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**CHAPTER  
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**DESCRIPTION**

pycf3 is a Python client for the [Cosmicflows-3 Distance-Velocity Calculator](#), and [NAM Distance-Velocity Calculator](#)



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**CHAPTER  
TWO**

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## **CODE REPOSITORY & ISSUES**

<https://github.com/quatrophe/pycf3>



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**CHAPTER  
THREE**

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**LICENSE**

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The BSD 3-clause license allows you almost unlimited freedom with the software so long as you include the BSD copyright and license notice in it (found in [Fulltext](#)).



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**CHAPTER  
FOUR**

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**BASIC INSTALL**

Execute

```
$ pip install pycf3
```



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CHAPTER  
**FIVE**

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## DEVELOPMENT INSTALL

Clone this repo and install with pip

```
$ git clone https://github.com/quattrope/pycf3.git
$ cd pycf3
$ pip install -e .
```



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CHAPTER  
SIX

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## QUICK USAGE

```
>>> import pycf3
>>> cf3 = pycf3.CF3()
>>> result = cf3.calculate_distance(velocity=9000, glon=283, glat=75)
>>> print(result.observed_velocity_)
9000.0
>>> result.observed_distance_
array([136.90134347])
```

For more information, read the [tutorial](#) in the documentation.



## CITATION

- If you use the results of this work in your research or other applications, please cite Kourkchi et al. 2020, AJ, 159, 67
- Please acknowledge pycf3 in any research report or publication that requires citation of any author's work. Our suggested acknowledgment is:

The authors acknowledge the pycf3 project that contributed to the research reported here. <<https://pycf3.readthedocs.io/>>;

### 7.1 ABOUT THE DATA

All data exposed by pycf3 belongs to the project

Cosmicflows-3 Distance-Velocity Calculator (<http://edd.ifa.hawaii.edu/CF3calculator/>) Copyright (C) Cosmicflows Team - The Extragalactic Distance Database (EDD)

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#### 7.1.1 BibText

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@ARTICLE{2020AJ....159...67K,  
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{Graziani}, Romain and {Hoffman}, Yehuda and {Pomar{\`e}de}, Daniel and  
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adsnote = {Provided by the SAO/NASA Astrophysics Data System}  
}
```

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CHAPTER  
EIGHT

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## SHORT VIDEO DESCRIPTION



Being nice to the server

Wrapping a REST API for a cosmological distance/velocity calculator with Python



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**CHAPTER  
NINE**

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**CONTENTS:**

## 10.1 pycf3 tutorial

### 10.1.1 Interactive Version

Launch Binder for an interactive version of this tutorial!

### 10.1.2 Introduction

This tutorial is a guide on how to interact with the two Cosmicflows-3 Distance-Velocity Calculators in a Python code. These calculators are featured in Kourkchi et al. 2020, AJ, 159, 67.

pycf3 present an OO API to access the same capabilities of <http://edd.ifa.hawaii.edu/NAMcalculator/> and <http://edd.ifa.hawaii.edu/CF3calculator/>. Please be gentle with the server.

The first required step is to import the project

[2]: `import pycf3`

### 10.1.3 Example 1: Sending a request to the NAM D-V calcualtor

First, let's create the NAM Client

[3]: `nam = pycf3.NAM()  
nam  
nam(calculator='NAM', cache_dir='/home/ehsan/pycf3_data/_cache_', cache_expire=None)`

Then the basic functionality of the NAM are provided in two different methods

- `calculate_distance(velocity, <coordinates>)` to calculate a **distance** based on a given *velocity*.
- `calculate_velocity(distance, <coordinates>)` to calculate a **velocity** based on a given *distance*.

The *<coordinates>* parameters can be expressed in `ra`, `dec` (equatorial), `glon`, `glat` (galactic) or `sgl`, `sgb` (supergalactic) coordinates. You need to provide both components of a coordinate. Please note that multiple coordinate systems cannot be mixed.

Now, let's assume we want to generate the same query as it appears in the following Figure

\* Indicates required field

• SGL [deg]	102
• SGB [deg]	-2
Cone [deg]	15

\* Coordinate system  
 equatorial  
 galactic  
 supergalactic

Distance/Velocity  
 distance   
 velocity

**SGL= 102.0 SGB= -2.0**

5

D <sub>input</sub> Mpc	V <sub>gsr</sub> -model km/s
8.08	1000
18.79	1000
22.10	1000

4

RA: 187.78917 Dec: 13.33386  
 Glon: 282.96547 Glat: 75.41360  
 SGL: 102.00000 SGB: -2.00000

Here is how to send the same request in a Python code:

```
[4]: result = nam.calculate_distance(velocity=1000, sgl=102, sgb=-2)
      result
```

```
[4]: Result - NAM(velocity=1000, sgl=102, sgb=-2)
+-----+
| Observed | Distance (Mpc) | [ 8.08088613 18.78629089 22.09785028] |
|          | Velocity (Km/s) | 1000.0
+-----+
```

Note: You can click Show/Hide Raw to check the raw response from the server

The provided coordinates at different coordinate systems can be extracted as follows

