

The Search for Life:
Near & Far
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00:00:12,830 --> 00:00:11,120
a lot of times kids ask me about like

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00:00:14,270 --> 00:00:12,840
you know how do you how did I decide to

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00:00:16,010 --> 00:00:14,280
be an astrobiologist you know I tell

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00:00:17,689 --> 00:00:16,020
them like I really loved it and I went

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00:00:18,950 --> 00:00:17,699
into it full bore because of that and

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00:00:20,300 --> 00:00:18,960
it's important like to find something

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00:00:22,130 --> 00:00:20,310
you love to do for your life and I think

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00:00:23,689 --> 00:00:22,140
we've heard that kind of advice the

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00:00:25,910 --> 00:00:23,699
second thing I like to tell kids is find

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00:00:27,620 --> 00:00:25,920
something you can do where you love the

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00:00:28,910 --> 00:00:27,630
people you work with and and you know

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00:00:30,980 --> 00:00:28,920
Ken dimension we're colleagues and

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00:00:32,659 --> 00:00:30,990

friends and it means so much to me to

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00:00:33,650 --> 00:00:32,669

have people across the country and

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00:00:35,569 --> 00:00:33,660

across the world that I've been working

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00:00:37,130 --> 00:00:35,579

with that I really respect and admire as

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00:00:38,569 --> 00:00:37,140

people and his friends as well as

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00:00:40,880 --> 00:00:38,579

colleagues so thank you Kenda for that

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00:00:42,229 --> 00:00:40,890

introduction Thank You Iron Monger for

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00:00:45,319 --> 00:00:42,239

having us here and thank you and Lana

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00:00:47,450 --> 00:00:45,329

science tavern for letting me speak a

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00:00:48,500 --> 00:00:47,460

little bit tonight I am Sean Donald

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00:00:51,290 --> 00:00:48,510

Goldman if you want to hit me up on

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00:00:53,299 --> 00:00:51,300

Twitter I'm at Sean D Goldman and I'll

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00:00:56,330 --> 00:00:53,309

be talking about the the search for life

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00:00:58,340 --> 00:00:56,340

tonight and I'll be talking about this

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00:01:00,319 --> 00:00:58,350

from the context of all the places that

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00:01:03,380 --> 00:01:00,329

NASA is planning to search for signs of

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00:01:05,270 --> 00:01:03,390

aliens you know life beyond Earth over

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00:01:08,510 --> 00:01:05,280

the span of our lifetimes right over the

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00:01:10,039 --> 00:01:08,520

next twenty to thirty years and I'll be

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00:01:14,210 --> 00:01:10,049

doing that from like the standpoint of

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00:01:15,200 --> 00:01:14,220

Mars Europa Titan exoplanets and the

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00:01:16,910 --> 00:01:15,210

thing I just want to point out is like

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00:01:19,130 --> 00:01:16,920

I'm one person standing up on this stage

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00:01:21,289 --> 00:01:19,140

but you almost have to imagine like an

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00:01:22,490 --> 00:01:21,299

army of people behind me because the

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00:01:23,929 --> 00:01:22,500

thoughts I'm putting out are coming from

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00:01:26,240 --> 00:01:23,939

the the virtual planet lab which is

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00:01:28,399 --> 00:01:26,250

located in Seattle Washington this is

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00:01:30,440 --> 00:01:28,409

the the big science team that I'm

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00:01:31,940 --> 00:01:30,450

helping lead out of NASA Goddard the hab

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00:01:33,910 --> 00:01:31,950

X and loop are teams which are

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00:01:36,080 --> 00:01:33,920

telescopes I might talk about later

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00:01:38,359 --> 00:01:36,090

Nexus which is an international science

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00:01:40,160 --> 00:01:38,369

collaboration Mars Science Lab which is

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00:01:41,390 --> 00:01:40,170

more popularly known as curiosity that's

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00:01:43,429 --> 00:01:41,400

the rover on Mars right now and of

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00:01:44,389 --> 00:01:43,439

course the agency because you know this

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00:01:46,700 --> 00:01:44,399

is one of those things where the

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00:01:48,980 --> 00:01:46,710
problems are actually really hard to do

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00:01:51,080 --> 00:01:48,990
like I really believe the smartest

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00:01:52,819 --> 00:01:51,090
person in the world I don't think if

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00:01:54,679 --> 00:01:52,829
Albert Einstein were alive he could do

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00:01:55,880 --> 00:01:54,689
this science all by himself I think it

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00:01:57,620 --> 00:01:55,890
actually takes a community of people

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00:02:00,380 --> 00:01:57,630
where there's expertise spread out

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00:02:01,910 --> 00:02:00,390
across different disciplines so but I

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00:02:03,109 --> 00:02:01,920
look before I even get into that because

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00:02:04,429 --> 00:02:03,119
a lot of times I think there's some

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00:02:07,760 --> 00:02:04,439
confusion about what we're talking about

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00:02:09,260 --> 00:02:07,770
when we say aliens right so I like to

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00:02:10,639 --> 00:02:09,270

start with like this little story right

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00:02:11,960 --> 00:02:10,649

I used to walk into a bar and someone

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00:02:13,240 --> 00:02:11,970

would ask me if I was just sitting at a

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00:02:16,060 --> 00:02:13,250

bar stool like what do you do for

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00:02:19,990 --> 00:02:16,070

living and I used to say like I look for

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00:02:22,450 --> 00:02:20,000

aliens right so I would do that but

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00:02:26,160 --> 00:02:22,460

inevitably what would happen is they get

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00:02:29,710 --> 00:02:27,760

keep going Mike

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00:02:31,840 --> 00:02:29,720

yeah we're that that person or that

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00:02:33,100 --> 00:02:31,850

thing or you know if you're from my

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00:02:35,590 --> 00:02:33,110

generation this is what you had in your

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00:02:36,940 --> 00:02:35,600

mind CODIS or King or et if you're from

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00:02:37,960 --> 00:02:36,950

my generation as well right and actually

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00:02:39,760 --> 00:02:37,970

which alien you're thinking it was

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00:02:41,260 --> 00:02:39,770

probably like dating you a little bit so

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00:02:43,150 --> 00:02:41,270

now I say I'll look for ways to look for

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00:02:44,260 --> 00:02:43,160

life on other planets next slide and

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00:02:45,520 --> 00:02:44,270

then people start to get something like

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00:02:48,070 --> 00:02:45,530

this in their head which is much closer

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00:02:49,360 --> 00:02:48,080

to the truth right because I work for

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00:02:51,190 --> 00:02:49,370

the most part on the spacecraft and at

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00:02:54,280 --> 00:02:51,200

NASA what we do is we turn the question

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00:02:55,840 --> 00:02:54,290

of are we alone into something that like

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00:02:57,310 --> 00:02:55,850

we take it out of the barroom right out

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00:02:59,110 --> 00:02:57,320

of it and that's fun like I actually

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00:03:00,310 --> 00:02:59,120

like speculating and like there's a lot

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00:03:01,900 --> 00:03:00,320

of good science that starts in a bar

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00:03:04,270 --> 00:03:01,910

where we're just like kicking ideas

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00:03:07,720 --> 00:03:04,280

around over a beer or glass of wine or a

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00:03:08,979 --> 00:03:07,730

soda but but taking it from that space

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00:03:10,630 --> 00:03:08,989

into a place where we can apply the

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00:03:13,630 --> 00:03:10,640

scientific method where I can make a

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00:03:15,490 --> 00:03:13,640

prediction of something that's happening

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00:03:16,990 --> 00:03:15,500

beyond earth that we could then build

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00:03:18,850 --> 00:03:17,000

the spacecraft to make a measurement to

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00:03:20,110 --> 00:03:18,860

test that prediction and that because

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that's how science works right we make a

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00:03:23,289 --> 00:03:21,620

prediction we tested with observation

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00:03:24,729 --> 00:03:23,299

and if our predictions are wrong we

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00:03:27,060 --> 00:03:24,739

refine our models and our theories to

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00:03:30,460 --> 00:03:27,070

make a new prediction for somewhere else

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00:03:32,050 --> 00:03:30,470

so this is this is this takes me back

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00:03:33,550 --> 00:03:32,060

like about 20 years and this goes back

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00:03:34,960 --> 00:03:33,560

to this story of like how I decided to

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00:03:37,240 --> 00:03:34,970

be an astrobiologist in the first place

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00:03:38,979 --> 00:03:37,250

I grew up in Chicago and so like here

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00:03:40,210 --> 00:03:38,989

you know you can't necessarily do much

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00:03:42,940 --> 00:03:40,220

astronomy right like there's too much

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00:03:44,140 --> 00:03:42,950

light pollution and one night so we

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00:03:45,160 --> 00:03:44,150

usually couldn't see the stars we

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00:03:46,210 --> 00:03:45,170

couldn't we definitely couldn't see the

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00:03:47,920 --> 00:03:46,220

Milky Way like you can see in this

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00:03:49,720 --> 00:03:47,930

beautiful image but one night there was

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00:03:51,789 --> 00:03:49,730

a lunar eclipse and I remember standing

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00:03:53,140 --> 00:03:51,799

on the front yard with my with my little

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00:03:54,550 --> 00:03:53,150

brother we I was in college at the time

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00:03:55,870 --> 00:03:54,560

and I was you know figuring out what I

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00:03:57,400 --> 00:03:55,880

wanted to do with the rest of my life I

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00:03:58,900 --> 00:03:57,410

call that like the quarter life crisis

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00:04:00,880 --> 00:03:58,910

when you're figuring out like what am I

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00:04:02,199 --> 00:04:00,890

gonna do the rest of my life so I was I

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00:04:03,610 --> 00:04:02,209

was sitting on the front yard during a

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00:04:05,229 --> 00:04:03,620

lunar eclipse so we could actually see

126
00:04:07,750 --> 00:04:05,239
the stars for a change my brother turned

127
00:04:10,630 --> 00:04:07,760
to me and he said you think there's

128
00:04:13,030 --> 00:04:10,640
anybody out there and I like it like hit

129
00:04:14,680 --> 00:04:13,040
me cuz I was like yeah I don't know but

130
00:04:16,840 --> 00:04:14,690
that sounds like a pretty cool problem

131
00:04:18,460 --> 00:04:16,850
to address or look to tackle and so I

132
00:04:19,780 --> 00:04:18,470
started looking into like places I could

133
00:04:21,330 --> 00:04:19,790
do that for research or for grad school

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00:04:25,400 --> 00:04:21,340
and that led me down a path to being an

135
00:04:27,080 --> 00:04:25,410
astrobiologist alright so

136
00:04:28,460 --> 00:04:27,090
I'm not the first astrobiologist I'm

137
00:04:30,080 --> 00:04:28,470
hopefully not the last astrobiologist

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00:04:32,390 --> 00:04:30,090

we've actually been doing at NASA search

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00:04:34,010 --> 00:04:32,400

a search for life around on planets

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00:04:36,830 --> 00:04:34,020

beyond Earth for a long time actually

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00:04:38,570 --> 00:04:36,840

the first explicit experiment in this in

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00:04:40,190 --> 00:04:38,580

this space was done by the Viking rover

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00:04:41,810 --> 00:04:40,200

decades ago rather Viking Lander I

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00:04:43,760 --> 00:04:41,820

should say decades ago right so this is

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00:04:47,630 --> 00:04:43,770

a paper if you can't see you from the

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00:04:49,370 --> 00:04:47,640

back from 1976 and the this is from a

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00:04:50,630 --> 00:04:49,380

specific measurement called the radiant

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00:04:52,760 --> 00:04:50,640

and there's no data on here yet I'll

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00:04:54,770 --> 00:04:52,770

show it in a second this is this is from

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00:04:57,320 --> 00:04:54,780

and this is how we turn a theory that

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00:04:59,360 --> 00:04:57,330
there's life on Mars into a testable

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00:05:01,100 --> 00:04:59,370
observation the theory was like if

153
00:05:03,410 --> 00:05:01,110
there's life on Mars maybe it's it's

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00:05:05,240 --> 00:05:03,420
starved for food so we're gonna do is

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00:05:07,700 --> 00:05:05,250
we're gonna pick up some Martian soil

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00:05:09,260 --> 00:05:07,710
we're gonna put it into the lander and

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00:05:10,490 --> 00:05:09,270
then once it's in the lander we're gonna

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00:05:11,840 --> 00:05:10,500
heat it up a little bit and we're gonna

159
00:05:13,400 --> 00:05:11,850
give it some food we're gonna give it

160
00:05:15,020 --> 00:05:13,410
some nutrients and stuff like that and

161
00:05:16,790 --> 00:05:15,030
we made those nutrients

162
00:05:18,980 --> 00:05:16,800
radioactively-labeled and the reason we

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00:05:20,570 --> 00:05:18,990

did that is it would become very easy to

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00:05:21,560 --> 00:05:20,580

detect the gases that the life would

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00:05:23,030 --> 00:05:21,570

give off if they were radioactive

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00:05:24,950 --> 00:05:23,040

because you can see radioactive stuff

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00:05:26,300 --> 00:05:24,960

really easily with an instrument and

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00:05:27,860 --> 00:05:26,310

this the the what I'm going to show you

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00:05:29,360 --> 00:05:27,870

in a second is data from the instrument

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00:05:31,610 --> 00:05:29,370

where if there's radioactivity you'll

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00:05:33,880 --> 00:05:31,620

see it go up over time when we introduce

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00:05:36,800 --> 00:05:33,890

the food with the radioactively-labeled

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00:05:38,180 --> 00:05:36,810

food in there right alright so next

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00:05:40,160 --> 00:05:38,190

slide let's see what the data look like

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00:05:41,840 --> 00:05:40,170

the prediction it was exactly what

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00:05:43,820 --> 00:05:41,850
happened you put the food and right here

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00:05:46,040 --> 00:05:43,830
and all a sudden we saw this spike in

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00:05:48,140 --> 00:05:46,050
radioactivity from the the presumably

179
00:05:49,850 --> 00:05:48,150
the microbes living in the soil munching

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00:05:51,860 --> 00:05:49,860
on that food turning it into gas just

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00:05:53,090 --> 00:05:51,870
like we're turning food into gas in our

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00:05:55,190 --> 00:05:53,100
stomachs right now and releasing it as

183
00:05:58,010 --> 00:05:55,200
carbon dioxide they saw that spike in

184
00:05:59,600 --> 00:05:58,020
radioactivity and and the the person

185
00:06:02,060 --> 00:05:59,610
that led this experiment Gil Levin and

186
00:06:04,370 --> 00:06:02,070
his colleague Patricia strap to this day

187
00:06:05,900 --> 00:06:04,380
they will not just tell you they would

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00:06:07,310 --> 00:06:05,910

get in a shouting match with me to say

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00:06:09,320 --> 00:06:07,320

that they're the first person the first

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00:06:12,650 --> 00:06:09,330

group to find evidence of life beyond

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00:06:13,940 --> 00:06:12,660

Earth now for me that coming in

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00:06:16,430 --> 00:06:13,950

astrobiology now this is actually a

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00:06:17,840 --> 00:06:16,440

cautionary tale because not the majority

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00:06:19,670 --> 00:06:17,850

of the astrobiology community does not

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00:06:21,650 --> 00:06:19,680

accept this as definitive proof of life

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00:06:23,330 --> 00:06:21,660

and the reason is it's not that this

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00:06:25,700 --> 00:06:23,340

experiment in and of itself was a

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00:06:26,990 --> 00:06:25,710

failure it's that the story is much more

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00:06:28,340 --> 00:06:27,000

complicated than that

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there were three other experiments

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00:06:32,090 --> 00:06:30,060
onboard that same lander at the same

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00:06:33,529 --> 00:06:32,100
time and even though this had a positive

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00:06:35,000 --> 00:06:33,539
result the others all had negative

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00:06:36,980 --> 00:06:35,010
results and there was a fourth

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00:06:38,840 --> 00:06:36,990
experiment and that was looking for

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00:06:39,380 --> 00:06:38,850
carbon organic carbon in the Martian

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00:06:40,940 --> 00:06:39,390
soil

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00:06:42,380 --> 00:06:40,950
and it found there was no organic carbon

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00:06:44,030 --> 00:06:42,390
in that soil to begin with which is the

210
00:06:45,230 --> 00:06:44,040
stuff that we're all made of so if you

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00:06:46,670 --> 00:06:45,240
don't have the stuff life is made of it

212
00:06:49,220 --> 00:06:46,680
was really hard to argue that there was

213
00:06:50,420 --> 00:06:49,230

life there and now I know some people

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00:06:51,680 --> 00:06:50,430

are quite thinking what about the weird

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00:06:53,810 --> 00:06:51,690

stuff that's not made of organic carbon

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00:06:55,790 --> 00:06:53,820

we'll get into that later but the main

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00:06:56,930 --> 00:06:55,800

message here is like it's eat and

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00:06:59,030 --> 00:06:56,940

actually go to the next slide because

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00:07:00,560 --> 00:06:59,040

I've got a few examples of this we've

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00:07:02,840 --> 00:07:00,570

declared that we've found life before

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00:07:04,130 --> 00:07:02,850

and we've been wrong or at least the

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00:07:05,840 --> 00:07:04,140

astrobiology community hasn't been

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00:07:07,520 --> 00:07:05,850

convinced yet despite a safer way to say

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00:07:09,080 --> 00:07:07,530

it so this is a picture of some

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00:07:10,310 --> 00:07:09,090

scientists down in Antarctica what

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00:07:12,080 --> 00:07:10,320

they're doing is they're there they're

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00:07:14,510 --> 00:07:12,090

hunting for meteorites the reason they

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00:07:16,340 --> 00:07:14,520

do this in in Antarctica is meteorites

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00:07:17,840 --> 00:07:16,350

are dark rocks and Antarctica is like

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

super bright because it's covered in ice

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00:07:21,200 --> 00:07:19,560

and snow and so the rocks stand out

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00:07:23,930 --> 00:07:21,210

really really easily and they can find

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00:07:26,570 --> 00:07:23,940

them so next slide Mike so they're find

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00:07:31,160 --> 00:07:26,580

these rocks also this is about 20 years

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00:07:32,300 --> 00:07:31,170

ago in 1997 29 86 1997 David McKay and

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00:07:34,070 --> 00:07:32,310

colleagues came out with this does

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00:07:35,570 --> 00:07:34,080

anyone remember this picture from about

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00:07:36,590 --> 00:07:35,580

20 years ago so this is the Allan Hills

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00:07:39,140 --> 00:07:36,600

meteorite this is one of those

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00:07:40,370 --> 00:07:39,150

meteorites they found in Antarctica they

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00:07:42,470 --> 00:07:40,380

brought it back to the labs here in the

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00:07:44,180 --> 00:07:42,480

United States and they analyzed them and

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00:07:46,880 --> 00:07:44,190

they found multiple evidence of multiple

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lines of evidence that there was a life

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00:07:50,840 --> 00:07:48,690

in this rock and the luck that that life

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00:07:52,520 --> 00:07:50,850

was so ancient it actually took place

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00:07:54,320 --> 00:07:52,530

when that rock was still on Mars because

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00:07:56,300 --> 00:07:54,330

this particular meteorite originated on

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00:07:58,370 --> 00:07:56,310

Mars and and they published a paper

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00:08:00,260 --> 00:07:58,380

saying that we have evidence that life

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00:08:01,880 --> 00:08:00,270
was there this rock was on the surface I

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00:08:04,280 --> 00:08:01,890
got a check did buy to me a meteorite

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00:08:05,870 --> 00:08:04,290
hurtled across space and then landed in

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00:08:07,280 --> 00:08:05,880
Antarctica where we found it brought it

255
00:08:09,860 --> 00:08:07,290
to our labs and found found this

256
00:08:12,410 --> 00:08:09,870
evidence of life next slide and it

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00:08:14,030 --> 00:08:12,420
included these these structures here and

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00:08:15,890 --> 00:08:14,040
then what that kicked off was a lot of

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00:08:17,570 --> 00:08:15,900
thinking about what you know could we

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00:08:19,790 --> 00:08:17,580
make those structures those those things

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00:08:21,200 --> 00:08:19,800
that look a lot like life right and back

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00:08:22,370 --> 00:08:21,210
before the McKay it all work

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00:08:24,890 --> 00:08:22,380

where they claimed to Alan Hills

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00:08:26,660 --> 00:08:24,900

meteorite had life the the the story of

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00:08:28,910 --> 00:08:26,670

whether or not something was alive like

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00:08:30,770 --> 00:08:28,920

our proof as scientists was something

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00:08:32,180 --> 00:08:30,780

like the Supreme Court's definition of

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00:08:35,630 --> 00:08:32,190

pornography which is we'll know it when

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00:08:37,130 --> 00:08:35,640

we see it right but it turns out like

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00:08:39,260 --> 00:08:37,140

does that look like life that last slide

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00:08:41,240 --> 00:08:39,270

this looks like life and this looks like

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00:08:43,219 --> 00:08:41,250

life right if I saw this I'd be like

273

00:08:46,010 --> 00:08:43,229

yeah I know what that is not pornography

274

00:08:48,360 --> 00:08:46,020

say that serves right

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00:08:51,210 --> 00:08:48,370

they are naked though so you know who

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00:08:52,920 --> 00:08:51,220

knows but actually these aren't cells

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00:08:55,020 --> 00:08:52,930

these are mineralogical features that

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00:08:56,010 --> 00:08:55,030

were made explicitly to try to recreate

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00:08:57,870 --> 00:08:56,020

some of the structures that look

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00:09:01,620 --> 00:08:57,880

extremely creepy crawly and lifelike

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00:09:02,730 --> 00:09:01,630

next slide all right and if you think

282

00:09:03,870 --> 00:09:02,740

I'm picking on the Martians because

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00:09:05,940 --> 00:09:03,880

those for both Martian stories this

284

00:09:07,230 --> 00:09:05,950

actually also happens on earth right if

285

00:09:08,700 --> 00:09:07,240

you look in the in the literature if

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00:09:11,370 --> 00:09:08,710

like the oldest evidence of life on

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00:09:13,530 --> 00:09:11,380

