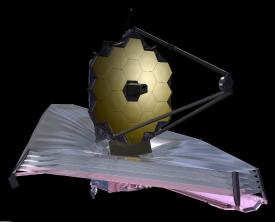
# The Universe Beyond Hubble: The James Webb Space Telescope

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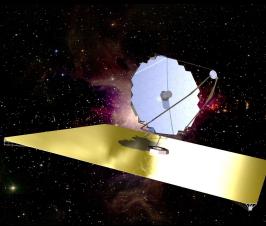
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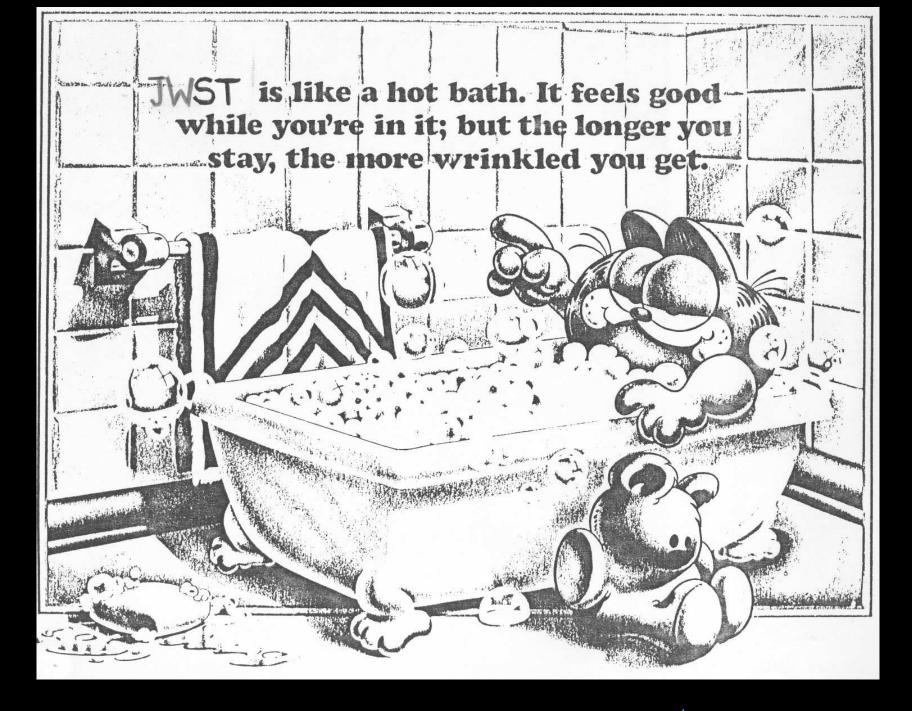
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#### Outline

- (1) Update on the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST), 2021.
- (2) What Hubble has done: Galaxy Assembly & SMBH Growth
- (3) How can JWST measure the Epochs of First Light & Galaxy Assembly, and Supermassive Black-Hole Growth?
- (4) The Future: Next generation 20–40 m telescopes & ATLAST
  - (5) How can JWST measure Star-formation & Earth-like exoplanets?
- (6) Summary and Conclusions
  - (7) Update of JWST programmatics as of 2021.
  - (8) Where do our students end-up? Possible NASA Careers



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WARNING: Both Hubble and James Webb are 30–40<sup>+</sup> year projects:

You will feel wrinkled before you know it ... :)



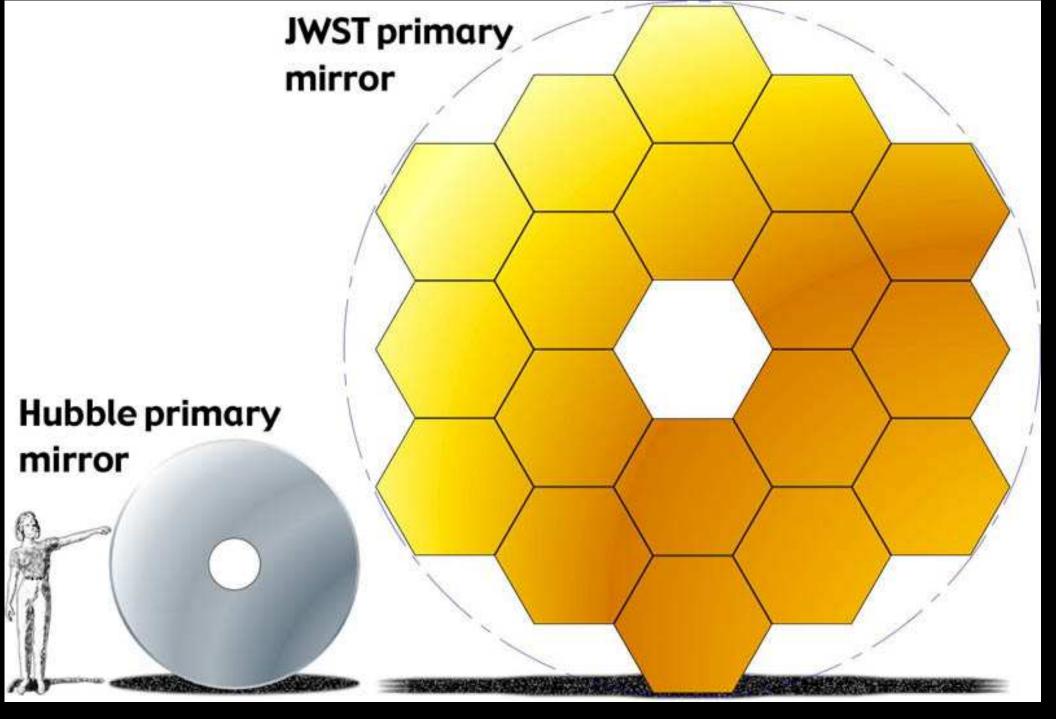


Edwin P. Hubble (1889–1953) — Carnegie astronomer

James E. Webb (1906–1992) — Second NASA Administrator

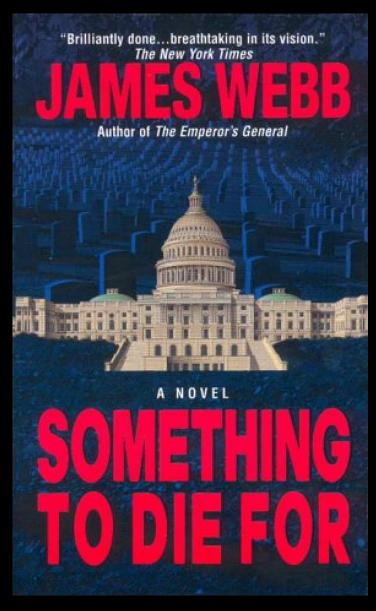
Hubble: Concept in 1970's; Made in 1980's; Operational 1990– $\gtrsim$ 2021?.

JWST: The infrared sequel to Hubble from 2021–2026 (-2031?).



JWST  $\simeq 2.5 \times$  larger than Hubble, so at  $\sim 2.5 \times$  larger wavelengths: JWST has the same resolution in the near-IR as Hubble in the optical.

(1) Update of the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST), 2021

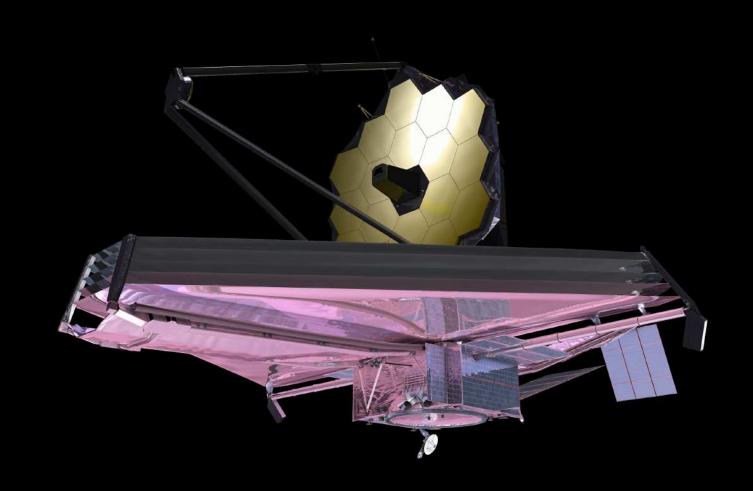




To be used by students & scientists starting 2021 ... It'll be worth it.

(RIGHT) Life-size JWST prototype on the Capitol Mall, May 2007.

### (1) Update of the James Webb Space Telescope as of 2021



- A fully deployable 6.5 meter (25 m<sup>2</sup>) segmented IR telescope for imaging and spectroscopy at 0.6–28  $\mu$ m wavelength, to be launched Dec. 22.
- Nested array of sun-shields to keep its ambient temperature at 40 K, allowing faint imaging (31.5 mag $\sim$ 1 FF from Moon), and spectroscopy.

#### THE JAMES WEBB SPACE TELESCOPE

#### JWST LAUNCH

- LAUNCH VEHICLE IS AN ARIANE 5 ROCKET, SUPPLIED BY ESA
- SITE WILL BE THE ARIANESPACE'S ELA-3 LAUNCH COMPLEX NEAR KOUROU, FRENCH GUIANA







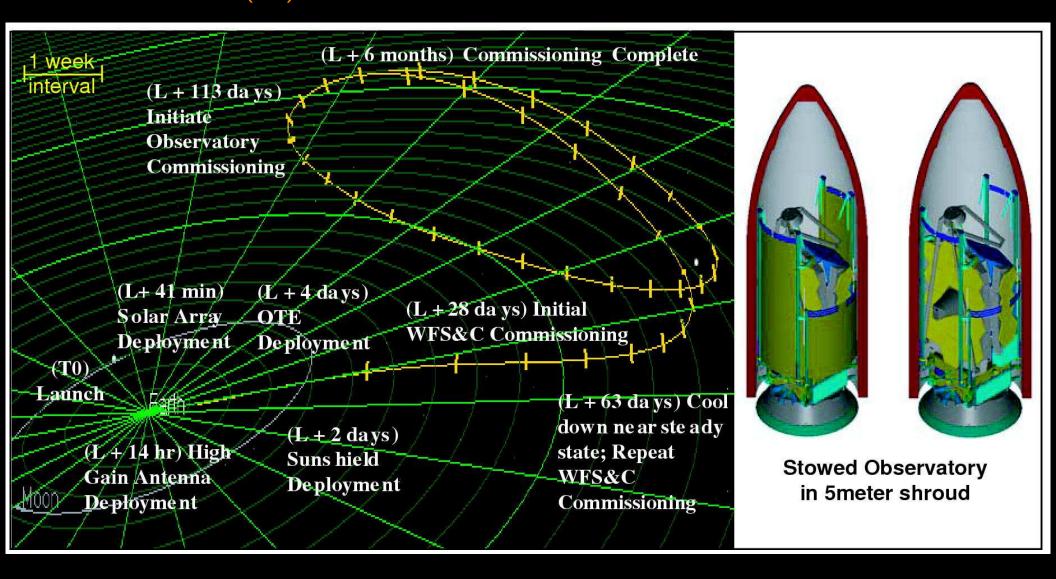




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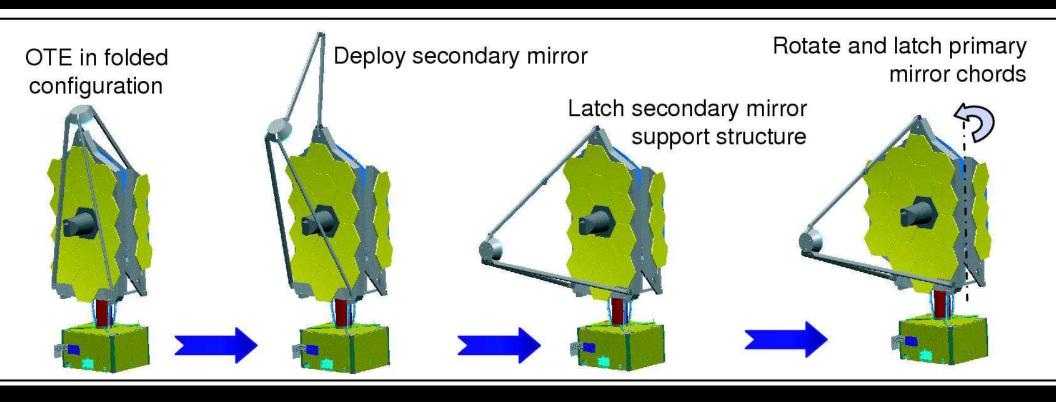
• The JWST launch weight will be  $\lesssim 6500$  kg, and it will be launched to L2 with an ESA Ariane-V launch vehicle from Kourou in French Guiana.

### (1a) How will JWST travel to its L2 orbit?

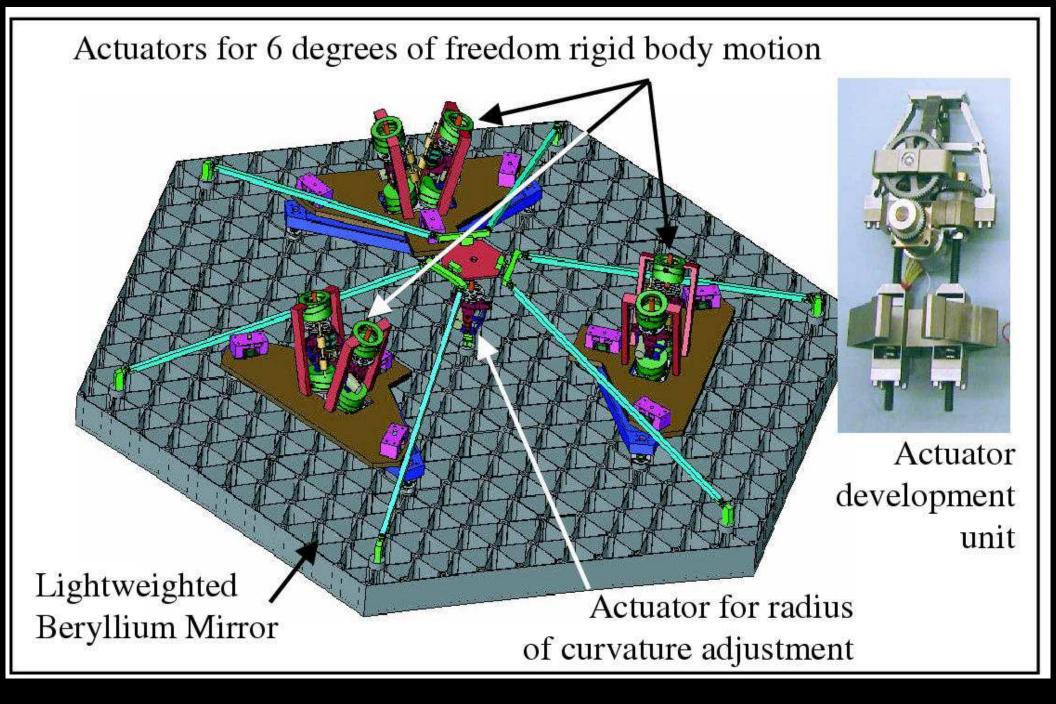


- After launch on Dec. 22, 2021 with an ESA Ariane-V, JWST will orbit around the Earth-Sun Lagrange point L2, 1.5 million km from Earth.
- JWST can cover the whole sky in segments that move along with the Earth, observe  $\gtrsim 70\%$  of the time, and send data back to Earth every day.

