



Fermi Users Group



Cycle-7 GI Program Report

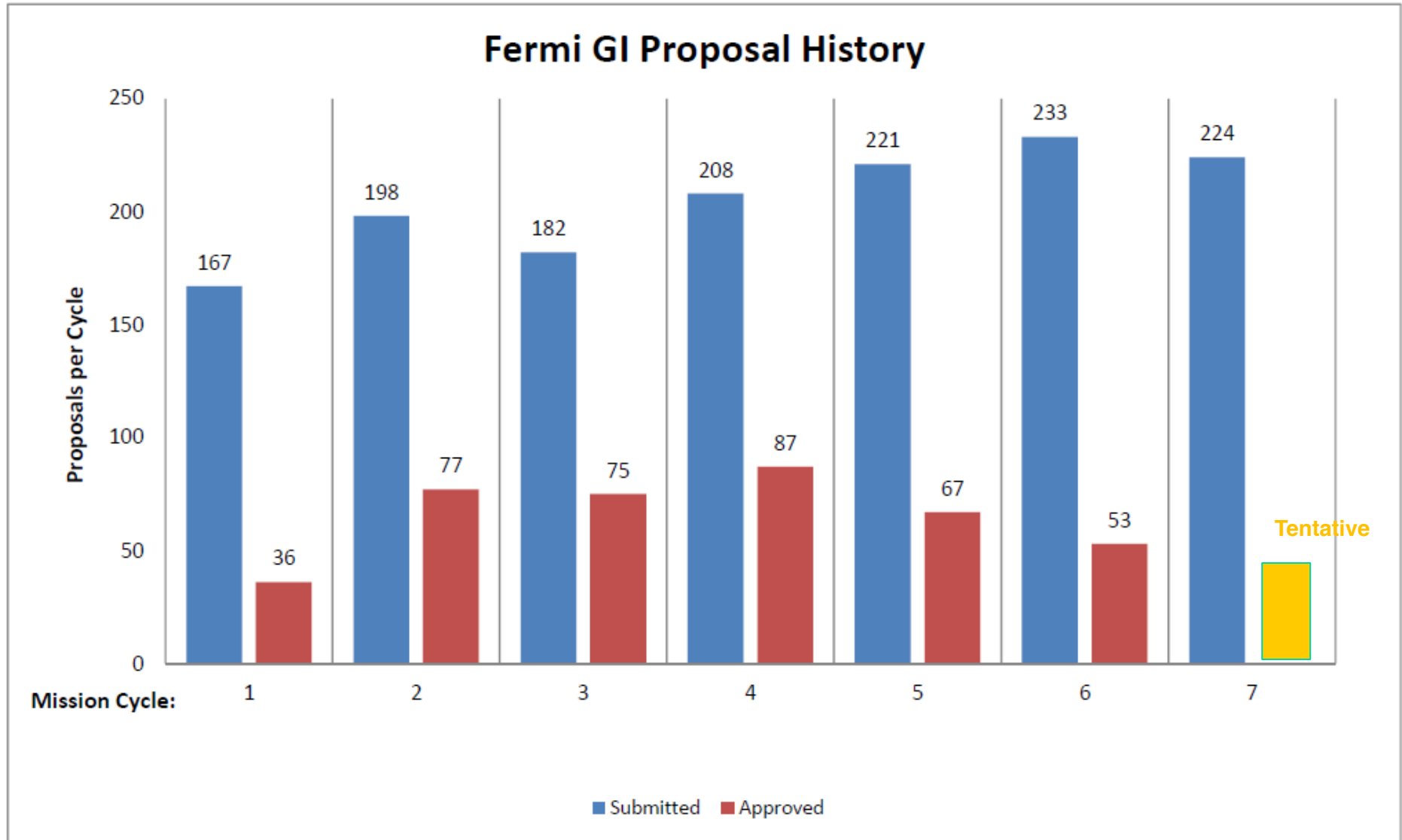
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Cycle 7 GI Program



- 224 cycle-7 proposals received at the FSSC by 1/31/2014 due date
 - This represents only a 4% drop *wrt* Cy-6 despite ~30% drop in advertised budget
- Scientific peer review occurred in late April, but stage-I selections have not yet been made
 - I' ll thus present only approximate selection statistics predicated on a \$4M grants budget

GI Program History



Cycle 7 Program: Details



Received: 224 proposals comprised of:

- 2 progress reports
- 6 Large Projects
- 71 Regular 2-year
- 3 pointed observations
- 69 theory

Total dollar request: \$18.2M

Est. Dollar Oversubscription: 4.6X

Apx. Proposal Oversubscription ~5.2X

NOAO: 6 requests, 286 hrs

NRAO: 19 requests, 803 hrs

Suzaku: 2 requests, 180 ksec

Arecibo: 3 request

VERITAS: 10 requests

Super Computing: 2 requests

Approved (tbd)

approximate, based on \$4M
available budget:

20% of 222 new proposals

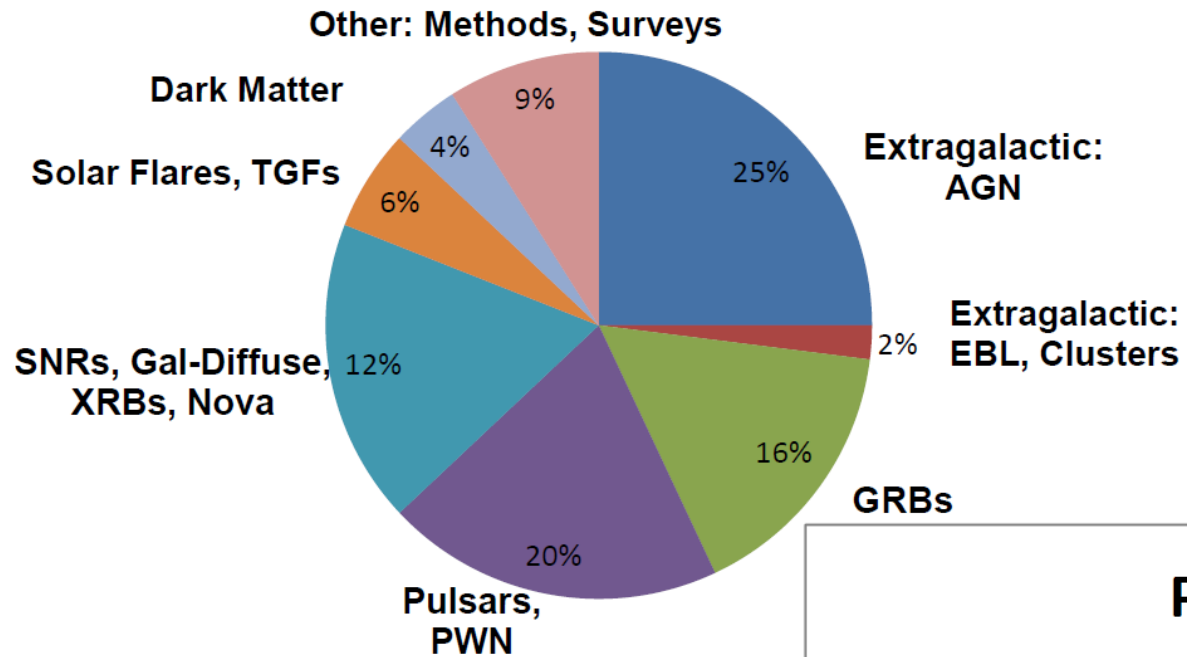
100% of 2 progress reports

50% of new Large Projects

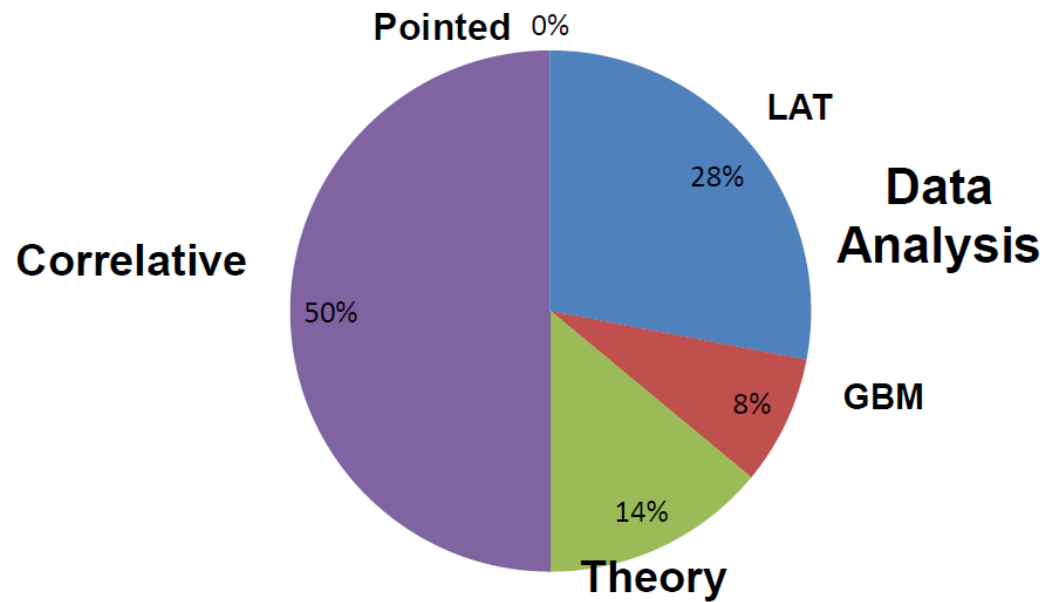
33% of approved regular
projects request 2-year support



Topical Breakdown



Proposal Types



A Few Issues



- Despite the 2-stage nature of our review process committees tend to devote inordinate amounts of attention to resource issues.
- In particular Cy-7 committees struggled with the rationale for two-year awards two year proposals
 - The NRA says this: “ requests for Regular Multiyear Programs may be descoped to single year programs based on peer-review recommendations and/or programmatic considerations.”

A Few Issues



- We need to clarify our policy on this:
 - Is there an added burden on 2- vs 1-year requests or not?
 - What is the formal procedure for awarding 2- vs 1-year grants
 - Cy-7 reviewers suggest that more information is needed to evaluate justification, e.g. additional justification form
 - ❑ Work plan summary form was intended to serve this purpose, but has not proven to be useful

Cycle 7 Schedule



- Stage-I selections: ~2-3 weeks
- Stage-II proposals due: ~3rd week of July
- Final award letters: ~mid August
- Fund Cycle-7 grants: October/November (FY5)
- Fund Cycle-6 continuations: imminent (FY14)



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FSSC Status Report

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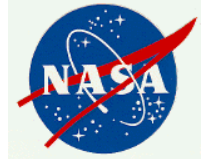


FSSC Status, Major Activities



- Cycle-7 program implementation
- Science Tools release (Dave)
- Scheduling and planning support (Robin)
- Pointlike & FSSC partnering on future catalog efforts (Elizabeth)
- 1.5 FTE staff reduction (by end of month)

A few FSSC Highlights



- Over 114 Tb of data served to community
 - Average ~1600 queries per day
- CALDB support implemented in science tools
- Model editor updated w/graphics interface
- User contributed tools: gui interface to likelihood analysis nearly completed



Cycle 7 Schedule



Extra Slides