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OBSERVING SUMMARY

### Some Highlights of the 1976 Research Program

- The first two VLA antennas were used successfully as an interferometer in February, 1976. By the end of 1976, six antennas had been operated as an interferometer in test observing runs.
- Amongst the improvements to existing facilities are the new radiometers at 9 cm and at 25/6 cm for Green Bank. The pointing accuracy of the 140-foot antenna was improved by insulating critical parts of the structure.
- The 300-foot telescope was used to detect the redshifted hydrogen absorption feature in the spectrum of the radio source A0 0235+164. This is the first instance in which optical and radio spectral lines have been measured in a source having large redshift.
- The 140-foot telescope was used as an element of a Very Long Baseline Interferometer in the detection of an extremely small radio source in the Galactic Center. This source, with dimensions less than the solar system, is similar to, but less luminous than, compact sources observed in other galaxies.
- The interferometer was used to detect emission from the binary HR1099. Subsequently, a large radio flare was observed simultaneously with a Ly- $\alpha$  and H- $\alpha$  outburst from the star.
- New molecules detected with the 36-foot telescope include a number of deuterated species such as DCO $^+$ , and ketene, the least saturated version of the CCO molecule frame.

# OBSERVING HOURS

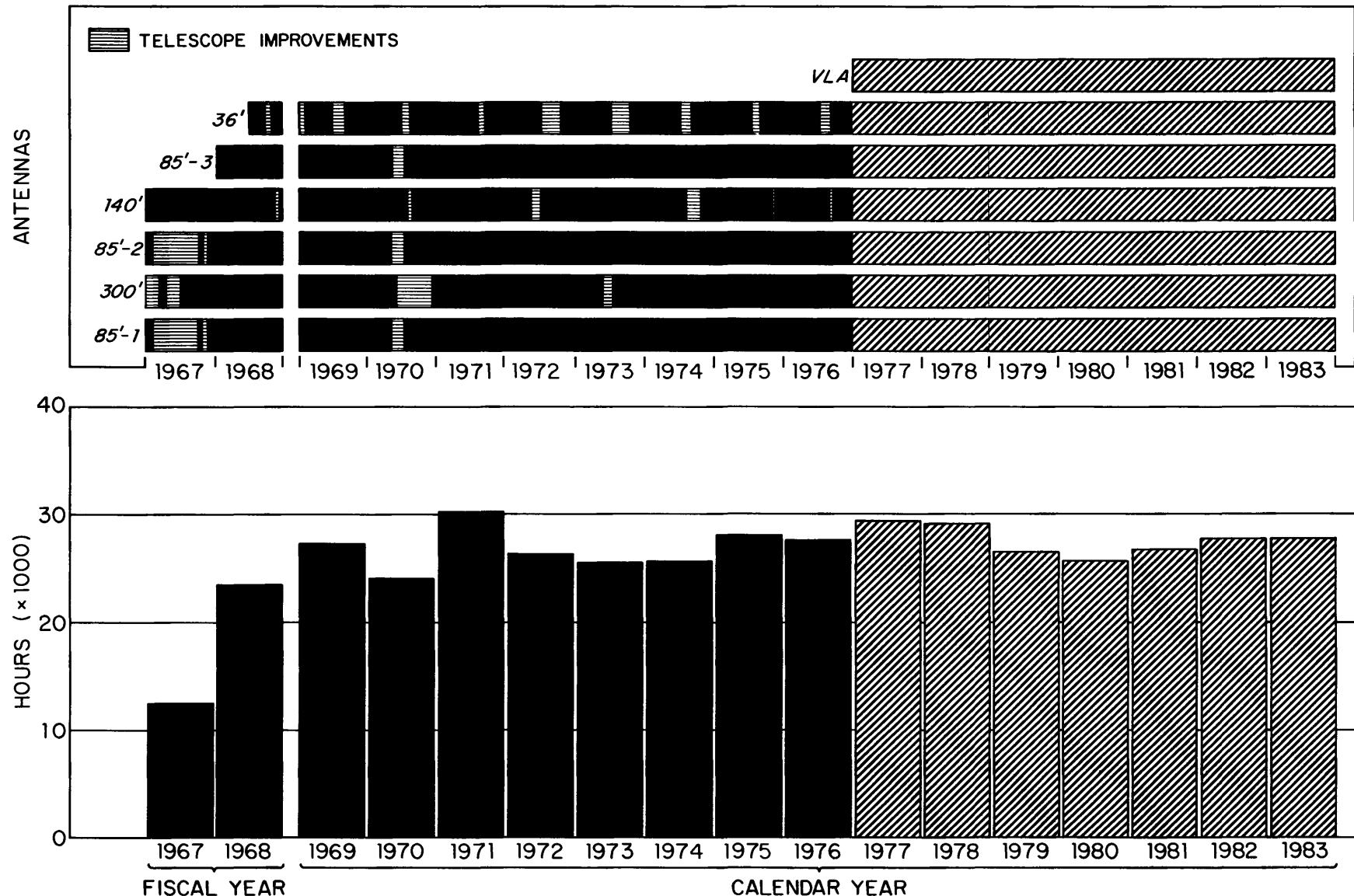


Fig. 1. The upper figure shows the year in which existing (black) or planned (shaded) telescope systems are incorporated into the NRAO observing program. The lower figures show the total number of hours of observing time during each year.