```
[5]: result.calculated_at_
[5]: CalculatedAt(ra=187.7891703346409, dec=13.333860121247609, glon=282.9654677357161, ↴
    ↴glat=75.4136002414933, sgl=102.0, sgb=-2.0)
```

and the corresponding **distance/velocity** values are available at:

```
[6]: result.observed_velocity_
```

[6]: 1000.0

```
[7]: result.observed_distance_
```

```
[7]: array([ 8.08088613, 18.78629089, 22.09785028])
```

In addition, the entire raw response, as it is returned by the **EDD** server, are packaged in the `json_` attribute in the form of a Python dictionary

[8]: result.json\_

```
[8]: {'message': 'Success',  
      'RA': 187.7891703346409,  
      'Dec': 13.333860121247609,  
      'Glon': 282.9654677357161,  
      'Glat': 75.4136002414933,  
      'SGL': 102.0,  
      'SGB': -2.0,}
```

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```
'velocity': 1000.0,  
'distance': [8.08088612690689, 18.786290885088945, 22.097850275812398]}
```

#### 10.1.4 Example 2: How to extract the radial velocity of an object at a given distance in NAM

```
[9]: nam.calculate_velocity(distance=30, sgl=102, sgb=-2)
```

```
[9]: Result - NAM(distance=30, sgl=102, sgb=-2)
```

Observed	Distance (Mpc)	[30.]
Velocity (Km/s)		1790.9019256321444

#### 10.1.5 Example 3: Sending a request to the Cosmicflows-3 D-V calculator ( $d < 200$ Mpc)

We are trying to reproduce this query in Python

\* Indicates required field

\* Glon [deg]

\* Glat [deg]

Cone [deg]

- \* Coordinate system
  - equatorial
  - galactic
  - supergalactic

Distance/Velocity

- distance
- velocity

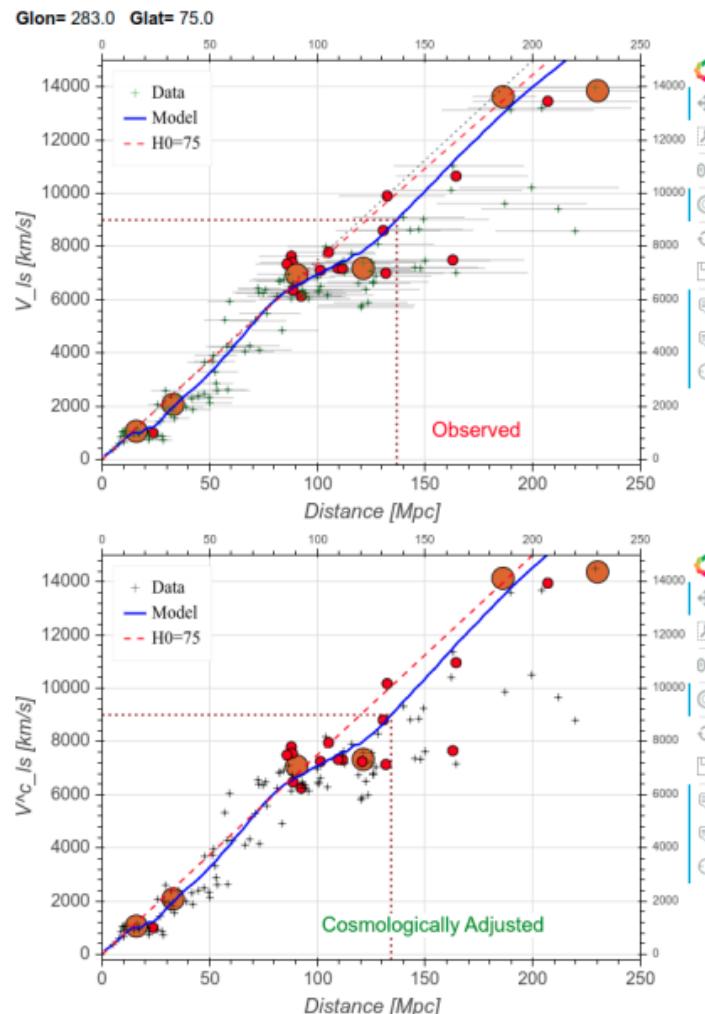
D <sub>input</sub> Mpc	V <sub>ls</sub> - Observed km/s
136.90	9000

5

D <sub>input</sub> Mpc	V <sup>c</sup> <sub>ls</sub> - Adjusted km/s
134.26	9000

6

RA: 187.66534 Dec: 12.93813  
 Glon: 283.00000 Glat: 75.00000 4  
 SGL: 102.34475 SGB: -2.22903



As stated before, first we need to create a **Cosmic Flows-3 Client**

```
[10]: cf3 = pycf3.CF3()
cf3
[10]: CF3(calculator='CF3', cache_dir='/home/ehsan/pycf3_data/_cache_', cache_expire=None)
```

Let's calculate the distance

```
[11]: result = cf3.calculate_distance(velocity=9000, glon=283, glat=75)
result
[11]: Result - CF3(velocity=9000, glon=283, glat=75)
+-----+-----+
| Observed | Distance (Mpc) | [136.90134347] |
|          | Velocity (Km/s) | 9000.0           |
+-----+-----+
| Adjusted | Distance (Mpc) | [134.26214472] |
|          | Velocity (Km/s) | 9000.0           |
+-----+-----+
```

Similar to NAM, `coordinates` can be accessed with `result.calculated_at_` and `velocity/distance` with `result.observed_velocity_` and `result.observed_distance_` respectively.