### • (1b) How will JWST be automatically deployed?



- During its two month journey to L2, JWST will be automatically deployed, its instruments will be cooled, and be inserted into an L2 orbit.
- The entire JWST deployment sequence is being tested several times on the ground but only in 1-G: component and system tests in 2014–2019 at GSFC (MD), Northrop (CA), and JSC (Houston).
- Component fabrication, testing, & system integration: 18 out of 18 flight mirrors completely done, and meet the 40K specifications.



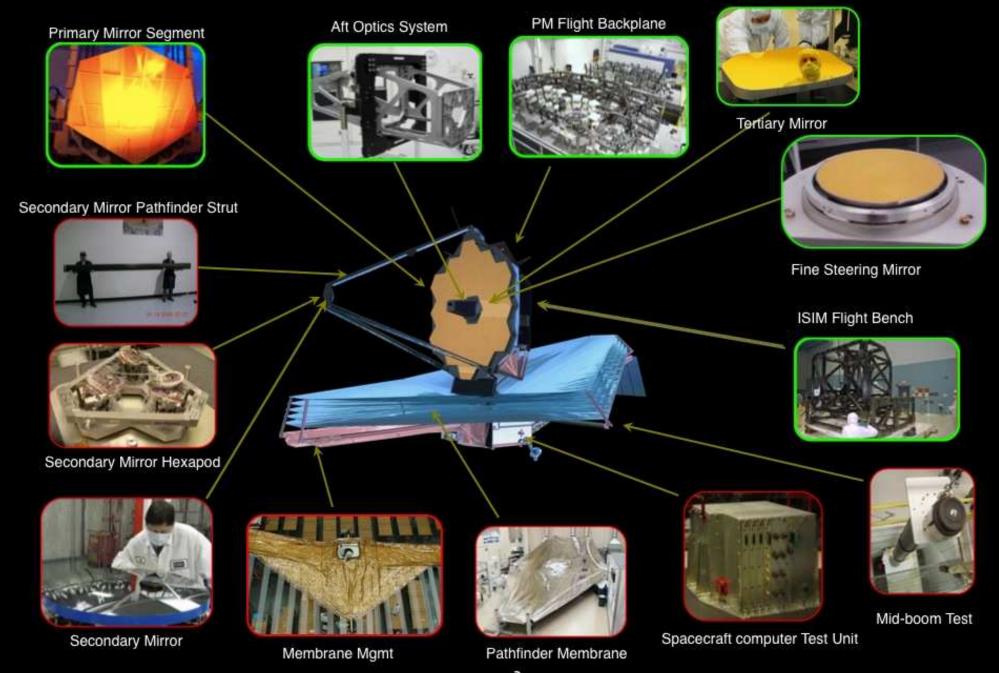
Active mirror segment support through "hexapods", similar to Keck.

Redundant & doubly-redundant mechanisms, quite forgiving against failures.



# **JWST Hardware Status**



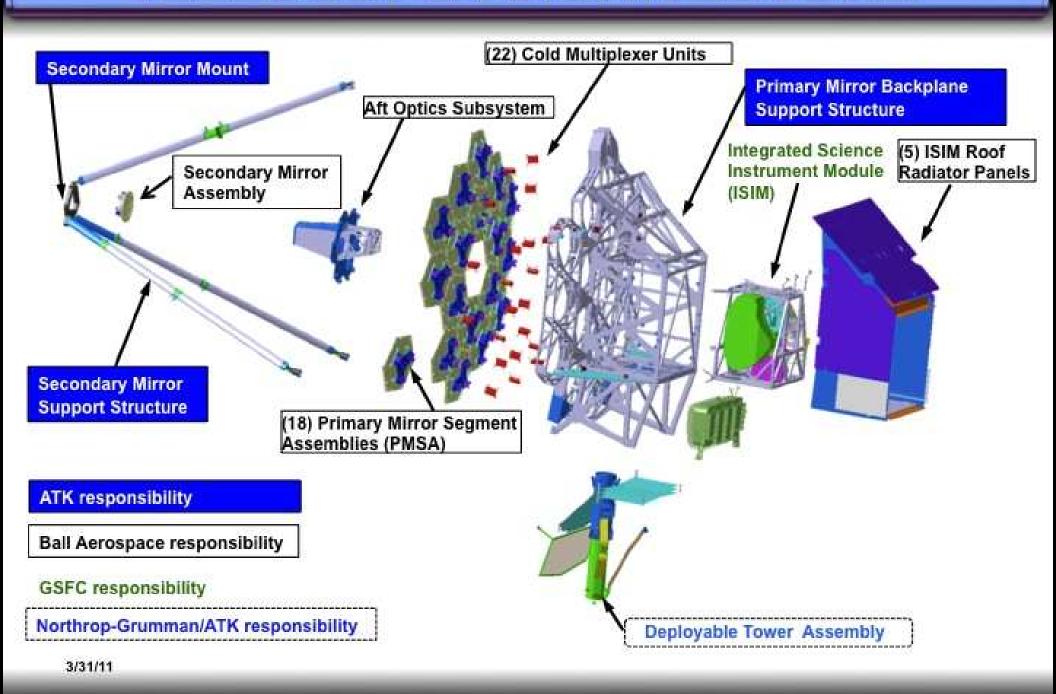


2021: 100% of launch mass designed and built (100% weighed).



# TELESCOPE ARCHITECTURE





2014–2021: Complete system integration at GSFC and Northrop.



### **JWST Hardware Progress**



JWST remains on track for an October 2018 launch within its replan budget guidelines

July 2014: • Secondary Mirror Support deployment successfully tested. 2015: • Engineering sunshield successfully deployed at Northrop (CA).



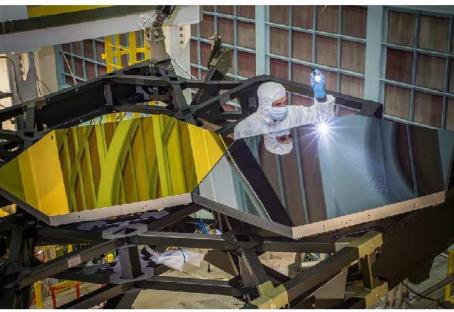
### **Telescope Pathfinder – Risk Reduction**









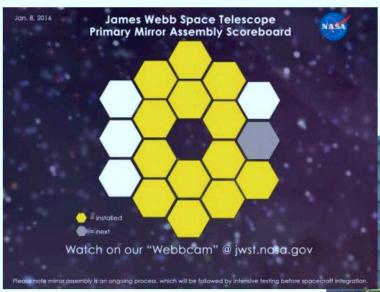


JWST Pathfinder is a partial telescope that is intended to reduce the implementation risk of the assembly, integration, and cryogenic optical test of the JWST optical assembly





## Much progress has been made in OTE integration 577



Where we were at last month's call

Current: all 18 PMSAs installed, liquid-shim-cured, & metrologized. Alignments meet specifications, and actuator motions verified Big milestone!



8 February 2016 JWST Monthly Telecon 8



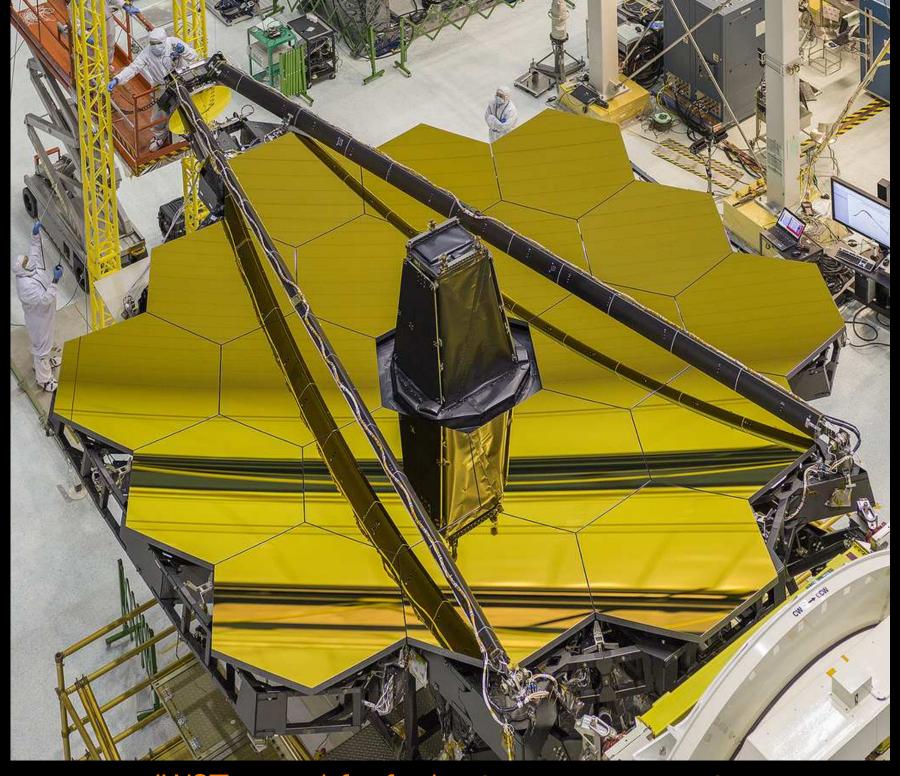
NASA team-work to take JWST mirror covers off!



JWST being tilted into the right position



Webb mirrors finally mounted and ready!



JWST stowed for further instrument mounting



### **All Instruments Integrated**

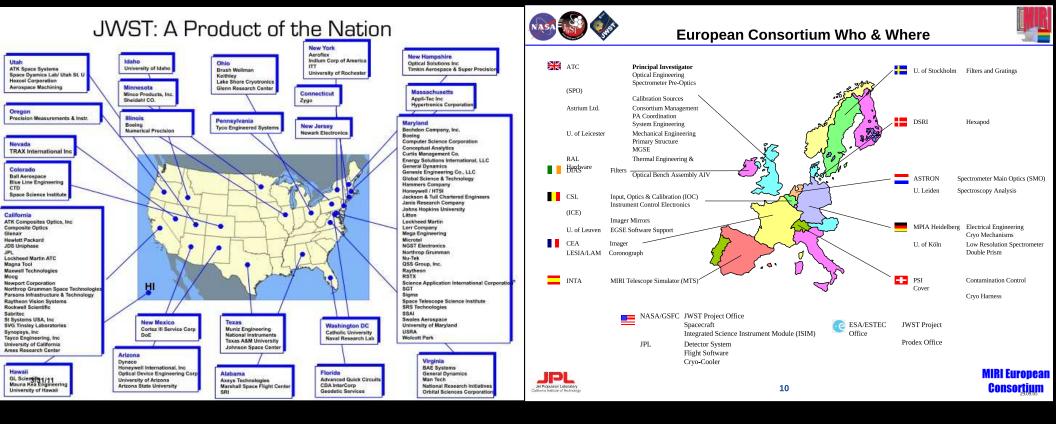












- JWST hardware made in 27 US States: 100% of launch-mass finished.
- Ariane V Launch & NIRSpec provided by ESA; & MIRI by ESA & JPL.
- JWST Fine Guider Sensor + NIRISS provided by Canadian Space Agency.
- JWST NIRCam made by UofA and Lockheed.

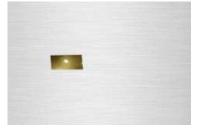


# Micro Shutters

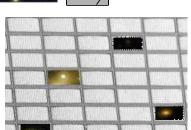






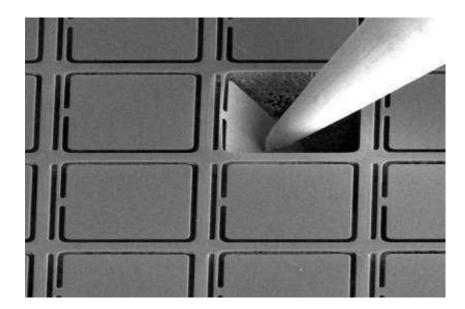


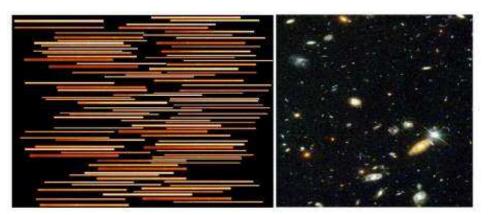




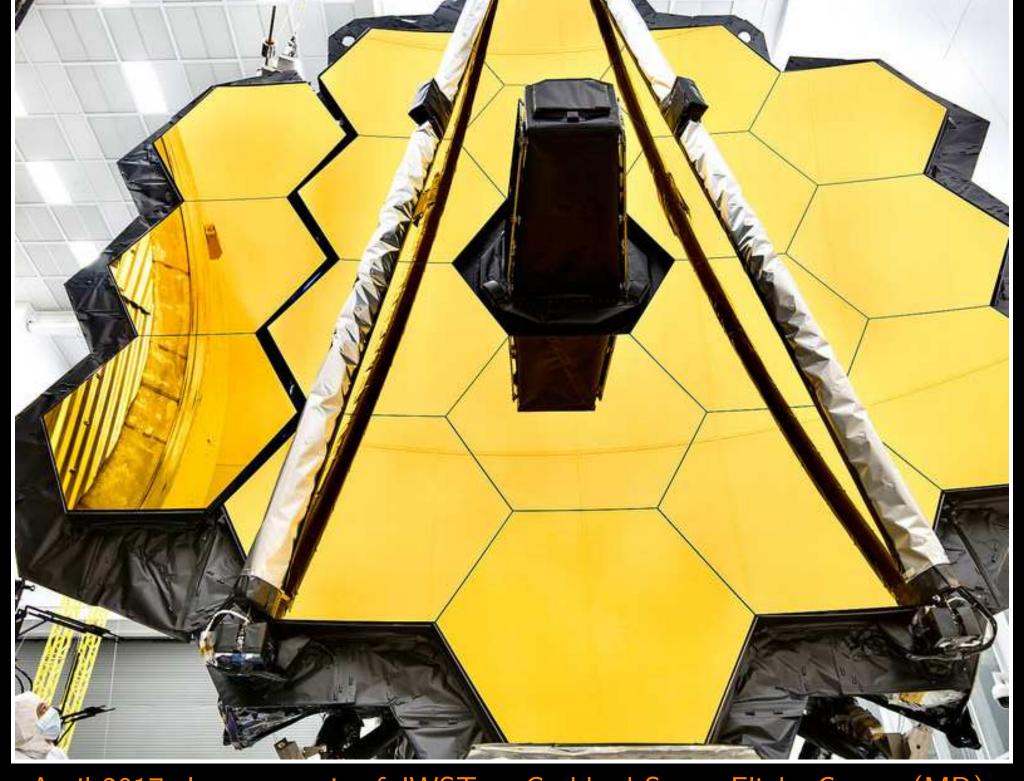


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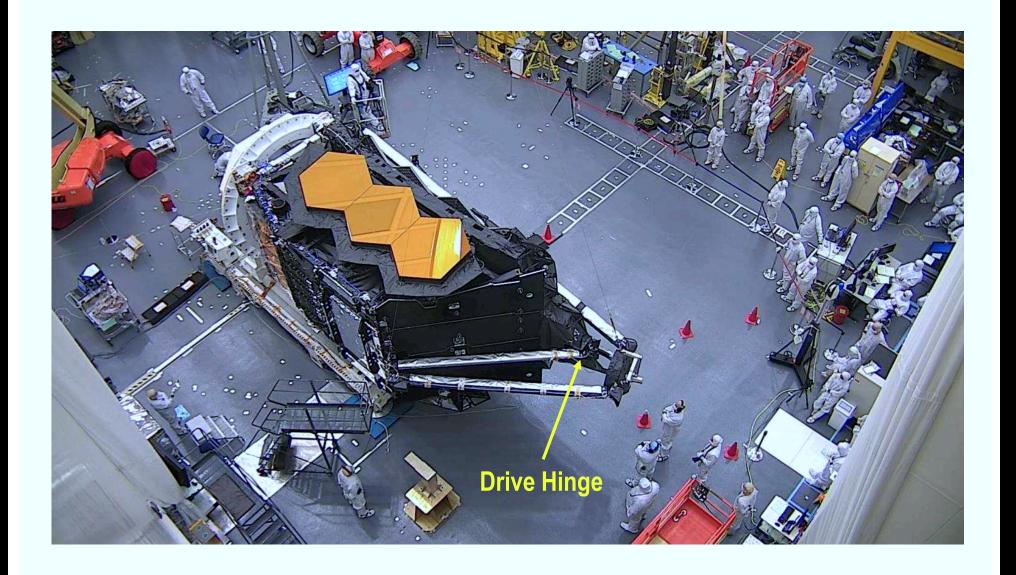


April 2017: Last portrait of JWST at Goddard Space Flight Center (MD).



