



Lecture 16. Temperature Lidar (5) Resonance Doppler Techniques

- ❑ Resonance Fluorescence Na Doppler Lidar
 - Na Structure and Spectroscopy
 - Scanning Technique versus Ratio Technique
- ❑ Principles of Doppler ratio techniques
 - Two-frequency ratio technique
 - Three-frequency ratio technique
 - Comparison of calibration curves
- ❑ Na Doppler Lidar Instrumentation
 - Summary



Recall “Various Physical Interactions and Techniques are Applied to Doppler Tech”

- ❑ When resonance absorption and fluorescence is available (not quenched), the resonance Doppler lidar can be employed to probe Doppler broadening and Doppler shift. It can be atomic resonance fluorescence or molecular resonance fluorescence in the upper atmosphere.
- ❑ If molecular absorption is available, then DIAL lidar can be employed to infer the Doppler broadening in molecular absorption for temperature. This is doable in the lower atmosphere.
- ❑ Rayleigh scattering experiences Doppler broadening, so it can be measured using various techniques (e.g., edge filter, interferometers, etc.) to infer the temperature.
- ❑ High-spectral-resolution lidar (HSRL) can help remove aerosol contamination to reveal Doppler broadening for temperature.
- ❑ Vibrational-rotational Raman scattering should experience similar Doppler broadening as Rayleigh scattering, but it has shifted frequencies of return signals, which may help avoid the contamination of aerosol scattering to Rayleigh scattering.



Recall “Doppler Effects in Fe Boltzmann Lidar”

- For two channels of Fe Boltzmann lidar,

$$N_{Norm}(\lambda_{372}, z) = \frac{N_{Fe}(\lambda_{372}, z)}{N_R(\lambda_{372}, z_R) T_c^2(\lambda_{372}, z)} = \frac{\sigma_{eff}(\lambda_{372}, T, \sigma_L) R_{B\lambda_{372}} n_{Fe}(\lambda_{372}, z)}{4\pi \sigma_R(\lambda_{372}) n_R(z_R)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} N_{Norm}(\lambda_{374}, z) &= \frac{N_{Fe}(\lambda_{374}, z)}{N_R(\lambda_{374}, z_R) T_c^2(\lambda_{374}, z)} = \frac{\sigma_{eff}(\lambda_{374}, T, \sigma_L) R_{B\lambda_{374}} n_{Fe}(\lambda_{374}, z)}{4\pi \sigma_R(\lambda_{374}) n_R(z_R)} \\ &= \frac{N_{Fe}(\lambda_{374}, z)}{N_R(\lambda_{374}, z_R) T_c^2(\lambda_{374}, z)} = \frac{\sigma_{eff}(\lambda_{374}, T, \sigma_L) R_{B\lambda_{374}} n_{Fe}(\lambda_{372}, z)}{4\pi \sigma_R(\lambda_{374}) n_R(z_R)} \frac{g_2}{g_1} \exp(-\Delta E / k_B T) \end{aligned}$$

- Take the Boltzmann temperature ratio as

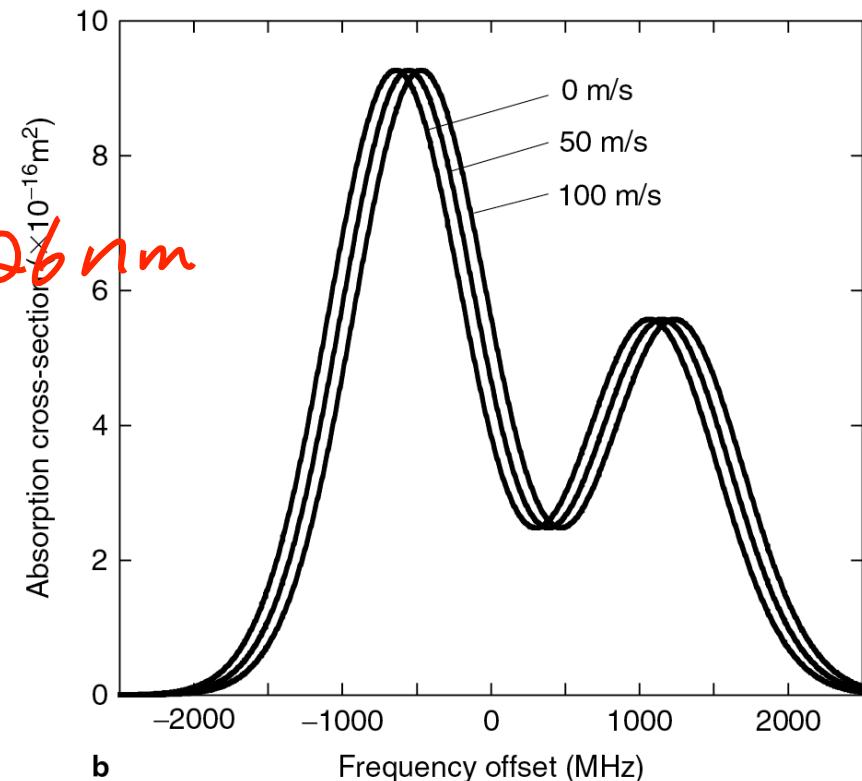
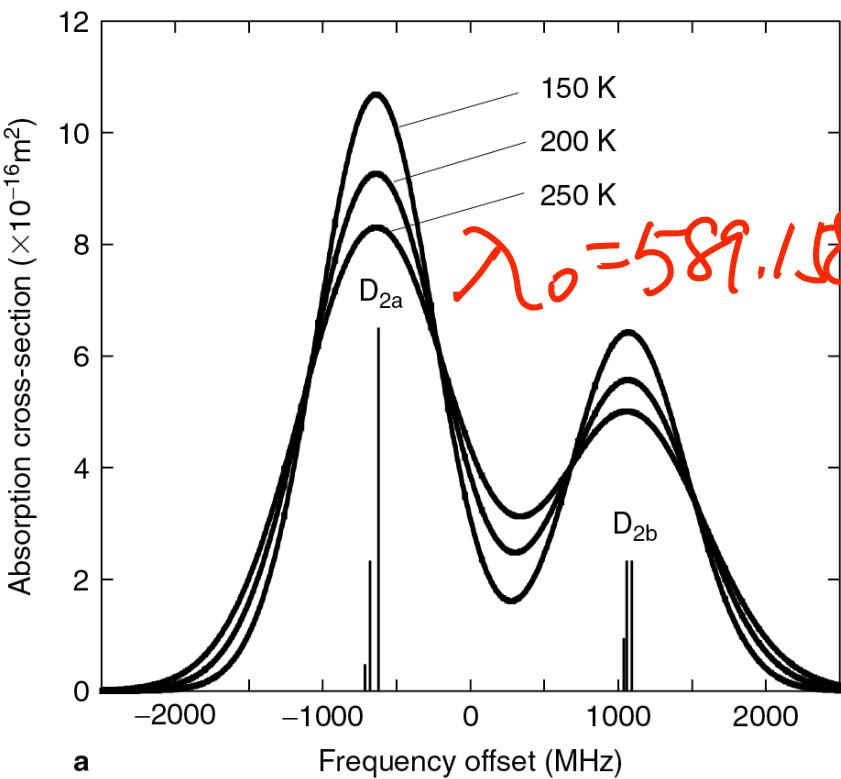
$$R_T(z) = \frac{N_{norm}(\lambda_{374}, z)}{N_{norm}(\lambda_{372}, z)} = \frac{g_2}{g_1} \frac{R_{B374}}{R_{B372}} \left(\frac{\lambda_{374}}{\lambda_{372}} \right)^{4.0117} \frac{\sigma_{eff}(\lambda_{374}, T, \sigma_{L374})}{\sigma_{eff}(\lambda_{372}, T, \sigma_{L372})} \exp(-\Delta E / k_B T)$$

Using the Fe atoms in the MLT as an “Fe vapor cell”, if we scan the laser frequency of a single channel of Fe Boltzmann lidar, we will see a convoluted Doppler broadening of the return Fe signals. This wavelength scan can be used to infer temperature if the laser lineshape is well known, or can be used to infer the laser lineshape if the temperature is known.



Doppler Effect in Na D₂ Line Resonance Fluorescence

Absorption Coefficient

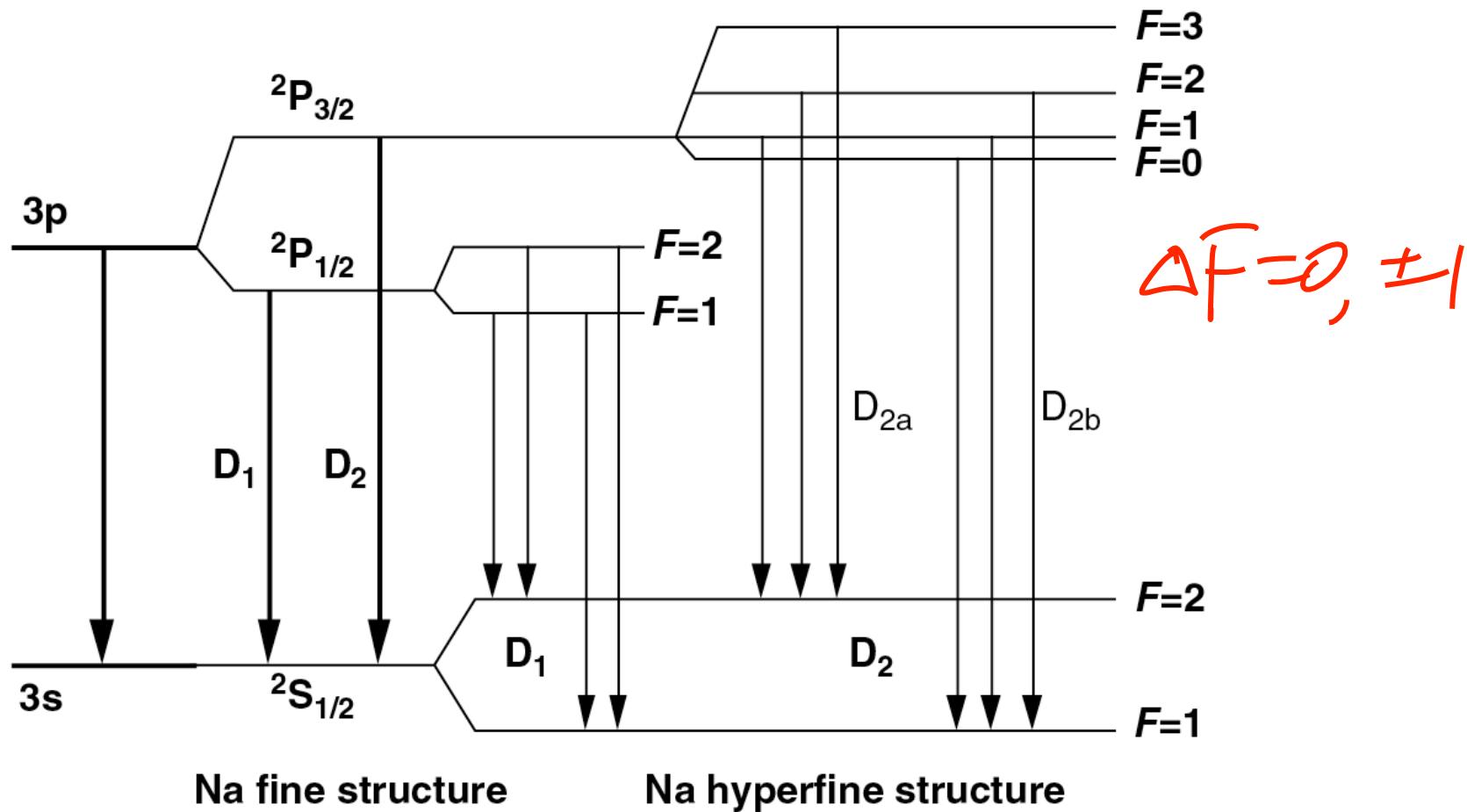


Na D₂ absorption linewidth is temperature dependent
(thermal motions of atom assembly)

Na D₂ absorption peak frequency is wind dependent
(bulk motions of atom assembly)



Na Atomic Energy Levels





Na Atomic Parameters

Table 5.1 Parameters of the Na D₁ and D₂ Transition Lines

Transition Line	Central Wavelength (nm)	Transition Probability (10^8 s^{-1})	Radiative Lifetime (nsec)	Oscillator Strength f_{ik}
D ₁ (${}^2\text{P}_{1/2} \rightarrow {}^2\text{S}_{1/2}$)	589.7558	0.614	16.29	0.320
D ₂ (${}^2\text{P}_{3/2} \rightarrow {}^2\text{S}_{1/2}$)	589.1583	0.616	16.23	0.641
Group	${}^2\text{S}_{1/2}$	${}^2\text{P}_{3/2}$	Offset (GHz)	Relative Line Strength ^a
D _{2b}	$F = 1$	$F = 2$	1.0911	5/32
		$F = 1$	1.0566	5/32
		$F = 0$	1.0408	2/32
D _{2a}	$F = 2$	$F = 3$	-0.6216	14/32
		$F = 2$	-0.6806	5/32
		$F = 1$	-0.7150	1/32

Doppler-Free Saturation–Absorption Features of the Na D₂ Line

f_a (MHz)	f_c (MHz)	f_b (MHz)	f_+ (MHz)	f_- (MHz)
-651.4	187.8	1067.8	-21.4	-1281.4

^aRelative line strengths are in the absence of a magnetic field or the spatial average. When Hanle effect is considered in the atmosphere, the relative line strengths will be modified depending on the geomagnetic field and the laser polarization.

