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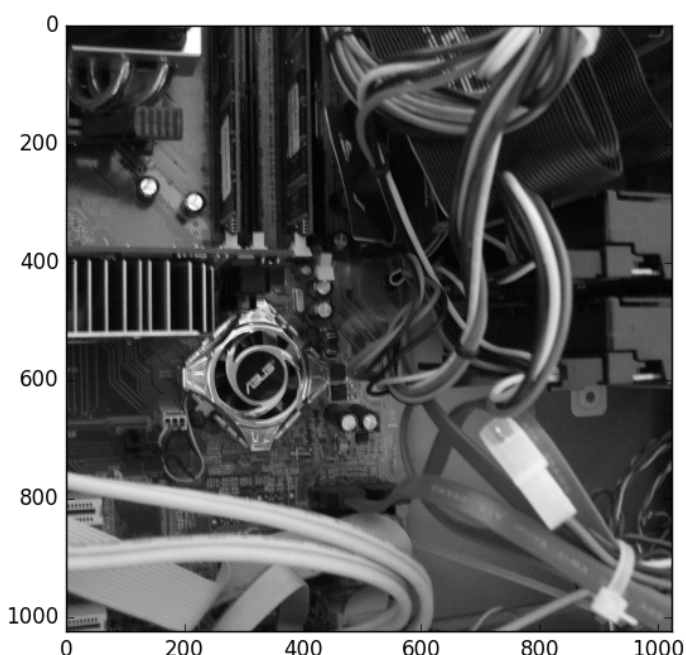
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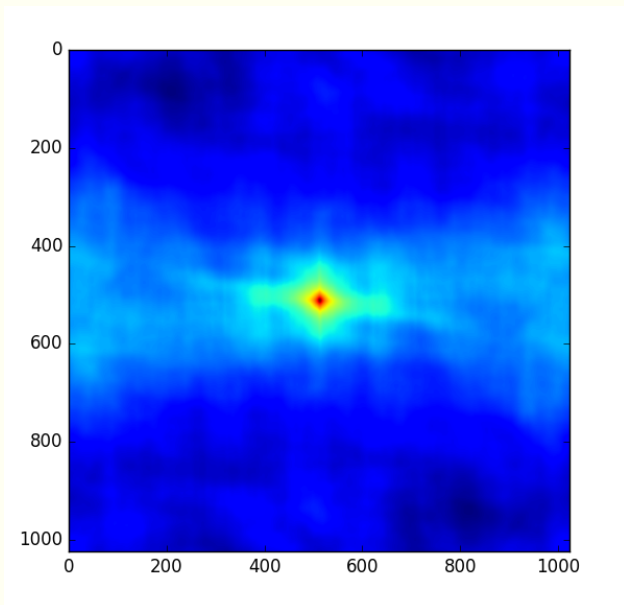
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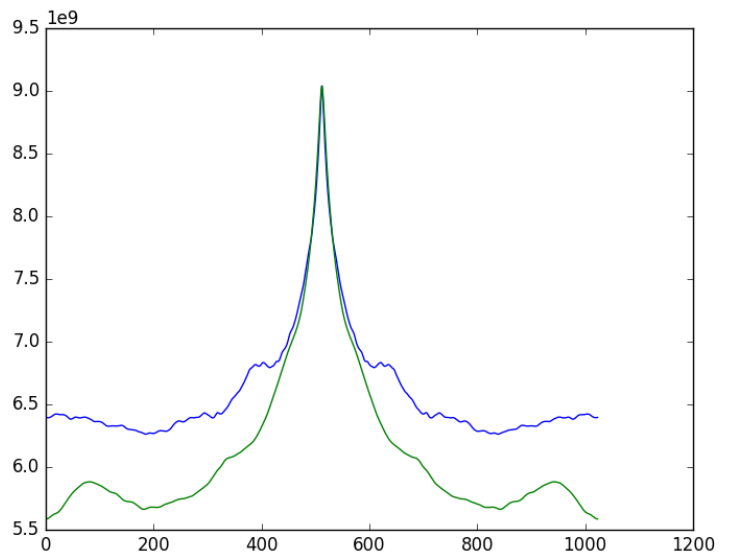
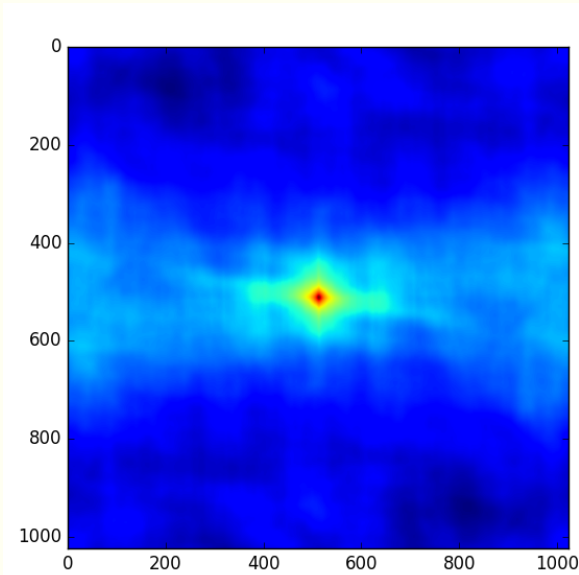
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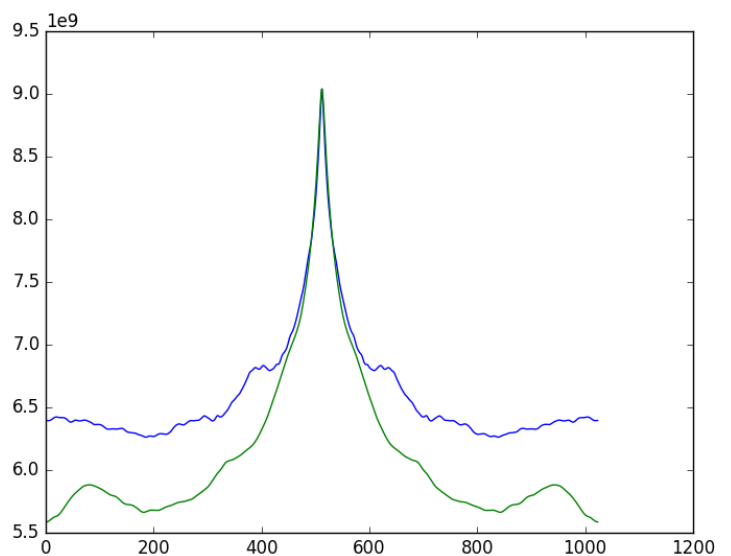
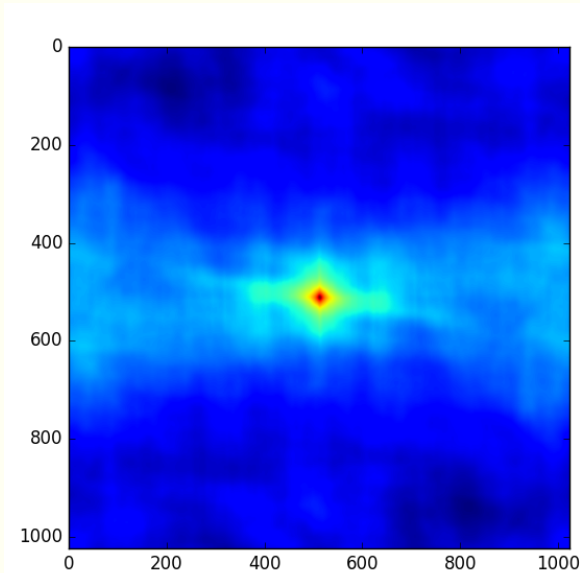
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# Returns (height, x, y, width_x, width_y)
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# It is used by the fitting procedure to estimate initial values