### **SMSS Deployment Sequence (1)**







### **SMSS Deployment Sequence (2)**







### **SMSS Deployment Sequence (3)**







May 2017: JWST in enclosure at Johnson Space Center in Houston.

### Program Update: OTIS





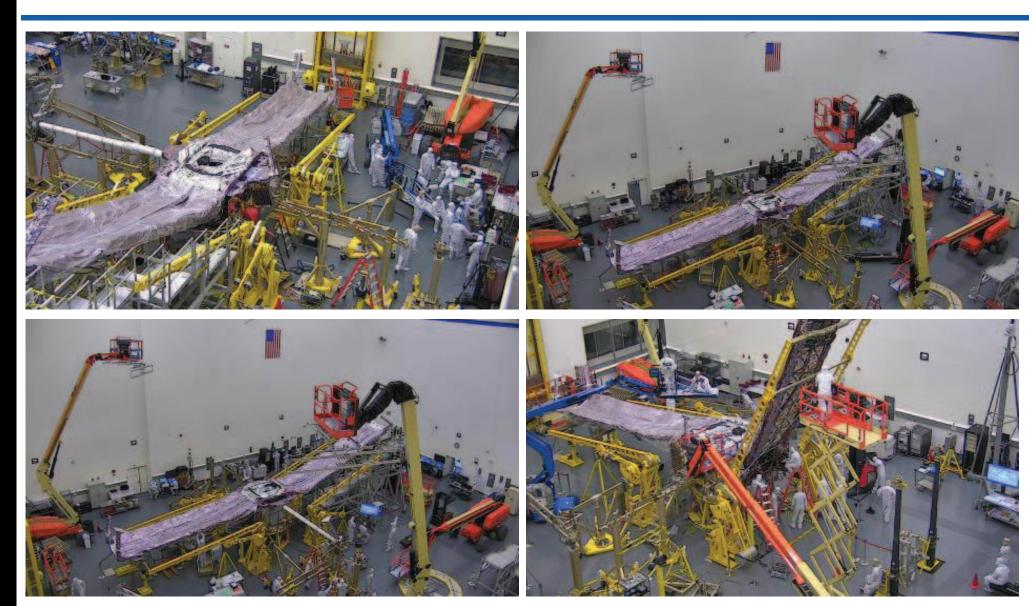


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### Program Updates: Spacecraft and Sunshield



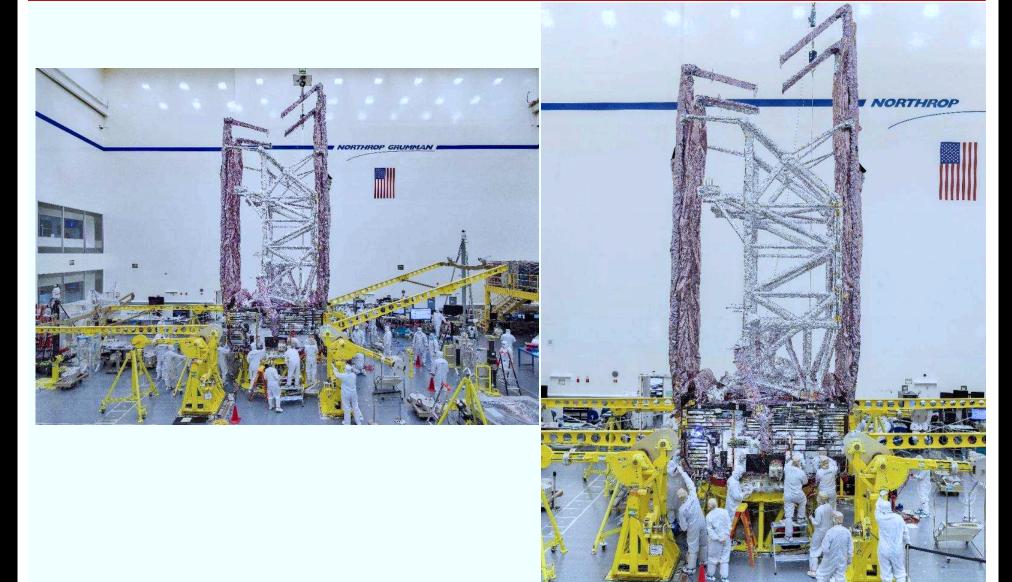




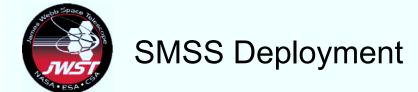
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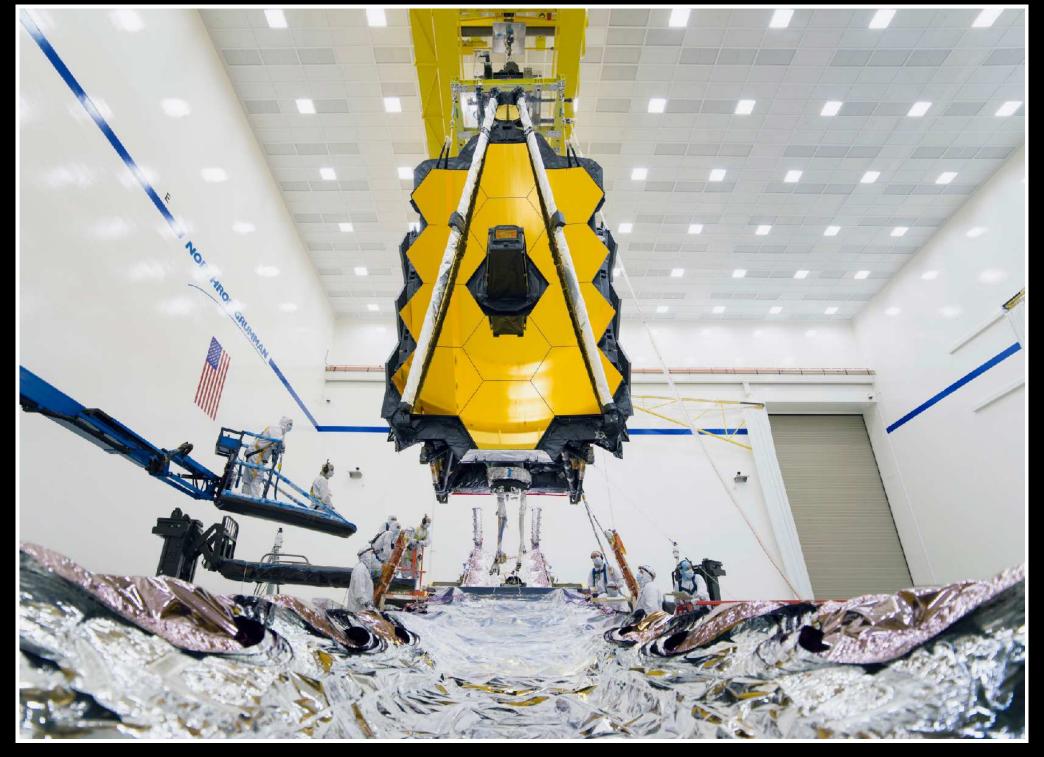
Aug. 2019: Stowed flight sunshield before integration with JWST OTE.







Aug. 2019: OTE before final integration with Sunshield & spacecraft.



Aug. 2019: JWST OTE+ISIM lowered into Sunshield+Spacecraft



August 2019: JWST OTE+ISIM integrated with Sunshield+Spacecraft!

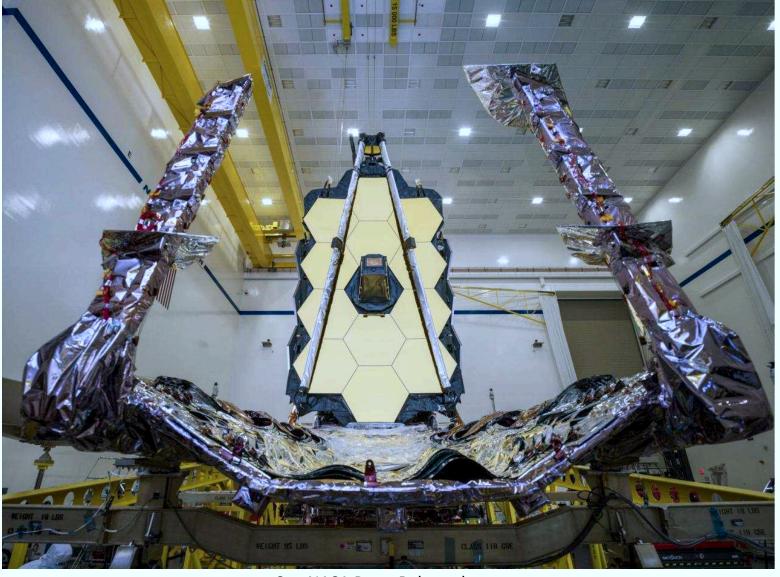


August 2019: JWST OTE+ISIM integrated with Sunshield and Spacecraft!



### Meet the JWST Observatory 1





See NASA Press Release here:

https://www.nasa.gov/feature/goddard/2019/nasa-s-james-webb-space-telescope-has-been-assambleduserwither first-time



## Solar Array Deployment 1









## Solar Array Deployment 2







## Solar Array Deployment 3

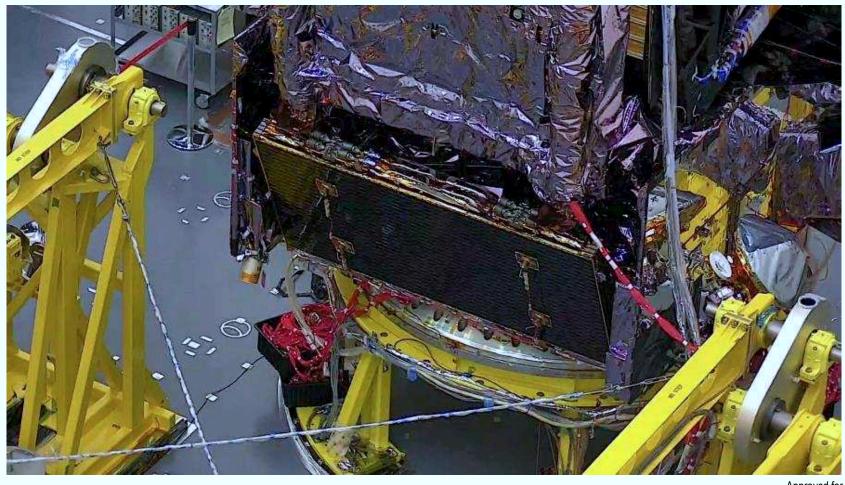








#### 7/26/20: Solar Array Installed for Environments



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## 5/28/20: DTA Deployment



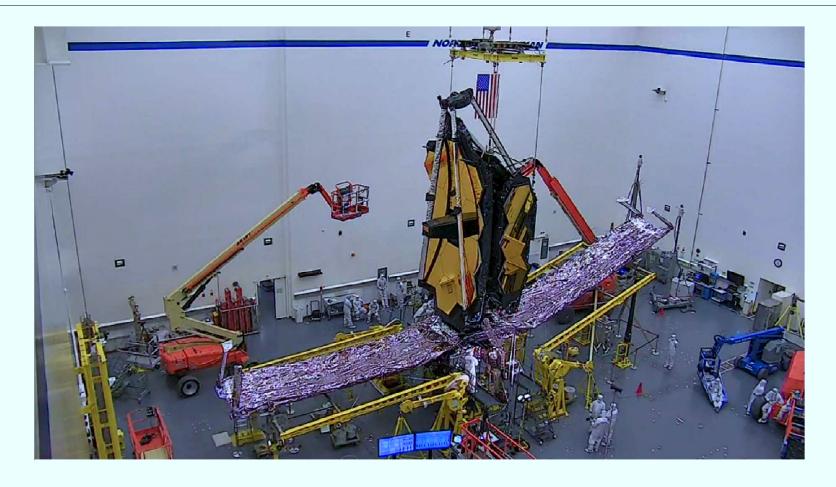
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June 2020: Deployable Tower Assembly test





### 5/28/20: DTA Deployment



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June 2020: Deployable Tower Assembly test with gravity off-loading.





