

# Opportunities with the James Webb Space Telescope

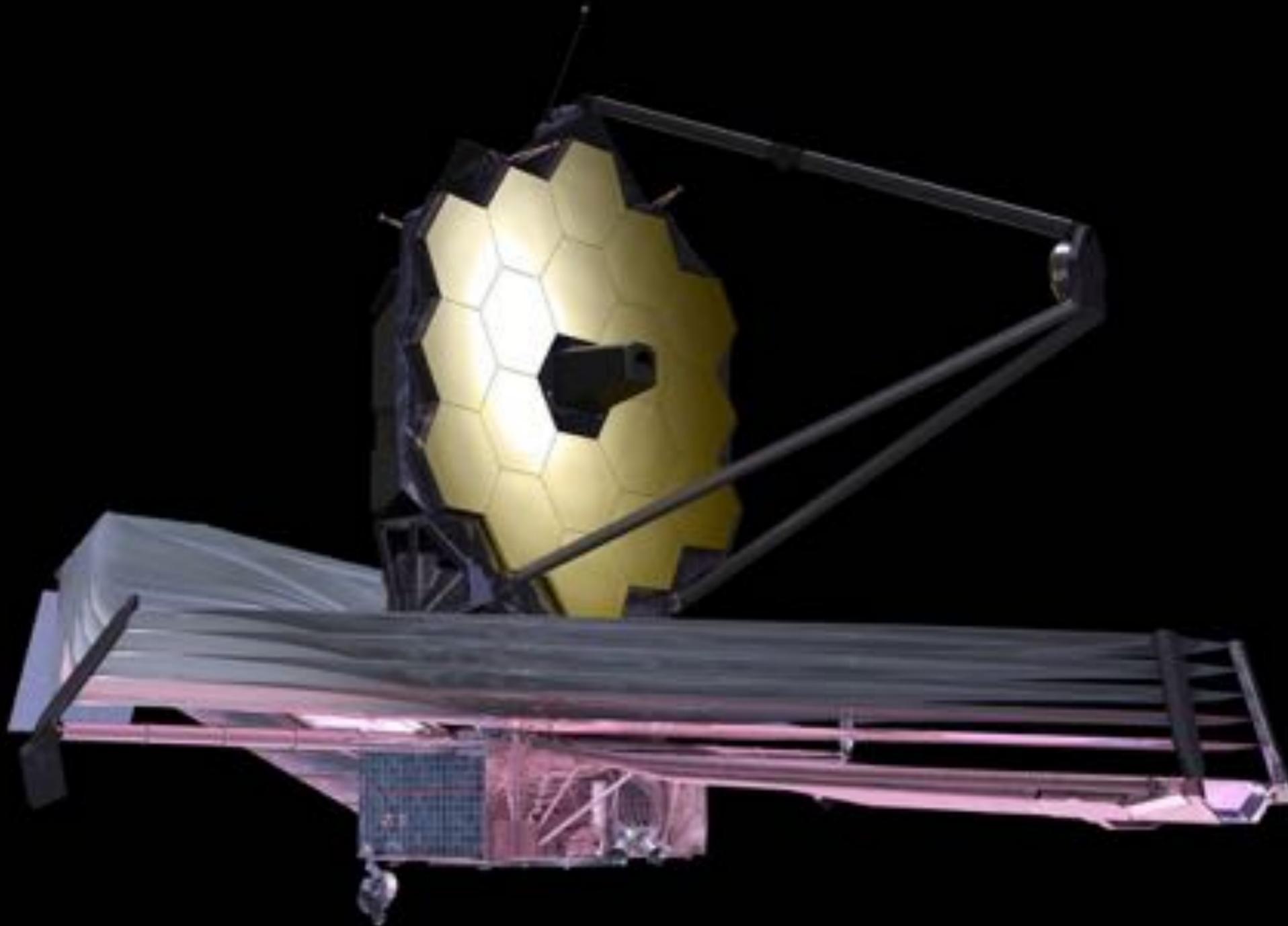


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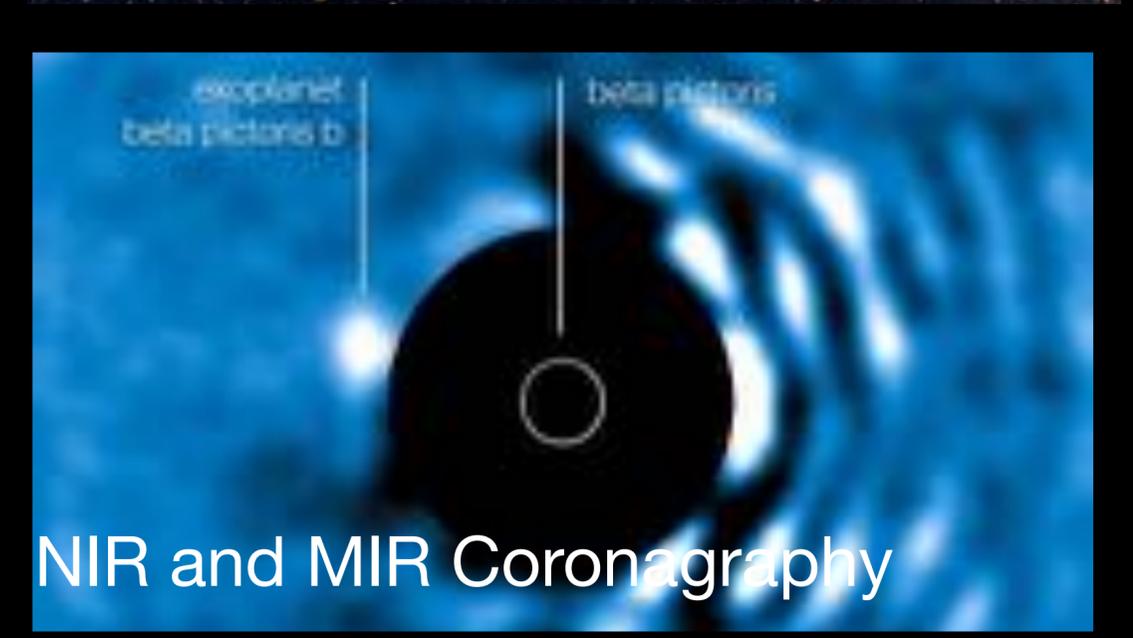
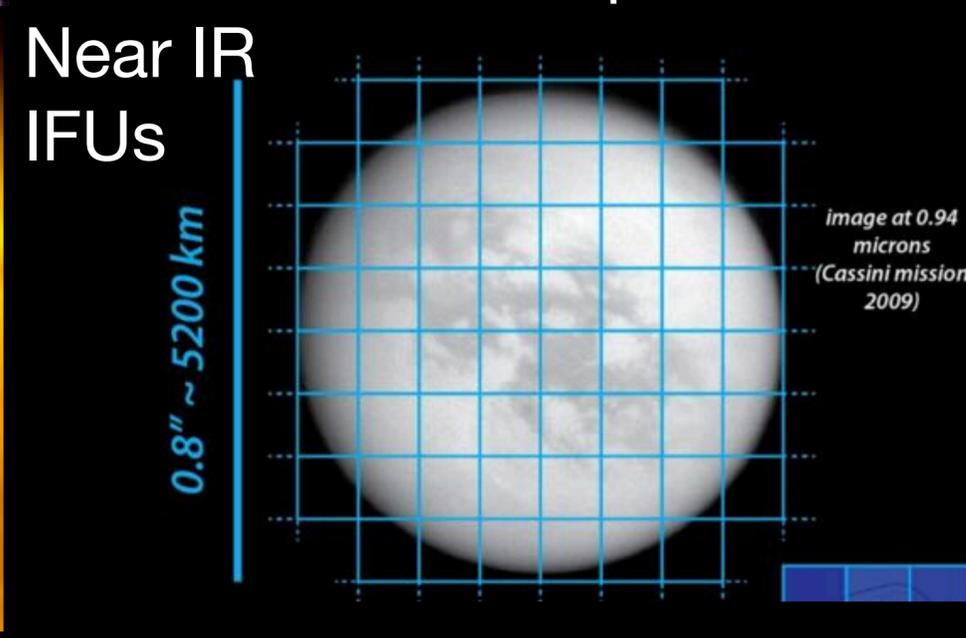
