Lecture 06. Fundamentals of Lidar Remote Sensing (4)

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Scattering by Molecules in Atmosphere



Boltzmann Distribution

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



 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 ⇒ **Temperature**

Boltzmann Technique



Example: Fe Boltzmann

$$\frac{N(J=4)}{N(J=3)} = \frac{g_1}{g_2} \exp\{\Delta E/k_B T\}$$

$$g_1 = 2 * 4 + 1 = 9$$

$$g_2 = 2 * 3 + 1 = 7$$

$$\Delta E = 416(cm^{-1})$$

$$= hc \times 416 \times 100(J)$$

$$\Delta E / k_B = 598.43K$$

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

Doppler Shift and Broadening

Doppler Technique – Doppler linewidth broadening and Doppler frequency shift are temperature-dependent and wind-dependent, respectively (applying to both Na, K, Fe resonance fluorescence and molecular scattering)



Doppler Shift and Broadening



Absorption and Fluorescence





Backscatter Cross-Section Comparison

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

Rayleigh Backscatter Coefficient

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

P in mbar and T in Kelvin at altitude z, λ in meter.

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

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 λ is the wavelength in nm.

□ For Rayleigh lidar, λ = 532 nm, \Rightarrow 6.22 x 10⁻³² m²sr⁻¹

Absorption Cross-Section for Atoms

Atomic absorption cross section σ_{abs} for Na 589-nm D2 line is about 10⁻¹⁵ m² for Fe 372-nm line is about 10⁻¹⁶ m²

How do you derive the backscatter cross section?

$$\frac{d\sigma_m}{d\Omega}(\theta = \pi) = \frac{\sigma_{abs}}{4\pi} = \frac{10^{-15} m^2}{4\pi}$$
$$= 7.95 \times 10^{-16} m^2 sr^{-1} = 7.95 \times 10^{-12} cm^2 sr^{-1}$$

Polarization in Scattering

- 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
- The range-resolved linear depolarization ratio is defined from lidar or optical observations as

$$\delta(R) = \frac{P_{\perp}}{P_{\parallel}} = \frac{I_{\perp}}{I_{\parallel}}$$

where P and I are the light power and intensity detected, respectively.

According to Gary Gimmestad, the following definition is misleading: $\delta(R) = \left[\beta_{\perp}(R) / \beta_{\parallel}(R)\right] \exp(T_{\parallel} - T_{\perp})$

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

Review Lidar Equation

General lidar equation with angular scattering coefficient

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

General lidar equation with total scattering coefficient

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

 \square General lidar equation in angular scattering coefficient β and extinction coefficient α form

$$N_{S}(\lambda, R) = \left[\frac{P_{L}(\lambda_{L})\Delta t}{hc/\lambda_{L}}\right] \left[\beta(\lambda, \lambda_{L}, \theta, R)\Delta R\right] \left(\frac{A}{R^{2}}\right)$$
$$\cdot \exp\left[-\int_{0}^{R} \alpha(\lambda_{L}, r')dr'\right] \exp\left[-\int_{0}^{R} \alpha(\lambda, r')dr'\right] \left[\eta(\lambda, \lambda_{L})G(R)\right] + N_{B}$$

Specific Lidar Equations

Lidar equation for Rayleigh lidar

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

Lidar equation for resonance fluorescence lidar

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

Lidar equation for differential absorption lidar

$$N_{S}(\lambda_{on}^{off}, R) = N_{L}(\lambda_{on}^{off}) \Big[\beta_{sca}(\lambda_{on}^{off}, R) \Delta R \Big] \Big(\frac{A}{R^{2}} \Big) \exp \Big[-2 \int_{0}^{z} \overline{\alpha}(\lambda_{on}^{off}, r') dr' \Big] \\ \times \exp \Big[-2 \int_{0}^{z} \sigma_{abs}(\lambda_{on}^{off}, r') n_{c}(r') dr' \Big] \Big[\eta(\lambda_{on}^{off}) G(R) \Big] + N_{B}$$

General Lidar Equation

Assumptions: independent and single scattering

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

- \Box N_s expected photon counts detected at λ and distance R;
- □ 1st term number of transmitted laser photons;
- **D** 2nd term probability that a transmitted photon is scattered by the scatters into a unit solid angle at angle θ ;
- □ 3rd term probability that a scatter photon is collected by the receiving telescope;
- □ 4th term light transmission during light propagation from laser source to distance R and from distance R to receiver;
- **5th** term overall system efficiency;
- □ 6th term background and detector noise.

