

Analyzing MMS Data with SPEDAS (and pySPEDAS)

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- Recently began developing MMS plug-in for pySPEDAS
- Several improvements to IDL plug-in, including:
 - MMS event search
 - flatten_spectra unit conversions
 - New routine for removing old MMS data files
 - 500+ unit/regression tests, all passing

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Requirements

- Windows, Linux, or OS X
- IDL 8.4+
- IDL CDF Library 3.6.3+

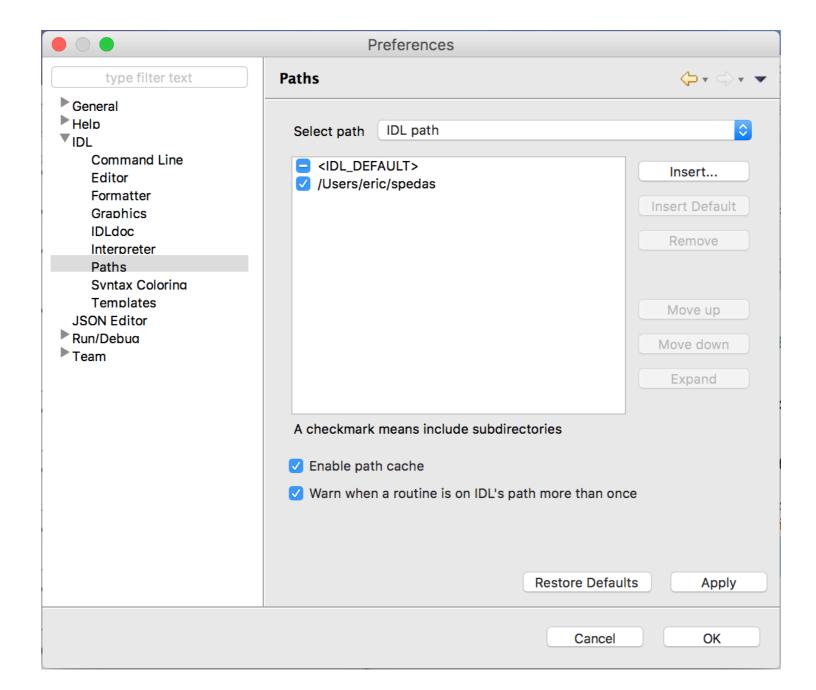
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Installing SPEDAS

http://spedas.org/wiki/index.php?title=Downloads_and_Installation



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Organization

spedas_gui: Components of the SPEDAS Graphical User Interface (GUI)

external: Code developed externally, but distributed with SPEDAS (CDAWeb, Geopack, etc.)

projects: Mission specific code

general: General science analysis tools

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MMS Load Routines

mms_load_fgm	Fluxgate Magnetometer	
mms_load_scm	Search-coil Magnetometer	
mms_load_fsm	L3 FGM+SCM	
mms_load_mec	Ephemeris and Coordinates	
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mms_load_edi	Electron Drift Instrument	
mms_load_dsp	Digital Signal Processor	
mms_load_aspoc	Active Spacecraft Potential Control	
mms_load_tetrahedron_qf	Tetrahedron Quality Factor	
mms_load_fast_segments	Fast survey intervals	
mms_load_brst_segments	Burst intervals	

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- trange
- probes
- level
- data_rate
- datatype

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Standard Keywords

```
trange=['2015-10-16', '2015-10-17']
```

```
probes=[1, 2, 3, 4]
```

level='12'

data_rate='srvy'

datatype=['des-moms', 'dis-moms']

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- suffix
- time_clip
- no_update
- spdf
- tplotnames

suffix='_burst_mode'

/time_clip

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/no_update

/spdf

tplotnames=tvarnames

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Standard Keywords

For a complete list of keywords and their descriptions, see the header for the load routine you're interested in, e.g.,

```
PROCEDURE:
        mms_load_fpi
PURPOSE:
        Load data from the Fast Plasma Investigation (FPI) onboard MMS
KEYWORDS:
                      time range of interest [starttime, endtime] with the format
        trange:
                      ['YYYY-MM-DD', 'YYYY-MM-DD'] or to specify more or less than a day
                      ['YYYY-MM-DD/hh:mm:ss','YYYY-MM-DD/hh:mm:ss']
                      list of probes, valid values for MMS probes are ['1','2','3','4'].
        probes:
                      If no probe is specified the default is probe '3'
                      indicates level of data processing. FPI levels currently include '12',
        level:
                      'l1b', 'sitl', 'ql'.
                     valid datatypes are:
        datatype:
                        Quicklook: ['des', 'dis']
                        SITL: '' (none; loads both electron and ion data from single CDF)
                       L1b/L2: ['des-dist', 'dis-dist', 'dis-moms', 'des-moms']
                     instrument data rates for MMS FPI include 'fast', 'brst'.
        data_rate:
        local_data_dir: local directory to store the CDF files; should be set if
                      you're on *nix or OSX, the default currently assumes Windows (c:\data\mms\)
                      specifies a different system variable. By default the MMS mission system
        source:
                      variable is !mms
        get_support_data: load support data (defined by support_data attribute in the CDF)
        tplotnames: returns a list of the names of the tplot variables loaded by the load routine
        no_color_setup: don't setup graphics configuration; use this keyword when you're
                      using this load routine from a terminal without an X server running
                     clip the data to the requested time range; note that if you do not use
        time_clip:
                      this keyword you may load a longer time range than requested
```

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Simple Example

```
; load the MMS1 FGM data for October 16, 2015
mms_load_fgm, probe=1, data_rate='srvy', trange=['2015-10-16', '2015-10-17']
; list the tplot variables loaded
tplot_names
; get the data out of a tplot variable
get_data, 'mms1_fqm_b_qsm_srvy_l2_bvec', data=bqsm_vec, dlimits=bqsm_metadata
; get basic info on the IDL vars that hold the B-field data
help, bgsm_vec; structure, x: times, y: data (x, y, z)
help, bgsm_metadata; plotting and file metadata
; store the data into a different tplot variable
store_data, 'new_var_with_b_gsm', data=bgsm_vec, dlimits=bgsm_metadata
; plot the newly created variable
tplot, 'new_var_with_b_qsm'
```

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Simple Example - Flux

```
trange = ['2015-10-16/13', '2015-10-16/13:10']
mms_load_fpi, probe=1, data_rate='brst', datatype=['dis-moms'], trange=trange, /time_clip
mms_load_eis, datatype=['extof', 'phxtof'], data_rate='brst', trange=trange, /time_clip, probe=1
mms_load_hpca, data_rate='brst', trange=trange, /time_clip, probe=1, datatype='ion', /major
mms_hpca_calc_anodes, fov=[0, 360]
mms_hpca_spin_sum, probe=1, /avg

tplot, ['mms1_dis_energyspectr_omni_brst', $
    'mms1_hpca_hplus_flux_elev_0-360_spin', $
    'mms1_epd_eis_brst_phxtof_proton_flux_omni', $
    'mms1_epd_eis_brst_extof_proton_flux_omni']
```

