



**Cosmic Origins Program Analysis Group (COPAG)
Report to Astrophysics Advisory Committee (APAC)
July 20 2022**

**Dr. Janice C. Lee
Chair, Cosmic Origins Program
Executive Committee**



1. The beginning of JWST sciops: a remarkable time for the cosmic origins community
2. COPAG EC Overview
 - + Charge
 - + Membership & Staffing; SIG/STIG Structure
 - + Community Engagement
3. Cosmic Origins Future Analysis Activities: Supporting Informed Leadership in a Rapidly Changing World and Scientific Landscape

“The world is about to be new again.” -Eric Smith
“Every field is a deep field.” -David Law

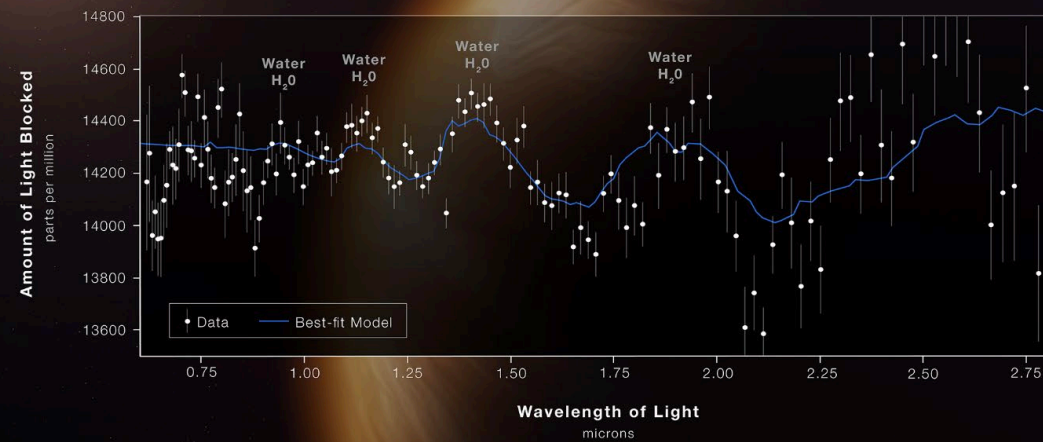
*the Cosmic Origins community is very busy with the
new brilliant data....*



INSTRUMENT: NIRCAM, MIRI
Southern Ring Nebula



INSTRUMENT: NIRISS
Exoplanet WASP-96 b



INSTRUMENT: NIRCAM
Webb's First Deep Field




INSTRUMENT: NIRCAM
"Cosmic Cliffs" in Carina




INSTRUMENT: NIRCAM MIRI COMPOSITE
Stephan's Quintet



JWST Cycle 1 Treasury Programs

 **Large Scale Structure of the Universe**


ID	Program Title	PI & Co-PIs
1727	COSMOS-Web: The JWST Cosmic Origins Survey	PI: Jeyhan Kartaltepe Co-PI: Caitlin Casey

 **Exoplanets and Disks**

ID	Program Title	PI & Co-PIs
1584	A DSHARP-MIRI Treasury Survey of Chemistry in Planet-forming Regions	PI: Colette Salyk Co-PI: Klaus Pontoppidan

 **Galaxies**

ID	Program Title	PI & Co-PIs
1837	PRIMER: Public Release IMaging for Extragalactic Research	PI: James Dunlop
2079	The Webb Deep Extragalactic Exploratory Public (WDEEP) Survey: Feedback in Low-Mass Galaxies from Cosmic Dawn to Dusk	PI: Steven Finkelstein Co-PIs: Casey Papovich and Norbert Pirzkal
2561	UNCOVER: Ultra-deep NIRCcam and NIRSPEC Observations Before the Epoch of Reionization	PI: Ivo Labbe Co-PI: Rachel Bezanson

 **Stellar Populations and the Interstellar Medium**

ID	Program Title	PI & Co-PIs
2107	A JWST-HST-VLT/MUSE-ALMA Treasury of Star Formation in Nearby Galaxies	PI: Janice Lee Co-PIs: Karin Sandstrom, Adam Leroy, Eva Schinnerer, David Thilker, and others*

JWST Director's Discretionary Early Release Science Programs

Stellar Populations

ID	Program Title	PI & Co-PIs	Instruments
1334	The Resolved Stellar Populations Early Release Science Program	PI: Daniel Weisz	

Solar System

ID	Program Title	PI & Co-PIs	Instruments
1373	ERS Observations of the Jovian System as a Demonstration of JWST's Capabilities for Solar System Science	PI: Imke de Pater Co-PI: Thierry Fouchet	MIRI NIRCam NIRISS NIRSpec

Planets and Planet Formation

ID	Program Title	PI & Co-PIs
1366	The Transiting Exoplanet Community Early Release Science Program	PI: Natalie Batalha Co-PIs: Jacob Bean and Kevin Stevenson
1386	High Contrast Imaging of Exoplanets and Exoplanetary Systems with JWST	PI: Sasha Hinkley Co-PIs: Andrew Skemer and Beth Biller

Massive Black Holes and Their Host Galaxies


ID	Program Title	PI & Co-PIs	Instruments
1335	Q-3D: Imaging Spectroscopy of Quasar Hosts with JWST Analyzed with a Powerful New PSF Decomposition and Spectral Analysis Package	PI: Dominika Wylezalek Co-PIs: Sylvain Veilleux and Nadia Zakamska	MIRI NIRSpec
1364	Nuclear Dynamics of a Nearby Seyfert with NIRSpec Integral Field Spectroscopy	PI: Misty Bentz	NIRSpec

