FSSC News

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Staffing Changes

- Tom Stephens leaving for SOFIA
  - Feb 13 2009
- Elizabeth Ferrara joins SSC
  - Jan 19 2009
  - Formerly w/GLAST Project Office

Archive Status

- GBM data bases products implemented
  - Trigger, GRB & daily data tables
  - Calibration & pipeline issues being resolved
- LAT LC tables currently implemented
  - Browse table + simple web interface
- LAT data server implemented, not public
  - Used by SSC & LAT consortium
- Ready to post bright source list
  - FITS, HTML

LAT Bright Source List

Accompanying text forthcoming (+astro-ph link).

No Browse table implemented since this is not a permanent database product.

GSSC :: Data Access

LAT Bright Source List

Download:

- FITS File
- Excel File
- ASCII File

Columns can be sorted by clicking on the column heading.

Source Name	R.A.	Decl.	l	b	95% conf. radius	Test Statistic	Flux (100MeV-1GeV)	Flux U
0FGL J0007.4+7303	1.852	73.065	119.690	10.471	0.054	4176.825	3.245e-07	1.332e-
0FGL J0017.4-0503	4.358	-5.054	101.274	-66.485	0.252	215.391	1.180e-07	1.432e-
0FGL J0025.1-7202	6.295	-72.042	305.786	-44.941	0.163	161.933	5.087e-08	2.041e-
0FGL J0030.3+0450	7.600	4.848	113.111	-57.622	0.138	351.236	5.555e-08	3.979e-
0FGL J0033.6-1921	8.401	-19.360	94.215	-81.220	0.147	115.554	4.730e-09	3.447e-
0FGL J0036.7+5951	9.177	59.854	121.081	-2.965	0.144	106.992	6.708e-08	3.095e-
0FGL J0050.5-0928	12.637	-9.470	122.209	-72.341	0.130	421.898	8.114e-08	1.325e-
0FGL J0051.1-0647	12.796	-6.795	122.751	-69.666	0.127	245.717	6.585e-08	1.404e-
0FGL J0100.2+0750	15.051	7.844	126.716	-54.963	0.110	122.214	2.482e-08	0.000e+
0FGL J0112.1+2247	18.034	22.790	129.148	-39.832	0.134	309.576	5.374e-08	7.265e-
0FGL J0118.7-2139	19.676	-21.656	172.990	-81.728	0.164	317.166	7.047e-08	1.059e-

NRA Cycle-2 Preparations

- Proposal support materials online
  - LAT detectability tool,
  - "FermiSpec" facility
- 66 NOIs received as yesterday
  - New names, fresh ideas
- ARK/RPS system tested, now online
  - Changes from past FUG implemented
- Review plans progressing

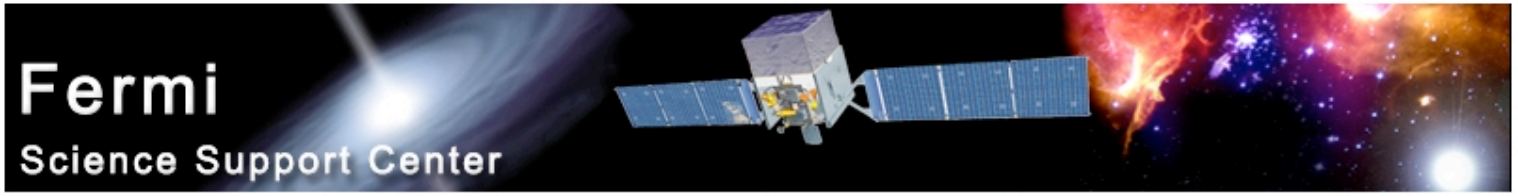
Science Tools Release

- Science tools posted for public download!
- Binary distributions → simple installation
  - 8 platforms currently supported
- Documentation updated
  - SLAC analysis workbook migrated to SSC
  - Redacted, augmented for GI audience

Science Tools Release

The Science Tools are now posted for public download!

Hierarchical documentation set extensively updated.



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Installing the Femi Science Tools

You can install the Fermi Science Tools using either a source distribution or using a precompiled binary. The preferred method is to use the **binary** distribution. If you are unsure which distribution to select contact you system administrator. On a unix command line you can find your machine type with the command

uname -m

and you should see something like i686, x86_64, or powerpc.

To determine the version of libc you can try

ls /lib/libc-*

and you should see something like

/lib/libc-2.3.4.so

where the 2.3.4 is the libc version.

