

# Status of the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) Observatory

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# JWST and its Precursors



## HUBBLE

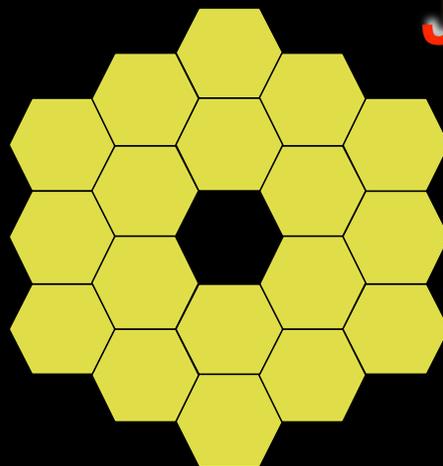


2.4-meter  
T ~ 270 K



123" x 136"  
 $\lambda/D_{1.6\mu\text{m}} \sim 0.14''$

## JWST



6.5-meter  
T ~ 40 K



132" x 164"  
 $\lambda/D_{2\mu\text{m}} \sim 0.06''$



114" x 84"  
 $\lambda/D_{20\mu\text{m}} \sim 0.64''$

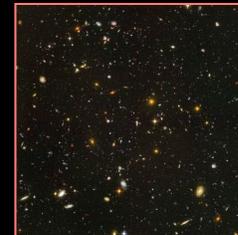
## SPITZER



0.8-meter  
T ~ 5.5 K

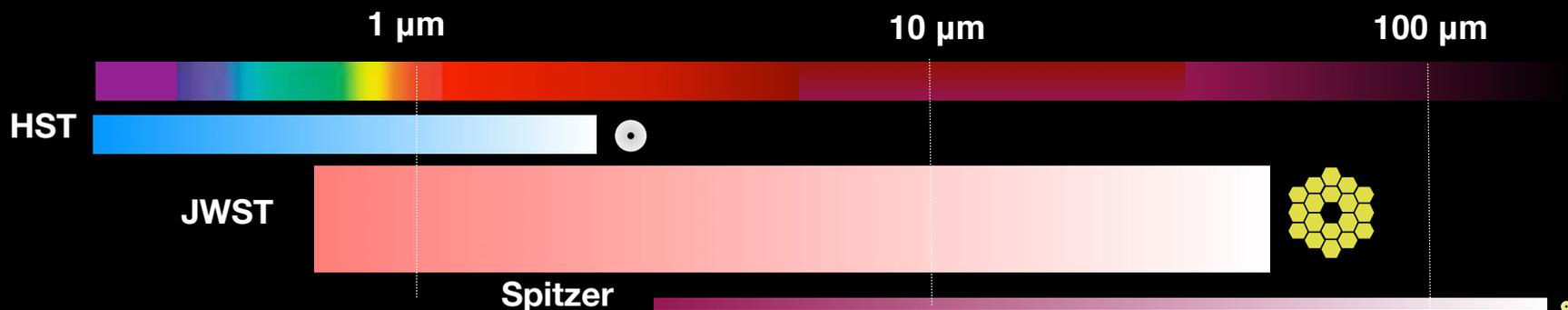


312" x 312"  
 $\lambda/D_{5.6\mu\text{m}} \sim 2.22''$



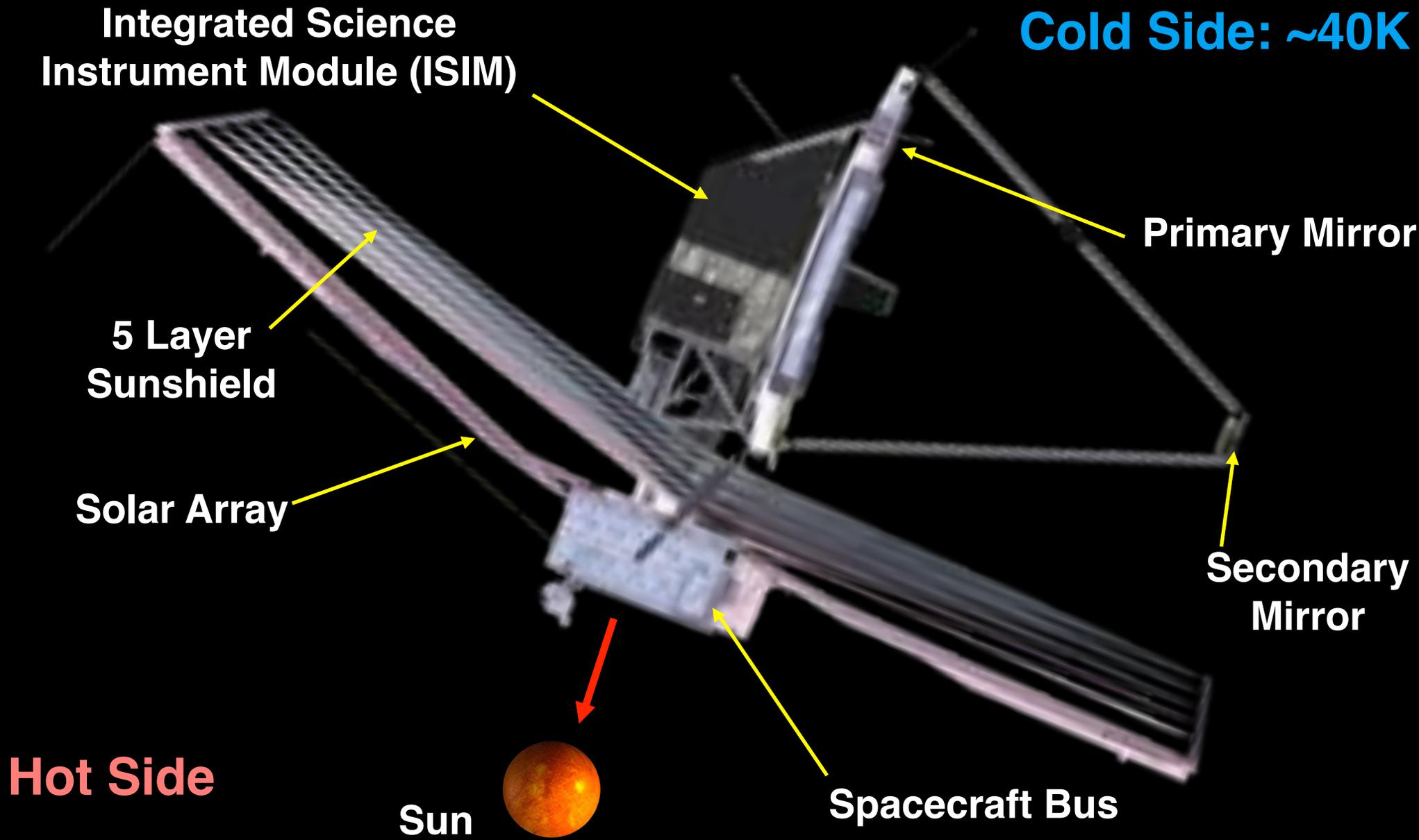
324" x 324"  
 $\lambda/D_{24\mu\text{m}} \sim 6.2''$

### Wavelength Coverage





# JWST: How It Works





# JAMES WEBB SPACE TELESCOPE: DEPLOYMENT SEQUENCE



# JWST's Orbit: L2



- JWST will be launched by an Ariane 5 to an orbit *around L2*
  - ➔ *Direct insert launch*
  - ➔ *L2 presents a thermally benign environment*
  - ➔ *Science operations: 24/7*





# Pointing

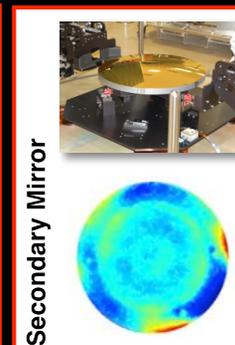
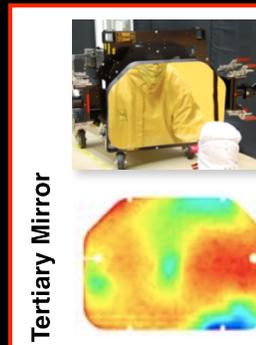
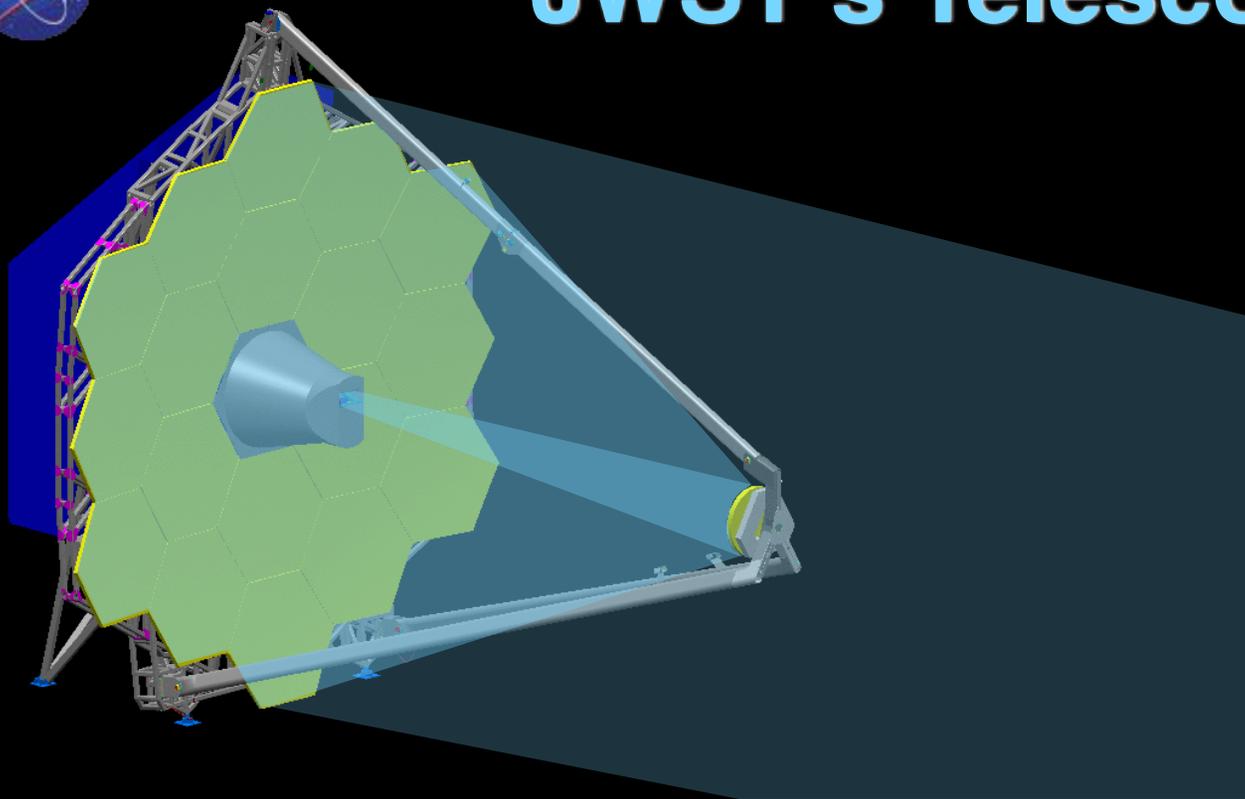


- predicted performance for offsets
- now using FSM offsets for  $<35$  arcsec

MR-182	OBS-194	FOV Offsets - Small (0-0.5 arcsec)	5.0	4.0	milli-arcsec
MR-181	OBS-1685	FOV Offsets - Medium (0.5 - 2.0 arcsec)	20.0	4.2	milli-arcsec
MR-374	OBS-193	FOV Offsets - Large (2-20 arcsec)	20.0	4.6	milli-arcsec
MR-364	OBS-1161	FOV Offsets - XLarge (20-45 arcsec)	90.0	5.3	milli-arcsec



