

ASEN-6519 LIDAR REMOTE SENSING



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Lecture 01 Introduction to LIDAR Course



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Antarctica by filling in an important gap

Greetings from McMurdo, Antarctica





Greetings from Antarctica





Greetings from Antarctica



12/13/2010 First lidar lit off Arr. Heights 12/14/2010 First good Rayleigh signals 12/16/2010 First 372nm Fe signals 12/18/2010 First >24-hr lidar run 12/20-22/2010 First 48-hr lidar run 12/24-26/2010 First PMC signals







LIDAR: What and Why?

LIDAR stands for Light Detection and Ranging, commonly known as Laser Radar.

Lidar is not only replacing conventional sensors, but also creating new methods with unique properties that could not be achieved before.

Lidar is extremely useful in atmospheric and environmental research as well as space exploration. It also has wide applications in industry, defense, and military.



LIDAR: Light Detection And Ranging

- Send light to the atmosphere
- Record light scattered by the atmosphere as function of time
- Convert time of flight to distance (1 ms ~ 150 km)





Lidar from Ground to Space

Lidar Sensors					
LASE	LITE				
	/ .		Sat	ellite	
	Program Carrier	Circa	Channels	Laser(s) (*tunable)	Measurement of Species
Ter T	GND. based, 48 inch	1970	2	Ruby @ 347 & 694 nm	Aerosols/ N ₂
	Aircraft Electra 990	1978	3	Ruby, YAG, YAG/ Dye @ 1064, 720*, 694, 600*, 532, 347, 300* nm	Aerosols H ₂ O/O ₃
	LASE, ER 2	1994	3	Ti: Al ₂ O ₃ @ 815 nm	H ₂ O/Aerosols
	LITE, Shuttle	1994	3	YAG @ 1064, 532, 355 nm	Aerosols/clouds Density
	ESSP	TBD	3	YAG @ 1064, 532,	Aerosols/clouds

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NASA LITE Mission

Lidar aboard Space Shuttle Discovery





Lidar aboard Satellites



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CALIPSO: Lidar on Satellite



http://www-calipso.larc.nasa.gov/

LIDAR REMOTE SENSING

Aqua (A) Train for Multiple Observations





NOAA ESRL Lidars on Ocean



- <u>Mini-MOPA</u>
- <u>HRDL</u> ~
- OPAL
- TOPAZ
- DABUL
- Fish Lidars
- TUV
- CODI
- TEAC0
- ABAeL







Basic Lidar measurements

- Chemical distributions (ozone, water vapor, NH3, CO2)
- Cloud properties
- Aerosol measurements
- Low level mean winds
- Residual winds
- Turbulence, general dynamics

Instruments have been mounted on research ships for sea based operation

Challenges include:

- Sea salt corrosive environment
- High vibration
- Platform motion & orientation
- Low frequency accelerations stability issues
- Big waves and leaky seatainers









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Groundbased Lidar at the South Pole





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Containerized Lidar at Rothera, Antarctica



Containerized Lidar at Svalbard





Andoya Rayleigh & Na Lidars







Sondrestrom Rayleigh Lidar





Large-Aperture Na Doppler Lidar at SOR, NM and Maui, HI





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Arecibo Observatory K Doppler Lidar





Lidar Course Objectives

- 1. A comprehensive, yet easily understandable, up-todate overview of lidar principles, technologies, and applications;
- 2. Approaches for lidar simulation, lidar sensitivity and error analysis, lidar data retrieval, and lidar system design to quantitatively analyze lidar system performance and measurement errors;
- 3. Opportunities to see and possibly operate the real state-of-the-art lidar systems and make connections to lidar experts in the nation and world.



Textbook and Reading Materials

Textbook: "Laser Remote Sensing" (2005) edited by Fujii and Fukuchi

Major Reference Books:

"Lidar" (2005) edited by C. Weitkamp "Laser Remote Sensing: Fundamentals & Applications" (1984) by Raymond Measures

Other References:

"Proceedings of 24th and 25th ILRC" and other journal papers



Course Format

- 1. PPT presentation in classroom
- 2. Lecture notes posted at the class webpage:

http://cires.colorado.edu/science/groups/chu/classes/

- 3. Homework Reading Reports over reading materials
- 4. Homework Projects of lidar simulation and data retrieval
- 5. Final project integrating reading, design, and simulation together, with class presentation and final written report



Grading Policy

20% Homework Reading Reports: your understanding to lidar principles, technologies, and applications

60% Homework Projects:

- (1) Lidar simulations (e.g., range-resolved or non-range-resolved lidar photon counts, error analysis)
- (2) Lidar data retrieval and error analysis (e.g., Na density, Doppler temp and wind, Boltzmann and Rayleigh temperature, coherent wind, HSRL aerosol, DIAL, or Raman lidar data)
- (3) Lidar design and performance analysis

20% Final Project: Select one type of lidars and go through principle, design, simulation, error analysis, application

100-point grading system for reports and projects



Potential Final Projects

- 1) Resonance Fluorescence Doppler lidar
- 2) High-spectral-resolution lidar
- 3) Direction-detection wind lidar (or with edge filters)
- 4) Coherent Doppler lidar
- 5) Laser altimeter (including fish lidar)
- 6) Raman lidar
- 7) Differential absorption lidar (DIAL)
- 8) Polarization lidar
- 9) Rayleigh/Mie lidar

10) Fluorescence lidar

- > Overview of principles, history, and current status
- Design of a lidar system
- Simulation of expected lidar signals
- Sensitivity or error analysis
- Applications



How to study this course?

- 1. Read books and lecture notes prior to classes, especially if lack of background
- 2. Listen to the lectures and try to understand the most in classes
- 3. Review lecture notes and read books and materials
- 4. Do projects to apply learned skills and check concepts
- 5. Discuss with the instructor, TA, and classmates to get clear concepts
- 6. Visit instructor's research group to look at real instruments and real applications

LIDAR Expeditions over the World





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Pole-to-Pole Lidar Observations



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Lasers, Photonics, and Environmental Optics



North Pole







20 July 2002







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Mobile MRI Fe Doppler Lidar







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Optical Heterodyne Detection of Laser Pulse







We expect an exciting adventure through the wonderful "lidar remote sensing" field ...

Hope you will stay with us in the journey ...

Let us work together to make advancement and contributions to lidar science and technology ...

Reference Reading Materials Chapter 1 of "Laser Remote Sensing" textbook IntroRemoteSensing.pdf and IntroLidar.pdf (at website)