### 5/29/20: DTA Deployment



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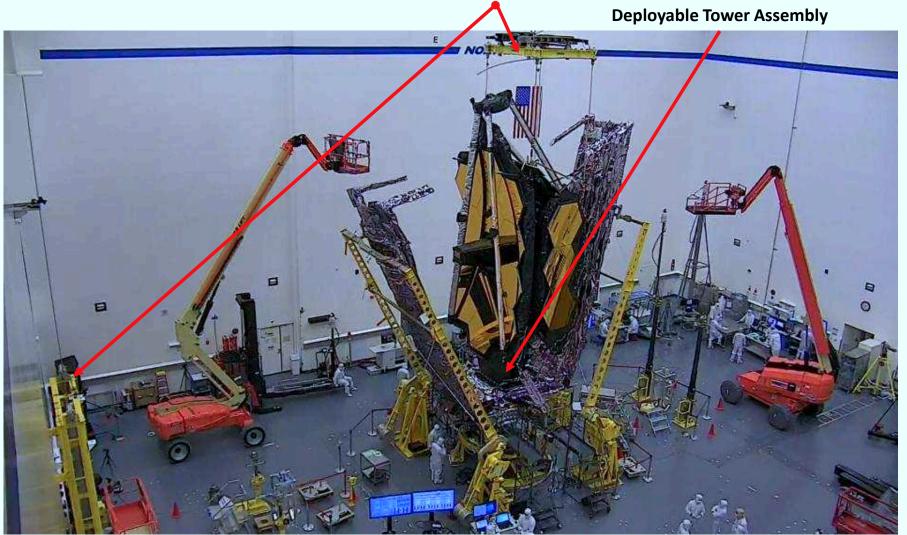
June 2020: Deployable Tower Assembly motor tested in 1G



#### DTA Stow 1



**Offloading System** 





#### DTA Stow 2







## Transport to the Large Acoustic Test Facility



**Primary Mirror Wing** 

**Contamination Tent** 

Secondary Mirror



En route through the Space Park, Credit: NGSS

**Unitized Pallet Structure** 

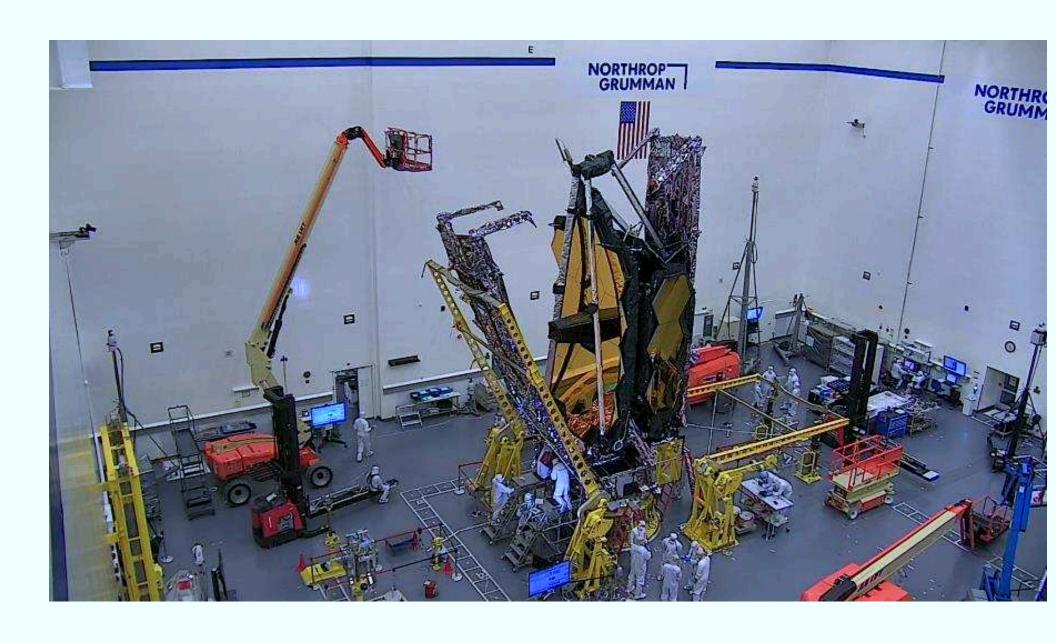


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# 7/13/21: **AFT UPS Full Stow**



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## 7/14/21: FWD UPS Full Stow





(beautiful)
The James Webb
Space Telescope

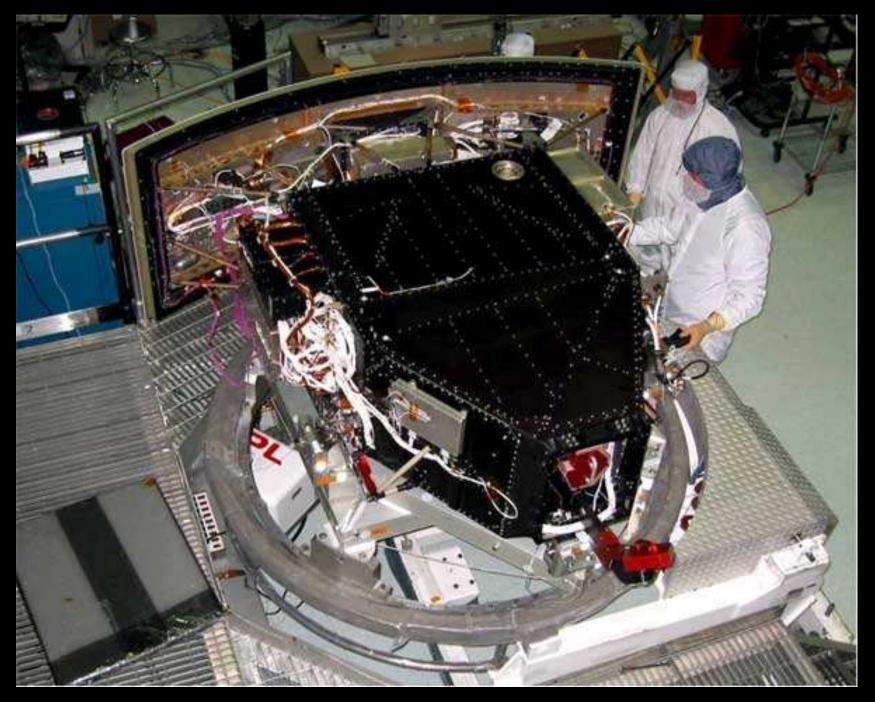
**Stowed for Launch** 





Dec. 9, 2021: JWST transport in Kourou to Ariane Rocket Assembly Building

(2) WFC3: Hubble's new Panchromatic High-Throughput Camera



HST WFC3 and its IR channel: a critical pathfinder for JWST science.

(2) Hubble WFC3: Measuring Galaxy Assembly and SMBH Growth?

10 filters with Hubble WFC3 & ACS reaching AB=26.5-27.0 mag over 40 arcmin<sup>2</sup> with 0.07–0.15" images from 0.2–1.7 $\mu$ m (UVUBVizYJH). JWST adds 0.05–0.2" FWHM imaging to AB $\simeq$ 31.5 mag (1 FF) at 1–5 $\mu$ m, with 0.2–1.2" images at 5–29 $\mu$ m, tracing young+old stars & dust.

#### Black Hole growth — Waves that happen in Nature: 1) Sounds Waves:



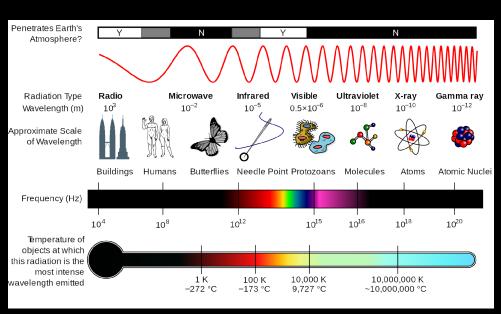


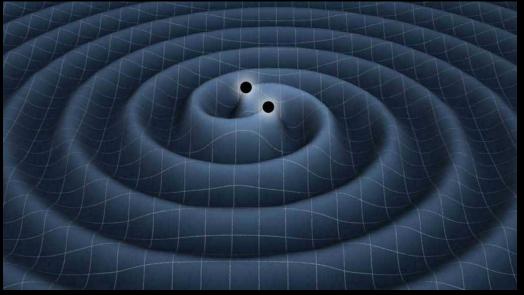


In solids: Earthquakes

In liquids: Surf!

In gasses: Sound





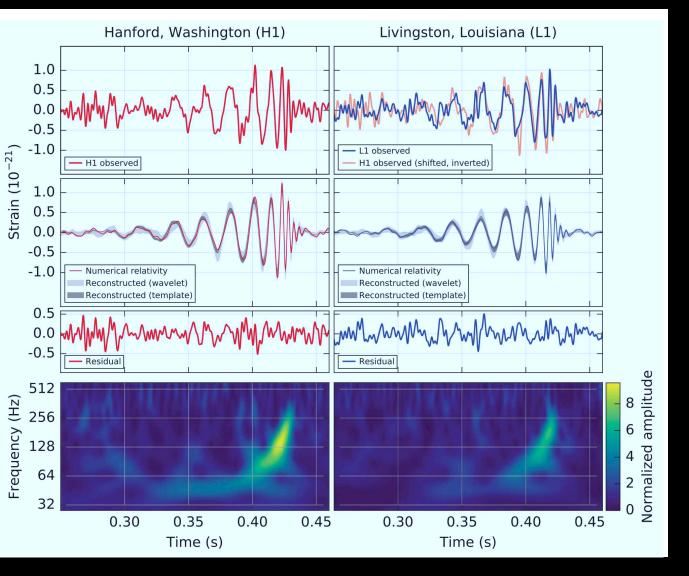
2) Electromagnetic Waves

3) In space-time: Gravity Waves

Sept. 2015: LIGO added Gravity Waves as a new way to observe Nature!







- (1) LIGO first observed Gravitational Waves on Sept. 14, 2015.
- (2) These were caused by two merging  $(29+36 M_{\odot})$  black holes about 1 Gyr ago!
- E= $Mc^2$ : 3  $M_{\odot}$  was converted to energy in a fraction of a second!



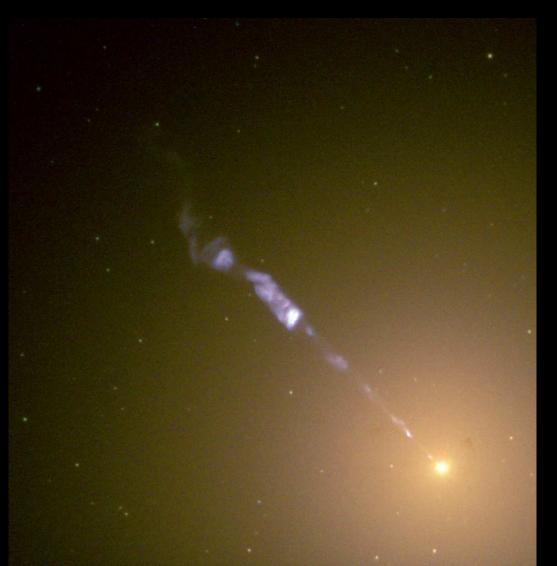
Ordinary massive stars (10–30  $M_{\odot}$ ) leave modest black holes ( $\sim$ 3–10  $M_{\odot}$ ).

Conclusion 1: Most low-mass black holes today are small, slow eaters:



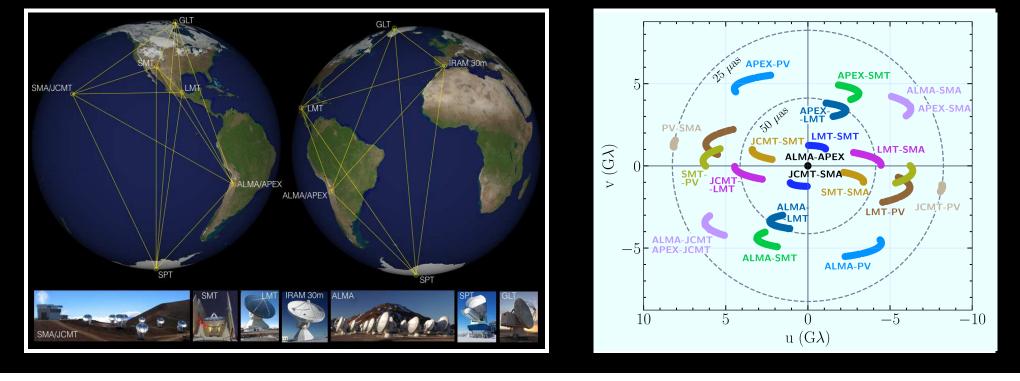
- 29–36  $M_{\odot}$  blackholes may be leftover from First Stars (first 500 Myr).
- Likely too massive to be leftover from ordinary Supernova explosions, ...
- How come only now seen merging by LIGO (12.5 Byr after BB)?
- They were likely not fast & efficient eaters, but slow and messy ...

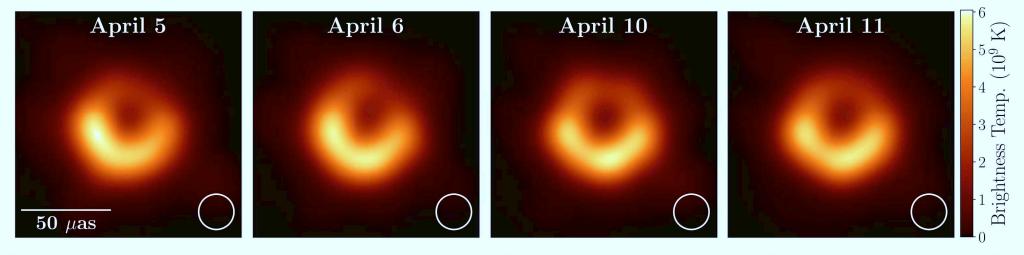
#### Elliptical galaxy M87 with Active Galactic Nucleus (AGN) and relativistic jet:





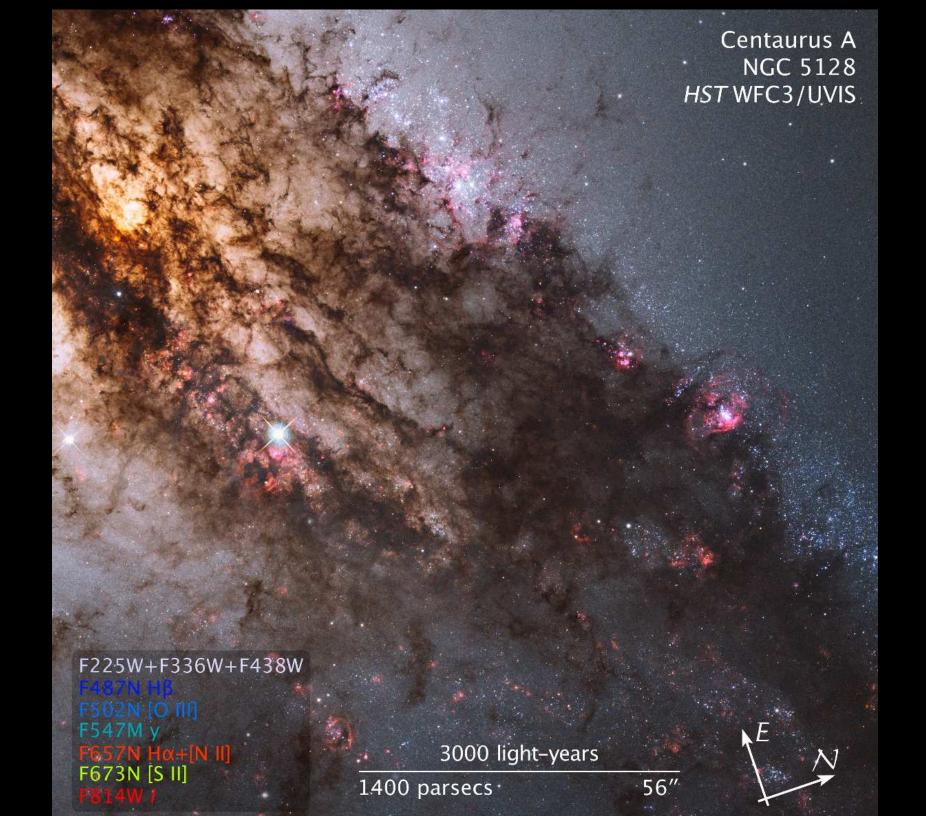
The danger of having Quasar-like devices too close to home ... They are EXTREMELY bright sources if viewed "down-the-pipe".  $\sim 0.5\%$  of the baryonic mass, but produce most of the photons!

