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This report consists of summary statistics and other data on NSO observing programs and telescope usage, and a safety report for the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2005. Quarterly highlights of public and educational outreach activities are also described. The appendix contains a comprehensive list of principal investigators and collaborators, program titles, telescopes used, and observing hours associated with the quarter's observing programs.

Scientific highlights and current updates on NSO initiatives, new capabilities, instrumentation, and operational activities are published separately in the quarterly *NOAO-NSO Newsletter*.

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I. Observing Programs*

26 observing programs, three of which were thesis programs, were carried out at NSO this quarter. A comprehensive list of PI's, Co-I's, and collaborators, as well as program titles, telescopes used, and observing hours associated with the quarter's observing programs is attached as the Appendix.

NSO Observing Programs by Type (US vs Foreign)					
3 Months Ending Jun 2005	Nbr	% Total			
Programs (US)	21	81%			
Programs (non-US)	2	8%			
Thesis (US)	1	4%			
Thesis (non-US)	2	8%			
Total Number of Unique Science Projects*	÷ 26	100%			

*Includes observing programs conducted by NSO/NOAO staff scientists.

Users of NSO Facilities by Category						
		Vis	NSO/NOAO Staff			
	US Non-US Total % Total					
PhDs	21	5	26	74%	10	
Graduate Students	1	2	3	9%	0	
Undergraduate Students	0	0	0	0%	0	
Other	5	1	6	17%	5	
Total Users	27 8 35 100% 15					

Institutions Represented by Visiting Users**						
	US	Non-US	Total	% Total		
Academic	10	2	12	67%		
Non-Academic	5	1	6	33%		
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Total Academic & Nope Agademic_{ations} **15**_{eprese} **3**ted **by 8**_{isers} **409%** include departments or divisions within an institution as separate entities (e.g., US Air Force and NASA are each counted as one institution even though several different sites/bases/centers are separately listed in the data base).

Number of Users by Nationality						
Italy	3	Spain	4			
Mexico	1	United States	42			

INSTITUTIONS REPRESENTED BY USERS Foreign Institutions (3) INAF - Arcetri Astrophysical Observatory Instituto de Astrofisica de Canarias Universidad de Monterrey, Mexico US Institutions (15) Dickinson College Maria Carillo High School, Santa Rosa, CA McEwen High School, McEwen, TN Montgomery High School, Cunningham, TN New Jersey Institute of Technology/Big Bear Solar Observatory St. Pius X High School, Albuquerque Stanford University University of Arizona University of Wisconsin, Madison Windward Community College, HI High Altitude Observatory, NCAR, Boulder Lockheed Martin Solar & Astrophysics Lab NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center (NASA/GSFC) NASA/Langley Research Center Southwest Research Institute, San Antonio US Air Force/Philips Lab (USAF/PL/GSS)

II. Telescope Usage and Performance Data

In the quarter ending June 30, 2005, 41.86% of total available telescope hours at NSO/Sacramento Peak and NSO/Kitt Peak went to the observing programs of visiting principal investigators and synoptic programs; 27.96% were devoted to the programs of NSO and NOAO scientists. Scheduled maintenance, including instrument tests, engineering, and equipment changes, accounted for 6.54% of total allotted telescope hours.

Total "downtime" (hours lost to weather and equipment problems) for NSO telescopes was 23.24%. Almost all of these lost observing hours were due to bad weather (19.22%), with 4.42% lost to equipment problems.



^aIncludes synoptic/archival data made immediately available to scientific community

NSO TELESCOPES Percent Distribution of Telescope Hours (Scheduled vs. Downtime) April - June 2005							
		% Hours	Used By:	% Hours	s Lost To:	% Hrs. Lost To:	
Telescope	Hours Available	Visitors ^a	Staff	Weather	Equipment	Scheduled Maintenance	
Dunn Solar Telescope/SP	1,032.0	43.8%	11.9%	33.2%	4.0%	7.2%	
McMath-Pierce*	1,042.0	15.9%	64.4%	13.0%	6.7%	0.0%	
KP SOLIS Tower ^b	0.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
FTS Lab*	636.0	75.5%	5.7%	0.0%	0.0%	18.9%	
Evans Facility	256.0	56.3%	0.0%	35.9%	7.8%	0.0%	

⁴Includes synoptic programs for which all data are made available immediately to the public and the scientific community at large.

