



Observation tailored instrument response functions for the MAGIC telescopes DPG Frühjahrestagung 2017, Münster

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Why are IRFs important?



- Cherenkov telescops are background dominated
- \Rightarrow background estimate
- resolution of instrument important to judge structures
- ⇒ need to know PSF
 - want to our map in physical qunatities
- ⇒ need to know exposure



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Likelihood approach

- approach used by Chandra (Sherpa), Fermi-LAT (glike) and proposed for CTA (ctools)
- radial symmetry is assumed (1D)





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PSF + Exposure vs. On - Crab WS













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Comparison Std. Analysis with Exposure





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Summary

- Instrument response function are crucial
- MC based approach allows IRFs in 2D
- methods expands analysis opportunities in γ -ray astronomy

Thank you for your attention!



Poisson likelihood

What to fit?

$$\ln L = \sum_{ij} n_{ij} \ln (\theta_{ij}) - \sum_{ij} \theta_{ij} - \sum \ln(n_{ij}!)$$

with measured counts n in bin (i, j) and expected value of θ_{ij} .

Likelihood ratio test

$$T_s = -2\left(\ln L_0 - \ln L_1\right)$$

 $\sim \chi^2_n$ distributed (Wilk's theorem)

following idea from Fermi-LAT/EGRET: Mattox et al. ApJ 1996 461 396M



PSF off-axis

