# project4

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# 1 Project 4 - Gamma-ray Astronomy

This notebook contains the associated code used to analyze the gamma-ray data set and produce the plots shown in the associated project write up. All answers to the questions asked in the project outline are answered in the project .pdf writeup. This notebook is only used for analysis and plotting.

```
[1]: import numpy as np
  import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
  import seaborn as sns
  from astropy.io import fits
  from astropy.coordinates import SkyCoord
  from concurrent.futures import ProcessPoolExecutor, as_completed

#importing custom made matplotlib rcParams plot settings
  from fancy_plotting import *
  fancy_plotting(use_tex=True) #plot using latex style fonts
```

## 1.1 Data Exploration

Beginning with loading in the gamma-ray fits file, we can inspect the file and plot the ra and dec of events.

```
[2]: fits_file = "gammaray.fits"
gray_fits = fits.open(fits_file)
gray_fits.info()
```

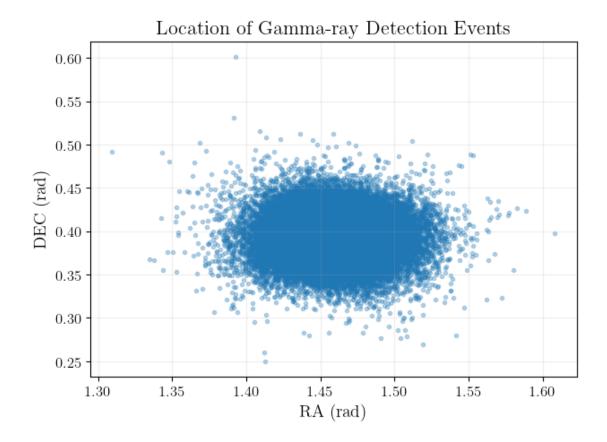
Filename: gammaray.fits

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[3]: #the gamma ray data is in the #1 row of the fits file gammaray_data = gray_fits[1].data
```

```
[4]: #inspect the data header to better view what we're working with gray_fits[1].header
```

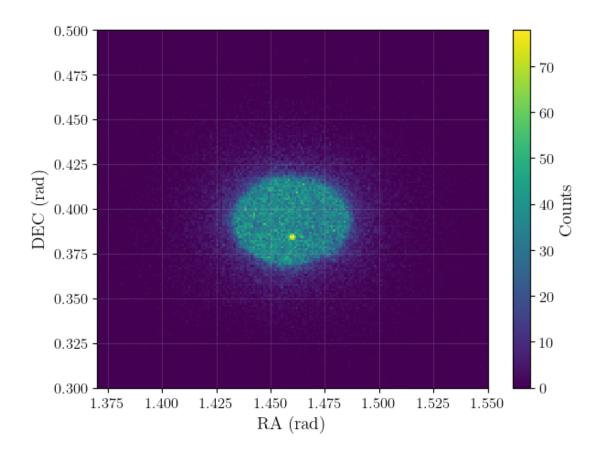
```
[4]: XTENSION= 'BINTABLE'
                                    / binary table extension
    BTTPTX =
                                  8 / array data type
                                  2 / number of array dimensions
    NAXTS
    NAXIS1 =
                                 32 / length of dimension 1
                              96498 / length of dimension 2
    NAXIS2 =
    PCOUNT =
                                  0 / number of group parameters
     GCOUNT =
                                  1 / number of groups
                                  4 / number of table fields
    TFIELDS =
    TTYPE1 = 'RA(rad) '
    TFORM1 = 'D
    TTYPE2 = 'Dec(rad)'
    TFORM2 = 'D
    TTYPE3 = 'mscl
    TFORM3 = 'D
     TTYPE4 = 'mscw
    TFORM4 = 'D
    Can also examine the columns this way
[]: #looking for location of RA and DEC columns
     gammaray_data.columns
[]: ColDefs(
        name = 'RA(rad)'; format = 'D'
        name = 'Dec(rad)'; format = 'D'
        name = 'mscl'; format = 'D'
        name = 'mscw'; format = 'D'
     )
[6]: #using the output above, plot the events
     RA_list = gammaray_data['RA(rad)']
     DEC_list = gammaray_data['Dec(rad)']
     plt.scatter(RA_list, DEC_list, alpha=0.3, lw=1, marker='.')
     plt.title('Location of Gamma-ray Detection Events')
     plt.xlabel('RA (rad)')
     plt.ylabel('DEC (rad)')
     plt.grid(alpha=0.2)
     plt.savefig('plots/events_scatter_ra_dec.png', dpi = 600, bbox_inches='tight')
     plt.show()
```



## 1.1.1 Re-plotting as a 2D histogram

Re-plotting things this way sees to provide a bit of a different insight into the statistical distribution of events.

