Science Tools Update, March 22, 2007

Science Tools Working Group

Did not meet this week. We won't meet until after the collaboration meeting.

The current version of ScienceTools is v8.

Data products: No news

Databases and related utilities

No news

Likelihood analysis

- Handling of comparisons with DSS keyword values and values in binary tables of FITS files has been fixed; see LK-31. (Likelihood v11r14p2)
- Added Damien Parent's PowerLawSuperExpCutoff as a spectral model available in gtlikelihood and pyLikelihood. This spectral model is needed
 for modeling pulsar spectra (in the Polar cap scenario). (Likelihood v11r15; pyLikelihood v0r6)

GRB tools

• gtrspgen: problems with integrals of energy dispersion over large energy ranges for handoff_response and dc2Response have been addressed in irfInterface::IEdisp. (irfs/irfInterface v2r1; irfs/dc2Response v3r1)

Pulsar tools

· Masa and James have finished coding the blind search tool gtspec. Testing on DC2 data is underway.

Observation simulation

- From Max Razzano:
 - "EGRET phase-dependent sources, fixes and extended down to 10 MeV. The lightcurve have been smoothed for the 3 faintest (no phase-dependence) and for Vela, Crab and Geminga we have phase dependent spetcrum and also some very narrow features that we can use for testing timing resolution;
 - o "Timing noise on 5 pulsars, based on Cordes algorithm of Random Walk(in phase) and of Arzoumanian (f2 based on Delta8 parameter);
 - "3 MSP in binary orbits, we have this last problem but I solved and it is ok;"

User interface and infrastructure (& utilities)

 Pat and Jim added a new C++ implementation of dgaus8 (translated from Java, which was translated from the original spaghetti Fortran) to replace the f2c'd version. (st_facilities v0r10p1)

Source Catalog

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