Earth there is these these micro fossils

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00:09:16,140 --> 00:09:13,540

or were argued to be micro fossils from

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00:09:18,000 --> 00:09:16,150

like over 3 billion years ago and this

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00:09:19,620 --> 00:09:18,010

if you ever have a scientist that's

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00:09:21,630 --> 00:09:19,630

learning about like scientific debate

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00:09:22,770 --> 00:09:21,640

like have them research like the the

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00:09:24,780 --> 00:09:22,780

earliest evidence for life on Earth

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00:09:29,820 --> 00:09:24,790

because it's like super contentious next

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00:09:31,920 --> 00:09:29,830

slide and I'm highlighting this here

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00:09:34,230 --> 00:09:31,930

mostly to get it one word if you can't

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00:09:36,600 --> 00:09:34,240

read it in the back it's this one Dubiel

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00:09:38,250 --> 00:09:36,610

fossils writes um this was a response to

299

00:09:40,380 --> 00:09:38,260

that lat to those those fossils I was

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00:09:42,480 --> 00:09:40,390

showing another scientist is this is the

301
00:09:43,620 --> 00:09:42,490
equivalent of like scientist swearing at

302
00:09:45,420 --> 00:09:43,630
each other in the literature right

303
00:09:47,040 --> 00:09:45,430
because they won't they won't say you're

304
00:09:48,390 --> 00:09:47,050
like full of whatever right but they

305
00:09:52,080 --> 00:09:48,400
will say I think your fossils are

306
00:09:53,760 --> 00:09:52,090
actually do the apostles next slide all

307
00:09:57,870 --> 00:09:53,770
right so here's here's the main points

308
00:10:00,360 --> 00:09:57,880
from all that okay I can imagine a lot

309
00:10:01,920 --> 00:10:00,370
of things that life does and then I

310
00:10:03,540 --> 00:10:01,930
could set up an instrument to go and

311
00:10:05,070 --> 00:10:03,550
look for the stuff that life does right

312
00:10:08,370 --> 00:10:05,080
whether it's making a certain gas

313
00:10:10,370 --> 00:10:08,380

whether it's some microbial some in a

314

00:10:12,420 --> 00:10:10,380

shape feature that looks like a microbe

315

00:10:13,530 --> 00:10:12,430

there's a lot of stuff that life does

316

00:10:16,080 --> 00:10:13,540

that I could build an instrument say

317

00:10:18,090 --> 00:10:16,090

find that thing that looks like life and

318

00:10:20,490 --> 00:10:18,100

the hard part is eliminating what we

319

00:10:22,770 --> 00:10:20,500

call abiotic processes things that are

320

00:10:26,010 --> 00:10:22,780

not life but that do things that mimic

321

00:10:26,910 --> 00:10:26,020

life and and the hard thing like the

322

00:10:28,260 --> 00:10:26,920

like if you want to get in the

323

00:10:29,940 --> 00:10:28,270

philosophy of like what our real

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00:10:31,980 --> 00:10:29,950

challenge is as scientists looking for

325

00:10:33,960 --> 00:10:31,990

life beyond Earth is there's a balance

326

00:10:35,610 --> 00:10:33,970

here because this issue would make you

327

00:10:37,530 --> 00:10:35,620

say well let's just be really strict in

328

00:10:39,120 --> 00:10:37,540

art and what we're looking for but if

329

00:10:41,010 --> 00:10:39,130

we're too limited and too strict will

330

00:10:42,540 --> 00:10:41,020

will will also miss some weird stuff

331

00:10:44,250 --> 00:10:42,550

right like one of the questions I get is

332

00:10:45,810 --> 00:10:44,260

like you're talking about aliens like

333

00:10:47,280 --> 00:10:45,820

shouldn't you be expecting something

334

00:10:49,500 --> 00:10:47,290

weird and not just like what we have on

335

00:10:51,480 --> 00:10:49,510

earth so that would that would cause us

336

00:10:52,890 --> 00:10:51,490

to like expand our horizons or our

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00:10:54,600 --> 00:10:52,900

expectations and our measurements a

338

00:10:56,070 --> 00:10:54,610

little bit but on the other hand we also

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00:10:57,750 --> 00:10:56,080

want to make sure that we when we

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00:10:59,100 --> 00:10:57,760

actually call the President and have a

341

00:10:59,380 --> 00:10:59,110

press conference about like whether or

342

00:11:00,910 --> 00:10:59,390

not we

343

00:11:02,470 --> 00:11:00,920

life are not beyond earth that we're

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00:11:06,850 --> 00:11:02,480

right okay we don't want to be fake news

345

00:11:08,350 --> 00:11:06,860

okay all right so now that that's kind

346

00:11:10,600 --> 00:11:08,360

of like a history of our field like in

347

00:11:11,650 --> 00:11:10,610

its canal OTT of its contentious right

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00:11:13,210 --> 00:11:11,660

and that's part of the scientific

349

00:11:15,100 --> 00:11:13,220

process to write scientists will put out

350

00:11:16,720 --> 00:11:15,110

something really big in the headlines

351

00:11:18,610 --> 00:11:16,730

like we found life on Mars or ancient

352

00:11:20,320 --> 00:11:18,620

life on earth like the oldest evidence

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00:11:25,150 --> 00:11:20,330

of life on Earth and other scientists

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00:11:27,040 --> 00:11:25,160

will say okay I hear you but that sounds

355

00:11:29,470 --> 00:11:27,050

pretty like bold to claim that let me

356

00:11:30,700 --> 00:11:29,480

look in like excruciating detail about

357

00:11:32,800 --> 00:11:30,710

what you actually published in your

358

00:11:34,960 --> 00:11:32,810

paper and I'm gonna think of a way to

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00:11:37,810 --> 00:11:34,970

you know reinterpret your data because

360

00:11:39,760 --> 00:11:37,820

of this rationale and and that is

361

00:11:41,710 --> 00:11:39,770

something really now are carrying

362

00:11:42,970 --> 00:11:41,720

forward to our future searches for life

363

00:11:44,950 --> 00:11:42,980

we're being actually thoughtful in

364

00:11:47,500 --> 00:11:44,960

advance about these ways that

365

00:11:48,820 --> 00:11:47,510

non-biological processes could mimic the

366

00:11:50,590 --> 00:11:48,830

signals we're planning to build

367

00:11:51,730 --> 00:11:50,600

instruments to go and look for and then

368

00:11:53,500 --> 00:11:51,740

we're thinking well how can we use those

369

00:11:55,780 --> 00:11:53,510

instruments to separate out the like

370

00:11:57,430 --> 00:11:55,790

true living planets and environments

371

00:11:58,750 --> 00:11:57,440

versus the ones that are like I call

372

00:12:00,340 --> 00:11:58,760

them like zombie planets right they're

373

00:12:01,900 --> 00:12:00,350

dead but they look alive right so I want

374

00:12:04,000 --> 00:12:01,910

to be able to separate those things out

375

00:12:05,410 --> 00:12:04,010

okay so dune Mars ever have life this is

376

00:12:07,210 --> 00:12:05,420

now I'm going to sort of do a tour of

377

00:12:08,980 --> 00:12:07,220

the the places we're gonna look for for

378

00:12:10,930 --> 00:12:08,990

life beyond Earth and when we're looking

379

00:12:12,160 --> 00:12:10,940

for life on Mars we're talking about

380

00:12:13,420 --> 00:12:12,170

like looking it's kind of like that

381

00:12:15,010 --> 00:12:13,430

Allen Hills meteorite we're looking at

382

00:12:16,870 --> 00:12:15,020

the minerals on Mars we're looking at

383

00:12:18,670 --> 00:12:16,880

fossil structures maybe we're looking

384

00:12:19,780 --> 00:12:18,680

for the geochemistry like the chemicals

385

00:12:21,790 --> 00:12:19,790

that are in that environment

386

00:12:23,230 --> 00:12:21,800

eventually next slide we're not just

387

00:12:24,880 --> 00:12:23,240

gonna do this Institute so that's the

388

00:12:27,070 --> 00:12:24,890

Curiosity rover that that's an awesome

389

00:12:28,480 --> 00:12:27,080

vehicle the next step in this is

390

00:12:30,220 --> 00:12:28,490

actually not just sending a Rover to

391

00:12:32,080 --> 00:12:30,230

Mars but sending a little bit of Mars

392

00:12:34,090 --> 00:12:32,090

back to us right so we got that Allen

393

00:12:36,580 --> 00:12:34,100

Hills meteorite and one of the issues

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00:12:38,050 --> 00:12:36,590

with meteorites is we never get them

395

00:12:39,130 --> 00:12:38,060

purely fresh right they're crashing

396

00:12:41,110 --> 00:12:39,140

through the Earth's atmosphere of the

397

00:12:42,400 --> 00:12:41,120

landing in Antarctica and then humans

398

00:12:44,080 --> 00:12:42,410

are getting their grubby little hands on

399

00:12:46,360 --> 00:12:44,090

them and like like contaminating them

400

00:12:47,890 --> 00:12:46,370

potentially so it's better if we could

401
00:12:49,120 --> 00:12:47,900
actually send the samples back which is

402
00:12:50,950 --> 00:12:49,130
what that last slide was showing like

403
00:12:53,080 --> 00:12:50,960
we'll get a rover it's gonna take a

404
00:12:54,640 --> 00:12:53,090
sample like a geologist would and like

405
00:12:56,710 --> 00:12:54,650
kind of bag it up like a geologist would

406
00:12:58,720 --> 00:12:56,720
and then a second lander is gonna come

407
00:13:00,220 --> 00:12:58,730
down with a rocket the rover is going to

408
00:13:01,540 --> 00:13:00,230
send the sample to the rocket and the

409
00:13:04,030 --> 00:13:01,550
rocket is gonna actually launch the

410
00:13:06,280 --> 00:13:04,040
sample back to earth and that that has a

411
00:13:08,140 --> 00:13:06,290
lot of advantages the samples fresh but

412
00:13:10,330 --> 00:13:08,150
the other advantage is we have every

413
00:13:12,130 --> 00:13:10,340

single analytical tool on earth and all

414

00:13:13,369 --> 00:13:12,140

the expertise of scientists across earth

415

00:13:15,079 --> 00:13:13,379

to then apply to the

416

00:13:16,849 --> 00:13:15,089

fresh sample okay so that's why we're

417

00:13:19,099 --> 00:13:16,859

gonna send samples back from Mars and

418

00:13:20,719 --> 00:13:19,109

when we're asking the question of is

419

00:13:22,849 --> 00:13:20,729

there life on Mars or was there life on

420

00:13:24,349 --> 00:13:22,859

Mars especially we're also asking a more

421

00:13:25,849 --> 00:13:24,359

philosophical question because this

422

00:13:27,650 --> 00:13:25,859

search for life in different locations

423

00:13:29,899 --> 00:13:27,660

will tell us other things other than

424

00:13:31,609 --> 00:13:29,909

just whether or not we're alone on Mars

425

00:13:33,559 --> 00:13:31,619

the second question we'd be answering is

426
00:13:35,149 --> 00:13:33,569
how does it buy us for your end because

427
00:13:36,739 --> 00:13:35,159
we think that there's no life at least

428
00:13:38,899 --> 00:13:36,749
globally at the surface of Mars

429
00:13:40,399 --> 00:13:38,909
today but it's possible that there was

430
00:13:43,099 --> 00:13:40,409
lots of liquid water on the surface of

431
00:13:45,199 --> 00:13:43,109
Mars billions of years ago and if it had

432
00:13:46,759 --> 00:13:45,209
water at the surface and it had life at

433
00:13:49,069 --> 00:13:46,769
the surface in that timeframe and it

434
00:13:50,899 --> 00:13:49,079
lost it then the story of life on Mars

435
00:13:52,960 --> 00:13:50,909
is a story of how we lose the biosphere

436
00:13:54,889 --> 00:13:52,970
in the first place

437
00:13:56,809 --> 00:13:54,899
another place we're looking for evidence

438
00:13:58,159 --> 00:13:56,819

of life is on Europa and other icy

439

00:14:00,739 --> 00:13:58,169

worlds in the outer solar system like

440

00:14:02,210 --> 00:14:00,749

Enceladus the way we're doing it in this

441

00:14:03,619 --> 00:14:02,220

case is actually we've got a few steps

442

00:14:05,210 --> 00:14:03,629

in the process the first thing we're

443

00:14:07,009 --> 00:14:05,220

going to do probably in the next decade

444

00:14:08,960 --> 00:14:07,019

is and by the way the Marr stuff the

445

00:14:11,779 --> 00:14:08,970

Rovers there now we're setting another

446

00:14:13,549 --> 00:14:11,789

Rover they're in 2022 like collect and

447

00:14:15,379 --> 00:14:13,559

store the samples and then lay it around

448

00:14:16,639 --> 00:14:15,389

in the 2020s is when we'd send send that

449

00:14:19,069 --> 00:14:16,649

sample back home or maybe the early

450

00:14:21,229 --> 00:14:19,079

2030s for Europa we're gonna start with

451
00:14:23,689 --> 00:14:21,239
the Clipper in the 2020s what this is

452
00:14:25,759 --> 00:14:23,699
going to do is it's like gonna for my

453
00:14:27,349 --> 00:14:25,769
generation like Top Gun right like you

454
00:14:29,389 --> 00:14:27,359
had like them doing the flyby as the

455
00:14:31,340 --> 00:14:29,399
tower to like scare the pants off the

456
00:14:33,229 --> 00:14:31,350
air traffic controllers right so we're

457
00:14:34,909 --> 00:14:33,239
gonna be buzzing by you're by Europa

458
00:14:37,099 --> 00:14:34,919
with the Clipper in the same way it's

459
00:14:38,899 --> 00:14:37,109
gonna actually not be in orbit around

460
00:14:40,399 --> 00:14:38,909
Europa but actually around Jupiter and

461
00:14:41,539 --> 00:14:40,409
what it's going to do is its in its

462
00:14:42,799 --> 00:14:41,549
orbit around Jupiter it's gonna pass

463
00:14:45,379 --> 00:14:42,809

here we go

464

00:14:47,179 --> 00:14:45,389

really close to Europa every once in a

465

00:14:48,889 --> 00:14:47,189

while and when it gets close to Europa

466

00:14:49,249 --> 00:14:48,899

it's got a whole bunch of instruments on

467

00:14:51,109 --> 00:14:49,259

board

468

00:14:53,239 --> 00:14:51,119

first of all mapping out this sort of

469

00:14:55,069 --> 00:14:53,249

terrain on Europa and seeing where all

470

00:14:56,539 --> 00:14:55,079

those cracks are but it's also gonna

471

00:14:58,999 --> 00:14:56,549

have a radar that's gonna find out how

472

00:15:00,349 --> 00:14:59,009

deep that ice is and the reason we want

473

00:15:01,939 --> 00:15:00,359

to find out how deep the ice is is

474

00:15:03,799 --> 00:15:01,949

eventually we want to land on Europa

475

00:15:05,239 --> 00:15:03,809

just like we've landed on Mars and you

476

00:15:07,009 --> 00:15:05,249

want to land at a place where the ice is

477

00:15:08,329 --> 00:15:07,019

not quite so deep and you can get down

478

00:15:10,309 --> 00:15:08,339

to a sub because we think underneath

479

00:15:13,069 --> 00:15:10,319

that ice shell there's a huge liquid

480

00:15:14,809 --> 00:15:13,079

water ocean that's global in nature we

481

00:15:16,460 --> 00:15:14,819

want to get down in that water because

482

00:15:19,519 --> 00:15:16,470

water at least on earth is fundamental

483

00:15:21,369 --> 00:15:19,529

to life by the way that's why it's

484

00:15:23,689 --> 00:15:21,379

almost a joke within our community

485

00:15:25,460 --> 00:15:23,699

there's like a press release like every

486

00:15:27,250 --> 00:15:25,470

six months like hey we found water on

487

00:15:30,340 --> 00:15:27,260

Mars again

488

00:15:32,620 --> 00:15:30,350

and and it's it's become a bit of a joke

489

00:15:35,590 --> 00:15:32,630

because water is like it for us it's oil

490

00:15:38,380 --> 00:15:35,600

right like if you strike water anywhere

491

00:15:40,780 --> 00:15:38,390

you strike a location that could Harbor

492

00:15:42,130 --> 00:15:40,790

life everywhere we go on earth as long

493

00:15:43,450 --> 00:15:42,140

as there's enough liquid water in an

494

00:15:45,280 --> 00:15:43,460

environment you find life you could go

495

00:15:46,810 --> 00:15:45,290

to the driest place on earth if you find

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00:15:49,870 --> 00:15:46,820

a little moist crevice in that like

497

00:15:51,910 --> 00:15:49,880

super dry desert or if it rains once in

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00:15:54,310 --> 00:15:51,920

every 10 years you all of a sudden get

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00:15:55,540 --> 00:15:54,320

blooms of life sometimes even huge plant

500

00:15:57,970 --> 00:15:55,550

blooms that are beautiful in the middle

501
00:15:59,710 --> 00:15:57,980
of a desert because that's all that's

502
00:16:01,330 --> 00:15:59,720
the one fundamental and consistent thing

503
00:16:02,830 --> 00:16:01,340
across our biosphere is where there's

504
00:16:03,940 --> 00:16:02,840
water there's life that's why we get

505
00:16:06,100 --> 00:16:03,950
super excited about it

506
00:16:08,140 --> 00:16:06,110
so for Europa we want to know how deep

507
00:16:09,880 --> 00:16:08,150
that ice shell is with the Clipper so we

508
00:16:11,830 --> 00:16:09,890
can send a lander that's close as close

509
00:16:13,690 --> 00:16:11,840
to the water as possible and hopefully

510
00:16:15,970 --> 00:16:13,700
get some water spewing up to the surface

511
00:16:18,550 --> 00:16:15,980
if not drilling down to it to go look

512
00:16:20,170 --> 00:16:18,560
for it for life there now for Europe

513
00:16:22,420 --> 00:16:20,180

we're asking a different philosophical

514

00:16:23,740 --> 00:16:22,430

question right when we think of life you

515

00:16:25,630 --> 00:16:23,750

know and this is sort of getting outside

516

00:16:26,980 --> 00:16:25,640

the box of what we're expecting when we

517

00:16:29,170 --> 00:16:26,990

think of life and trying to not just

518

00:16:32,230 --> 00:16:29,180

constrain ourselves to the kinds of life

519

00:16:33,850 --> 00:16:32,240

we have here on earth today on Europa

520

00:16:35,830 --> 00:16:33,860

there's a lot of water but there's no

521

00:16:37,240 --> 00:16:35,840

sunlight at the interacting with that

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00:16:38,710 --> 00:16:37,250

water because there's this ice shell

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00:16:41,320 --> 00:16:38,720

that's globally covering it right so

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00:16:42,760 --> 00:16:41,330

this would be like the not just you like

525

00:16:44,410 --> 00:16:42,770

as an individual organism but like the

526

00:16:46,150 --> 00:16:44,420

whole biosphere being shut off from

527

00:16:47,950 --> 00:16:46,160

sunlight forever

528

00:16:49,390 --> 00:16:47,960

okay that's whether or not that works

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00:16:51,010 --> 00:16:49,400

like there's a lot of theory we've

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00:16:52,930 --> 00:16:51,020

written up that says it could and it

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00:16:55,060 --> 00:16:52,940

should but whether or not it does is

532

00:16:56,560 --> 00:16:55,070

totally unanswered and this is where you

533

00:16:58,480 --> 00:16:56,570

know the science comes in right we've

534

00:16:59,800 --> 00:16:58,490

got a theory that if there's water and

535

00:17:00,880 --> 00:16:59,810

there's nutrients and there's energy and

536

00:17:02,800 --> 00:17:00,890

there should be some chemical energy

537

00:17:04,120 --> 00:17:02,810

under Europa's ice shell then that

538

00:17:06,370 --> 00:17:04,130

should be enough for life that's a

539

00:17:08,320 --> 00:17:06,380

that's a hypothesis we're gonna test

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00:17:12,880 --> 00:17:08,330

with experiments these Clippers and

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00:17:14,050 --> 00:17:12,890

these Landers all right now this is

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00:17:15,040 --> 00:17:14,060

