

# Py4CATS

## PYthon for Computational ATmospheric Spectroscopy

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# Outline

- 1 Introduction
- 2 Theory and Code Overview
- 3 IPython Demo
- 4 Implementation

# Why? — Motivation & History

## Why radiative transfer?

- Sensitivity studies: detectability of molecules, etc.
- Forward model for atmospheric inverse problems

## Why line-by-line (lbl)?

- Modeling and analysis of high resolution spectra
- “Training set” and benchmark for fast models

## Why a new lbl code?

- Early 1990s: not “happy” with FASCODE
  - Maybe GenLn2 or RFM or ... ???  
ARTS not yet alive
- ⇒ MIRART / SQuIRRI (Fortran 77) → GARLIC

# Why? — Motivation & History

## Why Python?

- “Discovered” mid 1990s
- Rapid prototyping
- “Computational steering”  
number crunching in Fortran (or . . . ), rest in Python

## Why a second lbl code?

- Most (?) lbl models kind of “black-box”
- Difficult to see intermediate quantities
- Wrappers (pyfort, f2py) not that easy

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# Infrared Radiative Transfer in the Atmosphere

- Radiative transfer equation

$$\frac{dI(\nu, s)}{k(\nu, s) n(s) ds} = -I(\nu, s) + B(\nu, s)$$

- Schwarzschild — Monochromatic Intensity / Radiance

$$I(\nu, s) = I(\nu, s_0) e^{-\tau(\nu; s_0, s)} + \int_0^\tau d\tau' B(\nu, T(\tau')) e^{-\tau'}$$

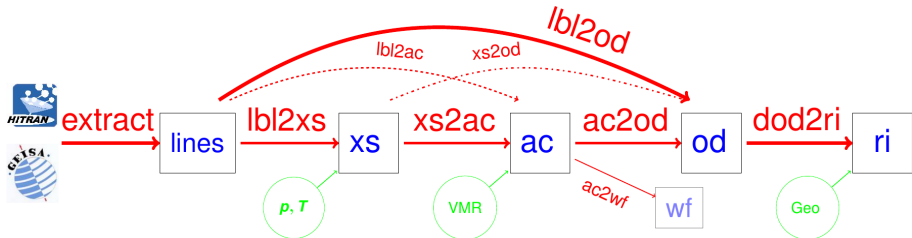
- Beer: Transmission  $\mathcal{T}$  and optical depth  $\tau$

$$\mathcal{T}(\nu) = e^{-\tau} = \exp(-k(\nu) n s)$$

... in an inhomogeneous atmosphere with some molecules ...

$$\tau(\nu) = \int_{\text{path}} ds \sum_m \sum_l S_l(T(s)) g_L(\nu; \hat{\nu}_l, \gamma_l^L(p(s), T(s))) \otimes g_G(\nu; \hat{\nu}_l, \gamma_l^G(T(s))) n_m(s)$$

- (Numeric and Scientific) *Python* version of Fortran 2008  
“Generic Atmospheric Radiation Lbl Ir Code” GARLIC 📺
- Series of scripts/functions for IR &  $\mu$ Wave radiative transfer



- *Old*: scripts to execute from Unix/Linux (or Windows) shell
- *New*: functions accessible within (I)Python shell

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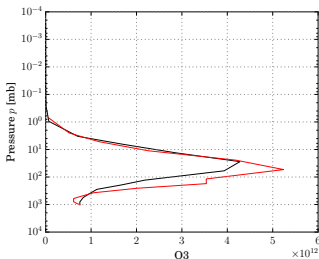
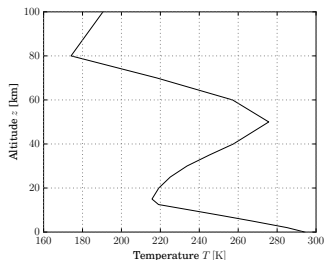
# Atmospheric Data

Python 2.7.3 (default, Apr 14 2012, 08:58:41) [GCC]  
IPython 2.0.0 -- An enhanced Interactive Python.

```
In[1]: # read mid latitude atmospheres and return 2 "structured arrays"  
...: mls = atmos1D('/data/atmos/20/mls.xy')  
...: mlw = atmos1D('/data/atmos/20/mlw.xy', zToA=50)
```

