



# **PySynphot Documentation**

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**Package**

Astrolib Pysynphot



## **PURPOSE**

Object-oriented replacement for STSDAS synphot package.

This `__init__` file is used to expose the desired elements of the user interface for interactive use.





## DEPENDENCIES

- numpy 1.5.1 or greater
- pyfits 2.4 or greater



## **ENVIRONMENT**

The environment variable PYSYN\_CDBS must be set.



## EXAMPLE

In the examples below, items which may be installation- or platform- specific are commented out so as to be excluded from doctest. However users are still encouraged to try these examples.

A quickstart tutorial containing further examples and other documentation can be found at [U{http://stdas.stsci.edu/pysynphot/}](http://stdas.stsci.edu/pysynphot/)

```
>>> import pysynphot as S
>>> import os
>>> print S.__version__
0.9.4dev
>>> #Read a spectrum from a file
>>> vega=S.FileSpectrum(S.locations.VegaFile)

>>> bb=S.BlackBody(40000)
>>> print bb
BB(T=40000)

>>> pl=S.PowerLaw(10000,-2)
>>> print pl
Power law: refwave 10000 angstrom, index -2

>>> g1=S.GaussianSource(18.3,18000,2000,fluxunits='abmag')
>>> print g1
Gaussian: mu=18000 angstrom,fwhm=2000 angstrom, total flux=18.3 abmag

>>> unitflux=S.FlatSpectrum(18,fluxunits='abmag')
>>> print unitflux
Flat spectrum of 18 abmag

>>> bp1=S.ObsBandpass('acs,hrc,f555w')
>>> print bp1
acs,hrc,f555w
>>> print bp1.wave
[ 500. 1000. 1010. ..., 11999. 30000. 30010.]
>>> print bp1.throughput
[ 0. 0. 0. ..., 0. 0. 0.]

>>> len(bp1)
6

>>> print bp1.waveunits
angstrom
```

```
>>> obs1=S.Observation(vega,bp1)
```

```
>>> print obs1.waveunits  
angstrom
```

```
>>> print obs1.fluxunits  
flam
```

## 5.1 pysynphot.Cache

`pysynphot.Cache.reset_catalog_cache()`  
Empty the CATALOG\_CACHE global variable.

## 5.2 pysynphot.catalog

**class** `pysynphot.catalog.Icat` (*catdir, Teff, metallicity, log\_g*)

This class constructs a model from the grid available in catalogs such as the Castelli & Kurucz. See the Synphot User's Data Manual, Appendix A, for more information at [http://www.stsci.edu/hst/HST\\_overview/documents/synphot/AppA\\_Catalogs4.html#48115](http://www.stsci.edu/hst/HST_overview/documents/synphot/AppA_Catalogs4.html#48115)

`spec = Icat(CDBS directory name, Teff, metallicity, logG).`

### Parameters

**catdir** : str  
name of directory holding the catalogs

**Teff** : float  
effective temperature of model

**metallicity** : float  
metallicity of model

**log\_g** : float  
log of gravity term for model

## 5.3 pysynphot.exceptions

Custom exceptions for pysynphot to raise

**exception** `pysynphot.exceptions.AmbiguousObsmode` (*msg*)

**exception** `pysynphot.exceptions.BadRow` (*msg, rows=None*)

**exception** `pysynphot.exceptions.DisjointError` (*msg*)

**exception** `pysynphot.exceptions.DuplicateWavelength` (*msg, rows=None*)

**exception** `pysynphot.exceptions.ExtrapolationNotAllowed` (*msg*)

**exception** `pysynphot.exceptions.GraphtabError` (*msg*)

**exception** `pysynphot.exceptions.IncompatibleSources` (*msg*)

**exception** `pysynphot.exceptions.IncompleteObsmode` (*msg*)

**exception** `pysynphot.exceptions.OverlapError` (*msg*)

**exception** `pysynphot.exceptions.ParameterOutOfBounds` (*msg*)

**exception** `pysynphot.exceptions.PartialOverlap` (*msg*)

**exception** `pysynphot.exceptions.PysynphotError` (*msg*)  
parent class

**exception** `pysynphot.exceptions.TableFormatError` (*msg, rows=None*)

**exception** `pysynphot.exceptions.UndefinedBinset` (*msg*)

**exception** `pysynphot.exceptions.UnsortedWavelength` (*msg, rows=None*)

**exception** `pysynphot.exceptions.UnusedKeyword` (*msg*)

**exception** `pysynphot.exceptions.ZeroWavelength` (*msg, rows=None*)

## 5.4 `pysynphot.extinction`

**class** `pysynphot.extinction.DeprecatedExtinction` (*extinction in magnitudes, 'gal|smc|lmc reddening laws'*)

Extinction mimics as a spectral element.

**class** `pysynphot.extinction.Ga11` (*extval*)

**citation** = 'Seaton 1979 (MNRAS 187:75)'

**name** = 'gal1'

**class** `pysynphot.extinction.Ga12` (*extval*)



```
citation = 'Savage & Mathis 1979 (ARA&A 17:73)'
```

```
name = 'gal2'
```

```
class pysynphot.extinction.Gal3 (extval)
```

```
citation = 'Cardelli, Clayton & Mathis 1989 (ApJ 345:245)'
```

```
name = 'gal3'
```

```
class pysynphot.extinction.Lmc (extval)
```

```
citation = 'Howarth 1983 (MNRAS 203:301)'
```

```
name = 'LMC'
```

```
class pysynphot.extinction.Smc (extval)
```

```
citation = 'Prevot et al.1984 (A&A 132:389)'
```

```
name = 'SMC'
```

```
class pysynphot.extinction.Xgal (extval)
```

```
citation = 'Calzetti, Kinney and Storchi-Bergmann, 1994 (ApJ 429:582)'
```

```
name = 'XGAL'
```

```
pysynphot.extinction.factory (redlaw, *args, **kwargs)
```

### 5.4.1 Global variables

```
pysynphot.extinction._seatonx = array([ 0. , 1. , 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6, 1.7, 1.8, 1.9, 2. , 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7])
```

```
pysynphot.extinction._seatone = array([ 0. , 1.36, 1.64, 1.84, 2.04, 2.24, 2.44, 2.66, 2.88, 3.14, 3.36, 3.56, 3.77, 3.96, 4.15])
```

```
pysynphot.extinction._lmcx = array([ 0. , 0.29, 0.45, 0.8 , 1.11, 1.43, 1.83])
```

```
pysynphot.extinction._lmce = array([ 0. , 0.16, 0.38, 0.87, 1.5 , 2.32, 3.1 ])
```

```
pysynphot.extinction._smcx = array([ 0. , 0.29, 0.45, 0.8 , 1.11, 1.43, 1.82, 2.35, 2.7 , 3.22, 3.34, 3.46, 3.6 , 3.75, 3.92, 4.09])
```

```
pysynphot.extinction._smce = array([ 0. , 0.16, 0.38, 0.87, 1.5 , 2.32, 3.1 , 4.1 , 4.77, 5.39, 5.75, 6.1 , 6.25, 6.59, 7.01, 7.34,
```

```
pysynphot.extinction._waveset = array([ 20. , 19.92113104, 19.8425731 , ..., 0.38766684, 0.3861381 , 0.38476739])
```

```
pysynphot.extinction._seaton = array([ 71.17 , 70.48569062, 69.807759 , ..., 0.20438839, 0.20277958, 0.20134248])
```

```
pysynphot.extinction._lmc = array([ 54.10590134, 53.73888694, 53.3746187 , ..., 0.29429191, 0.29218989, 0.29030516])
```

```
pysynphot.extinction._smc = array([ 23.74 , 23.74 , 23.74 , ..., 0.29429191, 0.29218989, 0.29030516])
```

```
pysynphot.extinction._xgal = array([ 94.7214 , 93.42724771, 92.15200482, ..., 1.35077283, 1.34571793, 1.34118379])
```

## 5.5 pysynphot.graphtab

Graph table re-implementation Data structure & traversal algorithm suggested by Alex Martelli, <http://stackoverflow.com/questions/844505/is-a-graph-library-eg-networkx-the-right-solution-for-my-python-problem>

**class** `pysynphot.graphtab.CompTable` (*fname*)

This class will cooperate with a GraphPath to produce a realized list of files

**inittab** ()

**class** `pysynphot.graphtab.GraphNode`

Structure to hold all the information associated with a single innode of the graph table. The constructor produces an empty node, which must be filled later. This structure will be the value associated with the GraphTab dict.

