

James Webb Space Telescope Mission Status

The background of the slide is a composite image of space. In the top left, a portion of the Earth is visible. Below it is the Moon. The central focus is the James Webb Space Telescope, shown from a perspective that highlights its large, segmented primary mirror and the complex structure of the observatory. The telescope is set against a backdrop of a starry field with a prominent purple and blue nebula. The overall scene is illuminated by a bright light source in the bottom left, creating a lens flare effect.

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Astrophysics Subcommittee Meeting

March 2015



Agenda



- **Schedule**
- **Mission Status**
- **Issues/Concerns**
- **Closing Remarks**



SCHEDULE STATUS

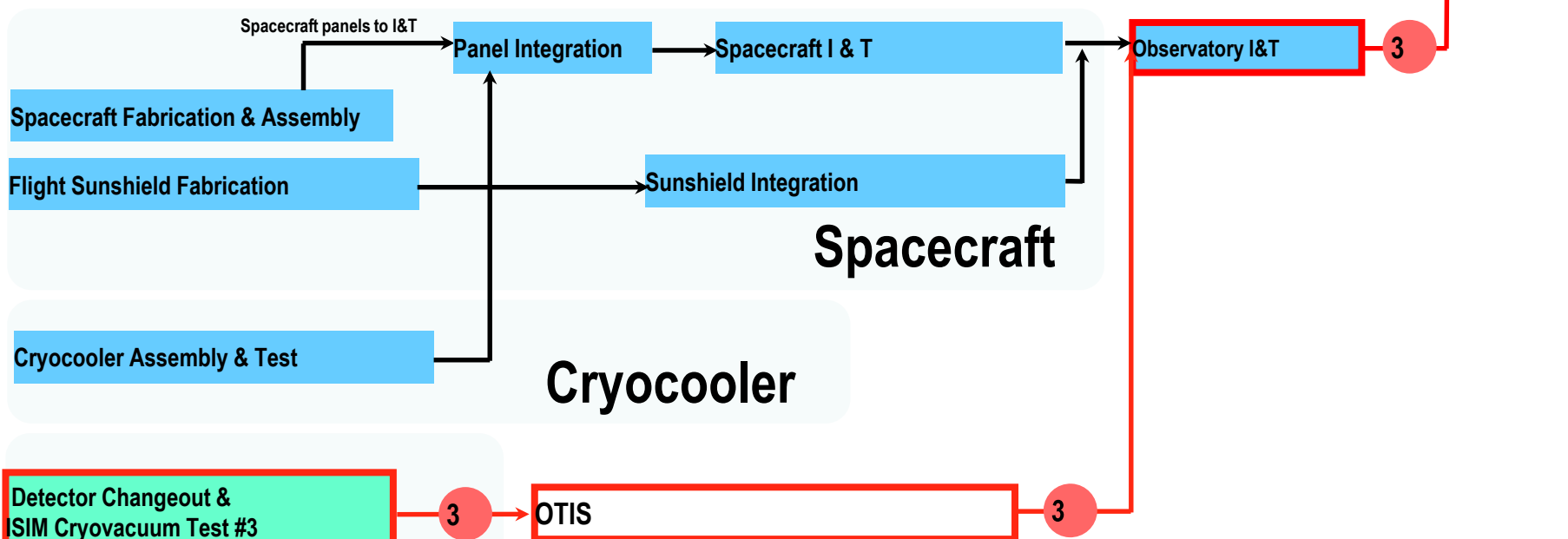


Simplified Schedule

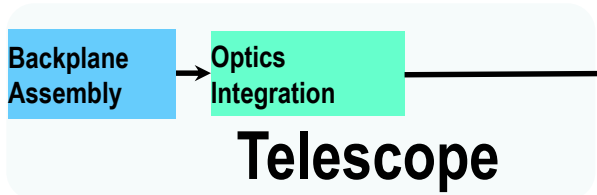


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k months of project funded critical path (mission pacing) schedule reserve



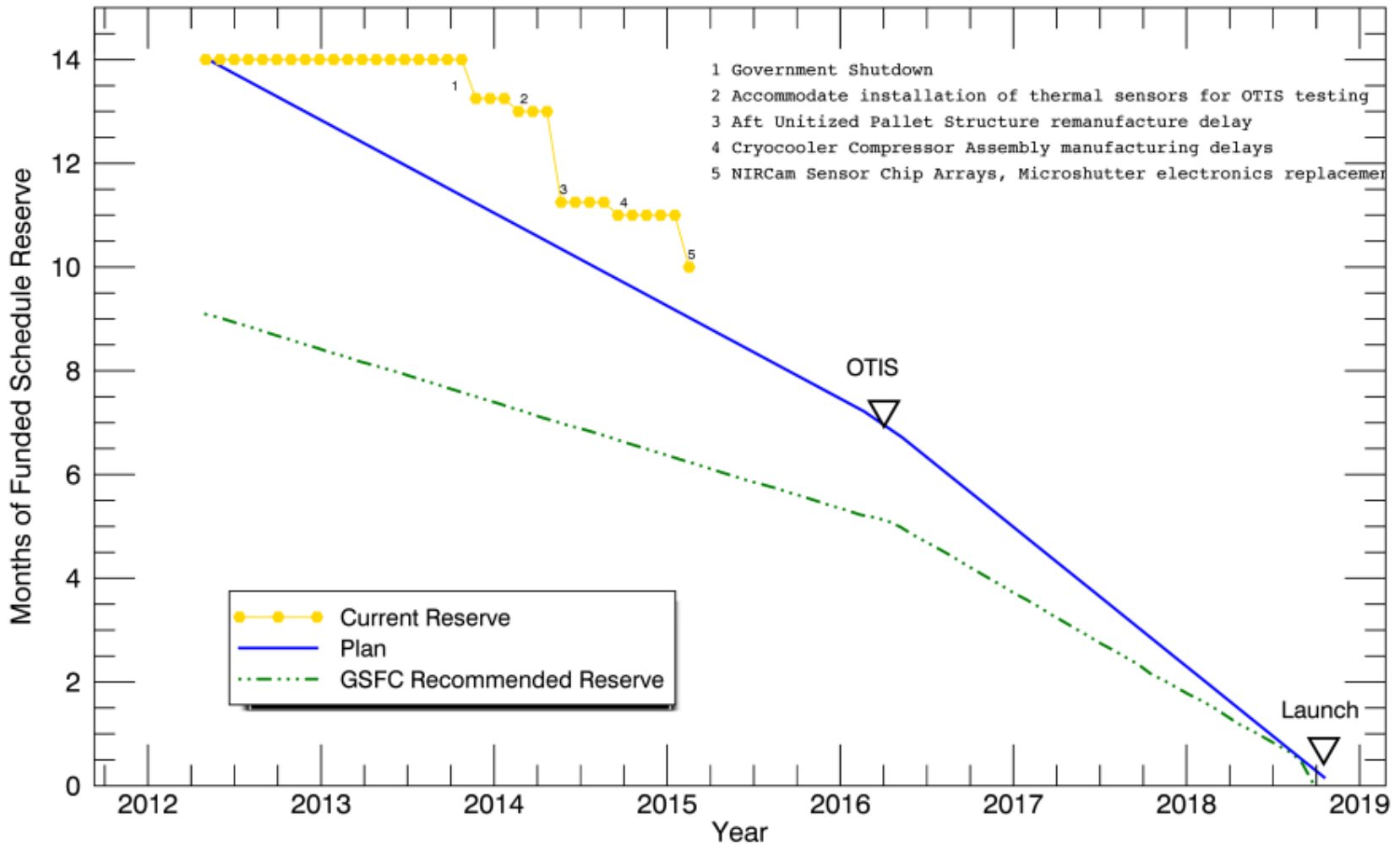
Science Instruments



- Northrop-Grumman
- Goddard Space Flight Center
- Johnson Space Center
- Guiana Space Center



Project Funded Schedule Reserve





Milestone Performance



- Since the September 2011 replan JWST reports high-level milestones monthly to numerous stakeholders

	Total Milestones	Total Milestones Completed	Number Completed Early	Number Completed Late	Deferred to Next Year
FY2011	21	21	6	3	0
FY2012	37	34	16	2	3
FY2013	41	38	20	5	3
FY2014 ❖	36	23	10	8	11
FY2015	48	23	15	3*	0

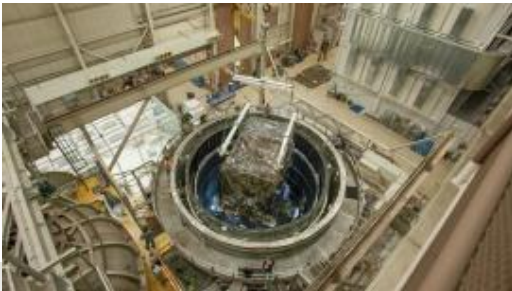
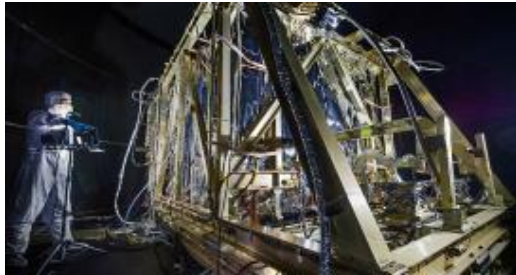
*Late milestones have been or are forecast to complete within the year. Deferred milestones are not included in the number-completed-late tally.

