



# Hands-on: VHE gamma-ray data analysis

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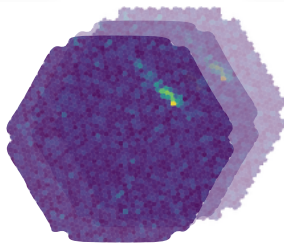
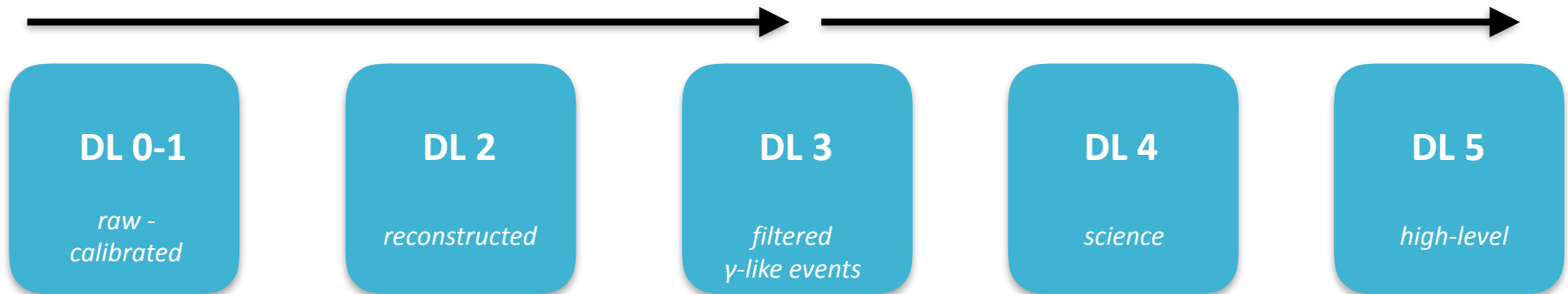
# The data flow



Separating instrument specific data treatment from common use cases and methods

Reconstruction pipeline  
(instrument specific)

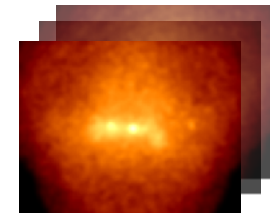
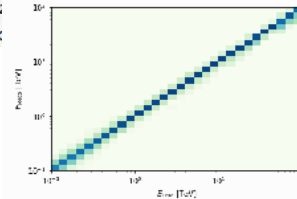
Science Tools (general users)



camera data

ENERGY	RA	DEC	L	B
MeV	deg	deg	deg	deg
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25496.598	261.37506	-34.395004	353.09607	0.6520652
15621.498	259.54973	-33.409416	353.05673	2.4450684
1284.632	273.95583	-25.340391	6.45856	-4.0548873
116281.017	260.15561	-33.553337	353.36273	1.7538676
116281.017	260.15561	-33.553337	353.36273	1.7538676
13960.802	271.44742	29.615516	1.6267247	4.1431155
10477.372	266.3981	-21.111111	1.6267247	4.1431155
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γ-like event lists  
IRFs



maps,  
spectra,  
light curves

# The gammapy concept



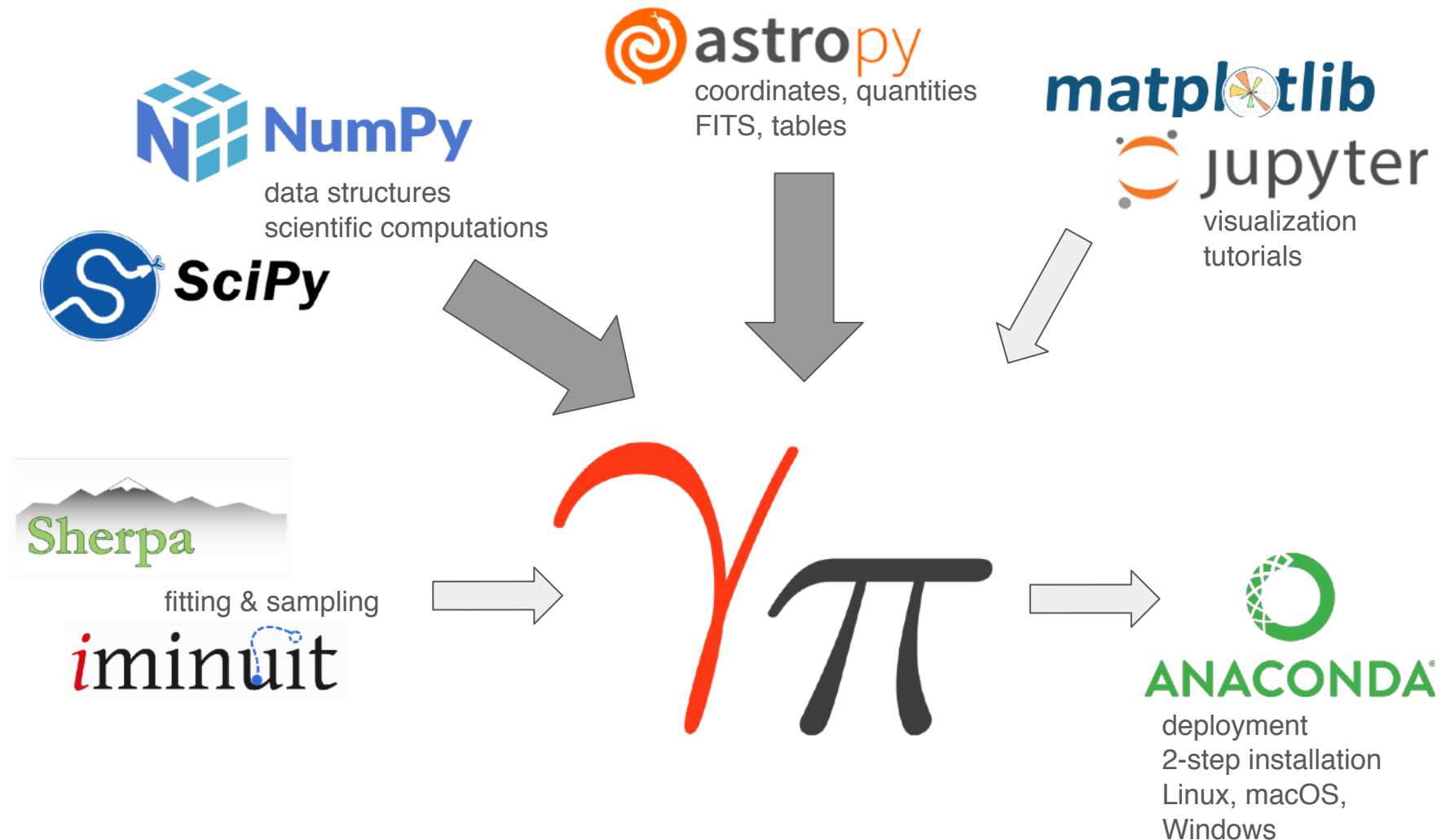
*A python package for high-level  $\gamma$ -ray astronomy  
based on [common data formats](#)*

*A flexible, open-source, community driven,  
[python library](#)*

+

*The library for CTA science tools*

# Gammapy in the Python ecosystem



# Getting the software



- **Recommended gammapy installation**

```
curl -O https://gammapy.org/download/install/gammapy-0.19-  
environment.yml  
conda env create -f gammapy-0.19-environment.yml  
conda activate gammapy-0.19
```

- **Download tutorials & associated data**

```
gammapy download notebooks --release 0.19  
gammapy download datasets  
export GAMMAPY_DATA=$PWD/gammapy-datasets
```

**Note:** mamba might prove a better/faster package manager

See: <https://docs.gammapy.org/0.19/install/index.html>

# Getting started: documentation



See [docs.gammapy.org](https://docs.gammapy.org)

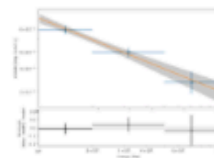
## Tutorials to learn simple data analysis recipes

- spectral analysis
- lightcurve extraction
- 3D fitting
- simulation

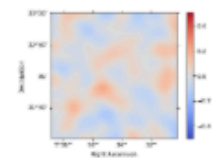
### Introduction

The following three tutorials show different ways of how to use Gammapy to perform a complete data analysis, from data selection to data reduction and finally modeling and fitting.

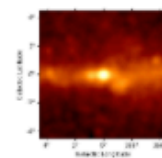
The first tutorial is an overview on how to perform a standard analysis workflow using the high level interface in a configuration-driven approach, whilst the second deals with the same use-case using the low level API and showing what is happening *under-the-hood*. The third tutorial shows a glimpse of how to handle different basic data structures like event lists, source catalogs, sky maps, spectral models and flux points tables.



High level interface



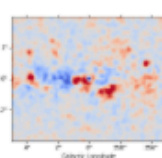
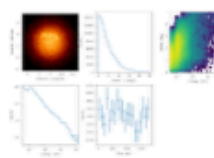
Low level API



Data structures

### Data exploration

These three tutorials show how to perform data exploration with Gammapy, providing an introduction to the CTA, H.E.S.S. and Fermi-LAT data and instrument response functions (IRFs). You will be able to explore and filter event lists according to different criteria, as well as to get a quick look of the multidimensional IRFs files.



