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00:00:15,860 --> 00:00:11,750  
so today's talks are pretty much geology

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00:00:17,179 --> 00:00:15,870  
and biology chemistry esque related but

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00:00:19,190 --> 00:00:17,189  
I've been tasked with giving you a bit

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00:00:21,740 --> 00:00:19,200  
of an introduction to geology I will

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00:00:23,660 --> 00:00:21,750  
give you a disclaimer I have a degree in

6  
00:00:25,700 --> 00:00:23,670  
biochemistry and I've only been doing

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00:00:30,980 --> 00:00:25,710  
geology for about a year and a half I'll

8  
00:00:33,080 --> 00:00:30,990  
do my best but so those of you having

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00:00:36,290 --> 00:00:33,090  
met me already my name is Jess money

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00:00:38,150 --> 00:00:36,300  
organizers my talk today is geology and

11  
00:00:40,250 --> 00:00:38,160  
biology putting the ology and

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00:00:43,090 --> 00:00:40,260  
astrobiology so hopefully you guys watch

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00:00:47,840 --> 00:00:43,100

my video got a bit of an intro to stuff

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00:00:50,000 --> 00:00:47,850

so just yeah jared is really good thanks

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00:00:51,139 --> 00:00:50,010

feel free to ask me any questions if you

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00:00:52,610 --> 00:00:51,149

guys have any questions you don't know

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00:00:53,479 --> 00:00:52,620

what I'm talking about throw a hand up

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00:00:56,209 --> 00:00:53,489

this is supposed to be kind of an

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00:00:58,400 --> 00:00:56,219

informal warm-up thing so what I'm going

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to talk about a little bit is start off

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00:01:02,920 --> 00:01:00,750

with an intro into the geologic record a

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00:01:05,749 --> 00:01:02,930

little bit about early Earth and Mars

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00:01:07,850 --> 00:01:05,759

introduced the idea of life what are

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00:01:09,230 --> 00:01:07,860

habitable paleo environments where we

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00:01:11,960 --> 00:01:09,240

would find those in the geologic record

26  
00:01:13,550 --> 00:01:11,970  
on earth and mars and what evidence for

27  
00:01:15,320 --> 00:01:13,560  
life we see in the geologic record and

28  
00:01:16,490 --> 00:01:15,330  
then talk a little bit of analog so i'm

29  
00:01:17,960 --> 00:01:16,500  
doing i'm going to do my best to try and

30  
00:01:20,359 --> 00:01:17,970  
touch on what everyone today is talking

31  
00:01:24,730 --> 00:01:20,369  
about at least using a word or two from

32  
00:01:27,260 --> 00:01:24,740  
their abstract if nothing if not more so

33  
00:01:30,080 --> 00:01:27,270  
do you logic histories so geologic time

34  
00:01:31,550 --> 00:01:30,090  
for those who that aren't started you

35  
00:01:33,919 --> 00:01:31,560  
know 4.5 billion years ago whenever the

36  
00:01:37,520 --> 00:01:33,929  
Big Bang Earth and Mars started with the

37  
00:01:40,070 --> 00:01:37,530  
same and now here we are earth is green

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00:01:43,609 --> 00:01:40,080

abundant life Mars is kind of a polar

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desert but why do we care about this

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well understanding geologic context is

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00:01:49,359 --> 00:01:47,520

really interesting in the realm of

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00:01:51,169 --> 00:01:49,369

astrobiology because it provides

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00:01:52,639 --> 00:01:51,179

constraints for depositional

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00:01:54,229 --> 00:01:52,649

environments if you know what the

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00:01:55,490 --> 00:01:54,239

geologic context of in areas you can

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note that how those rocks were deposited

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there which tells you what the paleo

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00:02:02,150 --> 00:02:00,090

environmental conditions were and this

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basically constrains habitability and

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00:02:06,139 --> 00:02:03,899

the whether or not life could be there

51  
00:02:07,760 --> 00:02:06,149  
the geologic context also constrains

52  
00:02:09,350 --> 00:02:07,770  
whether niala bio signature is preserved

53  
00:02:10,999 --> 00:02:09,360  
heard about this a little bit last night

54  
00:02:13,580 --> 00:02:11,009  
how sediments are better than safe

55  
00:02:15,260 --> 00:02:13,590  
volcanics for preserving so if you

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00:02:17,690 --> 00:02:15,270  
understand that we can really kind of

57  
00:02:18,650 --> 00:02:17,700  
tailor our search for life in the

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00:02:19,460 --> 00:02:18,660  
universe and where we should be looking

59  
00:02:22,250 --> 00:02:19,470  
for evidence

60  
00:02:24,530 --> 00:02:22,260  
life so in the beginning we had

61  
00:02:27,050 --> 00:02:24,540  
planetesimals like this flying around

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00:02:28,670 --> 00:02:27,060  
hot burning balls of molten rock and

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00:02:30,530 --> 00:02:28,680

they went through the process of

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00:02:32,600 --> 00:02:30,540

planetary differentiation or at least

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00:02:33,950 --> 00:02:32,610

the terrestrial planets did so this is a

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process in which denser material

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separates from the less dense materials

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so for Earth we have an iron nickel core

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all the heavy iron nickel heavy elements

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sunk to the core we have a lighter

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mantle which are iron and magnesium

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silicate minerals and then a lighter

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crust which are mostly aluminum

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00:02:55,760 --> 00:02:51,600

potassium sodium silicate so this is

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Earth and Mars now Earth you can see

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iron nickel core you've got your liquid

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outer core mantle your crust Mars is

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also similarly differentiated you've got

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a core mantle although you can see based

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00:03:12,140 --> 00:03:08,820

on the redness that it's not as warm on

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00:03:13,610 --> 00:03:12,150

the inside anymore so what's going on

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00:03:15,860 --> 00:03:13,620

when we talked about geologic processes

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00:03:18,590 --> 00:03:15,870

well right now this is Earth and Mars

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00:03:25,610 --> 00:03:18,600

today what are they geologically active

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or in yeah I think deep down yes but we

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00:03:31,850 --> 00:03:27,300

don't have there's no large-scale mantle

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00:03:36,229 --> 00:03:31,860

convection like Earth has right now yeah

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that'd be great we could get one so

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we're talking with geologic processes

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right now on impacts are the most

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ubiquitous process in the solar system

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00:03:46,670 --> 00:03:44,310

Earth and Mars are both still subject

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00:03:49,130 --> 00:03:46,680

impacts although on long geologic time

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00:03:52,130 --> 00:03:49,140

scales volcanism earth definitely has

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00:03:55,100 --> 00:03:52,140

volcanism now Mars did not so much

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00:03:56,660 --> 00:03:55,110

anymore plate tectonics we'll hear a lot

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about this later today earth definitely

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yes Mars not really chemical weathering

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00:04:04,729 --> 00:04:02,670

is still happening every pretty much

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00:04:06,590 --> 00:04:04,739

everywhere you've got redox reactions to

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00:04:10,039 --> 00:04:06,600

that happening biological weathering

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00:04:13,130 --> 00:04:10,049

earth yes Mars not so much and wind and

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00:04:15,110 --> 00:04:13,140

water erosion earth definitely Mars

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00:04:16,670 --> 00:04:15,120

minimal we see evidence for water

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00:04:18,880 --> 00:04:16,680

erosion going on now not a whole lot

106

00:04:20,960 --> 00:04:18,890

wind erosion the atmosphere is a lot

107

00:04:22,550 --> 00:04:20,970

less dense than it is here there's a

108

00:04:24,830 --> 00:04:22,560

less wind erosion going on so basically

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00:04:26,510 --> 00:04:24,840

dearth is geologically active on billion

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00:04:28,339 --> 00:04:26,520

year time scales Mars is kind of

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00:04:31,400 --> 00:04:28,349

geologically dead right now if you want

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00:04:34,090 --> 00:04:31,410

to call it that so let's talk about

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00:04:37,040 --> 00:04:34,100

## Earth's early geologic history

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00:04:39,620 --> 00:04:37,050

so this is a hidden or what the Hadean

115

00:04:43,760 --> 00:04:39,630

was believed to be like in the 50s kind

116

00:04:46,010 --> 00:04:43,770

of a hellish type place but now we have

117

00:04:48,080 --> 00:04:46,020

a more I guess mellow view what the

118

00:04:50,659 --> 00:04:48,090

Hadean is like this is the more up cool

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00:04:53,270 --> 00:04:50,669

and climate updated reconstruction so

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00:04:54,499 --> 00:04:53,280

this is based on 4.4 old

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00:04:57,770 --> 00:04:54,509

billion-year-old zircons that were found

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00:04:59,089 --> 00:04:57,780

zircon's are very very resistant

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minerals there is resistant to

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weathering and so these were data using

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00:05:07,879 --> 00:05:05,370

a rainy uranium lead dating and they

126  
00:05:09,710 --> 00:05:07,889  
were found in 3.1 billion year old meta

127  
00:05:11,779 --> 00:05:09,720  
sediments and what what why these tell

128  
00:05:13,760 --> 00:05:11,789  
us that ad and earth might have been

129  
00:05:16,850 --> 00:05:13,770  
cooler and more Clement is that these

130  
00:05:19,879 --> 00:05:16,860  
zircons are similar to circles we find

131  
00:05:22,460 --> 00:05:19,889  
in granitic rocks modern granitic rocks

132  
00:05:25,520 --> 00:05:22,470  
and this tells us that we had subduction

133  
00:05:27,379 --> 00:05:25,530  
of Hydra hydrated basalt in subduction

134  
00:05:29,210 --> 00:05:27,389  
zones and this tells us there must have

135  
00:05:30,890 --> 00:05:29,220  
been water on the surface so there was

136  
00:05:32,589 --> 00:05:30,900  
some water that as well the oxygen

137  
00:05:34,550 --> 00:05:32,599  
isotope fractionation in these zircons

138  
00:05:37,640 --> 00:05:34,560

indicates if they are formed at low

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00:05:42,409 --> 00:05:37,650

temperatures so not necessarily a molten

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00:05:44,960 --> 00:05:42,419

ball of rock we talked about earlier or

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00:05:46,100 --> 00:05:44,970

the archaean from 3.8 to 2.5 billion

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00:05:48,170 --> 00:05:46,110

years ago this is a photo you guys are

143

00:05:50,089 --> 00:05:48,180

all pretty familiar with we had a higher

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00:05:51,620 --> 00:05:50,099

heat flow so the mantle is a lot hotter

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00:05:53,149 --> 00:05:51,630

the plan ahead and cool as much we had

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00:05:55,730 --> 00:05:53,159

plate tectonics although some people

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00:05:57,230 --> 00:05:55,740

don't agree that we necessarily have

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00:05:58,159 --> 00:05:57,240

plate tectonics in the Aegean I think

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00:06:00,409 --> 00:05:58,169

