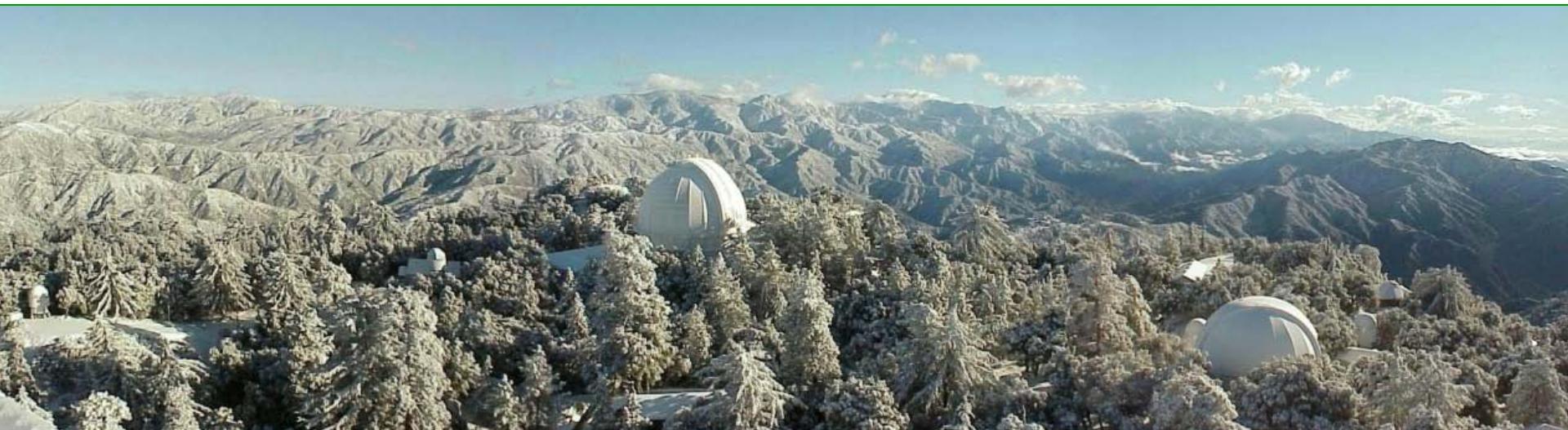


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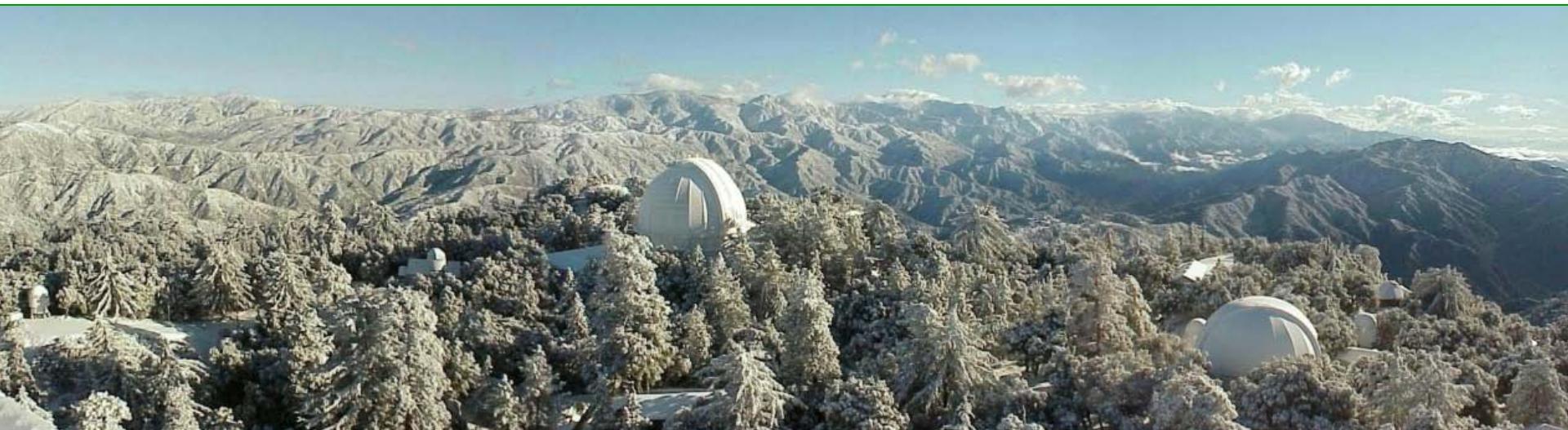
Some Introductory Comments



