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The logo is a circular emblem with a green border. Inside, a blue satellite with a long antenna orbits a stylized landscape. The landscape includes a row of green coniferous trees at the bottom, blue mountains in the middle, and a white lighthouse-like tower in the background. The text 'AbSciCon' is written in a black, sans-serif font across the top half of the circle, and '2019' is written in a larger, bold, black, sans-serif font across the bottom half. Small white stars are scattered around the circle's perimeter.

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hello everyone my name is Peter I'm here

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00:00:18,650 --> 00:00:14,969

to represent my colleagues both at JPL

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00:00:20,780 --> 00:00:18,660

and at Goddard and at NASA Ames as

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00:00:22,700 --> 00:00:20,790

Cynthia mentioned in an introduction for

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00:00:24,529 --> 00:00:22,710

this particular mission opportunity the

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00:00:27,620 --> 00:00:24,539

it's really important we're gonna

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00:00:29,420 --> 00:00:27,630

succeed in this endeavor we really need

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00:00:31,429 --> 00:00:29,430

to have integrated payloads to really

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00:00:34,009 --> 00:00:31,439

work well together so we actually took

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00:00:35,570 --> 00:00:34,019

upon ourselves before the IC to call to

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00:00:37,820 --> 00:00:35,580

actually begin that process of

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00:00:40,250 --> 00:00:37,830

integrating together what we believe is

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00:00:42,350 --> 00:00:40,260

the most powerful instrument sweep for

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00:00:43,910 --> 00:00:42,360

addressing the organic compositional

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measurements that are detailed in the

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00:00:47,380 --> 00:00:45,989

science definition team report so I'm

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00:00:50,060 --> 00:00:47,390

going to talk today I'm gonna give you a

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00:00:51,979 --> 00:00:50,070

motivation for how that process went and

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00:00:53,830 --> 00:00:51,989

then I'm going to tell you a focus on

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00:00:55,939 --> 00:00:53,840

the stuff that we've done in JPL and

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00:00:57,350 --> 00:00:55,949

here you've probably see if you're in

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00:00:59,869 --> 00:00:57,360

this session presumably if you looked at

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00:01:02,420 --> 00:00:59,879

this before but you can you can think of

26  
00:01:04,520 --> 00:01:02,430  
the organic chemical measurements as

27  
00:01:07,310 --> 00:01:04,530  
this means for looking at bio signatures

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00:01:09,980 --> 00:01:07,320  
and ordered structures and the report

29  
00:01:12,020 --> 00:01:09,990  
really prioritizes the first two and

30  
00:01:13,460 --> 00:01:12,030  
deep prioritizes isotopic measurements

31  
00:01:16,400 --> 00:01:13,470  
because you can get false positives in

32  
00:01:17,570 --> 00:01:16,410  
that way so right away emilie suite was

33  
00:01:19,520 --> 00:01:17,580  
designed to really focus on these two

34  
00:01:21,800 --> 00:01:19,530  
things and I'm gonna make some very

35  
00:01:24,109 --> 00:01:21,810  
simple points that may be self-evident

36  
00:01:26,930 --> 00:01:24,119  
but maybe not so the first thing that

37  
00:01:29,240 --> 00:01:26,940  
this idea of looking for bio signatures

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00:01:31,010 --> 00:01:29,250

embedded in populations so again you can

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00:01:33,440 --> 00:01:31,020

only identify these things if you look

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00:01:35,089 --> 00:01:33,450

at an aggregate sum of a population of

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00:01:35,870 --> 00:01:35,099

things and then compare one thing with

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00:01:39,350 --> 00:01:35,880

respect to another

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00:01:41,719 --> 00:01:39,360

so the sort of canonical distribution or

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00:01:43,550 --> 00:01:41,729

the mention of this came a long time ago

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00:01:45,320 --> 00:01:43,560

love glock wrote about this is not new

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00:01:47,839 --> 00:01:45,330

and he always shows this distribution of

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00:01:49,790 --> 00:01:47,849

alkanes abiotic ones on the top

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00:01:51,290 --> 00:01:49,800

biotic ones on the bottom and again if

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00:01:52,699 --> 00:01:51,300

you just measure any one of those you

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00:01:54,889 --> 00:01:52,709

wouldn't be able to identify this bio

51  
00:01:56,839 --> 00:01:54,899  
signature another example you've heard

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00:01:57,859 --> 00:01:56,849  
much about I'm sure it is amino acid so

