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# Reproducibility and Provenance of James Webb Space Telescope Data Products

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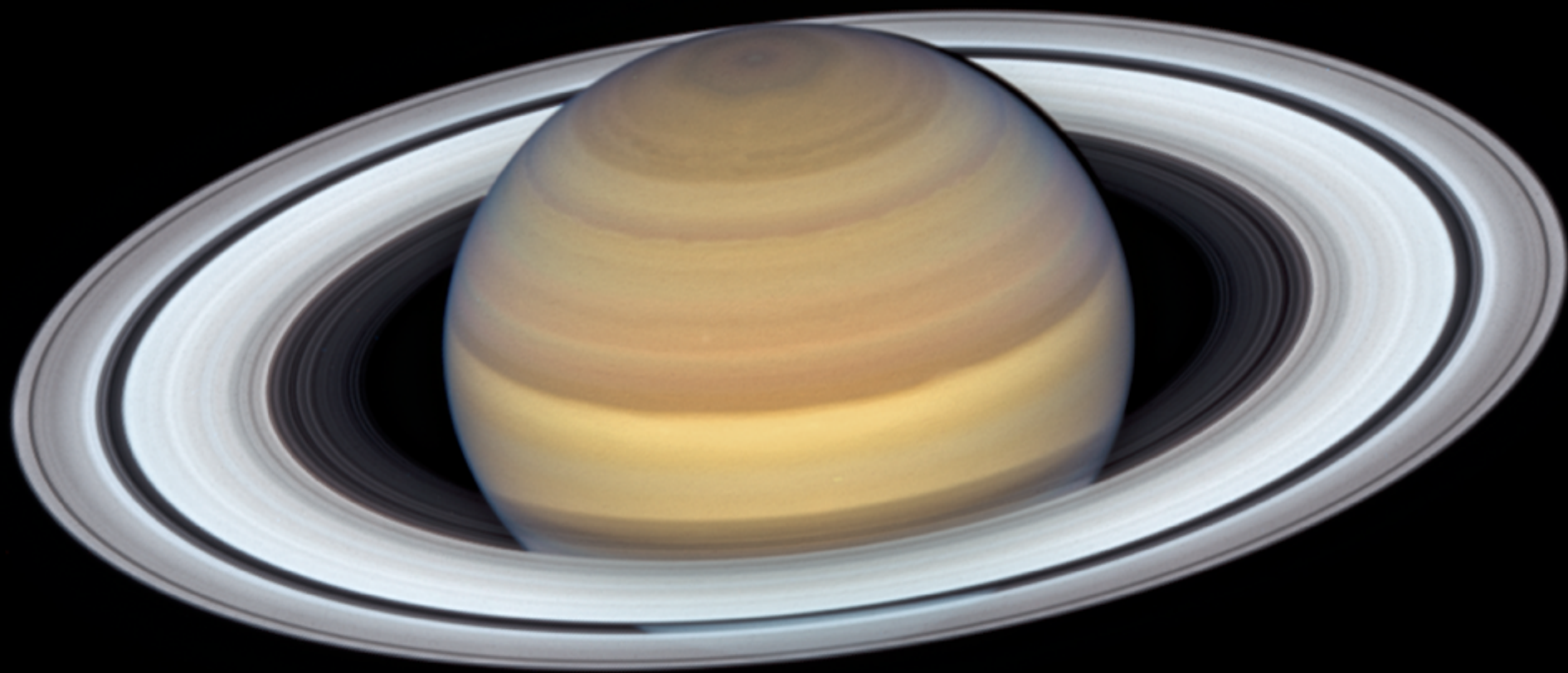