```
fig = plt.hist2d(RA_list, DEC_list, bins=300, vmax = None)
# plt.title('Histogram of Gamma-ray Detection Events')
plt.xlabel('RA (rad)')
plt.ylabel('DEC (rad)')
plt.xlim(1.37, 1.55)
plt.ylim(0.3, 0.5)
plt.grid(alpha=0.2)
cb = plt.colorbar()
cb.set_label(label='Counts')
plt.savefig('plots/events_hist2d_ra_dec.png', dpi = 600, bbox_inches='tight')
plt.show()
```



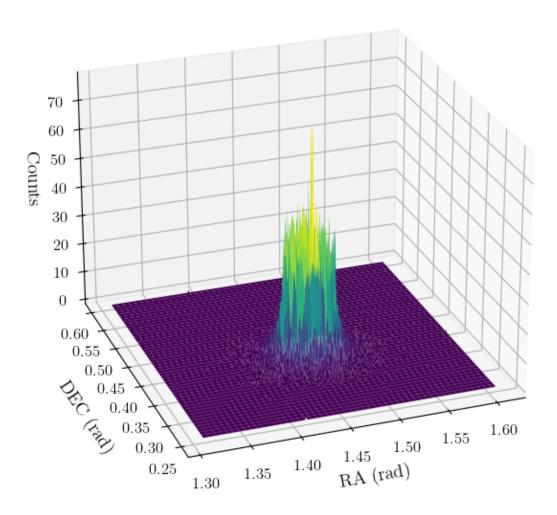
## 1.1.2 3D visualization of the 2D histogram

Creating a 3D visualization of the above plot helps to make certain features like the single bright collection of source events among the larger collection of background events more evident.

```
[8]: hist, xedges, yedges = np.histogram2d(RA_list, DEC_list, bins = 300)

#compute the bin centers from the edges
xcenters = (xedges[:-1] + xedges[1:]) / 2
ycenters = (yedges[:-1] + yedges[1:]) / 2
X, Y = np.meshgrid(xcenters, ycenters, indexing='ij')
```

```
[9]: #Plot the 3D surface of the histogram data
fig = plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
ax = fig.add_subplot(111, projection='3d')
ax.plot_surface(X, Y, hist, cmap='viridis')
ax.set_xlabel('RA (rad)', labelpad=5)
ax.set_ylabel('DEC (rad)', labelpad=10)
ax.set_zlabel('Counts', )
ax.view_init(elev=25, azim=250)
```



## 1.1.3 Using "hotspot" location to identify source

```
[10]: #convert the RA and DECs to units of degrees to compare with gamma-sky
#The middles are somewhere around:

RA_mid = 1.46*180/np.pi

DEC_mid = 0.4*180/np.pi
```

```
print(f"RA_mid: {RA_mid} deg, DEC_mid: {DEC_mid} deg")
```

## RA\_mid: 83.6518380891002 deg, DEC\_mid: 22.91831180523293 deg

Using gamma-sky(http://gamma-sky.net/), the source was found to be the following (ie. the well known Crab pulsar):

### Basic Info

Common name: Crab pulsar

Gamma names: Fermi names:

Other names: PSR 0531+21, V\* CM Tau

Location: gal Class: psr

TeVCat name: TeV J0534+220p (TeVCat ID: 129, TeVCat2 ID: 06r8mb)

TGeVCat name: (ID: -9223372036854776000)

Discoverer: magic Discovery date: 2008-11 Seen by: magic, veritas

Reference:

## Position Info

SIMBAD

RA: 83.633 deg DEC: 22.014 deg GLON: 184.557 deg GLAT: -5.784 deg

#### 1.1.4 Offset calculation