In addition, CF3 provides an adjusted version of the `velocity/distance`, that are available in `result.adjusted_distance_` and `result.adjusted_velocity_`. For further details on the adjustments you can visit [Here](#).

```
[12]: result.adjusted_distance_
```

```
[12]: array([134.26214472])
```

```
[13]: result.adjusted_velocity_
```

```
[13]: 9000.0
```

Note: The NAM client also has the `adjusted_` values but all are None.

### 10.1.6 Example 4: How to obtain the radial velocity at a given distance with CF3

```
[14]: cf3.calculate_velocity(distance=180, ra=187, dec=13)
```

```
[14]: Result - CF3(distance=180, ra=187, dec=13)
```

Observed	Distance (Mpc)	[180.]
	Velocity (Km/s)	12515.699706446017
+-----+-----+-----+		
Adjusted	Distance (Mpc)	[180.]
	Velocity (Km/s)	12940.58481990226
+-----+-----+-----+		

### 10.1.7 PyCF3 Cache system

By default, any any client instance is created with a cache that prevent to send the same request twice. For example, let's make a similar query twice and measure the calculation time.

Note: We are using the `pycf3.CF3` client as an example, but any other `pycf3` calculator has the same functionalities.

```
[15]: cf3 = pycf3.CF3()
```

```
[17]: %time
cf3.calculate_velocity(distance=180, ra=187, dec=13)

CPU times: user 6.53 ms, sys: 1.02 ms, total: 7.56 ms
Wall time: 11.6 s
```

```
[17]: Result - CF3(distance=180, ra=187, dec=13)
```

Observed	Distance (Mpc)	[180.]
	Velocity (Km/s)	12515.699706446017
+-----+-----+-----+		
Adjusted	Distance (Mpc)	[180.]
	Velocity (Km/s)	12940.58481990226
+-----+-----+-----+		

```
[18]: %time
cf3.calculate_velocity(distance=180, ra=187, dec=13)

CPU times: user 3.67 ms, sys: 0 ns, total: 3.67 ms
Wall time: 2.86 ms
```

```
[18]: Result - CF3(distance=180, ra=187, dec=13)
+-----+
| Observed | Distance (Mpc) | [180.]          |
|          | Velocity (Km/s) | 12515.699706446017 |
+-----+
| Adjusted | Distance (Mpc) | [180.]          |
|          | Velocity (Km/s) | 12940.58481990226 |
+-----+
```

Evidently, the first time execution lasts for about **10 seconds** while the second time execution is of the order of **ms**. This is achieved by storing the results on the local hard drive in order to avoid the successive execution of similar requests (by default a folder called `pycf3_data`, is created in the user home directory)

As expected, if the query is altered by asking for another declination, the process is going to be slow again:

```
[19]: %time
cf3.calculate_velocity(distance=180, ra=187, dec=13.5)

CPU times: user 3.98 ms, sys: 4.03 ms, total: 8.01 ms
Wall time: 12.2 s
```

```
[19]: Result - CF3(distance=180, ra=187, dec=13.5)
+-----+
| Observed | Distance (Mpc) | [180.]          |
|          | Velocity (Km/s) | 12512.725297090401 |
+-----+
| Adjusted | Distance (Mpc) | [180.]          |
|          | Velocity (Km/s) | 12937.406568949371 |
+-----+
```

and the execution of the same query is fast again

```
[20]: %time
cf3.calculate_velocity(distance=180, ra=187, dec=13.5)

CPU times: user 1.68 ms, sys: 357 µs, total: 2.04 ms
Wall time: 1.37 ms
```

```
[20]: Result - CF3(distance=180, ra=187, dec=13.5)
+-----+
| Observed | Distance (Mpc) | [180.]          |
|          | Velocity (Km/s) | 12512.725297090401 |
+-----+
| Adjusted | Distance (Mpc) | [180.]          |
|          | Velocity (Km/s) | 12937.406568949371 |
+-----+
```

In addition, it is beneficial to recycle the results that are not “too older” than an expiration time. In these cases, you can set how many second your local data will be available by adding the parameter `cache_expire` when you create the *CF3* client.

```
[21]: cf3 = pycf3.CF3(cache_expire=2)
```

At this point the new cf3 instance shares the same default-cache of the previous one. Now, if we execute any of the previous requests, the process would be fast. As seen, it's only taking a few milliseconds.

```
[22]: %time
cf3.calculate_velocity(distance=180, ra=187, dec=13)

CPU times: user 2.19 ms, sys: 0 ns, total: 2.19 ms
Wall time: 1.65 ms
```

```
[22]: Result - CF3(distance=180, ra=187, dec=13)
+-----+-----+
| Observed | Distance (Mpc) | [180.]           |
|          | Velocity (Km/s) | 12515.699706446017 |
+-----+-----+
| Adjusted | Distance (Mpc) | [180.]           |
|          | Velocity (Km/s) | 12940.58481990226 |
+-----+-----+
```

