



Explorers Program Overview

**Astrophysics 2019 SMEX
Phase A Kickoff**

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Explorers Program Overview (1 of 2)



- NASA's oldest, continuous program
 - Over 100 successful missions since 1958
 - Program Objective—Frequent flight opportunities for world-class scientific investigations
 - Uncoupled program of missions with unique science capabilities supporting heliophysics and astrophysics science goals
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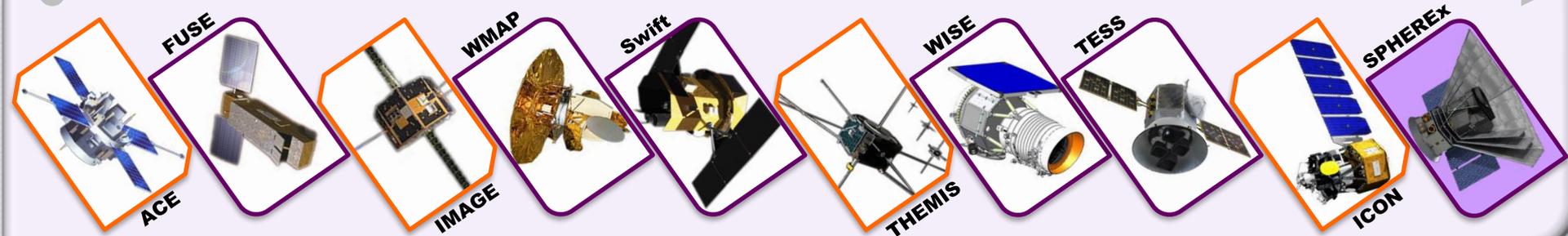
- Mission class characterized by size, schedule, and budget cost caps
 - MIDEX
 - SMEX
 - Mission of Opportunity
- Missions solicited through Announcement of Opportunity
- Missions developed in Principal Investigator mode
- Mission oversight provided by the Explorers Program Office at GSFC