## OBSERVING TIME DISTRIBUTION

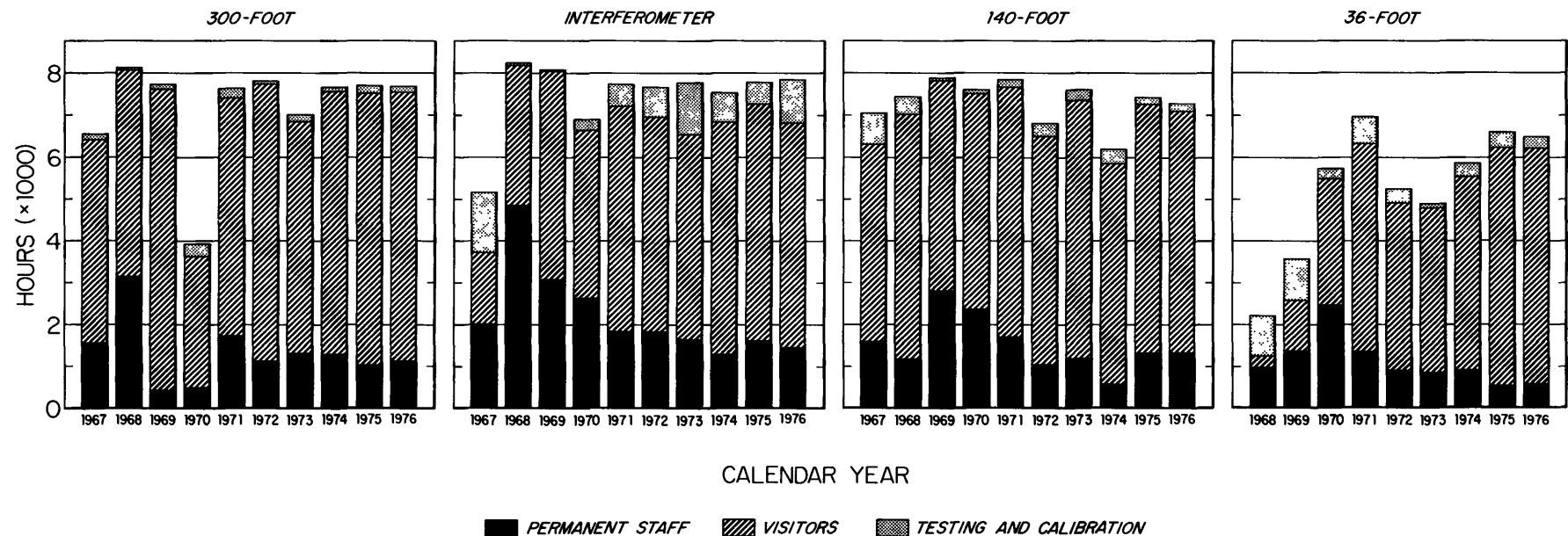


Fig. 2. These graphs show the number of hours devoted to calibration and testing and to observing by NRAO permanent staff members and by visitors on each telescope system during the last decade. The 36-foot telescope began operation in 1968.

## 36-FOOT RADIO TELESCOPE SUMMARY

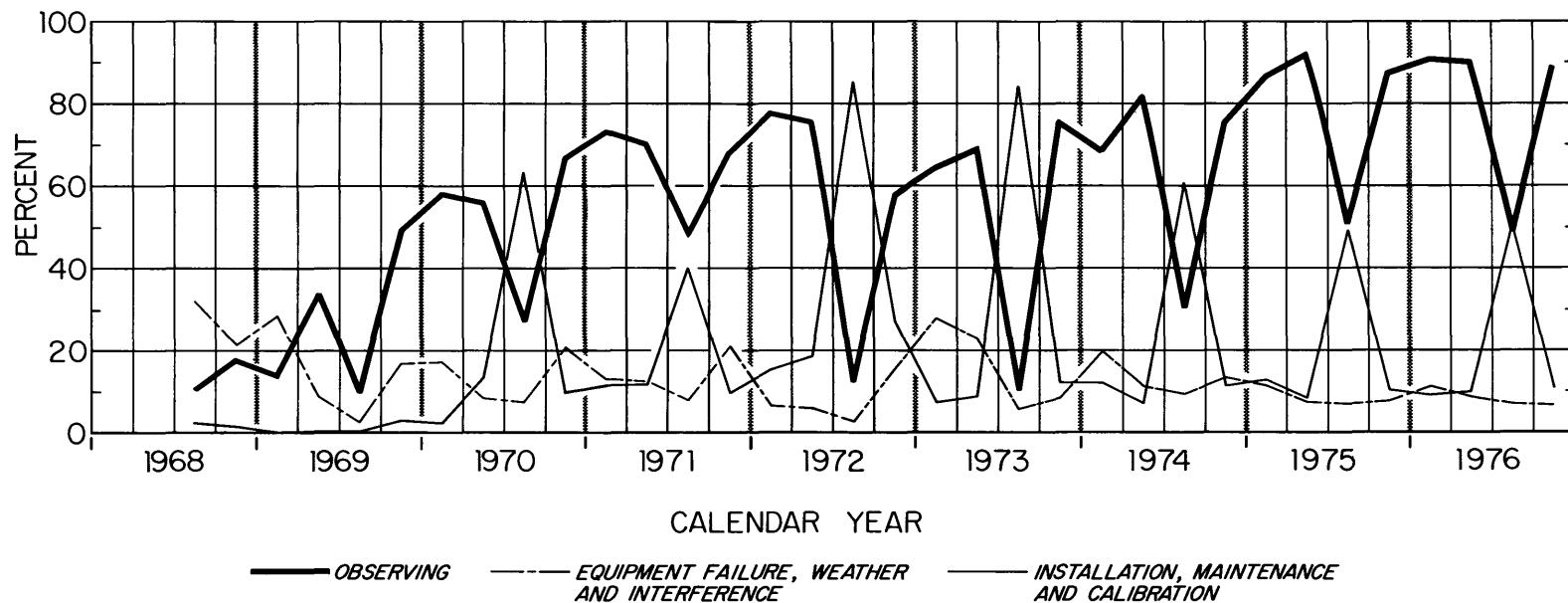


Fig. 3. This summary for each quarter of the calendar year shows the percentage of time the telescope was scheduled for observing, for routine calibration, maintenance, and installation of new experiments, and the percentage of time lost due to equipment failure, bad weather, and radio interference.

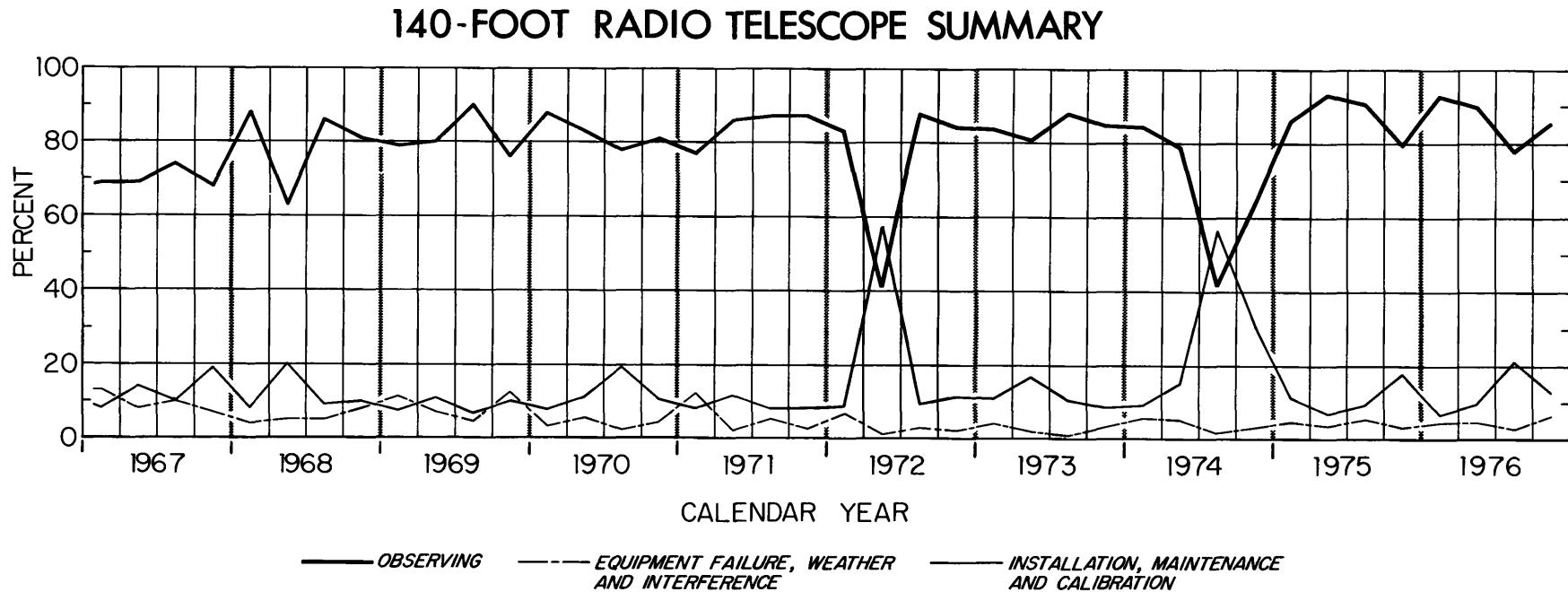


Fig. 4. This summary for each quarter of the calendar year shows the percentage of time the telescope was scheduled for observing, for routine calibration, maintenance, and installation of new experiments, and the percentage of time lost due to equipment failure, bad weather, and radio interference.

