



Some Introductory Remarks

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Photo by Susan McAlister



The Last Time We Gathered...

At our 8th "Annual" Meeting, Atlanta – 29 Feb - 2 Mar 2012

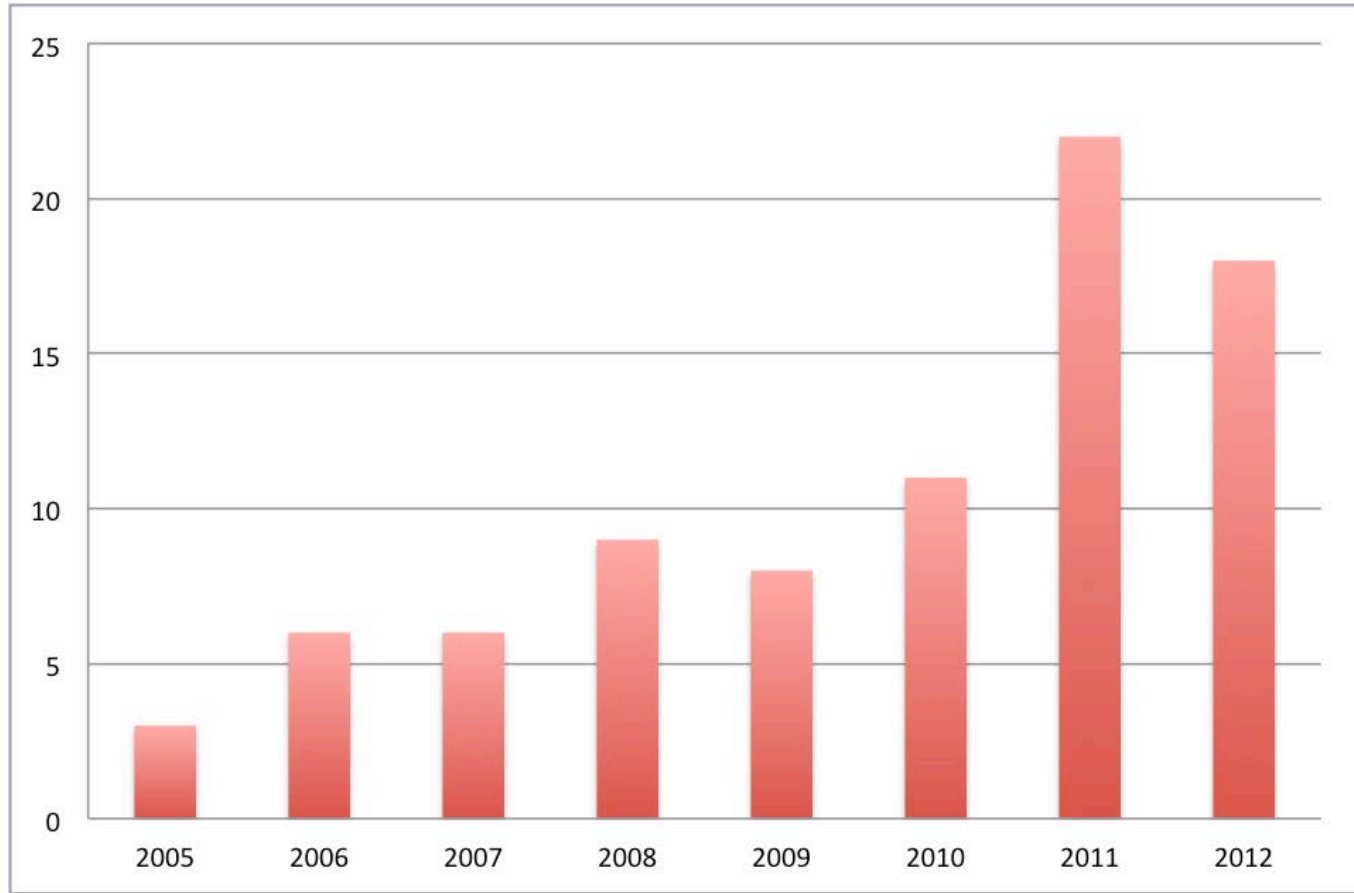


New Group Photo Coming Soon



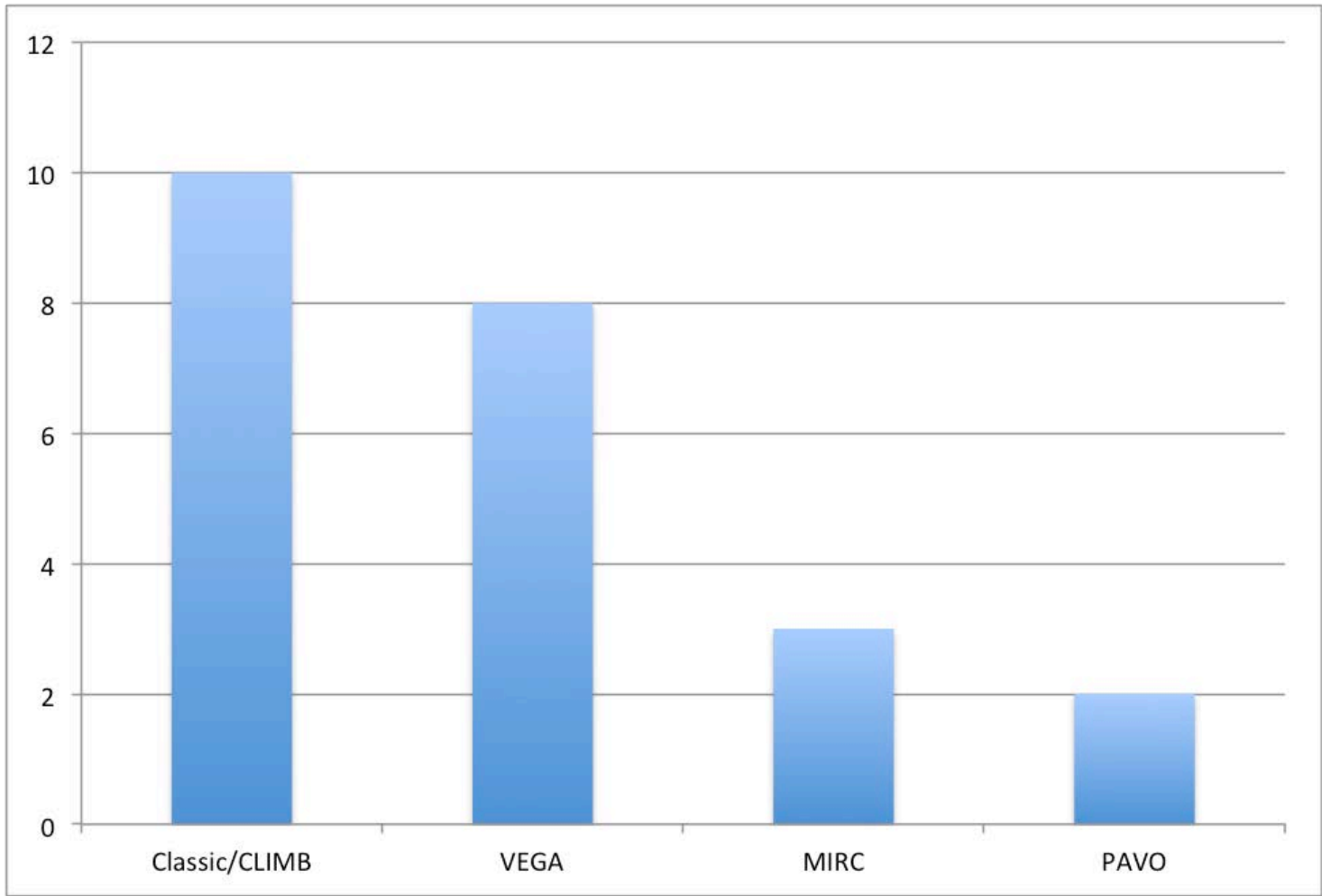
CHARA Refereed Papers

83 to date (11 yr⁻¹)



