



# The AGE of GLASS

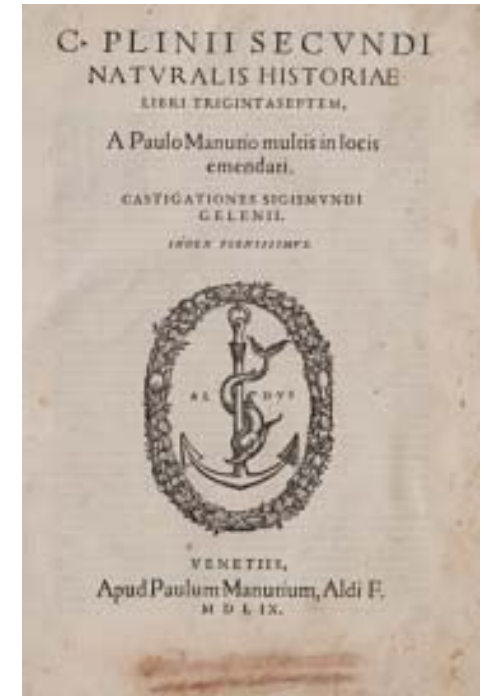
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Pliny the Elder recounted that it all began on a beach, in a natron merchants camp



... and the next morning

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Transparent and hard glass beads appeared



Glass was born.....

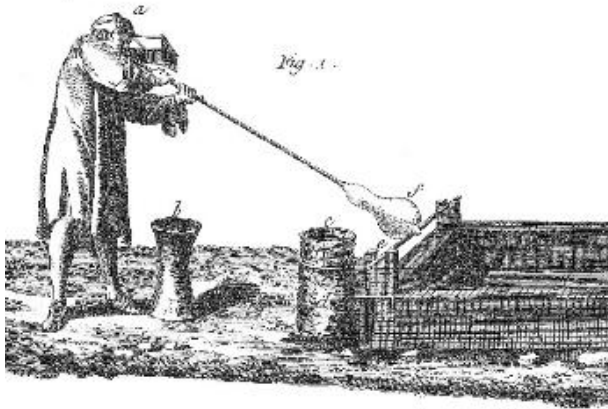
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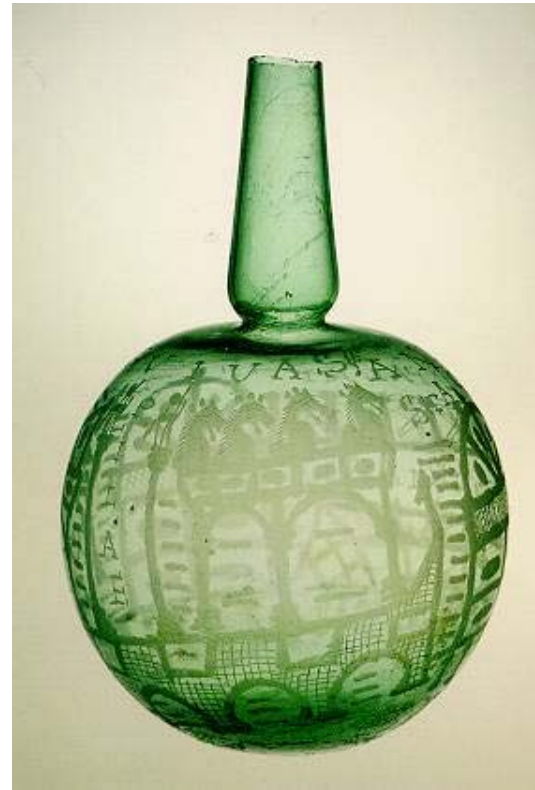
# From Egypt to Babylonia



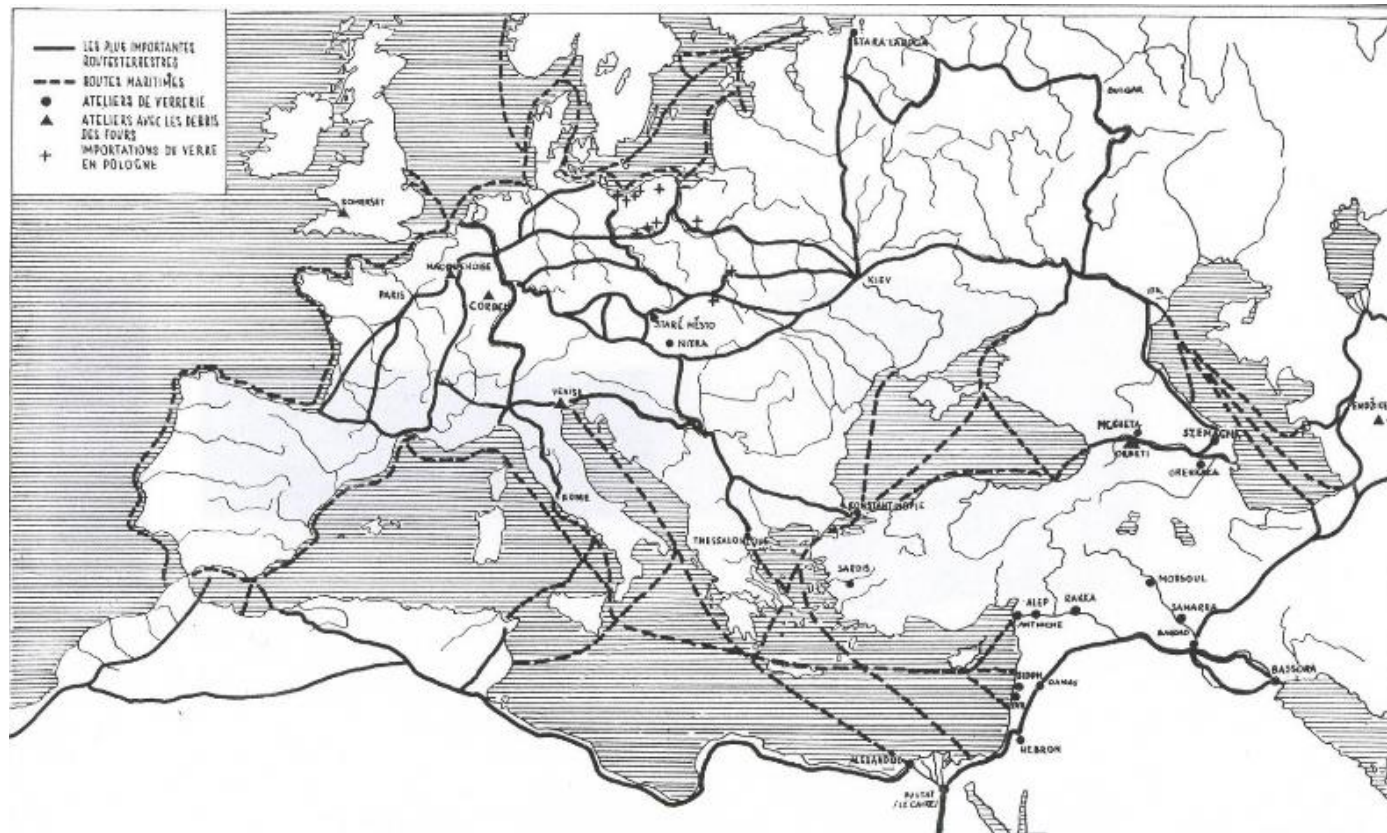
Glass blowing was invented in Tire/Sidon S II b.C



