



FACT Open Data

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Overview

Introduction

Dataset Overview

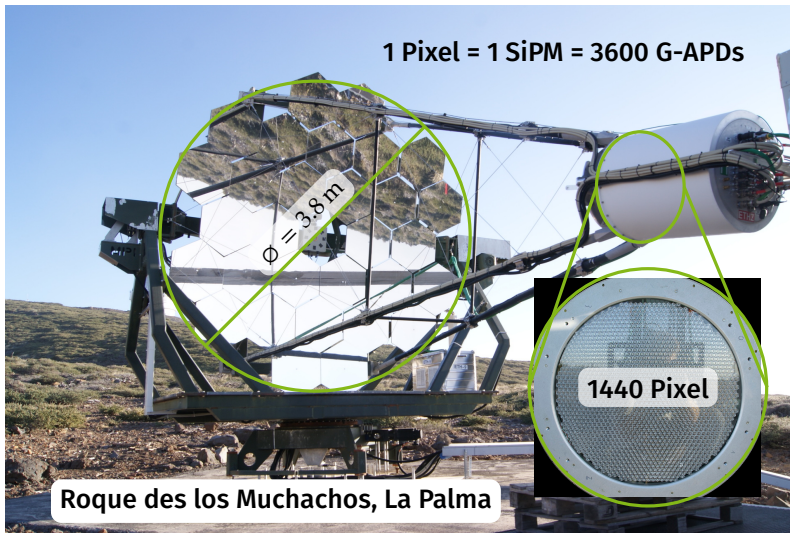
Data Formats

FACT-Tools Standard Analysis

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The Dataset

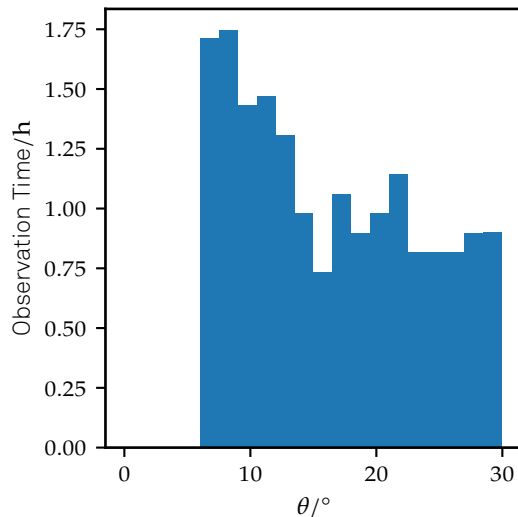
- Crab Observations from November 2013
- Point-source gamma-ray simulations
- Diffuse gamma-ray simulations
- Diffuse proton simulations
- Available in different formats and multiple analysis stages



<https://fact-project.org/data>

Observations

- 17.7 hours of Crab Nebula observations
- Good environmental conditions
- Zenith distance between 6° and 30°



Simulations

- CORSIKA for air shower simulations
- CERES for FACT detector response simulations

Gammas

Energy Range 200 GeV – 50 TeV

Spectral Slope –2.7

Max. Impact 270 m

Zenith Distance 0° – 30°

CORSIKA Events 12 000 000

Triggered Events 1 914 812

Protons

Energy Range 100 GeV – 200 TeV

Spectral Slope –2.7

Max. Impact 400 m

Zenith Distance 0° – 30°

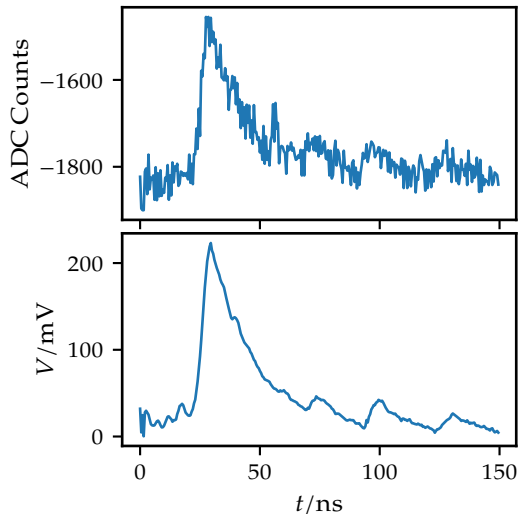
CORSIKA Events 780 046 520

Triggered Events 509 652

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Classical IACT Analysis Chain