You can remove the entire “cached” data by calling the command

```
[23]: cf3.cache.clear()
```

```
[23]: 2
```

Now we can send the same original request and the result will be available for 2 seconds before it expires.

```
[24]: %time
cf3.calculate_velocity(distance=180, ra=187, dec=13.5)

import time
time.sleep(3) # lets sleep 3 seconds

CPU times: user 6.2 ms, sys: 3.32 ms, total: 9.52 ms
Wall time: 14.5 s
```

because we waited so long, the next query will be slow again

```
[25]: %time
cf3.calculate_velocity(distance=180, ra=187, dec=13.5)

CPU times: user 6.5 ms, sys: 5.01 ms, total: 11.5 ms
Wall time: 11.7 s
```

```
[25]: Result - CF3(distance=180, ra=187, dec=13.5)
+-----+-----+
| Observed | Distance (Mpc) | [180.]           |
|          | Velocity (Km/s) | 12512.725297090401 |
+-----+-----+
| Adjusted | Distance (Mpc) | [180.]           |
|          | Velocity (Km/s) | 12937.406568949371 |
+-----+-----+
```

However, if we don't wait until the cached outcomes are expired, the process would be quick.

```
[26]: %time
cf3.calculate_velocity(distance=180, ra=187, dec=13.5)

CPU times: user 0 ns, sys: 2.3 ms, total: 2.3 ms
Wall time: 1.53 ms

[26]: Result - CF3(distance=180, ra=187, dec=13.5)
+-----+
| Observed | Distance (Mpc) | [180.]           |
|          | Velocity (Km/s) | 12512.725297090401 |
+-----+
| Adjusted | Distance (Mpc) | [180.]           |
|          | Velocity (Km/s) | 12937.406568949371 |
+-----+
```

### Changing the cache backend

The entire cache backend of pycf3 was created with **DiskCache** (<http://www.grantjenks.com/docs/diskcache/>)

You can change your cache location (to store different datasets for example) by providing another `diskcache.Cache` or `diskcache.FanoutCache` instance.

```
import diskcache as dcache

cache = dcache.FanoutCache(
    directory="my/cache/directory")

# let make our data valid for 24 hours
cf3 = pycf3.CF3(cache=cache, cache_expire=86400)
```

Finally, to completely deactivate the cache system, pycf3 can be forced to ignore the cache system by setting cache to `NoCache`.

```
[27]: cf3 = pycf3.CF3(cache=pycf3.NoCache())
cf3

[27]: CF3(calculator='CF3', cache_dir='', cache_expire=None)
```

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### 10.1.8 PyCF3 Retry

By default any calculator instance try **3 times** to perform a request. if you want to customize the number of attempts, you need to change the default `session` of the instance.

Note: We are using the `pycf3.CF3` client as an example, but any other `pycf3` calculator has the same functionalities.

For example if you want to try 2 times:

```
[28]: session = pycf3.RetrySession(retries=2)
cf3 = pycf3.CF3(session=session)
```

Also if you want to only wait for some arbitrary number of seconds between any request you can add the `timeout=<SECONDS>` to any search request.

```
[30]: # no more than 5 seconds between every request
cf3.calculate_velocity(distance=180, ra=187, dec=13.5, timeout=5)

-----
timeout                                         Traceback (most recent call last)
~/anaconda3/lib/python3.8/site-packages/urllib3/connectionpool.py in _make_request(self,_
    conn, method, url, timeout, chunked, **httplib_request_kw)
    425             # Otherwise it looks like a bug in the code.
--> 426                 six.raise_from(e, None)
    427             except (SocketTimeout, BaseSSLError, SocketError) as e:

~/anaconda3/lib/python3.8/site-packages/urllib3/packages/six.py in raise_from(value,_
    from_value)

~/anaconda3/lib/python3.8/site-packages/urllib3/connectionpool.py in _make_request(self,_
    conn, method, url, timeout, chunked, **httplib_request_kw)
    420             try:
--> 421                 httplib_response = conn.getresponse()
    422             except BaseException as e:

~/anaconda3/lib/python3.8/http/client.py in getresponse(self)
    1346             try:
--> 1347                 response.begin()
    1348             except ConnectionError:

~/anaconda3/lib/python3.8/http/client.py in begin(self)
    306             while True:
--> 307                 version, status, reason = self._read_status()
    308                 if status != CONTINUE:

~/anaconda3/lib/python3.8/http/client.py in _read_status(self)
    267     def _read_status(self):
--> 268         line = str(self.fp.readline(_MAXLINE + 1), "iso-8859-1")
    269         if len(line) > _MAXLINE:

~/anaconda3/lib/python3.8/socket.py in readinto(self, b)
    668             try:
--> 669                 return self._sock.recv_into(b)
    670             except timeout:

timeout: timed out
```

