White Papers for the Solar and Space Physics Decadal

Finding Co-authors and Establishing Yourself in a White Paper Group
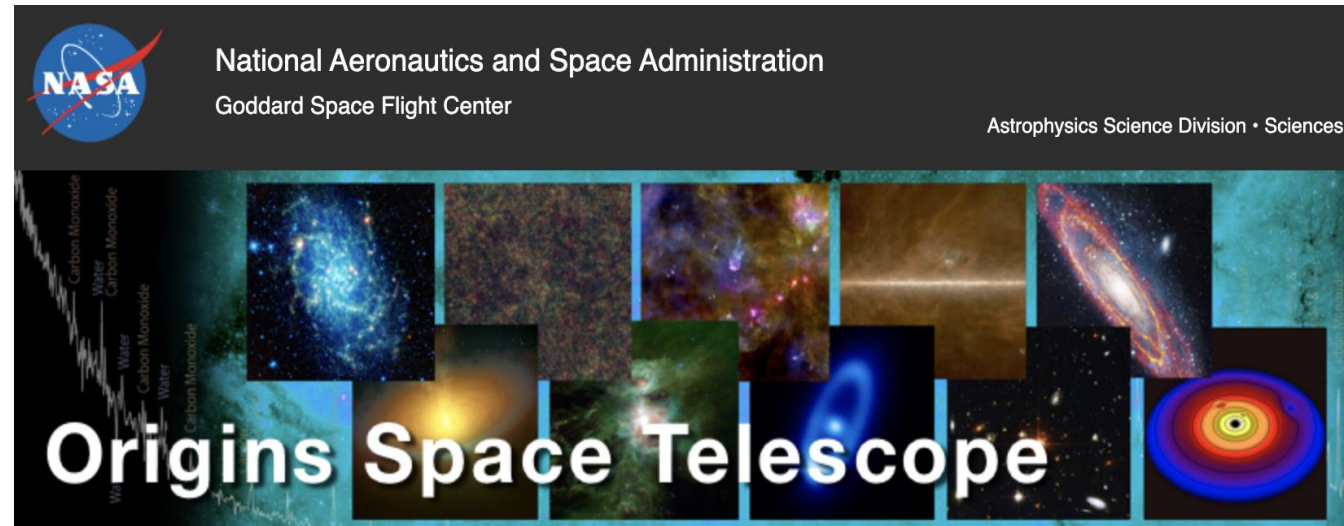
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Challenges and opportunities

- White papers play a great role in the definition of priorities within our scientific community and provide a ***unique opportunity for everybody to have a voice***.

- Yet ***leading and co-authoring white papers can be a great endeavor***, and in a refereed paper driven environment, motivating early career scientists, and scientists in general, to do so can be challenging.

- As we ***increase the diversity*** of the decadal panels, and better publicize the great impact of the decadal reviews among the community, ***we can better motivate our general community to take part and feel acknowledged/recognized in the process***

Experience from the astrophysical decadal

- By participating in large mission concepts team, you can nicely communicate new ideas and leverage from a concerted effort in promoting your science and community needs.

Experience from the planetary decadal

- I have personally led a recent paper on "***The Present and Future of Observational Studies of Ocean Worlds***", highlighting the great value in the exploration of the solar system with space and ground-based observatories.

- On a similar theme, an early career member of the team led a white paper on "***Synergies between ground-based and space-based observations in the solar system and beyond***".

- New insights originating from mission development and design (e.g., JWST, Roman, LUVOIR, Origins) ***led to participation in several white papers, showcasing these findings, including new technologies and possible new avenues of exploration of the solar system*** (e.g., "Solar System Science with Space Telescopes", "Planetary Science with Astrophysical Assets").

Conclusions

- Please use this opportunity to make your voice heard

- Talk to your peers and encourage them to write a white paper too (even short 1-2 pages is very good)

- Build new teams and new collaborations in the process

Thank you!