

Status of the ADVANCE CI/CD

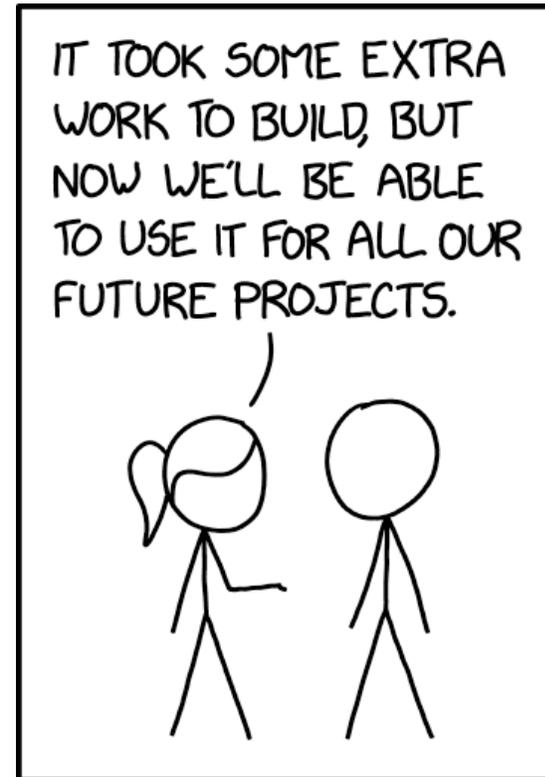
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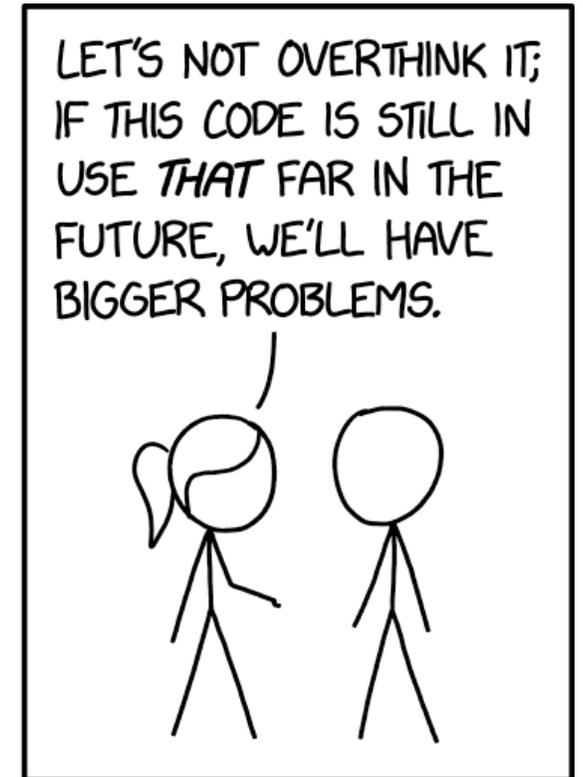
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ADVANCE is the ENDF continuous integration system

- Stood up as quick-n-dirty hack to get ENDF/B-VII.1 out the door
... in 2011
- Faithfully (if at times erratically) serving CSEWG since
- All ENDF files ran through variety of physics & format checks as well as processing codes



HOW TO ENSURE YOUR CODE IS NEVER REUSED



HOW TO ENSURE YOUR CODE LIVES FOREVER

Treating Data Like Software: A Case for Production Quality Data

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ABSTRACT

In this short paper, we describe the production data approach to data curation. We argue that by treating data in a similar fashion to how we build production software, that data will be more readily accessible and available for broad re-use. We should be treating data as an ongoing process. This includes considering third-party contributions; planning for cyclical releases; bug fixes, tracking, and versioning; and issuing licensing and citation information with each release.

Categories and Subject Descriptors

E.5.3 [Data]: Files - *Organization, Structure*; E.4.3 [Data]: Coding and information theory - *Formal models of communication*; H.1 [Information Systems] - Models and principles

General Terms

Management, Documentation, Design, Verification

Keywords

Best practices, Cyclical development and release,
Production data

available digitally, the ability to find and access data is increasingly difficult.