# The Science Images We're Used to Seeing from Hubble

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## Stephan's Quintet

Nice eye candy from the Office  
of Public Outreach

But that's ***NOT*** what we get from  
the telescope

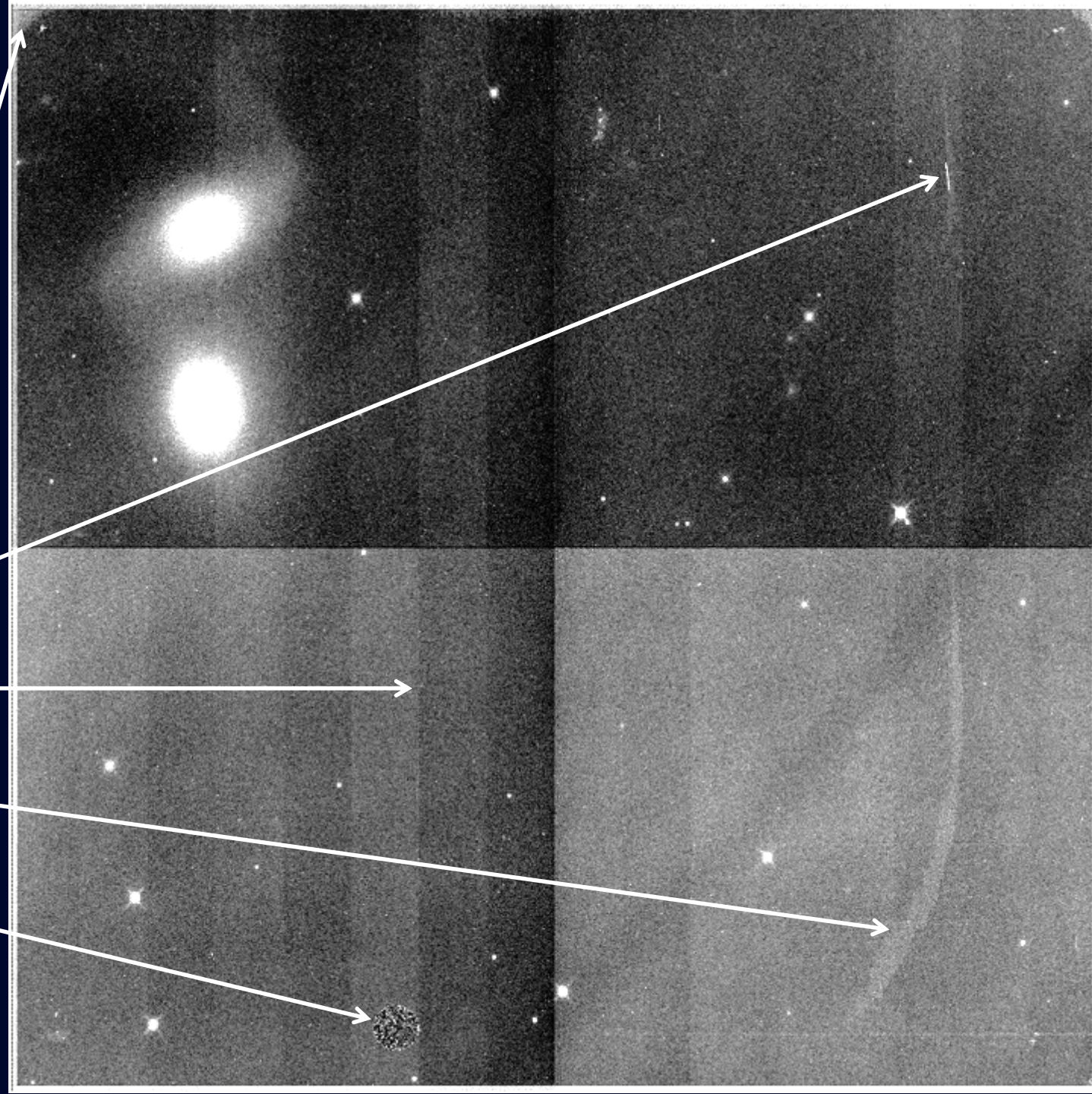




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What we actually get from the telescope:

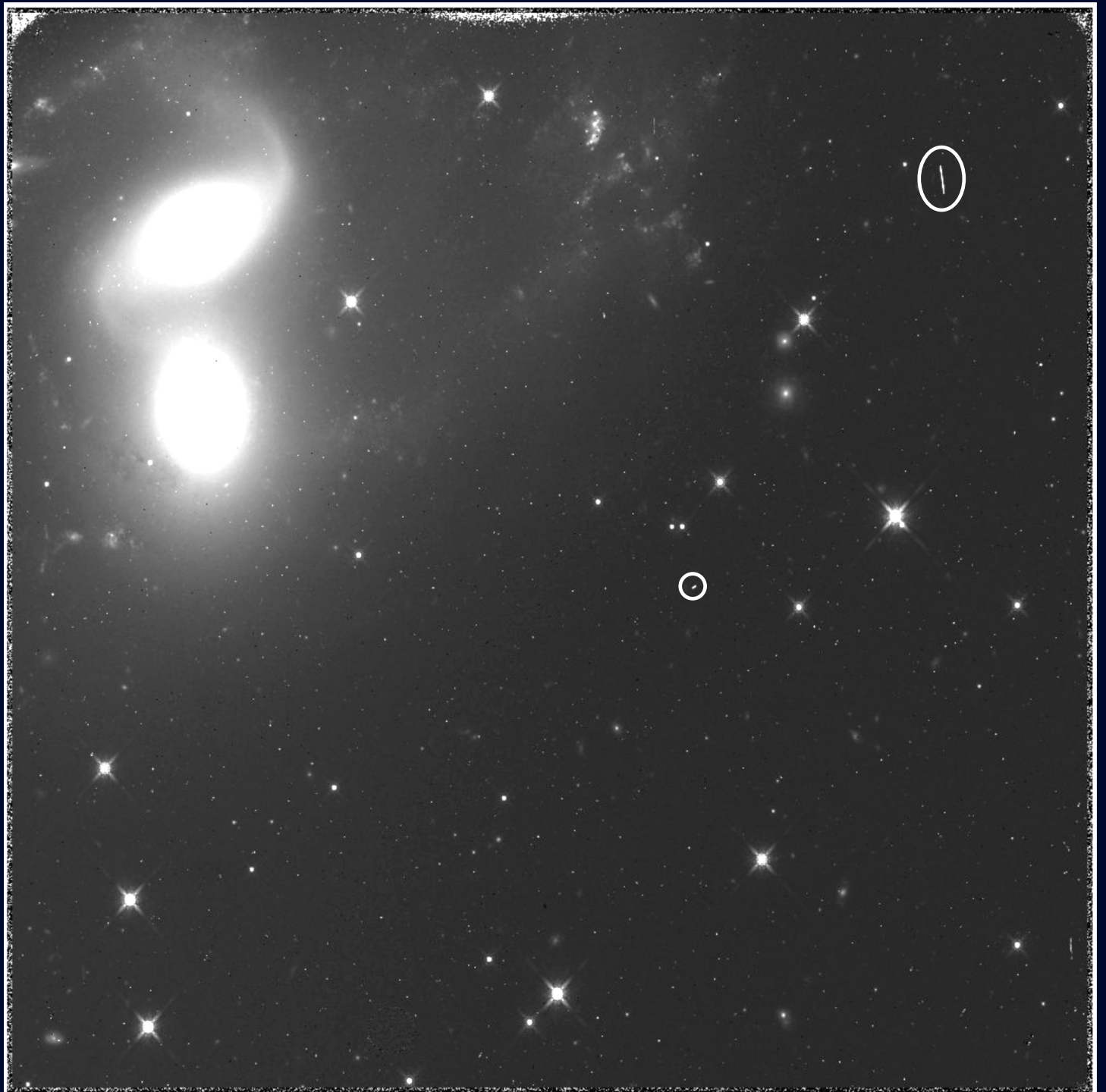
Raw infrared detector readout from the Hubble Space Telescope Wide-Field Camera 3