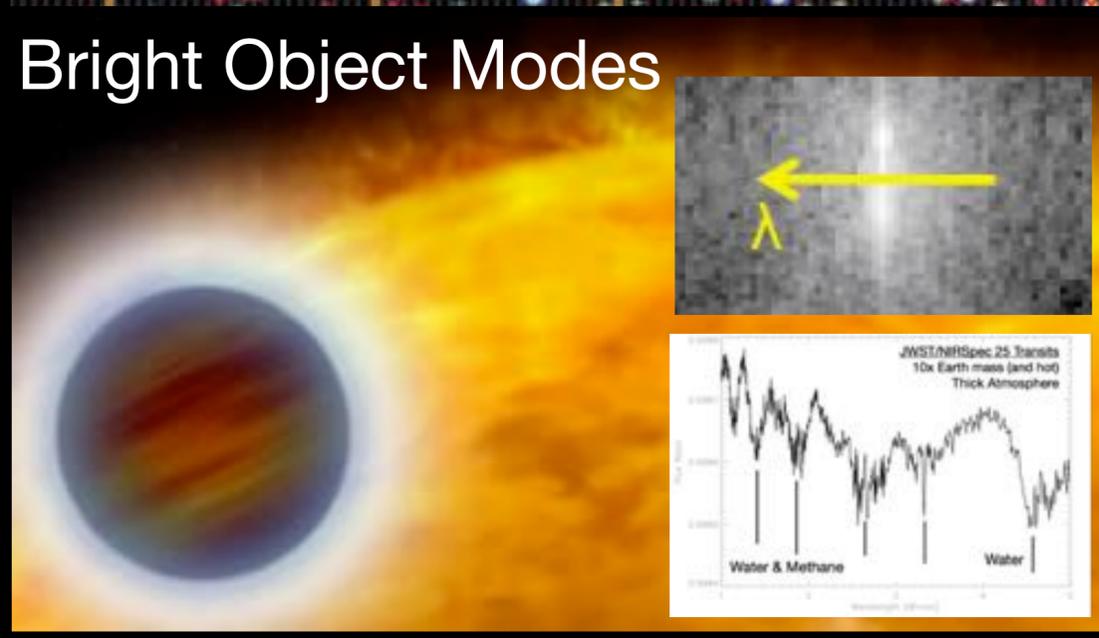
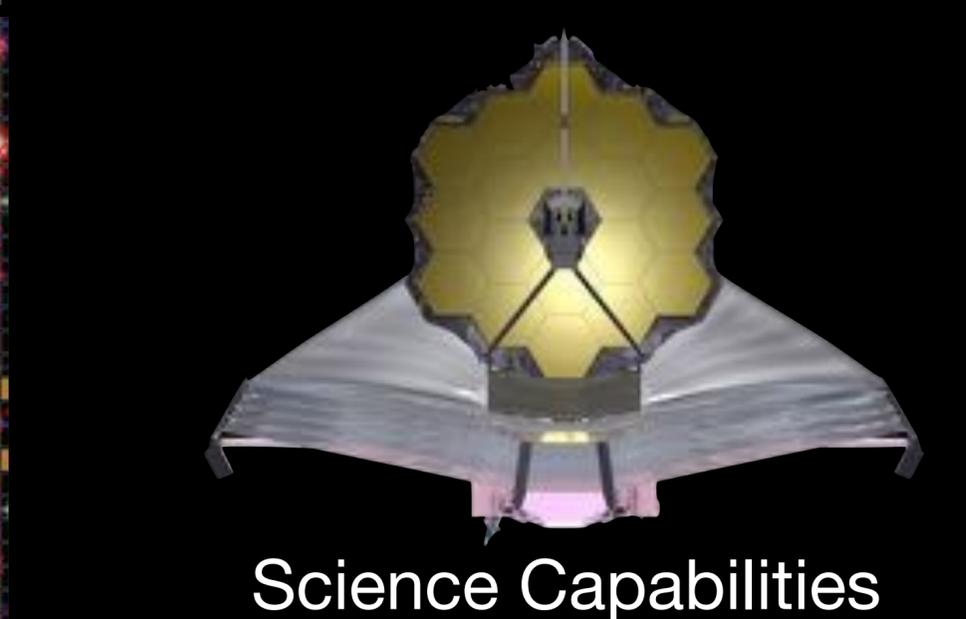
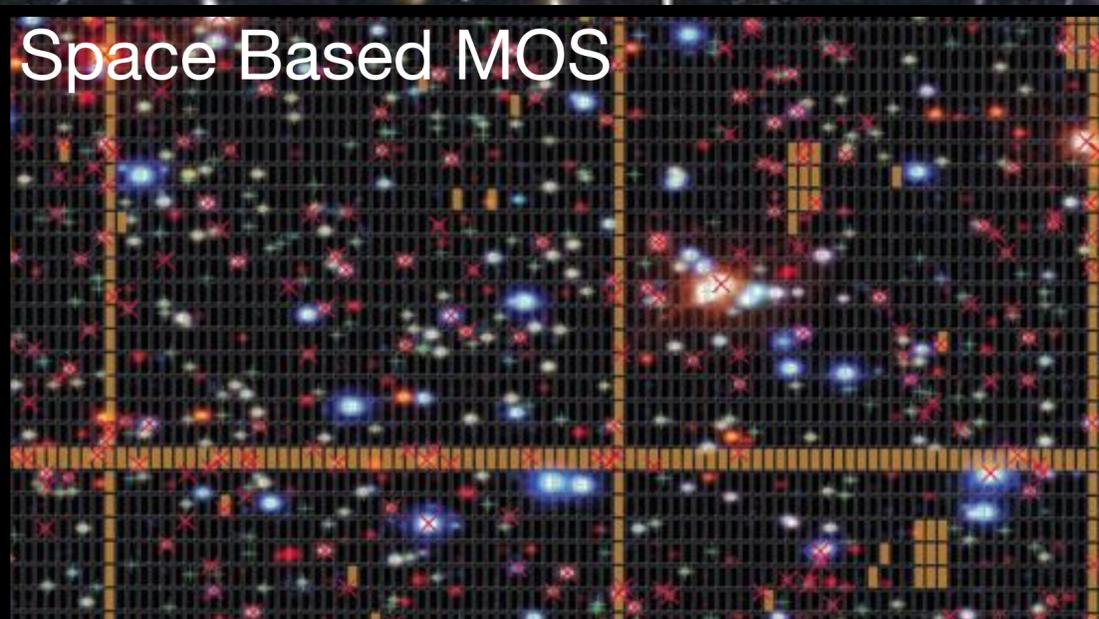
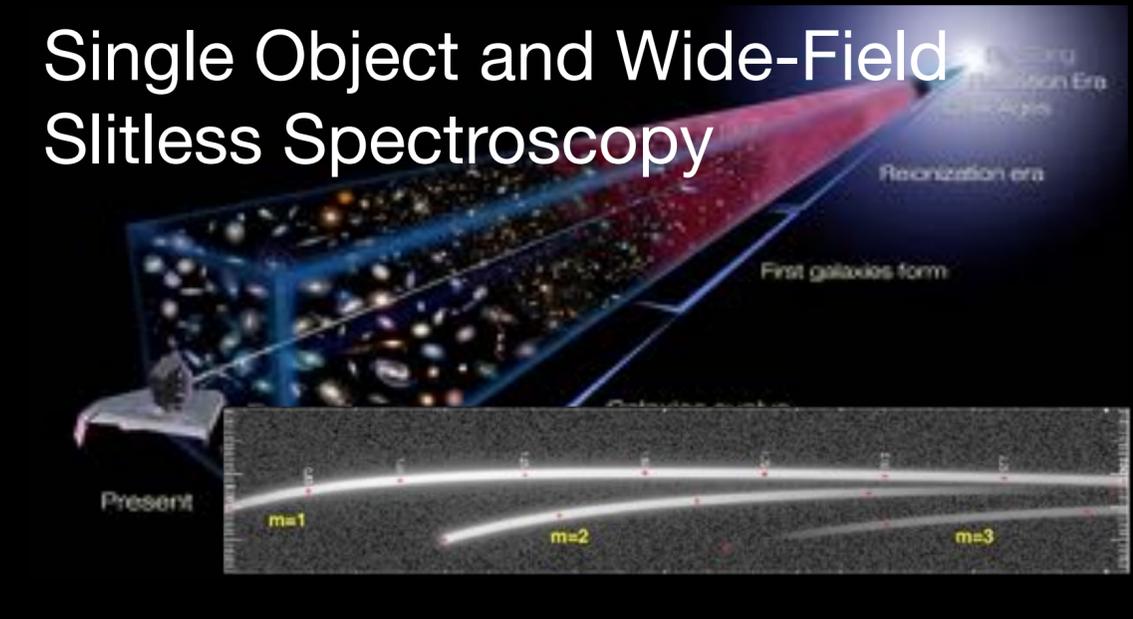
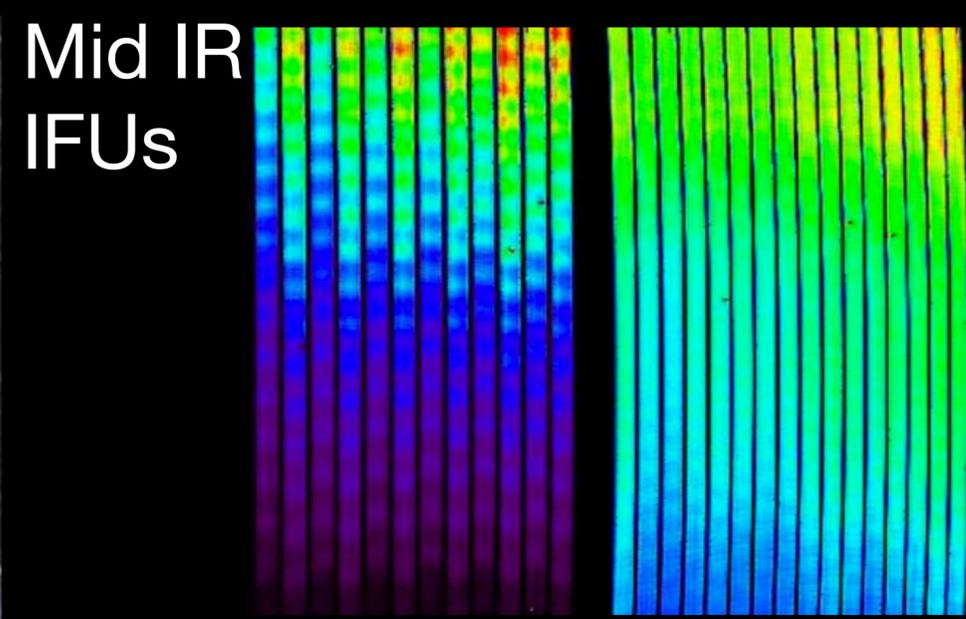
image credit: J.Dore

