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## "Lasers for Environmental Monitoring"

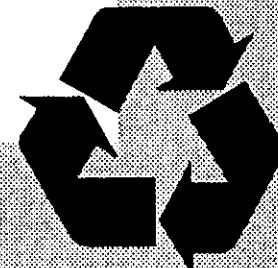
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# **LASERS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING**

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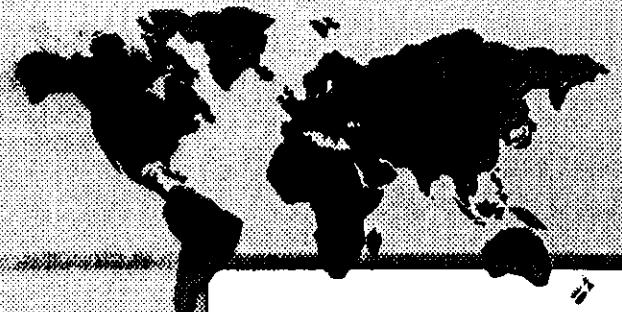
## SUMMARY OF THE PRESENTATION

- Historical Background of Optical Remote Sensing
- Laser Remote Sensing of the Atmosphere - Scattering, Absorption
- Principle of the DIAL Method
- ENEL UV-DIAL System
- Calibration/Intercomparison with Other Similar and/or Different Devices
- Use of the DIAL System in Different Fields of Application with Different Objectives



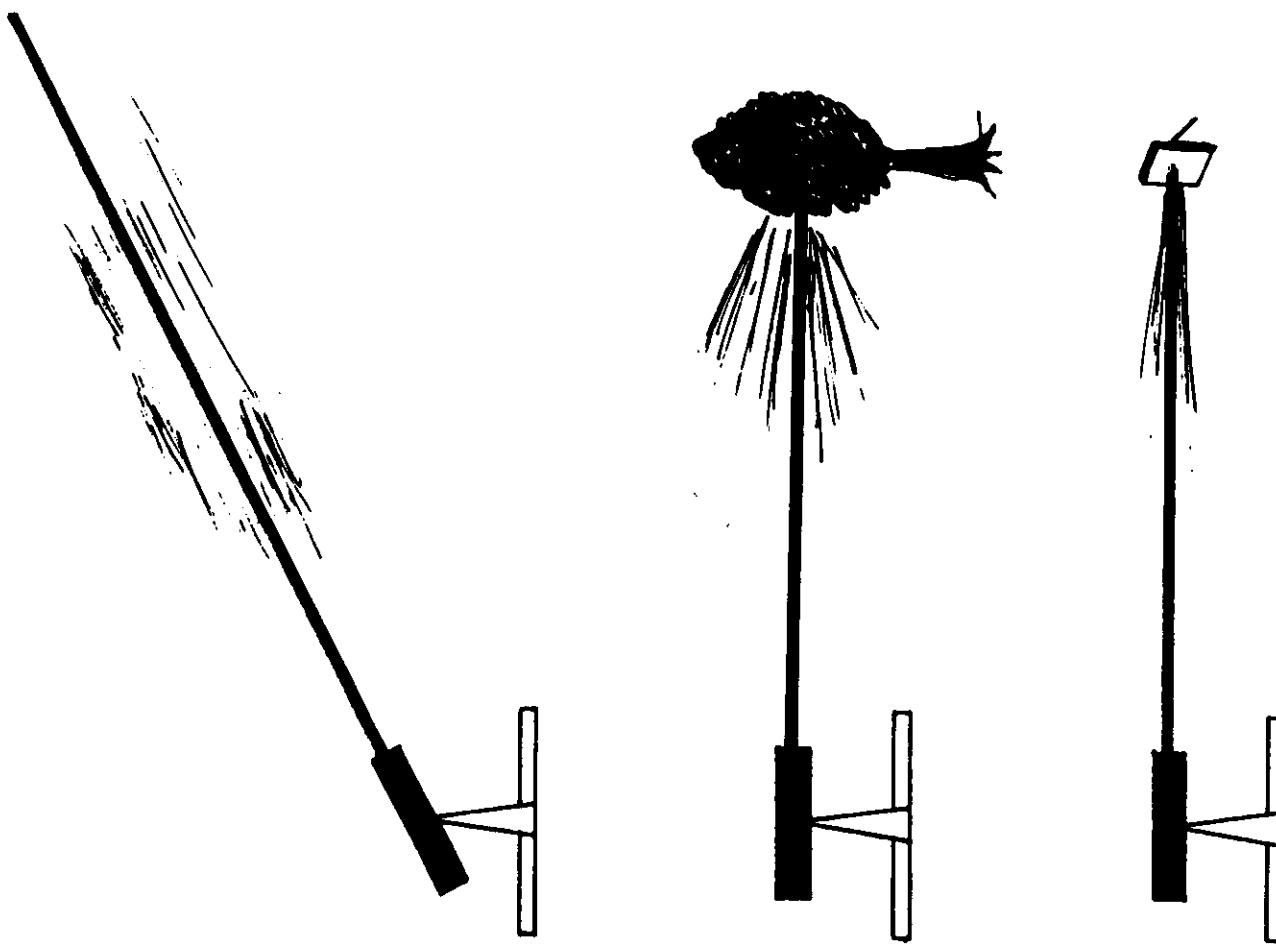
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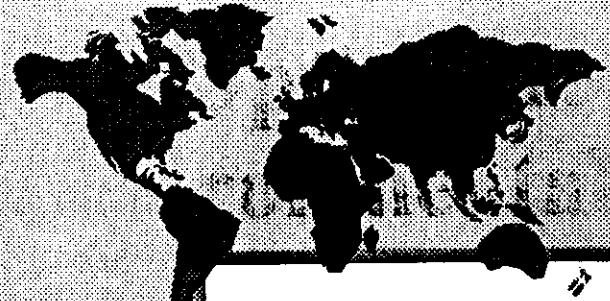
- Industrial Areas (Plume Tracking, Sulphur Dioxide GLCs)
- Urban Areas (Vertical Profiles)
- Volcanic Areas (Flux Measurements)
- Comparison of Measured Data with Outputs of Mathematical Models
- Work in Progress in the Field of Optical Remote Sensing (ENEL-CISE)
- Film on Sostanj Campaign



# Short History of Laser Remote Sensing

- 1960 (First Ruby Laser)
- 1963 (First LIDAR using a Ruby Laser)
  - ▶ Fiocco et al., Lygda et al.
- 1966 (DIAL for Water Vapour)
  - ▶ Schotland
- 1967 (RAMAN LIDAR O<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>)
  - ▶ Leonard et al.
- 1969 (Stratospheric Na)
  - ▶ Bowmann (Fluorescence LIDAR)
- 1970 (Pollutants with a RAMAN LIDAR)
  - ▶ Inaba and Kobayasi
- 1973 (Pollutants with a DIAL System)





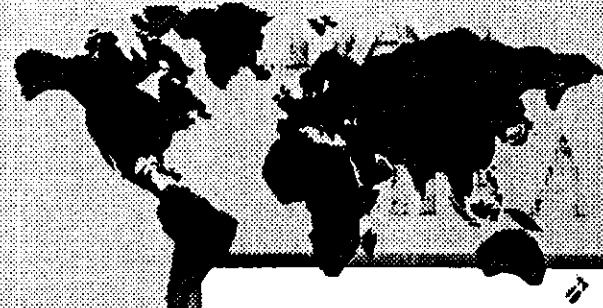
# Optical Techniques for Environmental Monitoring

- ABSORPTION
  - ▶ FTIR
  - ▶ DOAS
  - ▶ DIAL (UV - VISIBLE - IR)
  - ▶ DIODE LASERS
- FLUORESCENCE
  - ▶ LIDAR
  - ▶ ANALYZERS
- RAMAN
  - ▶ LIDAR
- SCATTERING
  - ▶ AEROSOLS
  - ▶ WIND SPEED

**Table 4**  
**Field Applications of DIAL**

	UV	VIS	Near IR	Middle IR
<u>Troposphere (0-40 km)</u>				
Pollutants	O <sub>3</sub> , NO, Hg, SO <sub>2</sub> , Cl <sub>2</sub>	NO <sub>2</sub>		CH <sub>4</sub> , HCl, NH <sub>3</sub> , SF <sub>6</sub> , C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> , O <sub>3</sub> , C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> , N <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> , CO
Meteorology				N <sub>2</sub> O, CO <sub>2</sub> , H <sub>2</sub> O
Airborne	O <sub>3</sub> , SO <sub>2</sub>		H <sub>2</sub> O, p, T <sup>+</sup>	H <sub>2</sub> O
<u>Stratosphere (40 - 30 km)</u>				SF <sub>6</sub>
On ground	O <sub>3</sub>			
Airborne	O <sub>3</sub>			
Space-borne (prospective)	O <sub>3</sub>		H <sub>2</sub> O, p, T <sup>+</sup>	

- + the measurements of p and T can be performed by measuring the absorption on the center and wings of oxygen absorption lines in the NIR



# LIDAR Systems for the Atmosphere

- GKSS (D)
  - ▶ UV-VIS-IR DIAL
- NPL (UK)
  - ▶ UV-VIS-IR DIAL
- NASA Langley (USA)
  - ▶ UV-VIS DIAL
  - ▶ Aerosol LIDAR
- DFLR (D)
  - ▶ Aerosol LIDAR
  - ▶ DIAL for water vapour
- LUND (S)
  - ▶ UV-VIS DIAL
- NOAA (USA)
  - ▶ Wind Doppler LIDAR
- CNRS (F)
  - ▶ Ozone DIAL
  - ▶ Fluorescence LIDAR
- IFA - Rome (I)
  - ▶ Aerosol LIDAR
- IROE - Florence (I)
  - ▶ Ozone DIAL
  - ▶ Aerosol LIDAR
- ENEL-CISE (I)
  - ▶ UV-VIS-IR DIAL

## APPLICATIONS OF NASA Langley AIRBORNE DIAL SYSTEM

<u>MEASUREMENTS</u>	<u>INTEREST</u>
GAS SPECIES:	$O_3$ - NATURAL VERSUS ANTHROPOGENIC SOURCES OF $O_3$
	$H_2O$ - METEOROLOGY AND TROP.-STRAT. EXCHANGE
	$SO_2$ - DISPERSION AND SULFATE CONVERSION IN PLUMES
	$NO_2$ - SMOG CHEMISTRY AND $O_3$ PRODUCTION
AEROSOLS:	DISTRIBUTION - MIXING HT. VARIABILITY AND TROP. DYNAMICS
	COARSE SIZE DIST. - AEROSOL GROWTH AND DISPERSION PROCESSES
	REL. NUMBER DENSITY - AEROSOL PRODUCTION AND TRANSPORT
METEOROLOGICAL PARAMETERS:	TEMPERATURE ( $H_2O$ OR $O_2$ DIAL) - MESOSCALE WEATHER PHENOMENA AND TROPOAUSE HT DEFINITION
	PRESSURE ( $O_2$ DIAL) - WEATHER PREDICTION AND WIND DETER.