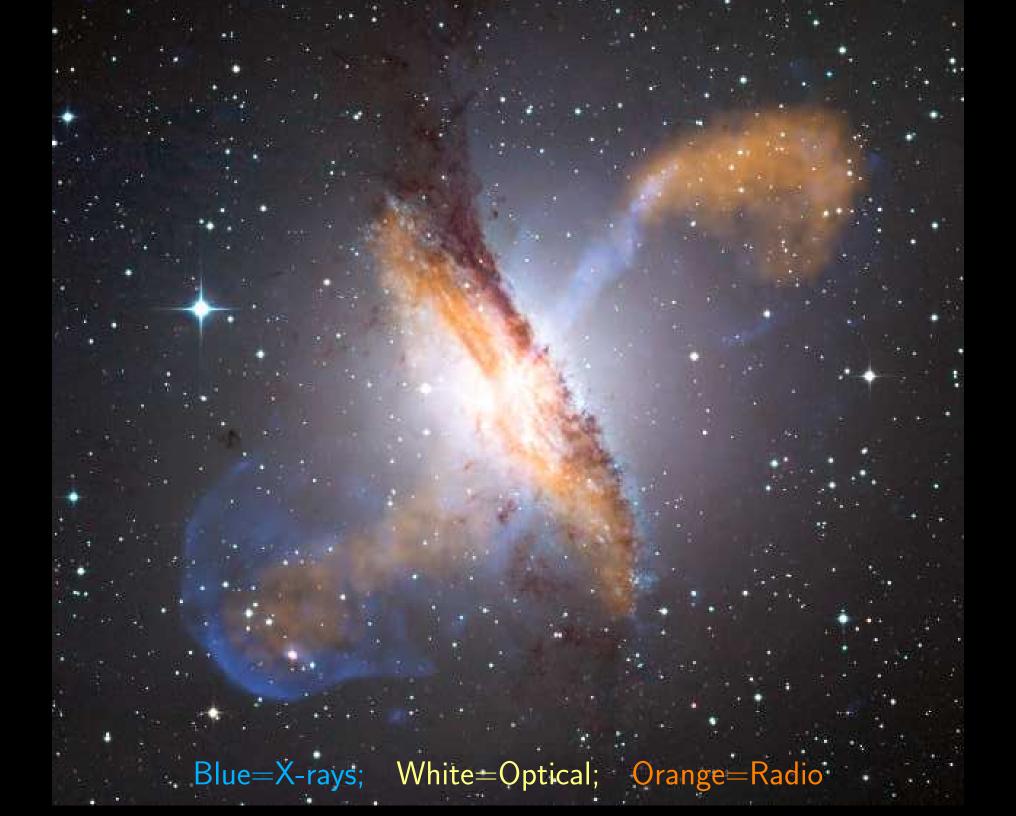




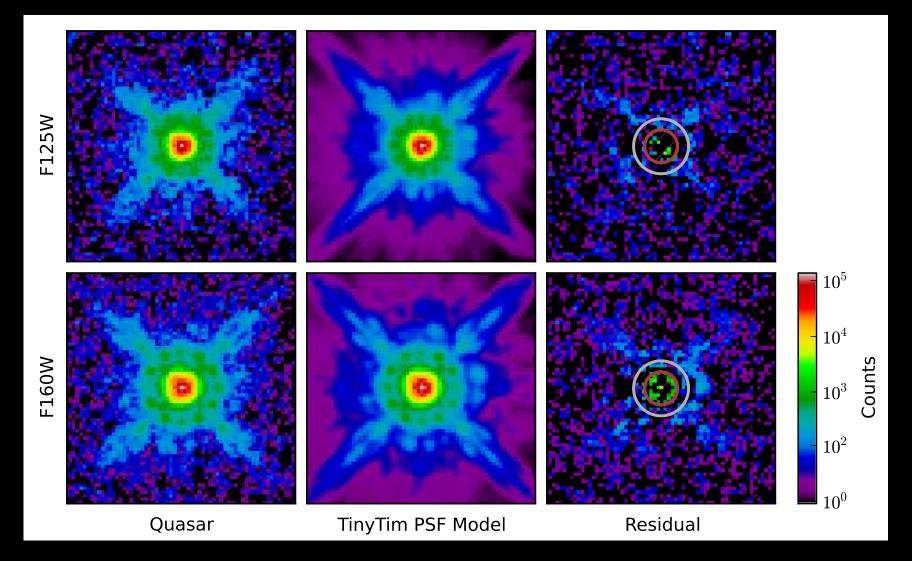
**Figure 15.** Averages of the three fiducial images of M87 for each of the four observed days after restoring each to an equivalent resolution, as in Figure 14. The indicated beam is  $20 \mu as$  (i.e., that of DIFMAP, which is always the largest of the three individual beams).

2019 discovery of Black Hole Shadow in M87 by Event Horizon Telescope: M87 at 55 Mlyr distance has a black hole mass of  $\sim 6.5 \times 10^9~M_{\odot}$ !





Quasars: Centers of galaxies with feeding supermassive blackholes:



- Hubble IR-images of the most luminous Quasar known in the universe.
- Seen at redshift 6.42 (universe 7.42× smaller than today), 900 Myr old!
- ullet Contains  $10^{14}$  solar luminosities within a region as small as Pluto's orbit!
- A feeding monster blackhole ( $>3\times10^9$  solar mass) 900 Myr after BB!

Conclusion 2: Supermassive black holes started early & were very rapid eaters:



- Massive galaxies today contain a super-massive blackhole, no exceptions!
- Masses  $\sim 3 \times 10^9$  solar, leftover from the First Stars (first 500 Myr)?
- Must have fed enormously rapidly in the first 1 Byr after the Big Bang.
- ullet Were eating cat-astrophically (and secretly) until they ran out of food ...
- JWST can image the First Quasars to  $z \gtrsim 10$  (if we can find them).



Illustration Sequence of the Milky Way and Andromeda Galaxy Colliding

Will this ever happen to our own Galaxy?

YES! Hubble showed no lateral motion of Andromeda:

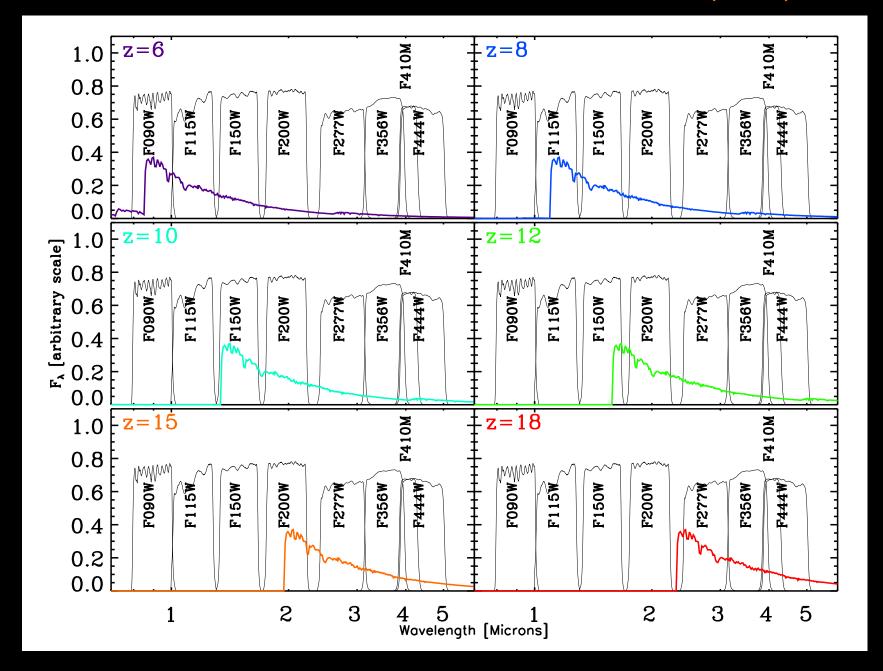
Approaches at -110 km/s.

Hence, Andromeda will merge with Milky Way!

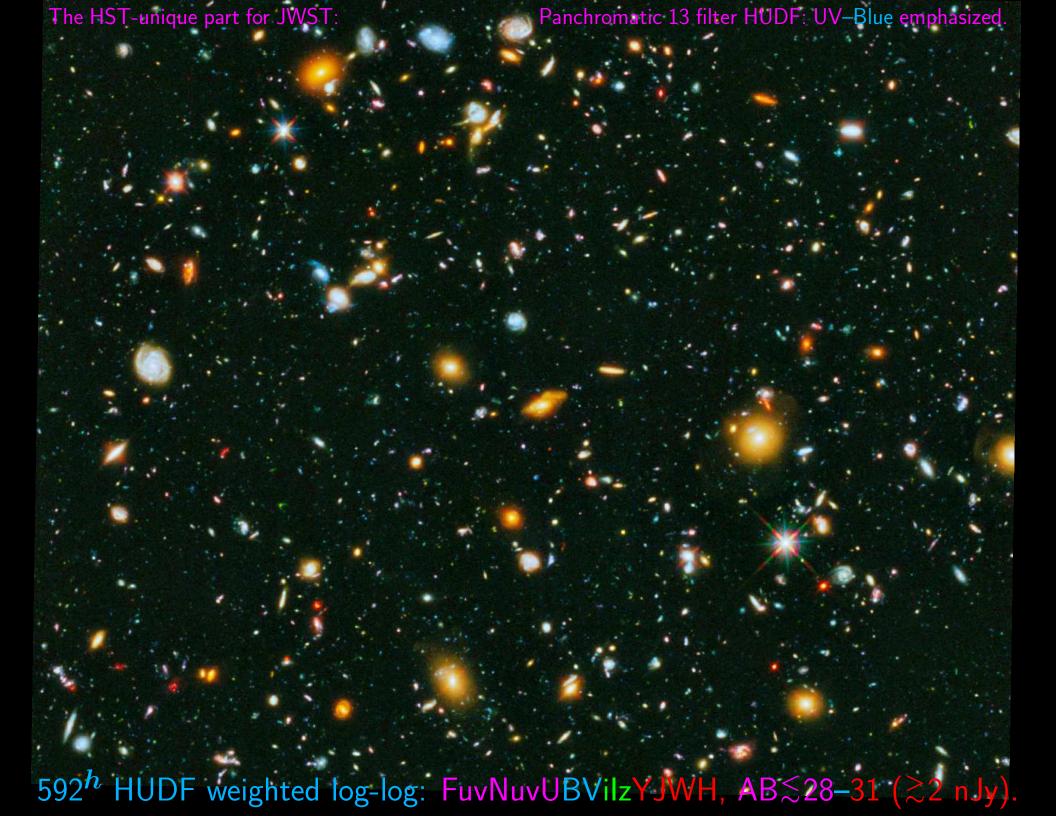
The two blackholes  $(10^6-10^7 \text{ suns})$  will also merge!

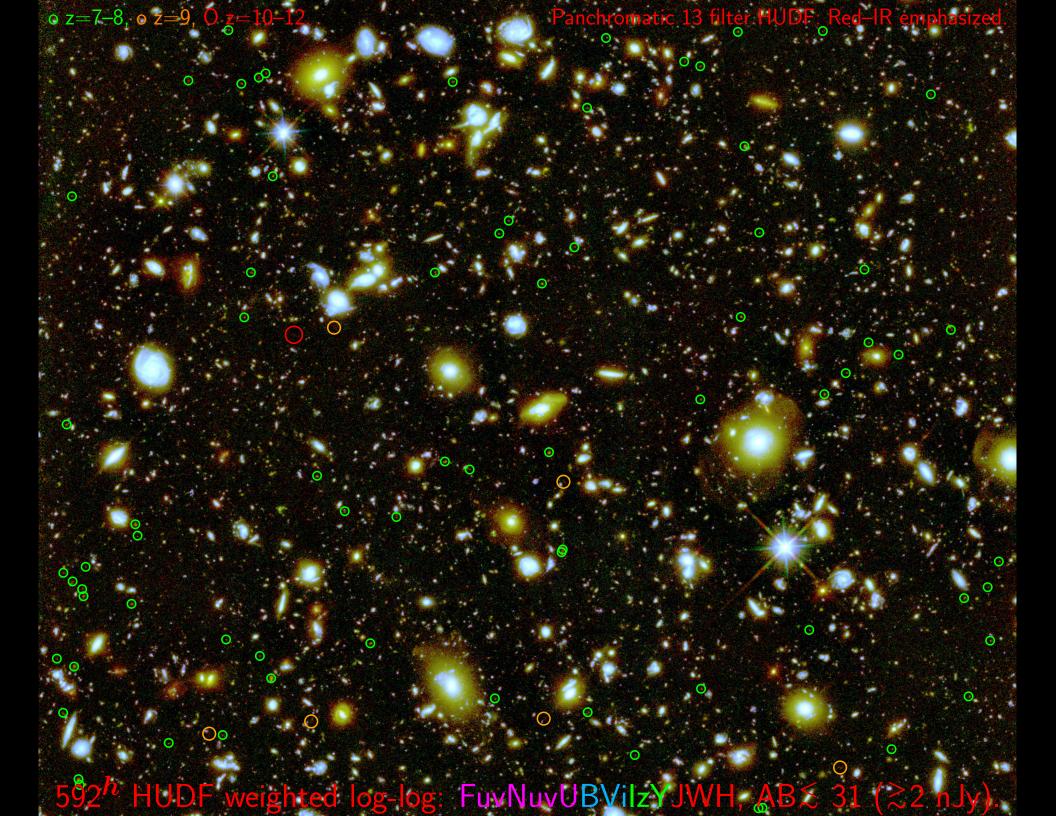
Not to worry: only 4–5 Byr from today!

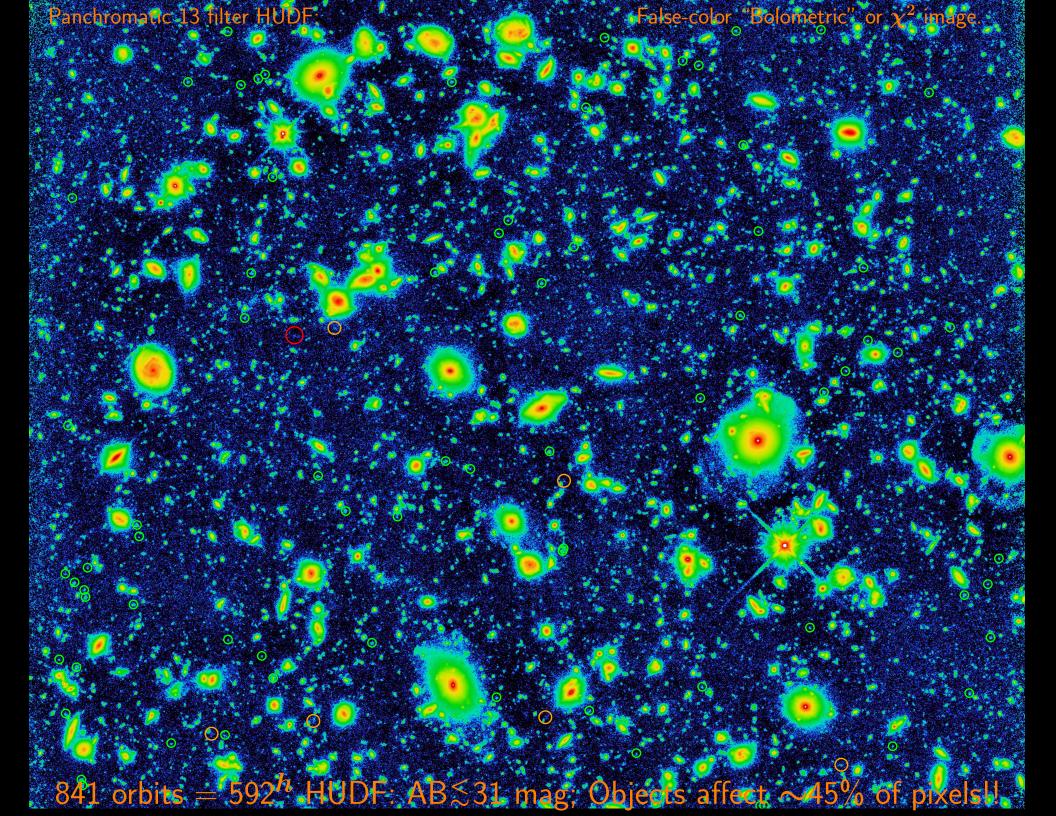
#### 3) How will Webb measure First Light: What to expect in (Ultra)Deep Fields?