## Glass industry is born in Rome ....



## And the expansion to the whole Roman Empire



Augusta Emerita, 25 a.C.  
Glass industry with Adriano

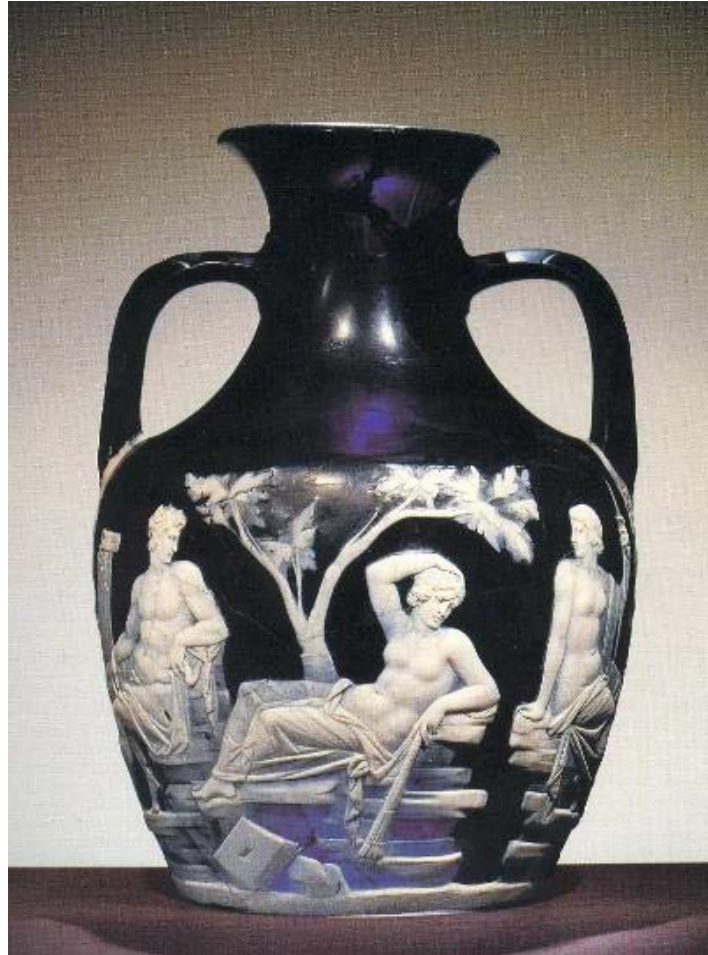




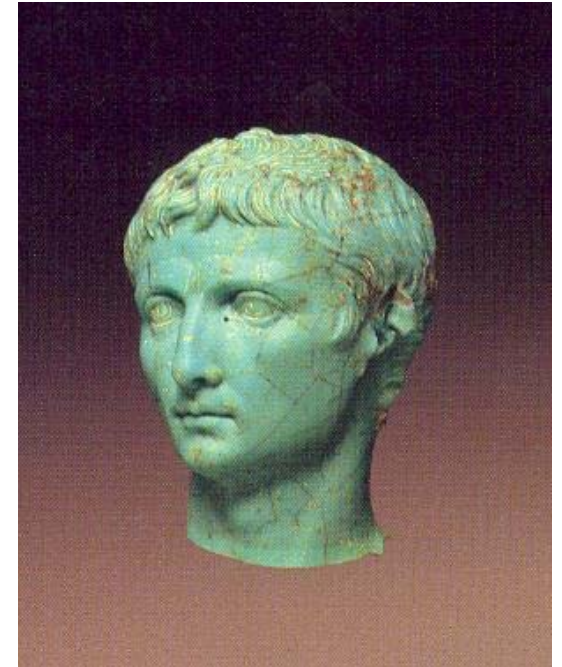
## Reaching the heights of glass art



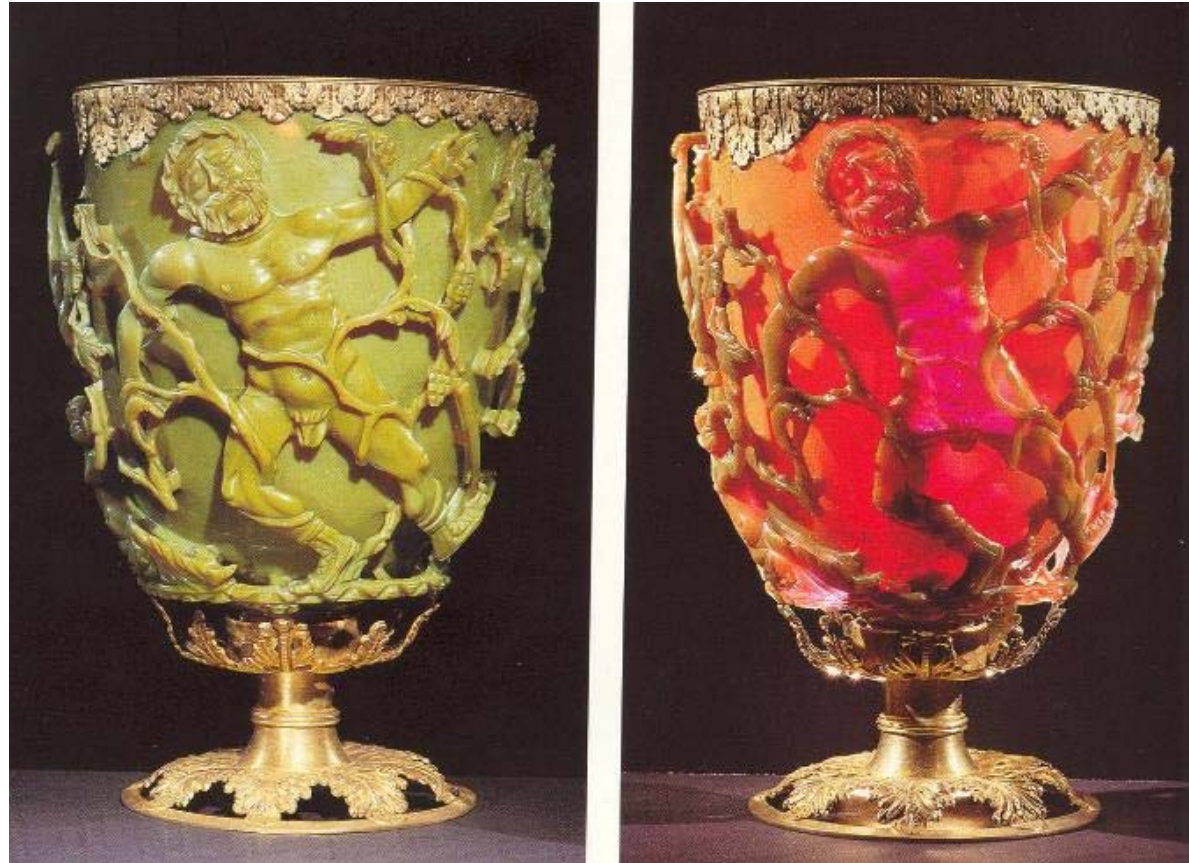
**Bowl S.I b.C**



**Portland vase  
S II a.C**



**Augusto S I a.C**



Licurgo vase S. IV a.C

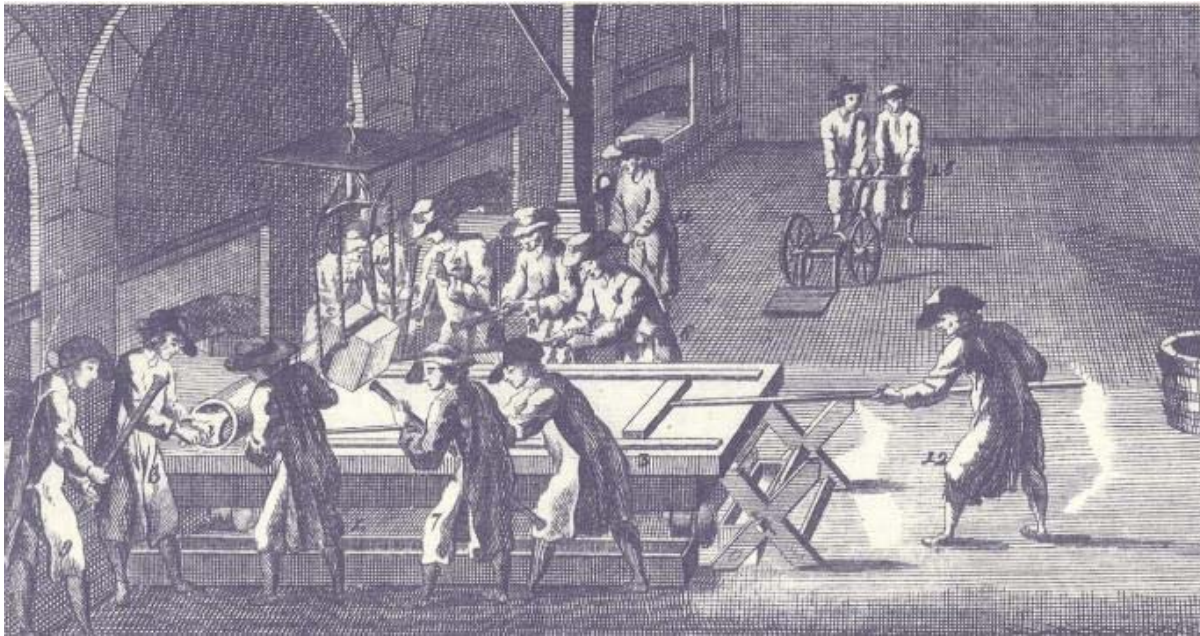
Moving forward, techniques advanced from blown glass...



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To flat glass ....  
from the splendour of Gothic ...



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To Mies Van der Rohe glass house ...



... to carbon neutral glass skyscrapers of transparent and sustainable cities

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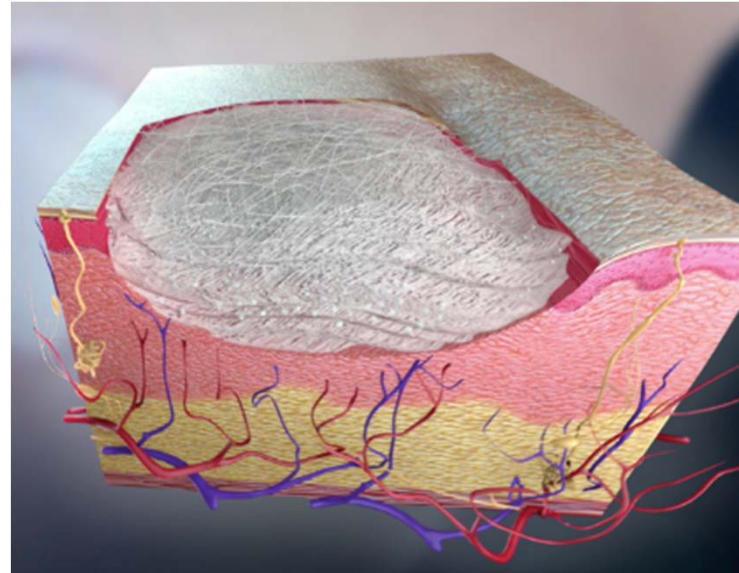
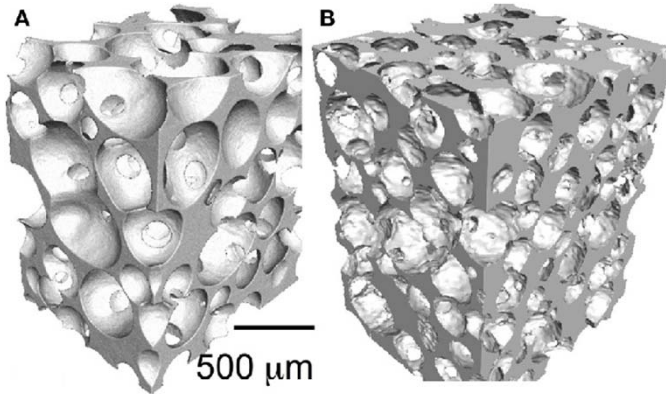
# Clean energies towards sustainability



