

The James Webb Space Telescope Mission

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JWST is a general astrophysics mission for use by the international astronomical community

- Often described as the successor to the Hubble Space Telescope, the JWST will serve astronomers world-wide in much the same way:
 - Science & mission operations managed by the Space Telescope Science Institute
- The science investigations performed by the JWST will be determined by the General Observer community.
 - Observing time allocated through annual peer-reviewed proposal cycles
- Four science themes have been defined by a succession of international community working groups to guide engineering development of the JWST:

Identify the first bright objects that formed in the early Universe, and follow the ionization history. Determine how galaxies and dark matter, including gas, stars, metals, overall morphology and active nuclei evolved to the present day. Observe the birth and early development of stars and the formation of planets.

Study the physical and chemical properties of solar systems (including our own) and where the building blocks of life may be present.

JWST is designed to observe formation of the first galaxies



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Key questions about the galaxy formation era:

- How did black holes form and interact with their host galaxies?
- What is the nature of the first galaxies?
- When did reionization of the inter-galactic medium occur?
- What caused the re-ionization?







Key Enabling Design Requirements:

- Deep near-infrared imaging survey (1nJy)
- Near-IR multi-object spectroscopy
- Mid-IR photometry and spectroscopy

Redshift z	m _{AB}	F∨ (nJy)	Lyman Break wavelength
0			0.12 μm
10	30.3	2.8	1.34 μm
15	30.9	1.6	1.95 μm
20	31.3	1.1	2.55 μm

z = 7.6 (Bradley & Illingworth 2008)

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JWST is designed to observe the evolution of galaxies



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Key questions about galaxy evolution:

- When did the Hubble Sequence form?
- What role did galaxy collisions play in their evolution?
- How is the chemical evolution of the universe related to galaxy evolution?
- What powers emission from galaxy nuclei?





Key Enabling Design Requirments:

- Wide-area near-infrared imaging survey
- Low and medium resolution spectra of 1000s of galaxies at high redshift
- Targeted observations of galactic nuclei



JWST will observe how stars form in our galaxy



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Key questions about star formation:

- How do molecular clouds collapse?
- How does environment affect star-formation?
 - Vice-versa?
- What is the mass distribution of low-mass stars?
- What do debris disks reveal about the evolution of terrestrial planets?





The Eagle Nebula as seen in the near-infrared

Key Enabling Design Requirments:

- High angular resolution near- and mid-IR imagery
- High angular resolution imaging spectroscopy



JWST will observe how planetary systems form and evolve



First Light (After the Big Bang) First luminous objects, proto-galaxies, supernovae, black holes

Assembly of Galaxies Merging of proto-galaxies, effects of black holes, history of star formation

Birth of Stars and Planetary Systems How stars form and chemical elements are produced

Planetary Systems & Origins of Life Formation of planets





Key questions about planet formation:

- How do planets form?
- How are circumstellar disks like our Solar System?
- How are habitable zones established?





Kalas et al 2008









Key Enabling Design Requirements:

- Near- and mid-IR coronagraphic imagery
- Near- and mid-IR spectroscopy

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 High cadence sub-array imagery & spectroscopy





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JWST requires the largest cryogenic telescope ever constructed

To observe the early universe, the JWST mission requires:

7X the light gathering capability of the Hubble Space Telescope

similar angular resolution in the nearinfrared spectrum

wavelength coverage spanning the optical to mid-infrared spectrum

As a consequence, the observatory requires:

a primary mirror that is larger in diameter than available rocket fairings

a high stability 40-50K cryogenic operating temperature



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JWST will be placed in orbit around the Sun-Earth L2 point: ~ 1.5 million km from Earth

- An L2 point orbit was selected for JWST to enable passive cryogenic cooling
 - Station keeping thrusters are required to maintain this orbit
 - Propellant sized for 11 years (delta-v ~ 93 m/s)





- The JWST can observe the whole sky while remaining continuously in the shadow of its sunshield
 - Field of Regard is an annulus covering 35% of the sky
 - The whole sky is covered each year with small continuous viewing zones at the Ecliptic poles

The JWST program is a multi-agency partnership





The observatory segment consists of three main elements

Optical Telescope Element (OTE) Collects star light from distant objects

Integrated Science Instrument Module (ISIM) Extracts physics information from star light

Spacecraft

Attitude control, telecom, power & other systems







JWST requires a segmented deployable primary mirror



Ariane 5 ECA





- JWST is designed to integrate with an Ariane V launch vehicle and 5 m diameter fairing
- Launch from Kourou Launch Center (French Guiana) with direct transfer to L2 point.
- Payload launched at ambient temperature with on orbit cooling to 50 K via passive thermal radiators
- JWST payload: 6330 kg





Status as of: 5/31/09





Deployment Sequence Overview



Click video







The mirror segment mounts are mechanized, and a wavefront control system will be used to adjust each segment during flight enabling them to perform together as a single large mirror.



