Solar System / Exoplanet Synergy: Mission Timelines and Collaborative Opportunities

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(Decadal Survey on Planetary Science and Astrobiology 2020)

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Themes

Origins

Path

Priority Science Question Topic and Scope

Q1. Evolution of the protoplanetary disk What were the initial conditions in the Solar System? What processes led to the production of planetary building blocks, and what was the nature and evolution of these materials?

Q2. Accretion in the outer solar system How and when did the giant planets and their satellite systems originate, and did their orbits migrate early in their history? How and when did dwarf planets and cometary bodies orbiting beyond the giant planets form, and how were they affected by the early evolution of the solar system?

Q3. Origin of Earth and inner solar system bodies How and when did the terrestrial planets, their moons, and the asteroids accrete, and what processes determined their initial properties? To what extent were outer Solar System materials incorporated?

Q4. Impacts and dynamics How has the population of Solar System bodies changed through time, and how has bombardment varied across the Solar System? How have collisions affected the evolution of planetary bodies?

Q5. Solid body interiors and surfaces How do the interiors of solid bodies evolve, and how is this evolution recorded in a body's physical and chemical properties? How are solid surfaces shaped by subsurface, surface, and external processes?

Q6. Solid body atmospheres, exospheres, magnetospheres, and climate evolution what establishes the properties and dynamics of solid body atmospheres and exospheres, and what governs material loss to space and exchange between the atmosphere and the surface and interior? Why did planetary climates evolve to their current varied states?

Q7. Giant planet structure and evolution What processes influence the structure, evolution, and dynamics of giant planet interiors, atmospheres, and magnetospheres?

Q8. Circumplanetary systems What processes and interactions establish the diverse properties of satellite and ring systems, and how do these systems interact with the host planet and the external environment?

Life & Habitability

understanding of the likelihood of life elsewhere? Q10. Dynamic Habitability Where in the solar system do potentially habitable environments exist, what processes led to their formation, and how do planetary environments and habitable conditions co-evolve over time?

Q11. Search for life elsewhere Is there evidence of past or present life in the solar system beyond Earth and how do we detect it?

All Themes

Q12. Exoplanets What does our planetary system and its circumplanetary systems of satellites and rings reveal about exoplanetary systems, and what can circumstellar disks and exoplanetary systems teach us about the solar system?

Worlds & Processes

Q9. Insights from Terrestrial Life What conditions and processes led to the emergence and evolution of life on Earth, what is the range of possible metabolisms in the surface, subsurface and/or atmosphere, and how can this inform our



<u>Why Exoplanet / Solar System Collaboration Should Increase</u>

thways to Discover 1. We will never have in-situ data for an exoplanet. Uncertainties in solar system models can translate directly into catastrophic uncertainties for exoplanets. Many questions remain for the solar system terrestrial planets, the answers of which will directly benefit exoplanets.