During handling of the above exception, another exception occurred:

```
ReadTimeoutError                                         Traceback (most recent call last)
~/anaconda3/lib/python3.8/site-packages/urllib3/connectionpool.py in urlopen(self,_
    method, url, body, headers, retries, redirect, assert_same_host, timeout, pool_timeout,
    release_conn, chunked, body_pos, **response_kw)
--> 670             httplib_response = self._make_request(
    669                 # Make the request on the httplib connection object.
    671                 conn,
```

~/anaconda3/lib/python3.8/site-packages/urllib3/connectionpool.py in \_make\_request(self,\_
 conn,

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```

→ conn, method, url, timeout, chunked, **httplib_request_kw)
  427      except (SocketTimeout, BaseSSLError, SocketError) as e:
--> 428          self._raise_timeout(err=e, url=url, timeout_value=read_timeout)
  429      raise

~/anaconda3/lib/python3.8/site-packages/urllib3/connectionpool.py in _raise_timeout(self,
→ err, url, timeout_value)
--> 335          raise ReadTimeoutError(
  334              if isinstance(err, SocketTimeout):
  336                  self, url, "Read timed out. (read timeout=%s)" % timeout_value

ReadTimeoutError: HTTPConnectionPool(host='edd.ifa.hawaii.edu', port=80): Read timed out.
→ (read timeout=5)

```

During handling of the above exception, another exception occurred:

```

MaxRetryError                                     Traceback (most recent call last)
~/anaconda3/lib/python3.8/site-packages/requests/adapters.py in send(self, request,
→ stream, timeout, verify, cert, proxies)
--> 439          resp = conn.urlopen(
  438              if not chunked:
  440                  method=request.method,

~/anaconda3/lib/python3.8/site-packages/urllib3/connectionpool.py in urlopen(self,
→ method, url, body, headers, retries, redirect, assert_same_host, timeout, pool_timeout,
→ release_conn, chunked, body_pos, **response_kw)
--> 754          return self.urlopen(
  753              )
  755          method,

~/anaconda3/lib/python3.8/site-packages/urllib3/connectionpool.py in urlopen(self,
→ method, url, body, headers, retries, redirect, assert_same_host, timeout, pool_timeout,
→ release_conn, chunked, body_pos, **response_kw)
--> 754          return self.urlopen(
  753              )
  755          method,

~/anaconda3/lib/python3.8/site-packages/urllib3/connectionpool.py in urlopen(self,
→ method, url, body, headers, retries, redirect, assert_same_host, timeout, pool_timeout,
→ release_conn, chunked, body_pos, **response_kw)
--> 726          retries = retries.increment(
  725              method, url, error=e, _pool=self, _stacktrace=sys.exc_info()[2]

~/anaconda3/lib/python3.8/site-packages/urllib3/util/retry.py in increment(self, method,
→ url, response, error, _pool, _stacktrace)
  445          if new_retry.is_exhausted():
--> 446              raise MaxRetryError(_pool, url, error or ResponseError(cause))
  447

MaxRetryError: HTTPConnectionPool(host='edd.ifa.hawaii.edu', port=80): Max retries
→ exceeded with url: /CF3calculator/api.php (Caused by ReadTimeoutError(

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```

↳ "HTTPConnectionPool(host='edd.ifa.hawaii.edu', port=80): Read timed out. (read=
↳ timeout=5)")

During handling of the above exception, another exception occurred:

ConnectionError                                     Traceback (most recent call last)
<ipython-input-30-a5a25eb08020> in <module>
      1 # no more than 5 seconds between every request
----> 2 cf3.calculate_velocity(distance=180, ra=187, dec=13.5, timeout=5)

/media/Data/Home/PanStarrs/Jan/HI/augment/test_TFRcatal/pycf3/pycf3.py in calculate_
velocity(self, distance, ra, dec, glon, glat, sgl, sgb, **get_kwargs)
    902         ra=ra, dec=dec, glon=glon, glat=glat, sgl=sgl, sgb=sgb
--> 904         response = self._search(
    903             )
    905             coordinate_system=coordinate_system,
    906             alpha=alpha,

/media/Data/Home/PanStarrs/Jan/HI/augment/test_TFRcatal/pycf3/pycf3.py in _search(self,_
coordinate_system, alpha, delta, distance, velocity, **get_kwargs)
    727         response = cache.get(key, default=dcache.core.ENOVAL, retry=True)
--> 729             response = self.session.get(
    728                 if response == dcache.core.ENOVAL:
    730                     self.URL, json=payload, **get_kwargs
    731             )

~/anaconda3/lib/python3.8/site-packages/requests/sessions.py in get(self, url, **kwargs)
    541
    542     kwargs.setdefault('allow_redirects', True)
--> 543     return self.request('GET', url, **kwargs)
    544
    545 def options(self, url, **kwargs):

~/anaconda3/lib/python3.8/site-packages/requests/sessions.py in request(self, method,_
url, params, data, headers, cookies, files, auth, timeout, allow_redirects, proxies,_
hooks, stream, verify, cert, json)
    528         }
    529         send_kwargs.update(settings)
--> 530     resp = self.send(prep, **send_kwargs)
    531
    532     return resp

~/anaconda3/lib/python3.8/site-packages/requests/sessions.py in send(self, request,_
**kwargs)
    641
    642     # Send the request
--> 643     r = adapter.send(request, **kwargs)
    644
    645     # Total elapsed time of the request (approximately)