We have binary distributions for:

- Scientific Linux 4.4 32 bit libc 2.3.4
- Scientific Linux 5 32 bit libc 2.5
- Scientific Linux 4 64 bit libc 2.3.4
- Scientific Linux 4 64 bit libc 2.5
- MAC OS X 10.4 powerpc
- MAC OS X 10.4 intel
- MAC OS X 10.5 powerpc
- MAC OS X 10.5 intel

Science Tools: Simulations

Science Tools include simulation tool; *gtobssim.* Proposers can simulate more realistic scenarios than w/web based tools, *e.g.* multiple point sources of differing intensities, spectra including backgrounds, mono-energetic sources, pulsed or transient sources.

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% fhelp gtobssim

NAME

       gtobssim - Generate photon events from astrophysical sources
                  and process those photons according to the specified
                  instrument response functions.

USAGE

       gtobssim infile srclist scfile evroot simtime startdate use_ac
       ra dec radius irfs seed



DESCRIPTION

Gtobssim is a GLAST Science Tool that allows the user to simulate
point and diffuse GLAST observations using a specific spectral shape
for a selected region of the sky in GLAST survey and pointing
modes. Its intended use includes observation and proposal planning, as
well as assessing actual GLAST observations.
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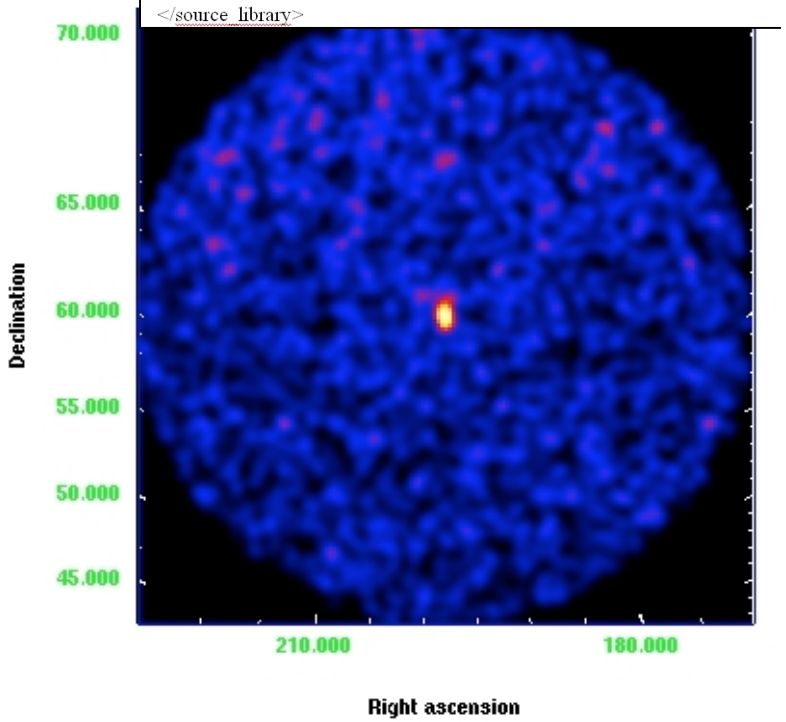

Cycle-2 Planning

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Cycle-2 Plans

- $8M available, anticipate ~100 programs
- Scope review for up to ~300 proposals, ~50 reviewers, 6 committees
- Contract w/NRESS negotiated by NASA HQ
  - Discussions w/FSSC
- Review: local venue, quick access to BWI
- Proposal to start plenary evening of day N
  - Splinter committees Day N+1, N+2
  - Executive session day N+2 (conceivably evening of day N+2)

