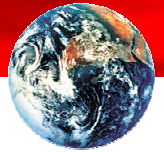


Operationeller Wasserdampf-Profiler (Raman Lidar) für das Meteorologische Observatorium Lindenberg

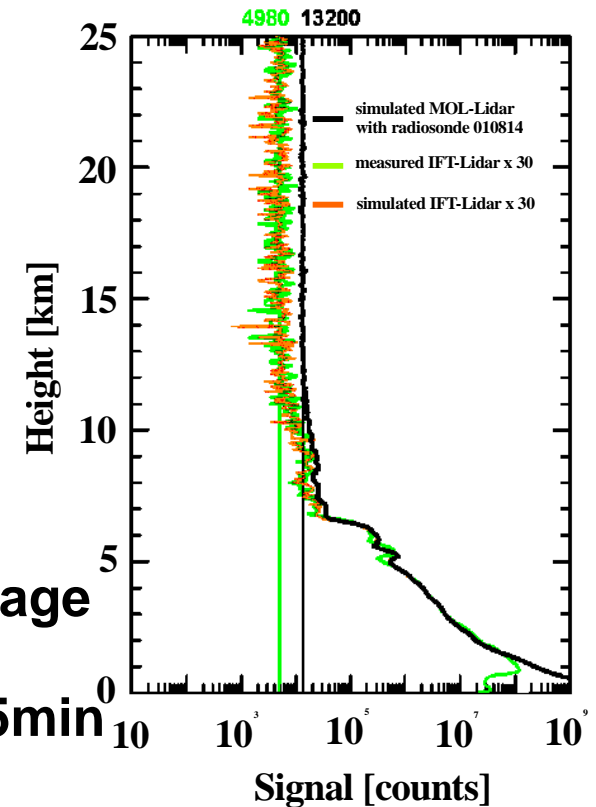
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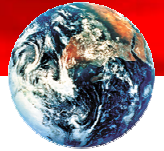




Requirements

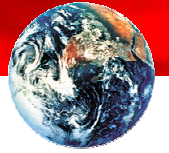
- Tropospheric water vapor profile
- Autonomous operation
- Range coverage 100m – 7km
- Dual telescope approach for extended range coverage
- Vertical resolution 600m NFOV (30m WFOV), $\Delta t = 15\text{min}$
- 24" far field telescope (8" wide field telescope)
- Laser output power 150mJ @ 355nm with 30Hz





Raman Lidar for Autonomous Operation

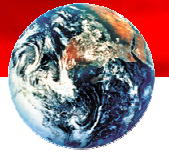
- Flash lamp pumped Nd:YAG laser
- “Oversized” far field telescope
- Autonomous neutral filter bank
- Task sharing computer network
- Multi sensor housekeeping system with remote access