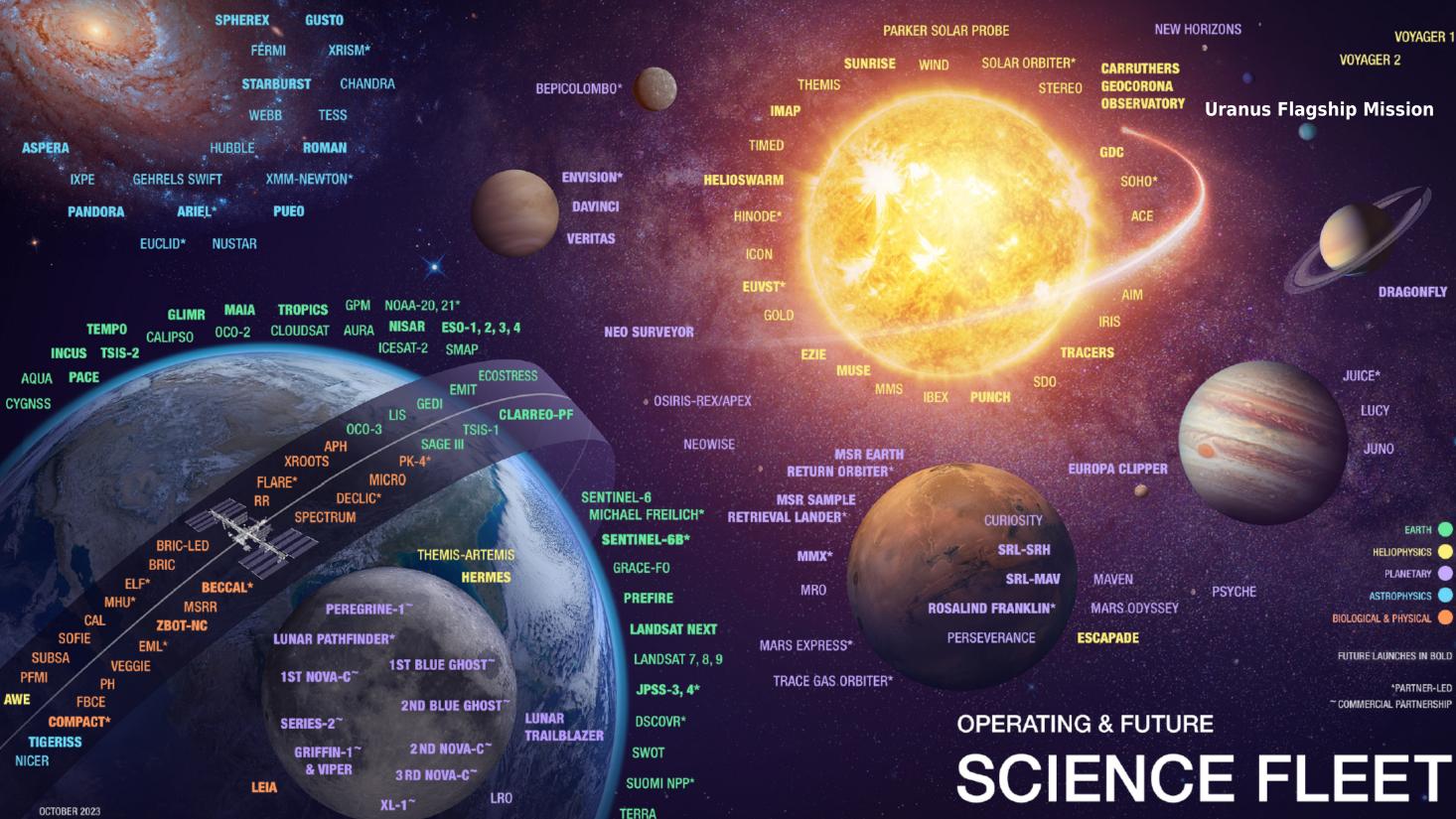
2. Addressing these questions requires a variety of mission concepts, including orbiters, gliders, balloons, and landers. In-situ analyses of the geology and compositiontemperature-pressure profile of atmospheres are critical.

3. The solar system science questions have strong overlap with the data/model needs of future exoplanet missions, and such overlap areas should be prioritized.