## Stephan's Quintet

After removing detector and  
electronic features

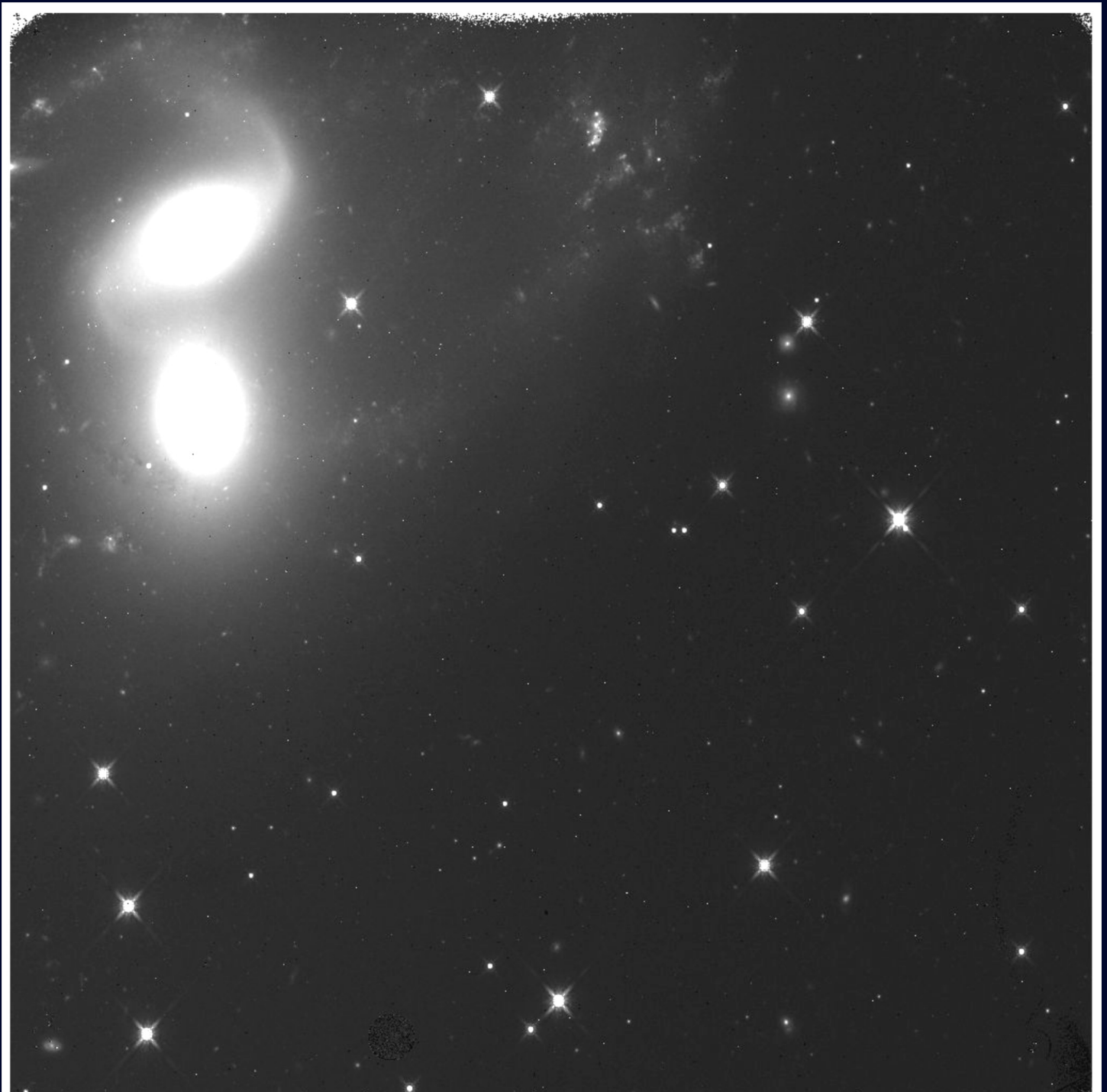




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After removing Cosmic Ray hits\*

