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The Living Planet

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00:00:06,590 --> 00:00:03,700
good morning or afternoon everyone

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welcome to the next in the theories of

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nai team overview seminars and this

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seminar is by a principal investigator

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who I think is well known to everybody

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Vikki Meadows who has been a p.i in the

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NAI since the second competition I think

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most people also know the general

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subject of Vickie's team as you know I

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00:00:32,780 --> 00:00:29,670
often point out that there are some

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teams whose entire research project can

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be captured in a sentence and sometimes

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even half a sentence in the case of

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Vickie's team

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it's the audacious task of modeling and

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alien biosphere so we're going to hear

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about Vickie's progress and future plans

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on that Vicki got her bachelor's from

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the University of New South Wales which

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happens to be the home the new home of

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our Australian international partner and

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the Australian Centre for astrobiology

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led by Malcolm Walter and then she got

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her PhD in astrophysics at the

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University of Sydney in Australia she

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then moved to JPL where I believe she

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00:01:14,660 --> 00:01:13,049
spent her entire career prior to moving

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to the University of Washington a couple

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of years ago she was an NRC postdoc a

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research scientist at the sort of

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Science Center and then of course the

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witch got converted into the Spitzer

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00:01:30,920 --> 00:01:26,790
Science Center's so without any further

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00:01:32,890 --> 00:01:30,930
ado Vicki I'll turn it over to you you

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00:01:35,270 --> 00:01:32,900
very much Carl for that introduction

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okay so today I'm going to talk about

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00:01:39,770 --> 00:01:38,310
the virtual planetary laboratory lead

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team of the NASA Astrobiology Institute

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and to inform you my fellow nei members

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00:01:48,679 --> 00:01:46,829

about the research that we do I'll give

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you an overview of the types of areas of

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research we like to get into some of the

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major players some updates on some

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things we've done already

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as they illustrate what we're capable of

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and a discussion of our future plans as

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well so as Kyle pointed out it can be

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fairly easy to summarize what we do and

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our area of research we are firmly

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centered in exoplanet science but in

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doing that

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we also have to call upon our colleagues

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in earth observing science and also in

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the early Earth community because both

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the modern day earth and the early Earth

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are examples of habitable and inhabited

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planets so we care about those as well

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so I'm talking today but behind me there

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is a mass of people I've actually lost

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count how many we have it's something

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close to 40 but so when I show a list of

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our team here I tend to talk in

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statistics rather than individuals

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because I can't really go through

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everybody individually this is slide 1

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of 2 and so what you can see here

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statistically is that we have a very

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strong Center now at the University of

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Washington myself postdocs graduate

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students and we just recently acquired

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our colleagues from the original u-dub

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team so people like Roger Buick Peter

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Ward John Barris Jody Deming are all now

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collaborating with the BPL as well and

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I'm very very pleased to have them join

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us we have another major center of

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course at JPL and Caltech which is where

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VPL started out we have had a very very

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strong collaboration over the years with

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Penn State via Jim casting and his

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research group and that really has been

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as you will see extremely valuable in

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shaping the type of research that we do

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as well if I moved to page 2 we also

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have collaborations with NASA Ames in

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both planetary atmospheric modeling and

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chemical modeling and also in

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microbiology as well for a microbial

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mats Torrey holler Kelli Decker Dave dem

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array there we have some links with

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Goddard now through their Earth

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observing people Watson Greg Jeff

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penalty and then you can see we also

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have a list of experts distributed

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across this country and other people's

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countries who helped us out with the

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various tasks as well so we're

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distributed very highly across about 20

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institutions with about 40 people but

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centered primarily at 3 NASA centers and

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at Penn State and the you dub so that's

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our team oh and sorry just one other

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point I want to make because if you're

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looking at this right-hand column you'll

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see that we have an extreme diversity of

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disciplines in this team as well

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everything from stellar astrophysics all

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the way down to microbial

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sample horizontal gene transfer people

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00:04:33,810 --> 00:04:31,180
who study molecular evolution alright so

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if you can say what our science was in

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VP L it is to search for habitable

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environments and life beyond the solar

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system that's where we want to work in

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current wisdom how about a planet some

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more likely to be terrestrial planets

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and they're more likely to be within

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this thing we call this circumstellar

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habitable zone so that's kind of where

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we put a lot of our research we model in

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that particular area currently as of

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this morning there are 344 extrasolar

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planets known but of those only about 10

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are less than 10 Earth masses and so

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that would be only about 10 that are

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probably terrestrial rocky type planets

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more akin to the earth than to Jupiter

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all the other tourists all the other

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extrasolar planets found so far are more

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of the Jovian type and then we can learn

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quite a bit from them especially in the

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techniques we use to study them it can

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be we think that the habit or ones are

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more likely to be the terrestrial

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planets and so that's what we

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concentrate on there so far in the ester

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solid planets sample that we have a true

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Earth analog has yet to be found but it

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won't be long I really don't think it

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will be very long at all so maybe in the

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next five years or so we'll actually

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find a true earth analog which will be

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something maybe 2 or 3 earth masses in

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the habitable zone of its parent star so

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the question we ask ourselves at VPL is

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once we find this thing how do we go

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about recognizing if an extrasolar

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terrestrial planet can or does support

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life so those are the questions of

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habitability and life the under solar

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system now in our own solar system we

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have examples of terrestrial planets so

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we might think we know what we're

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talking about when we talk about

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terrestrial planets but as our colleague

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here on the VP I2 of an effect Shaun

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Raymond and Tom Quinn working with John

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Lumine have shown is that planets and

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planetary systems can come in a very

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wide range of characteristics and what

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we're showing here in this multicolored

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plots are just a whole series of

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simulations forming planets and what we

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see is that planets can form at

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different sizes different water

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abundances different distances and so we

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expect to see that kind of diversity in

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the extrasolar planet population so we

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have to ask ourselves well how do we go

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about understand

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this potential diversity given that we

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really only have three terrestrial

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planets with atmospheres in our own

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planetary system and so the answer to

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that really is to go into the modeling

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arena

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we do take observations as well but

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again as I said we still don't have the

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sensitivity to get down to the true

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earth analogs yet even though we hope we

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will at some point so if you want to

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learn more about extrasolar planets as I

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said we we attack this by modeling but

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you can also try and go out and take

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observations and so this is where we tie

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very strongly into NASA missions and

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that is that our work will be relevant

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to both the Kepler mission and the

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terrestrial planet finder missions which

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I'll talk about in a moment so Kepler

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successfully launched last month which

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was fantastic news and it is a mission

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that will stare at the sky non-stop for

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about four years monitoring the

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brightness of stars to check for planets

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that are passing in front of their

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parent star when the planet passes in

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front of the star it causes the light

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from the planet to dim so we're able to

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pick up these planets and this

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instrument should be able to find true

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earth analogs in fact earth-mass planets

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in earth earth-like orbits around their

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parent stars so we're very much looking

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forward to the results that will come

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from that mission the other mission that

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VPL is potentially relevant to are the

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concept missions of the terrestrial

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planet finder x' they have a counterpart

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a sister mission concept in europe the

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darwin isa mission but someday we hope

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in the next 10 to 20 years to fly very

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very powerful very large telescopes that

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will be able to detect light from

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extrasolar terrestrial planets or earth

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sized things and actually take that

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light and break it into a spectrum so

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that we can look at and analyze the

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environments and to search for possible

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signs of life on extrasolar terrestrial

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planets however there's a challenge to

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understanding an extrasolar planet and

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that is because even with these

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incredibly powerful telescopes although

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it will see will be a pale blue dot

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essentially or a pale blue pixel as I've

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shown graphically here so when we try

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and learn about extrasolar terrestrial

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planets we'll come across a bunch of

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problems one is that of course our solar

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system only contains a subset of

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possible planets so we really have to

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think about other possibilities

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everything we learn about the planet

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will be from this disk average data so

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everything we want to know about its

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environment and whether or not it has

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life in it is contained in this blue

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pixel and we have to from that blue

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pixel on the spectrum that we get from

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it disentangle all the characteristics

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of a planet whether or not the planet

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has oceans continents and in fact a

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biosphere and we also have to forget

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that not to forget that clouds and dense

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atmospheres will limit our view at

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certain wavelengths so it's also

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important to try and figure out where in

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the spectrum of the planet you might be

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best able to see what's going on so in a

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nutshell what vpl does is our science is

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the search for have environments in life

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beyond the solar system our approach is

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to use self-consistent models of

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planetary environments and to generate

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spectra from those self-consistent

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environments our input to the models

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because we can't just make this map out

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of thin air even though you know

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theoreticians have a tendency to want to

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do that but we try to keep ourselves

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honest by having input from field and

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laboratory work from planetary

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observations and planets in our own

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system and extrasolar planets and also

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to gather constraints from the

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geological and biological records so in

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many ways this is where the rest of the

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NAI comes in you can help to keep us

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00:10:00,110 --> 00:09:57,990

honest by doing the work that you would

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00:10:01,790 --> 00:10:00,120

do but just keeping in the back of your

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00:10:03,380 --> 00:10:01,800

mind when you discover something think

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00:10:05,980 --> 00:10:03,390

hey I wonder if the VPL could use this

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00:10:09,380 --> 00:10:05,990

because anything you can learn about

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00:10:11,720 --> 00:10:09,390

microbial life metabolisms the gases

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00:10:12,500 --> 00:10:11,730

that are given off and also constraints

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00:10:14,720 --> 00:10:12,510

from the geological and biological

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00:10:17,540 --> 00:10:14,730

records can in fact help us with our

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00:10:20,210 --> 00:10:17,550

modelling effort and so our output then

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00:10:21,920 --> 00:10:20,220

our models that allow us to provide

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00:10:23,870 --> 00:10:21,930

improved understanding of past

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00:10:27,980 --> 00:10:23,880

environments that cannot yet be directly

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00:10:29,150 --> 00:10:27,990

observed so the early Earth as well as

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00:10:31,070 --> 00:10:29,160

extrasolar terrestrial planet

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00:10:32,990 --> 00:10:31,080

environments and from that we generate

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00:10:34,940 --> 00:10:33,000

synthetic planetary spectra and look at

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00:10:37,100 --> 00:10:34,950

the detectability of existing and novel

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00:10:38,660 --> 00:10:37,110

bio signatures as an aid to these very

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00:10:40,970 --> 00:10:38,670

large telescopes that will one day be

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00:10:45,170 --> 00:10:40,980

designed and flown to look for these

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00:10:46,280 --> 00:10:45,180

sorts of things so that was the BPL and

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00:10:48,590 --> 00:10:46,290

so now I'm going to talk a little bit

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00:10:50,180 --> 00:10:48,600

about what we mean by signs of life

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00:10:51,860 --> 00:10:50,190

looking for them in extrasolar planets

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00:10:53,720 --> 00:10:51,870

before I launch into or what we're

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00:10:54,920 --> 00:10:53,730

actually doing in our individual tasks

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00:10:55,940 --> 00:10:54,930

so this is just a little bit of

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00:10:58,580 --> 00:10:55,950

background science to help you

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00:11:00,080 --> 00:10:58,590

understand what comes afterwards so what

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00:11:02,120 --> 00:11:00,090

am I talking about recognizing whether a

301
00:11:03,790 --> 00:11:02,130
dim distant pale blue dot is a habitable

302
00:11:07,060 --> 00:11:03,800
planet there's a number of things that

303
00:11:08,860 --> 00:11:07,070
can do astronomically to do that one is

304
00:11:10,630 --> 00:11:08,870
we can look at the planetary system

305
00:11:12,430 --> 00:11:10,640
environmental characteristics so what

306
00:11:15,000 --> 00:11:12,440
that means is are there other planets in

307
00:11:17,290 --> 00:11:15,010
the system can we learn something about

308
00:11:18,759 --> 00:11:17,300
the planet we're looking at its mass and

309
00:11:20,980 --> 00:11:18,769
orbital parameters and its interaction

310
00:11:22,060 --> 00:11:20,990
with the other planets in the system to

311
00:11:24,069 --> 00:11:22,070
understand whether or not it could

312
00:11:26,290 --> 00:11:24,079
potentially be habitable and so to do

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00:11:28,180 --> 00:11:26,300

this we need what we call dynamicists

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00:11:29,800 --> 00:11:28,190

people who actually understand the

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00:11:30,940 --> 00:11:29,810

evolution of planetary orbits and can

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00:11:32,050 --> 00:11:30,950

look at the interaction the

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00:11:34,300 --> 00:11:32,060

gravitational interaction between

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00:11:36,340 --> 00:11:34,310

planets in a particular system and so

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00:11:38,620 --> 00:11:36,350

the VPL has dynamicists onboard as well

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00:11:40,269 --> 00:11:38,630

to do that we can also look at the

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00:11:42,190 --> 00:11:40,279

photometric characteristics of the

322

00:11:43,960 --> 00:11:42,200

planet and by photometry we just mean to

323

00:11:46,030 --> 00:11:43,970

measure light so we're just looking at

324

00:11:48,730 --> 00:11:46,040

the brightness of the planet in

325

00:11:50,290 --> 00:11:48,740

different colors and what I'll show

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00:11:52,269 --> 00:11:50,300

today is what you can learn from that

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00:11:54,519 --> 00:11:52,279

using a specific example of looking at

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00:11:55,930 --> 00:11:54,529

the earth and but of course the most

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00:11:57,579 --> 00:11:55,940

powerful way of determining what an

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00:11:59,440 --> 00:11:57,589

environment is like over a great

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00:12:01,150 --> 00:11:59,450

distance will be through a spectrum

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00:12:03,310 --> 00:12:01,160

using spectroscopy taking a light from

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00:12:04,930 --> 00:12:03,320

the parent object breaking evidence into

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00:12:06,519 --> 00:12:04,940

its constituent wavelengths and looking

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00:12:08,470 --> 00:12:06,529

for signatures from the surface and the

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00:12:10,990 --> 00:12:08,480

atmosphere of the planet and potentially

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00:12:12,430 --> 00:12:11,000

from its biosphere and ultimately all of

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00:12:14,410 --> 00:12:12,440

these techniques have described our

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00:12:15,970 --> 00:12:14,420

observational techniques but the other

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00:12:17,620 --> 00:12:15,980

thing we're going to need to be able to

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00:12:19,360 --> 00:12:17,630

interpret and to recognize whether or

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00:12:21,970 --> 00:12:19,370

not our planet is habitable artifact

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00:12:24,040 --> 00:12:21,980

models and one of the the I guess the

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00:12:25,660 --> 00:12:24,050

starkest examples of this is the holy

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00:12:27,190 --> 00:12:25,670

grail of habitability when we talk about

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00:12:28,870 --> 00:12:27,200

a have real extrasolar planet

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00:12:33,010 --> 00:12:28,880

we would like to see liquid water on the

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00:12:34,269 --> 00:12:33,020

surface of that planet and in fact to be

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00:12:35,889 --> 00:12:34,279

able to have liquid water you need

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00:12:37,210 --> 00:12:35,899

certain surface conditions including a

351
00:12:39,490 --> 00:12:37,220
surface temperature above the freezing

352
00:12:41,350 --> 00:12:39,500
point of water and that may be very

353
00:12:42,910 --> 00:12:41,360
difficult to directly observe it turns

354
00:12:44,620 --> 00:12:42,920
out that being able to measure a

355
00:12:46,240 --> 00:12:44,630
temperature from the planet you don't

356
00:12:47,889 --> 00:12:46,250
necessarily get the surface temperature

357
00:12:50,079 --> 00:12:47,899
you get a temperature up somewhere in

358
00:12:51,819 --> 00:12:50,089
the atmosphere and so to be able to

359
00:12:53,319 --> 00:12:51,829
figure out the greenhouse warming that

360
00:12:54,850 --> 00:12:53,329
affects the actual surface temperature

361
00:12:57,490 --> 00:12:54,860
of the planet you will need climate

362
00:12:58,990 --> 00:12:57,500
models to be able to do that so even in

363
00:13:00,430 --> 00:12:59,000

this very basic of all measurements

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00:13:02,199 --> 00:13:00,440

what's the surface temperature like

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00:13:05,500 --> 00:13:02,209

could this thing be habitable we will

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00:13:07,090 --> 00:13:05,510

need both models and observations so I'm

367

00:13:08,800 --> 00:13:07,100

just going to show you a few terrestrial

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00:13:10,389 --> 00:13:08,810

planet spectra just very quickly just to

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00:13:12,610 --> 00:13:10,399

give you a feel for the type of things

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00:13:14,740 --> 00:13:12,620

that we're talking about these are model

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00:13:16,120 --> 00:13:14,750

spectra of Venus Earth and Mars and I

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00:13:16,530 --> 00:13:16,130

just want you to see that you know the

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00:13:18,030 --> 00:13:16,540

Earth's

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00:13:19,410 --> 00:13:18,040

looks quite different to the Venus and

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00:13:21,540 --> 00:13:19,420

Mars spectrum as a lot more weirdos a

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00:13:23,760 --> 00:13:21,550

lot more activity going on we can see a

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00:13:25,950 --> 00:13:23,770

lot more greenhouse gases actually in

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00:13:27,540 --> 00:13:25,960

its spectrum overall even though we can

379

00:13:30,180 --> 00:13:27,550

see that Venus and Mars are dominated by

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00:13:31,590 --> 00:13:30,190

co2 but these are the sorts of things

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00:13:32,910 --> 00:13:31,600

we're talking about looking for looking

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00:13:34,710 --> 00:13:32,920

at these spectra and seeing whether we

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00:13:36,600 --> 00:13:34,720

can cool a greenhouse gases and signs of

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00:13:38,370 --> 00:13:36,610

life on the earth of course abundant

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00:13:42,180 --> 00:13:38,380

oxygen is a sign of life and we see that

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00:13:43,530 --> 00:13:42,190

at point 7.6 microns they're down in the

387

00:13:46,050 --> 00:13:43,540

and the shore would end on the earth

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00:13:47,850 --> 00:13:46,060

spectrum you can also look in the mid

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00:13:49,740 --> 00:13:47,860

infrared and so the celestial planet

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00:13:52,680 --> 00:13:49,750

finder missions have been postulated to

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00:13:54,720 --> 00:13:52,690

fly with telescopic capability in both

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00:13:57,420 --> 00:13:54,730

the visible and the mid infrared or one

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00:13:59,550 --> 00:13:57,430

or the other but in the mid infrared we

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00:14:00,990 --> 00:13:59,560

start to look at very valuable things

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00:14:03,000 --> 00:14:01,000

like carbon dioxide a very powerful

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00:14:04,410 --> 00:14:03,010

greenhouse gas even present on the earth

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00:14:05,340 --> 00:14:04,420

so even on a habitable planet we can

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00:14:08,130 --> 00:14:05,350

pick that up there

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00:14:09,750 --> 00:14:08,140

ozone again another proxies signature

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00:14:12,030 --> 00:14:09,760

for life and also an ultraviolet shield

401
00:14:14,280 --> 00:14:12,040
on the planet and then we can also see

402
00:14:15,810 --> 00:14:14,290
the short would end of the mid-infrared

403
00:14:18,300 --> 00:14:15,820
in that blue spectrum of the earth

404
00:14:20,250 --> 00:14:18,310
things like methane and nitrous oxide so

405
00:14:22,110 --> 00:14:20,260
we start to get bio signatures from

406
00:14:23,820 --> 00:14:22,120
alternative metabolisms other than

407
00:14:27,780 --> 00:14:23,830
oxygen at photosynthesis churning up

408
00:14:29,310 --> 00:14:27,790
there so what are the global signs of

409
00:14:31,650 --> 00:14:29,320
life we talked about what we can look at

410
00:14:33,600 --> 00:14:31,660
to look for habitability you know using

411
00:14:35,670 --> 00:14:33,610
photometry we can search to see whether

412
00:14:37,500 --> 00:14:35,680
there's indications of an ocean on the

413
00:14:39,780 --> 00:14:37,510

planet is in spectrum we can look for

414

00:14:42,090 --> 00:14:39,790
greenhouse gases and trying to

415

00:14:43,290 --> 00:14:42,100
understand the surface temperature but

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00:14:44,700 --> 00:14:43,300
through all of this we want to try and

