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## Two different approaches to derive wind gusts from Doppler wind lidar

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# TOC: Wind gust from Doppler wind lidars (DWLs)

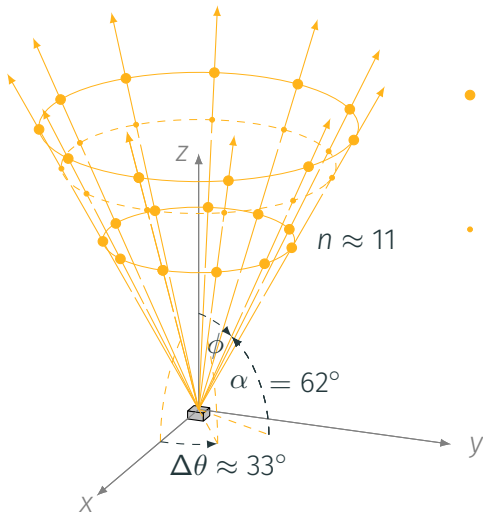
1. Continuous scanning mode
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## Continuous scanning mode

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# The 'gust mode'

quick continuous conical scanning mode (CSM) with 3000 pulses/beam



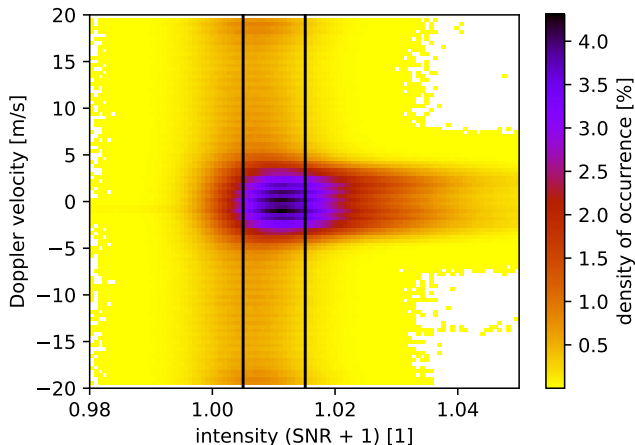
## CSM in 3.4 s

- center of range gates (allocation of the measurements)
- linear interpolation (e.g. for reference height at 90.3 m)

$\alpha$  elevation angle  
 $\phi$  zenith angle  
 $\theta$  azimuth angle



## Noise filtering by threshold inappropriate



Left vertical line corresponds to an SNR value of -23 dB, right to -18.2 dB. Doppler velocities from 02/09/19 (25 mil. points).

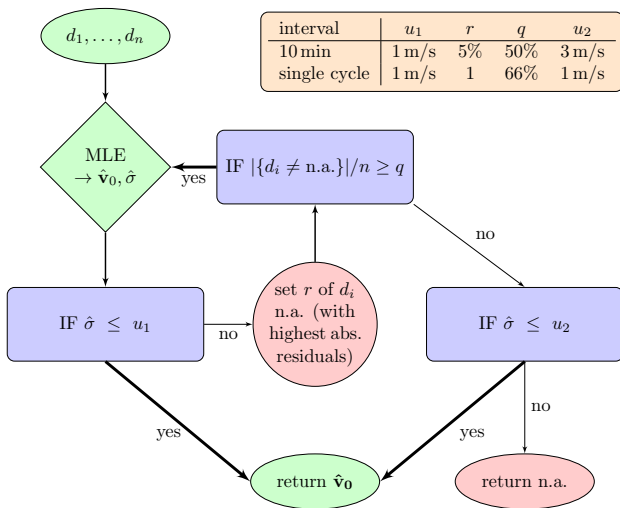
→ a threshold would filter out too many Doppler velocities

