

Data Archive & Software Development

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FSSC Data Archive Status

GBM Data

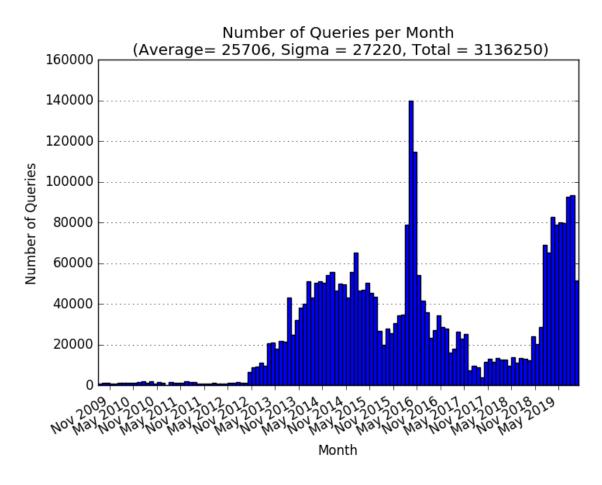
- Data ingest proceeding smoothly.
- GBM archive is about 20TB in total (~2.5 TB/year currently).
- Mostly continuous TTE files by volume

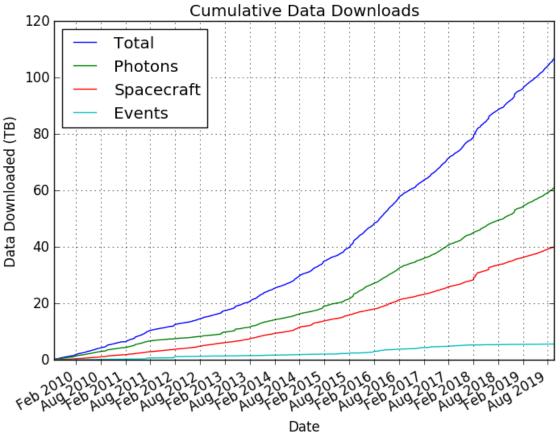
LAT

- Reprocessed Pass8 (P8R3) data public on 2018-11-26
- LAT photon data ~114GB
- LAT event data ~630GB
- LAT spacecraft files ~1.5GB
- Catalogs added to Browse
 - 4FGL catalog added in February. Updated this week.
 - 2nd Fermi LAT GRB catalog added in July.



FSSC LAT Data Server Statistics







Spacecraft (FT2) File Reprocessing

- Primary change is to add velocity information.
 - Requested by pulsar community.
- Improved calculation for geodetic latitude and altitude.
- Current status
 - Fixing old runs
 - Validating geo changes
 - Updated GLASTRelease for geo changes
- About 60k files to reprocess, deliver, and ingest at FSSC
- Timeframe
 - Several weeks to remake all the files
 - Need to be careful not to overload and interfere with production pipeline
 - At least a week to ingest at FSSC



LAT Data Server Upgrade

- Current data server runs on old hardware
 - Photon and spacecraft data are served from cluster of 10 nodes purchased in 2007.
 - Events and 1s spacecraft are handled by single machine from 2011.
 - Photon and event data are stored on disk in HTM FITS files.
- Replacing with 5 new servers.
 - Better CPU and more RAM.
 - Using NVME SSDs to increase I/O.
 - Limiting factor in data server speed is disk I/O.
- Will greatly reduce query times.
- Will be able to add new capabilities.
 - Need to determine what those will be.



