Hands-on session I

Quick intro to ctools

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CTA analysis – Likelihood analysis

• Basics of CTA analysis:



Crab Nebula (11.7 hours ON)

1) Assume a model: (e. g. point-like source)

2) **Simulate** the number of events + background

3) Compare the simulation with the data, and calculate the likelihood ratio

4) Iteratively repeat steps 1, 2 and 3, until you find the model better matching the data

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3) From this point on, treat this simulated data as real data, and study CTA performance on this scientific topic

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- If we use as model the template we used initially, the fit should be (artificially) excellent

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ctools analysis – Example

Fitting with a shell model

counts cube model cube residual map



Remember we are simultaneously fitting the spatial distribution of our events and the spectral shape (3D analysis!)

Model summary

- Spatial
 - Point source
 - Radial symmetric models
 - Gaussian
 - Disk
 - Shell
 - Elliptical models
 - Gaussian
 - Disk
 - "Diffuse" models
 - Map
 - Map cubes (energy dependent maps)
 - Isotropic

- Spectral
 - Power law
 - Broken power law
 - Exponentially cut off power law
 - Super exponentially cut off power law
 - Log parabola
 - Gaussian (line)
 - File function
 - Node function
 - Constant

- Temporal
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Everything you need is in <u>ctool's model documentation</u>



What is in ctools?



Find documentation for all ctools scripts here: <u>http://cta.irap.omp.eu/ctools/users/reference_manual/index.html</u>

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ctools analysis – Hands-on session I

• Make sure we understand these steps:

• Understand model definition (xml files)

• Simulate a CTA observation

• Understand how 3D analyses are performed



IACT technique – MC simulations

• The Instrument Response Function relates the array reconstructed quantities with the parameters of the source emitted photons

 $R_{\gamma}(\theta',\phi',E'|\theta,\phi,E) = A_{\gamma}(\theta,\phi,E) \times PSF(\theta',\phi'|\theta,\phi,E) \times D(E'|\theta,\phi,E)$

- The IRF elements are:
 - Effective area
 - Energy dispersion
 - Direction dispersion (PSF)
 - Hadronic background "acceptance"

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IACT IRFs – Effective area

• If we detect X amount of gammas during Y amount of time... What is the flux of the source? \rightarrow Need effective area

• Strongly affected by the low-level analysis



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