

NISE Net Online Workshop

Engaging audiences in the launch of the James Webb Space Telescope

May 4, 2021



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Unfold the Universe with the Webb Space Telescope

Dr. Alex Lockwood

May 4, 2021



Outline

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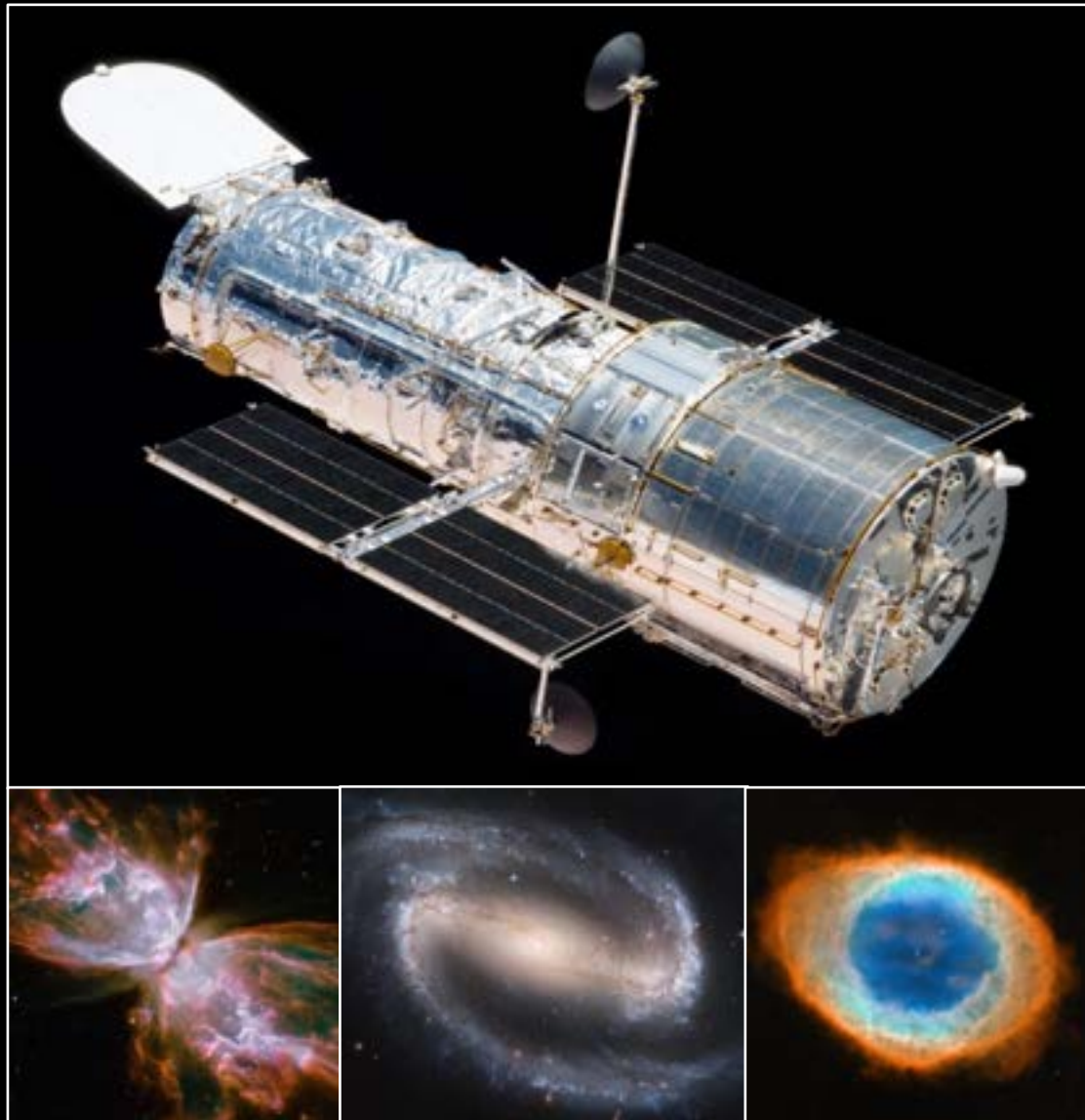
Motivations for Webb



The Hubble Space Telescope

30 years in space
and a legacy of
images and
discoveries

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The Hubble Ultra Deep Field

Image credit: NASA, ESA, H. Teplitz and M. Rafelski (IPAC/Caltech), A. Koekemoer (STScI), R. Windhorst (Arizona State University), and Z. Levay (STScI)



We can use
deep fields to
construct the
history of
galaxies over
time

*But what about
the first
galaxies?*



*Image credit: Frank Summers, Alyssa Pagan,
Leah Hustak, Greg Bacon, Zolt Levay, Lisa
Frattare (STScI), Anton Koekemoer, Bahram
Mobasher, and HUDF Team*

Webb Science and The Infrared



Early Universe



Galaxies
over Time



Star Lifecycle



Other Worlds

Everything is glowing

What we perceive as heat is infrared radiation

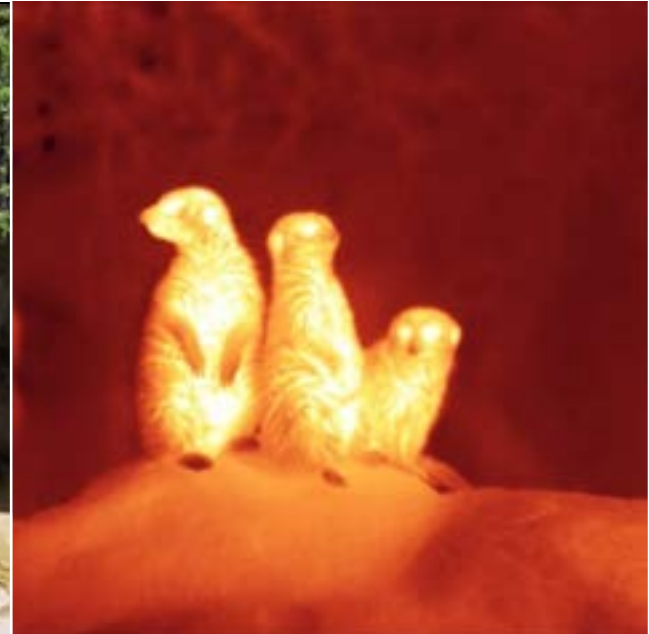


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Webb is tuned to infrared light