Lina's going to touch on this a little

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00:06:02,420 --> 00:06:00,419

bit we had abundant volcanism because we

151  
00:06:04,040 --> 00:06:02,430  
had a hotter mantle but we had to

152  
00:06:06,680 --> 00:06:04,050  
develop hydrosphere and atmosphere and

153  
00:06:08,600 --> 00:06:06,690  
this isn't debated anymore not like for

154  
00:06:12,080 --> 00:06:08,610  
instance and hid lan but we also have

155  
00:06:13,700 --> 00:06:12,090  
increased weathering and tidal cycles so

156  
00:06:15,589 --> 00:06:13,710  
what does your keen rock record tell us

157  
00:06:16,700 --> 00:06:15,599  
well our key in rocks don't worry too

158  
00:06:19,249 --> 00:06:16,710  
much for the details of this it's a lot

159  
00:06:20,990 --> 00:06:19,259  
of geology dragon but basically what's

160  
00:06:22,969 --> 00:06:21,000  
preserved is primarily basalt so

161  
00:06:24,860 --> 00:06:22,979  
volcanic rock these are lava that's been

162  
00:06:26,180 --> 00:06:24,870  
extruded as hardened into the salt but

163  
00:06:29,749 --> 00:06:26,190

we also have a special kind of volcanic

164

00:06:31,730 --> 00:06:29,759

rock called the kamati aight which wraps

165

00:06:33,290 --> 00:06:31,740

at a much higher temperature than the

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00:06:34,459 --> 00:06:33,300

salts now so we don't see those anywhere

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00:06:36,499 --> 00:06:34,469

in the rock record except for the

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00:06:38,390 --> 00:06:36,509

archaeon because the mantle isn't hot

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00:06:39,649 --> 00:06:38,400

enough so they have a higher eruption

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00:06:41,029 --> 00:06:39,659

temperature and a higher magnesium

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00:06:42,230 --> 00:06:41,039

content and most of the rocks that we

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00:06:44,329 --> 00:06:42,240

see preserved in the archaeon are from

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00:06:45,860 --> 00:06:44,339

regions like this so subduction zones

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00:06:47,150 --> 00:06:45,870

where you have subduction of an oceanic

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00:06:50,120 --> 00:06:47,160

plate

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00:06:54,380 --> 00:06:50,130

melting lots of volcanism up a lot of

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00:06:55,760 --> 00:06:54,390

its seafloor volcanism so what do we

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00:06:58,540 --> 00:06:55,770

know with the atmosphere the arcane

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00:07:01,070 --> 00:06:58,550

atmosphere well we basically have no

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00:07:03,020 --> 00:07:01,080

direct measure of their keen atmosphere

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00:07:05,450 --> 00:07:03,030

we don't necessarily have food and sorry

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00:07:08,360 --> 00:07:05,460

air pockets in rocks that we can measure

183

00:07:10,160 --> 00:07:08,370

but minerals are great at recording past

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00:07:12,590 --> 00:07:10,170

paleo environmental conditions so we

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00:07:14,150 --> 00:07:12,600

have geochemical proxies we can use so

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00:07:16,730 --> 00:07:14,160

redox sensor that a redox-sensitive

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00:07:17,840 --> 00:07:16,740

elements like iron that will tell us a

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00:07:19,550 --> 00:07:17,850

little bit about the atmospheric

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00:07:23,750 --> 00:07:19,560

conditions so we know that it was anoxic

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00:07:24,950 --> 00:07:23,760

high co2 lots of methane some nh3 so a

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00:07:26,180 --> 00:07:24,960

lot of this is from there's tons of

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00:07:28,100 --> 00:07:26,190

Vulcan isms you've got lots of volcanic

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00:07:31,190 --> 00:07:28,110

degassing spewing this stuff into the

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atmosphere and some are around 2.5 we

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have this big bump in oxygen in the

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00:07:39,320 --> 00:07:36,090

atmosphere so this is the goe the great

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00:07:40,670 --> 00:07:39,330

oxidation event which is still debated

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00:07:43,280 --> 00:07:40,680

why it happened had to do with foot

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00:07:46,160 --> 00:07:43,290

photosynthesis maybe changes in volcanic

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00:07:48,530 --> 00:07:46,170

outgassing and we're going to hear more

201  
00:07:51,320 --> 00:07:48,540  
about that today as well so what about

202  
00:07:52,790 --> 00:07:51,330  
our key in oceans our key notions are

203  
00:07:54,860 --> 00:07:52,800  
really interesting from astrobiological

204  
00:07:57,590 --> 00:07:54,870  
perspective we know they were a toxic

205  
00:07:58,910 --> 00:07:57,600  
and acidic they had high dissolved co2

206  
00:08:01,610 --> 00:07:58,920  
they're in equilibrium with a high co2

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00:08:03,470 --> 00:08:01,620  
atmosphere but because they're on toxic

208  
00:08:04,820 --> 00:08:03,480  
and acidic their enriched in reduced

209  
00:08:06,890 --> 00:08:04,830  
metal species so things like iron

210  
00:08:09,920 --> 00:08:06,900  
two-plus nickel things that would not be

211  
00:08:11,360 --> 00:08:09,930  
soluble in today's oceans and as the

212  
00:08:13,640 --> 00:08:11,370  
ocean became more oxygenated they became

213  
00:08:16,100 --> 00:08:13,650

insoluble and precipitated out this is

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00:08:17,510 --> 00:08:16,110

one of those redox proxies we can use we

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00:08:20,350 --> 00:08:17,520

also know that it will like the ocean

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00:08:23,090 --> 00:08:20,360

now is salty it's got sodium chlorine

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00:08:25,460 --> 00:08:23,100

magnesium and calcium salts but abundant

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hydrothermal activity I mentioned that

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00:08:28,820 --> 00:08:27,510

there's a lot more volcanism higher heat

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flow in the mantle so you've got more

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00:08:32,510 --> 00:08:30,419

volcanism on the sea floor as well which

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00:08:33,589 --> 00:08:32,520

means you have a lot hydrothermal

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00:08:36,890 --> 00:08:33,599

activity like this going on black

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00:08:38,900 --> 00:08:36,900

smokers and depending what sort of proxy

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00:08:41,120 --> 00:08:38,910

used for surface temp for water

226  
00:08:42,589 --> 00:08:41,130  
temperature it's been estimated that the

227  
00:08:44,209 --> 00:08:42,599  
surface temperature the oceans were

228  
00:08:46,100 --> 00:08:44,219  
somewhere between 50 and 70 if you

229  
00:08:48,290 --> 00:08:46,110  
believe oxygen isotopes from shells from

230  
00:08:51,140 --> 00:08:48,300  
that age or there's a group that day at

231  
00:08:53,350 --> 00:08:51,150  
work the estimated between 26 and 35

232  
00:08:57,530 --> 00:08:53,360  
degrees Celsius which is more closer to

233  
00:08:59,240 --> 00:08:57,540  
kind of tropical archaean ocean

234  
00:09:00,710 --> 00:08:59,250  
temperatures or sorry modern tropical

235  
00:09:02,840 --> 00:09:00,720  
ocean temperatures

236  
00:09:04,879 --> 00:09:02,850  
so what I want you to get from this is

237  
00:09:07,400 --> 00:09:04,889  
that minerals constrain the

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00:09:10,610 --> 00:09:07,410

environmental conditions so if we can

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00:09:13,249 --> 00:09:10,620

take we know the stability fields of a

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00:09:14,720 --> 00:09:13,259

certain set of minerals and we can look

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00:09:15,769 --> 00:09:14,730

the rock and find it if those minerals

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00:09:17,360 --> 00:09:15,779

are there we can place them in the

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00:09:19,699 --> 00:09:17,370

stability field and make inferences

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00:09:22,429 --> 00:09:19,709

about what for instance the hydrogen h<sub>2</sub>

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00:09:24,379 --> 00:09:22,439

the acidity and the co<sub>2</sub> content of the

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00:09:28,100 --> 00:09:24,389

atmosphere and the aquatic environment

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00:09:29,210 --> 00:09:28,110

in that time period verb so this is what

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00:09:30,559 --> 00:09:29,220

we know about Earth's early geologic

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00:09:33,079 --> 00:09:30,569

history basically just a quick overview

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00:09:34,759 --> 00:09:33,089

you've got the Hadean core formation

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differentiation this is where we see

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these early detrital zircons which tell

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us that it was not actually as hellish

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as we thought it was more cool and

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Clement with the oldest rocks here

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there's very little rock record from

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this time because our earth is so

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dynamic there's a lot of plate tectonics

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things are getting recycled but we do

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have via cast and ice which is here in

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Canada up in the Northwest Territories

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00:09:56,869 --> 00:09:54,360

the oldest rock well this is the oldest

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00:10:01,550 --> 00:09:56,879

mineral and then we start seeing some

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00:10:03,679 --> 00:10:01,560

evidence of life somewhere in here so

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let's go back to Mars let's look at Mars