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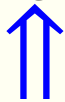
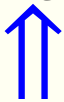
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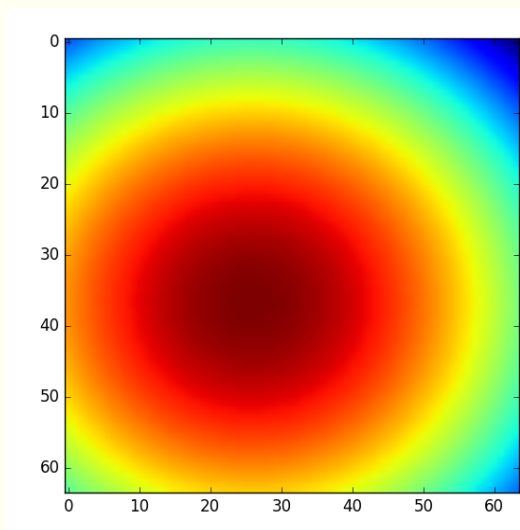
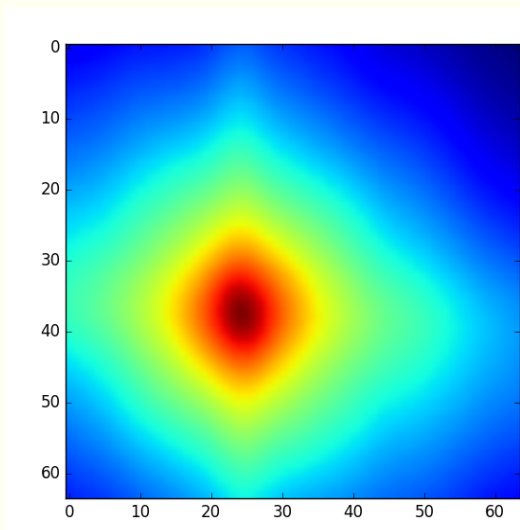
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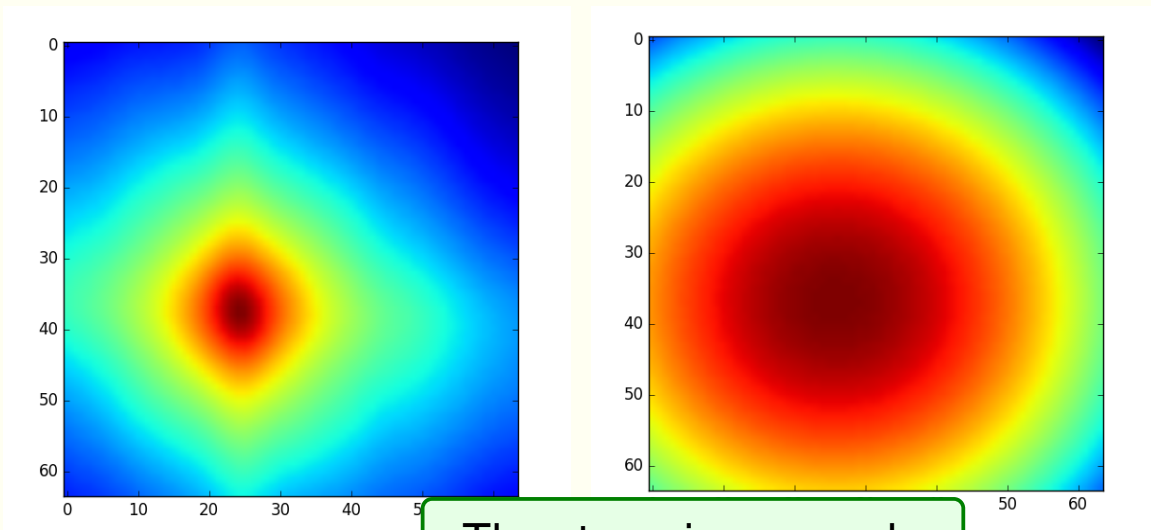
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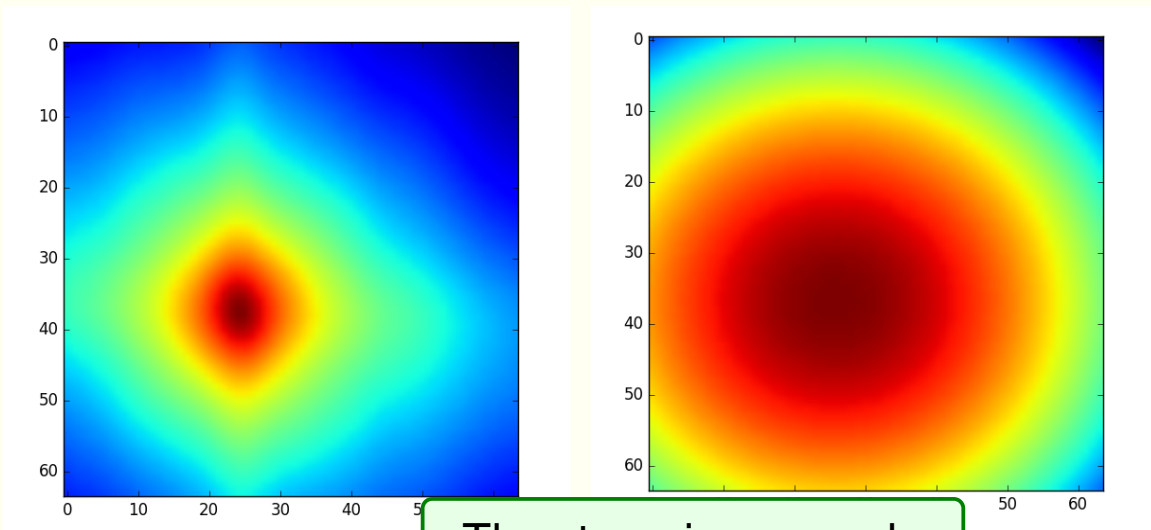
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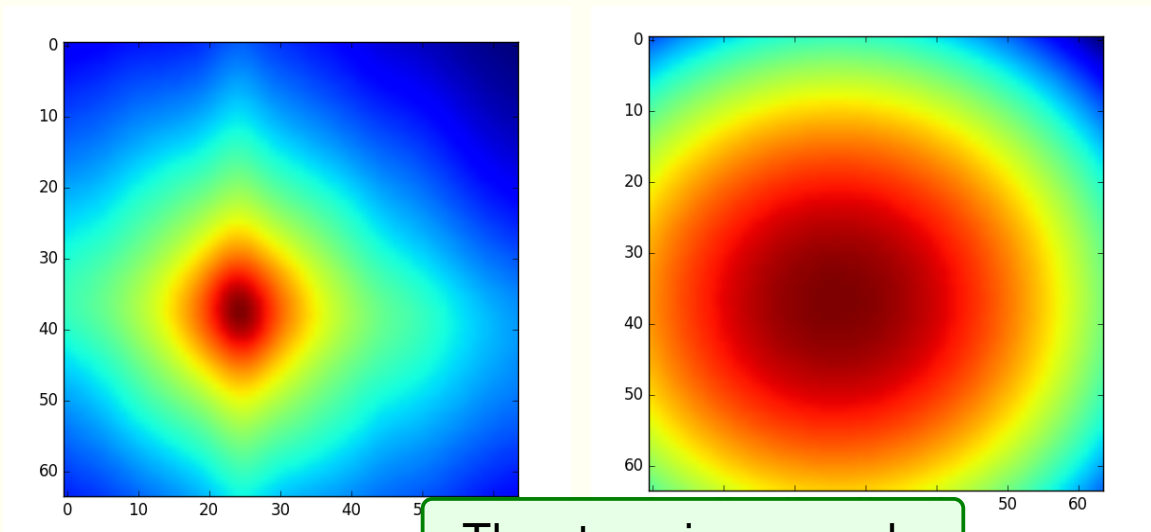
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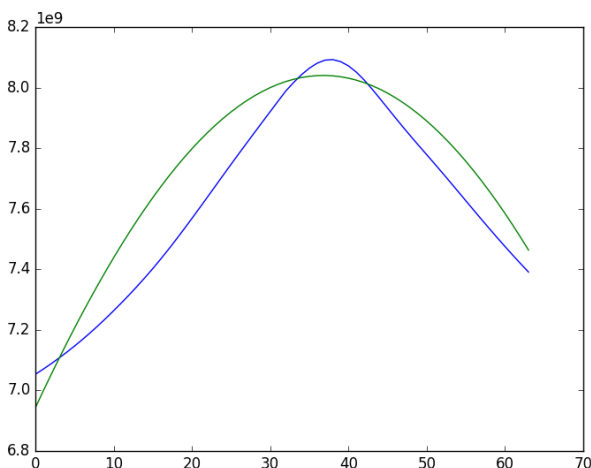