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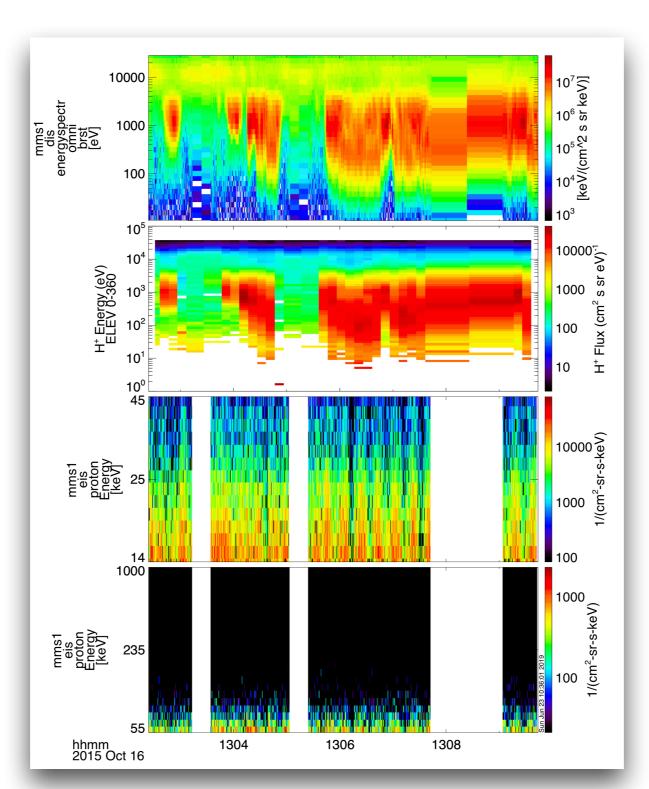
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De-gapping

```
; remove interpolation in the gaps
tdegap, ['mms1_dis_energyspectr_omni_brst', $
'mms1_hpca_hplus_flux_elev_0-360_spin', $
  'mms1_epd_eis_brst_phxtof_proton_flux_omni', $
  'mms1_epd_eis_brst_extof_proton_flux_omni'], /overwrite

tplot, ['mms1_dis_energyspectr_omni_brst', $
    'mms1_hpca_hplus_flux_elev_0-360_spin', $
    'mms1_epd_eis_brst_phxtof_proton_flux_omni', $
    'mms1_epd_eis_brst_extof_proton_flux_omni']
```

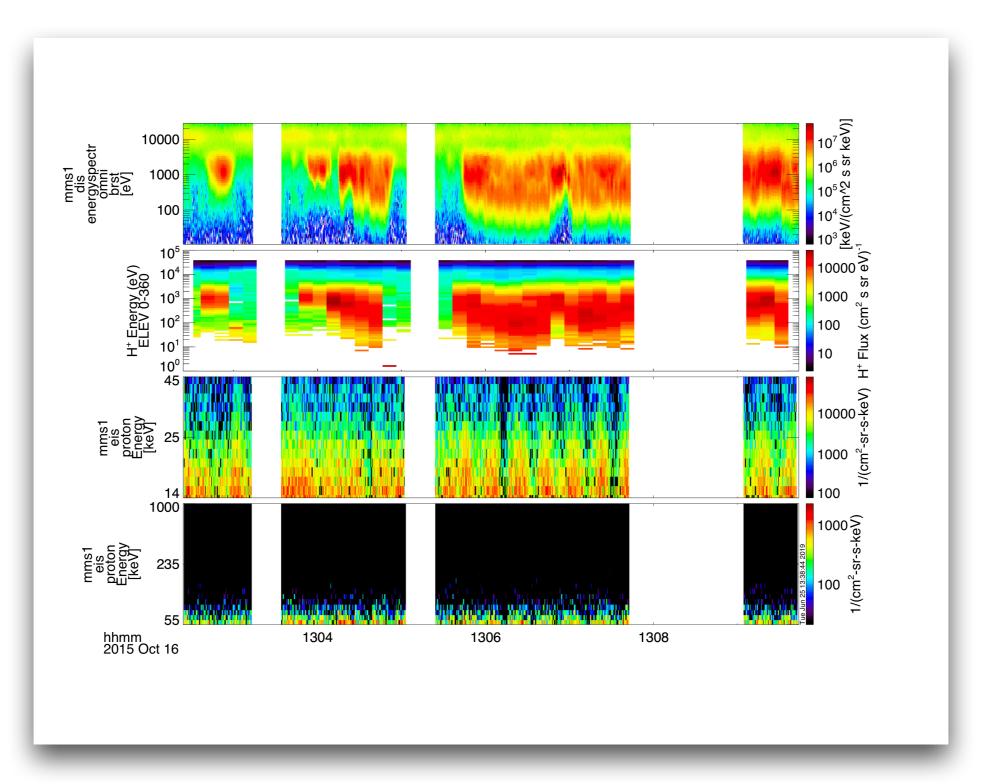
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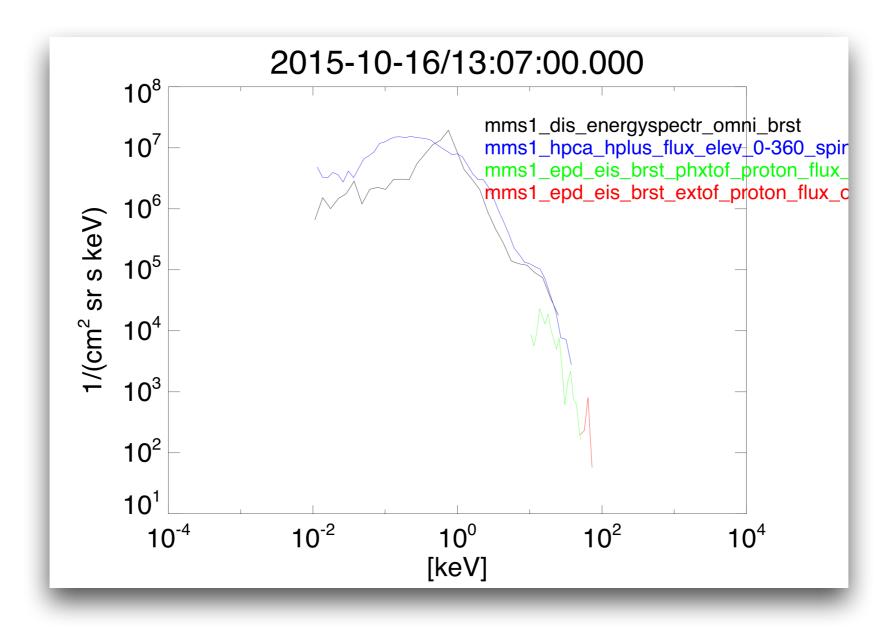
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Creating line plots at a time

flatten_spectra, /to_flux, /to_kev, /xlog, /ylog, time='2015-10-16/13:07'



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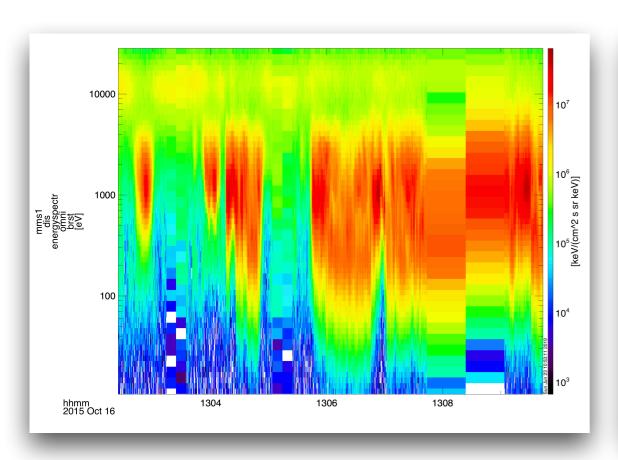
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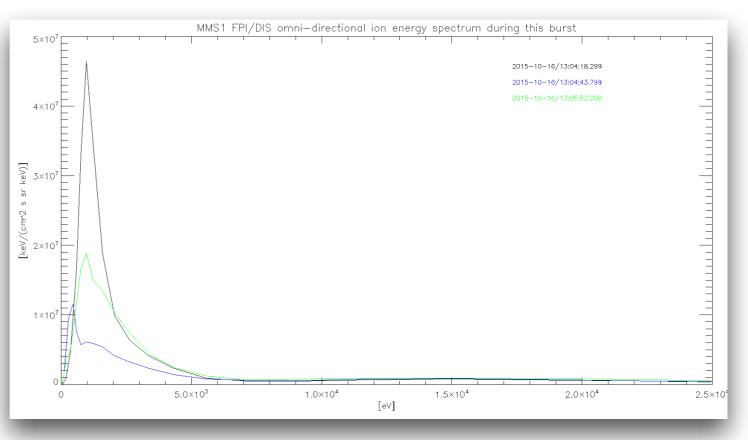
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tplot, 'mms1_dis_energyspectr_omni_brst'