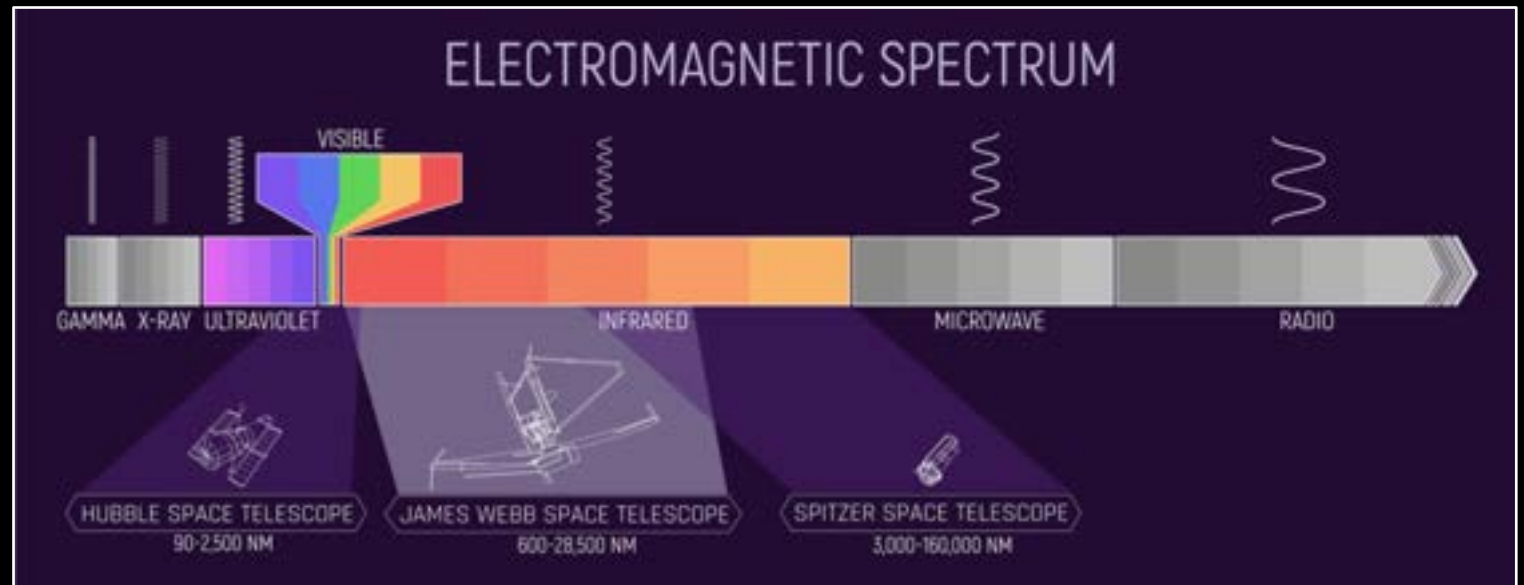


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Early Universe and the first Galaxies

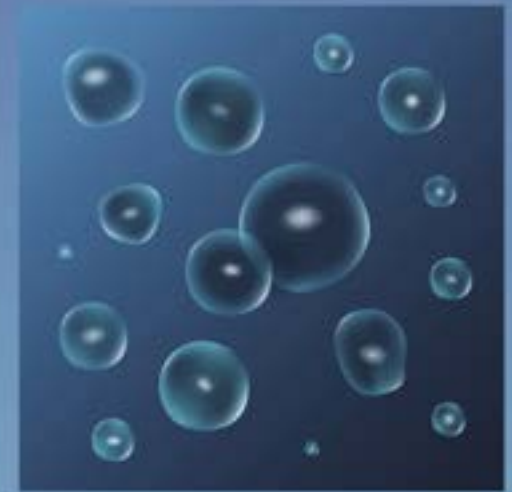
Ultra-deep field will detect the first galaxies (redshift ~ 15).

Spectra of quasars, galaxies, and gamma-ray bursts will show how the galaxies reionized the hydrogen gas that fills the Universe.

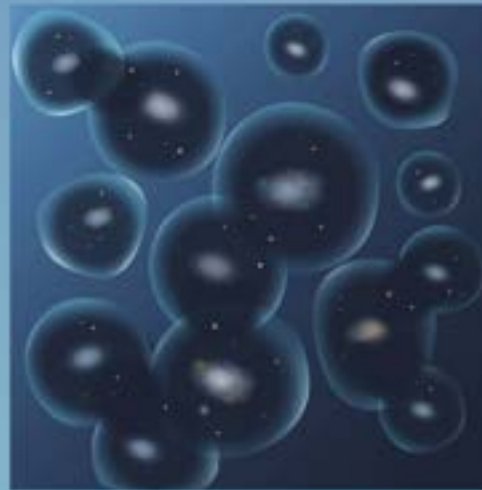
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Stars begin forming, heating gas



Stars assemble into galaxies



Galaxies become more massive



Clear universe, end of reionization

Seeing into the past

As the Universe expands it stretches light to redder wavelengths

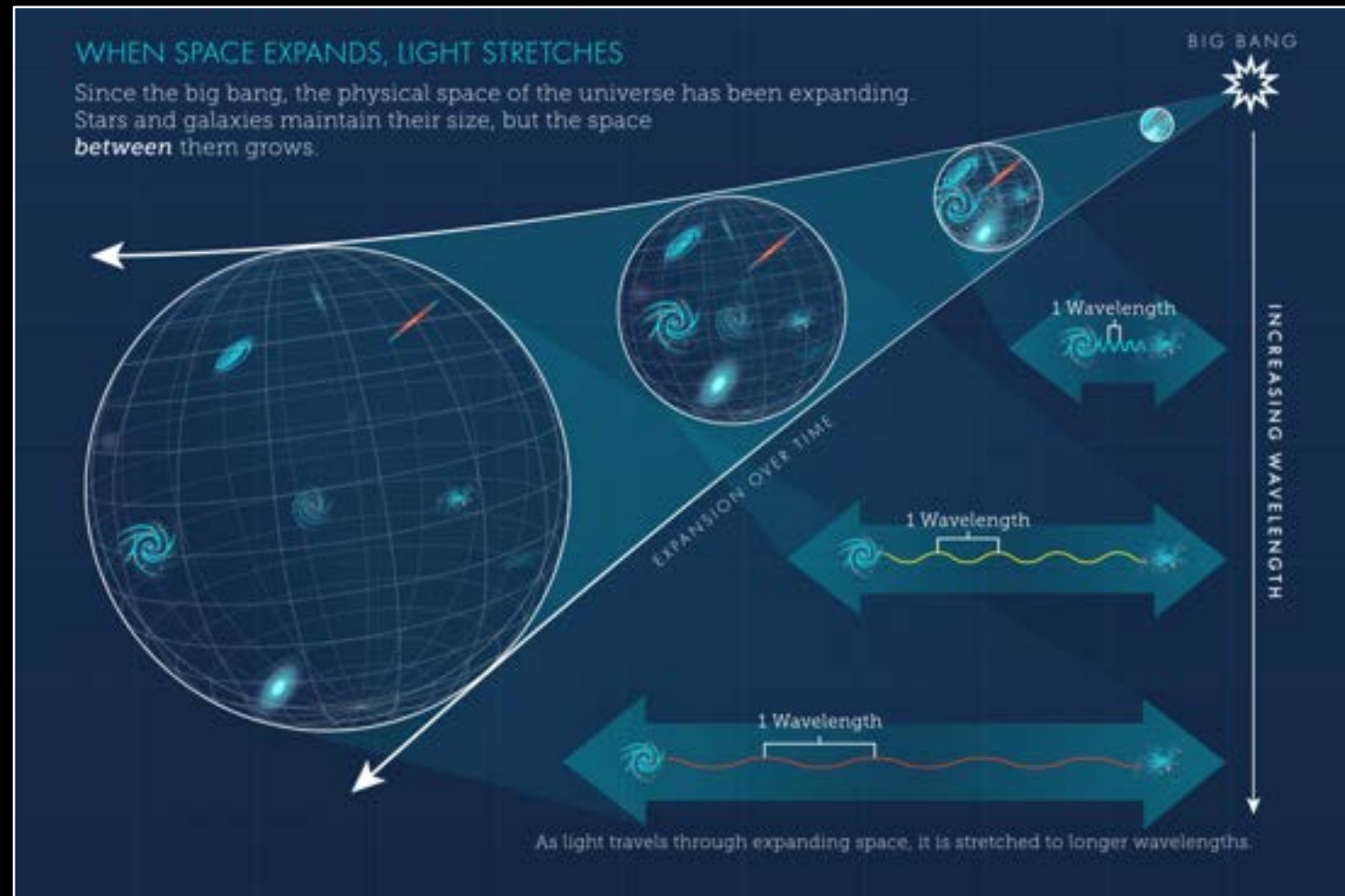
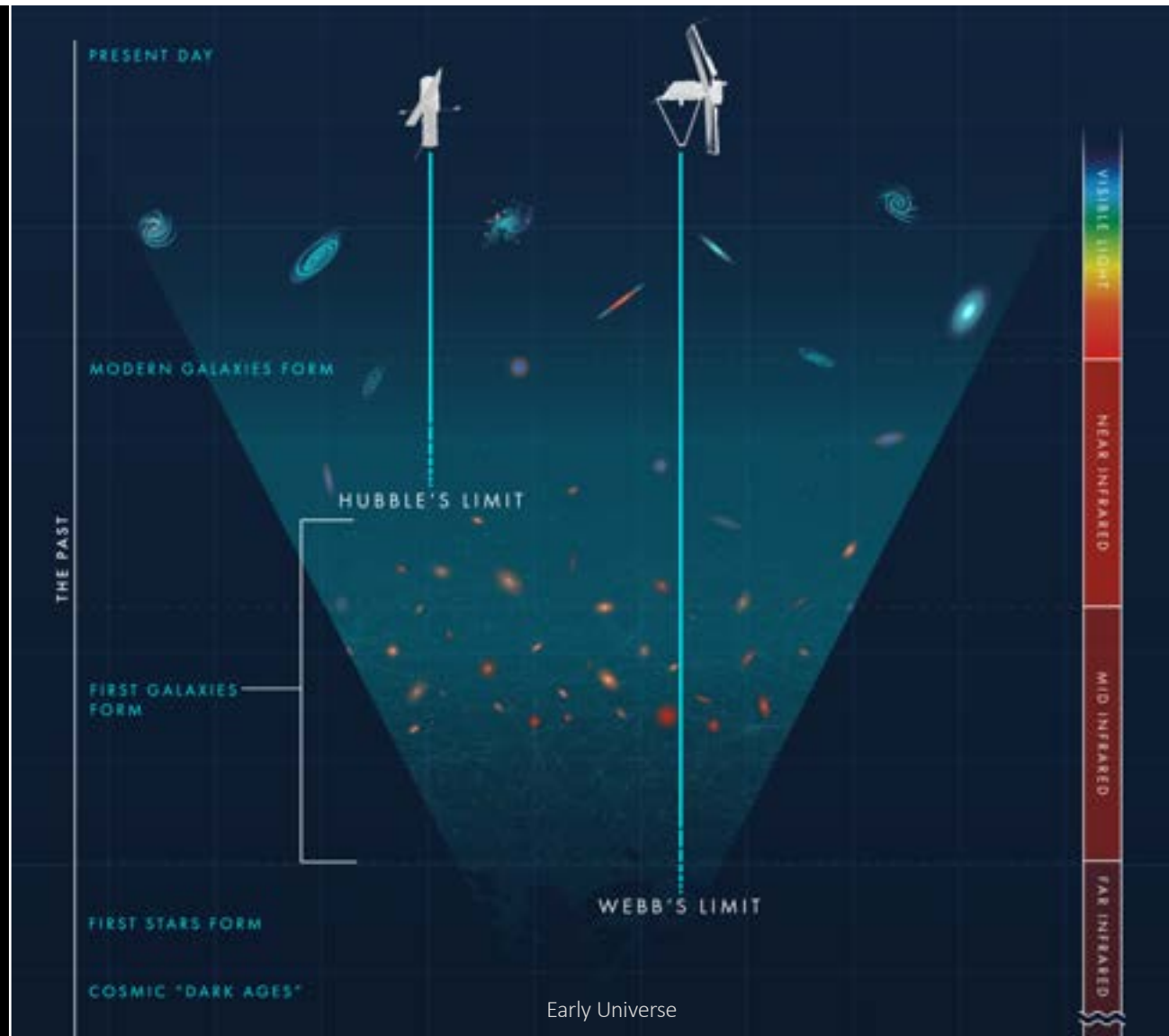