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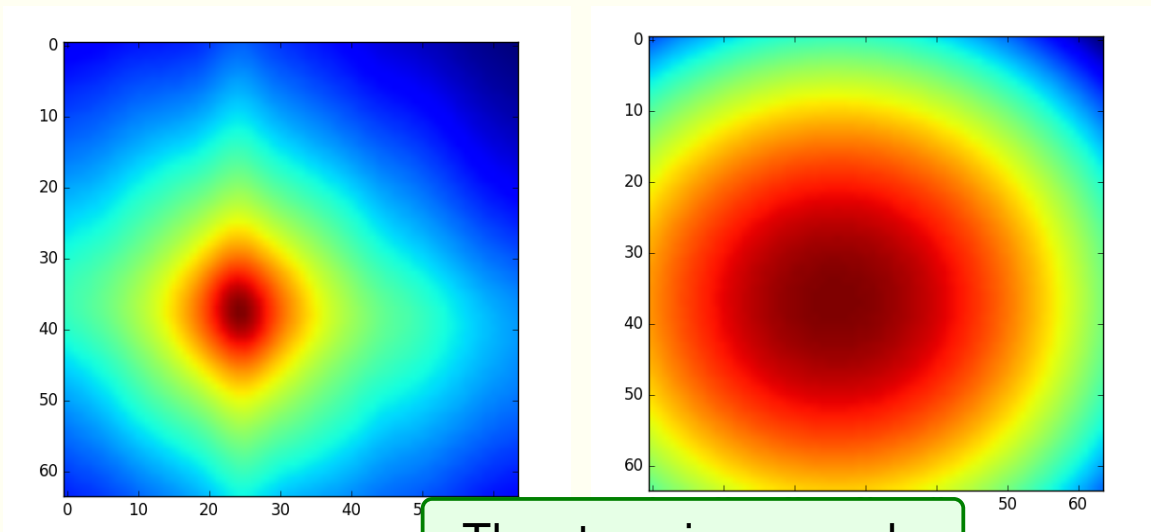
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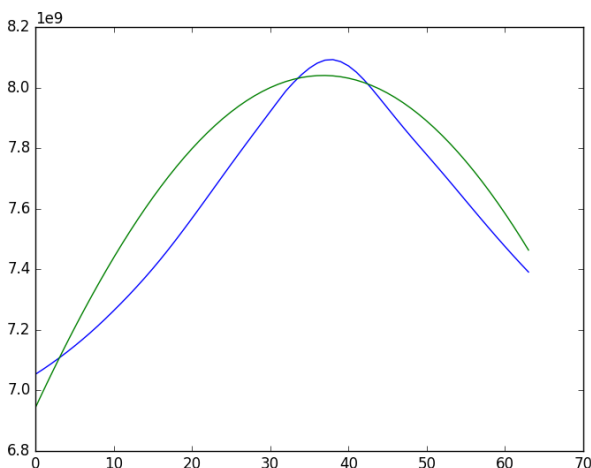