53  
00:01:59,749 --> 00:01:57,869  
again there's all there's other

54  
00:02:00,949 --> 00:01:59,759  
distributions of amino acids not if you

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00:02:02,300 --> 00:02:00,959  
just measure them it doesn't tell you

56  
00:02:04,010 --> 00:02:02,310  
really anything whether or not there's

57  
00:02:05,749 --> 00:02:04,020  
bio signature but there's these three

58  
00:02:07,130 --> 00:02:05,759  
different ones what types are present

59  
00:02:09,080 --> 00:02:07,140  
their relative abundances and of course

60  
00:02:11,270 --> 00:02:09,090  
their chirality so if you're gonna

61  
00:02:13,070 --> 00:02:11,280  
measure those distributions you need to

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00:02:14,960 --> 00:02:13,080  
do separation science that's the first

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00:02:16,760 --> 00:02:14,970

first take home measure if you really

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want to address the science and the best

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possible way written in the Overlander

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report you have to do this thing where

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you take a sample you separate it apart

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and then you do these type of analyses

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so so you can do that if you take the

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sample there's you can't use solids

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because things are locked in place in a

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solid but you get to pick liquids gases

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or subcritical fluids and if you want to

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do that so that's an intrinsic thing

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00:02:39,170 --> 00:02:37,860

that's part of the MLA suite second if

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00:02:41,059 --> 00:02:39,180

you want to look for complexity the

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second type of complexity the complexity

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that's embedded in an individual

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molecule here are some examples of ones

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on earth we don't want to be limited to

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00:02:51,380 --> 00:02:49,290

just look at molecules we know exists on

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00:02:53,000 --> 00:02:51,390

earth and trust your biology you want to

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00:02:55,370 --> 00:02:53,010

look at things like this and other

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00:02:57,110 --> 00:02:55,380

complex ones the only really truly

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00:02:59,210 --> 00:02:57,120

general-purpose method to do that as

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00:03:01,039 --> 00:02:59,220

mass spectrometry so right away the

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00:03:02,390 --> 00:03:01,049

first order you have to do those both of

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00:03:05,479 --> 00:03:02,400

those things have to be included in your

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00:03:07,960 --> 00:03:05,489

suite finally important point is they

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00:03:10,430 --> 00:03:07,970

have to be very very sensitive so the

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measurement requirements here you know

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you you you got to be able to detect

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amino acids in in water floating around

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the Earth's South Pole or you shouldn't

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you shouldn't try this on another world

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especially not your so it needs to be

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00:03:25,520 --> 00:03:23,010

very sensitive way to transfer your

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00:03:27,349 --> 00:03:25,530

molecules into your detector system and

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00:03:28,789 --> 00:03:27,359

then another thing that you can't kind

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00:03:30,289 --> 00:03:28,799

of get lost if you just read the

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00:03:31,849 --> 00:03:30,299

requirements like that is you really

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00:03:33,379 --> 00:03:31,859

need to do this with a whole bunch of

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00:03:35,150 --> 00:03:33,389

different molecules that are actually

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00:03:37,069 --> 00:03:35,160

quite different and the differences

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00:03:39,020 --> 00:03:37,079

between those molecules really inform

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00:03:40,849 --> 00:03:39,030

how you build the instrument so of

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00:03:43,220 --> 00:03:40,859

course we're looking going to an ocean

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00:03:44,629 --> 00:03:43,230

world it's got water but so because

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00:03:46,490 --> 00:03:44,639

things can dissolve in water but not

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00:03:48,259 --> 00:03:46,500

everything dissolves in water if I go

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00:03:50,000 --> 00:03:48,269

jump in a swimming pool I don't dissolve

112

00:03:51,920 --> 00:03:50,010

completely and disappear there's parts

113

00:03:53,960 --> 00:03:51,930

of me that are not dissolvable in water

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00:03:56,420 --> 00:03:53,970

and they're also very interesting and

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00:03:57,740 --> 00:03:56,430

those things of course are described in

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00:04:00,140 --> 00:03:57,750

the ladder of life detection will be a

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00:04:02,180 --> 00:04:00,150

really interesting rollout this evening

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that we should I encourage you all to 10

