Fink: status and roadmap

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Fink important remark



Fink example modules

Supernova Classification

by Marco Leoni (IJCLab)



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Connection with other facilities: SVOM, GRANDMA

By Nicolas Leroy (IJCLab) Gravitational waves, Kilonova, GRBs



'Space-based multi-band astronomical Variable Objects Monitor'

FINK and GRANDMA



FINK and SVOM

Fink example modules



Fink modules under discussion

- First tests with microlensing
 - Tristan Blaineau

• Connections with other brokers

• Alexis Coleiro, Andrii Neronov, Volodymyr Savchenko

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• Deblending

• Alexandre Boucaud

Next in line:

• Anomaly detection





Some Data Challenges...

- Forecasted: 10 million alerts per night...
 - Current serialisation implies
 ~82KB/alert, 800 GB/night,
 3PB in 2030.
- 98% of alerts must be transmitted with 60 seconds of readout...
 - ... and processed before the next night!
 Base Site
- Wires to send alerts worldwide are not infinitely big...



Concretely...



Fink challenges & design

Fink's design is driven by:

- Maximizing the scientific return on LSST and related experiments over the next decade: SVOM, CTA, Integral, KM3NET, ...
- Working efficiently at scales: real time and post-processing.
- Having a good integration with the current ecosystem: we are not alone!



Alert processing in Fink



Fink community



Science modules



C. Arnault, E. Ishida, M. Leoni, A. Möller + Fink community

Filters and data reduction



Communication protocols

Apache Avro:

- Data serialisation format for alerts
- Extremely efficient (header/data, compression, ...)
- Need a schema to decode the information

Apache Kafka:

- Stream-processing software platform (pub/sub)
- Distributed management of alerts (with his friend Zookeeper)
- Kafka can handle thousands of users with thousands of topics





User interface(s)

Two entry points for users:

- Fink streams: This workshop!
- Science DB: Graph oriented DB (J. Hrivnac).



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J. Hrivnac, ATLAS

Joining information

Challenge: different data formats, different communication protocols.

Current solution:

- Use Comet to receive VOEvents
- Convert on-the-fly into a Fink-friendly stream
- Perform coincidence using a temporal window of few minutes

Status: (largely) experimental.



Prototype status

Deployed broker instance for R&D in the VirtualData Cloud (UPSaclay)

- Communication: Apache Kafka cluster (5 machines, 20 cores)
- Processing: Apache Spark cluster (11 machines, ~200 cores)
- Science DB: Apache HBase (1 machine, 6 cores).





Workshop goals

Tutorials to explore alert data and the Fink Kafka client:

- Exploring ZTF Alerts
- Connect to Fink alert streams
- Fink filters: how they work?
- Fink science modules & broker added values
- Fink and external alert streams

Throughout all tutorials, we will use **ZTF alert data** that are currently available and have similar structure to the expected one for LSST alerts.

Happy coding!

To do before starting...

Apply (small) patches done at midnight last night...

- 1. cd fink-client; git pull
- 2. cd fink-tutorials; git pull

Connection ID: on the whiteboard.

The full proposal for LSST

- Considered as private communication
- Max 10 pages
- Due June 15, 2020
- Expected content:
 - Scientific goals: specific science modules
 - Stream access: do you want the full stream? Can you forward smaller streams to secondary brokers?
 - Data products and services: user access, added values, follow-up strategies (if any)
 - Technical implementation

• Previous results

- Example data products
- Plans to engage the community to use your system
- Management Plan
 - Number of FTE during X years
 - Potential funding resources
- Proposing team (and their experiences)
- Result by August 2020