417

00:14:46,680 --> 00:14:44,710
understand whether or not we can pick up

418

00:14:48,330 --> 00:14:46,690
signs of life so I'm going to introduce

419

00:14:49,740 --> 00:14:48,340
the concept of astronomical bio

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00:14:51,900 --> 00:14:49,750
signatures we've had a lot of talks

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00:14:53,460 --> 00:14:51,910
already from team members about instant

422

00:14:54,690 --> 00:14:53,470
what we call institute bio signatures

423

00:14:56,370 --> 00:14:54,700
where's where you can take a lump of

424

00:14:57,930 --> 00:14:56,380
rock and look for sterols and other

425

00:15:00,810 --> 00:14:57,940
things that may be indications of life

426
00:15:02,760 --> 00:15:00,820
in the rocket Istanbul biosignatures we

427
00:15:04,980 --> 00:15:02,770
have to try and determine if life exists

428
00:15:06,420 --> 00:15:04,990
over a distance of 10 parsecs and so

429
00:15:08,490 --> 00:15:06,430
what we're looking for a global scale

430
00:15:10,440 --> 00:15:08,500
photometric spectral or temporal

431
00:15:12,780 --> 00:15:10,450
features or time varying features that

432
00:15:14,940 --> 00:15:12,790
are indicative of life and we know from

433
00:15:16,800 --> 00:15:14,950
observing the earth that life can in

434
00:15:19,590 --> 00:15:16,810
fact provide a global scale modification

435
00:15:21,780 --> 00:15:19,600
of our atmosphere our surface and our

436
00:15:24,060 --> 00:15:21,790
appearance over time so we sort of just

437
00:15:26,700 --> 00:15:24,070
divide biocentrism these three different

438
00:15:28,230 --> 00:15:26,710

types of categories just like in Tsukuba

439

00:15:30,030 --> 00:15:28,240

ages though these astronomical

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00:15:30,230 --> 00:15:30,040

biosignatures must always be identified

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00:15:31,910 --> 00:15:30,240

in

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00:15:32,780 --> 00:15:31,920

context to the planet or environment so

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00:15:35,240 --> 00:15:32,790

we have to understand that the

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00:15:37,850 --> 00:15:35,250

environments like to be able to figure

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00:15:39,740 --> 00:15:37,860

out whether we have and a true

446

00:15:43,269 --> 00:15:39,750

biosignature or just some product some

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00:15:45,320 --> 00:15:43,279

equilibrium product of a non-biological

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00:15:46,519 --> 00:15:45,330

environment so for example the

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00:15:48,500 --> 00:15:46,529

difference between Earth methane and

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00:15:51,530 --> 00:15:48,510

Titan methane earth methane is seen in

451
00:15:53,630 --> 00:15:51,540
the presence of oxygen so there are

452
00:15:55,370 --> 00:15:53,640
known sinks for both of these gases on

453
00:15:57,050 --> 00:15:55,380
this planet and they have seen very

454
00:15:58,670 --> 00:15:57,060
strongly out of just out of equilibrium

455
00:16:01,190 --> 00:15:58,680
in what we call chemical disequilibrium

456
00:16:03,500 --> 00:16:01,200
that is indicative of a sign of life

457
00:16:05,810 --> 00:16:03,510
whereas I'm Titan for example the

458
00:16:08,660 --> 00:16:05,820
methane and ammonia we see there are

459
00:16:10,280 --> 00:16:08,670
really a characteristic of what the

460
00:16:12,920 --> 00:16:10,290
planet formed with and are not

461
00:16:14,420 --> 00:16:12,930
considered to be signs of life I also

462
00:16:16,040 --> 00:16:14,430
want to just introduce the concept of

463
00:16:17,540 --> 00:16:16,050

anti biosignatures which is something I

464

00:16:20,690 --> 00:16:17,550

think that they demo a first came up

465

00:16:22,460 --> 00:16:20,700

with but this idea of a free lunch the

466

00:16:23,990 --> 00:16:22,470

in fact we can also look for anti virus

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00:16:25,519 --> 00:16:24,000

signatures signs on a planet that there

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00:16:26,960 --> 00:16:25,529

are abundant gases around that really

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00:16:28,910 --> 00:16:26,970

life would have jumped on immediately if

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00:16:30,350 --> 00:16:28,920

it possibly could and I know yuk Yuen

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00:16:32,570 --> 00:16:30,360

often talks about this as the floating

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00:16:33,920 --> 00:16:32,580

\$20 bills so where we can also

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00:16:35,269 --> 00:16:33,930

potentially look for things that have

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00:16:37,699 --> 00:16:35,279

build up in an atmosphere that would

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00:16:40,060 --> 00:16:37,709

normally be consumed by life to let us

476
00:16:43,400 --> 00:16:40,070
know that potentially life is not there

477
00:16:44,750 --> 00:16:43,410
so looking again spectroscopically if

478
00:16:46,130 --> 00:16:44,760
these things the signs of life in an

479
00:16:48,740 --> 00:16:46,140
atmosphere would be things like the

480
00:16:50,810 --> 00:16:48,750
simultaneous present presence of oxygen

481
00:16:53,150 --> 00:16:50,820
or ozone its proxy and methane and

482
00:16:56,199 --> 00:16:53,160
nitrous oxide I'm also showing just some

483
00:16:58,250 --> 00:16:56,209
habitability markers here co2 and water

484
00:17:00,519 --> 00:16:58,260
when you're talking about atmospheric

485
00:17:02,780 --> 00:17:00,529
biasing shows you really are looking at

486
00:17:04,130 --> 00:17:02,790
three different processes and this is

487
00:17:06,679 --> 00:17:04,140
something we have to worry about it and

488
00:17:08,510 --> 00:17:06,689

vpl to have a good atmosphere biasing

489

00:17:09,770 --> 00:17:08,520

turreted to find one or recognize one

490

00:17:11,419 --> 00:17:09,780

you need to know that there's a

491

00:17:12,919 --> 00:17:11,429

biological source for it so we care

492

00:17:14,870 --> 00:17:12,929

about what metabolisms are putting out

493

00:17:17,120 --> 00:17:14,880

you need to understand it's atmospheric

494

00:17:18,319 --> 00:17:17,130

lifetime on the planet to how long it

495

00:17:19,579 --> 00:17:18,329

hangs around in the atmosphere the

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00:17:20,900 --> 00:17:19,589

longer it hangs around the more of it

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00:17:23,569 --> 00:17:20,910

builds up the more likely we are to see

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00:17:25,130 --> 00:17:23,579

it that Amstrad lifetime is a function

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00:17:27,410 --> 00:17:25,140

of the interaction of the planet with

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00:17:29,030 --> 00:17:27,420

its parent star as well as the planetary

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00:17:30,890 --> 00:17:29,040

processes themselves a lot of

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00:17:32,120 --> 00:17:30,900

photochemistry are still and driven so

503

00:17:34,160 --> 00:17:32,130

we do also have to understand a lot

504

00:17:35,720 --> 00:17:34,170

about what the stars are like I'm sorry

505

00:17:37,130 --> 00:17:35,730

and I'll just get back the other thing

506

00:17:40,280 --> 00:17:37,140

is that the BIOS signature should

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00:17:42,440 --> 00:17:40,290

produce a spectral feature and that

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00:17:43,790 --> 00:17:42,450

isn't always a given and when we fly

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00:17:45,380 --> 00:17:43,800

these telescopes we may have

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00:17:47,060 --> 00:17:45,390

fairly limited wavelength ranges in

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00:17:48,950 --> 00:17:47,070

which to work in so we always have to

512

00:17:50,660 --> 00:17:48,960

care too about what the impact of this

513

00:17:51,770 --> 00:17:50,670

gas is on the spectrum of the planet and

514

00:17:55,760 --> 00:17:51,780

whether or not we would have to take

515

00:17:56,410 --> 00:17:55,770

ability to see it so we talked about

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00:17:58,310 --> 00:17:56,420

oxygen

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00:18:01,580 --> 00:17:58,320

photosynthesis that is sort of the

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00:18:03,320 --> 00:18:01,590

classic metabolism that is considered to

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00:18:06,290 --> 00:18:03,330

have biosensors that we can look for

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00:18:07,520 --> 00:18:06,300

things like oxygen and ozone but a vpl

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00:18:09,200 --> 00:18:07,530

we are also concerned about other

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00:18:11,390 --> 00:18:09,210

potential biosignatures things like

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00:18:13,400 --> 00:18:11,400

methane things like methyl chloride

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00:18:15,620 --> 00:18:13,410

nitrous oxide which we can get from

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00:18:17,750 --> 00:18:15,630

various sources even ammonia and certain

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00:18:19,610 --> 00:18:17,760

instances can be a Meyer signature we

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00:18:22,520 --> 00:18:19,620

care about other methylated compounds

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00:18:24,350 --> 00:18:22,530

and ultimately again here's where we

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00:18:25,700 --> 00:18:24,360

turn to you and say hey please advise us

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00:18:29,270 --> 00:18:25,710

if you have you know an interesting

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00:18:31,760 --> 00:18:29,280

metabolism that you think might alter

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00:18:33,230 --> 00:18:31,770

the atmosphere in particular that's

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00:18:35,890 --> 00:18:33,240

that's something we would really like to

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00:18:38,330 --> 00:18:35,900

know about from our fellow team members

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00:18:39,680 --> 00:18:38,340

so that was a destroyed by stinkers the

536

00:18:41,270 --> 00:18:39,690

other biosignatures we can think over

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00:18:42,500 --> 00:18:41,280

the surface biosignatures the most

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00:18:44,810 --> 00:18:42,510

characteristic one is something called

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00:18:47,090 --> 00:18:44,820

red edge and this is a rise in

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00:18:49,700 --> 00:18:47,100

reflectivity longwood of about 0.7

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00:18:51,320 --> 00:18:49,710

microns in vegetation which is due to a

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00:18:52,760 --> 00:18:51,330

combination of chlorophyll absorption

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00:18:55,490 --> 00:18:52,770

and a change in the scattering

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00:18:57,770 --> 00:18:55,500

properties of the leaf structure and

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00:19:00,440 --> 00:18:57,780

that is what Landsat uses for example

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00:19:02,150 --> 00:19:00,450

from from orbit to determine that the

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00:19:04,280 --> 00:19:02,160

Brazilian rainforest is disappearing it

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00:19:05,810 --> 00:19:04,290

uses a ratio between that rise and the

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00:19:08,300 --> 00:19:05,820

chlorophyll absorption to tell where

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00:19:10,520 --> 00:19:08,310

vegetation is underneath it turns out we

551
00:19:13,640 --> 00:19:10,530
could potentially use that on an

552
00:19:15,710 --> 00:19:13,650
extrasolar planet to look for vegetation

553
00:19:17,210 --> 00:19:15,720
signatures the only problem with looking

554
00:19:19,430 --> 00:19:17,220
for a vegetation signature in the disk

555
00:19:20,930 --> 00:19:19,440
average of a planet is that the

556
00:19:22,430 --> 00:19:20,940
vegetation itself may take up a very

557
00:19:24,200 --> 00:19:22,440
small fraction of the surface of the

558
00:19:26,720 --> 00:19:24,210
planet and so that signature may be

559
00:19:28,460 --> 00:19:26,730
swamped by other characteristics of the

560
00:19:30,980 --> 00:19:28,470
planet including clouds in particular

561
00:19:33,050 --> 00:19:30,990
which both reflect a lot of visible

562
00:19:34,610 --> 00:19:33,060
radiation providing making it much more

563
00:19:35,870 --> 00:19:34,620

difficult to see the vegetation and of

564

00:19:38,270 --> 00:19:35,880

course also physically cover the

565

00:19:40,130 --> 00:19:38,280

vegetation up so what we have here is a

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00:19:42,200 --> 00:19:40,140

simulation from the VPL that we've done

567

00:19:43,640 --> 00:19:42,210

in the past just looking at the disk

568

00:19:45,470 --> 00:19:43,650

average spectrum of the earth when you

569

00:19:46,900 --> 00:19:45,480

see different views on the earth and I'm

570

00:19:51,110 --> 00:19:46,910

going to attempt to use the cursor here

571

00:19:54,530 --> 00:19:51,120

but oops blush okay I'm trying to center

572

00:19:56,030 --> 00:19:54,540

over the Pacific here close enough so

573

00:19:56,340 --> 00:19:56,040

what we're looking at here is if you

574

00:19:58,080 --> 00:19:56,350

look at

575

00:20:00,120 --> 00:19:58,090

spectrum on this plot this is actually a

576

00:20:02,190 --> 00:20:00,130

spectrum of the disc averaged Pacific

577

00:20:05,100 --> 00:20:02,200

earth and you can see that there's very

578

00:20:08,640 --> 00:20:05,110

little rise in radiation between that

579

00:20:11,039 --> 00:20:08,650

blue area and the pink area whereas if

580

00:20:13,680 --> 00:20:11,049

you look at the Green Line for example

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00:20:15,930 --> 00:20:13,690

which is showing you the area of the

582

00:20:18,659 --> 00:20:15,940

Americas and over Brazil you can see a

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00:20:24,000 --> 00:20:18,669

very sharp rise a very sharp difference

584

00:20:27,120 --> 00:20:24,010

between the radiations seen here for the

585

00:20:29,220 --> 00:20:27,130

for the for the Pacific and here when we

586

00:20:30,210 --> 00:20:29,230

go over Brazil now we were cheating here

587

00:20:32,310 --> 00:20:30,220

this is one of our three-dimensional

588

00:20:35,010 --> 00:20:32,320

models we took all the clouds away so we

589

00:20:37,110 --> 00:20:35,020

showed you the maximum effect of the red

590

00:20:38,940 --> 00:20:37,120

edge even in the disk average if we add

591

00:20:41,430 --> 00:20:38,950

the clouds back in that effect drops to

592

00:20:43,590 --> 00:20:41,440

about a 1 or 2% effect making it quite

593

00:20:44,399 --> 00:20:43,600

difficult to observe not impossible but

594

00:20:46,789 --> 00:20:44,409

certainly one of the more challenging

595

00:20:48,960 --> 00:20:46,799

bio signatures for an extrasolar planet

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00:20:50,840 --> 00:20:48,970

the other type of biosignature we're

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00:20:54,000 --> 00:20:50,850

concerned with is temporal variability

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00:20:55,440 --> 00:20:54,010

so how things change on a planet as a

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00:20:57,390 --> 00:20:55,450

function of seasons and whether or not

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00:20:59,460 --> 00:20:57,400

that is indicative of life processes and

601
00:21:01,320 --> 00:20:59,470
here is an example we actually showed

602
00:21:04,440 --> 00:21:01,330
the annual variation in carbon dioxide

603
00:21:07,230 --> 00:21:04,450
and the ominous staccato rise in carbon

604
00:21:08,520 --> 00:21:07,240
dioxide over time so these these bumps

605
00:21:11,190 --> 00:21:08,530
and Wiggles you're seeing are in fact

606
00:21:12,630 --> 00:21:11,200
the changes in co2 now co2 can be

607
00:21:14,070 --> 00:21:12,640
produced by volcanoes which is an

608
00:21:17,310 --> 00:21:14,080
abiotic process but you don't normally

609
00:21:19,560 --> 00:21:17,320
expect volcanoes to be seasonal so we

610
00:21:21,330 --> 00:21:19,570
could monitor a planet over time to try

611
00:21:22,380 --> 00:21:21,340
and see if any of these particular gases

612
00:21:26,580 --> 00:21:22,390
that are potentially produced by

613
00:21:27,659 --> 00:21:26,590

metabolism modified with seasons so I'm

614

00:21:30,390 --> 00:21:27,669

now going to start talking about what

615

00:21:32,970 --> 00:21:30,400

the VPO does that was an overview of

616

00:21:35,090 --> 00:21:32,980

biosignatures but essentially at the

617

00:21:37,590 --> 00:21:35,100

heart of what we do is we take models

618

00:21:39,480 --> 00:21:37,600

that can be used to describe planetary

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00:21:41,190 --> 00:21:39,490

environments and also we use models that

620

00:21:42,720 --> 00:21:41,200

are used for planet formation or to

621

00:21:44,399 --> 00:21:42,730

describe the evolution of chemistry in a

622

00:21:47,340 --> 00:21:44,409

protoplanetary disk so we go back that

623

00:21:50,669 --> 00:21:47,350

far but but principally what we use our

624

00:21:52,710 --> 00:21:50,679

models of extrasolar planet environments

625

00:21:55,980 --> 00:21:52,720

that take into account photo chemistry

626
00:21:57,539 --> 00:21:55,990
and climate on that particular planet so

627
00:21:59,669 --> 00:21:57,549
climate tells us about the temperature

628
00:22:01,620 --> 00:21:59,679
and pressure distribution within the

629
00:22:02,880 --> 00:22:01,630
atmosphere and the photochemical models

630
00:22:05,490 --> 00:22:02,890
tell us about the vertical distribution

631
00:22:07,169 --> 00:22:05,500
of gases in the atmosphere and we can

632
00:22:09,060 --> 00:22:07,179
couple these two models together so they

633
00:22:10,050 --> 00:22:09,070
can talk to each other and come to a

634
00:22:11,760 --> 00:22:10,060
self-consistent

635
00:22:13,110 --> 00:22:11,770
Librium so that the gases in the

636
00:22:15,600 --> 00:22:13,120
atmosphere and the temperature and

637
00:22:17,370 --> 00:22:15,610
pressure are all consistent with each

638
00:22:19,500 --> 00:22:17,380

other and we're not creating you know

639

00:22:21,150 --> 00:22:19,510

what I call Frankenstein planets where

640

00:22:22,230 --> 00:22:21,160

you just pop things together and hope

641

00:22:24,480 --> 00:22:22,240

that all the bits and pieces will

642

00:22:26,310 --> 00:22:24,490

actually stick and hold in this case we

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00:22:27,900 --> 00:22:26,320

really do allow these things to interact

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00:22:29,310 --> 00:22:27,910

with each other come to equilibrium and

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00:22:31,230 --> 00:22:29,320

give us something where for example

646

00:22:33,270 --> 00:22:31,240

warming in the stratosphere is governed

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00:22:35,520 --> 00:22:33,280

by how much ozone is actually there for

648

00:22:37,470 --> 00:22:35,530

example so we used a couple climate

649

00:22:40,260 --> 00:22:37,480

chemical models and then once we have

650

00:22:42,720 --> 00:22:40,270

our our atmosphere and by the way we can

651
00:22:45,510 --> 00:22:42,730
also lose gases out of the top and we

652
00:22:47,310 --> 00:22:45,520
can feed fluxes of gases into the bottom

653
00:22:49,080 --> 00:22:47,320
of the atmosphere via the surface from

654
00:22:51,750 --> 00:22:49,090
either volcanic or biological processes

655
00:22:53,670 --> 00:22:51,760
once we have these models are in

656
00:22:55,170 --> 00:22:53,680
equilibrium and we have or close as

657
00:22:57,240 --> 00:22:55,180
close to equilibriums one can get in

658
00:22:59,940 --> 00:22:57,250
this kind of situation we can then

659
00:23:02,340 --> 00:22:59,950
produce spectra of them and have a look

660
00:23:04,860 --> 00:23:02,350
at what they look like also around stars

661
00:23:07,050 --> 00:23:04,870
of different spectral type so we can

662
00:23:09,720 --> 00:23:07,060
take our our planet in this case we

663
00:23:11,910 --> 00:23:09,730

often take the earth we take out our G

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00:23:14,070 --> 00:23:11,920

star throw that away replace it with an

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00:23:16,380 --> 00:23:14,080