## 300-FOOT RADIO TELESCOPE SUMMARY

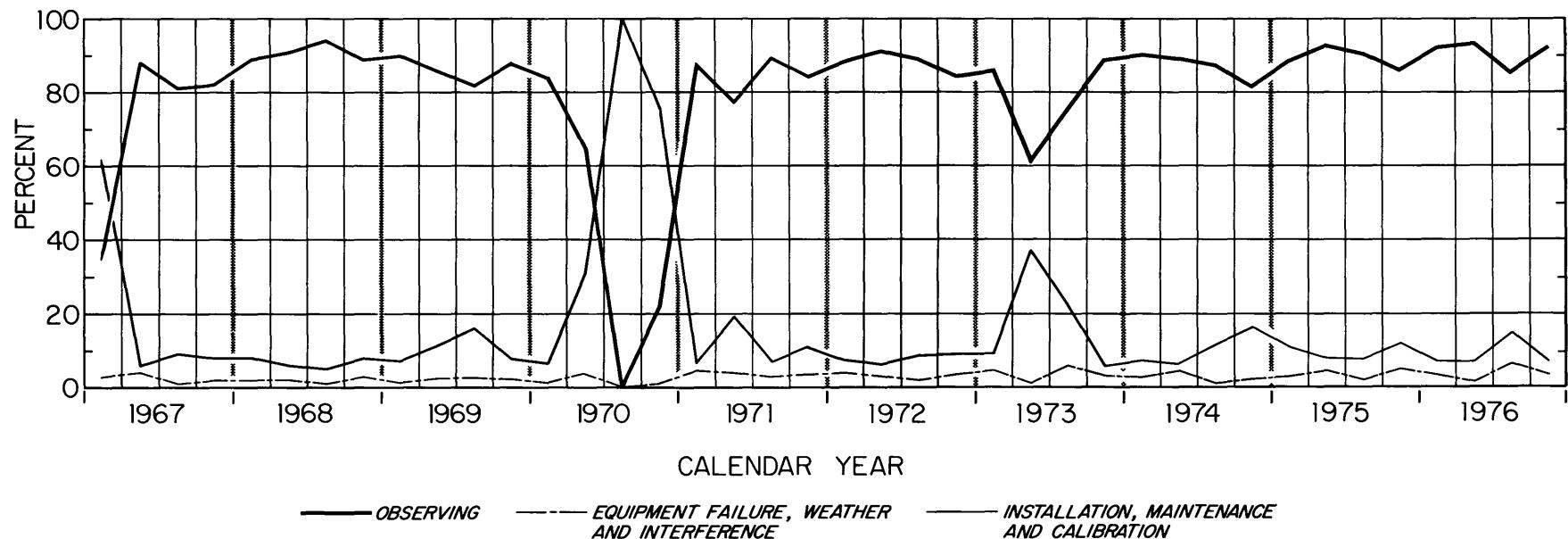


Fig. 5. This summary for each quarter of the calendar year shows the percentage of time the telescope was scheduled for observing, for routine calibration, maintenance, and installation of new experiments, and the percentage of time lost due to equipment failure, bad weather, and radio interference.

## INTERFEROMETER RADIO TELESCOPE SUMMARY

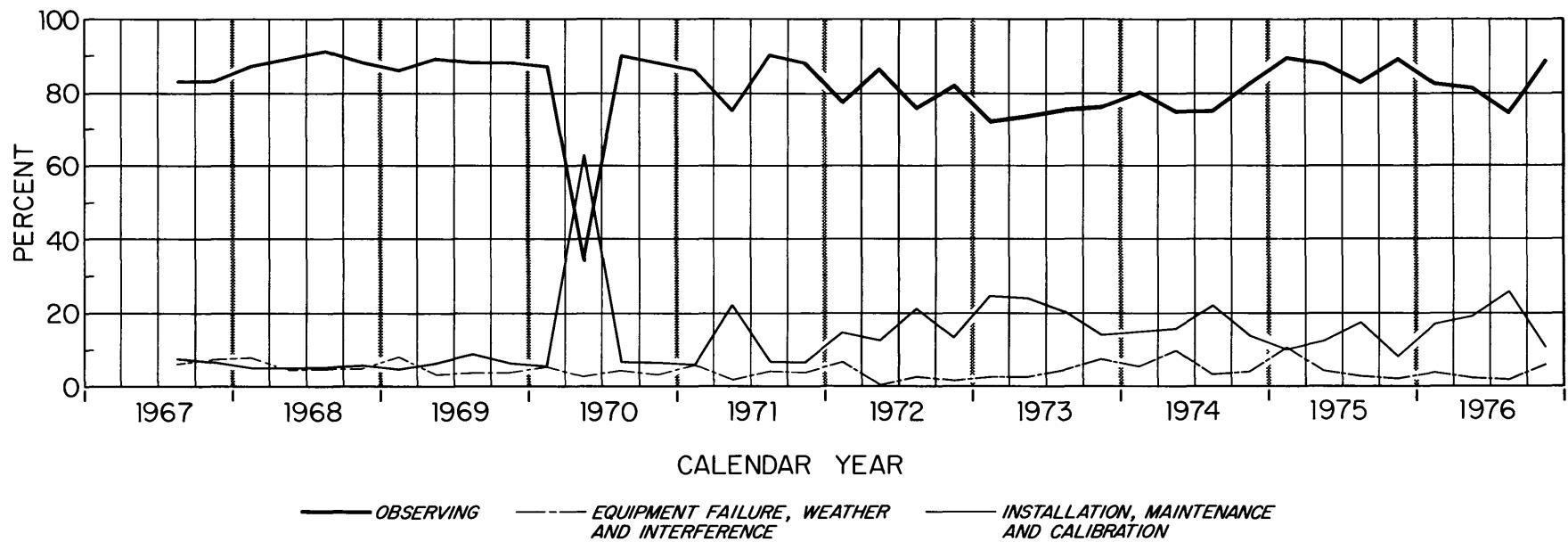


Fig. 6. This summary for each quarter of the calendar year shows the percentage of time the telescope was scheduled for observing, for routine calibration, maintenance, and installation of new experiments, and the percentage of time lost due to equipment failure, bad weather, and radio interference.

