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# Power-spectra of turbulent buoyant jets from laboratory measurements

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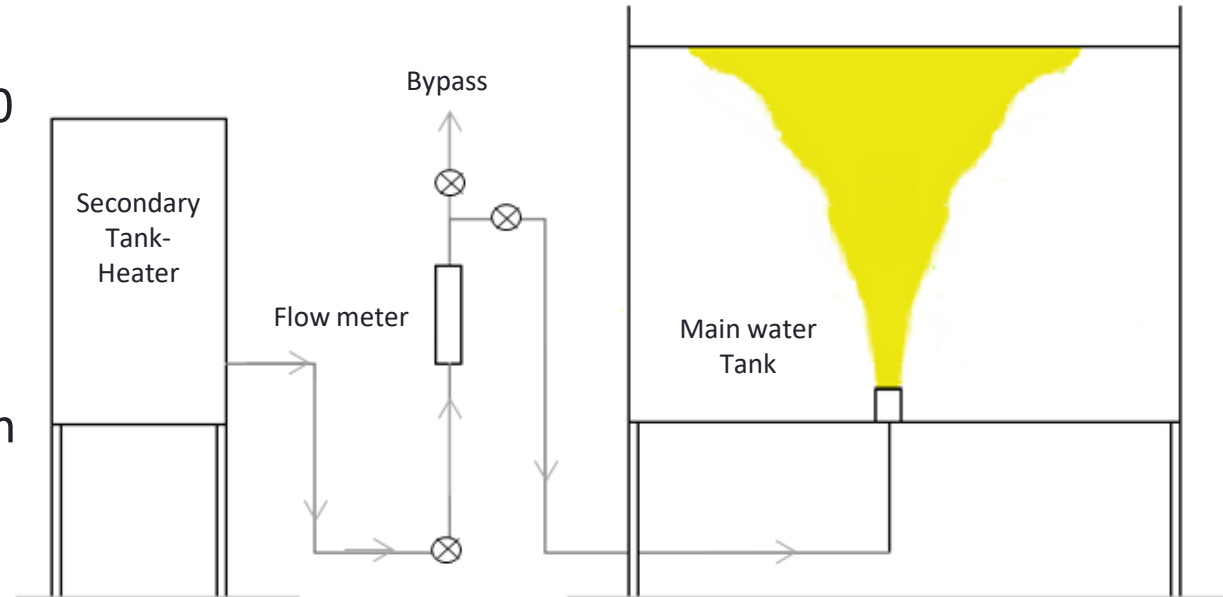
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# INTRODUCTION

- The investigation of turbulent jets is of great importance because jet flows arise in many engineering fields such as wastewater disposal and gaseous releases.
- 11 experiments of turbulent buoyant jets were carried out:
  - 6 with a **temperature** difference and
  - 5 experiments with **salinity** difference
- The experiments included flow visualization and concentration measurements using LIF technique.
- The results are compared to previous results from literature.

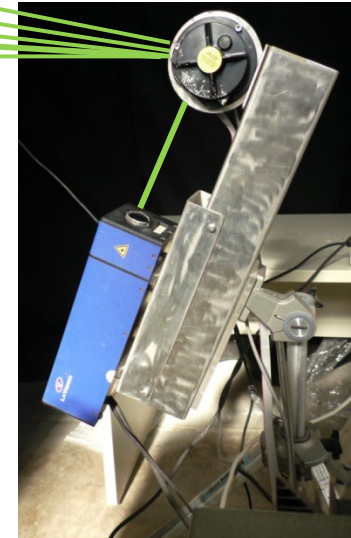
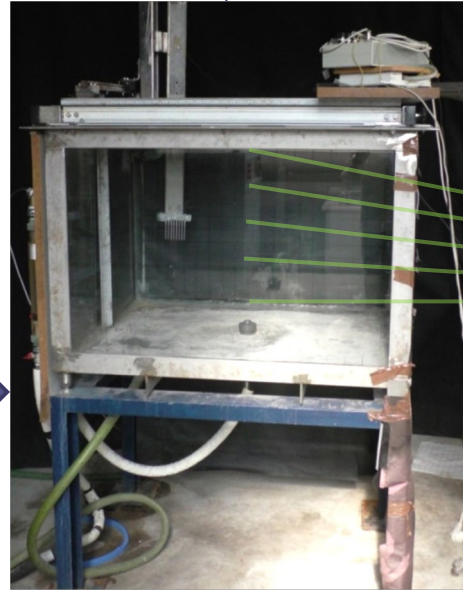
# EXPERIMENTAL SET UP

- Main water Tank  
Dimensions: 1 x 0,8 x 0,7 m
- Secondary Tank- Heater with a capacity of 40 L for preparation of Rhodamine 6G solution
- Flow meter
- Measuring instruments (densitometers, digital measuring instrument YSI30, precision scales)
- Laser and rotating prism mirror
- Video camera
- Specially designed "curtains" for darkened environment



**Figure 1.:** Experimental set up

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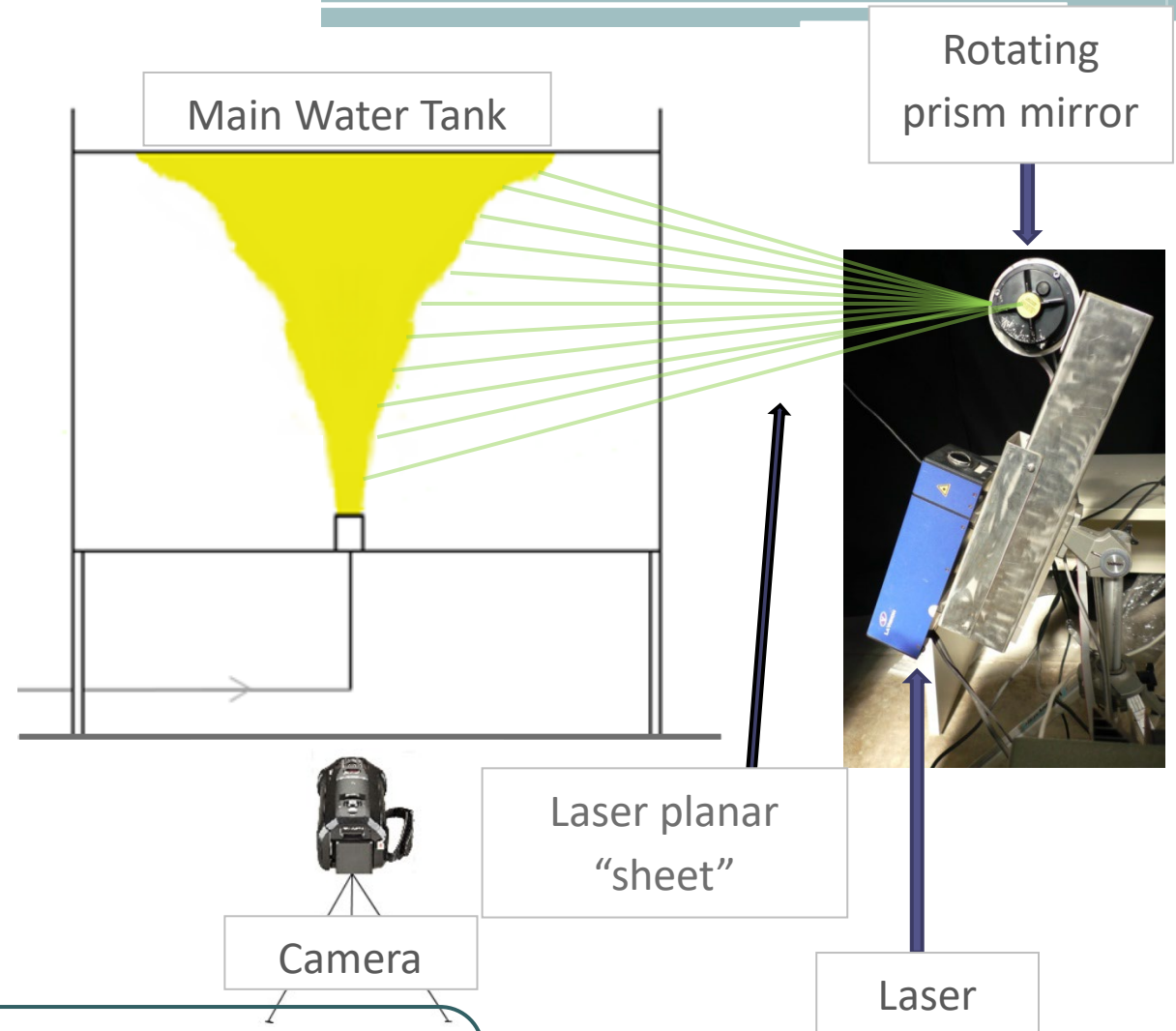


# EXPERIMENTAL SET UP

- Main Water Tank 1 x 0,8 x 0,7 m
- Laser and rotating prism mirror
- Video camera

## LIF TECHNIQUE (LASER INDUCED FLUORESCENCE)

Rhodamine 6G is added in the jet fluid. A laser sheet excites the dye and the fluorescent light emitted is recorded by means of a video camera.



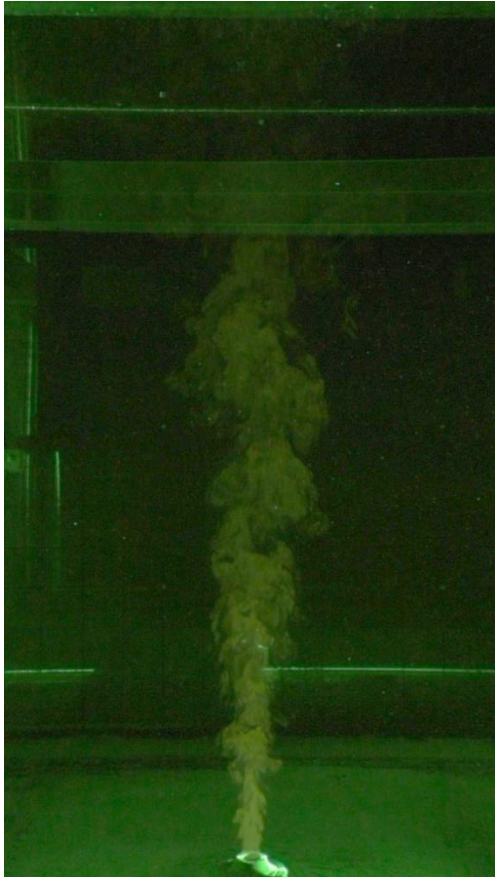
Flow visualization and high accuracy concentration measurements by correlating light intensity and concentration

# INITIAL EXPERIMENTAL CONDITIONS

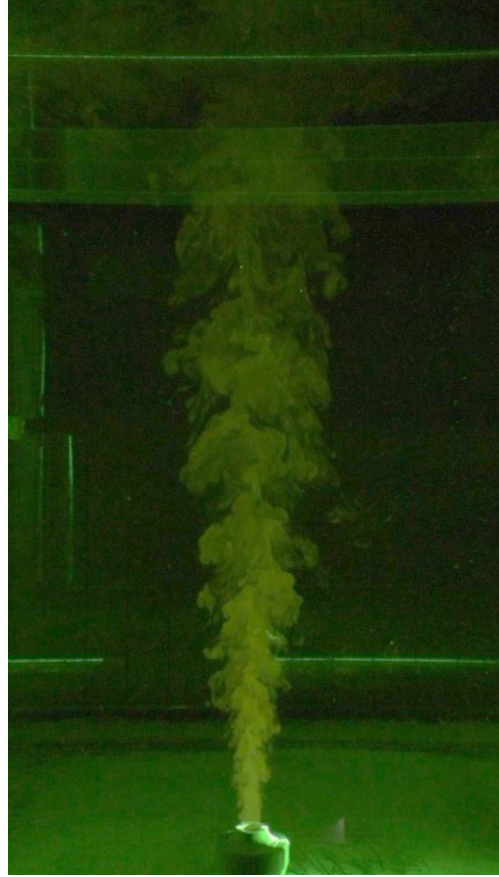
- 11 experiments with LIF technique
- 6 experiments with temperature difference  
( $\Delta T$  between 23°C - 31 °C)  $\longrightarrow$  ( $\Delta \rho$  between 0,6% and 0,82%)
- 5 experiments with salinity difference  
( $\Delta s$  between 25,2 ppt and 26,2 ppt)  $\longrightarrow$  ( $\Delta \rho$  between 1,8% and 1,9%)
- Outlet diameter 1,5 cm
- Flow rate between 14,75 cm<sup>3</sup>/s and 27,15 cm<sup>3</sup>/s
- Densimetric Froude number  $F_o$  between 1,72 and 3,73
- Reynolds number  $Re$  at the outlet between 1222 and 3136



