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NASA Mission concept for 2020 Decadal review; launch 2030ish

6 μm – 1000 μm (ish), Large aperture 8-15 m

Study Chairs: Margaret Meixner & Asantha Cooray







NASA Mission concept for 2020 Decadal review; launch 2030ish

10 μm – 1000 μm (ish), Large aperture 8-15 m Study Chairs: Margaret Meixner & Asantha Cooray

Comes from the NASA Astrophysics Roadmap, Enduring Quests, Daring Visions





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Far-IR Surveyor STDT Meeting NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center May 12 - 13, 2016



Tracing the signatures of life and the ingredients of habitable worlds

Origins will trace the trail of water from interstellar clouds, to proto-planetary disks, to Earth itself facilitating understanding of the abundance and availability of water for habitable planets.



Unveiling the Growth of Black Holes and Galaxies over Cosmic Time



Origins will reveal the coevolution of super-massive black holes and galaxies, energetic feedback, and the dynamic interstellar medium from which stars are born.

Origins will trace the metal enrichment history of the Universe, probe the first cosmic sources of dust, the earliest star formation, and the birth of galaxies.

Charting the Rise of Metals, Dust, and the First Galaxies





Origins will chart the role of comets in delivering water to the early Earth, and conduct a survey of thousands of ancient Trans Neptunian Objects (TNOs) in the outer reaches of the Solar System.

Characterizing Small Bodies in the Solar System







Telescope Parameters

Aperture Diameter	FOV	Diffraction Limited at	Temperature
8-15 m	0.5-1 square degree	40 µm	~4 K





Potential Wavelength Coverage from 5 µm–1 mm









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Far-infrared imager	35 to 500	R~15	100,000	1 μJy - 10 mJy (confusion limit)	5 to 10 channels, polarimetry, spectral line filters



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		imager: R~15,			coronagraph~
Mid-Infrared		spectrometer:		photometric:	10^-6 @ 0.5"
Instrument	6 to 40	R>500	106	1 μJy @10 μm	@ 10 μm



New Science Requires New Technologies

New Technology	New Capability
Space	Wavelength coverage JWST<—>ALMA
Cold Mirror	Spectroscopic line sensitivity
Large Telescope	Spatial resolution and sensitivity
Large Detector Arrays	Wide field imaging
Compact Gratings & Integrated Spectrometers	3D mapping
Mid-IR Coronagraph	Exoplanet+Disk Characterization







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Technical Definition: Telescope Design





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Technical Definition: JWST Segment 56 m² Area





Technical Definition: Secondary & Shade



ORIGINS
Space TelescopeTechnical
Telescope

Technical Definition: Telescope Temperature





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STDT Schedule

• January to July 2017:

- Complete preliminary designs for telescope and instruments
- Secure instrument design contributions
- Identify technology drivers

• August to September 2017

- Define required technologies
- Complete preliminary mission design
- January to March 2018:
 - Finalize Telescope and Instrument Designs
 - Finalize mission design including spacecraft bus
- April to August 2018:
 - Identify de-scope options
 - End-to-end Mission cost estimations
- January 2019:
 - Submit the final study report to NASA HQ
- March 2019:
 - Far-IR Study Results presentation to Decadal Committee



How do I get involved?



What's happending now:

- Five science working groups: membership is open to the community (US and foreign)
- Deciding on science questions in the post-JWST, 15 years of ALMA operations in an era of Extremely Large Telescope (ELT) and guiding instrument and telescope design.

Solar System: Stefanie Milam





Planet Formation and Exoplanets: Klaus Pontoppidan and Kate Su Milky-Way, ISM and Local Volume of Galaxies: CaranBattersby and Karin Sandstrom Galaxy and Blackhole Evolution Over Cosmic Time: Lee Armus and Alexandra Pope First Billion Years: Joaquin Vieira, Matt Bradford