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Doppler-Limited Na Spectroscopy

- Doppler-broadened Na absorption cross-section is approximated as a Gaussian with rms width σ_D

$$\sigma_{abs}(\nu) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_D} \frac{e^2 f}{4\epsilon_0 m_e c} \sum_{n=1}^6 A_n \exp\left(-\frac{[\nu_n - \nu(1 - V_R/c)]^2}{2\sigma_D^2}\right)$$

- Assume the laser lineshape is a Gaussian with rms width σ_L
- The effective cross-section is the convolution of the atomic absorption cross-section and the laser lineshape

$$\underline{\sigma_{eff}(\nu)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_e} \frac{e^2 \cancel{f}}{4\epsilon_0 m_e c} \sum_{n=1}^6 \cancel{A_n} \exp\left(-\frac{[\nu_n - \nu(1 - V_R/c)]^2}{2\sigma_e^2}\right)$$

where

$$\sigma_e = \sqrt{\sigma_D^2 + \sigma_L^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma_D = \sqrt{\frac{k_B T}{M \lambda_0^2}}$$

The frequency discriminator/analyzer is in the atmosphere! -- A huge Na vapor cell – the Na absorption lines as a frequency discriminator.



Doppler Scanning Technique

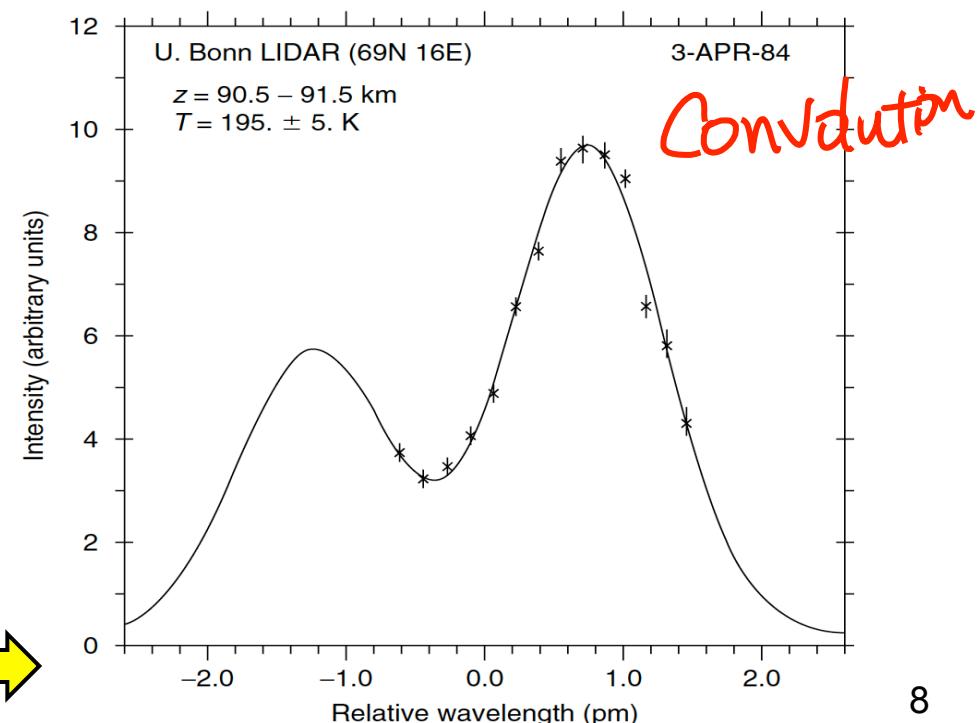
$$N_{Na}(\lambda, z) = \left(\frac{P_L(\lambda)\Delta t}{hc/\lambda} \right) (\sigma_{eff}(\lambda)n_{Na}(z)\Delta z) \left(\frac{A}{4\pi z^2} \right) (\eta(\lambda)T_a^2(\lambda)T_c^2(\lambda, z)G(z))$$

$$N_R(\lambda, z_R) = \left(\frac{P_L(\lambda)\Delta t}{hc/\lambda} \right) (\sigma_R(\pi, \lambda)n_R(z_R)\Delta z) \left(\frac{A}{z_R^2} \right) (\eta(\lambda)T_a^2(\lambda, z_R)G(z_R))$$

$$\sigma_{eff}(\lambda, z) = \frac{C(z)}{T_c^2(\lambda, z)} \frac{N_{Na}(\lambda, z)}{N_R(\lambda, z_R)}$$

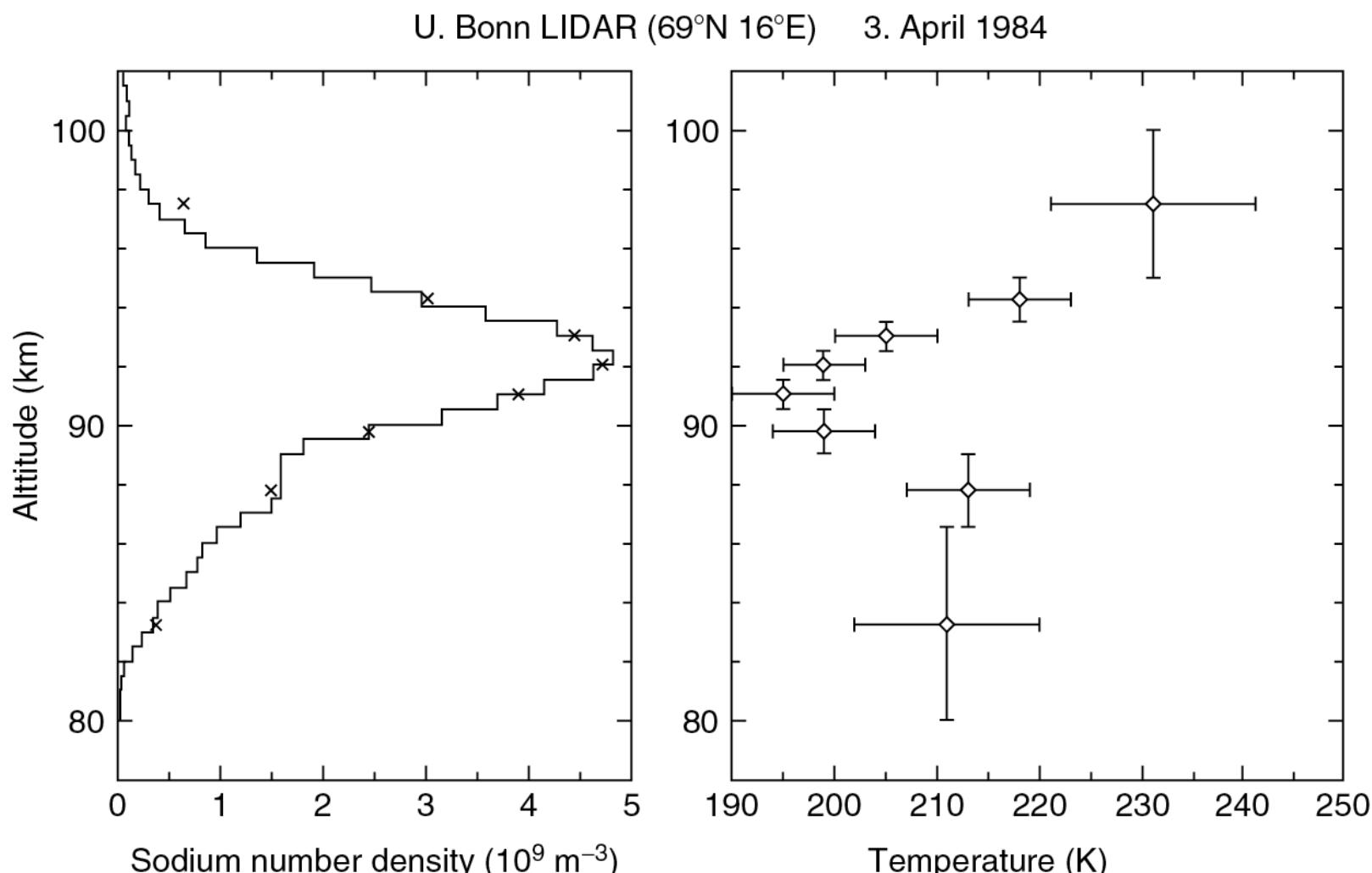
$$\text{where } C(z) = \frac{\sigma_R(\pi, \lambda)n_R(z_R)}{n_{Na}(z)} \frac{4\pi z^2}{z_R^2}$$

Least-square fitting gives temp
[Fricke and von Zahn, JATP, 1985]





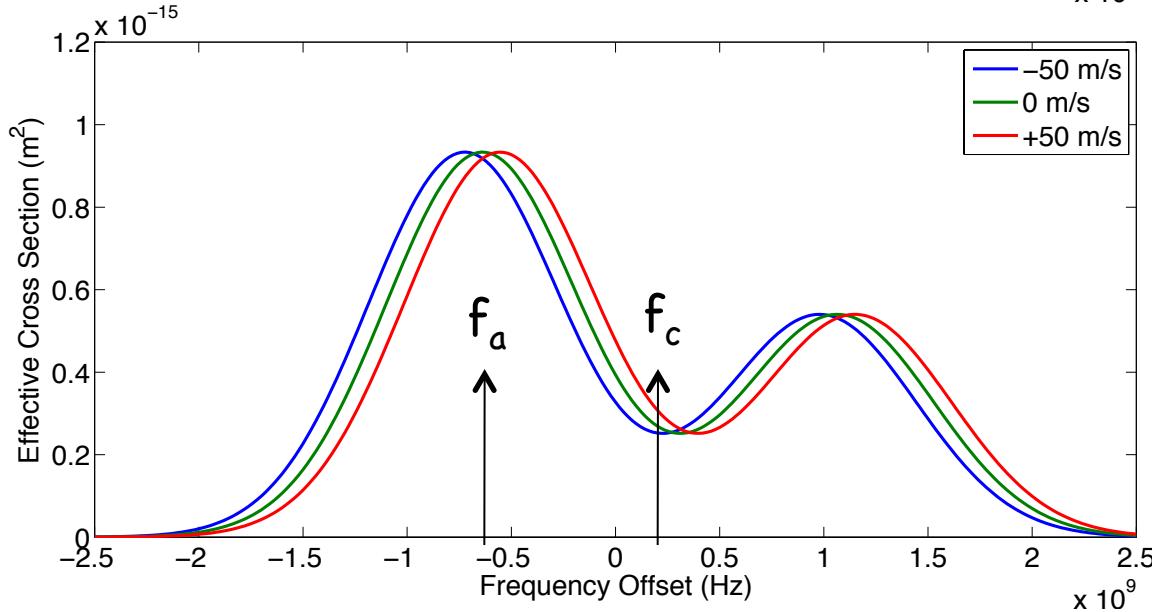
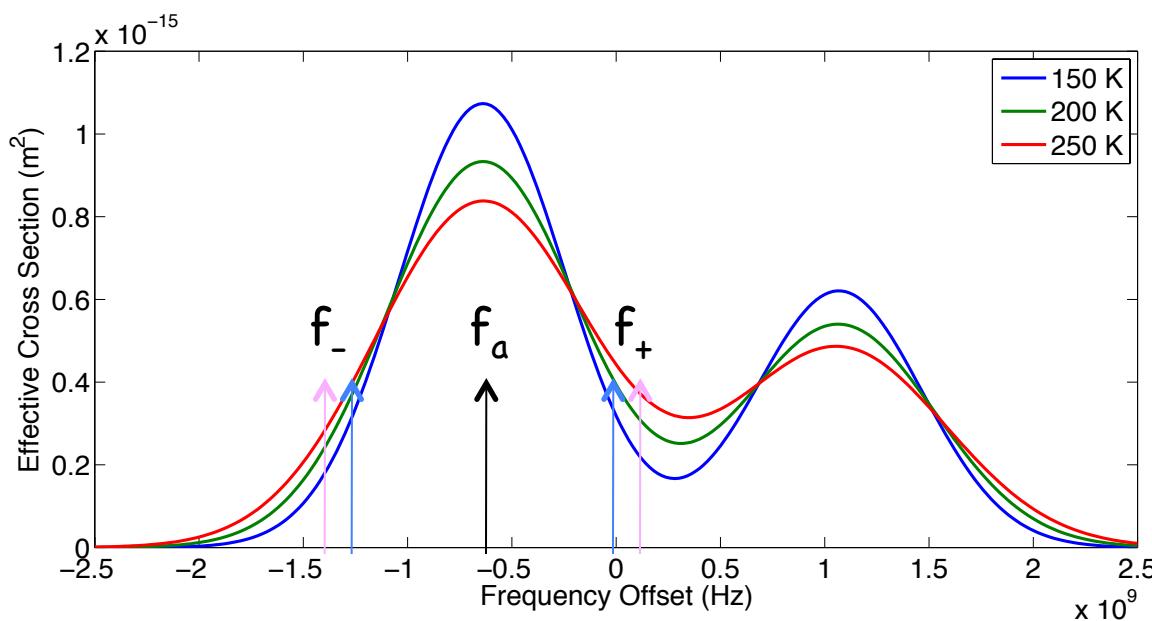
Scanning Na Lidar Results



[Fricke and von Zahn, JATP, 1985]



