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Post-DC1 Work



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Outline

Note: This presentation is from a science tools perspective

- Immediate aftermath of DC1
- Friends of science tools development
 - Pipeline server, Gleam,...
- Response functions
- Likelihood characterization & optimization
- Observation simulation
- Other science tools pulsars and GRBs
- LAT source catalog & source detection
- LAT interstellar emission model
- Data servers
- Infrastructure
 - User interface
 - Data visualization



In the aftermath of DC1

- Clean up DC1 distribution and installation instructions
 - Make a final DC1 release
- Clean up documentation as necessary
- Keep data and DC1 tools and analysis results available indefinitely
- [Write a closeout report for our own reference]



Other-than-science tools development

- Gleam
 - E.g., livetime
- Strengthening our connections with our good friends in Flight Software
 - What's in the telemetry?
 - Onboard science
- Processing pipeline
- Monitoring performance in flight
 - Calibration, alignment

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Response functions

- Analysis group
 - Onboard filter, reconstruction, classification
 - Response functions multiple classes, investigate & write up answers to questions like azimuthal variation of response
- Fix up how the classifications are specified in FT1/merit
- For CALDB + LATresponse, revisit the parameterizations of the response functions



Likelihood analysis

- Performance, accuracy, statistical interpretation of results
 - Relates to observation simulation
 - Effects of finite energy resolution
 - Zenith angle cuts. Moon cuts? Sun cuts?
- Exposure map generation



Observation simulation

- Orbit and attitude simulation
 - Slewing, orientation with respect to sun
 - We need something that can someday provide accurate orbital positions on ~few day scale and can allow for pointed observations, slewing for autonomous observations



Other science tools

- Pulsars
 - It is time ephemeris database, barycenter arrival time corrector, phase assignment, periodicity tests
 - With existing software, this should involve limited LAT-specific development
 - Some work is needed in the flux package, too
- GRBs
 - Temporal analysis, spectral-temporal physical modeling are planned
 - Work is probably needed on GRB sources for the flux package



LAT source catalog

- Working group has started to meet every other week
- Source detection and definition of suitable simulated data are of immediate interest



LAT interstellar emission model

- In principle we are organized as a Collaboration Science Working Team
- Working is not to be construed as programming, however
- Some important updates and improvements can be made to the EGRET team's model
 - Improved angular resolution really isn't one of them
- The model certainly will be updated after launch



Data servers

- GSSC and SLAC servers are separate and more or less equal
- SLAC server needs clarified definition, from the perspective of high-level analysis [It will also have pre-Level 1 data]
- Any chance of convergent design?
- Processing pipeline and data catalog and how they will interface with the LAT/SLAC data server.

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Infrastructure

- User interface
 - Graphics. Are we close? Do we need to reassess what we want?
 - How about in terms of a GUI?
- Contents of high-level (FT1 and FT2) inputs to science tools
- Code architecture
 - James and Toby as code architects are reorganizing design of Goodi
 - Will there be architecting beyond the infrastructure level? Should there be?



Conclusions

- There's obviously a lot to do in the immediate future and in the lead up to DC2
 - Important details, like how we can get all the work done, are not addressed here
- Data challenges, reviews, workshops, code architecting, talks like this...
 - Are all ways we are attempting to avoid discovering the right way to do things only by process of elimination
 - They are also ways we stay coordinated with each other