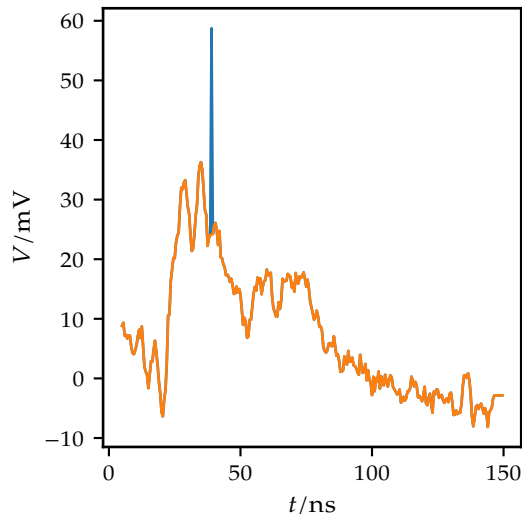
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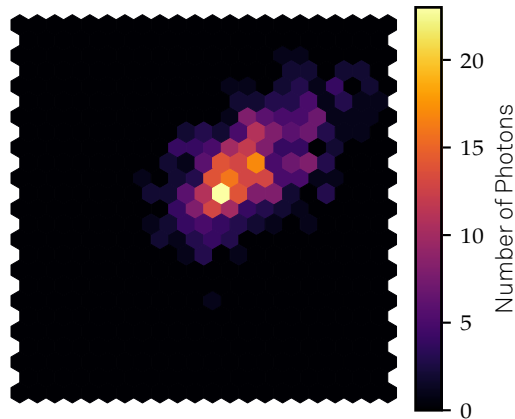
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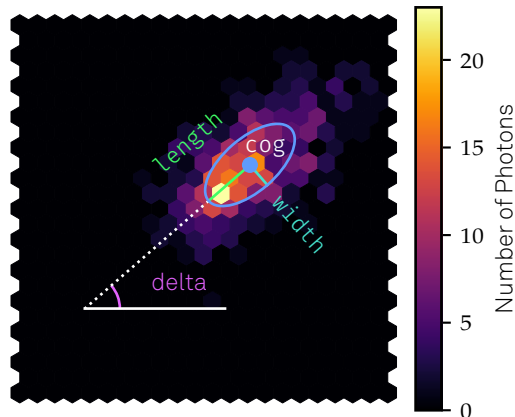
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Raw Data

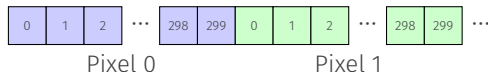
- FACT observations are stored in custom compressed FITS Files called **zfits**
- Readers are available for

Python <https://github.com/fact-project/zfits>

Java <https://github.com/fact-project/fact-tools>

C++ (ROOT) <https://trac.fact-project.org/browser/trunk/Mars>

- FACT-Tools can be easily used to convert **zfits** to standard FITS
- Simulations are stored in standard, gzipped FITS Files
- Raw Data consists of a single array of length 1440×300 ($N_{\text{Pixels}} \times N_{\text{Slices}}$)



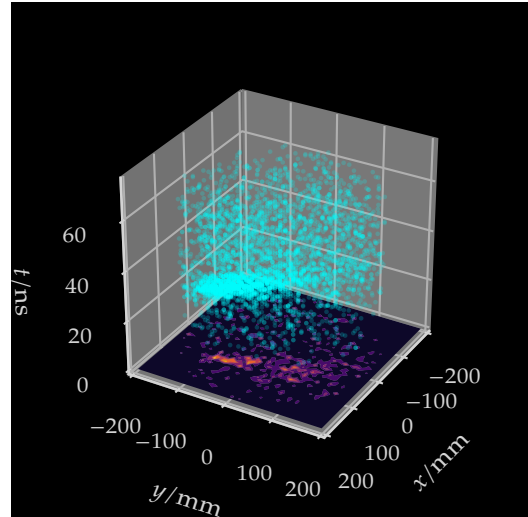
0.9 TB observations, 1.1 TB simulations

See: [Max Ludwig Ahnen et al.](#) "Data compression for the first G-APD Cherenkov Telescope". In: *Astronomy and Computing* 12 (2015), pp. 191–199

