## Lecture 06. Fundamentals of Lidar Remote Sensing (4)

$\square$ Review physical processes in lidar equation
$\square$ Example calculation in physical processes
$\square$ Solution for scattering form lidar equation
$\square$ Solution for fluorescence form lidar equation
$\square$ Solution for differential absorption lidar equation
$\square$ Solution for resonance fluorescence lidar
$\square$ Solution for Rayleigh and Mie lidar
Summary

## Physical Process



## Scattering by Molecules in Atmosphere



## Boltzmann Distribution

Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution is the law of particle population distribution according to energy levels (under thermodynamic equilibrium)


$$
\frac{N_{k}}{N}=\frac{g_{k} \exp \left(-E_{k} / k_{B} T\right)}{\sum_{i} g_{i} \exp \left(-E_{i} / k_{B} T\right)}
$$

$$
\begin{gathered}
\frac{N_{2}}{N_{1}}=\frac{g_{2}}{g_{1}} \exp \left\{-\left(E_{2}-E_{1}\right) / k_{B} T\right\} \\
T=\frac{\Delta E / k_{B}}{\ln \left(\frac{g_{2}}{g_{1}} \cdot \frac{N_{1}}{N_{2}}\right)} \\
\hline
\end{gathered}
$$

$N_{1}$ and $N_{2}$-particle populations on energy levels $E_{1}$ and $E_{2}$ $g_{1}$ and $g_{2}$ - degeneracy for energy levels $E_{1}$ and $E_{2}, \Delta E=E_{2}-E_{1}$ $K_{B}$ - Boltzmann constant, $T$ - Temperature, $N$ - total population

## Population Ratio $\Rightarrow$ Temperature

## Boltzmann Technique



Atomic Fe Energy Level
[Gelbwachs, 1994; Chu et al., 2002]

Example: Fe Boltzmann

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \frac{N(J=4)}{N(J=3)}=\frac{g_{1}}{g_{2}} \exp \left\{\Delta E / k_{B} T\right\} \\
& g_{1}=2 * 4+1=9 \\
& g_{2}=2 * 3+1=7 \\
& \Delta E=416\left(\mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right) \\
& =h c \times 416 \times 100(J) \\
& \Delta E / k_{B}=598.43 K
\end{aligned}
$$

For $T=200$,

$$
\frac{N(J=4)}{N(J=3)}=\frac{9}{7} e^{598.43 / 200}=25.6
$$

## Doppler Shift and Broadening

$\square$ Doppler Technique - Doppler linewidth broadening and Doppler frequency shift are temperature-dependent and wind-dependent, respectively (applying to both $\mathrm{Na}, \mathrm{K}, \mathrm{Fe}$ resonance fluorescence and molecular scattering)



$$
\sigma_{r m s}=\frac{\omega_{0}}{c} \sqrt{\frac{k_{B} T}{M}}=\frac{1}{\lambda_{0}} \sqrt{\frac{k_{B} T}{M}}
$$

$$
\Delta \omega=\omega-\omega_{0}=-\vec{k} \cdot \vec{v}=-\omega_{0} \frac{v \cos \theta}{c}
$$

## Doppler Shift and Broadening



## Absorption and Fluorescence



## Backscatter Cross-Section Comparison

| Physical Process | Backscatter <br> Cross-Section | Mechanism |
| :--- | :---: | :--- |
| Mie (Aerosol) Scattering | $10^{-8}-10^{-10} \mathrm{~cm}^{2} \mathrm{sr}^{-1}$ | Two-photon process <br> Elastic scattering, instantaneous |
| Resonance Fluorescence | $10^{-13} \mathrm{~cm}^{2} \mathrm{sr}^{-1}$ | Two single-photon process (absorption <br> and spontaneous emission) <br> Delayed (radiative lifetime) |
| Molecular Absorption | $10^{-19} \mathrm{~cm}^{2} \mathrm{sr}^{-1}$ | Single-photon process |
| Fluorescence from <br> molecule, liquid, solid | $10^{-19} \mathrm{~cm}^{2} \mathrm{sr}^{-1}$ | Two single-photon process <br> Inelastic scattering, delayed (lifetime) |
| Rayleigh Scattering | $10^{-27} \mathrm{~cm}^{2} \mathrm{sr}^{-1}$ | Two-photon process <br> Elastic scattering, instantaneous |
| Raman Scattering | $10^{-30} \mathrm{~cm}^{2} \mathrm{sr}^{-1}$ | Two-photon process <br> Inelastic scattering, instantaneous |

