Documentation and report of Astrophysics with Artificial Intelligence(Astropy and AstroML) – UVES Spectroscopy with Astropy

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<1> The fundamental knowledge to utilize astropy and astroML for astrophysics

1. Accretion Disk

The accretion disk which is also known as circumstellar disk is the structure which is created by diffuse material in orbital motion around a massive central body. Typically, the central body is the star such as protostar, white dwarf, neutron star, or black hole and also there are theoretical stars such as black dwarf and blue dwarf. The instabilities in the disk causes redistribution of the angular momentum and to move spiral the materials inward toward the central body. In this process, the gravitational energy and frictional forces are converted to the thermal energy by compressing and raising the temperature of the material and this occurs the emission of electromagnetic radiation on the surface of the disk. The range of the frequency of the emission of electromagnetic radiation depends on the central body. For instance, the accretion disk of the protostar radiates the infrared and the neutron star and black hole emit the X-ray.

The equation of the angular momentum

L = r × p = r × mv

(m : mass of the material,

P : linear momentum of the material,

r : position vector from origin 0 to material,

v : velocity of the material)

According to the above principle, when the matter falls inward, the gravitational energy and angular momentum are decreased. However, the total angular momentum has to be sustained as comparable value, which is known as the law of angular momentum conservation. The equation of this:

dL / dt = (dr/dt × p) + (r × dp/dt)

= (v × mv) + (r × F)

# = 𝜏

( : torque(or moment) = r × F)

In other words, the loss of the angular momentum falling inward toward the central body should be compensated by the acquiring of the angular momentum far from the center. In short, angular momentum should be transported outwards from central body for material to accrete. This is because while the airframe of the inner orbit of the disk has rapid angular momentum, the outer one has slow angular momentum. In this process, the transportation of the angular momentum is occurred. According to the ‘Rayleigh stability criterion’,

∂(R2Ω) / ∂R > 0

(Ω : the angular velocity of a fluid element,

R : the distance to the rotation center)

In this, the accretion disk is supposed and expected as a laminar flow.

Plus, if it is needed, the angular momentum can be quantized.

L = nh /2𝝅 = nħ (n = 1, 2, 3, ⋯)

sħ = h / 2𝝅

(h : Planck constant, = 6.626 × 10-34 [J·s],

ħ : Dirac’s constant, = 1.054 × 10-34 [J·s])

When it comes to the radiated energy of the accretion disk, when one of the proton does free falling, the relation between kinetic energy and gravitational energy is

1/2 × mv2 = GMm / r

When the material reaches at the surface of the star(r = R), the kinetic energy is radiated as form of thermal energy. If the proportion of the accretion which the matter accretes to the mass is dm/dt, the ratio of the attenuation of the energy at the surface of the star is 1/2 × dm/dt × v2. Thus, the luminosity of the star is

L = 1/2 × dm/dt × v2 = GMdm / Rdt

=  {\displaystyle \epsilon}εc2 × dm / dt

(ε : accretion efficiency = 2GM / c2R = 1/2 × Rsch/R)

This efficiency(ε) means the one which rest mass energy of the accreting matter converts into the thermal energy. In the above equation, according to the equation of accretion efficiency, the accretion efficiency is directly proportional with the how much the star is compacted.

1. Protostar

The protostar is the young star arose in the initial stage of star evolution which is made by concentrating of the molecular cloud in the interstellar medium. This star is initiated from when the density of the central molecular cloud increases, ended up with the stage of the T tauri star. In the final stage, the T tauri stellar wind is occurred, which epitomizes that the star starts the radiant of the energy at inner point after the stage which the star pulls the mass.

The thermal pressure of the dust grains and molecular which are the components of the molecular cloud and the gravitational restraint energy of the cloud sustain the equilibrium. However, once the derangement such as shock wave occurred by supernova explosion, spiral density wave, or encounter or collision with other molecular clouds effects on the molecular cloud and this derangement is sufficiently strong, the equilibrium is upset and the mass is clustered on the specific point by occurring the gravitational instability. Once the cloud initiates the shrinking, the minimum mass of the molecular cloud for gravitational concentration can be expressed and this is also known as Jeans Instability.