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Refereed Papers from the CHARA Array

Starting from Paper #1 in July 2005

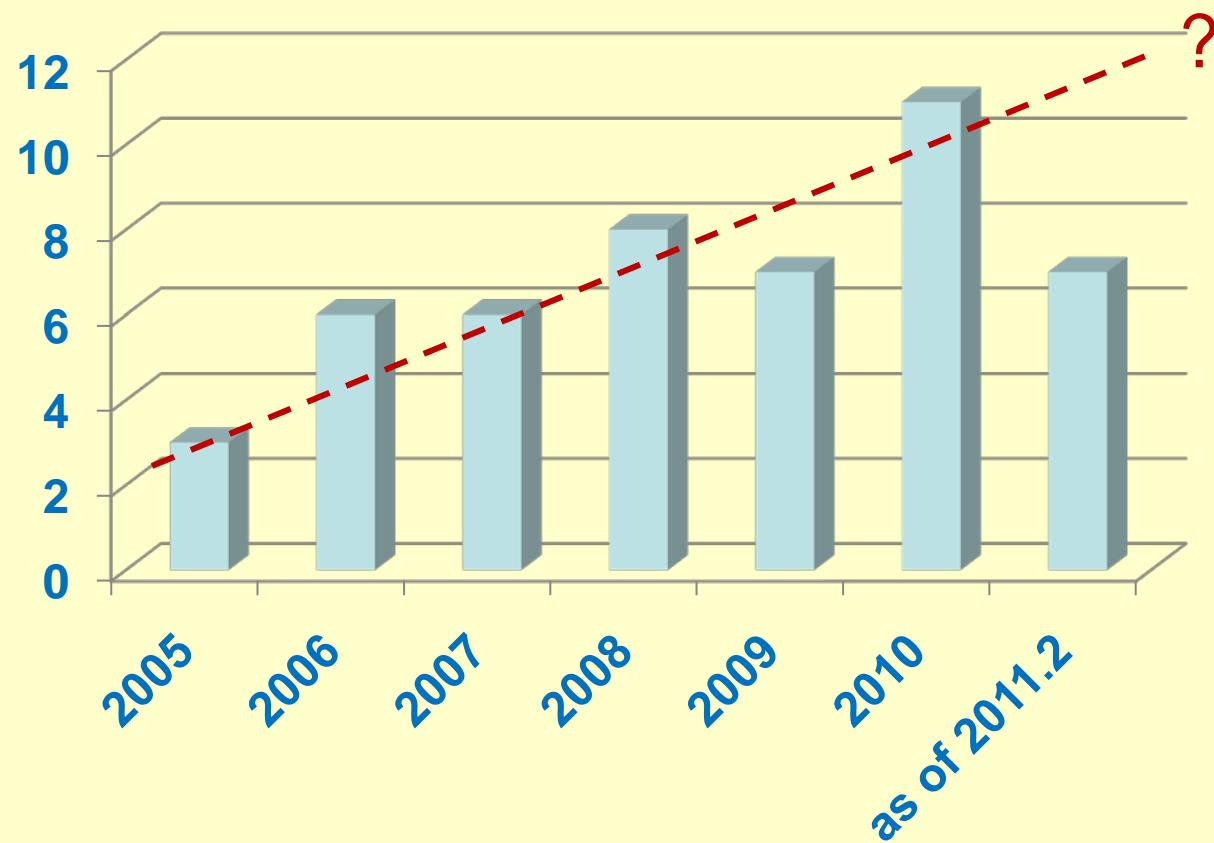
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- 50 Papers!
- Or, as Theo likes to point out,
We're down to only
\$380K per paper

Refereed Papers – A Friendly Comparison

Project	Interval	# Papers	Papers/yr
IOTA	1995.1 – 2008.5	52	3.9
NPOI	1997.8 – 2006.3	21	2.5
PTI	1998.8 – 2011.0	56	4.6*
KI	2003.7 – 2011.0	35	4.8*
VLTI	2004.0 – 2011.0	175	25.0!
CHARA	2005.5 – 2011.2	50	8.8 <i>Should we be doing better?</i>

