

# Infrared remote sensing of atmospheres of Earth-like planets

## Feasibility of Atmospheric Retrievals

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# What is this presentation about

Overview on what I've been working over the last seven weeks and which methods have been used to obtain information on following questions:

- what kind of *spectral signatures* can we expect from *potentially habitable terrestrial planets*, particular from *their atmospheres*
- what influence do changes in different atmospheric constituents (e.g. CO<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O, temperature) have on radiation transfer (RT) (*J-functions (jacobians)*)
- are the columns (atm. parameter e.g. CO<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O, temperature) of the *J-matrices statically related* to each other, and if in what manner
- what are the *singular values*  $\sum$  of the J-functions and how do the *condition numbers*  $\chi$  behave when omitting a column
- how does the *ILS* affect the values of  $\sum_{[i]}$  and  $\chi_{[i]}$

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# Lbl-RT-calculations in the IR-region

To *simulate high resolution spectra* of earthlike exoplanet atmospheres, a fundamental knowledge of RT in atmospheres is required; all known *interactions* between radiation and atmospheric constituents as well as effects caused by *pressure-* and *temperature-broadening* have to be taken under account; so the main *input-parameters* which have to be defined for each calculation in each level\* are

- Pressure\*
- Temperature\*
- Molecule-density\*
- Molecule absorption-cross-sections<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>e.g. HITRAN 2004, GEISA 2003 - databases for lineparameters of 39 molec.

This is the *basic equation* on calculating the RT in the IR-region of the spectrum

$$I_{\nu}(s) = I_0 * e^{-\mu_{\nu}(s_0,s)} + \int_{s_0}^s ds' B(\nu, T(s')) e^{-\mu_{\nu}(s',s)} k(\nu; s') n(s') \quad (1)$$

where  $\mu$  is defined as the absorption cross section

$$\mu_{i,s}(\nu) = \int_{s_0}^s ds' k_i(\nu) n_i(s) \quad (2)$$

# Defining the Garlic input files

Output of eq.: 1 is among others dependent of the input atmospheric conditions and profiles;

so initially I used I established a *well defined vertical profile* of the following atmospheric constituents for the input-files

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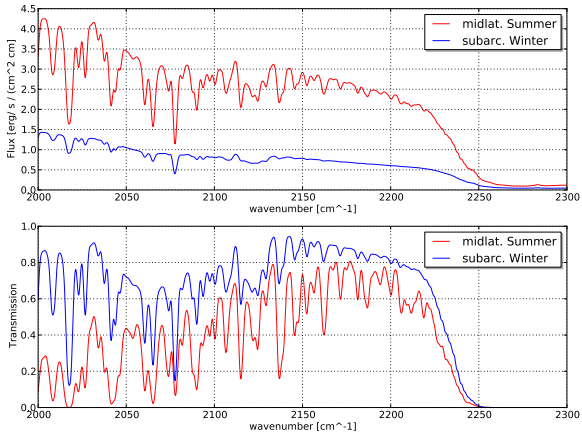
readout from standard  
atmospheric file

- CO<sub>2</sub>
- H<sub>2</sub>O
- O<sub>3</sub>
- Pressure
- temperature

# Outputs of Garlic RT-calculations for [AFGL]

Magnitude of influence on radiation by different states of the *earth atmosphere* with standard atmospheric input [AFGL - atmospheric reference model] at wavenumbers from 2000 - 2300 [ $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ];

Midlatitude Summer (AFGL); zMax[km]=50; zObs[km]=100; CO2=110%; intpol=L3





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# Temperature profiles of exoplanet atmospheres

- calculated standard-atmospheres of exoplanets orbiting different stars;
- my calculations are based on the *G-Star* and *M-Star* due to their controversial lapse rates above  $10^2$  [mb]
- the points connected by the straight lines define the *coarse (NZ=3) vertical temperature profile* as given to the input-file

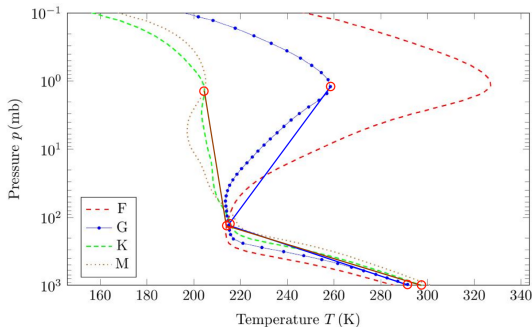


Abbildung: Temperature profiles of exoplanet atmospheres [3]

for the analysis of the exoplanet-atmospheres I established a *well defined vertical profile* of the following atmospheric constituents, but a *coarse vertical temperature-profile*:

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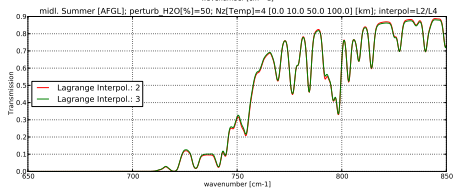
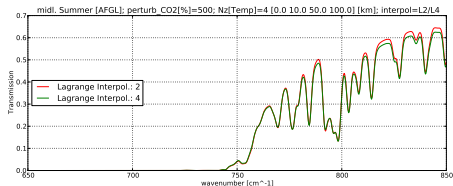
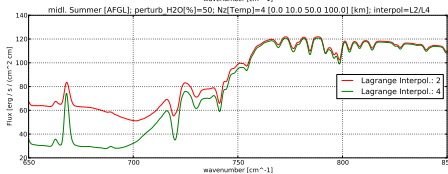
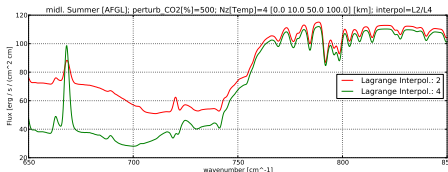
- CO<sub>2</sub>
- H<sub>2</sub>O
- O<sub>3</sub>
- Pressure

readout from coarse defined atmospheric file

- Temperature [*Surface*]
- Temperature [*Tropopause*]
- Temperature [*Stratopause*]

# Outputs of Garlic for coarse temperature-profile

Differences in flux and transmission caused by the selected *interpolation method* for a *coarse vertical temperature profile*



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# Determining the Jacobians

## Definition

Partial derivative of all columns of the flux-matrix  $\mathbf{y} = (\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{x}_i)$ , whereat  $\mathbf{x}_i$  is the atm. parameter  $i$  and  $\mathbf{n}$  the number of wavelength values on which the flux/transmission was determined:

$$J_j(x_i) = \frac{\partial y_j}{\partial x_i} \quad (3)$$

this was the analytical formula, so I used the numerical expression to calculate the Jacobian  $J_j$  for each derivative  $i$

$$J_i(x) = \frac{y(x + \delta x_i) - y(x)}{\delta x_i} \quad (4)$$

at which  $\delta x_i$  is the **perturbation**.

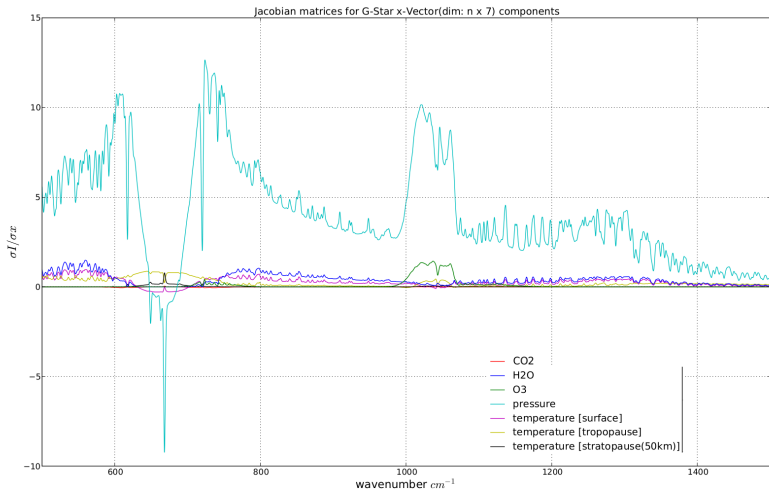
# Chosen parameters for the Jacobians

The plot on the next slide will show the jacobians for a G- and M-Star and the following parameters of  $\mathbf{x}$ :