## FULL-TIME PERMANENT EMPLOYEES

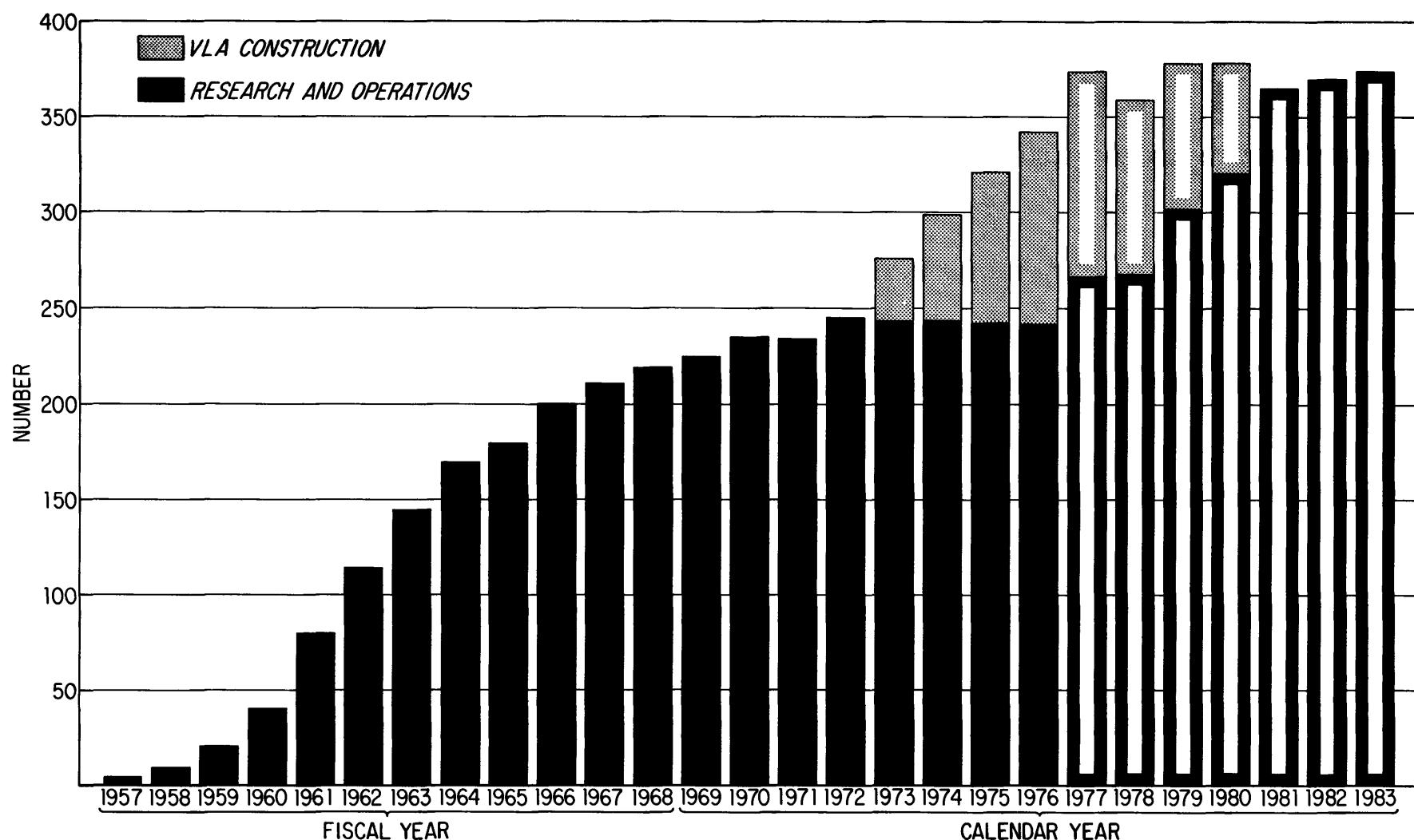


Fig. 7. This figure shows the total number of NRAO full-time, permanent employees at the end of each year, projected into the future.