## NASA Airborne DIAL System Characteristics

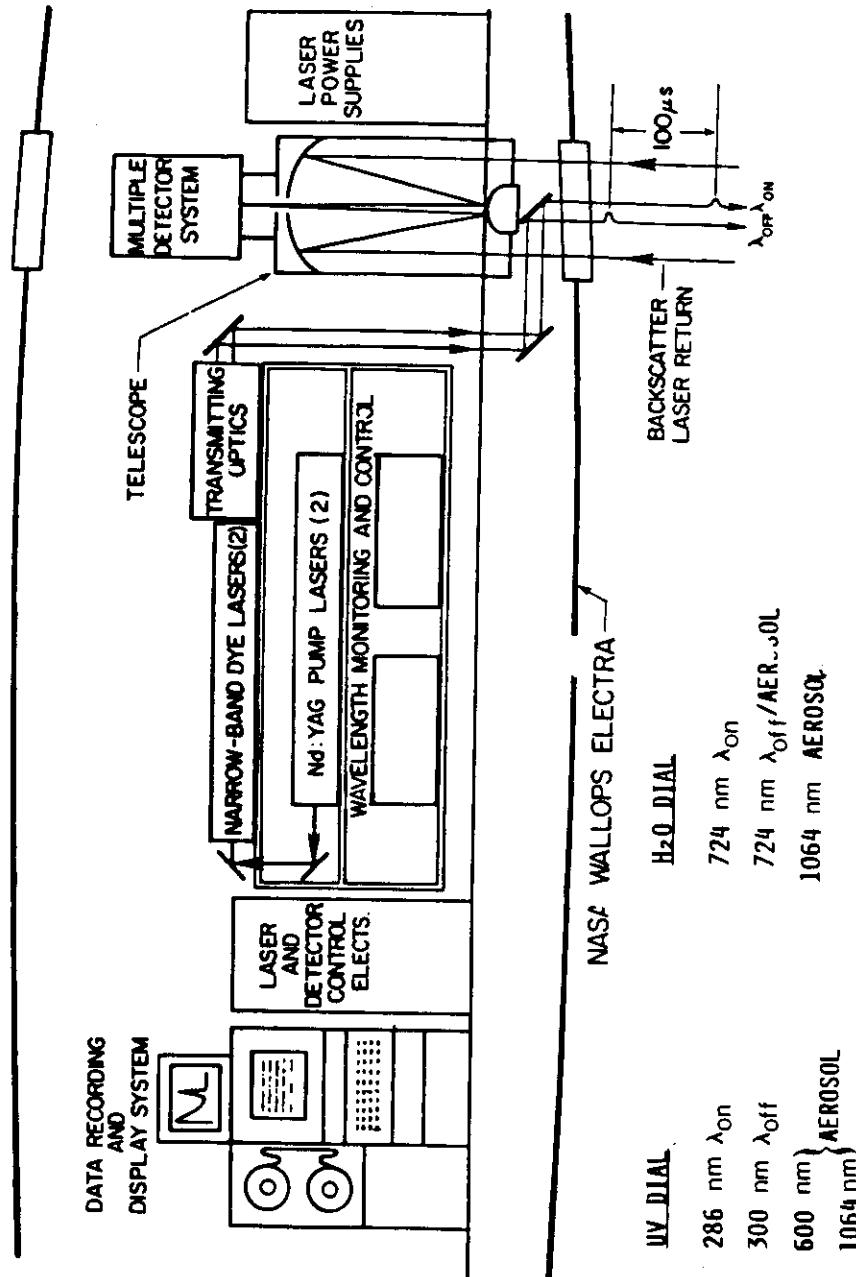
### Transmitter

Laser system: Two Nd:YAG pumped-dye lasers  
 Pulse separation: 100  $\mu$ s  
 Nd:YAG pulse energy: 350 mJ at 532 nm  
 Pulse duration: 15 ns  
 Repetition rate: 10 Hz  
 Dye Laser: Two Jobin-Yvon model HP-HR  
 Dye output energy: 63 mJ at 720 nm  
 47 mJ near 300 nm  
 $<0.4 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  at 300 nm  
 $<0.04 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  at 720 nm  
 Laser Linewidth:

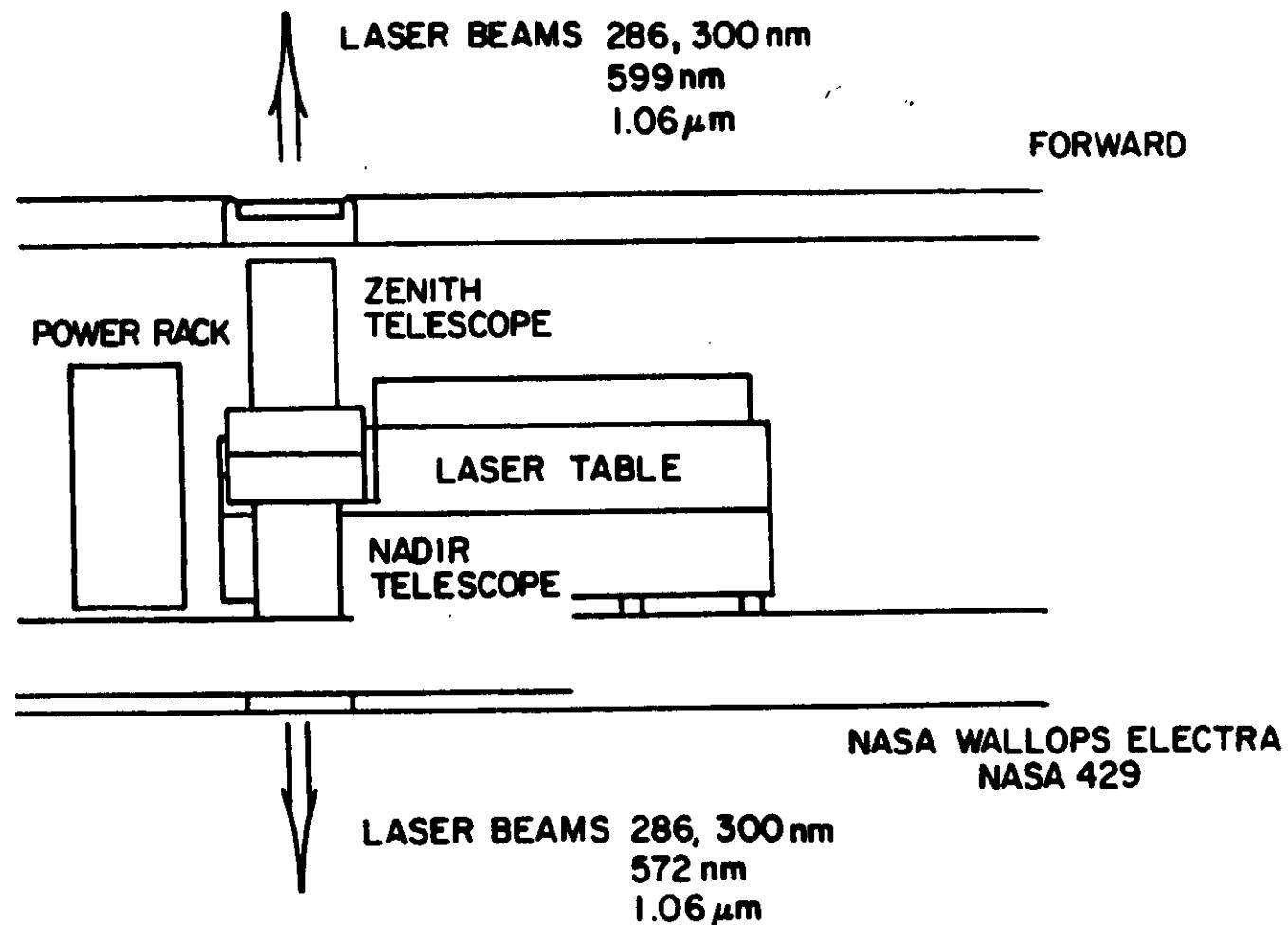
### Receiver

Telescope area: 0.086  $\text{m}^2$   
 Receiver efficiency: 28% at 300 nm  
 29% at 720 nm  
 Detector type: Photomultiplier  
 Detector quantum efficiency: 29% at 300 nm  
 4.8% at 720 nm  
 Receiver field of view: 2 mrad