More in General Lidar Equation

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

 N_{s} (R) – expected received photon number from a distance R P_1 – transmitted laser power, λ_1 – laser wavelength Δt – integration time, h - Planck's constant, c - light speed $\beta(R)$ - volume scatter coefficient at distance R for angle θ , ΔR – 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, η – system optical efficiency, G(R) – geometrical factor of the system,

 $N_{\rm B}$ - background and detector noise photon counts.

Solution for Scattering Form Lidar Equation

Scattering form lidar equation

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

Solution for scattering form lidar equation

$$\beta(\lambda,\lambda_L,R) = \frac{N_S(\lambda,R) - N_B}{\left[\frac{P_L(\lambda_L)\Delta t}{hc/\lambda_L}\right] \Delta R \left(\frac{A}{R^2}\right) \left[T(\lambda_L,R)T(\lambda,R)\right] \left[\eta(\lambda,\lambda_L)G(R)\right]}$$

Solution for Fluorescence Form Lidar Equation

□ Fluorescence form lidar equation

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

Solution for fluorescence form lidar equation

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

Differential Absorption/Scattering Form

 $\hfill\square$ For the laser with wavelength λ_{on} on the molecular absorption line

$$N_{S}(\lambda_{on}, R) = N_{L}(\lambda_{on}) \left[\beta_{sca}(\lambda_{on}, R)\Delta R\right] \left(\frac{A}{R^{2}}\right) \exp\left[-2\int_{0}^{R} \overline{\alpha}(\lambda_{on}, r')dr'\right]$$
$$\times \exp\left[-2\int_{0}^{R} \sigma_{abs}(\lambda_{on}, r')n_{c}(r')dr'\right] \left[\eta(\lambda_{on})G(R)\right] + N_{B}$$

 $\hfill\square$ For the laser with wavelength λ_{off} off the molecular absorption line

$$N_{S}(\lambda_{off}, R) = N_{L}(\lambda_{off}) \Big[\beta_{sca}(\lambda_{off}, R) \Delta R \Big] \Big(\frac{A}{R^{2}} \Big) \exp \Big[-2 \int_{0}^{R} \overline{\alpha}(\lambda_{off}, r') dr' \Big] \\ \times \exp \Big[-2 \int_{0}^{R} \sigma_{abs}(\lambda_{off}, r') n_{c}(r') dr' \Big] \Big[\eta(\lambda_{off}) G(R) \Big] + N_{B}$$

Differential Absorption/Scattering Form

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

$$\frac{N_{S}(\lambda_{on},R) - N_{B}}{N_{S}(\lambda_{off},R) - N_{B}} = \frac{N_{L}(\lambda_{on})\beta_{sca}(\lambda_{on},R)}{N_{L}(\lambda_{off})\beta_{sca}(\lambda_{off},R)} \frac{\eta(\lambda_{on})}{\eta(\lambda_{off})}$$
$$\times \exp\left\{-2\int_{0}^{R} \left[\overline{\alpha}(\lambda_{on},r') - \overline{\alpha}(\lambda_{off},r')\right]dr'\right\}$$
$$\times \exp\left\{-2\int_{0}^{R} \left[\sigma_{abs}(\lambda_{on},r') - \sigma_{abs}(\lambda_{off},r')\right]n_{c}(r')dr'\right\}$$