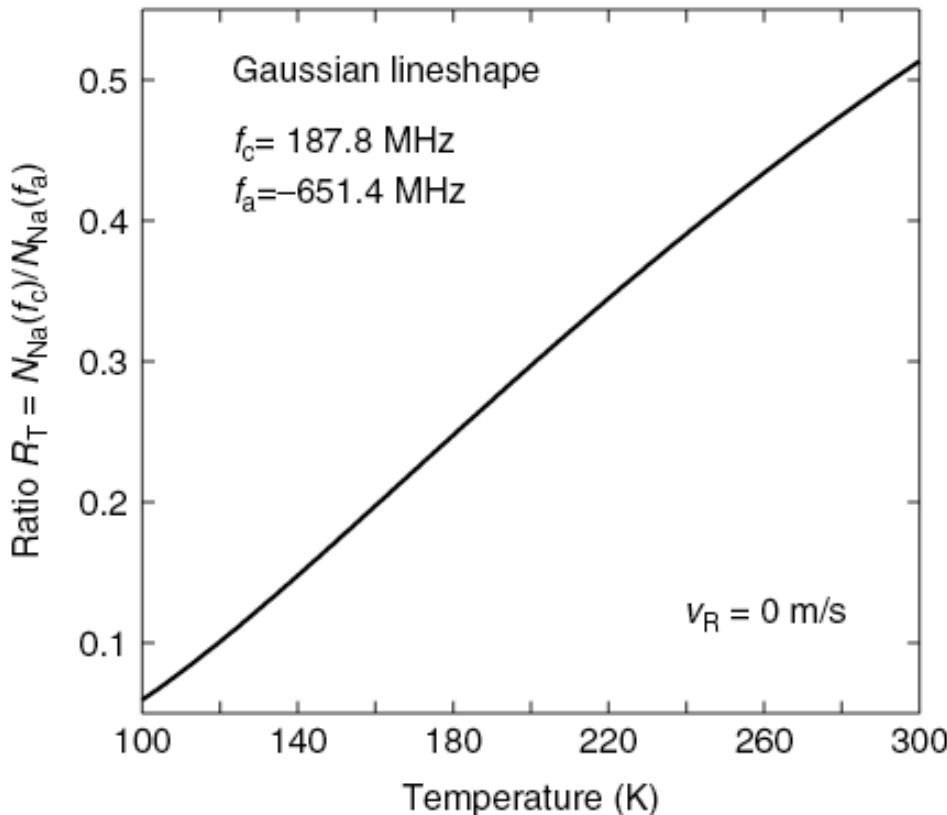
Doppler Ratio Technique





2-Frequency Doppler Ratio Technique

$$R_T(z) = \frac{N_{norm}(f_c, z, t_1)}{N_{norm}(f_a, z, t_2)} = \frac{\sigma_{eff}(f_c, z) n_{Na}(z, t_1)}{\sigma_{eff}(f_a, z) n_{Na}(z, t_2)} \approx \frac{\sigma_{eff}(f_c, z)}{\sigma_{eff}(f_a, z)}$$



$$N_{norm}(f, z, t) \equiv \frac{N_{Na}(f, z, t)}{N_R(f, z, t) T_c^2(f, z)} \frac{z^2}{z_R^2}$$

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$$N_{norm}(f, z, t) = \frac{\sigma_{eff}(f) n_{Na}(z)}{\sigma_R(\pi, f) n_R(z_R)} \frac{1}{4\pi}$$

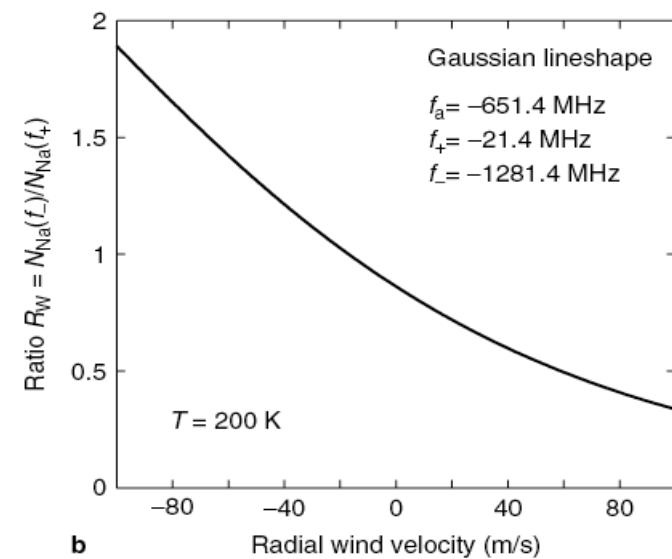
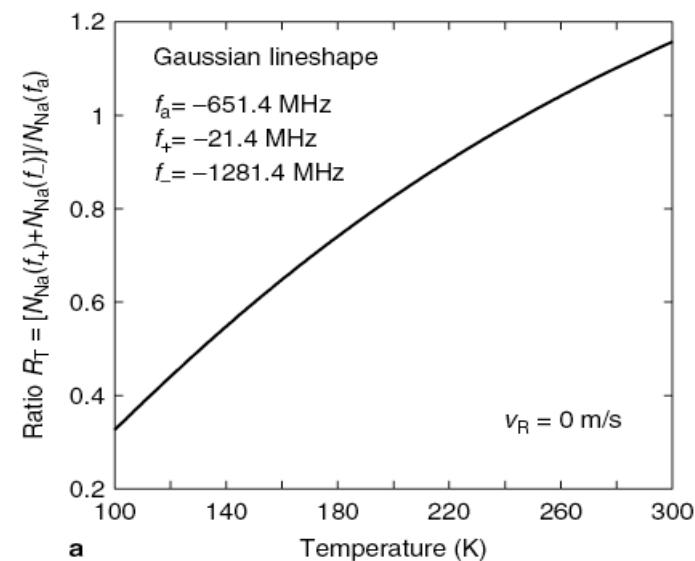
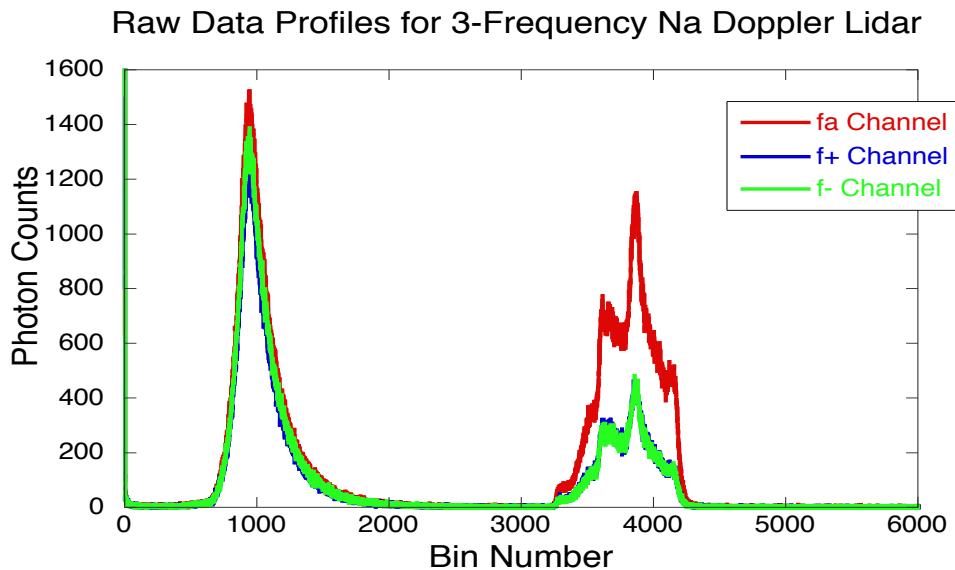
Two frequencies f_a and f_c are insensitive to radial wind.



3-Frequency Doppler Ratio Technique

$$R_T(z) = \frac{N_{norm}(f_+, z, t_1) + N_{norm}(f_-, z, t_2)}{N_{norm}(f_a, z, t_3)}$$
$$\approx \frac{\sigma_{eff}(f_+, z) + \sigma_{eff}(f_-, z)}{\sigma_{eff}(f_a, z)}$$

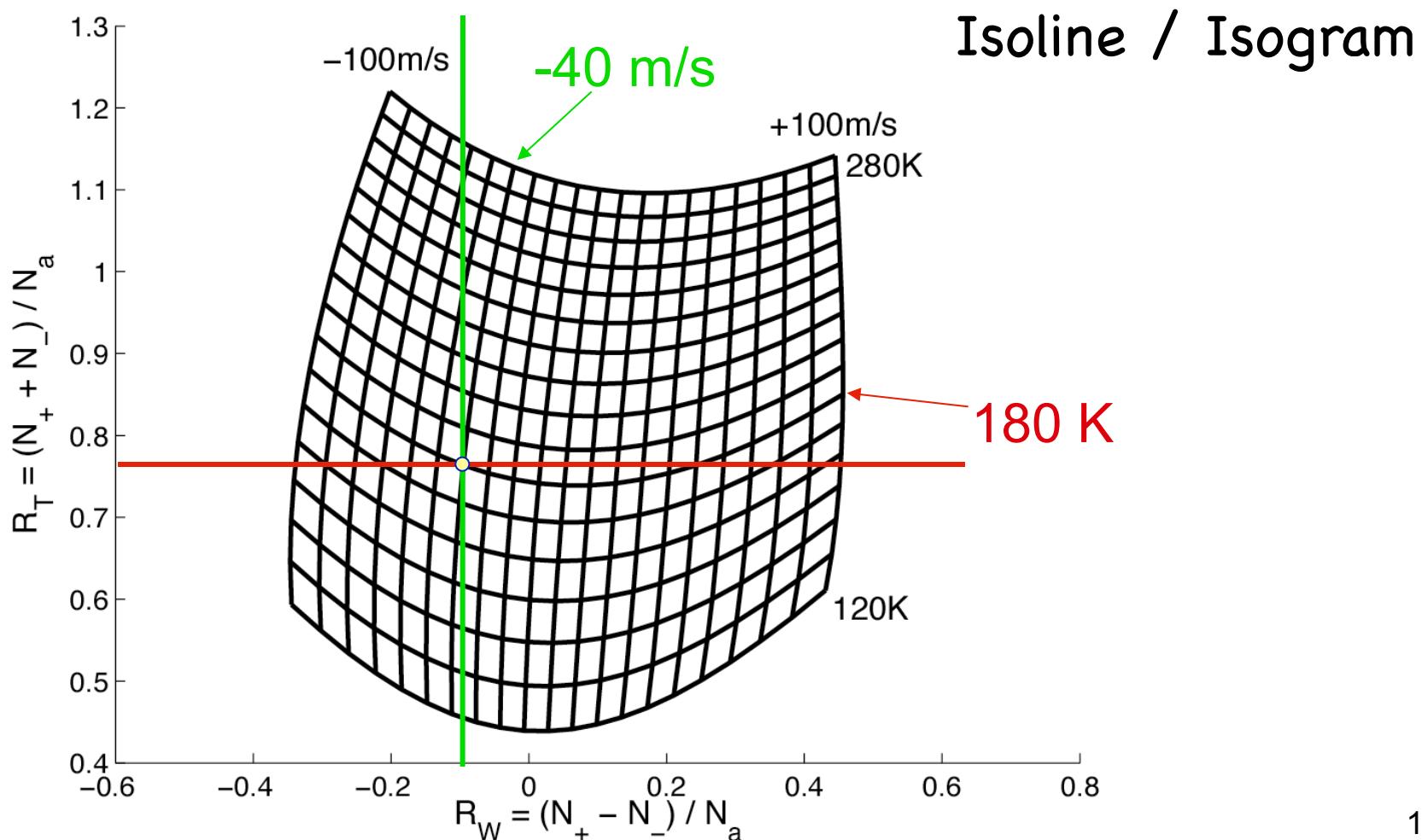
$$R_W(z) = \frac{N_{norm}(f_-, z, t_2)}{N_{norm}(f_+, z, t_1)} \approx \frac{\sigma_{eff}(f_-, z)}{\sigma_{eff}(f_+, z)}$$





Calibration Curves for 3-Freq Tech

- For given temperatures and winds, we can compute the Doppler lidar calibration curves from atomic physics and lidar physics.





Main Ideas Behind Ratio Technique

- ❑ Three unknown parameters (temperature, radial wind, and Na number density) require 3 lidar equations at 3 frequencies as the minimum \Rightarrow the highest resolution.
- ❑ In the ratio technique, Na number density is cancelled out. So we have two ratios R_T and R_W that are independent of Na density but both dependent on T and W.
- ❑ The idea is to derive temperature and radial wind from these two ratios first, and then derive Na number density using derived temperature and wind at each altitude bin.
- ❑ However, because the Na extinction coefficient is involved, the upper bins are related to lower bins, and extinction coefficient is related to Na density and effective cross-section. The solution is to start from the bottom of the Na layer and then work bin by bin to the layer top.



Principle of Doppler Ratio Technique

- ❑ Lidar equation for resonance fluorescence (Na, K, or Fe)

$$N_S(\lambda, z) = \left(\frac{P_L(\lambda)\Delta t}{hc/\lambda} \right) \left[\sigma_{eff}(\lambda, z)n_c(z)R_B(\lambda) + \sigma_R(\pi, \lambda)n_R(z) \right] \Delta z \left(\frac{A}{4\pi z^2} \right) \\ \times \left(T_a^2(\lambda)T_c^2(\lambda, z) \right) (\eta(\lambda)G(z)) + N_B$$

$R_B = 1$ for current Na Doppler lidar since return photons at all wavelengths are received by the broadband receiver, so no fluorescence is filtered off.

- ❑ Pure Na signal and pure Rayleigh signal in Na region are

$$N_{Na}(\lambda, z) = \left(\frac{P_L(\lambda)\Delta t}{hc/\lambda} \right) \left[\sigma_{eff}(\lambda, z)n_c(z) \right] \Delta z \left(\frac{A}{4\pi z^2} \right) \left(T_a^2(\lambda)T_c^2(\lambda, z) \right) (\eta(\lambda)G(z))$$

$$N_R(\lambda, z) = \left(\frac{P_L(\lambda)\Delta t}{hc/\lambda} \right) \left[\sigma_R(\pi, \lambda)n_R(z) \right] \Delta z \left(\frac{A}{z^2} \right) \left(T_a^2(\lambda)T_c^2(\lambda, z) \right) (\eta(\lambda)G(z))$$

- ❑ So we have

$$N_S(\lambda, z) = N_{Na}(\lambda, z) + N_R(\lambda, z) + N_B$$



Principle of Doppler Ratio Technique

- ❑ Lidar equation at pure molecular scattering region (35-55km)

$$N_S(\lambda, z_R) = \left(\frac{P_L(\lambda)\Delta t}{hc/\lambda} \right) [\sigma_R(\pi, \lambda)n_R(z_R)] \Delta z \left(\frac{A}{z_R^2} \right) T_a^2(\lambda, z_R) (\eta(\lambda)G(z_R)) + N_B$$

- ❑ Pure Rayleigh signal in molecular scattering region is

$$N_R(\lambda, z_R) = \left(\frac{P_L(\lambda)\Delta t}{hc/\lambda} \right) [\sigma_R(\pi, \lambda)n_R(z_R)] \Delta z \left(\frac{A}{z_R^2} \right) T_a^2(\lambda, z_R) (\eta(\lambda)G(z_R))$$

- ❑ So we have

$$N_S(\lambda, z_R) = N_R(\lambda, z_R) + N_B$$

- ❑ The ratio between Rayleigh signals at z and z_R is given by

$$\frac{N_R(\lambda, z)}{N_R(\lambda, z_R)} = \frac{[\sigma_R(\pi, \lambda)n_R(z)]T_a^2(\lambda, z)T_c^2(\lambda, z)G(z)}{[\sigma_R(\pi, \lambda)n_R(z_R)]T_a^2(\lambda, z_R)G(z_R)} \frac{z_R^2}{z^2} = \frac{n_R(z)}{n_R(z_R)} \frac{z_R^2}{z^2} T_c^2(\lambda, z)$$

Where n_R is the (total) atmospheric number density, usually obtained from atmospheric models like MSIS00.



