
svo_filters Documentation

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The [Spanish Virtual Observatory \(SVO\) Filter Profile Service](#) is a great resource for homogenized photometric filter curves and metadata. With *svo_filters*, I tried to create a lightweight and flexible package to incorporate these filters into Python applications.

CHAPTER 1

Installation

To install **svo_filters**, do:

```
pip install svo_filters
```

Alternatively, you can clone from Github with:

```
git clone https://github.com/hover2pi/svo_filters.git
python svo_filters/setup.py install
```

Load a Photometric Filter

The actual filters are stored locally as XML files and can be viewed with:

```
from svo_filters import svo
svo.filters()
```

To create a filter object, pass a bandpass name to the `svo.Filter()` class:

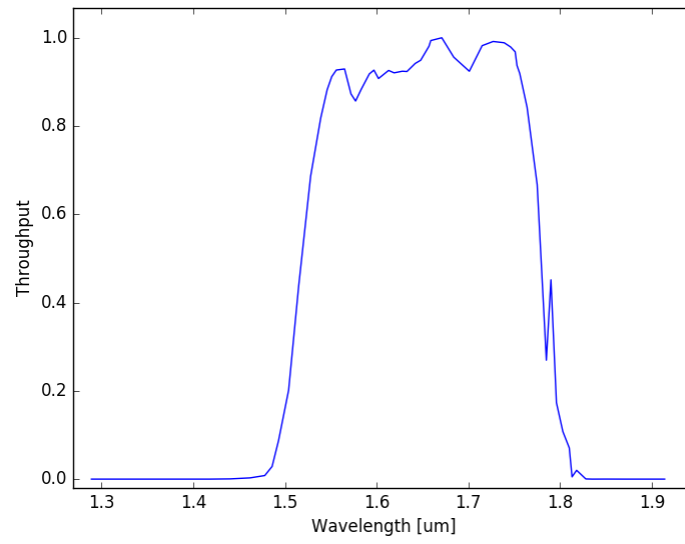
```
H_band = svo.Filter('2MASS.H')
```

You can see some information about the filter with:

```
H_band.info()
```

And you can plot the bandpass like so:

```
H_band.plot()
```

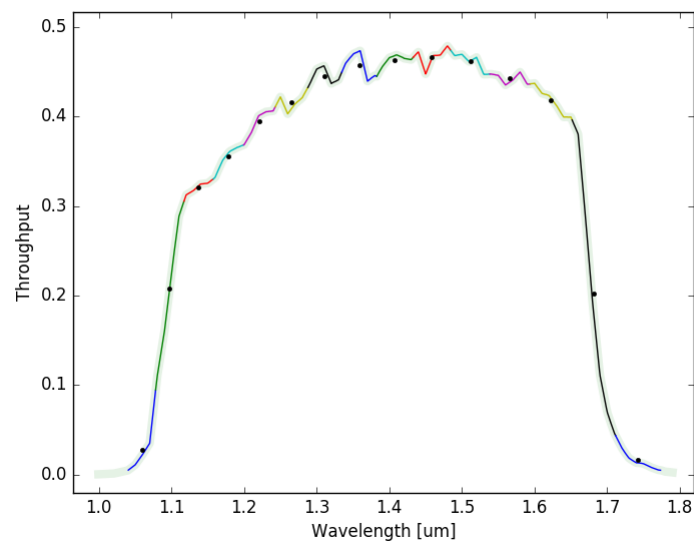


CHAPTER 3

Load a Grism

Filters can also be binned arbitrarily, for use with grisms. We can pass integers to the `n_bins` or `pixels_per_bin` arguments to specify the number of wavelength bins or pixels per bin, respectively:

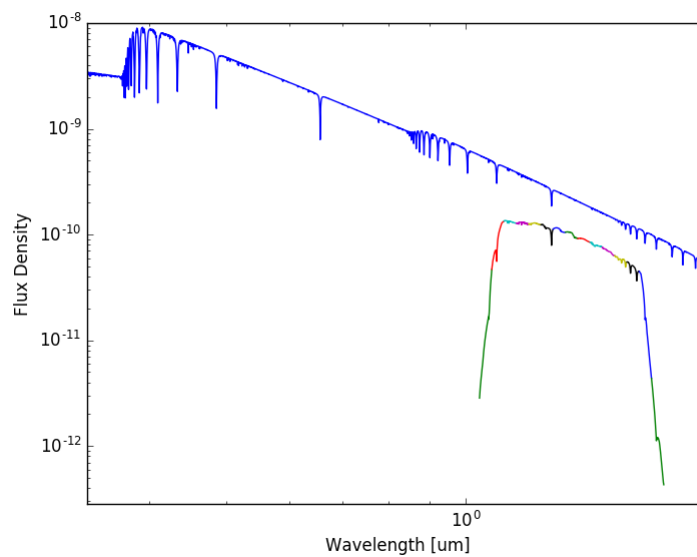
```
G141 = svo.Filter('WFC3_IR.G141', n_bins=15)
```



Apply a Filter to a Spectrum

Filters can be applied to a spectrum by passing a sequence of [W, F] or [W, F, E] with astropy units to the `apply()` method:

```
filtered = G141.apply(spec, plot=True)
```



5.1 svo module

This is the main module for *svo_filters*.