Scientific Productivity

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Status of Guest Observer Projects

Each project dispositioned into one of these categories:

- Published: refereed journal article using data
- Ongoing: will be combined with upcoming observations
- In preparation: GO working on draft/plans to write
- Incomplete: less than half of proposed observations complete, or GO indicates cannot publish subset
- **Unpublishable**: GO or SMO believe scientific results will never be obtainable with the acquired data





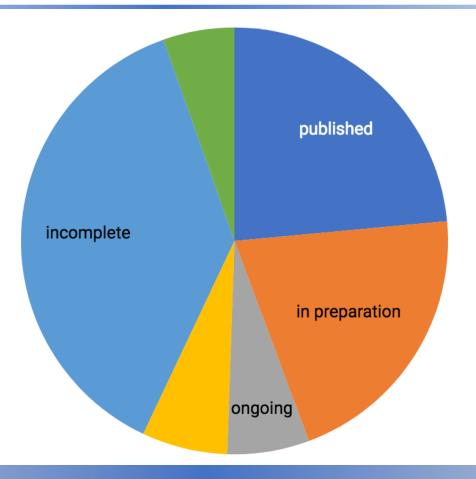






Status of Guest Observer Projects

Cycles 1-5, DDT













Analysis of Incompleteness

• REPORTED LAST SUG:

- Cycle 5 plagued by incomplete programs
- Cycle 6, mitigation: Accept Priority 1+2 programs up to 75% of available time

NEW ANALYSIS

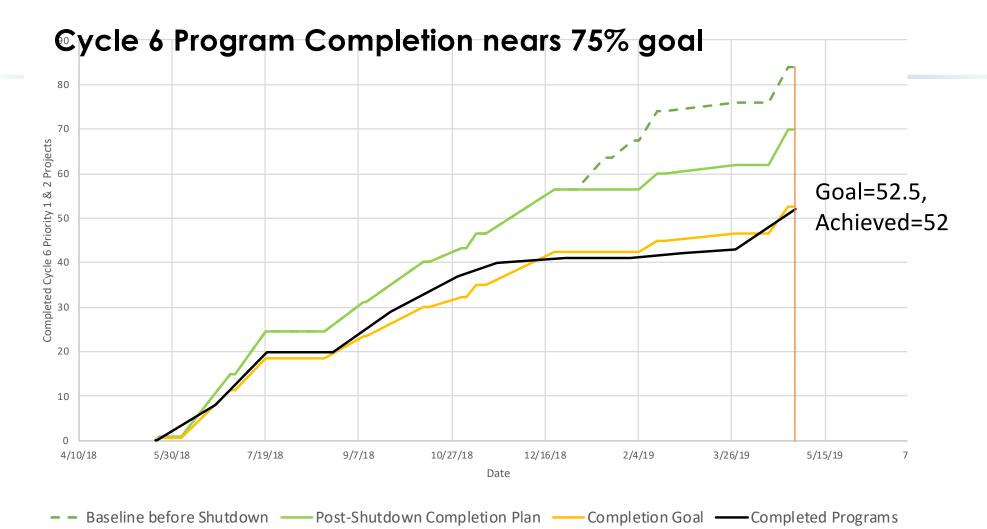
- 69% "Do if Time" programs, accepted as fillers, are incomplete
- 40 proposals that were "incomplete" were completed in later Cycles
 - Resubmission of proposals is normal procedure for Priority>1
- Removing fillers, for Cy1-5, 131/348=38% of GO proposals completed
- Adding back those that were completed later, 49% completed
- Some "incomplete" (<80% of awarded time) are published
- Some ToOs are not triggered
- SMO will continue to work on improving completion percentage, but the situation is not as dire as reported in SŬG13 (31% completion for Cycle 5)