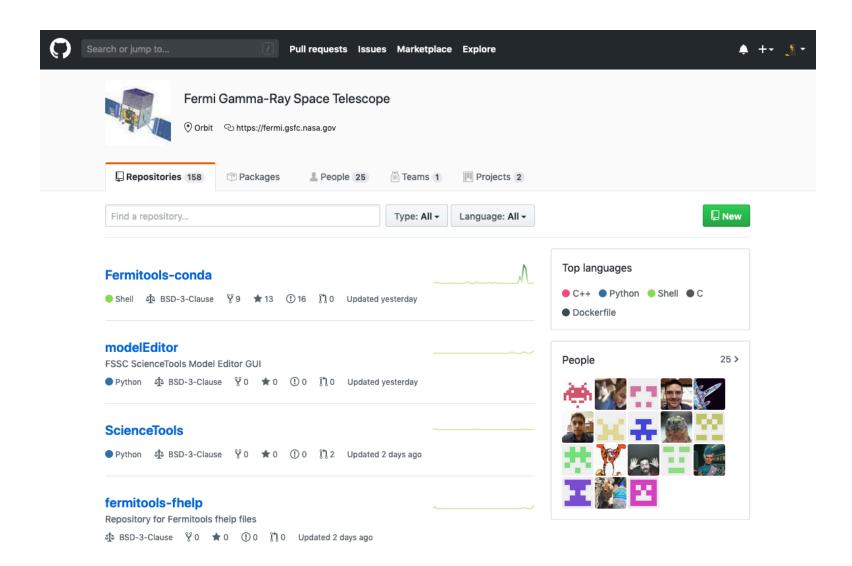
Data Analysis Software

Fermitools

- Moved to Conda for distribution. First release 2018-10-15.
- Third party dependencies handled by Conda.
- Reduces library compatibility issues.
- Faster releases. Patch releases in March, April, May, June, and July.
- Works in MS-Windows in Linux Subsystem for Windows
- Latest release is 1.0.10 in July. Next release is coming soon.
 - As of 9/30 there are 524 Linux downloads and 147 MacOS downloads from Conda
- Continuous integration (CI) model and open source tools
 - Code moved from CVS to Github.
 - Using Microsoft Azure cloud for build and test pipeline.
 - Allows builds on Linux and MacOS.
 - When a change is checked into Github, a build is automatically started, tests run, and binaries pushed to Conda cloud (if tests passed).