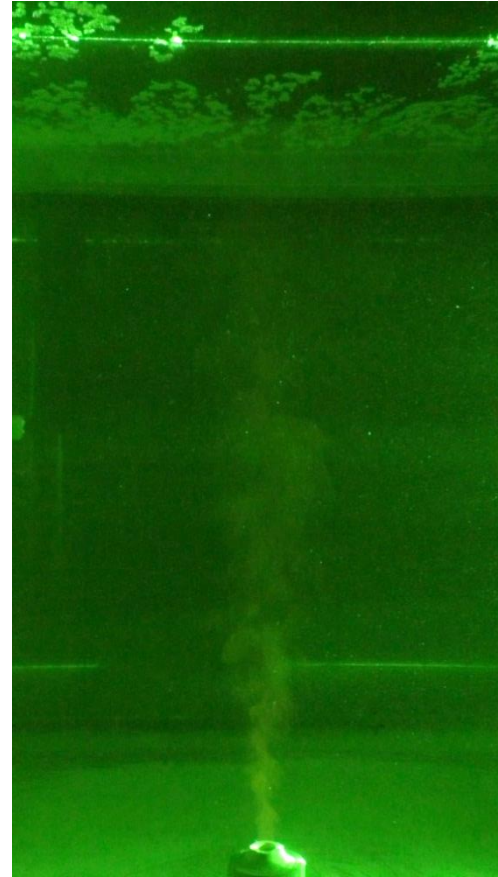
# CHARACTERISTIC IMAGES



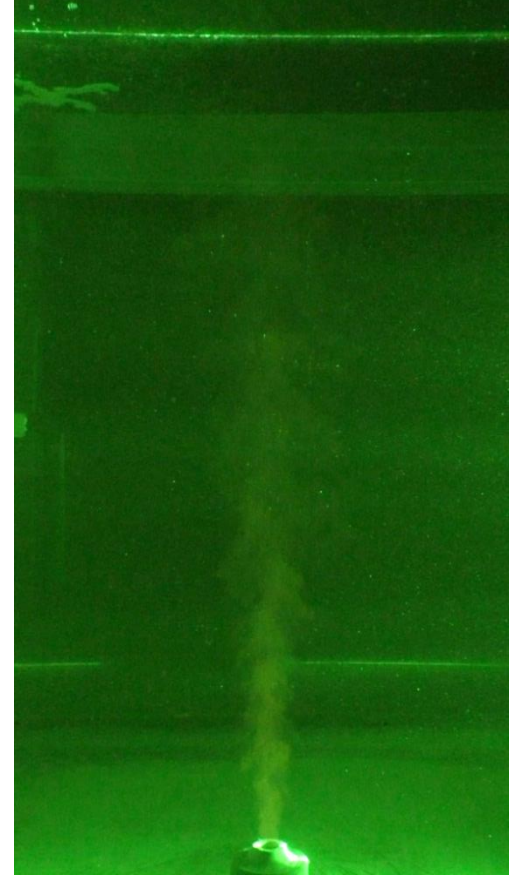
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# MEAN AND RMS CONCENTRATION- TURBULENCE INTENSITY

- For each concentration  $C_i$  :

$$c_i = \bar{c} + c'_i$$

where  $\bar{c}$  is the mean of the values and  $c'_i$  is the turbulent fluctuation of concentration

- The mean concentration is :

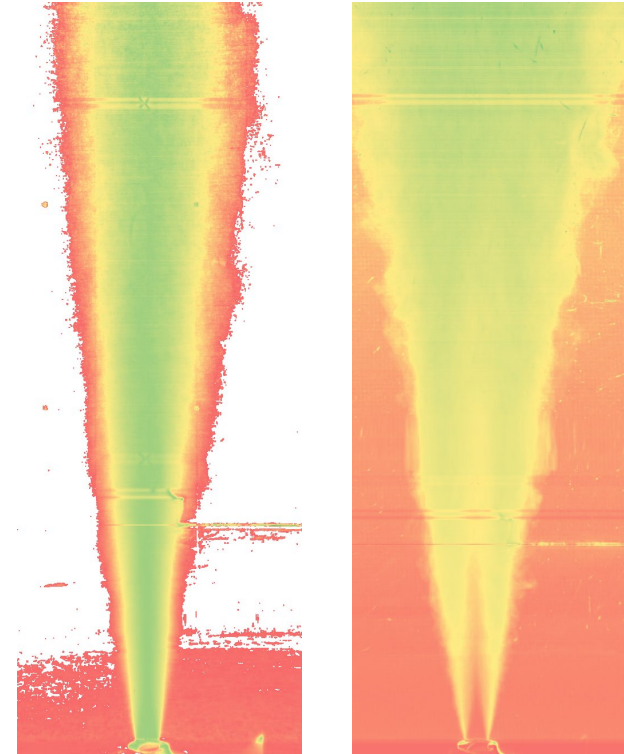
$$\bar{c} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{i=N} c_i}{N} = c$$

Processing: Removal of mean concentration  $c_\alpha$  and transformation in dimensionless form using  $C_M$  (Maximum value)

- The RMS concentration is:  $\sqrt{c'^2} = C_{\text{RMS}} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{i=N} (c_i - \bar{c})^2}{N}}$

Processing: transformation in dimensionless form with  $C_M$  (Maximum mean concentration)

- $N=3000-4000$  (frames)



**Figure 2.:** Mean and RMS concentration after processing (Experiment Exp.9T)



# MEAN CONCENTRATION DISTRIBUTIONS

- The distributions satisfactorily approximate the dimensionless Gaussian distribution, indicating self-similarity
- Decrease in values on the right side due to light attenuation
- Calculation of attenuation:

$$P'' = P' e^{-(\eta_w + \epsilon_0 C(x)) \Delta x}$$

where  $\eta_w$  is the attenuation in water ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ),  $\epsilon_0$  is the attenuation coefficient due to the existence of Rhodamine 6G ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )( $\mu\text{g l}^{-1}$ )-1 and  $C(x)$  continuous concentration function of  $\sigma\epsilon \mu\text{g/l}^{-1}$ ,  $P'$  the power of the beam entering the length element  $\Delta x$  and  $P''$  the power exiting from it.



Symmetric diagram

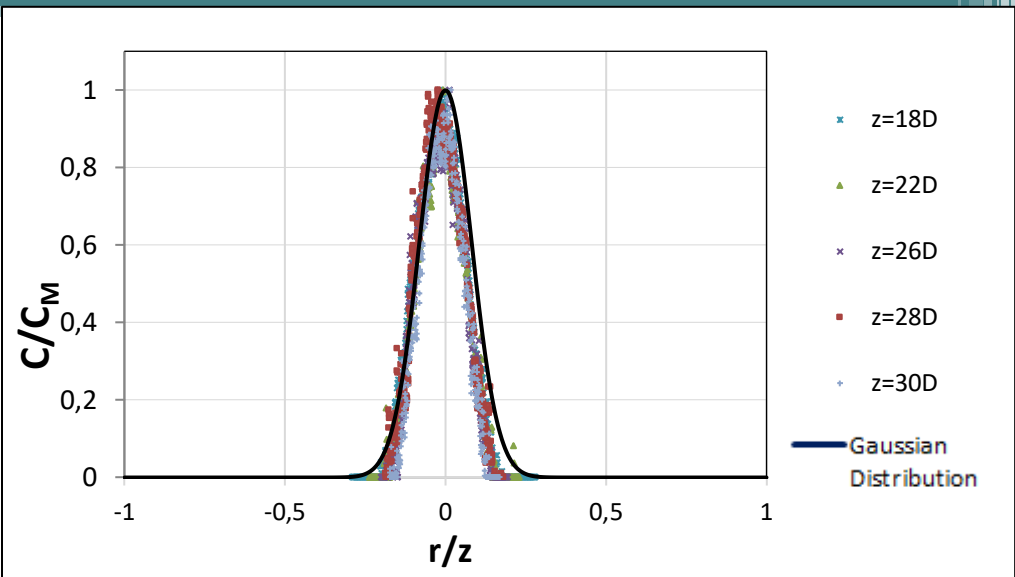


Figure 3.: Transverse distribution of the mean concentration at various distances from the outflow for Experiment Exp.6T

