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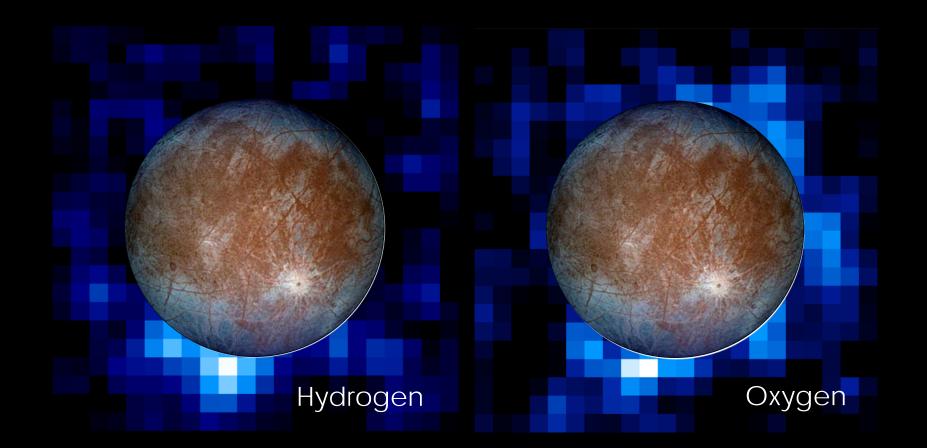
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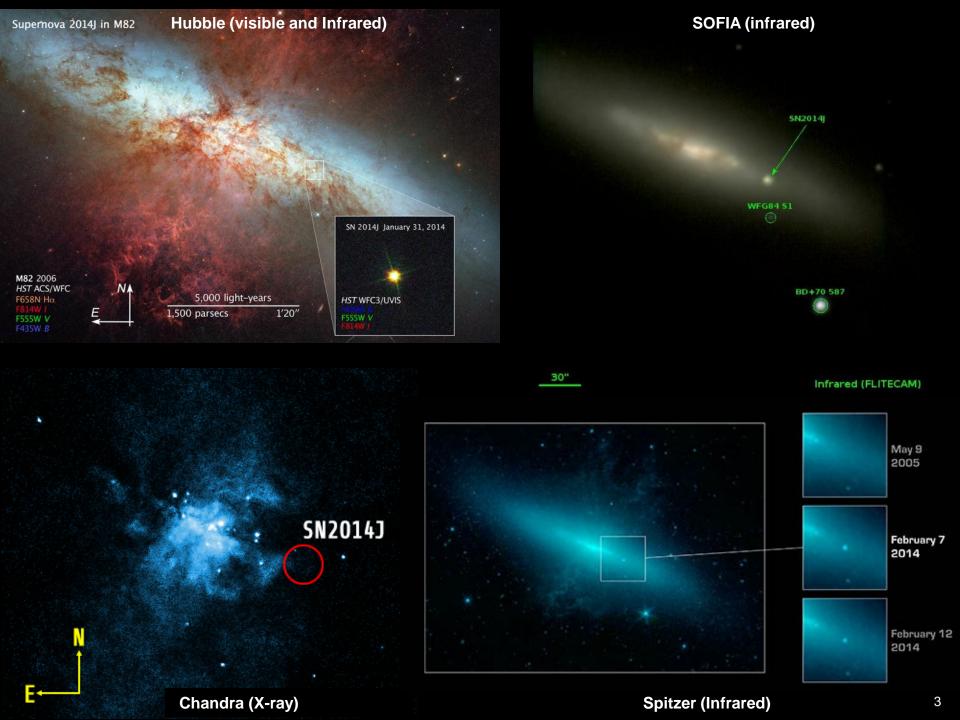
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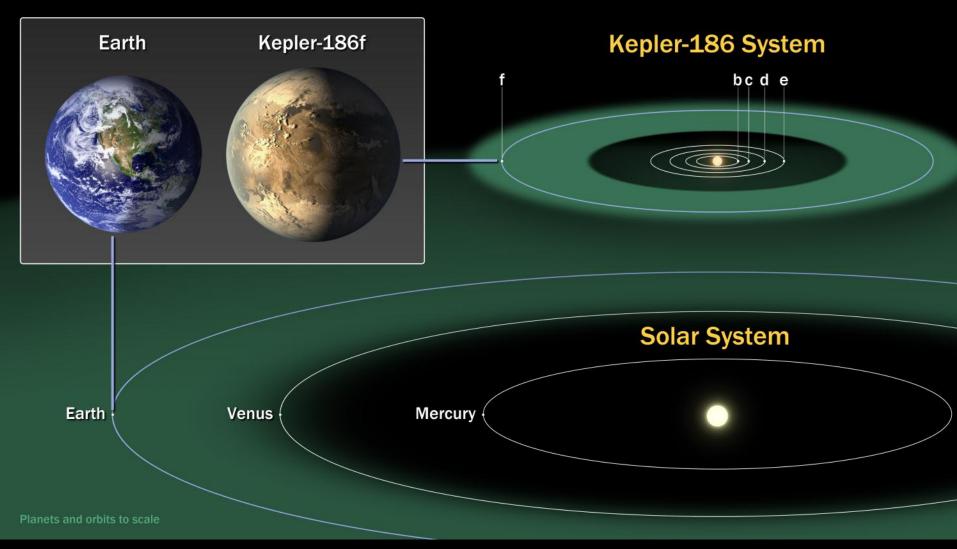
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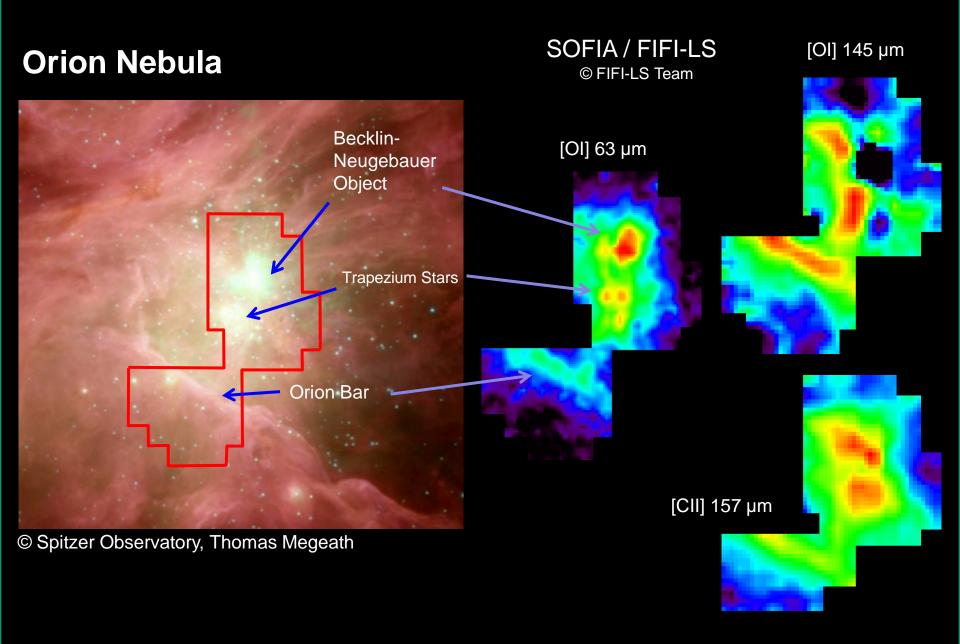
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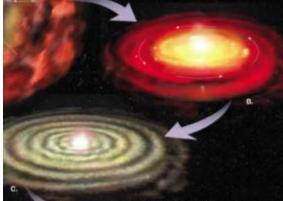
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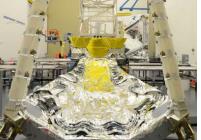
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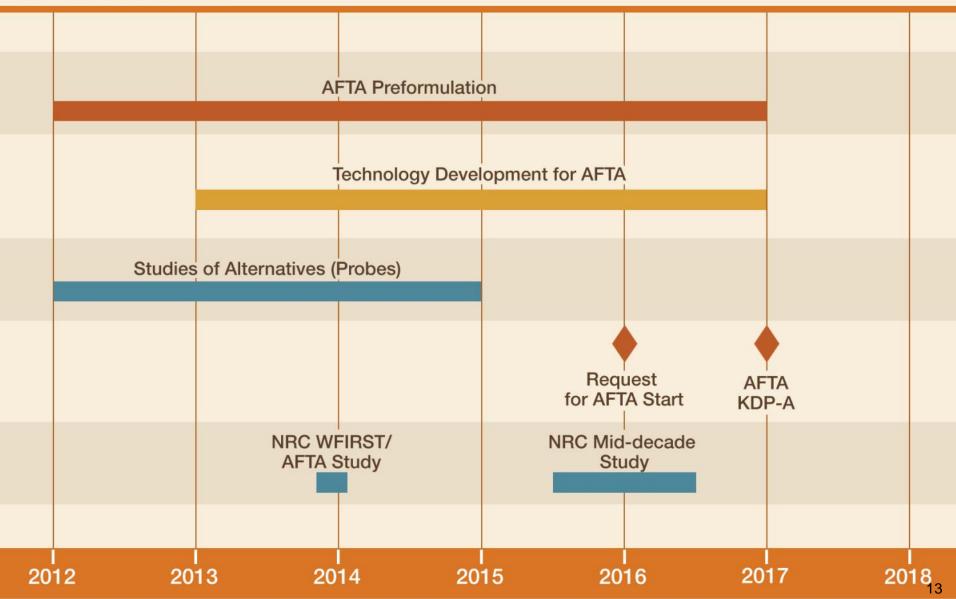
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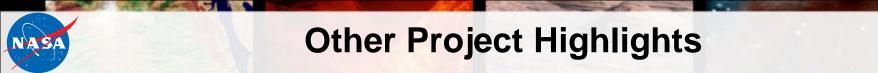
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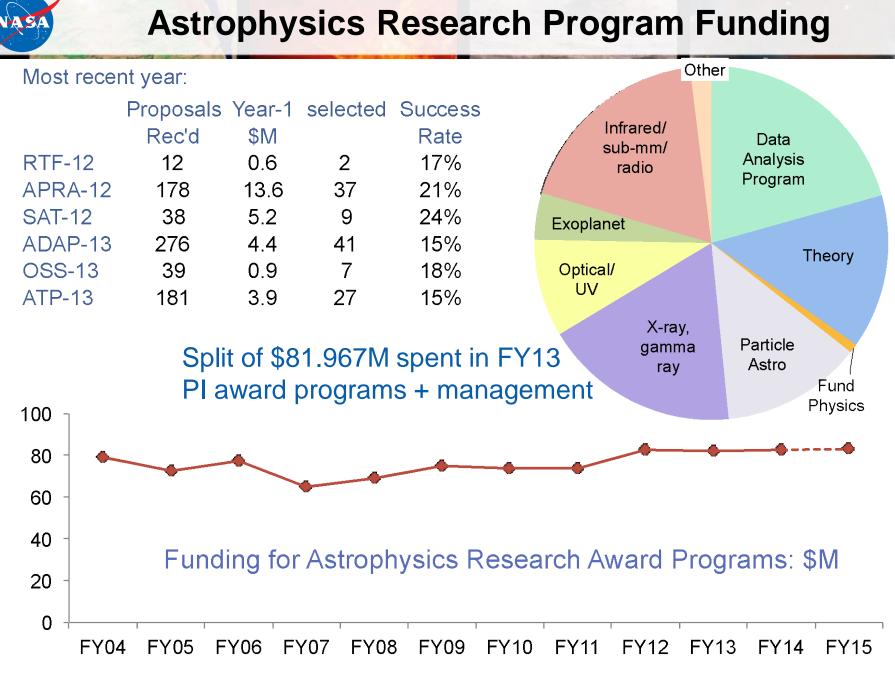
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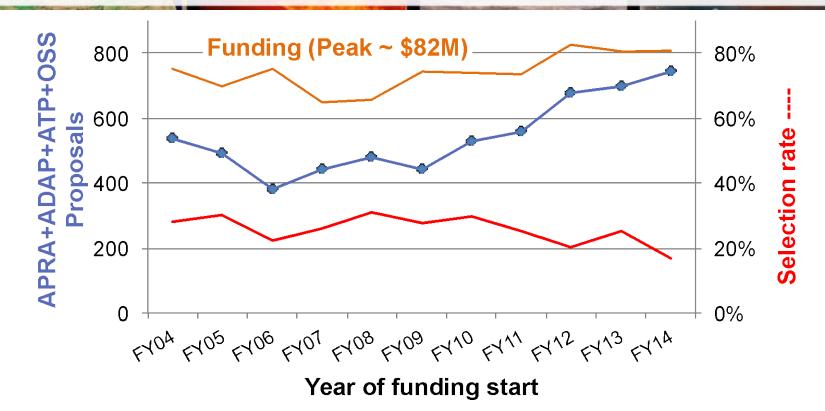
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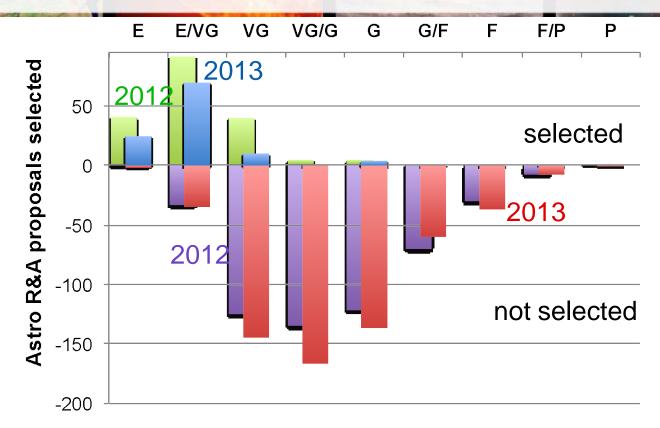