^bThe KPVT was closed on September 22, 2003 to prepare for SOLIS. The KPVT is now the Kitt Peak SOLIS Tower (KPST).

*Totals include both day and night hours. (All others are day only.)

III. User Statistics – Archives/Data Bases

A. NSO/Sacramento Peak (NSO/SP)

Combined Service Demographics (NSO/SP)					
Demographic Group	Requests	Traffic			
U.S. Science (.gov, .edu, .mil)	7.1%	19.4%			
Other U.S. (.com, .net, misc.)	72.7%	64.0%			
Foreign	18.1%	15.2%			
Unresolved	2.1%	1.5%			

NOTE: Sac Peak statistics exclude the use of NSO archives and data bases from within the NSO/SP Local Area Network (LAN), from the NSO/Tucson LAN, and from NOAO as a whole.

FTP Archive Statistics

There were 203,960 successful user requests, serving 4,684 distinct files to 4,490 distinct hosts. A total of 49.078 Gbytes were served, averaging 552.689 Mbytes per day.

FTP User Demographics (NSO/SP)					
Demographic Group	Requests	Traffic			
U.S. Science (.gov, .edu, .mil)	6.9%	29.9%			
Other U.S. (.com, .net, misc.)	80.5%	58.8%			
Foreign	11.3%	10.2%			
Unresolved	1.4%	1.1%			

FTP Products (NSO/SP)					
Product	Requests	Traffic			
Realtime Images	2.5%	2.7%			
Corona Maps	97.1%	70.1%			
Staff Outgoing	0.3%	27.1%			
Other	0.1%	0.1%			

World Wide Web Statistics

There were 1,190,387 successful user requests, serving 12,048 distinct files to 92,721 distinct hosts. A total of 36.361 Gbytes were served, averaging 409.165 Mbytes per day.

WWW User Demographics (NSO/SP)					
Demographic Group	Requests	Traffic			
U.S. Science (.gov, .edu, .mil)	7.1%	5.1%			
Other U.S. (.com, .net, misc.)	71.4%	71.0%			
Foreign	19.2%	21.9%			
Unresolved	2.2%	2.0%			

WWW Products (NSO/SP)					
Product	Requests	Traffic			
Realtime Images and Movies (ISOON, Other)	18.4%	21.2%			
Other Images	10.0%	33.5%			
General Icon and Background Images	27.2%	6.9%			
Public Relations Pages	12.5%	5.4%			
Press Releases	1.4%	4.3%			
Telescope Home Pages	4.9%	2.5%			
ISOON	3.7%	3.6%			
Adaptive Optics Pages	1.3%	5.3%			
General Information	10.5%	8.4%			
Staff Pages	2.6%	5.7%			
Other	7.5%	3.2%			

FTP Upload Statistics

FTP uploads are using a significant amount of available bandwidth. Almost all of the FTP upload activity is related to the USAF Solar Mass Ejection Imager (SMEI) experiment.

There were 5,680 successful user requests uploading 113 distinct files from 5 distinct hosts. A total of 173.785 Gbytes were uploaded, averaging 1.910 Gbytes per day.

Incoming FTP User Demographics (NSO/SP)					
Demographic Group	Requests	Traffic			
U.S. Science (.edu, .mil)	99.9%	100.0%			
Other U.S. (.com, .net, misc.)	0.0%	0.0%			
Foreign	0.1%	0.0%			

Incoming FTP Uploads (NSO/SP)			
Product	Requests	Traffic	
SMEI Data	99.8%	100.0%	
Workshop Talks	0.2%	0.0%	

B. NSO/Tucson

- Most recent complete quarter (01 April 30 June 2005)
 - 1. 807 FTP users
 - 2. 82,666 FTP logins
 - 3. 413,203 files downloaded via anonymous FTP
 - 4. 299,926 Web page hits (not counting in-line images)
 - 5. 2,061465 Web page hits including in-line images

