Lecture 40. Lidar Class Review (2)

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Temperature Lidar Techniques

Temperature-dependent and temperature-sensitive effects and phenomena are utilized in the temperature lidars to measure atmosphere temperatures.

Resonance Fluorescence Doppler Technique

(Na, K, and Fe Doppler lidars)

Boltzmann Technique

(Fe and N₂⁺ Boltzmann lidars, imagers, Bomem mappers)

Integration Technique

(searchlight, Rayleigh & vibrational Raman lidars, falling sphere)

Rayleigh Doppler Technique

(Rayleigh Doppler lidar and high-spectral-resolution Lidar)

🖵 Rotational Raman Technique

(Rotational Raman lidar)

 Differential Absorption Technique (DIAL lidar)

Doppler & Boltzmann Techniques

Doppler effect and Boltzmann distribution are two effects that are directly temperature-dependent. The Doppler technique and Boltzmann technique are "straight-forward" in the sense of deriving temperature or wind. However, the lidar architecture is usually complicated and sophisticated, due to the high demands on frequency accuracy, linewidth, and power combination.





$$T = \frac{\Delta E / k_B}{\ln \left(\frac{g_2}{g_1} \cdot \frac{N_1}{N_2}\right)}$$

Temperature Technique vs Altitude



75-120km: resonance fluorescence Doppler technique (Na, K, Fe) & Boltzmann technique (Fe, OH, O₂)

30-90km: Rayleigh
integration technique &
Rayleigh Doppler technique

Below 30 km: scattering Doppler technique, HSRL, and Raman technique (Boltzmann and integration)

Boundary layer: DIAL, HSRL, Rotational Raman

Comparison of Temperature Technique

Technique	Lidars	Applications
Doppler Technique: temperature dependence of Doppler broadening (1 time Doppler shift and Doppler broadening for single absorption or emission process) (2 times Doppler shift and Doppler broadening for Rayleigh scattering)	Resonance fluorescence Doppler Lidar: Doppler broadening and Doppler shift of resonance fluorescence absorption cross- section (scan and ratio techs)	Mesosphere and Lower Thermosphere temperature and wind (75-120 km)
	Rayleigh Doppler Lidar : Doppler broadening of molecular scattering	Lower mesosphere, stratosphere and troposphere temperature and wind (up to 60 km)
	High-Spectral-Resolution Lidar: Doppler broadening of molecular scattering, ratio of two signals	Stratosphere and troposphere temperature and wind (up to 30 km)
Boltzmann Technique: temperature dependence of population ratio	Resonance fluorescence Boltzmann Temperature Lidar: population ratio on the lowest two ground states	Mesosphere and Lower Thermosphere temperature (75-120 km)
	Rotation Raman Temperature Lidar: ratio of two Raman line intensities and population on different initial energy states	Troposphere and stratosphere temperature
Integration Technique: hydrostatic equilibrium and ideal gas law	Rayleigh or Raman Integration Temp Lidar: atmospheric density ratio to temperature, integration from upper level	Stratosphere and mesosphere temperature (30-90 km) Troposphere temperature (< 30 km)
DIAL	Differential Absorption Lidar: Temp- dependence of line strength and lineshape	Boundary layer temperature

Techniques for Wind Measurements

Use wind-dependent effects or use definition of wind

Direct Motion Detection Technique: (using the definition of velocity)

Tracking aerosol/cloud motions
Laser Time-of-Flight Velocimetry
Laser Develop Velocimetry

(3) Laser Doppler Velocimetry

Doppler (Shift) Wind Technique: $\Delta \omega = -\vec{k} \cdot \vec{v}$ or $\Delta \omega = -2\vec{k} \cdot \vec{v}$

(1) Coherent (Heterodyne) Detection Doppler Wind Lidar

(2) Direct Detection Doppler Wind Lidar

Geostrophic wind detection:

Temperature => Pressure Gradients => Geostrophic Wind



Wind Technique vs Altitude



75-120km: resonance fluorescence (Na, K, Fe) Doppler technique (DDL)

FPI: Fabry-Perot Interferometer

Direct detection Doppler lidar (DDL) techniques using molecular scattering and/or aerosol scattering

In troposphere:

Coherent Detection Doppler tech, Direct Detection Doppler tech, Direct motion Detection tech (tracking aerosols, LDV, LTV)