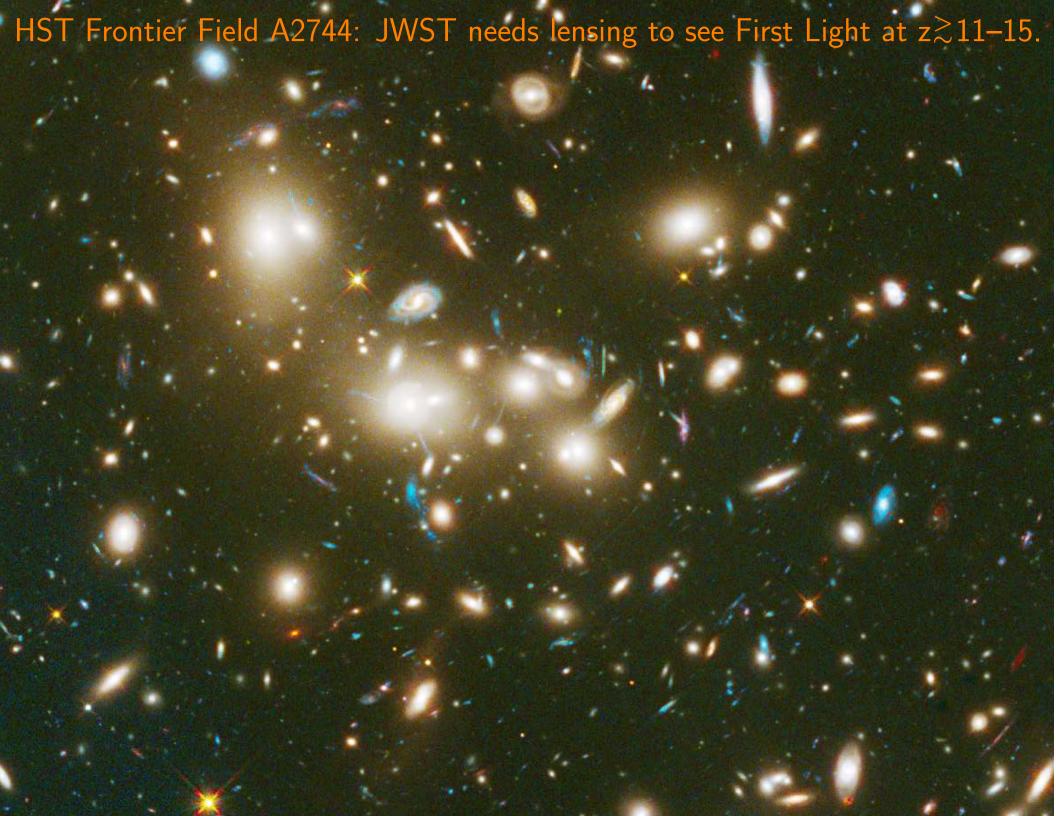


- Can't beat redshift: to see First Light, must observe near-mid IR.
- $\Rightarrow$  This is why JWST needs NIRCam at 0.8–5  $\mu$ m and MIRI at 5–28  $\mu$ m.











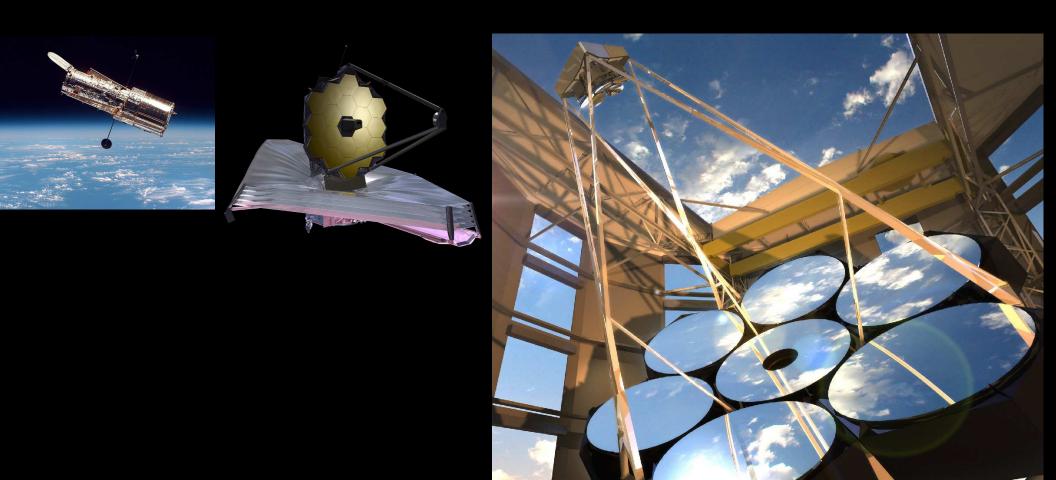


Conclusion: JWST First Light strategy must consider three aspects:

- (1) The catastrophic drop in the object density at  $z \gtrsim 8$  ( $\lesssim 0.5$  Gyr).
- (2) Cannot-see-the-forest-for-the-trees effect ["Natural Confusion" limit]: Background objects blend into foreground because of their own diameter.
- (3) House-of-mirrors effect ["Gravitational Confusion"]:
- JWST needs to find most First Light objects at  $z \gtrsim 10-15$  through the best cosmic lenses (this will make the images even more crowded):
- Lensing is needed to see what Einstein thought was impossible to observe!

#### (4) Future: Next generation 20–40 m ground-based telescopes and ATLAST

True relative size: Hubble, James Webb, & Giant Magellan Telescope

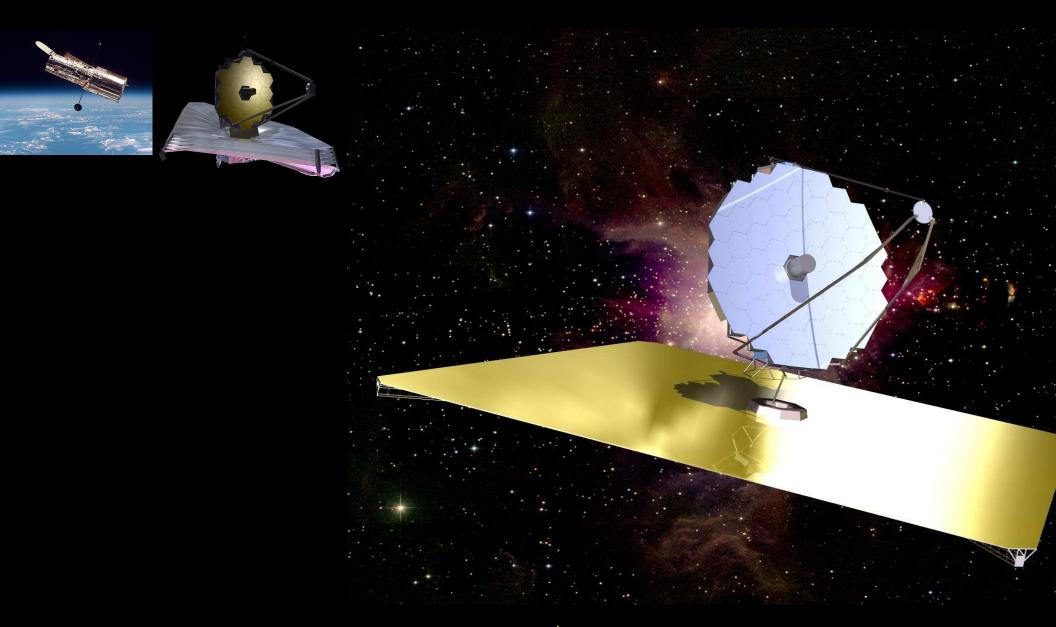


 $(1973\sim2020^+);$   $(1996\sim2031);$ 

 $(2000\sim2050^{+}).$ 

- JWST has superbly dark L2-sky & SB-sensitivity, and stable PSF.
- GMT has  $4 \times$  higher Res (AO), high-Res spectra, long-term time-domain.

(4) Future: Next generation 20–40 m ground-based telescopes and ATLAST True relative size: Hubble, James Webb, and ATLAST ...



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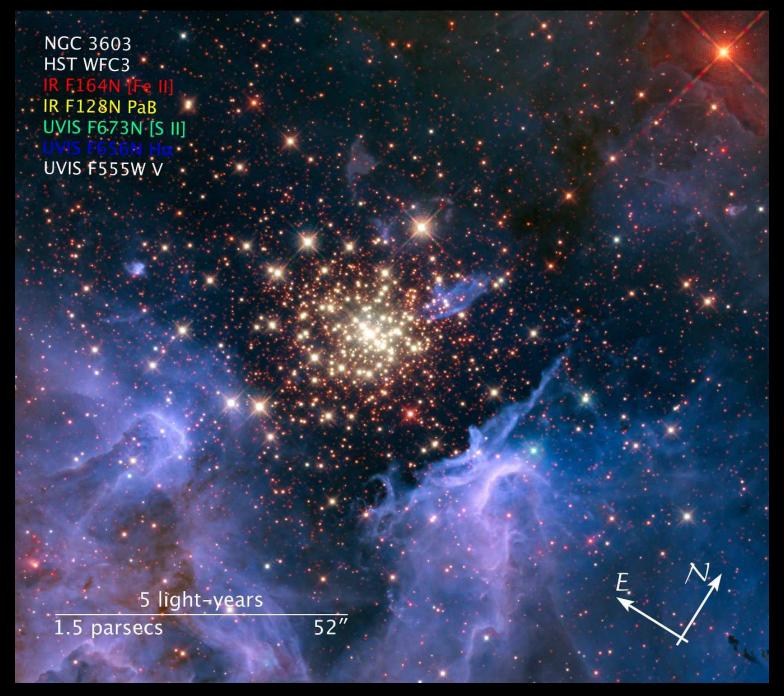
(4) Future: How can we knock it out of the ball-park in the next 30 years?



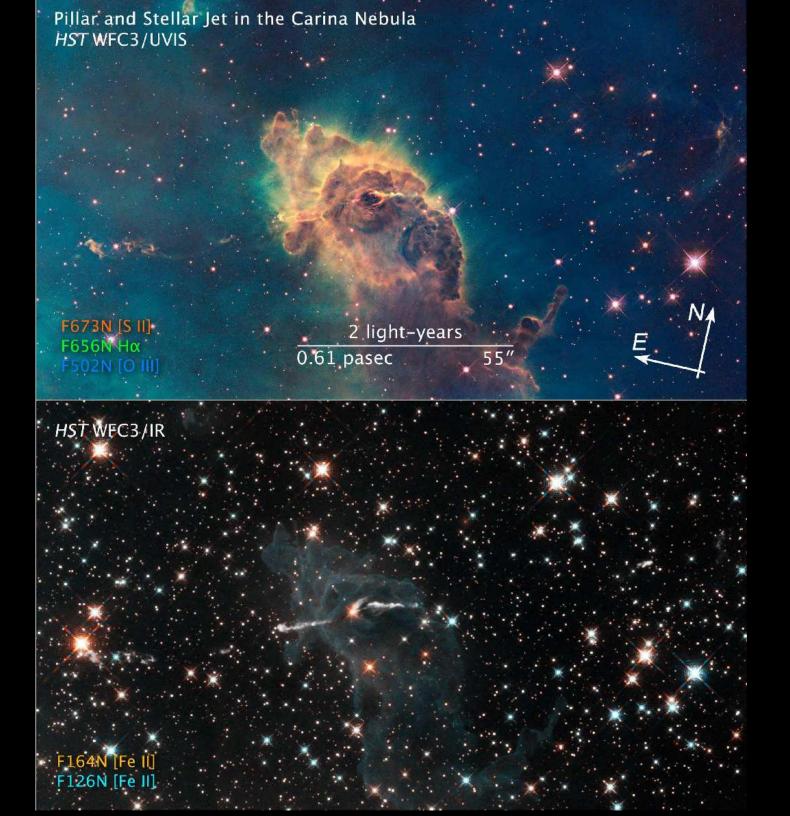
Each of GMT and ATLAST facility nearly fills the whole Yankee ballpark ...

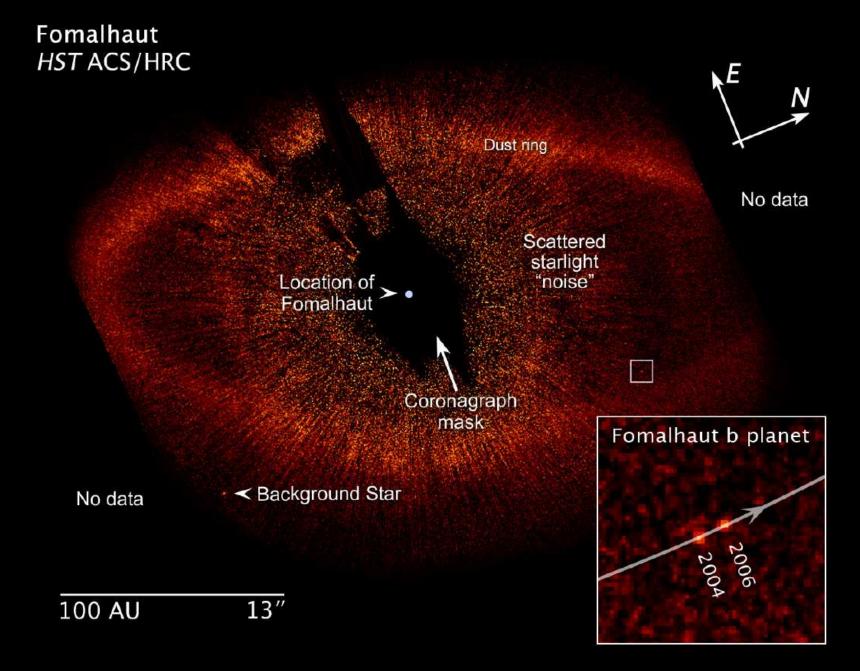
- New paradigm: They are too large for an individual university to take on.
  - Universities need to collaborate nation-wide to make this happen.

(5) How can JWST measure Star-Formation and Earth-like exoplanets?