❖ Milestone accounting in FY2014 was complicated by the government shutdown and multicomponent milestones

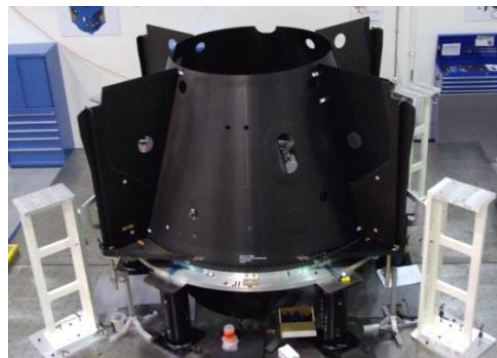
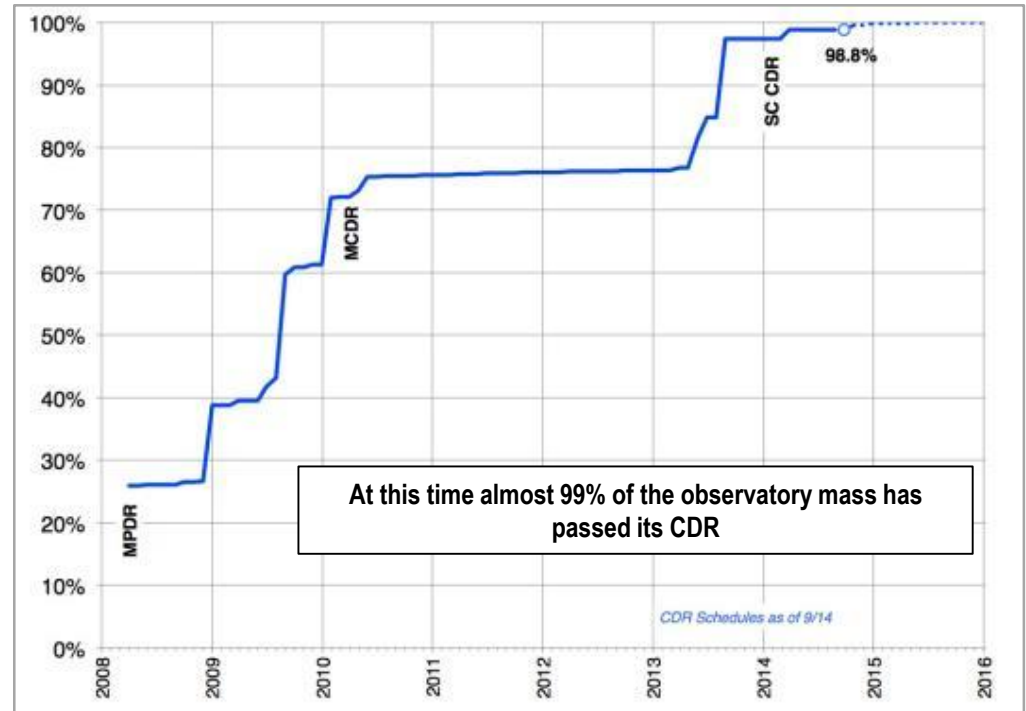


MISSION STATUS

JWST Is In Fabrication and I&T



Flight Hardware Percentage of Mass Past CDR





Telescope



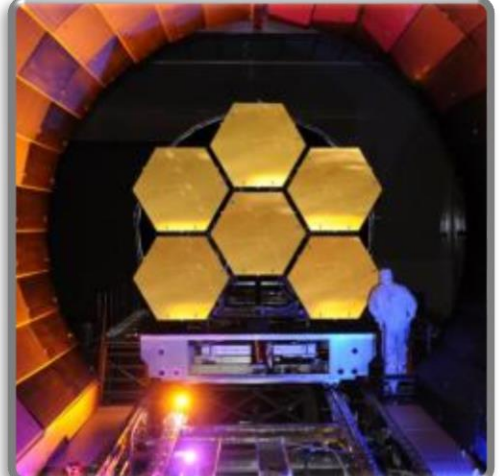
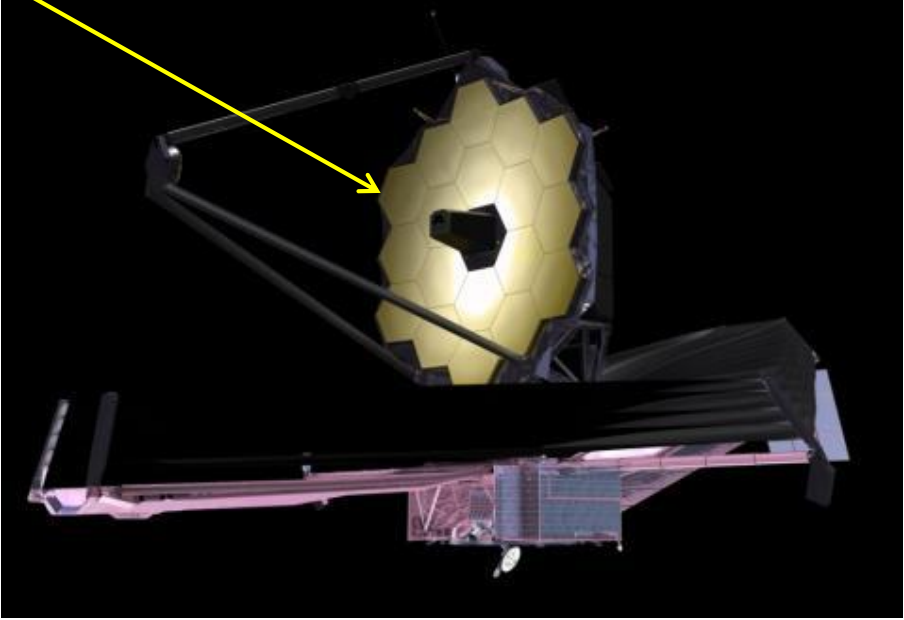
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Integrated Science Instrument Module (ISIM)

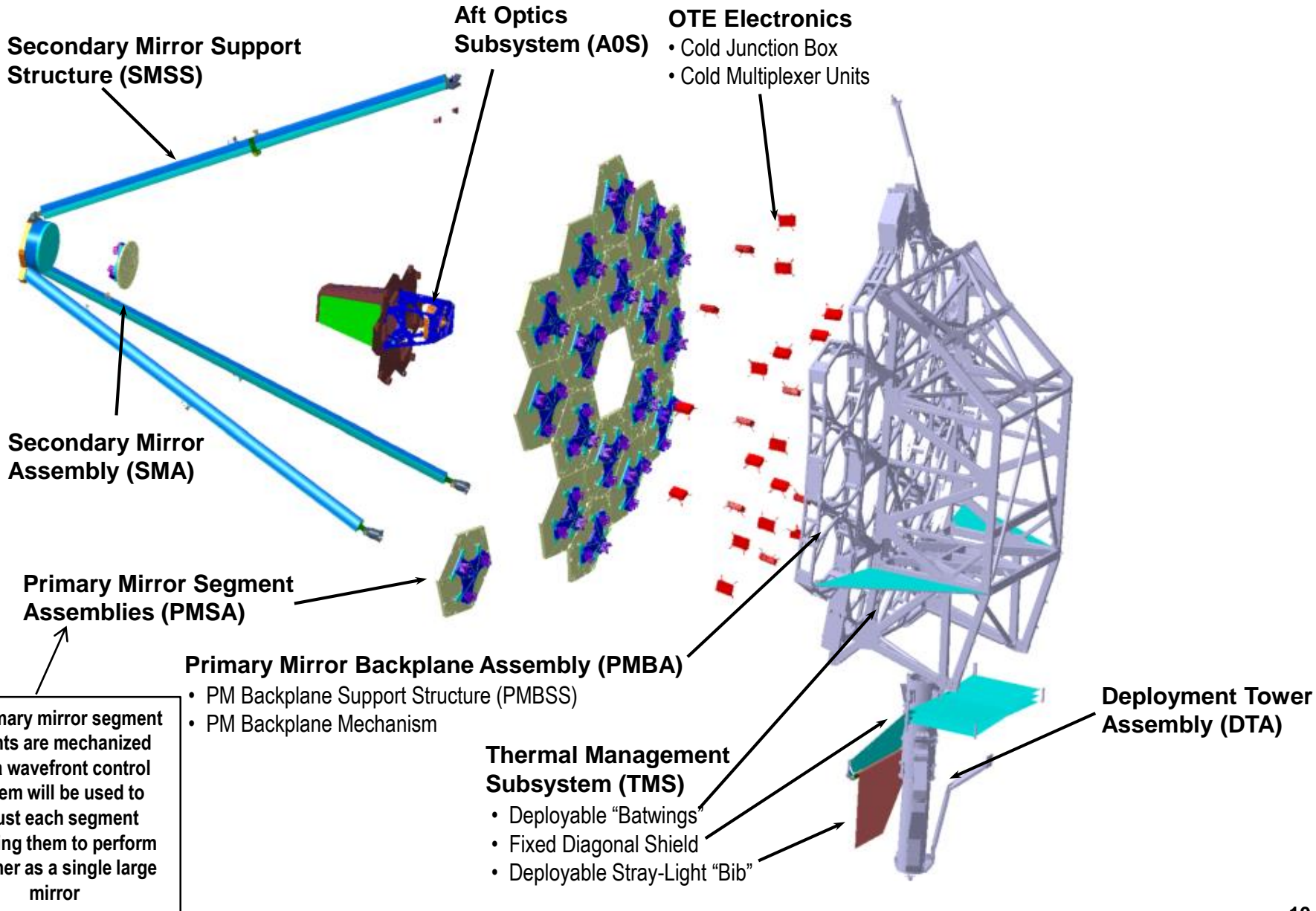
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Ground System



