

Thesis Title	Measurement of Lower Atmosphere Temperature by LIDAR Technique
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ABSTRACT

In this research work, the Rayleigh scattering light off the suspended particles in the atmosphere was detected at different altitude as to apply in the atmospheric temperature measurement. The Rayleigh LIDAR system, utilizing Nd:YAG pumped dye laser and the 20-inch parabolic reflector were used as a light source and receiving optics of the system. The Rayleigh LIDAR system housed at the physics department, faculty of science, Chiangmai university. The laser source was in the laser and applied optics research laboratory while the receiving optics were on the top roof of the building. The lenses and front-surfaced mirrors were used to collimate and sending the beam from the laboratory to the roof to the steering mirror which were controlled by a microcomputer and collected the scattered beam into the desired direction. The parabolic reflector focused the back-scattered laser beam onto the photomultiplier tube and the detections electronics system. The time-scanned photon counting technique was used to collect the photon counts into the multichannel photon counter for further analysis. From the experiment it was found that the Rayleigh LIDAR system constructed are capable of detecting the change in temperature under some appropriate assumptions. The system could possibly be modified to give more accurate measurement under deeper theoretical background and better data analysis scheme. The overall performance of the constructed Rayleigh LIDAR could be improved by better software for real-time measurement-and-analysis display.