Galaxies and Intergalactic Medium


ID	Program Title	PI & Co-PIs
1324	Through the Looking GLASS: A JWST Exploration of Galaxy Formation and Evolution from Cosmic Dawn to Present Day	PI: Tommaso Treu
1328	A JWST Study of the Starburst-AGN Connection in Merging LIRGs	PI: Lee Armus Co-PI: Aaron Evans
1345	The Cosmic Evolution Early Release Science (CEERS) Survey	PI: Steven Finkelstein
1355	TEMPLATES: Targeting Extremely Magnified Panchromatic Lensed Arcs and Their Extended Star Formation	PI: Jane Rigby Co-PI: Joaquin Vieira


Stellar Physics

ID	Program Title	PI & Co-PIs	Instruments
1288	Radiative Feedback from Massive Stars as Traced by Multiband Imaging and Spectroscopic Mosaics	PI: Olivier Berne Co-PIs: Emilie Habart and Els Peeters	MIRI NIRCam NIRSpec
1309	IceAge: Chemical Evolution of Ices during Star Formation	PI: Melissa McClure Co-PIs: Abraham C. Boogert and Harold Linnartz	MIRI NIRCam NIRSpec
1349	Establishing Extreme Dynamic Range with JWST: Decoding Smoke Signals in the Glare of a Wolf-Rayet Binary	PI: Ryan Lau	MIRI NIRISS

 **Mark McCaughrean** @markmccaughrean · 3h
Now that the #JWST data floodgates are open, you're going to be seeing a flood of gorgeous images of the infrared sky, beyond Tuesday's releases.

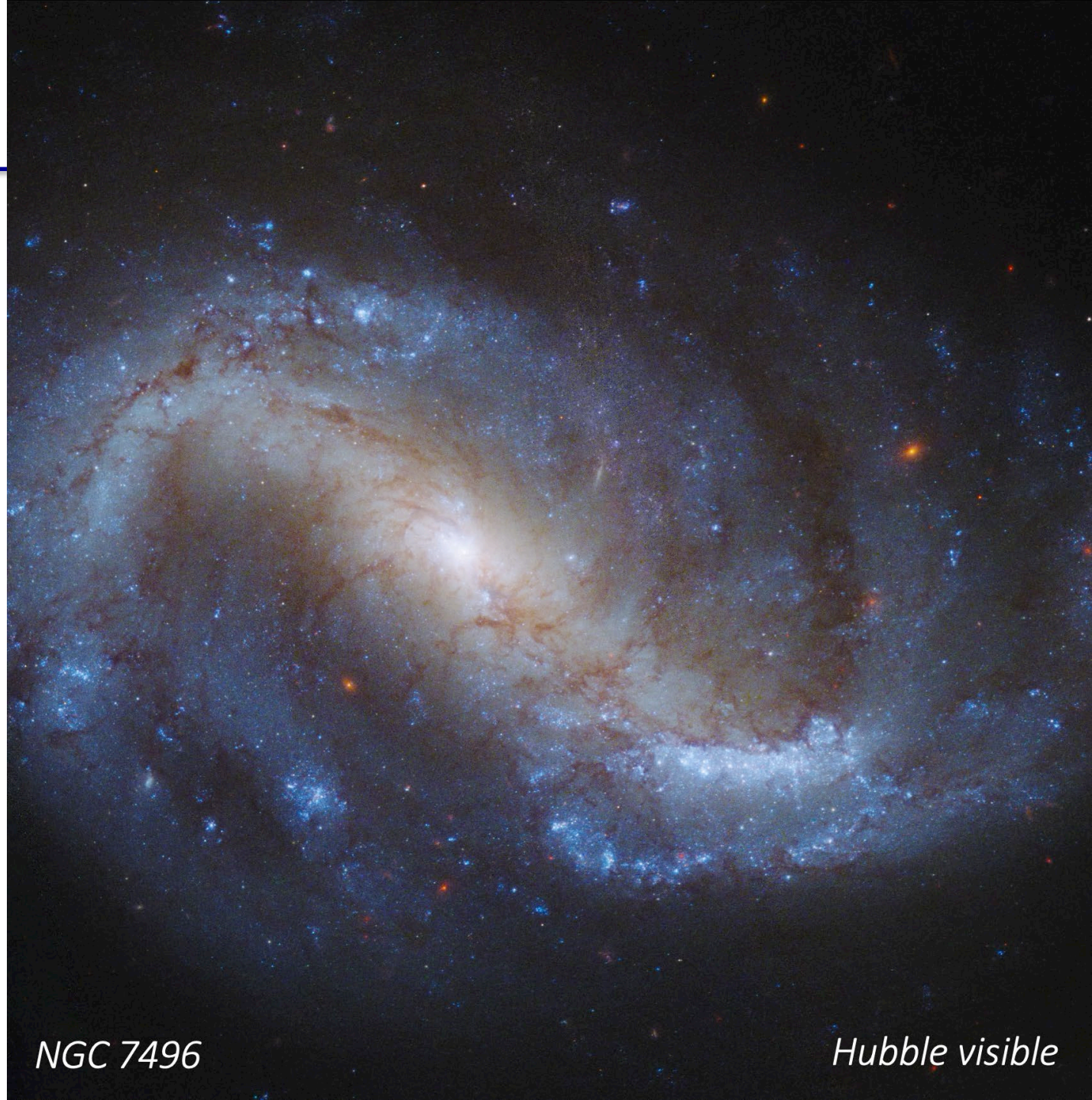
Here's a beautiful example of star formation in the dust lanes of a spiral Galaxy by @janiceleeastro et al. 😊

 **Dr. Janice Lee** @janiceleeastro · 7h
Our #phangs team was up in the early morning with @SpaceGeck waiting to download our 1st!! @NASAWebb obs... data are just ✨ miraculous ✨ lighting up dark dust lanes, revealing earliest stages of star formation in detail & ALL THAT FEEDBACK #pinwheelonfire #ngc7496
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And why we need an ensemble of observatories working in harmony



NGC 7496

Hubble visible

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now you are casually measuring metallicity in a $z=8.5$ galaxy ?