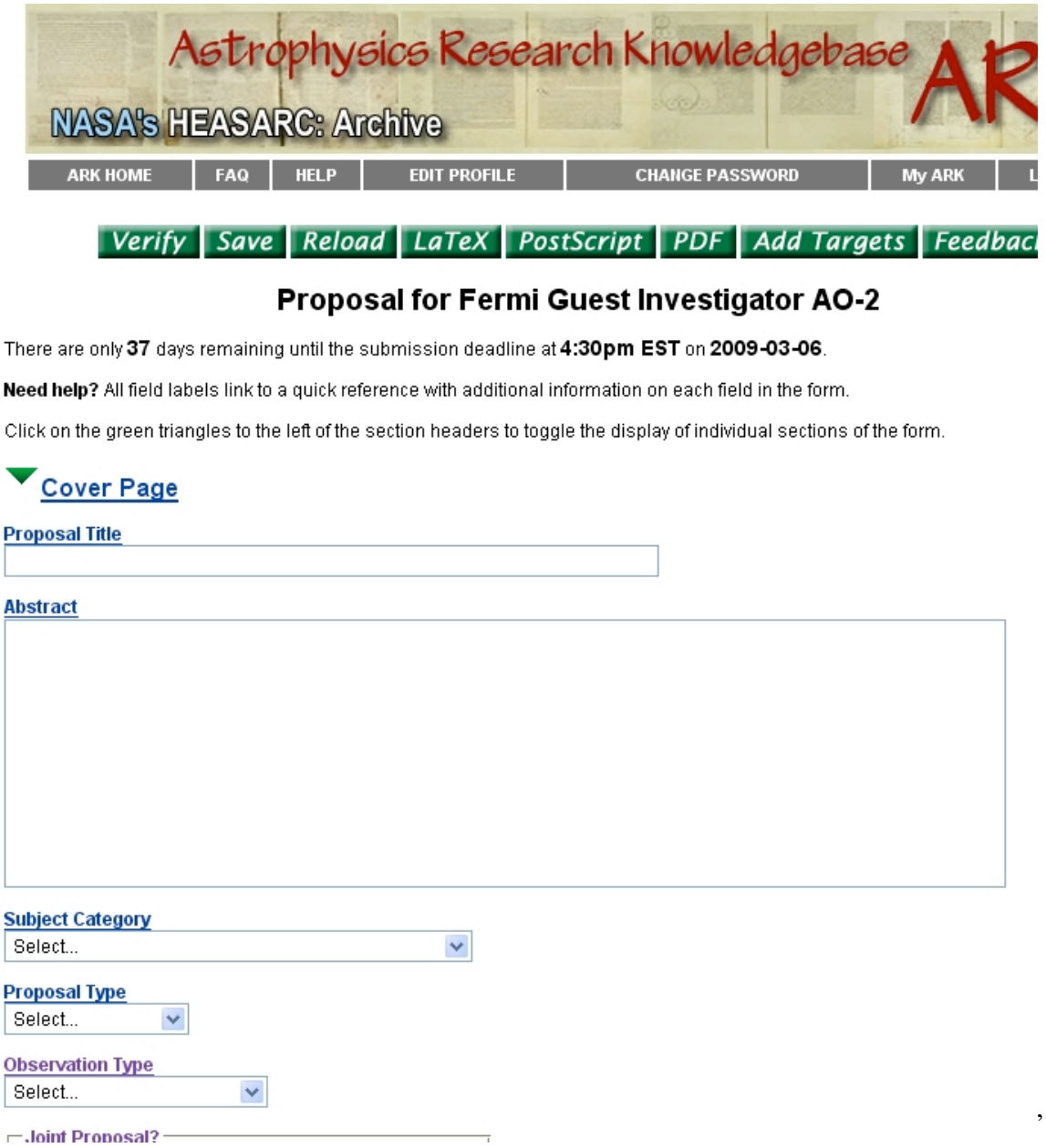
Cycle-2: A few Details

- Stage 1 proposal form requires proposer supplied budget cap, + absolute ceilings ($100k & $200k) imposed by NRA
- Review committees will see the caps
  - Whited out in cycle 1
- Technical reviews
  - FSSC will screen proposals
  - Solicit technical assessment from instrument teams where warranted
  - Minimal # of eyes, require consent agreements

Submitting a proposal

- 4- / 6-page limits for regular/large proposals
  - Science justification as PDF attachment
  - 1-page technical appendix for joint NOAO or NRAO programs
- Stage-2 proposal managed by NRESS
  - Must use NSPIRES facility
- Minimalist approach to stage-2 review
  - Complete by Aug 2009

Submitting a proposal



ARK/RPS page for Fermi Cycle-2 program. Straight forward, internally documented web form. Sub-menus for NOAO, NRAO requests. File input accommodated for large target lists. Verification feature & upload function.

Cycle-1 Multi-Year Programs

- NRA requires progress report to be evaluated in conjunction w/stage-I review
  - RPS modified to accommodate
  - PIs notified
- Level of scrutiny likely to be modest?

Proposer Workshops

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Proposer Workshops

- ~1/2 day workshops, 4 regional venues
- Review of mission status, early science
- NRA and proposal submission details
- Online support tools & materials
- Discussion of bright source list, science tools
- 2 or 3 science talks from local institutions

Future Workshops

- Detailed discussion of data analysis
- Hands on tutorials on Science Tools
- Use real data, real science!
- From past experience: more than ~5:1 participant:staff ratio becomes problematic
  - Query community
  - Multiple venues