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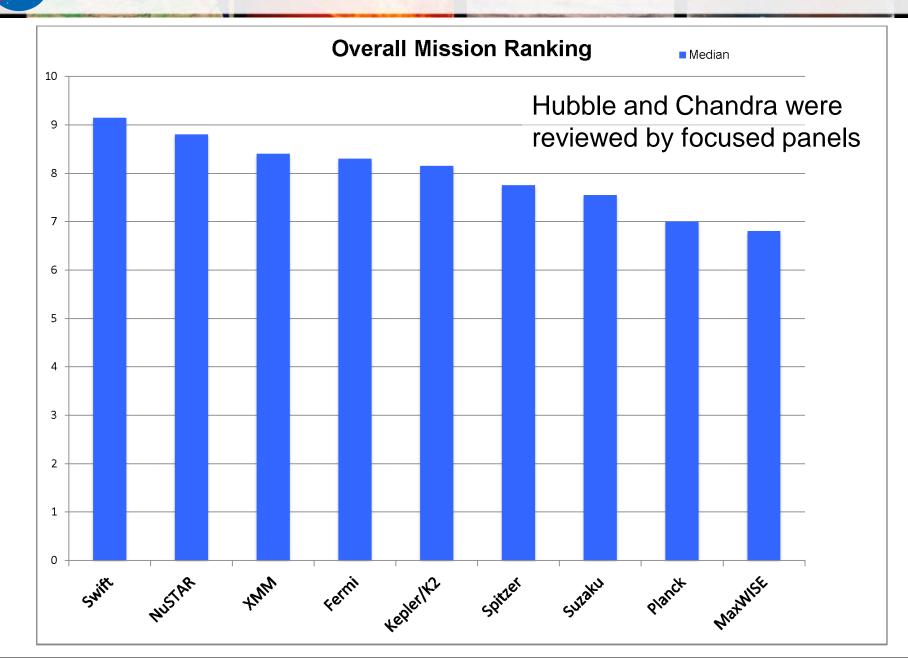


Of 726 proposals to the Astrophysics core R&A program (ADAP, APRA, SAT, ATP, OSS) in 2012, 25% were selected (green); 75% were declined (purple). Of 339 proposals rated VG or better, 51% were selected.

