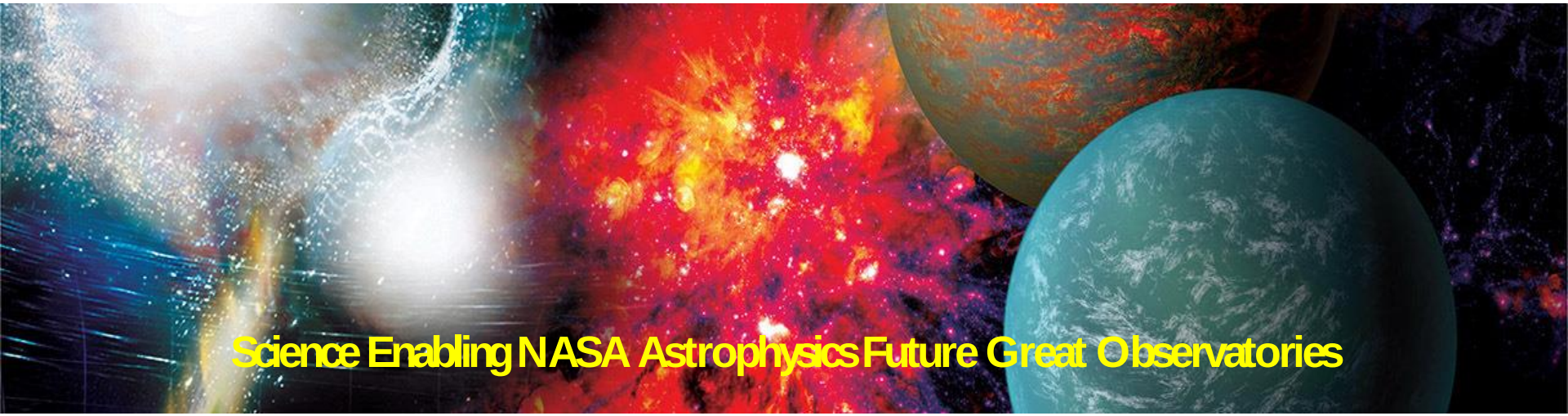
Precursors to Pathways



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Precursor Science

- Investigations that inform future mission architecture/trades ideally reducing design and/or development risk
- Integral part of a maturation process that involves technology and programmatic considerations
- Investigations may be of any type, theory, laboratory astrophysics, data analysis, observations

Workshop Goal

- Information for the PAGS/community to use during the summer to further develop ideas raised here. That work will inform a second workshop whose output will assist NASA in defining its ROSES call to fund precursor science
- Call released ~Nov 2022, funding in 2023

Workshop Outline

Day 1: Foundations for the Precursor Science effort

- Decadal background, large mission studies, what can be done with existing missions, doing even better science through inclusivity
- Framing science questions during early mission development

Day 2: Brainstorming precursor science topics by mission and science area and brainstorming science gaps, with common Q&A.

Day 3: Reports from the Day 2 Discussions

- Reports from breakout sessions: ~5min each with time for short discussion.
- Connection between science and technology efforts
- Next steps

More Thoughts on Precursor Science

- Science Goals and priorities have been established through the decadal survey process, we are not revisiting or reprioritizing them
- Do not need to reinvent work done through the Large Mission studies – they are jumping off points
- Not all science related to future great observatories will be solicited in the precursor science call, only those investigations that affect mission design/risks

Conference Logistics

- Structure - virtual workshop enabling parallel contributions. Please:
  - Remain on mute unless speaking.
  - Raise virtual hand [WebEx] to speak; facilitators will call on one person at a time.
  - Hear from others before returning to the same speaker. (Please remember to lower your hand after speaking.)
  - Capture additional thoughts in the Slack channel (preferred). WebEx chat will be monitored to the best of our ability after Slack.
- Google drive and slack channels used for information exchange (links will be posted on agenda). Agenda and presentations links will be posted on the workshop website.
  - Facilitators will capture key points. All participants can edit [gdoc Day 1 notes] to further enable inclusive participation.
- This is hard work and even harder virtually. Through the process please be generous to others, to yourself, and to the facilitators.

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