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# **pyPAHdb Documentation**

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## INTRODUCTION

This is the Nasa Ames...



## PYPAHDB PACKAGE

## 2.1 Subpackages

### 2.1.1 pypahdb.tests package

#### Submodules

##### pypahdb.tests.test\_observation module

test\_observation.py: unit tests for class observation.

```
class pypahdb.tests.test_observation.SpectrumTestCase (methodName='runTest')  
    Bases: unittest.case.TestCase  
  
    Unit tests for observation.py  
  
    test_is_instance()  
        Can we create an instance of observation?
```

##### pypahdb.tests.test\_spectrum module

test\_spectrum.py: unit tests for class spectrum.

```
class pypahdb.tests.test_spectrum.SpectrumTestCase (methodName='runTest')  
    Bases: unittest.case.TestCase  
  
    Unit tests for spectrum.py  
  
    test_convert_units_micron_to_wavenumber()  
        Can we correctly convert micron to wavenumber?  
  
    test_is_instance()  
        Can we create an instance of spectrum?
```

##### pypahdb.tests.test\_writer module

test\_writer.py: unit tests for class writer.

```
class pypahdb.tests.test_writer.WriterTestCase (methodName='runTest')  
    Bases: unittest.case.TestCase  
  
    Unit tests for writer.py
```

```
test_is_instance()
```

Can we create an instance of writer?

## Module contents

unit tests for pypahdb

## 2.2 Submodules

### 2.3 pypahdb.decomposer module

decomposer.py: Using a precomputed matrix of theoretically calculated PAH emission spectra a spectrum is decomposed into contribution PAH subclasses using a nnls-approach.

This file is part of pypahdb - see the module docs for more information.

```
class pypahdb.decomposer.decomposer(spectrum)
    Bases: object

    Decomposes a spectrum with PAHdb.

    spectrum
        The decomposed spectrum.

    fit
        Return the fitted spectra.

        Returns returns array

    ionized_fraction
        Return the ionized fraction.

        Returns returns array

    large_fraction
        Return the large fraction.

        Returns returns array
```

### 2.4 pypahdb.observation module

observation.py: Holds and astronomical observation

This file is part of pypahdb - see the module docs for more information.

```
class pypahdb.observation.observation(file_path)
    Bases: object

    Create an observation object for later analysis.

    Currently setup to read ASCII data.

    spectrum
        spectrum – contains loaded spectrum
```



## 2.5 pypahdb.spectrum module

spectrum.py: Holds a spectrum

This file is part of pypahdb - see the module docs for more information.

**class** pypahdb.spectrum.**spectrum**(*abscissa, ordinate, uncertainties, units*)

Bases: object

Create a spectrum object.

**abscissa**

*numpy.ndarray* – The abscissa values.

**ordinate**

*numpy.ndarray* – The ordinate values.

**uncertainties**

*numpy.ndarray* – Uncertainties on the ordinate.

**units**

*list* – The units.

**convertunitsto**(*\*\*keywords*)

Convert units.

**Parameters**

- **aunits** (*str*) – The new abscissa units.
- **ounits** (*str*) – The new ordinate units.

**Returns** Nothing.

## 2.6 pypahdb.writer module

writer.py: Writes decomposer results to file

This file is part of pypahdb - see the module docs for more information.

**class** pypahdb.writer.**writer**(*result, header="", basename=""*)

Bases: object

Creates a writer object.

Writes PDF and FITS files.

Attributes:

## 2.7 Module contents

The pyPAHdb module: Using a precomputed matrix of theoretically calculated PAH emission spectra from the NASA Ames PAH IR Spectroscopic Database a spectrum is decomposed into contribution PAH subclasses using a nnls-approach.

pyPAHdb uses a precomputed matrix of theoretically calculated PAH emission spectra from version 3.00 of the library of computed spectra. This matrix has been constructed from a collection of “astronomical” PAHs, which meet the following criteria and include the fullerenes C60 and C70:

`'magnesium=0 oxygen=0 iron=0 silicium=0 chx=0 ch2=0 c>20 hydrogen>0'`

The PAH emission spectra have been calculated with the following parameters:

- A calculated vibrational temperature upon the absorption of a 7 eV photon
- Blackbody emission at the calculated vibrational temperature
- A redshift of 15 /cm to mimic some anharmonic effect
- Gaussian emission profile with a FWHM of 15 /cm

The NASA Ames PAH IR Spectroscopic Database website is located at [www.astrochemistry.org/pahdb/](http://www.astrochemistry.org/pahdb/).

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