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- Chandra X-ray Observatory: extension approved
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- Kepler Space Telescope: K2 extension approved
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- Suzaku (JAXA mission): extension approved
- Planck (ESA mission): augmentation approved
- Widefield Infrared Survey Explorer (NEOWISE-R): data analysis proposal not approved

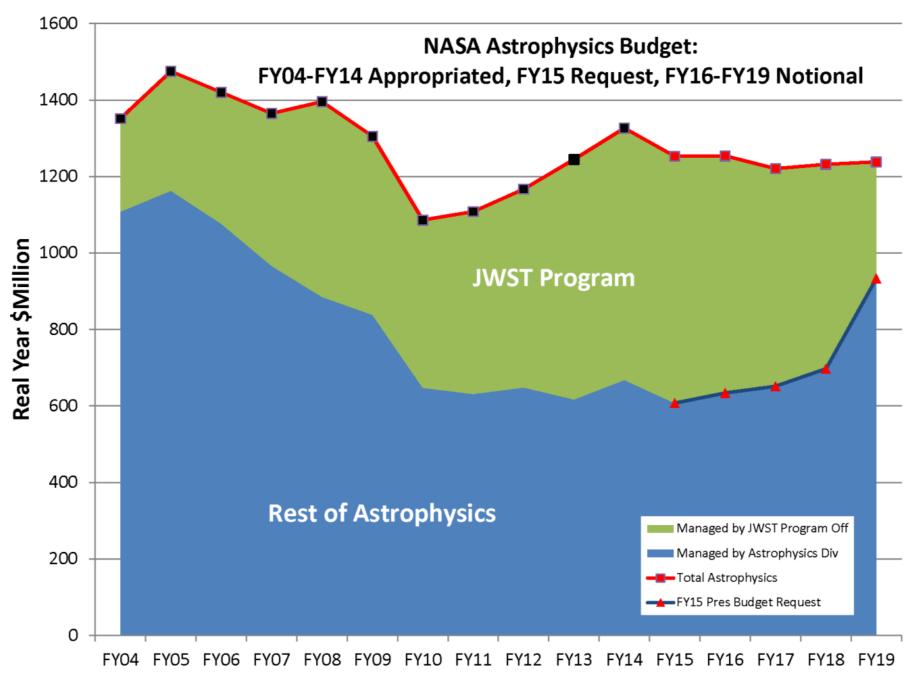
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- Final FY14 Appropriation is \$668M for Astrophysics and \$658M for JWST.
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  - JWST plan for 2018 launch is fully funded.
  - Budget is \$26M higher for Astrophysics than requested, including \$56M directed funding for WFIRST/AFTA studies (compared with \$13M planned).
  - Remainder of Astrophysics (other than JWST and WFIRST/AFTA) must be adjusted to accommodate the ~\$20M difference; accommodated without impact by rephasing Explorers funding.
  - Appropriation includes no funding in Astrophysics for education; SMD to continue conducting education activities in FY14 and to consider consolidation at the Division level; **Astrophysics reprogrammed some funds for education activities in FY14**.
  - FY15 President's budget request was released on March 4 (top level only) and March 10 (full details)

## FY15 (next year) Budget Request

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(\$M)	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Astrophysics	\$617	\$668	\$607	\$634	\$651	\$697	\$993
JWST	\$627	\$658	\$645	\$620	\$569	\$535	\$305

- Supports pre-formulation of WFIRST/AFTA, including technology development for detectors and coronagraph.
- Supports a growing Astrophysics Explorer program with continued development of ASTRO-H, NICER, and TESS, and initiation of the next Small Explorer mission.
- Supports operating missions: Hubble, Chandra, and other missions rated highly by the 2014 Senior Review.
- Continues a competed astrophysics research program and support of the balloon program.
- Seeks to work with current partner Germany and potential partners to identify a path forward for SOFIA with greatly reduced NASA funding. Unless partners are able to support the U.S. portion of SOFIA costs, NASA will place the aircraft into storage by FY 2015.
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- Administration request is \$607M for Astrophysics and \$645M for JWST.
- Progress to date: markup by House subcommittee and committee; considered on House floor on May 28-29. House drafted appropriations bill and report includes:
  - Recommendation is \$680M for Astrophysics and \$645M for JWST
  - Restores \$5M reduction in Hubble operations
  - Rejects SOFIA termination; appropriates \$70M (an increase of \$58M) to "support the aircraft's fixed costs (flight crews, required maintenance, etc.) as well as a base level of scientific observations. NASA shall continue seeking third-party partners whose additional funding support would restore SOFIA's budget to its full operational level."
  - Provides \$30M (an increase of \$15M) to "proportionally reallocate these funds among the SMD divisions, resulting in a dedicated budget line for each division's own EPO activities."
- Next steps:
  - Markup by Senate appropriations subcommittee and committee scheduled for this week; draft appropriations bill and report to be reconciled with House version.
  - Votes by House and Senate then signed into law by the President

## **FY15 Planned Accomplishments**

- The TESS Explorer Mission will be confirmed to begin implementation (KDP-C) in FY15
- The ISS-CREAM experiment will be launched to the International Space Station (KDP-E) in FY15
- The Step 1 selection (KDP-A) will be made for the next Small Astrophysics Explorer and Explorer Mission of Opportunity in FY15
- ESA's LISA Pathfinder with NASA's ST-7 experiment will launch (KDP-E) in FY15
- The **WFIRST/AFTA** science definition team report will be completed in FY15
- Manufacture, assembly, and test of the Euclid flight detectors will continue in FY15
- JAXA's **ASTRO-H** mission spacecraft system level test will take place in FY15
- The Astrophysics **Archives Senior Review** will be held in FY15
- Hubble will achieve 25 years of operation in FY15
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- Four **Balloon** campaigns in FY15
- Five **Sounding Rocket** launches in FY15

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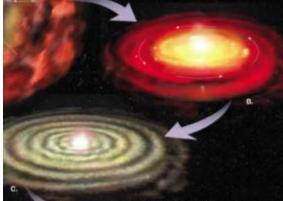
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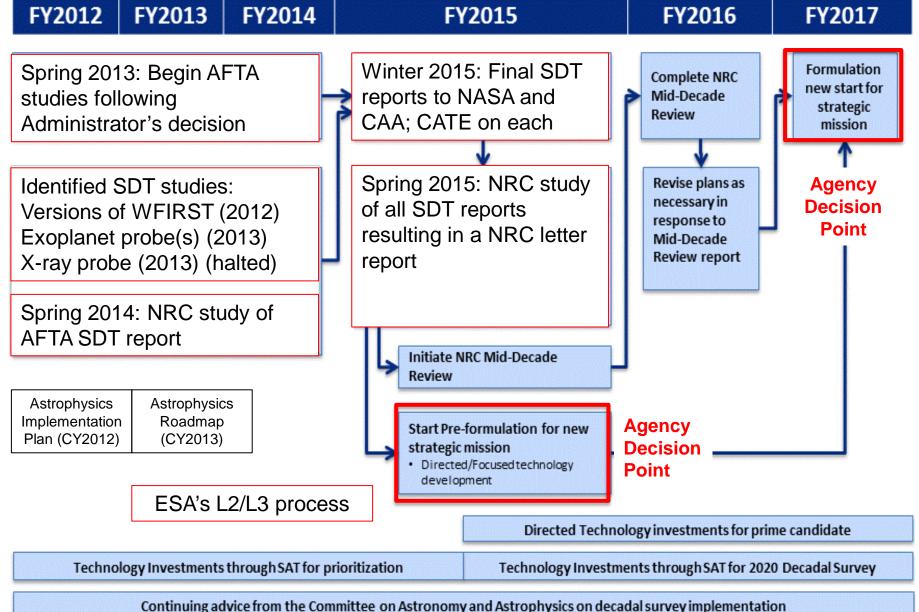
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  - The James Webb Space Telescope, the highest priority of the community, is on schedule and fully funded for an October 2018 launch.
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  - NASA continues to support individual investigators for data analysis, theory, and technology investigations through open, competitive, peer reviews.
  - NASA is preparing for a new strategic Astrophysics mission to follow JWST as soon as funding becomes available; the preparation includes preformulation studies of WFIRST-AFTA.
- The budgetary future remains uncertain.
  - Priorities must be used to guide difficult budget choices.
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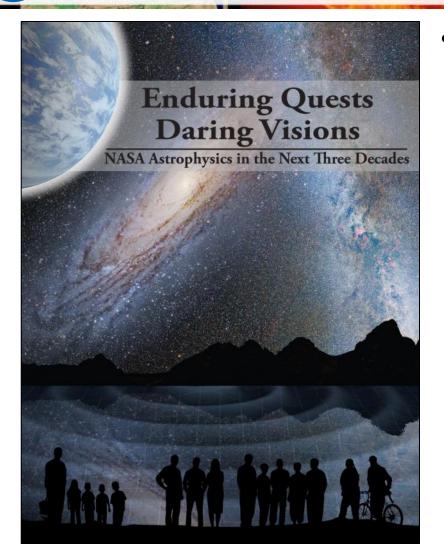