DISTANT GALAXY BEHIND SMACS 0723
WEBB SPECTRUM SHOWCASES GALAXY'S COMPOSITION

NIRCam Imaging

13.1 billion years

NIRSpec Microshutter Array Spectroscopy

Relative Brightness

Wavelength of Light microns

WEBB SPACE TELESCOPE

8:05 AM · Jul 12, 2022 · Twitter for iPhone

92 Retweets 21 Quote Tweets 711 Likes

Bruce Macintosh @bmac_astro · 17h

I like the WASP spectrum and the images, but from my not-even-remotely-expert-about-galaxies standpoint this seems like the thing that's the most really transformational of everything in the release. This is what JWST was built to do.

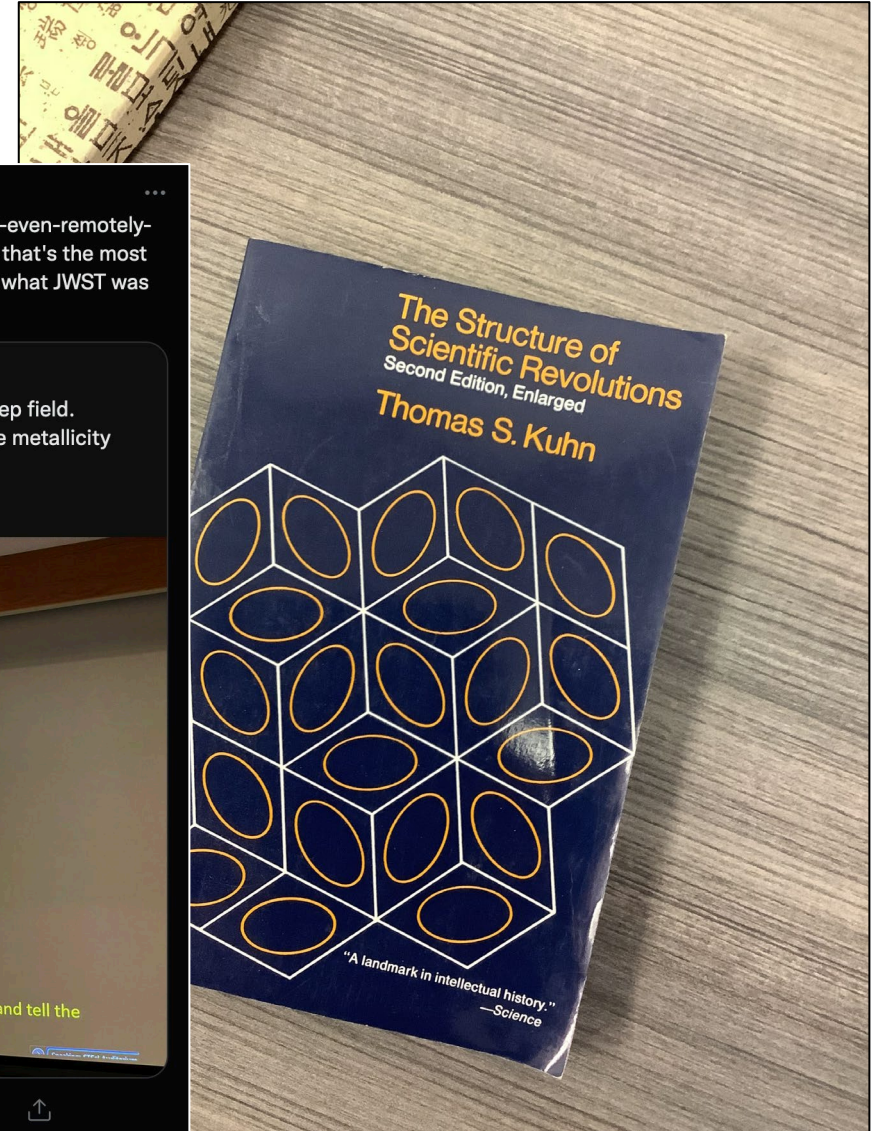
Molly Peeples @astronomolly · Jul 12

At @stsci @alh_ast is presenting spectra of the #jwst deep field. SPECTRUM of a $z=8.5$ galaxy! With super easy to measure metallicity indicators!


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NIRSpec MOS: deep spectra show the chemical makeup of the first galaxies and tell the story of their formation.

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Pathways to Discovery in Astronomy and Astrophysics for the 2020s

What are the key scientific challenges for astronomy and astrophysics in the next decade? *Pathways to Discovery in Astronomy and Astrophysics for the 2020s*, the National Academies' latest decadal survey, identifies the most compelling science goals and presents an ambitious program of ground- and space-based activities for future investment. The report recommends critical near-term actions to support the foundations of the profession as well as the technologies and tools needed to carry out the science.

Get involved to represent your communities:

NASA Program Analysis Groups (PAGs) serve as community-based, interdisciplinary forums for soliciting and coordinating community analysis and input in support of NASA SMD Science Program objectives and of their implications for architecture planning, activity prioritization, for future exploration. It provides findings of analyses to the NASA Astrophysics Division Director.