*JWST (scaled) Space Flight Center  
James Webb Space Telescope*

# JWST

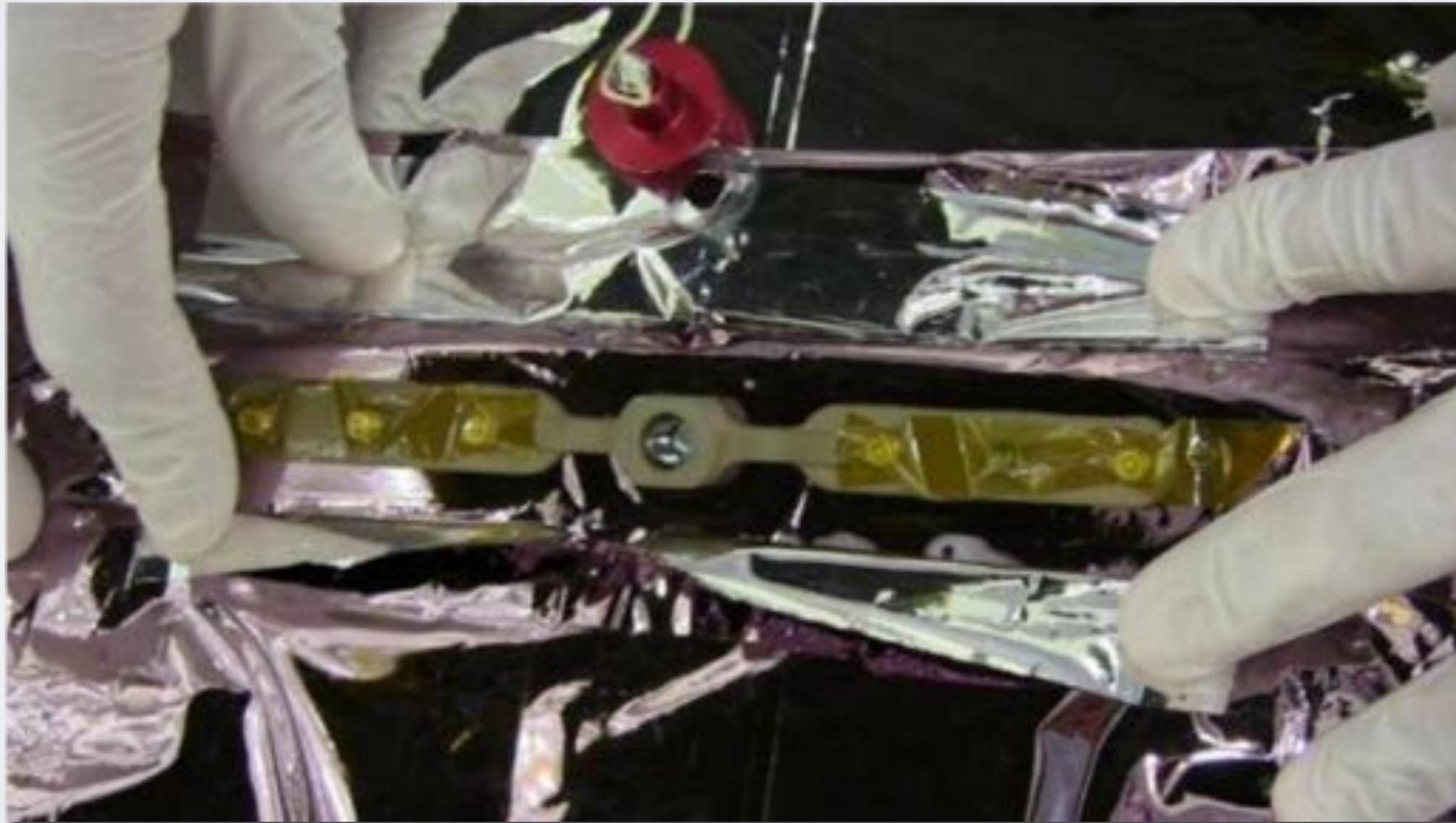


- NASA, ESA, and CSA
- 6.5m mirror
- cooled
- instruments cover near-through mid-infrared
- imaging, spectroscopy, coronagraphs, integral field units, etc.

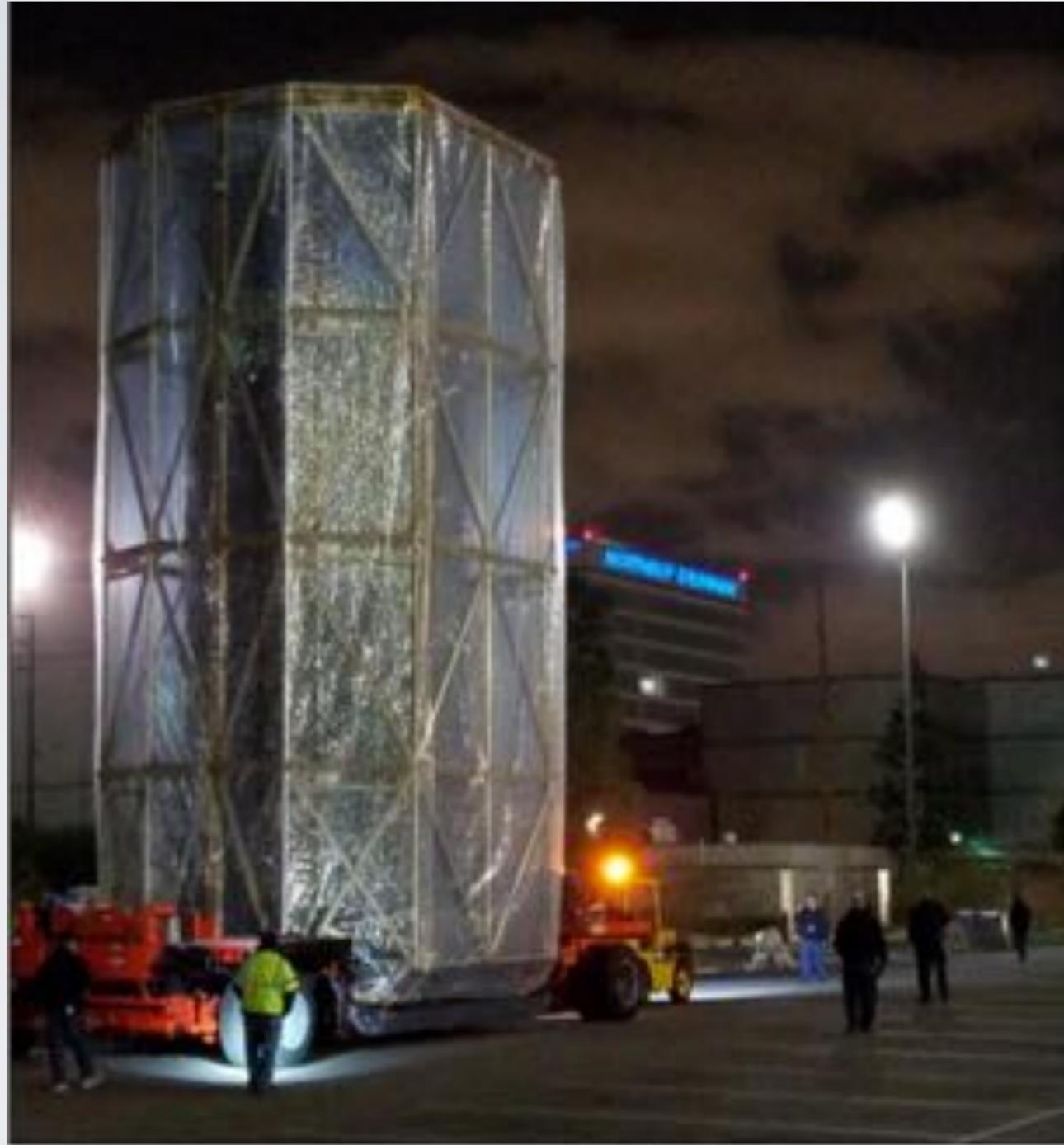


# delay and current schedule

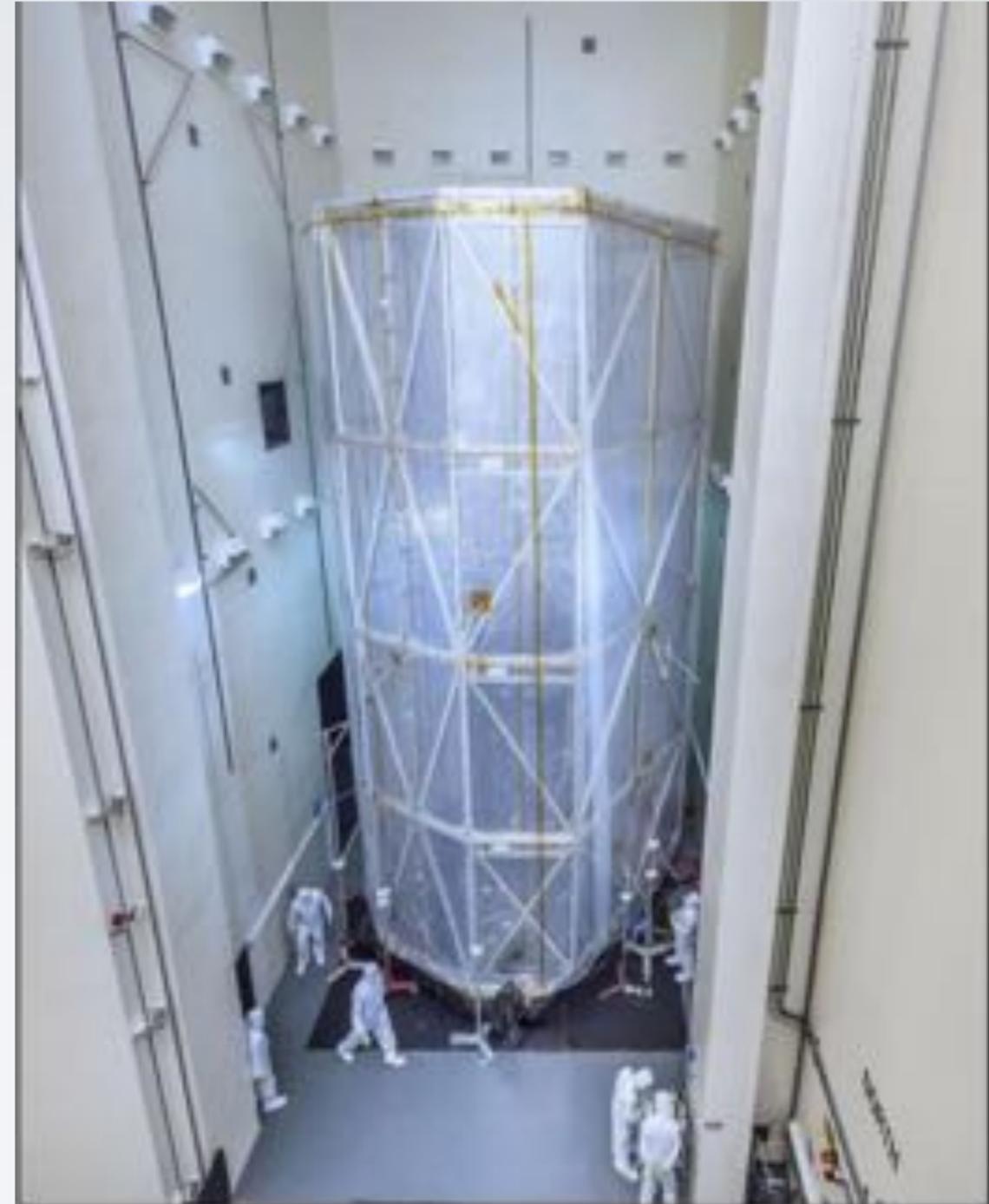
- NASA now planning for March 2021 launch
- delay (from 2018) announced in March 2018, following independent review board
  - primarily requiring time for integration and testing
  - secondary issue of sunshield fasteners