Housing

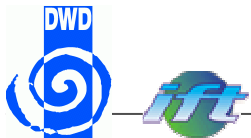
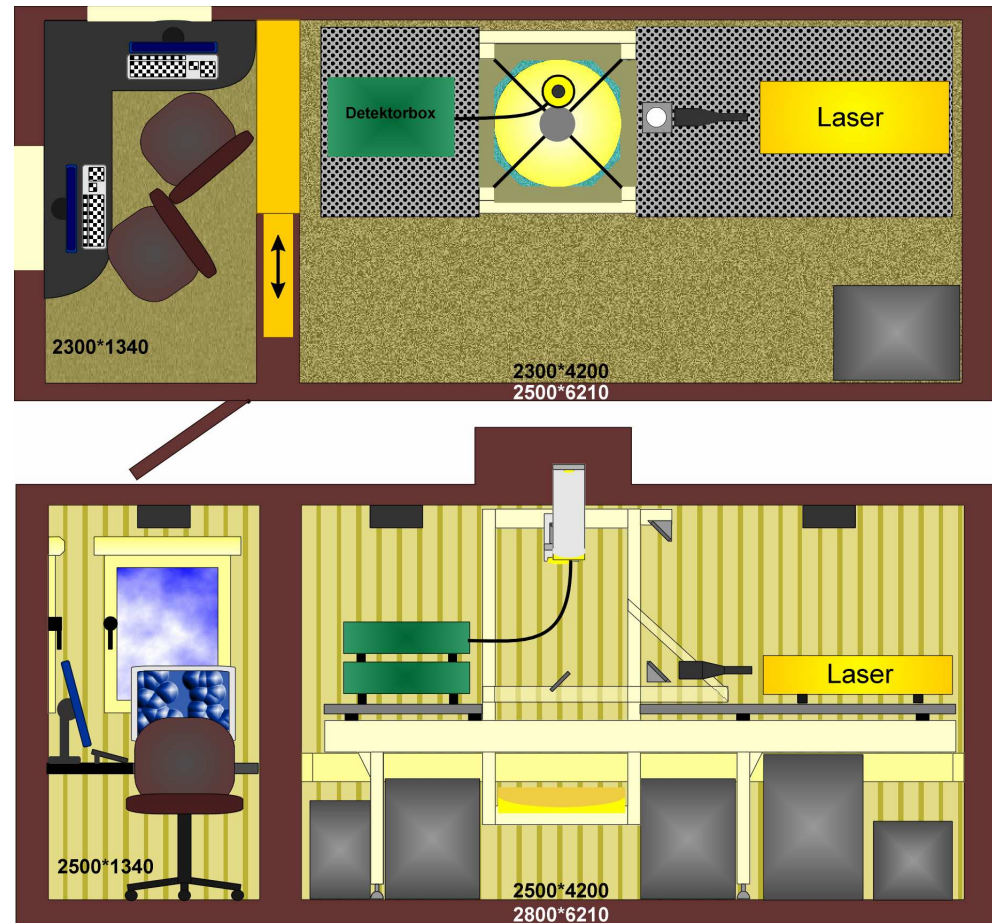
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2 air conditions & 1 heat exchanger
Temperature stability $\pm 1^\circ$

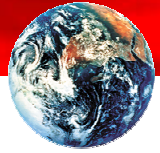




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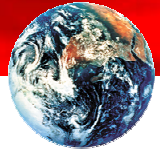




optical bench

- Total size: 4000 x 1200 mm²
- Aluminium brackets
200 x 80 mm², $I_y=2182\text{cm}^4$
- Total weight about 950kg
- Bending < 1/10mm
- 2 Breadboards



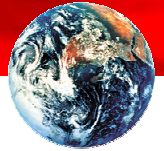


Laser

Continuum Powerlite 9030

- Repetition Rate 30Hz
- Energy 400mJ@355nm (operation at 300mJ)
- Divergence 0,5mrad
- Injection seeded

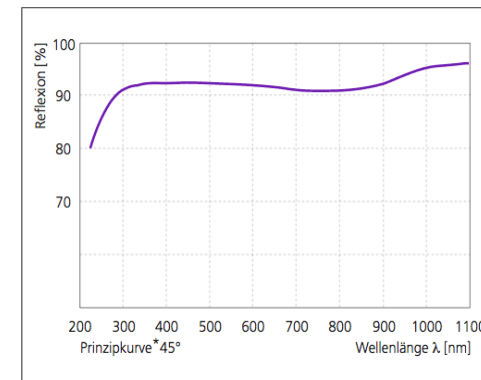




Telescopes

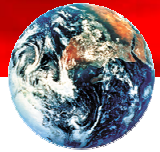
Narrow field of view

- Cassegrain (parabolic primary mirror f 2.5, hyperbolic secondary mirror), f 7.4
- Ø 32" (~80cm)
- Protected Aluminium coating ($R > 85\%$ @355nm)
- Surface roughness 2λ P-V (rms ~0,6 λ)



