

Fermi Users Group



FSSC & Fermi GI Program

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FSSC Functional Overview



- Archiving and distribution of LAT,
 GBM science products
- Maintenance and distribution of analysis SW (Fermitools)
- All areas of user support
- GI program management
- Support spacecraft & LAT instrument operations, scheduling & planning
- Support of Fermi EPO activities



FSSC Status - Fermitools



- Fermitools 2.2.0 was released in June 2022
 - ➤ 662+49 MacOS (Intel + ARM) downloads, 1465 Linux downloads
 - ➤ 67% Linux downloads
- Docker container has about 3K downloads in total. About 1k in the last year.
- Another patch release is in the works
- Longer term plan is underway to improve the performance (e.g., speed and memory usage) of some of the tools.



FSSC Status – User Support



- Helpdesk:
 - > ~12 queries per month to plus ~2-3 per month reported through Github.
- Community outreach: Organized AAS booth for Jan. 23 meeting
- Some usual activities (e.g., Science Jamboree) curtailed since the start of the pandemic
- Proposal workshops
 - > Planned for January 24, 2023, ~1 month prior to proposal deadline
 - Advertised in HEAD Newsletter



FSSC Status – Data Operations



Archive:

- > 899 TB of data downloaded over mission lifetime (GBM+LAT). 120 TB in the last year.
- > The LAT team delivered 1.5 billion photons to the FSSC as of 2022-02-28.

Upgraded LAT Data Server:

- New data server went live on 2022-03-14. No major issues. It has been very stable.
- > Significant performance improvement
- Facilitates addition of more filtering options at download stage



FSSC Status – Operations Support



- Weekly timeline package deliveries to FOT
- Continued support of LAT planning and scheduling, L1 pipeline monitoring
- FSSC participation in orbit raise discussions:
 - FSSC will schedule observations based on the expected orbit changes, then evaluate and potentially reschedule after each burn.
 - The LAT schedule will also be evaluated for SAA passage times.



Program Status



- Cycle-15 proposals reviewed in April 2022, selections in May, cycle imitated on 8/3/2022
 - No issues related to dual-anonymous process
- Response to NRA, selection rate similar to previous several cycles
- Cycle-16 deadline is February 16, 2023
 - Anticipate timeline for selection, implementation to be similar to Cycle 15



Cycle 15 Proposal Statistics



Cycle-15

80 proposals received, involving 259 individual investigators from 140 institutions includes: 2 Large project requests

34 selections, 34 grants awarded \$6.4M requested, \$2.9M awarded, \$75k/yr average grant Note: \$2.9M also covers \$0.27M Cy-14 obligation

Joint Programs	Program	# Submitted	# Selected
	NRAO	7	4
	NOIRlab	6	1
	INTEGRAL	0	0
	TESS	1	0
	VERITAS	5	1



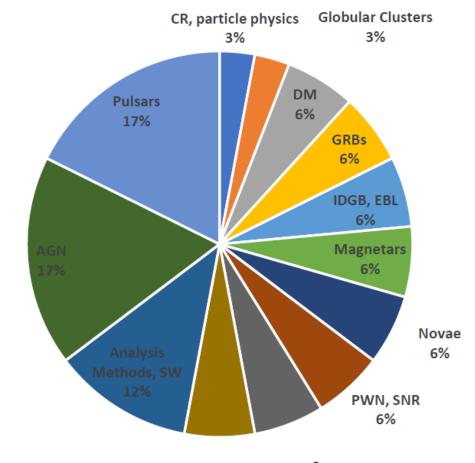
Topical Breakdown

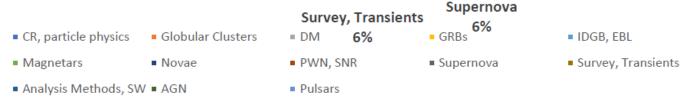
(Cycle-15 Selected Proposals)



Programmatic breakdown:

LAT data analysis (44%), GBM data analysis (9%), Correlated MW observation (32%, Theory (15%)

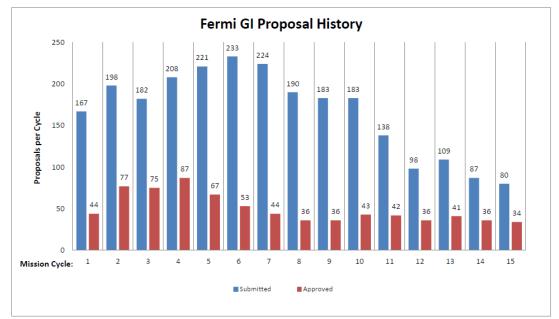






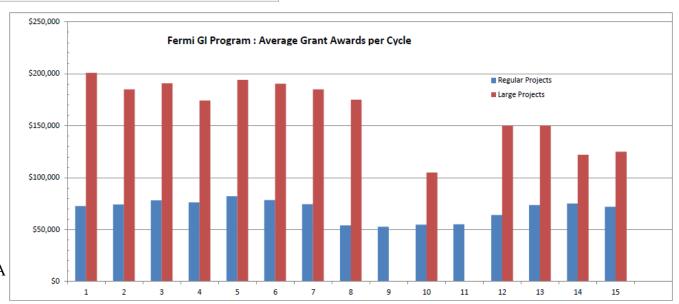
GI Program History





Selection rate ~40%, slightly over recent years, ~factor of 2 improvement over Cy-2-10 average

Grant level flat since Cycle-13.



Fermi Users Group Meeting, NASA

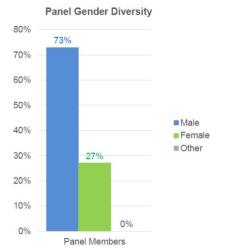


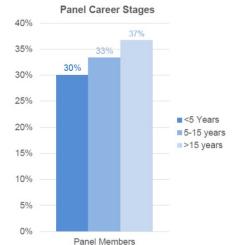
Diversity, Seniority Balance

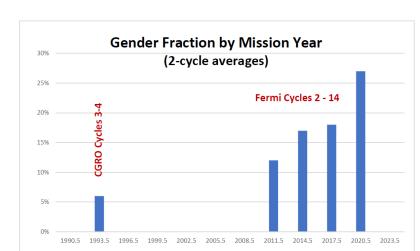




Out of 34 selections: 6 first time Pls, 9 earlycareer Pls







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■ 5-10 years

>10 years





Thanks for your attention! Questions, Comments?

Experiences w/Dual Anonymous Review



- No significant issues occurred implementing Cycle-15 DAPR process
 - Very few noncompliance issues identified
 - Several rather blatant cases were identified prior to the review and sent to over NASA HQ for guidance
 - ➤ Lenient approach was advocated for first time DAPRs → no disqualifications
- NASA discourages reviewer discussion of proposer's identities
 - No such issues occurred
 - As discussed at FUG 2020 there were inevitable cases where PIs could be clearly identified, but reviewer self discipline prevailed