# progress with testing



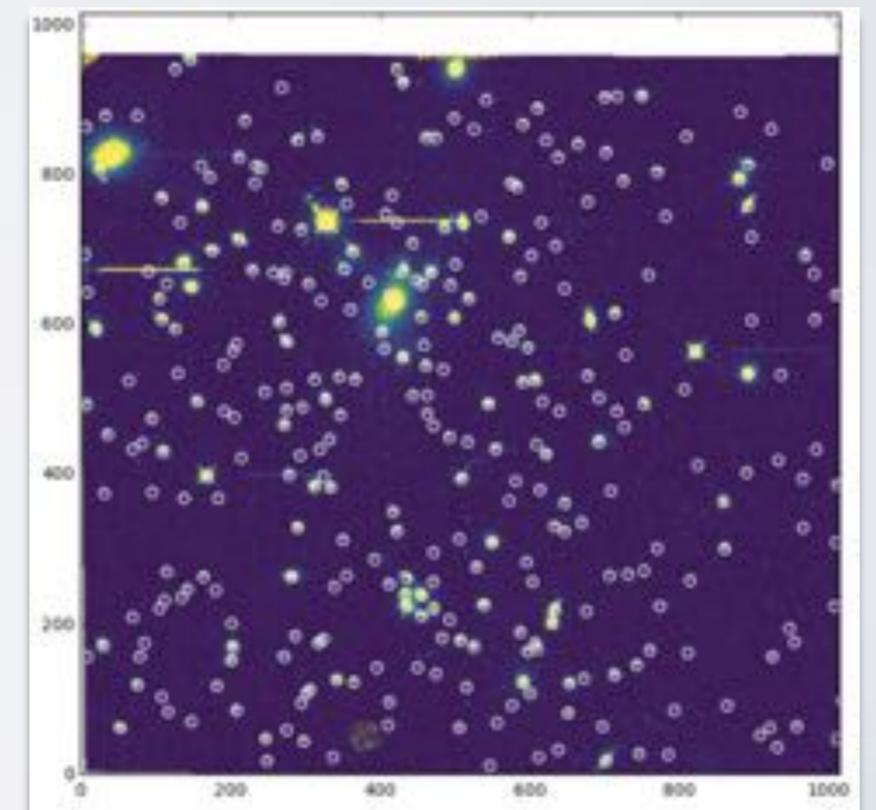
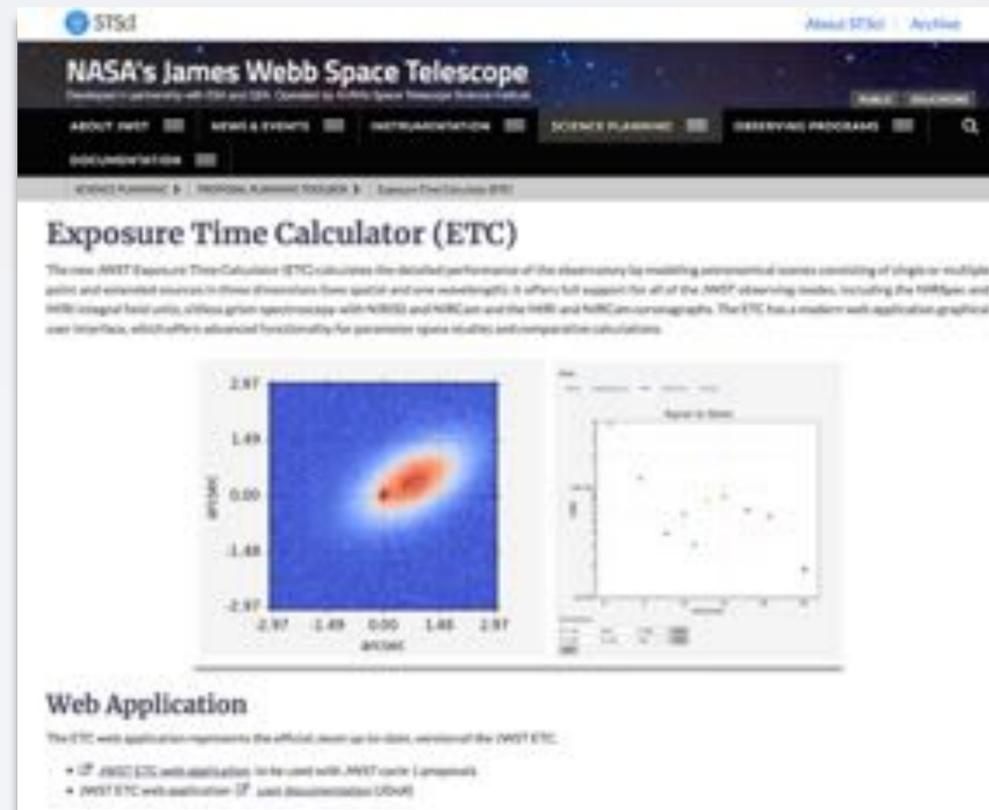
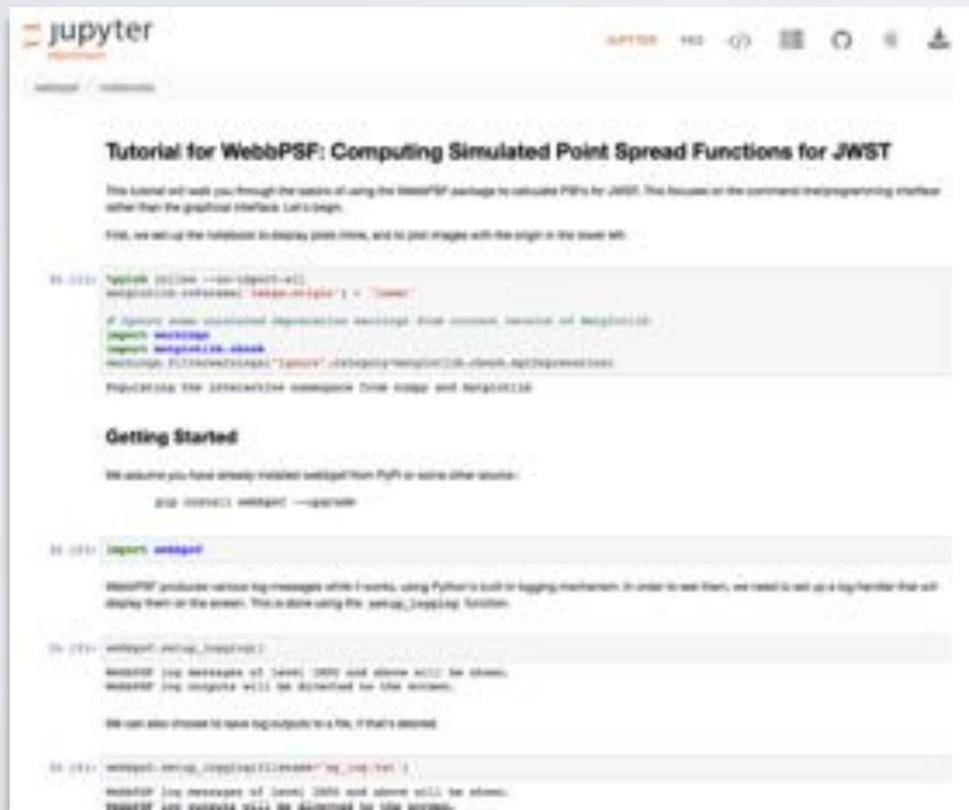
**SCE en route to the LATF**  
Image Credit: Northrop Grumman