In order to address the need for better data preservation and access, we propose that data sets should be managed in a similar fashion to how we maintain production quality software. These *production data sets* are not simply published once, but go through a cyclical process of development, verification, deployment, support, analysis, and then development again. Attention is given to ensuring the data is understandable, useful, and updated over time, the same way software products need updating over time, even if the core functionality does not change.

This short paper gives a brief definition of what is meant by data in this context. It then addresses at a high level standard factors that are part of the development of (academic) production software, and describes how similar processes can be applied to enable data sets to have extended lifecycles and improved usability. A key premise is that if this approach can be integrated into common practice, it will result in a higher level of preservation and usability of data.

Phase I testing automated for nearly 10 years

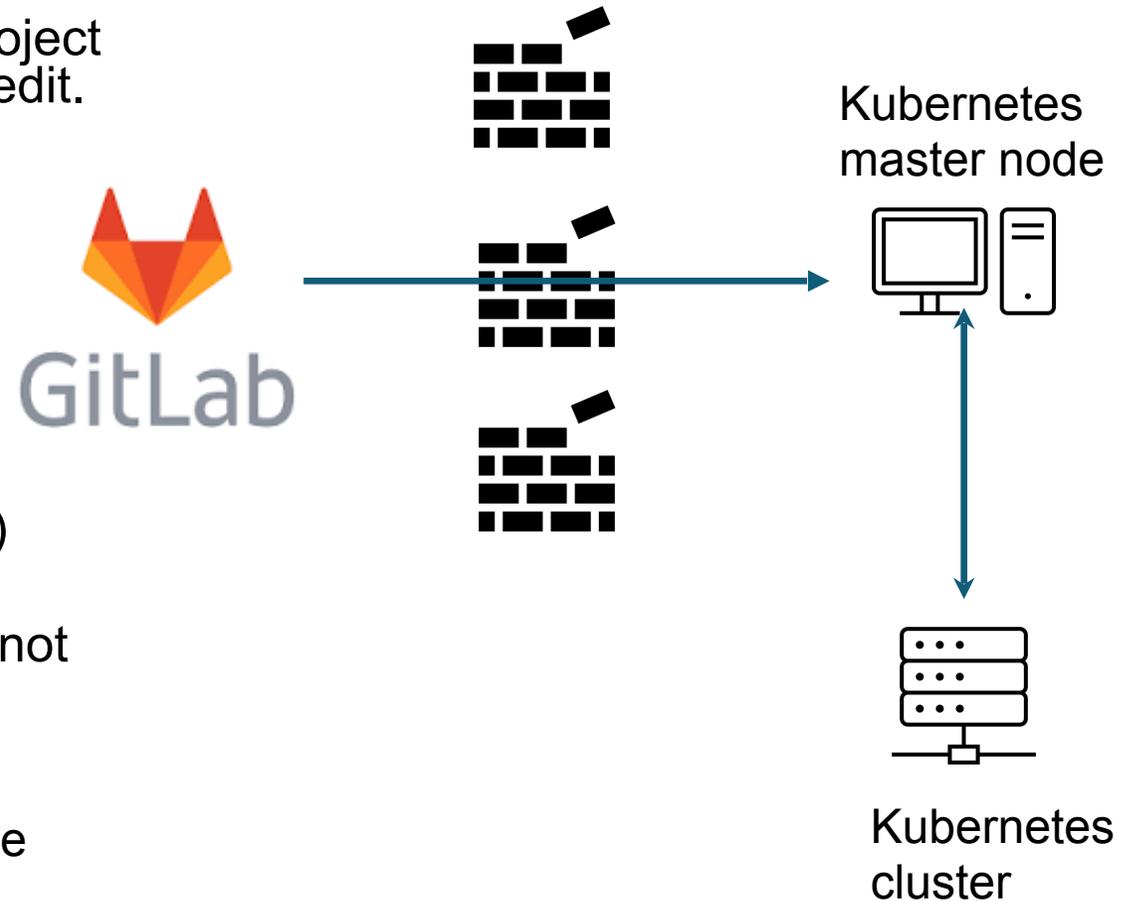
Can we automate reading build reports?
 What other tests can we automate?