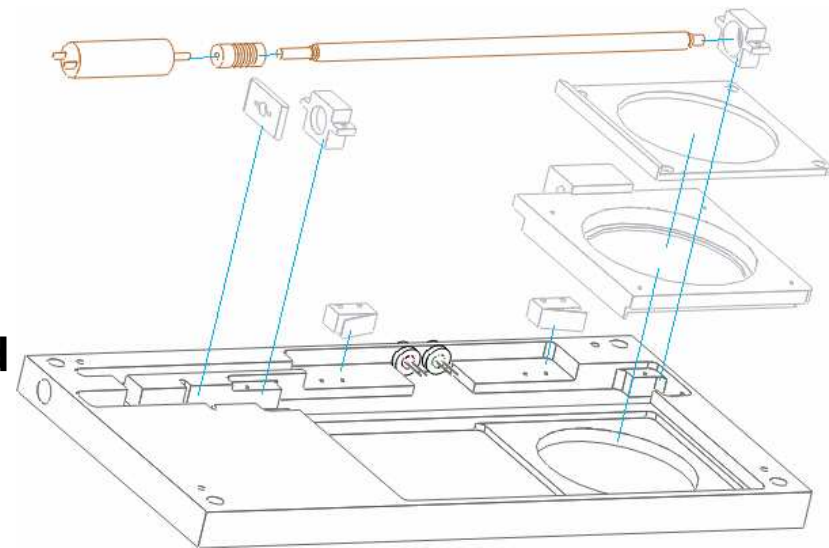
Wide field of view

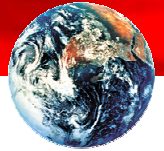
- Dall-Kirkham (elliptical primary mirror, spherical secondary mirror) with reducer, f 3.3
- Ø 8" (~20cm)
- Fiber coupled, Ø 1,7mm
- Enhanced Aluminium coating ($R > 85\%$ @355nm)



Attenuation

- **Motorised attenuation stack**
- **Standard filter sizes up to 2" diameter**
- **Filters and optical path completely covered**
- **Electronic feedback of filter status**
- **Can be stacked in unlimited numbers**
- **2ⁿ attenuation levels for *n* units (200 x 100 x 17 mm³)**
- **BCD-code addressing through standard PC interface**





Filters & Beam splitters

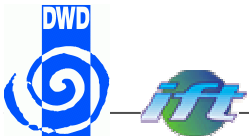
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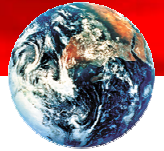
○ Interference Filters (355, 387 & 408nm)

- Transmission > 80% (>60% @ 355nm)
- Bandwidth (2,0 ± 0,4)nm

○ Dichroit Beamsplitter (387 & 408nm, 45°)

