From Nicolaus Copernicus to James Webb: New World Views

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Viewing the night sky is available to all, everywhere in the world



Where do we come from? What is our place in the Universe?

Poland and the International Astronomical Union

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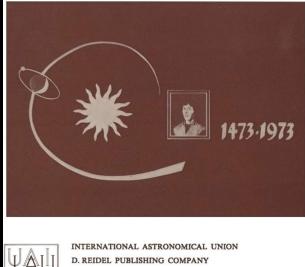
500 yr Copernicus

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EXPLORATION OF THE PLANETARY SYSTEM

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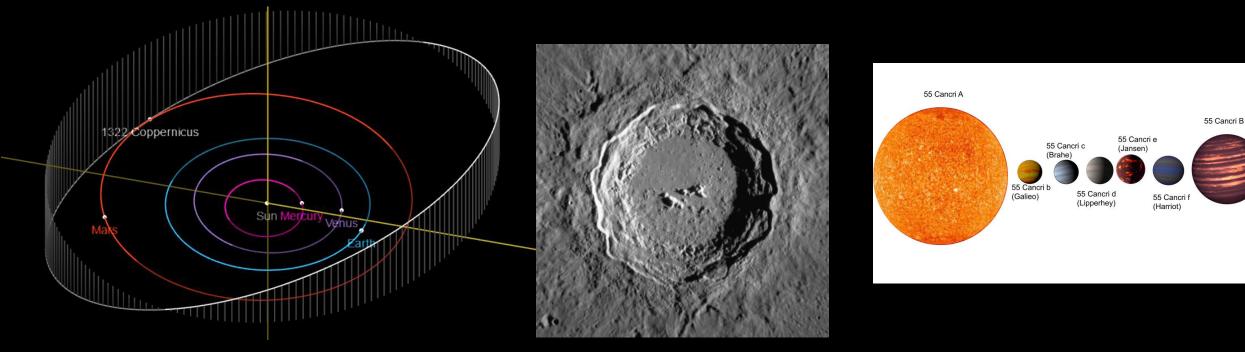




Wilhelmina Iwanowska 1905 - 1999First female vice-president of IAU 1973 - 1979

Education and Oureach!

IAU naming of objects



Asteroid 1322 Coppernicus

currently at 2.9 au

Lunar Crater

55 Cancri A=Copernicus

Star + planetary system

NameExoWorld

Poland and world-wide astronomy







Bohdan Paczynski 1940 – 2007 *"Father of OGLE"*→Talk Udalski

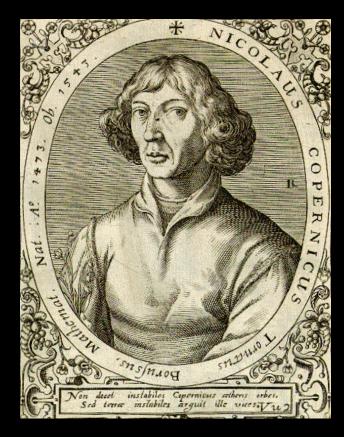


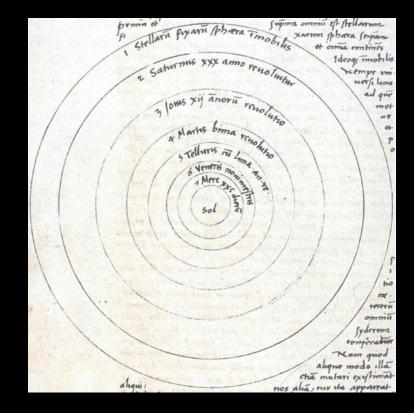
Alexsander Wolszczan 1946-*First (pulsar) exoplanet*



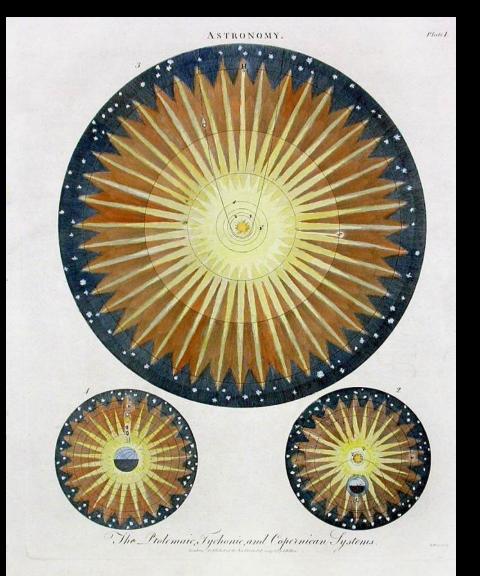


New world views then



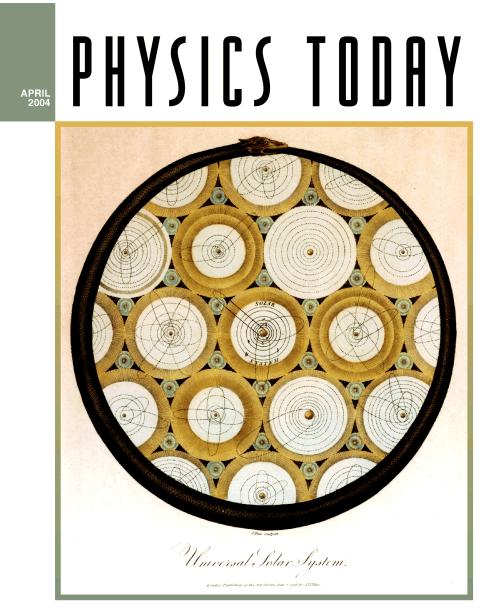


The Ptolemaic, Tychonic and Copernican systems



J. Wilkes ~1798

Collection EvD+TdZ **Diversity of Planetary Systems**



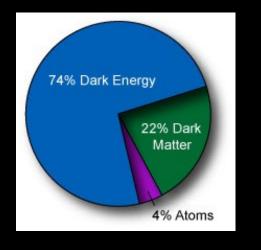
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English engraving John Wilkes, ~1798

Special issue: Planetary diversity

New World Views now

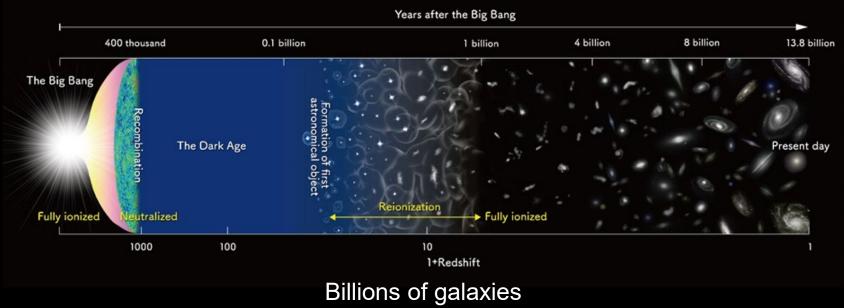
Our view of the Universe has changed dramatically over the last 100 years

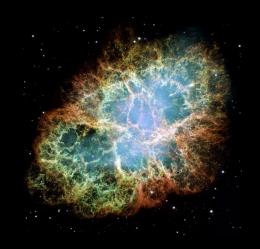






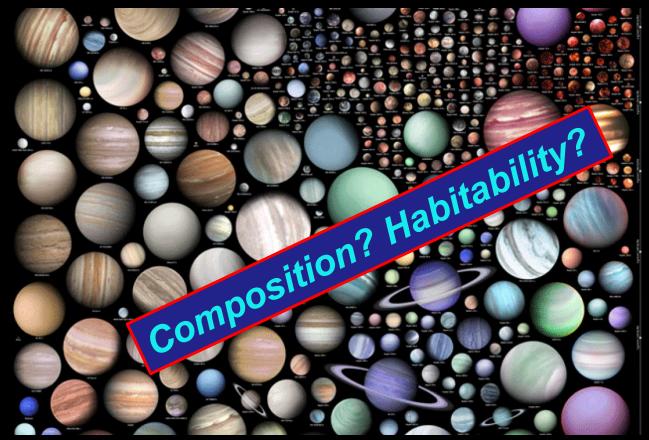
Supermassive black holes (also center of our Milky Way)





Origin of elements

Discovery of exoplanets



Kepler satellite: Borucki et al. 2011, Batalha et al. 2013

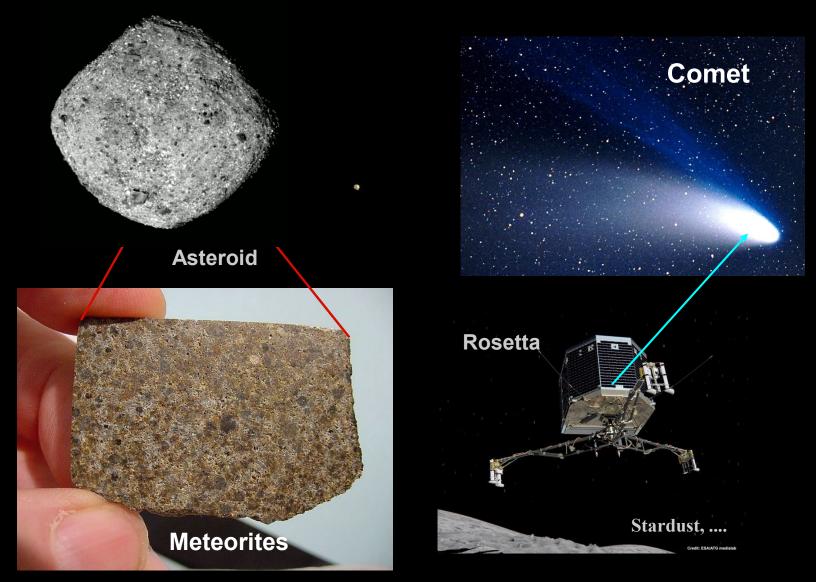
Every star has at least one planet

Artist impression



Nobel Prize 2019

How were 'we' formed 4.6 billion years ago?



Messengers from the early solar system

New views are driven by major facilities in space and on the ground









Multi-national, intercontinental collaborations

Open data, open archives accessible anywhere in the world (Machine learning, AI)

James Webb Space Telescope ("Webb") a new exploration of the cosmos

James Edwin Webb (1906 – 1992) second **NASA administrator** 1961-1968 (moon program)



A 30 year journey...

Planning started in early 1990's Budget ~10 billion \$ over 30 yr (bulk of it to high-tech industry)

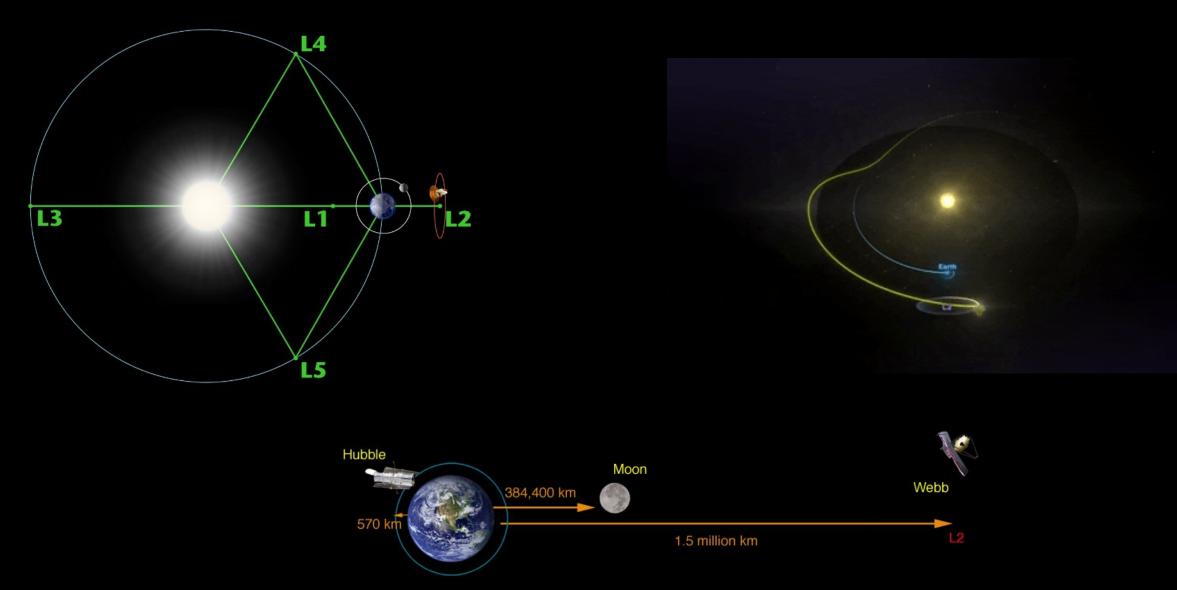
Launch Dec 25 2021

Thanks to thousands of engineers, technicians, managers, scientists,

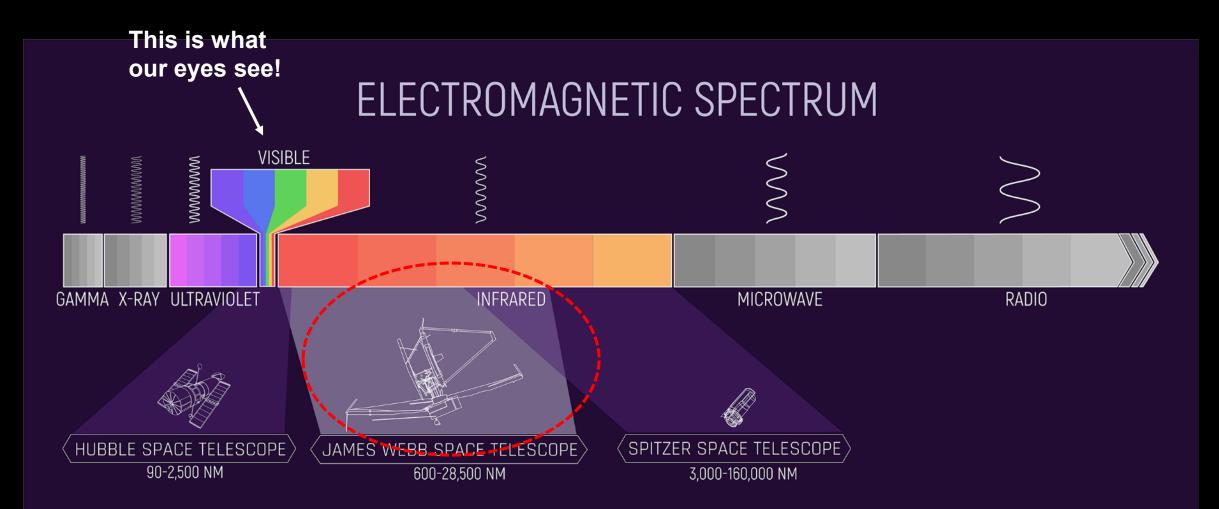




Webb's orbit

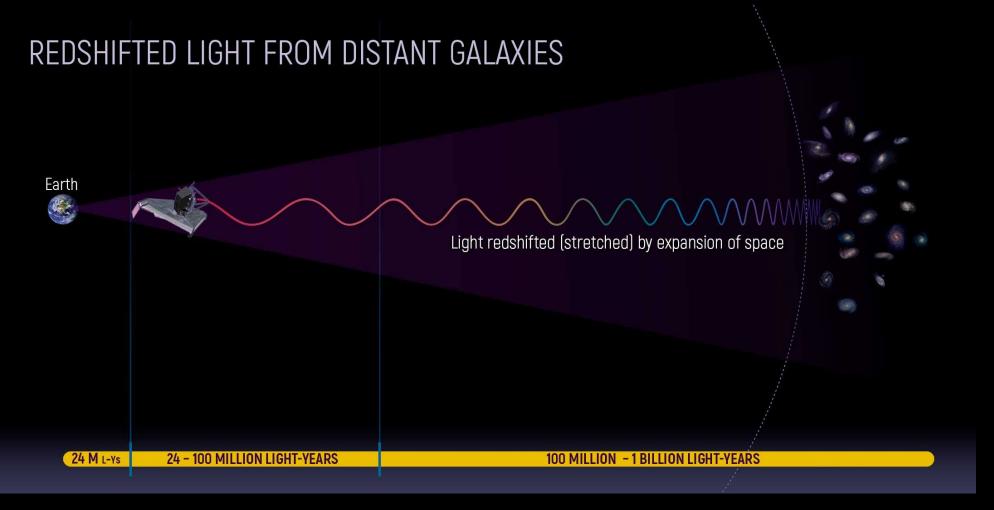


Webb's eyes: infrared



Four instruments: cameras, spectrographs near-infrared, mid-infrared

Why infrared?



Light from distant galaxies is shifted to the red "Far away = Long ago"

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Why infrared? Peer into dust clouds



Visible • WFPC2 • 2001

Infrared • WFC3/IR • 2014

Birthplaces of galaxies, stars, planets

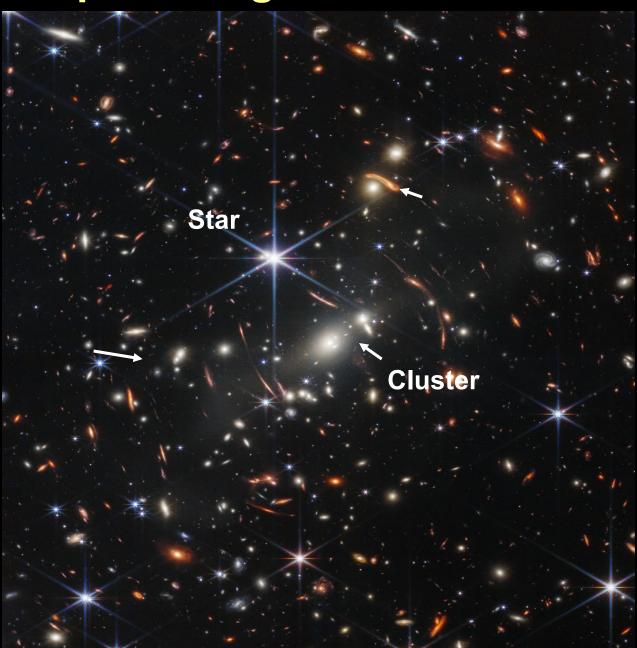
Webb science: From first light to new planets

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Deepest image of the universe



>13 billion years old

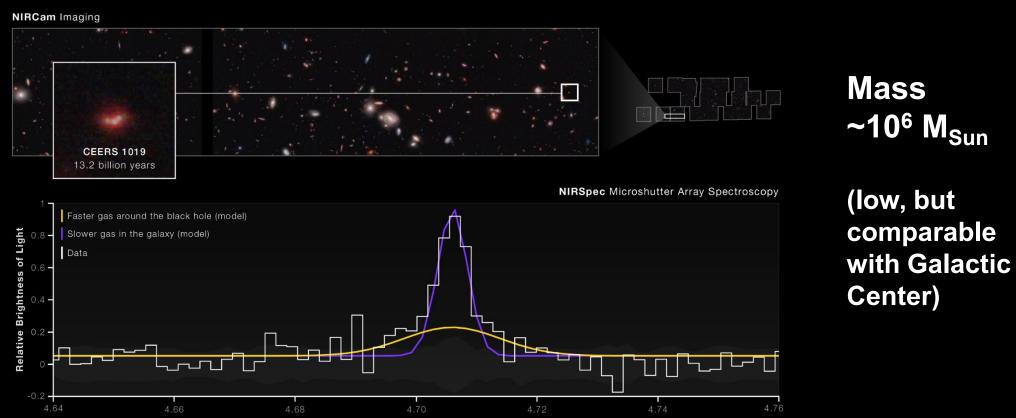




Distant lensed galaxy

Most distant supermassive black holes

COSMIC EVOLUTION EARLY RELEASE SCIENCE (CEERS) SURVEY BLACK HOLE EXISTED 570 MILLION YEARS AFTER BIG BANG



Wavelength of Light



CEERS, Larson, Finkelstein et al. 2023

Beautiful star-forming galaxies with Webb



M74 Phantom Galaxy

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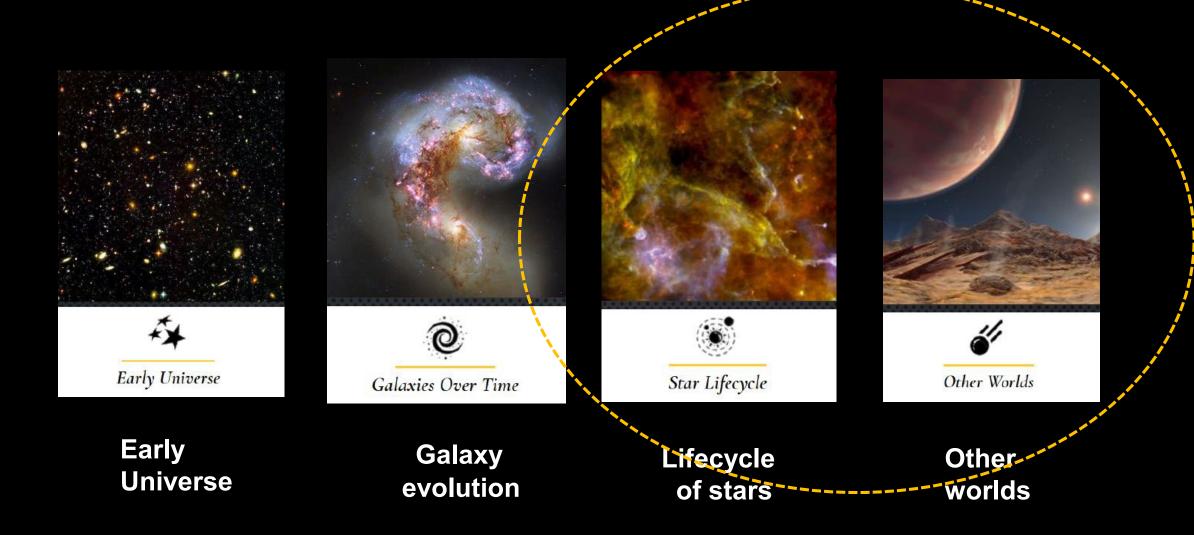
Interacting galaxies: burst of star formation



Cartwheel galaxy

NASA/ESA/CSA/STScI

Science with JWST



Our origins start in the very dilute gas between the stars

10 light yr

NASA/HST

Carina nebula: nursery of new stars and planets



Star formation: "Pillars of Creation"



JWST-MIRI

Protostars and jets



Ophiuchus July 12 2023

Protostar with molecular jet



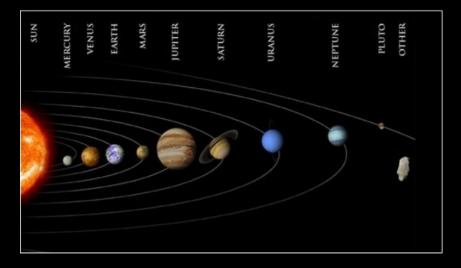
JWST-NIRCAM T. Ray et al. 2023 NASA/ESA PR Sept. 14, 2023

Planets form in disks around young stars



Animation NASA/SSC/R. Hurt

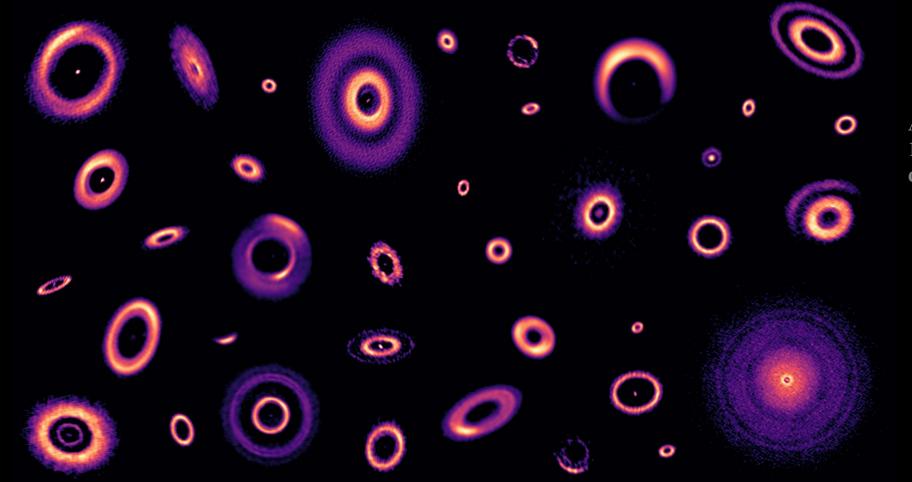
Analogy: Solar nebula hypothesis



Kant 1755, Swedenborg 1734

These disks can now be imaged

gallery of planet-forming disks



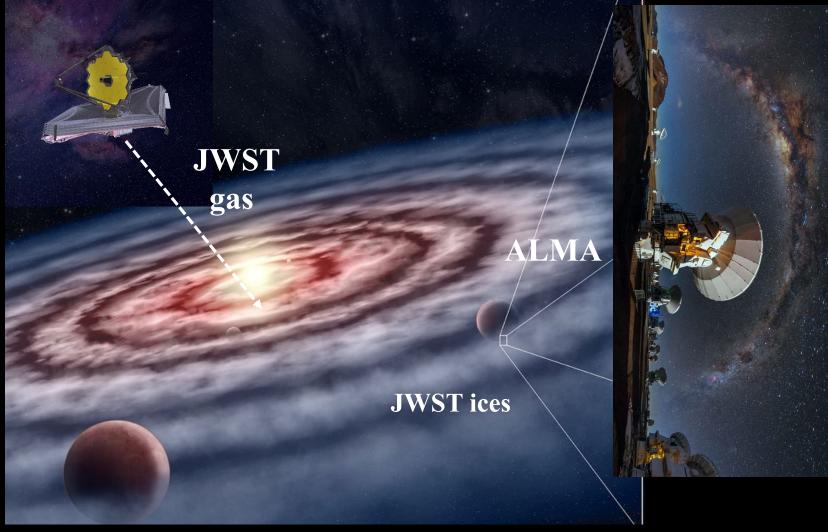
ALMA 1 mm, cold dust emission

50 au Size of our solar system

What is the composition out of which new planets are made?

Francis & van der Marel 2020 Atacama Large Millimeter Array (ALMA)

Building planets in disks: composition material?

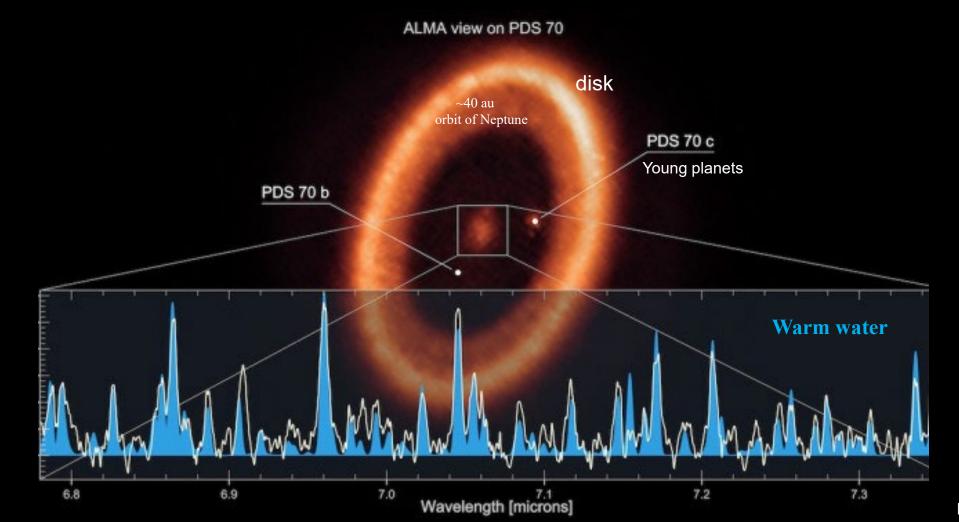


Synergy JWST-ALMA

M. Weiss, CfA MAPS Öberg et al. 2021

Water in the terrestrial planet-forming zones of disks

NASA-ESA press release July 24, 2023



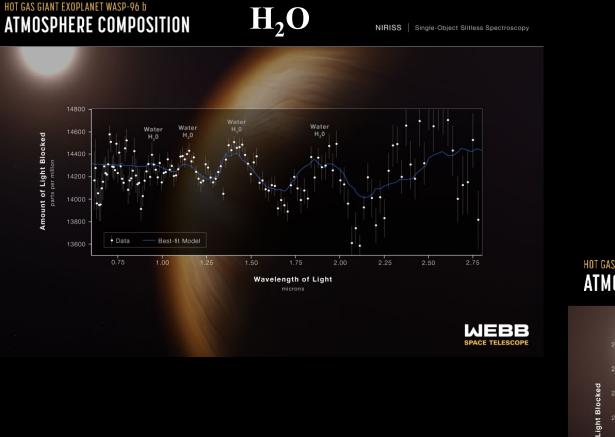


Perotti et al. 2023



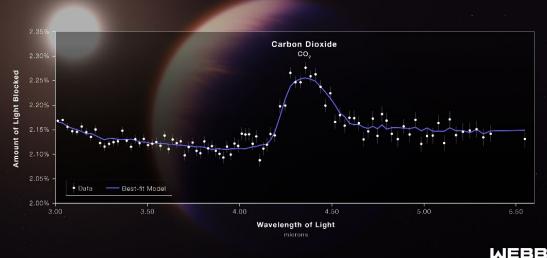
Chemistry as a probe of formation location and history of mature planets

Webb: Water and CO₂ in exoplanet atmospheres



HOT GAS GIANT EXOPLANET WASP-39 b ATMOSPHERE COMPOSITION

NIRSpec | Bright Object Time-Series Spectroscopy

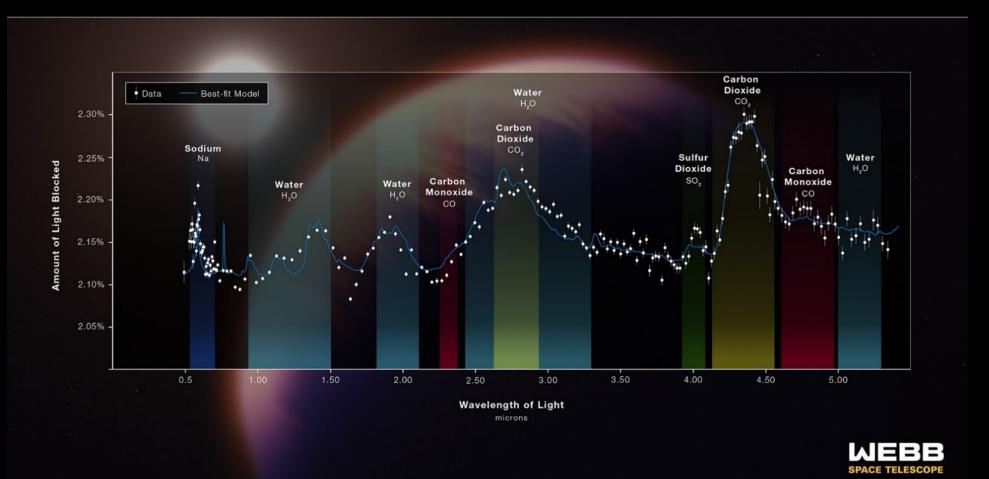


 CO_{2}

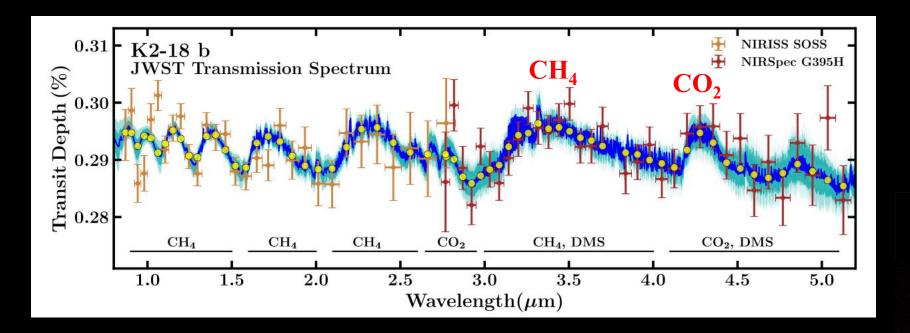
Probing the composition of exoplanet atmospheres

HOT GAS GIANT EXOPLANET WASP-39 b ATMOSPHERE COMPOSITION

NIRSpec PRISM



Atmosphere of a Neptune-mass planet



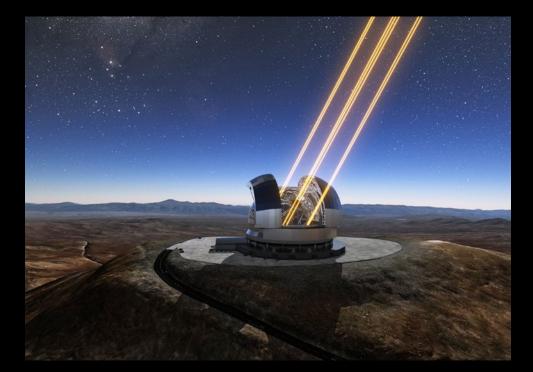
- Clear detections of CH₄ and CO₂, no NH₃
- Consistent with ocean under H₂ atmosphere

Madhusudhan+2023 Press release Sept. 11 2023

Future New Views From Fromberg to Cerro Armazones









Extremely Large Telescope

Construction progressing Sept 5 2023



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We are all world citizens under the same beautiful sky

Science and astronomy provide inspiration, perspective (sense of vulnerability), modesty, tolerance