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00:10:07,429 --> 00:10:06,120

his early geologic record well early in

267

00:10:09,290 --> 00:10:07,439

a wacky and Mars is very different from

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00:10:10,879 --> 00:10:09,300

what we see Mars now it's it was

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00:10:12,470 --> 00:10:10,889

geologically active there was tons of

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00:10:14,569 --> 00:10:12,480

cratering is around the late heavy

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00:10:17,809 --> 00:10:14,579

bombardment time lots of volcanism

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00:10:19,730 --> 00:10:17,819

you've got the Tharsis volcanoes olympus

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00:10:20,809 --> 00:10:19,740

mons starting to form erosion lots of

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00:10:22,429 --> 00:10:20,819

valley formation but there's still

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00:10:25,629 --> 00:10:22,439

debate over whether we had a warm and

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00:10:27,559 --> 00:10:25,639

wet Mars or a cold with transient water

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00:10:30,590 --> 00:10:27,569

that's still a pretty big thing in

278

00:10:33,769 --> 00:10:30,600

astrobiology so we talk about major

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00:10:35,720 --> 00:10:33,779

geologic events we had the formation of

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00:10:38,569 --> 00:10:35,730

the Hellas Basin happening during the

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00:10:40,569 --> 00:10:38,579

wacky Mars good these Darcis volcanoes

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00:10:44,090 --> 00:10:40,579

and olympus mons starting to kind of

283

00:10:45,799 --> 00:10:44,100

form interrupt and then as we we also

284

00:10:46,790 --> 00:10:45,809

see abundant evidence for water this is

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00:10:48,799 --> 00:10:46,800

one of the more interesting things in

286

00:10:50,600 --> 00:10:48,809

astrobiology so we see several lines of

287

00:10:52,639 --> 00:10:50,610

evidence for water in a wacky Mars first

288

00:10:54,230 --> 00:10:52,649

being morphological so you've got

289

00:10:55,610 --> 00:10:54,240

evidence of stream beds like here where

290

00:11:00,490 --> 00:10:55,620

MSL just found those exciting

291

00:11:02,990 --> 00:11:00,500

conglomerates Delta's spring systems

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00:11:04,939 --> 00:11:03,000

alluvial fans stuff like that we also

293

00:11:06,920 --> 00:11:04,949

have mineralogical evidence in no a keen

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00:11:08,360 --> 00:11:06,930

it's primarily clays so phyllosilicate

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00:11:11,179 --> 00:11:08,370

minerals these are kind of widespread

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00:11:12,949 --> 00:11:11,189

throughout in Iraq and trains and these

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00:11:16,150 --> 00:11:12,959

are formed by the interaction of water

298

00:11:25,190 --> 00:11:21,050

and what about hesperian Mars there was

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00:11:26,329 --> 00:11:25,200

less volcanism less impacts but thirty

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00:11:28,600 --> 00:11:26,339

percent of the surface was still

301  
00:11:30,380 --> 00:11:28,610  
resurfaced with fresh with salt and

302  
00:11:35,240 --> 00:11:30,390  
instead of having kind of this

303  
00:11:37,940 --> 00:11:35,250  
widespread clay alteration what you see

304  
00:11:39,139 --> 00:11:37,950  
is more sporadic sulfate alteration

305  
00:11:43,190 --> 00:11:39,149  
which also means there was water there

306  
00:11:45,170 --> 00:11:43,200  
but more not not as widespread but there

307  
00:11:48,170 --> 00:11:45,180  
was still big geologic events going this

308  
00:11:49,759 --> 00:11:48,180  
is Valles Marineris which I often didn't

309  
00:11:51,769 --> 00:11:49,769  
realize how big it actually was but when

310  
00:11:53,960 --> 00:11:51,779  
you place the u.s. on it it goes across

311  
00:11:55,490 --> 00:11:53,970  
the entire country so that's a giant

312  
00:11:57,019 --> 00:11:55,500  
Canyon that was formed during the

313  
00:12:00,949 --> 00:11:57,029

Hesperian so there was still big things

314

00:12:02,269 --> 00:12:00,959

happening and now present Mars is cold

315

00:12:04,759 --> 00:12:02,279

and dry it's pretty much a polar desert

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00:12:06,440 --> 00:12:04,769

it's liquid water is not stable we heard

317

00:12:07,759 --> 00:12:06,450

about this yesterday its surface

318

00:12:09,590 --> 00:12:07,769

conditions are below the triple point of

319

00:12:11,090 --> 00:12:09,600

liquid water you've got incredibly high

320

00:12:14,030 --> 00:12:11,100

UV flux because there's basically no

321

00:12:16,009 --> 00:12:14,040

atmosphere it's really oxidizing there's

322

00:12:19,970 --> 00:12:16,019

no liquid but there is maybe some ice up

323

00:12:22,100 --> 00:12:19,980

in the poles or subsurface ice so here

324

00:12:23,990 --> 00:12:22,110

we have just an overview early Nowacki

325

00:12:26,420 --> 00:12:24,000

Mars you've got clay alteration fluids

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00:12:29,510 --> 00:12:26,430

you've got sulfate alteration in the

327

00:12:32,810 --> 00:12:29,520

kind of hysteria and then from the

328

00:12:36,860 --> 00:12:32,820

amazonian on its well pretty dull

329

00:12:38,810 --> 00:12:36,870

geologically so I'm just going to talk

330

00:12:41,060 --> 00:12:38,820

about life quickly not going to go to

331

00:12:42,949 --> 00:12:41,070

big into it there is it could talk for

332

00:12:44,150 --> 00:12:42,959

hours about the definition of life what

333

00:12:45,620 --> 00:12:44,160

life really is but for now I'm just

334

00:12:48,079 --> 00:12:45,630

going to stick with a NASA working

335

00:12:49,910 --> 00:12:48,089

definition life is a self-sustained

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00:12:53,120 --> 00:12:49,920

chemical system capable of Darwinian

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00:12:55,190 --> 00:12:53,130

evolution good enough for us today so

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00:12:56,840 --> 00:12:55,200

what does life required well firstly

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00:13:00,769 --> 00:12:56,850

life as we should say life as we know it

340

00:13:02,930 --> 00:13:00,779

so us we require liquid water the bio

341

00:13:05,810 --> 00:13:02,940

essential elements so carbon hydrogen

342

00:13:07,400 --> 00:13:05,820

oxygen nitrogen phosphorus but also a

343

00:13:09,350 --> 00:13:07,410

thermodynamic regime capable of

344

00:13:11,240 --> 00:13:09,360

supporting disequilibrium so basically

345

00:13:12,050 --> 00:13:11,250

redox if you think of life in its

346

00:13:13,819 --> 00:13:12,060

simplest form it's kind of like a

347

00:13:17,150 --> 00:13:13,829

battery you need the exchange of

348

00:13:20,030 --> 00:13:17,160

electrons and protons it's just kind of

349

00:13:22,040 --> 00:13:20,040

a simple energy exchange system so if

350

00:13:24,110 --> 00:13:22,050

you want to look at it from a almost

351  
00:13:25,880 --> 00:13:24,120  
like geologic mineralogical elemental

352  
00:13:28,260 --> 00:13:25,890  
view this is the periodic table from the

353  
00:13:30,390 --> 00:13:28,270  
view of a microbe or us and you saw

354  
00:13:31,560 --> 00:13:30,400  
of living organism as we know it so

355  
00:13:33,000 --> 00:13:31,570  
you've got your bio essential elements

356  
00:13:35,730 --> 00:13:33,010  
but you also still require some metals

357  
00:13:38,070 --> 00:13:35,740  
you need trace metals and salts for ion

358  
00:13:40,050 --> 00:13:38,080  
exchange and to act as catalysts and

359  
00:13:43,200 --> 00:13:40,060  
enzyme for your enzymes and things like

360  
00:13:45,390 --> 00:13:43,210  
that so but there's some limits so this

361  
00:13:46,710 --> 00:13:45,400  
is just kind of limits to life as we

362  
00:13:48,840 --> 00:13:46,720  
know it because we're continually

363  
00:13:51,180 --> 00:13:48,850

pushing those limits like Lyle said he

364

00:13:53,700 --> 00:13:51,190

didn't think life could live below what

365

00:13:55,920 --> 00:13:53,710

five degrees now we're down to 15 sorry

366

00:13:59,010 --> 00:13:55,930

minus 15 so we have certain limitations

367

00:14:01,860 --> 00:13:59,020

to life as we know it whether they be

368

00:14:05,640 --> 00:14:01,870

temperature pH hydrostatic pressure

369

00:14:08,190 --> 00:14:05,650

water activity metal concentration so

370

00:14:09,750 --> 00:14:08,200

we're in the geologic we're in the

371

00:14:12,090 --> 00:14:09,760

geologic record will we look for life

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00:14:13,650 --> 00:14:12,100

well we need to find habitable paleo

373

00:14:16,770 --> 00:14:13,660

environments so areas where life as we

374

00:14:18,660 --> 00:14:16,780

know it could potentially survive so

375

00:14:20,730 --> 00:14:18,670

areas that have liquid water the bio

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00:14:23,880 --> 00:14:20,740

essential elements that we need and then

377

00:14:26,280 --> 00:14:23,890

disequilibrium so redox and pH gradients

378

00:14:28,890 --> 00:14:26,290

and realistically this is primarily in

379

00:14:30,390 --> 00:14:28,900

the sedimentary record and I should note

380

00:14:31,710 --> 00:14:30,400

I'm not going to discuss too much the

381

00:14:36,240 --> 00:14:31,720

origins of life we are assuming that

382

00:14:38,040 --> 00:14:36,250

life is here where would it be so when

383

00:14:39,810 --> 00:14:38,050

in the geologic where when in the

384

00:14:43,320 --> 00:14:39,820

geologic record do we start looking for

385

00:14:44,940 --> 00:14:43,330

the earliest signs of life well when we

386

00:14:49,620 --> 00:14:44,950

start seeing habitable environments so

387

00:14:53,220 --> 00:14:49,630

more cool Clement not dries where we

388

00:14:54,300 --> 00:14:53,230

have water so somewhere in here this

389

00:14:55,920 --> 00:14:54,310

area this is where it's more interesting

390

00:14:57,150 --> 00:14:55,930

because once we get beyond there there's

391

00:14:59,910 --> 00:14:57,160

no doubt we know there's life there we

392

00:15:01,920 --> 00:14:59,920

got fossils of fish and plants and all

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00:15:03,480 --> 00:15:01,930

sorts of things so and we're not

394

00:15:05,220 --> 00:15:03,490

expecting to find those things on Mars

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00:15:06,630 --> 00:15:05,230

in the geologic record so we're going to

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00:15:10,530 --> 00:15:06,640

talk about this area here we've got just

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00:15:12,300 --> 00:15:10,540

kind of microbes basically so let's talk

398

00:15:13,950 --> 00:15:12,310

about habitable paleo environments in

399

00:15:17,070 --> 00:15:13,960

Earth's geologic record so the early

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00:15:18,330 --> 00:15:17,080

