GettingStarted

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1 Getting Started with AutoProf

In this notebook you will walk through the very basics of AutoProf functionality. Here you will learn how to make models; how to set them up for fitting; and how to view the results. These core elements will come up every time you use AutoProf, though in future notebooks you will learn how to take advantage of the advanced features in AutoProf.

```
[1]: import os
  import autoprof as ap
  import numpy as np
  import torch
  from astropy.io import fits
  import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
  from time import time
  %matplotlib inline
```

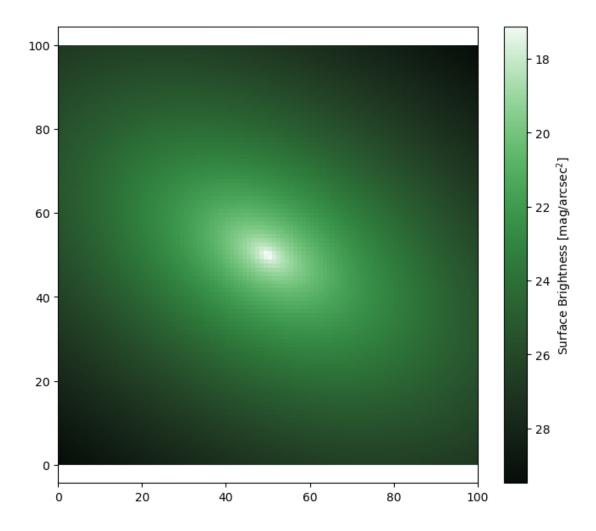
1.1 Your first model

The basic format for making an AutoProf model is given below. Once a model object is constructed, it can be manipulated and updated in various ways.

```
model_type: sersic galaxy model
name: model1
parameter_order:
```

```
- center
- q
- PA
- n
- Re
- Ie
parameters:
  Ie:
    identity: '140086735096416'
    name: Ie
    units: log10(flux/arcsec^2)
    value: 1.0
  PA:
    cyclic: true
    identity: '140086735096560'
    limits: !!python/tuple
    - 0.0
    - 3.141592653589793
    name: PA
    uncertainty: 0.06
    units: radians
    value: 1.0471975511965976
    identity: '140086735096464'
    limits: !!python/tuple
    - 0.0
    - null
    name: Re
    units: arcsec
    value: 10.0
  center:
    identity: '140086735095840'
    name: center
    uncertainty:
    - 0.1
    - 0.1
    units: arcsec
    value:
    - 50.0
    - 50.0
  n:
    identity: '140086735096512'
    limits: !!python/tuple
    - 0.36
    - 8.0
    name: n
    uncertainty: 0.05
    units: none
```

```
value: 2.0
      q:
        identity: '140086735096608'
        limits: !!python/tuple
        - 0.0
        - 1.0
        name: q
        uncertainty: 0.03
        units: b/a
        value: 0.6
    window:
      origin: !!python/tuple
      - 0.0
      - 0.0
      projection: !!python/tuple
      - !!python/tuple
        - 1.0
        - 0.0
      - !!python/tuple
        - 0.0
        - 1.0
      shape: !!python/tuple
      - 100.0
      - 100.0
[3]: # AutoProf has built in methods to plot relevant information. We didn't specify.
     → the region on the sky for
     # this model to focus on, so we just made a 100x100 window. Unless you are very_{\sqcup}
     ⇔lucky this wont
     # line up with what you're trying to fit, so next we'll see how to give the
     ⇔model a target.
     fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize = (8,7))
     ap.plots.model_image(fig, ax, model1)
     plt.show()
```

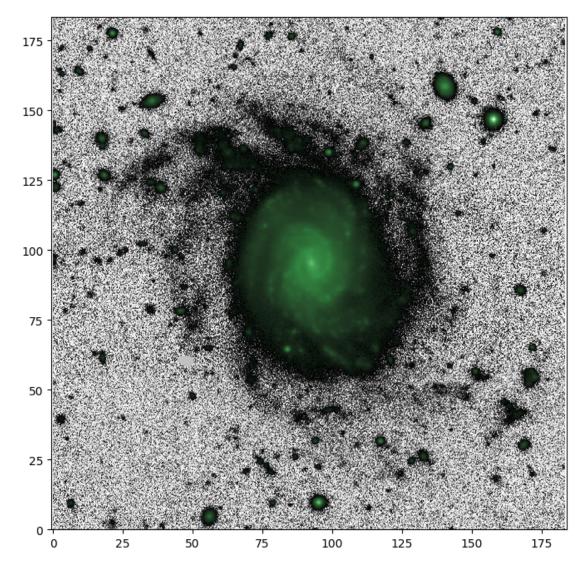


1.2 Giving the model a Target

Typically, the main goal when constructing an AutoProf model is to fit to an image. We need to give the model access to the image and some information about it to get started.

