

German Investigator Funding

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Different Grant Systems

USA : grants for awarded flight hours/ksecs/orbits

Germany: no such grants, instead „Verbundforschung“ initiative of Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy managed by DLR

- running for 3 years (has been renewed ever since)
- competitive procedure
- only applicable for selected active missions
- (currently: HST, XMM, INTEGRAL, SOFIA)
- no archival research funded

Awarded time on lost SOFIA flights may not be made up

- No. of projects losing data to lost flights?
- Effectiveness of contingency flights to complete such projects?
- Effectiveness of incomplete projects (e.g. publication rate)?
- Ways to increase effectiveness of contingency flights?