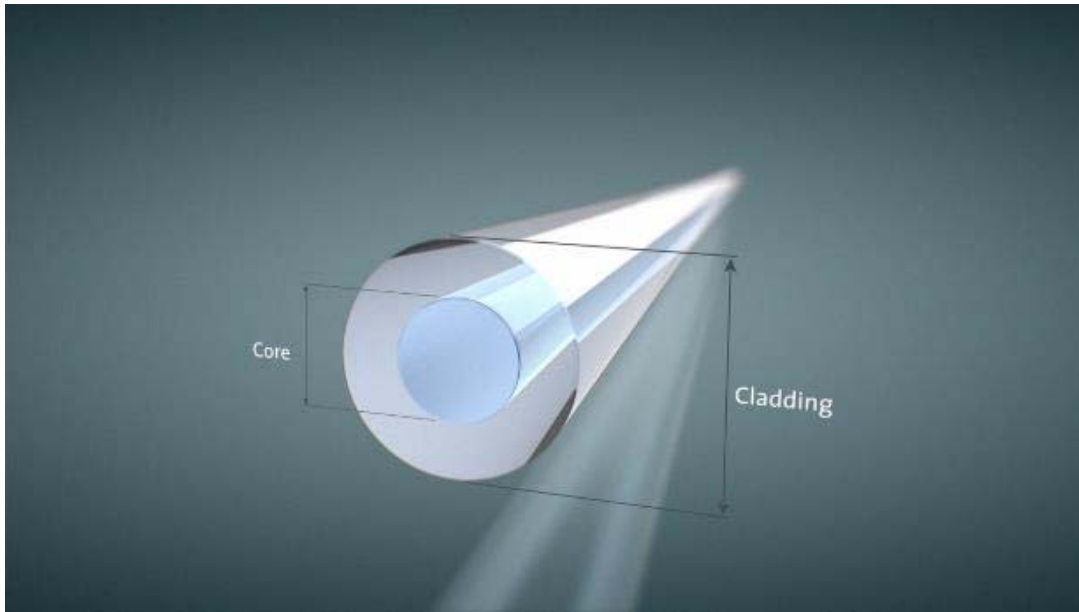
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# Glasses for health and well-being



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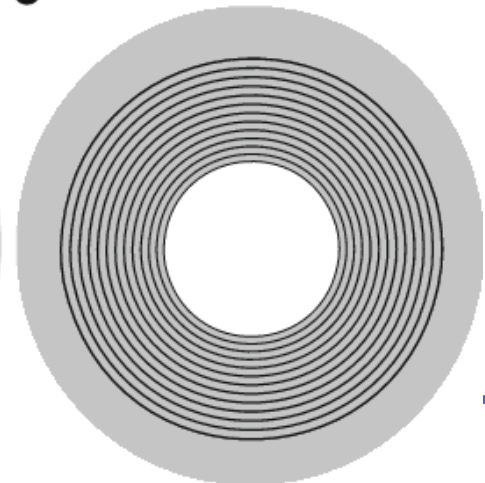
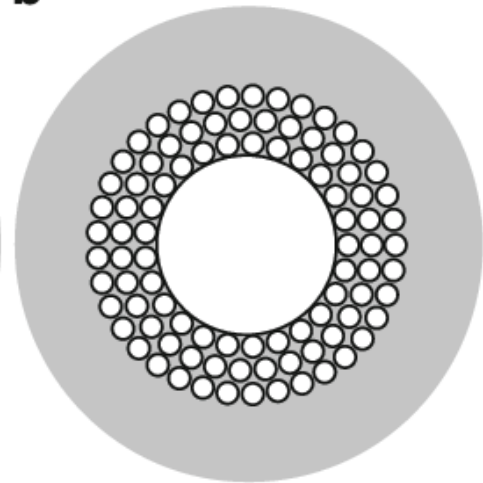
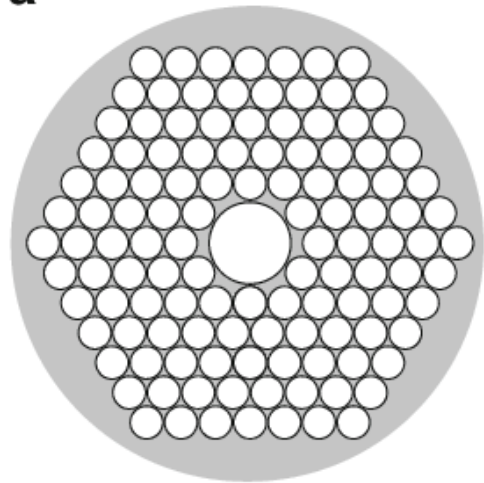


Optical fibres, the hidden,  
invisible base of the Revolution  
of Communications

**a**

**b**

**c**





Internet transforms Communications triggering GLOBALIZATION processes



These are the arguments to justify we are entering in the

## AGE OF GLASS

Conceptualization of the **UN International Year of Glass 2022**

David Pye and Manoj Choudhary presented the proposal to ICG in 2018



Accepted the challenge

Spanish ambassador at UN, Agustin Santos accepted to lead the IYOG





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# nature

## Glass is the hidden gem in a carbon-neutral future

**Recycling glass does not degrade it, and manufacturing it can be carbon-free. So why are countries still burying glass in the ground?**

**G**lass can be recycled infinitely without losing any of its properties. Why, then, are most countries — with the exception of those in Europe — still burying most of their glass as landfill by the tonne? In 2018, the United States alone offloaded almost 7 million tonnes of glass into landfill sites, accounting for 5.2% of all solid municipal waste, according to the US Environmental Protection Agency.

The push to cut plastics use is accelerating the search for new materials, especially for containers that can hold liquids. But glass is an existing material that could be the star of a net-zero carbon economy.

Worldwide, glass manufacturing produces at least 86 million tonnes of carbon dioxide every year. But most of this can be eliminated when glass is recycled, and existing technologies could turn glass manufacturing into a mostly carbon-free process. What needs to happen is for countries to stop sending glass to landfill sites, and to make glass recycling mandatory.

Glass is made by heating limestone, sand and soda ash to 1,500 °C. This heat comes from natural gas, and it accounts for between 75% and 85% of the carbon emissions from glass manufacturing. The remaining emissions are a by-product of the chemical reactions between the raw materials. But some of these materials can be replaced with crushed recycled glass, known as cullet. When cullet is melted, no CO<sub>2</sub> is released. And furnaces don't have to burn so fiercely to melt glass as to melt the raw materials, offering further carbon savings. According to the European Container Glass Federation (FEVE), an industry group



Shattered glass from an explosion in Beirut in 2020 is sorted for recycling.

**“Communities and companies should be helped to create infrastructure to collect glass and recycle it.”**

emissions, and that, too, needs to be understood.

When it comes to glass recycling, Europe is the world's most advanced region by some margin, and has ambitions to be even better. Researchers could study how Europe's recycling scheme came about, its strengths and weaknesses and whether there are lessons for other countries. Three-quarters of glass used for containers such as bottles is collected for recycling across all 27 member states and the United Kingdom. As a result, new glass made in the European Union already contains some 52% recycled material. The glass-container industry has set itself a target of collecting 90% of all waste container glass in the EU by 2030.

But other countries are not where they need to be. Moreover, data on glass recycling are difficult to find, partly because most countries are not reporting what they are doing. There seems to be no international body that

Glass ≡ Sustainability

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# The history of optical glass

**Rome:** Nero watched the circus shows using not a lens, but a flat green mirror (emerald plate?), which would act as sunglasses.

**Arabs:** Abbás Ibn Firnás, Andalusian scientist of the Umayyad period. First optical calculations w/polished lenses, XII century a.C.

**S XIII:** In 1249, the English philosopher-friar **Roger Bacon** made the first report about the use of glasses to improve vision.

**SXIV: Alexander della Spina**, Franciscan monk, began the fabrication of corrective lenses, developed in Venice in XIII-XIV

In **1451**, the German **Nicholas of Cusa** proposed the use of concave lenses, thinner in the center than at the edges, to improve distance vision.



