Looking Back in Time: Building the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) Optical Telescope Element

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Looking back, seeing the Edge of Time (cosmic light horizon)





The Expanding Universe

Need to look at farthest region of sky to see 13.4 billion years back (first light) – other first light has already passed us...

Fabric of space stretches thus making light red shifted to infrared (1.5um-2um ?) Really far so dim (need > 25 sq meters)





These photons could not have communicated with each other unless inflation took place during the very early Universe

From: http://www.ctc.cam.ac.uk/outreach/origins/inflation_zero.php



James Webb Space Telescope (JWST)

- Study the origin and evolution of galaxies, stars and planetary systems
 - Optimized for infrared observations (0.6 28 μ m)
- Organization
 - Mission Lead: Goddard Space Flight Center
 - International collaboration with ESA & CSA
 - Prime Contractor: Northrop Grumman Space Technology
 - Instruments:
 - Near Infrared Camera (NIRCam) Univ. of Arizona
 - Near Infrared Spectrograph (NIRSpec) ESA
 - Mid-Infrared Instrument (MIRI) JPL/ESA
 - Fine Guidance Sensor (FGS) CSA
 - Operations: Space Telescope Science Institute (STScI)



Description

- Deployable telescope w/ 6.5m diameter segmented adjustable primary mirror
- Cryogenic temperature telescope and instruments for infrared performance
 - 50K, -370F
- Launch NET Oct 2018 on an ESA-supplied Ariane 5 rocket to Sun-Earth L2
- 5-year science mission (10-year goal)



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OTE Architecture Overview





Three Mirror Anastigmat Optical Design Provides a Wide Field-of-View



NIRCam serves as the main Wavefront Sensor for the OTE



Developed by the University of Arizona with Lockheed Martin ATC

Operating wavelength: 0.6 - 5.0 microns

Field of view: 2.2 x 4.4 arc minutes

2 redundant channels each with Short (.6-2.5um) and Long Wave (up to 5um)

Short wave channels host OTE wavefront sensing elements:

Weak lenses and filters for fine phasing

Grisms for coarse phasing

Pupil imaging lens used by I+T and for pupil illumination and alignment







Why 18 segments?

- Original Northrop Grumman proposal was for a 7 meter, 36 segment telescope with 3-degrees of freedom per mirror
- Trades were done to:
 - Save money by reducing size slightly, enabling 18 segment option
 - Adding 6-degree of freedom of hexapods on mirrors gives us adjustability in decenter and rotation – this wound up being critical!
 - Segmentation trade of 18 vs 36
 - Larger segments had more risk of misalignment but hexapods mitigated that risk
 - Based on mirror technology developments, we learned the effort to make a mirror was not strongly influenced by size and thus making half as many would be less effort.
 - Having hexapods drove us more to a few actuator thus fewer segment option
 - In the end, the decision to go with mirrors that had hexapods was incredibly important or our I+T program would be much more difficult and thus 18 made sense



JWST Technology validated by NAR/PDR 1-year in advance at Technology NAR OTE PDR in November 2007, Mission PDR in 2008 Backplane



Near-Infrared Detector



Mid-Infrared Detector



Cryogenic ASICs



Sunshield Membrane





Technologies Demonstrated in 2006 (All our mission critical technologies, OTE are circled)



Near Infrared Detectors April 2006



Sunshield Material April 2006



Primary Mirror Segment Assembly June 2006



Mid Infrared Detectors July 2006



Cryo ASICs August 2006



Microshutter Arrays August 2006



Heat Switches September 2006



Large Precision Cryogenic Structure November 2006



Wavefront Sensing & Control November 2006



Cryocooler December 2006



MIRRORS



JWST Mirror Technology History



Based on lessons learned, JWST invested early in mirror technology and mirror production to address lower areal densities and manufacturing time



- NASA, DOD, NRO \$50M partnership funded 3 lightweight mirror technologies shown on the right
- Ball beryllium mirror technology completed and baselined for JWST in 2003
 - Ball beryllium mirror demonstrated all key aspects of JWST technology except for demonstration of vibro-acoustics survival which was demonstrated on the Engineering Design Unit mirror
- Mirror manufacturing of flight mirrors started in September 2003





JWST Requirement

Mirror History



Mirror Technology Choices

~30 K minus Ambient



Beryllium Mirror Selected Because of Superior Cryogenic Properties



(mid and high spatial frequency) is manufactured into segments

 Actuator for radius of curvature adjustment



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Primary Mirror Vibration Testing





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Secondary Mirror





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All Primary Mirror Blanks Completed

