Online tools for planetary sciences

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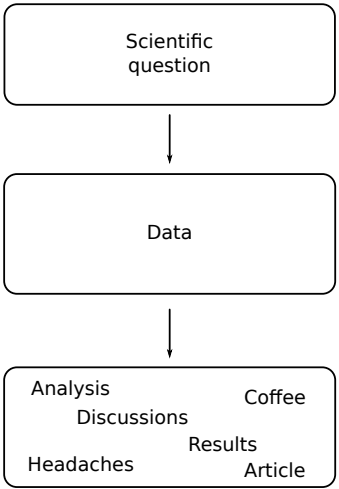

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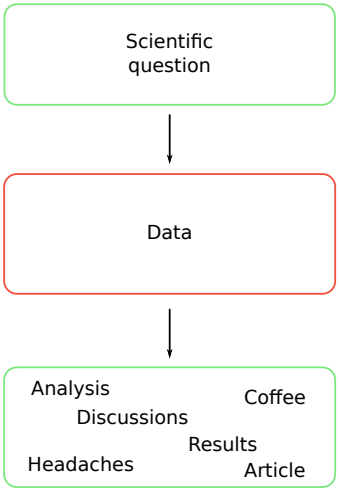

Repetitive (and tedious) tasks!

- **Planning and conduction of observations**
  - Observations already exist?
  - Target/sample available? visible?
- **Gathering ancillary data for the analysis**
  - Complementary information diameter, fall/find, ...
  - Context for research another population
- **Repetitive low-level analysis**
  - Spectral classification
  - Cross-matches & merges

Shared resources save community time

- **Tedious tasks? Share the load!**
  - Many agencies have the mission to support the community
    ESO/ESA/NASA, JPL/MPC/IMCCE, ...
  - The expertize is in the community → individual initiatives
    SSHADE, Meteoretical Bulletin, SMASS
  - ▶ More time for your research
- **Tedious tasks? Automatize them!**
  - Click, click, click... copy-paste, click...
  - Or code some processes to work for you
  - ▶ Virtual Observatory & Community librairies
- **Community services are less prone to errors!**
  - One user → one α-, β-tester, user...
  - Many users → bug reports! and community solutions & patches!
  - ▶ Robustness of analysis → results

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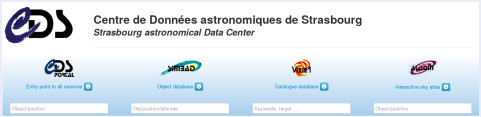

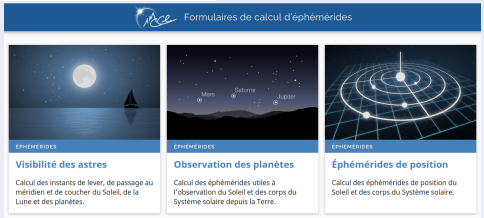

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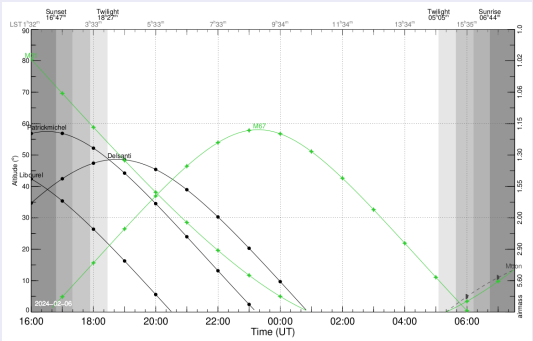

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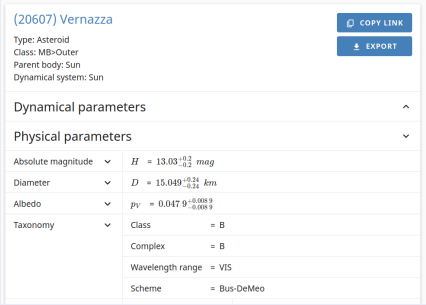


```
$ rocks diameters groussin
                                    (16280) Groussin
+---+----------+-----------------+-------------------+--------+--------------+
|   | diameter | err_diameter_up | err_diameter_down | method | shortbib     |
+---+----------+-----------------+-------------------+--------+--------------+
| 1 | 3.081    | 0.105           | -0.105            | NEATM  | Masiero+2011 |
| 2 | 3.19     | 0.84            | -0.84             | NEATM  | Masiero+2012 |
+---+----------+-----------------+-------------------+--------+--------------+
```

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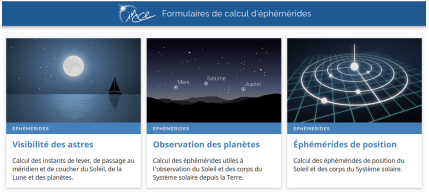

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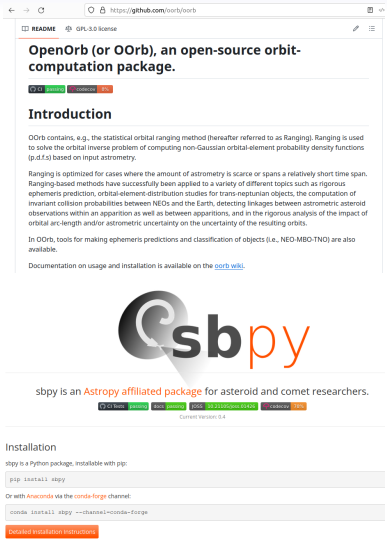

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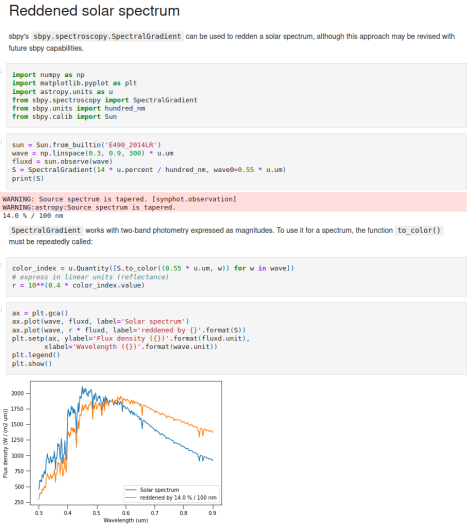

Reddened solar spectrum

sbpy's `sbpy.spectroscopy.SpectralGradient` can be used to redden a solar spectrum, although this approach may be revised with future sbpy capabilities.