geologic record soha DNR's well like i

401  
00:15:20,640 --> 00:15:18,340  
mentioned earlier there's basically no

402  
00:15:23,250 --> 00:15:20,650  
geologic record of hiddy and earth we've

403  
00:15:24,840 --> 00:15:23,260  
got a couple gneisses up in Northwest

404  
00:15:26,820 --> 00:15:24,850  
Territories but they're not sedimentary

405  
00:15:29,490 --> 00:15:26,830  
they don't really have anything

406  
00:15:30,900 --> 00:15:29,500  
biological in them we've got some

407  
00:15:35,030 --> 00:15:30,910  
zircons they're not really useful either

408  
00:15:37,320 --> 00:15:35,040  
and this is just a view from a and

409  
00:15:39,450 --> 00:15:37,330  
aren't in its be 2012 is basically

410  
00:15:41,070 --> 00:15:39,460  
review of early earth and life this is I

411  
00:15:42,030 --> 00:15:41,080  
think a pretty optimistic view of how

412  
00:15:43,800 --> 00:15:42,040  
nice

413  
00:15:45,930 --> 00:15:43,810

hey dinars might have been but I mean

414

00:15:47,069 --> 00:15:45,940

potentially we've got some some life

415

00:15:49,980 --> 00:15:47,079

going on down to the sea floor

416

00:15:51,930 --> 00:15:49,990

sympathetic Genesis but archaean earth

417

00:15:53,129 --> 00:15:51,940

and the archaean rock record is what's

418

00:15:55,139 --> 00:15:53,139

really interesting we were talking about

419

00:15:57,120 --> 00:15:55,149

early life and evidence for it but again

420

00:15:58,230 --> 00:15:57,130

like ice men sioned earlier the earth is

421

00:16:00,629 --> 00:15:58,240

really dynamic you've got plates

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00:16:03,360 --> 00:16:00,639

abducting rocks are being melted

423

00:16:05,460 --> 00:16:03,370

destroyed or routed so even your

424

00:16:07,139 --> 00:16:05,470

archaean record is limited the archaean

425

00:16:10,079 --> 00:16:07,149

rocks only make up five percent of the

426

00:16:14,730 --> 00:16:10,089

present continental crust and most of

427

00:16:16,410 --> 00:16:14,740

them are volcanic in nature so most

428

00:16:18,090 --> 00:16:16,420

arcane rocks are preserved in what we

429

00:16:19,290 --> 00:16:18,100

call greenstone belts and this is an

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00:16:22,069 --> 00:16:19,300

example of just kind of your typical

431

00:16:25,170 --> 00:16:22,079

greenstone belt so it's a series of

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00:16:26,939 --> 00:16:25,180

ultramafic mafic rocks with a little bit

433

00:16:28,610 --> 00:16:26,949

of sediments on top it's called green

434

00:16:31,829 --> 00:16:28,620

stone because it's been basically

435

00:16:33,809 --> 00:16:31,839

squished and compressed and heated for 3

436

00:16:36,809 --> 00:16:33,819

billion years to what we call green

437

00:16:39,059 --> 00:16:36,819

stone facies which just means that a

438

00:16:41,910 --> 00:16:39,069

certain pressure and temperature regime

439

00:16:43,650 --> 00:16:41,920

which has formed certain metamorphic

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00:16:48,059 --> 00:16:43,660

minerals so the minerals will get heated

441

00:16:49,590 --> 00:16:48,069

and we basically formed new minerals and

442

00:16:52,350 --> 00:16:49,600

many of which are green so things like

443

00:16:53,879 --> 00:16:52,360

epidote serpentine chlorite so that's

444

00:16:55,710 --> 00:16:53,889

why they call it green stone but what's

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00:16:58,590 --> 00:16:55,720

important here is even though we do have

446

00:17:00,180 --> 00:16:58,600

a lot of our key and rock record not a

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00:17:01,680 --> 00:17:00,190

whole lot of its sedimentary because

448

00:17:03,480 --> 00:17:01,690

sedimentary rocks don't stick around as

449

00:17:08,000 --> 00:17:03,490

well as may pick as Motel cannock rocks

450

00:17:12,120 --> 00:17:08,010

they tend to get eroded by glaciers they

451  
00:17:15,149 --> 00:17:12,130  
get yeah mostly just eroded away because

452  
00:17:17,610 --> 00:17:15,159  
they're not as competent so when we look

453  
00:17:20,399 --> 00:17:17,620  
at early Archaean earth so this is

454  
00:17:21,659 --> 00:17:20,409  
before we had photosynthesis we still

455  
00:17:23,250 --> 00:17:21,669  
definitely still have habitable

456  
00:17:24,990 --> 00:17:23,260  
environments so especially when you talk

457  
00:17:27,319 --> 00:17:25,000  
about the high degree of volcanism of

458  
00:17:30,180 --> 00:17:27,329  
the fact that we had water so you've got

459  
00:17:34,320 --> 00:17:30,190  
seafloor kind of areas so maybe some

460  
00:17:36,960 --> 00:17:34,330  
methanogenesis and chemo trophy going on

461  
00:17:39,149 --> 00:17:36,970  
here then you've got ocean vent systems

462  
00:17:40,919 --> 00:17:39,159  
where potentially you have life and

463  
00:17:44,250 --> 00:17:40,929

maybe maybe some plankton floating

464

00:17:49,080 --> 00:17:44,260

around and then if you go to late

465

00:17:52,080 --> 00:17:49,090

archaean earth where you have a little

466

00:17:55,150 --> 00:17:52,090

more habitable let's say we have again

467

00:17:56,770 --> 00:17:55,160

potentially terrestrial or will

468

00:17:58,380 --> 00:17:56,780

terrestrial biomes that aren't

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00:18:02,790 --> 00:17:58,390

necessarily ocean you've got swamps

470

00:18:05,560 --> 00:18:02,800

ocean continental hydrothermal systems

471

00:18:06,970 --> 00:18:05,570

maybe some shallow shelves where you

472

00:18:08,830 --> 00:18:06,980

have photosynthesis going this is when

473

00:18:10,540 --> 00:18:08,840

photosynthesis and the oxygenation of

474

00:18:13,890 --> 00:18:10,550

the atmosphere is just starting up you

475

00:18:16,300 --> 00:18:13,900

definitely have hydrothermal biomes and

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00:18:20,830 --> 00:18:16,310

I mentioned earlier we have a co2

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00:18:25,030 --> 00:18:20,840

methane rich atmosphere and lots of

478

00:18:27,940 --> 00:18:25,040

volcanism pushing s so2 co2 carbon gases

479

00:18:29,530 --> 00:18:27,950

into the atmosphere so what do these

480

00:18:32,220 --> 00:18:29,540

habitable environments look like so if

481

00:18:34,060 --> 00:18:32,230

you're talking about a kind of seafloor

482

00:18:36,730 --> 00:18:34,070

hydrothermal area here will you'll have

483

00:18:38,410 --> 00:18:36,740

basically the sea floor is biofilms like

484

00:18:42,970 --> 00:18:38,420

this we have hypothermia file biofilms

485

00:18:45,760 --> 00:18:42,980

and mats so these are preserved in the

486

00:18:48,900 --> 00:18:45,770

sedimentary sequence sometimes if you're

487

00:18:51,970 --> 00:18:48,910

lucky and then if you're talking about

488

00:18:54,610 --> 00:18:51,980

black smoker type areas you have a ton

489

00:18:57,130 --> 00:18:54,620  
of energy there we've got lots of

490

00:18:59,500 --> 00:18:57,140  
reductants locks of oxidants water heat

491

00:19:01,390 --> 00:18:59,510  
everything we need for life and so it's

492

00:19:03,790 --> 00:19:01,400  
actually a pretty happy place to live

493

00:19:05,680 --> 00:19:03,800  
for not for us obviously but for a lot

494

00:19:11,160 --> 00:19:05,690  
of microbes especially when you look

495

00:19:17,800 --> 00:19:13,930  
microbes and stuff closer to Luca our

496

00:19:19,300 --> 00:19:17,810  
hypothermic files so in this period this

497

00:19:21,310 --> 00:19:19,310  
is definitely a very good place to be

498

00:19:22,210 --> 00:19:21,320  
and then there's also i mentioned later

499

00:19:23,920 --> 00:19:22,220  
in the archaean you've got more

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00:19:26,170 --> 00:19:23,930  
continental growth you've got volcanism

501  
00:19:29,260 --> 00:19:26,180  
of this continental volcanism and the

502  
00:19:31,480 --> 00:19:29,270  
potential for hydrothermal kind of

503  
00:19:34,330 --> 00:19:31,490  
systems like this where well they are

504  
00:19:35,590 --> 00:19:34,340  
pretty acidic or unhappy or for us there

505  
00:19:39,490 --> 00:19:35,600  
definitely are habitable so this is in

506  
00:19:41,350 --> 00:19:39,500  
Iceland a sulfur spring but we're in the

507  
00:19:42,730 --> 00:19:41,360  
rock record do we find these well like i

508  
00:19:44,920 --> 00:19:42,740  
mentioned mostly are key and rock record

509  
00:19:47,050 --> 00:19:44,930  
is volcanic so these are a couple

510  
00:19:48,820 --> 00:19:47,060  
pictures from the abitibi greenstone

511  
00:19:51,460 --> 00:19:48,830  
belt these are what we call pillow vault

512  
00:19:53,350 --> 00:19:51,470  
sorry pillow lavas so you can see they

513  
00:19:55,600 --> 00:19:53,360

got these weird little pillow shape and

514

00:19:58,450 --> 00:19:55,610

this is formed when you have lava

515

00:20:00,550 --> 00:19:58,460

extruding on the seafloor as it comes

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00:20:03,100 --> 00:20:00,560

out it's it's almost like when you have

517

00:20:04,450 --> 00:20:03,110

a candle melting and you've got bits

518

00:20:05,680 --> 00:20:04,460

melting and it's kind of the outsides

519

00:20:08,080 --> 00:20:05,690

hardening a little bit and you get these

520

00:20:09,039 --> 00:20:08,090

weird little shapes so basically as the

521

00:20:11,499 --> 00:20:09,049

lava hits

522

00:20:13,690 --> 00:20:11,509

the cold ocean water it's you're getting

523

00:20:15,190 --> 00:20:13,700

kind of a quick glassy crystallization

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00:20:17,200 --> 00:20:15,200