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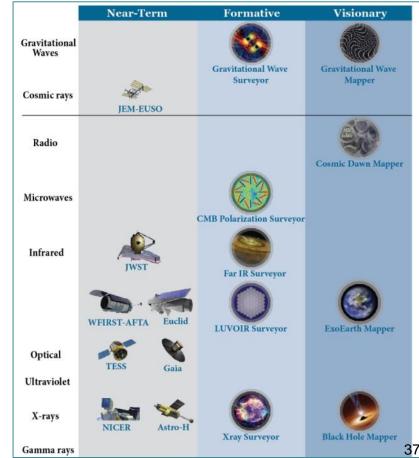


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#### Large Infrared Space Observatory

Top priority of 2000 Decadal Survey

**Science themes**: First Light; Assembly of Galaxies; Birth of Stars and Planetary Systems; Planetary Systems and the Origins of Life

**Mission:** 6.5m deployable, segmented telescope at L2, passively cooled to <50K behind a large, deployable sunshield

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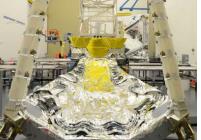
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  - Telescope wings and backplane support fixture and center section are in final acceptance testing.
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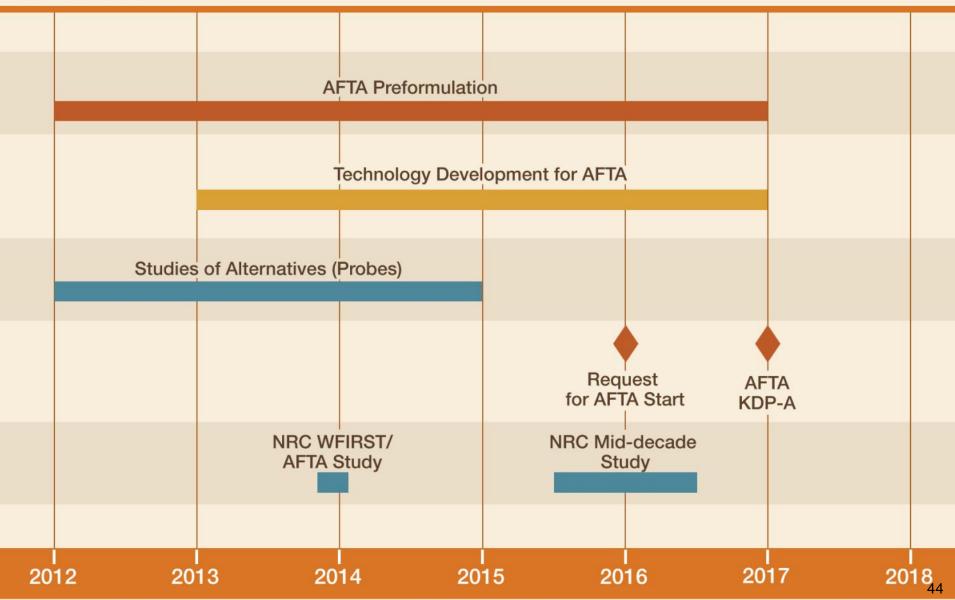
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  - Continued Operations with Heavy Maintenance as scheduled in 2014 *(contingency scenario if appropriation does not match budget request).*
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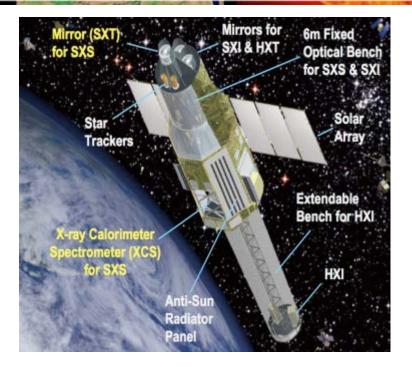
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- PI: W. Borucki, NASA Ames Research Center
- Launch Date: March 6, 2009
- **Payload:** 0.95-meter diameter telescope designed to measure the tiny dimming that occurs when an orbiting planet passes in front of ('transits') a star
- Scientific objectives:
  - conduct census of exoplanet systems
  - explore the structure and diversity of extrasolar planetary systems
  - determine the frequency of habitable, Earthsized planets in our galaxy

- Kepler "K2" mission concept approved for operations through Fiscal Year 2016 after completion of 2014 Senior Review.
  - Kepler will conduct observations along the ecliptic, changing its orientation four times per year.
  - First 75-day Campaign to begin in June.
  - Targets selected via proposals from community.
- From 2009-13, Kepler continuously monitored 100 sq. deg. field in constellations of Cygnus and Lyra for 4+ years.
  - These observations ended after failure of 2nd reaction wheel
- Analysis of first 3 years of Kepler data has revealed:
  - 3845 exoplanet candidates orbiting 2658 unique stars
  - 962 candidates confirmed as planets to date
  - More than 100 planets discovered in their star's "habitable zone"
  - two dozen of the habitable zone planet candidates are less than twice the size of the Earth
- Analysis of the full (4+ year) Kepler data set ongoing.

### ASTRO-H Soft X-ray Spectrometer and Soft X-ray Telescope Mirrors



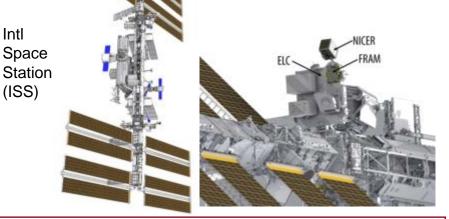
- Explorer Mission of Opportunity
- PI: R. Kelley, Goddard Space Flight Center
- Launch Date: Nov 2015 on JAXA H-IIA
- Science Objectives: Study the physics of cosmic sources via high-resolution X-ray spectroscopy. The SXS will enable a wide range of physical measurements of sources ranging from stellar coronae to clusters of galaxies.
- Operations: Prime Mission is 3 years

### **CURRENT STATUS**

The U.S. is providing instrument contributions to the JAXA ASTRO-H mission.

- Soft X-ray telescope mirrors (SXT-S and SXT-I) – Both delivered.
- Calorimeter Spectrometer Insert (CSI) delivered and integrated on to the FM Dewar and has successfully been tested at the 2-stage mode. Currently undergoing 3-stage mode testing and is progressing well.
- SXS Electronics Box Delivery June 2014
- June 2014 Update: Early FM Dewar performance testing is progressing well and meeting test goals

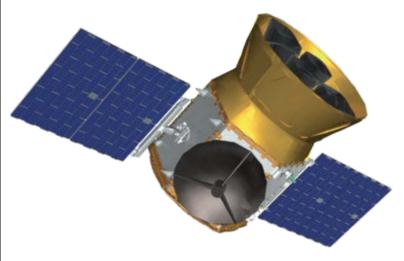
### NICER Neutron Star Interior Composition Explorer



- Explorer Mission of Opportunity
- PI: Keith Gendreau, GSFC
- Launch: August 2016 on Space-X Falcon 9
- Science Objectives: Perform high-time-resolution and spectroscopic observations of neutron stars in the .2-12 keV energy range to study the physics of ultra-dense matter in the core of neutron stars.
- **Instrument:** X-ray Timing Instrument uses X-ray concentrators and detectors to detect X-ray photons and return energy and time of arrival.
- **Platform:** Located externally on the ISS, ExPRESS Logistics Carrier 2, Starboard 3 site
- **Operations:** Operated on a non-interference basis for 18 months
- SEXTANT for Pulsar navigation demo funded by NASA's Space Technology Mission Directorate

- Downselected April 2013.
- Science team and project management both led by NASA GSFC.
- Development progressing on plan.
- The Preliminary Design Review successfully completed in December 2013.
- NICER passed Confirmation (KDP-C), for approval to enter implementation phase, on February 24, 2014.
- All major contracts have been awarded for optics, pointing system and star tracker
- Design is maturing quickly; engineering test units of the optics have been manufactured and tested
- Critical design review (CDR) planned for September 2014

### TESS Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite



#### Standard Explorer (EX) Mission

PI: G. Ricker (MIT)

**Mission**: All-Sky photometric exoplanet mapping mission.

**Science goal:** Search for transiting exoplanets around the closest and brightest stars in the sky.

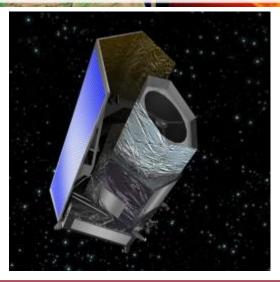
**Instruments**: Four wide field of view (24x24 degrees) CCD cameras with overlapping field of view–operating in the Visible-IR spectrum (0.6-1 micron).

