Magnetic Highway: Channeling the M82 Superwind

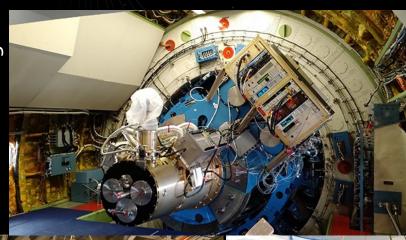
SOFIA Observes Star Formation Near the Galactic Center





**Terahertz Water Masers** (Artist's impression)



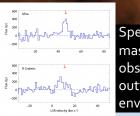




Magnetic Chaos Hidden within the Whirlpool Galaxy

SOFIA Project Update (Dec 2021)

Naseem Rangwala, Project Scientist



Spectra THz water maser transition of water observed toward the outflowing circumstellar envelopes of Mira and R Crateris.

SOFIA lands at Fa'a'ā International Airport in French Polynesia during deployment. Credit: Robert Simon





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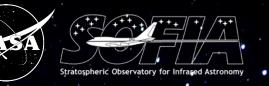
- ✓ 18 Mar 21 Core Team Kick-off
- ✓ 20/21 July 21 Blue Team Review
- ✓ 6 Aug 2021 Senior Review 2022 draft call NASA HQ
- ✓ Sep 2021 Internal Content Review
- ✓ 30 Sep 2021 Senior Review 2022 final call NASA HQ
- ✓ 25/29-Oct 2021 Internal Full Draft Review
- ✓ 15-Nov 2021 Red Team Review
- ✓ 17-Nov 2021 Red Team Outbriefs the Project
- ✓ 18-Nov 2021 Center Executive Review Outbrief

### Upcoming:

- 15-Jan 2021 Internal/Gold Team Review
- 11 Feb 2022 Proposal Due
- 21-23 Mar 2022 Ames Site Visit



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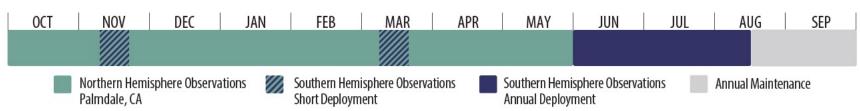


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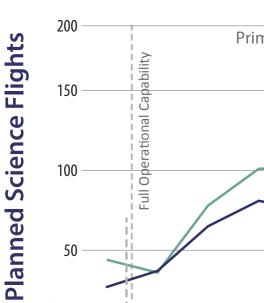
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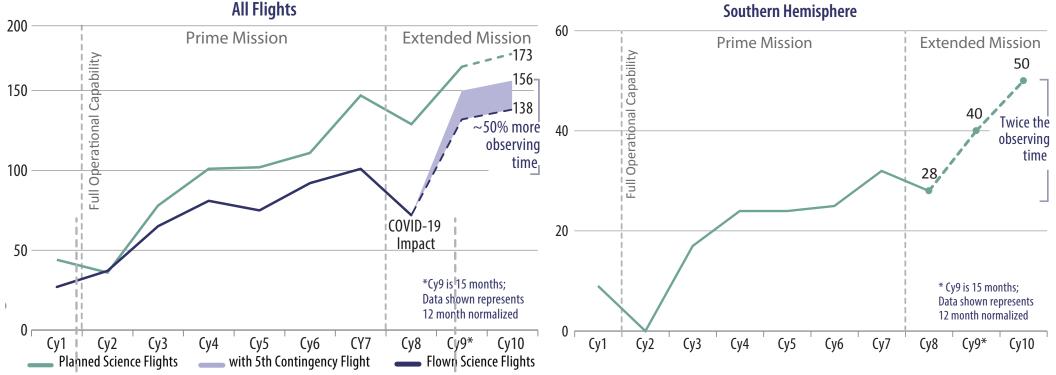


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### SOFIA Planned Observing Time/Flights