Principle of Doppler Ratio Technique

- From above equations, the pure Na and Rayleigh signals are

$$N_{Na}(\lambda, z) = N_S(\lambda, z) - N_B - N_R(\lambda, z)$$

$$N_R(\lambda, z_R) = N_S(\lambda, z_R) - N_B$$

- Normalized Na photon count is defined as

$$N_{Norm}(\lambda, z) = \frac{N_{Na}(\lambda, z)}{N_R(\lambda, z_R) T_c^2(\lambda, z)} \frac{z^2}{z_R^2}$$

- From physics point of view, the normalized Na count is

$$N_{Norm}(\lambda, z) = \frac{N_{Na}(\lambda, z)}{N_R(\lambda, z_R) T_c^2(\lambda, z)} = \frac{\sigma_{eff}(\lambda, z) n_c(z)}{\sigma_R(\pi, \lambda) n_R(z_R)} \frac{1}{4\pi}$$

- From actual photon counts, the normalized Na count is

$$\begin{aligned} N_{Norm}(\lambda, z) &= \frac{N_{Na}(\lambda, z)}{N_R(\lambda, z_R) T_c^2(\lambda, z)} \frac{z^2}{z_R^2} = \frac{N_S(\lambda, z) - N_B - N_R(\lambda, z)}{N_R(\lambda, z_R) T_c^2(\lambda, z)} \frac{z^2}{z_R^2} \\ &= \frac{N_S(\lambda, z) - N_B}{N_S(\lambda, z_R) - N_B} \frac{z^2}{z_R^2} \frac{1}{T_c^2(\lambda, z)} - \frac{n_R(z)}{n_R(z_R)} \end{aligned}$$



Principle of Doppler Ratio Technique

- From physics, the ratios of R_T and R_W are then given by

$$R_T = \frac{N_{Norm}(f_+, z) + N_{Norm}(f_-, z)}{N_{Norm}(f_a, z)} = \frac{\frac{\sigma_{eff}(f_+, z)n_c(z)}{\sigma_R(\pi, f_+)n_R(z_R)} + \frac{\sigma_{eff}(f_-, z)n_c(z)}{\sigma_R(\pi, f_-)n_R(z_R)}}{\frac{\sigma_{eff}(f_a, z)n_c(z)}{\sigma_R(\pi, f_a)n_R(z_R)}} = \frac{\sigma_{eff}(f_+, z) + \sigma_{eff}(f_-, z)}{\sigma_{eff}(f_a, z)}$$

$$R_W = \frac{N_{Norm}(f_+, z) - N_{Norm}(f_-, z)}{N_{Norm}(f_a, z)} = \frac{\frac{\sigma_{eff}(f_+, z)n_c(z)}{\sigma_R(\pi, f_+)n_R(z_R)} - \frac{\sigma_{eff}(f_-, z)n_c(z)}{\sigma_R(\pi, f_-)n_R(z_R)}}{\frac{\sigma_{eff}(f_a, z)n_c(z)}{\sigma_R(\pi, f_a)n_R(z_R)}} = \frac{\sigma_{eff}(f_+, z) - \sigma_{eff}(f_-, z)}{\sigma_{eff}(f_a, z)}$$

Here, Rayleigh backscatter cross-section is regarded as the same for three frequencies, since the frequency difference is so small. Na number density is also the same for three frequency channels, and so is the atmosphere number density at Rayleigh normalization altitude.



Principle of Doppler Ratio Technique

- From actual photon counts, the ratios R_T and R_W are

$$R_T = \frac{N_{Norm}(f_+, z) + N_{Norm}(f_-, z)}{N_{Norm}(f_a, z)}$$
$$= \frac{\left(\frac{N_S(f_+, z) - N_B}{N_S(f_+, z_R) - N_B} \frac{z^2}{z_R^2} \frac{1}{T_c^2(f_+, z)} - \frac{n_R(z)}{n_R(z_R)} \right) + \left(\frac{N_S(f_-, z) - N_B}{N_S(f_-, z_R) - N_B} \frac{z^2}{z_R^2} \frac{1}{T_c^2(f_-, z)} - \frac{n_R(z)}{n_R(z_R)} \right)}{\frac{N_S(f_a, z) - N_B}{N_S(f_a, z_R) - N_B} \frac{z^2}{z_R^2} \frac{1}{T_c^2(f_a, z)} - \frac{n_R(z)}{n_R(z_R)}}$$

$$R_W = \frac{N_{Norm}(f_+, z) - N_{Norm}(f_-, z)}{N_{Norm}(f_a, z)}$$
$$= \frac{\left(\frac{N_S(f_+, z) - N_B}{N_S(f_+, z_R) - N_B} \frac{z^2}{z_R^2} \frac{1}{T_c^2(f_+, z)} - \frac{n_R(z)}{n_R(z_R)} \right) - \left(\frac{N_S(f_-, z) - N_B}{N_S(f_-, z_R) - N_B} \frac{z^2}{z_R^2} \frac{1}{T_c^2(f_-, z)} - \frac{n_R(z)}{n_R(z_R)} \right)}{\frac{N_S(f_a, z) - N_B}{N_S(f_a, z_R) - N_B} \frac{z^2}{z_R^2} \frac{1}{T_c^2(f_a, z)} - \frac{n_R(z)}{n_R(z_R)}}$$



How Does Ratio Technique Work?

- From physics, we calculate the ratios of R_T and R_W as

$$R_T = \frac{\sigma_{eff}(f_+, z) + \sigma_{eff}(f_-, z)}{\sigma_{eff}(f_a, z)}$$

$$R_W = \frac{\sigma_{eff}(f_+, z) - \sigma_{eff}(f_-, z)}{\sigma_{eff}(f_a, z)}$$

- From actual photon counts, we calculate the ratios as

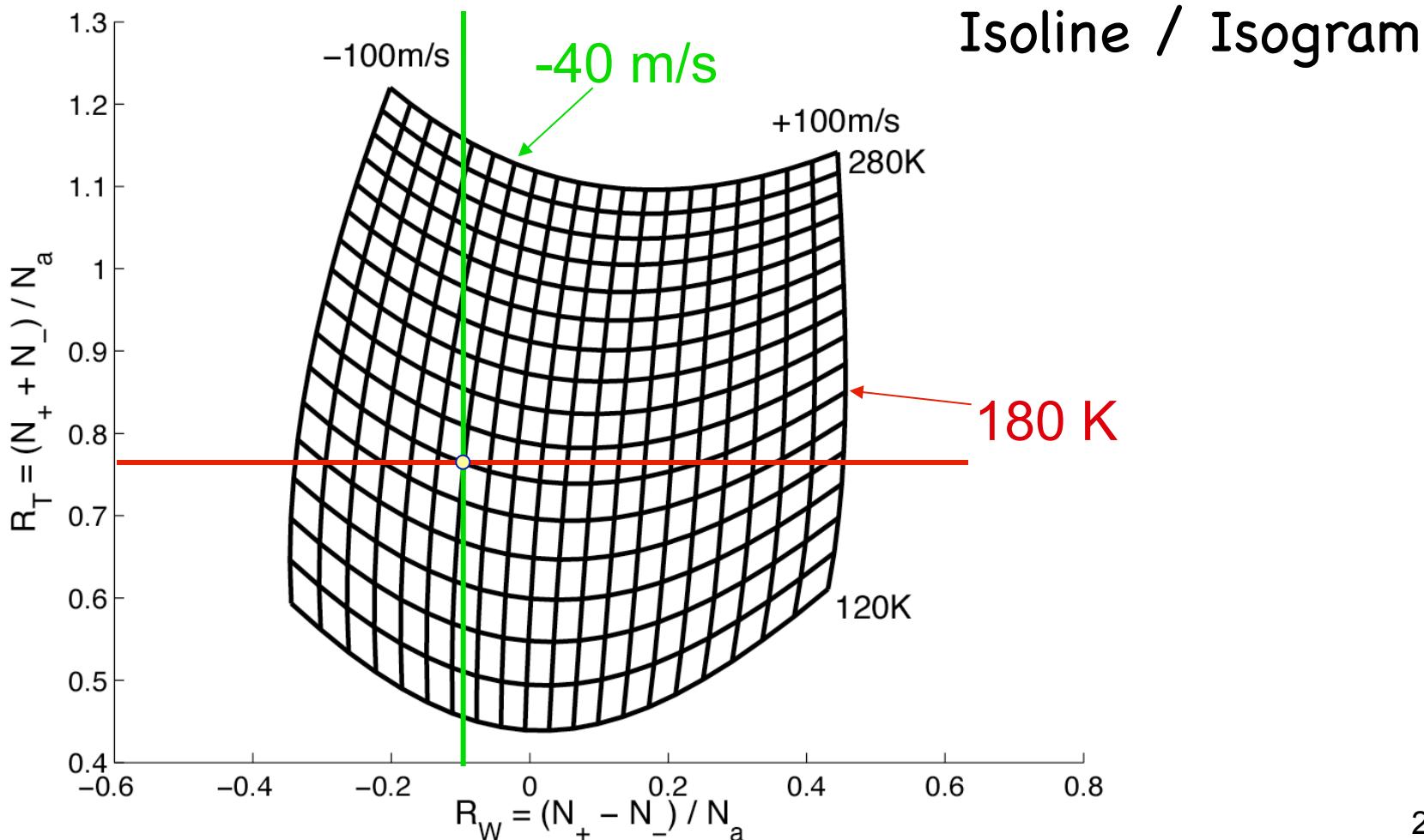
$$\begin{aligned} R_T &= \frac{N_{Norm}(f_+, z) + N_{Norm}(f_-, z)}{N_{Norm}(f_a, z)} \\ &= \frac{\left(\frac{N_S(f_+, z) - N_B}{N_S(f_+, z_R) - N_B} \frac{z^2}{z_R^2} \frac{1}{T_c^2(f_+, z)} - \frac{n_R(z)}{n_R(z_R)} \right) + \left(\frac{N_S(f_-, z) - N_B}{N_S(f_-, z_R) - N_B} \frac{z^2}{z_R^2} \frac{1}{T_c^2(f_-, z)} - \frac{n_R(z)}{n_R(z_R)} \right)}{\left(\frac{N_S(f_a, z) - N_B}{N_S(f_a, z_R) - N_B} \frac{z^2}{z_R^2} \frac{1}{T_c^2(f_a, z)} - \frac{n_R(z)}{n_R(z_R)} \right)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} R_W &= \frac{N_{Norm}(f_+, z) - N_{Norm}(f_-, z)}{N_{Norm}(f_a, z)} \\ &= \frac{\left(\frac{N_S(f_+, z) - N_B}{N_S(f_+, z_R) - N_B} \frac{z^2}{z_R^2} \frac{1}{T_c^2(f_+, z)} - \frac{n_R(z)}{n_R(z_R)} \right) - \left(\frac{N_S(f_-, z) - N_B}{N_S(f_-, z_R) - N_B} \frac{z^2}{z_R^2} \frac{1}{T_c^2(f_-, z)} - \frac{n_R(z)}{n_R(z_R)} \right)}{\left(\frac{N_S(f_a, z) - N_B}{N_S(f_a, z_R) - N_B} \frac{z^2}{z_R^2} \frac{1}{T_c^2(f_a, z)} - \frac{n_R(z)}{n_R(z_R)} \right)} \end{aligned}$$



How Does Ratio Technique Work?

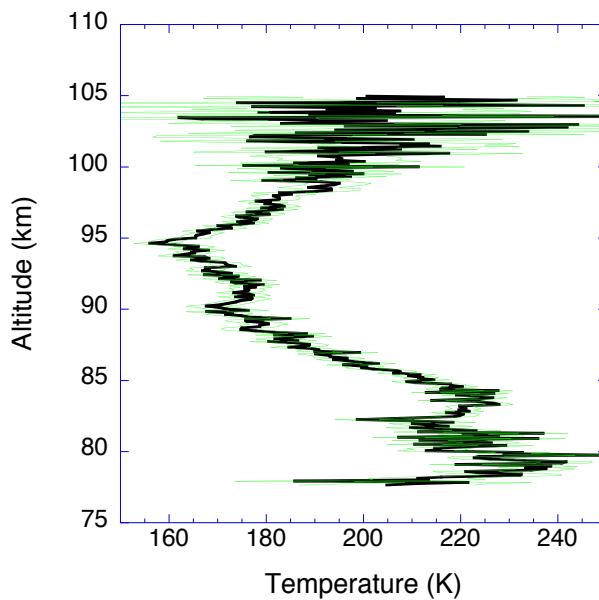
- ❑ Compute Doppler calibration curves from physics
- ❑ Look up these two ratios on the calibration curves to infer the corresponding Temperature and Wind from isoline/isogram.