*First known painting showing a person wearing glasses, 1352. Fresco painted by Tomas de Modena in Treviso*

## The history of optical glass

1604: Jansen (Holand) builds the first astronomical telescope

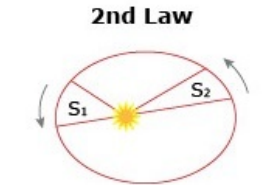
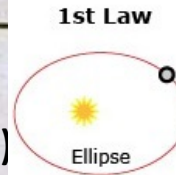
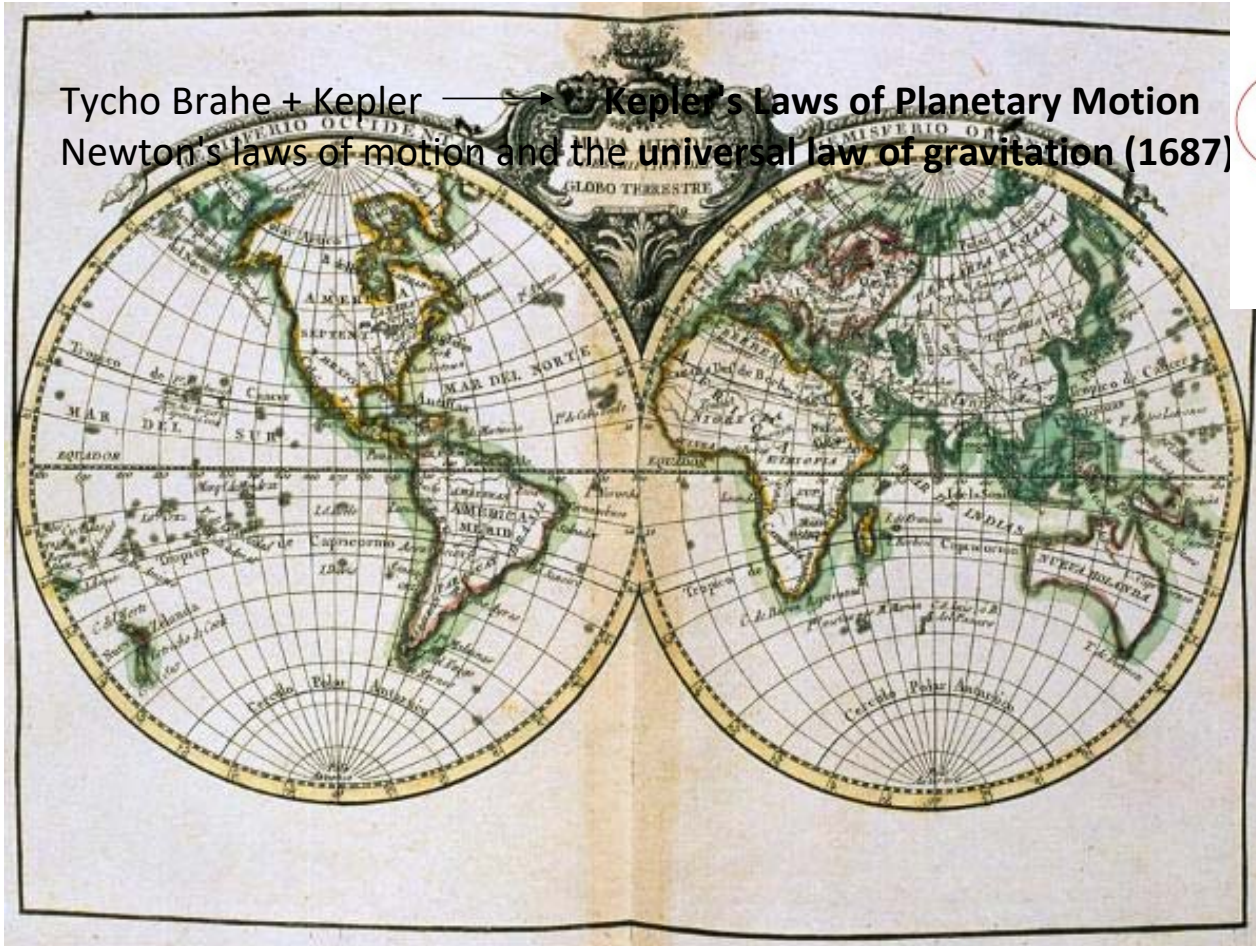
1609: Galileo makes the first diverging ocular telescope

Boosting manufacturing large lenses

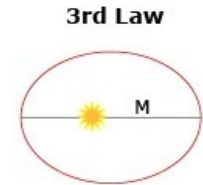


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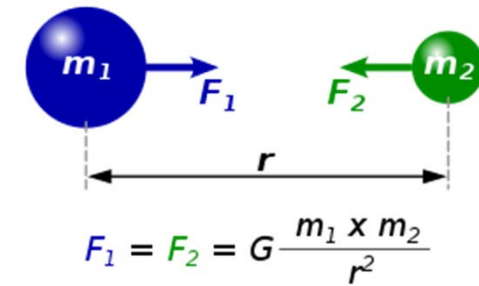
Tycho Brahe + Kepler → Kepler's Laws of Planetary Motion  
 Newton's laws of motion and the universal law of gravitation (1687)



Equal area in the same time  
 area S1 = area S2

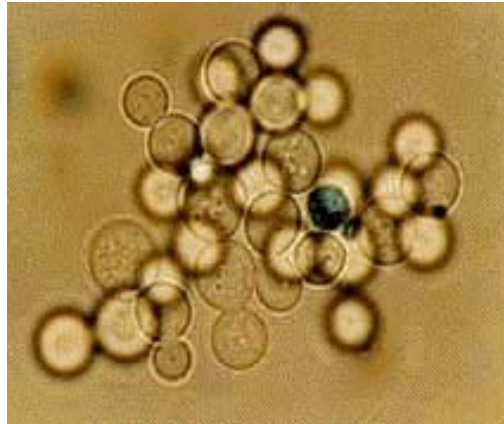


P: period (the time for one cycle)  
 M: length of the major axis  
 $P^2/M^3$  is the same for all planets

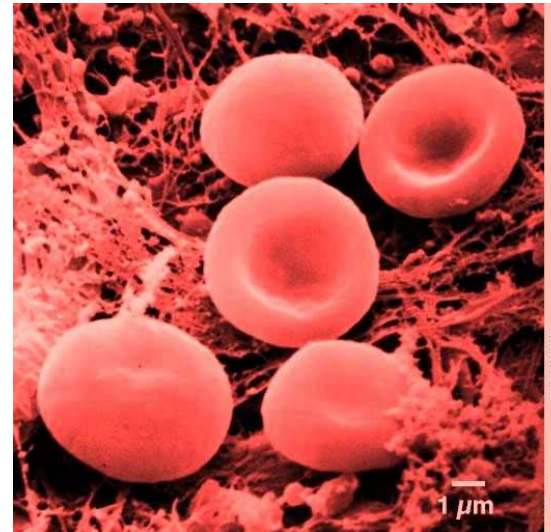


# The history of optical glass

S XVII Van Leeuwenhoek developed the [microscope](#)



Leavens



Red blood cells



Amoebae




# The history of optical glass

**Optica** from Newton (1704): fundamentals of modern optics  
Boosting the manufacture of lenses, mirrors and prisms

**Low quality glasses:** impurities, inhomogeneities, bubbles


Development of **Chemistry** + development of **fusion technologies**



Kunckel (1689): Na, K, Ca, Sn, Pb, B, Si, P, As, O, S  
(Cu, Au, Mn, Fe, Co)

Harcourt (1871): Li, Be, Mg, Cd, Al, Ti, Sb, V, Mo, W, U  
(Ni, Cr)

Guinard (1803): mechanical stirring  
Faraday (1830): fining in Pt crucibles  
Harcourt (1844): melting in Pt, combustion w/o gases  
Schott (1900): special refractory, fused silica



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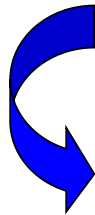
Guinard: starts the optical glass industry

Fraunhofer: refracting telescopes and microscopes

**Biology:** optics development engine

**Jena** 1860: **C. Zeiss** (optical instruments ) + **E. Abbe** (physicist)  
physical and geometrical optics

*“The future of the microscope and its optical quality  
is in the hands of glassmakers”*



1876 **Otto Schott** (chemist and glassmaker): varying compositions,  
properties vs. compositions, melting technologies.

1884 Jenaer Glaswerk Schott und Genossen (catalog of 76 glass compositions)



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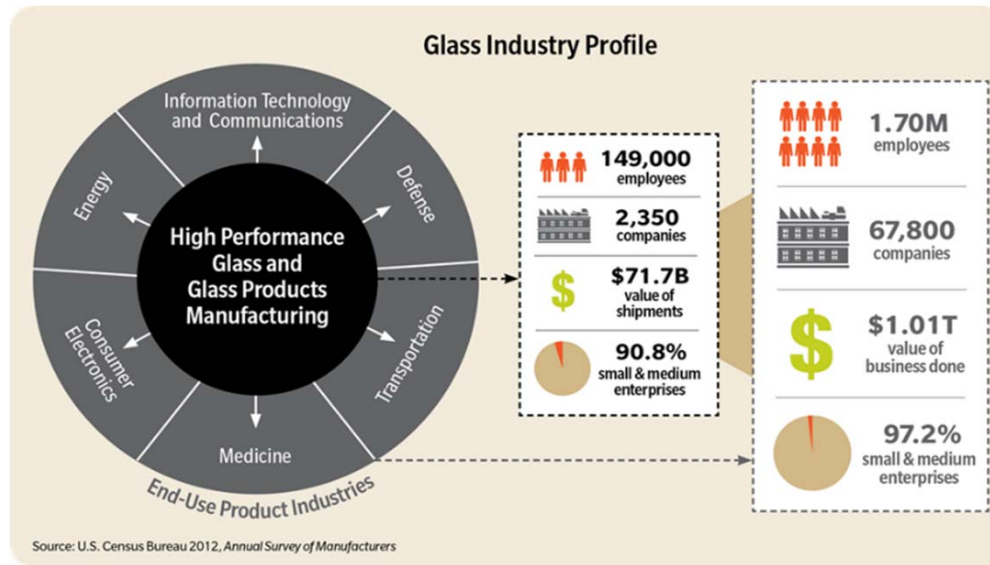
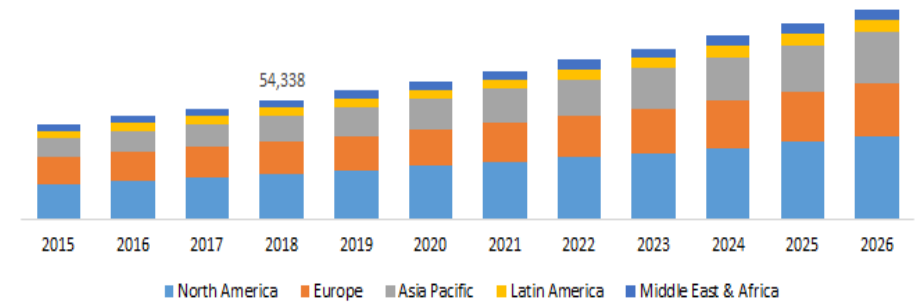
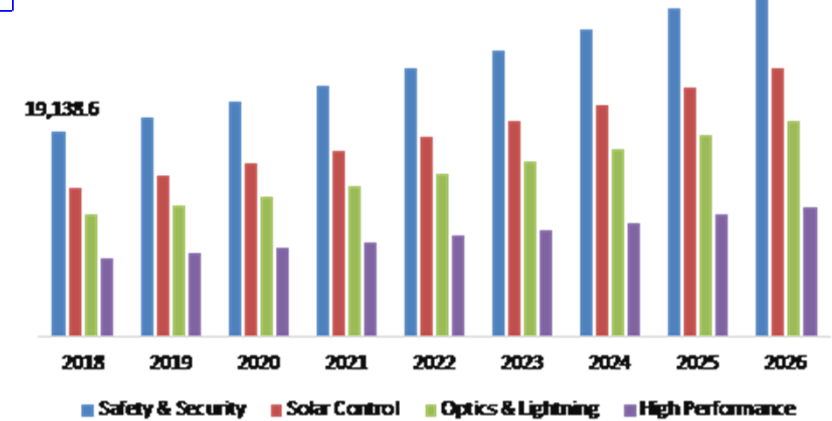