* James Webb Space Telescope The "First Light" Machine

NP M

Axsys Machining Facility



Dedicated facility and machining centers for JWST mirror production



Beryllium Flight Mirror Machining Complete at Axsys Technologies





Tinsley Built A New Large Optics Facility To Support the JWST Program





Mirror Grinding/Polishing Status at L-3 SSG-Tinsley

Batch #1 (Pathfinder)	Batch #1 (Pathfinder)	Batch #1 (Pathfinder)	Batch #2	Batch #2	Batch #2
PMSA #1 (EDU-A / A1)	PMSA #2 (11 / B3)	PMSA #3 (12 / C3)	PMSA #4 (5 / A2)	PMSA #5 (6 / B2)	PMSA #6 (7 / C2)
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PMSA Assembly Technology Demonstrator





External metrology has been demonstrated as part of JWST Mirror Test Configuration





First test with Coated EDU







Instantaneous Acquisition Phase Shifting Interferometry for JWST

- Instantaneous phase shifting interferometry is key to successfully test the large, deployable, JWST telescope at cryo
- Interferometer requirements:
 - High sensitivity
 - Fast exposure time <100μs
 - Insensitivity to vibration
- 4D Technology is developing two new interferometers:
 - Multiple wavelength interferometer provides independent test of phasing of the Primary Mirror and the Telescope
 - Electronic Speckle Pattern Interferometer allows testing of deformations in large, diffuse structures to nanometer level at cryo
- Pixelated phase mask that allows simultaneous capture of four phase shifted interferograms is the key feature in both interferometers.

System Layout



Four Phase-shifted Interferograms Captured Simultaneously













JWST Dedicated Mirror Coating Chamber at QCI/Denton











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Coated Primary Mirror Segment Assembly





Aft Optics Subsystem Bench





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Tertiary Mirror





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Fine Steering Mirror





Measured Primary Mirror Cryogenic Surface Figure Error meets requirements





Composite Primary Mirror meets requirements


Flight SMA is Complete



SMA SFE: 19.8nm RMS SFE (including measurement uncertainty) vs. 23.5nm req't

On convex mirror 0.7 meters in diameter.

One of the more challenging tasks on the program, and therefore, one of the more spectacular achievements.







The fully integrated AOS





Mirror	Measured (RMS SFE)	Uncertainty (RMS SFE)	Total (RMS SFE)	Require- ment (RMS SFE)
Tertiary	18.1 nm	9.5 nm	20.5 nm	23.2 nm
Fine Steering	13.9 nm	4.9 nm	14.7 nm	18.7 nm





System transmission meets requirements





PMSA process durations improved with each production batch

Final batch CCOS iterations < ¹/₂ EDU iterations

So, the final batch completed months ahead of schedule.

Flight Segment Figure Convergence at Tinsley





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Goddard Space Flight Cente Completed Mirrors in Storage





Wavefront Sensing and Control



JWST Wavefront Sensing & Control Process





The viability of the JWST wavefront sensing and control approach was demonstrated subscale

- Wavefront Sensing and Control provides the software and algorithms used to align the telescope
- Techniques build on image based software and algorithms developed for HST Prescription Retrieval, ground telescopes, and on a large array of testbeds
- Early investments in WFSC proved the basic feasibility of the JWST segmented mirror approach through modeling and hardware demonstrations
- WFSC testbeds at the Goddard Space Flight Center (the Wavefront Control Testbed) and at Ball were used to develop JWST-specific technologies to TRL 4/5
- An experiment last July on the inner 18 segments of the Keck Telescope demonstrated the specific coarse phasing portion to be used on JWST (coarse phasing now at TRL-6)







Ball WFSC Testbed with 5 Segments Installed





WFSC Development Plan – Testbed Telescope





- WFSC Testbed Telescope is a 1/6th scale, fully functional model of the JWST telescope with performance traceable to JWST
- Testbed provides functionally accurate simulation platform for developing deliverable WFSC algorithms and software
- Algorithms have had initial check outs on the testbed
- Remaining WFSC TRL task is to demonstrate end-toend wavefront sensing and control through final alignment



End-to-End Commissioning

7. Coarse Phasing on the TBT

• Coarse phasing performed on the TBT using the DHS to detect segment-to-segment piston.



• Separate segment-to-segment piston values measured with DHS are consistent with the overall, reconstructed piston map to ≈ 18 nm (RMS) •After Fine-Phasing: No 2π ambiguities occurred: confirmed by defocused PSFs at two wavelengths (1550 & 1900 nm)



End-to-End Commissioning

8. Fine Phasing Convergence



median = 49.39 nm



18 Segment Fine Phasing Demonstrated on JWST Testbed Telescope

117 nm rms

•Double Pass Phase Retrieval estimate

> •~0.94 Strehl ratio (single pass at 1550 nm on TBT)

•Flight requirement is >0.8 Strehl @ 2 μm



•Stacked Point Spread Function (left) contains random small tip/tilt and piston errors [Before]

•Phased PSF clearly indicates coherent addition and success of closed loop fine phasing [After]



Lightweight Composite Structure (Backplane)



Backplane Stability Test Article to be used for cryo structure stability TRL-6 demonstration in the fall