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Seeing into the past

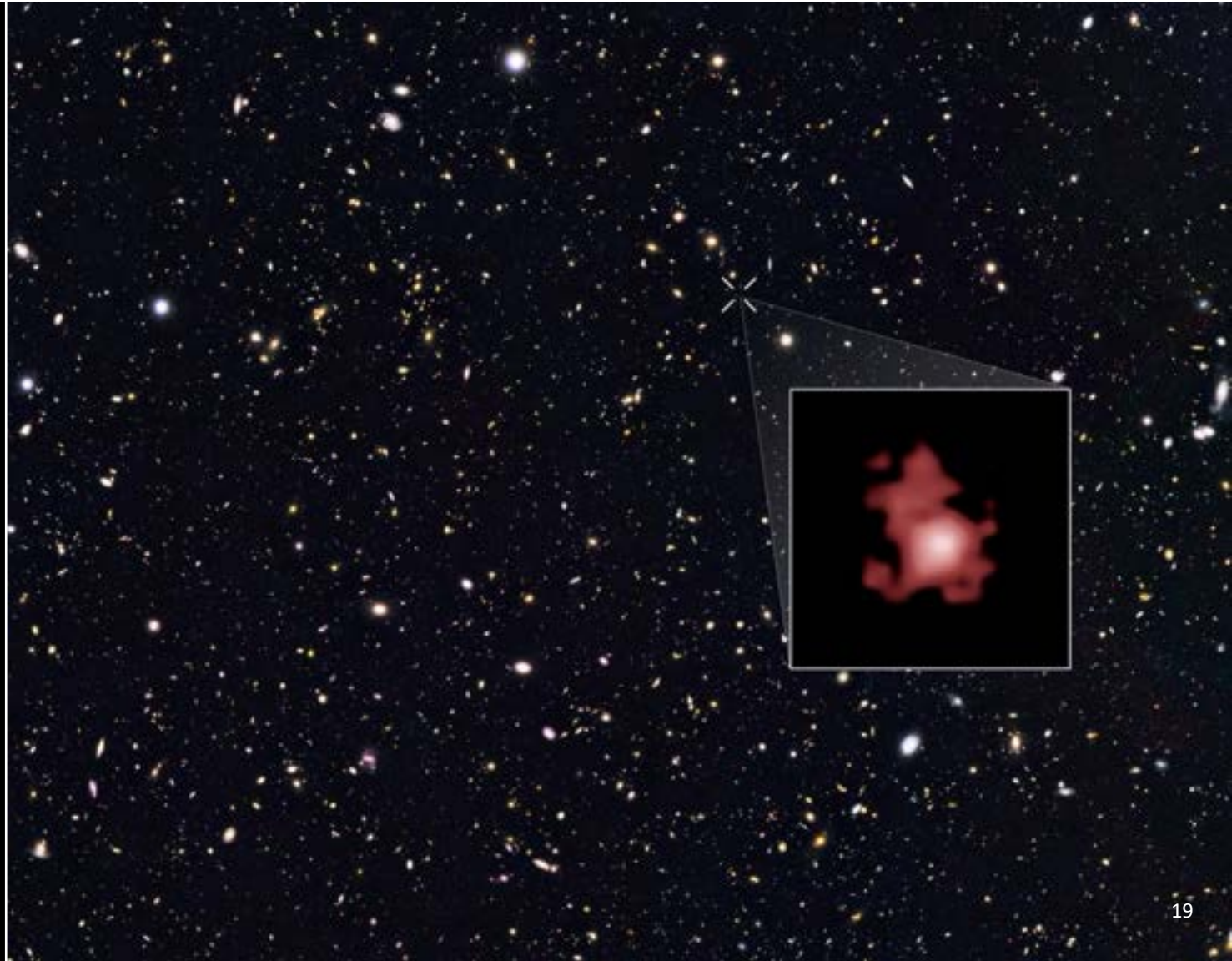
Webb will be able to see the first galaxies

Image credit: NASA, ESA, and L. Hustak (STScI)