Physics + Chemistry + technology: first **high-tech materials**

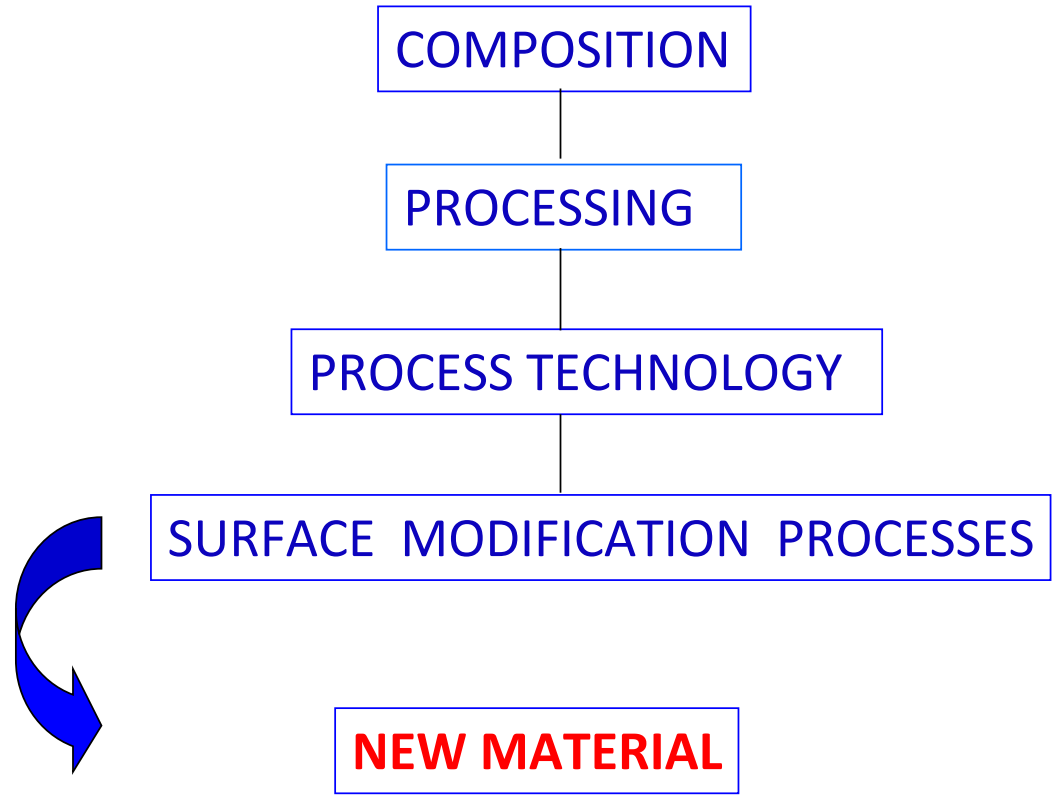
**Science and technology of materials** is born

Optics: engine for development of glass science and technology

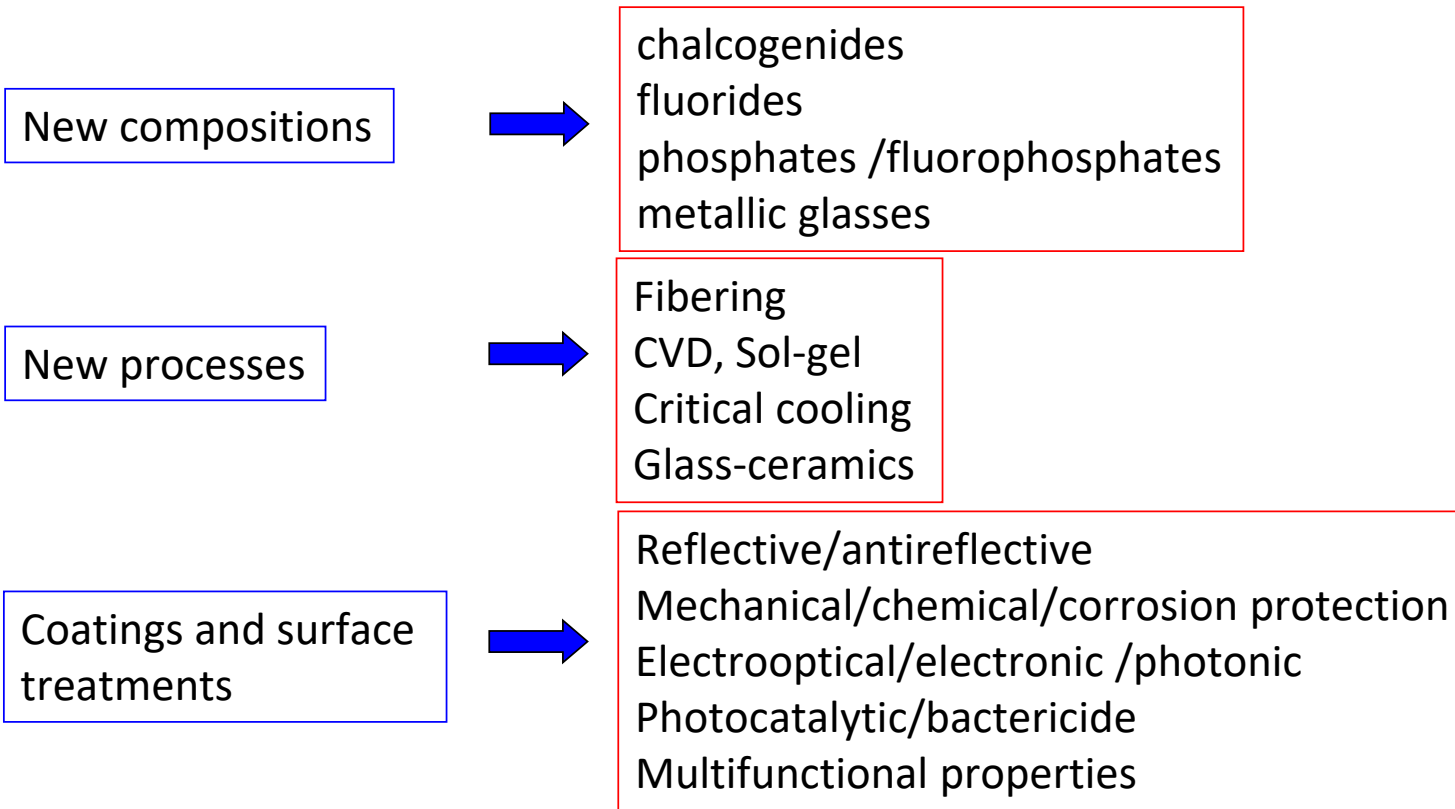
Global Glass Advanced Market 2015-2026



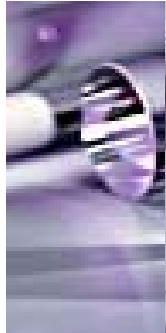
# Trends in the development of new glasses



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# Optical and lasers glasses



Ultrap

First laser glass  
(1964)



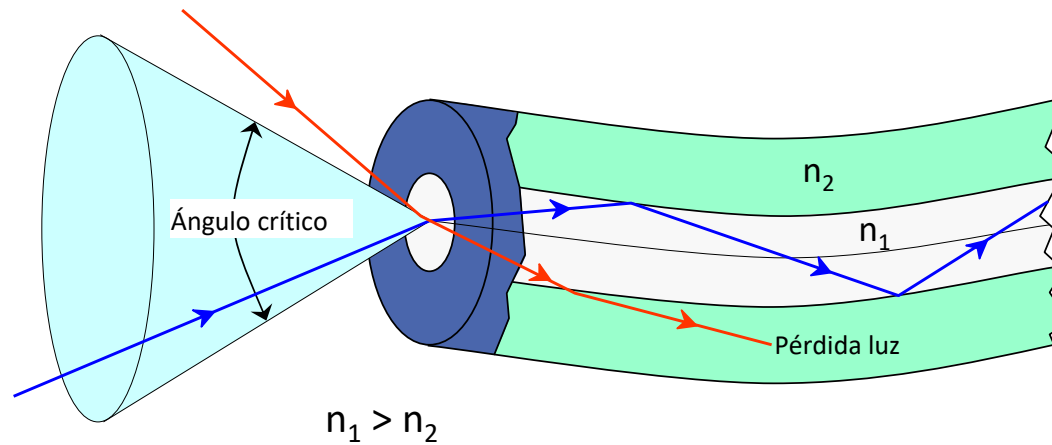
Continuous melting  
(1997) (NIF)