variable $\delta x_i$	addition	multiplication	remark
$\delta \text{CO}_2$	+10	-	add 10 units to the initial values across the whole vertical $\text{CO}_2$ profile (standard-profile) - i.e. creating an offset
$\delta \text{H}_2\text{O}$	-	1.1	multiply the initial profile values by a factor of 1.1 across the whole vertical $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ profile (standard-profile)
$\delta \text{O}_3$	-	1.1	same as for $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (standard-profile)
$\delta T[\text{surface}]$	+10	-	add 10 units [K] to the initial value on the surface-level on the coarse profile
$\delta T[\text{tropopause}]$	+10	-	add 10 units [K] to the initial value at the tropopause level (ca. $10^2[\text{hPa}/\text{mb}]$ respectively 15 [km]) on the coarse profile
$\delta T[\text{stratopause}]$	+10	-	add 10 units [K] to the initial value at the stratopause level (ca. $10^1[\text{hPa}/\text{mb}]$ respectively 50 [km]) on the coarse profile
$\delta \text{pressure [p]}$	-	2.0	double the initial profile values across the whole vertical profile (standard-profile)

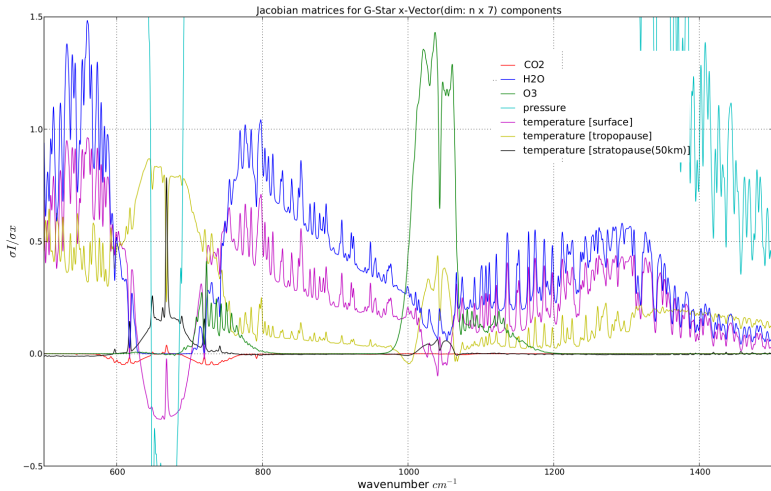
$$J(\mathbf{x}) = \left( \frac{\sigma I(\mathbf{x})}{\sigma \text{CO}_2}; \frac{\sigma I(\mathbf{x})}{\sigma \text{H}_2\text{O}}; \frac{\sigma I(\mathbf{x})}{\sigma \text{O}_3}; \frac{\sigma I(\mathbf{x})}{\sigma T_{[\text{surf}]}}; \frac{\sigma I(\mathbf{x})}{\sigma T_{[\text{tropop}]}}; \frac{\sigma I(\mathbf{x})}{\sigma T_{[\text{stratop}]}}; \frac{\sigma I(\mathbf{x})}{\sigma p} \right)$$