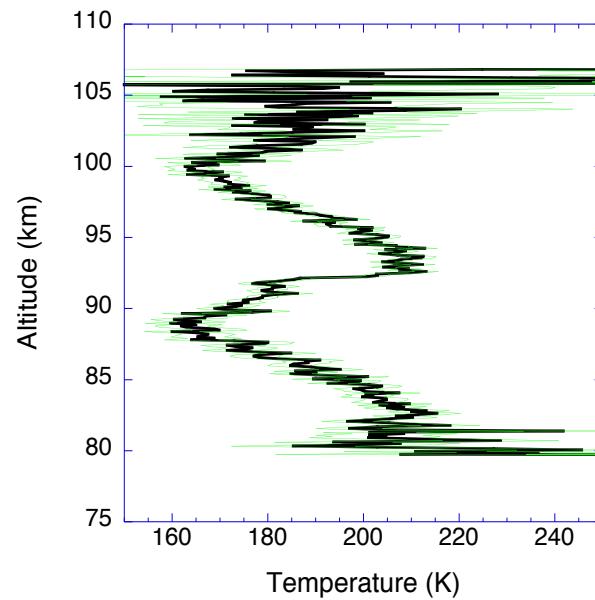


Na Doppler Lidar Data @ SOR

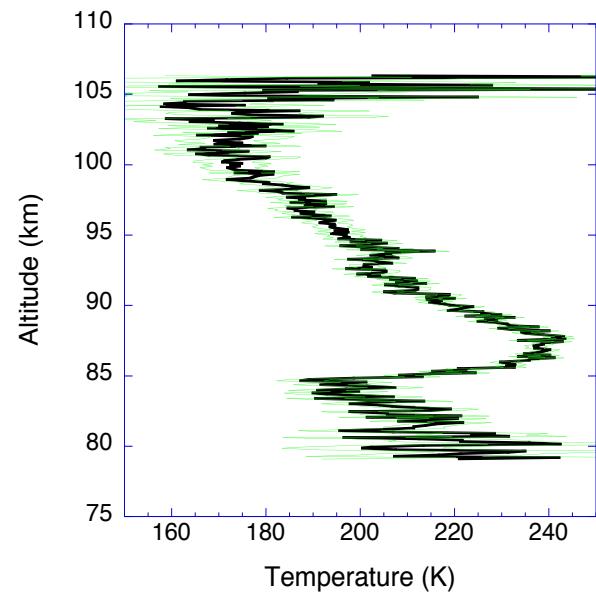
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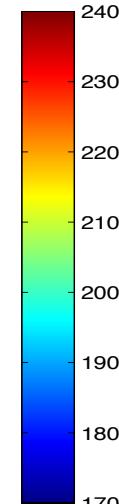
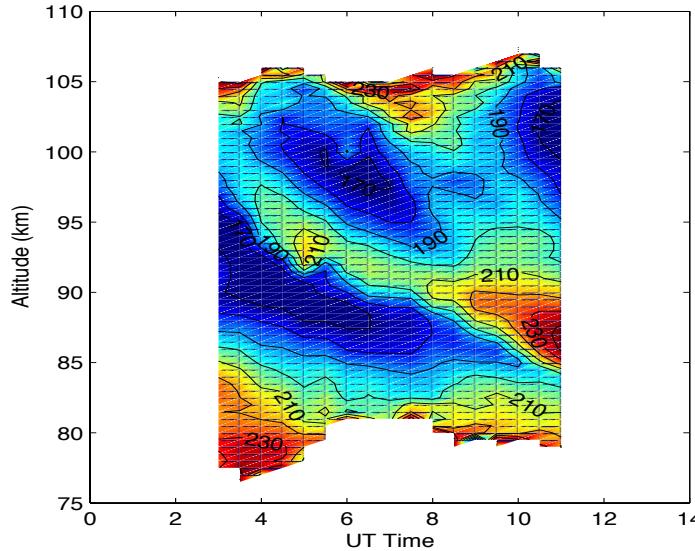


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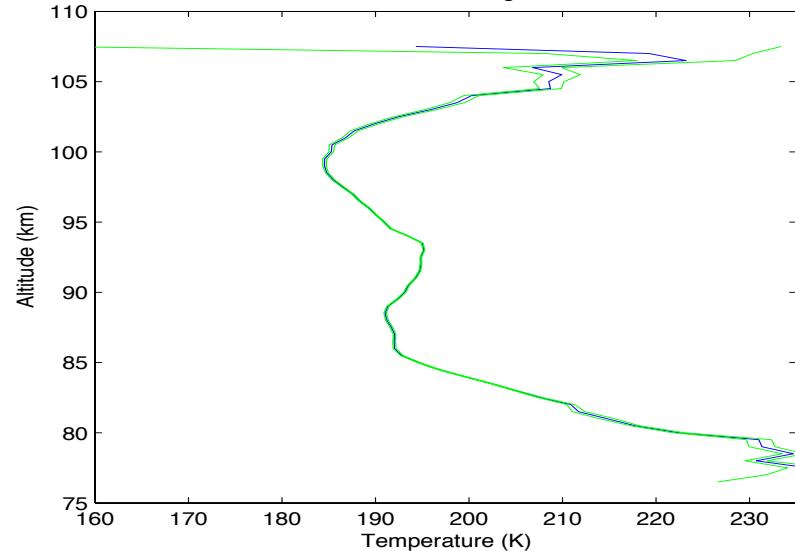
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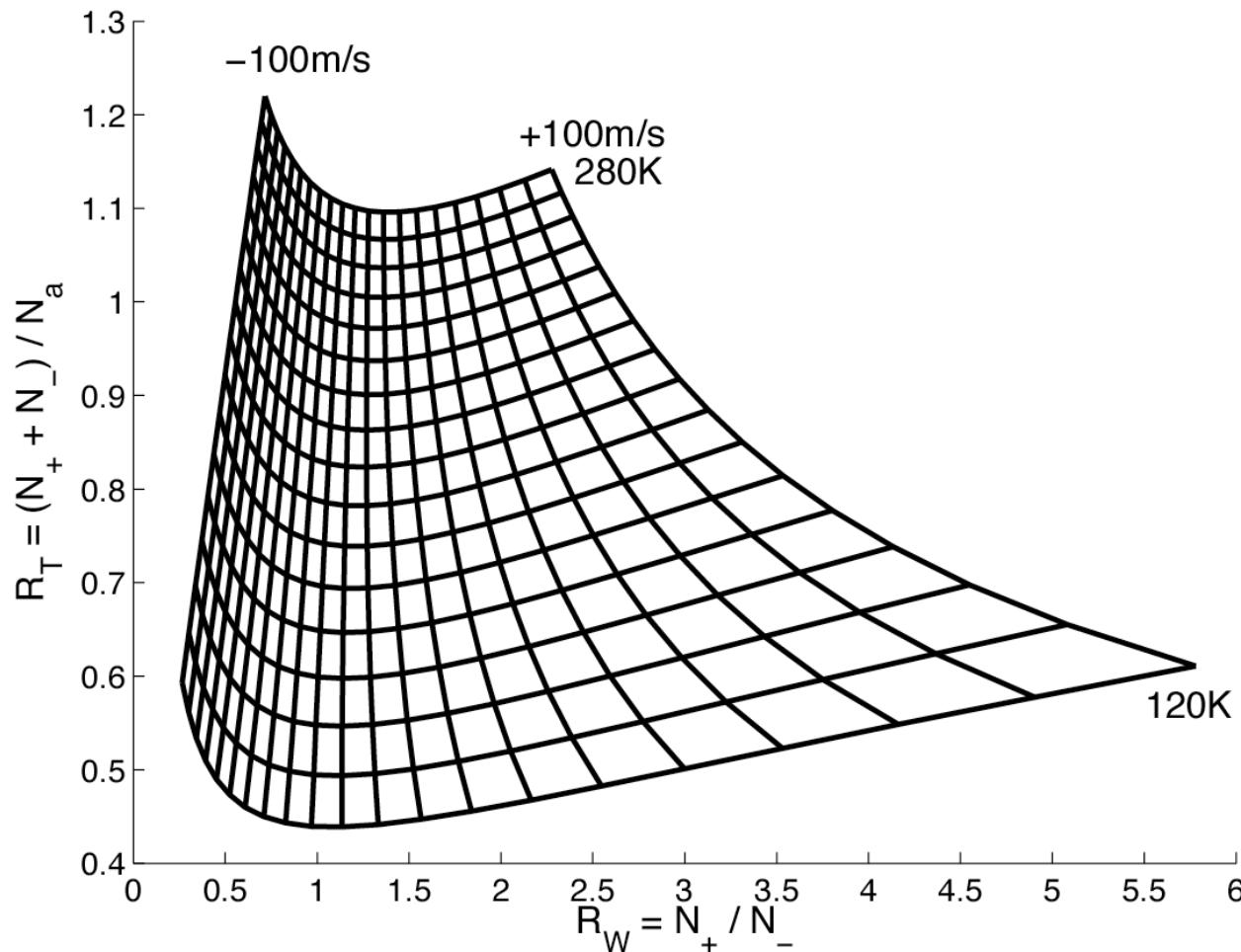
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Comparison of Calibration Curves

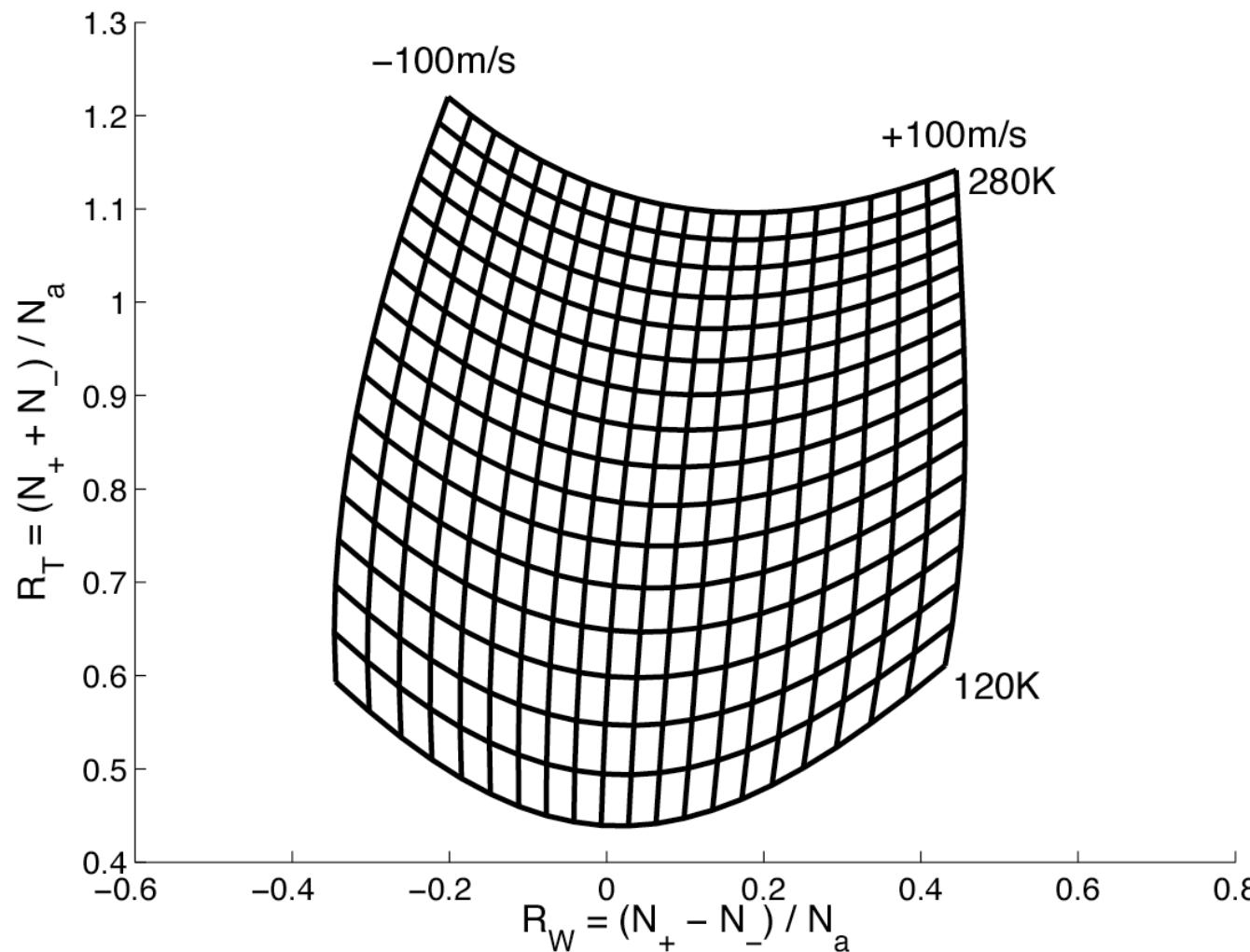
- Different metrics of R_w result in different wind sensitivities
- The ratio $R_w = N_+ / N_-$ has inhomogeneous sensitivity





