



Grenzschichtfernerkundung: Bestimmung der Mischungsschichthöhe und anderer Grenzschichtstrukturen aus SODAR, RASS und Ceilometer

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Remote sensing

of the vertical structure of the atmospheric boundary layer



Basic remote sensing techniques



name	princple	spatial resolution	direction	type	
RADAR	backscatter, electro-magnetic pulses, fixed wave length	profiling	scanning, slanted	active, monostatic	
SODAR	backscatter, acoustic pulses, fixed wave length	profiling	fixed, slanted, vertical	active, usually monostatic	
LIDAR ceilometer	backscatter, optical pulses, fixed wave length(s)	profiling	scanning, fixed, horizontal, slanted, vertical	active, monostatic	
RASS	backscatter, acoustic, electro-magnetic, fixed wave length	profiling	fixed, vertical	active, monostatic	
	absorption, infrared, spectrum	path-averaging	fixed, horizontal, slanted	active, bistatic or passive	
FTIR	emission, infrared, spectrum	path-averaging	fixed, horizontal, slanted	passive	
DOAS	absorption, optical, fixed wave lengths	path-averaging	fixed, horizontal	active, bistatic	
radiometry	diometry electro-magnetic, fixed wave length(s) averaging, profiling		fixed, scanning, slanted, vertical	passive	
tomography	travel time, acoustic, fixed wave length	horizontal distribution	fixed, horizontal	active, multiple emitters and receivers	





Frequencies for atmospheric remote sensing



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Surface-based Remote Sensing Systems

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SODAR (Large system),

WINDFORS Wind Energy Research Allianc

acoustic backscatter, Doppler shift analysis → wind, turbulence

SODAR-RASS (Doppler-RASS), acoustic, electro-magnetic backscatter, determines speed of sound → wind and temperature profiles







Ceilometer, backscatter, optical pulses, wave length ~ 0.9 µm → aerosol profiles

Wind-LIDAR, optical backscatter, Doppler shift analysis, wave length ~ 1.5 μ m \rightarrow wind and

aerosol profiles



image: Halo Photonics





SODAR

algorithms for the determination of mixing-layer height

and low-level jet observations

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monostatic SODAR: measuring principles





deduction:

- sound travel time backscatter intensity Doppler-shift
- = height
- = turbulence
- = wind speed

Emission of sound waves into three directions:

in order to measure all three components of the wind (horizontal and vertical)





SODAR sample plot (daytime convective BL)







SODAR sample plot (lifted inversion)



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Algorithms to detect MLH from SODAR data





Eine unserer ersten großen SODAR-Messkampagnen



	1 2002	1 2003
	2 2002	2 2003
	3 2002	3 2003
	4 2002	4 2003
5 2001	5 2002	
6 2001		
7 2001		
8 2001	8 2002	
9 2001	9 2002	AFO 2000
0 2001	10 2002	GEFÖRDERT VOM
1 2001	11 2002	Bundesministerium
2 2001	12 2002	für Bildung und Forschung



2-jährige Messperiode an ein und demselben Standort, davon 17 Monate mit demselben Messprogramm







Versuch einer analytischen Beschreibung des vertikalen Windprofils



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Ansätze für durchgehende Windprofilbeschreibung in der nicht neutral-geschichteten Grenzschicht (Emeis et al. 2007 basierend auf Etling 2002) mit der zusätzlichen Annahme, dass auch die vertikale Windscherung in der Höhe $z = z_p$ stetig ist:

$$u(z) = \begin{cases} u_* / \kappa (\ln(z/z_0) - \Psi_m(z/L_*)) & \text{for } z < z_p \\ u_g(-\sin\alpha_0 + \cos\alpha_0) & \text{for } z = z_p \\ u_g[1 - 2\sqrt{2}e^{-\gamma(z-z_p)} \\ \sin\alpha_0 \cos(\gamma(z-z_p) + \pi/4 - \alpha_0) & \text{for } z > z_p \\ + 2e^{-2\gamma(z-z_p)} \sin^2\alpha_0]^{1/2} \end{cases}$$

mit den externen Parametern z_0 , L_* und u_g und den internen Parametern α_0 , z_p und γ .



mit den externen Parametern z_0 und u_g und den internen Parametern α_0 , z_p und γ .

$$u_* = 2 |u_g| \gamma \kappa z_p \sin \alpha_0$$

$$\alpha_0 = \operatorname{arctg} \frac{1}{1 + 2\gamma z_p \ln(z_p / z_0)}$$

$$\gamma = \sqrt{\frac{f}{2\kappa u_* z_p}}$$





die gestrichelte Kurve zeigt die durchgehende Profilfunktion, die durchgezogene Kurve ein nach oben fortgesetztes logarithmisches Profil

