

Clean Air A Lidar's Achilles Heel??

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How does a Lidar work?

All Lidars follow the same basic principle (with apologies to the R&D team!)

- Fire a laser beam into the sky
- Collect the light that bounces back
- Calculate the change in wavelength
- Add some signal processing magic
- Output a wind measurement





The Far North should be a Lidar's holiday from hell...





The CW Advantage

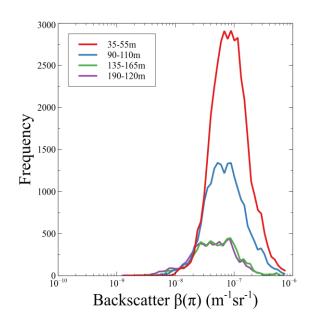
- Constantly moving beam
 - higher powered laser
- Focused laser beam
 - constant sensitivity with height
- 50hz scan rate
 - redundancy in the unprocessed data
- 10m minimum measurement height
 - can be extrapolated if all else fails
- Robust measurements
 - high system availability
- And as of ZX300, true 1-second processing
 - maximum data retention

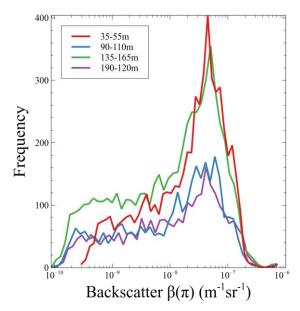


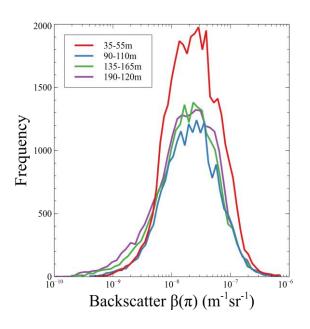


The Test

- Three of the cleanest sites we have ever measured on
 - Offshore North America, Atlantic Coast
 - Swiss Alps (altitude 1240m)
 - Finland (63° N)
- All deployments showed good availability, but were carried out with the previous Z300 Model. How would our latest ZX300 compare?



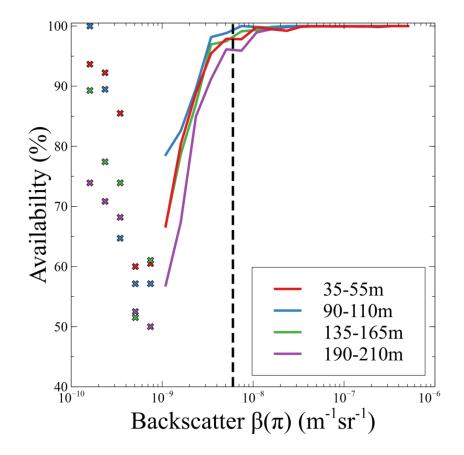






Simulated Availability

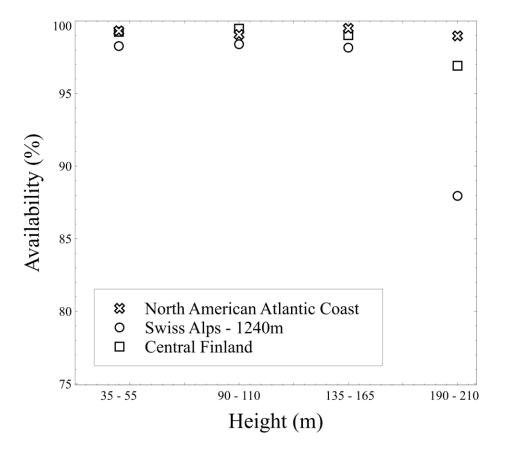
- More then 300 deployments at the ZX Lidars Test Site were reprocessed using ZX300 algorithms
- Average performance as a function of backscatter was plotted
- This provides a "simulation" of clean air effects which can be applied to the real world data sets





The Results

- Simulated campaign availability exceeds 85% at all heights, even in the most challenging conditions
- 95% availability exceeded at all heights up to 165m, across all campaigns





A (CW) Lidar in clean air? Why not...

- Real world availability rarely seen below 90%
- Rugged, practical design gives reliability and long service life
- DNV GL Stage 3 and IEC Classified Data
- Full Data-as-a-Service provision through ZX Measurement Services
- And let's face it, masts in cold weather are nobody's idea of fun!



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