bedard, Rubin, Burnham, Hallock, DLR, etc.) – 1998 to 2001**
- **DLR Paper – June 2002**
- **DLR-Berlin Visit – April 2003**
- **32 Mic. Subarray Bellevue Test – May 2003**
- **64 Mic. Subarray Bellevue Test – June 2003**
- **252 Mic. Denver Test – Aug/Sept. 2003**
- **AIAA Paper (Manchester) – May 2004**
- **Annual Data Review Meeting – Sept. 2004**
- **Additional Publications from Various Groups - 2005**

Some Thoughts...

- **In One Year Plus (Result of the Mic Data), the Government Team Greatly Advanced the Wake Acoustics State of the Art.**
- **The Mic. Array Data Offers A Set of Unique Research Database.**
- **Believe to Have a Role as a Research Sensor (In the DEN03 Form, Has the Range of a CW Lidar).**

Q&A



DEN03 Wake Acoustics, September 2003 – Volpe Center Photograph

Documentation

- 149th Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America, May 2005.
- 23rd AIAA Applied Aerodynamics Conference, June 2005.
- Executive Summary Report, 2005.
- DEN03 Meteorological Data Report, 2005.