

GammaLib - Feature #2454

Implement EBL spectral model

04/19/2018 05:00 PM - Knödlseeder Jürgen

Status:	Closed	Start date:	04/19/2018
Priority:	Normal	Due date:	
Assigned To:	Tibaldo Luigi	% Done:	100%
Category:		Estimated time:	0.00 hour
Target version:	1.6.0		
Description			
Implement a spectral model that emulates the EBL absorption.			

History

#1 - 06/25/2018 05:58 PM - Tibaldo Luigi

- Status changed from New to In Progress
- Assigned To set to Tibaldo Luigi

The easiest solution seems to be the implementation of the exponential of an arbitrary spectral model. If we call F the intrinsic spectrum of the source (for which we assume we can use one of the existing models, e.g. power law), τ the tabulated optical depth as a function of energy for a given EBL model and source redshift, MUL the multiplicative model function (already available), EXP the exponential to be implemented, we could model the EBL attenuated spectrum as MUL) with Normalization as free parameter. I will investigate with AGN experts if this is sufficient for their aims.

#2 - 06/28/2018 10:45 AM - Tibaldo Luigi

- % Done changed from 0 to 40

Implemented class `GModelSpectralExponential` in `gammalib` (including `swig` interface). Now working on testing and debugging.

#3 - 06/29/2018 02:59 PM - Tibaldo Luigi

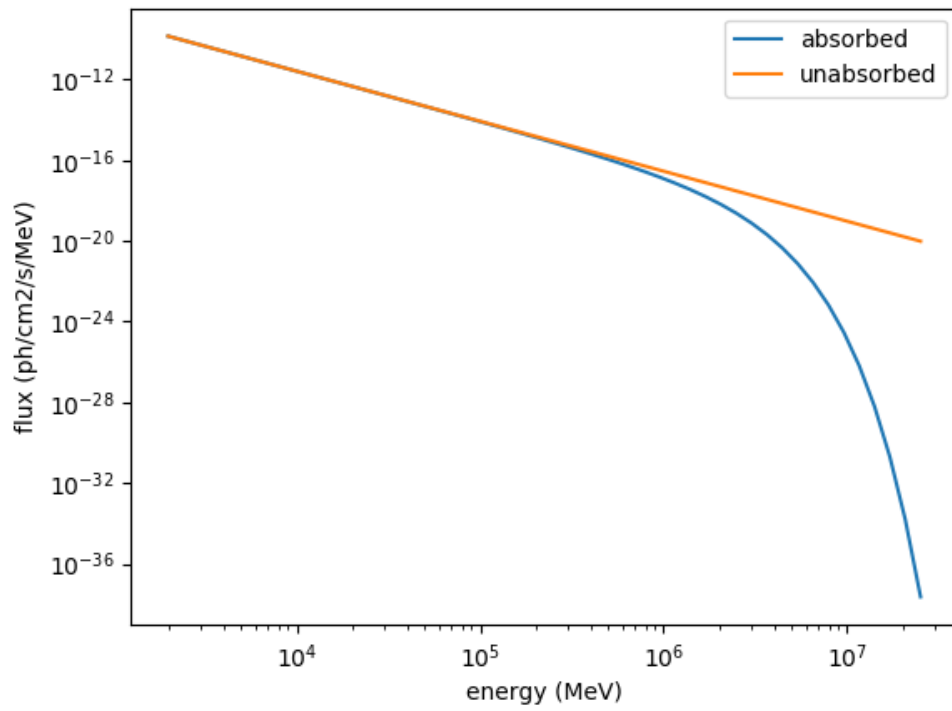
- % Done changed from 40 to 70

Debugged and test routines created. Simple tests produce the expected results. Will now proceed to high level tests in `ctools`.

#4 - 06/29/2018 04:58 PM - Tibaldo Luigi

- File `spectrum.png` added
- File `sed.png` added
- % Done changed from 70 to 90

I simulated with `ctools` 1h of observations of a Crab-like source with/without absorption. This graph shows the absorbed/unabsorbed spectrum.