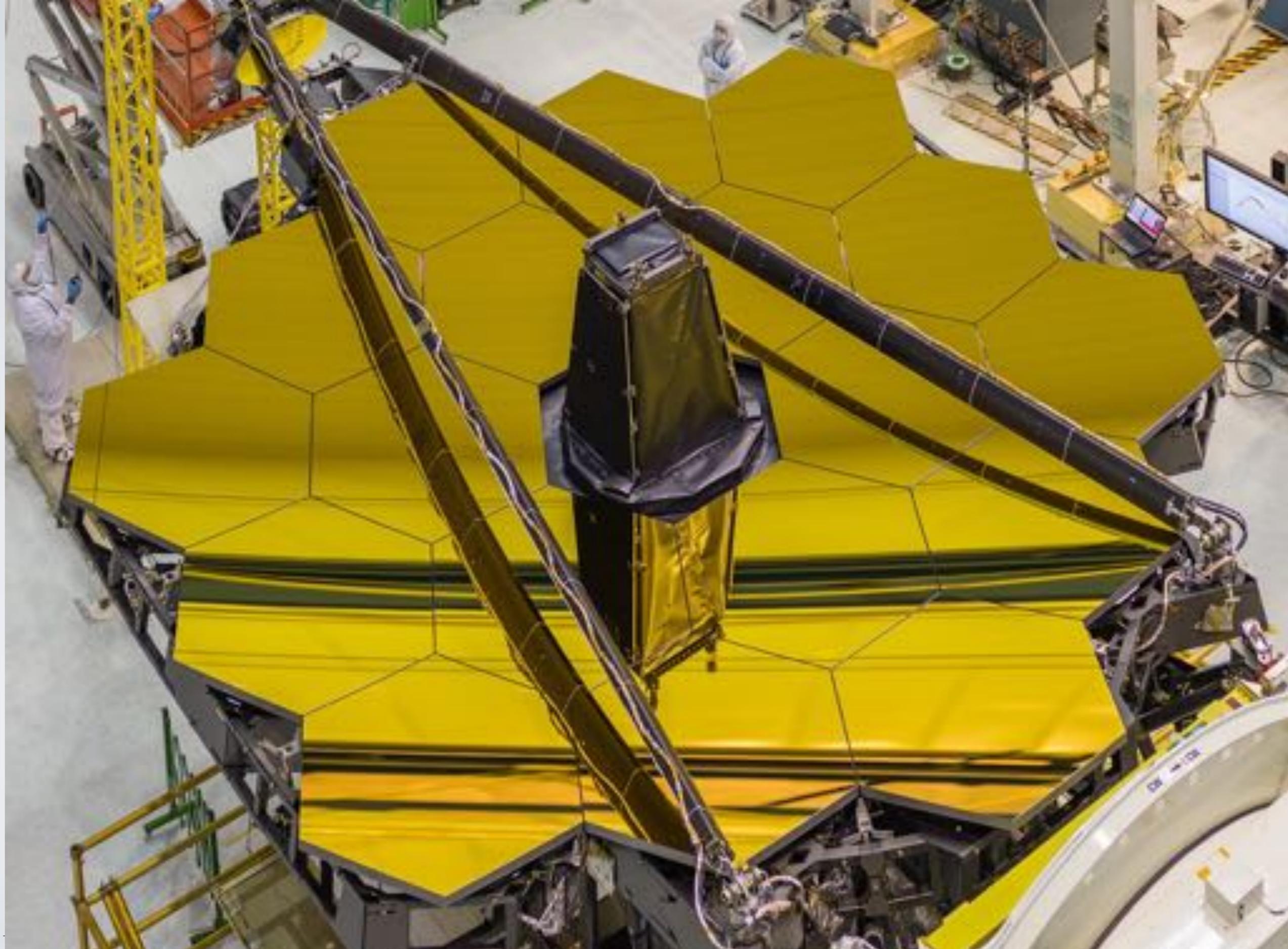
**Clean tent with SCE being prepared for acoustic testing inside the Large Acoustic Test Facility (LATF)**

# opportunities with current schedule

- with extra time, improvements that will especially benefit users:
  - increase operational efficiency
  - tools and documentation for users will be improved
    - some options: Jupyter notebook infrastructure; “light” version of Exposure Time Calculator; cloud hosted data analysis infrastructure
  - lessons learned from original Cycle 1 process