Key Scientific Challenges for the Next Decade

 <p>Worlds and Suns in Context</p> <p><small>Priority Area: Pathways to Habitable Worlds</small></p>	 <p>New Messengers and New Physics</p> <p><small>Priority Area: New Windows on the Dynamic Universe</small></p>	 <p>Cosmic Ecosystems</p> <p><small>Priority Area: Unveiling the Drivers of Galaxy Growth</small></p>
<p>Exoplanet Exploration (EXCEP) ExoPAG EC Chair: Michael Meyer</p>	<p>Physics of the Cosmos (PCOS) PhysPAG EC Chair: Grant Tremblay</p>	<p>Cosmic Origins (COR) COPAG EC Chair: Janice C. Lee</p>

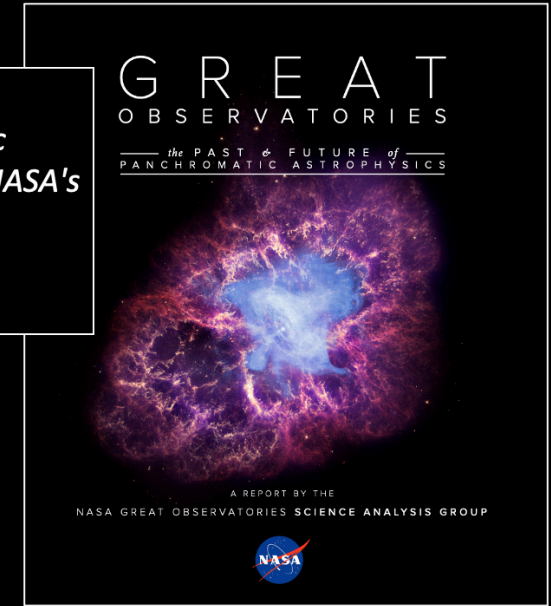
Executive Secretary: Stephanie Clark
COR Chief Scientist: Peter Kurczynski
Program Scientist: Eric Tollestrup,

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COPAG prior activities of note

SAG-10: Great Observatories 2019 Report

- identify gaps in wavelength coverage and scientific capabilities anticipated over next 10–20 years as NASA's current space observatories age/decommission (2)
- analyze how this will affect progress in a rapidly changing scientific landscape.



COVID Impact on NASA Cosmic Origins Research: Request for Input on ADAP
 The NASA Cosmic Origins Program Analysis Group Executive Committee (COPAG EC; <https://cor.gsfc.nasa.gov/copag/>), is soliciting input on the impacts of COVID-19 on NASA astrophysics research, with special focus on the preparation and submission of proposals for the Astrophysics Data Analysis Program (ADAP).

The goal of this 5-10 minute survey is to gather input from the Astrophysics Division, the Exoplanet Science Division, the Exoplanet and Physics community.

This survey deadline is **June 2, 2020**.
<https://science.nasa.gov/survey>
 * Required

Astrophysics Data Analysis Program (ADAP)

COVID Impact on NASA Cosmic Origins Research: Request for Input on ADAP

Janice C. Lee & Misty Bentz on behalf of COPAG EC

Main Results:
 "Overall, on a scale from 1 to 5, how do you think the change in ADAP solicitation cadence impact your research. (1=negative impact; 3=no impact; 5=positive impact)."

Demographic	N	Net Negative	Net Positive	Neutral
All	169	59%	11%	30%
Male	68%	53%	11%	36%
Female	32%	76%	9%	15%
Early career/ non-tenured (44% female)	27%	64%	11%	25%

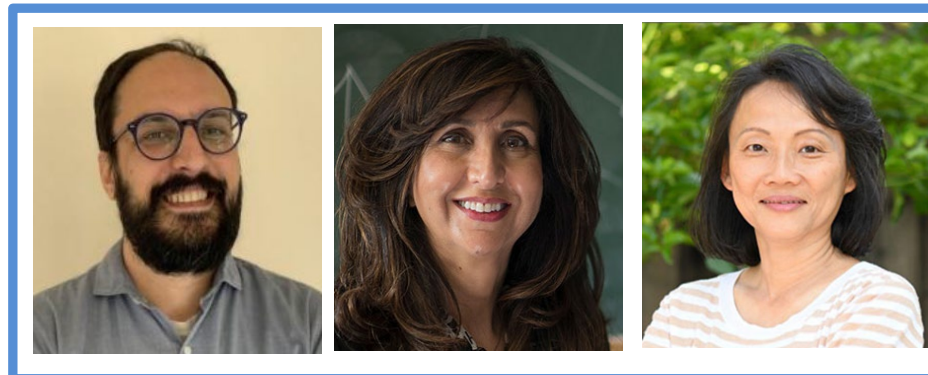
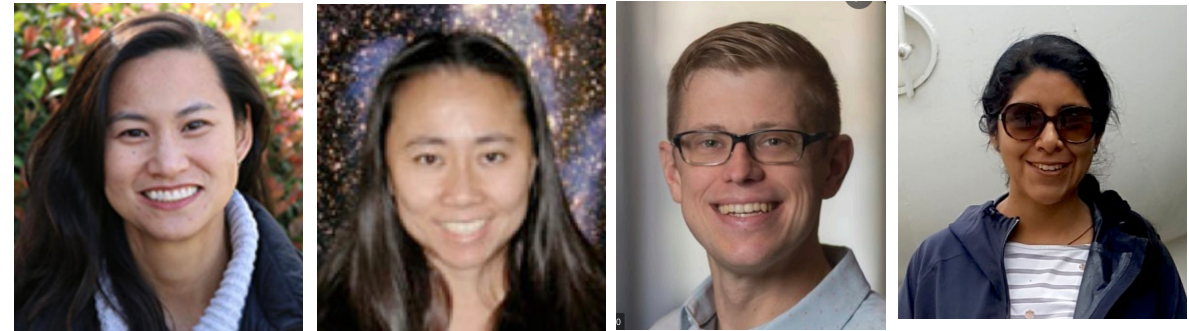
Majority response is that change in solicitation cadence will negatively affect research. **women, early-career researchers, and those without job security expect to be even more negatively impacted** than the general population of ADAP proposers.

