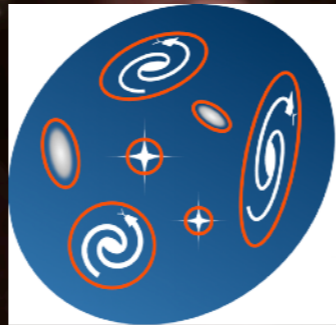


What has *photutils.psf* ever done for us?



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PSF Photometry

```
class photutils.psf. IterativelySubtractedPSFPhotometry (group_maker, bkg_estimator, psf_model, fitshape, finder, fitter=<astropy.modeling.fitting.LevMarLSQFitter object>, niters=3, aperture_radius=None)
```

Bases: [photutils.psf.BasicPSFPhotometry](#)

This class implements an iterative algorithm to perform photometry. It consists of applying a loop of find sources, make groups, fit groups, and subtract sources until no more sources are detected or a given number of iterations is reached.

Parameters: **group_maker** : callable or [GroupStarsB](#).

`group_maker` should be able to decide if sources should be grouped together. It receives as input a 2D image and returns a `Table` object which contains columns with names: `id`, `x_0`, `y_0`, `xcentroid`, `ycentroid`, and `flux`. In which `id` is an integer-valued column starting from 1, `xcentroid` and `ycentroid` are center position estimates of the sources and `flux` contains flux estimates of the sources. See, e.g., [DAOStarFinder](#) or [IRAFStarFinder](#).

bkg_estimator : callable, instance of any `BackgroundEstimator`.

`bkg_estimator` should be able to estimate the background of a given 2D image. See, e.g., [MedianBackground](#) or [SExtractorBackground](#).

psf_model : [astropy.modeling.Fitter](#) or [astropy.modeling.Fitter](#).

PSF or PRF model to fit the data. Could be [IntegratedGaussianPRF](#), or any other model. This object needs to receive the parameters (position of center in x and y coordinates and the flux) in order to set them to suitable starting values for each fit. The names of these parameters should be given as `x_0`, `y_0` and `flux`. `prepare_psf_model` can be used to prepare any 2D model to match this assumption.

fitshape : `int` or `length-2 array-like`.

Rectangular shape around the center of the sources. Can be an integer to be the same for all sources or a tuple to fit only at the following relative positions. `fitshape` must be an odd number.

finder : callable or instance of any `StarFinder`.

`finder` should be able to identify stars, i.e. compute a rough estimate of the centroids, in a given 2D image. `finder` receives as input a 2D image and returns a `Table` object which contains columns with names: `id`, `xcentroid`, `ycentroid`, and `flux`. In which `id` is an integer-valued column starting from 1, `xcentroid` and `ycentroid` are center position estimates of the sources and `flux` contains flux estimates of the sources. See, e.g., [DAOStarFinder](#) or [IRAFStarFinder](#).

fitter : `Fitter` instance

Fitter object used to compute the optimized centroid positions and/or flux of the identified sources. See [fitting](#) for more details on fitters.

aperture_radius : `float`

The radius (in units of pixels) used to compute initial estimates for the fluxes of sources. If `None`, one FWHM will be used if it can be determined from the `psf_model`.

niters : `int` or `None`

Number of iterations to perform of the loop FIND, GROUP, SUBTRACT, NSTAR. If `None`, iterations will proceed until no more stars remain. Note that in this case it is possible that the loop will never end if the PSF has structure that causes subtraction to create new sources infinitely.

BasicPSFPhotometry

```
class photutils.psf. BasicPSFPhotometry (group_maker, bkg_estimator, psf_model, fitshape, finder=None, fitter=<astropy.modeling.fitting.LevMarLSQFitter object>, aperture_radius=None) [source]
```

Bases: [object](#)

This class implements a PSF photometry algorithm that can find sources in an image, group overlapping sources into a single model, fit the model to the sources, and subtracting the models from the image. This is roughly equivalent to the DAOPHOT routines FIND, GROUP, NSTAR, and SUBTRACT. This implementation allows a flexible and customizable interface to perform photometry. For instance, one is able to use different implementations for grouping and finding sources by using `group_maker` and `finder` respectively. In addition, sky background estimation is performed by `bkg_estimator`.

```
class photutils.psf. DAOPhotPSFPhotometry (crit_separation, threshold, fwhm, psf_model, fitshape, sigma=3.0, ratio=1.0, theta=0.0, sigma_radius=1.5, sharplo=0.2, sharphi=1.0, roundlo=-1.0, roundhi=1.0, fitter=<astropy.modeling.fitting.LevMarLSQFitter object>, niters=3, aperture_radius=None) [source]
```

Bases: [photutils.psf.IterativelySubtractedPSFPhotometry](#)

Iterative PSF fitting routine where all newly found sources are re-fit along with previously detected sources. #732
Onoddil wants to merge 1 commit into [astropy:master](#) from [Onoddil:new_iterative_psf](#)

“Effective” PSF Framework

EPSFBuilder

```
class photutils.psf.EPSFBuilder (pixel_scale=None, oversampling=4.0, shape=None, smoothing_kernel='quartic', recentering_func=<function centroid_com>, recentering_boxsize=(5, 5), recentering_maxiters=20, fitter=<photutils.psf.epsf.EPSFFitter object>, center_accuracy=0.001, maxiters=10, progress_bar=True)
```

[source]

Bases: [object](#)

Class to build an effective PSF (ePSF).