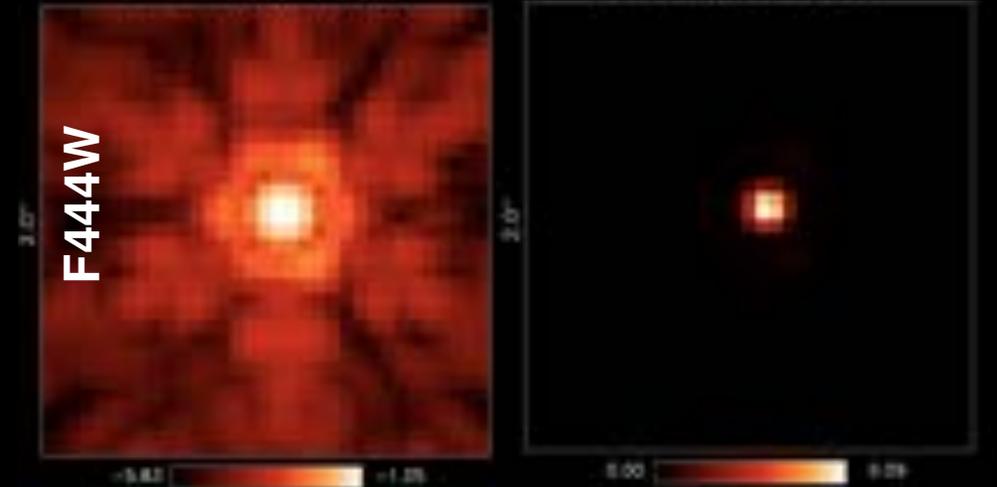
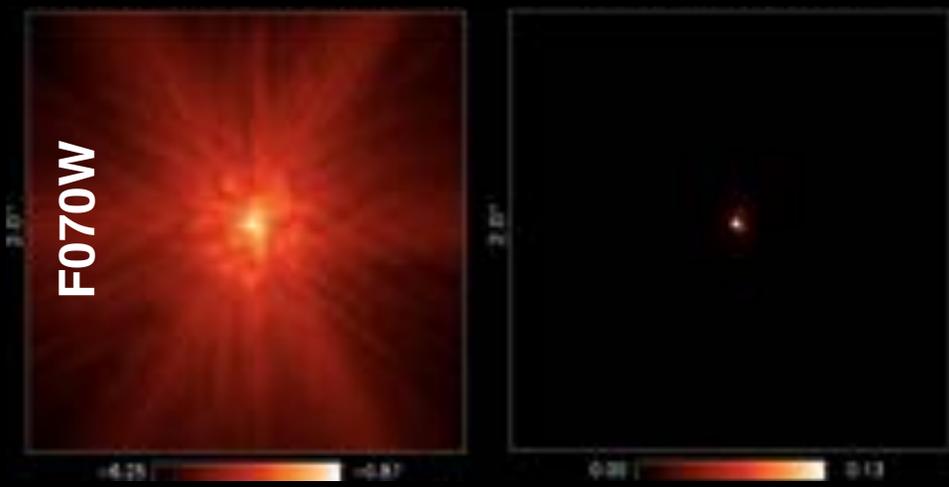
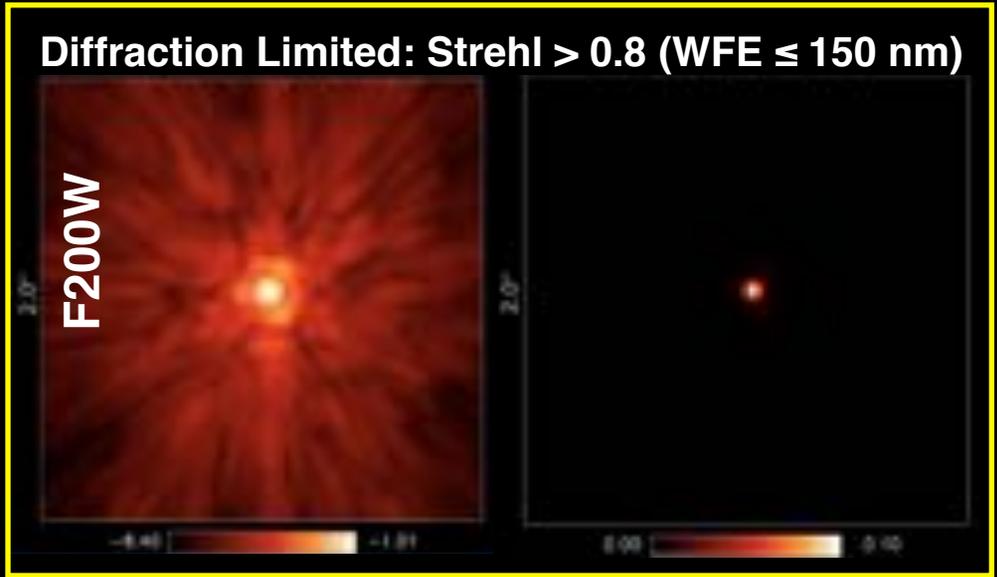
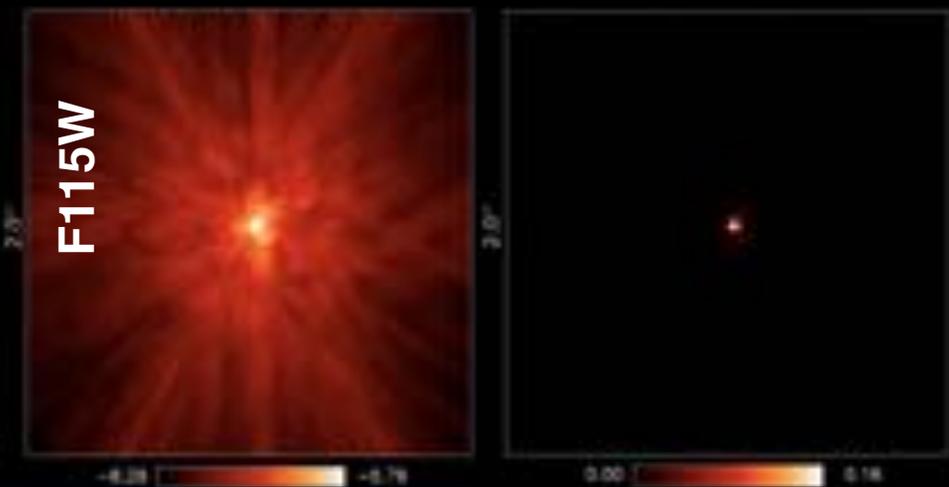
# JWST's Telescope



Mirror	Measured (RMS SFE)	Uncertainty (RMS SFE)	Total (RMS SFE)	Requirement (RMS SFE)
18 PM Segments (Composite Figure)	23.6	8.1	25.0	25.8
Secondary	14.7	13.2	19.8	23.5
Tertiary	18.1	9.5	20.5	23.2
FSM	13.9	4.9	14.7	18.7



# Predicted Image Quality

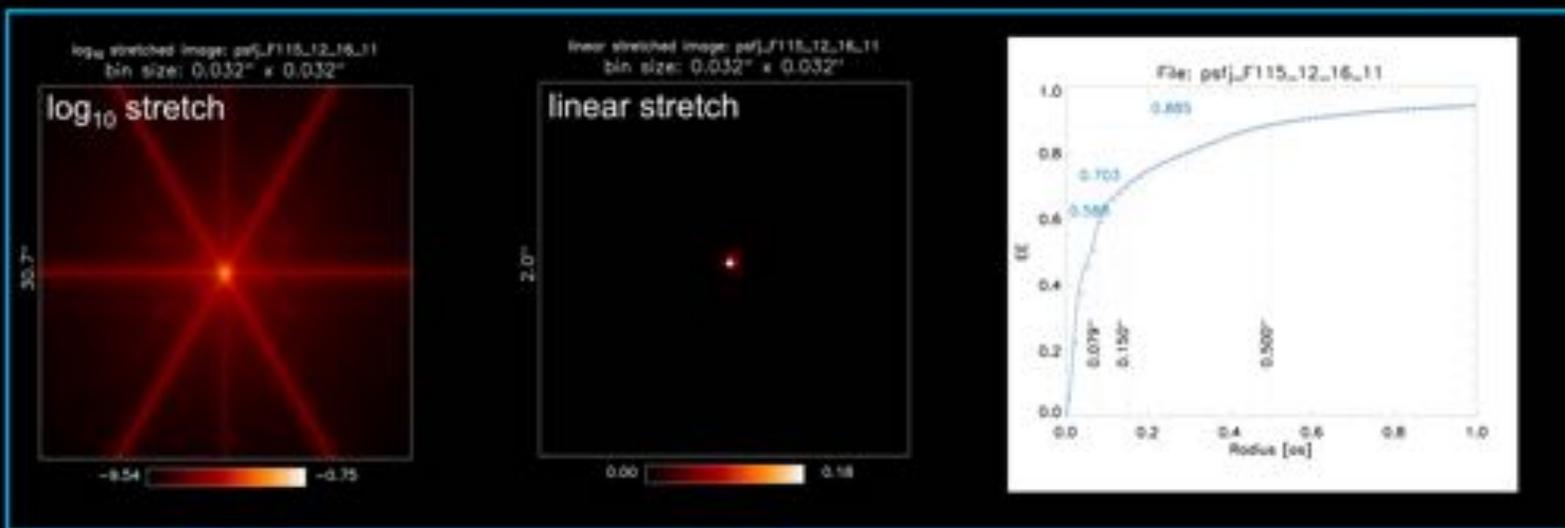
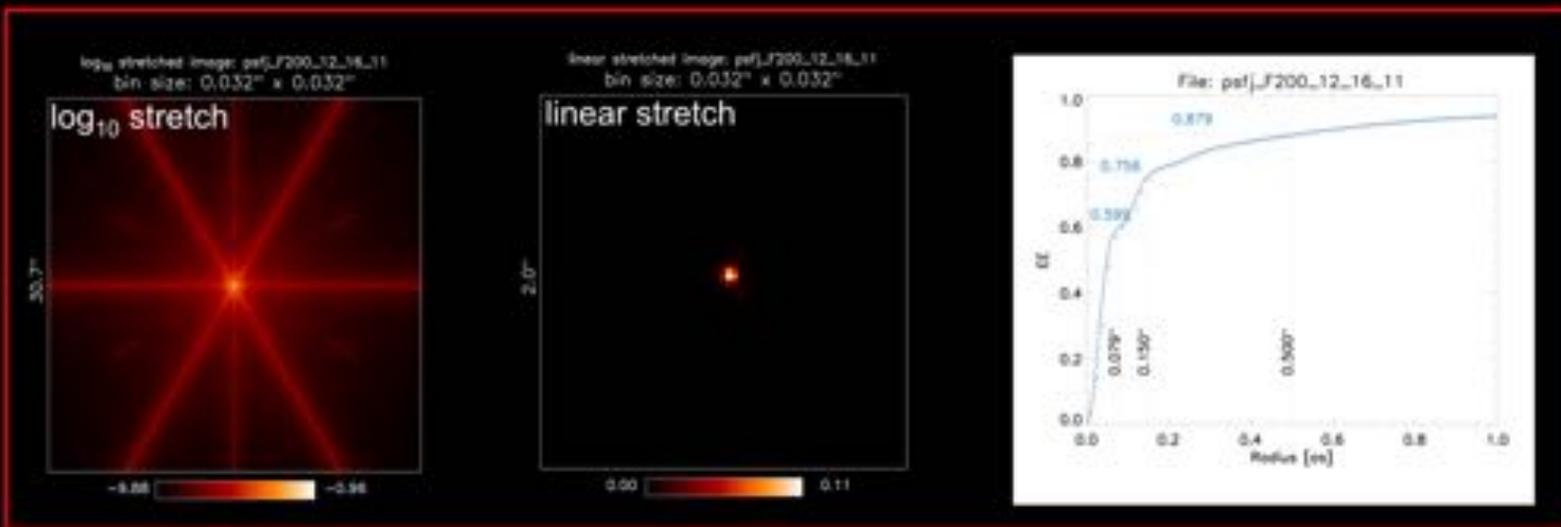


