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# **astrorapid Documentation**

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RAPID (Real-time Automated Photometric IDentification) can classify multiband photometric light curves into several different transient classes. It uses a deep recurrent neural network to produce time-varying classifications.



### 1.1 Using pip

The easiest and preferred way to install DASH (to ensure the latest stable version) is using pip:

```
pip install astrorapid --upgrade
```

### 1.2 From Source

Alternatively, the source code can be downloaded from GitHub by running the following command:

```
git clone https://github.com/daniel-muthukrishna/astrorapid.git
```

### 1.3 Dependencies

Using pip to install astrorapid will automatically install the mandatory dependencies: numpy, tensorflow, keras, astropy, pandas, extinction, and scikit-learn.

If you wish to plot your classifications or train your own classifier with your data you will need matplotlib and scipy as well. These can be installed with

```
pip install matplotlib
pip install scipy
```

### 1.4 Platforms

RAPID can be run on both Python 2 and Python 3 distributions. It is also cross-platform, working on Mac, Windows, and Linux distributions. If you have any issues, please submit an issue at <https://github.com/daniel-muthukrishna/>

[astrorapid/issues](#).



## 2.1 Classify Light curves

Use the following example code:

```
from astrorapid.classify import Classify

# Each light curve should be a tuple in this form. Look at the example code for an
↳example of the input format.
light_curve_info1 = (mjd, flux, fluxerr, passband, photflag, ra, dec, objid, redshift,
↳ mwebv)
light_curve_list = [light_curve_info1,]
contextual_info_list = [{'hosttype': value},] # Only use this parameter if you have
↳trained your own classifier with specific meta data. Otherwise set to None.

# Classify Light curves
classification = Classify(known_redshift=True)
predictions = classification.get_predictions(light_curve_list, contextual_info_list)
print(predictions)

# Plot light curve and classification vs time of the light curves at the specified
↳indexes
classification.plot_light_curves_and_classifications(indexes_to_plot=(0,1,4,6))
classification.plot_classification_animation(indexes_to_plot=(0,1,4,6))
```

## 2.2 Train your own classifier with your own data

You'll simply need to run the function `astrorapid.custom_classifier.create_custom_classifier()` to get started with training your own classifier. An example is shown below.

```

from astrorapid.custom_classifier import create_custom_classifier

script_dir = os.path.dirname(os.path.abspath(__file__))

create_custom_classifier(get_data_func=astrorapid.get_training_data.get_data_from_
↳ snana_fits,
                        data_dir=os.path.join(script_dir, '..', 'data/ZTF_20190512'),
                        class_nums=(1, 2, 12, 14, 3, 13, 41, 43, 51, 60, 61, 62, 63,
↳ 64, 70),
                        class_name_map={1: 'SNIa-norm', 2: 'SNII', 12: 'SNII', 14:
↳ 'SNII', 3: 'SNIbc', 13: 'SNIbc', 41: 'SNIa-91bg', 43: 'SNIa-x', 51: 'Kilonova', 60:
↳ 'SLSN-I', 61: 'PISN', 62: 'ILOT', 63: 'CART', 64: 'TDE', 70: 'AGN'},
                        reread_data=False,
                        contextual_info=('redshift', 'some_contextual_info1'),
                        passbands=('g', 'r'),
                        retrain_network=False,
                        train_epochs=100,
                        zcut=0.5,
                        bcut=True,
                        ignore_classes=(61, 62, 64, 70),
                        nprocesses=None,
                        nchunks=10000,
                        otherchange='',
                        training_set_dir='data/training_set_files',
                        save_dir='data/saved_light_curves',
                        fig_dir='data/training_set_files/Figures'),
                        plot=True
                    )

