The Next Generation Space Telescope – NGST
1985-1992 The Birth of JWST

Conceptualizing what comes beyond Hubble, before Hubble!

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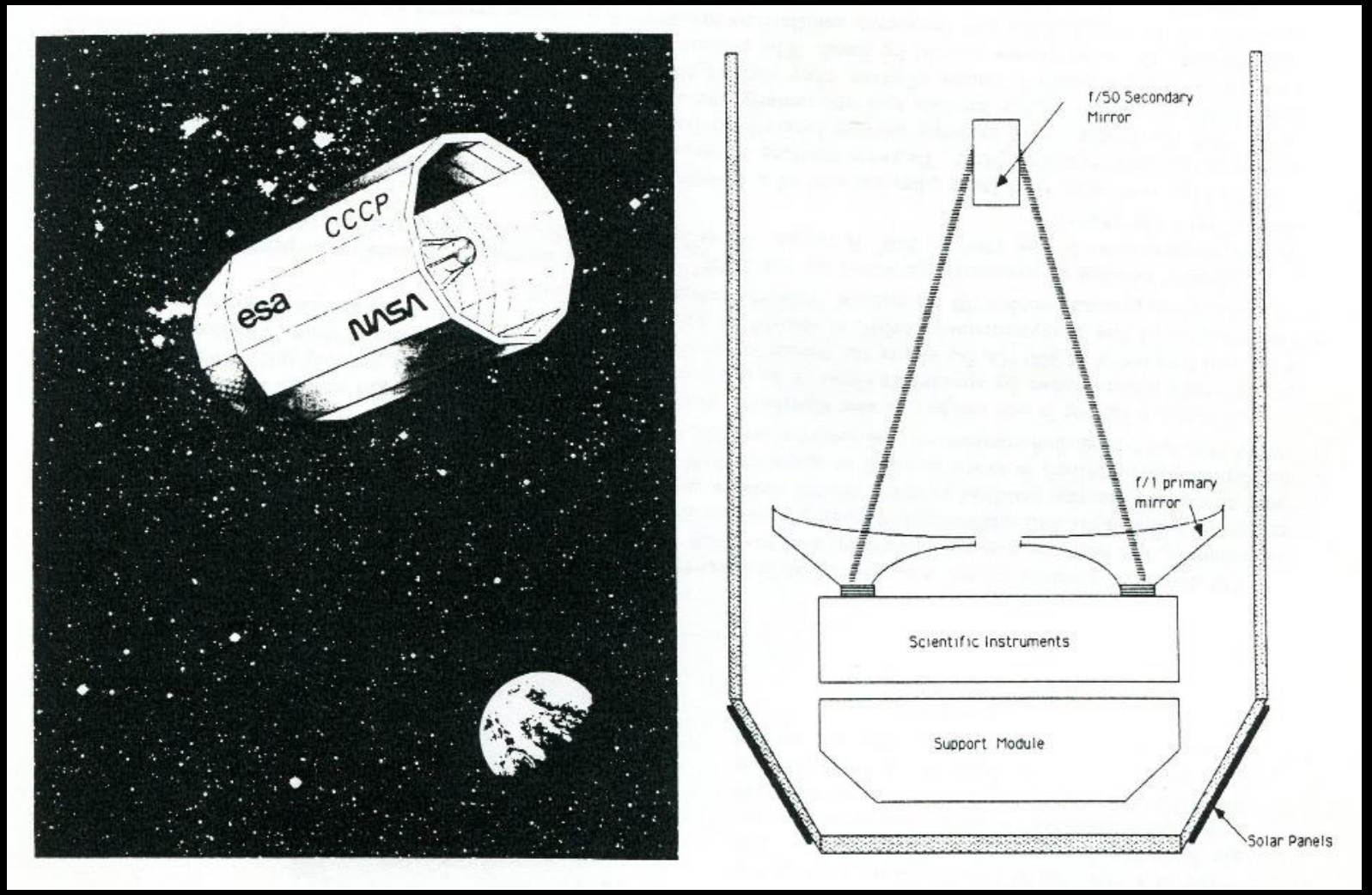