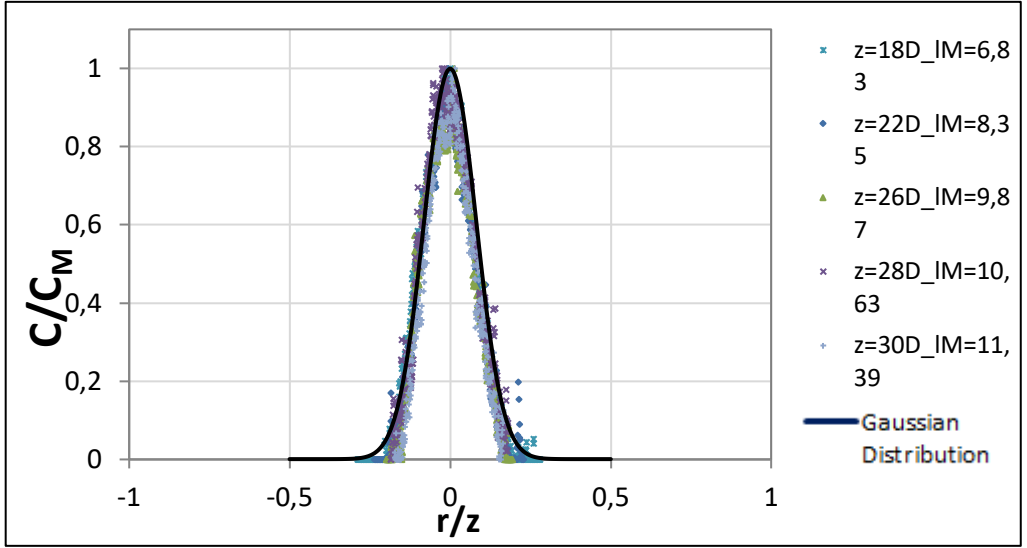
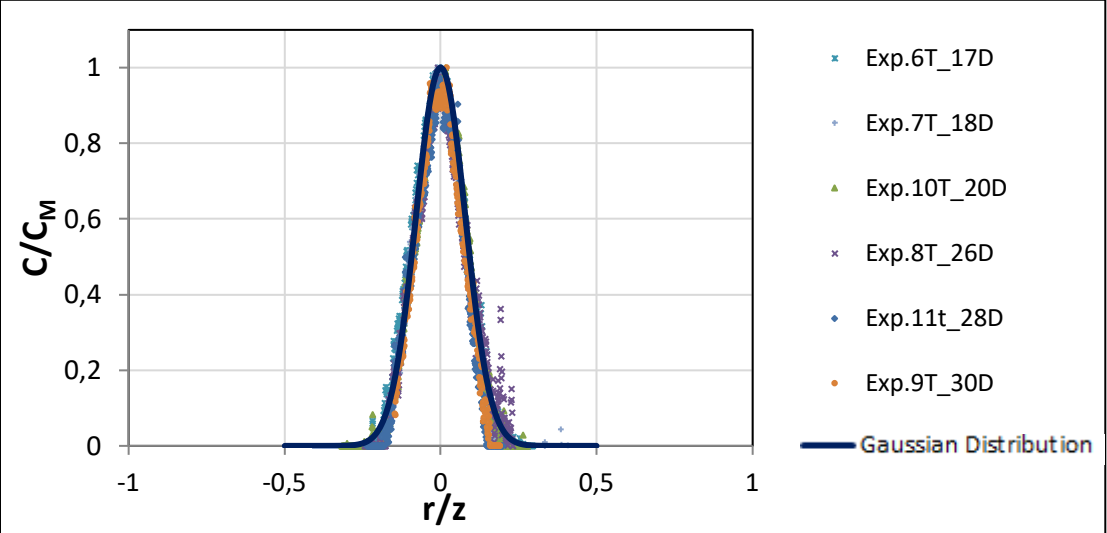
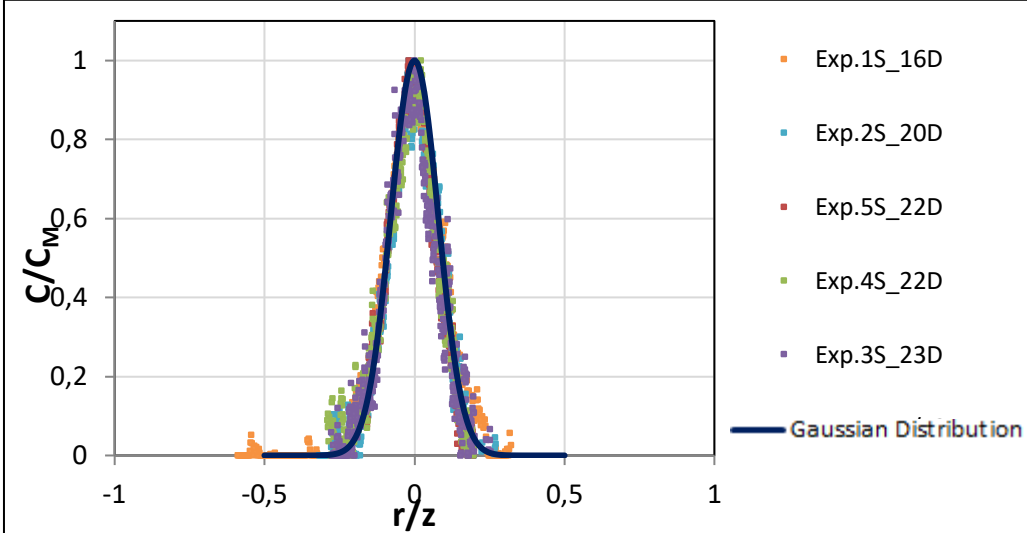


Figure 4.: Transverse distribution of the mean concentration at various distances from the outflow for Experiment Exp.6T after attenuation calculation

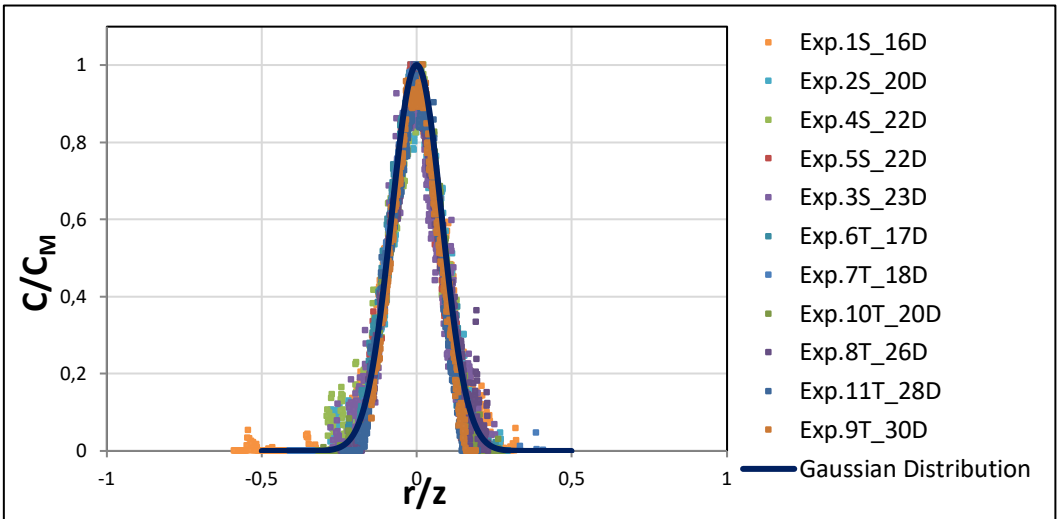
# RESULTS – TRANSVERSE DISTRIBUTIONS OF THE MEAN CONCENTRATION



**Figure 5.:** Transverse distribution of the mean concentration at various vertical distances from the outflow for experiments with salinity difference.

**Figure 6.:** Transverse distribution of the mean concentration at various vertical distances from the outflow for experiments with temperature difference.

- The distributions satisfactorily approximate the dimensionless Gaussian distribution:
 
$$C / C_M = e^{-r^2/bc^2}$$
 where  $b_c$  is the width of the concentration distribution
- Self-similarity

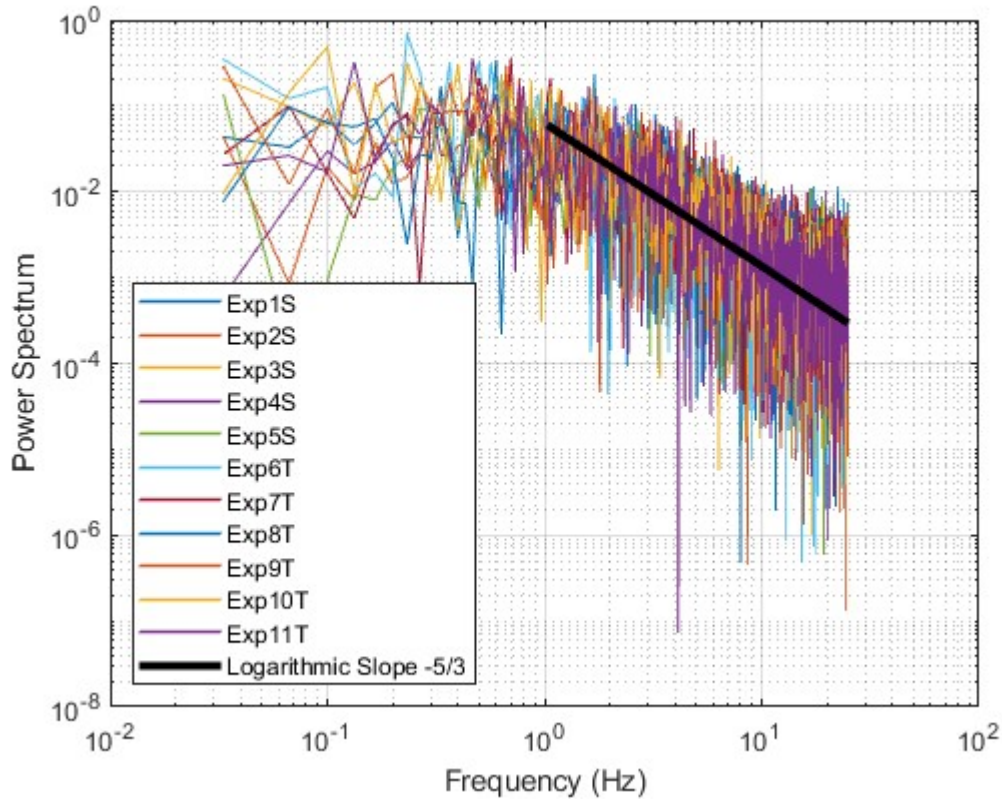


**Figure 7.:** Transverse distribution of the mean concentration at various vertical distances from the outflow for the entire set of experiments

# POWER SPECTRUM

The estimated PS of the concentration are presented below. The Power Spectrum ( $E(k)$ ) is calculated using Fast Fourier Transformation given by:

$$E(k) = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|C(k)|^2}{T} \quad C(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} c(t) \cdot e^{-2\pi i f t} dt$$



**Figure 8.** : Power spectral estimates for the entire set of experiments at the buoyant jet centerline at dimensionless distance  $z=5,84 l_M$

where  $t$  is the time vector (sec),  $T$  the total duration of the time-series (sec) and  $f$  the frequency (Hz)

The log-slope of the power spectral estimates from all experiments approximate the Kolmogorov slope of  $-5/3$ , in agreement with theoretical results for the inertial subrange.

# CONCLUSION

- The LIF method achieves flow visualization and concentration measurement with high precision, without interfering with the flow
- The distributions of the dimensionless mean concentration  $C/C_M$  with respect to the dimensionless distance  $r/z$  from the axis of the buoyant jet satisfactorily approximate the Gaussian dimensionless distribution
- The log slope of the power spectral estimates satisfactorily approximate Kolmogorov model slope of  $-5/3$

# GRAPHS

## Exp.1S

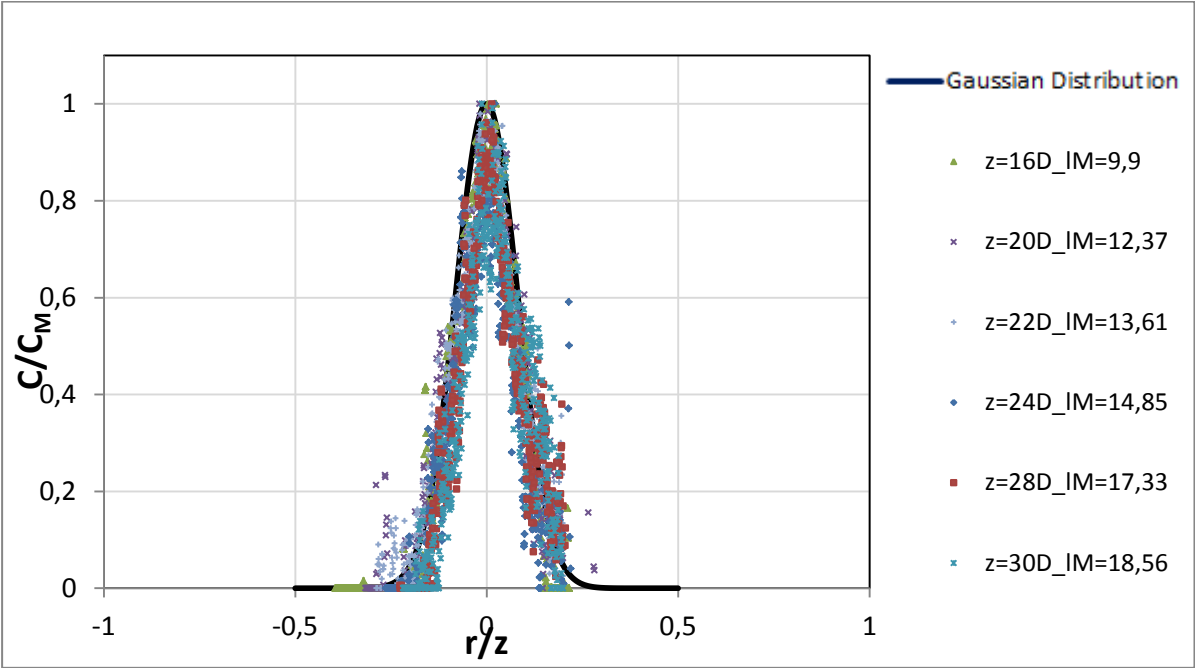


Figure A.1 Transverse distribution of the mean concentration at various vertical distances from the outflow from experiment Exp.1S

