New Instrumentation Development in Germany

• Creation of a small working group among IR astronomers within Germany.

• Brainstorming meeting in January 2018:
  - Possible development of new German SOFIA instrumentation.
  - Development of a win-win strategy to present to the Ministry of economics to obtain fundings.
  - SOFIA as development platform for future orbital IR missions.
  - Post-SOFIA era.

• Follow up meetings with bigger community.
• Eventually meeting with ministries to secure money for instrument development.