Comparison of Wind Techniques

Technique	Lidars	Applications	
Doppler Wind Technique (Direct Detection or Coherent Detection): wind dependence of Doppler frequency shift (1 time Doppler shift for single absorption or emission process) (2 times Doppler shift for Mie and Rayleigh scattering)	Resonance Fluorescence Doppler Lidar: Doppler frequency shift and broadening of resonance fluorescence absorption cross- section (scan and ratio techniques)	Mesosphere and Lower Thermosphere temperature and wind (75-120 km)	
	Rayleigh/Mie Direct Detection Doppler Lidar : Doppler frequency shift of molecular and/or aerosol scattering using edge filters (absorption lines or etalons) or fringe imaging or scanning FPI or Michelson Interferometer	Lower mesosphere, stratosphere and troposphere wind (up to 50-60 km)	
	Coherent Detection Doppler Lidar: Doppler frequency shift of aerosol scattering using heterodyne detection tech	Troposphere wind, especially in boundary layers (up to 15 km), where aerosols are abundant	
Direct Motion Detection Technique: derivative of displacement (the definition of velocity) (direct application of velocity definition or cross- correlation coefficient)	High-Spectral-Resolution Lidar: tracking aerosol / cloud motion through time	Troposphere wind, where aerosols and clouds are abundant	
	(Scanning) Aerosol Lidar: tracking aerosol motion through time	Troposphere wind, where aerosols and clouds are abundant	
	Laser Time-of-Flight Velocimeter: measuring time-of-flight of aerosol across two focused and parallel laser beams	Within the first km range, laboratory, machine shop, etc.	
	Laser Doppler Velocimeter: measuring the frequency of aerosol scattering across the interference fringes of two crossed laser beams	Within the boundary layers, wind tunnel, production facility, machine shop, laboratory, etc	

Vector Wind Velocity Determination

□ Vector (u, v, w) wind velocity estimates require radial velocity measurements from at least three independent Line-Of-Sight (LOS).

□ Ideally: to obtain a vector wind at a given point in space is to view the same point from 3 or more LOS directions

(1) Three or more lidar systems are required to do so

(2) When assuming W = 0, two lidar systems can do it.

Practically: under a necessary assumption of horizontal homogeneity of the wind field over the sensed volume, lidar beam scanning techniques can be used to determine the vector wind velocity.

Two main techniques for this scanning -

(1) the Velocity-Azimuth-Display (VAD) technique:

-- conical scan lidar beam at a fixed elevation angle

(2) the Doppler-Beam-Swinging (DBS) techniques:

-- pointing lidar beam to vertical, tilted east, and tilted north

VAD and DBS Techniques



Aerosol Lidar Technique Comparison



Aerosols in mesosphere (Mesospheric Clouds ~ 85 km): Rayleigh/Mie lidar, resonance fluorescence lidar (detuned) Aerosols in upper stratosphere (Polar Stratospheric Clouds ~ 20 km): Rayleigh/Mie lidar, resonance fluorescence lidar Aerosols in lower stratosphere and troposphere: Rayleigh/Mie elastic-scattering lidar, Raman scattering lidar, High-Spectral-**Resolution Lidar (HSRL)** White light lidar in the future In all altitude range, polarization & multi-wavelength detections help reveal aerosol microphysical properties

HSRL

□ High-Spectral-Resolution-Lidar (HSRL) is to measure the molecule scattering separately from the aerosol scattering, utilizing the different spectral distribution of the Rayleigh and Mie scattering.



Fig. 5.1. Spectral profile of backscattering from a mixture of molecules and aerosols for a temperature of 300 K. The spectral width of the narrow aerosol return is normally determined by the line width of the transmitting laser.

Constituent Lidar Techniques



 He and N₂⁺ in thermosphere: resonance fluorescence lidar
O in thermosphere: resonance fluorescence lidar or DIAL from space

Metal atoms in 75-120km: resonance fluorescence lidar (broadband or narrowband transmitter)

 Molecular species in lower stratosphere & troposphere:
Differential absorption lidar (DIAL), Raman scattering lidar,
Raman DIAL, RVR Raman DIAL,
Multiwavelength DIAL

□ The key is to use spectroscopy detection for distinguish species.

Comparison of Constituent Lidar Tech

Technique	Signal Source &	Interests	
Resonance Fluorescence Lidar	Resonance fluorescence from metal upper atmosphere	Temp, Wind, Density, Wave	
Resonance Fluorescence Lidar	Resonance fluorescence from He, N_2^+ , O in thermosphere		Density, Temp Wind, etc
Conventional DIAL	Elastic-scattering from air molecules and aerosols	Trace gas absorption in the extinction terms	Species, Density
Raman Lidar	Inelastic Raman scattering from trace gas and reference N_2 or O_2 (no aerosol scattering)	Trace gas scattering in the backscatter terms, Trace gas absorption in the extinction terms	Species, Density, Mixing ratio
Raman DIAL	Inelastic Raman scattering from N_2 or O_2	Trace gas absorption in the extinction terms	Species, Density
RVR Raman DIAL	Pure rotational Raman scattering from N_2 or O_2 and Vibrational- Rotational Raman scattering from N_2 or O_2	Trace gas absorption in the extinction terms	Species, Density
Multiwavelength DIAL	Elastic scattering from air molecules and aerosols	Trace gas absorption in the extinction terms	Species, Density

