

Atmonsys Lidar Aerosol Backscatter Coefficients

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Introduction: Data from the vertical staring ATMONSYS lidar aerosol channel @532nm. For data availability see the chart at the end of this document.

Version: 1 (*preliminary during cloudy conditions, please contact us for individual solutions on data during cloudy phases*)

Time of Interest: 2019/08/27 to 2019/09/29 (see plot for detailed information on data availability)

Physical location: WLEF tall tower, Park Falls, WI, (45.9454N ; -90.2731)

Data Frequency: Typically 20s, 30s at the earlier dates

General Instrument Description: Vertical staring elastic backscatter aerosol lidar channel for aerosol backscatter coefficients @532nm. Only operated if personnel present at site. No operation during rain. For data availability see the chart at the end of this document.

Vertical resolution: 7.5m

Temporal resolution: 20s (30s at the earliest dates)

Restrictions in value precision due to unknown lidar ratios in the Klett-Fernald algorithm (Fernald 1984, Klett 1985).

Data collection: Only possible with staff present at the instrument, typically during daytime only

Derived parameters: aerosol backscatter coefficients (Klett-Fernald algorithm) | planetary boundary layer height estimations

File format: NetCDF with variable descriptions

Parameters:

- Measurements start time (UTC),
- end time (UTC),
- rawdata (counts),
- data flags (counts),
- aerosol backscatter coefficients ($1/(m*sr)^{-1}$),
- boundary layer height (m)

Flags: Not 0 if transient digitizer registered signal overload (mainly due to clouds)

ATMONSYS data availability for aerosol during CHEESEHEAD 2019