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Atmos1d: got p, T, air and 7 gases at 20 levels  
Atmos1d: got p, T, air and 7 gases at 16 levels
```

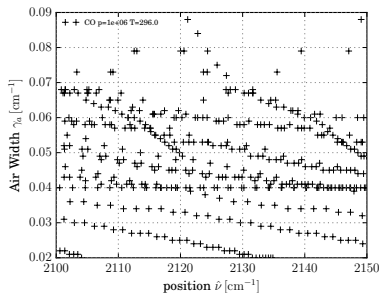
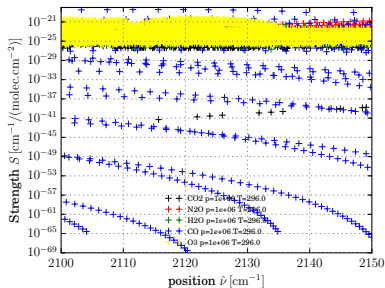
```
In [2]: atmPlot(mls); atmPlot([mls,mlw], 'O3', 'mb')
```



# Spectroscopic Data

```
In [3]: # IASI microwindow for CO: HITran-GeiSa-exTRACT
...: dictLineLists = higstract('/data/geisa/97/lines',
                               (2100,2150), molecule='main')
9771 lines of 5 molecule(s), returning a dictionary
```

```
In [4]: atlas(dictLineLists) # plot lines (default S)
...: atlas(dictLineLists['CO'],'a') # air broadening
```



a line list is also a "Structured Array"

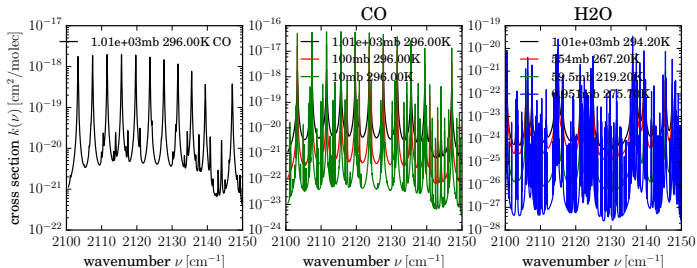
# Molecular Absorption Cross Sections

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In [5]: # CO cross section at database pressure and temperature
...: xs = lbl2xs(dictLineLists['CO'])

...: # a list of cross sections for three pressures
...: xss = lbl2xs(dictLineLists['CO'], [1013,100,10,'mb'])

...: # a dictionary of x-section lists (for all p, T, gases)
...: xssDict = lbl2xs(dictLineLists, mls['p'], mls['T'])

...: # ... and some plots (not all are shown here)
...: xsPlot(xs); xsPlot(xss); xsPlot(xssDict)
```



# Absorption Coefficients and Optical Depths

In [6]: # proceed step-by-step

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...: acList = xs2ac(mls, xssDict) # absorption coefficients
```

```
...: dodList = ac2dod(acList) # delta optical depths
```

In [7]: # alternatively bypass intermediate quantities, e.g.

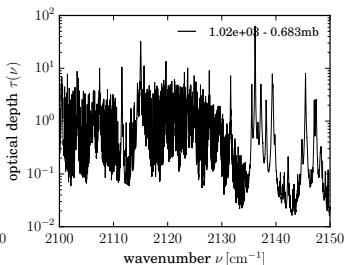
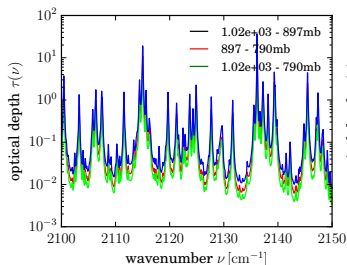
```
...: dodList = lbl2dod(mls, dictLineLists) # delta opt.depths
```

In [8]: # sum/combine optical depths and plot

```
...: odPlot([dodList[0], dodList[1]]) # the bottom layers,
```

```
...: odPlot(dodList[0]+dodList[1]) # ... their sum,
```

```
...: odPlot(dod2tod(dodList)) # and total opt.depth
```



# Radiance / Intensity