## Julians retrieval

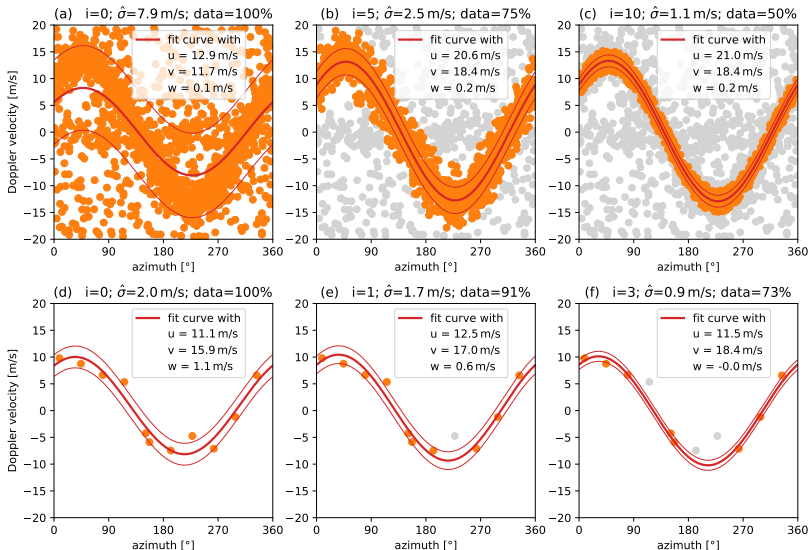
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# Iterative maximum likelihood estimation (MLE)

→ iteratively improve estimation by neglecting bad-fitting data



# Iterative retrieval for requested time interval



→ find a matching solution for a sufficient amount of data

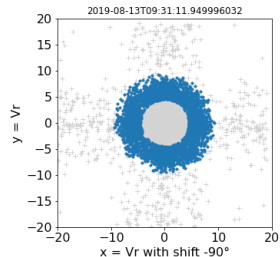
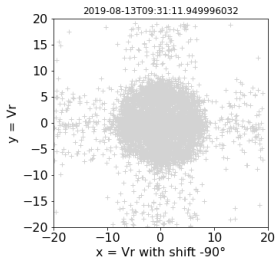
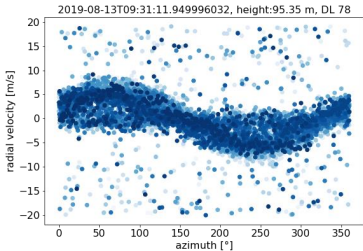
## Carolus retrieval

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# Noise filtering with focus on removing zero noise

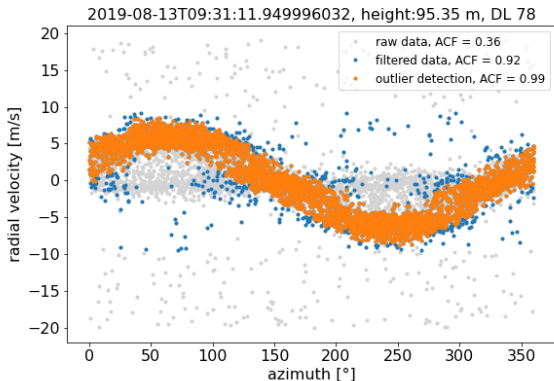
→ project the *radial velocities*(azimuth)=  $y$  against *radial velocities*(azimuth-90°)=  $x$

→ a sine curve becomes a cycle



→ Use the auto correlation function (ACF) to identify radii bands around (0,0) without noise and discards the rest of the data.

# Detect and filter outliers that deviate too much from mean



- any point that is  $n \times \text{standard deviation}$  away from mean is filtered out
- orange observations are the basis for the calculation of both the mean wind and gusts

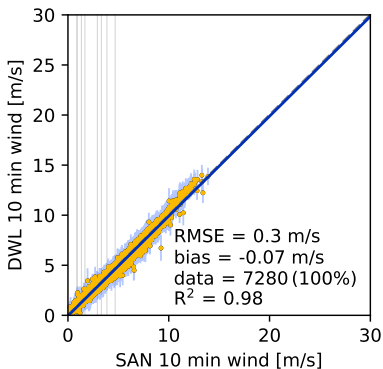
## First comparison

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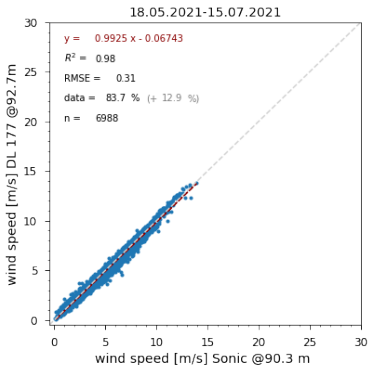


# 18.5-15.7: Mean wind: sonic anemometer (90.3 m) vs. DWL 177

↓ Julians retrieval  
(DWL at 90.3 m)