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I'm really looking forward to myself and

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there's a variety of different ways that

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you can you can represent all these

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different types of molecules and their

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information content so to first order

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then let you get these four things you

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00:04:15,949 --> 00:04:14,669

know you if you want to do this right

126  
00:04:16,909 --> 00:04:15,959  
you got to have analyzed a whole bunch

127  
00:04:19,310 --> 00:04:16,919  
of different molecules with different

128  
00:04:21,860 --> 00:04:19,320  
properties you got to do separation

129  
00:04:23,360 --> 00:04:21,870  
science on multiple fluid phases you got

130  
00:04:25,550 --> 00:04:23,370  
to do mass spec and it has to be really

131  
00:04:27,589 --> 00:04:25,560  
sensitive so let's talk about now let's

132  
00:04:28,850 --> 00:04:27,599  
you're gonna pick something so here's

133  
00:04:31,339 --> 00:04:28,860  
the way that we've come up of

134  
00:04:33,500 --> 00:04:31,349  
representing all the different sort of

135  
00:04:35,540 --> 00:04:33,510  
molecular animals in the zoo okay you

136  
00:04:36,680 --> 00:04:35,550  
can we move chosen these two axes it

137  
00:04:38,660 --> 00:04:36,690  
gets a nice scatter plot

138  
00:04:40,250 --> 00:04:38,670

of different properties and all of the

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00:04:42,260 --> 00:04:40,260

things you find in the ladder of life

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00:04:44,510 --> 00:04:42,270

the axes you see on the bottom here and

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00:04:46,430 --> 00:04:44,520

the x axis is solubility in water so

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00:04:49,610 --> 00:04:46,440

things insoluble on the Left highly

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00:04:51,170 --> 00:04:49,620

soluble on the right on your y-axis you

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00:04:53,180 --> 00:04:51,180

see a heat of vaporization that's how

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00:04:55,700 --> 00:04:53,190

much energy you have to put into the

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00:04:58,340 --> 00:04:55,710

system to cause it to vaporize and if

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00:04:59,630 --> 00:04:58,350

you want to probe that really well so we

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00:05:01,640 --> 00:04:59,640

went there's a lot of instrument

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concepts being worked at at JPL and at

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Goddard and it aims and we had all kinds

151  
00:05:06,950 --> 00:05:05,490  
of things to consider and we just wanted

152  
00:05:08,390 --> 00:05:06,960  
to maximize the coverage so what we

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00:05:09,710 --> 00:05:08,400  
wanted to do first of all this is a very

154  
00:05:11,930 --> 00:05:09,720  
risky mission we're gonna choose the

155  
00:05:13,880 --> 00:05:11,940  
most mature techniques that can address

156  
00:05:16,730 --> 00:05:13,890  
and do the maximum coverage of this

157  
00:05:19,100 --> 00:05:16,740  
phase space so if you're gonna use a gas

158  
00:05:20,540 --> 00:05:19,110  
phase thing your molecules that you're

159  
00:05:21,950 --> 00:05:20,550  
gonna put on here they have to survive

160  
00:05:25,130 --> 00:05:21,960  
that heat you got to get them in the gas

161  
00:05:27,020 --> 00:05:25,140  
phase without destroying them so this is

162  
00:05:29,450 --> 00:05:27,030  
what we've chosen the techniques if you

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00:05:32,120 --> 00:05:29,460

went to genogram roads planet of the

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plenary session this morning these are

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the techniques that were used to

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discover all the organic molecules you

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talked about on Mars okay these are this

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is a core part of the instrument with

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the same people building the same

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heritage hardware to deliver that

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science if you want to analyze things as

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a liquid the other stuff here that's

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extremely interesting of course then you

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have to be able to do it does all these

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things that a liquid and you do

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separation science that way so we've

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selected these other techniques to

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00:05:59,390 --> 00:05:58,080

address all these different things and

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we're going to do liquid based

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separation science with a bunch of

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different detectors which I'm going to

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tell you about in the morning so we

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choose the highest TRL hardware with the

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lowest development risk risk there's

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00:06:11,270 --> 00:06:09,960

obviously things there super exciting

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that it's but it's really hard to