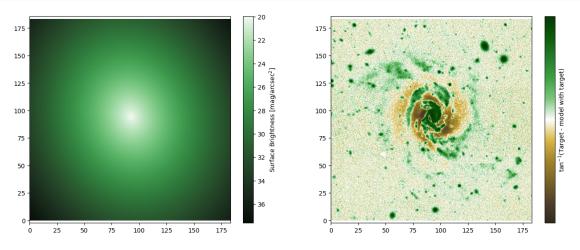
```
variance = np.ones(target_data.shape)/1e3, # set the variance for this_
image (in general it should be more accurate than this)
)

# The default AutoProf target plotting method uses log scaling in bright areas_
and histogram scaling in faint areas
fig3, ax3 = plt.subplots(figsize = (8,8))
ap.plots.target_image(fig3, ax3, target)
plt.show()
```



```
[5]: # This model now has a target that it will attempt to match
model2 = ap.models.AutoProf_Model(
    name = "model with target",
```

```
model_type = "sersic galaxy model", # feel free to swap out sersic with_
 ⇔other profile types
   target = target, # now the model knows what its trying to match
# Instead of giving initial values for all the parameters, it is possible to | |
⇔simply call "initialize" and AutoProf
# will try to quess initial values for every parameter assuming the galaxy is \Box
→roughly centered. It is also possible
# to set just a few parameters and let AutoProf try to figure out the rest. For
⇔example you could give it an initial
# Guess for the center and it will work from there.
model2.initialize()
# Plotting the initial parameters and residuals, we see it gets the rough shape
⇔of the galaxy right, but still has some fitting to do
fig4, ax4 = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize = (16,6))
ap.plots.model_image(fig4, ax4[0], model2)
ap.plots.residual_image(fig4, ax4[1], model2)
plt.show()
```



```
# Now that the model has been set up with a target and initialized with parameter values, it is time to fit the image result = ap.fit.LM(model2, verbose = 1).fit()

# See that we use ap.fit.LM, this is the Levenberg-Marquardt Chi^2 minimization method, it is the recommended technique

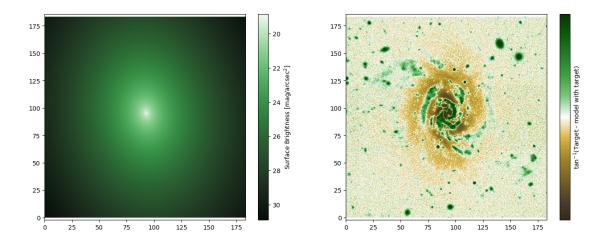
# for most least-squares problems. However, there are situations in which different optimizers may be more desireable

# so the ap.fit package includes a few options to pick from. The various of fitting methods will be described in a
```

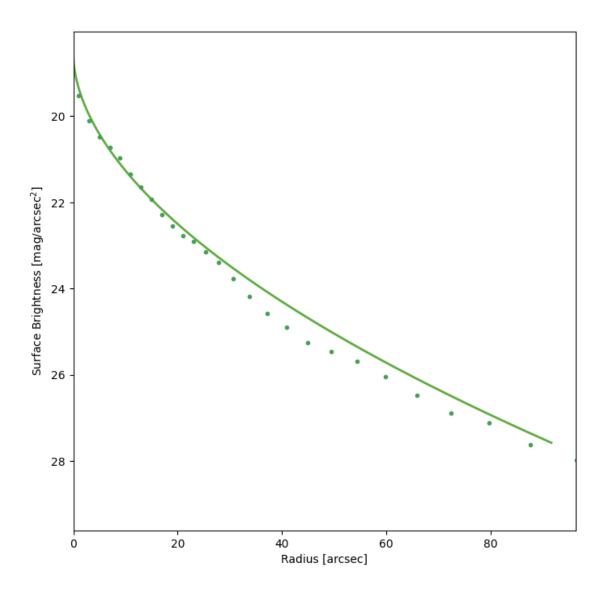
```
⇒its convergence
   L: 1.0
    -----init-----
    LM loss: 4.482919247706368
   L: 1.0
    -----iter-----
   LM loss: 4.340940722332698
    accept
    L: 0.1111111111111111
    -----iter-----
   LM loss: 4.320515515254869
    accept
   L: 0.012345679012345678
    ----iter----
   LM loss: 4.314755131239226
    accept
   L: 0.0013717421124828531
    -----iter----
    LM loss: 4.312999788741777
    accept
    L: 0.00015241579027587256
    -----iter-----
   LM loss: 4.31286606827238
    accept
    L: 1.6935087808430286e-05
    -----iter-----
   LM loss: 4.312864260229656
    accept
   Fit message: success
[7]: # we now plot the fitted model and the image residuals
    fig5, ax5 = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize = (16,6))
    ap.plots.model_image(fig5, ax5[0], model2)
    ap.plots.residual_image(fig5, ax5[1], model2)
    plt.show()
```

print("Fit message: ",result.message) # the fitter will return a message about ⊔

different tutorial.



```
/home/connor/Programming/AutoProf-2/autoprof/utils/conversions/units.py:9:
RuntimeWarning: invalid value encountered in log10
return -2.5 * np.log10(flux) + zeropoint + 2.5 * np.log10(pixel_area)
```