((default\_outnode, compname, thcompname), {'kwd':(outnode, compname, thcompname)})

**get\_default** ()

**get\_named** (*kwd*)

**set\_default** (*outnode, compname, thcompname*)

**set\_named** (*kwd, outnode, compname, thcompname*)

**class** `pysynphot.graphtab.GraphPath` (*obsmode\_string, optical, thermal, params, tname*)

Simple class containing the result of a traversal of the GraphTable

### Parameters

**optical** : list of strings

optical component names

**thermal** : list of strings

thermal component names

**params** : dict

dictionary of {compname:parameterized value} for  
any parameterized keywords used in the obsmode string

`class pysynphot.graphtab.GraphTable (fname)`

`add_descendants (node, updateset=None)`

auxiliary function: add all descendants of node to someset

`inittab ()`

`traverse (icss, verbose=False)`

`validate ()`

Simultaneously checks for loops and unreachable nodes

`pysynphot.graphtab.extract_keywords (icss)`

Helper function

**Parameters**

`icss` : string

comma-separated string

**Returns**

`kws` : list of string

set of keywords

`paramdict` : dict

dict of {parameterized\_keyword: parameter\_value}

## 5.6 pysynphot.locations

`pysynphot.locations.get_data_filename (filename)`

`pysynphot.locations.irafconvert (iraffilename)`

Convert the IRAF file name (in directory\$file format) to its unix equivalent

**Parameters**

**Input:** string iraffilename :

**Returns**

**Output:** string unixfilename :

If '\$' not found in the input string, just return the input string  
Non-string input raises an AttributeError

### 5.6.1 Global Variables

`pysynphot.locations.rootdir = ''`

str(object) -> string

Return a nice string representation of the object. If the argument is a string, the return value is the same object.

```
pysynphot.locations.specdir = '/Users/sienkiew/plugh/lib/python2.7/site-packages/pysynphot-0.9.5-py2.7-macosx-10.6'
str(object) -> string
```

Return a nice string representation of the object. If the argument is a string, the return value is the same object.

```
pysynphot.locations.CAT_TEMPLATE = 'grid/*/catalog.fits'
str(object) -> string
```

Return a nice string representation of the object. If the argument is a string, the return value is the same object.

```
pysynphot.locations.KUR_TEMPLATE = 'grid/*'
str(object) -> string
```

Return a nice string representation of the object. If the argument is a string, the return value is the same object.

```
pysynphot.locations.VegaFile = '/Users/sienkiew/plugh/lib/python2.7/site-packages/pysynphot-0.9.5-py2.7-macosx-10.6'
str(object) -> string
```

Return a nice string representation of the object. If the argument is a string, the return value is the same object.

```
pysynphot.locations.EXTDIR = 'grid/extinction'
str(object) -> string
```

Return a nice string representation of the object. If the argument is a string, the return value is the same object.

```
pysynphot.locations.RedLaws = {}
```

```
pysynphot.locations.wavecat = '/Users/sienkiew/plugh/lib/python2.7/site-packages/pysynphot-0.9.5-py2.7-macosx-10.6'
str(object) -> string
```

Return a nice string representation of the object. If the argument is a string, the return value is the same object.

```
pysynphot.locations.CONVERTDICT = {'crfields': 'fields', 'cralobs': 'calobs', 'crnirspeccomp': 'comp/nirspec', 'crfocccomp': 'focccomp'}
```

## 5.7 pysynphot.obsbandpass

**class** `pysynphot.obsbandpass.ObsModeBandpass` (*ob*)  
 Bandpass instantiated from an obsmode string

Instantiate a `COMPOSITEspectralelement` by means of an `ObservationMode` (which the caller must have already created from an `obstring`)

**pixel\_range** (*waverange*, *waveunits=None*, *round='round'*)  
 Returns the number of wavelength bins within *waverange*.

---

**Note:** This calls the `pixel_range` function with `self.binset` as the first argument. See `pixel_range` for full documentation.

---

### Parameters

**waveunits** : str, optional

The units of the wavelengths given in *waverange*. Defaults to `None`. If `None`, the wavelengths are assumed to be in the units of the `waveunits` attribute.

### Raises

**`pysynphot.exceptions.UndefinedBinset`** :

If the `binset` attribute is `None`.

**See also:**

`pixel_range`, `pysynphot.exceptions.UndefinedBinset`

**showfiles()**

Defer to ObservationMode component

**thermback()**

Expose the thermal background calculation presently hidden in the obsmode class. Only bandpasses for which thermal information has been supplied in the graph table supports this method; all others will raise a `NotImplementedError`.

**wave\_range** (*cenwave*, *npix*, *waveunits=None*, *round='round'*)

Get the wavelength range covered by a number of pixels, *npix*, centered on wavelength *cenwave*.

---

**Note:** This calls the `wave_range` function with `self.binset` as the first argument. See `wave_range` for full documentation.

---

**Parameters**

**waveunits** : str, optional

Wavelength units of *cenwave* and the returned wavelength range. Defaults to `None`. If `None`, the wavelengths are assumed to be in the units of the `waveunits` attribute.

**Raises**

**exceptions.UndefinedBinset** :

If the `binset` attribute is `None`.

**See also:**

`wave_range`, `pysynphot.exceptions.UndefinedBinset`

`pysynphot.obsbandpass.ObsBandpass` (*obstring*, *graphable=None*, *comptable=None*, *component\_dict={}*)

Generate an `ObsModeBandPass` or `TabularSpectralElement` instance

`obsband = ObsBandpass(string specifying obsmode; for details see the Synphot Data User's Guide at http://www.stsci.edu/hst/HST\_overview/documents/synphot/hst\_synphotTOC.html`

`pysynphot.obsbandpass.pixel_range` (*bins*, *waverange*, *round='round'*)

Returns the number of wavelength bins within *waverange*.

**Parameters**

**bins** : ndarray

Wavelengths of pixel centers. Must be in the same units as *waverange*.

**waverange** : array\_like

A sequence containing the wavelength range of interest. Only the first and last elements are used. Assumed to be in increasing order. Must be in the same units as *bins*.

**round** : { 'round', 'min', 'max', None }, optional

How to deal with pixels at the edges of the wavelength range. All of the options, except `None`, will return an integer number of pixels. Defaults to `'round'`.

When set to `'round'` wavelength ends that fall in the middle of a pixel are counted if more than half of the pixel is within *waverange*. Ends that fall in the center of a pixel are rounded up to the nearest pixel edge.