Log  
Scale

Linear  
Scale



# Encircled Energy Stability





# Stray Light Backgrounds

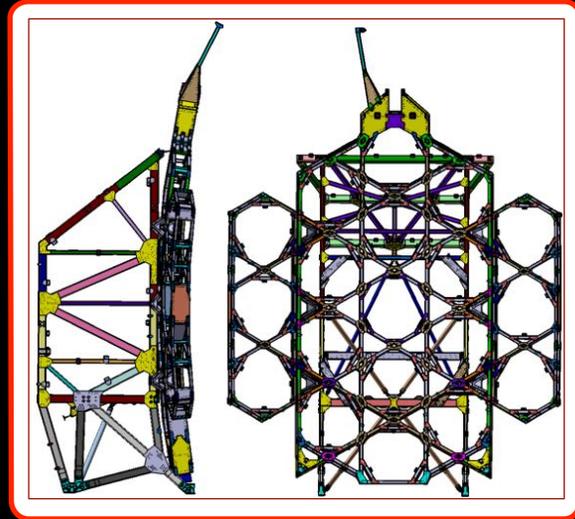




# Telescope Structure



- Telescope structure complete and delivered to GSFC

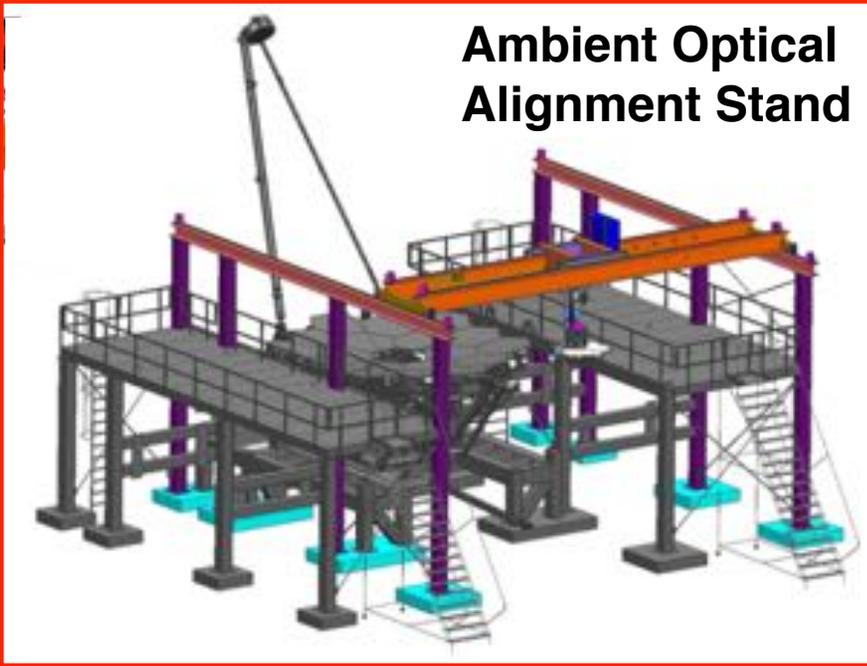




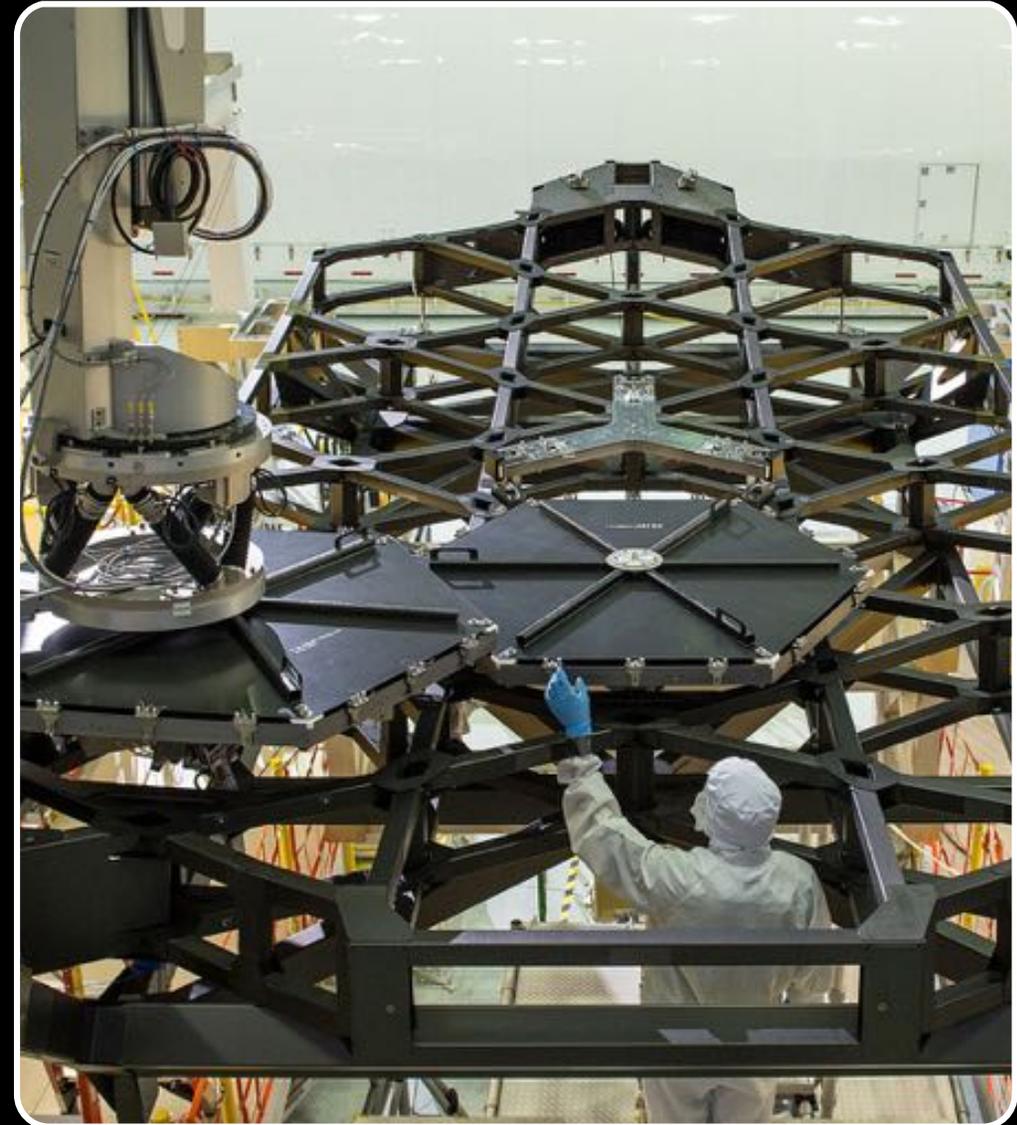
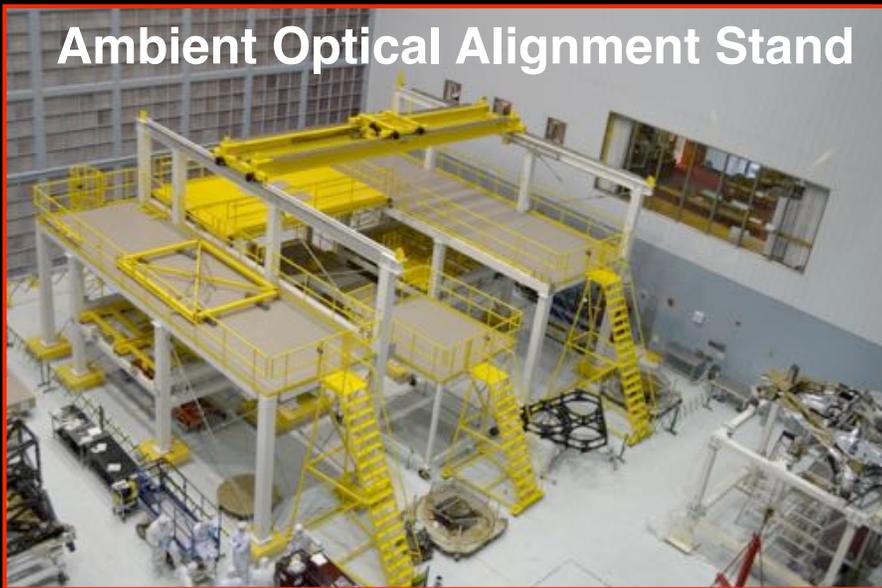
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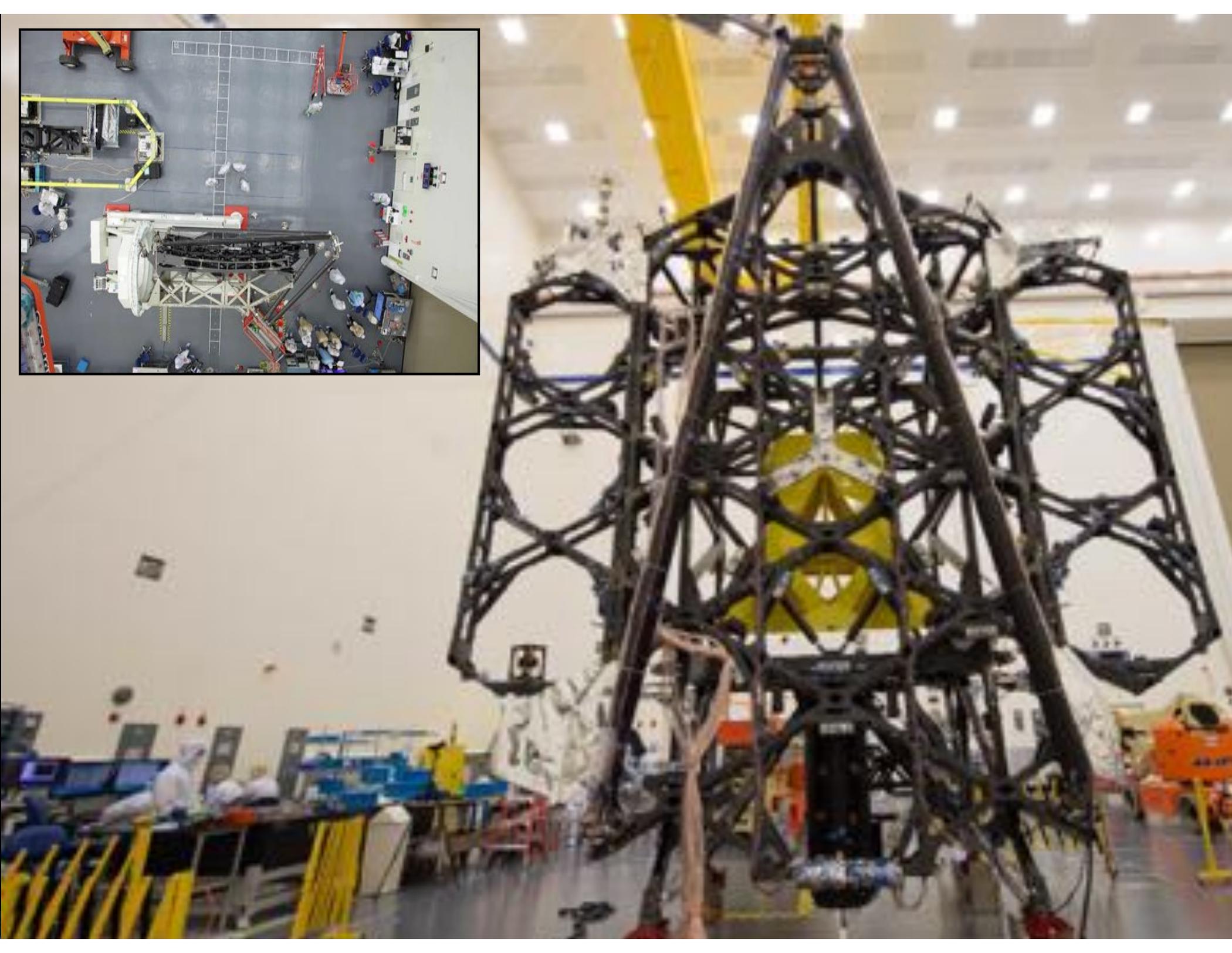
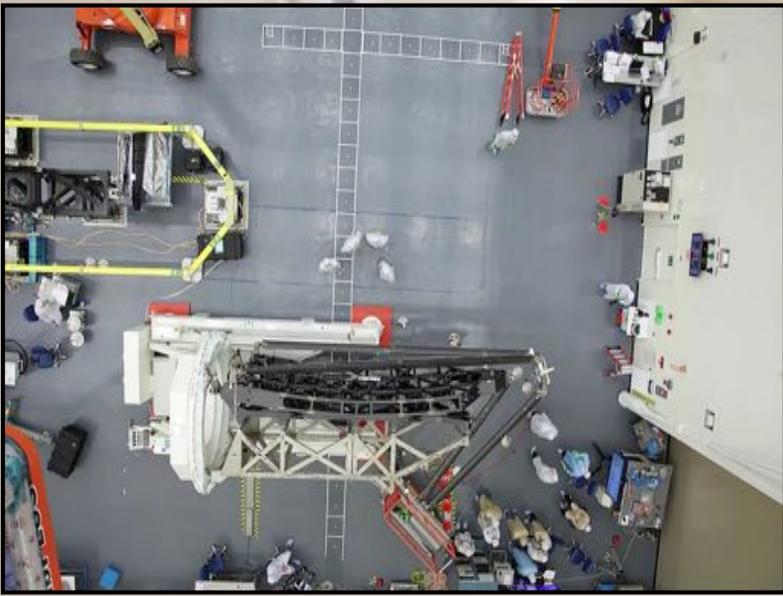
**Ambient Optical Alignment Stand**