**Webb will see
the first few
hundred
million years**

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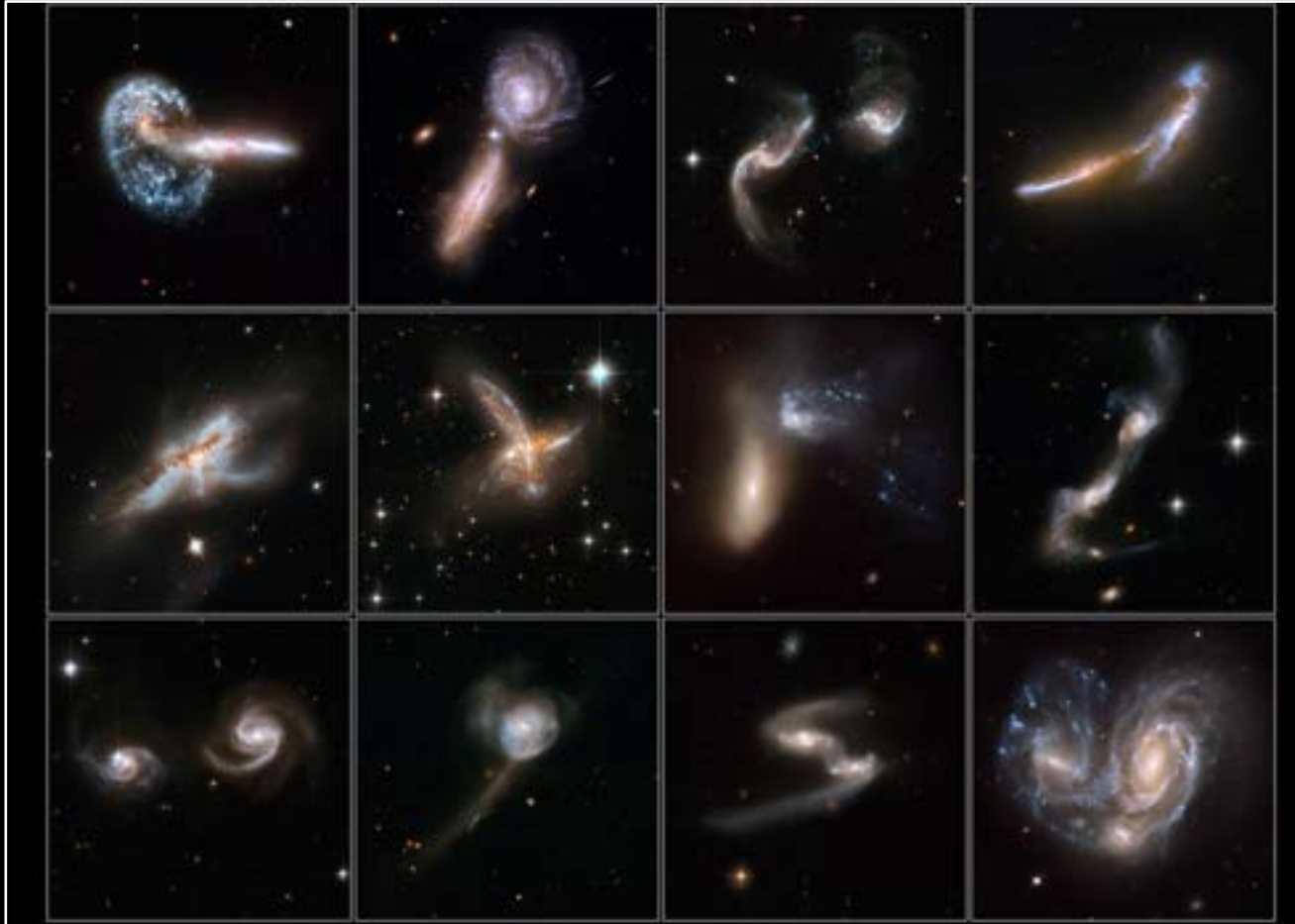


The Assembly of Galaxies Over Time

Webb will follow the history of the merger and growth of galaxies, black holes, and the history of star formation (redshift 1-6).

Webb allows us to study the dust and gas in these galaxies.

Image credit: NASA, ESA, the Hubble Heritage (STScI/AURA)-ESA/Hubble Collaboration, and A. Evans (University of Virginia, Charlottesville/NRAO/Stony Brook University)



The Birth of Stars and Protoplanetary Systems

Infrared wavelengths allow us to see through the dust, allowing surveys of molecular clouds and star-forming regions.

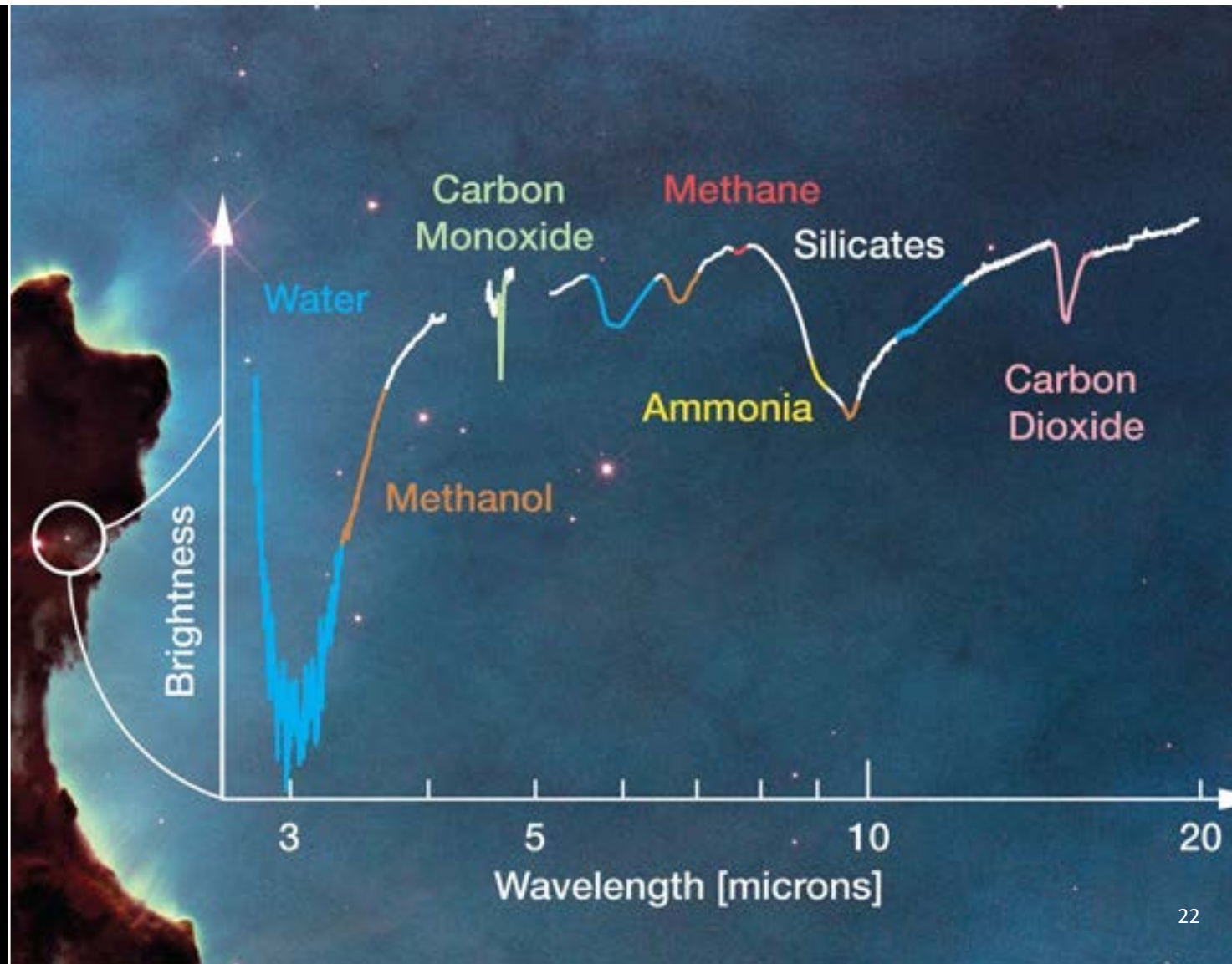
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You can study molecules

In planetary atmospheres or nebulas

Image credit: NASA, ESA, the Hubble Heritage Team (STScI), and M. McClure (Universiteit van Amsterdam) and A. Boogert (University of Hawaii)