$$\Delta \sigma = \sigma_{abs}(\lambda_{on}) - \sigma_{abs}(\lambda_{off})$$

Solution for Differential Absorption Lidar Equation

Solution for differential absorption lidar equation

$$n_{c}(R) = \frac{1}{2\Delta\sigma} \frac{d}{dR} \begin{cases} \ln \left[\frac{N_{L}(\lambda_{on})\beta_{sca}(\lambda_{on},R)}{N_{L}(\lambda_{off})\beta_{sca}(\lambda_{off},R)} \frac{\eta(\lambda_{on})}{\eta(\lambda_{off})} \right] \\ -\ln \left[\frac{N_{S}(\lambda_{on},R) - N_{B}}{N_{S}(\lambda_{off},R) - N_{B}} \right] \\ -2\int_{0}^{R} \left[\overline{\alpha}(\lambda_{on},r') - \overline{\alpha}(\lambda_{off},r') \right] dr' \end{cases}$$

$$\Delta \sigma = \sigma_{abs}(\lambda_{on}) - \sigma_{abs}(\lambda_{off})$$

Solution for Resonance Fluorescence Lidar Equation

Resonance fluorescence and Rayleigh lidar equations

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

Rayleigh normalization

$$\frac{n_c(z)}{n_R(z_R)} = \frac{N_S(\lambda, z) - N_B}{N_R(\lambda, z_R) - N_B} \cdot \frac{z^2}{z_R^2} \cdot \frac{4\pi\sigma_R(\pi, \lambda)}{\sigma_{eff}(\lambda, z)R_B(\lambda)} \cdot \frac{T_a^2(\lambda, z_R)G(z_R)}{T_a^2(\lambda, z)T_c^2(\lambda, z)G(z)}$$

Solution for resonance fluorescence

$$n_c(z) = n_R(z_R) \frac{N_S(\lambda, z) - N_B}{N_R(\lambda, z_R) - N_B} \cdot \frac{z^2}{z_R^2} \cdot \frac{4\pi\sigma_R(\pi, \lambda)}{\sigma_{eff}(\lambda, z)R_B(\lambda)} \cdot \frac{1}{T_c^2(\lambda, z)}$$

Solution for Rayleigh and Mie Lidars

Rayleigh and Mie (middle atmos) lidar equations

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

Rayleigh normalization

$$\frac{\beta_R(z) + \beta_{aerosol}(z)}{\beta_R(z_R)} = \frac{N_S(\lambda, z) - N_B}{N_R(\lambda, z_R) - N_B} \cdot \frac{z^2}{z_R^2} \cdot \frac{T_a^2(\lambda, z_R)G(z_R)}{T_a^2(\lambda, z)G(z)}$$

 \Box For Rayleigh scattering at z and z_R

$$\frac{\beta_R(z)}{\beta_R(z_R)} = \frac{\sigma_R(z)n_{atm}(z)}{\sigma_R(z_R)n_{atm}(z_R)} = \frac{n_{atm}(z)}{n_{atm}(z_R)}$$

Solution (Continued)

□ Solution for Mie scattering in middle atmosphere

$$\beta_{aerosol}(z) = \beta_R(z_R) \left[\frac{N_S(\lambda, z) - N_B}{N_R(\lambda, z_R) - N_B} \cdot \frac{z^2}{z_R^2} - \frac{n_{atm}(z)}{n_{atm}(z_R)} \right]$$

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

Rayleigh normalization when aerosols not present $\frac{\beta_{R}(z)}{\beta_{R}(z_{R})} = \frac{N_{S}(\lambda,z) - N_{B}}{N_{R}(\lambda,z_{R}) - N_{B}} \cdot \frac{z^{2}}{z_{R}^{2}} \cdot \frac{T_{a}^{2}(\lambda,z_{R})G(z_{R})}{T_{a}^{2}(\lambda,z)G(z)}$

Solution for relative number density in Rayleigh lidar

$$RND(z) = \frac{n_{atm}(z)}{n_{atm}(z_R)} = \frac{\beta_R(z)}{\beta_R(z_R)} = \frac{N_S(\lambda, z) - N_B}{N_R(\lambda, z_R) - N_B} \cdot \frac{z^2}{z_R^2}$$



□ Solutions of lidar equation can be obtained by solving the lidar equation directly if all the lidar parameters and atmosphere conditions are well known.

□ Solutions for three forms of lidar equations are shown: scattering form, fluorescence form, and differential absorption form.

However, system parameters and atmosphere conditions may vary frequently and are NOT well known to experimenters.

□ 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.