4. Both Decadal reports advocate for representation from both sides on mission teams.

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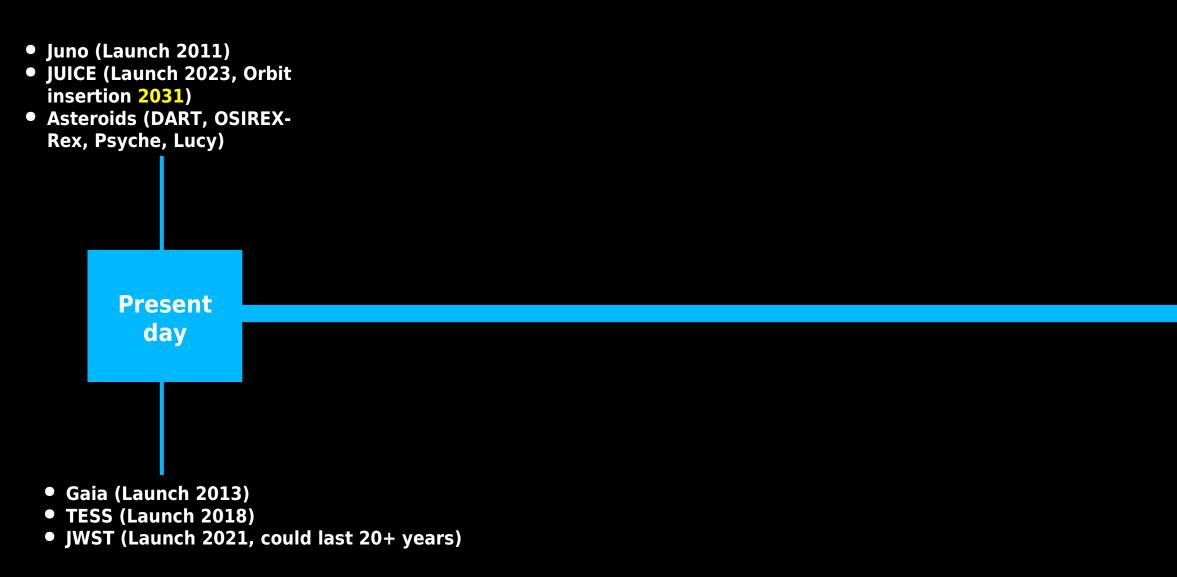
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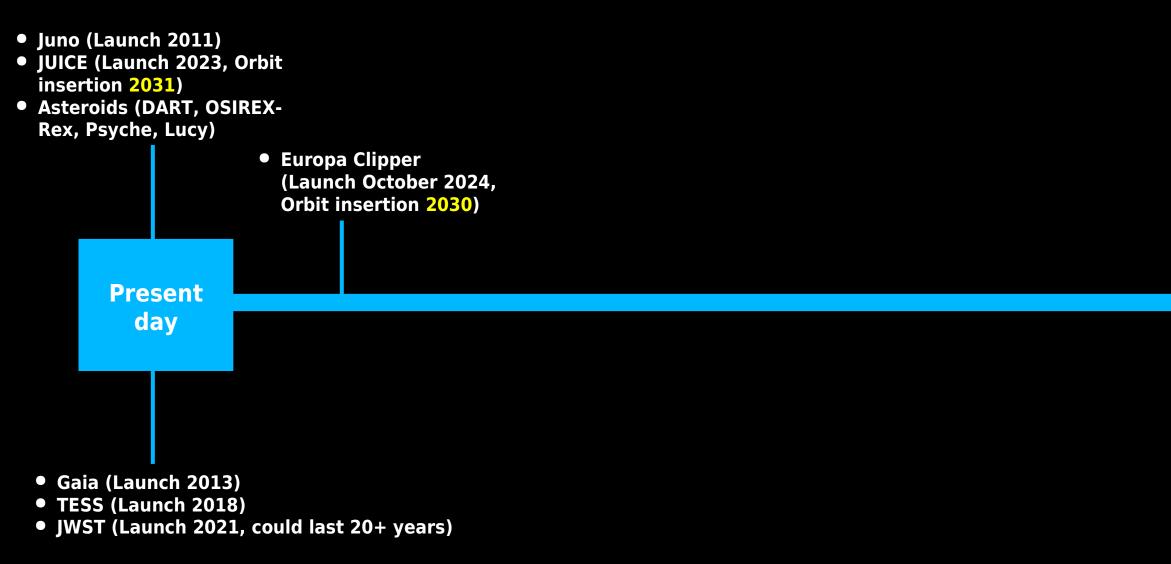