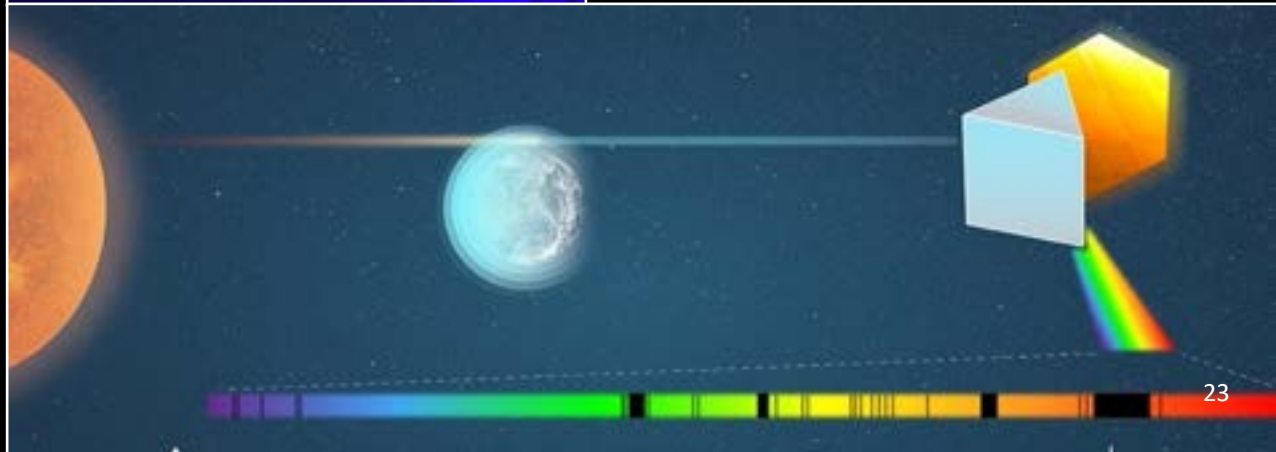
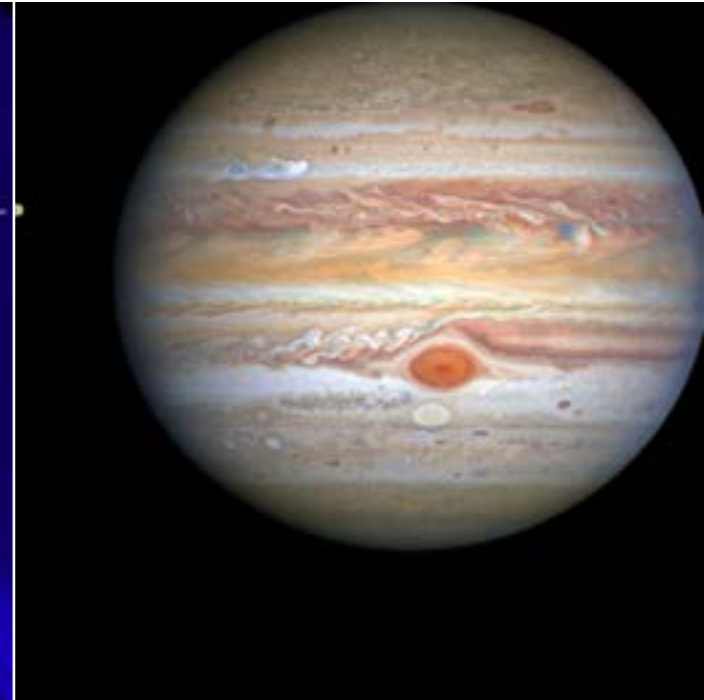
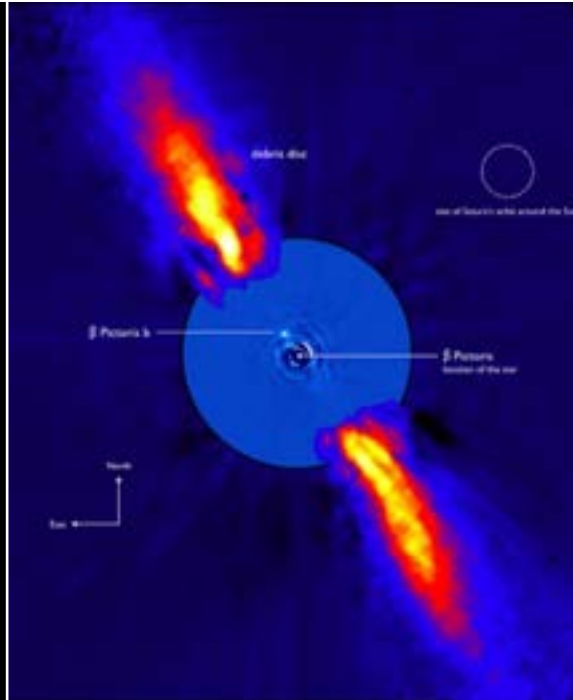


Other Worlds

Webb will be able to observe exoplanets and their atmospheres.

It can also observe solar system objects beyond the orbit of Mars.

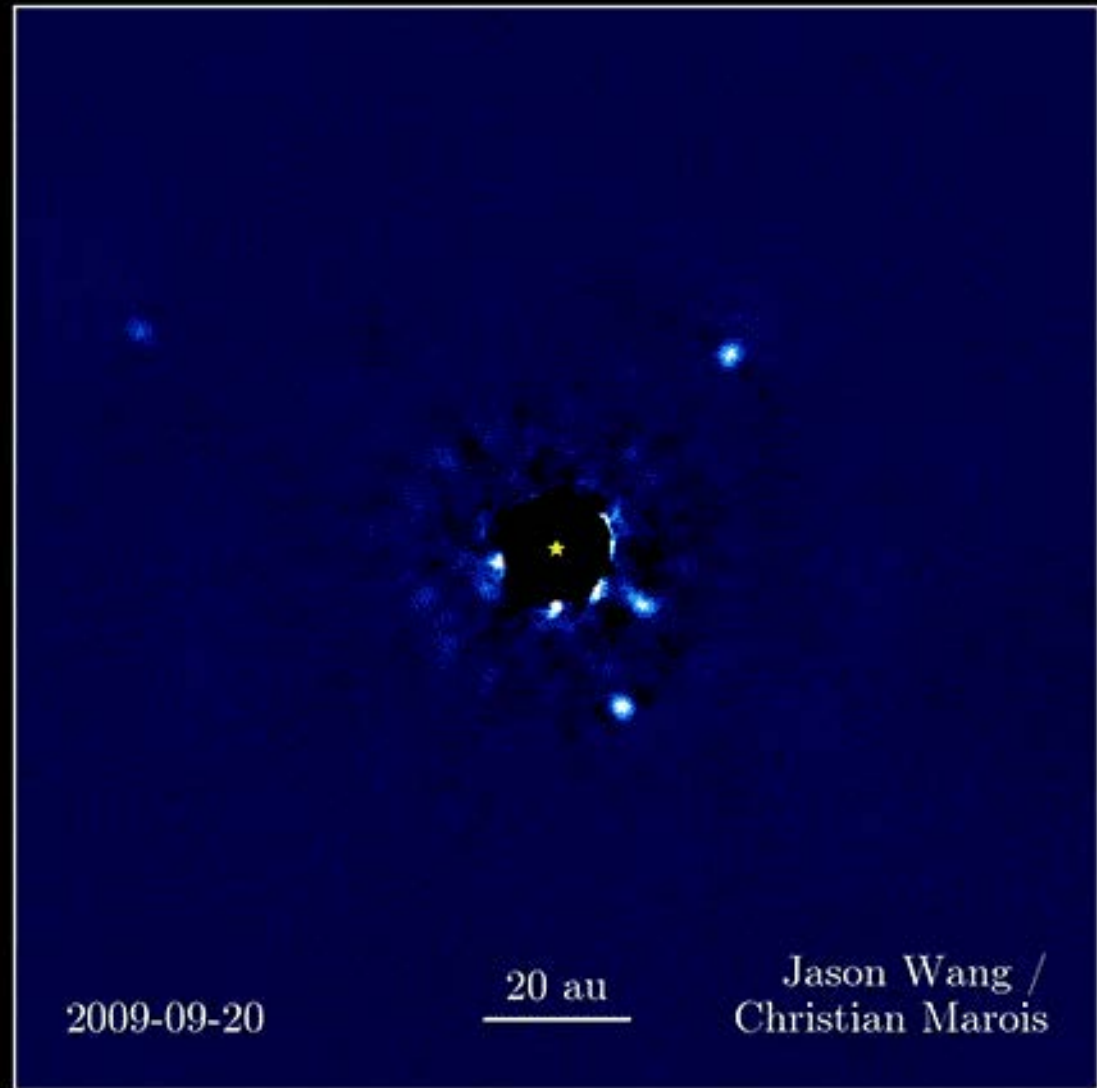
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Some things
are
intrinsically
bright in the
Infrared

