



SOFIA Program Metrics

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Program Performance Metrics

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Areas Covered

- Time Spent On Data Collection
- Science Center Productivity
- Data Collection–To–Archival
- Safety and Mission Assurance
- Observatory Technical Performance
- Education and Public Outreach



Time Spent On Data Collection

- Number of hours spent in various readiness states:
 - Hours for which Observatory is “all systems go”
(must meet 960 hours by FOC+4 years)
 - Hours for which telescope is pointed on-source
(must be 80% of the above)
 - Hours spent collecting photons
(must be 85% of the time pointed on-source)
- Several statistics capture reasons for any lost hours that would impact above metrics, such as hours lost due to:
 - Mission ops or aircrew scheduling issues
 - Airborne system hardware or software issues
 - Science instrument hardware, software or team scheduling
 - Telescope-specific hardware or software issues
 - Overruns of planned maintenance/upgrade schedule windows



Science Center Productivity

- Proposal statistics
 - U.S. and German over-subscription rates
 - Percent of first-time proposers

- Data Quality and Publishability statistics
 - Number of accepted science papers using SOFIA data
 - Amount of data (TB) downloaded from the archive annually

- Science Center Responsiveness
 - Observer Feedback Survey scores
 - Help Desk productivity (average response time, number of tickets, etc)
 - Percent of accepted proposals receiving all awarded observing time



Data Collection–To–Archival

- Timelines for data ingestion
 - Access to quick–look raw science and housekeeping data
(3 hours, 95% of time, following conclusion of flight)
 - Processed science data availability
(14 days following completion of associated flight series)
 - Public release of raw+processed data products
(1 year)



Safety and Mission Assurance

- Hours lost to injuries
- Number of tickets generated or closed
- Number of procedure waivers initiated and granted
- Number of staff in the “yellow” or “red” fatigue categories



Observatory Performance

- Performance characterization, including:
 - Boresight pointing accuracy
 - Relative pointing accuracy
- Performance metrics (measurements to be compared to requirement values), including:

- Pointing stability

Not to exceed 0.4" (radial rms)

- Pointing drift

Not to exceed 0.2" per hour

- Commanded pointing accuracy

Not to exceed 0.3" (radial rms)

- Image size 7 shape

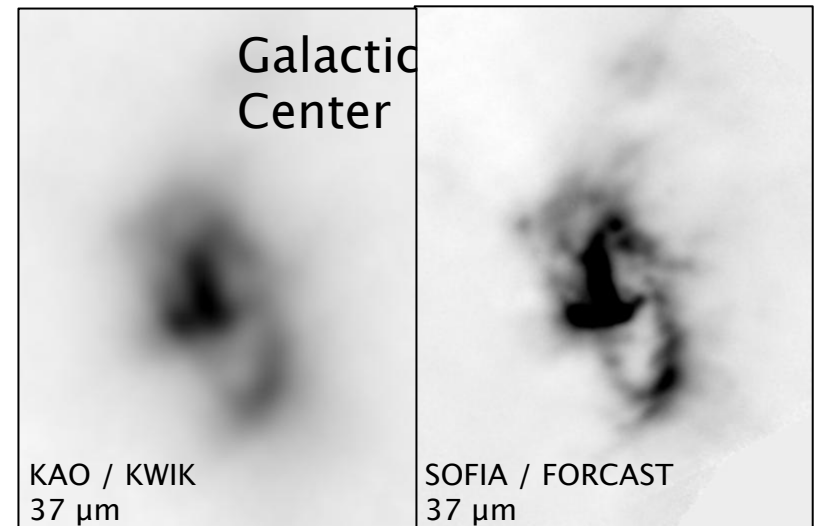
Diffraction-limited at 20 μm with no more than 0.2 ellipticity ($1-b/a$)

- System emissivity

Not to exceed 14.5% (8.45–8.75 μm) – 5% above fresh-coat emissivity value

- System polarization

Not to exceed 4% (40–300 μm), with no more than 0.4% variation over the FOV, and no more than 0.4% temporal variation over 2 month period





Education and Public Outreach

- Number of educators and media representatives flown
- Number of educators, students, public reached by in-person presentations through classroom visits, conferences, and events with SOFIA participation
- Number of media stories, website visits, FaceBook “likes”, Twitter “followers”
- Number of image and science news releases