LL NatLab – NIF – National Ignition Facility



# Optical fibres

- Transport of light flexible shafts and large angles
- Changing profile image
- Active and passive guides
- Discrete waveguide modes
- **Telecommunications**



Total Internal Reflection :  $\text{sen } \theta = n_2/n_1$

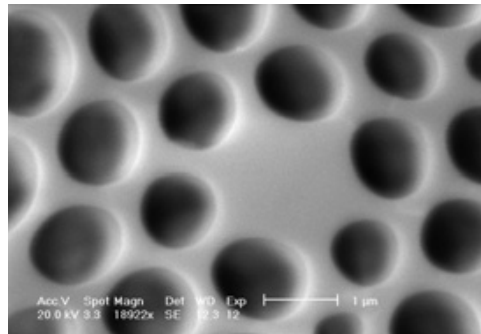
$$\text{A.N.} = n_0 \text{sen } \theta = (n_2^2 - n_1^2)^{1/2}$$



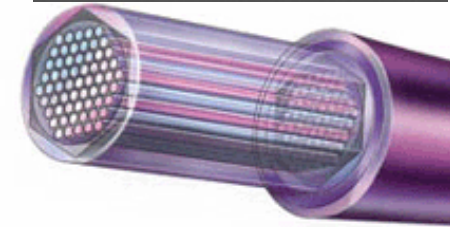
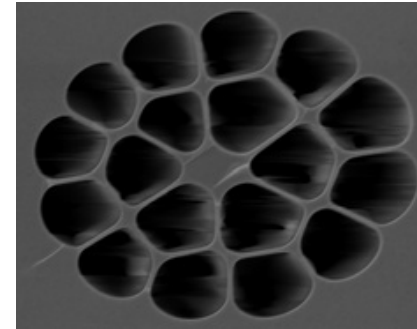
# Optical fibres innovations



Hollow fibre from tube



Microstructured fibres



Coupled CCD systems  
Fibre + semiconductor



Fibre + laser: Scalpels  $1 \mu\text{m}^2$   
Non-invasive microsurgical

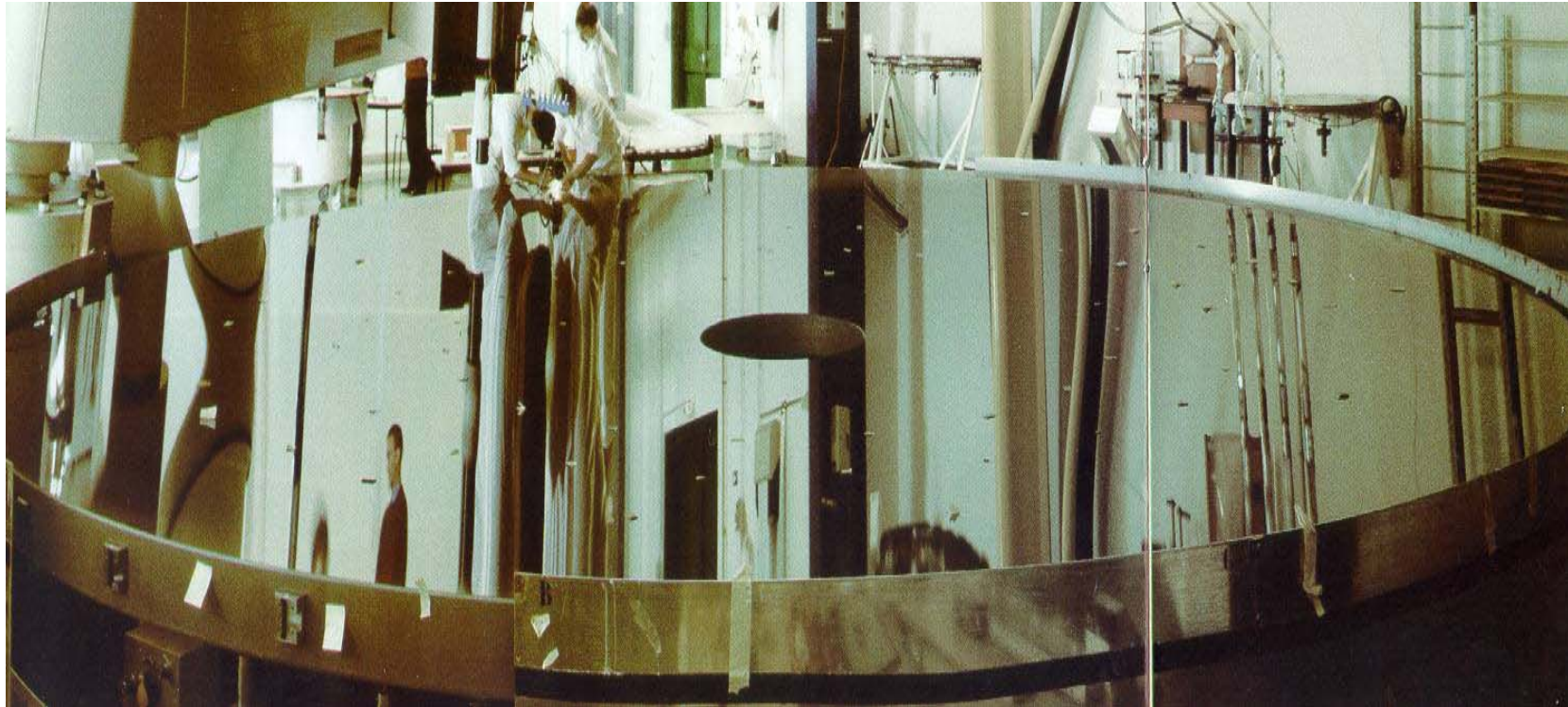


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# Transparent Glass-ceramics

1968 SCHOTT ZERODUR®: glass-ceramic introduces a new era of telescope mirror substrates for astronomy



Zerodur de  $\rho = 10 \text{ m}$  ( $m \approx 2 \text{ Tn}$ ),  $\alpha = 0$ , roughness  $< 10 \text{ nm}$ ,  $\Delta n < 10^{-6}$



*Spacial telescope James Webb (JWST)*

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# From Galileo telescope to the James Webb



On February 17, 1600, **Giordano Bruno** burned on a pyre in the heart of Rome, accused of being a heretic by the Inquisition. Among his sins was having proclaimed that the universe is infinite and is populated by infinite stars that are like the Sun, with worlds inhabited by animals and intelligent beings.

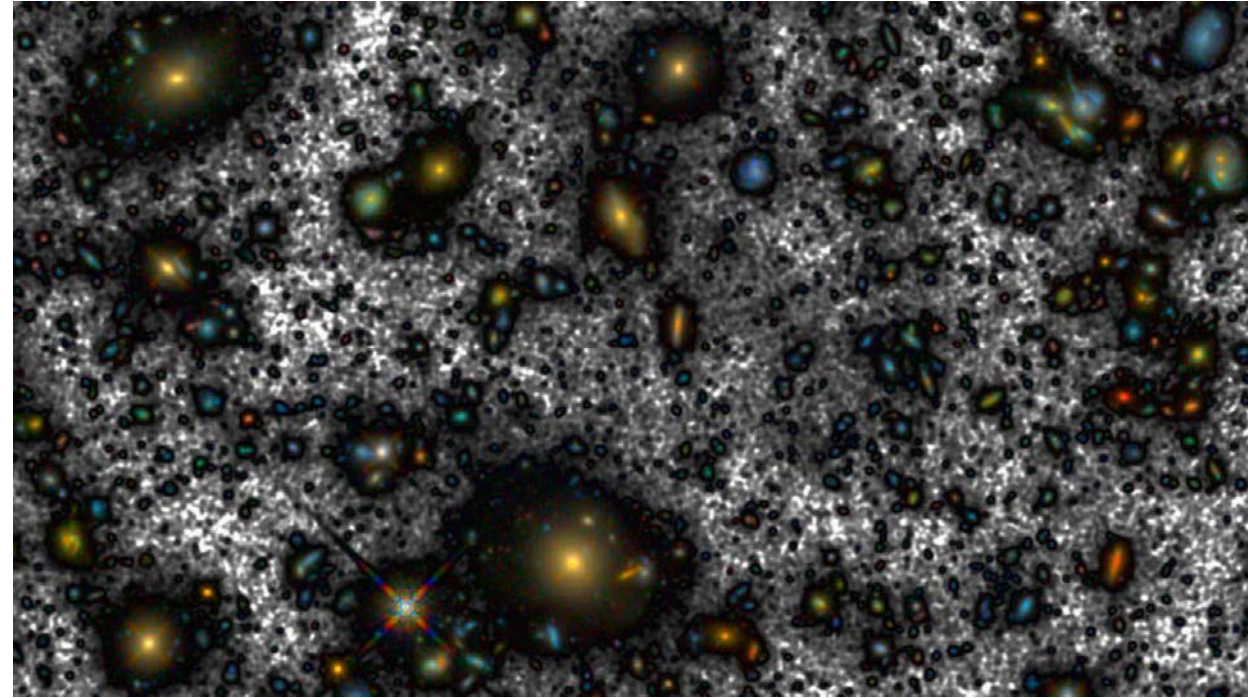
This Platonic vision of an infinite, static and immutable universe persisted for four hundred years. At the beginning of the 20th century, Einstein presented his theory of general relativity, which gave the universe stability against its self-gravity. When the idea that the universe is expanding is added, we arrive at the cosmological theory accepted by the academy: the **Big Bang**.

