IPAC as Institutional Partner for the Far-IR Surveyor

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- IPAC is eager to support the STDT and its mission
- IPAC can make substantial and cost-effective contributions to the STDT effort, based on
 - Work and products from past missions,
 - expertise from past and current missions,
 - existing communication channels to FIR community











- 30+ year legacy of supporting space-based IR astronomy
 - General purpose observatories: ISO, Spitzer and Herschel
 - Large surveys: IRAS, 2MASS, MSX, WISE, Planck
 - Three main centers: Spitzer Science Center, NASA's Exoplanet Science Institure (NExScI), IPAC Classic
 - Three Archives: InfraRed Science Archive (IRSA), NASA's Extragalactic Database (NED) and NASA's Exoplanet Archive
 - 100+ dedicated scientists/engineers/programmers
 - All stages of astronomical missions supported
 - Formulation
 - Integration, Testing, Operations
 - Data Analysis and Pipeline Processing
 - User support and documentation
 - Archiving



New Initiatives







New Initiatives



- Time-domain astronomy
 - Science pipeline / archive for Palomar Transient Factory and Zwicky Transient Facility
 - Science User Tools for LSST
- "Big Data" astronomy
 - PTF, ZTF : Petabyte scale pipelines and archives
 - Synthesis of Galactic plane surveys: GLIMPSE, MIPSGAL, HiGal
- Solar system science
 - Rapid data processing and release
 - NEOWISE
 - NEOCam (in development)



WFIRST and Euclid







WFIRST and Euclid



- Science Centers for both WFIRST and Euclid
 - NASA Euclid Science Center following in the tradition of the NASA centers for ISO, Herschel and Planck

- WFIRST effort has a significant concentration in the study of exoplanets









- Background estimators (Zodiacal, Milky Way, CIB, CMB) and brightness fluctuation estimators [Adapt/extend existing tools]
- Confusion estimators (from galaxy counts and MW emission, continuum and lines) [Adapt/extend existing tools]
- Time estimators (from analytic approximations of performance) [Adapt/extend existing tools]
- Sky observing/data simulators (higher fidelity than time estimators) [leverage on-going simulation work and knowledge of FIR sky]
- Other tools as requested by STDT

Visualization and Observation Planning Tools



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- Tool kit based off of SPOT used for planning Spitzer observations
- Straightforward point and click interfaces and dialogs
- Extended for Herschel and SOFIA
 - Incorporates bolometer and heterodyne instruments
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Background Estimators and Integration Time Calculators



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Background Estimators and Integration Time Calculators



- Sensitivity estimators for imaging and spectroscopy
 Tools for observing different classes of sources
- Algorithms and tools for estimating backgrounds in the infrared Tool developed for JWST easily extensible to far-IR
- Knowledge base for dealing with high-precision photometry

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Archive, Visualization and Data Manipulation









- Firefly: Generalized server-client architecture developed for data delivery, visualization and manipulation
- Basis of all IRSA archive interfaces
- Baseline for LSST Science User Interface and Tools
 (SUI/T)
 - Jupyter notebook / Python interfaces being developed
- Existing infrared data archived at IRSA using common interfaces with APIs available





- Science tool development:
 - Algorithms scoped and formulated by the STDT, and implemented by IPAC
 - IPAC would develop the tools for any architecture or option, based on STDT guidance
- Science operations tools:
 - Framework would be scoped and formulated by the STDT, coordinated with the Study Center effort, and implemented by IPAC
 - IPAC would develop the tools for any architecture or option, based on STDT guidance, and participate in related trade studies