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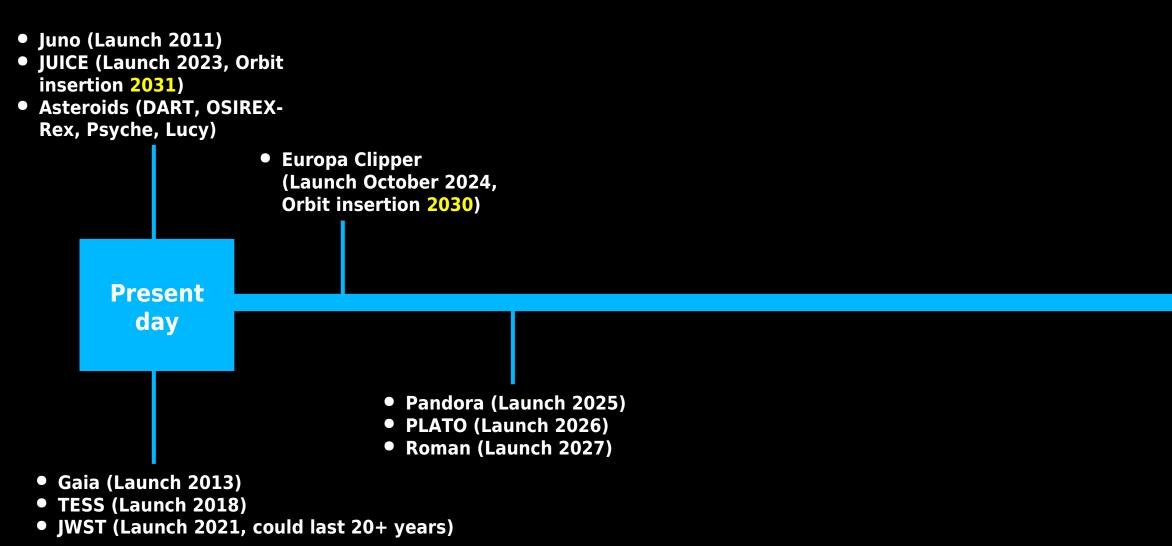
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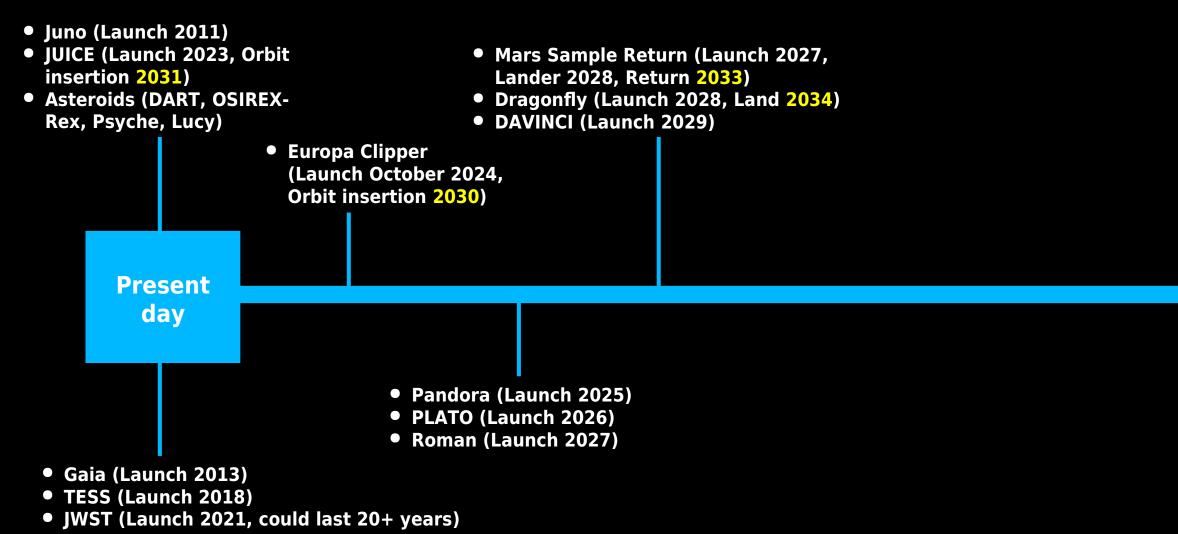
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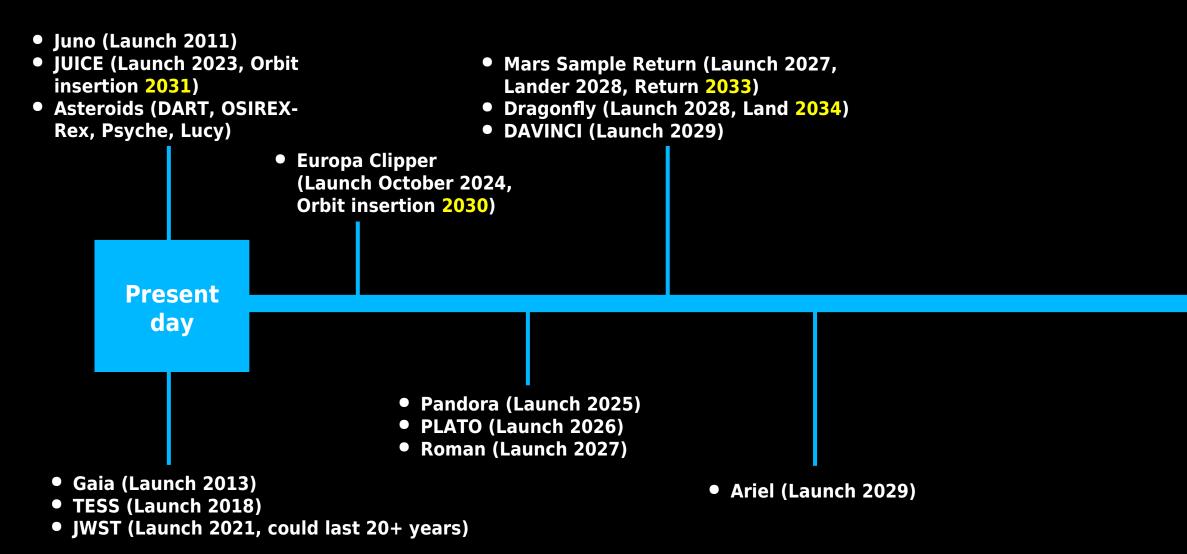


