



## RoBuT (Rotatable Buoyancy Tunnel)

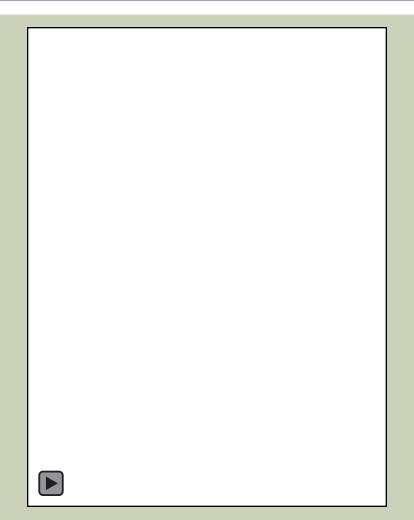
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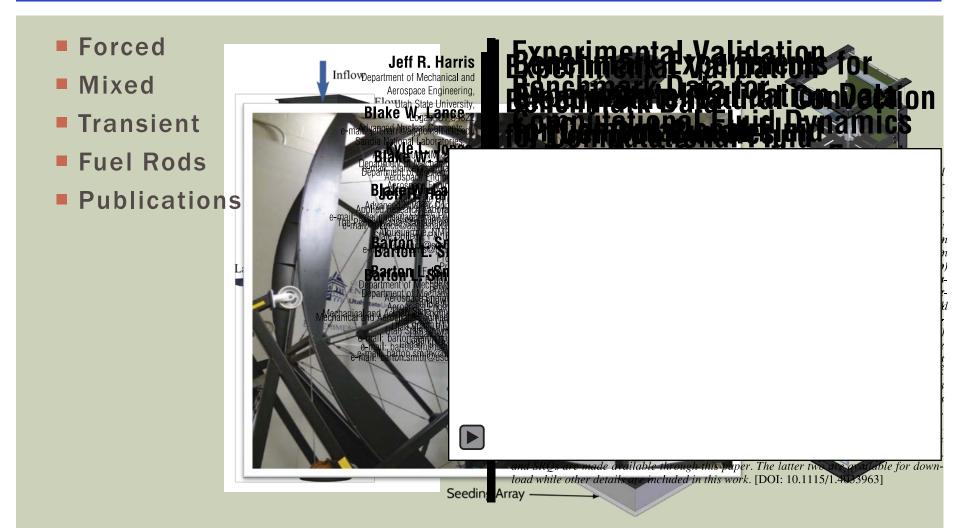
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## **RoBuT Purpose/Capabilities**

- Measurements in gas (air)
- Buoyancy Aided or Opposed
- BC/Inflow Measurements
- Unobtrusive Measurements
  - PIV (gas velocities)
  - Thermography (gas temperature)
  - Wall temperature and pressure
- EFDL Validation Benchmark Data Expertise
  - 4 published journal articles
  - SRQ and BC data all available to public

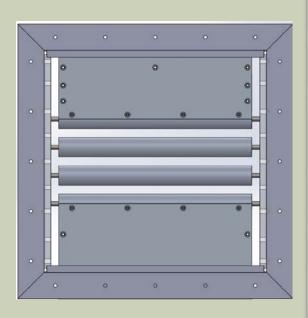


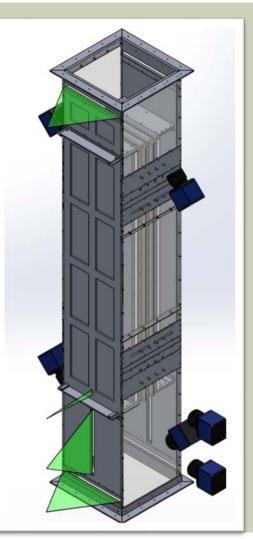
# **Previous Work**



## Future Work

- Parallel Channels
- Increasing viscosity with temperature causes instabilities
- Introducing gas temperature measurements





#### How to Use RoBuT

- Currently starting year 2 of 3-year project
- Tunnel is 50% available
- All work to date has been through direct collaboration
- We are interested in other users
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