# Getting started: documentation

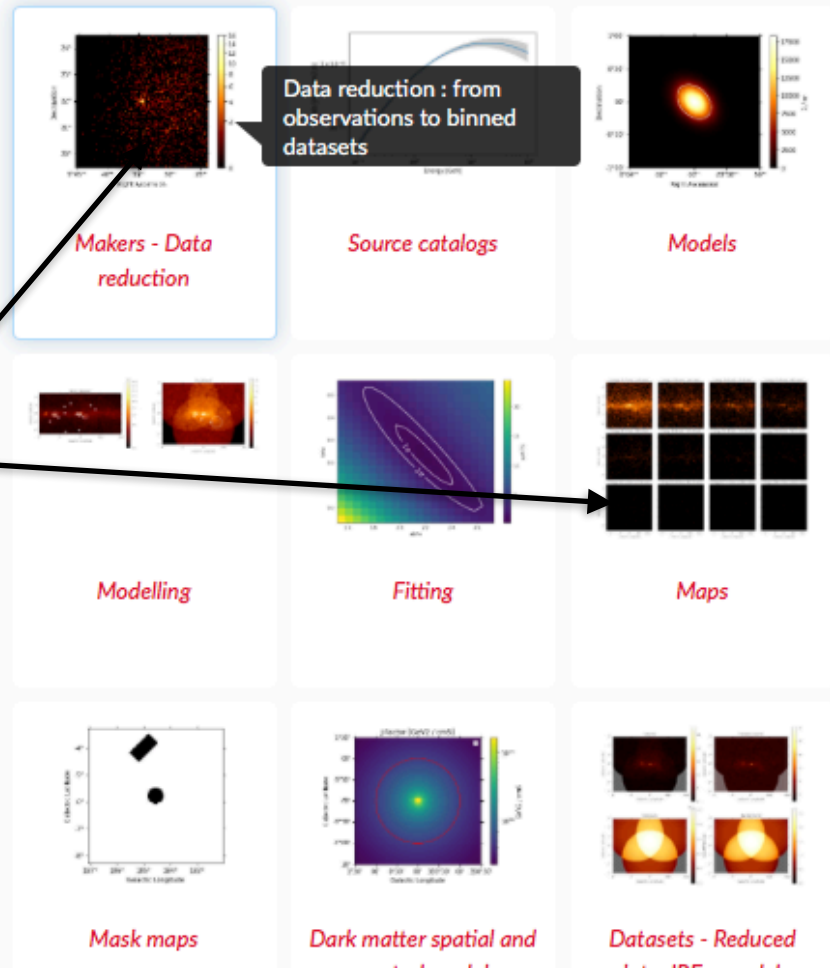


## Learn how to use the general API

- go beyond tutorials use cases
- exploit Gammapy flexibility

### Package / API

The following tutorials demonstrate different dimensions of the Gammapy API or expose how to perform more specific use cases.



# Getting help



- Where/How to interact with dev team and experienced users, provide feedback, get help:
  - `gammapy.slack`.
    - In particular: `#help` channel
  - [GitHub discussions](#)
    - help category
  - [GitHub issues](#) to report bugs or feature requests

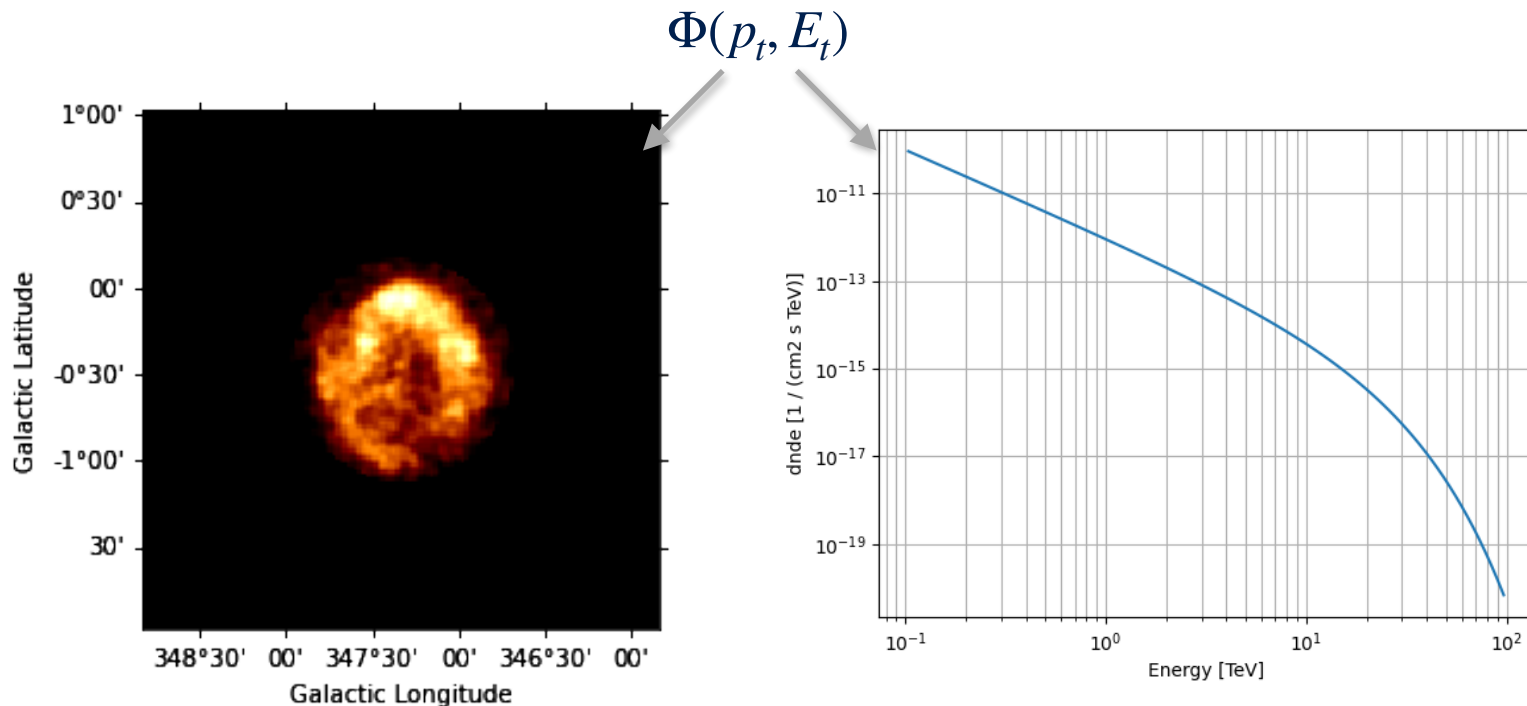




# Modeling the expected number of detected photons



- Assume a source  $S$  emits gamma-ray photons.
- Its emission is represented by sky model  $\Phi(p_t, E_t)$  with  $p_t$  the photon position in the sky and  $E_t$  its energy
- We want to determine the model parameters that best reproduce the measured data.



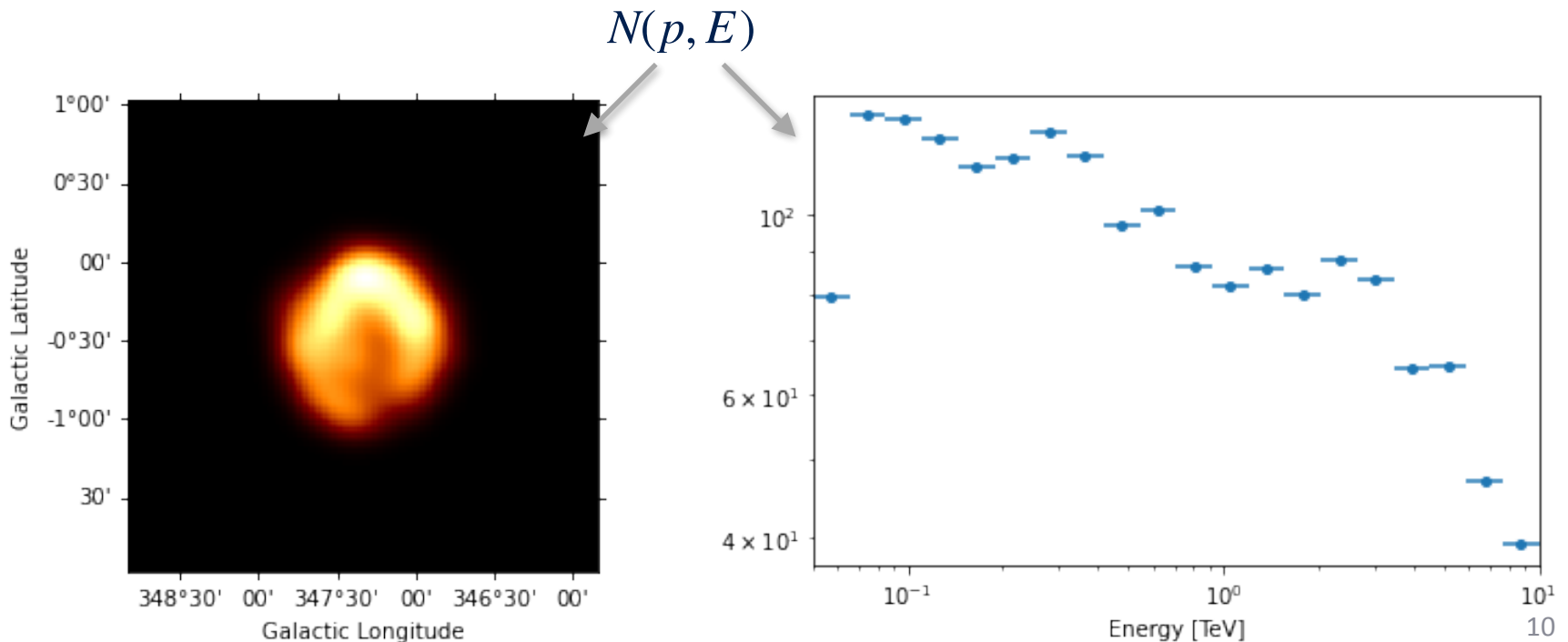
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- The number of observed photons from source  $S$  is

$$N(p, E) dp dE = t_{obs} \int_{E_t} dE_t \int_{p_t} dp_t R(p, E | p_t, E_t) \times \Phi(p_t, E_t)$$

where  $R(p, E | p_t, E_t)$  is the instrument response



# The Instrument Response Functions (IRFs)



- We assume that the instrument response can be simplified as the product of:

$$\begin{aligned} R(p, E | p_t, E_t) = & A_{\text{eff}}(p_t, E_t) \\ & \times PSF(p | p_t, E_t) \\ & \times E_{\text{disp}}(E | p_t, E_t) \end{aligned}$$

with :

- $A_{\text{eff}}(p_t, E_t)$  the effective collection area in m<sup>2</sup>
- $PSF(p | p_t, E_t)$  the point spread function in sr<sup>-1</sup>. It is the density function of the probability to detect a photon emitted at  $p_{\text{true}}$  at position  $p$ .
- $E_{\text{disp}}(E | p_t, E_t)$  the energy dispersion in TeV<sup>-1</sup>. Probability to detect photon emitted at True at energy  $E$ .

