AtomNeb Python Package, an addendum to AtomNeb: IDL Library for Atomic Data of Ionized Nebulae

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Addendum

AtomNeb is a Python open-source package containing atomic data for gaseous nebulae stored in the Flexible Image Transport System (FITS) file format (Hanisch et al., 2001; Pence et al., 2010; Wells et al., 1981). These FITS files offer easy access to the atomic data required for emissivity calculations in the collisional excitation and recombination processes usually occurred in ionized gases of planetary nebulae and H II regions. This package has several application programming interface (API) functions developed in Python for retrieving the energy levels, collision strengths, transition probabilities, and recombination coefficients from its FITS files. The previous library AtomNeb (Danehkar, 2019) coupled to the library proEQUIB (Danehkar, 2018) needs the Interactive Data Language (IDL) compiler, so this package offers an identical package for the high-level programming language Python that can be used by those astrophysicists, who intend to analyze nebular emission lines by developing codes in Python. The AtomNeb Python functions can be used by the Python package pyEQUIB (Danehkar, 2020) to analyze emission-line spectra.

AtomNeb uses the FITS handling routines of the Python package Astropy (Astropy Collaboration et al., 2018, 2013) to retrieve the atomic data from its FITS files. It also requires the Python packages NumPy (Harris et al., 2020; van der Walt et al., 2011) and pandas (McKinney, 2010, 2011, 2017). This package is released under the GNU General Public License, and its source code is publicly available on its GitHub repository. Its latest version can be installed directly from its repository on the GitHub, and the stable version from the Python Package Index (PyPi) via pip install atomneb or alternatively from the Conda Python package manager via conda install -c conda-forge atomneb. The online documentation, tutorials and examples are provided on the GitHub platform (https://github.com/atomneb/AtomNeb-py) and the Read the Docs documentation host (https://atomneb-py.readthedocs.io/).

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