flatten_spectra_multi, 3





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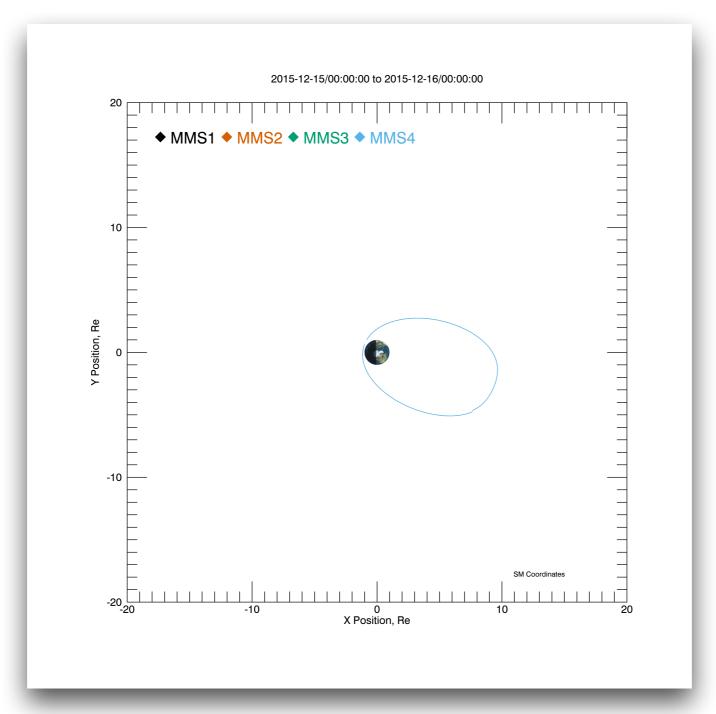
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Plotting Orbits

mms_orbit_plot, coord='sm', probe=[1, 2, 3, 4], trange=['2015-12-15', '2015-12-16'], yrange=[-20, 20], xrange=[-20, 20]



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MMS event search

```
mms_event_search, 'bz', authors=authors, descriptions=descriptions, start_times=start_times, end_times=end_times
print, 'Description: ' + descriptions[0]
print, 'Author: ' + authors[0]
print, 'Start time: ' + time_string(start_times[0])
print, 'End time: ' + time_string(end_times[0])
```

Description: Sharp fluctuations in Bz

Author: fwilder(EVA)

Start time: 2015-07-23/19:45:44 End time: 2015-07-23/19:53:44

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Remove old data files

To remove old MMS data files stored on your machine, use:

mms_remove_old_files

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mms_part_getspec	Calculate spectra from FPI/HPCA distributions	
mms_part_slice2d	Plot 2D slices of FPI/HPCA distributions	
mms_part_isee3d	Plot FPI/HPCA distributions in 3D	
mms_flipbookify	Combine FPI/HPCA 2D slices with tplot windows	
eis_ang_ang	Create EIS angle-angle plots	
mms_fpi_ang_ang	Create FPI angle-angle plots	

Curlometer technique

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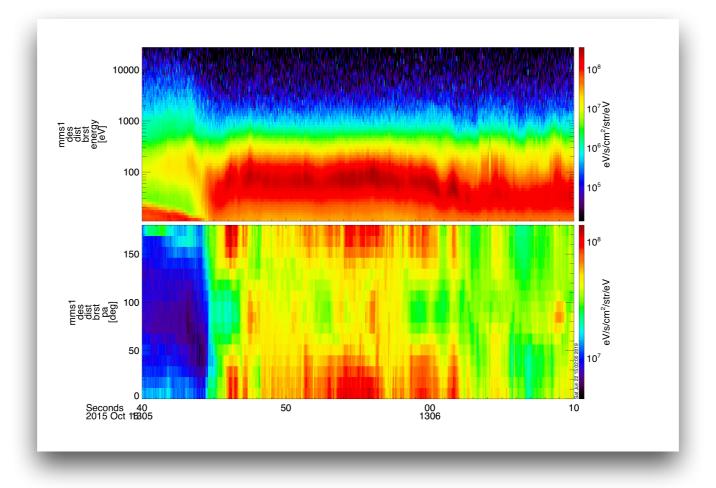
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Calculate spectra from FPI/HPCA distributions

```
; use short time range for data due to high resolution
timespan, '2015-10-16/13:05:40', 30, /sec

; generate products
mms_part_getspec, instrument='fpi', probe='1', species='e', data_rate='brst', level='12', outputs=['energy', 'pa']

; plot spectrograms
tplot, 'mms1_des_dist_brst_'+['energy', 'pa']
```



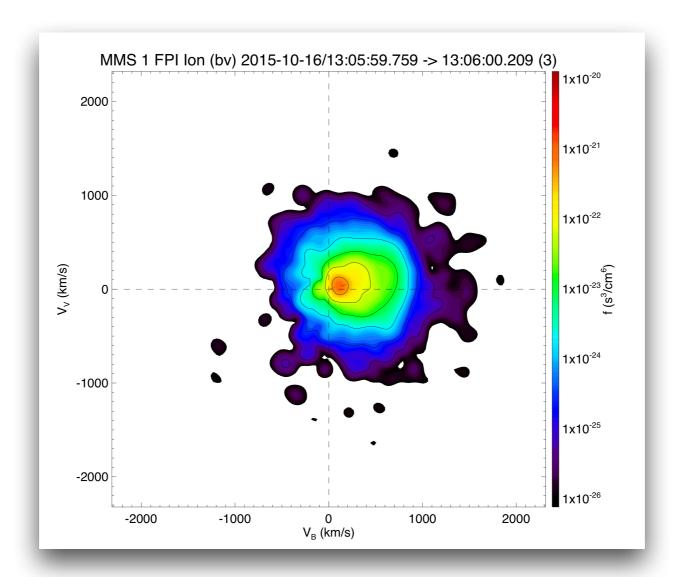
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Plot 2D slices of FPI/HPCA distributions



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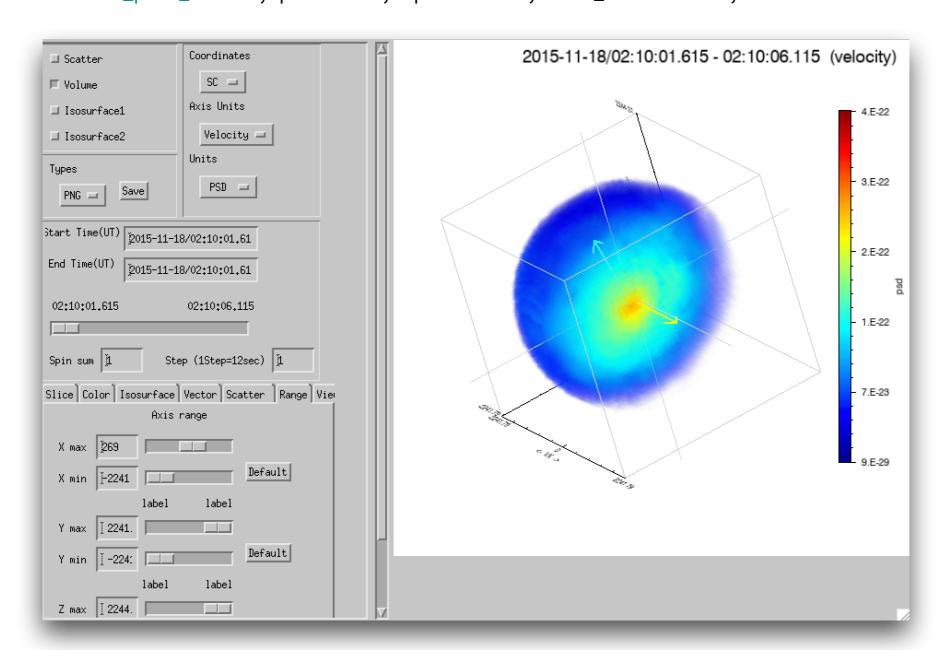
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Plot FPI/HPCA distributions in 3D

```
timespan, '2015-11-18/02:10:00', 10, /sec
mms_part_isee3d, probe='1', species='i', data_rate='fast', level='12'
```