**Operations**: 2017 launch with a 2-year prime mission

- Downselected April 2013.
- Major partners:
  - PI and science lead: MIT
  - Project management: NASA GSFC
  - Instrument: Lincoln Lab
  - Spacecraft: Orbital Science Corp
- Tentative launch readiness date August 2017.
- High-Earth elliptical orbit (17 x 58.7 Earth radii).
- Development progressing on plan.
  - Systems Requirement Review successfully completed on February 12-13, 2014.
  - Confirmation Review, for approval to enter implementation phase, is planned for Fall 2014.

### Euclid

### A visible and near-infrared telescope to explore cosmic evolution



- ESA Cosmic Vision 2015-2025 Mission, M-Class with NASA participation.
- 1.2-m mirror, visible & near-IR images, spectra
- Launch Date: Mar 2020

#### Science Objectives:

- Euclid will look back 10 billion years into cosmic history.
- Probe the history of cosmic expansion (influenced by dark energy and dark matter) and how gravity pulls galaxies together to form the largest structures.
- The shapes of distant galaxies appear distorted because the gravity of dark matter bends their light (gravitational lensing). Measuring this distortion tells us how the largest structures were built up over cosmic time.
- Measuring how strongly galaxies are clumped together tells us how gravity influences their motions, and how dark energy has affected the cosmic expansion.

- NASA Euclid Project passed Confirmation (KDP-C), for approval to enter implementation phase, on September 13, 2013.
- ~50 U.S. scientists are members of the Euclid Science Team that will analyze the data, and make maps of the sky.
- First experimental manufacturing run for the Euclid near-infrared detectors to complete in FY 2014 (ESA).
- NASA will test and characterize the near-IR experimental and flight detectors.
- NASA developing ground system node and U.S. science center.

# ESA's L2 Advanced X-ray Observatory

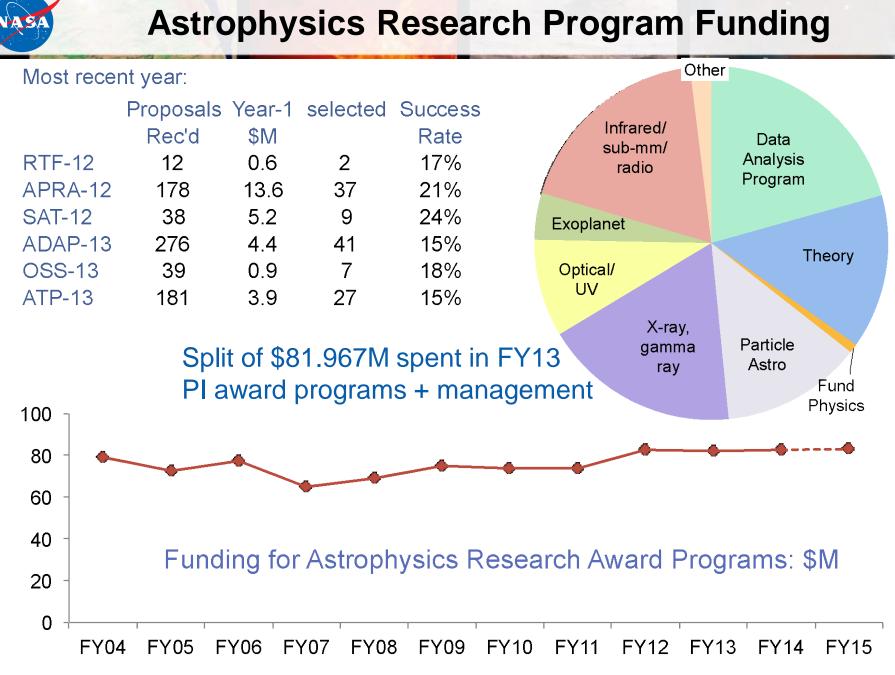
- The science theme "the hot and energetic Universe" was selected for L2, and expected to be pursued with an advanced X-ray observatory.
  - Launch date ~2028
- NASA and ESA are discussing a potential NASA contribution.
  - NASA is interested in contributing to this mission because it is responsive to the U.S. Decadal Survey. The U.S. Decadal Survey recommended an international partnership for an advanced X-ray observatory.
  - NASA announced on May 2, 2014 the upcoming release of a Dear Colleague Letter to solicit applications and nominations for U.S. participants in the ESA L2 Science Study Team.
- NASA's FY15 budget request supports a potential L2 partnership.
  - U.S. scientists are participating in proposal(s) in response to the ESA mission concept call for proposals; proposals were due April 15, 2014.
  - NASA will provide input to ESA on appropriate U.S. members of the L2 Science Study Team.
  - NASA will continue investing in technologies likely to be appropriate for an L2 contribution; investments include both directed and competed SAT investigations.
  - NASA is budgeting for development of contributed flight hardware, U.S. participation in the L2 science team, and a U.S. data center and GO program.

# 2014 Astrophysics Explorer AO (1 of 2)

- Community Announcement released on November 12, 2013, indicating NASA will solicit proposals for SMEX missions and Missions of Opportunity.
- Draft AO targeted for spring 2014, with Explorer Workshop ~ 2 weeks later.
- Final AO targeted for late summer/early fall 2014, with Pre-Proposal Conference ~ 3 weeks after final AO release. Proposals due 90 days after AO release.
- Missions of Opportunity allowed in all three categories: Partner Mission of Opportunity, New Missions using Existing Spacecraft, or Small Complete Mission, including those requiring flight on the ISS.
- PI-managed cost cap \$35M for sub-orbital class MOs, which include ultralong duration balloons, suborbital reusable launch vehicles, and CubeSats. Other MOs (not suborbital-class) have a \$65M PI-managed cost cap.
- Two-step process. Step 1 selects 2-3 SMEX missions and 1-3 MOs for 1year Phase A concept studies, Step 2 down-selects 1 SMEX and 1 MO for Phase B and subsequent phases.

# 2014 Astrophysics Explorer AO (2 of 2)

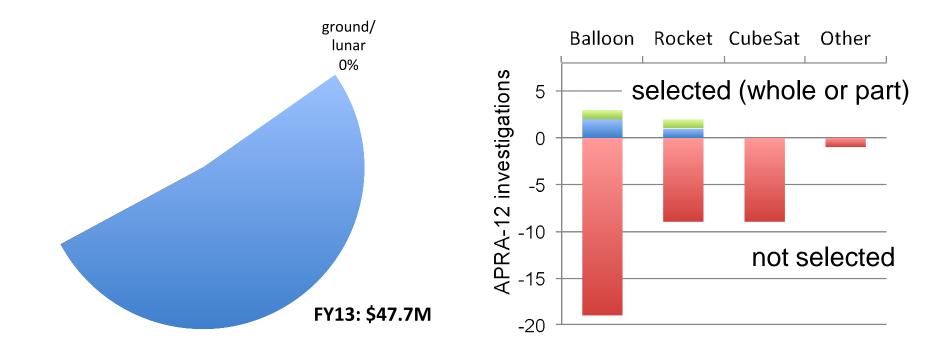
- Although NASA-provided launch services are offered and may be proposed, proposers may also propose alternative access to space, including contributed launch services.
- The PI-Managed Mission Cost for proposed SMEX missions will be \$175M, including the launch services.
- NASA-provided launch services may be proposed at a charge of \$50M in FY 2015 dollars against the PI-Managed Mission Cost.
- For alternative access to space, which must be arranged by the proposer and funded within the \$175M PI-Managed Mission Cost, a charge to the PI-Managed Mission Cost of \$2M will be levied for the expected NASA launch vehicle monitoring functions and advisory services.



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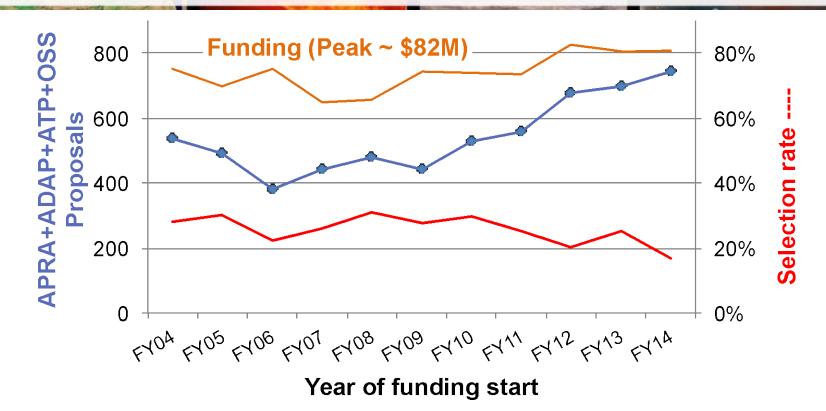
#### Astrophysics Research Program

### **APRA (sub)**orbital payloads



Roughly half of APRA funding is spent on suborbital-class payloads.