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imagine actually implementing them on a

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mission and they have to be able to

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achieve this science so NASA Goddard is

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going to be delivering the mass

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spectrometry and most critically the

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mission experience these are the people

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that have actually done separation

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science and discovered organics and

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other planetary surfaces here at our

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team at JPL is going to do the liquid

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extraction so taking the sample getting

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into the liquid phase from whatever

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mineral our liquid is present and then

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doing the separation science and

201  
00:06:40,430 --> 00:06:38,520  
detection and NASA Ames has their only

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entity that's done Space Flight

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microfluidic so they're gonna deliver

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00:06:45,380 --> 00:06:43,380  
that portion and of course honeybee

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00:06:47,870 --> 00:06:45,390  
robotics is involved in all parts of

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00:06:50,330 --> 00:06:47,880  
that so you put this whole thing

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00:06:52,480 --> 00:06:50,340  
together we call it Emily

208  
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we'll give a post or will as the PI of

209  
00:06:57,650 --> 00:06:55,770  
an ICT project on this topic

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00:06:59,270 --> 00:06:57,660  
she gave a poster last night and

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00:07:02,210 --> 00:06:59,280  
describing the whole thing and if you

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00:07:03,230 --> 00:07:02,220  
can speak with him if you can find him

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00:07:04,790 --> 00:07:03,240

after this here's just a quick

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representation of the different

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techniques I'm not going to go into

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detail I already kind of told you what

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the different things we've chosen are

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I'll tell you a little bit about the

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liquid stuff now so the oceans component

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uses electrophoresis this is really if

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you just use Occam's razor and you're

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like okay I accept Peter I accept the

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fact you're gonna have to do this

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separation science on liquids how're we

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gonna do it the very simplest thing the

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way you can do it is to use

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electrophoresis you just you basically

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rely upon the fact that in the little

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hollow glass tube if you apply voltages

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things move at different speeds it's the

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minimum number of elements it looks like

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a fiber-optic cable and all the pieces

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are all spaceflight compatible you can

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build this stuff it's the the additional

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benefit of course it has all these

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things that are you want for a space

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flight mission and including the

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sensitivity and efficiency and it works

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as I said by different things move at

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different speeds and then the beauty of

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course is you can couple it to these

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different detectors and the different

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detectors were the different regions in

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that phase space so there's different

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ones that are better for different

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things so I'm gonna go into a little bit

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of detail tell you some things that have

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happened at JPL that enabled us to get

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to the place we are now - you know

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incredibly proposed to do this I hope

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that many of you were able to attend

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Jessica Kramer's talk on Tuesday she

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described how at JPL we've pushed the

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envelope and now have developed the most

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capable method for doing this amino acid

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analysis on spaceflight missions and her

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work of course was designed to

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simultaneously make measurements of all

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different types of amino acids and

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different chirality  $z'$  and to do it in a

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really sensitive way and the take-home

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messages all amino acids are different

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and if you want to analyze them all you

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really have to do a lot of work to tease

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them all apart and since the time of the

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publication that you see here she's

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00:08:49,910 --> 00:08:47,760

actually pushed the limit of detection

268

00:08:52,490 --> 00:08:49,920

down to one nano molar for most of the

269

00:08:55,550 --> 00:08:52,500

species so we meet all the requirements

270

00:08:57,740 --> 00:08:55,560

for amino acids let's talk about

271

00:08:59,510 --> 00:08:57,750

hardware so we we of course we have a

272

00:09:02,210 --> 00:08:59,520

whole bunch of different variants on how

273

00:09:03,860 --> 00:09:02,220

we do this at JPL we designed this of

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00:09:05,480 --> 00:09:03,870

the plug in place of the

275

00:09:07,280 --> 00:09:05,490

interfaces are straightforward between

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00:09:09,440 --> 00:09:07,290

all of them but generally speaking you

277

00:09:11,570 --> 00:09:09,450

got to be able to take some piece of a

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00:09:13,340 --> 00:09:11,580

sample and put it in convert it to a

279

00:09:15,920 --> 00:09:13,350

liquid and then manipulate it and do the

280

00:09:18,680 --> 00:09:15,930

separation and detection so if you

281

00:09:20,690 --> 00:09:18,690

attended the talks on Tuesday you would

282

00:09:23,960 --> 00:09:20,700

have seen about the microchip branch so

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00:09:26,030 --> 00:09:23,970