getting to the really weird stuff just

543

00:17:19,210 --> 00:17:15,050

tight and have life today

544

00:17:21,970 --> 00:17:19,220

all right next slide Mike so this is so

545

00:17:23,830 --> 00:17:21,980

cool this is okay most of the stuff I've

546

00:17:25,420 --> 00:17:23,840

talked about before is in some phase of

547

00:17:27,490 --> 00:17:25,430

like development or planning or funding

548

00:17:29,470 --> 00:17:27,500

I think the mission I'm about to talk

549

00:17:32,500 --> 00:17:29,480

about to tighten is up for consideration

550

00:17:33,970 --> 00:17:32,510

for a mission slot it hasn't been like

551
00:17:35,740 --> 00:17:33,980
formally selected yet but it's one of

552
00:17:37,180 --> 00:17:35,750
two finalists to be selected for an

553
00:17:39,160 --> 00:17:37,190
upcoming mission opportunity it's called

554
00:17:40,870 --> 00:17:39,170
the dragonfly and you can kind of see

555
00:17:44,380 --> 00:17:40,880
why this is actually

556
00:17:46,750 --> 00:17:44,390
a drone that we are gonna send a Titan

557
00:17:48,940 --> 00:17:46,760
to fly around Titan surface right so

558
00:17:49,990 --> 00:17:48,950
it's gonna be able to like land and this

559
00:17:51,250 --> 00:17:50,000
is why it's called a dragonfly it's

560
00:17:52,960 --> 00:17:51,260
gonna be able to land on these like

561
00:17:56,140 --> 00:17:52,970
methane ethane lakes that are on Titan

562
00:17:57,520 --> 00:17:56,150
so Titan has a has a hydrological cycle

563
00:18:00,790 --> 00:17:57,530

with like precipitation and evaporation

564

00:18:02,110 --> 00:18:00,800

and rivers and streams and lakes but

565

00:18:03,880 --> 00:18:02,120

it's not made of water it's made

566

00:18:05,920 --> 00:18:03,890

basically of like natural gas it's like

567

00:18:08,920 --> 00:18:05,930

methane ethane right it's wild

568

00:18:10,540 --> 00:18:08,930

well this dragonfly could land on that

569

00:18:12,040 --> 00:18:10,550

stuff like get a little bit of a test

570

00:18:13,810 --> 00:18:12,050

tube and like suck a little bit of it up

571

00:18:15,640 --> 00:18:13,820

and do all kinds of chemical analyses

572

00:18:17,740 --> 00:18:15,650

this actually has a lot of the same

573

00:18:20,620 --> 00:18:17,750

instruments we're sending to Mars if

574

00:18:22,870 --> 00:18:20,630

you've ever watched like CSI it says

575

00:18:25,150 --> 00:18:22,880

like a whole CSI lab like packaged into

576

00:18:26,230 --> 00:18:25,160

the size of like a Mini Cooper okay and

577

00:18:28,870 --> 00:18:26,240

that's the same thing that we send to

578

00:18:30,640 --> 00:18:28,880

Mars and elbow instead of wheels and

579

00:18:33,160 --> 00:18:30,650

it's gonna have these two little skis

580

00:18:35,230 --> 00:18:33,170

and what's called a dual layer quad

581

00:18:36,730 --> 00:18:35,240

copper copter arrangement so it can not

582

00:18:38,800 --> 00:18:36,740

just land in one place but actually land

583

00:18:40,930 --> 00:18:38,810

in multiple places in these lakes on the

584

00:18:44,710 --> 00:18:40,940

sand dunes maybe some other locales like

585

00:18:46,090 --> 00:18:44,720

and this is like the I don't know if

586

00:18:47,890 --> 00:18:46,100

you've ever won in here is like a sports

587

00:18:49,630 --> 00:18:47,900

fan but for me it's like I like watching

588

00:18:51,970 --> 00:18:49,640

things like the home run derby because

589

00:18:55,450 --> 00:18:51,980

you see like athletes like totally in

590

00:18:57,100 --> 00:18:55,460

awe of each other this that this is that

591

00:18:58,330 --> 00:18:57,110

for me right like I have nothing to do

592

00:18:59,950 --> 00:18:58,340

with this mission but when like my

593

00:19:01,210 --> 00:18:59,960

colleagues pitch it I was like oh my god

594

00:19:05,140 --> 00:19:01,220

it's like so cool

595

00:19:07,090 --> 00:19:05,150

so I yeah this thing is awesome but it's

596

00:19:08,710 --> 00:19:07,100

not funded yet like what we'll see the

597

00:19:10,750 --> 00:19:08,720

fingers cost and and the big thing here

598

00:19:11,980 --> 00:19:10,760

is like it's there's two things that go

599

00:19:14,020 --> 00:19:11,990

on when NASA is thinking about what

600

00:19:16,000 --> 00:19:14,030

mission to fly it's like how cool and

601
00:19:18,160 --> 00:19:16,010
exciting is the science and how

602
00:19:20,380 --> 00:19:18,170
difficult is it for you to pull off the

603
00:19:22,450 --> 00:19:20,390
like dragon fly drone you're sending to

604
00:19:23,620 --> 00:19:22,460
Titan and and that those are the two

605
00:19:25,090 --> 00:19:23,630
things that this team is gonna have to

606
00:19:27,430 --> 00:19:25,100
worry about the next couple years

607
00:19:28,690 --> 00:19:27,440
improve the NASA and in this ongoing

608
00:19:30,940 --> 00:19:28,700
competition that it's the one that we're

609
00:19:33,850 --> 00:19:30,950
going to send send somewhere else next

610
00:19:35,500 --> 00:19:33,860
time so a Titan we're asking a different

611
00:19:36,970 --> 00:19:35,510
question in terms of the search for life

612
00:19:39,010 --> 00:19:36,980
now I should say that the Dragonfly

613
00:19:41,260 --> 00:19:39,020

mission isn't being designed from the

614

00:19:42,820 --> 00:19:41,270

ground up to search for life but it is

615

00:19:45,400 --> 00:19:42,830

making measurements that could in theory

616

00:19:46,810 --> 00:19:45,410

detect life if it were there you know if

617

00:19:48,280 --> 00:19:46,820

we're if we're looking for life on Titan

618

00:19:50,080 --> 00:19:48,290

we're asking a different philosophical

619

00:19:52,090 --> 00:19:50,090

question we're asking like is weird life

620

00:19:53,380 --> 00:19:52,100

and thing every time I give a public

621

00:19:54,370 --> 00:19:53,390

talk about this every time you give a

622

00:19:56,650 --> 00:19:54,380

science talk

623

00:19:59,169 --> 00:19:56,660

if it's to a non astrobiology audience

624

00:20:01,240 --> 00:19:59,179

if I'm talking to my mother-in-law about

625

00:20:02,830 --> 00:20:01,250

what I do like I get the same question

626
00:20:04,240 --> 00:20:02,840
over and over again which is like are

627
00:20:06,039 --> 00:20:04,250
you thinking outside the box are you

628
00:20:09,100 --> 00:20:06,049
thinking about like not water based life

629
00:20:10,570 --> 00:20:09,110
non carbon-based life any life on Titan

630
00:20:12,610 --> 00:20:10,580
is not going to be water based because

631
00:20:14,140 --> 00:20:12,620
water is locked up as like in mountains

632
00:20:16,900 --> 00:20:14,150
basically there's like ice mountains on

633
00:20:18,310 --> 00:20:16,910
Titan another like crazy thing so the

634
00:20:20,080 --> 00:20:18,320
water life there would actually be

635
00:20:23,169 --> 00:20:20,090
existing in these methane methane

636
00:20:24,669 --> 00:20:23,179
natural gas like lakes and and not solve

637
00:20:26,110 --> 00:20:24,679
it you actually probably would not want

638
00:20:27,730 --> 00:20:26,120

to be carbon-based you probably want

639

00:20:29,680 --> 00:20:27,740

some other biochemistry at least not the

640

00:20:31,180 --> 00:20:29,690

same biochemistry we have on earth so

641

00:20:33,220 --> 00:20:31,190

like for Titan the question we're asking

642

00:20:36,220 --> 00:20:33,230

philosophically is this weird life of

643

00:20:37,570 --> 00:20:36,230

thing okay so now the last place we're

644

00:20:40,360 --> 00:20:37,580

gonna look and there's other places we

645

00:20:42,760 --> 00:20:40,370

could look you know Enceladus Venus but

646

00:20:44,529 --> 00:20:42,770

but for the most part what the plans we

647

00:20:46,419 --> 00:20:44,539

have on the table are the ones I just

648

00:20:47,500 --> 00:20:46,429

mentioned with one more and this is the

649

00:20:49,750 --> 00:20:47,510

place that I probably have the most

650

00:20:50,830 --> 00:20:49,760

familiarity and expertise and this is

651
00:20:52,270 --> 00:20:50,840
the missions that I've been working on

652
00:20:56,260 --> 00:20:52,280
the most so that the last question is do

653
00:20:57,789 --> 00:20:56,270
exoplanets have light and and this

654
00:20:58,870 --> 00:20:57,799
really start this story for me starts in

655
00:21:00,490 --> 00:20:58,880
our solar system because their

656
00:21:03,700 --> 00:21:00,500
expectations start here with our nine

657
00:21:06,460 --> 00:21:03,710
planets I know like we're supposed to

658
00:21:13,090 --> 00:21:06,470
say eight now but to me include Ocilla

659
00:21:14,680 --> 00:21:13,100
planet all right so like and and that's

660
00:21:17,010 --> 00:21:14,690
not just me being like an old curmudgeon

661
00:21:18,970 --> 00:21:17,020
that learned that in grade school like

662
00:21:20,289 --> 00:21:18,980
actually I think the best the best

663
00:21:22,120 --> 00:21:20,299

version of this is someone says like

664

00:21:23,710 --> 00:21:22,130

this thing passes the Captain Kirk test

665

00:21:25,840 --> 00:21:23,720

right like if Captain Kirk we're looking

666

00:21:27,190 --> 00:21:25,850

at this thing he wouldn't say like I'm

667

00:21:29,470 --> 00:21:27,200

looking at a dwarf object he'd say

668

00:21:31,600 --> 00:21:29,480

there's a planet here right and and

669

00:21:33,310 --> 00:21:31,610

beyond that like the the differences in

670

00:21:35,380 --> 00:21:33,320

like morphology and the different kinds

671

00:21:37,450 --> 00:21:35,390

of features here like this thing is

672

00:21:39,669 --> 00:21:37,460

geologically active it's not just some

673

00:21:43,060 --> 00:21:39,679

like dumb ball of rock hurtling through

674

00:21:46,149 --> 00:21:43,070

space so at any rate that's my little

675

00:21:47,770 --> 00:21:46,159

rant so nine planets there's a whole lot

676

00:21:49,930 --> 00:21:47,780

of diversity here like in terms of the

677

00:21:51,610 --> 00:21:49,940

environments that they have but one

678

00:21:52,840 --> 00:21:51,620

thing that we thought before we started

679

00:21:55,029 --> 00:21:52,850

looking for planets beyond the solar

680

00:21:57,880 --> 00:21:55,039

system is you had small rocky things

681

00:21:59,710 --> 00:21:57,890

Mercury Venus Earth and Mars close into

682

00:22:02,470 --> 00:21:59,720

the star and we had Jupiter Saturn

683

00:22:04,240 --> 00:22:02,480

Uranus Neptune and Pluto further outlets

684

00:22:06,070 --> 00:22:04,250

let's step flow2 aside for a second

685

00:22:07,840 --> 00:22:06,080

these these were these are all gas

686

00:22:10,000 --> 00:22:07,850

giants these are all small rocky thing

687

00:22:11,380 --> 00:22:10,010

this wasn't separating peas and carrots

688

00:22:13,810 --> 00:22:11,390

in our mind this was like separating

689

00:22:15,190 --> 00:22:13,820

like peas and grapefruits okay like the

690

00:22:16,779 --> 00:22:15,200

peas were closed in and the grapefruits

691

00:22:19,240 --> 00:22:16,789

were far away now let's sort of our

692

00:22:21,460 --> 00:22:19,250

model for how planets formed in all

693

00:22:23,529 --> 00:22:21,470

solar systems because every model we we

694

00:22:25,870 --> 00:22:23,539

wrote was basically designed to give us

695

00:22:27,610 --> 00:22:25,880

the solar system because so here's what

696

00:22:28,900 --> 00:22:27,620

we have now right even if you think we

697

00:22:30,549 --> 00:22:28,910

lost Pluto that's alright because we've

698

00:22:32,799 --> 00:22:30,559

got thousands of planets we found in the

699

00:22:34,210 --> 00:22:32,809

last 20 years these are all planets

700

00:22:35,919 --> 00:22:34,220

around other stars they're not this

701
00:22:37,270 --> 00:22:35,929
close to each other they're packed as

702
00:22:40,630 --> 00:22:37,280
close to each other so we can show them

703
00:22:42,490 --> 00:22:40,640
all so every single dot here is a planet

704
00:22:44,350 --> 00:22:42,500
we've found beyond our solar system

705
00:22:47,080 --> 00:22:44,360
that's orbiting another Sun another star

706
00:22:49,330 --> 00:22:47,090
the size of the dot is basically scaling

707
00:22:51,430 --> 00:22:49,340
how big the planet is how fast it's

708
00:22:53,890 --> 00:22:51,440
moving is how fast its orbit is compared

709
00:22:55,690 --> 00:22:53,900
to like one year on earth and the color

710
00:22:57,399 --> 00:22:55,700
is basically how hot the planet would be

711
00:23:00,039 --> 00:22:57,409
based on how close it is to the host

712
00:23:01,720 --> 00:23:00,049
star there's a tremendous diversity here

713
00:23:04,180 --> 00:23:01,730

so there's two things that could have

714

00:23:06,580 --> 00:23:04,190

come out of this the first is like when

715

00:23:08,110 --> 00:23:06,590

I've told this story before I literally

716

00:23:11,560 --> 00:23:08,120

look at the night sky differently now

717

00:23:13,120 --> 00:23:11,570

because of these discoveries if you ask

718

00:23:14,649 --> 00:23:13,130

scientists 20 years ago like how many

719

00:23:15,520 --> 00:23:14,659

planets are out there we'd be like I

720

00:23:17,049 --> 00:23:15,530

don't know there should be like

721

00:23:20,110 --> 00:23:17,059

something out there but like you know

722

00:23:23,110 --> 00:23:20,120

now we have an estimate there is at

723

00:23:26,169 --> 00:23:23,120

least one planet for every star in the

724

00:23:27,820 --> 00:23:26,179

sky so if you go out tonight and you

725

00:23:29,529 --> 00:23:27,830

count stars you can even do this in the

726

00:23:31,750 --> 00:23:29,539

bright lights of Atlanta if you count

727

00:23:32,980 --> 00:23:31,760

stars you're counting planets too right

728

00:23:35,020 --> 00:23:32,990

there should be at least one planet for

729

00:23:36,430 --> 00:23:35,030

every star you see and some of those

730

00:23:37,720 --> 00:23:36,440

bright stars and those stars might

731

00:23:39,850 --> 00:23:37,730

actually be galaxies which I could would

732

00:23:42,669 --> 00:23:39,860

have billions of planets in them the

733

00:23:44,169 --> 00:23:42,679

other thing that's changed is if I 20

734

00:23:45,549 --> 00:23:44,179

years ago try to say not just how many

735

00:23:47,020 --> 00:23:45,559

planets were out there but how many

736

00:23:48,190 --> 00:23:47,030

planets that could potentially be like

737

00:23:50,110 --> 00:23:48,200

earth that were of the right size and

738

00:23:51,789 --> 00:23:50,120

the right distance from their star to

739

00:23:53,440 --> 00:23:51,799

have global oceans like we do at the

740

00:23:55,570 --> 00:23:53,450

surface that could have global surface

741

00:23:56,590 --> 00:23:55,580

biospheres like we do if I put out any

742

00:23:58,210 --> 00:23:56,600

number it doesn't matter what that

743

00:23:59,710 --> 00:23:58,220

number was scientists would tell me I

744

00:24:01,630 --> 00:23:59,720

was like crazy and I shouldn't be saying

745

00:24:05,020 --> 00:24:01,640

stuff like that but I can say it now and

746

00:24:07,690 --> 00:24:05,030

I'm not crazy okay so if if you go out

747

00:24:09,700 --> 00:24:07,700

and you count stars for every 10 stars

748

00:24:11,799 --> 00:24:09,710

you count not only you counting at least

749

00:24:13,990 --> 00:24:11,809

10 planets we've probably counted at

750

00:24:16,240 --> 00:24:14,000

least one planet that's of the right

751
00:24:18,430 --> 00:24:16,250
size and the right energy so the right

752
00:24:20,620 --> 00:24:18,440
distance from the host star to harbor

753
00:24:21,139 --> 00:24:20,630
global biospheres similar to the one we

754
00:24:24,469 --> 00:24:21,149
have

755
00:24:25,969 --> 00:24:24,479
on earth today that's that's that's an

756
00:24:26,629 --> 00:24:25,979
amazing statement and we couldn't make

757
00:24:28,279 --> 00:24:26,639
it 10 years ago

758
00:24:30,169 --> 00:24:28,289
okay next line now the other thing

759
00:24:31,849 --> 00:24:30,179
that's happened in addition is sort of

760
00:24:34,489 --> 00:24:31,859
those counting statistics is we've just

761
00:24:36,349 --> 00:24:34,499
been like surprise over and over again I

762
00:24:38,149 --> 00:24:36,359
was talking about like separating out

763
00:24:39,950 --> 00:24:38,159

like peas and grapefruits like what

764

00:24:41,239 --> 00:24:39,960

exoplanet science has done is it's like

765

00:24:42,799 --> 00:24:41,249

put the peas and the grapefruits and

766

00:24:45,379 --> 00:24:42,809

made it into like some disgusting

767

00:24:47,149 --> 00:24:45,389

toddler smoothie thing because like

768

00:24:49,039 --> 00:24:47,159

nothing is separated anymore

769

00:24:50,930 --> 00:24:49,049

the very first exoplanets we found were

770

00:24:52,430 --> 00:24:50,940

hot Jupiters user that the planets

771

00:24:54,589 --> 00:24:52,440

bigger than Jupiter the biggest thing we

772

00:24:56,869 --> 00:24:54,599

have in our solar system but closer to

773

00:24:58,729 --> 00:24:56,879

the Sun than mercury to its star than

774

00:25:01,159 --> 00:24:58,739

mercury is to our Sun right this is the

775

00:25:02,690 --> 00:25:01,169

exact opposite of what our models were

776

00:25:04,729 --> 00:25:02,700

predicting because our models were

777

00:25:07,969 --> 00:25:04,739

designed to recreate the solar system in

778

00:25:09,169 --> 00:25:07,979

which we live the next surprise or the

779

00:25:10,609 --> 00:25:09,179

next prize I'll talk about at least were

780

00:25:12,099 --> 00:25:10,619

these super Earths so these are planets

781

00:25:14,060 --> 00:25:12,109

that are like bigger they're not like

782

00:25:15,079 --> 00:25:14,070

they're not like earth with superpowers

783

00:25:17,239 --> 00:25:15,089

okay

784

00:25:19,999 --> 00:25:17,249

there are the things that are like kind

785

00:25:21,259 --> 00:25:20,009

of earth ish but like bigger in size and

786

00:25:22,820 --> 00:25:21,269

they're smaller than Neptune now we

787

00:25:25,070 --> 00:25:22,830

don't have anything like that in our

788

00:25:26,239 --> 00:25:25,080

solar system and so our models which

789

00:25:27,889 --> 00:25:26,249

were designed to recreate the solar

790

00:25:30,529 --> 00:25:27,899

system we're predicting that these

791

00:25:32,479 --> 00:25:30,539

things would not exist turns out they're

792

00:25:34,159 --> 00:25:32,489

the most common thing that we found and

793

00:25:35,509 --> 00:25:34,169

are like local neighborhood right so

794

00:25:37,879 --> 00:25:35,519

again the models really not not just

795

00:25:39,739 --> 00:25:37,889

wrong they were like the opposite of

796

00:25:42,440 --> 00:25:39,749

like the opposite of our predictions was

797

00:25:45,469 --> 00:25:42,450

what reality gave us and then lastly

798

00:25:47,119 --> 00:25:45,479

there's planets like Kepler 16b so and

799

00:25:48,859 --> 00:25:47,129

by the way that every planet has like a

800

00:25:50,570 --> 00:25:48,869

boring catalog name like this just

801
00:25:52,849 --> 00:25:50,580
that's how we like keep track of them so

802
00:25:55,129 --> 00:25:52,859
a couple are 16b this is a planet

803
00:25:56,599 --> 00:25:55,139
orbiting a double star system so like I

804
00:25:57,529 --> 00:25:56,609
like using the beer as an example

805
00:26:00,079 --> 00:25:57,539
because I can have some of this nice

806
00:26:01,489 --> 00:26:00,089
ironmonger beer so imagine you have two

807
00:26:03,320 --> 00:26:01,499
stars sort of orbiting each other at the

808
00:26:05,629 --> 00:26:03,330
center of a system and you have a planet

809
00:26:07,489 --> 00:26:05,639
orbiting like way outside of it that's

810
00:26:09,889 --> 00:26:07,499
that's called a binary star where the

811
00:26:10,969 --> 00:26:09,899
binaries interior if you were standing

812
00:26:12,680 --> 00:26:10,979
on the surface of that planet you would

813
00:26:14,089 --> 00:26:12,690

see a double sunset as that planets

814

00:26:16,369 --> 00:26:14,099

rotating because both the stars would

815

00:26:18,349 --> 00:26:16,379

sort of set at the same time now that's

816

00:26:21,499 --> 00:26:18,359

awesome but our models said that those

817

00:26:23,139 --> 00:26:21,509

were impossible and so nobody nobody

818

00:26:25,339 --> 00:26:23,149

thought that these things could exist

819

00:26:28,830 --> 00:26:25,349

except maybe they were looking at the

820

00:26:37,430 --> 00:26:32,740

[Applause]

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00:26:39,080 --> 00:26:37,440

knowing when Star Wars came out the

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00:26:40,610 --> 00:26:39,090

astrophysicists said well that that's

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00:26:41,480 --> 00:26:40,620

poetic George Lucas but like that's

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00:26:42,950 --> 00:26:41,490

impossible

825

00:26:45,230 --> 00:26:42,960

turns out he might not have been right

826
00:26:47,540 --> 00:26:45,240
about whether or not hunch hovers but he

827
00:26:51,950 --> 00:26:47,550
was right about this okay he was right

828
00:26:53,540 --> 00:26:51,960
about this alright so how are we gonna

829
00:26:54,770 --> 00:26:53,550
look for life on these things because

830
00:26:56,360 --> 00:26:54,780
all we know so far is like they're

831
00:26:58,220 --> 00:26:56,370
Astrophysical properties we know how big

832
00:26:59,840 --> 00:26:58,230
these planets are we know how far they

833
00:27:01,490 --> 00:26:59,850
are from their host star we can make

834
00:27:02,960 --> 00:27:01,500
some estimates to say like you know

835
00:27:04,460 --> 00:27:02,970
where oceans are and are not possible

836
00:27:07,280 --> 00:27:04,470
but we aren't looking for life yet

837
00:27:08,720 --> 00:27:07,290
that's about a change so this is a

838
00:27:10,160 --> 00:27:08,730

telescope that's being built at the

839

00:27:12,260 --> 00:27:10,170

institution I work at the Goddard Space

840

00:27:13,580 --> 00:27:12,270

Flight Center this is the James Webb

841

00:27:14,900 --> 00:27:13,590

Space Telescope it's been in the news

842

00:27:17,210 --> 00:27:14,910

this week because it's delayed we can

843

00:27:19,010 --> 00:27:17,220

get into that into Q&A if you want it's

844

00:27:21,080 --> 00:27:19,020

awesome like this thing is plated in

845

00:27:22,850 --> 00:27:21,090

gold at 6 and 1/2 meters across Hubble

846

00:27:25,190 --> 00:27:22,860

is about this big across right about my

847

00:27:27,050 --> 00:27:25,200

wingspan maybe a little bit bigger Webb

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00:27:29,540 --> 00:27:27,060

is like the width of this stage across

849

00:27:31,010 --> 00:27:29,550

so like six and a half meters so it's

850

00:27:33,670 --> 00:27:31,020

it's kind of hard to show but like a

851
00:27:35,780 --> 00:27:33,680
telescope the size of this stage

852
00:27:37,460 --> 00:27:35,790
compared to the like something that's a

853
00:27:39,470 --> 00:27:37,470
little bit taller than me that's a

854
00:27:41,660 --> 00:27:39,480
tremendous amount of collecting area you

855
00:27:42,980 --> 00:27:41,670
get a lot more photons with this what

856
00:27:44,510 --> 00:27:42,990
that means the scientist is we can

857
00:27:47,150 --> 00:27:44,520
actually start to not just see these

858
00:27:48,890 --> 00:27:47,160
planets but take the data the light

859
00:27:51,230 --> 00:27:48,900
we're getting from the planet and split

860
00:27:53,360 --> 00:27:51,240
it up into little tiny color buckets now

861
00:27:55,400 --> 00:27:53,370
that's important because color is how

862
00:27:57,920 --> 00:27:55,410
astronomers and astrophysicists and

863
00:28:00,800 --> 00:27:57,930

earth scientists look for chemical

864

00:28:02,690 --> 00:28:00,810

composition because certain gases in the

865

00:28:05,330 --> 00:28:02,700

atmosphere absorbs absorb certain

866

00:28:06,950 --> 00:28:05,340

wavelengths of light so we see a dip or

867

00:28:08,600 --> 00:28:06,960

a peak in certain in the in sort of the

868

00:28:10,820 --> 00:28:08,610

color distribution coming from a planet

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00:28:13,280 --> 00:28:10,830

that'll tell us if it has water it'll

870

00:28:14,720 --> 00:28:13,290

tell us it has carbon dioxide and in

871

00:28:16,640 --> 00:28:14,730

some cases it might tell us if the

872

00:28:18,500 --> 00:28:16,650

planet has oxygen or ozone the gases

873

00:28:20,840 --> 00:28:18,510

that on earth are made exclusively by

874

00:28:24,410 --> 00:28:20,850

algae and plants ok the gas we're all

875

00:28:25,910 --> 00:28:24,420

breathing right now so James Webb is not

876

00:28:27,710 --> 00:28:25,920

designed to do this but because it's

877

00:28:30,050 --> 00:28:27,720

such an awesome thing it's going to be

878

00:28:31,790 --> 00:28:30,060

able to do this for some stars there are

879

00:28:33,380 --> 00:28:31,800

some planets that that we're about to

880

00:28:35,000 --> 00:28:33,390

discover with the test satellite that's

881

00:28:37,100 --> 00:28:35,010

going to launch later this year these

882

00:28:38,870 --> 00:28:37,110

are planets run n-type stars so next

883

00:28:40,010 --> 00:28:38,880

slide jay WSU is going to be able to

884

00:28:42,140 --> 00:28:40,020

probe their chemical

885

00:28:44,420 --> 00:28:42,150

position of the planets and look for

886

00:28:45,560 --> 00:28:44,430

signs of life on them the problem is I'm

887

00:28:48,710 --> 00:28:45,570

not optimistic we're going to find

888

00:28:51,110 --> 00:28:48,720

anything there and the reason is this

889

00:28:52,850 --> 00:28:51,120

awesome cartoon so this is this is

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00:28:54,080 --> 00:28:52,860

actually Mars this is data from Mars

891

00:28:56,510 --> 00:28:54,090

that's being recreated with this awesome

892

00:28:57,530 --> 00:28:56,520

visualization this is B from

893

00:28:59,990 --> 00:28:57,540

measurements made by the MAVEN

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00:29:02,510 --> 00:29:00,000

spacecraft with the MAVEN spacecraft is

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00:29:04,070 --> 00:29:02,520

doing is it's exploring basically how an

896

00:29:06,560 --> 00:29:04,080

atmosphere can be sort of blown away

897

00:29:08,090 --> 00:29:06,570

from a planet right and and if you don't

898

00:29:09,320 --> 00:29:08,100

have an atmosphere there there's a bunch

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00:29:12,260 --> 00:29:09,330

of problems first of all you can't

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00:29:13,400 --> 00:29:12,270

breathe kind of an issue secondly you if

901
00:29:15,650 --> 00:29:13,410
you don't have an atmosphere you can't

902
00:29:17,990 --> 00:29:15,660
hold liquid water in at the surface it's

903
00:29:19,520 --> 00:29:18,000
you just it goes straight into steam and

904
00:29:21,680 --> 00:29:19,530
it and and you lose it immediately

905
00:29:23,000 --> 00:29:21,690
there's no liquid water phase and this

906
00:29:25,670 --> 00:29:23,010
is not the end this is that

907
00:29:27,230 --> 00:29:25,680
high-resolution simulation now mapped to

908
00:29:28,790 --> 00:29:27,240
the Maven data and this is the

909
00:29:31,250 --> 00:29:28,800
high-resolution simulation comes from a

910
00:29:32,540 --> 00:29:31,260
model this in this case our models are

911
00:29:34,370 --> 00:29:32,550
actually matching the measurements

912
00:29:36,500 --> 00:29:34,380
really really really well

913
00:29:37,940 --> 00:29:36,510

what maven's teaching us is that you can

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00:29:39,320 --> 00:29:37,950

actually lose an atmosphere fairly

915

00:29:41,660 --> 00:29:39,330

easily if you've got a lot of high

916

00:29:43,640 --> 00:29:41,670

energy radiation from the host star the

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00:29:46,910 --> 00:29:43,650

problem with the JWST the James Webb

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00:29:48,650 --> 00:29:46,920

Space Telescope's exploration of life on

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00:29:52,040 --> 00:29:48,660

planets around other stars it's gonna

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00:29:53,090 --> 00:29:52,050

try but the planet star combinations

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00:29:55,130 --> 00:29:53,100

it's going to be looking at are

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00:29:57,800 --> 00:29:55,140

especially prone to atmospheric loss

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00:30:00,050 --> 00:29:57,810

okay so if all the details of what I

924

00:30:01,850 --> 00:30:00,060

just said like like kind of like it was

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00:30:03,470 --> 00:30:01,860

just too much like basically Webb's

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00:30:05,450 --> 00:30:03,480

gonna be able to look for life on

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00:30:07,100 --> 00:30:05,460

planets that are like warm enough like

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00:30:09,410 --> 00:30:07,110

they've got enough energy from the host

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00:30:10,850 --> 00:30:09,420

star in total to keep ocean stable but

930

00:30:12,620 --> 00:30:10,860

it's getting too much of the high-energy

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00:30:15,050 --> 00:30:12,630

radiation in my blow atmospheres away

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00:30:17,660 --> 00:30:15,060

and the planets might be dead like as a

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00:30:19,610 --> 00:30:17,670

modeler what I'm expecting is that

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00:30:21,080 --> 00:30:19,620

