

Measurements by Particle Streak Velocimetry: first step to the PIV ?

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In France, the first chronophotographic studies are published by E.J. Marey in 1893 who was interested in the visualization of flows around obstacle. Full-field velocity measurements began more tardily with Ch. Camichel during the 1930s, Ch. Chartier (1937) carried out stereoscopic quantitative flow measurements around obstacles and marine propellers. Installed at Poitiers in the IMAP, which will become the ENSMA, he carried out aerodynamic and hydrodynamic measurements in flows at various velocities. J.M. Bourot (1949) worked on the ability of particles to follow gas flows, especially at high speeds (200, 300 m/s). The studies started from photography have been continuously improved during many years, under the impulse of M. Coutanceau. At the end of the 1980s, the technique of particle streak velocimetry was automated on microcomputer by MF Collin and A. Texier. Digitized images at high-resolution allowed the extraction of instantaneous velocity fields for flows in channels or starting wakes. With the emergence of digital cameras at the laboratory in the 1990s, other flow measurement techniques were developed (PIV, PTV, Polychromatic PSV 3D) and in 1996 the comparative results between PSV, PTV and PIV signed the end of the PSV.

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