STEREO
Science Working Group
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Agenda update (if needed)

- Added Faraday rotation study proposal to superior conjunction discussion
  - No actions required by STEREO (other than to keep transmitting)
    - Issue with giving frequencies to Green Bank?
  - Will slowly rotating spacecraft affect statistics?
In Brief

- Upcoming events (superior conjunction)
- Science news stories
  - Liu et al. Nature Comm. paper on 2012 July event(s)
- Financial status
  - Guidance after 2013 senior review was 12% higher than FY13 ($9.5M vs. $8.48M)
    - But we lost ~ 1.5% due to Administration STEM plan
    - And then got told to keep on doing E/PO
    - Increased mission ops costs (superior conjunction engineering)
  - Net: “DA” budget is ~ 7% higher than last year
- Senior review (yes, another one next year)
So if I had my druthers, I would like:

- Each PI to designate a team leader for the proposal writing effort
  - Collect science input (nagging)
  - Standardize text and figures (legible labels and legends)
  - Be the POC to answer my dumb questions when I assimilate the four inputs
  - Update the team’s bibliography entries (send input to Alex Young) on a monthly basis

- Have team inputs in hand by the time the final call for proposals is issued (~ October)
  - Will give us time to review and comment on drafts without working over Xmas