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**Mirror Installation dry-run**





# Pathfinder Backplane

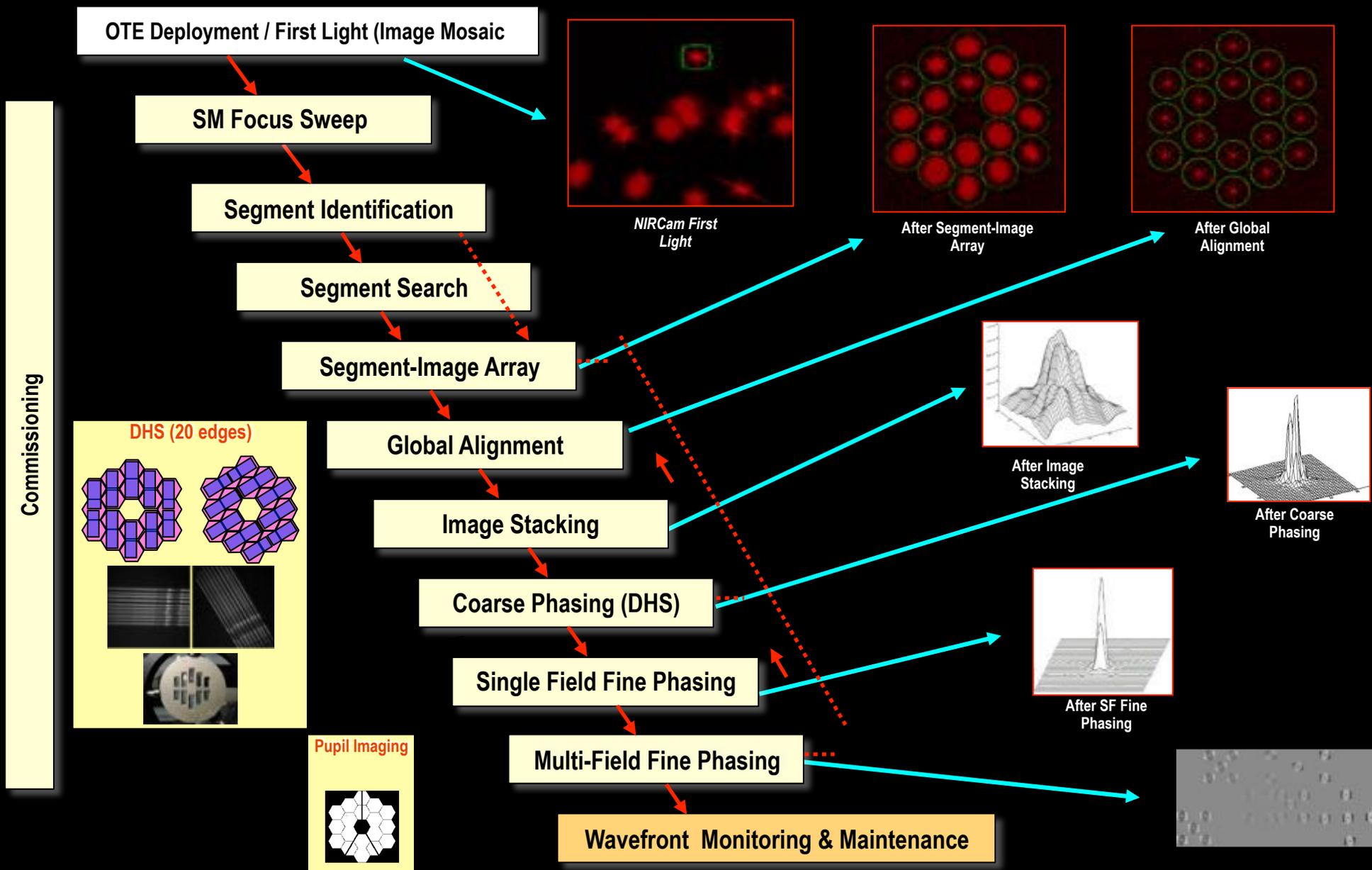


- The pathfinder is a backplane section with a secondary mirror support structure (SMSS)
  - ➔ Verify SMSS deployment
- Tests integration of primary mirror segment installation with two flight spare mirror segments, plus flight-spare secondary mirror
- Pathfinder is scheduled for three cryogenic tests during 2015 in Chamber-A at JSC
  - ➔ Verify optical test equipment





# Phasing the Telescope





# Sunshield Membranes



- Five flight-like Template Membrane layers manufactured
  - ➔ Template layers tensioned to flight-like configuration
    - 3-D membrane shapes measured by Lidar
    - Critical for layer-to-layer spacing ➔ thermal performance
    - Edge alignment ➔ thermal performance & stray light
- Flight membranes under construction (#3 completed)



Tensioned to 3x flight tension for shape measurement by Lidar

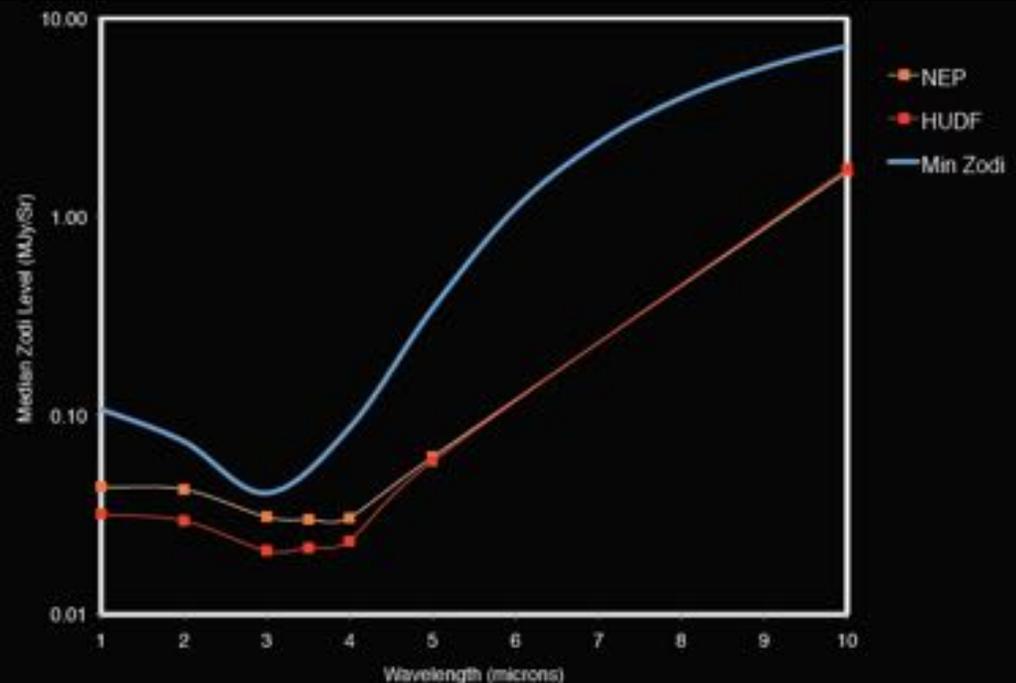
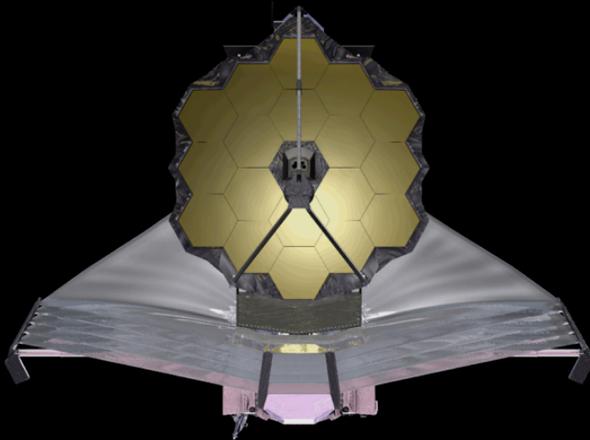
(3x tension counteracts gravity sag)