Comparison of Calibration Curves

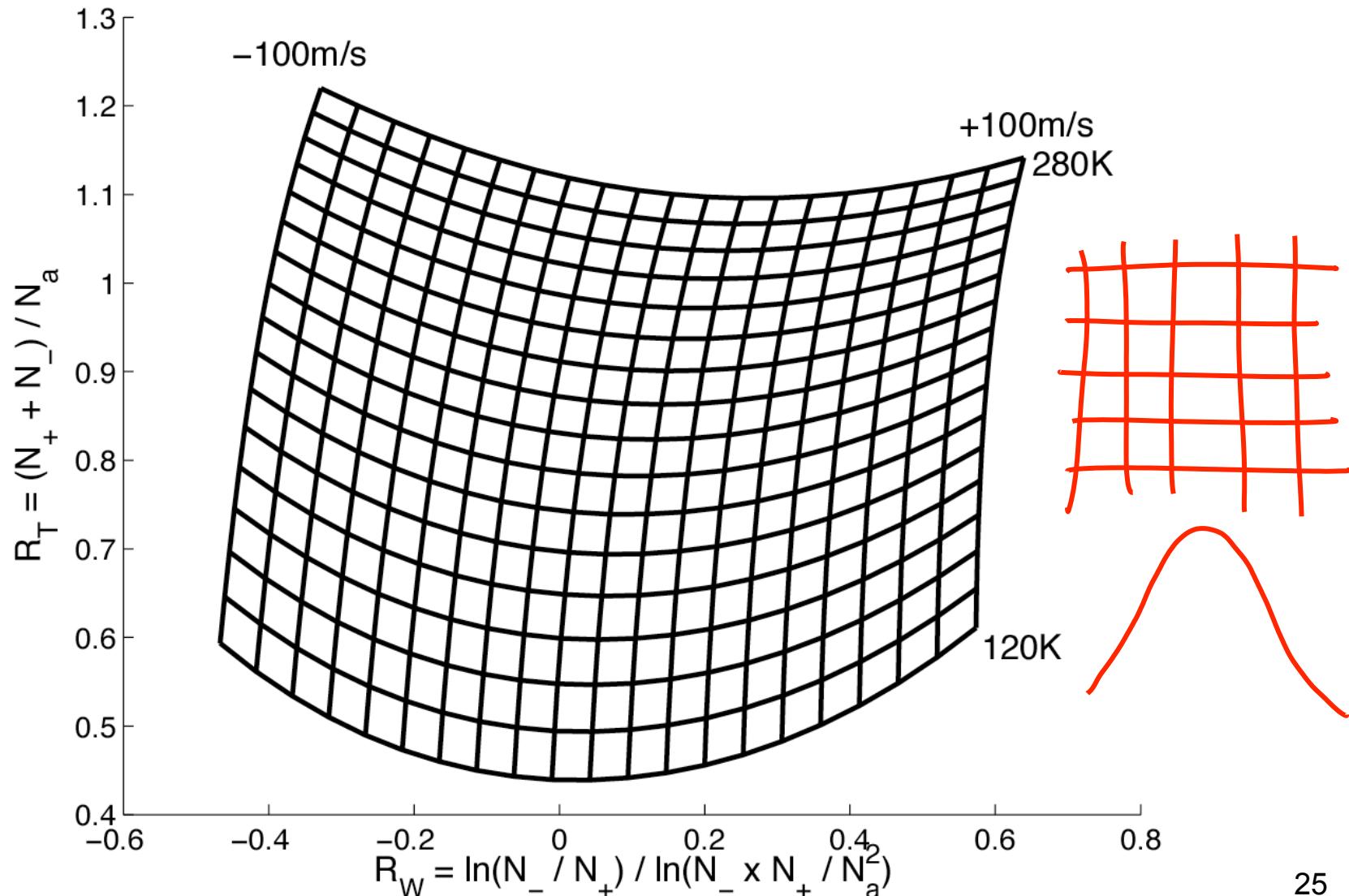
- The ratio $R_w = (N_+ - N_-)/N_a$ has much better uniformity than the simplest ratio





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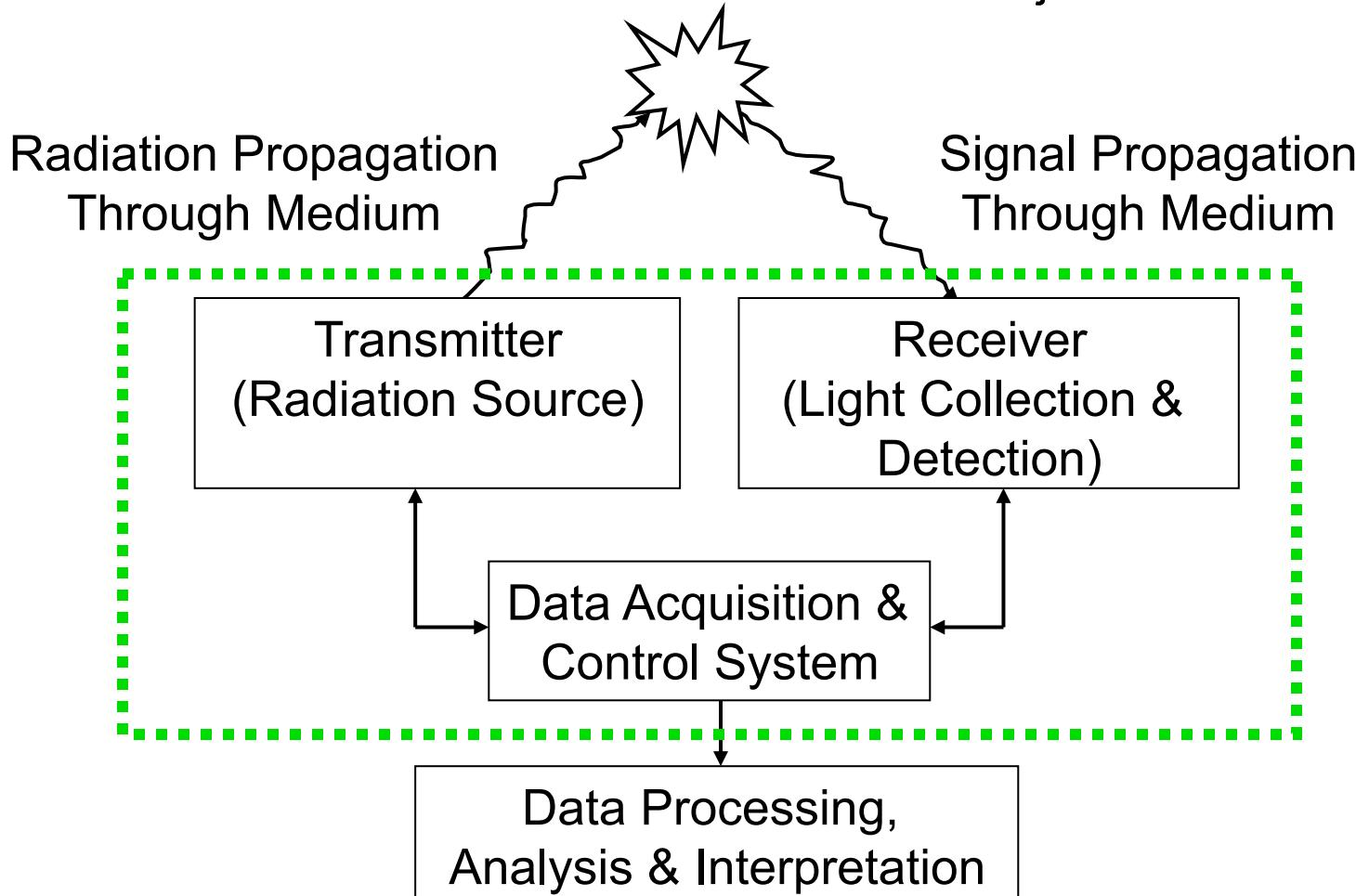
- The ratio $R_W = \ln(N_- / N_+) / \ln(N_- \times N_+ / N_a^2)$ has good uniformity





Na Doppler Lidar Instrumentation

Interaction between radiation and objects

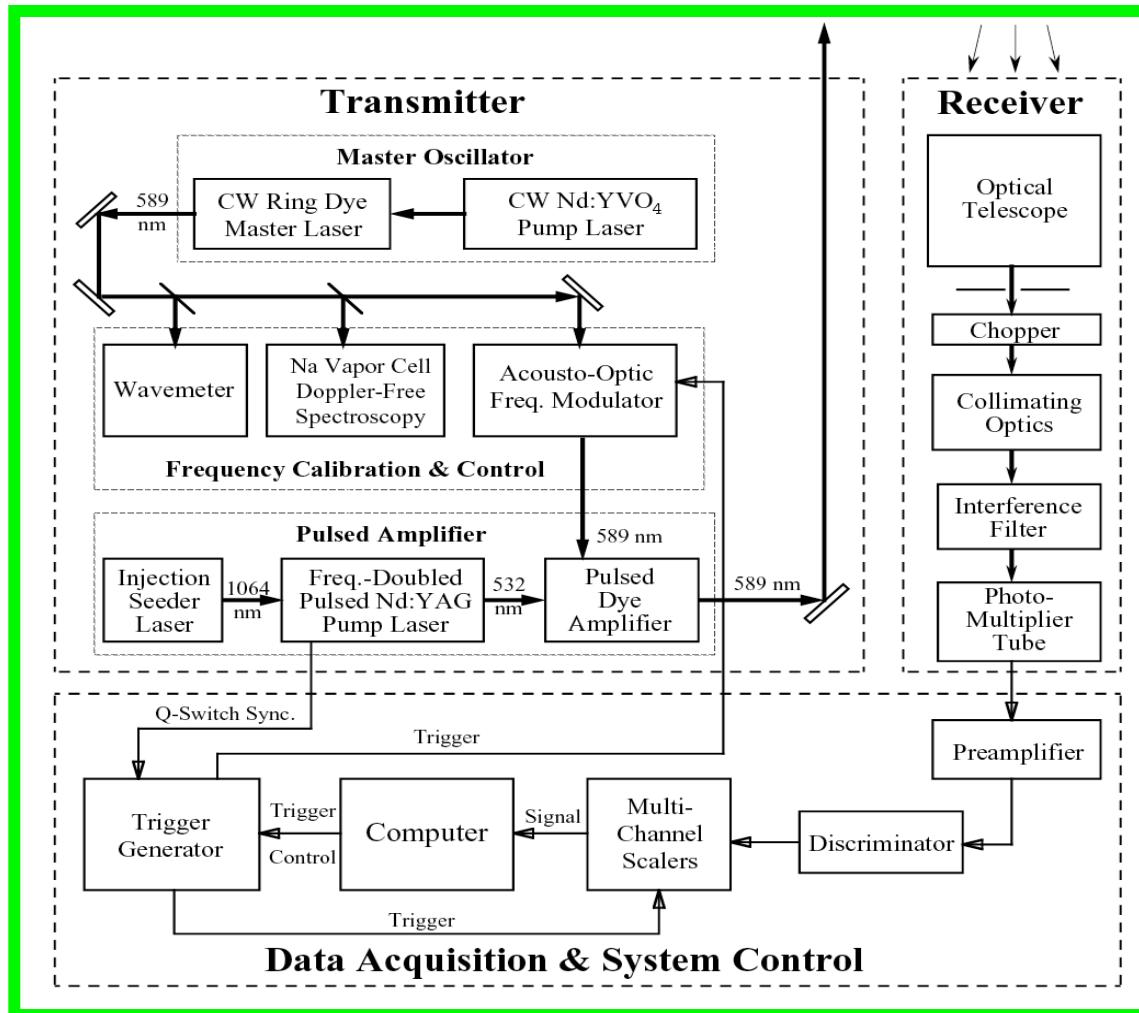


- ☐ Resonance Doppler lidar has the frequency discriminator in atmosphere - atomic absorption lines! ⇒ Narrowband transmitter, broadband receiver. ⇒ High signal levels and accurate knowledge on the frequency discriminator!²⁶



Na Doppler Wind and Temperature Lidar

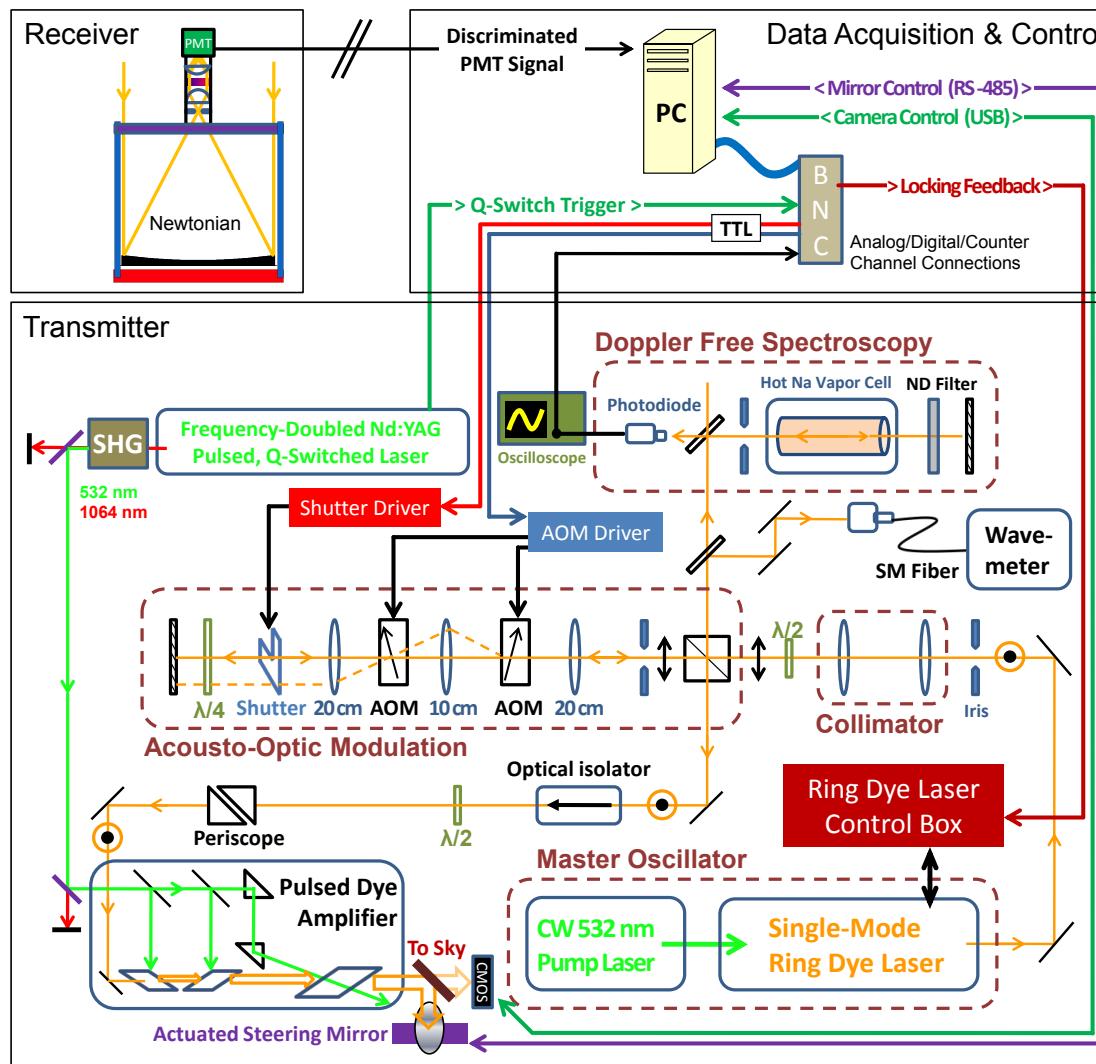
- Na Doppler lidar is one of the most successful lidars.