## Rayleigh Backscatter Coefficient

$$
\beta_{\text {Rayleigh }}(\lambda, z, \theta=\pi)=2.938 \times 10^{-32} \frac{P(z)}{T(z)} \cdot \frac{1}{\lambda^{4.0117}}\left(m^{-1} s r^{-1}\right)
$$

$P$ in mbar and $T$ in Kelvin at altitude $z, \lambda$ in meter.

$$
\beta(\theta)=\frac{\beta_{T}}{4 \pi} P(\theta)=\frac{\beta_{T}}{4 \pi} \times 0.7629 \times\left(1+0.9324 \cos ^{2} \theta\right)
$$

## Rayleigh Backscatter Cross Section

$$
\frac{d \sigma_{m}(\lambda)}{d \Omega}=5.45 \cdot\left(\frac{550}{\lambda}\right)^{4} \times 10^{-32}\left(m^{2} s r^{-1}\right)
$$

where $\lambda$ is the wavelength in nm .
$\square$ For Rayleigh lidar, $\lambda=532 \mathrm{~nm}, \Rightarrow 6.22 \times 10^{-32} \mathrm{~m}^{2} \mathrm{sr}^{-1}$

## Absorption Cross-Section for Atoms

Atomic absorption cross section $\sigma_{a b s}$ for $\mathrm{Na} 589-\mathrm{nm}$ D2 line is about $10^{-15} \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ for $\mathrm{Fe} 372-\mathrm{nm}$ line is about $10^{-16} \mathrm{~m}^{2}$

How do you derive the backscatter cross section?

$$
\begin{aligned}
\frac{d \sigma_{m}}{d \Omega}(\theta= & \pi)=\frac{\sigma_{a b s}}{4 \pi}=\frac{10^{-15} \mathrm{~m}^{2}}{4 \pi} \\
& =7.95 \times 10^{-16} \mathrm{~m}^{2} \mathrm{sr}^{-1}=7.95 \times 10^{-12} \mathrm{~cm}^{2} \mathrm{sr}^{-1}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Polarization in Scattering

$\square$ Depolarization can be resulted from
(1) Non-spherical particle shape (true for both aerosol/cloud and atmosphere molecules)
(2) Inhomogeneous refraction index
(3) Multiple scattering inside particle
$\square$ The range-resolved linear depolarization ratio is defined from lidar or optical observations as
$\delta(R)=\frac{P_{\perp}}{P_{\|}}=\frac{I_{\perp}}{I_{\|}}$
where P and I are the light power and intensity detected, respectively.
$\square$ According to Gary Gimmestad, the following definition is misleading:

$$
\delta(R)=\left[\beta_{\perp}(R) / \beta_{\|}(R)\right] \exp \left(T_{\|}-T_{\perp}\right)
$$

$\beta$ and $T$ are the backscattering coefficients and atmospheric transmittances.

## Review Lidar Equation

$\square$ General lidar equation with angular scattering coefficient
$N_{S}(\lambda, R)=N_{L}\left(\lambda_{L}\right) \cdot\left[\beta\left(\lambda, \lambda_{L}, \theta, R\right) \Delta R\right] \cdot \frac{A}{R^{2}} \cdot\left[T\left(\lambda_{L}, R\right) T(\lambda, R)\right] \cdot\left[\eta\left(\lambda, \lambda_{L}\right) G(R)\right]+N_{B}$
$\square$ General lidar equation with total scattering coefficient

$$
N_{S}(\lambda, R)=N_{L}\left(\lambda_{L}\right) \cdot\left[\beta_{T}\left(\lambda, \lambda_{L}, R\right) \Delta R\right] \cdot \frac{A}{4 \pi R^{2}} \cdot\left[T\left(\lambda_{L}, R\right) T(\lambda, R)\right] \cdot\left[\eta\left(\lambda, \lambda_{L}\right) G(R)\right]+N_{B}
$$