on the outside it's forming these weird

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00:20:18,460 --> 00:20:17,210

pillow formations and these are actually

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00:20:20,830 --> 00:20:18,470

preserved pretty well in a lot of our

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00:20:22,720 --> 00:20:20,840

key greenstone belts the problem is

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00:20:24,129 --> 00:20:22,730

there's not a whole lot of evidence for

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00:20:27,190 --> 00:20:24,139

life in these because I mentioned

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00:20:29,320 --> 00:20:27,200

earlier they are volcanic rocks we also

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00:20:33,159 --> 00:20:29,330

have seafloor hydrothermal systems that

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00:20:36,369 --> 00:20:33,169

are preserved so this is a VMs deposit

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00:20:37,629 --> 00:20:36,379

in Brazil this would have been formed

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00:20:41,220 --> 00:20:37,639

from a black smoker system where you've

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00:20:43,119 --> 00:20:41,230

got a whole sedimentary pile of sulfides

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00:20:45,039 --> 00:20:43,129

primarily these are preserved in mines

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00:20:47,440 --> 00:20:45,049

or you see them better in mines because

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00:20:49,450 --> 00:20:47,450

a lot of archaean hydrothermal systems

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00:20:51,340 --> 00:20:49,460

are really really well mineralized which

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00:20:53,200 --> 00:20:51,350

is good from the perspective that you've

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00:20:56,379 --> 00:20:53,210

got the rocks or exposed and there's a

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00:20:57,519 --> 00:20:56,389

lot known about them so this is a sea

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00:20:59,560 --> 00:20:57,529

floor hydrothermal system here and this

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00:21:01,659 --> 00:20:59,570

is kind of a sub seafloor hydrothermal

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00:21:03,489 --> 00:21:01,669

system you can see here this black stuff

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00:21:04,899 --> 00:21:03,499

up here these are sediments this is a

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00:21:06,940 --> 00:21:04,909

graphic argillite that's a sea floor

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00:21:09,369 --> 00:21:06,950

sediment and you've got volcanics and

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00:21:10,570 --> 00:21:09,379

right in here you've got some carbonate

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00:21:13,720 --> 00:21:10,580

veins these are a sub seafloor

551  
00:21:15,700 --> 00:21:13,730  
hydrothermal vein so these are preserved

552  
00:21:17,169 --> 00:21:15,710  
in the rock record and then also more

553  
00:21:19,450 --> 00:21:17,179  
sedimentary environments oh these are

554  
00:21:21,940 --> 00:21:19,460  
banded iron formations again seafloor

555  
00:21:25,539 --> 00:21:21,950  
formations where you've got the kind of

556  
00:21:29,529 --> 00:21:25,549  
record the transition from an oxidizing

557  
00:21:32,099 --> 00:21:29,539  
to reducing or sorry a from the oh too

558  
00:21:34,899 --> 00:21:32,109  
rich or too poor to rich atmosphere and

559  
00:21:36,700 --> 00:21:34,909  
oceans where you've got in our key and

560  
00:21:39,279 --> 00:21:36,710  
Fe 2 plus is soluble in the ocean

561  
00:21:41,349 --> 00:21:39,289  
whereas it's not now because the ocean

562  
00:21:42,940 --> 00:21:41,359  
has too much oxygen in it so it

563  
00:21:45,430 --> 00:21:42,950

basically when the oxygen levels went up

564

00:21:47,799 --> 00:21:45,440

on earth the  $Fe^{2+}$  precipitated out

565

00:21:50,289 --> 00:21:47,809

and you end up with these banded iron

566

00:21:52,119 --> 00:21:50,299

formations but again these are 2.5

567

00:21:53,619 --> 00:21:52,129

billion years old so they've been cooked

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00:21:56,619 --> 00:21:53,629

squished here you can see a nice little

569

00:21:57,759 --> 00:21:56,629

fold bent and now instead of being on

570

00:22:01,479 --> 00:21:57,769

the subsea floor there in the middle of

571

00:22:04,299 --> 00:22:01,489

Canada so what about habitable paleo

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00:22:08,019 --> 00:22:04,309

environments in the Martian geologic

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00:22:09,879 --> 00:22:08,029

record well I would argue the best place

574

00:22:11,799 --> 00:22:09,889

to look is not a keen and early history

575

00:22:13,330 --> 00:22:11,809

in sedimentary environments because we

576  
00:22:14,680 --> 00:22:13,340  
know that the Amazonian doesn't have a

577  
00:22:16,720 --> 00:22:14,690  
whole lot of water or anything we

578  
00:22:18,700 --> 00:22:16,730  
consider necessary for life as we know

579  
00:22:20,590 --> 00:22:18,710  
it so we do have a pretty good handle on

580  
00:22:22,930 --> 00:22:20,600  
some of these environments they have

581  
00:22:24,370 --> 00:22:22,940  
been studied pretty extensively using

582  
00:22:26,230 --> 00:22:24,380  
overall data which granted is not the

583  
00:22:27,430 --> 00:22:26,240  
highest resolution but we can still

584  
00:22:30,490 --> 00:22:27,440  
distinguish some things we know we've

585  
00:22:32,590 --> 00:22:30,500  
got layered sulfates carbonates the salt

586  
00:22:34,030 --> 00:22:32,600  
so we can put certain things in geologic

587  
00:22:37,150 --> 00:22:34,040  
context to try and make inferences about

588  
00:22:38,470 --> 00:22:37,160

was happening there so examples of

589

00:22:40,360 --> 00:22:38,480

Martian paleo environments that might

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00:22:41,980 --> 00:22:40,370

have been habitable our areas like here

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00:22:43,390 --> 00:22:41,990

in Arabia Terra where it's been proposed

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00:22:45,100 --> 00:22:43,400

these are actually remnant spring

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00:22:46,690 --> 00:22:45,110

systems where you've got kind of

594

00:22:50,440 --> 00:22:46,700

terraces that are formed that have been

595

00:22:53,320 --> 00:22:50,450

preserved so these have evaporated

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00:22:55,150 --> 00:22:53,330

minerals like sulfates and carbonates

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00:22:57,300 --> 00:22:55,160

which have been shown on earth to

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00:22:59,650 --> 00:22:57,310

actually preserve certain bio signatures

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00:23:01,960 --> 00:22:59,660

also I would argue that impact

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00:23:03,310 --> 00:23:01,970

environments are really important when

601  
00:23:05,800 --> 00:23:03,320  
you're thinking about possibilities for

602  
00:23:08,500 --> 00:23:05,810  
life because they're ubiquitous they're

603  
00:23:09,850 --> 00:23:08,510  
everywhere but a lot of impacts they

604  
00:23:11,590 --> 00:23:09,860  
generate a lot of heat a lot of energy

605  
00:23:13,360 --> 00:23:11,600  
they meld different minerals they

606  
00:23:15,820 --> 00:23:13,370  
release certain elements but they also a

607  
00:23:19,420 --> 00:23:15,830  
lot of times forum post impact

608  
00:23:22,180 --> 00:23:19,430  
hydrothermal systems so you have a kind

609  
00:23:24,340 --> 00:23:22,190  
of a transient energy and water rich

610  
00:23:29,230 --> 00:23:24,350  
environment in which life could have

611  
00:23:31,390 --> 00:23:29,240  
lived then you've got fluvial deposits

612  
00:23:34,140 --> 00:23:31,400  
so areas like it was evers while they

613  
00:23:37,930 --> 00:23:34,150

created we've got large fluvial fans

614

00:23:39,220 --> 00:23:37,940

they'll take deltas and basins these are

615

00:23:41,320 --> 00:23:39,230

definitely areas where there might have

616

00:23:43,720 --> 00:23:41,330

been life during the Amazonian hesperian

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00:23:46,120 --> 00:23:43,730

or even more terrestrial volcanic

618

00:23:47,830 --> 00:23:46,130

environments when you've got somewhere

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00:23:51,100 --> 00:23:47,840

like maybe Tharsis if you've got any

620

00:23:52,690 --> 00:23:51,110

sort of sedimentary kind of hydrothermal

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00:23:53,860 --> 00:23:52,700

fumaroles you don't need a ton of water

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00:23:59,770 --> 00:23:53,870

to have a few merle going you're going

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00:24:02,500 --> 00:23:59,780

to have water in the in the mantle lava

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00:24:03,700 --> 00:24:02,510

anyways right so you might have areas

625

00:24:06,280 --> 00:24:03,710

like this fumaroles and hot springs in

626  
00:24:11,440 --> 00:24:06,290  
volcanic environments and then you also

627  
00:24:14,200 --> 00:24:11,450  
have more hydrothermal environments so

628  
00:24:16,060 --> 00:24:14,210  
for instance here this is opportunity I

629  
00:24:18,670 --> 00:24:16,070  
think found this gypsum vein which is

630  
00:24:21,280 --> 00:24:18,680  
formed by hydrothermal alteration gypsum

631  
00:24:25,110 --> 00:24:21,290  
zuv sulfate so definitely that could be

632  
00:24:27,550 --> 00:24:25,120  
or I think this is yeah this is still

633  
00:24:30,160 --> 00:24:27,560  
the conglomerate that we were discussing

634  
00:24:31,420 --> 00:24:30,170  
last night that msl found those who

635  
00:24:32,920 --> 00:24:31,430  
definitely could have been potentially

636  
00:24:35,140 --> 00:24:32,930  
habitable and their sedimentary

637  
00:24:36,730 --> 00:24:35,150  
environments where the sedimentary

638  
00:24:38,290 --> 00:24:36,740

environment on Mars is preserved

639

00:24:39,580 --> 00:24:38,300

cuz you're not having plates abducting

640

00:24:41,890 --> 00:24:39,590

or not it's not being eroded off by

641

00:24:44,049 --> 00:24:41,900

glaciers so these are definitely

642

00:24:45,370 --> 00:24:44,059

potential places to look and then of

643

00:24:46,780 --> 00:24:45,380

course Gale Crater I did haven't

644

00:24:49,030 --> 00:24:46,790

mentioned phyllosilicates too much yet

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00:24:51,190 --> 00:24:49,040