COVID/ADAP 2020 Community Survey

- Indicated women and early-career scientists may be disparately impacted by COVID shutdown
- Helped guide decision to reverse cancellation of FY21 ADAP solicitation

COSMIC ORIGINS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Review of charge and organization

	<u>Term</u>	<u>Institution</u>
Janice Lee (Chair)	November 2017–October 2022 Chair-elect/Chair Jan 2021	Gemini/NOIRLab
Stephan McCandliss	November 2018–October 2022	Johns Hopkins University
Alexandra Pope	November 2018–October 2022	University of Massachusetts
Alina Kiessling	February 2020–October 2022	Jet Propulsion Laboratory
Christine Chen	November 2020–January 2024	Space Telescope Science Institute
Chris Hayward	November 2020–January 2024	Flatiron Institute
Liseth Gavilan-Marin	November 2020–January 2024	NASA Ames Research Center
Sabrina Stierwalt	November 2020–January 2024	Occidental College
Hsiao-Wen Chen	April 2022–October 2024	University of Chicago
Shouleh Nikzad	April 2022–October 2024	Jet Propulsion Laboratory
Enrique Lopez Rodriguez	April 2022–October 2024	Stanford University



Extended 1 yr

*New members
Instrumentation;
IR; UV; IGM*

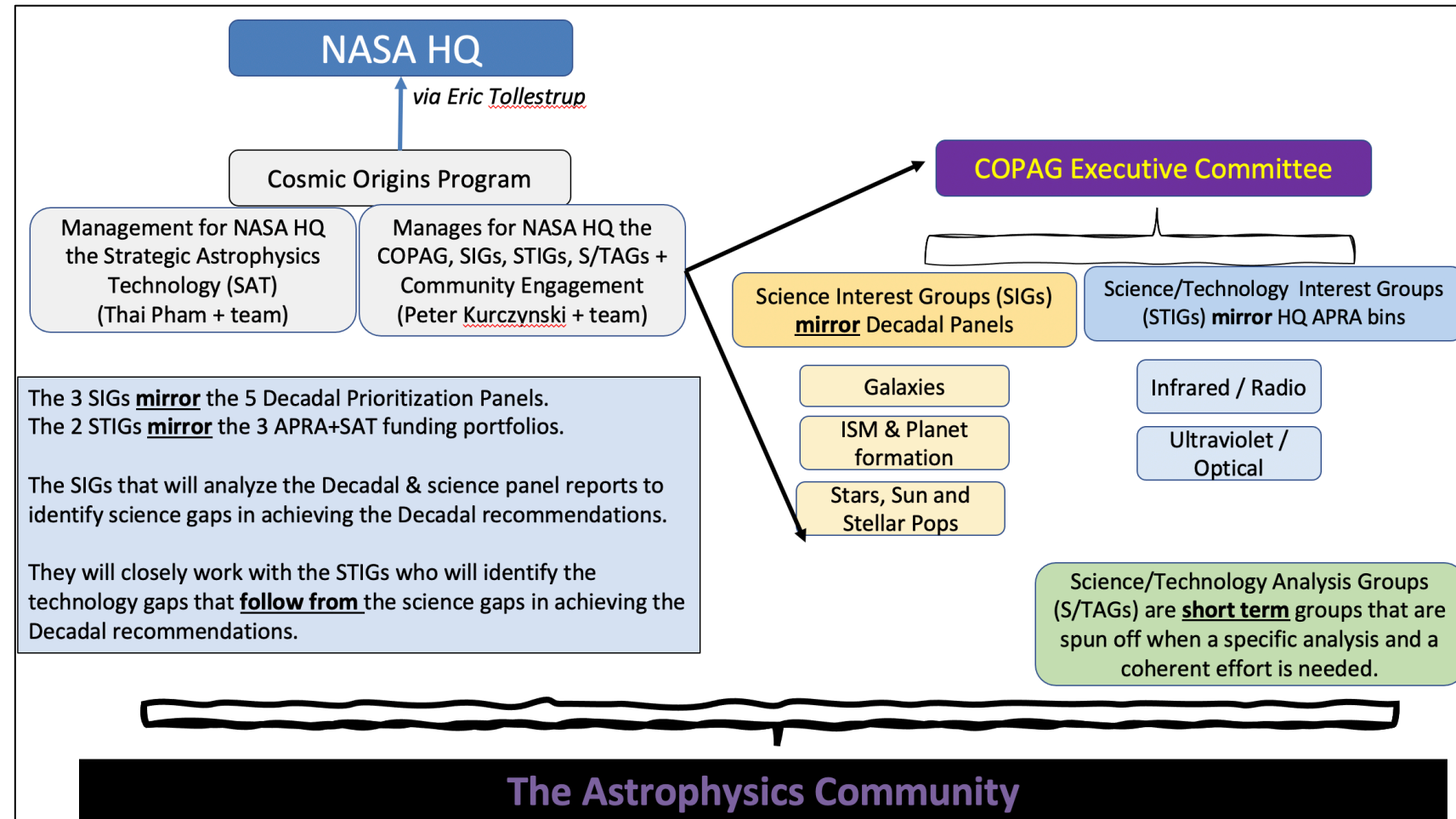
- N=11
- Chris DePree (NRAO) ended term early
- Four members rotations in Oct including Chair
- Request for Chair-elect to be appointed