Webb's gonna see like a bunch of bare

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00:30:25,010 --> 00:30:21,090

rocks without atmospheres and without

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00:30:26,270 --> 00:30:25,020

life like that's just my expectation but

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00:30:27,650 --> 00:30:26,280

that's why we do the measurement right

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00:30:29,540 --> 00:30:27,660

because you shouldn't just like trust me

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00:30:31,280 --> 00:30:29,550

if we if I if I know with 100%

940

00:30:31,610 --> 00:30:31,290

confidence that what I just said was

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00:30:33,200 --> 00:30:31,620

true

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00:30:34,460 --> 00:30:33,210

there wouldn't be a point to doing the

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00:30:36,080 --> 00:30:34,470

measurement but that's that's what

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00:30:38,270 --> 00:30:36,090

science is about I'm making a prediction

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00:30:40,220 --> 00:30:38,280

we're gonna test it with observation

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00:30:42,020 --> 00:30:40,230

when Webb launches so Webb will look for

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00:30:44,000 --> 00:30:42,030

life but in places that are skeptical

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00:30:46,370 --> 00:30:44,010

life could exist next time

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00:30:48,410 --> 00:30:46,380

now if you want to looking for life in

950

00:30:49,640 --> 00:30:48,420

places that are more like our earths on

951
00:30:52,190 --> 00:30:49,650
combination and by the way the problem

952
00:30:53,450 --> 00:30:52,200
with Webb is this this the host stars

953
00:30:55,130 --> 00:30:53,460
it's looking at

954
00:30:56,960 --> 00:30:55,140
like rambunctious teenagers that are

955
00:30:58,370 --> 00:30:56,970
like like kicking things all around the

956
00:31:00,019 --> 00:30:58,380
room and that like that's just to high

957
00:31:01,760 --> 00:31:00,029
energy so if you want to look for

958
00:31:03,350 --> 00:31:01,770
planets around more sun-like stars and

959
00:31:05,090 --> 00:31:03,360
probe their chemical composition and

960
00:31:07,100 --> 00:31:05,100
look for bio signatures on those worlds

961
00:31:08,539 --> 00:31:07,110
you need a bigger telescope and that's

962
00:31:10,340 --> 00:31:08,549
something called noir this is also

963
00:31:12,350 --> 00:31:10,350

something like the Dragonfly mission

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00:31:13,669 --> 00:31:12,360

that's in the concept phase it's

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00:31:15,590 --> 00:31:13,679

something we're studying and basically

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00:31:16,789 --> 00:31:15,600

pitching to the science community to see

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00:31:19,070 --> 00:31:16,799

if this is what they want to be their

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00:31:21,320 --> 00:31:19,080

priority going forward I'll tell you I'm

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00:31:23,240 --> 00:31:21,330

biased I'm the deputy study scientist on

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00:31:24,830 --> 00:31:23,250

this mission I love it and I plan to

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00:31:26,810 --> 00:31:24,840

spend the rest of my life working on it

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00:31:28,610 --> 00:31:26,820

if it gets you know selected going

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00:31:29,779 --> 00:31:28,620

forward so I'm biased towards this one

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00:31:32,029 --> 00:31:29,789

and it's like near and dear to my heart

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00:31:33,529 --> 00:31:32,039

next slide but if we built it we'd be

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00:31:35,180 --> 00:31:33,539

able to look not just for signs of life

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00:31:37,279 --> 00:31:35,190

but we'd be able to look for signs of

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00:31:39,110 --> 00:31:37,289

life on planets that are pretty much

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00:31:41,120 --> 00:31:39,120

like the earth around stars that are

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00:31:42,830 --> 00:31:41,130

pretty much like the Sun and not only

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00:31:44,360 --> 00:31:42,840

would we be able to do that once or

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00:31:46,490 --> 00:31:44,370

twice we think we could do that for

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00:31:48,470 --> 00:31:46,500

about 30 to 60 planets depending on

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00:31:50,720 --> 00:31:48,480

which version of leVoir we're talking

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00:31:54,019 --> 00:31:50,730

about so at that point we're starting to

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00:31:55,820 --> 00:31:54,029

ask different questions and the bill

987

00:31:57,409 --> 00:31:55,830

topical question here isn't just are we

988

00:31:59,240 --> 00:31:57,419

alone or is there life on like Louvois

989

00:32:01,970 --> 00:31:59,250

r5 C or whatever the planets going to be

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00:32:04,250 --> 00:32:01,980

called we're asking to global biospheres

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00:32:05,960 --> 00:32:04,260

exist beyond Earth we're also going to

992

00:32:07,789 --> 00:32:05,970

be able to ask other questions like why

993

00:32:09,889 --> 00:32:07,799

is planted on why is there life on these

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00:32:12,350 --> 00:32:09,899

planets and not on those planets and

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00:32:14,120 --> 00:32:12,360

when we do that just as I said like you

996

00:32:16,370 --> 00:32:14,130

know our models were all wrong about the

997

00:32:17,539 --> 00:32:16,380

solar system well guess what when our

998

00:32:20,060 --> 00:32:17,549

models were wrong we didn't just like

999

00:32:22,100 --> 00:32:20,070

give up we went back and changed our

1000

00:32:23,779 --> 00:32:22,110

models and they're better now and not

1001
00:32:25,010 --> 00:32:23,789
only can they recreate all the surprises

1002
00:32:27,049 --> 00:32:25,020
that we found when we look for those

1003
00:32:28,610 --> 00:32:27,059
those exoplanets and found things that

1004
00:32:31,490 --> 00:32:28,620
didn't fit our models our models

1005
00:32:33,350 --> 00:32:31,500
reproduce that stuff now they also now

1006
00:32:35,990 --> 00:32:33,360
tell us to tell a better more accurate

1007
00:32:37,460 --> 00:32:36,000
story of our own solar system 20 years

1008
00:32:39,799 --> 00:32:37,470
ago before all those extra planets were

1009
00:32:41,539 --> 00:32:39,809
found we couldn't really predict why we

1010
00:32:44,240 --> 00:32:41,549
didn't understand why Mars has the size

1011
00:32:46,279 --> 00:32:44,250
it does in the orbit it does and we do

1012
00:32:47,990 --> 00:32:46,289
now and the reason our models can

1013
00:32:50,210 --> 00:32:48,000

predict Mars today and it couldn't

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00:32:53,210 --> 00:32:50,220

before is because our models got better

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00:32:54,889 --> 00:32:53,220

by being wrong and fixing them to fix

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00:32:57,919 --> 00:32:54,899

the mistakes that they had in them okay

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00:33:00,289 --> 00:32:57,929

what I want the future I like can't wait

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00:33:02,060 --> 00:33:00,299

to see like 30 years from now or when

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00:33:04,370 --> 00:33:02,070

our models are a little bit off from the

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00:33:06,170 --> 00:33:04,380

loop our data about how a biosphere

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00:33:07,430 --> 00:33:06,180

interacts with its host planet

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00:33:08,990 --> 00:33:07,440

when those are wrong and we improved

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00:33:10,580 --> 00:33:09,000

those models we'll have a better

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00:33:12,110 --> 00:33:10,590

understanding how life and a planet

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00:33:13,370 --> 00:33:12,120

interact and that's going to be better

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00:33:18,590 --> 00:33:13,380

for all of us whether or not you care

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00:33:20,570 --> 00:33:18,600

about the search for life okay so and I

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00:33:22,070 --> 00:33:20,580

earth is really important to me for a

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00:33:25,310 --> 00:33:22,080

number of reasons not just because like

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00:33:26,900 --> 00:33:25,320

I depend on it to live it's also like

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00:33:28,430 --> 00:33:26,910

academically where I got my start like I

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00:33:30,140 --> 00:33:28,440

was a physics major in undergrad but I

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00:33:32,240 --> 00:33:30,150

went to grad school in geology and the

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00:33:34,010 --> 00:33:32,250

reason I did was because if you want to

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00:33:35,630 --> 00:33:34,020

understand life as a planetary

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00:33:37,880 --> 00:33:35,640

phenomenon you have to think about life

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00:33:39,530 --> 00:33:37,890

in a planetary context so everything I

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00:33:41,030 --> 00:33:39,540

do everything I take to the job of

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00:33:43,880 --> 00:33:41,040

looking for life whether it's on Mars or

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00:33:45,620 --> 00:33:43,890

Europa or these exoplanets it comes from

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00:33:47,930 --> 00:33:45,630

a framework of thinking about how

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00:33:49,880 --> 00:33:47,940

complicated earth is about how many

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00:33:53,060 --> 00:33:49,890

different systems we have interacting on

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00:33:55,640 --> 00:33:53,070

earth right and NASA has acknowledged

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00:33:56,960 --> 00:33:55,650

this complexity we've this is an awesome

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00:33:59,120 --> 00:33:56,970

video of like all the things that we've

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00:34:01,070 --> 00:33:59,130

got out there observing our host planet

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00:34:02,180 --> 00:34:01,080

and now as you zoom out you actually see

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00:34:03,320 --> 00:34:02,190

things that are observing the Sun

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00:34:05,600 --> 00:34:03,330

because part of what drives our

1051
00:34:10,490 --> 00:34:05,610
environment is energy coming from our

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00:34:12,860 --> 00:34:10,500
host star we look constantly from above

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00:34:14,450 --> 00:34:12,870
down on earth at its cryosphere how the

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00:34:16,159 --> 00:34:14,460
ice sheets are changing we're looking at

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00:34:17,090 --> 00:34:16,169
the atmosphere and the carbon dioxide in

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00:34:18,919 --> 00:34:17,100
the atmosphere we're looking at the

1057
00:34:20,899 --> 00:34:18,929
biosphere and where life is and how that

1058
00:34:22,880 --> 00:34:20,909
changes over the seasons we're looking

1059
00:34:25,399 --> 00:34:22,890
at it land-use changes we're doing all

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00:34:27,440 --> 00:34:25,409
kinds of detailed investigations of our

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00:34:29,180 --> 00:34:27,450
host planet and we're tying that back to

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00:34:32,290 --> 00:34:29,190
our host star which is giving us the

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00:34:36,200 --> 00:34:32,300

energy for life and for a lot of our

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00:34:37,730 --> 00:34:36,210

civilization when we do that that

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00:34:39,950 --> 00:34:37,740

doesn't happen in a vacuum because

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00:34:42,919 --> 00:34:39,960

there's astrobiologists like me that are

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00:34:44,450 --> 00:34:42,929

like leveraging all that because when we

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00:34:46,130 --> 00:34:44,460

do that like we're developing new

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00:34:47,570 --> 00:34:46,140

theories new models new science all the

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00:34:48,860 --> 00:34:47,580

time based on the data that's coming

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00:34:50,389 --> 00:34:48,870

back on earth and then they're

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00:34:52,550 --> 00:34:50,399

scientists like me saying like I want

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00:34:54,440 --> 00:34:52,560

those awesome models so I can apply them

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00:34:56,240 --> 00:34:54,450

to the search for life on planets around

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00:34:58,220 --> 00:34:56,250

other stars or even to other planets in

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00:34:59,720 --> 00:34:58,230

our solar system I literally wouldn't

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00:35:01,370 --> 00:34:59,730

know how to approach the problem to

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00:35:03,170 --> 00:35:01,380

begin with if it weren't for the

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00:35:05,390 --> 00:35:03,180

foundation that's been laid laid for me

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00:35:08,420 --> 00:35:05,400

by all these amazing earth scientists

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00:35:10,160 --> 00:35:08,430

over the last 30 to 40 years to give an

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00:35:11,390 --> 00:35:10,170

example of this you know I talked about

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00:35:13,430 --> 00:35:11,400

the search for life as being like an

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00:35:16,400 --> 00:35:13,440

assessment of chemistry if you want to

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00:35:18,020 --> 00:35:16,410

know how we can like see life from space

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00:35:20,060 --> 00:35:18,030

like or like across the interstellar

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00:35:20,420 --> 00:35:20,070

space the best way for me to describe

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00:35:22,730 --> 00:35:20,430

this

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00:35:25,010 --> 00:35:22,740

like to show you a map of how we can map

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00:35:26,750 --> 00:35:25,020

light on earth today this these are

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00:35:29,049 --> 00:35:26,760

these are satellite observations that

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00:35:31,970 --> 00:35:29,059

NASA has made with the seawifs mission

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00:35:34,370 --> 00:35:31,980

and seawifs instrument which is tracking

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00:35:35,660 --> 00:35:34,380

life on the surface you can see forests

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00:35:37,309 --> 00:35:35,670

grow and shrink in the northern

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00:35:39,680 --> 00:35:37,319

hemisphere alternating with the southern

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00:35:41,839 --> 00:35:39,690

hemisphere seasonally you can also see

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00:35:45,020 --> 00:35:41,849

blooms of chlorophyll of algae growing

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00:35:47,299 --> 00:35:45,030

in the ocean periodically so in other

1100

00:35:49,099 --> 00:35:47,309

words we can detect life remotely you

1101
00:35:51,109 --> 00:35:49,109
don't have to be there scooping up sand

1102
00:35:52,940 --> 00:35:51,119
to know that life is there because we

1103
00:35:54,799 --> 00:35:52,950
can see the specific colors associated

1104
00:35:57,109 --> 00:35:54,809
with chlorophyll on the oceans or with

1105
00:35:58,670 --> 00:35:57,119
forests on land and not just the stuff

1106
00:36:00,500 --> 00:35:58,680
that life has in it that not just the

1107
00:36:01,790 --> 00:36:00,510
chlorophyll in the leaf structures we

1108
00:36:03,500 --> 00:36:01,800
can also see the gases that life

1109
00:36:06,980 --> 00:36:03,510
produces in this in this case this is a

1110
00:36:08,450 --> 00:36:06,990
beautiful map of data from the oshio

1111
00:36:10,520 --> 00:36:08,460
mission which is looking at the carbon

1112
00:36:12,620 --> 00:36:10,530
dioxide in our atmosphere another NASA

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00:36:14,720 --> 00:36:12,630

mission and you can see gases in our

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00:36:16,430 --> 00:36:14,730

atmosphere remotely what we plan to do

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00:36:19,640 --> 00:36:16,440

for these exoplanets is take these same

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00:36:21,349 --> 00:36:19,650

techniques that look for co2 or o2 or

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00:36:23,089 --> 00:36:21,359

methane or in the case of the prior

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00:36:24,829 --> 00:36:23,099

slide the chlorophyll in the forests and

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00:36:26,599 --> 00:36:24,839

we're going to apply it to a telescope

1120

00:36:27,920 --> 00:36:26,609

looking at a planet around another star

1121

00:36:29,329 --> 00:36:27,930

and that's how we're gonna look for like

1122

00:36:32,559 --> 00:36:29,339

that but it leverages all the stuff

1123

00:36:34,579 --> 00:36:32,569

we've learned from doing it here at home

1124

00:36:35,660 --> 00:36:34,589

now when we're looking at our the

1125

00:36:37,130 --> 00:36:35,670

fundamental question we're asking

1126
00:36:38,329 --> 00:36:37,140
because it's like it's not a mystery

1127
00:36:39,980 --> 00:36:38,339
whether or not there's life on Earth we

1128
00:36:41,210 --> 00:36:39,990
know if there's life on Earth but we're

1129
00:36:42,410 --> 00:36:41,220
trying to figure out what its limits are

1130
00:36:44,870 --> 00:36:42,420
we're trying to figure out how far can

1131
00:36:46,339 --> 00:36:44,880
we push life before in the most extreme

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00:36:48,200 --> 00:36:46,349
environments before there's there's not

1133
00:36:49,520 --> 00:36:48,210
life anymore and we also want to know

1134
00:36:52,549 --> 00:36:49,530
how does life interact with the tost

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00:36:54,349 --> 00:36:52,559
planet what is light do that impacts the

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00:36:56,240 --> 00:36:54,359
host planet and what is the host planet

1137
00:36:57,740 --> 00:36:56,250
through that impacts life and how how

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00:36:59,480 --> 00:36:57,750

does that relationship play out over the

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00:37:05,240 --> 00:36:59,490

billions of years of Earth history that

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00:37:07,430 --> 00:37:05,250

we have access to here at home oh that's

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00:37:08,599 --> 00:37:07,440

it all right so I guess what I'd like to

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00:37:10,910 --> 00:37:08,609

do now is just say thank you for

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00:37:12,200 --> 00:37:10,920

attention I'm gonna stay up here and

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00:37:17,360 --> 00:37:12,210

take questions from the audience

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00:37:25,350 --> 00:37:21,110

read the catch box alright alright

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00:37:28,020 --> 00:37:25,360

alright so this this awesome thing is

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00:37:30,090 --> 00:37:28,030

called a catch box it's a microphone you

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00:37:32,130 --> 00:37:30,100

can throw alright it's like a microphone

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00:37:33,900 --> 00:37:32,140

in an earth box so raise your hand and

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00:37:38,660 --> 00:37:33,910

we'll try to toss you the the mic for a

1151
00:37:41,070 --> 00:37:38,670
question alright

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00:37:42,390 --> 00:37:41,080
hello thank you for the presentation

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00:37:46,560 --> 00:37:42,400
thank you just wanted to ask a question

1154
00:37:50,730 --> 00:37:46,570
about landing on Europa many people have

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00:37:54,540 --> 00:37:50,740
brought a concern that when would the

1156
00:37:56,490 --> 00:37:54,550
ocean full I would actually detecting

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00:37:58,980 --> 00:37:56,500
large brought with the probe is very

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00:38:02,280 --> 00:37:58,990
difficult to clean the probe yeah to

1159
00:38:04,800 --> 00:38:02,290
destroy all the signs of life from Earth

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00:38:06,720 --> 00:38:04,810
right so the question because your

1161
00:38:08,130 --> 00:38:06,730
little feedback is like when we when we

1162
00:38:09,510 --> 00:38:08,140
look for life on Europa some people are

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00:38:11,280 --> 00:38:09,520

worried that we're gonna basically bring

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00:38:13,470 --> 00:38:11,290

like with us and just detect ourselves

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00:38:15,780 --> 00:38:13,480

that's a huge problem there's actually I

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00:38:17,520 --> 00:38:15,790

think actually like the coolest title

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00:38:19,500 --> 00:38:17,530

and the federal government is planetary

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00:38:22,320 --> 00:38:19,510

protection officer the United States of

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00:38:24,330 --> 00:38:22,330

America right and literally their motto

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00:38:26,250 --> 00:38:24,340

the model that office is all of the

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00:38:27,390 --> 00:38:26,260

planets all of the time right like it's

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00:38:30,270 --> 00:38:27,400

the one office I feel like should come

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00:38:32,040 --> 00:38:30,280

with like a super cape and tights the

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00:38:34,860 --> 00:38:32,050

job at that office is actually to worry

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00:38:36,780 --> 00:38:34,870

about that exact problem to make sure

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00:38:38,040 --> 00:38:36,790

that when we send spacecraft to a place

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00:38:39,870 --> 00:38:38,050

we're gonna look for life that we don't

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00:38:41,670 --> 00:38:39,880

contaminate it with the life we have on

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00:38:43,020 --> 00:38:41,680

earth and that's both for moral reasons

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00:38:44,790 --> 00:38:43,030

because we don't want to like

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00:38:46,710 --> 00:38:44,800

contaminate other planets with our life

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00:38:47,940 --> 00:38:46,720

here because we should decide whether or

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00:38:50,010 --> 00:38:47,950

not that's a good thing to do as a

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00:38:52,020 --> 00:38:50,020

society not just some scientists like

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00:38:54,150 --> 00:38:52,030

messing up in the lab but it's also

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00:38:55,320 --> 00:38:54,160

important scientifically for the reasons

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00:38:56,190 --> 00:38:55,330

the questioner just put out there we

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00:38:57,330 --> 00:38:56,200

want to make sure that we're not

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00:38:59,430 --> 00:38:57,340

bringing life with us so we've got a

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00:39:01,890 --> 00:38:59,440

whole range of measurements and

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00:39:03,090 --> 00:39:01,900

standards that we utilize to make sure

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00:39:04,860 --> 00:39:03,100

we're not going to do just that

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00:39:06,630 --> 00:39:04,870

now the other aspect of that office is

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00:39:07,980 --> 00:39:06,640

if we bring samples back from Europa or

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00:39:10,140 --> 00:39:07,990

from Mars like we're planning to do

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00:39:12,270 --> 00:39:10,150

they're also making sure that like the

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00:39:13,560 --> 00:39:12,280

science fiction horror movie version of

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00:39:15,480 --> 00:39:13,570

bringing samples back doesn't end up

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00:39:17,160 --> 00:39:15,490

happening and that we're all safe from

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00:39:22,050 --> 00:39:17,170

contamination from those other planets

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00:39:25,110 --> 00:39:22,060
as well yeah so you had mentioned I

1202
00:39:26,160 --> 00:39:25,120
think was Titan that you had the weather

1203
00:39:28,620 --> 00:39:26,170
dragonfly mission

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00:39:31,140 --> 00:39:28,630
that you were looking at what drone for

1205
00:39:34,320 --> 00:39:31,150
a drone to work it has to have a pretty

1206
00:39:36,060 --> 00:39:34,330
substantial atmosphere and so I was sort

1207
00:39:38,280 --> 00:39:36,070
of surprised that it had that much of an

1208
00:39:41,160 --> 00:39:38,290
atmosphere that that a drone could

1209
00:39:42,870 --> 00:39:41,170
actually fly yeah so Titan is special in

1210
00:39:44,670 --> 00:39:42,880
that way it actually has it's one of the

1211
00:39:46,290 --> 00:39:44,680
few planets that has like this

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00:39:48,840 --> 00:39:46,300
hydrological cycle but also has a pretty

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00:39:50,580 --> 00:39:48,850

dense atmosphere in it and the molecules

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00:39:52,290 --> 00:39:50,590

that the Titan Titan atmosphere are made

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00:39:54,660 --> 00:39:52,300

of are actually more massive than Earth

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00:39:56,370 --> 00:39:54,670

and so the mean molecular weight of the

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00:39:57,780 --> 00:39:56,380

atmosphere is higher and that gives you

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00:39:59,550 --> 00:39:57,790

actually it's actually good for all

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00:40:01,770 --> 00:39:59,560

kinds of aerial stuff people have also

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00:40:03,630 --> 00:40:01,780

pitched balloons and airplanes basically

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00:40:05,970 --> 00:40:03,640

anything airborne works pretty well on

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00:40:07,830 --> 00:40:05,980

Titan the drones is something we're

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00:40:09,570 --> 00:40:07,840

looking at right now because the

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00:40:12,420 --> 00:40:09,580

technology for Jones has it been so

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00:40:14,310 --> 00:40:12,430

rapidly the last decade or so that we

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00:40:16,230 --> 00:40:14,320

think that that's relatively mature in

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00:40:18,390 --> 00:40:16,240

terms of doing airborne stuff on another

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00:40:19,980 --> 00:40:18,400

planet I should say that people are also

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00:40:21,750 --> 00:40:19,990

talking about putting a helicopter on

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00:40:24,540 --> 00:40:21,760

Mars as part of the next Mars rover

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00:40:26,160 --> 00:40:24,550

payload for Mars what you just mentioned

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00:40:28,140 --> 00:40:26,170

like the lack of an atmosphere because

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00:40:29,670 --> 00:40:28,150

the atmosphere is thinner on Mars that

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00:40:33,230 --> 00:40:29,680

becomes a pretty big problem but on

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00:40:38,970 --> 00:40:36,780

how did they know that a meteorite came

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00:40:42,060 --> 00:40:38,980

from Mars oh that's a good question so

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00:40:43,590 --> 00:40:42,070

the way we get at the source of where a

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00:40:45,960 --> 00:40:43,600

meteorite came from is actually looking

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00:40:47,250 --> 00:40:45,970

at its chemistry both the gases that are

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00:40:49,260 --> 00:40:47,260

contained in it and if you know what

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00:40:51,510 --> 00:40:49,270

isotopes are it's basically like the

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00:40:53,400 --> 00:40:51,520

same molecule or atom but like a

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00:40:56,130 --> 00:40:53,410

different mass for that atom both the

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00:40:58,350 --> 00:40:56,140

isotopic composition of the meteorite

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00:41:00,330 --> 00:40:58,360

and the gas composition match Marge's

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00:41:02,190 --> 00:41:00,340

atmosphere really well and there's some

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00:41:03,480 --> 00:41:02,200

gases that kind of stay constant over

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00:41:06,060 --> 00:41:03,490

time and we're using those as sort of

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00:41:07,380 --> 00:41:06,070

the tracer we didn't like see it

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00:41:09,330 --> 00:41:07,390

launched off Mars because that happened

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00:41:10,620 --> 00:41:09,340
a long long time ago but it's basically

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00:41:16,470 --> 00:41:10,630
matching the composition of the

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00:41:18,390 --> 00:41:16,480
meteorite to that of Mars it could have

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00:41:20,010 --> 00:41:18,400
come from somewhere else except most of

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00:41:22,320 --> 00:41:20,020
the places it could come from we've also

1256
00:41:24,420 --> 00:41:22,330
mapped out those compositions and they

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00:41:25,800 --> 00:41:24,430
also don't match and like I mean I'm