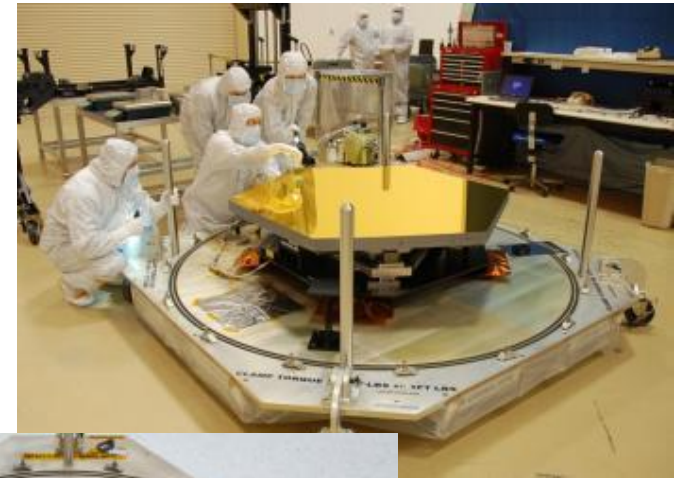


Telescope Architecture Overview



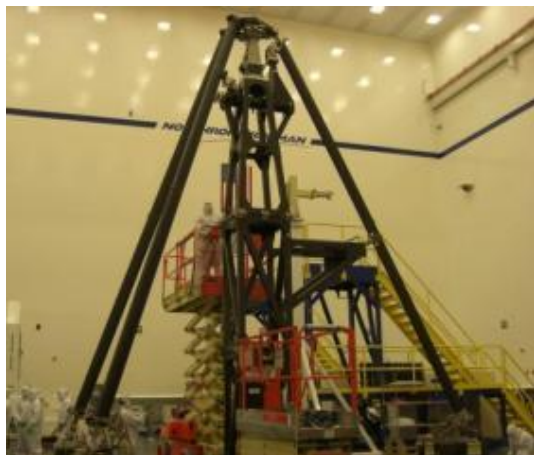


Flight telescope build begins - August 2015

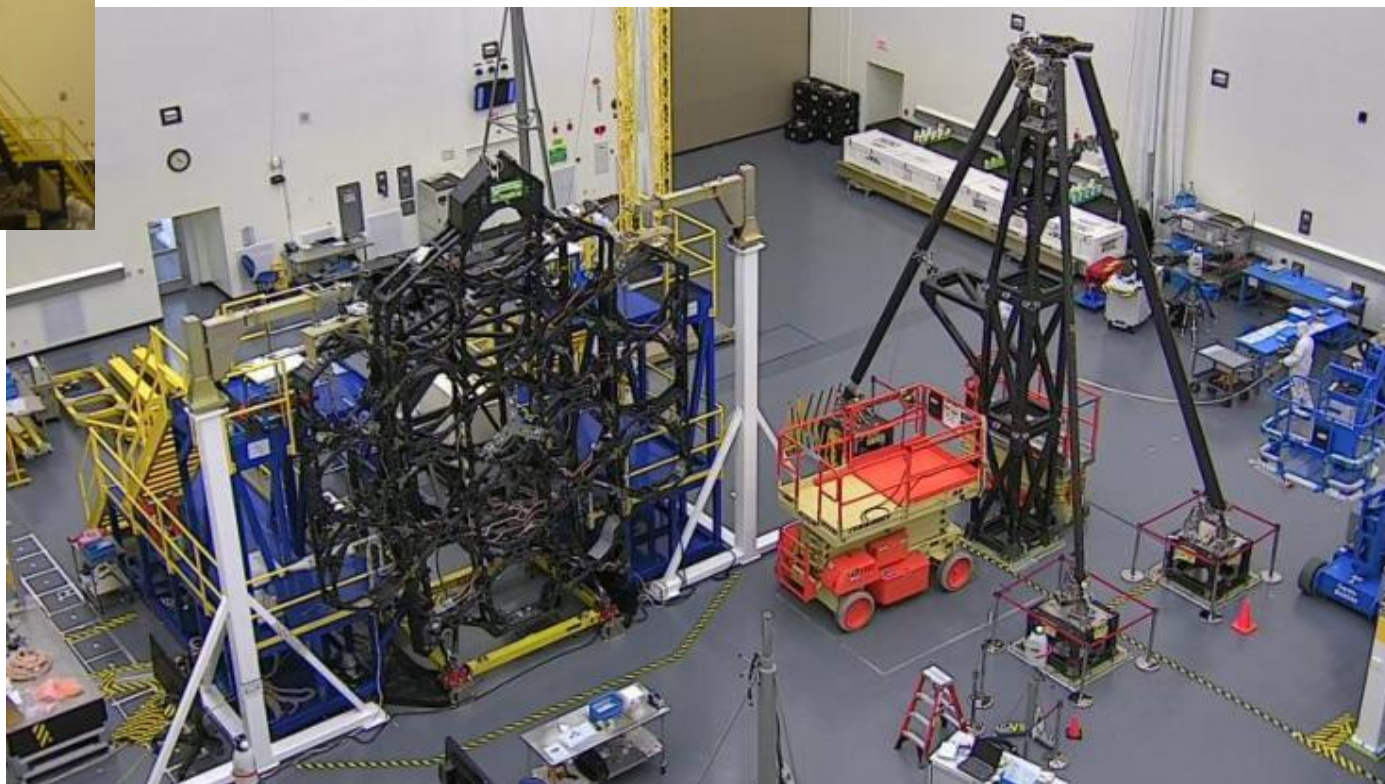




Backplane Support Frame, Center Section & Wings

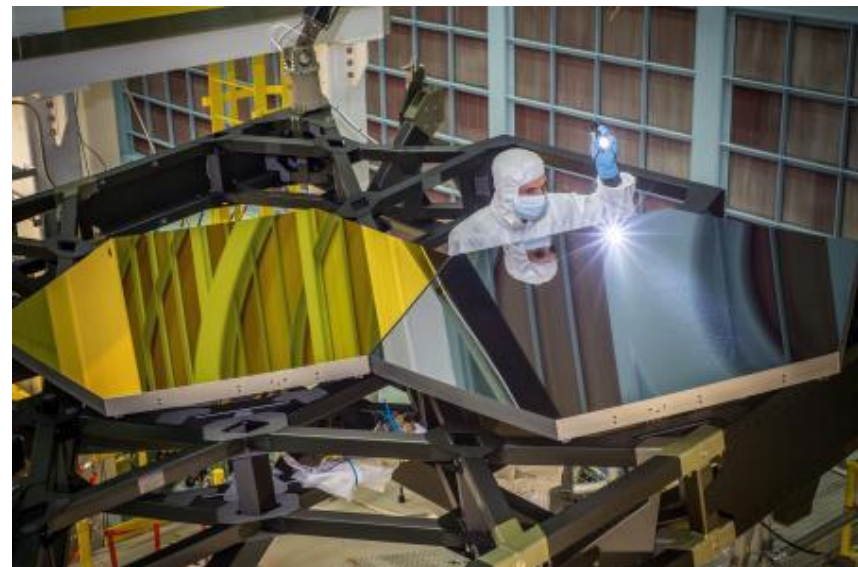
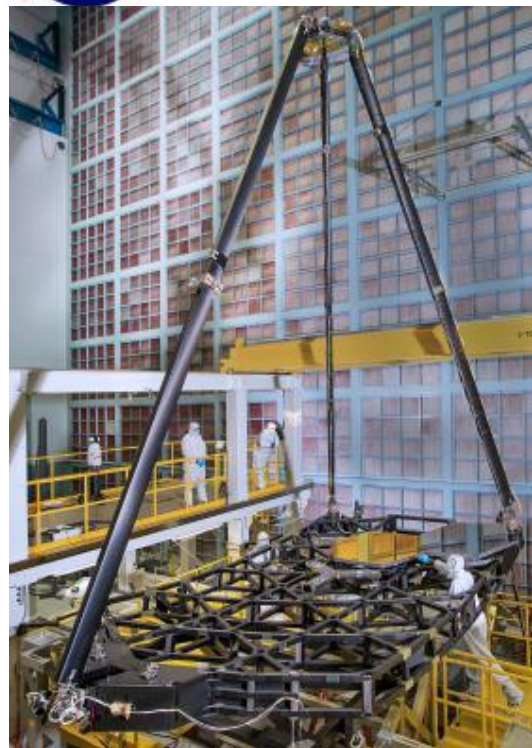


**All Flight Backplane Components
are at NGAS in Integration**

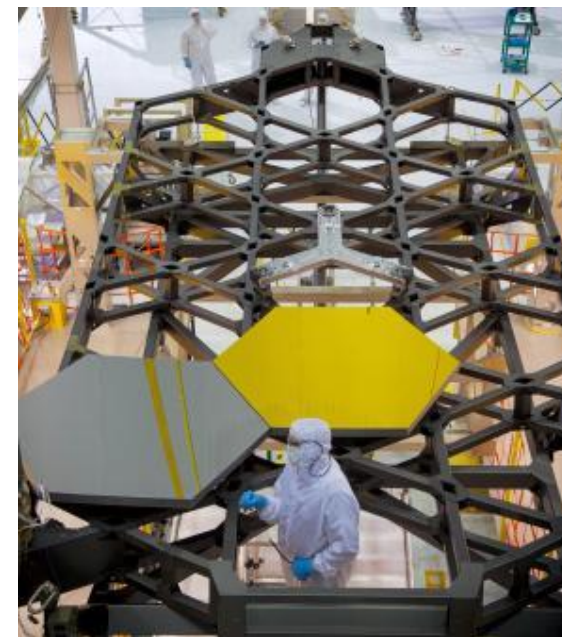




Telescope Pathfinder – Risk Reduction



JWST Pathfinder is a partial telescope that will be used to practice our processes and procure on to get ready for the flight hardware.



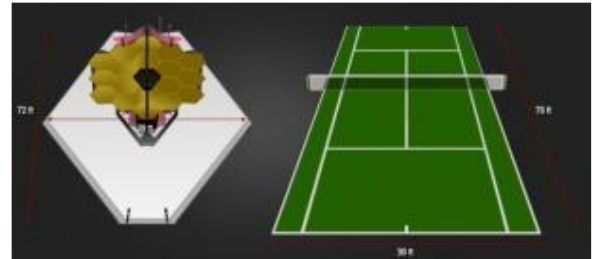
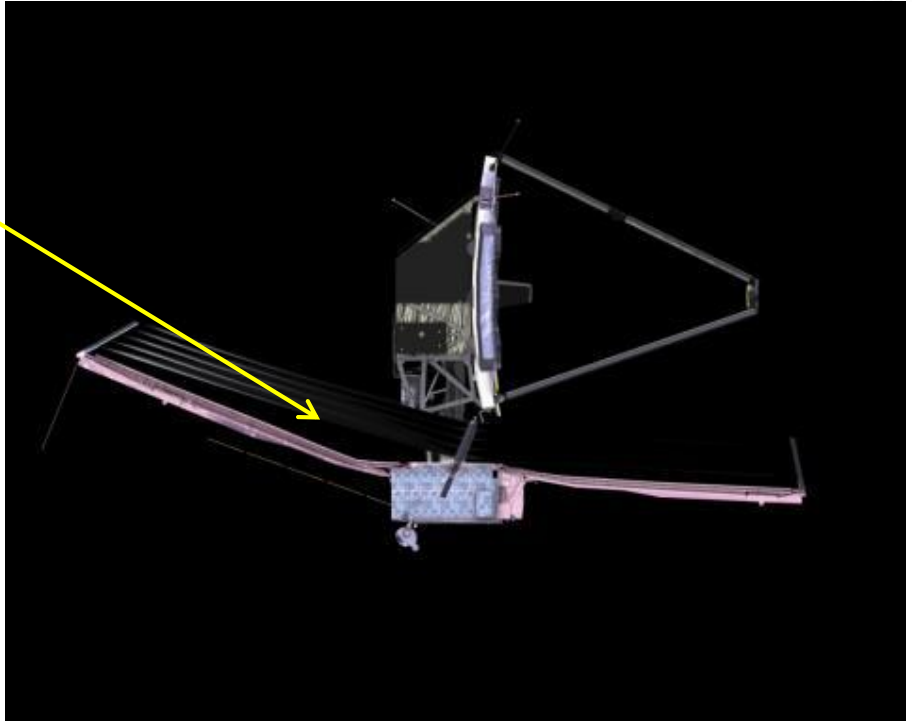
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Engineering Test Highlights