Hubble example: find all IR sources in 2 minutes



# instruments

NIRISS

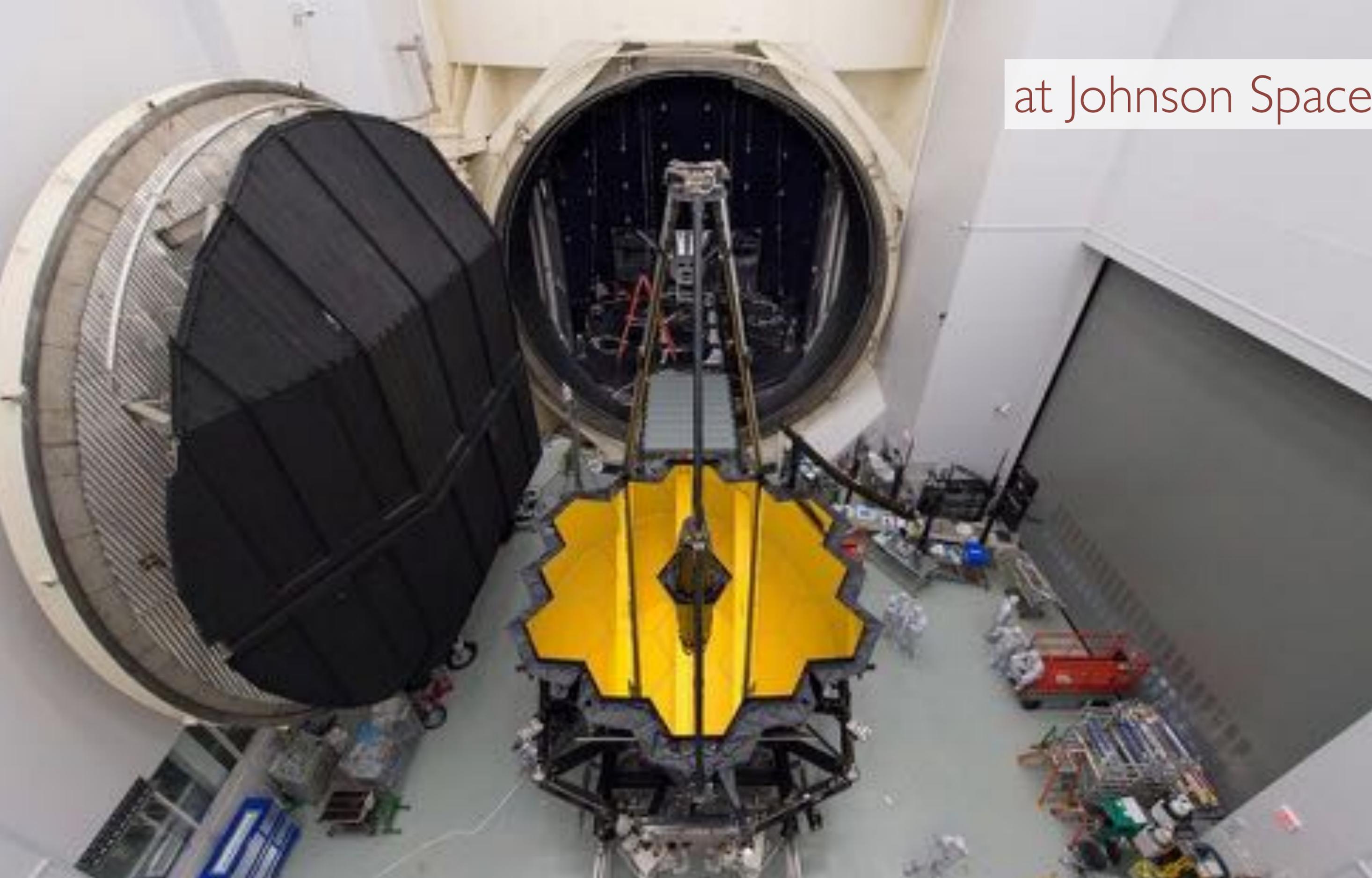
MIRI

NIRCam

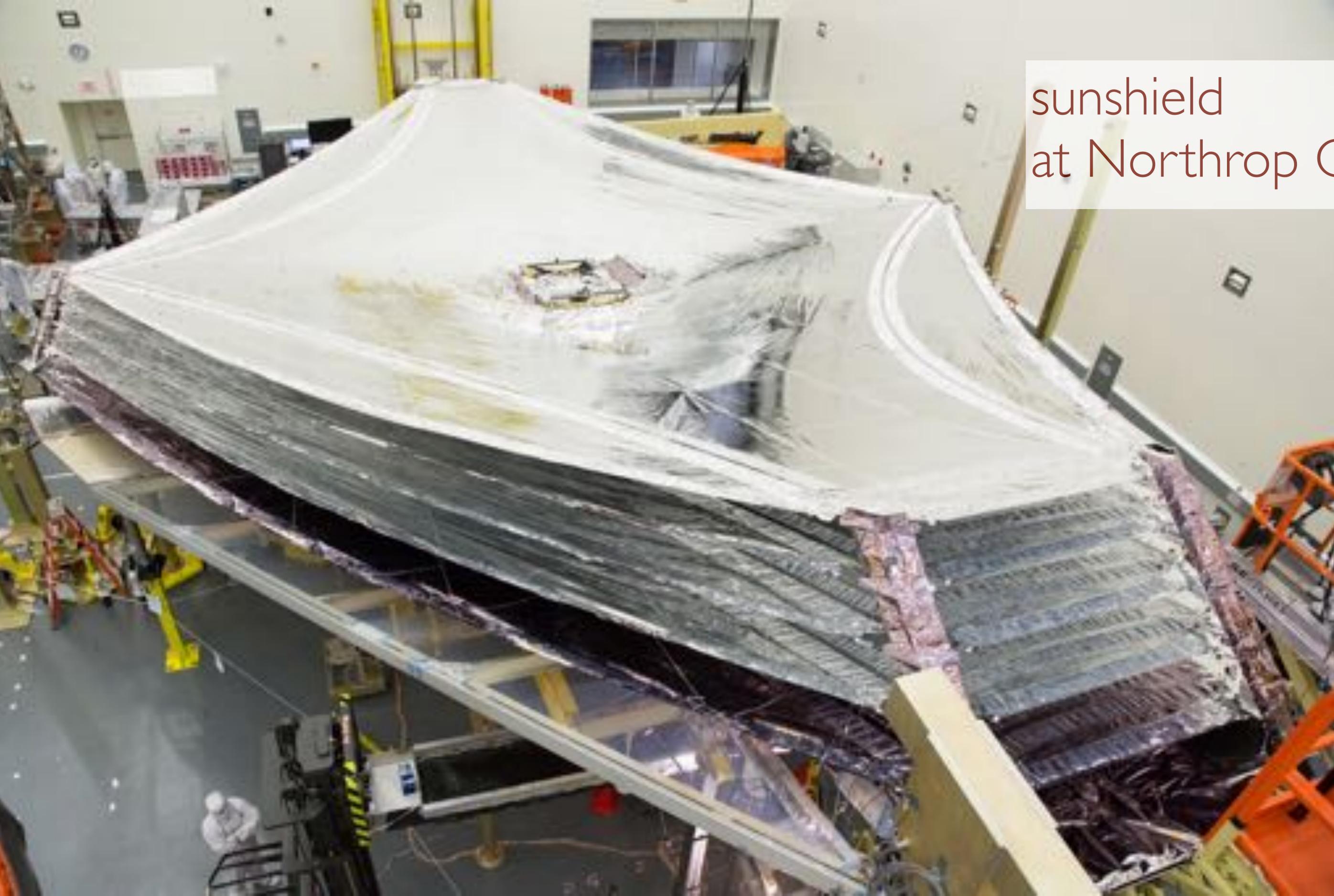
NIRSpec



at Johnson Space Center



sunshield  
at Northrop Grumman



# spacecraft bus at Northrop Grumman



telescope and sunshield  
at Northrop Grumman



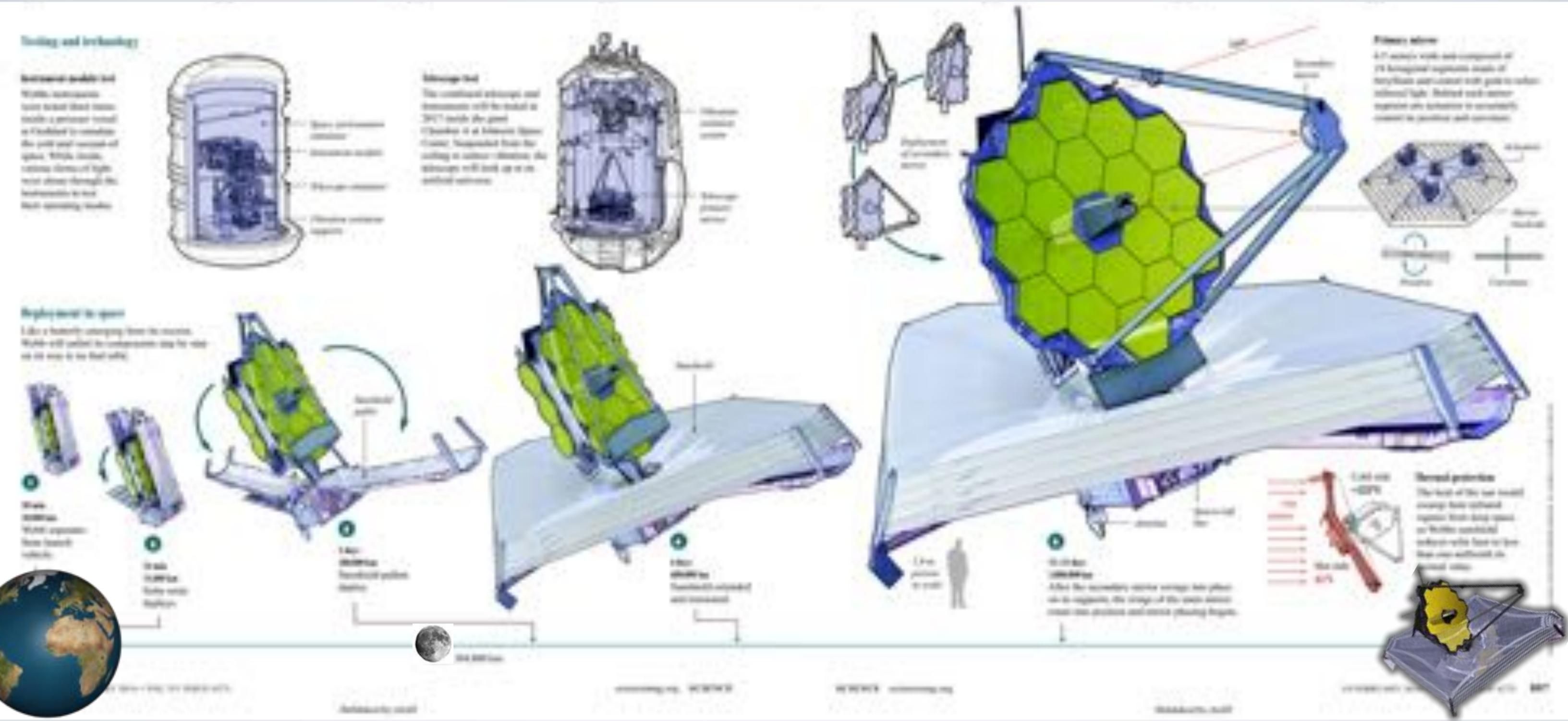
October 2018



# JWST's journey



# deployment



# JWST Commissioning Phase (6 months)



## **Phase I - Commission the Spacecraft (30 days)**

Launch and mid-course corrections  
Deployment of solar arrays, sunshield, mirrors  
Subsystem checkouts  
NIR instrument cooldown modifications

## **Phase III - Commissioning the Science (60 days)**

Each instrument is independently focused, calibrated, and characterized  
Science instruments participate in observatory level tests (thermal slew, stray light, mechanism disturbance, moving target)  
Begin ERO, DD-ERS, Cycle 1 science and calibration programs

## **Phase II - Commissioning the Telescope (90 days)**

Fine phasing of Optical Telescope Element (OTE) with NIRCams & Fine Guidance Sensors  
NIR instruments are activated and checked out  
MIRI cooldown via the cryocooler  
All science instruments used to align and optimize OTE



# science timeline

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## JWST Science Planning Timeline