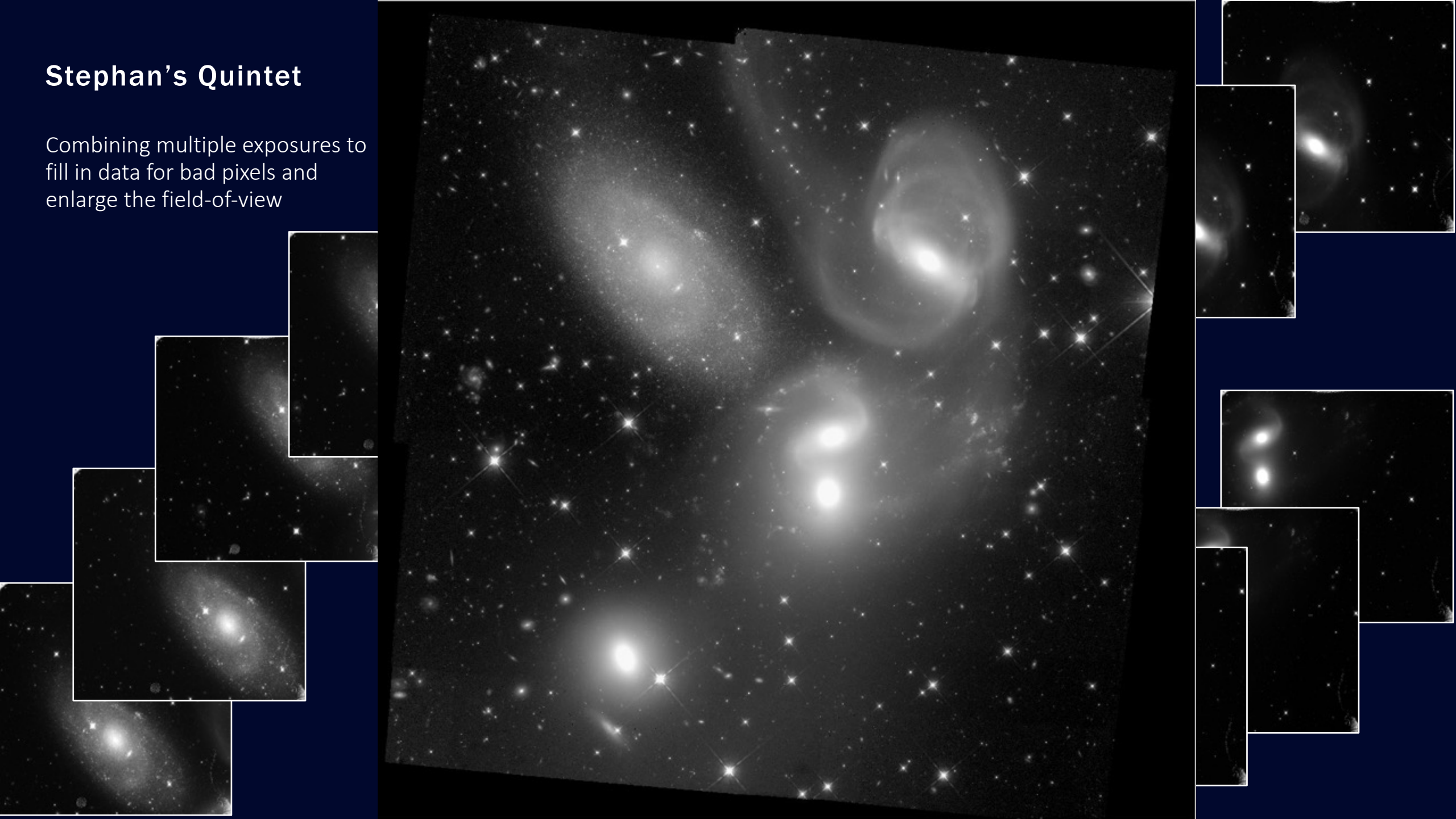
(\*No photons were harmed in the cleaning of this image)