Mj = (9/4) × (1/2𝝅n)1/2 × (1/m2 ) × (kT/G)3/2

(n : the particle number density,

m : average mass of the gas particle in the interstellar cloud,

T : temperature of the gas)

There is the turbulent flow in the molecular cloud which the stars are formed and this compresses the gas in the form of shock wave which has variety of magnitude and density, and makes lump or striped shape structure. Once some part of structure overs the Jeans Instability, the gravity becomes instability, then it split and forms the multiple star system or solitary star system.

Because of the collision between the molecules they are laid excited states, and it is decayed by radiating the radioactive rays. When the cloud is shrunk, the molecular number density is increased and radiated radioactive rays are being difficult to flee away from cloud. This makes the gas to be invisible and the cloud has higher temperature.

1. Chain reaction

When it comes to the proton-proton chain reaction, this is one of the processes of the nuclear fusion reactions which the star converts the hydrogen to the helium. This phenomenon is only occurred when the temperature of the proton (in short, the mean kinetic energy) is sufficiently high to overcome the Coulomb force.

The first reaction is that the two of hydrogen atomic nucleus are fused to one of deuterium by converting one of proton to the neutron and through this process the positron and electron neutrino are released. This process depends on the weak interaction (also known as weak force or weak nuclear force) and the equation of this is

1H + 1H → 2H + [e+](https://ko.wikipedia.org/wiki/%EC%96%91%EC%A0%84%EC%9E%90) + [ν](https://ko.wikipedia.org/wiki/%EC%A4%91%EC%84%B1%EB%AF%B8%EC%9E%90" \o ")[e](https://ko.wikipedia.org/wiki/%EC%A4%91%EC%84%B1%EB%AF%B8%EC%9E%90" \o ")

(1H : hydrogen atomic nucleus,

2H : deuterium,

[e+](https://ko.wikipedia.org/wiki/%EC%96%91%EC%A0%84%EC%9E%90) : positron,

[νe](https://ko.wikipedia.org/wiki/%EC%A4%91%EC%84%B1%EB%AF%B8%EC%9E%90) : electron neutrino)

The positron is did pair annihilation with the electron of hydrogen and the energy is released as two of gamma ray photon.

e+ + e− → 2[γ](https://ko.wikipedia.org/wiki/%EA%B0%90%EB%A7%88%EC%84%A0) + 1.02 MeV

(eV : electronvolt, 1 eV = 1.602 × 10-19 J)

After the above process, the deuterium which is made in the first process fuses with other hydrogen and the isotope of helium, helium-3(3He) is created.

2H + 1H → 3He + [γ](https://ko.wikipedia.org/wiki/%EA%B0%90%EB%A7%88%EC%84%A0) + 5.49 MeV

Then, there are 4 methods which are generating the helium-4(4He). The first one is proton-proton I, also known as PP I and in this branch, helium-4 is fused from two of helium-3 nuclei; in the PP II and PP III branches, helium-3 is fused with pre-existing helium-4 forming the beryllium-7, but each processes utilize the different branches; in the PP IV, the helium-3 is formed by directly reacting the helium-3 with proton and this branch is also called as HeP(Helium-Proton reaction).

To be more specific, in the PP I branch, about 26.7 MeV of net energy. PP I process is dominant under the 10 ~ 14 MK of temperature. Below the 10 MK of temperature, the helium-4 is not much created.

3He +3He → 4He + 1H + 1H + 12.86 MeV

The PP II branch is dominant at temperatures of 14 ~ 23 MK.

3He + 4He → 7[Be](https://ko.wikipedia.org/wiki/%EB%B2%A0%EB%A6%B4%EB%A5%A8) + [γ](https://ko.wikipedia.org/wiki/%EA%B0%90%EB%A7%88%EC%84%A0)

7Be + e− →7[Li](https://ko.wikipedia.org/wiki/%EB%A6%AC%ED%8A%AC) + [ν](https://ko.wikipedia.org/wiki/%EC%A4%91%EC%84%B1%EB%AF%B8%EC%9E%90" \o "중성미자)[e](https://ko.wikipedia.org/wiki/%EC%A4%91%EC%84%B1%EB%AF%B8%EC%9E%90" \o "중성미자) (electron capture)

7Li + 1H → 4He + 4He

(electron capture : this is occurred when the parent nuclide absorbs one of the orbital electron radiating the neutrino)

In the second equation, the 90 percentage of forming neutrino has 0.861 MeV of energy and another 10 percentage has 0.383 MeV of energy. This depends on the condition whether the lithium-7 is at the excited state of ground state.