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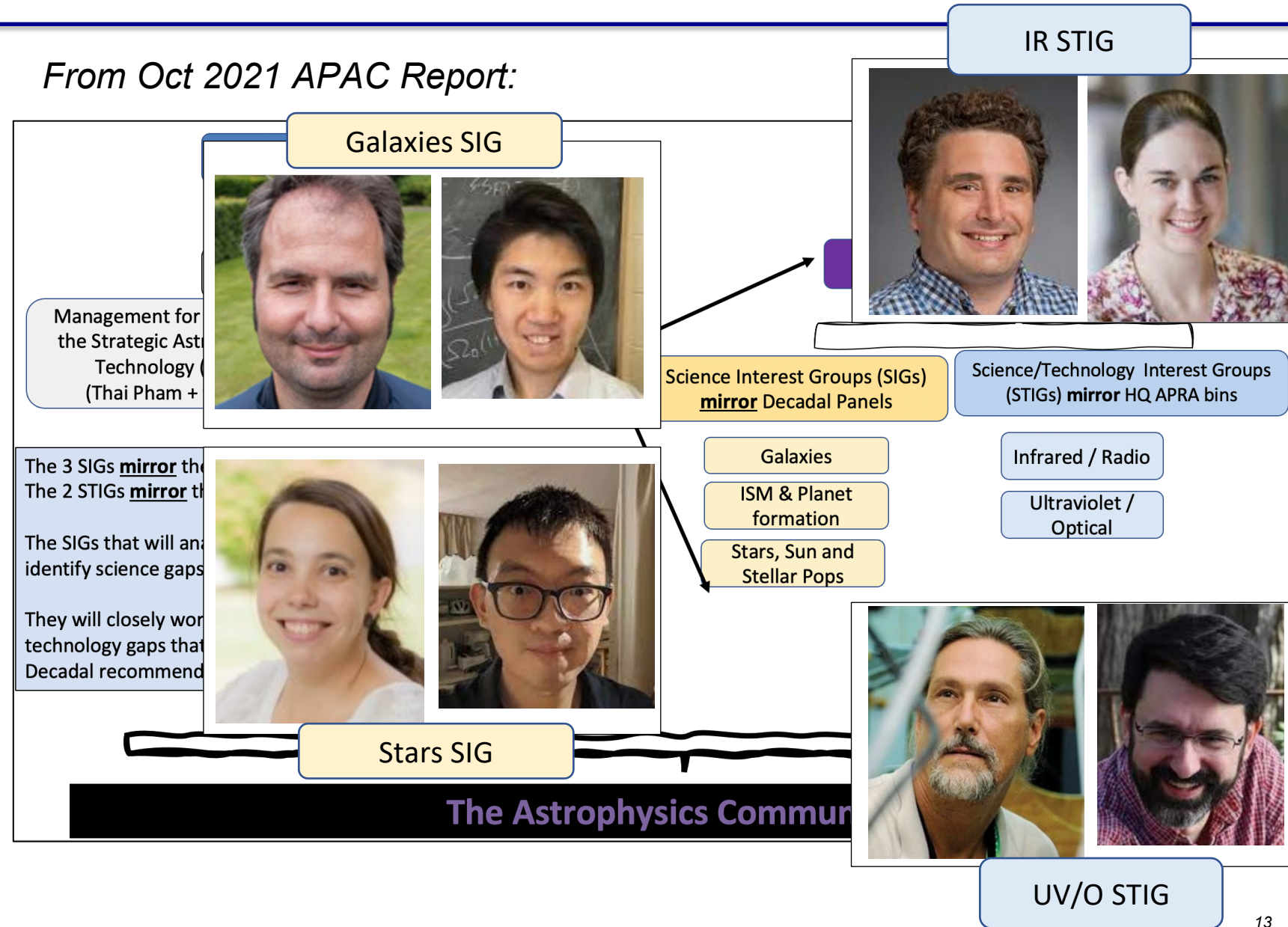
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STIG/SIG Leadership

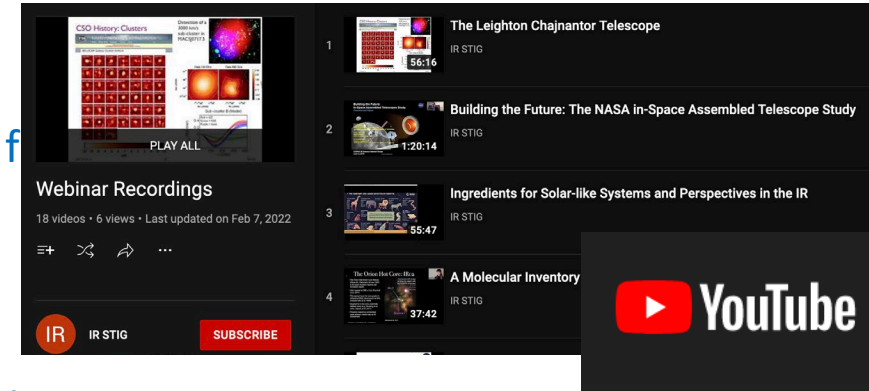
- **IRSTIG:** M. MacGregor (Colorado), M. Zemcov (RIT)
- **UVSTIG:** S. McCandliss (JHU), J. Tumlinson (STScI)
- **Galaxies SIG:** B. Holwerda (Louisville), A. Yung (GSFC)
- **Stars SIG:** R. Beaton (Princeton), Y-S Ting (ANU)

From Oct 2021 APAC Report:



Continuing the webinar series

- Continuing cadence of ~1 talk/month.
- Attendance has been high, typically between 30 and 60 scientists
- All recordings posted to YouTube channel and website.