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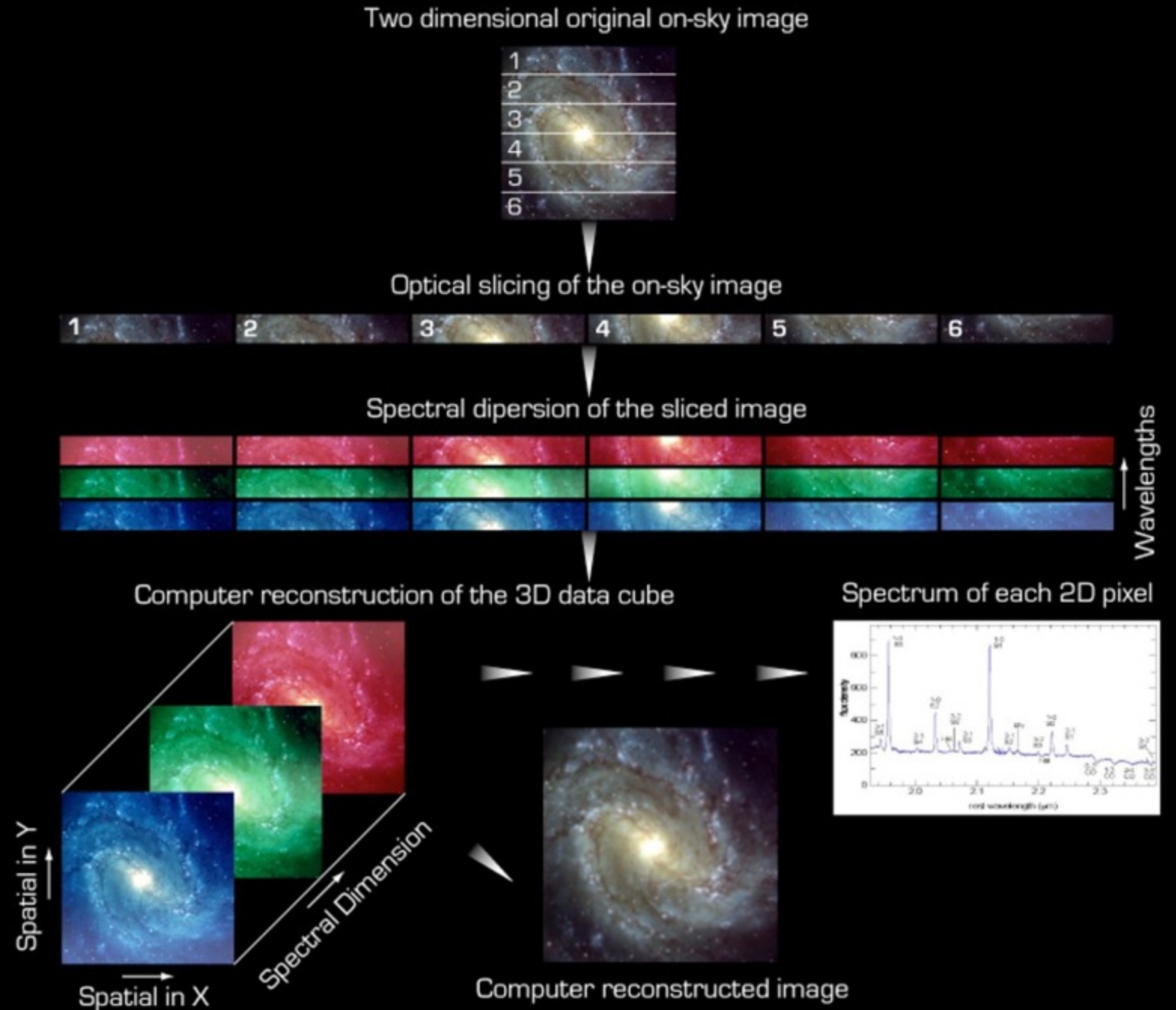
Combining multiple exposures to fill in data for bad pixels and enlarge the field-of-view





# Integral Field Unit 3-D Spectroscopy

Sky field is (literally) sliced into pieces and each slice sent through a spectrograph





A deep space image featuring a dense field of stars and a prominent nebula with blue and purple hues. The text 'Data Processing Pipelines' is centered in white, with a thin orange horizontal line below it.

# Data Processing Pipelines

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# Hubble and Webb Data Processing

Exposure Telemetry

Sorting & Repackaging

Raw FITS\* File:  
meta data  
image data (pixel values)

Corrected/Calibrated Files

Multi-Mission Archive

## Observation identifiers

```
DATE-OBS= '2019-03-31' / [yyyy-mm-dd]
TIME-OBS= '04:59:53.222' / [hh:mm:ss.ss]
DATE-BEG= '2019-03-31T04:59:53.222' / Date-time
DATE-END= '2019-03-31T07:56:00.033' / [yyyy-mm-dd]
TIME-END= '07:56:00.033' / [hh:mm:ss.ss]
OBS_ID = 'V00721009001P0000000003103' / Program
VISIT_ID= '00721009001' / Visit identifier
PROGRAM = '00721' / Program number
OBSERVTN= '009' / Observation number
VISIT = '001' / Visit number
VISITGRP= '03' / Visit group
SEQ_ID = '1' / Parallel sequence
ACT_ID = '03' / Activity identifier
EXPOSURE= '1' / Exposure required
BKGDTRG= 'F' / Background trigger
TEMPLATE= 'NIRCam Time Series' / Observation template
OBSLABEL= 'Long TS nOPS4-OTB-20190401' / Proposer's label
OBSFOLDR= 'Imaging TS Long obs nOPS4-OTB-20190401' / Proposer's folder
```