Like exoplanets

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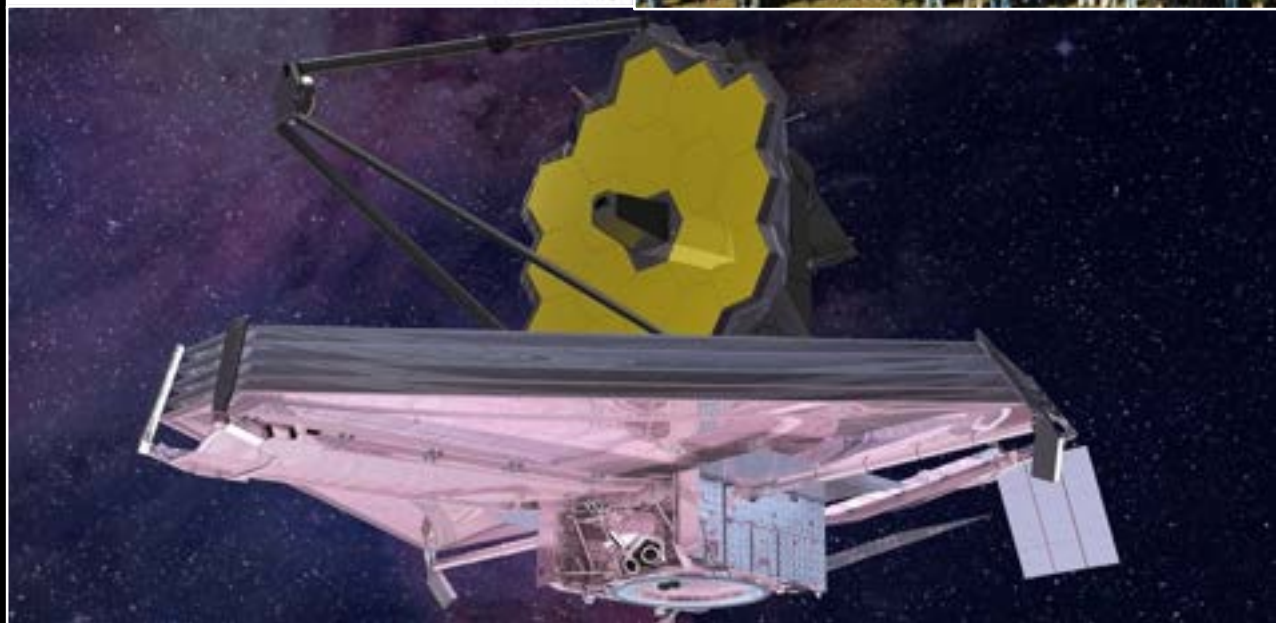
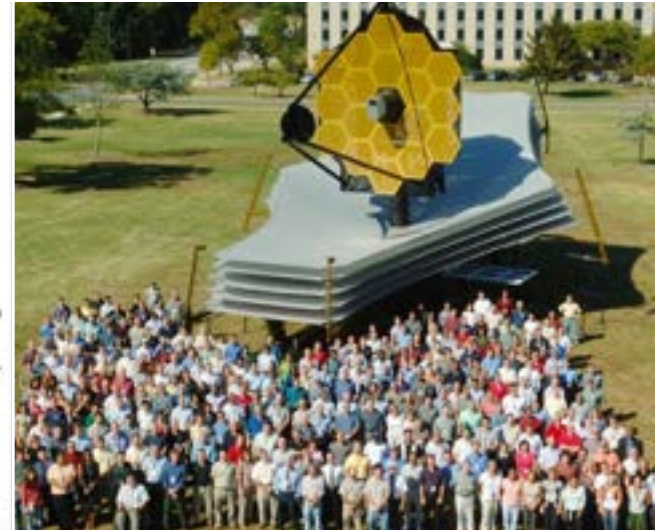
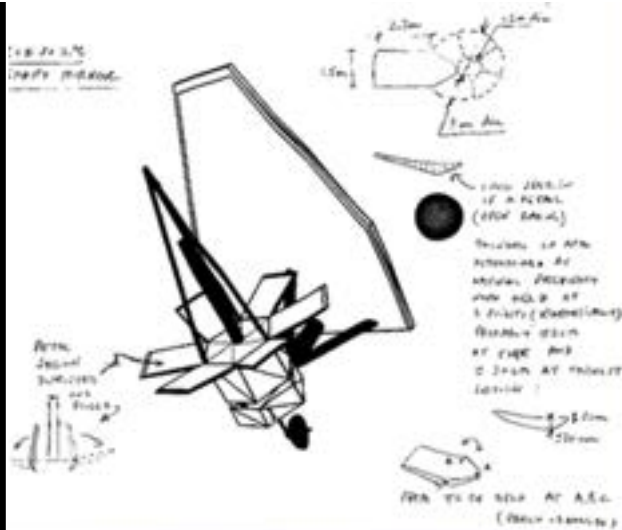
The Telescope

Webb will have to be:

“a large cold telescope, with a wide field of view, exceptional angular resolution and sensitivity, and wide wavelength coverage in both imaging and spectroscopy.”

-Gardner 2006

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The Two Sides of the Webb Telescope