Code	Test	pre-VII	Now
	File summary complete & correct	🤔	
STAN, STANEF, CHECKR, fudge	ENDF format compliance	🖥️	🖥️
FIZCON, fudge	Mathematical correctness (e.g. probabilities valid, covariances positive)	🖥️	🖥️
FIZCON, PSYCHE, fudge	Physical correctness (e.g. Q, thresholds, energy deposition/KERMA)	🖥️	🖥️
INTER, fudge (inter.py)	Compute & check integral metrics (e.g. RI, thermal cross sections, MACS)	🖥️	🖥️
fudge	Completeness (all outgoing particles, including gammas)	🤔	🖥️
ADVANCE	Comparisons to microscopic experimental data (EXFOR)	🤔	🖥️
	Assessment of application suitability (e.g. usable for fast reactors or spaceflight)	🤔	
	Reasonable (e.g. covariances, angular distributions)	🤔	
NEW fudge (grokres.py)	Resonance quality (missing resonances? widths realistic?)		🖥️
PREPRO, fudge, NJOY (not SCALE yet)	Can process for user codes		🖥️
	Is state of the art? Is best we can do?	🤔	

Major reworking of ADVANCE innards

- Gitlab's Ci/CD configuration controlled by per-project YAML file anyone who is part of the project can edit.
- To prevent accidental (or intentional?) troubles, must execute checking codes in container
- Gitlab, the Kubernetes master node (development2) and the Kubernetes worker node (ADVANCE2 server) are all behind the BNL FireWall
- Reverse proxy server (outside the BNL FireWall) secures access from the Internet to GitLab.
- Two configuration requirements Gitlab.com had not anticipated:
 - Our cluster must live behind firewall
 - Legacy checking codes need temp space
- Gitlab and BNL/ITD cyber security engineers worked with us to resolve issues.



Simpler reports

- Reports will be per-commit, on any git branch (but probably restricted to review branches for now)
- They must be light weight, but not compromise content
- Solution:
 - Summary markdown, per code, replacing website
 - Any important build artifacts made by code (xsdir, ace files, ...)
 - Pictures & lists of bugs in summary markdown

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- Rebecca Coles (BNL-NNP) for creating the simplified reports

Executes on every commit on every branch

The screenshot displays a CI/CD pipeline interface for a repository named 'alphas'. The left sidebar shows the 'Pipelines' menu item highlighted. The main content area shows a list of pipeline runs, all with a 'passed' status. The first pipeline run is titled 'Alpha files added' with ID #2550. The second is 'He-4 and Li-6 files added' with ID #2548. The third is 'Rest of alphas added' with ID #2545. Each pipeline run shows a 'passed' status, a duration, and a date. The 'Stages' column for each run shows two green checkmarks, indicating successful completion. A 'Run pipeline' button is visible in the top right. A 'Download' button (represented by a download icon and a dropdown arrow) is circled in the first pipeline run, with an arrow pointing to a file icon labeled 'artifacts.zip' and the text 'It passed!'.