Credit: Pierre Bely 1985

The key NGST people at STScI in 1987

Credit: STScI

Riccardo Giacconi
Director and Future
Nobel Prize Winner

Garth Illingworth
Deputy Director

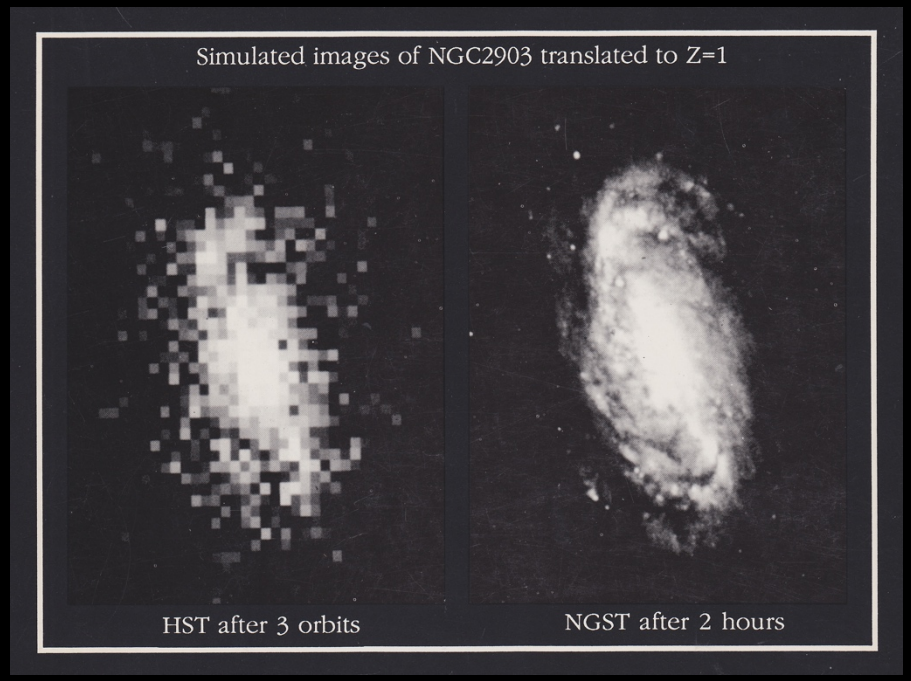
Peter Stockman
Division Head

Credit: Pierre Bely

Pierre Bely
Chief
Engineer

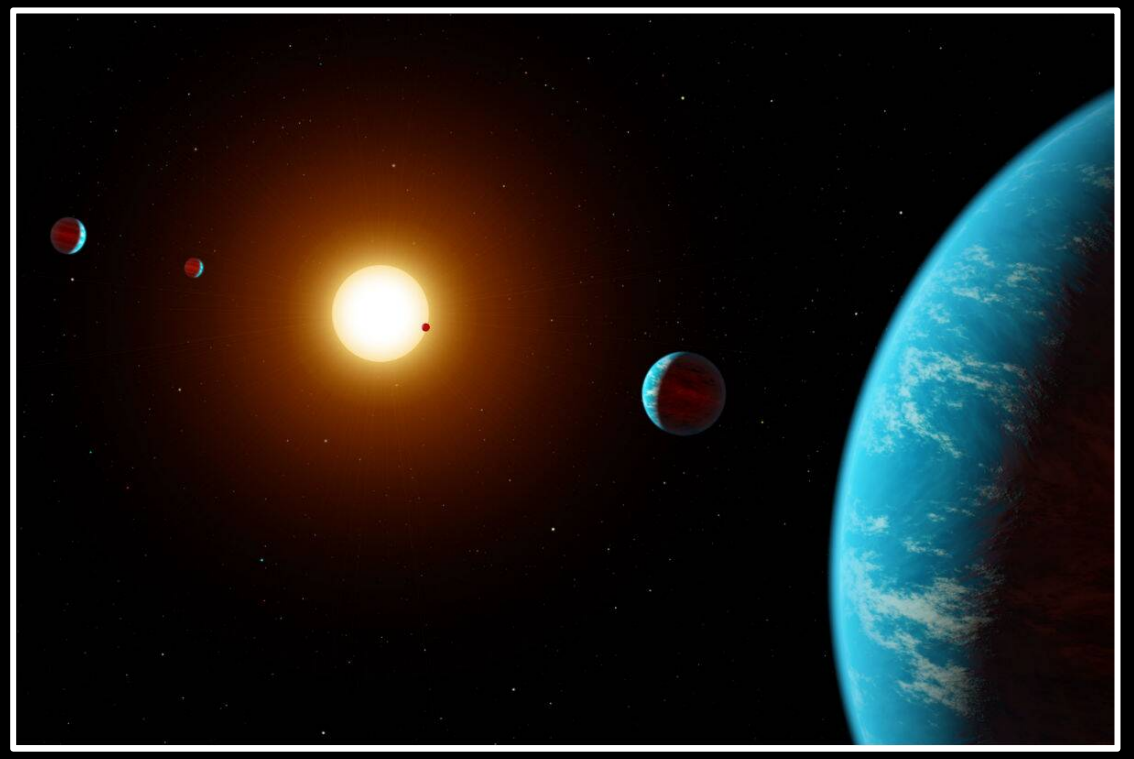
