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Three-dimensional measurements of scalar dispersion in grid turbulence¹ PAUL DIMOTAKIS, DANIEL LANG, SANTIAGO LOMBEYDA, JAN LINDHEIM, California Institute of Technology — The three-dimensional scalar-dispersion field of a passive Lagrangian-marker contaminant released in gridgenerated turbulent flow with an initial Taylor Reynolds number of ~ 40, was investigated. The experiments were conducted in the GALCIT Free Surface Water Tunnel using laser-induced fluorescence, a two-dimensional galvanometric optical scanner, and recorded with a fast-framing CCD camera and data acquisition system that sustained 10^8 pix/s, at 12 bits/pix. The resulting data frames were processed to compensate for temporal and spatial skewing, and resampled on a Cartesian grid for subsequent processing. The spatial structure of the scalar field downstream of the grid will be presented and discussed.

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