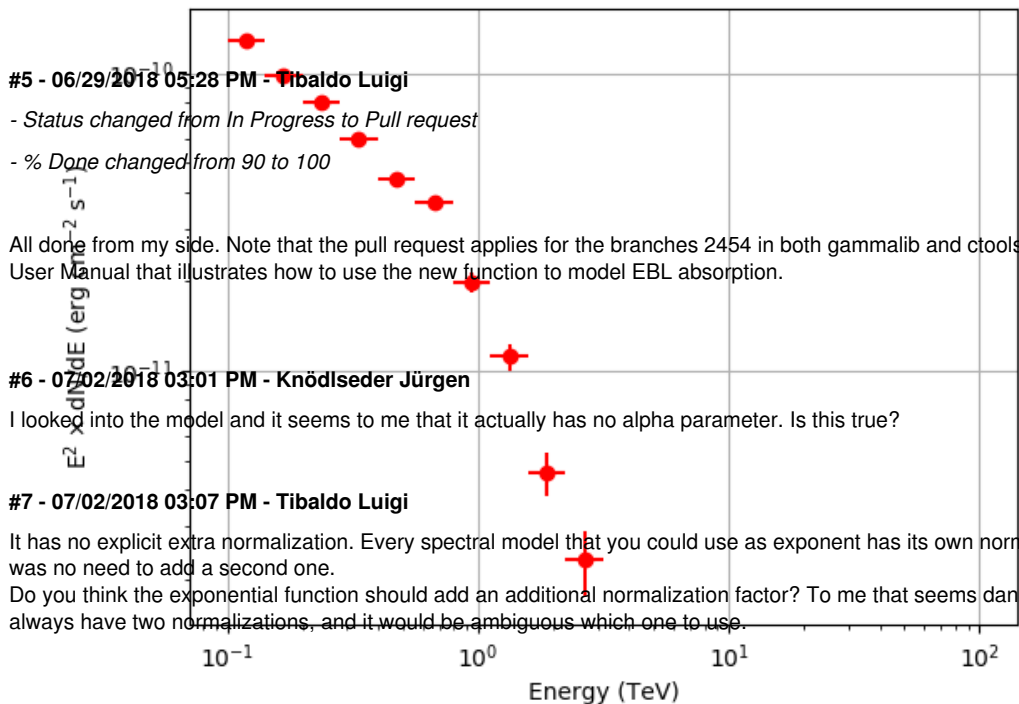


I analyzed both data samples with the absorbed model defined as PowerLaw X Exp ($-\alpha \times \tau$), where τ was the same tabulated opacity model used in the simulation. The results were in both cases compatible with the Monte Carlo truth, in particular the value of the alpha parameter resulted:

- 0.96 pm 0.09 for the simulation with absorption
- 0.002 pm 0.003 for the simulation without absorption

The following graph shows the SED derived from the absorbed dataset

Everything seems to work as expected.



#5 - 06/29/2018 05:28 PM - Tibaldo Luigi

- Status changed from In Progress to Pull request
- % Done changed from 90 to 100

All done from my side. Note that the pull request applies for the branches 2454 in both gammalib and ctools. The latter contain just an addition to the User Manual that illustrates how to use the new function to model EBL absorption.

#6 - 07/02/2018 03:01 PM - Knödseder Jürgen

I looked into the model and it seems to me that it actually has no alpha parameter. Is this true?

#7 - 07/02/2018 03:07 PM - Tibaldo Luigi

It has no explicit extra normalization. Every spectral model that you could use as exponent has its own normalization parameter, so I thought there was no need to add a second one. Do you think the exponential function should add an additional normalization factor? To me that seems dangerous because in the end you would always have two normalizations, and it would be ambiguous which one to use.

#8 - 07/02/2018 03:09 PM - Knödseder Jürgen

You are absolutely correct, no extra parameter is in fact needed. Just wanted to double check that this was your intention.

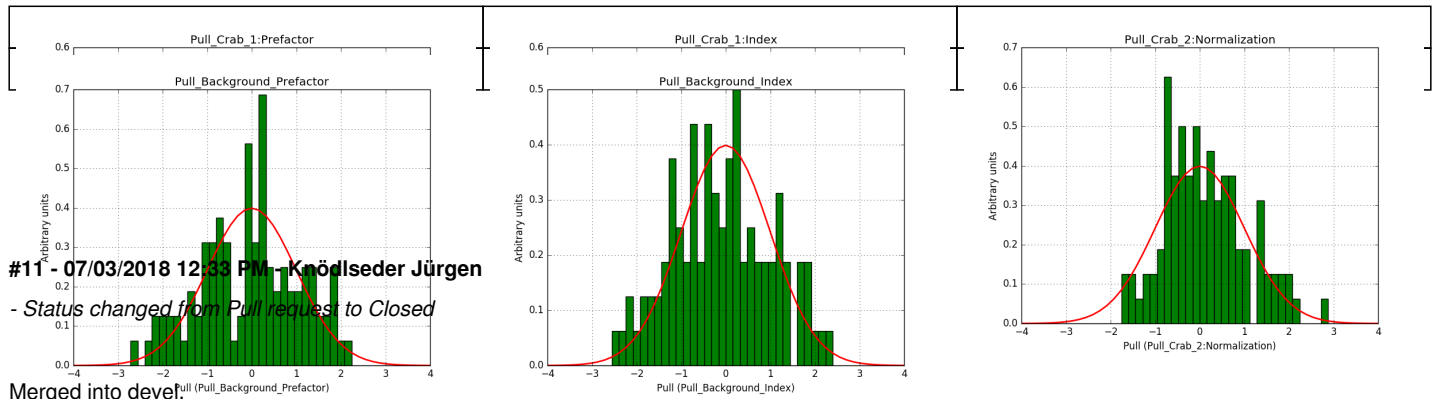
#9 - 07/03/2018 09:34 AM - Knödseder Jürgen

Merged GammaLib code into devel. Now will work on the ctools part.

#10 - 07/03/2018 10:52 AM - Knödseder Jürgen

- File crab_prefactor.png added
- File crab_index.png added
- File crab_normalization.png added
- File bgd_prefactor.png added
- File bgd_index.png added

I added a test to the science_verification.py script, things look good, below the respective pull distributions.



#11 - 07/03/2018 12:33 PM - Knödseder Jürgen

- Status changed from Pull request to Closed

Merged into devel.

Files

spectrum.png	27.5 KB	06/29/2018	Tibaldo Luigi
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sed.png	13.5 KB	06/29/2018	Tibaldo Luigi
crab_prefactor.png	40.6 KB	07/03/2018	Knödseder Jürgen
crab_index.png	39.8 KB	07/03/2018	Knödseder Jürgen
crab_normalization.png	41.5 KB	07/03/2018	Knödseder Jürgen
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