## NUMBER OF PEOPLE ENGAGED IN RESEARCH AT NRAO

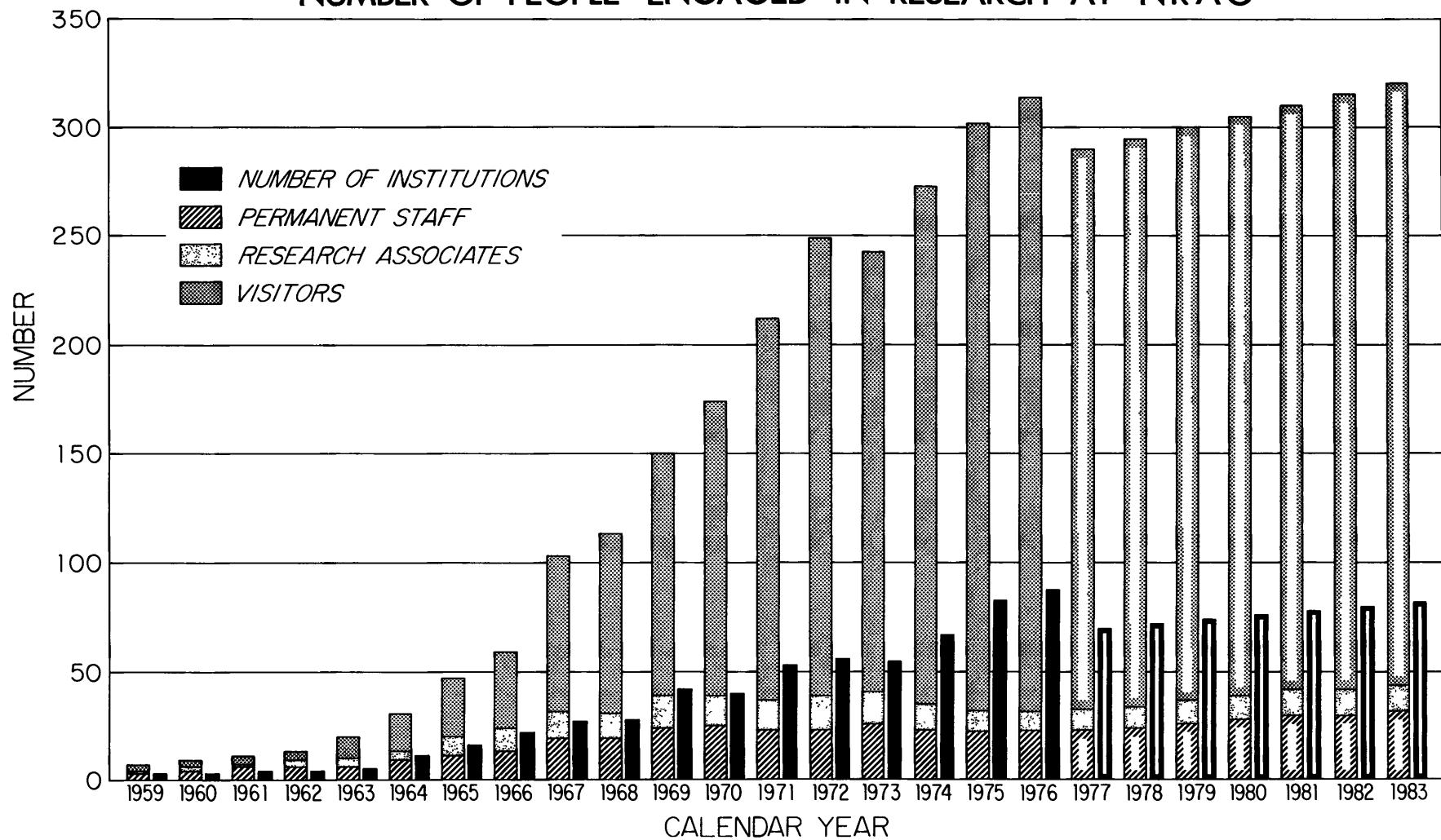


Fig. 8. This bar chart shows for each calendar year the size of the NRAO permanent research staff and the number of research associates on one or two year appointments. In addition it shows the total number of visitor-users of NRAO telescopes and the number of institutions from which the NRAO visitors come.

Distribution of Telescope Time by Per Cent

	<u>36-ft</u>	<u>Interferometer</u>	<u>140-ft</u>	<u>300-ft</u>	<u>1976 Summary</u>
Visitors	61%	40%	50%	28%	45%
Students	9	15	15	23	16
Permanent Staff	7	17	16	14	13
Research Associates	1	9	5	24	10
Test and Calibrate	4	12	2	2	5
Maintenance and Installation	17	6	11	8	10
Holidays and Unscheduled	1	1	1	1	1

Distribution of Scheduled Observing Time in Various Research Areas, by Per Cent

		<u>36-ft</u>	<u>Interferometer</u>	<u>140-ft</u>	<u>300-ft</u>	<u>1976 Summary</u>
I.	Solar System--Sun, Planets, Satellites, Interplanetary Medium	2%	2%	1%	4%	2%
II.	Galactic Sources--Continuum Stars, X-ray Sources, HII Regions, Supernova Remnants, etc.	6	24	2	28	15
III.	Galactic Sources--Line Dust Clouds, HII Regions, IR Sources, Molecular Searches, etc.	67	4	54	1	31
IV.	Galactic Structure--Line and Continuum Spiral Arms, Halo, Galactic Center, High Velocity Clouds	7	3	6	12	7
V.	Extragalactic Sources--Continuum Normal Galaxies, Radio Galaxies, Quasars, VLB Studies	11	57	24	21	28
VI.	Extragalactic Sources--Line Hydrogen, Molecules in Galaxies, Quasar Absorption Studies, etc.	7	10	13	34	17

INSTITUTIONS FROM WHICH VISITORS CAME TO USE NRAO TELESCOPES DURING 1976

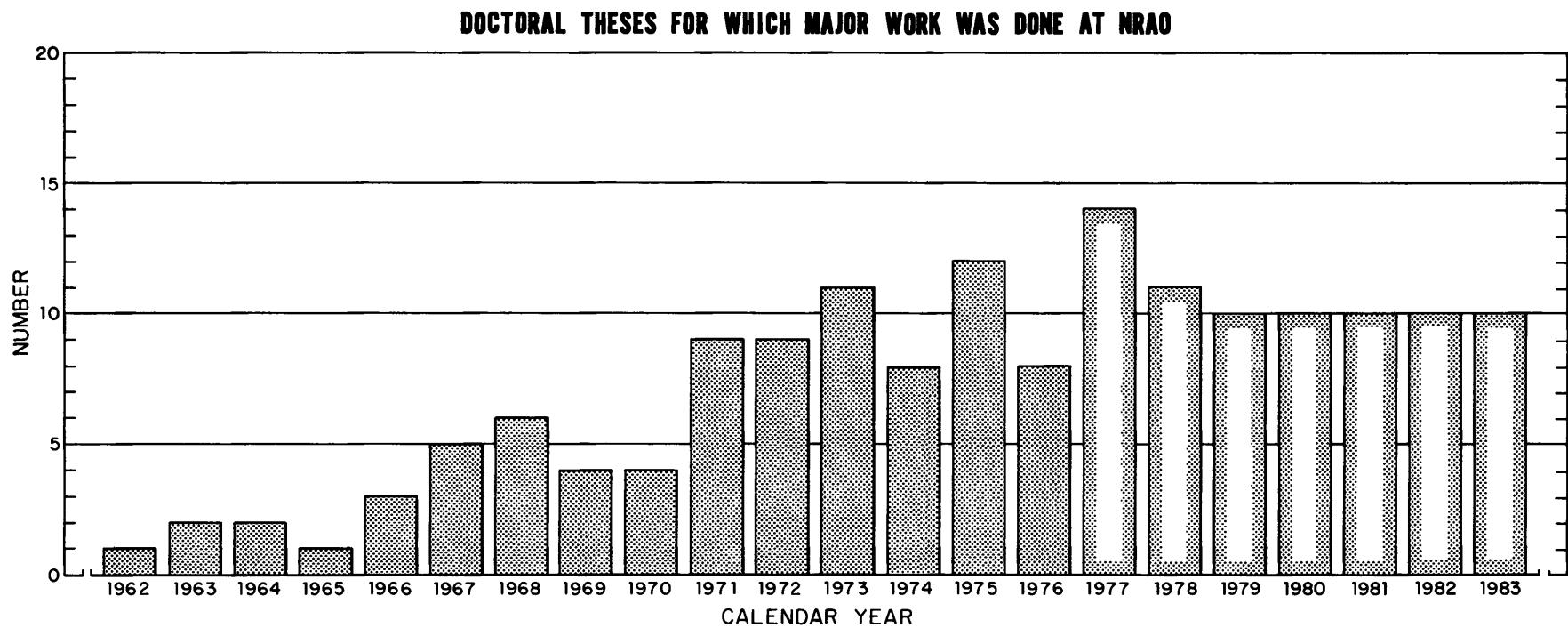
Institution	36-ft	Interferometer	Telescope	140-ft	300-ft
1. Aerospace Corp.	x			x	
2. Alabama, U. of				x	x
3. Arizona, U. of	x	x		x	
4. Ball Brothers Research Corp.	x				
5. Battelle-Northwest Laboratories				x	
6. Bell Telephone Laboratories	x				
7. Berkeley, U. of California	x	x	x		x
8. Bologna, U. of Italy	x			x	x
9. Brandeis U.		x			
10. British Columbia, U. of		x			x
11. Cambridge, U., England			x		
12. California Institute of Technology	x	x	x		x
13. Chalmers Institute of Technology, Sweden			x		
14. Chicago, U. of	x		x		
15. Columbia U.	x				
16. CSIRO, Australia		x	x		
17. Cornell U.		x			x
18. DTM, Carnegie			x		x
19. Florida, U. of		x			
20. Fordham U.	x		x		
21. Forth, Inc.	x				
22. Gorky Radio Physical Inst., USSR	x				
23. Harvard, Center for Astrophysics	x	x	x		x
24. Harvard, Fort Davis			x		
25. Haverford College	x				