# Jacobians for G-Star-Planet atmosphere



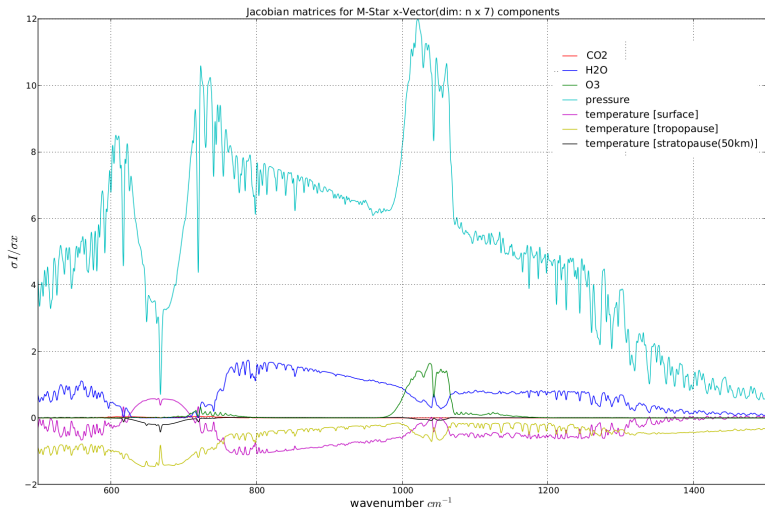


# Jacobians for G-Star-Planet atmosphere

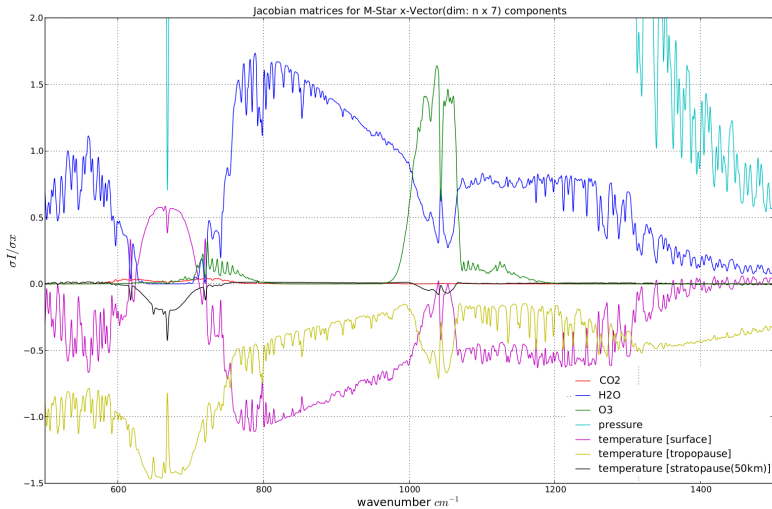


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The covarianz and correlation coefficient were used to describes the statistical properties of the calculated jacobianmatrices

## Definition

The covarianz is defined as followed:

$$\text{Cov}_{[i,k]} = [J(x_i)^T J(x_k)]^{-1}$$

Covariance describes:

- how much two random variables change together (positive or negative)
- the signum indicates the linear relationship between two variables

## Definition

The correlation coefficient is defined as followed:

$$\text{Corr}_{[i,k]} = \frac{\text{Cov}_{[i,k]}}{\sqrt{\text{Cov}_{[i,i]} \text{Cov}_{[k,k]}}}$$

Correlation coefficient describes:

- positive or negative **linear** relationship between the two variables
- is defined between  $-1 \leq \text{Corr}_{[i,k]} \leq 1$
- values of zero indicate no linear (but perhaps square) relationships

# Correlationmatrix for G- and M-Star-Planet atmosphere

Correlationmatrix for atm. parameters of G-Star-Planet							
Relate	CO2	T <sub>surface</sub>	T <sub>tropopause</sub>	T <sub>stratopause</sub>	H2O	O3	p
CO2	1.0000e+00	-1.54e-01	-4.32e-01	2.88e-02	1.04e-01	1.64e-02	-6.34e-01
T <sub>surface</sub>	-	1.0000e+00	-1.46e-01	-5.06e-01	9.16e-01	-2.27e-01	5.58e-01
T <sub>tropopause</sub>	-	-	1.0000e+00	5.39e-01	-1.33e-01	-1.43e-02	1.20e-01
T <sub>stratopause</sub>	-	-	-	1.0000e+00	-3.96e-01	8.93e-02	-3.00e-01
H2O	-	-	-	-	1.0000e+00	-2.39e-01	4.06e-01
O3	-	-	-	-	-	1.0000e+00	4.41e-01
pressure	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0000e+00

The table shows the correlation coefficient K for each combination of columns of the jacobian;

Correlationmatrix for atm. parameters of M-Star-Planets							
Relate	CO2	T <sub>surface</sub>	T <sub>tropopause</sub>	T <sub>stratopause</sub>	H2O	O3	p
CO2	1.0000e+00	3.71e-01	-7.17e-01	-4.34e-01	-3.49e-01	-6.23e-02	3.14e-01
T <sub>surface</sub>	-	1.0000e+00	-6.09e-01	-6.85e-01	-9.50e-01	8.01e-02	-4.58e-01
T <sub>tropopause</sub>	-	-	1.0000e+00	6.55e-01	4.55e-01	5.48e-02	-5.10e-02
T <sub>stratopause</sub>	-	-	-	1.0000e+00	5.03e-01	-1.43e-01	4.71e-02
H2O	-	-	-	-	1.0000e+00	-8.9930e-02	4.92e-01
O3	-	-	-	-	-	1.0000e+00	5.73e-01
pressure	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0000e+00

green cells indicate  $\|K\| \geq 0.5$ ;

G-planet ; M-planet

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# Singular Values Decomposition