```
In [8]: # radiation intensity seen by uplooking observer
...: vGrid, radUp = dod2ri(dodList)

...: # and downlooking observer at ToA
...: # (incl. surface @ 294K)
...: vGrid, radNadir = dod2ri(dodList, 180, 294.2)
```

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# Py4CATS — Implementation

- Sub-classed numpy arrays `xsArray`, `acArray`, `odArray`, ... for cross sections, absorption coefficients, optical depths, ... to store “spectra” along with attributes (e.g. `xs.p` and `xs.t`)
- cgs units used internally
- Numerics:
  - ▶ Complex error function: Humlicek82 Weideman94 combination
  - ▶ Multigrid line-by-line (fine grid near line center only)
  - ▶ Schwarzschild integral:  $B$  linear or exponential in  $\tau$
- Limitations:
  - ▶ Plots for quicklook only, not “publication-ready”
  - ▶ Plane-parallel atmosphere, no scattering, continua, ...
  - ▶ No “package” yet, no distutils etc. (coming soon)

- Option parser module `command_parser.py`
  - ▶ `argparse` only available “recently”
  - ▶ no support for range of (real) numbers
- advanced extended input output utilities `aeiou.py`
  - ▶ function `awrite(array, file=None, ...)`
    - alternative to `numpy`’s `savetxt`
    - array can be a list of arrays, no file required
  - ▶ support for structured array input, manipulation
- Module `pairTypes.py`  
Example: `xLimits = Interval(10.,20.)`



# Summary and Outlook

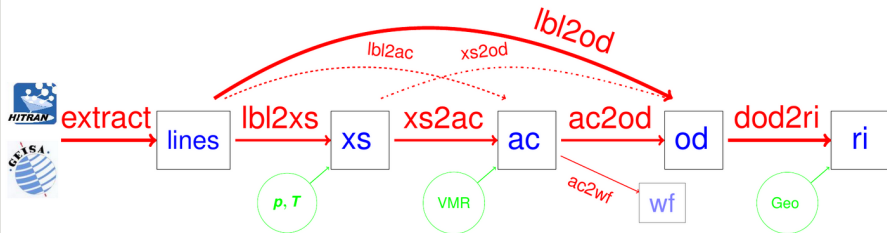
Py4CA<sub>T</sub>S modules / scripts / functions for Hitran / Geisa to optical depths and radiance via cross sections and absorption coefficients

## ToDo's

- Packaging with distutils
- Subclassed radiance array `riArray`
- Consolidate the various subclassed numpy arrays
- Python 3
  
- Spectral response and convolution
- Exploit astropy for unit conversions
- “Simple” scattering solvers?❓?

<http://atmos.eoc.dlr.de/tools/Py4CA<sub>T</sub>S/>

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## Main Scripts/Functions: From Hitran/Geisa to Cross Sections to Optical Depths

- [extract](#)  
extract (select) lines of a certain molecule (and isotope) and/or wavenumber range from line parameter database
- [lbl2xs](#)  
line-by-line (lbl) cross sections for some molecule(s) and some  $p, T$
- [lbl2od](#)  
computation of line-by-line optical depth due to molecular absorption (combines `lbl2xs`, `xs2ac`, `ac2od`)

## Installation: Getting started with Py4CATS

Download a [tarball](#) of Python sources, some data files, and the documentation and unpack it at some convenient place:  

```
tar xfvz py4cats-lite.tgz
```

 The top-level directory `py4cats-lite` includes a `README` file with basic instructions, and four subdirectories `bin`, `data`, `doc`, and `src`.  
 Prerequisites: [Python](#) (version 2.6 or 2.7) and [numpy](#) ([scipy](#) sometimes and [matplotlib](#) for plotting)  
 And you need some line data ([HITRAN](#) and/or [GEISA](#)). For the beginning, here is a thermal infrared [excerpt](#) of [Hitran 86](#).

## Usage

Py4CATS can be used in two ways, from the Unix/Linux (or Windows/Mac?) console/terminal or (much better, more flexible, .... See the [demo](#) or the [poster](#) for the ASA-HITRAN 2016 congress) inside the [Python](#) interpreter.