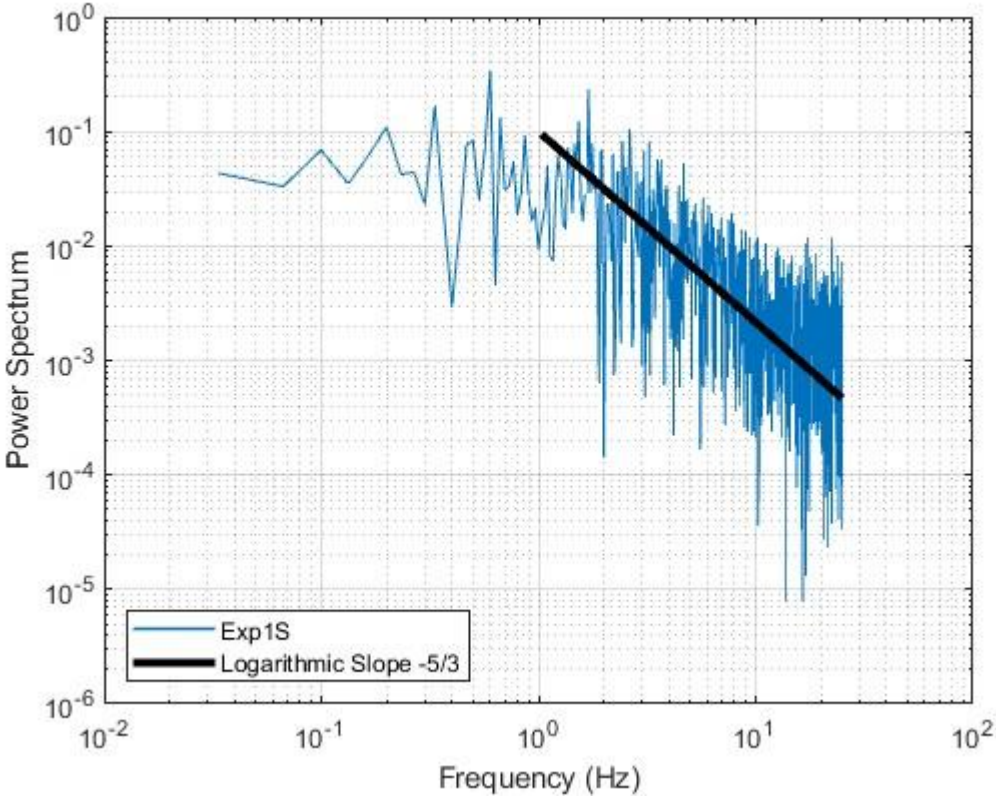
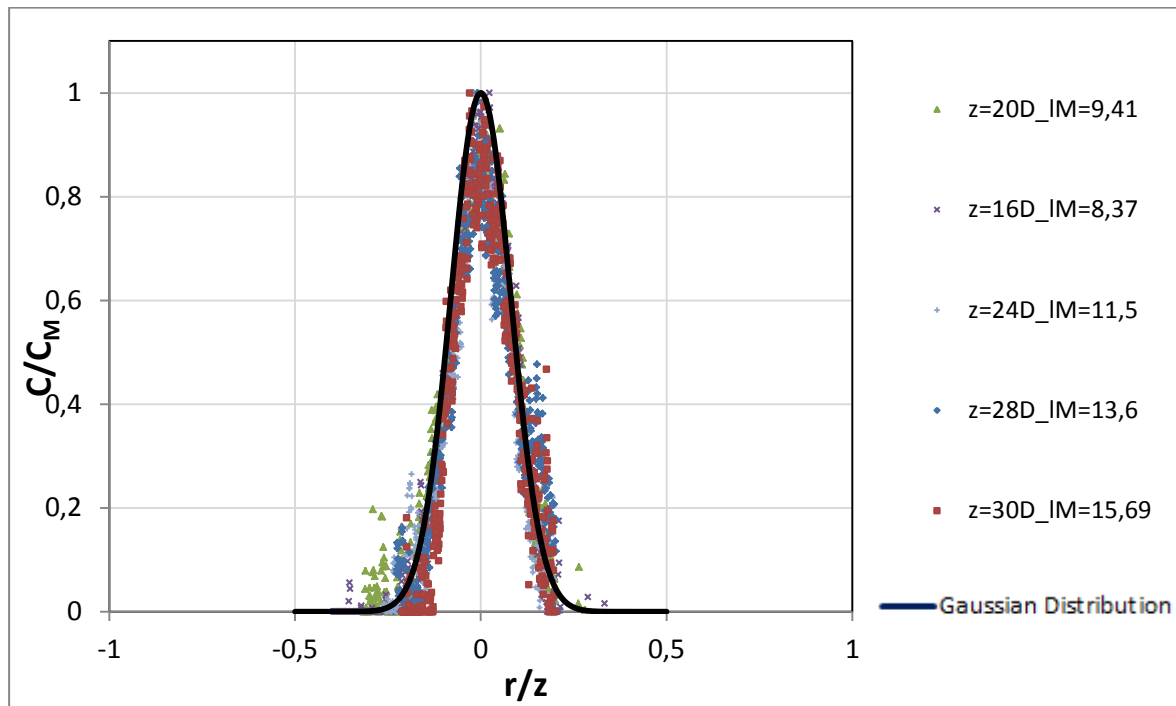
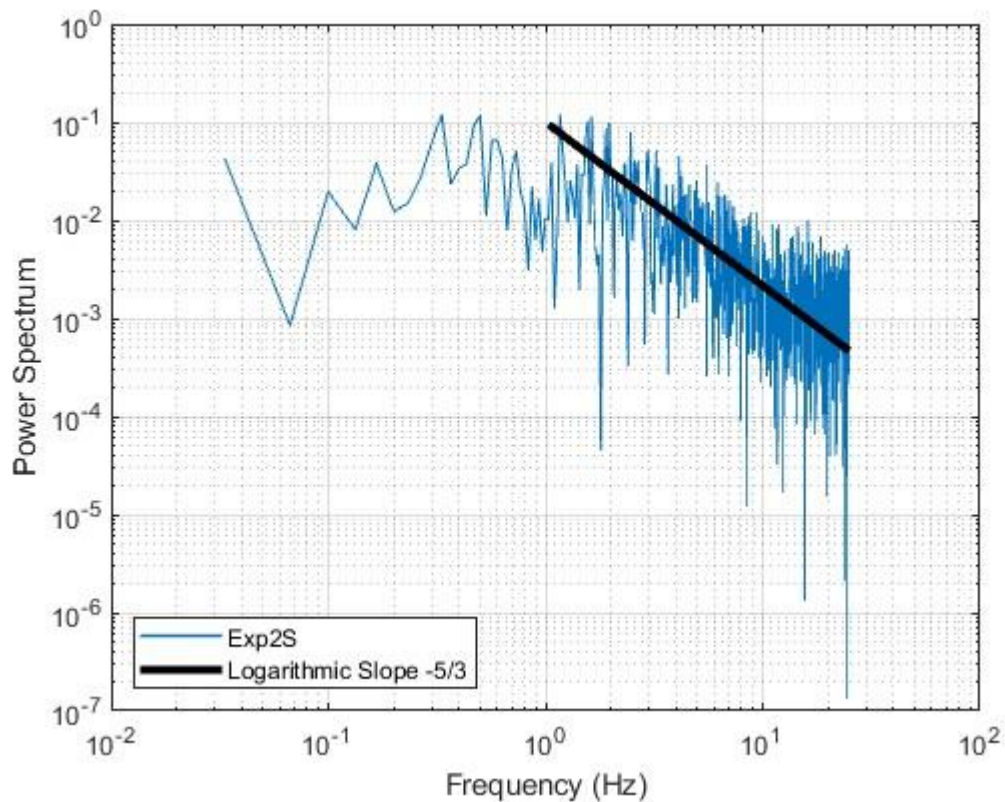


Figure A.2 Power spectral estimate at the buoyant jet centerline at dimensionless distance  $z=5,84 l_M$  for experiment Exp.1S

## Exp.2S



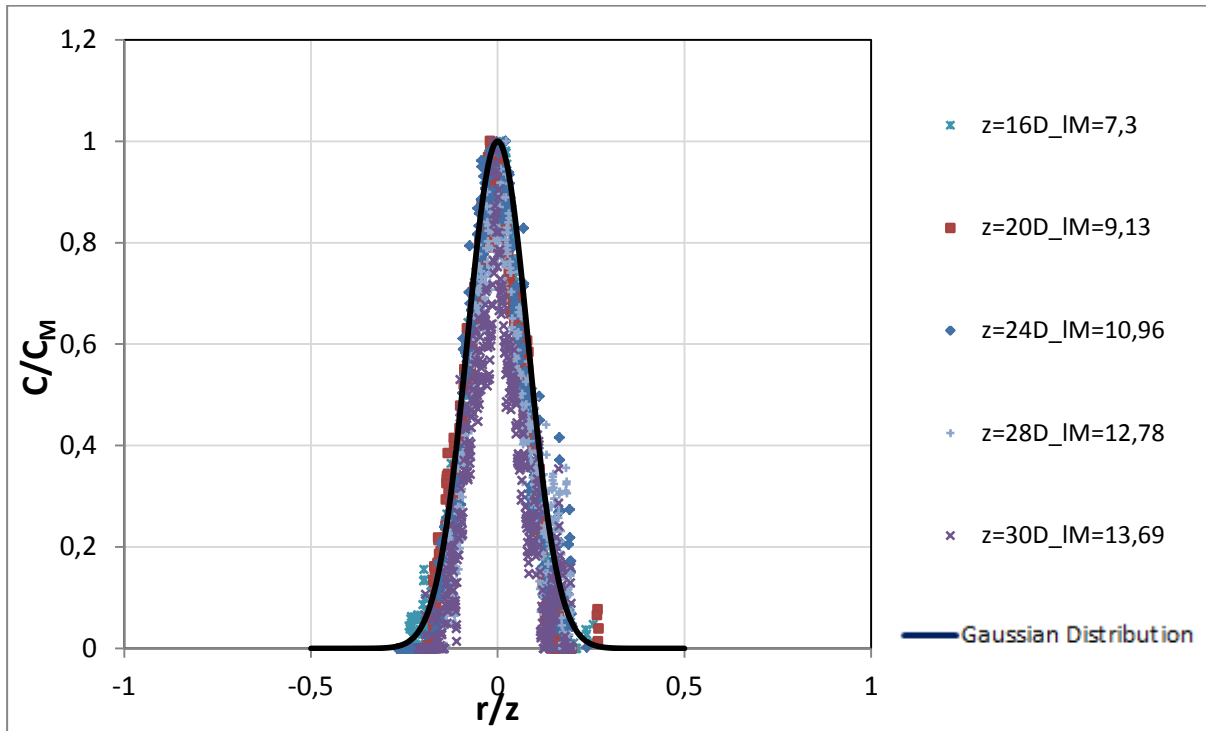
**Figure A.3** Transverse distribution of the mean concentration at various vertical distances from the outflow from experiment Exp.2S