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        tim_2 = tim_1
        tim_1 = tim_0
    increment = int(increment/2.)
    start = tim_2.value
    tim_1.format="iso"
    print(tim_1, dec_1)
```



Let's run `solstice.py` from the ipython prompt:

```
$ ipython --pylab
```

```
In [1]: %run solstice.py
```

```
Step: 86400 - 2018-06-21 22:00:00.000 23.436812973859176
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```
Step: 43200 - 2018-06-21 22:00:00.000 23.436812973859173
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```
Step: 21600 - 2018-06-21 16:00:00.000 23.436986791903372
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```
Step: 10800 - 2018-06-21 16:00:00.000 23.436986791903372
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Step: 2700 - 2018-06-21 16:45:00.000 23.43698863303954
```

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Step: 1350 - 2018-06-21 16:45:00.000 23.43698863303954
```

```
Step: 675 - 2018-06-21 16:33:45.000 23.436988804079192
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Step: 337 - 2018-06-21 16:33:44.000 23.436988804020356
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Step: 168 - 2018-06-21 16:33:43.000 23.436988803960602
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Step: 84 - 2018-06-21 16:35:07.000 23.436988805760024
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Step: 42 - 2018-06-21 16:35:07.000 23.436988805760024
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```
Step: 21 - 2018-06-21 16:34:46.000 23.43698880592122
```

```
Step: 10 - 2018-06-21 16:34:45.000 23.436988805918734
```

```
Step: 5 - 2018-06-21 16:34:50.000 23.43698880592192
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```
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Step: 1 - 2018-06-21 16:34:48.000 23.43698880592342
```

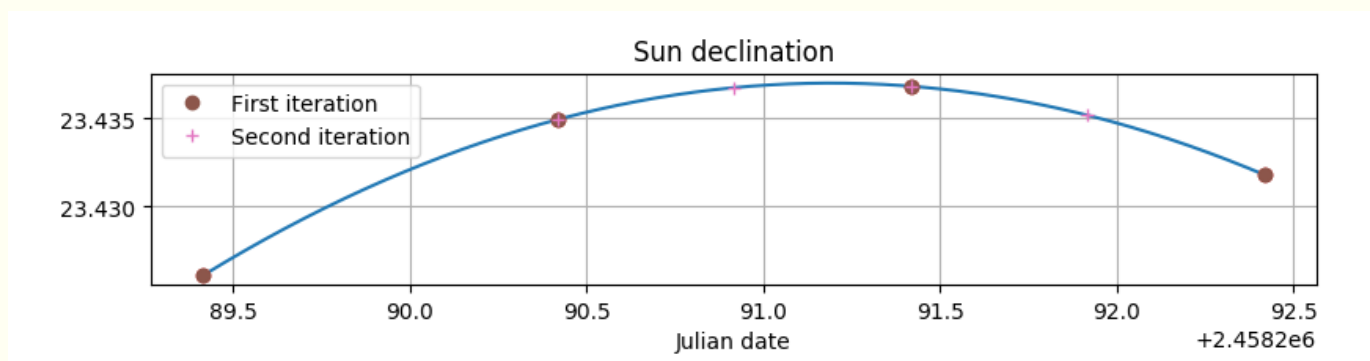
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Here's how it works:



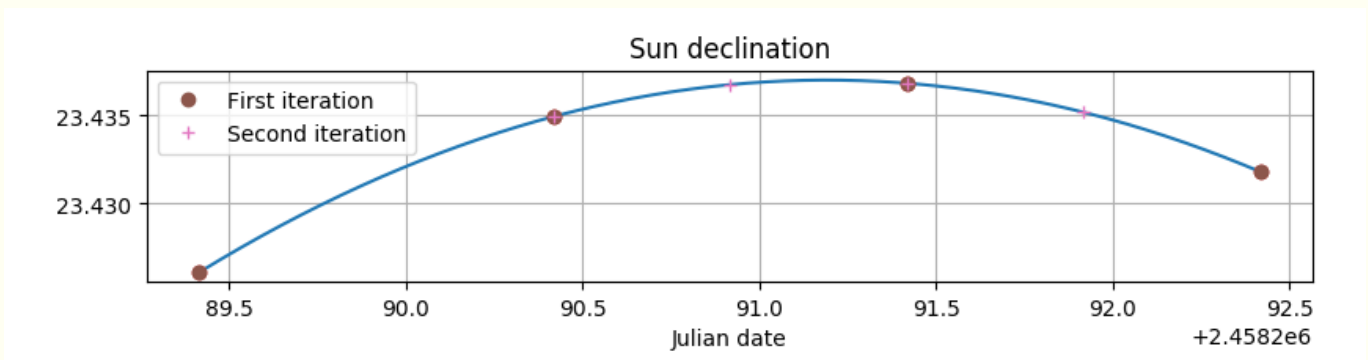
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How the plot is generated (Ipython output suppressed)

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```

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```
...
```

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In [2]: start = time.mktime((2018,6,20,0,0,0,0,0,-1))
```