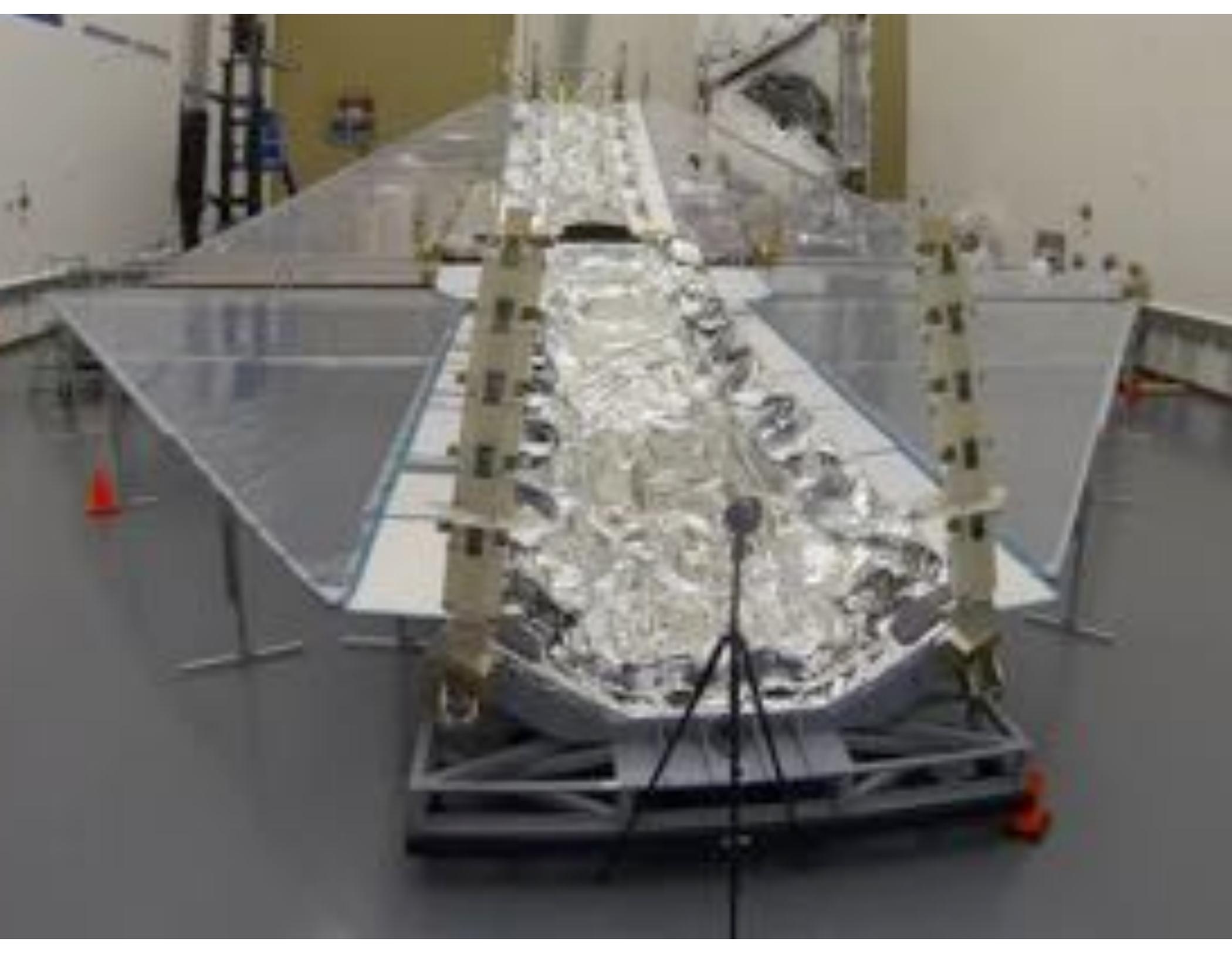


# Sky Background



- JWST should be zodi-limited at  $\lambda < 10 \mu\text{m}$
- ➔ Background levels will include contribution from stray light
- NIR stray light is controlled by baffling and contamination control of optical surfaces e.g. OTE, baffles, & sunshield
- MIR stray light is controlled by thermal control of critical surfaces and contamination control of surfaces e.g.







# Spacecraft Bus Structure Complete





# Spacecraft-Telescope: Fit Check

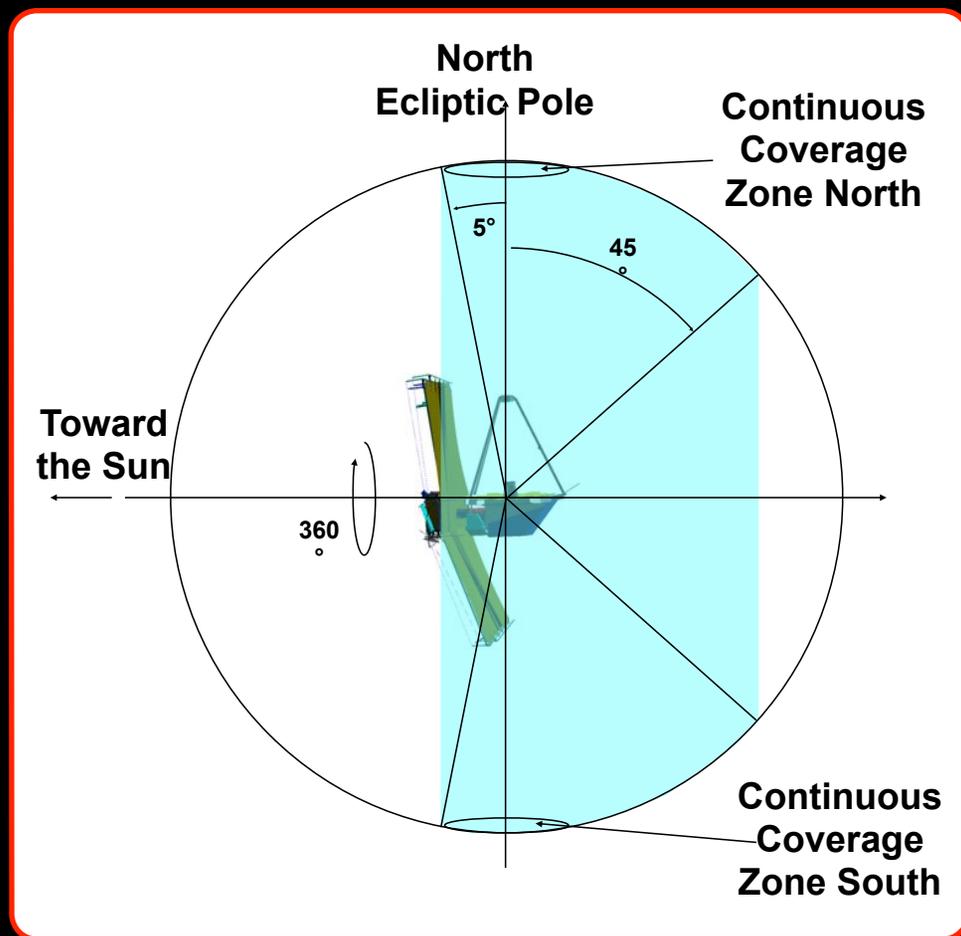




# Observing Constraints



- Field of Regard is an annulus with rotational symmetry about the L2-Sun axis, 50° wide
- Sun angle constraints yield 35% instantaneous sky coverage
  - Full sky coverage achieved over a sidereal year
- Observations interrupted for:
  - Orbit maintenance
  - station-keeping burns
  - Momentum management
  - reaction desaturation burns

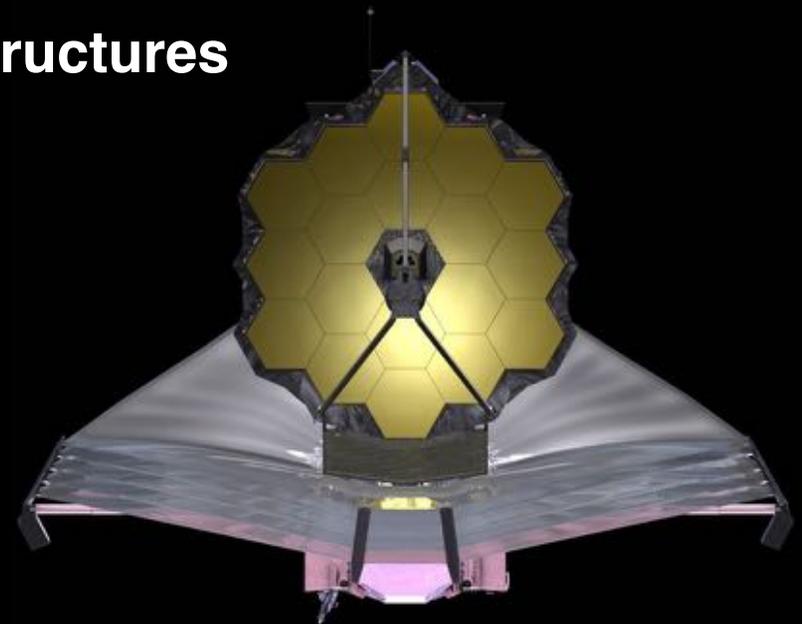




# Sky Background & Stray Light

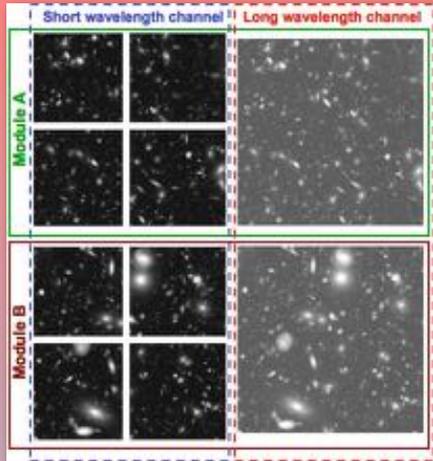


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  - ➔ MIR stray light is controlled by thermal control of critical surfaces and contamination control of surfaces:
    - primary mirror, sunshield & structures
- Near-IR ( $< 5 \mu\text{m}$ ) stray light predictions meet requirements
- In mid-IR  $10 \mu\text{m}$  and  $20 \mu\text{m}$  meet requirements



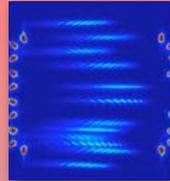


# JWST's Science Instruments

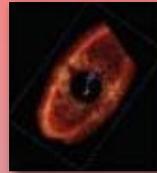


Deep, wide field imaging

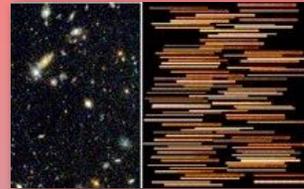
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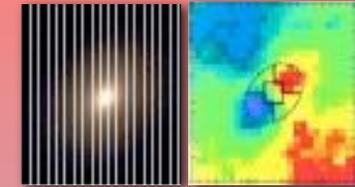
Coronagraphic Imaging



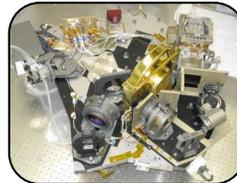
Multi-Object, IR spectroscopy



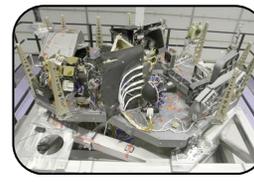
IFU spectroscopy



NIRCam



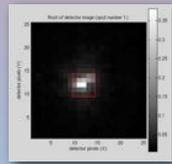
NIRSpec



Long Slit spectroscopy



Fine Guidance Sensor



Moving Target Support



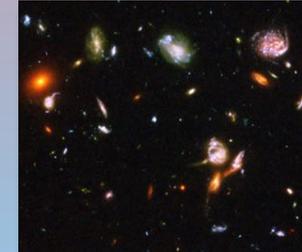
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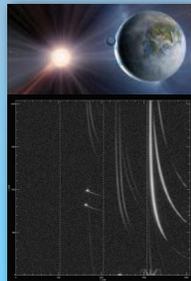
MIRI