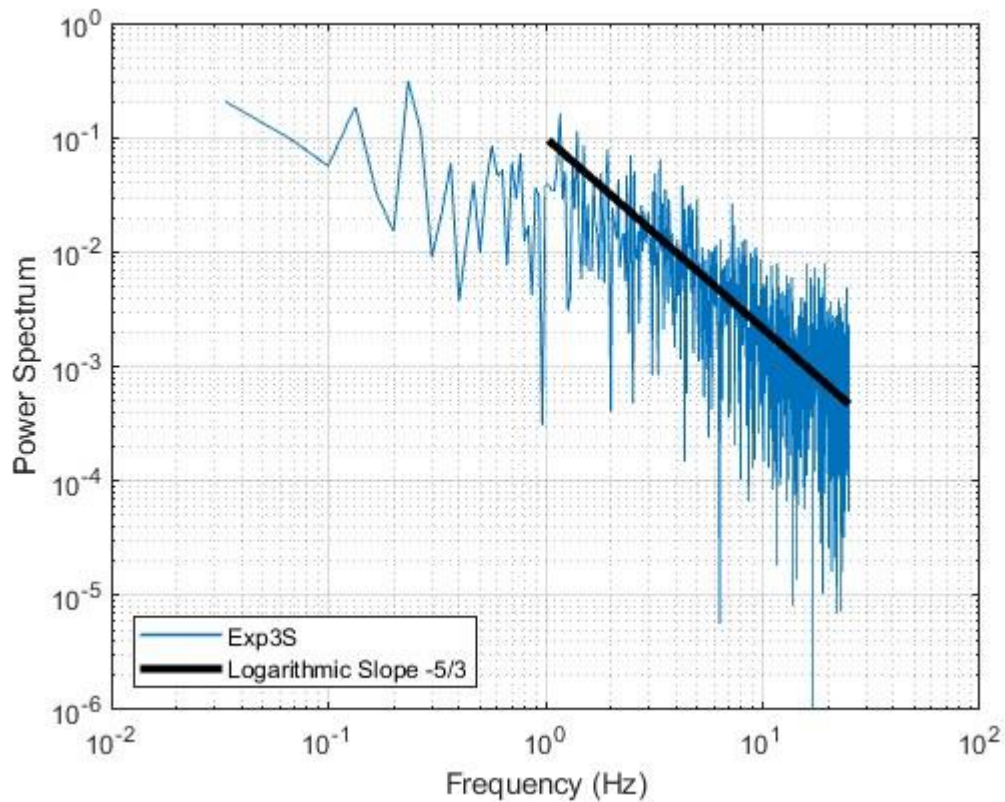
**Figure A.4** Power spectral estimate at the buoyant jet centerline at dimensionless distance  $z=5,84 l_M$  for experiment Exp.2S



### Exp.3S

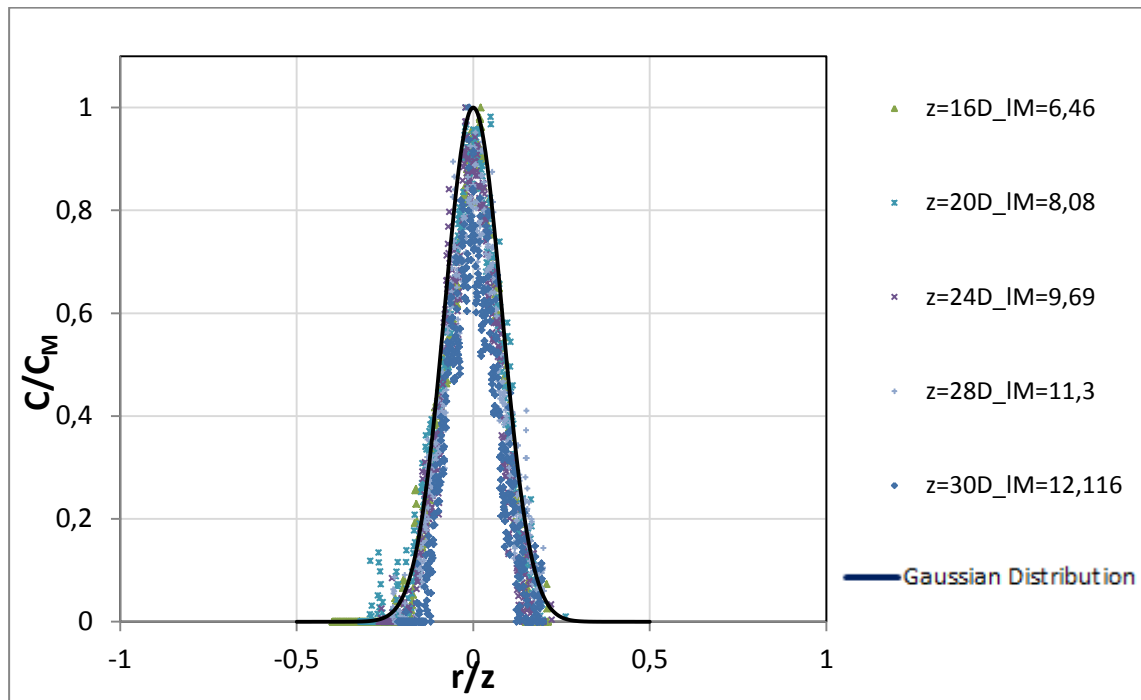


**Figure A.5** Transverse distribution of the mean concentration at various vertical distances from the outflow from experiment Exp.3S

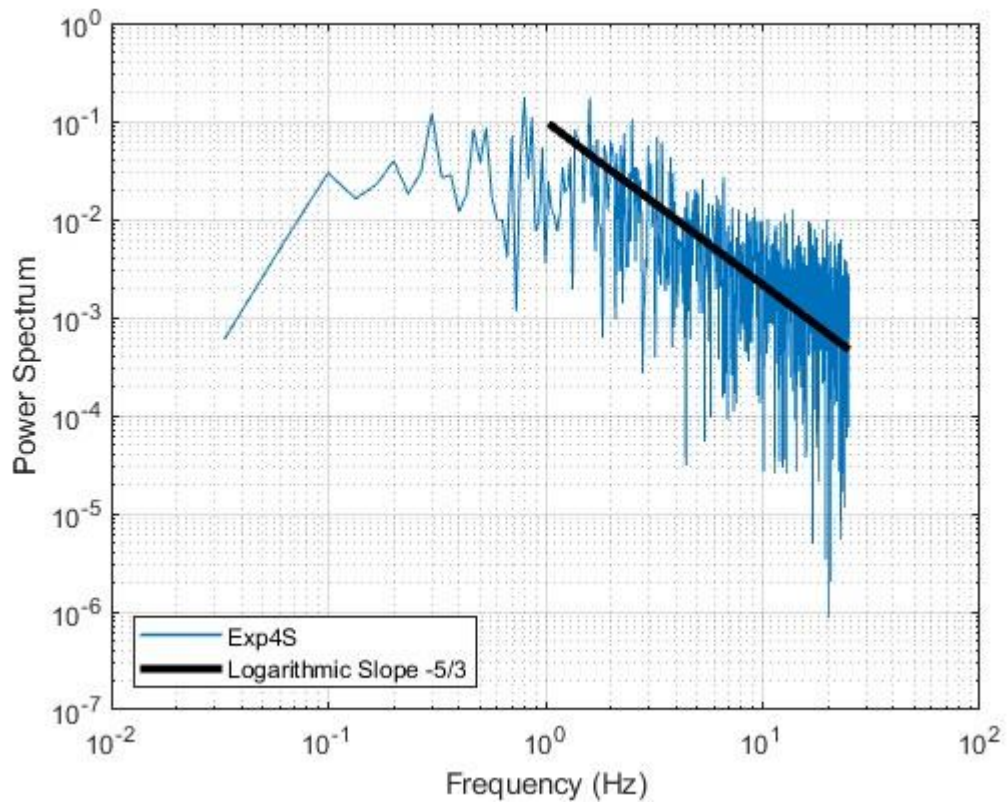


**Figure A.6** Power spectral estimate at the buoyant jet centerline at dimensionless distance  $z=5,84 I_M$  for experiment Exp.3S

## Exp.4S

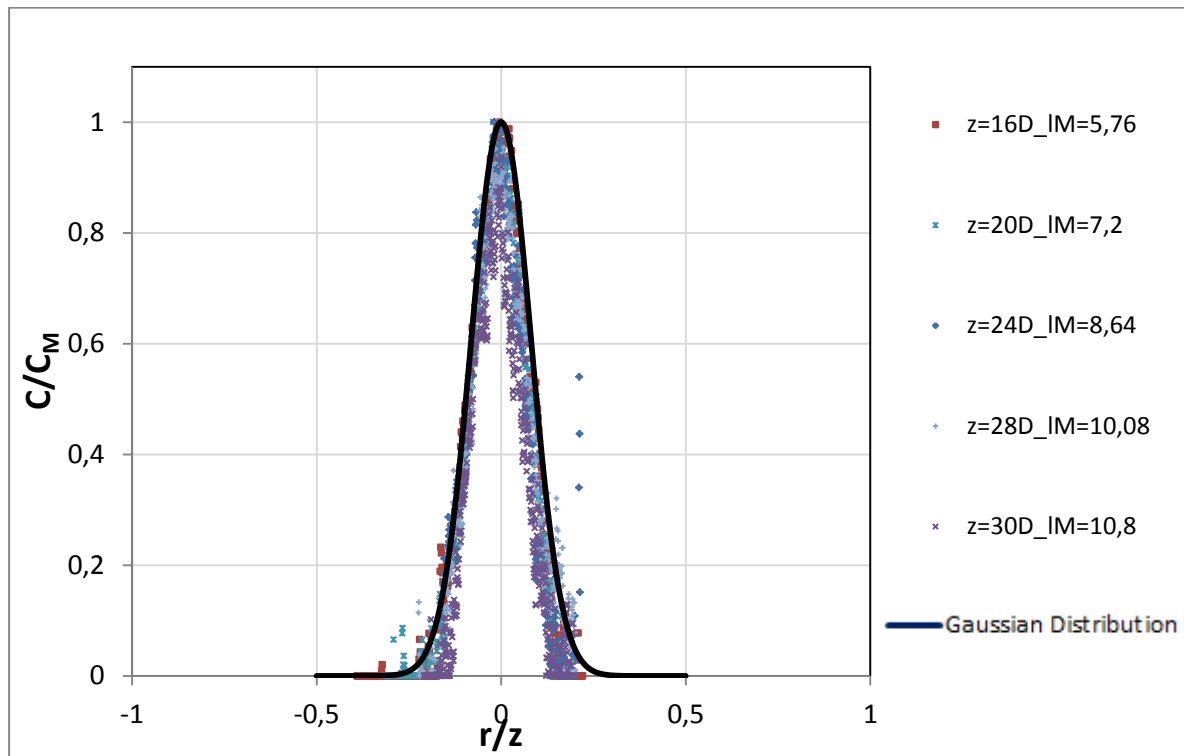


**Figure A.7** Transverse distribution of the mean concentration at various vertical distances from the outflow from experiment Exp.4S

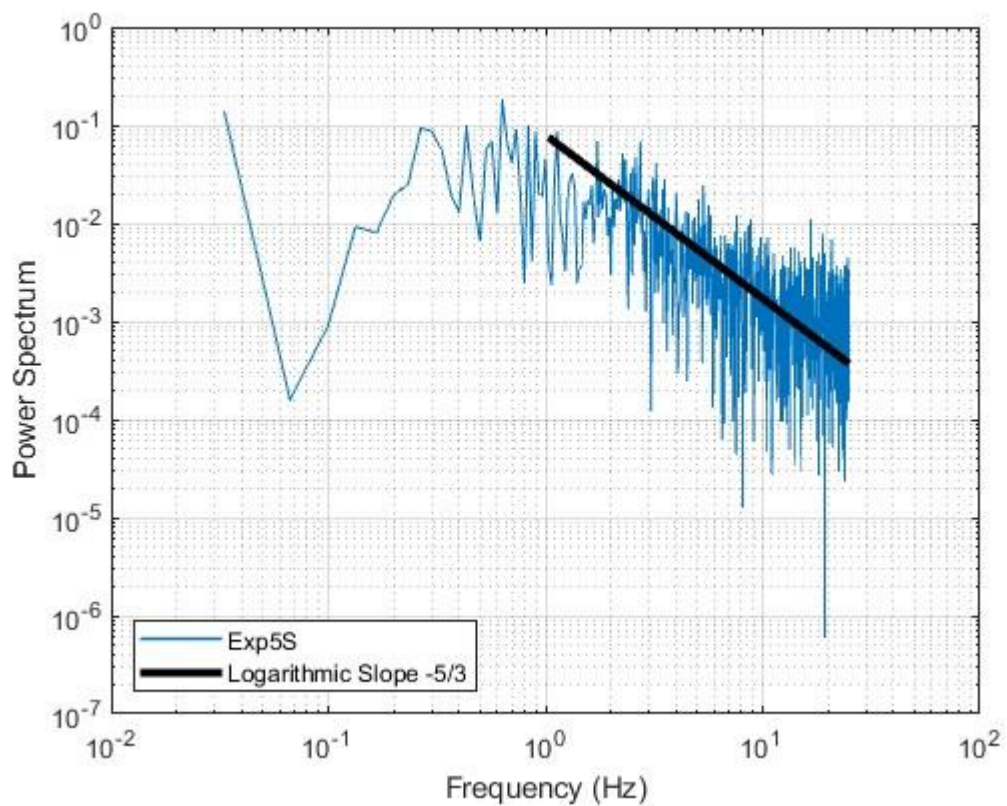


**Figure A.8** Power spectral estimate at the buoyant jet centerline at dimensionless distance  $z=5,84 l_M$  for experiment Exp.3S

