

The Hubble Space Telescope at 30!

Mission overview, discoveries, status, and future

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The Hubble Space Telescope mission is a

NASA-ESA Partnership:

Launch date: 24 April 1990

Launch vehicle: Space Shuttle Discovery (STS-31)

Mass: 24,500 lbs (11,113 kg)

Maximum diameter: 14 ft (4.2 m)

Length: 43 ft (13 m)

Orbit Height: 339 miles (545 km)

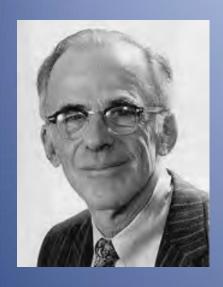
Orbit period: 96-97 minutes

Orbit velocity: 16,800 mph (27,037 kph)





Why a Space Telescope?





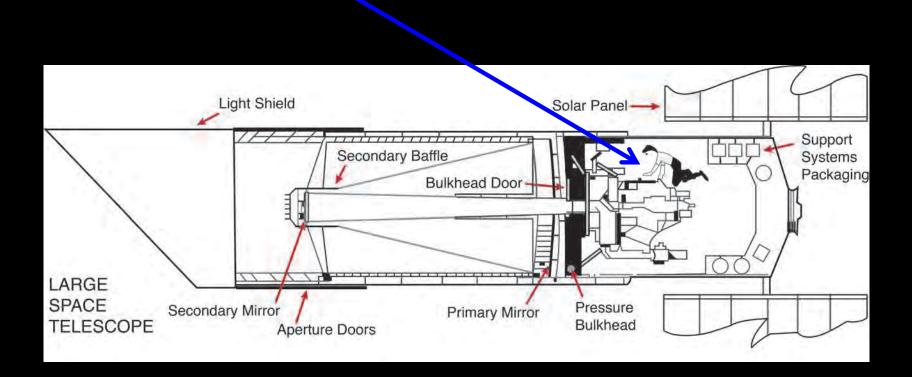
"Chairman Spitzer's Little
Black Book" of 1969
Reporting Results of NAS
Study

1977: First NASA
Announcement of
Opportunity for Scientific
Participation In Hubble
Mission Under Leadership
of Nancy Roman

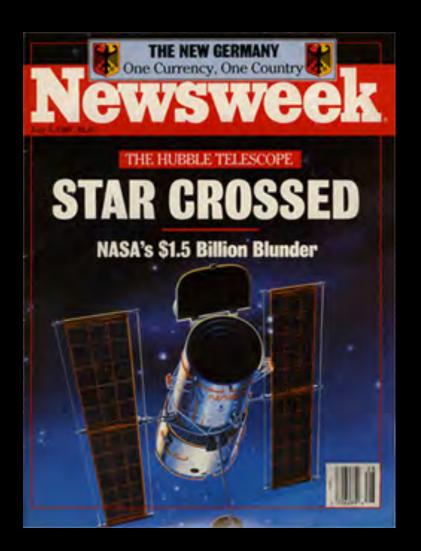


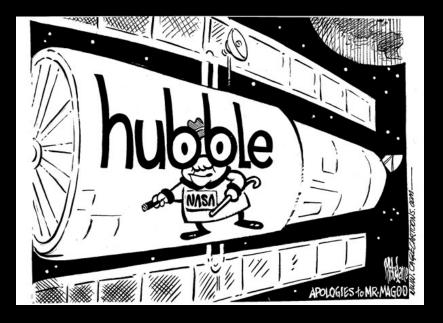


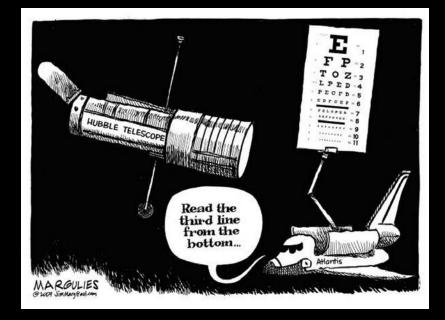
For a while, in the 1960's....



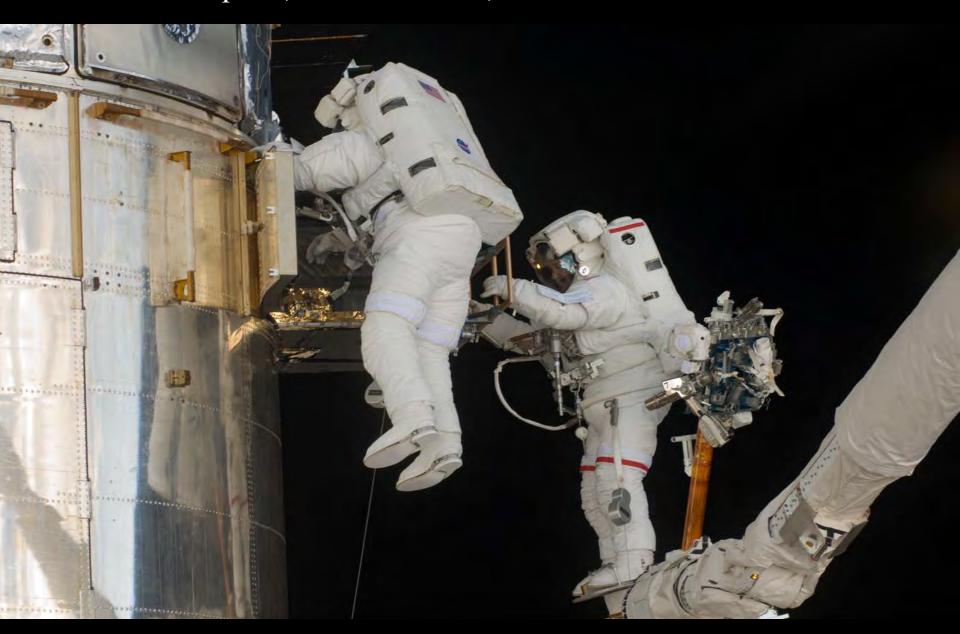


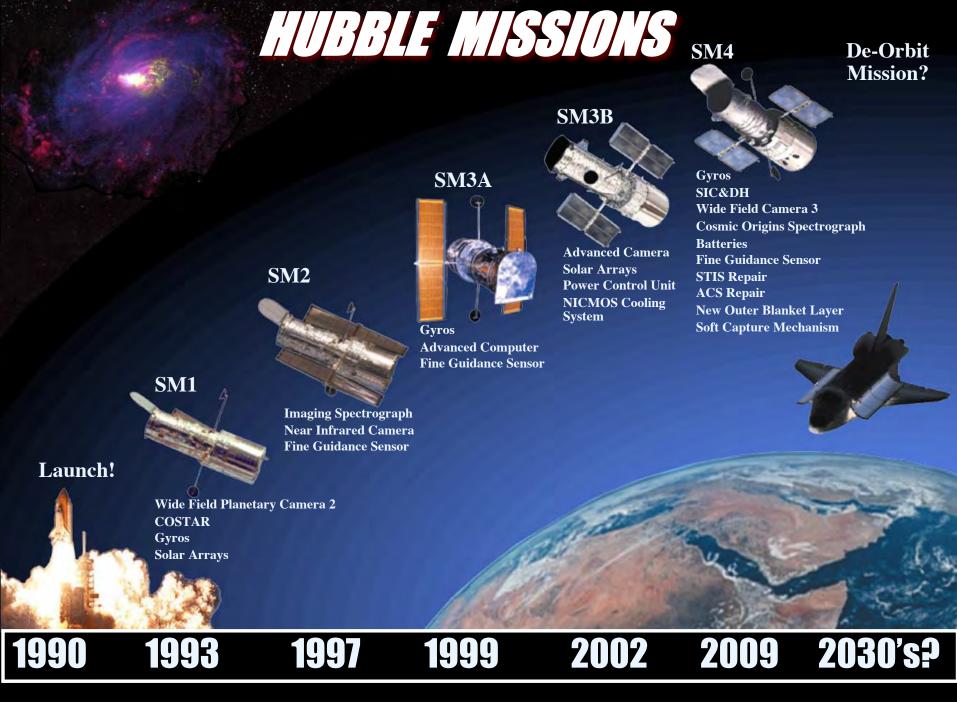


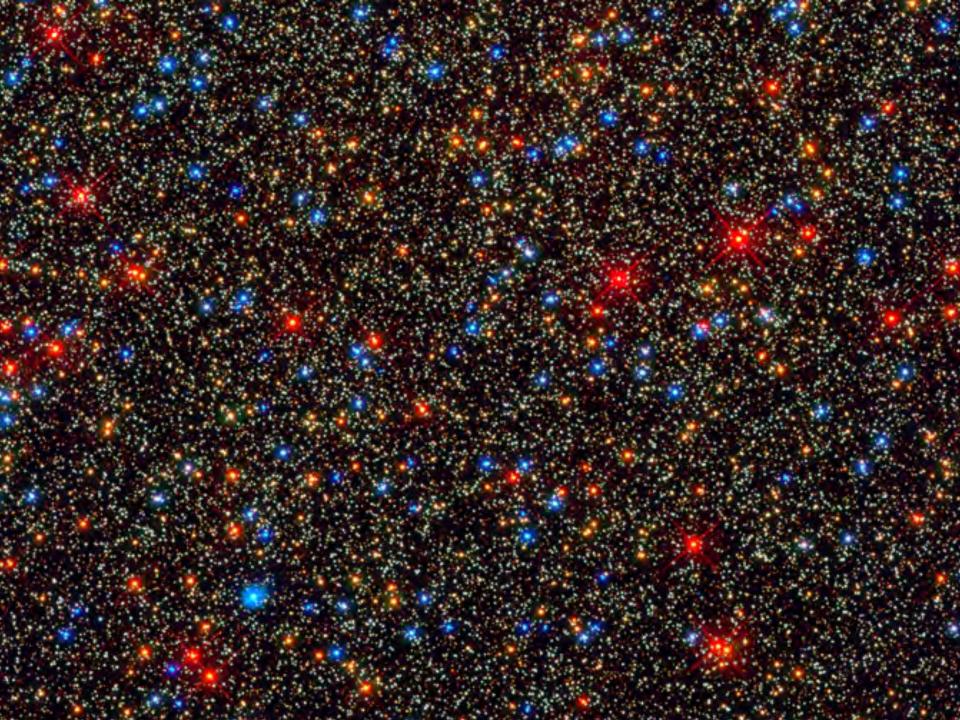




Astronaut Servicing of the Observatory has enabled Repairs, Enhancements, and Mission Life Extension

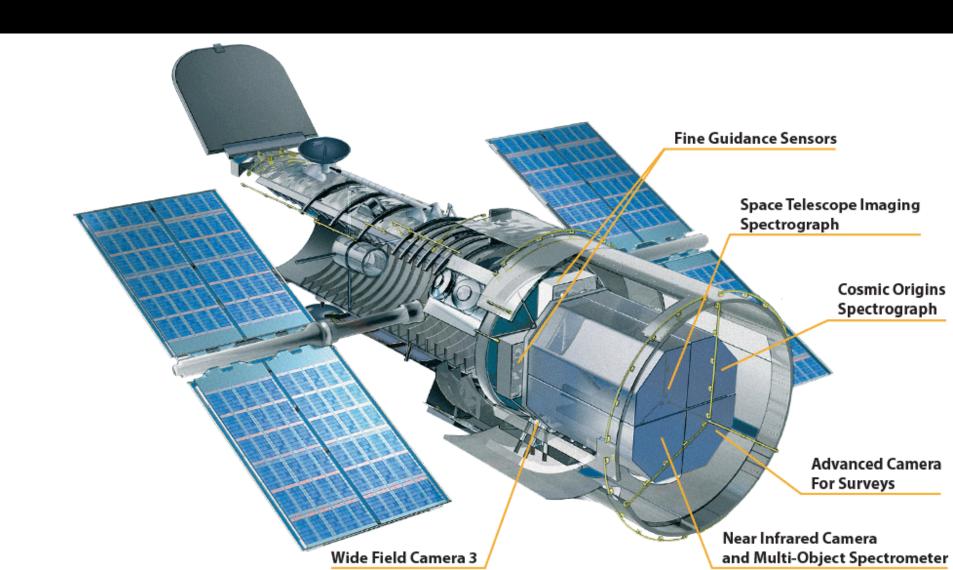


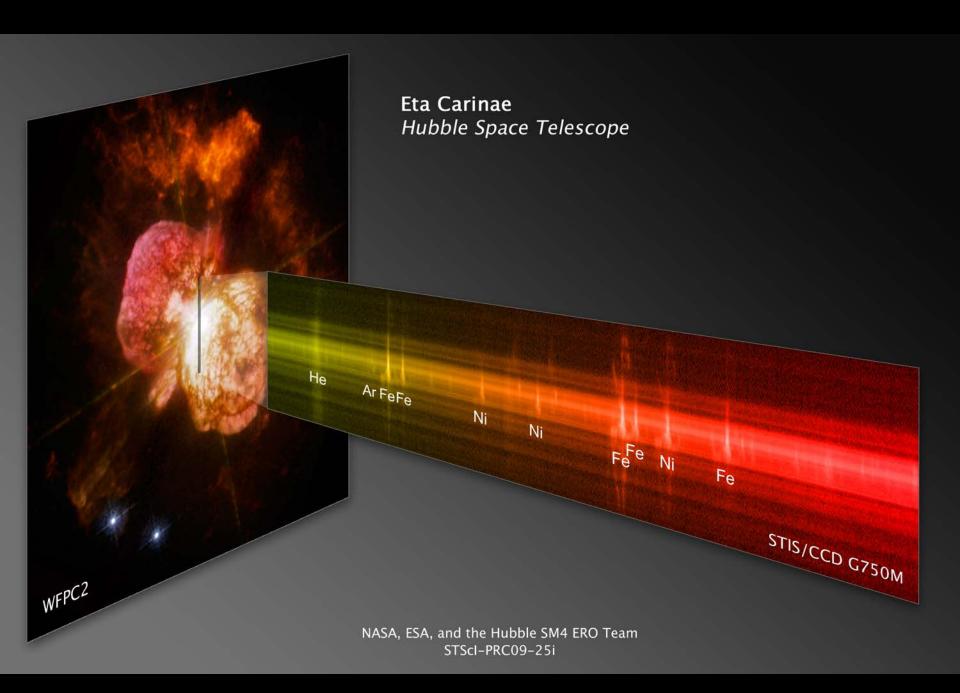




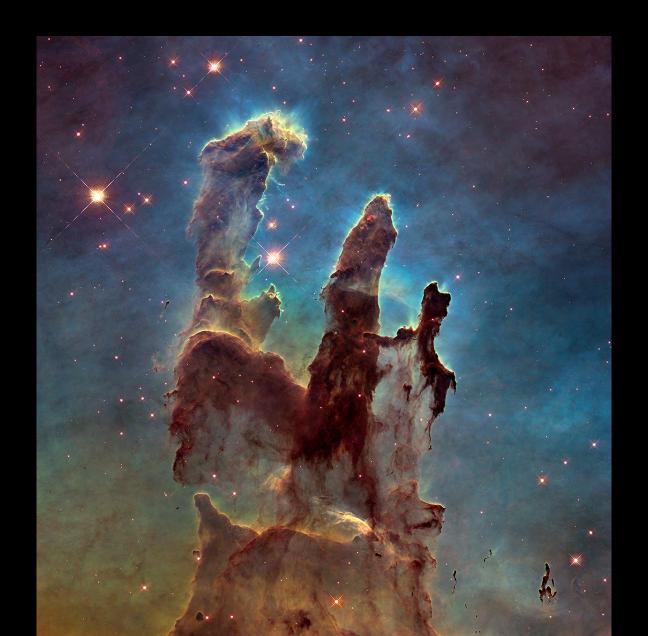


Hubble is in good technical condition and is at the peak of its scientific return. It is a full observatory, with a powerful suite of cameras and spectrographs.





Hubble has "panchromatic" capabilities: Observes in ultraviolet, visible, and near-infrared light



Hubble Space Telescope ■ WFC3/UVIS/IR



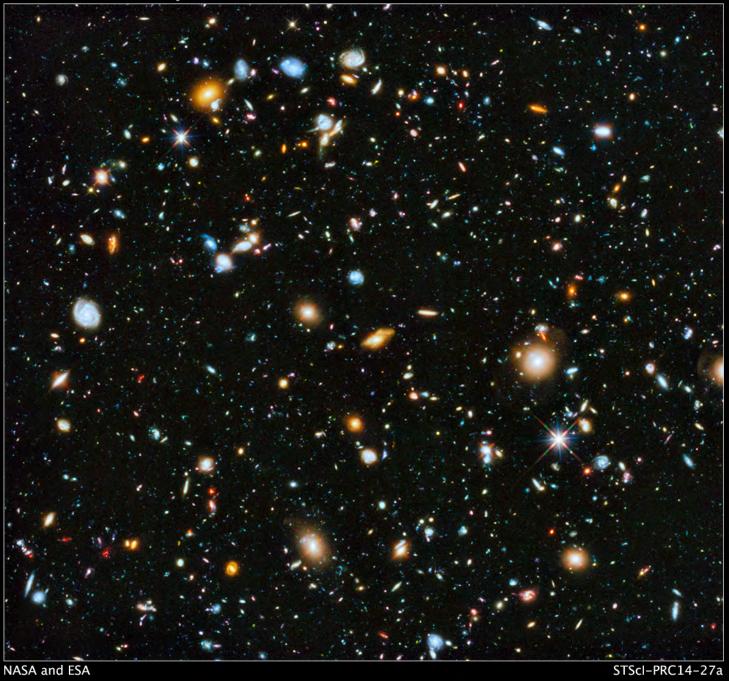
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Hubble provides the *only* general ultra-violet light observing capabilities now or in the near future!







NASA and ESA

Hubble's Scientific Impact

- Observations made since launch: >1,300,000
- Scientific papers published: >15,000



Major Discoveries:

- Verified the existence of black holes in galaxies
- Verified accelerating expansion of Universe (Dark Energy)
- Discovered the Most Distant galaxies in the Universe
- •1st measurements chemical composition of exoplanet atmospheres
- Established expansion rate of Universe to high accuracy (this is still being refined)
- Discovered "proto" planetary disks around other stars

Hubble Is Investigating Big Questions And Discoveries About the Universe that were Originally Unanticipated

What is Dark Energy?

What is Dark Matter?

Are there other planets like Earth?

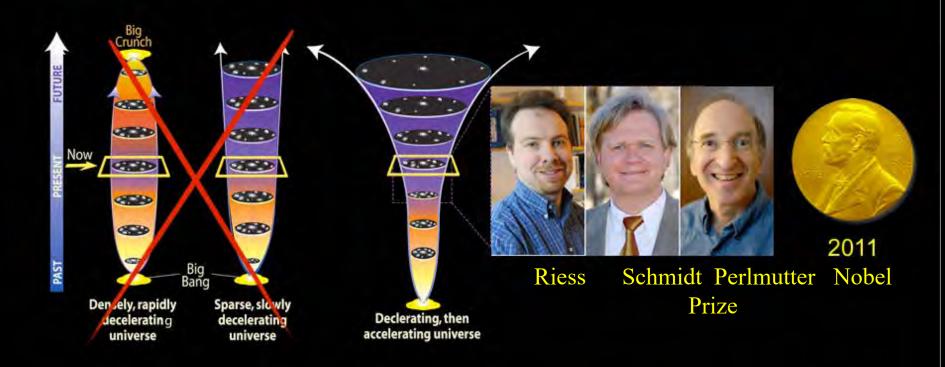
Dynamic Solar System

Radiation from Gravitational Wave sources

The Expansion of the Universe is Accelerating!!

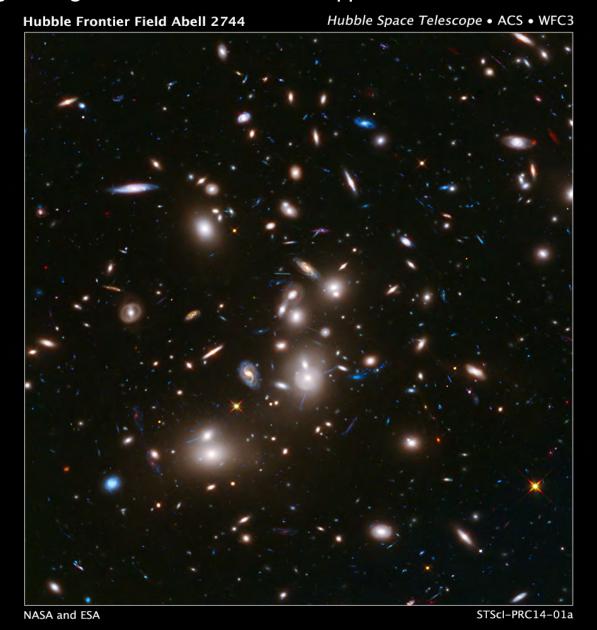
HST has played a key role in detecting the *acceleration* of the expanding universe and in the study of "Dark Energy"

An accelerating Universe!

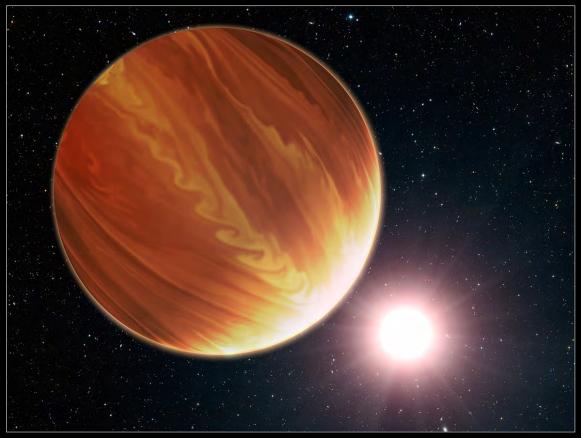


the Universe is being pushed apart, and we don't know by what...

Gravitational Lensing: Dark Matter in clusters of galaxies magnifies background galaxies and distorts their appearance



Hubble is analyzing exoplanet atmospheres



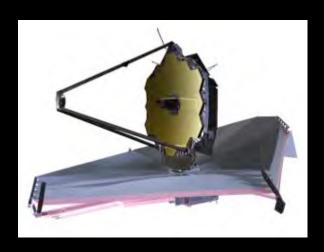
Artist's View of the Hot Extrasolar Planet Osiris (HD 209458b)

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Hubble's capabilities complement those of other ground-based and space-based telescopes and probes

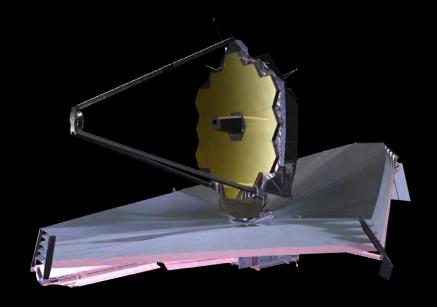


The Hubble Space Telescope mission continues with strong scientific capability, likely through the 2020's and hopefully beyond, and its scientific capabilities complement future missions like the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST, launch 2021)











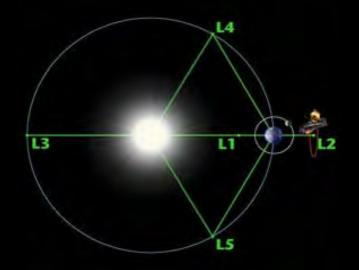
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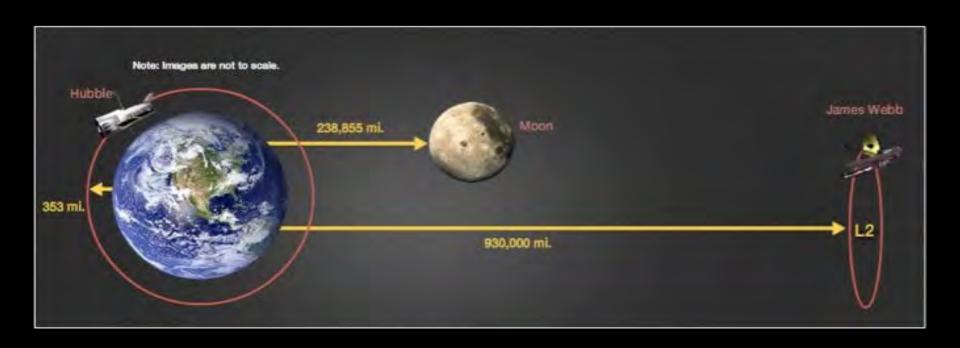
Hubble

JWST

Infrared

Webb's Place in Space





Great sites for Hubble Space Telescope Images and Information!

nasa.gov/Hubble

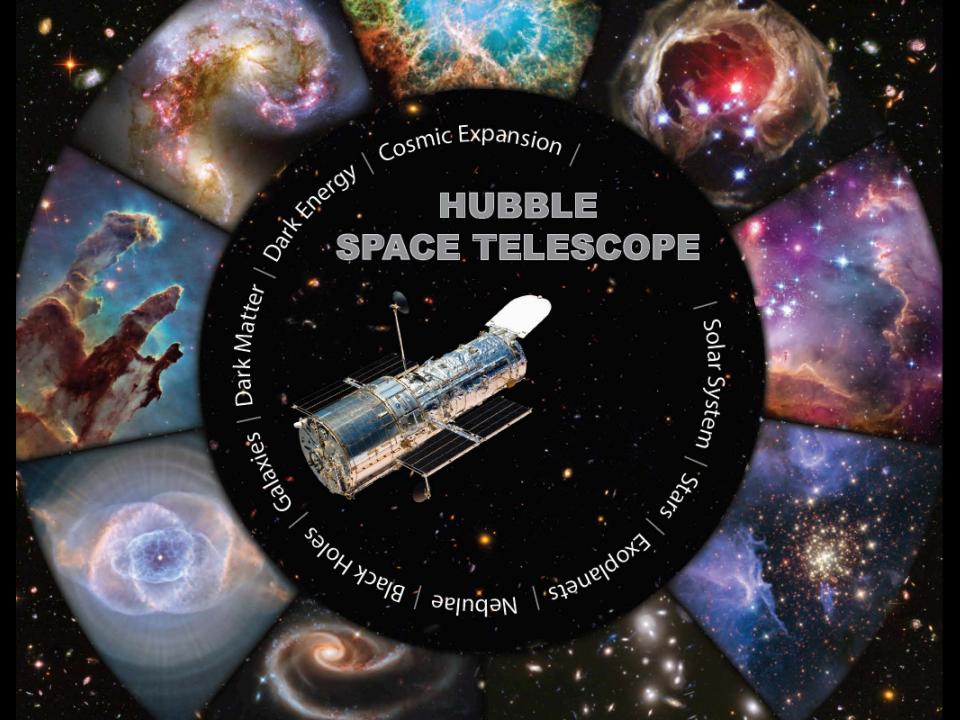
Hubblesite.org

www.spacetelescope.org

(European site)

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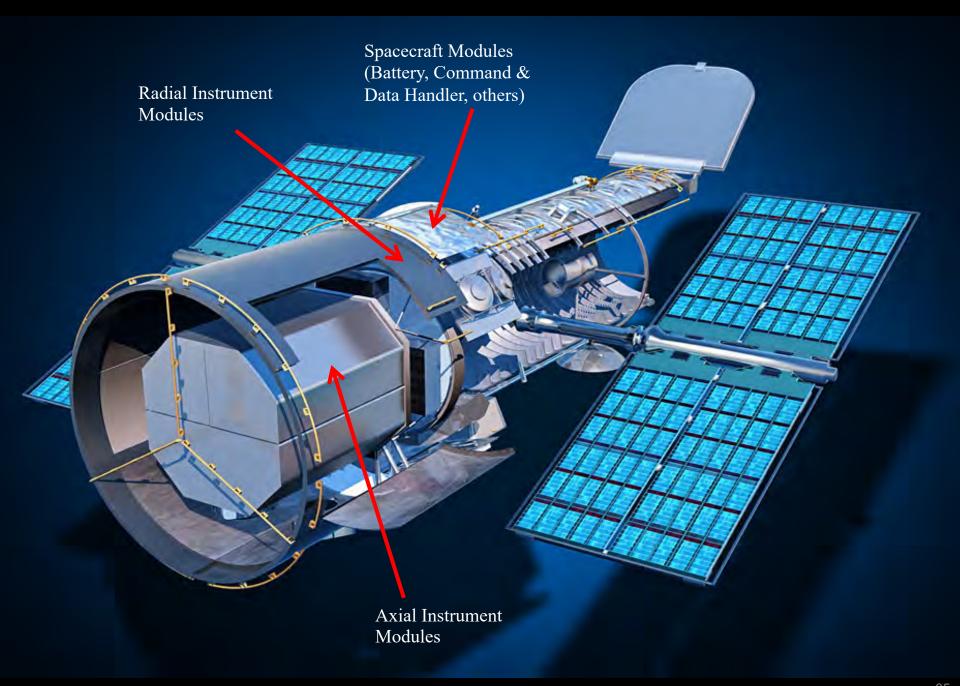




Additional information

(Some) Key Issues in Astronomy When Hubble Was Launched

- Distance scale, rate of expansion, and age of the universe
- Properties and distribution of gas around and between the galaxies
- Supermassive black holes in the nuclei of galaxies; relation to Active Galactic Nuclei and Quasars
- Properties and evolution of star populations in our own and other galaxies
- Structure and properties of star-forming regions
- Properties and long-term monitoring of planets, comets, and asteroids in our solar system



Hubble Space Telescope Images are loved around the world