- •1/6th full-scale portion of backplane
- •Underwent cryogenic testing

•Over operational ranges (hot to cold)
•Used ESPI to measure thermal distortions
•Demonstrated modeling and CTE testing approach and thus demonstrate our ability to predict backplane thermal stability







Metrology Tool Invented: Electronic Speckle Pattern Interometer

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Phase-Shifted Interferograms

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Electronic Speckle Pattern Interferometer





BSTA Results

Analysis and Error Budget Model Versus Test Measurement











Microdynamic testing of all deployment latches completed

- Two types of SMSS hinge/latches and DTS tested
 - Wing latch was tested in 2000
- In all cases, no "nano lurches" were observed (with a noise floor of about 10nm) when loads were applied that were at least 10x greater than will be seen operationally





Integration and Testing



Avoiding a Hubble Error: Independent Testing

- The primary mirror segments have numerous cross checks built into the testing program
 - Ambient Primary Mirror Segment Level Testing using a CGH null at Tinsley and Ball CoC Null Lens test
 - Ambient and Cryo measurements at the XRCF, made by Ball
 - » Ball and Tinsley nulls designed and procured independently
 - Double Pass System level testing at JSC using the Autocollimating Flats, interferometery and PSF analysis
 - Center of Curvature Test at JSC using a null lens (made on all 18 mirror segments)
 - System optical alignment verification and secondary mirror testing are also important optical verification risks being managed via the risk management system.
- · Cross checks also being employed on other optics and alignment
- In addition, an independent group of optical and telescope experts are reviewing test plans and key results (chaired by Duncan Moore, includes Jim Fienup)



Tinsley Ambient Configuration (Ball Config. Is Similar)



MSFC XRCF Cryogenic Configuration





JSC Optical Test Architecture

- Integrated Test Assembly supported from top of chamber with vibration isolation
- Center of Curvature Interferometer for PM WFE
 - Absolute Distance Meter (ADM) for axial distance
 - Alignment cameras for initial capture and setup
 - Displacement Measuring Interferometers (DMI) to monitor axial change during thermal distortion test
- Photogrammetry for position measurements
- Inward and Outward Facing Sources at PM-SM intermediate image for imaging to SI's
 - Direct to SI's "Half Pass"
 - End-to-End "Pass and a Half"
 - » Autocollimating Flat Mirrors
- · Fiducial lights around PM for

PM pupil alignment tests







JSC Cup Up Configuration Removed Need for Expensive Metrology Tower

Old "Cup Down" Configuration Included Large Metrology Tower And Test Equipment Inside Shrouds New "Cup Up" Configuration Eliminates Tower And Allows for Accessibility to Test Equipment From Top and Bottom of Chamber during testing



JSC Size, Accessibility, and Large Side Door Access Make it Well Suited for This Configuration



Cryogenic Testing Conducted in JSC Chamber A Thermal Vacuum Facility

Chamber A was used for Apollo landers and already includes Nitrogen and Helium systems. Plan is to upgrade it with a new Helium Inner Shroud.



Pathfinder Overview





Telescope and Pathfinder in Pictures



Telescope Pieces at Northrop Grumman







DTA deployment and Secondary Mirror Support Structure







May 2015







OTE Structure into Shipping Container





August 2015





Welcome to GSFC (August 2015)





August 2015





August 2015

• In SSDIF at GSFC





Mirror Installation (Nov '15 – Jan -16)







Pathfinder



Primary Mirror EDU and Secondary Mirror EDU in SSDIF: practice tests




PMSA Processing in the GSFC CIAF



Every mirror was sent to the CIAF for CMM measurements before and after shimming (Roughly March to July for flight)



Performed final inspections





Pathfinder being lifted from the transportation cart Pathfinder mounted to the HOSS as seen from inside the chamber

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Pathfinder on the HOSS with the chamber in the background

Cleared the chamber door by 8"



Pathfinder in the chamber.

Note the 12' step ladder for scale





AOS in the OTIS Cleanroom at JSC, Metrology Preps





AOS Installation into the Pathfinder





AOS on Pathfinder





Pathfinder in Chamber for OGSE2 (Sept '15)





Chamber Isolator Units Dynamically isolates OTIS Optical Test – Integration of 6 units complete

Cryo Position Metrology (CPM) **Photogrammetry System Integration Complete**





Space Vehicle Thermal Simulator (SVTS) and Sunshield Simulator Third and final Pathfinder test planned this summer

ADM Testing complete at JHU **Delivered to JSC**



OTIS Test GSE Architecture

In integration in Clean Room



Frame integrated



Where Are We In OTE-ISIM (OTIS Flow)





Pathfinder Early Results



Half pass Prediction vs. Data



Pass and a Half **Prediction Vs Data** ("Stacked")





The team



Telescope Team



NASA Project Office

JWST Prime Team OBeryllium Suppliers WFS&C Suppliers/Associates

Other Suppliers/Associates 87



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Looking Back: THANK YOU to the Incredibly Skilled and Dedicated Teams





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Administration

OTE management team stable for 14 years!