## Definition

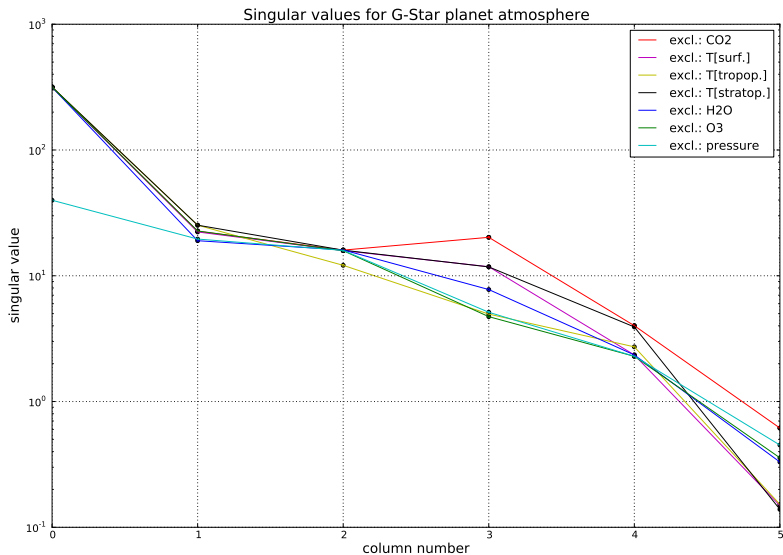
The **SVD** of an  $(m \times n)$  matrix  $J$  is a factorization of the form

$$J = U \Sigma V^*$$

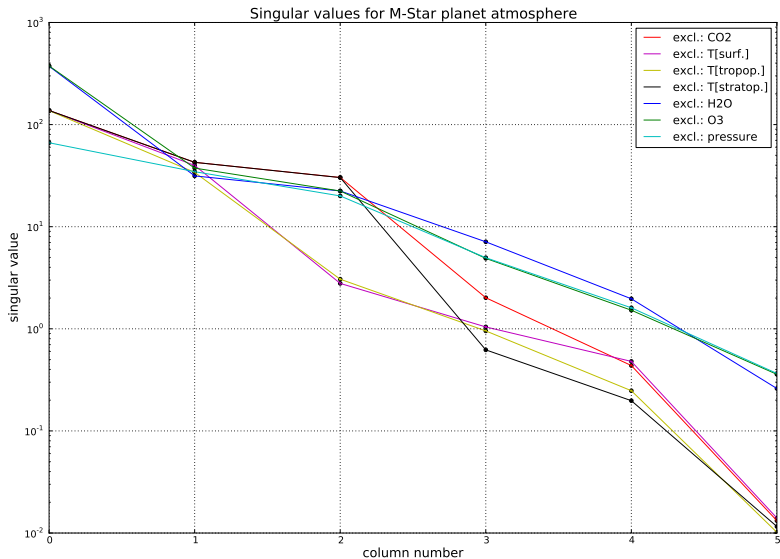
The diagonal entries  $\Sigma_{[i,i]}$  of  $\Sigma$  are known as the **singular values** of  $J$

$$\Sigma = \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} \sigma_1 & & & \vdots & & \\ & \ddots & & \dots & 0 & \dots \\ & & \sigma_n & \vdots & & \\ \hline & \vdots & & \vdots & & \\ \dots & 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 & \dots \\ & \vdots & & \vdots & & \end{array} \right)$$

# Singular Values $\sum_i$ of Jacobian subsets for G-Star-Planet



# Singular Values $\sum_i$ of the Jacobian subsets for M-Star-Planet



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## Definition

The **condition number**  $\chi$  measures the worst case of how much the function  $\mathbf{b}$  can change in proportion to small changes in the argument  $\mathbf{x}$

$$\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{x} + \delta\mathbf{x}) = \delta_{max} \mathbf{b} \quad |\delta\mathbf{x} \rightarrow 0$$

and is defined as

$$\chi = \frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_n}$$

where  $\sigma$  was the singular value of  $\mathbf{J}$

- a problem/(matrix) with low/high condition number is said to be well/ill-conditioned
- the identity matrix i.e. has a  $\chi$  of one

*$\sigma$  is the singular value - ref.:* SVD

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# Condition numbers $\chi_i$