```
Offsets are: -0.00010 deg RA, 0.51180 deg in DEC. and the coords of the Crab pulsar (our object) are: RA = 83.633 deg, DEC = 22.014 deg
```

The offset in the RA dimension is small and so this is the one we will take as zero throughout the rest of the project.

#### 1.2 Statistical Detection

### 1.2.1 Separation Function

Begin by defining the function to count the number of events within a 0.1 degree region away from a particular RA and DEC.

```
[97]: def process_chunk(reference_point, ra_chunk, dec_chunk):
           """Helper function to calculate the number of events in a chunk."""
          count = 0
          for ra, dec in zip(ra_chunk, dec_chunk):
               event = SkyCoord(ra=ra, dec=dec, unit="rad")
               sep = event.separation(reference_point)
               if sep.deg < 0.1:</pre>
                   count += 1
          return count
      def sum_events(reference_point, ra_list, dec_list, num_workers=10):
          Counts the number of events that are less than 0.1 degrees away from a_{\sqcup}
       ⇔given reference point.
          Parameters:
          reference_point : `~astropy.coordinates.SkyCoord`
               The sky position of the reference point, represented as a SkyCoord_{\sqcup}
        ⇔object with
               right ascension (RA) and declination (DEC) in degrees
          ra_list : list of float
               A list of right ascension values (in radians) for the events to be \Box
        \hookrightarrow checked
          dec list : list of float
               A list of declination values (in radians) for the events to be checked
          num workers : int, optional
               The number of parallel workers to use. Max seems to be 22 given my pc_{\sqcup}
        \hookrightarrowspecs
          Returns:
```

```
count : int
       The number of events whose separation from the reference point is less \sqcup
\hookrightarrow than \ 0.1 \ degrees
  Notes:
   This function calculates the separation between each event (represented by
  its RA and DEC coordinates) and the reference point. If the separation is_{\sqcup}
\hookrightarrow less
   than 0.1 degrees, the event is counted. The RA and DEC of the events are
   expected to be in radians, while the reference point is provided in degrees.
  #split the RA and DEC lists into chunks for parallel processing
  chunk_size = len(ra_list) // num_workers
  ra_chunks = [ra_list[i:i + chunk_size] for i in range(0, len(ra_list),__
⇔chunk_size)]
  dec_chunks = [dec_list[i:i + chunk_size] for i in range(0, len(dec_list),__
⇔chunk_size)]
  total_count = 0
  #use ProcessPoolExecutor to parallelize the computation
  with ProcessPoolExecutor(max_workers=num_workers) as executor:
       futures = []
       for ra_chunk, dec_chunk in zip(ra_chunks, dec_chunks):
           futures append(executor submit(process_chunk, reference point, __
⇔ra_chunk, dec_chunk))
       #collect results as they are completed
      for future in as_completed(futures):
           total_count += future.result()
  return total_count
```

```
[14]: #check for number of cpu cores available for parallel processing
import os

num_cores = os.cpu_count()
print(f"Number of CPU cores available: {num_cores}")
```

Number of CPU cores available: 22

#### 1.2.2 "On" Events

```
[15]: RA list = gammaray data['RA(rad)']
      DEC_list = gammaray_data['Dec(rad)']
```

Investigating effects of counting events using a trimmed version of the total RA and DEC lists.