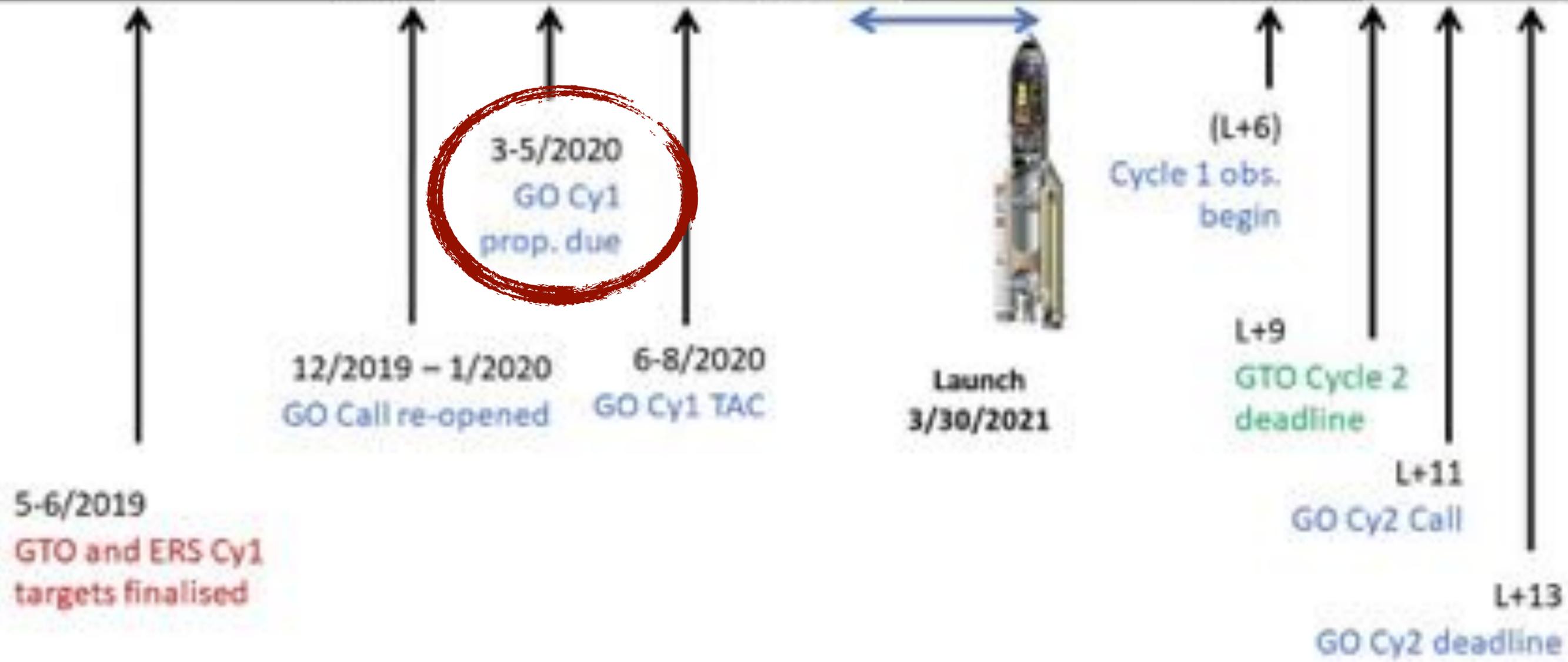
Cycles 1 & 2 Call for Proposals

Commissioning (L+6 mo.)  
DD ERS observations

L+15  
GO Cy2 TAC

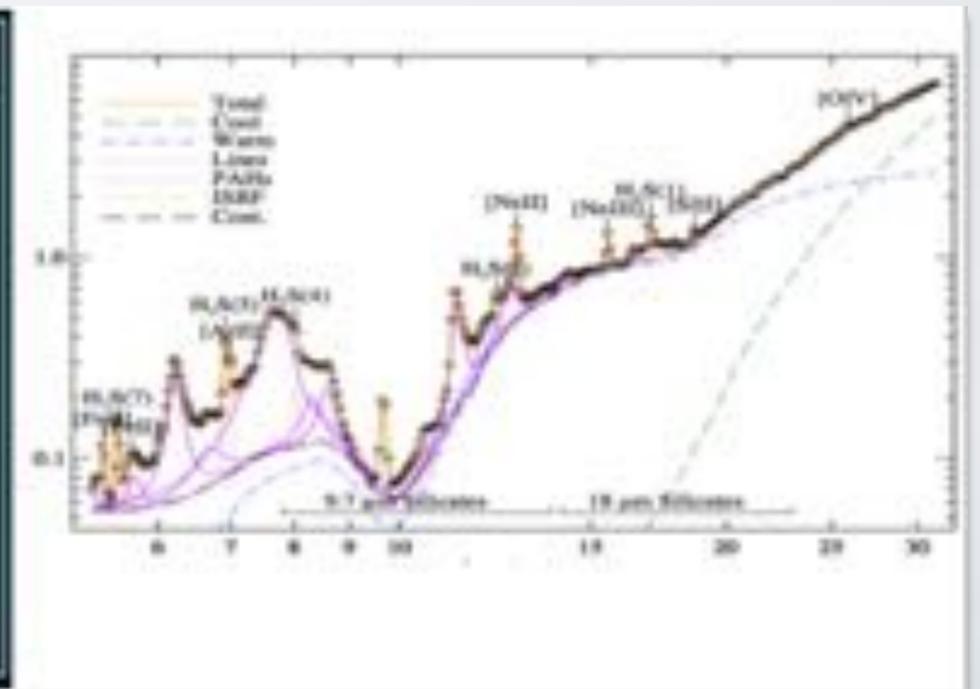
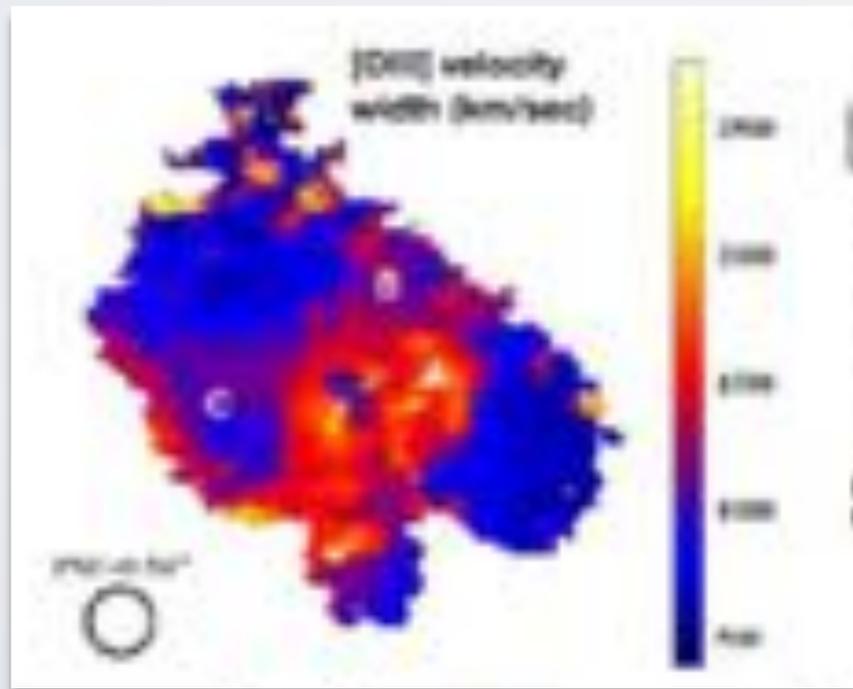


2018 2019 2020 2021 2022



# Director's Discretionary Early Release Science (DD-ERS)

- 13 approved programs across all science areas, using most key instrument modes
- selected programs have 253 investigators + 456 additional collaborators
- ~500 hours observing time
- observations soon after commissioning (mostly within 3–5 months)
- no exclusive access (proprietary period)
  - eligible for archival research in Cycle 1
- science teams will deliver science-enabling products, beyond raw data
  - e.g., software for analysis, reduced data, leading workshops

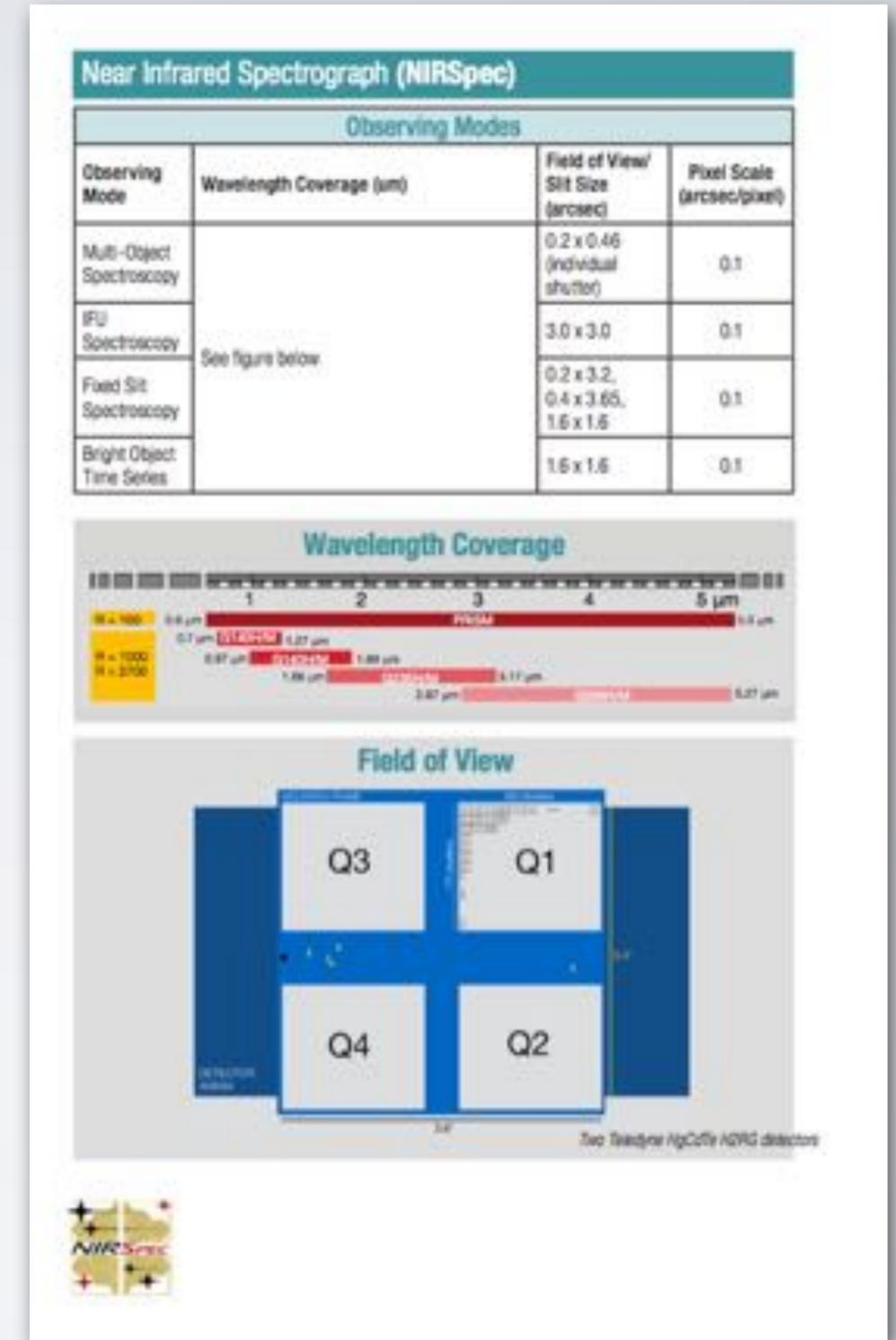
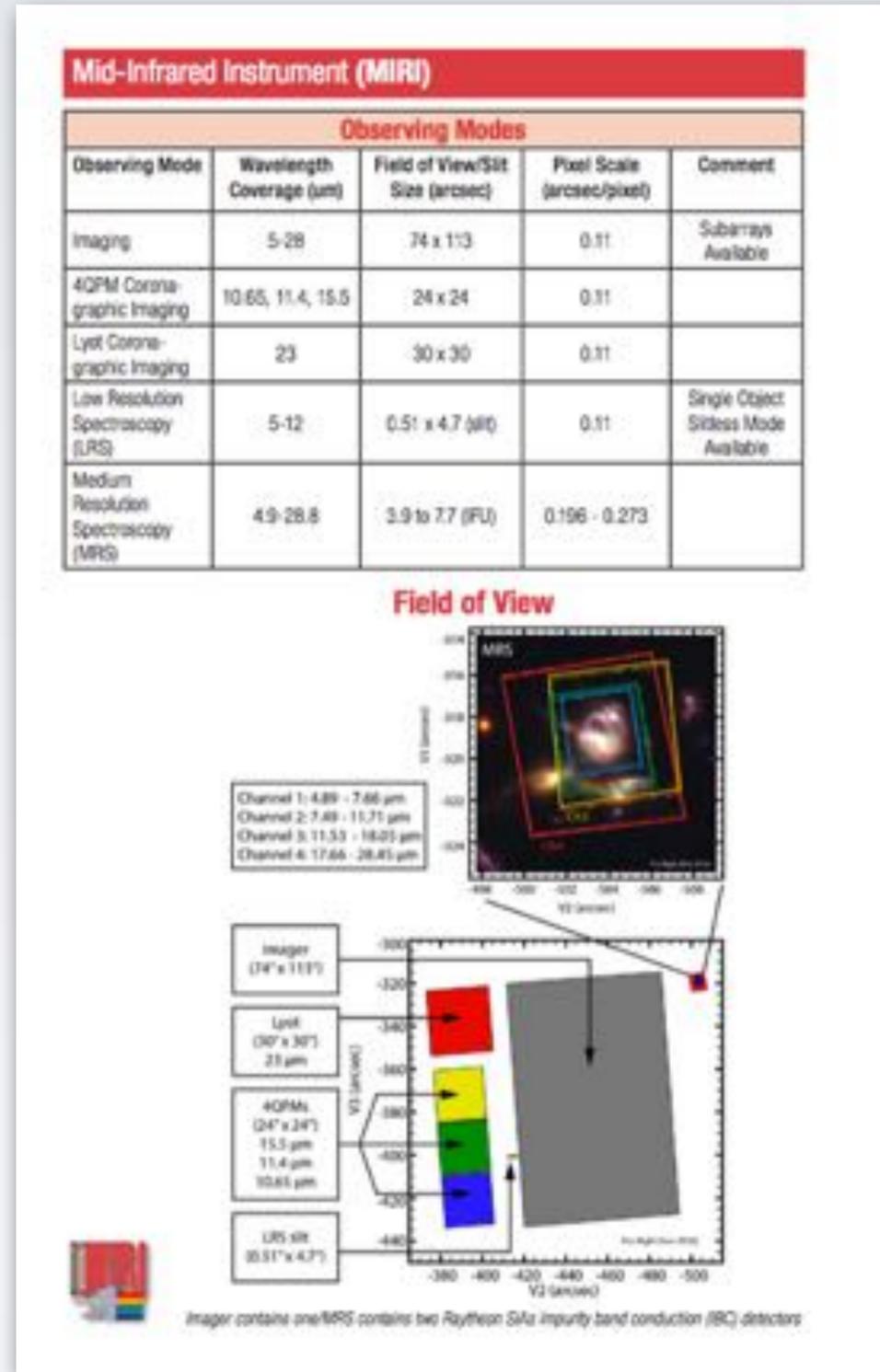