F star hütter star than the earth or an

666

00:23:18,180 --> 00:23:16,390

M star much cooler star and look at how

667

00:23:19,740 --> 00:23:18,190

the radiation coming from the star

668

00:23:22,050 --> 00:23:19,750

interacts with the photochemistry and

669

00:23:24,660 --> 00:23:22,060

the climate of that planet to tell us

670

00:23:26,910 --> 00:23:24,670

what kind of an end result of atmosphere

671

00:23:28,650 --> 00:23:26,920

we would have and ultimately how does

672

00:23:29,760 --> 00:23:28,660

that change the detectability of certain

673

00:23:33,150 --> 00:23:29,770

things we would normally take for

674

00:23:34,590 --> 00:23:33,160

granted like ozone for example and I

675

00:23:36,570 --> 00:23:34,600

guess what we're showing down in this

676

00:23:39,450 --> 00:23:36,580

plot here if I can move my cursor

677

00:23:41,970 --> 00:23:39,460

without the whiplash we go down in this

678

00:23:43,770 --> 00:23:41,980

plot here the spectra this was one case

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00:23:45,690 --> 00:23:43,780

where we actually took an earth-like

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00:23:47,580 --> 00:23:45,700

planet put it around an F star and

681

00:23:49,170 --> 00:23:47,590

discovered that in fact ozone was less

682

00:23:50,880 --> 00:23:49,180

detectable even though we had produced

683

00:23:52,020 --> 00:23:50,890

more of it and that was due to an

684

00:23:53,640 --> 00:23:52,030

interaction between the actual

685

00:23:55,380 --> 00:23:53,650

temperature structure in the atmosphere

686

00:23:57,450 --> 00:23:55,390

and the amount of ozone available and

687

00:23:58,890 --> 00:23:57,460

that was not an intuitive results but

688

00:24:00,630 --> 00:23:58,900

only through the modeling we discovered

689

00:24:04,130 --> 00:24:00,640

that oh yes with more ozone it's

690

00:24:10,740 --> 00:24:07,740

so the VPL for D which is our second

691

00:24:12,480 --> 00:24:10,750

incarnation really is built around a

692

00:24:14,850 --> 00:24:12,490

series of nested models these couple of

693

00:24:16,860 --> 00:24:14,860

climate chemical models the fluxes that

694

00:24:19,080 --> 00:24:16,870

feed into them from the bottom of the

695

00:24:21,000 --> 00:24:19,090

atmosphere and the loss from the top of

696

00:24:22,830 --> 00:24:21,010

the atmosphere we have what we call an

697

00:24:23,280 --> 00:24:22,840

abiotic planet model which doesn't have

698

00:24:24,390 --> 00:24:23,290

a bias

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00:24:25,800 --> 00:24:24,400

very net where we really concern

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00:24:28,440 --> 00:24:25,810

ourselves more with the habitability of

701

00:24:30,480 --> 00:24:28,450

the planet without life on it and then

702

00:24:32,430 --> 00:24:30,490

we have a suite of models which fall

703

00:24:34,170 --> 00:24:32,440

under the living planet model where we

704

00:24:37,080 --> 00:24:34,180

actually have a biosphere interacting

705

00:24:39,090 --> 00:24:37,090

with the environment and in all of these

706

00:24:42,440 --> 00:24:39,100

we also need stellar spectra as input

707

00:24:45,270 --> 00:24:42,450

and also information on molecular

708

00:24:47,310 --> 00:24:45,280

characteristics so absorption

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00:24:49,080 --> 00:24:47,320

coefficients where something absorbs how

710

00:24:51,990 --> 00:24:49,090

strongly it absorbs in the atmosphere

711

00:24:53,970 --> 00:24:52,000

and just in the lab so our research

712

00:24:55,380 --> 00:24:53,980

objectives are to characterize

713

00:24:57,180 --> 00:24:55,390

habitability and biosignatures for an

714

00:24:58,590 --> 00:24:57,190

earth-like planet to understand the

715

00:24:59,880 --> 00:24:58,600

climate and biosignatures of the earth

716

00:25:01,620 --> 00:24:59,890

through time because again that's an

717

00:25:04,350 --> 00:25:01,630

example of a habitable planet that's

718

00:25:06,270 --> 00:25:04,360

actually inhabited to look at extrasolar

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00:25:08,160 --> 00:25:06,280

terrestrial planet environments with the

720

00:25:09,870 --> 00:25:08,170

the key to looking at the limits of

721

00:25:11,550 --> 00:25:09,880

habitability and also to concern

722

00:25:13,590 --> 00:25:11,560

ourselves with the generation of false

723

00:25:15,660 --> 00:25:13,600

positives signatures that come from an

724

00:25:16,800 --> 00:25:15,670

abiotic planet that might mimic the

725

00:25:19,020 --> 00:25:16,810

signs of life that we think we

726

00:25:20,730 --> 00:25:19,030

understand we look at the impact of life

727

00:25:22,410 --> 00:25:20,740

on terrestrial planet environments and

728

00:25:24,570 --> 00:25:22,420

the detectability of bio signatures and

729

00:25:26,460 --> 00:25:24,580

ultimately at the end of it because we

730

00:25:27,780 --> 00:25:26,470

want this work to be relevant to TPF and

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00:25:29,970 --> 00:25:27,790

other planet detection and

732

00:25:31,290 --> 00:25:29,980

characterization missions we look at

733

00:25:33,330 --> 00:25:31,300

what we need to actually characterize

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00:25:34,710 --> 00:25:33,340

extrasolar terrestrial planets the

735

00:25:36,420 --> 00:25:34,720

required measurements we might have to

736

00:25:39,960 --> 00:25:36,430

make and the data analysis that we would

737

00:25:42,600 --> 00:25:39,970

have to do so those objectives map on to

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00:25:44,250 --> 00:25:42,610

five basic tasks the earth through a

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00:25:47,460 --> 00:25:44,260

year the earth through time the abiotic

740

00:25:48,780 --> 00:25:47,470

planet and the living planet and they

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00:25:51,030 --> 00:25:48,790

all feed through this thing called the

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00:25:53,130 --> 00:25:51,040

observer which is our modeling system

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00:25:54,780 --> 00:25:53,140

that allows us to transform our

744

00:25:58,260 --> 00:25:54,790

scientific results into something that

745

00:25:59,640 --> 00:25:58,270

might be useful to telescope planners so

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00:26:02,280 --> 00:25:59,650

I'm going to go through the tasks now in

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00:26:04,800 --> 00:26:02,290

the second half of this talk our first

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00:26:06,420 --> 00:26:04,810

task is the earth through a year so

749

00:26:08,130 --> 00:26:06,430

again we want to understand bias

750

00:26:10,560 --> 00:26:08,140

nature's best place to go really is the

751
00:26:12,270 --> 00:26:10,570
planet that has them and so when we

752
00:26:14,940 --> 00:26:12,280
initially envisage this task it was just

753
00:26:17,490 --> 00:26:14,950
vpl alone but since we've been funded

754
00:26:19,980 --> 00:26:17,500
another mission was under the matter's

755
00:26:21,660 --> 00:26:19,990
epic reuse of the Deep Impact spacecraft

756
00:26:23,610 --> 00:26:21,670
which is actually observing the Earth

757
00:26:25,830 --> 00:26:23,620
from space so we now have a very strong

758
00:26:29,460 --> 00:26:25,840
collaboration between VPL and the air

759
00:26:31,830 --> 00:26:29,470
park which is now epoxy science team to

760
00:26:33,750 --> 00:26:31,840
use the VPL models to analyze the data

761
00:26:37,180 --> 00:26:33,760
that's coming from this spacecraft

762
00:26:38,770 --> 00:26:37,190
observing the earth so in this task

763
00:26:40,270 --> 00:26:38,780

we use 3-dimensional especially

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00:26:42,610 --> 00:26:40,280

especially resolved models of the earth

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00:26:43,690 --> 00:26:42,620

so we can take the earth and in fact

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00:26:46,720 --> 00:26:43,700

simulate what it would look like

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00:26:49,390 --> 00:26:46,730

spectroscopically by feeding in actual

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00:26:51,010 --> 00:26:49,400

earth observations on a given day and

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00:26:53,190 --> 00:26:51,020

using a radiative transfer model to

770

00:26:55,780 --> 00:26:53,200

generate spectra of the of the planet

771

00:26:57,700 --> 00:26:55,790

we've been doing upgrades on that

772

00:27:01,300 --> 00:26:57,710

particular model which we brought over

773

00:27:04,600 --> 00:27:01,310

from our first round is the VP L so we

774

00:27:06,670 --> 00:27:04,610

are I've upgraded it to use an ocean

775

00:27:08,890 --> 00:27:06,680

reflectance model cuts month model to

776
00:27:11,440 --> 00:27:08,900
simulate Sun glint on the on the earth

777
00:27:13,360 --> 00:27:11,450
we're in the process of putting in

778
00:27:14,200 --> 00:27:13,370
polarization capability as well those

779
00:27:17,200 --> 00:27:14,210
people are now thinking about

780
00:27:20,350 --> 00:27:17,210
polarization biosignatures for

781
00:27:22,120 --> 00:27:20,360
extrasolar planets our grad student here

782
00:27:23,560 --> 00:27:22,130
ty robinson has expanded the surface

783
00:27:25,090 --> 00:27:23,570
spatial resolution providing us with

784
00:27:26,890 --> 00:27:25,100
more land surfaces so this is a better

785
00:27:29,230 --> 00:27:26,900
model and all of this really is driven

786
00:27:31,540 --> 00:27:29,240
by trying to validate the model against

787
00:27:33,190 --> 00:27:31,550
the EPOXI data we've been improving

788
00:27:36,100 --> 00:27:33,200

optical properties for carbon dioxide

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00:27:37,930 --> 00:27:36,110

methane and oxygen because we need those

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00:27:39,130 --> 00:27:37,940

to simulate what we see from the earth

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00:27:40,870 --> 00:27:39,140

but they're also important for our

792

00:27:44,230 --> 00:27:40,880

modeling overall for terrestrial planets

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00:27:46,330 --> 00:27:44,240

and Javier at JPL has been working on

794

00:27:48,070 --> 00:27:46,340

adding non LTE to already a to transform

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00:27:50,680 --> 00:27:48,080

a model as well so we can actually do a

796

00:27:52,120 --> 00:27:50,690

raw ray and other processes and better

797

00:27:54,190 --> 00:27:52,130

understand some of the things that drive

798

00:27:56,410 --> 00:27:54,200

atmospheric escape so all of these

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00:27:57,850 --> 00:27:56,420

additions to the model on effect impact

800

00:28:00,610 --> 00:27:57,860

other tasks that we're working on as

801
00:28:02,440 --> 00:28:00,620
well so in the earth through a year the

802
00:28:05,080 --> 00:28:02,450
current components are involved this

803
00:28:07,420 --> 00:28:05,090
model validation of the EPOXI data I

804
00:28:08,950 --> 00:28:07,430
want to say that the EPOXI data set is

805
00:28:10,780 --> 00:28:08,960
very nice we've used the EPOXI

806
00:28:13,660 --> 00:28:10,790
spacecraft from a distance of about 0.3

807
00:28:15,400 --> 00:28:13,670
au and closer to look at the earth and

808
00:28:18,670 --> 00:28:15,410
get time-resolved multiwave and

809
00:28:20,290 --> 00:28:18,680
photometry to get this hemispherical e

810
00:28:22,620 --> 00:28:20,300
average near infrared spectroscopy so I

811
00:28:25,300 --> 00:28:22,630
can search for those time-dependent

812
00:28:27,760 --> 00:28:25,310
signatures of variability and methane

813
00:28:29,230 --> 00:28:27,770

and n co2 over seasons we have seasonal

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00:28:31,000 --> 00:28:29,240

observations we have the earth observed

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00:28:33,100 --> 00:28:31,010

in several seasons we have both

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00:28:35,170 --> 00:28:33,110

equatorial and polar views now of the

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00:28:36,810 --> 00:28:35,180

planet and we were able to as you can

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00:28:38,650 --> 00:28:36,820

see in this graphic luckily

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00:28:41,170 --> 00:28:38,660

serendipitously picked up a lunar

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00:28:43,000 --> 00:28:41,180

transit of the moon across the earth so

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00:28:46,510 --> 00:28:43,010

we can also study a terrestrial planet

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00:28:48,310 --> 00:28:46,520

undergoing its own transit so at the

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00:28:49,470 --> 00:28:48,320

moment we are using these datasets to

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00:28:51,539 --> 00:28:49,480

model and understand

825

00:28:52,859 --> 00:28:51,549

the detectability of things like ocean

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00:28:54,330 --> 00:28:52,869

glints that would be a direct way of

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00:28:56,220 --> 00:28:54,340

detecting whether or not a planet has

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00:28:58,590 --> 00:28:56,230

liquid water on its surface to look at

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00:29:00,570 --> 00:28:58,600

surface types and just look at the

830

00:29:02,129 --> 00:29:00,580

seasonal gas variations how well we can

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00:29:04,649 --> 00:29:02,139

pick these different characteristics out

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00:29:06,810 --> 00:29:04,659

of the planet so here's just to give you

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00:29:08,519 --> 00:29:06,820

an example of some of the datasets we

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00:29:11,009 --> 00:29:08,529

have so these are observations taken by

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00:29:15,629 --> 00:29:11,019

epoxy and this mission by the way is PID

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00:29:17,909 --> 00:29:15,639

by Drake Demi out of Goddard and so what

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00:29:19,409 --> 00:29:17,919

we have here are light curves actually

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00:29:21,090 --> 00:29:19,419

so this is the brightness of the planet

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00:29:25,220 --> 00:29:21,100

over time and a bunch of different

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00:29:27,840 --> 00:29:25,230

wavelengths team members working here at

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00:29:29,879 --> 00:29:27,850

the U dub of actually taken those light

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00:29:31,799 --> 00:29:29,889

curves and used a principle component

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00:29:34,680 --> 00:29:31,809

analysis to pull out to what we call

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00:29:36,869 --> 00:29:34,690

eigenvectors to characteristic spectra

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00:29:38,399 --> 00:29:36,879

that if we take these two spectra and

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00:29:41,070 --> 00:29:38,409

just add them together in components

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00:29:42,330 --> 00:29:41,080

seem to explain a lot of the behavior we

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00:29:44,759 --> 00:29:42,340

see in the light curves at different

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00:29:46,320 --> 00:29:44,769

wavelengths and the two eigen spectra

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00:29:49,529 --> 00:29:46,330

that we pulled out with no a priori

851
00:29:50,580 --> 00:29:49,539
knowledge of what we were looking at we

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00:29:53,279 --> 00:29:50,590
have to keep forgetting we're looking at

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00:29:55,109 --> 00:29:53,289
the earth actually produced spectra that

854
00:29:57,239 --> 00:29:55,119
look very characteristic of an ocean and

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00:29:59,129 --> 00:29:57,249
of land surfaces so you can see in the

856
00:30:01,289 --> 00:29:59,139
top plot there the blue curve is an

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00:30:03,960 --> 00:30:01,299
ocean curve the red one as land surfaces

858
00:30:05,849 --> 00:30:03,970
and below it our actual spectra of

859
00:30:07,499 --> 00:30:05,859
oceans and land surfaces in red and blue

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00:30:09,239 --> 00:30:07,509
so you can see that the eigen spectra we