1.3 Update uncertainty estimates

After running a fit, the ap.fit.LM optimizer can update the uncertainty for each parameter. In fact it can return the full covariance matrix if needed. For a demo of what can be done with the covariance matrix see the FittingMethods tutorial. One important note is that the variance image needs to be correct for the uncertainties to be meaningful!

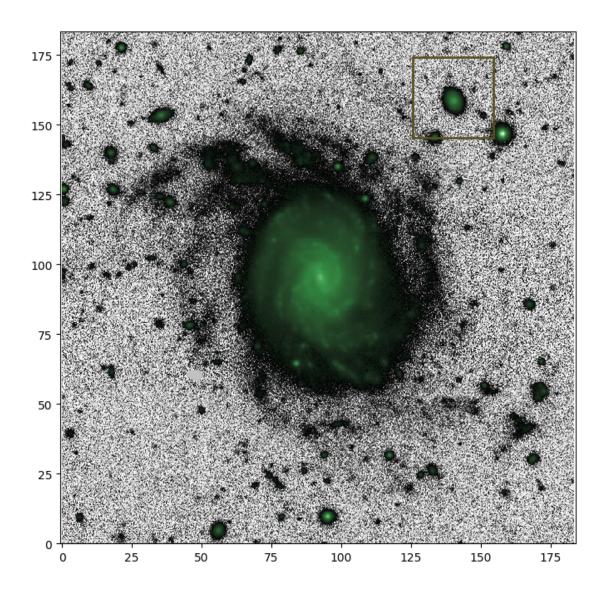
```
parameter center is: [92.75337369137537, 95.23001206104652] +- [0.00435063875957245, 0.006032917917189291]
```

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parameter q is: 0.7414661881445738 +- 0.0019326075504722301 parameter PA is: 0.13888459175248039 +- 0.004291668868391756 parameter n is: 1.8385879910302618 +- 0.005935780158431162 parameter Re is: 17.267869163062247 +- 0.07104640395241775 parameter Ie is: 0.12126783561419847 +- 0.0027447247719546066
```

Note that these uncertainties are pure statistical uncertainties that come from evaluating the structure of the χ^2 minimum. Systematic uncertainties are not included and these often significantly outweigh the standard errors. As can be seen in the residual plot above, there is certainly plenty of unmodelled structure there. Use caution when interpreting the errors from these fits.

1.4 Giving the model a specific target window

Sometimes an object isn't nicely centered in the image, and may not even be the dominant object in the image. It is therefore nice to be able to specify what part of the image we should analyze.



```
[11]: model3.initialize()
    result = ap.fit.LM(model3, verbose = 1).fit()
    print(result.message)
```

L: 1.0
-----init----LM loss: 0.6305615030109323
L: 1.0
-----iter---LM loss: 60.08324791850671
reject
L: 11.0
-----iter-----

```
accept
    L: 13.444444444445
    ----iter----
    LM loss: 0.31331387366567326
    accept
    L: 1.4938271604938271
    ----iter----
    LM loss: 0.13614762293220892
    accept
    L: 0.16598079561042522
    ----iter----
    LM loss: 0.06981335359499499
    accept
    L: 0.01844231062338058
    ----iter----
    LM loss: 0.0492344064426418
    accept
    L: 0.0020491456248200642
     -----iter----
    LM loss: 0.0406664487756572
    accept
    L: 0.00022768284720222937
    ----iter----
    LM loss: 0.03707061500701662
    accept
    L: 2.529809413358104e-05
    -----iter----
    LM loss: 0.037028645921842254
    accept
    L: 2.810899348175671e-06
    ----iter----
    LM loss: 0.03702813817058591
    accept
    L: 3.123221497972968e-07
    ----iter----
    LM loss: 0.03702813443921833
    accept
    success
[12]: # Note that when only a window is fit, the default plotting methods will only u
      ⇔show that window
     fig7, ax7 = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize = (16,6))
```

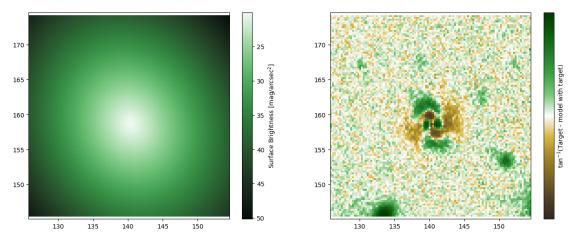
LM loss: 12.401617733989651

LM loss: 0.6183363654863331

-----iter-----

reject L: 121.0

