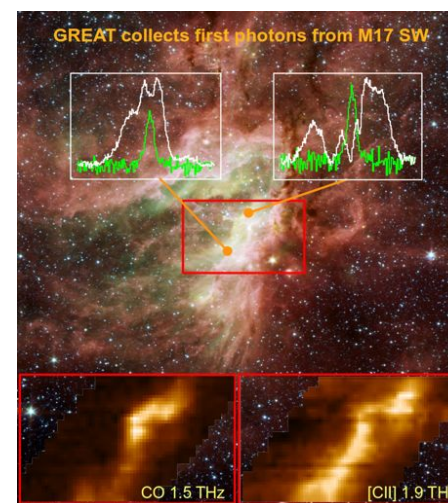*SOFIA Community Task Force (SCTF) AAS Splinter Session*

SOFIA: Opportunities for Scientists & Educators

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Outline

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Objectives of "SOFIA: Opportunities for Scientists & Educators"

- *Inform the astronomical community about the status of the SOFIA mission, including:*

  - *Short Science program (December 2010 – April 2011)*

  - *Basic Science program (May – September 2011)*

  - *1st-generation science instruments*

  - *Call for development of 2nd-generation science instruments*

  - *Airborne Astronomy Ambassadors (E/PO) program*

- *Solicit feedback from the astronomical community*

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Session Agenda

4:30 PM: Introduction and Welcome – D. Backman

4:35 PM: SOFIA Program Update – P. Marcum

4:50 PM: Science Mission Operations – E. Young

5:10 PM: First-generation science instruments – J. Vaillancourt

5:20 PM: User Support & Upcoming Observing CfPs – R. Sankrit

5:30 PM: SOFIA E/PO and the Airborne Astronomy Ambassadors – D. Backman

5:50 PM: Q&A / community comments – J. Rho

6:00 PM: Adjourn

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