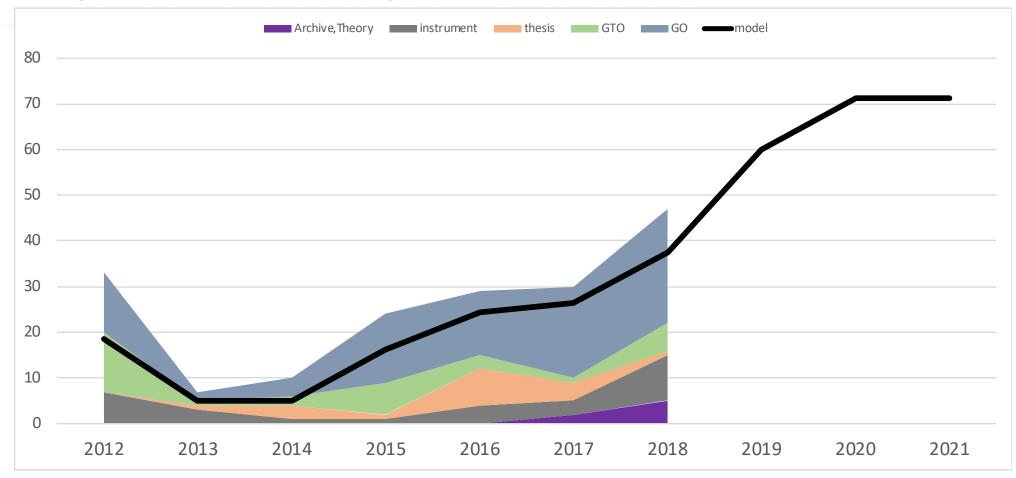








Cumulative Refereed Scientific Publications









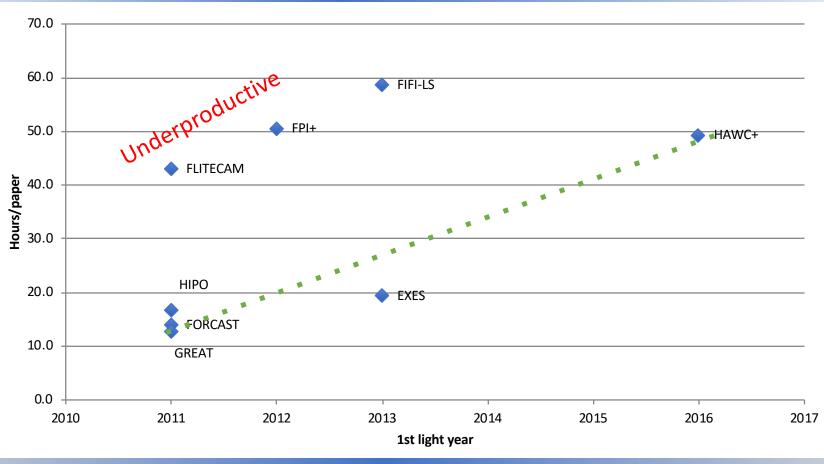




Rates by Science Instrument

			GI+GTO	Hours/Pa	poisson	Pub Rate	Cites/	Cite Rate
SI	#Papers	#Cites	hours	per	unc	Rank	hr	Rank
FORCAST	47	498.25	663.2	14.1	2.1	2	0.75	1
GREAT	63.75	601	814.3	12.8	1.6	1	0.74	2
HIPO	2.3	25.3	20.9*	16.7	11.0	3	0.66	3
FLITECAM	2	15	68.7*	43.1	30.5	5	0.17	4
FIFI-LS	5.75	32.25	337.7	58.7	24.5	8	0.10	5
EXES	11	17	214.2	19.5	5.9	4	0.08	6
FPI_PLUS	0.2	0.2	2.1*	50.7	113	7	0.02	7.5
HAWC_PLUS	5	5	247.1	49.4	22.1	6	0.02	7.5

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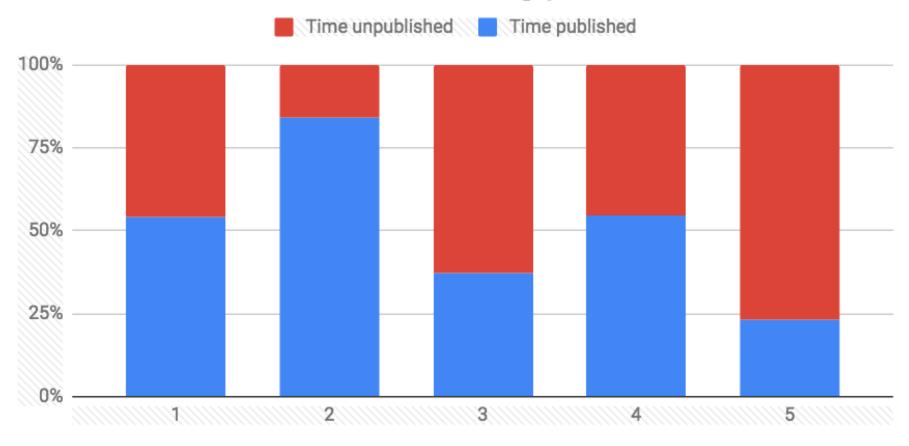








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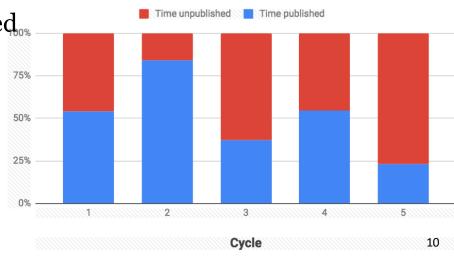




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Interpretation:

- Older data have more time to get published
 - 2.5 yr based on Hubble, Chandra other publication rate studies
 - expect "wave" with crest ~2.5 Cycles back
- Cycle 3: 24 projects status "in preparation"
 - Those programs had 84 hr observed
 - Adding: would make Cycle 3 70% published...





Archival Research

- SOFIA is increasing impetus for archival research
- SOFIA is now in the Infrared Science Archive: irsa.ipac.caltech.edu
 - Currently serves Cycles 2-5 for GREAT, FORCAST, FIFI-LS
 - By end of 2019, will have all Cycles, all science instruments
- Future development of IRSA for SOFIA
 - Spectroscopic exploratory analysis tools
 - Curated SOFIA software "container"
- Process for identifying IRSA enhancements
 - IRSA Users Panel
 - SOFIA science outreach group
 - Direct communication with SOFIA guest observers