*biased

CHARA Publication Rates



Observing Schedule History

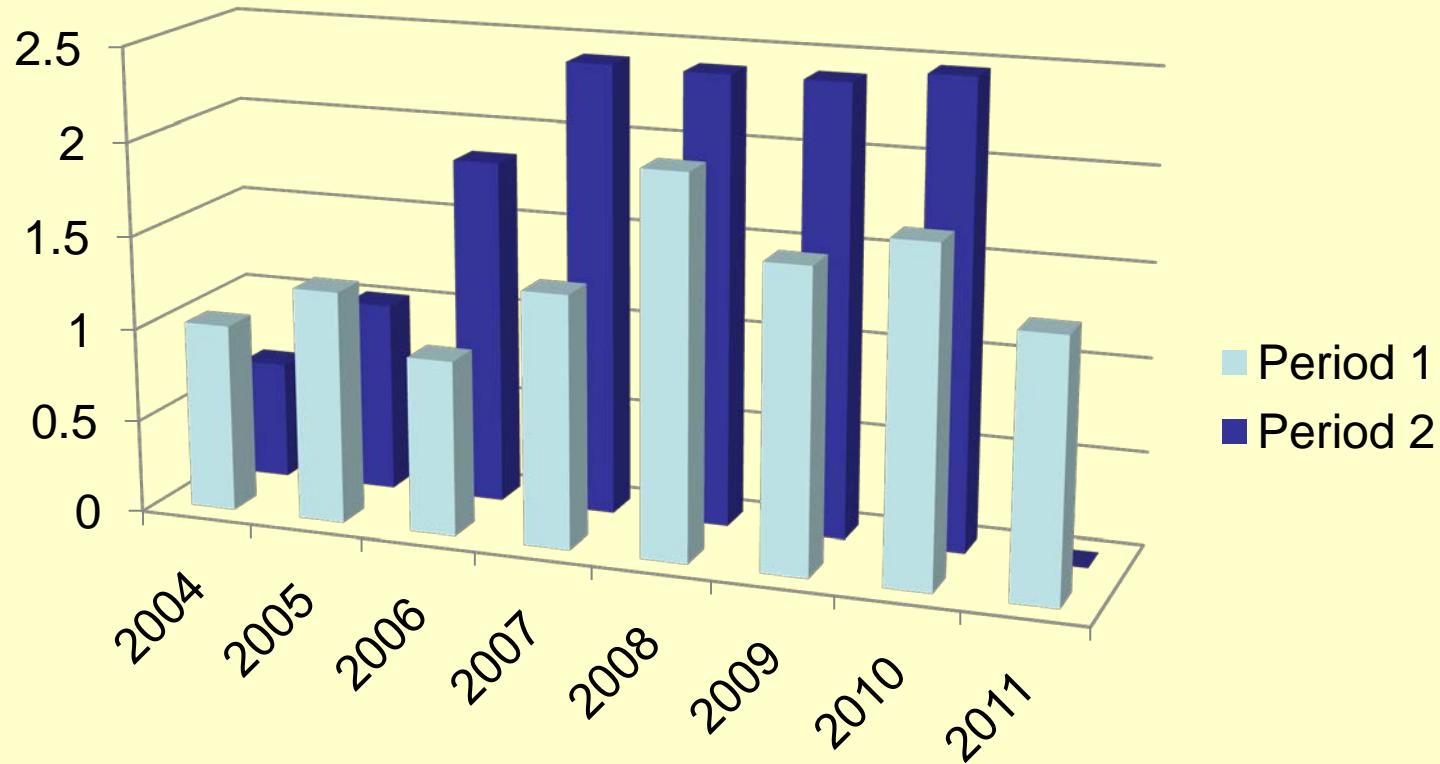
Period	# Prop.	Nights Requested	Nights Available	Ratio	Instruments
2004-1	13	158	157	1.01	CC-FL
2004-2	10	~70	112	0.63	CC-FL
2005-1	22	218	175	1.25	CC-FL-MI ¹
2005-2	12	85	83	1.02	CC-FL
2006-1	25	195	208	0.94	CC-FL-MI
2006-2	23	148	80	1.85	CC-FL-MI
2007-1 ²	22	205	152	1.35	CC-FL-MI
2007-2	26	272	113	2.41	CC-FL-MI-VE ¹
2008-1	29	323	159	2.03	CC-FL-MI-VE-PA ¹
2008-2	32	252	105	2.40	CC-FL-MI-VE-PA
2009-1	47	246	153	1.61	CC-FL-MI-VE-PA-CL ¹
2009-2	34	266	111	2.40	CC-FL-MI-VE-PA-CL ¹
2010-1 ³	34	272	153	1.78	CC-FL-MI-VE-PA-CL
2010-2	34	267	108	2.47	CC-FL-MI-VE-PA-CL
2011-1	28	212	153	1.38	CC-FL-MI ¹ -VE-PA-CL-CH ¹