resources: observer website



[jwst.stsci.edu](http://jwst.stsci.edu)

# resources: pocket guide



# resources: documentation and helpdesk

James Webb Space Telescope User Documentation

[jwsthelphelp.stsci.edu](http://jwsthelphelp.stsci.edu)

HOME INSTRUMENTS \* PLANNING \* CALL FOR PROPOSALS \* DATA \* QUICK LINKS \* Search

JWST User Documentation Home

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## Welcome to the James Webb Space Telescope Help Desk



### Request a MyST Account

Please register to gain full access to the James Webb Space Telescope Help Desk. Without an account you may still search the knowledge base but you will not be able to submit requests or questions.

Search Knowledge Base and JDOX

## How can we help?

Search JWST Knowledge Base and Documentation System (JDOX)

How can we help?



Knowledge Base

Browse and search JWST Knowledge Base and Documentation (JDOX)



Get Help

Contact support to make a request, or report a problem



Community Forum

Community-sourced answers to your questions

# resources: observer website news and events

**News**

**WebbVR Available for Free Download**  
News Feature • November 29, 2018  
Download WebbVR, a virtual reality experience of the James Webb Space Telescope.

**JWST Observer Events at the 233rd Meeting of the AAS**  
News Feature • November 21, 2018  
STScI will update the community and provide JWST-related resources at the 233rd meeting of the American Astronomical Society in Seattle, WA.

**JWST ETC Version 1.3 Has Been Released**  
News Feature • November 13, 2018  
ETC Version 1.3 includes usability enhancements.





Youtube:  
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Channel



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## Upcoming Events

6						
Jan 2019						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
6	7	8	9	10	11	12

### American Astronomical Society 233rd Meeting

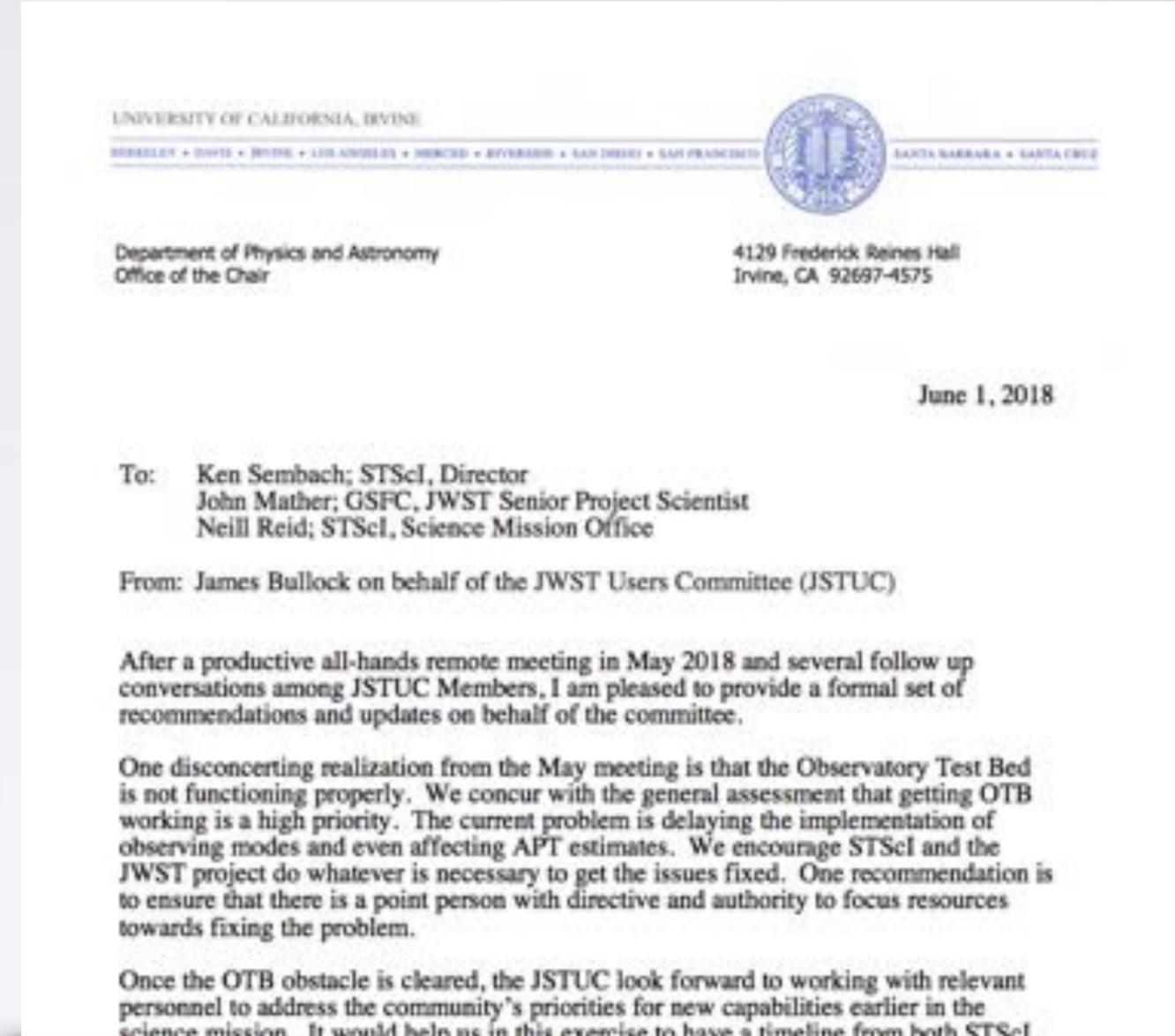
Science Meeting • January 6 - 10, 2019 • Seattle, WA  
The 233rd American Astronomical Society (AAS) meeting in Seattle, WA will include a variety of events designed to update and prepare the astronomical community for JWST science. JWST Town Hall Tuesday, January 8 7:30 PM-8:30 PM The James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) will soon become the most powerful space telescope available to astronomical observers, serving a broad range of high priority science...

[jwst.stsci.edu](http://jwst.stsci.edu)

# resources: JWST Users Committee (JSTUC)



chair: James Bullock,  
University of California Irvine



[jwst.stsci.edu/science-planning/user-committees](http://jwst.stsci.edu/science-planning/user-committees)

# resources: outreach

[webbtelescope.org](http://webbtelescope.org)



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## Join Webb on a journey of discovery

Webb's powerful instruments will see farther and deeper than any other telescope ever built. It will see the first galaxies that formed in the universe, and the first stars and planets that formed around other stars. Webb will see the birth of life on Earth, and the evolution of our planet. Webb will see the universe as it was when it was just a few billion years old. Webb will see the universe as it is today. Webb will see the universe as it will be in the future.



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WEBB WILL OBSERVE THE BIRTH OF LIFE ON EARTH, AND THE EVOLUTION OF OUR PLANET

# summary

- March 30, 2021: JWST launch
- ~April 2020: Cycle 1 proposals due
- ~January 2020: Cycle 1 call for proposals
- Start planning early!  
Complex instruments and modes

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