Explorers Missions



MIDEX



SMEX



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 Astrophysics Missions

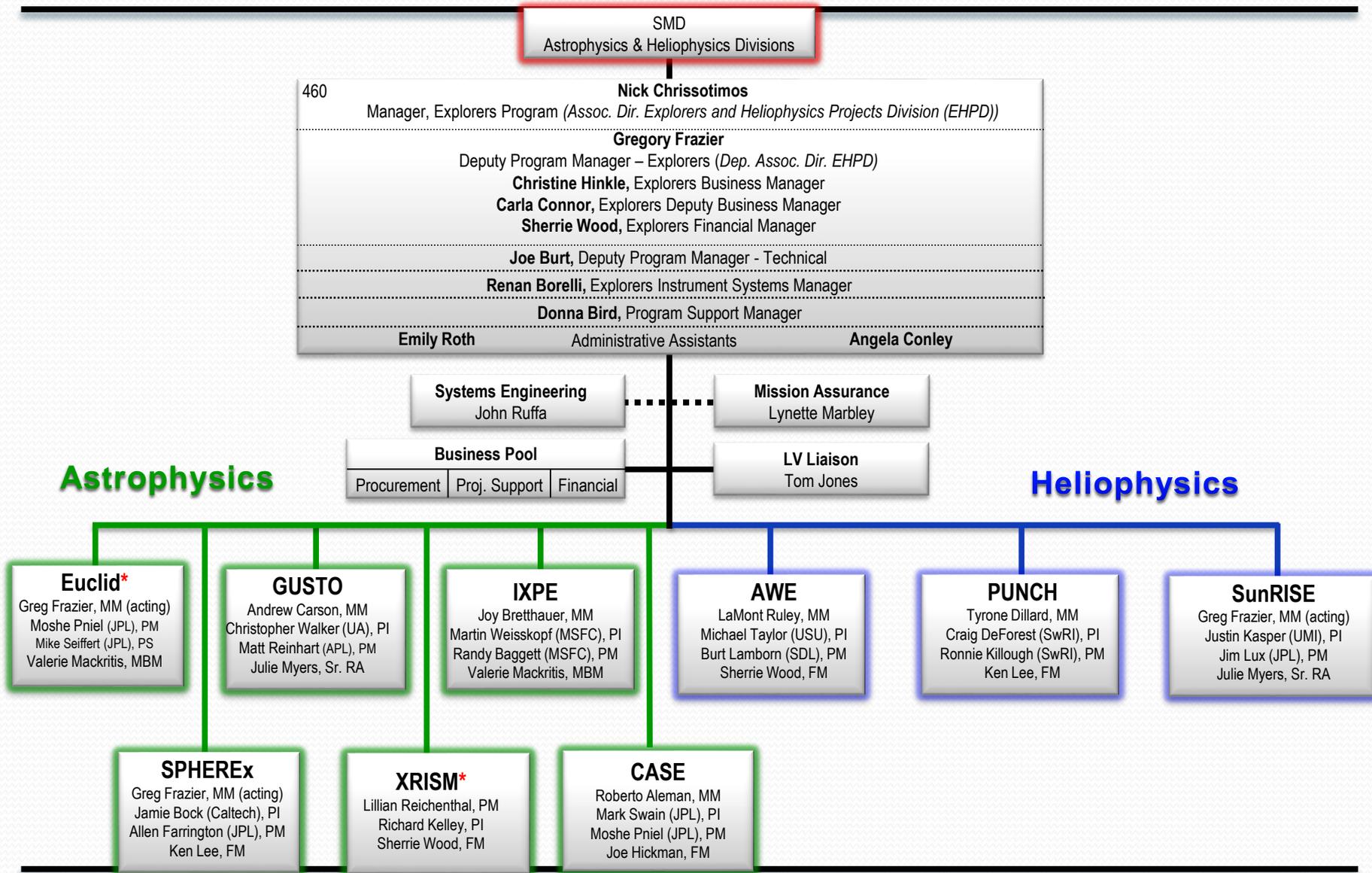
 Current Astrophysics Missions

 Heliophysics Missions

 Current Heliophysics Missions



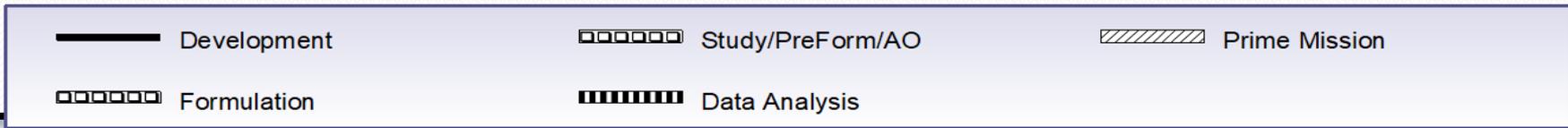
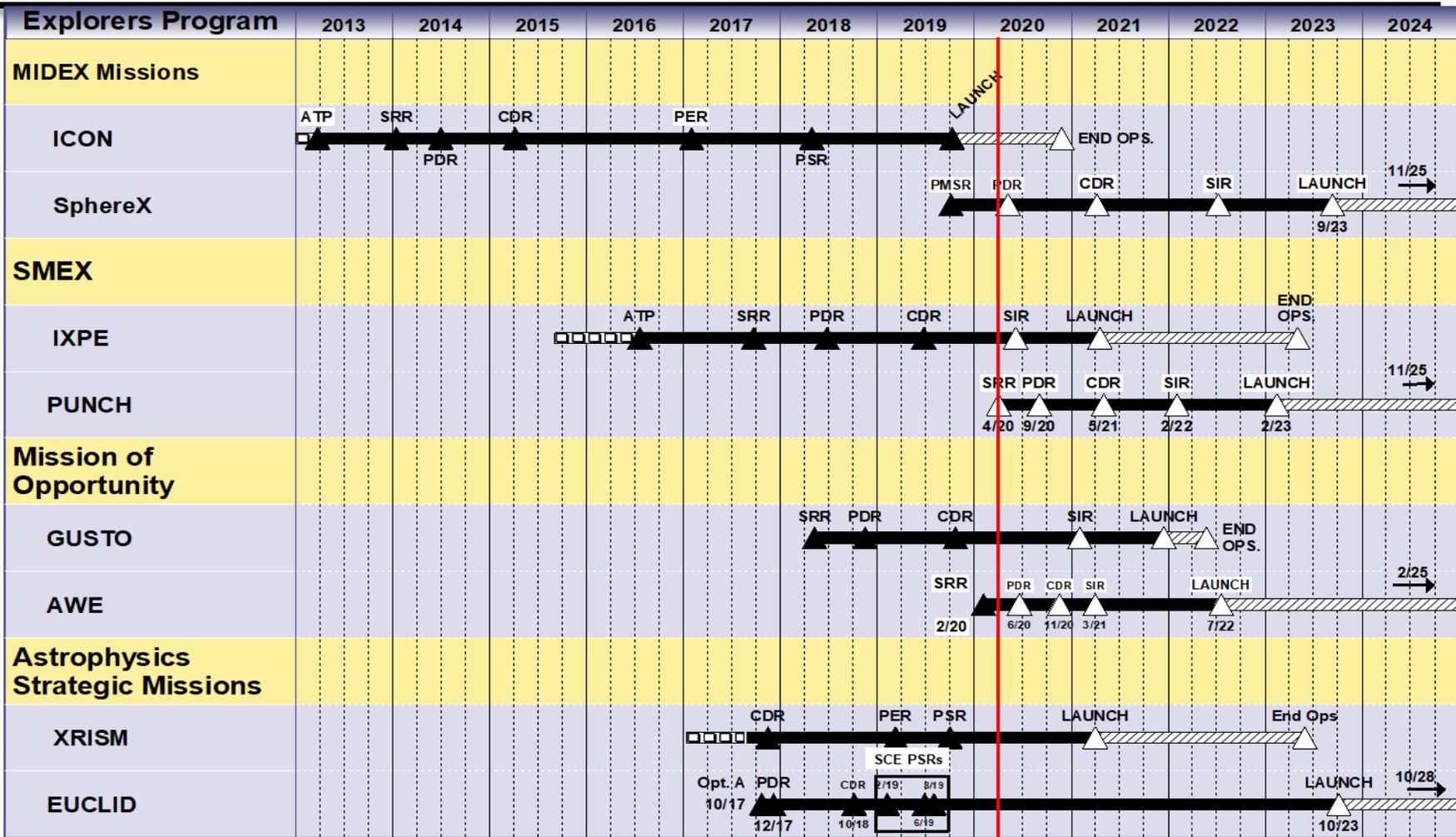
Explorers Program Organization Chart



*Strategic Missions



Explorers Program Master Schedule





Mission Development Responsibilities



- **NASA responsibility**
 - Program administration
 - Insight/oversight
 - Project review process (SRB and KDP)
 - Technical authority
 - Launch vehicle procurement

- **PI responsibility**
 - Level-1 science requirements
 - Mission implementation
 - Technical, cost, and schedule performance
 - Safety and mission assurance
 - Internal review process (element and peer)