- Distribution of downloaded data products by number of files for the most recent quarter:
 - 1. 5.2% KPVT (magnetograms, synoptic maps, helium images).
 - 2. 1.7% SOLIS (VSM magnetograms, synoptic maps, helium images)
 - 3. 0.5% FTS (spectral atlases, general archive).
 - 4. 0.1% Sac Peak spectroheliograms (Hα, Calcium K images).
 - 5. 92.6% GONG (magnetograms, spectra, time series, frequencies).
- Demographics of FTP logins for most recent quarter:
 - 1. Science domains: 50.9%
 - 2. Public domains: 4.6%
 - 3. Foreign domains: 17.4%
 - 4. Unresolved: 27.1%



Note: All statistics are for NSO/Tucson archive usage by non-NSO and non-NOAO personnel. The numbers do not include NSO/Sunspot.

V. Public and Educational Outreach Activities

NSO public and educational outreach encompasses activities at the Sunspot Astronomy and Visitor Center, including the Visitor Center's retail operations, educational exhibits, and NSO/Sac Peak tours; tours of the NSO/Kitt Peak facilities; Web site outreach, including public information requests; scientific press and media relations; and staff involvement in programs to enhance science education in grades K–12, as well as higher education. Highlights for this quarter follow.

A. Educational Outreach

1. Summer Research Assistantship (SRA) Programs including Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) and Research Experiences for Teachers (RET)

During this quarter, a combination of 22 students and teachers participated in summer research opportunities at locations in both Tucson and Sunspot for 2005. There were 8 REU students, 4 RET teachers, and 12 graduate SRA's, of which 3 were PhD candidates doing ATST-related theses, 4 were sponsored by staff grant funds, 2 were Air Force Space Scholars, , and 1 was from the High Altitude Observatory.

2. Other Educational Outreach

Alexei Pevtsov continued to teach a graduate course on "Observational Astrophysics" (PHYS580) at Montana State University in Bozeman. Four lectures were presented during this quarter. Dr. Pevtsov also served as a "guest expert" for an online forum as part of a high school advanced placement chemistry course (*www.mrsmales.com/forum*); he answered astronomy questions posted by high school students.

Frank Hill and Carl Henney presented invited lectures at a three-day Solar Physics Workshop for middle school science teachers in June sponsored by the University of Arizona Lunar and Planetary Laboratory's Science and Mathematics Education Center. The workshop focused on providing an introduction to the underlying physics of the Sun, on the production of the aurora, and on making connections between solar activity and weather and climate on Earth. Workshop activities included an NSO-hosted tour, led by Bill Livingston, of the McMath-Pierce Solar Telescope facility.

NSO co-hosted a week-long observing run in June at the McMath-Pierce Solar Telescope as part of the NOAO TLRBSE summer program. Frank Hill and Claude Plymate worked with NOAO's Connie Walker, three high-school teachers, and one community college science instructor on magnetic active region mapping using a 1.5-micron magnetograph. Frank Hill implemented a software package to allow the teachers to reduce and analyze McMath-Pierce IR spectra. The teachers were also provided with copies of the NSO designed RASL/DASL (Research in Active Solar Longitudes/Data and Activities for Solar Learning) software and workbooks as part of the TLRBSE program activities.

As a Project ASTRO astronomer partner, Roberta Toussaint worked with students at Robison Elementary School in Tucson in April and May. During this quarter the NSO Sac Peak staff started working on plans for hosting the 2005 Project ASTRO Workshop for teachers and students on 09-10 September 2005.

B. Public Outreach

1. Sunspot Visitor Center

Sunspot Astronomy & Visitor Center Summary of Visitors and Tours (3 Months Ending 06/30/05)			
Group/Program	No. of Visitors		
General Public Tours (Visits to Center and Self-Guided Tours)	2,800		
Guided Public Tours:			
- School Groups K-12	152		
- Special Tours	165		
Total Visitors	3,117		

A new 6×8 -foot graphic was developed for the new backlit display box at the Visitor Center. A new Visitor Center tourism brochure was also finalized and printed, and Visitor Center ads were prepared for placement in local newspapers.