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```
In [4]: times = Time(np.arange(start,end,60), format="unix")
```

```
In [5]: sundec = coordinates.get_sun(times).dec
```

```
In [6]: times.format="jd"
```

```
In [7]: plot(times.value, sundec.value)
```

```
In [8]: grid()
```

```
In [9]: days0=Time(np.linspace(times[0].value,times[-1].value,4), format="jd")
```

```
In [10]: dec0=coordinates.get_sun(days0).dec
```

```
In [11]: plot(days0.value,dec0.value,"o",label="First iteration")
```

```
In [12]: days1=Time(np.linspace(days0[1].value,days0[3].value,4), format="jd")
```

```
In [13]: dec1=coordinates.get_sun(days1).dec
```

```
In [14]: plot(days1.value,dec1.value,"+",label="Second iteration")
```

```
In [15]: plt.legend()
```

```
In [16]: ax=plt.gca()
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In [17]: ax.set_aspect(50)
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← Just to use the imports

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Just to use the imports

Make a sequence of Time objects

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Compute the corresponding sequence of sun declinations

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```

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In [1]: from astropy import coordinates as coord
```

```
In [2]: from astropy.time import Time, TimeDelta
```

```
In [3]: medicina=coord.EarthLocation.of_site("medicina")
```

```
In [4]: lon_sec = TimeDelta(medicina.lon.value*240., format="sec")
```

```
In [5]: noon_20 = Time("2018-06-20 12:00:00")-lon_sec
```

```
In [6]: noon_21 = Time("2018-06-21 12:00:00")-lon_sec
```

```
In [7]: noon_22 = Time("2018-06-22 12:00:00")-lon_sec
```

```
In [8]: sun_20 = coord.get_sun(noon_20)
```

```
In [9]: sun_21 = coord.get_sun(noon_21)
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```
In [10]: sun_22 = coord.get_sun(noon_22)
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```
In [11]: altaz_20 = coord.AltAz(location=medicina, obstime=noon_20)
```

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In [13]: altaz_22 = coord.AltAz(location=medicina, obstime=noon_22)
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```
In [14]: sun_pos_20 = sun_20.transform_to(altaz_20)
```

```
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```
In [16]: sun_pos_22 = sun_22.transform_to(altaz_22)
```

```
In [17]: sun_pos_20.alt
```

```
Out[17]: <Latitude 68.90833863 deg>
```

```
In [18]: sun_pos_21.alt
```

```
Out[18]: <Latitude 68.91076665 deg>
```

```
In [19]: sun_pos_22.alt
```

```
Out[19]: <Latitude 68.90620432 deg>
```

```
In [20]: shadow_20 = np.tan((90-sun_pos_20.alt.value)*0.017453292519943295)
```

```
In [21]: shadow_21 = np.tan((90-sun_pos_21.alt.value)*0.017453292519943295)
```

```
In [22]: shadow_22 = np.tan((90-sun_pos_22.alt.value)*0.017453292519943295)
```

```
In [23]: shadow_20, shadow_21, shadow_22
```

```
Out[23]: (0.38570068931067275, 0.3856520089291466, 0.3857434821516582)
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```
In [8]: sun_20 = coord.get_sun(noon_20)
In [9]: sun_21 = coord.get_sun(noon_21)
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```

```
In [11]: altaz_20 = coord.AltAz(location=medicina, obstime=noon_20)
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In [14]: sun_pos_20 = sun_20.transform_to(altaz_20)
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In [17]: sun_pos_20.alt
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In [20]: shadow_20 = np.tan((90-sun_pos_20.alt.value)*0.017453292519943295)
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```

Noon at Medicina

```
In [8]: sun_20 = coord.get_sun(noon_20)
In [9]: sun_21 = coord.get_sun(noon_21)
In [10]: sun_22 = coord.get_sun(noon_22)
```

```
In [11]: altaz_20 = coord.AltAz(location=medicina, obstime=noon_20)
In [12]: altaz_21 = coord.AltAz(location=medicina, obstime=noon_21)
In [13]: altaz_22 = coord.AltAz(location=medicina, obstime=noon_22)
```

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In [14]: sun_pos_20 = sun_20.transform_to(altaz_20)
In [15]: sun_pos_21 = sun_21.transform_to(altaz_21)
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In [20]: shadow_20 = np.tan((90-sun_pos_20.alt.value)*0.017453292519943295)
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In [22]: shadow_22 = np.tan((90-sun_pos_22.alt.value)*0.017453292519943295)
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In [23]: shadow_20, shadow_21, shadow_22
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```

Noon at Medicina

```
In [8]: sun_20 = coord.get_sun(noon_20)
In [9]: sun_21 = coord.get_sun(noon_21)
In [10]: sun_22 = coord.get_sun(noon_22)
```

Sun coordinates at noon

```
In [11]: altaz_20 = coord.AltAz(location=medicina, obstime=noon_20)
In [12]: altaz_21 = coord.AltAz(location=medicina, obstime=noon_21)
In [13]: altaz_22 = coord.AltAz(location=medicina, obstime=noon_22)
```

```
In [14]: sun_pos_20 = sun_20.transform_to(altaz_20)
In [15]: sun_pos_21 = sun_21.transform_to(altaz_21)
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```
In [17]: sun_pos_20.alt
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In [20]: shadow_20 = np.tan((90-sun_pos_20.alt.value)*0.017453292519943295)
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Noon at Medicina

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Sun coordinates at noon

```
In [11]: altaz_20 = coord.AltAz(location=medicina, obstime=noon_20)
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    tim_1 = 0
    dec_2 = 100.0
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    print("Step: %6d"%increment, end=" - ")
    while True:
        tim_0 = Time(utime0, format="unix")
        sun_dec = coordinates.get_sun(tim_0).dec.value
        if sun_dec >= dec_1:
            break
        utime0 += increment
        dec_2 = dec_1
        dec_1 = sun_dec
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Sending the HTTP request

Data retrieval automation

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...
In [1]: %run sdss.py 10 10 1000

In [2]: found
Out[2]:
[{'u'Rows': [{'u'camcol': 1,
.....