## Exp.5S

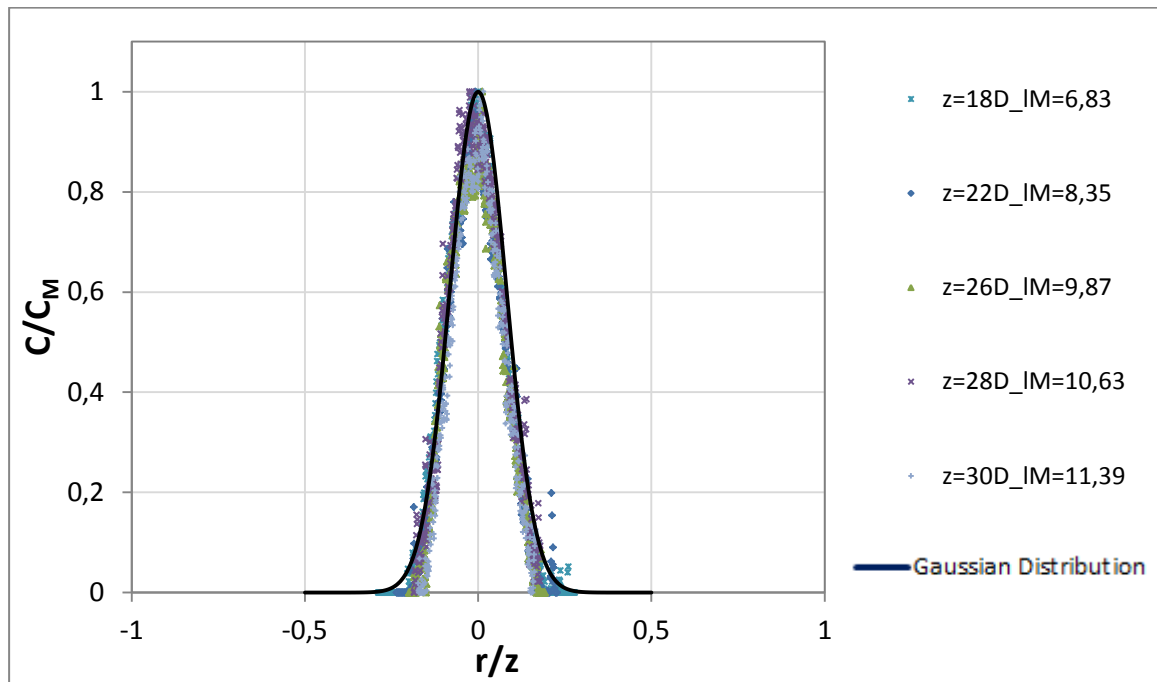


**Figure A.9** Transverse distribution of the mean concentration at various vertical distances from the outflow from experiment Exp.5S

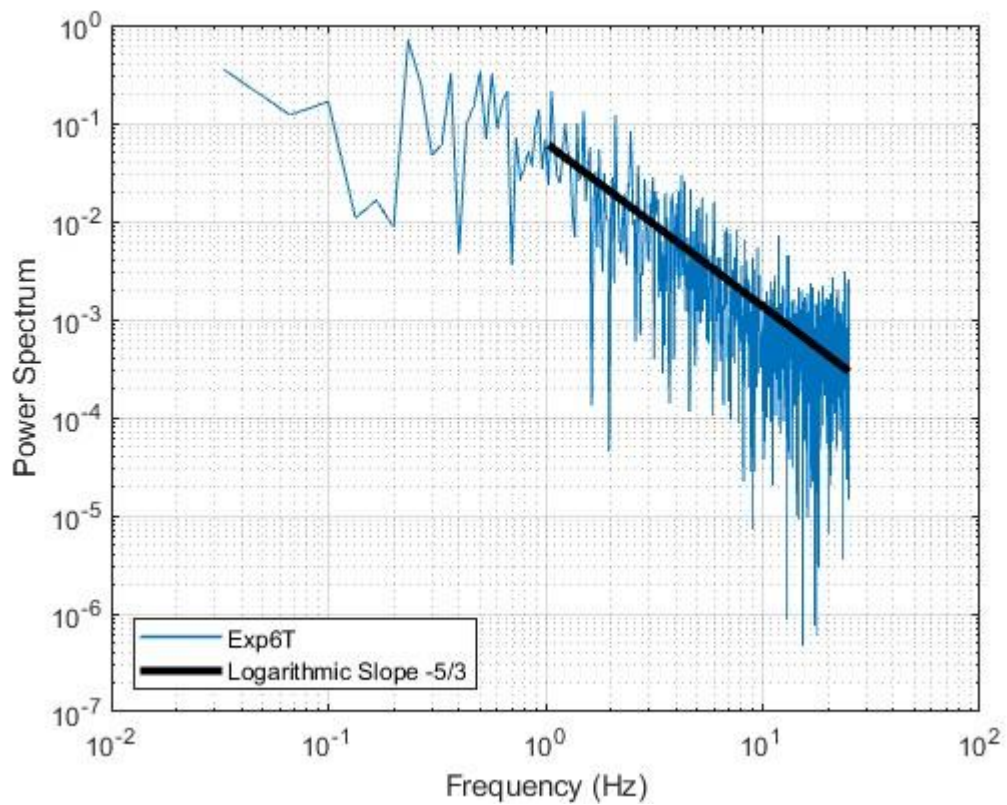


**Figure A.10** Power spectral estimate at the buoyant jet centerline at dimensionless distance  $z=5,84 l_M$  for experiment Exp.5S

## Exp.6T

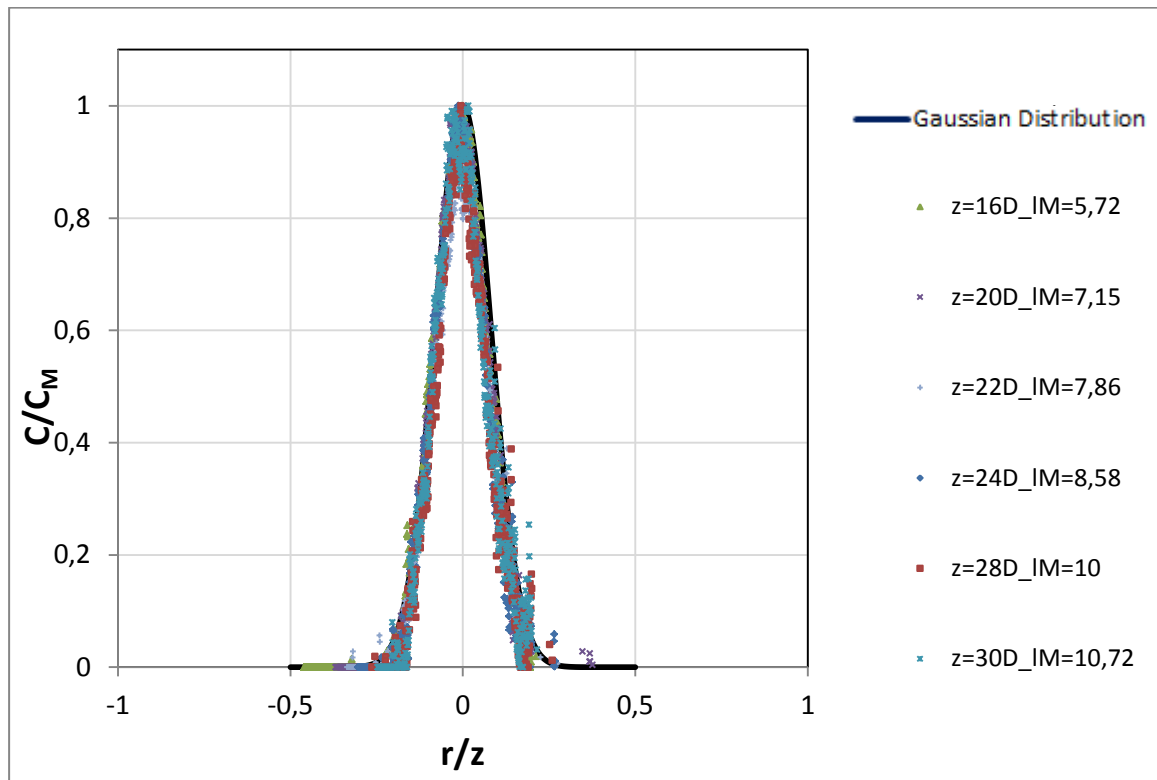


**Figure A.11** Transverse distribution of the mean concentration at various vertical distances from the outflow from experiment Exp.6T

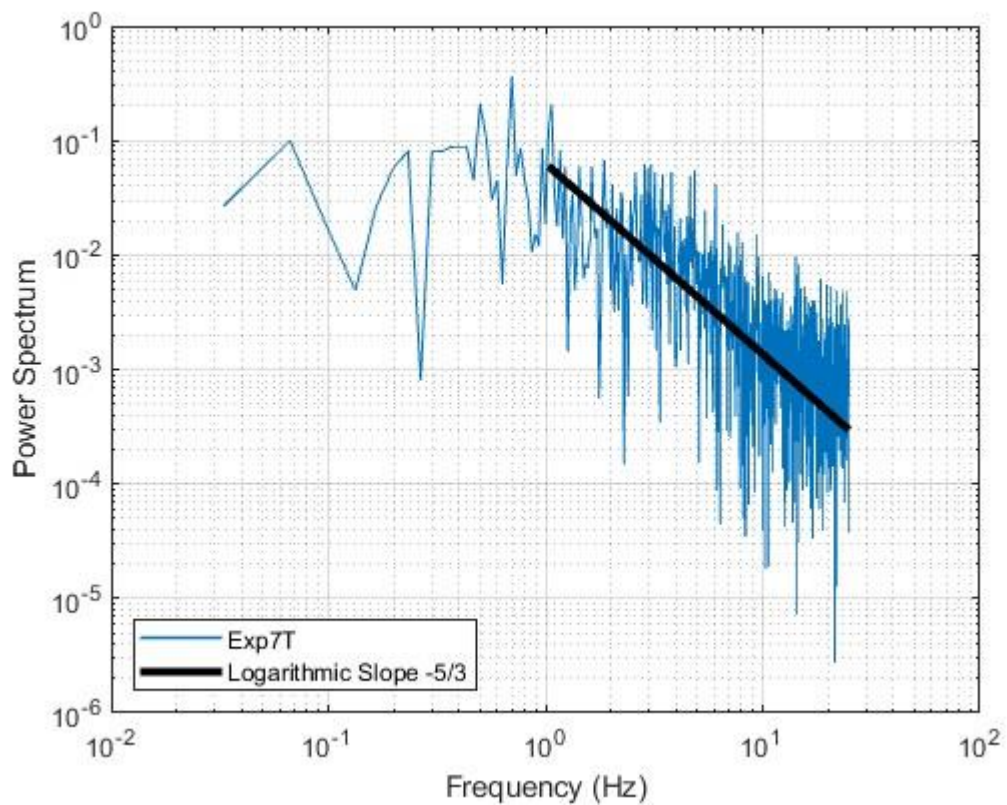


**Figure A.12** Power spectral estimate at the buoyant jet centerline at dimensionless distance  $z=5,84 l_M$  for experiment Exp.6T