~/anaconda3/lib/python3.8/site-packages/requests/adapters.py in send(self, request,_
stream, timeout, verify, cert, proxies)

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514         raise SSLError(e, request=request)
515
--> 516         raise ConnectionError(e, request=request)
517
518     except ClosedPoolError as e:
ConnectionError: HTTPConnectionPool(host='edd.ifa.hawaii.edu', port=80): Max retries
exceeded with url: /CF3calculator/api.php (Caused by ReadTimeoutError(
"HTTPConnectionPool(host='edd.ifa.hawaii.edu', port=80): Read timed out. (read
timeout=5)"))
```

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## 10.2 API - pycf3 module

Python client for several cosmic distance calculators.

Calculators:

- Cosmicflows-3 Distance-Velocity Calculator at distances
- Numerical Action Methods model

More information: <http://edd.ifa.hawaii.edu/CF3calculator/>

**For citation check:**

<https://github.com/quattrope/pycf3/blob/master/README.rst>

```
class pycf3.AbstractClient(session: Session = NOTHING, cache: Union[Cache, FanoutCache] =
    NOTHING, cache_expire: Optional[float] = None)
```

Abstract base class for all clients.

### Parameters

- **session** (pycf3.Session (default: None)) – The session to use to send the requests. By default a pycf3.RetrySession with 3 retry is created. More info: <https://2.python-requests.org>, <https://urllib3.readthedocs.io/en/latest/reference/urllib3.util.html>.
- **cache** (diskcache.Cache, diskcache.Fanout,) – pycf3.NoCache or None (default: None) Any instance of diskcache.Cache, diskcache.Fanout or None (Default). If it's None a diskcache.Cache instance is created with the parameter directory = pycf3.DEFAULT\_CACHE\_DIR. More information: <http://www.grantjenks.com/docs/diskcache>
- **cache\_expire** (float or None (default='`None`')) – Seconds until item expires (default None, no expiry) More information: <http://www.grantjenks.com/docs/diskcache>