861
00:30:11,639 --> 00:30:09,249
picked out were pretty characteristic

862
00:30:13,470 --> 00:30:11,649
and so what we're able to do is having

863
00:30:15,749 --> 00:30:13,480

picked those out we can then do this map

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00:30:19,080 --> 00:30:15,759

that you see down below the actual earth

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00:30:21,749 --> 00:30:19,090

projection here this map which actually

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00:30:24,840 --> 00:30:21,759

tells us when we see more ocean and more

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00:30:26,549 --> 00:30:24,850

land on this planet and what we can

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00:30:29,609 --> 00:30:26,559

point out here which I think was very

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00:30:31,499 --> 00:30:29,619

exciting is that we actually do we are

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00:30:33,720 --> 00:30:31,509

able to map the position of the Atlantic

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00:30:35,879 --> 00:30:33,730

and the Pacific just using time-resolved

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00:30:37,680 --> 00:30:35,889

photometry so this is an example of the

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00:30:39,509 --> 00:30:37,690

sort of capability when we have either

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00:30:41,190 --> 00:30:39,519

data or models looking at the

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00:30:43,019 --> 00:30:41,200

detectability of these things even if

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00:30:44,669 --> 00:30:43,029

they all we have is this disc average

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00:30:49,499 --> 00:30:44,679

light curve of the planet the disc

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00:30:51,779 --> 00:30:49,509

average photometry okay so our future

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00:30:54,720 --> 00:30:51,789

work is looking at the earth through a

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00:30:56,909 --> 00:30:54,730

year this graphic down here just shows

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00:30:59,369 --> 00:30:56,919

an example of the the actual vpl earth

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00:31:01,080 --> 00:30:59,379

model output for 450 nanometers so we

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00:31:01,570 --> 00:31:01,090

can create artificial views of the earth

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00:31:03,940 --> 00:31:01,580

on

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00:31:07,330 --> 00:31:03,950

and day we actually fed into this earth

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00:31:10,090 --> 00:31:07,340

model data equals modus and airs cloud

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00:31:11,950 --> 00:31:10,100

information and for comparison you can

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00:31:13,990 --> 00:31:11,960

see the EPOXI observation taken on the

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00:31:15,490 --> 00:31:14,000

same day at the same wavelength we're

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00:31:17,350 --> 00:31:15,500

not quite getting the clouds right at

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00:31:18,970 --> 00:31:17,360

the moment and we're working on better

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00:31:22,360 --> 00:31:18,980

understanding how we're using our input

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00:31:24,490 --> 00:31:22,370

data and just improving our model

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00:31:25,840 --> 00:31:24,500

overall with its sensitivity so this is

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00:31:27,910 --> 00:31:25,850

what we're planning to do in the future

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00:31:29,710 --> 00:31:27,920

with this we would like to actually

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00:31:31,450 --> 00:31:29,720

model the earth through an entire years

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00:31:34,270 --> 00:31:31,460

orbit and use that essentially as a

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00:31:36,100 --> 00:31:34,280

laboratory a set of data sets to help

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00:31:37,690 --> 00:31:36,110

understand how detectable some of these

901
00:31:39,760 --> 00:31:37,700
characteristics are in the presence of

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00:31:41,740 --> 00:31:39,770
realistic clouds so looking at

903
00:31:43,270 --> 00:31:41,750
atmospheric virus signatures or red edge

904
00:31:45,580 --> 00:31:43,280
biosignatures are in that particular

905
00:31:47,170 --> 00:31:45,590
case and also looking at how effective

906
00:31:49,570 --> 00:31:47,180
we are with different types of temporal

907
00:31:51,250 --> 00:31:49,580
sampling from the telescope at being

908
00:31:53,470 --> 00:31:51,260
able to pull out some of these fire

909
00:31:54,640 --> 00:31:53,480
signatures on the earth and we've also

910
00:31:56,440 --> 00:31:54,650
been talking with the Venus Express

911
00:31:57,940 --> 00:31:56,450
folks who also have observations of the

912
00:32:00,160 --> 00:31:57,950
earth taken from a very great distance

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00:32:04,330 --> 00:32:00,170

to help them out with their analysis as

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00:32:06,130 --> 00:32:04,340

well using the VPL earth model so that's

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00:32:07,570 --> 00:32:06,140

the earth so if we move on to task de

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00:32:09,370 --> 00:32:07,580

the earth through time

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00:32:12,340 --> 00:32:09,380

so here again we care about the earth

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00:32:13,870 --> 00:32:12,350

through time because for 50 percent of

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00:32:17,230 --> 00:32:13,880

the Earth's history we didn't have

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00:32:19,330 --> 00:32:17,240

oxygen 'ok photosynthesis dominating the

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00:32:22,300 --> 00:32:19,340

the atmospheric composition of this

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00:32:24,460 --> 00:32:22,310

planet we had other biospheres and other

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00:32:25,990 --> 00:32:24,470

potential bio signatures and in trying

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00:32:28,030 --> 00:32:26,000

to understand those with the existing

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00:32:29,620 --> 00:32:28,040

geological and biological records we can

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00:32:31,660 --> 00:32:29,630

potentially get a handle on what we

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00:32:35,560 --> 00:32:31,670

might see on planets that have not yet

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00:32:39,070 --> 00:32:35,570

evolved and gone through an oxygen rise

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00:32:41,200 --> 00:32:39,080

event as the earth did so the earth

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00:32:42,790 --> 00:32:41,210

through time again combining couple

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00:32:44,290 --> 00:32:42,800

climate and atmospheric chemistry models

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00:32:46,150 --> 00:32:44,300

were also actually adding ocean models

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00:32:47,800 --> 00:32:46,160

as well in this round and we hope to get

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00:32:49,540 --> 00:32:47,810

out the climate and disk average spectra

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00:32:53,920 --> 00:32:49,550

of terrestrial planets at several stages

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00:32:55,330 --> 00:32:53,930

of evolution so what we do here we

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00:32:57,130 --> 00:32:55,340

couple the climate chemistry ocean the

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00:32:58,540 --> 00:32:57,140

ecosystem models we get our constraints

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00:33:00,730 --> 00:32:58,550

from geological and biological records

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00:33:01,570 --> 00:33:00,740

we are interested overall even though we

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00:33:03,490 --> 00:33:01,580

haven't modeled all of these

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00:33:05,140 --> 00:33:03,500

environments yet but we hope to we're

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00:33:06,580 --> 00:33:05,150

interested in the D and the archean and

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00:33:09,310 --> 00:33:06,590

proterozoic the Carboniferous and

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00:33:10,750 --> 00:33:09,320

snowball events and also looking at the

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00:33:13,360 --> 00:33:10,760

future earth what that would look like

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00:33:14,950 --> 00:33:13,370

as well and from that we hope to get

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00:33:17,560 --> 00:33:14,960

spectra restful planets a different

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00:33:19,330 --> 00:33:17,570

stages of development so our current

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00:33:21,070 --> 00:33:19,340

projects are looking at the effects of

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00:33:22,990 --> 00:33:21,080
enhanced volcanic sulfur gases we can

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00:33:25,630 --> 00:33:23,000
have a software focus at the moment on

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00:33:27,279 --> 00:33:25,640
both early Mars and early Earth we're

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00:33:29,019 --> 00:33:27,289
looking at methane greenhouses in the

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00:33:30,549 --> 00:33:29,029
Archaean trying to warm the early Earth

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00:33:34,060 --> 00:33:30,559
and trying to understand what kept this

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00:33:36,190 --> 00:33:34,070
planet habitable I'm over that time we

958
00:33:38,590 --> 00:33:36,200
also look at the haze implications for a

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00:33:40,510 --> 00:33:38,600
software myth in the Archaean to look at

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00:33:42,940 --> 00:33:40,520
the behavior of sulfur myth with haze in

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00:33:45,279 --> 00:33:42,950
place some of our colleagues here at the

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00:33:46,930 --> 00:33:45,289
Udo we're working on on actual using

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00:33:48,730 --> 00:33:46,940

geological constraints to get our key

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00:33:50,620 --> 00:33:48,740

and atmospheric pressure to be very

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00:33:52,720 --> 00:33:50,630

exciting if that pans out so we're

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00:33:55,930 --> 00:33:52,730

looking forward to those results we have

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00:33:58,330 --> 00:33:55,940

people modeling microbial mats and also

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00:33:59,919 --> 00:33:58,340

at Cal Tech Yeo Kyung and John Rogan

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00:34:02,200 --> 00:33:59,929

virgin green are working on Earth's

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00:34:04,750 --> 00:34:02,210

ecological sensitivity through the 21st

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00:34:07,539 --> 00:34:04,760

century looking at the rise of carbon

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00:34:09,070 --> 00:34:07,549

dioxide and climate change overall so

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00:34:10,810 --> 00:34:09,080

our future projects include finishing

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00:34:12,669 --> 00:34:10,820

off pretty much all of the above and

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00:34:14,609 --> 00:34:12,679

also looking at the rise of oxygen with

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00:34:16,810 --> 00:34:14,619
time-dependent photochemical models

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00:34:19,030 --> 00:34:16,820
developing a coupled atmosphere ocean

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00:34:20,649 --> 00:34:19,040
model for the Archean which is I think

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00:34:23,290 --> 00:34:20,659
being led at the moment by Sean Sean

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00:34:25,510 --> 00:34:23,300
Goldman with mark Clair and also Watson

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00:34:28,720 --> 00:34:25,520
Greta Craig at Goddard and Kevin's Omni

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00:34:30,310 --> 00:34:28,730
at Ames involved in that too and also

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00:34:32,680 --> 00:34:30,320
team members looking at managing

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00:34:34,720 --> 00:34:32,690
productivity for the Archaean and other

985
00:34:37,389 --> 00:34:34,730
collaboration between Ames u-dub and

986
00:34:38,980 --> 00:34:37,399
Penn State on that one so I'm just going

987
00:34:42,190 --> 00:34:38,990
to go through a specific example here of

988
00:34:43,780 --> 00:34:42,200

what we do for the early Earth so this

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00:34:45,970 --> 00:34:43,790

is this is work that has been done but

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00:34:48,490 --> 00:34:45,980

it demonstrates very nicely how we can

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00:34:50,190 --> 00:34:48,500

use models to help understand the

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00:34:54,520 --> 00:34:50,200

environment indeed

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00:34:56,139 --> 00:34:54,530

excuse me in the context of geological

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00:34:57,880 --> 00:34:56,149

and biological constraints as well so

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00:34:59,290 --> 00:34:57,890

there's interplay between what we can

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00:35:03,430 --> 00:34:59,300

learn from the field and the modeling

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00:35:06,550 --> 00:35:03,440

efforts so this group led by Jacob park

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00:35:09,130 --> 00:35:06,560

misra and also Sean on some aspects of

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00:35:11,070 --> 00:35:09,140

this Rondo mobile Goldman so this is a

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00:35:14,050 --> 00:35:11,080

collaboration between vpl and Penn State

1001
00:35:16,420 --> 00:35:14,060
looking at prior to the rise of oxygen

1002
00:35:18,339 --> 00:35:16,430
we know that the early Earth appears to

1003
00:35:19,870 --> 00:35:18,349
have been ice-free even though the

1004
00:35:21,820 --> 00:35:19,880
astronomers tell us that the Sun was

1005
00:35:23,829 --> 00:35:21,830
much much fainter at that time so people

1006
00:35:26,290 --> 00:35:23,839
been trying to warm the early Earth this

1007
00:35:28,210 --> 00:35:26,300
study looked at novel things to warm the

1008
00:35:30,430 --> 00:35:28,220
early Earth methane

1009
00:35:33,130 --> 00:35:30,440
which may be considered to be maybe not

1010
00:35:35,170 --> 00:35:33,140
so novel but also things like ethane and

1011
00:35:36,550 --> 00:35:35,180
higher hydrocarbons and also looking at

1012
00:35:38,140 --> 00:35:36,560
the effect of adding these sorts of

1013
00:35:39,819 --> 00:35:38,150

hydrocarbons into the atmosphere sure

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00:35:41,890 --> 00:35:39,829

you get greenhouse warming but you may

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00:35:43,780 --> 00:35:41,900

also potentially produce a haze and what

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00:35:44,620 --> 00:35:43,790

happens when you produce haze on this

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00:35:46,720 --> 00:35:44,630

type of planet

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00:35:50,069 --> 00:35:46,730

so haze formation can occur for a

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00:35:52,630 --> 00:35:50,079

methane to co2 ratio of about 1 or less

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00:35:54,520 --> 00:35:52,640

if the haze is thin it provides a very

1021

00:35:56,890 --> 00:35:54,530

nice UV shield and may in fact affect

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00:35:58,900 --> 00:35:56,900

your yourself amid signature but if the

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00:36:01,180 --> 00:35:58,910

haze is very thick it produces an anti

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00:36:03,130 --> 00:36:01,190

greenhouse effect by shielding the

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00:36:05,470 --> 00:36:03,140

surface of the planet from incoming

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00:36:07,030 --> 00:36:05,480
sunlight and so that actually cools your

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00:36:08,500 --> 00:36:07,040
planet rather than warming it so there

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00:36:10,300 --> 00:36:08,510
is this interplay between adding new

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00:36:12,000 --> 00:36:10,310
greenhouse gases and trying to avoid the

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00:36:14,109 --> 00:36:12,010
formation of a thick haze for warming

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00:36:15,819 --> 00:36:14,119
since the haze thickness will actually

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00:36:18,670 --> 00:36:15,829
depend on with antigen activity in the

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00:36:21,250 --> 00:36:18,680
early Earth and co2 levels it's possible

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00:36:22,510 --> 00:36:21,260
the qiyam haze is also mediated by life

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00:36:25,450 --> 00:36:22,520
so that was another focus of this

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00:36:27,280 --> 00:36:25,460
exploration this project uses planet

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00:36:28,809 --> 00:36:27,290
models founded by geological constraints

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00:36:30,790 --> 00:36:28,819

on atmospheric composition so it uses

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00:36:32,770 --> 00:36:30,800

photo chemistry models as well and

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00:36:34,930 --> 00:36:32,780

temperature to better constrain

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00:36:37,329 --> 00:36:34,940

conditions on the early Earth so this is

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00:36:39,760 --> 00:36:37,339

kind of a case example so just to show

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00:36:42,160 --> 00:36:39,770

you some of the results from this these

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00:36:45,400 --> 00:36:42,170

are plots of surface temperature versus

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00:36:47,109 --> 00:36:45,410

co2 pressure what we're trying to do is

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00:36:50,170 --> 00:36:47,119

get above this blue line this blue line

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00:36:52,120 --> 00:36:50,180

is freezing so we would like you know

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00:36:53,920 --> 00:36:52,130

our results to be somewhere above this

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00:36:56,500 --> 00:36:53,930

blue line and we would also like them if

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00:36:58,900 --> 00:36:56,510

possible to be to the left of this

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00:37:02,440 --> 00:36:58,910
parasol data line because this is kind

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00:37:03,940 --> 00:37:02,450
of the the hard limit for the amount of

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00:37:07,770 --> 00:37:03,950
co2 that we think is in the atmosphere

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00:37:10,329 --> 00:37:07,780
based on paleo salt data so if we

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00:37:12,069 --> 00:37:10,339
consider those constraints then the

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00:37:13,480 --> 00:37:12,079
results show that if you add methane

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00:37:16,200 --> 00:37:13,490
into the atmosphere you can really only

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00:37:18,460 --> 00:37:16,210
get above the surface temperature of a

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00:37:20,349 --> 00:37:18,470
freezing surface temperature and be

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00:37:22,030 --> 00:37:20,359
consistent with the Paleo Seoul data for

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00:37:24,910 --> 00:37:22,040
a relatively small part of that phase

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00:37:26,650 --> 00:37:24,920
diagram so methane may not be the best

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00:37:28,960 --> 00:37:26,660

solution on its own to this particular

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00:37:30,579 --> 00:37:28,970

problem so the other thing this team

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00:37:31,930 --> 00:37:30,589

looked at was well ok there are other

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00:37:34,120 --> 00:37:31,940

hydrocarbons in the atmosphere they can

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00:37:36,490 --> 00:37:34,130

also be potentially greenhouse gases in

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00:37:37,150 --> 00:37:36,500

this photochemical model and showing

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00:37:39,220 --> 00:37:37,160

that in fact

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00:37:41,799 --> 00:37:39,230

ethane may be one of the most abundant

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00:37:42,999 --> 00:37:41,809

of these gases so this

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00:37:44,949 --> 00:37:43,009

would be the next one to consider for

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00:37:47,079 --> 00:37:44,959

greenhouse warming so the team ran the

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00:37:49,839 --> 00:37:47,089

models with both methane and ethane in

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00:37:51,609 --> 00:37:49,849

and in fact found that they were able to

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00:37:53,109 --> 00:37:51,619

get solutions over a larger range in the

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00:37:54,999 --> 00:37:53,119

phase space that justified both the

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00:37:56,620 --> 00:37:55,009

geological constraints and it's not

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00:37:59,709 --> 00:37:56,630

freezing on the surface requirement

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00:38:01,329 --> 00:37:59,719

however there's a consequence to adding

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00:38:02,529 --> 00:38:01,339

large amounts of methane and co2 into

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00:38:04,449 --> 00:38:02,539

your atmosphere and that is the

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00:38:07,359 --> 00:38:04,459

formation of haze and so what this

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00:38:09,819 --> 00:38:07,369

diagram shows in the red line is if you

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00:38:12,880 --> 00:38:09,829

just ignore haze production then as you

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00:38:14,469 --> 00:38:12,890

increase the methane to co2 ratio you

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00:38:15,670 --> 00:38:14,479

end up with consistent warming of the

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00:38:17,799 --> 00:38:15,680

surface of the atmosphere that's where

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00:38:19,689 --> 00:38:17,809

that red line continues to go up however

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00:38:21,370 --> 00:38:19,699

in reality reality looks a lot more like

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00:38:24,339 --> 00:38:21,380

the blue line and that is that as you

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00:38:26,559 --> 00:38:24,349

increase the methane to co2 ratio you in

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00:38:30,130 --> 00:38:26,569

fact produce haze fairly rapidly after

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00:38:31,989 --> 00:38:30,140

an array shio of about 0.1 and that haze

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00:38:33,459 --> 00:38:31,999

overall will decrease the surface

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00:38:36,519 --> 00:38:33,469

temperature that's that blue dropping

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00:38:38,529 --> 00:38:36,529

line and increase the extinction of the

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00:38:41,259 --> 00:38:38,539

of the haze and that's like the Green

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00:38:43,209 --> 00:38:41,269