```
ap.plots.model_image(fig7, ax7[0], model3)
ap.plots.residual_image(fig7, ax7[1], model3)
plt.show()
```



1.5 Setting parameter constraints

A common feature of fitting parameters is that they have some constraint on their behaviour and cannot be sampled at any value from (-inf, inf). AutoProf circumvents this by remapping any constrained parameter to a space where it can take any real value, at least for the sake of fitting. For most parameters these constraints are applied by default; for example the axis ratio q is required to be in the range (0,1). Other parameters, such as the position angle (PA) are cyclic, they can be in the range (0,pi) but also can wrap around. It is possible to manually set these constraints while constructing a model.

In general adding constraints makes fitting more difficult. There is a chance that the fitting process runs up against a constraint boundary and gets stuck. However, sometimes adding constraints is necessary and so the capability is included.

```
[13]: # here we make a sersic model that can only have q and n in a narrow range
# Also, we give PA and initial value and lock that so it does not change during_

ofitting
constrained_param_model = ap.models.AutoProf_Model(
    name = "constrained parameters", model_type = "sersic galaxy model",
    parameters = {
        "q": {"limits": [0.4,0.6]},
        "n": {"limits": [2,3]},
        "PA": {"value": 60*np.pi/180, "locked": True},
    }
}
```

Aside from constraints on an individual parameter, it is sometimes desireable to have different models share parameter values. For example you may wish to combine multiple simple models into

a more complex model (more on that in a different tutorial), and you may wish for them all to have the same center. This can be accomplished with "equality constraints" as shown below.

[14]: # model 1 is a sersic model

model_1 = ap.models.AutoProf_Model(

```
name = "constrained 1",
          model_type = "sersic galaxy model",
          parameters = {"center": [50,50], "PA": np.pi/4}
      # model 2 is an exponential model
      model_2 = ap.models.AutoProf_Model(
          name = "constrained 2",
          model_type = "exponential galaxy model",
      )
      # Here we add the constraint for "PA" to be the same for each model.
      # In doing so we provide the model and parameter name which should
      # be connected.
      model_2.add_equality_constraint(model_1, "PA")
      # Here we can see how the two models now both can modify this parameter
      print("initial values: model_1 PA", model_1["PA"].value.item(), "model_2 PA",__
       →model_2["PA"].value.item())
      # Now we modify the PA for model_1
      model_1["PA"].value = np.pi/3
      print("change model 1: model 1 PA", model 1["PA"].value.item(), "model 2 PA", |
       →model_2["PA"].value.item())
      # Similarly we modify the PA for model_2
      model_2["PA"].value = np.pi/2
      print("change model_2: model_1 PA", model_1["PA"].value.item(), "model_2 PA",
       →model_2["PA"].value.item())
     initial values: model_1 PA 0.7853981633974483 model_2 PA 0.7853981633974483
     change model 1: model 1 PA 1.0471975511965976 model 2 PA 1.0471975511965976
     change model_2: model_1 PA 1.5707963267948966 model_2 PA 1.5707963267948966
[15]: # Keep in mind that both models have full control over the parameter, it is
       \hookrightarrow listed in both of
      # their "parameter order" tuples. The built-in AutoProf functions keep track of u
       \hookrightarrow constrained
      # parameters by asking models if any of their parameters are constrained
      print("model_1 parameters: ", model_1.parameter_order, " are any parameter_⊔
       ⇔constrained: ", model_1.equality_constraints)
      print("model_2 parameters: ", model_2.parameter_order, " are any parameter_⊔
       ⇔constrained: ", model_2.equality_constraints)
     model_1 parameters: ('center', 'q', 'PA', 'n', 'Re', 'Ie') are any parameter
     constrained: ['PA']
```

```
model_2 parameters: ('center', 'q', 'Re', 'Ie', 'PA') are any parameter
constrained: ['PA']
```

1.6 PSF convolution

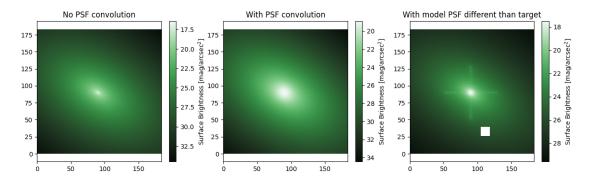
An important part of astronomical image analysis is accounting for PSF effects. To that end, AutoProf includes a number of approaches to handle PSF convolution. The main concept is that AutoProf will convolve its model with a PSF before comparing against an image. The PSF behaviour of a model is determined by the *psf_mode* parameter which can be set before fitting.