1985-1989: NGST Science beyond Hubble before Hubble was launched!

Seeing distant galaxies way better than Hubble or Keck



Credit: Jim Gunn

Searching for exo-planets like earth



Credit: NASA

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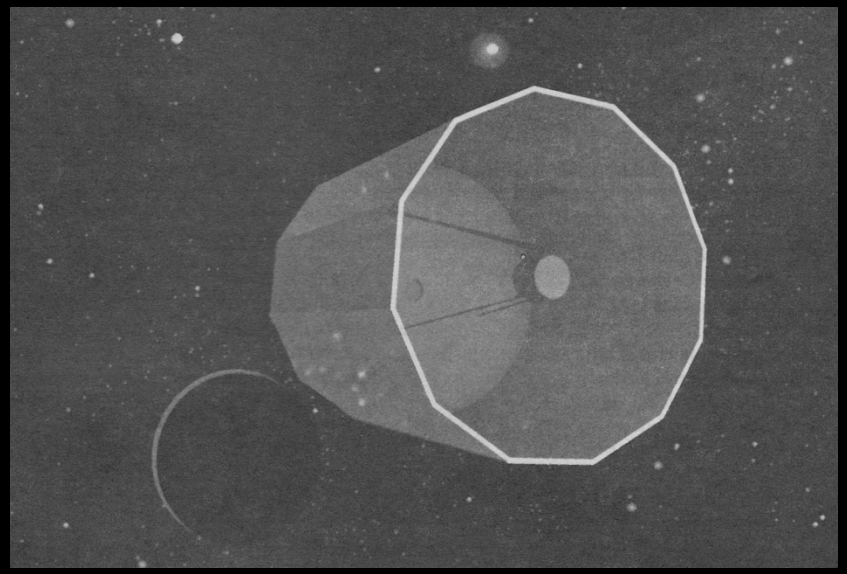
Exploring into the unknown