but they're all over vacuum ours and

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00:24:53,440 --> 00:24:51,200

gale crater where MSL right now is right

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00:24:55,900 --> 00:24:53,450

now has a really really well exposed

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00:24:58,360 --> 00:24:55,910

sedimentary record you can see several

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00:25:00,220 --> 00:24:58,370

layers of phyllo silicates and sulfates

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00:25:02,350 --> 00:25:00,230

and why we're so interested in fellow

651  
00:25:03,640 --> 00:25:02,360  
silicates is other than the fact that

652  
00:25:05,710 --> 00:25:03,650  
they're formed by water there's also

653  
00:25:09,640 --> 00:25:05,720  
some implications for preservation of

654  
00:25:11,530 --> 00:25:09,650  
life as well as potential for the

655  
00:25:13,150 --> 00:25:11,540  
origins of life because phyllosilicates

656  
00:25:16,240 --> 00:25:13,160  
like was mentioned yesterday almost like

657  
00:25:18,460 --> 00:25:16,250  
phyllo pastry there are layers of silica

658  
00:25:21,100 --> 00:25:18,470  
tetrahedra which could almost act as a

659  
00:25:23,710 --> 00:25:21,110  
scaffold and they also taken all sorts

660  
00:25:25,930 --> 00:25:23,720  
of important cations iron magnesium

661  
00:25:26,860 --> 00:25:25,940  
things that are required for life so

662  
00:25:28,419 --> 00:25:26,870  
they're really interesting from the

663  
00:25:30,100 --> 00:25:28,429

perspective of preservation of life and

664

00:25:31,570 --> 00:25:30,110

also origins of life and we have a

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00:25:36,000 --> 00:25:31,580

perfect opportunity to look at the

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00:25:39,549 --> 00:25:36,010

Miguel crater so what about present Mars

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00:25:41,380 --> 00:25:39,559

well let's be honest right now present

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00:25:42,880 --> 00:25:41,390

surface conditions are not so habitable

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00:25:45,480 --> 00:25:42,890

we're not likely to find anything there

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00:25:48,070 --> 00:25:45,490

that we consider life as we know it

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00:25:50,410 --> 00:25:48,080

because there's hot UV flux water is

672

00:25:53,140 --> 00:25:50,420

unstable it's really oxidizing but there

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00:25:56,020 --> 00:25:53,150

are still potential habitable

674

00:25:57,220 --> 00:25:56,030

environments on present Mars so it's

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00:26:00,130 --> 00:25:57,230

been put forward that there might

676  
00:26:02,620 --> 00:26:00,140  
actually still be some sub surface water

677  
00:26:04,419 --> 00:26:02,630  
and ice on Mars so that's definitely

678  
00:26:06,910 --> 00:26:04,429  
subsurface the trick is to get down

679  
00:26:08,980 --> 00:26:06,920  
there need a big drill we're not going

680  
00:26:11,350 --> 00:26:08,990  
to get one of Mars anytime soon but I

681  
00:26:12,790 --> 00:26:11,360  
mean it's possible and then also looking

682  
00:26:14,530 --> 00:26:12,800  
at the polls but you've got ice we know

683  
00:26:16,000 --> 00:26:14,540  
that there's water ice up there you can

684  
00:26:19,150 --> 00:26:16,010  
see some evidence weren't these

685  
00:26:22,410 --> 00:26:19,160  
polygonal trains are formed in the polls

686  
00:26:24,940 --> 00:26:22,420  
you see them on earth as well so maybe

687  
00:26:28,510 --> 00:26:24,950  
there's some habitable environments on

688  
00:26:31,390 --> 00:26:28,520

really present Mars and then just to not

689

00:26:32,860 --> 00:26:31,400

leave anybody out I'm not really talking

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00:26:34,120 --> 00:26:32,870

about moons because we don't know a lot

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00:26:35,830 --> 00:26:34,130

about the geologic record and we don't

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00:26:38,860 --> 00:26:35,840

have access to the geologic record and

693

00:26:40,330 --> 00:26:38,870

no one today is talking about moons so

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00:26:43,419 --> 00:26:40,340

but I just do this in there there are

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00:26:46,210 --> 00:26:43,429

habitable potentially habitable moons

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00:26:48,940 --> 00:26:46,220

icy moons like Enceladus Europa even

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00:26:50,560 --> 00:26:48,950

Titan with its hydrocarbon Lakes these

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00:26:55,419 --> 00:26:50,570

are all potentially interesting ass

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00:26:57,279 --> 00:26:55,429

biological targets but so what kind of

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00:26:59,950 --> 00:26:57,289

evidence do we see for life in the

701  
00:27:04,620 --> 00:26:59,960  
geologic geologic record and what sort

702  
00:27:13,389 --> 00:27:09,310  
well first one of many lines of evidence

703  
00:27:15,159 --> 00:27:13,399  
is biomarkers so chemical fossils these

704  
00:27:17,289 --> 00:27:15,169  
are molecules associated with

705  
00:27:21,149 --> 00:27:17,299  
biochemical processes so some things

706  
00:27:23,590 --> 00:27:21,159  
like complex hydrocarbons hoping strains

707  
00:27:25,269 --> 00:27:23,600  
but it has to be something where we have

708  
00:27:27,279 --> 00:27:25,279  
constrained its synthesis we know how it

709  
00:27:30,039 --> 00:27:27,289  
synthesized and we know its abundance

710  
00:27:31,899 --> 00:27:30,049  
and distribution in nature so we have to

711  
00:27:33,879 --> 00:27:31,909  
be able to say definitively that this

712  
00:27:36,340 --> 00:27:33,889  
came from life and we know how it went

713  
00:27:39,940 --> 00:27:36,350

from this really complex biomolecule was

714

00:27:42,070 --> 00:27:39,950

buried heated squished lost some of its

715

00:27:43,149 --> 00:27:42,080

volatiles and now it's turned into this

716

00:27:47,740 --> 00:27:43,159

we need to build constraint as

717

00:27:51,490 --> 00:27:47,750

diagenetic record and we also another

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00:27:54,519 --> 00:27:51,500

biomarker is isotopic fractionation so

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00:27:59,379 --> 00:27:54,529

first with organic biomarkers these are

720

00:28:02,049 --> 00:27:59,389

great but even if you find them and you

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00:28:03,490 --> 00:28:02,059

think you know that they're actually the

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00:28:06,249 --> 00:28:03,500

same age as of roxie found them and it's

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00:28:08,680 --> 00:28:06,259

incredibly hard to prove because these

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00:28:09,879 --> 00:28:08,690

are 2.5 billion or rocks 2.7 billion

725

00:28:12,519 --> 00:28:09,889

years old there's been lots of

726

00:28:14,110 --> 00:28:12,529

contamination sampling there's been

727

00:28:16,810 --> 00:28:14,120

later fluids coming through they've been

728

00:28:18,460 --> 00:28:16,820

squished heated so I don't know if any

729

00:28:19,899 --> 00:28:18,470

of you follow this but a couple years

730

00:28:22,629 --> 00:28:19,909

ago jochen Brock's put out several

731

00:28:25,360 --> 00:28:22,639

papers saying look I found evidence for

732

00:28:26,499 --> 00:28:25,370

early life in Australia and then a

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00:28:29,259 --> 00:28:26,509

couple years later put another paper

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00:28:33,759 --> 00:28:29,269

saying sorry guys I was wrong I think

735

00:28:35,320 --> 00:28:33,769

it's all contamination or not real so

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00:28:37,090 --> 00:28:35,330

that's that's the part it's hard to

737

00:28:38,619 --> 00:28:37,100

prove that the organics are actually the

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00:28:41,350 --> 00:28:38,629

same age as the rocket coming taking

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00:28:43,119 --> 00:28:41,360

from which is tricky because if we can

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00:28:45,730 --> 00:28:43,129

barely prove that we have life fun early

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00:28:47,470 --> 00:28:45,740

Earth definitively think about how hard

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00:28:49,060 --> 00:28:47,480

it's going to be to prove that we these

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00:28:51,330 --> 00:28:49,070

organics if we find on Mars are actually

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00:28:54,090 --> 00:28:51,340

from Mars and actually from those rocks

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00:28:56,980 --> 00:28:54,100

but there are still some cases where

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00:28:59,049 --> 00:28:56,990

organic biomarkers have been less

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00:29:01,269 --> 00:28:59,059

disputed so this is for instance the

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00:29:04,300 --> 00:29:01,279

area i'm working in in Timmins these are

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00:29:05,680 --> 00:29:04,310

2.7 billion year old volcanics

750

00:29:07,030 --> 00:29:05,690

and in the meta sediments here these are

751  
00:29:09,370 --> 00:29:07,040  
sea floor meta sediments they have found

752  
00:29:11,440 --> 00:29:09,380  
evidence for early life so an early

753  
00:29:13,270 --> 00:29:11,450  
seafloor biosphere using organic

754  
00:29:16,290 --> 00:29:13,280  
molecules Soho pains alkanes and by

755  
00:29:19,060 --> 00:29:16,300  
patents so on the isotopic fractionation

756  
00:29:24,730 --> 00:29:19,070  
so we mentioned yesterday that the idea

757  
00:29:26,710 --> 00:29:24,740  
of isotopes so an element that has two

758  
00:29:28,150 --> 00:29:26,720  
different weights so like carbon-12 and

759  
00:29:29,950 --> 00:29:28,160  
carbon-14 same elements but just a

760  
00:29:32,860 --> 00:29:29,960  
different weight and the fact that life

761  
00:29:34,300 --> 00:29:32,870  
exploits kinetics life is lazy basically

762  
00:29:37,210 --> 00:29:34,310  
wants to do the most thermodynamically

763  
00:29:39,490 --> 00:29:37,220

favorable thing so biochemical processes

764

00:29:41,410 --> 00:29:39,500

will cause fluctuations in the amount of

765

00:29:43,840 --> 00:29:41,420

different isotopes of things like carbon

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00:29:45,100 --> 00:29:43,850

sulfur oxygen and nitrogen that are

767

00:29:48,940 --> 00:29:45,110

being taken up into the being and

768

00:29:50,350 --> 00:29:48,950

affecting the ratio of isotopes in their

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00:29:52,320 --> 00:29:50,360

environment because they're taking up

770

00:29:55,240 --> 00:29:52,330

preferentially one more than the other

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00:29:59,350 --> 00:29:55,250

so you measure this as a delta value so

772

00:30:02,680 --> 00:29:59,360

this is basically just a comparison if

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00:30:04,870 --> 00:30:02,690

your say for instance Delta sorry c-13

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00:30:07,720 --> 00:30:04,880

versus c12 compared to some arbitrary

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00:30:11,050 --> 00:30:07,730

standard so for instance for sulfur

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00:30:13,390 --> 00:30:11,060

isotope fractionation here is bacterial

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00:30:15,940 --> 00:30:13,400

sulfate reduction will fraction 8 your

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00:30:17,970 --> 00:30:15,950