When set to `'min'` only pixels wholly within *waverange* are counted.

When set to 'max' end pixels that are within `waverange` by any margin are counted.

When set to None the exact number of encompassed pixels, including fractional pixels, is returned.

**Returns**

**num** : int or float

Number of wavelength bins within `waverange`.

**Raises**

**ValueError** :

If `round` is not an allowed value.

**pysynphot.exceptions.OverlapError** :

If `waverange` exceeds the bounds of `bins`.

`pysynphot.obsbandpass.wave_range` (*bins, cenwave, npix, round='round'*)

Get the wavelength range covered by a number of pixels, `npix`, centered on wavelength `cenwave`.

**Parameters**

**bins** : ndarray

Wavelengths of pixel centers. Must be in the same units as `cenwave`.

**cenwave** : float

Central wavelength of range. Must be in the same units as `bins`.

**npix** : int

Number of pixels in range, centered on `cenwave`.

**round** : {'round', 'min', 'max', None}, optional

How to deal with pixels at the edges of the wavelength range. All of the options, except None, will return wavelength ends that corresponds to pixel edges. Defaults to 'round'.

When set to None an exact wavelength range is returned. The wavelength ends returned may not correspond to pixel edges, but will cover exactly `npix` pixels.

When set to 'round' a wavelength range is returned such that the ends are pixel edges and the range spans exactly `npix` pixels. Ends that fall in the center of bins are rounded up to the nearest pixel edge.

When set to 'min' the returned wavelength range is shrunk so that it includes an integer number of pixels and the ends fall on pixel edges. May not span exactly `npix` pixels.

When set to 'max' the returned wavelength range is expanded so that it includes an integer number of pixels and the ends fall on pixel edges. May not span exactly `npix` pixels.

**Returns**

**waverange** : tuple of floats

The range of wavelengths spanned by `npix` centered on `cenwave`.

**Raises**

**ValueError** :

If `round` is not an allowed value.

**pysynphot.exceptions.OverlapError** :

If `cenwave` is not within the `binset` attribute, or the returned waverange would exceed the limits of the `binset` attribute.

## 5.8 pysynphot.observation

**class** `pysynphot.observation.Observation` (*Spectrum object, Bandpass object, binset=umpy array to be used for binning when converting to counts.*)

Most `ObsBandpass` objects have a built-in `binset` that is optimized for use with the specified observing mode; specifying the `binset` in the `Observation` constructor would override that `binset`.

An `Observation` is the end point of a chain of spectral manipulation.

The normal means of producing an `Observation` is by means of the `.observe()` method on the spectral element.

**as\_spectrum** (*binned=True*)

Reduce the `Observation` to a `TabularSourceSpectrum`.

An `Observation` is a complex object with some restrictions on its capabilities. At times it would be useful to work with the simulated `Observation` as a simpler object that is easier to manipulate and takes up less memory. This method returns a `TabularSourceSpectrum` made from either the (`wave`, `flux`) or the (`binwave`, `binflux`) properties of the `Observation`.

### Parameters

**binned**: bool :

If True, use (`binwave`, `binflux`); otherwise use (`wave`, `flux`).

### Returns

**result**: `TabularSourceSpectrum` :

**count\_rate** (*binned=True, range=None, force=False*)

This is the calculation performed when the ETC invokes `count_rate`. Essentially it wants the `effstim` in counts.

### Parameters

**binned** : bool [Default: True]

**if True, operations will be performed on (binwave,binflux);**  
otherwise on (`wave`,`flux`)

**range** : { 'low', 'high', None }

if `range` is not None, it is expected to be a sequence with two floating-point elements specifying the low and high wavelength range (specified in `self.waveunits`) over which the integration will be performed.

This is an `_inclusive_` range.

Disjoint or partially-overlapping ranges will raise an exception by default. If `force=True` is set, then a partial overlap will return the calculated value rather than raise an exception.

If the specified range does not exactly match a value in the waveset:

- if `binned=True`, the bin containing the range value will be used. (Recall values of `binwave` specify bin centers.)
- if `binned=False`, the `wave` and `flux` arrays will be interpolated to the specified values.

**force** : bool [Default: False]

**efflam** (*binned=True*)

Calculation performed based on `observation.py_EfflamCalculator`, which produces EFFLPHOT results!.

**effstim** (*fluxunits='photlam'*)

Compute effective stimulation in specified units

**initbinflux** ()

This routine performs the integration of the spectrum on the specified binned waveset. It uses the natural waveset of the spectrum in performing this integration.

---

**Note:** This method is implemented under the assumption that the wavelength values in the binned waveset are the *centers* of the bins.

---

By contrast, the native wave/flux arrays should be considered samples of a continuous function.

Thus, it makes sense to interpolate `.wave/.flux`; it does not make sense to interpolate `.binwave/.binflux`.

**initbinset** (*binset=None*)

**pivot** (*binned=True*)

This is the calculation performed when the ETC invokes `calcphot`. Does this need to be calculated on binned waveset, or may it be calculated on native waveset?

**pixel\_range** (*waverange, waveunits=None, round='round'*)

Returns the number of wavelength bins within `waverange`.

---

**Note:** This calls the `pixel_range()` function with `self.binwave` as the first argument. See `pixel_range()` for full documentation.

---

#### Parameters

**waveunits** : str, optional

The units of the wavelengths given in `waverange`. Defaults to `None`. If `None`, the wavelengths are assumed to be in the units of the `waveunits` attribute.

#### Raises

**`pysynphot.exceptions.UndefinedBinset`** :

If the `binwave` attribute is `None`.

#### See also:

`pysynphot.obsbandpass.pixel_range`

**redshift** (*z*)

**sample** (*swave, binned=True, fluxunits='counts'*)

Samples the observation at the wavelength(s) `swave`, specified in `waveunits`. The `binned` keyword determines whether the sampling is performed on `binwave/binflux`, in which case no interpolation is performed, or on the native `wave/flux`, in which case interpolation is performed.

**validate\_overlap** (*force*)

By default, it is required that the spectrum and bandpass fully overlap. Partial overlap will raise an error in the absence of the `force` keyword, which may be set to “taper” or “extrap”.

**wave\_range** (*cenwave, npix, waveunits=None, round='round'*)

Get the wavelength range covered by a number of pixels, `npix`, centered on wavelength `cenwave`.

---

**Note:** This calls the `obsbandpass.wave_range` function with `self.binwave` as the first argument. See `obsbandpass.wave_range` for full documentation.

---



**Parameters****waveunits** : str, optional

Wavelength units of `cenwave` and the returned wavelength range. Defaults to `None`. If `None`, the wavelengths are assumed to be in the units of the `waveunits` attribute.

**Raises****pysynphot.exceptions.UndefinedBinset** :

If the `binwave` attribute is `None`.

**See also:**`obsbandpass.wave_range`**writefits** (*fname, clobber=True, trimzero=True, binned=True, hkeys=None*)

All we really want to do here is flip the default value of 'binned' from the vanilla spectrum case.

**binflux**

Flux on binned wavelength set property

`pysynphot.observation.check_overlap(a, b)`

Check for wavelength overlap between two psyn instances.

Generalized from `psyn.SpectralElement.check_overlap()`.