Institution	36-ft	Interferometer	140-ft	300-ft
26. Hawaii, U. of			x	
27. Haystack Research Facility			x	
28. Illinois, U. of	x	x	x	
29. Indiana U.	x	x	x	x
30. Inst. de Astrophys., Liège, Belgium	x			
31. Inst. of Advanced Studies, Princeton		x		
32. IOTA, Cambridge, England		x		
33. International Res. and Tech. Corp.			x	
34. Iowa, U. of			x	x
35. Jagellonian U., Poland		x		
36. Jet Propulsion Lab	x		x	
37. Jodrell Bank, England		x	x	x
38. Kapteyn Lab, Groningen, Netherlands			x	x
39. Kentucky, U. of	x		x	
40. Kitt Peak National Observatory	x	x		
41. Leiden Observatory, Netherlands		x		
42. Lockheed Research Lab	x	x		
43. Los Angeles, U. of California	x		x	
44. Maryland, U. of	x	x	x	x
45. Massachusetts, U. of	x	x	x	x
46. Massachusetts Inst. of Technology	x	x	x	x
47. Max-Planck I.R., Bonn, W. Germany	x	x	x	
48. McKenzie U., Sao Paulo, Brazil	x			
49. Meudon, France	x		x	
50. Michigan State U.		x		
51. Minnesota, U. of	x	x	x	x
52. Monash U., Australia	x			
53. NASA - Ames Research Center			x	
54. NASA - Goddard (Greenbelt)	x	x	x	x
55. NASA Institute for Space Studies (NYC)	x		x	

Institution	36-ft	Interferometer	140-ft	300-ft
56. NASA Marshall Space Flight Center	x			
57. National Astronomy & Ionospheric Center	x	x		
58. National Bureau of Standards	x		x	
59. National Research Council, Canada		x	x	
60. Naval Research Labs	x	x	x	x
61. National Science Foundation, D. C.		x		
62. Nevada, U. of, Las Vegas			x	
63. Ohio State U.		x		
64. Pan American U.				x
65. Penn State U.				x
66. Pittsburgh, U. of	x		x	x
67. Princeton U.	x		x	
68. Queen Mary College, London, England	x			
69. Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst.	x		x	
70. Rice U.			x	
71. Sagam Chemical Research Center, Japan			x	
72. San Diego, U. of California				x
73. Santa Cruz, U. of California		x	x	x
74. South Florida, U. of		x		
75. SUNY, Stony Brook	x			
76. Tennessee, U. of	x			
77. Texas, U. of	x	x	x	
78. Tokyo Astronomical Observatory, Japan	x			
79. Toronto, U. of, Canada		x	x	x
80. Torun Observatory, Poland	x			
81. Toyama U., Japan	x		x	
82. Tufts U.		x		
83. Virginia, U. of	x	x	x	x
84. Virginia Polytechnic Inst. & State U.	x	x	x	x
85. Washington, U. of	x	x	x	x

Institution	36-ft	Interferometer	140-ft	300-ft
86. Wisconsin, U. of			x	
87. Yale U.			x	x
89. York U., Canada		x		
No. Institutions :	48	40	53	28
No. Visitors :	83	61	109	41
No. Students :	20	17	33	19
No. Research Associates :	2	4	6	6
No. Permanent Staff :	8	10	10	11
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Total Observers :	113	92	158	77

All told, 282 visitors, including 68 students, from 88 institutions.



**Fig. 9.** This bar chart shows the number of doctoral dissertations produced each calendar year by Ph.D. students where the major work on the theses was done at the NRAO.

# NRAO STUDENT PROGRAM

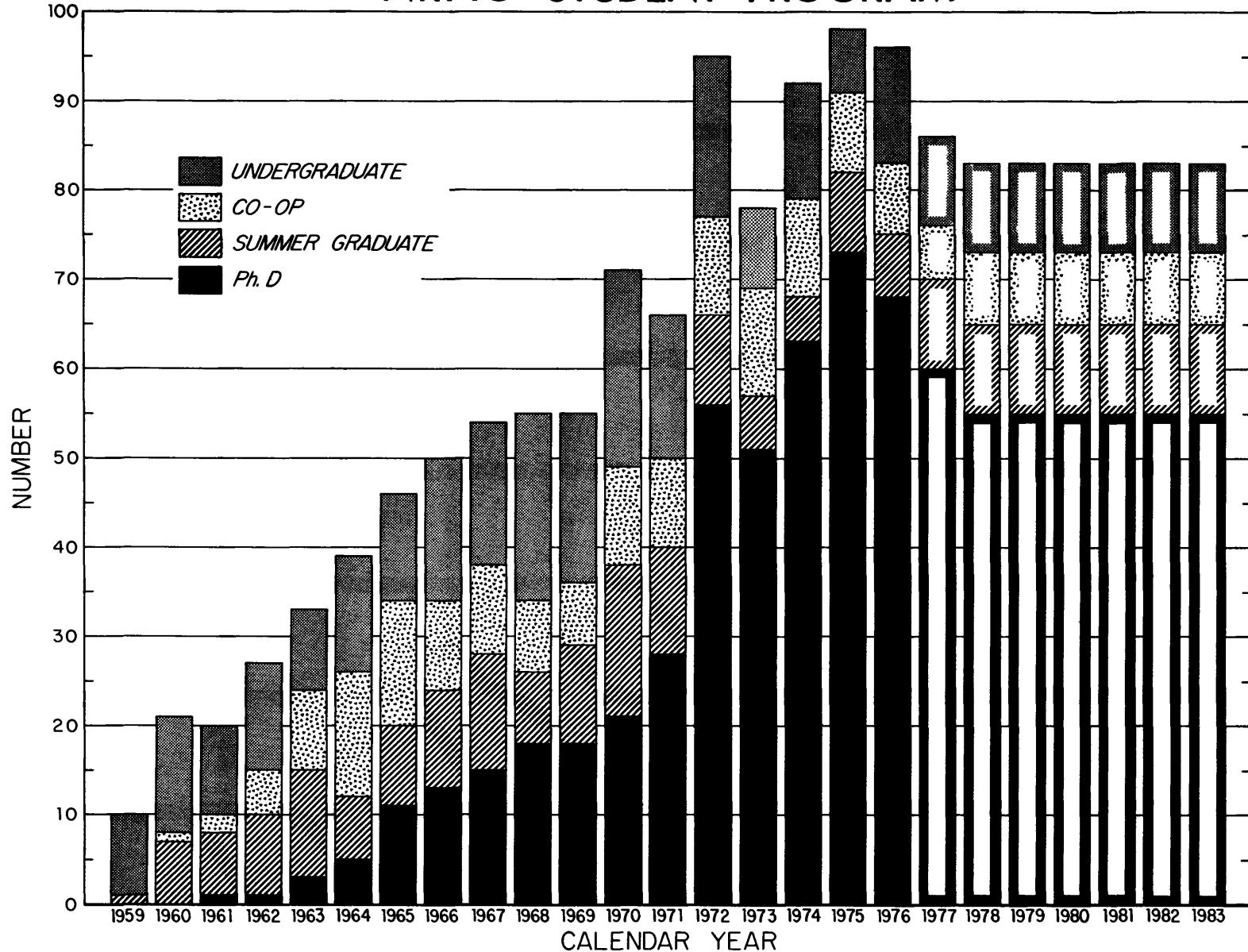


Fig. 10. This figure shows for each calendar year the number of Ph.D. students (salaried and non-salaried), co-op students, and summer undergraduate and graduate students who observed or worked at the NRAO during that year.