NGC 3603: Young star-cluster triggering star-birth in "Pillars of Creation"



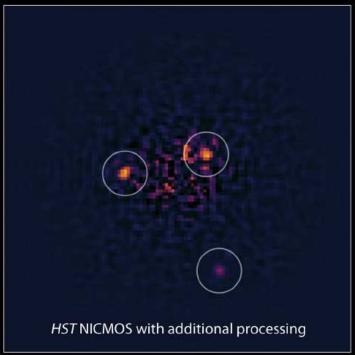


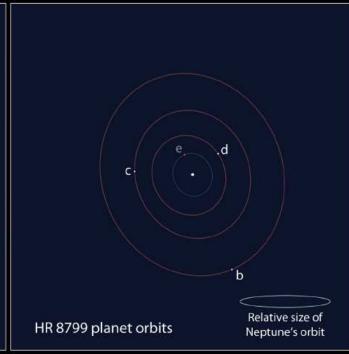
HST/ACS Coronagraph imaging of planetary debris disk around Fomalhaut: First direct imaging of a moving planet forming around a nearby star!

JWST can find such planets much closer in for much farther stars.

#### **Exoplanet HR 8799 System**







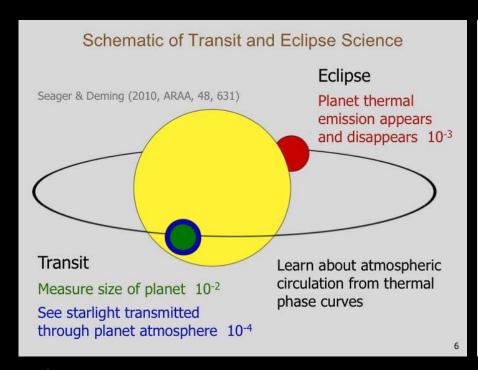
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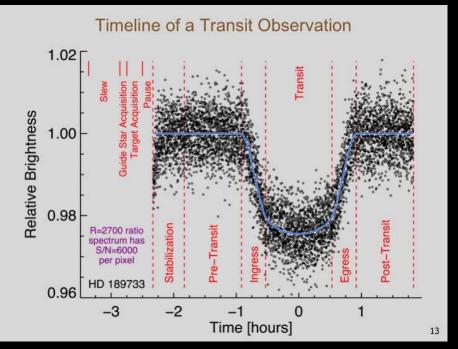
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HST/NICMOS imaging of planetary system around the (carefully subtracted) star HR 8799: Direct imaging of planets around a nearby star.

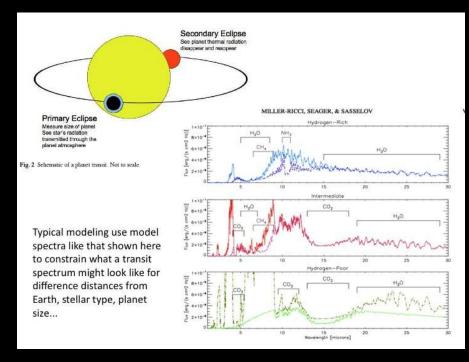
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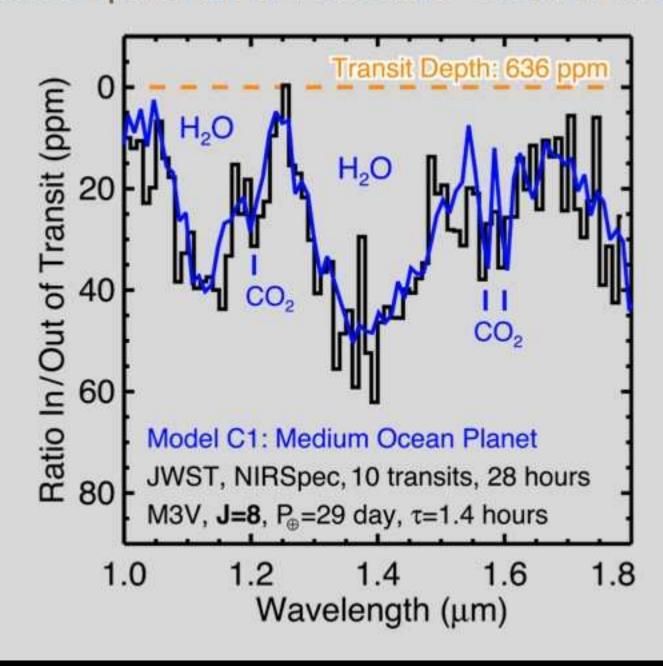


#### JWST can do very precise photometry of transiting Earth-like exoplanets.



JWST IR spectra can find water and  $CO_2$  in (super-)Earth-like exoplanets.

#### Transit Spectrum of Habitable "Ocean Planet"



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Visible Infrared



30 Doradus Nebula and Star Cluster Hubble Space Telescope • WFC3/UVIS/IR

NASA, ESA, F. Paresce (INAF-IASF, Italy), and the WFC3 Science Oversight Committee

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30 Doradus: Giant young star-cluster in Large Magellanic Cloud (150,000 ly), triggering birth of Sun-like stars (and surrounding debris disks).





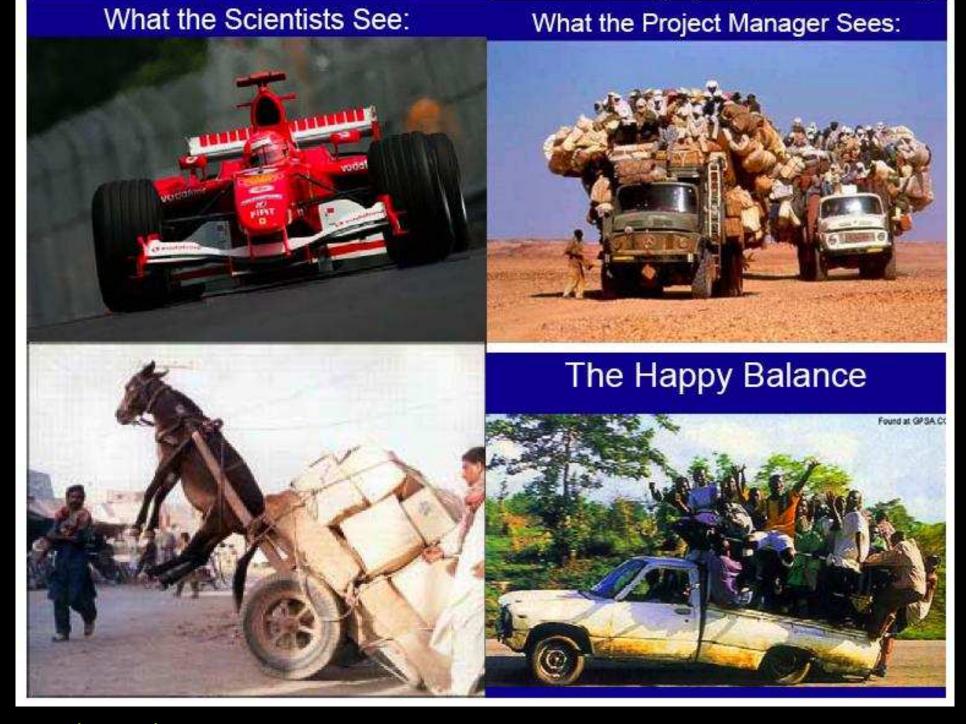
#### (6) Summary and Conclusions

- (1) HST set stage to measure galaxy assembly in the last 12.7-13.0 Gyrs.
- (2) JWST passed Preliminary & Critical Design Reviews in 2008 & 2010. Management replan in 2010-2011. No technical showstoppers thus far:
- 100% of JWST H/W built, & meets/exceeds specs. Final I&T.
- (3) JWST is designed to map the epochs of First Light, Reionization, and Galaxy Assembly & SMBH-growth in detail. JWST will determine:
- Formation and evolution of the first star-clusters after 0.2 Gyr.
- How dwarf galaxies formed and reionized the Universe after 1 Gyr.
- (4) JWST will have a major impact on astrophysics this decade:
- IR sequel to HST starting 2021: Training next generation researchers.
- JWST will define the next frontier to explore: the Dark Ages at  $z \gtrsim 20$ .

### SPARE CHARTS

#### • References and other sources of material shown:

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Any (space) mission is a balance between what science demands, what technology can do, and what budget & schedule allows ... (courtesy Prof. R. Ellis).

• (7) Update of JWST programmatics as of 2021

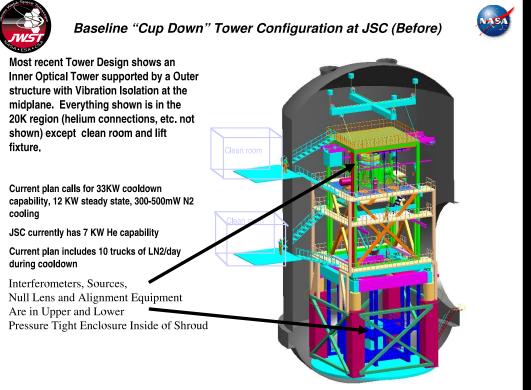
# Northrop Grumman Expertise in Space Deployable Systems

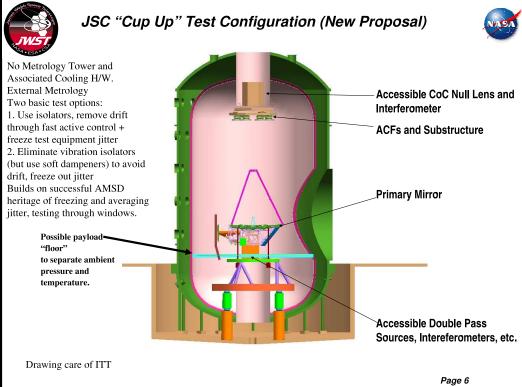
- Over 45 years experience in the design, manufacture, integration, verification and flight operation of spacecraft deployables
- 100% mission success rate, comprising over 640 deployable systems with over 2000 elements









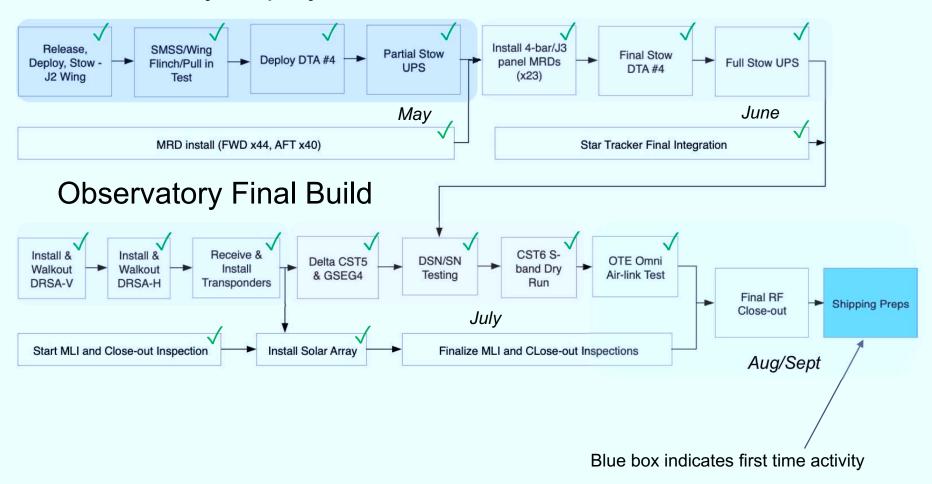


#### JWST underwent several significant replans and risk-reduction schemes:

- $\lesssim$  2003: Reduction from 8.0 to 7.0 to 6.5 meter. Ariane-V launch vehicle.
- 2005: Eliminate costly 0.7-1.0  $\mu$ m performance specs (kept 2.0  $\mu$ m).
- 2005: Simplification of thermal vacuum tests: cup-up, not cup-down.
- 2006: All critical technology at Technical Readiness Level 6 (TRL-6).
- 2008: Passes Mission Preliminary Design & Non-advocate Reviews.
- 2010, 2011: Passes Mission Critical Design Review: Replan Int. & Testing.
  - 2017–2018: Replan final Integration & Testing  $\Rightarrow$  Dec. 2021 launch.

# Remaining I&T Steps

#### **Observatory Deployments**

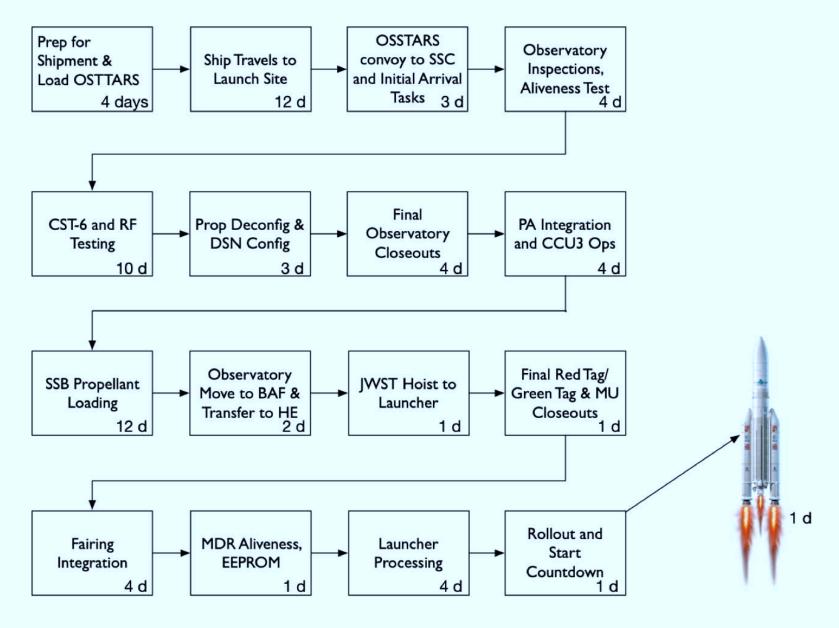


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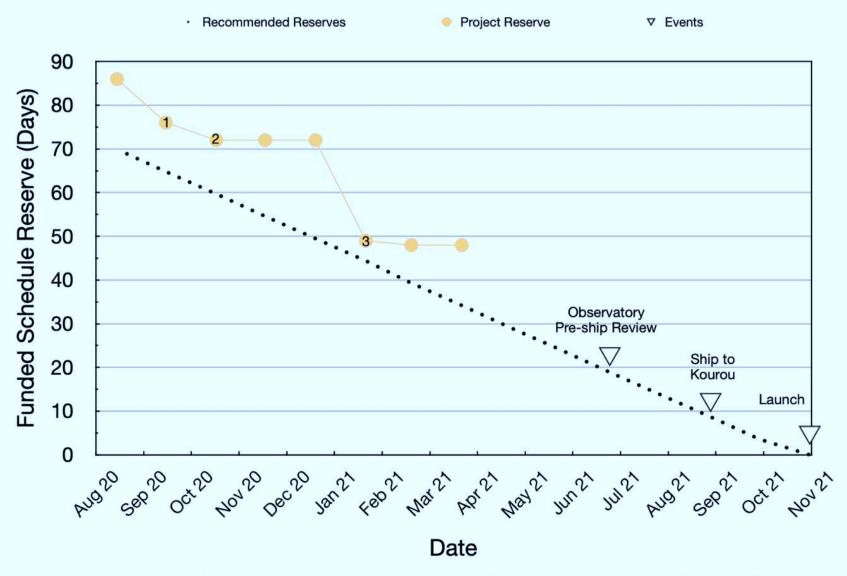
Flowchart of Project tasks for FY21.

Blue = First-time operation (all others done before at sub-system level).