## Exp.7T



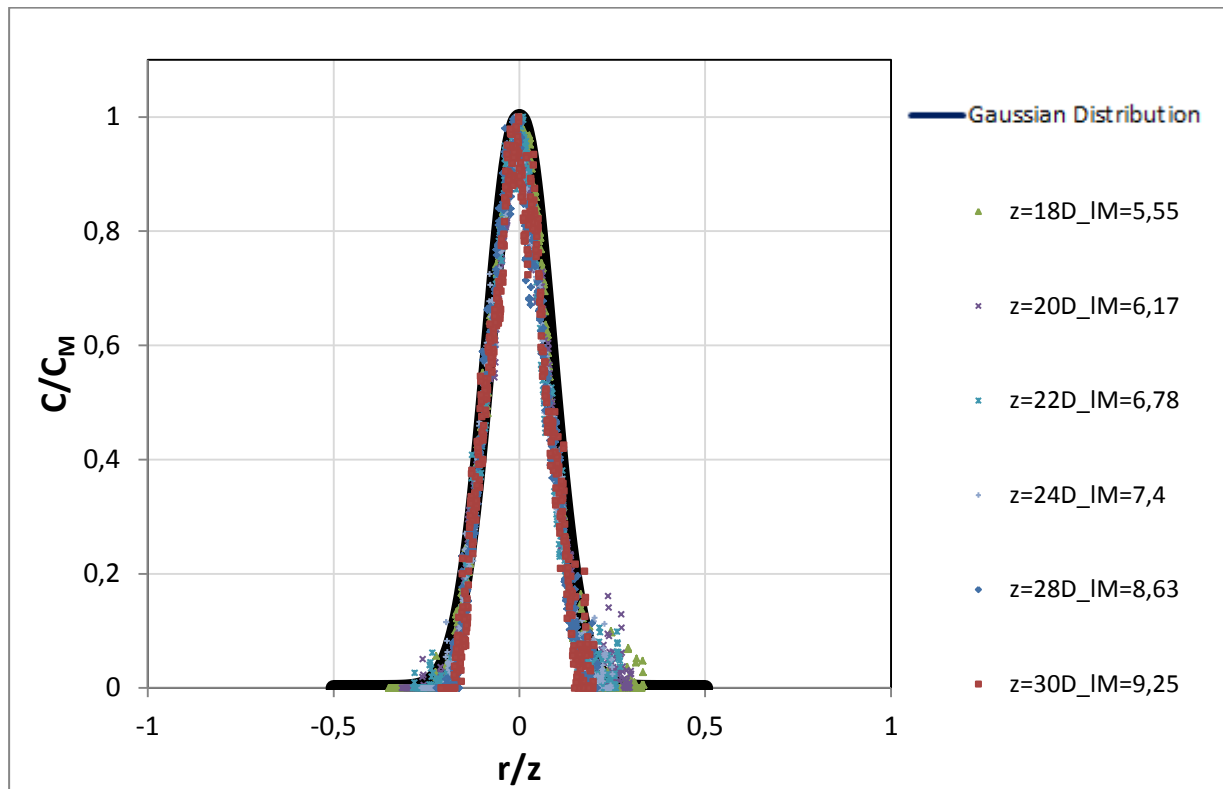
**Figure A.13** Transverse distribution of the mean concentration at various vertical distances from the outflow from experiment Exp.7T



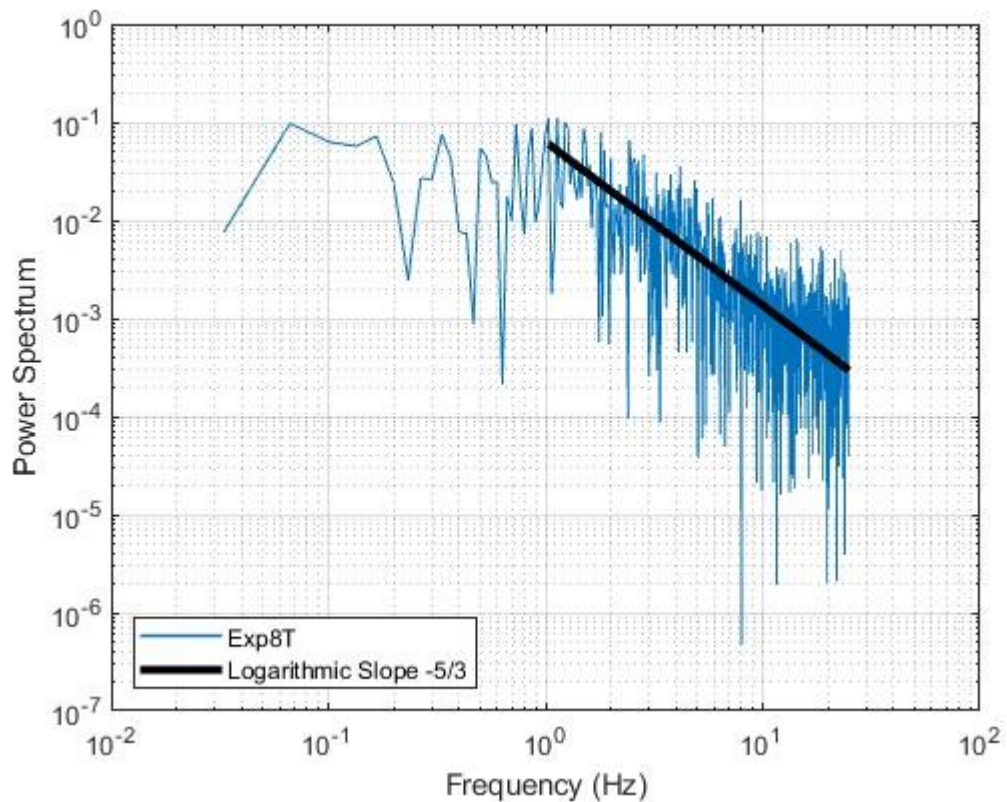
**Figure A.14** Power spectral estimate at the buoyant jet centerline at dimensionless distance  $z=5,84 I_M$  for experiment Exp.7T



## Exp.8T



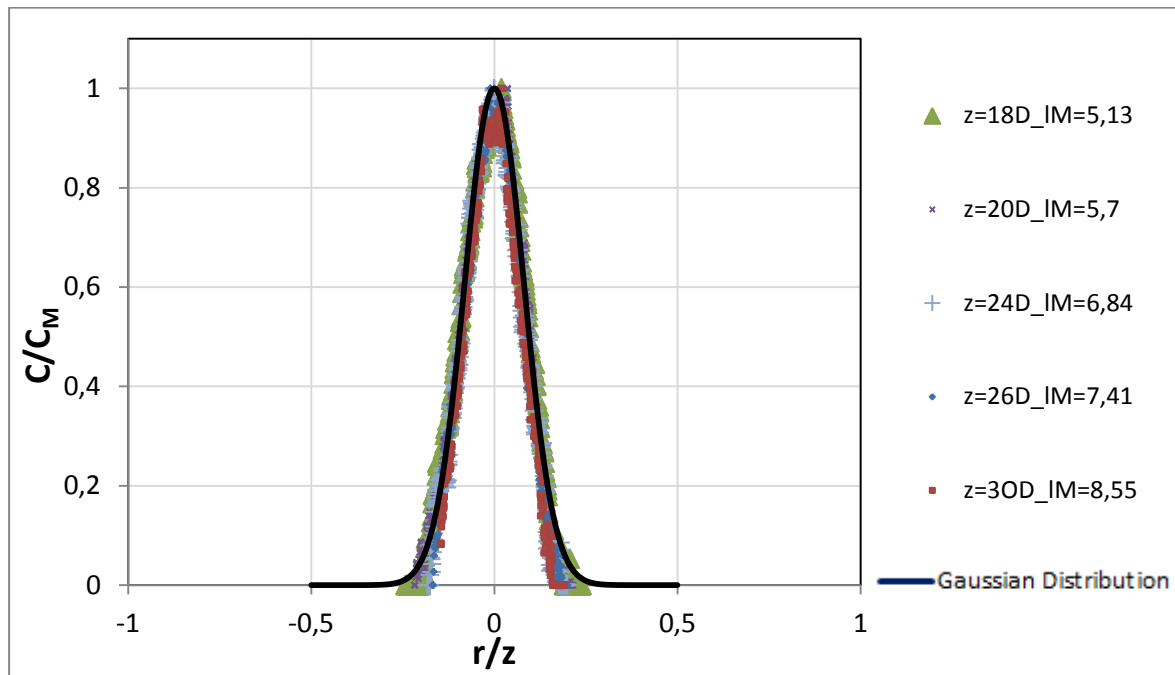
**Figure A.15** Transverse distribution of the mean concentration at various vertical distances from the outflow from experiment Exp.8T



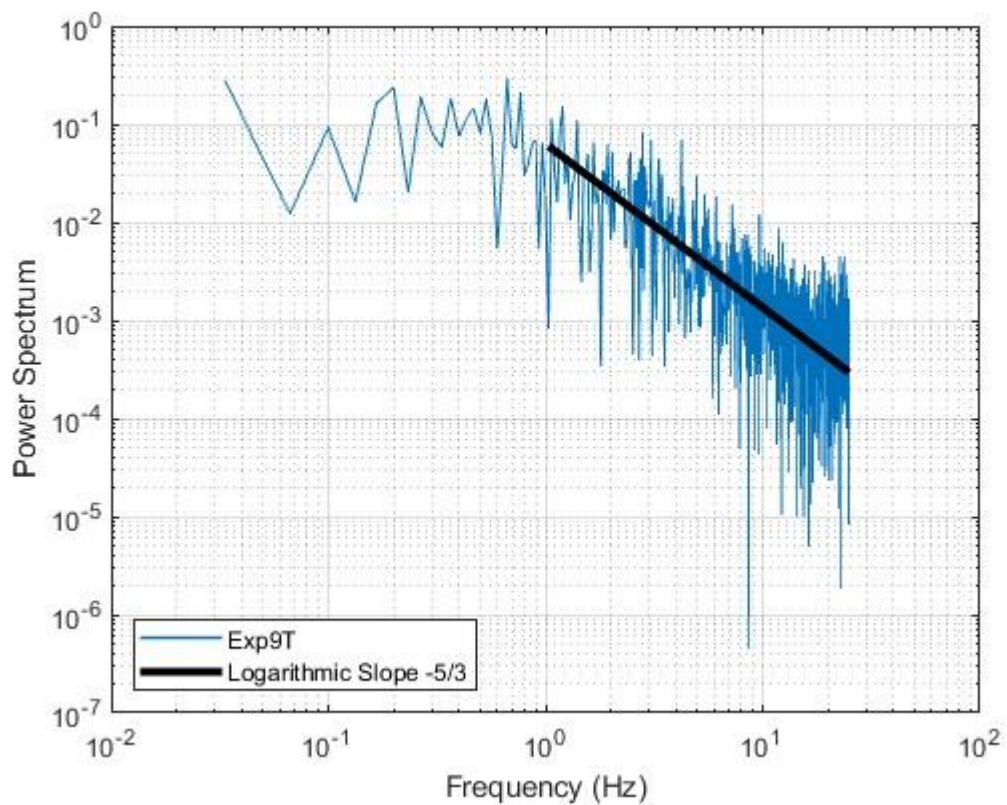
**Figure A.16** Power spectral estimate at the buoyant jet centerline at dimensionless distance  $z=5,84 I_M$  for experiment Exp.8T