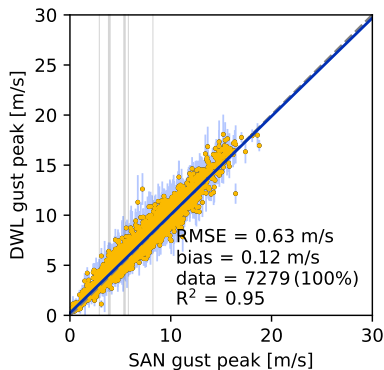


↓ Carolas retrieval  
(DWL at 92.7 m)

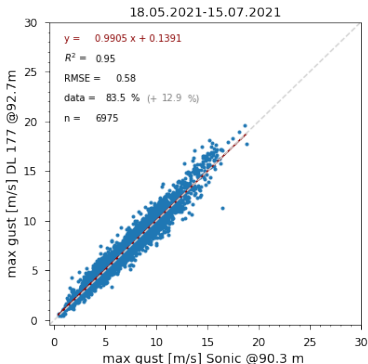


# 18.5-15.7: Wind gusts: sonic anemometer (90.3 m) vs. DWL 177

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(DWL at 90.3 m)



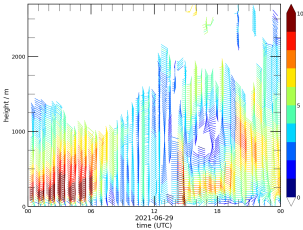
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→ similar performing retrievals at 90 m

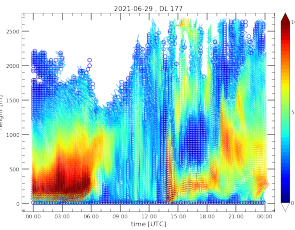
# Quicklooks for mean wind on June 29, 2021 (Jogi)

↓ Markus retrieval



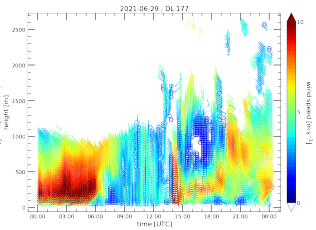
→ no azimuth correction

↓ Julians retrieval



→ higher vertical resol. with more zero wind

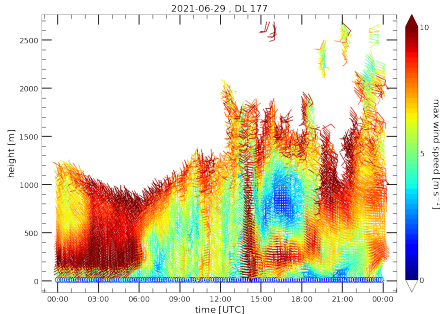
↓ Carolas retrieval



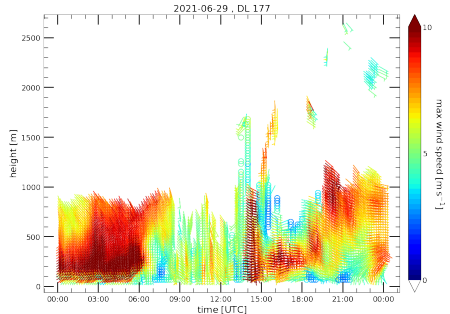
→ less zero wind

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↓ Julians retrieval



↓ Carolas retrieval



→ (left) has higher vertical resolution, but may have more erroneous winds in the boundary regions than (right)

**! You see only one example !**

# ftp uploads

Server: /data/fesstval/wind\_and\_gust/birkholz\_dlidcsm/level2uzk

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    - dliid\_meanwind
    - dliid\_rhi\_and\_ppi
    - dliid\_verticalwind
    - dliid\_wind\_and\_turb
  - wind\_and\_gust
    - birkholz\_dlidcsm
      - level1
      - level2dwd
      - level2uzk
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      - falkenberg\_sonic02m
      - falkenberg\_sonic50m
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      - wind\_and\_gust

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- Quick CSM can measure wind gust peaks
  - ! and high-resolution wind patterns (triangle, tomorrow)
- Proved at 90.3 m for both retrievals
  - ? Comparisons in higher levels (DWD, HH)
  - ? Comparisons with UAV flights (TÜB)
- Especially noise around zero is challenging
  - ! Paper in progress (Päschke, Detring)
- ... The retrievals can be always improved ...

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