In [3]: len(found[0]["Rows"])
Out[3]: 10

In [4]: found[0]["Rows"][0]
Out[4]:
{'u'camcol': 1,
 u'class': u'STAR',
 u'dec': -1.0417691497987,
 u'fiberid': 208,
 u'field': 100,
 u'g': 16.17133,
 u'i': 15.3785,
 u'mjd': 52932,
 u'objid': 1237645941291614227,
 u'plate': 1515,
 u'r': 15.5894,
 u'ra': 49.6274851210218,
 u'redshift': -9.765775e-05,
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 u'specobjid': 1705795582662043648,
 u'u': 17.65612,
 u'z': 15.26744}

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Out[5]:
{'u'camcol': 2,
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.....
```

Data retrieval automation

```
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```
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```
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```

Launch sdss.py with proper arguments

```
In [2]: found
```

```
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```

```
[{u'Rows': [{u'camcol': 1,  
.....
```

```
In [3]: len(found[0]["Rows"])
```

```
Out[3]: 10
```

```
In [4]: found[0]["Rows"][0]
```

```
Out[4]:
```

```
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 u'dec': -1.0417691497987,  
 u'fiberid': 208,  
 u'field': 100,  
 u'g': 16.17133,  
 u'i': 15.3785,  
 u'mjd': 52932,  
 u'objid': 1237645941291614227,  
 u'plate': 1515,  
 u'r': 15.5894,  
 u'ra': 49.6274851210218,  
 u'redshift': -9.765775e-05,  
 u'rerun': 301,  
 u'run': 109,  
 u'specobjid': 1705795582662043648,  
 u'u': 17.65612,  
 u'z': 15.26744}
```

```
In [5]: found[0]["Rows"][1]
```

```
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```

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def getfits(obj_spec):
    url = URL0.format(**obj_spec)+FNAME.format(**obj_spec)
    fits_file = download_file(url, cache=True)
    localname = localname = "obj_%d.fits.bz2"%obj_spec["objid"]
    os.rename(fits_file, localname)
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download_file(): "all-in-one"
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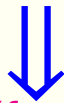
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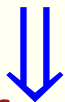
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Downloading data files:

```
In [6]: %run getfits.py

In [7]: for fspec in found[0]["Rows"]:
...:     getfits(fspec)
...:

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Creato file: obj_1237645942905831562.fits.bz2
Creato file: obj_1237645942906028116.fits.bz2
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```
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```

```
In [9]: from astropy.io import fits
```

```
In [10]: ffile = fits.open("obj_1237645941291614227.fits")
```

```
In [11]: ffile.info()
```

```
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```
In [12]: ffile[0].header
```

```
Out[12]:
```

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SIMPLE =          T /  
BITPIX =        -32 / 32 bit floating point  
NAXIS  =          2  
.....
```


Let's go back to moon phase ...

file: mphase.py

```
import numpy as np
from astropy.coordinates import get_moon, get_sun
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def mphase(ttime):
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In [4]: sun=get_sun(now)

In [5]: ?sun

In [6]: sun.distance
Out[6]: <Distance 0.9836944006240376 AU>

In [7]: moon=get_moon(now)

In [8]: sun.separation(moon)
Out[8]: <Angle 47.627267333388936 deg>
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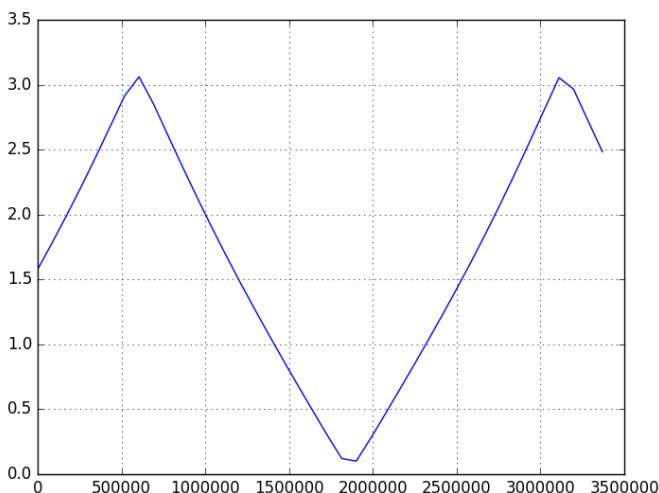
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The plot shows the moon phase starting from 1/1/1970 for 40 days.

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```
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Which differs for about 0.03 seconds and finds a slightly lower value !!!

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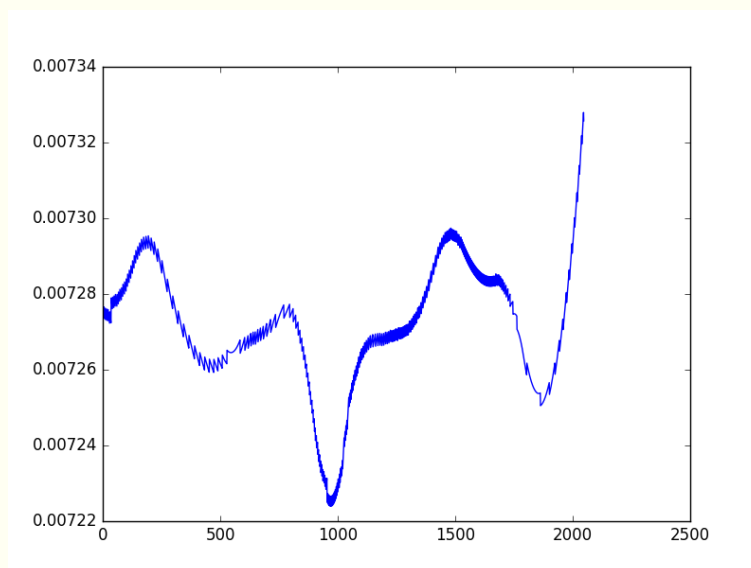
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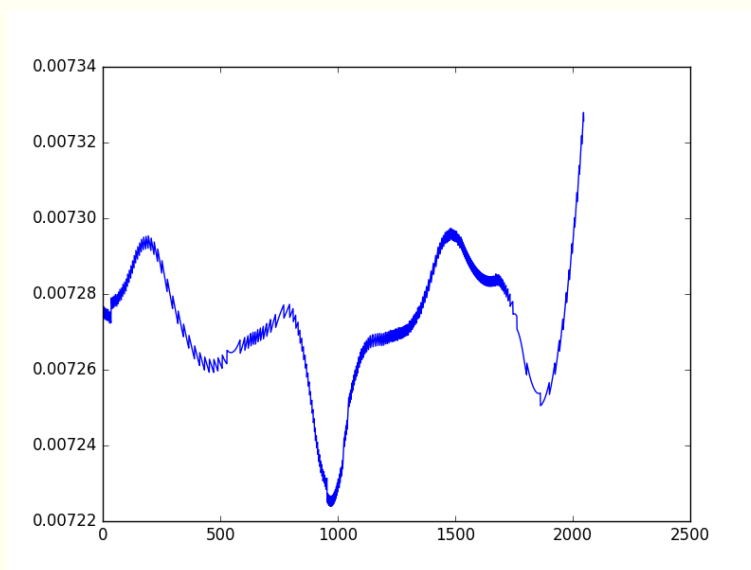
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How to read table data from FITS files