```
[16]: print(RA_list.shape)
      print(len(RA_list)//3)
      l_ra_ind = int(len(RA_list)/4)
      r_ra_ind = len(RA_list) - int(len(RA_list)/4)
      l_dec_ind = int(len(DEC_list)/4)
      r_dec_ind = len(DEC_list) - int(len(DEC_list)/4)
      print(l_ra_ind)
      print(r_ra_ind)
      print(l_dec_ind)
      print(r_dec_ind)
      RA_list_trimmed = RA_list[l_ra_ind:r_ra_ind]
      DEC_list_trimmed = DEC_list[l_dec_ind:r_dec_ind]
      print(len(RA list trimmed))
      print(RA_list[l_ra_ind])
     (96498.)
     32166
     24124
     72374
     24124
     72374
     48250
     1.43276047706604
[17]: #first create a SkyCoord object for the crab pulsar
      source_pos = SkyCoord(ra = RA_crab, dec = DEC_crab, unit = 'deg')
      on_events = sum_events(reference_point=source_pos, ra_list=RA_list_trimmed,__

¬dec_list=DEC_list_trimmed)
      print(on events)
```

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The result leads to less compute time, but seems to undercount compared to the full set.

Using the full RA and DEC data sets..

```
[18]: #first create a SkyCoord object for the crab pulsar
source_pos = SkyCoord(ra = RA_crab, dec = DEC_crab, unit = 'deg')

#find the number of events within 0.1 degree of the crab pulsar
on_events = sum_events(reference_point=source_pos, ra_list=RA_list,__
dec_list=DEC_list)
print(on_events)
```

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#### 1.2.3 "Off Events"

To create these we can use the offsets calculated above. We said that  $RA_{Offset} = 0$  deg and  $DEC_{Offset} = 0.5118$  deg. Therefore, so that the 3 "off" regions are within the same distance from the telescope pointing as the source position (the Crab pulsar), the regions must be at locations relative to the telescope pointing (obs\_pointing) of:

```
r1:

RA = obs_pointing_ra - DEC_Offset
DEC = obs_pointing_dec

r2:

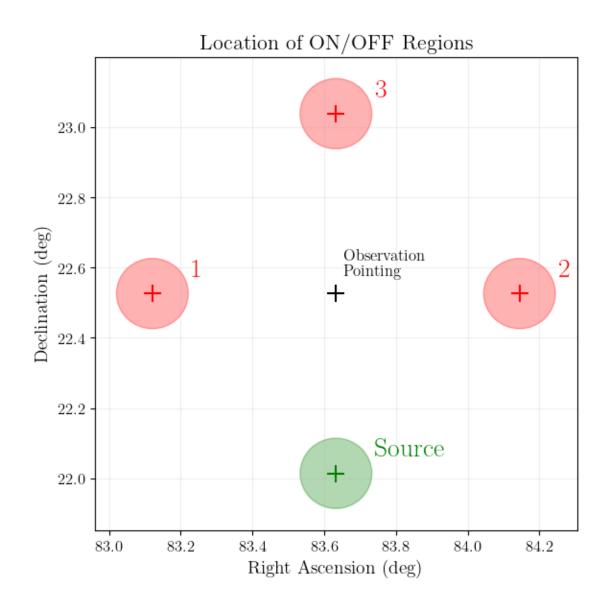
RA = obs_pointing_ra + DEC_Offset
DEC = obs_pointing_dec

r3:

RA = obs_pointing_ra
DEC = obs_pointing_dec + DEC_Offset
```

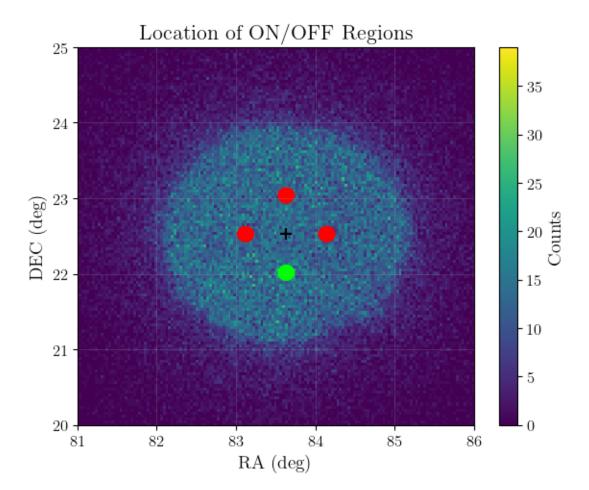
```
[83]: DEC offset = 0.5118 #rounding here to prevent floating point errors
      #define the other three regions (our "off" regions)
      r1 = SkyCoord(ra = RA_pointing - DEC_offset, dec = DEC_pointing, unit = "deg")
      r2 = SkyCoord(ra = RA pointing + DEC_offset, dec = DEC_pointing, unit = "deg")
      r3 = SkyCoord(ra = RA_pointing, dec = DEC_pointing + DEC_offset, unit = "deg")
      #perform sanity check that the new "off" regions are where they're supposed to \sqcup
      r1_coords = (r1.ra.deg, r1.dec.deg)
      r2_coords = (r2.ra.deg, r2.dec.deg)
      r3_coords = (r3.ra.deg, r3.dec.deg)
      source_coords = (source_pos.ra.deg, source_pos.dec.deg)
      ras = np.array([r1_coords[0], r3_coords[0], r2_coords[0]])
      decs = np.array([r1_coords[1], r3_coords[1], r2_coords[1]])
      fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(6,6))
      ax.scatter(ras, decs, marker='+', s=150, color='red')
      ax.scatter(source_coords[0], source_coords[1], marker='+', s=150, color='green')
      ax.scatter(RA_pointing, DEC_pointing, marker='+', s=150, color='black')
```

```
ax.set_title("Location of ON/OFF Regions")
ax.set_xlabel('Right Ascension (deg)')
ax.set_ylabel('Declination (deg)')
circ1 = plt.Circle((r1_coords), 0.1, color = 'red', fill=True, alpha = 0.3)
circ2 = plt.Circle((r2_coords), 0.1, color = 'red', fill=True, alpha = 0.3)
circ3 = plt.Circle((r3_coords), 0.1, color = 'red', fill=True, alpha = 0.3)
circ4 = plt.Circle((source_coords), 0.1, color = 'green', fill=True, alpha = 0.
 →3)
ax.text(r1_coords[0]+0.11, r1_coords[1]+0.05, "1", color='red', fontsize='20')
ax.text(r2_coords[0]+0.11, r2_coords[1]+0.05, "2", color='red', fontsize='20')
ax.text(r3_coords[0]+0.11, r3_coords[1]+0.05, "3", color='red', fontsize='20')
ax.text(source_coords[0]+0.11, source_coords[1]+0.05, "Source", color='green', u
 ⇔fontsize='20')
ax.text(RA_pointing+0.02, DEC_pointing+0.05, "Observation \n Pointing", __
 ⇔color='black', fontsize='12')
ax.add_patch(circ1)
ax.add_patch(circ2)
ax.add_patch(circ3)
ax.add_patch(circ4)
plt.grid(alpha=0.2)
plt.savefig('plots/ON_OFF_pos.png', format='png', dpi=600, bbox_inches='tight')
plt.show()
```



**Plotting ON/OFF regions overtop of events histogram** To get a better sense of exactly where these regions lie in reference to the total events detected.