**Parameters****a** : `Integrator` instance**b** : `Integrator` instance

Typically a `psyn.SourceSpectrum`, `psyn.SpectralElement`, `psyn.Observation`, or `psyn.ObsBandpass`

**Returns****result** : { 'full', 'partial', 'none' }**See also:**`pysynphot.spectrum.Integrator`, `pysynphot.spectrum.SpectralElement``pysynphot.observation.validate_overlap(comp1, comp2, force)`

Validate the overlap between the wavesets of the two components. If `force` is not `None`, the components may be adjusted.

## 5.9 pysynphot.observationmode

```
class pysynphot.observationmode.BaseObservationMode(obsmode,
                                                    method='HSTGraphTable', graph-
                                                    table=None)
```

Class that handles the graph table, common to both optical and thermal obsmodes.

**GetFileNames** ()**bandWave** ()

Return the binned waveset most appropriate for the obsmode, as defined by the `wavecat.dat` file.

**showfiles** ()

Duplicate synphot showfiles behavior

```
class pysynphot.observationmode.ObservationMode(obsmode, method='HSTGraphTable',
                                                graphtable=None, comptable=None,
                                                component_dict={})
```

**Sensitivity()**

Calculate the sensitivity by combining the throughput curves with  $hc/\lambda$  to convert  $\text{erg/cm}^2/\text{sec}/\text{Angstrom}$  to  $\text{counts/sec}$ . Multiplying this by the flux in  $\text{erg/cm}^2/\text{sec}/\text{Angstrom}$  will give  $\text{counts/sec}/\text{Angstrom}$

**ThermalSpectrum()****Throughput()**

Throughput returns the TabularSpectralElement obtained by multiplying the SpectralElement components together. Unitless

## 5.9.1 Variables

`pysynphot.observationmode.rootdir = ''`  
`str(object) -> string`

Return a nice string representation of the object. If the argument is a string, the return value is the same object.

`pysynphot.observationmode.datadir = '/Users/sienkiew/plugh/lib/python2.7/site-packages/pysynphot-0.9.5-py2.7-mac'`  
`str(object) -> string`

Return a nice string representation of the object. If the argument is a string, the return value is the same object.

`pysynphot.observationmode.wavecat = '/Users/sienkiew/plugh/lib/python2.7/site-packages/pysynphot-0.9.5-py2.7-mac'`  
`str(object) -> string`

Return a nice string representation of the object. If the argument is a string, the return value is the same object.

`pysynphot.observationmode.CLEAR = 'clear'`  
`str(object) -> string`

Return a nice string representation of the object. If the argument is a string, the return value is the same object.

## 5.10 pysynphot.planck

`pysynphot.planck.bb_photlam_arcsec(wave, temperature)`

Planck function in  $\text{photlam} / \text{square arcsec}$ . wavelength in Angstrom, temperature in Kelvin. Translated from Anand's spp code in synphot.

`pysynphot.planck.bbfunc(wave, temperature)`

Planck function in  $\text{photlam}$ . wavelength in Angstrom, temperature in Kelvin. Adapted from bbfunc in synphot.

`pysynphot.planck.llam_SI(wave, temperature)`

Planck function in standard units. wavelength in meters, temperature in Kelvin. Adapted from Anand's spp code in synphot.

### 5.10.1 Variables

`pysynphot.planck.H = 6.6262e-27`  
`float(x) -> floating point number`

Convert a string or number to a floating point number, if possible.

`pysynphot.planck.HS = 6.6262e-34`  
`float(x) -> floating point number`

Convert a string or number to a floating point number, if possible.

`pysynphot.planck.C = 299792500.0`  
`float(x) -> floating point number`  
 Convert a string or number to a floating point number, if possible.

`pysynphot.planck.K = 1.38062e-23`  
`float(x) -> floating point number`  
 Convert a string or number to a floating point number, if possible.

`pysynphot.planck.C1 = 1.1910666467986475e-16`  
`float(x) -> floating point number`  
 Convert a string or number to a floating point number, if possible.

`pysynphot.planck.C2 = 0.014388354967333514`  
`float(x) -> floating point number`  
 Convert a string or number to a floating point number, if possible.

`pysynphot.planck.F = 2.350438638182907e-25`  
`float(x) -> floating point number`  
 Convert a string or number to a floating point number, if possible.

`pysynphot.planck.LOWER = 0.0001`  
`float(x) -> floating point number`  
 Convert a string or number to a floating point number, if possible.

`pysynphot.planck.UPPER = 85.0`  
`float(x) -> floating point number`  
 Convert a string or number to a floating point number, if possible.

## 5.11 pysynphot.pysynphot\_utils

`pysynphot.pysynphot_utils.calcbinflux()`  
 Calculate binned flux.

## 5.12 pysynphot.reddening

`class pysynphot.reddening.CustomRedLaw` (*wave=None, waveunits='InverseMicrons', Avscalled=None, name='Unknown Reddening Law', litref=None*)

`reddening` (*extval*)

Compute the reddening for the provided value of the extinction.

`class pysynphot.reddening.RedLaw` (*filename*)  
 Defines a reddening law from a FITS file.

`pysynphot.reddening.Extinction` (*extinction (E(B-V)) in magnitudes, 'reddening law'*)

If no name is provided, the average Milky Way extinction will be used. Run the `print_red_laws` function to see available names.

`pysynphot.reddening.print_red_laws()`

Print information regarding the extinction laws currently available on CDBS. The printed names may be used with the `Extinction` function to retrieve available reddening laws.

## 5.13 pysynphot.refs

`pysynphot.refs.getref()`

Collects & returns the current refdata as a dictionary

`pysynphot.refs.set_default_waveset(minwave=500, maxwave=26000, num=10000.0, delta=None, log=True)`

Set the default waveset for pysynphot spectral types. Calculated wavesets are inclusive of `minwave` and exclusive of `maxwave`.

### Parameters

**minwave** : float, optional

The starting point of the waveset.

**maxwave** : float, optional

The end point of the waveset.

**num** : int, optional

The number of elements in the waveset. If `delta` is not `None` this is ignored.

**delta** : float, optional

Delta between values in the waveset. If not `None`, this overrides the `num` parameter. If `log` is `True` then `delta` is assumed to be the spacing in log space.

**log** : bool, optional

Sets whether the waveset is evenly spaced in log or linear space. If `log` is `True` then `delta` is assumed to be the delta in log space. `minwave` and `maxwave` should be given in normal space regardless of the value of `log`.

`pysynphot.refs.setref(graphtable=None, comptable=None, therrmtable=None, area=None, waveset=None)`

provide user access to global reference data. Graph/comp/therm table names must be fully specified.

`pysynphot.refs.showref()`

Prints the values settable by `setref`

### 5.13.1 Variables

`pysynphot.refs._default_waveset = array([ 500. , 500.19760122, 500.39528054, ..., 25969.1985582 , 25979.46164894, 25989.82470888, ...])`

`pysynphot.refs._default_waveset_str = 'Min: 500, Max: 26000, Num: 10000.0, Delta: None, Log: True'`  
`str(object) -> string`

Return a nice string representation of the object. If the argument is a string, the return value is the same object.

`pysynphot.refs.GRAPHTABLE = None`

`pysynphot.refs.GRAPHDICT = {}`

`pysynphot.refs.COMPTABLE = None`

`pysynphot.refs.COMPDICT = {}`

```
pysynphot.refs.THERMTABLE = None
```

```
pysynphot.refs.THERMDICT = {}
```

```
pysynphot.refs.PRIMARY_AREA = 45238.93416
```

float(x) -> floating point number

Convert a string or number to a floating point number, if possible.