2. Other Public Outreach

On 21 April Dave Radzanowski of the White House Office of Management and Budget visited NOAO and NSO and was given a tour of the nighttime and solar facilities at Kitt Peak. NSO Deputy Director Mark Giampapa met with Radzanowski and briefed him on the Advanced Technology Solar Telescope Project and other NSO programs.

K.S. Balasubramaniam and John Leibacher represented NSO at the 11th annual Coalition for National Science Funding Science@Work exhibition at Capitol Hill on 21 June, at which members of Congress and their staff were briefed on the work of NSF-funded centers.

K.S. Balasubramaniam gave a tour of the NSO facilities at Sunspot to Ms. Rebecca Rizzuit, a staffer of New Mexico Senator Jeff Bingaman.

Alexei Pevtsov gave public lectures on "The History of Space Exploration in Postage Stamps" to members of the Montana Astronomical Society at the Museum of the Rockies in Bozeman, Montana on 29 April, and to the Alamogordo Astronomy Club on 17 June.

As part of a Tucson Amateur Astronomy Association activity, Claude Plymate and Teresa Bippert-Plymate hosted a star party with an 8-inch Meade telescope for students, parents and teachers at Vesey Elementary School on 07 April.

Ramona Elrod manned the NSO booth at the National Science Teachers Association conference in Dallas, Texas on 10 March – 03 April. She also represented NSO at an NRAO-hosted meeting of the Southwest Consortium of Observatories for Public Education (SCOPE) in Socorro, New Mexico on 15 April. Jackie Diehl represented NSO during Astronomy Day activities held at the New Mexico Museum of Space History, in conjunction with the Alamogordo Astronomy Club on 30 April. She also presented an evening campfire program for the Lincoln National Forest on 04 June.

The second issue of the ATST Quarterly Newsletter was published in May

V. Risk Management and Safety Report

Risk Management services at NSO/Kitt Peak and Tucson are shared with NOAO. See also the "Tucson and Kitt Peak Site Safety Report" section (page 6) of the NOAO April-June 2005 Quarterly Report (<u>http://www.noao.edu/dir/g_rep/q3-05.pdf</u>) for more comprehensive information on risk management activities.

A. OSHA Recordable Occupational Injuries, Illnesses, and Other Incidents

• NSO had no injuries reported this quarter.

B. Safety and Health

- New safety signs for the Tucson GONG site were installed.
- A Risk Management overview was presented to the Management Committee on 22 June. The Committee was informed of the following: there were no OSHA recordable injuries reported to date for this fiscal year; our experience with a few property damage instances and vandalisms during this quarter; insurance annual review; the status of the safety manual rewrite; preparations for the Kitt Peak summer shutdown; and inspection at NSO's Sac Peak.
- Risk management considerations were reviewed in the 23 June ATST enclosure review meeting. Topics of discussion included access, ladder ways, fire protection, chemical containment and others.

APPENDIX National Solar Observatory 01 April - 30 June 2005

April - June 2005: During this period, 26 observing programs, three of which were thesis programs, were carried out at the National Solar Observatory. Graduate and undergraduate students are indicated by (T) for thesis students, (G) for non-thesis graduate students, (UT) for undergraduate thesis students, and (U) for undergraduate students. (TLRBSE) identifies middle and high school teachers who are Teacher Leaders in Research Based Science Education program participants, and (RET) identifies Research Experience for Teachers program participants.