Line increasing so even though you count

1100

00:38:45,099 --> 00:38:43,219

on the the greenhouse warming if you get

1101

00:38:47,319 --> 00:38:45,109

haze reduction you end up with a net

1102

00:38:49,449 --> 00:38:47,329

cooling because of this ANSI greenhouse

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00:38:52,029 --> 00:38:49,459

effect so if we now look at the

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00:38:54,309 --> 00:38:52,039

solutions with methane ethane and the

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00:38:55,989 --> 00:38:54,319

haze in place it turns out that none of

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00:38:57,279 --> 00:38:55,999

our potential solutions those black

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00:39:00,729 --> 00:38:57,289

lines actually fall within that

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00:39:03,969 --> 00:39:00,739

desirable region which means that we

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00:39:06,309 --> 00:39:03,979

really do have to invoke stretching the

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00:39:07,949 --> 00:39:06,319

parasol data given the errors from that

1111

00:39:10,959 --> 00:39:07,959

particular measurement stretching it out

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00:39:12,699 --> 00:39:10,969

to to higher limits and if that were the

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00:39:15,039 --> 00:39:12,709

case then we could end up with in fact a

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00:39:18,609 --> 00:39:15,049

self-consistent our solution with both

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00:39:20,439 --> 00:39:18,619

methane and co2 as greenhouse gases with

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00:39:23,109 --> 00:39:20,449

their attendant haze in place but it

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00:39:24,789 --> 00:39:23,119

does require that we don't take the sort

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00:39:27,339 --> 00:39:24,799

of classic Paleo saw limit but really

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00:39:30,489 --> 00:39:27,349

push it to to the era of the aero limits

1120

00:39:33,429 --> 00:39:30,499

of that particular measurement so in

1121

00:39:35,529 --> 00:39:33,439

summary for that particular effort we

1122

00:39:38,349 --> 00:39:35,539

found that water co2 and methane alone

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00:39:40,179 --> 00:39:38,359

really can't easily warm the earlier kin

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00:39:41,739 --> 00:39:40,189

we've looked at things like adding

1125

00:39:43,809 --> 00:39:41,749

ethane that seems to help but maybe

1126

00:39:45,459 --> 00:39:43,819

doesn't get us all the way but they but

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00:39:47,079 --> 00:39:45,469

the team has also realistically looked

1128

00:39:49,719 --> 00:39:47,089

at the effects of adding co2 and methane

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00:39:52,390 --> 00:39:49,729

and the haze that gets produced and this

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00:39:54,010 --> 00:39:52,400

potential anti greenhouse effect so we

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00:39:56,110 --> 00:39:54,020

do require if this

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00:39:57,730 --> 00:39:56,120

mechanisms going to work actually more

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00:40:01,150 --> 00:39:57,740

than this paleo soul limit a point of

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00:40:03,130 --> 00:40:01,160

three bars of co2 and ultimately also

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00:40:04,330 --> 00:40:03,140

looking at this problem the researchers

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00:40:05,560 --> 00:40:04,340

realized that the climate stability in

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00:40:07,030 --> 00:40:05,570

the archein could have been maintained

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00:40:09,040 --> 00:40:07,040

by the response of management production

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00:40:11,020 --> 00:40:09,050

to surface temperature and so that's

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00:40:13,800 --> 00:40:11,030

going to be the focus of a future effort

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00:40:15,850 --> 00:40:13,810

as well in this area is looking into

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00:40:17,710 --> 00:40:15,860

quantifying with antigen production

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00:40:21,820 --> 00:40:17,720

overall to better understand that

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00:40:23,620 --> 00:40:21,830

potential feedback in the Aegean so that

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00:40:24,730 --> 00:40:23,630

was tasked me with an example again

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00:40:26,260 --> 00:40:24,740

which I mean a lot there I just showed

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00:40:27,730 --> 00:40:26,270

one particular example of things that

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00:40:30,280 --> 00:40:27,740

have been done um

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00:40:32,230 --> 00:40:30,290

so task C as what we call the habitable

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00:40:35,380 --> 00:40:32,240

planet so this is our abiotic planet

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00:40:37,120 --> 00:40:35,390

model it doesn't include an explicit

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00:40:38,920 --> 00:40:37,130

biosphere in it it really is just us

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00:40:40,750 --> 00:40:38,930

trying to understand how habitable

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00:40:43,120 --> 00:40:40,760

planets form how they might maintain

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00:40:45,670 --> 00:40:43,130

habitability and looking at the kind of

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00:40:48,460 --> 00:40:45,680

processes and interactions that occur on

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00:40:50,200 --> 00:40:48,470

these types of planets so ultimately

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00:40:52,060 --> 00:40:50,210

with this model we hope to have a couple

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00:40:54,670 --> 00:40:52,070

climate photochemical model that will

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00:40:57,610 --> 00:40:54,680

allow us to model planets of different

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00:40:59,800 --> 00:40:57,620

type not just earth-like planets to get

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00:41:02,770 --> 00:40:59,810

us disc Everage spectra climate and to

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00:41:05,070 --> 00:41:02,780

also explode the limits of the habitable

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00:41:07,870 --> 00:41:05,080

zone for plausible extrasolar planets

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00:41:09,130 --> 00:41:07,880

the current projects include habitable

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00:41:10,450 --> 00:41:09,140

terrestrial planet formation and

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00:41:12,310 --> 00:41:10,460

Composition which have been worked on by

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00:41:15,190 --> 00:41:12,320

sean raymond monica cress and rory

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00:41:18,520 --> 00:41:15,200

barnes there at Colorado or San Jose

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00:41:19,810 --> 00:41:18,530

State and University of Washington were

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00:41:22,060 --> 00:41:19,820

warming early Mars trying different

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00:41:25,720 --> 00:41:22,070

types of gases to do that to get it

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00:41:27,670 --> 00:41:25,730

habitable looking at so₂ and early Mars

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00:41:30,250 --> 00:41:27,680

so₂ has been postulated as a way to warm

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00:41:31,930 --> 00:41:30,260

early Mars but more work needs to be

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00:41:34,060 --> 00:41:31,940
done on the actual photochemical and

1177
00:41:35,230 --> 00:41:34,070
climate consequences of adding so2 to

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00:41:36,640 --> 00:41:35,240
the atmosphere which haven't been really

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00:41:39,310 --> 00:41:36,650
fully modeled through so we're looking

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00:41:41,860 --> 00:41:39,320
at that that's a DDF project by the way

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00:41:44,410 --> 00:41:41,870
that was funded Thank You Carl a

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00:41:45,790 --> 00:41:44,420
habitable zone limits as well we're

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00:41:48,010 --> 00:41:45,800
attacking that two ways we're using

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00:41:49,870 --> 00:41:48,020
three dimensional models and we're also

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00:41:51,130 --> 00:41:49,880
starting out with one dimensional models

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00:41:53,170 --> 00:41:51,140
and here we're really looking at the

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00:41:56,470 --> 00:41:53,180
realistic effect of clouds and these

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00:41:58,020 --> 00:41:56,480

hazers on the climate bounce of planets

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00:42:00,700 --> 00:41:58,030

near the limits of the habitable zone

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00:42:02,200 --> 00:42:00,710

and in addition to just looking at the

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00:42:04,180 --> 00:42:02,210

radiative effects on the habitable zone

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00:42:06,250 --> 00:42:04,190

it turns out that for planets around M

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00:42:07,840 --> 00:42:06,260

stars the habitable zone the reason

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00:42:09,970 --> 00:42:07,850

where the region where they can

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00:42:11,800 --> 00:42:09,980

the liquid water on the surface is very

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00:42:13,690 --> 00:42:11,810

close to the parent star and that means

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00:42:15,340 --> 00:42:13,700

that the star starts to gravitationally

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00:42:16,930 --> 00:42:15,350

interact with the planet in addition to

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00:42:18,850 --> 00:42:16,940

radiatively interacting with the planet

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00:42:20,350 --> 00:42:18,860

so what that means is the star can

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00:42:22,840 --> 00:42:20,360

actually transfer gravitational energy

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00:42:24,730 --> 00:42:22,850

into tidal heating of the planet the way

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00:42:27,310 --> 00:42:24,740

IO gets heated by Jupiter for example

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00:42:29,230 --> 00:42:27,320

and so you can affect drive geology and

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00:42:30,700 --> 00:42:29,240

geological cycles by a gravitational

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00:42:31,660 --> 00:42:30,710

interaction with the parent star and

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00:42:34,450 --> 00:42:31,670

we're looking at how that affects

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00:42:35,800 --> 00:42:34,460

habitability also we also have these

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00:42:37,120 --> 00:42:35,810

super earth environments that were

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00:42:38,680 --> 00:42:37,130

particularly interested in everybody's

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00:42:40,960 --> 00:42:38,690

interested in super Earths these are the

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00:42:42,400 --> 00:42:40,970

very largest of the earth-like planets

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00:42:45,370 --> 00:42:42,410

that have been found so far so if things

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00:42:46,660 --> 00:42:45,380

at about eight Earth masses these are

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00:42:48,730 --> 00:42:46,670

observational things that are being

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00:42:51,520 --> 00:42:48,740

found now and will be found and explored

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00:42:53,020 --> 00:42:51,530

relatively soon so we also would like to

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00:42:54,400 --> 00:42:53,030

get into modeling super earth

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00:42:56,170 --> 00:42:54,410

environments and trying to understand

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00:42:57,940 --> 00:42:56,180

their composition climate balance and

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00:43:00,940 --> 00:42:57,950

also potentially that the geological

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00:43:02,230 --> 00:43:00,950

activity associated with them so future

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00:43:04,240 --> 00:43:02,240

projects in this area are getting that

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00:43:04,840 --> 00:43:04,250

one D climate chemical model working for

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00:43:07,360 --> 00:43:04,850

super Earths

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00:43:09,580 --> 00:43:07,370

I'm led by ty Robinson and also 3d

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00:43:11,800 --> 00:43:09,590

environmental modeling as well and just

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00:43:17,230 --> 00:43:11,810

in in the general area getting

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00:43:18,760 --> 00:43:17,240

generalized models for these two so I'm

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00:43:19,780 --> 00:43:18,770

not sure I'm going I'm sort of running

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00:43:21,220 --> 00:43:19,790

out of time here is I'm actually going

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00:43:22,630 --> 00:43:21,230

to skip this a little bit this is work

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00:43:24,730 --> 00:43:22,640

done by Monica cress where she's

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00:43:27,040 --> 00:43:24,740

actually working on how to get solid

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00:43:28,990 --> 00:43:27,050

carbon into planets as they form working

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00:43:31,000 --> 00:43:29,000

on this concept of the soot line she

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00:43:32,800 --> 00:43:31,010

thinks PAHs are probably the most likely

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00:43:36,250 --> 00:43:32,810

way that carbon gets incorporated into a

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00:43:37,810 --> 00:43:36,260

forming planet and she is producing disk

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00:43:40,830 --> 00:43:37,820

chemistry models which we show here that

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00:43:43,060 --> 00:43:40,840

actually show the evolution of these

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00:43:44,500 --> 00:43:43,070

constituents with radial distance from

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00:43:46,900 --> 00:43:44,510

the center of the star and a planet

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00:43:49,390 --> 00:43:46,910

forming disk and we are combining these

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00:43:50,950 --> 00:43:49,400

results with showing Ramon's planet

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00:43:54,430 --> 00:43:50,960

formation models to actually get a much

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00:43:56,110 --> 00:43:54,440

better idea of the bulk composition of

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00:43:57,820 --> 00:43:56,120

planets once they form in a particular

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00:44:00,510 --> 00:43:57,830

simulation so the combination of

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00:44:02,260 --> 00:44:00,520

chemistry and planet formation models

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00:44:04,570 --> 00:44:02,270

the other thing we're looking at

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00:44:06,700 --> 00:44:04,580

problems were the inner solar system and

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00:44:08,140 --> 00:44:06,710

accretion a short name is trying to

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00:44:10,540 --> 00:44:08,150

create Mars but he's having trouble

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00:44:12,610 --> 00:44:10,550

whenever he manages to get a Mars that

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00:44:14,110 --> 00:44:12,620

is small enough means he has to put some

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00:44:15,540 --> 00:44:14,120

unrealistic constraints on the outer

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00:44:17,680 --> 00:44:15,550

solar system including

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00:44:19,680 --> 00:44:17,690

Jupiter's and Saturn's with eccentric

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00:44:21,660 --> 00:44:19,690

orbits and

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00:44:22,770 --> 00:44:21,670

non migrating bodies mini Neptune isn't

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00:44:25,140 --> 00:44:22,780

allowed to migrate which we know

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00:44:27,030 --> 00:44:25,150

actually happens but in the process he's

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00:44:29,130 --> 00:44:27,040

severing that if he if he can if he

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00:44:31,500 --> 00:44:29,140

creates and Mars he actually dries out

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00:44:32,670 --> 00:44:31,510

the inner solar system so again we're

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00:44:34,440 --> 00:44:32,680

trying to understand the delivery of

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00:44:36,720 --> 00:44:34,450

volatiles and also just the creation of

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00:44:39,390 --> 00:44:36,730

the own planets in our own planetary

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00:44:41,640 --> 00:44:39,400

system another thing Shawn is working on

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00:44:43,020 --> 00:44:41,650

is models of how you create hot super

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00:44:44,550 --> 00:44:43,030

Earths we've had some super Earths

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00:44:46,230 --> 00:44:44,560

discovered very very close to their

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00:44:47,790 --> 00:44:46,240

parent star he's trying to figure out

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00:44:49,530 --> 00:44:47,800

how they got there whether they migrated

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00:44:52,620 --> 00:44:49,540

there got shepherded in by a giant

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planet formed in situ so his models have

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00:44:55,859 --> 00:44:54,160

been used to then predict what these

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00:44:58,230 --> 00:44:55,869

planets would be like their composition

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00:44:59,730 --> 00:44:58,240

where you might find them what kind of

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00:45:01,859 --> 00:44:59,740

dynamical characteristics they would

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00:45:04,680 --> 00:45:01,869

have in those particular positions and

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00:45:05,910 --> 00:45:04,690

so he's come down with two models that

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00:45:07,790 --> 00:45:05,920

he think are the best ones who are

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00:45:10,079 --> 00:45:07,800

creating hot earths and they have

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observable consequences so we're waiting

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00:45:14,339 --> 00:45:12,640

for Perot and Kepler to maybe look at

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00:45:16,410 --> 00:45:14,349

these systems and tell us whether or not

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00:45:18,599 --> 00:45:16,420

at least one of these models was right

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so again predictions with models and

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this is just a quick diagram showing

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Rory Barnes's work on this tidally

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heated habitable zone the concept that

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00:45:27,599 --> 00:45:26,319

it's not just the radiation hitting the

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00:45:29,849 --> 00:45:27,609

surface of the planet that's important

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00:45:33,540 --> 00:45:29,859

but also the gravitational energy being

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00:45:35,910 --> 00:45:33,550

deposited and so he's looking overall at

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when you can get enough heating from

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00:45:40,170 --> 00:45:38,349

tidal heating to to actually contribute

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to the habitability planet and when you

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00:45:47,640 --> 00:45:43,450
get too much and actually drive the loss

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00:45:50,940 --> 00:45:47,650
of habitat for the planet that task D

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00:45:53,069 --> 00:45:50,950
the living planet in this particular one

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00:45:54,720 --> 00:45:53,079
we actually start using biospheres to

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00:45:57,660 --> 00:45:54,730
understand the interaction between life

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00:45:59,940 --> 00:45:57,670
and the environment current and future

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00:46:01,650 --> 00:45:59,950
projects we're working on these the

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00:46:03,300 --> 00:46:01,660
responsive inhabited planet atmospheres

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00:46:05,849 --> 00:46:03,310
to time-dependent stellar flare activity

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00:46:07,589 --> 00:46:05,859
so not only do we rip our Sun out and

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00:46:09,089 --> 00:46:07,599
replace it with an M star do we replace

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00:46:12,390 --> 00:46:09,099
it with an M star that is flaring

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00:46:14,990 --> 00:46:12,400

massively is undergoing a rapid and

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violent release of ultraviolet radiation

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00:46:20,460 --> 00:46:18,339

looking at how that in fact affects the

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habitability of the surface we've been

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looking at bio signatures from self

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advised finished signal sorry self

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advisory is in the Archaean trying to

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understand different metabolisms and not

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just sticking with our oxygen okoto

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synthesis we've looked at the

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coevolution of photosynthetic

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with the environment and some people may

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remember this this was a press release

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and also a scientific American article

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on understanding the colors of planets

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sorry colors of plants on other planets

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I'll talk a little bit about that in

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more detail and also lab work on the

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00:46:51,690 --> 00:46:49,540

efficiency of photosynthesis and also

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development of land and ocean by stroke

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00:46:54,870 --> 00:46:53,380

models so I'm just going to go over each

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of these with one slide just a little

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bit more detail yes and of course I feel

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modeling components led by pan Conrad

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it's Lombard and Janet Seaford - Quatro

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Cienega s-- and I know that the Quatro

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Cienega study is also in collaboration

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with ASU

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as well so there we look at the limits

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of habitability and also stromatolite

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fresh waters from Adelaide growth in

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potassium deficient environments again

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understanding these primitive life

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wounds to see how they might impact our

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early Earth environments so with a

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stellar florist and habitability what we

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did was again we used a couple climate

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chemical model that we modified it to be

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00:47:33,540 --> 00:47:31,750
able to take him time-dependent stellar

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forcings that meant we could change the

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00:47:39,660 --> 00:47:35,650
spectrum of the star every 10 seconds

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00:47:41,730 --> 00:47:39,670
have that feed into the into the climate

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00:47:43,650 --> 00:47:41,740
chemistry model and look at the effect

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00:47:45,660 --> 00:47:43,660
on the photochemistry of the planet as

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00:47:47,849 --> 00:47:45,670
it was being bombarded by ultraviolet

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00:47:49,410 --> 00:47:47,859
radiation from this star so to do this

1359
00:47:50,340 --> 00:47:49,420
project we had to collaborate with real

1360
00:47:51,330 --> 00:47:50,350
honest-to-goodness stellar

1361
00:47:53,070 --> 00:47:51,340
astrophysicists

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00:47:54,300 --> 00:47:53,080
who could tell us you know what the