## 5.14 pysynphot.renorm

```
pysynphot.renorm.DefineStdSpectraForUnits ()
```

Adorn the units with the appropriate kind of spectrum for renormalizing. This is done here to avoid circular imports.

```
pysynphot.renorm.StdRenorm (spectrum, band, RNval, RNunitstring, force=False)
```

Another approach to renormalization

## 5.15 pysynphot.spark

```
pysynphot.spark.__version__ = 'SPARK-0.6.1'
```

str(object) -> string

Return a nice string representation of the object. If the argument is a string, the return value is the same object.

```
class pysynphot.spark.GenericASTBuilder (AST, start)
```

```
    buildASTNode (args, lhs)
```

```
    nonterminal (type, args)
```

```
    preprocess (rule, func)
```

```
    terminal (token)
```

```
class pysynphot.spark.GenericASTMatcher (start, ast)
```

```
    foundMatch (args, func)
```

```
    match (ast=None)
```

```
    match_r (node)
```

```
    preprocess (rule, func)
```

```
    resolve (list)
```

```
class pysynphot.spark.GenericASTTraversal (ast)

    default (node)

    postorder (node=None)

    preorder (node=None)

    prune ()

    typestring (node)

class pysynphot.spark.GenericASTTraversalPruningException

class pysynphot.spark.GenericParser (start)

    addRule (doc,func)

    ambiguity (children)

    augment (start)

    buildState (token, states, i, tree)

    buildTree (tokens, tree, root)

    buildTree_r (stack, tokens, tokpos, tree, root)

    collectRules ()

    error (token)

    makeFIRST ()

    parse (tokens)

    preprocess (rule,func)

    resolve (list)

    typestring (token)
```

```
class pysynphot.spark.GenericScanner
```

```
    error (s, pos)
```

```
    makeRE (name)
```

```
    reflect ()
```

```
    t_default (s)
        (.ln)+
```

```
    tokenize (s)
```

## 5.16 pysynphot.spectrum

```
class pysynphot.spectrum.AnalyticSpectrum (waveunits='angstrom', fluxunits='photlam')
```

Base class for analytic functions. These are spectral forms which are defined, by default, on top of the default synphot waveset.

All AnalyticSpectra must set wave & flux units; do it here.

```
    GetWaveSet ()
```

```
class pysynphot.spectrum.ArraySourceSpectrum (wave=None, flux=None, waveu-
nits='angstrom', fluxunits='photlam',
name='UnnamedArraySpectrum', keep-
neg=False)
```

Create a spectrum from arrays.

spec = ArraySpectrum(numpy array containing wavelength table, numpy array containing flux table, waveunits, fluxunits, name=human-readable nickname for spectrum, keepneg=True to override the default behavior of setting negative flux values to zero)

### Parameters

**wave** : ndarray

Wavelength array

**flux** : ndarray

Flux array

**waveunits** : `WaveUnits` object or subclass

Units of wave

**fluxunits** : `FluxUnits` object or subclass

Units of flux

**name** : string

Description of this array

**keepneg** : bool [Default: False]

If true, negative flux values will be retained; by default, they are forced to zero

**class** `pysynphot.spectrum.ArraySpectralElement` (*wave=None*, *throughput=None*, *waveunits='angstrom'*, *name='UnnamedArrayBandpass'*)  
 spec = ArraySpectrum(numpy array containing wavelength table, numpy array containing throughput table, waveunits, name=human-readable nickname for bandpass.)

Create a spectrum from arrays.

**Parameters**

- wave** : ndarray  
Wavelength array
- throughput** : ndarray  
Throughput array
- waveunits** : `WaveUnits` object or subclass  
Units of wave
- name** : string  
Description of this spectral element

**class** `pysynphot.spectrum.BlackBody` (*temperature*)  
 Blackbody spectrum with specified temperature, in Kelvin.

spec = BlackBody(T in Kelvin)

The flux of the spectrum is normalized to a star of solar radius at a distance of 1 kpc.L

**class** `pysynphot.spectrum.Box` (*center*, *width*, *waveunits=None*)  
 bandpass = Box(central wavelength, width) - both in Angstroms

Both center and width are assumed to be in Angstrom units, according to the synphot definition.

**class** `pysynphot.spectrum.CompositeSourceSpectrum` (*source1*, *source2*, *operation*)  
 Composite Source Spectrum object, handles addition, multiplication and keeping track of the wavelength set.

**GetWaveSet** ()  
 Obtain the wavelength set for the composite source by forming the union of wavelengths from each component.

**complist** ()

**tabulate** ()  
 Evaluate the spectrum in order to return a tabular source spectrum

**class** `pysynphot.spectrum.CompositeSpectralElement` (*component1*, *component2*)  
 CompositeSpectralElement Class, which knows how to calculate its throughput by delegating the calculating to its components.

**GetWaveSet** ()  
 This method returns a wavelength set appropriate for a composite object by forming the union of the wavelengths of the components.

**complist** ()

**wave**  
 wave for CompositeSpectralElement



**class** pysynphot.spectrum.**FileSourceSpectrum** (*filename, fluxname=None, keepneg=False*)  
 Create a spectrum from a file.

spec = FileSpectrum(filename (FITS or ASCII), fluxname=column name containing flux (for FITS tables only), keepneg=True to override the default behavior of setting negative flux values to zero)

**Parameters**

**filename** : string

FITS or ASCII file containing the spectrum

**fluxname** : string

Column name specifying the flux (FITS only)

**keepneg** : bool [Default: False]

If true, negative flux values will be retained; by default, they are forced to zero

**class** pysynphot.spectrum.**FileSpectralElement** (*filename, thruacol=None*)  
 Create a bandpass from a file.

spec = FileSpectrum(filename (FITS or ASCII), throughputname=column name containing throughput (for FITS tables only), keepneg=True to override the default behavior of setting negative throughput values to zero)

**Parameters**

**filename** : string

FITS or ASCII file containing the bandpass

**thruacol** : string

Column name specifying the throughput (FITS only)

**class** pysynphot.spectrum.**FlatSpectrum** (*fluxdensity, waveunits='angstrom', fluxunits='photlam'*)  
 Defines a flat spectrum in units of fluxunits.

spec = FlatSpectrum(Flux density, waveunits, fluxunits).

**redshift** (*z*)

Call the parent's method, which returns a TabularSourceSpectrum, then use its results to create a new FlatSpectrum with the correct value.

**class** pysynphot.spectrum.**GaussianSource** (*flux, center, fwhm, waveunits='angstrom', fluxunits='flam'*)

Defines a gaussian source

spec = GaussianSource(**TotalFlux under Gaussian,**  
 central wavelength of Gaussian, FWHM of Gaussian, waveunits, fluxunits)

**Parameters**

**flux** : float

TotalFlux under gaussian

**center** : float

central wavelength of gaussian

**fwhm** : float

full-width half-maximum (FWHM) of gaussian

**waveunits** : string [Default: 'angstrom']

units of input wavelengths

**fluxunits** : string [Default: 'flam']

units of input fluxes

**GetWaveSet** ()

Return a wavelength set that describes the Gaussian. Overrides the base class to compute 101 values, from center - 5\*sigma to center + 5\*sigma, in units of 0.1\*sigma

**class** pynphot.spectrum.**Integrator**

Integrator engine.