```
ax.scatter(RA_pointing, DEC_pointing, marker='+', s=80, color='black')
# Add circles on top of the scatter plot and histogram
circ1 = plt.Circle(r1_coords, 0.1, color='red', fill=True, alpha=1)
circ2 = plt.Circle(r2_coords, 0.1, color='red', fill=True, alpha=1)
circ3 = plt.Circle(r3_coords, 0.1, color='red', fill=True, alpha=1)
circ4 = plt.Circle(source_coords, 0.1, color='lime', fill=True, alpha=1)
# Add the circles to the axes
ax.add_patch(circ1)
ax.add_patch(circ2)
ax.add_patch(circ3)
ax.add_patch(circ4)
# Labels and limits
ax.set_title("Location of ON/OFF Regions")
ax.set_xlabel('RA (deg)')
ax.set_ylabel('DEC (deg)')
ax.set_xlim(81, 86)
ax.set_ylim(20, 25)
# ax.set_xlim(83.4,83.8)
# ax.set_ylim(21.5,22.25)
# Add grid
ax.grid(alpha=0.2)
# Colorbar (if needed)
cb = plt.colorbar() # Uncomment this line if you want to display a colorbar
cb.set_label(label='Counts')
plt.savefig('plots/ON_OFF_pos_hist.png', format='png', dpi=600,__
⇔bbox_inches='tight')
plt.show()
```



## Count the number of off events in each off region

```
[21]: #off events in first region
r1_events = sum_events(r1, RA_list, DEC_list)
print(r1_events)
```

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```
[22]: #off events in second region
r2_events = sum_events(r2, RA_list, DEC_list)
print(r2_events)
```

309

```
[23]: #off events in third region
r3_events = sum_events(r3, RA_list, DEC_list)
print(r3_events)
```

348

```
The number of 'Off' events in each region are:
Region 1: 321
Region 2: 309
Region 3: 348
```

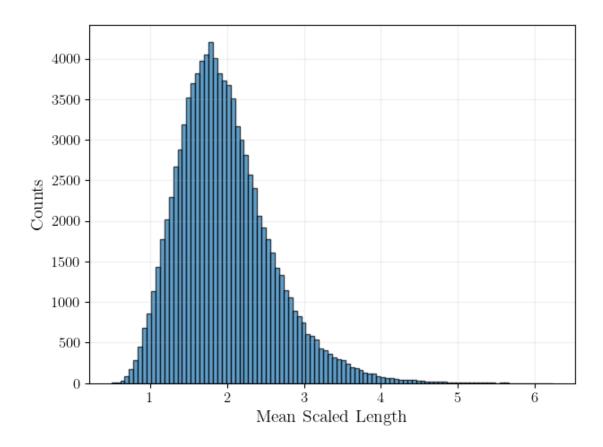
## 1.2.4 Applying significance formula

Using the Li & Ma formulation of the maximum likelihood, the significance is 10.1407

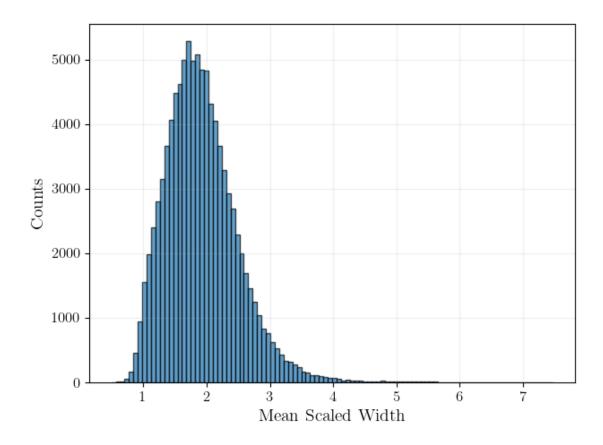
## 1.3 Cut Optimization

```
[98]: #store mean scaled width and length in new variables
mscl_data = gammaray_data['mscl']
mscw_data = gammaray_data['mscw']
```

```
[85]: #histogram the mscl and mscw
fig = plt.hist(mscl_data, bins = 100, edgecolor='black', alpha=0.7)
plt.xlabel('Mean Scaled Length')
plt.ylabel("Counts")
plt.grid(alpha=0.2)
plt.savefig('plots/MSCL_hist.png', format='png', dpi=600, bbox_inches='tight')
```



```
[86]: fig = plt.hist(mscw_data, bins = 100, edgecolor='black', alpha=0.7)
    plt.xlabel('Mean Scaled Width')
    plt.ylabel("Counts")
    plt.grid(alpha=0.2)
    plt.savefig('plots/MSCW_hist.png', format='png', dpi=600, bbox_inches='tight')
```



