

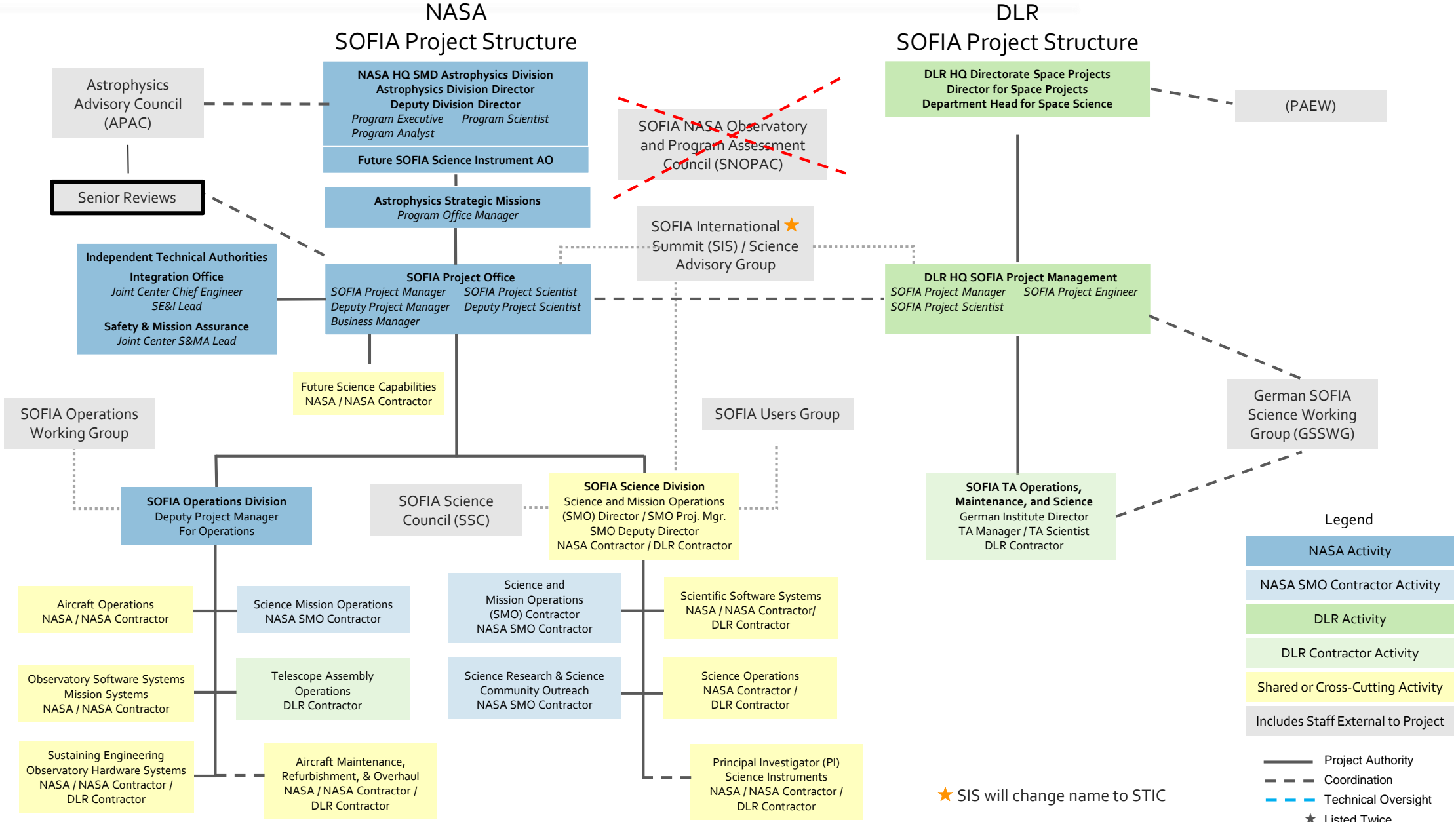
SOFIA Science & Technology International Council (STIC)



Knowledge for Tomorrow



SOFIA Project – Councils/Committees/Working Groups



STIC

FMR -> More contacts with other observatories for ensuring a healthy exchanges of information ranging from strategic to science decision.

STIC will:

- Discuss high level strategy regarding science operations, science implementation, instrumentation, new technologies on the horizon that could help SOFIA/enhance science.
- Advocacy to other observatories, missions, institutions.
- Provide input/feedback on our ongoing efforts to increase SOFIA's science return on the investment.



Initial Draft Highlights

- STIC is not going to be an advisory council.
- Eight international scientists (including the chair) from the astronomical and planetary communities as selected by NASA & DLR.
- Ex-Officio: GSSWG & SUG chairs
- Members of the Project (e.g. SMO Director, DSI/SMO deputy director) can participate and present as needed.
- Chair appointed by the STIC members (2 year term, but can change earlier if needed).
- STIC members appointed also for 2 years but staggered.
- NASA & DLR (Project Scientists & Project Managers) convene the STIC
- STIC meeting cadence: yearly. Either F2F or videoconference.
- Costs: STIC is either virtual or joint to a major conference (e.g. AAS or IAU).
- No subcommittees.
- STIC meeting not open to the public.



STIC example agenda

- DLR status report
- NASA status report
- SMO status report
- Instrumentation/Technology
- Miscellaneous

- NASA & DLR provide updates & status.
- STIC helps NASA & DLR to strategize high level topics.
- SIS will be closed within the 1st quarter of 2021.
- New STIC charter will be signed.