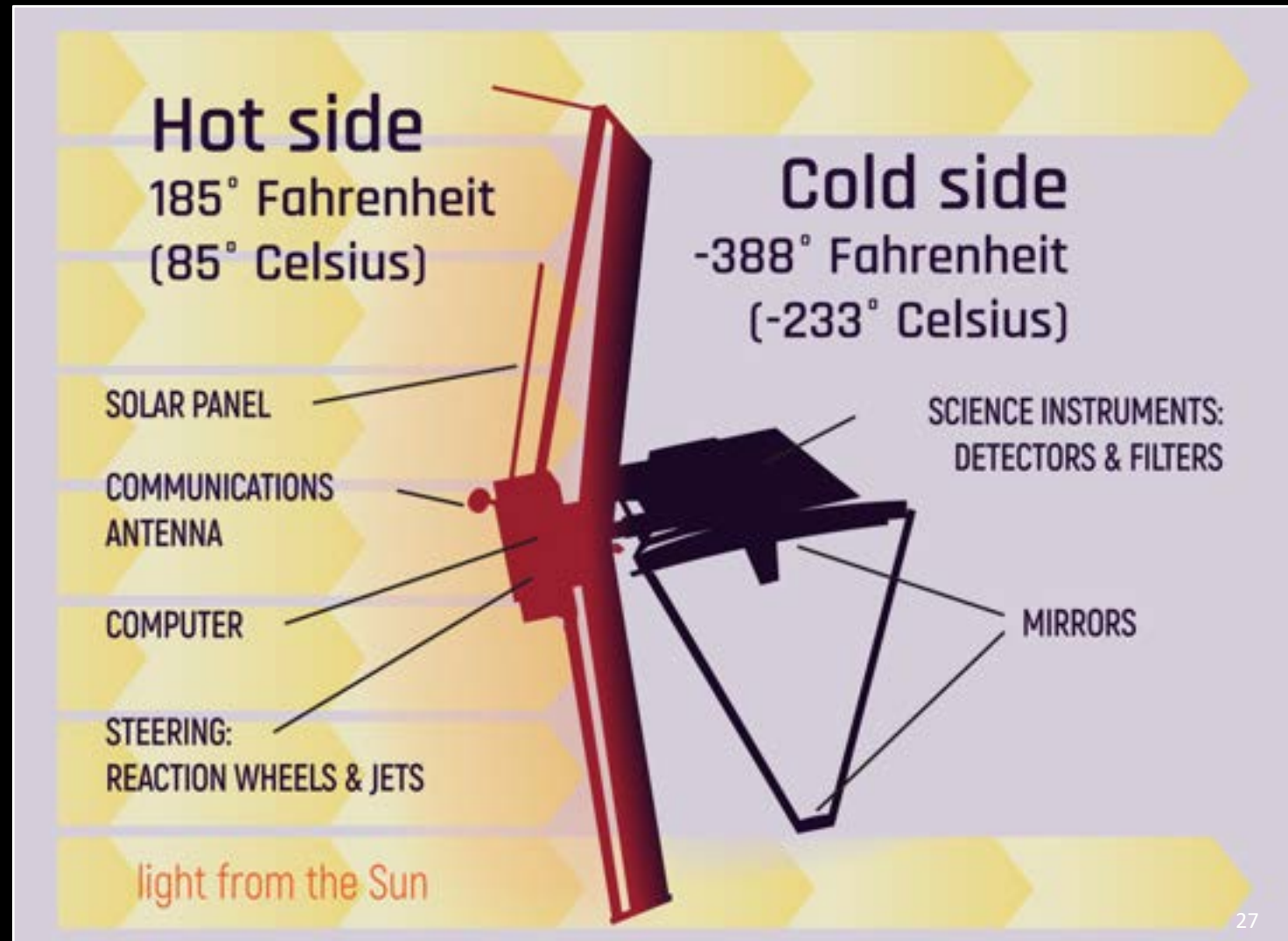


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Webb will orbit at L2

The Second Lagrange Point (L2) is a stable orbit that balances the Earth's and the Sun's gravity.

Webb's Orbit

Webb will follow Earth around the Sun, orbiting around a point called L2, always in a straight line with Earth and the Sun.

Webb orbits L2 once every 168 days.

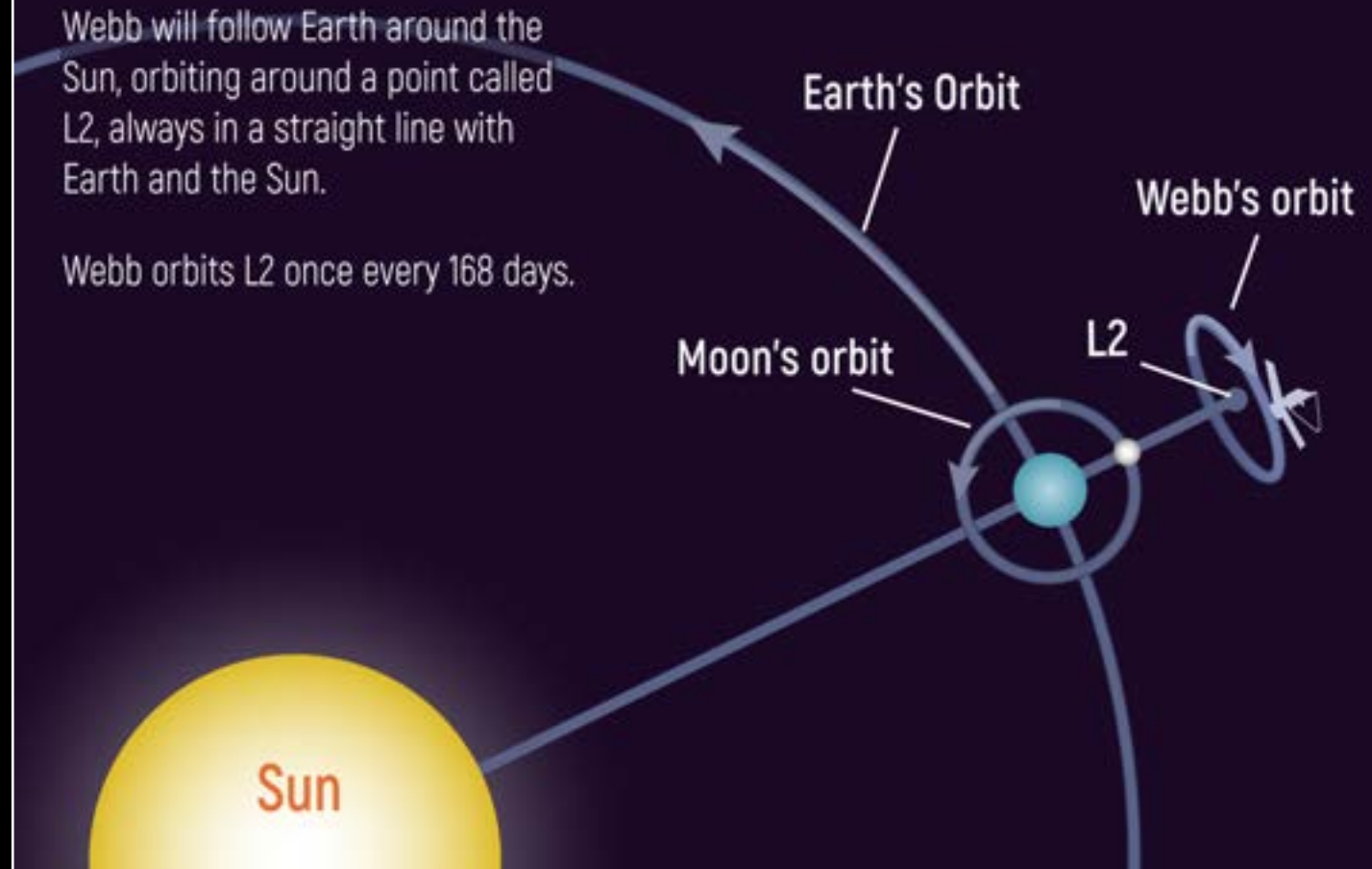


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Webb is an international collaboration between NASA, the European Space Agency, and the Canadian Space Agency.



The Main Innovations

The two most striking and novel parts of the telescope are the primary mirror and the sunshield.



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NASA/Chris Gunn*

**Webb will
launch from
Kourou, French
Guiana on an
Ariane 5
rocket.**



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TUBS /Wikimedia Commons*

**Webb is on
track to
launch by
October 2021**

Image credit: K. Lepo (STScI)



**Webb will
unfold in space
and have a 6.5
month
commissioning
period.**

We expect the
first science from
the observatory
in summer 2022!



Thank you!

Questions?

The background is a deep blue gradient with a starry texture. On the left side, there are several overlapping circular and semi-circular patterns. Some are solid white lines, while others are dashed. A prominent circular scale with numerical markings from 140 to 260 in increments of 10 is visible. There are also curved arrows indicating a clockwise direction. The overall aesthetic is scientific and cosmic.

WEBB SPACE TELESCOPE COMMUNITY EVENTS

DIFFERENT KINDS OF PARTICIPATION POSSIBLE

- Official NASA supported events:
 - Will be promoted on NASA's website
 - Direct connection with a Webb subject matter expert, in your area or remotely
 - Launch countdown lawn signs
 - Large celebratory banner
 - Find more information and propose your event by **May 16** through <https://outerspace.stsci.edu/display/WSTCE/>
- If you can commit in Summer to hosting an event
 - Direct connection with a Webb subject matter expert, in your area or remotely
- Anyone can use with no prior commitment:
 - Activity guides
 - Videos, infographics, other digital assets



“Your event here!”

TO SIGN UP:

- Complete the Google Form with details about your institution and event plans linked at <https://outerspace.stsci.edu/display/WSTCE/> by **May 16**
- Sites designated as “official NASA sites” receiving support will be based on:
 - Location
 - Reach - number of people they serve
 - A plan for engaging underserved audiences
 - Hosting a free, publicly accessible event
 - A safety plan, including COVID-19 considerations, as well as a digital back-up plan for in person events
 - Connections to local partners (e.g. school districts, county governments, other community organizations, etc)
 - A plan for continuing engagement with community beyond the single event
 - Engaging subject matter experts in their programming

EVENTS SELECTED TO RECEIVE OFFICIAL STATUS WILL REPRESENT THE DIVERSITY ACROSS THE U.S.:

- A mix of small and large organizations
- Organizations in both rural and urban locations
- Organizations targeting audiences underrepresented in STEM
- Locations that have not previously received similar NASA resources
- Locations that target all aspects of the STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, mathematics) fields

IF YOU CANNOT COMMIT NOW, DON'T WORRY! YOU CAN STILL PARTICIPATE

- After May 16, info page at <https://outerspace.stsci.edu/display/WSTCE/> will be updated with new, simpler form to request activity guides, printed materials, and/or connection to a Webb subject matter expert
- We can connect a Webb expert to your event given 2 months notice.

