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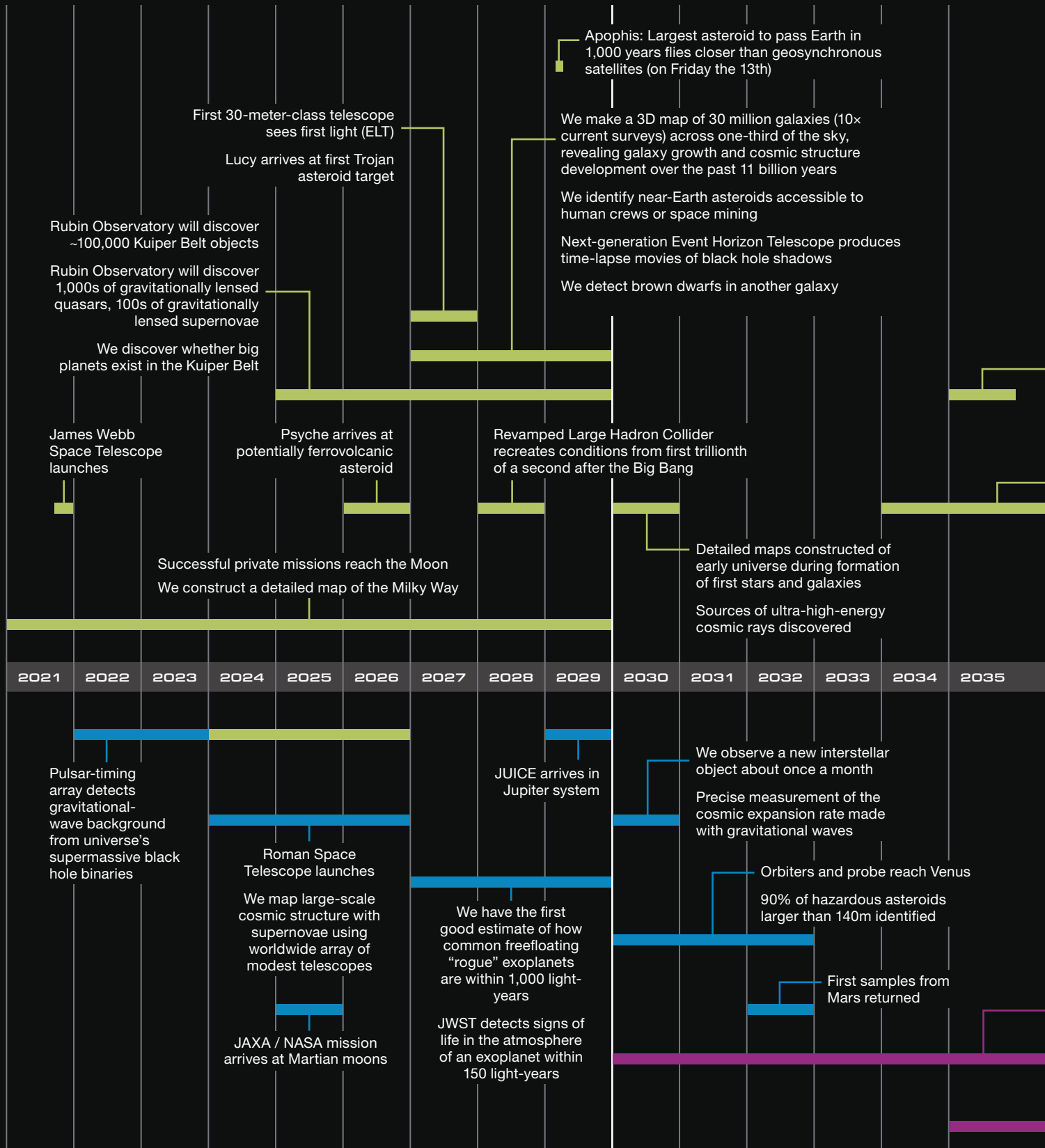
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# Future Forecast

## What can we expect in astronomy news between now and 2050?

We've arranged astronomers' predictions into a rough timeline, with probability rankings and approximate fulfillment dates. Many are safe bets; a few aren't. Things become more uncertain after 2030.

Science Editor Camille M. Carlisle and editorial intern Lauren Sgro pestered dozens of astronomers to amass this list. Art Director Terri Dubé reined everything in.