1258
00:41:28,740 --> 00:41:25,810
kind of glossing over a lot of detail

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00:41:30,660 --> 00:41:28,750
here but like the this the when I say

1260
00:41:32,370 --> 00:41:30,670
composition it's it's not something that

1261
00:41:34,200 --> 00:41:32,380
would vary between like here and

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00:41:35,100 --> 00:41:34,210
Maryland where I flew in from like the

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00:41:36,780 --> 00:41:35,110

other day and where I'm flying home

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00:41:37,480 --> 00:41:36,790

tomorrow like it's something that's kind

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00:41:41,340 --> 00:41:37,490

of constant

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00:41:42,580 --> 00:41:41,350

over the the whole planets environments

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00:41:45,220 --> 00:41:42,590

yep

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00:41:46,870 --> 00:41:45,230

so as an undergrad student you were

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00:41:49,270 --> 00:41:46,880

studying physics and as a grad student

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00:41:53,260 --> 00:41:49,280

you were a geologist how do you turn

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00:41:56,020 --> 00:41:53,270

that into astrobiology okay so a couple

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00:41:57,640 --> 00:41:56,030

things one I sought out specific places

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00:41:59,650 --> 00:41:57,650

that were good at astrobiology research

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00:42:03,040 --> 00:41:59,660

so where were you at like are you well

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00:42:06,790 --> 00:42:03,050

you're a student in what level high

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00:42:08,770 --> 00:42:06,800

school junior okay so a few things you

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00:42:11,200 --> 00:42:08,780

don't I I don't recommend anyone follow

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00:42:12,460 --> 00:42:11,210

like the exact path I followed like

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00:42:14,830 --> 00:42:12,470

unless that's like the thing that you

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00:42:16,420 --> 00:42:14,840

think is like super awesome to be good

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at Mastro's biology you have to be good

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00:42:21,010 --> 00:42:19,369

at a few things you don't have to know

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everything like that's the trap like

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00:42:23,980 --> 00:42:22,210

some people say like oh like

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00:42:25,840 --> 00:42:23,990

astrobiology is like astronomy and

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00:42:27,100 --> 00:42:25,850

biology and geology and physics and

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chemistry and like all like mixed

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together so I'm gonna like take a little

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00:42:32,410 --> 00:42:30,350

bit of all those things I actually think

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00:42:33,820 --> 00:42:32,420

that's a bit of a trap like a turbo

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00:42:36,700 --> 00:42:33,830

admiral ackbar would tell you it's a

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00:42:38,170 --> 00:42:36,710

traffic what you would instead what you

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00:42:40,030 --> 00:42:38,180

want to do is you want to get really

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00:42:41,710 --> 00:42:40,040

good at that like one discipline that

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like you can be an expert in eventually

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00:42:45,370 --> 00:42:43,460

get a graduate degree and be like the

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00:42:48,430 --> 00:42:45,380

world's expert in one tiny corner of

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00:42:50,230 --> 00:42:48,440

knowledge but have those things be

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00:42:52,240 --> 00:42:50,240

related to astrobiology like you can be

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00:42:53,200 --> 00:42:52,250

an astral by out everybody is there's no

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00:42:54,760 --> 00:42:53,210

one I know that's just an

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00:42:56,770 --> 00:42:54,770

astrobiologists like I'm literally one

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00:42:58,780 --> 00:42:56,780

of the oldest people alive that has a

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00:43:00,730 --> 00:42:58,790

degree in astrobiology but I have a

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00:43:02,770 --> 00:43:00,740

degree in astrobiology and Geosciences

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00:43:04,330 --> 00:43:02,780

okay other people have a degrees in

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00:43:05,859 --> 00:43:04,340

astrobiology and chemistry or

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00:43:09,580 --> 00:43:05,869

astrobiology and astronomy or

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00:43:11,200 --> 00:43:09,590

astrobiology and whatever you have to

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00:43:13,090 --> 00:43:11,210

have a home discipline you're good at

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00:43:15,730 --> 00:43:13,100

and you're bringing that expertise to

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00:43:17,740 --> 00:43:15,740

the question of are we alone and and if

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00:43:19,300 --> 00:43:17,750

you want like I'm not gonna come

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00:43:20,220 --> 00:43:19,310

especially cuz I'm online I'm not going

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00:43:22,630 --> 00:43:20,230

to give you advice on specific

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00:43:23,859 --> 00:43:22,640

institutions like on a live stream but

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00:43:25,660 --> 00:43:23,869

if you come up afterwards I'll tell you

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00:43:29,830 --> 00:43:25,670

some really cool places to go to college

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00:43:31,990 --> 00:43:29,840

that are doing amazing things okay yep I

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00:43:33,460 --> 00:43:32,000

just had a curious question about the

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00:43:34,660 --> 00:43:33,470

private and public sector do you guys

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00:43:37,120 --> 00:43:34,670

are you guys gonna eventually have to

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00:43:39,400 --> 00:43:37,130

are you partnering with like the the

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00:43:41,560 --> 00:43:39,410

current private sector that's up and

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00:43:43,240 --> 00:43:41,570

coming all right so this is this is an

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00:43:44,680 --> 00:43:43,250

interesting question because like a the

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00:43:46,359 --> 00:43:44,690

first thing I think that we need that

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00:43:48,280 --> 00:43:46,369

like people like me up on stage need to

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00:43:50,080 --> 00:43:48,290

do is actually clarify something in

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00:43:50,609 --> 00:43:50,090

public private partnerships a lot of

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00:43:52,440 --> 00:43:50,619

NASA

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00:43:54,960 --> 00:43:52,450

actually already is a public-private

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00:43:56,849 --> 00:43:54,970

partnership right like if we build a

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00:43:58,739 --> 00:43:56,859

rover to send to Mars or if we build a

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00:44:01,170 --> 00:43:58,749

telescope to send a space like a

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00:44:03,180 --> 00:44:01,180

tremendous amount of the work that we do

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00:44:04,799 --> 00:44:03,190

is actually done by private aerospace

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00:44:06,329 --> 00:44:04,809

companies right and we're partnering

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00:44:08,279 --> 00:44:06,339

with them all the time like when I go to

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00:44:10,289 --> 00:44:08,289

astronomy meetings now probably about a

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00:44:11,609 --> 00:44:10,299

quarter of my meetings are with are with

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00:44:13,529 --> 00:44:11,619

companies not with other astronomers

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00:44:15,269 --> 00:44:13,539

because those companies have the

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00:44:17,220 --> 00:44:15,279

engineering expertise and know-how to do

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00:44:19,499 --> 00:44:17,230

a lot of stuff that we really need to

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00:44:21,150 --> 00:44:19,509

make these things work so there's a

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00:44:22,980 --> 00:44:21,160

there's sort of this deep history of

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00:44:24,779 --> 00:44:22,990

public/private partnerships that we have

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00:44:26,549 --> 00:44:24,789

had at NASA to just make all this stuff

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00:44:27,900 --> 00:44:26,559

possible now that all said like if I

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00:44:30,599 --> 00:44:27,910
just ended there'd be a bit of a dodge

1352
00:44:32,549 --> 00:44:30,609
right because like there there is talk

1353
00:44:34,349 --> 00:44:32,559
about actually doing like like like

1354
00:44:36,450 --> 00:44:34,359
private spaceflight being a new player

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00:44:38,009 --> 00:44:36,460
now like like I'm sure people have seen

1356
00:44:40,049 --> 00:44:38,019
SpaceX in the news right and like one

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00:44:41,190 --> 00:44:40,059
question I get a lot is like can you

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00:44:44,519 --> 00:44:41,200
work at NASA like are you worried about

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00:44:46,559 --> 00:44:44,529
SpaceX right the part of NASA I work in

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00:44:49,170 --> 00:44:46,569
which is like this science wing like

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00:44:51,390 --> 00:44:49,180
when SpaceX launches a new rocket we're

1362
00:44:53,309 --> 00:44:51,400
like cheering like literally like I was

1363
00:44:55,559 --> 00:44:53,319

at my computer like what cheering with

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00:44:57,390 --> 00:44:55,569

everybody else and it was from two

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00:45:00,359 --> 00:44:57,400

things one I mean it was cool like it

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00:45:02,549 --> 00:45:00,369

was awesome but - if SpaceX builds a new

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00:45:05,009 --> 00:45:02,559

really capable less expensive rocket

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00:45:06,660 --> 00:45:05,019

that's great for me because I can put a

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00:45:10,200 --> 00:45:06,670

rover or a telescope in that thing and

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00:45:11,819 --> 00:45:10,210

launch it up to space now what the third

1371

00:45:13,799 --> 00:45:11,829

aspect to this is like there are people

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00:45:16,499 --> 00:45:13,809

talking about doing like basically

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00:45:18,900 --> 00:45:16,509

private spaceflight science missions

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00:45:21,299 --> 00:45:18,910

like a privately funded like a GoFundMe

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00:45:23,370 --> 00:45:21,309

campaign for a telescope or a rover or

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00:45:24,809 --> 00:45:23,380

something like that that hasn't happened

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00:45:27,569 --> 00:45:24,819

yet but people are seriously talking

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00:45:29,249 --> 00:45:27,579

about it like and if it happened I would

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00:45:30,749 --> 00:45:29,259

be happy that it was happening because

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00:45:32,519 --> 00:45:30,759

I'm a scientist and I love the data I

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00:45:35,130 --> 00:45:32,529

think the most important thing there is

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00:45:36,749 --> 00:45:35,140

that when that stuff starts to become I

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00:45:38,009 --> 00:45:36,759

don't want to say reality but when it

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00:45:39,630 --> 00:45:38,019

starts to get funded to the point where

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00:45:41,309 --> 00:45:39,640

they're actually gonna do it

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00:45:42,779 --> 00:45:41,319

we need to have conversations between

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00:45:44,519 --> 00:45:42,789

the public and private space to make

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00:45:45,960 --> 00:45:44,529

sure we're not competing with each other

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00:45:47,940 --> 00:45:45,970

but we're looking at different targets

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00:45:50,670 --> 00:45:47,950

or different investigations on the same

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00:45:52,769 --> 00:45:50,680

target okay Sean yeah Sean Sean right

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00:45:54,809 --> 00:45:52,779

here right up here buddy right here I

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00:45:56,519 --> 00:45:54,819

know you can't see me here I'm gonna

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00:45:57,960 --> 00:45:56,529

come up front no I I was actually gonna

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00:45:59,039 --> 00:45:57,970

say it from the Mars perspective I can

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00:46:00,329 --> 00:45:59,049

already kind of talked about this for

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00:46:02,489 --> 00:46:00,339

you yes so

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00:46:04,170 --> 00:46:02,499

what you know so Sean's an expert

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00:46:07,200 --> 00:46:04,180

exoplanets my planet of focus is

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00:46:09,599 --> 00:46:07,210

actually Mars and I said I said on the I

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00:46:11,999 --> 00:46:09,609

said on a committee called the Mars

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00:46:13,380 --> 00:46:12,009

program Mars exploration program

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00:46:16,680 --> 00:46:13,390

analysis group and this is an analysis

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00:46:17,910 --> 00:46:16,690

group that is part of the entire Mars

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00:46:20,009 --> 00:46:17,920

committee and what we do is we kind of

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00:46:21,089 --> 00:46:20,019

assess the state of the Mars exploration

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00:46:23,039 --> 00:46:21,099

program not only NASA but

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00:46:24,359 --> 00:46:23,049

internationally and we kind of start we

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00:46:26,219 --> 00:46:24,369

all talk to each other about upcoming

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00:46:27,120 --> 00:46:26,229

missions what are the major science

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00:46:29,069 --> 00:46:27,130

questions and things like that

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00:46:31,019 --> 00:46:29,079

so in the last couple of meetings

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00:46:32,819 --> 00:46:31,029

meetings we it's called me pag for short

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00:46:35,569 --> 00:46:32,829

well on the last virtual meeting we had

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00:46:38,459 --> 00:46:35,579

we actually had representatives from

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00:46:41,039 --> 00:46:38,469

SpaceX talking about their most recent

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00:46:42,599 --> 00:46:41,049

launch to Mars and what their plans are

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00:46:44,400 --> 00:46:42,609

for human exploration so the

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00:46:46,769 --> 00:46:44,410

conversation at least for Mars

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00:46:48,539 --> 00:46:46,779

exploration has already started where we

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00:46:50,009 --> 00:46:48,549

have invited SpaceX and private

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00:46:52,289 --> 00:46:50,019

Nasheed's to come in and communicate

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00:46:54,479 --> 00:46:52,299

with the science community as part of

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00:46:56,219 --> 00:46:54,489

the community with regard to what are

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00:46:57,870 --> 00:46:56,229

our plans for Mars exploration and the

1426
00:47:00,209 --> 00:46:57,880
next steps as we kind of move towards

1427
00:47:01,650 --> 00:47:00,219
planetary exploration and having this

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00:47:02,880 --> 00:47:01,660
private partnership because they're

1429
00:47:05,039 --> 00:47:02,890
planning to send a human mission to Mars

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00:47:06,239 --> 00:47:05,049
and we want to be talking to each other

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00:47:08,940 --> 00:47:06,249
because we're learning a set of human

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00:47:10,680 --> 00:47:08,950
emissions Mars so that's already kind of

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00:47:11,910 --> 00:47:10,690
happening at least for Mars but it would

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00:47:13,739 --> 00:47:11,920
be great we could see it happening

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00:47:15,120 --> 00:47:13,749
across the entire program just like Sean

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00:47:16,380 --> 00:47:15,130
said but I just wanted to give you that

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00:47:18,029 --> 00:47:16,390
update cuz I'm pretty sure you don't do

1438
00:47:26,489 --> 00:47:18,039

me peg meetings I don't do me a packet

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00:47:27,779 --> 00:47:26,499

thank you by the way one of the

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00:47:29,130 --> 00:47:27,789

challenges in science is work-life

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00:47:33,680 --> 00:47:29,140

balance which gavin is giving us a great

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00:47:47,549 --> 00:47:46,380

where we and in addition to writing our

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00:47:50,279 --> 00:47:47,559

congressmen to give you guys more

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00:47:53,609 --> 00:47:50,289

funding is there anything else that the

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00:47:57,599 --> 00:47:53,619

private sector you and I can do to help

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00:47:59,670 --> 00:47:57,609

you get things funded I think like share

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00:48:01,739 --> 00:47:59,680

your enthusiasm in general for the stuff

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00:48:03,779 --> 00:48:01,749

we're doing which I mean this is why I'm

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00:48:07,289 --> 00:48:03,789

like really happy to be here tonight I I

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00:48:09,209 --> 00:48:07,299

am legally prohibited from lobbying

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00:48:10,829 --> 00:48:09,219

Congress and I can't even tell you to

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00:48:11,969 --> 00:48:10,839

lobby Congress right like that's that's

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00:48:13,240 --> 00:48:11,979

something like recording of the Hatch

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00:48:16,270 --> 00:48:13,250

Act like I can't do

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00:48:18,400 --> 00:48:16,280

but what I can do is I can I can share

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00:48:20,590 --> 00:48:18,410

my love for like the science and the

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00:48:22,630 --> 00:48:20,600

cool stuff that we've got on like in the

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00:48:24,730 --> 00:48:22,640

pipeline to maybe do in the future

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00:48:26,380 --> 00:48:24,740

and and do everything I can to promote

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00:48:28,090 --> 00:48:26,390

the next generation of scientists coming

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00:48:29,440 --> 00:48:28,100

up behind me and that's the other thing

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00:48:31,510 --> 00:48:29,450

I think everyone can do right like if

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00:48:33,310 --> 00:48:31,520

you've got students or you've got kids

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00:48:34,930 --> 00:48:33,320

or you've got friends or neighbors that

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00:48:36,850 --> 00:48:34,940

are thinking about doing this stuff like

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00:48:39,070 --> 00:48:36,860

encourage them because there's actually

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00:48:39,490 --> 00:48:39,080

a huge future here if we reach out and

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00:48:41,260 --> 00:48:39,500

grab it

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00:48:43,000 --> 00:48:41,270

and the stuff I'm talking about it's not

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00:48:45,460 --> 00:48:43,010

happening tomorrow it's happening five

1471

00:48:47,260 --> 00:48:45,470

ten twenty thirty years from now which

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00:48:48,640 --> 00:48:47,270

means if you're an undergrad student if

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00:48:50,980 --> 00:48:48,650

you're a high school student like you

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00:48:52,510 --> 00:48:50,990

could write your PhD thesis on the data

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00:48:54,610 --> 00:48:52,520

from the lever telescope I'm trying to

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00:48:56,170 --> 00:48:54,620

make happen right like and you could be

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00:48:57,580 --> 00:48:56,180

at your stage in your career that I'm at

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00:48:59,230 --> 00:48:57,590

in my career right now right like that

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00:49:00,490 --> 00:48:59,240

it's not happening tomorrow so though

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00:49:02,640 --> 00:49:00,500

the other thing is just support young

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00:49:09,670 --> 00:49:02,650

people that are trying to get involved

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00:49:11,490 --> 00:49:09,680

like Gavin I've got the mic now I'm

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00:49:16,840 --> 00:49:11,500

originally from Flagstaff Arizona

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00:49:18,400 --> 00:49:16,850

Territory it's found in that neighbor

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00:49:22,000 --> 00:49:18,410

has a planet yeah

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00:49:23,950 --> 00:49:22,010

my question is discovering and releasing

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00:49:24,970 --> 00:49:23,960

information about our own planet I'm how

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00:49:27,670 --> 00:49:24,980

involved is NASA

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00:49:30,040 --> 00:49:27,680

I mean we've got so many oceans that are

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00:49:31,150 --> 00:49:30,050

unexplored the deep history of our

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00:49:35,350 --> 00:49:31,160

planet that we still have yet to

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00:49:36,750 --> 00:49:35,360

discover how involved is NASA in well so

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00:49:39,430 --> 00:49:36,760

NASA is involved in a number of ways

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00:49:41,350 --> 00:49:39,440

there's the the thing that NASA's most

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00:49:42,880 --> 00:49:41,360

involved in is is earth observations

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00:49:44,830 --> 00:49:42,890

which I was talking about a little bit

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00:49:47,110 --> 00:49:44,840

today like if you if you see like a

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00:49:49,210 --> 00:49:47,120

weather weather radar satellite like

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00:49:51,610 --> 00:49:49,220

like that was probably launched by NASA

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00:49:52,990 --> 00:49:51,620

NOAA partnership so we're we're involved

1501

00:49:54,160 --> 00:49:53,000

in almost all of the stuff that's

1502

00:49:56,260 --> 00:49:54,170

looking back down at Earth but it

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00:49:57,730 --> 00:49:56,270

actually goes further than that we work

1504

00:49:59,430 --> 00:49:57,740

with NOAA a lot partially to get to

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00:50:02,140 --> 00:49:59,440

Antarctica and do exploration of

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00:50:03,550 --> 00:50:02,150

environments down there and the Atacama

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00:50:05,020 --> 00:50:03,560

Desert we do a lot of work on Earth

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00:50:06,940 --> 00:50:05,030

today looking at extreme environments

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00:50:08,950 --> 00:50:06,950

that are cold or try a really deep or

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00:50:10,900 --> 00:50:08,960

really dark to see the limits of life

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00:50:12,880 --> 00:50:10,910

now the other thing that NASA is doing

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00:50:15,520 --> 00:50:12,890

is its funding Earth history research

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00:50:17,020 --> 00:50:15,530

right because as someone said at this

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00:50:19,150 --> 00:50:17,030

great Georgia Tech astrobiology

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00:50:20,530 --> 00:50:19,160

conference that I was at yesterday we

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00:50:22,900 --> 00:50:20,540

actually have four different versions of

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00:50:24,820 --> 00:50:22,910

Earth spread out in time through its

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00:50:25,580 --> 00:50:24,830

geological record not necessarily spread

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00:50:27,410 --> 00:50:25,590

out like for Earth

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00:50:29,390 --> 00:50:27,420

we found around other stars like if I

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00:50:31,940 --> 00:50:29,400

went in a time machine like a DeLorean

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00:50:34,880 --> 00:50:31,950

or like a TARDIS or like a hot tub or

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00:50:36,170 --> 00:50:34,890

something I know but I went back three

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00:50:37,850 --> 00:50:36,180

billion years I'd be in a heap of

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00:50:39,320 --> 00:50:37,860

trouble unless I also brought a gas mask

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00:50:41,480 --> 00:50:39,330

because there would have been no oxygen

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00:50:43,280 --> 00:50:41,490

there but there was life present at the

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00:50:44,420 --> 00:50:43,290

time so like and actually this I'm kind

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00:50:45,500 --> 00:50:44,430

of geeking out a little bit because this

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00:50:48,170 --> 00:50:45,510

is like what my dissertation research

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00:50:49,880 --> 00:50:48,180

was on but like the there was like a

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00:50:52,490 --> 00:50:49,890

billion years at least where there was

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00:50:54,620 --> 00:50:52,500

life on Earth but no oxygen for animals

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00:50:56,000 --> 00:50:54,630

like us to breathe and oxygens the main

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00:50:58,790 --> 00:50:56,010

bio signature we'd be looking for on

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00:51:00,470 --> 00:50:58,800

exoplanets so NASA's investing has been

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00:51:03,170 --> 00:51:00,480

investing in decades including like my

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00:51:04,520 --> 00:51:03,180

PhD research into those questions so we

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00:51:06,230 --> 00:51:04,530

can better understand not just how to

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00:51:09,590 --> 00:51:06,240

find modern-day earth life but like

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00:51:11,120 --> 00:51:09,600

ancient like earth life so there is

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00:51:12,740 --> 00:51:11,130

there's the thing there MSF is also a

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00:51:18,890 --> 00:51:12,750

big player in that space and we

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00:51:21,680 --> 00:51:18,900

collaborate with them a lot okay you're

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00:51:25,490 --> 00:51:21,690

talking about Europa how has a sort you

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00:51:27,970 --> 00:51:25,500

speculate that it has a melted liquid

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00:51:30,380 --> 00:51:27,980

water underneath the ice surface yeah

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00:51:31,640 --> 00:51:30,390

why would that water not be frozen there

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00:51:36,830 --> 00:51:31,650

is there some sort of internal heat

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00:51:39,050 --> 00:51:36,840

source yes got it so there's there's a

1551
00:51:40,580 --> 00:51:39,060
few internal heat sources for Europa one

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00:51:42,650 --> 00:51:40,590
is just like the remnant stuff like a

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00:51:43,850 --> 00:51:42,660
batch in like all this stuff when the

1554
00:51:45,650 --> 00:51:43,860
planets form smashing together

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00:51:47,390 --> 00:51:45,660
everything gets really hot and then

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00:51:48,860 --> 00:51:47,400
cools down it actually takes a long time

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00:51:51,560 --> 00:51:48,870
for it to cool down especially because

1558
00:51:52,820 --> 00:51:51,570
there's radioactive materials inside the

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00:51:54,950 --> 00:51:52,830
center of planets that are still

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00:51:56,360 --> 00:51:54,960
generating heat but that's that's not

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00:51:57,680 --> 00:51:56,370
the real reason you rope it still has a

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00:52:00,680 --> 00:51:57,690
nice shell the real reason is it's

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00:52:01,940 --> 00:52:00,690

getting like slung around Jupiter all

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00:52:04,700 --> 00:52:01,950

the time and when it's getting slung

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00:52:07,040 --> 00:52:04,710

around it's it's gravitationally

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00:52:08,960 --> 00:52:07,050

interacting with other moons as they

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00:52:10,160 --> 00:52:08,970

pass by each other and when they

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00:52:11,900 --> 00:52:10,170

gravitationally interact

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00:52:14,450 --> 00:52:11,910

there's tidal forcings the same way that

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00:52:16,490 --> 00:52:14,460

like the moon around our earth is like

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00:52:18,470 --> 00:52:16,500

causing the oceans to slosh around and

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00:52:20,390 --> 00:52:18,480

like we have high tide and low tide same

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00:52:22,460 --> 00:52:20,400

things happening on Europa with the ice

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00:52:24,080 --> 00:52:22,470

shell but there's no water to slosh

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00:52:25,850 --> 00:52:24,090

around and because there's no water to

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00:52:27,770 --> 00:52:25,860

slosh around all that tidal energy is

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00:52:29,240 --> 00:52:27,780

going into the ice shell and it's kind

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00:52:31,550 --> 00:52:29,250

of like flexing it back and forth like

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00:52:33,890 --> 00:52:31,560

this and that flexing just the like

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00:52:35,300 --> 00:52:33,900

mechanical motion of that is generating

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00:52:36,920 --> 00:52:35,310

heat like I don't know if you've ever

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00:52:38,300 --> 00:52:36,930

done like any like woodworking or

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00:52:39,830 --> 00:52:38,310

anything like that at home but if like

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00:52:41,570 --> 00:52:39,840

you saw on something or drilling

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00:52:43,340 --> 00:52:41,580

something and it gets hot from that

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00:52:45,410 --> 00:52:43,350

friction that's what's happening on

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00:52:47,980 --> 00:52:45,420

