

To Push for Mission Now or Later

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In 2010

- There was no community consensus for ‘pushing for a space mission now’.
- My interpretation was ‘we can’t spend \$1B on a null signal’.
- We recommended to wait for hints from the ground. The Decadal agreed.
- Soft fact: CMB funding appear to have declined within NASA

This Decade

- To what extent are we proposing an overall plan to the decadal? Do we have to be explicit in such a plan.
- If there is a strong argument for launch only post-sub-orbital detections, to what extent is ‘additional science’ (e.g. clusters, galactic) driving the mission.
- If there is a strong argument for launch pre-sub-orbital detections, then ‘additional science’ is not ‘additional’, it is core.