Revealing the hidden mysteries of our universe

1989: First NASA & STScI conference about NGST

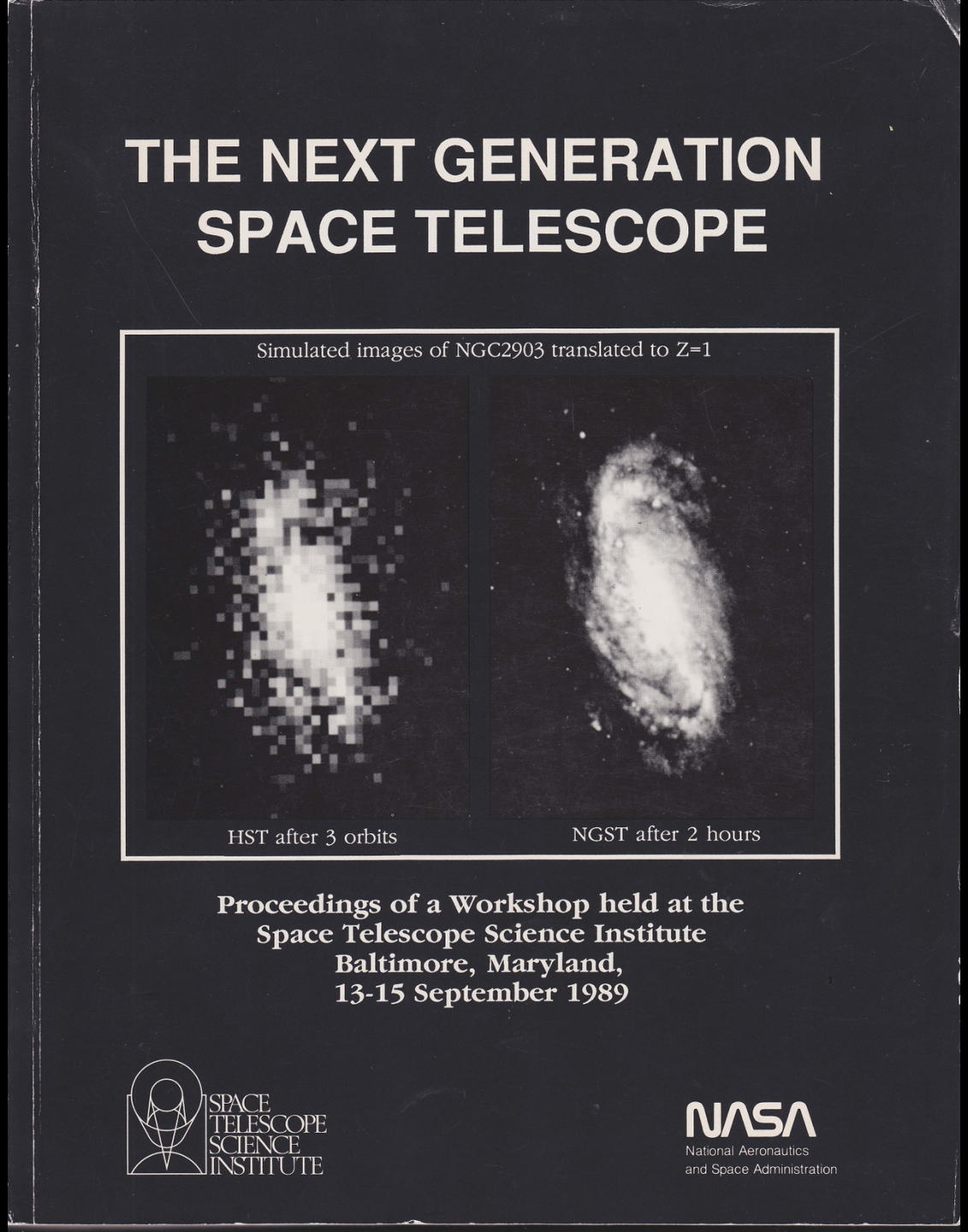
Developing the NGST concept and science



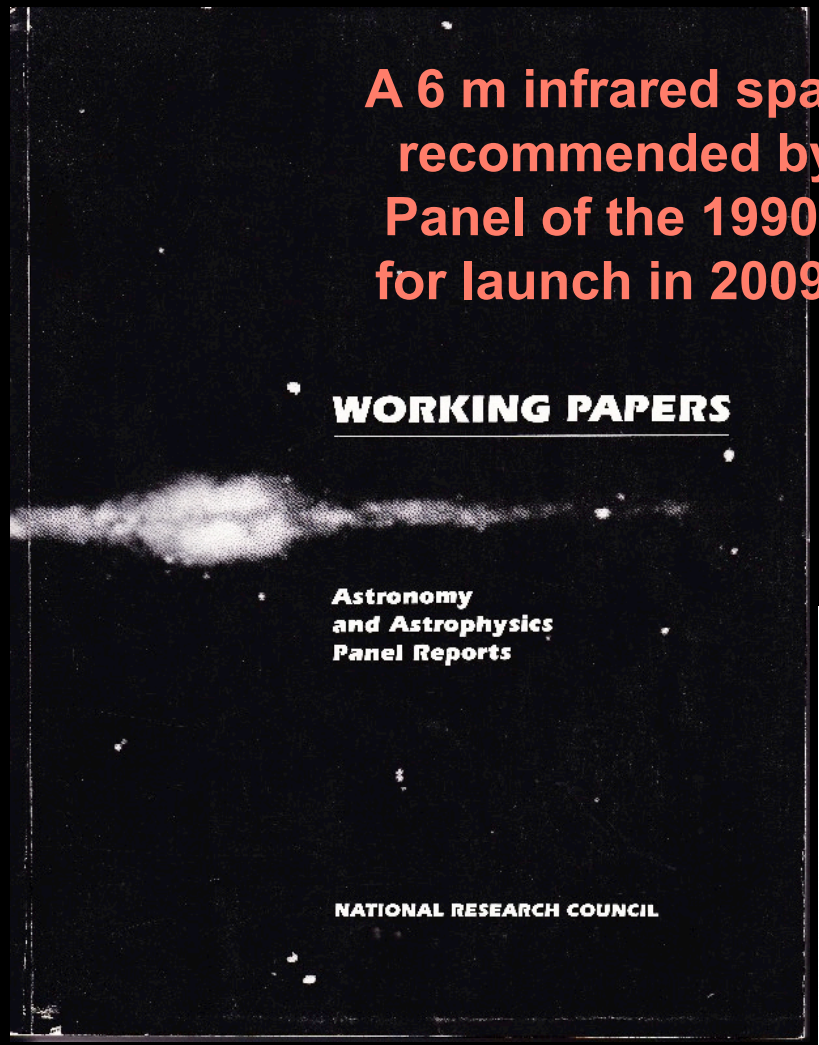
An 8-10 m NGST: 4X the size of Hubble

Or an even bigger NGST on the moon??

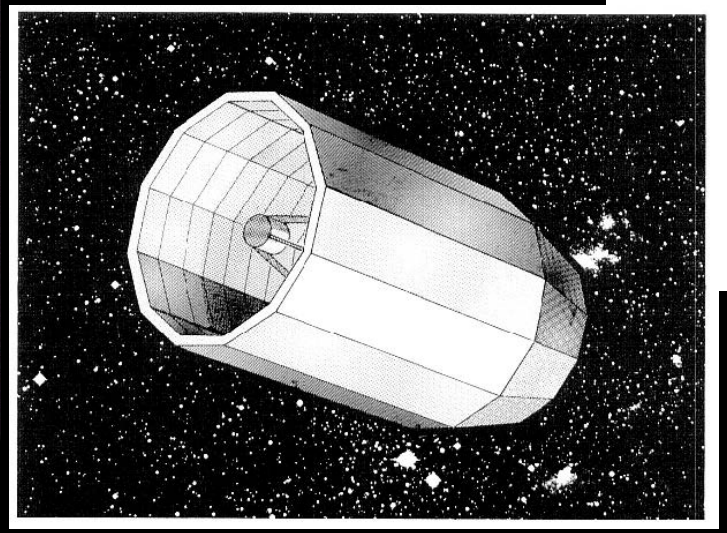
Credit: NASA, STScI, Garth Illingworth, Pierre Bely, Peter Stockman, Chris Burrows

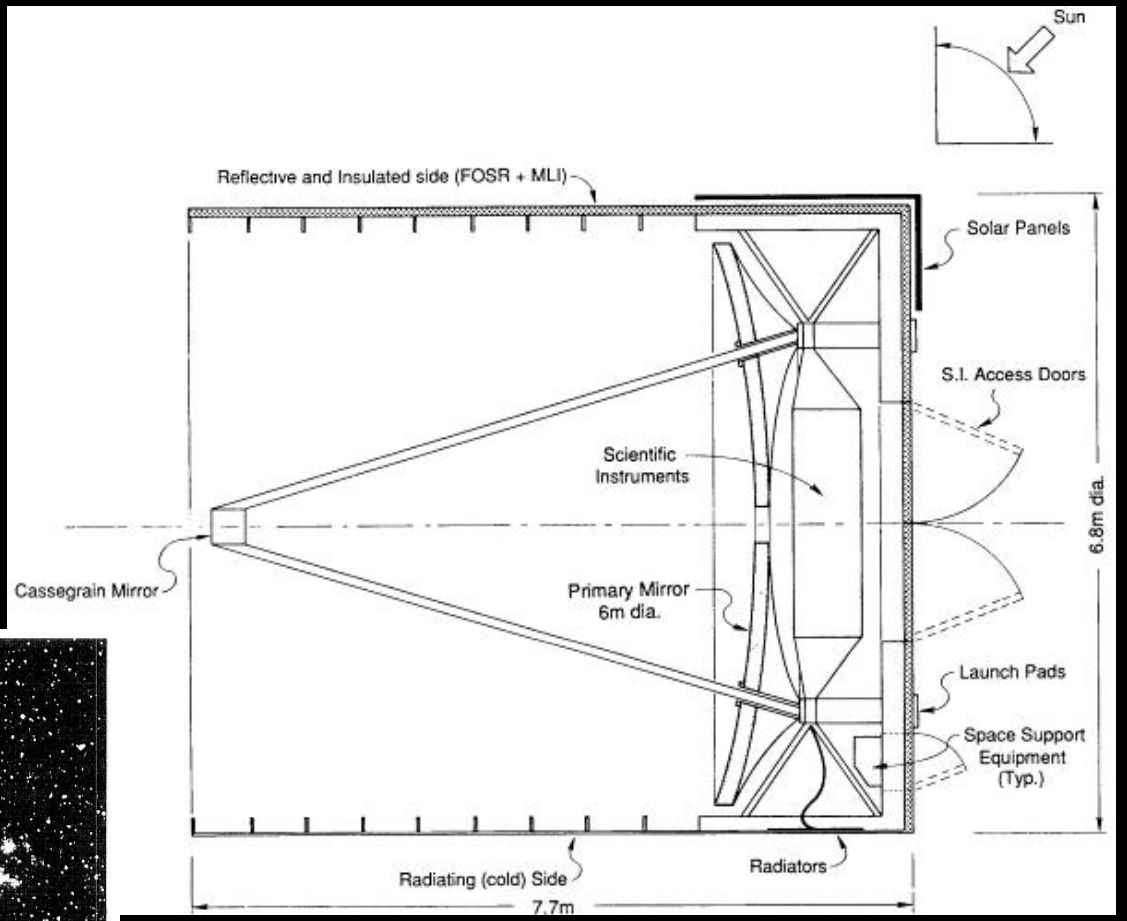


1990 Astronomy Decadal Survey Panel vision of a cold infrared telescope with a large 6 m (20 ft) mirror



A 6 m infrared space telescope was recommended by the UV-Optical Panel of the 1990 Decadal Survey for launch in 2009 for $2B (1990 $)





Credit: NRC, 1990 Decadal Survey, UV-Optical from Space Panel, Garth Illingworth

The Next Generation Space Telescope

1991 – Setting the stage for the future

- Huge infrared space telescope
- Cooled to near absolute zero by the extreme cold of the universe
- 8-meter (26 foot) mirror
- Located far away from Earth

1991 workshop on needed technologies through Astrotech 21 (NASA HQ/JPL)

https://www.ucolick.org/~gdi/early_jwst/

Credit: NASA, JPL, Garth Illingworth, James Cutts, Dayton Jones