```

You'll need to write your own function `get_data_func` to read your data and use the `astrorapid` preprocessing tools. Use the skeleton function here `astrorapid.get_custom_data.get_custom_data()`, or as rewritten below.

```

def get_custom_data(class_num, data_dir, save_dir, passbands, known_redshift,
↳ nprocesses, redo):
    """
    Get data from custom data files.
    You will need to write this function with the following skeleton function:

    Parameters
    -----
    class_num : int
        Class number. E.g. SNIa is 1. See helpers.py for lookup table.
        E.g. class_num = 1
    data_dir : str
        Directory where data is stored
        E.g. data_dir='data/ZTF_20190512/'
    save_dir : str
        Directory to save processed data
        E.g. save_dir='data/saved_light_curves/'
    passbands : tuple
        Passbands to use.
        E.g. passbands=('g', 'r')
    known_redshift : bool
        Whether to correct the light curves for cosmological time dilation using_
↳ redshift.
    nprocesses : int or None
        Number of processes to use

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redo : bool
    Whether to redo reading the data and saving the processed data.

Returns
-----
light_curves : dict of astropy.table.Table objects
    e.g light_curves['objid1'] =
        passband   time       flux       fluxErr   photflag
         str1     float32     float32   float32   int32
        -----
            g -46.8942  -48.926975  42.277767     0
            g -43.9352  -105.35379   72.97575     0
            g -35.9161  -46.264206   99.9172     0
            g -28.9377  -28.978344  42.417065     0
            g -25.9787  109.886566   46.03949     0
            g -15.0399   -80.2485    80.38155     0
            g -12.0218   93.51743   113.21529     0
            g  -6.9585   248.88364  108.606865     0
            g  -4.0411   341.41498   47.765404     0
            g    0.0     501.7441    45.37485    6144
            ...
            r  40.9147   194.32494   57.836903   4096
            r  59.9162    67.59185    45.66463   4096
            r  62.8976    80.85155    44.356197   4096
            r  65.8974    28.174305    44.75049   4096
            r  71.8966   -18.790287  108.049774   4096
            r  74.9297   -3.1707647  125.15057   4096
            r  77.9341  -11.0205965  125.784676   4096
            r  80.8576   129.65466    69.99305   4096
            r  88.8922  -14.259436   52.917866   4096
            r 103.8734   27.178356  115.537704   4096

"""

# If the data has already been run and processed load it. Otherwise read it and
↪save it
save_lc_filepath = os.path.join(save_dir, f"lc_classnum_{class_num}.pickle")
if os.path.exists(save_lc_filepath) and not redo:
    with open(save_lc_filepath, "rb") as fp: # Unpickling
        light_curves = pickle.load(fp)
else:
    light_curves = {}
    # Read in data from data_dir and get the mjd, flux, fluxerr, passband,
↪photflag as 1D numpy arrays for
    # each light curve. Get the ra, dec, objid, redshift, mwebv, model_num, peak_
↪mjd as floats or strings.
    # Set whether you'd like to train a model with a known redshift or not. Set
↪known_redshift as a boolean.

    # Enter your own data-reading code here that gets the mjds, fluxes, fluxerrs,
↪passbands, photflags,
    # ras, decs, objids, redshifts, mwebvs, model_nums, peak_mjds for all the
↪light curves from the data_dir

    # Once you have the required data information for each light curve, pass it
↪into InputLightCurve with

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    # something like the following code:
    for i, objid in enumerate(objids):
        inputlightcurve = InputLightCurve(mjds[i], fluxes[i], fluxerrs[i],
↪ passbands[i], photflags[i],
                                                ras[i], decs[i], objids[i],
↪ redshifts[i], mwebvs[i],
                                                known_redshift=known_redshift,
                                                training_set_parameters={'class_number
↪ ': int(class_num),
                                                'peakmjd':
↪ peakmjds[i]},
                                                other_meta_data={'some_contextual_infol
↪ ': value})
        light_curves[objid] = inputlightcurve.preprocess_light_curve()

    # If you think that reading the data is too slow, you may want to replace the
↪ for loop above with
    # multiprocessing. See the example function in get_training_data.py if you
↪ need help doing this.

    # Next, we save it:
    with open(save_lc_filepath, "wb") as fp: # Pickling
        pickle.dump(light_curves, fp)

    return light_curves