L-BORNE DIAL SYSTEM SCHEMATIC



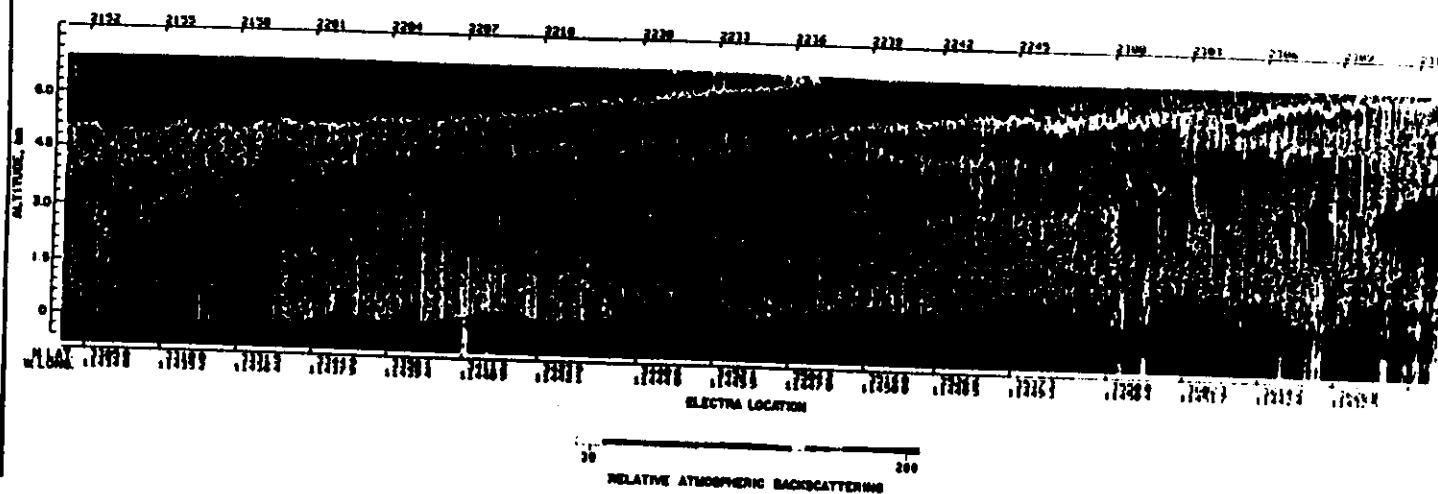
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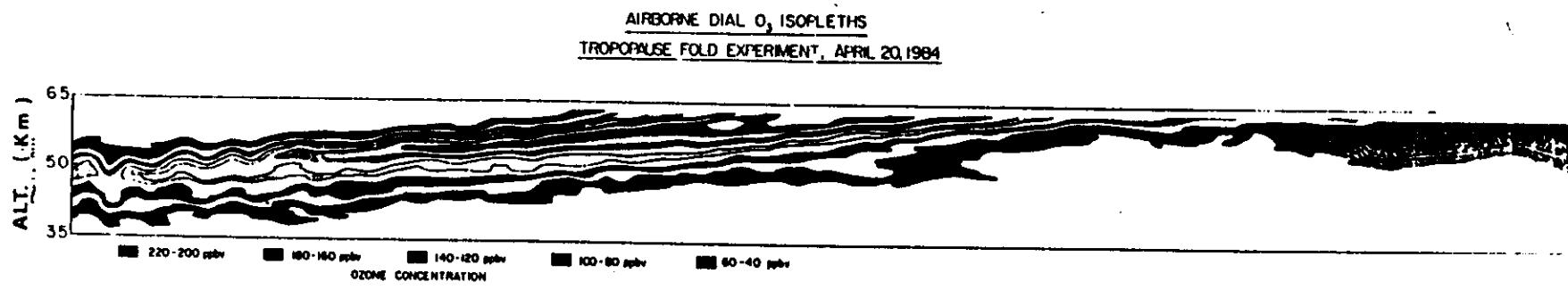
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AIRBORNE DIAL AEROSOL MEASUREMENT OF TROPOPAUSE FOLD EVENT  
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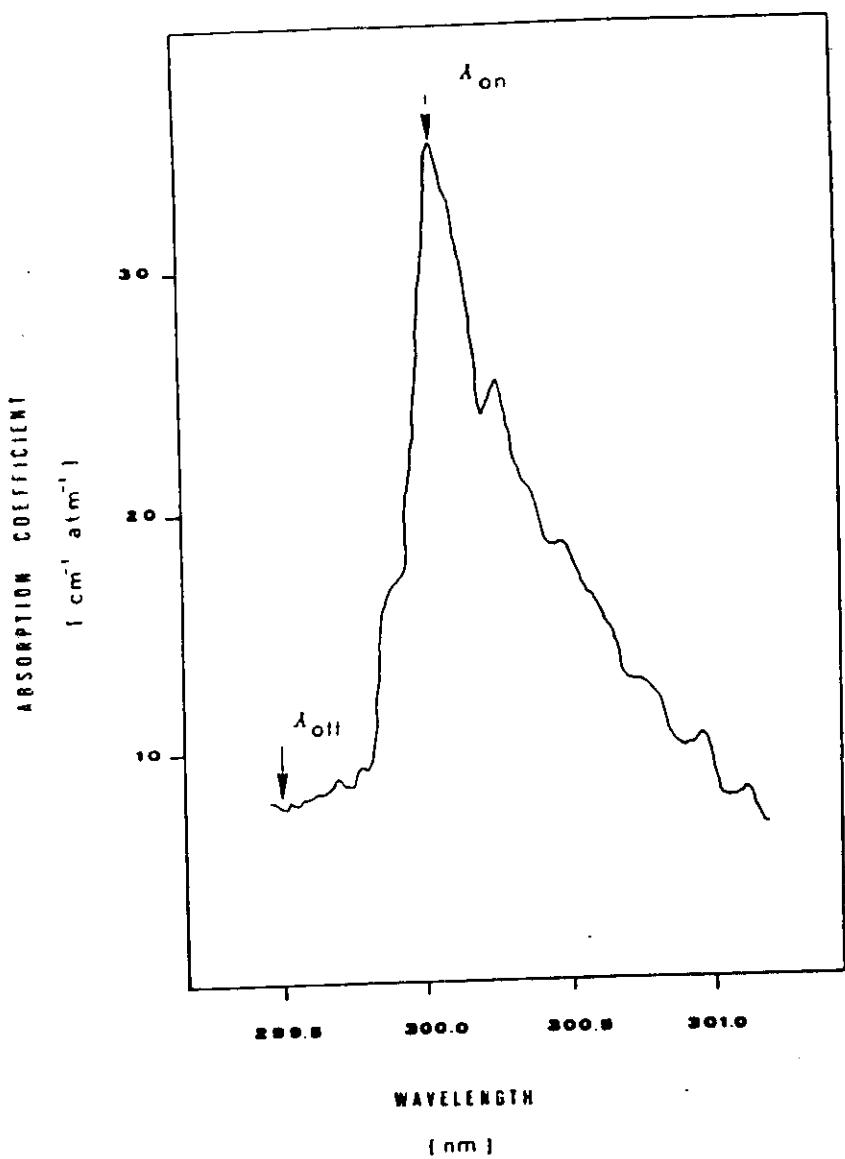
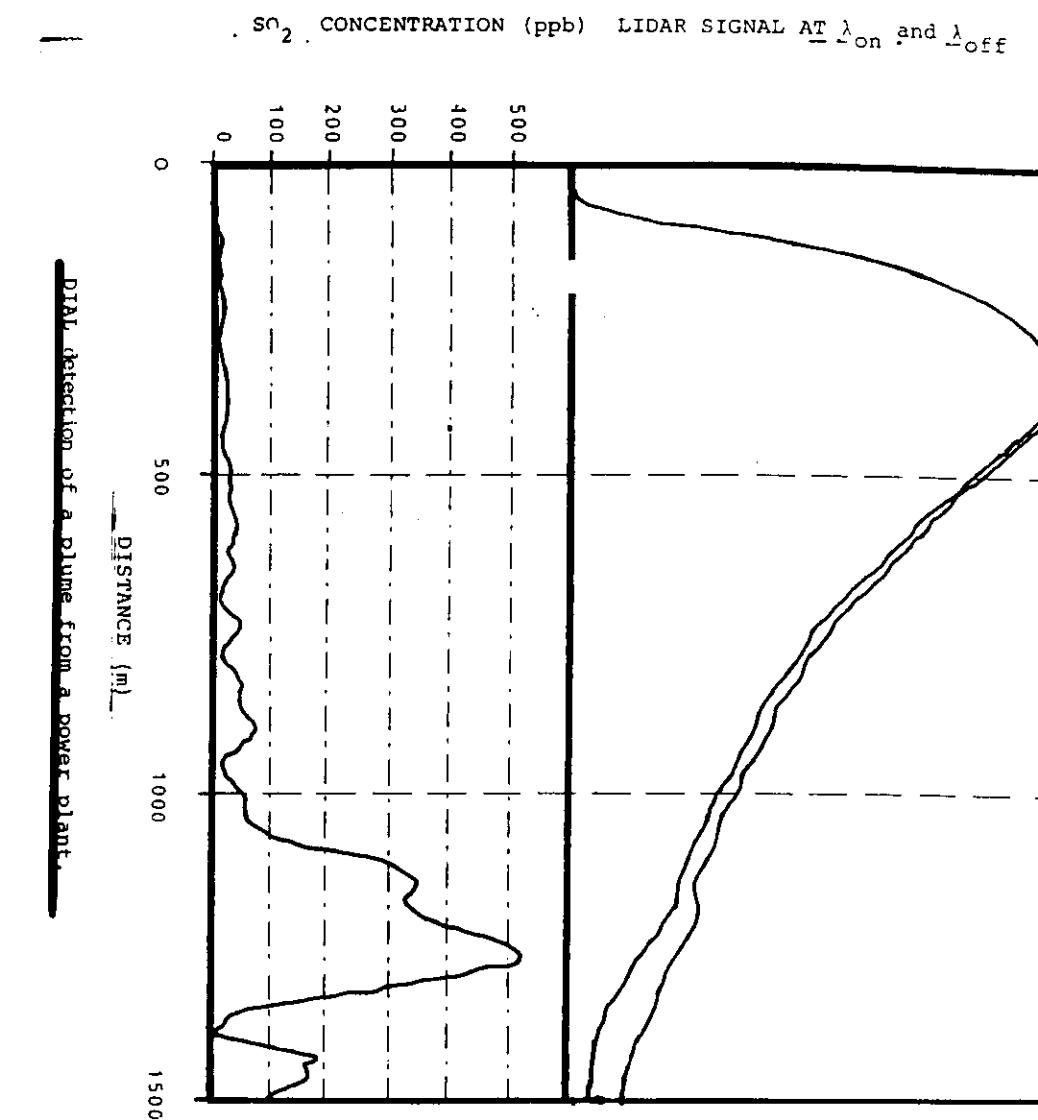


Fig. 1



The UV-DIAL system utilizes a doubled dye laser pumped by the 2nd harmonic of a ND-YAG laser with 20 Hz repetition rate.

The emission at  $\lambda_{ON}$  and  $\lambda_{OFF}$  is changed shot by shot by means of a device that inserts a prism in the dye laser oscillator cavity; in this way, the laser beam is deflected on the grating of the laser cavity that selects the wavelength.

The laser beam is coaxially transmitted by means of steering optics to the telescope. This can rotate over a solid angle of  $2\pi$  with a precision of  $0.1^\circ$  in zenith and  $0.25^\circ$  in azimuth.

The optical signal is detected by a photomultiplier, whose gain is modulated in time with a quadratic law. In this way, the dynamic of the DIAL signals is greatly reduced with improvement of precision in A/D conversion.

The digitized signal is then transmitted to a DEC VAXStation GPX/II.

Through the electronic control and timing system, the computer is able to make fully automatic measurements.

It is possible to program telescope rotation, laser firing, wavelengths change and other functions.

The software permits measurements over a fan of directions, with real-time data processing.

The results, that is the concentration as a function of distance, are stored on hard disk and are subsequently recalled to get a concentration map using a printer-plotter.

The system is equipped with remote control of laser beam alignment. A TV camera is mounted on the telescope for eye safety and pointing control.

The total time taken for the measurement in one direction, including telescope movement, is about 10-30 seconds.

The system is mounted on a track and is equipped with a power generator of 50 KVA. The set-up time is about 2 hours.

# **REQUIREMENTS FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL LIDAR**

## **UV DIAL CHARACTERISTICS**

### **TRANSMITTER**

LASER SYSTEM : ND-YAG pumped dye laser  
 ENERGY OUTPUT : 300 mJ (at 530 nm)  
                   10 mJ (at 300 nm)  
                   10 mJ (at 490 nm)  
                   30 mJ (at 720 nm)

LASER BANDWIDTH : 0.1 cm<sup>-1</sup>  
 REPETITION RATE : 20 Hz  
 PULSE DURATION : 10 ns

### **RECEIVER**

TELESCOPE AREA : 0.25 m<sup>2</sup>  
 OPTICS EFFICIENCY : 20% (SO<sub>2</sub>)  
 FIELD OF VIEW : 1 mrad  
 DETECTOR : Photomultiplier PHILIPS XP-20200  
 DETECTOR SPECIFICATIONS : 20% quantum efficiency  
 TRANSIENT RECORDER : SONY TEKTRONIX 390 AD  
                        (10 bit, 10MHz)

### **PERFORMANCES**

RANGE : up to 3 Km  
 SENSIBILITY : 50 ppb (SO<sub>2</sub>)  
 SPATIAL RESOLUTION : 15 to 200 m  
 TELESCOPE ANGLE RESOLUTION : 0.1° in zenith  
                        0.25° in azimuth

### **MULTIPURPOSE SYSTEM**

- ABILITY TO DETECT A WIDE CLASS OF POLLUTANTS AND ATMOSPHERIC PARAMETERS (SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, NO, O<sub>3</sub>, CO)

### **AUTOMATIC MEASUREMENTS**

- FULL COMPUTER CONTROL
- MINIMUM OPERATOR ASSISTANCE
- NO OR REDUCED MAINTENANCE

### **IMPROVED INSTRUMENTATION**

- ALL SOLID STATE TUNABLE LASER
- HIGH DYNAMIC RANGE RECEIVER

### **INTEGRATION IN A MONITORING NETWORK**

- LIDAR STANDARDIZATION
- LIDAR DATA INTEGRATION

# **DIAL SPECIFICATIONS**

## **TRANSMITTER**

<b>Laser type</b>	<b>Titanium sapphire</b>
<b>Output energy</b>	<b>100 mJ @ 750-850 ≈ 10 mJ in the UV</b>
<b>Tuning range</b>	<b>226 nm - 3 μm</b>
<b>Rep.Rate</b>	<b>20 Hz</b>
<b>Pulse duration</b>	<b>10 ns</b>
<b>Bandwidth</b>	<b>single longitudinal</b>
<b>Beam Quality</b>	<b>near diffraction lim</b>

## **RECEIVER**

<b>Telescope</b>	<b>600 mm newtonian</b>
<b>Detectors</b>	<b>2 PMTs with T<sup>2</sup> ga</b>
<b>Digitizer</b>	<b>18 bit, 10 MHz</b>