## Exp.9T

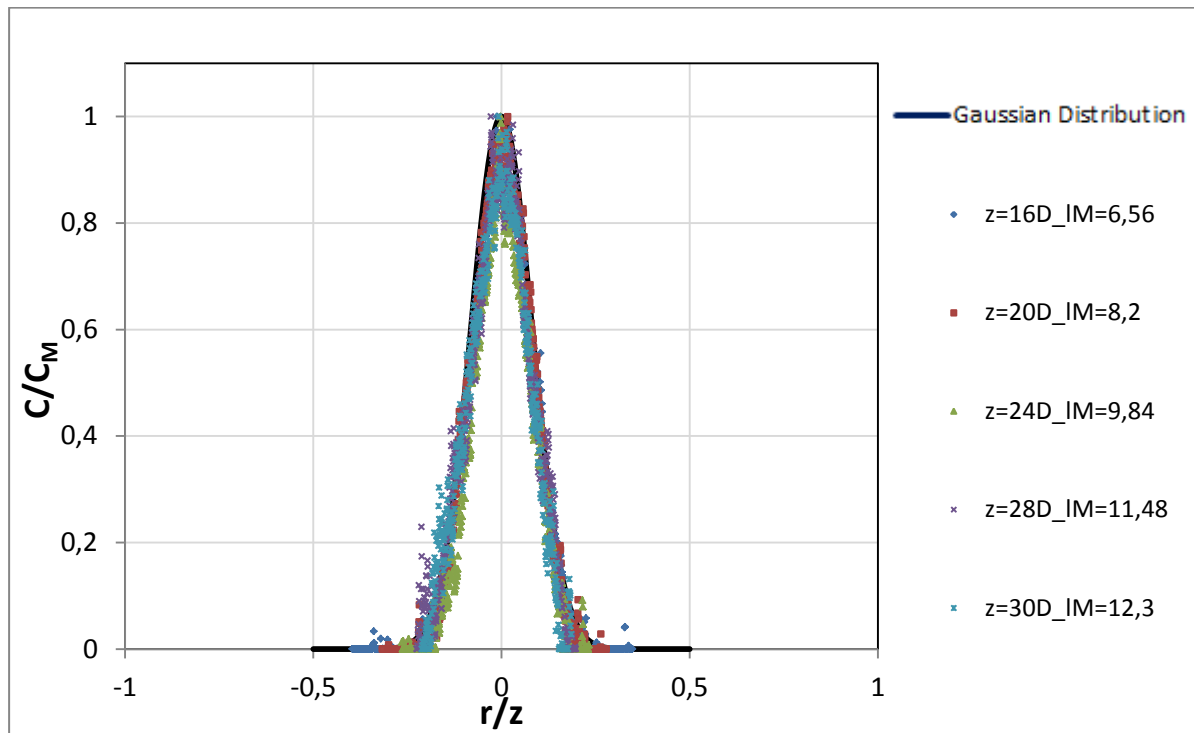


**Figure A.17** Transverse distribution of the mean concentration at various vertical distances from the outflow from experiment Exp.9T

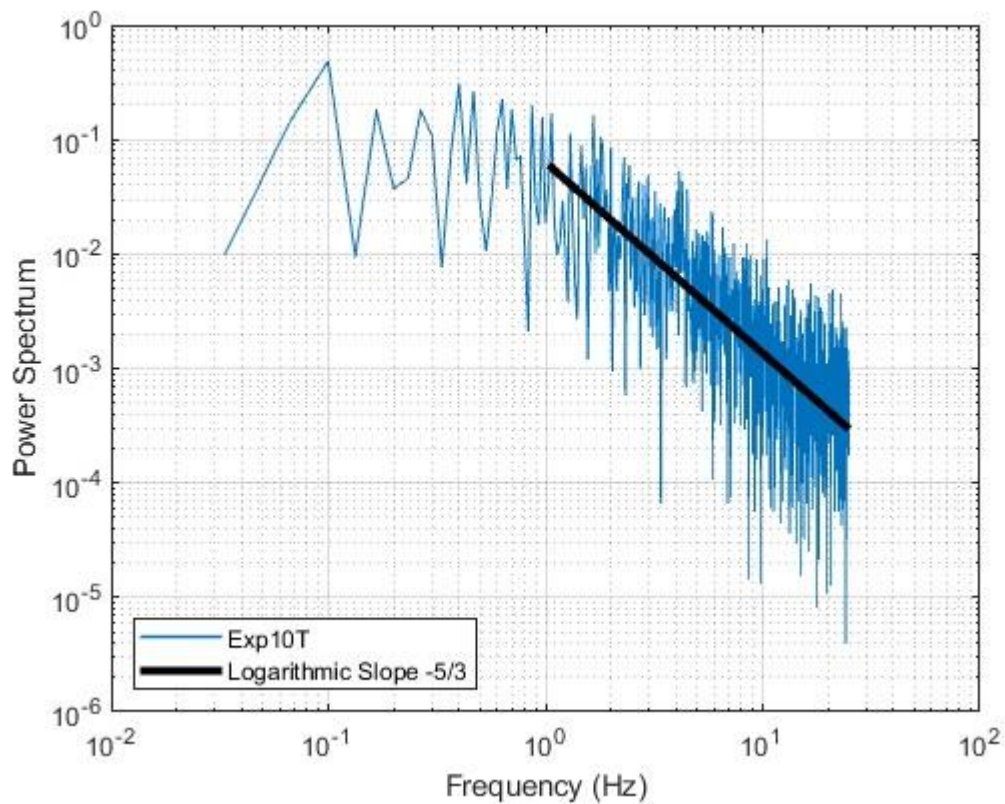


**Figure A.18** Power spectral estimate at the buoyant jet centerline at dimensionless distance  $z=5,84 l_M$  for experiment Exp.9T

## Exp.10T

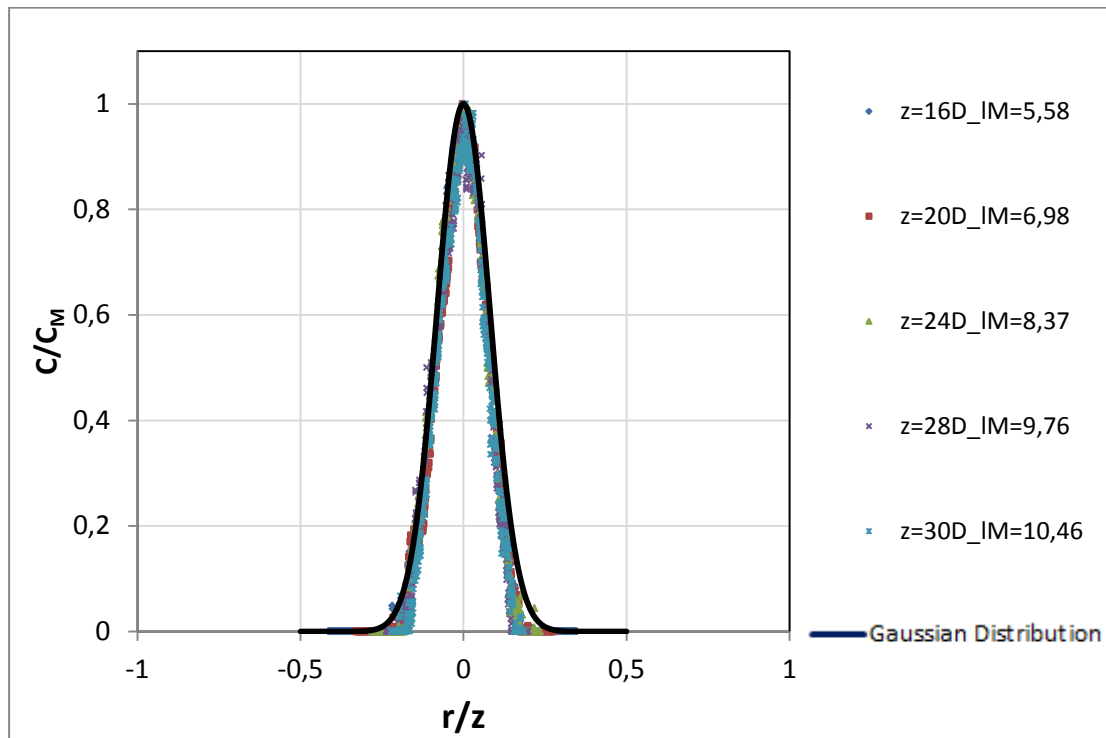


**Σχήμα A.19** Transverse distribution of the mean concentration at various vertical distances from the outflow from experiment Exp.10T

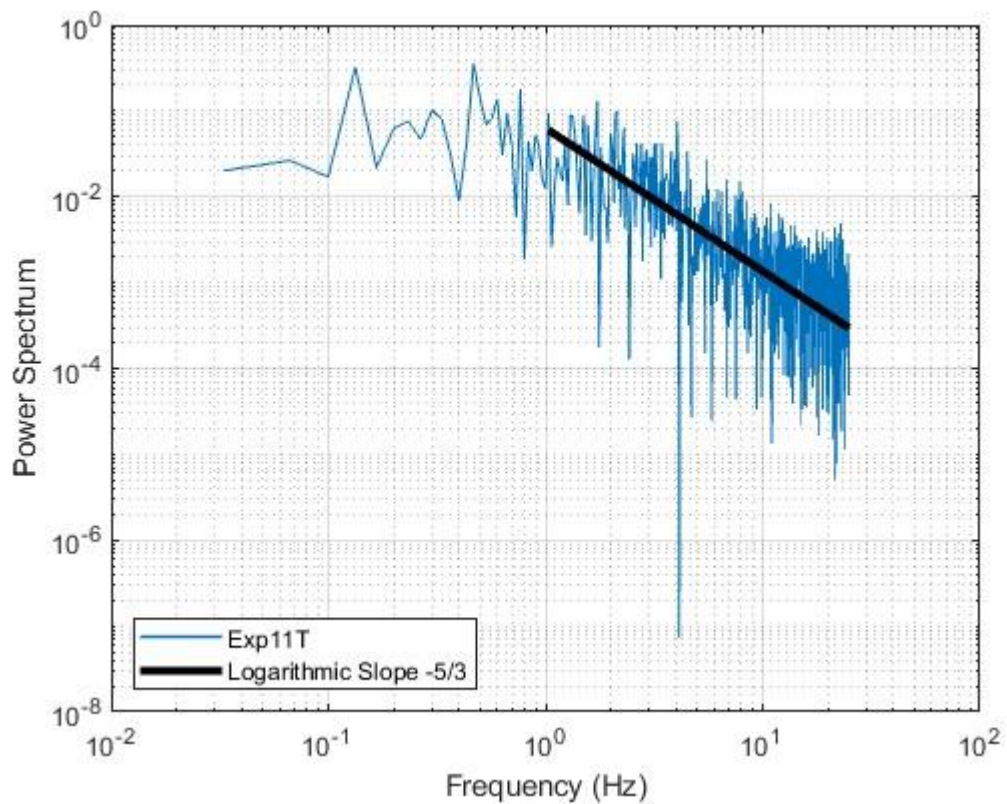


**Figure A.20** Power spectral estimate at the buoyant jet centerline at dimensionless distance  $z=5,84 I_M$  for experiment Exp.10T

## Exp.11T



**Figure A.21** Transverse distribution of the mean concentration at various vertical distances from the outflow from experiment Exp.11T



**Figure A.22** Power spectral estimate at the buoyant jet centerline at dimensionless distance  $z=5,84 l_M$  for experiment Exp.11T