### **Astrophysics ROSES selection rates**

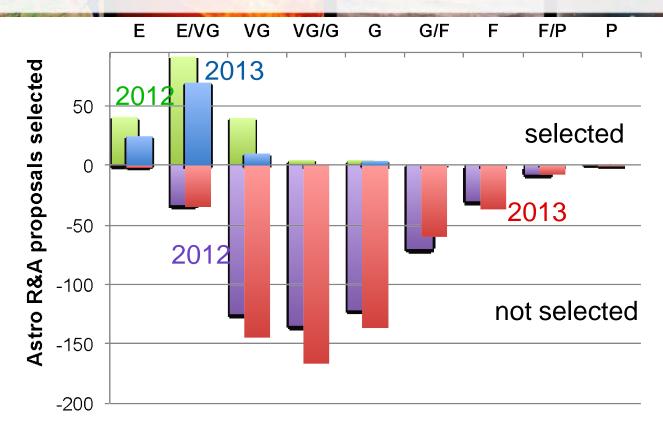


Last year, the Astrophysics Research Program received twice as many proposals as in 2006.

Funding for the program has risen 25% since 2006, but it has not doubled; so the success rate has fallen.

Total funding per successful proposal has been steady at \$500k-\$600k – this is an average over theory investigations, flight payloads, etc.

### Astrophysics ROSES selections by rating



Of 726 proposals to the Astrophysics core R&A program (ADAP, APRA, SAT, ATP, OSS) in 2012, 25% were selected (green); 75% were declined (purple). Of 339 proposals rated VG or better, 51% were selected.

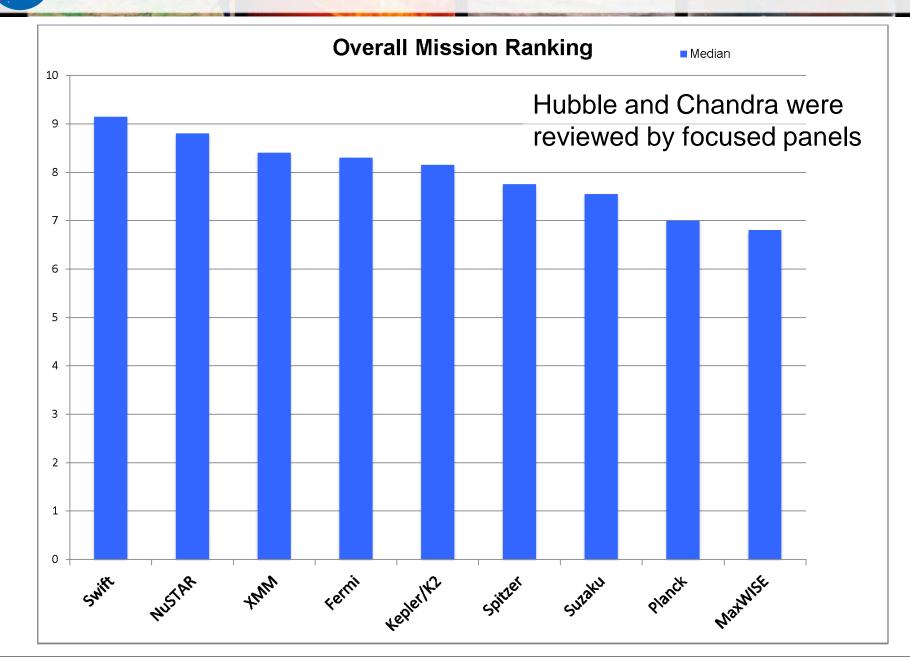
Of 713 proposals to these programs in 2013, 17% were selected (blue); 83% were declined (red). Of 299 proposals rated VG or better, 39% were selected.

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### Astrophysics R&A budget keeps FY12 gains...

Amounts in \$k	FY07 Final	FY08 Final	FY09 Final	FY10 Final	FY11 Final	FY12 Final	FY13 Final	FY14 Op Plan	FY15 Request
Particle Astro	\$ 7,631	\$ 6,672	\$ 8,201	\$ 8,260	\$ 8,243	\$ 9,375	\$ 10,545	\$ 8,265	
High Energy	\$ 12,782	\$ 12,406	\$ 13,886	\$ 14,110	\$ 13,911	\$ 14,943	\$ 14,345	\$ 13,846	
UV/Opt/IR/ Sub-mm	\$ 17,442	\$ 19,094	\$ 22,353	\$ 21,534	\$ 21,295	\$ 23,378	\$ 21,939	\$ 21,781	
Other	\$ 394	\$ 594	\$ 670	\$ 673	\$ 641	\$ 2,018	\$ 1,591	\$ 2,123	
APRA Total	\$ 38,250	\$ 38,765	\$ 45,110	\$ 44,577	\$ 44,090	\$ 50,573	\$ 47,495	\$ 44,752	
Orig Solar Systems	\$ 3,673	\$ 2,965	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,807	\$ 2,944	\$ 3,244	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,700	
Astro Theory Program	\$ 10,227	\$ 11,696	\$ 11,890	\$ 12,262	\$ 12,148	\$ 11,816	\$ 11,557	\$ 12,500	
TCAN with NSI	F							\$ 1,500	
Tech Fellows						\$ 538	\$ 895	\$ 1,200	
R&A (399131)	\$ 52,150	\$ 53,426	\$ 60,000	\$ 59,646	\$ 59,611	\$ 66,172	\$ 65,038	\$ 63,275	\$ 66,030
ADAP/LTSA	\$ 12,641	\$ 12,013	\$ 14,384	\$ 13,258	\$ 14,132	\$ 16,365	\$ 16,929	\$ 17,008	\$ 16,983
Core R&A	\$ 64,791	\$ 65,439	\$ 74,384	\$ 72,904	\$ 73,743	\$ 82,537	\$ 81,967	\$ 82,783	\$ 83,013
							T support		
ASMCS (399131)		\$ 3,452	\$ 442	•		SR&T in FY			
Fundamental Physics				\$ 968	\$ 613	\$ 860	\$ 666	\$ 859	
TOTAL (\$M)	\$ 64.79	\$ 68.89	\$ 74.83	\$ 73.87	\$ 73.93	\$ 82.54	\$ 81.97	\$ 82.78	\$ 83.01
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	from FY06	recovery	recovery	flat	flat	growth!		growth	retained!

### **Astrophysics 2014 Senior Review**



# **Astrophysics 2014 Senior Review**

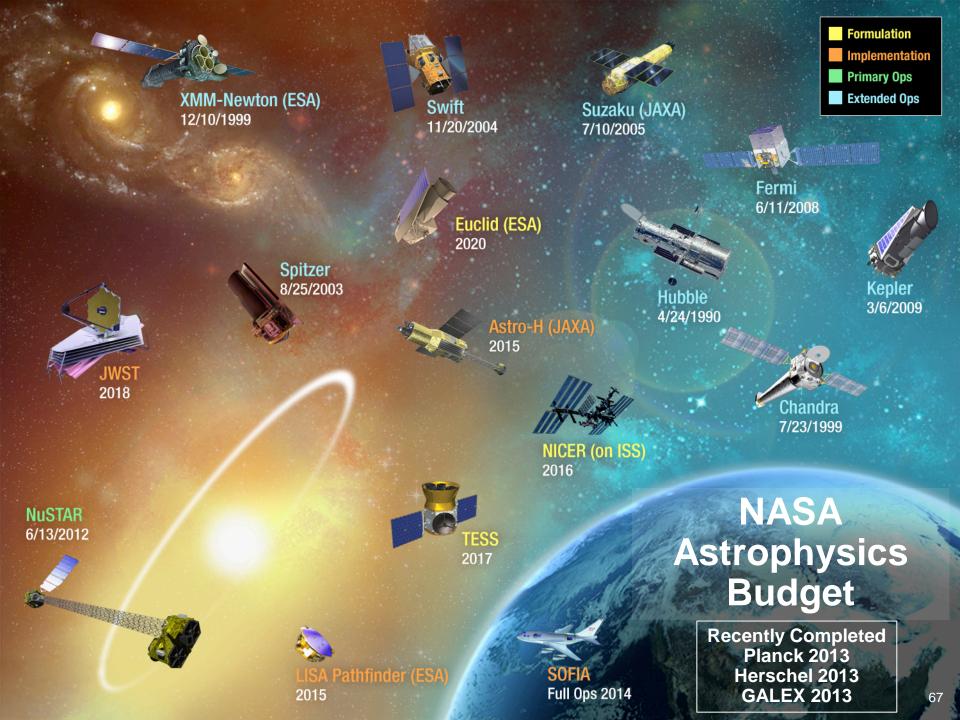
- Hubble Space Telescope: extension approved
- Chandra X-ray Observatory: extension approved
- Swift Gamma-ray Burst Explorer: extension approved
- Nuclear Spectroscopic Telescope Array (NuSTAR): extension approved and new GO program
- X-ray Multi-Mirror Mission-Newton (XMM-Newton) (ESA mission): extension approved and augmented GO program
- Fermi Gamma-ray Space telescope: extension approved
- Kepler Space Telescope: K2 extension approved
- Spitzer Space Telescope: mission not extended
- Suzaku (JAXA mission): extension approved
- Planck (ESA mission): augmentation approved
- Widefield Infrared Survey Explorer (NEOWISE-R): data analysis proposal not approved

