

# Comparative Analysis of Hubble and James Webb Space Telescopes: Technological Advances and Scientific Discoveries

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## **ABSTRACT**

With the Hubble Space Telescope (HST) and the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST), two major milestones in the history of space-based astronomical observation have been reached. Each is significantly and independently advancing our understanding of the universe. With its capacity to obtain high-resolution pictures and carry out comprehensive spectroscopic analysis throughout ultraviolet, visible, and near-infrared wavelengths, the 1990-launched Hubble Space Telescope (HST) transformed astronomy. HST has produced priceless data throughout the course of its more than three decades of operation, which has aided in the discovery of important concepts like the universe's rapid expansion and the in-depth study of exoplanet atmospheres. This paper compares HST with JWST with an emphasis on scientific findings and technological developments. The part on technical improvements explores data processing, cooling systems, instrumentation, and optics.

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# INTRODUCTION

## Overview of Hubble Space Telescope (HST)

One of the most important astronomical devices ever used is the Hubble Space Telescope (HST). Launched on April 24, 1990, on board the Space Shuttle Discovery (STS-31), Hubble's wide range of observations and high-resolution photographs have completely changed our view of the cosmos. Here is a summary of its salient features:

## Development and Design

Although the concept for a space-based telescope was first proposed in the 1940s, Hubble's actual development didn't start until the 1970s. It bears Edwin Hubble's name, the scientist who first observed the universe's expansion. The Hubble Space Telescope was developed by NASA with assistance from the European Space Agency (ESA) to prevent air distortion and provide images that are sharper and more detailed than those obtained by ground-based observatories. Hubble weighs roughly 11,110 kilograms (24,500 pounds) and is about the length of a big school bus (13.3 meters, or 43.5 feet). With its 2.4-meter (7.9-foot) main mirror, it can gather dim light from far-off objects. Hubble has been outfitted with several instruments throughout the years, such as the Wide Field and Planetary Camera, the Advanced Camera for Surveys, the Cosmic Origins Spectrograph, and the Near Infrared Camera and Multi-Object Spectrometer.

## Mission and Operations

At a height of around 547 kilometers (340 miles), Hubble circles the Earth about every 95 minutes. In contrast to other space observatories, Hubble was intended for astronaut maintenance and upgrades. Five service missions (1993, 1997, 1999, 2002, 2009) were carried out to install new equipment and fix the initial optical defects.

## Scientific Contributions

By catching light from galaxies billions of light-years distant, Hubble's deep field photographs, such as the Hubble Deep Field and the Hubble Ultra-Deep Field, have allowed us to see peeks into the early cosmos. It has supported dark energy, the enigmatic force driving the cosmos, and helped revise the Hubble constant, which measures the rate of expansion of the universe. Hubble has documented the life cycles of stars, from creation in stellar nurseries to supernova explosions, and has recorded star formation in far-off galaxies. It has also given precise photos of planets, moons, and other solar system objects, aiding in the research of exoplanets.

## **Legacy and Impact**

The public has been enthralled with Hubble's breathtaking photos, which have sparked an interest in astronomy and science. One of the most productive scientific tools in history, Hubble's data has produced thousands of scholarly studies. Even when more modern telescopes like the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) become ready to replace parts of Hubble's observational duties, the space telescope still operates and makes discoveries.

## **Overview of Hubble Space Telescope (HST)**

The next generation of space telescopes, the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST), is a significant space observatory that was created to expand and supplement the findings of the Hubble Space Telescope. JWST is a cooperative project between NASA, the European Space Agency (ESA), and the Canadian Space Agency (CSA), and it was launched on December 25, 2021. Here is a summary of its salient features:

## **Development and Design**

JWST was designed to overcome some of the shortcomings of Hubble, namely in seeing the infrared portion of the spectrum, which is essential for researching the origin of stars and the early universe. The spacecraft was conceived in the 1990s. The telescope bears the name of James E. Webb, the administrator of NASA during the Apollo program and a major contributor to the advancement of space exploration. With a main mirror that measures 6.5 meters (21.3 feet) in diameter and is made up of 18 hexagonal pieces, JWST is the biggest space telescope ever constructed. It is around 14,300 pounds, or 6,500 kilograms, in weight. To protect its instruments from solar radiation and maintain the necessary low temperatures for infrared observation, JWST has a five-layer, tennis-court-sized sunshield. The key instruments include the Near Infrared Camera (NIRCam), the Near Infrared Spectrograph

(NIRSpec), the Mid-Infrared Instrument (MIRI), and the Fine Guidance Sensor/Near InfraRed Imager and Slitless Spectrograph (FGS/NIRISS).

## **Mission and Operations**

At the second Lagrange point (L2), around 1.5 million kilometers (or one million miles) from Earth, JWST circles the Sun. Its location in relation to Earth and the Sun remains constant, and thus offers a steady environment for its observations. French Guiana launched the telescope on an Ariane 5 rocket. It took many weeks to complete the intricate process of unfolding and aligning its components for deployment.

## **Scientific Goals and Contributions**

Observing the first galaxies to develop after the Big Bang is one of JWST's main objectives as it sheds light on the early phases of cosmic history. It will investigate how stars and planetary systems evolve, providing insight into the mechanisms that give rise to planets—including those that may be habitable. By identifying chemical signals, JWST will examine the atmospheres of exoplanets in an effort to find indications of habitability and life. In order to understand the mechanisms guiding the growth of galaxies, it will also look at how they form and change over time.

## **Technological Innovations**

JWST's capacity to observe in the infrared spectrum allows it to see past dust clouds that veil visible light, exposing features and structures that were previously obscured. The telescope can maintain ideal focus and picture quality by fine-tuning the segmented primary mirror with unprecedented accuracy. In order to minimize interference from the telescope's own heat, its instruments are chilled to almost absolute zero by passive cooling and extra cryo-coolers for the mid-infrared instrument growth.

## **Legacy and Impact**

JWST is anticipated to expand on Hubble's legacy by offering views of the cosmos that are considerably deeper and more detailed, especially in the infrared spectrum. From cosmology to the hunt for alien life, the telescope is set to produce ground-breaking findings in a variety of astronomical and astrophysical domains. Similar to Hubble, it is expected that JWST's breathtaking findings and photos would enthrall the general public and motivate next

generations of engineers and scientists. With the promise to solve new puzzles and expand our knowledge of the universe for many years to come, the James Webb Space Telescope is a major advancement in our ability to study the cosmos.

## **Importance of Space Telescopes in Astronomical Research**

Space telescopes play a crucial role in astronomical research, providing unique advantages over ground-based telescopes. Their importance can be summarized in several key areas:

### **1. Avoiding Atmospheric Distortion**

Earth's atmosphere distorts and absorbs light from celestial objects, which blurs and diminishes the quality of the images captured by ground-based telescopes. Space telescopes operate above the atmosphere, enabling them to capture sharper and more detailed images. The atmosphere blocks certain wavelengths of electromagnetic radiation, such as most ultraviolet, X-rays, and gamma rays. Space telescopes can observe these wavelengths, providing a more comprehensive understanding of astronomical phenomena.

### **2. Continuous and Uninterrupted Observations**

Space telescopes can observe their targets continuously without the interruptions caused by the day-night cycle and weather conditions on Earth. This allows for prolonged and uninterrupted data collection, which is essential for studying dynamic processes like star formation and variable stars. The stable space environment eliminates the issues of atmospheric turbulence and light pollution, resulting in more consistent and reliable data.

### **3. Exploring the Distant Universe**

**Deep Field Observations:** Space telescopes, like the Hubble Space Telescope, have provided deep field images, capturing light from galaxies billions of light-years away. These observations have revealed the structure and evolution of the early universe, offering insights into its origins and development. By observing distant galaxies and quasars, space telescopes help astronomers study objects at high redshifts, providing information about the universe's expansion and the nature of dark energy.

### **4. Detailed Study of Specific Astronomical Objects**

Space telescopes have revolutionized the study of exoplanets by detecting them and analyzing their atmospheres. Instruments like those on the James Webb Space Telescope can identify chemical signatures that might indicate habitability or even signs of life. Observations in the infrared spectrum, which can penetrate dust clouds, allow space telescopes to study the birth and early development of stars and planetary systems, providing critical insights into the processes that shape our galaxy.

## **5. Multifaceted Scientific Contributions**

Space telescopes have contributed to refining key cosmological parameters, such as the Hubble constant, which measures the rate of the universe's expansion. This has implications for our understanding of the age and fate of the universe. By studying galaxies at various stages of their development, space telescopes help unravel the processes that drive galaxy formation and evolution, including the roles of dark matter and black holes. Observations of X-rays and gamma rays from space provide insights into high-energy processes like supernovae, black holes, neutron stars, and gamma-ray bursts, which cannot be studied from the ground.

## **6. Technological Advancements and Spin-Offs**

The development and operation of space telescopes drive technological advancements in areas such as optics, detectors, and spacecraft systems. These innovations often have applications beyond astronomy, benefiting other scientific fields and industries. Projects like the Hubble Space Telescope and the James Webb Space Telescope involve international partnerships, fostering collaboration and knowledge exchange among scientists and engineers worldwide.

## **7. Public Engagement and Education**

The stunning images and groundbreaking discoveries made by space telescopes captivate the public and inspire interest in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). They serve as powerful tools for education and outreach, helping to communicate the importance and excitement of scientific research.

Space telescopes are indispensable tools in modern astronomy.

# **Literature Review**



## **Evolution of Space Telescopes**

The evolution of space telescopes is marked by significant milestones that have progressively expanded our understanding of the universe. Here's a historical context of their development:

### **Early Concepts and Groundbreaking Missions**

#### **1940s - 1950s: Initial Ideas and Early Proposals**

The idea of a space-based telescope was first proposed in the 1940s by astronomer Lyman Spitzer. He envisioned a telescope in space that could avoid atmospheric distortions and provide clearer views of celestial objects. Throughout the 1950s, scientists and engineers began exploring the feasibility of placing telescopes in space, driven by advancements in rocket technology and the advent of the space age. (Smith, J. D. 2020).

#### **1960s: First Space Telescopes**

##### **Orbiting Astronomical Observatories (OAOs)**

OAo-1: Launched in 1966, it was the first attempt at a space-based observatory, though it failed shortly after reaching orbit.

OAo-2: Successfully launched in 1968, it provided the first long-term ultraviolet observations of stars, galaxies, and other celestial objects.

##### **Other Early Missions**

Missions like the Orbiting Solar Observatory (OSO) series, launched in the 1960s, focused on studying the Sun, contributing to our understanding of solar physics.

#### **1970s: Pioneering X-ray and Ultraviolet Astronomy**

##### **Uhuru**

Launch: In 1970, the Uhuru satellite became the first dedicated X-ray astronomy mission, discovering numerous X-ray sources, including black holes and neutron stars.

##### **Copernicus (OAo-3)**

Launch: Launched in 1972, it carried both an ultraviolet telescope and an X-ray detector, contributing significantly to high-energy astrophysics and the study of interstellar matter.

## **1980s: Advancements and the Dawn of Hubble**

### **Einstein Observatory (HEAO-2)**

Launch: In 1978, it was the first fully imaging X-ray telescope, providing high-resolution images and broadening the understanding of X-ray sources in the universe.

### **International Ultraviolet Explorer (IUE)**

Launch: Launched in 1978, this was a collaborative mission between NASA, ESA, and the UK. It offered continuous ultraviolet observations for nearly two decades, greatly enhancing our understanding of stellar and interstellar phenomena. (Smith, J. D. 2020).

### **Hubble Space Telescope (HST)**

Launch: Hubble was launched in 1990, marking a significant leap forward in space telescopes. Its primary mirror is 2.4 meters in diameter, and it orbits Earth at an altitude of about 547 kilometers (340 miles). Hubble provided unprecedented high-resolution images across a wide range of wavelengths, from ultraviolet to near-infrared, leading to numerous groundbreaking discoveries in cosmology, galaxy formation, star birth, and the study of exoplanets. (Martinez, G. F. 2015).

## **1990s: New Horizons in Space Astronomy**

### **Compton Gamma Ray Observatory (CGRO)**

Launch: Launched in 1991, CGRO was the second of NASA's Great Observatories, designed to observe gamma rays and study high-energy phenomena like gamma-ray bursts and black holes.

### **Chandra X-ray Observatory**

Launch: Launched in 1999, Chandra is the third of NASA's Great Observatories. It has provided detailed X-ray images, deepening our understanding of high-energy processes in the universe, including the behavior of supernova remnants and the environments around black holes.

### **Spitzer Space Telescope**

Launch: Launched in 2003 (after the 1990s), Spitzer was the fourth of NASA's Great Observatories, focusing on infrared observations. It has made significant contributions to the study of exoplanets, star formation, and the structure of galaxies. (Patel, A. R. 2019).

## **2000s - 2020s: Expanding Horizons**

### **Hubble Servicing Missions**

Upgrades: Multiple servicing missions between 1993 and 2009 extended Hubble's life and enhanced its capabilities, ensuring its continued contributions to astronomy.

### **Kepler Space Telescope**

Launch: Launched in 2009, Kepler revolutionized the search for exoplanets, discovering thousands of planets outside our solar system and providing statistical estimates of the number of potentially habitable planets in our galaxy. (Wang, Q. 2017).

### **James Webb Space Telescope (JWST)**

Launch: Launched in December 2021, JWST is designed to observe in the infrared spectrum, allowing it to study the early universe, star formation, and the atmospheres of exoplanets with unprecedented detail. With a 6.5-meter primary mirror and advanced instruments, JWST promises to build on the legacy of Hubble, providing deeper and more detailed views of the cosmos.

## **Future Prospects**

### **Next-Generation Space Telescopes**

Future space telescopes, such as the Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope (scheduled for launch in the mid-2020s), aim to address specific scientific goals, including the study of dark energy and exoplanet imaging. Continued advancements in technology will enable the development of even more powerful and specialized space telescopes, further expanding our understanding of the universe. The evolution of space telescopes has transformed astronomy, enabling us to peer deeper into space and time, and uncovering the fundamental processes that shape the universe. Each new generation of telescopes builds on the discoveries of its predecessors, pushing the boundaries of our knowledge and inspiring future explorations. Jones, E. R. (2016).

## **Technological Milestones from HST to JWST**

The technological advancements from the Hubble Space Telescope (HST) to the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) represent significant milestones in space telescope design and capabilities. Here are some key technological milestones that highlight the evolution from HST to JWST:

### **1. Optical System and Mirror Design**

#### **Hubble Space Telescope (HST)**

Hubble has a 2.4-meter (7.9-foot) primary mirror made of glass coated with a reflective layer of aluminum and a protective layer of magnesium fluoride. The initial deployment revealed a spherical aberration in the primary mirror, corrected by the first servicing mission in 1993 with the installation of corrective optics (COSTAR).

#### **James Webb Space Telescope (JWST)**

JWST features a 6.5-meter (21.3-foot) segmented primary mirror made of 18 hexagonal segments. Each segment is made of beryllium, chosen for its lightweight and stability at cryogenic temperatures, and coated with a thin layer of gold to enhance infrared reflectivity. The mirror segments were designed to fold for launch and then unfold in space, a complex process requiring precise alignment for optimal focus.

### **2. Wavelength Coverage and Sensitivity**

#### **Hubble Space Telescope**

Hubble observes in the ultraviolet, visible, and near-infrared (approximately 115 nm to 1  $\mu\text{m}$ ). This range allows for a wide variety of astronomical observations, from star formation to distant galaxies. Equipped with various instruments like the Wide Field Camera 3 (WFC3), Advanced Camera for Surveys (ACS), and the Cosmic Origins Spectrograph (COS).

#### **James Webb Space Telescope**

JWST is primarily an infrared telescope, covering wavelengths from 0.6 to 28.3 micrometers. This enables it to observe objects obscured by dust and to peer further back in time to the early universe. Key instruments include the Near Infrared Camera (NIRCam), Near Infrared

Spectrograph (NIRSpec), Mid-Infrared Instrument (MIRI), and Fine Guidance Sensor/Near InfraRed Imager and Slitless Spectrograph (FGS/NIRISS).

### **3. Cooling Systems**

#### **Hubble Space Telescope**

Cooling: Hubble operates at ambient space temperatures and uses radiators to dissipate heat generated by its electronics and instruments.

#### **James Webb Space Telescope**

JWST requires its instruments to be cooled to very low temperatures to minimize infrared interference from the telescope itself. Passive cooling is achieved through its location at the second Lagrange point (L2) and the deployment of a five-layer sunshield. The MIRI instrument has an additional active cooling system to reach temperatures as low as 7 K (-266°C or -447°F).

### **4. Sunshield and Thermal Control**

#### **Hubble Space Telescope**

Hubble uses a system of heaters and insulation to maintain a stable temperature, preventing thermal expansion and contraction that could affect image quality.

#### **James Webb Space Telescope**

JWST's sunshield is a five-layer structure about the size of a tennis court. It blocks heat and light from the Sun, Earth, and Moon, allowing the telescope to cool passively. Each layer reduces the temperature incrementally, ensuring that the telescope's instruments remain at cryogenic temperatures.

### **5. Location and Orbit**

#### **Hubble Space Telescope**

Hubble orbits Earth at an altitude of about 547 kilometers (340 miles), which facilitates servicing missions but exposes it to Earth's atmospheric drag and periodic heating and cooling.

#### **James Webb Space Telescope**

JWST orbits the second Lagrange point (L2), about 1.5 million kilometers (1 million miles) from Earth. This location provides a stable thermal environment, minimal gravitational interference, and a continuous view of deep space, but it also means that direct servicing is not possible.

## **6. Servicing and Maintenance**

### **Hubble Space Telescope**

Hubble was designed to be serviced by astronauts. Five servicing missions corrected initial flaws, upgraded instruments, and extended the telescope's operational life.

### **James Webb Space Telescope**

JWST was designed for remote operation with no planned servicing missions. Its design includes highly reliable components and redundant systems to maximize its operational lifespan.

## **7. Data Transmission and Handling**

### **Hubble Space Telescope**

Data Rate: Hubble transmits data to Earth at a rate of up to 1 Mbps, with data storage onboard until it can be transmitted.

### **James Webb Space Telescope**

JWST has a data transmission rate of about 28.6 Mbps, allowing it to handle the large volumes of data generated by its high-resolution instruments. It stores data on solid-state recorders with a capacity of 68 GB.

The technological milestones from HST to JWST reflect significant advancements in mirror design, wavelength coverage, cooling systems, thermal control, orbit, servicing, and data handling. JWST builds on the legacy of Hubble with state-of-the-art technologies that will enable it to explore the universe in unprecedented detail, particularly in the infrared spectrum, pushing the boundaries of our understanding of the cosmos. Garcia, M. L. (2018).

# **METHODOLOGY**

A comparative analysis framework for evaluating the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) and the Hubble Space Telescope (HST), we need to establish key criteria that highlight the strengths, differences, and contributions of each telescope. The framework will include several dimensions such as technical specifications, scientific capabilities, mission objectives, and impact on astronomy. Here is a detailed comparative analysis framework:

## **1. Technical Specifications**

### **a. Primary Mirror**

#### **Hubble Space Telescope:**

Diameter: 2.4 meters (7.9 feet)

Material: Glass coated with aluminum and magnesium fluoride

Design: Single, monolithic mirror

#### **James Webb Space Telescope:**

Diameter: 6.5 meters (21.3 feet)

Material: Beryllium coated with gold

Design: Segmented mirror with 18 hexagonal segments

### **b. Wavelength Range**

#### **Hubble Space Telescope:**

Ultraviolet (115 nm) to near-infrared (1  $\mu\text{m}$ )

#### **James Webb Space Telescope:**

Near-infrared (0.6  $\mu\text{m}$ ) to mid-infrared (28.3  $\mu\text{m}$ )

### **c. Orbit and Location**

#### **Hubble Space Telescope:**

Low Earth Orbit (about 547 kilometers/340 miles altitude)

#### **James Webb Space Telescope:**

Second Lagrange Point (L2), about 1.5 million kilometers (1 million miles) from Earth

## **d. Cooling Systems**

### **Hubble Space Telescope:**

Passive thermal control with heaters and radiators

### **James Webb Space Telescope:**

Passive cooling with a five-layer sunshield and active cooling for the MIRI instrument

## **2. Scientific Capabilities**

### **a. Observational Range**

#### **Hubble Space Telescope:**

Ultraviolet, visible, and near-infrared observations

#### **James Webb Space Telescope:**

Primarily infrared observations

### **b. Instrument Suite**

#### **Hubble Space Telescope:**

Wide Field Camera 3 (WFC3), Advanced Camera for Surveys (ACS), Cosmic Origins Spectrograph (COS), and others

#### **James Webb Space Telescope:**

Near Infrared Camera (NIRCam), Near Infrared Spectrograph (NIRSpec), Mid-Infrared Instrument (MIRI), Fine Guidance Sensor/Near InfraRed Imager and Slitless Spectrograph (FGS/NIRISS)

## **3. Mission Objectives**

### **a. Primary Goals**

#### **Hubble Space Telescope:**

Broad range of astronomical observations, from our solar system to the edge of the observable universe. Key projects include the Hubble Deep Field, study of dark energy, and detailed imaging of nebulae and galaxies

#### **James Webb Space Telescope:**



Observing the first galaxies and stars, studying galaxy formation and evolution, exploring star and planet formation, and analyzing exoplanet atmospheres

## **b. Key Scientific Discoveries**

### **Hubble Space Telescope:**

Determined the rate of expansion of the universe (Hubble constant)

Provided evidence for dark energy

Detailed studies of exoplanet atmospheres, supermassive black holes, and cosmic reionization

### **James Webb Space Telescope:**

Expected to provide insights into the early universe, formation of the first galaxies and stars, detailed analysis of exoplanet atmospheres, and the chemical composition of protoplanetary disks (anticipated)

## **4. Impact on Astronomy**

### **a. Scientific Contributions**

#### **Hubble Space Telescope:**

Revolutionized our understanding of the cosmos with high-resolution images and spectra  
Pioneered studies of cosmic phenomena across multiple wavelengths contributed significantly to the field of exoplanet research

#### **James Webb Space Telescope:**

Expected to build on Hubble's legacy with a focus on infrared observations anticipated to make breakthroughs in understanding the early universe, star and planet formation, and the conditions for life on exoplanets

### **b. Technological Innovations**

#### **Hubble Space Telescope:**

First space telescope with servicing missions that upgraded and repaired its instruments

Paved the way for future space telescopes with its technological advancements

#### **James Webb Space Telescope:**

Advanced technologies in mirror design, deployment, and infrared detection

Innovative cooling systems and sunshield design to enable infrared observations

## **5. Operational Considerations**

### **a. Servicing and Maintenance**

#### **Hubble Space Telescope:**

Designed for and benefited from multiple servicing missions by astronauts, which extended its lifespan and enhanced its capabilities

#### **James Webb Space Telescope:**

Designed for autonomous operation with no planned servicing missions, relying on robust design and redundancy

### **b. Data Handling and Transmission**

#### **Hubble Space Telescope:**

Data transmission rate of up to 1 Mbps, with onboard data storage

#### **James Webb Space Telescope:**

Data transmission rate of about 28.6 Mbps, with solid-state recorders for data storage

## **6. Public Engagement and Education**

### **a. Outreach**

#### **Hubble Space Telescope:**

Iconic images and discoveries that have captivated the public and inspired interest in astronomy extensive educational programs and resources based on Hubble's findings

#### **James Webb Space Telescope:**

Expected to produce similarly iconic images and groundbreaking discoveries plans for extensive public outreach and educational initiatives to share its findings

This comparative analysis framework highlights the key differences and advancements between the Hubble Space Telescope and the James Webb Space Telescope. While Hubble has made monumental contributions to our understanding of the universe, JWST is poised to push the boundaries of astronomy even further, particularly in the study of the early universe,

galaxy formation, star and planet formation, and exoplanet characterization. Together, these telescopes represent a significant leap in our quest to understand the cosmos.

## **Mission Documents, Scientific Papers, and Technical Reports**

A comparative analysis between the Hubble Space Telescope (HST) and the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST), we need to gather a variety of sources, including mission documents, scientific papers, and technical reports. Here is a detailed plan for data collection:

# **DATA ANALYSIS**

## **Technological Advances**

HST and JWST mirror setups and imaging capacities are compared. a summary of the scientific equipment installed on both telescopes. An explanation of the critical component of JWST's architecture, cryogenic cooling for infrared observations. The effective management and transmission of observational data is discussed in the section on data transmission and processing.

## **Scientific Discoveries**

Examination of major findings made possible by HST, including measurements of the Hubble constant and photographs from the Hubble Deep Field. Expected scientific achievements from JWST, including as studies of the early cosmos and the characterisation of exoplanets. investigating the ways in which the two telescopes work in concert to further astronomical science.

# **CONCLUSION**

## Summary of Comparative Analysis Findings

Comparing the Hubble Space Telescope (HST) with the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) has shown important advances in science, technology, and observational methods. With its spectroscopic and high-resolution imaging powers, HST has transformed astronomy and, over its operational lifetime, produced several ground breaking discoveries. With its bigger mirror and sophisticated infrared instruments, JWST aims to test observational limits and open up new vistas for cosmology and astrophysics research.

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