# **LASER DESIGN CONCEPTS**

## **REQUIREMENTS**

**Wide tunability**

**High frequency conversion efficiency  
and high energy output**

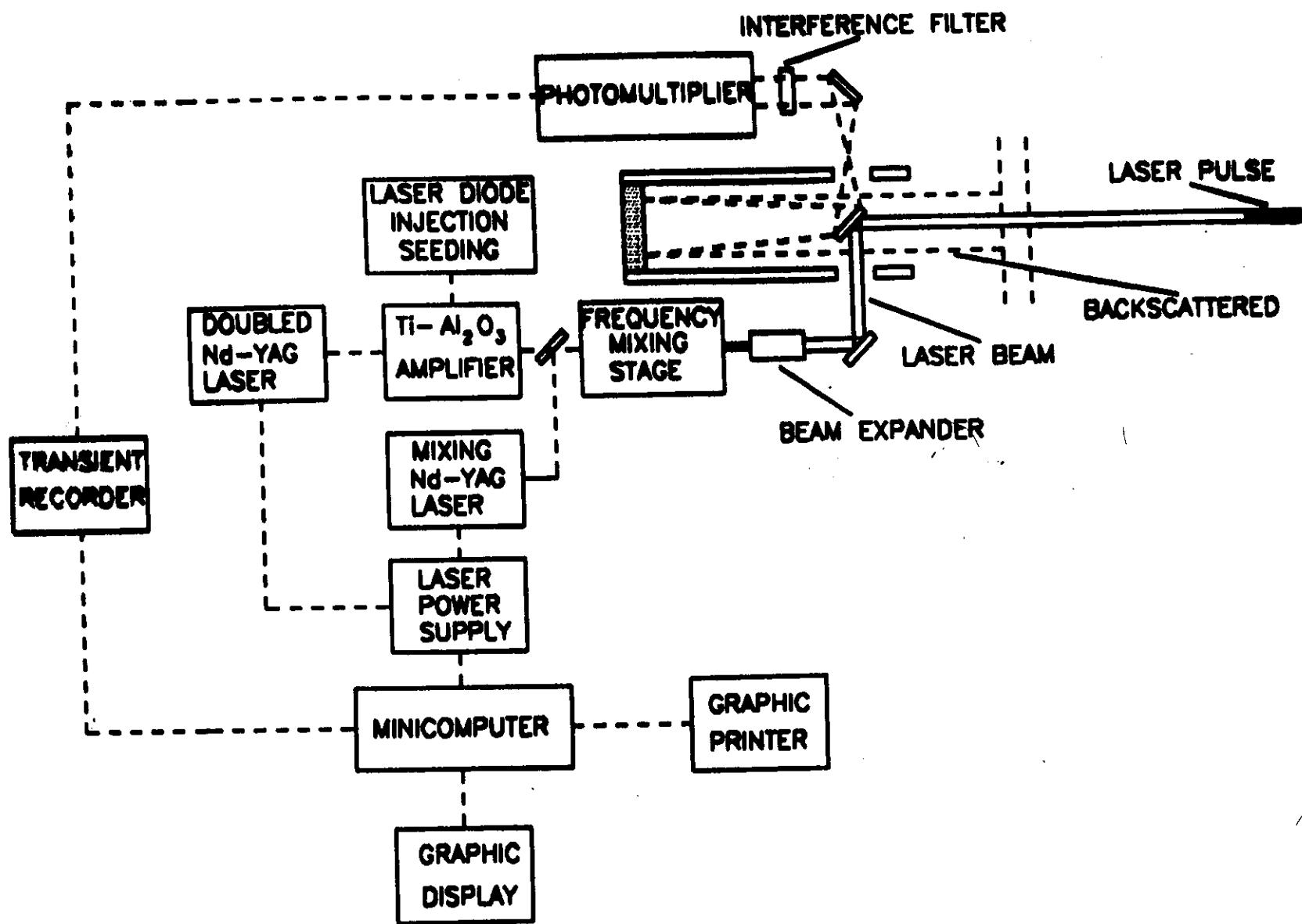
**Narrow band**

**Frequency stability**

## **SOLUTIONS**

**Titanium sapphire + mixing**

- good beam profile → graded reflectivity mirrors resonator
  - short pulse → laser pumping
  - mixing with a high power Nd:YAG laser
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- ring resonator
  - injection locked regenerative amplifier
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- injection locking with temperature and current controlled laser diodes
  - mixing with a stable Nd:YAG laser



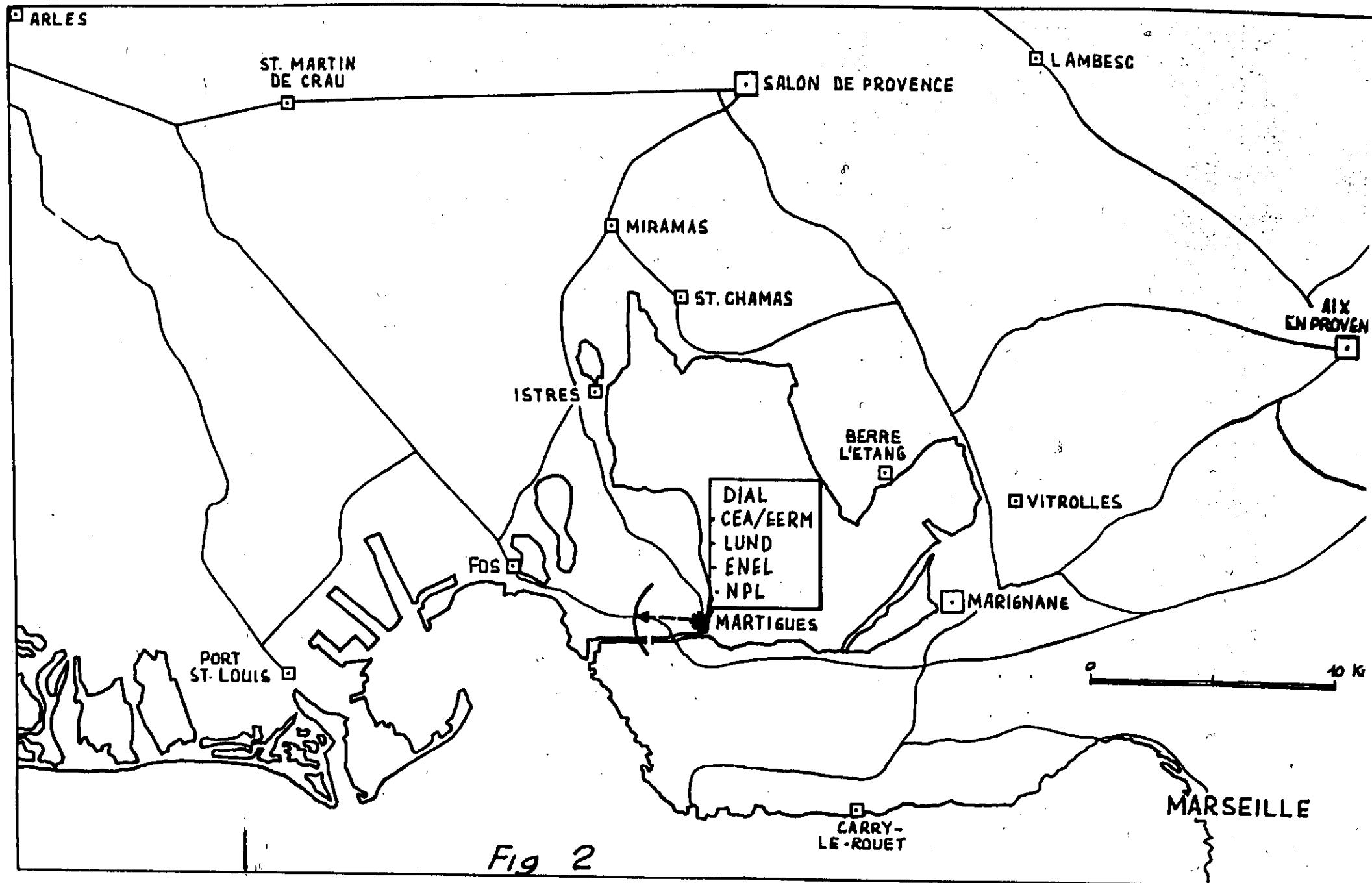
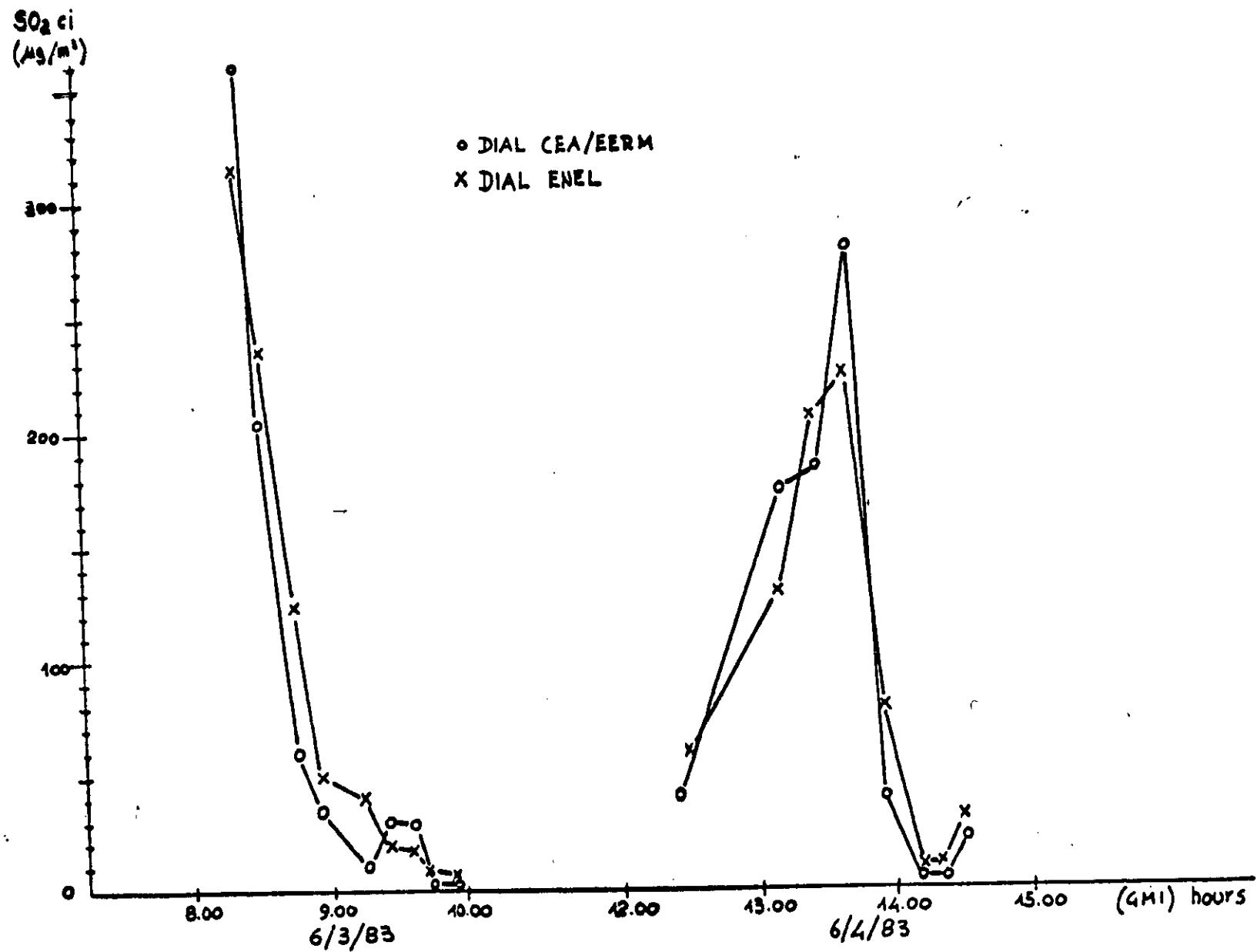


Fig 2

Fig. 2



Since 1982, this DIAL system has been used during experimental campaigns in different sites (industrial and/or urban areas) to track plumes near the Power Plants, monitor SO<sub>2</sub> over large areas and also measure gas emissions from soil and fumaroles in volcanic areas.

In order to fulfill the requirements of every kind of campaign, the SW was developed to comply with the following requirements:

- only one type of data processing to satisfy the different experimental situations;
- real-time definitive concentration data results;
- estimate of experimental error on concentration measurement linked with its value.