- **Integration Verification Article (IVA) full-scale deployment test completed**
 - Key risk reduction test, successfully demonstrated membrane deployment design
 - Currently incorporating lessons learned and upgrading test facility for 2nd scheduled deployment test



Flight Membrane Manufacturing:

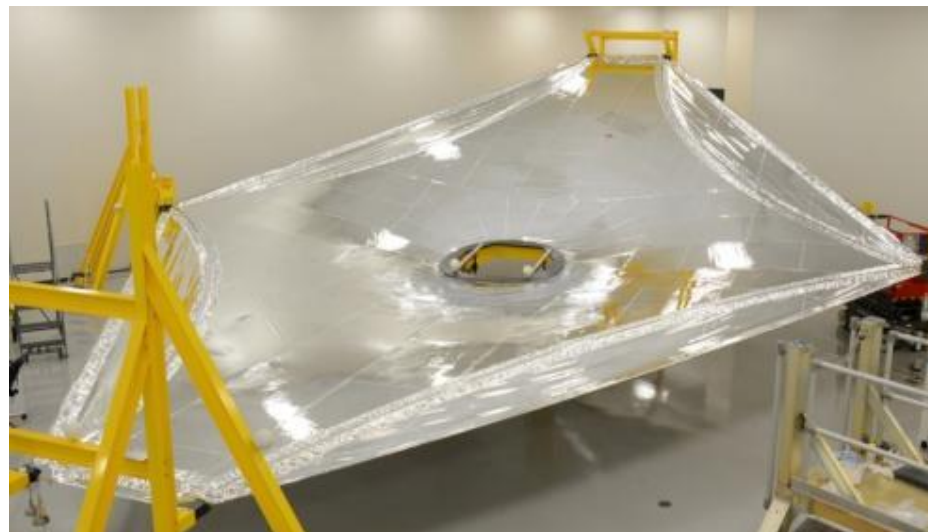
- **Flight Layer 3**
 - Fabrication is now complete and ready for shipment to NGAS
- **Flight Layer 4**
 - Fabrication underway, ~75% complete
- **Flight Layer 5**
 - Fabrication underway, ~50% complete
- **Flight Layer 1 & 2**
 - Ready for fabrication to begin



Flight Layer 4 shape testing:

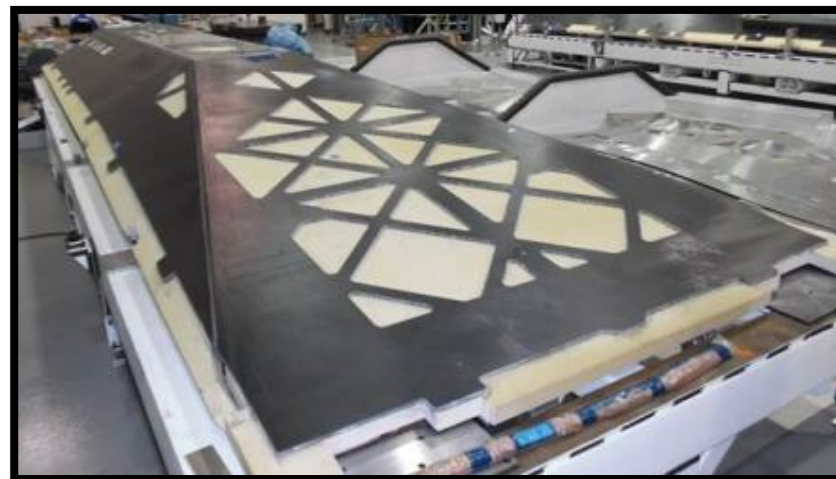
Above: Installation

Below: Test configuration



Flight Structure Manufacturing:

- **Aft and Fwd Unitized Pallet Structure (UPS)**
 - Manufacturing in progress
- **Mid-Boom Assy (MBA) tube final machining and bonding operations are in process (see photo)**
- **Many other parts are complete and in process**



Aft Flight UPS



Flight Mid-Boom tube machining



Integrated Science Instrument Module



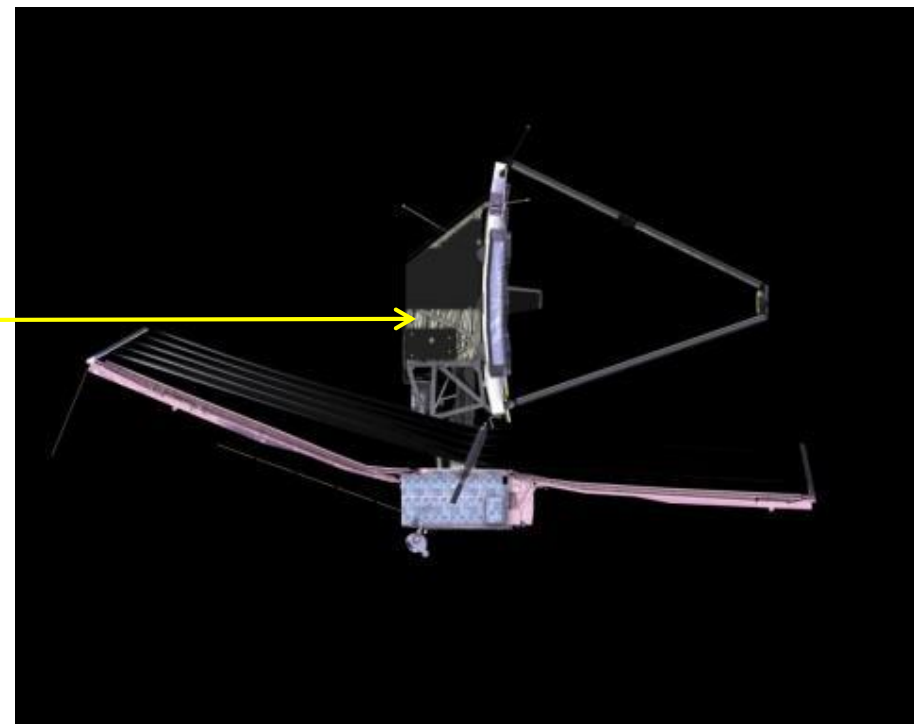
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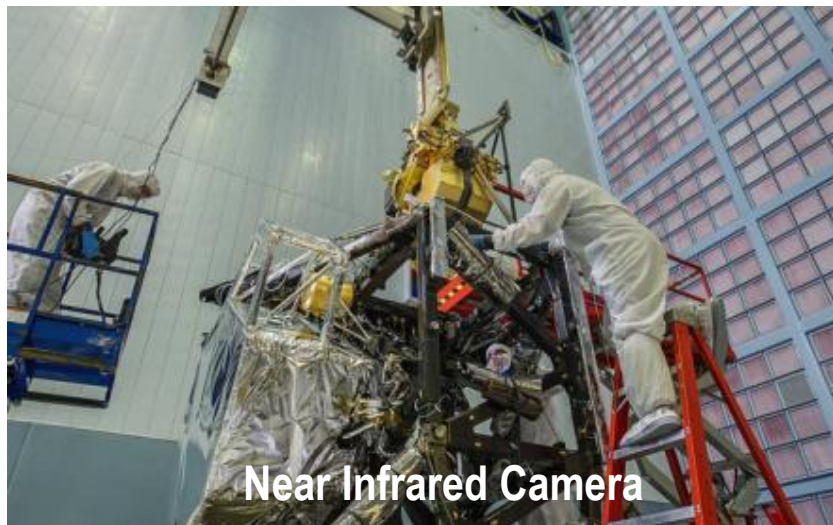
All Instruments Delivered and Were Integrated



Fine Guidance Sensor



Mid-Infrared Instrument



Near Infrared Camera



Near Infrared Spectrometer



Key Aspects of the ISIM I&T Program



ISIM cryo-vac testing is occurring in three phases, with ambient testing and buildup to the final flight configuration in between

✓ **2013: CryoVac1-RR (“Risk Reduction”) – Successfully Conducted**

Flight MIRI, FGS/NIRISS; validate the array of test support equipment and overall performance of the test setup (thermal, jitter, stray light); dry-run procedures/analyses, train personnel

✓ Installed flight NIRCcam, NIRSpec

✓ **2014: CryoVac2 – Successfully Conducted**

First full-up ISIM verification test with all four flight instruments

100+ people supporting **2,800 consecutive hours of testing**

Extremely flexible test flow and Simple and effective decision model led to 100% of all minimum requirements completed and 95% all other objectives approximately 2 weeks early

De-integrate instruments, replace near-IR detectors, re-integrate; carry out ISIM-level vibration, acoustics, EMI/EMC tests – **In Process**

2015: CryoVac3 – Sep. 2015 Start

Final “run for the record” ISIM verification with all flight systems

ISIM Delivery – January 2015



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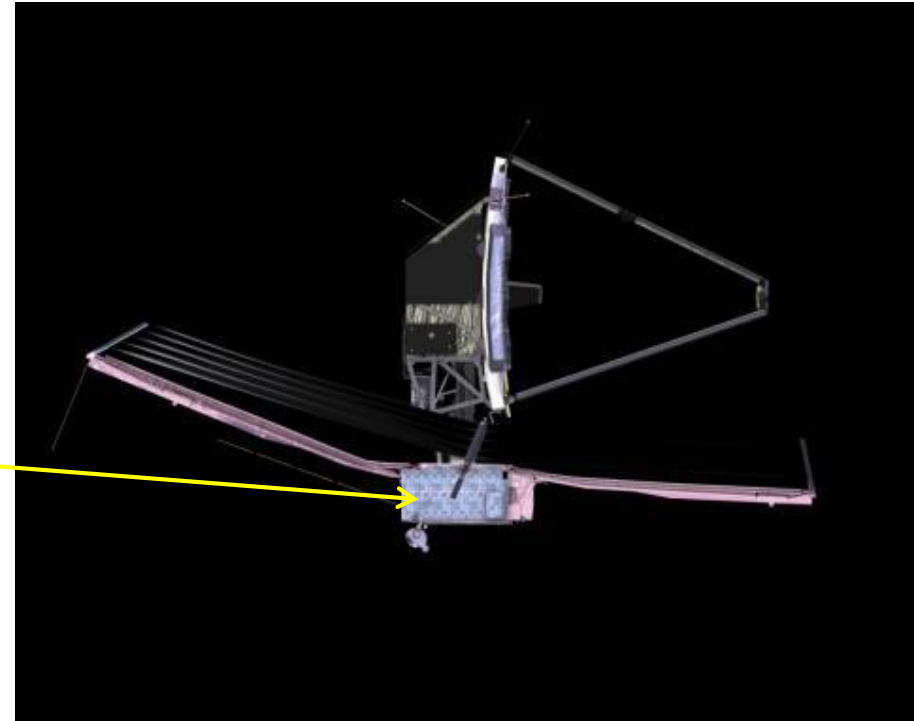
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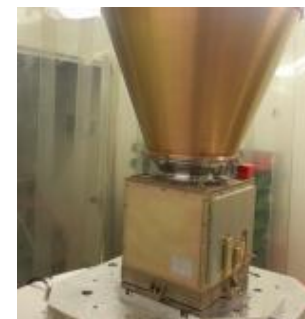


Spacecraft Status



Fabrication, Assembly, and Component Level Testing in process in preparations for Spacecraft I&T

Engineering Qualification Models
Flight Hardware Components
Component Flight Testing