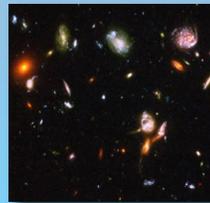
Mid-IR, wide-field Imaging



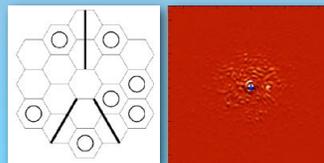
Slitless Spectroscopy



Near-IR imaging



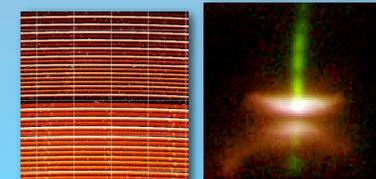
High Contrast Imaging



Mid-IR Coronagraphic



IFU spectroscopy

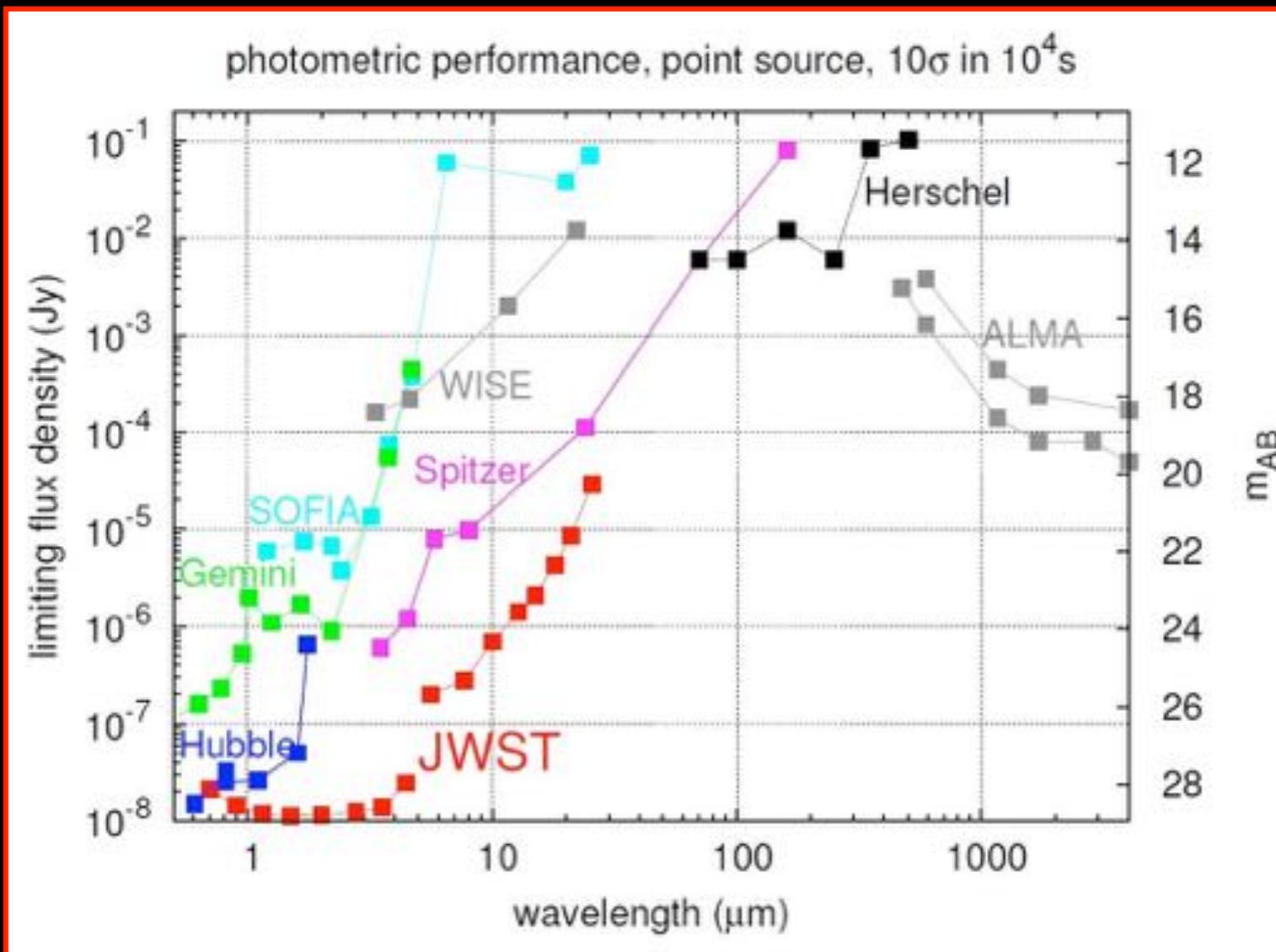




# Observatory Sensitivity: Imaging



- Point source detected at 10 sigma for a  $10^4$  s integration

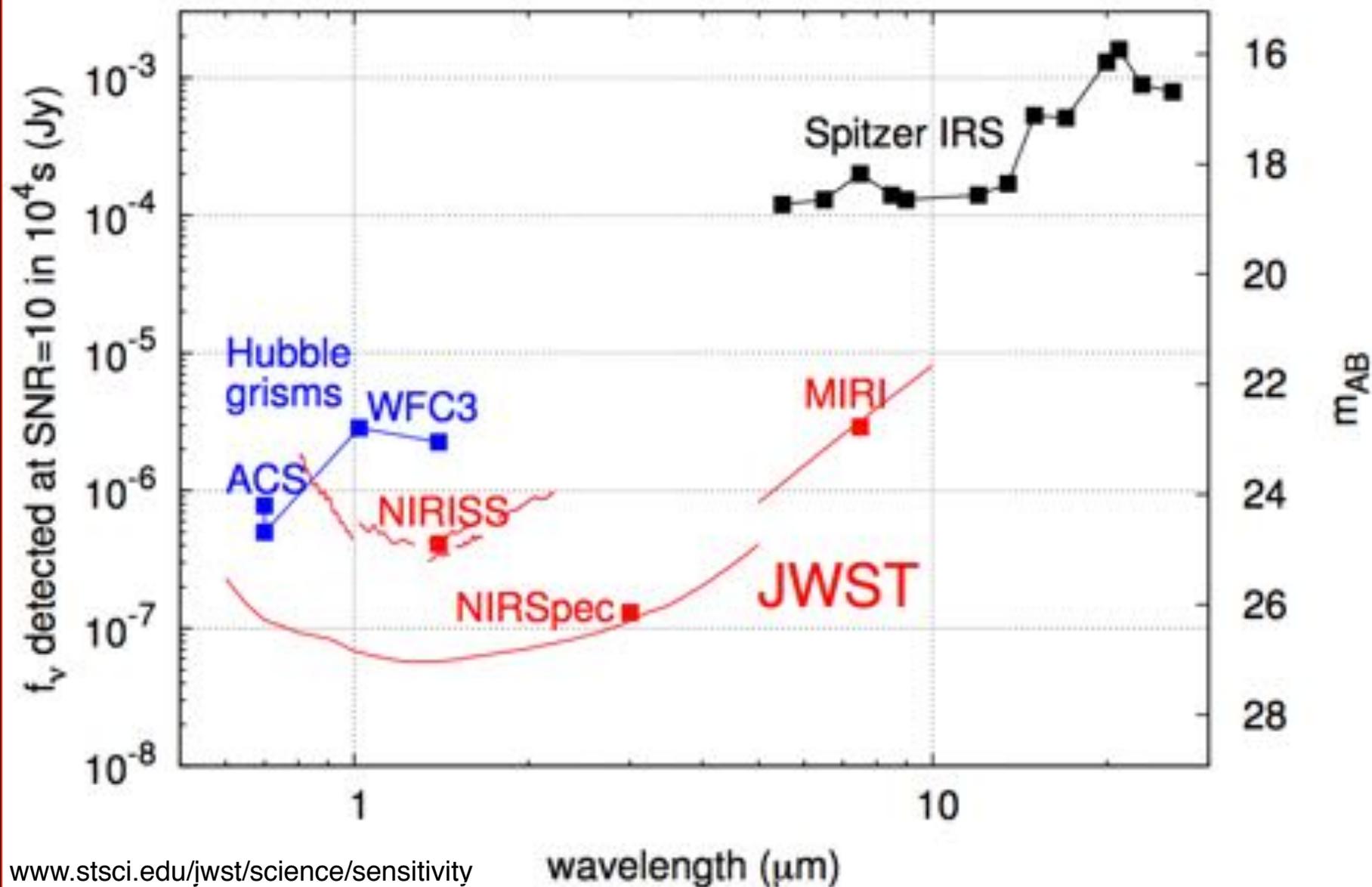




# Observatory Sensitivity:



Low resolution ( $R \sim 100$ ) spectroscopy, point source



[www.stsci.edu/jwst/science/sensitivity](http://www.stsci.edu/jwst/science/sensitivity)

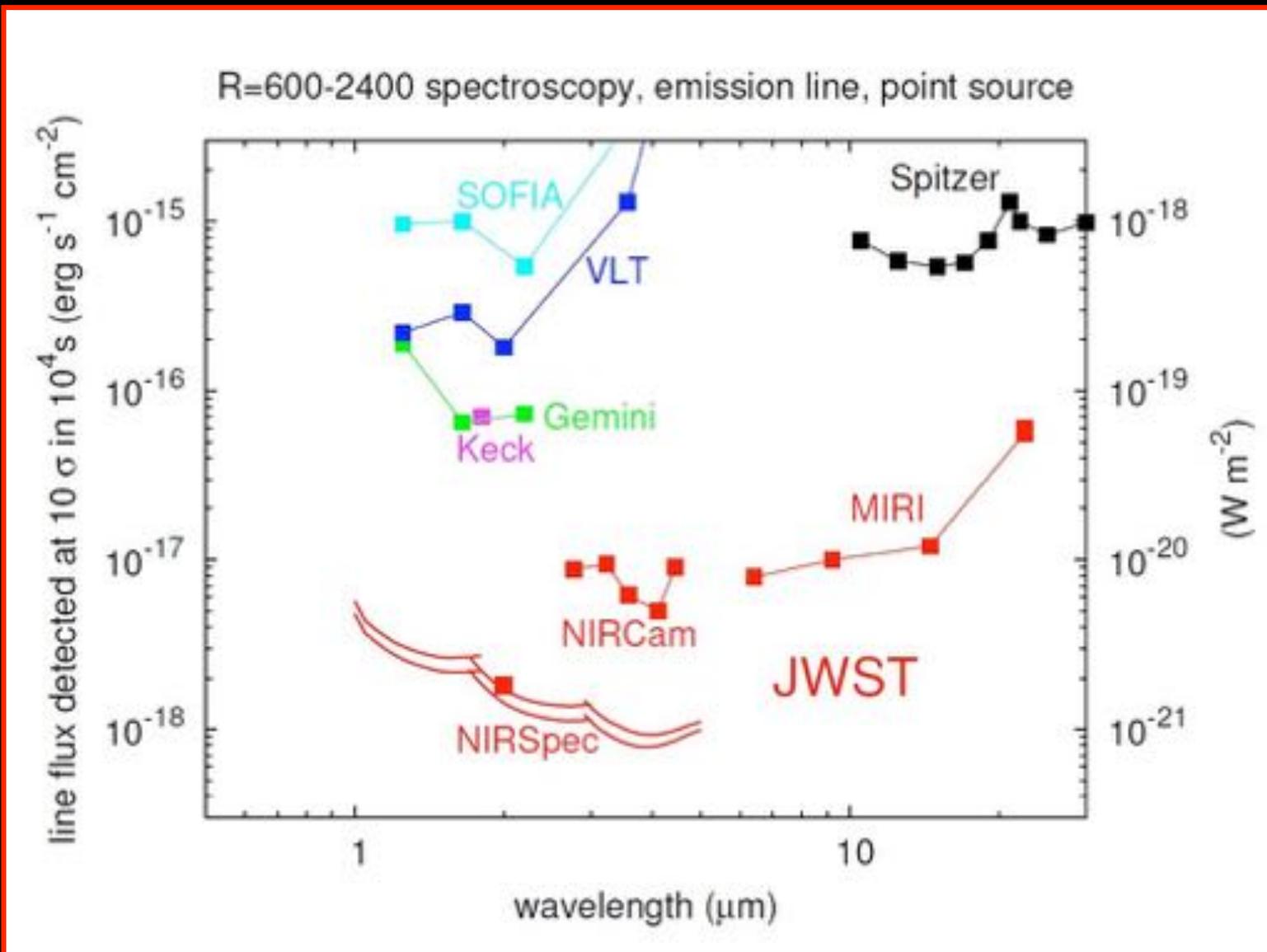
wavelength ( $\mu\text{m}$ )