### EXPERIMENTAL CAMPAIGNS PERFORMED BY THE UV-DIAL SYSTEM (FROM 1983 UP TO NOVEMBER 1989)

<u>TYPE OF MEASUREMENTS</u>	<u>HOURS OF WORK</u>
Power Plant Plume tracking (for differnt aims) MONFALCONE, SANTA GILLA	1500
Refinery POS-BERRE CEC 1983 CAMPAIGN	200
Industrial area SULCIS, VADO LIGURE POS-BERRE CEC 1983 CAMPAIGN	700
Urban area ROME	400
Other (volcanic, geothermal area) VULCANO ISLAND	200

MONFALCONE 19-6-85

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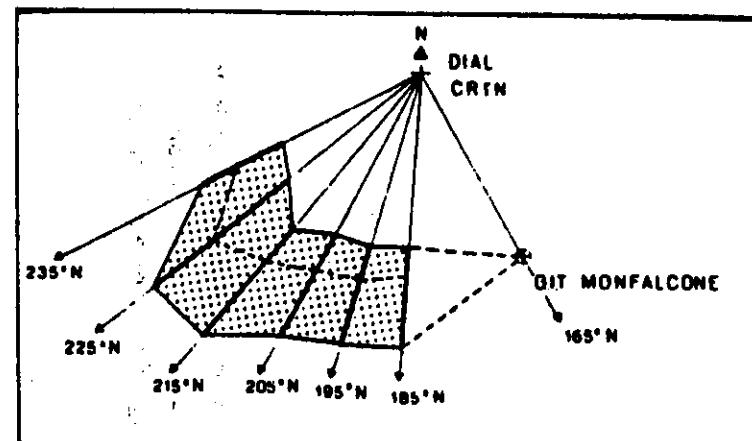
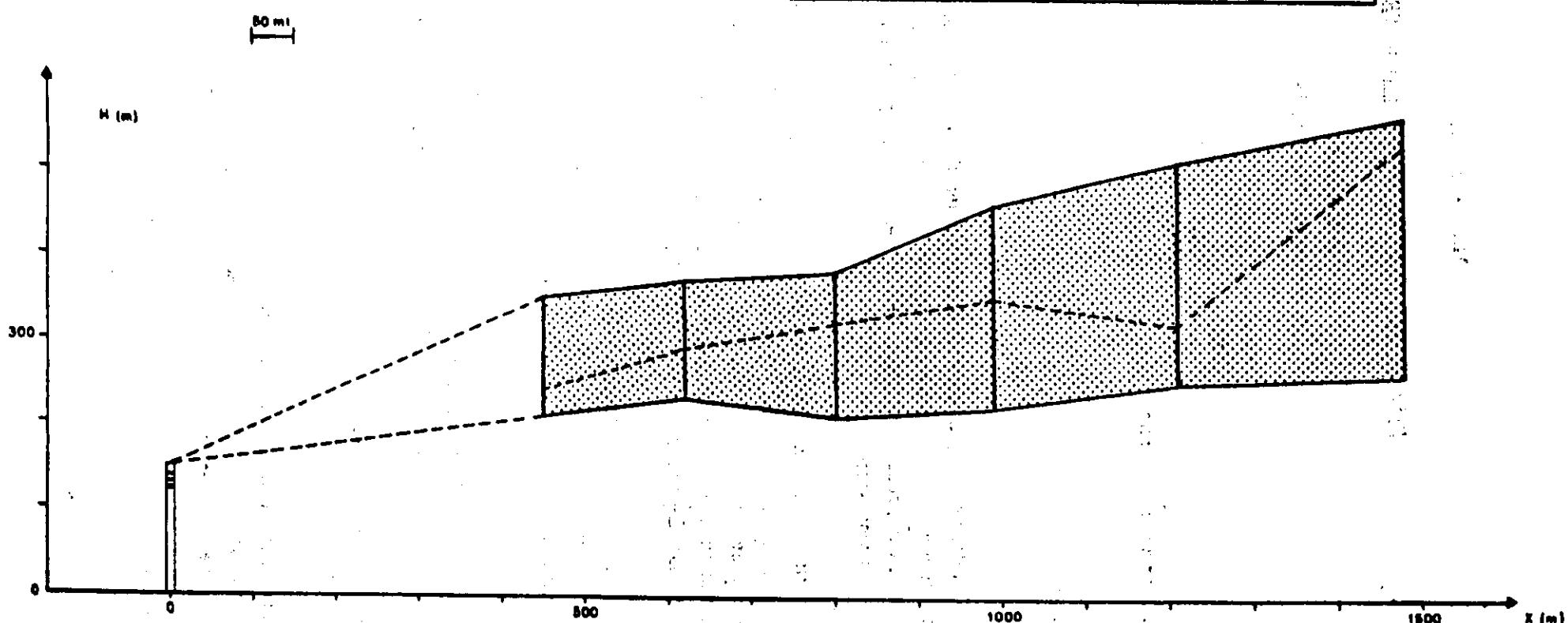


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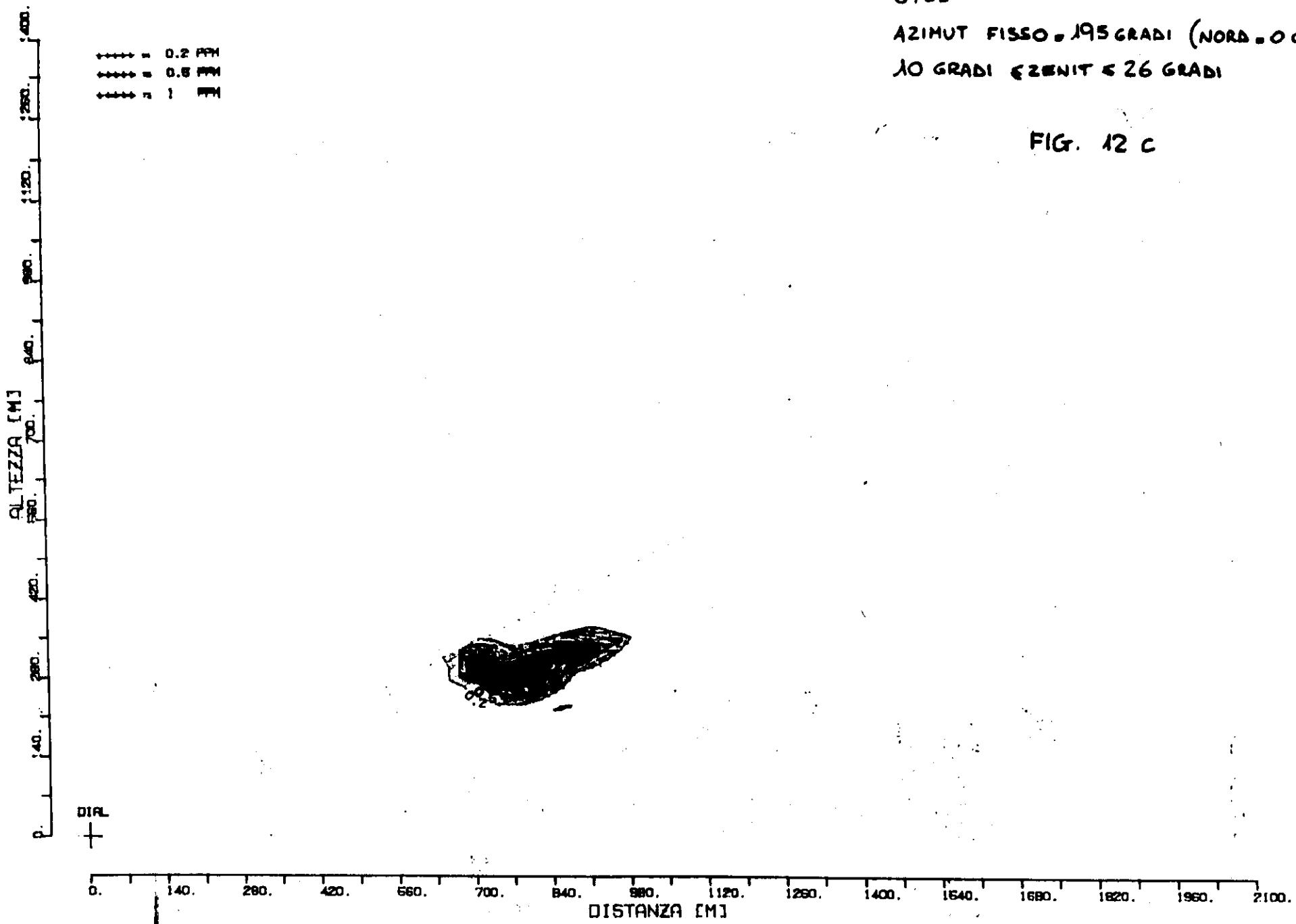


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6:33

AZIMUT FISSO - 195 GRADI (NORD - O GRADI)  
10 GRADI < ZENIT < 26 GRADI

FIG. 12 C



MONFALCONE 19-6-85

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AZIMUT FISSO = 205 GRADI (NORD-O GPM)