When it comes to the PP III branch, this is dominant at temperatures over 23 MK. This is not requisite resource at the sun which the inner temperature is not higher enough. However, with regard to the sun’s neutrino problem, it is one of the keystones for resolve it because, in this process, 14.06 of high energy of neutrino is created.

3He + 4He → 7Be + [γ](https://ko.wikipedia.org/wiki/%EA%B0%90%EB%A7%88%EC%84%A0)

7Be + 1H → 8[B](https://ko.wikipedia.org/wiki/%EB%B6%95%EC%86%8C) + [γ](https://ko.wikipedia.org/wiki/%EA%B0%90%EB%A7%88%EC%84%A0)

8B→ 8Be + e+ + [ν](https://ko.wikipedia.org/wiki/%EC%A4%91%EC%84%B1%EB%AF%B8%EC%9E%90" \o "중성미자)[e](https://ko.wikipedia.org/wiki/%EC%A4%91%EC%84%B1%EB%AF%B8%EC%9E%90" \o "중성미자)

8Be↔ 4He + 4He

Finally, the PP IV branch is the hypothesis which is the theoretically predicted, not actually observed. In this reaction, the helium-3 directly reacts with proton and forms the helium-4.

3He + 1H → 4He + νe + e+

In addition to those reactions, there is rare reaction which is called PEP reaction (Proton-Electron-Proton). This occurs instead of PP reaction. The proportion which this reaction occurs is lower than the one of other PP reactions, but this has higher energy of neutrino. In the PP I reaction, the neutrino has 0.42 MeV as maximum energy. In contrast with it, in the PEP reaction, the neutrino has 1.44 MeV of energy.

1. T tauri star

The fixed stars of the T tauri sort are the pre-main-sequence stars, which are composed with the F, G, K, M spectral type. The alternation of continuous spectrum and whole brightness are occurred with sporadic advent of the emission line. Those stars are similar with the main sequence in the mass, but the radiuses are larger, so generally, they are brighter than main sequences. However, the T tauri stars’ central temperatures are lower than main sequence, so it is impossible to be occurred the proton-proton chain reaction. In the process which the T tauri stars become the main sequences by being concentrated, the gravitational energy is emitted. Furthermore, they have 1 ~ 12 days of rotation periods which are drastically shorter than main sequence’s one.

With regard to the alternation of the luminosity, there are huge alternation in the ultraviolet and X-ray spectral. Especially, the change of X-ray luminosity in some stars reaches ten times per day. This phenomenon is concerned as the flare which is occurred because of the explosion of the activity of the photosphere.

In the spectrum of the T tauri star, there are some emission lines such as Balmer lines, ionized calcium, and other metals’ one. In some spectra of the T tauri stars, there is forbidden line which is the typical characteristic of the gaseous nebula. Moreover, there is more prolific lithium than in the sun and other main-sequence stars. This is because lithium is not destroyed under the 2.5 MK of the temperature.

The one of the main resources of pre-main-sequence star including T tauri star is the lithium burning through the proton-proton chain reaction. According to the conservation of angular momentum, the older the T tauri stars are, the faster the rotating speed is. This is because when the star is getting older, this becomes condensed. This causes the inner lithium of T tauri star to be faded quickly. The lithium burning is increased with higher temperature and mass. According to the proton-proton chain reaction, the lithium burning one is

p+ + 6Li → 7Be (unstable)

7Be + e- → 7Li + [γ](https://ko.wikipedia.org/wiki/%EA%B0%90%EB%A7%88%EC%84%A0)

p+ + 7Li → 8Be (unstable)