Star Tracker FM1



Solar Panel



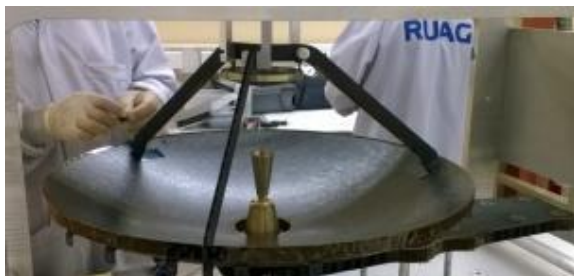
Equip Panel



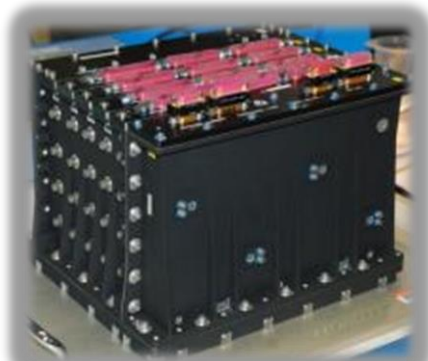
Reaction Wheel EQM



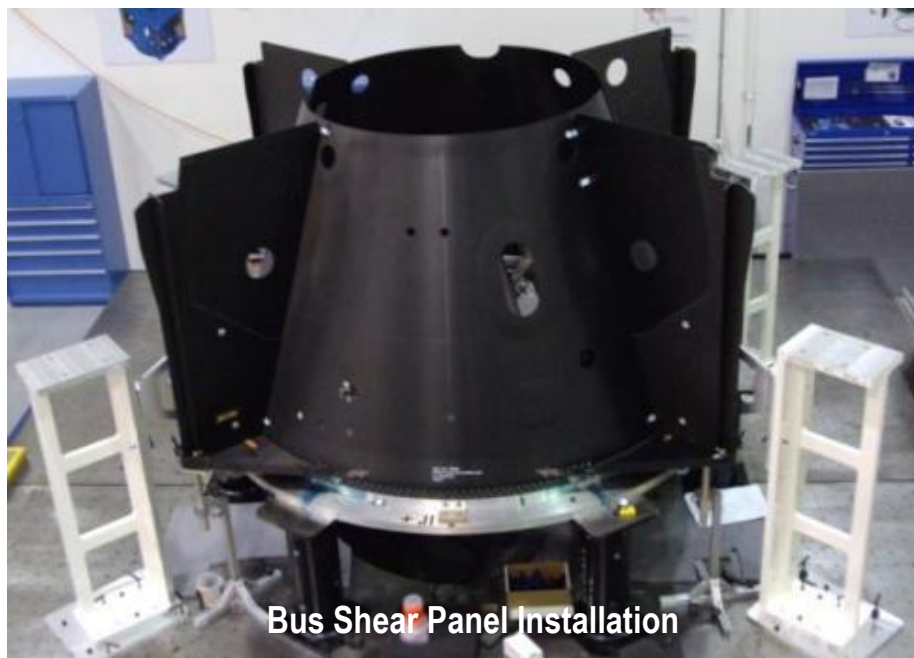
+J3 Panel (with Inserts)



High Gain Antenna



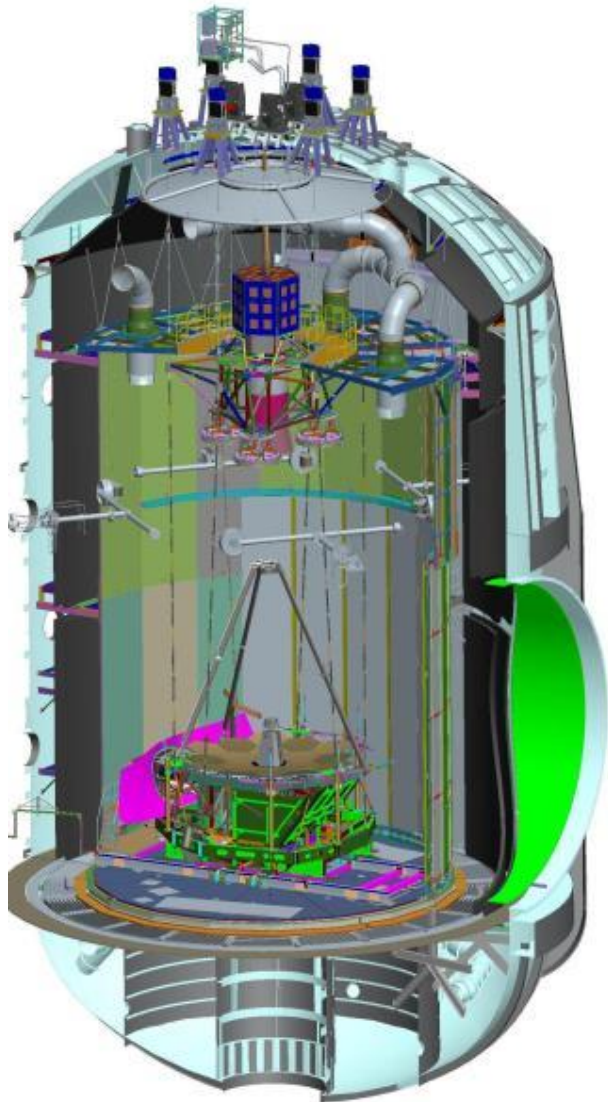
Command and Telemetry Processor



Bus Shear Panel Installation



Spacecraft MOC-UP



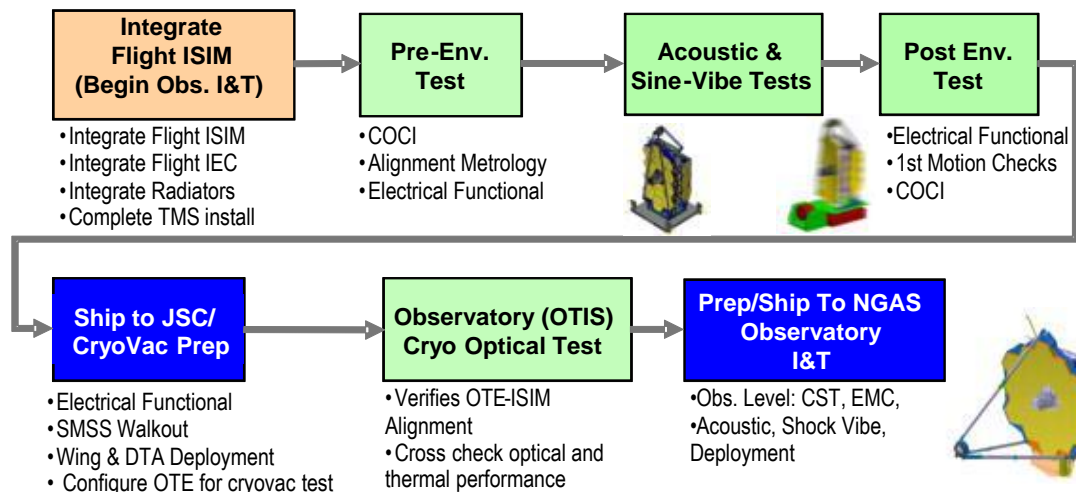
OTIS TESTING



What Is OTIS



Optical Telescope Element and Integrated Science Instrument Model





OTIS Testing



- **Pre-OTIS Testing**

- Three Risk Reduction tests prior to OTIS Testing will be conducted with Telescope Pathfinder and Optical Ground Support Equipment, each building upon the other

- **Flight OTIS Test**

- Verify Instrument to Telescope Alignment
- Complete all Optical Telescope Element Cryo Verification
- Thermal Balance Tests
 - Check OTIS system thermal workmanship and provide data to validate the OTIS thermal model for use in flight temperature predictions



Where Do We Cryo Optical Test OTIS



JSC Chamber A

World's Largest CryoVac Chamber

GSFC and JSC collaborated to provide a facility capable of testing OTIS in its challenging operational environment and built a cleanroom in front of it