Continuing Biannual Newsletter

- Next release expected in 1-2 weeks.
- Usual mix of news and views, science and technology highlights, etc.
- Will contain summary of March workshop from IRSTIG.

In-Person workshop “The Impacts of Astro2020 on IR Astrophysics” March 30 - April 1.

- Community synthesized the priorities from the Astro2020 review.
- Discussed probe concepts, SOFIA retirement, suborbital missions, and other priorities.
- >110 in-person participants, and “viewing mode” virtual participation

Organizing Community Feedback on Facility Priorities for Next Decade

- Expect online opinion surveys in the next 6 months.



<https://cor.gsfc.nasa.gov/sigs/irstig.php>



@ir_stig





UV/Visible Science Technology Interest Group: Highlights (McCandliss, Tumlinson et al.)

UVSTIG members participated in the Precursor Science Workshop I on 20- 22 April 2022

Organized the Paul Feldman memorial on 14 May 2022 at which many UVSTIG members were in attendance

UVSTIG members participated in the AAS 220 splinter session on the New Great Observatories on 14 June 2022 Speakers and topics included:

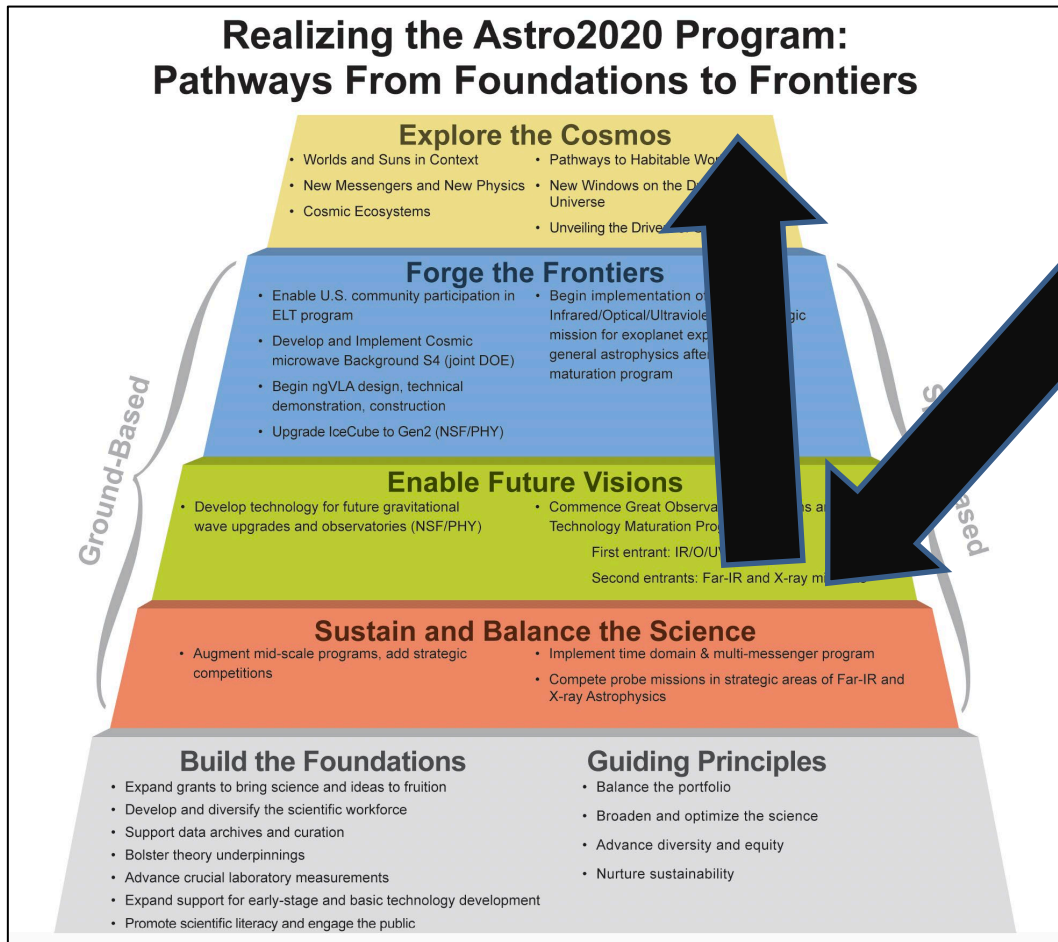
- Tumlinson, STScI - Intro
- Trembly, CfA - New Great Observatories
- Macintosh, Stanford - Astro2020 Perspective
- Rigby, GSFC - Lessons from JWST and the New Great Observatories
- Roberge, GSFC - Maturing the Great Observatories: a New Approach
- Stassum, Vanderbilt - Only NASA Missions can train people for NASA missions
- O'Meara, Keck – How to Join the Movement
- Number of attendees ~ 160 (100 live, 60 virtual)

UVSTIG members also organized public overflow accommodations for JWST ERO event in Baltimore on 12 July 2022

UVSTIG -- Quorum for Uv and Visible Exploration of Science and Technology (QUEST) Seminar is on Summer Hiatus as it digests implications of the 3 stages of GOMAP

- **QUESTxx** will start up in the fall - speakers and dates tbd

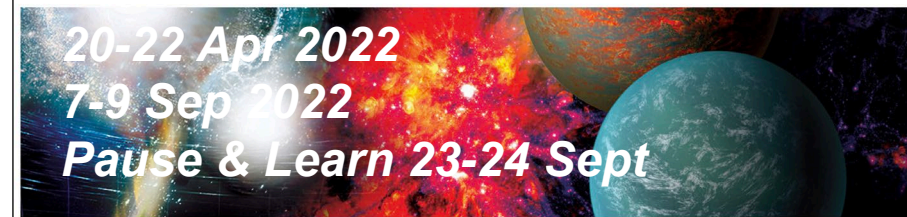
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Supporting NASA implementation of Astro2020