¹ Initial engineering or commissioning run

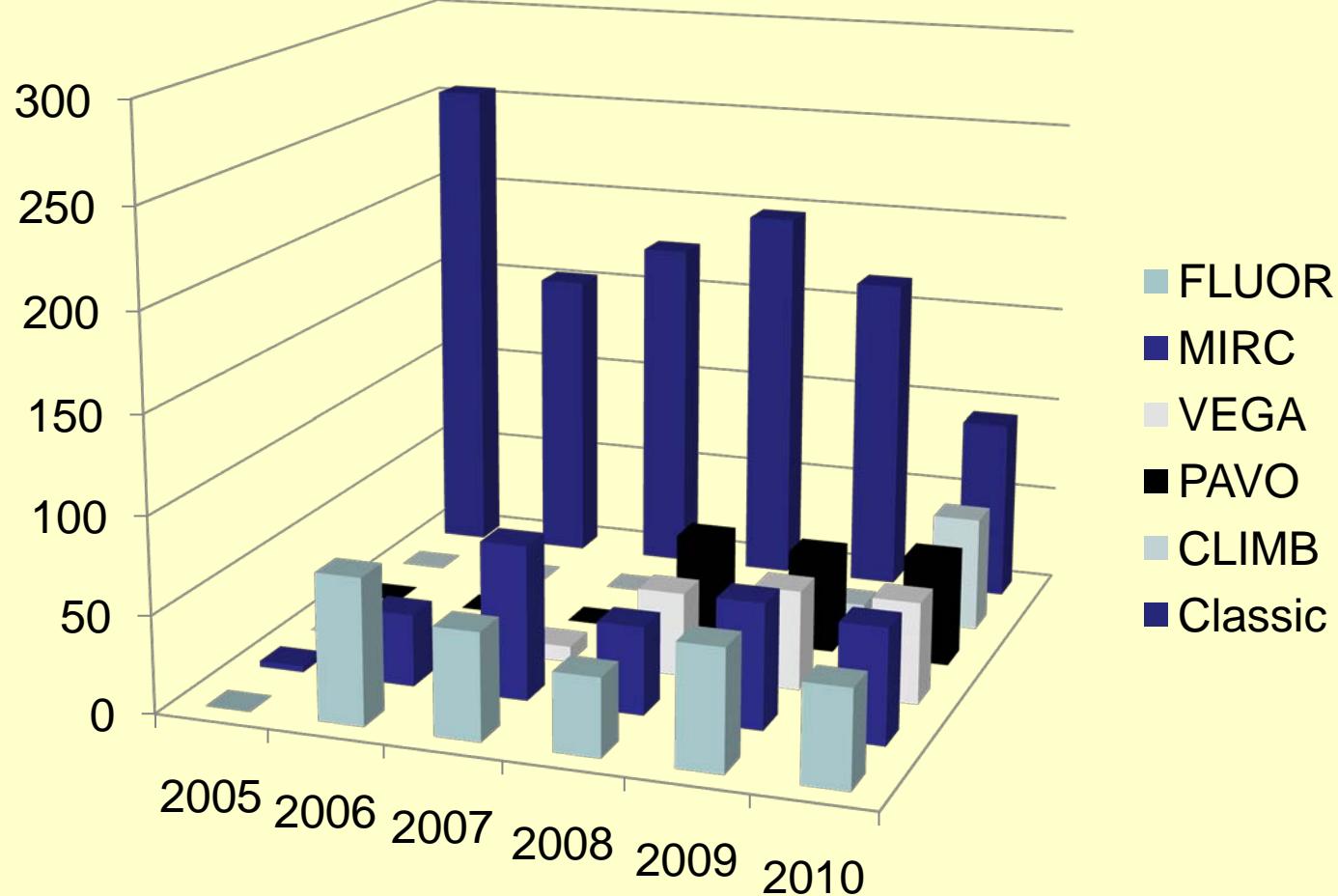
² Initiation of dual beam combiner scheduling

