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NUMERICAL MODELLING OF ACTIVE GALACTIC NUCLEI SPECTRA IN PYTHON Workshop on Open-Source Software Lifecycles

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agnpy



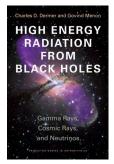
> my idea was to create a tool for AGN modelling that lived in the numpy + astropy ecosystem, increasingly dominant in astronomy;

> agnpy is an astropy affiliated package.

> concept

numerical computation of the photon spectra produced by leptonic radiative processes in jetted AGN;

> notations and formula borrowed from



> implementation

- > available on GitHub;
- > numerics delegated to numpy, quantity casted as astropy units;
- > documentation built with sphinx, hosted on readthedocs;
- > pytest suite + CI via GitHub actions.

How do we build a code for modelling?

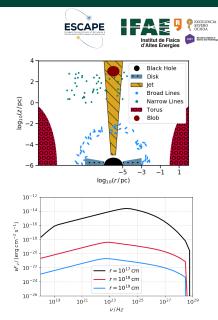
- Each AGN element has its own submodule / class:
 - agnpy.emission_regions.blob plasmoid containing the accelerated electrons;
 - → targets for external compton:
 - → agnpy.targets.SSDisk;
 - \rightarrow agnpy.targets.SphericalShellBLR;
 - \rightarrow agnpy.targets.RingDustTorus.
- Each physical process has its own submodule / class:
 - → agnpy.synchrotron.Synchrotron;
 - \rightarrow agnpy.compton.SynchrotronSelfCompton;
 - \rightarrow agnpy.compton.ExternalCompton;
 - \rightarrow agnpy.absorption.Absorption (γ - γ).

emission regions and targets can be plugged inside processes to compute spectral energy distributions (SED).

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ec = ExternalCompton(blob, disk, r=1e17*u.cm)
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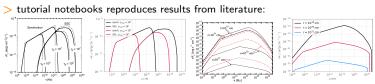
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nu = np.logspace(15, 30) * u.Hz
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ec.sed_flux(nu)
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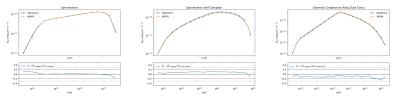


How do we test a code for modelling?





> tests suite checks deviation from SED sampled from literature is within a given factor:





> check the code and advertise it, it's in a phase in which feedback is critical;

- interface it with other packages like gammapy, especially for fitting multi-wavelength SEDs;
- > hope to provide an important missing piece in AGN studies and in the growing community of python-based astronomical software.