$\square$ General lidar equation in angular scattering coefficient $\beta$ and extinction coefficient $\alpha$ form

$$
\begin{aligned}
& N_{S}(\lambda, R)=\left[\frac{P_{L}\left(\lambda_{L}\right) \Delta t}{h c / \lambda_{L}}\right]\left[\beta\left(\lambda, \lambda_{L}, \theta, R\right) \Delta R\right]\left(\frac{A}{R^{2}}\right) \\
& \quad \cdot \exp \left[-\int_{0}^{R} \alpha\left(\lambda_{L}, r^{\prime}\right) d r^{\prime}\right] \exp \left[-\int_{0}^{R} \alpha\left(\lambda, r^{\prime}\right) d r^{\prime}\right]\left[\eta\left(\lambda, \lambda_{L}\right) G(R)\right]+N_{B}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Specific Lidar Equations

$\square$ Lidar equation for Rayleigh lidar

$$
N_{S}(\lambda, R)=\left(\frac{P_{L}(\lambda) \Delta t}{h c / \lambda}\right)(\beta(\lambda, R) \Delta R)\left(\frac{A}{R^{2}}\right) T^{2}(\lambda, R)(\eta(\lambda) G(R))+N_{B}
$$

L Lidar equation for resonance fluorescence lidar
$N_{S}(\lambda, R)=\left(\frac{P_{L}(\lambda) \Delta t}{h c / \lambda}\right)\left(\sigma_{e f f}(\lambda, R) n_{c}(z) R_{B}(\lambda) \Delta R\right)\left(\frac{A}{4 \pi R^{2}}\right)\left(T_{a}^{2}(\lambda, R) T_{c}^{2}(\lambda, R)\right)(\eta(\lambda) G(R))+N_{B}$
$\square$ Lidar equation for differential absorption lidar

$$
\begin{aligned}
N_{S}\left(\lambda_{o n}^{\text {off }}, R\right) & =N_{L}\left(\lambda_{o n}^{\text {off }}\right)\left[\beta_{s c a}\left(\lambda_{o n}^{\text {off }}, R\right) \Delta R\right]\left(\frac{A}{R^{2}}\right) \exp \left[-2 \int_{0}^{z} \bar{\alpha}\left(\lambda_{o n}^{o f f}, r^{\prime}\right) d r^{\prime}\right] \\
& \times \exp \left[-2 \int_{0}^{z} \sigma_{a b s}\left(\lambda_{o n}^{\text {off }}, r^{\prime}\right) n_{c}\left(r^{\prime}\right) d r^{\prime}\right]\left[\eta\left(\lambda_{o n}^{\text {off }}\right) G(R)\right]+N_{B}
\end{aligned}
$$

## General Lidar Equation

Assumptions: independent and single scattering

$$
N_{S}(\lambda, R)=N_{L}\left(\lambda_{L}\right) \cdot\left[\beta\left(\lambda, \lambda_{L}, \theta, R\right) \Delta R\right] \cdot \frac{A}{R^{2}} \cdot\left[T\left(\lambda_{L}, R\right) T(\lambda, R)\right] \cdot\left[\eta\left(\lambda, \lambda_{L}\right) G(R)\right]+N_{B}
$$

$\square N_{s}$ - expected photon counts detected at $\lambda$ and distance R;
$\square$ 1st term - number of transmitted laser photons;
$\square$ 2nd term - probability that a transmitted photon is scattered by the scatters into a unit solid angle at angle $\theta$;
3rd term - probability that a scatter photon is collected by the receiving telescope;
$\square 4$ th term - light transmission during light propagation from laser source to distance $R$ and from distance $R$ to receiver;
5th term - overall system efficiency;
$\square$ 6th term - background and detector noise.

## More in General Lidar Equation

$$
N_{S}(\lambda, R)=\left[\frac{P_{L}\left(\lambda_{L}\right) \Delta t}{h c / \lambda_{L}}\right] \cdot\left[\beta\left(\lambda, \lambda_{L}, \theta, R\right) \Delta R\right] \cdot \frac{A}{R^{2}} \cdot\left[T\left(\lambda_{L}, R\right) T(\lambda, R)\right] \cdot\left[\eta\left(\lambda, \lambda_{L}\right) G(R)\right]+N_{B}
$$

$N_{S}(R)$ - expected received photon number from a distance $R$
$P_{L}$ - transmitted laser power, $\lambda_{L}$ - laser wavelength
$\Delta t$ - integration time,
h - Planck's constant, c-light speed
$\beta(R)$ - volume scatter coefficient at distance $R$ for angle $\theta$,
$\Delta \mathrm{R}$ - thickness of the range bin
$A$ - area of receiver,
$T(R)$ - one way transmission of the light from laser source to distance $R$ or from distance $R$ to the receiver,
$\eta$ - system optical efficiency,
$G(R)$ - geometrical factor of the system,
$N_{B}$ - background and detector noise photon counts.