## Visit information

```
ENG_QUAL= 'SUSPECT' / Engineering quality
VISITYPE= 'PRIME_TARGETED_FIXED' / Visit type
VSTSTART= '2019-03-30 02:14:59.1090000' / UTC start
VISITSTA= 'UNSUCCESSFUL' / Status of the visit
NEXPOSUR= 2 / Total number of exposures
INTARGET= 'F' / At least one integration
TARGOOPP= 'F' / Visit scheduled
TSOVISIT= 'T' / Time Series
EXP_ONLY= 'F' / Special command
```

## Target information

```
TARG_RA = 98.83149583333334 / Target RA at epoch
TARG_DEC= -66.82697777777777 / Target Dec at epoch
TARGURA = 0.1 / Target RA uncertainty
TARGUDEC= 0.1 / Target Dec uncertainty
MU_RA = 0.0 / Target proper motion RA
MU_DEC = 0.0 / Target proper motion Dec
PROP_RA = 98.83149583333332 / Proposer's target RA
PROP_DEC= -66.82697777777777 / Proposer's target Dec
```

## Instrument configuration information

```
INSTRUME= 'NIRCAM' / Instrument used to acquire the data
DETECTOR= 'NRCB1' / Name of detector used to acquire the data
MODULE = 'B' / NIRCam module: A or B
CHANNEL = 'SHORT' / NIRCam channel: long or short
FILTER = 'F150W2' / Name of the filter element used
PILIN = 'F' / Pupil imaging lens in the optical path?
CORONMSK= 'NONE' / coronagraph mask used
LAMP = 'NONE' / Internal lamp state
```

## Exposure parameters

```
EXPCOUNT= 2 / Running count of exposures in visit
EXPRIPAR= 'PRIME' / Prime or parallel exposure
EXP_TYPE= 'NRC_TSIMAGE' / Type of data in the exposure
EXPSTART= 58573.20825488195 / UTC exposure start time
EXPMID = 58573.26940540972 / UTC exposure mid time
EXPEND = 58573.3305559375 / UTC exposure end time
READPATT= 'RAPID' / Readout pattern
EXSEGNUM= 10 / Sequential segment number
EXSEGTOT= 10 / Total number of segments
NINTS = 5800 / Number of integrations in exposure
INTSTART= 5221 / Starting integration number in this segment
INTEND = 5800 / Ending integration number in this segment
NGROUPS= 10 / Number of groups in integration
NFRAMES= 1 / Number of frames per group
FRMDIVSR= 1 / Divisor applied to frame-averaged groups
GROUPGAP= 0 / Number of frames dropped between groups
DRPFMS1= 0 / Frames dropped at start of each integration
DRPFMS3= 0 / Frames dropped at end of each integration
NSAMPLES= 1 / Number of A/D samples per pixel
TSAMPLE = 10.0 / [us] Time between samples
TFRAME = 1.65624 / [s] Time between frames
TGROUP = 1.65624 / [s] Time between groups
EFFECTT= 16.5624 / [s] Effective integration time
EFFECTEXP= 16.5624 / [s] Effective exposure time
TOTALDUR= 166.5624 / [s] Total duration of exposure
NRESETS= 1 / Number of resets between integrations
ZEROFRAM= 'F' / Zero frame was downlinked separately
DATAPROB= 'F' / Science telemetry indicated a problem
SCA_NUM = 486 / Sensor Chip Assembly number
DATAMODE= 33 / post-processing method used in FPAP
SCTARATE= 0.0 / Spacecraft Clock Time Adjust RATE
IS_PSF = 'F' / exposure is PSF reference
SELFREF = 'F' / self-referencing PSF
```

Static meta data result in the data processing being deterministic

\*FITS = Flexible Image Transport System





# Series of Individual Correction/Calibration Steps

## Example Pipeline Steps

Flag Bad Pixels

Correct for Electronic Bias Drift

Flag Saturated Pixels

Detect and Flag Cosmic Ray Hits

Attach Telescope Pointing Information

Absolute Flux Calibration

Distortion Correction

## Calibration Reference Files

Bad Pixel Mask

Reference Pixel Parameters

Saturation Threshold Map

Detector Noise Parameters

Science Instrument Aperture File

Flux Conversion Factors

Distortion Models

Reference files often change as a result of instrument/detector aging, as well as better understanding and analysis of calibration data.

Careful selection and tracking of reference files is therefore important.