Mittlerer Tagesgang (Monatsmittel) der Inversionshöhe über Hannover





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Low-level jet













Ceilometer

algorithms for the determination of mixing-layer height





Ceilometer/LIDAR measuring principle



detection:

travel time of signal backscatter intensity Doppler-shift

- = height
- = particle size and number distribution
- = cannot be analyzed from ceilometer data

(available only from a Wind-LIDAR: velocity component in line of sight)

cenometer sample plot (daytime convective BL)



optical backscatter intensity

WINDFORS



negative vertical gradient of of connology optical backscatter intensity



Algorithm to detect MLH from Ceilometer-Daten



criterion

WINDFORS Wind Energy

minimal vertical gradient of backscatter intensity (the most negative gradient)





Different gradient methods (see Sicard et al. 2006, BLM 119, 135-157)





comparison of two different ceilometers



LD40

two optical axes wave length: 855 nm height resolution: 7.5 m max. range: 13000 m

CL31 / CL51

one optical axis wave length: 905 nm height resolution: 5 m max. range: 7500 m







comparison of LD40 and CL31









Eyjafjallajökull ash cloud over Southern Germany



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RASS

principles of operation

examples





RASS measuring principle



detection:

travel time of em./ac. signal ac. backscatter intensity ac. Doppler-shift em. Doppler shift

- = height
- = turbulence
- = line-of-sight wind speed
- = sound speed → temperature

(identical to SODAR) (identical to SODAR)



RASS: frequencies



Bragg condition: acoustic wavelength = $\frac{1}{2}$ electro-magnetic wavelength



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SODAR-RASS (Doppler-RASS)

(METEK)

acoustic frequ.: 1077 Hz radio frequ.: 474 MHz resolution: 20 m lowest range gate: ca. 40 m

vertical range: 540 m





example RASS data: summer day potential temperature (left), horizontal wind (right)







example RASS data: winter day potential temperature (left), horizontal wind (right)







Doppler windlidar

wind, turbulence, aerosol detection, mixing-layer height, low-level jet





Doppler windlidar measuring principle



detection:

travel time of signal backscatter intensity depolarisation Doppler-shift

- = height
- = particle size and number distribution

= particle shape

= wind speed in the line of sight





mobile Doppler windlidar from Halo Photonics





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Comparisons between different instruments

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VINDFORS Wind Energy Research Alliance temperature profile and aerosol backscatter



comparison of RASS data (potential temperature, right) with aerosol backscatter from a ceilometer (left)

CL31 Augsburg AVA log $_{10}$ of backscatter with MLH on 01.03.2009 in 10⁻⁹ m⁻¹ sr⁻¹





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Application of MLH information for regional emission flux estimates

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Determination of regional surface emission fluxes of a substance e

Assumptions:

- horizontal homogeneity
- no fluxes through the upper boundary (inversion)
- no sources and sinks within the volume of interest

$$\int_{S_{surf}} \overline{e'w'} \cdot dS = \int_{V} \frac{de}{dt} dV$$

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simultaneous measurement of concentration and MLH

(inverse method)





determination of regional [C_{CH4} w]_{surf} (curves) from concentration changes (x-axis) and MLH (y-axis)



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determination of regional [C_{CH4} w]_{surf} (curves) from concentration changes and remotely sensed MLH

methane emissions:

typical values obtained here: span: mean value:

0.10 to 2.00 $\mu g/(m^2\,s)$ 0.50 $\mu g/(m^2\,s)$

average values from national reporting (Kyoto protocol): for entire Germany: 0.20 µg/(m² s) among this from agriculture: 0.13 µg/(m² s)

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Summary

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○ ○ ○ ● RASS delivers temperature profiles, wind profiles are additionally available.
MLH directly from temperature profiles. LLJ from wind profiles.
<u>Does not work properly</u> under high wind speeds. Restricted range.

○ ○ ● ◆ wind lidar detects wind profiles, aerosol distribution and water droplets.
It has to be assumed that the aerosol follows the thermal structure of the atmosphere and the wind.

MLH from aerosol backscatter, wind speed variance, LLJ from wind profiles. <u>Does not work properly</u> in extreme clear (aerosol-free) air and during precipitation events and fog.

○ ● ▲ Ceilometer detects aerosol distribution and water droplets. It has to be assumed that the aerosol follows the thermal structure of the atmosphere.
MLH indirectly from aerosol backscatter using a MLH algorithm.
Does not work properly in extreme clear (aerosol-free) air and during precipitation

events and fog.

⊙ ♣ ♣ ♣ SODAR detects wind profiles, temperature fluctuations and gradients, but no absolute temperature.

MLH indirectly from acoustic backscatter (MLH algorithm). LLJ from wind profiles. <u>Does not work properly</u> under perfectly neutral stratification, with very high wind speeds, and during stronger precipitation events. Restricted range.



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