# Suggestions for Now casting of the optical environment

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### Abstract

The use of optical och electro-optical system within society both the military part and the civil society are expanding continuously. The environmental influence on the optical signals are evinced as reduction of the signal and turbulence disturbance, with data loss, enlarged nominal optical hazard distances (NOHD) and disturbed images as consequences. The signal reduction due to absorption and scattering for active and passive system can be deduced out of weather parameters as humidity, temperature, wind, visual range etc. The important of the influence on atmospheric attenuation and optical turbulence on laser propagation and images as function of weather parameters as for instance the structure parameter of refractive index will be discussed. With the use of mesoscale numerical weather prediction methods there are also possibilities to deduce for instance the structure parameter for refractive index  $(C_n^2)$  as function of heights.



### Introduction

Lidar measurement

Nominal Ocular Hazard Distance, NOHD

Atmospheric influence on NOHD  $\rightarrow$  OHD

Examples of effects due to turbulence

Turbulence influence on laser safety range

Structurfunction of refraction,  $C_n^2$ 

Cloud characterization

Discussion and conclusions



### Lidar instrument





Receiver: APD module diam. 1 mm (Licel S11518-10) focal length of 615 mm FOV of 1.6 mrad filter FWHM 12 nm Licel TR40: sample rate 40 MHz Laser: 230 mJ, 1064 nm, pulse length 5 ns, PRF 10 Hz, beam divergence 0.5 mrad beam diameter 3 mm



### IR-lidar measurement and comparison









### Nominal Ocular Hazard Distance, NOHD

$$E = \frac{4P_o}{\pi(a+\theta\cdot r)^2}$$
$$NOHD = \frac{1}{\theta} \left( \sqrt{\frac{4P_o}{\pi \cdot MPE}} - a \right)$$



Gustafsson etal. "Visual appearance of wind turbine tower at long range measured using imaging system" SPIE88921Y, 2013

	Laser Energy [J]	Divergence [mrad]	<i>MPE</i> [J/m²]	NOHD [km]
Designator Laser, single pulse	0,180	0,08	0,050	26,5
Designator Laser, pulse train	0,180	0,08	0,013	51,6



## Influence of atmospheric attenuation on laser safety range

$$E = \frac{4P_o \cdot e^{-\int \mu \cdot dx}}{\pi (a + \theta \cdot r)^2} = \frac{4P_o \cdot e^{-\mu \cdot r}}{\pi (a + \theta \cdot r)^2}$$

Lambert W function

$$\omega e^{\omega} = z \qquad W(z)e^{W(z)} = z$$



Steinvall, 2009 Coreless, et al 1996 Valluri et. al 2000 Chapeua-Blondeau et. al, 2002



## Atmospheric influence on laser safety range, NOHD $\rightarrow$ OHD





### Exemple of laser spots









### Turbulence, effects on image



Intensity distributions in two 64 x 64 pixel image selections

#### high turbulence



#### low turbulence



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Visual images, range 18.6 km



## Turbulence influence on laser safety range, horizontal path



Nd:YAG laser Laser Energy 5 mJ Puls frequence 20 Hz, Laser divergence 0,5 mrad Gustafsson etal. "Lidar measurement as support to the ocular hazard distance calculation using atmospheric attenuation " SPIE, Toulouse, 2015.



### Turbulence influence on laser safety range, slant path



Nd:YAG laser laser Energy 0.180 J puls frequence 11.5 Hz, laser divergence 0,08 mrad



## Structurfunction of refraction, $C_n^2$ , is influenced by weather and environment



### Strukturfunktionen, $C_n^2$

Strukturfunktionen,  $C_n^2$ , mått på statistiska medelvärdet

$$C_n^2(r_{12}) = \langle (n_1 - n_2)^2 \rangle / r_{12}^{2/3}$$

Kolmogorov spektrum och gäller for skalära vågtalet,  $\kappa$ , inom området mellan inre och yttre skallängden.

$$\Phi_n(\kappa) = 0,00330C_n^2 \kappa^{11/3}$$



### Modeller av $C_n^2$

**Tatarskiimodell** 

$$C_n^2(z) = C_{no}^2 z^{-x} \qquad d\ddot{a}r$$
  
$$x = 4/3, \text{ dagtid}$$
  
$$x = 2/3, \text{ natt}$$

Fried's och Brookner's modeller

$$C_n^2(z) = C_{no}^2 z^{-b} e^{-z/z_0}$$

Fried's modell, b = 1/3,  $z_0 = 3200$  m samt  $C_{n0}^2 = 4,22 \cdot 10^{-14}$  m<sup>-1/3</sup>