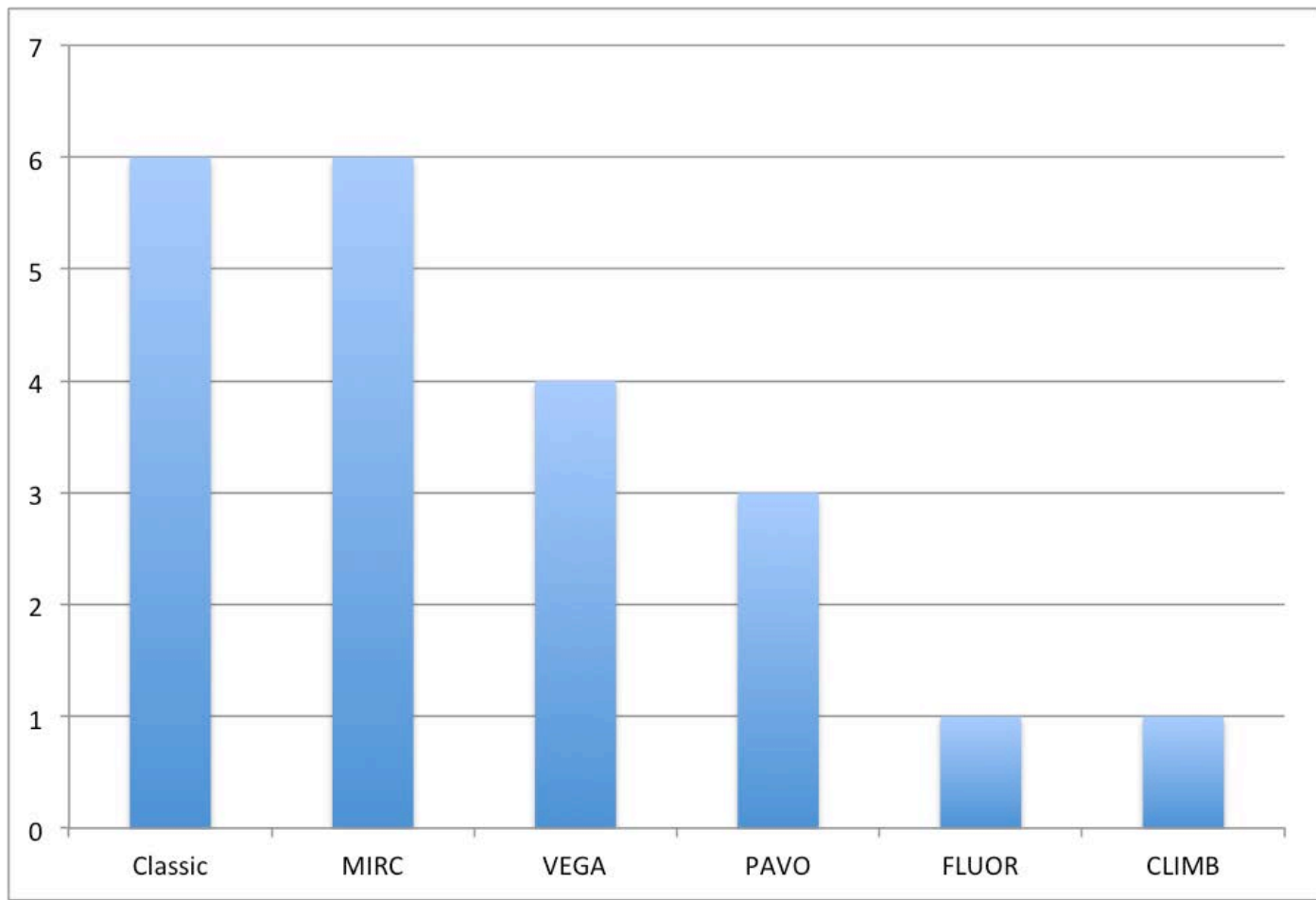


2011 Instrument Contributions



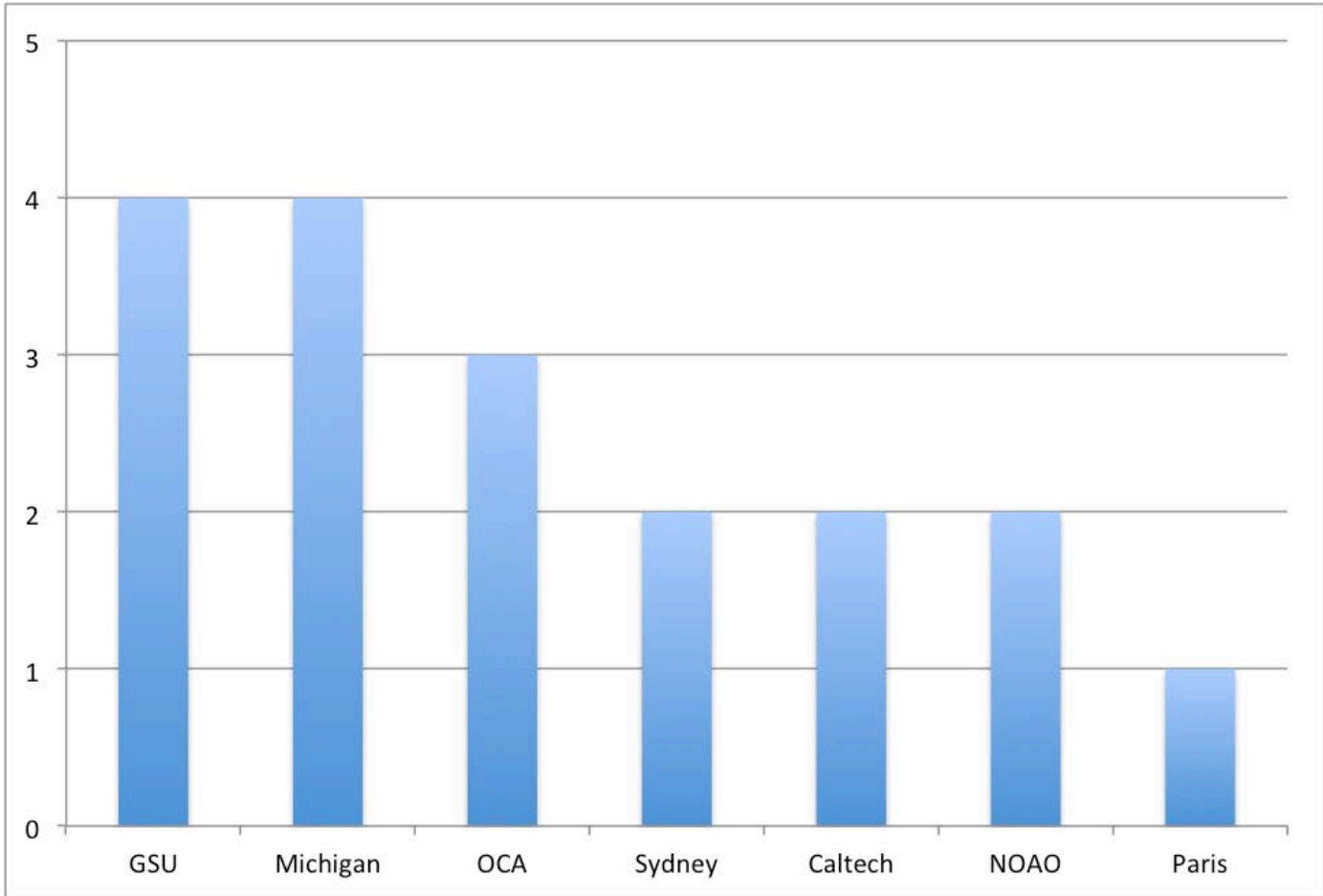


2012 Instrument Contributions





2012 Lead Institutions



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CHARA FY12 External 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
Hubble Fellow (Boyajian)	\$108,097
MWI Operating Agreement	\$12,645
Indirect Cost Returns	\$40,860
Subtotal	\$448,031

T.A. ten Brummelaar as PI

NSF Adaptive Optics	\$1,028,042
Subtotal	\$1,028,042

D.R. Gies as PI:

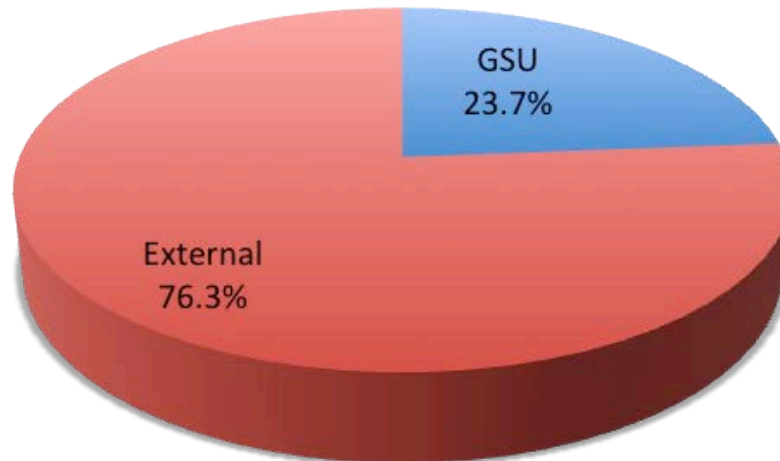
NSF Post Doc (Schaefer)	\$110,700
Space Grant(Touhami)	\$14,000
NASA GRA (Richardson)	\$10,000
Subtotal	\$134,700

R.J. White as PI

NSF A Star Research	\$54,000
Subtotal	\$54,000

Total FY 2012	
CHARA Funding	\$2,182,955

CHARA FY 2012 Funding



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Funding Realities

“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times ...”

- **March 2012** – GSU operational funding is flat & has probably maxed out; Current indirect cost sharing arrangements may be reduced.
- **March 2013** – This is complex and will be discussed in our Wed PI mtg...
- **March 2012** – Site Fees to MWI are likely to increase – Two of our science neighbors on the mountain may close this year.
- **March 2013** – Two MWO projects are indeed on reduced activity and contributing less to site fees. However, Aerospace opened a new facility on the mountain that may become permanent.
- **March 2012** – NSF Operational Funding is Probably Maxed Out – Our grant is large (~\$275K) per year for AAG PI-type grants.
- **March 2013** – Our NSF grant was funded for five (!) years at a <rate> of \$349K per year to fully fund 3 staff members. I don’t see how we could do better.



I first proposed CHARA as an initiative to our Dean at the time in 1983. Here it is – 30 years later – and by virtue of its superb builders & users, the Array has accomplished far more than we ever dreamed in its conceptual years.



Here's to a productive 2013!



Courtesy of Peter Tuthill



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