Status	Pipeline	Triggerer	Stages
passed	Alpha files added #2550	main - 0fdbb956	✓ ✓
passed	He-4 and Li-6 files added #2548	main - a03a1fdf	✓ ✓
passed	Rest of alphas added #2545	main - 37bed775	✓ ✓

Multiple ways to find build artifacts in addition to main project page

It passed!

artifacts.zip

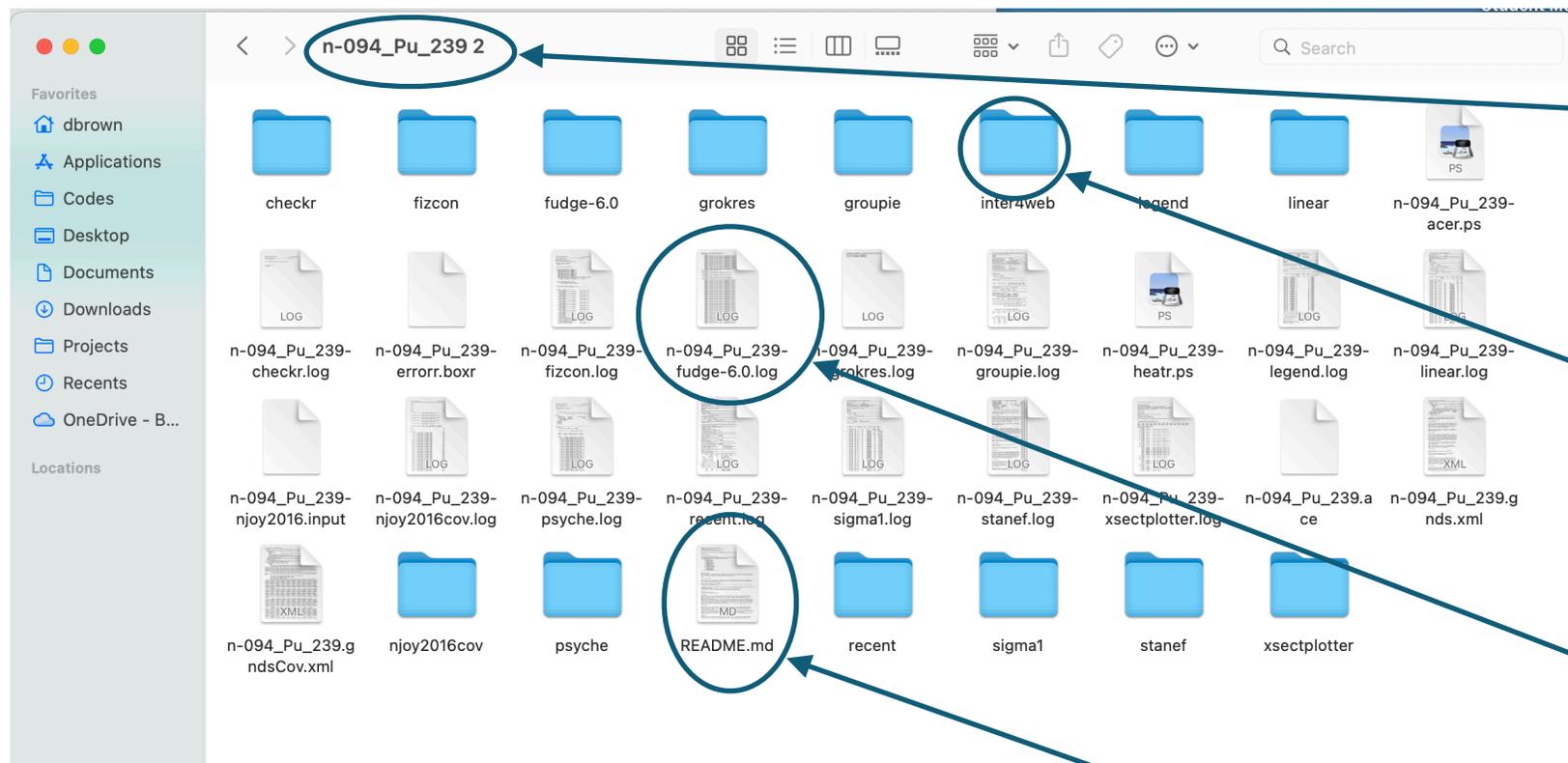
Execution controlled by a YAML file

main ▾ alphas / .gitlab-ci.yml Find file Blame History Permalink

 **.gitlab-ci.yml**  2.18 KIB Edit in pipeline editor Lock Replace Delete   

```
1 variables:
2   OS_IMAGE: alpine:3.15.4
3   DOCKER_IMAGE: docker:19.03.12
4   #
5   # Set DOCKER_TLS_CERTDIR to "" to disable TLS use
6   # Otherwise, you get an error of 'client HTTP request to HTTPS server'
7   DOCKER_TLS_CERTDIR: ""
8   SHARED_PATH: /builds/${CI_PROJECT_PATH}/shared
9   ADVANCE_IMAGE: git.nndc.bnl.gov:5050/nndc/advance/advance-beta/advance:latest