```

## Example

Example script classifying an example supernova light curve.

```

from astrorapid.classify import Classify

# Light curve information. It may be easier if this is read from a file and later_
↳manipulated into this format.
mjd = [57433.4816, 57436.4815, 57439.4817, 57451.4604, 57454.4397, 57459.3963, 57462.
↳418 , 57465.4385, 57468.3768, 57473.3606, 57487.3364, 57490.3341, 57493.3154, 57496.
↳3352, 57505.3144, 57513.2542, 57532.2717, 57536.2531, 57543.2545, 57546.2703, 57551.
↳2115, 57555.2669, 57558.2769, 57561.1899, 57573.2133, 57433.5019, 57436.4609, 57439.
↳4587, 57444.4357, 57459.4189, 57468.3142, 57476.355 , 57479.3568, 57487.3586, 57490.
↳3562, 57493.3352, 57496.2949, 57505.3557, 57509.2932, 57513.2934, 57518.2735, 57521.
↳2739, 57536.2321, 57539.2115, 57543.2301, 57551.1701, 57555.2107, 57558.191 , 57573.
↳1923, 57576.1749, 57586.1854]
flux = [2.0357230e+00, -2.0382695e+00, 1.0084588e+02, 5.5482742e+01, 1.4867026e+01,
↳ -6.5136810e+01, 1.6740545e+01, -5.7269131e+01, 1.0649184e+02, 1.5505235e+02, 3.
↳2445984e+02, 2.8735449e+02, 2.0898877e+02, 2.8958893e+02, 1.9793906e+02, -1.
↳3370536e+01, -3.9001358e+01, 7.4040916e+01, -1.7343750e+00, 2.7844931e+01, 6.
↳0861992e+01, 4.2057487e+01, 7.1565346e+01, -2.6085690e-01, -6.8435440e+01, 17.
↳573107 , 41.445435 , -110.72664 , 111.328964 , -63.48336 , 352.44907 ,
↳ 199.59058 , 429.83075 , 338.5255 , 409.94604 , 389.71262 , 195.
↳63905 , 267.13318 , 123.92461 , 200.3431 , 106.994514 , 142.96387 ,
↳ 56.491238 , 55.17521 , 97.556946 , -29.263103 , 142.57687 , -20.
↳85057 , -0.67210346, 63.353024 , -40.02601]
fluxerr = [42.784702, 43.83665 , 99.98704 , 45.26248 , 43.040398, 44.00679 , 41.
↳856007, 49.354336, 105.86439 , 114.0044 , 45.697918, 44.15781 , 60.574158, 93.
↳08788 , 66.04482 , 44.26264 , 91.525085, 42.768955, 43.228336, 44.178196, 62.
↳15593 , 109.270035, 174.49638 , 72.6023 , 48.021034, 44.86118 , 48.659588, 100.
↳97703 , 148.94061 , 44.98218 , 139.11194 , 71.4585 , 47.766987, 45.77923 , 45.
↳610615, 60.50458 , 105.11658 , 71.41217 , 43.945534, 45.154167, 43.84058 , 52.
↳93122 , 44.722775, 44.250145, 43.95989 , 68.101326, 127.122025, 124.1893 , 49.
↳952255, 54.50728 , 114.91599]
passband = ['g', 'g', 'g', 'g', 'g', 'g', 'g', 'g', 'g', 'g', 'g', 'g', 'g', 'g', 'g', 'g',
↳ 'g', 'g', 'g', 'g', 'g', 'g', 'g', 'g', 'g', 'g', 'r', 'r', 'r', 'r', 'r', 'r', 'r', 'r', 'r',
↳ 'r', 'r', 'r', 'r', 'r', 'r', 'r', 'r', 'r', 'r', 'r', 'r', 'r', 'r', 'r', 'r', 'r', 'r', 'r',
↳ 'r', 'r', 'r']

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photflag = [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 4096, 4096, 0,
↳ 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0,
↳ 0, 0, 0, 0, 4096, 6144, 4096, 4096, 4096, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0,
↳ 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]
objid = 'transient_1'
ra = 3.75464531293933
dec = 0.205076187109334
redshift = 0.233557
mwebv = 0.0228761

light_curve_info1 = (mjd, flux, fluxerr, passband, photflag, ra, dec, objid, redshift,
↳ mwebv)

# Classification
light_curve_list = [light_curve_info1,] # Add more light curves to be classified to
↳ this list.

classification = Classify(known_redshift=True)
predictions = classification.get_predictions(light_curve_list)
print(predictions)

# Plot classifications vs time
classification.plot_light_curves_and_classifications()
classification.plot_classification_animation()
```

RAPID has a few important classes and methods.

## 4.1 Classify light curves

- `astrorapid.classify.Classify` - Setup light curve classification
- `astrorapid.classify.Classify.get_predictions()` - Classify light curves!

## 4.2 Plot classifications

- `astrorapid.classify.Classify.plot_light_curves_and_classifications()` - Plot light curves and classifications
- `astrorapid.classify.Classify.plot_classification_animation()` - Plot animation of light curves and classifications

## 4.3 Train your own classifier

- `astrorapid.get_custom_data.get_custom_data()` - Read custom data files and save preprocessed light curves.
- `astrorapid.custom_classifier.create_custom_classifier()` - Run preprocessing and train neural network classification model.

The full documentation of useful classes and methods can be found below.

## 4.4 Full Documentation

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## CHAPTER 5

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### Contribute

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- Issue Tracker: <https://github.com/daniel-muthukrishna/astrorapid/issues>
- Source Code: <https://github.com/daniel-muthukrishna/astrorapid>



## CHAPTER 6

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### Support

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If you are having issues, please let us know by submitting a GitHub issue at <https://github.com/daniel-muthukrishna/astrorapid/issues>



## CHAPTER 7

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## CHAPTER 8

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## CHAPTER 9

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