**trapezoidIntegration** (x, y)

**validate\_fluxtable** ()

Enforce non-negative fluxes

**validate\_wavetable** ()

Enforce monotonic, ascending wavelengths with no zero values

**class** pynphot.spectrum.**InterpolatedSpectralElement** (*fileName, wavelength*)

The InterpolatedSpectralElement class handles spectral elements that are interpolated from columns stored in FITS tables

The file name contains a suffix with a column name specification in between square brackets, such as [fr388n#]. The wavelength parameter (poorly named – it is not always a wavelength) is used to interpolate between two columns in the file.

**class** pynphot.spectrum.**Powerlaw** (*refwave, index, waveunits='angstrom', fluxunits='photlam'*)

Defines a power law spectrum

spec=PowerLaw(refwave, exponent, waveunits, fluxunits).

Power law spectrum of the form  $(\lambda/\text{refval})^{\text{exponent}}$ , where refval is in Angstroms. The spectrum is normalized to a flux of 1 in “fluxunits” at “refval”.

**class** pynphot.spectrum.**SourceSpectrum**

Base class for the Source Spectrum object.

**addmag** (*magval*)

Adding a magnitude is like multiplying a flux. Only works for numbers – not arrays, spectrum objects, etc

**convert** (*targetunits*)

Convert to other units. This method actually just changes the wavelength and flux units objects, it does not recompute the internally kept wave and flux data; these are kept always in internal units. Method getArrays does the actual computation.

**effstim** (*fluxunits='photlam'*)

**getArrays** ()

Returns wavelength and flux arrays as a tuple, performing units conversion.

**integrate** (*fluxunits='photlam'*)

**redshift** (*z*)

Returns a new redshifted spectrum.

**renorm** (*RNval, RNUnits, band, force=False*)

Renormalize the spectrum to the specified value (in the specified flux units) in the specified band. Calls a function in another module to alleviate circular import issues.

**sample** (*wave, interp=True*)

Return a flux array, in self.fluxunits, on the provided wavetable

**setMagnitude** (*band, value*)

Makes the magnitude of the source in the band equal to value. band is a SpectralElement. This method is marked for deletion once the .renorm method is well tested.

**validate\_units** ()

Ensure that waveunits are WaveUnits and fluxunits are FluxUnits

**writefits** (*filename, clobber=True, trimzero=True, binned=False, precision=None, hkeys=None*)

Write the spectrum to a FITS file.

**Parameters**

**filename** : string

name of file to write to

**clobber** : bool [Default: True]

Will clobber existing file by default

**trimzero** : bool [Default: True]

Will trim zero-flux elements from both ends by default

**binned** : bool [Default: False]

Will write in native waveset by default

**precision** : { 'single', 'double', None }

Will write in native precision by default

**hkeys** : dict

Optional dictionary of {keyword:(value,comment)} to be added to primary FITS header

**flux**

Flux property

**wave**

Wavelength property

**class** pynphot.spectrum.SpectralElement

Base class for a Spectral Element (e.g. Filter, Detector...).

**GetThroughput** ()

Return the throughput for the internal wavetable.

**GetWaveSet** ()

Return the waveset in the requested units.

**ToInternal** ()

Convert wavelengths to the internal representation of angstroms.. Note: This is not yet used, but should be for safety when creating TabularSpectralElements from files. It will also be necessary for the ArraySpectralElement class that we want to create RSN.

**avgwave** ()

Implement the equation for lambda nought as defined in Koornneef et al 1987, p 836. Should be equivalent to bandpar.avglam = bandpar.avgwv

**check\_overlap** (*other*)

Check whether the wavelength range of other is defined everywhere that the wavelength range of self is defined. Returns "full", "partial", "none". Normally used for checking whether a spectrum is fully defined over the range of a bandpass. Note that the full overlap case is asymmetric: if the range of 'self' extends past the limits of 'other', this will return a partial overlap.

**check\_sig** (*other*)

Only call this if check\_overlap returns 'partial'. Returns True if the LACK of overlap is INsignificant: i.e., it is ok to go ahead and do whatever we are doing.

**convert** (*targetunits*)

Convert to other units. This method actually just changes the wavelength unit objects, it does not recompute the internally kept wave data; these are kept always in internal units. Method `getWaveSet` does the actual computation.

**efficiency** ()

QTLAM = dimensionless efficiency = INT(THRU / LAM)

**equivwidth** (*THRU*)**fwhm** ()**integrate** (*wave=None*)

Integrate the throughput over the specified waveset, if None, integrate over the full waveset.

**photbw** (*floor=0*)

This is a compatibility function allowing pysynphot to calculate the bandpass RMS width in the same way as Synphot (documented in the Synphot Manual section 5.1). This is the value returned in the BANDW keyword by Synphot's `bandpar` function.

This function is designed only for use to get the same results as Synphot. To calculate the bandpass RMS width use the `rmswidth` method.

**Parameters**

**floor** : float, optional

Points with throughputs below this threshold are not included in the calculation. By default all points are included.

**Returns**

**photbw** : float

RMS width of the bandpass.

**pivot** (*binned=False*)

This is the calculation performed when the ETC invokes `calcpot`. Does this need to be calculated on binned waveset, or may it be calculated on native waveset?

**rectwidth** (*THRU*) / *MAX(THRU)***resample** (*resampledWaveTab*)

Interpolate throughput given a wavelength array that is monotonically increasing and the `TabularSpectralElement` object.

**rmswidth** (*floor=0*)

Calculate the RMS width as in Koornneef et al 1987, p 836.

**Parameters**

**floor** : float, optional

Points with throughputs below this threshold are not included in the calculation. By default all points are included.

**Returns**

**rmswidth** : float

RMS width of the bandpass.

**sample** (*wave*)

Provide a more normal user interface to the `__call__`

**taper** ()

Taper the spectrum by adding zeros to each end.

**unit\_response** ()

Returns flux, in flam, of a star that produces a response of one photon per second in this passband.

Only correct if waveunits are Angstrom.

**validate\_units** ()

Ensure that waveunits are WaveUnits

**writefits** (*filename*, *clobber=True*, *trimzero=True*, *precision=None*, *hkeys=None*)

Write the bandpass to a FITS file.

**Parameters**

**filename** : string

name of file to write to

**clobber** : bool [Default: True]

Will clobber existing file by default

**trimzero** : bool [Default: True]

Will trim zero-flux elements from both ends by default

**precision** : { 'single', 'double', None }

Will write in native precision by default

**hkeys** : dict, optional

**Optional dictionary of {keyword:(value,comment)}**

to be added to primary FITS header

**throughput**

Throughput for bandpass

**wave**

Waveset for bandpass

**class** pynphot.spectrum.**TabularSourceSpectrum** (*filename=None*, *fluxname=None*, *keep-neg=False*)

Class for a source spectrum that is read in from a table.

**GetWaveSet** ()

For a TabularSource Spectrum, the WaveSet is just the \_wavetable member. Return a copy so that there is no reference to the original object.

**ToInternal** ()

Convert to the internal representation of (angstroms, photlam).

**resample** (*resampledWaveTab*)

Interpolate flux given a wavelength array that is monotonically increasing and the TabularSourceSpectrum object.

**Parameters**

**resampledWaveTab** : ndarray

new wavelength table IN ANGSTROMS

**taper** ()

Taper the spectrum by adding zeros to each end.

**class** pynphot.spectrum.**TabularSpectralElement** (*FITS or ASCII filename*, *thrucol= name of column containing throughput values (for FITS tables only)*)

\_\_init\_\_ takes a character string argument that contains the name of the file with the spectral element table.

**ToInternal** ()

Convert wavelengths to the internal representation of angstroms..