Fernando Mora has brought the chemical

284

00:09:27,860 --> 00:09:26,040

laptop instrument to this really high

285

00:09:30,950 --> 00:09:27,870

level of fidelity now where we can just

286

00:09:32,810 --> 00:09:30,960

simply add a sample a liquid sample to

287

00:09:35,590 --> 00:09:32,820

this unit and press Start and it will

288

00:09:37,900 --> 00:09:35,600

completely in an automated sense run and

289

00:09:41,060 --> 00:09:37,910

perform these type of analyses

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00:09:43,130 --> 00:09:41,070

Florian Kael has developed this portable

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00:09:45,829 --> 00:09:43,140

extractor which works in a similar way

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00:09:47,150 --> 00:09:45,839

if you can deliver some dirt to the top

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00:09:49,120 --> 00:09:47,160

of the instrument and you can press

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00:09:52,190 --> 00:09:49,130

Start it will in an automated way

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00:09:54,860 --> 00:09:52,200

completely do the extraction so you can

296

00:09:56,810 --> 00:09:54,870

actually liberate biomolecules from the

297

00:10:00,140 --> 00:09:56,820

samples and then of course you can just

298

00:10:02,090 --> 00:10:00,150

feed the extractor directly into the

299

00:10:03,530 --> 00:10:02,100

analyzer without doing any other tricks

300

00:10:05,510 --> 00:10:03,540

you don't need to do salt you don't need

301  
00:10:07,250 --> 00:10:05,520  
to concentrate you don't need to do any

302  
00:10:08,840 --> 00:10:07,260  
there's no hidden behind the curtain

303  
00:10:12,320 --> 00:10:08,850  
stuff that happens it just passes it

304  
00:10:15,320 --> 00:10:12,330  
straight in so here you can see a trace

305  
00:10:16,850 --> 00:10:15,330  
on the the upper-left that's what what

306  
00:10:19,250 --> 00:10:16,860  
the data looks like when you perform

307  
00:10:21,530 --> 00:10:19,260  
this on material that's sitting on these

308  
00:10:23,449 --> 00:10:21,540  
driest dentists of Hills than Atacama

309  
00:10:24,800 --> 00:10:23,459  
Desert and you can see all these

310  
00:10:26,600 --> 00:10:24,810  
different little peaks there are

311  
00:10:28,820 --> 00:10:26,610  
actually different amino acids and we're

312  
00:10:30,740 --> 00:10:28,830  
able to do make chiral measurements of

313  
00:10:32,420 --> 00:10:30,750

alanine leucine and valine at the sub

314

00:10:34,370 --> 00:10:32,430

parts per billion level so that's a big

315

00:10:35,570 --> 00:10:34,380

deal so the next thing we're gonna do in

316

00:10:37,460 --> 00:10:35,580

September is we're going to take both of

317

00:10:40,490 --> 00:10:37,470

them and mount them together on the air

318

00:10:42,769 --> 00:10:40,500

Ed's Rover that K Rex are over and we're

319

00:10:44,810 --> 00:10:42,779

gonna do this and completely automated

320

00:10:46,579 --> 00:10:44,820

sense so I I couldn't resist the saying

321

00:10:48,710 --> 00:10:46,589

this I'm sure you guys many of you have

322

00:10:50,240 --> 00:10:48,720

seen these talks over the years this if

323

00:10:52,160 --> 00:10:50,250

you are familiar at all with the URI

324

00:10:53,810 --> 00:10:52,170

instrument this is really the first time

325

00:10:57,110 --> 00:10:53,820

we will ever have demonstrated this

326

00:10:58,640 --> 00:10:57,120

end-to-end validation of the URI like

327

00:11:00,230 --> 00:10:58,650

experiment which is super old you know

328

00:11:03,260 --> 00:11:00,240

Jeff beta started talking about this in

329

00:11:05,510 --> 00:11:03,270

the 90s these ideas were new over a

330

00:11:07,370 --> 00:11:05,520

decade ago there was a brief time when

331

00:11:10,400 --> 00:11:07,380

we're actually contemplated for

332

00:11:12,710 --> 00:11:10,410

inclusion on the ExoMars payload and now

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00:11:14,420 --> 00:11:12,720