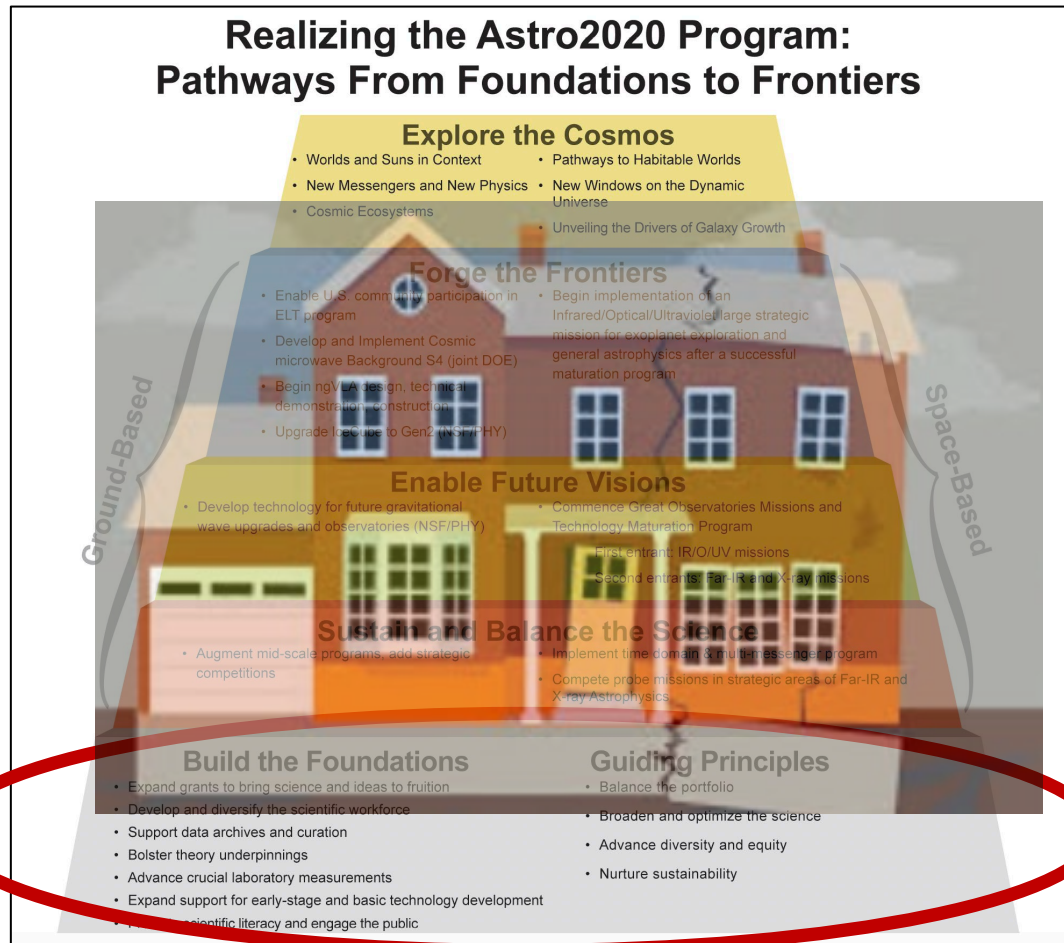
Flow inputs from SIGS/STIGS into identify "precursor science" to guide future Great Observatory architecture/trades; inform new NASA ROSES funding element

Precursors to Pathways: Science Enabling NASA Astrophysics Future Great Observatories



→ ensure COPAG nodes are both deep, **BROAD**, **INTEGRATED** with other PAGS to enable input responsive to onslaught of new discoveries in next few years

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Rapid changes in economics/culture/technology → significant impacts on "Foundations" COPAG esp concerned with

- State of Profession & Workforce Issues

- Data Archives/Science

- Challenges with recruitment/retention of software engineers rising to highest levels in science center risk charts; inability to compete with tech/industry \$
- Delayed uptake in modern big data analysis techniques (machine learning/AI), gap in Astro2020
- Changes in data policies to support greater open access and sharing of higher level science products

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Realizing the Astro2020 Program: Pathways From Foundations to Frontiers

Explore the Cosmos

- Worlds and Suns in Context
- Pathways to Habitable Worlds
- New Messengers and New Physics
- New Windows on the Dynamic Cosmos

- *Retention analysis leads: Beaton & Stierwalt*
- *COPAG/NASA not allowed to perform surveys without OMB approval*
- *Will explore partnership with AAS to initiate study, with special focus on retention issues on GOMAP activities*
- *Draft ToR expected in October*

Ground-Based

- Enable U.S. of ELT program
- Develop and I microwave Ba
- Begin ng VLA demonstration
- Upgrade techn

- Develop technology for future wave upgrades and observ

- Augment mid-scale program competitions

Build the Foundations

- Expand grants to bring science and ideas to fruition
- Develop and diversify the scientific workforce
- Support data archives and curation
- Bolster theory underpinnings
- Advance crucial laboratory measurements
- Expand support for early-stage and basic technology development
- Expand scientific literacy and engage the public

Guiding Principles

- Balance the portfolio
- Broaden and optimize the science
- Advance diversity and equity
- Nurture sustainability

- Compete probe missions in strategic areas of Far-IR and X-ray Astrophysics

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