```
In [6]: from astropy.table import Table
```

```
In [7]: table = Table.read("obj_1237645941291614227.fits", hdu=3)
```

```
In [8]: print(table.columns)
```

```
<TableColumns names=('RUN', 'RERUN', 'CAMCOL', 'FILTER', 'NODE', 'INCL', 'NAXIS', 'FIEL
```

```
In [9]: table.more()
```

```
In [1]: from astropy.io import fits
```

```
In [2]: hdus = fits.open("psf.fits")
```

```
In [3]: hdus[0].header
```

```
Out[3]:
```

```
SIMPLE =          T / Written by IDL: Fri May 26 14:23:40 2017
BITPIX =        -32 / IEEE single precision floating point
NAXIS   =          2 / number of array dimensions
NAXIS1  =         254
NAXIS2  =         256
EXTEND  =          T
DATE    = '2015-06-04'
DETECTOR= 'SHARK '
EXPTIME =          0.001
W_UNIT  = 'LBTIDX '
HIERARCH ccd39.BINNING = 1
HIERARCH ccd39.DARK_FILENAME = '20150604_030731_antidrift.fits'
HIERARCH ccd39.FRAME_RATE = '989.61 '
HIERARCH ccd39.READOUT_SPEED = 2500
HIERARCH ccd39.STATUS = 'STATE_OPERATING'
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HIERARCH fw1.STATUS = 'STATE_READY'
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HIERARCH fw2.STATUS = 'STATE_READY'
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HIERARCH lamp.STATUS = 'UNKNOWN '
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HIERARCH pup0.CX = '20.46 '
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Looking into a FITS file