# Reference Data Access

## JWST Calibration Reference Data System (CRDS)

### Obtain Best Reference Files

1. Using the Command Line
2. From Dataset ID or FITS Header Upload
3. Exploring with Instrument Parameters

When necessary, pipeline software versions are tied to CRDS Context values

### Operational References (under context `jwst_0565.pmap`)

- fgs
- miri
- nircam
- niriss
- nirspec
- system

### Context History (more history, all contexts)

Start Date	Context	Status	Description
2019-11-08	<code>jwst_0565.pmap</code>	operational	Removes files from the NIRSpec PHOTOM rmap that needed to be replaced with updated reference files that were delivered on October 23, 2019. Sets the updated reference file USEAFTER to 2010-01-01, correcting dates which only covered recent data. See JIRA issue CRDS-310 for more information.
2019-11-01	<code>jwst_0563.pmap</code>	delivered	These new NIRCам distortion reference files were created using the astrometric solution contained in the PRD as of 24 Oct 2019. Using pysiaf version 0.6.1, the polynomial coefficients and other aspects of the distortion model were placed into these reference files. Previous coefficients, and the previous reference files that used them, were incorrect in that coordinates did





# Data Processing Pipelines Need “Reference” Data

For a given exposure with certain combination of Detector, Filter, and Pupil settings, the same FLAT reference file is always selected for use in processing.

Alternate sets of ref files can be invoked via CRDS\_CONTEXT environment variable setting.

filteroffset ---- Imager Filter Offset

flat ---- Flat Field

jwst\_nircam\_flat\_0014.rmap

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DETECTOR	FILTER	PUPIL	USEAFTER	ACTIVATION DATE	REFERENCE
NRCA1	F070W	CLEAR, WLM8, WLP8	2014-06-01 00:00:00	2019-05-31 17:16:29	<a href="#">jwst_nircam_flat_0383.fits</a>
NRCA1	F090W	CLEAR	2014-06-01 00:00:00	2019-05-31 17:16:29	<a href="#">jwst_nircam_flat_0394.fits</a>
NRCA1	F115W	CLEAR	2014-06-01 00:00:00	2018-01-02 10:09:07	<a href="#">jwst_nircam_flat_0319.fits</a>
NRCA1	F140M	CLEAR, GDHS0, GDHS60, WLM8, WLP8	2014-06-01 00:00:00	2018-01-02 10:09:07	<a href="#">jwst_nircam_flat_0296.fits</a>
NRCA1	F150W	CLEAR, WLM8, WLP8	2014-06-01 00:00:00	2018-01-02 10:09:07	<a href="#">jwst_nircam_flat_0347.fits</a>
NRCA1	F150W2	CLEAR, GDHS0, GDHS60	2014-06-01 00:00:00	2018-01-02 10:09:07	<a href="#">jwst_nircam_flat_0312.fits</a>
NRCA1	F150W2	F162M	2014-06-01 00:00:00	2018-01-02 10:09:07	<a href="#">jwst_nircam_flat_0284.fits</a>
NRCA1	F150W2	F164N	2014-06-01 00:00:00	2018-01-02 10:09:07	<a href="#">jwst_nircam_flat_0311.fits</a>
NRCA1	F182M	CLEAR, WLM8, WLP8	2014-06-01 00:00:00	2018-01-02 10:09:07	<a href="#">jwst_nircam_flat_0348.fits</a>
NRCA1	F187N	CLEAR, WLM8, WLP8	2014-06-01 00:00:00	2018-01-02 10:09:07	<a href="#">jwst_nircam_flat_0282.fits</a>
NRCA1	F200W	CLEAR, WLM8, WLP8	2014-06-01 00:00:00	2018-01-02 10:09:07	<a href="#">jwst_nircam_flat_0337.fits</a>
NRCA1	F210M	CLEAR, WLM8, WLP8	2014-06-01 00:00:00	2018-01-02 10:09:07	<a href="#">jwst_nircam_flat_0280.fits</a>
NRCA1	F212N, WLP4	CLEAR, WLM8, WLP8	2014-06-01 00:00:00	2018-01-02 10:09:07	<a href="#">jwst_nircam_flat_0290.fits</a>
NRCA2	F070W	CLEAR, WLM8, WLP8	2014-06-01 00:00:00	2019-05-31 17:16:29	<a href="#">jwst_nircam_flat_0389.fits</a>
NRCA2	F070W	MASKRND	2014-06-01 00:00:00	2019-06-24 10:42:38	<a href="#">jwst_nircam_flat_0427.fits</a>



## Process Logging

All relevant processing info recorded in output product meta data

```
SDP_VER = '2019_3' / Data processing software version
PRD_VER = 'PRDOPSSOC-M-025' / S&OC PRD version number
CAL_VER = '0.14.0' / Calibration software version
CAL_VCS = 'RELEASE' / Calibration software version
```

