

Analysis of the Correlation Coefficient Between Ceilometer (Backscatter) & TEOM (PM_{2.5}) Measurements To Access the Vertical Density of Aerosols

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Introduction

- Aerosol: colloid of fine solid particles or liquid droplets in air or another gas
- Anthropogenic aerosols impact climate and human health
- Used two instruments to assess the aerosol concentration, backscattering and their correlation
- Two instruments:
 1. Ceilometer
 2. TEOM

Instruments



- Ceilometer
- Model CL31
- LIDAR technology
- Backscattering signal
- Cloud base height

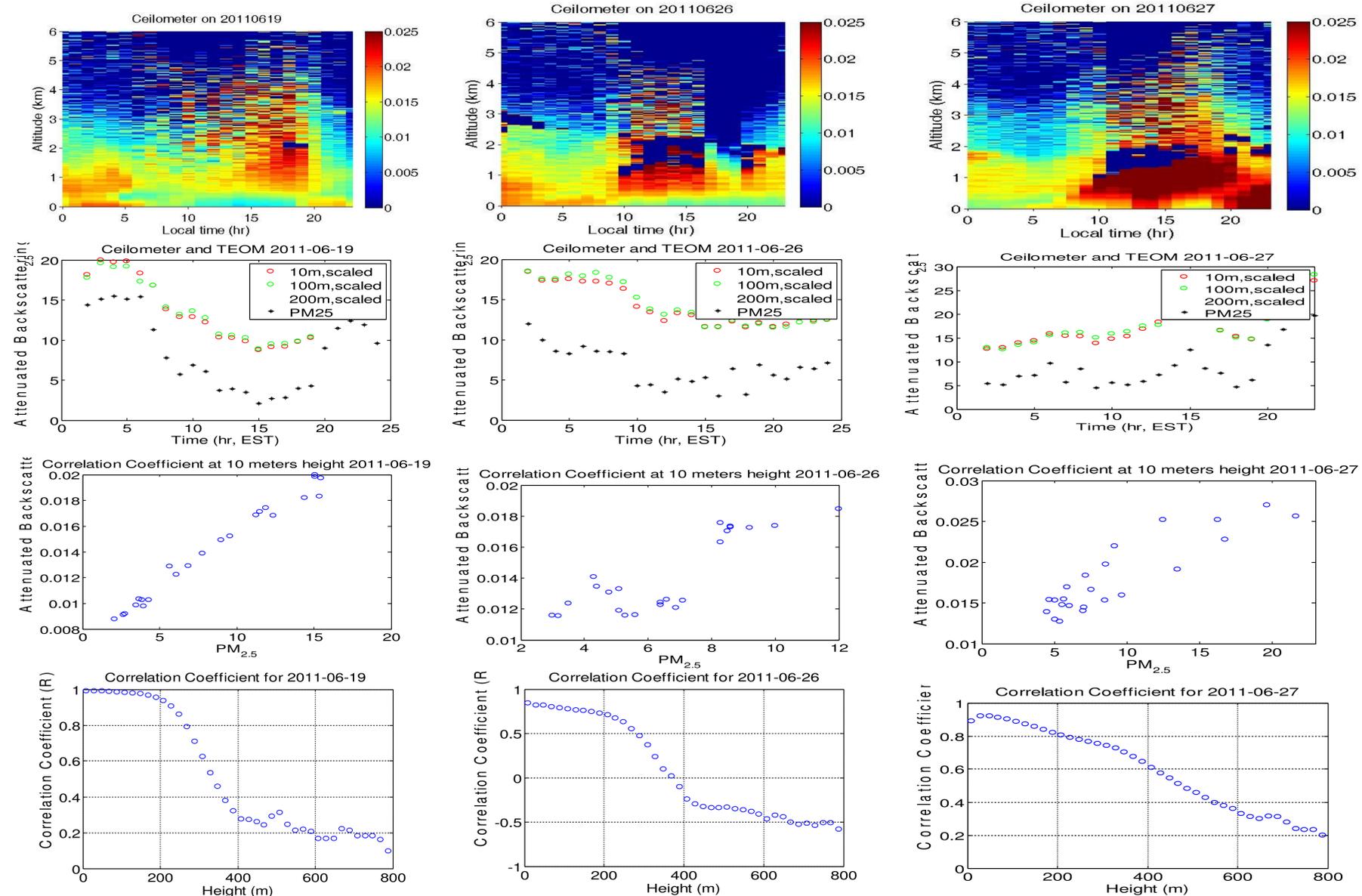


- TEOM® Series 1400a
- Ambient Particulate Monitor
- Air pollution monitoring
- Particulate Matter PM_{2.5} μm
- Filtered-base mass measurement

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Results



Method

- Compare two data from Surface to 800 meters
- Determine correlation coefficient with different height

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Conclusion

- Near surface shows high correlation.
- High altitude indicates low correlation.
- Consistency of two instruments at near surface.