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The mirror segment control process has been developed using a 1/6 scale fully functional telescope model



The telescope mirrors are fabricated from Beryllium

Key physical properties of Beryllium:

- low coefficient of thermal expansion at 50 K
- high thermal conductivity
- high stiffness to mass ratio
- Type O-30 spherical powder
 - uniform CTE, high packing density, low oxide content

Primary mirror mass properties

- substrate: 21.8 kg
- segment assembly: 39.4 kg
- OTE area density: ~28 kg m⁻²
 - HST (ULE) ~ 180 kg m⁻²
 - Keck (Zerodur) ~ 2000 kg m⁻²







Telescope mirror polishing is underway



PMSA EDU



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Cryogenic polishing is required to produce the JWST mirrors



All flight mirrors are nearing final stages of polishing





Hexapod assemblies are in manufacturing and on schedule



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PMSA assembly in operational configuration



A large vacuum chamber at MSFC will be used to optically test the mirror segments at 50 K (-225 °C, -370 °F) after polishing





The first flight mirror segment at the XRCF at MSFC





EDU and A1 PMSAs in the XRCF chamber at MSFC





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Buildup of telescope flight structure underway at ATK Assembly consists of ~3,200 bonded composite piece parts





Full scale OTE mockup in handling test at NGAS





Sunshield development ready for CDR January 2010



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The JWST science instrument payload completed CDR during March 2009



Integrated Science Instrument Module (ISIM) contains:

- Four science instruments
- Command and data handling system
- Flight software system
- Passive cryogenic thermal control system
- Optical metering structure system
- Science instrument control electronics
- Electrical harness system



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Detector development has met performance objectives





Cryo-ASIC development fully successful and in flight production

- Key to enabling ISIM 63 Mpixel near-infrared pixel compliment within mass and power constraints
- Provides complete control and data conversion functionality for operation of H2RG SCA
 - 37 K operation with < 20 mW dissipation
 - In-flight controllable software
 - 16 bit resolution

TRL-9: In flight on HST/SM4



ASIC Cryogenic Test Assembly
The NIRCam instrument will image large portions of the sky identifying primeval galaxy targets for the other instruments





- Developed by the University of Arizona with Lockheed Martin ATC
 - Operating wavelength: 0.6 5.0 microns
 - Spectral resolution: 4, 10, 100
 - Field of view: 2.2 x 4.4 arc minutes
 - Angular resolution (1 pixel): 32 mas < 2.3 microns, 65 mas > 2.4 microns
 - Detector type: HgCdTe, 2048 x 2048 pixel format, 10 detectors, 40 K passive cooling
 - Refractive optics, Beryllium structure
- Supports OTE wavefront sensing

NIRCam ETU in integration now



NIRCam is on schedule for delivery during March 2011



Qual unit LW 1 Mpix HgCdTe FPA in metrology Dewar







Bonded singlet lens assemblies





The NIRCam ETU is in integration & test





The NIRSpec will produce spectra of up to 100 galaxies in a single exposure





- Operating wavelength: 0.6 5.0 microns
- Spectral resolution: 100, 1000, 3000
- Field of view: 3.4 x 3.4 arc minutes
 - Aperture control: programmable micro-shutters, 250,000 pixels
 - Angular resolution: shutter open area 203 x 463 mas, pitch 267 x 528 mas
- Detector type: HgCdTe, 2048 x 2048 pixel format, 2 detectors, 37 K passive cooling
- Reflective optics, SiC structure and optics









ETU Testing Completed Oct 09 Flight Model in Integration Now

WST.

250 thousand pixel cryogenic microshutter array system is on schedule for delivery during Feb 2010



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NIRSpec is on schedule for delivery during Nov 2010





NIRSpec verification model testing was completed during October 2009





The MIRI instrument will detect key discriminators that distinguish the earliest state of galaxy evolution from more evolved objects





- Developed by the United Kingdom Advanced Technology Center and JPL
 - Operating wavelength: 5 29 microns
 - Spectral resolution: 5, 100, 2000
 - Field of view: 1.9 x 1.4 arc minutes broad-band imagery
 - R100 spectroscopy 5 x 0.2 arc sec slit
 - R2000 spectroscopy 3.5 x 3.5 and 7 x 7 arc sec integral field units
 - Detector type: Si:As, 1024 x 1024 pixel format, 3 detectors, 7 K cryo-cooler
 - Reflective optics, Aluminum structure and optics

ETU Testing Completed Dec 08 Flight Model in Integration Now



MIRI is on schedule for delivery during Oct 2010



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MIRI requires active cooling to 7 K

- A two stage mechanical cooler is used to cool the MIRI below the nominal 40 K ISIM environment that is achieved by passive radiative cooling.
 - The MIRI Cooler will be the first long life, 7K mechanical cooler for space flight
 - Developed by NGAS and JPL







DM Pre-Cooler

Test JT compressor

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JT-CCE (ACE)

The FGS provides imagery for telescope pointing control & imaging spectroscopy to reveal primeval galaxies and extra-solar planets



- Developed by the Canadian Space Agency with ComDev
 - Operating wavelength: 0.8 4.8 microns
 - Spectral resolution: Broad-band guider and R=100 science imagery
 - Field of view: 2.3 x 2.3 arc minutes
 - R=100 imagery with Fabry-Perot tunable filter and coronagraph
 - Angular resolution (1 pixel): 68 mas
 - Detector type: HgCdTe, 2048 x 2048 pixel format, 3 detectors, 40 K passive cooling
 - Reflective optics, Aluminum structure and optics