See [Anderson and King \(2000; PASP 112, 1360\)](#) for details.

EPSFFitter

```
class photutils.psf.EPSFFitter (fitter=<astropy.modeling.fitting.LevMarLSQFitter object>, fit_boxsize=5, **fitter_kwargs)
```

[source]

Bases: [object](#)

Class to fit an ePSF model to one or more stars.

EPSFModel

```
class photutils.psf.EPSFModel (data, flux=1.0, x_0=0, y_0=0, normalize=True, normalization_correction=1.0, origin=None, oversampling=1.0, pixel_scale=None, fill_value=0.0, ikwargs={})
```

[source]

Bases: [photutils.psf.FittableImageModel](#)

A subclass of [FittableImageModel](#).

—————> [astropy.modeling.fittable2dmodel](#)

Building an effective Point Spread Function (ePSF)

The ePSF

The instrumental PSF is a combination of many factors that are generally difficult to model. [Anderson and King \(2000; PASP 112, 1360\)](#) showed that accurate stellar photometry and astrometry can be derived by modeling the net PSF, which they call the effective PSF (ePSF). The ePSF is an empirical model describing what fraction of a star's light will land in a particular pixel. The constructed ePSF is typically oversampled with respect to the detector pixels.

Building an ePSF

Photutils provides tools for building an ePSF following the prescription of [Anderson and King \(2000; PASP 112, 1360\)](#). The process involves iterating between the ePSF itself and the stars used to build it.

To begin, we must first define a sample of stars used to build the ePSF. Ideally these stars should be bright (high S/N) and isolated to prevent contamination from nearby stars. One may use the star-finding tools in Photutils (e.g. [DAOStarFinder](#) or [IRAFStarFinder](#)) to identify an initial sample of stars. However, the step of creating a good sample of stars will also likely require visual inspection and manual selection to ensure stars are sufficiently isolated and of good quality (e.g. no cosmic rays, detector artifacts, etc.).

Other PSFs Framework

PRFAdapter

```
class photutils.psf. PRFAdapter (psfmodel, renormalize_psf=True, flux=1, x_0=0, y_0=0, xname=None, yname=None, fluxname=None, **kwargs) \[source\]
```

Bases: [astropy.modeling.Fittable2DModel](#)

A model that adapts a supplied PSF model to act as a PRF. It integrates the PSF model over pixel “boxes”. A critical built-in assumption is that the PSF model scale and locat

IntegratedGaussianPRF

```
class photutils.psf. IntegratedGaussianPRF (sigma=1, x_0=0, y_0=0, flux=1, **kwargs)
```

Bases: [astropy.modeling.Fittable2DModel](#)

Circular Gaussian model integrated over pixels. Because it is integrated, this model is considered a PRF, *not* a PSF (see [Terminology](#) for more about the terminology used here.)

This model is a Gaussian *integrated* over an area of `1` (in units of the model input coordinates, e.g. 1 pixel). This is in contrast to the apparently similar [astropy.modeling.functional_models.Gaussian2D](#), which is the PSF of a 2D Gaussian *at* the input coordinates, with no integration. So this model is equivalent to assuming the PSF is a Gaussian at a *sub-pixel* level.

GriddedPSFModel

```
class photutils.psf. GriddedPSFModel (data, flux=1.0, x_0=0.0, y_0=0.0, fill_value=0.0) \[source\]
```

Bases: [astropy.modeling.Fittable2DModel](#)

A fittable 2D model containing a grid PSF models defined at specific locations that are interpolated to evaluate a PSF at an arbitrary (x, y) position.

Other Things

DAOGroup

`class photutils.psf.DAOGroup` (*crit_separation*)

Bases: `photutils.psf.groupstars.GroupStarsBase`

This class implements the DAOGROUP algorithm presented by Stetson (1987).

The method `group_stars` divides an entire starlist into sets of distinct, self-contained groups of mutually overlapping stars. It accepts as input a list of stars and determines which stars are close enough to be capable of adversely influencing each others' profile fits.

subtract_psf

`photutils.psf.subtract_psf` (*data, psf, posflux, subshape=None*)

Subtract PSF/PRFs from an image.

extract_stars

`photutils.psf.extract_stars` (*data, catalogs, size=(11, 11)*) [\[source\]](#)

Extract cutout images centered on stars defined in the input catalog(s).