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Combine FPI/HPCA 2D slices with tplot windows

```
trange=\lceil '2015-10-16/13:06:00', '2015-10-16/13:06:30' \rceil
probe=1
data_rate = 'brst'
species = 'i'
mms_load_fqm, trange=trange, probe=probe, /time_clip
mms_load_fpi, trange=trange, probe=probe, datatype='d'+species+'s-moms', /time_clip, data_rate=data_rate
window, xsize=1000, ysize=650
; store the temperature in the same panel
store_data, 'temp', data='mms1_d'+species+'s_temppara_brst mms1_d'+species+'s_tempperp_brst'
tplot, ['mms1_fgm_b_gse_srvy_l2_bvec', 'mms1_dis_heatq_gse_brst', 'temp', 'mms1_d'+species+'s_bulkv_gse_brst', $
  'mms1_d'+species+'s_numberdensity_brst', 'mms1_d'+species+'s_energyspectr_omni_brst']
mms_flipbookify, time_step=10, probe=1, species='i', /postscript
```

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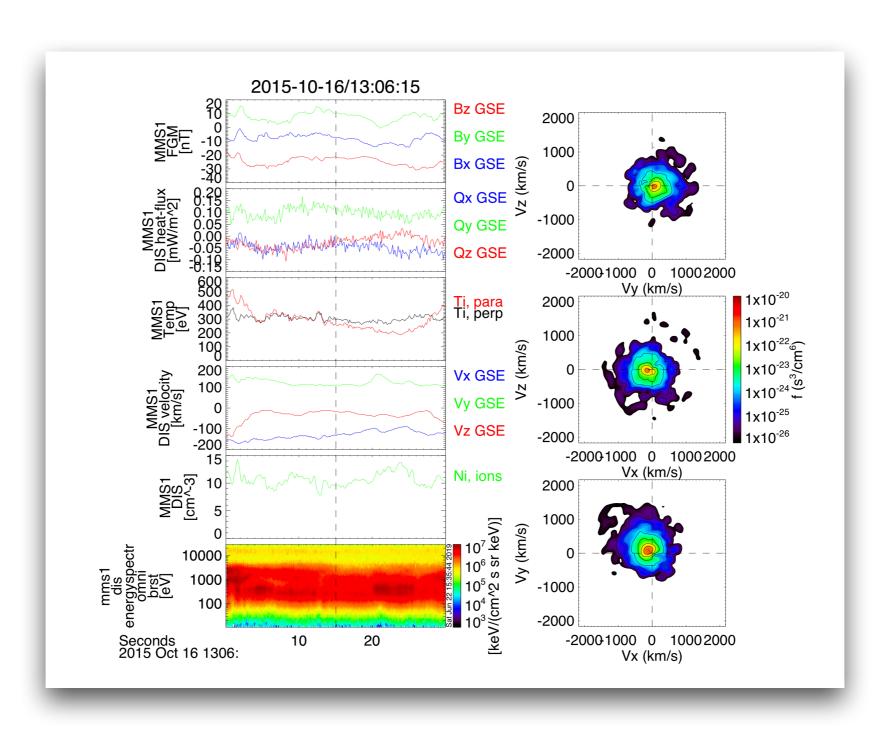
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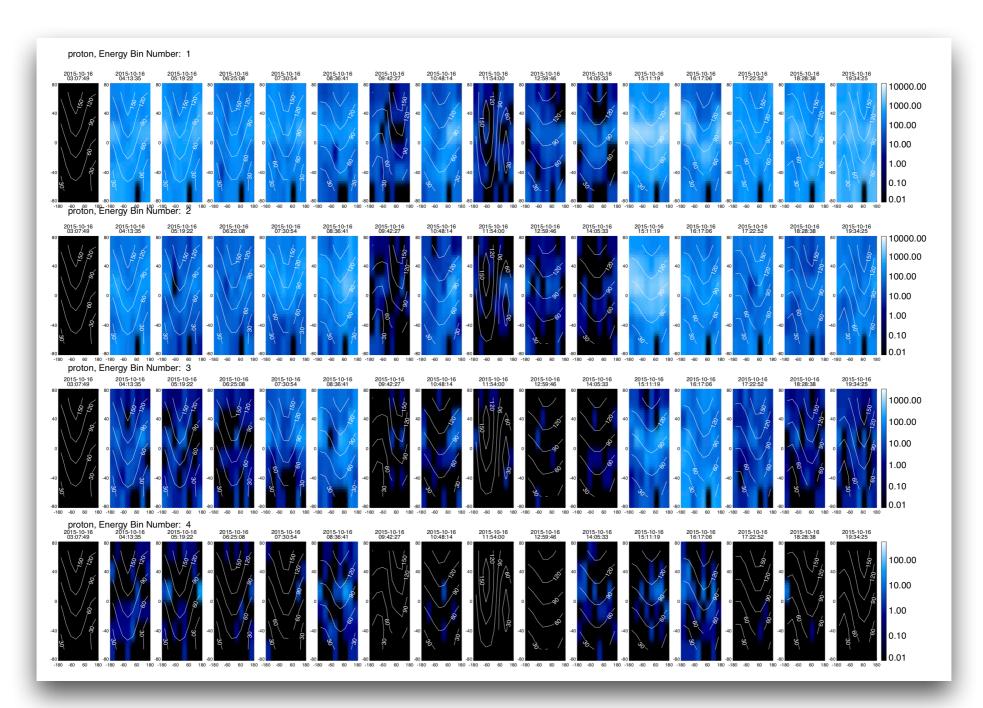
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Create EIS angle-angle plots

eis_ang_ang, trange=['2015-10-16', '2015-10-17'], level='l2', probe=3, datatype='extof'



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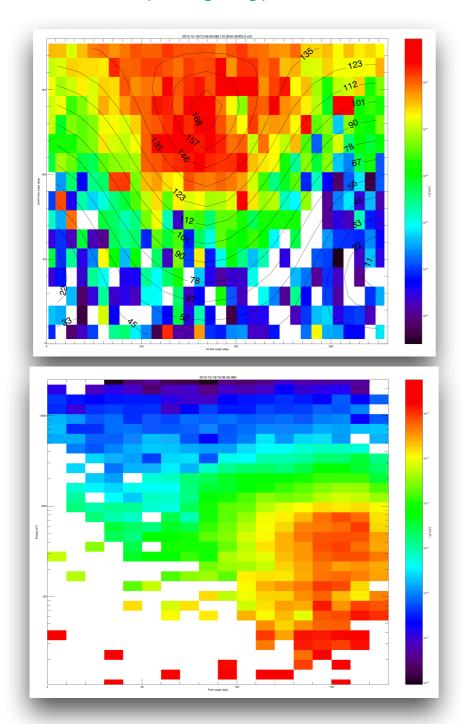
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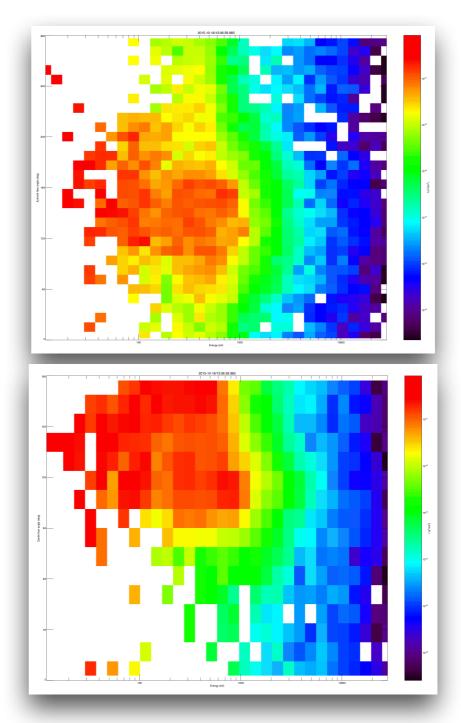
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Create FPI angle-angle plots

mms_fpi_ang_ang, '2015-10-16/13:06:59.985', species='i', data_rate='brst'