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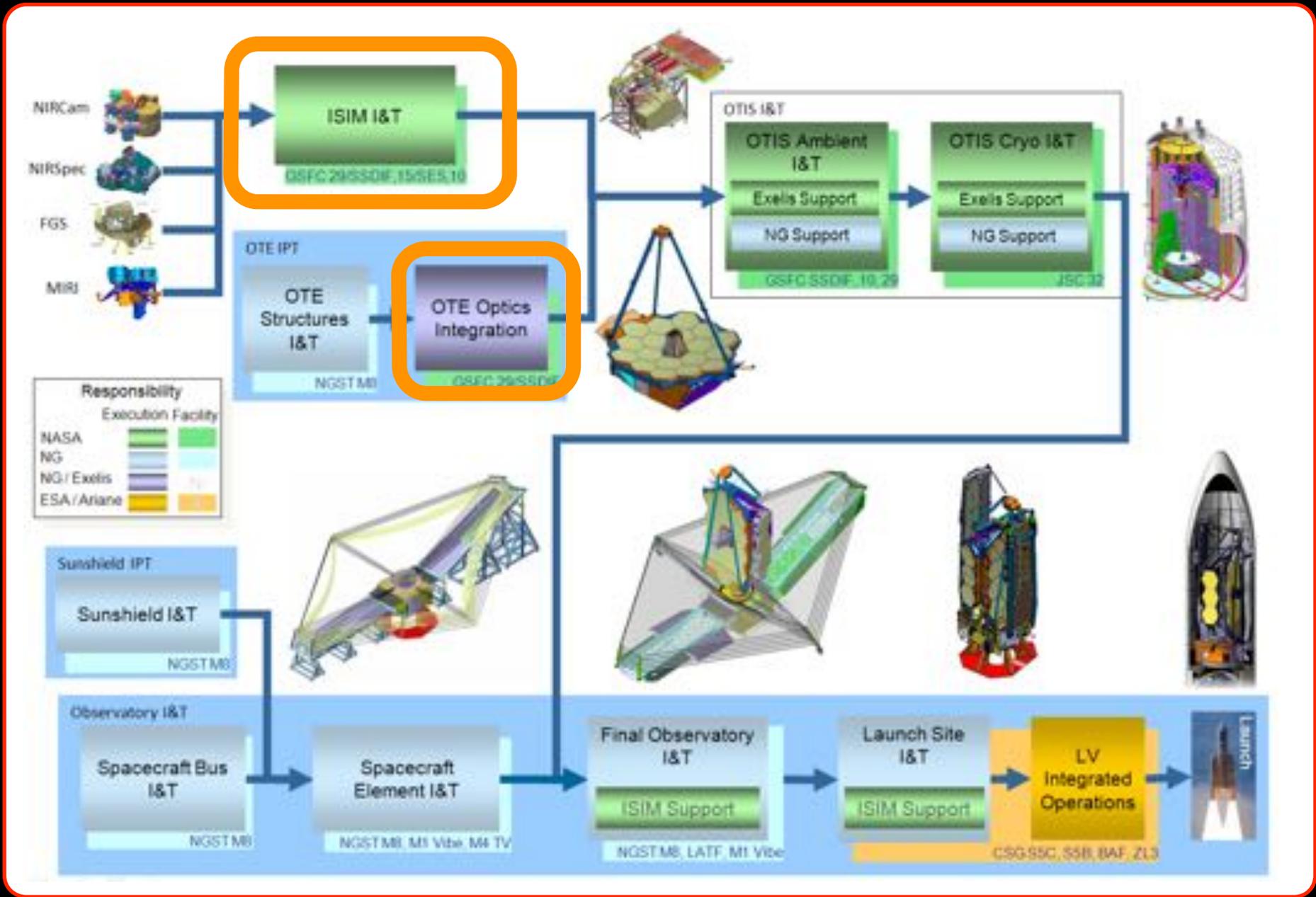


- Line flux that can be detected at  $10\sigma$  for a point source in  $10^4$  s





# JWST Integration: Path to Launch

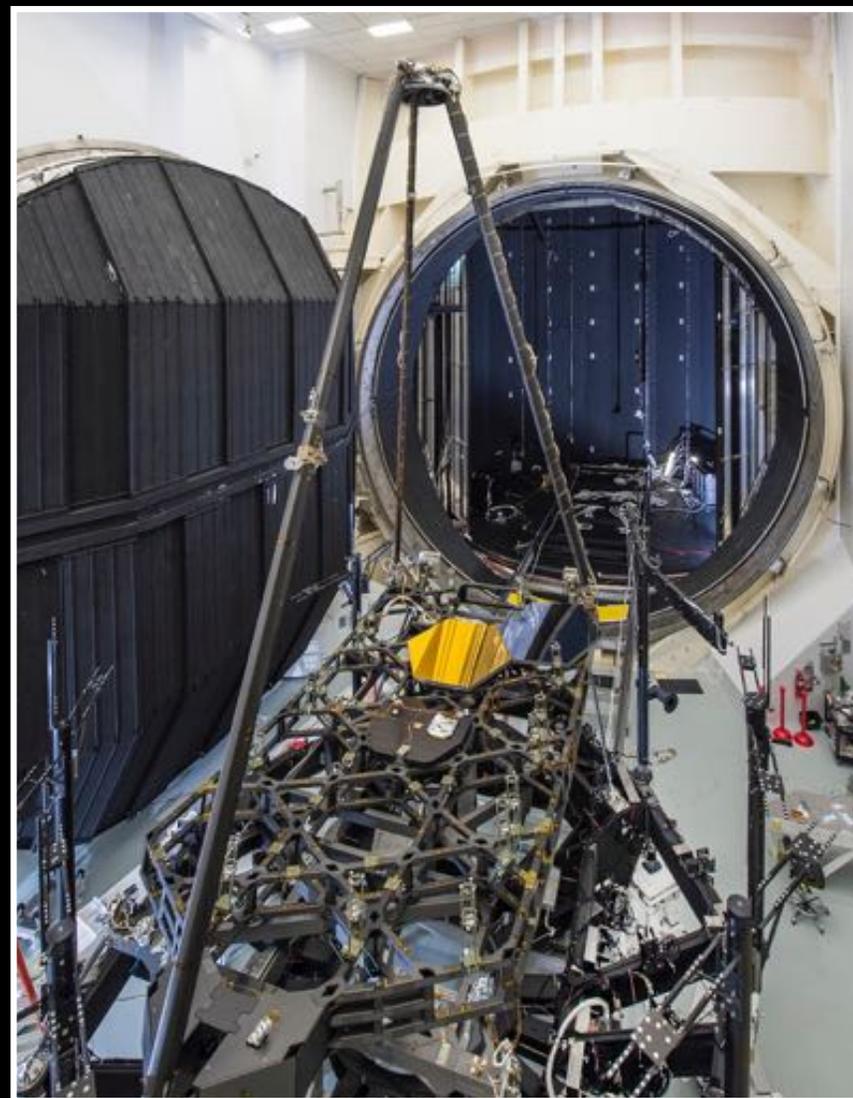




# How Do We Test the Telescope ?



- Cryogenic Optical Test will be conducted at JSC's Chamber A
- Goals of Cryogenic Optical Test
  - ➔ **Optical workmanship** - check on assembly of the telescope e.g. mechanical interference
  - ➔ **Optical alignment** - are we inside the capture range of the telescope's active optics ?
  - ➔ **Thermal balance** - will the telescope cool to 40K ?