**getHeaderKeywords** (*header*)

This is a placeholder for subclasses to get header keywords without having to reopen the file again.

**class** `pysynphot.spectrum.ThermalSpectralElement` (*fileName*)

The `ThermalSpectralElement` class handles spectral elements that have associated thermal properties read from a FITS table.

`ThermalSpectralElements` differ from regular `SpectralElements` in that they carry thermal parameters such as temperature and beam filling factor, but otherwise they operate just as regular `SpectralElements`. They don't know how to apply themselves to an existing beam, in the sense that their emissivities should be handled explicitly, outside the objects themselves.

**getHeaderKeywords** (*header*)

Overrides base class in order to get thermal keywords.

**class** `pysynphot.spectrum.UniformTransmission` (*dimensionless throughput*)

**GetWaveSet** ()

**check\_overlap** (*spectrum*)

Apply special overlap logic for `UniformTransmission`.

By definition, a `UniformTransmission` is defined everywhere. Therefore, this is a special case for which the overlap check should be ignored (because the alternative is that it will always fail and always require users to override it, so it becomes meaningless).

`pysynphot.spectrum.MergeWaveSets` (*waveset1, waveset2*)

Return the union of the two wavesets, unless one or both of them is `None`.

`pysynphot.spectrum.trimSpectrum` (*sp, minw, maxw*)

Creates a new spectrum with trimmed upper and lower ranges.

## 5.17 pysynphot.spparser

This file implements the `pysynphot` language parser.

The language definition is in the docstring of class `BaseParser`, function `p_top`. The parser code in `spark.py` builds its internal tables by reading the docstring, so you can't put anything else (like documentation) there.

```
l = scan('text') returns a list of tokens
```

```
t = parse(l) converts the list of tokens into an Abstract Syntax Tree
```

```
r = interpret(t) converts that abstract syntax tree into a (tree  
of?) pysynphot object, based on the conversion rules in class Interpreter
```

In class `Interpreter`, the docstring of every function named with `p_` is part of the instructions to the parser.

**class** `pysynphot.spparser.AST` (*type*)

**class** `pysynphot.spparser.BaseParser` (*ASTclass, start='top'*)

**nonterminal** (*type, args*)

**p\_top** (*args*)

```
top ::= expr  
top ::= FILELIST  
expr ::= expr + term  
expr ::= expr - term  
expr ::= term  
term ::= term * factor  
term ::= term / factor  
value ::= LPAREN expr RPAREN  
term ::= factor  
factor ::= unaryop value  
factor ::= value  
unaryop ::= + unaryop  
unaryop ::= - value  
value ::= INTEGER  
value ::= FLOAT  
value ::= IDENTIFIER  
value ::=
```

```
function_call function_call ::= IDENTIFIER LPAREN arglist RPAREN arglist ::= arglist , expr arglist ::=
expr
```

```
terminal (token)
```

```
class pysynphot.spparser.BaseScanner
```

```
t_comma (s)
```

```
,
```

```
t_filelist (s)
```

```
@w+
```

```
t_identifier (s)
```

```
[$a-z_A-Z//][w/.$:#]*
```

```
t_integer (s)
```

```
d+
```

```
t_lparens (s)
```

```
(
```

```
t_op (s)
```

```
+ | * | -
```

```
t_rparens (s)
```

```
)
```

```
t_whitespace (s)
```

```
s+
```

```
tokenize (input)
```

```
class pysynphot.spparser.Interpreter (ast)
```

```
error (token)
```

```
p_arglist (tree)
```

```
V ::= arglist ( V , V )
```

```
p_expr_minus (tree)
```

```
V ::= expr ( V - V )
```

```
p_expr_plus (tree)
```

```
V ::= expr ( V + V )
```

```
p_factor_unary_minus (tree)
```

```
V ::= factor ( - V )
```

```
p_factor_unary_plus (tree)
```

```
V ::= factor ( + V )
```

```
p_float (tree)
```

```
V ::= FLOAT
```

```
p_functioncall (tree)
```

```
V ::= function_call ( V LPAREN V RPAREN )
```

```
p_identifier (tree)  
    V ::= IDENTIFIER  
  
p_int (tree)  
    V ::= INTEGER  
  
p_term_div (tree)  
    V ::= term ( V / V )  
  
p_term_mult (tree)  
    V ::= term ( V * V )  
  
p_value_paren (tree)  
    V ::= value ( LPAREN V RPAREN )
```

```
class pysynphot.spparser.Scanner
```

```
    t_divop (s)  
        s/s  
  
    t_float (s)  
        ((d*.d+)|(d+.d*)|(d+)) ([eE][+]?d+)?
```

```
class pysynphot.spparser.Token (type=None, attr=None)
```

```
pysynphot.spparser.convertstr (value)
```

```
pysynphot.spparser.interpret (ast)
```

```
pysynphot.spparser.parse (tokens)
```

```
pysynphot.spparser.parse_spec (syncommand)  
    Parse the synphot-classic command and return the resulting spectrum
```

```
pysynphot.spparser.ptokens (tlist)
```

```
pysynphot.spparser.scan (input)
```

### 5.17.1 Global Variables

```
pysynphot.spparser.syfunctions = ['spec', 'unit', 'box', 'bb', 'pl', 'em', 'icat', 'rn', 'z', 'ebmvx', 'band']  
    list() -> new empty list list(iterable) -> new list initialized from iterable's items
```

```
pysynphot.spparser.synforms = ['fnu', 'flam', 'photnu', 'photlam', 'counts', 'abmag', 'stmag', 'obmag', 'vegamag', 'jy']  
    list() -> new empty list list(iterable) -> new list initialized from iterable's items
```

```
pysynphot.spparser.syredlaws = ['gal1', 'gal2', 'gal3', 'smc', 'lmc', 'xgal']  
    list() -> new empty list list(iterable) -> new list initialized from iterable's items
```



## 5.18 pysynphot.tables

**class** `pysynphot.tables.CompTable` (*CFile=None*)

CompTable class; opens the specified comptable and populates 1-d arrays of component names and file names in the members `compnames` and `filenames`

`__init__` instantiates the CompTable object, given the comptable file name as an input string.

### Parameters

**Input** : ndarray of chars

string CFile containing comptable name

**Effect** : ndarray of chars

populates two data members: `compnames` and `filenames`

**class** `pysynphot.tables.GraphTable` (*GFile=None*)

GraphTable class; opens the specified graph table and populates 1-d arrays of keyword names, innodes, outnodes and component names in the members `keywords`, `innodes`, `outnodes` and `compnames`

`__init__` instantiates the GraphTable object, given the graph table name as an input string.

### Parameters

**Input** : string

GFile containing graph table name

**Effect** : dict

populates four data members:

```
keywords: CharArray of keyword names
innodes:  Int32 array of innodes
outnodes: Int32 array of outnodes
compnames: CharArray of components names
```

**GetComponentsFromGT** (*modes, innode*)

GetComponentsFromGT returns two lists of component names corresponding to those obtained by waling down the graph table starting at `innode`. The first list contains the optical components, the second list, the thermal components.

**GetNextNode** (*modes, innode*)

GetNextNode returns the outnode that matches an element from the `modes` list, starting at the given `innode`. This method isnt actually used, its just a helper method for debugging purposes

`pysynphot.tables.DEBUG = False`

`bool(x) -> bool`

Returns True when the argument `x` is true, False otherwise. The builtins True and False are the only two instances of the class bool. The class bool is a subclass of the class int, and cannot be subclassed.