Delta s 34 will go this way whereas just

779

00:30:20,200 --> 00:30:17,980

a plain mineral process with no

780

00:30:22,080 --> 00:30:20,210

biological input will fraction it like

781

00:30:25,980 --> 00:30:22,090

this so you can differentiate between

782

00:30:30,040 --> 00:30:25,990

minerals that have had biological input

783

00:30:31,810 --> 00:30:30,050

into their formation and so an example

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00:30:33,910 --> 00:30:31,820

of a nice topic signature one that's

785

00:30:36,430 --> 00:30:33,920

still pretty controversial this is

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00:30:37,600 --> 00:30:36,440

arguably the oldest isotopic bio

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00:30:40,630 --> 00:30:37,610

signature we have these are in the issue

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00:30:44,710 --> 00:30:40,640

alerts so cherts are sedimentary rock

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00:30:47,170 --> 00:30:44,720

and basically they have argued that they

790

00:30:49,600 --> 00:30:47,180

find a carbon isotopic fractionation

791

00:30:53,740 --> 00:30:49,610

that indicates that there was life there

792

00:30:55,540 --> 00:30:53,750

that was affecting this well they found

793

00:30:58,060 --> 00:30:55,550

carbonaceous material and inclusions in

794

00:31:00,220 --> 00:30:58,070

the church and argument is actually

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00:31:04,630 --> 00:31:00,230

biogenic based on the carbon ox carbon

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00:31:07,900 --> 00:31:04,640

isotope signature another very early

797

00:31:09,670 --> 00:31:07,910

earth bio signature is sulfur isotopes

798

00:31:12,220 --> 00:31:09,680

in three point four or five billion year

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00:31:15,900 --> 00:31:12,230

old stromatolites so here they looked at

800

00:31:17,950 --> 00:31:15,910

pyrite and sulfur in the care in the

801  
00:31:20,049 --> 00:31:17,960  
organics that they found in eastern

802  
00:31:23,919 --> 00:31:20,059  
highlights and it found evidence that it

803  
00:31:25,750 --> 00:31:23,929  
was microbial mediated and so another

804  
00:31:27,250 --> 00:31:25,760  
type of bio signature will look at which

805  
00:31:30,010 --> 00:31:27,260  
are a little bit less definitive of life

806  
00:31:31,389 --> 00:31:30,020  
things like complex organic molecules so

807  
00:31:33,070 --> 00:31:31,399  
PAH is these are really interesting

808  
00:31:34,389 --> 00:31:33,080  
their complex they look very convincing

809  
00:31:36,669 --> 00:31:34,399  
but we find them in the internal

810  
00:31:37,720 --> 00:31:36,679  
interstellar medium they're pretty much

811  
00:31:39,159 --> 00:31:37,730  
everywhere so you can't really argue

812  
00:31:41,110 --> 00:31:39,169  
because they're there there was life

813  
00:31:42,549 --> 00:31:41,120

there I mean it means there is potential

814

00:31:43,990 --> 00:31:42,559

for life because you have complex

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00:31:47,320 --> 00:31:44,000

organic molecules which are required for

816

00:31:49,990 --> 00:31:47,330

life but we can't say definitively they

817

00:31:52,210 --> 00:31:50,000

were formed by life as well as

818

00:31:53,350 --> 00:31:52,220

atmospheric gases it's great if we find

819

00:31:55,990 --> 00:31:53,360

another planet that has a really

820

00:31:57,190 --> 00:31:56,000

oxygen-rich atmosphere but we can't

821

00:31:58,919 --> 00:31:57,200

necessarily say that means there's

822

00:32:02,950 --> 00:31:58,929

forests growing all over it right and

823

00:32:04,930 --> 00:32:02,960

things like microfossils so an example

824

00:32:10,320 --> 00:32:04,940

of microfossils which are still pretty

825

00:32:18,880 --> 00:32:10,330

contested is these are from the

826

00:32:22,659 --> 00:32:18,890

barberton greenstone belt yep that's a

827

00:32:25,570 --> 00:32:22,669

good question maybe some weird

828

00:33:02,219 --> 00:32:25,580

weathering processes if you're having

829

00:33:08,830 --> 00:33:06,759

exactly thanks Mike so here are some

830

00:33:10,930 --> 00:33:08,840

examples of microfossils so these are

831

00:33:12,789 --> 00:33:10,940

actually one of the few signs for early

832

00:33:15,279 --> 00:33:12,799

life there or not in this sedimentary

833

00:33:17,259 --> 00:33:15,289

record these are in basalts so these are

834

00:33:18,219 --> 00:33:17,269

volcanic rocks so these are pillow

835

00:33:20,109 --> 00:33:18,229

basalts what I mentioned earlier

836

00:33:22,239 --> 00:33:20,119

volcanics being extruded on the seafloor

837

00:33:23,739 --> 00:33:22,249

they hit the cold sea water and you

838

00:33:25,029 --> 00:33:23,749

basically get this kind of glassy rind

839

00:33:26,919 --> 00:33:25,039

on the outside and what they found is

840

00:33:28,539 --> 00:33:26,929

these weird structures they look pretty

841

00:33:30,369 --> 00:33:28,549

convincing like maybe there is a microbe

842

00:33:32,619 --> 00:33:30,379

living there burrowing and eating the

843

00:33:34,029 --> 00:33:32,629

glass but most people don't agree on

844

00:33:35,320 --> 00:33:34,039

anything to do with you so these are

845

00:33:38,649 --> 00:33:35,330

these are the barberton greenstone belt

846

00:33:41,919 --> 00:33:38,659

sure about 3.4 billion years old this is

847

00:33:44,109 --> 00:33:41,929

in the abitibi greenstone belt about 2.8

848

00:33:47,080 --> 00:33:44,119

to 2.5 billion years old and these are

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00:33:49,089 --> 00:33:47,090

from modern ontong java plateau like sea

850

00:33:50,649 --> 00:33:49,099

floor glasses so these are something

851

00:33:53,919 --> 00:33:50,659

that we see kind of throughout the

852

00:33:56,080 --> 00:33:53,929

geologic record but not everyone is

853

00:34:02,099 --> 00:33:56,090

convinced that there actually happened

854

00:34:03,820 --> 00:34:02,109

through biology and stromatolites so

855

00:34:04,930 --> 00:34:03,830

we're gonna have to talk about traumatic

856

00:34:06,639 --> 00:34:04,940

lights later today but these are

857

00:34:09,240 --> 00:34:06,649

basically finally laminated sedimentary

858

00:34:11,619 --> 00:34:09,250

structures so you get them kind of in

859

00:34:14,139 --> 00:34:11,629

shallow coastal environments we see them

860

00:34:15,639 --> 00:34:14,149

in today's geologic record as well but

861

00:34:17,349 --> 00:34:15,649

these are basically the earliest

862

00:34:19,809 --> 00:34:17,359

accepted evidence of life most people

863

00:34:21,399 --> 00:34:19,819

believe that stromatolites were formed

864

00:34:23,799 --> 00:34:21,409

with some sort of biogenic input and

865

00:34:28,659 --> 00:34:23,809

these are from the 3.4 billion year old

866

00:34:30,250 --> 00:34:28,669

straley shirt and then the last thing is

867

00:34:32,109 --> 00:34:30,260

bio minerals so these are minerals

868

00:34:34,029 --> 00:34:32,119

produced directly by the activities of

869

00:34:35,349 --> 00:34:34,039

living organisms so our teeth for

870

00:34:38,440 --> 00:34:35,359

instance or a bio mineral there are

871

00:34:40,569 --> 00:34:38,450

hydroxyapatite calcite shelves something

872

00:34:41,889 --> 00:34:40,579

like that or interact precipitation of

873

00:34:45,789 --> 00:34:41,899

carbonates and sulfates and things like

874

00:34:47,369 --> 00:34:45,799

that so on Mars what are we looking for

875

00:34:50,529 --> 00:34:47,379

in terms of these types of biosignatures

876

00:34:54,549 --> 00:34:50,539

well we've got MSL it's drilling it's

877

00:34:56,680 --> 00:34:54,559

taking cool photos of itself and this is

878

00:34:58,180 --> 00:34:56,690

from summons 2011 at all 2011 they

879

00:34:59,470 --> 00:34:58,190

basically outlined the main bio

880

00:35:00,339 --> 00:34:59,480

signatures that they think msl can

881

00:35:03,249 --> 00:35:00,349

detect in which

882

00:35:04,960 --> 00:35:03,259

to be most definitive so the most highly

883

00:35:06,729 --> 00:35:04,970

definitive they think would be finding

884

00:35:08,170 --> 00:35:06,739

biogenic organic molecules so those are

885

00:35:10,390 --> 00:35:08,180

those organic biomarkers I was

886

00:35:13,329 --> 00:35:10,400

mentioning earlier and then biogenic

887

00:35:16,630 --> 00:35:13,339

gases bio fabrics isotope compositions

888

00:35:18,579 --> 00:35:16,640

biomineralization things like that so

889

00:35:20,109 --> 00:35:18,589

things we find in early earth are

890

00:35:23,259 --> 00:35:20,119

informing us on what we can look for on

891

00:35:28,029 --> 00:35:23,269

early Mars so what about this idea of

892

00:35:30,430 --> 00:35:28,039

analogs we're gonna have some people

893

00:35:31,509 --> 00:35:30,440

talking about analogs later today we've

894

00:35:34,660 --> 00:35:31,519

already heard a little bit yesterday

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00:35:36,160 --> 00:35:34,670