## 1.3.1 Significance with MSCL & MSCW Cuts

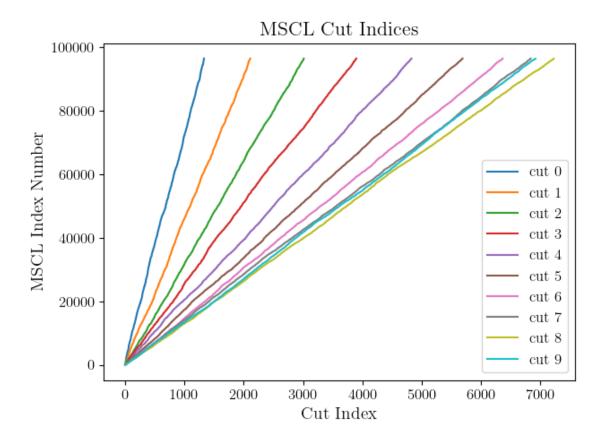
To select the events that fall into certain mscl and mscw cut ranges, we first need a way of retrieving only the events that correspond to the predetermined cuts.

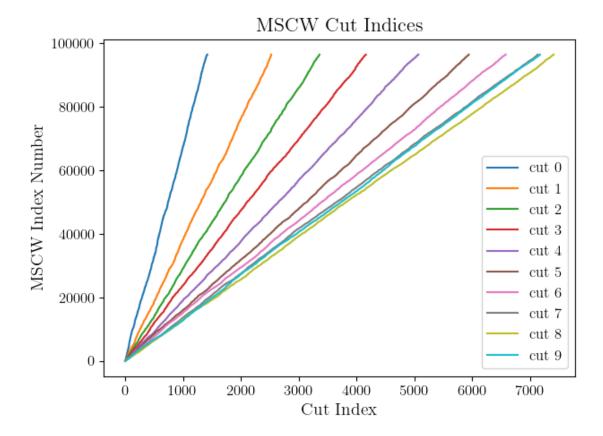
We can begin by creating a function that selects the indices of the events that fall into the desired cut ranges.

#### Retrieve cut indices

### Sanity checks

```
[99]: #peform a small sanity check to be sure that things worked correctly
      for i in range(n_cuts):
          plt.title('MSCL Cut Indices')
          plt.plot(mscl_cut_inds[i], label = f"cut {i}")
          plt.ylabel('MSCL Index Number')
          plt.xlabel('Cut Index')
          plt.legend()
      plt.savefig('plots/MSCL_cut_inds.png', format='png', dpi=600,_
       ⇔bbox inches='tight')
      plt.show()
      for i in range(n_cuts):
          plt.title('MSCW Cut Indices')
          plt.plot(mscw_cut_inds[i], label = f"cut {i}")
          plt.ylabel('MSCW Index Number')
          plt.xlabel('Cut Index')
          plt.legend()
      plt.savefig('plots/MSCW_cut_inds.png', format='png', dpi=600,_
       ⇔bbox_inches='tight')
```





If things are working correctly, each cut should have a set of unique indices which is what the above plots are showing. We can also inspect things more explicitly.

```
[92]: #should return a bunch of empty lists if the cut_inds arrays are unique

print("printing tests for unique MSCL cut indices")
for i in range(n_cuts-1):
        common_elements = np.intersect1d(mscl_cut_inds[i], mscl_cut_inds[i+1])
        print(common_elements)

print("printing tests for unique MSCW cut indices")
for i in range(n_cuts-1):
        common_elements = np.intersect1d(mscw_cut_inds[i], mscw_cut_inds[i+1])
        print(common_elements)
```

printing tests for unique MSCL cut indices
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printing tests for unique MSCW cut indices
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```