To predict the future of the universe, it is necessary to know its origin by obtaining better and better photographs of the deep sky. The race had begun.





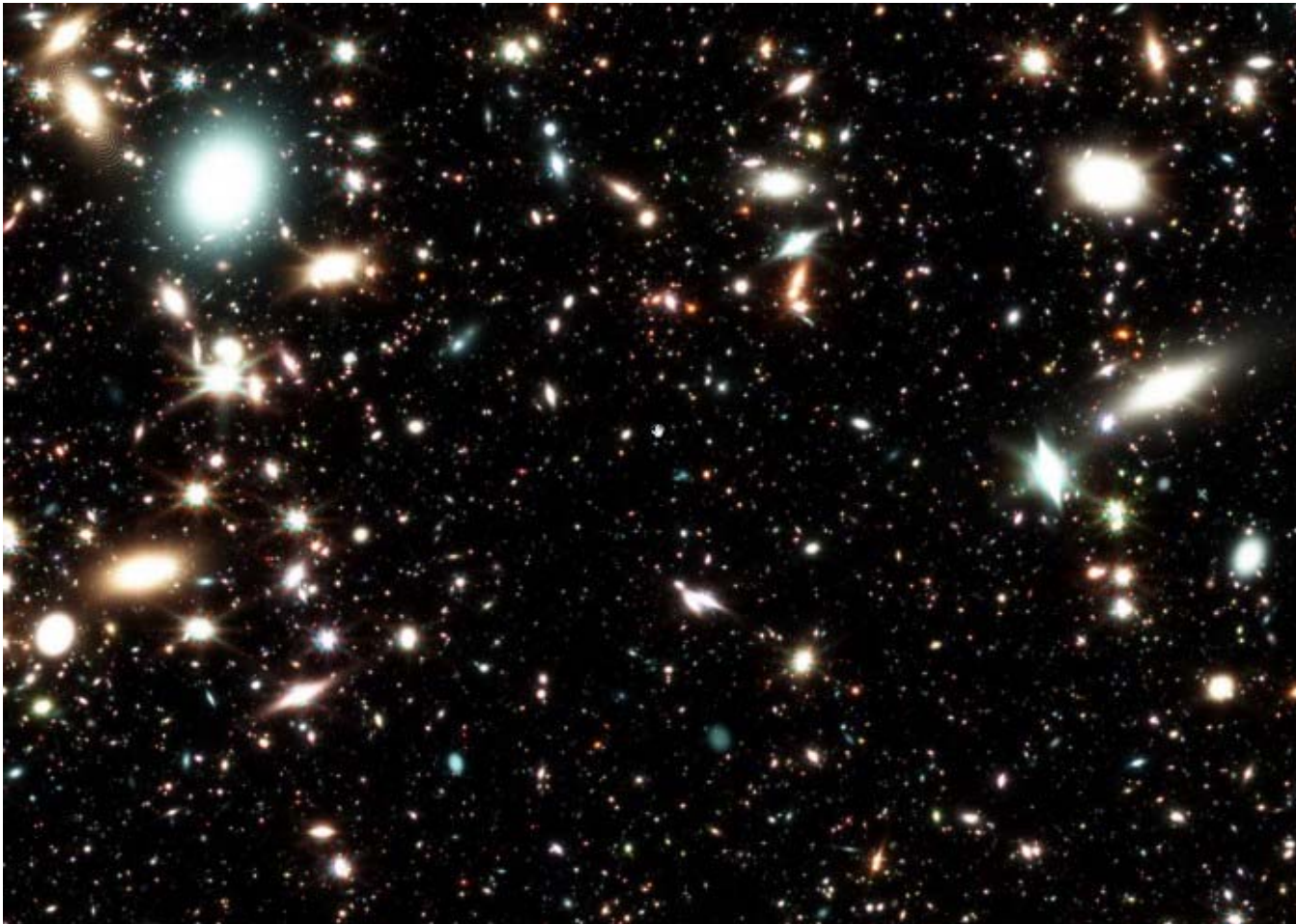
**William Herschel Deep Field** (La Palma), 2020  
12 months observations from 3 telescopes



**Ultra Hubble Deep Field 2021.**

HUDF is the result of combining hundreds of images taken with the Wide Field Camera 3 (WFC3) of the HST during over 230 hours of observation which, in 2012, yielded the deepest image of the Universe taken until then. The current image, the deepest in 2021, was obtained through new processing techniques





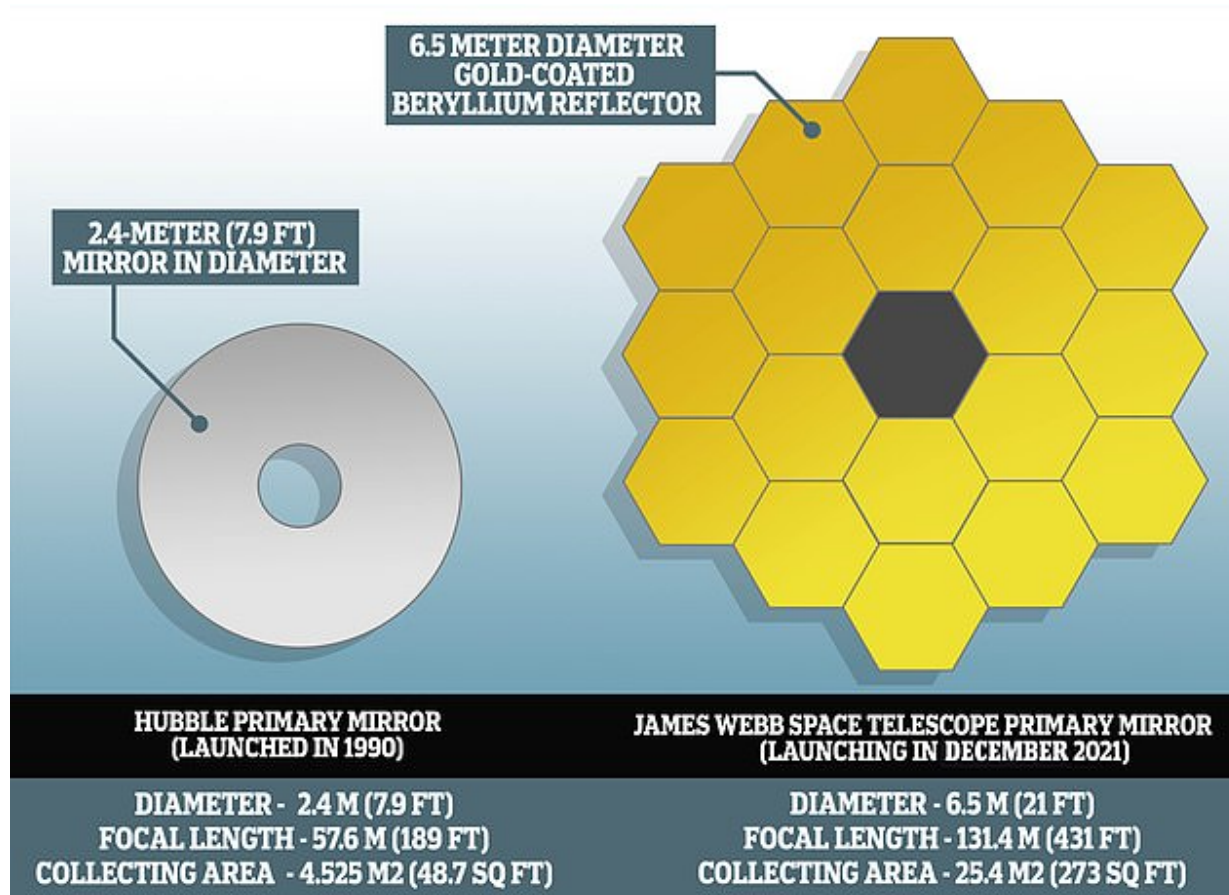
The galaxy cluster SMACS J0723.3-7327, known as SMACS J0723 for short, is among a set of galaxy clusters that James Webb is imaging for various gravitational-lensing surveys.

SMACS J0723 is at 4600 millions years ago.

