

Service Challenge – Planning Stage





Stefano, where are you??



In a NutShell



Mission Statement

The Service Challenge(s) will be used to exercise as many functions and responsibilities as possible. As needed various "sub-Challenges" will be run to demonstrate functionality, as well as coordinating with GRTs as appropriate.

These functions have been identified:

- handle a significant amount of orbit data (55 days or greater)
- · process L0 data realistically by downlink
- · perform L1 processing, including livetime and pointing history tracking
- · calibrate and align the LAT
- · transfer L1 products to SSC
- populate LAT dataservers with L1 data
- · Monitoring and trending of science data for instrument performance
- Exercise shift taking tools and procedures
- Perform L2, aka Automated Science Processing, aka QuickLook
- · Demonstrate delivery of GCN notices and display of ASP web output
- Demonstrate data reprocessing
- · Exercise Data Servers for analysis

To be demonstrated by ~Feb 2007

Integrate with Science Group efforts and GRTs

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Some Details



- target 2 months of orbit data with DC2-like sky
 - have different calibrations for MC and Recon
 - misalign the LAT relative to the satellite
 - perhaps include pointed observation a la activation plan to perform alignment to spacecraft
 - misalign towers relative to each other
 - we would be reconstructing data with old calibrations; and then have to reprocess
 - any actual faults? Break a something or two towards the end of the period?
 - more complete EbfWriter for higher fidelity playback of simulated raw data files? And/or a mechanism to get livetime/pointing history from current locations - that would be easily transfered to the final data format.
- Generate LDF/CCSDS etc for input to the reconstruction pipeline
 - break up the task into simulation/reconstruction pieces
 - finish L1 task design
 - Ties into GRT5
- Dribble the data through recon etc as per 3 hr downlinks
 - make runs span downlinks?
 - do some 'shifts', with run coordinator and shiftees, including overnight unattended operations?

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More Details



- Exercise "eLog" for tracking runs and shift output
- Extract/access/display livetime and pointing histories
- transfer of L1 products to SSC/LAT Data servers
 - approval process?
 - automated transfer and receipt
 - audit data trail
- Exercise LAT DataServers for Analysis
 - better handling of selection by time
 - interaction between the FITS astroserver and "instrument" merit files.
 - serving pointing and livetime histories
- Exercise Data Diagnostics
 - Exercise trending of Science Data
 - use celestial sources to monitor LAT performance
- Exercise ASP
 - See ASP desirements document from Seth et al
 - eg monitor flaring sources
 - Refine GRB positions
 - need list of standard sources to monitor
 - standard products to report on; web interface for export
 - Distribution/Display of L2 products



Connection to Science Groups



- There are moves afoot for several datasets to be created for the Science Groups:
 - 55 day obssim run: tools don't know how deal with pointing
 - ARR
 - New orbit
 - LAT/SC misalignment
 - Final DC2 IRFs
 - 55 day Gleam run ibid
 - 1 year Gleam run
 - Potentially huge backgrounds run needed
 - Use of Lyon, Italian farms?
- Possible timescales are August, October and February for these 3 datasets
- There is much overlap in these goals and timing with the SC



What Next?



- Advertise the goals around the collaboration and come to consensus
- Empanel a steering committee to coordinate the work and gather ideas for what to do/test (worked for DC2!)
- Flesh out all the work lists and make a more realistic schedule with milestones for intermediate tests of the big ticket items along the way
- Get on with it!