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```
trange = ['2015-10-30/05:15:45', '2015-10-30/05:15:48']

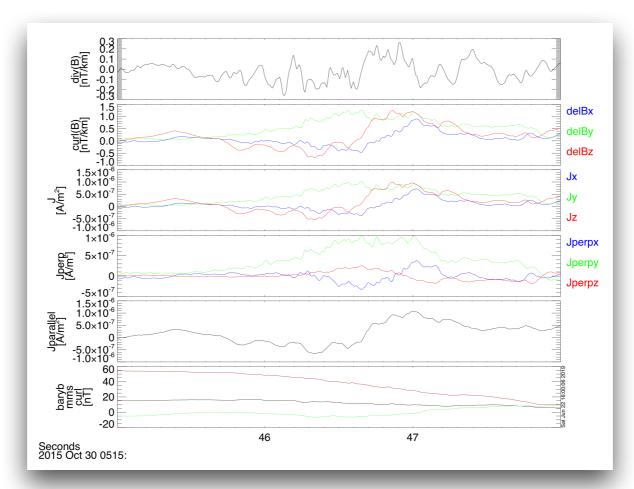
mms_load_fgm, trange=trange, /get_fgm_ephemeris, probes=[1, 2, 3, 4], data_rate='brst'

fields = 'mms'+['1', '2', '3', '4']+'_fgm_b_gse_brst_l2'

positions = 'mms'+['1', '2', '3', '4']+'_fgm_r_gse_brst_l2'

mms_curl, trange=trange, fields=fields, positions=positions, suffix='_mms_curl'

tplot, ['divB','curlB','jtotal','jperp','jpar','baryb']+'_mms_curl'
```



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More Examples

Basic:

projects/mms/examples/basic/

Advanced:

projects/mms/examples/advanced/

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Requirements

Python 3.5+

```
Required packages:

pytplot
cdflib
pydivide
pyqtgraph
xarray
numpy
requests
dateutil
```

"pip install -r requirements.txt" in the pyspedas folder should install everything needed.



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Installing pySPEDAS

Bleeding edge: https://github.com/spedas/pyspedas

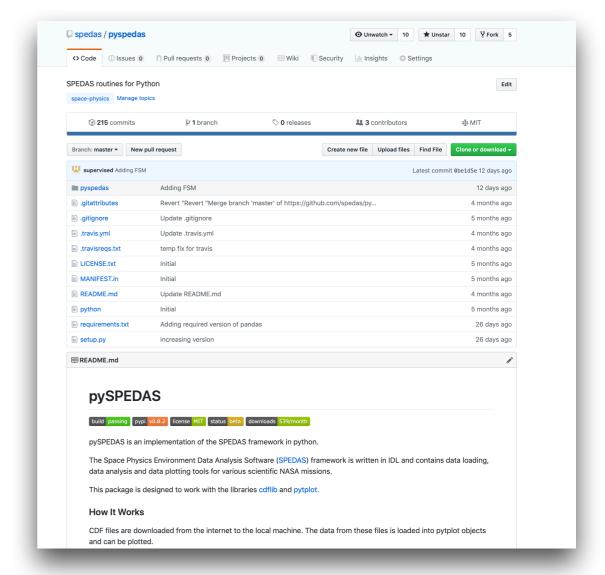
Config settings (e.g., local_data_dir) are set in the hash table stored in mms_config.py

pip install pyspedas

or

pip install pyspedas --upgrade

to get the latest version





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mms_load_scm	Search-coil Magnetometer
mms_load_fsm	L3 FGM+SCM
mms_load_mec	Ephemeris and Coordinates
mms_load_fpi	Fast Plasma Investigation
mms_load_hpca	Hot Plasma Composition Analyzer
mms_load_eis	Energetic Ion Spectrometer
mms_load_feeps	Fly's Eye Energetic Particle Sensor
mms_load_edp	Electric-field Double Probe
mms_load_edi	Electron Drift Instrument
mms_load_dsp	Digital Signal Processor
mms_load_aspoc	Active Spacecraft Potential Control



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- data_rate
- datatype

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```
trange=['2015-10-16', '2015-10-17']
```

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- suffix
- time_clip
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- notplot
- varformat

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For a complete list of keywords and their descriptions, use the 'help' command, e.g., help(mms_load_fgm):

```
Help on function mms_load_fgm in module pyspedas.mms:
mms_load_fgm(trange=['2015-10-16', '2015-10-17'], probe='1', data_rate='srvy', level='l2', instrument=
'fgm', datatype='', varformat=None, prefix='', suffix='', keep_flagged=False, get_support_data=True, t
ime_clip=False, no_update=False, available=False, notplot=False)
   This function loads FGM data into tplot variables
    Parameters:
       trange : list of str
           time range of interest [starttime, endtime] with the format
            'YYYY-MM-DD', 'YYYY-MM-DD'] or to specify more or less than a day
           ['YYYY-MM-DD/hh:mm:ss','YYYY-MM-DD/hh:mm:ss']
       probe : str or list of str
           list of probes, valid values for MMS probes are ['1','2','3','4'].
       data_rate : str or list of str
           instrument data rates for FGM include 'brst' 'fast' 'slow' 'srvy'. The
           default is 'srvy'.
       level : str
           indicates level of data processing. the default if no level is specified is 'l2'
       datatype : str or list of str
           no datatype for FGM instrument (all science data are loaded)
       get_support_data: bool
           Data with an attribute "VAR_TYPE" with a value of "support_data"
           will be loaded into tplot. By default, only loads in data with a
            "VAR TYPE" attribute of "data".
       time_clip: bool
           Data will be clipped to the exact trange specified by the trange keyword.
           The file variable formats to load into tplot. Wildcard character
           "*" is accepted. By default, all variables are loaded in.
           The tplot variable names will be given this prefix. By default,
           no prefix is added.
           The tplot variable names will be given this suffix. By default,
           no suffix is added.
       List of tplot variables created.
```

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Note on trange

The **trange** keyword accepts a wide range of different formats:

```
trange=['2015-10-16', '2015-10-17']

trange=['2015-10-16/14:00', '2015-10-16/15:00']

trange=['2015-10-16/14:30:45.553321', '2015-10-16/14:30:46.224322']

trange=['0ctober 16, 2015', '0ctober 17, 2015']

trange=['0ct 16, 2015', '0ct 17, 2015']

trange=['0ctober 16, 2015 at 4:00AM', '0ctober 16, 2015 at 5:00AM']

from datetime import datetime as dt
trange = [dt(year=2015, month=10, day=16), dt(year=2015, month=10, day=17)]
```

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Simple Example

```
from pyspedas import mms_load_fgm
from pytplot import tplot, tplot_names, get_data, store_data

# load the MMS1 burst mode FGM data for 10-min on October 16, 2015
mms_load_fgm(probe=1, data_rate='brst', trange=['2015-10-16/13:00', '2015-10-16/13:10'], time_clip=True)

# plot the B-field in GSM coords
tplot('mms1_fgm_b_gsm_brst_l2')

# list the tplot variables loaded
tplot_names()

# get the data out of a tplot variable
times, bgsm_vec = get_data('mms1_fgm_b_gsm_brst_l2')

# store the data into a different tplot variable
store_data('new_var_with_b_gsm', data={'x': times, 'y': bgsm_vec})
```