1363
00:47:56,490 --> 00:47:54,310

sweat from the star was like and how

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00:47:58,170 --> 00:47:56,500

that evolved over time and then we put

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00:47:59,310 --> 00:47:58,180

that as input into our climate chemical

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00:48:01,890 --> 00:47:59,320

model to look at the effects on

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00:48:03,990 --> 00:48:01,900

temperature ozone cone depth and surface

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00:48:05,790 --> 00:48:04,000

and UV flux and what we found was

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00:48:07,920 --> 00:48:05,800

actually kind of interesting and that

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00:48:09,750 --> 00:48:07,930

was that in fact even when we hit a

1371

00:48:13,890 --> 00:48:09,760

planet with one of the worst flares that

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00:48:14,280 --> 00:48:13,900

an M star can put out that 10 to the 32

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00:48:16,470 --> 00:48:14,290

ergs

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00:48:18,150 --> 00:48:16,480

we got a less than 1% change in the

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00:48:21,420 --> 00:48:18,160

overall ozone calm depths that was

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00:48:23,070 --> 00:48:21,430

actually very robust to that I'm during

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00:48:27,120 --> 00:48:23,080

and after the flare and in fact you can

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00:48:28,980 --> 00:48:27,130

see that over time we in fact reached

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00:48:31,349 --> 00:48:28,990

our equilibrium position after several

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00:48:32,790 --> 00:48:31,359

months so that really was a perturbation

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00:48:35,430 --> 00:48:32,800

to the atmosphere over several months

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00:48:37,260 --> 00:48:35,440

after the flare but that was in fact a

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00:48:39,230 --> 00:48:37,270

pretty small is it the less than 1%

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00:48:42,420 --> 00:48:39,240

level and even at the peak of the flare

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00:48:43,920 --> 00:48:42,430

we got only twice the typical surface UV

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00:48:46,020 --> 00:48:43,930

flux we see at the earth which is not

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00:48:46,599 --> 00:48:46,030

too terrible and it was predominantly in

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00:48:50,019 --> 00:48:46,609

the UV

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00:48:51,940 --> 00:48:50,029

which is not as DNA damaging and so

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00:48:53,680 --> 00:48:51,950

really it wasn't that much of a deal

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00:48:55,569 --> 00:48:53,690

which we were we were quite surprised at

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00:48:57,700 --> 00:48:55,579

but again at least we least you run

1393

00:48:59,680 --> 00:48:57,710

through the models other things we've

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00:49:00,970 --> 00:48:59,690

done is look at how bio signatures get

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00:49:02,950 --> 00:49:00,980

enhanced when you have a star of

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00:49:04,870 --> 00:49:02,960

different spectral type again the

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00:49:06,400 --> 00:49:04,880

different type of radiation coming into

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00:49:08,529 --> 00:49:06,410

the top of the atmosphere affects the

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00:49:09,819 --> 00:49:08,539

lifetime of different constituents and

1400

00:49:11,859 --> 00:49:09,829

what we're just showing you very quickly

1401

00:49:14,589 --> 00:49:11,869

in this slide is that things like

1402

00:49:16,029 --> 00:49:14,599

methane for example can build up quite

1403

00:49:17,950 --> 00:49:16,039

significantly if you have a planet

1404

00:49:20,859 --> 00:49:17,960

around an M star this is less methane

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00:49:22,180 --> 00:49:20,869

this is more methane over here and these

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00:49:24,940 --> 00:49:22,190

different colors are the different types

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00:49:26,859 --> 00:49:24,950

of stars you can also build up more

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00:49:30,519 --> 00:49:26,869

nitrous oxide and more methyl chloride

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00:49:32,049 --> 00:49:30,529

but in fact what's not too apparent here

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00:49:34,450 --> 00:49:32,059

is a little bit subtle is that actually

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00:49:37,329 --> 00:49:34,460

methane and methyl chloride had rapid

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00:49:40,420 --> 00:49:37,339

increases in their lifetimes due to the

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00:49:42,549 --> 00:49:40,430

fact that ozone photolysis and oxygen

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00:49:44,109 --> 00:49:42,559

catalysis was not going on as well and

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00:49:45,970 --> 00:49:44,119

those are the pathways to getting rid of

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00:49:47,559 --> 00:49:45,980

methane and methyl chloride so those

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00:49:49,690 --> 00:49:47,569

weren't excited as much by the seller

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00:49:51,460 --> 00:49:49,700

spectrum but the nitrous oxide was

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00:49:53,200 --> 00:49:51,470

directly fertilized and it got hit much

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00:49:55,120 --> 00:49:53,210

harder it does have a longer lifetime

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00:49:56,950 --> 00:49:55,130

but it didn't enhance its lifetime

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00:49:58,690 --> 00:49:56,960

anywhere near as much as the methane and

1423

00:50:00,130 --> 00:49:58,700

their folklore I did so we're learning a

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00:50:03,549 --> 00:50:00,140

little bit more about what can build up

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00:50:06,779 --> 00:50:03,559

in a planetary atmosphere so here's a

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00:50:09,519 --> 00:50:06,789

spectrum of of the earth versus

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00:50:12,039 --> 00:50:09,529

different planets so a planet around a

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00:50:14,140 --> 00:50:12,049

dealio with and without methyl chloride

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00:50:15,519 --> 00:50:14,150

and all I want you to see here is in

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00:50:16,809 --> 00:50:15,529

fact the difference between the blue and

1431

00:50:19,059 --> 00:50:16,819

the red lines particularly in this

1432

00:50:21,130 --> 00:50:19,069

region is in fact absorption from methyl

1433

00:50:23,079 --> 00:50:21,140

chloride so that is another potential

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00:50:26,140 --> 00:50:23,089

bias signature we could look for on a

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00:50:27,640 --> 00:50:26,150

planet around a cooler star on the earth

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00:50:28,989 --> 00:50:27,650

the methyl chloride lifetime is

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00:50:30,640 --> 00:50:28,999

sufficiently short given the UV

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00:50:33,309 --> 00:50:30,650

radiation that's hitting our planet that

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00:50:35,079 --> 00:50:33,319

it doesn't build up to detectable levels

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00:50:36,910 --> 00:50:35,089

in the atmosphere around the earth

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00:50:38,529 --> 00:50:36,920

around the G star but if you have an

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00:50:40,870 --> 00:50:38,539

earth around an M star you start to be

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00:50:43,299 --> 00:50:40,880

able to detect things that are really

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00:50:44,589 --> 00:50:43,309

more traced in our own atmosphere the

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00:50:46,569 --> 00:50:44,599

other thing we looked at was also the

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00:50:49,450 --> 00:50:46,579

build-up again of sulfur biosignatures

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00:50:51,309 --> 00:50:49,460

on an early earth-type planet but again

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00:50:52,870 --> 00:50:51,319

around an M star and what we're looking

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00:50:55,390 --> 00:50:52,880

at here is the difference between the

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00:50:57,309 --> 00:50:55,400

black and the red line here this

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00:50:59,289 --> 00:50:57,319

particular slope in the red is actually

1452

00:51:00,320 --> 00:50:59,299

due to strong absorption from dimethyl

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00:51:02,660 --> 00:51:00,330

disulfide

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00:51:09,410 --> 00:51:02,670

in the atmosphere of the planet from a

1455

00:51:11,840 --> 00:51:09,420

sulphur biosphere so let's see code I'm

1456

00:51:13,640 --> 00:51:11,850

wrapping up here coevolution and

1457

00:51:15,230 --> 00:51:13,650

detection of alien photosynthesis was

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00:51:18,110 --> 00:51:15,240

something that Nancy Kang led which was

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00:51:21,230 --> 00:51:18,120

which was very exciting and this was

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00:51:23,240 --> 00:51:21,240

just looking at what type of radiation

1461

00:51:25,010 --> 00:51:23,250

hits the surface of the planet when we

1462

00:51:26,930 --> 00:51:25,020

do our modeling and we get our

1463

00:51:28,460 --> 00:51:26,940

environments and we generate spectra of

1464

00:51:29,780 --> 00:51:28,470

them we generate the kind of spectra

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00:51:31,130 --> 00:51:29,790

that would be coming off the top of the

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00:51:33,170 --> 00:51:31,140

atmosphere of the planet the sort of

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00:51:34,700 --> 00:51:33,180

thing that a telescope would see but as

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00:51:36,530 --> 00:51:34,710

a byproduct of all of these models we

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00:51:37,790 --> 00:51:36,540

also generate the radiation that's

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00:51:39,350 --> 00:51:37,800

actually hitting the surface of the

1471

00:51:41,780 --> 00:51:39,360

planet the sort of thing that a plant or

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00:51:44,030 --> 00:51:41,790

microbe would see looking up so Nancy

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00:51:45,410 --> 00:51:44,040

took this data she looked at it for

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00:51:47,630 --> 00:51:45,420

earth-like planets around different

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00:51:49,340 --> 00:51:47,640

types of stars at G K and M stars and

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00:51:51,200 --> 00:51:49,350

she figured out that in fact there were

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00:51:54,170 --> 00:51:51,210

some fundamental rules to where you

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00:51:57,230 --> 00:51:54,180

might expect photosynthetic pigments to

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00:51:58,700 --> 00:51:57,240

be and so working on those rules she was

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00:52:01,580 --> 00:51:58,710

able to essentially predict what the

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00:52:03,080 --> 00:52:01,590

colors of alien plants would be but one

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00:52:05,390 --> 00:52:03,090

thing we discovered in this is in fact

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00:52:07,850 --> 00:52:05,400

that the peak of chlorophyll a

1484

00:52:09,530 --> 00:52:07,860

absorption occurs at the peak of photon

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00:52:12,550 --> 00:52:09,540

flux incident on the surface of the

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00:52:15,110 --> 00:52:12,560

planet and that peak is at around 688

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00:52:16,880 --> 00:52:15,120

nanometers even though the peak of

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00:52:18,380 --> 00:52:16,890

energy coming from the star is in the

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00:52:19,880 --> 00:52:18,390

green you probably all learnt that you

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00:52:21,800 --> 00:52:19,890

know the most energy hitting the surface

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00:52:23,870 --> 00:52:21,810

of the planet isn't in green that's true

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00:52:24,890 --> 00:52:23,880

but the most number of photons is

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00:52:26,750 --> 00:52:24,900

actually in the red

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00:52:28,430 --> 00:52:26,760

and since photosynthesis is a photon

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00:52:30,020 --> 00:52:28,440

limited process that's where our plants

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00:52:32,270 --> 00:52:30,030

have decided they want to hang out and

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00:52:33,710 --> 00:52:32,280

get the photons so using these sorts of

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00:52:35,120 --> 00:52:33,720

rules she was able to predict where you

1499

00:52:36,590 --> 00:52:35,130

might expect to see photosynthetic

1500

00:52:40,430 --> 00:52:36,600

pigments on four planets

1501
00:52:41,690 --> 00:52:40,440
plants on other planets and she's

1502
00:52:43,340 --> 00:52:41,700
continuing that work by the way also

1503
00:52:45,680 --> 00:52:43,350
looking at what might drive the red edge

1504
00:52:48,290 --> 00:52:45,690
to the other thing now is he's working

1505
00:52:50,480 --> 00:52:48,300
on is the mother DDF effort again thank

1506
00:52:52,070 --> 00:52:50,490
you Carl is looking at the energetic

1507
00:52:54,440 --> 00:52:52,080
limit for water splitting for

1508
00:52:56,600 --> 00:52:54,450
photosynthesis so what Nancy and her

1509
00:52:59,390 --> 00:52:56,610
team are trying to do here is actually

1510
00:53:02,290 --> 00:52:59,400
use photo acoustic measurements of a

1511
00:53:04,850 --> 00:53:02,300
particular type of marine bacterium

1512
00:53:06,650 --> 00:53:04,860
cyanobacterium that uses chlorophyll d

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00:53:08,270 --> 00:53:06,660

rather than chlorophyll a preferentially

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00:53:09,860 --> 00:53:08,280

because it hangs out on the underside of

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00:53:12,230 --> 00:53:09,870

this particular creature which I'm not

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00:53:13,280 --> 00:53:12,240

even sure what it is but it lives under

1517

00:53:15,260 --> 00:53:13,290

there and it tends to only

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00:53:16,880 --> 00:53:15,270

get sort of long-wavelength I read

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00:53:19,400 --> 00:53:16,890

infrared radiation in that environment

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00:53:21,200 --> 00:53:19,410

and so looking at the efficiency of that

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00:53:22,820 --> 00:53:21,210

will help us understand if there really

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00:53:25,100 --> 00:53:22,830

is a hard limit for water splitting

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00:53:26,750 --> 00:53:25,110

photosynthesis where that might be and

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00:53:29,000 --> 00:53:26,760

what the relevance would be for planets

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00:53:30,710 --> 00:53:29,010

around stars that have long wavelength

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00:53:33,320 --> 00:53:30,720

radiation that comes in like m dwarf

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00:53:34,700 --> 00:53:33,330

planets and also on haze covered planets

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00:53:36,920 --> 00:53:34,710

like the early Earth where you may be

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00:53:38,270 --> 00:53:36,930

blocking a lot of visible radiation but

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00:53:39,740 --> 00:53:38,280

allowing radiation through in the

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00:53:42,440 --> 00:53:39,750

near-infrared which is the sort of thing

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00:53:45,110 --> 00:53:42,450

we see on Titan and Venus any planet

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00:53:47,930 --> 00:53:45,120

with a very dense photochemical haze has

1534

00:53:49,700 --> 00:53:47,940

that characteristic we're also working

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00:53:50,870 --> 00:53:49,710

on biosphere models we have a bunch of

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00:53:53,210 --> 00:53:50,880

them up and running now which is

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00:53:55,280 --> 00:53:53,220

fantastic several of them are now

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00:53:57,170 --> 00:53:55,290

coupled to GCMs as well so we're

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00:53:59,840 --> 00:53:57,180

starting to have the capability to plant

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00:54:02,000 --> 00:53:59,850

at play around with alien vegetation and

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00:54:05,450 --> 00:54:02,010

its interaction with a more earth-like

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00:54:07,520 --> 00:54:05,460

environment we also have recently

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00:54:09,830 --> 00:54:07,530

completed the Eve equilibrium

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00:54:12,110 --> 00:54:09,840

equilibrium vegetation ecology model

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00:54:13,880 --> 00:54:12,120

which is developed by John virgin

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00:54:15,440 --> 00:54:13,890

granite counter and yoo-kyung is going

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00:54:17,420 --> 00:54:15,450

to be using it with the student to

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00:54:19,580 --> 00:54:17,430

actually explore what happens to the

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00:54:20,690 --> 00:54:19,590

earth over the next century and in fact

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00:54:22,220 --> 00:54:20,700

I think I think they've written up a

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00:54:23,540 --> 00:54:22,230

large fraction of that already but

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00:54:25,820 --> 00:54:23,550

there's still some work to be done in

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00:54:27,350 --> 00:54:25,830

coupling a full a fully interactive

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00:54:30,140 --> 00:54:27,360

biosphere into that model having the

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00:54:32,540 --> 00:54:30,150

biosphere not just react to climate but

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00:54:37,040 --> 00:54:32,550

to react back at the climate and affect

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00:54:39,740 --> 00:54:37,050

the climate itself and finally on these

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00:54:41,870 --> 00:54:39,750

tasks we have also active fieldwork at

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00:54:43,760 --> 00:54:41,880

various sites as I mentioned this is

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00:54:45,680 --> 00:54:43,770

Janet C Fritz work at Quatro Cienega s'

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00:54:48,470 --> 00:54:45,690

where we are looking at freshwater

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00:54:50,750 --> 00:54:48,480

stromatolites in the sort of isolated

1563

00:54:53,000 --> 00:54:50,760

poses in the Mexican desert very

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00:54:54,710 --> 00:54:53,010

phosphorous deficient environment and

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00:54:56,740 --> 00:54:54,720

again this is work which I think Ariel

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00:54:58,880 --> 00:54:56,750

may have already talked about with ASU

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00:55:00,890 --> 00:54:58,890

Janet works there specifically on

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00:55:02,570 --> 00:55:00,900

horizontal gene transfer but we're also

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00:55:04,220 --> 00:55:02,580

very much interested in looking at the

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00:55:05,960 --> 00:55:04,230

gases that come off these types of life

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00:55:07,730 --> 00:55:05,970

forms and again trying to understand how

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00:55:11,150 --> 00:55:07,740

that might feed into a potential bio

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00:55:12,830 --> 00:55:11,160

signature okay so finally task E the

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00:55:15,110 --> 00:55:12,840

observer I'll just go through this very

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00:55:16,790 --> 00:55:15,120

quickly in the observer what we're doing

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00:55:18,980 --> 00:55:16,800

is taking the output from all our

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00:55:20,480 --> 00:55:18,990

previous simulations and trying to

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00:55:21,650 --> 00:55:20,490

understand again what a telescope might

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00:55:24,170 --> 00:55:21,660

see and what a telescope should

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00:55:26,030 --> 00:55:24,180

potentially look for in addition in this

1581

00:55:26,490 --> 00:55:26,040

task we actually take observations of

1582

00:55:27,690 --> 00:55:26,500

planets

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00:55:31,110 --> 00:55:27,700

that's part of our observational

1584

00:55:32,760 --> 00:55:31,120

component astronomy fieldwork and Carl

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00:55:33,540 --> 00:55:32,770

Grill Myers on our team - he's the

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00:55:35,190 --> 00:55:33,550

person who got the highest

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00:55:37,560 --> 00:55:35,200

signal-to-noise spectrum an actual

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00:55:39,960 --> 00:55:37,570

spectrum of a Jovian extrasolar planet

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00:55:42,120 --> 00:55:39,970

and he was able in that spectrum to see

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00:55:43,830 --> 00:55:42,130

a very characteristic signature from the

1591

00:55:46,770 --> 00:55:43,840

shape of the water band which is this

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00:55:49,170 --> 00:55:46,780

this dip here and bump here which I'm

1593

00:55:50,490 --> 00:55:49,180

showing that's sort of only the sort of

1594

00:55:51,960 --> 00:55:50,500

thing of spectroscopy could love but

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00:55:54,270 --> 00:55:51,970

believe me that's incredibly exciting

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00:55:56,250 --> 00:55:54,280

this isn't inferring water just from

1597

00:55:57,840 --> 00:55:56,260

some photometric band that dropped down

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00:56:00,210 --> 00:55:57,850

but actually seeing the shape of the

1599

00:56:02,370 --> 00:56:00,220

band in the spectrum of the planet so we

1600

00:56:05,700 --> 00:56:02,380

are making big steps forward in that so

1601
00:56:07,560 --> 00:56:05,710
finally wrapping up our EPO project led

1602
00:56:09,990 --> 00:56:07,570
by Michael Green but with buy-in from a

1603
00:56:12,000 --> 00:56:10,000
lot of our scientists on EPO we have

1604
00:56:14,460 --> 00:56:12,010
five major tasks we're going to

1605
00:56:16,320 --> 00:56:14,470
implement astrobiology distance learning

1606
00:56:18,540 --> 00:56:16,330
courses for in-service and pre-service

1607
00:56:20,010 --> 00:56:18,550
educators not going to get to that this

1608
00:56:21,750 --> 00:56:20,020
year I don't think but we will be

1609
00:56:22,740 --> 00:56:21,760
getting to that next year we're

1610
00:56:24,510 --> 00:56:22,750
interested in entering into a

1611
00:56:26,520 --> 00:56:24,520
partnership to develop an astrobiology

1612
00:56:28,140 --> 00:56:26,530
planetarium show where we use the night

1613
00:56:30,240 --> 00:56:28,150

sky as the context for astrobiological

1614

00:56:32,040 --> 00:56:30,250

questions in astrobiology for education

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00:56:34,380 --> 00:56:32,050

we're always interested in collaborating

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00:56:35,550 --> 00:56:34,390

with anybody on that one what we're

1617

00:56:36,960 --> 00:56:35,560

doing this year are the last three

1618

00:56:38,910 --> 00:56:36,970

objectives where we're creating an

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00:56:40,410 --> 00:56:38,920

outreach toolkit on astrobiology for the

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00:56:41,970 --> 00:56:40,420

