GOF Activities

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Personnel

Big Changes in the Summer 2006 -

Bonnard Teegarden retired

Chris Shrader transitioned to the GLAST SSC

Ken Watanabe moved to Florida Gulf Coast Univ.

Neil Gehrels became US Project Scientist

Jack Tueller became Deputy US Project Scientist

- January 2007 Gerry Skinner arrives from CESR, Toulouse
- April 2007 Volker Beckmann moved to ISDC in Geneva
- October 2007 Katja Pottschmidt moves to GOF from UCSD

INTEGRAL GO Program Role

- Promote and support US participation in INTEGRAL Guest Observer Program
- Solicit and review Stage 2 Budget Proposals from successful US PIs and US Co-Is on foreign-led proposals.
- Monitor the observing program and initiate funding of grants to US scientists when their observations are made.
- Aid US scientists in the analysis of their data.

US INTEGRAL Archive

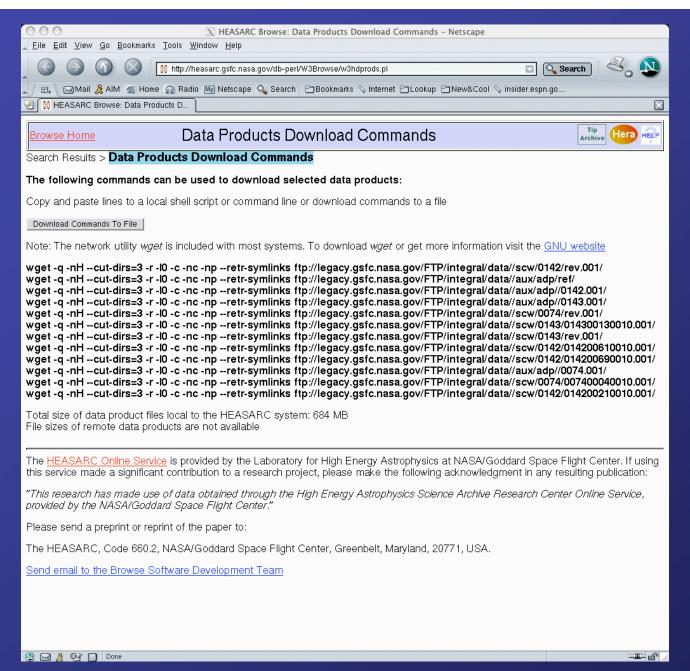
- US GOF personnel maintain a mirror to the INTEGRAL Public Data Archive at the ISDC.
- Data becomes public roughly 1 year after the data is initially distributed to the PI of the observation.
- This archive is maintained as part of the HEASARC multi-mission archive.
- The INTEGRAL Public Data Archive opened in July 2004.

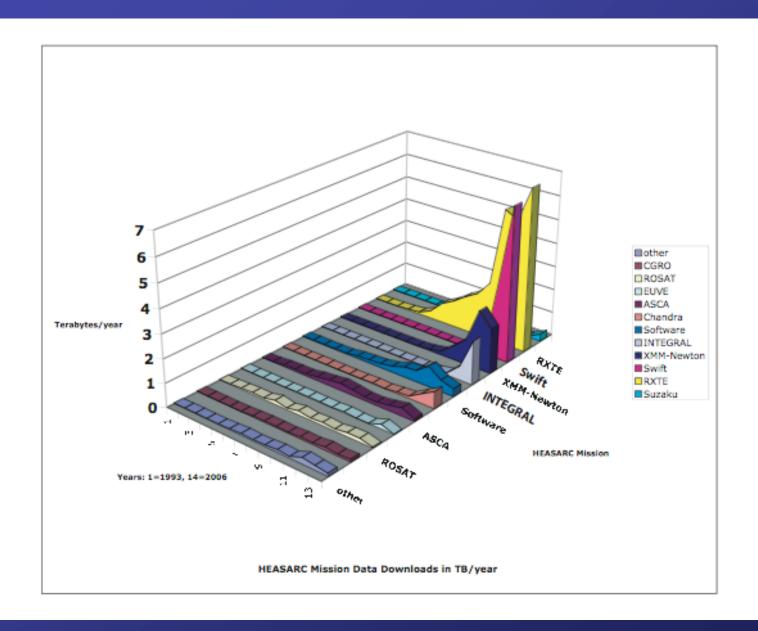
Current Public Data Archive Status

- New public data is available to the community within a few days of its release from the ISDC. The limiting factor is the low data transfer rate from the ISDC. ~3 spacecraft revolutions can be transferred per day.
- All public data through the latest release (11-13-07) is currently available from the HEASARC archive (through revolution 486)
- Public data releases occur ~monthly with the next releases scheduled for 12-04 and 12-22.
- We have an agreement with ISDC to notify us when existing public data is reprocessed.
- The ISDC is planning to reprocess the entire archive to Rev 3 status beginning in the spring of 2008. We are making plans to retrieve this data and replace the current Rev 2 data with as little down time as possible.

Accessing the US INTEGRAL Public Data Archive

- The US INTEGRAL Public Data Archive is accessible from the HEASARC via Browse or FTP.
- Accessing the data via Browse is complicated by the large size of the typical observation, 3 days of data ~ 8 GB.
- The HEASARC limit for a tar file is ~3.5 GB ==> the preferred download method is via a wget script created by Browse.
- A detailed description of all the INTEGRAL catalogs available through Browse as well as a detailed cookbook describing the downloading of data and the setting up of a local data repository are available on the GOF website: http://heasarc.gsfc.nasa.gov/docs/integral/inthp_archive.html





Archive Usage Statistics

Months	Amount Downloaded (GB)
10-07	394.0
9-07	113.2
8-07	15.2
7-07	51.7
6-07	9.2
5-07	29.7
4-07	289.1
3-07	103.6
2-07	95.8
1-07	12.1
2007 Average	111.4

INTEGRAL User Committee 11/27/07

Future Activities

- We are planning on starting a quarterly newsletter which would include the latest news about software and software releases, AO news, announcements for GOF events, and possibly a section US investigator research.
- We are considering an INTEGRAL data analysis workshop here at GSFC in the late spring or early summer.