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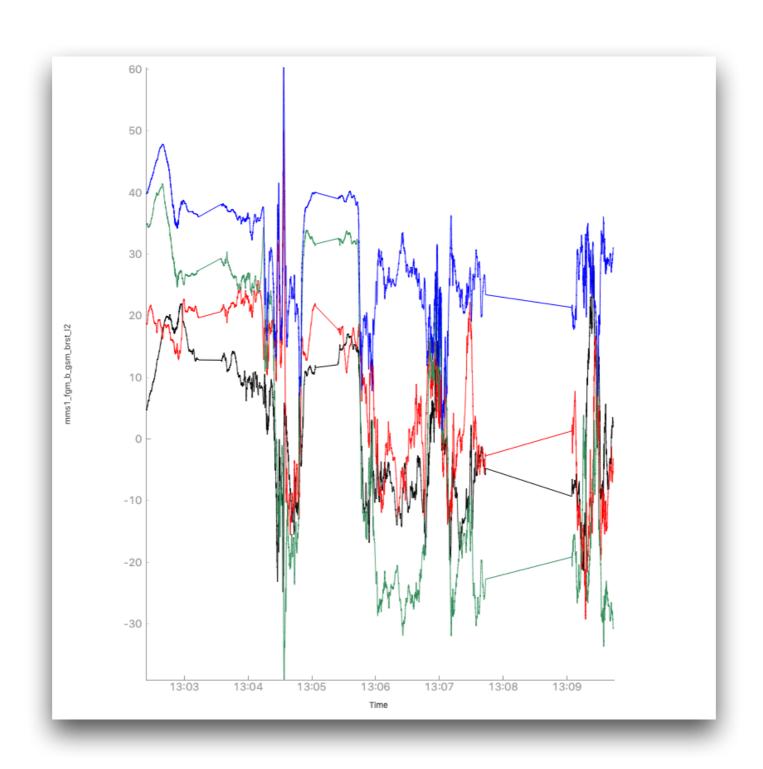
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FPI

```
from pyspedas import mms_load_fpi
from pytplot import tplot, get_data

mms_load_fpi(probe=4, data_rate='brst', datatype='des-moms', trange=['2015-10-16/13:00', '2015-10-16/13:10'])

times, data, energies = get_data('mms4_des_energyspectr_omni_brst')

print(times.shape)
print(data.shape)
print(energies.shape)

tplot('mms4_des_energyspectr_omni_brst')
```

```
>>> print(times.shape)
(15665,)
>>> print(data.shape)
(15665, 32)
>>> print(energies.shape)
(15665, 32)
```

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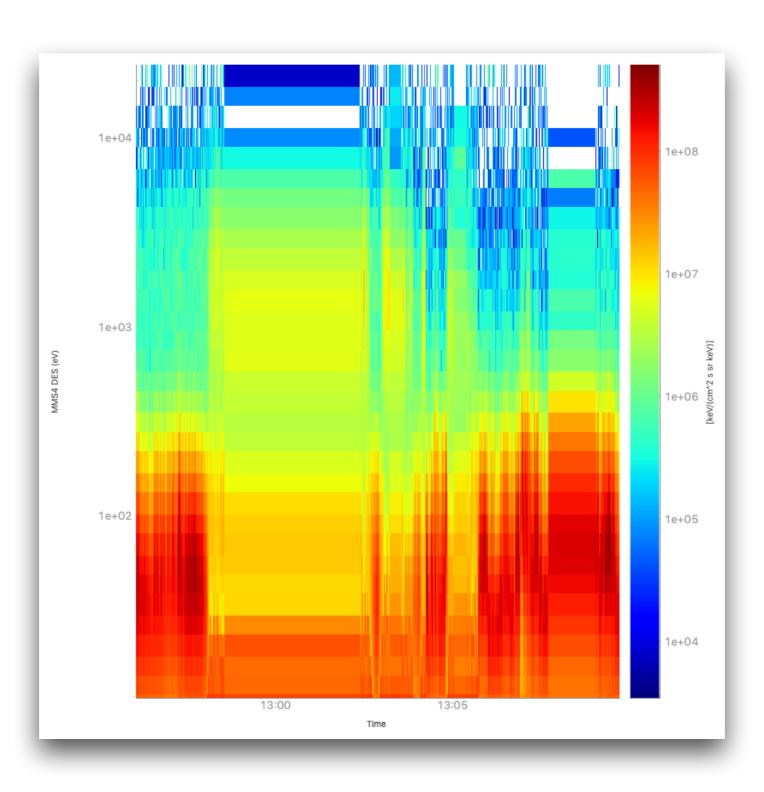
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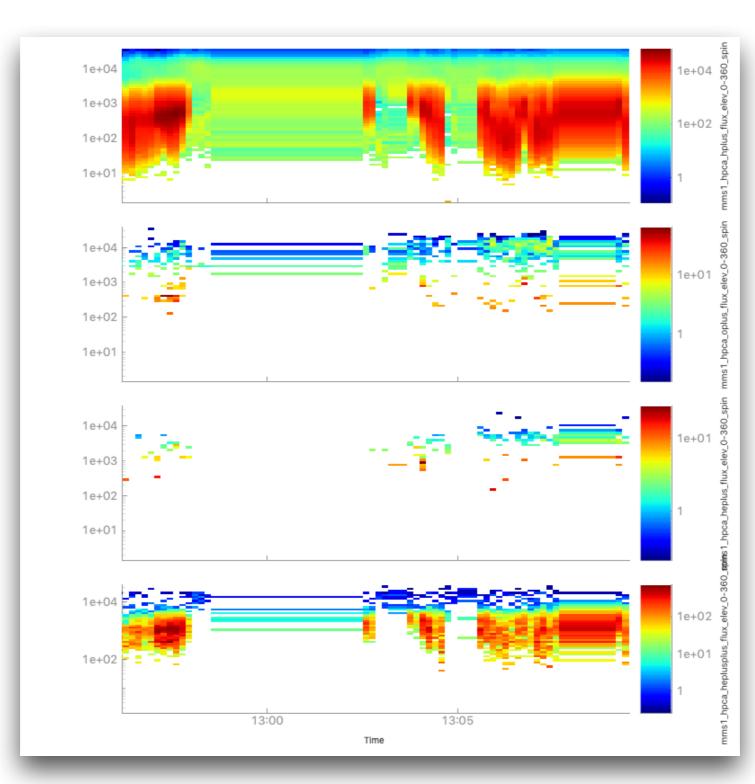
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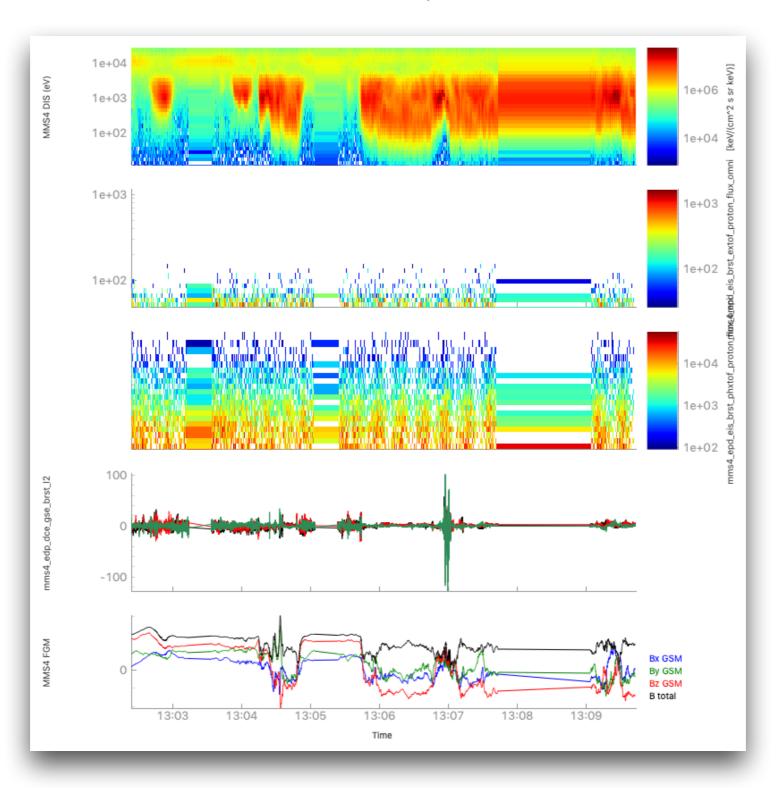
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Find available files

```
tr = ['2015-10-16/13:00', '2015-10-16/13:10']
files = mms_load_fpi(probe='4', data_rate='brst', datatype='dis-moms', trange=tr, available=True)
```