## Solution for Scattering Form Lidar Equation

$\square$ Scattering form lidar equation

$$
N_{S}(\lambda, R)=\left[\frac{P_{L}\left(\lambda_{L}\right) \Delta t}{h c / \lambda_{L}}\right] \cdot\left[\beta\left(\lambda, \lambda_{L}, R\right) \Delta R\right] \cdot\left[\frac{A}{R^{2}}\right] \cdot\left[T\left(\lambda_{L}, R\right) T(\lambda, R)\right] \cdot\left[\eta\left(\lambda, \lambda_{L}\right) G(R)\right]+N_{B}
$$

$\square$ Solution for scattering form lidar equation

$$
\beta\left(\lambda, \lambda_{L}, R\right)=\frac{N_{S}(\lambda, R)-N_{B}}{\left[\frac{P_{L}\left(\lambda_{L}\right) \Delta t}{h c / \lambda_{L}}\right] \Delta R\left(\frac{A}{R^{2}}\right)\left[T\left(\lambda_{L}, R\right) T(\lambda, R)\right]\left[\eta\left(\lambda, \lambda_{L}\right) G(R)\right]}
$$

## Solution for <br> Fluorescence Form Lidar Equation

Fluorescence form lidar equation
$N_{S}(\lambda, R)=\left(\frac{P_{L}(\lambda) \Delta t}{h c / \lambda}\right)\left(\sigma_{e f f}(\lambda, R) n_{c}(R) R_{B}(\lambda) \Delta R\right)\left(\frac{A}{4 \pi R^{2}}\right)\left(T_{a}^{2}(\lambda, R) T_{c}^{2}(\lambda, R)\right)(\eta(\lambda) G(R))+N_{B}$
$\square$ Solution for fluorescence form lidar equation

$$
n_{c}(R)=\frac{N_{S}(\lambda, R)-N_{B}}{\left(\frac{P_{L}(\lambda) \Delta t}{h c / \lambda}\right)\left(\sigma_{e f f}(\lambda) R_{B}(\lambda) \Delta R\right)\left(\frac{A}{4 \pi R^{2}}\right)\left(\eta(\lambda) T_{a}^{2}(\lambda, R) T_{c}^{2}(\lambda, R) G(R)\right)}
$$

## Differential Absorption/Scattering Form

$\square$ For the laser with wavelength $\lambda_{\text {on }}$ on the molecular absorption line

$$
\begin{aligned}
N_{S}\left(\lambda_{o n}, R\right) & =N_{L}\left(\lambda_{o n}\right)\left[\beta_{s c a}\left(\lambda_{o n}, R\right) \Delta R\right]\left(\frac{A}{R^{2}}\right) \exp \left[-2 \int_{0}^{R} \bar{\alpha}\left(\lambda_{o n}, r^{\prime}\right) d r^{\prime}\right] \\
& \times \exp \left[-2 \int_{0}^{R} \sigma_{a b s}\left(\lambda_{o n}, r^{\prime}\right) n_{c}\left(r^{\prime}\right) d r^{\prime}\right]\left[\eta\left(\lambda_{o n}\right) G(R)\right]+N_{B}
\end{aligned}
$$

$\square$ For the laser with wavelength $\lambda_{\text {off }}$ off the molecular absorption line

$$
\begin{aligned}
N_{S}\left(\lambda_{o f f}, R\right) & =N_{L}\left(\lambda_{\text {off }}\right)\left[\beta_{\text {sca }}\left(\lambda_{o f f}, R\right) \Delta R\right]\left(\frac{A}{R^{2}}\right) \exp \left[-2 \int_{0}^{R} \bar{\alpha}\left(\lambda_{o f f}, r^{\prime}\right) d r^{\prime}\right] \\
& \times \exp \left[-2 \int_{0}^{R} \sigma_{a b s}\left(\lambda_{o f f}, r^{\prime}\right) n_{c}\left(r^{\prime}\right) d r^{\prime}\right]\left[\eta\left(\lambda_{o f f}\right) G(R)\right]+N_{B}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Differential Absorption/Scattering Form