```
[16]: # first a psf is needed, this is stored with the target object
      # Here we simply construct a gaussian PSF image that is 31 pixels across
      # Note the PSF must always be odd in its dimensions
      xx, yy = np.meshgrid(np.linspace(-5,5,301), np.linspace(-5,5,301))
      PSF = np.exp(-(xx**2 + yy**2)/0.8**2)
      PSF /= np.sum(PSF)
      target = ap.image.Target_Image(
          data = target_data,
          pixelscale = 0.262,
          zeropoint = 22.5,
          psf = PSF,
      model nopsf = ap.models.AutoProf Model(
          name = "model without psf",
          model type = "sersic galaxy model",
          target = target,
          parameters = {"center": [90,90], "q": 0.6, "PA": 60*np.pi/180, "n": 2, "Re":
       → 10, "Ie": 1},
          psf_mode = "none", # no PSF convolution will be done
      model_psf = ap.models.AutoProf_Model(
          name = "model with psf",
          model_type = "sersic galaxy model",
          target = target,
         parameters = {"center": [90,90], "q": 0.6, "PA": 60*np.pi/180, "n": 2, "Re":
       → 10, "Ie": 1},
          psf_mode = "full", # now the full window will be PSF convolved
      PSF2 = np.exp(-(xx**2 + yy**2)/0.4**2)
      PSF2[:,148:153] += 0.01
      PSF2[148:153,:] += 0.01
      PSF2 /= np.sum(PSF2)
      model mask = torch.zeros like(target.data)
      model_mask[100:150,400:450] = 1
      model_selfpsf = ap.models.AutoProf_Model(
         name = "model with self psf",
```

```
model_type = "sersic galaxy model",
    target = target,
    parameters = {"center": [90,90], "q": 0.6, "PA": 60*np.pi/180, "n": 4, "Re":
 → 10, "Ie": 1},
    psf_mode = "full",
    psf = PSF2, # Now this model has its own PSF, instead of using the target
    mask = model mask, # Now this model has its own mask, *as well as* the
 ⇔target mask
print("psf mode: ", model_psf.psf_mode)
# With a convolved sersic the center is much more smoothed out
fig, ax = plt.subplots(1,3,figsize = (15,4))
ap.plots.model_image(fig, ax[0], model_nopsf)
ax[0].set_title("No PSF convolution")
ap.plots.model_image(fig, ax[1], model_psf)
ax[1].set_title("With PSF convolution")
ap.plots.model_image(fig, ax[2], model_selfpsf)
ax[2].set_title("With model PSF different than target")
plt.show()
# the warning below is just because the model mask values are zero and the plot_{\sqcup}
 ⇔is in log scale
```

psf mode: full

/home/connor/Programming/AutoProf-2/autoprof/utils/conversions/units.py:9:
RuntimeWarning: divide by zero encountered in log10
return -2.5 * np.log10(flux) + zeropoint + 2.5 * np.log10(pixel_area)



1.7 Basic things to do with a model

Now that we know how to create a model and fit it to an image, lets get to know the model a bit better.

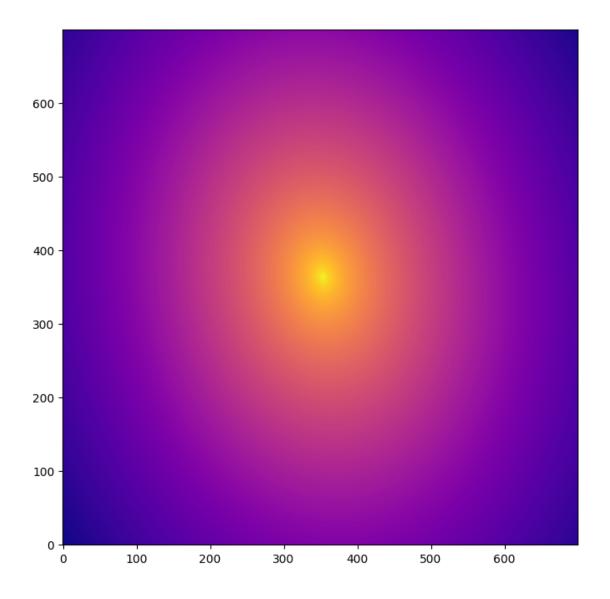
```
[17]: # Save the model to a file
      model2.save() # will default to save as AutoProf.yaml
      with open("AutoProf.yaml", "r") as f:
          print(f.read()) # show what the saved file looks like
     model_type: sersic galaxy model
     name: model with target
     parameter_order:
     - center
     - q
     - PA
     – n
     - Re
     - Ie
     parameters:
       Ie:
         identity: '140086707656400'
         name: Ie
         uncertainty: 0.0027447247719546066
         units: log10(flux/arcsec^2)
         value: 0.12126783561419847
       PA:
         cyclic: true
         identity: '140090516613440'
         limits: !!python/tuple
         - 0.0
         - 3.141592653589793
         name: PA
         uncertainty: 0.004291668868391756
         units: radians
         value: 0.13888459175248039
       Re:
         identity: '140086708901728'
         limits: !!python/tuple
         - 0.0
         - null
         name: Re
         uncertainty: 0.07104640395241775
         units: arcsec
         value: 17.267869163062247
       center:
         identity: '140086681288032'
         name: center
         uncertainty:
         - 0.00435063875957245
```