Chamber Commissioning Test





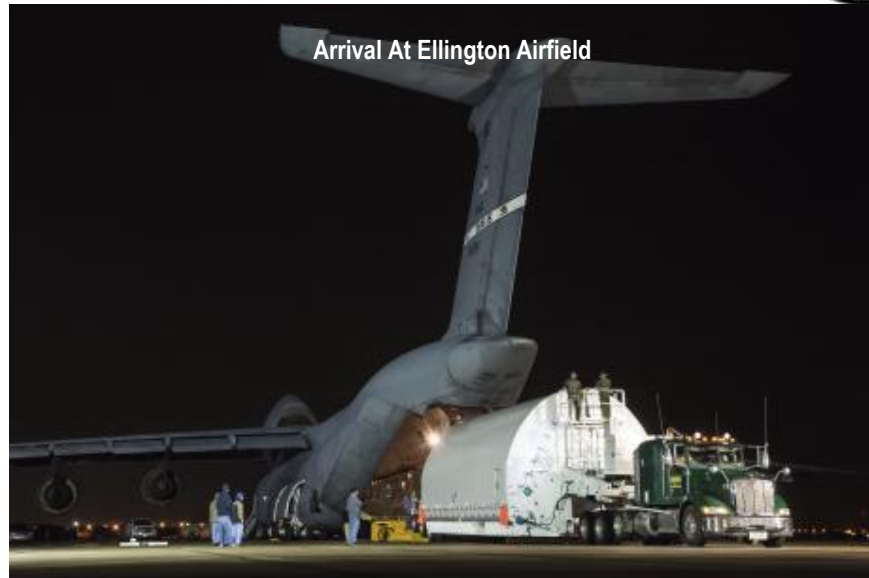
Telescope Pathfinder Arrives at JSC



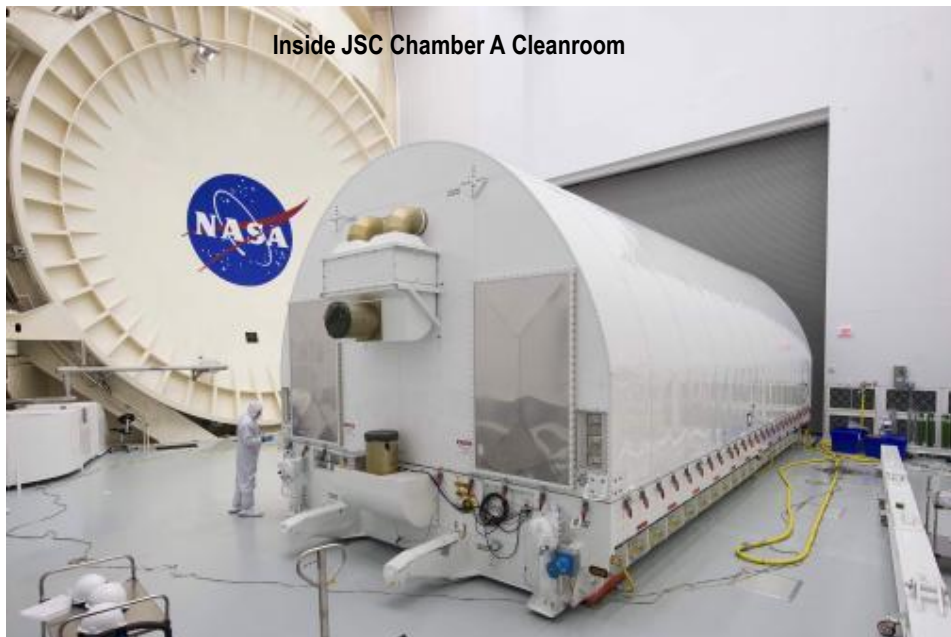
Leaving Andrews Air Force Airbase



Arrival At Ellington Airfield



Inside JSC Chamber A Cleanroom



Coming Out of STARRS

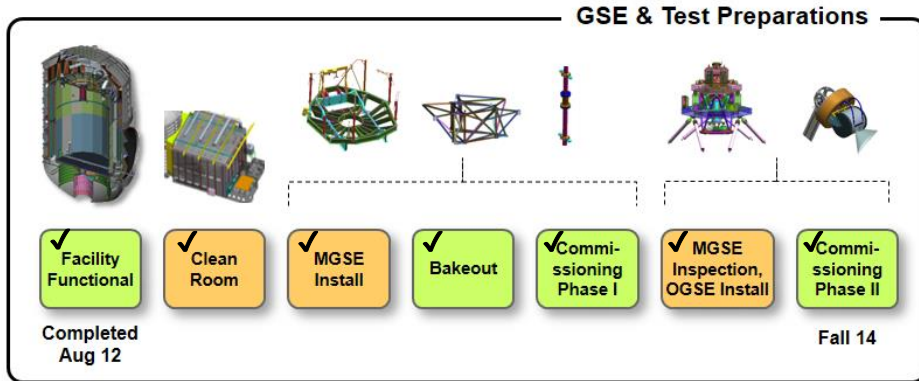




Where Are We In OTIS Flow



JWST OTIS Integration and Test

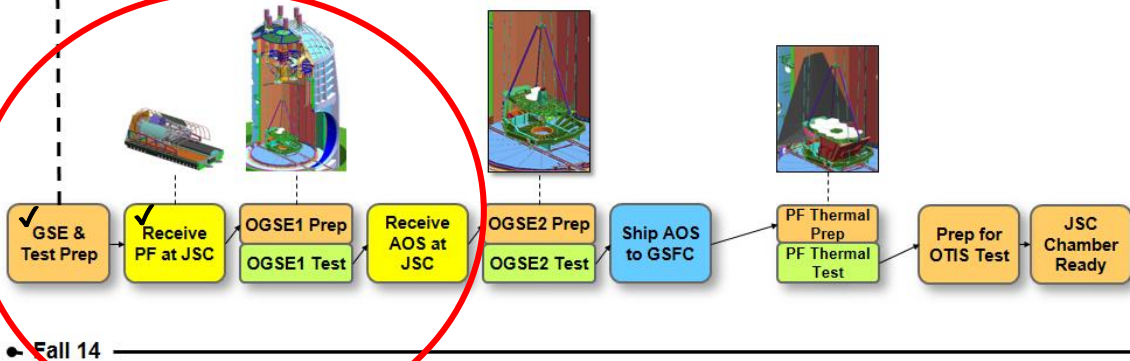
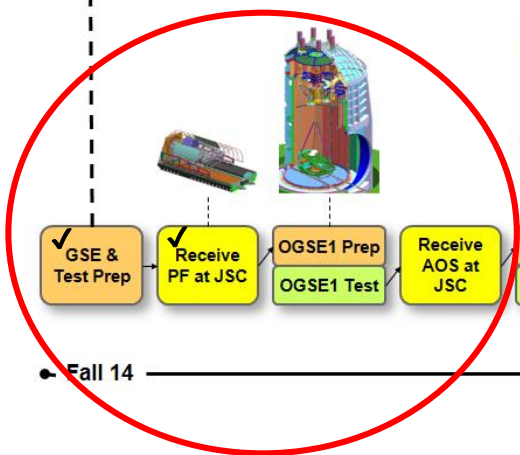


Acronyms

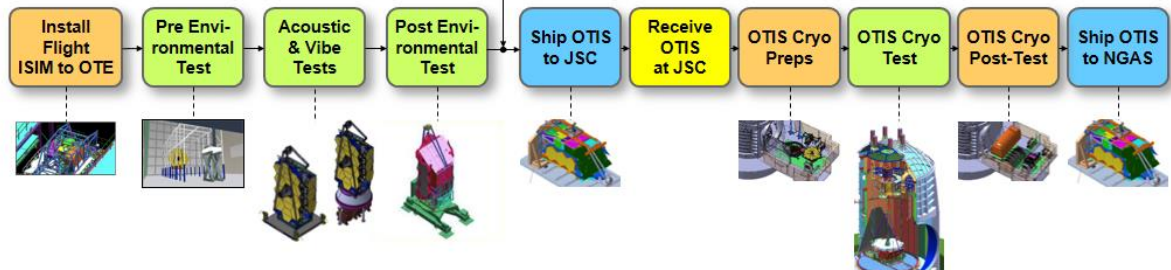
- AOS: Aft-Optics Subsystem
- GSE: Ground Support Equipment
- MGSE: Mechanical Ground Support Equipment
- NGAS: Northrop Grumman Aerospace Systems
- OGSE: Optical Ground Support Equipment
- PF: Pathfinder

Legend

- Prep & Transport (Blue)
- Assembly / Integration (Orange)
- Functional / Test (Green)
- Delivery (Yellow)