### CRDS parameters

```
CRDS_VER= '7.4.1.2' / Version of CRDS file selection software used
CRDS_CTX= 'jwst_0563.pmap' / CRDS context (.pmap) used to select ref files

R_AREA = 'crds://jwst_nircam_area_0007.fits' / Pixel area reference file name
R_DARK = 'crds://jwst_nircam_dark_0041.fits' / Dark reference file name
R_DISTOR= 'crds://jwst_nircam_distortion_0089.asdf' / Distortion reference file
R_FILOFF= 'N/A' / Filter Offset reference file name
R_FLAT = 'crds://jwst_nircam_flat_0298.fits' / Flat reference file name
R_GAIN = 'crds://jwst_nircam_gain_0048.fits' / Gain reference file name
R_LINEAR= 'crds://jwst_nircam_linearity_0053.fits' / Linearity reference file name
R_MASK = 'crds://jwst_nircam_mask_0030.fits' / Mask reference file name
R_PERSAT= 'crds://jwst_nircam_persat_0020.fits' / Persistence saturation reference file name
R_PHOTOM= 'crds://jwst_nircam_photom_0060.fits' / Photometric reference file name
R_READNO= 'crds://jwst_nircam_readnoise_0026.fits' / Read noise reference file name
R_SATURA= 'crds://jwst_nircam_saturation_0067.fits' / Saturation reference file name
R_SPCWCS= 'N/A' / Spectral distortion reference file name
R_SUPERB= 'crds://jwst_nircam_superbias_0027.fits' / Superbias reference file name
R_TRPDEN= 'crds://jwst_nircam_trapdensity_0008.fits' / Trap density reference file name
R_TRPPAR= 'crds://jwst_nircam_trappars_0008.fits' / Trap parameters reference file name
R_WAVRAN= 'N/A' / Wavelength Range reference file name
```


### Calibration step information

```
S_WCS = 'COMPLETE' / Assign World Coordinate System
S_DARK = 'COMPLETE' / Dark Subtraction
S_DQINIT= 'COMPLETE' / Data Quality Initialization
S_FLAT = 'COMPLETE' / Flat Field Correction
S_GANSCL= 'SKIPPED' / Gain Scale Correction
S_GRPSCl= 'SKIPPED' / Group Scale Correction
S_JUMP = 'COMPLETE' / Jump Detection
S_LINEAR= 'COMPLETE' / Linearity Correction
S_PERSIS= 'COMPLETE' / Persistence Correction
S_PHOTOM= 'COMPLETE' / Photometric Calibration
S_RAMP = 'COMPLETE' / Ramp Fitting
S_REFPIX= 'COMPLETE' / Reference Pixel Correction
S_SATURA= 'COMPLETE' / Saturation Checking
S_SUPERB= 'COMPLETE' / Superbias Subtraction
```





# JWST Calibration Pipeline Package is Open Source

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 dmghh Fix for JP-1008: White Light Step does not ignore NaNs in input. (#4256) Latest commit bb1b4d6 20 hours ago

docs	JP-850: Remove the emission step (#4253)	3 days ago
jwst	Fix for JP-1008: White Light Step does not ignore NaNs in input. (#4256)	20 hours ago
scripts	Remove verhawk dependency and get_cal_vers script	2 months ago
.coveragerc	Omit extern packages from coverage	2 months ago
.gitignore	Ignore src dir for git and pytest	2 months ago
.rtd-environment.yml	Implement package dependencies (#2326)	10 months ago
.travis.yml	JP-1101: Add python3.8 build to TravisCI matrix (#4196)	17 days ago
CHANGES.rst	Fix for JP-1008: White Light Step does not ignore NaNs in input. (#4256)	20 hours ago
CODEOWNERS.txt	Rename CODEOWNERS.md -> CODEOWNERS.txt	last year
CODE_OF_CONDUCT.md	add code of conduct	2 years ago
CONTRIBUTING.md	add contributing notes	2 years ago
Jenkinsfile	Store pip -e source directory outside of tree (#4108)	last month
JenkinsfileRT	Specify requirements files in BuildConfigs; Use non-editable installs...	9 days ago



# And straight-forward to install

requires Python 3.5 or above and a C compiler for dependencies.

## Installation

The package can be installed into a virtualenv or conda environment via `pip`. We recommend creating a fresh environment with only python installed. Via conda:

```
conda create -n jwst_env python=3.7.4
conda activate jwst_env
```

## Installation for end-users

For the latest released (tagged) version, you can install directly from Github. To install tagged release `jwst 0.14.0`:

```
conda install git+https://github.com/spacetelescope/jwst@0.14.0
```

The development version (from `master`) can also be installed from Github:

```
conda install git+https://github.com/spacetelescope/jwst
```

or a particular commit hash:

```
conda install git+https://github.com/spacetelescope/jwst@3f03323c
```





## Dependency Management & Testing

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- Third-party package changes can affect results
- Use conda environment files to lock down (pin) dependencies
  - `conda create --n [env_name] --file`  
[https://ssb.stsci.edu/releases/jwstdp/0.14.1/conda\\_env\\_dump\\_osx-stable-deps.txt](https://ssb.stsci.edu/releases/jwstdp/0.14.1/conda_env_dump_osx-stable-deps.txt)
- Unit tests (embedded in code) and regression tests help maintain consistent results
  - Test against
    - Pinned versions of 3<sup>rd</sup>-party libraries
    - Released (stable) versions of 3<sup>rd</sup>-party libraries
    - Latest development (github master branch) versions of 3<sup>rd</sup>-party libraries

A visualization of the cosmic web, showing a complex network of dark matter filaments and galaxy clusters. The central region is a dense, glowing purple and blue cluster, surrounded by a vast, dark space filled with smaller, distant galaxy groups and individual stars. The overall color palette is dominated by deep blues, purples, and greens, with bright highlights from the central cluster and distant stars.

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