# NRAO FRONT-END BOX STATUS

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Applicable Telescope	Frequency (MHz)	Amplifier Type	System Temperature (Kelvin)	3 dB Bandwidth (MHz)	Feed Type	Polarization	Calibration Value	Switching System	Remarks	Person in Charge
300-ft Fixed on Traveling Feed	50-80	Transistor	≥ 450 K - ≥ 500 K with Dicke switch.	5	≈ 10% Bandwidth. Tunable Crossed-Dipole.	Simultaneous 0°, 45°, 90°, 135° Linear, RCP and LCP. Removable quad hybrid at feed for circular.	Adjustable 30 K to 30 000 K.	Removable diode Dicke switch.	Designed for pulsar, continuum, and line work. 110-500 MHz feeds can be manually rotated 45° and 90° for polarization work. Usable with 4-channel multi-bandwidth receiver and all NRAO line receivers. About 2 hours to change Dicke switch and feed hybrid. Frequency switching not available.	Behrens
	110-250		≥ 200 K - ≥ 260 K with Dicke switch.	140	Broadband Crossed-Dipole.		Adjustable 8 K to 8000 K.			
	250-500		≥ 320 K. ≥ 200 K with removable 330-450 MHz amplifiers. Additional 50 K with Dicke switch.	250	Broadband Crossed-Dipole.		Adjustable 1.5 K to 1500 K.			
300-ft Fixed on Traveling Feed	515-610	Paramp Ch X	≥ 150	20 to 40	Broadband Crossed-Dipole	Single linear; circular with removable quad hybrid. Dual polarization at 610 MHz.	5 K or 50 K	Frequency switching. Removable Dicke switch.	Traveling feed box for 300-ft. Can be used on 140-ft. No box rotation. Multiple polarization with IF polarizer on 300-ft at 610 MHz. About 2 hours to change hybrid and Dicke switch. Feed can be manually rotated 45° and 90° on box.	Brundage
	610-740	Paramp Ch Y								
140-ft	740-880	Paramp Ch X	≥ 150	20 to 40	Broadband Crossed-Dipole.	Single linear; circular with removable quad hybrid. Dual polarization at 835 MHz.	5 K or 50 K	Frequency switching. Removable Dicke switch.	Traveling feed box for 300-ft. Can be used on 140-ft. No box rotation. Multiple polarization with IF polarizer on 300-ft at 835 MHz. About 2 hours to change hybrid and Dicke switch. Feed can be manually rotated 45° and 90° on box.	Brundage
	830-1000	Paramp Ch Y								
300/140-ft	1000-1450 Dual Channel	Cooled Upconverter	45 to 70	200	Single Beam Scalar	Orth. Linear	3.4 K	Frequency switching.	Part of 4.5-5.1 GHz receiver listed below. Feed change required to go to 6 cm.	Coe
140-ft	1350-1750 Dual Channel	Cooled Upconverter							See Cassegrain description on page 3.	
300/140-ft	1400 x 4	Paramp	150	60	4 Horns	Linear	4 K and 15 K	300 K load, Dicke switching, or frequency switching.	Line or continuum from control room.	

Applicable Telescope	Frequency (MHz)	Amplifier Type	System Temperature (Kelvin)	3 dB Bandwidth (MHz)	Feed Type	Polarization	Calibration Value	Switching System	Remarks	Person in Charge
140/300-ft	1410 Dual Channel	Cooled Paramp	50	25	Scalar	Orth. Linear	4 K	Frequency switching.	Can be remotely tuned anywhere in frequency range 1375-1435 MHz. Two channels can be used simultaneously at different frequencies. Six polarizations are available simultaneously with IF polarimeter. Will tune 1370-1440 MHz with higher noise temperature outside range 1375-1435 MHz.	
			80		Zeeman	Orth. Linear or Circular				
140/300-ft	1610—1720 Dual Channel	Cooled Paramp	60	30	Scalar	Orth. Linear	4 K	Frequency switching.	Can be remotely tuned anywhere in frequency range 1610-1720 MHz. Two channels can be used simultaneously at different frequencies. Six polarizations are available simultaneously with IF polarimeter. Will tune 1540-1780 MHz with higher noise temperature outside range 1610-1720 MHz.	
140/300-ft	1000 to 2000	Paramp	175 to 300	20 to 60	1-2 GHz Scalar	Linear	10 K	300 K load or frequency switching.	Set of seven tunable paramps in two receiver boxes. Paramp change 2 hours. Receiver change 4 hours. Rx 1: 1.0-1.15   1.16-1.3   1.3-1.7   1.62-2.0 Rx 2: 2.0-2.54   2.5 -3.15   3.4-3.7   Paramps. 2.1-2.4   2.6 -3.1   3.3-3.9   LO Multipliers. Installed Micromega 13 cm paramp (2295 MHz) and Radiation Systems feed.	Dunbrack
140/300-ft	2000 to 4000	Paramp	220 to 450 130 between 2295 to 2380 MHz.	30 to 100	2-4 GHz Scalar	Linear	10 K	300 K load or frequency switching.		
300/140-ft	2695 x 4	Degenerate Paramp	120	100 DSB	3 Horns	Circular or Linear	4 K	300 K load or polarization.	Continuum receiver. On-axis horn has paramps on both polarizations. Four hours to change polarization.	
300/140-ft	3120—3370 Dual Channel	Cooled Paramps	55 K line and load switched. 70 K polarization switched.	250 Fixed Tuned	Single Beam, Dual Polarized	Orth. Linear or Orth. Circular	4 K and 14 K	Cooled Dicke switches (latching ferrite) for load (20 K) switching or beam/polarization switching with noise injection for balancing 10 Hz maximum rate. Frequency switching requires 30 ms blanking.	Continuum and line use. Feed change approximately 6 hours on 300-ft and 2 hours on 140-ft.	Brundage
			63 K load switched. 75 K beam switched.	250 Fixed Tuned	Dual Beams offset by 15 arc min (3 HPBW), singly polarized.	Identical Linear or Identical Circular or Orth. Circular				
300/140-ft	4500—5100 Dual Channel	Cooled Paramp	70	580	Single Beam	Orth. Linear	1.4 K	Other polarization, cold load.	Includes cooled upconverter for 1.0—1.45 GHz. Feed change required to go to 25 cm.	Coe
					Dual Beam Offset 3 HPBW	Identical or Orth. Circular or Ident. Linear				
140-ft	4500—5000 Dual Channel	Cooled Paramp							See Cassegrain description on page 3.	
140/300-ft	4750—5100	AIL Cooled Paramp	90 line 135 continuum	225	Scalar or 2 Horns	Dual Linear Orth. Linear	4 K	Other polarization, other beam, or 50 K load.	Feed change requires 3 hours. Dual horns are used for beam switching. A horn can be mounted off-axis to scalar feed, but beam spacing is high, approximately 30'. Two hours for switch change.	Behrens
140/300-ft	4500—5300	TRG Cooled Paramp	50-70 line	250	Scalar	Linear	≈ 5 K	Frequency switching.	Bandwidth and noise varies with center frequency.	Behrens