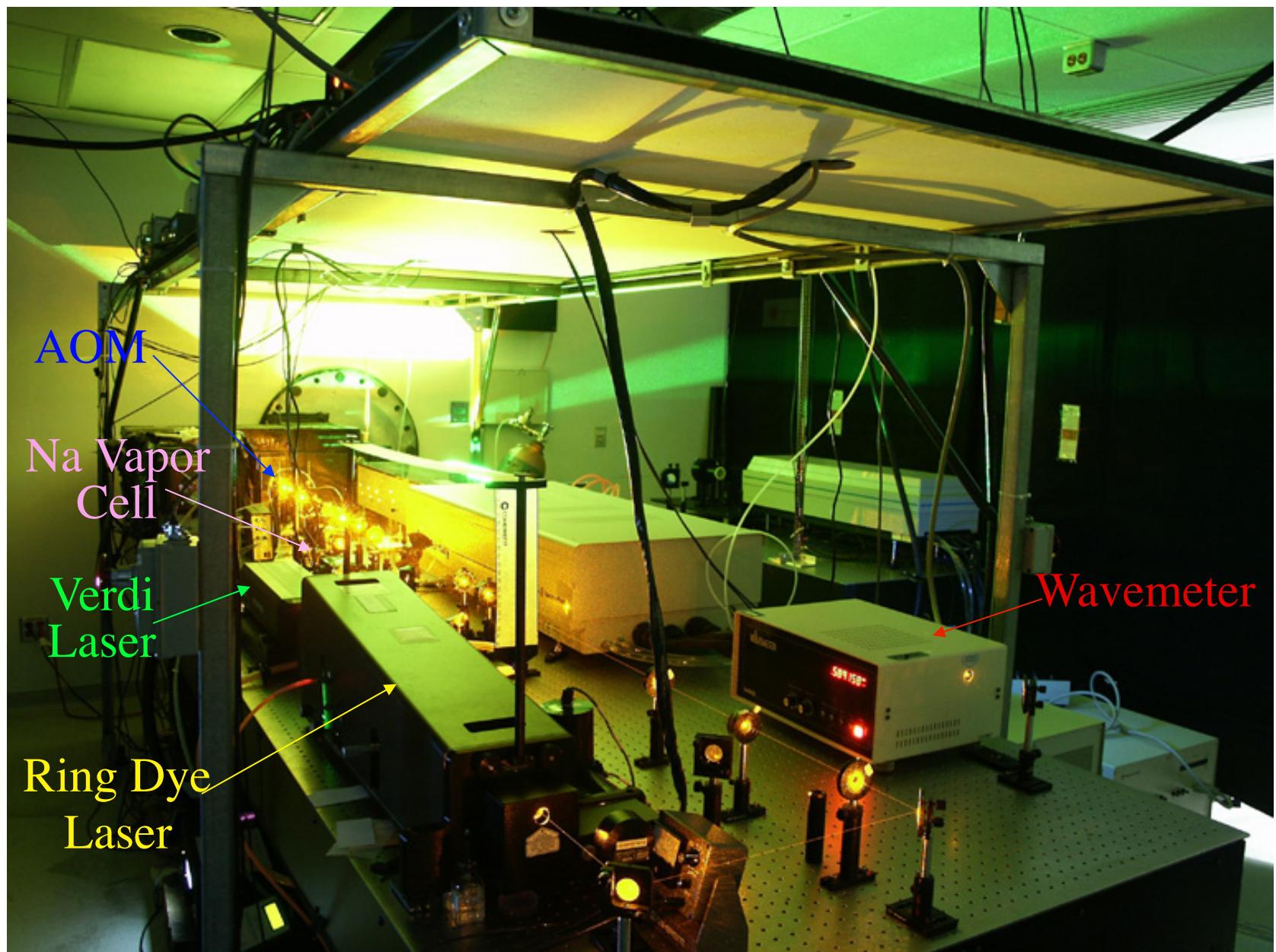
STAR Na LIDAR

Modernized DAQ, System Control and Receiver



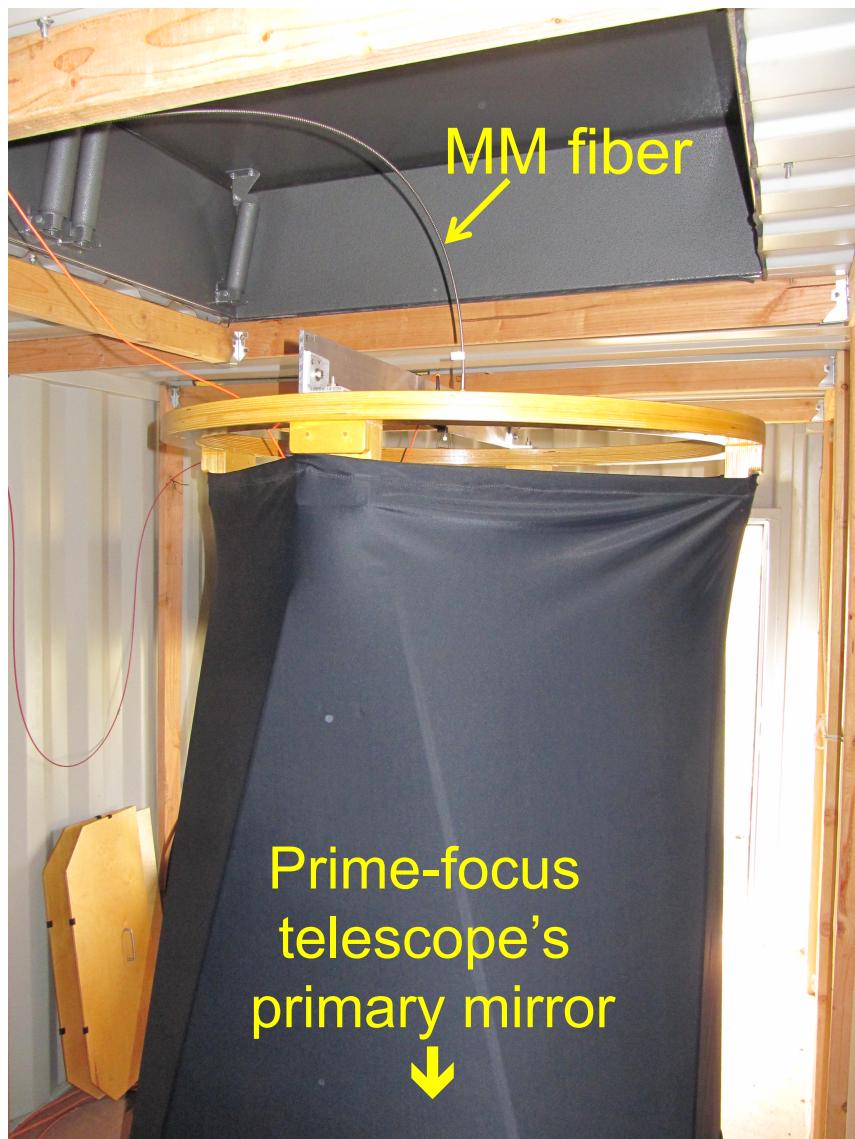


Na Lidar Transmitter

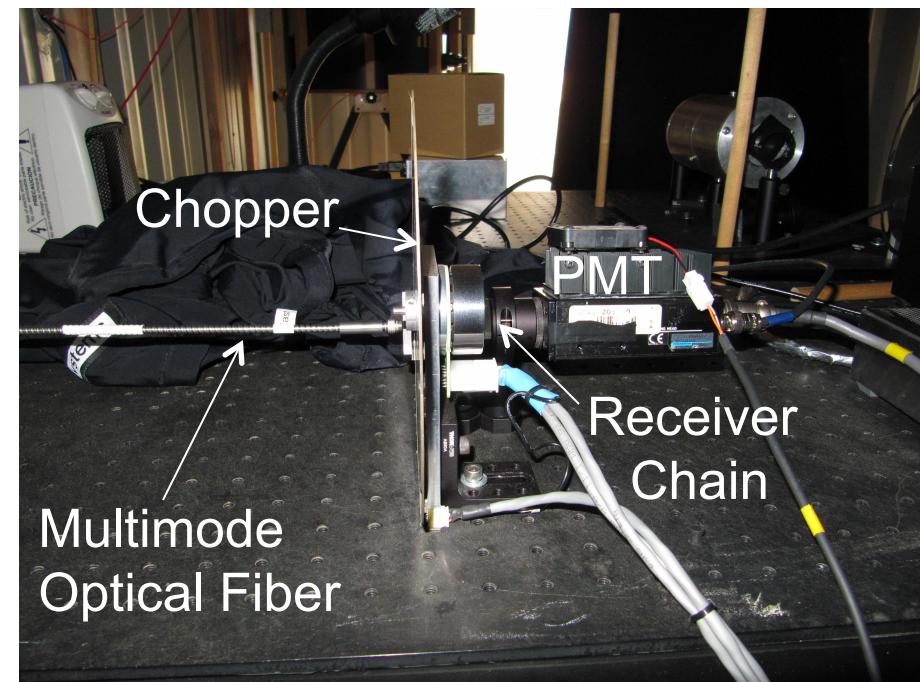




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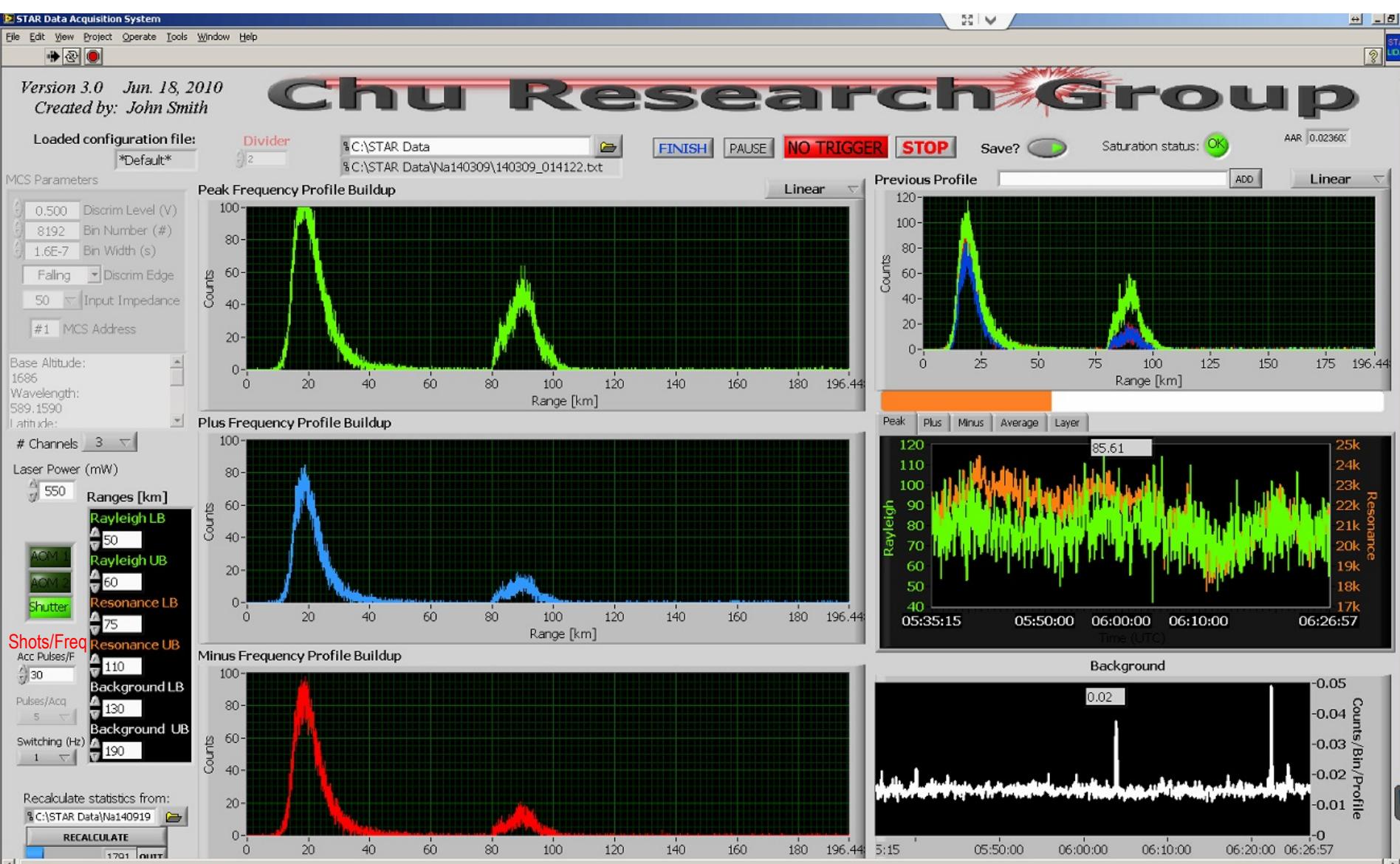


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STAR Na Doppler Lidar
Primary Focus Telescope
Fiber Coupling**