Range-Resolved spatial & temporal distribution of these species, density, temp, wind and waves

Target Lidar Techniques

□ Target lidars, including fluorescence lidar, laser altimeter, hydrosphere lidar, ladar, fish lidar, etc, are an variant of atmospheric lidars. They share some of the same techniques used in atmospheric lidars.

□ Laser altimeter and ladar use time-of-flight to determine the range of objects or surface. Many factors are involved.

□ Fluorescence is used to measure organic materials, plants.

Raman scattering by water is used to normalize the lidar returns.

□ Target lidars face some different challenges and difficulties than atmospheric lidars. These challenges and difficulties also determines the growing points in this field.

Target lidars have been deployed on different platforms for various applications. More efficient and compact target lidars on platforms like UAV, promise more applications.

Laser Induced Fluorescence Lidar

□ In contrast to free atoms and molecules, solids and liquids exhibit broad absorption and emission spectra because of the strong intermolecular interactions.

 A fixed frequency laser can be used for the excitation due to the broad absorption.
Following the excitation, there is a very fast (ps) radiationless relaxation down to the lowest sub-level of the excited state, where the molecules remain for a typical excitedstate fluorescence lifetime.

□ The decay then occurs to different sublevels of the ground state giving rise to a distribution of fluorescence light, which reflect the lower-state level distribution.

□ Fixing the excitation wavelength, we can obtain fluorescence spectra. While fixing the detection channel and varying the excitation wavelength, an excitation spectrum can be recorded.



Laser Altimeter (Laser Ranging)

□ The time-of-flight information from a lidar system can be used for laser altimetry from airborne or spaceborne platforms to measure the heights of surfaces with high resolution and accuracy.

The reflected pulses from the solid surface (earth ground, ice sheet, etc) dominant the return signals, which allow a determination of the timeof-flight to much higher resolution than the pulse duration time.



Accuracy versus Precision

□ The accuracy of an experiment is a measure of how close the result of the experiment is to the true value.

□ The precision is a measure of how well the result has been determined, without reference to its agreement with the true value. The precision is also a measure of the reproducibility of the result in a given experiment.

Accuracy concerns about bias, i.e., how far away is the measurement result from the true value? Precision concerns about uncertainty, i.e., how certain or how sure are we about the measurement result?



Lidar Simulation and Error Analysis

□ Systematic and random errors will propagate to the measurement errors of temperature and wind. T and W errors can be derived by the use of differentials of the corresponding ratios R_T and R_W .

Temperature errors are given by the derivatives

$$\Delta T = \frac{\partial T}{\partial R_T} \Delta R_T + \frac{\partial T}{\partial f_a} \Delta f_a + \frac{\partial T}{\partial f_c} \Delta f_c + \frac{\partial T}{\partial \sigma_L} \Delta \sigma_L + \frac{\partial T}{\partial v_R} \Delta v_R$$

Lidar simulation is a direct application of lidar equation and error analysis, involving the understanding of various physical processes from lidar emission, light transmission, light and particle interactions, to light collection and detection procedures.

□ Simulation of range-resolved lidar returns should include different scattering processes for all or different altitudes:

- (1) Rayleigh scattering for all altitudes
- (2) Atomic resonance fluorescence from MLT region
- (3) Background for all altitudes

(4) Aerosol and interference gas scattering and absorption (extinction) in the lower atmosphere

(5) Photon noise due to Possion distribution of photon counting

Summary and Outlook

Lidar remote sensing is an advanced technology that is not only replacing conventional sensors in science study, environmental research, and industry application, but also creating new methods with unique properties that could not be achieved before.

Lidar technology has been advanced dramatically in the past 20 years, owing to the new availability of lasers, detectors, creative people involved, and the demanding needs from various aspects.

- Potential growing points at this stage include
- (1) Solid-state resonance fluorescence lidar for mobile deployment globally
- (2) Extend measurement range into thermosphere and lower mesosphere
- (3) Doppler, DIAL, HSRL, and Raman lidar for lower atmosphere research
- (4) Target lidar for novel applications
- Always keep eyes open for new potentials: principles, phenomena, effects to be applied in lidar and optical remote sensing.

The exciting and growing lidar field is anxious for new "blood" - the creative, intelligent, diligent, and passionate young researchers.