NASA night sky Network which is a

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00:56:44,100 --> 00:56:41,980

network of amateurs right across the

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00:56:45,540 --> 00:56:44,110

country who use them amongst themselves

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00:56:47,700 --> 00:56:45,550

and also use them to go out and educate

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00:56:49,680 --> 00:56:47,710

the public as well with star parties and

1625

00:56:51,780 --> 00:56:49,690

things like that we're launching public

1626

00:56:53,580 --> 00:56:51,790

symposia series we have Frank Drake and

1627

00:56:56,910 --> 00:56:53,590

Debra Fischer coming to talk on

1628

00:57:00,210 --> 00:56:56,920

exoplanets and Howard ability at v-dub

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00:57:02,220 --> 00:57:00,220

this this quarter and we'll keep keep

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00:57:03,780 --> 00:57:02,230

doing that we're also developing web

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00:57:06,240 --> 00:57:03,790

resources in partnership with JPL's

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00:57:07,730 --> 00:57:06,250

planet quest site and planet Quest is

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00:57:09,720 --> 00:57:07,740

considered to be one of the better

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00:57:12,180 --> 00:57:09,730

extrasolar planet in fact the best

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00:57:13,950 --> 00:57:12,190

extrasolar planet site so we'll be

1636

00:57:16,590 --> 00:57:13,960

looking at interactive educational

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00:57:17,970 --> 00:57:16,600

modules for that just very quickly the

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00:57:19,740 --> 00:57:17,980

night sky network as you can see is

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00:57:21,990 --> 00:57:19,750

pretty widely distributed and again if

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00:57:24,690 --> 00:57:22,000

it's amateur astronomy clubs that then

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00:57:26,160 --> 00:57:24,700

go out and educate the public and the

1642

00:57:27,930 --> 00:57:26,170

planet quest the world's number one

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00:57:30,030 --> 00:57:27,940

exoplanets website according to Yahoo

1644

00:57:32,550 --> 00:57:30,040

again working in collaboration with

1645

00:57:35,130 --> 00:57:32,560

Michael green at JPL and the planet

1646

00:57:36,540 --> 00:57:35,140

quest website which of at JPL working on

1647

00:57:38,550 --> 00:57:36,550

a bunch of different Interactive's we

1648

00:57:40,170 --> 00:57:38,560

have some ideas for this including ones

1649

00:57:42,000 --> 00:57:40,180

that are virtual tours of Europe

1650

00:57:44,789 --> 00:57:42,010

so we probably need to collaborate with

1651
00:57:48,510 --> 00:57:44,799
our icy moons folks on getting that set

1652
00:57:50,010 --> 00:57:48,520
up and that is pretty much it so if you

1653
00:58:01,490 --> 00:57:50,020
feel in a nutshell science approach

1654
00:58:08,579 --> 00:58:05,130
okay we'll open this up for questions in

1655
00:58:11,789 --> 00:58:08,589
just a moment before we do let me just

1656
00:58:15,230 --> 00:58:11,799
make one brief announcement and then

1657
00:58:18,359 --> 00:58:15,240
make a couple of observations Viki about

1658
00:58:20,279 --> 00:58:18,369
your talk the brief announcement is that

1659
00:58:23,339 --> 00:58:20,289
we have extended the deadline for

1660
00:58:25,680 --> 00:58:23,349
applications to the Santander summer

1661
00:58:28,859 --> 00:58:25,690
school which is a summer school that nai

1662
00:58:30,690 --> 00:58:28,869
and the Centro de espera biología have

1663
00:58:34,319 --> 00:58:30,700

sponsored each year for the last several

1664

00:58:37,049 --> 00:58:34,329

years in Santander Spain the application

1665

00:58:39,539 --> 00:58:37,059

deadline is now April 24th and we

1666

00:58:40,829 --> 00:58:39,549

encourage grad students and postdocs to

1667

00:58:42,960 --> 00:58:40,839

apply the NAI

1668

00:58:45,059 --> 00:58:42,970

provides scholarship so all your

1669

00:58:47,250 --> 00:58:45,069

expenses are paid for and it's a very

1670

00:58:51,299 --> 00:58:47,260

good experience this year it's going to

1671

00:58:54,750 --> 00:58:51,309

be on extremophiles and extraterrestrial

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00:58:57,329 --> 00:58:54,760

habitability so related to Vicky's talk

1673

00:59:00,150 --> 00:58:57,339

and I do encourage you to go to the NAI

1674

00:59:02,400 --> 00:59:00,160

website check the latest newsletter

1675

00:59:04,980 --> 00:59:02,410

you'll find the announcement of the

1676

00:59:06,539 --> 00:59:04,990

extension of the deadline and the link

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00:59:09,930 --> 00:59:06,549

to the page that gives you the

1678

00:59:12,510 --> 00:59:09,940

application information okay now the

1679

00:59:14,849 --> 00:59:12,520

comment I wanted to make Viki is that of

1680

00:59:16,289 --> 00:59:14,859

course these talks are in part aimed at

1681

00:59:17,579 --> 00:59:16,299

developing connections across the

1682

00:59:19,190 --> 00:59:17,589

Institute and I just wanted to mention

1683

00:59:22,589 --> 00:59:19,200

three connections that occurred to me

1684

00:59:24,809 --> 00:59:22,599

you your team has been extremely good in

1685

00:59:26,309 --> 00:59:24,819

making connections there are three

1686

00:59:29,670 --> 00:59:26,319

possibly new connections

1687

00:59:32,849 --> 00:59:29,680

one is to Melissa trainers work she just

1688

00:59:35,160 --> 00:59:32,859

gave a seminar at u-dub last week so I'm

1689

00:59:37,230 --> 00:59:35,170

sure you've picked up on that but your

1690

00:59:40,799 --> 00:59:37,240

team has a lot of the theoretical

1691

00:59:42,000 --> 00:59:40,809

capability to help understand what's

1692

00:59:43,650 --> 00:59:42,010

actually going on in Melissa's

1693

00:59:46,289 --> 00:59:43,660

experiment so I think that would be a

1694

00:59:50,069 --> 00:59:46,299

really good connection to make another

1695

00:59:52,470 --> 00:59:50,079

is to the work of a postdoc that we just

1696

00:59:56,070 --> 00:59:52,480

announced this election in the NASA

1697

00:59:58,080 --> 00:59:56,080

postdoctoral fellow program in our nai

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00:59:59,849 --> 00:59:58,090

component of it and that Stella Kafka

1699

01:00:04,290 --> 00:59:59,859

who's working with Alicia Weinberger at

1700

01:00:07,320 --> 01:00:04,300

Carnegie and she is also working on the

1701

01:00:09,630 --> 01:00:07,330

M star flare problem and is interested

1702

01:00:11,340 --> 01:00:09,640

in looking at the correspondence between

1703

01:00:14,430 --> 01:00:11,350

the astrophysics and the planetary

1704

01:00:16,470 --> 01:00:14,440

habitability and so I'd encourage some

1705

01:00:19,500 --> 01:00:16,480

connections to be made there and the

1706

01:00:21,480 --> 01:00:19,510

final thing is that we've been looking

1707

01:00:24,420 --> 01:00:21,490

with a bunch of folks including Ariel

1708

01:00:28,430 --> 01:00:24,430

and Roger and Doug Irwin and and Peter

1709

01:00:30,750 --> 01:00:28,440

Ward as you probably know at the

1710

01:00:33,750 --> 01:00:30,760

biogeochemical response of Earth's

1711

01:00:35,220 --> 01:00:33,760

biosphere to environmental change and

1712

01:00:38,520 --> 01:00:35,230

some of the things you mentioned at the

1713

01:00:40,410 --> 01:00:38,530

end yuk Yuen and the others doing that

1714

01:00:42,330 --> 01:00:40,420

modeling that you talked about right

1715

01:00:44,849 --> 01:00:42,340

near the end of your talk it's certainly

1716

01:00:46,349 --> 01:00:44,859

very germane to that and Peter can fill

1717

01:00:48,450 --> 01:00:46,359

you in more on a lot of stuff that's

1718

01:00:50,190 --> 01:00:48,460

been going on the last few days so I

1719

01:00:52,320 --> 01:00:50,200

think there's another very valuable

1720

01:00:53,970 --> 01:00:52,330

connection so I'll let you respond and

1721

01:00:55,890 --> 01:00:53,980

in the meanwhile it's open to questions

1722

01:01:00,180 --> 01:00:55,900

just raise your hand and Adobe Connect

1723

01:01:09,030 --> 01:01:00,190

and we'll have a chance to interact more

1724

01:01:10,740 --> 01:01:09,040

with 50 can I respond sorry so yes so

1725

01:01:13,620 --> 01:01:10,750

thank you for all of those suggestions

1726

01:01:16,530 --> 01:01:13,630

yes um yeah Melissa's invitation was no

1727

01:01:18,330 --> 01:01:16,540

coincidence and to come up here so yes

1728

01:01:19,560 --> 01:01:18,340

we are very very interested and we

1729

01:01:21,330 --> 01:01:19,570

actually talked to there after the talk

1730

01:01:22,920 --> 01:01:21,340

about chemical models that could

1731

01:01:24,480 --> 01:01:22,930

potentially help her understand the

1732

01:01:26,130 --> 01:01:24,490

chain of reactions that that was going

1733

01:01:28,080 --> 01:01:26,140

on but of course we also want a better

1734

01:01:29,609 --> 01:01:28,090

characterize our Hayes's for the methane

1735

01:01:31,050 --> 01:01:29,619

modeling so there's a great synergy

1736

01:01:33,359 --> 01:01:31,060

there and yes we will continue to

1737

01:01:35,940 --> 01:01:33,369

interact it Melissa I didn't know about

1738

01:01:39,090 --> 01:01:35,950

Alicia's postdoc but that's fantastic so

1739

01:01:41,910 --> 01:01:39,100

yeah we're very we do have a very much

1740

01:01:43,620 --> 01:01:41,920

MSTAR kind of centric interest at the

1741

01:01:46,020 --> 01:01:43,630

moment and so we very much like to

1742

01:01:48,120 --> 01:01:46,030

interact with that with that postdoc and

1743

01:01:49,800 --> 01:01:48,130

see if we can help out with anything or

1744

01:01:52,349 --> 01:01:49,810

let you know the pitfalls of what we

1745

01:01:54,780 --> 01:01:52,359

tried to do I'm sorry I can't oh the

1746

01:01:57,270 --> 01:01:54,790

third one was the the interaction on

1747

01:02:00,060 --> 01:01:57,280

life's future habitability of climate is

1748

01:02:00,870 --> 01:02:00,070

that correct yeah Peter intimated in an

1749

01:02:01,980 --> 01:02:00,880

email that was something very

1750

01:02:03,089 --> 01:02:01,990

interesting he wanted to talk to me

1751

01:02:04,979 --> 01:02:03,099

about but I didn't get any do

1752

01:02:06,630 --> 01:02:04,989

I'm guessing that's it so when he gets

1753

01:02:08,130 --> 01:02:06,640

back in town I will I will talk to him

1754

01:02:15,689 --> 01:02:08,140

so thank you very much for all of those

1755

01:02:19,349 --> 01:02:15,699

suggestions okay Penn State had a

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01:02:21,900 --> 01:02:19,359

question yeah Becky McCauley here from

1757

01:02:24,870 --> 01:02:21,910

Penn State I was curious about what

1758

01:02:26,339 --> 01:02:24,880

fraction of a extrasolar planets orbit

1759

01:02:28,170 --> 01:02:26,349

you'd actually be able to look at and

1760

01:02:33,479 --> 01:02:28,180

like what that means for your temporal

1761

01:02:35,249 --> 01:02:33,489

analysis of the spectra the well again

1762

01:02:37,890 --> 01:02:35,259

that of course that depends on your on

1763

01:02:39,959 --> 01:02:37,900

your telescope overall but the general

1764

01:02:42,029 --> 01:02:39,969

feeling is that once we actually so I'm

1765

01:02:45,239 --> 01:02:42,039

saying for example for TPF which we're I

1766

01:02:48,180 --> 01:02:45,249

know we've looked at the the actual

1767

01:02:49,469 --> 01:02:48,190

detect ability as a function of phase if

1768

01:02:51,449 --> 01:02:49,479

we have one of these things we are going

1769

01:02:52,680 --> 01:02:51,459

to hammer it to death so that that's you

1770

01:02:54,779 --> 01:02:52,690

know a given that we'll spend as much

1771

01:02:56,400 --> 01:02:54,789

time as possible on it but yes we are

1772

01:02:59,969 --> 01:02:56,410

limited really to something between

1773

01:03:01,680 --> 01:02:59,979

dichotomy and the gibbous phase there

1774

01:03:05,370 --> 01:03:01,690

are limits to how close to the star we

1775

01:03:07,259 --> 01:03:05,380

can go so we do have limits on for

1776

01:03:08,609 --> 01:03:07,269

example on a purely edge on orbit how

1777

01:03:10,499 --> 01:03:08,619

much of that orbit we can potentially

1778

01:03:12,809 --> 01:03:10,509

see before we're too close to the star

1779

01:03:14,459 --> 01:03:12,819

either behind it or in front of it with

1780

01:03:16,920 --> 01:03:14,469

orbits that are tilted we do get a

1781

01:03:19,249 --> 01:03:16,930

little bit more of the phase that we can

1782

01:03:21,660 --> 01:03:19,259

look at but overall yes there are

1783

01:03:23,370 --> 01:03:21,670

limitations and that's part of what we'd

1784

01:03:24,630 --> 01:03:23,380

like to simulate as well to say that

1785

01:03:26,489 --> 01:03:24,640

look if you really only got three good

1786

01:03:27,839 --> 01:03:26,499

months what could you do with that you

1787

01:03:36,850 --> 01:03:27,849

know versus being able to track it

1788

01:03:42,640 --> 01:03:39,830

does anybody else have a question for

1789

01:03:48,290 --> 01:03:44,990

my name is prashanta from Montana State

1790

01:03:50,720 --> 01:03:48,300

University my question is is in the

1791

01:03:52,940 --> 01:03:50,730

first part of your talk you're talking

1792

01:03:55,220 --> 01:03:52,950

of developing your models which tries to

1793

01:03:57,500 --> 01:03:55,230

you know talk about where is likely to

1794

01:04:01,010 --> 01:03:57,510

be life that you can obtain to keep

1795

01:04:04,070 --> 01:04:01,020

account of not to commit the fallacy of

1796

01:04:06,440 --> 01:04:04,080

you know positive and false positive but

1797

01:04:09,110 --> 01:04:06,450

what about committing false negatives

1798

01:04:12,620 --> 01:04:09,120

that means the model says there is no

1799

01:04:14,480 --> 01:04:12,630

life but there is my actual right well

1800

01:04:15,470 --> 01:04:14,490

and in fact probably false negatives are

1801

01:04:17,840 --> 01:04:15,480

going to be more like even false

1802

01:04:19,640 --> 01:04:17,850

positives I would imagine and in that we

1803

01:04:20,680 --> 01:04:19,650

don't know the full extent of life

1804

01:04:23,480 --> 01:04:20,690

elsewhere

1805

01:04:25,100 --> 01:04:23,490

what you can try to do is build more

1806

01:04:26,300 --> 01:04:25,110

generalized rules like these rules of

1807

01:04:28,430 --> 01:04:26,310

chemical disequilibrium

1808

01:04:30,590 --> 01:04:28,440

where you really are looking for active

1809

01:04:31,910 --> 01:04:30,600

sources and sinks and and that is

1810

01:04:35,030 --> 01:04:31,920

something that is independent of any

1811

01:04:36,500 --> 01:04:35,040

preconceptions you might have about you

1812

01:04:39,230 --> 01:04:36,510

know what life should be doing in that

1813

01:04:40,820 --> 01:04:39,240

environment but if you if you go down

1814

01:04:42,080 --> 01:04:40,830

that route then you really do have to

1815

01:04:43,580 --> 01:04:42,090

have a very well characterized

1816

01:04:46,160 --> 01:04:43,590

environment to be able to pick up this

1817

01:04:48,710 --> 01:04:46,170

chemical disequilibrium signature and

1818

01:04:50,690 --> 01:04:48,720

you also have to be able to rule out the

1819

01:04:53,150 --> 01:04:50,700

possibility that that can be created by

1820

01:04:55,640 --> 01:04:53,160

something other than life like volcanism

1821

01:04:56,840 --> 01:04:55,650

or whatever so I think when we find life

1822

01:04:58,250 --> 01:04:56,850

I mean you've targeted one of the

1823

01:05:00,140 --> 01:04:58,260

problems is that it really is going to

1824

01:05:01,220 --> 01:05:00,150

be a probabilistic measurement we're

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01:05:03,170 --> 01:05:01,230

going to say okay we found these

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01:05:05,900 --> 01:05:03,180

characteristics we've done everything we

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01:05:07,700 --> 01:05:05,910

can to you know to say whether these

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01:05:09,680 --> 01:05:07,710

could be created by something else and

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01:05:11,630 --> 01:05:09,690

then we'll come to a probability but

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01:05:14,000 --> 01:05:11,640

then that doesn't address you know how

1831

01:05:15,350 --> 01:05:14,010

ignorant we might be of what life could

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01:05:16,310 --> 01:05:15,360

potentially what different types of life

1833

01:05:18,320 --> 01:05:16,320

could potentially do to the environment

1834

01:05:20,960 --> 01:05:18,330

and so that's your false negative

1835

01:05:22,370 --> 01:05:20,970

problem so I think the best we can do

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01:05:24,350 --> 01:05:22,380

now is just try and work with you know

1837

01:05:26,180 --> 01:05:24,360

the available information that we have

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01:05:28,520 --> 01:05:26,190

but keep in the back of our mind exactly

1839

01:05:31,220 --> 01:05:28,530

right that we may just miss it we may

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01:05:32,600 --> 01:05:31,230

just you know have no concept of what

1841

01:05:35,420 --> 01:05:32,610

that type of life with digital

1842

01:05:38,000 --> 01:05:35,430

environment we can only really look for

1843

01:05:46,420 --> 01:05:38,010

the life we have some clue or some idea

1844

01:05:51,279 --> 01:05:48,839

are there any other questions for Vicki

1845

01:05:52,839 --> 01:05:51,289

I'll give you a moment to think of one

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01:05:54,940 --> 01:05:52,849

by mentioning something I should have

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01:05:56,799 --> 01:05:54,950

mentioned that is that your colleague at

1848

01:05:59,710 --> 01:05:56,809

u-dub John Barris is one of the

1849

01:06:03,130 --> 01:05:59,720

lecturers at the Santander summer school

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01:06:05,109 --> 01:06:03,140

this year as is Mike Madigan who is the

1851

01:06:07,390 --> 01:06:05,119

senior author on the continuation of

1852

01:06:10,390 --> 01:06:07,400

Brock's microbiology which is a great

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01:06:11,890 --> 01:06:10,400

book any of you are not by any chance

1854

01:06:12,400 --> 01:06:11,900

familiar with it and then Ricardo

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01:06:14,680 --> 01:06:12,410

