



DAWN Pulsed Coherent Doppler Wind Lidar Engineering/Science Parameter Tradeoffs



(Hold each expression constant for parameter trades)

1. Before Lidar Design and Fabrication

$$\frac{z_{AIRCRAFT}^2 \Phi_{MIN}^{1,1,1} \left[C_1 \ln(V_{SEARCH} \Delta z) / (c\lambda \cos(\theta)) + C_2 \right]}{ED^2 T^2 [\cos(\theta)]^{1.5} \beta_{MIN}} \sqrt{\frac{N_{AZIMUTHS} V_{AIRCRAFT}}{(PRF) \Delta x \Delta z}} \quad (1)$$

2. After Fabrication, Before Data Collection

$$\frac{z_{AIRCRAFT}^2 \left[C_1 \ln(V_{SEARCH} \Delta z) + C_3 \right]}{T^2 \beta_{MIN}} \sqrt{\frac{N_{AZIMUTHS} V_{AIRCRAFT}}{\Delta x \Delta z}} \quad (2)$$

Trade aircraft height and velocity, vertical and horizontal resolution, minimum detectible aerosol level, atmospheric transmission, number of measured azimuth directions, and velocity search space

3. After Data Collection, Before Dissemination

$$\frac{\left[C_1 \ln(V_{SEARCH} \Delta z) + C_3 \right]}{\beta_{MIN} \sqrt{\Delta x \Delta z}} \quad (3)$$

Trade vertical and horizontal resolution, minimum detectible aerosol level, and velocity search space

z = altitude [m] $z_{AIRCRAFT}$ = aircraft altitude
 R = range of lidar to target [m]
 $R_{MAX} = z_{AIRCRAFT} / \cos(\theta)$
 θ = laser beam nadir angle [radian] [30°]
 Φ = detected coherent photoelectrons per shot per range gate [-]
 $C_2 \Phi_{MIN}^{1,1,1} = 1$ shot & 1 m range gate & 1 frequency
 bin search BW ($N_{SEARCH} = 1$) minimum Φ [\sqrt{m}]
 $N_{SEARCH} = 4\Delta R V_{SEARCH} / (c\lambda)$ [-]
 ΔR = Data processing range gate length [m]
 V_{SEARCH} = search band for wind velocity [m/s]
 Δz = height resolution = $\Delta R \cos(\theta)$ [m]
 $c\lambda / 4 \approx 150$; $c\lambda / (4\Delta R) \approx 150 / \Delta R$
 c = speed of light [m/s]
 λ = laser wavelength [m] [$2.05 \cdot 10^{-6} m$]
 E = lidar laser pulse energy [J] [250 mJ]
 D = circular receiver collection diameter [m] [0.15 m]
 T = 1-way atmospheric intensity transmission [-]
 β = aerosol backscatter coefficient [$m^{-1} sr^{-1}$]
 $N_{AZIMUTHS}$ = number lidars scanner azimuths per repeat pattern [-]
 $V_{AIRCRAFT}$ = Aircraft horizontal velocity [-]
 Δx = along-track horizontal resolution [m]