Europa and it's generating just enough

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00:52:54,760 --> 00:52:47,990

heat to keep some of the ice melted a

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00:53:03,680 --> 00:52:59,930

where we got it oh I've heard that the

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00:53:06,680 --> 00:53:03,690

next telescope is might be able to

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00:53:09,980 --> 00:53:06,690

examine the atmospheres of exoplanets

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00:53:12,980 --> 00:53:09,990

Josh might give an indication of there

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00:53:16,310 --> 00:53:12,990

was life do you know how they could tell

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00:53:19,130 --> 00:53:16,320

women on a an exoplanet has life or

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00:53:20,840 --> 00:53:19,140

probably has life so the the

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00:53:22,670 --> 00:53:20,850

observations you're talking about were

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00:53:23,780 --> 00:53:22,680

from that that like awesome gold

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00:53:25,040 --> 00:53:23,790

telescope I was showing earlier the

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00:53:27,560 --> 00:53:25,050

James Webb Space Telescope

1600

00:53:29,570 --> 00:53:27,570

what's gonna happen there is planets are

1601
00:53:31,580 --> 00:53:29,580
gonna pass in front of the star we're

1602
00:53:32,810 --> 00:53:31,590
only gonna look at stars where we know

1603
00:53:34,820 --> 00:53:32,820
there's gonna be a planet passing in

1604
00:53:37,070 --> 00:53:34,830
front of the star when the planet passes

1605
00:53:39,380 --> 00:53:37,080
in front of the star it's the atmosphere

1606
00:53:41,600 --> 00:53:39,390
of the planet is going to sort of serve

1607
00:53:42,920 --> 00:53:41,610
as like a color filter like if you were

1608
00:53:44,840 --> 00:53:42,930
up here on stage with me you'd see some

1609
00:53:46,370 --> 00:53:44,850
blue lights to the side or if you ever

1610
00:53:48,560 --> 00:53:46,380
work on it as a stagehand you'll have

1611
00:53:50,840 --> 00:53:48,570
like red and blue gels or like if you

1612
00:53:53,960 --> 00:53:50,850
ever remember like an over school school

1613
00:53:55,280 --> 00:53:53,970

or an old school overhead projector at a

1614

00:53:57,080 --> 00:53:55,290

school we're like you put this sheet

1615

00:53:59,210 --> 00:53:57,090

down and the light pass through it and

1616

00:54:00,920 --> 00:53:59,220

it put colors up on the screen well the

1617

00:54:02,480 --> 00:54:00,930

same way this works is there's a little

1618

00:54:04,280 --> 00:54:02,490

thing in here that's actually generating

1619

00:54:06,140 --> 00:54:04,290

specific colors that fly up onto the

1620

00:54:07,400 --> 00:54:06,150

onto the screen all of those things work

1621

00:54:09,500 --> 00:54:07,410

because you're filtering out certain

1622

00:54:10,580 --> 00:54:09,510

colors of light and the same thing is

1623

00:54:12,470 --> 00:54:10,590

gonna happen with these planets they're

1624

00:54:14,180 --> 00:54:12,480

gonna pass in front of the star and it's

1625

00:54:15,920 --> 00:54:14,190

gonna filter out certain colors of light

1626
00:54:17,720 --> 00:54:15,930
in this case the filter is gonna be

1627
00:54:19,790 --> 00:54:17,730
based on what gases are in that planet's

1628
00:54:22,190 --> 00:54:19,800
atmosphere if there's a lot of carbon

1629
00:54:23,930 --> 00:54:22,200
dioxide it's gonna block the wavelengths

1630
00:54:25,520 --> 00:54:23,940
of light that carbon dioxide absorbs

1631
00:54:27,440 --> 00:54:25,530
that there's oxygen in that atmosphere

1632
00:54:30,350 --> 00:54:27,450
there's certain wavelengths of light a

1633
00:54:32,090 --> 00:54:30,360
little bit redder than the the reddest

1634
00:54:33,830 --> 00:54:32,100
things we can see you'll see a little

1635
00:54:35,180 --> 00:54:33,840
bit of a dip in the spectrum from that

1636
00:54:36,380 --> 00:54:35,190
and that's how James Webb's gonna look

1637
00:54:39,140 --> 00:54:36,390
for for life

1638
00:54:40,400 --> 00:54:39,150

now I I'm honestly not counting on it

1639

00:54:42,530 --> 00:54:40,410

working because it's going to be looking

1640

00:54:44,540 --> 00:54:42,540

at these planets around these like like

1641

00:54:46,280 --> 00:54:44,550

wild teenage stars that like are like

1642

00:54:47,360 --> 00:54:46,290

way too active and wild and are going to

1643

00:54:49,250 --> 00:54:47,370

cause all kinds of havoc for the

1644

00:54:51,620 --> 00:54:49,260

planetary atmosphere but we're gonna

1645

00:54:56,329 --> 00:54:54,589

got one right here where's here to your

1646

00:54:58,939 --> 00:54:56,339

left all right finally we got over here

1647

00:54:59,390 --> 00:54:58,949

yeah oh yeah oh yeah sorry I know where

1648

00:55:03,349 --> 00:54:59,400

he's gotcha

1649

00:55:05,299 --> 00:55:03,359

so uh Earth has a electromagnetic core

1650

00:55:07,339 --> 00:55:05,309

that provides protection for the

1651
00:55:09,529 --> 00:55:07,349
atmosphere and it would seem that that

1652
00:55:11,239 --> 00:55:09,539
might be something that we could look

1653
00:55:13,719 --> 00:55:11,249
for elsewhere to repeat a faulty model

1654
00:55:17,539 --> 00:55:13,729
of relying on what's happened here yes

1655
00:55:19,670 --> 00:55:17,549
so are there sensing capabilities to

1656
00:55:21,949 --> 00:55:19,680
detect electromagnetic subsurface

1657
00:55:23,029 --> 00:55:21,959
activity to gather whether or not

1658
00:55:26,829 --> 00:55:23,039
there's an atmosphere or other means

1659
00:55:29,349 --> 00:55:26,839
doing that and then jumping ahead do our

1660
00:55:32,329 --> 00:55:29,359
electromagnetic signatures as

1661
00:55:33,789 --> 00:55:32,339
intelligent light become apparent with

1662
00:55:36,620 --> 00:55:33,799
the same sensing apparatus

1663
00:55:39,559 --> 00:55:36,630

okay let me break that into let me play

1664

00:55:41,539 --> 00:55:39,569

only do the two so let me do the first

1665

00:55:42,680 --> 00:55:41,549

one so yeah I might have to ask you a

1666

00:55:43,849 --> 00:55:42,690

question about the second one so I make

1667

00:55:44,269 --> 00:55:43,859

sure I understand right for the first

1668

00:55:52,189 --> 00:55:44,279

one

1669

00:55:53,329 --> 00:55:52,199

the challenges with all this stuff is we

1670

00:55:56,150 --> 00:55:53,339

have to make sure that we're including

1671

00:55:58,549 --> 00:55:56,160

as many brains as possible into the

1672

00:56:02,660 --> 00:55:58,559

conversation historically the people

1673

00:56:05,359 --> 00:56:02,670

that do space physics and and like space

1674

00:56:06,890 --> 00:56:05,369

weather and and like geomagnetic studies

1675

00:56:08,689 --> 00:56:06,900

like they haven't been involved in the

1676
00:56:10,729 --> 00:56:08,699
study of habitability and bio signatures

1677
00:56:12,019 --> 00:56:10,739
and stuff like that and so we're aware

1678
00:56:14,209 --> 00:56:12,029
of that science and we've thought about

1679
00:56:15,949 --> 00:56:14,219
it at a very top level to the extent

1680
00:56:17,150 --> 00:56:15,959
that someone it's not an expert in it so

1681
00:56:19,009 --> 00:56:17,160
I'm not an expert in that stuff but I've

1682
00:56:20,509 --> 00:56:19,019
thought about it a lot we really need to

1683
00:56:22,069 --> 00:56:20,519
do is engage that community more and

1684
00:56:24,229 --> 00:56:22,079
bring them into the fold NASA actually

1685
00:56:26,180 --> 00:56:24,239
has so there's four science divisions at

1686
00:56:27,799 --> 00:56:26,190
NASA they get like like geeky about like

1687
00:56:29,089 --> 00:56:27,809
our organizational structure we got

1688
00:56:30,289 --> 00:56:29,099

Earth Sciences which I was talking about

1689

00:56:32,329 --> 00:56:30,299

an astrophysics

1690

00:56:33,739 --> 00:56:32,339

we got planetary sciences and we've got

1691

00:56:35,809 --> 00:56:33,749

Helio physics which is the science you

1692

00:56:37,160 --> 00:56:35,819

were talking about historically Helio

1693

00:56:39,380 --> 00:56:37,170

physics has been the one that's had the

1694

00:56:40,789 --> 00:56:39,390

least amount of interaction but like

1695

00:56:42,769 --> 00:56:40,799

there's stuff we've got going on with

1696

00:56:44,630 --> 00:56:42,779

grants and and new research programs

1697

00:56:45,920 --> 00:56:44,640

that are trying to change that I mean if

1698

00:56:47,329 --> 00:56:45,930

that's if you like are particularly

1699

00:56:48,739 --> 00:56:47,339

active in that like that might be a

1700

00:56:51,140 --> 00:56:48,749

funding source for you in the future or

1701
00:56:52,969 --> 00:56:51,150
if you have friends that are the second

1702
00:56:54,859 --> 00:56:52,979
question about like like could could

1703
00:56:55,849 --> 00:56:54,869
aliens detect us basically are you

1704
00:56:57,499 --> 00:56:55,859
talking about like they're talking like

1705
00:56:59,630 --> 00:56:57,509
radio communications and stuff like that

1706
00:57:01,880 --> 00:56:59,640
so in theory asks like we know how to

1707
00:57:03,420 --> 00:57:01,890
search for signs of intelligent life

1708
00:57:04,950 --> 00:57:03,430
which I was by the way I wasn't talking

1709
00:57:06,839 --> 00:57:04,960
about study at all and it's not that I

1710
00:57:08,819 --> 00:57:06,849
hate study it's just like that's not the

1711
00:57:11,849 --> 00:57:08,829
kind of astrobiology that like NASA does

1712
00:57:12,870 --> 00:57:11,859
and funds like and part of it is that's

1713
00:57:14,520 --> 00:57:12,880

not what you build a space flight

1714

00:57:16,079 --> 00:57:14,530

mission to do right you would do SETI

1715

00:57:17,700 --> 00:57:16,089

you'd search for those radio wave stuff

1716

00:57:19,470 --> 00:57:17,710

with ground-based observatories and I'm

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00:57:20,700 --> 00:57:19,480

really glad that folks in with

1718

00:57:22,079 --> 00:57:20,710

ground-based observatories are doing

1719

00:57:25,079 --> 00:57:22,089

doing that stuff and I think it's cool

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00:57:26,640 --> 00:57:25,089

and worthwhile one of the there's some

1721

00:57:29,040 --> 00:57:26,650

interesting stuff about that one thing

1722

00:57:30,329 --> 00:57:29,050

that that I didn't appreciate till I

1723

00:57:32,910 --> 00:57:30,339

started talking to some folks is we're

1724

00:57:35,309 --> 00:57:32,920

actually getting quieter over time and

1725

00:57:38,160 --> 00:57:35,319

part of the reason like so who now has

1726
00:57:39,690 --> 00:57:38,170
digital television in some form right or

1727
00:57:41,940 --> 00:57:39,700
like television like television that

1728
00:57:44,370 --> 00:57:41,950
they get over the internet or digital

1729
00:57:47,160 --> 00:57:44,380
antenna digital transmissions are much

1730
00:57:49,079 --> 00:57:47,170
more energy efficient than the than what

1731
00:57:51,359 --> 00:57:49,089
they're replacing and as a result we're

1732
00:57:53,579 --> 00:57:51,369
actually leaking less of a signal than

1733
00:57:55,470 --> 00:57:53,589
we were 10 years ago right so digital

1734
00:57:57,210 --> 00:57:55,480
TVs brought us like awesome sporting

1735
00:58:00,890 --> 00:57:57,220
events in high-definition they're also

1736
00:58:03,030 --> 00:58:00,900
making us harder to see from far away in

1737
00:58:05,069 --> 00:58:03,040
general you might expect that trend to

1738
00:58:06,990 --> 00:58:05,079

continue in theory right like because we

1739

00:58:09,210 --> 00:58:07,000

as our technology improves just stuff

1740

00:58:10,770 --> 00:58:09,220

should get more efficient overall and

1741

00:58:12,180 --> 00:58:10,780

then you'd look for other things right

1742

00:58:13,890 --> 00:58:12,190

so you then you have to think about what

1743

00:58:15,569 --> 00:58:13,900

other things is our civilization doing

1744

00:58:17,339 --> 00:58:15,579

that could be detectable remotely and

1745

00:58:24,270 --> 00:58:17,349

there's like that's a whole nother talk

1746

00:58:26,549 --> 00:58:24,280

I know you're talking about Europa being

1747

00:58:29,250 --> 00:58:26,559

opaque to sunlight what about condition

1748

00:58:31,470 --> 00:58:29,260

to drilling through the surface use of

1749

00:58:34,710 --> 00:58:31,480

remotely operated submarines to look for

1750

00:58:36,359 --> 00:58:34,720

geothermal vents on Europa yeah so that

1751

00:58:39,299 --> 00:58:36,369

that's a that's a great question and I

1752

00:58:40,380 --> 00:58:39,309

got I said briefly that like Europa has

1753

00:58:42,150 --> 00:58:40,390

energy but I didn't say where it came

1754

00:58:43,380 --> 00:58:42,160

from so I was talking about Europa

1755

00:58:45,920 --> 00:58:43,390

having this ice shell that kind of

1756

00:58:48,030 --> 00:58:45,930

isolates the water from from sunlight

1757

00:58:50,190 --> 00:58:48,040

and that's not to say that your hope is

1758

00:58:51,210 --> 00:58:50,200

totally devoid of energy as the previous

1759

00:58:53,250 --> 00:58:51,220

or question was getting if there's sort

1760

00:58:54,450 --> 00:58:53,260

of these tidal energies but the other

1761

00:58:55,799 --> 00:58:54,460

thing that's happening is at the very

1762

00:58:57,210 --> 00:58:55,809

very bottom of that ocean there's

1763

00:58:59,549 --> 00:58:57,220

there's we think there's these this

1764

00:59:01,680 --> 00:58:59,559

geothermal activity much like exists at

1765

00:59:03,510 --> 00:59:01,690

the bottom of our ocean and that's not

1766

00:59:05,190 --> 00:59:03,520

only important for thinking about the

1767

00:59:07,170 --> 00:59:05,200

water existing it's probably even more

1768

00:59:09,450 --> 00:59:07,180

important from thinking about the energy

1769

00:59:11,520 --> 00:59:09,460

that life could use to make a living on

1770

00:59:14,430 --> 00:59:11,530

Europa all life needs energy we get our

1771

00:59:15,650 --> 00:59:14,440

energy by eating food or drinking beer

1772

00:59:18,049 --> 00:59:15,660

that has organic carbon in

1773

00:59:19,190 --> 00:59:18,059

and burning it with oxygen on Europa

1774

00:59:20,900 --> 00:59:19,200

what you'd probably do if you're a

1775

00:59:23,390 --> 00:59:20,910

microbe is you actually use a set of

1776

00:59:25,700 --> 00:59:23,400

chemical reactions taking the oxidized

1777

00:59:27,380 --> 00:59:25,710

space environment and and comparing it

1778

00:59:28,880 --> 00:59:27,390

to the reduced environment chemically

1779

00:59:30,349 --> 00:59:28,890

reduced environment of the interior and

1780

00:59:32,150 --> 00:59:30,359

basically taking a chemical

1781

00:59:34,910 --> 00:59:32,160

disequilibrium almost like a battery and

1782

00:59:36,980 --> 00:59:34,920

using that energy to build cells of

1783

00:59:39,440 --> 00:59:36,990

maintained cellular structure and that's

1784

00:59:40,670 --> 00:59:39,450

if that isn't happening on Europa which

1785

00:59:42,470 --> 00:59:40,680

we think it is it would be a major

1786

00:59:43,940 --> 00:59:42,480

problem but because that geothermal

1787

00:59:48,170 --> 00:59:43,950

activities there we think that life

1788

00:59:49,630 --> 00:59:48,180

could potentially exist hi

1789

00:59:53,120 --> 00:59:49,640

you had mentioned in your presentation

1790

00:59:56,329 --> 00:59:53,130

that they had discovered some life and

1791

00:59:58,370 --> 00:59:56,339

on on Antarctica and it was discounted

1792

01:00:01,460 --> 00:59:58,380

what was the reasoning that they said

1793

01:00:05,299 --> 01:00:01,470

that it was you know just thrown out a

1794

01:00:07,430 --> 01:00:05,309

number of reasons number one if I say I

1795

01:00:11,210 --> 01:00:07,440

found evidence of life on another planet

1796

01:00:14,120 --> 01:00:11,220

that's a super hot like it's so bold the

1797

01:00:16,520 --> 01:00:14,130

standard that I have to live up to by my

1798

01:00:19,299 --> 01:00:16,530

scientific peers is tremendously high

1799

01:00:21,470 --> 01:00:19,309

it's about as high as anything else

1800

01:00:23,150 --> 01:00:21,480

number two there were three other

1801
01:00:24,380 --> 01:00:23,160
experiments on that Rover that did not

1802
01:00:26,779 --> 01:00:24,390
find signs of life there were also

1803
01:00:27,950 --> 01:00:26,789
designed to look for it right so there

1804
01:00:29,809 --> 01:00:27,960
were like there I think there were a

1805
01:00:31,279 --> 01:00:29,819
total of four experiments three of them

1806
01:00:33,130 --> 01:00:31,289
were negative and said there was no life

1807
01:00:36,589 --> 01:00:33,140
here and that was the one that did and

1808
01:00:38,120 --> 01:00:36,599
then lastly there was a complete absence

1809
01:00:40,430 --> 01:00:38,130
of organic carbon like the stuff that

1810
01:00:42,710 --> 01:00:40,440
life is made of also assessed at that

1811
01:00:44,329 --> 01:00:42,720
time now as a result the astrobiology

1812
01:00:48,319 --> 01:00:44,339
community over time has not been

1813
01:00:50,269 --> 01:00:48,329

convinced by that I think here's this is

1814

01:00:51,589 --> 01:00:50,279

what I would say as an independent

1815

01:00:53,000 --> 01:00:51,599

science is that like I don't really have

1816

01:00:56,089 --> 01:00:53,010

a stake in this game I'm not convinced

1817

01:00:57,650 --> 01:00:56,099

by the data right now okay if we did

1818

01:00:59,960 --> 01:00:57,660

more detailed experiments in the future

1819

01:01:00,589 --> 01:00:59,970

that showed that life is present on the

1820

01:01:02,690 --> 01:01:00,599

Martian surface

1821

01:01:03,890 --> 01:01:02,700

today I think it would only be fair of

1822

01:01:05,329 --> 01:01:03,900

Gil Levin the person that did that

1823

01:01:07,579 --> 01:01:05,339

experiment got credit for being the

1824

01:01:08,690 --> 01:01:07,589

first one to find it even if he didn't

1825

01:01:10,309 --> 01:01:08,700

convince the science community at the

1826
01:01:11,690 --> 01:01:10,319
time and there's actually a dispute over

1827
01:01:13,819 --> 01:01:11,700
who found the first exoplanet because

1828
01:01:15,769 --> 01:01:13,829
the first exoplanet discovered wasn't

1829
01:01:17,420 --> 01:01:15,779
believed until like the second exoplanet

1830
01:01:18,740 --> 01:01:17,430
was discovered and then they believed

1831
01:01:20,000 --> 01:01:18,750
the first exoplanet but it's actually

1832
01:01:23,420 --> 01:01:20,010
the second discovery that gets a lot of

1833
01:01:25,069 --> 01:01:23,430
the credit right so if we ever convince

1834
01:01:26,809 --> 01:01:25,079
ourselves that there is life on Mars I

1835
01:01:28,039 --> 01:01:26,819
think Gil Levin and his team should get

1836
01:01:29,120 --> 01:01:28,049
the credit for being the first ones to

1837
01:01:30,260 --> 01:01:29,130
discover it

1838
01:01:31,910 --> 01:01:30,270

this level because of those other

1839

01:01:34,130 --> 01:01:31,920

negative results and because of the lack

1840

01:01:36,100 --> 01:01:34,140

of organic carbon on the surface that's

1841

01:01:42,170 --> 01:01:36,110

that's why most people doubt the claim

1842

01:01:44,180 --> 01:01:42,180

Shawn I think I think the other question

1843

01:01:45,980 --> 01:01:44,190

was also yeah it kind of would be afraid

1844

01:01:47,900 --> 01:01:45,990

of things yeah well I especially since I

1845

01:01:48,620 --> 01:01:47,910

used to work for David Mackay yeah yeah

1846

01:01:51,830 --> 01:01:48,630

that's right

1847

01:01:53,450 --> 01:01:51,840

because I was like yeah so I used to

1848

01:01:57,890 --> 01:01:53,460

work in that group because you're asking

1849

01:01:59,780 --> 01:01:57,900

about the Mars meteorite okay oh sorry

1850

01:02:03,080 --> 01:01:59,790

yeah I was talking about the Viking

1851

01:02:09,770 --> 01:02:03,090

Lander totally but it wasn't a Mars

1852

01:02:12,200 --> 01:02:09,780

meteorite it was the meteorite I know so

1853

01:02:13,790 --> 01:02:12,210

what happened is is that they felt like

1854

01:02:14,840 --> 01:02:13,800

Sean showed you they found these

1855

01:02:16,940 --> 01:02:14,850

structures that they're like oh these

1856

01:02:18,410 --> 01:02:16,950

are absolutely biological only

1857

01:02:19,430 --> 01:02:18,420

biological forms can make these so what

1858

01:02:21,920 --> 01:02:19,440

they found are these things called

1859

01:02:23,150 --> 01:02:21,930

magnetite crystals and we have this

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01:02:25,070 --> 01:02:23,160

thing on earth called magnetotactic

1861

01:02:27,020 --> 01:02:25,080

bacteria these these bacteria to swim in

1862

01:02:28,550 --> 01:02:27,030

the ocean and they have a make these

1863

01:02:30,740 --> 01:02:28,560

crystals they literally make minerals

1864

01:02:32,930 --> 01:02:30,750

inside their bodies that allow that

1865

01:02:34,790 --> 01:02:32,940

align up and allow them to detect

1866

01:02:36,590 --> 01:02:34,800

Earth's magnetic field and so that they

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01:02:39,230 --> 01:02:36,600