# The Instrument Response Functions (IRFs)



- Measured events do not only contain genuine photons but also residual charged cosmic-ray background:

$$N(p, E) = \sum_S N_S(p, E) + N_{bkg}(p, E)$$

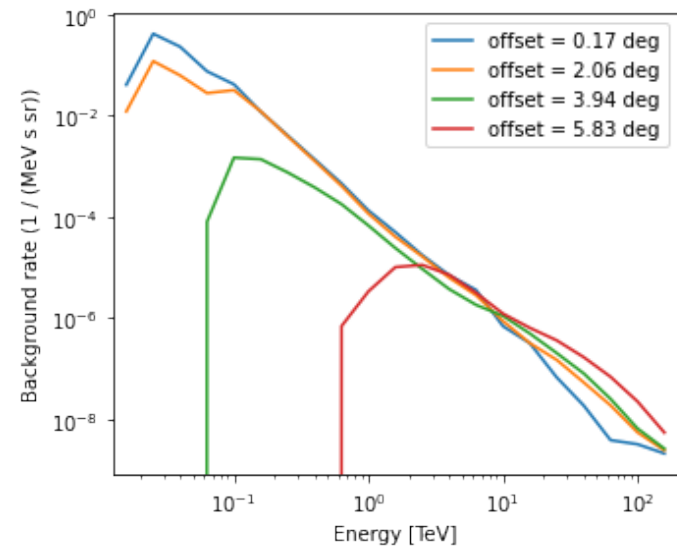
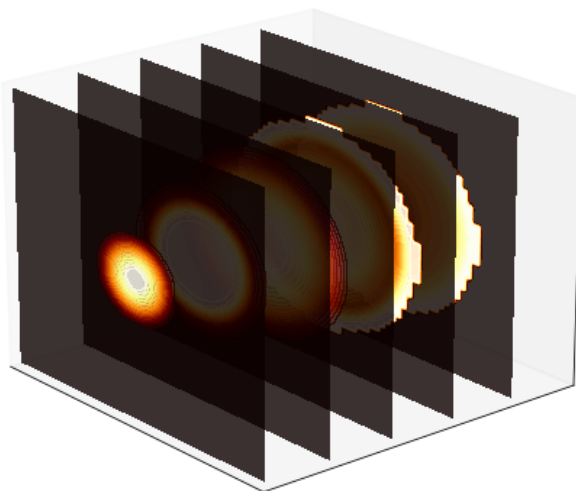
with :

- $N_S(p, E)$  the number of predicted photons from source  $S$
  - $N_{bkg}(p, E)$  the number of background events
- 
- The residual CR background must be modeled along the sky model:
    - can be estimated from OFF data
    - can be described by a model  $N_{bkg}(p, E) = BKG(p, E) \times t_{obs}$

# The background model IRF



- $BKG(p, E)$  is the 3D background model in  $\text{s}^{-1}\text{sr}^{-1}\text{TeV}^{-1}$
- The model can be built from simulations of atmospheric showers or from a large set of empty field observations taken in similar conditions. ***It is subject to non-negligible uncertainties.***
- Note that the background is highly sensitive to observing conditions such as zenith angle, optical efficiency of the system, atmospheric transparency etc.

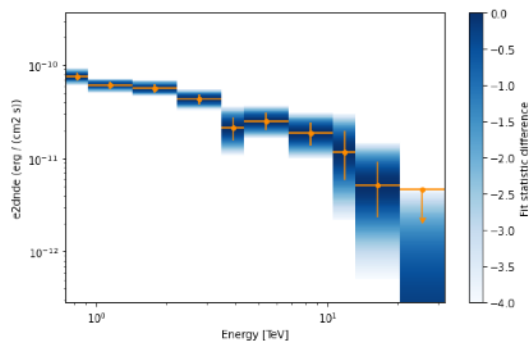


# Exploring DL3 with gammapy

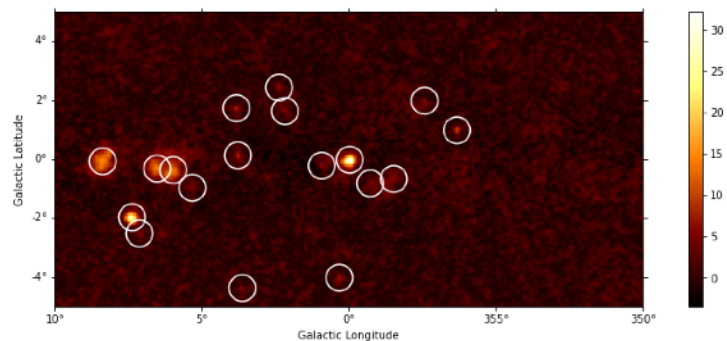


- The g.a.d.f. v0.2 format relies on several FITS HDUs:
  - EVENTS: table of gamma-like events measured parameters
  - GTI: Interval of time associated to events
  - POINTING: Telescope pointing info
  - AEFF : Effective area table (true energy, FoV offset)
  - EDISP : Energy dispersion (true energy, FoV offset)
  - PSF: isotropic PSF (true energy, FoV offset)
  - BACKGROUND: (energy, FoV lon, FoV lat)
- A general HDU table connects everything
- See [data exploration tutorial](#)

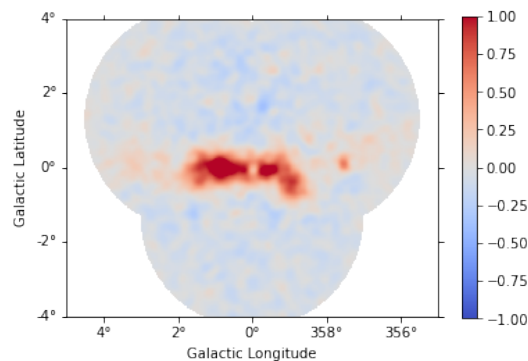
# Typical analysis use cases



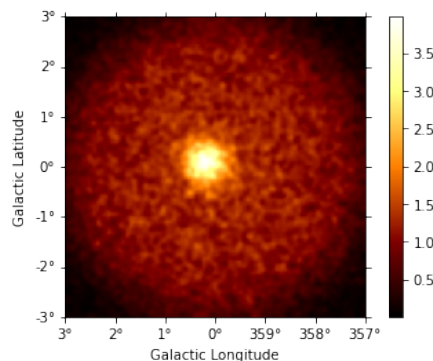
1D spectral analysis



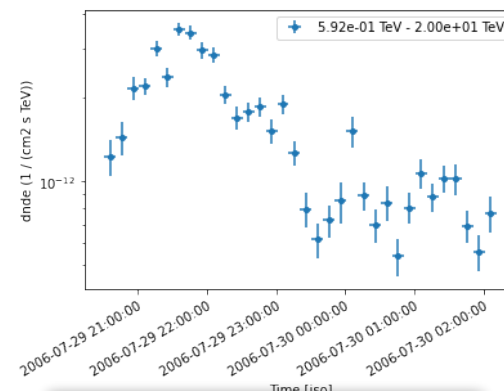
Source detection



3D analysis



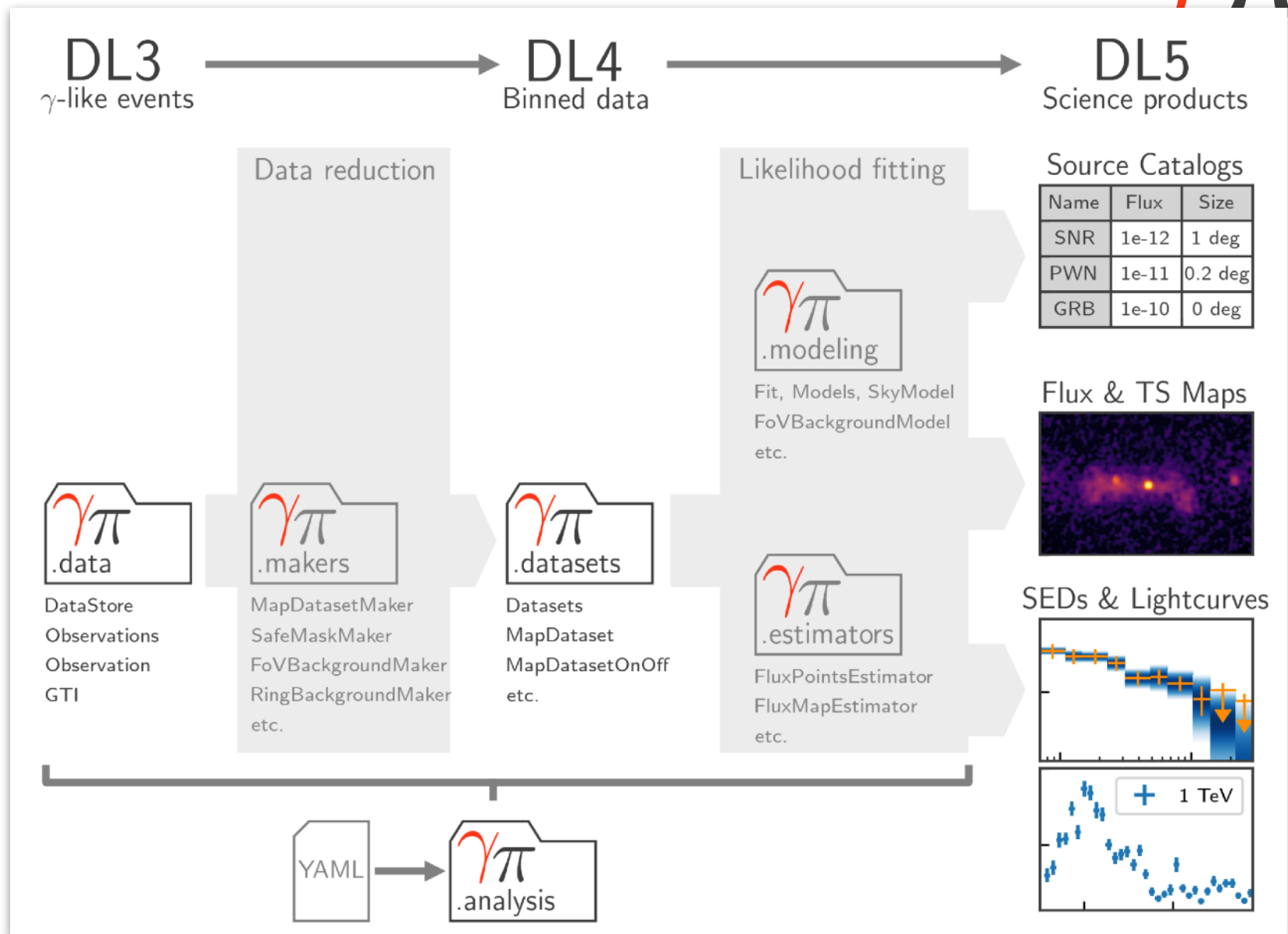
observation simulation



light-curve extraction

**All analysis types follow the same workflow and the same API**

# Data workflow and package structure





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DL3  
 $\gamma$ -like events