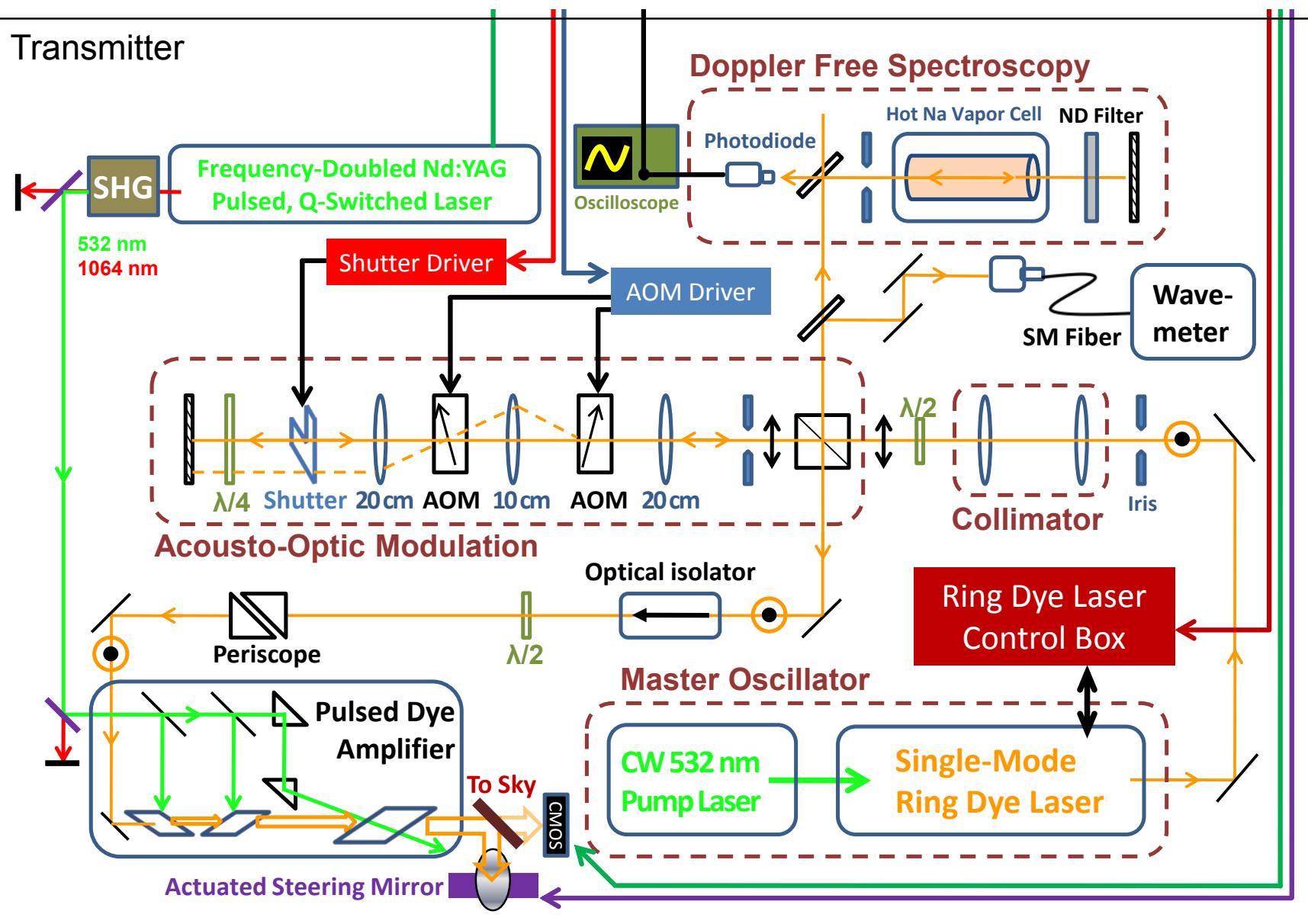


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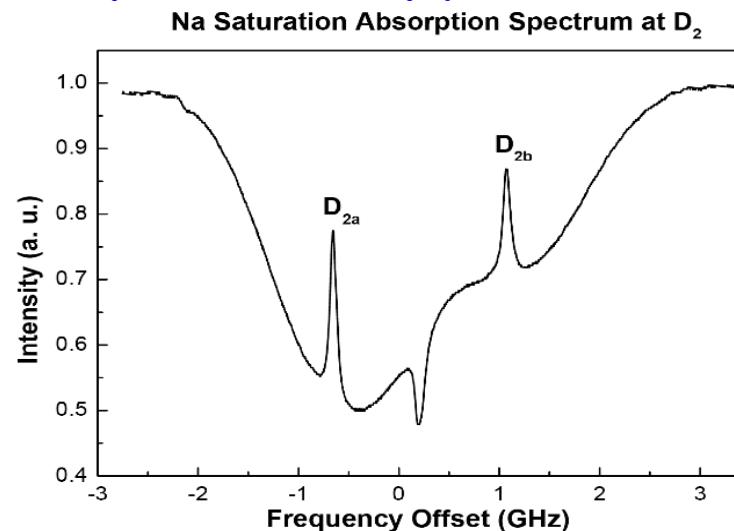
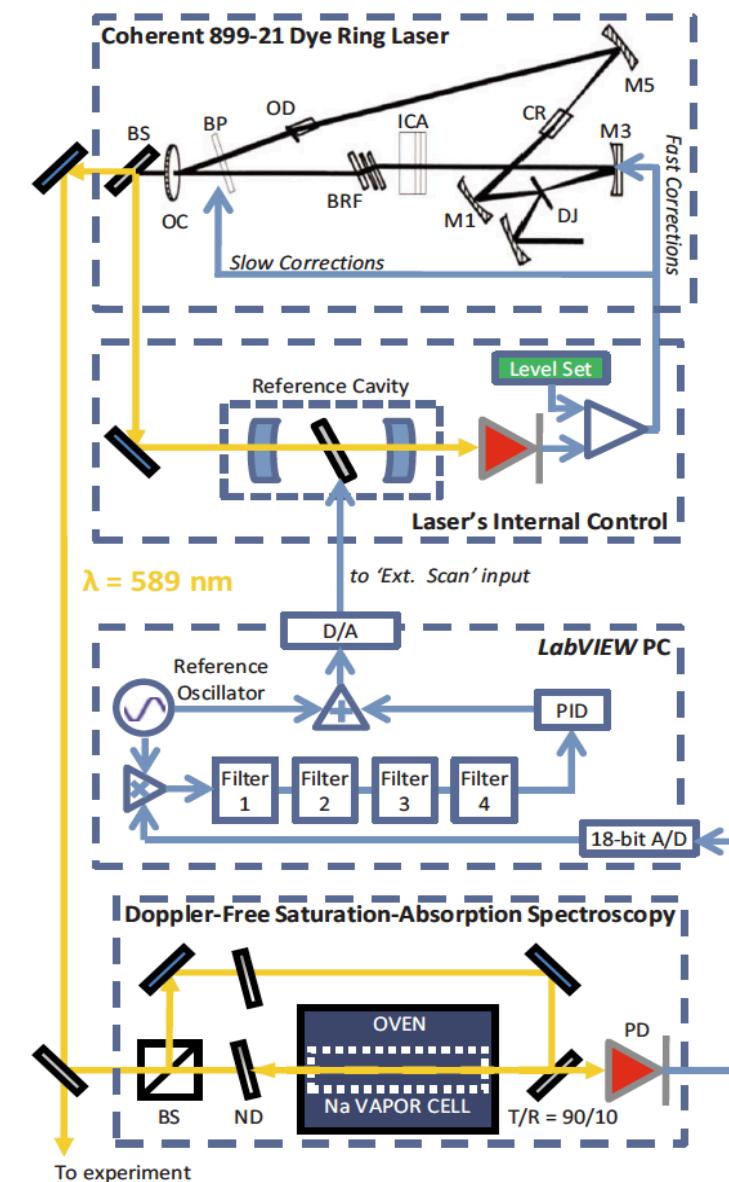
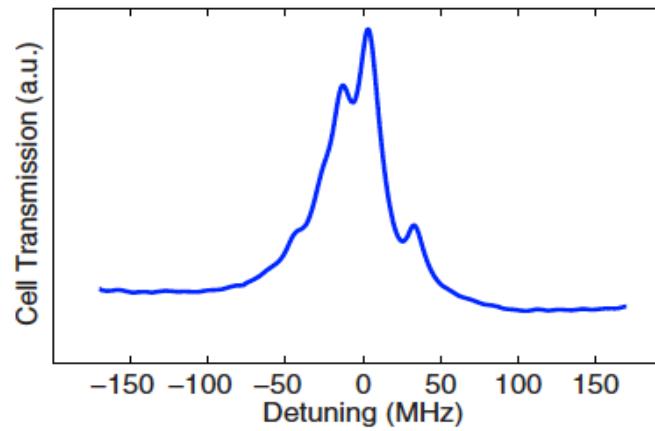


STAR Na Doppler LIDAR Transmitter





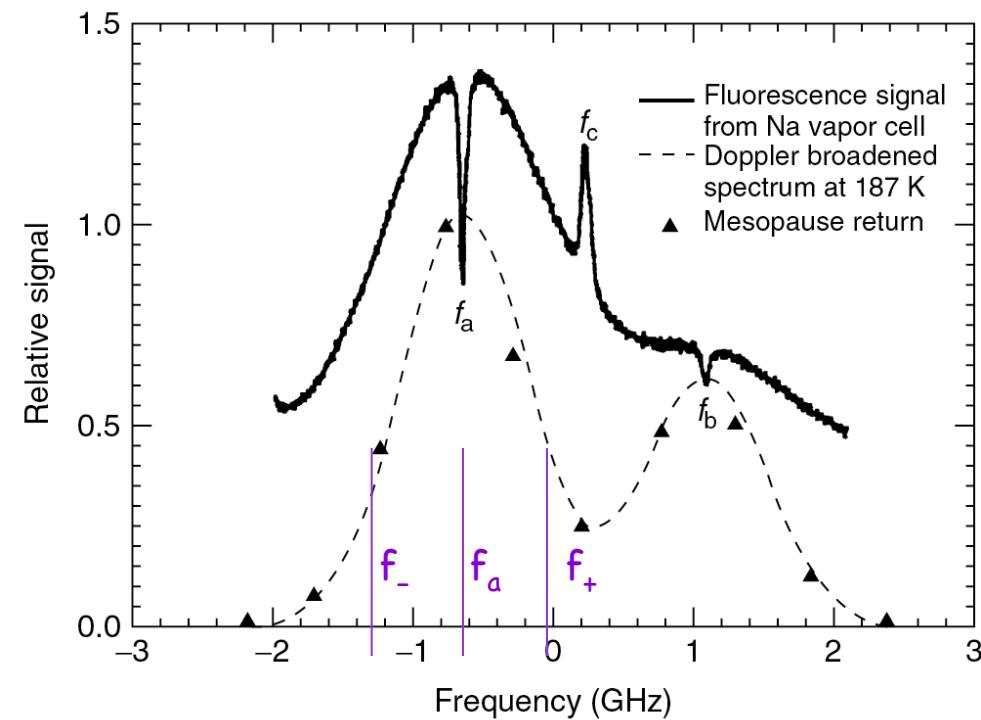
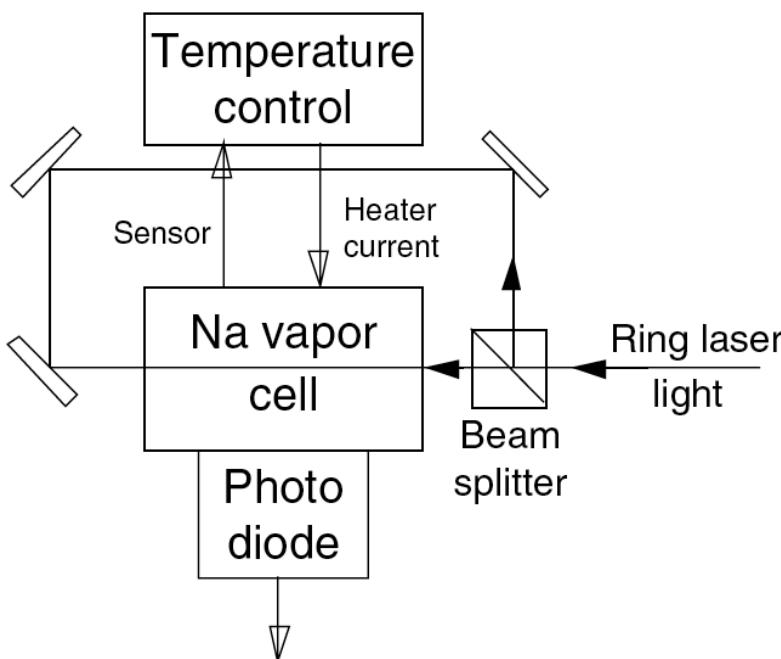
Master Oscillator and Freq Locking with Doppler-Free Spectroscopy

(a) Sodium D_{2a} Doppler-Free Peak

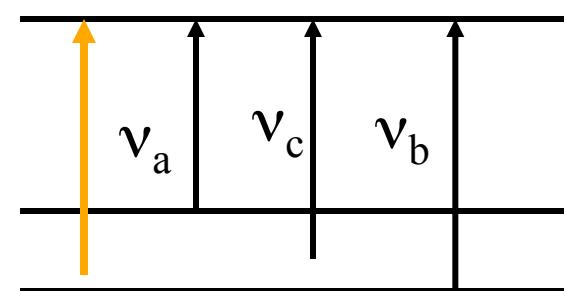
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Doppler-Free Na Spectroscopy



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$$v_c = (v_a + v_b)/2$$



Summary (1)

- ❑ Resonance fluorescence Doppler lidars apply Doppler technique to infer temperature and wind from the Doppler-broadened and Doppler-shifted atomic absorption spectroscopy. The Doppler-limited atomic absorption spectroscopy is inferred from the returned fluorescence intensity ratios at different frequencies.
- ❑ Both scanning and ratio techniques can work for the Doppler lidar. With scanning technique, the laser will be operated at many different frequencies, and then a least-square fit derives the width of the atomic absorption line, thus deriving the temperature. Its advantage is to provide more than 3 frequency information, so providing checks on more system parameters. But it requires longer integration time.
- ❑ Doppler ratio technique takes advantage of the high temporal resolution feature by limiting the lidar detection to 3 preset frequencies (usually one peak and two wing frequencies) for 3 unknown parameters (T , W , and density).
- ❑ By taking the ratios among signals at these three frequencies, R_T and R_W are sensitive functions of temperature and radial wind, respectively.



Summary (2)

- ❑ We compute the ratios R_T and R_W from atomic physics first to form the lidar calibration curves, and then look up the two ratios calculated from actual photon counts on the calibration curves to infer the corresponding temperature T and radial wind W.
- ❑ Different metrics exhibit different inhomogeneity, resulting in different crosstalk between T and W errors.
- ❑ There are several different atomic species (Na, K, Fe, Ca, Ca⁺, etc.) originating from meteor ablation in the mesosphere and lower thermosphere (MLT) region. They all have the potentials to be tracers for resonance fluorescence Doppler lidars to measure the temperature and wind in the MLT region.
- ❑ Na and K Doppler lidars are currently near mature status and making great contributions to MLT science.
- ❑ Fe Doppler lidar has very high future potential due to the high Fe abundance, advanced alexandrite laser technology, Doppler-free Fe spectroscopy, and bias-free measurements, etc.