can swim along and then move along

1868

01:02:41,440 --> 01:02:39,240

Earth's magnetic field lines so they

1869

01:02:44,350 --> 01:02:41,450

found these crystals inside an actual

1870

01:02:46,070 --> 01:02:44,360

kind of this this actual kind of

1871

01:02:47,030 --> 01:02:46,080

carbon-carbon structure that we found in

1872

01:02:48,380 --> 01:02:47,040

the meteorite we actually found these

1873

01:02:50,900 --> 01:02:48,390

kind of weird carbon structures in the

1874

01:02:53,930 --> 01:02:50,910

meteorite and they were they were and

1875

01:02:55,820 --> 01:02:53,940

and they're they are fairly unique to

1876

01:02:57,740 --> 01:02:55,830

magnetotactic bacteria so that's kind of

1877

01:02:58,850 --> 01:02:57,750

the thing that made them say oh it's how

1878

01:03:00,260 --> 01:02:58,860

do we made my life and it was deep

1879

01:03:02,090 --> 01:03:00,270

enough in the meteorite that they were

1880

01:03:03,800 --> 01:03:02,100

convinced that it wasn't contamination

1881

01:03:05,900 --> 01:03:03,810

or anything like that but the problem is

1882

01:03:08,810 --> 01:03:05,910

that these magnetite crystals another

1883

01:03:11,330 --> 01:03:08,820

team showed can be made in a purely

1884

01:03:14,030 --> 01:03:11,340

chemical process so the big argument

1885

01:03:16,100 --> 01:03:14,040

that cast huge doubt on the Mars

1886

01:03:18,560 --> 01:03:16,110

meteorite discovery is well where the

1887

01:03:23,960 --> 01:03:18,570

magnetite crystals made by biology or

1888

01:03:26,150 --> 01:03:23,970

they made by chemistry and to make it

1889

01:03:28,610 --> 01:03:26,160

clear the process that this really

1890

01:03:29,930 --> 01:03:28,620

brilliant chemist at Johnson space or

1891

01:03:32,210 --> 01:03:29,940

came up with to figure out how to make

1892

01:03:34,430 --> 01:03:32,220

these things by natural by chemistry

1893

01:03:36,350 --> 01:03:34,440

came up with is a really complex process

1894

01:03:37,700 --> 01:03:36,360

but it's it's a process that could have

1895

01:03:39,470 --> 01:03:37,710

could have happened on Mars so it is a

1896

01:03:41,690 --> 01:03:39,480

process that could have made these

1897

01:03:42,589 --> 01:03:41,700

magnetite crystals so that's why we're

1898

01:03:43,999 --> 01:03:42,599

just not convinced

1899

01:03:45,529 --> 01:03:44,009

not enough data to tell us that these

1900

01:03:47,089 --> 01:03:45,539

magnetite crystals were definitely made

1901

01:03:49,519 --> 01:03:47,099

by biology inside this Mars meteorite

1902

01:03:51,529 --> 01:03:49,529

okay nobody's convinced and that

1903

01:03:54,309 --> 01:03:51,539

chemical process we didn't know how to

1904

01:03:56,890 --> 01:03:54,319

do it yeah before we found their

1905

01:04:00,529 --> 01:03:56,900

brilliant geochemistry name DC golden

1906

01:04:03,170 --> 01:04:00,539

that that he spent like a year figuring

1907

01:04:05,089 --> 01:04:03,180

out how to do this chemically and MIT he

1908

01:04:06,979 --> 01:04:05,099

did it and this story has motivated a

1909

01:04:08,569 --> 01:04:06,989

lot of research in the field since then

1910

01:04:10,999 --> 01:04:08,579

because now we're because what happened

1911

01:04:13,099 --> 01:04:11,009

there right is like that team found

1912

01:04:15,049 --> 01:04:13,109

signatures that we knew of no

1913

01:04:16,969 --> 01:04:15,059

non-biological process to make those

1914

01:04:19,190 --> 01:04:16,979

things exactly and then and then a bunch

1915

01:04:21,829 --> 01:04:19,200

of other smart people said well I maybe

1916

01:04:22,999 --> 01:04:21,839

I can make those things team where

1917

01:04:24,559 --> 01:04:23,009

they're like right we think it's this

1918

01:04:25,999 --> 01:04:24,569

you guys go and figure out if you can do

1919

01:04:28,819 --> 01:04:26,009

it chemically and they're like yep we

1920

01:04:31,069 --> 01:04:28,829

did it chemically your stuff to see

1921

01:04:32,390 --> 01:04:31,079

inclusive so the hard thing is and this

1922

01:04:35,089 --> 01:04:32,400

is what astrobiologists are trying to do

1923

01:04:36,799 --> 01:04:35,099

now we're trying to game out here's what

1924

01:04:38,390 --> 01:04:36,809

we think our data are going to be for a

1925

01:04:40,279 --> 01:04:38,400

future mission that would find life and

1926
01:04:41,930 --> 01:04:40,289
we're actually spinning up those those

1927
01:04:44,210 --> 01:04:41,940
sorts of like red team blue team's now

1928
01:04:46,460 --> 01:04:44,220
to find other ways to make those signals

1929
01:04:48,349 --> 01:04:46,470
before we launch the mission before we

1930
01:04:49,999 --> 01:04:48,359
build the spacecraft so that mission of

1931
01:04:51,109 --> 01:04:50,009
that spacecraft could also have the

1932
01:04:53,120 --> 01:04:51,119
stuff that would differentiate between

1933
01:04:55,940 --> 01:04:53,130
the like chemistry the pure chemistry

1934
01:04:57,049 --> 01:04:55,950
versus the biology that's that's one of

1935
01:04:58,279 --> 01:04:57,059
the things we're doing differently now

1936
01:04:59,660 --> 01:04:58,289
than we did before the Ellen Hills

1937
01:05:01,819 --> 01:04:59,670
meteorite because we're thinking about

1938
01:05:03,079 --> 01:05:01,829

that stuff in advance and we have a lot

1939

01:05:09,709 --> 01:05:03,089

yet we a lot of people doing this in lab

1940

01:05:11,059 --> 01:05:09,719

everyday so I got to give it back to

1941

01:05:12,529 --> 01:05:11,069

this young lady who again let me have

1942

01:05:15,499 --> 01:05:12,539

the cash box there you go sweetheart ask

1943

01:05:19,359 --> 01:05:15,509

your question how do we know that all

1944

01:05:26,269 --> 01:05:19,369

life has to be made up of carbon oh nice

1945

01:05:27,529 --> 01:05:26,279

that's that so so I'll be honest we

1946

01:05:29,059 --> 01:05:27,539

don't know that it has to be made up of

1947

01:05:30,829 --> 01:05:29,069

carbon and actually there's chemists

1948

01:05:32,779 --> 01:05:30,839

much better than myself that that would

1949

01:05:34,940 --> 01:05:32,789

have like come up with ways to make life

1950

01:05:37,609 --> 01:05:34,950

out of things other than carbon now that

1951

01:05:39,079 --> 01:05:37,619

that I'm gonna give you two answers to

1952

01:05:41,059 --> 01:05:39,089

this question okay I'm gonna give you

1953

01:05:43,279 --> 01:05:41,069

the answer I would have given five years

1954

01:05:45,469 --> 01:05:43,289

ago and then the answer I'll give that

1955

01:05:47,509 --> 01:05:45,479

that I give today okay five years ago I

1956

01:05:49,609 --> 01:05:47,519

would have said you know you know

1957

01:05:51,650 --> 01:05:49,619

organic carbon like not organic carbon

1958

01:05:53,779 --> 01:05:51,660

based life could happen but as a

1959

01:05:56,390 --> 01:05:53,789

scientist I need a test to figure out

1960

01:05:58,250 --> 01:05:56,400

what life that wasn't based on carbon

1961

01:06:00,350 --> 01:05:58,260

what do I have to understand not

1962

01:06:01,790 --> 01:06:00,360

carbon-based life well enough to make a

1963

01:06:03,620 --> 01:06:01,800

prediction of what it would produce that

1964

01:06:05,420 --> 01:06:03,630

I could go look for and I'm not a good

1965

01:06:06,590 --> 01:06:05,430

enough chemist to do that but maybe

1966

01:06:08,420 --> 01:06:06,600

there's a good enough chemist out there

1967

01:06:11,060 --> 01:06:08,430

okay that was my five years ago answer

1968

01:06:12,440 --> 01:06:11,070

my answer today is there's some awesome

1969

01:06:14,120 --> 01:06:12,450

chemists out there and they figured out

1970

01:06:15,890 --> 01:06:14,130

how to look for the signs of life that

1971

01:06:17,480 --> 01:06:15,900

that isn't based on carbon might make

1972

01:06:19,520 --> 01:06:17,490

and actually one of them came through

1973

01:06:20,690 --> 01:06:19,530

Georgia for a time Sarah Walker who used

1974

01:06:22,580 --> 01:06:20,700

to be a postdoc here at Georgia Tech

1975

01:06:24,830 --> 01:06:22,590

she's now a faculty member at Arizona

1976

01:06:26,330 --> 01:06:24,840

State she's working with Lee Cronin

1977

01:06:28,280 --> 01:06:26,340

who's across the pond in England I think

1978

01:06:30,460 --> 01:06:28,290

and some other scientists and what

1979

01:06:32,480 --> 01:06:30,470

they're coming out with now is like

1980

01:06:35,090 --> 01:06:32,490

instead of looking for the specific

1981

01:06:36,950 --> 01:06:35,100

things that a particular organism that

1982

01:06:38,480 --> 01:06:36,960

might be organic carbon-based makes

1983

01:06:41,780 --> 01:06:38,490

right like so organic carbon-based

1984

01:06:43,490 --> 01:06:41,790

organisms on our planet the the thing we

1985

01:06:45,110 --> 01:06:43,500

look for a lot is like oxygen or like

1986

01:06:46,640 --> 01:06:45,120

we're breathing out carbon dioxide we're

1987

01:06:48,440 --> 01:06:46,650

looking for specific things that come

1988

01:06:50,450 --> 01:06:48,450

from that specific biochemistry that's

1989

01:06:51,740 --> 01:06:50,460

ultimately carbon-based what Sarah

1990

01:06:53,810 --> 01:06:51,750

Walker and her colleagues are saying is

1991

01:06:55,490 --> 01:06:53,820

like throw that out the window what you

1992

01:06:58,040 --> 01:06:55,500

really want to look for is look at is

1993

01:07:00,260 --> 01:06:58,050

sort of the complexity just a basically

1994

01:07:02,930 --> 01:07:00,270

like a mathematical analysis of the

1995

01:07:05,240 --> 01:07:02,940

overall complexity of the chemistry the

1996

01:07:07,130 --> 01:07:05,250

chemical Network that is created by life

1997

01:07:09,020 --> 01:07:07,140

because whether or not it's carbon-based

1998

01:07:11,120 --> 01:07:09,030

or silicon based or something else based

1999

01:07:12,890 --> 01:07:11,130

if life is in the environment it's going

2000

01:07:14,600 --> 01:07:12,900

to be enriching and developing the

2001

01:07:16,610 --> 01:07:14,610

complexity of the chemistry around it

2002

01:07:18,830 --> 01:07:16,620

way more than non-biological processes

2003

01:07:20,630 --> 01:07:18,840

can do it and it's like orders of

2004

01:07:23,470 --> 01:07:20,640

magnitude like hundreds of thousands of

2005

01:07:26,300 --> 01:07:23,480

times more complex because of life and

2006

01:07:28,010 --> 01:07:26,310

that becomes our bio signature now that

2007

01:07:30,020 --> 01:07:28,020

bio signature the complexity of

2008

01:07:31,040 --> 01:07:30,030

chemistry that life creates it doesn't

2009

01:07:33,290 --> 01:07:31,050

have to be because it's organic

2010

01:07:35,270 --> 01:07:33,300

carbon-based life or silicon-based life

2011

01:07:37,400 --> 01:07:35,280

or water-based life or anything base

2012

01:07:38,840 --> 01:07:37,410

life as long as you agree with the

2013

01:07:40,280 --> 01:07:38,850

fundamental principle that life is

2014

01:07:42,950 --> 01:07:40,290

making caught the chemistry and its

2015

01:07:45,140 --> 01:07:42,960

environment more complicated which does

2016

01:07:46,700 --> 01:07:45,150

seem to be ubiquitous even for our

2017

01:07:48,710 --> 01:07:46,710

models of not organic based chemistry

2018

01:07:56,190 --> 01:07:48,720

now you've got a bio signature that

2019

01:08:02,730 --> 01:08:01,319

oh yeah you so back here and then we got

2020

01:08:05,520 --> 01:08:02,740

a question over here if we need to do

2021

01:08:07,650 --> 01:08:05,530

that one naturally when you talk to

2022

01:08:09,000 --> 01:08:07,660

other scientists in other countries how

2023

01:08:11,430 --> 01:08:09,010

forthcoming are there with their

2024

01:08:16,760 --> 01:08:11,440

research and data or is it like more

2025

01:08:27,419 --> 01:08:20,400

ask me after I'll give you a story that

2026

01:08:31,590 --> 01:08:27,429

I don't want to tell on stage in general

2027

01:08:33,450 --> 01:08:31,600

people are awesome right like and and I

2028

01:08:35,640 --> 01:08:33,460

actually believe as a scientist it pays

2029

01:08:37,829 --> 01:08:35,650

to be really generous with your data

2030

01:08:39,180 --> 01:08:37,839

with your models because like so on the

2031

01:08:40,410 --> 01:08:39,190

model or like most of what I do I didn't

2032

01:08:41,550 --> 01:08:40,420

really go into this today like most of

2033

01:08:43,019 --> 01:08:41,560

what I do is I build models with

2034

01:08:43,979 --> 01:08:43,029

planetary atmospheres to figure out what

2035

01:08:45,990 --> 01:08:43,989

their chemistry was like what their

2036

01:08:47,370 --> 01:08:46,000

climates like what biology would do that

2037

01:08:48,870 --> 01:08:47,380

would impact like the chemistry not the

2038

01:08:50,669 --> 01:08:48,880

chemical network of an atmosphere stuff

2039

01:08:52,530 --> 01:08:50,679

like that everything I do like and

2040

01:08:53,970 --> 01:08:52,540

there's some per part like there's a an

2041

01:08:56,430 --> 01:08:53,980

instinct to be like really proprietary

2042

01:08:58,200 --> 01:08:56,440

with my model and keep it like locked in

2043

01:08:59,340 --> 01:08:58,210

and close to me so only I have access to

2044

01:09:01,320 --> 01:08:59,350

it and write papers with it

2045

01:09:03,630 --> 01:09:01,330

but actually I think the opposite

2046

01:09:04,890 --> 01:09:03,640

instinct is a much healthier one because

2047

01:09:06,689 --> 01:09:04,900

when I let my model out there to the

2048

01:09:08,939 --> 01:09:06,699

community two things happen one other

2049

01:09:10,979 --> 01:09:08,949

scientists that have not developed a

2050

01:09:12,689 --> 01:09:10,989

model like mine they don't want to just

2051

01:09:14,130 --> 01:09:12,699

like steal it and use it for their own

2052

01:09:15,269 --> 01:09:14,140

purposes they'll email me and they'll

2053

01:09:16,349 --> 01:09:15,279

want to collaborate and maybe it'll

2054

01:09:17,760 --> 01:09:16,359

write a grant that gets me or my

2055

01:09:20,430 --> 01:09:17,770

students some funding and that that's

2056

01:09:22,169 --> 01:09:20,440

awesome also like I might talk to them

2057

01:09:24,090 --> 01:09:22,179

because they found a bug in my model

2058

01:09:26,700 --> 01:09:24,100

that I really should fix before I write

2059

01:09:29,370 --> 01:09:26,710

my next paper and that's also awesome so

2060

01:09:31,019 --> 01:09:29,380

I think and I think most scientists

2061

01:09:32,610 --> 01:09:31,029

especially younger scientists like that

2062

01:09:35,249 --> 01:09:32,620

are my age like around 40 or younger

2063

01:09:37,979 --> 01:09:35,259

really buy into that model that said

2064

01:09:40,110 --> 01:09:37,989

when you do you are exposing yourself a

2065

01:09:41,999 --> 01:09:40,120

little bit like I'm really open like

2066

01:09:43,950 --> 01:09:42,009

with my like crazy like fun ideas for

2067

01:09:46,829 --> 01:09:43,960

like my next research grant and I at one

2068

01:09:49,140 --> 01:09:46,839

point in a very stressful intending as

2069

01:09:50,880 --> 01:09:49,150

part of my career had researched I was

2070

01:09:52,829 --> 01:09:50,890

working with um with a colleague that

2071

01:09:55,020 --> 01:09:52,839

when basically published that research

2072

01:09:57,180 --> 01:09:55,030

without me on the paper and that was

2073

01:09:58,380 --> 01:09:57,190

like look like I'm normally really calm

2074

01:09:59,790 --> 01:09:58,390

and I can sleep well like I know I'm

2075

01:10:01,439 --> 01:09:59,800

like really excited when I want to stage

2076

01:10:02,640 --> 01:10:01,449

but like I usually don't stress out too

2077

01:10:04,970 --> 01:10:02,650

much about stuff like I was loosing

2078

01:10:07,050 --> 01:10:04,980

sleep over it was horrible it was awful

2079

01:10:08,729 --> 01:10:07,060

but I got through it because eventually

2080

01:10:09,550 --> 01:10:08,739

I got my paper out they got their paper

2081

01:10:11,830 --> 01:10:09,560

out and we was

2082

01:10:13,570 --> 01:10:11,840

some of the science disputes in the

2083

01:10:15,760 --> 01:10:13,580

literature right and in the end like I

2084

01:10:18,430 --> 01:10:15,770

can say five years later like looking

2085

01:10:19,750 --> 01:10:18,440

back on it not in the moment like it

2086

01:10:21,280 --> 01:10:19,760

ended up being really healthy because we

2087

01:10:22,570 --> 01:10:21,290

figured out some cool science from the

2088

01:10:24,700 --> 01:10:22,580

differences in our results that that

2089

01:10:26,230 --> 01:10:24,710

happened and when we kind of split I'm

2090

01:10:27,700 --> 01:10:26,240

kind of like venting a little bit now

2091

01:10:29,350 --> 01:10:27,710

but like the moral of story is like if

2092

01:10:32,140 --> 01:10:29,360

you are a scientist be open with your

2093

01:10:34,030 --> 01:10:32,150

data be open with your methods someone

2094

01:10:36,340 --> 01:10:34,040

might steal it someday but that's on

2095

01:10:41,440 --> 01:10:36,350

them and not on you and you should just

2096

01:10:43,300 --> 01:10:41,450

like go hi so but overall people are

2097

01:10:44,680 --> 01:10:43,310

awesome and I actually haven't noticed a

2098

01:10:46,060 --> 01:10:44,690

huge difference in like their country of

2099

01:11:01,480 --> 01:10:46,070

origin in terms of whether or not they

2100

01:11:03,370 --> 01:11:01,490

steal data thank you thinking about

2101
01:11:04,900 --> 01:11:03,380
you're talking about modeling yeah I'm

2102
01:11:07,930 --> 01:11:04,910
interested well you were talking about

2103
01:11:11,920 --> 01:11:07,940
the peas and the grapefruits yeah and

2104
01:11:15,070 --> 01:11:11,930
that everybody expected class-m planets

2105
01:11:17,010 --> 01:11:15,080
to be small and close to their Suns but

2106
01:11:19,630 --> 01:11:17,020
now you know that we're the weird ones

2107
01:11:22,080 --> 01:11:19,640
so the solar systems what is it for make

2108
01:11:31,360 --> 01:11:22,090
those makes us so weird why why are we

2109
01:11:32,950 --> 01:11:31,370
why are we Portland yes yeah so it the

2110
01:11:34,660 --> 01:11:32,960
thing that we're probably missing the

2111
01:11:36,280 --> 01:11:34,670
most are those super Earths that's the

2112
01:11:38,620 --> 01:11:36,290
thing that seems to be super common that

2113
01:11:40,420 --> 01:11:38,630

we don't have and this goes back to like

2114

01:11:43,540 --> 01:11:40,430

the fixing the models thing so to make

2115

01:11:44,920 --> 01:11:43,550

those hot Jupiters by the way it's easy

2116

01:11:46,630 --> 01:11:44,930

for us to as scientists to like

2117

01:11:48,520 --> 01:11:46,640

misrepresent this those hot Jupiters

2118

01:11:50,110 --> 01:11:48,530

were the first things we found but it

2119

01:11:52,150 --> 01:11:50,120

wasn't because those hot Jupiters are

2120

01:11:53,770 --> 01:11:52,160

really really common it's just that

2121

01:11:55,480 --> 01:11:53,780

those are the planets that gave off the

2122

01:11:57,010 --> 01:11:55,490

biggest signals so when we were first

2123

01:11:59,140 --> 01:11:57,020

developing these instruments they

2124

01:12:00,550 --> 01:11:59,150

weren't like super sensitive and the

2125

01:12:02,410 --> 01:12:00,560

biggest signals were the first things we

2126
01:12:04,150 --> 01:12:02,420
saw so the hot Jupiters there was like

2127
01:12:04,990 --> 01:12:04,160
an observational bias right like the

2128
01:12:06,550 --> 01:12:05,000
only thing we could see what the hot

2129
01:12:09,690 --> 01:12:06,560
Jupiters I'm like oh my god saw hot

2130
01:12:11,680 --> 01:12:09,700
Jupiters right like would it guess

2131
01:12:13,420 --> 01:12:11,690
finding the hot Jupiters finding the

2132
01:12:15,790 --> 01:12:13,430
super Earths has caused us to rewrite

2133
01:12:17,710 --> 01:12:15,800
the models on how planets interact with

2134
01:12:19,960 --> 01:12:17,720
each other gravitationally and how they

2135
01:12:22,510 --> 01:12:19,970
interact with like the gas and dust in

2136
01:12:23,390 --> 01:12:22,520
in a planetary system and what we now

2137
01:12:25,220 --> 01:12:23,400
know too

2138
01:12:27,590 --> 01:12:25,230

explain a hot Jupiter what we now know

2139

01:12:30,050 --> 01:12:27,600

is that planets can migrate over time

2140

01:12:31,910 --> 01:12:30,060

you can form a gas giant out here where

2141

01:12:33,590 --> 01:12:31,920

we think gas Giants could form and then

2142

01:12:35,240 --> 01:12:33,600

as it interacts with gas and dust in the

2143

01:12:37,189 --> 01:12:35,250

disk it can actually move over time

2144

01:12:39,590 --> 01:12:37,199

closer to the host star which is how we

2145

01:12:40,820 --> 01:12:39,600

think these hot Jupiters exist they they

2146

01:12:42,290 --> 01:12:40,830

didn't form close to the star they

2147

01:12:45,740 --> 01:12:42,300

formed out where Jupiter formed and then

2148

01:12:48,530 --> 01:12:45,750

moved in but because we put the physics

2149

01:12:49,939 --> 01:12:48,540

of that into our models we now know that

2150

01:12:51,830 --> 01:12:49,949

this probably happened in our own solar

2151
01:12:52,970 --> 01:12:51,840
system and it actually explains a whole

2152
01:12:54,890 --> 01:12:52,980
bunch of stuff we couldn't explain

2153
01:12:56,510 --> 01:12:54,900
before for one we think the plant

2154
01:12:58,160 --> 01:12:56,520
Jupiter and Saturn probably moved in a

2155
01:12:59,930 --> 01:12:58,170
little bit at one point in solar system

2156
01:13:01,930 --> 01:12:59,940
history and they moved back out again

2157
01:13:04,520 --> 01:13:01,940
and that had two massive consequences

2158
01:13:06,860 --> 01:13:04,530
one is it kind of cleared out a lot of

2159
01:13:08,720 --> 01:13:06,870
debris and around the region of the

2160
01:13:11,390 --> 01:13:08,730
solar system where Mars exists and it

2161
01:13:13,310 --> 01:13:11,400
kind of like sucked all that mass out so

2162
01:13:15,709 --> 01:13:13,320
that is why Mars ended up being as small

2163
01:13:17,750 --> 01:13:15,719

as it is at least that's the way the

2164

01:13:19,580 --> 01:13:17,760

models are explaining it now the second

2165

01:13:22,370 --> 01:13:19,590

thing is when it when those planets

2166

01:13:26,720 --> 01:13:22,380

moved you know gosh I'm trying to think

2167

01:13:30,380 --> 01:13:26,730

of like a good analogy like it was kind

2168

01:13:31,790 --> 01:13:30,390

of like like like the system was full of

2169

01:13:33,709 --> 01:13:31,800

dust and like these small rocks

2170

01:13:35,479 --> 01:13:33,719

scattered all over the solar system and

2171

01:13:37,220 --> 01:13:35,489

as soon as those gas giants started to

2172

01:13:39,169 --> 01:13:37,230

move they started to gravitationally

2173

01:13:41,060 --> 01:13:39,179

like like move some of that dust in the

2174

01:13:42,080 --> 01:13:41,070

small rocks around but as soon as they

2175

01:13:43,280 --> 01:13:42,090

started moving around they started

2176

01:13:45,320 --> 01:13:43,290

moving the other things around it was

2177

01:13:47,360 --> 01:13:45,330

almost like a set of dominoes or like

2178

01:13:48,800 --> 01:13:47,370

like taking like a house of cards and

2179

01:13:51,080 --> 01:13:48,810

knocking one car down and everything

2180

01:13:53,180 --> 01:13:51,090

just collapsed in this case the collapse

2181

01:13:55,040 --> 01:13:53,190

was like all these small rocks all over

2182

01:13:57,050 --> 01:13:55,050

the solar system as soon as Jupiter and

2183

01:13:58,430 --> 01:13:57,060

Saturn move basically getting slung all

2184

01:14:00,830 --> 01:13:58,440

around this the solar system and

2185

01:14:02,209 --> 01:14:00,840

crashing into planets and that's one of

2186

01:14:04,250 --> 01:14:02,219

the reasons we think that the moon has

2187

01:14:06,229 --> 01:14:04,260

the craters it does is from that motion

2188

01:14:07,850 --> 01:14:06,239

of Saturn and Saturn and Jupiter and

2189

01:14:09,470 --> 01:14:07,860

actually the dating of those craters is

2190

01:14:12,260 --> 01:14:09,480

really well explained if you had a

2191

01:14:14,810 --> 01:14:12,270

one-time event like that this is one of

2192

01:14:16,010 --> 01:14:14,820

the places that that looking at these

2193

01:14:18,080 --> 01:14:16,020

surprises we've seen in these other

2194

01:14:19,550 --> 01:14:18,090

planets like the hot Jupiters has helped

2195

01:14:23,030 --> 01:14:19,560

us understand why the solar system has

2196

01:14:25,070 --> 01:14:23,040

its properties today I don't know if we

2197

01:14:26,419 --> 01:14:25,080

have a good explanation as to why we

2198

01:14:28,640 --> 01:14:26,429

don't have super Earths which is the

2199

01:14:31,850 --> 01:14:28,650

weirdest most Portland like thing about

2200

01:14:36,210 --> 01:14:31,860

our solar system someone does but it's

2201

01:14:36,220 --> 01:14:45,400

where's Mike

2202

01:14:54,890 --> 01:14:52,070

so can you comment on how this latest

2203

01:14:57,440 --> 01:14:54,900

research is affecting the result of the

2204

01:14:59,860 --> 01:14:57,450

Drake Equation oh yeah I love that so

2205

01:15:03,200 --> 01:14:59,870

who knows what the Drake Equation is

2206

01:15:05,000 --> 01:15:03,210

alright so maybe like a fifth of people

2207

01:15:08,660 --> 01:15:05,010

so the Drake equation is an equation

