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**Ground-based remote sensing of wind  
by heterodyne pulsed Doppler lidar**

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## Introduction

Lidars (“light detection and ranging”), standing for atmospheric lidars in the scope of this document have proven to be valuable systems for remote sensing of atmospheric pollutants, of various meteorological parameters such as clouds, aerosols, gases and (where Doppler technology is available) wind. The measurements can be carried out without direct contact and in any direction as electromagnetic radiation is used for sensing the targets. Lidar systems, therefore, supplement the conventional in-situ measurement technology. They are suited for a large number of applications that cannot be adequately performed by using in situ or point measurement methods.

There are several methods by which lidar can be used to measure atmospheric wind. The four most commonly used methods are pulsed and continuous wave coherent Doppler wind lidar, direct-detection Doppler wind lidar and resonance Doppler wind lidar (commonly used for mesospheric sodium layer measurements). For further reading, refer to References [1] and [2].

This document describes the use of heterodyne pulsed Doppler lidar systems. Some general information on continuous-wave Doppler lidar can be found in [Annex A](#). An International Standard on this method is in preparation.



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# Ground-based remote sensing of wind by heterodyne pulsed Doppler lidar

## 1 Scope

This document specifies the requirements and performance test procedures for heterodyne pulsed Doppler lidar techniques and presents their advantages and limitations. The term “Doppler lidar” used in this document applies solely to heterodyne pulsed lidar systems retrieving wind measurements from the scattering of laser light onto aerosols in the atmosphere. A description of performances and limits are described based on standard atmospheric conditions.

This document describes the determination of the line-of-sight wind velocity (radial wind velocity).

NOTE Derivation of wind vector from individual line-of-sight measurements is not described in this document since it is highly specific to a particular wind lidar configuration. One example of the retrieval of the wind vector can be found in [Annex B](#).

This document does not address the retrieval of the wind vector.

This document may be used for the following application areas:

- meteorological briefing for, e.g. aviation, airport safety, marine applications and oil platforms;
- wind power production, e.g. site assessment and power curve determination;
- routine measurements of wind profiles at meteorological stations;
- air pollution dispersion monitoring;
- industrial risk management (direct data monitoring or by assimilation into micro-scale flow models);
- exchange processes (greenhouse gas emissions).

This document addresses manufacturers of heterodyne pulsed Doppler wind lidars, as well as bodies testing and certifying their conformity. Also, this document provides recommendations for the users to make adequate use of these instruments.

## 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

## 3 Terms and definitions

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