Emile's

1856

01:06:17,349 --> 01:06:14,690

and David guillotine ski are likely

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01:06:19,210 --> 01:06:17,359

going to be the two European lecturers

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01:06:24,700 --> 01:06:19,220

so it'll be a great experience third

1859

01:06:28,450 --> 01:06:24,710

week in June Alan boss from Carnegie and

1860

01:06:30,010 --> 01:06:28,460

the question please go ahead Alan Vicki

1861

01:06:31,210 --> 01:06:30,020

I've got a really wacky question for you

1862

01:06:33,069 --> 01:06:31,220

I've been giving a lot of public talks

1863

01:06:35,589 --> 01:06:33,079

lately about what the tea theatre could

1864

01:06:37,750 --> 01:06:35,599

not do and the occasion people people

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01:06:39,220 --> 01:06:37,760

people ask me suppose we're talking

1866

01:06:41,079 --> 01:06:39,230

about looking for life which is not

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01:06:41,799 --> 01:06:41,089

based on carbon based on silicon or

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01:06:43,269 --> 01:06:41,809

something like that have you ever

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01:06:45,400 --> 01:06:43,279

thought about what a silicon-based

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01:06:50,140 --> 01:06:45,410

life-form might do in terms of what TPF

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01:06:51,789 --> 01:06:50,150

could find most likely people think the

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01:06:53,589 --> 01:06:51,799

most is a recce answer people think the

1873

01:06:55,779 --> 01:06:53,599

most likely silicon-based life-form is

1874

01:06:57,099 --> 01:06:55,789

probably a robotic race in which case I

1875

01:07:01,299 --> 01:06:57,109

guess we're looking for Dyson spheres

1876

01:07:02,380 --> 01:07:01,309

and technology I think except of course

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01:07:03,700 --> 01:07:02,390

by the time they get to that point they

1878

01:07:06,849 --> 01:07:03,710

probably don't need a Dyson Sphere I

1879

01:07:08,589 --> 01:07:06,859

think you know from arguments with with

1880

01:07:10,089 --> 01:07:08,599

colleagues and chemistry I mean we still

1881

01:07:13,269 --> 01:07:10,099

think that silicon is a far less

1882

01:07:17,200 --> 01:07:13,279

probable basis for life again if Steve

1883

01:07:19,390 --> 01:07:17,210

Banta wants to leave any can but I think

1884

01:07:21,220 --> 01:07:19,400

we still stuck on the carbon-based

1885

01:07:23,950 --> 01:07:21,230

water-based it just really makes more

1886

01:07:25,690 --> 01:07:23,960

chemical sense than silicon overall but

1887

01:07:27,819 --> 01:07:25,700

again the the argument is that

1888

01:07:29,380 --> 01:07:27,829

eventually our organic race may evolve

1889

01:07:31,660 --> 01:07:29,390

to be silicon based we will replace

1890

01:07:34,690 --> 01:07:31,670

ourselves with electronic components and

1891

01:07:36,069 --> 01:07:34,700

therefore we will be you know less our

1892

01:07:38,769 --> 01:07:36,079

habitable zone willing increase

1893

01:07:40,390 --> 01:07:38,779

potentially and that is probably the

1894

01:07:43,120 --> 01:07:40,400

type of silicon-based life we're most

1895

01:07:45,069 --> 01:07:43,130

likely didn't meet the real basic

1896

01:07:45,880 --> 01:07:45,079

question is I suppose if to the extent

1897

01:07:47,559 --> 01:07:45,890

that people have considered

1898

01:07:51,029 --> 01:07:47,569

silicon-based life at all what would be

1899

01:07:52,960 --> 01:07:51,039

the the byproducts of silicon based

1900

01:07:56,710 --> 01:07:52,970

metabolism what would you end up with

1901

01:07:58,660 --> 01:07:56,720

silicon dioxide or would it be I have no

1902

01:08:00,010 --> 01:07:58,670

idea Alan Oh an acid I honestly

1903

01:08:02,920 --> 01:08:00,020

no idea what's going to come out of the

1904

01:08:05,200 --> 01:08:02,930

the reactions Allen take a look at the

1905

01:08:07,990 --> 01:08:05,210

the so-called weird life report the

1906

01:08:10,210 --> 01:08:08,000

limits of life and organic systems that

1907

01:08:13,270 --> 01:08:10,220

the NRC put out a couple of years ago

1908

01:08:15,670 --> 01:08:13,280

and again John Barris with the the

1909

01:08:17,800 --> 01:08:15,680

chairman of that group basically what

1910

01:08:20,020 --> 01:08:17,810

they argue is that you're not going to

1911

01:08:22,090 --> 01:08:20,030

get silicon-based life in water simply

1912

01:08:24,520 --> 01:08:22,100

because the silicon molecules aren't

1913

01:08:26,230 --> 01:08:24,530

stable in water however you could get

1914

01:08:29,170 --> 01:08:26,240

silicon-based life if you were looking

1915

01:08:33,100 --> 01:08:29,180

at a different solvent and so to the

1916

01:08:35,320 --> 01:08:33,110

degree that Vickie is focused on planets

1917

01:08:37,330 --> 01:08:35,330

that contain water silicon-based life

1918

01:08:39,700 --> 01:08:37,340

probably isn't all that much of an issue

1919

01:08:41,620 --> 01:08:39,710

but if you start looking at more diverse

1920

01:08:43,930 --> 01:08:41,630

planets where you have form emit or

1921

01:08:46,300 --> 01:08:43,940

something else i forget which solvents

1922

01:08:49,930 --> 01:08:46,310

they suggest it could support silicon

1923

01:08:53,020 --> 01:08:49,940

based chemistry then you start getting

1924

01:08:54,730 --> 01:08:53,030

into you know sort of the the more

1925

01:08:57,640 --> 01:08:54,740

scientific speculation about your

1926

01:09:01,450 --> 01:08:57,650

question thanks for taking more

1927

01:09:02,560 --> 01:09:01,460

seriously than deserve to be taken yeah

1928

01:09:03,630 --> 01:09:02,570

I was going to say if John was here I'm

1929

01:09:06,280 --> 01:09:03,640

sure he could give you a better answer

1930

01:09:08,050 --> 01:09:06,290

well you know the folks who did the

1931

01:09:10,600 --> 01:09:08,060

weird life report actually took it that

1932

01:09:15,340 --> 01:09:10,610

seriously so we might as well piggyback

1933

01:09:19,330 --> 01:09:15,350

on their enthusiasm for that so are

1934

01:09:34,270 --> 01:09:19,340

there any other questions for Vicki went

1935

01:09:36,220 --> 01:09:34,280

Leigh how Goddard I was doing you went

1936

01:09:37,780 --> 01:09:36,230

through much of it very rapidly but I

1937

01:09:40,140 --> 01:09:37,790

came away with the overall impression

1938

01:09:43,510 --> 01:09:40,150

that you have hundreds of people

1939

01:09:46,630 --> 01:09:43,520

involved in these very insensitive

1940

01:09:50,770 --> 01:09:46,640

hundreds and I can't imagine how you can

1941

01:09:53,170 --> 01:09:50,780

keep all this straight frankly I thought

1942

01:09:55,660 --> 01:09:53,180

my team was big but yours is phenomenal

1943

01:10:00,370 --> 01:09:55,670

but can you just give us the secrets

1944

01:10:08,800 --> 01:10:00,380

that you have Jim casting in line we see

1945

01:10:11,720 --> 01:10:08,810

you there in the Penn State well it is a

1946

01:10:14,600 --> 01:10:11,730

very large team but you know yeah I do

1947

01:10:15,890 --> 01:10:14,610

I do have to keep you know tabs on a lot

1948

01:10:16,850 --> 01:10:15,900

of different people and in fact it was

1949

01:10:18,590 --> 01:10:16,860

quite stressful putting this

1950

01:10:20,900 --> 01:10:18,600

presentation together just trying to

1951

01:10:22,100 --> 01:10:20,910

draw everything in and try and coalesce

1952

01:10:24,860 --> 01:10:22,110

into something that would fit within an

1953

01:10:26,990 --> 01:10:24,870

hour but we we have regular team

1954

01:10:29,570 --> 01:10:27,000

meetings you know at once every two

1955

01:10:32,150 --> 01:10:29,580

weeks or so we have an email exploder

1956

01:10:33,770 --> 01:10:32,160

where a lot of people interact and we of

1957

01:10:35,600 --> 01:10:33,780

course have secondary relationships

1958

01:10:37,400 --> 01:10:35,610

where people are members of the team but

1959

01:10:39,680 --> 01:10:37,410

they collaborate with another task lead

1960

01:10:43,670 --> 01:10:39,690

and so you know I don't necessarily have

1961

01:10:45,770 --> 01:10:43,680

to keep track of everybody but yeah I

1962

01:10:46,880 --> 01:10:45,780

just we just get people involved in this

1963

01:10:49,190 --> 01:10:46,890

I have to say I also have some

1964

01:10:50,660 --> 01:10:49,200

spectacular a productive post Docs so it

1965

01:10:54,080 --> 01:10:50,670

looks like the work of 10 people but it

1966

01:10:56,450 --> 01:10:54,090

sounds in the work of one and and so you

1967

01:10:57,950 --> 01:10:56,460

know I really I really can't give this

1968

01:10:59,600 --> 01:10:57,960

an answer other than the fact that we do

1969

01:11:02,390 --> 01:10:59,610

hang together very well as a team we

1970

01:11:04,130 --> 01:11:02,400

have a lot of interactions and so I do

1971

01:11:06,920 --> 01:11:04,140

get to keep abreast of what people are

1972

01:11:08,780 --> 01:11:06,930

doing on a fairly regular basis and

1973

01:11:13,310 --> 01:11:08,790

keeping Jim casting in line is really

1974

01:11:14,540 --> 01:11:13,320

not a problem at all right Jim is about

1975

01:11:16,100 --> 01:11:14,550

to leap in here because he has the next

1976

01:11:17,420 --> 01:11:16,110

question but now we've had it we've had

1977

01:11:18,890 --> 01:11:17,430

a fabulous relationship with Penn State

1978

01:11:21,110 --> 01:11:18,900

and that's that's part of what helps

1979

01:11:22,580 --> 01:11:21,120

keep us together to Jim and his postdocs

1980

01:11:24,260 --> 01:11:22,590

and grads are what you're seeing

1981

01:11:26,870 --> 01:11:24,270

producing a lot of this stuff here as

1982

01:11:32,270 --> 01:11:26,880

well so very productive collaborators

1983

01:11:35,540 --> 01:11:32,280

and very you know integrated team go

1984

01:11:37,250 --> 01:11:35,550

ahead Jim thanks Vickie actually I think

1985

01:11:39,500 --> 01:11:37,260

what keeps many of us coming back is

1986

01:11:41,930 --> 01:11:39,510

that the cabin any kind of question

1987

01:11:43,970 --> 01:11:41,940

related to exoplanets in life detection

1988

01:11:47,690 --> 01:11:43,980

you can usually get it answered on the

1989

01:11:51,350 --> 01:11:47,700

VP a VP L email responder expander

1990

01:11:52,960 --> 01:11:51,360

within about the three hours or less but

1991

01:11:56,930 --> 01:11:52,970

one comment that I did want to make

1992

01:11:59,900 --> 01:11:56,940

Vicky was in respect to this question of

1993

01:12:02,300 --> 01:11:59,910

alien life and bio signatures life may

1994

01:12:04,850 --> 01:12:02,310

be very alien but thermodynamics is

1995

01:12:06,590 --> 01:12:04,860

universal and so you know I agree with

1996

01:12:08,930 --> 01:12:06,600

Carl I thought you gave a good answer to

1997

01:12:10,550 --> 01:12:08,940

the silicon life question but if you

1998

01:12:13,640 --> 01:12:10,560

have carbon-based life this may be

1999

01:12:15,950 --> 01:12:13,650

totally different from you know ours not

2000

01:12:17,540 --> 01:12:15,960

DNA or RNA but something different I

2001

01:12:19,340 --> 01:12:17,550

think you're still going to end up with

2002

01:12:21,530 --> 01:12:19,350

the same types of byproducts of

2003

01:12:23,270 --> 01:12:21,540

metabolism that you get here on earth

2004

01:12:24,089 --> 01:12:23,280

just because certain things are

2005

01:12:26,459 --> 01:12:24,099

thermodynamic

2006

01:12:29,159 --> 01:12:26,469

avored and organisms can make a living

2007

01:12:37,080 --> 01:12:29,169

so there is you know some more general

2008

01:12:39,689 --> 01:12:37,090

justification to that right I agree one

2009

01:12:42,359 --> 01:12:39,699

of the things I'd mention in response to

2010

01:12:44,699 --> 01:12:42,369

Mike's observation is that Vicki uses

2011

01:12:48,540 --> 01:12:44,709

the technology that we are using right

2012

01:12:50,219 --> 01:12:48,550

now namely the ability to use the

2013

01:12:52,770 --> 01:12:50,229

multi-point control unit that's

2014

01:12:54,299 --> 01:12:52,780

providing this very nice picture that

2015

01:12:56,369 --> 01:12:54,309

you're all looking at now and seeing

2016

01:12:58,109 --> 01:12:56,379

everybody smiling faces and Adobe

2017

01:13:01,500 --> 01:12:58,119

Connect and all of that so I just

2018

01:13:04,589 --> 01:13:01,510

mentioned that to encourage everybody to

2019

01:13:06,629 --> 01:13:04,599

consider using this in any way as you

2020

01:13:09,659 --> 01:13:06,639

manage your teams in your research it's

2021

01:13:12,869 --> 01:13:09,669

available to all of you we can train

2022

01:13:14,790 --> 01:13:12,879

your IT folks on how to use it but

2023

01:13:16,979 --> 01:13:14,800

basically there's a web interface and

2024

01:13:18,359 --> 01:13:16,989

this technology is available to all of

2025

01:13:20,339 --> 01:13:18,369

you so any of you can be running a

2026

01:13:22,909 --> 01:13:20,349

meeting like this one and I know Vicki

2027

01:13:25,109 --> 01:13:22,919

has been using that as one of her tools

2028

01:13:27,810 --> 01:13:25,119

so are there any other questions for

2029

01:13:31,109 --> 01:13:27,820

Vicki yes I'm a question from Colorado

2030

01:13:33,179 --> 01:13:31,119

okay go ahead Vicki this is Katherine

2031

01:13:35,099 --> 01:13:33,189

right from Colorado you were talking

2032

01:13:37,409 --> 01:13:35,109

about modeling planets with liquid water

2033

01:13:39,119 --> 01:13:37,419

on the surface and I wanted to ask since

2034

01:13:41,040 --> 01:13:39,129

it's quite possible for a planet to be

2035

01:13:42,270 --> 01:13:41,050

habitable without liquid water on the

2036

01:13:43,739 --> 01:13:42,280

surface if there's water underground

2037

01:13:48,199 --> 01:13:43,749

where they're also modeling that type of

2038

01:13:51,119 --> 01:13:48,209

planet um I guess the answer is not yet

2039

01:13:52,560 --> 01:13:51,129

they I mean our concern with liquid

2040

01:13:53,790 --> 01:13:52,570

water on a service and I know this is

2041

01:13:55,819 --> 01:13:53,800

this is a hot-button issue in the

2042

01:13:57,779 --> 01:13:55,829

astrobiology community that this this

2043

01:14:00,750 --> 01:13:57,789

discrimination between surface and

2044

01:14:02,609 --> 01:14:00,760

subsurface life we stick to surface life

2045

01:14:04,830 --> 01:14:02,619

just because it's more detectable over

2046

01:14:07,889 --> 01:14:04,840

very large distances it is harder

2047

01:14:10,020 --> 01:14:07,899

with subsurface life to detect for

2048

01:14:12,029 --> 01:14:10,030

example any surface features from it the

2049

01:14:15,239 --> 01:14:12,039

gases may get released in and get up

2050

01:14:16,619 --> 01:14:15,249

into the atmosphere and and that may be

2051

01:14:18,389 --> 01:14:16,629

significant our planet with a lot of

2052

01:14:20,729 --> 01:14:18,399

geothermal activity but if you're

2053

01:14:23,580 --> 01:14:20,739

looking at you know photosynthetically

2054

01:14:24,989 --> 01:14:23,590

driven liquid water life then you really

2055

01:14:26,369 --> 01:14:24,999

need to be on the surface obviously to

2056

01:14:28,139 --> 01:14:26,379

get the kind of biomass the kind of

2057

01:14:30,299 --> 01:14:28,149

output that we're more likely to detect

2058

01:14:31,889 --> 01:14:30,309

so I think first off the bat when these

2059

01:14:33,689 --> 01:14:31,899

missions are going to be struggling

2060

01:14:35,849 --> 01:14:33,699

definitely to get enough protons from

2061

01:14:37,290 --> 01:14:35,859

these planets that we do tend to have

2062

01:14:39,510 --> 01:14:37,300

this bias that we want the

2063

01:14:41,490 --> 01:14:39,520

to be on the surface just because it's

2064

01:14:43,170 --> 01:14:41,500

easier to detect it's more likely to

2065

01:14:45,320 --> 01:14:43,180

eventually gotten photosynthesis and so

2066

01:14:47,850 --> 01:14:45,330

be a highly productive biosphere as well

2067

01:14:51,570 --> 01:14:47,860

so that's kind of our bias at the moment

2068

01:14:52,920 --> 01:14:51,580

but you know if it's possible that

2069

01:14:55,230 --> 01:14:52,930

subsurface life can release enough

2070

01:14:56,700 --> 01:14:55,240

things is inefficient enough that it

2071

01:14:59,280 --> 01:14:56,710

releases enough stuff into the

2072

01:15:01,530 --> 01:14:59,290

atmosphere I mean most most areas where

2073

01:15:03,450 --> 01:15:01,540

resources are limited if you tend to get

2074

01:15:05,190 --> 01:15:03,460

its efficiency where you know in a

2075

01:15:06,660 --> 01:15:05,200

microbial mat you don't let anything out

2076

01:15:08,760 --> 01:15:06,670

the top if you can possibly avoid it you

2077

01:15:10,890 --> 01:15:08,770

know somebody usually involves to use it

2078

01:15:12,450 --> 01:15:10,900

so in that case this would have to be

2079

01:15:15,270 --> 01:15:12,460

sort of a release from the biosphere

2080

01:15:16,830 --> 01:15:15,280

into the service environment and we just

2081

01:15:18,930 --> 01:15:16,840

think that maybe that's less likely or

2082

01:15:28,640 --> 01:15:18,940

more difficult to see but those are our

2083

01:15:34,650 --> 01:15:32,250

okay let me just announce attention that

2084

01:15:37,020 --> 01:15:34,660

the seminar on Wednesday of this week

2085

01:15:39,360 --> 01:15:37,030

will be by Mike Miller for the Goddard

2086

01:15:41,100 --> 01:15:39,370

team same time same Channel

2087

01:15:49,500 --> 01:15:41,110

look forward to seeing you then and