DL4  
Binned data

DL5  
Science products

Data reduction

Likelihood fitting

Source Catalogs

Name	Flux	Size
SNR	1e-12	1 deg
PWN	1e-11	0.2 deg
GRB	1e-10	0 deg

## 2-step analysis procedure:

- data reduction (DL3 to 4)
- data modeling / fitting (DL4 to 5)



DataStore  
Observations  
Observation  
GTI



MapDatasetMaker  
SafeMaskMaker  
FoVBackgroundMaker  
RingBackgroundMaker  
etc.



Datasets  
MapDataset  
MapDatasetOnOff  
etc.

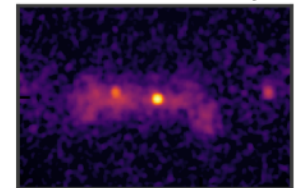


Fit, Models, SkyModel  
FoVBackgroundModel  
etc.

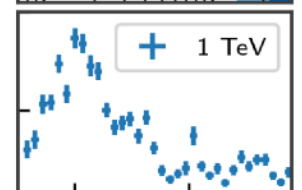
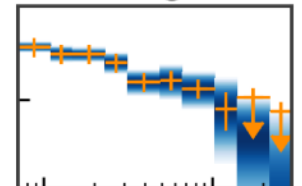


FluxPointsEstimator  
FluxMapEstimator  
etc.

Flux & TS Maps



SEDs & Lightcurves



# Data reduction

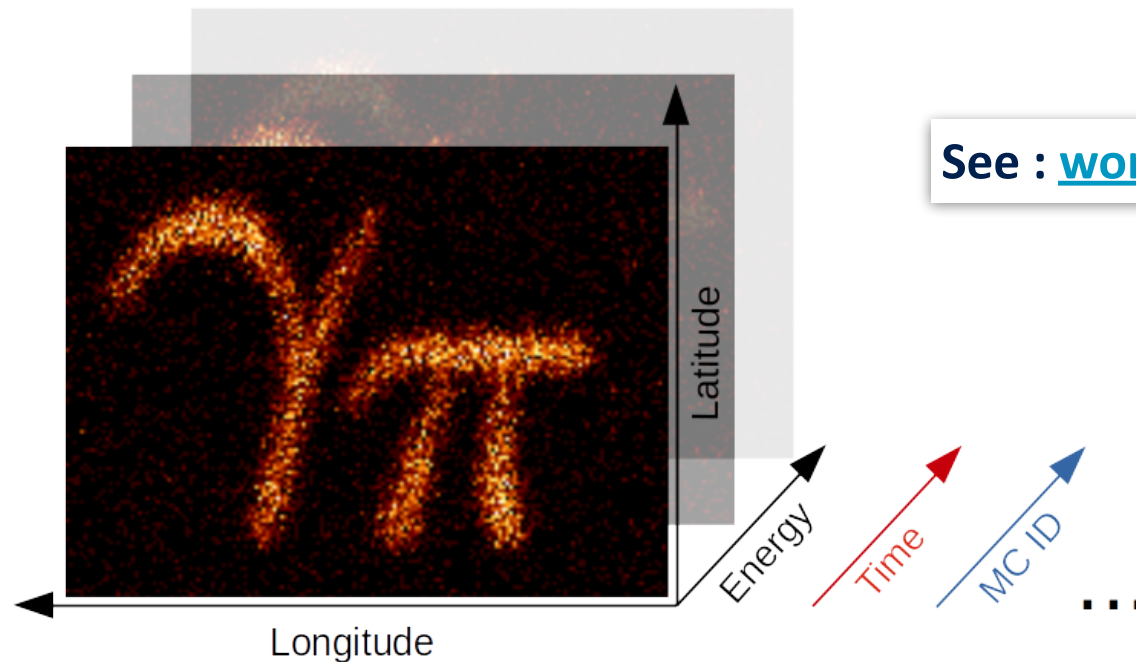


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3. Initialize the data reduction methods (makers)
  - Data and IRF projection
  - Background estimation
  - Safe Mask determination
4. Loop over selected observations
  - Apply makers to produce reduced datasets
  - Optionally combine them (stacking)

# Geometry : multidimensional maps



- Gammapy maps represent data on the sky with non-spatial dimensions (in particular energy)
  - World Coord. System (WCS) for 3D analyses (lon, lat, E)
  - Region geometry for 1D analysis



# Data reduction

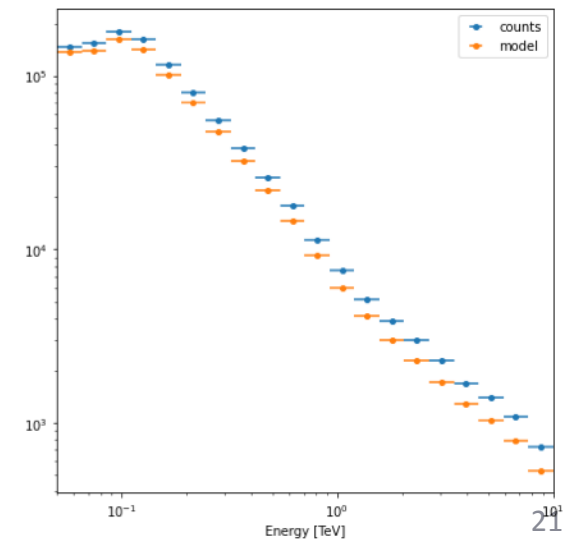
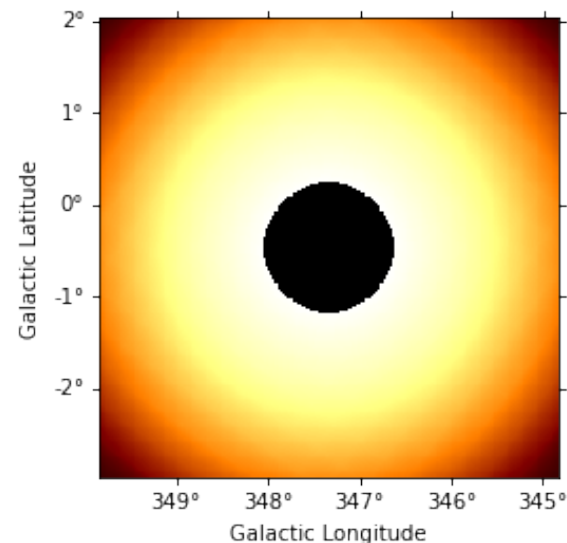
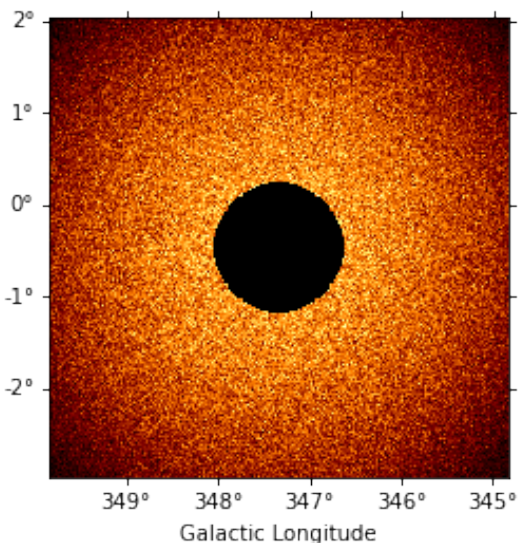


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# Estimating the background from the data