FGS ETU in Test Now

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FGS is on schedule for delivery during Nov 2010





FPA - Backside - Cover Removed



Light Facing Side - Scene



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FGS engineering test unit in space simulation chamber



ISIM will be tested in the GSFC SES chamber using an Optical Telescope Simulator (OSIM)



Then The OTE + ISIM will be tested in a larger space simulation chamber at JSC







- Successfully passed Confirmation Review (PDR/NAR) 2008
 - Launch Readiness Date moved to June 2014
- ISIM CDR passed March 09
 - All science instruments have passed CDR
- OTE CDR completed Oct 09; Sunshield CDR upcoming during January 2010
- Science instrument verification models completing integration & test now
 - They will be delivered to the GSFC over the next several months
 - Integration of the flight instruments is underway
- Continuing to make good progress on critical path items
- Getting ready for our Mission CDR April 2010
- Approximately 59% of Phase A through D cost invested so far
 - Pacing items (mirrors, instruments, etc) in flight production



- The JWST will enable the first observations of the period in the history of the universe in which the first stars and galaxies formed
- It is a versatile tool that will revolutionize understanding in other important areas:
 - How the first galaxies evolved to produce the diversity of that exists today
 - How stars form and produce circumstellar debris from which planets are formed
 - How planetary systems form and evolve
- The observatory is on schedule and on budget for launch during 2014
- Sun centered orbit at Sun-Earth L2 point
- 5 year baseline mission with propellant to enable 10 year goal
- 6.5 m class infrared cryogenic telescope, four science instruments
 - 0.6 -29 micron wavelength coverage, imagery, spectroscopy, coronagraphy
- Partnership with European and Canadian space agencies
- Mission Lead: Goddard Space Flight Center
- Prime Contractor: Northrop Grumman Aerospace Systems



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ISIM Instrument characteristics wallet card

ISIM Fast Facts

	Key Instrument Characteristics (as of Mar 06)														
Instrument	Channel/Mode	Wavelength (microns)	Typical Spectral Resolution $(\lambda/\Delta\lambda)$	FOV	Angular Resolution (arc sec)	Number of Sensor Chip Arrays	Mega Pixels	Detector Type / Format NIR=18 um pixels MIR=25 um pixels	Detector Temp (K)						
NIPCam	Shortwave	0.6 - 2.3	4,10,100	2.2' x 2.2' each of 2 modules	0.032 / pixel	8	34	HgCdTe / 2048 x 2048	40						
NIRCam	Longwave	2.4 - 5.0	4,10,100	2.2' x 2.2' each of 2 modules	0.065 / pixel	2	8	HgCdTe / 2048 x 2048	40						
NIRSpec	Multi-Object Spec	1.0 - 5.0 0.6 - 5.0	1000	203 x 463 mas clear shutter aperture, 267 x 528 mas pitch, 4 x 171 x 365 shutter array format, 9.7 sq arcmin mulit-object targetable solid angle	see FOV	2	8	HgCdTe / 2048 x 2048	37						
	Long Slits (5)	1.0 - 5.0	100, 1000, 2700	200 x 3500 mas x 3, 400 x 4000 mas, 100 x 2000 mas				-							
	IFU	0.7 - 5.0	2700	3 x 3 arc-sec	0.10 slice width			01.1.1.100.1.100.1							
	Imager	5 - 27	4-6	1.9' x 1.4'	0.11 / pixel	1	1	Si:As / 1024 x 1024	/						
	Low Res Slit	5 - 11	100	5" x 0.6"	see FOV	1	1	Si:As / 1024 x 1024	7						
MIRI	Med Res IFU	4.87 - 7.76 7.45 - 11.87 11.47 - 18.24 17.54 - 28.82	3000 3000 3000 2250	4.7" x 4.5" 6.2" x 6.1"	0.18 slice width 0.28 slice width 0.39 slice width 0.65 slice width	1	1	Si:As / 1024 x 1024	7						
FGS-TF		1.6 - 2.5, 3.2 - 4.9	100	2.2' x 2.2'	0.065 / pixel	1	4	HgCdTe / 2048 x 2048	40						
FGS-Guider		0.8 - 5.0	0.7	2.3' x 2.3' each of 2 modules	0.068 / pixel	2	8	HgCdTe / 2048 x 2048	40						

JWST Sensitivity (JWST-RQMT-000634 Rev-M Baseline)

Wavelength	Instrument/Mode	Bandwidth	SNR	Maximum Wall Clock Time (s)	Continuum	Continuum	Unresolved
(microns)		(λ/Δλ)			Flux Density	Flux Density	Line Flux
					(nJy)	(10 ⁻³³ W m ⁻² Hz ⁻¹)	(10 ⁻²¹ W m ⁻²)



JWST Overview Schedule

JWST Overview		2008				2009			2010				2011			2012			2013			2014				20		
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JWST System Architecture



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