# **Education and Public Outreach**

- The FY14 appropriated budget does not included any restoration of funding for education, but it does direct SMD to continue conducting education activities and to consider consolidation at the Division level.
- For FY15 SMD will assess its portfolio of education activities and competitively allocate funding to the highest priority education projects within NASA Science.
- FY14 is a bridge year between old and new education practices. SMD has adopted some unifying principles.
  - Each Division would preserve its mission education funding at an appropriate level
  - Investments would be focused on content
  - Education funding can be consolidated, with one mission supporting other missions
  - Education would no longer "be part of everything we do," and some missions, projects, and programs might have no education activities
- For FY14, Astrophysics is consolidating as follows.
  - STScI will consolidate education activities for COR missions including Hubble, JWST, and other COR activities, but excluding SOFIA and JPL/IPAC missions.
  - Chandra will consolidate education activities for PCOS missions including Chandra, Fermi, and other PCOS activities, but excluding JPL/IPAC missions.
  - ExEP Program Office at JPL will consolidate education activities for ExEP missions including Kepler, NExScI, other ExEP activities, as well as JPL/IPAC missions.
  - SOFIA –SOFIA will continue the Airborne Astronomy Ambassadors program for FY14 that was previously approved.

# **FY15 Planned Accomplishments**

- The TESS Explorer Mission will be confirmed to begin implementation (KDP-C) in FY15
- The ISS-CREAM experiment will be launched to the International Space Station (KDP-E) in FY15
- The Step 1 selection (KDP-A) will be made for the next Small Astrophysics Explorer and Explorer Mission of Opportunity in FY15
- ESA's LISA Pathfinder with NASA's ST-7 experiment will launch (KDP-E) in FY15
- The **WFIRST/AFTA** science definition team report will be completed in FY15
- Manufacture, assembly, and test of the Euclid flight detectors will continue in FY15
- JAXA's **ASTRO-H** mission spacecraft system level test will take place in FY15
- The Astrophysics **Archives Senior Review** will be held in FY15
- Hubble will achieve 25 years of operation in FY15
- The NRC Mid-Decade Review will begin in FY15
- Four **Balloon** campaigns in FY15
- Five **Sounding Rocket** launches in FY15



# **Astrophysics Budget Strategy**

- Use the scientific priorities of the 2010 Decadal Survey to guide strategy and inform choices.
- There is inadequate available budget to implement the 2010 Decadal Survey recommendations as written.
- A goal is to be prepared to start a new strategic NASA Astrophysics mission to follow JWST as soon as funding becomes available, while continuing to advance Decadal Survey science during the interim.
  - WFIRST-AFTA (WFIRST using existing 2.4 m telescopes)
  - Moderate missions ("probes") derived from the science objectives of the prioritized missions and recommendations in the 2010 Decadal Survey are are being studied, in addition to a large mission (WFIRST), to be prepared for a mid-decade decision.
- As appropriate, collaborate with international partners to realize Decadal Survey priorities and recommendations.
  - Partner on ESA's Euclid mission (complements WFIRST commitment)
  - Partner on ESA's L2 x-ray observatory (responds to IXO recommendation)
  - Partner on ESA's L3 gravitational wave observatory (responds to LISA recommendation)

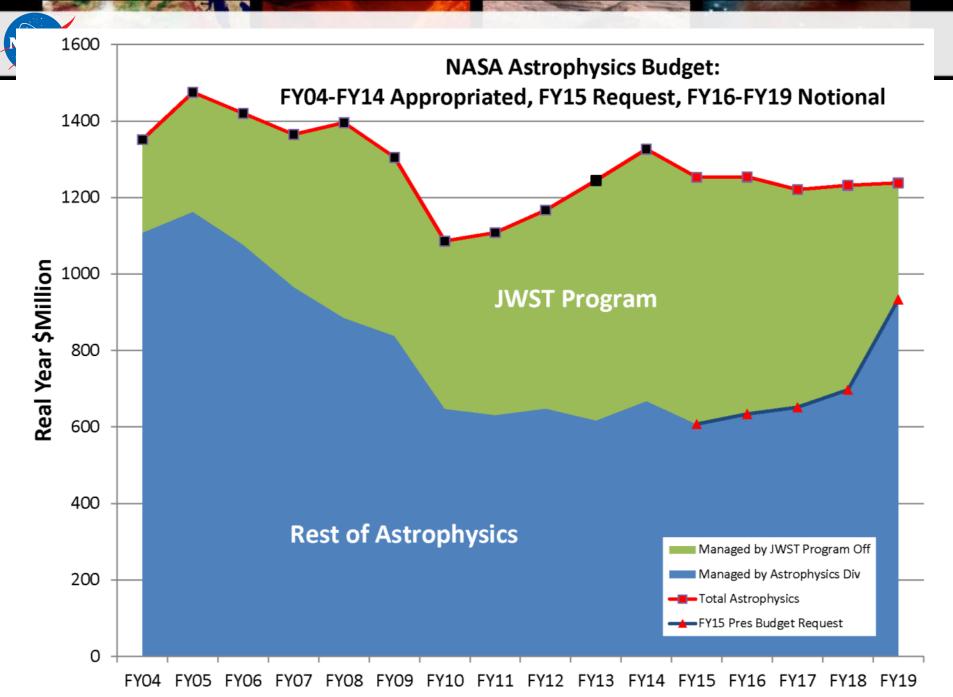
# FY14 (this year) Budget Appropriation

- Final FY14 Appropriation is \$668M for Astrophysics and \$658M for JWST.
  - **Appropriation includes new projects** for TESS, NICER, Euclid; augmentation for future Explorer AOs; core funding for research and suborbital projects; planning budget wedge for strategic mission starting NET FY17.
  - JWST plan for 2018 launch is fully funded.
  - Budget is \$26M higher for Astrophysics than requested, including \$56M directed funding for WFIRST/AFTA studies (compared with \$13M planned).
  - Remainder of Astrophysics (other than JWST and WFIRST/AFTA) must be adjusted to accommodate the ~\$20M difference; accommodated without impact by rephasing Explorers funding.
  - Appropriation includes no funding in Astrophysics for education; SMD to continue conducting education activities in FY14 and to consider consolidation at the Division level; **Astrophysics reprogrammed some funds for education activities in FY14**.
  - FY15 President's budget request was released on March 4 (top level only) and March 10 (full details)

# FY15 (next year) Budget Request

					Outyears are notional				
(\$M)	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019		
Astrophysics	\$617	\$668	\$607	\$634	\$651	\$697	\$993		
JWST	\$627	\$658	\$645	\$620	\$569	\$535	\$305		