8Be → 4He + 4He + energy

<2> Developing the programs

(https://learn.astropy.org/rst-tutorials/UVES.html?highlight=filtertutorials)

(Code)

**import** tarfile

**from** astropy.utils.data **import** download\_file

url **=** 'http://data.astropy.org/tutorials/UVES/data\_UVES.tar.gz'

f **=** tarfile**.**open**(**download\_file**(**url**,** cache**=True),** mode**=**'r|\*'**)**

working\_dir\_path **=** '.' *# CHANGE TO WHEREVER YOU WANT THE DATA TO BE EXTRACTED*

f**.**extractall**(**path**=**working\_dir\_path**)**

This allows us to get the essential data files for extracting the information of UVES by downloading and extracting the tar file.

By changing the ‘working\_dir\_path’, it is possible to save the information. If there is already exists the UVES file in the path which is entered in ‘working\_dir\_path’, this can provoke the ‘Permission denied’ error. By eliminating the pre-existing UVES file, changing the path (or creating the subordinate file like ‘C:/Users/’ -> ‘C:/Users/new\_file’), or just utilizing the existing UVES file, this problem can be resolved.

**from** glob **import** glob

**import** os

**import** numpy **as** np

**from** astropy.wcs **import** WCS

**from** astropy.io **import** fits

*# os.path.join is a platform-independent way to join two directories*

globpath **=** os**.**path**.**join**(**working\_dir\_path**,** 'UVES/\*.fits'**)**

print**(**globpath**)**

*# glob searches through directories similar to the Unix shell*

filelist **=** glob**(**globpath**)**

*# sort alphabetically - given the way the filenames are*

*# this also sorts in time*

filelist**.**sort**()**

sp **=** fits**.**open**(**filelist**[0])**

sp**.**info**()**

The glob method helps to handle the files. In above code, all the ‘.fits’[[1]](#footnote-1) files in the UVES file are returned as list form. For instance, glob(‘\*.txt’) returns all the ‘.txt’ files and directories like [‘astropy.txt’, ‘astroml.txt’] and if employ the glob(r‘C:\a\*’), it returns all the files and directories which have the alphabet ‘a’ at first place in the ‘C:’ file like [‘C:\astropy’, ‘C:\astroml’].

(Example code over the ‘glob’)

>>> glob('\*.txt')

['astropy.txt', 'astroml.txt']

>>> glob(r'C:\a\*')

['C:\astropy', 'C:\astroml']

The ‘.fits’ files in the UVES are saved list variable with ‘filelist = glob(globpath)’ and sorted with ‘filelist.sort()’. Then, utilize the ‘fits.open(‘list name’)’, read the information in the list. Therefore, in the above code, ‘sp’ variable contains the first file of the ‘filelist’, and ‘sp.info()’ method returns the saved information.

(The output value)

Filename**:** **./**UVES**/**r**.**UVES**.2011-08-11**T232352**.266-**A01\_0000**.**fits

No**.** Name Ver Type Cards Dimensions Format

**0** PRIMARY **1** PrimaryHDU **609** **(42751,)** float32

This is the information that the first file in the ‘filelist’, which is the one that in the UVES file, sorted alphabetically among ‘.fits’ files.

The data is given as the primary image and all other info is part of the primary header. Therefore, it is possible to extract the WCS[[2]](#footnote-2) from that header to get the wavelength coordinate.

(Code)

header **=** sp**[0].**header

wcs **=** WCS**(**header**)**

*#make index array*

index **=** np**.**arange**(**header**[**'NAXIS1'**])**

wavelength **=** wcs**.**wcs\_pix2world**(**index**[:,**np**.**newaxis**],** **0)**

wavelength**.**shape

*#Ahh, this has the wrong dimension. So we flatten it.*

wavelength **=** wavelength**.**flatten**()**

The ‘sp’ has the information about the first file of the ‘filelist’ and ‘header’ contains the header information about the first one of the ‘sp’, which means that ‘header’ variable has the header information of the ‘filelist’. The ‘index’ is the list which is arranged from 0 to ‘header[‘NAXIS1’]’, which has the 42751 number of values. This is because the ‘NAXIS1’ in the header is the number of data axes NAXIS1 = 42751 and this is comparable with the dimensions in the ‘sp.info()’. This can be checked by printing the ‘header’.