Photon Stream

- The FACT Camera has single photon resolution
- Each photon produces a known pulse shape
- Multiple photons just superimpose
- Reconstruct the arrival time of each individual photon by subtracting pulses until a flat line is reached
- Much smaller file size compared to raw data
- All FACT Data $\approx$ 8 TB

See: [Sebastian Achim Mueller et al.](#) "Single Photon Extraction for FACT's SiPMs allows for Novel IACT Event Representation". In: *Proceedings of the 35th ICRC. 2017*



FACT-Tools

- Extension of the **streams**-Framework to analyze FACT data
- Developed at TU Dortmund and ETHZ
- Also performs photonstream extraction

<https://github.com/fact-project/fact-tools>



Higher-Level Analysis

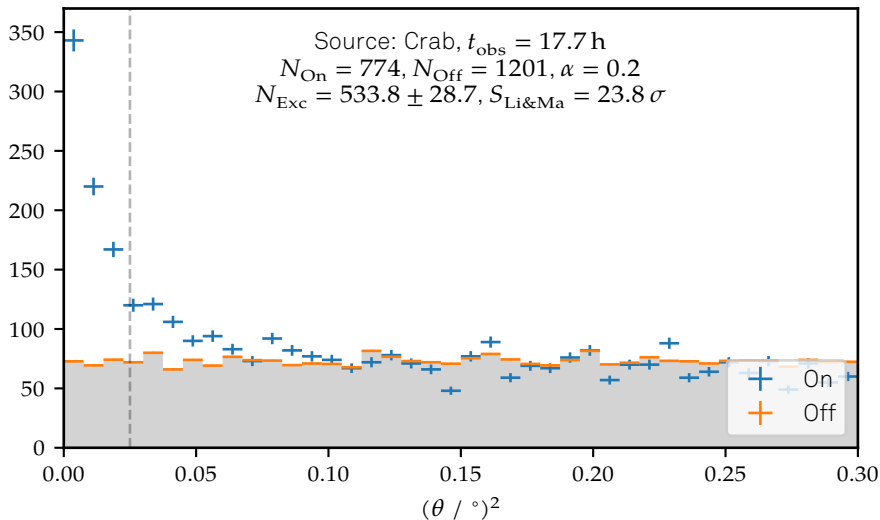
- We use the Scientific Python Stack
- **scikit-learn** models for particle classification, energy estimation and reconstruction of origin

Example analysis on the open data sample:

```
$ git clone https://github.com/fact-project/open_crab_sample_analysis
$ pip install -r requirements.txt
$ make
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This will download the data, train models, apply them and produce a θ^2 plot for the source detection.

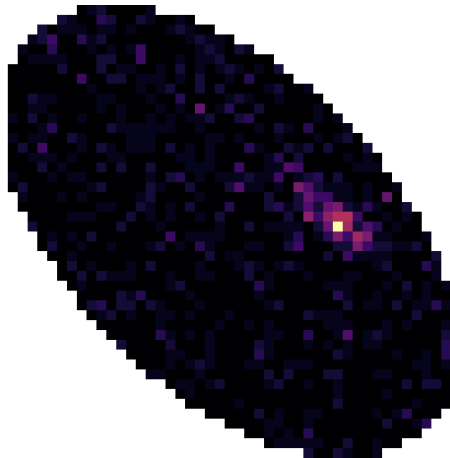
Result



Deep Learning

- Ongoing efforts to try deep learning on this dataset
- Using photonstream representation
- Reducing the hexgrid and time domain to square images

See: https://github.com/mackaiver/cnn_cherenkov



Conclusions

- From the start, FACT made results of the Quick Look Analysis publicly available
<https://fact-project.org/monitoring>
- In November, FACT released a dataset of Crab observations, from the raw data up.
- Accompanied by extensive simulations.
- FACT-Tools standard analysis has 23.8σ on this dataset
- Use it for education and outreach!
- Many possibilities including Deep Learning, Spectrum Estimation, etc.
- We are planning on releasing more data in the future.