**Determine significance for each cut region** Begin by creating the function to populate the significance matrix for each MSCL and MSCW cut.

```
[100]: def cut_significance(
               mscl_cut_inds,
               mscw_cut_inds,
               source_position,
               off1_position,
               off2_position,
               off3_position,
               ras,
               decs,
               ):
           11 11 11
           Fill out the signifance heatmap (ie. determine the significance)
           with MSCL along the y and MSCW along the x axis.
           S = np.zeros((len(mscl_cut_inds), len(mscl_cut_inds)))
           for i, mscl_cut in enumerate(mscl_cut_inds):
               print(f"computing mscl cut {i}")
               for j, mscw_cut in enumerate(mscw_cut_inds):
                   total_cut_inds = list(set(mscl_cut) | set(mscw_cut))
                   #calculate the number of on events per cut
                   on_events = sum_events(source_position, ras[total_cut_inds],_

decs[total_cut_inds])
                   #off events per cut (recalling off events are r1, r2, r3)
                   r1_events = sum_events(off1_position, ras[total_cut_inds],__

decs[total_cut_inds])
```

```
r2_events = sum_events(off2_position, ras[total_cut_inds],__
decs[total_cut_inds])
    r3_events = sum_events(off3_position, ras[total_cut_inds],__
decs[total_cut_inds])

#want the sum of off events from each region
    off_events = r1_events + r2_events + r3_events

#compute significance
sig = significance(on_events, off_events, alpha=1/3)

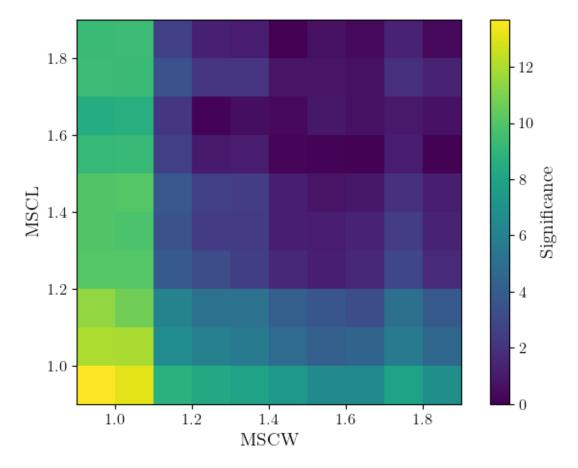
#fill out the significance 10x10 matrix
S[i,j] = sig

return S
```

```
[94]: #return the significance
cut_sig_mat = cut_significance(
    mscl_cut_inds,
    mscw_cut_inds,
    source_pos,
    r1,
    r2,
    r3,
    RA_list,
    DEC_list
    )
```

```
computing mscl cut 0 computing mscl cut 1 computing mscl cut 2 computing mscl cut 3 computing mscl cut 4 computing mscl cut 5 computing mscl cut 6 computing mscl cut 7 computing mscl cut 8 computing mscl cut 9
```

## 1.3.2 Plot 2D Significance for each Cut Combination



## Determine optimal set of cuts from 2D significance matrix

```
[107]: #return the optimal indices for the 2D cut significance array
  optimal_inds = np.unravel_index(np.argmax(cut_sig_mat), cut_sig_mat.shape)

#print the corresponding MSCW and MSCL values
  print(
    f"The MSCL and MCSW values that produce the greatest significance are:\n"
```

```
f"MSCL: cut {optimal_inds[0]} which corresponds to the range {cut_start +__
optimal_inds[0]*cut_size:.2f} - {cut_start + (optimal_inds[0]+1)*cut_size} __
o\n"
    f"MSCW: cut {optimal_inds[1]} which corresponds to the range {cut_start +__
optimal_inds[1]*cut_size:.2f} - {cut_start + (optimal_inds[1]+1)*cut_size} __
o\n"
    )
print(f"The significance at the optimal cut combinations is {np.
omax(cut_sig_mat)}")
```

```
The MSCL and MCSW values that produce the greatest significance are: MSCL: cut 0 which corresponds to the range 0.90 - 1.0 MSCW: cut 0 which corresponds to the range 0.90 - 1.0
```

The significance at the optimal cut combinations is 13.684260596297557