The ‘astropy.wcs’ contains some utilities which can manage the WCS transformations and this can work from pixel to world and from world to pixel. The ‘wavelength’ variable is the former way of the index variable from first value to ‘np.ewaxis’. Therefore, the ‘wavelength’ variable is made list form which contains the converted value from [3732.05623192] to [4999.73837591], which is the form which is all values in the list have the list value forms, so the ‘flatten’ process is necessary to adjust the wrong dimension.

(The process of the ‘wavelength.flatten()’)

Initial wavelength list:

[[3732.05623192] [3732.0858853] [3732.11553869] ... [4999.67906915] [4999.70872253] [4999.73837591]], shape: (42751, 1)

-> modified wavelength list:

[3732.05623192 3732.0858853 3732.11553869 ... 4999.67906915 4999.70872253 4999.73837591], shape: (42751,)

The flux is contained in the primary image.

flux **=** sp**[0].**data

sp : [<astropy.io.fits.hdu.image.PrimaryHDU object at 0x000001B41A256DC0>]. (len(sp) : 1)

The next step is creating the reusable function which returns the wavelength and flux arrays and the time of the observation.

(Code)

**def** read\_spec**(**filename**):**

*'''Read a UVES spectrum from the ESO pipeline*

*Parameters*

*----------*

*filename : string*

*name of the fits file with the data*

*Returns*

*-------*

*wavelength : np.ndarray*

*wavelength (in Ang)*

*flux : np.ndarray*

*flux (in erg/s/cm\*\*2)*

*date\_obs : string*

*time of observation*

*'''*

sp **=** fits**.**open**(**filename**)**

header **=** sp**[0].**header

wcs **=** WCS**(**header**)**

*#make index array*

index **=** np**.**arange**(**header**[**'NAXIS1'**])**

wavelength **=** wcs**.**wcs\_pix2world**(**index**[:,**np**.**newaxis**],** **0)**

wavelength **=** wavelength**.**flatten**()**

flux **=** sp**[0].**data

date\_obs **=** header**[**'Date-OBS'**]**

**return** wavelength**,** flux**,** date\_obs

This function is almost comparable with the above single codes excepting the part of ‘return’, previous of ‘sp’, and ‘date\_obs’. In this function, all the variables have each information, but those things do not return their own output values when their lines end, but return with the ‘return’ command. In short, all the variables in the function and above single variables have each same information, but, in the function, this information only can be returned with ‘return’ command key. The reason this function can be utilized reusable is the keystone of this code. In contrast with single code, in the function, ‘read\_spec(filename)’ and ‘sp’ parts have the ‘filename’ variable, which can get the different variables and returns different outputs. For instance,

if ‘filelist[10]’ is inserted in the ‘filename’, the output value is:

(array([3732.05623192, 3732.0858853 , 3732.11553869, ..., 4999.67906915, 4999.70872253, 4999.73837591]), <astropy.io.fits.hdu.image.PrimaryHDU object at 0x00000255692259A0>, '2011-08-12T02:57:42.000'),

but if ‘filelist[0]’ is inserted, the output value is:

(array([3732.05623192, 3732.0858853 , 3732.11553869, ..., 4999.67906915, 4999.70872253, 4999.73837591]), <astropy.io.fits.hdu.image.PrimaryHDU object at 0x000002556A986DC0>, '2011-08-11T23:23:52.266').

When it comes to the ‘date\_obs’ variable, this has the time as a value which is the total time of observing. The value is 2011-08-11T23:23:52.266

In the exercise part, above function can be applied to return other output values such as exposure time(EXPTIME), wavelength zero point (CRVAL1), and the arm used (HIERARCH ESO INS PATH).

