## SPAMM – Spectral Properties of AGN Modeled through MCMC

# Spectral Components

### **Nuclear Continuum**

$$F_{\lambda,\mathrm{PL}} = F_{\mathrm{PL},0} \ (\frac{\lambda}{\lambda_0})^{\alpha} \tag{1}$$

where  $F_{\text{PL},0}$  is the power-law normalization,  $\alpha$  is the power-law slope and  $\lambda_0$  is the median wavelength of the data wavelength range.

#### **Priors**

### **Code Parameters**

- slope: description of parameter here
- normalization: description of parameter here

### Balmer Continuum

If we assume gas clouds with uniform temperature  $T_e$ , that are partially optically thick, for wavelengths bluer than the Balmer edge ( $\lambda_{BE} = 3646$  Å, rest frame), the Balmer spectrum can be parameterized as (Grandi et al., 1982):

$$F_{\lambda, BC} = F_{BE} B_{\lambda}(T_e) \left(1 - e^{-\tau_{BE}(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda_{BE}})^3}\right), \ \lambda < \lambda_{BE}$$
 (2)

where  $B_{\lambda}(T_{\rm e})$  is the Planck function at the electron temperature  $T_{\rm e}$ ,  $\tau_{\rm BE}$  is the optical depth at the Balmer edge, and  $F_{\rm BE}$  is the normalized flux density at the Balmer edge.

### **Priors**

### **Code Parameters**

• param1: description of parameter 1 here

### FeII & FeIII

Linear combination of N broadened and scaled iron templates:

$$F_{\lambda,\text{Fe}} = \sum_{i=1...N} F_{\text{Fe},0,i} \text{ FeTempl}_{\lambda,i}(\sigma_i)$$
 (3)

where FeTempl<sub> $\lambda$ ,i</sub> is the iron template,  $F_{\text{Fe},0,i}$  is the template normalization, and  $\sigma_i$  is the width of the broadening kernel.

### **Priors**

### Code Parameters

• param1: description of parameter 1 here

## **Host Galaxy**

Linear combination of N galaxy templates:

$$F_{\lambda, \text{Host}} = \sum_{i=1...N} F_{\text{Host}, 0, i} \text{ HostTempl}_{\lambda, i}$$
 (4)

where  $\text{HostTempl}_{\lambda,i}$  is the host galaxy template, and  $F_{\text{Host},0,i}$  is the template normalization.

#### **Priors**

### **Code Parameters**

• param1: description of parameter 1 here

## Host Galaxy Reddening

### **Priors**

### **Code Parameters**

• param1: description of parameter 1 here

## **Nuclear Reddening**

#### **Priors**

### **Code Parameters**

• param1: description of parameter 1 here

### Emission lines

Functional fitting to broad and narrow emission-line components.

- Broad Emission Line List,  $\lambda_{0,b}$ 
  - Ly $\alpha$   $\lambda$ 1215 (actual  $\lambda$  = 1215.670Å)
  - N v  $\lambda 1240$  (doublet at  $\lambda \lambda 1238.808$ , 1242.796Å)
  - "1400 Feature": Si IV (doublet at  $\lambda\lambda$ 1393.755, 1402.770Å) plus O IV] blend ( $\lambda\lambda$ 1397.210, 1399.780, 1404.790, 1407.390Å)
  - N IV  $\lambda 1486$  (actual  $\lambda = 1486.500$ Å)
  - C IV  $\lambda 1549$  (unresolved doublet at  $\lambda \lambda 1548.188$ , 1550.762Å)
  - He II  $\lambda 1640$  (actual  $\lambda = 1640.720\text{Å}$ )
  - O III]  $\lambda 1663$  (doublet at  $\lambda \lambda 1660.800$ , 1666.140Å)
  - CIII]  $\lambda$ 1909: actually a blend of Al III  $\lambda\lambda$ 1854.720, 1862.780Å, Si III]  $\lambda=1892.030$ Å, and CIII]  $\lambda=1908.734$ Å.
  - Mg II  $\lambda 2798$  (doublet at  $\lambda \lambda 2796.350$ , 2803.530Å)
  - $\text{ H}\delta \lambda = 4101.735\text{Å}$
  - $\text{ H}\gamma \lambda = 4340.450\text{Å}$
  - He II  $\lambda 4686$  (actual  $\lambda = 4685.650\text{Å}$ )

- $H\beta \lambda = 4861.320 \text{Å}$
- He I  $\lambda 4922$  (actual  $\lambda = 4921.9\text{Å}$ )
- $\text{ He I } \lambda = 5016 \text{Å}$
- He i  $\lambda 5876$  (actual  $\lambda = 5875.680\text{Å}$ )
- He i  $\lambda 6678$  (actual  $\lambda = 6678.000\text{Å}$ )
- He I  $\lambda 7065$  (actual  $\lambda = 7065.300\text{Å}$ )
- $\text{ H}\alpha \ \lambda = 6562.780\text{Å}$