```
calculate_distance(velocity, *, ra=None, dec=None, glon=None, glat=None, sgl=None, sgb=None,
                   **get_kwargs)
```

Calculate a distance based on the given velocity and location.

The mandatory parameters are *velocity* and a position expressed in two components depending on the chosen coordinate system:

- *ra* and *dec* for an equatorial system.
- *glon* and *glat* for a galactic system.

- **sgl** and **sgb** for a supergalactic system.

Coordinates cannot be mixed between systems, and must be expressed in J2000 as 360° decimal.

The returned distance(s) are expressed in Mpc, and potentially can be more than one value.

#### Parameters

- **velocity** (int or float) – Model velocity in km/s.
- **ra** (int or float (optional)) – Right ascension. If you provide **ra** you need to provide also **dec**.
- **dec** (int or float (optional)) – Declination. **dec** must be  $\geq -90$  and  $\leq 90$ . If you provide **dec** you need to provide also **ra**.
- **glon** (int or float (optional)) – Galactic longitude. If you provide **glon** you need to provide also **glat**.
- **glat** (int or float (optional)) – Galactic latitude. **glat** must be  $\geq -90$  and  $\leq 90$ . If you provide **glat** you need to provide also **glon**.
- **sgl** (int or float (optional)) – Super-galactic longitude. If you provide **sgl** you need to provide also **sbg**.
- **sbg** (int or float (optional)) – Super-galactic latitude. **sbg** must be  $\geq -90$  and  $\leq 90$ . If you provide **sbg** you need to provide also **sgl**.
- **get\_kwargs** – Optional arguments that `request.get` takes.

#### Returns

Result object that automatically parses the entire model returned by the remote calculator.

#### Return type

*pycf3.Result*

**calculate\_velocity**(*distance*, \*, *ra=None*, *dec=None*, *glon=None*, *glat=None*, *sgl=None*, *sbg=None*, \*\**get\_kwargs*)

Calculate a velocity based on the given distance and location.

The mandatory parameters are *distance* and a position expressed in two components depending on the chosen coordinate system:

- **ra** and **dec** for an equatorial system.
- **glon** and **glat** for a galactic system.
- **sgl** and **sbg** for a supergalactic system.

Coordinates cannot be mixed between systems, and must be expressed in J2000 as 360° decimal.

The returned velocity are expressed in Km/s.

#### Parameters

- **distance** (int or float) – Distance(s) in Mpc.
- **ra** (int or float (optional)) – Right ascension. If you provide **ra** you need to provide also **dec**.
- **dec** (int or float (optional)) – Declination. **dec** must be  $\geq -90$  and  $\leq 90$ . If you provide **dec** you need to provide also **ra**.
- **glon** (int or float (optional)) – Galactic longitude. If you provide **glon** you need to provide also **glat**.

- **glat** (int or float (optional)) – Galactic latitude. glat must be  $\geq -90$  and  $\leq 90$ . If you provide glat you need to provide also glon.
- **sgl** (int or float (optional)) – Super-galactic longitude. If you provide sgl you need to provide also sgb.
- **sgb** (int or float (optional)) – Super-galactic latitude. sgb must be  $\geq -90$  and  $\leq 90$ . If you provide sgb you need to provide also sgl.
- **get\_kwargs** – Optional arguments that `request.get` takes.

**Returns**

Result object that automatically parses the entire model returned by the remote calculator.

**Return type**

`pycf3.Result`

**equatorial\_search**(*ra*=187.78917, *dec*=13.33386, *distance*=None, *velocity*=None, \*\**get\_kwargs*)

Search by equatorial coordinates.

The coordinates are expressed in J2000 as 360° decimal.

Deprecated since version 2020.12: “Use `calculate_velocity` or `calculate_distance` instead”

**Parameters**

- **ra** (int or float (default: 187.78917)) – Right ascension.
- **dec** (int or float (default: 13.33386)) – Declination. dec must be  $\geq -90$  and  $\leq 90$
- **distance** (int, float or None (default: None)) – Distance(s) in Mpc.
- **velocity** (int, float or None (default: None)) – Velocity in km/s. The returned distance potentially can be more than one value.
- **get\_kwargs** – Optional arguments that `request.get` takes.

**Returns**

Result object that automatically parses the entire model returned by the remote calculator.

**Return type**

`pycf3.Result`

**galactic\_search**(*glon*=282.96547, *glat*=75.4136, *distance*=None, *velocity*=None, \*\**get\_kwargs*)

Search by galactic coordinates.

The coordinates are expressed in J2000 as 360° decimal.

Deprecated since version 2020.12: “Use `calculate_velocity` or `calculate_distance` instead”

**Parameters**

- **glon** (int or float (default: 282.96547)) – Galactic longitude.
- **glat** (int or float (default: 75.41360)) – Galactic latitude. dec must be  $\geq -90$  and  $\leq 90$
- **distance** (int, float or None (default: None)) – Distance(s) in Mpc.
- **velocity** (int, float or None (default: None)) – Velocity in km/s. The returned distance potentially can be more than one value.
- **get\_kwargs** – Optional arguments that `request.get` takes.

**Returns**

Result object that automatically parses the entire model returned by the remote calculator.

**Return type***pycf3.Result***`supergalactic_search(sgl=102.0, sgb=-2.0, distance=None, velocity=None, **get_kwargs)`**

Search super-galactic coordinates.

The coordinates are expressed in J2000 as 360° decimal.

Deprecated since version 2020.12: “Use *calculate\_velocity* or *calculate\_distance* instead”

**Parameters**

- **sgl** (int or float (default: 102)) – Super-galactic longitude.
- **sgb** (int or float (default: -2)) – Super-galactic latitude. dec must be >= -90 and <= 90
- **distance** (int, float or None (default: None)) – Distance(s) in Mpc.
- **velocity** (int, float or None (default: None)) – Velocity in km/s. The returned distance potentially can be more than one value.
- **get\_kwargs** – Optional arguments that `request.get` takes.

**Returns**

Result object that automatically parses the entire model returned by the remote calculator.

**Return type***pycf3.Result***`class pycf3.CF3(session: Session = NOTHING, cache: Union[Cache, FanoutCache] = NOTHING, cache_expire: Optional[float] = None)`**

Client for the *Cosmicflows-3 Distance-Velocity Calculator*<sup>3</sup>.

It computes expectation distances or velocities based on smoothed velocity field from the Wiener filter model of Graziani et al. 2019<sup>4</sup>.

More information: <http://edd.ifa.hawaii.edu/CF3calculator/>.

**Parameters**

- **session** (`pycf3.Session` (default: `None`)) – The session to use to send the requests. By default a `pycf3.RetrySession` with 3 retry is created. More info: <https://2.python-requests.org, https://urllib3.readthedocs.io/en/latest/reference/urllib3.util.html>.
- **cache** (`diskcache.Cache`, `diskcache.Fanout`) – `pycf3.NoCache` or `None` (default: `None`) Any instance of `diskcache.Cache`, `diskcache.Fanout` or `None` (Default). If it's `None` a `diskcache.Cache` instance is created with the parameter `directory = pycf3.DEFAULT_CACHE_DIR`. More information: <http://www.grantjenks.com/docs/diskcache>
- **cache\_expire** (float or None (default='`None`')) – Seconds until item expires (default `None`, no expiry) More information: <http://www.grantjenks.com/docs/diskcache>

<sup>3</sup> Kourkchi, E., Courtois, H. M., Graziani, R., Hoffman, Y., Pomarede, D., Shaya, E. J., & Tully, R. B. (2020). Cosmicflows-3: Two Distance-Velocity Calculators. *The Astronomical Journal*, 159(2), 67.

<sup>4</sup> Graziani, R., Courtois, H. M., Lavaux, G., Hoffman, Y., Tully, R. B., Copin, Y., & Pomarède, D. (2019). The peculiar velocity field up to z 0.05 by forward-modelling Cosmicflows-3 data. *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*, 488(4), 5438-5451.

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**MAX\_DISTANCE = 200**

Maximum distance to adjust the velocity.

**MAX\_VELOCITY = 15000**

Maximum velocity to adjust the distance.

**exception pycf3.CFDeprecationWarning**

Custom class to inform that some functionality is in desuse.

**exception pycf3.MixedCoordinateSystemError**

Raised when the parameters are from different coordinates systems.

**class pycf3.NAM(session: Session = NOTHING, cache: Union[Cache, FanoutCache] = NOTHING, cache\_expire: Optional[float] = None)**

Client for the *NAM Distance-Velocity Calculator*<sup>1</sup>.

Compute expectation distances or velocities based on smoothed velocity field from the Numerical Action Methods model of Shaya et al. 2017.<sup>2</sup>

More information: <http://edd.ifa.hawaii.edu/NAMcalculator>.

### Parameters

- **session** (pycf3.Session (default: None)) – The session to use to send the requests. By default a pycf3.RetrySession with 3 retry is created. More info: <https://2.python-requests.org>, <https://urllib3.readthedocs.io/en/latest/reference/urllib3.util.html>.
- **cache** (diskcache.Cache, diskcache.Fanout,) – pycf3.NoCache or None (default: None) Any instance of diskcache.Cache, diskcache.Fanout or None (Default). If it's None a diskcache.Cache instance is created with the parameter directory = pycf3.DEFAULT\_CACHE\_DIR. More information: <http://www.grantjenks.com/docs/diskcache>
- **cache\_expire** (float or None (default='`None`')) – Seconds until item expires (default None, no expiry) More information: <http://www.grantjenks.com/docs/diskcache>

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**MAX\_DISTANCE = 38**

Maximum distance to adjust the velocity.

**MAX\_VELOCITY = 2400**

Maximum velocity to adjust the distance.

**class pycf3.NoCache**

Implements a minimalist no-cache for disk-cache.

**expire(now=None, retry=False)**

Return 0.

**get(key, default=None, \*args, \*\*kwargs)**

Return the default.

<sup>1</sup> Kourkchi, E., Courtois, H. M., Graziani, R., Hoffman, Y., Pomarede, D., Shaya, E. J., & Tully, R. B. (2020). Cosmicflows-3: Two Distance-Velocity Calculators. *The Astronomical Journal*, 159(2), 67.

<sup>2</sup> Shaya, E. J., Tully, R. B., Hoffman, Y., & Pomarède, D. (2017). Action dynamics of the local supercluster. *The Astrophysical Journal*, 850(2), 207.

