

Program Office Organization

Cosmic Origins (COR) Physics of the Cosmos (PCOS)

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Current Mission Complement

Mission	Project Center	Partners	Launch Date	Mission Phase	Comments
PCOS					
IXO	GSFC	ESA, JAXA	TBD	Study/Tech Development	
LISA	GSFC	ESA	TBD	Study/Tech Development	
Planck	IPAC	ESA	5/09	Operations	IPAC provides data reduction and analysis support to U.S. based scientists
Fermi	GSFC	DOE, Int'l Team	6/08	Operations	
Integral	GSFC	ESA	10/02	Operations	Integral Guest Observer Facility (GOF) at GSFC provides support to U.S. based scientists
XMM-Newton	GSFC	ESA	12/99	Operations	XMM-Newton GOF at GSFC provides support to U.S. based scientists
Chandra	MSFC		7/99	Operations	Reports through existing MSFC program office
COR					
SOFIA	Dryden/A mes	DLR	5/10 (first light)	Development	Reports through existing DFRC program office
Herschel	IPAC	ESA	5/09	Operations	NASA/Herschel Science Center at IPAC provides support to U.S. science community
Spitzer	JPL		8/03	Operations	
Hubble	GSFC	ESA	4/90	Operations	
JWST	GSFC	ESA, CSA	TBD	Development	Program Management by a new HQ organization



Program Lines of Authority





Program Office Objectives

- Maximize flight opportunities and science return
 - Deliver on current commitments for operational missions and science products
 - Guide missions:
 - Under study into formulation (KDP A/B);
 - In formulation to successful confirmation (KDP C); and,
 - In implementation to successful transition into operations (KDP E)
 - Maintain key partnerships with partner agencies and science community
 - Facilitate and initiate the next wave of measurements through development of crosscutting technologies and advanced concept studies



Program Office Functional Elements

- Program efficiencies achieved through cross-utilization of workforce for both programs in support of the following core functions:
 - Program Management
 - Future Missions Development
 - Advanced Concept Studies
 - Research & Technology Support
 - Business Management
 - Procurement Management
 - Program Support
 - Education & Public Outreach (E&PO)



Program Management

- Provide risk-based insight/oversight of the projects
- Perform in-depth assessment of cost & schedule for projects in preformulation and formulation phases (as required)
- Ensure all projects are appropriately prepared for KDP's
- Provide technical guidance to projects that have gone off plan
- Find common threads for risks among different missions and facilitate the mitigation of those risks.
- Support HQ in budget prioritization discussions.
- Facilitate international partnerships and negotiations



Future Mission Development Advanced Concepts

- Facilitate development of Science Mission Directorate (SMD) mission concepts that incorporate investments, successes and lessons from previous Astrophysics missions
 - Conduct studies to identify requirements development of new systems.
 - Identify and investigate cross-mission synergies
 - Science
 - Technology
 - Technical risks and lessons
- Provide situational awareness of Agency and science community goals and priorities.
- Perform advanced technology and mission definition studies using institutional facilities and technical experts.
 - Mission Design Laboratory
 - Detector Characterization Laboratory
 - Expertise from NASA centers and industry
 - Etc.



Future Missions Development SR&T

- Focus on development and infusion of technology elements that may significantly enhance the performance of one or more PCOS/COR missions
- Take advantage of multidisciplinary NASA in-house technical skills and laboratory capabilities
 - Invest in laboratory capabilities for mission-enabling hardware (e.g., fabrication techniques and test-beds for detectors and optics)
 - Leverage project and other NASA resources for cross-cutting technologies
- Encourage technology partnering with community
 - Facilitate access to NASA in-house capabilities and leverage investments by the external community
 - Clearly communicate program technology priorities and achievements to the community to help focus efforts
- Interface with and support technologists in all NASA organizations, including NASA Office of the Chief Technologist, to encourage and advocate teaming on technologies relevant to astrophysics



Future Mission Studies Under Consideration

- UV/Optical Observatory & Inflation Probe
 - Develop strategy to mature mission concepts to a pre-phase-A level by the end of this decade
 - Develop preliminary science, mission and budgetary requirements
 - Identify & develop necessary technologies
- Hubble De-Orbit
 - Determine most optimum time frame for HST de-orbit
 - Develop mission technical and budgetary requirements
 - Identify and develop necessary technologies



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Inputs Needed from PAGs Program Office Perspective

- Articulate the key drivers for Inflation Probe & UV/O Observatory
 - Science Requirements
 - Technology development needs
 - Mission architectures
 - etc
- Identify alternative mechanisms for achieving PCOS/COR science goals
 - Suborbital concepts
 - Coordination with ground-based facilities
 - Technology leading to Explorers, etc.
- Identifying important topics enabling Theory and Laboratory Astrophysics tasks for future SAT calls