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# Stratospheric Temperature and Ozone Sounding with ENVISAT/GOMOS Stellar Occultation

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#### ENVISAT/GOMOS Stellar Occultation Sensor







#### the ENVISAT mission

- Launch with Ariane 5 on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2002, 1:07:59 UT
- Mission duration > 5 years
- Sun-synchronous orbit: inclination 98 deg, ~800 km altitude
- Ten instruments on-board: ASAR, GOMOS, LRR, MIPAS, MERIS, MWR, RA-2, AATSR, DORIS, SCIAMACHY
- Simultaneous monitoring of land, oceans, ice fields and the atmosphere



#### **ENVISAT/GOMOS Stellar Occultation Sensor**





#### the ENVISAT satellite





#### the GOMOS sensor concept

- Atmospheric profiles by stellar occultation method (~15 90 km)
- Two Spectrometers
  - A: 248 371 nm (UV), 387 693 nm (VIS)
  - B: 750 776 nm (IR1), 915 956 nm (IR2)
- Two broad-band Photometers with 1 kHz sampling rate
  466 528 nm, 644 705 nm
- Self-calibrated transmission data (normalized intensities)
- Profiles of O<sub>3</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>3</sub>, BrO, OCIO, O<sub>2</sub>, water vapor, air density, temperature and turbulence





#### the star tracking unit

- SFM (steering front mechanism) acquires the star image
  - angular range: ±26°
  - maintains the position and rotates the mirror

• SFA (steering front assembly) with 5 Hz sampling

- azimuth angle: -11° to 91°
- elevation angle: 61.7° To 69°
- SATU (star acquisition and tracking unit) with 100Hz sampling
  - nominal and redundant star tracker
  - image of the observed star at focal length of 630 nm
  - SATU errors are between  $\sim \pm 10 \mu$ rad in both directions



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#### Forward Modeling and Retrieval





#### the forward model

• Observed-Transmission model basic formula (no defocusing):

$$T_{obs} = \int_{\Delta t} \int_{\Delta \mathcal{G} \Delta \lambda} T_{\nu}(\lambda, \mathcal{G}, t) W(\lambda, \mathcal{G}, t) d\lambda d\mathcal{G} dt$$

Modeled atmospheric transmission given by Beer-Bouguer-Lambert law

$$T_{\nu}(t) = \frac{I_{\nu}(t)}{I_{\nu}(0)} = \exp\left[-\sum_{x_{S}(t)}^{x_{G}(t)} \sum_{i} n_{i}(s')\sigma_{i\nu}(s')ds'\right]$$

- no finite field of view integration needed, no aerosol extinction used
- CIRA-86 or MSIS-90 models used for bulk atmosphere and standard profiles for trace species O<sub>3</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, and NO<sub>3</sub>





#### the forward model

- Absorption cross sections for O<sub>3</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, and NO<sub>3</sub>
- Scattering cross section (Rayleigh scattering)
- realistic refractive path by fast 3D raytracing
- realistic geometry used and Earth's shape approximated by WGS-84
- channel selection (260, 280, 290, 295, 305, 310, 320, 328, 330, 600, 610 nm)
  - O<sub>3</sub> Hartley band (~200 300 nm)
  - slight temperature dependencies and NO<sub>2</sub> sensitivity
- standard GOMOS 2Hz sampling of transmission data  $\rightarrow$  1.5 km spacing





#### connecting the forward and the retrieval model

• the forward model reads

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{x}) + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$$

• y, x... measurement and state vector

- K... forward model operator, Jacobian matrix (m×n)
- ε... measurement error vector
- rows of Jacobian K can be interpreted as "weighting functions"

• the direct inversion reads

$$\mathbf{x}_r = \mathbf{K}^{-g} \mathbf{y}$$

ill-conditioned problem at high altitudes

over-determined for m>n





#### the retrieval model

- Optimal estimation
  - incorporates sensibly a priori knowledge
  - statistically optimal combination of unbiased measurements and prior data
- fast converging iterative optimal estimation scheme

$$\mathbf{x}_{i+1} = \mathbf{x}_{ap} + \mathbf{S}_i \mathbf{K}_i^T \mathbf{S}_{\varepsilon}^{-1} \left[ (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{y}_i) + \mathbf{K}_i \left( \mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_{ap} \right) \right]$$

$$\mathbf{S}_{i} = \left(\mathbf{K}_{i}^{T}\mathbf{S}_{\varepsilon}^{-1}\mathbf{K}_{i} + \mathbf{S}_{ap}^{-1}\right)^{-1}$$

