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Proposed Topic:

Comments:

Total marks: /5

1) Were the proposal guidelines adhered to?

- (a) Are all the required sections present?
- (b) Was the proposal submitted on time?
- (c) Does the proposal exceed the page limit?
- (d) Is the overall formatting/presentation of the proposal appropriate?
- (e) Is the language clear and appropriate?
- (f) Are citations formatted appropriately?
- (g) Is the topic the correct one?
- (h) Is the writing the author's own?

2) Is the aim suitable?

- (a) Is the aim clearly stated?
- (b) Is the aim achievable?
- (c) Is the aim of the project relevant in a broader context?
- (d) Is there a suitable mix of theory and observation?
- (e) Is the project aim too focused?
- (f) Not focused enough?

3) Is the science explained well?

- (a) Is relevant and adequate background information provided?
- (b) Is the broader relevance of the subject made clear?
- (c) Do the different parts of the proposal merge together to make a cohesive whole?
- (d) Are statements about the science factually correct?
- (e) Are statements clear?
- (f) Is the logic sound?
- (g) Is the science pitched at the right level (between 4th year physics major and professor from a different astro sub-field, say)?
- (h) Are statements justified when necessary?
- (i) Are terms defined?

4) Are the references appropriate and sufficient?

- (a) Are the references too specific or too general?
- (b) Are the references too few or too numerous?
- (c) Are the references reputable?
- (d) Are the references relevant?

5) Is the proposal convincing?

- (a) Is the proposed methodology clear and adequate?
- (b) Is the timeline realistic?
- (c) Does the proposal convey a sense of excitement/interest?
- (d) Does everything come together to form a strong case?