14 GRADI ≤ ZENIT ≤ 30 GRADI

FIG. 12 d

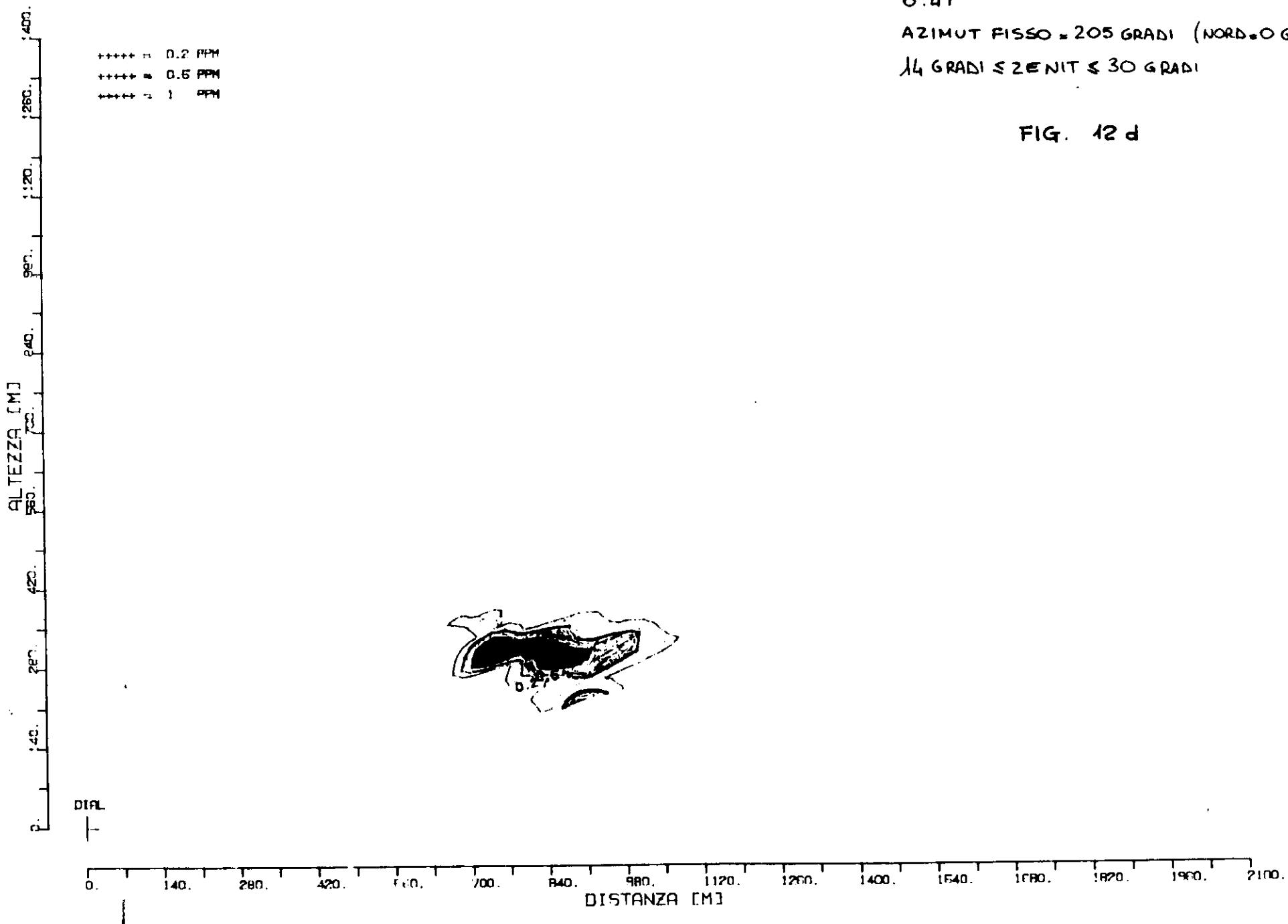


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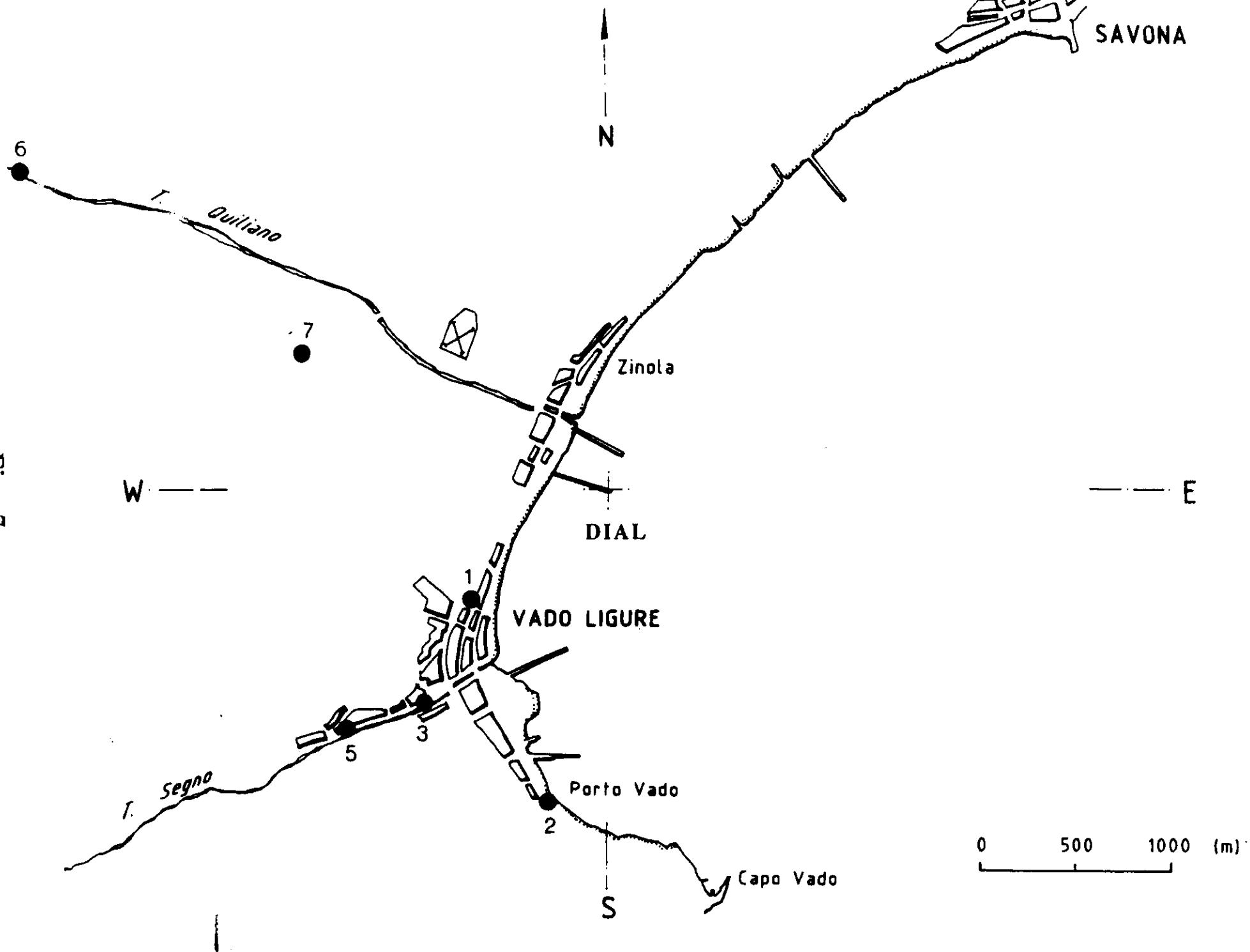
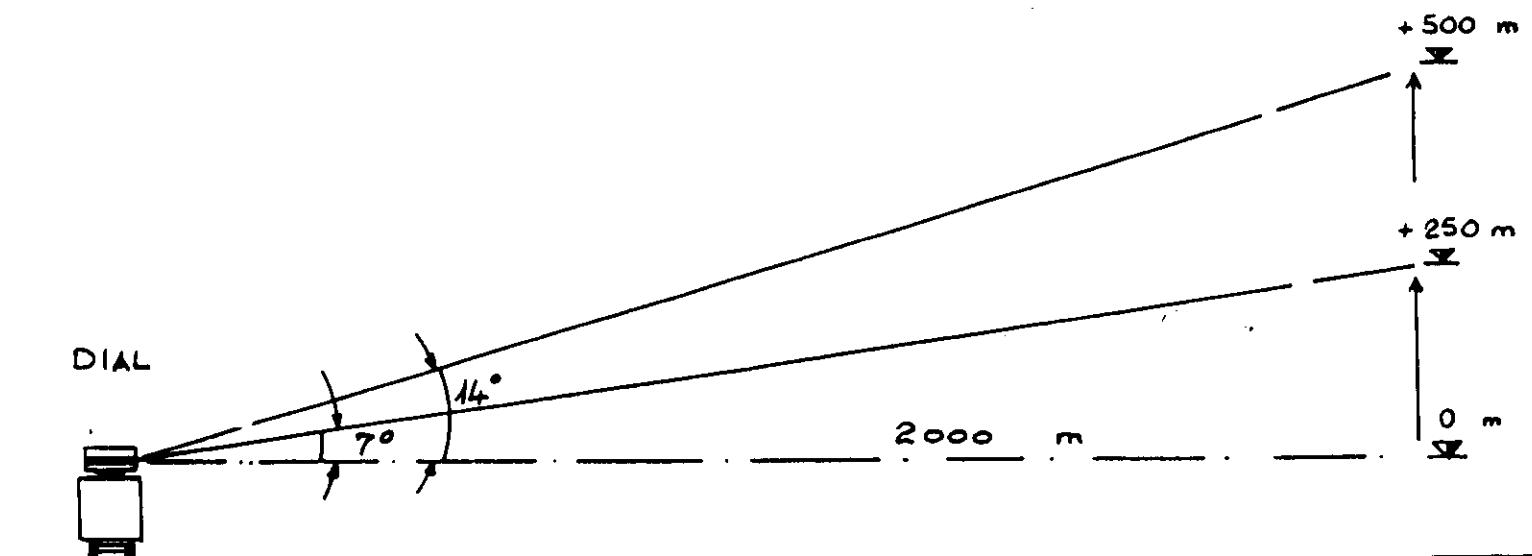


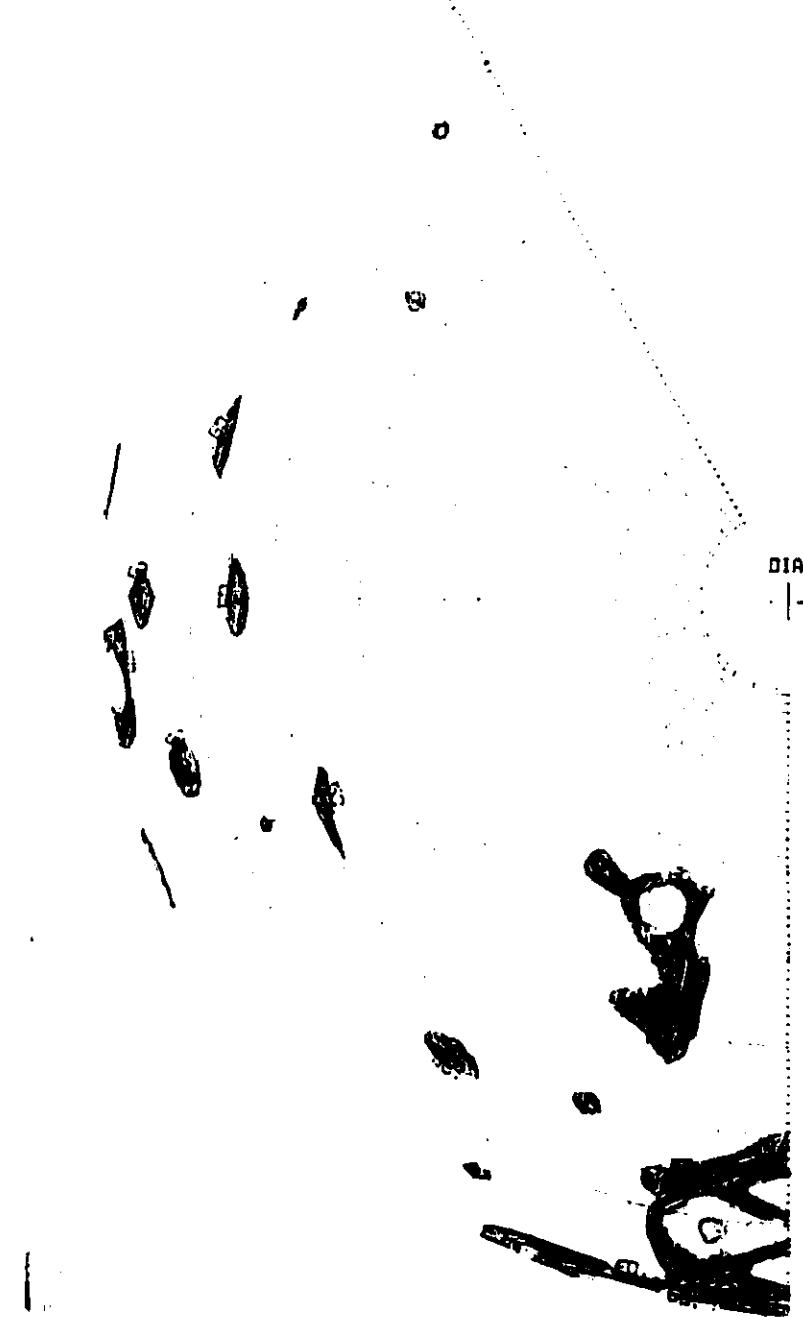
Fig. 8



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+-+ = 200 PPB



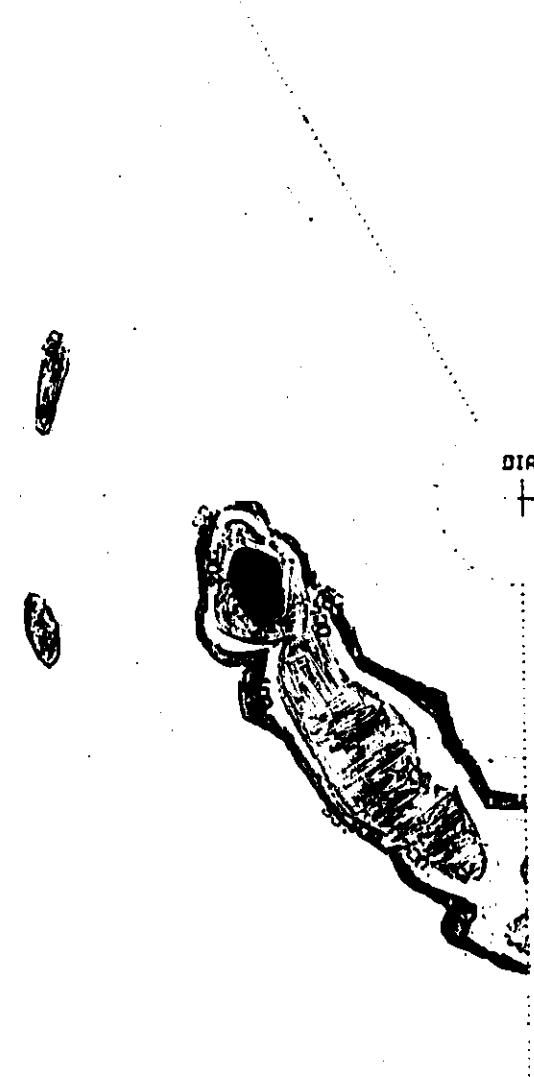
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 $180^{\circ}$  N --->  $330^{\circ}$  N  
Fixed Elevation Angle =  $7^{\circ}$