Condition Numbers  $\chi$  for  $J(x)$

exclude column	-	$\sigma_{CO_2}$	$\sigma_{T_{surface}}$	$\sigma_{T_{tropopause}}$	$\sigma_{T_{stratopause}}$	$\sigma_{H_2O}$	$\sigma_{O_3}$	$\sigma_p$
G-Star-Planet	2.305e+03	1.394e+02	2.123e+03	2.076e+03	2.280e+03	9.550e+02	8.868e+02	8.840e+01
M-Star-Planet	5.204e+03	6.145e+02	4.887e+03	4.931e+03	4.790e+03	1.432e+03	1.047e+03	1.817e+02

- the  $\chi$ 's for both types of planets are quite different, though there are common variations per parameter
- pressure and  $CO_2$  have the largest effect on the  $\chi$  of the jacobian
- the relatively large difference in the values of the columns (G-/M-star) could be caused due to different resolutions between the G- and M-Star-Planets input atmospheric data file

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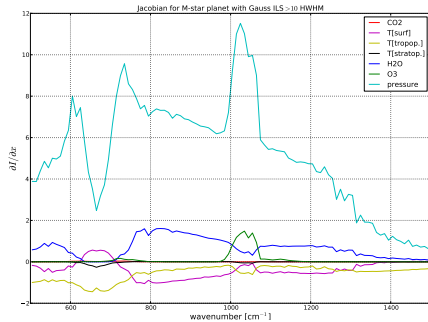
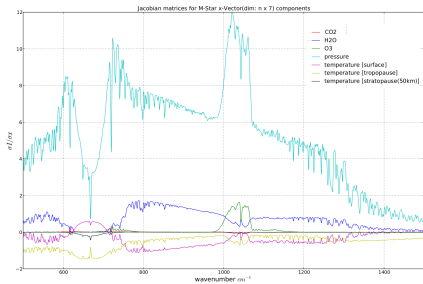
# Comparing values at a different ILS (resolution)

- Finally comparing the *jacobians* and  $\chi$  for an  $ILS^2 > 10^1$  *HWHM*
- This has been achieved by *combining 40 consecutive flux values* of the M-Star-planets output within the wavenumber-intervall  $l$  from 500-1500 [ $cm^{-1}$ ] and *recalculate* the flux and further the jacobians and  $\chi_i$  for all parameters and subsets as an *arithmetic mean* within the new dimension (length) of  $l$

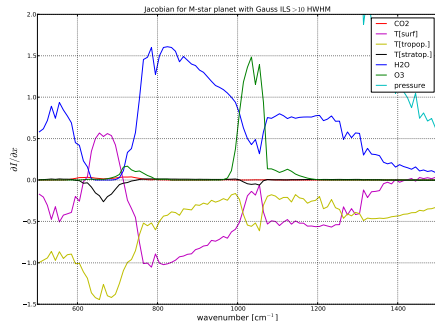
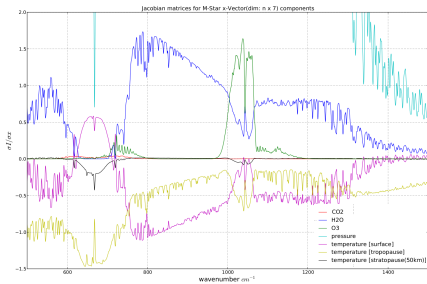
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<sup>2</sup>instrument line shape

# M-Star values at a different ILS



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Condition Numbers  $\chi$  for  $J(x)$  for M-Star-planet

excl. column	-	$\sigma_{CO2}$	$\sigma_{T_{surface}}$	$\sigma_{T_{tropopause}}$	$\sigma_{T_{stratopause}}$	$\sigma_{H2O}$	$\sigma_{O3}$	$\sigma_p$
$ILS = 1.0 [Gau\beta]$	5.204e+03	6.15e+02	4.887e+03	4.931e+03	4.790e+03	1.432e+03	1.047e+03	1.82e+02
$ILS > 10^1 [Gau\beta]$	2.162e+03	3.06e+02	2.123e+03	2.153e+03	2.082e+03	1.550e+03	1.134e+03	2.01e+02

- the interpolation method has a significant effect on the outputs, particular when using a coarse vertical grid
- jacobians of G- and M-star planets show some common variations though there are some significant differences
- the singular values tend to be lower with the M-star planets calculations
- condition numbers of the M-star planet are higher
- the jacobian of pressure and CO<sub>2</sub> show significant effect on the condition number (by omitting these values matrix becomes much better conditioned)
- the ILS improves the condition number of the overall jacobian (see the definition of  $\chi$ ), but shows diverse trends omitting a parameter



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