$\square$ The ratio of photon counts from these two channels is a function of the differential absorption and scattering:

$$
\left.\begin{array}{rl}
\frac{N_{S}\left(\lambda_{o n}, R\right)}{N_{S}\left(\lambda_{o f f}, R\right)}-N_{B} & N_{B}
\end{array}=\frac{N_{L}\left(\lambda_{o n}\right) \beta_{s c a}\left(\lambda_{o n}, R\right)}{N_{L}\left(\lambda_{o f f}\right) \beta_{s c a}\left(\lambda_{o f f}, R\right)} \frac{\eta\left(\lambda_{o n}\right)}{\eta\left(\lambda_{o f f}\right)}\right)
$$

$$
\Delta \sigma=\sigma_{a b s}\left(\lambda_{o n}\right)-\sigma_{a b s}\left(\lambda_{o f f}\right)
$$

## Solution for

## Differential Absorption Lidar Equation

$\square$ Solution for differential absorption lidar equation

$$
n_{c}(R)=\frac{1}{2 \Delta \sigma} \frac{d}{d R}\left\{\begin{array}{c}
\ln \left[\frac{N_{L}\left(\lambda_{o n}\right) \beta_{s c a}\left(\lambda_{o n}, R\right)}{N_{L}\left(\lambda_{o f f}\right) \beta_{s c a}\left(\lambda_{o f f}, R\right)} \frac{\eta\left(\lambda_{o n}\right)}{\eta\left(\lambda_{o f f}\right)}\right] \\
-\ln \left[\frac{N_{S}\left(\lambda_{o n}, R\right)-N_{B}}{N_{S}\left(\lambda_{o f f}, R\right)-N_{B}}\right] \\
-2 \int_{0}^{R}\left[\bar{\alpha}\left(\lambda_{o n}, r^{\prime}\right)-\bar{\alpha}\left(\lambda_{o f f}, r^{\prime}\right)\right] d r^{\prime}
\end{array}\right\}
$$

$$
\Delta \sigma=\sigma_{a b s}\left(\lambda_{o n}\right)-\sigma_{a b s}\left(\lambda_{o f f}\right)
$$

## Solution for

## Resonance Fluorescence Lidar Equation

$\square$ Resonance fluorescence and Rayleigh lidar equations

$$
N_{S}(\lambda, z)=\left(\frac{P_{L}(\lambda) \Delta t}{h c / \lambda}\right)\left(\sigma_{e f f}(\lambda, z) n_{c}(z) R_{B}(\lambda) \Delta z\right)\left(\frac{A}{4 \pi z^{2}}\right)\left(T_{a}^{2}(\lambda) T_{c}^{2}(\lambda, z)\right)(\eta(\lambda) G(z))+N_{B}
$$

$$
N_{R}\left(\lambda, z_{R}\right)=\left(\frac{P_{L}(\lambda) \Delta t}{h c / \lambda}\right)\left(\sigma_{R}(\pi, \lambda) n_{R}\left(z_{R}\right) \Delta z\right)\left(\frac{A}{z_{R}^{2}}\right) T_{a}^{2}\left(\lambda, z_{R}\right)\left(\eta(\lambda) G\left(z_{R}\right)\right)+N_{B}
$$

$\square$ Rayleigh normalization

$$
\frac{n_{c}(z)}{n_{R}\left(z_{R}\right)}=\frac{N_{S}(\lambda, z)-N_{B}}{N_{R}\left(\lambda, z_{R}\right)-N_{B}} \cdot \frac{z^{2}}{z_{R}^{2}} \cdot \frac{4 \pi \sigma_{R}(\pi, \lambda)}{\sigma_{e f f}(\lambda, z) R_{B}(\lambda)} \cdot \frac{T_{a}^{2}\left(\lambda, z_{R}\right) G\left(z_{R}\right)}{T_{a}^{2}(\lambda, z) T_{c}^{2}(\lambda, z) G(z)}
$$

$\square$ Solution for resonance fluorescence

$$
n_{c}(z)=n_{R}\left(z_{R}\right) \frac{N_{S}(\lambda, z)-N_{B}}{N_{R}\left(\lambda, z_{R}\right)-N_{B}} \cdot \frac{z^{2}}{z_{R}^{2}} \cdot \frac{4 \pi \sigma_{R}(\pi, \lambda)}{\sigma_{e f f}(\lambda, z) R_{B}(\lambda)} \cdot \frac{1}{T_{c}^{2}(\lambda, z)}
$$