Fig. 9.a

0. 50 100  
SCALE (M) \*10<sup>-1</sup>

NORTH

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+ = 200 PPS  
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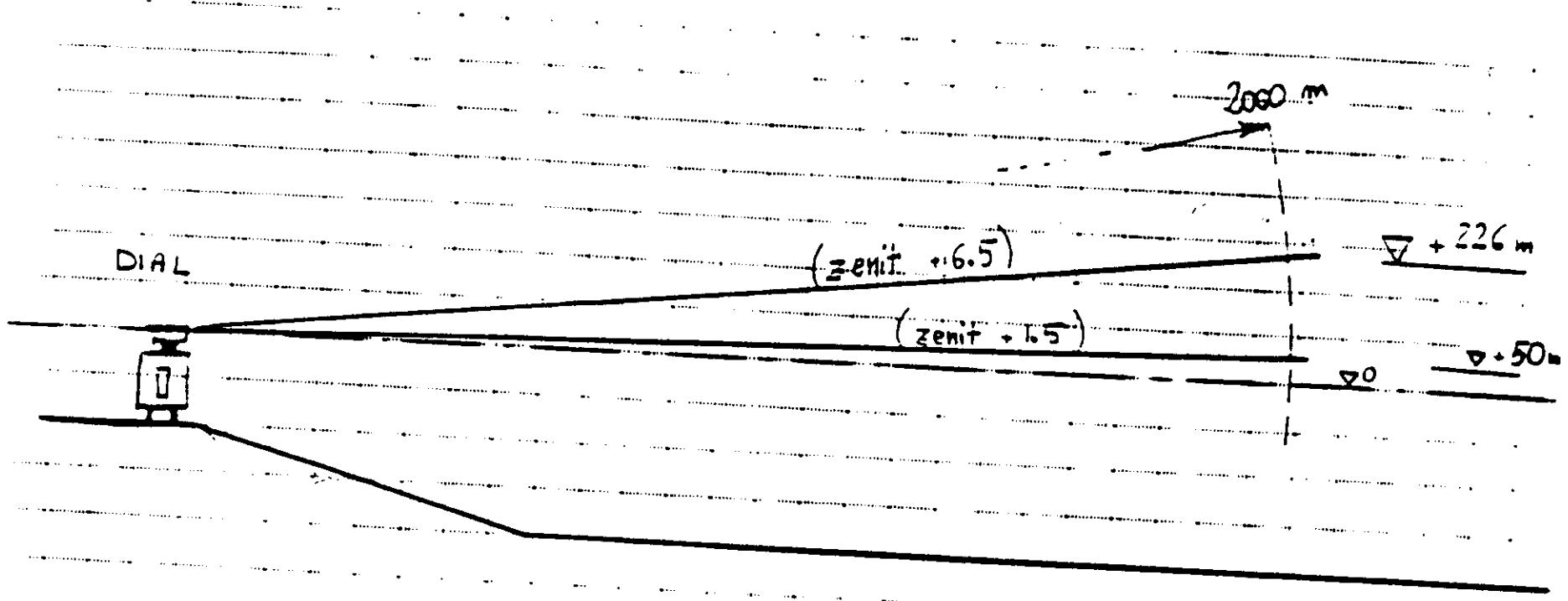
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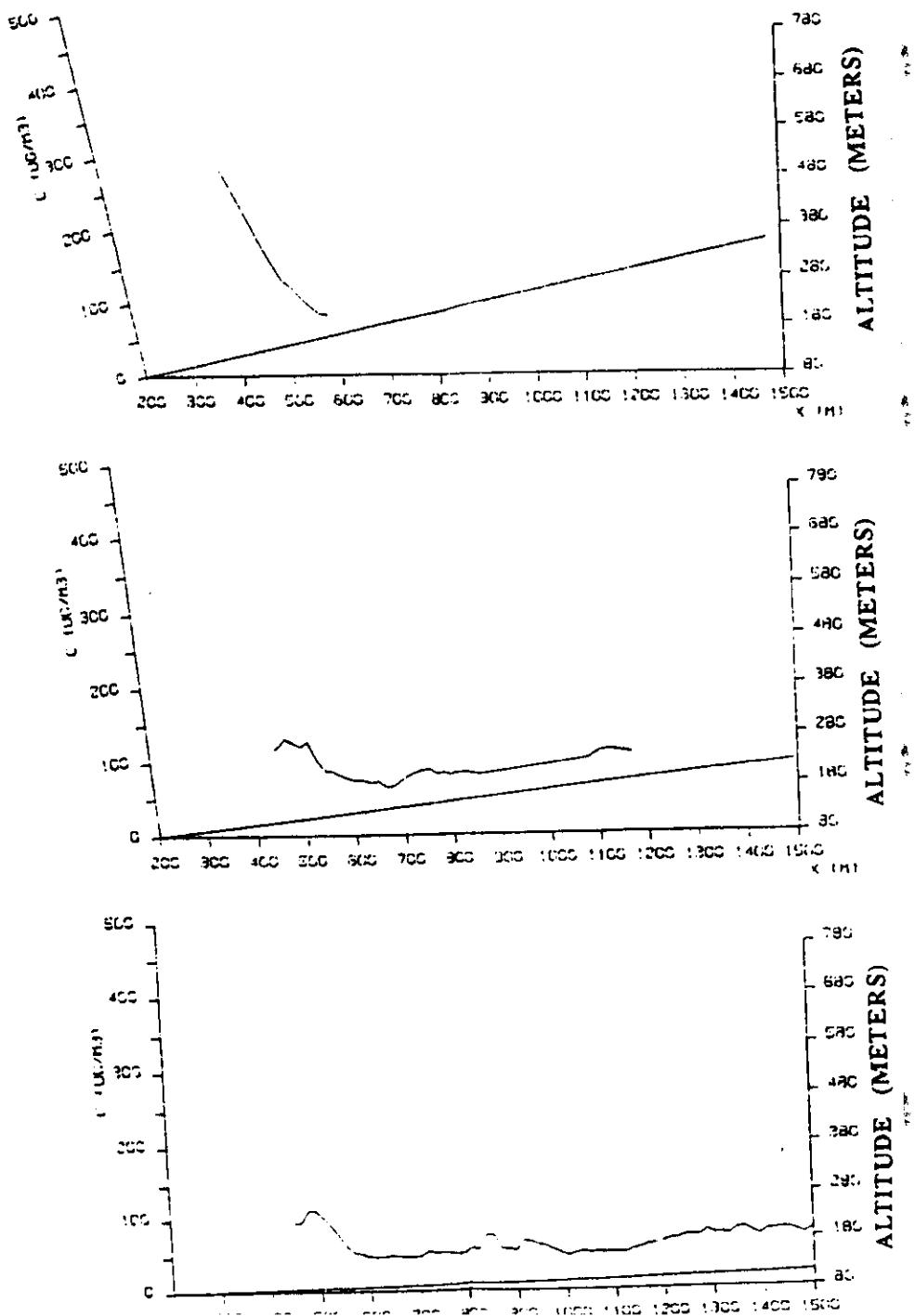
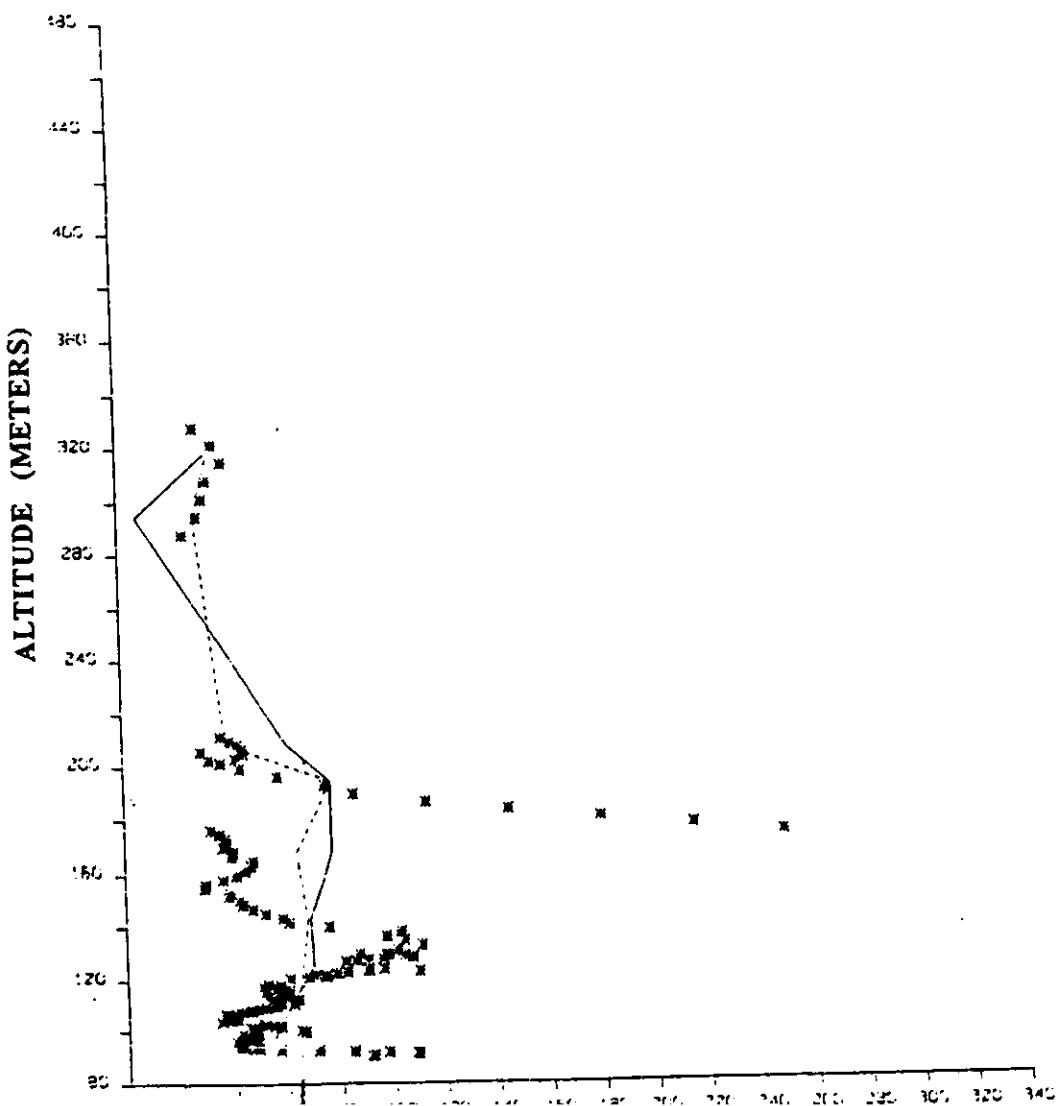
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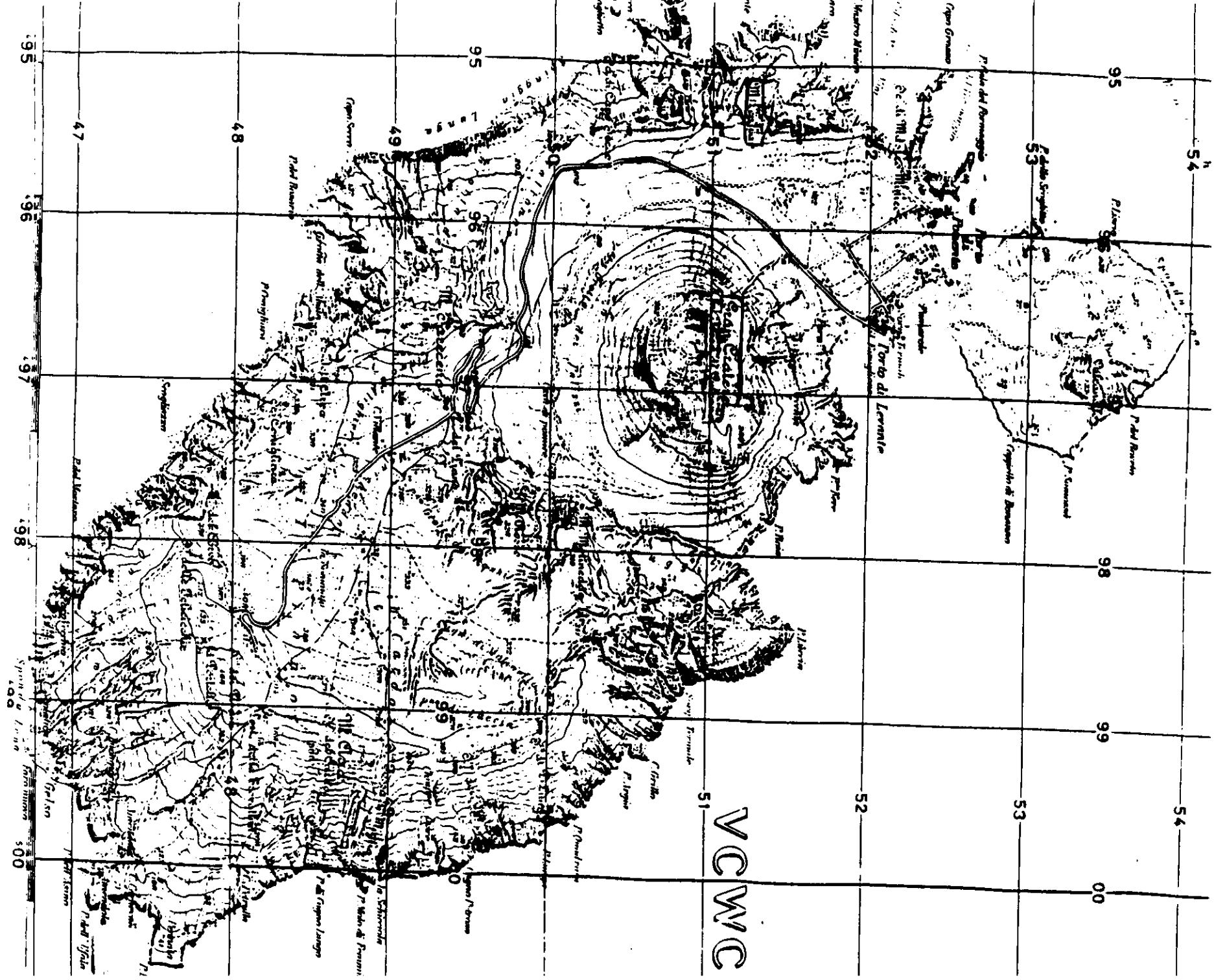
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Rome (Gianicolo Hill)  
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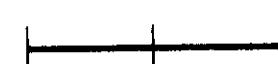
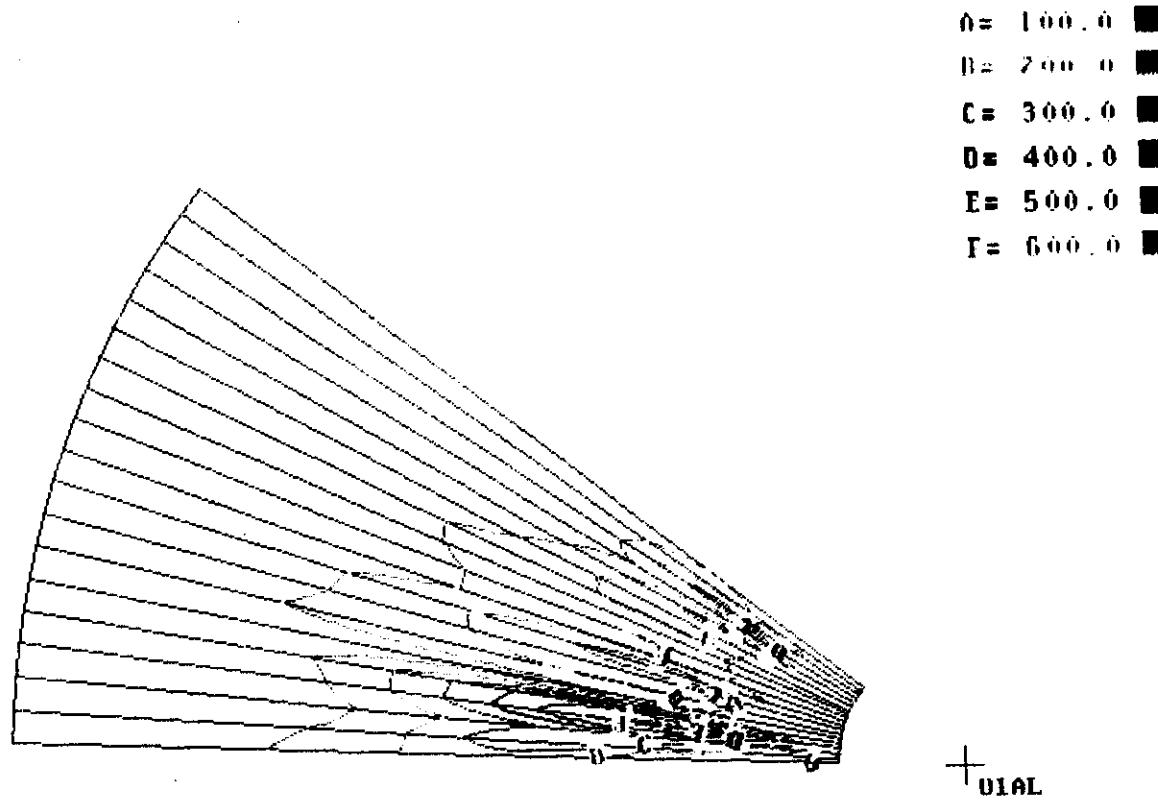
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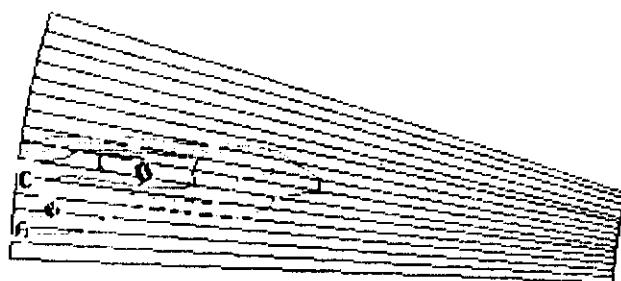