### • Narrow Emission Line List, $\lambda_{0,n}$

- [Ne V]  $\lambda 3425.900$ Å
- $[OII] \lambda \lambda 3726.000, 3728.800 \text{Å}$
- $[Ne III] \lambda 3868.800 \text{Å}$
- He II (actual  $\lambda = 4685.650\text{Å}$ )
- $H\beta \lambda = 4861.320 \text{Å}$
- [O III]  $\lambda\lambda4958.920, 5006.850\text{Å}$
- [N II]  $\lambda\lambda6548.060, 6583.39Å$
- $\text{ H}\alpha \ \lambda = 6562.780\text{Å}$
- [Si II]  $\lambda\lambda6716.420, 6730.780\text{Å}$

### Fitting Function Possibilities

- Narrow Lines
  - Single Gaussian with Prior (1)
  - Option (automatically test) for additional (broader) Gaussian to [O III]  $\lambda\lambda4959,5007$  base.
- Broad Lines
  - Multiple Gaussians
  - Multiple Gauss-Hermite polynomials
  - Gaussian (very broad) plus Gauss-Hermite (broad)
  - Multiple Lorentzians

### **Functional Forms**

• Gaussian:

$$F_{\lambda} = \frac{f_{\text{peak}}}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\lambda-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^{2}},\tag{5}$$

where the Gaussian FWHM=  $2\sqrt{2 \ln 2}\sigma$  and  $\mu = \lambda_0(b,n)$ . Free parameters:  $f_{\text{peak}}$  (peak flux),  $\mu$ ,  $\sigma$ .

• 66th Order Gauss-Hermite Polynomial:

$$F_{\lambda} = \left[ f_{\text{peak}} \alpha(w) / \sigma \right] \left( 1 + \sum_{j=3}^{6} h_j H_j(w) \right), \tag{6}$$

$$w \equiv (\lambda - \mu)/\sigma,\tag{7}$$

$$\alpha(w) = e^{-\frac{1}{2}w^2}.\tag{8}$$

where this follows the normalization of van der Marel & Franx (1993, ApJ, 407, 525; first equation). The  $H_j$  coefficients can be found in Cappellari et al. (2002, ApJ, 578, 787):

$$H_3(w) = \frac{w(2w^2 - 3)}{\sqrt{3}},\tag{9}$$

$$H_4(w) = \frac{w^2(4w^2 - 12) + 3}{2\sqrt{6}},\tag{10}$$

$$H_5(w) = \frac{w[w^2(4w^2 - 20) + 15]}{2\sqrt{15}},\tag{11}$$

$$H_6(w) = \frac{w^2[w^2(8w^2 - 60) + 90] - 15}{12\sqrt{5}}. (12)$$

Free parameters:  $f_{\text{peak}}$ ,  $\mu$ ,  $\sigma$ ,  $h_3$ ,  $h_4$ ,  $h_5$ ,  $h_6$ .

• Lorentzian

$$F_{\lambda} = \frac{f_{\text{peak}}}{\pi} \frac{\frac{1}{2}\sigma}{(\lambda - \mu)^2 + (\frac{1}{2}\sigma)^2},\tag{13}$$

where  $\mu = \lambda_0(b,n)$  and the Lorentzian FWHM =  $\sigma = 2f_{peak}/(\pi F(\mu))$ .

### **Priors**

- 1. Width of narrow forbidden lines tied together and FWHM  $<1200 \mathrm{km~s^{-1}}$
- 2. Narrow emission line redshift solution, i.e.,  $\mu = \lambda_{0,n}(1+z) \pm \Delta \mu$  is constant.
- 3. Narrow line doublet ratios fixed:
  - [O II] λλ3726.000, 3728.800Å; ??:??
  - [O III]  $\lambda\lambda4958.920$ , 5006.850Å; 1:3
  - [Si II]  $\lambda\lambda6716.420$ , 6730.780Å; ??:??
  - [N II]  $\lambda\lambda6548.060$ , 6583.39Å; ??;??
- 4. Fluxes must be non-negative.
- 5. Tie together the widths of Broad lines of identical species, e.g., He II  $\lambda 1640$  and He II  $\lambda 4686$ ? (To be discussed).
- 6. assumptions about CIV redshelf?? Additional HeII component?
- 7. Suggested Parameter Space to search (to be discussed)
  - $f_{\text{peak}}/f_{\text{cont}} = [0, 1.d4, 1.d-3]$
  - $\mu = \lambda_{0,n}(1+z) \pm 1000 \,\mathrm{km} \,\mathrm{s}^{-1}; \Delta \mu \sim f(\text{pixscale})$
  - $\sigma = [100, 3.d4]; \Delta \sigma \sim f(\text{pixscale})$
  - $h_j = [-0.3, 0.3, 1.d-3]$

## Code Parameters

• param1: description of parameter 1 here