Accounting for systematic uncertainties in the Imaging X-ray Polarimetry Explorer (IXPE) detector response

Modeling of systematics

- ▷ The shapes of instrumental response functions (IRFs) have been altered to simulate the effect of systematic errors
- > A simulated source has been folded with the altered IRFs to see the error induced in parameter estimation

Results

- > Systematic errors are compatible with the statistical error in the polarization degree only for very bright sources.
- > The systematic error largely dominates the statistical error in the Normalization and photon index for bright sources.
- ▷ Errors on the energy scale shows similar behavior and influences the polarization degree only for exceptionally bright sources, being the relevant source of uncertainty for spectral parameters.