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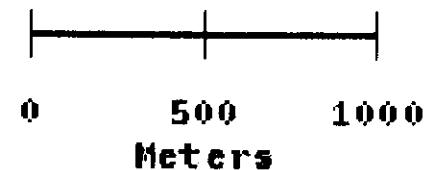
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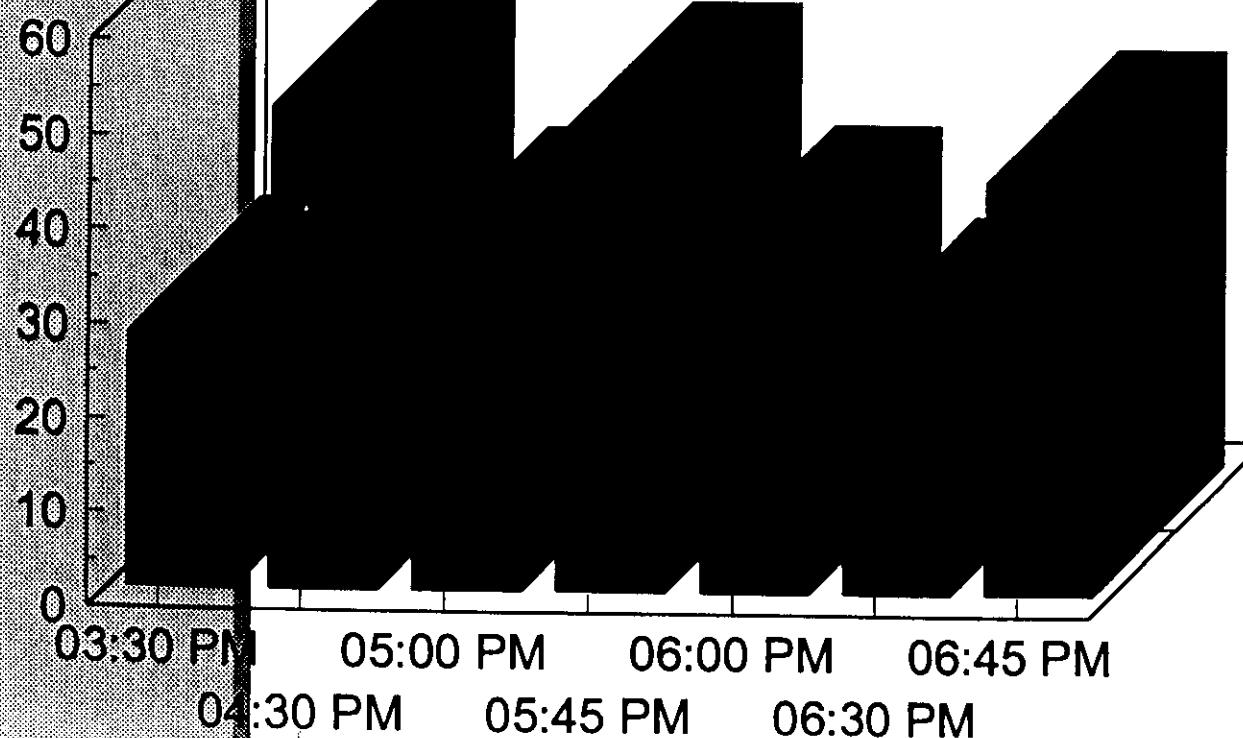


# Vulcano-DIAL Campaign 1989

## Measurements of Sulphur Dioxide Fluxes

SO<sub>2</sub> FLUX

■ SO<sub>2</sub> FLUX (TONS PER DAY)



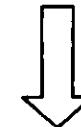
# DOPPLER WIND LIDAR

## System specifications

- maximum range: 20 km
- wind velocity resolution (radial velocity): 1 m/s
- range resolution 300 m

ANALYSIS OF THE OILS PRESENT ON THE SEA SURFACE

ANALYSIS OF THE WATER COLUMN



SPECTRAL ANALYSIS + TEMPORAL ANALYSIS

## Transmitter

- Laser type: pulsed TEA CO<sub>2</sub> laser
- pulse energy: 2 J
- pulse duration: 3  $\mu$ s
- repetition rate: 10 Hz
- bandwidth: 300 kHz

## Receiver

- telescope aperture: 30 cm
- detector: cooled HgCdTe
- detection type: Heterodyne
- wind evaluation: by frequency analysis of Doppler shifted return signal