10
11 stages:
12 - login
13 - verify
14
15 registry_login:
16   stage: login
17   image:
18     name: "${DOCKER_IMAGE}"
19   services:
20 - name: docker:19.03.12-dind
21   alias: docker
22   # THIS IS IMPORTANT!
23   command: ["--tls=false"]
24   script:
25 - export DOCKER_HOST=tcp://docker:2375
26 - echo ${DOCKER_HOST}
27 - docker login -u "${CI_REGISTRY_USER}" -p "${CI_REGISTRY_PASSWORD}" git.nndc.bnl.gov:5050
28   only:
29     changes:
30     - "*.endf"
31   except:
32     changes:
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An unpacked artifacts.zip file



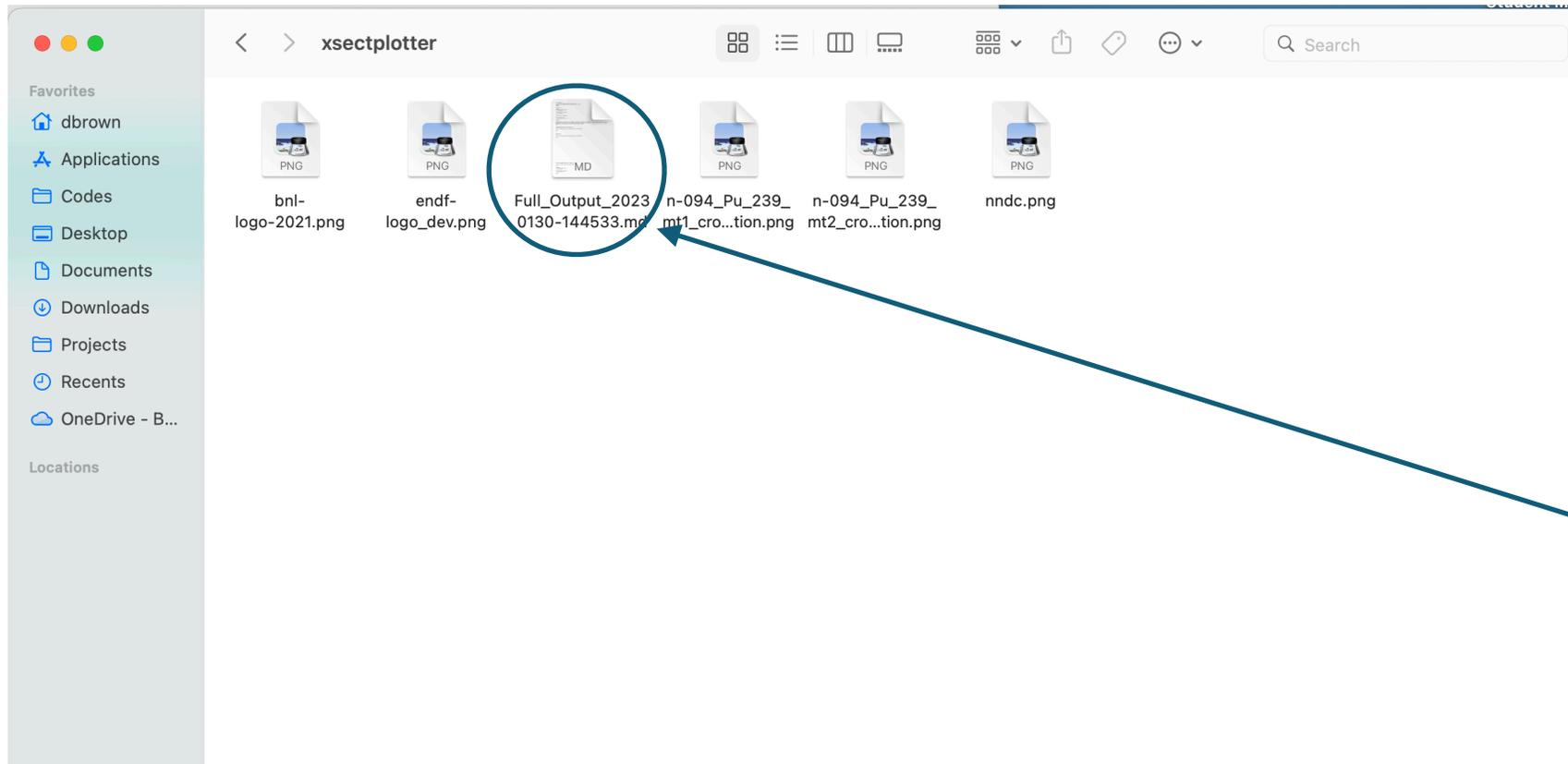
Each changed evaluation gets its own directory

Full build artifact for each code in own directory

stdout stream from code

Helpful instructions

Sample directory



Open this. "Full_output_..."

Output is in markdown and can be viewed in many text editors and web browsers