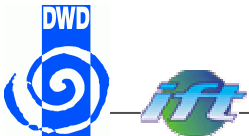
- Transmission > 90%
- Reflection > 90%





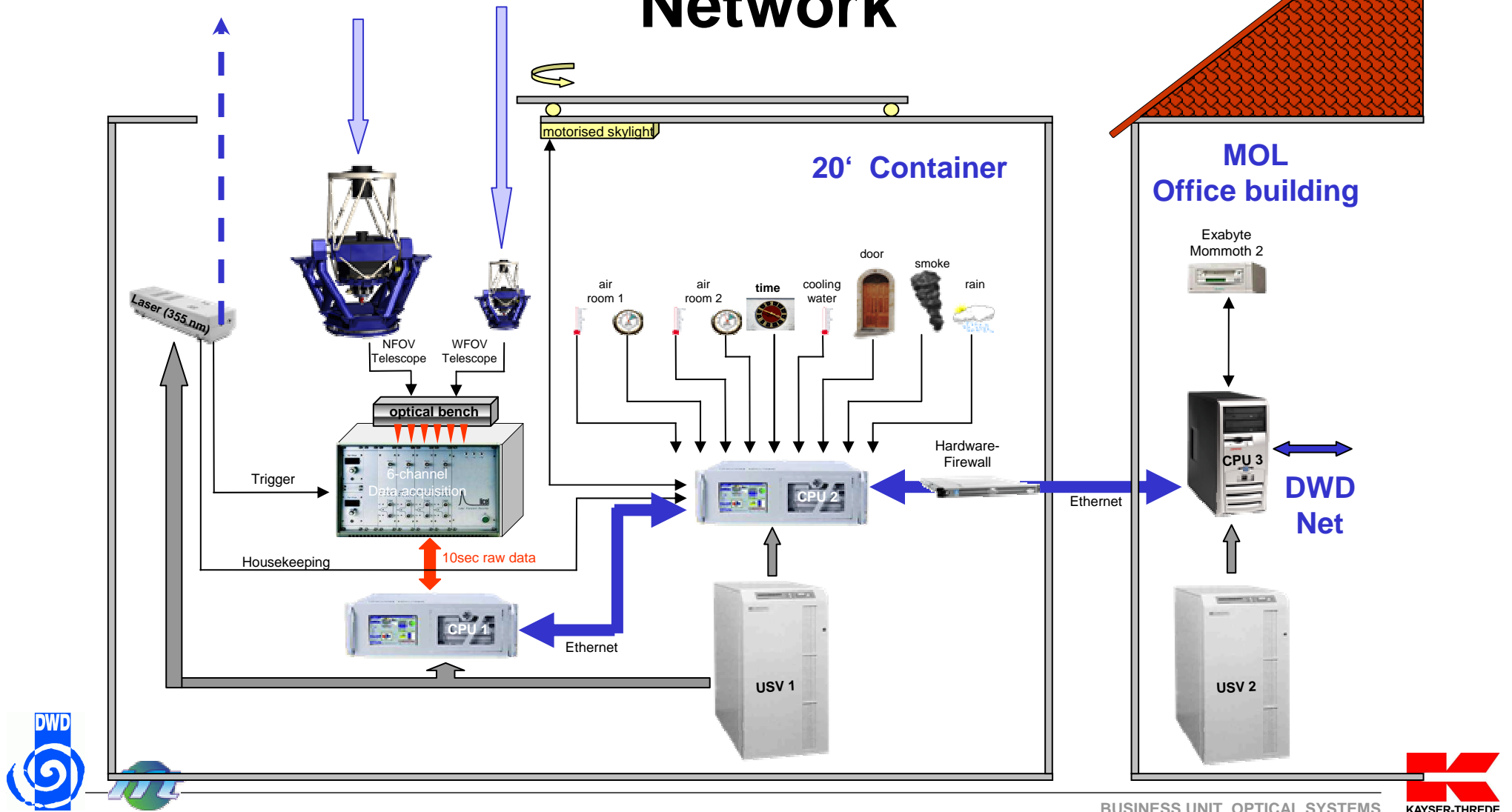
Technical Data

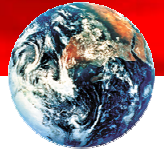
<u>Transmitter:</u>	Nd:YAG laser (355 nm), 300 mJ@ 30 Hz
<u>Receiver telescope 1:</u>	(Wide field of view) Ø 200 mm, f/D 3.8, fiber coupling
<u>Receiver telescope 2:</u>	(Narrow field of view) Ø 813 mm, f/D 7.3
<u>Receiver channels:</u>	2 x [355 nm, 387 nm, 408 nm] Hamamatsu PMT (R4220P) or EMI
<u>Data acquisition:</u>	Licel, 6 x photon counting (250 MHz) (optional 20 MHz@12 Bit analog)
<u>System control:</u>	LabView 7.1





Network





Autonomous Operation

- **Autonomous start-up in the evening via Sunset-Time (currently night time operation only)**
- **Several external sensors looking for environmental conditions (cloud base, rain, brightness)**
- **External sensor 'ok' → open skylight**
- **Internal sensors 'ok' → looking for correct optical attenuation for each channel**
- **Start measurement**
- **Sensor signal above critical value → stop measurement and close skylight**
- **Sensor signal 'ok' → continue**
- **Autonomous finalise measurement at daybreak**