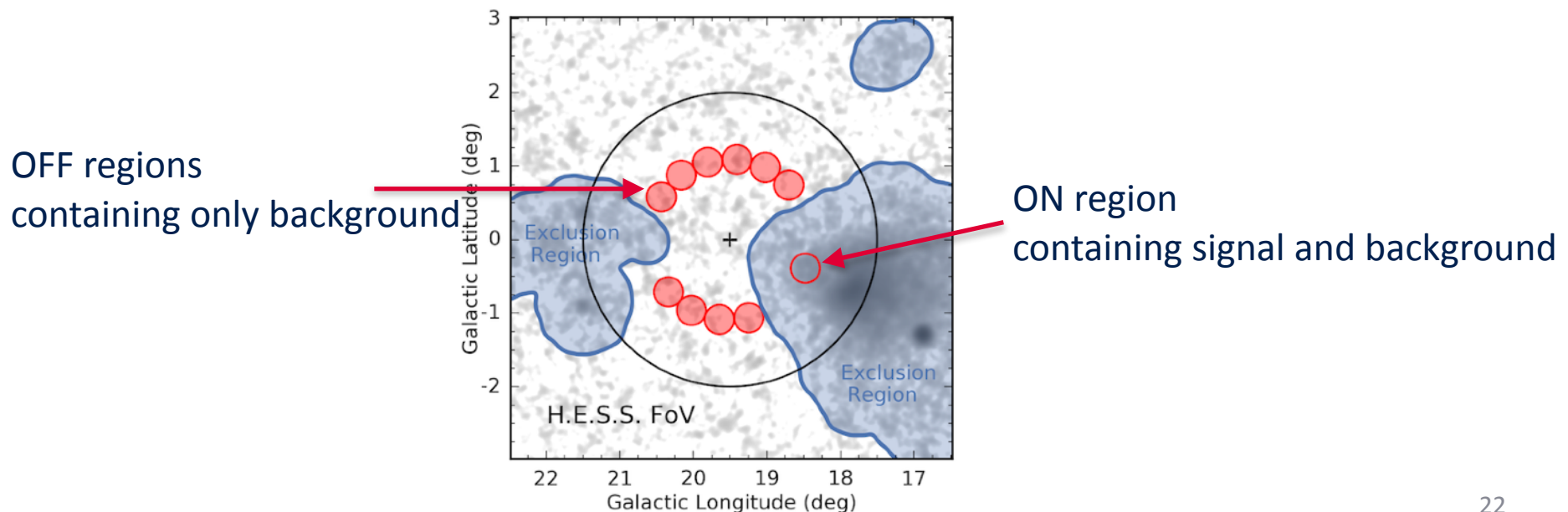
- To reduce systematic uncertainties,  $BKG(p, E)$  is usually corrected on the observed data themselves.
  - Field of View (FoV) background estimation
    - $BKG(p, E)$  is normalized in regions of the observed FoV assumed to be deprived of gamma-ray signal



# Measuring the background from the data



- To further reduce systematics, the background is sometimes measured directly in the data e.g. in regions of the FoV where the background is assumed to be identical
  - Common approach used for 1D spectral analysis
  - e.g. reflected regions background

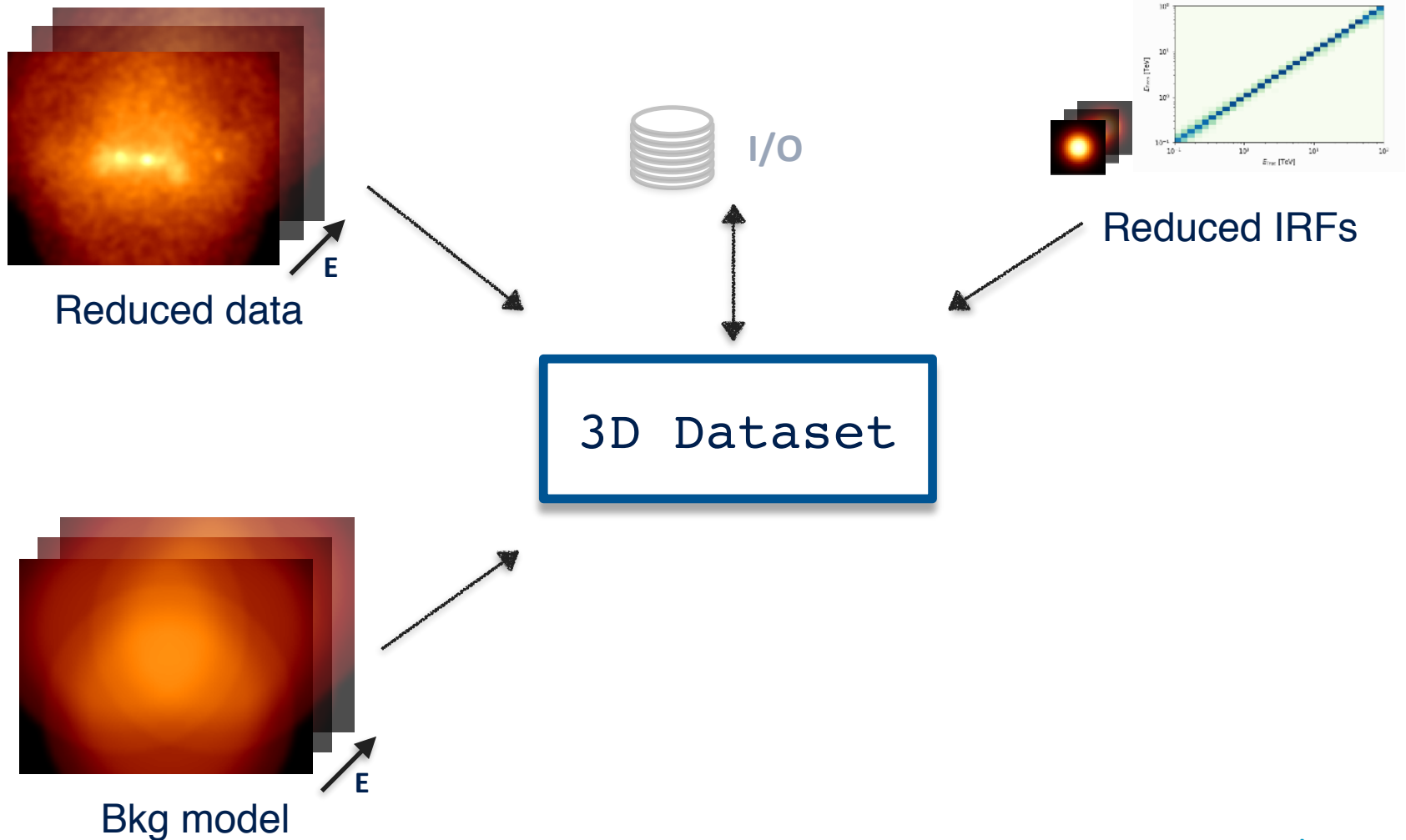


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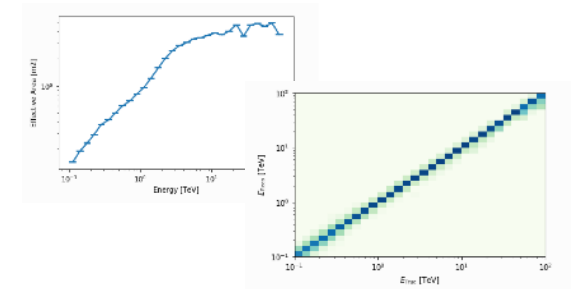
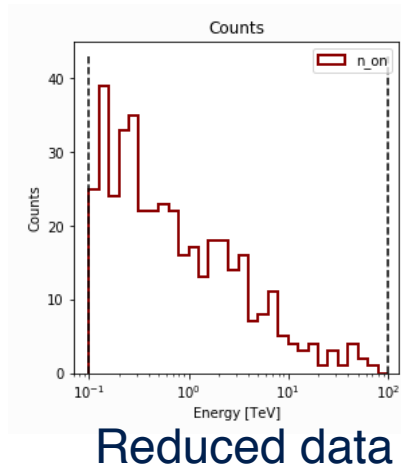
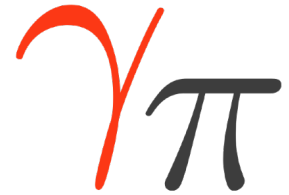
# DL4 structures: Datasets



see: [Dataset API tutorial](#)

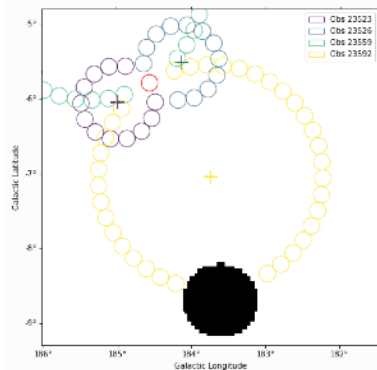


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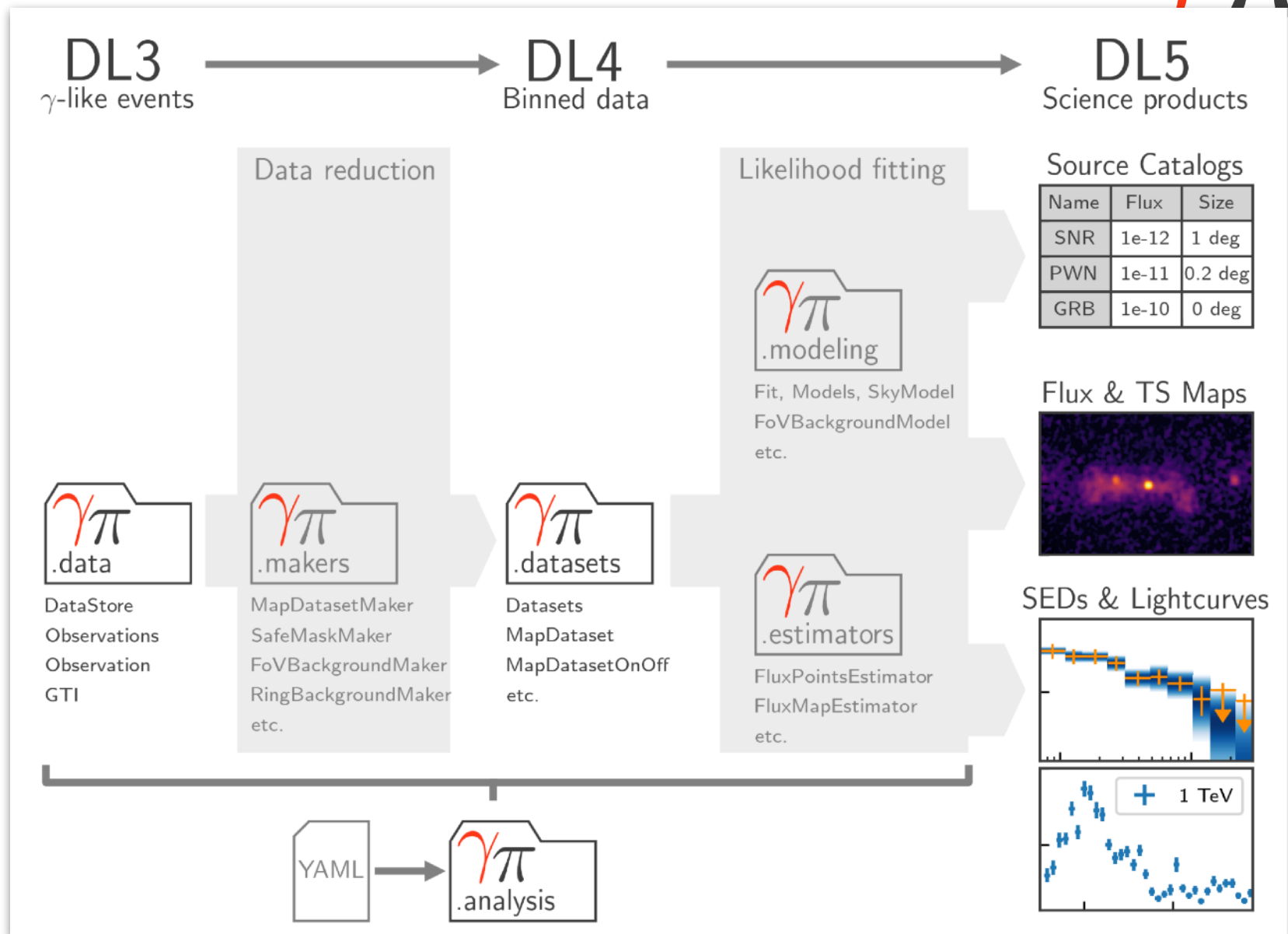