```
- 0.006032917917189291
         units: arcsec
         value:
         - 92.75337369137537
         - 95.23001206104652
       n:
         identity: '140086708901488'
         limits: !!python/tuple
         - 0.36
         - 8.0
         name: n
         uncertainty: 0.005935780158431162
         units: none
         value: 1.8385879910302618
       q:
         identity: '140086707656592'
         limits: !!python/tuple
         - 0.0
         - 1.0
         name: q
         uncertainty: 0.0019326075504722301
         units: b/a
         value: 0.7414661881445738
     window:
       origin: !!python/tuple
       - 0.0
       - 0.0
       projection: !!python/tuple
       - !!python/tuple
         - 1.0
         - 0.0
       - !!python/tuple
         - 0.0
         - 1.0
       shape: !!python/tuple
       - 183.4
       - 183.4
[18]: # load a model from a file
      # note that the target still must be specified, only the parameters are saved
      model4 = ap.models.AutoProf_Model(name = "no name", filename = "AutoProf.yaml", __
      →target = target)
      print(model4) # can see that it has been constructed with all the same
       ⇒parameters as the saved model2.
```

model_type: sersic galaxy model

```
name: model with target
parameter_order:
- center
- q
- PA
- Re
- Ie
parameters:
  Ie:
    identity: '140086707656400'
    name: Ie
    uncertainty: 0.0027447247719546066
    units: log10(flux/arcsec^2)
    value: 0.12126783561419847
  PA:
    cyclic: true
    identity: '140090516613440'
    limits: !!python/tuple
    - 0.0
    - 3.141592653589793
    name: PA
    uncertainty: 0.004291668868391756
    units: radians
    value: 0.13888459175248039
  Re:
    identity: '140086708901728'
    limits: !!python/tuple
    - 0.0
    - null
    name: Re
    uncertainty: 0.07104640395241775
    units: arcsec
    value: 17.267869163062247
  center:
    identity: '140086681288032'
    name: center
    uncertainty:
    - 0.00435063875957245
    - 0.006032917917189291
    units: arcsec
    value:
    - 92.75337369137537
    - 95.23001206104652
  n:
    identity: '140086708901488'
    limits: !!python/tuple
    - 0.36
```

```
- 8.0
         name: n
         uncertainty: 0.005935780158431162
         units: none
         value: 1.8385879910302618
       q:
         identity: '140086707656592'
         limits: !!python/tuple
         - 0.0
         - 1.0
         name: q
         uncertainty: 0.0019326075504722301
         units: b/a
         value: 0.7414661881445738
     window:
       origin: !!python/tuple
       - 0.0
       - 0.0
       projection: !!python/tuple
       - !!python/tuple
         - 1.0
         - 0.0
       - !!python/tuple
         - 0.0
         - 1.0
       shape: !!python/tuple
       - 183.4
       - 183.4
[19]: # Save the model image to a file
      model_image_sample = model2()
      model_image_sample.save("model2.fits")
      saved_image_hdu = fits.open("model2.fits")
      fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize = (8,8))
      ax.imshow(
          np.log10(saved_image_hdu[0].data),
          origin = "lower",
          cmap = "plasma",
      plt.show()
```

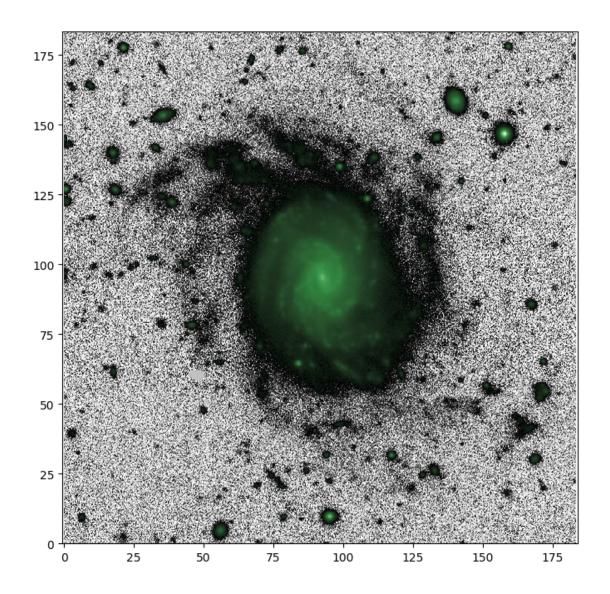