(Code)

**def** read\_setup**(**filename**):**

*'''Get setup for UVES spectrum from the ESO pipeline*

*Parameters*

*----------*

*filename : string*

*name of the fits file with the data*

*Returns*

*-------*

*exposure\_time : float*

*wavelength\_zero\_point : float*

*optical\_arm : string*

*'''*

sp **=** fits**.**open**(**filelist**[0])**

header **=** sp**[0].**header

**return** header**[**'EXPTIME'**],** header**[**'CRVAL1'**],** header**[**'HIERARCH ESO INS PATH'**]**

*# Let's just print the setup on the screen*

*# We'll see if it's all the same.*

**for** f **in** filelist**:**

print**(**read\_setup**(**f**))**

By employing the loop method, all the information in the ‘filelist’ can be printed.

(Output value)

**(1200.0013,** **3732.05623191818,** 'BLUE'**)**

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This result shows that all the fits files have same values in the exposure time, wavelength zero point, and the arm used. This means that the UVES pipeline that was used to reduce the data employs a fixed wavelength grid, thus the wavelength is the same for all spectra. This makes it easy to define an array that can hold the fluxes of all observations.

Other functions which return other values can be created by searching the ‘header’. For example, the function returns the size projected into a detector pixel in axis 1(CDELT1), minimum pixel value(DATAMIN), maximum pixel value(DATAMAX) is:

(Code)

**def** test(filename):

sp = fits.open(filename)

header = sp[0].header

**return** header['CDELT1'], header['DATAMIN'], header['DATAMAX']

(Output value)

**(0.0296533834852385, 0.0, 4729.290936)**

**(0.0296533834852385, 0.0, 4634.535313)**

**(0.0296533834852385, -174.290196, 4340.260218)**

**(0.0296533834852385, -6.782761, 4047.015691)**

**(0.0296533834852385, -11.655434, 3950.1721)**

**(0.0296533834852385, 0.0, 4090.752343)**

**(0.0296533834852385, -5.336826, 5406.309813)**

**(0.0296533834852385, -7.975554, 3984.424107)**

**(0.0296533834852385, -22.41758, 3731.275665)**

**(0.0296533834852385, -19.845119, 3170.01441)**

**(0.0296533834852385, -43.368462, 2920.626045)**

**(0.0296533834852385, -61.746478, 2279.674324)**

**(0.0296533834852385, -81.399828, 2302.1379)**

**(0.0296533834852385, 0.0, 5567.682116)**

**(0.0296533834852385, -7.969487, 5155.392448)**

**(0.0296533834852385, 0.0, 4880.609084)**

**(0.0296533834852385, 0.0, 6485.555281)**

**(0.0296533834852385, 0.0, 6268.045751)**

**(0.0296533834852385, 0.0, 6533.820193)**

**(0.0296533834852385, 0.0, 6118.381622)**

**(0.0296533834852385, -44.095477, 4457.756508)**

**(0.0296533834852385, 0.0, 4729.231238)**

**(0.0296533834852385, 0.0, 4974.708572)**

**(0.0296533834852385, -22.499702, 4687.619661)**

**(0.0296533834852385, -37.995828, 4656.190906)**

By creating the ‘flux’ and ‘date’ lists which are composed with comparable length of ‘filelist’ and ‘wavelength’ one, but initial forms are consist of only zeros, the blank lists are ready. Next, with the ‘for’ loop with ‘enumerate’ method’, those lists can have flux and date values, which are sorted same with the ‘filelist’. This is because the ‘flux’ list has the each value which is comparable with the ‘f’ has through the pre-made ‘read\_spec’ function and ‘date’ list is also. Furthermore, the ‘date’ list has ‘S23’ as a data type, so it is necessary to alternate that as a ‘U23’.

(Code)

flux **=** np**.**zeros**((**len**(**filelist**),** len**(**wavelength**)))**

*# date comes as string with 23 characters (dtype = 'S23')*

date **=** np**.**zeros**((**len**(**filelist**)),** dtype **=** 'U23'**)**

**for** i**,** fname **in** enumerate**(**filelist**):**

w**,** f**,** date\_obs **=** read\_spec**(**fname**)**

flux**[**i**,:]** **=** f

date**[**i**]** **=** date\_obs

All the values have to have their own units because those values are made by plenty of totally different other values. While merely some constants can be computed with others, but, in some cases, others which have the different unit values cannot be calculated with others. For instance, the mass has the [kg] as an unit value and the time has the [s] as an unit value. In this case, the addition of those values cannot mean any value, [kg] + [s]. Therefore, it is important to declare the obvious unit for mathematical and physical operations.