James Webb Space Telescope Community Engagement: Tools and Resources



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Host an Event

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- Print Materials:
 - Webb folder to hold materials
 - Lithographs, Posters, Decals
 - Fun Pads, Lapel Pins, Bookmarks



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Contacts

- Organizations interested in hosting an event should contact:
- Peter Sooy: peter.r.sooy@nasa.gov
- Chris Britt: cbritt@stsci.edu
- For more information on hosting an event, check out:
<https://outerspace.stsci.edu/display/WSTCE>

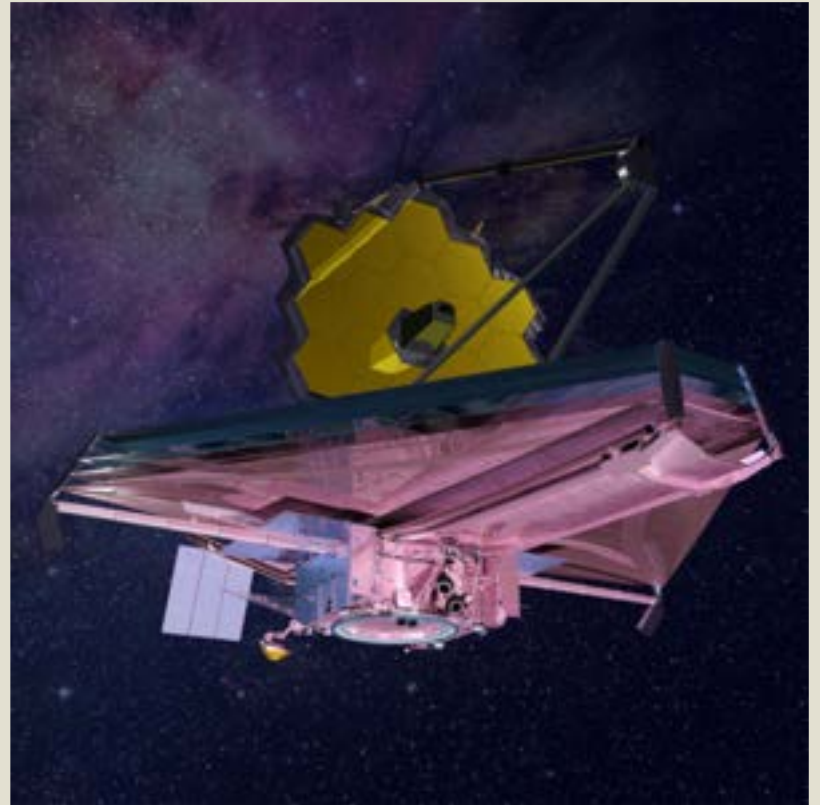


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Learning with Webb

- Webb Provides an exciting opportunity to engage learners in fundamental concepts of science and technology.
- Uncover the hidden universe with Webb's infrared-detecting technology: stars shrouded in clouds of dust, water in the atmospheres of other worlds, and the first light from the earliest galaxies ever formed.
- Explore our Webb resources at: webbtelescope.org
- Contact us to learn more about how our resources are being used to create successful and impactful learning engagements.



Explore Webb Science: webbtelescope.org



Science Activation: NASA's Universe of Learning

- ViewSpace videos and online interactives
- MicroObservatory AstroPhoto Challenges
- Science Briefings, in partnership with:
 - Museum and Informal Education Alliance
 - Solar System Ambassadors
- Informal Learning Network Program Models
- Find Subject Matter Experts for your Webb event



<https://www.universe-of-learning.org>



Myth vs Reality: Seeing with Webb vs Seeing with Hubble

ViewSpace



At a Glance: Seeing the Invisible—Using Infrared to See Dust



Celestial Tour: The Journey of Light



Above and Beyond: The Eagle Nebula in Visible and Infrared Light



At a Glance: The First Galaxies—Observing with The Webb Space Telescope

Join the **YouthAstroNet community** of students and educators using our MicroObservatory Robotic Telescope Network.



Standout entries are up for the Winter 2020 season, featuring M82 Galaxy!

MicroObs | NASA Data



The **Image Directory** lists all MicroObservatory images taken over the last 30 days, plus an archive of past interesting images.

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Make animations in JS9-4L of Mercury's 2016 and 2019 transit of the Sun. Its next transit isn't until 2032!



Explore the world of astronomy through a series of **hangouts with experts** from the Center for Astrophysics



Astro Chats

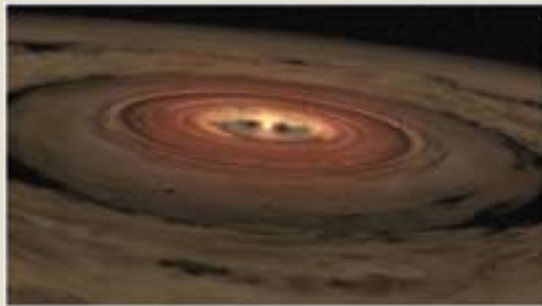
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Black Holes, Out of the Shadows

BLACK HOLES



Understanding the Origins and Diversity of Planets

SOLAR SYSTEM, EXOPLANETS, PLANET FORMATION



Exploring Exoplanets Today and Tomorrow

EXOPLANETS



The Magnetic Universe

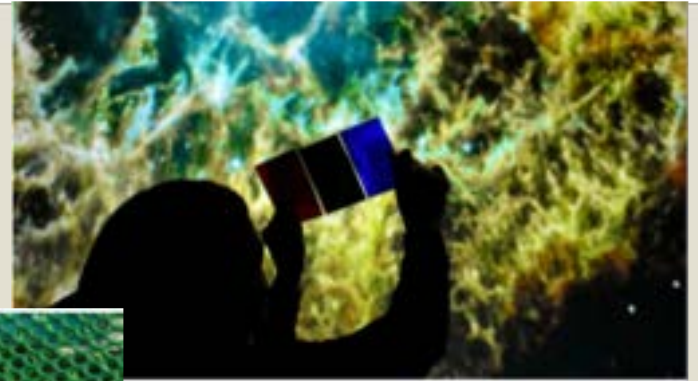
STELLAR DEATH, GALAXY EVOLUTION, MAGNETIC FIELDS



Women in Astronomy: The Past Inspires the Future

STEM, GIRLS STEAM AHEAD

Science Briefings



Informal Learning Network

Subject Matter Experts

- Find Subject Matter Experts for your Webb event
 - NASA's Universe of Learning works to ensure that Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) are paired with educators and learners in a way that makes sense. If you are working on a product or an event and have an opportunity that could be enhanced with a SME, please follow the link Request a SME for a Learning Activity
 - <https://www.universe-of-learning.org/sme-request>

Explore More: Science Activation Partners

- National Informal STEM Education Network (NISENet)
 - Resources, activities and tool kits related to Webb
 - <https://www.nisenet.org/webb>
- Bringing the Universe to America's Classrooms
 - Astronomical Images in Different Wavelengths
 - Analyzing Light Curves of Transiting Exoplanets
 - https://mpt.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/universe/#.YEu9_uZOnxU
- World Wide Telescope Astronomy Interactives
 - Life Cycle of Stars
 - Hubble's Evidence for the Big Bang
 - <https://wwtambassadors.org/>

Thank You

- If you have any questions on the resources shared today please reach out to: Yesenia Perez, yperez@stsci.edu



Q & A

Future Online Workshops

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