about it so analogs are basically

896

00:35:37,989 --> 00:35:36,170

environmental conditions found on earth

897

00:35:39,339 --> 00:35:37,999

that possess physical or chemical

898

00:35:41,469 --> 00:35:39,349

features similar to those on other

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00:35:43,359 --> 00:35:41,479

planetary bodies we don't have access to

900

00:35:45,579 --> 00:35:43,369

every planet about every planetary body

901  
00:35:47,079 --> 00:35:45,589  
or environment we want to look at so we

902  
00:35:50,319 --> 00:35:47,089  
do what we can and try and find it on

903  
00:35:54,729 --> 00:35:50,329  
earth and as scientists we like to go

904  
00:35:57,729 --> 00:35:54,739  
for fact not fiction so we have certain

905  
00:35:59,979 --> 00:35:57,739  
parameters by which we judge what would

906  
00:36:03,400 --> 00:35:59,989  
be a suitable analogue so things like

907  
00:36:05,650 --> 00:36:03,410  
temperature salinity pH pressure UV

908  
00:36:08,170 --> 00:36:05,660  
conditions oxidation state water

909  
00:36:10,150 --> 00:36:08,180  
activity and geologic antiquity so we

910  
00:36:12,729 --> 00:36:10,160  
need to be pretty rigorous in what we

911  
00:36:15,219 --> 00:36:12,739  
consider an analog and most analogs will

912  
00:36:17,019 --> 00:36:15,229  
not have all these conditions we can't

913  
00:36:19,660 --> 00:36:17,029

recreate everything but we could we do

914

00:36:21,640 --> 00:36:19,670

the best we can and these are necessary

915

00:36:23,079 --> 00:36:21,650

things you be places we can also create

916

00:36:24,339 --> 00:36:23,089

analogue environments in a lab for

917

00:36:26,259 --> 00:36:24,349

instance we heard about environment

918

00:36:27,489 --> 00:36:26,269

chambers yesterday things like that and

919

00:36:29,950 --> 00:36:27,499

they don't need to be for other planets

920

00:36:31,450 --> 00:36:29,960

they can be for past paleo environments

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00:36:35,950 --> 00:36:31,460

so we have analogs of early Archaean

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00:36:37,719 --> 00:36:35,960

earth so what are some Mars analogs well

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00:36:39,370 --> 00:36:37,729

we have analogs on earth for basically

924

00:36:41,079 --> 00:36:39,380

every period in Mars's geologic history

925

00:36:43,509 --> 00:36:41,089

so this is a paper by Ferran and all

926  
00:36:46,930 --> 00:36:43,519  
2011 2010 where they basically outlined

927  
00:36:50,200 --> 00:36:46,940  
an analog for every part of history so

928  
00:36:52,539 --> 00:36:50,210  
for the early noachian and whereas a

929  
00:36:55,809 --> 00:36:52,549  
colder and wetter mars areas like Rio

930  
00:36:58,539 --> 00:36:55,819  
Tinto in Spain which are these acidic

931  
00:37:01,209 --> 00:36:58,549  
kind of rivers that wrote are red and

932  
00:37:03,370 --> 00:37:01,219  
have lots of iron in them hesperian

933  
00:37:05,950 --> 00:37:03,380  
which is snowball Mars a little bit

934  
00:37:07,239 --> 00:37:05,960  
colder you've got this is axel Heiberg

935  
00:37:10,120 --> 00:37:07,249  
which is in the High Arctic this is

936  
00:37:11,709 --> 00:37:10,130  
where Lyle does a lot of work and then

937  
00:37:13,420 --> 00:37:11,719  
for present-day Mars just pretty much a

938  
00:37:14,289 --> 00:37:13,430

polar desert you've got the Antarctic

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00:37:15,459 --> 00:37:14,299

Dry Valleys

940

00:37:20,229 --> 00:37:15,469

and things like the Atacama desert

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00:37:21,699 --> 00:37:20,239

Mojave so here's a couple analogues that

942

00:37:24,729 --> 00:37:21,709

old types of analogs that will be

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00:37:26,319 --> 00:37:24,739

discussed today for early Mars so spring

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00:37:28,509 --> 00:37:26,329

systems spring system so this is a

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00:37:31,380 --> 00:37:28,519

hypersaline spring system in Manitoba

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00:37:34,269 --> 00:37:31,390

where I did some work in undergrad it's

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00:37:36,939 --> 00:37:34,279

basically you've got these silica

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00:37:39,900 --> 00:37:36,949

centers with hypersaline fluids running

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00:37:42,189 --> 00:37:39,910

out all year even when it's minus 35 in

950

00:37:44,339 --> 00:37:42,199

northern Manitoba which it gets to

951  
00:37:47,620 --> 00:37:44,349  
pretty much every day in the winter and

952  
00:37:51,669 --> 00:37:47,630  
you've got iron and sulfate and sorry

953  
00:37:54,339 --> 00:37:51,679  
gypsum calcite all sorts of evaporating

954  
00:37:55,419 --> 00:37:54,349  
minerals so this has been proposed in a

955  
00:37:57,400 --> 00:37:55,429  
paper we put out last year as a

956  
00:38:00,160 --> 00:37:57,410  
potential analog for Arabia Terra those

957  
00:38:01,900 --> 00:38:00,170  
terrorists spring systems areas like

958  
00:38:04,870 --> 00:38:01,910  
this is a golden deposit this is a

959  
00:38:07,449 --> 00:38:04,880  
Jairus site deposit in I think it's bc

960  
00:38:11,259 --> 00:38:07,459  
or northwest territories but basically

961  
00:38:13,319 --> 00:38:11,269  
acidic iron sulfate so Jerry site has

962  
00:38:18,969 --> 00:38:13,329  
been proposed to be found on Mars or

963  
00:38:21,699 --> 00:38:18,979

cold cold kind of Arctic spring system

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00:38:25,229 --> 00:38:21,709

so this is color peak i believe which is

965

00:38:28,269 --> 00:38:25,239

also in the Canadian High Arctic so

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00:38:30,459 --> 00:38:28,279

about analogs for a present dryer Mars

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00:38:31,809 --> 00:38:30,469

so this is the Mojave Desert where a

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00:38:33,819 --> 00:38:31,819

bishop at I'll put out of paper

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00:38:36,160 --> 00:38:33,829

proposing these carbonates as a

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00:38:38,289 --> 00:38:36,170

potential analog for Martian carbonates

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00:38:40,209 --> 00:38:38,299

or we've got the Canadian High Arctic

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00:38:41,919 --> 00:38:40,219

where you see these kind of polygonum I

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00:38:45,459 --> 00:38:41,929

strains which we also see in the poles

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00:38:47,829 --> 00:38:45,469

of Mars and then I mentioned earlier we

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00:38:49,749 --> 00:38:47,839

can have early earth analogs so my

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00:38:51,969 --> 00:38:49,759

personal favorite is seafloor

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00:38:53,650 --> 00:38:51,979

hydrothermal systems and we see that on

978

00:38:55,839 --> 00:38:53,660

present earth we find them pretty much

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00:38:57,939 --> 00:38:55,849

everywhere where you have some sort of

980

00:38:59,669 --> 00:38:57,949

volcanism of the seafloor this is just a

981

00:39:01,299 --> 00:38:59,679

map showing all the different

982

00:39:04,059 --> 00:39:01,309

hydrothermal systems that have been

983

00:39:06,669 --> 00:39:04,069

identified on early Earth I mean on

984

00:39:08,079 --> 00:39:06,679

present earth so these are basically

985

00:39:09,400 --> 00:39:08,089

black smokers which are these high

986

00:39:12,009 --> 00:39:09,410

temperature hydrothermal vents and

987

00:39:13,630 --> 00:39:12,019

they're cooler or warmer sorry cooler

988

00:39:16,059 --> 00:39:13,640

temperature counterparts white smokers

989

00:39:18,400 --> 00:39:16,069

and then also I mentioned we have

990

00:39:20,739 --> 00:39:18,410

stromatolites going back and geologic

991

00:39:22,390 --> 00:39:20,749

time back to 3.4 billion years we also

992

00:39:24,910 --> 00:39:22,400

find modern-day stromatolites these are

993

00:39:28,100 --> 00:39:24,920

in pavillion lake in bc or microbial

994

00:39:30,530 --> 00:39:28,110

lights if you want to go so we have both

995

00:39:31,970 --> 00:39:30,540

use it we can look at to try and

996

00:39:35,480 --> 00:39:31,980

understand what environments were like

997

00:39:37,610 --> 00:39:35,490

on earlimart earlier sorry and then of

998

00:39:39,710 --> 00:39:37,620

course we also these analogs also can be

999

00:39:41,900 --> 00:39:39,720

used for other planets so for instance

1000

00:39:43,880 --> 00:39:41,910

Europa black smoker systems we heard

1001  
00:39:46,160 --> 00:39:43,890  
about this yesterday you've got an

1002  
00:39:47,960 --> 00:39:46,170  
interface between a rocky mantle and

1003  
00:39:51,470 --> 00:39:47,970  
potential and an ocean and then you've

1004  
00:39:52,940 --> 00:39:51,480  
got an icy crust so you might have water

1005  
00:39:54,560 --> 00:39:52,950  
rock interactions and hydrothermal

1006  
00:39:57,650 --> 00:39:54,570  
systems on the bottom and you also have

1007  
00:40:00,580 --> 00:39:57,660  
sea ice and glaciers which brittney

1008  
00:40:05,090 --> 00:40:00,590  
mentioned she uses as analogs for Europa

1009  
00:40:06,800 --> 00:40:05,100  
so just in conclusion basically the

1010  
00:40:08,090 --> 00:40:06,810  
sediments the evidence the present that

1011  
00:40:12,080 --> 00:40:08,100  
tells us the past I don't know if you

1012  
00:40:14,390 --> 00:40:12,090  
guys watch my video but the sedimentary

1013  
00:40:16,940 --> 00:40:14,400

record tells us everything we need to

1014

00:40:19,340 --> 00:40:16,950

know about the environments on early

1015

00:40:22,670 --> 00:40:19,350

Earth and the history of life so it's