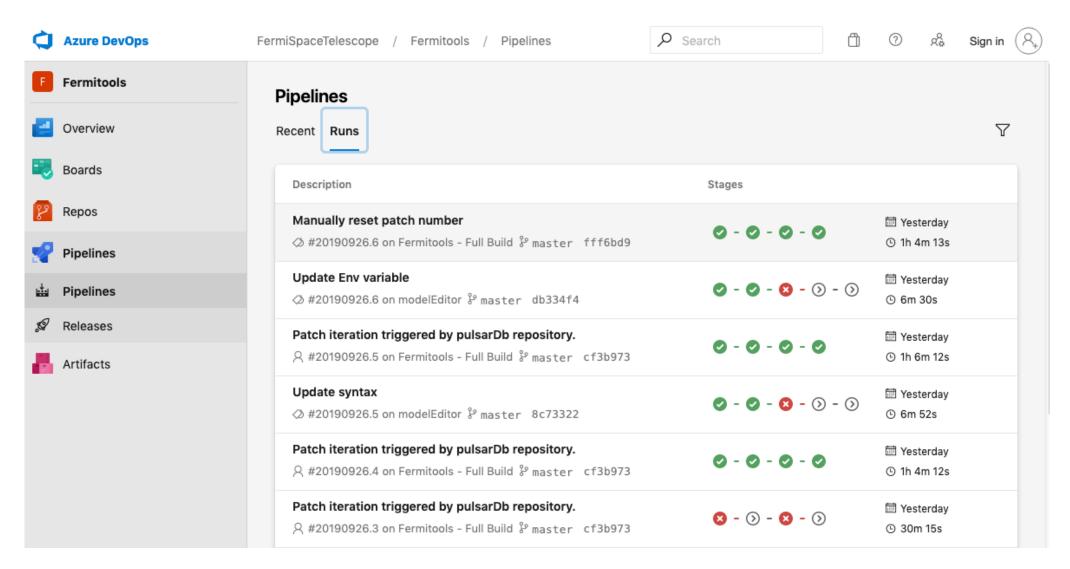


Github



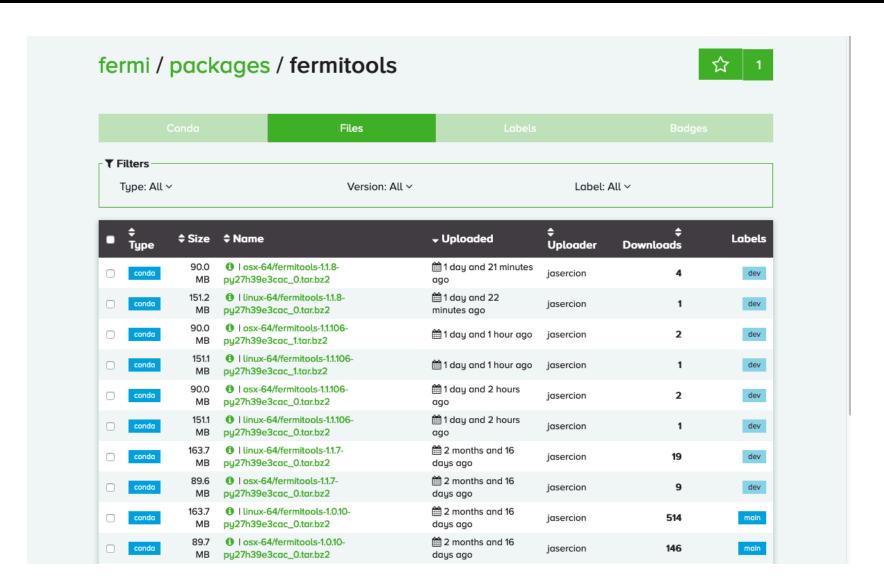


Azure Pipeline Runs





Anaconda Cloud





Fermitools Roadmap

- Fermitools 1.2.0
 - Add Eric Charles's changes to the energy dispersion method
 - Release set for early October 2019
- Fermitools 1.4.0
 - C++11 compatibility and ROOT 6 release
 - Will no longer need install flag to use old compilers need since January
 - Necessary before Python 3 release
 - Release planned for late October 2019
- Fermitools 2.0
 - Python 3 compatibility release
 - Python 2 is sunset in January 2020.
 - Packages have already stopped Python 2 updates.
 - No more updates to 1.X.X Fermitools versions.
 - Release planned for November 2019

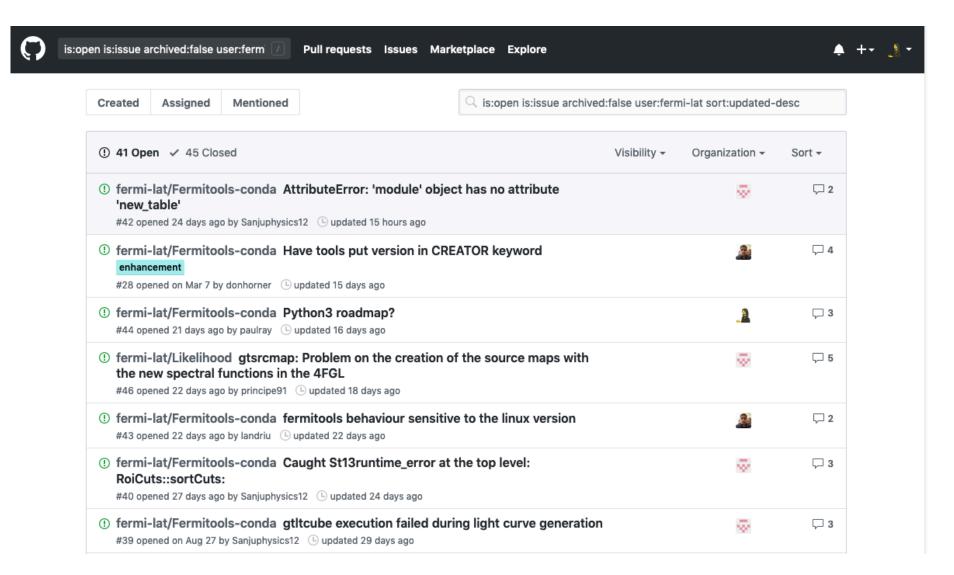


User Support

- Helpdesk
 - ~4000 queries since the start of the mission.
 - ~18 queries per month over last year.
- Github issue tracker
 - Public
 - Easier to track
 - Current 41 open issues and 45 closed.
- Attempt to increase collaboration and community involvement. Create how-tos and presentations for
 - How to use Github and fix bugs
 - User contributed software
- Intern converted analysis threads to Jupyter (Python) notebooks.



Github Tracker





Other Activities

- FSSC helps maintain L1 pipeline and other infrastructure/services at SLAC.
 - Attempting to capture knowledge, e.g., for reprocessing.
- Created documentation for how to run the Azure pipelines, Conda, etc.
- Supporting Docker container
 - Produced for summer school. Now for general use.
 - Contains other utilities like HEASoft, fermipy, tempo2, etc.
- Adding user contributed tools to website.
- Cleaning up documentation on website and fhelp files.