2208

01:15:11,510 --> 01:15:08,670

that that was written oh like 40 years

2209

01:15:12,980 --> 01:15:11,520

ago and the purpose of it was actually

2210

01:15:14,510 --> 01:15:12,990

to organize a conference about this very

2211

01:15:16,160 --> 01:15:14,520

topic I'm talking about tonight which

2212

01:15:17,990 --> 01:15:16,170

was like is there life beyond Earth and

2213

01:15:19,400 --> 01:15:18,000

how many in this case like Drake was

2214

01:15:22,190 --> 01:15:19,410

like involved in study in the search for

2215

01:15:23,690 --> 01:15:22,200

intelligent life on other planets he

2216

01:15:25,490 --> 01:15:23,700

wanted to just get a ballpark estimate

2217

01:15:28,120 --> 01:15:25,500

for how much intelligent life is there

2218

01:15:30,230 --> 01:15:28,130

in our in the universe or in our galaxy

2219

01:15:31,520 --> 01:15:30,240

and the way he broke that up because

2220

01:15:33,200 --> 01:15:31,530

that's like a hard question to answer as

2221

01:15:34,790 --> 01:15:33,210

he broke it up into like basically a

2222

01:15:36,650 --> 01:15:34,800

number of factors that get multiplied

2223

01:15:38,450 --> 01:15:36,660

together so he said it's like depending

2224

01:15:39,980 --> 01:15:38,460

on how you write the equation you could

2225

01:15:42,200 --> 01:15:39,990

say like it's the number of stars in our

2226

01:15:44,030 --> 01:15:42,210

galaxy or in the universe or the rate at

2227

01:15:45,080 --> 01:15:44,040

which those stars form times the

2228

01:15:47,150 --> 01:15:45,090

fraction of stars that have planets

2229

01:15:48,470 --> 01:15:47,160

times the fraction of those planets that

2230

01:15:50,510 --> 01:15:48,480

could have conditions that are right for

2231

01:15:52,610 --> 01:15:50,520

life times the fraction of those planets

2232

01:15:54,470 --> 01:15:52,620

that could have life that actually do

2233

01:15:56,540 --> 01:15:54,480

have life turns a fraction that have

2234

01:15:57,320 --> 01:15:56,550

intelligent life times a lifetime of a

2235

01:15:59,240 --> 01:15:57,330

civilization

2236

01:16:00,410 --> 01:15:59,250

okay what's interesting is since Drake

2237

01:16:02,990 --> 01:16:00,420

wrote down that equation we've actually

2238

01:16:04,100 --> 01:16:03,000

been marching down that set of terms

2239

01:16:05,780 --> 01:16:04,110

actually should walk the other way from

2240

01:16:07,940 --> 01:16:05,790

your perspective right so like when

2241

01:16:09,710 --> 01:16:07,950

Drake wrote the equation we had a pretty

2242

01:16:11,330 --> 01:16:09,720

good handle on how many stars were out

2243

01:16:13,400 --> 01:16:11,340

there but we didn't really have any

2244

01:16:15,140 --> 01:16:13,410

information on anything else now we

2245

01:16:16,460 --> 01:16:15,150

first of all we have a better tighter

2246

01:16:18,410 --> 01:16:16,470

constraint on how many stars are out

2247

01:16:20,090 --> 01:16:18,420

there but more importantly we now know

2248

01:16:22,340 --> 01:16:20,100

how many planets are around those stars

2249

01:16:23,840 --> 01:16:22,350

on average and we even have a handle

2250

01:16:25,880 --> 01:16:23,850

although there's a bit of air bar around

2251
01:16:27,170 --> 01:16:25,890
them about how many planets are around

2252
01:16:29,060 --> 01:16:27,180
those stars or what fraction of those

2253
01:16:31,250 --> 01:16:29,070
planets have conditions that could allow

2254
01:16:33,200 --> 01:16:31,260
for life and the next step in the Drake

2255
01:16:34,400 --> 01:16:33,210
Equation is to figure out of that subset

2256
01:16:36,290 --> 01:16:34,410
of planets that could have global

2257
01:16:37,970 --> 01:16:36,300
biospheres like earth how many actually

2258
01:16:39,590 --> 01:16:37,980
do have life and that's what the loop

2259
01:16:41,000 --> 01:16:39,600
our telescope is it's actually being

2260
01:16:42,710 --> 01:16:41,010
designed you could think of as being

2261
01:16:44,450 --> 01:16:42,720
designed to measure the next term in the

2262
01:16:45,530 --> 01:16:44,460
Drake Equation and the next mission

2263
01:16:46,940 --> 01:16:45,540

after that would actually go back to

2264

01:16:49,430 --> 01:16:46,950

like looking for intelligent life and

2265

01:16:51,380 --> 01:16:49,440

signals of intelligence or civilization

2266

01:16:53,390 --> 01:16:51,390

on those worlds so from like that the

2267

01:16:54,530 --> 01:16:53,400

scientific method and I don't think this

2268

01:16:56,360 --> 01:16:54,540

was intentional because we don't like

2269

01:16:57,740 --> 01:16:56,370

sit around and like plan our stuff

2270

01:16:59,300 --> 01:16:57,750

around the Drake Equation

2271

01:17:00,800 --> 01:16:59,310

it's just so happened that like each

2272

01:17:13,250 --> 01:17:00,810

term is more difficult than the one

2273

01:17:25,850 --> 01:17:13,260

before right right up here yeah I'll

2274

01:17:30,350 --> 01:17:25,860

play shortstop hello so if there were

2275

01:17:34,670 --> 01:17:30,360

life on Europa you know maybe it might

2276

01:17:37,040 --> 01:17:34,680

be really cold yeah eutectic slush of

2277

01:17:38,330 --> 01:17:37,050

water and ammonia and methanol or

2278

01:17:42,440 --> 01:17:38,340

something yeah well though I'm from

2279

01:17:42,890 --> 01:17:42,450

Chicago so cold is relative so am i all

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01:17:46,450 --> 01:17:42,900

right

2281

01:17:51,590 --> 01:17:46,460

Lane Tech High School nice comfort north

2282

01:17:56,090 --> 01:17:51,600

so if life existed it really cold

2283

01:17:58,400 --> 01:17:56,100

temperatures would it would it do

2284

01:18:00,230 --> 01:17:58,410

anything you know like yeah you have a

2285

01:18:02,810 --> 01:18:00,240

fish that could swim

2286

01:18:06,530 --> 01:18:02,820

would it have enough energy or would it

2287

01:18:10,100 --> 01:18:06,540

just like maybe divide over the course

2288

01:18:11,480 --> 01:18:10,110

of a thousand years and be so such low

2289

01:18:14,210 --> 01:18:11,490

energy that you wouldn't be able to

2290

01:18:17,930 --> 01:18:14,220

detect any metabolic byproducts or

2291

01:18:20,510 --> 01:18:17,940

anything like that so that's an

2292

01:18:22,550 --> 01:18:20,520

excellent question I don't know the map

2293

01:18:24,680 --> 01:18:22,560

of the energetics of Europa compared to

2294

01:18:28,190 --> 01:18:24,690

the volume of ocean to give you a solid

2295

01:18:30,260 --> 01:18:28,200

answer I will tell you my my intuition

2296

01:18:32,180 --> 01:18:30,270

is that you're probably on to something

2297

01:18:33,890 --> 01:18:32,190

there however the people that are

2298

01:18:35,090 --> 01:18:33,900

actually experts on this stuff like that

2299

01:18:37,870 --> 01:18:35,100

that come from the background of like

2300

01:18:40,160 --> 01:18:37,880

looking at Europa and by the way all

2301

01:18:41,870 --> 01:18:40,170

folks in the Atlanta area I hope I hope

2302

01:18:44,000 --> 01:18:41,880

you recognize it like first of all there

2303

01:18:45,620 --> 01:18:44,010

is some amazing astrobiology going on at

2304

01:18:46,970 --> 01:18:45,630

Georgia Tech and at Emory like I was at

2305

01:18:49,250 --> 01:18:46,980

this conference yesterday with with

2306

01:18:50,690 --> 01:18:49,260

local researchers and on Europa in

2307

01:18:52,550 --> 01:18:50,700

particular like one of the best

2308

01:18:54,020 --> 01:18:52,560

scientists in the world on Europa is

2309

01:18:56,660 --> 01:18:54,030

Brittany Schmidt is a faculty member

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01:18:57,830 --> 01:18:56,670

down at Georgia Tech if you ever see

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01:18:59,390 --> 01:18:57,840

Brittany Schmidt at one of these things

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01:19:01,100 --> 01:18:59,400

you should ask her that question because

2313

01:19:04,730 --> 01:19:01,110

whatever she says you should trust over

2314

01:19:06,380 --> 01:19:04,740

what I'm saying right now I what you're

2315

01:19:07,550 --> 01:19:06,390

saying concerns me with regards to your

2316

01:19:09,290 --> 01:19:07,560

open in terms of the amount of energy

2317

01:19:11,000 --> 01:19:09,300

that is input into the system the

2318

01:19:11,850 --> 01:19:11,010

temperature of the system and whether or

2319

01:19:14,400 --> 01:19:11,860

not life would be

2320

01:19:17,430 --> 01:19:14,410

slow to reproduce in that context in

2321

01:19:19,710 --> 01:19:17,440

that environmental context but let's

2322

01:19:21,840 --> 01:19:19,720

assume that our Theory really has that

2323

01:19:24,000 --> 01:19:21,850

as an expectation I still think the

2324

01:19:26,370 --> 01:19:24,010

right thing to do is to develop a test

2325

01:19:28,950 --> 01:19:26,380

of that hypothesis right you still I

2326

01:19:30,720 --> 01:19:28,960

think go into Europa and say like you

2327

01:19:33,840 --> 01:19:30,730

would make a prediction of like what the

2328

01:19:36,750 --> 01:19:33,850

the standing biomass size would be per

2329

01:19:38,460 --> 01:19:36,760

mole of water per liter of water in in

2330

01:19:39,690 --> 01:19:38,470

the European ocean and then and then make

2331

01:19:41,550 --> 01:19:39,700

a measurement and do a cell count and

2332

01:19:44,750 --> 01:19:41,560

see if your prediction of the biomass

2333

01:19:47,850 --> 01:19:44,760

size matches what's actually in there

2334

01:19:51,810 --> 01:19:47,860

it's a concern the your opens that know

2335

01:19:52,890 --> 01:19:51,820

more about me are too concerned all

2336

01:20:09,540 --> 01:19:52,900

right we got a couple questions back

2337

01:20:12,870 --> 01:20:09,550

here trillion planets in the galaxy

2338

01:20:15,900 --> 01:20:12,880

how come it is a contact with us Fermi

2339

01:20:17,490 --> 01:20:15,910

paradox okay so why if there's all this

2340

01:20:19,470 --> 01:20:17,500

all these planets out there why I've

2341

01:20:21,390 --> 01:20:19,480

been like we've been contacted by by

2342

01:20:25,470 --> 01:20:21,400

ancient civilization or by alien

2343

01:20:27,330 --> 01:20:25,480

civilizations so for astrobiologists the

2344

01:20:28,950 --> 01:20:27,340

question of like why and actually if you

2345

01:20:31,740 --> 01:20:28,960

look historically the question of like

2346

01:20:34,500 --> 01:20:31,750

if all these potential abodes for life

2347

01:20:36,390 --> 01:20:34,510

exists beyond our solar system like as

2348

01:20:37,620 --> 01:20:36,400

Carl Sagan put it like you know look up

2349

01:20:38,880 --> 01:20:37,630

in the stars like if there's nothing out

2350

01:20:41,280 --> 01:20:38,890

there I'd be a horrible waste of space

2351
01:20:42,840 --> 01:20:41,290
right and why haven't we been contacted

2352
01:20:45,450 --> 01:20:42,850
yet if like if the universe is teeming

2353
01:20:47,220 --> 01:20:45,460
with all this light what I think is

2354
01:20:49,380 --> 01:20:47,230
interesting is if you look back at the

2355
01:20:51,090 --> 01:20:49,390
history of the scientific responses to

2356
01:20:52,710 --> 01:20:51,100
those questions that that that specific

2357
01:20:55,530 --> 01:20:52,720
question it's a bit of a Rorschach test

2358
01:20:56,850 --> 01:20:55,540
right if you ask Carl Sagan that he

2359
01:20:58,200 --> 01:20:56,860
would have said because he was living at

2360
01:21:00,960 --> 01:20:58,210
a time when the biggest threat to our

2361
01:21:03,210 --> 01:21:00,970
civilization was nuclear winter right he

2362
01:21:05,430 --> 01:21:03,220
was worried about a Ria's living in the

2363
01:21:07,140 --> 01:21:05,440

Cold War he was worried that we'd really

2364

01:21:09,720 --> 01:21:07,150

damage our environment for decades if

2365

01:21:11,460 --> 01:21:09,730

not centuries with the the clouds that

2366

01:21:15,720 --> 01:21:11,470

would exist in the wake of a nuclear war

2367

01:21:18,900 --> 01:21:15,730

in which there is no winner so his

2368

01:21:21,420 --> 01:21:18,910

answer was civilizations blow themselves

2369

01:21:23,430 --> 01:21:21,430

up because that's what he was worried

2370

01:21:25,410 --> 01:21:23,440

about as a scientist if you look at the

2371

01:21:25,739 --> 01:21:25,420

literature today on that very question

2372

01:21:27,719 --> 01:21:25,749

of like

2373

01:21:30,119 --> 01:21:27,729

why haven't we been contacted the most

2374

01:21:31,799 --> 01:21:30,129

kind of popular answer today like like

2375

01:21:34,589 --> 01:21:31,809

the flavor of the month for that bet the

2376

01:21:36,299 --> 01:21:34,599

answer right now is like well you know

2377

01:21:37,649 --> 01:21:36,309

if you assume exponential growth because

2378

01:21:38,939 --> 01:21:37,659

that's part of this right you would suit

2379

01:21:40,259 --> 01:21:38,949

assume like you know if you move to

2380

01:21:41,339 --> 01:21:40,269

another planet in like two thousand

2381

01:21:42,989 --> 01:21:41,349

years then after that each of those

2382

01:21:44,459 --> 01:21:42,999

moved to two more planets and then a

2383

01:21:46,259 --> 01:21:44,469

four more planets Nate you keep doubling

2384

01:21:48,239 --> 01:21:46,269

the the number of planets you're

2385

01:21:50,249 --> 01:21:48,249

inhabiting on the time scale of

2386

01:21:53,699 --> 01:21:50,259

astronomy and geology like that you fill

2387

01:21:56,399 --> 01:21:53,709

up the whole galaxy that equation

2388

01:21:57,929 --> 01:21:56,409

presumes exponential growth and every

2389

01:22:00,439 --> 01:21:57,939

ecological system we've looked at

2390

01:22:02,999 --> 01:22:00,449

whether it's a microbe in a test tube to

2391

01:22:05,819 --> 01:22:03,009

something existing like in a riverine or

2392

01:22:08,009 --> 01:22:05,829

a land-based system to our own society

2393

01:22:09,569 --> 01:22:08,019

when it's been placed on islands to

2394

01:22:12,689 --> 01:22:09,579

concerns we have today about ourselves

2395

01:22:14,759 --> 01:22:12,699

as a global species every single scale

2396

01:22:17,249 --> 01:22:14,769

you ever look at exponential growth is

2397

01:22:19,409 --> 01:22:17,259

inherently unstable over long time

2398

01:22:22,049 --> 01:22:19,419

periods and so the most popular answer

2399

01:22:23,489 --> 01:22:22,059

today is like exponential growth is

2400

01:22:25,439 --> 01:22:23,499

unsustainable and that's part of the

2401

01:22:26,909 --> 01:22:25,449

assumptions to the Fermi paradox of a

2402

01:22:28,799 --> 01:22:26,919

lot like that that as soon as we should

2403

01:22:30,419 --> 01:22:28,809

have been contacted by now and what's

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01:22:31,559 --> 01:22:30,429

interesting is the scientists that are

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01:22:32,879 --> 01:22:31,569

talking about that what are they

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01:22:34,019 --> 01:22:32,889

actually worried about on the side

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01:22:35,879 --> 01:22:34,029

they're thinking about climate change

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01:22:38,489 --> 01:22:35,889

and then exponential growth and our

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01:22:42,449 --> 01:22:38,499

energy usage as a society is problematic

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01:22:43,709 --> 01:22:42,459

so that seems like a good answer to me

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01:22:45,329 --> 01:22:43,719

today but maybe that's just because of

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01:22:47,489 --> 01:22:45,339

like some bias I've got in my head right

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01:22:49,169 --> 01:22:47,499

now just like Sagan twenty years ago had

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01:22:52,829 --> 01:22:49,179

like concerns about nuclear winter in

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01:22:54,239 --> 01:22:52,839

his head and I hope that twenty years

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01:22:55,919 --> 01:22:54,249

from now we're over the climate change

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01:22:57,959 --> 01:22:55,929

problem and we figured out a way to

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01:22:59,039 --> 01:22:57,969

address that and some scientists in the

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01:23:06,209 --> 01:22:59,049

future is giving you a different answer

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01:23:09,569 --> 01:23:06,219

to that question yeah the last question

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01:23:12,029 --> 01:23:09,579

is that on many occasions

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01:23:15,209 --> 01:23:12,039

you mentioned carbon but you have a

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01:23:18,359 --> 01:23:15,219

tendency to put the word organic in

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01:23:19,979 --> 01:23:18,369

front of the carpet oh yeah why why do

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01:23:21,569 --> 01:23:19,989

you put the word organic in front of

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01:23:25,799 --> 01:23:21,579

carbon why don't you just say carbon

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01:23:30,870 --> 01:23:25,809

well it's not because I'm like a hippie

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01:23:35,410 --> 01:23:33,399

although do support local farmers that's

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01:23:37,060 --> 01:23:35,420

like a good thing to do in general when

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01:23:38,410 --> 01:23:37,070

I say organic carbon yeah thank you

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01:23:39,879 --> 01:23:38,420

because that's that's jargon and it's

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01:23:42,189 --> 01:23:39,889

confusing jargon oh that's not the kind

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01:23:43,600 --> 01:23:42,199

of organic I'm talking about when

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01:23:45,490 --> 01:23:43,610

biologists talk about organic carbon

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01:23:47,319 --> 01:23:45,500

they're taught like any element or many

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01:23:48,640 --> 01:23:47,329

elements can have like different states

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01:23:50,500 --> 01:23:48,650

they exist in with regards to their

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01:23:52,979 --> 01:23:50,510

environment organic carbon is like the

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01:23:55,810 --> 01:23:52,989

carbon that exists in the form that life

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01:23:57,459 --> 01:23:55,820

uses it in if you're a chemist we say

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01:24:00,220 --> 01:23:57,469

it's reduced carbon or it's fixed carbon

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01:24:02,529 --> 01:24:00,230

but it's the carbon that's not in this

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01:24:04,149 --> 01:24:02,539

it like it is in carbon dioxide which is

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01:24:06,459 --> 01:24:04,159

inorganic carbon that's not part of

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01:24:08,259 --> 01:24:06,469

biological organisms organic carbon is

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01:24:10,479 --> 01:24:08,269

the stuff that like forms hydrocarbon

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01:24:12,129 --> 01:24:10,489

chains that are like the basic basis of

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01:24:14,830 --> 01:24:12,139

the chemistry of at least all earth

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01:24:16,000 --> 01:24:14,840

based life and that when we say organic

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01:24:17,290 --> 01:24:16,010

carbon we're not talking about like

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01:24:19,390 --> 01:24:17,300

farmer's market car that we're talking

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01:24:21,549 --> 01:24:19,400

about the difference between the kind of

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01:24:24,009 --> 01:24:21,559

carbon that's in biology versus the kind

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01:24:25,779 --> 01:24:24,019

that's not and biology can actually turn

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01:24:28,000 --> 01:24:25,789

the inorganic carbon like in the

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01:24:29,890 --> 01:24:28,010

atmosphere into organic carbon but that

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01:24:31,660 --> 01:24:29,900

takes energy and actually that is the

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01:24:33,250 --> 01:24:31,670

demand another one of our questioners

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01:24:34,720 --> 01:24:33,260

was getting at like if you actually have

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01:24:36,040 --> 01:24:34,730

to expend energy to do that you need an

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01:24:38,200 --> 01:24:36,050

energy source and it has to be big

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01:24:40,299 --> 01:24:38,210

enough to make that happen we do that

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01:24:42,939 --> 01:24:40,309

like the way we get or our organic

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01:24:44,890 --> 01:24:42,949

carbon is whether the like bananas

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01:24:47,830 --> 01:24:44,900

coming from Trader Joe's or like a big

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01:24:49,299 --> 01:24:47,840

like mega Mars or whatever we're getting

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01:24:52,000 --> 01:24:49,309

it from some other organism that's

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01:24:53,830 --> 01:24:52,010

already turned that inorganic co2 into

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01:24:55,720 --> 01:24:53,840

organic carbon some plant has done that

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01:25:02,790 --> 01:24:55,730

for us already and that's where we get

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01:25:14,910 --> 01:25:02,800

or our organic carbon from okay okay

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01:25:19,450 --> 01:25:17,410

we're just we're just we're just gonna

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01:25:20,770 --> 01:25:19,460

give a minute for Dave to get up here

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01:25:24,070 --> 01:25:20,780

thanks Dave

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01:25:25,870 --> 01:25:24,080

so um again we want to thank you all for

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01:25:27,880 --> 01:25:25,880

being here I have another special guest

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01:25:38,170 --> 01:25:27,890

for us this is Dave Sheets he is the

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01:25:40,750 --> 01:25:38,180

owner of the brewery I'll keep the

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01:25:42,340 --> 01:25:40,760

commercial very quick so anyway just

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01:25:44,020 --> 01:25:42,350

thank you guys so much for coming out

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01:25:45,730 --> 01:25:44,030

and Sean thank you I mean I just can't

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01:25:48,970 --> 01:25:45,740

thank you enough for yeah yeah

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01:25:52,210 --> 01:25:48,980

and giving us some wisdom thanks for

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01:25:55,510 --> 01:25:52,220

giving me some beer that's a good trade

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01:25:58,240 --> 01:25:55,520

yeah awesome really so anyway Tap Room's

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01:26:00,730 --> 01:25:58,250

open till 11:00 we do lots of fun stuff

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01:26:02,320 --> 01:26:00,740

in this room like comedy nights and my

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01:26:04,690 --> 01:26:02,330

music and all that kind of stuff so it's

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01:26:06,370 --> 01:26:04,700

if it's your first time here go onto the

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01:26:08,770 --> 01:26:06,380

website sign up for the noisy list come

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01:26:09,350 --> 01:26:08,780

say hi okay great thank you very much