we're finally making that dream true

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00:11:15,300 --> 00:11:14,430

we're finally doing the things that we

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00:11:17,670 --> 00:11:15,310

should have been able

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00:11:19,410 --> 00:11:17,680

accomplish a decade or so ago so so we

337

00:11:20,790 --> 00:11:19,420

take all that information and informs us

338

00:11:23,280 --> 00:11:20,800

okay what are we gonna do on a Europa

339

00:11:24,390 --> 00:11:23,290

mission and what we we've decided you

340

00:11:27,750 --> 00:11:24,400

know we got to pick one of these two

341

00:11:30,150 --> 00:11:27,760

branches and what we have decided is we

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00:11:32,010 --> 00:11:30,160

need to pick this branch the branch

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00:11:34,380 --> 00:11:32,020

where we use hollow glass capillaries

344

00:11:37,320 --> 00:11:34,390

and not microchips and the reason for

345

00:11:39,660 --> 00:11:37,330

that is this is the way to couple to

346

00:11:41,100 --> 00:11:39,670

mass spectrometry so we has it for

347

00:11:43,620 --> 00:11:41,110

reasons I mentioned before you really

348

00:11:45,660 --> 00:11:43,630

need to do that in particularly think in

349

00:11:47,010 --> 00:11:45,670

terms of agnostic biosignatures you want

350

00:11:48,690 --> 00:11:47,020

to discover unknown unknowns that

351  
00:11:49,670 --> 00:11:48,700  
dissolve in water this is the way you're

352  
00:11:52,500 --> 00:11:49,680  
going to do it

353  
00:11:55,320 --> 00:11:52,510  
so the real hard part then is trying to

354  
00:11:57,240 --> 00:11:55,330  
couple your separation into a mass

355  
00:11:58,650 --> 00:11:57,250  
spectrometer that's the real missing

356  
00:12:00,630 --> 00:11:58,660  
piece of the puzzle and for that we've

357  
00:12:02,730 --> 00:12:00,640  
partnered with the one commercial vendor

358  
00:12:04,890 --> 00:12:02,740  
sy X corporation used to be Beckman

359  
00:12:06,990 --> 00:12:04,900  
Coulter they're the one entity that's

360  
00:12:09,150 --> 00:12:07,000  
that's managed to actually commercialize

361  
00:12:11,400 --> 00:12:09,160  
and make this incredibly delicate and

362  
00:12:13,260 --> 00:12:11,410  
challenging piece of hardware so here's

363  
00:12:14,820 --> 00:12:13,270

some data that you can see they have

364

00:12:16,350 --> 00:12:14,830

these little sprayers and the beauty is

365

00:12:18,180 --> 00:12:16,360

that little sprayer is actually

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00:12:21,030 --> 00:12:18,190

integrated directly into our glass

367

00:12:22,680 --> 00:12:21,040

capillary it is part of the capillary so

368

00:12:24,360 --> 00:12:22,690

it just use that and just spray directly

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00:12:26,460 --> 00:12:24,370

into a mass spectrometer and you can see

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00:12:29,180 --> 00:12:26,470

some data here this is amino acids and

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00:12:31,590 --> 00:12:29,190

peptides and nucleotides and nucleobases

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00:12:33,150 --> 00:12:31,600

you put together the ocean suite you

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00:12:34,560 --> 00:12:33,160

have something that looks like this

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00:12:36,000 --> 00:12:34,570

you've got your fluid comes in you get

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00:12:38,070 --> 00:12:36,010

the capillary and then all these three

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00:12:41,880 --> 00:12:38,080

detectors can be used they can assay the

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00:12:43,620 --> 00:12:41,890

