

A **Python** package for
gamma-ray astronomy

Contributing to gammapy: what's new?

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New release scheme

- Long Term Stable (LTS) release expected every ~2 yrs
- Feature (or minor) releases (e.g. v1.x) every <~ 6 months
- Bug fix releases for the last feature release and last LTS

```
* 1.0.0 (LTS release)
* 1.0.1 (bug fix release)
* 1.0.2
* 1.1.0 (six months after 1.0.0)
* 1.1.1 (bug fix release on the feature branch)
* 1.0.3 (bug fix release on the LTS)
* 1.1.2
* 1.2.0 (six months after 1.1.0)
* 1.2.1
* 1.3.0 (six months after 1.2.0)
* 1.0.4 (bug fix release on the LTS)
* 1.3.1 (bug fix release on the feature branch)
* 2.0.0 (LTS release, six months after 1.3.0)
```

See [Release and version numbering PIG](#)

- Authorship policy defined by [PIG 24](#) for
 - code releases (e.g. on Zenodo and Software Heritage)
 - gammapy paper(s) and conferences
- Author list for v1.0 software and paper based on invitation and "opt-in"
- After v1.0: author list:
 - includes all people that contributed since the last LTS release
 - builds up with minor releases, "reset" after next LTS version
- Contributions to be listed as co-author :
 - commit to code or documentation, maintenance & devops tasks on main or associated repos, etc



Contributing main changes

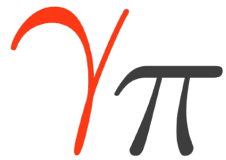
- See [developer documentation](#)
- Code style and Continuous Integration
- DCO and commits sign-offs
- Bug fixes on the LTS: backporting changes to v1.0.x
- How to handle API changes and deprecation?



Code style checks on CI

- To ensure code quality and limit clean up work for releases, PEP8 code style is enforced on CI (Continuous Integration)
- To enforce this, we advise to use the pre-commit hook.
- Install it with: `pre-commit install`

```
$ git commit -s -m 'Some file'
isort.....Passed
black.....Passed
flake8.....Passed
[test a69469324] Some file
1 file changed, 3 insertions(+)
```



Commits sign-off and DCO

- To clarify user contributions, PIG 24 proposes to ask contributors to explicitly accept the Developer Certification of Origin (copied from Linux foundation)
- To explicitly agree, one has to explicitly sign-off commits
Signed-off-by: Random Developer <random@example.org>
- ensure `user.name` and `user.email` are correctly configured in your `git.local`

```
$ git config --global user.email "YOUR_EMAIL"
```

- Add the `-s` option to your `git commit`

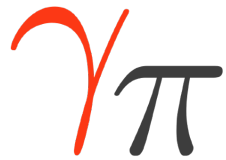
```
$ git commit -s -m 'a commit message'
```



Commits sign-off and DCO

By making a contribution to this project, I certify that:

- (a) The contribution was created in whole or in part by me and I have the right to submit it under the open source license indicated in the file; or
- (b) The contribution is based upon previous work that, to the best of my knowledge, is covered under an appropriate open source license and I have the right under that license to submit that work with modifications, whether created in whole or in part by me, under the same open source license (unless I am permitted to submit under a different license), as indicated in the file; or
- (c) The contribution was provided directly to me by some other person who certified (a), (b) or (c) and I have not modified it.
- (d) I understand and agree that this project and the contribution are public and that a record of the contribution (including all personal information I submit with it, including my sign-off) is maintained indefinitely and may be redistributed consistent with this project or the open source license(s) involved.



Commits sign-off and DCO

- We will introduce a CI check for signed-off commits.
- A pre-commit hook can be configured as well to ensure all commits are properly signed-off
 - Installing it explicitly would be considered an acceptance of DCO for future commits

See : <https://github.com/gammapy/gammapy/pull/4205>

- Note that you can amend a commit with no sign-off

```
$git commit --amend --no-edit --signoff
```

See [this page](#)














Bug fixes on LTS

When correcting a bug on the LTS release:

- Usually needs to be corrected on *main* branch too
 - Create branch from *main*, and make commits
 - Open PR and
 - apply **backport-v1.0.x** label
 - select **v1.0.1** (or later) milestone
 - On merge:
 - commits will be *automatically* cherry-picked
 - a PR will be opened on *v1.0.x* branch
- If bug applies to LTS only, branch from *v1.0.x*
 - same milestone but not backporting



Bug fixes on LTS

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<input type="checkbox"/>	 Backport PR #4219 on branch v1.0.x (Allow reading of IRF files with single-value axes) × backport-v1.0.x bug  1 #4235 opened 23 hours ago by meeseeksmachine ↗ v1.0.1							
<input type="checkbox"/>	 Fix bug in safe mask computation for SpectrumDatasetOnOff × backport-v1.0.x bug #4231 opened 2 days ago by Imohrmann • Review required ↗ v1.0.1							
<input type="checkbox"/>	 Start working on decoupling FixedPointingInfo from gadf × #4220 opened 9 days ago by maxnoe • Draft							
<input type="checkbox"/>	 Add interp_scale to parameter scaling × feature #4218 opened 9 days ago by QRemy • Draft							
<input type="checkbox"/>	 FluxPointsDataset support model with spatial template and NormSpectralModel × bug  1   2 #4217 opened 10 days ago by QRemy • Review required ↗ 1.1							
<input type="checkbox"/>	 Add TestStatisticNested class to stats × feature   4 #4216 opened 10 days ago by QRemy • Review required ↗ 1.1							

API breaking changes

- API breaking changes can be introduced in feature and LTS releases.
- These changes must be clearly identified in the release notes.
- API changes and deprecation must be announced in the previous release:
 - in the form of a deprecation warning to warn users of future changes affecting their code.
 - in the code docstring
- **Approach : rely on astropy decorators**

API breaking changes

- Deprecating a function or a class

```
from gammapy.utils.deprecation import deprecated

@deprecated("1.1", alternative="new_function")
def deprecated_function(a, b):
    return a + b
```

```
>>> print(deprecated_function.__doc__)

.. deprecated:: 1.1
    The deprecated_function function is deprecated
    and may be removed in a future version.
    Use new_function instead.
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```
>>> deprecated_function(1,2)
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function is deprecated and may be removed in a future
version.
```

```
    Use new_function instead.
deprecated_function(1,2)
```

API breaking changes

- Renaming an argument in a function/method

```
from gammapy.utils.deprecation import
deprecated_renamed_argument

@deprecated_renamed_argument("a", "x", "1.1")
def deprecated_argument_function(x):
    return x + 2
```

```
>>> print(deprecated_argument_function(a=1, b=2))
GammapyDeprecationWarning: "a" was deprecated in version
1.1 and will be removed in a future version. Use argument
"x" instead.
    print(deprecated_argument_function(a=1))
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```

API breaking changes

- Renaming a kwarg in a function/method

```
from gammapy.utils.deprecation import  
deprecated_renamed_argument
```

```
@deprecated_renamed_argument("old", "new", "1.1",  
arg_in_kwargs=True)
```

```
def deprecated_argument_function_kwarg(new=1):  
    return new
```

```
>>> print(deprecated_argument_function_kwarg(old=3))  
GammapyDeprecationWarning: "old" was deprecated in version  
1.1 and will be removed in a future version. Use argument  
"new" instead.
```

```
    print(deprecated_argument_function_kwarg(old=3))
```