```
[20]: # Save and load a target image

target.save("target.fits")

new_target = ap.image.Target_Image(filename = "target.fits")

fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize = (8,8))
ap.plots.target_image(fig, ax, new_target)
plt.show()
```



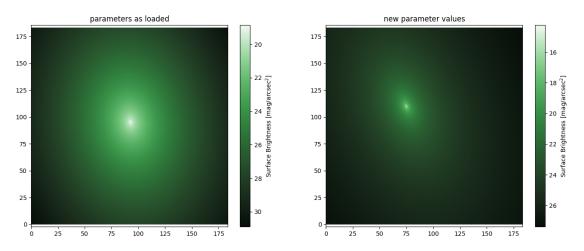
```
model4.initialize() # initialize must be called before optimization, or any______other activity in which parameters are updated

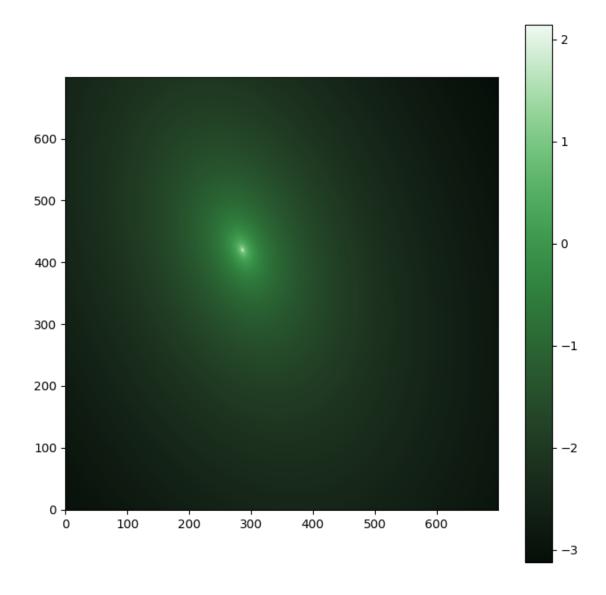
model4.parameters.set_values(new_parameters) # full_sample will update the______
parameters, then run sample and return the model image

ap.plots.model_image(fig9, ax9[1], model4)

T = ax9[1].set_title("new parameter values")
```

parameter input order: ('center', 'q', 'PA', 'n', 'Re', 'Ie')





```
# This will be the same as model1, except note that the "psf_mode" keyword is_now tracked since it isn't a default value print(model1_v2)

model_type: sersic galaxy model
```

```
name: model1 v2
parameter_order:
- center
- q
- PA
- n
- Re
- Ie
parameters:
  Ie:
    identity: '140086681874192'
    name: Ie
    units: log10(flux/arcsec^2)
    value: 1.0
  PA:
    cyclic: true
    identity: '140086681873760'
    limits: !!python/tuple
    - 0.0
    - 3.141592653589793
    name: PA
    uncertainty: 0.06
    units: radians
    value: 1.0471975511965976
  Re:
    identity: '140086681873280'
    limits: !!python/tuple
    - 0.0
    - null
    name: Re
    units: arcsec
    value: 10.0
  center:
    identity: '140086681872128'
    name: center
    uncertainty:
    - 0.1
    - 0.1
    units: arcsec
    value:
    - 50.0
    - 50.0
```

```
identity: '140086681873040'
         limits: !!python/tuple
         - 0.36
         - 8.0
         name: n
         uncertainty: 0.05
         units: none
         value: 2.0
       q:
         identity: '140086681872464'
         limits: !!python/tuple
         - 0.0
         - 1.0
         name: q
         uncertainty: 0.03
         units: b/a
         value: 0.6
     psf_mode: full
     window:
       origin: !!python/tuple
       - 0.0
       - 0.0
       projection: !!python/tuple
       - !!python/tuple
         - 1.0
         - 0.0
       - !!python/tuple
         - 0.0
         - 1.0
       shape: !!python/tuple
       - 100.0
       - 100.0
[24]: # List all the available model names
      # AutoProf keeps track of all the subclasses of the AutoProf_Model object, this_
      ⇔list will
      # include all models even ones added by the user
      print(ap.models.AutoProf_Model.List_Model_Names(useable = True)) # set useable_
       →= None for all models, or useable = False for only base classes
      print("----")
      # It is also possible to get all sub models of a specific Type
      print("only star models: ", ap.models.Star_Model.List_Model_Names())
     ['isothermal sech2 edgeon model', 'group model', 'sersic star model', 'spline
```

n:

star model', 'psf star model', 'exponential star model', 'gaussian star model',

'nuker star model', 'moffat star model', 'plane sky model', 'flat sky model', 'sersic galaxy model', 'sersic wedge galaxy model', 'spline wedge galaxy model', 'exponential wedge galaxy model', 'gaussian wedge galaxy model', 'nuker wedge galaxy model', 'spline galaxy model', 'sersic superellipse galaxy model', 'spline superellipse galaxy model', 'exponential superellipse galaxy model', 'gaussian superellipse galaxy model', 'nuker superellipse galaxy model', 'exponential galaxy model', 'gaussian galaxy model', 'sersic warp galaxy model', 'spline warp galaxy model', 'sersic superellipse warp galaxy model', 'spline superellipse warp galaxy model', 'exponential superellipse warp galaxy model', 'gaussian superellipse warp galaxy model', 'nuker superellipse warp galaxy model', 'exponential warp galaxy model', 'gaussian warp galaxy model', 'sersic fourier warp galaxy model', 'spline fourier warp galaxy model', 'exponential fourier warp galaxy model', 'gaussian fourier warp galaxy model', 'nuker fourier warp galaxy model', 'nuker warp galaxy model', 'sersic fourier galaxy model', 'spline fourier galaxy model', 'exponential fourier galaxy model', 'gaussian fourier galaxy model', 'nuker fourier galaxy model', 'nuker galaxy model', 'moffat galaxy model', 'sersic ray galaxy model', 'spline ray galaxy model', 'exponential ray galaxy model', 'gaussian ray galaxy model', 'nuker ray galaxy model']

only star models: ['sersic star model', 'spline star model', 'psf star model', 'exponential star model', 'gaussian star model', 'nuker star model', 'moffat star model']

1.8 Using GPU acceleration

This one is easy! If you have a cuda enabled GPU available, AutoProf will just automatically detect it and use that device.