same stuff flowing down the tube we

378

00:12:45,960 --> 00:12:43,630

realized that was the way to go

379

00:12:48,270 --> 00:12:45,970

Constantine started as a postdoc and

380

00:12:52,110 --> 00:12:48,280

actually built this this is an

381

00:12:53,670 --> 00:12:52,120

incredibly unbelievable achievement as a

382

00:12:56,550 --> 00:12:53,680

postdoc to do this in such a short time

383

00:12:59,130 --> 00:12:56,560

so we now have a brand new element a new

384

00:13:01,950 --> 00:12:59,140

techno instrument actually that that can

385

00:13:03,930 --> 00:13:01,960

achieve this and isolate the high

386

00:13:05,550 --> 00:13:03,940

voltages and inject samples we here's

387

00:13:07,680 --> 00:13:05,560

some data you can see it's highly

388

00:13:09,329 --> 00:13:07,690

reproducible this is using the system

389

00:13:11,040 --> 00:13:09,339

and calibrating it doing conductivity

390

00:13:12,480 --> 00:13:11,050

measurements that's what the data looks

391

00:13:14,070 --> 00:13:12,490

like in the green bars this is how

392

00:13:15,990 --> 00:13:14,080

reproducible so we can just set it up

393

00:13:17,730 --> 00:13:16,000

and just run it over and over and over

394

00:13:20,670 --> 00:13:17,740

and over again and it works the same

395

00:13:22,079 --> 00:13:20,680

each time we've now taken that as well

396

00:13:24,510 --> 00:13:22,089

and sprayed it into a mass spectrometer

397

00:13:25,650 --> 00:13:24,520

we get a little portable system that so

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00:13:27,120 --> 00:13:25,660

we can mount the whole thing together

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00:13:29,129 --> 00:13:27,130

and it's you know something you can

400

00:13:30,569 --> 00:13:29,139

carry and here's the first demonstration

401  
00:13:35,340 --> 00:13:30,579  
you see all these different amino acids

402  
00:13:37,379 --> 00:13:35,350  
I think have a min and a half and no

403  
00:13:38,879 --> 00:13:37,389  
okay would plot this is that you can

404  
00:13:42,629 --> 00:13:38,889  
overlay all this onto the Europa Lander

405  
00:13:44,340 --> 00:13:42,639  
science trace traceability we basically

406  
00:13:46,379 --> 00:13:44,350  
hit all of the different things we're

407  
00:13:48,419 --> 00:13:46,389  
doing all all this work that we're

408  
00:13:49,919 --> 00:13:48,429  
describing here we're doing it with TRL

409  
00:13:51,449 --> 00:13:49,929  
advancement in mind we're actually doing

410  
00:13:52,979 --> 00:13:51,459  
the way that the flight system

411  
00:13:54,840 --> 00:13:52,989  
development should be done we've had a

412  
00:13:56,369 --> 00:13:54,850  
few posters on that and and we've also

413  
00:13:58,109 --> 00:13:56,379

studied that so the weakest elements

414

00:14:00,629 --> 00:13:58,119

with respect to radiation show that they

415

00:14:03,929 --> 00:14:00,639

tolerate that we're using this and field

416

00:14:05,609 --> 00:14:03,939

work not just in the Atacama Desert and

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00:14:07,590 --> 00:14:05,619

then as a parting message I just want to

418

00:14:09,659 --> 00:14:07,600

say that you know we this Emily is

419

00:14:11,669 --> 00:14:09,669

intended to maximize the science return

420

00:14:13,439 --> 00:14:11,679

of Europa Lander mission and the chances

421

00:14:15,749 --> 00:14:13,449

of identifying life its if it's there

422

00:14:17,609 --> 00:14:15,759

and we're doing this the right way we're

423

00:14:19,109 --> 00:14:17,619

using flight project practices all the

424

00:14:20,909 --> 00:14:19,119

way at the early stages of development

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00:14:23,400 --> 00:14:20,919

as I said we've already got undergone

426

00:14:25,229 --> 00:14:23,410

this process of integration and the

427

00:14:26,759 --> 00:14:25,239

guiding principle we're making these

428

00:14:28,289 --> 00:14:26,769

decisions now that we've decided what

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00:14:29,999 --> 00:14:28,299

we're going to do is to minimize risk

430

00:14:32,009 --> 00:14:30,009

when we take that into account every day

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00:14:33,720 --> 00:14:32,019

when we show up to work so I thank you

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00:14:34,979 --> 00:14:33,730

very much for your time there's a we've

433

00:14:36,059 --> 00:14:34,989

got a whole bunch of presentations

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00:14:37,949 --> 00:14:36,069

there's a lot of people from Jay bill

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00:14:39,910 --> 00:14:37,959

here please come talk to any lesya any