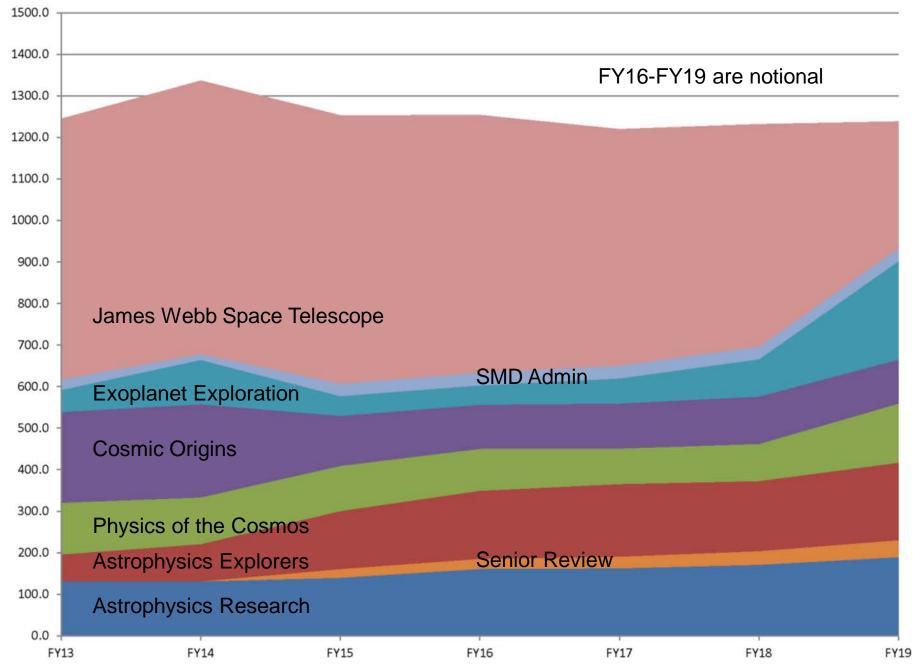
- Supports pre-formulation of WFIRST/AFTA, including technology development for detectors and coronagraph.
- Supports a growing Astrophysics Explorer program with continued development of ASTRO-H, NICER, and TESS, and initiation of the next Small Explorer mission.
- Supports operating missions: Hubble, Chandra, and other missions rated highly by the 2014 Senior Review.
- Continues a competed astrophysics research program and support of the balloon program.
- Seeks to work with current partner Germany and potential partners to identify a path forward for SOFIA with greatly reduced NASA funding. Unless partners are able to support the U.S. portion of SOFIA costs, NASA will place the aircraft into storage by FY 2015.
- Supports the commitment to an October 2018 launch date for JWST. Continues manufacturing of the flight sunshield structure and membranes. Completes and delivers the flight cryogenic cooler tower assembly. Delivers the Optical Telescope Element flight structure. Initiates integration of the 18 flight primary mirror segments. Conducts the final Integrated Science Instrument Module level cryo-vacuum test.



# FY15 (next year) Budget Appropriation

- Administration request is \$607M for Astrophysics and \$645M for JWST.
- Progress to date: markup by House subcommittee and committee; considered on House floor on May 28-29. House drafted appropriations bill and report includes:
  - Recommendation is \$680M for Astrophysics and \$645M for JWST
  - Restores \$5M reduction in Hubble operations
  - Rejects SOFIA termination; appropriates \$70M (an increase of \$58M) to "support the aircraft's fixed costs (flight crews, required maintenance, etc.) as well as a base level of scientific observations. NASA shall continue seeking third-party partners whose additional funding support would restore SOFIA's budget to its full operational level."
  - Provides \$30M (an increase of \$15M) to "proportionally reallocate these funds among the SMD divisions, resulting in a dedicated budget line for each division's own EPO activities."
- Next steps:
  - Markup by Senate appropriations subcommittee and committee scheduled for this week; draft appropriations bill and report to be reconciled with House version.
  - Votes by House and Senate then signed into law by the President

### **President's FY15 Budget Request**

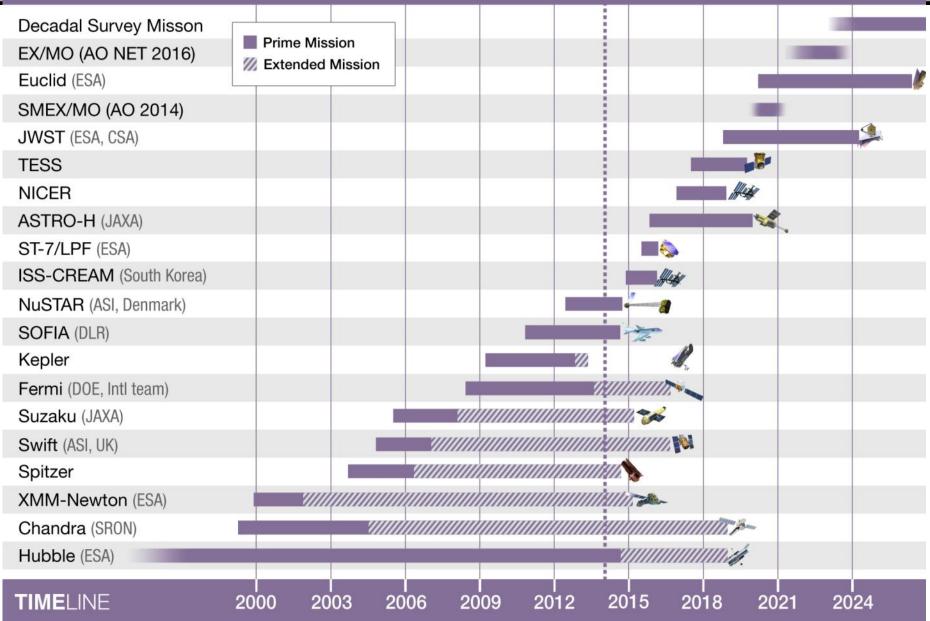


### **Astrophysics FY 2015 Budget Request**

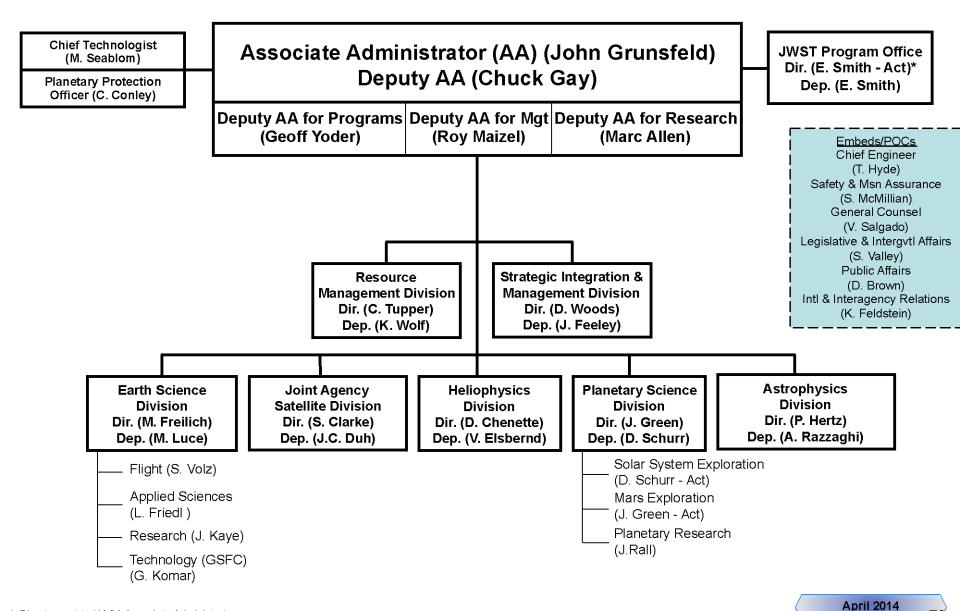
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	FY 2013 Op Plan	FY 2014 Op Plan	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Astrophysics	617.0	668.0	607.3	633.7	651.2	696.8	993.0
Astrophysics Research	155.8	134.9	191.0	216.2	221.2	234.6	261.2
Cosmic Origins	218.9	224.2	120.3	106.4	108.2	114.2	105.8
Physics of the Cosmos	124.5	112.6	108.8	100.9	86.6	89.4	142.4
Exoplanet Exploration	52.8	106.7	47.5	46.4	60.4	89.8	237.3
Astrophysics Explorers	65.1	89.6	139.7	163.7	174.9	168.7	186.4
James Webb Space Telescope	627.6	658.2	645.4	620.0	569.4	534.9	305.0
Astrophysics + JWST	1,244.6	1,326.2	1,252.7	1,253.7	1,220.6	1,231.7	1,298.0

### **Astrophysics** Timeline



### **SMD Organization**



### **Astrophysics Division - Science Mission Directorate**