- $S_{\varepsilon}$ ... observation and forward modeling error covariance matrix
- S<sub>i</sub>... retrieval error covariance matrix
- S<sub>ap</sub>... a priori error covariance matrix
- **x**<sub>ap</sub>... a priori profile
- x<sub>i+1</sub>... retrieved profile (iteration i)





#### bending angles and refractive index

- exploitation of bending angles ( $\alpha$ ) data (SFA/SATU)
- direct inversion of the refractive index (Abel Transform)

$$\alpha(a) = 2a \int_{r=r_0}^{r=\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2 r^2 - a_0^2}} \frac{d\ln(n)}{dr} dr$$

$$n(r_0) = \exp\left[\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\alpha=\alpha(a_0)}^{\alpha_0} \ln\left(\frac{a(\alpha)}{a_0} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{a(\alpha)}{a_0}\right) - 1}\right) d\alpha\right]$$

- r... radius at tangent point
- a... impact parameter



#### optimized bending angles

• statistical optimization to find the most probable bending angle profile

$$\alpha_{opt} = \alpha_b + (\mathbf{B}^{-1} + \mathbf{O}^{-1})^{-1} \mathbf{O}^{-1} (\alpha_o - \alpha_b)$$

- $\alpha_{opt}$ ... most probable bending angle profile
- $\alpha_o$ ... observed bending angle profile (ionosphere-corrected)
- $\alpha_b$ ... background (*a priori*) bending angle profile (from climatology)
- O observation error covariance matrix

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- B background error covariance matrix
- high altitudes:  $\alpha_{opt}$  determined by climatology
- low altitudes:  $\alpha_{opt}$  determined by observed data





#### refractivity, pressure and temperature

 refractivity (N) converted to pressure (p) by integration of the hydrostatic equation

 $N(r) = (n(r)-1) \times 10^6$ 

$$p(r) = -b_1 \int_z^\infty N(r')g(r')dr'$$
 with  $b_1 = 4.489 \times 10^{-5} \text{ hPa s}^2/\text{m}^2$ 

#### • temperature obtained from *p* and *N* by equation of state

$$T(r) = c_1 \frac{p(r)}{N(r)}$$

with

$$c_1 = 82.86 \text{ K/hPa}$$

at 300 nm slightly  $\lambda$ -dependent



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#### error modeling, first ten O<sub>3</sub> a priori error patterns

• error patterns from  $\mathbf{S}_{ap}$  (20% uncertainty, 6 km vertical correlation length)

$$\mathbf{S}_{ap} = \sum_{i} \mathbf{e}_{i} \mathbf{e}_{i}^{T}$$
 with  $\mathbf{e}_{i} = \sqrt{\lambda_{i}} \mathbf{l}_{i}$ 

• consistent  $\mathbf{x}_{ap}$  based on "true" profile

$$\mathbf{x}_{ap} = \mathbf{x}_{true} + \Delta \mathbf{x}$$

$$\Delta \mathbf{x} = \sum_i a_i \mathbf{e}_i$$

 a<sub>i</sub> random deviates drawn from a normalized Gaussian distribution







#### location of simulated example event and transmissions





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- transmission errors: GOMOS-type values of  $0.01 \times (T)^{-1/2}$
- no correlation between channels assumed





#### statistically optimized bending angles

• analytical background (*a priori*) covariance matrix

$$B_{ij} = \sigma_i \sigma_j e^{-\left[\left|a_i - a_j\right|/L\right]}$$

- a<sub>i</sub>, a<sub>j</sub>... *i* th and *j* th impact parameter values
- L... error correlation
   length = 6 km
- $\sigma_{i,j}$  ... 20% uncertainty





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#### **Summary and Conclusions**





#### the forward model

- realistic observed transmissions from 0 120 km
- channel selection within 260 340 nm (channels outside possible)
- raytracing to be enhanced by GOMOS-measured bending angles
- along-ray integration to be updated by including aerosol extinction



#### the retrieval model

- simultaneous O<sub>3</sub> and NO<sub>2</sub> retrieval
- errors of retrieved O<sub>3</sub> profiles within expected ranges (<2%)
- performance to be further improved by
  - channel clustering

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- simultaneous estimation of O<sub>3</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, refractivity, and temperature
- best performance between 15 and 35 km (<1 K below 25 km, < 2 K</li>
- below 35 km) with statistical optimization
- temperature retrieval between 15 and 50 km
- errors > 3 K above 30 km without statistical optimization
- further algorithm enhancements for use with
  - real level1b SFA/SATU data



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