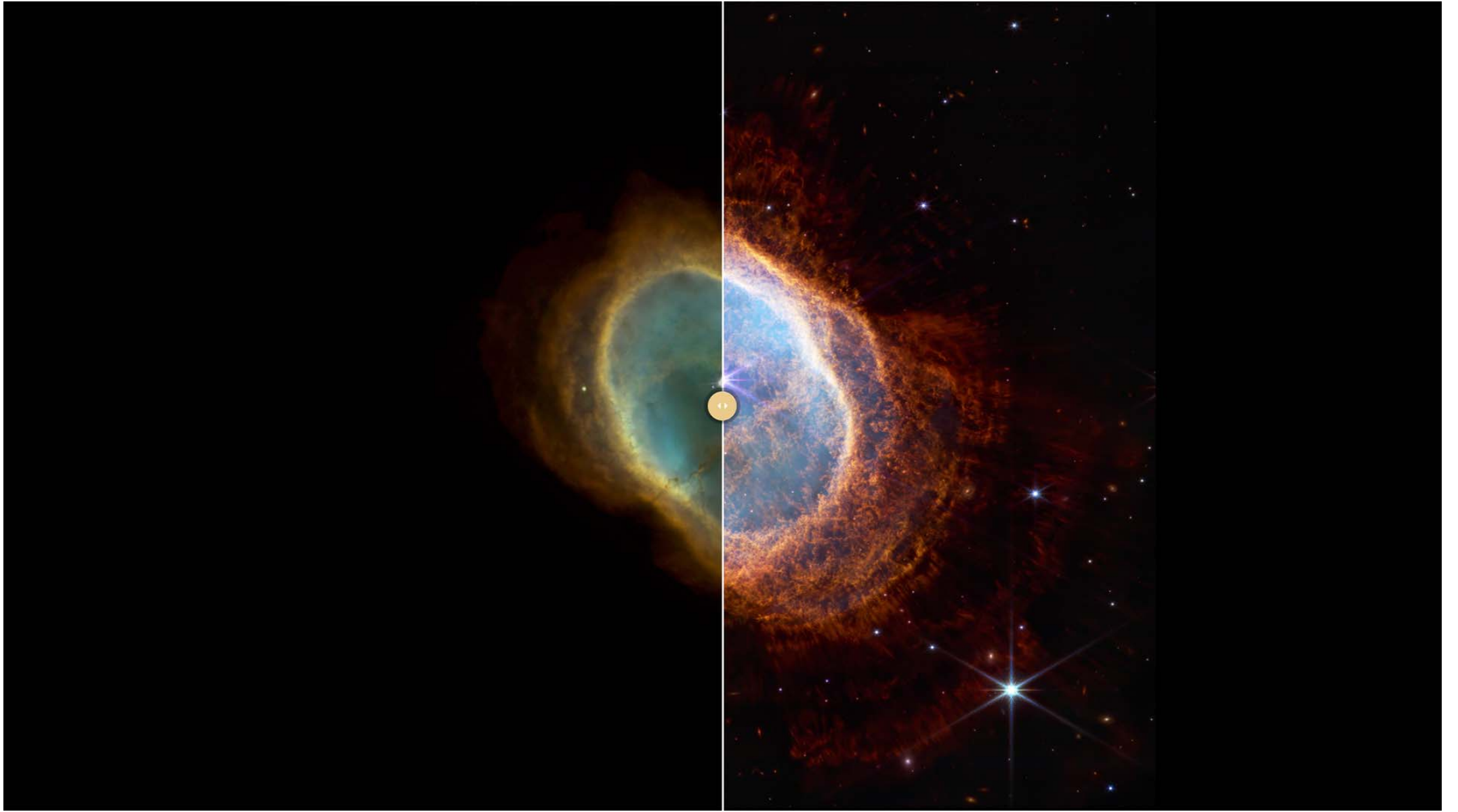
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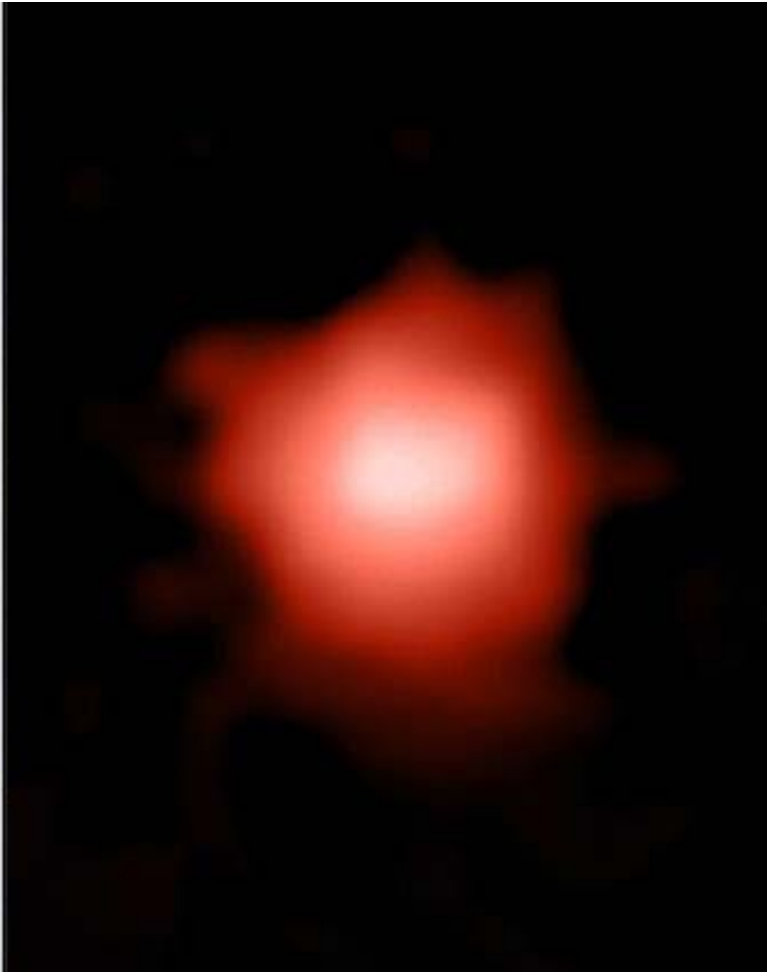


## James Webb vs Hubble space telescopes



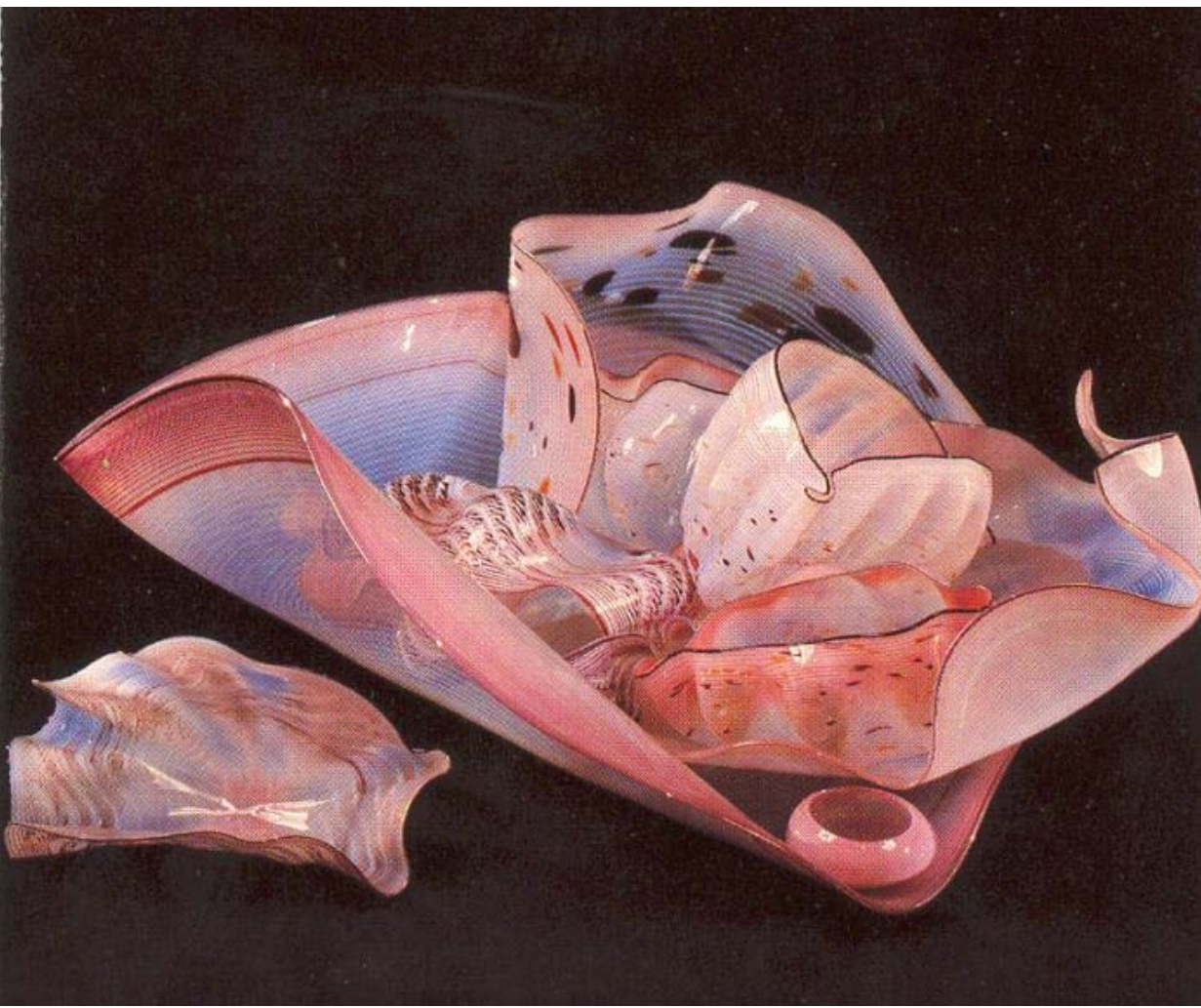






The **GLASS-z13** galaxy  
photographed by the James  
Webb NASA, ESA, CSA and STSCI.  
This red dot is 13.500 million  
years old and is the oldest galaxy  
ever observed.





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# WELCOME TO SUSTAINABILITY



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