- Planned (green) and achieved (blue) science flights.
- Projections for Cycles 9 & 10 are shown by dashed lines
- Shaded region shows potential increase in (realized) observing time from adding contingency flights
- Observing time offered to the community is proportional to the planned science flights

### Cycle-9 Status (Flights)



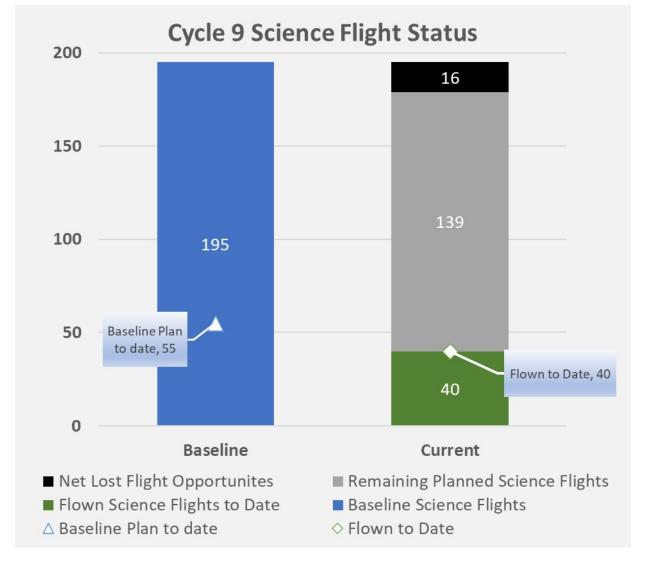
#### Cycle 9 Planned:

Total Planned Science Flights: 195 Science Flights Planned to date: 55

#### Cycle 9 Status:

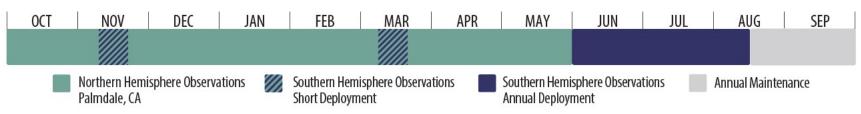
Science Flights Flown to date: 40 Remaining planned Science Flights: 139 Net Lost Flight Opportunities: 16 COVID-19: 9 lost Weather: 1 lost Aircraft: 6 lost Mission Ops: 0 lost TA: 2 lost Added/Removed: 2 added

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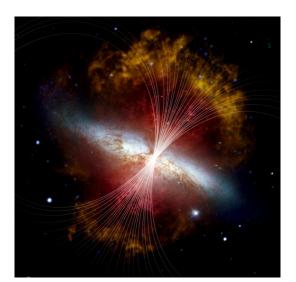


### SOFIA Instrument Roadmap



### HAWC+ Detector Upgrade Formulation Effort (6-month task)

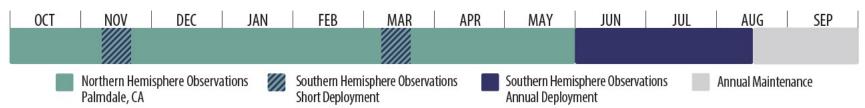
- All three teams submitted compelling plans and the SOFIA project agreed to fund their HAWC+ Upgrade formulation efforts.
  - However, the JPL team withdrew from the effort on Nov 9, 2021, to focus on a far IR probe mission mentioned in the decadal report.
- The GSFC team (Transition Edge Sensor (TES) Detectors) has been funded.
  - "good progress being made in the process area and work on-going to improve the MUX build and test capability as well as the overall Detector Array end-to-end testing capabilities."
- Funding is in work for the NIST team (Kinetic Inductance Detectors (KIDs))
  - An Intra-Agency Agreement (IAA) is in work and has cleared the ARC and HQ legal office and ARC business office.
  - The IAA package was sent to NIST on Nov. 30, 2021, for review.



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### Thank you for listening!

**Questions?** 

### SOFIA Project Organization (high level) Reference Chart