```
set(key, value, *args, **kwargs)
    Return True.

class pycf3.Result(calculator, url, coordinate, calculated_by, alpha, delta, distance, velocity, response_)
    Parsed result.
```

#### Parameters

- **calculator** (str) – The used calculator.
- **url** (str) – The url of the calculator.
- **coordinate** (Coordinate) – Coordinate system used to create this result.
- **alpha** (int or float) –  $\alpha$  value for the coordinate system.
- **delta** (int or float) –  $\delta$  value for the coordinate system.
- **distance** (int, float or None) – Distance used to calculate the velocity in Mpc.
- **velocity** (int, float or None) – Velocity used to calculate the distance in Km/s.

#### response\_

Original response object create by the *requests* library. More information: <https://2.python-requests.org>

##### Type

    requests.Response

#### observed\_distance\_

Observed distances.

##### Type

    numpy.ndarray

#### observed\_velocity\_

Observed velocity

##### Type

    float

#### adjusted\_distance\_

Cosmologically adjusted distances.

##### Type

    numpy.ndarray

#### adjusted\_velocity\_

Cosmologically adjusted velocity,  $V_{ls}^c$ .

##### Type

    float

#### calculated\_at\_

Coordinates in all the three supported systems.

##### Type

    pycf3.CalculatedAt

#### property json\_

Proxy to `response_.json()`.

**property search\_at\_**

Proxy to `response.calculated_at_`.

Deprecated since version 2020.12: “Use `calculated_at` instead”

**property search\_by**

Proxy to `response.calculated_by`.

Deprecated since version 2020.12: “Use `calculated_by` instead”

**class pycf3.RetrySession(retries=3, backoff\_factor=0.3, status\_forcelist=(500, 502, 504), \*\*session\_options)**

Session with retry.

**Parameters**

- **retries** (int (default: 3)) – Total number of retries to allow. It’s a good idea to set this to some sensibly-high value to account for unexpected edge cases and avoid infinite retry loops. Set to `0` to fail on the first retry.
- **backoff\_factor** (float (default: `0.3`)) – A backoff factor to apply between attempts after the second try (most errors are resolved immediately by a second try without a delay). `urllib3` will sleep for:  
$$\{\text{backoff factor}\} * (2 ^* (\{\text{number of total retries}\} - 1))$$
seconds. If the `backoff_factor` is `0.1`, then `sleep()` will sleep for `[0.0s, 0.2s, 0.4s, ...]` between retries. It will never be longer than `urllib3.Retry.BACKOFF_MAX`.
- **status\_forcelist** (iterable (default: `500, 502, 504`)) – A set of integer HTTP status codes that we should force a retry on. A retry is initiated if the request method is in `method_whitelist` and the response status code is in `status_forcelist`. By default, this is `500, 502, 504`.

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