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Cosmic Origins Questions

• How did we get here?
  – How and when did galaxies form?
  – How do stars form, evolve, and eventually die?
  – How are matter and the chemical elements distributed throughout the universe?
COPAG Tasks

• Solicit and coordinate *community input* into the development and execution of NASA’s Cosmic Origins (COR) Program

• Analyze this input in support of the planning and prioritization of future exploration within the COR program

• Specific types of tasks include
  – Articulating and prioritizing key science drivers for COR research
  – Evaluating capabilities of potential missions for achieving COR science goals
  – Providing input and analysis on related activities (e.g., ground-based observing, theory investigations, laboratory astrophysics, suborbital investigations, data archiving, etc) needed to achieve COR science goals
  – Identifying focus areas for technologies needed to advance COR science

• All input is provided to the NASA Astrophysics Subcommittee
2014 Science Analysis Groups (SAGs) and Science Interest Groups (SIGs)

• **SAG #6:** Cosmic Origins Science Enabled by the WFIRST-AFTA Coronagraph

• **SAG #7:** Science Enabled by Operations Overlap of the Hubble Space Telescope and the James Webb Space Telescope

• **SAG #8:** Science Enabled by the WFIRST-AFTA Data Archive

• **SIG #1:** Far-Infrared Cosmic Origins Science and Technology Development

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SAG #6: Cosmic Origins Science Enabled by the WFIRST-AFTA Coronagraph

- WFIRST-AFTA is baselined to have a coronagraph
  - (WFIRST SDT meeting on Thursday - Chesapeake D&E)

- Cosmic Origins science cases that take advantage of the coronagraph are to be solicited
  - To be provided as input for possible coronagraph design considerations and use cases
  - To scope the degree of community interest in COR coronagraphic science with WFIRST-AFTA
  - To develop “contingency” coronagraph use examples in case the coronagraph capabilities are reduced during development

- COPAG Lead is Dennis Ebbets (debbets@ball.com)
Engage the astronomical community in outlining the scientific case for having HST and JWST operations overlap

- Are there precursor observations that HST should do prior to JWST launch that might not otherwise be done through the regular time allocation process?

- Are there compelling science cases for simultaneous HST – JWST observations?

- Are there compelling science cases for HST follow-up of JWST observations or discoveries?

- Are there expected discoveries by other facilities in the 2020 timeframe (e.g., TESS or Euclid) that require follow-up by both HST and JWST?
SAG #7: Cosmic Origins Science Enabled by Operations Overlap of HST and JWST

- Synthesize input received from the community
- Identify compelling Cosmic Origins science requiring simultaneous or complementary HST and JWST observations
- Determine if there are science drivers that may inform the planning of early operations of JWST or extended operations of HST

- COPAG Lead is James Green (james.green@Colorado.edu)
• WFIRST-AFTA will produce a huge archive for COR research

WFIRST/AFTA Deep Field
>1,000,000 galaxies in each image
SAG #8: Cosmic Origins Science Enabled by the WFIRST-AFTA Data Archive

• Analyze how the archive is to be used and scope the data requirements necessary to conduct COR science

• Solicit community input to identify the types of investigations and the kinds of data products that are valued and needed

• Consider what other assets or efforts may be needed to maximize the science return from the WFIRST archive
  — E.g., Coordination with LSST, Euclid, or JWST; GO funding for ground-based observations or theoretical studies

• COPAG Lead is Sally Heap (sally.heap@nasa.gov)
What’s next for NASA Far-Infrared Astronomy?

Announcement of a new

**Far-Infrared Science Interest Group (SIG)**

Provides input for the NASA Astrophysics Subcommittee via the Cosmic Origins Program Analysis Group (COPAG) Executive Committee

To join or for information: David.T.Leisawitz@nasa.gov

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**Motivation and starting points:**

- 2010 Decadal Survey
- Latest results – Herschel, SOFIA...
- New science priorities
- New key technologies
- NASA Astrophysics Roadmap
- NASA budget environment

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**Mission of FIR SIG:**

Work with COPAG and US FIR community to:

- Develop plans for NASA support of FIR astronomy
- Provide input for technology development roadmaps
- Develop Design Reference Missions (DRMs)
- Explore SPICA and other options
Preliminary Announcement

Bringing Fundamental Astrophysical Processes Into Focus: A Community Workshop to Plan the Future of Far-Infrared Space Astrophysics

Dates: May 12 – 13, 2014
Location: Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, MD

For information, see: http://asd.gsfc.nasa.gov/conferences/FIR/

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