PhysPAG Technology SAG

Input to the NRC Review of NASA Technology Road Maps

(please also see attachments)

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Technology Task

- NRC reviewing NASA Office of the Chief Technologist (OCT) technology road maps
 - Workshops held to solicit community input
 - Deadline for input via web forms, 4/15/11
- PhysPAG Technology SAG formed to review roadmaps for gaps against PCOS needs and provide NRC input (+ other tasks)
- Task approved by APS at 2/16-17/11 meeting

NRC Input

- NRC requested input via workshops and web form:
 - Name, goal, TRL, tipping point, NASA capabilities, benefit, alignment with NASA and non-NASA needs, risk, timing, required effort
 - See http://www8.nationalacademies.org/asebsurvey/tabs/
- TechSAG benefitted from interactions with two NRC Workshop (Irvine; 3/29/11) presenters who are also TechSAG members:
 - X-ray Photon Detectors (Steve Murray)
 - Development of microcalorimeters for both sub-mm and X-ray applications (Kent Irwin)

PhysPAG Technology SAG Process

- SAG Telecons held 2/25, 3/10, 3/30
- Updated 2005 Technology Roadmap to provide framework (Attachment 1)
- Assessed PCOS technology areas against Draft Science Instruments, Observatories, and Sensor Systems Roadmap (TA08) for gaps and required updates
- A community input gathering activity, not a critical assessment.

PCOS Technology Checklist

		TechSAG
		relative to
	Mission Technology	TA08
2010 Decadal	WFIRST	ok
		input to NRC,
		not reviewed
		by LISA
	LISA	Project
	IXO	ok
	Inflation Probe	input to NRC
		still needs
		input to NRC
	Fundamental Physics	(incomplete)
Near-term push	Next Generation Hard X-ray	input to NRC
	Soft X-ray and EUV	input to NRC
	Next Generation X-ray Timing	input to NRC
	Next Generation Medium-Energy	
	Gamma-Ray: Compton	input to NRC
Long-term push	Next Generation Medium-Energy	
	Gamma-Ray: Laue	input to NRC
	Beyond LISA	input to NRC
	Beyond IXO	ok

- Gathered technology needs vs. near- and long-term PCOS needs
- Input to NRC for gaps/ updates identified for 9 of 12 mission areas

Caveats:

- LISA Project has not reviewed LISA items in our list.
- Insufficient time to complete Fundamental Physics (e.g., spacequalified precision clocks,...)

NRC Input Material

- Plan to submit Attachments 2-10 to NRC web site by deadline 4/15/11
- Request APS comment and concurrence to submit
 - Propose name of submitter would include "based on community inputs to the NASA Astrophysics Subcommittee"

Discussion

Backup

Technology SAG

- Technology SAG team membership invited at public PhysPAG meeting at Seattle AAS:
 - Roger Brissenden (lead; member of PhysPAG EC; SAO)
 - Randall Correll (Ball)
 - Kathy Flanagan (STScI)
 - Liz Hays (GSFC)
 - Shaun Hanany (UMN)
 - Kent Irwin (NIST)
 - Guido Mueller (U. Flordia)
 - Steve Murray (JHU)
 - Jason Rhodes (JPL)
 - Dan Schwartz (SAO)
 - Colleen Wilson-Hodge (MSFC)
 - Kent Wood (NRL)
- NASA Observers: Jaya Bajpayee, Jean Cottam, Rita Sambruna, Mike Moore