I/O

1D Dataset



# Data workflow and package structure



# Modeling and fitting



- For modeling and fitting, Gammapy relies on ***forward-folding***:
  - the number of measured counts  $N$  is compared to the total predicted number of counts  $N_{\text{pred}}$

$$N_{\text{pred}}(p, E) = \sum_S N_S(p, E) + N_{\text{bkg}}(p, E)$$

- Model parameter estimation is performed through maximum likelihood technique.
  - [Cash statistics](#) is used for counts data with a known background

$$TS = -2 \log L = 2 \sum \left( N \log N_{\text{pred}} - N_{\text{pred}} \right)$$

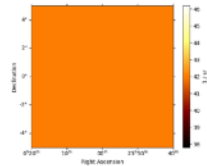
- [Wstat statistics](#) is used for counts data with a measured background

# Estimating statistical significance

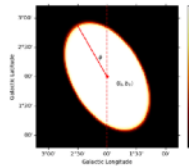


- Estimate whether  $H_1$  (e.g. bkg + source) is statistically preferred over the reference  $H_0$  (e.g. bkg only)
- It is possible to compare the two *nested models* (i.e.  $H_0$  is a subset of  $H_1$ ) with the maximum likelihood ratio test
  - $\Delta TS = TS_1 - TS_0$  follows asymptotically a  $\chi^2$  with n degrees of freedom
    - allows to determine p-value of e.g. a source component
  - with 1 degree of freedom  $\sqrt{\Delta TS}$  gives a statistical significance as a number of « gaussian sigma »
  - Note that with WStat,  $\sqrt{\Delta TS}$  yields the Li & Ma significance

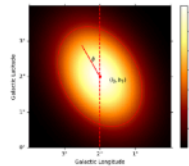
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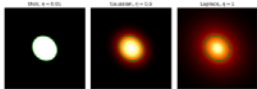
Constant spatial model



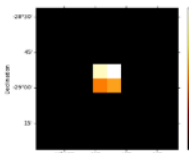
Disk spatial model



Gaussian spatial model

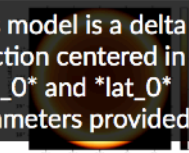


Generalized gaussian spatial model

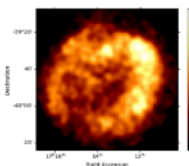
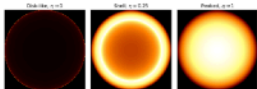


Point spatial model

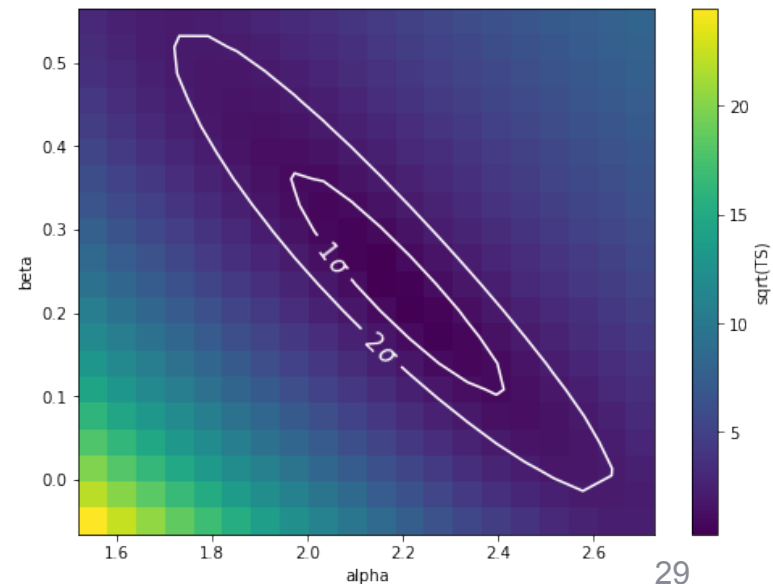
This model is a delta function centered in \*lon\_0\* and \*lat\_0\* parameters provided:



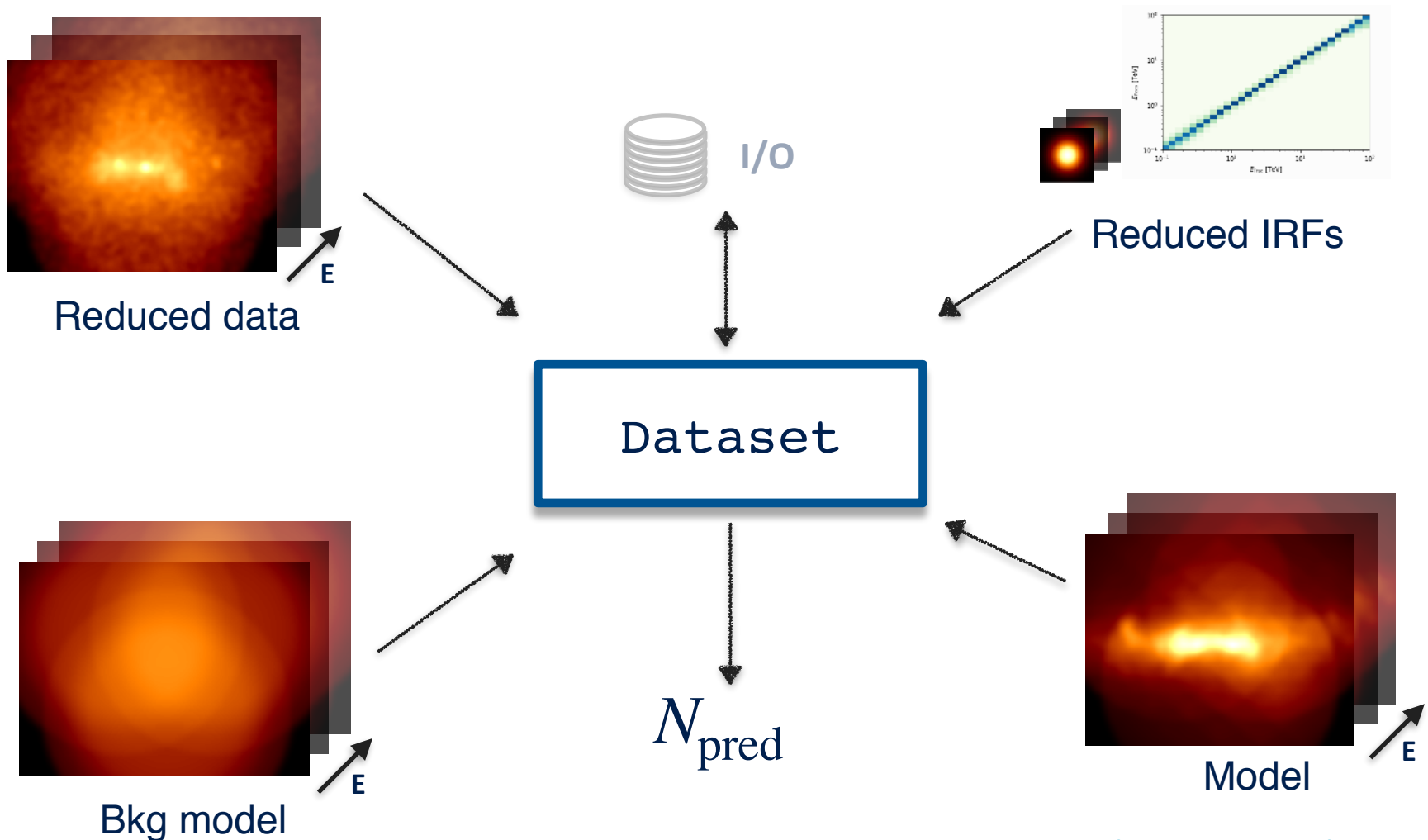
Shell spatial model



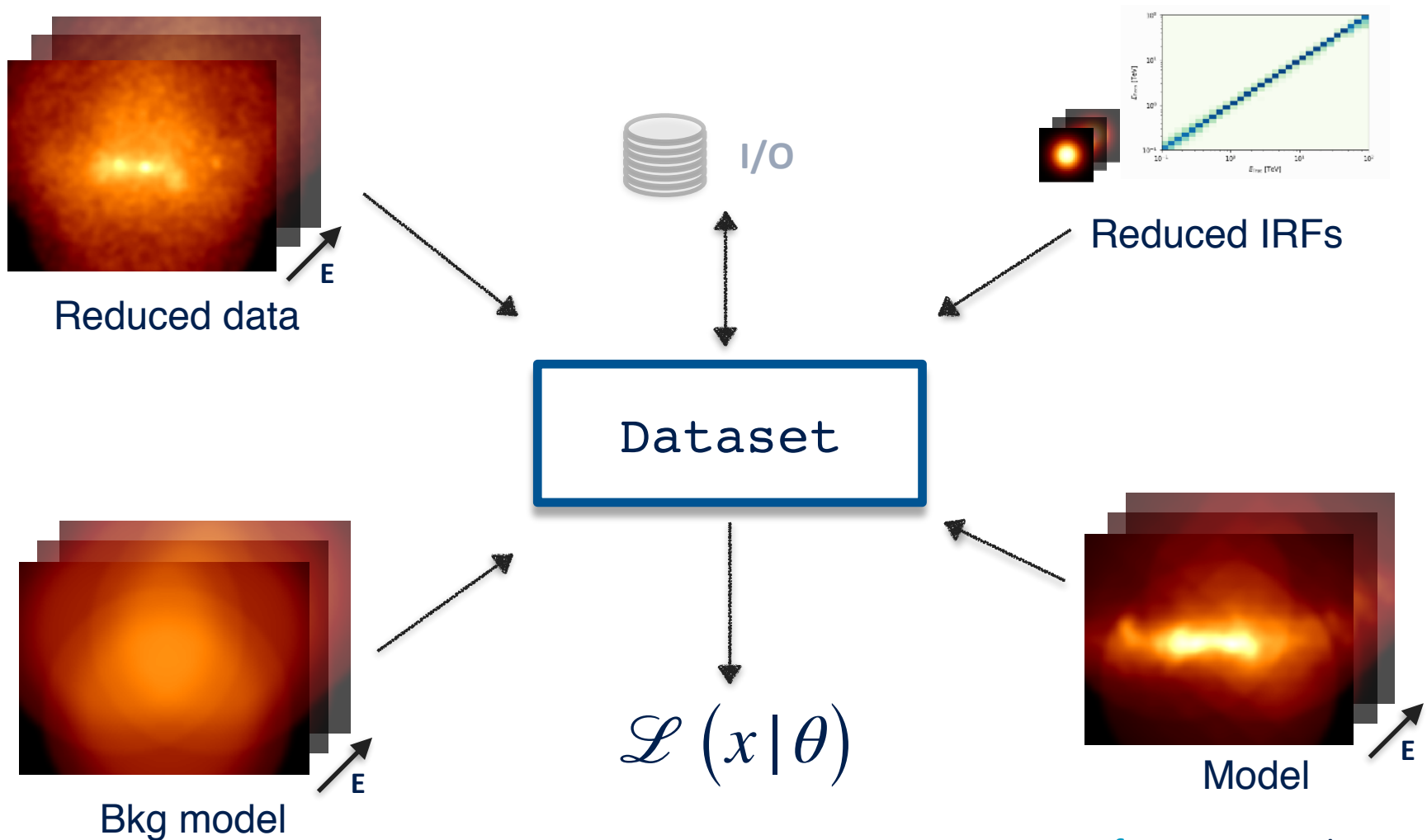
A library of models and a [Fitting interface](#)



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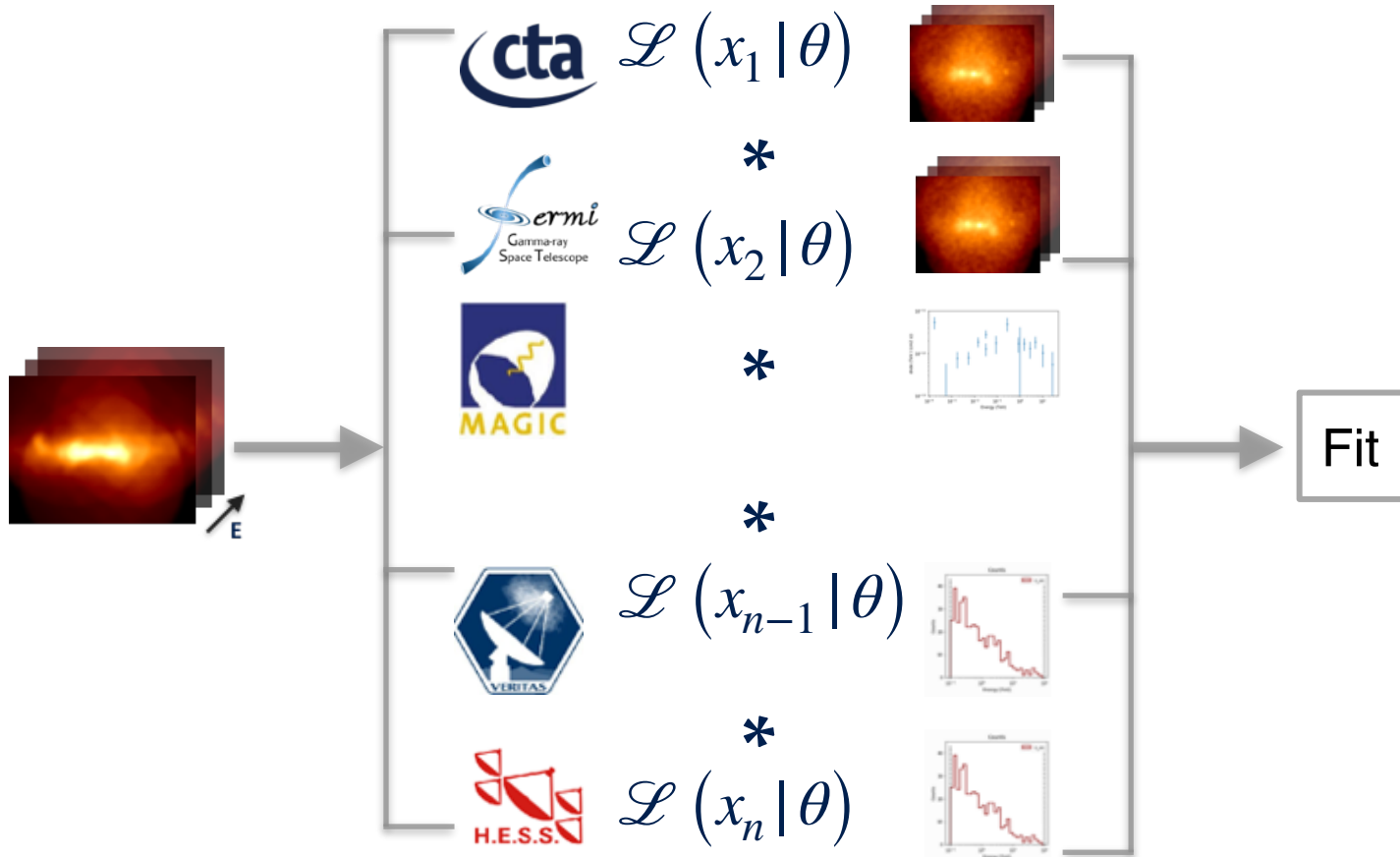
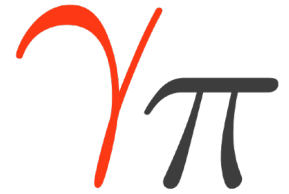


# Datasets modeling and fitting



see: [Dataset fitting tutorial](#)

# Multi-instrument modeling and fitting



**Gammapy Dataset structure allows heterogeneous data modeling and fitting:**

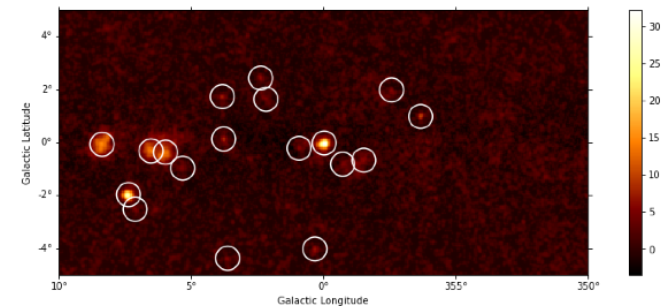
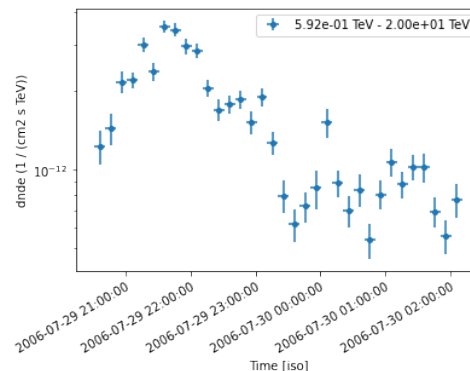
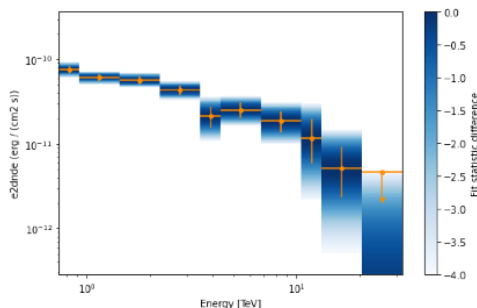
- See [joint fit tutorial](#)



# DL5 products: estimating fluxes



- Gammapy provides a set of estimator objects which create DL5 data products based on a model assigned to one or more datasets.
  - Once a proper model is determined
  - In predefined energy intervals, estimators compute:
    - fluxes errors and associated significance
    - fit statistic scan etc.
  - They can produce flux points, light curves, flux maps



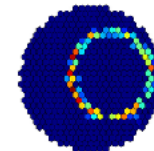
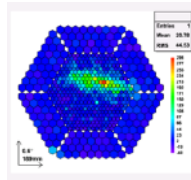
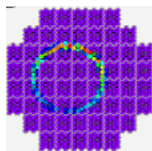
- We have dedicated tutorials for this session:
  - Exploring data from the HESS DR1 and perform data reduction to create images of the SNR RX J1713.7-3946
  - Simulating and fitting an extended source
- To retrieve notebooks:

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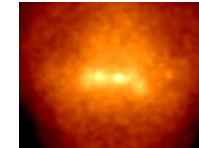
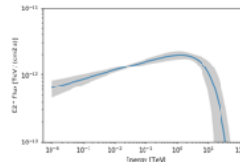
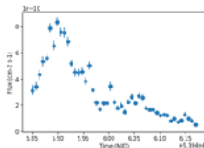
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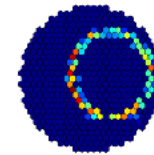
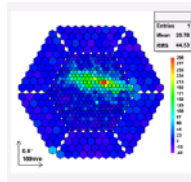
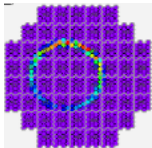
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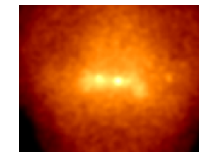
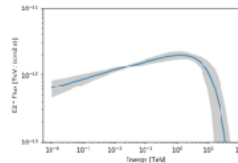
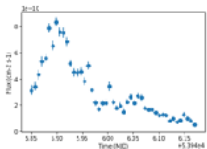


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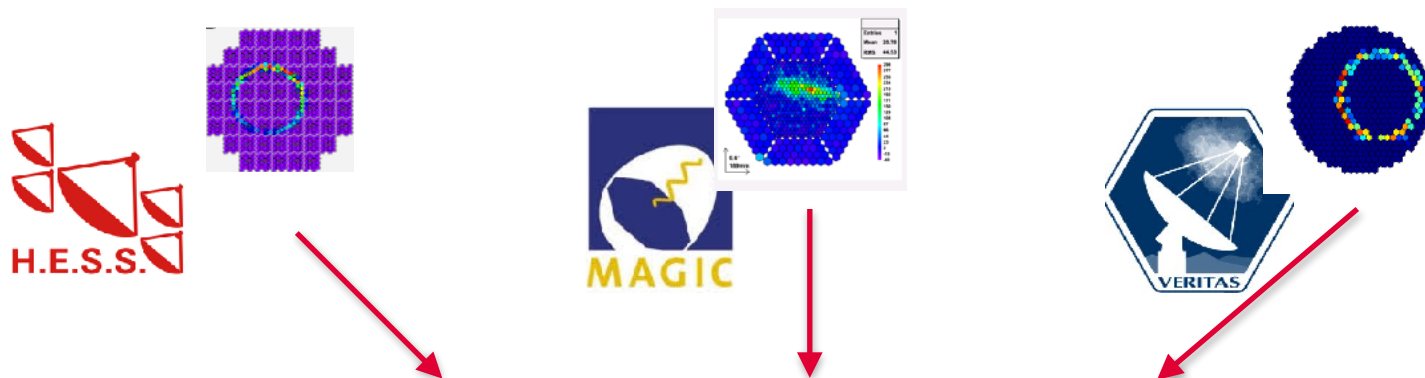


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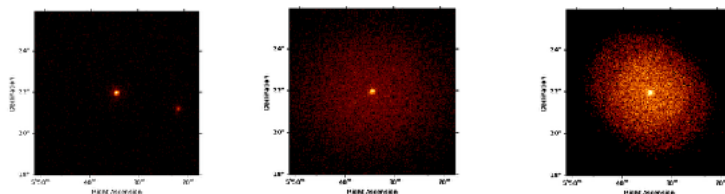
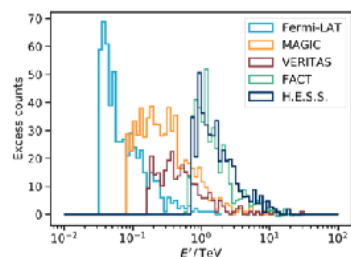
# An example of joint analysis



Dataset	$T_{\text{obs}}$	$E_{\text{min}}$ (TeV)	$E_{\text{max}}$ (TeV)	$N_{\text{on}}$	$N_{\text{bkg}}$	$R_{\text{on}}$ (deg)
<i>Fermi</i> -LAT	$\sim 7$ yr	0.03	2	578	1.2	0.30
MAGIC	0.66 h	0.08	30	784	129.9	0.14
VERITAS	0.67 h	0.16	30	289	13.7	0.10
FACT	10.33 h	0.45	30	691	272.8	0.17
H.E.S.S.	1.87 h	0.71	30	459	27.5	0.11

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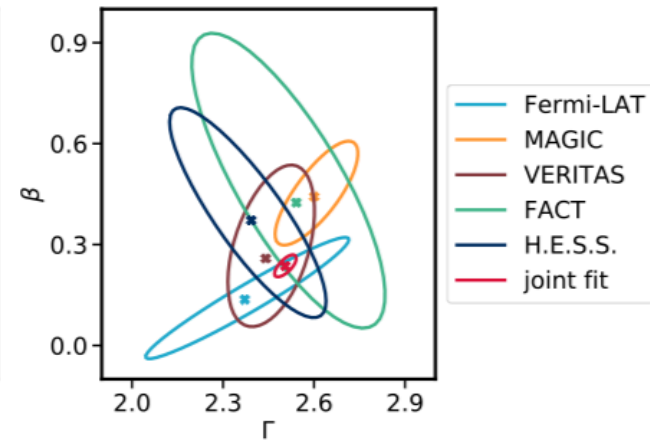
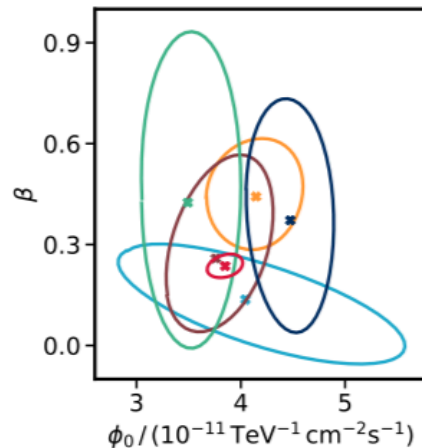
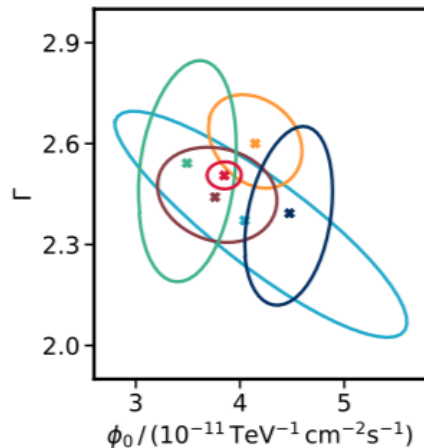
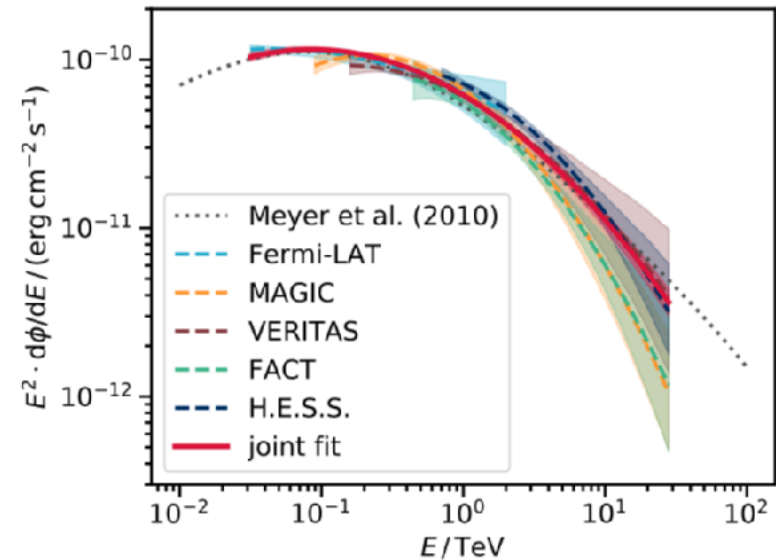


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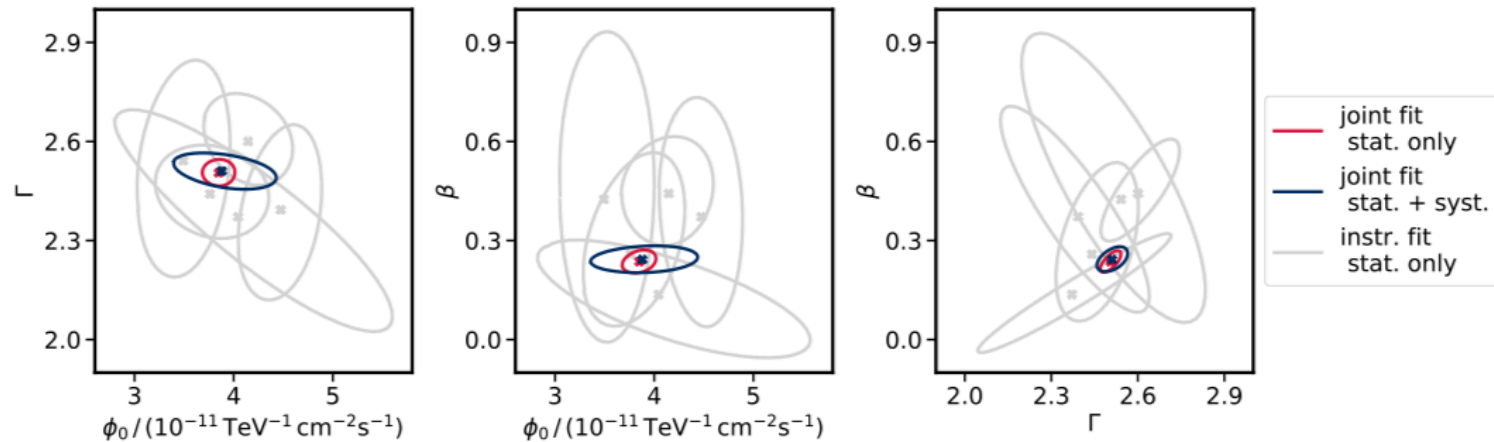
- joint point-like analysis
- log-parabola fit using ON-OFF likelihood



# An example of joint analysis



- Can perform inter-calibration studies to evaluate systematics:
  - e.g. uncertainties on energy scale



- Can perform spectral fits on the parent particle population