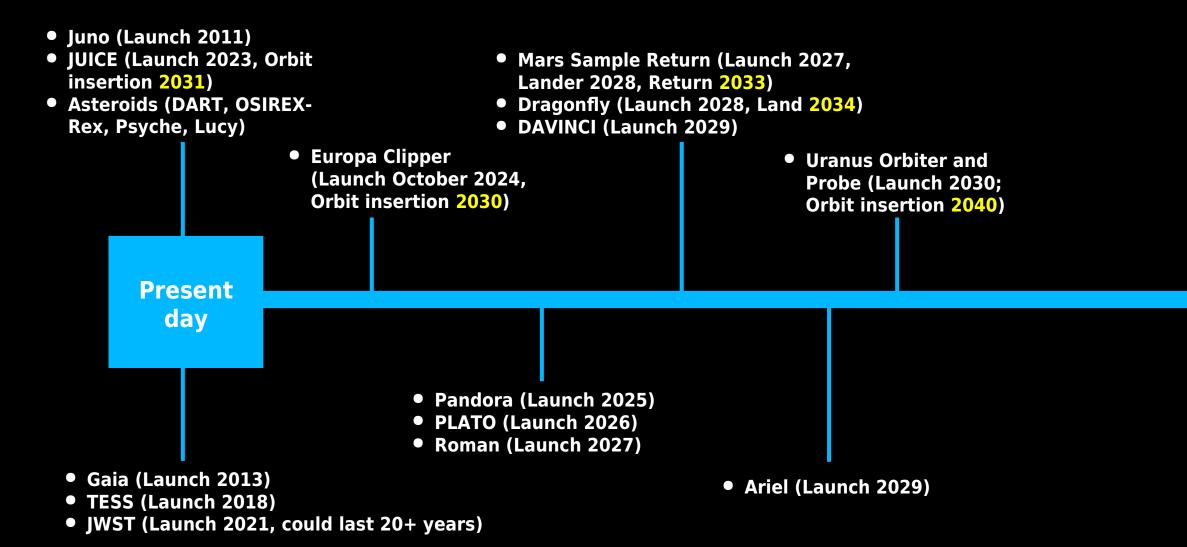


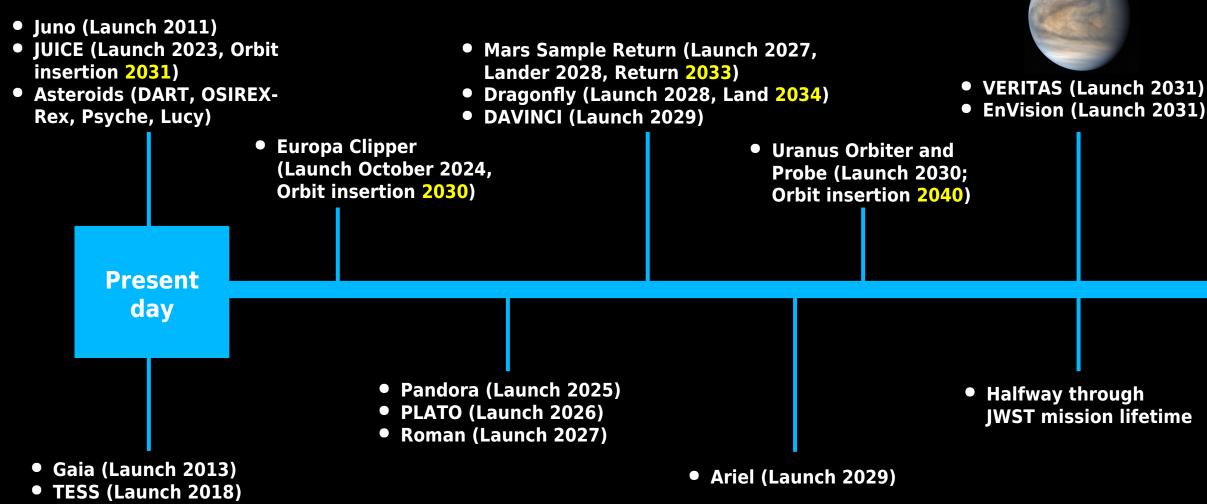




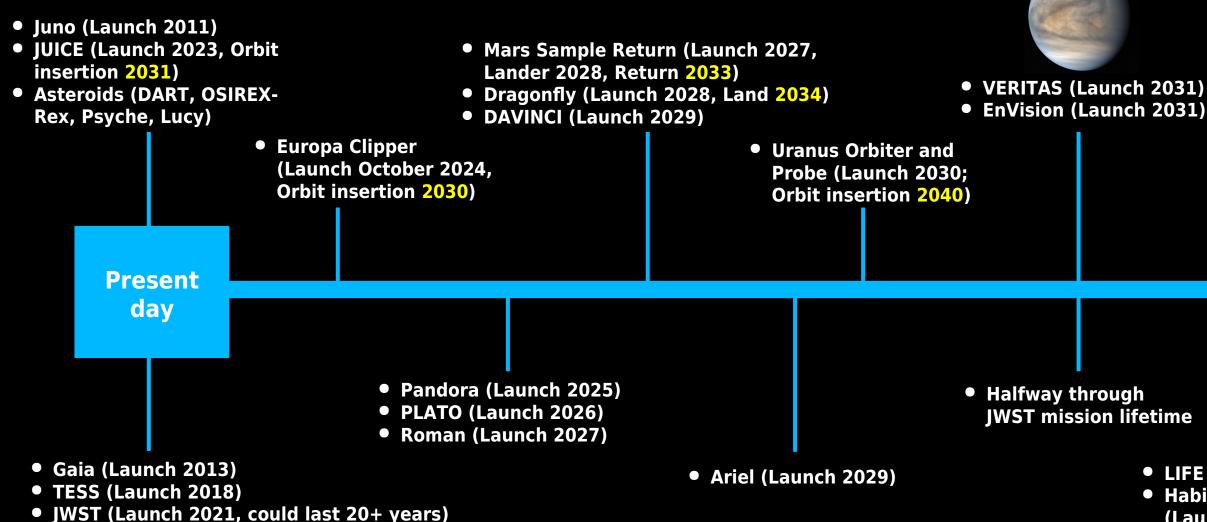








JWST (Launch 2021, could last 20+ years)



Astrophysics Mission Timeline

• LIFE (Launch 2040) • Habitable Worlds Observatory (Launch 2040)

The Pathway Forward: Finding the Connections

1. Current operations of JWST will extend beyond the planned deployment of Venus missions (DAVINCI, VERITAS, EnVision), and both sides will be providing critical information regarding atmospheric structure of dense planetary atmospheres. The Venus missions will also address the time dependence of planetary habitability and the evolution of surface conditions.

2. The Uranus flagship mission (Uranus Orbiter and Probe) is slated for launch in early 2030s, and orbital insertion in early 2040s. This creates a time scale synergy with Habitable Worlds Observatory, and the need to detect true Uranus/Neptune analogs (low insolation flux) for comparative planetology science and planet formation processes at the edge of circumstellar discs.

3. Coming icy moon missions (Europa Clipper, Dragonfly, and the decadal recommended Enceladus Orbilander) have the potential to significantly advance the understanding of planetary habitability under extreme environments and the nature of sub-surface oceans. Given the current models of ocean worlds at the outer edge of the Habitable Zone, these planetary mission data will be directly applicable to the astrobiology component of exoplanet missions.

The Pathway Forward: Forging the Connections

1. Examine the planetary science literature. Solar system science is continually advancing, with frequent, and often significant, revisions to prevailing models of atmospheres, surfaces, and interiors. Attending SIG 3 talks is a great gateway!

2. Attend relevant meetings. These are often listed on the various analysis group web sites (OPAG, VEXAG, etc) and are sometimes held in conjunction with collaborative meetings (e.g., Exoplanets in our Backyard).

3. Contact planetary science mission scientists. They DO want to know how their mission can serve you and vice versa.

4. It is the combination of fundamental solar system data and the statistical hammer of exoplanets that is crucial to placing our solar system in context, and understanding the evolution of exoplanets. SATURN

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