```
[25]: # check if AutoProf has detected your GPU
print(ap.AP_config.ap_device) # most likely this will say "cpu" unless you_
already have a cuda GPU,
# in which case it should say "cuda:0"
```

cpu

```
[26]: # If you have a GPU but want to use the cpu for some reason, just set:
    ap.AP_config.ap_device = "cpu"
    # BEFORE creating anything else (models, images, etc.)
```

1.9 Boost GPU acceleration with single precision float32

If you are using a GPU you can get significant performance increases in both memory and speed by switching from double precision (the AutoProf default) to single precision floating point numbers. The trade off is reduced precision, this can cause some unexpected behaviors. For example an optimizer may keep iterating forever if it is trying to optimize down to a precision below what the float32 will track. Typically, numbers with float32 are good down to 6 places and AutoProf by default only attempts to minimize the Chi^2 to 3 places. However, to ensure the fit is secure to

3 places it often checks what is happenening down at 4 or 5 places. Hence, issues can arise. For the most part you can go ahead with float32 and if you run into a weird bug, try on float64 before looking further.

```
[27]: # Again do this BEFORE creating anything else
ap.AP_config.ap_dtype = torch.float32

# Now new AutoProf objects will be made with single bit precision
W1 = ap.image.Window(origin = [0,0], shape = [1,1])
print("now a single:", W1.origin.dtype)

# Here we switch back to double precision
ap.AP_config.ap_dtype = torch.float64
W2 = ap.image.Window(origin = [0,0], shape = [1,1])
print("back to double:", W2.origin.dtype)
print("old window is still single:", W1.origin.dtype)
```

now a single: torch.float32
back to double: torch.float64
old window is still single: torch.float32

See how the window created as a float 32 stays that way? That's really bad to have lying around! Make sure to change the data type before creating anything!

1.10 Tracking output

The AutoProf optimizers, and ocasionally the other AutoProf objects, will provide status updates about themselves which can be very useful for debugging problems or just keeping tabs on progress. There are a number of use cases for AutoProf, each having different desired output behaviors. To accomodate all users, AutoProf implements a general logging system. The object ap.AP_config.ap_logger is a logging object which by default writes to AutoProf.log in the local directory. As the user, you can set that logger to be any logging object you like for arbitrary complexity. Most users will, however, simply want to control the filename, or have it output to screen instead of a file. Below you can see examples of how to do that.

```
# Here we change the settings so AutoProf only prints to a log file

ap.AP_config.set_logging_output(stdout = False, filename = "AutoProf.log")

ap.AP_config.ap_logger.info("message 1: this should only appear in the AutoProf

olog file")

# Here we change the settings so AutoProf only prints to console

ap.AP_config.set_logging_output(stdout = True, filename = None)

ap.AP_config.ap_logger.info("message 2: this should only print to the console")

# Here we change the settings so AutoProf prints to both, which is the default
```

```
ap.AP_config.set_logging_output(stdout = True, filename = "AutoProf.log")
ap.AP_config.ap_logger.info("message 3: this should appear in both the console

→and the log file")
```

message 2: this should only print to the console message 3: this should appear in both the console and the log file

You can also change the logging level and/or formatter for the stdout and filename options (see help(ap.AP_config.set_logging_output) for details). However, at that point you may want to simply make your own logger object and assign it to the ap.AP_config.ap_logger variable.

[]: