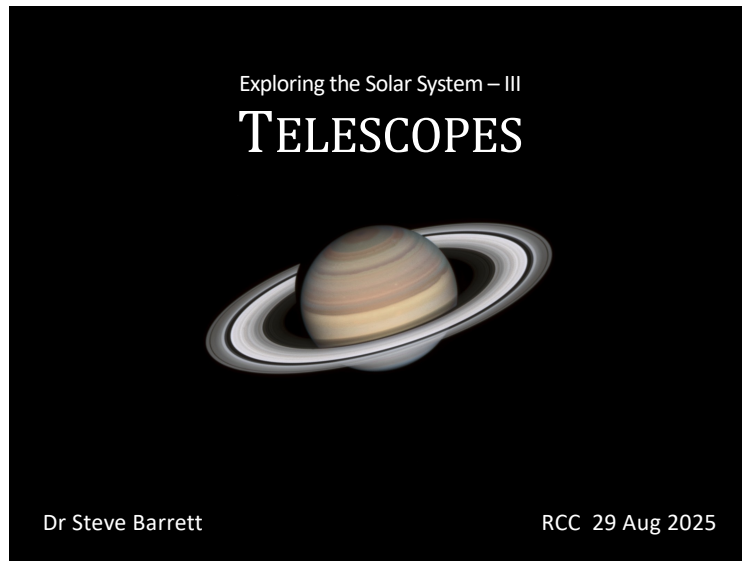


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Telescopes

400 Years of Telescopes

First Views

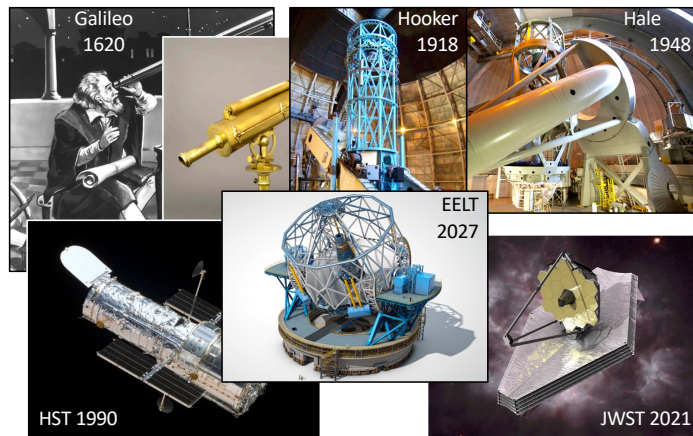
Latest Views

What Next?



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Keeping an Eye on the Universe



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Galileo and Jupiter's Moons



" ... our own eyes show us four stars which wander around Jupiter as does the Moon around the Earth "



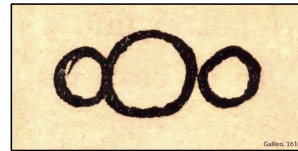
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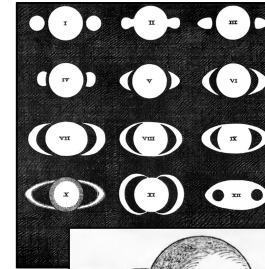
Galileo and Saturn



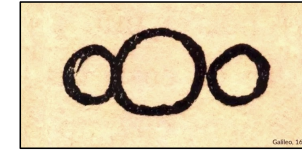
" The first sight that I had of Saturn was of three round stars ... that in the middle considerably larger than the two lateral ones "



The Shape of Saturn



Huygens 1659



Galileo 1610

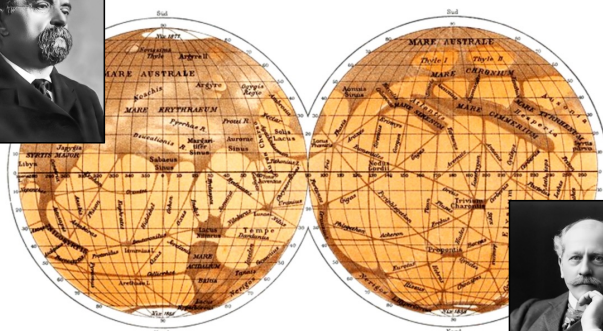


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Canals on Mars



Schiaparelli 1880s



Lowell 1890s



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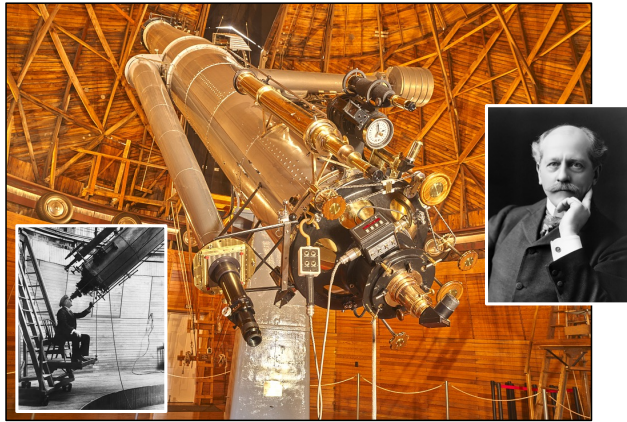


" ... there can be no doubt that living beings inhabit our neighbor world "

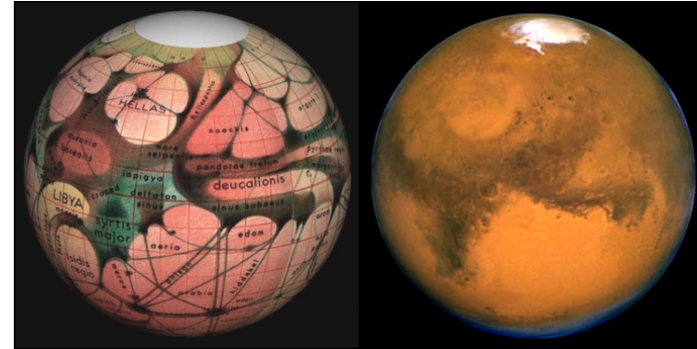
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Lowell Observatory



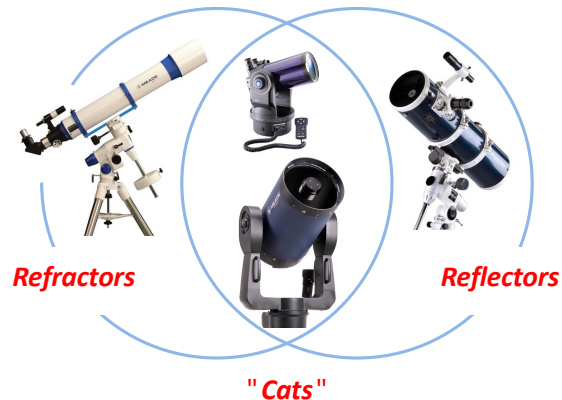
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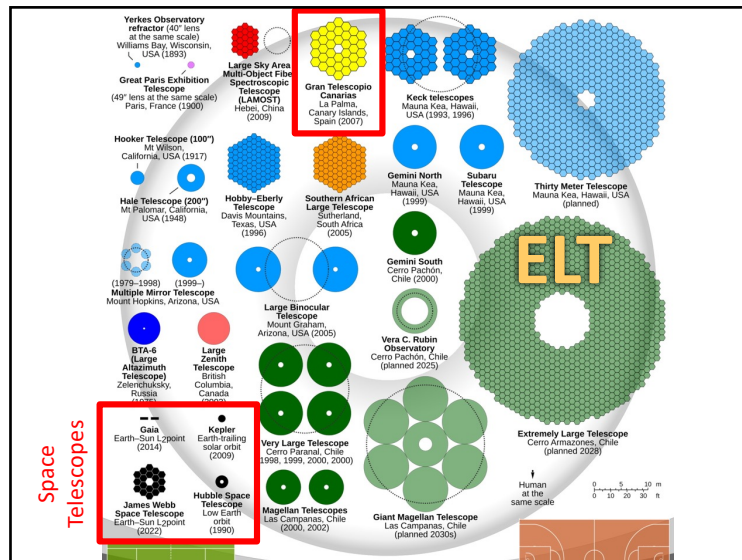


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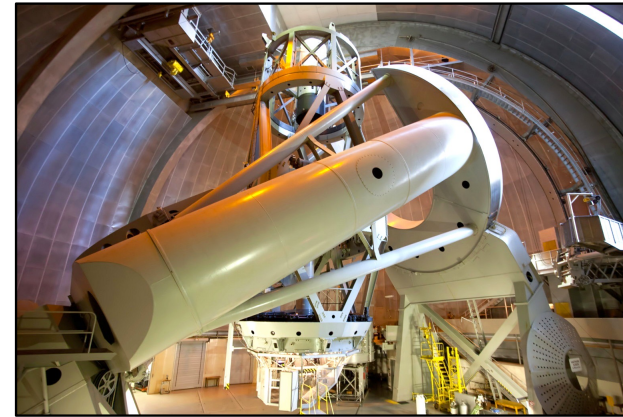
Some amateur
telescopes are
very big and
very expensive.



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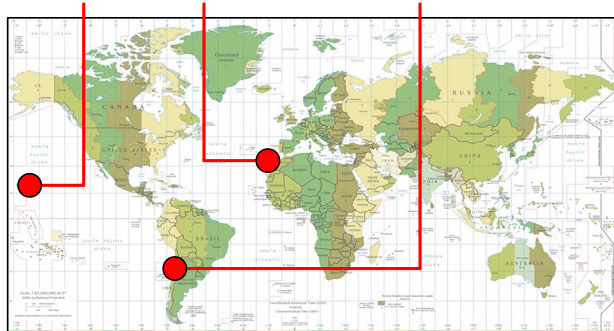


Hale Telescope

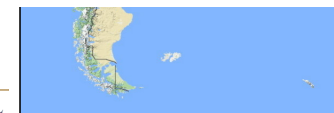


Where Are the Big Telescopes?

The best observatory sites in the world are volcanic islands (Hawaii, La Palma, Tenerife) and the Atacama desert (Chile).

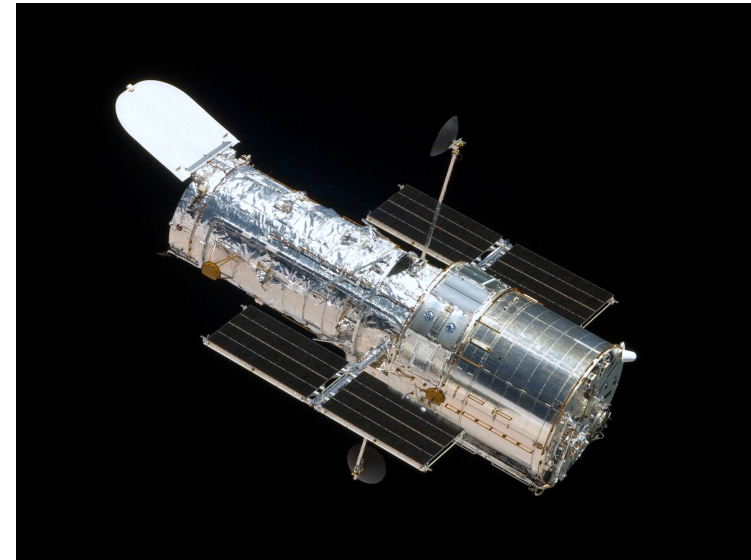


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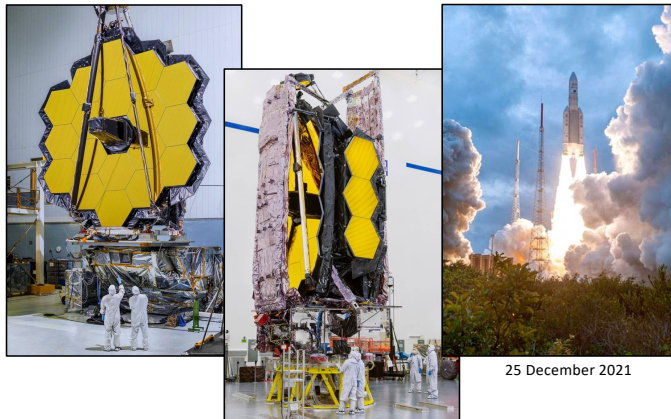


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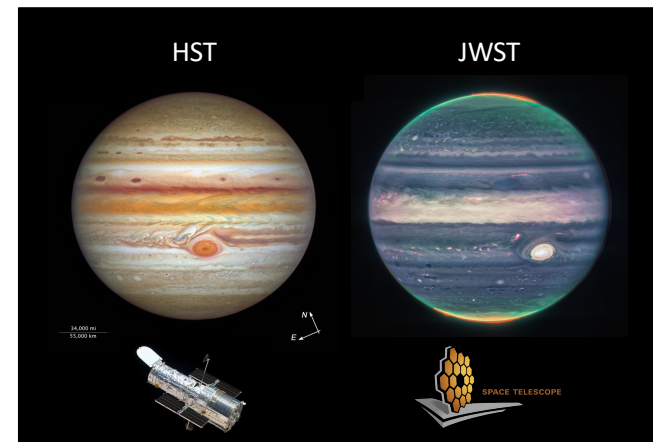
Higher Than a Mountain Top



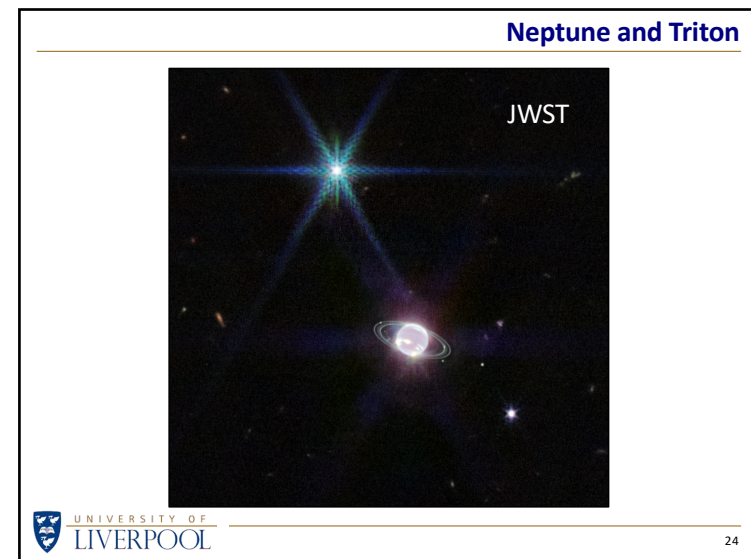
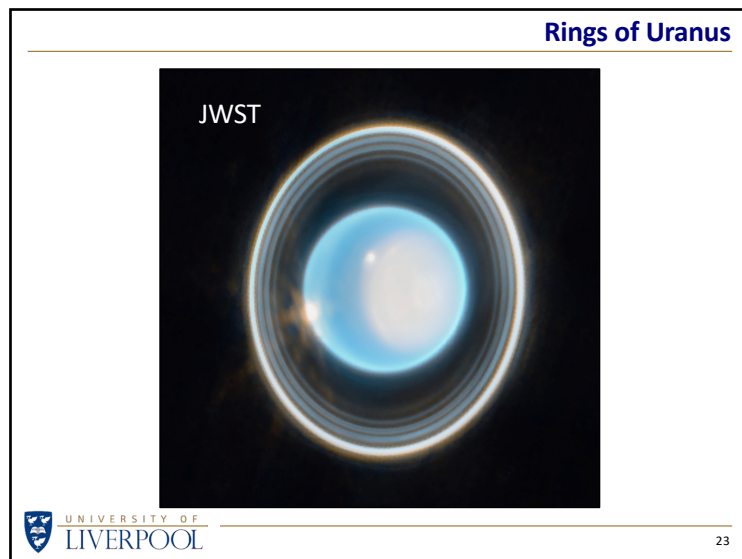
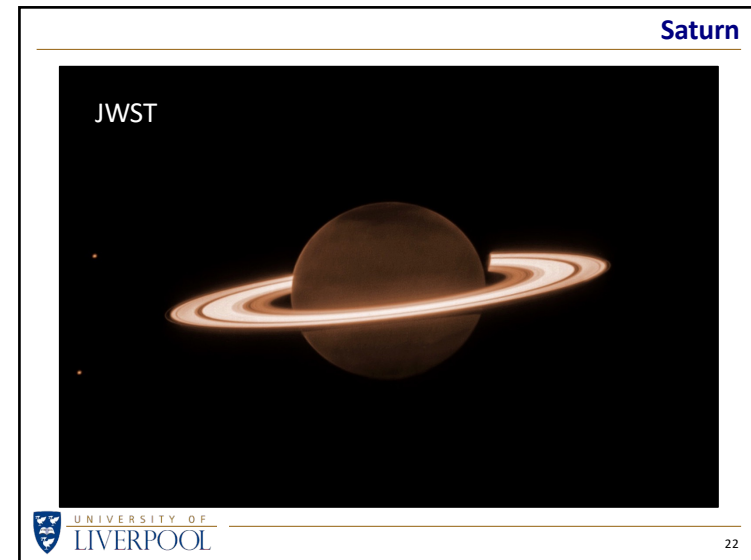
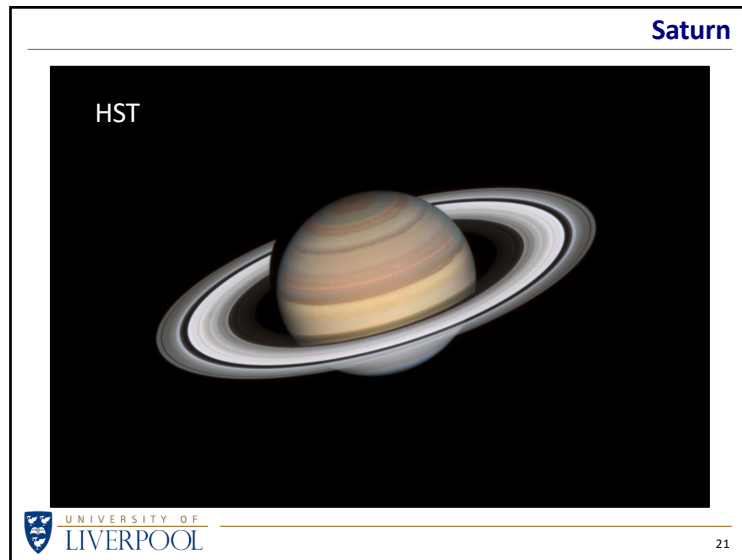
James Webb Space Telescope



Jupiter



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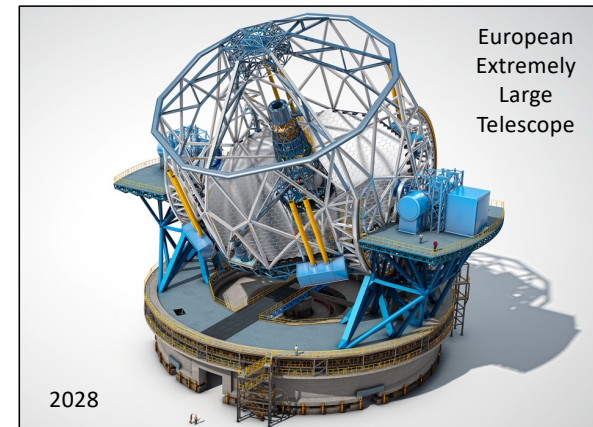


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Under Construction – EELT



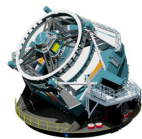
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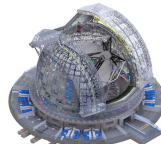
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