## **Kourou Activities**



## Current Funded Schedule Reserve



Reserve uses: (1) Bldg M4 issues, additional Z-axis vibe run, (2) Ka-band measurements, APCO adapter (3) Planned sunshield repairs and patching

## Fiscal Year 2021 JWST HQ Milestones

Month	Milestone	Comment	
Oct-20	1 Complete Observatory Envronmental Testing	Completed 10/2/20	
Nov-20			
Dec-20	2 Complete Post Environmental Testing Spacecraft Bus Deployments	Completed 11/12/20	
Jan-21	3 Complete Post Environmental Testing Sunshield Deployments	Completed 12/16/20	
Feb-21	4 Complete Comprehensive System Test #5	Completed 2/13/21	
Mar-21	5 Complete Cycle 1 Geneal Observer Proposal Reviews	Completed 3/30/21	
	6 Sunshield Fold Complete	Completed 4/6/21	
	7 Launch Readiness Exercise #2	Completed 3/8/21	
Apr-21			
May-21	8 Final Deployable Tower deployment	Completed 6/8/21	
Jun-21		(3)	
Jul-21	9 Final Observatory Stow Complete	Completed 7/15/21	
	10 Observatory Pre-Ship Review	Completed 7/29/21	
	11 Launch Readiness Exercise #4	Completed 6/22/21	
Aug-21	12 Operational Readiness Review		
	13 Ship Observatory to Launch Site		
Sep-21			

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Milestones left to go as of Summer 2021.

Operational Readiness Review passed in Aug. 2021.

#### Milestone Performance

 Since the September 2011 replan JWST reports high-level milestones monthly to numerous stakeholders

	Total Milestones	Total Milestones Completed	Number Completed Early	Number Completed Late	Deferred to Next Year	Deferred more than one quarter
FY2011	21	21	6	3	0	0
FY2012	37	34	16	2	3	3
FY2013	41	38	20	5	3	2
FY2014	36	23	10	8	11	10
FY2015	48	44	22	12	4	3
FY2016	45	39	25	7	6	2
FY2017	38	32	12	13	8	5
FY2018	31	18	7	2	13	13
FY2019	25	19	8	9	2	1

<sup>\*</sup> Milestone accounting in FY2014 was complicated by the government shutdown and multicomponent milestones

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FY14: 8 milestones late by 1 mo due to Oct 2013 Government shutdown.

FY15: Most "Lates" not on critical path.

FY17: Lates started to outnumber Early's  $\Rightarrow$  Replan Integration & Testing.

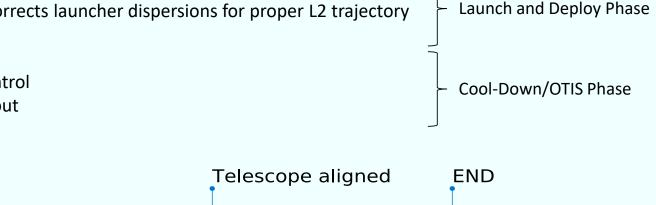
# Commissioning At A Glance

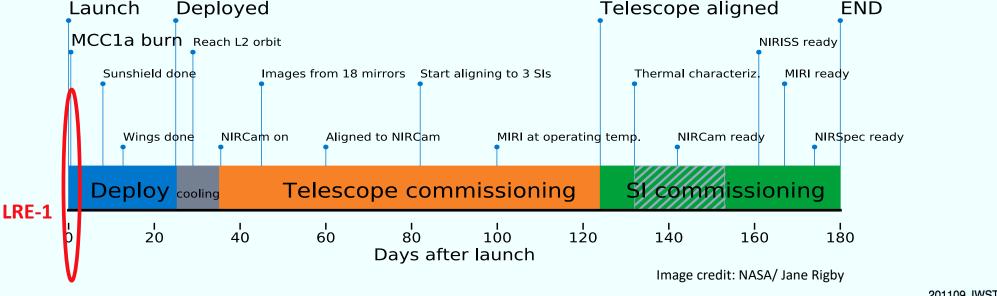
Commissioning begins at launch and is ~180 days long, including the following key events:

- 1. Launch and Ascent power positive, safe attitude, and communications established
- 2. Mid Course Correction MCC1 (a and b) corrects launcher dispersions for proper L2 trajectory
- 3. Deployments

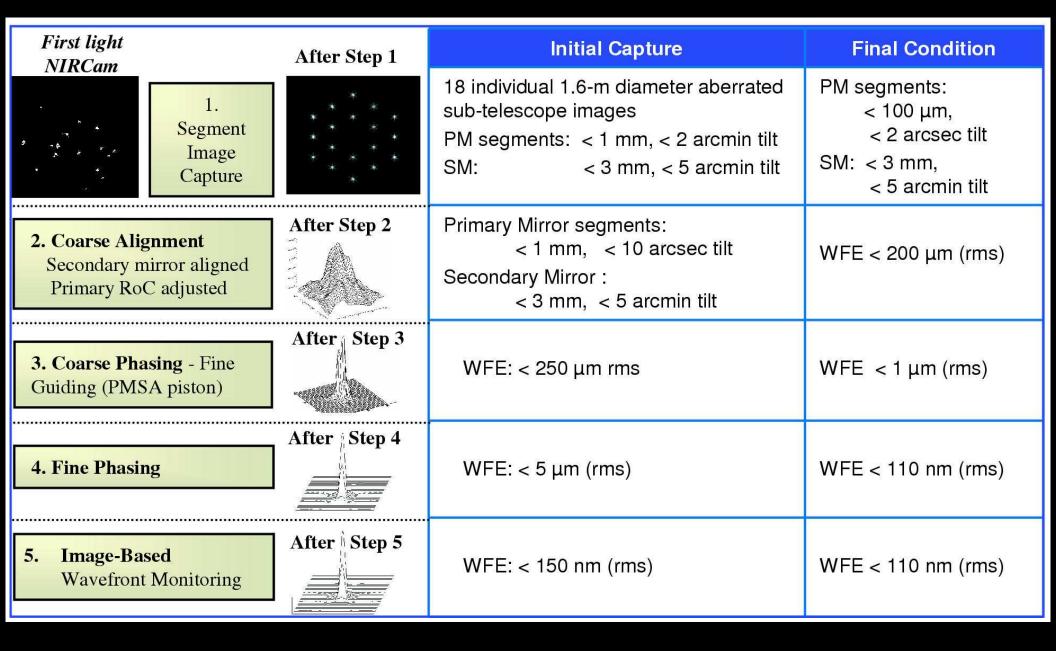
Launch

- 4. Cool-Down/Cryo-Cooler Activation
- 5. Mirror segment deploy and wave-front control
- 6. Science Instrument calibrations and checkout

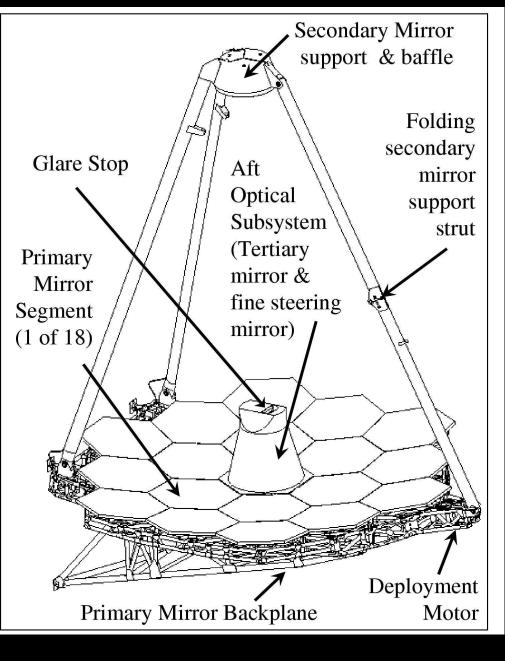




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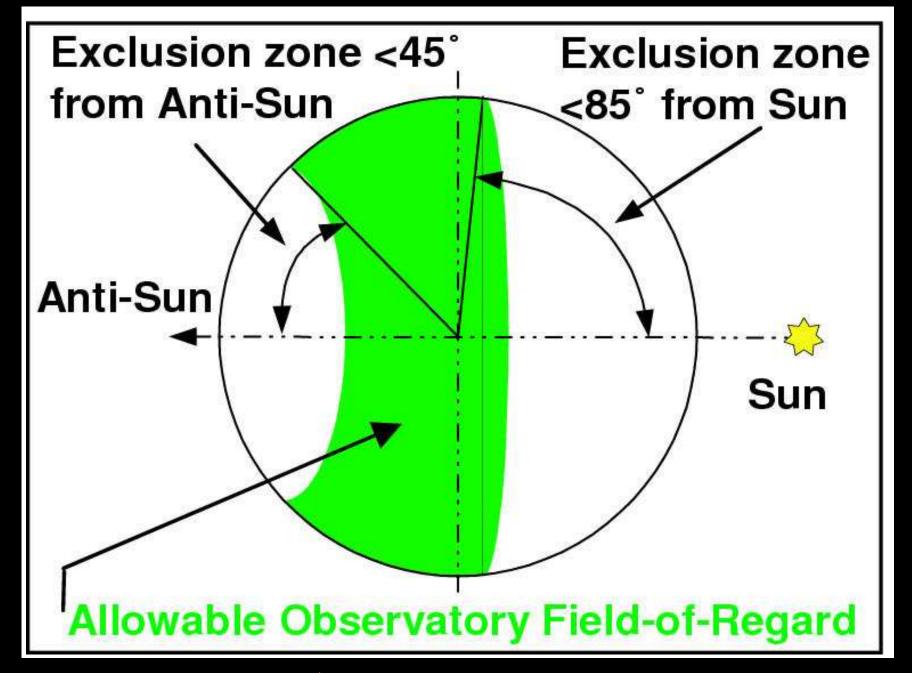


JWST's Wave Front Sensing and Control is similar to the Keck telescope. In L2, need WFS updates every 10 days depending on scheduling/illumination.





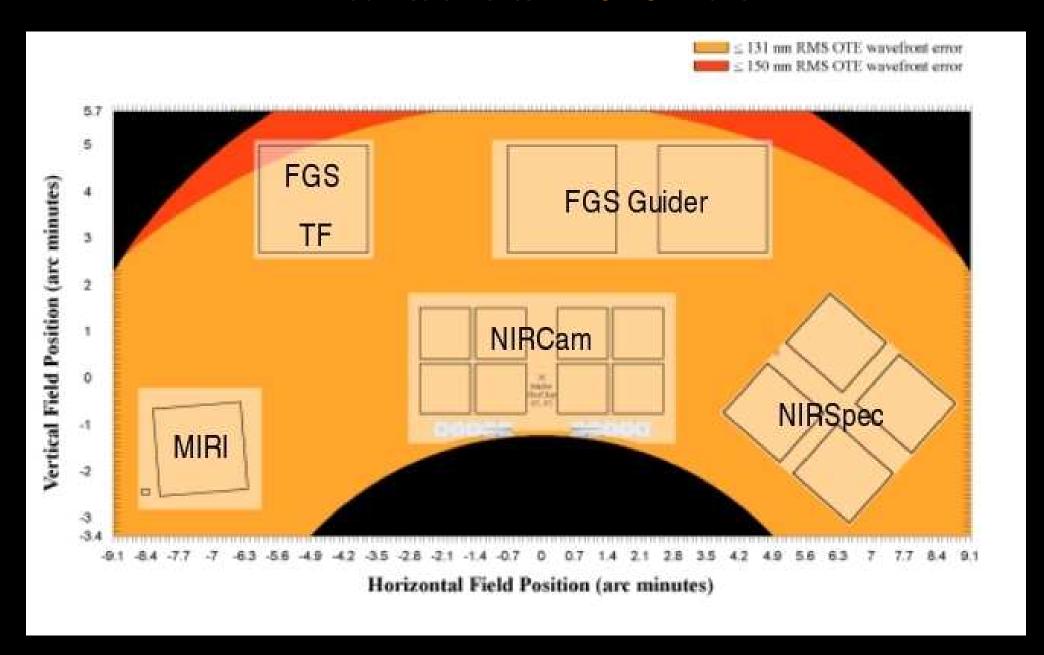
Wave-Front Sensing tested hands-off at 40 K in 1-G at JSC in 2015–2017. Ball 1/6 scale-model for WFS: produces diffraction-limited 2.0  $\mu$ m images.



JWST can observe North/South Ecliptic pole targets continuously:

- 1000-hr JWST projects swap back/forth between NEP/SEP targets.
- JWST gets the very best reaction wheels (Rockwell Collins; Heidelberg).

#### • What instruments will JWST have?



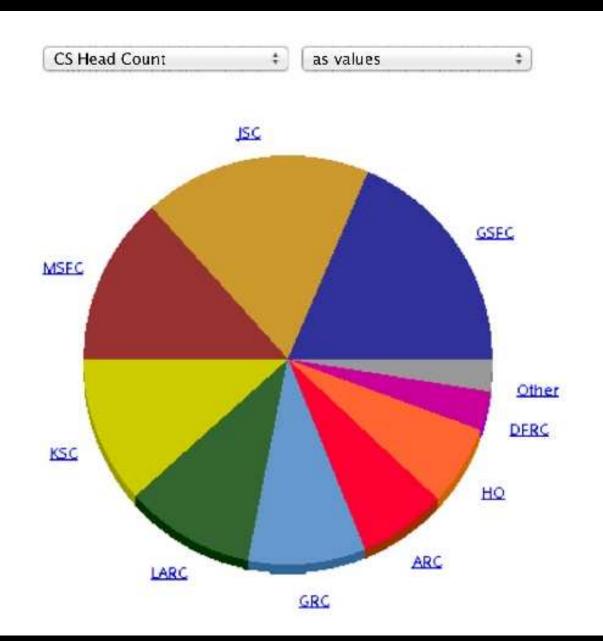
All JWST instruments can in principle be used in parallel observing mode:

• Currently only being implemented for parallel *calibrations*.

# (8) What do our Astrophysics College Graduates do? Future Careers at NASA:

- Over the last 25 years, (ASU) Astrophysics College Graduates typically:
- (0) Have very low unemployment ( $\lesssim$  few %).
- (1) About 30% are faculty at Universities or 4-year colleges.
- (2) About 30% are researchers at NASA or other government centers.
- (3) About 20% work in Aerospace or related industries.
- (4) About 20% are faculty at Community Colleges or Highschools.

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See also: http://aas.org/learn/careers-astronomy
http://www.aip.org/statistics/astronomy/
https://webapp4.asu.edu/programs/t5/careerdetails/19-2011.00?init=false&nopassive=true
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Centers & NSSC	CS Head Count
<u>GSFC</u>	3,354
<u>JSC</u>	3,203
MSFC	2,432
KSC	2,055
LARC	1,881
<u>GRC</u>	1,640
ARC	1,215
HQ	1,152
DFRC	558
Other	454

NASA workforce as pie-chart and in numbers — 2013 total: about 18,000). Nation-wide NASA contractors (Northrop, Lockheed, Boeing, etc): 150,000.

See also: https://wicn.nssc.nasa.gov/generic.html

#### Some of our ASU grad students do important outreach events:





Annual Girl Scout Stargazing at the White House South lawn (July 2015).

Our own Amber Straughn (right; now at NASA GSFC working for Nobel Laureate Dr. John Mather) informs the Obama's about NASA.