identifies Research Expe	erience for Teachers program participants.	Nights	Days	Hours
8		0.0	15.0	120.0
Michael Dulick	National Solar Observatory			
FTS Beamsplitter Chang	es; System Maintenance			
McMP FTS Lab				
1222		0.0	9.0	108.0
Curtis Rinsland	NASA Langley Research Center			
Monitoring of Long-Tern	n Trends in the Concentrations of Atmospheric Gase	s from McMath FTS	Solar Spectra	
McPE FTS/Mc-P				
1854		0.0	3.0	104.0
William Livingston	National Solar Observatory			
Renshaw (RET)	St. Pius X High School, Albuquerque			
Line Asymmetry Change	s in the Solar Irradiance Spectrum			
McMP FTS/Mc-P				
1858		0.0	8.0	178.0
William Livingston	National Solar Observatory			
Cycle Variability of the S	olar Spectrum			
McMP Main spectrogra	ph			
1882		0.0	3.0	36.0
James Lawler	University of Wisconsin			
Atomic Transition Proba	bilities for Rare Earth Elements			
FTS Lab				
2127		0.0	15.1	76.0
Richard Altrock	USAF Research Laboratory			
Three-Line Coronal Pho	tometer			

Evans Facility Sac Peak

		Nights	Days	Hours
2128		0.0	15.1	68.0
Simon Worden	University of Arizona			
Keil	National Solar Observatory			
Ca K Solar Rotation				
Evans Facility Sac Pea	k			
2245		0.0	10.0	89.0
Christoph Keller	National Solar Observatory			
Ren	Big Bear Solar Observatory, NJIT			
Plymate	National Solar Observatory			
ATST Key Technology	Developments			
McMP Main spectrogr	aph			
2245n		10.0	0.0	29.0
Christoph Keller	National Solar Observatory			
Ren	Big Bear Solar Observatory, NJIT			
Plymate	National Solar Observatory			
ATST Key Technology	Developments			
McMP Main spectrogr	aph			
2282		0.0	12.0	13.0
Donald Jennings	NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center			
McCabe	NASA Goddard Space Flight Center			
Sada	Universidad de Monterrey			
Boyle	Dickinson College			
Zeeman Splitting in OH	I at 12 Microns			
McMP Main spectrogr	aph			
2367		0.0	14.0	216.0
Andrew Potter	National Solar Observatory			
Plymate	National Solar Observatory			
Killen	University of Maryland			
Adaptive Optics for Plan	netary Observations at the McMath-Pierce Telescope			

McMP Main spectrograph

		Nights	Days	Hours
2375a		0.0	5.0	35.0
Constance Walker	National Optical Astronomy Observatory			
Brown (TLRBSE)	Montgomery High School, Cunningham, TN			
Brown (TLRBSE)	McEwen High School, McEwen, TN			
Salkovics (TLRBSE)	Maria Carillo High School, Santa Rosa, CA			
Ciotti (TLRBSE)	Windward Community College, Hawaii			
Understanding the Morph Sunspots	nology of Active Regions: Using Zeeman-Split IR Lines i	to Determine Mag	netic Field Str	engths of
McMP Main spectrograp	h			
2433		0.0	0.5	5.0
Thomas Rimmele	National Solar Observatory			
Sankarasubramanian	National Solar Observatory			
High-Resolution Studies	of Pores Using the Diffraction-Limited Spectro-Polarim	eter (DLSP)		
Dunn Solar Telescope/SP	Sac Peak			
2442		0.0	6.5	65.0
Tony Spence	National Solar Observatory			
Fletcher	National Solar Observatory			
Dunbar	National Solar Observatory			
Jones	National Solar Observatory			
Dunn Telescope Mainten	ance			
Dunn Solar Telescope/SP	Sac Peak			
2443		0.0	6.5	47.0
Richard Wachter	Stanford University			
Tomczyk	High Altitude Observatory, NCAR			
Uitenbroek	National Solar Observatory			
Rajaguru	Stanford University			
Influence of Magnetic Fi	elds on the Doppler Measurements of Oscillations			
Dunn Solar Telescope/SP	Sac Peak			
2444		0.0	7.0	47.0
Thomas Rimmele	National Solar Observatory			
Sankarasubramanian	National Solar Observatory			
Network Magnetic Field	Observations Using the Diffraction-Limited Spectro-Pole	arimeter (DLSP)		
Dunn Solar Telescope/SP	Sac Peak			

