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## Publications Tracking

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The following describes the criteria for inclusion of papers in NOAO publications listings and metrics.

Our listings and metrics are based on fiscal year, which for NOAO runs from October 1 through September 30 (e.g. FY16 = 10.1.15 – 9.30.16)

### **Scientific and Technical Staff Publications**

#### **Inclusion criteria**

We include papers that

- appear in either non-refereed or refereed publications (journals and books)
- are conference proceedings (for example, IAU, ASP, SPIE)
- list the author(s) affiliation as NOAO or, for REU students, acknowledge the NOAO REU program
- are in either print or electronic format

#### **Exclusion criteria**

We exclude papers that are

- telescope proposals
- meeting abstracts (e.g., AAS abstracts)
- Minor Planet Circulars; IAU circulars
- lectures
- submitted but not yet published; “works in progress”
- arXiv pre-prints
- advance electronic versions of papers to later appear in print (we use the ADS date of publication)

## Telescope Publications

### Inclusion criteria

We include papers that

- use, in part or exclusively, data from NOAO telescope facilities or from community-access time on non-NOAO telescopes granted by NOAO;
- use the above-mentioned data to base some or all of its conclusions on the above-mentioned data. This includes original data obtained and analyzed by the author(s), data from the Science Data Archive at NOAO that has been reduced or analyzed anew by the author(s), data that have been analyzed by others, and data obtained from other sources that is reduced or analyzed anew by the author(s);  
[Note: The amount of NOAO data analyzed does not have a bearing upon inclusion; if a small amount of NOAO data in relation to the total amount of datasets in the paper is used in the conclusions, the paper is included.]
- appear in refereed journals (see the ADS Refereed Publications listing). The main refereed journals in which we track publications are Astronomy & Astrophysics (A&A), Astronomical Journal (AJ), The Astrophysical Journal (ApJ), The Astrophysical Journal Letters (ApJL), The Astrophysical Journal Supplement (ApJS), Icarus, Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society (MNRAS), Nature (Natur), Publications of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific (PASP), and Science (Sci).

### Exclusion criteria

We exclude papers that

- are advance electronic versions of papers to later appear in print (we use the ADS date of publication)
- use the published standard stars for calibration purposes
- quote results derived from NOAO data from the literature where no new analysis of the data themselves is involved
- describe instrumentation or software
- mention ongoing projects or suggest future projects
- show NOAO images as a visual reference rather than using it to derive scientific results
- cite NOAO telescopes in the history/background of research section as part of a summary of other people's research or the entire body of literature
- use a KPNO optical image as a pretty background for a data plot unless the optical image is very significant to the information being conveyed
- cite KPNO standard stars or telescope filters
- cite IRAF