Flight OTIS I&T



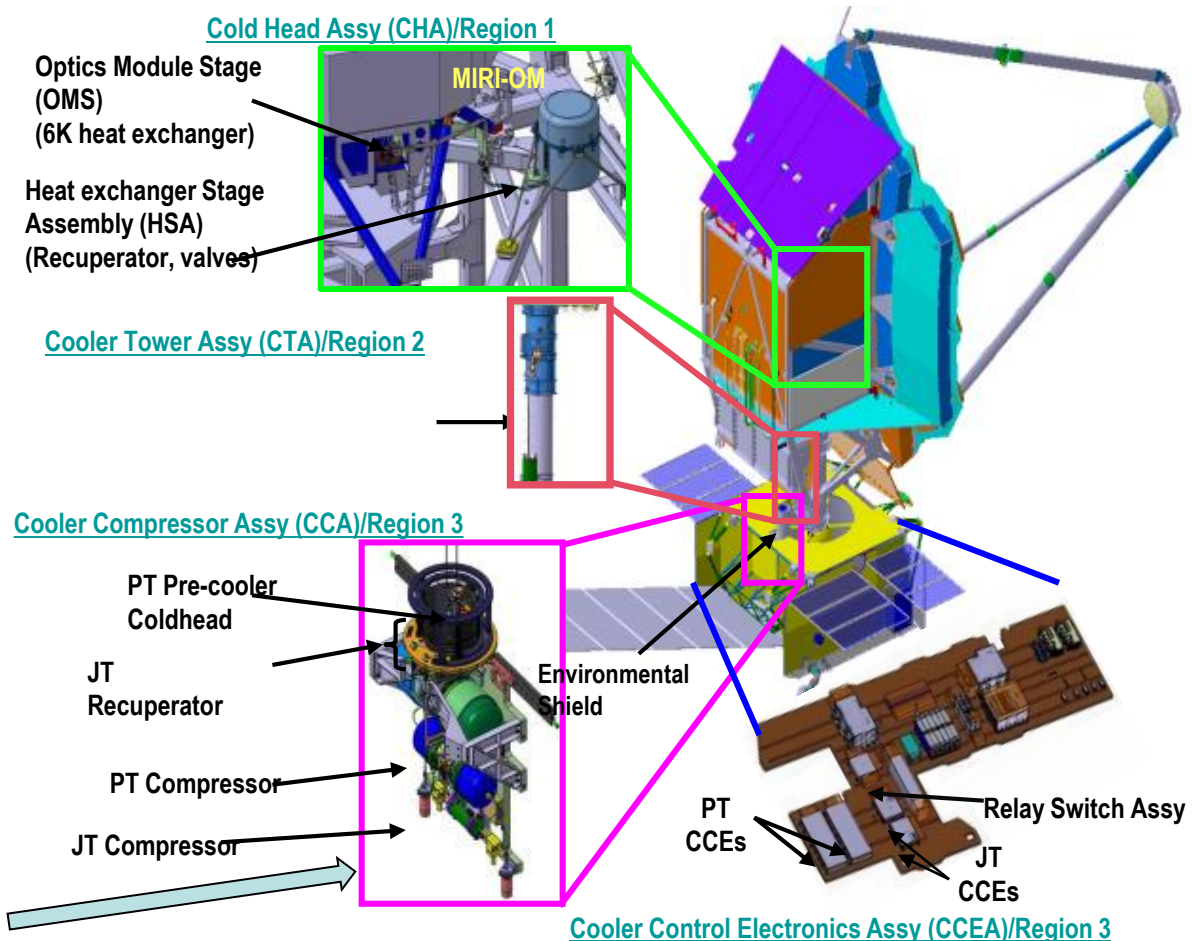


CONCERNS/ISSUES



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- **Cryo-cooler delivery schedule**
 - **NIRSpec Microshutter Control Electronics boards rebuilds**
 - **NIRCam Sensor Chip Assembly masking and Electrostatic discharge event**
 - **Non-Explosive Actuator Shock margin issue**
 - **ISIM Heat Strap rework**

- Of the 3 major components of the Cryo-cooler, two have been delivered
 - The remaining component, the compressor assembly, is undergoing final integration and testing now
 - Expect it to be delivered this summer to JPL for performance testing





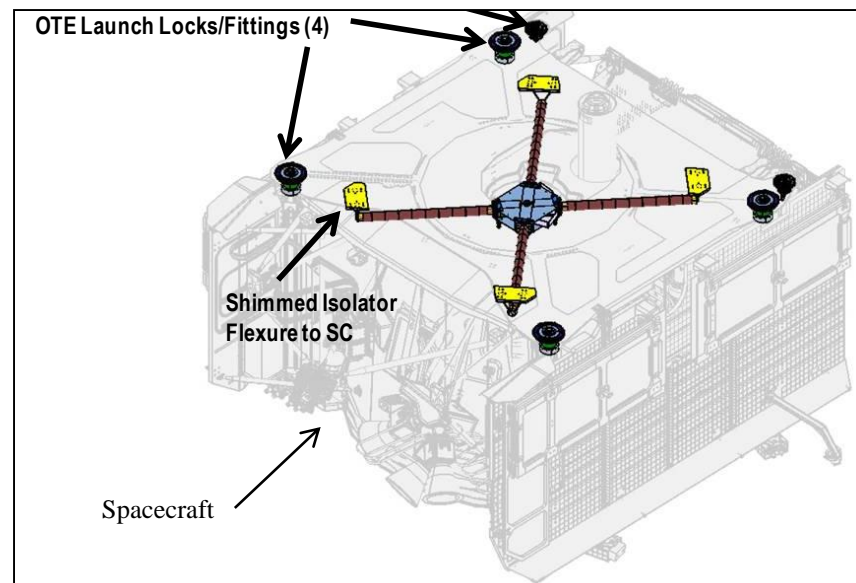
- **NIRSpec Microshutter Control Electronics**

- During testing of the control electronics for the microshutter system a short was discovered on one of the electronic boards.
- This board and an adjacent board needed to be remade and that work is underway and should be completed by the end of the month

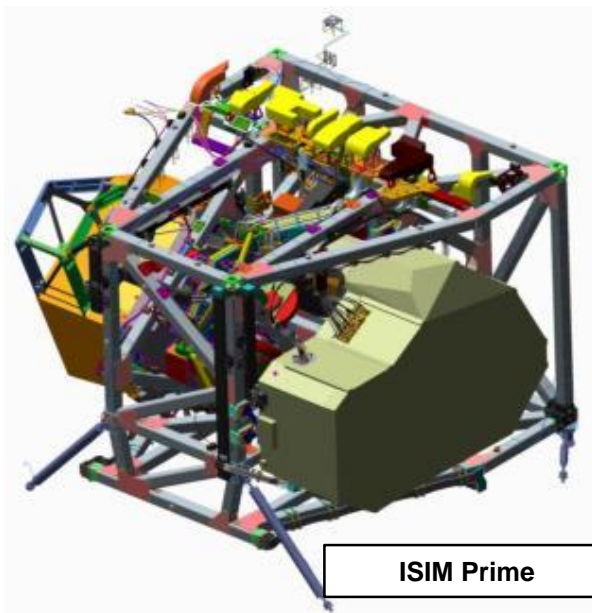
- **NIRCam Detector system**

- During testing of the detector system following the CV2 testing it was discovered that 2 of the 4 detector chips on one of the instrument channels had anomalous readings
- Upon inspection it was determined that we needed to replace those detector units. That work is underway and should be completed by the end of the month.

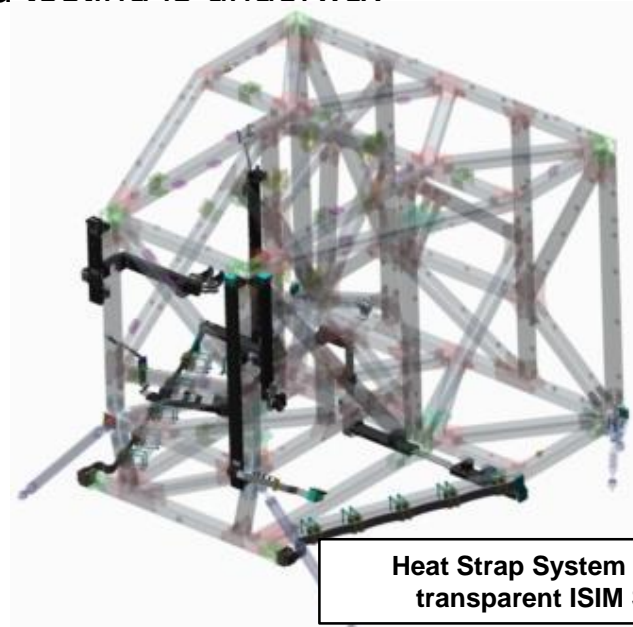
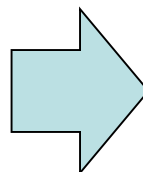
- The Non-Explosive Actuator (NEA) used to separate the telescope from the space once in orbit is based on a heritage design – four are used
- During performance testing of this device it was discovered that the shock it creates was greater than expected – it exceeded requirements
- A design effort was undertaken to try and get the shock from this device reduced
- That design effort is nearing completion but has taken longer than planned should have test result in the next month



- Following a successful conclusion of CV2 activities it was noticed that one of the heat strap interface fasteners to the ISIM structure did not have the required preload.
- An inspection of the rest revealed that other fasteners also exhibited a similar relaxation of preload
- A review board was empanelled and an investigation undertaken
 - It was determined there were some design flaws in the interface attachment plates that need to be addressed
 - Redesigns were made and re-fabrication and testing is underway



ISIM Prime



Heat Strap System Isolated on transparent ISIM Structure



CLOSING REMARKS



JWST Is On Track For An October 2018 Launch