



# Fermi

Gamma-ray Space Telescope

**Users Group Meeting  
12 May 2010**

**Data Analysis Workshops/  
Schools**

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# Data Analysis Workshops

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- **Workshops in support of US GI program**
  - **2008: Goddard**
  - **Dec. 2009/Jan. 2010: Stanford, Fermi Lab, Boston, D.C. (AAS)**
- **Internationally hosted workshops**
  - **Monash University (Melbourne, Australia, Nov. 23-24, 2009)**
  - **11th COSPAR capacity building workshop (Bangalore, India, Feb. 8-19 2010)**
  - **40th Saas-Fee Course: Astrophysics at Very-High Energies (Les Diablerets, Switzerland, March 14 2010)**

# Typical one-day workshop program

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9:00 - 9:30	Registration, Setup	
9:30 - 9:40	Overview, Workshop Objectives	
9:40 - 10:00	Data Selection, Exploration	Basic data interaction
10:00 - 10:10	Data Selection Caveats	
10:10 - 10:30	Hands on Session 1	
10:30 - 10:50	Point Source Analysis	
10:50 - 11:00	Using the Catalog for Analysis	Standard point source analysis spectral parameter estimation
11:00 - 12:00	Hands on Session 2	
12:00 - 12:15	Q&A, Review	
12:15 - 13:30	Lunch Break	
13:30 - 13:45	Advanced Likelihood Topics	Special topic
13:45 - 14:45	Hands on Session 3	
14:45 - 15:00	Light Curve Analysis	
15:00 - 15:45	Hands on Session 4	
15:45 - 16:00	Summary, Feedback	Highly successful! Well-organized, well-attended, positive feedback
16:00 - 16:30	GI Program and Q&A	
16:30	Adjourn	

# Saas-Fee - Fermi analysis hands-on session

- Organized by FSSC
- Not very hands-on...
  - 1/2 day
  - ~60 students (grad to postdoc)
  - 3 instructors
- Good feedback
  - Too short!
  - First successful interaction with data for some
  - Great questions from advanced users
  - Clear interest and need for in-depth exploration of analysis topics



Saas-Fee 2010

Welcome



Fermi data analysis hands-on session

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CTA AHEAD HEAVENS Saas-Fee HTRS 2011

40th Saas-Fee Course  
Astrophysics at Very-High Energies



# Bangalore Workshop

- **2 weeks**
- **30 students (undergrad to postdoc)**
- **Project working groups**
  - **AGN (2), GRBs, pulsars, X-ray binaries**
  - **Reproduce results from Fermi publications**

- Overview Slides:

- Introduction to High Energy Astrophysics, Gamma-ray Astronomy Dave Thompson
- Gamma-ray Astronomy Instrumentation Neil Gehrels
- Fermi Overview Julie McEnery
- Fermi Archive, Search and Data Download Robin Corbet
- Basics of Analysis of High Energy Data, Use of Statistics, Photon Counting Mariano Mendez
- Statistics Peter Willmore
- X-ray Astronomy Missions Mariano Mendez
- Indian Astronomical Facilities Biswajit Paul

- GBM Science & Analysis:

- Overview of Science with GBM Valerie Connaughton
- GBM GRB Analysis Valerie Connaughton

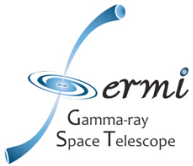
- LAT Science & Analysis:

- LAT GRB Analysis I Valerie Connaughton
- LAT GRB Analysis II Julie McEnery
- Aperture Photometry Robin Corbet
- Fermi Timing Analysis Demonstration Dave Thompson
- Likelihood Analysis of LAT Data Benoit Lott
- More on Likelihood analysis of LAT data Benoit Lott

- Gamma-Ray Science:

- Radiative Processes, Pulsar, and SNRs Dipankar Bhattacharya
- Pulsars (Gamma-ray Emission, Coordinated Observations) Dave Thompson
- Magnetar High Energy Emission Wim Hermsen
- Gamma-ray Emission of X-ray Binaries Robin Corbet
- Physics of Blazars Benoit Lott
- Gamma-ray Properties and Multi-wavelength Observations of Blazars Dave Thompson
- Gamma-Ray Burst Physics and Swift Observations Neil Gehrels
- Fermi Observations of Gamma-Ray Bursts Valerie Connaughton
- Cosmic Rays Pijushpani Bhattacharjee
- Diffuse Gamma-Ray Emission P. Sreekumar
- Dark Matter Pijushpani Bhattacharjee






# Early Planning for Fermi Analysis School

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- **Longer format schools are ideal for Fermi analysis**
  - Fully explore a variety of applications
  - Allow deeper understanding of data properties and techniques
- **Preliminary planning begun for a Fermi school**
  - 2 week format covering both science and analysis topics related to Fermi LAT and GBM
  - Winter/Spring 2011
  - Exploring venues in the D.C. area
  - Details of organization and logistics in progress

# Workshop slides archived in FSSC library



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#### Workshop Presentations

These presentations are listed in reverse time order. It is advisable to use the more recent presentations, as older ones may be out of date or no longer applicable. The name of the presenter is included for each document.

**2010 Feb 8-19: Fermi-Cospar - Bangalore, India**

These files were originally held at the [Fermi-Cospar website](#).

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