Brookner's modell,  $z_o = 320 \text{ m samt } C_{no}^2 = 3,6 \cdot 10^{-13} \text{ m}^{-1/3}$  b = 2/3, vid soluppgång och solnedgång b = 5/6, vid sol och dag klart väder b = 1, nattetid



### forts. Modeller av $C_n^2$

Kaimal/Walters-Kunkels modell

$$\frac{C_n^2(z)}{C_{no}^2(z_0)} = \begin{cases} (z/z_0)^{-\frac{4}{3}} & z, z_0 \le 0, 7z_i \\ (0,5z_i/z_0)^{-\frac{4}{3}} & 0,5z_i \le z \le 0, 7z_i \\ 2,9(0,5z_i/z_0)^{-\frac{4}{3}}(z/z_i)^3 & 0,7z_i \le z \le z_i \end{cases}$$

Kukharets-Tsvangs modell (K-T)

$$\frac{C_n^2(z)}{C_{no}^2(z_0)} = \frac{0.046(z/z_i)^{-\frac{4}{3}} + 0.6 \cdot exp\{-12[(z/z_i) - 1.1]^2\}}{0.046(z_o/z_i)^{-\frac{4}{3}}}$$



forts. Modeller av  $C_n^2$ 

#### Similaritetsmodeller

$$C_n^2 = \left|\frac{\partial n}{\partial T}\right|^2 C_T^2 \qquad \qquad \frac{\partial n}{\partial T} = 78 \cdot 10^{-6} \frac{P}{T^2}$$

$$Ri = \frac{(g/\overline{T})(\partial\overline{\Theta}/\partial z)}{(\partial\overline{U}/\partial z)^2}$$

$$C_T^2 = z^{4/3} (\partial \overline{\Theta} / \partial z)^2 f_3(Ri)$$



### forts. empiriska modeller av $C_n^2$

Hufnagel modellen

$$C_n^2(z) = 8.2 \cdot 10^{-56} U^2 z^{10} e^{-z/z_{01}} + 2.7$$
$$\cdot 10^{-16} e^{-z/z_{02}}$$

Hufnagel-Valley modellen

$$C_n^2(z) = 8.2 \cdot 10^{-56} U^2 z^{10} e^{-z/z_{01}} + 2.7$$
$$\cdot 10^{-16} e^{-z/z_{02}} + A e^{-z/z_{03}}$$



### forts. parametermodeller av $C_n^2$

Sadot och Kopeika

$$\begin{split} C_n^2 &= 3,8\cdot 10^{-14} \, w + 2\cdot 10^{-15} \, T + 2,8\cdot 10^{-15} (RH) + 2,9\cdot 10^{-17} (RH)^2 \\ &- 1,1\cdot 10^{-19} (RH)^3 - 2,5\cdot 10^{-15} (WS) - 1,2\cdot 10^{-15} (WS)^2 - 8,5\cdot 10^{-17} (WS)^3 \\ &- 5,3\cdot 10^{-13} \end{split}$$





### Moln karaktärisering



Lidar med 1,5 µm laser kopplat till IR ev. i kombination med avståndsmätare. Studien "Lidaranvändning för EO system" Karaktärisering

- moln fördelning
- molnbas
- molntjocklek
- molntäthet
- optisk täthet
- regn





### Exempel på lidarmätningar





#### **Other examples**

Cloudy day (stratus) with ligh drizzle,  $T = +14^{\circ} C$ , RH = 60 %, Vis. about 45 – 50 km Haze close to ground



Cloudy day (Cumulus)  $T = +14^{\circ} C$ , RH = 60 %, Vis. 45 – 50 km.

Cloudy day (stratus) with ligh drizzle, T= 13° C, RH = 74 %, Vis. about 20 km

Clear, sun no clouds. T= 17° C, RH = 55 %, Vis. 40 – 50 km



Clouds 2/8 cumulus.  $T = 20^{\circ} C, RH = 50 \%,$ Visibiility 25 – 40 km.



### Diskussion

- 3D beskrivning av atmosfärsturbulens, C<sup>2</sup> sfa höjden, med numeriska modeller, ex SAF-WRF (Masciadri et al. 1999)
- Mängden aerosol sfa höjd med NWP + CTM (Kahnert 2008)
- Molntäckning, molnbas och tjocklek med NWP



### Tack för uppmärksamheten!



### Lidar station Vidsel







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