## Solution for Rayleigh and Mie Lidars

$\square$ Rayleigh and Mie (middle atmos) lidar equations

$$
\begin{aligned}
& N_{S}(\lambda, z)=\left(\frac{P_{L}(\lambda) \Delta t}{h c / \lambda}\right)\left(\beta_{R}(z)+\beta_{\text {aerosol }}(z)\right) \Delta z\left(\frac{A}{z^{2}}\right) T_{a}^{2}(\lambda, z)(\eta(\lambda) G(z))+N_{B} \\
& N_{R}\left(\lambda, z_{R}\right)=\left(\frac{P_{L}(\lambda) \Delta t}{h c / \lambda}\right)\left(\beta_{R}\left(z_{R}\right) \Delta z\right)\left(\frac{A}{z_{R}^{2}}\right) T_{a}^{2}\left(\lambda, z_{R}\right)\left(\eta(\lambda) G\left(z_{R}\right)\right)+N_{B}
\end{aligned}
$$

$\square$ Rayleigh normalization

$$
\frac{\beta_{R}(z)+\beta_{\text {aerosol }}(z)}{\beta_{R}\left(z_{R}\right)}=\frac{N_{S}(\lambda, z)-N_{B}}{N_{R}\left(\lambda, z_{R}\right)-N_{B}} \cdot \frac{z^{2}}{z_{R}^{2}} \cdot \frac{T_{A}^{2}\left(\lambda, z_{R}\right) G\left(z_{R}\right)}{T_{a}^{2}(\lambda, z) G(z)}
$$

$\square$ For Rayleigh scattering at $z$ and $z_{R}$

$$
\frac{\beta_{R}(z)}{\beta_{R}\left(z_{R}\right)}=\frac{\sigma_{R}(z) n_{\text {atm }}(z)}{\sigma_{R}\left(z_{R}\right) n_{\text {atm }}\left(z_{R}\right)}=\frac{n_{\text {atm }}(z)}{n_{\text {atm }}\left(z_{R}\right)}
$$

## Solution (Continued)

$\square$ Solution for Mie scattering in middle atmosphere

$$
\beta_{\text {aerosol }}(z)=\beta_{R}\left(z_{R}\right)\left[\frac{N_{S}(\lambda, z)-N_{B}}{N_{R}\left(\lambda, z_{R}\right)-N_{B}} \cdot \frac{z^{2}}{z_{R}^{2}}-\frac{n_{\text {atm }}(z)}{n_{\text {atm }}\left(z_{R}\right)}\right]
$$

$$
\beta_{R}\left(\lambda, z_{R}, \pi\right)=2.938 \times 10^{-32} \frac{P\left(z_{R}\right)}{T\left(z_{R}\right)} \cdot \frac{1}{\lambda^{4.0117}}\left(m^{-1} s r^{-1}\right)
$$

$\square$ Rayleigh normalization when aerosols not present

$$
\frac{\beta_{R}(z)}{\beta_{R}\left(z_{R}\right)}=\frac{N_{S}(\lambda, z)-N_{B}}{N_{R}\left(\lambda, z_{R}\right)-N_{B}} \cdot \frac{z^{2}}{z_{R}^{2}} \cdot \frac{T_{a}^{2}\left(\lambda, z_{R}\right) G\left(z_{R}\right)}{T_{a}^{2}(\lambda, z) G(z)}
$$

Solution for relative number density in Rayleigh lidar

$$
R N D(z)=\frac{n_{a t m}(z)}{n_{a t m}\left(z_{R}\right)}=\frac{\beta_{R}(z)}{\beta_{R}\left(z_{R}\right)}=\frac{N_{S}(\lambda, z)-N_{B}}{N_{R}\left(\lambda, z_{R}\right)-N_{B}} \cdot \frac{z^{2}}{z_{R}^{2}}
$$

## Summary

$\square$ Solutions of lidar equation can be obtained by solving the lidar equation directly if all the lidar parameters and atmosphere conditions are well known.
$\square$ Solutions for three forms of lidar equations are shown: scattering form, fluorescence form, and differential absorption form.
$\square$ However, system parameters and atmosphere conditions may vary frequently and are NOT well known to experimenters.
$\square$ A good solution is to perform Rayleigh normalization to cancel out most of the system and atmosphere parameters so that the essential and known parts can be solved.