Stars where the cutout array bounds partially or completely lie outside of the input `data` image will not be extracted.

prepare_psf_model

`photutils.psf.prepare_psf_model` (*psfmodel, xname=None, yname=None, fluxname=None, renormalize_psf=True*) [\[source\]](#)

Convert a 2D PSF model to one suitable for use with `BasicPSFPhotometry` or its subclasses.

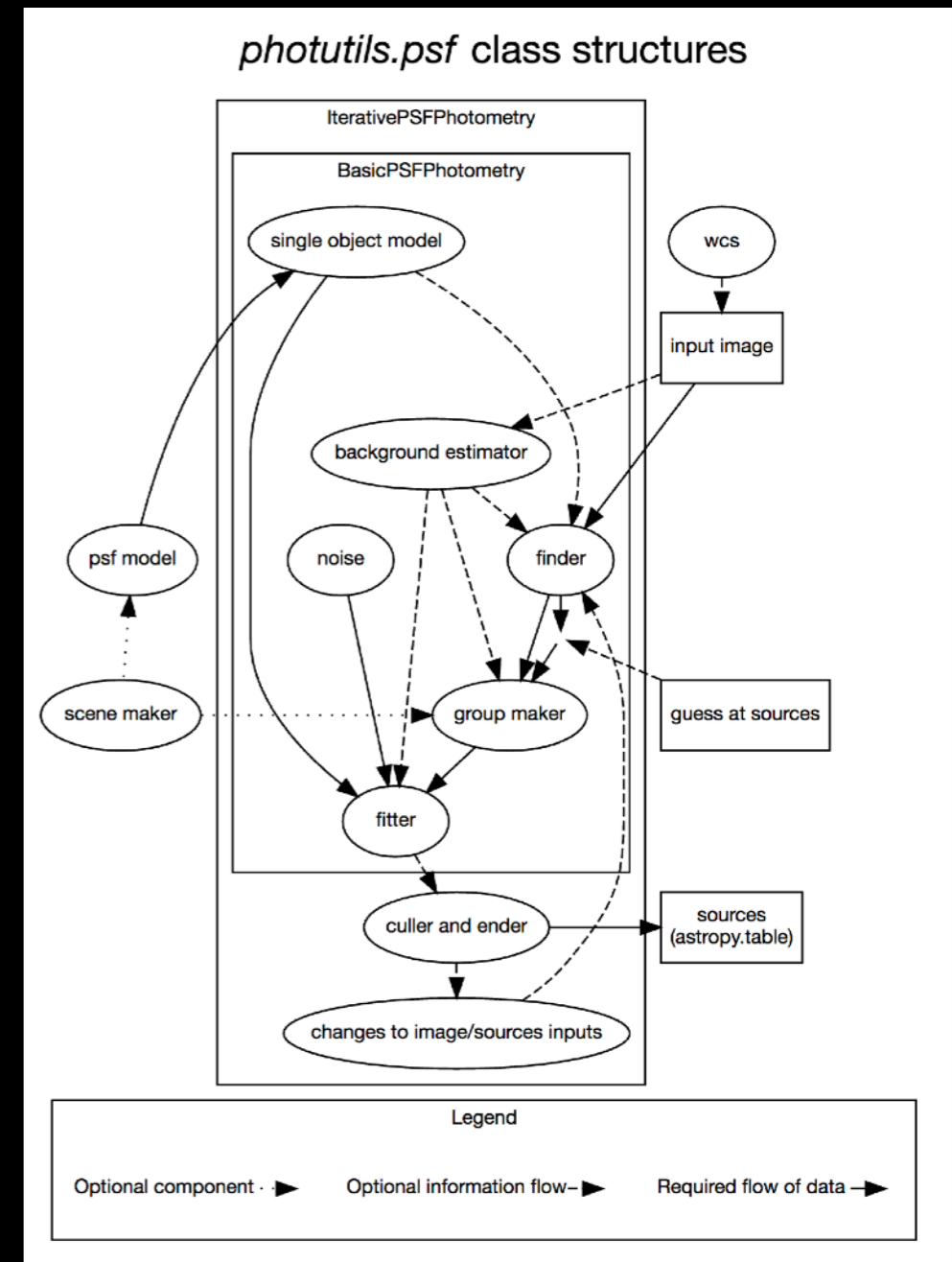
The resulting model may be a composite model, but should have only the x, y, and flux related parameters un-fixed.

What will *photutils.psf* ever do for us?

Additional PSF fitting routines
Non-point source fitting
2D ePSF framework

API stability, convenience functions

??? You tell me!



Further inclusion of astropy convenience

What can I ever do for *photutils.psf*?

Find bugs, submit issues

Suggest changes/improvements

Review code

**Tell us how it can be made
easier to use or swap to using**