The Scintec SLS20 Scintillometer measures turbulence, heat flux and momentum flux by purely optical means. In combination with other meteorological sensors the system can determine latent heat flux or evaporation.

Each SLS Series Scintillometer consists of a laser transmitter pointing at a receiver. Temperature fluctuations in the air cause variations of the light intensity captured at the receiver. The scintillometer evaluates such variations to yield turbulence information.

The line averaging over the optical path results in spatially representative data and outstanding temporal resolution – a critical edge over data collected from conventional point sensors. The scintillometer provides high sensitivity and accuracy – without mechanical flow distortion or any moving part.

The proprietary displaced-beam technique of the SLS Series Scintillometers opens up access to mechanical turbulence quantities (momentum flux, kinetic-energy dissipation rate) without need to feed in any external wind data.

Features

- heat flux, momentum flux by purely optical means
- suitable for stable and unstable conditions
- measures $C_n^2$, $C_T^2$, $\ell_0$
- crosswind option available
- spatially averaging technique
- high temporal resolution
- low statistical noise
- no flow distortion
- easy installation and operation
- Signal Processing Unit performs all calculations
- 6 GB built-in data storage
- remote access
- beam-displacement calibration
- window heating

Applications

- turbulence studies
- air quality and atmospheric dispersion
- spatially-averaged wind measurements
- optical propagation conditions
- defence weather
- surface energy balance
- evapotranspiration monitoring
- agrometeorology, forestry
- satellite data ground truth
## Data output

Data output includes (but is not limited to):
- Dissipation rate of turbulent kinetic energy
- Sensible heat flux
- Momentum flux
- Obukhov length
- Path-averaged wind speed perpendicular to the beam axis (with crosswind extension)
- Mean, standard deviation, minimum and maximum of intensity
- Correlation coefficient of intensity
- Data quality code

### Description

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<td>670 nm ± 10 nm</td>
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<td>3.5 x 10 mrad</td>
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### Measurement ranges

| Structure constant $C_n^2$          | from $1 \times 10^{-16}$ to $3 \times 10^{-12}$ m$^{-2/3}$ | Depends on path length                        |
| Inner scale $l_0$                   | 2 m to 16 mm                                        | Depends on path length                        |
| Structure constant $C_T^2$          | $1 \times 10^{-4}$ to $3$ K$^2$m$^{-2/3}$ m$^{-2/3}$ | Depends on path length                        |
| Kinetic-energy dissipation rate $\varepsilon$ | $2 \times 10^{-4}$ to 1 m$^3$s$^{-1}$ | Depends on path length                        |
| Sensible heat flux                  | 2 W m$^{-2}$ to 600 W m$^{-2}$                      | Depends on path length and height, Obukhov length |
| Momentum flux                       | $-4 \times 10^{-3}$ to $-1.2$ N m$^{-2}$            | Depends on path length and height, Obukhov length |
| Wind speed                          | 0.01 m s$^{-1}$ to 10 m s$^{-1}$                    | With Crosswind Extension                      |

1) Typical values for path 100 m long and 2 m high; 2) Values for normal temperature and pressure

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