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Let's look into the file content

```
In [4]: scidata = hdus[0].data
```

```
In [5]: im = plt.imshow(scidata)
```

```
In [6]: cbar = plt.colorbar(im, orientation="vertical")
```

```
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```

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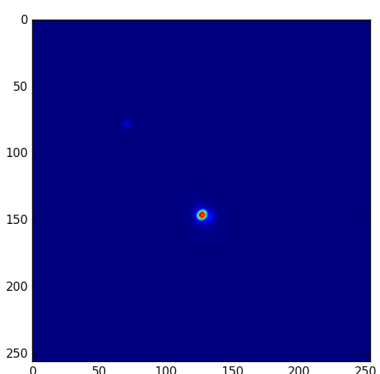
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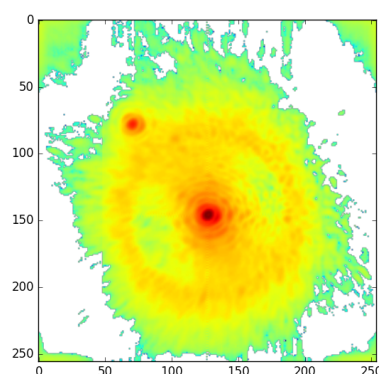
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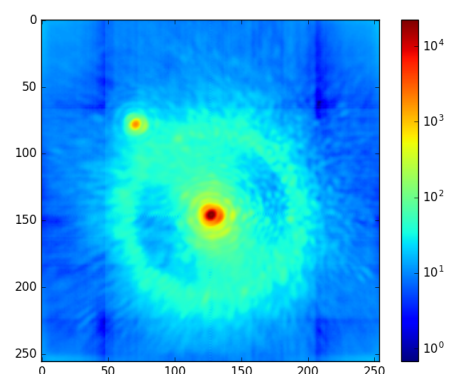
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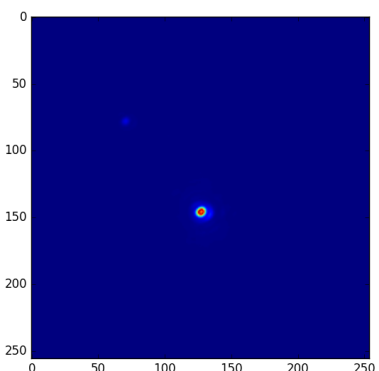
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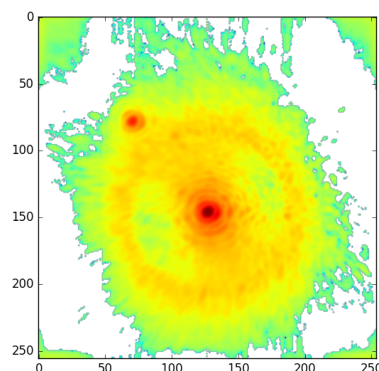
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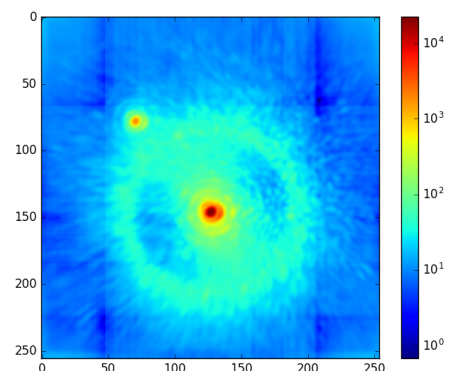


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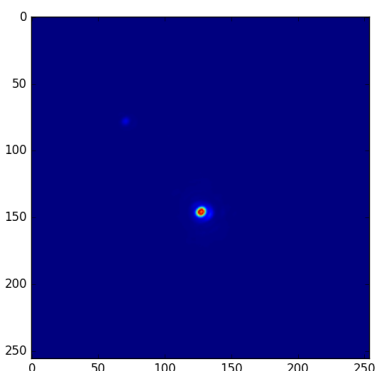
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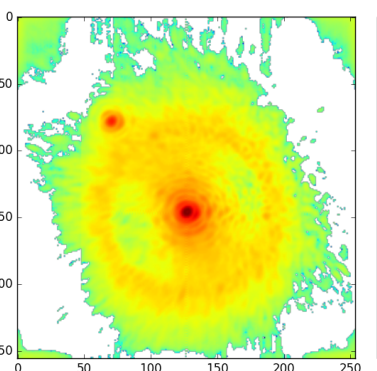
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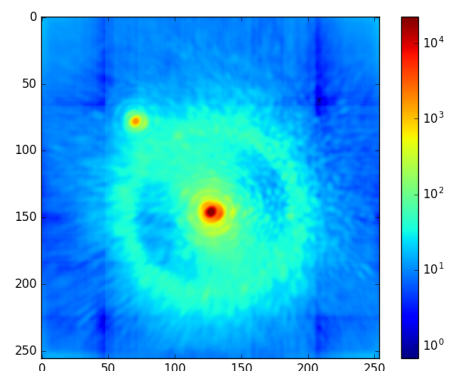
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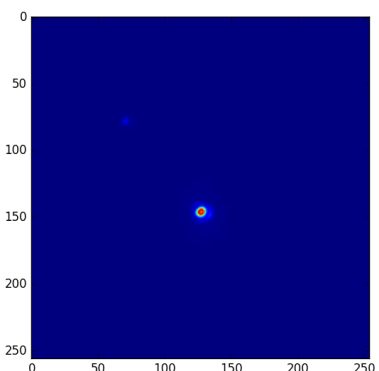
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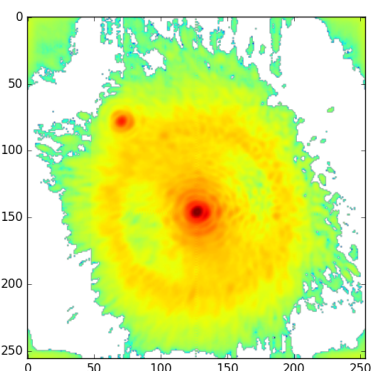
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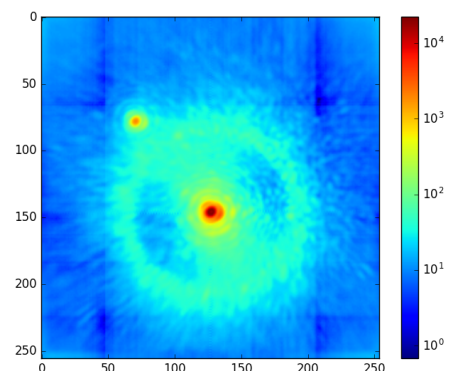
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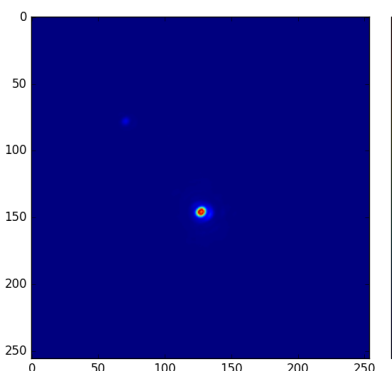
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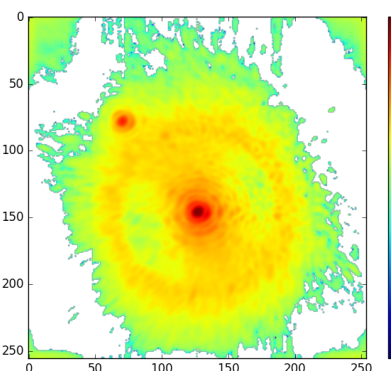
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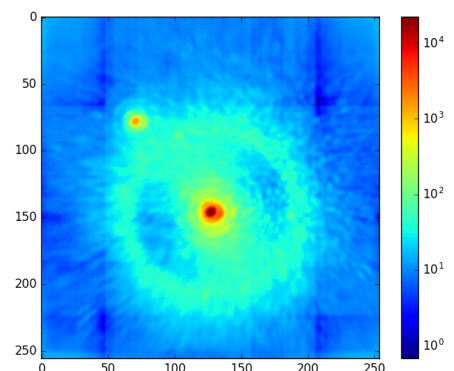
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```

```
In [2]: Simbad.add_votable_fields("flux(V)", "flux(U)", "flux(B)")
```

```
In [3]: obj = Simbad.query_object("aldebaran")
```

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In [4]: obj.pprint()
```

MAIN_ID	RA	DEC	RA_PREC	DEC_PREC	...	COO_BIBCODE	FLUX_V
FLUX_U	FLUX_B						
	"h:m:s"	"d:m:s"			...		mag
mag	mag						

* alf Tau	04 35 55.2390	+16 30 33.488	9	9	...	2007A&A...474..653V	0.86000001

```
In [5]: type(obj)
```

```
Out[5]: astropy.table.table.Table
```

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In [6]: obj.keys()
```

```
Out[6]:
```

```
['MAIN_ID',
 'RA',
 'DEC',
 'RA_PREC',
 'DEC_PREC',
 'COO_ERR_MAJA',
 'COO_ERR_MINA',
 'COO_ERR_ANGLE',
 'COO_QUAL',
 'COO_WAVELENGTH',
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 'FLUX_V',
 'FLUX_U',
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```

```
In [7]: obj["FLUX_V"]
```

```
Out[7]:
```

```
<MaskedColumn name='FLUX_V' dtype='float32' unit='mag' format=u'!r:>}' descriptor=0.86000001
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