		Nights	Days	Hours
2445		0.0	9.0	41.0
Bruce Lites	High Altitude Observatory, UCAR			
Socas-Navarro	High Altitude Observatory, UCAR			
Sankarasubramanian	National Solar Observatory			
Quiet Sun Magnetic Fields at	High Angular Resolution (DLSP)			
Dunn Solar Telescope/SP Sac	Peak			
2446		0.0	7.0	38.5
David Elmore	High Altitude Observatory, NCAR			
Socas-Navarro	High Altitude Observatory, UCAR			
Borrero	High Altitude Observatory, UCAR			
Enhanced Advanced Stokes P	olarimeter			
Dunn Solar Telescope/SP Sac	Peak			
2447		0.0	7.0	38.5
Marian Martinez Gonzalez (T)	Instituto de Astrofísica de Canarias			
Socas-Navarro	High Altitude Observatory, UCAR			
Borrero	High Altitude Observatory, UCAR			
Dominguez Cerdena	Instituto de Astrofisica de Canarias			
Enhanced Advanced Stokes P	olarimeter: Simultaneous Visible & Infrared O	bservations of hotosph	eric Quiet Sun	Fields
Dunn Solar Telescope/SP Sac	Peak			
2448		0.0	9.0	77.0
Krishna Balasubramaniam	National Solar Observatory			
Elmore	High Altitude Observatory, NCAR			
Socas-Navarro	High Altitude Observatory, UCAR			
Bogdan	High Altitude Observatory			
Lites	High Altitude Observatory, UCAR			
A Study of Variations of Mag	netized Waves in Sunspots			
Dunn Solar Telescope/SP Sac	Peak			
2449		0.0	7.0	38.5
Rebecca Centeno (T)	Instituto de Astrofisica de Canarias			
Socas-Navarro	High Altitude Observatory, UCAR			
Elmore	High Altitude Observatory, NCAR			
Collados Vera	Instituto de Astrofisica de Canarias			
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Enhanced Advanced Stokes Polarimeter: Chromospheric Waves and Dynamics in Sunspots and Active Regions

Dunn Solar Telescope/SP Sac Peak

		Nights	Days	Hours
2450		0.0	7.0	38.5
Anna Pietarila (T)	High Altitude Observatory, UCAR			
Socas-Navarro	High Altitude Observatory, UCAR			
Elmore	High Altitude Observatory, NCAR			
Enhanced Advanced St	okes Polarimeter: Wave and Dynamics in the Quiet Solar Chr	omosphere		
Dunn Solar Telescope/Sl	P Sac Peak			
2451		0.0	9.0	100.0
Kevin Reardon	INAF - Arcetri Astrophysical Observatory			
Casini	High Altitude Observatory, NCAR			
Cavallini	INAF - Arcetri Astrophysical Observatory			
Tomczyk	High Altitude Observatory, NCAR			
Spectro-polarimetry of t	he Choromosphere and Photosphere with the Interferometric	Bidimensiona	l Spectrometer	r (IBIS)
Dunn Solar Telescope/Sl	P Sac Peak			
2452		0.0	7.0	42.0
Katja Janssen	INAF - Osservatorio Astrofisico di Arcetri			
Reardon	INAF - Arcetri Astrophysical Observatory			
Speckle Reconstruction	Techniques Using the Interferometric BI-dimensional Spectr	ometer (IBIS)		
Dunn Solar Telescope/Sl	P Sac Peak			
2453		0.0	8.5	61.0
Mandy Hagenaar	Lockheed Martin Solar & Astrophysics Laboratories			
Uitenbroek	National Solar Observatory			
Moat Flows and Moving	g Magnetic Features around Sunspots			
Dunn Solar Telescope/Sl	P Sac Peak			
2454		0.0	5.0	42.5
Phillip Judge	High Altitude Observatory, NCAR			
Casini	High Altitude Observatory, NCAR			
Burkepile	High Altitude Observatory, NCAR			
Tomczyk	High Altitude Observatory, NCAR			
Coronal Multi-Channel	Polarimeter (CoMp)			
Dunn Solar Telescope/Sl	P Sac Peak			