In [1]:
```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import astropy.units as u
from sbpy.spectroscopy import SpectralGradient
from sbpy.units import hundred_nm
from sbpy.calib import Sun
```

In [2]:
```
sun = Sun.from_builtin('E490_2014LR')
wave = np.linspace(0.3, 0.9, 300) * u.um
fluxd = sun.observe(wave)
S = SpectralGradient(14 * u.percent / hundred_nm, wave0=0.55 * u.um)
print(S)
```

```
WARNING: Source spectrum is tapered. [synphot.observation]
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14.0 % / 100 nm
```

`SpectralGradient` works with two-band photometry expressed as magnitudes. To use it for a spectrum, the function `to_color()` must be repeatedly called:

In [3]:
```
color_index = u.Quantity([S.to_color([0.55 * u.um, w]) for w in wave])
# express in linear units (reflectance)
r = 10**(0.4 * color_index.value)
```

In [4]:
```
ax = plt.gca()
ax.plot(wave, fluxd, label='Solar spectrum')
ax.plot(wave, r * fluxd, label='reddened by {}'.format(S))
plt.setp(ax, ylabel='Flux density ({})'.format(fluxd.unit),
         xlabel='Wavelength ({})'.format(wave.unit))
plt.legend()
plt.show()
```

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```
>>> from astroquery.mpc import MPC
>>> result = MPC.query_object('asteroid', number=56788)
>>> result[0]['name'], result[0]['tisserand_jupiter']
('Guilbertlepoutre', 3.2)

>>> result
[{'absolute_magnitude': '14.22',
  'aphelion_distance': '3.566',
  'arc_length': 9428,
  'argument_of_perihelion': '92.1275',
  'ascending_node': '317.2229202',
  'critical_list_numbered_object': False,
  'delta_v': 10.5,
  [...]
  'updated_at': '2024-01-16T13:32:14Z',
  'uranus_moid': 15.1713,
  'venus_moid': 1.77253}]
```

https://ssp.imcce.fr/webservices/miriade/api/ephemcc.php?-name=a:bonal

```
# Flag: 1
# Ticket: 178835392827186609
################################################################################
# Solar system object ephemeris by IMCCE/OBSPM/CNRS
# Asteroid : 41927 Bonal
# Source: ASTORB
# Author: L.H. Wasserman
# Reference epoch: 2460300.5
# Number of observations: 1082
# Orbit arc covered: 9812 jours
# RMS or maximum residual: 0.280E-01 " 0.9500E-04 "/d
# Diameter:    0.00 km
# Absolute magnitude H: 15.100
# Slope parameter G:  0.150
# Orbital period:  1.97579452E+03 jours
# System mass: 0.0000E+00 kg
# Dynamical class: MB>Outer
# Taxonomic class: ? , ? , ?
# Planetary theory: INPOP19A
# Frame: J2000 astrometric
# Coordinates: equatorial
# Frame center: geocenter
# Precession/nutation model: IAU2000
# Relativistic perturbations: yes
# PPN coordinate system: beta=gamma=1, alpha=0
################################################################################
#          Date UTC          |       RA        |      DEC        |     Dobs     | VMag  | Phase | Elong. |   dRAcosDEC   |     dDEC      |    RV
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```

Typical tasks and some solutions

IMCCE VOSSP

- Forms: https://ssp.imcce.fr/forms
- APIs: https://ssp.imcce.fr/webservices/
- Several services for SSOs:
  - `SkyBot` : cone-search to list SSOs in a field of view
  - `SkyBot 3D` : get the position of all SSOs at a given epoch
  - `Miriade/ephemcc` : compute the ephemerides of positions, orientations, rise-transit-set, *etc*)
  - `Miriade/ephemph` : compute the phyiscal ephemerides (orientations)
  - `Miriade/rts` : compute the rise-transit-set times
  - `Miriade/vision` : tool to plan nights of observations

JPL Solar System Dynamics

- Forms: https://ssd.jpl.nasa.gov/
- APIs: https://ssd-api.jpl.nasa.gov/
- Several services for SSOs:
  - `Horizons` : Compute ephemerides
  - `Identification` : List SSOs in a field of view
  - `What's Observable?` : Lsit all SSOs visible from a location

Lowell Observatory services

- https://asteroid.lowell.edu/

Let's get some hands-on experience

1. Today: **From GUI to scripts**
   - Find objects in an image using `aladin` and `SkyBoT`
   - The same, with `python`
2. Today: **Getting used to APIs**
   - Some exerices on ephemerides Preparing observation, locating objects
   - More advanced exercices How is Solar system today? Getting ready for LSST
3. Thursday: **Easy access to data and parameters of objects**
   - Common resources for meteorites and Solar System objects
   - Efficient data access with APIs
4. Thursday: **Getting and analyzing spectra**
   - How to search and obtain spectra?
   - Tools for classification