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Create pyTplot Variables

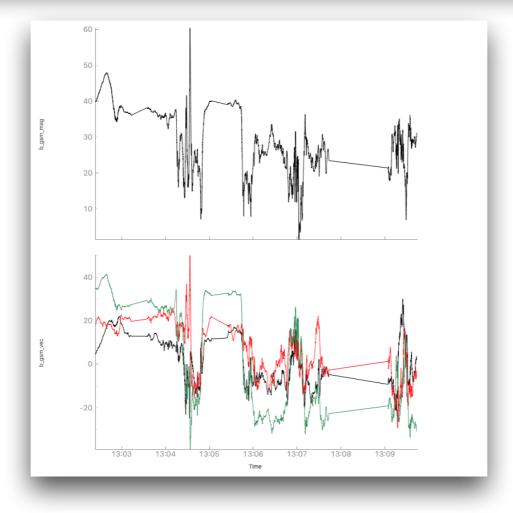
```
mms_load_fgm(probe='1', data_rate='brst', trange=tr, time_clip=True)

times, data = get_data('mms1_fgm_b_gsm_brst_l2')

store_data('b_gsm_vec', data={'x': times, 'y': data[:, 0:3]})

store_data('b_gsm_mag', data={'x': times, 'y': data[:, 3]})

tplot(['b_gsm_mag', 'b_gsm_vec'])
```



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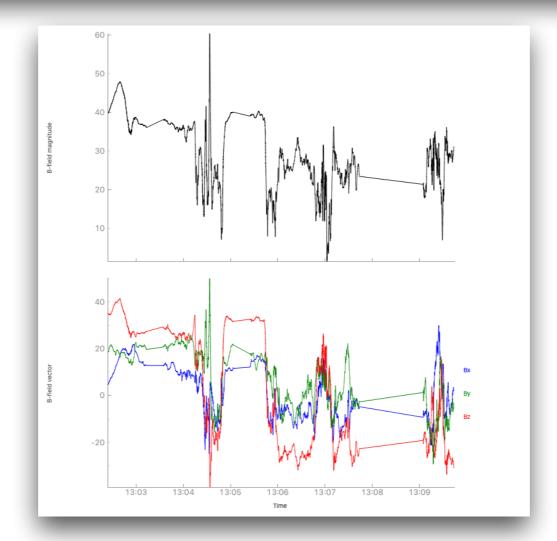
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Modify Variable Metadata

```
from pytplot import options

options('b_gsm_mag', 'ytitle', 'B-field magnitude')
  options('b_gsm_vec', 'ytitle', 'B-field vector')
  options('b_gsm_vec', 'color', ['b', 'g', 'r'])
  options('b_gsm_vec', 'legend_names', ['Bx', 'By', 'Bz'])

tplot(['b_gsm_mag', 'b_gsm_vec'])
```



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```
Help on function options in module pytplot.options:
options(name, option, value)
   This function allows the user to set a large variety of options for individual plots.
       name : str
           Name of the tplot variable
            The name of the option. See section below
        value : str/int/float/list
           The value of the option. See section below.
   Options:
                                        Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, etc.
       Colormap
                                        https://matplotlib.org/examples/color/colormaps_reference.html.
       Spec
                                        1 sets the Tplot Variable to spectrogram mode, 0 reverts.
       Alt
                           int
                                        1 sets the Tplot Variable to altitude plot mode, 0 reverts.
       Map
                           int
                                        1 sets the Tplot Variable to latitude/longitude mode, 0 reverts.
        link
                           list
                                        Allows a user to reference one tplot variable to another.
        ylog
                           int
                                        1 sets the y axis to log scale, 0 reverts.
       zlog
                            int
                                        1 sets the z axis to log scale, 0 reverts (spectrograms only).
        legend_names
                                        A list of strings that will be used to identify the lines.
        xlog_interactive
                           bool
                                         Sets x axis on interactive plot to log scale if True.
                                         Set y axis on main plot window to log scale if True.
        ylog_interactive
                           bool
                                         Sets y axis on interactive plot to log scale if True.
                                         Sets z axis on main plot window to log scale if True.
                           bool
        zlog
        line_style
                           str
                                         scatter (to make scatter plots), or solid_line, dot, dash_dot, dash_dot_dot_dot_long_dash.
        char_size
                           int
                                        Defines character size for plot labels, etc.
       name
                           str
                                        The title of the plot.
                                        Number between (0,1], representing the percent size of the plot.
       panel_size
                                        Full path and name of a background image for "Map" plots.
                           flt
                                        Number between [0,1], gives the transparancy of the plot lines.
                           flt
       thick
                                        Sets plot line width.
                           flt list
                                        Two numbers that give the y axis range of the plot.
                           flt list
                                        Two numbers that give the z axis range of the plot.
       xrange_interactive flt list
                                        Two numberes that give the x axis range of interactive plots.
       yrange_interactive flt list
                                        Two numberes that give the y axis range of interactive plots.
       ytitle
                           str
                                        Title shown on the y axis.
                                         Title shown on the z axis. Spec plots only.
       plotter
                                        Allows a user to implement their own plotting script in place of the ones
                                        Title for x-axis crosshair.
       crosshair_x
       crosshair_y
                           str
                                        Title for y-axis crosshair.
       crosshair_z
                                        Title for z-axis crosshair.
                           str
       static
                                        Datetime string that gives desired time to plot y and z values from a spec
                           str
       static_tavg
                                        Datetime string that gives desired time-averaged y and z values to plot
                                         from a spec plot.
                                         Seconds around which the cursor is averaged when hovering over spectrogram
       t_average
   Returns:
       None
```

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Return the data without creating pyTplot variables

```
tr = ['2015-10-16/13:00', '2015-10-16/13:10']
data = mms_load_fpi(probe='4', data_rate='brst', datatype='dis-moms', trange=tr, notplot=True)
```

```
25-Jun-19 14:26:14: Loading pydata/mms4/fpi/brst/l2/dis-moms/2015/10/16/mms4_fpi_brst_l2_dis-moms_20151016125604_v3.3.0.cdf
25-Jun-19 14:26:14: Loading pydata/mms4/fpi/brst/l2/dis-moms/2015/10/16/mms4 fpi brst l2 dis-moms 20151016130224 v3.3.0.cdf
25-Jun-19 14:26:14: Loading pydata/mms4/fpi/brst/l2/dis-moms/2015/10/16/mms4_fpi_brst_l2_dis-moms_20151016130334_v3.3.0.cdf
25-Jun-19 14:26:14: Loading pydata/mms4/fpi/brst/l2/dis-moms/2015/10/16/mms4_fpi_brst_l2_dis-moms_20151016130524_v3.3.0.cdf
25-Jun-19 14:26:14: Loading pydata/mms4/fpi/brst/l2/dis-moms/2015/10/16/mms4_fpi_brst_l2_dis-moms_20151016130904_v3.3.0.cdf
>>>
>>> data.keys()
dict_keys(['mms4_dis_errorflags_brst', 'mms4_dis_compressionloss_brst', 'mms4_dis_startdelphi_count_brst', 'mms4_dis_startdelphi_angle_brst', 'mms4_dis_sector_despinp_brs
t', 'mms4_dis_energyspectr_px_brst', 'mms4_dis_energyspectr_mx_brst', 'mms4_dis_energyspectr_py_brst', 'mms4_dis_energyspectr_my_brst', 'mms4_dis_energyspectr_pz_brst',
ensityextrapolation_low_brst', 'mms4_dis_densityextrapolation_high_brst', 'mms4_dis_bulkv_dbcs_brst', 'mms4_dis_bulkv_spintone_dbcs_brst', 'mms4_dis_bulkv_gse_brst', 'mms4_dis_bulkv_spintone_dbcs_brst', 'mms4_dis_bulkv_gse_brst', 'mms4_dis_bulkv_spintone_dbcs_brst', 'mms4_dis_bulkv_gse_brst', 'mms4_dis_bulkv_spintone_dbcs_brst', 'mms4_dis_bulkv_gse_brst', 'mms4_dis_bulkv_spintone_dbcs_brst', 'mms4_dis_bulkv_gse_brst', 'mms4_dis_bulkv_gse_brst', 'mms4_dis_bulkv_spintone_dbcs_brst', 'mms4_dis_bulkv_gse_brst', 'mms4_dis_brst', 'mms
4_dis_bulkv_spintone_gse_brst', 'mms4_dis_prestensor_dbcs_brst', 'mms4_dis_prestensor_gse_brst', 'mms4_dis_pres_bg_brst', 'mms4_dis_temptensor_dbcs_brst', 'mms4_dis_
ensor gse_brst', 'mms4_dis_heatq_dbcs_brst', 'mms4_dis_heatq_gse_brst', 'mms4_dis_temppara_brst', 'mms4_dis_tempperp_brst'])
|->> data['mms4_dis_energyspectr_omni_brst'].keys()
dict_keys(['x', 'y', 'v'])
>>> data['mms4_dis_energyspectr_omni_brst']['x']
array([1.44500016e+09, 1.44500016e+09, 1.44500016e+09, ...,
                  1.44500098e+09, 1.44500098e+09, 1.44500098e+09])
>>>
>>> data['mms4_dis_energyspectr_omni_brst']['v']
array([[1.206000e+01, 1.549000e+01, 1.989000e+01, ..., 1.715373e+04,
                    2.203368e+04, 2.830189e+04],
                  [1.064000e+01, 1.366000e+01, 1.755000e+01, ..., 1.513542e+04,
                   1.944119e+04, 2.497188e+04],
                  [1.206000e+01, 1.549000e+01, 1.989000e+01, ..., 1.715373e+04,
                   2.203368e+04, 2.830189e+04],
                  [1.064000e+01, 1.366000e+01, 1.755000e+01, ..., 1.513542e+04,
                   1.944119e+04, 2.497188e+04],
                  [1.206000e+01, 1.549000e+01, 1.989000e+01, ..., 1.715373e+04,
                   2.203368e+04, 2.830189e+04],
                  [1.064000e+01, 1.366000e+01, 1.755000e+01, ..., 1.513542e+04,
                    1.944119e+04, 2.497188e+04]], dtype=float32)
```

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Time Conversions