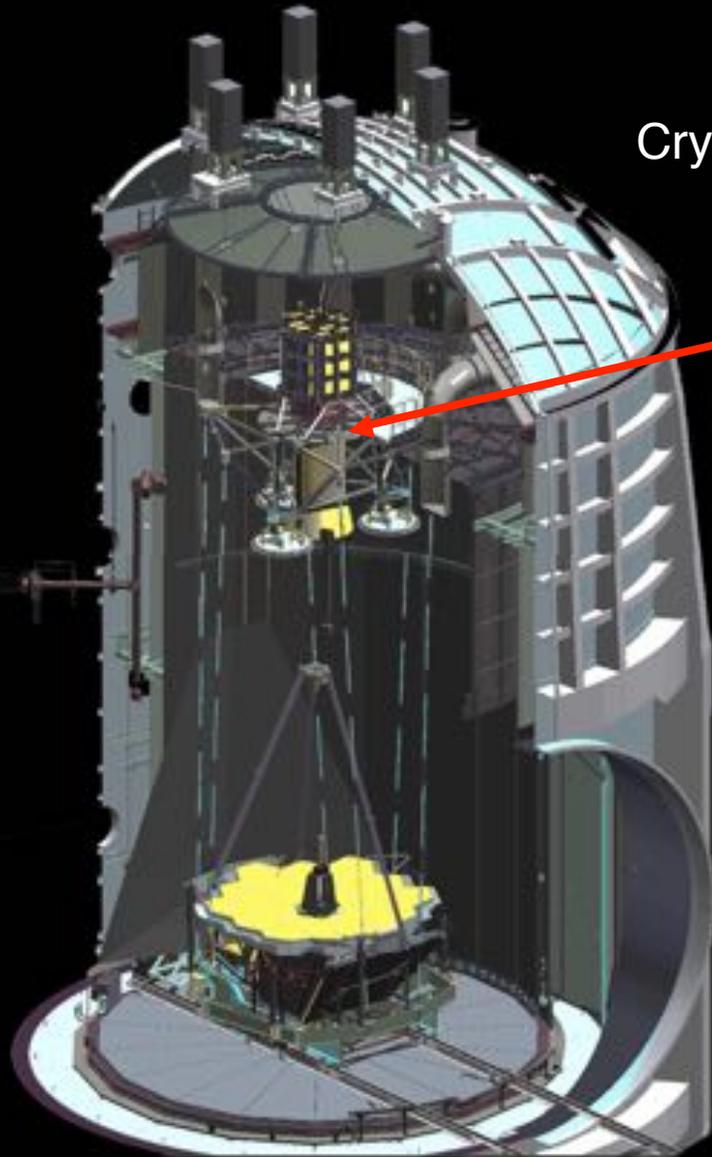




# OTIS Test Preparations



## Chamber Isolator Units



Cryo Position Metrology

Center of Curvature  
Optical Assembly

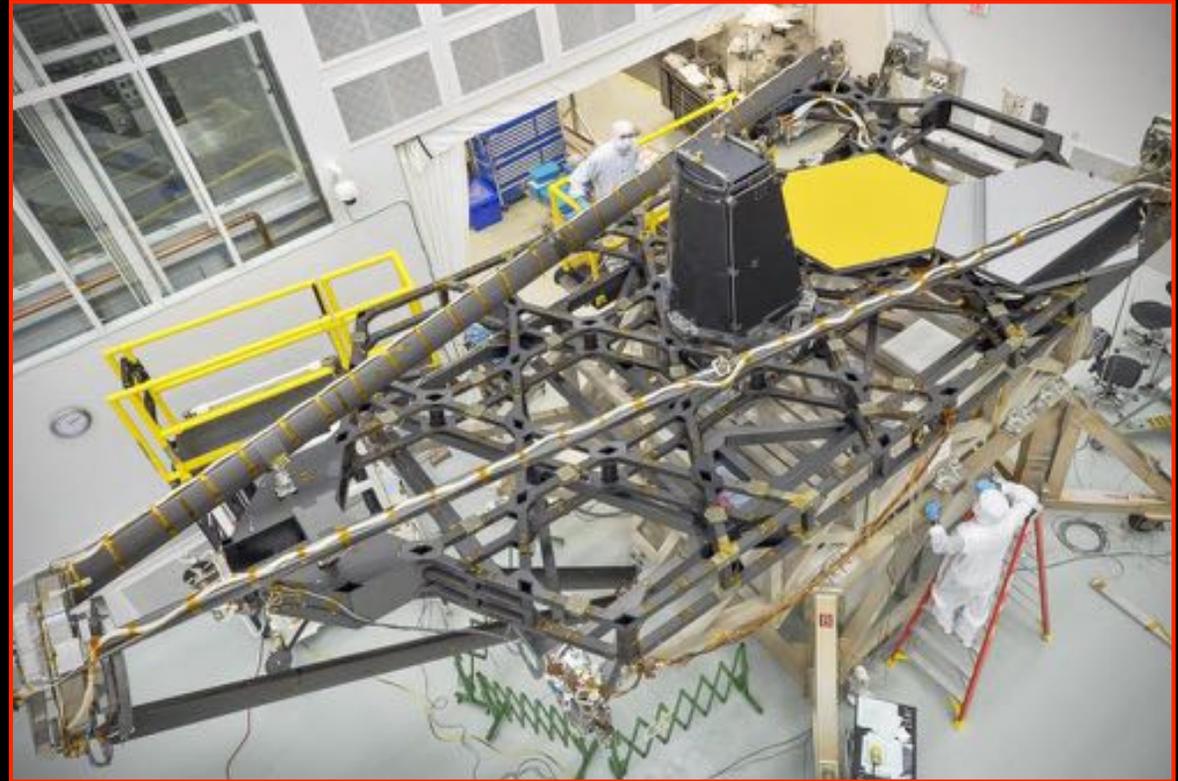
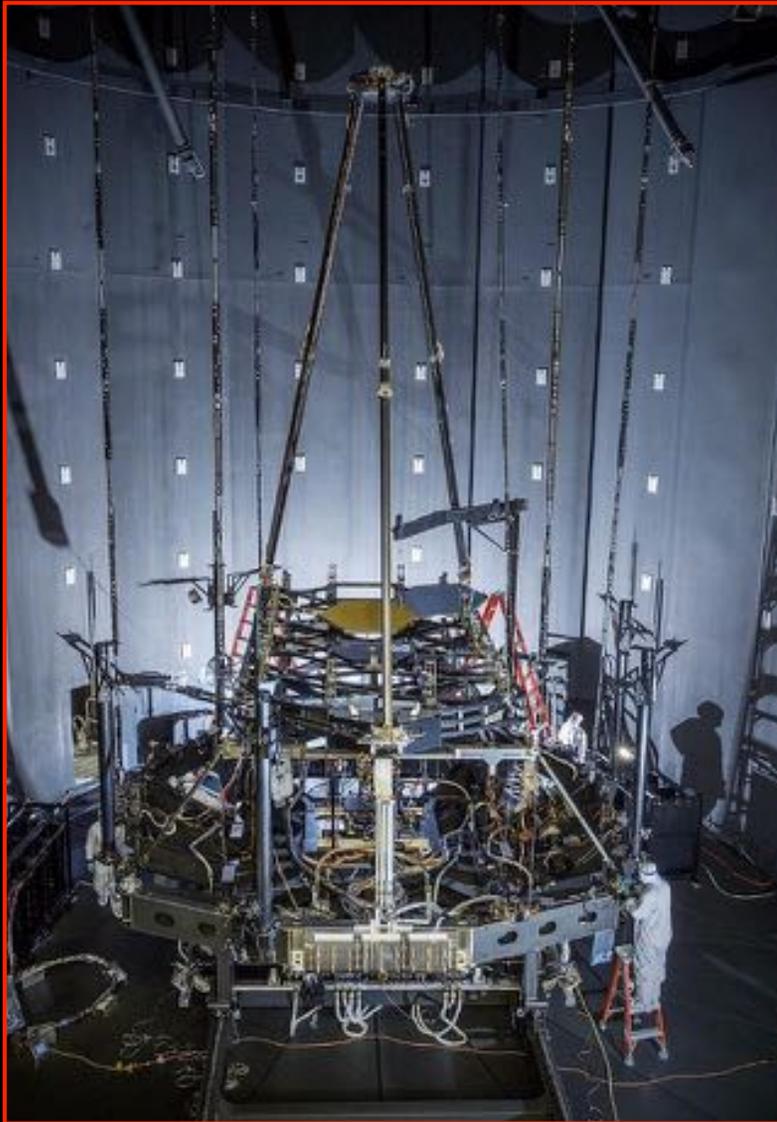




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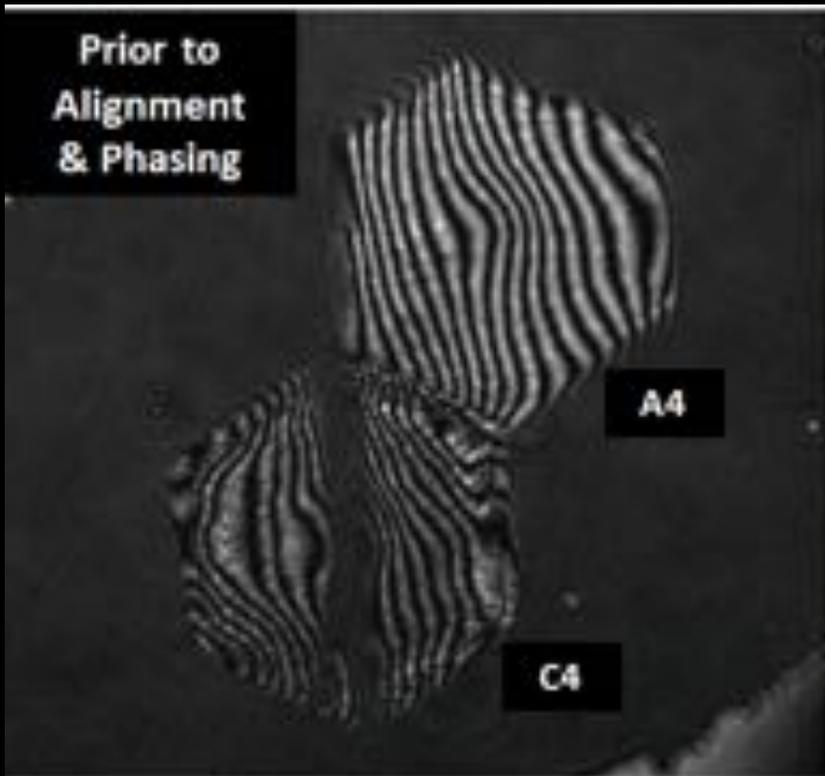


→ 1) First dry run test- phasing mirrors



→ 2) Dry run imaging with flight AOS

→ 3) Test thermal monitoring equipment



Prior to Alignment & Phasing  
WFE = 346,557 nm-rms



After Alignment & Phasing  
WFE = 386 nm-rms





# Overall Commissioning Schedule



Month 1	Month 2	Month 3	Month 4	Month 5	Month 6
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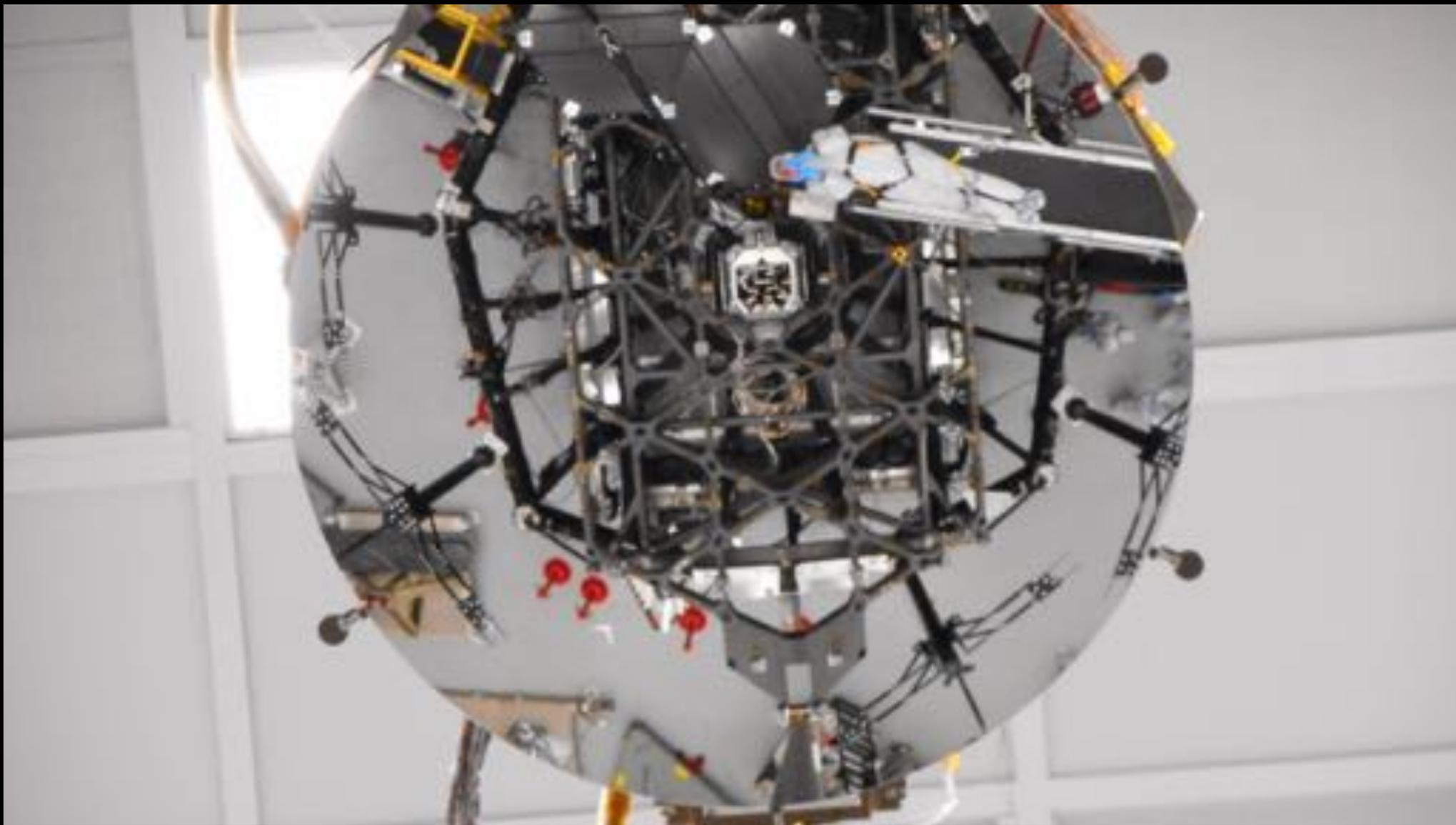
## Observatory Deployments



## Telescope Phasing

## Observatory & Instrument Commissioning

- Phased Instrument power-on with Temp.
- Observatory check-out & calibrations
  - Attitude control, acquisition, thermal ....
- Instrument check-out and calibration



**JWST will do transformational science and  
change our view of the Universe**



**JWST → Launch 2018**



# Where To Follow JWST



## Web pages

[www.jwst.nasa.gov](http://www.jwst.nasa.gov)



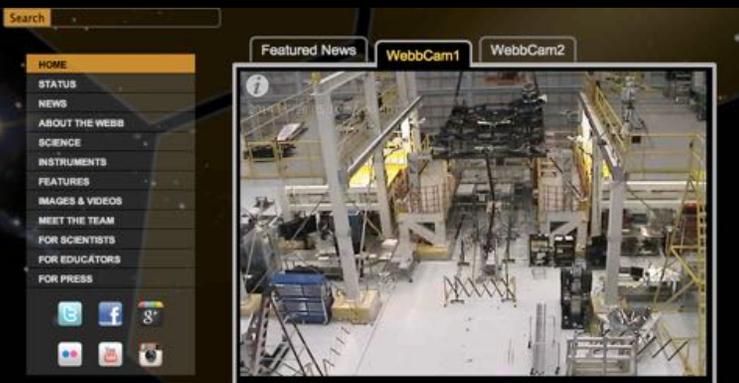
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