

Width Parameter

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1 Band Function

Band Function:

$$E^2N(E) = N_0 \begin{cases} E^{\alpha+2} \exp\left(-\frac{E}{E_0}\right) & \text{for } E < (\alpha - \beta)E_0 \\ [(\alpha - \beta)E_0]^{(\alpha-\beta)} E^{\beta+2} \exp(\beta - \alpha) & \text{for } E > (\alpha - \beta)E_0 \end{cases}$$

where $(\alpha - \beta)E_0$ is the break energy.

2 Expression for FWHM

To find the FWHM, we set the expressions of both power laws in the Band function equal to half of the peak value of $E^2N(E)$ which is obtained by substituting E in the low energy part with $E_p = (\alpha + 2)E_0$.

For the energy corresponding to the FWHM, falling on the low energy part of the spectrum, we considered the case of $E > (\alpha - \beta)E_0$

$$E^{\alpha+2} \exp\left(-\frac{E}{E_0}\right) = \frac{[(\alpha + 2)E_0]^{\alpha+2} e^{-(\alpha+2)}}{2} \quad (1)$$

Now, let $a = \alpha + 2$

$$E^a \exp\left(-\frac{E}{E_0}\right) = \frac{a^a \cdot e^{-a}}{2} \quad (2)$$

Taking natural log on both sides.

$$a \cdot \ln\left(\frac{E}{E_0}\right) - \frac{E}{E_0} = a \cdot \ln\left(\frac{a \cdot e^{-1}}{2}\right) \quad (3)$$

$$(4)$$

On dividing both sides by a we get

$$\ln\left(\frac{E}{E_0}\right) - \frac{E}{a \cdot E_0} = \ln\left(\frac{a \cdot e^{-1}}{2^{1/a}}\right) \quad (5)$$

$$(6)$$

Taking exponent on both sides

$$\frac{E}{E_0} \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{E}{aE_0}\right) = \frac{a}{e \cdot 2^{1/a}} \quad (7)$$

Dividing both sides by $-a$

$$-\frac{E}{a \cdot E_0} \exp\left(-\frac{E}{a \cdot E_0}\right) = -\frac{1}{e \cdot 2^{1/a}} \quad (8)$$

$$(9)$$

By applying Lambert W function on both sides and using the fact that $W(x \cdot e^x) = x$ we get

$$-\frac{E}{a \cdot E_0} = W\left(-\frac{a}{e \cdot 2^{1/a}}\right) \quad (10)$$

Therefore, the energy corresponding to FWHM falling on the lower energy part of the spectrum is given by

$$E_1 = -a \cdot E_0 \cdot W\left(-\frac{1}{e \cdot 2^{1/a}}\right) \quad (11)$$

For the energy corresponding to the FWHM, falling on the high energy part of the spectrum, we considered the case of $E > (\alpha - \beta)E_0$

$$[(\alpha - \beta)E_0]^{\alpha-\beta} \cdot E^{\beta+2} \cdot e^{(\beta-2)} = \frac{(aE_0)^a \cdot e^{-a}}{2} \quad (12)$$

After cancelling the common terms on both sides we get

$$E^{\beta+2} = \frac{(aE_0)^a \cdot e^{-(\alpha+2)}}{2 \cdot [(\alpha - \beta)E_0]^{\alpha-\beta} \cdot e^{(\beta-2)}} \quad (13)$$

$$E^{\beta+2} = \frac{a^a \cdot E_0^{\beta+2} \cdot e^{-(\beta+2)}}{2 \cdot (\alpha - \beta)^{\alpha-\beta}} \quad (14)$$

After taking log on both sides and rearranging the terms we get

$$\log(E_2) = \log\left(\frac{a^{\frac{a}{\beta+2}} E_0 \cdot e^{-1}}{2^{\frac{1}{\beta+2}} \cdot (\alpha - \beta)^{\frac{\alpha-\beta}{\beta+2}}}\right) \quad (15)$$

Where E_2 is the energy corresponding to FWHM falling on the high energy part of the spectrum.

Now, FWHM is defined as $W' = \log(E_2) - \log(E_1)$
(We're taking FWHM as W' because we have already used W for Lambert W function)

$$W' = \log\left(\frac{a^{\frac{a}{\beta+2}} E_0 \cdot e^{-1}}{2^{\frac{1}{\beta+2}} \cdot (\alpha - \beta)^{\frac{\alpha-\beta}{\beta+2}}}\right) - \log\left(-a \cdot E_0 \cdot W\left(-\frac{1}{e \cdot 2^{1/a}}\right)\right) \quad (16)$$

By using the fact that $\log(a) - \log(b) = \log(a/b)$, cancelling out E_0 and simplifying the power of a we get

$$W' = \log\left(\frac{-a^{\frac{\alpha-\beta}{\beta+2}} \cdot e^{-1}}{2^{\frac{1}{\beta+2}} \cdot (\alpha - \beta)^{\frac{\alpha-\beta}{\beta+2}} \cdot W\left(-\frac{1}{e \cdot 2^{1/a}}\right)}\right) \quad (17)$$

Therefore, we can see that W' depends only on α and β .

Our next steps are to simplify the expression and derive β in terms of W' and α . We will then develop a local model for XSPEC to fit time-resolved spectra of single-peaked GRBs with high fluence, allowing us to study the evolution of the width parameter.