```
from pyspedas import time_string, time_double
print(time_string(1445000544.86188))
print(time_double('2015-10-16 13:02:24.861880'))
```

```
>>> times[0]
1445000544.86188
>>>
>>> from pyspedas import time_string, time_double
>>>
>>> print(time_string(1445000544.86188))
2015-10-16 13:02:24.861880
>>>
>>> print(time_double('2015-10-16 13:02:24.861880'))
1445000544.86188
```

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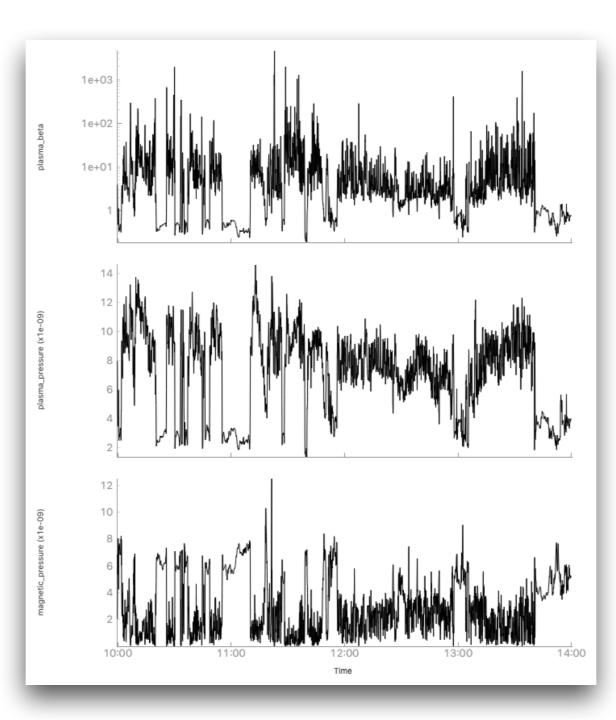
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Plasma Beta with FPI and FGM



mms/examples/basic/mms_plasma_beta_crib.py

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PYTHONSTARTUP

To avoid manually importing the load routines, you can add the following file to your PYTHONSTARTUP environment variable:

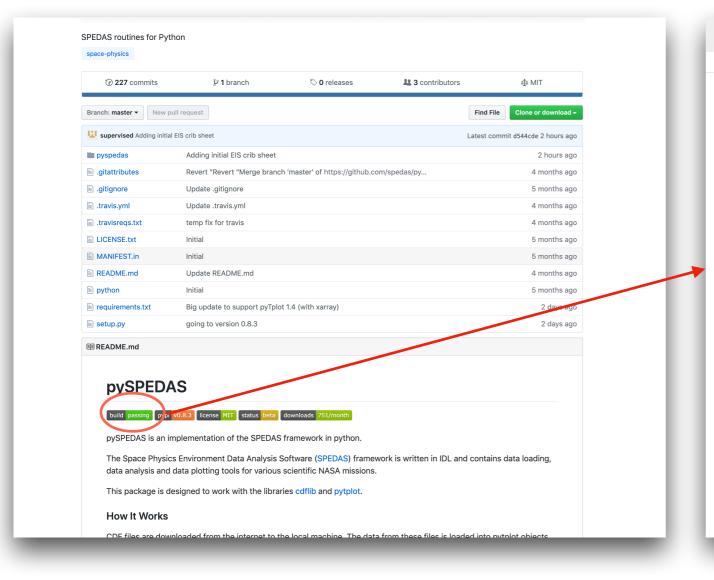
pyspedas/mms/mms_python_startup.py

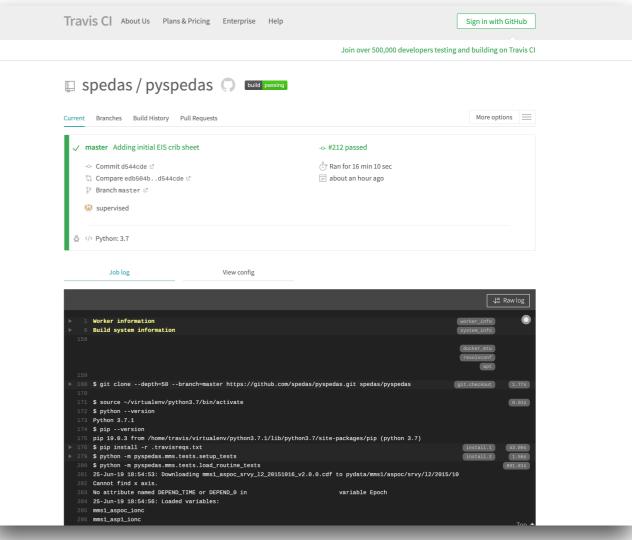
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 - 20+ tests, automatically ran on every commit
 - Tests mostly cover loading MMS data





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- Access to team-only data (QL, L1, L2pre), as well as L2 data
- Access to support data via the get_support_data keyword
- Access to available data files (without downloading) with the available keyword
- Data can be loaded from disk without internet connectivity
- Data files are stored in temporary directories until each download completes, to avoid partial downloads
 of files due to internet connectivity issues
- Local data directory can be specified by the MMS_DATA_DIR environment variable, or by the 'local_data_dir' value in mms_config.py
- Local data paths match those at the SDC, as well as those used by IDL SPEDAS
- Data can be clipped to the requested time range after loading via the time_clip keyword
- FGM data are automatically deflagged
- EIS omni-directional spectrograms are calculated from the individual telescope data by default
- HPCA omni-directional spectrograms can be calculated
- FPI and HPCA measurements can be adjusted to the center of the accumulation interval with the center_measurement keyword
- Keywords for specifying instrument details (level, data_rate, datatype) accept strings as well as arrays of strings
- The probe keyword accepts strings, arrays of strings, ints and arrays of ints
- The load routines accept a wide range of time range formats via the trange keyword
- The load routines correctly handle access to all burst-mode data, even when small time ranges are requested
- Cross platform: tested on Windows, macOS and Linux