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Any	4800—5100	Paramp	150	20			≈ 10 K	Dicke switch available.	Packaged in small temperature-controlled box. Can be installed on other telescopes with little effort.	
140-ft	8.2—8.5 GHz	Cooled Paramp	65 line 85 continuum	125	Conical Horn	Linear or Circular	≈ 9 K	Frequency or off-axis beam.	Two hours to change switch; 1/2 hour to change polarization.	Brockway
140-ft	5.2—10.4 GHz	Paramps	300 to 400	40	Horn	Linear	≈ 20 K	Frequency switching.	Set of 7 tunable paramps in 2 bands about 7 GHz. Paramp change 1-1/2 hours. Band change 3 hours. Band 1: 5.2—5.8   5.8—6.4   6.4—7.0   Band 2: 7.0—7.8   7.8—8.6   8.6—9.5   9.5—10.4 Circular polarization available at select frequencies.	Brockway
140-ft	6035	Paramp	≈ 90	150	Scalar	Linear or Circular	≈ 10 K	Frequency	Available late 1976.	Brockway
Any	10 695	Paramp	250	20			≈ 10 K	Dicke switch available.	Packaged in small temperature-controlled box. Can be installed on other telescopes with little effort.	
140-ft	10 300—11 000	TRG Cooled Paramp	120 continuum 70—90 line	300	2 Horns or Scalar	Dual Linear or Orth. Linear/Circular	≈ 7 K	Other polarization, other beam, or 25 K load.	Two feed arrangements available: (1) Scalar and (2) dual horns for beam switching. Bandwidth and noise varies with center frequency. Two hours to change switch.	Behrens
140-ft	14.4—14.9 GHz Dual Channel	Cooled Paramp	100—150	500	2 Horns or Scalar	Orth. Linear/Circular or Dual Circular/Linear	≈ 20 K	Frequency, beam, or polarization switching.	Two feeds available: Two off-axis horns or dual polarization scalar.	
140-ft	14.4—15.4 GHz	Cooled Mixer							See Cassegrain description on page 3.	
140-ft	12.4—18 GHz	TDA's	1000 to 1300	50	Horn	Linear	≈ 10 K	Off-axis beam.	Contains LO system tunable 12.4—18 GHz. Three TDA's to cover the band: 12.4—14.5, 14.5—16.0, and 16.0—18.0.	Brockway
140-ft Cassegrain	1350—1750 Dual Ch.	Cooled Upconverter	50 to 75	400	Lens Corrected Horn	Orth. Linear	10 K	Frequency.	Cassegrain receiver. Frequency bands selected by changing position of subreflector. Beam switched by nutating subreflector. Dual frequency operation available at 2 and 6 cm with feed dichroic system.	Brockway
	4500—5000 Dual Ch.	Cooled Paramp	45 to 70	500	Horn	Orth. Circular	10 K	Frequency or beam.		
	14.4—15.4 GHz	Cooled Mixer	350 to 600	500	Horn	Orth. Circular	50 K and 5 K	Frequency or beam.		
	22.2—24.0 GHz	Cooled Mixer	500 to 600	500	Horn	Orth. Linear	50 K and 5 K	Frequency or beam.		

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36-ft	22-24 GHz	Degenerate Paramp	300 DSB	100 DSB	Horn	Linear	$\approx 60$ K	Load, beam, or frequency.	Stabilized LO system.	Cochran
36-ft	31-50 GHz	Mixer	1500 SSB	100	Horn	Linear	150 K	Chopper wheel or frequency.	Line receiver.	Ross
36-ft	31.4 GHz	Mixer	700 DSB	400	2 Horns	Variable	13.8 K	Other beam or load.	Continuum receiver.	Freund
36-ft	31.4 GHz	Mixer	530 DSB (Each Channel)	1 GHz	Cassegrain and Horn	Dual Linear	$\leq 10$ K	Nutating subreflector.	Continuum receiver. Four channels with two feeds each receiving orthogonal linear polarizations. This configuration gives an improvement in signal to noise of three over a single channel. This represents an improvement of 5.5 over the existing prime focus receiver (a reduction in integration time of a factor of 29). Available 12/76.	Freund
36-ft	47.5 GHz	Degenerate Paramp	150 DSB	200 DSB	Horn	Linear	10 K	Nutating subreflector.	Line or continuum. Two channels receive orthogonal linear polarizations. One channel tunes from 46.4 to 47.38 GHz with an IF bandwidth of 150 MHz. The other channel tunes from 45.3 to 47.2 GHz with an IF bandwidth of 75 MHz.	Ross
36-ft	67-85 GHz	Mixers	1500 SSB	100	Horn	Linear	30 K	Frequency or chopper wheel.	Stabilized LO for line work. Component changes required to tune over the 67-85 GHz range.	Ross
36-ft	80-120 GHz	Cooled Mixer	500-1000 SSB per channel	500 MHz	Cassegrain Horn and Lens	Dual Linear	$\leq 10$ K	Nutating subreflector or frequency.	Line or continuum. Two channels receive orthogonal linear polarizations. The second LO in one channel is variable, allowing channels to be separated by up to 500 MHz. A B.T.L. image rejection filter is available for calibrated spectral line work.	Davis
36-ft	80-120 GHz	Cooled Mixer	500-1000 SSB per channel	500 MHz	Cassegrain Horn and Lens	Dual Linear	$\leq 10$ K	Nutating subreflector or frequency.	Two dual channel mixer receivers in same box. Line or continuum. The two channels of each receiver are orthogonally polarized. The second LO in one channel is variable, allowing channels to be separated by up to 500 MHz. Three hours should be allowed for changes from 80-120 to 33-50 or vice versa. The 33-50 GHz receiver will use an image rejection mixer; the 80-120 GHz receiver will use an image rejection filter for line work. Available December 1976.	Davis
	33-50 GHz									
36-ft	250 GHz	Cooled "3-Part" Bolometer	30 000	100 GHz Limited by filters and atmosphere.	Optical Single or Dual Beam	Unpolarized	Special procedure.	Other beam or load.	Scandium-Germanium bolometer. Reaches approximately 4 Jansky RMS in 1 hour under dry weather conditions. NEP $2 \times 10^{-13}$ .	Albaugh

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