```
Full_Output_20230130-14... x
1 |!-- Header -->
2 
3 
4 <br><br>
5 <hr />
6
7 |!-- Style -->
8 <style>
9 table th:first-of-type {
10 width: 10%;
11 }
12 table th:nth-of-type(2) {
13 width: 90%;
14 }
15 body{
16 font-family: Monospace;
17 }
18 h1,h2,h3,h4,h5,h6{
19 font-family: Helvetica;
20 }
21 </style>
22
23 ### Comparison between data in this ENDF file and data retrieved from EXFOR
24 The EXFOR data is taken from the [EXFOR library](https://www-nds.iaea.org/exfor/). Note
25 number of available EXFOR sets is large, they will not be listed in a plot legend.
26 <br>
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28 ### Aggregate Channels Including Total
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Full_Output_2023013... x

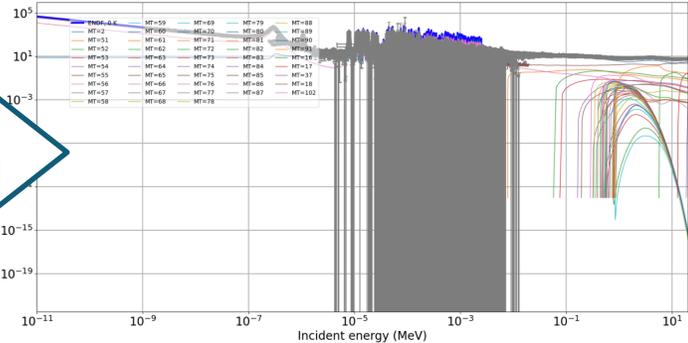


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Aggregate Channels Including Total

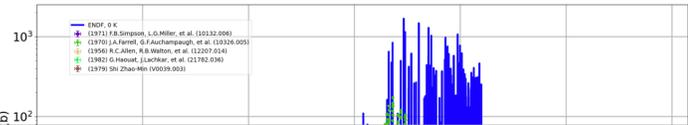
Pu239(n,tot)



Incident energy (MeV)

Elastic

Pu239(n,el)



LF UTF-8 Markdown GitHub Git (0)

atomi.io
does this!

Where are we now

- Final testing of full system on alphas sub library (it is small)
- Will run only on review branches for now
- Once live, will adjust review forms to point to the correct artifact URL
- We hope (expect?) you all will have many comments about the build reports
 - Good comments: dbrown@bnl.gov
 - Bad comments: gnobre@bnl.gov