## 5.19 pysynphot.units

Units class hierarchy: is used to manage both wavelength and flux unit conversions

**Warning:** vegamag unit conversions require spectrum and locations modules => circular imports.

**class** pysynphot.units.**ABMag**

**ToPhotlam** (*wave*, *flux*, *\*\*kwargs*)

**unitResponse** (*band*)

**StdSpectrum** = <pysynphot.spectrum.FlatSpectrum object at 0x1075a0190>

**class** pysynphot.units.**Angstrom**

**ToAngstrom** (*wave*)

**ToCm** (*wave*)

**ToHz** (*wave*)

**ToInverseMicron** (*wave*)

**ToMeter** (*wave*)

**ToMicron** (*wave*)

**ToMm** (*wave*)

**ToNm** (*wave*)

**class** pysynphot.units.**BaseUnit** (*uname*)

Base class for all units; defines UI

**Convert** (*wave*, *flux*, *target\_units*)

**class** pysynphot.units.**Cm**

**class** pysynphot.units.**Counts**

**ToPhotlam** (*wave*, *flux*, *area=None*)

**unitResponse** (*band*)

**StdSpectrum** = <pysynphot.spectrum.CompositeSourceSpectrum object at 0x108837c10>

**class** pysynphot.units.**Flam**

flam = erg cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> Ang<sup>-1</sup>

**ToPhotlam** (*wave*, *flux*, *\*\*kwargs*)

**unitResponse** (*band*)

**StdSpectrum** = <pysynphot.spectrum.FlatSpectrum object at 0x108837cd0>

**class** pysynphot.units.**FluxUnits**

All FluxUnits know how to convert themselves to Photlam

**Convert** (*wave*, *flux*, *target\_units*, *area=None*)

FluxUnits need both wavelength and flux tables to do a unit conversion.

**ToPhotlam** (*wave*, *flux*, *area=None*)

**class** pysynphot.units.**Fnu**

fnu = erg cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> Hz<sup>-1</sup>

**ToPhotlam** (*wave*, *flux*, *\*\*kwargs*)

**unitResponse** (*band*)

**StdSpectrum** = <pysynphot.spectrum.FlatSpectrum object at 0x1088379d0>

**class** pysynphot.units.**Hz**

**ToAngstrom** (*wave*)

**class** pysynphot.units.**InverseMicron**

**ToAngstrom** (*wave*)

**class** pysynphot.units.**Jy**

jy = 10<sup>-23</sup> erg cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> Hz<sup>-1</sup>

**ToPhotlam** (*wave*, *flux*, *\*\*kwargs*)

**unitResponse** (*band*)

**StdSpectrum** = <pysynphot.spectrum.FlatSpectrum object at 0x108837590>

**class** pysynphot.units.**LogFluxUnits**

Base class for magnitudes, which often require special handling

**class** pysynphot.units.**Meter**

**class** pysynphot.units.**Micron**

```
class pysynphot.units.Mm
```

```
class pysynphot.units.Nm
```

```
class pysynphot.units.OBMag
```

```
    ToPhotlam (wave, flux, area=None)
```

```
    unitResponse (band)
```

```
    StdSpectrum = <pysynphot.spectrum.CompositeSourceSpectrum object at 0x1075a0750>
```

```
class pysynphot.units.Photlam
```

```
    photlam = photons cm-2 s-1 Ang-1)
```

```
    ToABMag (wave, flux, **kwargs)
```

```
    ToCounts (wave, flux, area=None)
```

```
    ToFlam (wave, flux, **kwargs)
```

```
    ToFnu (wave, flux, **kwargs)
```

```
    ToJy (wave, flux, **kwargs)
```

```
    ToOBMag (wave, flux, area=None)
```

```
    ToPhotlam (wave, flux, **kwargs)
```

```
    ToPhotnu (wave, flux, **kwargs)
```

```
    ToSTMag (wave, flux, **kwargs)
```

```
    ToVegaMag (wave, flux, **kwargs)
```

```
    TomJy (wave, flux, **kwargs)
```

```
    TomuJy (wave, flux, **kwargs)
```

```
    TonJy (wave, flux, **kwargs)
```

```
    unitResponse (band)
```

```
        Put a flat spectrum of 1 photlam through this band, & integrate
```

**StdSpectrum** = <pysynphot.spectrum.FlatSpectrum object at 0x108837bd0>

```
class pysynphot.units.Photnu
    photnu = photon cm-2 s-1 Hz-1
    ToPhotlam (wave, flux, **kwargs)

    unitResponse (band)
```

**StdSpectrum** = <pysynphot.spectrum.FlatSpectrum object at 0x1088374d0>

```
class pysynphot.units.STMag
    ToPhotlam (wave, flux, **kwargs)

    unitResponse (band)
```

**StdSpectrum** = <pysynphot.spectrum.FlatSpectrum object at 0x1075a0050>

```
class pysynphot.units.VegaMag
    ToPhotlam (wave, flux, **kwargs)

    unitResponse (band)
```

**StdSpectrum** = <pysynphot.spectrum.FileSourceSpectrum object at 0x102a70c50>

```
class pysynphot.units.WaveUnits
    All WaveUnits know how to convert themselves to Angstroms
    Convert (wave, target_units)
        WaveUnits only need a wavelength table to do a conversion.
    ToAngstrom (wave)
```

```
class pysynphot.units.mJy
    m jy = 10-26 erg cm-2 s-1 Hz-1
    ToPhotlam (wave, flux, **kwargs)

    unitResponse (band)
```

**StdSpectrum** = <pysynphot.spectrum.FlatSpectrum object at 0x108837dd0>

```
class pysynphot.units.muJy
    mujy = 10-29 erg cm-2 s-1 Hz-1
```

**ToPhotlam** (*wave, flux, \*\*kwargs*)

**unitResponse** (*band*)

**class** `pysynphot.units.nJy`

`njy = 10-32 erg cm-2 s-1 Hz-1`

**ToPhotlam** (*wave, flux, \*\*kwargs*)

**unitResponse** (*band*)

`pysynphot.units.Units` (*uname*)

This needs to be a factory function in order to return an object of the correct subclass.

`pysynphot.units.factory` (*uname, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)

`pysynphot.units.ismatch` (*a, b*)

Method to allow smart comparisons between classes, instances, and string representations of units and give the right answer.

## 5.20 pysynphot.wavetable

**class** `pysynphot.wavetable.Wavetable` (*fname*)

Class to handle wavecat.dat initialization and access. (This class may need a better name; wavetable and waveset are awfully close.) Also, put the default waveset into this object with a key of NONE.

Instantiate a Wavetable from a file

### 5.20.1 Global Variables

`pysynphot.wavetable.wavecat_file` = `'/Users/sienkiew/plugh/lib/python2.7/site-packages/pysynphot-0.9.5-py2.7-macosx-10.6-intel/wavecat.dat'`  
`str(object)` -> string

Return a nice string representation of the object. If the argument is a string, the return value is the same object.

`pysynphot.wavetable.wavetable` = `<pysynphot.wavetable.Wavetable object at 0x102a79490>`

Class to handle wavecat.dat initialization and access. (This class may need a better name; wavetable and waveset are awfully close.) Also, put the default waveset into this object with a key of NONE.

## 5.21 SVN Version

`pysynphot.svn_version.__svn_version__` = `'3373'`

`str(object)` -> string

Return a nice string representation of the object. If the argument is a string, the return value is the same object.

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