‘Astropy’ offers the units and constants modules.

(Code)

**import** astropy.units **as** u

**from** astropy.constants.si **import** c**,** G**,** M\_sun**,** R\_sun

wavelength **=** wavelength **\*** u**.**AA

*# Let's define some constants we need for the exercises further down*

*# Again, we multiply the value with a unit here*

heliocentric **=** **-23.** **\*** u**.**km**/**u**.**s

v\_rad **=** **-4.77** **\*** u**.**km **/** u**.**s *# Strassmeier et al. (2005)*

R\_MN\_Lup **=** **0.9** **\*** R\_sun *# Strassmeier et al. (2005)*

M\_MN\_Lup **=** **0.6** **\*** M\_sun *# Strassmeier et al. (2005)*

vsini **=** **74.6** **\*** u**.**km **/** u**.**s *# Strassmeier et al. (2005)*

period **=** **0.439** **\*** u**.**day *# Strassmeier et al. (2005)*

inclination **=** **45.** **\*** u**.**degree *# Strassmeier et al. (2005)*

*# All numpy trigonometric functions expect the input in radian.*

*# So far, astropy does not know this, so we need to convert the*

*# angle manually*

incl **=** inclination**.**to**(**u**.**radian**)**

Generally, the unit of wavelength is expressed nanometer scale and ‘u.AA’ is the 0.1nm (1-10), so to have nanometer as an unit value, ‘u.AA’ is multiply with the variable ‘wavelength’. The variable ‘heliocentric’ has the [km/s] as an unit value, which means that this means the velocity. To be more specific, the ‘heliocentric’ means the speed of the planets revolve around the central body. The ‘c’ is speed of lights in vacuum, 299792458[m/s], ‘G’ is gravitational constant, 6.674 × 10-11, ‘v\_rad’ is the radio velocity, ‘M\_sun’ is the mass of solar, 1.9884099 × 1030[kg], ‘R\_sun’ is the radius or solar, 6.957 × 108[m], and ‘vsini’ is projected rotational velocity. The variable ‘inclination’ has the degree unit vale, but for the next calculation and general expression method, alternate this value as radian one. The ‘MN\_Lup’ is a T Tauri star.

The MN Lup has accretion disk and through the spectra, the signatures are appeared close to the free-falling velocity ‘v’ when it reaches stellar surface and the material has mass ‘m’. From the relation between kinetic energy and gravitational energy, in above ‘Accretion disk’ part, the falling speed can be computed.

Ek = Eg

1/2 × mv2 = GMm / r

V = (2GM / r)1/2

From this equation, the free-falling velocity of the MN Lup can be calculated.

(Code)

v\_accr **=** **(2.\*** G **\*** M\_MN\_Lup**/**R\_MN\_Lup**)\*\*0.5**

print**(**v\_accr**)**

*# Maybe astronomers prefer it in the traditional cgs system?*

print**(**v\_accr**.**cgs**)**

*# Or in some really obscure unit?*

**from** astropy.units **import** imperial

print**(**v\_accr**.**to**(**imperial**.**yd **/** u**.**hour**))**

The variable ‘v\_accr’ is the velocity of the accretion disk. This is constituted with gravitational constant ‘G’, the mass of MN Lup ‘M\_MN\_Lup’ which is comparable with the ‘M’ in above equation, and radius of MN Lup ‘R\_MN\_Lup’ which is same with the ‘r’ in above equation. Then, convert this value to have the ‘CGS’ unit value.

1. fits : the standard data format used in astronomy, ‘Flexible Image Transport System’

   From : https://fits.gsfc.nasa.gov/ [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. WCS : World Coordinate System. Define keywords and usage that provide for the description of astronomical coordinate systems in a FITS image header and describe the geometric transformations between one set of coordinates and another. A common application is to map the pixel in an image onto the celestial sphere. Another common application is to map pixels to wavelength in a spectrum.

   From : <https://www.atnf.csiro.au/people/mcalabre/WCS/> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)