³ NOAO access begun

CHARA Subscription Values



Beam Combiner Usage



CHARA Array Capital Costs

CHARA Array Capital Funding

GSU/State Funding:

ETACT (Ga. Lottery)	\$5,373,000
COAS (FY 95-03)	\$859,932
GSURF (Kapteyn Renov.)	\$33,100
CIF/RPE	\$41,158
GSU Contingency	\$100,000
Subtotal	\$6,407,190

NSF Funding:

Feasibility/Preliminary Design	\$746,600
Construction Funding	\$6,248,015
Overhead Return	\$44,124
Subtotal	\$7,038,739

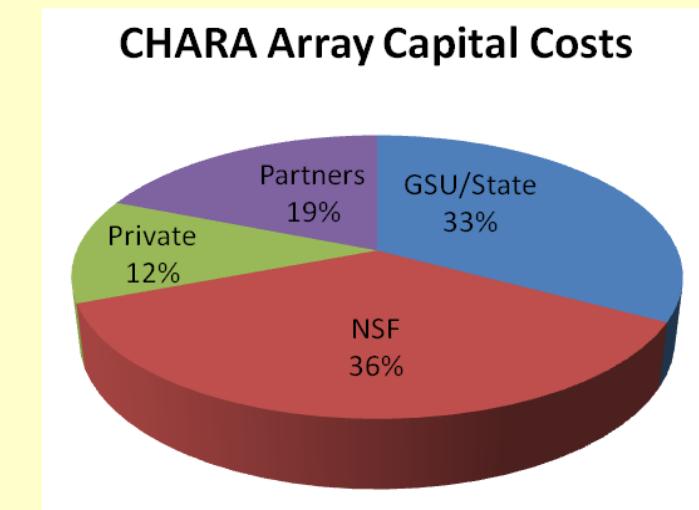
Private Funding:

W.M. Keck Foundation	\$1,663,093
Packard Foundation	\$615,289
Kelly Gift	\$40,000
Arrington Gift	\$10,000
Subtotal	\$2,328,382

Subsequent Value Added:

Paris Obs. FLUOR Combiner	\$400,000
Nice Obs. VEGA Combiner	\$1,500,000
U.Mich MIRC Combiner	\$1,500,000
U.Sydney PAVO Combiner	\$280,000
Subtotal	\$3,680,000

Total Capital Cost: **\$19,454,311**



A commercial/technical appraisal following the 2009 Station Fire assigned a replacement cost of \$34M.

CHARA Operational Funding

CHARA FY 2011 Operational Funding

College of Arts & Sciences:

Personnel Support	\$401,705
Supplies & Travel	\$116,477
Subtotal	\$518,182

H.A. McAlister as PI:

NSF Personnel Support	\$286,429
NASA STScI Hubble Fellow (Boyajian)	\$105,928
NASA ExSci Ops. Support (Farrington)	\$50,500
MWI Operating Agreement	\$12,645
Keck Foundation	\$32,500
Indirect Cost Returns	\$40,860
Subtotal	\$528,862

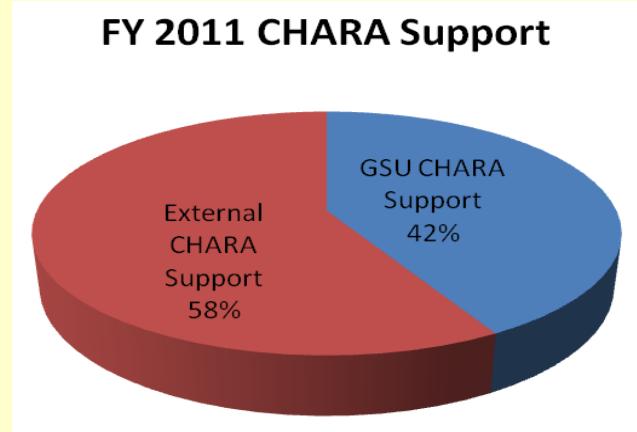
D.R. Gies as PI:

NSF Post Doc (Schaefer)	\$110,700
NASA/GIT Space Grant (Touhami)	\$14,000
NASA/MSC GRA (Richardson)	\$10,000
Subtotal	\$134,700

R.J. White as PI:

NSF A Star Research	\$55,000
Subtotal	\$55,000

Total FY 2011 CHARA Funding \$1,236,744



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